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RAILWAY AND MINING TROUBLE IN EUROPE

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INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE ADVICE TO THE BIG FOUR

League of Nations.

The *Manchester Guardian* on Saturday published a special League of Nations number, in which Mr. Lloyd George, in a special message says. "Nothing is more important than that public opinion shall inform itself on this subject (League of Nations). All our hopes of saving the world from a repetition of the unfathomable cataclysm of 1914, centre upon our working out special means whereby the nations of the earth can conduct the common affairs of the world by friendly co-operation, instead of by jealous rivalry. The League of Nations represents the greatest attempt which has ever been made to substitute reason and justice for force and intrigue, as governing principles on international relations. The principle of the League of Nations has been accepted, but the League of Nations will prove fruitless of it is to be no more than a new piece of international organisation. What matters, is that units which make up this organisation shall be inspired by real determination to work in close harmony together, for the betterment and liberty of mankind. Nations must not let themselves believe that having drawn up a paper, the peace of the world has been made secure. If they allow themselves to be bemused by this police, they will only be awakened by a new war. They have to see that the League of Nations is made an effective instrument for the solution of every international problem by their own readiness to make sacrifices on its behalf. America and Great Britain, who have taken such leading and honourable parts in promoting this beneficial scheme to give a practical demonstration of their belief in it.

"Disarmament is an essential condition of success. We cannot expect nations, ravaged by war, to trust their desolate lands to the protection of the League, if its advocates hesitate to show any confidence themselves in its guardianship. To set up a society of nations to ensure fraternity among the peoples of the earth, while at the same time increasing armies and navies to ensure effective fratricide, is to make a mockery of a great ideal".

Articles by distinguished Statesmen, on various aspects of the League of Nations, also appear in the same issue of the "Manchester Guardian".

Viscount Bryce says, "To leave things now where they were before the outbreak of war would be a most deplorable confession of human weakness, a most dismal surrender of human hopes that has ever yet been seen. We must therefore earnestly desire that the American people, who have now begun to realise that they cannot stand aloof from dangers and trials of the old world, will support President Wilson by giving their adhesion — perhaps subject to certain amendments in detail — to the scheme which has been framed in the interest of all mankind, and which can hardly succeed without co-operation of their own great, free and powerful Republic".

Lord Buckmaster, in his article, comments upon the speed with which the idea of the League has been generally accepted. He says, "Ten of those who took part in this movement in its earliest stages could ever have believed that in so short a space of time so great a transformation of opinion would have been obtained. The stern logic of events is going to drive those who are reluctantly along the road. Humanity is faced, not merely with the prospect of physical annihilation, of militarism is to continue to be the guiding principle of life, but even in the nearer future with the spectacle of impending bankruptcy. And on the heels of bankruptcy, revolution always presses with hot and impatient feet".

Dr. Nanson, who is the President of the Norwegian League of Nations Society, points out, 'Without a League of Nations, the outlook for small nations is very dark and doubtful. Preparations for the next war, owing to the elaboration of destructive inventions, would be so costly, that an impossible burden would be placed on small nations, whose whole energies would be absorbed in preparatory armament".

Troubles in Egypt.

The Commander-in-Chief of the British Army in Egypt last Friday summoned a meeting of the leading Egyptian notables, at which he stated that hitherto he had employed only defensive measures. He emphasised the fact that it was his duty to preserve and restore order, and as so far it had been found impossible to achieve the object merely by defensive measures, he was now faced with the necessity of employing measures of active repression.

This must bring tremendous suffering upon the people, and would result in great loss of public and private property wherein many innocent persons must be involved.

He further went on to explain that it was the duty of every patriotic Egyptian to devise the means whereby the measures which he was compelled to make would achieve the desired result as speedily as possible with the minimum suffering for Egypt.

The Commander-in-Chief concluded with the solemn warning, "I intend to do my duty: it is for you to do yours."

Attempted Demonstrations.

In defiance of military orders some Egyptian women have attempted to make a demonstration. They were hemmed in by soldiers, who afterwards remained standing at ease. Eventually the ladies became tired and quietly returned to their homes. Other attempted demonstrations by students were easily disposed of.

The Status of Labour.

SUGGESTION FOR PEACE TREATY.

The Commission on International Labour legislation has concluded it's report, and has drafted clauses for insertion in the Peace Treaty. In it there is shown constant care to remake economic disabilities of female labour, This new charter of International Labour lays down as the first principle that the Labour of human beings should not be treated as merchandise or as articles of commerce.

According to the *Times* Paris correspondent, the nine clauses of the Charter provide as follows:

Employees and workers should not be permitted to be employed in industry or commerce before the age of 14 years in order that every child may be ensured reasonable opportunities for mental and physical education.

Between 14 and 18 years of age, persons of either sex may only be employed on work which is not harmful to their physical development and on condition that the continuation of their practical or general education is ensured.

Every worker has the right to a wage adequate to maintain a reasonable standard of life, having regard to the civilization of his time and country.

Equal pay should be given to women and to men for work of equal value in quantity and quality.

Weekly rest, including Sunday, or its equivalent, for all workers.

Limitation of hours of work in industry should be on a basis of eight hours a day or 48 hours a week, subject to exceptions for countries in which climatic conditions effect the industrial developments or industrial organization, or other special circumstances which may render industrial efficiency of workers substantially different.

The International Labour Conference will recommend the basis approximately equivalent to the above, for adoption in other countries.

In all matters concerning the status of workers and social conditions, foreign workmen lawfully admitted to any county, and their families, should be ensured the same treatment as nationals of that country.

All States should institute a system of inspection in which women should take part in order to ensure enforcement of laws and regulations for the protection of workers.

It is certain that care will be taken to see that the machinery set up shall not in any way reduce existing standards already secured by workers.

An additional clause will probably be inserted in the Convention in order to maintain protection now afforded to workers in various countries.

The important questions of seamen's conditions is likely to be dealt with at a special meeting of the International Conference.

German-Austrian Advances.

It is reported in American circles that reports have been received by the Peace Conference to the effect that German-Austria has made advances to Switzerland proposing annexation by Switzerland, not only of Voraulberg, but of all German Austria, including Vienna. The Government of Switzerland refused to entertain such an idea, but expressed willingness to adhere to the proposed annexat'on of the small Principality of Lichtenstein, the population of which place has already taken steps in that direction.

Bolshevist Defeats.

In a telegram from Omsk, Reuter's learns that Koltchek's army, after a brilliant attack and much hard fighting, recaptured the town of Ufa which the Bolshevists recently occupied. The Red Army is now threatened with complete envelopment and a considerable amount of material has been captured from it.

A telegram from Berne states that the Bolshevist troops which occupied the towns of Parcveyys, Krakinava, Bruskava, Ramygala, Pagyrini and Vyducklini were encircled by the Lithuanian troops which fought them between two fires. The Bolshevists were three times as numerous as the Lithuanian troops but threw down their arms and attempted flight in the greatest disorder. Their losses amount to about 1000 dead, a large number of wounded, and 1000 prisoners.

(Ufa is a town on a river of the same name, in the north of the Astrakan province of south-eastern Russia.)

Progress of Demobilisation.

Since the Armistice, 62,000 Officers and 2,145,000 other ranks have been demobilised. Apparently the machinery for the quick and efficient disposal of the demobilised soldiers is more nearly reaching a state of perfection every day.

Labour trouble on the continent intensifies. In Austria the Northern railway workers are on strike, and communication with the outside world is almost impossible. If the food trains continue to be held up, next week will see the bread ration reduced by one half.

The German miners strike continues to spread. Eleven pits are idle at Dortmund, twelve at Witter and seven at Bochum. At a meeting of the strikers the following demands were made by resolution: — The formation of a Revolutionary Workmen's Guard; establishment of relations with the Russian Soviet Government and the disarmament of the German police. Strikers and police came into contact at Witten. A pitched battle ensued in which eleven were killed and thirty seven wounded.

The Landing of Polish Troops at Danzig.

A Berlin message states that a note was presented by General Nudant, leader of the Inter-Allied Mission at Spa, to the Chairman of the German Armistice Commission, demanding that the German Government should permit General Haller's Polish force to land at Danzig and to proceed further into Poland for the purpose of maintaining order. The note further stated that any refusal to grant this request would be regarded as a breach of the Armistice agreement by Germany. In their reply to this note, the German Government states:

1) The German Government has pledged itself to grant free passage of an Allied army, not of a Polish Army, through Danzig. General Haller's is a Polish army.

(2) The right of free passage has been granted to the former Russian territory, not to Poland.

(3) Everything points to the certainty of a serious upheaval in West Prussia if a Polish army is allowed to land at Danzig, and this would increase the Bolshevist danger, against which small German forces would be powerless.

(4) The Entente must first give guarantees that the Poles in West Prussia will keep the peace.

(5) Germany is willing to allow General Hallen's Army to land at any of the following places: — Stettin, Konigsberg, Memel or Libau, and pledges itself to give all facilities for a free passage, and to support the Allies in their intention of restoring order in Poland.

(6) But she must previously have the following information: —

(a) The composition and strength of General Haller's Army.
(b) The date of its proposed landing.
(c) The likely duration of its stay in German territory.
(d) What guarantees the Entente can give that Haller's Army will not meddle with politics.

Paragraph 16 of the conditions of the armistice, which is the one dealing with this matter states, "The Allies shall have free access to the territories evacuated by the Germans on their Eastern Frontier, either via Danzig or by the Vistula in order to revictual the populations of those two territories or to maintain order."

In a leading article, *The Times* says: "The reasons why Germany makes this fuss about Danzig are not as military as they pretend, but political. They are afraid that if Polish divisions pass that way, they will prejudice the decision of the Conference in favour of giving new Poland a territorial corridor to Danzig. And so to cover their own attempts to make diplomatic trouble at Paris, they accuse Polish divisions of a desire to rouse Poles in Germany. It is all very naive. But the right reply of the Allies canot be in doubt. The Poles must go through Danzig. The Allies will engage that this right shall not be abused. And lastly, they will intimate that whoever abuses the privileges given by the conference, whether Germans, by diplomatic intrigue, or Poles, by provoking civil war during transit, will only prejudice their territorial case."

NEWS IN BRIEF.

A recent entertainment organized by Lt. J. H. Heygarth, Amusements Officer, 2nd Army, resulted in the sum of 3,829 marks being obtained for the Lord Roberts Memorial Fund.

At the inquest on the death of five men in the Kinmel Camp riot the jury returned an open verdict as there was no evidence that would lead them to find who was responsible for the deaths. Capt. Scott, who gave evidence, said that he believed the riot was largely due to the influence of the foreign element.

The new Admiralty Adviser on Education is Mr. Alexander P. McMullen, M.A., who was a Scholar of Merton College, Oxford, and took 1st Class in Natural Science in 1898.

The strike of teachers in the Rhondda Valley has been settled after two days'conference at the Board of Education. The schools will re-open to-morrow.

Stoke-on-Trent Council have decided to support the release from military service of Col. John Ward, M.P.

Workers belonging to the Central Federated Union announce determination to strike if the sale of beer is stopped.

The *Kölnische Volkszeitung* announces that the report of an alliance proposition from the Russian Government to the German Government is not true.

No fewer than fifty-one London places of worship were affected by bombs or anti-aircraft shells during the war. They include St. Paul's and Southwark Cathedrals, the Chapel Royal, City Temple and Westminster Choirhouse. The worst damage was caused in the daylight raid on 7th July, 1917.

General Botha sailed for Paris yesterday, and has not returned to South Africa as was reported in the English newspapers.

A medallion in memory of Rupert Brooke, the poet, who died in Greece, was unveiled in the school chapel at Rugby on Saturday by Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton.

The Nurses Registration Bill has passed its second reading in the House of Commons.

At a meeting of the Law Society, the admission of women to the legal profession was approved.

Summer time in England came into operation at 2 a.m. yesterday morning, and will continue until 2 a.m. on Monday, September 29th.

The firing of salutes on the occasion of British anniversaries, and of the Royal personal salutes, which were suspended during the war, will be resumed to-day.

Horace Rayner, who was undergoing a life sentence in Parkhurst prison for the murder of William Whiteley, in London, has been released owing to ill-health.

The London Gazette announces that the King has directed that persons who adhered to His Majesty's enemies during the war shall be deprived of their Titles. Those involved are the Duke of Albany and the Duke of Cumberland.

England, at the present time, is experiencing weather just as vagarious as we, in Germany, have been accorded during the past week or two. During the week-end, one of the heaviest snowstorms of recent years prevailed in London and other parts of England. In many parts, drifts as much as five and six feet deep are reported.

New Army Appointments.

TWO GENERALS DECLINE.

Two distinguished Generals have declined High Commands in England offered to them by the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, Secretary of State for War, giving as the reason for their refusal their conviction that younger men should be given their chance.

The two Generals are the Hon. Sir Julian Byng, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., etc. who was offered the Southern Command, and Sir Ian Hamilton, G.C.B., D.S.O., etc. the Northern Command.

In conveying the offer to Gen. Hamilton, Mr. Winston Churchill intimated to him that Sir Henry Wilson concurred with Sir William Robertson that there was nothing in connection with the Gallipoli expedition which precluded him from re-employment.

General Sir Henry S. Rawlinson, K.C.M.G., etc. has been apponited to the Aldershot Command, and General Sir. H. S. Horne K.C.B., etc., to the Eastern Command.

No More Jam Tarts.

The Food Ministry has decided that owing to the shortage of jam, there must be no more jam tarts for the time being. This item of news will surely be a sad blow to the "flapper", who loves to indulge in this little confection with her afternoon tea, and to the devotees of the "tuck shop".

Recent Air Developments.

Every day brings fresh developments in aeronautics. From the success of recent experiments, there seems to be no limit to future possibilities in air travel. The latest telegram to hand on this subject announces that a series of important tests are being conducted in Glasgow with airship R. 34 which, so far, are so promising that it is expected a trip across the Atlantic may be made in May or June next.

Welcoming Home the Troops.

Presumably inspired by the wonderful enthusiasm displayed in the recent march through London of the Guards Division, the War Office has decided that as much notice as possible shall be given in future of the expected arrival in England of units from the various fields of war, with a view to enabling local authorities to arrange for their reception.

Enemy Peers.

DEPRIVATION OF TITLES.

The Committee of the Privy Council appointed to inquire into and report the name of any Peer or British Prince who has adhered to his Majesty's enemies during the war laid its report to the King in Council last Friday. The following names appear in the list.

His Royal Highness Leopold Charles, Duke of Albany, Earl of Clarence and Baron Arklow.

His Royal Highness Ernest Augustus, Duke of Cumberland and Teviotdale, Earl of Armagh.

His Royal Highness Ernest Augustus, Duke of Brunswick, Prince of Great Britain and Ireland.

Henry, Viscount Taaffe of Corren and Baron of Bellymote, who owns two castles, much land and two breweries in Bohemia.

THE LATE CAPT. F. S. WHINNEY, M.C.

The news of the death — following a riding accident — of Capt. F. S. Whinney, M. C., which was received with the deepest sense of regret by his very large circle of friends in the sports world. Capt. Whinney's instincts and activities were "sporting" as the word is understood by Englishmen in its broadest sense. Although his extensive and diversified military experience brought him into close touch with all ranks in many departments, by whom his death will be greatly deplored, his untimely end will be particularly acutely felt by the members of the 88th. Infantry Brigade, of which he was Brigade Major at the time of his death.

Resignation of the Bishop of Oxford.

The Rt. Rev. Charles Gore, M. A., D. D., who has occupied the See of Oxford since 1911 has sent his resignation to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Born in 1853, Bishop Gore has ever been noted for the fearless expression of his views expounded in the pulpit, in the press, and in a remarkable series of printed works, such as "Lux Mundi" which have given rise to much discussion and to no small amount of criticism.

Always known as a profound student, Bishop Gore explains, in his letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury, that, while recognising that he is leaving the church at a critical juncture in its history, he believes he can do more useful work for the church, if not encumbered by the multifarious administrative duties which fall to the lot of an English bishop.

It has been decided by the Army council not to disband Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps.

Mr. Asquith has returned to London from Spain.

The Lord Chancellor has acceded to the request of the Secretary of State for war, the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, that Mr Justice Darling be appointed president of the Committee to enquire into Court martial procedure.

Lady Edina Wallace, who was divorced on March 3nd by Capt. Wallace, of the Life Guards, was married on March 27th, at Chelsea Registry Office, to Capt. Charles Gordon, the co-respondent. They are leaving immediately for British East Africa. *(Reuter.)*

Lunacharsky, one of the most prominent Russian Bolshevists, recently declared at a Bolshevist conference at Petrograd that the situation of the Bolshevist Government is absolutely untenable and that the regime must collapse unless the blockade is raised.

The American War Department is prepared to call for 50000 volunteers for service in Europe to relieve those members of the American Expeditionary Force in France and Germany who desire to return to America.

According to the *Kölnische Volkszeitung* the octogenarian General von Plessen, ex-commander at Imperial Headquarters, challenged Count Hoensbroech to a duel, in consequence of a pamphlet issued by the latter, in which he described the ex-Kaiser as a coward. He also declined the challenge

The Commander-in-Chief Visits Cologne.

FAREWELL VISIT.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, K.T., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., has been very busy during the past few days visiting the formations of the 2nd Army in the occupied territory.

As is generally well known, the Commander-in-Chief is shortly to relinquish the command which led to such a brilliant termination of the war.

With the Allies astride the Rhine and the Central Powers hopelessly beaten, it is a fitting moment for Sir Douglas to take a well-earned rest, although there still remains for him and his staff an enormous amount of work in collating and classifying documents, records, reports, etc.

The Commander-in-Chief arrived on Friday and left by special train yesterday afternoon.

Killed by low-flying Aeroplane.

At the resumed inquest on Capt. Robin G. Dunn, of the 5th Bn. Lincoln Regt. and 2 Lt. W. J. Pegg, 10th Bn. The Warwicks, the evidence showed that while driving along the high road to a meet of the Duke of Rutland's hounds at Ranceley, they were struck by a low-flying aeroplane and instantly killed. A groom who was also in their trap escaped with slight injuries. Further evidence as to the identity of the pilot of the aeroplane and the cause of the low-flying led the jury, after some consideration, to return a verdict that the two officers were accidentaly killed.

Agricultural Labourers' Dispute.

The arbitrator called in to settle the dispute between agricultural employers and employed at Charteris (Cambs.) has now made his award.

General labour men and yardmen over eighteen years of age are to receive forty-two shillings and fifty shillings respectively per week of forty-eight hours, with special rate for overtime. Rootmen are to have eleven shillings per day and threshing-men twelve shillings, with special over time pay. Sunday labour to count as overtime. The eight hour day is awarded.

Family Fighting Record.

"DAILY NEWS" OFFER.

The *Daily News* offer of £250 to be used in educating or starting in life a young member of the family which has contributed the largest number of soldiers in the war, is producing remarkable records.

At present the family of Mrs. James Loasby, of Kettering, heads the list, 24 grandsons of Mrs. Loasby having seen active service.

An old "Queen's Own" man, Mr. William Waters, of Bromley, Kent, had eight sons and five grandsons serving, while Mrs. Taylor, of Cheshunt. Herts, had eight grandsons in the Army and four in the navy.

Royal Heirlooms Burgled.

The residence of the Ex-Queen Amelie of Portugal, Abercorn House, Richmond, was broken into by burglars on Friday evening. Much valuable jewellery, including royal heirlooms, was stolen. The Ex-Queen was dining downstairs, while the burglars were rifling the bedrooms and dressing rooms.

Business Relations with Germany

The Allies intend to take up business relations with Germany at an early date. Only the question of payment and custom duties remain to be settled. Germany is already transacting business with France through Alsace-Lorraine.

These relations will be controlled to a certain extent.

Escape of Sinn Feiners.

Twenty Sinn Feiners escaped from Mountjoy Prison, Dublin, on Saturday afternoon. Amongst them were Commoner Walsh, who was recently tried by court-martial, and Commoner Beasley, who is awaiting trial by court-martial.

The warders were held down by a gang of Sinn Feiners whilst others climbed a thirty-foot wall by means of a rope ladder.

126th Army Brigade R. F. A.

This Brigade has now completed two months service on the Rhine and the lead driver of "A" sub. of one of the batteries is reported to have stated that having obtained a workable knowledge of the "Dutch" language, he is now studying English, but finds the word "demobilization" somewhat of a stumbling block. Realising his difficulties, we offer him our sympathy, and trust that soon they may be overcome.

A curious case is reported from Eil. A civilian was passing along the street the other morning, when he was siezed with total blindness. Herr Ernst, the well known specialist, was hurriedly called from breakfast, but was wholly unable to account for the siezure. Later, it was discovered that, at the moment, the man was passing the 2/1st Warwick R. H. A., who had just turned out in drill order.

We congratulate the 411 on their laudable endeavour to revive the good old coaching days. The turn-out appeared on the Hohenzollern Bridge recently, the ribbons being handled as only a "rum 'un can handle 'em" — oats and trotters being both between the traces and on the box, whilst the horn pooped off in most approved style. We are in entire sympathy with the sentry who remarked, "Gor' blimey", and presented arms.

Doubtless many of our readers are familiar with Ellen Thorneycroft Fowler's "Ships that pass in the night." It is good — very good — but ships that sojourn awhile with us and then pass on, to return again in each case with a priceless offering to St. Cecelia, are better still. We are well aware tha a unit in this Brigade possesses a boat and a lake, but we heartily congratulate them on possessing a ship without a sea.

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PERSONAL

BUFFS. Will all Officers, N.C.O's., and men of the late 2 5th (Weald of Kent) Bn. The Buffs (E.K.R.) who are in the A. of O., kindly send their addresses to W. E. Rolston, c/o *Editor, Cologne Post*, A. P. O., S/40.

The idea is to organize intercommunication and possible meeting.

OLD HAILEYBURIAN DINNER.

It is proposed to hold an "Old Haileyburian Dinner" about the end of April in Cologne. Any officers who wish to attend should communicate with Lt-Col. A. D. BAYLIFFE, Commandant, Army General and Commercial College, Hansa Ring, Cologne.

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Why we are here.

He would have been a reckless prophet who, twelve months ago to-day, would have dared to assert that twelve months more would see the allied armies firmly established in any part of Germany. One year and ten days ago there was just a shadow of misgiving; the German hordes had accumulated momentum and no one could say exactly how far it would carry them. Of the final result we as a nation never doubted, but it was not an easy task to put a term to the ding-dong struggles that were then proceeding. Yet to-day, in Germany, on both sides of the Rhine, one sees the British and other armies comfortably settled down as though they had been here for years. The British soldier, with his surprising quality of adaptability, yet apparently so reserved, has a great capacity for making himself at home.

How did it happen? Why are we here?

Many "explanations" have undoubtedly been given but there is only one reason. We may have heard — we certainly have heard — in our billets, different forms of these "explanations" and there is just a bare possibility that, hearing them constantly reiterated by people who are apparently speaking in good faith and with good will, we, especially the new arrivals who were unable to share in the glory, ferocity and sufferings of the fray, may begin to believe them. Consequently, we say most emphatically to all who may begin to believe, there is only one reason. Never let the veil of affability dim your view of that fact.

We are here because the allied armies fought the Germano-Austrian combination to its knees, and in that fighting the British Army took a big share.

We are not here by the kindly invitation of the Prussian Power that was, to enjoy the amenities of the beautiful Rhine valley. We are not here merely because the German nation became discontented and wanted a rest. It undoubtedly did, and that badly, but its discontent arose largely from the failures in FRANCE, BELGIUM, and other theatres of war. No nation ever wished to carry on a war of hopeless retirements, the German nation least of all.

We are here under an Armistice dictated to an ememy outfought and broken. Let us not forget that the demand for that Armistice travelled from the front line to BERLIN, not from the German populace to the army. Nay, the enemy military Headquarters *insisted* that an Armistice *must be concluded at once*. Hindenburg and Ludendorf both concurred in that. On the 10th November 1918, the former urged acceptance of any terms, saying, "knowledge of defeat has meanwhile completed the disintegration of the army". Look at the map reproduced on another page of this journal, and there you will see the reason why we are here. Lest we may forget, even momentarily, let us post this map up in our billets and houses where it will ever remind us of that reason. The incentive to forgetfulness lies all around us out here. Let us remember that a war forced on nations peaceful and unprepared — won, but won only through tremendous sacrifices — has brought us to COLOGNE, to live among a population which furnished without protest so long as victory seemed possible the troops and armament of aggression, and to enforce upon the aggressors the terms which justice demands. To wish to live on good terms with our surroundings is a natural human feeling and there is no need for discourtesy, far less for truculence, but there is need to remember.

During August of last year the British alone, took nearly 60,000 prisoners, 650 guns, 5 750 machine guns and 1000 trench mortars; our glorious allies were doing likewise, and from all other seats of war came the same tale. During the last few days of October the Austrians lost to our Italian armies 50,000 prisoners and hundreds of guns, and General Allenby reported that between September 18th and the end of the first week in October 79,000 prisoners had been taken. All these told heavily against the moral of the Central Powers, but it was on the Western front that the final collapse was to come. In the fighting last year the following were the approximate losses sustained by the enemy, in captured alone, to the Armies named: — British 200,000; French 140,000; U.S. 50,000; Belgians 15,000 and the losses in guns, wounded and dead were at least proportionately heavy, probably much higher that the average ratio in modern battles.

That is why we are here. Let us never forget it, let our country never forget it, nor our Allies, and never let us allow the populace of the late Central Empires to forget it. Many of our bravest fell by the way; perhaps they are sharing our "Watch on the Rhine."

Let us never dishonour their memories, of their presence, by forgetting even for a moment, the glorious things they accomplished or the fact that their achievements enabled us to see Peace.

The Question of Tongues

by Lieut. W. R. Patterson, F. R. G. S., M. R. A. S., M. C. P., etc.

It is a very poignant question — the question of foreign languages — one that, at this period in history, should be considered seriously by every loyal British subject. A man-made international language is, without doubt, of great interest to a few, but to a few only in comparison with populations.

Man is of such mettle, and so complex, both physiologically and psychologically, that any international tongue would soon follow the ways of the natural ones, and dialects would arise. I know of such a case where some, who spoke a well-known tongue, intended to be international, severed their connection with the main body, and revised the rules to suit themselves.

Now, what benefit is derived from a knowledge of some speech other than one's own?

(1) One enhance one's worth. Members of all professions and trades benefit in some way. Hitherto many foreigners who worked for a small salary were employed as correspondents by British firms. Why should not the Briton do this, and supplement his former salary? It is surely worth consideration! The remarkably rapid increase to German trade was largely due to the fact that modern languages were exceedingly well-taught in the schools. The German youth, on leaving school, could actually hold an intelligent conversation with the foreigner.

During the war, the comparatively small number of officers and men, who have known one or two foreign languages well, have proved most helpful to the authorities; many securing interesting and lucrative posts. Now, such knowledge was of great service to a man before the war, and it has shown itself in a new light during the war; but it is of its possibilities after the war that we must think.

Previously, we employed the native himself for purposes of translation, interpreting and foreign correspondence. In the future, let these be done by our own countrymen. Trade must go on, greater trade than before Doctors, chemists and other scientists must read the results of foreign research. Bacteriologists everywhere are working upon the cause and effect of Spanish "flu". Why should they wait for translations to be made? The tinker, tailor, soldier and sailor—indeed, everyone—should spend as much time as possible on the study of some other tongue; the reward demonstrates itself later, inevitably!

(2) One's country benefits. Surely if the individuals composing a nation succeed over the foreigner, the country must gain. This is the fruit of patriotism, and for this reason alone, the point is well worthy of our attention.

(3) A new sphere of reading is presented to us —books in great variety, newspaper-articles, plays and other literary matter.

Our second tongue enables us to understand the mentality of another people and this becomes of great service to those who travel and to those who discuss foreign questions. By careful reading one may form a really excellent idea of a country and of the turn of mind of its inhabitants, without ever having set foot therein. Whether one reads for the sake of pleasure or instruction, one cannot but profit in the end.

And so, for these reasons that I have suggested, if not for any other, let the British folk, from the highest to the humblest, settle down seriously, to this most necessary study, for the sake of advancement, self-improvement, and patriotism!!

The Artistic Status of Cologne Cathedral.

MAJOR BLES, TOWN MAJOR.

In the early days of the war, when the Germans began their abominable bombardment of that masterpiece of French Gothic, Rheims Cathedral, and later, after fire had destroyed all the beautiful woodwork of the interior, and charred the ornamentation of the capitals, it was quite a common thing to hear men exclaim: "Wouldn't it be grand to be able to pay them back by destroying Cologne Cathedral!"

I used to combat that idea on the ground that one crime does not excuse another; that art has no fatherland; that because the world has lost one of its rarest jewels, there was no justifiable reason for robbing it of another; and so on, all the old sophistries which make up the arsenal of every writer on art.

I still think so, but for a totally different reason. Nor can Cologne be called a rare jewel! It *is* a jewel perhaps, but as one of those large cameo brooches, heavily-set in solid gold, which our grandmothers used to wear, not as the more graceful diamond or emerald, in a claw setting, of the modern *élégante*.

Cologne Cathedral is famous. Rheims was beautiful.

And Rheims is still more beautiful as it stands to-day, its bruised and torn, but still sturdy, form, a living expression of the eternal genius of France.

But the Dom of Cologne, untouched by the rude hand of war, has lost its halo, for the mist of greatness which hung before the world's eyes, when it looked upon anything German, has fallen from it, and left it simply a huge monument of the Teutonic desire to be thought a truly great nation. Which is a very different thing from being one! The self-inflated frog never actually attained to the status of the ox.

As we look at the great pile, our first impression is certainly one of grandeur, but as we continue to look, and our brain loses for a time the instinctive effect of comparison with its environment, Conrad von Hochstaden's Cathedral appears to diminish even in size, for we see, then, the extent of its ill-proportion and lack of cohesion.

Here, we are an incalculable distance behind such gems of tracery in stone as Rouen Cathedral, such exquisite lines as Amiens, or Chartres, or Beauvais, such perfect proportions as Rheims or Notre Dame.

But above all, the "spirit" is missing.

The Gothic period in art reposed on a profound love of nature, a sincere and spontaneous effort to reproduce its most beautiful manifestations.

Now Cologne Cathedral gives no sign of such spontaneity. Its towers are heavy, its spires stocky, and overladen with clumsily-fashioned ornaments, its pointed arches have not the true constructional line, and many of its windows and roses are little less than crimes against good taste.

And why? Because the whole structure was built to no unique plan. It is imitation. eighteenth and nineteenth-century, Gothic, and so is out of proportion. Its half-windows, looked upon by many as a feature of German Gothic, are really the result of lack of space — in other words, disproportion. It is as though a skilful violin maker of to-day were to copy a long fiddle from the hand of Stradivarius. He might get a resemblance close enough to deceive most amateurs; he might even obtain a tone of surpassing beauty; but he would never attain the master's perfection of curve and plane in the scroll, or the slender grace of the S's, for the inspiration would be lacking. There would be no spontaneity.

All this is perfectly comprehensible when we examine the history of Cologne Cathedral, and learn how it was "put together" — for that is the only expression which applies — over a number of centuries, not starting from a centre and working out, but in two isolated portions, the towers and the apsis, with a considerable space between the two, which was only bridged over in the middle of the nineteenth-century.

The towers, and the steeples crowning them, were finished in 1881 only, 632 years after the laying of the first stone!

These few facts — all technical details of dates and construction may be found in the guide-books — will not only demonstrate the falsity of Cologne Cathedral's claim to rank among the great Gothic structures, but also explain the absence of perfect proportion which is perhaps the chief, if not the best-known, characteristic of the Pointed Style.

I can never look at the double canopies over the side doors, and over the great central window above the main door, or at the totally-disproportionate window also crowned by a double canopy on the South side, without feeling that the lower one is there to fill a gap, resulting from faulty calculation.

Again, what can be more irritating than the intense monotony of the decoration, and worst of all, the curve-sided square ornament filling the gap between the summits of the lancet windows and that of the whole constructional arch of the two great windows I mentioned before. The juxtaposition of the almost flat curve of the square, and the rounder segment of the window lancet-head, gives one's teeth the same unpleasant sensation as the grating of a file over the edge of a tin plate, or a brilliant passage of consecutive fifths in the work of an amateur composer. This is amateur Gothic pushed to extremes!

Then last, but not by any means least, the artistic heresy of ornamenting to a fault the upper structure of the towers and steeples, while the lower portion retains its purer Gothic simplicity. It is like painting detail into the background of a picture, while the foreground is put in masses. It upsets all values.

As a monument of German patience and determination to achieve something larger, more "kolossal", than is to be found elsewhere, the Dom of Cologne is undoubtedly great. It is also the impersonation of the *esprit du parvenu* in its attempt to surpass in the nineteenth-century, the inimitable stonework of the twelfth and thirteenth.

But between this and such gems of true Gothic as the French Cathedrals mentioned above, or our own stately Winchester, the slender, graceful, Salisbury, the solitary, dignified Ely, is as wide a gulf, from an artistic point of view, as between the martyred Cloth-Hall of Ypres and that much-maligned, but serviceable structure of pit props and corrugated iron, the Nissen Hut.

Education

Unfortunately the Sergeant Major took a dislike to me from the first. The Sergeants vied with each other in vigorous and public description of my attempts to "slope" and "present arms". In the matter of fixing and unfixing bayonets I was a danger to life and limb, at least that was what the corporals told me.

On Officers' Mess fatigues I smashed more crockery than could be paid for out of twice my pay, and I seemed always to chop wood the wrong size for the fireplace. Hence I was a problem in the company. What was to be done with me?

An indelicate suggestion on the part of an N.C.O. as to the curious juxtaposition of my boots and brains gave the solution. Why should I not attend the educational classes?

The corporals were of opinion that it would be useless in my case; the sergeants extended their sympathy to the Education Officer; the Sergeant Major pointed out the danger of brain fever. Thus was I launched on my army educational career.

My desire for an all round education led me to enter my name for every subject. Other students came and went, but like somebody or other's stream, I go on for ever. I simply haunted the class-rooms. Officers dreaded to postpone their lectures or shut down classes, such was my persistency in attending everything of an educational nature. The shorthand teacher regarded me as his especial *bête noir*. He, poor fellow, knew little of his subject and apparently studied hard to keep one lesson ahead of his class. Consequently my constant attendance forced him continually to study the curious little dots and dashes each of us found so uninteresting. One day he will appreciate the driving power I gave to his studies. Owing to his sudden demobilization (blessed word!) my knowledge of phonography is as incomplete as his.

In my thirst for knowledge I have wrestled with ledger and sales accounts; committed publicly to memory (and privately to perdition) the dates of the chief battles of English history, — as read out of an antiquated book by a Scots Officer; dabbled in wireless telegraphy and building construction; and taken a feverish interest in economics. Owing to military exigencies, courses in these subjects rarely survived more than two lessons. I am a master of the French tongue up to and including the verb *avoir*; and I have a thorough knowledge of German mathematics as far as *zwanzig*. My morals have been attended to by various "talks" on matters I blush to name, and I am convinced of the evils of smoking and drinking—not however by the actions of my superiors so much as by what they told me and the dreadful ends of some their friends who had not heeded their warnings. Lectures on Bolshevism have been a favourite topic, and should a crowd of anarchists foregather with *malice prepense*, I feel I could convince them inside of twenty minutes of the error of their ways and the sticky end to which they were making.

The advantages of education are obvious. Besides giving one a broader outlook on life, an intelligent interest in the facts of nature, etc., etc. (I quote from the official pamphlet), an intensive course such I have indicated brings me exemption from the distressing round of parades, inspections, and fatigues, which is the chief amusement of the military. Sad to say, these have little attraction for me. My life has risen to a higher plane. I devour Charles Garvice and William Le Queux in the library. In my spare time I carry out some interesting chemical experiments. The bore of my rifle is an excellent example of metallic deposits; while the calculation of the rate of growth of human hair over extended periods has unconsciously become a hobby of mine. Unfortunately for my comfort, my section N.C.O. has a strong objection to both these studies.

A regular attendant at special lectures, my attention has been directed to a diversity of subjects ranging from the League of Nations to the Sardine industry, and from the Modern Poets to Convict life on Dartmoor. I found the last very striking, particularly as the lecturer seemed to take special interest in me, (he had been a Chaplain in the prison), and seemed to think we might meet again.

My endeavours for intellectual improvement are looked upon with suspicion, I regret to say, by some of my less enlightened comrades. They complained in a body that I was going scot free of all parades and fatigues. Vainly did I point out to them the mental labour involved in grappling with phonetics and bootmaking, with gardening and astronomy. It was found impossible officially to withdraw me from attendance at the excellent classes (*vide* their own report) doing such valuable work, especially as my presence was their *raison d'être* in most cases.

A deep-laid plot was hatched to pass me out by means of an examination. Owing, probably, to the incompleteness of my studies I am afraid I "failed to satisfy the examiners", as I gave what I afterwards found to be ridiculous answers to the sums set, and the essay I wrote on "The Advantages of Education" would, I fear, have disgraced a boy of ten. However, the Second in Command saw it, and in his innocence stormed at the Education Officer and incontinently ordered my attendance at every and any class going.

The Sergeant Major passed me yesterday in full marching order ready for a ten-mile route march, while I was on my way to school. He spoke scathingly of education and alluded disparagingly to my forebears. Whereupon I respectfully remarked that one had never really finished learning.

S. R. D.

There is a battery of Howitzers on the Rhine Bank.

The Howitzers.

Major Carey W. R. Molyneux.

What are you thinking of? — silent Gun.
I think of the work that is nearly done,
I think of a France that was turned to Hell,
I think of the gunners who served me well:
Up to my axles in slime and mud,
With my breach block smothered in brave men's [blood;
Re-set and painted, tested and true,
I am ready to start on my work anew.

What do you see? — you painted thing.
I see the throne of a fugitive king:
Freedom's troops on a country-side,
Where once were the castles of crime and pride.
A river, the boast of a race accursed,
Who tried their best to do their worst.
Proudly I look at my mates in line,
The real indisputable "Wacht am Rhein".

What do you hear? — you great dumb beast.
I hear a rumour from west to east,
Of an army to hold what we dearly bought;
To keep the position for which we fought.
The south wind whispers from far Mayence,
The river is held in the name of France;
And the ripples sing from the racing tide
America stands at your right hand side.

Why do you laugh? — you great, grim Gun.
I laugh to think of the frolic and fun,
When back in old England, around my wheels,
Children will gambol with joyful squeals;
Lovers in couples will sit on my trail,
And my ears will be cheered with the old, old tale.
Be sure there'll be plenty of laughter and fun,
When the war is past and my work is done.

Army Commander's Cup.

Final Tie.

There was a sensational finish to this match at Blucher Park, Cologne, on Friday, the winning goal being scored with the last kick of the match. Considering the strong wind and treacherous turf, fast and clever football characterised the play.

The 1st Bn. (Queen's Own) Cameron Highlanders won by two goals to one. Playing cleverer football in the first half, Mackay scored after ten minutes. Shortly afterwards, Cowie missed a fine chance of equalising, after a brilliant individual run. Subsequently, both goals underwent narrow escapes, but nothing further was scored up to the interval.

Playing with the wind the Black Watch showed great improvement, and the Camerons' defence was hard pressed. Shortly before the end the Black Watch forced a corner, and after Wilson had fisted away a shot from the outside left MacDougal equalised. With only a few seconds to go, Dingwall fumbled a shot from Gillies, and before he could recover, Warburton had banged the ball into the net.

The winners were splendidly served at half, and their wing men were both speedy and clever. Macdougal worked hard on the losing left wing, and sent across a number of accurate centres. Mc. Gregor also did well at centre half, while Cowie had many a hard tussle with Anderson.

There were over 2000 spectators, including General Sir Herbert Plumer, commanding the 2nd Army, who presented the cup and medals.

TEAMS: — 1st Bn. (Queen's Own) Cameron Highlanders: Lt. A. Wilson; C.Q.M.S. M. Gibson, Pte. A. Amos; C.S.M.G. Campbell, Sgt. A. Anderson, Pte. D. Boyd; Cpl. D. Ellis, Pte. A. Gillies, Cpl. E. Warburton, Pte. A. Kerr and Pte. W. Mackie.

8th Bn. Royal Highlanders (Black Watch): 2nd Lt. Dingwall; Pte. MacGaskill, Pte. Patterson; Lce. Cpl. Bisset, Sgt. Mc.Gregor, Lt. Miller; Pte. Kirke, Pte. Samson, Sgt. Cowie, Pte. Robertson and Sgt. MacDougal.

WITH THE RATIONS.

Doubtless you will wonder why we have adopted this title for our daily chat. There are two reasons: firstly, it is original (that is, so far as any of the staff are concerned, and if by any chance some other person has raced ahead and combined these three words in similar fashion and for similar use, then I offer my humble apologies); secondly, it is appropriate, for all must admit — all who have done any real "soldiering", as we understand the word — that many yarns come up with the rations. How these stories get into the heads of the ration parties, no one can say. After four years of war, after all the rumours of thrilling episodes and charming realities which "might have been", we are still at a loss to account for these yarns.

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Fighting has finished — so we believe — but still the Rations come up, and with them just as many yarns as were wont to find their way up with the ration parties which worked along the Communication trenches in the old days. So that, instead of letting them slowly sift along the rank and file of the front line, we are going to collect them day by day, and publish them outright, for all to read.

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Is it really more than few years since w last tasted the real town-life.? I was walking along the Hohe Strasse — that popular rendezvous of all classes — the other day when this question occurred to me, prompted by the easy going, affable manners adopted by the "tommies". It certainly has'nt taken us long to adopt the old style.

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I think the one great lesson we have learnt during the last four years is the value of sport. Some people call it esprit-de-corps, esprit-d'armée, and other foreign words which we do not altogether understand. I simply call it sport, because it is the sporting instinct which binds us all together, though we do kick each other on the shins at times, in the attempt to follow out the precepts and intricacies as detailed in our sporting manuals. It is pleasing to note that in our army curriculum there is so much time devoted to sport, and that this time is being used to the best advantage.

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I heard some little time ago that we are to have some Waacs up here with us. Let us hope this is true, for we need something or somebody to enliven matters a little. But what will the Germans think, I wonder. The few English ladies we have here already seem to have caused much perplexity. The other day I was walking along the main thoroughfare and passed about eight groups of females all gazing in the same direction. Their attention was focussed on two English nurses!

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The Southern Division has reason to be proud of its sporting propensities. It has a first rate football team; a potential cricket eleven that will no doubt want a good deal of beating; quite a number of expert horsemen, and a galaxy of boxers who successfully represented the Division in the recent tournament. Four years ago, the Division sailed from England for Gallipoli, landing at Cape Helles on April 25th.

No. 9 Field Ambulance defeated No. 7 Field Ambulance at football recently by four goals to two, this being the first occasion since 1914 on which these teams have met.

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There was keen competition for a cup presented by the Eastern Divisional Commander, Major-General C. L. Nicholson, C. B., C. M. G. for the best performance by battalion (or equivalent) in Association football, relay race and lug of war. The A. and S. H. won all events, and the achievement was deserved and popular.

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The thought which prompted the 2nd Army Boxing Tournament Committee to award a second prize to the "next best" team was undoubtedly a happy one. Little considerations of this kind go a very long way towards encouraging good sport, and the 1st Cavalry Division team must have felt "bucked" by the fact that their excellent show found some tangible recognition.

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Judging by the very high standard of excellence of the boxing witnessed in the 2nd Army Boxing Tournament at Cologne, the Rhine Army should be able to send some thoroughly good teams to England in April to represent it in the big military tournament. The Physical and Recreational Training staff are sparing no effort to ferret out the strongest representatives for every phase of sport and, when they have found them, arrangements are to be made for an excellent training scheme at a healthy sea-side resort in France.

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The Jocks, I should fancy, feel slightly embarrassed when walking through the streets. Their tartans still cause much consternation amongst the German populace — at any rate, it is either consternation or fascination, but from their visual expressions I cannot discern which of the two it is.

ENGLISH RACING NEWS.

THE GRAND NATIONAL.

POETHLYN CANTERS HOME.

A gigantic crowd assembled at Aintree for the first post-war Grand National. Soldiers and sailors were predominant in the cosmopolitan assembly, including a large contigent of Dominion troops and hundreds of blue jackets. Admiral Sir David Beatty, who received the freedom of Liverpool on Saturday, was present. During the race Rubinstein, ridden by Payne, collapsed and died at the last fence.

Result.

GRAND NATIONAL CHASE (Handicap) about 4 m. 856 yards. £4,000. Trainer of winner receives a cup value £50, rider of winner a cup value £25.

POETHLYN, by g by Rydal Head-Fine. Champagne (Mrs. Peel), 9, 12, 7 (Escott) E. Pigott. 1.

BALLINCARROONA, by g by Uncle Mac or Santoi—Lizzie Kendal (Capt. Straker), a, 9. 13 (Hartigan) Mr. H. A. Brown. 2.

POLLEN, ch g by Picton—Folle Farine (Mr. Dugdale), 10, 11 4 (Escott) A. Escott. 3.

Saturday's attendance for the wind up of the Liverpool meeting was good, but considerably smaller than on Friday. The principal event was the Liverpool Hurdle Handicap, the value of which was increased to 1000 sovs.

ST. TUDWAL won by a length from ST. ELOI, three lengths ahead of MORNING STAR.

Betting 100 to 8 winner and Morning Star 5 to 4 St. Eloi. 17 ran.

Lord Derby's Treble.

Practically at his own front door, Lord Derby pulled off a treble at Aintree on Friday, winning the HYLTON HANDICAP (£300), 1 mile, with CROSSTREE (7st 9lb) (6 to 4). BRIDGEMAN STAKES (£135) 6 fur., with MRS. JAWLEYFORD (7 to 2). and the BICKERSTAFFE STAKES (£249) 1 mile, with BERESINA (11 to 8).

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

INTER-SERVICE TOURNAMENT.

Wintry weather doubtless curtailed the attendance at the fixture between the Mother country and Canada at Inverleith, only 6000 spectators braving the elements. Canada was outclassed behind, and was beaten by 22 pts. to nil. In the first half Cullen, Pym (twice) and Sloan registered tries and although Canada improved with the breeze, Pickles and Pillman scored, both tries being converted by Lewis.

The R.A.F. beat the Australians at Gloucester by 7 pts. to 3. Although the ground was in good condition, the play was exceptionally keen but rather disappointing to the 3000 spectators. Generally speaking the Australians had the better of the play but their backs repeatedly fumbled the ball. They led at the interval by a try to nil. Afterwards the game was scrambling but more even. For the R.A.F. Seddon dropped a lovely goal and Wrentmore scored from a penalty.

At Twickenham, despite heavy snow overnight, 10.000 visitors enjoyed bright weather and a stubborn match which South Africa deserved to win. Htowever, the New Zealanders won by 14 pts. to 5.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Northern Victory League.

Durham County,	0	Hartlepool United,	5
Newcastle United,	1	Middlesboro',	1

Scottish League.

Dumbarton,	3	Hamilton Academicals,	0
Greenock,	1	Ayr United,	1
Clyde,	0	Clydebank,	2
Queen's Park,	1	Kilmarnock,	2

Midland Subsidiary.

Notts County,	5	Leicester Fosse,	0
Bradford City,	1	Bradford,	4
Barnsley,	4	Rotherham County,	3
Coventry City,	2	Grimdsby Iown,	1
Hull City,	1	Lincoln City,	2
Sheffield United,	1	Sheffield Wednesday,	0
Huddersfield Iown,	1	Leeds City,	0
Birmingham,	1	Notts Forest,	0

Midland Victory League.

Derby County,	3	Aston Villa,	2
W. Bromwich Albion,	0	Wolverhampton W.,	1

Lancashire Section.

Blackburn Rovers	6	Burslem Port Vale	0
Manchester United	5	Bury	1
Liverpool	3	Stockport County	0
Bolton Wanderers	3	Manchester City	1
Rochdale	1	Everton	3
Preston North End	0	Oldham Athletic	2
Southport Vulcan	0	Blackpool	2
Stoke	2	Burnley	1

Scottish Victory Cup.

Airdrieonians,	1	Glasgow Rangers,	0
Hibernians,	2	Motherwell,	0
Paisley St. Merren,	1	Celtic,	0
Partick ihistle,	0	Midl lthian	2

LONDON COMBINATION RESULTS.

West Ham United	1	Crystal Palace	3
Fulham	2	Millwall Athletic	0
Tottenham Hotspur	0	Arsenal	1
Brentford	1	Q. P. Rangers	1
Clapton Orient	0	Chelsea	0

Isthmian Leagne

Ilford,	1	Leytonstone,	0

(Played at Norbury Park.)

RESULTS IN BRIEF: —

Highland Div. Signals, 5, (Spr. hittit (2), Cpl. North (2) Dvr. Mitchell) — Light' nil.

The results in the first round of the inter-Company League of the 51st Royal Sussex were:— W Coy., 2, X Coy., 2; Y Coy., 3, Z Coy., 0.

Owing to inclement weather the London D.A.C. sports arranged for 29th March have been postponed until Wednesday, 2nd April.

5th Manchester Regt. Inter-Platoon Competition: — No. 4 Platoon 5, No. 5, nil; No. 16, 11, No. 6, nil; 438th. Field Coy., R.E., 4, 76th Field Coy., 1.

When the 185th Inf. Bde. Competition came to an untimely end through the breaking up of the 32nd Division, the 460th Field Coy., R.E. headed the table with 17 points oue of a possible 22.

ETON SPORTS FINALS.

Seniors:		
100 Yards	R. C. Ward,	11 4-5 secs.
Hurdles:	J. Tubbs,	19 secs.
High Jump:	J. Hodgson,	5 feet 1 in.
Long Jump:	J. Pitman,	18 feet 3 in.
440 Yards:	T. W. Page,	61 secs.

The Hurlingham Club proposes to suspend their rule relating to the height of polo ponies, the only proviso made being that horses and ponies played at Hurlingham must be certified by local polo committees as sufficiently trained for the game.

SECOND ARMY BOXING TOURNAMENT

The Y.M.C.A. Central Hall was the scene of many pitched battles on March 21st, 22nd and 24th when the Second Army Boxing Tournament (by kind permission of the Army Commander) was decided. In the process of eliminating the "impossibles" there was plenty of wholesome, exciting sport, and the large audience present at each session enthused in consequence.

Lack of space prevents our giving descriptions of all the fights; suffice it, therefore, to comment briefly on the final bouts.

The bantam weight final between L.Cp. Young and Bom. Mason provided some good sport. Mason executed a good deal of clever side-stepping in the early stages, which for a time completely bewildered Young. Then the latter "got wise to it" as the Yank would say, and made the necessary allowances. He was unable in the second round, however, to avoid many of his opponents lightening blows, and those he managed occasionally to get in himself were not, as a rule, very serious Young made a good fight of it nevertheless, and held out for the three rounds, despite his obvious exhaustion towards the end.

Driver Travis and Lce. Corpl. Perry in battling for the final feather-weight competition gave a whirlwind exhibition. Perry started the bout by charging full tilt at his opponent, who dodged, and the impetus well-nigh carried him through the ropes. The fighting which followed was fast and furious and Travis frequently found a slight advantage in reach of great value although he certainly did not have byony meaos the first round. When the second round opened, it was fairly obvious that Perry hoped to gain the verdict by the quickness and unexpectedness of his attacks, and although in this way he scored many good points, his punishment was severe. Later, Travis tried a little tackling on his own account, with such successful results that the judge stopped the fight when it became clear that he had his man well beaten. The spectators applauded the vanquished for his plucky fight against a superior boxer.

In the Light weight final, Driver Cotton and Pte. Fox were the contestants. Fox, who, physically, was the superior man, right away administered some telling body and face punches which more than once caused Cotton to stagger. This state of things was reversed, however, towards the end of the opening round when Cotton got home a vigorous hit over the heart. When the second round had been in progress only a few seconds, Cotton, who was extremely nimble, followed a pretty feint by crashing in with two blows to the other's right, but he was immediately brought to his knees by a swinging blow behind the left ear. The third round was vigorous and keen, points being scored by each man in turn, but Cotton proved to be slightly superior.

RESULTS.

DANTAM WEIGHTS: First round. Sgt. Groves, 2nd Bde. R.A.F. and Pte. Chambers, Army Troops. byes. L.-Cpl. Young, 1st Cavalry Div., beat Dvr. Carter, 9th Div., Pte. Brown, 3rd Div., beat Dvr Hilton, 6th Div.; Bdr. Mason, 29th Div., beat Gnr' Indale, 1st Div.; Pte. Bell, 34th Div., beat Pte. Buchanan, 32nd Div.; Pte. Gilbert, 41st Div., beat 'scratch', 62nd Div.; Cpl. Butler, 6th Corps Troops, beat Dvr. Hincheliffe, 2nd Div.

Second round: Young beat Brown. Mason beat Bell. Gilbert beat Butler. Semi-final: Young beat Groves. Mason beat Gilbert. Final: Mason beat Young.

FEATHER WEIGHTS: First round: Pte. McMahon, 29th Div. and Rfm. Spreight, 62nd Div., byes. Dvr. Travis, 3rd Div., beat Pte. Dwyer, Army Troops; Pte. Mollineaux, 1st Cavalry Div., beat Pte. Wynne, 32nd Div.; A.-Cpl. Rogers, 2nd Bde. R.A.F., beat Pte. Moran, 6th Div.; L.-Cpl. Perry, 34th Div., beat Dvr. Reason, 6th Corps Troops. L.-Cpl. Ward, 1st Div., beat Rfm. Hallett, 2nd Div.; Pte. Allen, 9th Div., beat Gnr. Mc. Cairty, 41st Div.

Second round: Travis beat Mollineaux. Perry beat Rogers. Ward beat Allen. Semi-final: Travis beat Mc. Mahon. Perry beat Ward. Final: Travis beat Perry.

LIGHT WEIGHTS: First round: S.S. Mc. Gladdery, 6th Corps Troops, beat Pte. Read, 6th Div.; Dvr. Cotton, 1st Div., beat C.S.M. Miner, 29th Div.; L.-Cpl. Berryman, Army Troops, beat Pte. Fairbairne, 32nd Div.; Cpl. Barrett, 2nd Bde. R.A.F., beat Sgt. Jefferson, 34th Div.; Pte. Irwin, 1st Cavalry Div., beat 'scratch', 41st Div.; Pte. Fox, 9th Div., beat Pte. Stone, 62nd Div.; Pte. Jones, 3rd Div., beat Dvr. Jameson, 2nd Div.

Second round: Cotton beat Berryman. Irwin beat Barrett. Fox beat Jones. Semi-final: Cotton beat Mc. Gladdery. Fox beat Irwin. Final: Cotton beat Fox.

MIDDLE WEIGHTS, OFFICERS. First round. 2nd. Lt. Godhard, 41st. Div., and Major Bush, Army Troops, byes. 2nd Lt. Pearce, 32nd. Div., beat Lt. Sharples, 62nd. Div.; 2nd. Lt. Allardyce, 9th. Div., beat Capt. Mortimer, 6th. Corps Troops. 2nd. Lt. Dorgan, 29th. Div., beat Capt. Bradbury, 3rd. Div.; Capt. Duff, 1st. Cav. Div. beat Lt. Vickers, 2nd. Bde. R.A.F.; 2nd. Lt. Lister, 6th. Div., beat Capt. Bayer, 1st. Div.; 2nd. Lt. Mc. Adam, 2nd. Div., beat Lt. Wears, 34th. Div. Second round. Godhard beat Bush, Allardyce beat Pearce. Duff beat Dorgan. Lister beat McAdam. Semi-final: Goddard beat Allardyce. Lister beat Duff. Final: Lister beat Goddard.

During the whole of the fight, Lister proved himself to be much more scientific than his opponent, who fought listlessly and with almost a total lack of the idea of recovery. He suffered a good deal in consequence but gamely kept up to the end.

WELTE RWEIGHTS, OFFICERS. First Round. Lt. White, 34th. Div. and 2nd. Lt. Mc. Clure, byes. Lt. Schoales, 29th. Div , beat 2nd. Lt. Stewart, 6th. Div.; Lt. Rowe, 2nd. Bde. R.A.F., beat Lt. Wards, 9th. Div.; Capt. Slim, Army Troops, beat Lt. Noyce, 1st. Cav. Div.; Capt. Rees, 3rd. Div., beat Capt. Cobb, 1st. Div.; 2nd. Lt. Lee, 32nd. Div., beat 'scratch' 41st. Div.; 2nd. Lt. Walden, 2nd. Div., beat 'scratch' 6th. Corps Troops. Second round. White beat Mc. Clure. Schoales beat Rowe. Slim beat Rees. Walden beat Lee. Semi-final. White beat Schoales. Slim beat Walden. Final. Slim beat White.

Capt. Slim, 2nd. Army Troops, found all his efforts were required to dispose of Lt. White. Twice in the first round he was warned for hitting in clinches but otherwise the boxing was bright and exciting. In the second round, Slim landed a left and right to the neck and face, White countering with three vigorous punches to the ribs. In the last round Slim showed signs of inadequate training, but he was the cleverer boxer, and when he knocked White to his knees with a stunning swinging blow on the right side of the head, there was no doubt as to the winner. He completed his job, just on time, by flooring White while that officer was staggering, dazed, about the ring.

WELTER WEIGHTS, OTHER RANKS. First Round. Pte. Griffiths, 1st. Cav. Div., and Cpl. Pearce, 9th. Div., byes. L.-Cpl. Ritchie, 32nd. Div., beat Pte. Preedy, 3rd. Div.; Gnr. White, 34th. Div., beat Pte. Lazenby, 6th. Div.; Cpl. Parry, 2nd. Div., beat Pte. Farley, Army Troops; Cpl. Condon, 2nd. Bde. R.A.F., beat Dvr. Grice, 6th. Corps Troops; Gnr. Coulson, 41st. Div., beat Pte. Middlemiss, 1st. Div.; Pte. Ronan, 29th. Div., beat. Pte. Harkess, 62 Div. Second round. Pearce beat Griffiths. White beat Ritchie. Condon beat Parry. Ronan beat Coulson. Semi-Final. White beat Pearce. Ronan beat Condon. Final. Ronan beat White.

Grr. White was knocked out by Pte. Ronan at the end of the second round as the result of a perfect shower of blows which he tried hard, but in vain, to escape.

STEEPLECHASES AT SPA AND SAND.

Those who were fortunate enough to be present at the recently held race meetings of the Cavalry and the 29th. Divisions at Spa and Sand respectively must have been impressed by the striking contrasts in the prevailing elements at these places. At Spa, the weather was ideal. Throughout the day, bright sunshine warmed the air, emphasised the natural charm and beauty of the race-course and its environs, and made everyone feel that it was good to be alive.

At Sand, on the other hand, rain, snow, hail and an icy cold wind all combined in an effort to make things thoroughly uncomfortable, and it speaks well for the admirable organization of the meeting that, despite these conditions, a generous attendance of spectators enjoyed some really excellent sport. There were certainly a few female spectators, but they were merely casual onlookers and naturally had no social interest in the event. In normal weather, the Sand course would not be very far behind that at Spa, in point of scenic beauty. Both enjoy a good position of high altitude, commanding extensive views of charming silvan country; but this was not evident at Sand on the day of the races, on account of the thick mist that hung about the ground. There was, however, at least one point of similarity in the two meetings; at each, the sport was exciting and excellent in every way.

CAVALRY MEETING.

The officials at the Cavalry meeting were as follows.

Judge: Major General T.T.Pitman, C.B.,C.M.G.; Starter: Major T.G.L.Lumley Smith, D.S.O.; Secretary of Race Commitee: Captain W.S.Cornwallis, M. C.

Maiden Steeplechase.
1. Lieut. E.F.Wyborn's "Billy".
2. Lieut. R.A.Mc.Bains' "Cyclops".
3. Lieut. L.H.S.Groves' "Baby".

Subalterns' Cup.
1. Lieut. A.Knowles' "Auxi".
2. Lieut. R.Straker's "Rolleston".
3. Lieut. R.Bulteel's "Armchair".

B. E. F. Handicap Steeplechase—Class I.
1. Lt. Col. A.C.Little's "Scone".
2. Capt. R.M.Thompson's "Jim".
3. Maj. Gen. A.E.W.Harman's "George".

Cavalry Corps Cup.
1. Lieut. J.C.B.Lethbridge's "Daly Lad".
2. Lieut. T.M.M.Hilders "Mad Hatter".
3. Capt. A.E.G.Grant's "Jorrocks".

International Stakes.
1. Lt. Col. A.Little's "Any time".
2. Lieut. J.E.Mein's "Golden Sunset".
3. Capt. H.F.Eckstein's "Bowman".

B. E. F. Handicap Steeplechase—Class II.
1. Capt. E.A.Fielden's "White Hazard".
2. Capt. H.F.Eckstein's "Right There".
3. Lieut. Lord Killeen's "Old Joe".

Welter Race.
1. Lt. Col. A. Little's "Solomon".
2. Lieut. R.H.Elliot's "Lady Betty".
3. Lt. Gen. Sir C.T.Kavanagh's "Blue Cap".

Troop Horse Stakes.
1. Sergt. Payne's "Skull".
2. Pte. Littleworth's "Paddy".

THE 29th DIV. STEEPLECHASES.

The Red Triangle Lightweight Sweepstakes.
1. Capt. Mure, Warwick Bty., R.H.A., "Mustard".
2. Lieut. Harris, 29th Div. Train, "Phreya".
3. Lieut. Dixon, Warwick Bty., R.H.A., "Molly".

The Cape Helles Sweepstakes.
1. Lieut. Sharp. 2/Leinster Regt., "Peggy".

The Rhine Steeplechase.
1. Lt.-Col. Thompson I/1st Yorkshire Dragoons "Goliath".
2. Lt.-Col. Wright, 29th Div. Train, "Nigger".
3. Major Archdale, "U" Bty., R.H.A., "Sinn Fein".

The Red Triangle Cup.
1. Gr. O'Neill, Warwick Bty., R.H.A., "Betty".
2. Lce. Bdr. Peach, H.Q. 15th R.H.A., "Nix".
3. Sgt. Carter, 89th Field Amblce., "Janette".

The Red Triangle Heavyweight Sweepstakes.
1. Lt.-Col. Maitland, 15th Bde., R.H.A., "Jostick".
2. Capt. Hill, R.A.V.C., "Ebbing Tide".
3. Major Ball, 460th Bty., R.F.A., "Charles".

The Cape Helles Cup.
1. Sgt. Isaacs, 2nd Leinster Regt., "Thomas".
2. C.S.M.Eves, 29th Div.Sig.Coy., "Spitfire".
3. Dr. Baker, 497th Field Coy R.E.

Division Mule Race I.
1. Dr. Hughes, 13th Bty. R.F.A.
2. Dr. Cannon, 460th Bty. R.F.A., "Baby".
3. Dr. Vidler, 497th Field Coy.R.E.

Division Mule Race II.
1. Dr. Symes, 29th D.A.C., "Mick".
2. Dr. Lott, 460th Bty., R.F.A., "Paddy".
3. Cpl. Heath, Warwick Bty., R.H.A., "Hermaphrodite".

BOXING RESULTS (continued).

MIDDLE WEIGHTS — OTHER RANKS. First round: Cpl. Matthews, 3rd Div., and Pte. Buckler, 1st. Div., byes. Pte. Pettitt, 6th Div., beat Pte. Thurston, Army Troops. Pte. Davies, 1st Cavalry Div., beat Dvr. Carroll, 29th Div.; R.S.M. Richardson, 9th Div., beat Cpl. Stokes, 2nd Bde. R.A.F.; Pte. Scroggins, 32nd Div., beat Dvr. Haywood, 6th Corps Troops; Spr. Keegan, 2nd Div., beat L.-Cpl. Pilcher, 34th Div.; Gnr. Hurst, 41st Div. beat Pte. Holdworth, 62nd Div.

Second round: Buckler beat Matthews. Davies beat Pettitt. Scroggins beat Richardson. Keegan beat Hurst. Semi-final: Davies beat Buckler. Scroggins beat Keegan. Final: Scroggins beat Davies.

At the outset Scroggins was cautioned for Kidney punching. There was very little power left in Davis after hehad received a terrific punch on the neck in the second round but he made some useful points. From an exhibition point of view there was very little to choose between the two men.

HEAVIES. (CATCH WEIGHTS.) First round: Gnr. Ormond, 32nd Div., and Cpl. Killerhar, byes. Cpl. Mc. Donald, 9th Div., beat Cpl. Friend, 6th Div.; Pte. Robson, 29th Div., beat Bdr. Giles, 6th Corps Troops. Cpl. Neal, 34th Div., beat Pte. Bradley, 1st Div.; A.-M. Williams, 2nd Bde. R.A.F., beat Cpl. Gibbings, 3rd Div.; Cpl. Barton 1st Div., beat Gnr. Kerslake, 62nd Div.; S-S. Gess, 41st Div., beat Pte. Conliffe, Army Troops.

Second round: Ormond beat Killerhar; Robson beat Mc. Donald; Neal beat Williams; Gess beat Barton. Semi-final: Robson beat Ormond. Gess beat Neal. Final; Robson beat Gess.

Some excellent boxing was witnessed before Pte. Robson ultimately beat Sergt Gess. Robson cleverly dodged aswing and took quick advantage of the opening to score a sound body blow. Later, Gess broke through Robson's guard time after time but failed to follow up his opportunities, otherwise the result might have been reversed. As it was, Robson executed many smart manœuvres and was ultimately awarded the verdict.

TEAM RESULTS: 29th Division 37 points: 1st Cavalry Div. 33; 34th Division 30; 9th Division 28; 41st Division 25; 32nd Division 24; 1st Division 23; 3rd Division 22; 2nd Division 20; 2nd Army Troops 20; 2nd Bde. R.F.A. 20; 6th Division 15; VI. Corps Troops 13; 62nd Division 8.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PELMAN INSTITUTE

My dear "Pelman",

I venture upon a letter. The last of a correspondence *si intime.* Perhaps Lord Chesterfield's son felt as I do, when his famous epistles ceased and he crossed swords with the world — armed with paternal wisdom.

You ask *me* — who have bared my naked soul to you — what have been your most helpful features? I don't hesitate: — Your cheery optimism: the danger-signal you hoist at the word "Drift". May I bore you to tears with a little human document?

The downs and ups of the Boer War made supsequent peace-time parades and military routine seem futile. I changed the saddle for a secretaryship. For seven strenuous years I worked and pushed and wedged. I ate, drank, slept, lived for that big business. I became a director. I became Managing Director. For five years I declared dividends. My Rolls-Royce took me to office and factory. Two days a week I hunted or played golf. All was for the best in that best of worlds where money was to be spent, not hoarded. But—it was drifting. I saw no writing on the wall. Why row hard when the race had been won?

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Behold me full of courage, sincerity, enthusiasm, and with a definite purpose. Others perceive it. I know that by their faces. You have demonstrated rare qualities and pointed out the way to add a pretty conceit to personality. I thank you. As to "Drift" — the very word has been hounded forth, as R.L.S. would say, with all the circumstance of contumely. It is "napoo", as my batman has it.

Unlike the Spaniard who asks himself — "Shall I be as brave to-morrow as I am to-day?" I say: — "My friend Pelman says — 'You *can* be'. I shall be."

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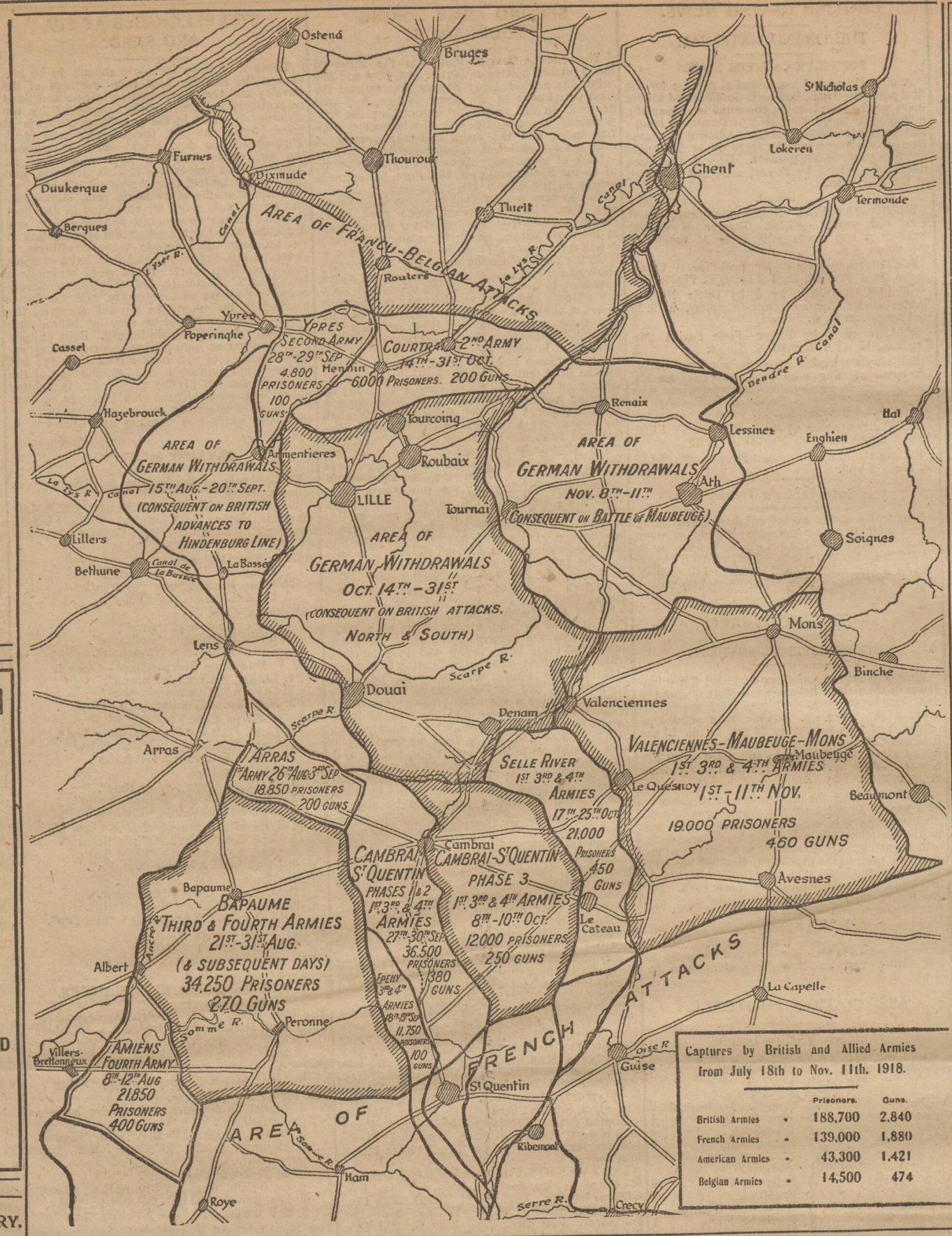

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THE FINAL PHASES. BRITISH BATTLES FROM 8TH AUGUST TO 11TH NOVEMBER, 1918.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.

Writing to the *Observer* from 73, St. James's-street, London, S.W. Mrs. Ambrose Dudley says: "The Central Committee of the Royal Artillery War Commemoration Fund, having authorised me to edit a book for the benefit of that fund entitled: "In Commemoration of The Royal Regiment of Artillery, 1914—1919," I hope you will allow me, through your columns, to ask all interested in the Royal Regiment to forward me copies of extracts of letters from any front relating to Artillery experiences likely to be of interest to the regiment as a whole, or to the public generally. The names of writers should in all cases be given, though not necessarily for publication. I should be glad to receive suggestions and authentic contributions as soon as possible. The book will be published in three editions—an edition de luxe and two others."

HEARD AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

One girl: "What does it mean: "No smoking"? Another girl: "It means that officers are not obliged to come in evening dress"!

The future of the Rhineland.

An inhabitant of Cologne the other day asked a British Tommy on the platform of an electric car: "What do you think will become of the Rhineland? Are we to be French. or do you think we shall become English?"

"No, decidedly not! You shall remain German for your punishment", was his answer.

Cologne University.

A NEW VENTURE.

More than 120 years ago the University of Cologne was closed, owing to French obligations at that time, and to a certain extent, political disturbances. To-morrow, the 1st April, it is to re-open.

The inauguration will be presided over by Prof. Dr. Eckert, Oberbürgermeister Adenauer in the building of the High School of Commerce.

This venture has been the subject of much comment amongst the German people, and from this we gather that the two chief reasons against the reopening are: firstly, an unwarranted expense at the present time; and secondly, its close proximity to the Bonn University. It is evident that many of the people fear rivalry.

Bonn is, or rather was, the old aristocratic seat of learning, where princes used to study, and where the "Korpsstudents" were wont to fight their duels. The Kaiser and the Crown Prince studied at Bonn.

The spirit of the new university will be entirely different, and we are told that the aim is to make it, not a fortress of German "Kultur", as Strassburg University used to be, but a bridge between east and west built upon the democratic spirit.

In the beginning there will be two faculties, medical and economical; but it is hoped to add philosophical and legal faculties at a later time, when the financial situation is better. In addition there will also be attached an institute for sociological research directed by three directors. Prof. von Wirse, Prof. Max Scheler, and a Socialist who was lately a Minister in Wurtemberg.

Owing to rough weather the battle cruisers Tiger and Princess Royal were compelled to put to sea on Friday. The Queen Elizabeth stayed in the Mersey and the crew went to Aintree for the Grand National.

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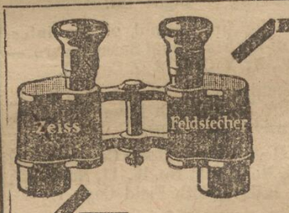

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SOUTHERN EGYPTIAN OUTBREAK.

The official communique recording the events which occurred in Southern Egypt in the middle of the month has just been issued in Cairo.

Referring to the outbreak in the Southern provinces it states that on the 15th March the train from Luxor was attacked by the rebels at Minieh and partially sacked. Subsequently the bodies of seven British officers were discovered in the guards van. They had been brutally murdered.

On the same day, at Benisoel, a crowd attacked and invaded the law courts. The Court was sitting, but everyone, including the officials, was driven out by the mob. Failing in a desperate attempt to capture the British judge who was presiding, the demonstraters paraded the town and wrecked various Government offices and other public buildings. They then attacked Mudiria, where they were in turn attacked and driven back by a small body of Indian troops. Four days later at Medinet, in the Fayoum province, a large force of Bedouins persistently attacked the garrison but were eventually driven off, suffering four hundred casualties.

"WULLIE, YE WILL NO COME BACK AGAIN."

EX-KAISER'S HOPES.

What the ex-Kaiser anticipates is one thing, and what he will receive is quite another. Numerous attempts have been made to interview him in his "Cache" at Amerongen and numerous descriptions, mostly imaginative have been written concerning his daily routine, his hopes and fears.

Mr. Harold Begbie dispels some of the popular ideas on the subject. Writing to the Daily Chronicle from Amerongen, he claims to have been admitted to the ex-Kaisers intimacy. He says that the exile who was received by Count Bentinck not as a friend, but to oblige the Dutch Government, is in no wise a broken man, but retains his full energy and vigour, although he has abandoned his strenuous pastime of wood-chopping. His sole open-air exercise consists of a walk round the moat of about thirty minutes duration. Most of his time he spends in his room, either in writing his autobiography or in reading to the ex-Empress while she is sewing or doing fancy needlework. The ex-Kaiser, whose hair is quite white, frequently expresses his appreciation of the religious atmosphere of the castle. He does not fear a public trial and anticipates that eventually he will be allowed to live out his days in peaceful retirement, in Germany. Scotsmen at least will not fail to notice the slight paraphrase of a National Air.

BIG BERTHA.

To a special representative of *Excelsior* the manager of Krupps explained that there was nothing new in principle about Big Bertha, the long range gun which fired on Paris. The gun was longer and more resisting than the earlier pieces, and had a calibre of eight inches. It was seventy-feet long and the muzzle velocity was about four thousand feet per second. Herr Wittfield further explained that the gun was never intended for serious warfare; its aim was to produce a bad moral effect. But few pieces were made and after firing a few shots the barrel of each gun had to be returned to Essen.

The idea of this gun sprang from a desire to fire on London if the Germans succeded in reaching Calais. But they did not!

BIG RUMANIAN VICTORY OVER BOLSHEVISTS IN UKRAINE.

The Rumanian Press Bureau at Berne has published the following official communique from the Rumanian General Staff:

"The Rumanian troops, in liason with French troops on the left bank of the Dneister in Ukraine have annihilated important Bolshevik forces in the region of Maja Vilaska. The Rumanians are advacing towards Tiraspol an Rasdelnaja".

COMMUNICATIONS RESTONED BETWEEN OMSK AND ARCHANGEL.

The Provisional Government of North Russia publishes the following communique:

"The Armies of North Russia joined hands with the Siberian troops on the River Kovja on the 21st. March. The road to Liapino is cleared of Bolshevista. Communications are restored between Omsk and Archangel."

WINE STOCK OF COLOGNE.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.

According to the *Kölner Tagleblatt* the Chamber of Commerce has inquired into the wine stock of Cologne. Seventy-three firms in this district have in their possession 1,261,000 bottles of Mosel wine, 21,15,000 bottles of Rhine wine, and 539,000 bottles of red wine.

The Franco—Italian League gave a dinner today to the honour of Orlando and the Italian delegates at the Peace Conference. There were speeches by Marshall Joffre, M. Viviani, Ribot, Orlando and Salandra.

CONVERTED AUSTRIAN EX-ARCHDUKE.

PLAUSIBLE BUT UNCONVINCING.

From Budapest comes the interesting news, via Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen, that the Socialists at Keszthely have arrested the ex-Archduke Josef Frantz and Count Julius Somsich.

The Archduke repeatedly protested that far from being apprehensive, he felt extraordinarily comfortable under the Soviet Republican regime, and perfectly contented with a proletarian dictatorship. He had long been partisan towards Lenin's ideas. Above all, he would not dream of fleeing from Hungary.

As the ex-Archduke was dishevelled, minus a collar, in a muddy and travel stained condition, and was suspiciously near the border of German Austria, the Socialists doubted his asseverations and sent him to Budapest for save custody.

Many women and girls are enrolling in the Red Army.

THE RED ARMY.

Detachments of the Red Guards searched the mansion at Budapest occupied by the Ukrainian Mission. They forcibly arrested all the members of the Mission, their allegation being the flimsy pretext that they were intriguing with representatives of the Allies in Hungary.

The real explanation of the outrage probably lies in the fact that two million crowns were seized and distributed among the Red Guards.

GERMANY AND THE FRONTIER.

It is announced that the question of the German frontier has been settled, and that President Wilson, Lloyd George and Orlando understood that the Rhine must be a military frontier, not a political one. The statesmen are now considering the possibilities of the payment by Germany. The annual indemnity that Germany will have to pay is not yet fixed, but the claims of France and Belgium will be privileged.

GEN. MANGIN TO LEAD OPERATIONS IN ROUMANIA AND HUNGARY.

At the Council of Four, assisted by Gen. Pershing, Gen. Foch, and Gen. Wilson, it was decided the General Mangin should lead the operations in Roumania and in Hungary.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE VATICAN.

The *Epoca* has heard from a well-informed personality that an exchange of views with reference to the relations of the Italian Government and the Vatican has taken place.

No decision will be made before the termination of the Peace conference.

RIGA POPULACE STARVING.

BOLSHEVIST PLANS FOR RETREAT.

The Bureau of the Lettish Press communicates the news that oculary witnesses coming from Riga say that the popuplation of that town is starving. There is also raging an epidemic of typhus and the hospitals are full. There are a great number of deaths. The Bolshevists have made already a list of the persons whom they intend to take with them if they are compelled to retreat.

POLISH FRONT SITUATION.

The Poles have begun attacks on the valley of the Netz. Also on the Balim-Bromberg railway. They have been shelling the Netz bridge since Thursday. The shelling of the neighbouring villages of Friedrichshorst and Birkenbuch is so evident that the inhabitants dare not go out of doors. An intense feeling of indignation prevails amongst the population and the German troops who are not allowed to fight according to the terms of the Armistice.

FRANCE AND FOOD QUESTION.

In the Chamber of Deputies, Pichon, the Foreign Minister, on Saturday said that France was not going to abandon any small nation. Food and munitions will be sent to Poland, to the Czecho-Slovacs and specially to the Rumanians.

DANZIG QUESTION:

SETTLEMENT IN SIGHT.

According to the latest information to hand, it appears that the Entente has rejected the counter-proposal with regard to the place of disembarkation of General Haller's army. On the other hand evidence is accumulating that a certain feeling of understanding and mutual support is paving its way between Germany and the Entente in face of the menacing danger from Bolshevism. It is considered that there is good reason to hope that the negotiations will not be broken off. This hope, however, presupposes the safeguarding of German national interests in the event of General Haller's army passing through German territory.

The number of striker in Essen, according to a telegram to the Kolner Tageblatt, amounts now to 37,000.

BOUNTIES TO SOLDIERS.

NEW SCALE FOR ENLISTMENT OF VOLUNTARY ARMY.

All soldiers between the ages of 18 and 35, who are serving in the Army on normal service and whose periods of service expire before Sept. 1, are to be given an opportunity of re-enlisting for home and foreign service for periods of 27, 39, and 51 months if in the medical categories A or B1. Men now in the Army who are not serving voluntarily will become volunteers if they re-enlist under this scheme.

A man re-enlisting for 27 months will receive a bounty of £20, payable in three equal instalments. He will be entitled to two months' furlough at once, on full pay.

Those re-enlisting for 39 months will receive a bounty of £40 (in four instalments) and be given three months' furlough on full pay.

A man re-enlisting for 51 months will receive a £50 bounty (in five instalments) and three months' furlough at home on full pay.

The first bounty instalment will be given at the same time as the men receive their furlough, and each man accepted for re-enlistment will also receive the bonus now payable to the Armies of Occupation. Separation allowances to families and dependents will also be paid.

Every man re-enlisting will, as far as possible, be posted to the unit with which he is now serving, and he will receive the benefits of the new Army scheme of training and education.

The offer is not open to men who have been discharged, demobilised, or transferred to the Reserve.

NO MONDAY "POST"

SEE IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ON PAGE THREE

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SOCK AND BUSKIN THIS TIME.

PROBABLE STRIKE OF ACTORS.

"Off with the motley" is the theatrical equivalent of "down tools" and it looks as though most theatres and music halls in London and the provinces will have to close down.

For a long time past the profession has been agitating for better conditions, one of the chief points being payment during rehearsals. The present position is the outcome of an announcement by Mr. C. B. Cockran, who controls numerous theatres, that in future he is determined not to employ in any of his companies any actor or actress who is a member of the Association.

On the other hand, the various Association in the different branches of the profession go to the other extreme and wish to exclude non-Unionists all together.

The executive of the Actors, Association acting in close co-operation with the organisations of the Theatrical employees, Musicians, and the several Variety Artists and employees combinations, decided yesterday to recommend to a specially-convened General Meeting that no member of any Association shall appear in any caste not entirely composed of members of an Association.

LORD MILNERS EMPIRATION

Lord Milner has given an interview on the British Empire's future to the *Sunday Express*, in which he emphasises the problem of unity as a human problem and declares his faith that the sense of brotherhood will never be destroyed. Of dominions he says we are all free and equal members of one community, and while we have no hostility to foreign and friendly nations we will give preference in all things to our own family, a welcome decision at once to relax destruction upon trade within the Empire. Preference to other parts of the Empire has now been adopted as policy of government in fiscal matters and it is a much wider thing than any mere matter of tariffs. If there were no tariffs at all the principles of preference would still hold good. It was concentration of interest upon comparatively small questions of Customs which led to so much mischief. Every nation in Europe ought to settle its fiscal system on its own merits and then give preference to the others. There are many other ways of achieving objects. Take Empiration, and particularly Empiration at the present day. We are trustees for lives which have been offered to death on the battle-fields of Europe on behalf of the Empire. When it comes to Empiration ought not Empires to have preference? Our policies should aim at directing Empiratiou into right channels.

The large steamer Pretoria, making the sixth of the surrendered German merchant ships, arrived at Cowes yesterday from Hamburg. Two more are expected within the next few days.

The National Egg Collection for the wounded closed yesterday. During its operations, which have extended over more than four years, close on 42 millions of eggs have been collected as gifts and distributed to wounded soldiers and sailors.

MORE BERLIN BLUSTER.

PLEASE, MARSHAL FOCH: THANK YOU, MARSHAL FOCH.

A message from Reuters Correspondent at Amsterdam states that in reply to the German note with reference to the landing of Polish troops at Dantzig, Marshal Foch has intimated that on the 3rd of April at Spa, he will personally give all information as to the required guarantees to the German Plenipotentiary, who must be empowered to decide within forty-eight hours. The German Government has decided to send Erzberger to Spa with plenipotentiary powers.

From Copenhagen comes the news that resolutions passed at a meeting held in Rhenish Westphalia protesting against alleged French plans concerning the Saar region, elicited a telegram from Brockdorffrantzin to the effect that the German Ministry would reject absolutely any demands going beyond President Wilson's principles.

At Stoessel the Socialist Majority declared that the workers would rather have no peace at all than one which would compel them to work for forty years for the victors' pleasure. As a further expression of opinion the resolution added "Our Executive Committee is resolved, if necessary, to pursue the same policy as Hungary".

Reports circulated in Berlin to the effect that the Hungarian and Russian Soviet Governments have offered to make an alliance with Germany have evoked the semi-official statement that nothing is known, officially, of any such offers.

LABOUR PARTY AIMS.

NEW LONDON DAILY.

Born on the same day as *The Cologne Post*, and doubtless with somewhat less travail, *The Daily Herald*, the daily newspaper issued in the interests of organised Labour announces that it "will work unceasingly for a revolution, peaceful but complete, which will destroy the present system of competition and force, and replace it by the rule of co-operation".

The Editor, Mr. George Lansbury, who was defeated at the last election in Bow and Bromley, declares that another tremendous war is imminent unless British labour awakes to the seriousness of the situation, because only French Imperialists like Pichon have a clear cut policy, while other statesmen are merely drift ng.

He asserts that two Americans were recently allowed to go to Russia and challenges the Government to produce their report, which, he says, makes for an honourable understanding with Russia, whose Bolshevik Government Mr. Lansbury warmly defends. He regards seriously the coquetting of Germany with Bolshevism, saying that it is the last desperate venture of the Militarists, who are hoping that if Germany goes Bolshevik it will involve the whole world in its own downfall. Many of the disorders attributed to the Sparticists really originated with the Militarists, whose power, says Mr. Lansbury, can only be broken by a change in the Government.

Many happy returns — of the day, to you, *Daily Herald*.

PEACE BELLS FOR WESTMINSTER ABBEY

An anonymous donor has arranged for a restoration of the bells of Westminster Abbey. Their Majesties the King and Queen and H.R.H. Pricess Mary visited the works of Messrs Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Road, to witness the casting of the first of the bells. The Royal party displayed keen interest in the process.

The new bell is to be known as "Pax" and is the King's Peace Bell. It will bear the inscription, "The Lord of Hosts is with us".

Another of the four bells is to be named "Ruth" and will be inscribed, "There is none other that fighteth for us".

The treble will be called "Faith" and its inscription is to be "Thanks" be to God which giveth us the victory".

The Queen und Princess Mary having expressed a wish to take part in the actual work of casting, the firm had prepared two small moulds into which the Queen and Princess Mary poured molten metal: an operation which greatly interested them as well as affording amusement to the employees who crowded round to watch the process.

The King interested the workmen by his knowledge of their craft, and engaged in conversation with Mr. Dunwell, the foreman, who has had a long connection with the firm.

Later, Mr. Bert Oliver entertained the Royal visitors to a display of campanology on a set of miniature bells, and at the Queen's request he played "Queen of the Earth" and "Eileen Alannah."

The East-enders gave the Royal Party a most enthusiastic send-off as they left the works of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

52nd BEDFORDS' AT SIEGBURG.

On Saturday night hundreds were unable to obtain admission to the theatre at Siegburg, when "A Frightful Frost" was presented by the 52nd Bedfords' Concert Party. The comedy deals with the adventures, amatory and otherwise, of a henpecked husband who proposes to secure a respite from his shrewish partner by administering a preparation which suspends animation.

The great success of the performance was largely due to Lt. W. Healey-Hamlyn as Ferdinand Swift, an adventurer, and C.Q.M.S. Veasey as the ill-used husband, Mr. Watmuff.

Lt. C. G. Noke was a perfect vixen as Mrs. Watmuff, and with the Rev. Kemp, C.F., playing the part of a young lover and hero to the ingenue of R.Q.M.S. Capon, the comedy was very happily cast. Add to the acting the best of dresses and scenery and excellent production; the sum total gives the reason for a very great success which will improve still more with every succeeding performance during this week for which the production is booked.

It is reported that Paderewski left Warsaw for Paris on Sunday.

Owing to the strike of miners in the Nottinghamshire field, London finds itself nearly coalless; only day-to-day supplies being available for consumers and the general stock being reduced to about three days supply. A report from Cambridge shows that the coal question there is also one of anxiety and difficulty.

STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

Captain Barnett (St. Pancras, S.W., C.U.) in moving the second reading of the Nurses Registration Bill, said that in the matter of State Registration of Nurses England lagged far behind many of our Colonies and many other countries. In England there was nothing more vague or undefined in the whole realm of medicine and surgery than the term nurse. There was a statutory definition of a medical practitioner, a dentist, a midwife, but a nurse might be the modern counterpart of a Florence Nightingale or of a Sarah Gamp. The Bill, which had been prepared at the instance of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, representing by delegation not less than 30,000 medical practitioners and nurses, accordingly proposed to establish a General Nursing Council for the training and registration of Nurses in the United Kingdom. The Council would be composed of persons appointed by the Privy Council, the Local Government Board, associations of registered medical practitioners, the nurse-training schools, and direct representatives of the nursing profession.

One important provision of the Bill was that when rules had been drawn up by the General Nursing Council for the regulation and discipline of the profession they would be subject to the approval of the Privy Council. Divisional boards were to be set up in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, and they would recommend times and places for local examinations. There would be an appeal from these divisional boards to the council. There would be a period of three years, during which any person who was *bona fide* carrying on the profession of a nurse would be entitled to claim registration. Persons who had been trained as nurses under regulations authorized by the Admiralty for the sick-berth staff of the Royal Navy or under regulations authorized by the Army Council for soldiers of the Royal Army Medical Corps would be entitled to be put upon the register. Registration was not compulsory, but once the standard had been established for qualification and training no man or woman would be able to designate himself or herself as a registered nurse unless he or she was registered. Under the Bill there would be standardization, which would be for the benefit of hospitals, the smaller ones especially. At the expiration of three years any person who claimed to be registered would be entitled to be registered provided that such person was a British subject and 21 years of age, and had had not less than three years' training under a definite curriculum prescribed by the council.

The Bill passed the second reading.

GERMANY'S GUARANTEE.

The *Echo de Paris* says that Germany will have to destroy the fortresses on the right bank of the Rhine for the guarantee of our security. The Allies will occupy the left bank of the Rhine until fall payment of the war indemnity is made. The experts have realised that Germany will not be not able to pay important sums during the first two years, but there will be an ascending quantity fixed in the annuities of payment, for instance, twenty years.

HAPPENINGS AT WAHN.

Sports and amusements have not been neglected by the 51st Bn. Royal Sussex Regt. stationed at Wahn. A meeting to organise the social side of our activities in this direction has been held and the following officers appointed: Major F. Cassels, D.S.O. (President), Capt. H. Horst (Bn. football), Capt. Collingbourn, M C. (Coy. football), Capt. Baylis (boxing), Capt. Gourlay (cross-country running), Capt. Thatcher (hockey), Capt. Story, M.C. (entertainments and athletic sports), Lieut. Hale (cricket.)

Soon after the Battalion arrived, an excellent string orchestra was organised which, under the able supervision of R.S.M. Blake, has provided us with some capital musical evenings.

The Wahn Follies, a talented concert party, have given successful concerts at Wahn and Siegburg.

Villain Acquitted.

The trial of Villain recommemced at 12—15 on Saturday, before a crowded audience. The public Prosecutor began his accusation by saying that since the death of Jaurès the face of the world had changed. Jaurès's ideas which yesterday seemed utopian are becoming realities. He further portrayed how the accused was influenced by the impulse of solitary meditations.

Me. Alexandre Zevaes, the barrister defending Villain protested against the fifty-six months of detention which the accused had to wait for the beginning of his trial.

Me. Henry Geraud examined the case from the point of view of psychology, and argued in favour of the irresponsibility of his client.

The President of the Tribunal asked the prisoner if he had anything to say. Villain answered, "I beg for mercy in the names of both the victim and my father. The grief of a widow and an orphan will not leave any happiness in my life."

The jury withdrew to deliberate at 6—35 p.m. They had two questions to answer. First, was Villain culpable of the voluntary manslaughter of Jaurès? Secondly, was this manslaughter committed with premeditation? At 7 p.m. the jury returned and the verdict was is the negative. Raoul Villain was acquitted.

R.A. BAND AT BONN.

That the Gunners filled the largest hall in Bonn on a Saturday afternoon, almost sacred to sport, shows how highly they regard their band. The Beethoven hall was twice packed to overflowing and the audience of nearly 4,000 soldiers, mostly Gunners, followed with the closest attention and appreciation two splendid programmes of music. The band was in rare form. Perhaps the outstanding item was the tone-poem "Finlandia," included in the programme by special request. The fact that such a classical composition received the reception which it did shows that a "popular" audience of soldiers prefer high class music when it is so exquisitely rendered as by the Royal Artillery Band.

To the great disappointment of Bonn the Band is unable to pay a second visit. The last opportunity of hearing the famous band is to-day at Cologne, where the last two concerts of the tour will be given.

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Sundays —: Evening Service 6 p.m.

PERSONAL

BUFFS. Will all Officers, N.C.O's., and men of the late 25th (Weald of Kent) Bn. The Buffs (E.K.R.) who are in the A. of O., kindly send their addresses to W. E. Rolston, c/o *Editor, Cologne Post* A. P. O., S/40.
The idea is to organize intercommunication and possible meeting.

OLD HAILEYBURIAN DINNER.

It is proposed to hold an "Old Haileyburian Dinner" about the end of April in Cologne. Any officers who wish to attend should communicate with Lt-Col. A. D. BAYLIFFE, Commandant, Army General and Commercial College, Hansa Ring, Cologne.

LOST

Long haired fox terrier called DON — all white. Lost on Thurs. 27th. Mar. near Hohenzollern Bridge. Finder return to WIRELESS, Deutscher Ring.

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"THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH GIVING PLACE TO NEW."

We in Germany, have now reached the conclusion of an epoch. Demobilisation is proceeding apace, so the authorities inform us, and new faces are springing up among us, in the shape of reinforcements from fabulous places, only connected in our minds with the time-table of the famous and much maligned Cologne-Boulogne express! We marched into Germany with mingled feelings of triumph, relief, and curiosity, and all who crossed the Rhine, under the eyes of the great ones, felt that here surely was the summit of their ambition. Now that peace is in sight at last, and we are settling down as the new army of occupation, the thoughts of many of was, who have soldiered from the beginning, turn to the past, and we review the tide of events which has led up to this final *dénouement*.

The spring of each year of the war has been fraught with many possibilities: we wonder now how we contrived to hold the Germans on our little corner of the western front. Those were the times of Festubert, Givenchy, Neuve Chapelle and Ypres. The war was very far away to us at home in those days, for the majority of us were still at home, eagerly waiting to take our turn in the game — our only fear was that the end might come before we had had our fling. We know better now!

Again in the spring of 1916, after a weary winter of watching and waiting, the fate of Europe trembled in the balance, while the name of Verdun was on every man's lips. Even then the final issue never appeared in doubt to the majority, and so we maintained our watch confident of ultimate success. Another year passed, and with it came the turn of the tide. We saw at last a tangible result of the Somme battle, in the retirement of the enemy to the Hindenburg line, while critics and enthusiasts at home once more hunted out their war maps and followed the changing front from day to day.

And so the tide of success flowed on throughout the year until the ebb set in once more, but now for the last time. Both sides tightened their belts for a struggle which must surely be final, and on the 21st March, 1918, the storm broke. Those of us who could not participate in this battle of battles watched the fight, and feared, and hoped, and rejoiced, with each reversal of the fortunes of war. We found the Germans invading the sanctity of our favourite places of amusement and rest billets of the preceding years; we saw our gains on Paschaendaele ridge voluntarily evacuated, and we sorrowed for the multitude of lives sacrificed apparently to no purpose; we saw the skeleton of Ypres, city of a thousand memories, almost lost to us; and then like a thunderbolt, came the counterstroke and our unbroken record of successes, culminating in that never-to-be-forgotten march into Germany — our journey's end at last.

And so in the evenings, we sit in our comfortable armchairs in our new surroundings and review the past and ponder over the Future. Those of as who are now returning to a civilian régime have nothing but regrets for the life we are leaving. Had we missed the past four years, our feelings might have been akin to those of the laggards to whom King Henry V. referred before Agincourt, who "shall count their manhood cheap, that fought not with us on St. Crispin's day".

It only remains now for the final army of occupation to get into its stride and settle down to keep the "watch." We "occupants" have a thousand and one problems to confront as — the black bogey of Bolshevism is flaunted before our eyes, — we are warned of propaganda and "impropaganda" galore by which our feet are to be turned from the paths of order and discipline. We have to establish our comfort under new conditions: not a very difficult matter, since we may demand what we desire. We have to consider the possibilities of sport and recreation for the summer — such trivial matters as the turfing of a cricket pitch for the coming season, will occupy the minds of our experts; we discuss the possibilities of grass tennis-courts on ground which at present resembles the allotments on Wandsworth Common; we hail with enthusiasm the prospect of a day's golf at Cologne, although the versions we hear concerning the condition of the course are lurid in the extreme.

Thus the metamorphosis of the 2nd Army into the Army of occupation takes place. Where we shall be in a year's time, no man may say; but we face the future with the confidence that all will be well with us. We are here as a guarantee of good faith, and we mean to keep the watch on the Rhine until another war is made impossible, for some time, and until all accounts are paid in full.

And so, as we stand here, at the parting of the ways, perhaps we may be forgiven for indulging, in company with those who are now leaving us, in a soliloquy on the many vicissitudes we have passed through together. We only look forward to the occasions on which we shall meet in the future and fight our battles over again, and finally we hope, or at any rate the more peaceable among us hope that the next war will be sufficiently far distant to see the majority of us installed as armchair critics, rather than once more active participators in the delights of war as fought in the present day!

THE RED TRIANGLE ON THE RHINE.

WALTER ASHLEY.

It was a great privilege for the Y.M.C.A. to be invited to come up to Germany with the Army of Occupation last December, and the Association is hoping under these new conditions to be of very real service to the troops who will be stationed here for the coming months.

It may be of interest to the readers of *The Cologne Post* to be given an outline of the work of the Y.M.C.A. as it is already established with the Rhine Army, and some general idea of its plans for the future.

When the Association was first asked to organise work in the Army Areas in France, it seemed best to establish Centres of Recreation at the most central points, and to put into each of them a more or less permanent staff.

Centres of this kind catered for the needs of all units passing backwards and forwards to the trenches, and might one week have the men of quite a different division about it than it had the week before. As the work developed, however, it was found necessary to organise the work on a Divisional basis rather than by localities and some time before the Second Army moved to Germany, the Association had a secretary attached to each Division with a small staff, which moved about with the Division very much in the same way as a regular Army unit.

When the Army moved to the Rhine, therefore, a small group of Y.M.C.A. workers moved with each Division, and were able to open up Centres immediately on their arrival. In this way, by the end of February some forty Y.M.C.A. Centres had been started in Germany throughout the Divisions, as well as one or two big Centres in towns like Cologne and Bonn.

Throughout this time, however, the Y.M.C.A. was obliged to continue practically the whole of its existing work in France and Belgium, and was able to afford very little, either in the way of personnel or equipment for this new work on the Rhine. By the middle of March, the situation in both these respects became much easier in France. Some of the most experienced workers were able to be spared for Germany, and it was possible to move practically the whole of the Central Equipment Store from Havre to Cologne.

With more and more of the resources of the Y.M.C.A. in France becoming available each week for Germany, it hopes to be able to develop work for the troops on a much bigger scale than was ever possible while the war was on, and it was faced with all sorts of difficulties with regard to supplies, transport, and personnel.

The work which the Y.M.C.A. hopes to carry out during the next few months may be said to fall under five main heads viz.: —

1.—CANTEEN WORK. It has been proved by experience that a Y.M.C.A. Centre without a canteen is of little use to the troops, and therefore, through no volition of its own, but through the sheer necessity of the demands made upon it, the Association has had to organise a very important business side to its activities, and get out from England thousands of cases of the kind of supplies for which the men ask.

Every Recreation Centre with the Rhine Army will, therefore, have a canteen which it is hoped to keep supplied with all the more important requirements of the troops. To look after these canteens, the Association is fortunate in having at its disposal a large number of English ladies who have been doing the same sort of work for several years in France, and who are delighted to have the opportunity of serving the men in any way they can.

2.-ENTERTAINMENTS AND RECREATION. Almost all Y.M.C.A. Centres in this area will be large halls which are already equipped with a platform. These halls will be fitted out with tables, chairs, magazines, newspapers, and writing materials. Note paper and envelopes will be given free to any men who ask for it, as has been done in the past. Games such as draughts and chess will be available.

Every Centre will have a piano, and, in most cases, also a gramophone.

Every Centre will have at least one billiard table; some, two or three.

Every Centre, however small, will be furnished with a small library from which books may be taken out on payment of a small deposit; and the larger Centres, such as Cologne, Bonn, Duren etc., will be supplied with a large library with all kinds of books, in the charge of an experienced lady librarian.

It is hoped to be able to organise some form of entertainment in all the larger halls every night of the week, an average programme consisting of two concerts, two cinema shows, one popular lecture, and one whist drive or games competition, with a service each Sunday evening.

Besides the portable cinemas, with which each Division is being supplied, and which will tour round the Brigades and give shows in the Y.M.C.A. Halls, the Association has already taken over a large number of civilian cinemas, and will be taking over more still, so that at the larger Centres men will be able to see pictures every night of the week, if they do not wish to go elsewhere, or there is not sufficient room for them in the main hall.

A small permanent Lena Ashwell Concert Party will be established in Cologne, also a small permanent Dramatic Party, and both will tour round from place to place giving entertainments to the troops. There will also be a certain number of first-class entertainers, who will tour round the centres in the same way.

3.—EDUCATIONAL WORK. The Y. M. C. A. hopes to be able to supplement what the Army is doing along the lines of education and to co-operate with the education officers. With this end in view, all the larger libraries will be furnished with a certain number of educational books, which may be freely taken out by men anxious to study any particular subject.

Lectures organised by the Y.M.C.A. will be popular rather than academic, but it is hoped that they will interest men in education and lead them on to make a fuller use of the facilities put at their disposal by the Army.

4.—ATHLETIC WORK The American Y.M.C.A. has most generously lent the British Y.M.C.A. half a dozen of its most experienced athletic directors, and these men are now with the Rhine Army helping to organise all kinds of sports and athletics.

The Association has at its disposal large quantities of athletic material, such as footballs, cricket sets, boxing gloves, etc., and this will all be distributed among the various Centres so that it can be of the greatest possible use to the largest number of troops.

In time, it is hoped to organise tournaments and competitions throughout the Divisions in co-operation with the Officers who are responsible for the athletic work in the Army. In this connection, it was a great privilege to be able to help in the organisation of the Army Boxing Tournament, and to put the Central Y.M.C.A. in Cologne at the disposal of the Army for the purpose.

5.—RELIGIOUS WORK. The Y.M.C.A. is a Christian organisation, and its aim is that all its work should be actuated by a religious motive, and that all its Centres should have a strong healthy atmosphere in which men of all temperaments may feel at home. It does not wish to force any particular religious views on men who do not wish to have them, but it is its purpose that any man desiring to live straight and keep away from the temptations which he will come up against in Germany, may find in the Y.M.C.A. Centres the help that he needs, and plenty of healthy activities with which to fill his time.

As has been the custom in France, a united service will be held in all the huts on Sunday evenings, to which men of all denominations are welcome and at which men of all schools of thought may find it possible to worship God in their own way.

It will be the aim of the Y.M.C.A. in Germany to co-operate with chaplains of all denominations in every way possible and to put its huts, whenever practicable, at the disposal of the chaplains on Sunday mornings.

This short sketch will give any reader interested some idea of what the Y.M.C.A. has in mind for the coming months in Germany, and in what sort of ways it hopes to be of service to the men. In future articles, various sides of the work will be from time to time treated with more detail, and by these and by the regular publication of the programme of events in the Y.M.C.A. Central, Cologne, and in other Huts round and about the town, readers will be kept in touch with the developments of the work.

Walter Ashley.

2nd ARMY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, BONN.

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

This college was established in Bonn on December 31st. 1918, and the first course for forty officers and eighty other ranks commenced on January 11th, 1919.

The college was thus the first educational institution, under the auspices of the Army, to open on the Rhine. The first course was intended largely as an experiment, and, while it was hoped to give the best agricultural education possible in a month, one of the main objects was to keep officers and men occupied and interested during the anxious and tedious period before demobilization.

At first it was not certain just what kind of teaching could be given, and there was a tendency to confine the work to chemistry and botany as applied to agriculture, and to insist upon the purely theoretical as well as on the elementary character of the course.

An office was started in an empty room in one of the buildings of the Agricultural Academy of the University of Bonn, and a lecture-room and a chemical laboratory were arranged for.

After about a week, during which time the botanical department, the institute for the study of soils, and one or two other facilities were discovered, the whole syllabus, time-table and scheme of studies were altered, and classes were commenced in field crops, live stock, farm management and other practical subjects. Arrangements were also made for students to visit the academical farms at Dikopshof and Marhof periodically, to study the live stock and to see the various farm operations carried out.

The second course was, therefore, taken much more seriously, and this was further justified by the fact that a large number of applications, including some from students who had attended the first course, were received for places in the second course, and many of these applicants were men who had already spent many years as practical farmers, as gardeners, or as farm labourers. It is, then, clear that there is room for a college which can give an elementary training in agriculture, and that classes in more advanced work, if started, are likely to be well attended.

For the past six or eight weeks the Second Army Agricultural College has been in a position to give this serious and useful training. Of course, it is not pretended that anyone can learn to be a farmer in six weeks, but a farmer can learn a great deal about the scientific principles underlying his work in this time, and a beginner can get such grounding in the theoretical and practical branches of farming as will make him a better farmer than he would have been had he not taken the course. Arrangements are being made by the home authorities to accept a course at this college as excusing students from a part of their agricultural education in colleges in the United Kingdom.

During the first course the work was complicated by the frequent loss by demobilization of not only students but even of the lecturers and demonstrators; in the latter cases too, usually on very short notice. Even now, telegrams are being received almost daily demanding the instant return of officers, N.C.O.s and men for either demobilization or repatriation, and we live in daily fear that our adjutant or some important lecturer or demonstrator will be torn from us to get along as best he may among the patriots who are just now making England interesting with their strikes and rumours of strikes, leaving us to bemoan his loss and to carry out his duties as best we may. Fortunately, we have been able to avail ourselves of the services of excellent lecturers in most agricultural subjects, and have been successful up to the present in finding substitutes for the demobilized ones.

The buildings of the Landwirtschaftliche Akademie of the University of Bonn, one of the most modern and best equipped of German institutions of its kind, are at the disposal of the college, and most of the departments are already in use by the students. Thus students who are farmers in civilian life have the unique opportunity of comparing English with German practice, and all have the advantages which accrue from an equipment on a much more lavish scale than is known in our country. It has been said that the German goes in for the theoretical rather than for the practical aspect of agriculture, but we do not hesitate to say that, had we the funds available in England to build and equip such colleges as the one in Bonn, we also should devote more time and study to the theoretical side of the science. In any case our students have now the chance to try both methods. Mainly theoretical work while here in the Army, and the more practical courses when they get home.

English and German students use the same lecture rooms and laboratories, but the time-tables are so arranged that neither college clashes with the other.

Besides fine, airy, and well-lighted lecture rooms, and well equipped laboratories, we have the use of museums filled with specimens, apparatus, models, and other exhibits illustrating all branches of agriculture and agricultural research.

At the farm at Dikopshof students have the opportunity of seeing the results of experiments in the feeding of animals and in the use of different kinds of fertilizers. All the machinery at the farm is electrically driven, and there is a workshop at the college for the repair of agricultural implements and machinery of which there is a good selection of examples and models.

Besides the regular work, it is usual to get occasional lectures on special subjects from outside sources, and once a week papers are read by students who have had agricultural experience in various parts of the world. The discussions which follow these papers are often of great value.

The first course extended over a month, but as this was found to be inadequate to give more than a very meagre account of the various subjects, it was decided to make all subsequent courses of six weeks duration. The current course ends on the 2nd of April and the third begins on April 12.

The Army Commander has twice honoured the college with a visit, and many other distinguished visitors have called either at the college or at the farm or at both. The college will shortly become the "Agricultural Wing" of the new Army Science College at Bonn, but it is hoped that the change will add to rather than diminish its usefulness. One advantage will accrue, that the lecturers will be less liable to sudden demobilisation.

Officers and others who wish to visit the college can usually obtain permission to do so, but they are requested to arrange, if possible, to come on Wednesday or Saturday afternoons, as it interferes less with the college work at these times than at others.

The Australian Commonwealth Minister for Defence states that under the Defence Act any employer who refuses to re-instate a returned soldier is liable to a fine one thundred pounds sterling. The courts are empowered to order any such fine which might be imposed to be paid to the employé refused re-instatement.

Knutsford Prison, recently coverted into a Theological University, has been secured for one year for the purpose of training exsoldiers and sailors for the Anglican Ministry. Last week 170 officers and other ranks began training.

OPERA HOUSE AND THEATRE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	OPERA	DRAMA
Tuesday	No performance	Kaiser Pauls Tod
Wednesday	Martha	Die Jüdin von Toledo
Thursday	Der Waffenschmied von Worms	Die Kronbraut
Friday	Carmen	Flachsmann als Erzieher
Saturday	Lohengrin	Seeschlacht
Sunday	Der Barbier von Sevilla	Afternoon: Elga Evening: Seeschlacht
Monday	Die lustigen Weiber von Windsor	Verschwörung des Fiesco

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

Another C. O. "Demob'd."

The 6th Bn. London Regiment has lost an excellent sportsman by the departure of Lieut.-Col. C. B. Benson, D.S.O., who commanded the Battalion in the field since the latter part of 1917. He previously had a distinguished career dating back to the Boer War, his D.S.O. being won in South Africa. Just before the great war, Colonel Benson was King's Messenger in Germany, and had the experience of taking the last despatches in peace time out of Berlin.

Colonel Benson's Popularity.

Writing on the subject of Colonel Benson's departure, a correspondent says, "He was a born soldier, and it fell to his lot to lead this (6th London) Battalion in many a hard fought fight. In August, 1918, he commanded the battalion during that wonderful time when Marlard Wood and Chipilly Heights (on the Somme) fell into our hands, causing the enemy to commence the retreat which ended on 11th November last in complete victory for the Allies. For this, Colonel Benson was awarded a bar to his D.S.O. Officers and men gave the Colonel a great send-off, and we all feel that a good and true friend has left us. We shall always look back with pleasure to the days of hard service spent with a noble comrade in a great cause." To be deserving of such eulogy, I imagine the Colonel must indeed be one of the "he's a jolly good fellow, and so say all of us" type.

Water Polo at Bonn.

I hear that "A" Company, 10th Corps Signals are making great strides with their water polo team, and fresh talent is coming to light almost every day. Swimming enthusiasts stationed in or near Bonn are undoubtedly in luck's way, for it would be difficult to find more luxurious accommodation than that at Bonn baths. There are facilities there for both summer and winter swimming.

THE RAMBLER.

BOXING.

D.A.C. COMPETITION AT LULSDORF.

No. 1 Section of the D.A.C. held on attractive boxing competition at Lulsdorf. Results:

Dvr. Birtwhistle, beat Dvr. Kirk on points, with height and experience in his favour.

Bdr. Grenville beat Dvr. Sterne after a fast and furious bout.

Dvr. Hales and Dvr. Jackson had to box an extra round, Hales just gaining the verdict.

Dvr. Taylor, who conceded much weight, beat Dvr. Glower.

The best contest of the evening was the outcome of a challenge issued by S. S. Cpl. Bailey, taken up by Dvr. Quinn, who is new to the Section. He showed considerable ability and won on his merits. Captain G. H. MacEwen, D.C.M., refereed, Gnr. Jackson acting as timekeeper, and Cpl. G. Bailey as M. C.

HIGHLAND DIVISIONAL COMPETITION.

Competition: The finals in a competition at Kommern were Featherweight: Rfn. Speight, 8th West Yorkshire Regiment. Bantams: Pte White, 62nd M.G. Bn. Light Weight: Pte Stone, 62nd M.G. Bn. Welter Weight: Pte Harkiss, 10th Bn. A. & S. Highlanders. Middleweight: Spr Holdsworth, 460 FieldCoy, R. E.

OPLADEN ECHOES.

Under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A., a highly interesting and instructive lecture on the "Blocking of Zeebrugge Harbour" illustrated by lime-light views, was delivered in the Opladen Cinema. The lecturer, Prof. Sandford Terry, D.C.L., Aberdeen, dealt with his subject in a comprehensive, lucid, and masterly fashion, outlining in detail the chief features of that hazardous enterprise.

As was anticipated, the arrival of reinforcements has resulted in the desired augmentation of the Cinema House Orchestra in Opladen. The members now total five. The services of a 'cellist would be highly esteemed.

The "Triards," a deservedly successful company of amusement, favoured Opladen with a visit, and submitted a programme that could not fail to please the most fastidious taste in the realm of soldiers' amusements. Choruses, solos, trios, recitations were contributed by the pierrôts in the most accomplished style, and provoked the highest admiration from a crowded house. Outstanding numbers were the ventriloquial entertainment and the recitation "Lasca." A sketch which may be termed "Domestic Strife" created much merriment.

The 131 Heavy Battery R.G.A. Opladen, has the honour of possessing the champion football team in the 4th Brigade. At the "Triards" concert on Wednesday the 26th inst., the members of the team were presented with silver medals, Colonel Lyon making the presentation. The successful team comprises the following: Lieut. Kairns, Driver Ross, Gunner Davis, Bdr. Ward, Bdr. Marshall, Gunner Spencer, Gunner Baird, Bdr. Stevens, Signaller Bowness, Gunner Thomson, and Bdr. Horne. The 131st team lost only one match in the competition, being beaten by the Midlands in the last game. The Midlands were the runners up.

By the way, the interesting news was given at the "Triards" concert at Opladen on Wednesday, that Colonel Lyon was giving up command of the 4th Brigade, and at the same time they were losing the name of the 4th Brigade. Important changes were impending. A brother officer paid a high compliment to the popular Colonel who received three hearty cheers from the soldiers.

Demobilization was on Sunday 29th inst. set going in Opladen area, but from all accounts the process was to be somewhat prolonged. One man Any day, however, a a human may get their tickets. "Hope springs eternal". The threatened strikes at home are understood to be largely responsible for the delay.

M. Raemaekers has returned to his home in Bath and is rapidly recuperating from the severe attack of pneumonia which he contracted while visiting in Holland.

"GRAND NATIONAL" CORRECTION.

Owing to faulty transcription of a telegraphic message the runner-up in the Grand National was given in yesterday's issue as Ballinearroona. This should have been Ballyboggan, the correct placings being

Poethlyn 1
Ballyboggan 2
Pollen 3

YESTERDAY'S HOCKEY.

WESTERN DIVISIONAL FINAL.

2nd Bn. Royal Sussex Regt. 4.
141st Field Ambulance 1

SERGEANTS V. OFFICERS, AT KERPEN.

Elated by the success of their inter-company Sergeant's whist league, in which "C" Company carried off the honours, the Sergeants of the 5th Bn. Gordon Highlanders challenged the Officers of the battalion. The match was played at Kerpen in the Sergeants ness, and resulted in the defeat of the Officers by 42 points, the scores being 334 against 292. Hospitality was a feature of the enjoyable function.

186th TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY.

One of those spontaneous little functions which constitute a link between old comrades took place at Hochkirchen, when Capt. F.H. Threappleton, who is about to be demobilised was presented with a gold hunter watch.

Capt. Threappleton has commanded the battery since its formation, and it was the foundation members who wished to express their appreciation of him.

S.-M. H. Hirst, D.C.M., in asking the Captain's acceptance of the gift, made a happy little speech, and in acknowledgment Capt. Threappleton recalled the many happy and strenuous times they had spent together.

Capt. Watt, of the Gordons, the new O.C., also spoke.

14th INFANTRY BRIGADE.

52nd KING'S (LIVERPOOL) RGT. 13th KING'S (L'POOL) REGT.

This match was played at Ober Cassel on 28th March, and despite the bad condition of the ground some good football was witnessed. The 52nd King's won the toss and elected to play with the wind. Good forward play by the visitors resulted in their scoring in the first few minutes of the game. The home team were kept on the defensive, and the goal-keeper made some brilliant saves. Captain Carson headed a beautiful goal, and a few minutes afterwards added a third. Half time arrived with the visitors leading by three goals to nil. In the second half, the home team were outplayed although they strove very hard to score. The 13th found the net on three more occasions bringing the final score to: 13th King's, 6 goals; 52nd King's nil.

BRITISH AND FRENCH AT FOOTBALL.

The result of the football match between the British Army and the French Army was a win for the Britishers by two goals to one. Douglas scored both the British goals.

SPORT IN A NUTSHELL.

Sapper Hallsworth and Driver Attack will represent the 460th Field Coy., R.E. in the Cologne tournament.

An interesting football match between the Officers and Sergeants of the 5th Bn. Gordon Highlanders resulted in a draw, each team scoring two goals.

The 51st Bn. Royal Sussex Regt. commenced an inter-company football competition with an exciting match between "W" and "X" Companies. The final score was 2-2. In the same competition, "Y" Company defeated "Z" Company by three goals to nil.

A mounted paper chase for Officers of the 5th Bn. Gordon Highlanders proved most successful a day or two ago, despite the very heavy state of the naturally unsuitable riding ground at Kerpen.

"Three all" was the final score in a "soccer" match between 50th Bde. R.F.A. and 4th Bde. R.G.A.

After a strenuous game, the Cadre of the 1st West Yorks defeated 186th T.M. Battery by the odd goal in three, in a hockey match at Hochkirchen.

24th BRIGADE R.F.A. HUNT.

The meet was at Schloss, Liblar, where a large field assembled. Gipsy's Spinney produced a lively customer, who only faced the open after difficulty.

A long run ensued over a good line of country with several obstacles. The hounds were at fault on several occasions but, the scent holding, the line was carried beyond the Shrine on the Weilerswist-Bruhl road, where nothing more was to be done. A good hunting run of an hour and eight minutes on a cold, spring afternoon, put all in the best of spirits. J.A.C.M.

1st M.G.C. Inter-Company Football "D" beat "A" in Final Tie.

The first half of this match at Flertzheim, on Sunday, was fast and interesting. "D" Company had slightly the better of the game, and Scott scored their first goal with a fast drive. Prior to the interval, "D" Company had the misfortune to lose one of their players who took no further part in the game. Nevertheless, in the second half they maintained the upper hand, and Molloy eventually rushed through another goal. Result: "D" Coy., 2; "A" Coy., 0.

SÉANCE AT SOLINGEN.

Prof. Alfred Capper gave one of his fascinating séances at Solingen, and, as usual, the crowded audience was completely mystified. Rumour hath it in the 50th Bde. R.F.A., that Prof. Capper is not in the running when it comes to the location of Venus pencils and new magazines.

To the Editor of the *Cologne Post.*

Sir, — May I suggest the publication of a dictionary explaining the origin and meaning of all the words of the new language, that is, Army parlance?

LEARNER.

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COLOGNE POSTS EVERY WEEK

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YOUR PAPER.

In these days the appearance of a new daily newspaper calls for some explanation, involving the why and the wherefore of its birth. At Home surrounded by the best and "straightest" Press in the world, the public reasonably exclaim "but why another?", and at Home the answer is not easy. With us the matter is different. *The Cologne Post* has been an obvious necessity from the moment we first set foot on enemy ground. Those who were in the vanguard found themselves amid utterly foreign surroundings not merely "foreign" in the sense that they were not British — for we had become accustomed to France, Belgium and other "furrin parts" — but foreign in atmosphere and psychology. Our aim, then, is to make those who are here, and those who are yet to come, feel more at home. What better way than by having a newspaper printed in English and giving British news, an institution characteristic of practically every home in the British Isles.

We fully recognise that our great dailies have done their best to supply the want; but, despite the marvellous organization of the Army Postal Service, the bringing of material to a country so far from Home, by a transport that is not yet ideal, has proved a great handicap. *The Cologne Post*, by getting its news over the wires and through the ether hopes to evade this handicap.

The existence of the invincible *"esprit de corps" — esprit d'armée* — which has meant, and means, so much to our army life, provides another reason for the birth of our Newspaper. We must have news from Home. As Britishers, we need to know, exactly and speedily, what the world is doing; but beyond these, we want to know what is going on in the other parts of the Army of the Rhine. From St. Vith to Opladen, from the frontline to Aachen, news travels very slowly; yet pals who were with us in the Salient, who fought alongside us at Dammery, are playing games, doing stunts and all that makes up our present-day army life, and we want to know something about it. This is to be a special feature of *The Cologne Post*, a feature which can be provided by no other paper. One saw "The Chequers" at Roubaix, and wishes, naturally, to see them again; yet one might be at some outlying village and easily remain ignorant of the fact that they were giving their most excellent show at the "Deutsches Theatre". Your morning paper will tell you all this kind of thing. Being in a more serious frame of mind, you want to know what lectures are on in Bonn or Cologne, or what is being done at the Army College. Look in *The Cologne Post* — its function is to tell you. And so on with the thousand and one other things — sports, amusements, acquisition of knowledge, what to see, where and when to see it and what it will cost you, what is to-day's value of "eine mark". These will be published daily, "straight from the horse's mouth", in *The Cologne Post.*

If the paper fails to publish what you want to know, write and demand an answer; for it is your paper, and its duty is to give you what you want — except perhaps such things as, say, demobilization.

One great disappointment we sustained when it became palpable that we could not fulfil our original intention of reproducing photographs daily. We had hoped to illustrate each day all the local races, footer matches, boxing shows, army stunts etc., but the German printing machinery available, working at fast, newspaper rate, is not yet up to it This was a great blow, but if we receive sufficient support and encouragement in the matter, we hope soon to be publishing a supplement, at least once a week, in wich pictures will be the news-bearers. This idea is altogether *en l'air* at present and would cost money, although it is suggested that such a supplement should be sold separately at its own price. For the present, we can only do line drawings, but with many excellent artists in the Rhine Army we hope that the supply of cartoons, etc., will not be stinted. If you see a funny incident, or imagine one, draw it and let the other fellows enjoy it as much as you have done. In cases where difficulty may occur in obtaining suitabte ink, etc., we will always do our best to supply such materials.

As regards our other features, we hope in the "magazine" page (p. 2) to have much that will interest and amuse, the lighter matter acting as an antidote to the Editorials. In our "Letter-Box" column we are always quite ready, within the limits of our space to insert any comment, any "grouse", any opinion, so long as it is understood we take no responsibility for it, or that it does not blatantly transgress the soldier's multilogue, K. R.

For local news we have organized an enthusiastic corps of experts and amateurs such as should keep us all in touch with every tittle of news of general interest throughout the entire Army. If you should happen to find that there is a gap, fill it!

To summarise. The sole aim of *The Cologne Post* is to prove to every reader that it is *his* paper, to prove itself a necessity in his life. The latest news from Home and elsewhere; local news gleaned from every corner of the occupied area; good reliable sporting news; the facts about education and other amusements; occasional notes on matters of general interest which appear in the several Army publications; correspondence, intercommunication between persons, units and formations; articles on the arts and sciences; etc., etc., are all receiving special attention, and if *The Cologne Post* fails to deliver the goods — help it. Only by the co-operation of all can such a journal, a daily newspaper, hope to thrive. The address of the paper is imprinted above, and if you have any suggestions to make, any assistance to give, any complaints to air, write to the Editor — or come and see him, he is unarmed. Constructive criticism is frequently almost as useful as actual labour, and only by receiving such criticism, in addition to the labour, can we hope fully to maintain our right to call *The Cologne Post* Your paper.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PELMAN INSTITUTE

My dear "Pelman",

I venture upon a letter. The last of a correspondence *si intime.* Perhaps Lord Chesterfield's son felt as I do, when his famous epistles ceased and he crossed swords with the world — armed with paternal wisdom.

You ask *me* — who have bared my naked soul to you — what have been your most helpful features? I don't hesitate: — Your cheery optimism: the danger-signal you hoist at the word "Drift". May I bore you to tears with a little human document?

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One August morning in 1914 "Boot and Saddle" sounded. I gave up everything and was soon across the Channel. Mid-1915 saw me back in England in hospital for six months. From then on — Home Service!

Do you know what "H. S." means to keen soldiers? It means breaking their spirits. Depression, insomnia and all the salt of life damped. In good time self-worry and pessimism opened the door to the old trouble and the hospital ward. "Drift" again.

Then you came, my friend, when there seemed little hope and less desire to begin life afresh at 50. Lesson 1, I bucked up, for there was a bright little message in grey. Lesson 2, self analysis and the meaning of "drift". Lesson 3, I was an optimist. The clock began going backwards. I wrote cheery letters to old business friends I had neglected. I was no longer, it would seem, a dull dog. People called and dicussed future possibilities. So the Course ran through.

Behold me full of courage, sincerity, enthusiasm, and with a definite purpose. Others perceive it. I know that by their faces. You have demonstrated rare qualities and pointed out the way to add a pretty conceit to personality. I thank you. As to "Drift" — the very word has been hounded forth, as R.L.S. would say, with all the circumstance of contumely. It is "napoo", as my batman has it.

Unlike the Spaniard who asks himself — "Shall I be as brave to-morrow as I am to-day?" I say: — "My friend Pelman says — 'You *can* be'. I shall be."

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Queen of Roumania, who has been spending a busy fortnight in England returned to Paris on Saturday. Among other English institutions visited by the popular Queen, were the Red Triangle Huts of the Y. M. C. A., for the work of which she proffered the highest praise.

In the Belgian Chamber, on Friday last, the question of reparation for Hun barbarities was debated. Among other things, the Official Reporter said that about 125,000 men had been deported by the German military authorities, 6,000 civilians had died from the effects of German barbarities, while the number of war orphans amounted to nearly 7,000. He estimated the claimable indemnity at about 900,000,000 francs.

Louis Raemaeker's daughter has evidently inherited her talented father's gift for drawing. At the Bath High School speech day on Friday last she was presented with a diploma for passing, with distinction, the drawing examination of the Art Advising Board.

A *Daily Graphic* correspondent at Berne reports that news from an authoritative source shows the malign methods followed by the Bolshevist leaders to maintain national conflicts. At a conference of the Inner Council of the Central Russian Soviet, which met at Moscow at the end of 1918 and included Lenin, Trotzky, Radek, Tchitcherin, Jonkovsky and Rokovsky, certain elaborate programmes were drawn up for the use and guidance of Bolshevist agents in other European countries.

DEGREES OF MERIT.

It is merely a platitude to say that there are many officers and men in the Army who are deserving of rewards but have received none. Orders and crosses and mentions and things of that sort cannot be tossed broadcast to the crowd, though that, apparently, has been tried once or twice; still, that is no reason why good work should go unrecognised. Why not, therefore, award honorary degrees? I for one should be delighted to read in "The Times", —

Pte. T. R. Smith was yesterday made a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society for topographical research in the Hell Fire Corner and Polygon Wood sectors. Mr. Smith read a remarkable paper on the numerous waterholes to be found in this area. Their persistency and uniform shape led him to the conclusion that they belonged to the Second Iron Age, and that the Ancients played a game known as "barrage" or "strafe", in which they flung pieces of metal at each other. This was confirmed by the constant discovery of small empty metal boxes, inscribed "fray bentos" (meaning, well-fought), from which arises the more modern term, "bully".

2nd Lt. B. R. Asshat received at Oxford, yesterday, the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. He is acknowledged to be an expert in the bumphile side of military procedure, and achieved a *cause célèbre* in the famous "Amendments to Trench Stores, (Eighty Minutes)", which caused the retirement of more than one Corps Commander. He is the author of that well-known *jeu d'esprit*, "For information and necessary action, please".

Cpl. L. E. D. Swinger was the happy recipient at Sheffield, yesterday, of the honorary degree of Doctor of Medicine. His knowledge of the symptoms of every disease in the Army is unique. In his indefatigable research work he, throughout the fighting, subjected himself to every military ailment from silent indigestion to shell shock, and his name became a byword in the medical services. He never spared himself, whether in the humble task of testing the quality of the rum ration of his less fortunate comrades, or in leading the way into the depths of the deepest dugout.

C. S. M. F. Allin was made a Fellow of the Literary Society at Belfast on the 21st. Mr. F. Allin's unique additions to the vocabulary of our mother tongue have come to stay, and in the art of personal description he has no equal. His latest book, "The Carry On", will command the attention of all and sundry.

Col. Binan Jittars, D. S. O., M. C., has just been made a member of the Royal Academy. His famous design of "The Leave Warrant", is well known and very popular throughout the Forces. While it is perhaps a little too rigid in some particulars, the wealth of detail is marvellous. There is an increasing demand for copies with which the publishers seem unable to cope. It is the one souvenir that every soldier, be he officer or other rank, invariably takes home.

S. R. D.

Two Germans who were prominent London society men in pre-war days, Count Metternich and Count Nettlebladt, and Baron Von Plessen, formerly an undergraduate at Oxford, have been repatriated. All three were interned in England and last year figured in a sensational attempt to escape.

The Paris Chamber of Deputies, at the and of an all-night sitting, rejected by 362 votes to 131 the motion of the Socialist Deputy Renaudel for a reduction of the military credits, which called for 350 million francs for the second quarter of this year. Rejection of the motion is equivalent to a vote of confidence in the Government.

Herr Erzberger has been specially sent by the German Government to negotiate at Spa with Marshall Foch about the question of landing Polish troops at Danzig.

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The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views given.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication.

The Editor's Letter Box.

OPERA HOUSE TROUBLES.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir, — Will you please allow me a little of your space to draw attention to a matter which in my opinion is important. I refer to the behaviour of our troops, particularly the officers, at the Cologne Opera House.

I do not know whether the majority go because they like the Opera, or because it is the thing to do, but a large number seem to have very little idea of how to behave in such a place.

I have been to the Opera three times, and each time the performance has been greatly disturbed by officers coming in late. This necessitates a large amount of talking, striking matches, etc., before the seats are found, and they invariably have to pass in front of other people which spoils their enjoyment of the music. Surely it is not too much to ask that officers should be punctual in such a case.

Again at the end of the Opera, during the finale, which is often one of the most enjoyable parts of the performance, a number of officers always get up and make for the door so as to get out before the rush. Apparently, the reason for this is the difficulty of getting a meal at the E. F. C. if one is late, but even that does not excuse anyone for disturbing the enjoyment of a large number of people. Anyone who really enjoys the Opera for its own sake will put up with a good deal of inconvenience in the way of hurried meals, etc., rather than miss any part of the performance. In my battalion we have arranged to leave a cold supper for any who go to the Opera, and we have to fast till we get back here to Bonn, usually at 10 p. m. But it is worth it, and we don't mind. For anyone who does not appreciate the Opera, and is unwilling to inconvenience himself a little, the remedy is obvious. Tickets are not forced on anyone, and there is seldom any difficulty in finding applicants.

Another view of the matter is that it lets us down very badly in the eyes of the Germans, who whatever else they may or may not be, are a musical people, and know how to behave at the Opera, which is more, apparently, than a large number of Englishmen know.

I hope this letter may draw their attention to the matter. It is in many cases only thoughtlessness, and once they realize that they are spoiling other people's pleasure, as well as giving the whole army, and Englishmen in general, a bad name, they will act more reasonably.

G. L. S., Major.

DON'TS FOR OPERA-GOERS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir, — As you no doubt intend that your paper should be of educational value as well as of interest, I forward to you the attached „Donts for Opera-Goers" for the benefit of all concerned.

1. Don't, if you're late, think you're unlucky to miss the Overture. It's the people you disturb who are unlucky.
2. Don't, if you're late, argue about seats.
3. Don't be late.
4. Don't go to the Opera if you want to talk. There are plenty of cafes in the town, not to mention the Officers' Club.
5. Don't go to the Opera if you have a bad cough. Go to H--ospital.
6. Don't pretend to be polite when you offer the other fellow the front seat in the box. The back seats are much more comfortable, and most people know it.
7. Don't applaud until the Orchestra has quite finished.
8. Don't wait until the Opera has commenced, before you read "Comic Cuts." Match-striking during the performance annoys the rest of the audience.
9. Don't accompany the Orchestra.
10. Don't forget that the performance is given for the enjoyment of everyone, not for your especial benefit.

J. D. G.

Answers to Correspondents.

[*The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Questions on any subject whatever are invited and will be answered as promptly and as authentically as is possible. — Ed.*]

Footballer. — The final for the Soccer Cup in 1915 was played between Sheffield United and Chelsea, and the former won by 3—0. The last time that Manchester United won the cup was in 1909, when they beat Bristol City, 1—0.

Oxonian. — There has been no Inter-University Boat Race since 1914, and in that year Cambridge finished with a lead of 4½ lengths.

A. E. — The Society for the Abolition of Capital Punishment has its headquarters at 19, Buckingham St., W. C.

T. P B. — The present Secretary of State for war is the Rt. Hon. Viscount Milner, G. C. B., G. C. M. G.

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COAL COMMISSIONERS CEASE AND MINERS START WORK

ARMY OF OCCUPATION COST

WINSTON CHURCHILL'S FINE SPEECH.

Speaking in support of the final reading of the Military (Service) Bill in the House of Commons yesterday, the Secretary of State for War, the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, said that the cost of the Army of Occupation for 1919 was estimated at £ 133,000,000 (one hundred and thirty three million pounds) after deducting twenty millions recoverable from Germany.

The amount recoverable by the salvage of material etc. was expected to be two or three times as much as the cost of the Army of Occupation for the current year.

"From the White Sea to the Caspian," said the Minister there is a smouldering corridor of flame and little water." We are in direct peril and immediately we brought back our Armies we should be powerless to influence the course of events in Europe.

The presence of our troops in regions adjacent to Italy was due to the request of both parties in the lamentable differences between the Italians and Jugo-Slavs. They were there to prevent troubles between the population in places where troops of no other nation would be welcome. No troops anywhere engaged in a more merciful, beneficent task.

Referring to the criticism that the situation in Egypt was due to military government, Mr. Churchill remarked that whatever might be said of British soldiers and Generals, they were more in demand in every country of the world as law-givers and pacifiers than were the soldiers of any other country (Cheers).

As a matter of fact British rule in Egypt, under which that country has prospered so enormously, has never been military, but civilian. During time of war exceptional steps have been taken, but the country has been administered through the civilian authorities.

The Bill passed the third reading.

ONE-MAN BUSINESSES.

LIVING IN HOPE.

The one-man business disabilities of men ineligible for demobilisation was the subject of questions in the House of Commons yesterday.

Lt.-Col. Fred Hall (Dulwich) asked whether the Prime Minister is aware that a large number of men still held for service who are proprietors of one-man businesses have found it very diff.cult to retain their customers since the armistice. He asked if the Prime Minister would agree to such men being demobilised provided they are able to obtain from the Clerk to the local Tribunal Advisory Committee certificates to the effect that their release is advisable. Otherwise many such concerns will have to be closed in consequence of the increasing competition of large firms.

Mr. Guest regretted that the Regulations at present in force governing eligibility for demobilisation cannot be altered.

There may be instances of hardships but it is not desirable to make individual distinctions. Men who are eligible are being demobilised as rapidly as circumstances permit. As time passes, however, it may be possible to place a more liberal construction upon applications made on compassionate grounds.

COAL. COMMISSIONERS & MINERS.

It is understood that the Coal Commission will not meet again until after Whitsuntide or until the result of the miners ballot is made known. If the ballot is in favour of accepting the Sankey Report the Government will proceed with a Bill putting the recommendation of the Report into effect.

Immediately on re-assembling, the Commission will take evidence on the subject of Nationalisation of mines, pooling of wagons and improved methods of production.

The unauthorised strike of Derbyshire miners has been settled and the fifteen thousand men returned to work yesterday morning. All pits are now in full swing after five days, stoppage.

Five thousand miners in the Ashton-under-Lyne district resumed work, after expressing their disapproval of the Sankey Report by striking.

In the Rhondda Valley the eighteen thousand strikers returned to the pits and will continue work pending the result of the ballot.

The South Wales Miners Conference has rejected the Sankey award and by a majority of 66 has advised the miners to vote ajainst its acceptance by the Miners lederation.

"STARS AND STRIPES".

"Stars and Stripes" is the weekly official newspaper of the American Expeditionary Force — "by and for the Soldiers of the A.E.F." It is of the lively nature one would naturally expect and the greater part of it con be read without a special dictionary. The Journal is printed and published in Paris, at the price of 50 centimes, and while the news is primarily intended for the consumption of the A.E.F., members of other Expeditionary Forces will find that it is well worth perusal

IRISH MAGISTRATE MURDERED.

The Resident Magistrate for County Sligo died yesterday from wounds received on Saturday, when six shots were fired at him through the window of his residence.

EGYPTIAN DISCONTENT.

INQUIRY DEMANDED.

In the House of Commons yesterday the outbreaks in Egypt caused pressing demands to be put forward for an inquiry into the causes of the unrest.

Col. Wedgewood, D.S.O., (Newcastle-under-Lyne) asked what steps are being taken to send out a Commission to Egypt to inquire into the causes of recent rioting, and would such Commission be authorised to inquire into the treatment of Egyptian fellaheen, who enlisted for service, as well as into the causes of Moslem unrest.

Mr. Cecil Harmsworth in reply, said that the attention of the Government must for the present be concentrated on the restoration of law and order in Egypt. He was unable to state as yet whether the Commission of Inquiry would or would not be despatched to Egypt. At the same time he wished members clearly to understand that the Government intends to institute at the earliest possible moment an inquiry unto the causes of recent outbreaks.

Col. Wedgewood pressed for an inquiry within the next month.

Mr. Harmsworth said that it must be obvious to Col. Wedgewood that law and order must be restored before proceeding with anything else.

INDEMNITY INQUIRIES.

Major Claude Lowther (N. Cumberland) asked whether the Prime Minister could afford the House any information on the question of the indemnities and the capacity of enemy countries to pay them.

Mr. Bonar Law replied that he could not say when it would be possible to make any new statement on the matter.

Sir Kennedy Jones asked whether Mr. Bonar Law was aware that a statement had been published in Paris that the Allies have arrived at the amount of indemnity to be demanded.

Mr. Bonar Law said that even if the indemnity had been fixed it would be impossible to discuss these matters in advance. The Treaty could never be made if every part of it were first of all to be discussed in the House of Commons.

BOLSHEVISTS' BRITISH PRISONERS.

Replying to a question by Col. Sir Fred Hal the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Cecil Harmsworth) said that, some British subjects are understood to be at present imprisoned by the Russian Bolshevist Government.

The exact number is uncertain but is believed to be not very large.

The Bolshevist Government has been warned that the Bolshevist leaders will be held personally responsible for the maltreatment of any British prisoners in their hands.

Mr. Tchicherin denies that prisoners are being in any way ill-treated by the Bolshevist Government.

AUSTRIAN "HELP YOURSELF" SOCIETY.

EVERY MAN HIS OWN PAYMASTER.

Wages are soaring in Buda Pesth. The daily pay of labourers has been fixed at thirty crowns (about twenty-five shillings); women workers get twenty-five crowns and children twenty.

Thousands of lawyers, merchants and officials are applying for work as labourers.

Memorial tablets to the officers and men who gave their lives in the attack on Zeebrugge were unveiled yesterday on the Wallasey ferry steamers Royal Iris and Royal Daffodil by Admiral Sir David Beatty.

Postal packets of all kinds, except parcels and insured letters, can now be accepted for transmission from England to all parts of occupied territory. They are, of course, subject to censorship.

Admiral Sims had a great send-off at Waterloo station yesterday. In a little speech of farewell he said he was both sorry and glad to go, but of course he hoped to come back to England and bring his family along. A large number of Americans wanted to come to Europe to look at some of the results of the great war.

As examples of the insidious methods advocated by Bolshevists we quote the following. Cabinet Ministers and political leaders are to be compromised, by any means whatever, and to be assassinated. International conflicts are to be fomented, one method suggested being that of assassinating their mutual representatives; strikes are to be organised; machinery and factories are to be broken up or set on fire; steps are to be taken to destroy communications by blowing up railway bridges and tunnels; food is to be prevented from reaching large communities in order that economical and political panic may be started; and so on *ad nauseam*. No more diabolical or complete programme for the promotion of world disaster could have been planned and the world will heave a sigh of relief to learn of Bolshevist defeats in several theatres of war.

COURT MARTIAL PROCEDURE.

COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY.

The Rules and Regulations governing the procedure of Courts Martial, both in peace and wartime, are to be inquired into by a Special Committee, which will make recommendations thereon.

In the House of Commons yesterday the composition of the Committee was announced.

Mr. Justice Darling is the Clairman and the following, among others, will be members: — General Earl Cavan, Mr. Horatio Bottomley, Lord Hugh Cecil, Col. Christopher Lowther, Mr. Stephen Walsh (Labourite), Major-Gen. Childs, (Deputy Adjutant General), Sir Felix Cassel (Judge Advocate General), Major-Gen. Mellor (Deputy Judge Advocate General.)

AMERICA CUP CHALLENGE.

Being interviewed immediately on his arrival at New York on Saturday, Sir T. J. Lipton, Bt., who had crossed to America to inspect Shamrock IV, said he was not disappointed that his challenge had been refused. The delay was not to his disadvantage owing to the present scarcity of good crews in England.

EASTER EGGS ARE SAFE.

Restrictions at present in force affecting the sale of chocolate and other ingredients for the manufacture of Easter Eggs., etc, will be temporarily suspended from the 8th to the 23rd April. No hoarding, please.

LIVERPOOL WAREHOUSE COLLAPSES.

A large warehouse near the Liverpool landing stage, used for war purposes, collapsed suddenly yesterday. Without the slightest warning the seven floors fell in consecutively, leaving only the outer walls standing. The warehouse was stocked with oilseed. It is feared that ten or a dozen men are buried in the ruins.

WHAT WILL YOU DO IN THE NEXT WAR?

Admiral Sir David Beatty was asked by a representative of the *Liverpool Echo* what he considered were the odds against Jutland proving to be the last naval battle in history.

"1000 to 1 against" replied Beatty, speaking of course as a Sportsman and not in an official capacity.

STRIKE AT STUTTGART.

A telegram to the *Kölnische Volkszeitung* announces that a General strike at Stuttgart took effect today. The strikers are demanding the liberation of political prisoners; suspension of martial law; re-instatement of the January strikers and immediate new elections for the Workmen & Soldiers Councils on a revolutionary basis.

The tram service is stopped and telephonic communication ceased this morning over a radius of fifty miles.

AMERICA AND JAPAN.

Answering an interpellation in the House of Representatives, Tokio, General Tanaka, War Minister, said that the alleged American refusal to co-operate in the fighling near Blagovestehens was untrue.

Askea if such refusal was not tantamount to insubordination to Gen. Oti, the Commander in Chief of the Allied troops, Gen. Tanaka replied that Oti's Command was only effective when consonant with the principles of American National Policy.

Most likely the difference was due to the fact that Japanese and American conceptions of the Bolsheviks were not identical.

TO UNIT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COLOGNE POST.

POSTAL SERVICES.

Owing to the intricacies of the German post-office and railway arrangements there seems to have occurred in one or two cases a slight hitch in the delivery of the paper by railway. The German Post-office apparently looks upon the delivery of newspapers as its own particular function, and papers may only be sent by rail by permission of the Post-office authorities, who also make a special charge on the railway for each packet sent. We would suggest to those units who have found the railway delivery system at fault that they should ask us either to send the papers through the A.P.O. or, in cases where they are near our office, arrange to collect them from here (37 Marzellen-Strasse) at 7.30 each morning. If sent by A.P.O. the papers arrive with the unit's mail each day.

It appears that unless the bundle of papers is enquired for immediately at the station it is treated as Post-office property and is forthwith handed over to the local Postamt. In cases where the station-master produces no bundle, enquiries should be made at the local Post-office.

Strikes in Spain are nearly over. The workmen at Valencia, Corunna, Alicante, Huelva and Barcelona have resumed work.

The Admiralty Prize Court yesterday condemned cargoes of copper, nickel and grain valued at two hundred thousand pounds sterling. These cargoes were consigned from America to prominent people in Sweden, including a Swedish ex-Minister and the Rumanian Consul-General, but were really intended for naturalised Germans, who were buying on behalf of Austria.

"DOMINION DAY".

OVERSEAS HOSPITALITY FUND INTENTIONS.

When the great procession of fighting men from all parts of the Empire beyond the seas passes through London the Overseas Hospitality Fund intends to give a 'high' tea, concert and dance to one thousand men selected from overseas troops. The Fund also hopes, with the concurrence of the authorities, to find a good place from which to view the procession for every man not actually taking part.

In addition to this programme the officials wish to entertain every overseas soldier, who is anxious to spend his leave in London but is not otherwise provided for.

MEMORIAL AT BRUGES.

On the initiative of the City of Bruges and under the auspices of the Anglo-Belgian union it is proposed to erect at Zeebrugge a memorial to the Dover Patrol. Bruges is providing the site; within thirty yards of the actual spot where the intrepid Iphigenia was sunk. Its elevation will render it visible from far out at sea. Competition for the design of the memorial is open to all Architects and Sculptors, British and Belgian.

TO "BEER" OR NOT TO "BEER".

The High Commissioner of New Zealand is making arrangements for men of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in all camps and depots in Great Britain to record their votes in the Licensing Poll which will be taken on the 10th April on the question of immediate prohibition. A bare majority will decide the issue.

St. Albans, which subscribed over half a million sterling to the War Funds, has been offered a tank in recognition of its patriotic services.

M.P's TO VISIT GERMANY.

The Government is arranging for a party of Members of Parliament to visit Germany in order to study the conditions. After consideration of the terms and objects of the projected tour the Parliamentary Labour Party declined the invitation.

GOOD FOR THE R.A.S.C., M.T

The Government of the Women's Legion at Head Quarters to discuss the question of replacing R.A.S.C. motor drivers on Lines of Communications by women. This will release men motor drivers for civilian occupation.

FLYING THE ATLANTIC.

DATE OF FIRST ATTEMPT FIXED.

Major Hawkes and Mr. Grieve have arrived at St. Johns, Newfoundland with the Sopwith aeroplane which they will attempt to fly to England.

Weather permitting, they propose to start on their transatlantic journey on the 16th April, when the full moon will reduce the number of hours of darkness to seven. They estimate that the distance can be covered in nineteen hours.

The New-York Navy Department's attempt has been fixed for the first clear day in May. Their 'planes will probably carry a crew of five.

A SOLDIER-SPORTSMAN'S WILL.

The will of Captain Percy Richard Oliver Trench, of Clonodfoy, Kilmallock, co. Limerick (killed in Mesopotamia), son of the Hon. William Crosby Trench and nephew of Lord Ashtown, took the form of a letter to his mother and father.

It contained the following passage: "A small cross be erected in a place chosen by you in the Young Wood above the house, and wired in, and flowers, daffodils and snowdrops, planted around. This not to stop the hounds entering wood. Also, at the first cub hunt, yearly, they should be collected around the site. I also bequeath £50 to the funds of the Black and Tans, and the rest I wish formed into a fund to help the villages round.

These are my wishes, and I know they will be carried out."

General Sir Julian Byng intends retiring from the Active List.

Last year the London County Council tramways yielded a profit of £803,454 sterling.

The Directors of the International Horse Show announce that it will be impossible to hold the Show this summer.

Maj.-Gen. E. R. Courtenay has died in consequence of a paralytic seizure. The deaths are also announced of Maj.-Gen. Sir J.H.R. Drummond and Brig. Gen. H. J. Foster. The latter died in New South Wales.

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Asquith and Prince Antoine Bibesco will take place at Westminster on April 29th.

Prince Henry, third son of H. M. King George V and Queen Mary, reached the age of nineteen on the 31st. March. He will probably go into the Guards.

A new aerial record was set up for the London to Paris journey yesterday, an all-British machine completing the distance in eighty minutes.

At a meeting of the Dutch Society of International Law held at the Hague, the opinion was expressed that the participation of Holland in the League of Nations was desirable.

Thanks for hearty good wishes from *The Evening News*, London of March 31st.,

"Today we welcome into the ranks of English Journalism *The Cologne Post*, our Rhine Army's daily paper."

Included in the messages of welcome to *The Daily Herald* was one from the German Socialist Bernstein.

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM.

CRYSTAL PALACE SUGGESTED.

Relics of absorbing interest are being continually received for the Imperial War Museum but very great difficulty is being experienced in the search for a large enough building in London suitable for housing the collection, which is assuming enormous proportions.

The size of the building necessitated can be imagined from some of the relics which will find a place therein, such as tanks and aircraft, and models of all our historic battleships. Already five tanks have been conserved, including "Mother" and "Little Willie", the first tanks constructed. Models of airships, are being made to a scale of 1-10 th., so that a model Zepplin will be sixty feet long. Battleships will be constructed on the scale of one eighth of an inch to a foot but smaller vessels at one fourth of an inch.

The White City and Earl's Court have both been suggested as suitable sites but opinion is more in favour of the Crystal Palace.

There is a strong feeling throughout the country, however, in favour of building a worthy museum on a suitable site in order to house the collection, which exceeds in human interest any collection ever brought together in the history of the world.

SOUTH AFRICAN STRIKERS BESIEGE TOWN HALL.

Johannesburg Town hall was on Saturday the scene of a violent demonstration by Socialists and strikers. An announcement was made that an open session would be held in the Council Chamber and an enormous crowd besieged the hall and forced their way into the building.

Great disorder prevailed. Red flags were waved and Socialist hymns lustily sung.

The Council hastily withdrew, subsequently receiving a deputation of the strike committee and trade federations.

RIOTING IN FRANKFORT.

Savage rioting and very extensive looting took place in Frankfort on the Main yesterday when the mob, gaining the upperhand, indulged in an orgy of unbridled licence.

The damage done cannot yet be estimated, but it certainly amounts to many millions of marks. The establishment of Schepeler's, provision dealers, was completely looted. Dozens of jeweller's shops were wrecked, typewriters and telephones stolen. The wine — cellars are in chaotic disorder. From Büschel and Baumgarten's stores ten tons of butter, five tons of edible fat and seventy thousand eggs, which should have been distributed as rations next week, were stolen.

During the day seven looters were shot and twenty others severely wounded, while the

The Pope has requested Lenin to order the Bolshevists to cease their savage persecutions of priests of the Orthodox Church.

The Hungarian Soviet Army is being rapidly organised under German officers of Mackensen's old army.

Germany's financial delegates will leave Spa for Pont St. Maxence. The negotiations will take place at Compiegne.

A British squadron of battle cruisers, including the Queen Elizabeth, accompanied by eight destroyers, will make an official visit to Cherbourg on the 22nd., 23rd. and 24th April. A Division of French cruisers will act as hosts.

Today is Women's Day in London. It is organised by Lady William Cecil and Lady Barran, to raise funds for the Y.W.C.A. Blue Triangle work. The problem of housing all the women who have to live away from home is particularly acute, the housing question being so difficult. For each of the thirty Y.W.C.A. hostels in London there is a waiting list of from thirty to forty girls.

The Allied Mission to Buda-Pesth, under Col. Vix., reached Belgrade on the 29th March. They were interned at Buda-Pesth until the moment of their departure. The members were openly insulted in the streets, their quarters were invaded by the Red Guards and they were subjected to every possible indignity.

The *Kölnische Zeitung* states that the German Government intends to proclaim martial law in the coal mining districts and to post troops in order to protect the pacific workmen against intimidation, terrorism and violence. The Minister of Economic Affairs announces that not a pound of food shall enter the strike area. "All for the people who work: Nothing for those who strike. There is *no other salvation* for Germany."

TO UNITS SUBSCRIBING TO "THE COLOGNE POST."

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The simplest method to all concerned, however, is to send GERMAN NOTES, but it must be understood that local notes, e.g. Stadt Cöln, cannot be accepted.

Will officers forwarding subscription please give RANK, NAME, UNIT and DIVISION in BLOCK LETTERS. If sent through the post, letters containing money must be registered and addressed to the Managing Editor, *The Cologne Post* A.P.O. S. 40.

It will greatly facilitate smooth working if the payment for the ensuing week's papers is made in advance.

On our first day's issue a very small proportion of the papers went astray or were late in delivery. This was caused by the fact that one distribution has to be worked through a German department which is quite unused to such a job. By the time this appears, we hope and believe that all minor difficulties will have been eliminated.

Gen. Sir. Ian Hamilton's refusal of the Northern Command does not indicate his unwillingness to accept any command. He felt that the Northern Command offered no interesting prospects and should be left to a younger man. He is open to accept a more tempting post.

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He was born April 23rd 1895; height about 4 ft. 10 ins. identity plate No. 1610.

Information from any source would be a great help to his family and would be greatly appreciated.

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OLD HAILEYBURIAN DINNER.

It is proposed to hold an "Old Haileyburian Dinner" about the end of April in Cologne. Any officers who wish to attend should communicate with Lt-Col. A. D. BAYLIFFE, Commandant, Army General and Commercial College, Hansa Ring, Cologne.

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MARCH 1918—19.

Twelve months ago Tommy was in the midst of it. To-day, well the extent of transformation that has been enacted would be difficult to express in words, only those of us who have actually experienced the worst with the better can to any certainty realise the change that has taken place. From the uninviting barbed wire of "No Man's Land," from the God forsaken waterlogged trenches, from the scream of shells and hiss of bullets, and from that dreaded fear that there might be no to-morrow, to the circumstances of to-day when one is even able to indulge in frolics, to view cities of the Rhine, at times to repose between actual sheets covered with the popular German eiderdown; but above all the thoughts of hostilities, so conspicuous by their absence, such differences to the utmost of possibility, justifies one in saying that words would fail to express the far-reaching replenishment of Tommy's mind nerves and body. Cologne is surged with khaki, from field rank to private, some on duty, some for the benefit of their education, whilst others intent on having a "high time," but there's not one of them, who at one time or other doesn't ask himself "Can only twelve months have passed since that fateful March of 1918 when the cause of right and justice reached it's climax?" Incredible though it seems, this change was wrought in a period barely exceeding four and a half months, from July 18th, when the English, French and American troops under the command of General Mangin commenced their forcing of the salient Soissons-Chateau Thierry-Rheims up till the entry of the British cavalry into Cologne at the beginning of December, and thus came about the renovation of Tommy's atmosphere from one of grim determination to the present victorious smile, and hardly a man, although he says he would not experience the same again, is wishing he had missed the noble part that he was called upon to play. Thousands of us are expecting to be demobilised, whilst thousands must remain to ensure that Tommy who gave his life and blood shall not have given it in vain. To those who are remaining, we would wish the best of luck and a speedy winding up of affairs, and to those about to be demobilised, a welcome home such as their noble services have so highly merited, and that their enterprises in the future so successfully develope that they contrast even as March 1918—19.

"THE CALL OF SPRING".

Come, let us sing!
Awake! Awake! the lark is on the wing,
Heralding the swift advance of Spring.
The flood-gates of the East are open wide
Where Sol, in his majesty doth ride.
Down in the verdant valley far below,
Zephyrs of the Spring-tide start to blow;
And where the pool doth languish in the sun,
Narcissus' resurrection has begun;
For it is Spring.

Have you heard it? Have you noted it? It is in every tree, every field and hedge. The bird of the air re-echoes it, and the reverberant hill takes up the cry and sends its message over miles of insurgent wood and wold. The softness of the air denotes it, the transient tints bespeak it, and the kaleidoscopic sky reflects it — the magic call of Spring.

Down in the valley, where the first flowers of Spring-time open their eyes to the call of Nature, Spring, with her busy fingers is interlacing green foliage, and gracing the waving branches with gems of scarlet and gold.

Alas! March is a treacherous month, and we must judge it as we know it, and not as it seems to be. Once again the blast of Winter, with its icy fang and scudding clouds of rain, will make one last and futile endeavour to blight the ripening land.

These precocious days of Spring are merely the forerunners — the emissaries of the South and West. And, whilst the Winter is fighting its last battle, crying at the doors and rattling the window-panes, let us make plans for the season still unborn.

Many of us will not be here to enjoy the Valley of the Rhine when it throws off its garb of Winter, and assumes a native jacket of scarlet and gold. But those of us who will be here, [illegible] to the fullest advantage, the sunny days to come.

Now Narcissus is showing his sun kissed head, and the football season is ending, the more active amongst us will be turning their thoughts to cricket and tennis. Yet, beyond these glorious pastimes, there opens out a big vista of hobbies and occupations which can be appropriately adopted during the warm months. Off-hand, I can name such time-honoured recreation as boating, swimming, fishing, cycling, picnicking, rambling, and numbers of more infinitesimal outdoor attractions.

Those who desire to participate in any of the aforementioned pursuits should take advantage of the few fine days in March, and search the countryside for walks, rivers, and suitable cycling roads.

In the vicinity of Siegburg there are many attractions for lovers of landscape and scenery. Here we have a good resemblance to Surrey's leafy lanes, Malvern's verdant hills, and Cornwall's ruggedness. Further on, and in close proximity, we find Troisdorf, Lohmar, Spich, and Siegtar. These might be termed large villages, and give a rural appearance to the vicinity. Between these places there are many delightful spots, little more than straggling streets, on a par with those delightful English hamlets to be seen in glorius Devon.

Between Siegburg and Troisdorf flows the river Agger, with many native beauties on either side. It is the natural division which separates Siegsburg from the smaller town. Here, it is possible to obtain good boating, fishing, and swimming. At this juncture, ramblers should leave the dusty road and follow the river's winding and twisting course towards Donrath.

No more alluring walk can be found in this neighbourhood, for one must perforce pass many brooklets as, gurgling over their stony beds, they bring music to the ear, adding brightness to the sky and lightness to the heart. W. N. R.

The Weimar Assembly has passed a Bill for the creation of a Provisional Navy. In pressing for the Bill the minister for war, Noske, said the Navy was required for the protection of food transports and fisheries!

The *Daily Chronicle* Paris correspondent states that the Serbian delegates to the Peace Conference have been notified by their Government that the Bulgars are mobilising on the Servian frontier. General Pechitch has been recalled and has started for Belgrade.

Roumanian troops have inflicted a crushing defeat on the Bolshevist forces in the Majaviluska region on the left bank of the river Dnester.

Overheard in a Trier mess tins. —

"Say, this war's going to help us married guys to save a lot of money."

"How's that? Didn't notice you were getting any more economical."

"No, but now when the miff asks me for coin to get a new pair of shoes, I can make her turn in the old ones first and make sure she is'nt spending it for the movies." — *Stars and Stripes.*

An American flyer at Coblenz recently, after several flights over the Rhine, suddenly made a swoop, headed directly for one of the lofty archways spanning the high structure above the pontoon bridge and sped cleanly through it. The clearance is reckoned at about 75 feet.

Fair Overseas Visitor: And, my dear, they're just the cleanest boys you ever saw. It must have been the day they sent their things to the laundry, for the mayor took us all over the barracks and there was'nt a sheet or pillow slip in sight anywhere! And not even a speck of linen in the mess hall. — *Stars and Stripes.*

THE MAN WHO DID — AND WHAT BECAME OF IT.

Chapter I.

Montague Bilson, late Captain and Adjutant of the 51st (grad) Westmoreland Light Infantry, sat in his private room at the offices of Berry & Bilson Ltd., the big jam manufacturers. He had now been demobilized from the army a month, and the time had come for him to enter upon his new duties as junior director of the jam concern. He had left the university three years before to join the army, and had little knowledge of business in civil life; much less did he know about the intricacies and subtleties of jam making. His father, however, proud of his son's rapid promotion in the Army, had given him the position of junior director of the business.

Bilson was then at the conceited age of twenty-four and like many another who has held temporarily the King's commission, he was, in Disraeli's memorable phrase, inclined to be "inebriated with the exuberance of his own verbosity". Six months as adjutant of a battalion had left its impression of army "red tape" upon him, and although, to his intense disappointment, he had never become a "Brass Hat", he was a devoted worshipper at the shrine of officialdom.

His impressions at the conclusion of his first day at business had not been exactly favourable. The daily routine, both in the office and in the works, struck him as most monotonous, after the ever-changing and fascinating life of the orderly room. He missed the form and ceremony to which he had been accustomed and no one clicked to a salute on his approach. He was no longer treated as a demigod by all who met him, and, like others of his rank, he preferred the deified life on the lofty heights of Olympus, enshrined with mystic glory, to a less assuming mortal existence on the plains below. This life at jam production, he was certain, would drive him mad with ennui and boredom within a month. He must alter it at all costs.

His proud father, ignorant of army clerical methods and their wonderful efficiency, thought that his son, having been successful as an Army clerical overseer, would be, in the natural order of things, just as successful as a business man in the commercial world. Somehow, unfortunately, civilians do not recognize the intrinsic value of Army methods, as is proved by the fact, for example, that considerable opposition would be raised by the shareholders of any bank, if one of the regimental paymasters should be nominated for the Managing Directorship. In spite of this unfortunate antipathy, shown by the world in general to War Office methods, young Bilson's father had such confidence in his son's powers, that he gave him from the first, absolute *carte-blanche* in the working of the business.

Suddenly a brilliant idea struck Bilson. He would make the business conform to the customs of his beloved army. With true military foresight, he failed to see the dangers of such an experiment, and, not realising the truth of the old adage that "fools step in where angels fear to tread", he marshalled his mental forces for an attack, with true British Spion Kop stupidity.

Having been adjutant of a graduated battalion of budding A IV youngsters, he was accustomed to making up his mind speedily to momentous decisions, such as whether boots should be dubbined or blacked; so Bilson rang the bell and asked for Mr. Jones, the Secretary "to report himself at the double". That gentleman entered, though not in the manner prescribed. Mr. Jones had been in the employ of the firm for over twenty years, and certainly had no intention of exercising the muscles of his legs with such agility as would detract from his habitual dignity. Mr. Bilson opened the conversation thus:

"Er — er — Mr. Jones — (pause) — er — I have decided that some radical change — ahem — must be made in the — er — working of this — er — business".

At this juncture, Mr. Jones showed distinct signs of apprehension, and indications were apparent of an approaching apoplectic fit. Rebellion was futile to such a man as Bilson, who could look back to the days when he had quelled a mutiny among the sanitary squad of his battalion, with great severity; so he continued inexorably.

"You will parade the entire — er — staff at twelve noon in the large work room; I will then — er — address them on my new scheme."

Mr. Jones was greatly abashed at this order, but the expression on the director's face showed him that no protest would be of avail. He therefore retired, with as much injured dignity as he could assume, to discuss this new extraordinary event with the lady typists.

Midday came, and Mr. Bilson, closely followed by Mr. Jones, entered the large workroom where the two hundred and fifty employees were assembled. A buzz of excitement prevailed in the room, and on the entrance of Mr. Bilson and his secretary, one audacious office boy, just demobilised, yelled out, "Orderly Officer, any complaints". Such humour seemed strangely out of place to Mr. Bilson, and he vaguely thought of putting the boy on an A. F. B252, and cursed the absence of such a wholesome remedy. Mr. Bilson, forgetting his was a civilian audience, blew his army whistle vigourously, only to hear shouts of, "Off side," instead of the solemn hush he had expected. Having, with much vocal energy, obtained a degree of quietness in the room, he told the employees of his new scheme, but, true to the best army traditions, so vaguely that few were much wiser at its conclusion.

After lunch, Mr. Bilson revealed more of his scheme to the sceptical secretary. He was just detailing an elaborate idea he had for issuing "orders" nightly when a tap came at the door. The head of the mixing dept. entered to report that two girls merited disciplinary action. That was Mr. Bilson's chance. As adjutant, he had never had the inestimable pleasure of doling out C. B. generously to miserable offenders, but now, in his own business he would conduct an imitation "Orderly Room" himself. There were, of course, difficulties to be faced; a burly R. S. M. with a raucous voice certainly impresses the culprits with the awe due to the occasion. Who could supply the vacancy made by the absence of that worthy official? Necessity is the mother of invention, and Mr. Bilson quickly came to the conclusion that the cheeky office-boy with the military knowledge could easily supply all the duties of the master of ceremonies, good-tempered "Reggie." That worthy having been found, another boy who boasted of many decorations in the Boy Scout's was detailed to act as escort. Meanwhile Mr. Bilson had written out a charge sheet on army lines, and had thrust it into the hands of the astonished Mr. Jones, at the same time prompting him as to the duties of an adjutant on such an occasion.

(To be continued.)

TO ALL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Editor wishes to emphasise the fact that any correspondence sent to him should bear name, rank, and unit of the sender. Also many sports and amusements contributions are being received which do not give any dates whatever. These are, naturally, useless, as all readers first of all wish to know when the occurrence, whatever it may be, happened.

Will contributors please bear this in mind.

THE REMINISCENCES OF RIFLEMAN RIX.

Pleasant as I find the walk from Hausendorf to Dorfenhaus by day, there is no inducement to journey up the lanes and across the fields from post to post by night. Thatched farms lie close under the wooded hills, sheltering their decaying framework from the chill winds; a dreary network of swollen streams and stagnant channels mark man's efforts to convert sodden marshes into green meadows.

Night falls, and saturates the countryside in damp blackness. A bleak wind flows along the valleys and pours over the hilltops. The wet mud freezes into miniature upland and ravine once more.

A natural dislike to going round the scattered posts in my sector of the Zone by myself led me to accept the offer of Rifleman Rix's company, especially as I had to take a rum jar. So we set out together, he carrying the rum, and I a small cup for convient measurement of same. It being a particularly inky night, we made several unnecessary excursions in the wrong direction, involving the difficult passage of streams and fences.

"I thought you knew the way, Rix," I said.

"My eyes ain't what they used to be, Sir," he replied, clutching at his jar as he disappeared into a ditch for the sixth time. He extricated himself from the quagmire amid a brilliant caruscation of oaths.

"Hurt yourself?"

"No, Sir. And I ain't spilled the rum."

"You'd better have your tot now," I said.

"That's better, Sir," he said, after an appreciative pause. "Reminds me of the night I got into the enemy lines at Magny Vichy in '16."

"Were you captured?" I asked.

"No, Sir, I wasn't; but a very important general was."

"I should like to hear the story," I said. We were trudging up the long lane that leads to Hausendorf.

"I'll tell you, Sir. You'll have to excuse me a bit, my teeth are chattering with the cold. Thank you, Sir. It does warm you up a bit, don't it. Here's the cup, Sir."

"We was in the line at Magny — Magny Vichy this was — in September '16. One night, about eleven, I'd been to post a sentry, — I was a Corporal at that time but owing to a difference of veracity between me and the Sergeant over a matter of rations, — however, that's nothing much to do with this story. Coming back, I got on top of the trench to take a short cut round a bit of a bend. Somehow I must have lost my way, for presently I found myself right up against the wall of a farm house. There was a chink of light showing through a blanket hung across the entrance to a cellar. I was making my way through the bricks and rubble when my heart seemed to stop beating. Bosch voices!

"I doubled round the back into an old shed. Feeling round in the dark I touched something cold and clammy. I could tell from his equipment it was not one of our lads. But alive or dead? Carefully I struck a match. . . . Dead!

"I've a natural revulsion to touching a dead man, Sir, but inside five minutes I'd got his clothes on, equipment and all, and my own buried under a heap of rubbidge. I began to breathe easier.

"It is on occasions such as these, Sir, that your Sexton Blake is more useful than your Shakespeare. I smeared blood from a cut I had restrained on my face, and tied my jaw round with a field dressing. I had barely depleted my toilet when I heard the reproaching hum of a motor car."

"In the front line?" I queried.

"I didn't know what part of the enemy line I was in. Natural queeriosity prompted me to see what was happening. And in the light of a flash lamp held by someone on the cellar steps, I saw two Staff Officers in grey uniform salute another ascending from the car. And there, not five yards from me, was the greatest general of the enemy forces."

"General von L . . . ?"

"For disciplinary reasons I defrain from mentioning his name, but you have intimicated to me, Sir, that you recognise my meaning. During the next half hour I rebated in my mind whether I should seize the importunity to shoot him and excape in the confusion, — but where? I did not know my way. The spirit of the bayonet was strong within me, but that devolved certain capture, and there was no need to risk my liberty as yet.

"Presently the party remerged from the cellar and called for a guide. I knew that this was my chance. I stepped up beside the shofer and off we drove. A couple of our whizbangs dropping near quickened things up a bit."

The rifleman's story was interrupted for several minutes, while I gave out rum to a sentry group.

"All the men had their rum, now, Sergeant?" I peered into the darkness.

"Yes, Sir, all ten."

"I gave out eleven tots, Sergeant."

"Only ten, Sir," Rix assured me. It was his word against mine, and I had my suspicions.

"As the car bumped down the lane," he continued, picking up the thread of his tale, "an idea came into my head. I had learnt a little astrology at school, and so was able to keep my eye on the North Star. We came to a fork road, and the driver hesitated. I pointed to the right. The bandages on my face luckily prevented me from speaking. Due south for a couple of kilos, then right again and we were going due east. Your knowledge of locography will doubtless tell you, Sir, what was in my mind."

"You meant to drive General von L . . . . right into our lines?"

"Sherlin Homes couldn't have grasped the plot quicker, Sir. I was wondering how I could circumaviate our own line without being fired on, when the driver pulls up, with a curse. There, right in front of us, was — — —"

"A British post!" I gasped in my excitement.

When Rix took up his tale again, his voice was sad.

"No, Sir. It was the very same fram we had started from. Then followed one of the worst out rages of the war. An intelligent N. C. O. of the British Army was, I regret to say, the recivient of an incubus in his netheral regions of the boot of a crimson Prussian, thereby conducing to my mind that my services as a guide were no longer acquired. When I recovered my 'state as quo' the car had gone.

"I need not explain to an officer of your debility the feelings of a morse, which arose in my breast when I realised that I had missed making a 'cup data', which would have ended the war three years ago. And I will not dwell on the details of my following an enemy ration party to the front line, and my surrender in the morning to our own gallant forces."

"But your Commanding Officer was glad to get the valuable information you were able to give him concerning the enemy's movements?"

"I think I mentioned before, an outstanding grievance between me and a certain Sergeant. Rather than produce my evidence before a Court Marshal, such as he pointedly intimidated, I decided to keep the account of what happened that night to myself."

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We had reached my billet. Rix handed me the jar.

"Good night, Rifleman." I said.

"Excuse me, Sir, you haven't forgotten—?

Thank you, Sir. Your cup, Sir. Good-night, Sir."

S. R. D.

THE ZEEBRUGGE EXPLOIT.

VIVID ACCOUNT BY PROF. SANDFORD TERRY, D.C.L., ABERDEEN.

The interesting lecture of which we print a summary below was delivered by Prof. Sandford Terry at the "Wasser Sports Club," now the Headquarters of the Rhine Fleet, on Sunday last.

This account of the remarkable Zeebrugge exploit is rendered especially noteworthy from the fact that it was delivered in German territory, on the Rhine.

Towards the end of December 1917 a plan for the blocking of the Belgian ports Ostend and Zeebrugge was presented by Admiral Keyes and the newly formed Plans Division, of which he was the first Director, and received the approval of the Board of Admiralty. To block the Zeebrugge section of the Bruges Ship Canal was its chief object. The concurrent closure of Ostend Harbour seemed necessary to complete the sealing up of the waterways radiating from Bruges. A subordinate, but important purpose was to inflict as much damage as possible on the harbour works of both ports. If successful, the operation promised to set back the enemy's submarine bases three hundred miles, which roughly is the distance from Zeebrugge to Emden, to seal up his torpedo craft at Bruges, to free the Dover Patrol for service in the wider anti-submarine campaign, and to relieve our military and economic communications of an intolerable menace.

Early in January 1918, Admiral Keyes proceeded to Dover, took over the command of the Patrol, and began to organise the forces required for a stupendous undertaking. To permit the blockships to approach their objectives a fog or smoke curtain needed to be discovered and, thanks to the inventive genius of Wing' Commander Frank Brock, the required material was found and provided a most effective curtain, without which the heavy batteries guarding the Belgian ports could not have been faced by the small craft which it was necessary to employ. Volunteers were invited from the Home Depots and the Grand Fleet, but the bulk of the force, which numbered over 17,000, was provided by the Dover Patrol. The ships engaged numbered about 150.

While it was requisite that the operation should be nicely timed to take advantage of high tide at the ports, and yet avoid being caught by morning light, it was equally imperative that the sea should be calm for the small craft. An on-shore wind was needed to carry the fog-screen in advance of the blockships. Absence of fog was essential. A fog would be beneficial. These desiderata postulated a concurrence of favourable conditions and on April 23, at a third attempt to execute the plan, they were not all present.

After detailing the preliminary moment of the expedition, the lecturer pointed out that the operations at Zeebrugge were complicated by the problem of the Mole, a huge structure 1½ miles long by 100 yards broad, used by the Germans as an air, supply, and destroyer base, and also extremely strongly fortified, especially at the seaward end, by a battery of three 5.9's and six guns of slightly less calibre on the lighthouse extension. A fortified zone some 150 yards distant from the Mole end added to the strength of a defensive system on which the Germans relied to make the entrance to the canal impregnable. Moreover, on land also, to a considerable distance on either side of the canal piers, heavy artillery and machine guns were in position. So far as art could make it so, the Zeebrugge system was as strongly protected against naval attack as the Dardanelles forts themselves.

Professor Terry pointed out that the prominence given to "Vindictive's" part in the operations at Zeebrugge on St. George's Day completely confused the real purpose and method of operations, whose preparative Staff work was as considerable and minute as that which the major land operations of the war demanded. The one purpose of the action was to close Zeebrugge Canal entrance by sinking between the piers three obsolete cruisers, "Thetis", "Intrepid", and "Iphigenia." Before they could approach their assigned positions it was necessary to put the batteries on the Mole out of action, and simultaneously to prevent their reinforcements from the shore across the Mole viaduct. The former task was assigned to the "Vindictive" and two attendant Liverpool ferry-boats "Iris II" and "Daffodil." Owing to the confusion and darkness the "Vindictive" berthed alongside the Mole at a point 400 yards distant from her assigned objective. Consequently she failed to fulfil completely the task entrusted to her. Otherwise, the fight on the Mole was strictly localised and not the roving engagement which the early press accounts represented it to be.

The submarine attack on the viaduct connecting the Mole with the shore was made with the completest success by C 3, commanded by Lt. R. D. Sandford. By means of slides the lecturer demonstrated this fine achievement, and the rescue of the submarine's crew by a frail picket-boat specially charged with the duty and commanded by the Lt. Sandford's brother.

The lecturer remarked that extraordinary faithfulness to a time programme was a feature of the operation. "Vindictive" berthed at 12.1 only one minute after her programme time. At 12.20 the viaduct went up, just 5 minutes before the moment fixed for the arrival of the blockships, which, now that the Mole defences were more or less silenced, could approach securely. In fact, while the 5.9's were silent during this critical stage of the operations, the Mole extension guns were still active and impeded, though they could not prevent, the passage of the blockships to the canal mouth. "Thetis," rounding the lighthouse at 12.25, came under their fire, but penetrated the net defences guarding the harbour. Her propellers were fouled and she began to settle down, but was manoeuvred into the dredged Caannel, where she sank. She had, however, cleared a way for her consorts and signalled to them a direct line into the canal mouth. "Intrepid" was taken in successfully and sank on the Western bank, but did not wholly block the passage. "Iphigenia" who followed, was handled with conspicuous cleverness and daring, sank herself at the named point of the canal, closed it, and sealed the success of the operations.

In conclusion, the lecturer referred to the rescue work acheived by the motor launches that followed the block ships into the canal. He asked his audience, when next they looked at the motor launches by the Hohenzollern Bridge, to reflect that a vessel of the same kind rescued and carried off no fewer than 101 men from under the jaws of the German Batteries on St. George's Day.

A French Admiral had described the operations directed by Sir Roger Keyes as, "The finest feat of arms in the naval history of all times and all countries." He (Prof. Terry) hoped that he had given them some foundation to support that appreciation.

Major-General Feilding, commanding the London District, speaking at a meeting in support of the 10th County of London Cadets, declared that the cadet movement and military training was something which tended to prevent militarism, as in the same way a strong police force was calculated to prevent crime.

WILDE DEFEATS LYNCH.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM AT THE N. S. C.

PRINCE OF WALES CONGRATULATES CONTESTANTS.

Unparalleled scenes were witnessed at the National Sporting Club on Monday night, when Jimmy Wilde, fly-weight champion, defeated Joe Lynch, the American Bantam-weight, in a fifteen round contest, on points.

The bout, which was for stakes and a purse totalling 2,400 was thrilling and hotly contested throughout.

Accommodation was at a premium, and although fabulous prices were offered for seats, many prominent people were among the large number of would-be patrons who failed to gain admission.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, in the uniform of the Grenadier Guards, accompanied by H.R.H. Prince Albert, who wore a Royal Air Force suit, arrived at 9.30 p.m. and were greeted with enthusiastic outbursts of applause.

THE FIGHT.

The contestants presented an admirable picture of fitness when they entered the ring for the first round at 9.45.

Throughout the contest, the fighting was keen, sportsmanlike and absolutely clean. Generous approbation—wherein—in the two young Princes were by no means the least enthusiastic — was forthcoming when Wilde slipped and dropped to his knees to be promptly assisted to the perpendicular by his opponent.

The first three rounds went in favour of Wilde, but thence, to the ninth round, Lynch, scored frequently. From time to time, the fortunes of the fight seemed to be at the feet of the gods, although it was generally apparent that Wilde was boxing well within — in his powers notwithstanding Lynch's advantage in height and reach and the skill readily to profit from any advantage offered.

The fourtheenth round showed the men to be some — what tired but still game, and the tension of the spectators was sufficient to restrain the applause.

Wilde managed to hold a bit in reserve for the final round, which was a fast and furious affair. In it Wilde crowned a splendid performance with a superb display.

PRINCE OF WALES VAULTS ROPES.

The announcement of the result provoked tremendous enthusiasm in the course of which the Prince of Wales vaulted through the ropes and shook hands with the boxers. He congratulated Wilde on his splendid performance and Lynch on the spirited way he fought. The Prince concluded with a tribute to the traditional Anglo-American friendship.

INTER THEATRE OF WAR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The selection of the Association football eleven to represent the B.E.F. in the Inter-Theatre of war Championships, to be held in England this month, has been left to Brigadier-General R. J. Kentish, the hon. secretary of the Army Football Association, Captain V. J. Woodward, the Chelsea International, and Lieutenant G. N. Foster, of Oxford University and Corinthians.

Among those who are taking part in the trials are Lance-Corporal Dorsett, of Manchester City, and Lance-Corporal Hodgkinson, of Blackburn Rovers (Internationals).

The following first-class footballers Lieut. A. Murdock, of Glasgow Rangers, Lieut. G. Higgins, of Queen's Park, Private G. Martin, of Fulham, Lance-Corporal D. W. McKenzie, of Barking, Gunner J. Woolley, of Notts County, Captain C. Bresnume, of Fulham, Private M. C. Woods, of West Bromwich Albion, Bombardier H. Bentley, of Sheffield Wednesday, H. S. Vickers, of Preston North End, Gunner A. W. Brookes, of Wolverhampton Wanderers, Gunner G. H. Douglas, of Leicester Fosse, Private Bradshaw, of Burnley, Sergeant Nichols, of Aston Villa, Gunner Botty, of Swindon, and Gunner Gillespie, of Sheffield United.

DEARER TENNIS.

ASSOCIATION FEES TO BE HIGHER.

After four years of practical inactivity, tennis enthusiasts in England are now beginning to make preparations for the coming summer, when there is likely to be just as big a boom in this as is apparent in respect of all other phases of sport.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association, held at the Cannon Street Hotel, London, yesterday afternoon, discussed the question of raising additional funds.

Lord Desborough, who presided, moved a resolution to the effect that the Association's fee for competitors in open meetings should be raised to a flat rate of two shillings. This was carried. The fee formerly was, for gentlemen, one shilling; and for ladies sixpence.

On the motion of Mr. Monckton, it was decided to raise from half a guinea to two guineas, the fee for permission to hold open meetings in the case of club and association meetings, and to five guineas for tournaments. Half of this will be returned if the application is refused.

In supporting the resolution, Lord Desborough stated that the high fee for tournament committees was to stop silly applications which he added, prevailed in horse-racing too.

FANCY DRESS BALL AT OLEF.

A successful fancy dress ball was held at the Dancing Hall, Olef, near Schlieden, by 20th. Co. Highland Divisional Train R.A.S.C. Female impersonations were requested, and the response was quite up to expectations. There were some very artistically attired "young ladies" and they added a pleasing blend of colour to the assembly.

After the dance had been in progress about an hour, and all entrants were present, those in fancy dress asked to take their respective partners and make a circular promenade to the accompaniment of the band, in order that the judges might make their awards for the best costumes.

Driver S. S. Smith, who was wearing a pink gauze dancing costume, with hat to match, was an easy first, while L Cpl. V. S. Wood and Driver H. R. Briggs secured the prize for the best couple. L.Cpl. Wood was immaculately attired in a morning suit and silk hat, and his partner was arranged wholly in white, the couple making a splendid representation of a wedding pair.

The prizes having been presented, the dancing was resumed, and the evening proved most enjoyable and successful in every way.

The Gloucestershire Football Association has passed the following resolution:—

"It having come to the notice of the Gloucestershire Football Association that organised efforts are being made to regularise the playing of football on Sundays, the council appeal to the Football Association to adhere rigidly to its former attitude to refuse to recognise Sunday football."

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

The Approach of Summer.

Announcements in the sporting newspapers remind us that summer is approaching, and that the football season is rapidly running its course. The advertising space allotted to such notices as "Nevergreen Park C.C. (weak medium) wants matches . . ." etc., is daily growing in length; many people apparently desire to buy or sell tennis raquets and croquet sets, and the offer for sale or hire of a house boat on the Thames is made known in the columns of a London newspaper. All these things are an indication that it is very nearly time we began to think of putting our football boots in our old — or new, if you happen to be on very friendly terms with the "quarter blokes" — kitbags for a few months for a well earned rest.

Snow as a Forerunner.

Those meteorological people, who so cheerfully undertake to forecast our climatic conditions, tell us that we are in for a warm time of it when we plunge well into the summer season.

The particular individual who is my informant supplies the added information that spring is but a very brief period in Germany and that the hot season comes along with extraordinary suddenness.

Consequently, I would warn you, patent readers, to waste no time in sending home "S.O.S." messages for the immediate dispatch of summer sporting gear. Unfortunately, as I write, snow is beginning to fall which ought to cause my weather prophet to keep well out of sight for a little while.

Difficulties of Summer Sport.

The lack of suitable grounds will undoubtedly cause Sports Officers of units a deal of anxiety in organising summer recreation here, in "Hunland". Certain spots in the occupied area are certainly fortunately situated in this respect — Cologne, Bonn and Euskirchen, for instance — but in the neighbourhood of the majority of stations, the problem of how to convert an undulating plowed field into a cricket pitch or tennis court will require prodigious brain efforts for its solution. However, tolerably good football grounds have been produced from what, at first sight, appeared to be impossible material since our arrival here in December (after our never-to-be-forgetten trek from France) and I have little doubt that with the aid of matting and (for tennis) properly treated sand, summer sports will not be neglected on the score of lack of accommodation.

Our Parting Friends.

It is a peculiar trait of human nature that we value things most after they are gone. This applies to friendship just as surely as it does to more tangible comodities. We are all realising this daily as the number of our "demob'd" comrades to whom we have become dearly attached during (in many cases) over four years of close companionship, grows more and more lengthy. Sad tales reach me at many odd moments during the day of seriously depleted football teams, but it should be remembered that there is some consolation in the knowledge that all teams are suffering similarly.

2nd Lt. J. R. Richards. — Maj. R. St. J. Richards.

The two 7th K. S. L. I. Officers caricatured above (now attached to the 1/7th. Bn. Cheshire Regt.) rendered great assistance to their original battalion in the course of a very successful "rugger" season, now concluded.

In pre-war days "J. R." played for Glamorgan County and was given a place in Welsh International trials, while the Major frequently assisted Marlborough to victory.

London Divisional Football.

Congratulations to the D.A.C. (S.A.A. Section) upon winning the C.R.A.'s medals in connection with the London Divisional Artillery competition. Their defeat of C/126 Brigade was well achieved and decisive, and as these two clubs were leading in the competition, the result of the match determined the winner. The S.A.A. Section will therefore receive the medals.

Prosperous "Bookies".

I ran across a very well known London bookmaker at one of the Divisional Race meetings recently. He had just returnd from leave in England and had many unkind things to say on the matter of his protracted demobilisation chiefly, I think, because he was prevented from "doing" the Lincoln and National. Speaking on the subject of racing, my "Bookie" friend said that the turf commission agents in England are transacting a tremendous amount of business — much more extensive, in the majority of cases than ever before the war. He prophesied that the coming flat racing season at home will attract a record amount of interest, both on and off the course.

R.G.A. C/51 Bde.

The fifth billiard tournament held amongst the billiard enthusiasts of the C/51 Bde. R.G.A. has reached its semi-final stage, the draw for which took place the other evening. The contests, which are held at "Waldschlosser" avoke great interest in the battery and the semi-finals and finals usually attract a good crowd.

THE RAMBLER.

AMATEUR BILLIARDS.

In the amateur billiards championship at Thurston's yesterday, Lieut. Crowneen, amateur champion for Scotland, beat New, by 1000 to 812.

Peall closed with his score at 1686 against Elphien whose score is 834. Among several clever threefigure breaks, Peall scored 113 and 180 with two visits to the table, while his opponent ran up a good break of 101.

FOOTBALL.

LONDON DIVISION ARTILLERY, C.R.A'S MEDALS.

D.A.C. (S.A.A. Section) C/126 Brigade.

The above teams, who were equal in points in the League Competition for the above medals, met at Porz.

The ground was in a bad condition and the climatic conditions were far from being conducive of good football.

The S.A.A. were without Buttleman and Garlick, whilst the Battery team were fully representative.

After a few minutes, play, the Battery centre forward sent in a long ground shot which completely beat the goalkeeper.

A strong attack on the Battery goal resulted in a melée in the goal-mouth from which the S.A.A. team equalized. There was now a spell of midfield play, the defence on both sides proving stronger than the attack.

A few minutes before the interval Mamby received the ball near the half — way line, and after a brilliant dash, sent in a ground shot which the goalkeeper saved. Not to be denied Mamby shot again from the rebound, and by a hard drive completely beat the goalkeeper, giving the D.A.C. the lead.

On crossing over, the S.A.A. teams, who were now playing downhill with the wind behind them, were constantly on the attack, and nearly scored on several occasions, and eventually added another goal to their score, from a magnificent long drive by Mamby which the goalkeeper reached but could not stop.

Result: D.A.C. 3. C. Battery 1.

RACING AT WARWICKSHIRE.

SUNSHINE SAVES THE SPRING MEETING.

It seemed almost a certainty, practically up to the time of racing, that on account of the snow-bound state of the course at Warwickshire, the Spring meeting, which commenced on Monday, would have to be abandoned. Shortly before the advertised time of starting, however, bright sunshine prevailed and made short work of "King Frost". Consequently, an exciting afternoon's sport was enjoyed by a large number of spectators. The first day's results were:

1st Race, All Clear, 9 to 4.
2nd Race, Navaho, filly, 4 to 1.
3rd Race, All Alone, 13 to 8 on.
4th Race, Path, 5 to 2 on.
5th Race, Cashmire, evens.
6th Race, Galciian, 5 to 2.

MORE OPLADEN ECHOES.

Apart from the question of demobilization, which is still the leading topic amongst the "demobilizibles," a matter that crops up frequently is the suggested granting of medals to all members of the Occupation Army in Germany. The hope is expressed that the Government, at present so harassed by the all-important Peace Conference and the threatened strikes, will not lose sight of this question which, it may be confidently assumed, meets with the warm approval of the people at home and abroad.

Last week the "Occupants" Concert Party gave their farewell entertainment at Schlebusch in the presence of a large and enthusiastic audience. The performers were in tip-top form, and a delightful concert was provided. What does the breaking up of this popular company of entertainers of the 6th. Brigdae portend?

It was announced last week that the "Prongs" Concert Party (4th Brigade) is to be resuscitated. It is hoped to bring together another strong combination of artistes.

MOUNTED PAPER CHASE.

The officers, N.C.O.s and men of "C". Battery, 51st. Brigade R.G.A. took part in a mounted paper chase on Saturday last. A good meet assembled and a selected course was taken. The hares represented by 2/Lt. Prescott and Sgt. Freeston started off at 2 pm. and led the hounds into several false tracks which, although keeping most of them at bay, did not prove sufficiently intricate for Bdr. Blenkinsop who came within sight of the hares a quarter of a mile from home, when an exciting chase took place, the hares eventually reaching their home only to seconds before the foremost hare.

AT THE DEUTSCHE THEATRE.

A HAPPY BAND OF "PILGRIMS".

On Monday a crowded audience at the Deutsche Theatre was delighted with the feast of good things laid before it by "The Pilgrims", the concert party of the 26th Royal Fusiliers. Throughout the evening, on all sides, could be heard ripples of laughter, caused by the humour of that trio of joyous pilgrims, G. Gass, 'Monty' Rose and S. Horace Shutt. Long ago, in his native land, the writer has on several occasions enjoyed the finished work of G. Gass, and it was a real pleasure to come once again under the spell of his wit and vivacity.

'Monty' Rose is capable of producing roars of laughter from the saddest audience, though there were few sad faces at the Deutsche Theatre. Dressed as a dear old maiden lady, he was "Longing for Someone to Love Him".

The leading lady "Pilgrim" (as presented by F. M. Mc. Coy) possesses coyness and daintiness which fairly charm one. No wonder G. Gass was eager to praise her charms in the Telephone duet. With the able aid of the merry "Monty", this young lady acquainted the audience with some important things which might happen "Some Sunday Morning". Very agreeable was the pleasant voice of Horace Shutt, and he sang "The Last Watch" extremely well. J. H. Smith and F. Pyke gave excellent help, and the spirited manner in which the happy party presented "Tally Ho" and the "Belle of the Bobbies" deserves nothing but praise. The show ended with a sketch entitled "Rum 'uns from Rome". 'Monty' Rose as Sam (otherwise Hercules) and Horace Shutt as Joe (otherwise Ajax) both succeded in tickling the fancy of the audience while the remainder of the Members performed their parts so everyone's satisfaction. In the earlier part of the evening, the popular band of the 26th Royal fusiliers gave some well known selections and Fgt. Leddington scored a hit with his concertina Solo.

A big double £1.000 programme will be provided at the Holborn Stadium, on Thursday, April 10, when Eugene Criqui and Tommy Noble, France and England's bantam-champions respectively, and Raymond Vittet v. Bob Murriott will be the chief attractions.

General Sir William Peyton, D. S. O., now commanding the cavalry of the Army of Occupation on the Rhine, will preside at the annual dinner of the 15th Hussars Old Comrades' Association, which will be held at Anderton's Hotel on May 10.

GOOD-BYE TO MAJOR DYDE, M C.

A/51 BRIGADE'S FITTING SEND-OFF.

The grim realities of war are past, but the hardships and privations experienced during the fighting period only tend to create, in most units, a closer sense of fellowship and good feeling among all ranks. At least such is the case in A 51 Brigade R.F.A. as evidenced by the large attendance at a concert held in the Kaisergarten, Merscheid, — a spacious hall converted into what is now a commodious billet — organised as a farewell gathering at which the popular O.C. of the Battery, Major W. F. Dyde, M.C., was made the recipient of a present voluntarily subscribed for by all ranks.

The duties of organising the event had been capably undertaken by 2 Lt. W. W. Brown, M.C., who, as entertainment officer of the Brigade, spares no pains to ensure the "boys" having a good time. He was well backed up by the officers, N.C.O.'s and men, for every one who possessed musical talent came to the fore, with the result that Friday evening's venture was one of the most successful in the annals of the Battery. Songs were contributed by Major Rickeard, the new O.C., Lt. E. Guy, 2 Lt. W. W. Brown, 2 Lt. W. T. Jenkins, Sgts. Ashton and Littler; while Spr. Cass, who has gained a sound reputation in the Brigade as a humorist, distinguished himself. Assistance was also given by four members of the "Ripples" concert party (Ptes. Bullinger, Wright, White and Lord).

During an interval in the musical programme, the presentation was made by Lt. Brown who, in a brief but fitting speech, referred to the remarkable fact that the casualties sustained by the Battery had been fewer than any in the division — a tribute to the sound judgment of the Battery Commander in selecting positions etc. The presentation was made amid enthusiastic cheering.

The presents consisted of a realistic pen-and ink drawing of the Battery going into action on the Ypres-Potinge road, by Sergt. White, M. M.; a handsome set of carvers; pair of ornamental candlesticks and an enlarged photograph of the Battery football team.

Major Dyde, who showed signs of emotion on rising to receive the gift, briefly reviewed the history of the Battery from the time of its landing in France in the early days of the war. Speaking in a reminiscent vein he alluded to numerous incidents, some humorous, some tragic, connected with the battles in which the division had taken part and spoke in warm terms of the gallantry of the gunners of the division and also the South African Brigade which distinguished itself when the enemy made its memorable attack of March 21st. The Major, in his resume, mentioned the stay at Mont-des-Cats and admitted that the harassing fire from that position gave the enemy a bad time. Then off they went to Ypres and after that kept going in the right direction. Upon the men who had recently joined the unit he wished to impress the fact that they had come to a Battery which possessed a history to be proud of. It had been said by an individual of high standing that the feature of the last advance was the manner in which the 9th Div. Artillery had acquitted itself; and he (Major Dyde) took that opportunity of thanking the men for their gallantry and the manner in which they had stood by him through hard times. He had to say "Good Bye" but did so with a heavy heart, as the past 12 months with "A" Battery had been the happiest time during the whole of his military career (applause).

The singing of "For he's a Jolly Good Fellow" and three lusty cheers for Major Dyde, who left on the following day for demobilisation, brought a pleasant evening to a close.

52nd RIFLE BDE.

One day last week a game of Rugby took place at Worringen between teams representing the 2nd. M. G. Battn. and a scratch team from the 52nd Batt. Rifle Brigade. As was to be expected, the Gunners won by 15 points to three, after a really good game, notwithstanding that the R.B.'s had never attempted Rugby before.

The 52nd R.B. are as "sporty" a Battalion as one could wish, when they get going. They are now settling down to solid training, and already have commenced work on a sports programme, which it is hoped to bring to fruition in the near future. Colonel Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O., Major Stoppord, M.C., Second in Command, and Captain Hawkins, MC., Adjt. encourage their men by taking part in the game themselves, whilst Colonel Tyte and Lieut. Clayton (Sport Officer) lend the most valuable aid. R. S. M. Good could not have been born with a name more suited to his sporting proclivities. As a W.O. he has always taken an active part in anything pertaining to sport and games, so that with the greatest encouragement from the top of the tree, the striplings are bound to go in the right direction.

The whole organisation is well kept together by Sergt. Frank Howell, as an energetic Secretary.

WESTERN DIV. HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP.

2nd R. Sussex Regt. v 141st. Field Ambulance.

FINAL TIE.

Played at Witterschlick on Monday afternoon. A few minutes after the Bully off, the Ambulance scored through Sergt. Wilson. Play was very fast, and midway through the first half, the Sussex equalised. The Ambulance team did most of the pressing in this half, but the Sussex scored again just on the call of the whistle.

Half time: Sussex 2 goals; Field Ambce 1 goal.

Shortly after the resumption the Sussex scored. Play continued fast, but although the Ambulance combined nicely they had no luck, whereas every raid of the Sussex was dangerous. Near the end of the game the Sussex secured another goal and ran out worthy winners by 4 goals to 1.

Goal scorers: Sussex — Capt. T. Chad 2, Sgt. Pearce 1, Sgt. Harris 1.

At the close of the game, the Divisional Commander, Major General E. P. Strickland C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., in a happy little speech, complimented the teams, and presented a handsome cup to the winners, and medals to the players of both teams.

SPORT IN A NUTSHELL.

On Monday, Harrow School defeated Highgate School, at football 4—0, after a splendid game at Harrow.

Taking advantage of "summer time" which came into force in England on Saturday night, the kick-off of many football matches across the Channel on Monday was not until six o'clock in the evening.

Teams representing Italy have arrived at Aldershot to train for the Inter-Theatre of War Championships which commence on April 19.

Lt. Grennan, 51th Bn. Manchester Regt., won his place in the B.E.F. team by beating Lt. Lawson, who conceded him at least 21lbs.

The 20th Bn. K.R.R.C. has started a dancing class.

At a whist drive held by the 20th Bn. K.R.R.C., the prizes were won by Rfm. G. Bevan, Rfm. Cooper and Rfm. Penny.

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All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication.

The Editor's Letter Box.

FOR ALL OFFICERS TO NOTE.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post:*

Sir, — Allow me to congratulate you upon the wisdom you have shown in placing letter-boxes in the Officers' Club at Cologne for the reception of paragraphs etc., for insertion in "The Cologne Post". It frequently happens, with the influence of "My Lady Nicotine," a comfortable chair, and congenial companionship, that recollections of interesting happenings are brought to mind with the accompanying thought "that that ought to go in the paper". But, from my own experience, these thoughts are soon lost and consequently are never recorded.

I therefore say that it is an excellent idea of yours to provide facilities that will enable one to jot down news items or ideas and dispose of them at once without having to go to the trouble of discovering your exact whereabouts and addressing an envelope.

"LANGUID"
Officers' Club, Cologne.

P.S. I am placing this in the said receptacle.

SOME GUARDS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post:*

Sir, — In the ordinary course of events, I am not a "nervy" type of individual, but on two successive nights recently I have been subjected to severe shocks to my nervous system which, if repeated, might have disastrous results. On the two dark, still and chilly nights referred to, my homeward journey has been via the Neumarket where the fleet of motor-cars (more impressive than ornamental) appear to be guarded by sentries at the rate of one for every square yard of frontage. Ambling along on the first of these nights, in black darkness, I was suddenly challenged by a fog-horn voice within, it seemed, three inches of my right ear, and I stopped in my course just in time to avoid my nose being grazed by a bayonet. A second sentry ordered me to halt, almost directly afterwards, without my having the slightest indication of his whereabouts and therefore being unable to accept his invitation to "advance and be recognised". Presumabely, this man was unable to see me, because presently I walked away unmolested. On the second night, I had quite a chapter of similar experiences.

Enthusiasm and zeal are commendable qualities when they are directed in useful and proper channels and are not exceded at the dictates of ambition. The Battallions of young soldiers who have arrived in Cologne to carry on the duties previously performed by their elder and more experienced brothers display a praiseworthy anxiety to maintain a general bearing of smartness; but in the matter of sentry duty, I think they are apt to be just a little too zealous. Their chief function when on guard it should be remembered, is not to "put the wind up" weary pedestrians returning to slumber late at night.

E. M. THOMAS, 2 LT.

Answers to Correspondents.

[*The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Questions on any subject whatever are invited and will be answered as promptly and as authentically as is possible. — Ed.*]

O. A. — The Government reply to the strikes of the munition workers last July was to the following effect. Any men "wilfully absent from their work after July 29 will be deemed to have voluntarily placed themselves outside the area of munition industries — — — and will become liable to the provisions of the Military Service Acts." The result was just what might have been expected.

24682. — The 1000 mile road cycling record was made in 1909 by H. Welsh, his time being 3 days, 15 hours, 57 minutes.

T. P. — It was on the 24th and 25th August, 1875, that Webb swam the Channel. Burgess has since done it, on the 5th and 6th September, 1911, but took nearly an hour longer.

16421. — I am afraid that I cannot help you in this matter. Write to your solicitor.

L. D. — It would entail too much space to give you detailed account of "The League of the Empire." It was founded in 1901 and is entirely non-political and non-sectarian. The chief feature is to promote co-operation between the various countries and colonies of the Empire. The Hdqrs are 48, Catherine St., Buckingham Gate, London, from which, no doubt, you can get full information as to the League's activities.

HANDING OVER.

OUR TRIP TO THE RHINE.

52nd Battalion, The Rifle Brigade.

Under the Command of LIEUTENANT-COLONEL E. P. A. RIDDELL, C.M.G., D.S.O.

There was great jubilation at the Cavalry Barracks, Colchester, when it was made known definitely that the 52nd Battalion, The Rifle Brigade, was one of the chosen units to be included in the Army of Occupation in Germany. All the officers and men were anxious to earn the distinction of serving in this new field of operations, many of the former having taken part in the earlier stages of warfare; it was fitting, therefore, that the opportunity should be afforded these in order to realise the fruits of their arduous labours.

Quite a number of N.C.Os. too, had given an account of themselves, and it was interesting to hear them relate their experiences as familiar places came into view during the tedious journey from the time of landing on French soil to the ultimate arrival in German territory.

The Battalion is particularly fortunate in its Officers from C.O. down to the junior subaltern, and the rank file are "keen as razors" in following a good lead.

Now, a brief description of the trip might serve as a souvenir, hence the attempt of the Battalion Correspondent to relate what came under his personal observation, with "little bits" interspersed from other sources.

The draft leave having come and gone, the family farewells duly performed, everyone settled down and made himself fit as the proverbial fiddle. At length the eventful 27th February, 1919, was reached.

The usual fitting out witk overseas hit had taken place, the packing up of the necessary material duly undertaken, we were ready for the final parade on the Square at Cavalry Barracks. The day of the "A. iv's" life had arrived.

We were to march through the town to St. Botolph's Station, and punctually to the time appointed the Battalion, headed by the band of the 52nd K.R.R.C., and lead by Colonel Riddell, moved off with the familiar "Rifleman Step". Headquarters, Signallers, and details followed closely on the heels of the first party, being headed by the Pipe Band of the 52nd Gordons.

At the station, the entraining of the men was carried out without the slightest hitch in quick time, the bands meantime discoursing lively music until the train moved off. A few more handshakes, then to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" we commenced our journey en route for Dover.

It was a long run to, and around London, 'ere the port of embarkation was reached. The travellers had taken a last look at old London — the "old stagers" hud experienced the trip on previous occasions, consequently there was nothing new to them.

The night at Dover was passed at a "rest camp" where hot meals were partaken of and much enjoyed after the tedious run from Colchester. Here could be observed those wonders of organization, which is the outcome of experience in dealing with large numbers. Blankets were issued, and the men made themselves comfortable for the night.

Reveillé was sounded at 4.30 a.m., blankets handed in, breakfast partaken of, and at 6.30 the Battalion paraded.

Embarkation was carried out in good order, the numbers taken and in quicker time than it takes to record, everyone was aboard. Lifebelts were fitted as a wise precaution in view of possibilities of stray mines, and punctually at 8.40, anchor was weighed, and we were crossing the "briny".

It was a really delightful trip over, yet there were a few cases of "mal-de-mer". Those who suffered from the little inconvenience, were, however, soon "feeling themselves" again when they set foot on shore at Dunkerque, which was reached at 11 a.m.

THE A. IV. IN FRANCE.

A brief halt at the Quay, and we were once again on the march. By this time, rain had set in, and we experienced what it was to marched through a quagmire of French mud. We wallowed through miles of muddy track, passing en route to the Rest Camp, hundreds of trucks or railway waggons, either captured or taken over from the enemy.

These trucks were to take us into Germany. They seemed to represent every town or province in the country. Some were marked with the familiar eagle, now partly obliterated; some with the crown of Saxony. All had been fitted with stoves, and a kitchen truck had been attached to the train — a greatly appreciated fiature, as we were to live and sleep on this train for at least three days and nights!

After a march of a few miles, we reached a Rest Camp. It was a real Rest Camp — particularly as it adjoined a small Chinese Cemetery! with its curiously shaped mounds surmounted with elaborate artificial floral tributes. Within a hundred yards or so of this burial place we were to spend our first night on French soil.

Since landing at Dunkerque rain had been falling steadily, so that everyone was glad to find some sort of shelter. This took the form of tents, and all were ready and anxious to dispose of packs, draw blankets, and afterwards proceed to the Dining Tent. Here a substantial hot meal was awaiting us, and very much enjoyed. A clean-up was the next procedure; afterwards blankets were put down — oh! those wet blankets; yet we managed to get to sleep in them with a fair amount of comfort — then "Tommy" walked out and commenced to "parlez-vous" with the natives.

The first really pleasant surprise was the facility afforded for obtaining cigarettes at a reasonable price. A young cockney was heard to express himself thus: "You can afford to smoke two fags at a time if 'yer' want to."

Attractions in the Camp were varied, and quite entertaining. For instance, you could book a seat at "The Crumps" or "The Magpies" or even a picture show for the price of one franc or less. The artistes in each place acquitted themselves admirably under great difficulties, for exactly at the time fixed for the commencement of the programme the electric light failed, and candles had to be resorted to. However, popular choruses made up for the lack of light, and a couple of hours passed off very agreeably.

"Lights out" sounded at the usual time, and soon there was peaceful slumber.

To be Continued.

Learning Poker.

Parker (heavy loser): "Why the deuce did I learn to play poker?"

Marker: "That's just where you make a mistake. You didn't learn." — *London Mail.*

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An officer asked his batman to obtain for him some hot water for shaving from the people at the billet. "You know what hot water is" said the officer. "Yes, Sir" said the batman, "Water hotted up."

An officer was in rather a quandary as to how to transport the valise from his billet to a point about a mile away. His batman relieved his anxiety by saying "Don't you worry sir, I'll conscript something." Of course he was thinking of the word "Commandeer."

The Aiv. is showing great promise in many ways. For instance, I know an officer who possesses a really smart servant. At the first meeting of officer and servant the former in the usual way made know his peculiar desires. "Of course," said the officer, "I would like my 'Gunfire' at 7 a.m." "Yes, sir," remarked the servant, "but who is going to call me?" "Perhaps I could" replied the officer. "Alright, sir, we'll leave it at that, shall we?"

The lesson for the morning was dictation, and the subject taken was "The last fight of the Revenge." The pupil was a little mixed up, as he wrote seriously about "Six English lying battle-ships." The lad was evidently thinking of camouflage!

Hares are plentiful in the Langel district. A budding Lance-corporal having possession of a sporting rifle lent to him, had visions of "jugged hare" looming before his eyes, and in due time proceeded to try his luck on a mating couple. Bang! bang!! rang out as he pulled off. "Did you get him?" asked his officer, looking on. "No, sir," replied the Lance-corporal, "but I gave him a terrible fright."

If you cannot remember

Who won the Derby in 1891:
When Aston Villa won the English Cup:
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When Crippen was hung:
When the Battle of Dublin occurred:
When the Silent Navy last spoke:
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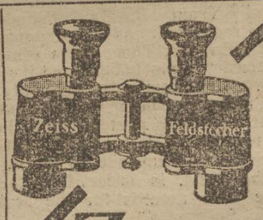

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BATTLE WITH SPARTACISTS AT FRANKFORT

MURDER OF CAPTAIN FRYATT.

GERMAN INQUIRY OPENS.

"The moving finger writes; and having writ,
Moves on; nor all thy Piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line,
Nor all thy tears wash out a word of it."

It needs no effort of recollection — it spring ins antly to mind when the name of Captain Fryatt is mentioned, that the British Government warned the German Government at the time of his murder that full reparation would be exacted in due course. The surrender of those respon sible for the deed has been demanded.

Yesterday a debate was opened in Berlin before the German National Law Commission to investigate the facts.

The President of the Commission is Professor Schücking; Legationsrat Eckert represents the German Foreign Minister and Captain Vanselow the German Admiralty.

The Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Ritter von Rappard, is watching for England.

Among the witnesses is Captain Danzer of Submarine U 33.

The following are the points to be raised before the Court:—

Whether at the meeting with U boat 33 the S.S. Brussels tried to ram the submarine.

Whether a trading vessel hasthe right to resist a man-of-war.

Although the German evidence says it can be proved that the ramming was attempted, the Norwegian Naval Attaché Mair doubts whether Captain Fryatt really attacked the U 33.

The commission concluded its sitting at 7 pm.

The facts of the Fryatt case are, briefly, as follows: On the 28th March 1915 the S. S. Brussels, commanded by Captain Fryatt, was intercepted by the German submarine U 33, which was then commanded by Captain Geniffer, when eight miles west of the Maas lightship, but was not captured. In June 1916, Captain Fryatt was taken prisoner and retained by the German Naval Division in Flanders. Instead of being interned with the rest of his officers he was tried on the charge of having attempted to ram the U 33 fifteen months earlier, sentenced to death by the military court a Bruges, and there shot.

VISITS TO THE BATTLEFIELDS.

The Army (Annual) Bill passed the second reading in the House of Commons yesterday. It is understood that the Government will propose in the Committee Stage an important alteration in the clause relating to restrictions on discussions and criticism of matters concerning the administration of the army.

CONFLICT IN KOREA.

Reuter's correspondent at Peking telegraphs that on the 26th March twenty thousand Koreans demonstrated at Seoul. Their attitude became so threatening that the military were called out. A hundred leaders were arrested and numerous casualties were sustained by both sides. Serious developments are expected.

BOLSHEVIST DEFEAT NEAR KIEF.

The Ukrainian Army Command intimates that the Ukrainians have captured Borodianka, twenty-five miles from Kief and have also defeated the Bolshevists in the direction of Bordichef. General Peteura's troops are now advancing on Kief from the region of Koromstyn-Zitomel.

PASSED TO YOU, PLEASE.

Replying to a question put by Lt.-Col. Guinness in the House of Commons yesterday, Capt. the Rt. Hon. F. E. Guest stated that in November last the War Office Staff numbered 21,807. Since then it had been reduced by 2,097 and further reductions would be made whenever possible.

Another question elicited the reply that the total number of officers in the Army on full pay is 113,205.

MILITARY STAFF COLLEGE RE-OPENED

Closed in August 1914, owing to urgent requirements elsewhere, the Military Staff College at Camberley was re-opened on Monday.

The number of students is the largest in the history of the college, which is under the command of Major-Gen. Warren Hastings Anders, formerly of the Cheshire Regiment.

POST OFFICE WAGES UP.

ARBITRATOR'S AWARD.

The Court Arbitrator on the wages of Post Office officials has awarded various increases which became operative from 2nd April.

Men whose wages were under sixty shillings weekly receive twenty-four shillings extra, plus a bonus of twenty per cent of ordinary wages.

Women on weekly wages receive fifteen shillings extra.

Salaries are increased by twenty per cent.

TERRITORIALS TO TOUR THE TOWNS.

Sir C. Kinloch-Cooke (Co. U. Devonport) spoke up for the London Territorials, and was informed by Capt. Guest that the Lord Mayor of London (Sir Horace B. Marshall) hoped to arrange for a triumphal march through the metropolis.

It was also stated that applications had been received by the War Office from a number of provincial towns anxious to welcome their own territorial regiments. The authorities are doing everything possible to meet their wishes, and despite the difficulties of assembling men, the plans have every prospect of maturing.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

JAPANESE OPINION.

A mass meeting was held at Tokio at which resolutions were passed expressing the decided opinion that Japan should oppose the formation of any League of Nations which did not stipulate for the abolition of race discrimination.

HAMPSHIRES' HOMECOMING.

Although it was nearly midnight on Monday when the 2nd. Bn. The Hampshire Regiment arrived at Aldershot from Cologne, large numbers of the townspeople awaited them and gave them a rousing reception.

The men were met at the station by Gen. Sir Archibald Murray, who spoke a few words of welcome and appreciation. All the streets on line of route were lavishly decorated with flags and festive emblems.

An address of welcome was presented by the Chairman of the Council at the Municipal buildings, and subsequently the men were entertained to dinner, the function taking place at the Fire Station.

The battalion has had over four years arduous service in Gallipoli and on the Western front, and of the original strength, fewer than one hundred returned to Aldershot.

LOOK AT YOUR MONEY.

Members of the old Army will remember the exasperating frequency with which the tender of paper money of low values in France and Belgium elicited the expression "no bon" from the purveyors of café au lait, chips or alleged beer.

Foreign currency is entirely different to English. In England only the Bank of England is authorised to issue paper money, but on the continent Municipalities, Chambers of Commerce and even private concerns are allowed to issue tokens representing value, first satisfying the State of their ability to pay on demand. These tokens are intended for local circulation only.

The practice has great disadvantages and in Germany these are very obvious. It behoves everyone therefore to be particularly careful, when receiving change, to examine it, otherwise they are liable to suffer loss.

Thus the notes from five marks to one hundred marks issued by the City of Cologne, or any other city or district in the Rhine Province, are cancelled and are not legal tender.

As a general safe-guard therefore no note from one mark upward should be accepted which does not bear either the word "Darlehnskassentchein" or the word "Reichsbanknoter," the former meaning "Treasury loan note" and the latter "State Banknote."

Vouchers for pfennigs are still good for value.

The Lord Chancellor has approved thirty-nine new K.C.'s. This is a record list.

The titles of the Earl of Armagh and the Viscount Taaffe have been removed from the roll.

According to an Amsterdam telegram the Ex-Kaiser intends to buy the estate of Spalterhold, near Beckbergen.

At Naples three hundred and fifty priests voted in favour of the abolition of celibacy for the priesthood.

The German tug Gernot, which was towing a vessel to England, broke loose in a storm and was sunk by a mine. Six of the crew were drowned.

QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS.

INTERESTING POINTS RAISED.

As was to be expected, question time in the House of Commons invariably brings to the front many points of the utmost interest to all ranks of the Army. With four years of war happily behind us, many matters which could not be discussed and grievances which could not be ventilated while there was so much arduous work on hand, are now being brought forward, and question time is proving at least that memories are long even if reform and redress are long winded.

PRISONERS' SWORDS.

Mr. Cecil Harmsworth stated that it is not proposed to demand the return of their swords from officers taken prisoner by the Germans at the beginning of the war. If this proposal received the support of the Military authorities, Mr. Harmsworth promised to bring it to the notice of the Secretary of State.

OFFICERS' DEMOBILISATION.

Replying to Sir Henry Craik (C.U., Scottish Universities), who asked if it were true that in consequence of the suspension of demobilisation there were many officers in France with nothing to do, Capt. Guest said that demobilisation of officers had not been suspended, but was proceeding as rapidly as circumstances permit.

TERRITORIALS IN INDIA.

Brig.-Gen. Page Croft (N.P., Bournemouth) elicited the information that the number of Territorials sent to India in 1914 who had seen active service was not available at present but was much greater than the general public was aware.

OVERSEAS TROOPS.

In a written answer, Capt. Guest said that the question of an official reception of Dominion troops in London was under consideration by the military and other authorities. A scheme was being prepared and he hoped to make a statement at an early date.

Mr. Macmaster is to ask the Secretary for War whether he has made any preparations or arrangements for the nation to testify its gratitude for the splendid services rendered by overseas troops, and will he afford the public in some of the leading centres of the United Kingdom the opportunity of greeting and honouring representative Units of these troops before their departure.

ARMY OF OUR POLICY.

Under the above heading yesterday's *Times* has a trenchant article. It says that the greater part of the British Army which defeated Germany has preceded the Commander in Chief in returning home. The smaller part stays behind, but for what length of time depends partly on the settlement partly on the extent of the loyalty wherewith Germany accepts its defeat and on its future relations with Bolshevism. The progress of voluntary enlistment is also a factor.

It is regrettable that the army cannot return all at once. Those critics of Mr. Winston Churchill who say that men could have been got voluntarily have no conception of what war-wearines is. In the army it is duty, not the pleasure of living on the Rhine that keeps men there. The Allied Armies form the chief guarantees against Russo-German combination.

Some critics say that the Army is no longer fighting for principle, but merely collecting debts. Well, debt collecting is an honourable occupation and when debts are due not to selfish ambition but to an ideal future society, the collecting of such debts is not beneath the dignity even of the Army of the Rhine.

VERY DOUBTFUL PERSONS.

Four youths were yesterday sentenced at Dublin to six months imprisonment as "doubtful persons." They were the ringleaders of a party which indulged in illegal drilling. When searched they were found to be carrying documents giving detailed instructions for blowing up bridges, railway stations and police barracks.

Capt. Morgan left Liverpool yesterday with his Martinsyde biplane for Newfoundland, to compete for the transatlantic flight, at the end of which is the £ 10,000 offered by the *Daily Mail*.

TAX ON BACHELORS.

The *Daily Mail* political correspondent states that a bachelor tax is almost certain to be a feature of the forthcoming Budget.

Mr. Harold Ashton, the well known journalist, died yesterday.

The labour trouble at Johannesburg is assuming serious proportions. The water and sanitary services are affected.

It is reported that the German Representative in Buda-Pesth is advising Germans to leave Hungary, in view of the serious extent of the looting taking place throughout the country.

Two men entombed in the debris of the warehouse which collapsed at Liverpool have been rescued from the ruins. It is stated that four others still remain below.

Mlle Dorziat, a Parisian actress, was awarded 22,000 francs damages against another actress, Mlle. Toutain, whom she accused of calling her a "Boche". The court ordered the judgment to be inserted in ten newspapers.

DISCUSSION OF SEX PROBLEMS.

ARCHBISHOPS VIEWS.

The Archbishop of York spoke at Middlesborough yesterday on the Moral Welfare of the Community.

War, he claimed, induced sex excitement which was harmful to higher visions and higher instincts.

"The day is past," he said, "when there should be any reserve between men and women in discussing matters of sex. I rejoice that people are now prepared to face these questions without that paralysing influence which has been so deterring to progress in the past."

CANADIANS IN BRUSSELS.

Crowning a series of sporting and social functions which have promoted the most cordial relations between the inhabitants of Brussels and the Canadian troops stationed in the district, the 4th. Canadian Division gave a special gala performance at the Royal Theatre de la Monnaie Brussels, on the 29th inst.

Among those present were the British Ambassador (Sir E. Villiers), Lt.-Gen. Sir A.W. Currie, Major-Gen. Sir W. Watson, Count Athlone and numerous British and Belgian notabilities.

Special trains were run for Canadians from outlying districts.

WANTED! TWO SOLDIERS.

Two men are being sought by the Metropolitan Police in connection with an aggravated assault on the manager of Messrs. Constantine & Jackson, the well known chemists. One man struck the manager on the head with a life preserver, rendering him unconscious, while the other penetrated to the interior of the premises, saying he was going to see a young lady friend. On being informed that there were no ladies in the house the two men made off. They were in military uniform at the time.

OFFICER DECAPITATED.

A gruesome discovery was made on the London and South Western Railway near Worplesden on Monday, the mutilated and headless body of an officer being found beside the track. Search revealed the head some considerable distance away. Papers on the body bore the name of Lieutenant John Proctor, 8th Canadian Reserves.

It is believed he either fell or jumped from the train.

WILSON'S REGRETS.

President Wilson has sent a message to the Lord Mayor of Dublin acknowledging with appreciation the invitation to visit Dublin in order to receive the freedom of that city. He regrets being unable to accept owing to the pressure of other engagements.

HOW DID THEY ESCAPE?

A Viceregal Commission has been appointed under the presidency of Mr. Justice Kenny, to enquire into the circumstances under which prisoners have escaped during the past twelve months from prisons in Dublin, Cork and other places.

DUSSELDORF SOCIALISTS.

The Düsseldorf Workmen's Council, comprising twenty-seven Independent Socialists, seven Majority Socialists and twenty-six representatives of the Middle Class, estimate their monthly expenses at 35 to 40,000 marks, to be furnished by the town.

The demand that one of the Middle class should be included in a delegation of three to the forthcoming Conference of Councils at Barmen was refused. The Socialists are "whole hoggers" and appointed two Independent and one Majorite.

(Kölnische Volkszeitung.)

TO PAY FOR FOOD.

According to the *Kölnische Volkszeitung* the negotiations, which were opened at Rotterdam concerning the export of German products, in the endeavour to secure a higher standard of exchange for the greater purchasing value of food stuffs will be resumed to-day in Cologne. The products mentioned are wood, coal, sugar and paper. Dr. Schacht, manager of the National Bank, is chairman of the German Commission.

There was a heavy snow-fall yesterday throughout the whole of Switzerland.

During the financial year just ended the total revenue was £ 883,020,825 sterling, exceeding the estimated income by £ 48,970,000.—.

The King and Queen attended a service at Westminster Abbey in memory of men of the three regiments of Household Cavalry who have fallen in the war.

A civilian named Yates and a German prisoner were killed by the fall of a mast which was being hoisted by a cantilever crane at Beachley National shipyard. Another German prisoner was seriously injured.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, representing the Army in the London district, and H.R.H. Prince Albert, representing the R.A.F., were to be present yesterday at the Association match at Stamford Bridge.

STRIKES AND STRIKERS.

ENGLAND.

Local federations of miners continue to recommend their members to vote in favour of accepting the Sankey Report. North Stafford and Cheshire have also followed this course.

Metropolitan Asylum workers have balloted whether to strike or not, if their demand for a forty-eight hour week is refused.

The Master Bakers are optimistic. The journeymen want night work to be permanently abolished, and the ground for the Masters' optimism is their conviction that the Government will not remove the restrictions against new bread until they are convinced that the men will not strike.

The miners dispute at Ebbw Vale has collapsed, and operations were resumed yesterday.

GERMANY.

At Stuttgart all shops are closed and martial law obtains. The Government troops and Spartacists came into conflict yesterday, machine guns being used. There are numerous dead.

There are 56,000 strikers in the Ruhr coal district. The Communists are preparing for a general strike.

The number of looters killed at Frankfort is sixteen, of whom four are women. The police have the situation well in hand.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

TWENTY-TWO BIGAMISTS.

In the list of cases for the Sessions at the Central Criminal Court seventy-seven prisoners await trial, including De Veulle, charged with the manslaughter of Billie Carleton, and Capt. Rutherford, charged with the murder of Major Seton. There are no fewer than twenty-two cases of bigamy.

"DON'T PITY; FIND HIM A JOB." WELL DONE, ROTHERHAM.

Having on their register 250 ex-service men, all discharged for unfitness and a large proportion of them disabled, the Rotherham Local Advisory Committee made personal visits to large employers of labour in the neighbourhood. Three firms agreed to absorb men. In two weeks 117 men, of whom 90 were in receipt of disablement pensions, were placed. As the result of further efforts by the Committee five other firms came into line and another 45 men were absorbed.

Among the men for whom situations were found were five who had lost their right arms and one his left arm.

Three had artificial legs, while others included sufferers from gun shot wounds, shell shock and gas poisoning.

BLOCKADE OF GERMANY.

Though the blockade of Turkey, Bulgaria and German-Austria has been raised there is no foundation whatever, says Mr. Cecil Harmsworth, for the statement that the blockade of Germany has been raised.

TRANSPORT SUNK.

The Italian transport Umbria, with two hundred soldiers on board, encountered a mine when on the voyage to Tripoli and sank, with a great loss of life. Eighty of the soldiers are missing.

MAY DAY — PEACE DAY.

If peace is declared before May, Mr. Bonar Law has promised to consider a suggestion by Col. Will Thorne that the day shall be observed as a general holiday.

THE ORIENT EXPRESS.

Preparations are being made to resume the Orient Express, but not by the old route. It will pass through the Simplon Tunnel to Belgrade and Bukarest. Later on it will be extended to Athens Constantinople and Odessa. It is expected to start on the 15th of April.

The number of strikers at Essen is now over one hundred and ten thousand.

Sir Thomas Mitchell, late Chief Constructor at Portsmouth Dockyard, has died at the age of 75. He built the first Dreadnought.

The Minister of Labour has appointed Mr. E. C. Cunningham to succeed Sir Stephenson Kent as Controller General of the Department of Civil demobilisation and re-settlement.

A train leaves Cologne daily at 2.24 p. m. for Paris, reaching Liege at 6.20 p. m. and Paris at 8.40 a. m. There is 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. class accomodation, with sleeping and dining cars. The return service starts from Paris at 9.35 p.m. and is due in Cologne at 1.21 p. m.

It is suggested that Primrose day be specially celebrated this year. Several Habitations have arranged to sell primroses on behalf of an effort to provide hospital garments for sailors and soldiers. Social gatherings and a Victory ball will help to swell the proceeds.

An Amendment to the Bill to establish a Ministry of Ways and Communications proposes that railways shall have a separate Ministry. The Home Secretary told the Standing Committee for Bills that the Government intended to stick to their Bill for including railways and other transport services as a national concern, distinct from any local interests.

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OLD HAILEYBURIAN DINNER.

It is proposed to hold an "Old Haileyburian Dinner" about the end of April in Cologne. Any officers who wish to attend should communicate with Lt-Col. A. D. BAYLIFFE, Commandant, Army General and Commercial College, Hansa Ring, Cologne.

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A NEW NAME BUT THE SAME OLD SPIRIT.

In name the Army of Occupation ceases to exist to-day, for we have been re-christened the Rhine Army. Great changes have been made in the organisation of the armies which have been left to control occupied territory and clear up devastated areas. But so far as our respective duties are concerned we still remain an army to guard the occupied territory.

The Army of Occupation in the beginning was formed from men who had borne the brunt of the fighting which marked the closing episode, and it was fitting that these men should have the honour of marching over the border line — that goal which had been their aim since they had donned khaki.

The Rhine Army is not quite the same thing although there is a great number of the old members and units still with us. Many of the Battalions which came over the border no longer exist, others have been completely metamorphosed.

But the spirit of the army is just the same as that of the Army of Occupation which last November and December made the historic march into Germany. The younger soldiers have already shown signs of the *esprit-de corps* which has played so prominent a part throughout the war. Let us, who are to remain here awhile, keep up all those traditions which have been handed on to us.

FRATERNIZATION.

There is some Army order which forbids the troops to fraternize with the German people, an order which has caused considerable comment — may be, annoyance — from time to time. The why and wherefore of these comments we cannot guess; indeed, one might almost dare to say that such an order ought not to have been necessary. The experiences of the past four years surely have not been in vain! The utter disregard for Belgian neutrality, the sinking of the Lusitania, the vile system of warfare as exemplified in their submarine work and in more recent times the treatment of our prisoners have, all produced in us a strong sense of utter contempt for these people. And it would be ill that this contempt should vanish. Strictly speaking, the word "fraternization" means to "make friends," and it is inconceivable that any Englishman should make friends with people who have committed such ignominious outrages during the past four years. And yet, perhaps there could be no stiffer order issued to the British soldier. He could go over the top in a flash in the days that are gone, but he finds it very hard to live amidst people with whom he should not be intimate. It is our English spirit, to make ourselves "at home" wherever we may go, and perhaps the average Tommy can be excused if, in living up to English traditions he indulges in a *little* fraternization. But at the same time it should ever be our aim to keep aloof, provided that we can do so and still be courteous. There is a vast difference between the two, though many may think otherwise. At all times let us be courteous to the enemy, but never let it be said that we, who have been honoured in the privilege of forming part of the Rhine Army have defiled the memory of those who sacrificed their lives in order that Germany should be taught her lesson.

OUR COMMERCIAL RELATIONS.

This brings us to another question, the one of our commercial relations with the enemy. It is regrettable to note that already there are a few in England who are eager to take up transactions with the enemy; there are treble the number of Germans who wish to do likewise with England. Of those few people in England we should like to know more before committing ourselves to any judgment, but it is certain that the census of opinion in England with regard to the recommencement of commercial transactions is decidedly negative.

The other day I heard a German say, "You have won the war, but you have had to pay for it." I remember a similar remark heard in my school-boy days. We had a youth in the school who for several months was "cock of the house" and, as such, he used to bully all the younger and newer lads. But there came a day when an inoffensive and hitherto untested youth was provoked beyond endurance, and he lashed out and put the bully under his foot, though in doing so he received much hurt. It is the remark of a coward who, being beaten, glories and tries to uphold himself in the fact that he had injured the conqueror.

Yes, we have been bruised very badly in this war, and we need no German to point out the fact. It is prominent and ugly and we must let it appear before us as such always. "Forgive and forget" may be a very appropriate aphorism for the smaller and puny affairs of life, but in the present day problems its application would be dangerous. Is it likely that those at home who have lost relatives and friends, husbands, brothers, sons — is it likely that they will readily forgive?

Or is it likely that we who have had to throw off our civilian clothes to don khaki, who had to exchange confortable home-life for hideous trench-life simply because the Prussianism had bubbled over in its intense desire to dominate the world — is it likely that we shall readily forgive?

It is chivalry which prompts the successful boxer to walk across the ring and shake hands with a man who, though beaten, has fought well, but I have known cases in the boxing circle when contestants would not adopt the proceedure. Had the Germans fought squarely and fairly in this war it would have been our debt, as a chivalrous nation, to cross and over shake hands. But the enemy, ignoring many of the conventions laid down, has fought anything but fair. There have been mentioned already enough instances for the proof of this, but innumerable others, such as the murder of Miss Cavell, might be added.

The past four years, after all, have been very profitably spent if all that has been learnt is applied to our future mode of existence and relationship with Germany. On the other hand, though, if these lessons are ignored they will prove to have been the most idle years in the whole history of our great Empire.

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Congratulations on the very excellent paper you have succeeded in producing under such difficult conditions. The appearance is good, the advertisements well set up, and it was delivered in time everywhere. It looks and is a very good paper. Bravo!

T. M.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Have just read first copy of *The Cologne Post*, and to say that I was pleasently surprised is putting it to mildly. I found it most refreshing and newsy. Success is a forgone conclusion. The most sincere congratulations from a Yank.

E., Lt.

Aiv. boy reading newspaper:

"I see, Sawjent! they're goin' to re-cast "Big Ben" at Westminster Abbey. It's about time they did something with it. It's bin going flat some years as I know."

THE OMEN OF THE GODS.

BY JUVENIS.

The Roman Commander had just completed his evening tour of the outposts of the 12th Legion of the Roman Army, which was at that time guarding part of the Rhine frontier.

The long summer day had been spent in repelling the attacks of the fierce and warlike Germani, and Julius Severus, one of Rome's keenest young "imperators," flung himself down, exhausted, on his camp bed. The task before him was a difficult one, and his mind was filled with anxiety. He had two legions of veteran troops, some fifteen hundred men in all, with which to stem the violence of the attack of many thousand wild barbarians.

His brain refused to let him sleep, and so he left his tent to wander beside the silent flowing Rhine. As he walked beside the river, looking at the stars above, he prayed to Jupiter and the gods who guarded the destiny of Rome, to give him an omen of success for his plans.

Scarcely had his prayers been uttered, when, as he gazed across the Rhine, lit up in the silvery moonlight, he seemed to see thousands of the Germani engaged in a tremendous battle. Who were their opponents? He recognized, with wonder, the shining steel of the Roman Legionaries. The battle swayed to and fro; the short Roman swords and the long German blades flashed in the deadly conflict. The issue of the battle was clear. Again and again Severus saw the Roman eagles carried forward in the attack, but each time the Germani drove the Romans back by sheer force of numbers. He saw to his horror the eagles of his own 12th Legion captured by the wild barbarians. This indeed was an omen of bad fortune; an omen of destruction for the Roman army. His ambitions for an invasion of Germany were futile; Rome would never conquer the Germani.

The vision, however, was not yet ended. As he gazed over the dark waters, he saw the savage Germani develop from savage barbarism to apparent civilisation. He saw them clad in strange closefitting garments, building a mighty city with magnificent buildings. Towering above all other buildings, Severus beheld a lofty temple, as he thought built in honour of a god, pointing its twin spires heavenward.

Great steel bridges stretched themselves across the river as if by magic, and as if in a dream, Severus found himself in the midst of a seething crowd of Germani, clad in their new and strange apparel. Gone were their long and shaggy locks; they were now well groomed and clean.

Severus listened to their conversation, and learned to his disgust, that the Emperor of these old time barbarians had called himself after the immortal Caesar. Such presumption seemed sacrilege to the Roman; nor was his horror lessened when he learned by their conversation that these Germani aspired to world conquest. The crowd was swaying forward as if to see some strange sight, so Severus pushed forward also, with curiosity. He saw, with sickening dread, column after column of grey coated soldiers, with small spiked helmets, armed with strange weapons, march past. He realised the Germani tribe had commenced its task of attempting world conquest. The sullentramp of feet continued with unvaried monotony. Severus had already counted with consternation more legions of these strange warriors than Rome had ever possessed. It seemed impossible to the old time general, for any nation in the world to check the progress of that human tide. His thoughts flew to Rome, his native land. Would these Teutons overrun Italy, and storm the Eterna City. He dreaded the answer. The vision passed, leaving him to the unpleasant reflection that these uncivilized enemies of his were to be the future masters of the world.

Once more the vision came, and Severus again found himself in the midst of the Germani. Again he saw the crowd pressing forward, and he strained his exes to behold the new wonder. He saw, to his wonderment, the grey — coated soldiers returning from the battle. With the eye of a general he read defeat in their faces: Those orderly columns of men marching sullenly to battle were now a rabble of terror-striken fugitives. Utter confusion reigned; every man struggled to escape from some unseen enemy. Severus beheld a routed army. What could have happened to deal such a crushing blow to so apparently invincible an army?

The answer came; the fugitives had passed; he had beheld the last wreck of the German army, but now the sound of music struck his ears. It was the triumphantmusic of a band heralding the approach of the victor. Severus's thoughts went back to the old processions when a victorious general returned to Rome, but he now pressed forward to see the men who had overthrown the Germani. He saw column after column of fine set men, dressed in strange yellowish garbs, swing into the city. They carried no steel armour, but were armed just like the Germani. He gazed with admiration on the cheery faces of these wonderful warriors. They were soldiers indeed, but from what country had they come? He heard the crowd talk of Britain, but he could not credit the idea. That little island where he had served as a centurion, and whose fair maidens he still remembered so well, could never have produced an army such as this, capable of hurling to destruction such a fighting force as the Germani had put in the field.

Still wondering at the strange scenes he had beheld, Severus found himself alone once more. The river still flowed by, but gone were the mighty buildings, the twin spired temple, the great steel bridges. The dawn was breaking in the east, and Severus was awakened to the tasks awaiting him by the centurion on duty who had sought him to warn him of an approaching attack by the barbarians. Severus returned to his duties with a heavy heart. He was a true patriot, a "citizen of no mean city." Jupiter had granted his prayers; he had beheld the future; and he had witnessed the overthrow of the Roman power. He had seen the rise of the Germani to power, and then above all the exaltation of the British, a people he had almost despised. Truly the ways of the gods were strange. These Germani were to strong for proud Rome in their barbarian state, yet, even in their power, little Britannia would accomplish what Rome had failed to do.

The thought took all ambition from the mind of the young "imperator". He could not live to witness his country's overthrow, so in the battle which ensued, he recklessly sacrificed his life, choosing to die rather than behold the degradation of his native land.

Officer's instruction to an inexperienced batman (overheard):

I want to be called at 7.30. If I am lucky and you do it, I get breakfast. If I am not called by 8 o'clock, leave it, because I don't get breakfast. I like a cup of tea in the morning but I don't expect it. I like my brown boots cleaned with brown polish and not dripping, and I like both boots cleaned, even if you have to put in night work. My puttees get muddy at times. This is not for camouflage purposes and should be removed.

THE LETTERS OF ROSINE.

by S. R. D.

Bonn. Dienstag,

MEINE LIEBE KLARA.

What a dreadful journey from Hausendorf! And the trouble to get into the Zone. If it for a charming D.A.P.M. had not been I should have got here noch nicht. But he was ever so sweet, und er spricht deutsch sehr gut. The English aren't a bit terrible after all. Tears gathered in his eyes when I told him of the death of meine Tante and he promised to be a Bruder to me. Of course, he was very strict and proper, and took my name and address, *and* a photo.

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Es ist gut to wear the decent clothes again; I've burnt all my old paper ones. But, meine liebe Klara, what a price! And just as bad with our gallant victors, nicht wahr? I beliefe the price of Unterkleidern ("undies" is the quaint Englisch idiom), is absolutely prohibitive in Großbritannien. My heart goes out to the Scottisch soldaten these cold days. But they say a kilt is very warm. I hear that the tartan and kilt will in fashion be here with us very short (very soon, I mean). But not, I hope, till Spring gets a bit of a move on.

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Talken Sie Englisch? I'm learning fast, from a Britisch Offizier billeted next house. I believe he is a rather important person, — he is a Staff, and has little splashes of red all over him. One evening he teaches me the Englisch, and the other evening I to him the Deutsch teach. You'd to death be tickled him to hear repeating "Haben Sie gut geschlafen?" So intensely earnest is he all about it. And I'm learning things fast. I'm coming on, as it was.

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The fashionable hour is fünf. Everybody who ist anybody joins the promenade on the Platz. Ach, the Musick! It the sight of life is to see the band marching up and down with the big Trommel going biff, bang, umph, — whack, zonk, whang, — tootle-ootle-oo, tootle-ootle-oo, and as follows. The Trommer twirling his sticks, now rechts, now links, zhumph, whizz, thonk; and the baby trommels whir-r-r-r-r, rap-rap, and the little waistles tootling all the time in spite of the noise. Jah, es ist gut! Up and down they go, in and out, round and round, their feet moving like the clockworks. It is the Retreat. No wonder the sun sets when the Britisch Empire comes.

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But how good it is the order to have. The laws have respect and the affairs as business usual go on. How silly of us to want to fight the nice people. Let us have them here to buy in our shops. That's the worst of letting men manage the State of affairs! It was bound that the Motherland should beat the Vaterland.

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Have you the story of Elise heard, and her *carte de visite?* Last year when they made us to carry our photos about with us, there was such a rush at the Photograph that some of us were made to look like der Teufel. So the other day Elise had her picture taken *tres chic*, and she was to be seen in the filmiest of wrappings doing a high kick. (Do you remember how she kicked the hat of Professor Umphfig from off his head at the University Supper in the palmy days?) Well, one evening last week, she was running like Kinderella to got indoors by nine, when she was stopped by the military! She produced her identity card with the new photo. Ach, la, la! She has had to stay home ever since, for the competent military authority placed her "out of bounds." And she the niece of a Burgermeister!

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I've had a pair of dear little silver spurs made, and wear them strapped to my shoes. I was some sensation, as the Canukes put it. I got the idea from a dear old Major who is billeted in the house. His room is next to mine, and I hear him dropping his leg boots off and banging down his things at night. He always apologises next day for the noise he makes, and for disturbing me. As he is a dear old thing, I quite forgive him, especially as he gives me such lovely presents of chocolate.

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Tell me how you are getting on at Köln. Is the Cathedral still there? I'll run up and see you in a day or two.

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Rosine.

"FRATERNISING".

Beautiful auburn hair, she had an appealing look that went straight to the heart, and she wanted to be friendly. The sentry, to whom such advances were made, felt flattered, but the ban against fraternising, and the guards' restrictions upon social intercourse while on duty, held him in admirable restraint for the nonce only. The longer she dallied, the more he became enamoured. He was enslaved by her irresistible charms. Who could resist such friendly advances? — for she was a regular beauty. Deciding to ignore entirely all the rules of the guard, he lavishly encouraged such friendly advances, and, ere long, the couple became very good friends. Indeed, many of the passers-by could be pardoned if they thought that the behaviour of the pair was a trifle too lover-like in the public-street, in broad daylight. They trembled to think what would happen to the sentry, were an officer to appear on the scene. For a glance from those melting brown eyes, the sentry dared all things, and would suffer gladly all the pains and penalties the Army cared to inflict. He was playing with fire.

Suddenly, an officer appeared round the corner. The sentry sprang to attention, saluted hurriedly, and a trifle shamefacedly it must be admitted. Contrary to expectation, the sentry did not receive the rebuke he merited. His female companion still remained by his side, and that fact probably saved him. Forthwith, the officer fell a victim to the alluring wiles of the fair creature. He made a bolder guiler than the sentry, and attempted to stroke her shoulder and whisper something in her ear. She repelled such amorous advances, retiring slowly and showing marked disfavour. Nothing the officer could do would bring the "darling thing" to his side. Reluctantly the officer departed, leaving the new fond lovers together once more.

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A sagacious little Airedale she was — a true representative of the canine breed. She knew, apparently, that the sentry would not fail to keep a little bit of his dinner for her. There she remained, sitting docile at his feet until the rations came up.

J. W., R.G.A.

An interesting reminiscence of 1914 may be seen just outside Cologne at the Aerodrome. It is the first British Aeroplane captured complete and intact by the Germans.

Interesting also is the colossal Bosch 'plane which may also be seen here.

When the Channel Tunnel is finished: If you know a better 'ole, go through it.

At present we go to England by train part of the way. In a few years we shall go the "hole" way.

THE APRIL SKIES.

April is a good month to commence the study of the night skies because the evenings are becoming milder and there is still sufficient darkness before "Last Post" to make it worth while. It is a good subject to tackle because the sky is at present without any quibbling, an international possession. Everyone will remember that picture of Bairnsfathers "to think that that same dear moon looks down on him" and although the aspects in that special instance were slightly different, the fact remains that astronomy is a study that one can carry on in conjunction with someone at home — or abroad. And the sky is always there — although sometimes hidden by cloud — and is always the same, free sky. No elaborate preparations are necessary, no test-tubes to wash, no grease paint to put on or wash off. With this in mind we have persuaded the Editor of "The Cologne Post" to give a summary of the things to note in the sky during the month.

Find the North Star, or Pole Star as it is often called; that never moves from its relative position enough to matter and forms a useful point of reference for the other bodies which are constantly changing their apparent positions. If you do not know where to look for it ask some other fellow, most soldiers know it, and when once located properly it cannot be forgotten. At the same time you will learn the position of The Great Bear, the Plough, The Waggon or The Dipper, to give it some of the other popular names by which it is known. This is a "constellation", that is to say a group of stars which never change their relative positions, one to the other, and to which the ancients gave fanciful names e. g. The Great Bear, Cassiopeia, Orion and so forth.

Taking between 8 p. m. and 9 p. m. as a suitable time we note the principal constellations to be seen during April. To begin with we will suppose the star-gazer to be facing true north. To the right of the Pole Star and a little higher in the sky is the Great Bear itself with its seven fairly bright stars presenting the shape of "The Dipper" of which the three stars forming the handle extend away to the right (east).

Following the curve of the handle we come to a bright, reddish star named Arcturus, the brightest star in the constellation Bootes. This star, in its composition and temperature, is very like our Sun and is actually moving through space at something like 300 miles per second, thus beating even the aerial post, not to mention the Cologne Express. As its distance is such that light, travelling at 183,000 miles per second, takes over 40 years to travel from the star to our solar system, there is small danger of a collision.

Allowing the eye to travel from the Pole Star to The Great Bear and then about as far again beyond, one sees the constellation Leo (The Lion), with its bright star Regulus as the lowest member, of a group of six having the outline of a reaping hook and hence known as "The Sickle". This group also forms the head and fore-part of The Lion which is seen lying down and facing west: but the whole configuration is upset at present, because the bright planet Saturn happens to be near to Regulus.

Now looking south-west we see the brightest star in the heavens, Sirius, or "The Dog Star", which belongs to an otherwise rather inconspicuous constellation named Canis Major (The Great Dog). Sirius is noticeable for its apparent rapid changes of colour, an effect produced by the earth's atmosphere, and is notable as having the great velocity of about 1000 miles per minute.

About half-way between Sirius and the Great Bear we see two stars of nearly equal brightness, known as Castor and Pollux, respectively, and forming with other stars, less bright, the constellation Gemini ("The Twins"). With even a moderate telescope it may be seen that Castor, the upper one of the two, is a "double star" while the science of spectroscopy has revealed to us that each star of the two forming the double star is itself double. The constellation of Gemini presents an unusual appearance at present owing to the intrusion of that wanderer, the planet Jupiter which easily outshines The Twins. The bright star about half-way between Sirius and The Twins, and a little to the east of the line joining them, is Procyon the brightest member of the constellation Canis Minor (The Little Dog).

To the right (west) of Sirius is one of the finest constellations in the heavens, Orion ("The Hunter") easily recognised by the straight belt of three stars, equally bright, equally distanced. Immediately below "The Belt of Orion" is the "sword handle" which includes the marvellous "Great Nebula in Orion" an object of intense grandeur as seen through a good telescope, and sometimes, on really clear nights, visible to the naked eye: it then appears as a small hazy patch although in reality it is an enormous mass of glowing gaseous matter the extent of which far exceeds the limits of human imagination.

We now come to the smaller fry, our brothers and sisters in the Solar family, the planets and their satellites, or moons.

Mars — the god of War — has rightly removed itself from our sight as an evening star, setting so soon after sunset as to be invisible to unaided sight. Its two satellites Fear and Panic accompany it of course.

Jupiter, the big brother of the family, having about a thousand times the diameter of the earth, is still visible in the constellation Gemini (The Twins) in the S. W. four of its nine moons can be seen, circling around it, with quite moderate optical aid. Jupiter will apparently be near to our moon at 9 p.m. on the 6th the moon being about six times its own diameter south of the planet.

Saturn, one of the most beautiful sights to be seen through a telescope because of the wonderful system of filmy rings which surrounds it, is to be found in the south-east, in the constellation Leo (The Lion) just after sunset. None of Saturn's ten moons can be seen without employing powerful optical aid.

Our own satellite, the Moon, will set at about 8 p.m. on the 1st. and should be seen as a narrow crescent in the west about the 3rd. From then onwards it rises about an hour later each evening until the 20th when it rises after midnight: it is "full" on the 15th.

Thus duringthe earlier days of the month there will be no less than twenty "moons" in that part of the sky which is above our horizon during darkness, but the majority of them would need a sort of H. V. telescope even to see them.

Venus, the goddess of Love, forsakes us quite early, going to bed just after sunset, but may be caught if looked for due west about 7 p. m.

Meteors, or "shooting stars", should be looked for about the 20th.

WEATHER FORECAST

by OUR METEOROLOGICAL EXPERT.

Weather Forecast for Thursday, April 3rd, 1919.

Surface wind from between N.W. and N.E. about 5 m.p.h. Dull with fog or mist early; afterwards fair but much low cloud at times. Visibility poor, improving in the afternoon. Cold except in the early afternoon.

FOOTBALL.

1st Round, 14th Brigade League.
51st K.L.R. V 52nd K.L.R.

Played at Beusl.

The 52nd scored 5 goals to their opponents' 2 in the first half of the game. Resuming, the 51st pressed, but their shooting was weak. The 52nd added another goal to their total, and came out winners of a fast game by 6 goals to 2. The game was much more evenly contested than is suggested by the score.

THE SPORT OF KINGS.

HIS MAJESTY TO GO RACING.

His Majesty King George, in reply to a letter from the National Workmen's Council, has stated his intention of running horses in his own name and colours this season.

This decision will be received in racing circles with the greatest gratification.

His Majesty's father, the late King Edward VII, always displayed the greatest pride in his racing stables, and attended many race meetings.

Among the important races he won were: The Derby Stakes and the Two Thousand Guineas, both in 1909 with Minoru.

THE WILDE-LYNCH FIGHT.

REFEREE'S DECISION CRITICISED.

Sporting circles in England on Tuesday and yesterday discussed very keenly the decision of the referee in the Wilde-Lynch fight which took place at the National Sporting Club on Monday.

There seems to be a wide diversity of opinion as to whether the referee's verdict was justified, and many experts say the match was so evenly contested that a definite decision, one way or the other, was impossible to arrive at.

It is interesting to recall that Jimmy Wilde has been the central figure in two contests with Americans, the results of which have been strongly questioned.

INTER-SERVICES RUGBY: THE NEW ZEALAND TEAM.

In the contest which will decide the championship of the Inter-Services Competition the New Zealand team against the Mother country on Saturday will be the same as that which defeated South Africa last week:

O'Brien: Ford, Stohr, and Storey; Fea and Ryan; Brown, Sellars, Hasell, Cockcroft, Kissick, Wilson, Bellis, Fogarty, and Singe.

VI. CORPS OFFICERS' CLUB.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES SINCE 1916.

The history to date of the VI. Corps Officers Club which now carries on its activities in Hohe Strasse, Cologne, makes interesting reading. First opened at Avesnes-le-comte in August 1916, the club immediately established itself a welcome and popular institution. Since then, movements of the club have been many, both forward and backward, according to the disposition of the fighting line. In August, 1918, the exigencies of the period involved evacuation from Behagnies and it is a creditable fact that everything on the premises was saved.

FLUCTUATING MOVEMENTS.

Below, we publish tabulated details club's activities.

Opened at Avesnes-le-comte		August 1916
Re-built at Arras, (Sold to E.F.C.)		May 1917
Re-built at Behagnies		August 1917
	Re-opened	Closed
Bavincourt	July 12th, 1918	Aug. 26th, 1918
	Branch opened	
Bienvillers	Aug. 27th, 1918	Sept. 5th, 1918
Gomiecourt	Aug. 31st, 1918	Oct. 3rd, 1918
Vaulx-Vraucourt	Sept. 6th, 1918	Oct. 11th, 1918
Hermies	Oct. 5th, 1918	Oct. 15th, 1918
Masnieres	Oct. 12th, 1918	Oct. 16th, 1918
Boistrancourt	Oct. 15th, 1918	Nov. 7th, 1918
Boussieres	Oct. 20th, 1918	Oct. 29th, 1918
Solesmes	Oct. 26th, 1918	Nov. 14th, 1918
	Club Re-opened	
Maubeuge	Nov. 14th, 1918	Dec. 19th, 1918
Duren	Dec. 26th, 1918	Mar. 22nd, 1919
Cologne	Mar. 22nd, 1919.	

GIFTS MADE BY THE CLUB.

Corps Horseshow. (August 1917).	7746.90
Moore Memorial Fund. (September 1917)	10000.00
Corps Winter Sports. (December 1917)	2810.30
Corps Signal School. (December 1917)	800.00
Corps Gas School. (January 1918)	600.00
Corps Officers' Rest Station. (Newspapers) (March 1918)	240.00
C.H.A., Officers' Rest Camp. (Gramophone) (May 1918)	223.40
Corps Officers' School. (Library, etc.) (June 1918)	1342.25
Disabled Officers' Fund. (6 donations in 1918)	18900.00
Corps Transport Show. (July 1918)	3819.10
C.T., Reception Camp. (Newspapers) (July 1918)	249.15
Corps Officers' Rest Camp. (Newspapers) (Aug. 1918)	288.00
Francs	47019.10
(About £	1800)

In addition to the foregoing gifts of 47019.10 Francs, loans have been made from time to time to the extent of 15252.75 Francs, to various Corps Institutions.

25. 3. 19. E. F. BLAKENEY, Lieut-Colonel.
Hon. Treasr.
VI Corps Officers' Club.

ON NEWCASTLE SPRING RACES

The RACING CALENDAR announces:— The Stewards of the Jockey Club, having received an official report that the stabling at Gosforth Park, which has been occupied by the military authorities as a veterinary hospital, could not be cleared and rendered free of infection in time for the the meeting advertised to take place on April 21 and 22, have, in the interests of owners, requested the stewards of the meeting to abandon the fixture.

SPORT IN A NUTSHELL.

In a Lancahire section football league match yesterday, Southpark Vulcan beat Stockport County 7— 2.

Whittingham, having decided to return to his old love, has signed on again for Chelsea.

YESTERDAY'S RUGBY.

AUSTRALIAN FORCES' EASY WIN.

A Rugby Football match which attracted considerable interest was played yesterday afternoon on the Riehl ground, between the Australian Forces and 2nd Bde. R.A.F. A large ground watched a rather one-sided game which resulted:

Australia	38 pts.
2nd Bde.	0 pts.

YESTERDAY'S "SOCCER" RESULT.

The 56th Bn. Royal Scots yesterday defeated the 51st Bde. R.F.A. by 3 goals to 1.

LAWN-TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

BROOKS BOUND FOR ENGLAND.

Norman Brooks, the world's champion lawn-tennis player, will arrive in England from Australia next month for the tennis championships at Wimbledon, to be contested in June.

He has invited G. Patterson, who, although only twenty-three years of age, has achieved the distinction of being one of the most promising players at present in England, to partner him in the Tournaments, and the invitation has been accepted.

Brooks, who became world's champion in July, 1914, by virtue of defeating A. F. Wilding, won the men's singles championship in 1917. In addition, he is a keen golfer, and has played in the Davis Cup six times. He is an Australian and is 41 years of age.

Patterson, who hails from Melbourne, is acknowledged to be one of the hardest hitters ever seen in England. He is expected to win the Covered Court Championship next week.

JOTTINGS FROM ZONS.

The 6th London's in common with the rest of the Army of the Rhine, is busy settling down to its job. The major part of the Battalion is to be found in the little old world village of Zons am Rhein, which, with its picturesque towns and crumbling old walls, dates, I understand, back to the 17th century.

The afternoons are given over to sport. Soccer claims every man these days, and some exciting displays of good football have been witnessed.

"A" and "B" Companies are becoming very busy, and a keen spirit of rivalry is springing up between the teams. Last week a match took place between the two companies, which resulted in a pointless draw. This by no means represents the play as "A" Company hung well together, and sheer ill-luck was all that prevented them scoring. A return match had been arranged for this week but had to be postponed till next week. Next week's fixtures will also include a match between "B" and "D" Companies. "C" Company is just as keen, but just at present the stern call of duties demands all their time. On Monday last the Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, brought over a rattling good team to play against the 6th. The result was never very much in doubt, and the visitors romped away to victory with a score 4—0. Outclassed to a certain extent, the sixth still put up a good fight, but a couple of stone-wall blocks held off all attacks. The game caused tremendous enthusiasm.

The Battalion Inter-Platoon Competition is to commence as soon as possible.

Battalion and Company Sports Officers have a big job in hand as a programme embracing almost every form of sport in existence has been drawn up. It is however, a pleasant task and with the cordial co-operation of the rank and file all should go well.

STILL ANOTHER "Y.M."

OPENING OF DURHAM HOUSE, RIEHL.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL METCALFE'S TRIBUTE TO Y.M.C.A.

The large Beer Pavilion and Gardens in Riehler Strasse, next door to the Zoo, known as Zum Riehler House has been acquired by the Y.M.C.A. as Canteen and Recreation House for the men of the 76th Infantry Brigade who are quartered in Riehl Barracks.

The Building is an ideal one for such an establishment and comprises a large hall capable of seating 700, a billiard room, a lending library, an educational reference library, a reading room, canteen and refreshment rooms, as well as a tea garden and sports ground.

The opening ceremony was performed on Tuesday, by Brigadier-General F. E. Metcalfe, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 76th Infantry Brigade. The large hall was completely filled with Officers and men of the Brigade.

General Metcalfe, in an excellent speech, spoke very highly of the magnificent work and organisation of the Y.M.C.A. throughout the whole war, and briefly outlined the wonderful programme which the Y.M.C.A. have organised for the education and recreation of the young soldiers now forming part of the Army of the Rhine. In thanking the Organising Secretary and Staff of Workers he stated that the Y.M.C.A. never attempted any scheme without making it a large success, and if they only accomplished one half of the programme which they have prepared for the Army of the Rhine they would be doing a greater service to the young men of the nation than has ever before been attempted.

The first half of the musical programme was provided by the magnificent Band of the Suffolk Regt. of 40 Musicians, under the leadership of Bandmaster H. E. Adkins, Mus. Bac., A.R.C.M., who played enjoyable selections of music, every item of which was splendidly received by the large audience.

The Soloist was Capt. T. F. Furnell, M.C., Staff Captain, 76th Infantry Brigade, who sang "An Old Fashioned Town," and "Tommy Lad," in excellent fashion.

The second half of the programme was provided by the Brigade concert party "The Tonics" who kept the audience highly amused until 8.30 p.m.

The future list of events includes Cinema Shows, Concert Parties, Band performances, Lectures, and Whist Drives.

One of these Entertainments will be provided every evening.

It was quite evident from the enthusiasm of the men on this occasion that Durham House is destined to be an exceedingly popular institution.

AFTER FOUR YEARS' FIGHTING.

RETURN OF R.G.A. BATTERY TO ENGLAND.

The 29th Heavy Battery, R.G.A., which is one of the old time serving batteries, is now under orders to return to England, from Bonn, and will, within a few days, arrive in Woolwich. On the 12th September, 1914, the Battery embarked for France, and since that time, it has been in almost every important engagement on the Western front. During its service, it has fired upwards of 183,000 shells. Out of 200 men who left England with the Battery only 30 men will return.

Lieut. S. Bennell, who went out with the original Battery as a sergeant, will be in charge of the homeward-bound party.

OPERA HOUSE AND THEATRE.

THIE WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	OPERA	DRAMA
Thursday	Der Waffenschmied	Kronbraut
Friday	Aida	Flachsmann als Erzieher
Saturday	Lohengrin	Seeschlacht
Sunday	Der Barbier von Sevilla	Afternoon: Elga Evening: Seeschlacht
Monday	Die lustigen Weiber von Windsor	Verschwörung des Fiesco

The hours at which the opera commences are: Thursday 5.00; Friday 4.30; Saturday 3.30; Sunday 5.00. p.m.

ENGLISH RACING RESULTS.

TUESDAY'S WARWICKSHIRE RETURNS.

Spring Handicap: Ensay (6/4) Miss Eva (100/8) Unadorned (100/8).

Leamington Selling Plate: Piastre (6/1) Lady Viola, geld. (7/4) Amponda (10/1).

United Services Plate: Eaton Hero (6/1) Galician (2/1) Buckthorn (7/4).

Grove Park Plate: Sentiment c (100/8) Ashbede (7/1) Game (2/1 on).

Town Handicap: Birds Nest (6/5 on) Royal Jewel (6/1) Nubian (3/1). Halton Hurdle Race: Waltz (7/4 on) Walton Heath (5/1) Cage (100/30).

A NIGHT ALARM.

FIRE IN A BILLET AT GEICH.

It is not often, that we have much in the way of excitement especially since taking up our abode in the Vaterland, our last bit of diversion dating back to the new years festivities? In the gay atmosphere of Solingen, which place, we notice, has come under the band of one of our home papers as being "A dirty, disreputable place". We only wish the writer could see us now!

We are in a village called Geich, the most benighted out of the way spot that ever the troops stayed in. They say that the good folks of "Glesco on the Clyde" have a subscription for the boys in Solingen. Patrons of this city's excellent tram service are requested to remember "the wee red boxes" (a typically "Glasgo" touch) for comforts for the Rhineland troops.

If they knew our estate, which may be likened to one of "sin and mysery", they would call for a Battalion of Tanks at the *toute suite* to extract the nimble coin from the Glaswegians or, better still, "boost" a grand international at Hampden. If it were not for an occasional trip to Cologne or the prospect of one, it would be sheer isolation to leave us here. It was following one of these too infrequent days out that we returned to our billets, if not in the "wee sma' oors," at least later than the average time limit of the "Swaddie".

After an extra good supper the troops retired, and it was in the dark of the early morning that I was awakened by the clatter of falling stones and tiles. Starting up, I was aware of a dull red glow in the windows, and became alive to the fact that the room was full of smoke. Hastily waking my bedmate we roused the rest of the boys and started to carry our kit to safety, after which the boys gave help to the almost paralised householders to get the fire, which had started in a barn at the back at the house under way.

With their yeoman aid, and the assistance of the village fire brigade with the usual antiquated pumping contrivances, the bulk of the household effects were saved and the flames confined to the straw shed.

It has been said that there is a humorous side to everything, and it is certain that we found the humour on this occasion, especially as I found that someone had put my boots in the first lurry and I was compelled to wander around to a new billet bare footed amid mud and snow.

NO MORE RACING IN HUNGARY.

The Bolshevists in Hungary have decided that horse-racing is a superfluous luxury and they are accordingly abolishing all race-courses and are converting them for the purpose of agricultural production.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

The 51st Bn. Royal Sussex Regt. held their Inter-Platoon Cross Country Run, at Wahn. The course, which was rather heavy owing to the wet weather, was over a distance of 4½ miles.

Out of a field of about 200 runners Private S.H. Hall of "T" Company was first man home, his time being 30 minutes.

No. 9 Platoon, "T" Company, was not only the winning platoon (as it was on the privious run) but it also had the first two men home in the whole Battalion.

The Runners in the Winning team were:— Private C. L. Hall, L/Cpl. C. B. Warren, Pte. W. J. Reade, Pte. A. H. Dalton, Pte. T. P. L. Hamilton, Pte. W. H. Howard, L/C J. H. Weeks, Cpl. E. H. J. Hall, Pte. C. E. Watkinson, Pte. S. Walker, Pte. R. C. Sweeting, Pte. G. W. Lyne, Pte. G. H. Bailey, Pte. M. J. K. Leech, Pte. A. W. Payton, Pte. H. M. Walton.

HENNEF SPORTS.

Fine weather, numerous entries, and a large and enthusiastic crowd were some of the factors which helped to make the sports meeting of the 34th Divisional Artillery at Hennef a complete success.

RESULTS.

HENNEF PLATE: 1.—Whizz Bang (Corpl. Wheeler, A/152); 2.— Dorando (R.S.M. Croickshand HQ/160); 3.—Charlie Chaplin (Sergt. Boaler, C/113).

Second Half: 1.—Spider (Sgt. Tongue, B/160); 2.—Rufus (Sergt. Dexter A/152); 3.—Monkey (R.S.M. Worsfold, HQ/152).

HERO CHASE: 1.—Dolly (Lieut. A. E. Porter, D/152); 2.—Jim (Lieut. P. C. Young, B/152); 3.—Jack (Lieut. L. C. Royle A/113).

BEND IT CHASE: 1.—Cream King (Sapper Howes, R.A. Signals); 2.—Fräulein (Drv. Jones, A/152); 3.—Spider (Sgt. Tongue B/160).

SECOND HALF. 1.—Bess (B.S.M. Callow A/113); 2.—Oxo (Drv. Johnston D/160); 3.—Dolly (Drv. Gross A/152);

SIEGBURG CHASE: 1.—Shrapnel Dick (Lt.-Col L. W. Saville, HQ/152); 2.—Billy (Capt. A. Beal HQ/RA); 3.—Willie (Capt. Radford C/152).

OLD STIFFS' PLATE: 1.—Tommy (Lieut. A. E. Porter, B/152); 2.—Peggy (Capt. H. S. Percival, HQ/160); 3.—Billy (Capt. W. J. Reid, A/152.)

RHINELAND-CHASE: 1.—The Eel (Capt. Corbett, A.V.C.); 2.—Anything (Major Hon. J. R. Tufton, X Corps.); 3.—Jimmy (Capt. Corbett A.V.C.).

CHEQUERS CHASE: 1.—New Penny (Major Stewert, A.V.C.); 2.—Prince (Capt. A. D. Smith, A.S.C.); 3.—Wilkie (Major S. E. L. Tanner, A/152).

SPORTING REFLECTIONS.

In off the Red.

The appearance of a real English billiard table, with real pockets and with a baize area large enough to enable us to renew our acquaintance with the "Long Jenny" is sufficient to cheer the hearts of all billiard enthusiants in Cologne. Consequenty, there is much rubbing together of hands in happy anticipation of a hundred or two up by those who have examined the paraphernalia outside the door of the smoke-room in the 6th Corps Club. Those bits and pieces of wood and slate that are lying jumbled together in a heap are parts of the excellent billard table, which, in former premises of the club brightened many a happy hour in the days of fighting.

Who will Organise a Handicap?

But what is one among so many? There must be hundreds of officers in the district who experience but little consolation in walking round and round the miniature pocketless tables that appear exclusively to represent the billiard facilities of Germany, as a substitute for the erstwhile joys of running out in a close game with a series of losing hazards. There is sure to be a long queue (I have just observed the pun, which was not inflicted intentionally) of waiting players during practically the whole day and evening, so that the organisation of a handicap would perhaps be to much tos expect. Nevertheless, if it could possibly be arranged, such a project would be immensely popular.

"Meredith, we're in."

I was asked the other day by a member of a Cheshire Battalion if I could throw any light on the question of the system in vogue for the distribution of seats at the Cologne Opera House. He had tried all kinds of methods of getting a ticket for one of the shows but without success. The nearest approach he had had of satisfying his desire was when he walked boldly up the stairs of the building, avoiding anyone who looked at all like an official, and plumping into the first vacant box seat he came across. The overture was just starting and my friend probably cursed himself for not having thought of so easy a method of entry. But like the well-known Meredith, he discovered he was not so safely installed as he had imagined for one by one, the ticket-holders came on the scene and took their seats. Each each seat he tried in succession until once more he found himself outside in the cold cheerless night.

How to Get Opera Tickets.

I have been asked to state for information of all and sundry, that allotment of tickets is made "through the usual channels". That is to say, the Army Amusements Officer, after juggling about with the figures at his disposal, makes a definite allotment of accommodation to each Corps. These are again divided up and hustled off to Divisions who, in turn, after deducting their little quota, pass the balance onto the Brigades from whom the Battalions get their score (I was almost tempted to put a query mark after this word). Therefore, if a battalion considers it is not receiving its fair allotment, the Amusements Officer should make it his business to approach his Brigade and find out exactly to what number of seats he is entitled, and on what nights they are due.

Sunday Football.

Among the matches to be decided on Sunday next are those between the R.A.O.C. and the 153rd. Labour Coy, and A.P.S. and 10th Corps P.S. The grounds whereon these matches will be played are yet to be finally decided. They will be made known in this column probably tomorrow.

Grossmith and Laurillard Visit.

The anticipated visit of the Grossmith and Laurillard Company, whose arrival in Cologne to entertain us by putting on some dear old London shows at the Deutsche Theatre, is for the time being, held up pending the approval of the "Powers that be." Let us hope that the delay will not be too long. It is true we have a generous sprinkling of really talented parties dodging about the occupied area, but that the present supply available is inadequate to entertain all those who desire to be entertained is evident by the fact that every night men are unable to get their noses into any show, so severely is the seating accommodation taxed.

Who would be an Amusements Officer?

Talking about entertainments I should imagine the Amusements Officer's job is far from being all beer and skittles. Consider, for instance, the cold shudder down the back that this telegram is calculated to produce: "Cancel 'Robin hood' engagement at Deutsche Theatre. Two chief artistes called away through illness." This, after all arrangements have been made, and followed by a second stunning blow in the shape of an intimation that the "Tabs" due to appear at the Apollo Theatre, in revue, have had to cry off owing to five members of the company being called away suddenly.

Army Athletic Meeting.

Negotiations are progressing satisfactorily for an Army Athletic meeting to be held at the end of the present month. A programme of field events is being compiled, which will include a long distance race, that promises to provide a capital afternon's sport. Particular attention is being bestowed by the organisers on the arrangements for the provision of refreshments and good and plentiful music, matters very frequently neglected by the promoters of athletic meetings.

Contributors Please Note.

A large number of reports of football matches and other sporting news has poured into this office since the advent of "The Cologne Post" was first mooted. Obviously, the inclusion of many of these reports in our columns would be of very scant interest, dealing, as they do in the majority of cases, with events anything up to a month old. The Editor wishes me to thank these contributors, and to inform them that although their efforts are apparently wasted, he hopes the non-appearance of their screeds will not discourage future contributions. This is a daily newspaper, and it will be generally agreed that by inserting anything that is not within the category of "red hot" interesting news we should be failing in our duties.

Gladsome Golf.

Two officers who spent a couple of hours on the Cologne Golf course yesterday evening did not seem to be very greatly impressed with the excellence of the place. "It's not a bad excuse for walking about in a country atmosphere and getting a little air and exercise", said one of them, "but for a serious game of golf, the facilities make its comparison with real golf about equal to the relationship between marbles and billiards". So that's that. But I understand the matter is going to be taken in hand — by whom, at present, I know not — and three more holes added to the existing five, as well as a little variety in the way of bunkers.

The Rambler.

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The Editor's Letter Box.

MORE OPERA TROUBLES

TO THE EDITOR OF *THE COLOGNE POST.*

Sir, — It was very pleasing to note in this morning's issue a letter and also in your first issue, a small paragraph dealing with the question of behaviour at the Opera House.

That such remarks should appear so early in your paper seems to me a testimony of your future value. At the same time I must regret that such letters have need to be published, especially in a country crammed full of people straining their necks to find out our weaknesses and comment upon them. The Major who wrote your yesterday letter dealt fairly fully with the grievances of opera lovers. But one important point he omitted, and that is smoking. People go to the opera, I presume, because they like to hear, and they like to hear the very best that can be given. Yet one cannot expect an actor or an actress to give of his or her best in a room beclouded with smoke. It is grossly unjust and inconsiderate to those who have to use their voices for such a lengthy period. Then again to smoke in a close room with little ventilation is to undermine one's own health and comfort. It may seem quite paltry, but nevertheless it is true and serious.

I hope your paper may be the means of making an alteration in the seemingly paltry yet highly-important features which at present mar all the beauties and benefit of opera-going. —

FADDIST.

A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.— In to-days *Cologne Post* appears a letter signed "G. L. S., Major", in which the writer draws attention to the behaviour of the late-comers among the audience at the Cologne Opera House.

I would suggest the following remedy. Every ticket should be sold on the condition that the user be at the Cologne Opera House in time to take his seat before the performance commences. At 15 minutes before the performance commences the doors should be closed to all-comers without exception. A warning to that effect should be printed on every ticket and the attention of each purchaser should be drawn to it by the ticket seller. The result would be that, say, 95 per cent of the persons obtaining tickets would receive a complete enjoyment of the Opera, while perhaps five per cent (those who are careless of the rights of others), would be disappointed.

A. E. B..

Answers to Correspondents.

[The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Questions on any subject whatever are invited and will be answered as promptly and as authentically as is possible. — Ed.]

A. D. — Mercury is the nearest planet to the Sun, and the smallest in the planetary System, appearing sometimes to the west and sometimes to the east of the sun, but never at any distance. When to the west, Mercury appears as a morning star; when to the east, it is an evening star.

THE ADVENTURES OF THE ORDERLY SERGEANT

Everybody has seen him. The fellow — generally a full Corporal — who violently digs each member of the unsuspecting front rank in his respective fifth rib in vain endeavours to count the number "on parade"; who stands, the connoisseur of admiring eyes, in the centre of a group of Officers, striving to create a dozen or so men with the point of his pencil and his imagination; who comes into the Barrack Room with that aggressive, "What-are-*you*-on" air, and is astonished to find that everybody has taken a violent and unaccountable attraction for the latrines; who is so paternally keen on one's getting into bed at 10 p.m., but on the other hand is even more insistent on one's arising therefrom at the awkward and matutinal hour of six-thirty; who is observed at 6.30 a.m. (should there be anyone awake to observe him) flying down the stairs at a pace dangerous for his life and limb, and at 6.32 a.m., flying up same with a speed that materially damages the prestige of the R.A.F.

Of course, the popular idea holds the Orderly Sergeant to be a gentleman of abnormal gymnastic abilities, and moreover one anxious for his own sake to indulge in that happy exercise in the most whimsical manner and on all possible occasions.

Anyway, that, I confess, was my idea when I saw his careworn face gazing into mine at the drowsy hour of 10 p.m.

"To-morrow morning, you take over Orderly Sergeant."

"Indeed!", I replied, all attention immediately. "How interesting."

"Yes — it is."

There was a wealth of meaning in his tone.

'And where do I take it over to?"

I am aware that my attempt at humour was very ghastly.

Receiving no answer, I added, rather vaguely, "Isn't the O. S. a chap who goes to bed about five and gets up at six?"

"That's it! You've got the idea exactly!"

He was so enthusiastic, I perceived I had touched him to the quick.

"You get up at six o'clock — I'll tell the Guard to wake you —"

"I say — I say, don't bother about that — I can always get up when I want — and I can hear Revally quite plainly!"

I felt it incumbent upon me to say something to prevent that beastly Guard from waking me at six. It would be rotten — Besides, I was ttired . . .

He went out — I heard the door bang — my houghts began to wander — I was half conscious of a feeling of strange antipathy towards the ninth ice I had consumed in that incomparable little Café in the Hohe Straße.

Daylight. The unmistakeable sounds of a bugle floated into the room. "Revally – ?" No. I scouted the idea. Merely en early riser indulging in a little annoying bugle practice. It was far too dark for sixthirty.

Twenty minutes later I fell off sleep and tumbled out of bed. I sighed heavily as I noted the absence of the hot water, the obliging valet, and the cup of café-au-lait; yawned wearily as I thrust my left foot into that beautiful product, the Army Boot size ten; swore obscenely as my third toe became impaled on one of its far too inquisitive nails; and at length having washed painfully in cold water, was deeply engaged in polishing my nails when a Lce/Cpl. tore into the room like a 9.2 and exploded on the spot.

I was about to raise my eyebrows, by way
once overwhelmed me
Apparently the B.O.S.
my acquaintance at
great many other
people were worrying themselves to a remarkable degree about my welfare.

It suddenly struck me that this was the "Orderly Corporal", of whom Fame had often spoken to me. I at once offered him an Abdulla but apologised when he expressed his keen preference for a Woodbine. Had circumstances been otherwise I should have made a point of cementing my friendship with this amiable gentleman over a glass of wine and a biscuit. As it was, what could I do but offer him the poor hospitality of the Barrack-room stool, which I confess had been extracted by me with much sleight of hand from the bowels of the earth?

To my surprise, he declared he could not stay, and began to haul me out by my left epaulette, thereby imperilling the existence of a button sewn on by my own virgin hand that very morning . . .

"Orderly Sergeant!" The voice was the C.S.M.'s. Only our C.S.M. could shout like that.

"Sir!" The voice, my own.

I doubled up in accordance with the prescribed Army Methods. I gathered from my C. S. M. that I had already innocently commited seventeen offences of neglect of duty, each of which was sufficient to ensure my close confinement in four walls for an uncomfortable period.

I passed my eye somewhat gloomily over a wooden edifice on the Parade Ground with an inner conviction that its beams were destined to support the rope for my premature decease.

At eight a. m. I proceeded to the Mess. I was eating bread and butter with the veracity of a Zulu, when the R.S.M.'s. charming voice attracted my attention. He was saying — or rather shouting — in slightly rancous tones —

"Orderly Sergeant, — Coy.!"

I was just wondering whether the good R.S.M. had played "Faust", in the Carl Rosa Opera Co., or whether, having been unsuccessful in gaining a hearing for his vocal talents, he had never blossomed forth into anything higher than the garrulous old Lady in Pantomime, when the horrible conviction seized me that I was the O.S. in question.

I recklessly bolted a crust, with visions of appendicitis and a Battalion Obituary Announcement in the offing.

"Sir!" I said.

"What about those six fatigue men from your Company?"

"Which six fatigue men, Sir?" My tone was innocence itself.

Space being very limited, it is not given for me to record in black and white all those things mentioned by the R.S.M. Suffice it to say that when he had finished, my tea was cold and my bacon frozen to the plate in a most horrible manner.

When the Company turns out on Parade, the observant person would have beheld a cast of pitiable anxiety in my eye, as I recounted the 120 men and looked furtively up the Captain's sleeve for the dozen that weren't there.

These notes must be more or less in the nature of confessions so I crave pardon from the R.S.M. for having stated to him in cold tones "All present, Sir!"

At dinner I was so care-free that I could face the heavy responsibility of a pudding with comparative cheerfulness.

I spent a casual half-hour with the Guard chatting to them very genially about their picturesque dress, and then sought the shelter of my room. There I found time to drive another nail into my coffin by consuming a hefty ginger-cake.

Twice I was called upon by somebody in authority to conjure up ten men for an inconvenient fatigue.

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MUSIC.

ROMANTIC AND OTHERWISE.

I am one of those unfortunate beings who, being gifted by Nature with a peculiar faculty with regard to the arrangements of crotchets and quavers in my mind, I am compelled to listen at every turn to chronic discords only to be equalled by tho firing of a Lewis Gun beneath my bed at two a.m.

As a civilian — a very young civilian — my adoration of my ivory-keyed instrument was greater than the love of a cow to her calf. Ever in those days, I was conscious of a shrinking horror towards the noisy baby next door, and this horror, I must confess, would change into vile hatred on those occasions when he (or she) began to howl when I was engaged in the deep intricacies of the nineteenth bar of Chopin's "Funeral March."

Anyone with musical instinct will quite agree with me if I venture to express my doubts as to whether the piercing voice of that canine abomination known as the pomeranian, in diabolical combination with the full-throated song of a yellow canary, has any ameliorating effect on on that lovely opening to Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata."

In due course I entered the Army. Needless to say, I hauled with me much music, most of it of the classical tendency, with vague hopes of entertaining my comrades by my execution of some of these works on the piano. One day I managed to commandeer a key board. After five critical minutes spent in endeavouring to press down the three notes that would play and avoiding the thirty-seven that would not play, I retired ungracefully, leaving the field to a rival whose powers, if physically enormous, were of minute artistic worth.

My frantic explorations for some less ancient instrument resulted in my discovering in some out-of-the-way corner a piano, what appeared to have once been part of the Royal baggage of King John, and which some zealous person must have dug out of the wash not long since.

Then the Church Army Hut came to my rescue, with a Broadwood Grand. I am ashamed to confess that I spent more time on that Broadwood Grand than on my Lee Enfield Mark III, Star, and I am thoroughly convinced that my entrenching tool handle was in a most disgusting condition during those few weeks.

Of course, there were occasions when I was forced to concentrate my mind on a bun and a cup of very weak tea, awaiting the pleasure of someone whose gymnastic feats on the keyboard were exercising a hypnotic influence on a crowd of gallant soldiers round about.

I have often tried to eliminate much of the "Ragtime" from the musical minds of my comrades, but I find that, while decidedly not averse to enjoying good renderings of Rachmaninoff's Prélude, or Edward German's Dances, their hearts are irreclaimably lost to any of those melodies which have so remarkable an association with a few particular States of America. Therefore, I have been so wise as to make myself perfectly familiar with much of this strange music.

I remember once listening to a misguided young man who was endeavouring to reproduce on a rather woe-begone piano, the favourite tune of his Regimental Band.

Having finished slandering his Band thus he devoted himself to a futurist performance of Mendelssohn's "Spring Song", from which he went into "Il Trovatore", introducing therein some highly original and highly exciting chords. Had Verdi been present he would no doubt have been very impressed.

So anxious am I to represent this gentleman's talent in correct proportion, that I fear to do him a grave injustice. I must mention that were it not for the fact that he bestowed his whole attention on his right hand and allowed the left to fellow at its own sweet will, his interpretation of the Masters would have caused Paderewski to resign his political position and devote the rest of his days to hard practice.

These observations would be incomplete without my paying honest tribute to all the real musicians who are at present in the Army, and with any of whom it is a delight to come into contact.

Perhaps in Cologne, who knows? "Music hath charms", even in the Army.

One hardly appreciates the hard lot of Tommy until one has been Orderly Sergeant.

For instance, you enter a room and pounce upon the first man. You obtain from him his name and number. If you are in luck, you might also obtain a second man's name and number. Then, on casually glancing round, you observe that the seventeen other men, whose, presence had been so obvious two minutes ago, have vanished in the most accomplished and scientific manner.

On further inquiry, tho two men who have so easily fallen into your net, inform you politely that they are "employed"—sergeants' batmen or runners to sergeants' batmen — and therefore immune from interference.

By the time you have collected the ten together, you march them round the camp, in vain endeavours to find the fatigue. You then dismiss them, and five minutes afterwards, stumble across the Officer requiring the men. Then ——— but who does not appreciate the joy of being the target for the concentrated fire of a superior Officer?

But perhaps the fillip to the whole adventurous career of the O.S. is reserved for the evening.

About five, six, seven, or eight o'clock, (the times are so beautifully vague) the R.S.M. gives, "Detail".

The interview is not brief, but nevertheless is of unique interest. Here it is that the fate of each N.C.O. is settled for the next day.

It is all very exciting.

R. S. M. "— — — Coy: have you any spare Cpls. ?"

O. S. — Coy. — "No, Sir! But I've a fine line in Lance Corporals" — and so on.

There yet remains much to be told. How the Ord. Sergt.'s hair is gradually bleached in his efforts to make the Parade State balance; how he has to copy out many miles of Battalion Orders; how he calls the roll at 9.30 p.m., and warns each one of his morrow's lot; how he answers Staff Parade at 10 p.m., in a state of mental and physical collapse; how he sees "Light's Out" at 10.15, and is compelled to enter his detail book under the table, with a blanket as screen; how at 10.45 he trickles into bed, only to recollect that he has forgotten to see 11 o'clock lights out. . . .

Even now I cannot close my eyes and look back on that brief period when I was Orderly Sergeant without a feeling of dull mental agony.

Perhaps in the future I am destined for other things. Who knows?

TO ALL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Editor wishes to emphasise the fact that any correspondence sent to him should bear name, rank, and unit of the sender. Also many sports and amusements contributions are being received which do not give any dates whatever. These are, naturally, useless, as all readers first of all wish to know when the occurrence, whatever it may be, happened.

Will contributors please bear this in mind.

OUR TRIP TO THE RHINE.

52nd Battalion, The Rifle Brigade.

Under the Command of LIEUTENANT-COLONEL E. P. A. RIDDELL, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Part II.

Next morning the camp was early astir, and at 6.30 a.m. the Battalion moved out en route for the rail. More mud was negotiated, this time through fields, until a German Prisoners' Camp was reached. From this place we were to board the train, made up as previously mentioned of German wagons. This accomplished, the various parties made their train quarters as comfortable as possible; and, be it mentioned, "Tommy" once again displayed his resource and adaptability to circumstances. Means of disposing of equipment or other impedimenta were devised out of any old bit of tin or iron. Brooms for sweeping out the truck were made from twigs or rushes; in most cases mess—tins found resting-places from whence they could easily be found, and everything was in apple pie order.

The waiting time was occupied by a hand at whist, or story-telling, and in some cases impromptu concerts. Bedtime came, and everyone made himself comfortable for the night, when an awful crash told us we were moving again. This time we were really on the way. It was 12.30 midnight, and soon all were in slumbers.

About 10 a.m. the railway journey really commenced, the train starting with a lurch which sent everything flying. We were actually moving. Alas. It was only for a matter of 400 yards, though, and we were doomed to wait fourteen hours!

At 5 a.m. Sunday morning, March 2nd, Merris was reached. We had covered a distance of 50 miles in 4½ hours! A halt was made for breakfast which was served at a Rest Camp some little distance from the railway siding.

Here a contretemps occurred which had its humourous side, though somewhat unfortunate for those who found themselves victims to circumstance over which no one seems to have had control.

Whilst the halt was made for breakfast, the men were getting back to the train in small groups; others taking their own time. Some 800 or so had reached the train and boarded it, when it began to move slowly, as most people thought for the purpose of shunting. To the dismay, however, of those on board, the pace gradually increased, and mile after mile was traversed. Captain Marshall made a gallant effort to reach the engine-driver, but his labours were unavailing as he failed to reach the engine.

Meanwhile the Colonel, the Adjutant, the M. O. and other officers, N. C. Os and about 140 men were left behind, in many cases minus overcoats, putties etc. They were certainly not "dressed up" and had "nowhere to go".

Those of the party who were left, knowing the peculiarities of the French railway service, during war time, proceeded to follow on in the hopes of overtaking the runaway, but no! the fates were against them. That run from Merris to Baisieux, the next stopping place, was one of the fastest sprints of the whole journey! Telegraph poles were passed at a terrific pace.

At Baisieux a halt was made to afford time for meals at another Rest Camp, and also for the wanderers to overtake the main body. At lenght these turned up, some making the journey by passenger train, returning leave train, or any other means of conveyance available.

What a motley crew they were! As they arrived, unshaven and unwashed, many with only scanty covering, they presented a curious spectacle. It is even rumoured that one officer was attired in overcoat and socks! Many were without caps; others wore cap-comforters; some were in "Shirt sleeves", some in slippers, They much resembled a ship-wrecked crew. Verily, "Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these!" All vowed vengeance on the engine driver, however, and being thus appeased the wanderers soon settled down to resume the journey — a wash and brush up compensating for many little discomforts. "Tommy" invariably adapts himself to circumstances however, and this little episode proved one of the tit-bits of the trip.

To those who have not made the journey by "truck", a useful hint might be to obtain a good store of water.

This necessity can be realised when it is stated that 12 good men and true made use of the contents of one mess — tin for washing and shaving!

A last peep at Baisieux revealed a vast amount of damage having been done to the Station Buildings and also to the permanent way. "Jerry's" method in dealing with the railway was to "blow up" the joints of the metals and this had been continued for quite a long distance up the line.

We now settled down to take advantage of the open door of our trucks which afforded excellent opportunity for viewing the passing scenes. There were many familiar spots passed en route which had been the scenes of deadly conflict. Places well remembered — alas! — by many of the Officers and senior N. C. Os — came into view, and many little white crosses dotted here and there marked the resting places of our gallant comrades who had truly "done their bit".

The shattered areas of Armentières, Lille, and towns and villages, now flattened to the earth, were passed in turn. Demolished railway stations and bridges; everywhere complete devastation; miles and miles of it. Comment now would be superfluous. The whole world knows of it, but only those who have actually seen for themselves can realise what war has done.

Here and there French peasants could be seen "Carrying on" with plough and harrow, or making effort to straighten things up a little, but a lot has to be done.

Our train jogged along, with occasional reminders in the way of awkward jerks which usually occurred whilst men were in the act of cooking their bacon. Now a mess — tin of tea went west, to the accompaniment of vows of vengeance on the driver; the piece of bread and jam, which flew from the hands of its consumer, naturally by law of gravitation fell jam downwards on the coal dust. "My blinking luck again" said a certain sergeant when his tasty bit of bacon was jerked into a tin of tea, which already had a nice greasy surface.

Oh! that driver. If he only realised the uncomplimentary remarks that were hurled at his unholy head.

It was Sunday, but there was no church parade. In the fields and passing villages there was noticeable the quiet calm of the Sabbath. No tilling of the soil. All seemed to be wrapt in solemn slumber, except the very occasional tolling of a distant churchbell — one of the few remaining in the belfry of a favoured edifice which had escaped demolition.

All through the night we travelled. Most of the men "turned in" early, some sat by the open door and talked and smoked until one, by one, we crept down to our pallets and slept the sleep of the righteous! Travelling throughout the night, we reached Charleroi in the early morning, a stop being made for breakfast.

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The train was drawn into a siding, and in less time almost than it takes to record, the inhabitants of the now famous town were regaling the men with hot coffee, and in some cases wine. Here, too, a plentiful supply of water was obtained and a really good wash was indulged in.

At 9.30 we were off again, and coming into the valley of the Sambre to Namur, where the Meuse adjoins the former river, we entered the most picturesque portion of the route.

For miles we traversed the valley of the Meuse, with the rocky promontories on the opposite side to the river.

Huy was our next stopping place; whence we continued our way to Liege. At 10.15 p. m. we crossed the Belgian border, and were at last in German territory.

Cologne was passed during the night — about 3.15 — and a few kilomètres farther north brought us to the end of the long railway journey.

We detrained at Worringen and after a hasty breakfast we commenced the march to our destination, viz. Langel, some 7 kilomètres distant. Rain was falling heavily as we tramped through the muddy roads of the small town of Worringen, but this did not prevent the populace from turning out to watch the Battalion march in.

Ours was not the first British Regiment to pass through the town, but notwithstanding this fact there was quite an interest taken, particularly as the newly-acquired Regimental pet brought up the rear of the column.

The mascot was a pretty little goat handed over at Dunkerque by the Manchesters, who were returning to England. "Billy" did the journey in one of the curious "dickeys" to be seen on most of the German trucks.

His keeper, to whom the goat hastily formed an attachment, had regaled him en route with a plentiful supply of oats, and the animal was none the worse for his novel journey.

There were, of course, many humorous incidents of which space forbids a record, and it only remains to add that the whole of the arrangements were carried out with the excellence which comes of experience, and the Officers in Charge are worthy of every compliment.

The Battalion has now settled down to its programme of work. Education under the new Army Educational Scheme is well under way; Recreational Training, embodying football, cross country running, and boxing is already in full swing. An athletic meeting is in course of arrangement and there is promise of good sport.

It only remains to add that the 52nd Battalion, The Rifle Brigade, is particularly fortunate in its Officers. Colonel Riddell, notwithstanding the fact that he has not been long with the Battalion, has in a comparatively short time won his way to the hearts of the Officers and men under his command. He is a gallant soldier and a good sportsman. That is a sufficient qualification for a good Englishman — where he leads no man would hesitate to follow.

Major M. G. N. Stopford, M.C., Second in Command, and Captain F. A. Hawkins, M.C., Adjutant, are sportsmen, too, in addition to their having proved their metal in the field, and it is no exaggeration to say that "the boys love them".

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CAPTAIN FRYATT INQUIRY.

After a conference lasting more than six hours, the German National Law Commission on the points involved in the execution of Capt. Fryatt. delivered its judgment yesterday. Its finding is that at the trial by Military Law of Capt. Fryatt there was no violation of international Law.

The Commission deeply regretted that the sentence of execution was carried out so quickly.

The summings up and the judgments were handed to the Prime Minister of the Netherlands for transmission to the English Government.

CAN GERMANY PAY THE COST OF THE WAR?

BONAR LAW DOUBTFUL

Winding up the debate on Indemnities, Mr. Bonar Law summarised the broad issues. The Government, he said, still intended to get what it could from Germany. Its first duty, however, was to secure Peace, which object demanded the closest understanding with France and America, but while we recognise the greater sufferings of some of our Allies, we must be just to our own Empire.

There was a very great difference between deciding on the amount of taxation that could be imposed on Germany and getting it paid to the Allies, owing to the difficulty of transferring money from one country to another.

Experts are considering every possible way in which Germany can be made to pay, but while not holding out the hope that Germany could pay the whole cost of the war, he (Mr. Bonar Law) hoped she would be able to pay an amount well worth having.

FRENCH ADMINISTRATION OF ALSACE LORRAINE.

M. Millerand, the French Commissaire Général at Strasbourg, in an interview with a representative of *Le Journal*, expressed himself as well satisfied with his first impressions. He stated that religious and social organisations will remain *in statu quo* and certain measures affecting chiefly workmen will be retained.

The matter uppermost in the mind of the population is the value of the mark. M. Millerand hopes a favourable solution will soon be forthcoming. Immigration is another complicated problem, which is receiving the attention of the authorities.

GOOD GRANT FOR GEDDES.

In the course of the debate in the House of Commons on the Ways and Communications Bill Mr. Ronald Mc. Neill (Co. U., Canterbury) referred to the fact that the Railway Company which Sir Eric Geddes formerly served had made him a Grant of fifty thousand pounds.

Sir Eric Geddes explained that he had a written agreement with the North Eastern railway, made before the war, on terms which stipulated that in the event of railways being nationalised and certain conditions arising, he was to receive certain sums in compensation.

When he was invited to join the Government it was obviously improper for him to have any personal financial interest in the question of Nationalisation. Under his agreement had the railways been nationalised the payment to be made him would have been far greater.

Until he made that settlement with the railway he never entered into the confidence of either the Goverment or of any Minister on the question of railways.

SIX MILLIARDS OF FRANCS.

The *Echo de Paris* states that the Council of Four has agreed that whatever indemnity is exacted from Germany, the first payment will be six milliards of francs, and a quantity of stocks, of which the most optimistic estimate is thirty milliards. The total indemnity to be demanded will not be included in the preliminary peace terms. When that is fixed an Allied Commission will determine annually in what form of payment the yearly instalments will be made.

FAMOUS SURGEON DEAD.

INVENTION, WHICH SAVED MANY LIVES DURING THE WAR.

The death is announced of Sir James Mackenzie Davidson, the famous surgeon and radiologist, at the age of 63.

He studied medicine in Edinburgh, Aberdeen and London, and became an eye-specialist. For the last twenty years he devoted his attention to Ray work and invented a precise method of localisation for foreign bodies in the eye and orbit. During the war this invention was the direct means of saving thousands of lives, as, the exact location of a bullet or shell splinter being known, surgeons could operate with certainty and speed.

Sir James, who was knighted in 1917, was Consulting Radiologist to the Military Hospitals in the London district.

TERRITORIALS' SACRIFICE.

"LORD GOD! WE HAVE PAID IN FULL."

When the war can be studied in the perspective of history — and it is much too recent for that to be done — one of the biggest and finest chapters must be that concerning the Territorials and the part they played in critical times from the very outset.

There are several Territorial divisions which have made such proud names for themselves as vis with anything ever accomplished in the history of the British Army. Some day it shall be our pleasurable task to write some of the things which we do know.

Meanwhile the following bare figures are surely eloquent enough. They are an epic in themselves.

The Secretary of the Territorial Force Association says that 1,095,000 Territorials of all ranks were sent overseas. Of these, 6,500 officers and 105,000 men were killed, out of a grand total of 23,900 officers and 535,000 men killed and wounded. Twenty nine officers and forty-two men won the Victoria Cross.

FUTURE OF THE TERRITORIALS.

A conference was held yesterday at Westminster between the Secretary of State for War, Mr. Winston Churchill, and representatives of Territorial Force Associations.

Mr. Winston Churchill, who presided, outlined the Force as an essential and vital part of our defensive system. Territorial officers should be eligible to command its Brigades and fill positions on Divisional and Brigade Staffs.

He hinted at the possible utilisation of the present Volunteer force for the purpose of reconstituting the National Reserve of pre-war days.

AMERICAN REFUSAL TO FIGHT.

Colonel Wedgwood (Co.L., Newcastle under Lyme) asked in the House of Commons whether American troops in Siberia had refused to cooperate in fighting near Blagovestkensk against insurrectionary Russians, and if so, why; and whether British were used for this sort of warfare.

Mr. Winston Churchill replied that the Americans did refuse, the reason given by the General Officer commanding the Americans being that the forces which attacked the Japanese might prove to be insurrectionary Russian peasants mistaken for Bolshevists.

The British had not been called upon to quell disturbances but will co-operate with the other Allies including Americans in maintaining order in a area where they are stationed.

Col. Wedgwood asked for an assurance that if there is any difference of opinion between American and Japanese troops the British troops will co-operate with the Americans, not with the Japanese.

This remark elicited loud protests and cries of "Why?"

Col. Wedgwood Because they are white men.

Mr. Churchill: I think these matters must be left to the discretion of the officers on the spot. In this particular case there is no doubt this was a powerful well-armed band of Bolshevists.

CAPITAL CONSERVE.

With the view of preserving capital for domestic purposes within the United Kingdom and preventing any avoidable drain upon foreign exchanges through the export of capital, the Treasury has appointed a Committee to advise under the Defence of the Realm Act upon all applications for licences for fresh issues of capital.

UNWRITTEN LAW UNAVAILING.

Since the "unwritten law" was first imported from America and successfully pleaded in the English courts, it has become a stock defence in cases involving the "tertium quid."

This plea was advanced in the Court of Criminal Appeal by a soldier named Vivian Coryton, who was sentenced at Manchester Assizes to seven years penal servitude for shooting with intent to murder a man named Davies, who had admitted improper relationship with Mrs. Coryton.

Mr. Justice Bray said that unfortunately there had been several similar cases, and it was neccessary for the court to lay down quite clearly that in no circumstances was a soldier entitled to take the law into his own hands.

The application for leave to appeal was dismissed.

Architects and sculptors, who wish to compete for the design of the memorial to commemorate the attack on Zeebrugge can obtain all particulars from the hon. secretary, Mr. Algernon Mandslay 35 Albemarle-street, W. 1., to whom also donations or the memorial may be sent.

QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS.

CONCERNING 1916 MEN.

In a written answer Capt. Guest stated that he regretted it was impossible to entertain the proposal to give special consideration, with the view of demobilisation, to the cases of those men who, volunteering under the Derby scheme, were rejected proir to 1916, but were subsequently called up after 1916, notwithstanding their low medical category.

ALIENS IN ENGLAND.

Mr. Shortt, in a written answer, said that the number of Aliens in England is about twenty-six thousand, of whom about five thousand are interned. At one time the number of interned was thirty-two thousand.

During the last ten years the number of aliens naturalised from countries at war with us was about two thousand nine hundred.

DOGS, DEFERRED DEMOBILISATION.

The Secretary for War, Mr. Winston Churchill, in a written answer, said that owing to the importation of rabies through dogs brought from France, it had become necessary to forbid officers and men bringing their dogs home with them.

The Army Council, however, had accepted the generous offer of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to defray the cost of maintenance of a limited number of dogs for the six months quarantine required by the order. Only five hundred at a time can be accommodated at their kennels at Hackbridge.

The dogs are collected at a depot in France and when passed as free from the symptoms of rabies are sent across to Hackbridge in batches.

Over one hundred were received in March.

HORSES' HAPPIER HOME - COMING.

An Army horse, which had been at the front since 1914 was recently sent home from France with a labie attached bearing the words "Please give me a good home".

It was put up to auction and after keen bidding realised the sum of 142 guineas, the purchaser declaring, that he would never part with it.

EVERYBODY'S WANTING THEM NOW.

Col. Jessel, visiting the Remount Depot at Shirehampton, emphasised the splendid results which followed good Army horsemanship. In consequence everybody is rushing to buy demobilised mounts, which are realising extraordinary prices. It is now admitted throughout the Continent that the horse mastery of the "improvised" British Army reached the very highest standard during the campaign and the unhappy taxpayer could see a golden stream pouring in to the Treasury because the Army had possessed such humane, conscientious and skilful horsemasters.

PEACE BEFORE EASTER.

At a luncheon given by the Republican Press Association yesterday at Paris, M. Pichon predicted that the preliminary Peace treaty will be ready for signature before Easter.

NAVAL PROMOTION HONOURS.

The Board of Admiralty announces that Viscount Jellicoe of Scapa and Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty are promoted Admirals of the Fleet in recognition of their distinguished services during the war.

On Sunday next, 6th April, the Grand Fleet, as such, passes away. The following are the chief appointments. Admiral Sir C. E. Madden to be Commander in Chief of the Home and Atlantic Fleet; Rear Admiral A. B. Leveson to be Vice-Admiral commanding the Second Battle Squadron of the Atlantic Fleet: Admiral the Hon. Sir E. C. Fremantle to command the First Battle Squadron of the Atlantic Fleet; Vice Admiral Sir H. J. Oliver to command the Home Fleet and Rear Admiral Sir R. J. B. Keyes to command the Battle Cruiser Squadron of the Atlantic Fleet.

F. P. No. 1. TO BE DEMOBBED.

An interesting amendment to the Army (Annual) Bill, which is in the Committee Stage in the House, was made by Major E. Hayward (L., Seaham) who moved to substitute hard labour for F. P. No. 1.

Mr. Winston Churchill contended that this punishment was not actually cruelty. Its use had even obviated the carrying out of death sentences.

He promised however to institute inquiries with the view of arranging the suggested substitution.

A RECORD AEROPLANE ASCENT.

The giant aeroplane Goliath, piloted by Boussoutrot, reached this evening, in spite of cloudy and rainy weather, an altitude of 6,200 mètres (20,336 ft) in an hour and a quarter, carrying five passengers. This beats by more than 2,000 mètres (6,560 ft) the record established in 1916 by the pilot Poirée. The ascent was stopped by the freezing of the propelling machinery in the exceedingly low temperature of 72 deg. of frost Fahr. The airman Muller accompanied Boussoutrot. — *Reuter.*

GENERAL SMUTS FOR HUNGARY.

PARIS, Wednesday.

General Smuts is proceeding to Hungary, with a view to investigating certain problems arising out of the armistice, on which the Supreme Council desire further information.

BILLIE CARLETON CASE.

De VEULLE ON TRIAL.

Reginald de Veulle, 38, dress designer, appeared in the dock at the Old Bailey before Mr. Justice Salter, charged with the manslaughter of Miss Billie Carleton, the actress, by supplying her with cocaine, and on a further count, of conspiring with Ada Lo Ping to procure cocaine.

Accused appeard to be in good health and spirits, though a trifle pale. He pleaded "not guilty" in a loud clear voice.

The two main questions were, said Sir Richard Muir, (for the Director of Public Prosecutions): Was the cocaine from which Miss Carleton died supplied to her by De Veulle? If so, did he supply it in such circumstances as to make him liable for manslaughter? The prosecution suggested that she sniffed the cocaine up her nostrils and, quite unintentionally on her part, it caused her death.

Among the witnesses called were Dr. Hamerton, divisional police surgeon, and Dr. R. C. Jewesbury, who both were of opinion that death was due to cocaine.

Dr. Frederick Stuart was in the witness box when the case was adjourned. He will be cross-examined by Mr. Huntley Jenkins.

HIC JACET PRESS BUREAU.

R. I. P.

From the Press Bureau itself comes the announcement that, unless emergency arises, the Press bureau will cease to exist on the 30th April.

The Censorship and all the other controls exercised by that much maligned department will thereupon automatically be removed.

THE FUTURE OF WOMEN.

ADRESS BY THE HON. MRS ALFRED LYTTLETON.

On Wednesday, 2nd April, 1919, the Hon. Mrs. Alfred Lyttleton paid a visit to the Army of Occupation in Cologne, and delivered to the R. A. F. at Bickendorf a striking adress on the problem of Woman's Status after the War. Woman, she said, had earned the right by their unfailing loyalty and devotion to the Empire during the struggle through which she has passed, to a place of equality on almost every platform — egislative, industrial, professional — previously monopolised by men. Differences were of degree, not of kind.

The "Subjection of Women" was a thing of the past and the married status in particular was going to improve — must improve. The wives of men in the industrial classes especially had not the considerate treatment they deserved from their husbands. But emancipation from drudgery must follow from the share they had taken in shouldering man's responsibilities. The women themselves would see to this if the men didn't. They simply would not be side-tracked. The Hon. Mrs. Lyttleton's appeal was simple and direct and was charged with her personality. It was the same appeal that has been put forward through the ages, at the one end by Plato, and by John Stuart Mill at the other, but Mrs. Lyttleton's advocacy had behind it more than theirs. Women had *earned* their place as the equal companion and partner of men.

The address was much appreciated by Officers and men, and there was a large attendance.

ADVENTURES IN THE AIR.

AMERICAN OFFICER COURT MARTIALLED.

At the American Headquarters in London an American officer stood his trial by court-martial. His name is Captain Edmund Chamberlain, of the United States Marine-Corps.

He is charged with fabricating reports of his exploits, thereby gaining recommendations for high British and American distinctions.

The defence is not yet opened.

LIBEL ACTION AGAINST THE DAILY MAIL.

Sir Hedley Le Bas commenced an action for libel against the Daily Mail, alleging that he had been accused of mean and loathsome conduct by inspiring political attacks against Mr. Lloyd George, whom he was professedly supporting, and that he had been playing into the hands of the enemy. He further alleged that he had been represented as deliberately attempting to corrupt the Press and to deceive the public by persuading local newspapers to publish articles purporting to be his own opinions while in fact they were advertisements paid by him.

The defence will be that the charges are true.

Mr. Justice Darling is hearing the case.

COUNT SALM'S CURIOUS SALUTE.

It is reported from Vienna that ex-President Karolyi arrived at Vienna on Saturday, Count Salm waited for him in the evening, with two witnesses in attendance, and smacked his face twice, saying "This is the salute from the South Western front."

The usual challenge to a duel followed.

The Leviathan, formerly the "Vaterland," reached New York on the 3rd. with 12,000 American troops aboard — the largest number of souls ever carried in one keel.

KITTY'S BIGAMOUS CAREER.

SIX LITTLE NIGGER BOYS.

At the Old Bailey yesterday Kitty Ingram was sentenced to nine months hard labour for bigamy.

During her husband's absence at the front, Ingram made the acquaintance of a coloured man and lived with him for six months. He went to sea and she married another coloured man.

When she was arrested six more coloured men were found to be living in the house.

FLYING THE ATLANTIC.

100 DESTROYERS TO GUARD ROUTE.

The American and British navies will cooperate in a grand patrol of the course to be followed by the various contestants for the Daily Mail and other prizes.

Sixty American and forty British destroyers will patrol the course, the former from Newfoundland to the Azores and the latter between the Azores and the British Isles.

DECAPITATED OFFICER.

AN OPEN VERDICT.

An inquiry was held at Woking into the death of Lt. J. A. Proctor, the Canadian officer whose headless body was found on the line near Worplesdon.

A Miss Elsie Reeveley stated that her name and that of Lt. Proctor had been connected in legal preceedings. She travelled from Waterloo with Lt. Proctor but on the journey she fell asleep.

Lt. MacGerrison, Canadian Army, said he was in the same compartment. He saw Lt. Proctor go towards the toilet compartment and immediately afterwards there was a draught of cold air.

An open verdict was returned.

AND A TIGER FROM COLOGNE.

Mr. Winston Churchill announced in the Commons that at the wish of the House the motion of Mr. W. Adamson, Labourite (West Fife), to reject Clause 12 of the Army (Annual) Bill, providing for two years imprisonment for acts likely to cause disaffection in the Army, has been withdrawn. The Government had a large mass of machinery for dealing with such cases.

The aunouncement was greeted with loud cheers.

MINUS MANY MINUTES.

On Clause 6., giving power to deal summarily with charges against officers, a series of amendments was proposed. That by Mr. W. H. Foster (Co. U., Bromley) was adopted, making it plain that the G.O.C. has power to dismiss cases without having to wade through all the evidence.

TAX ON BOUNTIES.

The Board of Inland Revunue states that the re-engagement bonuses of officers and men, and the bonus for those not released by 1st May, are subject to income tax.

The Women's Royal Naval Air Service is to be demobilised.

NO DICTATION.

Representatives of over 100 touring companies resolved, at a meeting of the Theatrical Managers' Association, that they could not submit to the dictates of the Actors' Association.

NO BEER: NO WORK.

Half a million telegraphists and associated workers belonging to the Central Federated Union (America) have announced their determination to strike work on July 1st if the sale of beer is stopped. The union secretary declares that the "No Beer: No Work" movement is increasing at a tremendous rate.

CLEMENCEAU'S ASSAILANT.

The appeal of Cottin, who shot at and wounded M. Clemenceau, has been rejected. He now intends to appeal to the Court of Cassation.

FOUR COLONELCIES FOR THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The King has approved the following appointments of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., G.M.M.G., G.M.B.E., M.C., etc. To be Colonel in Chief of the Twelfth Lancers and the Royal Scots Fusiliers: To be Honorary Colonel of the Fifth Bn. Devonshire Regiment and of the Fifteenth Bn. The London Regiment, T.F., (Civil Service Rifles.

LABOUR TROUBLES AT DUSSELDORF.

BIG STRIKE IMPENDING.

It is anticipated that a big strike of all trades may take place tomorrow at Dusseldorf.

Although the Sparticist element is not numerous in the district — the small numbers consisting chiefly of young people, even girls — it is feared, that owing to the obvious weakness of the Government, this small element may seize an opportunity of getting hold of the workers and so creating serious trouble.

The Hungarian Soviet has decreed that no political rights shall be accorded to priests, monks, lunatics, merchants, persons who live without working, ex-prisoners, minors, and exploiters of labour.

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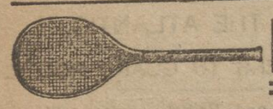
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THE RELEASE OF 'CONCHY'

There is an agitation in progress in England at the present time for the immediate release of the "conchies", and much controversy has been and is still being raised on this question. The "conchies" — at any rate the absolutists, — as all soldiers know, are a band of men whose consciences and higher instincts would not allow them to take any part whatever in this war. The majority of them are scattered about the country in our various prison residences, living more or less in peaceful solitude that calm, quiet life which their own reasoning has dictated to them as the ideal one. So long as we here were amusing the Huns, the "conchies" were content to live their gaol-bird existence.

But not so now. Many of the boys have left us to resume their normal occupations, and it appears that this fact has caused much perplexity in the minds of our obstinate brothers in prison. It is curious to note that they have some friends at home, who, as an organized body, are endeavouring to hasten their release. One could hardly expect them to have many friends, though I dare say most of us sympathize with them in the cramped and unromantic existence which for so long they have led.

As soldiers, how over, we cannot tolerate them We prefer a valiant enemy to a skulking brother. Whilst they have been following their peaceful existence under state control, we have been plodding through mud: whilst they have been contentedly digging turnips for their dinner, we have been digging trenches for our safety from the hurling whizzbangs; whilst they have been calmly reposing on more or less soft beds, we have been standing in those lonely heinous outposts. That is why we cannot tolerate them.

And now they have the audacity to claim release, whilst still so many thousands are keeping watch in enemy territory; they have the barefacedness to attempt to resume normal occupations before we can get back to our old jobs.

In a letter to the *Daily Mail* the Joint Advisory Committee of the No-Conscription Fellowship writes: —

"Especially do we urge upon all those interested in the question that anything short of complete release will leave the problem entirely unsolved, a position which must soon become intolerable seeing that the continued imprisonment or detention of C.O's. is already repugnant to everyone who loves justice and freedom of opinion."

The remark appears to us soldiers who have won for our country an everlasting peace from Prussian militarism, and who have made for the Empire a security which by war alone could be obtained.

By our fighting and our victory we have merited for ourselves a certain right to claim attention. Let us then give the freedom of opinion which is mentioned.

We don't want the C.O's out here it is true, but at the same time it is only fair that not one of them should be released until every retained soldier in the occupation armies is back at his accustomed work.

They use the word "justice." For four years they have received infinitely better treatment than any which justice could mete out to them. Let them now live on the happy memories of those good times spent in gaol until we are home to receive them.

BRITAIN.

In discussing the relative merits of men of various nationalities there is to-day a strong tendency on the part of many Englishmen to belittle the capacity of their countrymen to the advantage of the men of other countries, and particularly the German. One frequently hears the expression, "Oh yes, the Germans can give us points", and some will even go so far as to assume that, as a race, the Germans are intellectually superior.

Without being too egoistical the rightthinking Englishman, after a little careful study and thought, will prove for himself that this idea is entirely erroneous. Facts must speak for themselves, and a careful study of the history of human prodress in its varied phrases, will soon convince any Englishman — or to be more correct, any Britisher — of the great part his countrymen have played, and are still playing, in the history of the world. The Britisher should certainly not be boastful, but should bear himself before all men with that quiet confidence and pride in his own country, the record of which surpasses that of any other nation on the face of the earth. Let us, for a moment, look at a few of the things the Britisher has accomplished.

To thingk of Britain, one almost naturally thinks of her as a living, humming, vibrating hive of industry; and probably no element enters more largely into the maustry of Britain than steam — that mighty force which enables our railway trains to run from John-O'-Gr — ats to Land's End in a few hours, and by the help of our "ocean greyhounds", brings the United States within five days of the British Isles. Steam is to the Britisher almost "part of himself", and he has indeed harnessed it to his requirements like no other man.

"In the history of Invention and Discovery" to quote Lord Avebury, "the name of Watt will be always associated with the steam engine, of Stevenson with the locomotive, Wheatstone with the electric telegraph, Arkwright with the spinning machine, Hargreaves with the jenny, Fox Talbot with photography. In medicine, the circulation of the blood was discovered by Harvey; vaccination, by Jenner; anaesthetics were brought into use by Simpson; and the antiseptic treatment in cases of wounds and operations, by Lister. In science, we have many great names — Bacon and Newton, Young and Darwin, Davy, Dalton, Cavendish, Faraday, Herschel, William Smith, Lyell, Murchison, Owen, Tyndall, Huxley, Hooper and many others."

On the sea, the exploits of the British have been amaz ng, and it can be said truly that Brittannia rules the waves. One half of the world's merchant ships fly the British flag, whilst our men-of-war, built of iron and steel, are indeed worthy sentries of our shores, revealing to a wonderful extent the ingenuity and inventive gen us of the British. The marine chronometer had its origin in the brain of a poor English carpenter, John Harrison by name.

British-built ships, motor cars, agricultural implements and machines of all descriptions have their home in all quarters of the globe, and are recognised as the finest things of their kind in the world.

In literature, too, has not Great Britain made her mark on the civilization of all time? Who that has gloried in the wisdom of Shakespeare, the sublime thoughts of Stevenson or Carlyle, the humour and pathos of Dickens, or the superb poetry of Milton, but has not felt that truly these were great men apart from any question of nationality. Yet the nation is made up of individuals and from the wor kof these great Britishers we get a true index of the mind and art of our people. In war, too, our record has been glorious. No more valiant or chivalrous soldier than the British soldier has ever shivered a lance or fired a shot. His personality has won ungrudging admiration even from his enemies.

In the records of this war, Great Britain has proved to the world that she has lost none of her virility. Superb in her strenth and power, she has dominated the collosal struggle, championing the cause of the weak, inspiring her Allies, quick in her aid to those weakening in the struggle, and stunning in her blows to the enemy. Her sons, too, have proved their inventive capacity, excelling every invention of the enemy in his fierce struggle for world domination. The British explosives, arms, artillery of all discriptions, and last but not least, the tanks, bear witness to the creative capacity of the Britisher; whilst the supremacy of the air has indisputably bee wrested from the enemy.

Among the nations of the earth, Great Britain has always been a mighty exponent for the uplifting of mankind and her established laws have been constantly copied and introduced by the Governments of other countries. In the history of the world no nation has poured out so much blood or treasure for the emancipation, the enoblement, and the betterment of mankind.

Shall not we Britons, as we meditate on these things, resolve within ourselves that we will, in some measure, be worthy of our heritage "tight little island" or indeed of the Empire on which the sun never sets. The simple realization of the fact that we are of Britain, should send the blood tingling through our veins in a paeon of pride and thankfulness. It is the man who makes the nation, and all the abiding things which enoble and grace our national life lie wrapped in the heart of the individual. Let us, then as we return to our homes with our patritism deepened and purified by the suffering of the past four years, strive our utmost to be worthy of the great land to which we belong.

W. O., R. E.

Think for Yourself.
C. H. RHODES.

Do your own thinking, ever tried it? No! wel', make a start TODAY. To morrow may not come, now is the time.

Carefully analyse all facts and events of life which concern you, and you will get a better and clearer conception of life. Be original in every possible way, don't "try" to be original: just be YOURSELF, and you will be.

The men who make good in this world, are the men who do "their own thinking": they are not copyists, but creators of thought and ideas, hence their success in life.

Always count yourself the full 100% value and let the world discount your value if it is necessary for them to do so. Your duty is to see that it is'nt.

Never set limits to your talents. You can't say what you are capable of doing. You do not know yourself, yet, until you have tried, so why condemn yourself first? If there is any following to be done, let the other chap do it. You set the pace.

Only by a true realisation of YOURSELF, can you get to the front rank of success. There are no two men or women in the world possessed of identically the same characteristics. We inherit a mass of peculiarities from our ancestorts each person is a distinct type and individuality. You are unique, and in that very fact lies most of your value to society.

In the world of business, science, art, as also in the world of thought, there is one cryand one cry alone. It is ORIGINALITY, and it is you who can fill the bill. Unsuspected, perhaps, as yet by yourself, there is in you some power, some combination of qualities which no one but yourself possesses, and the world is waiting for you to use that power, and those qualities, for its benefit, and yours. Because you alone can fill this need, the world will pay you — and pay you generously — but it will have little use for you, and still less pay, if you permit your originality to remain dormant.

The world is not full up yet, nor is there any likelihood of its being so for centuries, but there is no room for sleepers, slackers, and wasters. Wake up, be alive, use the gifts with which you have been endowed — your mind, your brain. Train them, use them — that's what they are for — and having done so, go out into the world for the position that is yours, and yours alone, calm in the assurance that you will not fail to find it. But you must first of all make yourself fit and worthy of the post.

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NO PLAY, NO PAY!
W. NEVILLE RENDALL.

A probable strike of actors is causing considerable interest in Bohemian circles. In and outside the green-room, behind the scenes, even in the "prompt corner" and on the "O.P. side," the situation is being openly discussed.

By casually strolling down the Strand (which is the favourite haunt of members of the histrionic profession) and turning into Bedford Street, one can observe little knots of actors, actresses and artistes engaged in animated conversation.

Note the traditional tragedian, whose astrakan glistens in the pale April sun; he discloses his identity with every gesticulation of an imposing arm. He is one of the "old school", a "heavy lead", and is "resting" more often than not. In the ordinary run of life people refer to his habitual state as unemployment, but members of *his* profession refer to it as "resting".

Then note his pale, deep-lined face, the blue clean-shaven chin, the sunken eyes mounted by tufts of bushy hair, and the peculiarly red lips which seem redder still in contrast with the pallor of his countenance. You cannot help remarking on his quaint dolman and black slouch-hat. The latter is a relic of his "palmy' days, the lucrative days when playgoer was wont to lend a ready ear to the denouement of 'Hamlet', the petty jealousy of an ill-suspecting 'Othello', and the protestations of an ardent 'Florizel'. Those were the happy days of yore, when life was a gay masque ball.

A PRECARIOUS PROFESSION.

But do not laugh and scoff, do not jeer, do not desecrate his history with your satire; Sheridan can supply you with the latter. As I draw the picture so will I give you its interpretation. I see nothing in that time-seared face to turn my thoughts to mirth. That pallid face has a lean and hungry look, those lines were wrought by years of struggle in a precarious profession, though accentuated by Lichner's grease-paint and the inevitable "liners". Those dog-like eyes are the wells of bitter, scalding tears; for even as water penetrates through rock, so do tears spring from unknown fountains. Ah! reader, if you could perceive the mockery, if you might but catch one fleeting glimpse behind the scenes and note the poverty-stricken cradle, the anxious, brooding mother, and the dire, relentless landlady who, with bill in hand and gall in heart, threatens immediate eviction — then you might glean a little of the pathos and some of the *real* tragedy of a tragedian's life. Even as there are wheels within wheels so are there tragedies within tragedies.

THE LADDER OF SUCCESS.

The "profession" is a pseudo-autocracy. It calls for unlimited competition, late hours, and sleepless nights. The Ladder of Success is high, and the lucky being who secures the top-most rung can draw a Cabinet Minister's salary. I regard him as a profiteer. He puts public money in his pocket with one hand and takes the bread out of the mouth of his fellow artistes with the other. But he is immune from attack because his talent is unexcelled, and public estimation is so high.

At the foot of the ladder surges a tide of benighted humanity. Every class is represented and every age. Honest men, ne'er-do-wells, and aspiring women join in a common struggle for existence. Young men, old men, young women and old, and little children with geasy curls and pinched faces (who should be in the class-room) all endeavour, in a maddening throng, to grasp the first rung of the ladder.

MOTHS.

It is the most sordid and squalid of all the professions, the worst-paid and the most badly provided for. The footlights have a glaring attraction for young people, persecuted crooks, and inveterate gamblers, and they attract these distinct classes very much in the same manner as a moth is drawn to a candle-light.

Salaries on tour range from 30/- to £4 per week; lucky is he who draws more. The life *en route* is expensive.

An actor paying for his fly-blown rooms is sometimes paying double the rent for the entire house. Catering is naturally more costly than it would be at home or in an organized household. If his landlady caters for him, (as she usually does) she invariably levies a 1d. extra on this article and a few pence extra on that, until the bill assumes the amount which her dishonesty prompts her to extract. Then there is the expense of laundry, baggage, "tips' (your actor is foolishly generous), grease-paint, powder, "props," and the habitual endeavour to "keep up appearances."

REHEARSALS WITHOUT PAY.

More often than not an actor is "resting" for six months out of the year. Twenty-six weeks is considered a fairly long tour, and prior to this a fortnight's rehearsals, without pay, is the usual custom observed by managers.

There is an "Actors' Association", and also "The Actors' Benevolent Fund" in existence, which make a weak attempt to right the wrongs, redress the grievances, and relieve the pecuniary embarrassment of the sorely pressed. These, unfortunately, do not avail the out-of-work actor to a very great extent.

A strong Union, or a Federation, could put this jaded and over-crowded profession on its feet. It calls for a consolidated body of principal actors and actresses, who would combine their energies in drawing up rules and laws to safeguard the rights of their brother artistes.

EDUCATION.
W. A. J. MARTYR.

Someone has said "a little knowledge is dangerous thing." During the time I have had the honour to be Battalion Educational Officer, the truth of that saying has been impressed deeply upon my mind.

Contact with men has again and again proved the truth of the proverb which asserts that "empty barrels make the most sound."

Here is a man who is continually giving advice to his fellows and setting himself up as the platoon philosopher. The wisdom of his remarks is generally too deep; or perhaps I should say too shallow to be understood by the ordinary mind.

He reminds me of the man in the dug-out who, "intoxicated with the exuberance of his own verbosity," and turning out a volume of meaningless words, received the reply: "If it comes to big words: 'diphtheria' to you."

The wisdom at the back of that remark is profound. Educational instructors too often use words far "above the heads" of their hearers. Even if their words are simple in themselves, their sentences are so involved that they lead to even more confusion.

I was once told the story of a clergyman, who, in preaching to a rural congregation made use of the phrase "drawing an inference." The country squire took the reverend gentleman to task for using such an expression, and in order to prove that the words were meaningless to the ordinary mind, he called up his coachman and said: "John, what is drawing an inference?"

"Wel', Sir", was the reply, "I don't exactly know, but if our old black mare can't draw it, I don't know what can".

Poetic phraseology may "tickle the ears" of an educated audience, but to the average mind plain hard facts are the things that tell.

I often suspect that the speaker who uses that high flown language, is hiding his ignorance of the subject under the cover of so-called rhetoric. My advice to any man who, relying upon oratory, and oratory alone, thinks he can impress an audience is the same as that given by "Mr. Punch" to those about to get married — Don't!

Never insult your hearers by giving them your second best. Words and words alone lead to nothing, or to quote "King Lear," "Nothing can come of nothing."

Hard, patient, consistent, and persistent plodding, and that alone enables a man to turn out the right sort of stuff to benefit his fellows.

It was said of Lord Chatham by those who listened to him that there was something finer in the man than anything which he said. The largest part of his power was latent.

Work of his hard
He nor commends nor grieves;
Pleads for itself the fact;
As unrepenting Nature leaves
Her every act.

The man who knows his subject has a reserve force behind him which can always be brought into play if occasion demands.

Men of talent and eloquence are few. What others effect by talent or by eloquence, the ordinary man by sheer pluck in sticking to his aim accomplishes by force of character. It should be said of any man who poses as a teacher "Half his strength he put not forth". To quote Emerson: "His victories are by demonstration of superiority, and not by crossing of bayonets."

"O Jole! how did you know that Hercules was a god?" "Because," answered Jole, "I was content the moment my eyes fell on him. When I beheld Theseus, I desired that I might see him offer battle, or at least guide his horses in the chariot; but Hercules did not wait for a contest: he conquered whether he stood, or walked, or sat, or whatever thing he did".

So it comes to this: Education produces character and character tells in the end.

Not every man can be a Hercules, but it ought to be said of any teacher, "He knows his subject, and I feel bound to listen to him."

Herbert Spencer defined education as a preparation for complete living. A writer on the value of education estimates that "three generations in which every educational process ceased to function would take us back to the dawn of recorded history."

I do not propose in this short article to deal with the social problems that would be solved if every man received a high standard of education at the expense of the state. Problems might or might not be solved if we accepted the "theory of Malthus".

I merely wish to point out to my readers that the educational opportunities offered to all in His Majesty's Forces should not be put lightly on one side.

To instructors I would say: "Study hard in order to put the best into your subjects," and to the instructed: "learn all you can in order that you may be better fitted to be a useful citizen of our vast and varied Empire."

FACULTY OF IMAGINATION.

There is one faculty of the mind which is sometimes referred to with a certain degree of contempt, though in reality it is an immensely important factor in success, and particularly in the business world.

This is the faculty of imagination. It is by the power of imagination that we are enabled to picture "what might be" and are thus encouraged to persevere.

Imagination has played a most important part in the lives of all leaders of men, from the time of Caesar down to the present day. Our leading statesmen, merchant princes, our women folk who occupy high positions in life, have all used their imagination.

Do not think that the mere "imageing" of things will bring you success, or help you along life's road, — no such thing. Imagination is merely the creation of ideas in theory, which you must put in real, solid, and genuine hard work before you win through.

Do not allow your imagination to degenerate into a daydream or reverie, but rather let it be an energising incentive, calling you forward to the goal of its realisation.

Everybody would like things to be better, and more pleasant. Well, in imagination you have the means at your hand to help you to realise them, and as to how you use the ideas your imagination creates, so in like proportion, you alter your position in life. Whether for good or ill, it rests with you, and you alone.

Start at once using this faculty of mind, and you will be agreeably surprised at the quantity of ideas that come to you. You do not know what you are capable of doing until you try, and an idea that brings success in a minor degree will spur you on to greater things.

Have a piece of paper handy to jot down ideas as they arise from your imagination, study them well over, improve on them. Then, when you have sorted out the best ideas, apply them to your own work in your own business. They will bring you, as reward, better and more congenial conditions in life.

You have at hand all the material you require, brains, mind, memory, and will. It is up to you to utilise them to the best advantage for your progress through life. There is plenty of scope for all. Go in and win. Imagination will help you quite a lot.

C. H. R.

OPERA HOUSE AND THEATRE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	OPERA	DRAMA
Friday	Aida	Flachsmann als Erzieher
Saturday	Lohengrin	Seeschlacht
Sunday	Der Barbier von Sevilla	Afternoon: Elga Evening: Seeschlacht
Monday	Die lustigen Weiber von Windsor	Verschwörung des Fiesco

The hours at which the opera commences are: Friday 4.30; Saturday 3.30; Sun-day 5.00. p.m.

YACHT RACING PROSPECTS.

SIR THOMAS LIPTON IN NEW YORK.

The New York Correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* wires: Sir Thomas Lipton's arrival in New York to renew acquaintance with his great host of friends and admirers, and, incidentally, to resume his sportsmanlike quest for the Am rica Cup, is a pleasant episode to which the papers here give great prominence. No visitor from your side is better versed in conditions here, and none better qualified in most essentials to act as an unofficial ambassador of Anglo-American relations at a time when a good understanding and loyal friendship between England and the United States are of supreme importance to the peace of the world. When I saw him to-day at the Commodore Hotel, the world's latest and largest home for travellers, with 2,000 rooms, each with a bath, Sir Thomas was radiantly cheerful. He had arrived only the previous day by the Aquitania, but already with his keen intuition and local knowledge he had sensed the immense change which has come over the spirit of the United States since his last visit in 1913. "It is good to be here again," he said. "As to old prejudices, animosities, and misunderstandings, I find them going, going, and almost gone." President Jefferson was right when he said it would be a good thing for the world if any righteous cause should ever see British and Americans fighting side by side, and Lord Rosebery was also right when he said, "Blood shed in common is the cement of nations."

TIME CHANGETH ALL THINGS.

To speak frankly, it is very much of a new country that Sir Thomas Lipton finds to-day, by comparison with any former visit, and be came here first, as he himself is not ashamed to admit, as a very poor boy, "to try to make his way in the world, and help mother." This time he cherished the idea that he might remain quiet for a few days without the knowledge of the reporters: but he was foiled at the start, because he was met by the news gatherers aboard the Press boat at sea, and at his hotel to-day there was another crowd of reporters and photographers, all anxious to see the visitor and know his views about the next great yacht race, as to which Sir Thomas wants to consult his friends here, and mare particularly to examine the brilliant suggestion brought forward to-day that the tercentenary celebration, in 1920, of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth Rock should be the occasion for the next great sailing contest, representing the land whence the Pilgrims came and the land in which they settled.

To-morrow Sir Thomas goes to Brooklyn to have a look at Shamrock IV., which has been stowed away during the war. If the New York Yacht Club accepts his challenge, of which nothing can be said just yet, he believes the club would rely upon Resolute, one of the two trial boats built to meet Shamrock IV., with which the builders and owners here seem satisfied. My own opinion, based upon some knowledge of local conditions, is that there will be very little yacht racing of any kind in American waters this year, but with the return of more settled conditions in the year of the Pilgrims' tercentenary, things will be doing off Sandy Hock lightship which will again hold the attention not only of yachting enthusiasts, but of the sport-loving public on both sides of the Atlantic, as in the golden days of yachting before the war.

CRICKET.

MATCHES AT THE OVAL.

The following matches will be played at Kennington Oval during the summer:

MAY.

10, 12.—Trial match.
15.—Surrey C. and G. v. wanderers.
16, 17.—Surrey v. Somerset.
24, 26.—Surrey v. Essex.
28.—Surrey C. and G. v. R.M.C. (Sandhurst).
31, June 2, 3.—Surrey v. Australian I.F. Eleven.

JUNE

6. 7.—Surrey v. Warwickshire.
10.—Surrey C. and G. v. v. Merchant Taylors' School.
11.—Surrey C. and G. v. R.M.A. (Woolwich).
13, 14.—Surrey v. Hampshire.
16, 17.—Surrey v. Sussex.
18.—Southwark Clergy v. London Clergy.
19. 20. 21.—Surrey v. Cambridge University.
25.—Surrey C. and G. v. Highgate School.
26, 27, 28.—Surrey v. Oxford University.
30, July 1.—Surrey v. Lancashire.

JULY.

2.—Surrey C. and G. V. Westminster School.
3. 4. 5.—Gentlemen v. P ayers.
10.—Surrey C. and G. v. City of London School.
16.—Young Players of Surrey v. East Molesey.
17. 18. 19.—Surrey v. Middlesex (Charity Match).
31. Aug. 1. 2.—Surrey v. Australian I.F. Eleven.

AUGUST.

4. 5.—Surrey v. Notts.
3. 9.—Surrey v. Middlesex.
11. 12.—Surrey v. Yorkshire.
18. 19.—Surrey v. Kent.
25. 26.—Young Amateurs of Surrey v. Young Professionals of Surrey.
27.—Young Amateurs of Surrey v. Young Amateurs of Middlesex.
28.—Young Amateurs of Surrey v. Young Amateurs of Essex.
29. 30.—Young Amateurs of Surrey v. Australian I.F.H.Q. Eleven.

SEPTEMBER.

15. 16. 17. 18.—Champion County v. England.

ARMY SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP.

COMPETITORS FOR ALDERSHOT CONTESTS IN TRAINING.

The Inter-Theatre of War Championships, which are to be held at Aldershot this month, are attracting an immense amount of interest, which, after all, is only natural, since the very highest standard of sport will be represented. The Championships include association football, boxing and cross-country running in which representatives from all theatres of war will participate.

The organising committee, or to give the body its real title, the B.E.F. Sports Control Board, are neglecting no effort that will ensure producing the best available men for each branch. Already those who have been selected are in training, and plenty of practice is being indulged in.

There are to be several native Indian runners included in the Egyptian cross-country team.

FOOTBALL.

AIRMEN BEAT THE GRENADIERS.

The R.A.F. team journeyed from Roehampton yesterday to meet the Grenadier Guards in the semi-final of the "Bulldog" competition.

On the whole the play was decidedly poor, and the airmen wasted many golden opportunities before Pick scored with a particularly brilliant left footer.

438TH FIELD COY R.E. V. 529TH FIELD COY R.E.

Played at the Stadtwald on Monday. The Cheshire's had it all their own way, and won by 7 goals to.

51ST V. 53RD. NORTHUMBEERLAND FUSILIERS.

A "No goal" score was the result of a very exciting match played between the above-mentioned Battalion teams yesterday. Both teams were well represented and evenly matched, as the result indicates. From a spectator's point of view, it was a "back" game. A keen contest in the return match is expected.

14TH BRIGADE OFFICERS MATCH.

52ND V 13TH KING'S LIVERPOOL REGIMENT.

A very fast and interesting game was witnessed at Obercassel on Tuesday. The visitors (13th K.L.R.) pressed, and the home goalkeeper was lucky to clear, after a scramble in the goal mouth. The home forwards then got going in fine style, Capt Foss sending in a good shot which just went over the bar. Shortly afterwards, he was succesful in beating the visitors goalkeeper with a swift shot. The 52nd added a second goal before the interval. Resuming, the 13th broke away, and Capt Carson scored with a low shot. The 52nd added a third goal, and from a corner, Lieut Whittacker scored for the visitors, bringing the final score to 52nd King's 3. 13th Kings 2.

9th DURHAM'S v. LOWLAND SIGNALS.

Played at Lindenthal, Cologne. The Signals opened strongly and early on scored a pretty goal from a corner kick. The Durhams came more into the picture after this reverse, but failed to score before the interval.

Soon after the restart Stevenson equalised from a penalty, and later put the Durhams ahead from a nice cross by Holborn. The Durhams had most of the play after this, and scored a third goal from a scrimmage. Result: 9th D.L.I. 3 goals, Lowland Div. Signals 1 goal.

MOTOR TRANSPORT HANDICAP.

Twenty-six teams competed in the R.A.S.C. Motor-transport three miles handicap at Grove Park yesterday. The M.G.C. won with twenty-three points; R.A.S.C. Motor-transport came second with sixty-five and the R.E. Signals with seventy-one.

Individual honours went to Blewitt who scored five successes in the last six races.

A HALF-WAY HOUSE.

Two Church Army Hostels, situated at the Hotel Mittelhauser and the Hotel zur Post are for the exclusive use of men on duty, or men proceeding or returning from leave. Tickets, procurable at the Town Major's Office, afford access to all the facilities of the institution. During the last two months, it has accommodated: for meals, about 5,000 men per week, and beds for 80 men per night. The rooms are commodious, places being set apart for reading and writing and billiards.

Moreover, the hostel occupies a central position, being but a few minutes walk from the station.

ETON COLLEGE SPORTS.

After many postponements, owing to heavy floods, the Eton Steeplechase took place on Tuesday. The course for the seniors, which was 2 miles 970 yards long, included a 20ft. brook near the winning post. The race was won by I. J. Pitman, one of the best allround athletes Eton ever had. Last year, he won practically all the flat races, and has been the winner in three of the five contests for which he is eligible to compete — the steeplechase, long jump and hammer throwing.

School Steeplechase. — I. J. Pitman, 1; J. F. de S. la Terriere, 2; P. S. Akroyd, 3; C. E. Pitman, 4; J. G. Hawtrey, 5; C. H. Gooch, 6; W. Li. P. de Winton, 7; R. G. R. Oxley, 8; S. J. R. Bucknell, 9; C. P. Dewhurst, 10; N. R. Pilcher, 11; A. D Kinloch, 12. Time, 16 mins. 33 secs.

Junior Steeplechase. — N. Usher, 1; C. T. Mitford, 2; C. R. S. Beale, 3; A. C. Crossley, 4; H. W. Kerr, 5; M. R. Bridgeman, 6; A. L. Barclay, 7; T. W. Nicalls, 8; H. F. Gibson, 9; T. C. Gouldsmith, 10; R. H. B. Arkwright, 11.

Miniature Rifle Competitions. The House Cup competition at the miniature rifle range was won by Mr. Macnaghten's House with an average of 81. Mr. Churchill's House was second with 77,51. Mr. Robeson's third at 76,84.

In the Soltau-Symons Cup competition the result was: Mr. Dobbs's House 77,62 average, 1; Mr. Robeson's, 77, 2; Mr. Byrne's, 75,5, 3.

SEELSCHEID NOTES.

A traveller arriving at Seelscheid by day would hardly mistake it for London. The village is divided into two, and the southern half, with which we here are chiefly concerned, has but a single street. To walk down the length of it takes only a few minutes, and would occupy still less time were not its state such as to make ordinary walking impossible. But were he to arrive in the evening he might well think himself back in London — not a London in an air raid, for the streets are dark, but that city with its whirl of gaiety and amusements.

Twice a week, there are dances and a combined stretch of imagination and a canteen provide a supper. To the enlivening strains of a band or the softer music of a piano, army-booted feet trip lightly in the waltz or two-step. The Jazz has not penetrated thus far yet.

On other nights, whist drives prevail, and it is only by the exercise of much brain power that the successful players win the coveted and artfully chosen prizes.

Still stronger in their claims upon thought are the Friday night debates. It has been decided that men without work awaiting them at home, should sign on for the army of occupation, and that bachelors are not to be taxed. But this latter decision was clearly arrived at in a house packed with bachelors, who recorded their votes in the face of overwhelming argument. But be it said to their credit that the strongest denunciation of the selfishness of bachelors came from one of the oldest unmarried men in the room.

Boxing, too — that most violent sport akin to war — has had its turn, and one worthy exponent went far in the 2nd Army championship.

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ENGLISH RACING RESULTS.

UNITED SERVICES STEEPLECHASE.

At Singfield yesterday, the Services Steeplechase for anyone serving (or having served) in the forces, was won by Heros Daughter (6/4).

Other winners at the same meeting were Farokabod (evens) Little Brother (8/1) Theodosius (100/12) Drumlourig (10/1), and Irish Cheer (9,4).

DERBY RETURNS.

Elvastan Castle Plate: Blot (8/1) Over There (11/4) The Square (7/4 on).

Sudbury Plate: Lacrosse (9/4 on) Charlie's Smile (20/1) Cicerole (8/1).

Welbeck Selling Handicap: Arme Blanche (2/1 on) Golden Square (8 1) Lesson (8 1).

Doveridge Handicap: Helion (6/5) Neutral (4/1).

Quadron Plate: Rothary Bay (11,4 on) Old Bill (20/1) Gadtuna (10,1).

Drakelow Maiden Plate. Mameri (5/2) Double Chance (13/8 on) Aussie (8/1).

IMPERIAL SERVICES RUGBY.

NEW ZEALAND TEAM FOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Imperial Services Championship match, which is to be played at Inverleith on Saturday, is exciting an extraordinary amount of interest.

The Mother Country, who are opposing the New Zealanders, will be represented by: Cumberlege, Day, Cullen, Pickles, Hoon, Lewis, Pym, Brown (Captain), Brunton, Uster, Laing, Lawless, Pillman, Gallie and Jones.

IN THE RING.

WILDE'S NEXT MATCH.

WILL PAL MOORE OR PETE HERMAN ACCEPT

Jimmy Wilde, who, on Monday night, defeated Joe Lynch the American bantam-weight at the National Sporting Club, has signed papers to box Pal Moore or Pete Herman, of America, for the world's bantam weight championship and a purse of 5,000 pounds.

Mr. C. B. Cochran is authorised by Mr. Lewis, Wilde's manager, to issue challenges to Pal Moore and Pete Herman accordingly.

ECHO OF MONDAY'S GREAT FIGHT.

Interviewed at the National Sporting Club by the Daily Telegraph boxing correspondent Joe Lynch said:

"I have no kick to make. It is my proud privilege to have fought at your National Sporting Club, and to have met such a marvellous boxer as Wilde. You will agree that it was a hard fight. With my showing I am thoroughly satisfied. I would not discuss the justice of the verdict, that would not be fair or sportsmanlike, but I may say without appearing to be a disappointed man, that at the finish I was going strong and well, and suffered no ill effects. I would like to have a return match, fifteen or twenty-three minutes round, and I am prepared to do 8st 6lb at the ringside. Already a purse of £3,000 has been offered for a second meeting, and if Wilde can see his way to fight me again my supporters will back any money on my chances; further, I will agree to the winner taking the whole of the purse and sidestakes."

It is not expected that Wilde uill be agreeable to fight again, for some time, at all events, since his programme is already well filled.

THE "DOM" HAWKS.

A remarkable sight, in a town the size of Cologne, may be seen by anyone passing near the Dom. Almost at any time of the day several birds of the hawk tribe may be seen soaring and hovering in the immediate vicinity of the twin towers. The first time that the writer woke to the fact that here, in a large town, such a sight was to be seen was one day when passing down the Marzellen Strasse. There, poised in the sky, was a fine hawk with a plane away in the background and for a moment the senses were deceived into seeing two aeroplanes. But suddenly the smaller one began to flop and, since "flapping-flight" for planes crashed years ago, the illusion was spoiled.

These birds seem to live in the Dom towers, surely a remarkable habitat for their kind, and have been seen to hunt the pigeons which congregate there. Judging from their respective weights a real fight, hawk versus pigeon, should be an interesting one to watch, a treat the writer has not yet enjoyed.

No doubt the numerous smaller birds of Cologne provide these hawks with sufficient food.

SIGNAL COMPANY "A" 187th. BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.

The match between the Divisional Signal Company "A" team and 187th. Brigade Headquarters, yesterday, resulted in the former team winning by three goals to 2. For the signallers, Driver Buckley secured 2 and Corporal Walker 1, while Sergt. Blumdell was responsible for both the Brigade Headquarters goals.

The match which was full of exciting incident, was witnessed by a large number of spectators.

INTENSIVE SPORT.

Sport as arranged in the 52nd Bn.. The Rifle Brigade, at Worringen, aims at every man taking a part, and a normal afternoon's programme shows to what extent success has been obtained. The Battalion has fitted out three "soccer" and one Rugby ground. The competitions running are an inter-Company League and Inter-Platoon League. A Battalion team both in "Footer" and Rugby are also run, and it is a condition that officers and men playing in the Company Teams are debarred from Platoon Teams.

To cope with the Platoon League it has been found necessary to play as many as seven matches in an afternoon. Each match lasts 30 minutes and it speaks well for the organising ability of the Sports Officer, Lt. Clayton, that referees are obtained, and everything proceeds without a hitch.

Having recently arrived from England the Battalion has not been able to shine so far as the Battalion teams are concerned, but they are certainly out to win the premier position in the "Army of Occupation".

Football is not the only branch of sport taking place, as there are many useful boxers of all weights, who, as soon as an opportunity presents itself, will make their mark, whilst in tug-of-war, team races, cross country running etc. there is a wealth of talent available.

Arrangements are being made for cricket, tennis, and other summer sports, and practice will soon be in full swing.

If Sport is to be one of the main items of training for the "Army of Occupation" then the 52nd Battalion, the Rifle Brigade, is indeed training hard, and, being blessed with officers and N.C.O.'s who are the keenest of sportsmen, they will surely uphold the reputation of the Brigade, which has always been famous as a sporting unit.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

BY "METEOR".

Friday, April 4th, 1919.

Surface wind light westerly. Fair; mist or fog early; some cloud later. Visibility improving in the afternoon. Very cold morning and evening.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

(WITH AN OCCASIONAL ENTERTAINMENTS NOTE.)

"In the Spring, Tra-la-la."

At last Spring seems to have come to stay. All traces of recent snow were dispelled yester day, once and for all, by the bright, cheery sunshine that warmed the cockles of our hearts and made our thoughts fly to flannels and bathing garb, and what an influence a little sunshime has on everybody's spirits. All day yesterday the streets were thronged with happy smiling faces; every second soldier appeared to have a camera slung over his shoulder, while lime juice and sodas were in great demand wherever they were available. Altogether, it was generally decided that the Weather Clerk was not such an old curmudgeon as we thought him a day or two ago, and I dare say this little encouragement will prompt him to switch on to this planet a little more generous supply of sunshine in future.

Snap-shooting the Cathedral.

The mention of cameras brings to mind the wonderful attraction the Cathedral has for the camera fiend. At three o'clock yesterday afternoon a walk past the two principal sides of the huge building would have revealed no fewer than nine enthusiastic photographers in the act of getting a picture.

Day after day amateur "filmites" turn their attention to the Dom and the dozens of results I have been privileged to see usually depict nothing more artistic than a hazy-looking building (which might easily be mistaken for "St. Paul's by night") leaning forward at a perilous angle. At a rough estimate each of these results probably costs a couple of marks. And yet there are dozens of shops in the town where a really first rate photograph of the same subject may be purchased for a few pfenigs. As a lecturer at the Y.M.C.A. Hall reminded us the other night "Man is an extraordinary animal."

Music hath Charms.

An interesting experiment is being tried by the Y.M.C.A. people at Cologne to-night. A competition has been arranged in connection with which prizes will be awarded to the best exponents of the violin, the piano and vocalism, and humorists will have their chance to shine by warbling comic songs in opposition to each other (not simultaneously, as the ambigity of this sentence night lead you to suppose). The efforts of the competitors ought to provide a novel and amusing entertainment.

Tennis Prospects.

The knowledge that Bonn is going to provide tennis lovers stationed there with plenty of facilities for the game in the coming summer is prompting many people in and about Cologne to enquire what prospects there are here for occasional sets. Enquiries reveal the fact that Cologne is much better off than a good many people suppose. There are eighteen courts in the Lindenthal area and six in the neighbourhood of the zoological gardens. The majority of these in common with most continental courts are of rubble, but there are exceptions and a tennis expert who played on one of these in pre-war days, tells me that at that time the turf was smoother and more resilient than any other court he knew. Just how the matter of the allotment of the courts is to be arranged it is yet impossible to say, as soon as particulars are available they will be inserted in the Cologne Post.

And We Will Row, Row, Row."

Contrary to general opinion (including my own up to yesterday afternoon), rowing on the Rhine is not an impossible idea. Looking at the rippling wavelets from the bridge, the current of the river seems to be very much swifter than it really is. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating," someone, somewhere, once said, and with two friends who have had more than a little regatta experience, I hied me to the river brink yesterday and in a fairly light skiff skulled without undue exertion half a mile up stream. The result was thoroughly agreeable, for although the propelling effort was perhaps a little more difficult than that required on the Thame it was by no means too strenous to render some excellent sport in the summer practicable.

Our Lady Entertainers.

The women's theatre company complete their most successful nine days wonder- I mean visit the Apollo theatre to morrow (Saturday). The talented company of artistes, under the personal direction of Miss Inez Bensusan, has been delighting large audiences nightly with a series of clever one act plays and the form of entertainment, admirably presented, has appealed so strongly to the troops that a return visit will be paid to Cologne by the Company the week after next, this time to the Deutsche Theatre. In the meantime, the ladies will visit Wiesdorf, Bonn and Euskirchen.

'Mac" Indisposed.

Frequenters of the Central Y.M.C.A. will be very sorry to hear that Rev. Mackensie (better known to his intimates as "Mac") is laid up. He has been away from the Hall for the past ten days and the organising genius he has shown in "getting up" all forms of entertainment, (as well as his own cheery self) has been sorely missed. With all his friends, I trust his activities will very soon brighten things at the "Central" once more.

THE RAMBLER.

A WARNING TO STAMP-COLLECTERS.

It has been noticed with regret that owing to the enormous demand by inexperienced but ardent young collectors for the War Issues of enemy Countries, of the new Russian States and of the Balkan States, an extraordinary inflation of the prices of these stamps has taken place. The German dealers in the occupied territory are able to charge and obtain practically any price they like, simply because the prospective British buyer has no knowledge of the value of these stamps owing to them not being catalogued by any English firm.

The writer has carefully observed the rise in prices and knows that several of these sets are now fetching anything from 30% to 40% higher prices than they were one and two months ago, and in some cases even double the prices. A dealer actually said that they are trying to make money on the rate of exchange, admitting that their regular German customers would be supplied at a considerably lower rate than British or Allied customers would.

As an example: The writer took a set of surcharged Polish stamps to London and tried to sell them. He was told that they could be bought in London 50% cheaper than he could afford to sell them.

THE QUEST OF THE OTTER.

AN APRIL MORN'S SPORT.

"George, reach me down my otter-pole, and see that the hobnails in my "K" boots are sound." With this injunction I send my trusty henchman to the gun room, where my brass-studded ash-pole holds a place of honour upon the wall amid the trophies of the chase. For on the morrow I am to be up with the lark, and away across the moors to the opening tryst of the Otter Hounds. The tramp of several miles gives the leisure to think, and the uppermost speculation is as to who will be at the well-known cross-roads to greet the Master and his famous pack. War's alarms scattered good men and true to all quarters, and some will never more hear the mort-note, for across the water they have been called to the "happy hunting grounds," having lived and died typical English sportsmen. The "field" is a large one, and many new faces are seen, while lads who, in 1914, were almost of the gay and giddy class have, through their campaigning, developed into robust and warriorlike types and receive the homage of the many ladies who are "out" with becoming modesty.

GREY BREECHES AND A POT HAT.

The old gamekeeper from the Squire's estate "Veele purty zure thur'll be main gude spôart this marning," and proceeds to justify his remark by quoting the number of litters he has discovered in the holts. For, it must be remembered, otters have on some streams carried on their domestic affairs without let or hindrance, while Master, Whips, and Supporters of the Hunt have been after a sterner, and as wily, a quarry. Five minutes grace, allowed for late-comers, elapse, and then hounds and field move off to the river bank making a picturesque scene this April morn. Scarlet coats, grey breeches and stockings, with a pot-hat of the same hue, go to make up a hunt dress which may not be as smart as the dark greens and white breeches of other Hunts, but this pack is the oldest in the Kingdom, and one Master held office for over fifty years!

Hounds "feather" directly they skirt the water, but the "drag" is evidently a stale one and fizzles out. From the opposite bank a well-known farmer notifies a "spur" in the soft mud and hounds are soon busy again on a trail that is not many hours old. Numerous small streams enter the river here, and the Master has to use his knowledge of venary to the utmost. A timely word of warning not to press too closely on the hounds keeps a few too-eager ladies from a race for a gap in a hedge, and hounds work away through orchards to shallower water, the lair of many a mighty trout. Scent has been catchy, but hereabouts the "drag" is strong, and our game-keeper friend gives useful information anent the various holts that here abound. "May be ur be in the drain, or may be ur be at whoame under thic thur pollard." "Vie," the terrier, is now requisitioned, but the drain is drawn blank, while hounds mark at the pollard, the long twining roots of which run down into the water. The terrier also gives her testimony that *lutra vulgaris* is at home, and once more the keeper surmises as to the whereabouts of the otter. "Thic thur hover," he says "goes back yorty veet!"

WHEN THE TALLY SOUNDS.

The well known method of jumping on the bank immediately above the holt has the desired effect, and a shrill "tally" goes up from the opposite bank as from the dark recesses of the tree-base a rich brown streak shoots to the water. All is excitement, but everything orderly, and hounds are tested to the full for the water is deep. A long line of almost imperceptible bubbles denotes to the practised eye the subaqueous course of the otter, and as he comes up to vent, another tally brings hounds, either on bank or in water, in the proper direction. Eighty yards below is a stickle, and this is barred by a line of followers, ladies included, standing knee to knee. "In the excitement one lady "tallies" a moor-hen which has lain "doggo" neath the bank amid the unaccustomed tumult.

Then tallies sound from two directions at once and as each comes from a trusted source it is certain that the good things prophesied may eventuate. Hounds work thoroughly all the water and over-hanging banks for over an hour, and the cognoscenti aver that the quarry has not left the water up or down within the radius of the stickle or the big weir. At length a rough Welsh hound gives tongue near a piece of broken water and lutra is seen for a moment and then lost again. With splendid pluck the quarry dashes in the direction of the stickle's human barrier, to be forced to vent a few yards away. Up stream, and to swim beneath the oncoming pack is the only escape, but a hound springs from the bank, and momentary hesitation to snap at the foe is fatal. A short worry in deep water, in which the otter's little teeth do vicious damage, and there is danger of the terrier being drowned in the surging scramble, and then the Master wades in and secures the limp carcase.

IN AT THE DEATH.

Around the clamouring pack the field forms the ring, the trophies are distributed, the owner of the land adjoining the spot of the kill getting the mask, and the rudder and pads going to various ladies, the last-named eventually to appear as brooches or decorations in hats at future hunts. The next item on the programme is lunch, and, if possible, a visit to the nearest hostelry. In the afternoon further sport may, or may not, be experienced, and then the best part of twenty miles home to kennels. As otters have increased so largely during wartime, it is advocated to form packs to hunt smaller "countries", so in the near future there will be plenty of otter-hunting, as this means of keeping the rivers clear prevails where trapping and shooting are failures.

(Double U of the "CULMSTOCK.")

INDUSTRIAL SITUATION AT HOME.

A very interesting lecture on "The Industrial Situation at Home" was given by Mr. Wilfred Hill, a member of the Whitley Commission, in the 14th Brigade Cinema Hall, Obercassel, on Tuesday.

The lecturer said that after 4 years of war, our victory was complete. This was a great achievement, obtained at an enormous cost in life and wealth.

In 1914, England had been wealthy and prosperous, trade was at its zenith. Our national debts were being reduced by millions per annum.

To-day our national debt was £8,000,000,000. The vital need of the moment was co-operation. The key to the golden age; to "A better England," was "output." That could not be achieved by conflict, but by hearty co-operation between employers and employed.

That was possible by the adoption of the Joint Industrial Councils, comprised of representatives of employers and employed, as proposed in the Whitley report.

Mr. Hill concluded by describing the Whitley scheme, giving examples of the scheme in operation.

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ALL FOOLS' DAY 113 BDE. A.F.A.

The Sergeant of the Guard sounded the four sharp blasts on his whistle, which heralded the beginning of another day for the Gunners of Wahn. We turned over for another nap, but that whistle would give us no respite, and the "Quarter" shrilled out, to be soon followed by the "Five Minutes," which sent us scampering to stables, buttoning tunics and comparing watches. Every watch apparently was half-an-hour slow, but at that moment, instead of the "fall-in," a new reveille sounded from close quarters, but apparently from under cover, and, not until we saw the Sergeant, shrieking from the Guard-room, did we realise it was "All Fool's Day" and we were "had."

We are still looking for that Sergeant!!

MORE UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIAL.

In a letter received this morning from a C.Q.M.S. he says that yesterday he went to the Baths at Bonn. After waiting for an hour and a half he managed to squeeze in and there he saw a man in the bath reading the Cologne Post, entirely oblivious of both surroundings and time. It was hard luck on the man forming the queue, but it certainly speaks high for the success of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—May I congratulate you and your staff or our new Cologne daily? As a worker of over 20 years' experience in the composing and reading departments of dailies, weeklies, and other journals, the only fault I have to find is that some improvement might be effected in the proof-revising. Perhaps, however, this is only apparent to the technical eye and is doubtless due to a lack of knowledge of English by your printers.

W. H. R.

THE REASON.

Teacher: "Now, Patsy, would it be proper to say, 'You can't learn me nothing'?"

Patsy: "Yes'm."

Teacher: "Why?"

Patsy: "'Cause you can't." — *London Mail.*

A TALE OF TWO CITIES.

"BODGE,"

No two cities speak with the same voice or stand forth dressed in the same colours. A comparison of Cologne and Brussels could not possibly produce a more striking study in contrasts. It is by no means easy to explain the differences, because it is quite as much a matter of atmosphere and sensation as appearance and external features. The place we visit has a way of impinging upon the nervous system and leaving us with an impression, dull or bright rather than a printed picture. It was not easy at first to analize what exactly had impressed us in Cologne, but after subsequent excursions we felt that it was its stolidity, rigidity, and prosperity that had printed itself on the brain: It had ruled itself upon the consciousness in a number of straight hard lines. We had a kind of feeling that we could never get away and above Cologne. It had us, so to say under its thumb. There was a sense of restraint, a lack of freedom and expansion.

We are quite certain as to what happened in Brussels. The reader will do well to remember that a sober Padre is writing and, if he be susceptible, need fear no shocks: whilst if curious, he will probably be disappointed. There are no shrills in the capital of Brussels which as of old, gathers there "its beauty and its chivalry," we breathed freely and enjoyed a kind of exhiliaration as though walking upon air. In a manner we were kindred spirits with the light aereal-like figures that glitter in gold on the domes and turrets of the civic buildings. There is a fulness and rich bloodedness of life as expressed in Ruben's pictures. No one is allowed to take his pleasures sadly in Brussels for there one foots it lightly. Life is not "real and earnest," but a dance, a song — a brilliant mirage, if you will.

But a city as such, is in itself a self revealing thing like a person. In its brick and mortar-streets, dome spires, chimneys, public monuments, the physical features as well as thes genius of a people are in some manner incarnated. In this regard, Rhineland and Belgium challenge comparison, and the architectural features of the two cities stand out in startling opposition. The fine Cathedral of Cologne needs no description. It is a forest of beautiful columns a marvel of "frozen music," in spite of other criticisms; and yet, standing amid rather medicre dwellings, it seems somewhat out of place. It appears as a vast after-thought, or as if the neighbourhood had risen up against it in material protest to the sublime and the austere in its midst. The avenue that opens to it from the other side of the river is the Hohenzollern bridge, a marvellous piece of engineering craft. But it is iron, iron everywhere, until the realism of the iron age comes home to the spectator. Through arches and between stands of steel, one must look at the cathedral. The impression which the juxtaposition of the iron bridge and the ecclesiastical pile leave upon the mind is that somehow the makers of the city have failed to subordinate the less noble parts to the more noble. Here is an artistic flaw in the scheme of things.

Brussels is nothing if it is not an harmony. It is a symphony of colour tones, with the magnificent Palais de Justice as the key note. There are touches of ugliness, but never any striking discords such as to mar prevailing unison of the city buildings. It is not alone the Market place with the Hotel de Ville and the other fine and gilded monuments that strike the eye of the visitor, but that in unexpected twists of the road or jutting from some angle, a church, an image, a garden or a museum, break pleasantly and surprisingly on the vision. Brussels must have sprung forth at the bidding of some magic wand or risen out of the ground to the pleasant pipings of Pan.

And not in the material structure alone, but in the feature and form of the people, we can mark contrasts. Brussels succeeds in expressing human life in its most graceful and rythmic lines. In the opera, itself a series of wonderful curves in crimson and gold, with a charmingly painted ceiling may be witnessed every night the poetry of action, whilst the most musical cadences of the voice are a never-failing delight. In contrast to a speech that sounds harsh in the ears, it is a pleasure to hear even the paper sellers calling their "Dealy Meal" and "Dealy Meeyor" — as though these things were some fine fruits. Belgian's capital may be wayward but like Phyllis in the the time-worn song "she never fails to please."

There is the iron hand in Cologne, but there are fairies — we refer to the invisible kind — in Brussels.

THE RETURN OF THE VICTORS.

From all parts comes news of the preparations which are being made to welcome home the men who for years have been engaged in overcoming the Hun menace. Not that we are needing any great public show of gratitude, but it undoubtedly will add to the pleasure of every one of us to know that our labours and trials have not passed unrecognized among the people from whom we come.

On St. George's Day, April 23rd, at Newcastle there are to be great doings. The Novocastrians are determined that the redoubtable Fusiliers of Northumbria — the fifth of the regiments of the line — shall be publicly acclaimed. There has been arranged a great "Victory March," wherein the returned Victors will appear, followed by several forms of jollifications.

At Cambridge, too, arrangements are being made officially to welcome back the 1/1st Cambs. Regt. which has spent over four years of fighting in France. One of the few Territorial battalions to have a "first" as its designation, the 1/1st Cambs. have a glorious record for hard fighting and endurance during the several campaigns.

At a recent meeting of the Cambs and Isle of Ely Territorial Association it was decided to give the cadre of the battalion an official welcome which is to take the form of a public reception at the station, a march through the streets of the university city with colours flying, and terminate with a dinner and concert to be held in the Recreation Room of the First Eastern General Hospital. No doubt the procession will be a great deal merrier than many of the awful number which has preceded it to the same place.

"COMRADES IN SERVICE."

"Comrades in Service," published in Paris by an organization bearing the same name, has several excellent notes in its No. 5 which we have just received. The movement with which it is connected had for its chief aim the binding together of all American citizens who have served in the War so that the spirit of camaraderie, i.e. minifying of the "each for himself" idea, may be fostered and employed for the future good of the nation. There can be no question of the enormous awakening of better feelings that has taken place among the men who have camped together, suffered together and faced death together, and it would be an irreparable loss should this spirit cease to exist when we once more face the comparatively hum-dum "civvy" life. With this idea we greet with a feeling of pleasure any movement which shall lead the Yanks and all of us "to strive for the realization of the highest type of Democracy."

THE POWER OF SUGGESTION.

[In case the libel laws in the Rhine Provinces are strict, it may be as well to state that all names — and most of the incidents — in this story are purely fictitious.]

2nd Lieut. Smith-Browne — an actor in private life — decided after the armistice to return to his former profession. As far as the Army of Occupation is concerned, he was last seen on a January night in a state of semi-demobilisation, somewhere near the Dom Hotel.

In London he again adopted the artistic garb for which he had often longed whilst in the trenches. Once more he had his freedom, but he found, somehow, that something was lacking in his new life. He made the discovery, as others have done, that the term "Lodging, Light and Fuel" is far more attractive when read in a Pass Book than when intoned by a resolute landlady. In short, after a few weeks, Mr. Smith-Browne was pretty well "fed up".

Then came the rift in the clouds, and the sun of opportunity shone on him once more. He read in a paper that demobilised officers would be allowed to wear their uniforms, if they took off all badges of rank and all regimental signs. Smith-Browne's histrionic soul simply soared as he read it. He retired to his room and spent an hour there, chiefly in front of the mirror.

Dusk fell upon the earth and the late officer emerged and started on that bold career which even yet does not seem to have reached its zenith. His make-up was magnificent. Like a true artist, he knew where to stop. His costume was unassuming, but it was packed full of suggestions. His plain military tunic, with its sombre buttons, and the neat civilian collar above it, discarded medals. On his left breast was a very faint line of lighter-shaded cloth. It was almost as though the bare khaki were sighing for its accustomed line of ribbons. At least that is what Smith-Browne meant it to suggest, and he was successful, almost beyond his hopes. There were no impostures about his performances — not legally, at any rate. — With that quiet, imposing tunic and a few references to the Ypres Salient — a district he KNOWS by heart — he found that he need never be thirsty. Inexperienced subalterns simply pushed refreshments on to him. A cruder soul would have overdone the part, but Smith-Browne was an artist. He would occasionally scratch at his leg, as though an invisible field boot were irking him, also he would occasionally scribble rough notes and plans as though he were making out dispositions — this last touch he reserved chiefly for his lady friends, and it went very well.

But his great triumph came one night after closing hour. Smith-Browne and a few friends were listening dejectedly to a bitter speech from an A. P. M. The situation was threatening, when Smith-Browne opened his civilian overcoat and revealed his tunic in al its grand suggestiveness. The effect was wonderful. Smith-Browne extricated his whole force in ten minutes without loss. Rumour even has it that the A. P. M. gave a surreptitious salute as they parted for the night.

His career is one long success. He hardly pays for anything outside his owa lodgings. It is reported that he is joining the Board of a City Company. No limit can be put to his possibilities. He may even become a military critic for a London paper.

Who shall say?

L. H. D.

PHYSICAL TRAINING.

H. CLAYTON.

"Necessity is the mother of invention."

The present army system of physical training supplies the need of training large numbers of men without proper apparatus or clothing, and procuring the utmost activity of brain and limb so essential to the modern soldier, who must be an individual, not a mechanical automat. From the urgent necessity for quickly training the millions of men which the nation has sent to war has arisen a new system, a system which recognizes that the soldier must be well disciplined, a good marcher, intelligent, smart, active and quick. Many systems of physical training aim at producing a man with big muscles, but the vital force of the body does not always consist of biceps, etc. I know men who have very strong arms, but unwholesome blood and delicate lungs and stomach. It is of more importance to have vigorous lungs and heart, good digestion, and sound kidneys and liver, than to have a "Sandow-arm." It is quite a different kind of strength that is aimed at. We want a man of pin-wire, a man who can endure a hard day's physical exertion, and still have sufficient vitality left to enable him to flag a hard game of Rugby or Football.

The soldier to-day must be quick. I heard once an inspecting officer say that there are two kinds of soldiers — the quick and the dead. Physical Training quickens the brain. The brain is aroused through the medium of the body. A horse will strain every nerve on application of the spur, the nerve centre, the brain, being stirred to greater activity through the medium of the body. The recruit, when doing physical training, must keep his brain ever alert, or his body will fail to move, and the instructor will soon find the absent-minded one. Moreover, a special class of exercises known as "quickeners" or pitfalls for the unwary have been provided, to ensure unfailing activity of the brain. So, unless a man ceases to concentrate upon his drill, he will fall into one of these pits. It requires determination to carry out the exercises. Correct positions are obtained only by a victory of the will over the obstinate body. The body is controlled by the brain. When the arms are fully stretched, for instance, it requires "that extra ounce" to straighten them so that there is no bend at the elbow. Every exercise, if done properly, is a distinct tonic for the body. Nothing can be done unless the individual is first of all willing to do it.

A sufficient amount of "I will" results in action being done. A physical training table is a succession of challenges to the will. As a matter of fact, one can often see by the expression on a man's face that he is having to put determination into it to get there. The system also begets control. A man becomes master of the body. Mind and muscles co-ordinate. There are exercises, which cannot be done without control — and how essential is control to the soldier.

To prevent monotony, games and general activity work are introduced. They introduce an element of enjoyment that the men do not get in other drills. The competitive element is often introduced here, and men will work with the utmost energy without realising that they are working strenuously and attaining quickness of mind and body.

Without health life is indeed a failure — and the existence of the nation depends upon healthy manhood.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication.

THE ARTISTIC STATUS OF COLOGNE CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir, — I am afraid Major Bles is rather severe — and in parts unjustifiably so — in his article on the general architectural features of the Dom. There are few, I think, who will be inclined to agree with him in his sweeping condemnation of the Cathedral's artistic points. I do not say it is a perfect work of art, flawless or faultless, but I do maintain it is in many respects a "thing of beauty," and can take its place among the world's monuments of architecture. Time after time I have heard expressions of opinion regarding the exquisite ornamentation of the towers and the façade. In forming an opinion on the artistic status of the Dom wo ought to remenber that, like Rome, it was not built in a day, and the building therof passed through various vicissitudes of fortune.

Extrinsically, I think the Dom loses much in being so much surrounded by buildings.

However, we are all entitled to our own opinions in criticising works of art; and what seem beautiful and exquisite to one person, might not seem so to another. —

WORRINGEN AM RHEIN.

To the Editor of *the Cologne Post*:

Sir. — I have read with interest the article on Cologne Cathedral which appeared in the first number of the "Post." Although laying no claim to any degree of expert knowledge I cannot but think that the adverse criticisms which it contained are in a large degree unmerited.

If the spirit of the designers and craftsmen of the Middle Ages has not been inherited, it is no matter for blame under the conditions which have been since evolved in the modern industrial world. That much or nearly all of this spirit has been universally lost is widely recognised; a sentiment well expressed in the lines to be found in "The Life of Sir Gilbert Scott" our great apostle of the Gothic revival in England.

With all the light a happier age has brought'
We work not yet as our forefathers wrought.

To the writer the marvel is that so much, and not so little, of the beauty of design and execution which prevailed in the middle-ages should have been revived. And the wonder is increased, when it is born in mind that the results, which one previously supposed had almost if not altogether rivalled those of times referred to, were achieved towards the end of a period when ecclesiastical architecture had fallen into a deplorable low ebb in England, that is, during the Georgian and early Victorian periods, as has been so strikingly illustrated in the well written and severely satirical book "Pugin's Contrasts."

As to the interior, surely the nave is indeed of extraordinarily noble conception and execution (can it be anywhere surpassed?) and therefore, even if it be the case, that the alleged defects exist, so great an achievement should surely atone for any such short-comings. There is perhaps just one point to which reference may be made as forming subject of criticism, that is the extraordinarily large size of the finials upon the two western spires, rendering them liable to be considered somewhat disproportionate and obtrusive.

AN AMATEUR.

THE QUESTION OF TONGUES.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post:*

The above-mentioned article in your first issue of *The Cologne Post* raises a subject for much discussion.

Putting aside all so-called international tongues such as Esperanto and Volapuk, which may be a well-meaning but unpractical solution of the language barrier, there still remains the fact that we have no single language to bridge the gulf between various nations, and also the fact that those who would do business or have intercourse with these foreign peoples must of necessity become linguists.

How many Englishmen to-day can call themselves linguists?

Why does not the average Englishman take up the study of modern languages? Not because of incapability, Latin and Greek scholars are numerous. The reason is rather that he is not sufficiently encouraged or valued when he has acquired a knowledge of one or two languages.

There are several officers and men who, although competent linguists, have throughout the war never been used in their proper sphere of usefulness. Also, there are men who, possessing great linguistic abilities, have never obtained a well-paid post in a British commercial house.

Our own people preferred to employ foreigners as correspondents and foreign agents or travellers. What is the result? Our trade got into foreign competitors' hands. Before the war hundreds of foreign clerks were employed in Great Britain. In most cases there especially those who were of German nationality, were subsidized by their Government. They were content to receive low salaries from their British employers. In a word they were commercial spies, learning our methods, our customers, and our trade secrets at the same time.

Let us hope the English business man has awakened to the truth of the matter, but there is much to be done.

Educate our young men in foreign tongues. Abandon the idea that everyone speaks English. How many men in the Rhine Army are to-day making a serious attempt to learn German? "A man who speaks two languages is worth two men." "With each language a man wins a new soul," are sayings with much truth in them.

Strange it is that the Englishman, who is the greatest of travellers, is the poorest linguist.

It is a duty to make up for the time lost during the war. New methods must be adopted, our goods must be "hoosted" in the tongue of the foreigner to whom they are sold, his wants and personal characteristics studied.

Let us then encourage our linguists, they will more than repay us. The heralds of British commerce and the interpreters of the Empire, have a great future before them. —

YORK AND LANCASTER.

TO ALL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Editor wishes to emphasise the fact that any correspondence sent to him should bear name, rank, and unit of the sender. Also many sports and amusements contributions are being received which do not give any dates whatever. These are, naturally, useless, as all readers first of all wish to know when the occurrence, whatever it may be, happened.

Will contributors please bear this in mind.

OUR soldiers on the Rhine want many things that they have been in the habit of buying at home. They buy in their canteens Divisional-Battalion-The Y.M.C.A. - Church Army-E.F.C.- and direct from home by post. Their news paper is the daily COLOGNE POST You *must* use it to reach them and secure their business

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The Cologne Post wishes to hear from old contributors to "Direct Hit", 58th (London) Division. Write BOX R.H. "Cologne Post."

Madame Mimmy Beyer gives Lessons in German and French either at 12, Streitzeuggasse (I - II Floor) or at pupils own homes.

OLD HAILEYBURIAN DINNER.

It is proposed to hold an "Old Haileyburian Dinner" about the end of April in Cologne. Any officers who wish to attend should communicate with Lt-Col. A. D. BAYLIFFE, Commandant, Army General and Commercial College, Hansa Ring, Cologne.

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Answers to Correspondents.

[The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Questions on any subject whatever are invited and will be answered as promptly and as authentically as is possible. — Ed.]

L. T. — Mr. Ben Tillet was the successful candidate for Salford (North) at the last election, gaining a majority of nearly 8000.

Pivotal. — Your question needs too lengthy an answer for this column. Please look out for article dealing with the matter, which will appear in two or three days.

A. B. — It was the former German Ambassador in London, Prince Lichnowsky, who made that statement.

B. M. — The "Emden" was destroyed by gunfire from the "Sydney", in the Indian Ocean, on Nov. 9. 1914.

E. D. — Your inquiry cannot be dealt with by us, but it has been forwarded to the proper authorities, and in all probability you will receive direct communication from them. Let us know the result.

12264. — It was on march 2nd, 1918, at Brest-Litovsk, that peace was signed between Russia and the Central Powers. On the same day an agreement was made by Roumania for peace negotiations, in answer to an ultimatum of the Central Powers.

2146. — We will answer this by letter at an early date.

Lancastrian. — The population of Blackburn last year was 134,387.

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ALLIES ANXIETY AT ARCHANGEL

APPALLING BOLSHEVIK BARBARITIES

EX-CROWN PRINCE AND HERR LUDENDORFF

MURMURINGS FROM MURMAN.

ICY ISOLATION.

Considerable anxiety exists in authoritative military circles about the situation of the Allied troops in North Russia on the White sea. Relief or reinforcement of the troops in that sector of the Murman coast is a matter of great importance. Already a detachment of American troops has left, on American cruisers, for Murmansk and a force of British troops is being prepared to follow.

At Archangel too, the situation gives cause for apprehension, as during the next two months, until the ice breaks up, no reinforcements can reach them from the sea.

It is only to be expected that the Bolsheviks will make the most determined efforts to push them off the land. The enemy has very superior forces and, of course, lines of communication which the Allies absolutely lack.

The fact that the enemy's sector of the river Dvina thaws sooner than the sector which is in our possession will naturally be of very great help to them.

Our troops therefore are likely to have a very hard time and great emphasis is laid on the fact that it is absolutely essential for them to be reinforced or relieved at the earliest possible moment.

It must be obvious that it would be impossible to evacuate Murmansk, which is a warm water port, until all the Allied troops are withdrawn from Archangel.

There is one enormous factor of very great advantage at Archangel. That is the personality of the General Officer commanding. General Ironside is a man of wonderful initiative and energy, undeterred by the heaviest odds.

Of the men under his command it is already proved that they fulfil the highest traditions of the British Army and worthy to rank with the best.

No praise can be too high for the splendid endurance shown by the troops composing the original British force which was sent to North Russia last summer. In view of the enormous demands at that time for men for the Western front, we were compelled to build up a force almost entirely of low category men. Nevertheless they have withstood the inevitable privations and hardships of an Arctic winter with the utmost fortitude, and beaten off time and again the fierce attacks of superior enemy forces, inured to the rigours of the climate, with that dogged tenacity and courage which causes the British soldier — with his back to the wall — to stand out alone, without a compeer the world over.

Grief, indignation and bewilderment are among the feelings expressed in the newspapers at the revelation of the position at Murmansk. While it is urged that the peril of the troops is an urgent reason why the Peace Conference must settle its policy towards Russia without delay, it is emphasised that no steps must be neglected to relieve the force. The *Times* suggests that the best form of relief might be an offensive agains Petrograd or Moscow just as the best way to defend Rumania would be to invade Hungary from the west from the direction Czechoslovakia.

SHACKLETON'S SUGGESTION.

Sir Ernest Shackleton, lately returned from Murmansk and Archangel was interviewed by a *Reuter* Correspondent. He said the position of the Allied North ra Forces is undoubtedly anxious. He was however confident that sufficient volunteers could be obtained to meet the situation. He urges that the British have not yet realised what s at stake if the peril is not instantly grappled with. A three months campaign by a volunteer army would break the Bolshevist monster, which is becoming far worse than German Militarism.

ODESSA.

Reuter's correspondent also wires, that the garrison of Odessa has been greatly strengthened and the French Commander is confident of his ability to hold the town. The Bolsheviks managed to reach the outer defences, which were strongly defended, but failed to penetrate them.

JOINED ALLIES ON SNOW-SHOES.

The British fleet has sailed from le Havre.

There are 850000 unemployed in Belgium.

Mr. Ramsay Macdonald & Mr. Henderson have arrived at Paris for a consultation with Mr. Lloyd George.

Four hundred Siberian troops of Koltchak's Army recently travelled on snow-shoes to join the Allied forces near Troitsk, on the Petshura river, North Russia.

BOLSHEVIK BARBARITIES.

In accordance with a decision of the War Cabinet made in January last, a White Book has just been issued by the Foreign Office containing British official and other reports covering the Bolshevik regime in Russia from the summer of 1918 to the present time.

It is an appalling story of atrocities and miseries.

A memorandum by a Britisher who left Moscow in December, says that thousands of the inhabitants were shot, a fashion in killing which was subsequently changed to hanging. He mentions one hundred and fifty Russian officers, prisoners at Pskoff, who were sawn into pieces by Mongolian soldiers.

The British Consul at Ekaterinburg under date 13th January reports the murder of hundreds of civilians in Ural towns.

Captured officers had their shoulder straps nailed to their shoulders. Some civilians had their eyes gouged out, the noses of others were cut off; others were dipped into water through holes cut in the ice until they froze to death.

The Dutch Minister at Petrograd did his utmost to succour British and other Allied subjects who were arrested wholesale in Moscow in the panic which followed the attempted assassination of Lenin. He repeatedly interviewed Tchitcherine, whom he impressed with England's power, assuring him that the time will come when the Soviet authorities must pay individually for acts of terrorism.

He found it impossible, however, to obtain definite promises from Tchitcherine regarding the fate of the arrested Britishers.

BOLSHEVISTS BANKRUPTCY.

In an appreciation of the economic situation, compiled from statistics in it possession, the British Government concludes that the legislative and other measures taken by the Bolshevists can only end in bankruptcy, although the resources of the country are so great that there is still scope for the continuance of the Bolshevists regime for some considerable time. The position of agriculture grows more acute as each month passes and eventually seed and grain must be consumed, and foodstocks and livestock exhausted.

BOLSHEVISM AT BRISBANE.

RETURNED 'AUSSIES' TAKE A HAND.

Australian soldiers who are back home "down under" have speedily shown that they intend fiercely to resent, by forcible means if necessary, anything in the nature of Bolshevism.

Some Australians who demonstrated in front of the Russian Association Headquarters at Brisbane were attacked by Bolshevists whereupon the returned soldiers made plans to avenge them. They paraded before the Russian headquarters and threatened to burn down th premises. A huge Australian flag was hoisted amid great enthusiasm, and a resolution passed demanding immediate Federal and State action against the Bolshevists.

Tramloads of armed police were hurriedly sent to the spot and were greeted with jeers.

The soldiers then tried to reach the Russian Hall and in the fracas the Police Commissioner and Senior Magistrate were injured.

Eventually two soldiers were permitted to enter the hall. They reported it untenanted, whereupon the crowd dispersed.

Next day the crowd smashed the windows of the Labour news-paper, the *Standard* which had applauded the carrying of the red flag by the Russian demonstrators.

One soldier shouted "If an apology is not published to morrow, then God help the *Standard!*"

The soldiers intend processioning constantly, to ensure that the Russian Bolshevists do not again take charge in Brisbane.

MARSHAL FOCH AT SPA.

Erzberger made quite sure he was not late for his orders at Spa. He arrived overnight and slept, as did his suite, in the train.

Marshal Foch's train reached Spa at 8.20 a.m. and stopped in front of the German train. The French Generalissimo had a long talk with General Nudant, President of the French Committee at Spa, and sent Col. Fournier to notify Erzberger that he would be received at 9.30 a. m.

At the appointed time Erzberger arrived. The French interpreter, Laperche, was present, also General Weygand. The conference lasted 40 minutes. Foch handed to the German Plentipotentiary the decisions of the Entente. At 10.30 Erzberger left the train with his portfolio under his arm. He seemed very excited.

After an hour's conference with General Hammerstein and his technical advisers he proceded to the Hotel Britannique, where the German members of the Armistice Commission stay.

Marshal Foch went to the Villa Neubois as the guest of General Nudant.

The whole town is decorated with flags and banquets in Marshal Foch's honour have been arranged by the British and American missions.

A second conference at which were present Marshall Foch, General Weyand and General Nudant, Herr Erzberger, General Hammerstein and Herr Simon took place yesterday at the Villa Neubois, lasting one and a half hours.

DAILY MAIL LIBEL ACTION.

THE JOCULAR JUDGE.

The action for libel brought by Sir Hedley Le Bas against the Daily Mail was resumed in the High Court to day before Mr. Justice Darling.

In the course of cross-examination the plaintiff admitted having referred to the Fifth Army disaster, which he claimed to have been due to the attitude of politicians. He was terribly anxious about the future of his country and if he had had a newspaper like Lord Northcliffe's he would have attacked Lloyd George very much more than he did.

Counsel suggested that the paying for insertion of articles as Le Bas had done was a new method of political propaganda.

The plaintiff described this argument as absurd. Such practice was first adopted by Ceylon, who paid newspapers to insert reports of speeches advocating Free-trade. He said the charge made in the Daily Mail, that he was circulating anonymous articles against Lloyd George was a monstrous lie.

In re-examination, Counsel for the plaintiff read an article published in the Daily Mail on 2nd December, violently attacking the Government and calling for Mr. Asquith's resignation.

Plaintiff described it as an anonymous attack.

Mr. Justice Darling asked how long the Government lived after the publication of the article.

"About a week", replied Counsel.

The hearing was again adjourned.

QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS.

CONCHIES AND SOLDIERS.

Mr. Will Thorne (Labour, Plaistow) asked whether the Government has been considering the advisability (!) of releasing on the signing of Peace all conscientious objectors, political prisoners and soldiers who have committed various offences.

Mr. Winston Churchill replied that the Government had decided that demobilization is now sufficiently advanced to justify them in approving the proposals of the Army Council for dealing with soldiers of various classes, including conscientious objectors, who commited offences under the Army Act and were in consequence sentenced to imprisonment.

All such soldiers will be discharged from the Army for misconduct and if, or when, they have completed a total of two years imprisonment in England they will be released.

[Apparently this means that if a conchy or convicted soldier serving a sentence has completed two or more years of such sentence when Peace is signed, the remainder will be remitted.]

INDUSTRIAL SETTLEMENT FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS.

About five hundred acres of land at Meathop Flats, Morecambe Bay, have been secured for the industrial settlement of disabled soldiers and sailors. The first party of settlers will start training at a hostel at Lancaster immediately after Easter.

FLYING THE ATLANTIC WESTWARD.

Limerick aerodrome has been selected as the starting point for his translantic flight by Captain J.C.P. Wood.

He is the only competitor attempting the flight westward.

MONEY SPINNING.

The value of the estate left by Lord Glenavar, a director of Coats, Limited, the cotton thread firm, has been returned at over four and a half million pounds. The estate duty will amount to nearly nine hundred thousand pounds.

KING'S FUND FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

The *Times* understands that the King's Fund will shortly discontinue its work in aid of partially disabled soldiers and sailors, which work will be taken over by the Ministry of Pensions. The King's Fund will continue to act as an agency for the relief of widows and orphans of deceased members of the Forces. Half a million pounds has been expended and 20.000 applications remain to be dealt with.

WILSON AWAY ABOUT EASTER.

President Wilson hopes to leave for the United States about 20th April. Before leaving France he will summon Congress by cable to meet in special session early in May.

Sir Douglas Haig is in Paris.

Hot Cross Buns are to be allowed in England this year.

Socialists and trade unionists in every district of France are organising meetings of protest against the acquittal of Villain, who assassinated M. Jaurès.

The miner's Transport Federations decided not to participate in the national Industrial Conference, called by the Government, which met yesterday. The National Union of Railwaymen was represented.

LITTLE WILLIE ON MANNERS.

LUDENDORFF'S RED RAGE.

In an interview given at Wieringen by the ex-CrownPrince to the Correspondent of the Copenhagen paper *Berlingske Tidende*, some rather piquant passages are set down.

"I would never have been so silly" said Little Willie, "as to want the war at a time when the whole world was against Germany . . . The great mistake was that the Germans knew nothing about the other countries. I *knew* the British and I knew they would never content themselves by sending only three hundred thousand men over the Channel.

"The Germans considered themselves to be the selected among nations and closed their eyes to realities. Why? Not because we had bad manners, or because we ate with the knife, but because the Reichstag did not spend enough money on propaganda. The German Ambassador at Peking had twenty thousand marks each year for propaganda purposes and the Russian Ambassador two hundred thousand roubles. When at last we decided — much too late—to spend more money in this way, the war was already lost.

"Ludendorff's communiqués were all lies during the last half year. It is impossible to lose three aundred guns and thirty thousand men — like Herr Ludendorff — and claim it as a defensive victory. There are limits to the clumsiness of a lie."

The ex-Crown Prince spoke about Ludendorff's inconsideration: "In the summer of 1918 I said to the Kaiser: 'The First Division of the Guard, which had fought on all fronts with honour, had sustained heavy losses. In the first line only eight hundred rifles were left. The division wanted at least four or five weeks to recuperate, but it was ordered to the front again after only one week's rest. That meant annihilation.

"Next morning at the General Stuff lecture the Kaiser said:

'My son, the Crown Prince, observes that . . .'

"Ludendorff, red with rage, glared at the Kaiser through his monocle and without waiting for him to finish, blared out: 'It is a shame that such things should be mentioned to the all-highest War Lord. The Crown Prince does not know what he is talking about. I demand that in future he confines his interest to matters connected with his own command and does not interfere with our dispositions."

BEWARE OF BRITISH BANKNOTES.

All troops are warned that British banknotes tendered by persons other than Field Cashiers are probably forgeries and should not be accepted.

It has been ascertained on good authority that counterfeit British banknotes are being prepared for use among British troops in the Army of the Rhine.

Hundred pound notes are specifically mentioned, so it behoves "other ranks" to be particularly careful.

PRINCE OF WALES VISITS LONDON SLUMS.

Yesterday the Prince of Wales followed the example of his mother and made a visit of inspection to the poor district in Southwark, South London, to study the housing conditions.

The Prince entered a number of houses and investigated the sanitary conditions which in some cases were deplorable' despite the unceasing vigilance of the local authorities.

It was explained to the Prince that it was hoped before long to demolish a large number of houses in the neigh bourhood of Chapel-place and Long-lane in order to build modern tenements in which the inhabitants could preserve their self-respect.

PAGEANTS AND PROCESSIONS.

ANZACS.

It has now been decided that a detachment of Anzacs, five thousand strong, shall march from the West End to the City, saluting the Lord-Mayor at the Mansion House. The procession is fixed for Anzac Day, 25th April.

MERCANTILE MARINE.

A mercantile Marine pageant has also been arranged comprising hundreds of ships' lifeboats suitably decorated, drawn up alongside the Embankment from Blackfriars to Chelsea.

CERTIFICATES OF MENTIONS.

It is announced that the Army Council, the Admiralty and the Air Council intend issuing certificates to all personnel belonging to Home, Indian, Colonial, Dominion and Egyptian forces who have been mentioned in despatches, and to members of the British Red Cross, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A. and other recognised organisations who have been similarly mentioned.

TRIAL OF DE VEULLE.

The trial of Reginald De Veulle, 38, dress designer, was continued at the Old Bailey yesterday.

Belcher, the actor, was the principal witness. He admitted selling cocaine to De Veulle but not with the intention of it being supplied to Billie Carleton. He also admitted buying cocaine in five £10 packets and selling it at about double the price.

The trial is following a course almost identical with the police court proceedings.

SOLENT BOOM REMOVED.

The boom across the Solent has been removed. It consisted of a wire net 3½ miles in length, stretching from Cowes to Stone Point. It was loaded with iron. One thousand fathoms of chain and 200 anchors kept it in position. There was a gateway in the centre hydraulically operated.

ARMY CHAPLAIN DETAINED BY AUTHORITIES.

LODGED IN THE TOWER.

It is stated in the *Evening News* that, pending military inquiries into an alleged incident in the West End of London, the Rev. Everard Digby, the well-known sporting cleric, now an Army chaplain, has been detained by the military authorities and lodged in the Tower of London.

The Rev. Digby, who was stationed at Farnborough, was recently in London on leave and attended the Wells-Beckett fight at the Holborn Empire.

He claims to be a victim of mistaken identity.

COLOGNE MILITARY COURT.

CHEAP AT THE PRICE.

A vixen quarrelled with her husband, a joiner to such an extent that he lost his temper, went out of the house after time and was 'picked up' for being without a pass. "You had two rooms," observed the presideut of the tribunal, "why did you not lock yourself in one of them?" "I should have the curtain lecture just as well" remarked the unhappy joiner, who had ten marks to pay.

ENGLISH CIGARETTES:

For being found with four packets of English cigarettes — and one revolver — in his possession a workman was fined five hundred marks and sent to prison for fourteen days.

TWO BRAVE NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

The Army commander expresses his appreciation of the conspicious courage shown by Bombardier J. Moffat and Bombardier T. Leonard, R.F.A., two N.C.O.'s who worked with great zeal at a fire which occurred recently.

LABOUR'S LITTLE LOT.

Conferences were held at Westminster yesterday under the auspices of the Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress. The Labour Party resolved to call upon the Government to:—

Withdraw British troops from Russia:
Raise the blockade:
Withdraw Conscription Act: and
Release conscientious objectors.

It also adopted a series of amendments to the League of Nations covenant aiming at democratic constitution and control of the League.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in moving the amendments, ridiculed the idea that Labour is only concerned with hours and wages. He demanded that the Government consult Labour on the Covenant as it had an intimate connection with the industrial charter.

THE PARTITION OF GERMANY.

COLOGNE DEPUTY'S VIEWS.

Speaking at a meeting at the Bürgergesellschaft yesterday evening Oberpfarrer Kastert, Cologne Deputy to the Prussian Assembly, explained why the Centre (Catholic) Party took part in the Prussian present Government.

At the end of his discourse he dealt with the suggestion for a West German Republic and said that the Rhineland should claim the right of self-determination as outlined in one of President Wilson's points, in order to protest against separation from the German Empire.

"Germany" he said "is more to us than is Prussia and when Germany's well-being needs it, Prussia must, in the interests of the Empire, be divided into several parts. The West German Republic would claim a position of its own, because of its history, the economic situation of its provinces and of its national peculiarities."

EX-KAISER'S HORSES SOLD.

Such of the horses and carriages of the Kaiserlich stable at Berlin as escaped the thieving propensities of the Spartacists were sold by public auction yesterday. Oscar, the ex-Kaiser's son was present. Prices ruled high, two old saddle horses of the ex-Kaiser and ex-Kaiserin realising twenty thousand marks each.

GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND.

Replying to a question concerning Irish policy, Mr. Macpherson said that he was determined to maintain law and order in Ireland and to preserve the rights and liberties of law abiding citizens.

For so long as outrages of the most cruel kind continue to darken rish life, the need for the presence of the military would be understood, and while conditions continued as at present it would be unsafe to alter the system of Government.

GEDDES GOING BACK TO Mc. GILL.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Auckland C. Geddes, Minister of National Service since 1917, is about to resign. He will leave in a few months time to take up the post of Principal of Mc Gill University, Montreal, where he was formerly Professor of Anatomy.

Germany will be represented at the International Air Conference.

A new system of keeping army accounts came into operation on Tuesday.

Petrol is plentiful in England. The storage reservoirs are full to overflowing.

Green vegetables are exceptionally scarce and dear in England.

Among the callers at the offiecs of *The Cologne Post* yesterday was a German ex-officer until lately interned at Donnington Hall. He said he had had a very good time while there.

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THE RED TRIANGLE CONTROVERSY.

In *The Times* of March 29, there appeared a letter by Edward L. Swansea, in which are made many sweeping statements with regard to the work of the Y.M.C.A. Association.

During the past four years there has been no greater friend to the British soldier than this organization. From the very outset of the war the Y.M.C.A., has worked ceaselessly and ungrudgingly for the welfare of the troops, and though a few may have found cause to complain (it is difficult to cater for every member of the human family) the majority of us soldiers have reason to be thankful for the benefits which we have enjoyed from time to time.

The Y.M.C.A. (and other kindred associations) has become to us a great need, a part of our life as soldiers, just as the advent of our mail, or our rations, or the existence of our battalion canteen. This is an established fact, and no argument is necessary. We have only to cast our minds back to the old times, when from the torment and strife of the Ypres salient we have wandered down to the canal for respite in the Hut down there. Throughout the war they have followed us from place to place always ready to administer to our needs, that *practical* Christianity for which soldiers have a great desire. In all theatres of war they have been established. Not only in France and Germany, but in Salonica, along those long winding roads bleached by a scorching sun, we have been able to halt and run for a lemonade; in Egypt, in Palestine and in nearly every spot whereon the soldier has trod, there, also, has followed the ardent Y.M.C.A. workers.

As soldiers we pay our tribute, and let us hope that our words may prove as valuable in the public estimation as any which can come from the pen of the Bishop Suffragan of Swansea. In referring to an article on the work of the "Red Triangle," the Bishop Suffragan writes. "We have read so much like it, and the sense of contrast between these idealized pictures and actual experience of the methods of the Red Triangle at home and abroad rises unbidden. To say truth, the very last thing many of us desire for the peace and well-being of the countryside is the universal intrusion of the Red Triangle."

That is a direct challenge, not only to the organizers of the Y.M.C.A. but also to us soldiers, and it is only fair that we, who have revelled in the benefits and enjoyments, which, at all times and wherever possible, have been placed at our disposal by these zealous workers, should answer the challenge. There is only one conclusion which we can draw from the letter; the writer has had no experience of Y.M.C.A. work abroad. If he has, then he has chosen to ignore the most vital points of this association's work.

In pre-war days the Y.M.C.A. was an organization of very small means, to-day it is a living national institution—a sufficient testimony to the work that has been done during the war.

It is regrettable to note that a representative of one Christian body should so attack another. The effect is disastrous to the practical mind of the soldiers.

But whatever be issue, let us as soldiers give our sympathies to those whose religion has been indeed practical and manifest.

ON MOUSTACHES.

A FARCICAL SUGGESTION.

When the first armistice terms were drawn up, one very important item was omitted, but its omission was not apparent until the troops reached Germany. Then, even the least observant saw the mistake.

When I came to Germany first, I tried to read the German character from the face, but found it impossible. The moustache was in the way, camouflaging all the features. This terrible enormity begins beneath the nose and hides the upper lip and mouth, which are two important guides to character. Then, not content with growing outward, it aspires for higher altitudes and commences its ascent of the face, in doing so it hides the lines from the nose down past the mouth. If a German has rather pronounced wrinkles at the corners of his mouth, he hides the fact by giving a downward bend to his *Schnauzbart* before he allows it to begin its ascent.

All know the twin towers of Cologne Cathedral, but almost every German has a pair of twin towers on his own face, and he is prouder of the latter than the former as can be seen by the way he caresses and coaxes these hirsute edifices. They sprout and spread in most forbidding attitudes, and resemble the horns of an angry moon. I used to be amused by the moustache attempts of the youthful "Tommy", when it was compulsory to grow one, but this German aspiring-tower-business gets beyond amusement. Imagine, if you can, this madness crawling up your face, and consider what its effect would be on you!

All German moustaches are not alike, in fact they are almost as different as were the rats at Hamelin, but however different they may be at the beginning, they all end in that upward flourish. I have not been able to find out yet whether it was an attempt at pious horror of the elderly maiden attitude or an imitation of the "Merry Kamerad:" stunt, but perhaps some one can enlighten me. The Germans have been noted for their discipline and uniformity, so what must life be to the poor unfortunate who cannot cultivate one of these? Avoided by friend and foe alike, he is an outcast, and dare not let himself be seen or be as other good Germans. He may kiss a fräulein in the dark, but it will be an only kiss, for a kiss is no kiss to her unless her cheeks and eyebrows are tickled with the German mark of manhood. The man without the moustache will crawl through life unpitied and unpaid, finally dying of vexation, and will rest under the following inscription: "Here lies Kutzer Krippen, who had no hair raising experiments. Ye who read beware!"

Admiral von Tirpitz struck out on a new line in growing one upside down, and on his chin instead of the upper lip, but rumour has it that he erased it because he had no imitators, not because he failed to be King Neptune the Second. Hindenburg has one that twists and turns like an eel before it attempts to wind itself round his ears. I do not know whether he has followed the example of Tirpitz, but I should think not, for he is an old man and might catch cold if he removed his lifelong face warmer.

This madness of the facial hirsute adornment must be stopped, and we all hope to see a clause in the Peace terms to that effect. It might infect us if it is not caught in time, and what would our people at home say if we came back with a couple of hairy pyramids on our faces! But there is hope, for President Wilson is bare faced, while Clemenceau and Lloyd George follow Bairnsfather's "Old Bill", so do not be surprised if the last clause in the Peace terms reads:—"All Germans with upturned moustaches must immediately turn them down." W. J.

UNDER "AN DOVER".

On behalf of those men pending demobilization, the Government has at last decided to adopt, at enormous cost, (up goes the rates) the much-talked-of *"Channel Tunnel"* scheme. Plans of construction have already (its rather sudden) been placed "in competent" (two words, please) hands, and it is hoped to commence this valuable work in the early autumn of 1920, and, according to expert opinion, to complete same in readiness for the next great conflict, in order that the demobilization of the remainder of 1914-15 men may be continued without interfering with the transport of the "new armies" on their way to "fresh fields of glory."

THE EDUCATION OF A.IV. BOYS.

A. SCHEME SHOWING ITS NEED, POSSIBILITIES AND BENEFITS.

The war has, amongst other things, shown us the result of the utterly inadequate educational system that obtained in England during the last decade.

The boys of 18 years of age who have been called to the Colours recently, have in the majority of cases proved to be vastly below the standard of education that one would expect of boys of that age, as many as five per cent of them being quite illiterate. On the average they are not sufficiently educated to enter, with any degree of fairness, into the struggle for existence that will re-commence immediately the industrial market regains a normal condition. Also in the case of the minority of boys better educated than the rest, these were taken from their studies at a time when they were nearing completion, with the result that much of the advantage they had already gained is in peril of being lost to them.

We now have the opportunity to rectify this state of affairs to some extent, as it is our bounden duty both to the State and to the individual to give these boys the utmost advantage we can from their compulsory military service and compensate them somewhat for the losses thereby caused to them.

We owe it to the Nation to make each of our citizens as productive as possible, and we can vastly improve the usefulness of these boys by training them in the occupation of their choice, and educating them to the standard necessary to ensure the best result of their work for themselves and for the State.

We have them at a period of their lives when their minds are in the most receptive state, and when they, responding to the growing belief in their manhood, are eager to do something with their lives. At this time a boy commences to look to the future and to appreciate the fact that now the days of dependent childhood are over, and to seek experience and guidance in planning out his scheme for his life's work: no moment could be more psycologically perfect than this in which to assume control of a boy's education, and lead him with the help of experience through the difficulties of over-late study.

There is no reason why, given the necessary time, we could not return these boys to their civil occupations each one with his studies completed and with his "apprenticeship" passed.

Were the subject taken seriously, and did we all realize the immense importance of the gospel of maximum production as an industrial warcry, we would not hesitate to place our best brains and experience, machinery and equipment, or anything else necessary, at the disposal of these lads so that when they re-enter the arena of industrial competition they would enter as highly trained re-inforcements and not as incubus which they would be were they thrown on the Labour market at present.

Below is tabulated a list of subjects which I think are suited to the occasion.

GENERAL.

ELEMENTARY: Reading, Writing, Arithmetic.

INTERMEDIATE: Emperic History and Geography, International Relationships (Commercial & Political), Patriology, Common Law, Religion, Morality and Hygiene.

ADVANCED: Citizenship in relation to everyday life; Parenthood, its duties and responsibilities; Theology, The Ethics of Life, physical and moral; Physiology, Universal Regeneration; Modern Industrial Problems, national and international; Discipline as a necessity to National Life; Natural Science, Agricultural Law.

PARTICULAR.

COMMERCIAL: Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Shorthand, Typewriting, Commercial Law, Modern Business Methods.

LANGUAGES: French, Spanish, German.

SCIENCE: Chemistry, Physics, Economics, Agriculture, Hygiene, Anatomy, Aeronautics (if near Aviation Centre), Electricity, Veterinary Surgery.

TECHNICAL: Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Motor driving, Carpentry and Cabinet Making, Saddlery and Harness making, Shoemaking, Tailoring, Painting, Plumbing, Gardening, Cooking, House-service valeting etc.), House construction and repair, Care of Horses, Farriery, Agriculture — Stock, Dairy, Crops; Hair Dressing.

All these subjects could quite easily be taught to A IV. boys wherever they were situated, and the apparatus necessary would be very little more than is carried in an ordinary Infantry Battalion. The chief difficulty would be expense, but the Nation which could easily find £ 8,500,000 a day for the prosecution of war, can surely spend a few thousand pounds for the preparation for Peace. Should a Battalion find itself stationed in an industrial centre such as Sheffield or Mannheim, practically any trade could be taught by using the Local factories and workshops for the purpose. To my personal knowledge this was done in England during the winter of 1917—1918 at Sheffield, where the Local Authorities entered whole-heartedly into the scheme, and about five hours a day were devoted to this work.

For general instruction in the form of lectures a class of 250 could easily be handled by competent men, but for particular subjects, no instructor could do justice to either his class or his subject with a class of more than 30 members. In a Battalion School there is the difficulty of non-attendance, and I think that at least 20% would be always absent on fatigues or sick.

Sympathetic co-operation on the part of Company Commanders could lessen the inconvenience thus caused by taking for fatigue duties those men who were in least need of educational instruction.

Twenty four hours per week, or five hours on four days and four hours on another (pay day) could easily be arranged — say from 2 o'clock to five and six to eight, and although this may seem to make a rather a long day, I have seen such a programme actually in operation over a period of the six winter months and the result was entirely satisfactory.

The complete change from military work, combined with the interest and enthusiasm the boys themselves showed, enabled them to pay attention and derive benefit right up to the end of the classes. They got their time to themselves on Saturday afternoons and Sunday, which is all they would have in civil life, and their daily work hours were no longer than in a factory or workshop while the work was much more varied.

In short, reviewing the situation, the *need* of Education for these boys is obvious, the *opportunity* is present, and the benefits to both the State and to the individual would be enormous; all that is required is the recognition of these facts and then the difficulties of ways and means could be speedily overcome.

THE REAL REASON.

Park Orator: "An' I tell yer that all them millionaires' money is tainted—all on it!"

Unconvinced Person: "'Ow d'ye mean, 'tainted'?"

Park Orator: "Well, 'taint yours, an' 'taint mine, is it?" *London Mail.*

THE DUMP.

PRINCEPS.

DUMPS. This does not sound a very exciting subject to write about, but all the same I think this is a true diagnosis of the complaint from which we (and the whole Division) are suffering from at the present moment.

However, it is not this sort of Dumps I want to deal with; for nothing would have a more depressing effect upon the readers than to enlarge upon this form of incipient insanity.

The Dumps I mean are those new things which have come into our lives as a sort of additional burden.

A Dump can be well described as a first cousin to Hump; in its abstract sense it is the latter with a big "D" in front; in its concrete sense it is a patch of grass one day, mud another, where fatigue parties—the only luxury the A.S.C. enjoy to the disadvantage of the Infantry—display their agility, energy, and temper. On a fine day this bucolic method of food distribution provides a healthy recreation for the body and a theme of inspiration to the soul. When the day is bright and the sun is high it is extraordinary how large a number of officers' riders require exercise—by their owners. But on a wet day (and W——— is favoured with a few) the highest moral values in mankind are taxed to their maximum worth. Patience, coolness, banality of temper, and largeness of disposition display themselves to an undreamt of and alarming extent amongst the Infantry helpers.

Quartermasters and their intelligent Sergeants reveal their angelic qualities unsuspected heretofore by hasty and severe juniors. The A.S.C. supply men demonstrate their vicarious and unselfish virtues by letting willing hands do all the dirty work. The drivers get soaked and just smile. It is an orgy of self-sacrifice, a wet day at the Dump—as yet unsung by any poet—which would fill the soul of the moralist with ecstatic joy.

Not Virgil with all the powers of rhythmic range at his command could do justice to such an epic scene. All ye seekers and praisers of our glorious humanity be present at a Dump when Jupiter Pluvius lords it over all; all ye revilers and detractors of moral virtues attend also upon such an auspicious occasion. Joy and revelation will be yours.

The efforts to ensure that the food of the men should be kept dry and wholesome are herculean and marvellous. And what if the food should, in spite of all, suffer a little soaking in the transit? Do the troops complain? Shame upon such a thought! Are the Quartermaster's ears stung with reproaches and grumbles? Not a sound; only heartfelt thanks reward their labours of love.

The simplicity of the Dump system is attractive and alluring. It is mobile and requires little paraphernalia. No rent is paid, as public property is temporarily borrowed. We all love economy—in others.

All units—thanks to the ever-watchful eye of their zealous representatives—secure the full dole of rations. Not a single ounce is lost. For, once and for all, the effete idea, long current in the minds of the sceptical, that the A.S.C. were actuated by a system of ration abstraction, for euphony's sake called "winnings," is entirely dispelled. This peculiar term does not imply that we were thought frankly dishonest, but only that we were expert and unscrupulous exponents of the best traditions of twentieth-century commercialism. The Dump system has been responsible for more empty mouths in the A.S.C. than any of the short-sighted reductions in the Army rationing scale.

Dumps are the rumour exchanges of the Division. Here the latest lies are repeated, with all the necessary embellishment to give them verisimilitude. Truth may be naked, but we all prefer it a little adorned, even if the skirts are alluringly short. Amidst the romantic surroundings of the Dump, the imagination roams away—and so do the rumours arising therefrom. One day on the Dump, says a fatigue man, is better than a thousand in the Detention Hut; and he would rather be a humper of meal and a dumper of bread than attend for one hour at a C.O.'s parade.

The Dump is the fraternizing ground of the Division. Here the various units learn that the A.S.C. is not a collection of pickpockets and scallywags temporarily taken from their usual occupations and put into a respectable uniform, which hides a multitude of civilian shortcomings. It is even sometimes demonstrated here that we actually work, or, at least, are capable of it. Not only can we work, but, if pushed, can fight. Never did our kind friends the Infantry have such an eye-opener than when we appeared on the ranges one morning at 6.30 a.m., with real guns, and commenced to fire at the targets. Never were these same gentlemen so surprised as when we had finished our firing. The results were staggering and beyond all imagination. The War Office had a busy time.

If anyone wants a day of education, of joy, of revelation, of hope, let him come to any one of our Dumps at the time of the daily issue. He will go away a wiser and a better man. His former conceptions—I should say, misconceptions—of the A.S.C. will undergo a complete revolution.

We owe much to the Dumps, and our threatened three years' sojourn in W——— will always be associated, in after years, with two things—the Dumps and the weekly medical inspection.

MENTAL EXHAUSTION IN GERMANY.

The well-known Berlin physician Dr. Marx publishes an interesting article in the Berlin medical review "Berliner Klinische Wochenschrift". He starts from the fact that the Germans could not succeed to understand the point of view of their enemies. They lacked also psychological comprehension for their own ways. The different classes of the German nature could not understand each other. Now the war has brought us to declare permanently the law of the shortest way, according to which the slow progression of history is often broken by crises which want to precipitate the course of events through the shortest way possible. During this war the German people have had to undergo numerous privations and disappointments, the shortage of food being a specially great influence on the psychological development of the population. The specialists for mental diseases have already studied the results of this exhaustion. The gambling and dancing manias are manifestations of it. Besides the increased excitability of everybody, the enhanced receptability for psychical contamination, the wholy modified state of mind of the masses, the strike-fever, are all signs of a general mental exhaustion. In this state of mind, man is very much inclined to follow the law of the shortest way. Everybody can see the danger of the situation, when the man in the streets wants to, and can, change everything in the shortest way possible. They are actually a great peril in the German public life, where all the social fetters seem to have disappeared. To cure this mental exhaustion there is only one means—sufficient food.

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DAY	OPERA	DRAMA
Saturday	Lohengrin	Seeschlacht
Sunday	Der Barbier von Sevilla	Afternoon: Elga Evening: Seeschlacht
Monday	Die lustigen Weiber von Windsor	Verschwörung des Fiesco

The hours at which the opera commences are: Friday 4.30; Saturday 3.30; Sunday 5.00. p.m.

BILLIARD HANDICAP AT SOLINGEN.

We, who are now exiles of the Rhine, have not a few ways to while away the time. But one of the best we have yet struck was the above competition which brought out talent and amusement.

We are fortunate enough to mess in a "Restauration" where there are two very good billiard tables, so once the idea got going it was not long before the aspirants for championship honours began to show their prowess with the cue.

To those accustomed to haunt the "Hanover" the "Carlton" or similar rendezvous of the "Blighty" cueist, the small pocketless tables with the proportionately big balls looked easy game, but it didn't prove to be as simple as it looked. The handicappers had been weighing up form for a week or two, and as a rule, the back-markers had to travel all the distance. Our provost and one of the "Professors" (those high brow fellows who go in for the educational stunt), were a great pair. They were out for blood and no mistake, and hung on to each other like grim death.

Then the stars began to shine as the lesser lights went out, one by one, till at the finish we had two M. S. s' — hot stuff too! We wonder what is the secret of their manipulation of the ivories. We know they can do a bit of juggling. In fact they must, in these rapid days.

Souvenirs of the "Village" here formed very acceptable prizes, and though not issuing any challenges meantime, we wonder if we could find a quartette to beat our little lot. NICOLO.

MUSIC AND MIRTH AT WAHN.

The first of the 113th Army-Brigade R.F.A. concerts took place at Wahn Barracks on Wednesday evening, in the hall of the Y.M.C.A. (kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. Mc. Kean). The 51st Royal Sussex String Band, under the able conductorship of the R.S.M. provided the music, and the selections were much appreciated by a critical audience.

Sergeant Linsay of C.' Battery was obviously ill at ease in "If you Look in her Eyes", but his encore effort "Roses of Picardy" went with a swing.

Messrs. Bottomley and Church in a humourous skit provided plenty of amusement, and the former, a born raconteur, was particularly funny. Gunner Church with his quaint mannerisms, improves on each occasion and George Robey must look to his laurels. Lt. Royle of "A", as a female impersonater in pale blue, depicted "Helen of Troy", while Corporal Goldburn emulated Charles Whittle and Captain Hooper's rendering of "Laska" with success. Captain Story, M. C. and Lt. Fairhurst helped to make the concert a success.

The concluding item of an interesting evening was a sketch entitled "The Yorkshire Lad" in which the indefatigable Bottomley — not Horatio of that ilk. — played the leading role.

The proceedings were graced by the presence of Brigade General H. W. Higginson C.B., D.S.O. and staff, and officers of the Brigade were mustered in strength.

Altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent which reflects great credit upon the organisers and all who participated.

P.M.S.W.

WITH THE HOUNDS.

24th BRIGADE R.F.A. HUNT.

Hounds met at KNAPSACK, near KENDENICH, on Tuesday — A very small field attended, perhaps on account of the somewhat inaccessible position of the meet. This, however, was all in favour of the Rhineshire "Thrusters" who had matters all their own way.

A fox was quickly found in KNAPSACK gorse, but, after dodging round, soon got to ground in a thick brushwood covert. The Master decided to unearth him and shortly afterwards hounds were streaming away in a S.W. direction. He was then headed and turning left handed crossed the Cologne-Liblar Road. The scent now became indifferent and led to a short cluch. A successful cast in the direction of KIERBERG Mine brought hounds once again on to the line, and turning left-handed he doubled back towards WILLENHAUS at a nice pace. On reaching WILLENHAUS, hounds were finally stopped by a blinding snowstorm after a very good run of an hour and ten minutes, over some first-rate country.

LIST OF FUTURE FIXTURES.

Tuesday April 8th 1919		Bliesheim Church.
Tuesday „ 15th „		Weilerwist Church.
Tuesday „ 22nd „		Buschfeld.

Meets at 2.30 p.m. each day.

INOCULATION.

(IN THREE INJECTIONS).

W. Reynalds.

You remember, you remember
The other pre-war fronts,
Where on the pies especially
You did some novel stunts?
You got the "glad" so often then,
(Perhaps you do so now),
And used to spend your afternoons,
In pleasant sport — and how?
In oculation.

You remember, you remember
The M.O.'s special day?
The needle and the vaccine tube
He never put away;
The Sergeant and the iodine,
The sudden stab of pain,
And what releas'd you two short days
Before parades again?
Inoculation.

You remember, you remember
Our long and weary march?
Across half Europe, so it seemed,
One long triumphal arch;
And how we came to Germany
By quite a devious route?
You may have noticed that the Hun
Did not come out and shout —
In Hockulation.

FOOTBALL.

BONN ASSOCIATION CUP.

Third Round.

The Third round of the Bonn Association Cup Competition was played yesterday afternoon at Hofgarten, when the X Corps Cyclist Bn. opposed the 146th H.B., R.G.A.

The glorious weather, and the prospect of an exciting encounter, attracted a large number of spectators.

The "Heavies" found it impossible to withstand the "pushfulness" of the Cyclists, and at half-time they were "down" 2—0.

After the interval, the Artillery improved considerably and finished up with the by no means disgraceful score of 3—1 against them. The scorers for the Cyclists were Macilroy (2) and Farman.

DIVISIONAL RUGBY FINAL.

WELSHMEN'S COMFORTABLE WIN.

The final for the 1st Divisional (Rugby) Championship, which took place at Cologne, between the 1/6th Bn. The Welsh Regiment, and "Z" Battery, R.F.A., ended in a comfortable win for the Welsh by 14 points to nil.

The ground was in a sloppy condition, snow and sleet having fallen continuously during the previous two days.

In the first half the only score was an unconverted try, the result of some fine footwork by the Welsh pack who took play to the "Gunners" line, for Capt C. G. Lewis to snap up the ball and cross wide out. During this half, the wind, which was intensely cold, favoured the Gunners Despite this, however, they were kept busily defending for the major portion.

On changing over, the superiority of the winners soon told and, after a bout of passing in which all the backs handled, Capt Brabazon scored their second try. Good play by both packs ended in the "Welsh's" favour, and C.S.M. Lloyd scored under the posts for Lieut Buckland to convert.

More strenuous footwork followed, after which the Welsh halves got the ball away to the backs, and another fine handling movement ended in Lieut. Pullen crossing in the corner. The Welsh were thus the winners by 1 converted goal and 3 tries to nil.

Considering the bad state of the ground, play was really good and full of interest throughout. It is noteworthy to mention that the "Welsh" who were also last season's champions ran through the competition without having a point scored against them, although leave and demobilization necessitated rearranging the team for practically each match.

CHESHIRE BATTALIONS OPPOSED.

On Thursday, the 1/7 Bn., Cheshire Regiment kept up their long succession of wins by beating the 1/4th Bn. of the same Regiment at Hersel. There is a good deal of friendly rivalry between the two teams and the many supporters of both sides, anticipating a rattling good game, were thoroughly satisfied with the fare provided.

In the opening stages 2nd. Lieut Shaw relieved steady pressure by the 7th, and displayed wonderfully clever head and foot work in the process. Then Corp. Baskerville sent across a well-judged corner kick which the 4th left back disposed of.

An incident in the 7th. goal mouth, resulted in Maden the keeper, being injured sufficiently badly to necessitate his subsequent departure from the field before half-time. The said incident which, unfortunately, caused a little unpleasantness resulted in Shaw opening the score in favour of the 4th from a penalty kick. Corpl. Pool shortly afterwards equalised.

In the second half, notwithstanding their absent goalkeeper, the 7th had the better of matters and scored two more goals through Corpl. Pool and 2nd. Lieut. Wilkinson.

FIELD ARTILLERY BEATEN BY HEAVIES.

The 4th Brigade R.G.A. on Thursday registered a comparatively easy win in their match against the 50th Brigade R.F.A. when they scored 4 goals to their opponents nil, at Opladen. Play was very keen in the first half and the "Heavies" should have scored on more than one occasion, had the three inside forwards displayed better combination. Driver Spencer, who missed an open goal, quickly atoned by opening the score for the garrison team. In the second half the ball was rarely out of the 50th half, and three more goals were added by Driver Ross, Corpl. Fischer and Lieut. Buzza.

52nd BR. BEDFORD REGT. V 102 FIELD AMBULANCE.

Undoubtedly, in this match at Siegburg, on Wednesday afternoon, dash and quick passing among the forwards, with safe tackling by the backs and half-backs gained for the 52nd Bedford's, their victory over the 102nd Field Ambulance by a margin of five goals.

From the start the Bedford's forwards, admirably led by Sgt. Blackwell, assumed the aggressive and in quick succession Pte. Gigli scored twice, while before the interval L/c Merry found the net from a corner.

Immediately on resuming Gigli completed the hat trick from a centre by Lieut. Simson. Keeping up the pressure, Pte. Whitehead headed a fifth goal, while Pte. Gigli scored his fourth by dribbling the ball into the net. Playing very pluckily, the 102 Field Ambulance at last caught the Bedford defence napping and scored in the closing stages of the game.

The pleasing and outstanding feature of the game was the return to his old-time form of Sergt. Blackwell of the Bedford's.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

A great amount of interest is being taken in the Army cross — country run that is announced to take place on Monday next, and the names of several prominent runners are included in the list of entrins. The course will be five miles in length. Neusser Wall is the starting place and there will undoubtedly be a large number of spectators present to cheer on their favourites when the runners move off at 2.45 p.m.

22 Clubs in Southern League.

DEVELOPMENTS OF SWANSEA AND MERTHYR.

The Southern Football League has resolved to extend the first division to twenty-two clubs, comprising eighteen old ones and four new ones. The additions are, Swansea Town, Brentford, Gillingham and Merthyr town.

THE INNER MAN.

The Salvation Army, in keeping with their good reputation, have provided two comfortable Rest Houses in Cologne. One is at the Stork Hotel and the other is in Obermarspforten (near E.F. Canteen). Dinners are provided between the hours of 12 and 2 daily and tea and refreshments can be obtained from 4 o'clock in the afternoon until 8 p.m. The reading and writing room is open all day.

CATCH AS CATCH CAN.

WRESTLING MATCH AT BERSCHEID.

SERGEANT THORPE BEATS DRIVER MC. CARTHY.

As the outcome of a challenge published recently in our bright little contemporary, *The Watch on the Rhine*, an interesting match was contested at Berscheid. The challenge was thrown out by Driver A. E. Mc. Carthy, the 10st. 7 lb. champion of the Territorial Force Association, who offered to wrestle any man in the Army of Occupation for the championship of that army. An acceptance was produced from S.S.M. Thorpe who, gaining the better of three 15 minute bouts in the resulting tussle, was declared the winner.

THE MATCH DESCRIBED.

1st. BOUT: S.S.M. Thorpe immediately took the offensive, Mc. Carthy brought to the mat by a sharp hip buttock and lay passive though alert. S.S.M. Thorpe even after several minutes was unable to take advantage of this to register a fall, as McCarthy cleverly extricated himself and both wrestlers regained their feet.

Result of the first bout S.S.M. Thorpe declared the winner on points.

2nd. BOUT: Both wrestlers were considerably refreshed by the attentions of their seconds and the spectators looked forward with renewed interest to the following.

After two minutes McCarthy was brought down tothe mat but cleverly avoided being pinned.

On the moment they both regained their feet McCarthy attempted to throw S.S.M. Thorpe by a hip buttock but was thwarced by a right hand check; McCarthy tried again but was too slow, and S.S.M. Thorpe crashed him to the mat. This time the wrestling was strong and a splendid exhibition of the art was given by both, McCarthy gaining a headlock troubled S.S.M. Thorpe very much. S.S.M. Thorpe escaping from this, and attacking McCarthy's legs, gained a crutch hold.

McCarthy's cleverness in head spins at this period was superb, and undoubtedly saved him from being pinned.

After this McCarthy locking S.S.M. Thorpe's legs, brought him to the mat, McCarthy on top, attempted the half nelson, but this hold was countered by a sharp arm roll which brought S.S.M. Thorpe op the top. The efforts of both nere were splendid, being very quickly applied and countered, but undoubtedly S.S.M. Thorpe was deserveuly given the verdict in this bout.

The winner was presented with a prize by the C.R.E., 29th. Division, and declared 10st: 71b: Champion of the Army of Occupation.

Boxing at Wahn.

On Wednesday, a Boxing Competition was held in the Church Hut at Wahn, when the best talent of the 51st, 52nd, and 53rd Battalions, Royal Sussex Regt gave a fine display of the art. The arrangements were in the competent hands of Captain Weeler, with Captain Baylis as referee and C.S.M. Simmonds as M.C. There were some finely contested bouts which were much appreciated by a critical audience.

The results were as follows:

Class A.

FEATHERWEIGHT: Open to novices: Pte Mc Gregor, 53rd, Winner; Pte Waller, 51st, Runner-up;
LIGHTWEIGHT: Lce Cpl Parker, 51st, Winner; Pte Coppin, 51st, Runner-up;
FLYWEIGHT: Pte Chaffins, 52nd, Winner; Pte Herbert 51st, Runner-up;
BANTAMWEIGHT: Pte Burgess, 51st, Winner; Pte Hind, 52nd, Runner-up;
WELTERWEIGHT: Pte Hawe, 53rd, Winner; Pte King, 51st, Runner-up;
MIDDLEWEIGHT: Lce Cpl Griffin, 53rd, Winner.

Class B.

LIGHTWEIGHT: Open: Pte Newton 52rd, Winner; Pte Downes 53rd, Runner-up;
FEATHERWEIGHTS: Pte Taylor 52nd, Winner; Lce Cpl Neissen 51st, Runner-up;
WELTERWEIGHT: Dr. Steele 51st, Winner; Pte Clark 53rd, Runner-up;
OFFICERS: Randall 52nd, Winner; Cpt. Wheeler 51st, Runner-up.

BOXING:

BANTAM-WEIGHTS: Gnr. Iredale R.H.A. beat Pte. Pilkington 1st. Bn. Gloucester Regt.

FEATHER-WEIGHT: L/Cpl. Ward, 1st. Bn. The Black Watch beat Driver King, R.F.A.

LIGHT-WEIGHT: Drummer Cotton, 2nd. Bn. The Welch Regt. beat Gunner Saddler, R.H.A.

WELTER-WEIGHT: L/Cpl. Phillips, 1/6th. Welch Regt. beat Cpl. Erratt, 1st. Bn. S. W. Borderers.

MIDDLE-WEIGHT: Pte. Buckler, 1st. Bn. M. G. Corps beat Gunner Middlehurst, R.F.A.

HEAVY-WEIGHT: Pte. Bradley, 1st. Bn. M. G. Corps beat Gunner Bennett, R.F.A.

SPORT IN A NUTSHELL.

At Liblar, on Tuesday, the semi-final between "C." and "D." companies of the 5th K. O. Y. L. I. resulted in favour of the first-named. Second Lt. J. Cummings scored the only two goals of the match. The final, which will be played today, is between "A." and "C." Companies.

A. Saxby by the falling of Svetoi in the Grand National had six stitches put in his tongue. His face was also badly discoloured, and he was in consequence compelled to relinquish his riding engagements on Saturday at Liverpool.

After the race for the Liverpool Hurdle Handicap on Saturday all the riders with the exception of Mason, Piggott, Lancaster, Morgan, Ashworth, and Hulme were called before the stewards on the complaint of the starter for disobedience at the post and delaying the start, and were each fined £2:

It transpires that after the Grand National Pollen was found to be bleeding freely. A subsequent examination disclosed the fact that the injury was due to a thorn having penetrated an artery in the stifle. On Saturday morning the horse was found to be all right and he returned home with Poethlya.

A HOME FROM HOME.

Since its inauguration on Feb. 7th last, the Light Divisional Rest House, Marzellen Strasse, has accommodated over 800 members of the Light Division. Men spending a few days in Cologne are well looked after. Each man has a bed. (there are four to a room) and the victualling arrangements are excellent.

There is a well stocked dry and wet canteen on the premises, occasional concerts are held, and men are allowed to invite their friends.

The final winners in the 1st. Divisional Tug-of-War, Association football and Boxing contests, at Bonn, were as follows:

TUG-OF-WAR: 1st. Bn. Cameron Highlanders beat 1st. Div. Artillery (catch weight). 1st. Bn. Cameron Highlanders beat 1st. Bn. South Wales Borderers (light weight.

FOOTBALL: 1st. Bn. Cameron Hrs., 3; 1st. Divl. Engineers 1.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

BY "METEOR".

Saturday, April 5th, 1919.

Surface wind light from between NE. and North. Mist in the early morning; then fine with improving visibility. Cold night and morning; warmer in the day.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

(WITH AN OCCASIONAL ENTERTAINMENTS NOTE.)

Coaching in Germany.

That most picturesque of sports, coaching is almost as dead as the Dodo and the sight of a sprightly team ca eering about on usy thorough fares in England (or here in Germany for the matter of that) is a *rara avis*, indeed, nowadays.

But we have at least one enthusiast with us in the occupied area in the person of Capt. Michall Wallington, M.C. who dispite everything is thoroughly ardent in the pursuit of his pet hobby. Consequently, it is by no means an unfamiliar sight to see his magnificent team driving through the busy streets of Bonn.

An old song tells us that from "Wimbledon to Wambledon is sixteen miles." The same distance separates Hennef and Bornheim and it it speaks well for the stamina of Capt. Wallington's animals that this journey was completed by his team, in the return from the Hennef races, in 1 hour 35 minutes.

Two of this good team appear also on the polo ground at Bornheim and are played by Captain Wallington who is not only a fine whip but a very promising polo player.

Brighter Cricket.

If all the words printed in the newspapers during the war, on the subject of cricket reform, were placed end to end, they would reach quite a long way. Innumerable suggestions have been advanced for increasing the attractiveness of the game, from a spectator's point of view, by I should think, representatives of every class of the community who take any interest at all in it. Sporting and other journalists, of course, have had a great deal to say about the matter, sports committees have probably never foregathered without passing resolutions, while "Letters to the Editor" have been written by cricketers of varying stages of proficieney, from the pro' to the youngster at school who as yet has but mustered the incipient stages of the game.

To Continue in the Old Sweet Way.

And what has been the out-come of all this controversy? Absolutely sweet — nothing! The rules of the game are exactly the same as ever in all details. The only alteration I can trace, that has any bearing on the subject, is a ruling by the Advisory Committee that the championships this year shall be decided by wins only, on the percentage of matches played.

In the method formerly observed for scoring, the side leading on the first innings in an uncompleted match, was given three points, and its opponents, one; while, in the event of a tie, the points were equally divided.

I do not suggest that this alteration has anything to do with the brightening of cricket, but as a change in championship rules it is interesting.

Promise of Football Boom.

The return of conditions in England to something like normal is responsible for an ever-increasing boom in football which promises to continue next season. At all events, that this is the opinion of the league officials at home is indicated by the news contained in a telegram just received, — that the Southern League has resolved to extend the First Division to 22 clubs. The additions to to the pre-war list of clubs include Swansea Town, and Merthyr Town.

The inclusion of these two Welsh clubs is significant, since it suggests that at last, after many years struggle, "soccer" is likely to share some of the popularity and public patronage that have previously almost exclusively been bestowed on the "handling code" in the land of the leek. Nothing succeeds like success may be applied to the fortunes of a football team with the truth born of experience (as many an oft-defeated team will sorrowfully testify) so that the new Southern League teams have only to win a match or two to ensure permament establishment in popular favour in Wales.

Logic Made Easy.

The match between the X Corps Cyclists and the 146th Heavy Battery produced rather a remarkable process of reasoning from one of the spectators. This was the effect of his argument: At half time, the Cyclists were leading by two goals to none, and (if "form" counts for anything) it is logical to suppose that the final score should have been "four-nothing." But, bless your heart, the actual result was no more decisive than 3-1. Therefore, argued my friend on the line, if the match had been continued for a few more hours, the "Heavies" would have won. In other words, they were the better team. *What* a brain!

Catch as Catch Can.

It is a refreshing relief to hear of a good old wrestling match and it makes one wonder, when reading of the two recent bouts in England, followed by that of Thorpe and Mc. Carthy (reported on this page), whether we are to have a revival of the epidemic of ten years, or so, ago. Wrestling and roller skating are two forms of sport that stand out (arm in arm, as it were) and enjoy their season of popularity in cycles divided by long intervals. Lack of sustained interest in the performance of weird and wonderful evolutions on roller skates is not altogether incomprehensible, but why the wrestling art should not have a permanent place in our sports fixtures, it is difficult to imagine.

But this always was a neglected phase of physical sport which the most capable of our organisers have been unable to keep alive. We must look to the Physical and Recreational Training Staff (who, by the way, are none other than our old, but always energetic, P. T. and B. F. friends, under another name) to lend their help to the promised resurrection of this ancient, but excellent branch of sport.

THE RAMBLER.

A joint prize fund, a joint programme, and a joint sailing committee have been agreed upon by the leading yacht clubs in the Southend district so far as the chief races in the district during the coming year are concerned.

Benjamin Rolls, commission agent, of Rydesdale-road, Balham, was, at Bow-street Police-court, yesterday, fined £10 for street betting. When arrested he had in his possession Bank of England and Treasury notes to the amount of nearly £180.

B.C.C. Amateur Championship heat: Mr. H. Crossland, 1,000; Mr. R. Letts, 306. Breaks: Mr. Crossland 55, 57, 49.

THE CAMERA FIEND.

"With Pan-Anastigmatic plates you must pay a great deal of attention to the Actinic value of the light at the time of using". That is what I heard as I entered the Mess one Sunday afternoon.

Why had I chosen that particular moment for enjoying myself with a book in a comfortable chair? I might have known it would be thus. Had it not been the same, day after day, week after week, until one got sick of the word "Camera?" I tried to back out, go anywhere in fact. But alas! It was too late, I had already been observed.

"Come along. . . . Just in time. . . . Most interesting discussion on Cameras", I knew I was lost for ever. I remember murmuring something about not knowing anything about cameras, had never owned one in fact, and sat down and tried to read "Flu before and after" by Prof. T. I. Foid.

Have you ever tried to read a book, in a Mess, on a Sunday afternoon, with a lot of hooligans howling about photography? Some Fiend laying down the law to a bunch of enthusiasts whose one aim and object in life is to congregate in large numbers for the express purpose of spoiling your well-earned Sunday siesta?

Yes! I thought so, you sympathise? I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I could'nt read, that was evident. I threw my book into a corner of the room and tore my hair. Could I steal away quietly get to the door unobserved, and make a dash for the open air? No, I should be seen and dragged back to be tortured afresh. I could only grin and bear it.

"The Actinic properties of the light to-day," he was saying (I could see they were all "Pelmanising" as hard as they could), "are fairly good", Personally I saw nothing wrong with the light, it seemed to be a good day, sun shining and everything. Oh! for a machine . . . . To be in the air . . . . Steen Fokkers on my tail . . . . Anything . . . . anything but this.

"In which case I should give it a 50th." He went on. "Now with this particular camera of mine, I can go from one to 1/250th."

"Yes" they all said. There seemed nothing else to say. It was so obvious.

The fiend, (I call him a fiend because he was a fiend) was holding a wonderful contraption covered with little nobs and gadgets.

"I guarantee" he said, "to take a photo with this Pan-Anastigmatic camera of mine which will be absoluteley unrivalled in clearness and astchromaticity".

There was a deathly silenee. Could this be true? The air was tense. Electrically charged with astchromaticity so to speak.

I felt I could stand the strain no longer.

"Clearer than a V.P.K.", I managed to blurt out. The moment I uttered the words I wished I had'nt spoken. The pent-up energy discharged itself with one mighty avalanche of abuse.

"Of course it would be clearer than a V.P.K.. V.P.K.'s were not in the same sphere with Pan-Anastigmatic cameras. Boil your V.P.K. and every other V.P.K. with it." I did. There seemed nothing else to do. I sat very still, looked down my nose and put my tail between my legs, as it were. I felt as though I had made a fool of myself.

To describe the whole of that lurid and nightmareish conversation here would take too long. The result was, that we were all cajoled into having our photo taken, *en masse*, by the fiend, and we were all promised copies to send home as Souvenirs of the great war.

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The following day I strolled into the Photographic Section, at about a quarter to one.

"Have Mr. . . . . 's films been developed yet" I asked the spruce corporal in the office.

"Well Sir, they have but, of course, as usual, they're a wash out. I really don't know what they do, but they bring in yards and yards of films and when they're developed there's not a blinking thing on 'em. They all do the same", he added with a sigh.

If . . . . ever starts talking "Photos" in the mess again I'll kill him. I.M.R.

LINGFIELD MEETING.

Winners at Lingfield were: Platonic (5/1 Sporting Parson (9/2) Greenwich (5 1) Billswater (6/4) Turkey Buzzard (100/8) Limpsfield (5 1).

WORLD'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Mr. Jay. Gould, who has now been demobilised, has decided to defend the world's tennis championship. He has issued a formal invitation for a challenge from Covery.

ENGLISH RACING RESULTS.

DERBY AND LINGFIELD.

At the Derby race meeting on Thursday, the Forces Handicap, for riders serving (or having served) with the Naval, Military, or Air Forces, resulted:

Ivanhoe (1/4 Seavoyage (5/1) Caxton (100/8) Seven ran. Three lengths separated the first and second and there was a similar distance between the second and third.

Other winners at the same meeting were:

Sunnymoya (1/4) Snowelad (2/1) Tunworth (20/1) and Racket (1/2).

THE LINGUIST.

This little story was handed to us with the suggestion that "it may be considered worthy of wider circulation than it possesses at present:—

Scene — Ubierring Tram Terminus.
Enter two soldiers and a Hun.
Alf. (to Hun). D'yer speak English.
The Hun. Ja, I speak Englisch.
Alf. What time does this' ere tram buzz off?
The Hun. Ja, Ja.
Alf. What, no compreny, well, when does this 'ere tram ally?
The Hun. Ja.
Bert. (to Alf). Oh, chuck it, Alf, 'e's ignorant.

The Southend United F. C. have come to an agreement with the Kursaal Estates Company for the hire of the Southend Kursaal ground for the season 1919-1920.

For the annual cross-country run of the Sandhurst Royal Military College on Thursday afternoon, at Camberley, nearly 400 cadets started, the wonderful "field" presenting a splendid spectacle. O. F. M. Tudor won in 23min. 8sec., J. G. Abbot being second in 23min. 12sec., and D. B. Robertson third in 23min. 31sec.

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MULES.

AN INFANTRYMAN'S LAMENT.

(H. MAULE—F. FINCH.)

Mules! Never mention mules to me again. I used to think the army mule one of the most useful creatures in existence. That, however, I now see to have been an idle dream. Come to think of it, I prefer a 9.2, easy. Fritz used to send 'em over pretty frequently when we were up the line, but if one hit you — well, you were unlucky. But a mule! He just waits for you in the mildest sort of way and "biff!" — he gets you every time. Don't talk to me about mules!

It all happened this way.

We were living a peaceful life somewhere on the Rhine. After the day's work was over we drank Fritzy beer by the gallon and lay back with a "fog", at peace with all the world. It was too good to last. I knew that all the while.

One afternoon the Sergeant comes round and says: "Hamilton, you will parade with the party proceeding to Cologne to-night. Don't know what the job is but I think we've clicked for a good thing."

It is wonderful what dreams a sergeants will dream. They are so lady-like, you know. I 've known many a good soldier spoilt by being given three stripes, a new tunic, and a clean bayonet. But this fellow knew better. He came with us, poor fellow! They took him away yesterday in a Red Cross ambulance. He was "hit" trying to persuade a mule to pass a bale of hay . . . Oh, yes, a blighty one, I think.

We duly arrived at our destination minus "the unconsumed portion of the day's ration." Funny how that does go missing. We marched into the camp and the officer says: "Just put a little style into it my lads. Remember, these people may never have seen soldier before, and we want to make a good impression."

Oh! vain thought! As we entered the gates of the camp there were whines of delight from a few mules who seemed to have escaped from their proper places, of course the "boys" sent up a great cheer. That di dit! We're little things! They thought we were old friends. With a wild rush they arrived.

Now, we are infantry of the line, you know. Under pressure of superior force we retired, hastily. F.O. is no joke though. Poor Timmy caught his foot on a rope and fell. Before he could recover half a dozen mules were having an argument over his pack. They ate it, ground sheet and all, before Timmy was rescued. That was bad enough. But when they ate the seat of his new trousers and the tail of his shirt it was past the mark. Timmy has had his own back though. A mule was seriously hurt by a bayonet last night. Giving evidence this morning

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A RÈVERIE.

It was a chill morning in December; the air was cold, the road hard, and a thin sheet of snow covered the whole earth in view. The sun — great red orb of hope and splendour — had just appeared above the distant purplish hills, and was preparing to mount its way through the clear blue heavens; casting down upon the earth beneath, its rich warm rays, the terminals of which danced playfully in the flakes of snow.

Along the high road, which winds in and out towards the picturesque village of Modford, briskly marched Pte. Eversham, dressed in full battle gear, his boots, trousers, and tunics still bearing the traces of his past habitation; still bearing that sticky, clinging mud of Flanders so well know to most of us. Anyone could see that he had just returned from the region of blood and mire — his uncouth, uncanny, untidy appearance as he marched along the road, valise on back, rifle on shoulder and wearing his old tin helmet, bespattered with mud. But despite his untidy appearance, and the roughness of his figure, despite the fact that he had borne the brunt of battle for ten months, Pte. Eversham marched quickly and soldierly towards that coveted goal, Modford, and the bright little home with all its comforts, which he had left now a year past, to serve his King and Country.

No braver soldier ever marched along that road than did Eversham, on this sharp December morning. It is quite probable that the coldness of the air accentuated the man's step. It is equally probable, too, that this huge red ball of fire, majestically lifting itself higher and ever higher into the azure sky, brought a renewal of vigour to him, and compelled him to dance with joy to be in the dear old home-land once more.

The few little noble choristers there were at this time of the year, whistled in his ears from the bare trees along the road; the flakes of snow winked to him with glistening eyes as he hurried along; and he became acutely sensible of these attentions paid to him by kind Nature.

Did not all the people in that village know that he was coming home? Were they not all eagerly awaiting, with outstretched hands, his approach? Yes! he had come home after valiant service in the field — service which had gained for him the Victoria Cross, and the whole folk of the village were prepared to receive him with full honours. He was to have breakfast with the Vicar; then he was to prepare himself for a public reception and receive the recognition of the villagers in some manner of which he was not sure. Yes, he would have to listen to lengthy speeches, and in all probability would have to make some suitable reply. But Eversham could not, for the life in him, puzzle out his reply speech.

Thus did he muse, whilst walking along that winding road.

He had taken the last bend in the road, and now his native village lay before him in all its wintry splendour. Ah! there they were, all waiting and eager to get a first glance of their hero. The street leading into the village square was crowded with people. He saw them, and they saw him. What excitement followed!! With wild joy they rushed towards him, arms outstretched, children cheering, young men and women joyously shouting and running, elderly couples watching soberly. On they came, each minute getting nearer and nearer, until at last the first young lady, swiftest runner of all, was just about to embrace him. He could hear some wild words. "Albert, Albert, is it my hero? You have really come?" "Yes," replied Eversham, "it is — —."

Down into the dug-out a burly sergeant was exhausting his supply of fury. He had been shouting for the last three minutes. "Do you hear, Eversham, your turn next." And Eversham awoke, amidst the cold clammy weather of December; amidst the rain, and the mud, and the hundred other torments of trench life. Gazing blankly around in semi-consciousness, the awfulness of the reality came to him once more, and he put on his helmet, grabbed hold of his rifle, and went out to take up his post of duty, and to live over again those glorious moments in a more sober mood.

TO ALL CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Editor regrets to say that so far he has been unable to answer the numerous letters with contributions which have come in to him. In course of time this will be rectified, and he hopes that all those who have already sent in contributions will continue to do so *ad lib.* Others who have not get begun, and who are aspiring journalists may take up the cue also.

Timmy said: "Last night while on picquet, sir, I was attacked by a mule. It charged me while in the execution of my duty and having challenged twice I made a long point short point and a jab . . ." He got off.

They call us infantry men, then wake us up for "Stables" in the dimness of the dawn. "Hay up" with a crowd of hungry mules is a game. Timmy said the other day: "Now, what I says is: We ain't no bloomin' R.A. we ain't no' orsemen either. What do the likes of us know about mules. The only one as knows ought is 'Arry wot drives a moke about Lunnon when 'e's clothed in 'is natural. It's always the blummin' infantry wot gets it. Fat lot these gunners is doin' since the Harmistice, beyond eatin' rations and pinchin' eggs . . . Woh! Steady, steady there. Hi, old, you old beast. Go on! Go away if you like. I don't care if you run away, s'truth I don't."

It is the same everywhere. We don't like mules. We've marched many a mile on foot, and that is good enough for us.

Loading and unloading a mule train is a nightmare. Wait till you have a small platform of leaping, kicking mules. Sometimes a bold one has an argement with the engine. Life is exciting for a mule, I guess.

The other morning a mule got loose in a truck we were unloading. Having eaten all the oats and finished off the bale of hay down to the wire binding, he proceeded to eat his pals' tails. Then there was steam. A great cloud of dust rose from the wagon, and all we could see was a picture of flashing hoofs. Twenty-five infantry of the line were standing round and shouted advice, but there was not a spirit bold enough to enter. We sent for the nearest gunner and the brute walked out as meek as lamb. Two minutes later, he kicked the sergeant in the shins. Then he escaped and was found eating a rubber tyre later by a lorry driver.

Mules can kick any way. Backward, forward and, sideways all are equally possible. A mule can scratch his ear with his hind legs and, according to a bombardier, one has been know to eat its own tail.

Funny animals, these mules. But as an infantryman I don't like them. As I said before, even a 9.2 has its advantages.

"Hay up". Once again the sergeant calls. I have made my will, and my mind is at peace with all the world, so I am ready for anything. Fare thee well, kind friends. Surely the war is won when infantrymen *of the line* have to do a mule stunt all on their own.

Mules! I hate them!!

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication.

THE CASE OF THE EARLY 1916 MAN.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir. — After the first convulsion of the demobilization scheme the subject was completely re-organised, It was stated by the Minister of War that the "modus operandi" employed as the basis for demobilization would be on the principle of "First out" "First home" etc. This in effect meant the discharge of the 1914 and, 15 men, irrespective of length of active service. The scheme seemed to be a fair one and very little grumbling was heard, although many of the 1914 and 15 men were wounded in the early part of the war, and after their return to England remained on Home Service, for instructional purposes. However, as a comprehensive scheme it was satisfactory.

These men have practically all been released, or are awaiting their demobilization, and now the question of further reductions comes up for consideration Mr. Churchill departs from his policy of "Fair's Fair" and states that the next men to go will be — "Men of 36 years of age, men of 35, 34, and men with two wound stripes."

The majority of these men, over 34 years of age, are married men who, after their attestation, received long periods of exemption at the Tribunals and, in most cases, arrived in France during 1918.

In January, February, and March, 1916, the first ten groups of "Derby" recruits were called up for service. These men received a short period of intensive training, only in rare cases did this period of preparation exceed ten or twelve weeks — and were rushed out to France in June and July, in great numbers, for the great Somme Offensive and, with the exception of the badly wounded, remained out there until the last phase.

The majority of these men have a record of nearly three years active service and are in most cases "war-worn."

My own case is typical of many. When the 60th Division left France in 1918, for Salonica, it was brought up to strength by large drafts of Derby men of the early groups. After six months in Salonica, with its deadly climate and privations, they were sent to Palestine, where they took a leading part in Gen. Allenby's campaign from Beersheba to Jerusalem and the Jordan Valley.

The hardships and sufferings they had to undergo in this campaign were inconceivable. Lack of water, scarcity of rations, the intense heat, the torments of the mosquito and every other type of insect animalculae known to those parts, together with the long weary marches over desert and later over rocky mountains, alway marching in full pack during the advance, made for intense war-weariness.

In July 1919, after the Jordan Valley 'stunt' the Division, greatly depleted, returned to the Base and was broken up. My Battalion was despatched to France, made up to strength by new drafts and sent up the line for the last big push, with the 62nd Division.

We started in conjunction with the Guards Division at Monchy and advanced, fighting all the way, past Cambrai, and eventually arrived at Maubeuge at the time of the signing of the Armistice in November, after which we marched through Belgium to the Rhine Provinces, with what then was the Army of Occupation.

Those of us who are left in the Battalion are only typical of thousands of others who joined the Army in '16 and surely, with a record of service in the field like this, we have some claim for consideration when the next step in demobilization takes place.

I would suggest that the principle of "First out, First home" should be continued, and the men to be discharged next should be those who joined the Colours in January, February, and March 1916, and who have over two year's active service. Following this principle, each month would yield a large number of men whose three years would be completed and these could be discharged month by month, until the Army of Occupation is reduced to the minimum required.

If, as the Official pamphlet states, the fairest method is to discharge the 1914 and '15 men first on the grounds of length of service, it is only right that the same principle should be applied to the men who come next, viz. — the early '16 men, who have every reason to be ,war-worn'; otherwise these men may find it impossible to return to civil life at any early date.

E. B.

"THE RELEASE OF CONCHY"

Tho the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—Your reference to this extraordinary breed is interesting and opportune. There is, I believe, a Government promise to the effect that Conchy shall form the rearguard of demobilization, and it is to be hoped that this will be proof against any agitation for an early release of those that failed the Country in its greatest crisis.

We have always been a tolerant race and no greater evidence of this has ever been evinced than in our treatment of Conchy during the war.

He objected to kill, he objected to maim, he objected to manufacture, or assist in the manufacture of, anything that would tend to destruction of life, limb or property. We conceded his point of view, and let him grow fat on self-cultivated allotments.

Now however, destructive war is at an end. Why not give Conchy a chance?

Belgium and the north of France are crying aloud for labourers to clear up the chaos of Armageddon prior to reconstruction.

No more humane or constructive work could ever fall to the lot of a body of "thinkers," whose "Soul" was inspired with so deep a desire for construction that it could not even become an agent in the 3rd or 4th degree to the destruction of evil.

VANDALISING.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.-May I ask publicity for the gross vandalism being carried on by soldiers of the Allied forces in the Beethoven Museum House at Bonn.

I am continually conducting parties of interested soldiers over the house and the unfortunate caretaker, twice this month, complains that soldiers in their zeal for souvenirs take articles exhibited.

These soldiers, I need hardly add, are not in my parties.

Whatever crimes the Germans may have committed in other places ave no excuse for wanton and senseless pilfering.

W. S.

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Answers to Correspondents.

[*The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Questions on any subject whatever are invited and will be answered as promptly and as authentically as is possible. — Ed.*]

T. B. — Neptunus was the chief marine divinity of the Romans. His temple stood at Campus Martius, and at his festival the people formed tents of the branches of trees, in which they enjoyed themselves in feasting and drinking.

N. E. — We cannot answer your question just now. Look in the paper in three day's time for the reply.

J. J. — Yes, it is quite possible, but you would probably have to revert to substantive rank.

J. L. — It was Lord Bradford's Sir Hugo, run in 1892.

THE C. Q. M. S.

I wonder if all Company Quartermaster Sergeants are as inquisitive as mine? Sometimes he makes me feel as if I could be positively rude to him, and if it was not for the presence of the Company-Sergeant-Major, who usually lurks in a corner behind a Company Roll Book, counting aloud the strength of the Company by Platoons; there is no telling how much of my wrath I would inflict upon him at his own bidding. The presence of the Company storeman too, is another point in his favour. In fact whenever I interview my C. Q. M. S. it, always seems a three-to-one chance against me, and I simply loathe second and third evidence, because on certain occasions they are too convincing. They then, are his only safeguards. Even the responsibility and the ardourous nature of his rank, would not shield him from the antagonism which springs up within me each time he asks me a question. I know that he has many inconveniences to suffer, such as trudging around in the mud to get acquittance rolls signed by erring Tommies, (generally Bn. H.Q., and Transport), and is often intruded upon by zealous Platoon Officers at his Company-Office-Bed-Sitting-Room; who, after talking about everything in general and nothing in particular remarks, "Quarter-Master-Sergeant, I'm sure your breakfast will be cold", then apologises and departs. Yes, I am fully aware of all that, but still I always feel as though I owe him a grudge. Every time I go near him he always seems to bombard me with the most personal questions possible.

The other day I had occasion to visit him at his C.O.B.S.R., on an errand of most trivial nature. I had hardly stepped into his presence when he demanded my Pay Book.

"Where is your Pay Book?" he shouted; "In my pocket" said I, "but . . ," "Always have your Pay Book handy when you come to see me" he bellowed, so I handed over the disreputable little book, my temper rising quickly, and at the same time I caught the C.S.M. looking over the top of his Company Roster with one eye sort of style. I felt like gritting my teeth. The Storeman was counting out dirty socks in the corner.

"Is that your correct number?" roared the C.Q.M.S., looking into my book. "Yes" I answered, "but . . ."

"When did you last leave U.K.?" he continued.

I told him, and then tried to commence to tell him my mission. But he swamped me.

"Is this Proficiency Pay shown here correct?"

"Yes," I said "but I only . . .," then came a salvo of questions.

"Was I married?, how many children?, was I a Specialist?."

I think he mentioned something about "Forming fours" too, had my wife heard him she would have torn his eyes out. My blood boiled also. I thought I would be able to conclude my business quicker if I answered his questions promptly and plainly, so I let him carry on. "Terms of Service?, Place of enlistment?, age?, date,? number of overseas chevrons?, where was I born?, WHY?." He did let himself go, and I was itching to tear him to pieces. But at last he became unwound, and stopped. So I said, "You asked me all this just a day or two ago, Quartermaster Sergeant." "What?" he yelled, "Your name is Jones, isn't it?". "Yes," I answered; "but there are many more Jones' in the Company; and possibly you might have put down in your book against one of the others, all those personal things you asked me the other day." His eyes brightened; "Anyhow" I continued, "I have just called in to ask you not to put me down for any pay next pay day."

It afterwards transpired that he had made a mistake. I am usually known as "14 Jones", but the man he was after was "41 Jones".

If I ever meet him in civil life I 'll . . . . .

T.A.C.S.

SERVICE!!!

Some old sweats of both services were boasting of their service for King and Country. One old soldier broke out, and said: "I was in Julius Caesar's body-guard, and while I was on leave they killed him." "As to that," replied the sailor, I was one of the crew of the submarine that tried to torpedo the ark."

HUSBAND: "Yes, my dear, that's a man-of-war."
WIFE: "How splendid, and what is the little one in front?"
HUSBAND: "That's a tug."
WIFE: "Oh, yes, of course, tug-of-war. I've heard of them."

YOUNG IKEY: "Fader, how much is two and two?"
HIS FATHER: "Vat you vant ter do, buy or sell?"

SCHOOLTEACHER: "What animal has the greatest affection for man?"
SMART BOY: "Woman."

THE HERO WORSHIPPER: "There goes Mrs. Row's 'usband! He's one of the old contemptibles, he is."
MRS. NICK: "Huh! All 'usbands is contemptible."

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BOLSHEVIST ATTACK.

On the 2nd of April the Bolshevists delivered an attack on the Archangel front. It was made in the neighbourhood of Bolsheozerki, just west of the railway.

The Bolshevists were beaten off with a certain amount of loss. Our losses were slight.

RELIEF FOR TROOPS IN RUSSIA.

The Secretary of State for War, Mr. Winston Churchill, has cabled to the British troops in Russia promising them relief at the earliest possible moment and immediate repatriation when reinforcements arrive.

It is understood that the relief for the expeditionary force at Archangel will be sent in specially constructed ice-breaking transports which it is hoped will arrive about the middle of May.

BLOCKADE CONTROL.

HOW IT IS WORKED.

From official sources we learn that a recently signed memorial shows there is still some misapprehension about the blockade. This memorial makes it appear that it is the blockade which is preventing the supply of food to the distressed countries in Europe.

This is quite wrong. The blockade is in no respect hindering the relief.

The blockade is operated by two inter-allied bodies on which there are British, American, French and Italian representatives. There is first the Superior Council of the Blockade which sits in Paris, and secondly the Allied Blockade Committee, which meets in London.

The Superior Council decides the wide question of principle such as, for instance, the raising of the Blockade of enemy countries.

As regards food, the supreme Economic Council at Paris is the authority.

This authority decides what food supplies are to go to friendly, neutral and enemy countries when there is a food shortage.

Food is not on the "free list", but there is no blockade restriction of any sort on the activities of the Supreme Economic Council.

It has been the difficulties of shipping and finance, and of organisation within distressed countries that has delayed and hindered relief. The delay is not in any way the result of any obstacle placed in the way by the Blockade authorities.

CONDITIONS AT MURMANSK.

Comparative tranquility reigns at Murmansk, says the *Times* correspondent, telegraphing on the 3rd April.

Walking out after dusk is attended with some risk, stray shots being thereby invited.

General Maynard is well aware of the Bolshevist tendencies in this growing town, which contains six thousand Russian labourers. He prevented a revolt last week by arresting twenty ringleaders.

The health of the troops is excellent. They have good food and plenty of sport and entertainment, while the climate is ideal.

H.M.S. battleship Glory, lying in the harbour, commands the town and minimises the danger from Bolshevists, who are a much greater menace at Archangel.

BOLSHEVISM IN BAVARIA.

According to the Kolnische Volkszeitung the chairman of the Central Council at Munich (Nikisch) has proclaimed a Republic of Councils (Soviets). The Parliament (Landtag) is accordingly abolished.

BIG EARTHQUAKE IN BRAZIL.

A tremendous volcanic eruption occurred in Brazil on 30th March. The mountains near Palmeiro los Indios were rent asunder and a crater over two kilometres long opened. A large number were killed; all the remaining inhabitants in the surounding country fled.

Volcanic activity in this region has hitherto been unknown.

FREEING THE FILIPINOS.

Reuter's Washington correspondent telegraphs that Secretary Baker has received a delegation from the Philippine Islands. He told them that in President Wilson's opinion the time has arrived to grant them their independence.

FORTHCOMING GERMAN STRIKES.

Krupps workmen at Essen.
General Strike at Düsseldorf on Monday.
Bank clerks at Berlin on Monday.

The number of strikers in the Ruhr district has risen to 260,000, of whom 145,000 are miners.

DANZIG DRAWS A BYE.

The German Armistice Commission announces that the agreement concerning routes to be used by Polish troops passing through German territory was signed yesterday evening at Spa by Marshal Foch and Herr Erzberger.

The important point is that there will be no landing at Danzig.

Before signing the record Erzberger declared that the German interpretation of article sixteen of the armistice terms of 11th November was not in accord with the Allies' interpretation.

A compromise was arrived at. Erzberger proposed the following routes:

1. via Stettin, Kreuz, Posen, Warsaw.
2. via Pillau, Koenigsberg, Memel, Korschen, Lyck and Grajens.
3. via Cobienz, Giessen, Kassel, Halle, Eilenberg, Frankfort, Bebra, Erfurt, Leipzig, Kottbus, Lissa, Kalish.

The German Government guarantees the absolute security of these routes.

Transport of troops will begin about the 15th April.

Should any hitch occur, Marshal Foch reserves the right to revert to the original clause in the armistice agreement.

STATE AID FOR DEMOBILISED SOLDIERS.

It is officially announced that the Government regards it as an obligation to give assistance out of State funds to restart in business demobilised and discharged officers and men who joined the forces after the 4th August 1914.

The State assistance provided will be administered by a Civil Liabilities Committee under the Ministry of Labour.

As a result of the decision the King's Fund will be relieved of a very large proportion of cases for which it has hitherto provided the only source of assistance.

The necessity for the continuance of the King's Fund will in no way be diminished nor its usefulness restricted, as there is a very special claim upon its resources in respect of the widows and fatherless children and of disabled officers and men who need special assistance.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE ROYAL ENGINEERS.

With a view to establishing a memorial to the fallen comrades of the Royal Engineers, a Committee is appealing for one hundred and fifty thousand pounds, part of which is to be devoted to a monumental memorial in London and the remainder to the endowment of an educational scheme for the benefit of all ranks in all branches of the corps as at present constituted.

The London memorial will contain a special tribute to Lord Kitchener.

DEATH OF SIR WILLIAM CROOKES.

Professor Sir William Crookes, the great scientist, died yesterday at the advanced age of 87.

To recount his discoveries would need considerable space.

His researches were mostly in Physics, and more especially Light, although his published works cover such a wide range as sugar, dyeing, printing, metallurgy, manures, wheat and diamonds.

He received the Order of Merit in 1910.

NEW CHARTER OF LABOUR.

CAPITAL AND LABOUR IN ACCORD.

At yesterday's meeting of the Industrial Conference a resolution was moved by Mr. Henderson welcoming the report of the Provisional Committee and agreeing to submit it for the acceptance of constituent associations immediately it was legalised by the Government.

Mr. Henderson said that the giving effect to the report would be an example to the whole world.

Sir Allan Smith, Chairman of the employers' representatives, seconded the resolution, declaring that the employers would put the report into operation in the spirit as well as the letter. If trade unionists did the same there need be no fear for the future of the nation.

Mr. Horne said the report was the most momentous document presented to the country for many years.

The resolution was carried with acclamation.

Among other things the Report recommends:
Maximum working week of 48 hours;
Universal minimum wage for all industries;
Discouragement of systematic overtime;
Adequate provision for maintenance of unemployed;
More generous provision for sickness;
Old age pensions;
Establishment of a Council of employers and workers to advise the Government on national industrial questions.

Posen is altering all German street names.

TOOTLING OUR TRUMPET.

Fully conscious of our defects but withal, susceptible to flattery after a week which has been full of arduous toil and anxious moments, it is pleasant to read that we have been welcomed at home. All the week we have toiled early and late with one eye on the clock, which is the Nemesis of a newspaper, and the other on a body of estimable — yes, estimable — German workmen, who know no English, have not the slightest idea of style (for German newspaper production is execrable), who work by antiquated methods and who are so hungry that their efficiency is impaired. We have been handicapped as no daily newspaper before was handicapped. Lacking the tentacles through which a newspaper assimilates the matter by which it lives, lacking, as yet, the means of verification which the poorest of publications at home possesses, we are at the mercy of memories impaired by four years of war and of such casual reading as we have been able to secure. At the mercy of delayed cables, late breakfasts, and those to whom time is not, yet nerved to our task by the difficulties with which we have been confronted, we present the seventh issue of *The Cologne Post* as the final effort of a week which has been a labour of love, with the philosophical reflection that "the course of true love never did run smooth."

We shall eliminate the defects before long.

Taking heart from the fact that one unenviable record, that of short life, can not fall to us, we gently chide the *Manchester Guardian* for wishing us "a short life and a merry one." The phrase is misquoted for one thing and for the other, we anticipate a life long and honourable. We intend to keep the watch fire of England burning brightly on the Rhine for at least as long as we are here.

In the course of a leading article on the subject of "*The Cologne Post*", *The Manchester Guardian* says:

"It is good that the Army of the Rhine should have a paper of its own. *The Cologne Post* should be a useful medicine against the weariness that will come on many men after the freshness of their experiences in occupied territories has worn away. *The Cologne Post*, which is soundly catholic in interests, has some piquant features. There are some remarkably frank letters from officers about our manners at the Opera, which appears to be pretty much like manners at 'Beecham's.' Under Answers to Correspondents *The Cologne Post* announces that the present Secretary of State for War is Viscount Milner. Is it a bad watch they are keeping on the Rhine or are they only trying to take some one down a peg? At all events *The Cologne Post* will enliven the army when off duty, and since we want the men on the Rhine back home, we wish it "a short life and a merry one."

NO "COLOGNE POST" TOMORROW

IN ORDER to comply with the German industrial rule customary in the printing works and to ensure a free Sunday for the work people and staff, it has been arranged that "The Cologne Post" shall appear on Sunday as usual *but not on Monday*. We realise that in any case a small amount of work is unavoidable on Sunday, but undoubtedly by the arrangement proposed by far the greater number of work people will be able to have every Sunday free Remember — NO "POST" TOMORROW

Our week starts on TUESDAY.

NEXT ISSUE TUESDAY

NO FLUKES IN THE R.A.F.

£200 DAMAGES FOR SAYING OTHERWISE.

In the High Court yesterday, Capt. William Leopold Samson, of the Royal Air Force, attached to the Headquarters staff at Felixstowe, was awarded two hundred pounds damages against the proprietor and editor of the *Aeroplane*, for libel.

The libel was contained in an article which contained a statement to the effect that a certain Staff officer won the Distinguished Flying Cross by his fluke bombing of a submarine while suffering from air sickness.

GIRLS FOR THE CONTINENT.

There is a flutter among the women members of the Ministry of Food staff at the prospects of a trip to the Continent, where the various food missions are already employing 20 women from headquarters. A few more are required. There are 20 women in Paris, 2 in Poland, 2 in Rotterdam, 1 in Cologne and 4 in Constantinople. The women needed now will probably go to Paris.

ROYAL AIR FORCE FOR CANADA.

An interchange of ideas is taking place between the Canadian Government and the British Air Ministry regarding the formation of a Canadian Air Force.

Col. Malock is sailing for Canada to assist in its establishment.

The personnel of two Canadian squadrons now training in England will also be sent over as complete units.

BIG DIVORCE DAMAGES.

MILITARY CORRESPONDENT.

In the Divorce Court yesterday Capt. George Rowland Alexander Pallin, Army Service Corps, obtained a divorce against his wife, the co-respondent being Vivian H. Piercy, until recently a captain in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

Damages of fifteen hundred pounds were awarded.

HUNGARIAN MAGNATE TAKES VERONAL.

From Budapesth comes a message that Manfred Weiss, who formerly owned the largest munition works in Hungary, took five grains of veronal.

He was conveyd to the hospital unconscious and his condition is regarded as critical.

GERMAN APOLOGY.

"WE HUMBLY REGRET".

On the 21st March the Socialist newspaper, the *Rheinische Zeitung* published an article describing as "uneatable" bread made for the poor with flour supplied by the English.

As was to be expected they have had to retract their words. On the 25th March the organ announced that its distrust in the truth of English assurances is without foundation and yesterday there were more regrets that they had stated their impression that England was delivering inferior food stuffs.

Edmund Burke, was it not? who wrote "And having looked to Goverment for bread ..... they will turn and bite the hand that fed them".

OFFICIAL ARTIST FOR AMERICA.

Mr. C. R. W. Nevinson, whose impressionist drawings from the front were the most convincing, is going to America in a semi-official capacity towards the end of the month. His admirers have seized the occasion to arrange a dinner in his honour. It will take place at the Café Royal on the 11th April, under the Chairmanship of Sir Walter Sickert.

ONE WOMAN EQUALS ONE MAN.

PEERESSES TO SIT IN THE LORDS.

The House of Commons yesterday unanimously passed the second reading of the Labour Party Bill abolishing all disabilities of women in respect of civil judicial offices: conferring the franchise under equal conditions with men; also enabling Peeresses in their own right to sit in the House of Lords.

Dr Addison, on behalf of the Government, intimated that they would propose in Committee the deletion of the equal franchise clause.

The Government would, however, accept the other principles.

REFORMING THE WEST END.

PURITY PROCESSIONS.

The Rev. Father Bickersteth, of the Community of the Resurrection, has started a novel campaign in an endeavour to reform the West End of London.

It takes the form of a procession. Every Thursday night it starts from St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and parades through Leicester Square, the Strand etc.

Hymns are sung en route and prayer meetings are held at various places. The procession is headed by a cross. Then come choristers, white-robed priests, and women workers carrying lanterns.

The women workers hold conversations with girls who frequent the West End and prevail upon them to return to the church with the processionists.

LEAGUE OF INTERESTS.

MR. CLYNES' APPEAL.

When the National Industrial Conference again met to consider the recommendations of the Joint Provisional Committee, a letter was read from Mr. Lloyd George, expressing his hopes of an industrial peace by co-operation and promising that the recommendations of the Conference should have "immediate and sympathetic consideration of the Government".

In the course of the discussion on the question of wages and overtime a delegate rose to protest against the Military Service Bill.

The chairman appealed to him not to introduce politics into the Conference.

Mr. Clynes in proposing an adjournment to enable the two parties to the Conference to retire in order to consult separately, with a view to a decision being arrived at that afternoon, appealed to them to make a strong endeavour to set up a League of Interests between employers and employed and to replace compulsory force by devising such machinery as would work for industrial harmony.

SELLING THEIR OLD SHELLS.

A Stockholm telegram says that the German Government is negotiating with a Swedish Syndicate for the sale as scrap iron of millions of shells.

HUNGARY TO BE ATTACKED.

From Vienna, via Copenhagen, comes a report that a campaign against Hungary will soon be commenced.

Italian, French and Colonial troops will combine. They are now ready to march against Buda Pesth. The intention is said to be to occupy the whole country.

No confirmation from any other source has been received.

French workmen are asking that Jaure's body shall be exhumed and deposited in the Pantheon.

BILLIE CARLETON CASE.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY.

At the trial of Reginald De Veulle, 38, dress designer, for the manslaughter of Billie Carleton-the actress, and of conspiring to procure cocaine, a police witness admitted that the charge of procuring cocaine was brought after the whole evidence had been given and the doctors cross-examined.

When the trial was resumed yesterday De Veulle's counsel intimated that he would call no evidence for the defence.

Addressing the jury, counsel asked them seriously to consider his submission that Billie Carleton committed suicide. He asked them "Why did Doctor Stewart put the box containing trional into his pocket if there really was trional in it and not veronal?" They must have come to the conclusion that death was due to suicide, misadventure or foul play.

Finally counsel submitted that, even assuming that De Veulle did supply cocaine to Miss Carleton, that act did not cause her death, which was caused by her own act.

The Judge, in summing up, said there was no doubt Miss Carleton died from narcotic poisoning. The only question was "Was the poison cocaine?"

The jury ultimately brought in a verdict of "Not Guilty."

SOUTH WALES MINERS.

Despite the adverse vote at the recent Cardiff Conference the official leaders of the South Wales miners are strongly advising the men to accept the Sankey Report.

The view of the leaders is that acceptance of the terms will greatly improve the status of the miners and lay the foundation of a bright future.

WHO SAID SUBMARINES AND ZEPPELINS?

HUGE INSURANCE PROFITS.

During the war the Government made a net profit of seventeen million pounds on war-time shipping insurances and over ten and a half millions on aircraft and bombardment insurance.

DAILY MAIL LIBEL.

VERDICT FOR DEFENDANTS.

The action brought by Sir Hedley Le Bas against the *Daily Mail* for alleged libel was concluded yesterday.

The defence was that the comments were true, and the jury returned a verdict far the defendants.

SYMPATHETIC CARDSHARPERS.

The funeral took place yesterday of John Buckles, a very well known official of the London and South Western Railway Company's police.

He was senior inspector at Waterloo and invariably accompanied the Royal trains, including the ex-Kaiser's special.

By cardsharpers and similar frequenters of race meetings he was regarded with terror, yet when he was lying ill, they were among the earliest and most frequent callers.

He had thirty eight years service in the Company to his credit.

PUT HALF-NELSON ON THE EX-KAISER.

A TUSSAUD TRAGEDY.

A tragic fate recently overtook William Hohenzollern, the ex-Kaiser.

A British sailor, obviously "three sheets in the wind" seized William by the scruff of his neck, administered a half-nelson (or should it be a half-Beatty?) and speedily had the quondam imperial shoulders on the mat.

Not content with winning on points, this stalwart of the silent Navy proceeded to "mix it" and jumped violently on William's tummy.

The haplees ex-Monarch was rescued by an attendant but he had suffered grievously. His moustache was clipped, his nose broken and his shoulder dislocated.

The tragedy took place at Madame Tussaud's.

REGULARS V. VOLUNTEERS.

A correspomdemt of the *Manchester Guardian* says that the proposal to authorise volunteer officers to retain their military titles is strongly resented by service men.

"BIG FOUR" SPEEDING UP.

A meeting of the Industrial Conference was held in London yesterday to hear the report of the Provisional Joint Committee of employers and workers which was constituted at the Industrial Conference summoned by the Government on 27th Febuary, to report on hours of work, wages and general conditions of Labour.

The Minister for Labour presided.

In the course of his opening address he said we were now in a position to anticipate that within a comparatively few days a stage will be reached in the Peace Conference which will allow the Prime Minister to return to this country for a considerable period.

GERMAN REGIMENT COERCED.

ARTILLERY AND MACHINE GUNS.

In consequence of the Augusta regiment resisting the German Government's decision to convert them into an Imperial Defence Force and repeatedly showing their untrustworthiness, the military authorities were compelled to take very firm measures towards disarming them.

These included the complete encirclement of the barracks, bringing up of artillery and the posting of machine guns in commanding positions.

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It is stated from Berlin that Herr Edward Bernstein will be the next German Ambassador to England.

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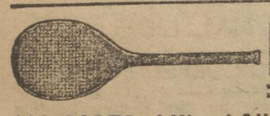
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Sundays —: Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. and 6.45 p.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Weekdays —: Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Saints Days.
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THE VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

We have a new question confronting us at the present time — the question of International Law. The latest theories from Germany are astounding beyond any comprehension, save by men of their own special intellectual breed. One really wonders whether there is any value in such laws, when a nation can reduce them to suit her own requirements, as is the case in the recent inquiry into the murder of Captain Fryatt. We use the word "murder", for murder it surely was, and as such ought to be investigated. If the German authorities cannot give a true interpretation of the international laws, then why not demand the culprit for trial by a British court. At least we expect to find British representatives at any such important inquiry.

That Germany should appoint a special commission is proof positive of the seriousness of the case, and is a convincing sign of uncertainty on the part of the German authorities. Hence the inquiry.

During the past week a six-hour conference has been held by a German Commission of Inquiry, resulting in a verdict being given that there was no violation of international law at the trial of Captain Fryatt.

What, then, is international law?

In Germany it is like all other laws — merely the law of necessity, the one rough basis which has been the foundation of all her actions during this war. There has been nothing too ruthless, too wanton, too destructive, to which this hideous law of necessity would not concede, and thus we find German authority without honour, without virtue, and with nothing but a hideous record on which to plant its dying laurels.

That is the great danger which confronts us in the planning of the peace terms. The German people has been ruled with the rod of iron and their one great law — that law of necessity — covers a multitude of sins, whilst everything else is a mere "scrap of paper". Her signature to a treaty is no guarantee of good faith, and we who have been compelled to learn this lesson with great personal injury require something far more stringent than a stroke of the pen.

Why give her the opportunity of voicing her opinion before signing the treaty? There is only one sure way of dealing with her, there is only one means of securing a lasting peace, and that is by crushing her old regime as an active power. We soldiers were not given the opportunity of making this a sure reality, for the Armistice intervened. But we placed it within the powers and possibility of our statesmen at home, and at this critical hour we look to them in good faith and with earnest hopes that our labours have not been in vain, and that they will complete what we were restrained from completing in November last.

IN OLD TIMES.

CONTRIBUTED.

Copy of ancient Roman script (date unknown) lent by a member of the A.S.C.
This shows how history repeats itself.

LEGIONARY ORDERS No. LVII.

BY QUINTUS FABIUS,
COMMANDING SECOND LEGION.

(1) *Toga.*—In future indents on Legion Form XIV. will be submitted to O.O. Rome and not to O.O. Clusium as heretofore.

(2) *Refresher, Javelin Course.*—The following soldiers will report to the School of Instruction—Brindisium—at 09.00 hours on 6th Ides

$\frac{T}{CXX}$ Lictor Sextus Tarquinius,

$\frac{S}{LCVII}$ Standard Bearer Herminius Maximus.

(3) *Return.*—A return will be rendered by all units forthwith without fail showing all ranks who have not slung their molten lead course as laid down in Legionary Orders No LVI. (Anth. Cæsar/gen. ho. XV./C.R. II. a/"nd Ides Sept. 34).

(4). $\frac{c}{LVXXII}$ *Munitions.* — Victor Horibus J. having been released from military duty for flint-chipping is struck off the strength of the Legions as from the 5th of thle des.

(5) *Transport.*—In future all chariot pole-chains will be burnished and scythes kept well greased.

(6) *Pay.*—In view of the impending move of the Legion over the Alps, only sufficient salt for immediate need should be drawn from the Field Cashier.

(7) *Embargo.*—Owing to an outbreak of Leprosy, Sicily is out of bounds for all ranks.

(8) *Official Time.*—In future, when a Legion field day takes place, each unit will send a centurion to Headquarters.

He will be provided with a sand-glass which he will synchronise with that of the Staff Centurion.

(9) *Animal Returns*—O. s C. Units will attach to their periodical Elephant returns a slip showing any reason for increase or decrease in "Elephants in possession" for taking over Alps.

(10) *Stores Ballista.*—Attention is directed to Legionary Order No. CCXXXII. dated Isto of the hours of March 36.

Centurions will report to this office by 09.00 hours of the 3rd of the Nones the mark of all ballista ammunition on their charge.

It is notified for information that disciplinary action will be taken in the case of any individual in possession of mark III.?, IV., or V. Stones ballista in future.

(11) *Leave.*—Men returning from leave will travel by the galley leaving Rome at 07.00 hours on the 9th of Ides.

(12) *Appointment No.* $\frac{T}{CCXXI}$—Victor Cassius Agricala, CXI. Company, is appointed to the acting rank of Pro-lictor as from the 3rd of the Ides.

(13) *Sandals Overseas.*—Overseas sandals will be worn for the period of one week, well greased, and returned to the Stores.

(Signed) D'ARIUS PARBUS, S.C.
for Commander.

NOTICE.

Strayed from the lines of CCXCIth Royal Ballista Brigade, L.D. Heifer Ox. No. LVI,

WHY THE STRIKE!

A strike leader of the Ruhr district was interviewed by our Press representative, the other day.
"Why do you strike?" he asked.
"We want to be loved!" was his reply.
"But how?" exclaimed the representative.
"Well, during the war we were told the Germans were hated in the world because they had worked too much."

LEAVE.

BY "ONE WHO HAS HAD SOME".

Leave is a delusion. It ought to be abolished by the Army Council forthwith—or at least suspended for three months. By that time I shall be due for another trip home. I don't think leave is at all good for you. For one reason, it causes no end of bad feeling between you and Messrs. Cox, Holt, Mr. Gregor, or whoever it is who guards your account at the bank. And the money — if the above named gentlemen will let you have any — simply wastes itself away on such things as stalls at revue, tickets for Jazz, "bubbly" for all sorts of people, and odds and ends for the only best girl. And at the end of the leave, when you return to this land of comfort and happiness you look back on those prodigal days at home and down at your debilited bank balance with regret — probably regret that both hadn't panned out longer — but none the less with regret. — The money would have been far better spent in war loan, or income tax, or something like that.

You are full of fight just before your leave — you'd love to fight anybody, including the blighter who is an honorary member of your Mess, who always "bags" the only armchair available, pinches *The Tatler* and takes it into his billet, from which limbo it never returns; and who drinks the whisky, quite accidentally, of course, contained in the bottle upon which you have carefully written your name. Well, you would like to fight him. Then there is the Quartermaster who won't let you have a pair of "issue" boots without paying for them: you feel like filling your pockets full of Mills' best and making a daylight raid in that direction. And as for the batman who persists in taking your best silk pyjamas to a local washerwoman and bringing back, in the course of time, a collection of garments made of ersatz material, which never were meant to fit the male form undivine, then, I tell you, you feel like following the example of the Biblical person who got loose amongst those Philistine people — even to using your batman's jaw bone as a weapon!

I say again that immediately before going on leave, you feel like doing all that fighting. But just consider how different your views are immediately you have come back. You've been "bagged" for duty at Victoria station. The R.T.O. has made you sign something in a book, and hasn't given you time to know whether it is a confidential report on you or merely your own death warrant. You have found yourself in charge of innumerable Highlanders, who no more want to come back than you think you do, and, after a tour of duty as ship's Orderly Officer, combined with distressful bouts of *mal-de-mer* (we haven't forgotten our French yet, you see) you find you've missed your place on the "Creeping Beauty", and that you are detailed to proceed to Cologne on a troop-train, still in charge of the reluctant Highlandmen. By the time you've reported at your destination, you haven't as much fight left in you as a Hun with his hands up. You haven't a kick left in you. You are really a case for the first sympathetic Yankee M.O. you can find in your Division, if there is such a one. So I put it to you, can leave be good for you if it works that change? Long ago, before there was an armistice on, and before even the latest-joined recruit from the coal-mines even knew there was such a word as "demobilization", we had the idea that a soldier's job was to fight. Well, suppose the war broke out again whilst you are away, would you be fit, after all the hardships of leave, to take up the Mill's bomb again?

So, all you people who are sweating on leave, take a fool's advice. When your warrant come's through, remember all I have said above, and send you warrant along to the Editor of the "Post". Under separate cover I've instructed him to send it on to me. I've got a top-hole use for it.

S.S.S.

QUESTION TIME.

OR UNCLE ARTHUR'S LETTER BOX.

All questions by correspondents answered with promptitude, special attention being paid to those concerning Demobilization.

SOLDIER: Q.—I have been retained owing to lack of reinforcements, although I am eligible for demobilization. Is this right, and when am I likely to get away?
A.—Yes, this is right. To put it clearly, if you are an eligible man yet retained, you are not a retainable man and are demobilizable as you are not eligible to be retained; retainable men though eligible are not demobilizable if eligible for retention. Anyway, you don't get away till you are demobilized.

ANXIOUS: Q.—My trade is "snicker and tester" in a coronation programme factory. In what class shall I go home?
A.—Probably as a "Pivotal".

MOTHER: Q.—Can you tell me when my boy will be sent home, as the girls are so anxious to have him back. I enclose his photograph?
A.—See Dem. Reg. 342A Part II, para. 3b (i) "Repatriation of Regimental Mascots".

FADDY: Q.—What colour shall I choose for my "civvy" suit?
A.—You might choose peach blossom mixture or heather cling tweeds, though the subdued mustard colour known as khaki is not to be recommended. You might also choose mouse-grey or aureolin, or perhaps a rose madder spring suiting; but brown or blue is all you'll get.

WAR BABY: Q.—What is demobilization?
A.—Never heard of it.

AMAZON: Q.—Why hasn't my husband, Pte. George Smith, No. 12472, come home? I have been been waiting for him for four and a half years.
A.—No. 12472 Pte. George Smith has re-enlisted for twelve years colour service.

SAPPER: Q.—I am a ballroom floor polisher. Under what heading should I be classed?
A.—Obviously a 'slip' man.

CHESHIRE: Q.—I got married on my last leave. In what way can I be demobilized as soon as possible?
A.—Apply for A.F.Z. 56, the form for the "one man business".

(Will the contributor of this article please send his name to the News-Editor.)

HEARD IN PICCADILLY, COLOGNE.

Nobler: — "Jeary, who made Ruby - Queen"?
Jeary: — "I don't know."
Nobler: — "Why King Fisher"?

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS.

PLEA FOR MORE LENIENT TREATMENT.

HOUSE OF LORDS DEBATE.

In the House of Lords on Thursday Lord Parmoor called attention to the position of conscientious objectors whom the tribunals had found sincere in their convictions, and asked whether the Government was prepared to reconsider their position, more particularly in reference to those who had been in prison for a period of two years or more. He had brought this matter forward as an armistice resolution, and hoped that further steps would be taken in regard to it, and that this blot on the justice of the country would be removed.

The Marquis of Lansdowne thought that this might possibly be the last debate in that House on a subject which he had always regarded as particularly odious and humiliating. If the Government could state that they could see their way to close the episode, the announcement would be received with universal satisfaction.

The Marquis of Salisbury took a different view from Lord Parmoor with regard to the question. He said that the Government had been obliged to vindicate their position, but he suggested that at this juncture the punishment might be mitigated by the removal of hard labour in every case.

Viscount Peel, in reply, said that the number of conscientious objectors imprisoned was not 1,500, as Lord Parmoor had stated, but 888, and that the number who had served at least two years was not 773, but 464. About 600 conscientious objectors had been completely exonerated by the tribunals, but there was ample evidence to show that many of those who claimed to be conscientious objectors were by no means conscientious, and that many of them had been engaged in a deliberate conspiracy to break down the Military Service Act.

There was no doubt that what these men had done would have resulted in the complete breakdown of the State if their example had been generally followed. The rule that had been adopted was not specially applicable to conscientious objectors. It was of general application, the Government having decided that those men who were looked upon as bad soldiers should be discharged form the Army after being two years or more in prison.

The Archbishop of Canterbury hoped there would now be a very speedy ending to what had been a melancholy story. He believed an endeavour had been made to act fairly by these men, but it had broken down in the attempt to apply strict principles of logic or law to men to whom neither of these conditions were really applicable. He asked that those who were still to remain in custody should remain under conditions as little penal as could be arranged. He could not believe that the position in which we were now placed was one which involved the necessity of these men being subjected to treatment so penal as that which had broken down the spirit and health of not a few of the misguided men who were now in prison.

The subject dropped at this point, and their lordships adjourned at eight o'clock.

A BONN LEGEND.

One is apt to regard a University town as a fairly quiet place, more especially since Cambridge has, to so great an extent, given up the practice of pyres in the market place, but Bonn in a thunderstorm must have been an A1, pandemonium in earlier times. An ancient legend records that a thunderstorm near the church of St. Cassius was sufficient to set the church bells ringing without human agency, and all the ancient "speerits" crying out in anything but unison. It happened this way.

Roman Bonn.

In ancient times the site of the Minster of Bonn was made the sacred place of the Roman colonists who, at that time, were heathens. Here they had their principal altar and on this they sacrificed slaves and prisoners of war.

However with the coming of St. Helena, who was a Christian and the mother of Constantine, all these things were changed. The sacred oaks were hewn down, the heathen buildings and the idolatrous customs were erased. In the place of these "abominations" the saintly Helena had a Christian church erected and gave to it the name of St. Cassius. As time went on the church was enlarged considerably and a fine tower with an wonderful peal of bells were added; and through what wonderful vicissitudes passed Bonn while those same bells went on singing the same old notes. One is reminded of the great bell of Cologne, primarily French cannon, recently German shell cases, now, probably, Flanders, or French, mud. These bells of Bonn heard the excited crowd which welcomed Frederick the Beautiful, Emperor of Germany, and Charles the Father of Bohemia when they came to be crowned in the Minster; they also were witnesses of the coming of the French and rang out doleful sounds as their steeple blazed away.

Bells versus Thunderstorm.

It was when Nature's forces became angry, however, that the bells—according to the legend—were busiest, for then they apparently made a practice of trying to soothe the populace by drowning the voice of Jove.

The battle was joined and reinforcements arrived; for all the spirits of the ancient heathen, whose bones were laid in the precincts, rose to assist their own special King of the gods, Jupiter to wit, as he hurled his thunderbolts, and pandemonium flourished.

The Dogs of St. Cassius.

St. Cassius, whose bones rest in the church, must have had a breezy time during thunderstorms, for the legend tells us that the heathen spirits detested the saint, whose martyrdom brought thousands to the Christian cause, and did all they could in the noise line to give him an uncomfortable time. But the allied powers of darkness fight a losing fight, always, and, without any aid from companologist, the bells rang out clearly above the inferno of heathenism. With cries of "Woe to us, the saint watches, the dogs of Cassius have warned him. Woe to us the dogs of Cassius have barked," these spirits disappeared, with gnashings of teeth and rattling of bones, into the darkness of the spirit world, no more to come forth until the next thunderstorm. It was always the same tale, says the legend, of infernal noise and supernatural bell ringing; but it is no more, devils and saints, labelled as such, no longer fight. Their noises were replaced by the noise of the undergraduates; and even that has passed; one doesn't have an A.P.M. *and* "rags".

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.-Will you kindly allow me space in your columns in my attempt to get in touch with someone of musical ability, as I have written a song-poem which I should very much like set to music. I have a catchy melody for the same, and with the kind of partner I desire, we could easily arrange to meet at some convenient time and place for that purpose. Gunr. J. P.

OPERA HOUSE AND THEATRE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	OPERA	DRAMA
Sunday	Der Barbier von Sevilla	Afternoon: Elga Evening: Seeschlacht
Monday	Madame Butterfly	Verschwörung des Fiesco

The hours at which the opera commences are: Friday 4.30; Saturday 3.30; Sun-day 5.00. p.m.

ROYAL OPERA — COVENT GARDEN.

SEASON'S INTERESTING PROGRAMME.

Covent Garden will open its doors again on May 5th after a rest of nearly five years,.

The season will continue for 12 weeks and many interesting novelties are promised, including Francesca Da Rimini of Zandonai, and Puccini's three one act operas Giannt Schicchi, il Tabarro and Suor Angelica.

The term 'novelty' could also be applied to Gluck's Alceste which has not been heard for many yeas.

Verdi is well represented in the Italian operas selected, and the inclusion of Louise and Pelleas and Melisande in the French list will be more than welcome.

Rimsky — Korsakov's Night of May and Berodin's Prince Igor will be given in English, a notable departure from Grand Season traditions and a cheering sign to those who long for the establishment of national opera in our native language.

The Directorate is warmly to be congratulated on this innovation, as well as on the number of eminent English speaking artists already engaged in the preliminary list, such as Melba, Edvina, Kirkby, Lunn etc. Among the foreign artists such familiar names as Caruso, Gilly, Martinelli, Berat and Elsa Stralia, give promise of wonderful performances, but the list is by no means complete as many other important engagements are pending.

One particular artist whose re engagement will warm the hearts of all music lovers, is Destinn, who has now adopted a Slovak suffix and reappears as Destinnova.

The conductor's baton will be shared by Sir Thomas Beecham, Mr. Percy Pitt and Signor, Mugnone, all of whom are well known to Covent Garden habitues, while it is rumoured that Signor Toscanini will come over from Milan to conduct several performances.

Apart from the operas already mentioned, the repertoire will be selected from Aida, Boheme, Iris, Jewels of the Madonna, Madame Butterfly, Manon Lescaut, Pagliacci, Rigoletto, Tess, Tosca, Traviata, Ballo in Maschera, Faust, Romeo and Juliette, Samson and Dalila, Nail, Thais, Therese and Manon.

Prices are about the same as usual, plus Government tax, but another sign of the progressive policy adopted by the Directorate, is the inauguration of cheaper prices for Saturday nights.

FIREBRAND.

"ZEPP. SPOTTING."

Results of Wireless Developments.

Lieut.-Colonel A. G. T. Cusins, Royal Engineers. lecturing last evening before the members of the Institution of Electrical Engineers upon the development of Army wireless during the war, soid it was his policy—and he believed he was backed by the War Office—to publish as soon as possible in pamphlet form all the main results of wireless that had been aotaind during the past few years. On the first clash of the present war they found Army wireloss performing a wholly new rôle, and on Aug. 19. 1914, one motor-set was working at Le Cateau intercepting enemy messages. By December of that year wireless formed an important section of the Intelligence Department by intercepting and locating enemy messages, and by its use in connection with aeroplanes there was discovered the navigation code of the German Zeppelins, simultaneously with its discovery by the experts in England. The development of the system also made it posible to discover the track of Zeppelins, and on one occasion the estimated spot where the Zeppelin was to cross the coast line was foreshadowed within a mile of the spot given by the local police where it actually did cross. This, of course, assisted the work of the anti-aircraft defence by localising the areas of danger.

BOATING TO COST MORE.

A considerable increase in the charges for boating during the coming summer season is foreshadowed says the *Daily Telegraph*. Hitherto the charge has been 1s. for the first hour for the use of a boat and a reduced fee for subsequent hours. The Thames Boating Trades Association, whose membership extends from Oxford to Richmond, has come to the conclusion that the present tariff is inadequate to meet the increased cost of labour, which they state has risen quite 100 per cent., and the enhanced cost of boatbuilding materials. Mr. Coyley, the association's secretary, stated in an interview that during the last four years there had been no new boats built. Now, with peace in sight they hoped to restore some of the pleasant features of the river, but this could not be done without increased cost being involved. Most of the boatmen were returning from the war, and it was impossible to expect them to take up their duties under the old con itions.

International Finance.

The New York correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* writes that "American bankers are planning to educate the small investor here in the necessity, both as regards his own future welfare and that of Europe, of providing American credit to help to rehabilitate Europe, and for this purpose, it is proposed to establish a trust here. Mr. Paul Warburg, one of Wall Street's leaders, declared to a large meeting of financial experts in New York, that many foreign countries might be expected to reach a point where they will want to sell or offer American investors joint ownership in factories and assets, and that just as European capital had built up Africa and China, so now American wealth, for the benefit of all concerned, should do its share in building up Europe. A large investment trust organised on a country-wide basis, said Mr. Warburg, would not only help to preserve the trade balance, but would be of great advantage in bridging the interval necessary for a better understanding between the two countries."

General Haller's Polish troops are said to comprise Poles eliminated from the French, British and American Armies and Polish prisoners of war in Italy.

The 1st, 2nd. and 3rd. Divisions of Infantry and a division of Cavalry are ready.

FOOTBALL.

14TH BRIGADE ASSOCIATION LEAGUE.

13th King's Liverpool's.

14th Brigade Headquarters.

The 14th Inf. Bde. team combined well together and kept the visitors penned in their own half, but their goalkeeper played a marvellous game, saving shots from all angles. The King's forwards got away, but the home backs cleared. During a scramble in front of goal the inside right banged the ball into the net. The Brigade strove hard to equalize, but could not pierce the visitors defence.

Early in the second half the Brigade were awarded a penalty from which they scored. Both teams endeavoured to get the lead, and the ball travelled from end to end in quick succession. From a corner Captain Carson scored and just before the final whistle sounded a third goal was added, bringing the score to 13th Kings 3; 14th Inf. Bde. H.Q. 1.

OFFICERS V. RIFLEMEN.

A match between the Officers and Riflemen of the 52nd Bn., the Rifle Brigade, played at Worringen on Friday ended in a win for the Officers by 3 to 2 after a well-contested and fast game.

Both teams put up a good show, but although the Riflemen played the more attractive game, the Officers by their superior speed and weight proved the victors.

Both goalkeepers, Col. Riddell for the Officers, and Kempster for the Riflemen, made many fine saves.

The Officers have beaten the Sergeants, Corporals and Riflemen and are now challenging the pick of the Battalions.

51ST DEVONS V 52ND DEVONS.

A keenly contested game was witnessed on Wednesday, April the 2nd, between representative teams of the 51st and 52nd Devons on the former's ground at Burtscheid.

The battalions are very old "soccer" rivals, having crossed swords many times whilst brigaded together at Cromer. This was the first meeting of the two teams since they joined the Army of Occupation, and a very keen interest was taken in the match. In spite of a heavy and sticky ground play was fast, and the football of a good standard.

The 51st immediately took up the attack and within five minutes Hicks opened the scoring, converting an excellent pass by Sgt. Morris, The home forwards continued to press, playing well together and receiving good support from the halves, and early on, through Sergt. Morris, added two more goals. For a time the offensive passed to the visitors and the 51st defence was kept busy. Their efforts were eventually rewarded, the inside right getting home with a stinging shot. The home team had the better of the following exchanges, but at half-time there was no further score.

On resuming play was carried into and kept for the most part in the visiters' half, and Capt. Petherham secured a fourth goal as a result of a fine individual effort. The 52nd retaliated spasmodically and their sallies, although determind, were fruitless, lacking just that little extra effort which gets goals. Time came with the score: —

51st Devons . . . 4.
52nd Devons . . . 1.

MACHINE GUNNERS AT HERSEL.

An interesting match was played between "A" and "B" Companies at Hersel. The ground was in excellent condition and the game was played with enthusiasm. After twenty minutes play, Turner scored for "A" Coy, this being the only goal of the match. During the second half the visiting team pressed hard on several occasions but did not succeed in getting through. The following men for "A" Coy played conspicuously well, — Pte. Wiltshire (Goal). L/C Ritchie (centre half) Turner (right half) and Webster (inside right) while the noticeable players of "B" Coy were, the right back, centre half, centre forward and the right inside.

BRENTFORD V. SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

TO-MORROW (MONDAY), at New Cross, Brentford play a team representing the London clubs belonging to the Southern League, which will be represented by: Alderson (Crystal Palace), Pullen (Queen's Park Rangers), Elvey (Millwall), Booth (Crystal Palace), Mitchell (Queen's Park Rangers), Cracknell (Queen's Park Rangers), Jefferson (Quen's Park Rangers), Dale (Queen's Park Rangers), Wilding (Millwall), Moody (Millwall), Fox (Queen's Park Rangers).

LAWN TENNIS.

COVERED COURT CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The draw for the covered court championships, which will be begun at Queen's Club, West Kensington, to-morrow, was made yesterday. There are fifty-nine entries for the gentlemen's singles and fourteen for the ladies' singles; twenty-eight pairs have entered for the gentlemen's doubles and fifteen pairs for the mixed doubles.

QUEEN'S CLUB DEFEATED BY CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

Queen's Club and Cambridge University played a three-a-side contest at West Kensington, when the latter were victorious in two out of the three matches. The most attractive match was that between Capt. R. K. Price, the holder of the M.C.C. silver racket, and M. Woosnam, the celebrated "Soccer" player. The leading feature of the latter's service was a fast railroad, which enabled him to find the nick repeatedly in the first set. He won the first two games largely owing to this keeping a good length on the floor. The next two games were won by his opponent, Captain Price, but Woosnam, continuing to play almost entirely on the floor, eventually took the game at 6-3. His play then slightly deteriorated.

In the second set, Price took the first three games, the fourth going to Woosnam, whose subsequent success finished at 2-1 in the third set. Towards the end Price gave a magnificent display, scoring a couple of strokes and playing on the hazard side in the last game of the match and so ending the rubber with a love game.

The following were the results.

Capt. T. Lacey-Thompson (Charterhouse and Trinity) Cambridge, beat Malcolm Roberts, Queen's, by 2 sets to love (6-1, 9-7);

G. H. Hardy (Winchester and Trinity), Cambridge, beat C. T, Agar, Queen's by 2 sets to 1 (3-6 6-3, 8-6);

Capt. R. K. Price, Queen's beat M. Woosnam (Winchester and Trinity), Cambridge, by 2 sets to 1 (3-6, 6-1, 6-2).

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

(With an Occasional Entertainments Note.)

Cologne Opera House.

Owing to the persistent illness of Frauline Geisler, the "Merry Wives of Windsor" will not be staged on Monday, as announced. Instead, there will be a performance of "Madame Butterfly." The performance will commence at 5.0 p.m.

Abont Polo Ponies.

The news that the Hurlingham Club proposes to suspend its rule relating to the height of polo ponies is of great interest to all lovers of polo. Owing to the dearth of horse flesh, through the war, the breeding and training of polo ponies was a serious and dangerous speculation. In spite of the rapid demobilisation of officers and horses, however, enthusiasts still manage to beguile their exiles by enjoyable, though amateurish, efforts. Infantry ponies are not conducive to the best of games, but in spite of their weakness for "standing over" the ball, they keep up the credit of their arm.

The Apollo Theatre.

Even the most hardened cynic could not fail to be satisfied with the succession of really first rate shows that have appeared at the Apollo Theatre since the arrival of the Army of Oc. in Cologne. Each successive party makes a noble effort to maintain the very high standard of excellence associated with this popular place of entertainment, and the result is invariably very gratifying to audience and artistes alike. Commencing to-morrow, the "Fragments" will present an attractive programme, and when it is mentioned that the party embraces several of the best members of the "Diamonds" (now, unfortunately, extinct) intending patrons will realise the advisability of booking seats early.

Post Office Services Football.

This match, to day, will be played on the Sports Ground, Sudbrucke, when, given fine weather, there is sure to be a big "gate".

The Arrival of Spring.

I knew they would come. Since the appearance of the paragraph on this subject a couple of days ago, we have been inundated with spring poems. Evidently, my little note was accepted as the official announcement of the new season, for everyone who has ever written a line of poetry on this always popular matter, seems to have raked his literary efforts out of their resting place, and hurled them in to Marzellenstrasse.

"Haygarth, the Hustler."

There are very few sportsmen or entertainers in the district who do not known "Haygarth, the Hustler", either by personal contact with him, or by repute. He is the Amusements Officer for the occupied area. It is not surprising, therefore, that his accession to the rank of captain, which was made known yesterday, was the signal for an avalanche of congratulations to be heaped about his head. Captain Haygarth is a man of quick decision and, having decided on a certain course of action, he "gets a move on" to achieve the object he has in mind. The result is, sports and entertainments are thoroughly well organised in the area.

Lord Cheylesmore's Thanks.

I hope Capt. Haygarth will not be very cross on account of the publication of the following extract from a letter addressed to him, which has blown into this office:

I am desired by my Chairman, Major-General Lord Cheylesmore, to convey to you his most grateful thanks for your cheque for 3,869 marks, being the result of the performances kindly organized by you in Cologne, in aid of our important work for the disabled men.

His lordship desires me to add that he is particularly interested in this valued and valuable contribution to our Funds and would be glad if you would kindly convey his warmest acknowledgments to all who helped towards this splendid result."

The Red, Red Rose.

"No play no pay"! brings back to memory the days when Lottie Collins was one of the dense throng struggling to grasp the first rung of the ladder of fame. It is interesting to note that the red rose which Miss José Collins in the Maid of the Mountains wears in her beautiful black hair, and embroidered on her gowns and shawls is in memory of the day her mother first became, a public favounite. Just twenty years ago, at Manchester, after singing a song that is still contiguous with the name of Lottie Collins, a single red rose was thrown on the stage. Once again it was the symbol of success.

THE RAMBLER.

RATES OF EXCHANGE.

BANK CHARGES OF THOMAS COOK AND SON.

In a letter to the Editor, published to-day in another page, an officer complains of what be considers excessive bank charges by the branch of Messrs Thomas Cook & Son, in Cologne.

The question raised is an interesting one, and will no doubt be responsible for a good deal of discussion among officers who have had occasion to exchange money or cash cheques at the offices of these agents.

The Manager of Messrs Thomas Cook and Son admitted to a *Cologne Post* representative that several officers had complained that they were being asked to pay excessive bank charges, but in every case he had been able to convince them that they were being charged no more than the recognised scale, i. e. threepence in the pound.

The manager added that he would like to have an opportunity to explain to any officer who considered he was being unfairly treated, exactely how the particular figures involved were arrived at, rather than that officer should leave the premises dissatisfied.

In the matter of the exchange of notes — whatever the currency — the method of business adopted by Messrs. Cook and Son was invariable, added our informant. The figures involved were based on the latest closing rates — which were continually fluctuating — and the usual bankers changes deducted.

The cashing of cheques made out in marks or franks (payable in English money) was necessarily governed by the current exchange observed by the particular bankers on whom the cheque happened to be drawn and not by Messrs Cook and Son.

A WELCOME BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT.

We learn that Messrs H. Maxwell and Co., the well-known makers of spurs, whips and boots, of 8, Dover street, Piccadilly, have reopened their Paris branch at 26, rue Macheuf. The enterprise will no doubt prove to be a great convenience to officers visiting Paris.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

BY "METEOR".

Sunday, April 6th., 1919.

Surface wind westerly 10 to 15 m. p. h. Fine in the early morning with ground mist; becoming cloudy later. Mild more humid air. Visibility poor at first becoming ordinary.

ENGLISH RACING RESULTS.

WINDSOR MEETING.

Yesterday's winners at Windsor were: Ravensmede (7/4), Walpose (10/1), Killegray (7/4), Shepherdess (5/1), Pretty Girl (10/1), A Sitter (7/4).

AYR MEETING.

At Ayr, the winners were: Bedrest (evens), Buzoff (7/4), Marcilla (evens), King Carnival (7/4), Simon Grab (10/1), Navy Stripe walked over.

JIMMY WILDE AGAIN.

To Meet Kid Taylor at the Stadium.

Jimmy Wilde has arranged a match, to take place at the Holborn Stadium within the next fortnight, against Kid Taylor the bantam featherweight champion of Western Canada.

Taylor, served with the Gordon Highlanders in the war and was awarded the D. C. M.

"THE CHEQUERS" FINE RECORD.

ARMENTIERES TO COLOGNE.

After a successful career, extending over nearly four years, "The Chequers" (Eastern Division) Concert Party, has at last been broken up owing to the insistent demands of "Mobbles" upon their personnel.

Although they suffered a severe blow a few months ago in the loss of Corpl. Argent Brierly (artist and artiste) the well-known Scots laughter-monger, they nevertheless managed to carry on successfully, producing, as a last effort, "Ali Baba" at the Deutsches Theater, Cologne, with huge *éclat*. The show was voted by all to be one of the best ever staged by a Divisional Concert party.

But now, with the departure of "Cissie" and others, they have had, at last, to put up the shutters, and to retire into obscurity.

It is whispred, however, that the stoppage is only temporary. Both Capt. Thomas and Jack Streets remain with us, and it is rumoured that the former is gathering about him fresh talent with the idea of forming a new party, which will include some real, live girls and not the camouflaged article. — Ubique.

THE YOUNG IDEA.

53rd MANCHESTERS' SETTLING DOWN.

The simple, straightforward story of what is passing in the mind of the young soldier whose acquaintance with Rhineland extends only over a few days makes interesting reading. The following, written by a Lance-Corporal in the new army, has been submitted to us for insertion:

We were the last Battalion to march past the King in Hyde Park on March 1st, and were very interested to read in the evening papers afterwards about the smartness of the "Young Guards" and all that sort of thing. However, although we could not help feeling a bit elated with ourselves on that day, we know full well that we still have lots to learn. Still we are very glad to be out here and to be in a Manchester Brigade and to feel that we belong to a Lancashire Division. Nearly all of us come from Lancashire, from places like Bury, Oldham, Bolton and of course from Manchester, and it seems quite home-like being surrounded by chaps who are Lancashire lads. We are proud of "good old Lancashire" and are going to do our very best to be a credit to the Lancashire Division.

A Challenge to All.

Menden is a jolly little place in many ways, and we get lots of fun going to Siegburg and Bonn and now and again getting as far as Cologne. We have a football team that has very rarely been beaten, although it is mostly composed of boys, and we have won all the matches played in Germany. If there are any other teams that want to have a go at us, they have only to write to our Sports Officer and fix it up, and we can promise them a really good game.

Last night, we had a Battalion concert, which was a great success in every way. Lieut. Roose deserves every credit for arranging such a good programme. The "Jazz Band" was a great feature, and the T. T.s performed excellently. In addition we were helped by some of our R. A. M. C. friends from across the river, and all their items were very much appreciated. Lt. C. L. Smith rendered several violin solos in very good style, and P. Foster made a most efficient accompanist.

Colonel L. C. Bolton, who has had command of the Battalion since its formation, left for England to our deep regret, on the 2nd inst. We are very pleased, however, to welcome Lt. Col. W. H. Traill, C. M. G., D. S. O., as our new Commanding Officer.

Lance Corporal.

A SHORT CUT TO 'DEMOB.'

Apropos the "release of conchies". An interesting case occurred in a well-known service Battalion. Just before Messines 245648 Pte J. Snooke came up with rations. He had an avowed distaste of soldiering and conscientiously objected to the line where he was compelled to associate with men of lower moral status, who killed (and what was far more important) were frequently killed in the pursuance of their primitive ideals.

He did not allow his faculty of imagination to degenerate into a day dream or reverie, but used it as an energising incentive. After several unsuccessful but clever impersonations of a lunatic, he carefully acquired a complaint which made him temporarily *hors de combat*. A few months later he wrote to the Colonel expressing great sorrow at leaving the regiment so precipitately and at being unable to apologise in person. He was discharged.

FIXTURES AT QUEEN'S CLUB.

The following events have been arranged to take place at Queen's Club, West Kensington:—

Lawn Tennis.—Monday, April 7, etc., Covered Court Championships; Saturday, April 26, Queen's Club v. Cambridge University; Monday, June 16, etc., London Championships; Monday, October 6, etc., London Covered Court Championships.

Tennis.—Monday, April 28, etc., the Amateur Championship.

Rackets.—Tuesday, April 22 to Friday, April 25, Public Schools Championship.

Athletics.—Saturday, July 5, the A.A.A. Championships.

WITH THE MOVIES.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN BY THE EDGE OF THE BRINY.

No I Army Cinema —

Vast crowds congregated daily last week to witness the remarkable educational film entitled "Ghosts", which was presented at the No. I Army Cinema, 32 Komödienstrasse. Too much publicity can hardly be given to a picture exhibiting the dangers of the dreaded Venereal disease and it is gratifyng therefore to learn that many thousands of British Tommies on the Rhine took advantage of this opportunity to witness an example of this salutary propaganda. During the ensuing week there will be a decided change of theme, the new films being entitled respectively, "Patsey" a delightful Fox Drama, in which Jane Caprice figures prominently; "Charlie Chaplin by the Sea", wherein the inimitable comedian cuts some characteristically funny, not to mention romantic capers by the edge of the briny, and "Red Circle" (episodes 6 and 7).

The Agrippina Theatre.

At the number 2 Army Cinema in the Breite Strasse four films will be exhibited each afternoon at 3, and every evening at 6. "The Moral Law" is a very fine Drama in five parts, while a two-part comedy Drama is entitled "Law in Order". In a similar vein of humour, and perhaps even more diverting, is a pure comedy entitled "Done In Oil." Episode 6 of the "Red Circle" completes what ought to prove a programme as varied as it is enjoyable.

The Germania Theatre.

Devotees of "Movies" are pleasurably acquainted with the charming personality of Bessie Barrascale who features in a new drama entitled "Wooden Shoes", to be thrown upon the screen at the Germania Theatre, in the Hohe Strasse, during the ensuing week. In comical vein there are two diverting films, namely "A Furnished Room" — a two-part comedy, the very name of which suggests ample possibilities, and "Two of a Kind," which is equally promising. The 5th episode of "The Red Circle" is also on the programme of the Germania Theatre.

HEAVY ADMIRALTY BUSINESS.

The business of the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division, which in normal conditions is composed only of two courts, will to day be conducted in no fewer than five courts, says the *Daily Telegraph* of yesterday. As with the late President (Sir Samuel Evans), his successor, Lord Sterndale, devotes the best part of his time to price work. For close upon a year two courts have been dealing almost constantly with Admiralty civil causes, the one presided over by Mr. Justice Hill, the second judge of the division, and the other by Mr. Justice Roche or another King's Bench judge. To day Mr. Justice Sankey, in yet another court, will be adjudicating in an Admiralty suit, while probate and divorce causes will be heard by Mr. Justice Coleridge, who has been taking this branch of the division work for some time.

It is understood that the President is again arranging for two Admiralty courts, in addition to the Prize Court, for next term.

THE JAZZ MANIAC.

BY JUVENIS.

The Public Press has been inundated with articles on this subject of controversy. The religious world thunders out dogmatic condemnations of the immorality of "jazzing", while the more frivolous enter the fray, with equal heat, on its behalf.

Few, however, have had the pleasure of meeting a real Jazz enthusiast: few, indeed, having met him, wish to do so again. As a psychological specimen he is unique, and certainly the curators of our big museums should endeavour to obtain the best of the species for the sake of posterity.

Jazzing seems to have a peculiar effect on the minds of its adherents. It is like the terrible disease, dipsomania, as it is likely to break out unexpectedly at any moment. The Jazz maniac, in the Army, could well be imagined practising the latest Jazz steps at the psychological moment when the Commanding Officer was about to sentence him to Field Punishment No. 2 at Battalion Orderly Room. An orderly sergeant in the bonds of the American Demon would attempt to demonstrate the graceful inclined posture of his art to the R.S.M. while detail was being given. The Jazz maniac has little sense of propriety; for he absurdly imagines that everyone else's tastes will correspond with his own.

Jazzing makes a man egotistical. Though not an expert in psychology, I should like to discover the subtle influence underlying this apparently harmless pastime. One can almost detect in it the spirit of gay Chicago; it certainly has a powerful influence over those sheep-like followers of pleasure who allow themselves to be drawn within its foils.

It would be an interesting experiment for the Army authorities to form a battalion of Jazzists. Some leading American footlight dancer might be induced to accept the Lieutenant-Colonelcy, and volunteers could be taken for training. What a heterogeneous collection of human specimens would be on Battalion Parade, for example, a Jazz Band would, of course, play the men on parade, the latter coming on in the correct Yankee terpsichorean style.

The true Jazzist maniac, however, is undaunted in the pursuit of his vocation by difficulties of any kind. He will tramp for miles to attend some local dance in a rural country town, in order to teach the rustic maiden the last word in physical contortion. His first question when meeting any fresh person is "Do you Jazz?" In fact his whole mental horizon is bounded by thoughts of that wild, uncivilised mode of dancing.

The Jazz maniac, however will not last long; its worshippers, for the most part, are people who constantly seek the latest craze. The mania is un-English, and will die a natural death as soon as the English Press tires of discussing its merits and de-merits. Thus will pass out of existence the Jazz-maniac.

FOOTBALLERS FOR RETENTION.

The Football Association has announced that professional players may be registered, and that a club may give notice of its desire to retain players under Rule 30 during the month of March 1919, as well as during the month of April; but such legislation will not interfere with the player's present privilege of playing with another club during the month of May, 1919.

The programme for the National Sporting Club on May 1 next in aid of St. Dunstan's has been completed by Mr. Frank Collis Among the contests will be: Seaman Hall (Chatham) C.P.O. Dick Beland; Pte. J. Harris (Suffolk L.I.) v. Fred Archer, and Jim Burgess (Lambeth) v. J. Cannon (Notting-hill). The other part of the programme will consist of three open competitions, open to amateurs.

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WHY THEY STRIKE!

A strike leader of the Ruhr district was interviewed by our Press representative the other day.

"Why do you strike?" Le asked.

"We want to be loved!' Was his reply.

"But how?" exclaimed the representative.

"Well, during the war we were told the Germans were hated in the world because they had worked too much."

"Darky" Stevens, the battery cook was never at a loss for an answer.

Recently the orderly officer and sergeant visited the cook-house. The O.O. ordered the lid of a boiler to be lifted. Seeing bubbles around the edges, although the water was not boiling in the centre, he tried to catch "Darky" napping. "Why is the water boiling round the edges and not in the centre" he asked. "Potatoes for the Guard round the edge, Sir, they have their dinner fifteen minutes before the others" was the reply.

NATIONALISATION OF RAILWAYS.

VIEWS OF SIR HERBERT WALKER.

Sir Herbert Walker, chairman of the Railway Executive Commitee, in responding to a toast at an Executive Committee dinner at the Eccentric Club, said that a great deal had been heard about the nationalisation of the railways. There were two interpretations to be put upon the word nationalisation. One would mean that the Government were going to take over the railways, and that the whole of the employees would become Government servants. Personally he, Sir Herbert, did not think that was going to happen. He might be wrong, but that was his opinion. Another, and better, solution was some co-ordination under Government guarantee by which the railways would be run on commercial lines for the benefit of the State and the trade of the country. The first thing was to eliminate competition when it was wasteful. Therefore he thought that some form of unification was essential. Also, in the interest of the railways generally, they must be made self-supporting. Traders, he believed, could afford to pay more. They were selling their goods at enhanced rates, but they were being carried at pre-war rates. So far as the public generally were concerned, he believed that a system of unification would give a better service than they had ever had before.

THE SILENT TOILERS.

"Lest We Forget!"

During the war one heard very little good of the R.A.M.C. When thinking of the men of this corps, one is reminded of the painting "The Silent Toilers". Others are better fitted to write than I, but no one has taken the opportunity of doing so.

It was in early '15 at Ypres that I first met these men. One learns that the medical services in those days were not so complete as they are at the present day.

On returning to another Division, I noticed many improvements in the medical arrangements. Again I was wounded in a big push, and they who have been wounded know something of the fine work executed, silently and persistently under fire, by a Corps one hears seldom mentioned. Last March I gave myself up for lost, being wounded in the leg and lying prostrate on the ground, with the knowledge that the German hordes were steadily advancing — but the ambulance men were retiring with our infantry. I was taken, as it were, from the feet of the Huns to a solitary car awaiting such poor creatures as myself.

So before the majority of us return to civil life, I would ask that the work done for us, will not be forgotten. We have frequently been mentioned, also our brothers-in-arms of other branches of the Service, and to forget the men who have taken us from the living hell, would be an act unbecoming an Englishman — I should say, "any British soldier."

Frequently I have heard our men say, "it is better to go over the top and get it over, than to go backward and forward like the men of the Fld. Amb. Of course, it was their work, just as it was our work to go "over the top," but we have been recognised. They have not!

EXTRACTS FROM THE LETTERS OF A PRODIGAL SON.

ON "PUBS" AND BILLETS.

Being quartered in a village about 20 kilometres west of the Rhine we find life rather quiet. However, there is much to interest the observant even in such a one-horsed village as this happens to be. I use the prefix — one-horsed — in its true sense as there is only one horse here. All the wagons, ploughs, harrows, groundcombs, etc., in use around here are drawn by oxen. These beasts are large, yellow, and generally in good condition; but the bored look they wear on their mournful faces is enough to drive a man to drink.

Speaking of drink reminds me that we have one pub in the village. The general name for a village pub in Rhineland seems to be *Gastwirtschaft* therefore it became easy for us to translate that cumbrous name to "Gasworks".

In our "Gasworks" we can get a very weak beer for 20 pfennigs a small glass. No one of my acquaintance has ever been known to feel capable of painting the village red, even after imbibing gallons of this imitation beer. Indeed, as a chum of mine said, "a fellow would be drowned in it and then not be drunk". I surmise that would be an accomplished fact after going under for the third time.

The alcoholic enthusiast, however, can obtain a drink which sells readily under the name of "Rhine Wine". It is a sour drink with enough acidity in one bottle to corrode an armoured car. What it does to a man's inside I do not know, but a couple of bottles have been known to clear a choked drain-pipe in which a dog had crawled to die. The dog is still dead.

However (sometimes), every Monday a few dozen bottles of Bass trickle through to our battery canteen, and it is a pathetic, but instructive sight, to see the serried rows of empties on Tuesday mornings. Yea, as Kipperling has not sung,

And East is East
While West is West
And Bass is Bass each time
So, when I'm creas't
Inflate my chest
With Bass, — sweet Bass, — sublime!
Gorblime!

While speaking of billets I may mention that we are very comfortable. The folk here seem to want us to feel at home. In my particular billet lives a small family and a very large dog. The youngest member of the family, a small boy aged three years, has named me "Vater".

We parade every morning in the main street of the village and often I find the little wet-nosed boy clinging around my legs just as we are about to march off. My section Officer generally murmurs a few words about the orders regarding fraternizing, but he hurt my feelings this morning when he told me to send little Wilhelm to Doctor Barnado's Home.

I would fain write more but the little Wilhelm afore-mentioned has just clattered into my *zimmer* and now, with his little nose, seems desirous of placing a wet imitation wound stripe upon my cuff.

I know of a "cuff" I would like to give him, but, it is better for a man to hang a tombstone around his neck and cast himself to the Bolsheviks than for him to incur the raging of a frau's tongue. Yea, verily, I knoweth!

OVERHEARD.

Orderly officer leaving offices:— "Oh! Brown, do you know anything about fishing"?

Brown:— "A little, Sir".

O. O.:— "What bait would you use"?

Brown:— "Soup and 'Choclit', Sir".

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed, for the purpose of reference.

OPERA SEATS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,

Having read in the *Cologne Post* of Tuesday a letter by Major G.L.S, relating to affairs at the Cologne Opera House, I would like to draw your attention to the treatment afforded to the "other ranks", when applying for tickets at the military booking-office in the said Opera House.

It would seem that the seating granted the military in the Opera House, is reserved for officers only; for when one or more of the "other ranks" try to book seats, they are turned away with rudeness, and with the remark, "I have no tickets for you". Yet, when officers who come immediately afterwards obtain tickets, one realises that something requires a remedy.

The soldier serving in the booking office, was distinctly told that the price of the tickets was no object, therefore that could not possibly be the reason for refusal. The undersigned, writing on behalf of numerous rankers, would like to know why this should be, as he and others have been turned away with the utmost rudeness on several occasions.

There are many lovers of Grand Opera among the "other ranks" in the army, and they would like something done to prevent the Opera House in Cologne (a public place of amusement) being reserved exclusively for Officers.

If the editor requires corroboration of the above, he can obtain it from hundreds of rankers.

J.O.

DANCING CLASSES.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,

Seeing a small paragraph in the fourth issue of *The Cologne Post* referring to a dancing class which had just been started by the 52nd K.R.R.C. I would like to draw attention to the fact that if a similar one were started in Cologne I am sure it would be a huge success.

J. M.

HE PRICE OF MONEY.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir — On coming out of the offices of Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son yesterday, I saw the "Cologne Post" being sold by a woman near by and I promptly bought a copy. Glancing through it my eye caught the announcement of the above-mentioned firm to the effect that the offices were open for the convenience of the Army of Occupation. True! but they do not add at what cost.

I had previously been to the Field Cashier, in search of a rather large amount of English money; with that captivating smile of his the Field Cashier told me Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son would fix me up with a cheque on London at Army rates of exchange.

I had French notes for the exchange — the Field Cashier told me the rate was 26.10 to the £. Messrs. Cook & Son wanted to charge me 27.80, on the whole amount I was losing about 40 Francs.

I grant banker's discount should be given, but they seem to want to make up for what they are losing on the touring side of their business!

Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son never have been a philanthropic institution, but I would hardly call the above "business."

R.F.S.

PUBLIC OPINION.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Wahn, April 1919.

Sir. — I was rather impressed by a paragraph in the first edition of the "Post" under the heading "Why we are here."

This is the part I refer to. "Let us never dishonour the memories of their presence by forgetting, even for a moment, the glorious things they accomplished, or the fact that their achievements enabled us to see Peace."

Having had four years and three months' experience of war in France I have certainly had an insight, to the dangers there were.

Whilst on leave recently, I could not help noticing how, as a civihan one was always attented to at once and with this utmost courtesey, whilst a service men with the 14—15 ribbon was kept waiting and treated with contempt. There is no doubt that the public in general are once more adopting the old pre-war standard of snubbing these men.

As some people have bad memories, I certainly should like to see the papers point these little things out to them.

Several men who have returned here have spoken of exactly the same thing.

C.W.B.

THE ENGLISH GIRLS' PERSONALITY.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.— I have just returned to Germany after having spent fourteen days leave in England; and the experiences of my first trip home for very many months have impressed me with a new, but firm conviction. The girls at home are not what they used to be; their bearing and personality generally have changed completely. Previously, I was under the impression that the stupid slang expressions that have developed during the war, were the exclusive property of the army, and, in common with many others, I had hoped that the many words and phrases (admittedly, sometimes expressive) which have forced their way into our language would gradually be "demobilised" simultaneously with the troops.

But I am convinced now that nothing of the kind is likely to happen. On the contrary, England at the present time is experiencing a boom in ridiculous slang expressions which ill-become the "modern" girls who are responsible for the craze. Heaven knows how many times I was referred to as "old bean" and "old thing" and I became bored almost to tears with the frequency with which I was told that something or other was "perfectly priceless." On one occasion I was actually called a "petlet"; and this by a maiden who, when I last met her, appealed to me as a reserved, demure, modest and altogether charming young lady. Her development in every respect was just as revolutionary as her speech. She had no time for any thing but the most extravagant of pleasures and, altogether, I was very pleased to keep well clear of her company.

But, try as I would, I could find no other type of girl to assist me to spend a pleasant holiday and I returned to Germany feeling very very disappointed at the great change for the worse which has overtaken the fair sex in England.

L.-Cp.

THE IDOL OF THE BATTALION.

BY JUVENIS.

I remember his arrival; I was "scrounging" parade that day. He walked through the gates with that air of authority so beloved by warrant officers. His Sam Browne glistened, and bespoke hours of labour with innumerable tins of kiwi applied by previous batmen. Tall in stature, he was of the regulation Army pattern for W. O.'s Class I., laid down in Paragraph XY 73,913 of King's regulations, as he was some-what corpulent abdominally.

Although only a humble signaller, I vaguely wondered whether my duty was to go and introduce myself to the great man, or to remain discreetly hidden. I resolved on the latter, as his face, reddened with years of service and long acquaintance with Sergeant's Mess beer, had something about it which scarcely invited intimacy. Accordingly, I retired to my hut to discuss the new arrival with my boon companions and fellow "scroungers."

The next morning, however, we realized that something had happened when we appeared on Battalion Parade. My attention was suddenly arrested by a loud booming noise which reminded me considerably of the Air Raid Hooter, or the foghorns on the Goodwin Sands. It was only my new acquaintance of the previous day calling the Battalion to attention.

Our Signalling Officer was not accustomed to appear on morning parade, as it interfered with his regular hours of rising. Consequently, we frequently used to evade inspection, a custom which certainly saved us much mental anxiety, although perhaps it was not good for our discipline. This particular morning, just as our worthy "Ack I" corporal was about to march us to a discreet distance from the Parade Ground, the new R.S.M. cast his eagle eyes in our direction. He deported himself with haste toward us, and intimated that it would afford him great pleasure to inspect us. I shall never forget the amiable expression on his rotund face as he commenced the tour of our ranks. He started by genially remarking to our corporal that a notebook and pencil would be required, and forthwith ordered him to place his own name at the top of the list for not possessing a pencil. No. One of the front rank was also "pegged" for some discrepancy, and then began a veritable "Reign of terror." Man after man was ruthlessly sent to the guillotine, the corporal's notebook, with deadly monotony. I was number five of the front rank, and I was already feeling grievously doubtful as to the condition of my rifle, while my equipment, I knew, had long lost acquaintance with cleaning tackle. My turn came all too soon. I never realized what X-rays were until I felt the gorgon eyes of the R.S.M. upon me. They penetrated every portion of my anatomy. I will not repeat all that the worthy man said to me. Suffice it to say that the same day I was brought up for Company Office on fifteen charges, for which I did penance in the form of many days of wearying "jankers."

Some people improve on acquaintance, but I realized in this case the full truth of Goldsmith's words:

Full well the boding tremblers learned to trace
Each day's disasters on his morning face.

Life became a gruesome nightmare to us; we dreaded Battalion Parade to such an extent that the M.O. must have wondered why epidemics of "pains in the head" always originated in the Signallers. Even when we reported sick, the R.S.M. continued to display a keen interest in our welfare. He was always most insistent on placing in close confinement all those whom his wide medical experience classed as "swinging the lead." I have heard our corporal speak frequently with disgust and heat, on the same interest he showed in the clothing of the N.C.O's., especially as to the particular kind of buttons they wore.

Rumours about the great man were rife in the Battalion. His batman was constantly besieged with eager inquirers. One rumour, which I am inclined to discredit, got about that an inquisitive lance-corporal, peeping through the keyhole, had seen the R.S.M. in his private sanctum, kneeling in an attitude of prayerful adoration before a copy of A.F.B. 252, enshrined in a cheap gilt frame purchased from "Woolworths Sixpenny Bazaar."

I regret that few in our Battalion really appreciated his disinterested attentions. We all held him in solemn reverance as the Idol of the Battalion, though ours was a service of fear rather than of love. For myself, I would not dare to pass an opinion on so great a personality, but I will conclude by quoting what I heard A very competent A. IV remark some time ago:

Some say, "Good old Reggie."
But I say," — — —."

Answers to Correspondents.

[The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Questions on any subject whatever are invited and will be answered as promptly and as authentically as is possible. — Ed.]

Syts. Mess. — Terry M. won the Grand National in 1912. We do not know the owner of the horse at that period.

T. T. — Horace Short, the pioneer of aeroplane building, died in April 1917.

Curious. — Ascension Island is said to have been discovered by a Potuguese named Joao de Nova Gallego on Ascension Day, 1501. It is an isolated island in South Atlantic and is of volcanic origin.

X. — Your letter has been forwarded to other and more competent authorities, from whom you will receive an answer in due course.

22462. — The Zeppelin L 39 was shot down by the French at Compiegne. Your friend is entirely wrong in the matter.

Interested. — The amount expended on education, science, and art for last year, according to civil service estimates, was £25,529,228.

12623. — The cost of the war up to the present year was roughly £40.000.000.000.

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WHO'S FOR RUSSIA?

The latest British communiqué from Archangel brings events down to the morning of the 5th. April.

After a night bombardment the enemy attacked our positions near Shredmerhenga. The attack was repulsed with heavy loss, the dead lying thick round the blockhouses. A battalion commander and his adjutant, with a hundred men of his Bolshevist regiment, remained prisoners in our hands, together with five machine guns. Our casualties were nil.

In consequence of their recent disastrous failures the Bolshevists have not as yet resumed their attacks at Archangel.

According to latest information respecting the situation of the Allied troops in Northern Russia, a detachment of the Koltchaks Siberian force has succeeded in getting into touch with a detachment of Allied forces in the neighbourhood of Archangel. The position of our troops is anxious, but fortunately the Allies have command of the Murman railways and consequently of the western ports of the White Sea, so that there ought to be no insuperable difficulty about getting up relief by about the middle of May.

Meanwhile the Bolshevist forces have suffered reverses and the prospects of the existing Allied force in that region, of being able to hold out pending the arrival of relief, have proportionately improved. The Bolshevists have some armed steamers for use when the Northern Dvina becomes free from ice, but confidence is felt that our Naval forces in that part of the world will be adequate to deal with any menace of that kind. The Bolshevists have only two battleships which they can put to sea, with a few light cruisers and submarines. It is questionable though, whether the Bolshevist crews will consent to sail.

FALL IN. AT THE DOUBLE!

The appeal for volunteers for the British Relief force for Archangel is meeting with such gratifying response that already there is a large waiting list. Officers and men in the Army of the Rhine are offering themselves in large numbers.

Many Canadians have volunteered. So general is the desire of tried soldiers who re-enlisted for overseas garrison duty to go at once to the assistance of their comrades in Russia, that the War Office hopes to be able to despatch the first force on Wednesday next.

The authorities are anxious that reinforcements shall follow without delay and a special appeal will be issued immediately calling for the co-operation of discharging and demobilised soldiers.

Now then, young soldiers of the Army of the Rhine, Jump to it!

ON THE MURMAN SIDE.

The British communiqué from Murmansk says that reinforcements consisting of Infantry and Marines are being moved down the line in anticipation of suppressing a mutinous tendency among those Finnish troops forming part of General Maynard's Force, whose object, it is suspected, it to effect a junction with the Bolshevists.

PADEREWSKI IN PARIS.

M. Paderewski, the Polish Premier, reached Paris yesterday from Warsaw. He is Poland's first delegate to the Peace Conference, at which the most important claim of Poland will be for the possession of Dantzig.

SPA NEGOTIATIONS.

Almost the entire press of Germany is satisfied with the result of the Spa negotiations

"We hope that the spirit of this settlement will manifest itself with the same efficacy at the final conclusion of the Peace" is one extract from a Socialist paper.

ANOTHER SERBIAN CAMPAIGN.

A telegram from Vienna via Fiume says the Hungarian Bolshevists have declared war against Serbia. Martial law has been proclaimed in Serbia, which country is demanding help from the Allies.

HOOVER HUSTLING FOR WAGONS.

Mr. Hoover, who is regulating the distribution of food to enemy countries, has requested the German-Austrian Government to place all the rolling stock at the disposal of the Allies in order to facilitate the distribution of food supplies. He says that all states in Austria, including the regions occupied by the Italians on the Adriatic, must comply with this request.

OUTRAGEOUS RESCUE IN IRELAND.

POLICE MURDERED.

There was a sensational occurrence in Limerick on Sunday, when one policeman was murdered and several others wounded by a gang of men who snatched a man from custody and got clear away.

In March last a man named Robert Byrne was sentenced by Courtmartial to one year's hard labour. He eventually started a hunger strike and as a result of his condition he was removed to Limerick workhouse hospital, where he was placed in the custody of a party of constabulary.

Visitors are freely allowed to see their friends on Sunday afternons and yesterday a party of twenty to thirty youths, ostensibly there as ordinary visitors, suddenly started pre-concerted action. They rushed the ward where Byrne was confined, and overpowered the warder and five constables who were guarding him.

In the struggle shots were fired. One constable was fatally wounded, another dangerously, three others and the warder slightly.

The assailants then forced the six custodians into another room and roped them together. Then they decamped, taking Byrne with them. The whole affair lasted only three minutes.

AALAND FORTS FIRST TO GO.

A strong detachment of engineers has left Sweden to demolish the fortifications on the Aaland islands. A large crowd cheered the departing troops with great enthusiasm.

The Aaland islands are situate at the entrance to the Gulf of Bothnia in the Baltic sea, between Sweden and Finland. During the war they were the scene of much naval activity.

BAVARIAN SOVIET REPUBLIC.

Reuter states that when the Spartacists proclaimed a Soviet Republic at Munich, Premier Hoffmann, who was in Berlin, hurried back immediately but arrived too late. Instead of supporting him the Government troops maintained a neutral attitude, even declaring their sympathies to be on the side of the proletariat.

Peasants in different parts of the country have decided to march on Munich.

From another source comes the information that the Bavarian Government is contemplating the transfer of the seat of Government and National Assembly to Bamberg.

Ominous signs are indicative of the greatest unrest throughout Bavaria and great trouble is anticipated to morrow when the Diet is due to meet. The local Soviet has refused to provide protection.

Active rapprochement with the Russian and Hungarian Soviets has begun. Ebert, Scheidemann, Noske, Erzberger have been repudiated. A proclamation declaring the 1th April as a "national" festival ends with the words "Long live New Bavaria, long live the Soviet Republic, long live the world revolution."

BOLSHEVIST ARMY DESERTS.

At Kovel, East Ukraine, a Soviet Army has gone over to the Ukrainians. Already thirty-five guns have been handed over and the rank and file are surrendering in datachments several hundred strong.

BRISBANE BOLSHEVISTS.

Returned soldiers held a meeting in the Exhibition grounds at Brisbane, and two thousand enrolled themselves as an Army to fight disloyalty.

At Launceston, Tasmanian ex-soldiers, objecting to speakers' expressed sentiments, stopped a "one big union" meeting.

At Richmond (Victoria) soldiers broke up a Socialist meeting at which Bolshevism was being preached. The editor of a Socialist paper in the same state was sentenced to six months imprisonment for publishing blasphemous articles advocating Bolshevism.

GERMAN STRIKE NEWS.

In the Ruhr coalfields two hundred and twenty-one mines are idle, the number of strikers being three hundred and seventy-two thousend.

At Krupp's works some thousands of professedly Christian employés were prevented from working by the Spartacists.

A General strike obtains at Dusseldorf. The town is without light, and all traffic has ceased. Some fighting has taken place between Spartacists and Government troops.

In the Saar district General Andlauer has succeeded in preventing any extensive disturbance. All meetings are proscribed and assemblies of more than four persons will be dispersed by armed force. Traffic is stopped at 8 p.m., expcet at Saarbrücken, Saarlouis, and Neunkirchen.

STUTTGART STRIKE ENDED.

It is officially announced from Stuttgart that the Spartacist strike has collapsed. Most of the strike leaders have been arrested, and the situation is well under control by the Government.

MARRIAGE OF THE UNFIT.

EUGENIC BREACH OF PROMISE.

The jury disagreed in an important and interesting case on Saturday when Miss Mabel Beatrice Porter, of Barnes, sued Mr. Gerald Osmond Barnard of Machen, Mon., for alleged breach of promise of marriage.

The defence was that Mr. Barnard discovered that Miss Porter was suffering from tuberculosis and was therefore not fit to marry.

Dr. Bertram C. Stevens, for the defence, stated that although after a stay in a sanatorium Miss Porter showed no sign of active disease he would not have recommended her to marry without going through a probationary period of three years, with clean bills of health all the time.

"If we want an A I. race" he added "the marriage of consumptives must cease."

Defendant first admitted and then retracted an admission elicited by counsel that he had acted shabbily and dishonestly in causing a certain letter to be written to Miss Porter by his solicitors.

QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS.

BOUNTIES FOR RETENTION.

Mr. Forster says in an written answer that men entitled to demobilisation who are definitely retained for demobilisation or administrative services or for garrison duty abroad will receive the bonus as from the 1st February. Men not so retained, but who are merely awaiting demobilisation, will receive the bonus as from the 1st May, if not released before that date.

TUBERCULOSIS CASUALTIES.

Major Astor, in reply to Sir Watson Cheyne stated that the number of men discharged from the army on account of pulmonary tuberculosis is estimated at twenty-five thousand. The number undergoing residential treatment in sanatoria on the 1st March was 3,150 and there are 470 on the waiting list.

DRAFTS FOR EGYPT.

Large drafts are under orders for Egypt and Constantinople, states Mr. Winston Churchill. They will leave in April and further drafts will be sent in May, June and July, thus relieving an equal number of troops who have served for long periods in those theatres of war.

No drafts can be sent to Mesopotamia or India until August, the earliest month when climatic conditions will be favourable.

OFFICERS KUT EXPENSES.

Officer prisoners at Kut had to incur large expenses in order to keep alive. Mr. Wolmer asked if these would be refunded.

Mr. Forster stated that arrangements were made with the Dutch Minister for issues from the British relief fund to cover the extra expenses of officers in captivity in Turkey. Where officers can show that their necessary expenses exceeded the amount of such grants, in addition to the advance made by the Turkisn Government, any claim showing details will be favourably considered.

PRISONERS ON BALTIC ISLANDS.

Mr. Joynson Hicks elicited the information that no British prisoners had been found on those German Baltic islands which had been searched. Inquiries are being made as to other islands.

FLYING THE ANDES.

On a Bristol aeroplane presented to the Chilian by the British Government, Lieut. Cortiner has flown over the Andes, his maximum altitude being nineteen thousand six hundred feet.

ENEMY OWNED SHARES.

The Government at Montreal is taking legal proceedings for the appointment of an official custodian in connection with Canadian Pacific Railway shares, to the value of twenty-two million dollars, owned by enemy subjects.

RUNNING THE BLOCKADE.

A German schooner captured off the Danish coast by a French torpedo boat was attempting to run the blockade. She was taken as a prize into Leith.

DUTCH SHIPS TO BE RETURNED.

Negotiations are in progress for an early return to Holland of eighty-seven Dutch ships, requisitioned by the United States during March last year. Delivery will probably be made by the 1st May.

These ships carry an aggregate of five hundred and thirty three thousand tons deadweight, and the Dutch owners received four millions dollars monthly.

What *is* that old tag about Dutchmen and commerce?

Sir Charles Wyndham, the famous actor, left nearly £ 200,000.

The new manager of the Savoy Restaurant is Sr. Giordano, manager of the Berkeley Restaurant.

Brigadier General MacLean played the bagpipes on the stage of the Alhambra on Sunday evening, at a concert given in aid of the Scottish Women's Hospital.

Serious damage was done by fire at the Royal Arsenal Bakery, Brixton-Hill, S. London, on Sunday. During the war this bakery turned out fifty thousand loaves daily aud is even now making bread for the Army of the Rhine and elsewhere.

ARMY CHAPLAIN RELEASED FROM THE TOWER.

The Rev. Everard Digby, the well known sporting cleric and army chaplain, was released from the Tower of London on Friday night. He returned immediately to his vicarage.

Although he had been detained in the Tower by the military authorities no charge has yet been made against him.

Numerous friends called to congratulate him yesterday, but he declined to make any statement except that his solicitor is considering what shall be done in the matter.

To a *Sunday Times* representative he said "the matter is not yet ended. It will have to be forced to an issue but in view of the fact that I am cleared absolutely, you must excuse me from making any statement at present. I shall probably have a good deal to say later on. Meanwhile the matter is in the hands of my solicitor and it would not be right for me to discuss all that happened'. The *Sunday Times* adds: "The Rev. Digby's popularity with his parishioners is testified by the numerous congratulations he has received since his return home.

"His case, owing to its widesperad publicity, has aroused general interest, and attention is now being directed from its purely personal aspects to that of the methods of the authorities.

"The questions raised involves one of principle and public interest. The general inference, which may not of course be warranted, owing to the peculiar circumstances of the particular case, is that any decision arrived at should be made with less delay. Point to this contention is lent by the fact that two other prisoners have been detained in the Tower day after day and kept in a state of uncertainty as to how the allegations against them are going to be dealt with by the authorities."

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG HOME.

A large crowd gathered at Victoria on Saturday afternoon when Sir Douglas Haig reached home. His reception was quite informal. He was looking in the best of health and spirits. Lady Haig accompanied him and hearty cheers greeted his departure. He was received by Sir Travers Clarke, Quarter Master General, and Sir John Furse, Master of Ordnance.

DAILY MIRROR BEAUTY COMPETITION.

LONDON GIRL WINS.

The first prize of five hundred pounds in the Daily Mirror Beauty Competition was won by Miss Miriam J. Sabbage, of Norwood. She is only 21 years of age, stands five feet seven inches, is a good swimmer and possesses a fine soprano voice.

During the war she has been a V.A.D. nurse and a bank-clerk.

MAJOR IN POLICE COURT.

At Croydon police court on Saturday, Major R. S. Kerwick, of Purley, was summoned by his next door neighbour for assault. The families at one time were quite friendly but quarrelled over noisy children.

Defendant, who had served in France and Mesopotamia, and in addition to neurasthenia suffered from an injury to the head, was bound over in ten pounds and ordered to pay three guineas costs.

FLIGHTY HUSBAND.

The wife of a demobilised officer of the Royal Air Force obtained a separation order at Tottenham police court yesterday.

She said her husband was a "home bird" before joining the army but the army had altered him. Letters sent out to him when he changed camp included one from a girl, and he had refused to come home in response to letters of entreaty.

FOR SCOTSMEN ON LEAVE.

The trips to St. Kilda, which were abandoned during the war, are to be resumed this season. Lone island, which disposes of its manufactures of tweed chiefly at Glasgow, is to be linked up with the mainland.

SIR ALBERT STANLEY ILL.

Sir Albert Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, is indisposed and unable to attend to the duties of his office. At the request of the Prime Minister, Sir Auckland Geddes has agreed to undertake the acting Presidency of the Board during Sir Albert Stanley's illness.

GENERAL SMUTS' MISSION.

Negotiations conducted by General Smuts with the Hungarian Government are said to be progressing favourably. The questions being discussed are mainly territorial, concerning reasonable concessions to Hungary.

WAR MEDAL RIBBON.

A Departmental Committee, over which Sir Frederick Ponsonby, as representing the King, presided, has decided, after consultation with our Allies, that the War Medal and Ribbon shall be to the same design for all the Allies. The final design is now being considered.

STEAMER MINED.

The Spanish steamer Calvo, bound for Odessa with Russians expelled from Spain, struck a mine at the entrance to the Dardanelles and sank. No information is to hand regarding the fate of those on board.

POLICE COMMISSIONER ON LONDON MORALITY.

COLONIAL INNOCENTS ABROAD.

General Sir C. F. Nevil Macready, who relinguished the post of Adjutant General to the Forces to become Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, in an interview given to a representative of the *National News*, expressed some very forcible and timely opinions.

"The attacks on the present day morality of London" he said "are unwarrantable. Police statistics show that there is much less immorality of an indictable kind than was the case a few years ago. Certainly the streets of London, even those with the worst reputation, are far less objectionable than they were in the past."

"This is a very encouraging fact, especially when existing conditions are taken into consideration. After the high tension of the past four years a sharp reaction would have been excusable but as a matter of fact the reverse is the case. Since the armistice the conditions of our streets have been getting better every day.

"Much anxiety has been expressed on behalf of the Colonial and American soldiers in London. They are described as innocents who are an easy prey for ravening wolves of both sexes.

"My experience has convinced me that these young men are very well able to look after themselves and I am sure that they run no greater risk than do our own men. We must face the whole question of the morality of the streets. As a national problem of the first magnitude it must not be left for puritanical cranks and fanatical clergymen to try their hands upon. We have already seen some results of their ill-directed efforts. Take for example the closing of such places as the lounges and promenades of the music halls. What good has this done? None whatever."

MINERS BALLOT.

Balloting is taking place in most mining centres this week on the question of the acceptance of the Sankey Report. Messages from most districts indicate that the polls will reveal a considerable majority in favour.

After considering the official reports of the Miners Federation conferences, the executive committee of the National Union of Cokemen and By-product Workers decided to recommend all the members of the Union to vote in favour of acceptance of the Sankey Report and of the Government's offer.

They also expressed the opinion that the nationalisation of mines and kindred ndustries is the best system in the interests of the whole nation.

NO OLD SOLDIERS NEED APPLY.

On Saturday morning hundreds of colliers in the Swansea valley ceased work owing to the introduction of demobilised soldiers in one of the pits.

EMBARGO ON BEER.

Dockers at Liverpool and Birkenhead have refused to handle beer and spirits for export, on the ground that supplies are required at home. Owing to their action sixteen Liverpool shipping companies' vessels sailed without any such cargo and many firms of bottlers have been obliged to dismiss employes.

ASQUITH'S LETTERS OPENED.

"Wayfarer," writing in the *Nation* says that while Mr. Asquith was abroad he suffered the gross indignity of having his letters opened and examined by the censor, and that a remonstrance adressed to the War Office produced neither remedy nor apology.

WHEN LONDON WAS BOMBED

DAMAGE TO HOSPITALS.

Official reports of the London Fire Brigade show that twenty London hospitals suffered damage in the various aerial bombardments of London.

The worst damage was done in September 1917, when Charing Cross Hospital was hit. Two men and one woman were killed and twenty persons seriously injured.

POOR LAW GUARDIANS' ELECTIONS.

LABOUR GAINS MANY SEATS.

Numerous seats on Boards of Guardians were gained throughout the country by Labour representatives.

In the London borough of Bermondsey Labour contested all twenty-six seats and won six of them. The elected included a former domestic servant who is now an organiser of the National Federation of Women workers. A police constable who stood for St. Olave's Ward was defeated by the Rector.

Labour captured ten seats in Camberwell and fifteen out of twenty-four seats in Poplar.

Out of London they won thirteen out of nineteen at Enfield; twelve out of fifteen at Itchen, Southampton; four out of eleven contested seats at Walthamstow and eleven out of sixteen at Barrow.

PURELY ARTISTIC LANGUAGE OF MULE DRIVERS.

Brig.-General the Rev. Percy Devey, principal chaplain of the Army United board of Free churches, spoke at Whitefield's chapel yesterday afternoon. Addressing a general assembly of the London Brotherhood to welcome demobilised and discharged members, he referred to the wonderful vocabulary of the army. "Unless you have ever heard a mule transport driver you would never imagine the English language to be so rich. If only one could forget the awfulness of it, it becomes at once beautiful and purely artistic."

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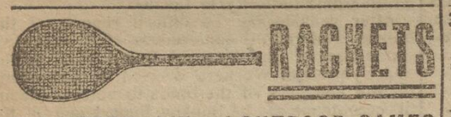
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MISSIONARIES OF EMPIRE.

It is many years since Hill Burton made his delightful excursion into the by-paths of history and followed the foot-steps of *The Scot Abroad*. Readers who might have been daunted by Burton's best known work have revelled in his story of an "auld alliance," of the Scots Guards, of Dugald Dalgetty and men of his kind, of statesmen, soldiers, and artists who have lived in exile and carried high the banner of their country. But our children will read a greater and nobler history; for it will be the story of the British Soldier Abroad, and its greatest chapter may well be "The Soldier on the Rhine."

This glimpse into the future reveals a warning and an inspiration. It is in the power of the Army of the Rhine to create a new view of the British Empire. Why do we say a new view? Let us be frank with ourselves. Our Empire has not always been regarded, even by peoples in alliance with us, as a fair, righteous creation of noble, disinterested statesmanship. We have had our critics, shrewd, sharp, and at times bitter, who have seen in our Empire only an ugly, rapacious imperialism, a monument of plausible but spurious altruism, an artful, political idealism that has paid us well in materialistic reality. "Perfidious Albion" has been a by-word, and it has often been uttered to our amazed chagrin. We cannot burke this candid review of our imperial history; we must face it bravely and yet hopefully.

To us it is a cardinal truth that our Empire entered this sorrowful and tragic war in defence and pursuit of an ideal which has never been long absent from the vision of our ablest and most representative statesmen throughout the centuries that lie behind us. How can we prove that we have fought for an ideal? It argues a lively faith in governmental books of varied hues, if one believes that these can prove to unwilling peoples the integrity of our national faith. There is a more excellent way than that of Blue Books and His Majestys's Stationery Offices. In a word or two, it is this: Let us show the men and women of Germany, that we are living and daily practising the ideals that we boast.

Let us make good our talk of freedom for the oppressed, of kindly interest in the down-trodden, of strict and honourable respect for covenants, of abhorrence of all that is brutal, and degrading, and unholy. We pride ourselves, and we believe pride ourselves justly, that we are a country that has bred, and still breeds sportsmen, fair-minded and chivalrous. Let the Army of the Rhine "play the game;" let it "play the man," all day and every day. We have nothing to do with politics — that is reserved for more fortunate or unfortunate people — we have nothing to do even with policy in its technical sense. But we keep our watch on the Rhine to carry out the policy of our leaders, and by our carrying out of that policy we can give flesh and blood to what shall make for a better and nobler world.

There lies our responsibility, and it is only proper that *The Cologne Post* should put the matter thus early before its growing mass of readers. Much has been said of the correct attitude of the British soldier towards the people amongst whom it is his duty to sojourn. Why should there be difficulty in defining our attitude? We have our Scylla and Charybdis, and we must steer clear of these dread perils. We must make up our minds to avoid a forgetful, effusive, unreal fraternization. Tolerance is one of the finest virtues, but tolerance is often easiest to the man of easy principles. It does not make for lasting good that we should forget all the past in an avalanche of dubious friendliness. But we must just as strenuously avoid arrogant superiority and ill-natured regard for a nation in its throes. *Vae victis* is a cruel cry that shall never disgrace our traditions.

Thus have we our task. The army of the Rhine can lend new glory to our country; its soldiers are, and must be, missionaries of Empire.

CELEBRTIES IN KHAKI.

What might have happened to some past and present notabilities had they been in the British Army as Tommies.

Told with extreme delicacy by W. E.

PRIVATE PADEREWSKI.

The Battalion of the 9th Notshires were on Parade. They presented the usual monotonous and conglomerated mass of super-blancoed packs to the eye.

No. 10 Platoon, "B" Company, was being inspected by its officer. Each man, as he came within range of that piercing eye, felt horribly conscious of some button undone, some buckle uncleaned, or some hair that had grown on his chin during the night.

The Platoon-Sergeant fondled his little note-book and pencil in smug anticipation of A.F.'s B. 252 to come.

At the ninth man, the Officer halted; the Platoon Sergeant's pencil itched for action. The Officer began to recite, and the pencil left corresponding traces in the note-book.

"Puttees not crossed — must have uniformity. Take his name and number, Sergeant! button undone; equipment not polished."

Here the Officer removes the man's cap, and a wealth of brown hair blots out the sun.

"Shocking hair — take his name!"

"Name?" snapped the Sergeant.

"Paderewski, Ignace Jan" was the reply.

"Pader-whatski?"

"Paderewski, Ignace Jan."

"Great Scott — any relation to the ivory thumper!"

"I am the pianist." The reply was superbly lofty.

The Company Commander heard the case next day, and the Sergeant wondered why C.B. was not the culprit's lot. Had he heard the Pte. Paderewski at the Officer Mess the next evening he would have ceased to wonder.

The first movement in the act of "slope arms" did not appear to be at all interesting to this strange man; and wherever he gave the "present" with bayonet fixed, the platoon Sergeant was always conscious of a feeling of calm thankfulness that he had made his will some time before.

Of course he was possessed of certain peculiarities of his own.

One morning the platoon was standing rigidly to attention while the platoon Officer (himself of very tender years) was inspecting a very *chic* young lady passing outside the gates. Suddenly a voice shouted "I've got it, I've got it!"

This was of course, perfectly abnormal, and the Officer, who had been "swotting" up "King's Regulations" the previous night for at least four consecutive minutes, was very dubious as to the correct steps to be taken to quell so strange a disturbance. However, he transferred his attention from a pair of silken openwork stockings to an animated private, hopping about on the next fellow's toe in the most pleasant manner possible.

"Got what?" asked the officer, who observing that Pte. Paderewski was diving frantically into his left pocket with both hands, naturally surmised that "it" was an unpleasant nocturnal visitor that had been causing the unfortunate private much annoyance during the previous night.

"Why, the final bar in my pianoforte Symphony — Opus 34!" shrieked the delighted musician, who thereupon hauled out a note-book and proceeded to pencil therein complicated collections of dots and dashes.

What then transpired is not on record, but the Officer was observed to cast a regretful eye on a fleeting feminine figure, fast fading on the horizon.

Much speculation — not unmixed, it is feared with unfair judgement — was aroused when Pte. Paderewski appeared at the breakfast table with his left eye in a very abnormal condition — both as to size and colour.

His modest, and correct explanation of this phenomenon was that while engaged on the mental production of a Funeral March in C sharp Minor, he had so far forgotten mundane affairs as to walk inadvertently into an iron lamp-post. His head was bent in reverie at the time and therefore it was his left optic only that bore testimony to his harrowing experience.

He would allow his objection to those delightful instruments known generally as "mouth-organs" to develop into a mania.

On the occasion of a touching ballad (that well-known melody wherein such pathetic tribute is paid to the lady from Armentière) being performed with much gusto by one misguided youth, a bullet fired by Pte. Paderewski through the keyhole grazed the performer's left hand.

It was then thought advisable by the Adjutant — to whom a report of this affair had been rendered in triplicate by Paderewski's unfortunate Company Commander — to divert his energies into some channel wherein there would be less scope for mischief-making.

So Pte. Paderewski was ordered to report to the Sanitary Corporal. This particular corporal was a good tempered individual, but when he found his new apprentice making a fountain with a hose-pipe and putting the sound to music, he reported the matter in deep indignation to higher authorities.

There was some talk of keeping him in the cookhouse, but he sat one day in musical abstraction, gazing at the saucepan while the pudding put the fire out.

This matter was also reported to the Adjutant, and there ensued a long and earnest interview with the M.O.

Up to the time of going to press it has not been decided what to do with so impossible a person.

The M.O.'s barman declares that Pte. Paderewski is to appear before a Medical Board and be marked "Category E" on account of fictional varicose veins in both legs: while the Band corporal swears to having been officially informed that he is to be initiated into the windy duties of a bugler, and be attached to the Band for pay and rations from the — th inst.

In my opinion the theory of the varicose veins is one which suggested itself as the most practical solution of this complicated problem.

THE PERFECT PIG.

CARYL R. MOLYNEUX.

Now this is the tail of the Perfect Pig,
And it's told when the twilight fails
And pigthieves lurk in the moonlight,
Telling each other tales.

Hans Breitmann was a farmer
In the valley of the Rhine;
He bred a lot of tow-haired brats,
But specialized in swine.
Through all that river country,
From the north unto the south,
Hans Breitmann's chops and sausages
Were praised by every mouth.

Hans Breitmann fed his darlings
On the best procurable,
The thought that pigs should suffer want
Was simply unendurable.
So these proud little piglets.
Waxed fat and ever fatter.
And though the brats got lean and thin.
That really didn't matter.

Hans Breitmann had a neighbour
An evil man and hard,
Who looked with eyes of envy
On Breitmann's pigstye yard.
And trained to blood and slaughter
In many a hard-fought fight,
He stole and slew a piglet,
In the middle of the night.

Hans Breitmann's happy Country.
Is at present overrun.
By a strong victorious Army
Which will civilize the Hun.
There are sentry posts and orders.
And a strong determination.
That 9. p. m. as bedtime.
Is a standard for the nation.

Hans Breitmann's evil neighbour.
At I. a. m. essayed
To pass a watchful sentry
Of the 96th Brigade.
The sentry called — the neighbour dropped
His load of pork and lard,
And the little pig was confiscate
By "order of the Guard".

SOLDIER STUDENTS.

HOME AND OVERSEA EXCHANGE.

With regard to the Government scheme of assistance for the education and training of ex-Service officers and men, it has been decided that officers and men of British nationality, who have served during the war in the naval, military, or air forces of the Crown for which payment is made out of moneys provided by the Parliament of the United Kingdom, shall be eligible for assistance to pursue courses of higher education at Universities, or courses in agriculture, or in offices and works.

Arrangements are also being made that a limited number of officers and men ordinarily domiciled in the United Kingdom, who have the above qualifications, shall be eligible for assistance to pursue courses of the like nature in the British Dominions oversea, or in foreign countries.

With regard to that part of the scheme relating to higher education and which is administered by the Board of Education, qualified oversea officers and men may be assisted to pursue a course of university standard in the United Kingdom. Conversely, qualified and specially selected officers and men ordinarily domiciled in the United Kingdom may be assisted to pursue courses of higher education at oversea universities in the British Empire, or in some cases at foreign universities.

Forms of application may be obtainable shortly at the district offices of the Appointments Department of the Ministry of Labour, and at other centres.

EDUCATION NOTES.

BEING ACTUAL EXTRACTS FROM RECENT ARMY EXAMINATION PAPERS.

Oliver Cromwell landed his army into England at the Battle of Hastings, 1066.

The Battle of Waterloo was in 1066 between the British and French in square formation.

Lord Kitchener made his name in the Indian Mutiny when he captured Khartoum.

An ismus is a river with no outlet to the sea.

The Battle of Trafalgar was in 966 against the Spaniards.

A HARD TASK.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir. — We would be very pleased if you would give us the name of the Driver in an Occupation A.F.A. Battery who boiled an egg for his tea, and, when trying to cut the top off, found out it was a pot egg. —

A READER.

feet.

T.P.T.— Yes, so far as we know. You must ask your Adjutant for fuller particulars. See note at foot of next column of this page.

EXTRACTS FROM THE LETTERS OF A PRODIGAL.

PART TWO.

"SMILES AND BATHS."

The monotony of our quiet village life gets broken once or twice a week, generally on Mondays and Tuesdays. On these days we are supposed to go to the baths. These are situated in a town about three miles away, and a lorry is provided for those finnicky members of the battery who desire baths.

Spring having arrived with all its freshness, and the *vin blanc* kind of youthfulness imparted by the balmy air giving me heart, I took soap and towel and proceeded to the baths with some other adventurous spirits.

Inside the lorry, while on the journey, I found myself next to "Lummie."

"Lummie" is an old comrade — very old, indeed, in appearance. He has more lines on his wrinkled old face than you could find on a contoured map of Switzerland. Yea, when he smiles, a weird beauty steals over the two halves of his face, which I can only liken unto the shrivelling of slowly-incinerated sausage skins.

Here is a reminiscence of Lummie.

While seated behind him one day at the "Kins" at Cartigny, I noticed a strange thing happen. A film was being shown depicting Charlie Chaplin earning his £200,000 a year and the usual fits of laughter were exploding in rapid succession. I was enjoying the film immensely, but I could not help noticing how Lummie was smiling, in spite of the fact that I was seated behind him. Suddenly the strange thing happened!

The reel had just reached the climax of one of Chaplin's spasms of magnificent foolery, at which Lummie smiled so much that his ears actually passed each other at the back of his neck!

I felt very much alarmed, especially when, — his smile relaxing, — his ears became *choc-a-bloc*. Anyhow, I unhitched them, and told Lummie to be more careful about the use of his face. He retorted to the effect that if he had one like mine he would not care what he did with it as long as he could get rid of it.

And so the incident closed.

The lorrie blundered along on its cumbrous way with a swirl and many a sway. It was being driven by a "learner". This "learner" has quite a lot to learn before he becomes sufficiently efficient to be trusted with a ration lorry, or some such other vehicle of importance. As it was, we were only a "bath party," there being about twenty of us packed inside, and a valuable sergeant outside with the driver, a load good enough to practice with, anyhow.

As we entered the town the learner noticed the "Traffic Twister" at the cross-roads and, being doubtful for the moment on which side of the policeman he should pass, he split the difference and drove straight for him with a terrific "honking."

I didn't know that an M.F.P. was allowed to use violent and insulting language; but this one did, whether or no, and did it quite well. Anyhow, he was only bumped a bit, and the learner kept the old Thorneycroft on its erratic course. There are some sharp turnings in this little town, but our learner did not despise the pavement. Such difficulties as M.F.P's. and street-corners to him only existed to be conquered.

Nevertheless, it was an angry crowd that reached the baths. One stern critic advised the "learner" to try his hand at cow driving. Another called him a "bolsheviking Spartacist." He was called other things, too numerous, and lurid, to mention.

However, we had reached the baths, and as the remainder filed into the steam-filled building I pulled my friend Lummie aside. "Lummie," I said, "Do you remember the last bath with me"? He replied, "Why don't you sing it"?. I then reminded him how we had bathed together in the Somme after the "March Retreat" of 1918. I also reminded him about the awful colds we both acquired after our bathge, — colds bad enough to cause us to "cad" for spare "tots" from our teetotal comrades!

Lummie looked at me and then creased his face into a right-eyed wink. He then remarked that it would be sad if, after all the ordinary perils of war, we were to die a common death from pneumonia.

The sergeant was listening.

Anyhow, all fears about having to face the rigours of the cold shower-bath were dispelled when the custodian of the baths announced to the sergeant in charge of our party.

"No barves for your lot to-day, sergeant. You're too late! Come again next week!" Thereupon did Lummie and I look up to the sky and thanked our imaginary stars for another week's respite, and we all *walked* back to the battery.

W. G. K.

OPERA HOUSE ACCOMMODATION.

In Sunday's issue of *The Cologne Post* we published a letter which dealt with the system of allotting seats at the Opera House. It must be stated that some of the arguments put forth in that letter were erroneous, and for the benefit of the writer and for persons with similar complaints we publish a copy of the system which was originally adopted and has since been strictly adhered to by those in charge of this particular work. — Ed.

SYSTEM OF ALLOTMENT OF TICKETS FOR THE OPERA HOUSE.

Tickets for the portion reserved by the British Authorities in the Opera House are issued to Corps, Cavalry Division and Army Troops by allotment. This applies to the whole of the Rhine Army.

Tickets are available six days in advance of performance and are held by the Army Amusements Officer. This Officer must be advised by H.Q. of the various formations how many vacancies in their allotment they wish to take up, three days prior to the performance; any tickets remaining are then placed in a pool and are for sale at the Theatre Box Offices (Officers and Other Ranks) on the morning of the third day prior to the Opera, to first-comers.

No more than two tickets care sold to one person, unless he holds a signed note from his Commanding Officer bearing the Office Stamp of his Unit.

Officers pay full subscription price slightly enhanced, which enables the Military authorities to allow their Other Ranks to see the Opera at less than half price.

All applicants for tickets from the Army Troops must apply to Army Amusements Officer. The distribution is made as fairly as possible, but it must be remembered that if every one claimed a ticket each person could only see the Opera once every 60 nights.

APRIL.

Avaunt bitter wind and wintry blast! (9)
Prepare for Spring's advance, and breath thy last;
Relinquish thy reign; find solace in the past;
Indubitable Spring doth change the season's caste.
Light are Nature's garments now the Winter's garb is cast.

OPERA HOUSE AND THEATRE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	OPERA	DRAMA
Tuesday	Rigoletto Slav dances	Gespenster
Wednesday	Der Freischütz	Johannisfeuer
Thursday	Das Glöckchen des Eremiten	Sappho
Friday	Tannhäuser	Im weissen Rössl
Saturday	Königskinder	Seeschlacht
Sunday	Der fliegende Holländer	Fiesco
Monday	Mignon	Gespenster
Tuesday	Fidelio	Seeschlacht

The hours at which the opera commences are: Tuesday 5.0 p.m.; Wednesday 4.30 p.m.; Thursday 5.0 p.m.; Friday 4.0 p.m.; Saturday 5.0 p.m.; Sunday 5.0 p.m.; Monday 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday 5.0 p.m.

OUR BAND.

A TALE OF "D" COY, 52ND RIFLE BRIGADE.

"If you want a thing hard enough you can generally get it" is becoming a Battalion motto.

We applied it in "Don Troop." We wanted a band—oh! how we wanted a band! We route marched and got tired and—well you know what happens. The step begins to go; your throat gets dry and you can't sing; the man in front of you will keep changing his step; your pack suddenly develops knobs on the inside; the bit of road you' re marching on has all the highest lumps and the deepest ruts, and altogether life is just one damn thing after another.

You know that feeling? I thought so.

Somebody starts shouting "Left! right! left! right!" and it is'nt a bit inspiring. You only hope he'll choke himself and let you alone. Perhaps you even express the hope out loud in a thoughtless moment and somebody takes your name and tells you, you are for orders. And that isn't a bit inspiring either and doesn't help you any. You want a band—oh! how you want a band! Well we've got a band. It hasn't any cornets or clarionets or euphoniums or things. We just got a supply of mouth organs of the same pitch, a pair of cymbals and a side-drum. A little practice and there you are. Sometimes when the tune we're playing is a little new and strange I admit it is a little difficult to tell whether it's the Tschaikowsky "1812 Overture" or "My Mother Bids me Bind my Hair". But what matter? It sorts itself out after a while and anyway the swing of it carries us along. It helps us over the rough bits.

The Adjutant's horse is tremendously keen on it. It almost played the drum with its front feet on the last route-march. But the greatest thing the band has done has still to be told.

The rabbits that the Hun keeps in the cellar of our billet where we practise are breeding fast. But, *mirabile dictu*, I looked through the grating this morning and saw a full-grown pig. Talk about intensive culture! You can't beat our band.

"One of them".

"THE KNOTS" CONCERT PARTY.

"The Knots" Concert Party, composed of men of the 1/5th Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment gave a successful show at Kommern on Friday.

A duet by Lce-Cpl. Chilley and the "Leading Lady" Pte. Edwards, or "Queenie" the sobriquet affectionately given to "her" by the troops, was of a very high-class order and gave each of them ample scope for their abilities. They were accorded persistent encores and various other items had to be cut out of the programme in consequence. Pte. Griffiths, the comedian, convulsed the audience with his quaint ways and funny stories. There appears to be a future for this young man. "Winnie," another impersonatior of the fair sex, was Pte. Follett and "her" dance with Pte. Beardmore was a turn much appreciated. Pte. Sanctuary, a light Baritone, well known on the Birkenhead concert plaetforms, was twice encored for his singing. Ptes. Hicks and Beardmore seemed glued together when singing and dancing in their clever "simultaneous" act.

Prior to the ending of the concert by the National Anthem, a screaming farce entitled *The Variety Agency* was given by the party.

"The Knots" Concert party will shortly go on tour with the kind permission of the Commanding Officer Lt. Col. A. White D.S.O.

BILLIARD MATCH WANTED

April 6th Dear Sir. — Reference article, headed "Billiard handicap at Solingen," which appeared in your paper dated Saturday, April 5th. In this article "Nicolo" wonders if he could find a quartette to beat their little lot. A match of this kind would no doubt raise a great deal of interest. Our quartette would only be too pleased to arrange a match. An English billiard table is available for such a match at the Y. M. C. A. Lindenthal. A return match no doubt could be arranged to take place at Solingen, I would be obliged if you would refer this letter to "Nicolo." — Opposition.

JOTTINGS FROM BLESSEM.

BY A.S.W.

Like the majority of very small villages in the occupation area, Blessem is an interesting spot where the inhabitants seem to do very little else but work, and it is amusing to note with what astonishment they view the sporting efforts of the members of No 18 Field Ambulance, who are at present "at home" in Blessem.

At football the Ambulance has done very well, our last victory (5—0) being against No 4 Coy A.S.C. on the 3rd inst.

A Cross Country run on the 4th was a great success. A field of about 30 turned out, including the veteran "Teddy" Q.M.S. Barber, a well-known Northern runner of over 20 years ago. He celebrated the 23rd anniversary of his victory against France by setting the pace and coming in second in this event.

Result: 1.- Haworth; 2.- Q.M.S. Barlow; 3.- Elms 4.- Rashbrook; 5.- Dallas; 6.- Cpl. Blethenck.

Twice a week the lightfooted trip merrily to the strains of the Ambulance Orchestra and one night is reserved for a whist drive.

The Ambulance fortunately possesses a good number of officers N.C.O.'s and men very keen at sport and we are getting ready to challenge "all and sundry" at Cricket and Tennis.

E. Farnfield will play for Fulham v. Clapton Orient to day.

In a hockey match at Woolwich on Thursday the R. A. (Woolwich) beat the R. A. F. (Uxbridge) by 7—0.

Closing scores: Peall (in play), 3,502; Elphick, 1,851. Breaks: Peall 230, 133, 106, 130; Elphick 79.

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

English League Defeated at Glasgow.

BRILLIANT DISPLAY BY HARDY.

The following were the results of the principal matches played on Saturday:

Scottish League 3 | **English League** 2

ENGLAND

W. Bromwich Alb.	3	Derby County	1
Wolverh. Wanderers	1	Aston Villa	1
Manchester City	1	Stoke	0
Oldham Athletic	4	Bolton Wanderers	1
Burslem Portvale	1	Manchester United	3
Stockport County	0	Everton	1
Preston North-end	1	Burnley	0
Birmingham	0	Notts County	3
Bradford	5	Leeds City	0
Grimsby Town	2	Lincoln City	1
Notts Forest	0	Leicester Fosse	2
Huddersfield Town	5	Bradford City	0
Coventry City	1	Hull City	3
Sunderland	0	Darlington Forge	2
Durham City	2	South Shields	2
Scotswood	4	Hartlepool United	1
Woolwich Arsenal	2	Chelsea	1
Millwall	3	Brentford	0
Fulham	2	Clapton Orient	0
Crystal Palace	2	Tottenham Hotspur	2
Quen's Park R.	1	West Ham United	3
Blackburn Rovers	1	Blackpool	1
Bury	0	Rochdale	3
Liverpool	4	Southport Vulcan	2

SCOTLAND

Falkirk	2	Partick Thistle	2
Airdrieonians	1	Queen's Park	2
Clydebank	2	Hibernians	1
Dumbarton	4	3rd. Lanark	3
Hearts of Midlothian	1	Greenock Morton	1
Hamilton "Accies"	2	Kilmarnock	0
St. Mirren	1	Motherwell	0

COLOGNE AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL.

The following results have also come to hand:

10th Corps Sigs	3	21 and 29 C.C.S.	2
9th D.L.I.	0	51st N. F'. s	0
A Bty. 51st Bde.	2	Lowland M. T.	1
92nd Field Amb	7	4th. Suffolks	1
XCoy 51st.Battn.R.S.R.	2	Hdqrs. Coy	0
W Coy „ „ „	3	Z Coy	0
141st. Field Amb.	4	25 Bde. R.F.A.	1
C. Coy. 5th. K.O.Y.L.I.	1	A Coy.	0

SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND INTER LEAGUE.

At Ibrox Park, Glasgow, on Saturday before 70.000 spectators, Scotland defeated England in a return Inter-League match by 3 goals to 2. During the first half, the Scots benefited from a slight wind in their favour. Hardy was tested twice during the first 3 minutes, and on both occasions saved. Immediately afterwards England crossed the mid-field and for the first time Clennel with a long low shot defeated Shaw.

The home backs were thereafter troubled, but Wright relieved. The play was then transferred to the other end. Richardson kept putting the ball in Hardy's hands. The game was now of a very fast description, smart work being performed time and again by the Scottish forwards. After 20 minutes play Richardson equalised with a soft shot.

Five minutes later Elliot gave England the lead but Richardson soon equalised. Both Goalkepers were now busy. Near the interval Mc. Menemy scored. At half time the score stood as follow: —

Scotland 3
England 2.

It was Scotland's game in the second half; the forwards especially showing good combination. The game ended without further scoring, Hardy doubtless saving England from a heavier defeat.

On the first occasion where the teams met at Birmingham towards the end of February the English eleven won by 3 goals to 1. England has not won an Inter-Legue match in Scotland since the season of 1904—5.

ENGLAND V. BELGIUM.

Military Football Match at Brussels.

Brussels, Sunday.

An international military football match between Belgium and England took place at Brussels in the presence of the King of the Belgians, Prince Leopold, and a numerous public, including many Belgian and Allied officers.

The British won the match by 4 goals to 2

92nd Bde. R.G.A. JOTTINGS.

The old 4th Brigade have been taken over by and assumed the name of the 92nd Brigade.

Football has practically come to an end except for section matches in the various batteries In the 2/1 North Midland H.B. the B.A.C. run out easy winners. On Saturday afternoon the Brigade Officers beat th N.C.O.s. and men at Mulheim by 2 goals to love.

Energies are now mostly confined to the Athletic Sports which will if possible be held at Opladen on Saturday, May 3rd. The cross-country race will be run on April 26th. There will be an open quarter-mile, and inter-battery an individual competitions.

A cricket ground is being got into order, and should be ready for play next month.

The Brigade concert party has been reorganized and will soon be in working order again.

92nd. FIELD AMBULANCE v 4th SUFFOLKS

At Troisdorf on Saturday afternoon the 92nd Field Ambulance played the 4th Suffolks when the former proved themselves throughout the superior team.

The Ambulance men were easy winners, the result being:

92nd Field Ambulance 7
4th Suffolks . . . . . 1.

The results in the Snookers' Pool championship were: Mr. R. Terrick, 116; Mr. S. A. Mussabini, 51; Lieut H. Daly, 153; Mr. J. Thurston, 110; Mr. A. R. Wisdom, 139; Mr. F. Shepherd, 117.

RUGBY.

NEW ZEALAND SUCCESS.

In the Inter-services Rugby Tournament at Edinburgh on Saturday, New Zealand defeated the Mother Country by six points to three.

2nd. BDE. R.A.F. v. 93rd. (late 10th) BDE. R.G.A.

This match was played on the Bickendorf aerodrome ground on Saturday, on an afternoon more suited for cricket than rugger. The ground too was very hard, and accounted for not a few minor casualties.

The R.G.A. scored an unconverted try in the first five minutes. The play was then fairly even until half-time when the score stood at 8-6 in favour of the R.A.F.

In the second half the gunner forwards showed their superiority, and rushed the ball into the R.A.F. twenty-five. Cpl. Towhill R.G.A. was twice unlucky in missing an attempt at a dropped goal. Finally the R.G.A. scored two more tries, one being converted and the game concluded with the score standing at 14 points to 6 in their favour. The R.A.F. were unfortunate in having their scrum half knocked out at an early period of the game, and were compelled to play one man short.

10th CORPS SIGNALS V 21 and 29 C.C.S.

After beating "The Tigers" by 3 goals to 2. the Corps Sig. team entired the third round of the Bonn Competition.

On Sunday they beat the 21 and 29 C.C.S. team by 3 goals to 1. The game was played under ideal weather conditions and proved most interesting to the spectators.

Both teams scored once before the interval. After 15 minutes play Brown scored his second goal for Sigs in fine style. Jaust before the whistle sounded full time Williams added a third after a good scramble in front of goal.

The semi-finals will be played on the 9th and 10th inst.

THE BURSCHEID LEAGUE.

The Southern Divisional Engineers in order to keep alive interest in football in units which are being demobilized and reformed have formed a league called the Burscheid League composed of the Southern Division Signal Coy, 455th Field Coy R.E., 497th Field Coy R.E., 510th Field Coy R.E., "L" Battery R.H.A., and 2nd Southern Brigade H.Q.

Great interest is being showed in the matches but owing to the players being demobilized the teams are continually varying in strength.

The results up to and including Saturday March 29th were as follow.

Unit	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Total points
455 Fd. Co.	3	2	—	1	5
497 Fd. Co.	3	2	—	1	5
L. Batty	4	2	2	—	4
510 Fd. Co.	3	2	1	—	4
87 Brig. H.Q.	3	—	2	1	1
29 Sigs	4	—	3	1	1

A. BTY., 51st. BDE. — LOWLAND M. T.

An enjoyable football match was played on Saturday afternoon between "A." Bty, 51st Bde and the Lowland M.T. The former won by two goals to one, the scorers being Casall, Lee, and Dunn.

INTER-COMPANY COMPETITION.

The results of the 51st. Batt. Royal Sussex Regt. Inter-Company Football Competition played last week were as follows: —

X Company 2 — Hqrs. Company 0
W Company 3 — Z Company 0.

5th K.O.Y.L.I. Inter-Company Championship.

The final of the 5th K.O.Y.L.I. Inter-Company Championship was played on Saturday. and a very finely contested game was witnessed between "A" and "C" Companies. When the whistle blew at the end of the second half neither side had scored, and extra time was played.

Just before the change of ends Lt. Taylor consumated a fine movement by "C" Coy forwards, and as there was no more scoring this company retain the championship.

9th D.L.I. v. 51st N.F.s

FAST GAME AT LINDENTHAL, COLOGNE.

The Durhams kicked off against the sun, which troubled the players not a little. The game was very fast and evenly-contested, the home team having a slight advantage. They eame very near to scoring on two occasions, ones when a dropping shot by Holborn struck tee crossbar. and again when the goalkeeper took the ball through his own goal in saving from Stevenson. The referee gave the defenders the benefit of the doubt and allowed the game to proceed. Half time arrived without any scoring.

In the second half, with the sun behind them, the Durhams set the pace and play was almost entirely in the opponents, half of the field. The home team were showing pretty combination and had hard luck in not scoring. The hard ground and lively ball made scoring difficult. A bouncing ball robbed Holborn of a certein goal. Garrity also had a try from close range, but the ball struck the goalkeeper, and Holborn put past from the rebound. The game finished shortly after with the Durhams still pressing. The visitors played a hard game but lacked the polish of the home team who showed pretty footwork at times.

Result. - No. scoring.

ENGLISH RACING NEWS.

WINDSOR MEETING.

There was a very large attendance at Windsor on Saturday. The weather was fine but dull, and the going was good.

The chief event was a Castle H'cap which was won by Jack Hole, who passed the post six lengths ahead of Miss Cheek. Celandine was a bad third.

The winner and second started at 9 to 4 agst, Celandine at 20 to 1. Prices against other winners at Windsor were 11 to 4 Brome Daisy; 5 to 4 Clap Gate; 11 to 8 Lady Viola; 5 to 1 Ample; 4 to 7 Dinah Morris.

After a lapse of four years, owing to the war, the annual competition for the "Golf Illustrated" Gold vase will be held on the course of the Mid-Surrey Golf Club on Friday, June 13. The competition is open to all amateurs rated at scratch or better.

Arrangements are to be made for the London Welsh Club to resume active operations next season.

Owing to the success of the many public schools matches at Richmond during the Christmas Holidays, the Rosslyn Park Club have arranged another series of public school contests for Easter.

The schools of the North will play the schools of the South, in the series of public schools matches, at Richmond, at the end of this week.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

BY "METEOR".

Tuesday, April 8th., 1919.

Surface wind light from between SE and SW. Fine but misty in the early morning: fair and hazy later. Cool morning and night; warmer in the day.

SPORT REFLECTIONS.

WITH AN OCCASIONAL ENTERTAINMENTS NOTE.

Lance-Corporal V. R. Chilley, who is the capable producer and stagemanager of the Knot's Concert Party is well known on the music-hall and concert stages in England. For a considerable time before joining the Army, he was with the George Edwardes' and Miss Bertha Rolland's company in "The Girl in the Train," while his efforts on this side of the channel have entertained thousands of troops. When he returns to Theatre land in England, Lance Corporal Chilley will no doubt be even better equipped professionally than he was in pre-war days as a result of his experiences in performing for so long before the most critical of audiences — the British soldier.

Tennis for Officers.

The officers who are in the hands of the 36 C.C.S. people, at the hospital near Saxon Ring, have recently been complaining of a difficulty in killing time. Even "*The Cologne Post*" does not provide entertainment for the whole day, so that when its contents have been digested, with the bacon and eggs, they have arrived at a loose-end in the way of interesting amusement. The advent of summer-like weather, however, has turned everyone's attention to out-door occupations and convalescent officers have succeded, during the past few days, in improving the tennis court at the back of the hospital with the result that it is now in excellent playing condition. The amusements officer is arranging for the equipment of the court.

"Get out!"

An incident that caused a good deal of amusement among those who saw it, occurred in the E.F.C. Officers' Club the other evening. A very young and very innocent-looking sub, in describing one of the bouts in the recent boxing tournament for the edification of three or four friends, stood up and reeled about his chair by way of illustrating his remarks. At that moment a major came on the scene and mistook our young friend's evolutions for signs of inebriation. Carefully adjusting his monocle and pointing a threatening finger towards the door he thundered "Get out!" and startled the sub out of his wits. He was too amazed even to offer any explanation, and saluting smartly and with a "yessir" he made a bee-line for the exit and did not even remain long enough to wish his friends good-night.

The Atmosphere of Germany.

The great love for heat displayed on all hands by the German people has been the subject of quite a lot of comment on the part of their uninvited guests, the English soldiers. Fresk air appears to be hated like the plague for in practically every building, closed windows and doors and enormous fires are the rule. To the stifling atmosphere in hotels, shops and private houses our lungs are unaccustomed and our craving for pure air seems to amaze the Germans. The arrival of the warm weather we have experienced during the past few days has been the signal for practically all soldiers to discard great-coats. For the sake of curiosity, I counted the number of Germans who passed this office who were wearing overcoats. Out of 86 men only four had he courage to leave their coats behind!

Cricket.

A conference, at which the prospects of cricket are to be discussed, is to be held to-day by the Physical and Recreational Training Staff in Cologne. Many interesting points are to be raised and suggestions for overcoming the difficulties caused by the lack of suitable playing grounds are to be considered. A report of the proceedings will appear in to-morrows issue of this paper.

THE RAMBLER.

141st FIELD AMBULANCE VERSUS 25th BDE. R.F.A.

The above named teams played a friendly football match on Sunday at Rheinbach. From the kick-off the Ambulance early asserted their superiority, the forwards passing and combining well. In the first ten minutes Cpl. Kirkby, who has just returned from the B.E.F. trial games, placed the ball neatly out of the Artillery goalkeeper's reach and a few minutes later Pte. Riding drove home a fine pass from the left. After this reverse the gunners took up the running but the Ambulance defence was very sure though they had to acknowledge defeat by a beautiful "header" by Dr. Saunders. Play was very close after this till half-time. On the resumption play was again close, but the Ambulance wore down the opposition and Cpl. Kirkby and Pte. Riding added another goal each, the Ambulance running out comfortable winners of an interesting game by 4 goals to 1.

Sporting Snippets.

W. Ross, Edinburgh, Northern Harriers, was first in the Scottish Ten Miles Amateur Running Championship held at Glasgow on Saturday. He won by 25 yards, his time being 56 minutes, 9.2/5 seconds.

In the Billiard's level match, on Saturday, of 7000 up, Peall beat Alphick, the scores being 7000 to 3962.

The results of the boxing matches at Nice are as follows: —

Apollon beat Nardo with a knock-out blow; Lavondez beat Payon also by a knock-out; Saint Clic beat Pascal in the same manner; and the same result followed the match between Mattin and Malled. Balzac defeated Marchand on points.

At Ayr on Saturday the winners were Lord Glencairn (15/8); Lady Sylvia (1/2); Playing Field (2/1); Off the White (4/6); Kniphofia (1/2); and Gotha (5/4).

Four thonsand spectators including the Prince ot Wales and Prince Albert witnessed the inter-services rugly tournament at Twickenham on Saturday, when Australia beat Canada by 38—0.

Overheard in a match at Siegburg as the ball travelled like a shot into the net: —

"Who kicked that goal?"

"Lieut. Simpson."

"Lieut. Simpson? Why, I thought that with that speed behind it it must have been Samson!'

Mc. Nair, of Celtic, had to withdraw from the Scottish League team who played the English League, at Glasgow, on Saturday, on account of an injured leg.

Arrangements are being made for the London Welsh Club to resume active operations next season.

ROYAL SUSSEX SPORTS.

51st Battalion's Excellent Meeting at Wahn.

Glorious weather, a delightfully situated ground, numerous entries for the various events, an admirably organised programme, and good music combined to make the 51st Sussex's sports meeting at Wahn yesterday (Monday) a great success.

The officials were :—

President of Regimental Athletic Sports: Major F. Cassels, D.S.O.;

Sub-President:—Capt. H.H. Story, M.C..; Referee—Lieut. Col. V.T.R. Ford, D.S.O.; Judges—Capt. W. Collingbourne, M.C., Capt. R.C. Baylis, Capt. R.U. Thatcher, Capt. W.H. Ferguson, Capt. D.T.W. Gourlay, Capt. F.J. Spencer, M.C.; Starter—Major F. Cassels, D.S.O.; Clerk of Course—Capt. H. Horst; Timekeeper—Lieut. C.E. Fairhurst; Recorders—Lieut. B.H. Collet, and C.S.M. Simmons; Measurers—Lieut. C. Bland and 2nd. Lt. S.T. Valentine; Marshal—Regtl. Sergt. Major W.D. Sargent; Dressing Room Steward—C.S.M. Hoskins, D.R. Ordely: Pte. Callahan.; Groundsman—Sergt. Hammond.; Blackboard—C.S.M. Bell, Corp. Trueman. Judges Orderlies—Judge's Runners; Lap Scorers—2nd Lieut. M.C. Stiles and C.S.M. Wells; Secretary: Lieut. B.H. Collet; Canteen: Lieut. Moralee. Totalisator: 2nd Lieut. Cottrell, Sergt. Batcheler, and Sergt. Baglee.

Humour was not entirely lacking from the proceedings, the foolery of Corpl. Hankin, Lce. Cpl. Newman, Sig. Drew and others, in various fantistic garb causing a good deal of merriment throughout the afternoon.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the prizes were presented to the winners by Lt. Col. V. T. R. Ford, D. S. O., who preceded this duty with a happily worded little speech.

RESULTS:

100 yards scratch: 1, 2nd Lieut. T. P. O'Brien; 2, Capt. Collingbourne, M. C., 3, Corpl. Sirrett.

220 yards scratch: 1, 2nd Lieut. Westlake; 2, Corpl. Sirrett; 3, Lce. Cpl. Warren.

440 yards scratch: 1, 2nd Lieut. O'Brien; 2, Pte. Ford; 3, Pte. Marley.

One mile scratch: 1, Corpl. Champkin; 2, 2nd Lieut. Castle; 3, Sergt. James. Time: 4 mins. 44 secs.

Hurdle Race (120 yards): 1, 2nd Lieut. O'Brien; 2, Lce. Cpl. Warren; 3, Pte. Allard.

Sack Race (100 yards): 1, Pte. Seaman; 2, Sergt. Dawes; 3, Lce. Cpl. Missen.

Wheel-barrow Race (80 yards): 1. Sgt. Bridger and Sgt. Wilson; 2. Pte. Duffell and Pte. Hayman; 3. Pte. Grimes and Pte. Perkins.

High Jump: 1. 2nd Lt. L. B. Mathews; 2. L.-Cpl. Hubert; 3. Pte. Jeffs.

Long Jump: 1. 2nd Lt. Westlake; 2. Cpl. Kattens; 3. Pte. Ridgeway.

Throwing Cricket Ball: 1. Sgt. Standen; 2. Pte. Griggs; 3. 2nd Lt. Westlake.

Putting the Shot: 1. 2nd Lt. O'Brien; 2. L.-Cpl. Taylor; 3. Capt. Horst.

Relay Race: W. Company.

Backward Race: X. Company.

REGIMENTAL SPORTS MEETING.

KEEN COMPETITION FOR INTER-COMPANY CHALLENGE CUP.

The 52nd Battery, Royal Sussex Regt., spent the midweek a month ago travelling from Sheringham, Norfolk, to Germany and, after a week-end—Friday to Thursday—in Siegburg, has settled down at Wahn, in the hutment camp, where landscape-gardening, with the aid of branches from the surrounding woods, has been the chief occupation of spare moments. The camp now looks much less bare and desolate than it did a month ago.

On the football ground on Saturday, April the 5th, when a regimental sports meeting was held, the proceedings were so thoroughly British and homelike that it was difficult to realise one was in the midst of foreign land. It was the lack of the cheerful and animating presence of lady visitors that brought to mind most acutely the sense of distance from home.

The keenest competition was maintained throughout the sports. For the inter-company challenge cup, awarded on points gained during the day, three Companies,—B, C, and D, tied with 12 points. An additional race was run to decide the issue and 2nd Lieut. Randell captured the cup for "D" Company, — which was afterwards photographed in a monster group with the cup in the centre.

AN OVATION.

Some admirable running talent came to light during the afternoon. In the mile, Pte. Payne, A Coy, who has done big things in this way back home, and who has quite extraordinary stayng power and steadiness, took a long lead from the start and came in apparently as fresh as paint. He received an ovation and is expected to do great things for the Battery at divisional meetings.

In the sprints and quarter-mile Lt. Robinson, C. Coy, and Cpl. Hallowes B Coy, showed fine form and Cpl, Farthing, C. Coy, and Cpl. King, B. Coy, did well in jumping contests.

EXCITING CONTEST.

The tug-of-war was contested amidst great excitement. H.Q. Coy with the Adjutant and Transport Officer amongst them, were a hefty team and had rather an easy victory against A Company. C. Company with Sgt. Staffora as a tower of strength, showed up well in the preliminaries and proved more than a match for H.Q. in the final but only a very little. after a herculean contest.

The blindfold race caused much amusement. Competitors wandered all over the field and continued long after the race was over. One competitor, with a sure instinct, made straight for the prize table.

The prizes were distributed by the Second-in Command, Major Mac-Roberts D.S.O., M.C. in the absence oft he G.O.C., 103rd Brigade, who was unavoidably prevented from attending.

THE RESULTS:

The following were the results:

100 yards: 1. Sec. Lieut. Randall (D); 2. Cpl. Hallowes (B); 3. Sec. Lieut. Robinson (C).

440 yards: 1. Lieut. Randall; 2. Pte Mc Kenzie (A).

Sack Race: 1 Pte Bowyer (C); 2. Pte Hyne (B).

Wheelbarrow race: — 1 Pte. Cushway and Pte. Crow (B); 2 Pte. Wise and L/C. Fry (D).

220 yards: 1 Lt. Robinson (C); 2 Cpl. Hallowes (B).

One mile: 1 Pte. Payne (A); 2 Pte. Mc Kenzie (A).

High Jump: 1 Cpl. Farthing (C); 2 Cpl. King (B).

Long Jump: 1 Lieut. Randall (D); 2 Cpl. King (B); 3 Sgt. Harris (A).

Tug of War: — C Coy beat H.Q. Coy

Blinfold race: — 1 Pte. Middleton (B); 2 Cpl. King (B).

120 yards hurdle race: 1 Cpl. Farthing (C); 2 Cpl. Hallowes (B).

Putting the shot: 1 Lt. Blonch (H.Q.); 2 Cpl. King (B).

Relay race: 1 D Coy; 2 B Coy

Horse Race (Officers): 1 Sec. Lieut. Houghton; 2 Sec. Lieut. Macklin.

Mule race: 1 L C. Leaney; 2 Pte. Spring.

Horse race (Officers' grooms): 1. Pte. Carey; 2 Pte. Payne. —

Officials-Starter: Capt. W. F. Richmond M. C.; Time Keepers: — Capt. H. S. Wellington, Capt. J. D. Watt; Judges: Major C. E. Goad M. C.; Capt. C. E. Going M. C.; Capt. A. M. Simkins M. C.

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SPORT.

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PERSONAL.

See "Cologne Bulletin", April 2nd, for particulars of inter sting competition for your folks at home. They compete for prizes for you by making useful garments for the poor children in the areas overrun by the Germans. Write "Competition", 44, Friesenstrasse, Cologne.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We are continually receiving numerous questions which should not come to us at all because they can be dealt with far more easily and quickly with the unit. All matters concerning rate of pay, pensionable service, demobilization, and so on, should be submitted in the usual way to commanders of units. In many cases the Company or Battery C.Q.M.S., knowing *all* the facts of the case, could give an answer immediately. Why write to us?

Take the question of demobilization for example. In every unit there is someone, generally a Demobilization Officer detailed as such, who has all the facts at his finger ends, or can turn them up from the very latest "Instructions" in two minutes.

He is the proper person to appeal to in all such cases and only needs to be asked.

Sending such queries to us wastes the enquirer's time, wastes our time, and we are so busy with a thousand-and-one other things, and moreover is against all sorts of regulations.

Why call in a third party when the matter is obviously one between two parties who know *all* the facts of both sides, and for which the Army Council have provided proper facilities.

We are at all times ready and willing to answer general questions, but personal questions should be dealt with in the proper manner.

Will correspondents please note this, and not call upon an overworked staff to do a job quite outside its province, and for which ample machinery has already been provided by the Army authorities.

We are so busy answering general questions, that it will be impossible even to acknowledge the kind of correspondence indicated in the above paragraphs.

In honour of the 107,444 soldiers and 1,029 sailors of the United Sta es Forces who have fallen in the war, a brief but impressive memorial service was held at Westminster Abbey on Friday under the auspices of the English-Speaking Union.

WITH THE RATIONS.

It is just week since I received orders to send a first consignment of "rations," but unfortunately two sad events occurred immediately after the despatch of those first goods. First of all, the limber became *kaput*. My driver, merely a learner of the AIV. breed has not had quite sufficient training in the handling of a mule (and he will not get the opportunity of doing so for a long time now) and whilst trying to take a corner he infortunately collided with the pavement, forthwith one wheel being "no more." Had that disaster been the only one we might still have managed to carry on, but this was not to be. Naturally the mule resented the first little episode, and was determined to "get its own back," at the first opportunity.

And how long will a mule wait for its opportunily. I arsks you — you who know something about mules, you who have shared the kicks and insults which these beasts of burden take upon themselves to impose at most unexpected moments.

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This mule of ours was like all other mules (and by the way these peculiar animals are the only ones which can boast of any constancy in their methods) and no sooner had it taken the bend in the road than it thought fit to attempt to clear a lorry which stood in its way. The effort was a failure, and we were left with an injured driver, a damaged mule, and a broken limber.

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Thus there were no rations on Monday morning of last week. The other day I received a letter from some men who had complained to their Orderly Officer of the absence of rations on that date. I hope that this explanation will be sufficient for them. Now that I have been supplied with a new rig-out of all those damaged effects, I hope to be abie to keep up my supply daily. But dont expect too much. You wont always get strawberry jam, you wont always get butter, but I will always try to serve up Maconachies and "bully" in the very latest fashion.

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A propos of "bully," have you noticed anything new about it? I used to think that our English cooks had exhausted the variety of its uses as a food (I dont mean for making parapets, etc.), but the Germans have taught us many new dishes already. They nearly make it appear as something other than "bully," and this is a great achievement. But, then, who knows how they do it, and what they add to it.

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One poor brother-in-arms—an A.iv. boy—was in great distress the other day. He had heard that we were all to be kept for another two years in the Army, and, judging from his expression, no greater torment could have been inflicted upon him. In vain I tried to show him the great, rich, pleasant life which lay before him — even though of only two year's duration in the Army — but it was poor consolation to him. Anyhow, its not true, so why worry? We shall all be home before we have realized that we have been to Germany, even before we have had time to learned how to splutter out their language. The only word I have learnt properly is that contemptuous *ac*, and this only because I have had to make manifest and forcible my annoyance so many times.

OWD HERB.

BUCKSHEE PARS.

Three German prisoners of war, who died of pneumonia in Lancaster Castle, were buried on Friday at Lancaster.

Walthamstow Council is considering a proposal to enlarge the Prince of Wales General Hospital as a peace memorial.

Lord Derby has offered to the Bury War Memorial Committee land for the erection of a war memorial and also a donation of £500.

A donation of £100 has just been sent by the 1st Army Corps, B.E.F., towards the work of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society, which, in addition to its ordinary work, gives homes to considerably over 3,000 soldiers' and and sailors' children.

Up to the present about £3,000 has been subscribed towards the memorial to Old Paulines who have lost their lives in the war. A sum of about £10,000 is required for a memorial chapel at St. Paul's School and for the establishment of a fund to assist the education of dependents.

At London Sessions on Friday a sentence of six weeks' imprisonment in the second division passed by Mr. Clarke Hall at Old Street Police Court on Ernest Edwards, manager of a public house in Cambridge-road, E., for unlawfully diluting beer in a cask, was reduced, on appeal, to a fine of £5.

Fifty thousand Australian officers, nurses, and men have now sailed for home.

A Hun three-seater aeroplane is on view in St. James's Park near the Horse Guards.

Lord Raglan, ex-Governor, states that at one time 26,000 Germans were interned in the Isle of Man.

Alderman William Kay will act as Lord Mayor of Manchester during the unexpired term caused by the late mayor's death.

Holland, Lincs, Education Committee will ask the Board of Education to let local children stay away from school until the end of June to help to plant potatoes.

A grant for novels and light literature to be sent to troops on foreign service has been made to the camps library from funds of the Navy and Army Canteen Board.

The marriage will take place in New York, on April 22, of Miss Margaret Carnegie, the steel millionaire's only daughter, and Ensign Roswell Miller, of the United States Navy.

Twenty French students, including women, will next term begin a six months' course in British commerce and industry at Nottingham University College; others will arrive in the autumn.

Tenders for filling in a mile each of trenches near Ongar, Essex, and Knockholt, Kent, and for dismantling breastworks are being invited by the London Defences, 2, Great Georges-street, S.W. 1.

The joint committee of the Actors' Association, the National Association of Theatrical Employees, the Amalgamated Musicians' Union, and the Variety Artists' Federation agreed that Mr. C. B. Cochran "should be invited to receive a deputation from the joint committee in the hope and expectation that any misunderstanding might be removed and the friendly relations previously existing fully restored."

NOTICE TO REPRESENTATIVES.

No instructions concerning any alteration of numbers required can be acted upon unless they are in this office before 2 p.m. on the day before the date of issue. The work in the distribution department hitherto has been enormous and greatly complicated by two factors: (1) the reconstruction of divisions and change of units, (2) by our having to work with new methods through German workpeople. Will any unit which has had any reason for complaint please note that arrangements are becoming more and more perfected each day, and from now, onwards, we hope and believe that there will be found little cause for complaint.

BOLSHEVISM IN CHINA.

TROUBLE IN THE FAR EAST.

The Correspondent of *The Times* reports that the plague of Bolshevism has now spread to the Far East, and China is beginning to suffer from its effects.

General Semenoff's staff has reported the transference of Bolshevist activities from the Trans-Amur into Chinese territory. Isolated bands, surviving the overthrow and execution of the Bolshevist leader Mukhin, crossed the Amur into Manchuria to avoid capture by Japanese troops.

It is gathered from various sources that the Bolshevists intend to concentrate their efforts on stimulating their creed among the Chinese populations on the frontiers of Manchuria and Mongolia. For this reason, General Semenoff possibly may be entrusted with the task of assuring the safety of these regions instead of going to the front.

It is the unanimous conviction of well informed National leaders that Bolshevism is fast collapsing in European Russia. We confidently look forward to a sweeping victory on the Ural front. The only dark spot on the horizon is the difficulty of providing food and economic assistance o the towns and provinces that may be released from the Bolshevist thraldom. The Allies should be prepared to utilize the Black, Baltic, and White Seas this summer to send in supplies.

THE LATE. SIR WILLIAM CROOKES.

A PIONEER OF SCIENCE.

It is with great regret that we note the death of the distinguished physicist, Sir William Crookes, O.M., F.R.S., which occurred at 6 o'clock on Friday morning at his residence in London.

Sir William Crookes, was born in London 1832, and began his scientific career at the old Royal College of Chemistry in Hanover Square, then under the direction of the German chemist, A. W. Hofmann. After leaving the college he filled appointments as superintendent of the meteorogical department of the Radcliffe Observatory at Oxford (1854) and as lecturer in chemistry at Chester Training College (1855); afterwards returning to London, which remained his home for the rest of his life. His first scientific publication, a paper on the selenocyanides, appeared in 1851, and this formed the starting-point of the investigation by which he made his name as a chemist.

SPIRITUALISM.

Amongst the numerous subjects taken up by Sir William was that of spiritualism. As the result of many experiments conducted with various mediums, one of whom was D. D. Home, he was led to the view that outside our scientific knowledge there exists a force exercised by intelligence differing from the ordinary intelligence common to mortals. Later, he declared that he had nothing to retract from his earlier opinions, and that he adhered to his already published statements, regretting only a "certain crudity in his early exposition, which, no doubt justly, had militated against their acceptance by the scientific world." He published a book on the question, "Researches on the Phenomena of Spiritualism," in 1874, and in 1896—99 he served as president of the Society for Psychical Research.

SCIENTIFIC HONOURS.

Sir William Crookes, who was made a knight in 1897, received many scientific honours both in his own country and abroad. The Royal Society, of which he was elected a Fellow in 1863, awarded him three of the medals at its disposal—a Royal Medal in 1875, the Davy Medal in 1888, and the Copley Medal in 1904; appointed him to deliver the Bakerian Lecture on three occasions; and finally chose him as president. The French Academy of sciences, of which he was a corresponding member, gave him in 1880 a gold medal and an extraordingry grize of 3,000f. in recognition of his work on radiant matter and molecular physics, and in the following year he was chosen to serve as a juror at the Paris International Electrical Exhibition. In 1899 he was awarded the Albert Medal of the Society of Arts, and he received the Order of Merit in 1910. At different times he acted as president of the British Association, the Chemical Society, and the Institution of Electrical Engineers, and for some years, from 1900, he was secretary of the Royal Institution, where on many occasions he was the Friday evining lecturer. Besides publishing a large number of scientific papers, he wrote, or edited English translations of many books on pure and applied chemistry, such as a "Practical Treatise on Metallurgy" (1869), "Select Methods in Chemical Analysis" (1871)), which has gone through several editions, "The Manufacture of Beetroot Sugar in England" (1870), "Handbook of Dyeing and Calise Printing" (1874) "Dyeing and Tissue Printing" (1882), "Wagner's Chemical Technology," and others. He became editor of the *Quarterly Journal of Science* in 1864, and in 1859 he founded the *Chemical News*, which he owned and edited until his death.

FURTHER ARCHIEVEMENTS.

The scientist then turned his thoughts to the phenomena attendant on the passage of the electric discharge through highly rarified spaces, and his achievements in this field are among the most brilliant associated with his name. One of the prominent results of his researches in this field was announced in his presidential address to the British Association, at Bristol, in 1898, when he described a new member of the rare earth family, monium or victorium, the spectrum of which has its characteristic lines high up in the ultra-violet region, and, therefore, cannot be explored except by the aid of photography,

OUR FUTURE WHEAT SUPPLY.

Then followed a great deal of time on the question of the world's wheat supply. He argued that we were within measurable distance of utilizing the last areas of land available for wheat growing, and, therefore, with increasing population, we are confronted with the danger in the near future of a shortage in the wheat supply, unless the average yield per acre can be increased beyond its present comparatively low figure. The only hope of averting starvation he said lay in the artificial fixation of atmospheric nitrogen, and he prophesied that, unless that could be classed among the achievements of the chemist, the great Caucasian race would cease to be foremost in the world and would be squeezed out of existence by peoples to whom wheaten bread was not the staff of life.

Although, as the years passed by, his figure become bent, his strong alive face, with its pointed grey beard lost none of its wonderful expression, and his keen interest and insight into the many matters he studied ever became brighter.

DANZIG AND POLISH TROOPS.

On behalf of the German Government, the offer was conveyed by Erzberger to Marshal Foch at Spa, to allow the landing of Polish troops at Danzig subject to special guarantees for their behaviour.

Foch's reply thereto was favourable.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed, for the purpose of reference.

ON CHEQUES.

To the editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—

May I suggest through *The Cologne Post* that Messrs Cox & Co. should open a branch of their bank in Cologne, at which officers could cash cheques? The branch at Boulogne has done excellent work during the war, and if a similar branch were opened here, Messrs Cox & Co. would be doing a great service to the officers of the Army of the Rhine.

This would make officers independent of the three monthly advanaes from the Field Cashier, which, although sufficient for us when we lived in dug-outs, will hardly supply our needs during the Occupation of the Rhine.

VOLUNTEER.

(The announcement of Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son, on page 4, is of interest in this connection.—Ed.)

ON GUARDS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir—Regarding the letter "Some Guards" which appeared in the correspondence column of to-day's "Post," I, too, would like to draw the attention of "The powers that be" to the danger of overzealous sentries.

Especially is this applicable to despatch-riders. It is practically impossible to hear a challenge owing to the noise of a motor-cycle engine. Consequently I have often experienced that nightmare feeling under the fourth button of my tunic, when I have managed to pull-up within a few inches of a business-like looking bayonet.

Why not provide sentries with some sort of light if it is necessary to challenge motorists.

I am writing this mainly in the interest of the new D.R's. who are coming out to "Keep the watch."

Cpl., D. R.

THE FACULTY OF IMAGINATION.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

I had a little start of pleasure when my roving eye encountered this article in your issue of 4th April, and I think you contributor deserves some thanks for bringing to re-notice a thing which is almost "depised and forsaken" in our land.

Who can say what is the value of a right use of imagination in business? Used in its broad sense, the word symbolises the licence accorded to the poet; but, used restrictively, as prescience or foresight, its benefit in business is, I think, incalculable. It was one of the chief points I tried to impress upon my Commercial Correspondence students — this value of foresight, or "putting yourself in the other man's place," for only in that way can you fulfil all the wants which it was your business to do, and compete successfully in these striving times.

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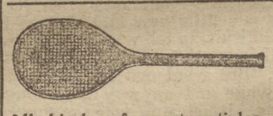

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BAVARIAN REVOLUTION

PROGRESS OF GERMAN STRIKES

IRISH HUNGER-STRIKER DIES OF WOUNDS

FINNISH BOLSHEVISTS COME TO HEEL.

SITUATION IMPROVES.

The War Office announces that an official telegram received from Murmansk on the 5th April states that there is an improvement in the situation at Kandalaksha. A general rising of Finns, Karelians and Bolshevists had been planned on a large scale, but the announcement that reinforcements were on the way, and the evidence of other military precautions being taken to meet the situation, over-awed the leaders, at all events for the time being.

The leaders of the Finnish legion have signed an agreement to the effect that in future they will comply with the wishes of the General officer commanding.

This does not imply that the danger of an insurrection is completely past, but it is a step in the right direction.

BAVARIAN REVOLUTION.

A *Reuter* telegram from Berlin states that the Bavarian Government has gone to Nuremberg. Herr Hoffmann, the Premier, has announced that the Government has not retired but has merely been transferred from Munich.

The *Cologne Post* information from Bavaria is to the effect that Bamberg is the present seat of Government.

Other opinons claim that the Bavarian Government is non-existent. At least two Government officials, Simon and Unterleitner, have joined the Spartacist movement, being included in the provisional list of commissaires with Muchlon, Seglitz and others.

The Social and Democratic parties, which are still sitting at Nuremberg, voted yesterday by forty two votes to eight against the establishment of a Soviet republic.

Opinion in Berlin inclines to the belief that the crisis has been reached. It resolves itself into a trial of strength between North and South Bavaria, also between the Majority Socialists on the one side and the Communists and Independent Socialists i.e.the Spartacists, on the other.

Collisions and bloodshed are anticipated.

The Councils of Peasants of Franconia are against the Spartacists republic, but they declare that a separate republic shall be constitued in Northern Bavaria.

At Aschaffenburg the middle classes have declared against the Republic.

The red flag is flying from all public buildings at Augsburg.

MUNICH STUDENTS REVOLT.

The students of Munich University have dismissed the Senate of the University and have appointed a Council of students with professors as technical advisors. Other Universities are invited (by the students) to follow suit.

BULGARIAN UNREST.

Fresh disturbances are reported from the region of Stroumitza (Greece) which is still in Bulgarian hands.

The Bulgarian comitadji Bahirjieff, sent in command of an armed force to repress anti-Bulgarian demonstrations, was killed by peasants near the village of Davilia.

POLISH DISAPPOINTMENT OVER DANZIG.

The *Havas Agency* reports that Paderewski, who is in Paris for the Peace Conference, is bitterly disappointed over the Danzig decision. He is represented as saying:

"When I left Poland the state of mind of the population had reached the highest degree of patriotic exaltation and enthusiasm for the Allies. This state of mind must be taken into consideration in order to understand the disappointment which followed when, after my departure, it was announced that everything which the Poles considered as gained was again thrown open to discussion. The consequences can be very grave. There is no Bolshevism in Poland. Business men are living on great national hopes. To break these hopes means to break the moral force, to drive the Poles to despair, to create disorder and anarchy. It is necessary to present the Polish nation as a Poland independent of Prussia and Germany, having its own access to the sea at Danzig and in the south a common frontier with Rumania; a Poland united in the interior, strong in the exterior, and in close contact by alliance with the victorious democracies of the Occident.

NO FRENCH ANNEXATIONS.

Despite assertions to the contrary which have appeared in the German papers, the *Temps* declares that the French Government has no intention of annexing any territory inhabited by a German population. This applies especially to the districts lying between the frontier of 1814 and that of 1871.

HUNGER STRIKER DIES OF WOUNDS.

MANY LIMERICK ARRESTS.

Robert Byrne, the prisoner who was rescued by his friends in such an audacious manner from the Limerick workhouse hospital where he was undergoing a hunger strike (voluntarily) and imprisonment (compulsorily) did not long enjoy his liberty.

He died on Monday — of wounds received in the action.

In the course of his rescue he sustained bullet wounds in the neck and back. His rescuers conveyed him in a donkey cart to the Clare district, where he died during the night.

Several arrests have been made in connection with the affair and the Limerick district has been proclaimed a military area.

GERMAN STRIKES.

COERCING THE NEWSPAPERS.

Strike leaders at Essen have issued peremptory orders to all newspapers in Essen and district, prohibiting them from publishing news other than that supplied direct by the Strike Committee or the Wolff agency.

Any newspaper which disobeys this "order", cuts or enlarges news in a partial manner, or publishes headlines, comments or articles inimical to the strikers will be summarily dealt with.—their electric current will be cut off by the revolutionary workmen of the Rheinisch-Westfälische Electricity Works.

Apparently the Editors will have to encroach on the Advertising Managers' preserves.

The number of miners on strike is increasing daily.

No more operations can be performed in the hospitals at Essen, lack of coal, and consequently steam and gas, precluding sterilisation of surgical instruments

Six thousand employés at the Adler works at Frankfort downed tools yesterday.

SAXONY.

In revenge for the arrest of their leader, Brandes, the Magdeburg Spartacists captured the Minister of Justice, Otto Landsberg, and held him as hostage at Brunswick.

He was liberated by the police at Helmstedt.

The General of the Fourth Army Corps and other officers are also being held as hostages by the Spartacists.

Last night many hours were occupied in the distribution of arms and munitions to the workmen and ex-soldiers. It is expected that fighting will take place when the Government troops arrive. Martial law has been declared.

EGYPTIAN UNREST.

Communiqués state that no further disturbances in Egypt are reported. Much stolen property and arms have been recovered and numbers of arrests made. The Hawamdia and Minia regions are reported to be centres of disaffection but steps are being taken to restore order. The railway stations at Hawamdia and Bedrasheim are completely wrecked.

Owing to the destruction of the railways it became necessary to establish steamer communication with the Southern provinces, but the low level of the river necessitated the opening of the sluice gates at Assiut Assuan.

AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE.

An aeroplane which has returned to Cairo reports that when it reached Assuan it flew over the town. The airmen landed on the aerodrome and found everything normal. The usual Egyptian detachment was guarding the Dam and chief Engineer Watt was attending to his duties.

Amongst other things, the mission of the airmen was to ask Watt to release the water in order to raise the level of the Nile to facilitate the boats being brought up the river. Watt stated that the Mudir had acted very well.

The aeroplane reached Luxor on the 27th March. Everything was quiet and a large number of Arabs were offering their services, which the authorities were utilising. The attitude of the Arabs from Luxor to Assuan has been the one bright chapter in the story of events.

The aeroplane then proceeded to Assuit on the 28th of March. Assuit was restive. Pillaging and burning was going on wherever possible.

The airmen believe that the great Magham bridge to the north of Luxor has been damaged, as the bridge has swung open at one end and appeared to dip into the water.

IRISH COURT MARTIAL.

Three men were sentenced by Court-martial at Dublin to three years penal servitude for assaulting two members of the constabulary. On the 19th February, near Dublin, they tied up the constables with their own suspenders and handcuffed one with the official handcuffs. Then they departed with the official belts and truncheons.

CAPTAIN RUTHERFORD, D.S.O. ON TRIAL.

PLEA OF NOT GUILTY.

At the Old Bailey on Monday Captain Norman Cecil Rutherford, D.S.O. stepped into the dock to stand his trial for the murder of Major Miles Charles Cariston Seton.

He was wearing a rather worn-looking blue reefer suit and his drawn face showed signs of what he must have suffered since the tragedy. Nevertheless his bearing was soldierly and he faced the jury with seeming composure while they were being sworn in.

In quiet but incisive tones he pleaded "not guilty" and then sat down composedly to listen to the opening remarks of the Counsel for the prosecution.

Counsel reviewed the history of the case as it was revealed at the inquest on Major Seton. The military record of the prisoner showed that he had served with distinction, gallantry and devotion to duty. He had been mentioned in despatches and at the latter end of 1917 was awarded the D.S.O.

The jury might wonder, continued Counsel, how Capt. Rutherford knew that Major Seton was sleeping at his uncle's house at Holland Park on the night of the tragedy.

The theory was that he had intercepted a letter he burnt at Holland Park.

Counsel would not anticipate what the defence would be, but asserted that if the facts in the case were not contested there could be no defence on facts, unless the defence of insanity were put forward.

IMPORTANT TO NEW ZEALANDERS.

TAKE YOUR PAY BOOK, AND VOTE.

Fanatics in New Zealand are trying to "dry" the country, trusting in the absence of the soldiers' vote to snatch a victory for "Prohibition."

It therefore is the duty of every New Zealander to exercise his vote. Time and place can be ascertained from an advertisement on page 2, where the alternative issues are set out.

WAACS 1. WRAFS 2. WRENS 3.

An exhibition was held at the Savoy yesterday of work done by various organisations of women war workers.

H.M. Queen Mary attended and after inspecting the work with obvious pleasure and keen interest distributed the prizes awarded in competition.

A silver cup offered to the organisation contributing the largest number of individual prize winners was won by the Q.M.A.A.C., with 152 points. The W.R.A.F. scored 102 points and the W.R.E.N. sixty two.

MORE LABOUR GAINS.

Yesterday's elections for membership of Boards of Guardians resulted in more Labour candidates gaining seats, some of them being on Boards which never before have included a Labourite.

Among the Urban District Councils Wallington returned six Labourites; Beckenham seven; Catford three and Edmonton six.

In the London Boroughs, Woolwich returned eighteen (a gain of ten); Lewisham five; Lambeth six; Shoreditch six and Paddington six.

All four seats at New Malden were won by representatives of the Small Holders Association.

BRAVO! THE DUBLIN FUSILIERS.

A very humorous mistake occured at Colchester on Monday. The remnants of one of the battalions of the Essex regiment were expected home. In honour of their arrival the town had been decorated with flags and banners and various festivities were afoot.

Thirty soldiers detrained and marched through the streets to their destination, doubtless wondering why there was so much fuss, such waving of handkerchiefs and such cheering.

They happened to belong to the Dublin Fusiliers and not to the Pompadours, who, as was ascertained later, will not reach Colchester until to morrow.

Without doubt they will not suffer in the warmth of their welcome.

COLOGNE POPULATION DECREASES.

In less tham twelve months the civil population of Cologne has decreased by nearly ten thousand. On the 1st April 1918 it numbered 644,385. In the ten months to the 1st February 1919, there were 7,762 births and 12,832 deaths, an excess of 5,0 0 deaths.

During the same period 65,228 persons left the city and 60,881 took up residence, leaving the population at 634,968, a decrease of 9,417.

FARMERS' MUSICAL PROTEST.

At a sale on the Earl of Beauchamp's estates at Worcester yesterday a number of farmers, members of the Farmers' Union, made a demonstration of protest against the six months notice given to tenant farmers. Their demand was for twelve months notice and in order to emphasise their protest they sang "John Peel."

The sale was suspended until the auctioneer was able to announce that Earl Beauchamp had withdrawn the six months notice.

The adjournment of Parliament for Easter will probably take place on the 15th.

The death is announced of Madame Lallie Charles, the well known society photographer.

It is announced that men serving in the Colonial Forces, Marines and Naval Reserve may enlist in the British Army of Occupation.

GOVERNMENT HOUSING SCHEME.

THE KING'S CONFERENCE.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Dr. Addison moved the second reading of the Housing and Town Planning Bill. Three million people, he said, were living under overcrowded conditions. The Bill would compel local authorities to undertake rehousing. With the Government prepared to find millions of pounds to assist such schemes, they could not allow any local authorities to interrupt the process.

The Reconstruction Bill would also extend Government assistance to tenants to buy their houses. Grants in aid would range from forty per cent to eighty-five per cent of the cost.

Army huts were being erected in fifteen towns as specimen model houses.

The debate was adjourned.

On Friday next the King will hold a Housing Conference at Buckingham Palace, to which members of leading Local Government bodies are invited.

The King's Conference with representatives of housing authorities from all parts of the country is a striking innovation and will assuredly be full of interest. It is understood that the King, who will be accompanied by the Queen, will open the proceedings with a speech.

NATIONAL TRIBUTE TO MERCHANT SEAMEN.

A national tribute to the Merchant Service is in preparation, and never was national tribute better earned. Most people have only a vague notion of the extent of the work done by the British Merchant Service under war conditions. Food ships alone throughout the war brought into the Mother Country one thousand million hundredweights of food. That is a remarkable feat of ocean carrying under any conditions, but the British Merchant Service during those four years faced conditions which had never hitherto existed, in bringing that food and raw material for manufactures into the country.

Fourteen thousand seven hundred officers and men of the mercantile marine were killed by the enemy or enemy devices. Two thousand four hundred and seventy five ships were sunk, many of them with attendant brutality that can never be forgotten or forgiven. As many as fifty-six ships were sunk in one week at the worst period of the submarine campaign, yet even at that time there was no falling off in arrivals and departures of our ships.

Another instance of work done by the Merchant Service can be shown by figures. The Peace strength of Naval personnel was one hundred and fifty thousand. In war the strength rose to four hundred and twenty thousand. The Merchant Service supplied about one hundred and fifty six thousand of the additional numbers and still carried on its work as a carrying concern. Half the total number of trading seamen before war was taken for combatant purposes but the gaps were filled and ships still went to sea. They were never held up for lack of crews.

No wonder England wants to perpetuate such heroism and such achievements.

SIX HUNDRED WITNESSES.

At Edinburgh yesterday the trial opened of twelve men alleged to have been concerned in the Glasgow strike riots which took place at the end of January.

The lengthy indictment includes such pleasant diversions as the stopping of tramcars, window smashing, robbing a shopkeeper of a thousand pounds' worth of jewellery, assaulting the Sheriff of Lanarkshire and officers of the Glasgow police force.

About six hundred witnesses will be called and the case is expected to last all the week.

Only one of the accused, a man named Gallacher, conducted his own defence.

Counsel for the defence of the other accused men took a preliminary objection to the relevancy of the indictment.

The judge said the the charge of robbery against two of the accused would be taken out but that the other counts of the indictment should go the jury.

EXPERIENTIA DOCET.

FLAPPER BRIDES UNFASHIONABLE.

The Registrar General's report for 1917, just issued, shows that marriages of widows have been more common, and those of widows with bachelors very much more common than at any period during the last forty years.

Punch and Tony Weller notwithstanding!

THE FIRST MYSTERY SHIP.

Lord Penrhyn's three masted sailing ship "Mary B. Mitchell", the first sailing vessel to be adapted by the Admiralty as a mystery ship, has arrived at Port Penrhyn ready to resume her peaceful avocation of carrying slates.

LITTLE WILLIE SCORCHES.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam telegraphs that the ex Crown-Prince, while out motor cycling near Wieringen, dashed into a gate.

The naughty gate got the better of the encounter, Little Willie retiring hurt with a fractured hand and wrist.

FRENCH AERIAL POST.

Eight postal lines of aviation are actually in operation in France, viz!—

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CONSPIRACY TO PROCURE COCAINE.

DE VEULLE GOES TO PRISON.

Having been found not guilty of the manslaughter of Miss Billie Carleton, the actress, Reginald De Veulle, 38, dress designer, was tried on the second indictment, that of conspiring to procure cocaine.

He pleaded "guilty" to the charge of conspiring with one Mrs. Lo Ping You unlawfully to procure cocaine, and was sentenced to eight months imprisonment in the second division.

POTATOES IN THE PARKS.

The Parks committee of the London County Council received a deputation of allotment holders, who represented the urgent necessity of extended tenure in the Parks for at least two years after the signing of peace. The decision of the commttee will be communicated to the Council later.

THE "OLD GANG" AND THE NEW.

Speaking at a congratulatory dinner given at the Carlton to Sir Auckland Geddes by one of the senior governors of Mc. Gill University, Mr. Bonar Law said he had been reading about the "old Gang." He belonged to it himself and could say truthfully that in connection with the Government of the country there had been a larger number of big posts than of big men to fill them. If the "new Gang" would make an appearance the old Gang would be very glad to take a rest.

It was largely owing to the Prime Minister that we brought in from the outside men without political experience and put them in positions of the highest importance. Not one had been a failure. On the contrary many had been conspicuously successful. Among the new men was Sir Auckland Geddes, who if he were not going away, might have entertained the hope of winning some of the highest prizes the political life of England could offer.

STOCK EXCHANGE MEMBERSHIP.

GERMAN'S APPEAL DISMISSED.

The House of Lords yesterday dismissed the appeal of a naturalized German who before the war was a member of the London Stock Exchange.

His name was Hugo Weinberger, a Bavarian.

In dismissing the appeal, the Lord Chancellor said the sole question was that the appellant was of enemy birth. The action of the Stock Exchange in excluding him from memoership was justified under their own rules and regulations and the jurisdiction of the Courts could not be invoked.

CARRY ON, BEATTY.

Admiral Sir David Beatty has hauled down his flag as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet. It is an historic occasion. Its purpose is achieved in the complete destruction of the enemy's naval power. To Admiral Sir John Jellicoe as organiser and to Sir David Beatty, as the first-class fighter and leader who crowned Jellicoe's work, go the chief honours.

Speculation is rife as to whether Sir David Beatty, who is now unemployed, will be offered the post of First Sea Lord of the Admiralty, the importance of which position was never greater. In view of the possible effect of the League of Nations upon Naval policy, it is also urged that a properly organised Naval General Staff must never again be allowed to lapse.

SHOT GUNS FOR STRIKERS.

The strike of farm labourers for fifty shillings weekly wages and a forty-nine hour working week is spreading over the whole of Ulster. Two thousand labourers are out in County Down, where women and children are helping the pickets to prevent non-unionists working. In several instances farmers have used shot guns to intimidate the pickets.

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The Prince of Wales spent an hour yesterday flying over London in a Handley Page.

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BOLSHEVISTS EXPROPRIATE FORTUNES.

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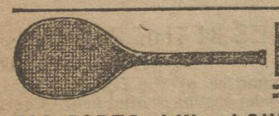

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ANOTHER MESOPOTAMIA?

"In military circles the situation of the Allied troops in Northern Russia is viewed with anxiety."

So cryptic an introduction to a responsible *Daily Telegraph* article cannot fail to bring to mind the Kut-disaster.

Are we, even after our five years' experience of the disastrous policy of dilly-dally, to be again "too late."

The Bolshevik peril in northern Russia is real; our Murmansk and Archangel expeditions are insufficient to combat it.

A withdrawal is at present impossible, and in any case would only act as an incentive to Bolshevism and increase the prestige of its leaders.

Moreover, apart from the obvious duty of safeguarding our forces in the far north, we owe protection to the majority of the inhabitants in the Murman and Archangel regions, who have become involved in the struggle against Bolshevism and who, if now left to the tender mercies of their bloodthirsty fellow-countrymen, would be butchered *en masse* or, in the human desire for self-preservation, become recruited to the new system.

In the south and east the news, though not so serious, is still bad. Odessa is threatened and the most hopeful criticism possible is that this sector is "extremely defensible."

In the Donetz basin, in spite of repeated Bolshevist attacks, the situation "appears to be stabilised, though somewhat obscure."

The Allies have just emerged as victors from the greatest conflict the world has ever known.

The greatest military combination that could ever be conceived has bitten the dust before their tenacity.

Can these be the same peoples, imbued with the same spirit, who are not content to offer a weak defence to an army of proved torturers and murderers, daily growing in strength and spreading, through its organised government, its venomous propaganda throughout every corner of the globe?

Even if Prinkipo was not a diplomatic error at the time, Lenin and Trotsky have since proved that the suggested conference could not lead to any useful result.

Certain idealists were of opinion that there might be something in common between the Bolshevist and Labour movements.

There is no longer any question on this point. Britain had her labour problems. She has once more proved to the world her earnest desire for social progress. By means of conference, labour has been accorded its rightful place in the government of the country; under the new order the working man will enjoy the benefits of British citizenship equally with his more prosperous fellow-citizen, not only because of his sacrifice and patriotism during the war, but on account of the recognition of the social law that every human being has a right to a clean and healthy existence.

And what does the average working man think of the Bolshevist horrors?

No class recognizes more fully that it has nothing in common with a sect whose chief weapon is the organized massacre of its fellow-citizens.

The Bolshevist peril is real, as real as was the Teutonic peril in 1914, though fortunately, neither so great nor so difficult to overcome.

Brute force, not conference, is the only means of eradicating this modern canker, born of and fostered by a perverted autocracy.

We have a Russian policy. From Wilson to Clemenceau the same desire exists to establish Russia as a sound, wealthy member of the Nations of the World.

What action is being taken?

Siegfried, when confronted with the dragon and told of its "horrible jaws," "burning poison" and "destructive tail," asked if the horrible beast had a heart.

Though not ignoring the manifold dangers, he went straight for the heart and killed the beast.

The heart of Bolshevism is Moscow and Petrograd.

Pierce it and the canker will die out.

DÜSSELDORF TROUBLES.

The strike which is now in progress in the Düsseldorf neighbourhood is of great importance to Germany, because it forms part of an area which is comparable to the great manufacturing districts of the north of England, and includes places like Essen, Mülheim, and Elberfeld, from whose output must be derived part of the funds from which Germany will have to pay for the food and raw material which she must have if she is to continue her industrial and commercial activities. The strike has also a political importance. If the workmen are induced to join the Spartacists, and the Sparticist spirit is reinforced in the forthcoming meeting of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Councils in Berlin, the outcome for the present Government and for the weary remnants of law and order to which it affords what support it can, will be most disastrous.

The facts appear to be that the more sober-minded and intelligent workmen are against the strike. They have no sympathy for the demand for the immediate adoption of communist schemes. They do not attend the strike meetings, and resolutions in its favour are passed in assemblages at which only a fraction of the people employed in this or that industry are present. In this lies the chief hope of those who seek to retain order and continue work. There is really no question of the raising of the rate of wages. The great needs of the moment are work and food. Wages in the Ruhr district are very high, three times what they were before the war. The average wages for an ordinary mechanic is sixteen marks per day and a clerk can earn one thousand to fifteen hundred marks a month. To strike for higher pay in these circumstances is unnecessary, and since at present rates the manufacturers can hardly pay their way it is harmful. It is also useless, because if the wage be doubled it still will not provide work or food. So that there is only one inevitable aim and end to which a strike must tend, and that aim is Spartacism, and the end chaos.

To this cry for "food and work" of the workers and for communism of the Spartacists the Government of Weimar replies, "work and food, no food for those who will not work, and for those who riot with Spartacus the machine gun and the prison". It is inevitable in their present situation that the reply of authority should be on some such lines, depending as the Germans do to a large extent upon the Allies' heavily taxed resources for the supply of food stuffs; but there may be doubt whether in some cases the order of events should not be inverted, and the man fed in order to revive his capacity for work.

If the Government stands firm, and its troops remain and are well handled, Spartacism which holds out no bait to the more rational members of the community should fail of an opportunity. Already whole families of working people have emigrated from districts such as Hamborn, which these extremists have in their strangling hold. The crisis cannot, however, be said to be past until the big meeting of the Soldiers and Workmen's Councils, to be held in Berlin on the 8th, has shown what policy and methods it advocates.

GERMAN RESPONSIBILITIES.

VIEWS OF CAPTAIN VON BEERFELDE.

Captain von Beerfelde, who published Lichnowsky's memoirs, gave an interesting lecture last week at Bale to a public of independent socialists.

In his conclusions he remarked that already in 1917 the German people who in August 1914 went to war full of enthusiasm with the belief in their right cause, could realize that they had be duped and led to the slaughtering bench for a wrong cause. The government had succeeded by their manoeuvres to distorb their judgement. The socialists themselves with the exception of Deputy Kunert let themselves be bamboozled and towed by the government.

In the Austro-Servian conflict, the Russian proposition to submit the question to arbitration was conjured away by Germany. The ultimatum to Servia was drawn up in such a way that war was inevitable.

In vain the German White Book tries to present as a defensive war what in reality was a war deliberately unchained in order to conquer. All the other States did their best to maintain peace; Germany persisted in its policy of violence.

The laconism of the "Wite Book" shows the gaps in the documentation it contains. Germany promised to help Ausria against all. The Kaiser's journey was only a trick to dupe public opinion.

The Tsar's telegram, which requested that negotiations should be begun at the Hague, was purely and simply suppressed by the German Government and everything was done to hide the truth.

The proccedings of Soukhomlinoff ordered the Russian mobilisation, he had in his hands the order of the German mobilisation, and the German troops marched across the frontier before the Russian troops had reached there.

France was deliberately provocated. On the 28th July, German troops violated the French frontier.

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AROUND THE DOM.

An American Citizen of Cöln. — Met him one day in a hotel, the — er — but I forget the name. Oh! a most courteous and obliging gentleman. Would persist in paying for wine. And I — not knowing sufficient German to cancel the order — accepted. Really most cosmopolitan. Had lived in most civilized (besides several uncivilized) countries in both Hemispheres. By introduction: An American Citizen resident in Cöln (German pronounciation if you please) .... Subsequently it transpired that his Nibs had lived several years in Milwaukee, U.S.A., came over to the Vaterland on business in July '14, met Hindenburg — and went to France for his health.

A D.A.P.M. Episode. That the soldier was slightly the worse for liquor was fairly obvious. He was not noisy, but had reached that superb state of stupidity, when amongst other things, one fongets that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. Moreover, his cap, with a flower stuck in the chin strap, was set rakishly at the back of his head. Presently a car drew up at the pavement and an officer stepped out. He hailed the festive one.

"What are you doing, my man?" he asked.

No answer.

"Don't you think you had better put your cap on straight, and throw that flower away?"

"Yessir." The soldier throw the flower away and re-adjusted his headgear.

"Now don't you think it is time you went home?"

"Yessir." He saluted and withdrew.

At the corner of the street a M. F. P. stopped him.

"Do you know who you were speaking to?" he asked.

Tommy shook his head.

"That was the D. A. P. M." said the policeman.

"D. A. P. M.", was it? — hie — well he was a sport anyhow, answered Tommy.

"A RAY OF SUNLIGHT."

W. NEVIL RANDALL.

I was a derelict on the storm-tossed sea of life; abandoned by my dearest and most cherished friends I was left to drift on a waste of degradation. Life had no further need of me, the world would make no further demands on my one-time vaunted capabilities; I was a failure!

At first I sat like Patience on a monument, smiling at grief; and then the bare realities of my potent distress rushed suddenly upon me, and like a reed in the wind I was broken in body and heart.

"Oh! how I suffered for those that I saw suffer!" These words recurred to my disordered mind, and I paid an unconscious tribute to the immortal bard who anticipated my dire position more than three centuries ago. Indeed, if the salt tears welled in sweet Miranda's eyes for those shipwrecked mariners to whom her heart went out, then would she not have been grief-stricken for my own more sorry plight? Can you not picture her distress, accentuated by her own sweet pity? Moaning for the suffering of others; the counterpart of Care, she would have pined in thought and died of a green and yellow melancholy. No! not all her tears could have washed away the stains which oppressed me.

And then, like a transformation scene, the whole aspect of my affairs changed suddenly as, on entering the Canteen, I was greeted with the joyful announcement, "at last we've got some soap!" Imagine my supreme happiness at the prospect of indulging in a long-deferred bath. The clouds which had oppressed me were penetrated by a veritable ray of "Sunlight."

SLINGS, INSIDE AND OUT.

BY VANE.

On a casual glance, the title of my humble effort may seem slightly beside the point, but it is my intention to convince the reader that quite a lot may be written on "slings, inside and out."

Of course, there are many different types of slings. We have the "David and Goliath" type, the broken arm type, and last, but not least the common or garden rifle sling.

One may write many tales of romance and ridicule using as a core the very necessary and useful article.

For instance, it has been observed that occasionally Aiv.'s, even on attaining the dignified rank of sergeant, often find considerable difficulty in attaching the ordinary webbing sling to its adjunct, the Mk.HI!"

Some have even appeared on parade with the sling adjusted inside out!!

On beholding such an extraordinary phenomenon as the above, one is forcibly reminded of a trite phrase running "It's a good job we had a navy!!"

It has been suggested that a School of Instruction be started on the continent, where members of the Army of the Rhine could receive a free course on the cleaning and adjustment of rifle slings.

We should strongly advise anyone who is not perfectly cognisant with the method of correctly adjusting rifle slings to immediately receive instruction on the same, and if he is still uncertain, to *borrow* a rifle *with the sling adjusted correctly* and go into a room by himself, there to end his miserable existence with the aid of a "303."

It is a curious coincidence, but nevertheless true, that those people who are lax in the matter of slings, are also to be observed wearing antiquated tunics, jazzy trousers and, to say the least, — *doubtful* puttees!!!

They also favour belts in preference to braces as a means of keeping the above-mentioned trousers in their "prescribed!" position.

We must now conclude, as words fail us, or rather we are overcome by emotion occasioned by writing about such a delicate matter.

TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS.

The Editor regrets to say that so far he has been unable to answer the numerous letters with contributions which have come in to him. In course of time this will be rectified, and he hopes that all those who have already sent in contributions will continue to do so *ad lib.* Others who have not get begun, and who are aspiring journalists may take up the cue also.

The complaints against France were wholly invented and when Ambassador von Schoen spoke about attacks of French aviators on Nuremberg and Karlsruhe, his accusation was founded on a pure falsehood.

Through the violation of Belgium, Germany provocated Great Britain.

After the peace of conquest we enforced at Brest-Litowsk, one must agree that the Entente has the right to enforce on us similar peace terms. The German policy consisted of lies throughout: the violation of the Belgian frontier by French troops was a lie; the pretended encircling policy of Great Britain, of which there is no proof, was also a lie.

To be able to bear the consequences of the defeat, the German people has only one way: it is to require that the new Germany shall be rebuilt on the basis of international socialism on freedom, on honesty, and on humanity.

"ON THE PEG."

F. W. GREEN.

It was a glorious Spring morning; the company had paraded and marched on to the drill field, where the platoons were handed over to the "P. T. Wallahs." There were two sergeants in charge of the respective platoons, and as is customary when the "handing over" has been duly carried out, the sergeants hied themselves to a shady spot beneath a lovely old oak, there to wile away a quiet hour.

"How about a smoke," said Sergeant D—.

"Ah, wouldn't I just like a draw, but we must be careful, as it is time for the C.O. to come along, and he is sure to pass this way. Give him another five minutes and we are safe"!

The way seemed perfectly clear, not a soul was in sight, The gentle rustle of the leaves; the song of the lark, as higher still higher he soared away into the heavens; all went to make a perfect scene.

We lighted our briars and then reclining upon the mossy bank, we sent up clouds of tobacco smoke. We could hear the vociferous demand of the P. T. Wallah, "to move", right away in the distance.

To us, it mattered not a straw about "moving". We were happy in our idleness — not a care in the world to disturb our peace of mind.

Then, suddenly, a curious feeling seemed to creep over us, for none other than the great one himself—the C.O.—was looking at us from a distance of only a few yards.

Do you think we could do anything in the matter? We simply hesitated, there was an intuition that silence would be golden. Perhaps, after all, he had enjoyed his morning pipe, and feeling in a happier mood on such a perfect day, would say nothing after all.

Intuition again got a hold upon us and, gently rising to our feet, trembling like the leaves, we attempted to salute — one with the right hand and the other a jerky left.

There was no recognition on the part of the C.O. — not a rebuke, not a word!

Perhaps he had not noticed us after all, so, thus consoled, we proceeded to find our resting-places once again.

This time, however, the reclining was of brief duration as an officer approached with the demand that we were to come forward and give our names and regimental numbers, at the same time remarking "Consider yourselves under arrest."

"On what charge, Sir?" asked the bolder of the two.

"For smoking cigarettes on the parade ground," adding "Why on earth didn't you smoke pipes, you know the old man always smokes a pipe, but abhors cigarettes. Besides, if you wanted a smoke why didn't do the same as us, and keep well out of the way."

"D—," old chap," remarked, "there's no doubt about it, we are on the peg!" Alas! we were undone!

We made off for the C.S.M. and acquainted him with the fact that we were "for it."

The C.S.M. was a good old time-serving soldier, and an Irishman to boot.

"Now phwat is the charge,"? says Paddy.

Explaining in unison, we told him the plain, unvarnished truth.

"Well, shure, but they can't hang you for it, and ye're not the only defaulters"!

"But, think of it, three solid years of soldiering in Kitcheners Army, risen from full private to sergeant, and the first black mark, and possible reduction! And all gone in smoke! Oh, the degradation when going on leave!

We sought consolation from the fact that the "crime" was committed on a Saturday; that Sunday intervening, the usual twenty-four hours in which a charge should be heard will have expired. Further, did not our company officer express the opinion that after a good dinner—and there was a possibility even of two good dinners being consumed by the C.O.—the charge would be forgotten or forgiven.

Yet, we were under arrest. We dared not leave the billet area; we expressed the tenderest sympathy with the "janker boys," for were we not nearly in that position ourelves? May be, we should come under that terrible category soon. Then, as Sergeant D. said, "What about the crime sheet?" Very probably there would be an entry which would mar all future prospects. And all through that confounded alluring Princess Nicotine!

Visions of the Guard Room would crop up all through the two long weary nights of waiting. At church parade, when marching the company on to the Parade Ground "Right turn" should have been the order, when "Left" was given; and the C.O. himself was taking the parade.

"D—" old man, I confided, "we are done for!" "Why" said D—, "For heaven's sake, don't get windy', or it will fairly put the lid on. Do you know what there happened to me? The C. O. dropped his glove; I picked it up, and in my most polite manner, handed it to him. He thanked me with a nod. Now, isn't that good enough to get us off?"

Anyhow, the eventful day arrived. The "cockey" orderly-sergeant (a full corporal), whom, by the way, we had studiously avoided all the time we were under arrest, now came forward with all the swank imaginable, aud bellowed within hearing of the whole company, "Sergeant D—, Sergeant G—, you're for C. O.'s orders at 9.30 on a charge!"

"Alright", I retorted, "no need to shout about it!" That put him down a peg or two.

We paraded, with the other defaulters, at the time appointed. The R.S.M. looking fierce as ever, snapped out our names. "Take off those sidearms. Caps off. Escort, right turn, quick march, left right, left right," (in staccato voice) "Half left turn!" "Sergeant D—, Sergeant G—, Sir," snapped out the R.S.M.

"Oh!" thought I, if the floor would only open and swallow us up. If, ah! if "Jerry" would just oblige by dropping a bomb upon the scene all would be over, and we should be saved from the degradation that overshadowed us!"

Then came the evidence. Lieutenant A— stepped forward, and with a superabundance of self-assurance stated that on the morning of the 5th inst. "he saw the two accused smoking cigarettes."

"Aha!" the whole situation dawned upon me. Had I not for years sat in the Court, and known many a good case to be squashed through incorrect evidence? Just a detail, perhaps, but sufficient to save a man's neck. Here, then, was my opportunity.

The officer's evidence having been taken, there came the question from the judge (I mean, the C. O.).

"What have you to say?"

There was a wonderful display of mental telepathy when we answered in unison. "Incorrect evidence, Sir!"

"Impossible, I saw you both smoking pipes!"

"Yes, sir!" (again in unison.)

"Where, then, is Lieutenant A's evidence incorrect?"

"You stated yourself, sir, that you saw us smoking pipes."

"Yes well! what then?"

The officer's evidence was that we were smoking cigarettes!"

"Oh, ah, yes! Pipes, pipes! Beastly cigarettes!"

"Admonished — no entry. March them out!"

So ended our suspense of two whole days and nights, and that is why I never smoke a cigarette — on parade.

OPERA HOUSE AND THEATRE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	OPERA	DRAMA
Wednesday	Der Freischütz	Johannisfeuer
Thursday	Das Glöckchen des Eremiten	Sappho
Friday	Tannhäuser	Im weissen Rössl
Saturday	Königskinder	Seeschlacht
Sunday	Der fliegende Holländer	Fiesco
Monday	Mignon	Gespenster
Tuesday	Fidelio	Seeschlacht

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THWARTING OF "JERRY."

13th K.L.R. SERGEANTS' MESS CELEBRATE 1st ANNIVERSARY.

At the Bahnhof Hotel, Beuel, on Sunday, March 30th, a dinner was given by the Sergeants attached to H.Q., 13th K.L.R. to celebrate the anniversary of March 28th 1918, when the German effort to reach the channel Ports and destroy the British Army was so ably frustrated by all arms of the services.

How nobly this battalion responded, the following brief extract from an authoritative source is evidence enough, and is well worth quotation:—

"At 4.30 a.m. on March 28th 1918, the enemy put down an intense barrage on the whole of our sector. The trench mortar barrage on the front line was more intense than anything previously experienced.

"The reserve line was barraged with field guns and "heavies". Under cover of this barrage the enemy launched a terrific attack with masses of troops. In spite of the intensity of the bombardment, the front line stood firm, and poured a devastating fire into the enemy, whose attack was beaten off with exceptionally heavy casualties on their part."

"The value of this steadfastness against tremendous odds cannot be estimated. It gave the enemy his first check at the point where he was to be subsequently checked throughout the day."

Later, the enemy attacked again with even greater numbers. All that happened on this eventful day would be difficult to chronicle, but "attacked on all sides, the men mounted the parapet and fought to a finish on the ground on which they stood."

Could anything be more inspiring? Such sacrifice is beyond all praise, and will for ever live in the glorious annals of the Regiment.

To celebrate this memorable day a dinner was arranged amongst the sergeants, and the guests of the evening were: R.S.M. Adams; R.Q.M.S. Richardson; S.M., Mason; C.Q.M. Sgts. Pritchard, Howell & Goddard; and Sergts. Luther and Roberts.

During dinner a photograph was taken of the party, and the happy faces in the subsequent result is sufficient proof of the excellence of the repast and the good comradeship existing. An impromptu smoker afterwards took place, at which many fine items were rendered.

C.Q.M.S. Howell, in an able speech, briefly detailed the splendid record gained by the regiment, and in a very touching reference proposed a toast to all fallen comrades. This was given in a silent tribute. It is hoped this dinner will become an annual feature. The whole proceedings were under the able direction of Sgts. Ryle and Rawson.

OPLADEN ECHOES.

The "Demobilizables" are wearing the No. 9 smile these days, a marked increase having been observed in the number demobilized daily. It is now believed that very shortly the last of the men to go home will receive their tickets for Blighty. Leaflets for soldiers on the question of demobilization have been issued While many points enumerated are of great importance, the leaflet in other respects is scarely up to date. Its value, therefore, is greatly minimised.

Some criticism has been directed at the method pursued in releasing demobilizable men, younger men with fewer responsibilities, it is alleged, being demobilized before men of over 40 possessing strong business claims. Of course it must be borne in mind that in a question of this nature it is impossible to please everyone.

A common grumble recently on the part of military visitors to Cologne, Bonn and other centres of interest was the almost total lack of facilities for the providing of a good square meal in any of the Canteens or in the Cafes. The men armed with passes were thus compelled to take "Iron" rations, or some other similar delicacy, with them if they were to exist. The Salvation Army Canteen in Cologne has now fulfilled a long-felt want.

Pleasure trips up the Rhine have commenced. The chilly weather experienced on Monday made the wearing of overcoats an imperative necessity. A wag remarked that the necessity for a rum issue with the usual rations was just as imperative.

Notwithstanding the weather conditions the trip was highly enjoyed. The delightful scenery stirred even a "canny" Scot to remark that. "It maun be a fine place this in the simmer-time."

A subject that has created not a little interest amongst original menbers of a Battery is the proposal that such members, or as many as can possibly get, should meet annually in "Blighty" after Peace has been signed, and enjoy a pleasant hour or two at the social board. Many original members of a unit have been separated from their first love, and many, alas! have "crossed the bourne". This proposal of an annual social is likely to come to fruition with regard to one Battery at least, and the Sergeant-Major is one of the leading movers in the project.

Emanating from the foregoing proposal, many Among the different Batteries in the Opladen area are several capable players of bridge and whist. Already whist tournaments have been run with conspicuous success in connection with individual Batteries. A proposal has now been made that Inter-Battery tournaments should be arranged, which, while assisting to secure a high level of play, would go far to develop sociability and good fellowship amongst the different units.

The committee responsible for the management of the London amateur foursome tournament has decided to hold the event towards the end of July, and the offer of the Sunningdale Golf Club to lend its course for the purposes of the competition has been gratefully accepted.

FOOTBALL.

104th FIELD AMBULANCE v. 52nd BEDFORD REGIMENT.

Before a large concourse of spectators the 104th Field Ambulance and 52nd Battalion Bedford Regiment played a football match at Siegburg on Sunday, when the latter lost by the odd goal in seven. In three of the four goals registered by the Ambulance, the goal-keeper succeded in getting to the ball, but unfortunately lost it only to see it drop into the net.

The third goal scored by the Bedfords was the tit-bit of the game. Starting with L/C. Whiteman who headed the ball to C. S. M. Mansfield a series of short quick passes ensued, in which the ball travelled via Lieut. Simpson, Sgt. Blackwell, and Pte. Merry to enable Pte. Gigli to find the net with a lightning low shot. Sgt. Blackwell at centreforward maintained his previous week's form for the Bedfords, and, although missing a penalty, had the satisfaction of scoring the first ball for his side.

Throughout the game was fast exciting and thoroughly enjoyed by the large spectatorate.

5th GORDONS V. 2/4th K.O.Y.L.I.

A Rugby football match was played at Kerpen on Friday between the 5th Battalion, Gordon Highlanders, and the 2/4th K.O.Y.L.I.

After a rousing game, in which the Gordons showed splendid form behind the scrum, they ran out winners.

Scores:— 5th Gordons. . . . . 11 points
2/4th K.O.Y.L.I. . . . . nil.

So far the 5th Gordons are unbeaten this season.

51st DEVONS v. 1/5th DEVONS.

The 51st Devons met the 1/5th Devons on the former's ground at Burscheid on Saturday, when a keenly contested game resulted in a win for the home team, the score being four goals to one. The result was a fair reflection of the run of the game. The 51st were much more aggressive and the visitors' goal was in constant danger. The forwards combined well, and there was an excellent understanding between them and the halves who, in turn, received worthy support from their very sound backs. For the visitors, Terry, at back, played a brilliant game and relieved many dangerous situations.

For the home team the goals were scored by Lieut. Hooper, Sgt. Merris (2), while Hicks and Roberts at centre-forward netted for the visitors.

M.G.C. OFFICERS v. WESTERN DIV. OFFICERS.

A football match was played at Herzheim on Saturday. Fast end to end play at the commencement called upon Major-General Strickland to save for the Division, and Lt.-Col. Hope for the Gunners, and after several smart clearances both "goalies" were beaten by Major Rodd for the Division, and Lieut. Rayner for the Gunners.

Half-time: 1—1.

On resuming, the Division showed superior play, and although Lt. Chandler and Lt.-Col. Hope repeatedly cleared the Gunners' goal, Lt. Holdsworth (2), Major Rodd, Major Goodridge, and Lt. Evans added goals for the Division; while Lt. Rayner and Major Good scored for the Gunners.

Results: — Western Div. H.Q. 6, 1st Batt. M.G.C. 4.

NO. 2 FIELD AMBULANCE V. 488 BTY. R. G. A.

A very interesting football match was played on the Field Ambulance ground at Lengsdorf on Saturday, between teams representing No. 2 Field Ambulance and 488 Battery R. G. A. from Ippendorf. The opening play was all in favour of the Ambulance team, for whom Burrell scored a very good goal after five minutes play, and Howard added a second one just on half-time.

The second half saw the game very keenly contested. Half an hour from the final Marshall placed the Ambulance further ahead, from a penalty given for hands. From the kick-off the Artillery raced away, and from a well-placed corner kick managed to place the ball through the goal.

The final came with the score,
No. 2 Field Ambulance 3,
488 Battery R. G. A. 1.

Comments.

The game was a very fast one, every movement being keenly contested. The Ambulance team was far better balanced than the Gunners, who played football of the kick and rush style, and thereby lost many opportunities, particularly in the second half when playing down the slope. Captain Gaston played centre-forward for the Ambulance for the first time, and was plainly out of training, but we are expecting better things from him in future.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

The following are the results of recent football matches in Cologne and District:

104th Field Ambulance	4	52nd Bedforth Rgt.	3
No 2 Field Ambulance	3	488 Bty. R.G.A.	1
D.A.C. (Zülsdorf)	1	D.A.C. (Zangel)	1
Officers Western Div. H.Q.	6	Officers 1st M.G.C.	3
"C" Coy 32nd M.G.C.	5	A. Coy 52nd Manchester	1
51st Devons	4	1/5 Devons	1
121 H.B. R.G.A.	1	77 S.B. R.G.A.	0
51st Br. Welsh Regt.	1	104 B.A.C.	4

SPORTING SNIPPETS.

A Reuter's cablegram from Santiago, Chili, states that Lieut. Cortinez in an aeroplane presented by the British Government to the Chilian Government has flown across the Andes at a height of 19,600 feet.

The Commonwealth Government is again prohibiting horse-racing, and closing all theatres and indoor entertainments in consequence of the influenza epidemic becoming more serious.

The Davis Cup Committee (Lawn Tennis) have unanimously resolved that Australasia does not object to the late entry of South Africa, but the rules governing the competition preclude a re-draw.

The International Olympic Games Committee has decided to hold the seventh Olympiad at Antwerp in 1920.

Billiards.—Closing scores; B. A. Snooker Championship: D. Duval beat T. Levy 131—120 R. Terrick beat S. Froy, 172—91; A. R. Wisdom beat Lieut. H. Daly, 183—124.

ANSWERS TO SPORTING QUERIES.

W. T.: — (1) The winner of the Derby in 1905 was Lord Rosebery's "Cicero", which started 11 to 4 on (Danny Maher up). The time was 2 mins. 39,3/5 secs.

(2) "Golden Rod" won the Steward's Cup at Goodwood in 1912.

RUGBY UNION.

525 COMPANY R.A.S.C. v 310 BRIGADE R.F.A.

A large crowd gathered at Olef on Monday afternoon to witness a match between the above-mentioned teams. The ground was in good condition and the weather favourable.

From the kick-off the Service assumed the aggressive and kept the play in the Artillerymen's half. Scrummages were plentiful here and despite the latter's hard attempts, they could not carry the play to the other end of the field. The game was now very keenly contested, and as play was taken near the Artillerymen's line, Dews obtained possession and placed the ball behind the posts. Marriott failed to bring the goal-kick to fruition.

Soon after this and just before half-time, Sergeant Simpson got the ball, and with a good piece of footwork augmented the score for the Service, scoring a well-earned try. When Corporal Rowell was preparing to take the goal kick, the ball touched the ground, and the Artillery charged. The kick did not reach the goal.

Half-time score: —
525 Coy R.A.S.C. — — — 2 tries = 6 points.
310 Brigade R.F.A. — — nil.

SECOND HALF.

The game was contested keenly by the service on the resumption, and from a throw in close to the Artillerymen's line, Watson took the ball over. Dews missed with the goal kick. Not many minutes afterwards Sgt.-Major Wingate received the leather when a short distance from the line and carried it safely behind the posts. This time Marriott added the goal points.

For the Artillerymen, Major Currie, who had been transferred from the forward line to full back, was playing a splendid game, and saved his side from disaster on numerous occasions. Jenkins, for the Service, was also playing an excellent game, infusing a great amount of confidence into his play.

Sergeant Major Wingate once more got possession of the ball in the centre of the field, and despite the fact that he was tackled on several occasions he was successful in touching the ball down behind the posts. Marriott again proved successful with the goal kick.

RESULT:—525 Coy R.A.S.C. — 5 tries, 2 goals = 19 pts., 310 Brigade R.F.A. . . . nil.

The Army Service Corps' "Jazz Band" was in attendance, and they provided great amusement both during the game and during the interval.

BOXING ITEMS.

World's Championship to be Decided in London.

In a six-rounds boxing-bout at Philadelphia on Saturday Johnny Kilbane easily defeated Artie Cleary.

It is reported that Tom Pritchard has accepted an offer to promote on behalf of a syndicate a contest between Jack Dempsey and Jess Willard for the heavy-weight championship.

The championship of the world is to be decided during July next in London. Cables have been sent to both Dempsey and Willard stating that a purse £20,000 will be split up as they desire.

On Thursday next at the Holborn Stadium, Vittel and Criqui, the two famous boxers will be in the double £1000 programme arranged by Mr. C. B. Cochran. Vittee resently defeated Billy Fry in London.

52nd ROYAL SUSSEX REGT.

HISTORY OF A UNIT WITH MANY NAMES.

It may be interesting to record that the 52nd Battn., Royal Sussex Regt., which made its first appearance in the columns of "*The Cologne Post*", yesterday is in direct lineal descent from the 16th (Public Schools) Battn., Middlesex Regt., which went to France in November 1915, and had as tirring time on the Somme on July 1st, 1916.

Beginning as the 24th Battn. (reserve to the 16th Middx) in July, 1915, the unit sent out many drafts and then under the new name of the 100th Training Res. Battn., from Sept., 1916, trained men enlisted under the M. S. Acts. At Colchester in Nov. 1917, it was known for a few weeks (thanks to the vagaries of O. C. Nomenclature, War Office) as the 253th Infantry Battn.; then it received and kept for a year-and-a-half, the title "52nd (Grad) Bn. R. Sussex Regt." Under this name, in March 1918, the unit drained itself to its last drop and sent 900 men to the front from Cromer in a few days; one is glad to meet these men constantly in the towns of Germany at the present time.

Again refilling, the unit, 52nd Sussex, did a hard summer's work, but slowed down a bit when the armistice was signed and, dropping the word "Graduated" from its title, came out to Germany a month ago with the A (IV) brood hatched last summer, now as likely-looking a collection of youngsters as one would wish to see. By a happy coincidence the present Adjutant, Capt. C. E. Going, who was in the ranks in the old Public Schools Battn., (16th Middlesex) at the beginning of the war, finds himself again with comrades of 1914—15, though very few now remain.

"C" COY 32nd M.G.C. V. "A" COY 52nd MANCHESTER.

A football match was recently played between "C" Company, 32nd Battery, M.G.C. and "A" Company, 52nd Battery, Manchester Regiment on the Machine Gunners' greund at Geistingen.

The first quarter of an hour provided the best play in the game, both teams being well matched. Early in the first half the visitors' right back met with a nasty accident, colliding with the left back and receiving a cut over the right eye. This left the Manchesters with only ten men on the field but in spite of this they played up gamely.

The first goal was scored by King from a penalty awarded to the Machine Gunners. By half-time Suthers had registered a second goal with a beautiful shot from the centre of the field. In the second half the Gunners had most of the play and three further goals were registered by Levell (2) and Hughes (1).

The Manchesters, however, were not to be denied a goal, their inside left running through and scoring just before the finish. The whistle blew leaving the Machine Gunners victors by 5 goals to 1.

9th D.L.I. V 5th CAMERONS.

A splendid match should be witnessed at Lindenthal, Cologne, this afternoon, where the 9th D.L.I. receive a visit from the 5th Camerons. The Durhams have only been beaten twice this year, the second occasion being in the final of the 62nd Divisional Cup, when they were very unlucky to lose after having most of the play.

The Camerons also have a splendid record and will be considerably strengthened by the inclusion of four members of the team which won the Army Commander's Cup for the 1st Camerons.

The kick off is timed for 2.30.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

BY "METEOR".

Wednesday, April 9th., 1919.

Surface Wind Westerly 10 to 15 m.p.h. Cloudy; a risk of thunder showers in the afternoon. Visibility ordinary. Rather warm.

ENGLISH RACING NEWS.

LEICESTER MEETING.

The meeting at Leicester on Monday was held in fine weather and with a large attendance. The geing was good. Stand To wen the Durhkam Plate by six lengths, Racket being second, and all Alene third, all starting at 2 to 1 against.

Prices against other winners were 11 to 8 Farakabad; 4 to 6 Ptah; 9 to 2 Clondir; 10 to 11 Mademoiselle Foch; and 8 to 11 Granchester.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

London Betting on the City and Suburban: 7 to 1, the field, (offered).

VICTORY CUP TIE.

MATCH BETWEEN ARSENAL AND FULHAM TO BE REPLAYED.

The London Victory Cup Tie which was played on Monday of last wook between the Arsenal and Fulham has been ordered by the London Combination Committee to be replayed owing to the latter club including an ineligble player.

LAWN TENNIS.

Covered Courts Championship.

A great deal of interest is being taken in the covered court championship meeting which commenced on Monday at Queens Club, West Kensington. This is the first open meeting since August 1914.

The latest details to hand are: Gentlemen's Singles, first round: Lt. Col. A.R.F. Kingscote beat Mr. D. H. Millet, champion of Natal. Scores: 6—3, 6—1, 6—3.

Mr. P.M. Davson beat Capt. W.G. Ireland. Scores: 6—3, 6—1, 6—2.

Major R.W. Heath (Australia) beat Mr.J. Ohara Murray. Scores: 7—5, 6—3, 3—6, 11—9.

Capt. Dean Matthey (U.S.A.) beat Capt. Dicks. Scores: 6—2, 7—5, 3—6.

IMPERIAL SERVICES TOURNAMENT.

The positions of the sides in the Imperial Services tournament are as follow:

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Pts. Scored. For.	Agst.	Pts.
New Zealand	4	4	0	53	11	8
Mother Country	4	3	1	60	15	6
South Africa	4	2	2	53	22	4
Australia	4	2	2	46	15	4
Royal Air Force	4	1	3	13	62	2
Canada	4	0	4	4	102	0

R.A.S.C. WHIST-DRIVES AND DANCE.

A whist-drive and dance was held at Olef on Saturday night by No.1 Coy R.A.S.C., Highland Divisional Train.

There were two prizes offered for the best scoring cards, and these were secured by Staff-Sergeant Dacre and L/CPL. Johnson. There was a good attendance at the dance.

BONN SEMI-FINALS.

The Semi-Finals of the Bonn Association Football Competition will be played on April 9th and 10th, as follows: —

121 Heavy Batt. R.G.A. v. X Corps Signals, and 195 Siege Battery R.G.A. v. X Corps Cyclists.

The final will be played on the Hofgarten, Bonn on April 12th.

51st WELSH REGT. V. 104 D.A.C.

The 51st Battalion, Welsh Regiment, and the 104 B.A.C. played a football match at Meckenheim. The game was fast and furious throughout, but the D.A.C. team held the upper hand, the result being as follows: 51st Battalion Welsh Regt., 1; 104 D.A.C., 4.

Inman and Stevenson began a match of 15,000 up at Thurstons yesterday the closing scores were:

Inman 1364.
Stevenson 958.

HOW WE "DID" THE RHINE.

WITH THE KING'S TO COBLENZ.

On the 1st of April a party of the 13th Kings, consisting mainly of "demob's to be" hied ourselves to the left bank of the Rhine by the Bonn bridge, whence we were to proceed on a river trip to Coblenz. Despite its being April Fool's Day and the fact that the steamer seemed to be on the full side already, we stowed ourselves away in obscure corners and "pushed the boat out" at 09—15. The weather at the start left nothing to be desired and great was our astonishment later on running into a snowstorm. However, that was of short duration and everything procceded merrily.

It would take too long to describe the beauties, besides one can buy an official guide, so why worry?

Rations were consumed at mid-day and soon after we arrived at Coblenz where we tarried for an hour. Here the predominating feature seemed to be booths with "SHOES SHINEO" in conspicuous lettering on the outside.

On board again at 15.00 hours to the accompaniment of a bugle and ship's hooter to hurry up the laggards, the journey home was made in record time. The proceedings were enlivened by Caps. Service, I, careering into midstream, at which everybody, including the owner, laughed heartily. Cameras were greatly in evidence, their owners endeavouring to get ruins and castles into "vest-pockets." Only once was there a run on field-glases but of that "hush!" Billets were reached about 15.00 hours and all who took part wish to thank those responsible for a most enjoyable outing. The "demob's to be" have now the knowledge that in years to come they will be able to regale their grandchildren with yarns of "How we did the Rhine."

At the National Sporting Club Sgt. Joe Atwood (Canadians), beat Johnny Summers on points in a 15 rounds bout.

Joe Lynch's backers have challenged Wilde. They are prepared to put up a side bet of £1000 to £2000.

The Pope has written to Cardinal Czernock, Primate of Hungary, disapproving the proposed changes in the laws concerning the celibacy of priests.

20,000 MEALS A WEEK.

ACTIVITIES OF THE E.F.C. OFFICERS' CLUB.

To prepare and to serve 20,000 meals in a week is by no means an inconsiderable undertaking. And yet this is the achievement of the E.F.C. Officers' Club in Cologne — not once, as the outcome of a very special effort, but week after week.

Prior to the advent of the annex — which since its birth a week or two ago, has relieved matters considerably — the average number of dinners served each Saturday night in the main Club was no fewer than 900. In this connection it is interesting to point out — especially for the benefit of those officers who are apt to display signs of irritation at occasional little delays — the amount of work that such a huge undertaking entails as far as the German waiters are concerned. Between the kitchen and the dining-room, there is a space of about 100 feet. Allowing for the officers who dine in two's and three's this means that a five-course dinner necessitates at least 600 journeys back and forward by each waiter, not taking into account the additional work involved in the bringing of drinks. In other words, the "knight of the napkin" in the course, roughly, of a couple of hours actually walks close on two miles, to say nothing of the "little bit of extra" involved in struggling through the congested doorway leading to the hall, and dodging round tables.

The Opening of the Club.

The Ewige Lampe Hotel, with its already existing and readily adaptable facilities for conversion into an officers' club was taken over soon after the arrival of the Army of Occupation in Cologne by Lieut. Col. Berly, R.A.S.C., who is the officer-in-charge of the E. F. C. in Germany. He, with the assistance of other R.A.S.C. officers, very soon completed the necessary alterations, and on January 17th the club (labelled and complete) was opened in the happiest circumstances. The German orchestra and staff of waiters who functioned when the Ewige Lampe was under native control, were all retained and in a very few days the musicians were dispensing the latest "rags" and popular English ditties (not even emitting "When We Wind up the Watch") with as much gusto as may be expected of a London restaurant orchestra.

Where the Prefits Go.

It will probably satisfy the curiosity of a large number of officers to know exactly what happens to the profits which obviously must accrue from snch a huge turn-over as the club enjoys. A quotation from the official pamphlet issued on the subject of E.F.C. clubs generally, is itself sufficiently explicit to answer the question. It states: —

"The whole of the profits made by the E.F. canteens will be passed to the War Office and devoted to the good of the soldiers and their dependents in accordance with the orders of the Army Council."

Capt. H.S.C. Cooke, who is in charge of the Ewige Lampe Club, speaking to a "*Cologne Post*" representative, referred to a recent letter in this paper on the subject of the Opera House. The writer of this letter opined that among the causes of the departure of officers from the Opera House, before the conclusion of the performance, was their anxiety to be in the club before 8 p.m. in order that they might have dinner in tolerably reasonable time. This could no longer be advanced as an excuse for disturbing the rest of the audience at the opera, by a premature departure, said Capt. Cooke. During the recognised hours for dinner, be added, there was no occasion for any officer to wait. The Club with the annex, was capable of accommodating all the officers who required dinner without the slightest delay, unless there should be some extraordinary influx of patronage on a very large scale.

A Tribute to the "Waacs."

Lieut. Dorey, whe has had many years' experience in "Clubland" and who is now in charge of the annex, speaking to our representative, was enthusiastic in his praises of the "W.A.A.C.S." who had been employed in club work. He referred especially to the Officers Club at Poperinghe, where the girls of the Women's Auxiliary Corps worked for long hours under trying conditions. So close to the line was this Club that officers, covered with mud, frequently entered with such a remark as "we had a jolly good battle this morning; now we will have a jolly good dinner." The Club at Poperinghe, which was often exposed to shell-fire, but carried on notwithstanding, was subsequently moved to St. Omer, the authorities bearing in mind that "discretion is the better part of valour."

The present-day Club at Cologne is very different from those we used to know in the days of fighting. There are thousands of officers who will agree that the E.F.C. Clubs were among the greatest blessings of the war, very often constituting the only means for a little social relief from the ghostly experiences that were our every-day lot. The inducements of sight-seeing and the many other counter-attractions that prevail now that we have returned to the piping times of peace have disposed completely of the card-room, the billiard-room, and the reading-room as we used to know them, so that now the club is very little more than a restaurant and refreshment saloon. In these busy times in our social life, officers have very little leisure to devote to club games and this fact will undoubtedly become more and more apparent as he summer approaches.

The Club of Old.

The first really big E. F. C. officers' Club was opened at Etaples on 19th May 1917. There were, of course, earlier clubs in the busy French towns, but none attempted to minister to the wants of the "inner man" to the extent of the one mentioned. The club was founded by Major (now Lieut. Col.) J. E. Knott and met with immediate and enthusiastic approbation. In the large building taken over by the E. F. C. for the purpose, there was accommodation for a billiard room, reading room, library, lounge, dining and tea room, and (by no means least important) a silent room wherein many officers will remember writing important reports.

From that time onward, E. F. C. officers' clubs have been institutions of first importance. Wherever the army said it wanted a club, however impossible may have seemed the situation of the proposal at first, there, sure enough, in the course of only a few days, would appear the welcome sign "E. F. C."

CONCERT AT TROISDORF.

The large theatre at Troisdorf was on Saturday well filled for the M.G.C. concert arranged by the Rev. Cooper C.F. The first part of the programme consisted of a variety entertainment, in which Lieut. O'Hanlin proved an excellent elocutionist and the "Padre" gave some excellent character sketches of the East-end cockney. A splendid orchestra contributed some charming selections during the evening.

The second half of the programme consisted of a performanee given by the 52nd. Bedfords' Concert Party (by kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel Gilbert Cooper) of that amusing comedy "Freezing a Mother-in-law," which evoked continuous roars of laughter from start to finish.

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COLONIALS AND THE ARMY.

Arrangements have been made that men serving as members of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, Royal Marines (Short Service Ratings), Australian Imperial Force, Newfoundland Contingent, New Zealand Expeditionary-Force may enlist into the British Army for service with the Armies of Occupation. Enlistment will be for a period up to April 30, 1920, or for such less period during which the Armies of Occupation are maintained as such. Married men with dependents in receipt of dependents allowance from an Overseas Government cannot be accepted.

All acting rank must be relinquished and a man holding substantive rank above that of sergeant must revert to that rank, subsequent promotion being dependent on his being selected by his commanding officer to fill a vacancy. A man may during his service be transferred to another unit or corps without his consent, should the exigencies of the Service make such a transfer desirable. No bounty will be paid to men enlisted under this Army Order. Men enlisted will receive from the date of enlistment pay, allowances, and other emoluments at precisely the same conditions as non-commissioned officers or men of the British Army of the same rank and corps who are retained or who have volunteered for service in the Armies at present abroad. Separation and dependent's allowances will not be given. A man who enlists will be discharged from his present engagement as from the days prior to enlistment. He will not be allowed to purchase his discharge during the period for which he has so enlisted, except with the consent of the Army Council. At the termination of the period of enlistment men will be repatriated at Government expense.

CASUALTIES.

First is the Aid Post; name, age, and religion;
"Stick out your tongue, and what's your division;
Don't bite the clyno — and what is your age,
Let's feel your pulse", says the khaki-clad sage.

Field ambulance next — doctors, in dozens,
Ask you the names of all your first cousins;
"Stick out your tongue and let's sound your chest
You've got the Flu, all you want is a rest"

Thirdly, the C.C.S., doctors in overalls,
Name, age, religion again, an orderly calls,
"Where is the pain, sonny, all in your back?"
"Yes Sir", says I. "All right, evac'

Fourthly, the base, with its hospital large —
Name, age, religion, as usual the charge;
Nurses in uniform flitting about
Saying, "Blighty my boy, you're soon going out".

Next see the Colonel of R. A. M. fame;
He wants to see if you're playing the game,
Asks you your name, and your stay in the line
Says, "You've service enough go over the brine".

Once on the boat, and in Blighty you land,
Straight into hospital, isn't it grand?
England you've made with a terrible struggle,
Its worth it you think, when you've leave and a cuddle.

TO ALL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Editor wishes to emphasise the fact that any correspondence sent to him should bear name, rank, and unit of the sender. Also many sports and amusements contributions are being received which do not give any dates whatever. These are, naturally, useless, as all readers first of all wish to know when the occurrence, whatever it may be, happened.

Will contributors please bear this in mind.

THE BOLSHEVIST MENACE.

SOUTH AFRICA — UNITED STATES. BALTIC PROVINCES.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Some time ago the Minister of Justice and the Minister of Land were commissioned by the Union Goverment to make inquiries into the economic and labour unrest on the Rand. We understand that these Ministers, Mr. De Wet and Colonel Mentz, have reached Johannisburg and have already met the leading authorities of the town.

A general view of the situation indicates that the spirit of unrest which was evident a few days ago has given way to the quiet of expectancy. The Commissioners have been requested by the Strike Committees to grant a meeting at which explanations of the general situation can be made and a policy adopted by which the town's essential services can be continued and a lasting settlement of a confessedly difficult situation effectively planned.

Meantime the native position is not improving. It is stated that the authorities have decided to arrest the ringleaders, and groups of natives visiting the town stores are being placed under strict supervision. Colonel Truter, Chief of Police, has taken control of the situation.

A number of responsible chiefs at present in Johannisburg are going into the questions agitating the native mind. They condemn the movement to resist the Pass laws. It is mainly due to the chiefs' influence that the natives at the mines have hitherto kept aloof from the movement.

Last week a large crowd of natives congregated in the precincts of the Magistrate's court where those who had been arrested were being tried. When the Court adjourned the natives made a concerted move towards the entrance to the prisoners' yard, necessitating the bringing up of police reinforcements, who, armed with batons, charged the natives and dispersed the crowd. Many arrests were made and a number of natives were injured.

At Vrededorp the natives have been causing trouble. They held a meeting last week and after they had assaulted a European, mounted police were summoned and speedily mastered the situation. Three natives were shot in the affray and taken to hospital, while several whites were injured. The latter are also lying in hospital. No one was killed.

We understand from later news that at Vrededorp the natives intercepted whites as they passed through the Fordsburg subway and asked the first man they met whether he was an Englishman. Receiving a reply in the affirmative, the man being an ex-Army officer the natives escorted him to the subway with raised sticks and cheers for the King, but they refused to allow him to go to the assistance of another white who had been knocked down and whom native women were stoning from the parapet. As soon as he got clear the Englishman gave the alarm to the Police, and a squadron of South African Mounted Rifles was summoned and soon restored order. The injured white was removed insensible, but he recovered later.

At the end of last week, in the House of Assembly, Colonel Cresswell, the Labour leader, opened the question of the arrest of two men at Maritzburg. He asked for the reasons why the Public Welfare Act had been invoked. Mr. Malan, the Acting Prime Minister, replied that these men had been charged with circulating seditions and Bolshevist opinions amongst the natives.

UNITED STATES.

It is a far cry from South Africa to the United States, but even in the latter we learn that a determined effort is being made to spread a Bolshevist creed. On the authority of the Washington representative of the *Daily Telegraph* we further learn that some of the foreign press in the United States have recently had a largely increased circulation, and Government agents attribute this to the machinations of Lenin and Trotsky.

Senator Overman and other legislators have framed bills to meet the case, and also to provide money for the education of foreign-born or foreign-bred children in this country so that they can learn to read English and do away with foreign papers in the big cities. As to native American labour, which is well educated and nighly paid, the Bolshevik teachers are in despair, and since native labour controls the situation there is absolutely no danger in this country of the money sent by Lenin and Trotsky securing the sinister object that is intended.

It is all to the good that the policy of American employers is to keep wages at their present level until the cost of living is lowered, and of this there is no immediate prospect. Competent authorities declare that the situation a month ago was not viewed with complete satisfaction, and in many cases a reaction was noted among the workers very similar to that with which England has been confronted. At the present time there is no alarm whatever, conference, conciliation, and working agreements having done their business. The British method of ruling out the doctrinaires and hurricane reformers, and finding solutions by definite concentration upon concrete problems has not been lost upon the American proletariat, and strengthens the views that Bolshevism will never get a foothold in English-speaking countries.

BALTIC PROVINCES.

News of considerable interest has reached us regarding Bolshevism in the Baltic Provinces. Lieutenant-Colonel Tallents has arrived in London after a most interesting journey along the coast from Danzig to Reval, a journey undertaken at the request of the Supreme Economic Council. Our readers will remember that Colonel Tallents was the British representative in Warsaw of the Inter-Allied Commission for the Supply and Relief of Poland. We append the following details of Colonel Tallents' work.

He left Poland by the railway through Mlawa to Danzig, which has lately been so much discussed in connection with the return of General Hallers Army from France. He travelled by destroyer to Libau, where he found the German military authorities still in effective occupation of the town and the interior, but spent several days on shore conferring with representatives of the Lettish and Lithuanian Governments. He then went up the coast to Reval, passing through twenty-five miles of ice only one day before a change in the wind again made Reval icebound.

After conference with the Esthonian Government, his ship being still icebound in Reval, Colonel Tallents finally crossed by ice-breaker to Helsingfors, returning viâ Abo, Stockholm, Christiania, and Bergen to England, and has now gone on to Paris to present his report and to deliver a personal letter entrusted to him by the Prime Minister of Esthonia for Mr. Lloyd George. He has brought back with him some terrible photographs of the atrocities committed last January, when, before the succesful counterstroke by the Esthonians, the Bolsheviks overran most of their country.

We understand that Colonel Tallents holds the view that the prompt supply of food, clothing, and materials for the reconstruction of industry to the southern coast of the Baltic is the first condition of an effective counter to Bolshevik aggression.

WITH THE RATIONS.

Although the wearing of the new Active Service ribbon was officially sanct oned as from the Ist April, there does not appear to be any particular anxiety on the part of the members of the Rhine Army thus to decorate their manly breasts. Those lads returning from leave seem to be leading the way in the matter, so that there is quite a dash of bright colour in the boat-loads of khaki that arrive daily at the French ports.

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The new decoration ribbon is certainly not lacking in "noise" and distinctiveness. Made of "shot" silk, the main colour is bright orange which forms a half-inch centre-piece. Then there are is a strip of white and a strip of sky blue, these two being divided by a narrow black line. The complete effect is rather dazzling.

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The square facing the west side of the Cathedral in Cologne is gradually assuming a decided "Londony" appearance. An enterprising news-vendor has organised a definite stand for the disposal of his wares, with papers carefully arranged in tiers, very much on the lines of the *al fresco* stalls that are so plentiful in the Strand neighbourhood, while the appearance, for the first time yesterday, of three or four flower girls with well laden baskets was sufficient to induce thoughts of home. The "sweet vilets" and other flowers, looking very fresh and tempting appealed irresistibly to the English and American ladies who populate this part of the world in ever-increasing numbers.

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The huge Handley-Page aeroplane that circled round and about Cologne yesterday morning, at a very low altitude, attracted much German attention. On one occasion in its flight, when the machine skimmed gracefully round the spires of the Cathedral in alarmingly close proximity, a German, who at one time was a pilot himself, was everheard to marvel at the wonderful stability of the monster plane.

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BUCKSHEE PARS.

At the London County Council Hall the Marquis of Crewe presented to twenty-one women and twenty-nine men the Order of the O.B.E. and thirteen King's Police Medals, the recipients of the latter including six officers of the London Fire Brigade, and Superintendent Croasdell, of the Edmonton Fire Brigade, all the awards being made as a recognition of meritorious services performed on various occasions during the war.

Included in Ramsgate's summer programme are seaplane trips from the foreshore. In some of the neighbouring towns the authorities have taken the view that the landing of aircraft would be detrimental to the safety of those using the sands, but the scheme to be adopted at Ramsgate provides for passengers being ferried to and from the flying machines, so that there is no danger to those in the close vicinity.

Consett steelworker's wages have been further advanced 5 per cent., making 87½ per cent. above the standard, or an increase of 72½ per cent. beyond pre-war rates.

A procession of horses and carts half a mile long, belonging to the van dwellers, followed the remains of one of the tribesmen who was buried at Strood, Kent.

Sir Charles J. Stewart, the late Public Trustee, has been elected to a seat on the board of the Marconi International Marine Communication Co., Ltd.

Provided by the Athletes' Volunteer Nursing Section, a motor ambulance has been presented by Sir Alfred Yeo to the East Ham Council for the use of the residents.

Subject to endorsement by the men a settlement has been reached in the negotiations for a shorter working week for London 'bus workers on all points except one, which is to be further discussed with the employers to-morrow.

A Requiem service to the late Col. Horace Walpole, of Wingfield, will be held at St. James's, Spanish Place, to day.

Plant and machinery are to be sold at Halifax on Wednesday, and Manchester on Thursday, by order of the Ministry of Munitions.

Capt. W. D. Turner was found dead in his office in Green Street, Leicester Square, on Saturday, with gas escaping into the room.

The statue of John Bunyan in Bunhill Row Cemetery has been disfigured by knocking off the nose.

Three hundred Sheffield women who refused to go into domestic service have had their unemployment benefit stopped.

The Paris *Journal* states that there are rumours that the French Government will shortly submit a Bill establishing the principle of an eight-hour day. The draft was prepared on M. Clemenceau's instructions by MM. Colliard and Loucheur in collaboration with delegates of employers and the Workmen's Co-operative Association.

A fine of £100, or three months' imprisonment, was imposed at Dumfermline on David Walker for having used a shed at the Dockyard for the purposes of betting. The authorities were anxious to suppress the practice because time during working hours was spent in the shed. The accused had a War Bond for £500, besides £179 in the bank, and nearly £180 in cash.

Yesterday the wages of ironworkers in the Midlands were advanced a further 10 per cent.

Notice of the presentation of a Bill for the establishment of the office of Public Defender has been given by Mr. H. Bottomley, M.P.

The Maghull (Lancashire) branch of the Workers' Union have issued notices to farmers who have not conceded the increase of 5s. weekly and a fifty-hour week. The men will cease work next Saturday.

An open verdict was returned at an inquest at Woolwich on Saturday on Lce.-Cpl. Frederick Lapworth, of the Royal Army Service Corps, billeted at Eltham, who was found decapitated near a level crossing un the railway at Woolwich.

Broadstairs and Westgate-on-Sea have decided that their War Memorials shall take the form of public recreation grounds. At Broadstairs it is estimated that the cost of a recreation ground of six acres, including a pavilion, would be £3,000.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompamed by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

POSTAGE STAMPS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir. — A few days ago there appeared in your columns a seasonable warning to purchasers of postage stamps, regarding the prices demanded from members of the British Forces.

May I also add a note about the nature of the so-called "War Stamps" (Kriegsmarken) which are so prominently displayed in Cologne.

The majority of these come direct from the printer to the dealer and have never been in the hands of the postal authorities. Some are postmarked and yet retain their original gum; some are mounted in sets on sheets or envelopes and the same postmark put on each; some are genuine labels with forged postmarks or surcharges; whilst others, e.g. the Czecho-Slovak issues, are speculative efforts from private sources, without any official authority.

It is no easy matter even for the expert to detect all these forgeries.

War stamp of the Central Powers are not catalogued in British publications and Cologne dealers will not sell German catalogues to British collectors, as the exposure of the forgeries, with consequent loss of profit, would result. War stamps on entire envelopes are perhaps the only safe purchase at present. Of course, if one desires to have a collection of specimens of the printer's art, all postage labels, genuine or speculative, are interesting, but the price paid for the latter should be small.

I have observed so far only two shops in Cologne which do not make a prominent display of doubtful "Kriegsmarken," and in each case the proprietor is one who has had considerable business with English dealers of repute in pre-war days and is desirous of keeping his own reputation with a view to the resumption of his English connections. C. Sp.

OLD HAILEYBURIANS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—Might I suggest that if the Service is arranging any more Dinners for "Old Boys", such gatherings should not be limited to the commissioned ranks, but that common soldiers should be allowed to sit below the salt if they are prepared to conduct themselves with a proper humility towards their superiors.

Are we not all worshippers of the great god Demos?

"RANK OUTSIDER."

SMART GUARDS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Reference the paragraph "Some Guards" in your issue of the 2nd inst, I think Mr Thomas could afford to weigh his thoughts before putting them in print.

Evidently the writer did "get the wind up", or he wouldn't have written. But his letter will tend to dishearten those young fellows who are now coming to take up the work already begun by us who have gone through the mill. It is far better to see such zeal than the "don't care" spirit, too prevalent among us. Even "weary pedestrians" are a cause of great worry to sentries at times. The Sgt. i/c Guard should be highly honoured.

W. M.

FREE TRAVELLING for M.P's.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

It is reported that a memorial is being signed by members of all parties for the provision of free railway passses between Westminster and their constituencies.

Recently, when the question of an increase of wages for railway workers came before the House, the opinion was expressed that the extra charge would cripple the railways, unless they in turn passed on the charge to the public by the raising of fares and freight charges.

These same logical gentlemen are now claiming that about 700 members of the travelling public, each one certainly not "receiving" less than £400 p.a. should travel from his "home" to his "business" free of charge, at public expense.—

VERB. SAP.

Answers to Correspondents.

[*The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Questions on any subject whatever are invited and will be answered as promptly and as authentically as is possible. — Ed.*]

Student.— Army College, Hansa Ring. Afternoon classes for Army Troops. Apply through Education Officer of unit.

Fairplay:— You have mis-read the article. Income Tax will have very little effect on you.

W.G.— Will do so as early as possible.

Gunner.— See our article on Bonn College, April 1. Apply through unit.

J.W.B.— Yes, you simply send a letter to them. Get your Bank Book, and read all regulations contained at the end.

D.G.— It can only be done by placing the facts before your Adjutant.

T. — As far as we know, the main reason was the jealousy of the Berlin Government, who greatly feared a development of the Metropol of the Rhineland, and therefore arranged that Bonn should have the University; Düsseldorf, the Academy of Arts; Aachen, the High School of Technics; leaving only business to Cologne. The danger was that Cologne without a university would only have a business spirit, and probably lose many of its ideals. To prevent this, a citizen of Cologne, Mevissen, gave to this city the money necessary for the erection of a High School of Commerce, and by this laid the foundations of the Economic faculty of the Cologne University.

He — "Does your father object to kissing?"

She — "I don't know. Shall I tell him that you would like to kiss him?"

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SMALL SHOT.

I heard a good story the other day of an officer who has recently been demobilized.

His employers have given him charge of a branch in Paris. At a greatly increased salary, too! But he doesn't mean to remove his family and household goods to the French capital yet awhile. He has discovered that the cost of living there is sky-high. In celebration of his promotion he gave a simple dinner in a Paris restaurant the other evening. Five people; menu—soup, fish, joint, pudding; extras — a cigar each, a bottle of champagne and two bottles of ordinary wine. Bill — 450 francs.

In paying the charge, the ex-officer, who is a Scot, remarked, "does the 450 francs gi'e ye a season ticket for the eatin' hoose?"

But the intricacies of the Scottish joke were lost on the French proprietor.

AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE.

I was walking up Hohe Strasse when I met my old friend Smith. We turned into one of the cafés for a drink. Selecting a vacant table, we sat down. A waiter approached noiselessly.

"Sir?" he inquired politely.

Smith stared at him.

"I've met you before somewhere," said he.

"Dat so?" again politely.

"Yes — weren't you the blighter I threw a bomb at during that daylight raid at Arras about Easter '17?"

The waiter smiled sheepishly, but did not reply. I gave him the order, and then looked enquiringly at Smith.

He grinned deprecatingy.

"But the rotten part of the business was, I forgot to take the blinking pin out of the bomb."

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NORTH RUSSIA RELIEF FORCE.

ADVANCE GUARD EMBARKS.

It is officially announced that the Relief Force now being formed for service in North Russia will include Royal Field Artillery, Royal Engineers Field Signals and Postal Sections, Infantry, Machine gun Corps, Royal Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps, Army Ordnance Corps, Army Veterinary Corps and Army Pay Corps.

The Force is to be mainly composed of volunteers drawn from demobilised and discharged men, but all men re-enlisting must be fully trained, fit for general service and over nineteen years of age.

The advance guard of the Relief Force embarked at Tilbury last night.

CLASS 'Z' RESERVISTS.

There is no truth in the report that class Z reservists are being called up.

An Army Order dated the 1st April permits their joining the colours and many are volunteering for Archangel, but their re-enlistment is in no way due to coercion.

EGYPT CALMING DOWN.

Important decisions concerning Egypt were announced in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Cecil Harmsworth stated that General Allenby, under the discretionary powers granted him, had issued a proclamation to the effect that now that order had been in great measure restored, he declared, in agreement with the Khedive, that there were no restrictions on travel and Egyptians who wished to leave the country would be free to do so.

This concession would include people originally barred from entering England.

A Ministry is in course of formation and a deputation of Ministers would shortly visit England in response to an invitation already twice extended by the British Government.

Reuter's message from Cairo, dated the 4th April, states that owing to the activity of the patrols and close co-operation of the Civil authorities normal conditions are being rapidly restored throughout the Delta.

The country is being cleared of brigands who, even before the disturbances, existed largely by blackmailing the law-abiding classes.

During the disturbances of the previous day patrols were several times obliged to fire, owing to the hostility of the mob. It was largely due to the discipline and self-restraint of the troops that the casualties were limited to nine killed and fifty-six wounded.

Telegraphic communication had been restored to beyond Wasta and the restoration of the railway towards Minia was only a matter of hours.

FIGHTING IN ALBANIA.

ITALIAN GENERAL KILLED.

A Belgrade telegram from Prisrend says that sanguinary engagements in which machine guns were used have taken place between Italians and Albanians near Betcha, in the Commune o Soiroj, which is occupied by Italians.

It is learned from an official source that the Italian General and his suite were attacked and killed yesterday week by Albanians at Evandegne, near Sentars.

ARMENIAN MASSACRES.

Reuter's Constantinople correspondent wires that important arrests have been made in connection with the Armenian massacres, including Halil Pasha, uncle of the notorious Enver Pasha.

SMUTS' HUNGARIAN PROPOSALS

Reuter's correspondent telegraphs from Copenhagen that General Smuts has proposed to the Hungarian Soviet the establishment of a neutral zone, to be occupied by Allied troops, between Hungary and Roumania.

He undertakes to propose to the Powers the immediate raising of the blockade and proposes a conference between the Hungarians, Czeco-Slovaks, Rumanians and German Austrians before the settlement of frontier and economic questions.

The Hungarians agreed to a conference but formulated further proposals on other questions.

GERMAN AUSTRIAN UNION.

A German Commission will proceed to Vienna on Tuesday next to discuss with a German Austrian Commission the question of the Union of German Austria with Germany.

LONDON BOLSHEVISTS DEPORTED.

In London yesterday 150 Russian Bolshevists were arrested. They will be deported to Odessa. Further arrests are expected to be made in provincial towns.

CRITICAL SITUATION AT ODESSA.

REPORTED CAPTURED BY BOLSHEVISTS.

A *Reuter* telegram from Constantinople dated 4th April states that the French Cruiser Waldeck-Rousseau is proceeding to Odessa where the situation is critical owing to Bolshevist pressure. The population is considerably alarmed and many people are hurriedly leaving. Thousands of refugees, mostly Greeks, have fled to Constantinople.

A *Havas* wireless message sent out from Moscow at 6 p.m. on the 7th says that the latest telegrams received there from Kieff announce the taking of Odessa by Ukrainian Bolshevist troops.

The evacuation of Odessa has for some time been considered preferable to the reinforcement of the troops holding the town. General Tranchet d'Esperey has apparently chosen to evacuate. The Allied fleet, however, still retains its mastery and blockade of the Black sea, which is the most important point to consider.

REVOLUTIONS IN GERMANY.

Revolutions in Germany move apace.

In Berlin a fresh one is expected and the utmost precautions are being taken. Spartacists demonstrated in front of the Chancellor's Palace with a banner bearing the words "Down with the Government, who are using violence against cripples, widows and orphans."

Wilhelmplatz and Wilhelmstrasse are occupied by the military.

During the March riots 1175 persons were killed in the streets, including many soldiers.

Freiheit contains the following cry: —

"Despair has seized the masses. Strike follows strike ..... The Government knows only one way against the movement of the masses — brutal violence. The masses have nothing more to hope for from the Government or from the National assembly," and so on, *ad nauseam.*

Peasants in Franconia and the Upper Palatinate have combined in a refusal to send any food produce to Munich and Augsburg until the Soviet republic is abolished. Upper Bavarian and Swabian peasantry have followed suit.

The Bavarian Landtag was opened yesterday at Bamberg, the Minister for Military affairs, Herr Schneppenhorst, refusing all outside offers of help.

The Government of Hessen, Baden and Würtemberg have declared their intention of recognising the Hoffmann Ministry as the only legal Government of Bavaria.

SAXONY.

Yesterday there was severe fighting at Magdeburg, fourten persons being killed.

Food to the value of a million marks for distribution among the population this week was looted.

STRIKES PENDING IN COLOGNE

After long negotiations with the syndicate of employers in the metal industry, the hands employed by the firm of Maschinenbau-Anstalt Humboldt at Kalk, Co ogne, have announced their intention of striking.

Other works in Cologne intend to strike within the next few days.

BOLSHEVIST DEFEAT IN LETTLAND.

Lettish Headquarters announces that in a big battle between Letts and Bolshevists near Schlock the latter were heavily defeated. These attacks it is believed, herald the beginning of a great Bolshevist campaign against Lettland and Lithuania.

CLEMENCEAU'S CLEMENCY.

At the request of M. Clemenceau, M. Poincaré has commuted the sentence on Cottin, the man who wounded "The Tiger", to one of ten years imprisonment.

Yesterday M. Poincaré and M. Clemenceau received Madame Cottin, mother of the assailant, and Me. Oscar Bloch, the barrister who defended him.

GERMAN COLONIES.

At the Peace negotiations the German Colonial Administration will be represented by the ex-Governor of German East-Africa, Dr. Schnee, and the Privy State Counsellors Dr. Marquardsen and Dr. Ruppel.

TWO HUNDRED EXECUTIONS DAILY.

Reuter's Copenhagen correspondent telegraphs a statement emanating from the Lettish Press bureau at Libau that two hundred executions for alleged counter-revolutionary activity are being carried out daily at Riga. The tribunal is under the notorious Peters and the accused are condemned without having a regular trial.

Under pressure of famine even women are enrolling in the Red army at Riga and are doing duty as bridge guards.

Lt. Col. Maurice Craig has been appointed by the Ministry of Pensions honorary consultant for neurological shell-shock cases.

QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS.

MISSING PRISONERS OF WAR.

Answering Mr. Forestier-Walker (U. Monmouth) Mr. Winston Churchill said that the motor ambulance parties which had been searching for prisoners of war in Germany had finished their work. No men previously marked as "missing" had been found, but one hundred and twenty one men known to be prisoners of war had been discovered. The number of British prisoners of war in Germany unaccounted for was, 1796 on the 7th April.

CENSORSHIP OF LETTERS.

In answer to Mr. Bottomley (Ind., S.Hackney) Mr. Churchill stated that the censorship of letters addressed by soldiers to members of their own families would be abolished as soon as possible.

OFFICERS' RIGHTEOUS APPEAL

Many officers serving in Salonika have written, says the *Evening News*, begging that something may be done to prevent the sale of our army horses in Greece on account of the cruel treatment to which they will probably be exposed.

Many of the officers express the hope that they will be allowed to shoot their horses and pay for them, rather than let them go.

ATTACHE DIVORCED.

On the grounds of his wife's misconduct with Captain Lionel G.Ames, Mr. Robert Rodger Glen, an attaché in the Diplomatic service at Washington, was yesterday granted a divorce. The case was undefended.

PRINCE ALBERT, R.A.F.

Yesterday Prince Albert second son of the King and Queen, made a series of half-hour flights on Avro machines from Croydon aerodrome, in rainy weather. The flights were part of the prescribed course of instruction for a pilot's certificate.

RHINE ARMY COMMANDER.

LUNCH WITH THE KING.

Sir William Robertson, who is about to leave England to take over the command of the Army of the Rhine, called at Buckingham Palace yesterday with Lady Robertson. They were received by the King and Queen and had the honour of being invited to lunch with their Majesties and members of the Royal family.

Sir Douglas Haig was also received by the King yesterday. He takes up the appointment in succession to Sir William Robertson, as Commander in Chief of the Forces in Great Britain.

LABOURITE MAGISTRATES.

Five Labourites qualified as magistrates (Justices of the Peace) at Huntingdonshire Quarter Sessions yesterday, viz.: three railway signalmen, a foreman, a platelayer and a small-holder.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS RELEASED.

Of the 888 conscientious objectors sent to prison for refusing to serve or for offences committed while in the Army, 404 will be released this week.

Several were liberated yesterday.

AN ARCHANGEL WAAC.

Sir Ernest Shackleton's sister, Miss Kathleen Shackleton, went to the War Office yesterday to volunteer for the North Russian Relief Force. She was referred to the Headquarters of Q.M.A.A.C. popularly known as the Waacs.

RECORD WHEAT CROP ANTICIPATED.

American Government reports on winter wheat placed its condition on the 1st April at 99.8 per cent.

The acreage under cultivation is the highest ever planted and it is estimated that one hundred and twenty five million busnels will be available for export to Europe.

FOCH'S OPINION OF SIR HENRY WILSON.

At the request of the Prime Minister the dinner to Sir Henry Wilson at the House of Commons has been postponed until after the Easter recess.

Viscount Duncannon, one of the organizers, has received a letter from Marshal Foch, dated 2nd. April, in which he describes Sir Henry Wilson as "one of the most capable, most loyal and most valiant soldiers of the Allied armies, and one of the greatest servants his country possesses."

Sir Henry Wilson was one of England's representatives on the Supreme War Council which sat at Versailles.

H. M. the King and Queen visited the Canadian Maple Leaf hut in Grosvenor-gardens yesterday afternoon.

"Judith," a new play by Arnold Bennett, was produced with great success at Eastbourne last night. Miss Lillah Mc. Carthy was in the title rôle.

RUTHERFORD MURDER TRIAL.

PLEA OF INSANITY.

When the trial was resumed at the Old Bailey yesterday of Captain Norman Cecil Rutherford, D. S. O. for the murder of Major Miles Cariston Seton, the accused sat in the dock staring listlessly in front of him. Only at intervals did he appear to follow the evidence at all keenly.

Several witnesses, both medical and police, gave evidence regarding Rutherford's physical and mental condition before and since the crime.

In November, 1916, Rutherford was invalided home from France with eczema, which, a medical witness said, was likely to cause insomnia and mental strain.

In the course of his evidence, Dr Spilsbury, the famous pathologist, reconstructed the crime. Major Seton, he said, was probably standing in the dining room when the first shot was fired afterwards moving through the door while the other shots were being fired.

Dr. Griffiths, who has Rutherford under his care at Brixton prison, is ill and unable to appear. His report has not yet been put in.

The case for the prosecution being concluded, counsel for the defence intimated that the defence would be insanity at the time of the murder.

The case was adjourned.

BRITISH TRADE BOOMING.

EXPORTS RISING, IMPORTS FALLING

Board of Trade returns for March show that British exports are gradually recovering. Although March contained only two more working days than February, exports of British goods amounted to fifty three million pounds against forty seven million pounds for February, an increase of nearly thirteen per cent. The increase in re-exports of foreign and colonial merchandise is even more striking, the gain on the month being from five to nine millions, an increase of about eighty per cent. Imports are still showing a gratifying though slow decline. They amounted to one hundred and six million pounds for March against one hundred and seven million pounds for February, despite the greater length of March. Last month's exports amounted to fifty nine per cent of the value of imports, against a percentage of thirty six per cent a year ago. We exported over four million tons of coal and coke last month against under three million during February. The value being nearly seven million five hundred thousand pounds against under five million five hundred thousand pounds. In March 1914 we exported over six million tons. Under manufactured goods our exports of iron and steel and manufactures thereof were one hundred and fifty eight thousand one hundred and ninety tons against one hundred and eight thousand two hundred and seventy seven tons for February this year and four hundred and five thousand three hundred and thirty eight tons for March, 1914, but total value is very nearly as great as before the war.

These indications of steadily improving business conditions have given a fresh fillip to business on the London Stock Exchange.

Yesterday gilt-edged securities strengthened and buying was active in several other directions. Russian mining groups attracted more attention on receipt of an encouraging cable from Siberia.

MILITARY SERVICE BILL.

"SINISTER WAR CLOUDS."

In the House of Lord yesterday Lord Peel moved the second reading of the Naval, Military and Air Force Service Bill.

Lord Buckmaster moved that the Bill be rejected.

Earl Curzon, supporting the Bill, said that the Army which it would provide was to reap the fruits of victory. There were still sinister war clouds on the horizon and he could not agree that the maintenance of these forces was unjustified. Earl Curzon pointed out how much British troops are in demand throughout Europe and said that Vienna, finding itself in difficulties, and apprehensive lest it should share the fate of Buda-Pesth, turned to Britain and said "If you will send ten thousand British troops we can guarantee the situation."

That is because they trust British troops, said the noble Earl.

The Bill was seconded.

LABOUR ELECTION GAINS.

Out of a total membership of four hundred and fifty seven comprising the London Boards of Guardians, Labour candidates secured one hundred and thirty one seats. There were only twenty-one Labour members on the old Boards. They thus gained one hundred and ten seats. The other outstanding feature of the elections was the success of women candidates.

WHERE LABOUR DID NOT WIN.

Lady Betty Balfour has been elected to the Woking District Council, where the Labourites were defeated, winning only two out of nine seats.

RABBIT BONE CAUSES DEATH.

As the result of a rabbit bone sticking in his throat, Col. Horace Walpole died yesterday at his country seat in Hampshire.

BEATTY'S VALEDICTORY MESSAGE.

Admiral Sir David Beatty has hauled down his flag on the "Queen Elizabeth." In taking farewell of his officers and men he said: —

"The spirit of the Fleet has been beyond praise and the highest traditions of our great Service have been upheld.

"I leave in the full confidence that the spirit of the Grand Fleet will remain; that the lessons learnt in the war will be laid to heart and that the mutual understanding which exists between officers and men will be maintained and fostered for the safety and honour of our King and Empire."

CASES AT THE MILITARY COURT.

RETRIBUTIVE JUSTICE.

In order to gratify her spirit of revenge a dismissed servant laid an information against her late employer, stating that weapons were concealed in the house.

Search was made, swords and bayonets being discovered, together with a sword belonging to a friend!

The lady of the house was fined one thousand marks and the householder four thousand marks.

HONESTY NEARLY PUNISHED.

It was noticed that a railway worker at Deutz was carrying an English oil-can. He only stopped when the sentry fired at him.

Accused of theft, he said at the Court that he found the can on the line and that his duty was to deliver it th the station authorities.

Although the sentry declared that he was walking in the other direction the man was acquitted.

CHARGES AND COUNTER CHARGES.

A German soldier who returned to his home in December last discovered that during his absence at the front his wife had been unfaithful. He entered an action for divorce.

His wife thereupon denounced her husband to the French authorities, accusing him of having stolen goods, chiefly linen and cloth, in France.

On this information not only the man was arrested, but his wife also, on the charge of concealing the stolen property.

In his own defence the man swore that he had honestly acquired all the goods in France and actually described the places where he had purchased them.

The alleged vendors, members of fifteen different families, were communicated with and without exception declared that they had sold all the goods in question when they were compelled to evacuate their homes.

The man was at once acquitted, the President of the Military Court at Mayence complimenting him on his correct behaviour.

Unfortunately there is no mention of what happened to his wife.

FAMOUS DUTCH CARTOONIST HONOURED.

The famous Dutch artist, Louis Raemaekers, whose cartoons drawn during the war expressed so vividly the infamy and inhumanity of enemy militarism, was the principal guest at a dinner given in his honour yesterday by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Horace B. Marshall.

M. Raemaekers, in his speech, said that when he came to England in 1915 he gave his services to the then Government and afterwards to the succeeding Government. For him the Government of 1915 would always have the undying glory of having tried its utmost to prevent war, not only for England but for the world. Viscount Grey had done more than anyone else to nail down the lie that war was forced on Germany, and when war was declared against Belgium Mr. Asquith made a declaration which he hoped would ever be found in the school books of English girls and boys as a monument of British policy.

The present Government, said M. Raemaekers, if it were judged by the things it had achieved, was the greatest England had ever known.

TRAINING DEMOBILIZED SOLDIERS.

At Leeds yesterday Mr. James Currie, C.M.G., head of the Industrial Training Department of the Ministry of Labour, met representatives of the Advisory and Pensions Committees of the West Riding to explain the new system of training demobilized soldiers.

In reply to a question Mr. Currie thought there was no reason for complaint by the trade unions. There had been some delay as regards the engineering trade but this was due to Government reorganisation consequent on the general election and to changes in the Ministry. So far the trade unions had given them every facility.

A representative said they had been held up for two years in training in the engineering trade because that trade union would not accept the principle.

Mr. Currie hoped all such difficulties would be removed by the end of the week.

NEW BREAD FOR STALE.

A Food Ministry Official said yesterday that there was no reason why new bread should any longer be prohibited except that the masters and men had not reached an agreement on the subject of night work.

A few days ago the masters were convinced that men would not strike because the Government would not cancel the order prohibiting the sale of new bread.

FOUR AND TWENTY BLACKBIRDS.

Yesterday evening the Metropolitan police raided a house in Bloomsbury and arrested twenty four coloured men who were playing a game of hazard with dice.

They were all bailed out at Bow-street police court.

Many of them were jazz band players and hurried off to fulfil engagements.

100,000 STARVED TO DEATH.

Information comes from Vienna to the effect that from the beginning of the War to the end of 1917 no fewer than a hundred thousand deaths from starvation had occured in German Austria.

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THE SURE SHIELD OF OUR EMPIRE.

The Grand Fleet is no more! On Monday of this week the flag of the Commander-in-Chief of our navy was hauled down, and once again our fleets and squadrons are on a peace establishment. Thus passes the greatest navy which the world has known. The time has not come when historians can calmly review the four-and-a-half years of war and apportion to each arm of our services its due in the triumph of our cause, but already it is undoubted that the British navy played a noble and wondrous part in victory. Were Captain Mahan alive he could see how surely the war now happily ended has proved his historical contention. The influence of sea-power is supreme.

The Grand Fleet which was in August, 1914, entrusted to Admiral Jellicoe as "Commander-in-Chief"—an eighteenth century and not a new title—grew stronger each year of war. Queen Elizabeths and Royal Sovereigns, battle-cruisers of amazing armament, light cruisers and destroyers that rivalled in speed our fastest locomotives, "hush" boats of all sizes, and innocent-looking "mystery" ships—all vied with each other to make our shield of Empire surer. One must not forget how much we owe to the men of our ship-building yards, engine shops, and armament forges when we speak of this accession of strength.

But the Grand Fleet, despite the monotony of its labours, its constant training, its unceasing watchfulness, its lack of warfare's excitement, maintained and even increased its *morale* in a fashion that made anxious hearts rejoice and shamed pessimism into nobler faith. Zeebrugge and Ostend were the climax of a zeal that never wavered.

None can dwell on the achievements of the Grand Fleet with unmoved soul. They carry him back to the dim yet glorious days when England fought for her proud title of mistress of the sea. We think of Cabot who, on the 5th of March, 1496 — the birthday of the British Empire — received from Henry VII a charter for voyaging to the El Dorado of the West; of Martin Frobisher and Francis Drake and the hardy buccaneers of Queen Bess who defeated the pompous Armada of a Philip; of Blake and the seamen of the seventeenth century who wrested from Van Tromp and De Ruyter the ruling of the waves; we think of Hawke at Quiberon Bay and his famous sentence, "Now lay me along side the French Admiral;" and, last of all, of Nelson, whose genius and inspiration saved our empire from the domination of its foes.

The spirit of such men is not dead. It has been alive in the men of the Grand Fleet, and they have preserved the old tradition of seamanship, chivalry, and victory.

All honour to the Fleet that is no more!

A SOFT JOB.

BY L.C. LEAPMAN.

A wise saying of Solomon which runs:—
"There are three things which are too wonderful for me; nay, four which I know not:—
The way of an eagle in the air,
The way of a serpent upon the rock,
The way of a ship in the midst of the sea,
And the way of a man with a maid,"
is to my mind incomplete.

Had he lived in these days, I am sure he would have added:
"And the arrival of a troop train in France."

It is a "scream", and the direct effect on the R.T.O's office would provide splendid material for a revue or sketch, whilst the fact that the French and Belgians now control all traffic adds of course to the general excitement.

If you can imagine a small office, containing a huge stove that threatens to roast alive the harassed staff; a telephone that rings incessantly, and a tiny window labelled "Enquiries", you have some idea of the scene.

A train arrives—in itself an event worthy of record — the troops crawl sleepily out of the "Hommes 40, Chevaux 8" on to a platform entirely devoid of light, and the fun commences.

An immense crowd of Tommies besieges the window and asks to be directed to obscure units and places the staff has never even heard of; officers, scorning the window, and quite regardless of an imperative notice pinned on the door, intimating that "Entrance of unauthorised persons is forbidden", pour into the office and enquire as one man, where they may put their kits, where they may be accommodated, where and how they are to go, and a thousand-and-one other questions, all of which are drowned in the general uproar.

Then the door communicating with the French office bursts open and a very excited Frenchman — or maybe two or three — literally hurls himself through, waving *Ordres de Transport*, etc., and volubly explaining in rapid French, which no one understands, that something or other is wrong, and giving the impression that a frightful accident is about to happen, or has happened.

At the same moment the crowd in the doorway is scattered by a frenzied "Sub" who rushes in, clutching his Train Diary in one hand and a wire cheese-cutter in the other, and wildly demanding if anyone has seen, heard or has otherwise any knowledge of the whereabouts of the O. C. train.

This is the train officer, whose job it is to interview the O. C. train or T. C. O. with the object of obtaining his signature to the many army forms with which he has been provided by a well-meaning but distinctly annoying H. Q. — an operation evolving great tact and power of persuasion on the part of the T. O.

Engines whistling, as only French engines can, and the almost deafening hissing of steam, completes this picture of chaos. In the midst of all, the R.T.O. himself, if he is a wise man, stands with a cheerful countenance and an expression which suggests that no problem is too great for him to solve; that really everything is quite normal and not in the least discouraging.

Gradually, the crowd disperses; the Frenchman is pacified and retires not quite certain whether he has been understood or not; the T.O. having failed to elicit any information whatever, and unable to convince any officer that he would make an ideal deputy for the missing O.C. panics out in a condition bordering on lunacy, and is immediately heard "strafing" the unfortunate members of his staff who have unwisely come to "help".

The engine, with one last long and defiant shriek, rumbles out of the station at a speed of two miles per hour, which, by the way, is rarely exceeded unless it is descending a steep gradient with defective brakes, and we settle down to comparative peace once more to await the next arrival.

Such is an R.T.O's office on these occasions, and to those who are suffering from ennui or desire a new and original form of entertainment, I can recommend nothing better than a night spent with the R.T.O. and his staff.

EXTRACTS FROM THE LETTERS OF A PRODIGAL.

PART TWO.

SANDWICH BOARDS AND COOKING.

BY "LOST SHEPHARD."

My Dear Father.—You will be relieved when you read in the gossip-columns of the *Police Gazette* that I have volunteered to stay "over here" until such time as those in authority can afford to dispense with my services. You probably will marvel at my voluntary prolongation of absence from the home fire-side, but I have my own melancholy reasons.

I tried hard to get a guarantee of employment from the Manager of Mopstock's Advertising Department, as previous to the war I was the leading man in the Walworth Road file of "Sandwich-board-humpers." Yea! Well do I remember how, with measured tread and slow, I used to lead my little party of life's miscellaneous mishaps along the kerb of the busy pavements.

When the war broke out I cast off the encumbrance of sandwich-boards, and dashed off to the nearest Recruiting Office offering myself as a component part of that living wall of "England's Best" which kept the wave of German militarism from washing our Empire from the face of the earth. That's how I became

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STORIES I HAVE TOLD.

BY M. Mc.ALOON.

FLANNIGAN IN KHAKI.

The first time I met Flannigan was when he rolled up to enlist in the early recruiting days, at Jardine Street. Captain Barrie sized up the roguish looking Irishman for a moment, and then asked if he could read and write. "Both, yer anner," said Flannigan. "Well," said the Captain, "perhaps you can read that," pointing to the sign in Chinese above Ah Bons' laundry across the street. "Troth, yer anner" said Flann. scratching his head "I confess I cant rade it, but if ye give me a fiddle I'll play it for ye."

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Flan was paraded at Hitchin with the rookies, and the Sergeant Major, Jock Donald, was calling the roll. "Anderson?" "Here sir." "Flannigan?" "Here Sir." "Montaig?" No reply. "Montaig?" At the second time of asking a pale young fellow in the ranks beside Flann took a pace forward and said, "I beg your pardon, Sir, perhaps you mean me, but my name is Montague." When the "Major" recovered his balance Montague got it thick and heavy. "Oh, Montagew is it? All right Montagew, fall out to the rear and do two hours fatigew."

Strange to say, for an Irishman, Flannigan was not particularly robust, and his persistent falling out on route marches grievously annoyed the S.M. "Look here Flannigan," said he on one occasion, "the next time there's a war on and you want to enlist, join up in the Flying Corps and then you'll only fall out once."

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Major Muirhead was giving a lecture on discipline and its value, particularly with regard to the good bearing of the soldier in public. "For instance" he said, "if there was any trouble in a public bar, a well-conducted soldier would drink up his beer and walk out." "Now, what would you do Flannigan, if a civilian tried to pick a quarrel in a public-house?" "Why, Sir," said Flann, "I'd simply drink the beggars' beer and 'hook' it."

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When the winter caps were first issued, Flannigan wore his in the Scotch gamekeeper style, with the flaps over the ears and tied under the chin. But only for one day. Next morning he was early afoot to the Q.M.S. and astonished Archie with, "Give me my ould cap back, quartermaster. Finnigan asked me into the Herberg for a drink last night, and I cuddn't hear him."

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In the "Canada," near the Crombeke road, Finnigan and Flannigan were discussing the going west of poor old Dolan.

"He wuz a good man, wuz Dollan," said Flannigan.

"Yis he wuz a good man, wuz Dolan," said Finnigan.

"An he wuz a foine man, wuz Dolan," said Flannigan.

"Yis, he wuz a foine man, wuz Dolan," admitted Finnigan.

"An a ginerous man, wuz Dolan," said Flannigan.

"Well," said Finnigan, "I cant say as I know of his generosity. Did he ever buy you anything?"

"Very nearly," said Flannigan. "He came into the Herberg one night where me an a couple of the lads were waitin' on someone to stan' us a drink, an' Sez: "Well boys, what are we goin' to have — rain or snow"?

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Flannigan was on the way down from the Ramparts to Goldfish to complain about the absence of tea in the sugar, and got one in the leg — nothing much, but great visions of Blighty. In the dressing station at Pop. where Flann. was pretty well known, Doc. made a thorough examination, and said to the orderly, in a semi-serious way "As subcutaneous abrasion is not observable, I do not think there is any reason to apprehend tegumental cicatricisation of the wound." Then to Flann. "What do you think of it yourself Flannigan"?

"Shure, sir," said Flannigan, "you've taken the very words out of me mouth. That's just what I was going to say meself."

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Flannigan got there alright and enjoyed woodbines, tea, and excursions at Leamington Spa. Casey, a pretty bad case, arrived in the next bed to Flann. one day and after about a fortnight on his back, opened up conversation by asking what like the staff were. "Shure," said Flannigan, "they're not bad at all. The nurses are darlints and Doc. he's a jewel, but he's very forgetful. He had old Bill Kerr over there on the table wan day, an later on he missed his pincers, an' had to open up old Bill before they were found. Another day he left a packet of Kingfishers inside Alf and they would have been there till this day if Alf hadn't jibbed. By the way weren't you on the table, yesterday"? "Was I"? said Casey, "I dont know."

Just then, Doc. appeared at the ward door, and shouted, "Has anyone here seen my Sam-Browne belt"? — and Casey fainted.

Flann. won his medal at Maubeuge, celebrated at Charleroi, and was demobbed at Düren. He got on Captain Hose's soft side one night at six, produced a guarantee letter from Fred Dasie, giving, Rivershore for the Newbury Spring Cup and went home as a hot-cross-bun manufacturer Lucky old Flann!

one of "England's Best"! Well, being "one of the best" I lately applied to Mopstock's for my former employment as sandwich-board squad-leader, with confidence born of past achievements. To my dismay I received a reply to the effect that the sandwich-board squad has now become a "one-man-business."

It appears that an economic idea has struck Mopstocks Advertising Department for, in place of a squad of six melancholy, meandering bearers of boards, they now employ a rotating contrivance carried on two wheels and pushed by one man. This machine exhibits six different boards which rotate by means of cogs attached to the wheels. Thus are Mopstock's jams, hams, and other flim-flams, brought to the notice of the public by the labour of one man instead of six. So, my dear father, being robbed of my sandwich-boards I cling to my six-foot handspike as my only means of support. My O.C. has thanked me for signing on for another year. He tells me I have saved the battery from disbandment. What will England say?

So, dear father, you can see how all my fond dreams of civilian greatness seem to be doomed to rude awakenings. Therefore, for a while longer I will stick to the guns; though there is a rumour that I may be appointed to a high position in the Battery cookhouse. I had the job as cook once before, but, either through jealousy or a deplorable lack of discipline, the gunners threatened to go on a hunger strike if I were not "sacked." Thereupon, the O.C. came to the conclusion that I was a better hand at dealing out death to the enemy than at serving out duff to my comrades. Anyhow, I went back to the guns and, eventually — won the war! So, now you know!

CELEBRITIES IN KHAKI.

What might have happened to some past and present notabilities had they been in the British Army as Tommies. Told with extreme delicacy by W. E.

(II) PRIVATE CHARLIE CHAPLIN.

I quote from Part 2, Para. 7, Battalion Orders of the 115th Slopshire Light Infantry, dated 18th June, 19—.

Strength, Increase: No. IIIIII Pte Chaplin Charles, having been compulsorily transferred from the 7th (Canadian) Californian Fusiliers, reports his arrival on the 17th inst. and is taken on the strength of the Battalion as from that date.

I have always agitated for more details and more humanity in Battalions Orders than Commanding Officers usually display in that brief exercise of their literary faculties. It seems such a pity that the unique events about to be recorded here should be extinguished beneath the blight of official literature.

The information above, however, is only a predecessor to a series of remarkable events—events which I shall endeavour to relate in the most faithful manner possible.

At 10.30 a. m. on the morning of the 17th, the M.P. on duty at the gate saw, approaching him, a figure. Being considerably puzzled as to whether this figure was a tramp, a German Baron in reduced circumstances, a decrepit vendor of newspapers, a poetical member of his Education Staff, or a Brigadier-General in mufti, he had just rushed in and warned the Guard to turn out when he perceived that the cause of his anxiety was merely a private soldier. True — a soldier in most wondrous attire.

I cannot attempt the impossible, but I feel it my duty to give to the public some idea of this wonderful sight.

The figure was clad in khaki — now soiled by the mud of many countries. He carried his rifle by the sling like a basket of newlaid eggs, and with his left hand grasped a string, tethered to the end of which was a little once-white dog. A little cane, strangely familiar to the bewildered M.P., was hung from the third button of his tunic.

As to his boots, I shall always be of opinion that the proper place for such extraordinary specimens of the manufacturer's art is in the Kensington Museum.

Private Charles Chaplin impressed everybody favourably from the first. No doubt the R.Q.M.S. found it rather troublesome to supply suitable garments for so slight a figure.

Charles had a wonderful knack of making his khaki suits pathetically reminiscent of his film-acting days. In a very short time he would reduce new suits to strange proportions. His lady friends (their name was Legion) always felt painfully conscious that the superfluity of cloth in his trousers could be attached with great effect to his tunic, though, of course, their feminine modesty would always prevent them from making him aware of the fact.

His life of wealth and luxury had ill-prepared him for the hardships of a military life. And it was truly pathetic to see his sickly smile at his neighbour when the scent of partially-cooked cabbage reached his nostrils.

He lived on the contents of huge hampers which were almost daily arriving for him from London.

So fond was he of his little dog, that he was not ashamed to confess that they always shared the contents of these hampers together, in the most affable manner. Charles had only one regret with reference to this. It was that in the course of time his pet grew so fat that he was quite impossible to camouflage with any success in the seat of his master's trousers — a film feat that had aroused much morbid enthusiasm throughout many continents.

Private Chaplin's room (he had "wangled" one for himself) was always besieged by a cordon of breathless sight-seers. On one occasion a business-like looking man with a black bag and a Roman nose was observed to enter the sanctum. It has been since rumoured that this was the Insurance-Agent pressing for the quarterly premium on Charlie Chaplin's feet.

No verification of this statement has, however, been received from Pte. Chaplin himself, who, you will agree, is the most likely person to be correctly informed on so delicate a matter as his own pedal extremities.

But I am not at all sure that a registered letter bearing a Canadian post-mark was not a passionate love-letter from Miss Mary Pickford. Besides, he has her photograph on the wall, with his own in close proximity.

Perhaps it will be wondered (the more especially as he was doing splendid work in organizing Concert Parties on his own unique lines) why he had to leave our Battalion with such lamentable suddenness.

Unfortunately, the censor is still very active in these regions, so I can do no more save hint intimacy between Pte. Chaplin and somebody's daughter.

If I venture to murmur that on the occasion of Charles and that young lady indulging in a much rehearsed love-scene on the veranda, the latter's betrothed — a fiery Captain in the R.A.F. — made a sudden and dramatic interuption, it will of course be generally realized that I have the best grounds for attempting to avoid a grievous scandal.

Thereafter the Demobilisation Officer received urgent private instructions to hasten Pte. Chaplin's speedy demobilization.

I can see him now, as he left us, walking along in his inimitable style much the same, it must be confessed, as when he first arrived.

Only, his dog had grown very fat, and was prone to view, with an anticipatory licking of his jaws, the far too capacious seat of his master's trousers —

"Strength, Decrease: — No. IIIIII Pte. Chaplin Charles, having proceeded on the —st to No. 15 Demobilization Centre, is struck off the strength of the Battalion with effect from that date."

And that is all that remains as a bitter-sweet memory of the past!

"HE THAT IS WITHOUT SIN".

CARYL. R. MOLYNEUX.

Who can so measure, or who can dissever
The value or follies of days of the past?
Who can adjudge them, or paint them or smudge them?
Onlya merciful Judge at the Last.

What is your knowledge, learnt only at college?
What do you know of the ends of the earth?
How dare you venture to question or censure?
What is your value and what is your worth?

Living in clover and wrapped up all over.
With the glamour and glare of your family pelf
You raise an objection to other's defection
When utterly useless and worthless yourself.

Think of your station — Set no condemnation
On the men striving hard for the past to atone;
Leave them to fight to it — have you the right to it
Are you so worthy to cast the first stone?

OPERA HOUSE AND THEATRE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	OPERA	DRAMA
Thursday	Das Glöckchen des Eremiten	Sappho
Friday	Tannhäuser	Im weissen Rössl
Saturday	Königskinder	Seeschlacht
Sunday	Der fliegende Holländer	Fiesco
Monday	Mignon	Gespenster
Tuesday	Fidelio	Seeschlacht

The hours at which the opera commences are: Thursday 5.0 p.m.; Friday 4.0 p.m.; Saturday 5.0 p.m.; Sunday 5.0 p.m.; Monday 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday 5.0 p.m.

THE WAHN FOLLIES.

PRESENTATION OF SKETCH—"A YORKSHIRE LAD."

On Tuesday last the above-mentioned concert party gave another sucessful show in the Y.M.C.A., Wahn, (kindly lent by Mr.McKean. The 51st Royal Sussex String Orchestra, under R. S. M. Blake, provided the music, which was much appreciated.

L/Cpl. Messen opened the programme with "God Send You back to Me". Bombardier Bottomley gave some humorous renderings of that old-time ditty "Three blind Mice," and as an encore "An old-fashioned Town". Capt. Muirhead caused great amusement with his patter and originality; while Corp. Goldborn gave a dramatic recitation followed by a humorous song. Capt. Story in "My Bassoon" was loudly applauded and as an encore gave some humorous examples of serial-story endings. Lt. Rayle, who impersonated the "fair sex" and Pte. Pollard, violinist, also helped to make the evening a success. The concluding item was a sketch entitled "A Yorkshire Lad" given by special request; Bombardier Bottomley played the leading role.

Altogether the evening was a great success and much appreciated by the troops.

53rd ROYAL SUSSEX.

KEEN COMPETITION AT WAHN ATHLETIC MEETING.

That the 53rd Royal Sussex Regt. are not behind other Battalions of the Army of Occupation in their pursuit of sport was evidenced by the excellent programme of athletics they carried through at a meeting held at Wahn on Sunday afternoon. Thanks to the enthusiastic cooperation of all ranks and to the capable handing of the arrangements by 2nd Lieut. Cockrill (Sports Officer) there was a capital entry for each of the various events while competition was at all times keen and exciting.

The chief honours of the afternoon were carried off by Sergt. Bond, of "A" Coy., the versatility of whose successes revealed a fine clean type of English athlete, his "bag" including the 100, and 220 Yards, the Long Jump, Putting the Snot, and the Hurdle Race. Capt. J.A.B. Gemmel won the mile comfortably, and Capt. C. Underhay, M.C., brought off the High Jump, though L/C Griffin retired gamely an inch below the 5ft/1inch of the O.C. "D" Company. Another creditable perfomance was that by Private Clifford in the 440 yeards.

A Popular Feature.

One of the most popular features with the large crowd was the Officers' Charger Race in which Capt. Grant, M.C, R.A.M.C., and Lieut-Col. M.V. Le Poer Trench provided a keen and exhilarating finish, the Medical Officer winning by half a length. The Mule Race for which there was a large field, also produced a good finish and was won by Pte Neil.

The following acted as officials: — Referee: Lt. Col. M.V. le Poer Trench (Commanding officer) Judges: Major N. H. Hampton M. C.; Capt. W. S. Robertson and Capt. A. H. Muirhead; Clerks of Course: Capt. J. R. Grant, M. C., R. A. M. C., Lieuts. V. M. Walsh, J. D. Bishop, and 2nd Lieut. N. C. Smith; Starter: 2nd Lieut. L. G. Cockrill; Competitors' Steward: Sergt. Rixon; Ground Steward: Sergts. McAuliffe and Burgess.

Results of Competitions.

100 yards: 1, Sergt. Bond; 2, Sergt. Card, 3, Private Clifford;
440 yards: 1, Pte Clifford; 2, Pte Smedley, 3 L C Ring.
High Jump: — 1, Capt. C. Underhay, M. C. (5 ft. 1inch;) 2 L C Griffin (5 ft.)
Throwing Cricket Ball: — 1, Pte Tribett; 2, Pte Costello.
220 yards: — 1, Sergt. Bond; 2, Pte Smedley 3 L C Dix.
Long Jump: — 1, Sergt. Bond; 2, L/C Saunders.
Putting the shot: — 1, Sergt. Bond; 2, Sergt. Card.
Mile: — 1, Capt. J. A. B. Gemmel; 2, Pte Brazier; 3, Pte Clifford.
Hurdle Race: — 1, Sergt Bond; 2, L/C Griffin, and 3 L/C Neil.
Sack Race: — 1, Pte Willis; 2, Pte Pollard; 3, Pte Brazier.
Wheelbarrow Race: — Ptes Brazier and Gallagher; 2, Ptes Champion and Stafford; 3, Ptes Smedley and Baldock.
Relay Race: — Winners, A Coy 2nd Lieut. Cockrill L/C Cheney, Pte Smedley and Sergt. Bond.
Tug of war: — A Coy beat C Coy in the final.
Officers' Charger Race: — 1 Capt. J. R. Grant M. C. R. A. M. C.; 2, Lieut-Col. M. V. le Poer Trench; 3, Capt. C. Underhay M. C.
Mule Race: — 1, Pte Neil; 2, Pte Andrews; 3, Pte Woolford.

Victorious New Zealanders.

INVITED TO UNDERTAKE SIX WEEKS' TOUR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Following the victory against the Motherland in the Rugby Interservices Competition, the New-Zealanders have been invited by the Commissioner of South Africa to break their homeward journey for a six weeks' tour in South Africa.

It is expected that the New-Zealanders will leave England at the end of May.

ANSWERS TO SPORTING QUERIES.

27,063:— A goal may be scored from a free kick without any other player touching the ball, provided that the kick is awarded for tripping, kicking, hands, holding, or charging in the back. For any other infringement, another player has to touch the ball before a goal is allowed.

G.M.C. —Just before Christmas Lynch defeated Wilde on points in a 3=round contest.

THE COMING FOOTBALL INTERNATIONAL.

North v South Trial Game.

TO BE PLAYED AT STAMFORD BRIDGE NEXT MONDAY.

A trial game, North v South, has been arranged to be played at Stamford Bridge next Monday, the teams having already been chosen by the district members of the Selection Committee.

Only three of the North representatives played in the Inter-League match last Saturday, namely Hardy, who retains his place as goal-keeper, Longworth (right back), and Fleetwood (right half).

Of the Southern eleven much interest will be manifested in Woosnam (Cambridge University), who plays centre-half and whose special duty it will be to check the dashing proclivities of J. G. Cock (Huddersfield Town).

The teams are as follows: —

NORTH.

S. Hardy (Aston Villa); E. Longworth (Liverpool), F. Duckworth (Blackburn Rovers); T. Fleetwood (Everton); J. M'Call (Preston North End), A. Grenyer (Everton); R. Turnbull (Bradford), D. Shea (Blackburn Rovers), J. G. Cock (Huddersfield Town), J. Smith (Bolton Wanderers), and H. Martin (Sunderland). Reserves: J. Bagshaw (Derby County) and W. E. Gault (Everton).

SOUTH.

Hufton (West Ham United); Clay (Tottenham Hotspur), Harrow (Chelsea); Ducat (The Arsenal), Max Woosnam (Cambridge University), A. Grimsdell (Tottenham Hotspur); Ford (Chelsea), White (Brentford), Puddefoot (West Ham United), Chipperfield (The Arsenal), Penn (Fulham). Reserves: Hanney (Brentford), Groves (The Arsenal).

Referee, A. Warner (Nottingham). Linesmen, J. A. Fash (London), J. T. Hornby (London).

WHIST DRIVE AT WAHN.

On Friday evening the 51st Battalion Royal Sussex Regt., held a very successful Whist Drive in the Y.M.C.A., Wahn Barracks. Over two hundred Officers and men were present and everybody voted the evening well spent. Sgt. Cogger admirably filled the position of M. C.

Refreshments were served at the close of play after which the Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. V. J.R. Ford D.S.O., expressed his deep appreciation of Mr. McKean's kindness in placing the Hall at the disposal of the Battalion.

The prizes were distributed as follows:- 1st Prize, Safety Razor etc — Sgt. Bridger; 2nd Prize, Watch,—Pte. Bradley; 3rd Prize, Wallet,—Pte J.W. Bell; 4th Prize, Cigarette-Case-Pte. Snipe; 5th prize, wallet—Sgt. Turner.

Booby Prize: — Pte. Gross.

Quite a stir was created when a Hidden Number Prize was announced. The number was 98 and the winner L Cpl. Paine.

Col. Ford concluded by thanking Capt. Story for so ably organising not only the present entertaiment but many other similar events. The band of the Battalion, conducted by R.S.M. Blake, gave numerous selections during the evening.

BONN ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

121 HEAVY BATTERY R.G.A. v 77 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A.

This match took place on the Hofgarten, Bonn, on Saturday afternoon before a large crowd of spectators.

The game was very evenly and keenly contested throughout, and it was not until the last few minutes of the match that the "Heavies'" inside right, Whale, scored the only goal of the afternoon, following a fine centre by Harvie. The defence of both teams was excellent.

Result: — 121 H.B. . . . 1; 77 Siege Bty. . . . 0.

WHITES V. BLUES.

D.A.C. Football Match Drawn at Lülsdorf.

A football match was played at Lülsdorf on Friday between the D.A.C. of Langel (Whites) and the D.A.C. of Lülsdorf (Blues):

The Blues came away briskly at the start and secured a couple of corners which, however, they were unable to make anything of owing to their opponents splendid defence. Later on, after much give and take play, they managed through Bailey, to beat the Whites' custodian. They also secured a penalty but Taylor was all there at the critical moment and made a wonderful "save."

At half-time the Blues were one goal up, and the second half started with hard endeavours on the part of the Whites to equalise. Time and again they besieged their opponents' goal but good play on the part of the backs averted disaster.

With 15 minutes to go, Cornell scored a beauty, thus equalising, and an interesting game finished with the score at one goal each.

SIGNALS' SOCCER.

The 4th Corps Signal Company and the Second Highland Divisional Signal Coy engaged in a game of soccer on Tuesday when the former won by 2—1.

Football Professionals in Rhineland.

93rd BRIGADE R.G.A. V. 23rd ROYAL FUSILIERS.

The 93rd Brigade R.G.A. and 23rd Royal Fusiliers played a football match at Kalk on Sunday. To apportion the 93rd's victory is no difficult task. The Artillery forwards played delightful football. The dainty touches of Tully (Rochdale and Clapton Orient) backed up by Stalker proved too much for the Fusiliers' defence.

Early in the game Green defeated the "goalie," but the upright intervened. Gladwill also had hard luck with a shot from the wing. Tully opened the score for the 93rd with a fine shot from long range and the Artillery led by this gool at half-time.

The pace in the second-half continued fast. Early on Stalker scored a thrilling goal. Receiving the ball in midfield he went through the defence and although tackled by the back he got in his scoring shot. This he followed with another good goal. This woke up the Infantry and the inside left reduced the lead. But before time Stalker and Hunt scored for the 93rd.

Result: 93rd Brigade R.G.A. 5; 23rd Royal Fusiliers, 1.

The game proved a splendid exhibition of good football. The 93rd possess a good side including professionals in Yule (Aberdeen) James (Llanelly) Olpert (Clyde) Kenyon (Blackburn) and Tully (Rochdale.)

THE EPISTLES OF PETER BIRSE, JUNIOR.

SCOTLAND AND GERMANY.

Dear Maister Editor,

I dinna suppose ye ever heard tell o' that great Northern magnate, Peter Birse, Esqueer, o' Printfield, Kittybrewster, Aiberdeen, ex-poacher, scientific rat-catcher, and retired coal contractor? He retired frae the last-mentioned bizness afore the Great War begood — mair's the peety — an' in his pa'my days he was regairded as a ceetisen o' substance' a man o' strong indiveeduality. For mony a day the added to the gaity o' the colams o' the "Bon-Accord" — the "Punch" o' the North o' Scotland. Tho for vaurious reesons he cudna wear the fite flooer o' a blameless life in his top-coat button-hole, he of'en sported a geranium frae the manshun-hoose conservatory — (I lookit up the dicshanur for that word, Maister Editor) — and on his wescit there dangled a massive gowd chain.

Weel, sir, a'm his son an air, an wi' your permeesion, I purpose vritin tae ye ilka week, tellin' ye fa and fat a've seen, creeticisin this that and the neist thing in Coloan an' roon' aboot' an' blawin' the Scotties' trumpet finever I get a chance.

As yer weel aware, sir, the "weemen frae Hell," as the "Jerries" used tae ca we', hae taen a hefty share in bringin' the Breetish, the Yanks, the Froggies, an umpteen ithers into this "Promised Land" flowin' wi' beer an' water. A worthy chip o' the auld bloke, a've played m' pairt like a man. Modesty an' the fear o' retaliashun only prevent me frae tellin' ye hoo mony Germans I hae personally accounted for. Be that as it may, I can haud up m' hied i' the Hoho Strassy or the Outschman's Ring, an so can ilka Scottie i' the toon. Mony a time there were nane but Hielan' bonnets there, an fin that was the case God peety the Germans! The reesin I an' a currin mair cam safely through, I suppose, is because "the Deil's aye kin' till his ain!" At laist I've aye lat it stan' at that.

A BRAVE MAIRSHAL.

This is no the first time, sir, no, nor the second, that Scotland has come tae "Jerry's" asseestance. Awa back at the beginnen o' the auchteen h century there lived a Jamie Fracis Edward Keith, wha greatly disteeng-wished himsel in baith Rooshia an' Prooshia. Frederick the Great o' Prooshia, a clever carl, ane o the maist skeelfu sodgers that ever lived, made Keith a Mairshal, an weel he micht, for Keith cam frae the same pairt o' Scotland as masel. Some dirty galoots wi mair malevolence in their herts than knowledge in their hieds alledge that the Mairshal simply sold his services to the highest bidder, who happened to be Frederick. That may hae been the custom o the day, but my private opeenion is that the King, being a cute kin' o a lad an' recogneesin' the connsummate abeelities o' the wanderin' Scottie, wisely invited him to join his' army. On that point, hooever, "es macht nichts," which translated means, "san fairy ann."

Jamie, puir chap, noo sleeps i' the Faitherland. Tae quote Tam Carlyle he is "far from bonny Inverugie," an if he's setisfeed so am I.

THE DOME.

Even the braw Cathedral that the Coloan fowk think sae muckle o' an the Toon Major thinks sae little o' is indebtit tae Scotland for its very foondation-stanes. Few are aware that these very stanes cam frae Carmylie in Forfarshire, but this is the case, sir, I ashure ye.

Speaking o' the Dome reminds me o' an expirience I hed the very first nicht I landed in Coloan. Like a littlin' at the skweel I was ankshus tae see a' the sichts o' the bit toonie the first nicht — as if there were nae mare nichts available for that purpose!

"Hae ye seen the Cathedral?" cried Sandy McFlummocks, stan' in' at the corner o' the Lang Gassy an the Bricht Strassy.

"No," ses I, "fat dae they ca'd?"

"The Dome," ses Sandy, wha arrived in Coloan a fortnicht afore me.

Thankin' him, I made aff for the Dome for altho in nae sense o' the word am I a kirky man — no even like m' father an auld-kirk man — A'm rael fond o' catheedrals fae the mason's point o view. An the mare gingerbreed toories they hae the fonder am I o' them. In the dim an' distant past they built tae the glory o' God; noo they build at so much an 'oor.

For three lang 'ours I searched for that confoonded Dome, eventwally landin' masel, in the airms o the military polis for wanderin' aboot near eleven oclock withoot a pass. Fin I fund masel in this predeecament I was fair disjeskit. Explanations followed in coorse o' time, an if lauchin' like a hyena be a preshious thing they twa bobbies appawrently got their money's worth. I explained I was lookin' for a Dome, but damn a Dome cud I fin' in a' the place.

A WISER MAN.

Am wiser noo, sir, but fancy onybody wi the reputed education o' the Germans call'n a thing a dome that has nae dome at a'! Its aboot as bad as the street in Jerusalim call'd "Straight." Accordin' tae Mark Twain it's as straight as a corkscrew. Similarly, Broad Street in Aiberdeen is one o' the nairrowest thorofares in the ceety. But honestly speakin' I cud never enjoy this contrafashious kin' o' humor, an noo that the above-mentioned incident has taen place A'm mare digusted wi'd 'than ever. It landit me in a bonny scrape at ony rate, an' there's no sayin' hoo mony mare hae been diddled the same wey.

THE TWA STEEPLES.

As for the twa steeples that the Dome boast's o' maist kirks are setisfeed with one, an' sometimes that ane — like the steeple at Drumlithie — has, accordin'g tae report tae be taken in in weety weather, or when the beadle gangs for a holiday. It was jist like the Germans tae build twa hiech tooers on the same preenciple I suppose as the twa keels tae one.

Some o' the gless tae has tae be stained yet an' I winner they dinna transfer some o' the bonny pinted lozens frae the railway station near at hand. But for a' that the Dome's a braw sicht an' I can honestly recommen' a' the masons, architecks, glaziers, an' jiners frae the Mull o' Galloway tae Johnny Groat's tae come ower in peace-time an' see'd for themsels. Margaret Pow thocht there was a lot o' waustry in St. Peter's, in Roam an' A'm no sayin' but fat there's waustry in Coloan Catheedral, but notwithstan'in, an' a'thing conseeder'd it's weel worth a veesit in the simmer-time fin the doos 'll be flee'n roo'n' an' roon' the spires in the upper atmosfeer. Even noo there's a winderfu' amount o' life in that exalted region an' wi' that remark A'll conclude till neist week.

Yours respeckfully
PETER BIRSE, JUNIOR.

THE PRICE OF PETROL.

It is learned on high authority that a considerable reduction in petrol prices will take place shortly. Simultaneously the quality of the spirit will be improved to the standard prevailing before the war.

MULE-RACE FOR KILTED BANDSMEN.

48th Battery R.F.A. Sports at Hoven.

Sunday last was quite a red-letter day for the 48th Battery, R.F.A. at Hoven. A lengthy programme of events was arranged, and the numbe of entries was very large. The piper's Band of the Q.V.R., who were kindly lent for the occasion, discoursed popular Scotch Airs during the intervals of the events. The day was an ideal one, and the ground in perfect condition.

A mule race was arranged for the bandmen, who in their kilted uniform caused much laughter, as also did Bdr. Briars as a white-eyed coon, and Dr. Rowe as Charlie Chaplin. Mention must also be made of Bdr. Barwick and Gnr. Knock as Totalizators. Gnr. Ward as a village maiden caused roars of laughter, especially from the female spectators who were present.

Events and prize-winners.

The following is a list of the events and the prize-winners:

100 Yards:— 1 Gnr. Ripley; 2 Gnr. Jones; 3 Gnr. Morrison;

220 Yards: Officers and Sergeants: 1st Lieut. Lambkin; 2nd Major Siggers and Sergt. Bartholomew—a tie.

3 Legged Race:— 1st Gnr. Ripley—Gnr. Jones; 2nd Gnr. Armstrong—Gnr. Brennan; 3rd Sgt. Groves—Cpl. Ireland.

Half—Mile: 1st Bdr. Sheppard; 2nd Cpl. Bullimore; 3rd Gnr. Brennan.

Sack Race:— 1st Gnr. Morrison; 2nd L/Bdr. Brooks; 3rd Dr. Barber; 4th Gnr. Bennett, J.

"A Few Bits From Old Bill."

AMUSING SKETCH SUBMITTED BY THE ZOO-ZOO CONCERT PARTY.

Under the patronage of Major Mills, Major Claudet, Major Siggers, and other officers of the 36th Brigade, the Zoo-Zoo Concert Party (36th Brigade R.F.A.) gave an entertainment on Saturday last in the D/36 Battery dining-hall. The hall was well-filled and by the rounds of applause which greeted the artists, it was obvious that those present were enjoying the fare put before them.

Lt. Lambkin, in his song "I'm on the Staff" tickled the audience immensely, as also did the American cross-talk of Bdr. Scott and Gunner Lifford. Bdr. Scott, in his mohologues "Alaska" and "Christmas Bells," showed great talent as an elocutionist. Gunner Lifford, in his light comedy songs, delighted the audience with "Signora" and other items; Gnr. J. Bennett, with songs at the piano, Gnr. Cowham in sentimental songs, and 2/Lt. Saunders, who contributed two humorous songs, also helped to contribute to the success of a very enjoyable concert.

Gnr. Barnes and Gnr. J. Bennett were the accompanists, and displayed great taste. An original sketch "A Few Bits From Old Bill," which caused roars of laughter, was given by Lt. Lambkin as "Old Bill," Bdr. Scott as "Erb," and Gnr. Lifford as "Alf." Staff-Sergt. Wheeler Baxter acquitted himself well as stage manager, assisted by Driver Payne and Fitter Butt.

LONDON VICTORY CUP TIE.

Fulham's Appeal Allowed By Appeal Board.

Fulham's appeal against the order to replay the London Victory Cup-Tie with Woolwich Arsenal was allowed on Tuesday by the Appeals Board, who held that Hunter was eligible.

Fulham will therefore play Tottenham Hotspur in the semi-final on the 19th of April.

SIX DAYS' CYCLE RACE.

At Brussels on Sunday the six days' cycle team race ended, the final placings being as follows:

Dupuy and Philippe Thys (French and Belgian)	1
Aerts and Spiessen (Belgian)	2
Persyn and Vandervelde (Belgian)	3
Leon Buysse and Vanleerbergh (Belgian)	4
Jusseret and Rossius (Belgian)	5
Beyl and Brocco (French)	6
Serres and Corry (French and Australian	7
Poulain and Vandenberghe (French and Belgian)	8
Tuytten and Vanisterdael (Belgian)	9
Mottiat and Scieur (Belgian)	10

ARMY HEADQUARTERS OFFICERS' SPORTS CLUB.

TO BE ABSORBED BY THE RHINE ARMY OFFICERS' CLUB.

It has been decided that on May 1st the Army Headquarters Officers' Sports Club will be absorbed by the Rhine Army Officers Sports Club. At present the Army Headquarters Sports Club has-

(a) Two Badminton Courts on the top floor of Karl Peter's shop in the Breite Straße which is open to Officers every afternoon except Sunday. Courts can be booked in the hall of the Excelsior.

(b) Four tennis courts at the Flora Garten near the Zoo open every day including Sundays. Courts may be booked in the hall of the Excelsior Hotel. Tennis balls can be purchased from the German groundsmen at 30 Marks per half dozen.

The subscription is 10 Marks a month. Members are requested to send in their subscription for April as soon as possible; and Officers desirous of becoming members should send their names and subscription to: Capt. R.M. Watson. Room 117 Hotel Excelsior.

A TIP FOR SWEARERS.

LECTURE BY BATTALION EDUCATION OFFICER.

A very interesting lecture was given by Lieut. W.A. Wain, the Battalion Education Officer, on Thursday evening to the N.C.O's of the 51st D.L.I. on "Habits".

The lecturer said that habits were the impressions left on the mind by continual practice of certain actions. He spoke of the virtues of Cleanliness, of careful conversation and of self-constraint. His advice with regard to conversation was "If you want to swear, swear like a Christian."

The lecture was most entertaining and instructive, although many of us left with the impression that our esteemed Education Officer must have practised the habit of sarcasm for many years. F.R.D.

Cooperative fur factories are to be started in Siberia, capable of an annual output of 60,000 coats, 1,000,000 muffs, and 2,500,000 pairs of gloves.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

BY "METEOR".

Thursday, April 10th., 1919.

Surface Wind Westerly 10 to 15 m.p.h. Mainly fair but cloudy at times; a few slight showers probable. Visibility good. Moderate temperature.

RACING IN A THUNDERSTORM.

LEICESTER MEETING HELD UNDER UNUSUAL CONDITIONS.

A terrific thunderstorm raged at Leicester on Tuesday while the 3.30 race was being run. There was a large attendance. The Wigston Plate resulted:—

Sea Snow (6/1); Potentilla (8/11); Off Chance (7/1).

Five ran, and three-quarters of a length separated the first and second, and second and third.

Other winners at the same meeting were:— Burma (2/5); Whit Monday (6/4); Abiad (100/12); Daybreak (7/2) and Warwick (1/2).

ACTIVE SERVICE GOLF TOURNAMENT.

FAULTLESS 78 RETURNED BY LORD CHARLES HOPE.

The most notable amateur golf tournament since 1914 opened on the Sandy Lodge Course near Northwood on Tuesday with a qualifying competition. As a result 32 Competitors started yesterday, 18 belonging to the British Army, 3 to the Royal Navy, and 4 to Air Force. There were also two Australians, two Canadians, two New-Zealanders and one South African.

SIGNAL'S MATCH AT DÜREN.

Highland Div. Signal Coy. v, 9th Corps Signal Coy.

The match played yesterday at Düren, between these two teams resulted in a victory for the Highlanders by 5 goals to 2. The scorers were — Sapper Whittet (3) & Sapper Rutherford (2) for the winners; and Sapper & Cpl. Percy (1 each) for the 9th Corps.

R. A. O. C. BASE DEPOT VERSUS 153 LABOUR COY.

This match was played at Sudbrucke on Saturday. After an exciting game, producing some excellent play on both sides, the Labour team came out the winners with a score of 2 goals to 1.

For the Labour Coy, Farley and Vealer scored one goal each, Longhurst scoring for the Ordnance.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

Rhine Army Amusements.

Additions to the Amusement Officer's Staff were made yesterday by the arrival of Lieut. D.A. Onions, who is to look after the Sports Department, and Lieut. E.S. Percy, on the theatrical side. The former officer is well known in sporting circles and has proved himself a capable sports organiser during the time he has functioned as Sports Officer with the 2nd Bn. Monmouthshire Regt. He comes to Cologne from the 9th Bn. Cheshire Regt. to. whom he has recently been attached.

Lieut. Percy, who as a London actor-manager and producer has made many friends, is thoroughly qualified to look after our "Thespian" friends and the theatrical side of our amusements should benefit considerably as a result of his administration.

Capt. Gourney to be Demob'd.

Many sportsmen in Cologne will learn with regret that Capt. Gourney is to retire from the presidency of the Army Headquarters and Troops Sports Committee. This officer's sunny disposition, to say nothing of his wide experience in all phases of sport has endeared him to many, so that the fact of his "demob" at an early date, will cause a great deal of regret.

Lieut. Onions, the new Army Sports Officer, is to succeed Capt. Gourney.

Draughts Made Difficult.

I heard the other day of a certain R.A.M.C. sergeant who is experimenting on a rather unique stunt. He is prepared to play, synchronally, twelve games of draughts or six games of chess. I don't know whether he intends to throw out a challenge, but I will, later on, dwell on the success or otherwise of the experiment.

Sports Equipment.

The inconvenience of getting sports' gear sent over from England — why is it we always want it at about two days notice? — has been overcome by the opening of a Sports Depot, by the E.F.C. people, in Glockengasse — not far from the Canteen. The stock includes such diversified articles as watches, pipes, challenge cups, and tie-pins. A large stock of cricket apparatus is due at the end of the month.

Quoit-tennis.

Why does'nt somebody introduce quoit-tennis into our sports' programmes? All manner of new-fangled games are finding a place in various organisations, but so far there does not appear to be any mention of quoit-tennis. (I hope I have got the correct name for the game.) Very little tackle is required—therefore it is quite inexpensive, and a weight-reducer, there are few of the less-strenuous games to equail it.

Wahn-Sports

The organisers of the excellent Sports Meeting of the 51st Royal Sussex Regiment, which was followed with a vast amount of interest on Monday, are to be congratulated upon the satisfactory result of their efforts. Nothing was forgotten that was likely to add to the success of the event. The ground loked delightfully fresh in the bright spring sunshine, the white markings showing up well against the green background of the grass. Thousands of tiny flags added a welcome splash of colour, while the artistically decorated band-stand, from which the merry strains of music were provided by the Battalion orchestra, formed a pleasing centre-piece to the whole effect. Throughout the afternoon, tea, dispensed from a snowy-white table was much in demand as a welcome refresher.

THE RAMBLER.

Arrangements have been completed for the Canadian National Convention, to be held at Ottawa in August, to select a leader to succeed Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

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THE ARTISTIC STATUS OF COLOGNE CATHEDRAL.

GERMAN VIEWS.

It will be remembered that in the first issue of *The Cologne Post* an article by Major Bles, dealing with the architecture of the Cathedral from an artistic standpoint was published. This aroused keen interest, not only among the English people, but amongst the Germans.

The *Kölnische Zeitung* (Cologne Gazette) thinks that the author of the article about the cathedral in our first issue was too severe and that his declarations and assumptions need to be rectified.

The *Kölnische Zeitung* remarks as follows:

"The Cologne Cathedral belongs to the historical buildings, which the spectator can only understand and appreciate by considering their growth and change in the course of centuries. It is just as little homogeneous as most of the Cologne churches (for instance St. Gereon or St. Maria in the Kapitol), but is the architectural result of an historical development of nearly 1000 years, which began with the modest Bishop's Church consecrated in the year 874. About the middle of the 13th century the Gothic movement of style begins here also with plans of extension, promoted by the bishops and the population as well as by the activity of the Cologne architectural school which gave birth to many capable masters and sent many of them away, as, for instance, Johann Hültz to Strassburg.

"The new building of the early Gothic choir, commenced under Konrad von Hochstaden in the year 1248, was only consecrated in the year 1322, while the substitution of a new tower for the old romanesque bell-tower was only begun at the end of the 14th century and continued until the beginning of the 16th century.

"A hard period of trial began as in the year 1794, for, under the French Occupation, divine service was stopped, and the Cathedral was used as a military storehouse, whilst the funds for its maintenance were confiscated. The result was that the bulky unfinished building was abandoned for almost 30 years. Only in the year 1824, thanks to funds given by the state, could urgent repair and the new roofing of the choir be commenced. The spirit of sacrifice of the population, their love for the artistic legacy of their ancestors formed the stimulus which inspired the worthy completion of the famous Cathedral. After the repair of the Choir it was decided to continue the old nave which up to then united the higher choir with the unfinished tower. Only after the completion of the Gothic nave was the work on the tower resumed, and it accorded with the original plans of the Gothic master.

"The work of finishing was indeed a bold enterprise, when one remembers that the question was to start harmoniously from a building discontinued at least two centuries ago and to educate again the artistic hands necessary for this work. One may criticize the ornamentation of the Gothic of the Rhineland, but the worthy and elevating impression which especially the choir-circle and the interior of the church make on every impartial spectator remains untouched.

"Instead of measuring with the rule of personal artistic ideals the multiform buildings, the original life of which is the result of certain objects and times, we should rather try to understand the stirring although strange language of forms in which history is speaking to us. It would be very instructive to compare in a manifest way English cathedrals with those of France and Germany, and to fix the common leading lines of Gothic expression not only as they appear in complete buildings but also as they appear in fabrics which diverge from the original ideal, for ecclesiastical architecture is very much influenced by the ground, the material, the climate and the usages of the population. We must, under present circumstances, renounce the study of general characteristic features of our home art.

"'We learn' says John Ruskin 'the noble arts not by concurrence but by doing our best with calm, everyone in his own way; by doing what is right, by creating what is honest, by building not for pride or money but for the love of arts.'"

The Cologne Post published several English letters which also protested against the arguments of the dissertation we have spoken of above.

According to the Melbourne *Argus*, the health of Mr. Watt, the Acting Australian Prime Minister, is impaired, and he will take a holiday, when Mr. Hughes returns.

THE HOUSING BILL.

SECOND READING.

In Parliament on Monday the second reading of the Housing Bill was moved by Dr. Addison.

Sir D. MACLEAN said of all the social questions dealt with at the General Election that of housing easily took the first place. The revelation as to housing conditions was one of the most potent influences in connection with the Coal Commission. So far as the acquisition and price of land were concerned, he was disappointed with the proposals in the bill. He did not think that in connection with the housing question anyone had a right to any additional price for his land, over the pre-war price. He also hoped that soldiers and sailors would have the first claim under the new scheme. (Hear, hear.) On the question of private enterprise, he urged the Local Government Board to use its powers to get building firms at work by providing building materials, and not waiting for State enterprise.

Mr. J. E. DAVISON mentioned that for many years the working classes had been lectured on the folly of restricting output, but that folly paled into insignificance compared with the policy of successive Governments in restricting the provision of housing accommodation. The census of 1911 showed that there were 23,311,000 people in England and Wales living in tenements of from one to five rooms, and the total number of rooms in those tenements was 21,000,000. The other third of the population, slightly over 11,000,000 people, lived in tenements of from six to ten rooms and over, and the number of rooms was 17,000,000. Infantile mortality was for the skilled artisan class 100 to 130 per 1,000; for the mining class 160, for the unskilled and casual labourers class 150 to 250, and for the agricultural labourers' class 97. On the other hand, the babies of doctors died at the rate of 40 per 1,000, and amongst the upper and middle classes at the rate of 77.

Major D. W. MORGAN, in a maiden speech, said that he represented a district for which the word "overcrowded" was in no way adequate even in pre-war days. This was a domestic question which would not brook delay in its settlement. House-hunters in his part of the world were in the habit of using anything but complimentary terms as to hon. members, referring to them as the "Weary Willies of Westminister." The housing question was the chief cause of unrest in his district, because whilst the mineowners found capital with which to sink the shaft, equip the mine, and erect houses to cover the machinery and stores, no attempt was made to house the human machinery necessary to give effect to the investment of capital.

Mr. J. D. GILBERT attributed much of the trouble in London to the leasehold system, under which the holder of the lease spent as little as possible upon a house, because he knew that eventually the property would revert to the ground landlord. If this system were abolished, large houses would speedily be turned into flats, with consequent relief to congested districts. Under the bill as at present drafted both the London County Council and the local Borough Councils would have power to deal with the housing question, and he feared that unless some clearer definition were given as to which was the local authority under the bill, Dr. Addison would find that both authorities would be spending a penny rate in the same localities. The London County Council did not object to paying a penny rate; they objected to the way in which it would have to be paid under the bill. A penny rate in London produced £180,000, and it was calculated that under this bill, before the Council could get any assistance from the Treasury or the Local Government Board, they would have to lose the amount of a penny rate to spend about £6,000,000 or £7,000,000.

He contended that the amount paid for slum property should be merely the housing value, and not its value as a warehouse or factory site. The County Council had to pay £1,1,000 for the Tabard-street area, whereas on its housing value it was only worth £69,500.

Colonel WEDGWOOD stated that he did not intend to move the motion he had on the paper for the rejection of the bill. Since he had been in the House he had seen eight housing and town-planning bills introduced, and of the eight this was probably the worst. All these bills were designed by a bureaucracy to cure the housing problem by the exercise of further bureaucratic powers. The scheme was unjustifiably burdened with compensation to people who had no right to one penny more than the pre-war value of the land. The bill would destroy the whole building trade, and the houses built under the bill would be let at "charity rents." He did not think the present Government was capable of running a rag shop, let alone a housing monopoly. The present rating system increased the price of houses and checked building.

Captain PRETYMAN held the opinion that private enterprise in the building industry had been driven out of existence by the legislation of 1909. The damage done by such legislation was not measured by an amount of money only, but by the sense of insecurity which it created. The intention of the Government was that private enterprise should, as far as possible, be encouraged to resume its operations. Private enterprise might do a good deal eventually in providing new houses, but he could not see how it was possible for private enterprise to deal with the slum area problem, which must be dealt with at once.

The debate was continued.

GENERAL PLUMER AND SOLDIERS' CLUBS IN COLOGNE.

The Commander of the Army of the Rhine, Sir Herbert Plumer, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., formally opened two Soldiers' Clubs in Cologne on Tuesday 8th April. The Scottish Churches "Huts" Club, 84 Schildergasse, was first visited and later in the afternoon the Army Commander went to the Soldiers' Christian Association Club in the Apostein-Strasse. With General Plumer there were the Military Governor, Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Fergusson, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Major-General Guise Moores, C.B., C.M.G., Brigadier-General Gordon, Colonel Howell, Colonel Mercer, the Rev. F. I. Anderson, A.C.G., the Rev. J. H. Miller, A.P.C., the Rev. F.W. Stewart, A.P.C., and others.

At the S.C.A. Club the distinguished guests were received by the Revs. C. Ross Lowdon and Hugh Watt and Miss Mathieson; whilst at the S.C.A. Club they were received by the Rev. E. Lewis Neilson and Miss Figg. In each of these clubs the opening ceremony was much appreciated by the workers and soldiers, and Sir Herbert Plumer after inspection of the respective premises — Canteens, Lecture and Recreation Rooms, declared his admiration for their equipment.

The Army Commander is a felicitous speaker as well as a renowned soldier, and in his speeches at these Clubs he dwelt on the value of such institutions not only in war-time but in these days of peace. He specially referred to the great service which lady-workers can and will do for our men in Cologne, and while giving them formally the thanks of the Army he reminded them that they could bring to our boys some of the blessings of "home."

We wish these and all kindred Clubs the greatest sucess in their kindly labours.

WITH THE RATIONS.

Have you noticed the civilians walking about town glaringly labelled M. G.? This label consists of a vivid green armlet bearing huge red letters. I overheard a controversy between two Bosche people yesterday and fain would I have enlightened them had not the ban of fraternization in public come instantly to my mind.

Needless to say, both were wrong, and not for the first time.

No, neither are they mud guards, as a Tommy remarked, nor machine gunners, nor mad grenadiers. These letters merely serve to show that the wearer is a member of the Military Governor's Staff.

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There is no reason now for the evening picquet to be stopping them every few minutes after 9.30 p. m. Of course, it has been a source of annoyance to both parties.

One unerring corporal, ever striving to maintain the English standard of courtesy whilst at the same time following out his strict duties, stopped an English girl and asked her in broken and difficult German, "haben Sie einen Pass, bitte?" Imagine his dismay and surprise when she answered, "I am sorry I cannot understand you, will you speak English please."

I saw many yesterday amongst both our lady workers and the men — and one must confess that in many cases the new colour scheme seemed, to say the least, lurid. I have heard that some of our lady friends have already shown distaste to this new design, but it will afford them a glorious opportunity of fulfilling one of their dearest traditions and most cherished habits — ordering new costumes to match.

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I hear that Mr. E. W. Hornung, the creator of the famous "Raffles," is shortly to give a series of short lectures on the subject of "Short-story writers, and how they work" at the Y. M. C. A. Cologne. Budding novelists should find these lectures of extreme value, especially as Mr. Hornung will invite questions and discussion at the conclusion of each discourse.

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A Tommy I know is confronted with grave and serious obstacles. On the car the other evening he met two charming young ladies who were conversing in French, and as is natural, by some lame pretext he began a conversation. It appeared they were Belgians, and had lived in Cologne for the past five years. Now the question arises, should he continue this acquaintance, or will it be a contravention of the fraternization order?

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Two officers of the sister service, passing the entrance to the "Monopol" the other evening, were greatly surprised and rather embarrassed by the smart if somewhat ostentatious compliment of the sentries. So much so, that they forgot to return the salute.

Now my ingenious pal, Alf, wants to know "wot abaht salutin, exercises for Naval Officers?"

THE A.P.M'S. PRIVILEGE.

BUCKSHEE PARS.

"Only disabled soldiers or sailors employed," say Messrs. William Butler, 28, Broughton-street, S.W. 8, on their notepaper.

It is proposed to include Rotherham in the borough of Sheffield, thus increasing Sheffield's population from 480 000 to 638 000.

The Home Secretary has informed Sir Kingsley Wood that he hopes to introduce a Bill dealing with the employment of young persons in shops.

Owing to the demands of public and private pictorial war poster collectors on various Ministries, stocks are short, and the Food Ministry have no posters left.

In evidence at Stratford, London, it was stated that since January 1 the glass of 2,607 street lamps belonging to the Gas Light and Coke Co. had been broken.

A new keel, replacing the lead one melted down for bullets during the war, has been fitted, at Cowes, to the late Lord Brasseys racing yacht Britomart, which is to race again.

Stratford-on-Avon Rural District Council are paying 2s. a dozen for rats' tails, 1s. a dozen for sparrows' heads, 3d. a dozen for unfledged sparrows, and 3d. a dozen for sparrows' eggs.

The first number of *John o' London's Weekly* appears to-day. John o' London is the pen name of Mr. Wilfred Whitten, the editor, who for many years was acting editor of *T. P.'s Weekly.*

On the understanding that the Coal Controller will deal with their grievances, the 4,000 Dowlais colliery workers who have been on strike for five weeks are to return to work this morning.

To-morrow, and until April 23, chocolate and other Easter eggs may be sold.

Leicestershire miners are asking for Good Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, for Easter holidays.

A prize of 1,000 guineas for the best scheme for dealing with the Empire's war debt is offered by the *Statist.*

Colonel Asher Miner, aged 58, who, although rated "too old to fight," went to France with the 28th Division of the Pennsylvania National Guard, has been awarded the American Distinguished Service Cross.

The Luxemburg Bill for a referendum on the dynastic question and the future form of the State has been adopted by the Council of State. The referendum will probably be taken on May 4, and, also, cover future economic policy.

To secure the licensing of certain dye imports and the exclusion of dyes reasonably obtainable at home, an association of 150 manufacturers has been formed at New York against the German Dye Trust.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

OFFICERS' WIVES.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

May I be permitted to trespass on your kindness, by airing a small grievance, which for some time now has been crying for voice. Admitting that actually the War is not yet over, I think the presence in the War Areas of the Allied Armed Forces will successfully check any tendency to a reopening of this great world war. Being of this opinion too, the Authorities are to a great extent trying to alleviate the monotony of our stay here, by organised recreations and amusements. But for some of us, that is not all we would have them do. There are a considerable number of Officers here who have served at the front during the whole or the greater part of the War. And amongst those Officers are some who though married have seen but little of their wives during the last five years. Would it not be a graceful and welcome tribute, to permit such Officers as desire to, to bring their wives here? I know only too well that this suggestion will reap many criticisms. But what are they for the great part? Some will say that to bring a woman here away from her family, friends, and social life, or amongst a people who are hostile and desire us not, is the suggestion of a madman. So it may be, but even madmen are given to sane moments, and I believe that many officers and their wives would welcome gladly the permission to do so. Food and housing present no difficulties, both could be done through the present channels. Then, too, I beg to suggest that by doing so, we should raise the moral tone of our Army.

The man who suggests that an Army quartered in an enemy country without the influence of its own womanfolk, is moral, is a fool. It isn't, and it certainly is not the case with ours. Moreover, by the constant meeting of their countrywomen the Officers here would discover that there are other things to discuss than the subjects which at present monopolise the conversation of Messes.

I can already see, Mr. Editor, the small dark cloud of criticism which is arising to crush me in its gathering weight and force. But I'll risk my pate and give my request voice. And I think that if we are honest we will admit that the morals of this Army of ours are not worthy of its glorious past. As a questioner of great import I sign myself. R.D.

Answers to Correspondents.

[The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquerer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Questions on any subject whatever are invited and will be answered as promptly and as authentically as is possible. — Ed.]

P.B.— No, you are not forgotten, but you must allow some time for those arrangements. See note at foot of this column.

J.J.— See note at foot of this column.

C.T.L.W.— Birmingham, 870,000; Manchester, 714,385; Liverpol, 767,992; London, 4521,301.

A.J.L.— See note at foot of this column.

W.J.B.— Yes, the new active service ribbon.

W.R.— Will do so as early as possible.

T.T.— Paradise Lost, Book V., lines 896 etc.

W.A.— Roman goddess of flowers and spring.

Ubique.— It will appear at an early date.

Sub.Lieut. — Not to our knowledge.

G.H.— See note at foot of column.

B.O.— Over Tyne, April 14, 1915. Casualties not known.

W.H.M.— See note at foot of column.

L.W.A.— Apply through your Adjutant.

W.H.B.— Fifty-two and a fifth to the pound.

Fed up.— See note at foot of column.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

Attention is called to G.R.O. 4137. The decrease in the sale of War Savings Certificates through Army Post Offices suggests that the advantages of these investments are not being brought to the notice of fresh drafts arriving in the country. Pamphlets and Application Forms are being issued on a scale sufficient to reach the smallest Units. These should be placed on Units' Notice Boards, and everything possible should be done to call attention to the advantages to be gained by this method of saving.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We are continually receiving numerous questions which should not come to us at all because they can be dealt with far more easily and quickly with the unit. All matters concerning rate of pay, pensionable service, demobilization, and so on, should be submitted in the usual way to commanders of units. In many cases the Company or Battery C.Q.M.S., knowing *all* the facts of the case, could give an answer immediately. Why write to us?

Take the question of demobilization for example. In every unit there is someone, generally a Demobilization Officer detailed as such, who has all the facts as his finger ends, or can turn them up from the very latest "Instructions" in two minutes.

He is the proper person to appeal to in all such cases and only needs to be asked.

Sending such queries to us wastes the enquirer's time, wastes our time, and we are so busy with a thousand-and-one other things, and moreover is against all sorts of regulations.

Why call in a third party when the matter is obviously one between two parties who know *all* the facts of both sides, and for which the Army Council have provided proper facilities.

We are at all times ready and willing to answer general questions, but personal questions should be dealt with in the proper manner.

Will correspondents please note this, and not call upon an overworked staff to do a job quite outside its province, and for which ample machinery has already been provided by the Army authorities.

We are so busy answering general questions, that it will be impossible even to acknowledge the kind of correspondence indicated in the above paragraphs.

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AMERICANS AND DEMOBILIZATION.

The Stars and Stripes, the official newspaper of the A.E.F., publishes the following interesting figures regarding the exit of troops from the theatres of war since the signing of the armistice.

The Past.

A.E.F. troops Nov. 11	1,950,000
Sailed since armistice	632,609
Sailed in March	214,348
Sailed week ending March 26	54,836

Divisions returned in March—27th, 30th, 37th, 85th and 91st.

Other divisions returned since fighting ended—31st, 34th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 76th, 83rd, 84th, 86th, 87th, 92nd and 93rd.

The Present.

Troops now in A.E.F. (approximate), 1,317,000.

Divisions en route home—26th, 35th, 42nd, 77th and 82nd.

Divisions in Army of Occupation—1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 32nd, 89th and 90th.

Other divisions in A.E.F.—6th, 7th, 28th, 29th, 33rd, 36th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st and 88th.

The Future.

Army of Occupation planned—1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 36th, 81st and 88th Divisions.

For return to U.S. in May—28th, 32nd, 33rd, 78th and 80th Divisions.

For return to U.S. in June—29th, 79th, 89th and 90th Divisions.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN BANKER.

Lord Hillingdon, the London Banker, died on Monday morning at his London residence. He had been in ill-health for some years.

Charles William Mills, second Baron Hillingdon, who was born in 1855, was well known in the City for many years as a partner in Glyn, Mills, Currie, and Co. From 1885 to 1892 he was in the House of Commons as Conservative M.P. for West Kent, and Parliamentary work occupied a good deal of his time. But in the later '90's he began to attend more closely to business, and some years before he succeeded to the peerage he was constant in his attendance in the bank parlour.

Later he was struck down by illness, which put an end to his active work in the City. His abilities were considerable, and he would probably have made his mark as a London banker if his health had permitted; for, in addition to his business capacity, he possessed an agreeable and cheerful disposition and a good deal of quiet humour, which he showed in conversation. He was connected with one or two important undertakings, apart from Glyn's, especially the Royal Niger Company, in the affairs of which he took a good deal of interest. In his youth he was a respectable cricketer, and played for Kent occasionally. He was also a fair racket player.

POSTAL ADDRESSES.

Army Routine Orders of the 8th April give the following examples of correct method for addressing postal correspondence:

1st Labour Coy., Army of the Rhine.

1 5th Gordon Highlanders, Army of the Rhine.

Headquarters, 3rd Inf. Bde., Southern Division, Army of the Rhine.

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BIG RUSH TO JOIN.

Colonel Clay, Chief Recruiting Officer at Scotland Yard, interviewed yesterday regarding recruiting for the North Russia Relief Force, said "We are simply swamped with applications from retired officers and men."

Fenchurch-street station was crowded out on Tuesday morning with officers and other ranks, representing all units of the service, forming the advance guard of the Relief Force. They all looked remarkably fit. One of the most noticeable features was the number of distinctions won in various other theatres of war.

RISINGS IN KOREA.

From Tokio comes the semi-official news that over a hundred risings occurred at different places in Korea between the 31st March and 2nd April. Rioters, armed with clubs, sickles, axes and similar lethal weapons assaulted the police and gendarmes. Goverment buildings were burnt and the telegraph wires cut. Most of the violence among the rioters was due to propaganda disseminated from the Bolshevist headquarters at Shangnai. *Reuter.*

ABYSSINIA.

Replying to a question put by Major Hon. H. O'Neill (U.Mid.Ant im) Mr. Cecil Harmsworth said the Government had received no confirmation of the reports regarding revolution in Northern Abyssinia which had appeared recently in the Press. Telegraphic enquiries on the subject are being made.

The general situation in Abyssinia said Mr. Harmsworth has not materially changed since the present regime came into force in 1916.

A certain amount of unrest in the more distant provinces is always present and political conditions in the country contain elements of instability owing to the limited control exercised by the Central Government in the outlying parts of the country.

SPITZBERGEN "NO MAN'S LAND."

Major O'Neill also asked whether Spitzbergen now forms part of the British Empire. Mr. Cecil Harmsworth said it does not. Spitzbergen is "no man's land" and there is no regular system of Government. Major O'Neill then asked whether or no there were valuable coal deposits in those islands and whether any effort is being made to develop them. Mr. Harmsworth "Yes. I understand that there are coal deposits in the islands and that various companies are making efforts to develop them."

EGYPT QUIET.

Mr. Cecil Harmsworth replying to another question said that latest information from Egypt was that the situation is quiet. No further disturbances have occurred since the riot at Cairo on the 3rd April.

MESOPOTAMIA EXCAVATIONS.

In the course of replies to a series of questions by Sir Martin Conway in regard to the protection of ancient monuments in Mesopotamia, especially the partly excavated ruins of Babylon, Mr. Fisher, with reference to the question as to whether he was aware that numerous casual excavations had been sporadically carried out in Mesopotamia and objects removed by members of the Expeditionary Force, said that the late General Maude issued a proclamation in May 1917 prohibiting all unauthorised removal and destruction.

Under a general routine order dated 6th April 1918, all ranks were specially warned against the defacement or mutilation of ruins, the removal or mutilation of bricks and other antiquities, either at Baghdad or elsewhere. There was no reason tho believe that these orders had been disregarded.

TRADE WITH SPAIN.

Madrid, 9th April. Senor Romanones has had three conferences with the British Ambassador to discuss the details of the new trade agreement between Great Britain and Spain.

It is reported that Great Britain will permit the export of oranges to such extent as the English market can absorb and will release 150,000 tons of coal per month for Spanish requirements.

The amount of the Spanish loan is reduced to seventy five million pesetas. It is guaranteed at five per cent. *Havas.*

NEW "BIG THREE."

The Paris correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* states that there is under discussion a new proposal to supplement the League of Nations by an alliance between Great Britain, America, and France. It will have a limited purpose — the enforcing of the Peace terms to be imposed on Germany.

"TO STAND FAITHFULLY BY ALL PLEDGES."

PRIME MINISTER'S DECLARATION.

A telegram signed by over two hundred Members of the House of Commons was sent to Mr. Lloyd George, the Prime Minister, at Paris. The text of it was as follows:—

"The greatest anxiety exists in consequence of persistent reports from Paris that the British delegates, instead of formulating a complete financial claim on behalf of the Empire, are merely considering what amount is exactable from the enemy. Our constituents expect the first action of the delegates to be as you have repeatedly stated in election speeches, viz:— to present the bill in full, make Germany acknowledge the debt, and then discuss the ways and means of obtaining payment."

In reply, Mr. Lloyd George telegraphed to Mr. Kennedy Jones (Co.U.,Hornsey) on whose initiative the telegram had been sent:—

"My colleagues and I mean to stand faithfully by all the pledges given to our constituents. We are prepared at any moment to submit to the judgment of Parliament and if necessary of the country, our efforts loyally to redeem our promises."

GERMAN REVOLUTIONS.

Berlin 8th April. — Spartacist disturbances have occurred at Nuremberg and strong forces are now patrolling the town. Wuerzburg voted against a Soviet Republic.

At Munich three socialist parties are opposing one another. Confusion reigns and a bourgeois strike is threatening. The German Government has refused to release Ledebour which the Congress of Soviets demanded. *Reuter.*

Berlin 9th April. — The *Vossische Zeitung* declares that the agitation for a general strike has slackened. The Government however has taken all precautionary measures. Majority socialist workers have manifested against a general strike owing to the probable stoppage of food supplies. Government troops have taken possession of Magdeburg, where the public services have been resumed. Workers at Brunswick have begun a general strike. Banks, newspapers, railways and trams are suspended. The Landtag has adjourned indefinitely, and the newly elected Workers Council held a meeting to proclaim itself sole authority. — *Reuter.*

The isolation of Munich will shortly be complete. It is already cut off from the North. The Reichsbank has stopped the supply of money. Troops of the garrisons of Passau and Preising are supporting the Government.

Herr Noske, Minister of National Defence, when asked for a statement on the Bavarian question said: "If my friend Hoffmann holds out for only a little time the situation will change in favour of the regular Government. Epp was formerly commander of a Munich regiment of the Body Guard and is an excellent officer. If other means fail, Munich must be kept down as were Bremen and Dusseldorf."

GERMAN STRIKE NEWS.

The Minister of Labour, Herr Bauer, has proceeded to the Ruhr district to negotiate with the miners. The number of strikers is 290,000.

According to the *Kölnische Volkszeitung* the Government has conceded the principle of the six hour day, but refuses to put it into force yet on account of the low standard of German economical life and the necessity of a greater coal production.

At the Krupp works fifty-five per cent of the hands have resumed work. Regular work for all has been rendered impossible owing to the damage done by the strikers. Lorries carrying machine guns traverse the streets; two persons were killed yesterday.

At Saarbruch, in spite of orders issued by the French, only one fifth of the miners resumed work. Twenty one of the strikers were dealt with for disobedience of orders and were sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from two to five years. Others were expelled the Rhineland province.

COLOGNE STRIKES.

Employees of about twenty milliners' establishments in Cologne have decided to strike for more pay.

The employees at the Kalker Maschinenfabrik have ceased work. Negotiations between the employers and workmen at other firms are still in progress.

DEPORTED RUSSIANS DROWNED.

Madrid. The Premier announced, with reference to the sinking of the steamer "Manuel Calvo" which struck a mine at the Dardanelles while en route to Odessa with Russian deportees, that there were a hundred casualties out of four hundred passengers and crew. *Havas.*

RUTHERFORD MURDER TRIAL.

GUILTY BUT INSANE.

The third session of the trial of Captain Norman Cecil Rutherford D. S. O., for the murder of Major Miles Cariston Seton was held at the Old Bailey.

When accused entered he was looking very pale and haggard. He walked across the dock with his eyes downcast. After bowing to the Judge he spoke to his solicitor and sat down with his arms folded across his chest.

Counsel for the defence called several witnesses who testified to the peculiar behaviour of the accused in the past.

One witness said he was subject to extraordinary outbursts of sudden temper which he seemed quite unable to prevent or control.

On these occasions he spoke in a peculiar voice which appeared to be choked with suppressed rage. His manner became very markedly threatening and extremely insulting.

Doctor Mainwaring White who was a fellow student with accused at Edinburgh spoke of Rutherford's engagement to be married and recalled a violent outburst due to jealousy on part of Rutherford when witness went for a walk with Rutherford's fiancée because Rutherford would not go himself.

Witness alluded to the fact that Rutherford coached Seton for his surgical degree at Edinburgh.

Another witness said that he asked Rutherford why he shot Seton. He replied "Seton has had an evil influence over my children." Witness then asked him pointblank "Have you anything to say against Mrs. Rutherford?" Accused replied "No, nothing." The next question was why Rutherford fired so many shots, to which Rutherford replied "Because I disike to see anything wounded." Witness had asked him several times if he still thought he was justified in shooting Seton and he invariably replied "I have not altered my opinion and would do the same again."

The jury were only away for five minutes, returning with a verdict of "Guilty, but insane."

The judge, Mr. Justice Salter, agreed with the verdict. He ordered Rutherford to be detained during His Majesty's pleasure.

SALE OF ARMY HORSES.

FAVOURITES MAY BE ACQUIRED.

Since the signing of the Armistice, no fewer than 75,652 surplus army horses have been sold in the United Kingdom. The average price realised was thirty five pounds, yielding a total of over two and a half millions of pounds.

An arrangement exists whereby officers and men are enabled to send favourite horses home in order to buy them at auction. A scheme has also been put into operation by which users of draught horses may have them on loan for six years at an annual payment of seven pounds ten shillings, including free veterinary advice and treatment. At the end of six years such horse becomes the absolute property of the lessee.

THE KING'S FUND.

MANCHESTER'S EFFORT.

Manchester is making great efforts to increase its contribution to the King's Fund to a hundred thousand pounds. Half that amount has already been raised.

Manchester is still leading in its subscription to the Fund, Glasgow holding second place.

FOCH'S TRIBUTE TO AUSTRALIANS

Marshal Foch has sent the following message to the soldiers and people of Australia! — "Australian troops have upheld the cause of the Allies with magnificent dash. From start to finish they distinguished themselves by their qualities of endurance and boldness. By their initiative, their fighting spirit and their magnificent ardour they proved themselves to be shock troops of the first order. In the grave hours of 1918, with their British, American and French comrades, they barred the enemy rush. They stopped it and broke it and at the appointed hour drove it far backwards. I am happy to express to Australia the undying memory, which we shall cherish of her incomparable soldiers."

This message is autographed and will be preserved in the Australian war museum.

SHELLSHOCK OR SHELL SHY?

At a clinical and scientific meeting of the British Medical Association which opened yesterday morning Dr. F. W. Mott, the famous pathologist and brain specialist, read a paper on war neurosis.

According to his experience the most serious cases occurred in 1915—1918 when the army was continually on the offensive, although it was out-manned and out-gunned. The term "shell-shock" was an unfortunate one which led to misconception. A great many men who had been returned as suffering from shellshock would have been more appropriately described as "shell shy."

The War had produced no new nervous disease. In ten per cent of shock cases the dominant feature was anger; in ten per cent, fear. In the remaining eighty per cent primitive emotions were fairly evenly represented.

It will shortly become necessary to ration horse flesh at Cologne.

Preparations are being made at Versailles for the reception of the German delegates.

The prohibition against out-door photography has been removed. It is inadvisable, however for civilians to take photographs of military significance.

SILKEN CORD INSTEAD OF HEAVY CHAIN.

FUTURE OF GERMAN COLONIES.

Lord Leverhulme, the great British manufacturer, speaking at the Colonial Institute yesterday, asked what had Germany done to colonise and civilise her overseas possessions before the war. "Native races" he said "were brutally illtreated and reduced to semi-slavery by German rule. We knew that British or French rule and government could be of the greatest advantage to the peoples of these former German colonies and we therefore could no more think of handing them back to Germany than of surrendering a slice of our fair Homelands.

"We had seen that when the Mother Country was threatened with defeat and consequent invasion that not only our self governing colonies but our cousins — that great nation formed the United States of America — flocked to the aid of Great Britain and her allies, but it was not Great Britain that they came solely to defend. It was to maintain the ideals for which we and our Allies had fought.

"In each succeeding century the world will be governed and controlled more by the silken cord of ideals and justice and less and less by the heavy chain of military might."

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS DEMONSTRATE.

Hundreds of discharged sailors and soldiers demonstrated at Middlesbrough yesterday evening as a protest against the action of the Street Committee of the Town Council in refusing to rent the Town Hall for a boxing tournament.

Headed by a band playing patriotic airs the men marched to the Town Hall. A deputation of the men was received and heard by the Council, which subsequently directed the Street Committee to reconsider its decision.

WAR MEDAL RIBAND.

It has been decided to adopt the suggestion made some time since that the colours of the riband for the war commemorative medal shall be orange, white, black and blue. There will be a broad orange stripe in the centre, with narrow stripes of the other colours on either side.

FEEDING THE CIVILIANS.

Five ship loads of potatoes reached Cologne on Wednesday, arriving in time to prevent a really serious shortage.

At first the week's ration will be four lbs, which will be increased only if regular consignments arrive.

Consequent on the low value of the mark the actual cost will be about thirty five marks a hundredweight. The potatoes are actually charged to the German Government, which will fix the price to Cologne. The town itself will bear part of the cost, probably up to one million marks — in order that the potatoes may be retailed at 25 Pfgs. per lb.

It is reported that Cologne has also bought potatoes from Holland.

AMERICAN IMMIGRATION.

MAURETANIA HELD UP.

Two thousand seven hundred war veterans, mostly Americans who had served in the British Army, were virtually held prisoners for twenty four hours by the immigration officials at New York when they arrived on the Mauretania. The officials were unable to decide their status but subsequently allowed them to leave the ship for a camp to await the settlement of the question.

The immigration authorities state that the Mauritania arrived without a manifest or list of passengers and that many of the passengers aboard were not Americans but had enlisted from Canada and the West Indies. All those unable to prove American citizenship must enter under the immigration laws. The Canadians are being sent to Canada.

EXPLOITATION OF THE SAAR DISTRICT.

The members of the Committee appointed by the Council of Four to report on the economical exploitation of the Saar district are, France, M. Tardieu; Great Britain, Mr. Headlam Morley; America, Mr. Haskins.

The strike at Johannesburg has been settled.

An association has been formed in London to promote Sunday yacht racing.

In his flight over London the Prince of Wales was accompanied by Lady Joan Mulholland.

The Vindictive has broken in two at Zeebrugge and must be blown up.

A triumphal march of overseas troops through London has been decided upon but the date is not yet fixed.

Hawley Manor, near Dartford, Kent, was destroyed by fire on Monday, the body of the tenant, Mr. Temple Johnson, being found in one of the rooms.

A semi-official message from Buda-Pesth denies the statement which appeared in a Berlin newspaper to the effect that Beli Kum, the Magyar president of the Soviet, had gone to Munich.

Among the deaths announced recently is that of Mr. James E. Patterson, the novelist and poet. He had led a most adventurous life, having been a runaway sailor, stevedore, journalist and theatrical sniper.

IMPORTANT CHANGES AT BISLEY MEETING.

WAR EXPERIENCE.

There should be some very pretty shooting at Bisley when the National Rifle Association meeting takes place. In the early days of the war we shot alongside many Bisley crack shots but sooner or later they fell victims to their long slow pull and the "snap" of a German sniper using telescopic sights.

Many alterations have been made for the Bisley contest. Long distance shooting, for instance, has been abolished. The King's Cup will be confined to ranges from two hundred to six hundred yards. This is a direct result of war experience with the service short rifle.

Regular soldiers are now eligible to compete in the King's, Queen Mary's, and St. George's competitions, which are thrown open to all His Majesty's Forces, including Colonials.

Among the new competitions in connection with scores made in these three contests will be a Belgian Cup for teams from the Army of the Rhine.

Another most interesting struggle should be forthcoming for an Entente Cordiale Cup, open to teams representing units of armies which served in different theatres of war.

There will also be a cup for teams from the army abroad, and a sniping competition.

GERMAN EDUCATION MYTH.

The British branch of the American University Union in Europe entertained at dinner last night four hundred of the two thousand American university students who formed part of the United States army and who have been detached to study at British universities and institutions. The guests were seated by colleges, of which twenty eight were represented, and a feature of the evening was the songs and yells of those institutions.

Lord Birkenhead, the Lord Chancellor, said he was very hopeful of the ideal which both the King of England and the President of America dearly cherished, that real affection of the heart would count a thousand times more than tradition. He would recommend to every one present not to forget that the little island called Britain had made after all some decisive contribution to the greatest struggle in history. He would not care if it were the last — he did not believe it was the last — but he was sure that if ever again the same appeal were made the same answer would be given by men who were in the van of civilisation.

The American Ambassador, Mr. John Davis, said that whenever a voice was raised against Great Britain their voices should be raised in her defence, for to Great Britain more than all others belonged the imperishable honour of carrying to its successful end this great war for the liberty and freedom of the world.

On the subject of education the Ambassador said that no more successful publication of a myth was ever perpetrated than the legend that education could only be found in Germany.

The day was past when the training of Berlin, Heidelberg and Bonn would be preferred to that of Oxford or Cambridge.

The Ambassador expressed the hope that Americans would imitate the example of Cecil Rhodes in creating scholarships, so that British students could study at American universities. He also hoped that the exchange of British and American professors woud become a regular practice.

RICHMOND HORSE SHOW.

Widespread interest is being aroused by the revival of the Richmond Royal Horse Show. The event, which will be the chief show of the year, is arranged for Friday and Saturday the 4th and 5th July, under the patronage of the King and the Presidency of the Marquis of Cambridge.

Two outstanding and entirely new features will be included. The first is a class for troop horses, confined to horses that have seen military service. For this event the King is presenting a silver cup as first prize.

The second feature will be a driving Marathon on the Friday morning, for horses in double harness, the course being from Hyde Park to Richmond.

RUSSIAN PEACE OFFER

MADE IN GERMANY.

When Mr. Clem Edwards (Lab., Bedwelty) drew attention in the House of Commons yesterday to the offer of peace alleged to have been made by Lenin, a lively discussion ensued, many speakers objecting to any negotiations with the Bolshevists.

Mr. Shortt replied on behalf of the Government. There was no desire, he said, to avoid discussion with Russia but we could not have any truck with a mere gang of bloodthirsty ruffians who are terrorising the pupulation of Russia. We are entitled to tell the Russian people that we will have no dealings with a Government which endangers civilisation. He considered that the whole story of Lenin being ready to negotiate was of German origin, manufactured for the purpose of making believe that the Bolshevists are really peaceable and civilised persons. The Germans were spreading Bolshevism wherever possible, as their only hope, because where it went weakness supervened.

BERLIN REICHSTAG DAMAGE.

A Berlin telegram asserts that so much havoc was wrought in the Reichstag building that its condition today resembles a mixture of "barracks, gin shops and brothels." The damage is estimated at 800,000 marks and will take four months to repair.

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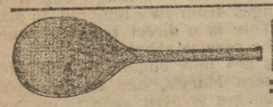

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ARMY RATIONS.

Despite the classic but somewhat cruel retort of Doctor Samuel Johnson, most of us in the Army of the Rhine see considerable necessity in the continuance of our earthly lives. We are not entirely given over to other-worldliness, and we have more than an academic interest in the quality and quantity of Rations. It has often been said that men can be divided into two classes — those who eat to live and those who live to eat. We make bold to say that very few in our Army can enter the latter, privileged class.

Men need not be materialists, though the blessed word Rations is often on their lips. Indeed, Army life has taught us to eschew the materialistic gospel that man lives by bread alone. If he so lived, he would often live badly. Yes, that is a lesson we have learned in season and out of season. The ancient Greek ideal seems but a dream.

There is no reason why we should not confess that we are keenly interested in the Ration Dump, and the "ways and means of communication," to borrow the phraseology of Sir Eric Geddes, by which modest portions of that Dump are conveyed to us. It is the task of the Army authorities to see that men in all units get good and sufficient food; and that task, performed often in days of stress and difficulty, has, on the whole, been worthily accomplished during the four years and eight months of warfare. But war is over, and there should now be fewer anomalies in the supply of food. England expects every man to—get his rations.

It is a poor gibe to say that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach, but one can retain what truth there is in the gibe and put it in nicer language. One element in human contentment is a sense of well-being, and well-being adds to efficiency. We would bespeak two things from those who are set in authority over us—organization and imagination. Let us say frankly that in organization our Army authorities have achieved wonders, all credit to them; but there are one or two weaknesses in the wonderful system. Some units and ranks have reason to bless the distribution—for organisation is a matter of equitable distribution—some are contented with the distribution, and some suffer from the distribution. Ought there to be these three classes? Again, imagination should play its part in food problems. Can we not hope for a little pleasing variety in the contents of our Ration Dumps Changes are light-some even in articles of proved sustenance.

We write in no mood of angry or captious criticism, and we feel sure that we voice the opinions of many in our Army. It is not open to us in Cologne as it was in France, to eke out rations by the purchase of dainties. It should not be necessary to do so, and we gather from the records of our House of Commons that the food supply of the Army of the Rhine is entirely adequate.

THE MASTERY OF THE AIR.

It was the happy phrase of our King which inspired yesterday's leading article in *The Cologne Post*. Most undoubtedly the British navy has been our sure shield. But the time has come when without abating our tribute to the Grand Fleet we must increase the strength and sureness of our imperial shield. Men like Oliver Cromwell saw the need of mastering the seas; men like Horatio Nelson achieved it. But mastery of the seas does not now mean what it did. Great Britain has during the last five years lost many of her insular advantages. To be safe from attack she needs to retain mastery of the air. In air raids we have paid a heavy toll of one-and-a-half thousand killed, and three-and-a-half thousand injured; and such untoward raids show the vast importance of an art that has slumbered since the day of Icaros to awaken amazingly in the days of Captain Ball and Baron von Richthofen.

Our national problem is twofold. We must ensure the security of our vast carrying trade; and we must make that trade efficient by utilizing every means of speed that new conditions can furnish. No one may safely prophesy how airships, aeroplanes and flyingboats will affect commercial methods and undertakings. We are not expert in matters of aircraft construction, and details of 600, 1000 and 2000 h. p. engines convey to us little meaning. But we believe strongly that our business men and these are now the days of the "business man" must see to it that in the new era of commercial enterprise we shall lead and not follow. The traditions of our empire, the gallantry and hardihood of our airmen, and the hopes of a brighter morrow—these constitute our claim, and it must not be denied.

OUR GREAT ENEMY — THE FLY.

BY MAJOR J. B. GROGAN, R. A. M. C.

With the coming of warmer weather another "great attack" is impending. Our next greatest enemy after the Hun is the fly: now that the former is rendered harmless, let us start and *swat the fly!* In seven weeks one female fly can give rise to 432,000 others or more, so by killing the fly *early* you prevent all these others appearing.

The crop of a fly can contain 16,000,000 germs and this number is exclusive of the innumerable germs that can be carried on the flies hairy legs and sticky feet, so you can see what a dangerous enemy we are up against, for Cholera, Typhoid and Tubercle germs, not to mention many others, have been found to be harboured by the Fly.

The fly is well called a "Winged Sponge"!

The life of a Fly consists of four stages, 1. the Egg; 2. the Maggot; 3. the Chrysalis, and 4. the full grown fly.

These four stages only take 7—14 days in all, which leaves little time for you to get the upper hand.

Many people look upon flies as a harmless nuisance. Nuisance they certainly are, but far from being harmless they are a great danger to your health.

FEEDING AND HABITS.

Let us now study a little more closely the dainty (?) habits of our enemy.

The fly prefers to feed alternately in the latrines and the kitchens! so that any disease germs in the latrines are carried on to the food in the cook house, unless the former are fly-proof and the food always covered and protected.

Another playful little habit the fly has, when resting, is to vomit its contents, by way of amusing itself, till a drop as large as the fly's head is seen at the end of its sucker; when alarmed, this drop, usually swarming with disease germs, falls off on to the food ready for you to eat!

As one grain of faecal matter can contain 16,000,000 germs, you can easily see what the fly will do to your food if it is not properly protected.

REPRODUCTION.

We know that rabbits multiply exceedingly quickly, but in this respect the fly beats the band! A female fly will lay 120 to 150 eggs at a time, and can have five to six batches like these in her life-time.

PREVENTION AND CURE.

Put very briefly, the prevention of the fly trouble may be summarised as follows.

1. Prevent flies breeding
   a) in stable litter and horse dung.
   b) in human excreta.

This is the greatest object to be aimed at, as in this way you kill the eggs at once.

The methods are by incinerating or burning of the litter and dung, or close packing.

2. Prevent flies from obtaining access to human excreta. This can be done by making all latrines fly-proof, and so preventing the flies from laying eggs in the excreta.

3. Protect all food from flies. This is done by keeping food in food-safes and covering all food such as milk, bread, meat biscuits, cheese, jam, sugar etc. which, as they are not cooked before being eaten, are very liable to be fouled by the fly. Cups, plates, mugs, knives and forks must also be under cover.

4. Destroy all the full grown flies possible, by traps or fly papers, etc.

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AN AFTERMATH OF WAR.

BY PATRICK WOODWARD.

Now that the war is over, and as we filter back to civilian life, we shall miss the dear old thing and its many quaint customs. I cannot imagine that the greengrocer general will lightly give up the life in which he has gained so many laurels, and there are many of us to whom will cling particles of our army careers collected in these past four years, no doubt finding reminiscences in our butchers' bills and char-lady's grievances.

Mr. Buggins is a staid commercial traveller who has pursued an easy path entirely uninterrupted by competition and the war, and he will beam and murmur words of blessing on the boys as they come back. He never suspects that now he will catch, for the first time, real echoes of the war, until he receives something like the following from his directors:

O. C. Cottons, Puddleton District.

"Your returns for May 1919 show a decrease of thirty per cent. on those of the preceding month and twenty per cent. decrease on those of the same month of the preceding year. *Please explain.*"

So simple and straightforward! But he will not understand that his directors have plagiarised the chits from the Brigade, with that *Please explain* as concluding words. Maybe he will catch the implied hope that the correspondence should not be allowed to sink into obscurity, and that a reply is even expected.

I am afraid old Buggins may suddenly stumble on this aftermath in his own private letters. Think of him home on one of his week-end surprise visits, settling down to enjoy his belated post-bag, looking forward to hearing of Auntie Kate's cold and of the second litter of John's pigs. Suddenly he sees a strange writing, and perhaps feels a little excited in anticipation of the unknown which has come into his humdrum existence. His hand trembles slightly as he tears the envelope open.

15, Lilac Villas.

To A. Buggins, Esq.

Sir, On Tuesday afternoon at about 14.30 your son was seen throwing stones in the direction of my greenhouse, one end of which was completely wrecked. I estimate the demage at £5. 2s. 7½d. *For your information and necessary action.*

Faithfully yours,
B. ROKEN-GLASS.

Now if poor old Buggins had been in the army, he would have been able to fence with this kind of thing for the next seven years and could then have pleaded that the debt had become annulled through lapse of time under Vic. 6 cap. ii. a (or whatever the authority is). He might well have replied as follows:

"17, Lilac Villas.

Sir, In reference to the attached: — Please say if married or single.

A. BUGGINS."

This to be followed by some little message to the family (if any) etc., and so it would have gone on with the only disbursing on Buggins' part being the postage; which might have become a little heavy in the fourth year when the correspondence changed from the letter to parcel post. As it is, Buggins will pay up fearful of Roken-Glass taking the matter to court.

I begin to feel sorry for old Buggins, because he will also receive cryptic messages which he will be unable to decipher. Maybe he belongs to the lending library round the corner and having trusted, during war-time, to the tastes of the young lady, temporarily in charge (who satisfied him with fiction of a modernized Cinderella type), he continues to leave it to the owner, now returned from the war. This young librarian has a more robust judgment which Buggins does not so readily appreciate. Buggins writes: —

Dear Sir, Herewith the book you sent me yesterday — "Troy Town." I cannot read such rot. I find it dull and uninteresting and your taste execrable.

Yours truly,
A. BUGGINS.

The laconic librarian having been a clerk at Corps Headquarters, "G" office, during the war, writes: "*Refer to Q*" on the bottom and returns the note. Of course Buggins changes his library, but the long walk to the new one would never have been necessary but for Wilhelm and his mania.

Poor old Buggins!

HOW THE A.E.F. REACHED FRANCE.

INTERESTING FIGURES.

The following figures are taken from *The Stars and Stripes*, the official newspaper of the A.E.F.

Leading Converted Liners.

	No. of Trips.	Troops.
Leviathan (Vaterland)	8	71,527
George Washington	9	45,000
America (Amerika)	9	40,000
President Grant	9	35,000
Agamemnon (Kaiser Wilhelm II)	11	35,000
Mt. Vernon (Kronprinzessen Cecilie)	9	30,800
President Lincoln	5	23,378
Pocahontas (Princess Irene)	9	22,000
Princess Matoika (Princess Alice)	6	20,000
Mercury (Barbarossa)	7	18,310
Madawaska (Konig Wilhelm II)	9	16,000
Covington (Cincinnati)	6	13,680
American Built		
Great Northern	10	27,000
Northern Pacific	10	22,000
Finland	9	20,000
Pastores	14	18,000
Mongolia	5	17,197
Manchuria	4	14,316

Over half a million Yanks were brought to France in ships kindly provided by the Imperial German Government.

There were 12 German ships alone that brought over 370,695 men, and of these the now famous Leviathan and once proud Vaterland easily took the lead with a grand total of 71,527 landed in France in eight trips. The George Washington, which at present occupies a considerable share of the spotlight because of its presidential voyages, was second best, having succeeded in making nine trans-Atlantic troop-laden voyages with 45,000 khaki-clad passengers. The America, the President Grant and the Agamemnon, the last named christened for the ex-Kaiser Wilhelm II himself, followed closely after the George Washington as the heaviest German contributors to the success of the American troop movement France-ward.

The final and complete figures on the number of American troops brought to France and the flags under which they sailed are now available. Great Britain brought over 1,074,374 men; the United States, 898,449; Italy, 61,068; France, 48,691. Total, 2,056,122. Of the entire A.E.F., 40 per cent was routed via Great Britain and 60 per cent disembarked directly at French ports.

Full details of these methods of swatting the fly cannot be given here, but I recommend all who read this article to help their Medical Officers to carry out these and similar measures, and *swat the fly now*, defeating it just as we did the Hun.

THE BATTALION MOVES.

A TEARFUL TALE.

BY H.M.FF.

"Is this bloomin' war over?" asked Henry James Wiltshire of Six Platoon as he flung his F.M.O. down.

"Wot Wor"? echoed a weary voice from the farther end of the room.

It was more than flesh and blood could stand. Pausing with a lighted match half way to his cigarette, H.J. Wiltshire poured out the vials of his wrath.

"Wot Wor?" he said with scorn. "Wat Wor? Gaw's truth! Yew har young hand hinnersent. Your education 'as been sadly neglected. Course I don't blame yer mother. Likely she didn't want yer, and yew kind o' thrust yerself hon 'er. War? I aint no Ole Bill but I've seen a bit o' war. Were yew at Bullycor' and Wipers and hon the Somme . . . ?" Words failed him and he gasped for breath.

The offender smiled and then slowly began to hum that wistful melody "Old soldiers never die."

Henry James struggled for breath and was in the act of unbuttoning his tunic when a voice called from the door-way' "Tea up!" In a flash he was gone, Old soldiers, it appears, always get there first.

All this hot air was the result of a battalion move. In the old days, when war was in progress, moves were a matter of course, but now the war is over (according to some) moves are somewhat a luxury. You arrive with great ceremony in a village, find yourselves in the best of billets, settle down for duration . . . . Then some genius of organisation takes up his pen and with much labouring of mind moves that from here to there!

The Creator made the world in six days and on the seventh he rested. Not so with us. We work six days, and on the Sabbath we move.

Memory carries me back to "civvy" days, particularly the days on which the family moved. When the last pram was formed up in the rear mother would discover we'd left the piano behind. Father who usually had his mouth full of nails, and was hung round with pictures off the sitting room walls, would suddenly become rude. A noise like the falling of many tin cans would arise forthwith; the children would howl with one accord. The neighbours would assist with advice and the policeman would frequently request us to move on — all with no avail.

A battalion move is organised on similar lines. Have you ever seen the Transport Sergeant weep or the newest recruit fail as if dead? If not, you have not seen a battalion move. Verily, it overcomes the strongest heart!

In the best regulated "mobs" a billeting party usually precedes the battalion. This party is usually selected from among those who suffer from sore feet or some other similar malady which prevents them marching with the troops. Those attached to the "Noble Order of Lead Swinging" are the keenest volunteers. Arrived at the other end, the Officer in charge of billeting chooses the most obscure billets in order to camouflage the presence of troops in the village. The C.Q.M.S. selects the best billet for the C.S.M. Then he remembers the Officers, and having satisfied them, considers that item in the Army, — the Q.R. Tired and sorrowful he wends his way round to the sergeants' mess. Alas! A row of of clients awaits his arrival . . .

"Please Quarter, there ain't no bed in my billet."

"I got ter "Kip" with a brace o' kids in my cubby 'ole."

"Strike me pink if the old wumman ain't locked the door of my show!" Such are the exclamations which greet him.

Woe, woe is the lot of the C.Q.M.S. After much deliberation, the unhappy lot of each man is put in order, and then the O. C. Company requests an immediate interview.

The shades of night fall fast. A piano vamps in the nearest estaminet, a mouth organ wails in a billet and some one in pain raises his voice in song. All is well. We are settling down....

But a vision arises. Somewhere, in a dimly lighted chamber, poring over countless maps, a red-tabbed figure thinks and plots . . . Ah! . . . "Next Sunday . . ."

Wars may come and wars may go, but we move on for ever. Prepare ye not a cricket pitch. It moveth not.

And when your soul yearns for excitement, and your young blood runs hot, wait in patience... "On Sunday the Battalion will move."

THE WORD AS IT IS.

BY G.A. WEST.

Destination
England.

Man's
Opportunity.

Becomes
Interested.

Longing
Intensified.

Signs
Army forms.

Terrible
Illusion.

Occupation (for)
Nominated.

AERIAL MAILS ABROAD.

The unit responsible for the carrying of mails by air from Maisoncelle to Cologne is the No. 110 Squadron R.A.F., and during the last three weeks, in spite of almost the worst possible weather conditions, there have only been three days when the weather actually prevented the mails being carried. During this period 465 bags of mails have been brought here, and on only one occasion has there been a forced landing.

Some idea of the weather conditions prevailing may be gathered from the fact that on the majority of days on which the mails were carried from March 1 onwards it was found impossible to continue the training of the homing pigeons attached to the unit. Moreover, as it was necessary to fly through driving rain, specially protected propellers had to be supplied, as the rain so seriously damaged the ordinary type during one journey that they became unsafe for further use.

The average time for all flights for the whole distance is 2h 18min, while the record up to date is 1h. 45min. The machines in use are D.H.A.'s. As the route was a new one to nearly all the pilots engaged, and bearing in mind the extremely adverse weather conditions of this month, we must agree that the performance of No. 110 Squadron is particularly creditable, and the Service have our thanks.

We learn that the *Rheinische Zeitung* has been suspended, on account of certain articles which appeared recently.

According to a recent army routine order, the Cologne-Paris Express is now a through train.

During the war, through a special fund, 420,000 cigarettes, 1,000oz of tobacco, sweets, meat cubes, papers, and magazines have been sent to local sailors and soldiers by the Victoria Working Men's Club, Kew Gardens.

OPERA HOUSE AND THEATRE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	OPERA	DRAMA
Friday	Tannhäuser	Im weissen Röss!
Saturday	Königskinder	Seeschlacht
Sunday	Der fliegende Holländer	Fiesco
Monday	Mignon	Gespenster
Tuesday	Fidelio	Seeschlacht

The hours at which the opera commences are: Friday 4.0 p.m.; Saturday 5.0 p.m.; Sunday 5.0 p.m.; Monday 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday 5.0 p.m.

COMEDIES FOR COLOGNE.

MR. GEORGE GROSSMITH INVITED TO SEND FIRST-CLASS COMPANY.

A scheme is on foot to send West End London musical comedies out to Cologne to entertain the Army of the Rhine.

Mr. George Grossmith, who has been invited to send over a first-class company, informed "*The Evening News*" that he would certainly do his best.

"I don't want to make money out of the venture," he explained, "but merely to obtain a guarantee from the Army against loss. I am also waiting to hear that good food and accommodation will be assured the members of the company."

If the project goes through the general manager will be Mr. E. H. Kelly. He says he will try and ensure that any ex-service men will form the male part of the cast.

Mr. Kelly is planning a triple bill, to start with—say. "A Pantomime Rehearsal," and two other items. He also hopes to stage "Poached Eggs and Pearls."

Later would come such musical comedies as "Yes, Uncle" and "To-night's the Night."

SURPRISE GIFTS TO COMPANY O.C.

NOTES FROM THE 2/4 DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGIMENT.

On Monday Lt.-Colonel P.P. Wilson, D.S.O., of the Durham Light Infantry relinquished command of the 2/4 Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and is succeeded by Lt.-Colonel F. C. Burnett, D.S.O., (Duke of Wellington's Regt.), who till recently commanded a Battalion of the King's.

Lt.-Colonel Wilson, D.S.O., commanded this (2/4 D.o.W.) Battalion for nearly twelve months and led it in the second Battle of the Marne and during the last push.

Officers and men did not fail to see that he departed with their very best wishes for the future and affectionate remembrances of the past. The little village of Erp found photographers, both amateur and professional, very busy on Monday.

The Inter-Company Football League for the "Wilson" Cup still finds "C" Company leading, though on Tuesday they had a stiff tussle with "D" Company, the game resulting in a draw — one goal each.

At a recent concert given by "C" Company, the O.C. Coy., Captain E. N. Blakey, M.C., who anticipates being demobolized shortly was the recipient of several suprise gifts from his Company.

The gifts included a gold-mounted walking stick, a silver wristlet watch, two sets of Razors, and from the concert party a mouth-organ. A keen sportsman and a rattling good fellow Captain Blakey will be greatly missed by the Battalion.

H.J.B.

WHIST DRIVE AT WAHN.

"A" Coy of the 52nd Battalion R. Sussex Regment held the second of a series of whist drives at the Battalion Education Building, Wahn, on Wednesday, when an agreeable evening was spent. Refreshments were served during an interval, and L/C Harper and Pte. Lane contributed to a musical interlude.

The prizes, handed to the successful players by Capt. H. D. Watt, O. C. Company, were won by the following:— 1. (two prizes). Sgt. V. A. Tooley and Cpl. A. W. Hammond; 2. L/C G. C. Elvin; Hidden Number prize: Pte H. L. Price; Booby prize: Pte O. K. Knowles.

48 BATTERY SPORTS AT HOVEN.

Further list of Events and Winners.

At the 48th Battery R.F.A. Sports meeting held at Hoven on Sunday the following competitions were decided in addition to those published yesterday:—

Relay-Race: — D Sub-Section: — Gnr. Ripley, Bdr. Mitchell, Cpl. Bullimore, Sergt. Kearney.

Obstacle-Race: — 1st Cpl. Single; 2nd Dr. Rowe; 3rd Gnr. Morrison; 4th Cpl. Ireland; 5th Sgt. Kearney;

Open Jumping (on Points): — 1st Dr. Jones; 2nd Cpl. Ireland; 3rd Bdr. Marnane;

O. R's. Mule Race: — 1st Cpl. Bullimore; 2nd Bdr. Braysher; 3rd L/Bdr. Barwick; 4th Dr. Rowe; 5th Cpl. Ireland;

Wrestling on Horse Back: — "C" Sub-Sections: Gnr. Geraughty; Dr. Cauvers; Gnr. Bennett; Bdr. Sheppard; Dr. Greaves; Cpl. Hemmingway;

Tug-o-War: — "A" Sub-Section.

Jumping Led Horses: — 1st Dr. Jones; 2nd L/Bdr. Barwick.

The prizes, it may be added, were numerous. The judges were as follows: — Major Mills, M.C., Major Siggers, M.C., Capt. Henshaw; Lt. Lambkin; (Battery Sports Officer) B.S.M. Watford.

34th M.G.C. INTER-COMPANY MATCH.

An Inter-Company match, A versus D., was played at Troisdorf on Wednesday and ended in a win for D. Coy by two goals to nil, Major Whillis and Lt. Ryle being the scorers.

CONCERT AT LENGSDORF.

A very enjoyable concert took place at Lengsdorf on Tuesday evening, which was given by the 141st Field Ambulance Concert Party, ably assisted by the Band of the 1st Northamptonshire Regiment. The rendering of the overture "Maid of the Mountains" by the latter was greatly enjoyed and the sketch entitled "Cure" fairly brought the house down. A duet by Drs. Frenton and Full was also much appreciated. As the girl, Private Bell, late of the Divisional Concert Party, wants some beating. As a whole they are the best seen or heard in the Division so far.

A word of praise is due to the Bandmaster of the 1st Northamptons for the Band's share of the evening's entertainment, also for the way he officiated at the piano during the unavoidable absence of the regular pianist.

"BOTH OF THE CROWD CHEERED".

ARTILLERYMEN'S DIVERTING FOOTBALL MATCH AT OVERATH.

ROLLED AND BUTTERED PITCH.

A correspondent, for whose veracity we cannot vouch, sends us the following:

The following match, played by "B" Battery of the 126th Bde. A.F.W., has apparently escaped the notice of your expert football reporter.

The match was played a fortnight ago on the Battery's billiard-table-like ground at Overath. The pitch claims to possess the finest display of mole-hills in Germany, but for this great match it was rolled, — and buttered also, I should imagine, by the way some of the players slipped about. The match was between the officers and N.C.O's of the battery. The disporters of the merry "Pip" had to call to their assistance their batmen in order to make up the requisite number, which somebody said generally amounts to eleven. The bat men were warned to carry one banderole, one tin of "Blanco" for the knees, a supply of spare "Pips" for their football shirts, and boot-cleaning apparatus for the purpose of re-glossing any of their elegant footwear that might get soiled during the game.

Motley Collection.

The opposition consisted of a motley collection of N.C.O's ranging from the Sergeant-Major down to the lowly Lance-Bombardier. Before commencing they all lined up in column of mob before a camera specially built to stand the strain. The manipulator, I feel sure, must have been a "Mirror" man incog. They all struck professional attitudes, and tried to look as if they were'nt a bit cold. The photographer's request to watch for the "bird" nearly caused a stampede, but at last the deed was done, and they galloped away to the pitch.

The referee was kept busy for a few moments answering such questions as "Do the backs stand behind the goal?" and "I am centre-forward. Where do I stand?" but at last the game started.

Scientific Expositions.

The intricate movements of such a scientific exposition of the noble game are beyond my power to describe, but several extra clever moves deserve an attempt at description. In the first half, after a bout of tricky passing by the officers, an inoffensive Lance-Bombardier had the audacity to rob the O.C. of the ball, and when tackled, — by two of his own side' by the way — he kicked hard, and left the rest to Providence.

Three officers and two batmen tried to intercept the ball with various parts of their anatomy but it eluded them and sped towards the goal. "The goalie" who was getting outside a tin of "Maconachie" at the time, was taken unawares and it bounced (the ball not the "maconachie") into the net.

After this reverse, the officers grew desperate, and threatened their batmen that if they didn't win they would put them back into the lines. This spurred the "idle rich" to almost superhuman efforts. They made a dash for goal, and got there, but somehow the ball had got lost on the way. Both of the crowd cheered. Again and again the freely perspiring batmen, assisted at odd intervals by a few stray subalterns made attacks on the goal, and at last with a shriek of delight a "star" man rushed the ball and the "goalie" into the net.

Unfortunately he had mistaken the goal and scored for the opposition. More cheers from the assembled multitude.

A dashing Sergeant.

Half time sounded soon after, but long before the "idle rich" had recovered their breath, the whistle went for the resumption. A smart piece of work was then done by the sergeant who interviews the mokes when they parade sick. He took the ball up the field, tricked a few spare colonels, tripped up the "goalie" and shot at goal, and hit the corner flag. Nevertheless the score against the "Pips" mounted up, and the "Stripe's" goalie went off to water and feed long before the end of the game as he saw he would not be wanted.

The rest of the gladiatorial contest need not be described as both sides being unused to work were whacked early in the second half. Suffice it to say that the "Stripes" won by 5—0.

When the final whistle went, rumour said that the players asked to play another hour each way, but I can assure my readers that rumour has no more foundation than the one saying that Mr. Churchill was personally conducting a draft to our battery to ensure their not getting mislaid.

13th. King's v 51st. King's Liverpool Regt

This match for the 1st Lancashire Brigade Shield played at Beuel on Tuesday was very fast and some interesting football was witnessed.

The 51st Battn. with a strong wind blowing in their faces were the first to score from a corner kick headed by Sgt. Mc. Spirit into the goal.

The 13th followed soon after, Capt. Carson putting the finishing touch to some pretty midfield play. The teams crossed over at half-time, one goal each.

At the commencement of the second half the teams were fairly even but later the 13th scored from a corner and towards the end of the match pressed considerably, Crowder scoring a final goal.

Sharples and Meredith both played well for the winners whilst Green at inside left, the goal keeper, and Nuttall a tower of strength at back, were the pick of the losing side.

Result 13th King's. 3 goals; 51st King's. 1 goal.

SPORTING SNIPPETS.

Captain Sir Harold Nutting, Bt., Dublin, 17th Lancers, has been elected Master of the North Shropshire Hunt. Sir Harold succeeds Colonel H. H. Heywood-Lonsdale, Shavington, who has been Master for ten years.

On Saturday afternoon Prince Albert will go again to Twickenham, this time to witness a match between teams representative of the Mother Country and of South Africa.

The Prince of Wales will pay an informal visit to the Victoria Working Men's Club, Kew Gardens, tomorrow.

The Northern Section of the Professional Golfers Association's "Victory" Tournament will be played on the Alwoodley Club's course, near Leeds, on April 20th.

The Aberdovey (Merionethshire) Club have appointed L. G. Ross, of the Edgbaston Club, Birmingham, as their new professional, in place of Charles Gadd, who has gone to Ipswich.

The Thames Rowing Club have agreed to the suggestion made by the committee of the Metropolitan Amateur (1919) Regatta that the next race for the Foster Cup should be one of the events to be held at the fixture at Putney on Monday, July 14. A stipulation has, however, been made that the trophy shall be competed for under the usual conditions.

PRINCE OF WALES KICKS OFF.

R. A. F. FOOTBALL MATCH AT STAMFORD BRIDGE.

In brilliant weather the Association football match between the Royal Air Force (South Eastern area) and the R. A. F. (London Command) commenced at one o'clock on Wednesday at Stamford Bridge before 8000 spectators. Among those present were the Prince of Wales and Prince Albert, the former kicking off in the second half.

In the first half the Fulhamite Penn scored, the Army goalkeeper being blinded by the sun and missing an easy shot.

The play generally was poor, many chances being missed.

FINE DISPLAY IN GOAL.

92nd FIELD AMBULANCE v. 103rd FIELD AMBULANCE.

This match was played on the ground of the 103rd Field Ambulance at Troisdorf on Tuesday afternoon, when the opposing teams proved to be very evenly matched, but a strong wind which blew obliquely across the ground rendered accurate football almost an impossibility. After a good deal of mid-field play the visiting forwards broke away, and Pte. Evans succeeded in beating the custodian of the "home" side after 25 minutes play, and half-time arrived with the score 1—0 in favour of the visitors.

Both sides had bad luck in the second-half, especially the home team, and failed to score. The brilliant display in goal by Pte. Houston for the visitors undoubtedly saved his side from disaster.

The visitors were lucky winners, the result being: 92nd Field Ambulance — 1; 103rd Field Ambulance — 0.

THE BURSCHEID LEAGUE.

The 455th (West Riding) Field Coy travelled to "L" Battery R.H.A. on Sunday, when a good clean game of football resulted in a draw, the score very well representing the strength of the representative elevens.

The result of the Burscheid League up to and including Sunday, April 6th, is as follows:

Unit	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Total Points
455th Fd. Coy	6	4	—	2	10
497th Fd. Coy	6	3	1	2	8
—L. Battery	6	2	3	1	5
Signals	6	2	3	1	5
510th Fd. Coy	6	2	4	—	4
2nd B.H.Q.	6	1	4	1	3

Inter-Services Rugby Tournament.

NEW-ZEALAND BEATEN BY AUSTRALIA.

In the Inter-Services Rugby Tournament at Bradford on Wednesday, Australia beat New-Zealand by 6 points to 5.

In the first half Thomson and Egan scored for Australia and in the second half Storey for New-Zealand, while Stohr converted. There were 6000 spectators.

153rd LABOUR COMPANY'S WHIST DRIVE.

On Wednesday evening a second Whist Drive was held at the Hdqtrs. of the 3rd Labour Company, Cologne Volkshaus, Severin Strasse, eight prizes being offered, which were secured by:— Sgt. G. Sanders (1st Ladies); Capl. Saylor (1st Gents); Pte. W. Powell (2nd Ladies); Pte. G. Coleman (2nd Gents); Pte. G. F. Swabey (Ladies "Booby"); C. S. M. Wren (Gents "Booby"). The two "Hidden Number" prizes were carried off by: — Pte. Cauch and Pte. S. Richardson.

The first whist drive took place on April 2nd with similar prizes and both evenings having proved very successful it is hoped to hold a drive every Wednesday evening at 6.30.

KEENLY CONTESTED RUGGER MATCH AT SCHLOSS BURG.

52nd DEVONS V 51st BATTALION.

These old rivals met once again in a keenly contested Rugger match played at Schloss Burg, the Headquaters of the 52nd Battalion, on Sunday last.

The visitors drew first blood, Lieut. Radley scoring after a fast run through. This however, was not converted and the home team equalised shortly after, L/Corpl. Bestente scoring close to the touch line. This was converted by Capt. Castle with a magnificent kick. No further score was recorded in the first half, although some very useful work was done for the 52nd Battalion by Lieut. Williams.

On resuming, despite the strenuous efforts of the visitors, the home team forged ahead, Lieut Cairns scoring two brilliant tries, which were not converted. After some hard play, the 52nd added two more tries, unconverted, Lieut. Crisland and Sergeant Pearce getting through. The visitors, although some good individual work was done, failed to score again, and the game finished with the score:

52nd Battalion 17 points; 51st Battalion 3 points.

BRILLIANT TENNIS.

Great Uphill Fight At Queen's Club.

In the second round of the Queen's covered court champion-ships R. V. Thomas (Australia) beat B. I. C. Norton the champion of Johannesburg by 3 sets to love; Major R. O. D. Heath beat Capt. Matthey the tenth best man in America by 3 sets to 2. This was one of the finest singles seen in England since 1914. It was conspicuous for brilliant volleying and passing shots. Heath played a great uphill fight and won the 4th set (8—6).

Gerald Patterson, unextended, beat A. F Yencken the Cambridge tennis halfblue (6—1, 6—0, 6—2).

N. Misu the Rumanian, who recently won the championship of the Riviera, thrice defeating Decugis, beat L. Raymond, South-Africa (6—2, 6—4, 9—7). Colonel Stacey, A. I. F. beat Capt. Clinck (8—6, 6—1, 7—5).

The Hon. F. M. B. Fisher (New Zealand) who had a walk-over should meet Patterson in the fourth round.

The defeat of S. N. Doust and Mrs. McNair in two straight sets by Capt. Ireland and Mrs. Edgington will probably be the greatest surprise of the tournament, especially as Doust led 5—1. in the second set. The winners are reckoned to be a good second class pair, but the losers did not find their is game.

THE BEST BILLETS.

34th M.G.C.'s Interesting Competition At Troisdorf.

NOTABLE DISPLAY AT POWDER FACTORY.

A very interesting competition came to a close last Saturday at the Powder Factory, Troisdorf. It was held by the 34th Battalion Machine Gun Corps — Eastern Division — and was for a Cup presented by the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. E. H. Kendrick, D. S. O., for the most efficient and best all-round Company in the Battalion, each Company being allowed a certain number of points for each item, according to efficiency. The items comprising Gun-Drill and Arms Drill, etc., took place a few days previously but the deciding factor was on the above-named day. The items for which points were awarded were as follows: —

I. — Smartest and best Drilled Company
II. — Smartest and best turned out Transport and Personnel.
III. — Cleanest and best kept Billets.

These items caused great enthusiasm throughout the Battalion, and all ranks worked with the greatest vigour during the preceding days. The G.O.C. Division, Maj.-Gen. C. L. Nicholson C.B., C.M.G. kindly consented to judge and to award points, and his decision went to "D" Coy who won by a small margin of points, the other Companies running very closely. Before presenting the Cup to the O.C. "D" Coy., the G.O.C. in his remarks said how very hard it had been to judge and congratulated all Companies on the excellent turnout. He also wished men about to be demobilized the "best of luck".

After the Cup had been presented three lusty cheers were given by the Battalion, which terminated a very successful Competition.

The band of the 2nd Battalion Royal North Lancs Regt., kindly lent by Lt.-Col. T. McBridges was in attendance, and played selections during the judging.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

(With an Occasional Entertainments Note.)

Motor-Cycle Skids.

A correspondent who signs himself "Dispatch-Rider" sends me a hint which he asks might be published for the benefit of other motor-cyclists. I fully agree with the preface to his letter, in which he remarks that while the surface of the majority of German roads are wonderfully flat and smooth for motor traffic, their composition is such that the slightest moisture renders them particularly treacherous to motor cylists. But the hint he sends for lessening the possibilities of side-slips is absolutely contrary to my own experience. "Dispatch Rider" says "when turning a corner, or passing over uneven surface (such as tramlines) on a slippery road, there is much less chance of a slip if the rider allows all his weight to rest on the foot-boards". He has surely got hold of the wrong end of the stick. I haven't the space here to explain the why and the wherefore, but if, after further reflection, he is not convinced that the higher the weight on the machine the less liklihood there is of the wheels slipping from under him, I shall be happy to send him my point of view fully by post, on request.

The 36th C.C.S. Tennis Court.

In blissful ignorance, and without the slightest "malice aforethought," I made a statement in this column a few days ago that has incurred the wrath of one reader and the sarcasm of another. The information I imparted was to the effect that convalescent officers who where at the 36 C.C.S. Hospital, in Cologne, finding they had some difficulty in killing time had hit upon the happy notion of rendering the already existing tennis-court playable by a few alterations and the acquisition of the necessary paraphernalia. The mistake I made, apparently, was in supposing that the said officers had any time to kill. All the precious hours that go to make up the day, my first correspondent points out, are already full of amusement and interest, thanks, chiefly, to the refreshing influence of the doctors and nurses in attendance. There is no such I thing as boredom among the patients in the 36th C.C.S., he adds. The second correspondent asks, "who has been pulling your leg . . .?" To him can only reply that if he knew the identity of my informant, with his invariable sober demeanour, he would realise that that individual is quite incapable of so frivolous an operation.

Hospital Life.

Do I, too, not know the wonderful achievements of the medicos and nurses in our British hospitals in permeating their environs with an atmosphere of cheery comfort and brightness? There are thousands who will agree that under the influence of these people, and of the officials who are responsible for the social side of British hospital life, pains and troubles fade away to proportions of insignificance.

But this doesn't alter the fact that there are moments when the majority of us find ourselves at a bit of a loose end — even in the cheeriest environment — when the introduction of a new pastime (if only from the point of view of novelty) is agreeably accepted. I would like to point out, too, that the words "killing time" and "boredom" are not necessarily synonymous.

Nevertheless and notwithstanding, if my paragraph was so unhappily worded as to offend the obviously very high regard my two correspondents have for the 36th C.C.S., "I 'ereby tender my 'umble apologies."

Düren Diversions.

There is now a welcome addition to the places of entertainment available for the troops at Düren. The Army has taken over the Stadt Theatre in connection with which an attractive programme of future entertainment is in course of preparation. At present, this is in its incipient stage so that it is impossible to give details, but it appears that variety is to be a dominant feature of the performances here. German opera, army and civilian concert parties and band concerts will all find a place on the bill periodically.

Good Friday Amusements.

Elaborate preparations have been made for the entertainment of the troops in Rhineland on Good Friday, in addition to the many football matches that will be played during the morning of that day. In Cologne for instance, there will be many free entertainments at the theatres and picture houses. The two Army Choral Societies will be among the entertainers at the Deutsche Theatre, (as well as the Orchestral Society, if it is ready in time), while the Women's Theatre Company will perform at the Apollo Theatre. Among other attractions will be a programme of sacred music given by the combined orchestras (greatly augmented), from Nos 2 and 3 Cinemas. A complete list of the special entertainments to be given on the great memorial day will appear shortly in our advertising columns.

THE RAMBLER.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

BY "METEOR".

Friday, April 11th., 1919.

Surface wind Westerly, about 15 m.p.h. Slight rain or fog in the early morning; cloudy with brighter intervals and improving visibility later. Cool.

WORLD'S SWIMMING RECORD.

American Covers Half-Mile In Little Over Ten Minutes.

Norman Ross, of the Olympic Club, San Francisco, has made a new world's swimming record at the Illinois Athletic Club's open meeting, covering 880 yards in 10min. 5 2-5sec.

The former record was 11min. 14 1-5sec. Ross is stated to have broken seven intermediate records during his performance.

ENGLISH RACING NEWS.

GATWICK MEETING.

The Gatwick meeting was held in cold weather on Wednesday, the going being good and the attendance large. The winners in the 3-year old Handicap were as follows:—

Beresina (9/4); Braida Garth (5/1); and Pretty Missie (100/30). Eleven ran. Two lengths separated the first and second, and a neck the second and third.

Other wiuners at the same meeting were:—

Arch Villain (10/1); Sant Freda, F., (3/1); Shon Maclean (3/1); Parella (9/2); Our Stephen (15/8).

SERVICES' GOLF TOURNAMENT.

MAJOR DARWIN DEFEATED BY LIEUT. LOCKHART.

In the Inter-Services Golf Tournament at Sandy Lodge on Wednesday the conditions were perfect, and the play of the keenest description.

In the first round Lochhart beat Darwin 2 up and one to play. Both turned square. Lockhart secured the 10th and 11th.

Hope beat Thompson at the 19th, holing a 6 foot putt. Hope took 7 to the 1st, and also lost the second but turned one up, the game being all square at the 17th, which Hope halved with a 5 yard putt. The first match of the second round, Lockhart versus Kaye, was exciting. The former was one down at the turn, squared the 14th, halved the 19th, and lost the 20th.

Lieut. Fawcett (Australia) beat Capt. Crummack (Army) two up; while Glashan beat Sergt Morpeth (New-Zealand) by 3 up and one to play; Lt. Macan (Canada) beat Schunk one up; Hope beat Surgeon-Lieut. Gardiner Hill by 3 up and one to play; Lt. Dejongh (South Africa) beat Capt. Ballinghall (Army) 3-1; Capt. Jameson (Army) beat Lt. Williams (New-Zealand) 4-3; Lt. Brook (Army) beat Major Morrison (Air Force) 7-5.

Eight Competitors are left in — 4 in the British Army; one in the Air Force and one each from Australia, Canada, and S. Africa.

Mounted Paper-Chase.

SIX MILES COURSE ALONG BANKS OF THE RHINE.

By kind permission of Lt. Col. F. C. Aldous, D.S.O. Commanding 32nd Battalion Machine Gun Corps a very exciting and most successful mounted paper-chase was held on Sunday in the vicinity of Bonn, the arrangements for which were carried out by Lt. Woodward.

The "Hounds" numbering about thirty, and consisting of all ranks, met at Rhiendorf. As "hares" Lt. O. B. Swain, and Lt. W. J. Tombe, M. C. proved very "fleet of foot" and quickly covered the course of some six miles running on the outskirts of Bonn, through Dransdorf and Buschdorf, along the banks of the Rhine, and back to Rhiendorf.

There was a good finish, the first three "hounds" home being representatives of "A" Coy of the Battalion.

The beautiful weather added greatly to the success of the chase, and further sport of this character is anticipated for the near future.

16th BRIGADE R.H.A. POINT TO POINT.

AT KLEIN UERNICH (Stat. Weilerswist) on 18th inst.

Owing to demobilization it will not be possible to run the closed races on the 18th inst.

It is proposed to endeavour to carry out the meeting on this date by opening additional Races, and revising the programme as under:

1st RACE. A SWEEPSTAKE. 3 mile Point to Point. Open to all Officers of the Second Army. Officers up. Catchweights 12 stone & over. Entrance 30 Marks.

2nd RACE. A SWEEPSTAKE. 3 mile Point to Point. Open to all horses, the property of Officers of the Second Army, which have not previously won a race under N. H. or J. C. Rules, or in B.E.F. Catchweights 12 stone or over. Officers to ride. Entrance 30 Marks.

3rd RACE. ABOUT 1 MILE POINT TO POINT. Open to all W. Os and Sergeants of the Second Army. To be ridden in Military saddles. Catchweights. Entrance 10 Marks. A Sweepstake.

4th RACE. A SWEEPSTAKE. 3 mile Point to Point. Open to all Officers of the Second Army. Catchweights over 13st 7 lbs. Officers up. Entrance 30 Marks.

5th RACE. A SWEEPSTAKE. About 1 mile Point to Point. Open to all Other Ranks in the Second Army, below the rank of Sergt. To be ridden in Military saddles. Catchweights. Entrance 10 Marks.

First Race to start at 2.0 p.m. Entries to be sent to the Adjutant 16th Brigade R.H.A. by the 14th April. Horses to be declared one hour before their race.

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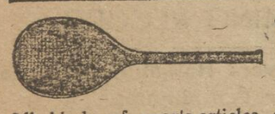

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HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Amongst the questions which were discussed in the House of Commons on Tuesday was that dealing with

GERMANY'S NEW PROPAGANDA.

Mr. BOTTOMLEY (Ind., Hackney, S.) asked the Secretary for War whether his attention had been called to a pamphlet, printed in English, which was handed to British prisoners of war when they left the German camps, containing the statement that they entered the old empire of Germany and left the new Republic, the newest and the freest land in the world, and that they saw so little of Germany's arts, sciences, model cities, theatres, schools, industries, social institutions, scenery, and the real soul of her people, akin in so many things to that of Great Britain; and whether he would take steps to see that similar pamphlets were not placed in the hands of the members of the army of occupation.

Mr. CHURCHILL said that he had not previously seen the pamphlet to which the hon. friend had called his attention, but was aware that efforts had been persistently made through both enemy and Bolshevik sources to reach our soldiers with propaganda of various natures. He also added that steps have been taken and will be taken, to prevent the dissemination and counteract the effect of such propaganda.

1914-15 CROSS.

Mr. CHURCHILL has informed Major Waring (C.L., Blaydon), that the 1914-15 Star will rank as a war medal.

MEETING THE CLAIMS OF INDEMNITY.

Mr. A. T. DAVIES (C.U., Lincoln) asked the Prime Minister whether, in view of the fact that an enormous amount of art treasures are stored in the national museums in Berlin, Dresden, Leipzic, and Hamburg, representing many millions, the Government (or its art advisers in this coun-

(Continued on part of next column.)

MILITARY SERVICE BILL.

HOUSE OF LORDS — SECOND READING.

In the House of Lords on Tuesday, the second reading of the Military Service Bill was moved by Viscount Peel. He explained that the bill was purely a provisional measure, and was not to be confused with the establishment of an after-war army. It retained men with the colours until April 30, 1920, but it was hoped that it would not be necessary to retain so large a force with the colours for so long a period. No power was taken in the bill for the calling-up of boys of 18 who otherwise would have been due for service. That in itself showed that there was no intention to set up a permanent system of conscription. The average rate of demobilisation of the Army had slowed down from 38,000 to 12,500 other ranks a day, but it had increased as regards officers by about 200 per day.

Lord BUCKMASTER moved the rejection of the bill, and said that if a promise was made at an election to do something wrong, the offence lay in making the promise and not in breaking it. He did not base his criticism of the measure on the fact that its introduction showed an indifference to electoral promises. Nor did he object merely on the ground that this was a measure of compulsory service. This measure could only be justified on the ground of strong and compelling circumstances, and he had heard little to show that such circumstances had arisen. The bill placed in the hands, not of the Government, but of "a competent authority," it might be the War Office, the Admiralty, or the Air Service, the right to direct that men shall be compelled to remain with the colours up to the limit of 2,650,000, and all that they knew was that it had been suggested that the total number required would be 900,000 men for the Army.

So far as the bill depended for its necessity upon our providing an army of occupation and securing the enforcement of the terms of peace, he was wholly unsatisfied that any such necessity had ever been made out.

"HOW ABOUT THE FLEET."

Earl CURZON said he did not believe that the case Lord Buckmaster had endeavoured to make out would find a responsive echo in any quarter of their lordships' House. (Cheers.) He believed the noble lord spoke for a small minority, consisting of little more than himself, and great as was the weight they attached to his utterances he (Lord Curzon) found his withers unwrung. It was easy to say that an army of 900,000 men was a prodigious force, and that the nation could not require any such contingent of armed forces. Technically speaking we were at war now, though practically we were not. Was the noble lord so sure that the conditions of war might not be revived? He (Lord Curzon) was not. There were clouds hanging over the horizon which might at any moment burst, and he could not accept the statement that there was no justification for the maintenance of such a force. Did anyone propose to withdraw a single regiment from the Army on the Rhine, which was our only guarantee of obtaining justice?

Lord BUCKMASTER: How about the Fleet?

Earl CURZON said there were a good many parts of Europe not accessible to the Navy.

Lord BUCKMASTER: I was referring to the Army on the Rhine.

Earl CURZON said if the noble lord thought trouble was likely to break out in Germany which could be composed by the Fleet without an army of occupation, his view was not shared by any military or naval authority. We could not strip our garrisons in Syria, Palestine, Mesopotamia, or Egypt, and if the noble lord could show them a policy which would enable the Government to withdraw the 40,000 troops in Ireland he would confer a very great favour. The small force of 20,000 men in North Russia would be withdrawn at the earliest possible opportunity.

BRITISH TROOPS WANTED.

Why should it be to the interests of any party or individual to keep a conscript army longer than was required? The majority of the country were against conscription, and it would naturally be the instinct of any Government to revert to normal pre-war conditions. Since the armistice was signed Europe had been, and still remained, in a very troubled state. There were many rival ambitions, many struggling States, many hopes, and many promises. Surprising as it might be, it was remarkable that in almost every corner of Europe, where doubts and difficulties occurred, it was British troops who were asked for because they could be trusted. He thought he had given their lordships substantial reasons for the necessity for this bill.

A CHANCE FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE.

Earl STANHOPE mentioned that at the General Election the people mistrusted the policy of the "Wee Frees," because they did not feel that that party were prepared to reap the fruits of victory. If the Government had shown more courage they would, he believed, have found less opposition to the bill. One of the causes which had tended to unrest was the stopping of the recruiting of 18-year-old boys. It was unfair that men or boys who happened to be a certain age should be conscripted and held in the Army, and that others who were a few days younger should not be conscripted at all. If exceptions were to be made to this bill the Territorial and Special Reserve were as much entitled to release as were Regular soldiers serving on pre-war attestations. While he did not believe that voluntary service was the best or the only way to get an army, he believed in it getting a chance. What had prejudiced recruiting more than anything else was that the War Office had kept the power to transfer men from one battalion to another without their consent. He strongly supported the bill, being convinced that compulsion was necessary. The Government could not gamble on peace not being long delayed.

The Marquis of SALISBURY thought those who were responsible for the election from the point of view of Coalition seemed rather to have lost their nerve and pledged themselves to all sorts of things which now they probably regretted. The truth was that the country was overwhelmingly in favour of the Coalition because the country wanted a Government which had not only won the war, but could conclude a favourable peace. All the Government had to do was to stand forward and offer to make a favourable peace, and if they had hinted at no pledges they would have been on far stronger ground now. This bill was absolutely necessary in the interests of the country.

Viscount PEEL, replying to points raised in the debate, stated that one of the first duties of the new Army that was being formed would be to release the Territorials who were serving in India.

Lord BUCKMASTER did not press his motion, and the bill was read a second time.

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try or in those of the Allies) had attempted to make any inventory of such realisable capital which might be liquidated to meet the claims of indemnity.

Mr. BONAR LAW (by written answer): I shall forward my hon. friend's suggestion to the British Delegation in Paris.

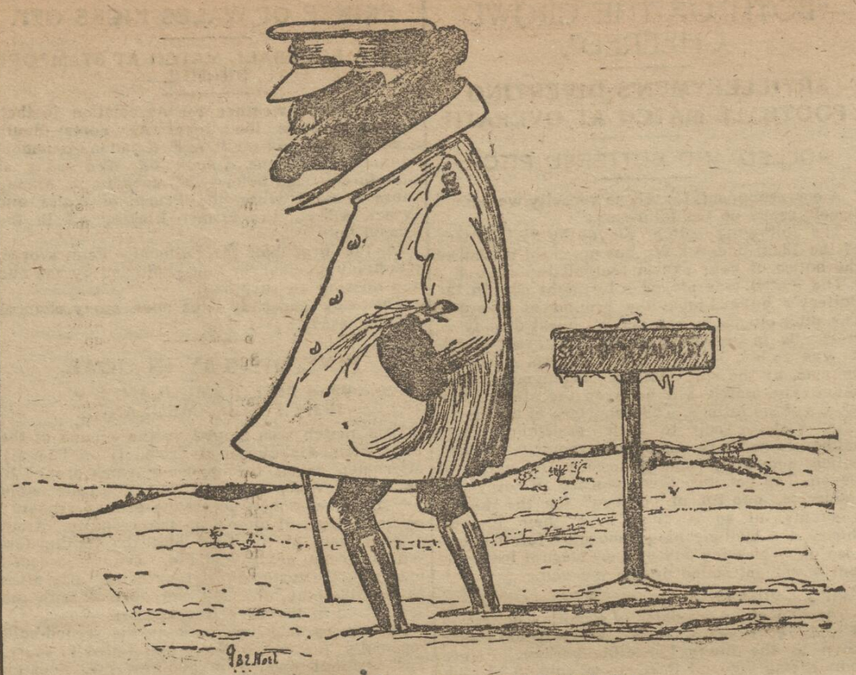

IT *IS* COLD DOWN HERE!

WITH THE RATIONS.

The civil authorities have expressed a desire that British troops should remain stationed at a little village near Cologne. They say that "the fact of troops leaving the village would give rise to the renewal of the thefts by civilians" which had been carried out extensively before their arrival. The same sentiment was expressed also by the inhabitants of another outlying village when troops evacuated quite recently. I happened to be in the area and actually found tears in some of the maidens' eyes, notwithstanding the fact that the same maidens had been sternly lectured by three important men of the village on the evils of fraternization with the enemy only four months ago.

Surely Tommy is a winsome creature. It would also seem that our "guardian of the peace act" is being performed at other than the large German industrial centres.

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I don't think much of the soldier who, towards midnight of Wednesday-Thursday, stopped a German civilian and demanded his money. The civilian, who was on night duty, is a one-armed man and by law is not allowed to carry firearms. Therefore he had no protection whatever, and it was the trick of a coward to do such a mean thing. Whoever he was, he cannot call himself a true soldier and is a discredit not only to his uniform, but to the nation. If it were possible to trace him you may depend upon it that action would be taken, and I have little doubt that he would receive his full punishment. I hope that all my pals will note this and bring to light any other such cases, for it is up to us to preserve our own good names and to punish those few who are "letting us down."

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Spring is coming upon us in rapturous bounds, and so far as I can see, the soldiers are taking full advantage of the glorious weather. How different, though, do these Germans hail its advent. At noon yesterday I passed seventy-one people in less than three minutes, and of these only two were without overcoats.

One notices the same utter indifference to fresh air and brightness in the hotels. Have you found an hotel yet, the atmosphere of which is not thick with smoke, and odorous? If you have, let me know, for I greatly desire a change.

BUCKSHEE PARS.

Measles is epidemic in Birmingham; last week there were 11 deaths and 580 cases; previous week, 8 deaths, 497 cases.

Suspension of State control of gas and electricity during the summer is being considered by the Controller of Coal Mines.

A Bill compelling banks periodically to disclose unclaimed balances and securities was read a first time in the Commons yesterday.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer says he does not propose any extension of the present tax allowance for life insurance premiums.

King George's Fund for Sailors, Tower House, Trinity-square, E.C. 3, has allocated £2,500 to the Alexandria Merchant Seamen's Home, Egypt

"Good service in the war is no excuse for mean theft, and I don't mean to take it into consideration."—Sir R. B. Dyke Acland, chairman, Berks Quarter Sessions.

A 44-hour week for 9,000 workers connected with the production and distribution of groceries is to be established by the Cooperative Wholesale Society, Manchester.

Mr. Bonar Law hopes to find time for the discussion in the House of Commons of the Bills for admitting women to the legal profession which have passed the House of Lords.

Naval and merchant seamen are to be charged 1s. a night for lodging at the Tees Sailors' Home, opened yesterday at Middlesbrough to protect seafarers from "land sharks."

Answering a suggestion that M.P.s should be allowed to smoke at Grand Committee meetings, Mr. Bonar Law said he hoped attendance could be secured without such a reward.

Nottingham's war memorial will be a group of statues in the Market-place to cost £20,000.

A joint meeting to decide what steps shall be taken on the question of conscription and on the Government's policy in Russia has been summoned for to-morrow by the Labour Party and the Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress.

Mount Vesuvius is in slight eruption.

"It is dreadful. What a crime the Germans have committed!" — The Queen of Rumania on seeing Reims Cathedral.

A German aeroplane, intended for sale to the Swedish Government, has been wrecked in South Sweden, when starting for a flight.

General Ludendorff's book on the war is now completed, and is to be published, according to the Stockholm *Dagens Nyheter*, simultaneously in Sweden and other countries.

Ninety million nickel coins, pierced in the centre to distinguish them from silver, will shortly be put in circulation in France under the law of August 5, 1913, pemitting the coinage of nickel money to take the place of copper.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—I have read with interest the article in Sunday's issue regarding Conscientious Objectors and would like to say I do not think it echoes the opinion of the majority on this already well-discussed subject.

I think many will join with me in regretting that the authorities are doing so little in order to annul the sentences of those undergoing imprisonment for the sake of conscience. It appears that the only reason for their retention is that it would be unfair to those who are compulsorily retained in the army. Allow me to say that this argument carries no weight inasmuch as no soldier begrudges freedom to those who have suffered for conscience sake. Assuming, however, it is unfair to the retained soldier, why are they releasing men in the Non-Combatant Corps? The soldier thinks more of the man who suffers to the uttermost for that which he believes to be right than for those who joined the N.C.C. The former show something of the soldierlike spirit in their firmness to hold fast to their convictions. The Objectors have had no easy time', as some would imagine, and they have yet to battle against prejudices. Why make their lot harder by retaining them longer? E. V.

Answers to Correspondents.

[The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Questions on any subject whatever are invited and will be answered as promptly and as authentically as is possible. — Ed.]

L. E. W.— We have not seen this pamphlet, but will endeavour to do so and give an answer.

Auto — This cannot be done as yet.

P ck Merchant.— It has always been so.

Re-enlisted.— It is a matter for your Adjutant to decide. See note at foot of this column.

A. G.— About sixteen marks. It is easier for you to obtain an English Postal Order at the Army Post Office.

Irishman.— As yet it cannot be obtained in this area. What particulars do you want other than those given yesterday?

R. J. L.— You make a false accusation against the Rhine Army, and the article referred to was given as home news, not as an order to soldiers out here. Three-fifths of the Rhine Army have shared similar experiences and are entitled to the same respect you claim which, apart from the accusation you make, is a justifiable one.

A. T.— Your matter is being attended to.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We are continually receiving numerous questions which should not come to us at all because they can be dealt with far more easily and quickly with the unit. All matters concerning rate of pay, pensionable service, demobilization, and so on, should be submitted in the usual way to commanders of units. In many cases the Company or Battery C.Q.M.S., knowing *all* the facts of the case, could give an answer immediately. Why write to us?

Take the question of demobilization for example. In every unit there is someone, generally a Demobilization Officer detailed as such, who has all the facts as his finger ends, or can turn them up from the very latest "Instructions" in two minutes.

He is the proper person to appeal to in all such cases and only needs to be asked.

Sending such queries to us wastes the enquirer's time, wastes our time, and we are so busy with a thousand-and-one other things, and moreover is against all sorts of regulations.

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We are at all times ready and willing to answer general questions, but personal questions should be dealt with in the proper manner.

Will correspondents please note this, and not call upon an overworked staff to do a job quite outside its province, and for which ample machinery has already been provided by the Army authorities.

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NORTH RUSSIA BOLSHEVIST ACTIVITY.

BIG OFFENSIVE PLANNED.

The latest despatches from North Russia confirm the fact that it was the intention of the Bolshevists to combine a general offensive in Spring with a revolt in the rear of the Allied forces. A secret rising was due to break out at Murmansk on the 23rd. March, but the plans were discovered by General Maynard in time to suppress the movement. It was subsequently discovered that similar movements had been arranged to break out simultaneously at Kandalashka, Kem and Sorka, but the suppression of the main plot at Murmansk succeeded in averting further risings. All reports show further evidence that the Bolshevists are planning a big offensive at an early date. — *Reuter.*

FIGHTING IN NORTH RUSSIA.

The British North Russia communiqué states that Stredmacheviga was defended on the 5th April by the Liverpools and Yorkshires assisted by a company of the Russian army, while the Russian national army, fighting for the first time, defended Bolsheozerki on the 1st April. In one instance Russian howitzers were withdrawn from the gun pits and reversed at fur hundred yards range against the enemy. Canadians, South Africans and Russians were among the Air Force pilots and observers by whom great assistance was rendered.

SOUTH RUSSIA MENACE.

SEBASTOPOL THREATENED.

Now that Odessa has been evacuated by the Allies the Bolshevists are trying to penetrate into the Crimea. The latest reports received in London state that the Bolshevists have captured Perikop but it is hoped, even if they succeed in over running the whole of the Crimea, that the Allies will be able to maintain control of the naval base at Sebastopol. — *Reuter.*

ENTHUSIASTIC VOLUNTEER FOR NORTH RUSSIA.

An instance of the enthusiasm with which volunteers are coming forward to join the North Russia Relief Force comes from Wolverhampton. A man wishing for fuller information than could be supplied by the local recuiting office, spent five shillings in telegraphing to the Chief of the Recruiting Staff at London for details of enlistment. The authorities immediately sent a warrant to enable him to proceed to London.

GERMAN STRIKE NEWS

OFFICER TORTURED

The council of workmen has threatened to suppress the Landtag. Ex-president Merges announced at a meeting of strikers that thirty seven great towns of Germany were striking in favour of the Soviet system.

It is expected that a Soviet republic will be proclaimed in Brunswick to morrow. A general strike is still going on and the workmen are arming. The railway station is already prepared against every attack.

All males over seventeen at Dortmund are warned that they may be required for urgent maintenance work in the mines.

Several mines are already suffering great damage through the cessation of pumping and will be ruined unless prompt action is taken.

At Dusseldorf the political general strike is maintained, the workers demanding a minimum rate of 3.50 marks per hour. Street fighting in which young people frequently participate, occurs many times daily. There are numerous barricades in the town. Government troops are suppressing street meetings by driving lorries through the gatherings. Six were killed and twenty-five wounded yesterday, while an officer who was attacked and captured by the mob was tortured to death in a most brutal manner. Soldiers have been stripped of their uniforms and boots.

The Belgian authorities are withholding food from the strikers.

The strike at the Maschinenwerke at Mayence came to a summary end when the strikers were given the alternative of resuming work or being transported to Belgium for the rebuilding of devasted towns.

Würzburg is reported as having been captured by Government troops of the 2nd Army Corps.

The local Soviets at Furth, Amberg and Regensburg have been dissolved.

RUSSIAN PRISONERS IN GERMANY.

The German delegates to the Armistice Commission have urgently requested the Allies to permit the removal to Russia of Russian prisoners of war at present in Germany, on the ground of the increasing disturbances among them and the fear that they will break out of their camps, thereby spreading the Bolshevist danger.

REVOLUTION AND RED RUIN IN GERMANY.

SOVIET BRUNSWICK?

Reports from all parts of Germany grow gloomier every day.

The sitting of the National Assembly was opened yesterday. In a long speech Minister President Scheidemann asked for universal disarmament and described the fight against the Soviet system as a fight for peace. He said: "In a moment when the blockade is going to be raised, hundreds of thousands of hands are idle, which alone are able to produce the payment without which there is not one pound of flour for our wives and our children. By the Munich Revolution it is not the Fatherland which is in danger, nor the Government, but Peace."

South German newspapers contain an assertion that the Entente has declared by wireless to the Government of the German Empire that the Bavarian Soviet Republic will be excluded from the coming peace, and that an Allied commission will be sent to Germany to ensure that no food from the Entente shall be sent to Bavaria.

The bank clerk strikes have already had one serious result.

Yesterday Germany should have paid twenty million marks to the Entente Food Commission, but owing to the bank strike the money could not be paid.

Meanwhile this strike is spreading, Leipzig, Hamburg and Frankfort being the latest centres of disaffection.

Yesterday's sitting of the congress of Councils was very stormy. Great excitement was caused by the presence of delegates from Russian Soviets, who were removed at the end of the sitting in spite of the protests of the Independents. Labour troubles were discussed amid scenes of extraordinary turmoil.

In Berlin 22,000 metal workers voted for a continuation of the strike, against 400 for the resumption of work. From Silesia, Magdeburg, Hannover and Bremen telegrams of sympathy with the strikers have been received.

At Danzig twenty thousand railway employés are on strike. A general strike is announced as the preliminary to a Soviet republic.

In the Ruhr district the strikers number 360000. Excitement runs very high since the arrest of the strike leaders, and the Government troops are frequently maltreated.

BAVARIAN REVOLUTION.

Copenhagen 11th April. Interviewed by the *Tageblatt* Herr Noske said the military authorities were prepared for all possibil ties. If necessary Munich would be forced by arms to restore order. "We must hit out with all our energy rather than allow the Fatherland to be precipitated into the abyss. If blood is shed it will be on the hands of the Spartacist maniacs."

The Bavarian Government is of the opinion that Bolshevism in Munich will collapse without military action, owing to the cutting off of food and coal supplies. Meanwhile the Government is preparing for a long sojourn at Bamberg. *Reuter.*

Aviators flew over Munich and dropped leaflets stating that neither food nor coal will be allowed to enter the town, which will be completely isolated and practically besieged.

Civil war is expected to break out at any moment. The Council of Commissaries has been turned out of office and a Communist Government (sic) formed. Nickisch has been removed from the Central Council.

The Russian Bolshevist leader, Lewine has reached Munich.

It is reported that the communist movement in Munich has been helped with Russian money coming through Switzerland.

All the prisoners of war in Bavaria have been liberated. A red army is being organised.

NEW EGYPTIAN MINISTRY.

RELIGIOUS TROUBLE FEARED.

General Allenby reports that the new Ministry was formed on the 9th April under Rushdy Pasha and has been well received.

The provinces are now quiet but there have been some demonstrations by the peasantry, while anti-Armenian disturbances by roughs occurred in parts of Cairo on the 9th. — *British Official.*

Some apprehension is felt that the trouble in Egypt, which was fomented at the beginning entirely by nationalist sentiment, may take a religious turn and that the native tribes may declare a Holy War against the British Empire. There is reason to believe that the natives may be affected by Turkish propagandists, who are in no way friendly toward Britain. Steps are being taken to deal with this possibility. — Reuter.

The Soviet Government at Buda Pesth has stated that the ideal on which it will govern is the principle that no work shall be done in the interest of individuals but everything must be for the Community, the result being that nobody works at all!

QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS.

ROSETTE FOR MONS RIBBON.

Replying to a question as to whether the Government intends to make a distinction between the 1914 and 1915 medal ribbons, Mr. Winston Churchill said that it has been decided that to denote service in 1914 the ribbon would be distinguished by a silver rosette similar to that which marks the award of a bar to the D.S.O.

BUT NOT FOR BASE WALLAHS.

Mr. Churchill added that regulations have been submitted for study in Committee which will secure that this rosette will only be given to those men who in 1914 really took part in the fighting. It will not be distributed broadcast among the large masses of men who never got nearer to the front than Havre and such places.

Loud cheers greeted this announcement.

RENDERING AN ACCOUNT.

PREMIER TO SPEAK NEXT WEEK.

The Prime Minister is contemplating a return to London at the beginning of next week in order to make a statement on the Peace treaty in Parliament before the House adjourns for the Easter recess on Wednesday next.

There is no question of making public the terms of the treaty before it has been submitted to Germany and Lloyd George's speech would only take the form of a general statement of how the mandate given him by the country at the elections had been carried out.

PRELIMINARY PEACE.

SIGNATURE FIRST, THEN ARGUMENT.

According to the *Petit Journal* Mr. Philip Kerr, private secretary to Mr. Lloyd George, says that the work of the Council of Four will be ready soon. The questions concerning the peace with Germany, reparations, indemnities, the frontiers of the Rhine and Poland are settled. Certain minor points have to be dealt with but in a fortnight or three weeks the German delegates will be called to Versailles.

Mr. Lloyd George, said his secretary, is satisfied with the work accomplished.

The German delegates will not be allowed to discuss the territorial stipulations of the preliminary peace. Only after that is signed may they discuss the financial clauses concerning indemnities and reparations.

In the event of their refusing to sign the territorial clauses, their mission will be terminated and the armistice broken. (*Havas.*)

UNIVERSITY TRAINING FOR EX-SOLDIERS.

The total provision for Universities and Colleges in England, Wales and Scotland in the Year ending 31st March 1920 will be 1,416,000 pounds sterling.

The Board of Education, with the assent of the Treasury, is making substantial provision for University training of ex-service officers and men. Individual grants may be made to candidates in the first place and the value of other grants may vary, according to individual circumstances, from comparatively small sums up to £175 per annum for maintenance, plus fifty pounds for fees.

The scheme applies to officers, warrant and non-commissioned officers and men, provided, of course, that they show suitable educational promise. In the case of candidates married before the 11th November 1918 an allowance towards the maintenance of wives and children may be made.

GERMANS DYE PATENTS.

The *Manchester Guardian* says that the United States have dealt with the danger of German competition in the newly established dye industry by seizing 4,500 German patents and selling them to an organisation called Chemical Foundations for fifty thousand pounds.

They argue that if the patents can keep out Swiss, French and English dyes they can also be used against the Germans by placing them in the hands of Americans.

American dye manufacturers say that if they can get five years immunity from competition they can hold their own after that.

PRIVATE MEMORIALS ON WAR GRAVES.

In the House of Lords yesterday Lord Balfour of Burleigh called attention to Sir Frederick Kenyon's report to the Imperial War Graves Registration Commission and asked whether, within reasonable restrictions, some latitude could not be allowed to relatives of dead officers and soldiers as to the exact form of memorial to be placed on their graves in France or other theatres of war.

Lord Selborne, Lord Lincolnshire and Lord Meath, who have all lost sons in the war, spoke to the same effect.

Lord Peel promised to communicate the appeal to the Secretary of State for War.

EXPENSIVE SOAP.

A Cologne civilian who was found in possession of two cakes of soap, — and a false pass — was fined five hundred marks.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S RHINE DESPATCH

HOW THE WAR WAS WON.

In a long despatch published in the *London Gazette*, Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig describes the advance of the British forces into Germany and their occupation of the British bridgehead to the East of the Rhine at Cologne.

Apart from this more or less familiar recapitulation, his despatch includes a brief but valuable review of the chief features of military interest in the operations of the British armies on the Western front during Sir Douglas Haig's command.

He emphasises the fact that the war did not follow an unprecedented course and that the end was neither sudden nor should have been unexpected.

The rapid collapse of Germany's military power in the latter half of 1918 was the logical outcome of the fighting which took place throughout the previous two years.

Neither the course of the war nor the valuable military lessons to be drawn from it can properly be comprehended unless the long succession of battles, which began on the Somme in 1916 and ended in November 1918, are considered as forming parts of one great and continuous engagement.

CAVALRY INDISPENSABLE.

In the light of the full experience of the war the decision to preserve the cavalry corps has been completely justified. Sir Douglas quotes instances of the way in which the Cavalry covered the great retirement of 1914, and how they reinforced threatened positions; recalls their great value later in the same year at Ypres, and their magnificent achievements in the operations before Cambrai at the close of 1917 and again during the German offensive of 1918.

Among the remarkable features of the present war Sir Douglas mentions the great number and variety of mechanical contrivances, the development of the air service and the close and complete cooperation which existed between all arms of the Services.

TRIBUTE TO NEW ARMIES.

The despatch contains the highest tribute to the services of the women who served, and to the extraordinary capacities found in the new armies.

AND TO THE "CONTEMPTIBLES."

Referring to the old army, Sir Douglas says:— "On their parts the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the old regular army have risen to the demands made upon them in a manner equally marvellous. Their leaven has pervaded the whole of the mighty force which in four and a half years of war has gathered from all parts of the world round the small highly trained army wherewith we entered the war."

FLYING THE ATLANTIC.

The list of entrants for the *Daily Mail* £10,000 prize for a flight across the Atlantic now numbers eight, the latest entrant being a pilot for Messrs. Boulton and Paul, air craft makers, of Norwich.

The Handley Page company stated yesterday that Major Tryggve Gran, the Norwegian airman, will be the navigator of the giant machine, with four Rolls Royce engines, which they have entered for the race. Major Gran's great pre-war achievement was his unaided first flight across the North Sea from Cruden Bay, Aberdeenshire, to Norway.

It is probable that one of Major Gran's companions will be Admiral Mark Kerr, who retired last year from the Navy to make way for younger men. He is fifty four years of age, has held a pilot's certificate for five years and has flown frequently in Handley Page machines.

The owners told a *Daily Express* representative that the Admiral's offer had not yet been "definitely accepted." The pilot of the Handley Page in the transatlantic flight will be Major Albert Brackley, who commanded big Handley Page bombing squadrons in France and was in charge of the bombing operations against Zeebrugge and Ostend.

NURSE CAVELL.

Arrangements are being made, says the *Daily Chronicle*, for the removal of Nurse Cavell's remains to England and the re-interment will be marked by considerable public ceremonial.

In June it is hoped to place the Nurse Cavell statue in St. Martin's-place, opposite the National Gallery.

AGRICULTURISTS TO BE RECALLED.

Agricultural Comittees in Kent (district of war) have been notified of the decision of the Government that all soldiers at present employed in agriculture who are retainable for service in the armies of occupation under Army Order No. 55, of 1919, will be recalled to military duty.

Soldiers attached to agricultural companies will be withdrawn in a fortnight and returned to their Units.

Dunkirk has ceased to be an English base port.

The budget will be introduced into the House of Commons on the 30th April.

Lady Domville, wife of Sir James Domville R.N., was granted a decree of restitution of conjugal rights in the Courts yesterday.

MILITARY PRISONERS TRY TO ESCAPE.

SHOT IN LONDON.

Two military prisoners, handcuffed together, attempted to escape while being marched, with four other prisoners, also handcuffed in pairs, through the streets of London to Waterloo station. One of the two escorting soldiers, after giving warning, fired his rifle and mortally wounded one of the escaping prisoners, a fifty-year old member of the Labour Corps.

The prisoner and his companion, still handcuffed, were taken to hospital, where the wounded man died before he could be detached from his fellow prisoner.

All six prisoners had been sentenced by Courts Martial in France and were being conveyed to Portland. The soldier who fired has been detained pending an inquiry.

The affair caused great excitement among the women and children in the narrow mean street where the shooting ocurred.

DORA MUST PAY.

A test action brought by De Keyser's Hotel, London, against the Crown was decided in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

The hotel was requisitioned by the Government and the owners claimed payment of rent and compensation for dispossession during the nine months the premises were in occupation by the Crown.

The case for the Crown was that the King is empowered to take the property of subjects for the defence of the realm, without payment.

The Master of the Rolls decided that there can be no prerogative right to seize property for administrative purposes in connection with the defence of the realm, without indemnifying the owners.

The appeal was upheld by a majority.

De Keyser's claimed thirteen thousand five hundred and twenty pounds for occupation alone.

MINERS ACCEPT THE TERMS OFFERED.

There is an accumulating weight of evidence that the result of the miners' ballot will be overwhelmingly in favour of accepting the Sankey Report and the offer of the Government.

The South Wales Miners Federation ballot showed a majority of 104,843 in favour of that course. At no single colliery has a majority been given against.

Another message says that figures representing about one fifth of the total membership show a majority of about ten to one in favour of acceptance.

North Stafford returns so far received are practically unanimous on the point.

HEALTH BILL.

The Ministry of Health Bill passed the third reading in the House of Commons last night without a division.

Government amendments were inserted in the Bill. One provides that the general powers of the Minister of Health should include the initiation and direction of research.

Another sanctions the recommendation of the Standing Committee forthwith to transfer to the Minister the responsibility for medical inspection and treatment of school children.

An assurance was also given that the Government intends to stand by its pledge to reform the Poor Law.

FEEDING OF THE CIVILIANS.

Among the varied selection of comestibles now arriving in Cologne for consumption by the civilian population is the well-known Maconachie. Known by every man of the Expeditionary Force and frequently served up now to the officers and other ranks of the Rhine Army, this food should prove an acceptable addition to the hitherto meagre fare of the Rhineland. It is purchased by them at 3.90 marks, which is about equivalent to the price at home.

PROBABLE TAX ON SPINSTERS.

Mr. Chamberlain, replying to a deputation on income tax reform said that the imposition of a tax on bachelors might involve a tax on spinsters.

While the proposals put forward regarding the taxing of a wife's income might mean an additional shilling on the income tax, he appealed to the deputation to await the result of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the whole question.

FLEW TO THE HOUSE.

TIME SAVING TRAVELLING.

The distinction of being the first member to fly to the House of Commons falls to General Seely, who yesterday made the trip from Short's works at Rochester to Westminster in a seaplane.

After circling twice over Westminster Bridge the seaplane landed on the Thames outside the Houses of Parliament. A Police boat put off from Westminster pier and members on the terrace were astonished to see General Seely, Under Secretary for Air, in frock coat and tall hat, step out of the passenger's seat and come ashore on a motor launch.

General Seely said the trip had enabled him do work at the Air Ministry in the morning, inspect Short's works at noon and be at the House of Commons by half past four.

FIGHTING IN HUNGARY.

Copenhagen, 9 th April. — Information from Buda Pesth states that fighting has taken place at Ungvar, Hungary, between the Red Guards and the Czechs. Thirty of the former and 180 of the latter were killed.— Reuter.

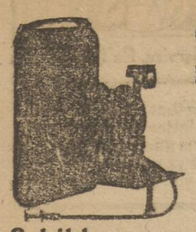

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OUR NATION'S DEBT OF HONOUR.

Cynics, like poor men, are always with us; and they tell us all too glibly that the British soldier cares only for three things — leave, rations, and pay. But cynics do not dismay us, and we make no apology for the deliberate mention of a matter that should be as vital to the honour of our nation as it is to the well-being of our veterans. We speak of army pensions.

The task of the Ministry of Pensions has been enormous, so great indeed that it is now sisyphean. It is little wonder that many have wistfully watched the disheartening progress of a valiant officialdom. Here, as in other spheres, he who gives quickly gives twice — not perhaps financially, though time is money, but in satisfaction and comfort and redemption of an honoured pledge. Army pensions are in no way a charity. We owe all to the unmeasured heroism of soldiers who have given new meaning to self-sacrifice; and we must see to it that with all expedition our maimed heroes shall have every compensation that a grateful nation can bestow.

It is good news that Sir L. Worthington-Evans, Minister of Pensions, has devised a decentralization scheme which bids fair to speed up the chariot wheels of a hitherto cumbrous mechanism. Two weighty reasons have brought about this scheme — the need of expedition and the need of personal knowledge in the case of each applicant for an army pension. It is obvious to all that when two thousand local committees depend on one Ministry of Pensions and send to it all manner of references, there is very great delay in the satisfaction of even pressing cases. It is also obvious that only in local centres can the claims of wounded soldiers be properly dealt with, for personal knowledge of the soldier and his history is imperative for equity.

Now a nation's memory is notoriously short and the wisest scheme is the most expeditious scheme. Therefore, we trust that the drafted policy of the Minister of Pensions may be carried out with no delay. It is proposed to divide the United Kingdom into thirteen districts — *absit omen* — in each of which there shall be an administrative unit whit delegated powers. Matters of general policy will of course continue in the hands of the Ministry of Pensions, but a large part of the administrative work will be done locally by the thirteen district, or "regional," advisory Councils each of which is to have a "director" responsible to the Ministry. There will be various branches in each regional office; for example, a registrar's branch dealing with staff and statistics, an organization branch which links up the local committees, an awards branch, a medical services branch, and lastly a finance and audit branch.

The scheme provides for the taking over not only of the medical staff of the Ministry of National Service but of all War Office hospitals in Great Britain. A Commissioner of Medical Service with staff will be appointed for each district, and he will have control of professional work in his area — of ordinary hospital routine and of the "curative employment" or training which is a new and valuable feature of convalescent centres.

The Minister of Pensions reckons that the new scheme will necessitate for its first year a heavier financial expenditure than that of the scheme to be superseded, but he expects that the saving of time, the growing efficiency of administration, and the more equitable award of pensions will counterbalance such expenditure. We trust that the Scheme will prosper and that our debt of honour to honourable men will be redeemed.

THE LEAGUE AND THE CAPITAL.

Were it not for its resting-places and by-paths life would be too strenuous to be easily tolerable. A strain that is severe must be relaxed from time to time. The bow that is always bent loses its spring. Thus digression has its philosophy, a work-a-day philosophy it is true, but a very real one. It is good to get out of the current and lie for a little in the eddy of the stream.

An illustration of this philosophy can be seen even in these momentous days of armistice and conference. In several of our Allied newspapers and magazines the question has been discussed—Which city is to be the capital of the League of Nations? When the Big Four are straining every nerve to finish their labour, when commission after commission are working at unwonted pace, when the nations of the world are waiting with feverish anxiety the gladtidings of peace, the claims of Brussels, Geneva, Versailles, and Constantinople are being calmly weighed in the balances by historians, diplomatists, and essayist's.

It is all to the good, for we believe in this philosophy of digression; and such discussion of rival claims brings us down from the level of our supermen to that of ordinary human beings who nourish intelligible and calculable ambitions. Therefore, we forbear to say — "First establish your League, and its earthly temple will readily appear." Indeed, we can even enter into the play of selecting the unfurnished and tenantless house. Naturally, the question is not one for soldiers, it falls to politicians; and with politics we have no business. But if we are graciously allowed to have our word in the play, we shall choose Brussels.—Brussels that stands at the cross roads of Europe, Brussels that stands for the freedom of small nations, Brussels that stands for a people that found its soul in the sorrows of war.

Yet any place in the wide world would please us, if we could surely know that in it a real, lasting, and noble League would have its capital. Such a League would so grace and consecrate the meanest town in Christendom that in days to come it would be unrivalled by the world's finest cities, rich in hoary tradition and resplendent with material glory. For that capital would mean a new heaven and a new earth.

GERMAN VIEWS ON BOLSHEVISM.

The following article appeared recently in the *Kölner Tageblatt.*

In a fabulous triumphal march Lenin and Trotzki-a few years ago the unassuming boarders of the Berne and Zurich restaurants-have reached the highest point of power over a population of something like 150,000,000. As dictators, thes are reigning over the ruined Russia in a manner more complete than any Tsar ever did, and by their wireless they call the people of the earth to unite with them in liberating, as they say, the world from the Moloch of political and economical imperialism.

They are not satisfied with the dictatorial position they now hold, for their object is to shatter absolutely the old basis, and create a new one upon which a fresh empire can be built and of which they will be the high priests.

It is only because a colossal seedtime has seized the populations to-day after de terrible sacrifices of war, it is only because in the countries of the vanquished, hunger is still raging, only because work cannot proceed along its regular course on account of lack of materials, that hundreds of thousands of people are sticking to the dazzling phrases, which appear to them the only possibility of salvation from a world wherein life has become almost unbearable. Those are the reasons why they do not realize what is lying behind these phrases-phrases wich raise as a highest principle the general deprivation of rights and which make the state a voracious insatiable monster.

The suppression of marriage, the placing of children as state property, these are the most innocent measures that communism holds necessary for the liberation of the world. As formerly militarism deprived man from his rights and reduced him to a member without will, now the whole of humanity—man, woman, and child—will be deprived of their rights in order that there shall merely be one prominence — the Moloch state itself.

The man who lives not from hand to mouth, the man who, by greater abilities or more activity, in the course of years has dared to save something for his old days, this man is outlawed. Nobody is allowed to possess, because everything belongs to the Moloch state. The communist benefactors of the world have had two years in which to portray their results. And what do they show? They have failed in all parts. Only by mass-murder have they been able to achieve anything.

A COMPARISON—GERMAN EDUCATION AND OUR OWN.

In the first number of this paper I read with great interest an excellent article on the "Question of Tongues" by Lieutenant W. R. Patterson F.R.G.S. *Inter alia,* I think he undoubtedly hits the nail on the head in his remark that the rapid increase in German trade was to a large extent due to the excellent way in which modern languages were taught in their schools.

I had the advantage some twelve years ago, after leaving one of the best known public-schools in the West of England, of spending fifteen months in a Commercial School in Frankfurt, a/M., where I naturally had a first-rate opportunity of comparing the methods of education adopted. There could, of course, by only one conclusion to arrive at and that was respect for the German system which imparted to a boy knowledge of commercial value in after life. It is more or less a bye-word that an English public-school man leaves school uneducated from a commercial standpoint and I suppose parents are satisfied with the "stamp" given to the boy's character by his associations in those years. Public-schools cater almost entirely for the 'Varsity, the Army, and the professions. Commerce and business find no encouragement from masters who are almost entirely recruited from 'Varsity M.A.'s or B.A.'s and whose *forte* is Latin and Greek, subjects for which I contend an hour per week each would be ample for the average boy. As it is, Greek and Latin figure more prominently than any other subjects in the school curriculum, French, the language of diplomacy, occupying but three hours a week at the most.

At this juncture, when Britain is about to strain every nerve to re-capture the world's trade, can this be the correct education for her sons? Do we want business brains or embryo 'Varsity dons?

METHODS COMPARED.

Let me give a few examples of the different way various subjects are taught. Take history. This subject I always found extraordinarily dull. Possibly according to modern lights English history of five centuries ago, say, was uninteresting. At all events the homework invariably consisted of a reign or half a reign. Say eight to ten pages of closely written matter, packed with names and places. At the lessons, slips of paper would be distributed round the class and monosyllabic answers in the form of names and dates would be written down, one mark being awarded for each correct answer—in short, encouragment was given to the parrot-life memorising of names, places, and dates, in a certain relative order.

The German system was rather different. A page and a half, say three paragraphs, were given as homework. The next day a name picked more or less at random from the class-list, was selected and the "victim" had to get up, stand before the class and recount in his own language the first of the matter of any one of the paragraphs. An admirable system which, I contend, encourages a boy not only to learn his work with an intelligent interest but also inspires him with the necessary confidence to get up on his hind legs later in life, deliver a speech, or propose a toast, etc.

The intricacies of higher algebra, trigonometry, dynamics, statics, etc., may be full of interest, but the same time occupied in commercial arithmetic and book-keeping would be infinitely better employed. Here is a mental exercise, taught in Germany, of which, I am sure, even the illustrious Mr. Pelman would approve. Write down any four-figure numbers. Multiply it by 2, the result by 3 and so on up to nine. Now start dividing by 2, 3 and so on up to nine, the final division giving you (if your working has been accurate), the original four figure number. The boy (or the man for that matter) who can complete the sum accurately in under two minutes, has already laid the basis of a first-class business mind.

LANGUAGE TEACHING.

Now as to languages. The German method of teaching English and French is noteworthy. Like the Berlitz and other systems at home, the lesson is entirely carried out in that language. Any question arising must be put to the teacher in that language. As a direct consequence I met many German youths who spoke quite tolerably fluent English and French and who had actually never left their native country.

If a German can do this, great Scott, why not a Britisher? Or are we still too arrogant a race to learn a foreign tongue?

So much for that. But now the other side. The German education breaks down entirely as soon as school is over. No pride of physique, no love of sport is manifest: the boy of sixteen and seventeen, as soon as work is over frequently turns his attention to women and drink, both excellent studies (in moderation) in say five years later. Again there is none of the public-school "masonry" which once picked up remains with one through life, none of the unselfishness of the "house before the individual," none of the "play the game" spirit.

Remodel then, I say the school curriculum to something approaching German methods and, with our inimitable public-school spirit we shall turn out veritable supermen.

"YARRL".

THE HAPPIER FUTURE.

REVIVAL OF BRITISH SOCIAL LIFE.

England is making wonderful strides to obliterate the influences of the hideous four-and-a-half years from which we have recently emerged.

During that time, our people across the channel had but very little time to devote to the social pleasures of life, so that from August, 1914, many popular events fell away one by one.

The return to happier times sees the promise of a great revival, although a complete return to pre-war programmes cannot be achieved for at least another year.

Their will be many glad hearts, however, in the knowledge of the inclusion, in the forthcoming fixtures, of the following events:

Covent Garden Opera. Begins May 5.
The Derby, June 4.
Naval and Military Tournament, Olympia, June 26 to July 12.
Ascot week. Begins June 17.
Henley Interim Regatta. July 4 and 5.
Goodwood. Begins July 29.
Ranelagh County Polo week. July.
Hurlingham Polo. 3rd week in May.
Oxford and Cambridge cricket match, Lord's. July 14, 15 and 16.
Wimbledon open lawn tennis tournament. Begins June 23.
Eton and Harrow match, Lord's. July 11 and 12.
Chelsea Flower Show. May 20, 21, and 22.
Motor Show, Olympia. November.

Cowes Regatta, International Horse Show. Isle of Man motor races, and Oxford and Cambridge boat race will not be resumed until next year.

IMPRESSIONS OF A GERMAN VILLAGE.

BY W. L. HUNTER.

For three short days we had been permitted to gaze at the wonders and seeming eccentricities of German city life. We had become accustomed to the expressionless stares of some and the cringing affability of others of a people humbled but hostile still; and had determined to enjoy to the full our hitherto unparalelled opportunities, for recreation and sightseeing.

Alas! "The best laid schemes of mice and men gang oft agley." The outings we had anticipated faded swiftly away long ere the first had matured, for Dame Gossip prophesied an early move. Two days of suspense brought nothing definite, but a further vague report hinted that we were bound for some remote village. I seized upon this last faint gleam of hope as a drowning man would clutch at a floating straw.

Nature has always had for me an attraction akin to magnetism, and the very word "village" suggested a quaint old-fashioned hamlet nestling cosily in the bosom of the Surrey Hills. Visions of thatched cottages, rising here and there in the midst of picturesque gardens full of old-world flowers, rose swiftly before me.

Forgetful that Spring was still with us, I dreamed of honeysuckle and all the sweet-scented flowers of our English hedgerows, which hold an honoured place in the galaxy of Nature's countless charms.

The day of departure came and we marched away with mingled feelings; the knowledge of what we were leaving behind striving to silence the call of the unknown, which bade us try to fathom that which lay beyond.

As we neared our destination, curiosity overcame all else and we strained our eyes in vain to catch a glimpse of our future home. The sun poured down its rays from a cloudless sky but far away on the dim horizon a haze of factory smoke hung low over a parched and sun-dried landscape.

On and on we went till our heavy iron-soled boots rang with regular rhythm on the even cobbles of the main street. Cobbles they certainly were, but, unlike those of our English villages, worn smooth by the incessant tramp of generations of sturdy rustics, they were the counterfeit creation of a modern people striving to emulate the traditions of a deathless race.

The village hostel, too, was there, but in his zeal to reproduce the overhanging eaves, the builder had failed to add those minute touches which stamp our English inn as the genuine product of mediaeval workmanship.

The cottages were whitewashed, it is true, but yet they lacked that element of simplicity which is the hall-mark of rustic life.

A lark rose swiftly from a barren field that lay on the outskirts of the village, and as it soared above it poured forth its song withall the full-throated vigour of a care-free life: one touch of Nature in an artificial frame!

The sun went down behind a gaunt, drab church, the purple twilight gave place to the sombre shades of night, and the moon rode majestically in a starless sky.

The same pale moon indeed, but yet its kindly smile was changed to one of bitter irony, and the breeze stirring gently in the tops of the neighbouring firs seemed to mock the death throes of a shattered "Kultur."

THE ARMISTICE.

AT THE FRONT.

It is over at last, and with thankful emotion
The sore-stricken peoples relinquish the sword,
Expressing the while, with an earnest devotion
Their tribute of thanks to the merciful Lord.

No longer the soldier, uneasily dreaming,
Girt with his arms on the comfortless land,
Shall awake to the mournful, familiar screaming
Foreboding mayhap that his day is at hand.

Still does the ether, insensibly pulsing,
Quiver beneath the intolerant roar
Of the myriad cannon, all nature convulsing,
Whose tones shall be, happily, suffered no more.

The monster in ambush who wickedly launches
Tons of destruction o'er infinite space,
Nestles in peace mid the treacherous branches
Cunningly woven his form to efface.

Left for a spell to their proper resources,
Conscious of ease and a respite from toil,
Puzzled, the patient Artillery horses
Nose at the herb on the beggarly soil.

Now may the moon with impunity cover
Trenches and camps with a vesture of light,
Since nigh in the heaven no enemies hover—
Baleful, implacable creatures of night.

Now may the noble Battalion hero
Pocket his watch, and make light of the time,
Conscious that no irrevocable "zero"
Summons at dawn his devotion sublime

Now from his pinnacled eerie descending
(Loftily perched in the boughs of a tree),
Maskless, his way the "Observer" is wending,
Rid of the thrall of the weary O.P.

Guns may be burnished and ropes can be whitened,
Polished the merry, melodious chains.
Buttons and badges adjusted and brightened.
Banished all trace of the mud-stricken plains.

March! But not into the tumult of battle.
Grey-coated Boches give never a sign.
March! And with orderly jingle and rattle
Eastward away, to the bank of the Rhine!

E.P.A.F.

November 25th, 1918.

THE WAR MEDAL.

RIBAND DECIDED UPON.

ORANGE, WHITE, BLACK, AND BLUE.

The Secretary of the War Office has announced that the design of a riband to be worn with a medal commemorative of the present war has been approved. The colours are orange (centre), with white, black, and blue stripes on either side as given in our issue of yesterday. The design of the riband has been registered under the Patents and Designs Act, 1907 (registered No. 665,843), and no person will be allowed to manufacture it or deal in it without the written permission of the Director of Army Contracts (Ministry of Munitions, Caxton House, Tothill-street, S.W. 1).

Officers and soldiers may not wear any war medal riband until an Army Order has been published announcing the grant of the medal.

No ribands of medals commemorative of the war have yet been authorised except those of the 1914 and 1914-15 Stars. An announcement will be made shortly as to the medals to be issued for service during the present war. Every possible step will be taken to provide an adequate supply of the ribands when authorised.

OPERA HOUSE AND THEATRE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	OPERA	DRAMA
Saturday	Königskinder	Seeschlacht
Sunday	Der fliegende Holländer	Fiesco
Monday	Mignon	Gespenster
Tuesday	Madame Butterfly	Seeschlacht

The hours at which the opera commences are: Saturday 5.0 p.m.; Sunday 5.0 p.m.; Monday 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday 5.0 p.m.

RICHMOND ROYAL HORSE SHOW.

ROYAL AND CIVIC PRIZES.

There has been no International Horse Show for five years and no Richmond Royal show for three years. The revival of the Richmond show on the 4th and 5th July is therefore being anticipated with considerable interest.

Preparations are well advanced, and it is now possible to give a brief *resumé* of the programme. Eight magnificent Challenge Cups, seven Prize Cups and nearly one hundred cash awards are to be competed for and won.

Two outstanding and entirely new features will be the class for Troop Horses, and a great Driving Marathon for horses in double harness. For the former (confined to horses that have seen military service) His Majesty the King is presenting a beautiful Silver Cup as first prize, the Lord Mayor of London (Sir Horace Marshall) another valuable Silver Cup as second prize, and the R.S.P.C.A. yet another as third prize. The Marathon will be from Hyde Park to Richmond.

"A CHANCE FOR THE REARLIES."

Friday is also to be a great day for the London costers, a Donkey Marathon being organised specially for them. Lord Lonsdale who will judge this class, is defraying the whole cost of the competition with the exception of the first prize which will be a smart new coster's barrow loaded with ripe bananas, a set of new brown donkey harness and a donkey.

There are to be great jumping contests on both days, the value of the prizes reaching some £300. A jumping class for Officers in uniform is among the special attractions. Novelties are promised by Mr. Walter Winans, and other supporters, including a Guideless Trotting Display, an exhibition of Random Driving, and so forth. The band of the Irish Guards in the ring and a string band on the lawn will add to the amenities.

FLAT RACES AT GEMUND.

EXCITING FINISHES AT B, 312 BATTERY, R.F.A. MEETING.

At Gemund, on Tuesday, a very successful Race Meeting was held by the above Battery of the Highland Division (late 62nd West Riding Division). The Judges were Lt. Col. R.H. Johnson, D.S.O., and Lt. Hewitt, M.M. Captain Nicholson acted as starter. There were 80 entries, and many exciting and close finishes. Three prizes were offered for the Open Race, and the winners were barred from any other race. There were two prizes for each of the other races.

RESULTS:

Open Race. — 1. Daphne (Major Arnold-Forster); 2. Myke (Driver Simon); 3. Jenny (Signaller Crearar).

Sergeants'. — 1. Peggy (Sergeant Penny); 2. Robin (B.S.M. Turner).

N. C. Os'. — 1. Judy (Bombardier Pendlebury); 2. William (Corporal Manser).

Mule Race. — 1. Billy (Driver Capstick); 2. Teddy (Signaller Hill).

Gunners', Right Sect. — 1. Badger (Gunner Whitaker); 2. Tommy (Gunner Blammy).

Gunners', Left Sect. — 1. Dolly (Gunner Hancox) and Mac (Gunner Herbert).

Drivers, Right Sect. — 1. Eva (Driver Oates); 2. Tommy Driver Robinson).

Drivers, Left Sect. — 1. Tiny (Driver Oxley); 2. Baby (Driver Uttley).

Officers and Grooms. — 1. Titmouse (Lieutenant Green); 2. Tommy (Driver Heiniger).

ANOTHER MOUNTED PAPER CHASE.

36th BRIGADE, R.F.A.

A mounted paper chase, arranged by the above Brigade took place on Wednesday. The meet of the "hounds" was some distance outside Merken, and the number present exceeded 80. The "hares" who were represented by Major Claudet (15th Battery) and Corp. Tingle (48th were allowed 15 minutes start, and they certainly made good use of the time allowed to them.

The chase began at 3.45 p.m. and was plain sailing, so to speak, until the wood was reached, when it took on an amusing turn. False tracks had been made by the hares, causing the hounds to work in a circle. Three of the hounds, which were stood outside the wood waiting for snips, caught sight of the hares emerging some distance away, and immediately gave chase, catching them before the course was finished.

It was close upon an hour before some of the hounds found the track. The course exceeded 3 miles in length, and the first three in at the finish were:

B.S.M. Gurner, (D/36 Bty); The Farrier Segt. of D/36 Bty; and B.S.M. Watford (48th Bty.).

COWES YACHTING.

Among the yachts which are being put into commission at Cowes says *The Daily Telegraph* are Lord Tredegar's Liberty (which was used as a hospital ship during the war), Sir William Portal's Valdora, Mr. M. Grahame White's Ombra (formerly the property of Baron W. von Schroder), and Mr. F. T. Mew's Coral. In addition to the late Sir Maurice Fitzgerald's Julnar, other racing yachts sold to Norway include Sir A. E. Orr-Ewing's Endrick, Mr. H. Marzetti's Irex, Mr. F. F. Tower's Anitra, and Britomart, which is being put into racing trim again for Norwegian regattas. Yachts returned to Cowes from war service include, in addition to Liberty and Ombra, Mr. Julius T. Hirst's Monsoon, Colonel A. Hickman Morgan's Boadicea, Mr. E. Miller Mundy's Narcissus, Sir Wyndham Murray's Cecilia, and Mr. A. S. Bowlby's Vanessa.

BILLIARDS.

Stevenson and Inman continued their match of 15,000 up in London on Wednesday. Inman in the afternoon session improved his position considerably, thanks to a break of 458 and other events of 161, 145, 124 and 130. Stevenson's only effort of note was 242. The interval scores were: Inman (in play), 3,411; Stevenson, 2,183.

INMAN (in play) 3,769
STEVENSON . . . . . 3,235.

WITHOUT A DEFEAT.

BATTERY'S FINE RECORD IN FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

GAMES PLAYED 22; WON 21.

The Highland Divisional Artillery Football League was formed by teams of the 310th, 312th, Brigades R.F.A. the 14th Brigade, R.H.A. the Highland Divisional Amm. Col., the 14th B.A.C. 525 Coy, R.A.S.C., and the Highland T.M. Battery. Altogether 23 teams competed in the league, which was won this week by B. 312 Battery, R.F.A, without a single defeat.

The following is the Battery record:—

Games played—22; Won—21; Lost,—none; Drawn—one; Goals For,—67, Goals Against,—14.

This Battery orginally belonged to the 62nd West Riding D.A., and its home is Bradford, Yorks. Ten of the regular players came to France with the Battery and the following have played regulary:—

Driver Whear (Capt), Driver Robinson, Driver Oates, Driver Oxberry, Gunner French, M.M, Gunner Pagan, Gunner Hancox, Signaller Dawe, M.M, Bombardier Beaumont, Bombardier Howard. M.M, Corporal Giblin, Corporal Greaves, and Sergeant Wakefield, M.M.

Already a section team of this Battery has won the silver medals in the 312 Brigade inter-section competition.

SAVED BY SOUND DEFENCE.

H.Q., 50th BDE. R F.A, A/51st BDE. R.F.A

This friendly game took place at Wald. Wednesday. The A 51st kicked off but H.Q. were the first to get away and looked like scoring, the ball just missing the upright. A good centre by Jenney enabled Bennett to make a well-timed shot, but the goalkeeper managed to tip it over the bar. The corner kick which was well placed by Sellars nearly gave H.Q., the lead, Bennet just heading outside.

From the goalkick A/51 began to make headway but Orgill and Wilkinson, the H.Q. backs, played well and got the ball away each time. At Half-time there was no score, neither side deserving the lead.

From the kick-off A/51 still continued to press and shortly afterwards the outside left shot at goal. The H.Q. goalkeeper stopped the ball, but it slipped from his hands into the net.

Henceforward the game was in the H.Q. half but Rose who played well in goal undoubtedly saved his side, assisted by the backs Orgill and Wilkinson. The H.Q. halves Blair and Morgan tacked well and prevented A/51 from breaking through but their passes to the forwards lacked sting and consequently no headway was made until Weekley the inside right trapped and passed the ball to Capt. Tyer who beat the inside right and with a well timed pass enabled Weekley to score the equalising goal.

For A/51 the five forwards played well, but were rather feeble in their shooting. The centre and left halves also tackled and cleared well and enabled the forwards to make headway, but their shooting at goal was wild.

For H.Q. 50th Bde. Rose in goal, Orgill and Wilkinson backs were playing at top form and saved their side. The forwards had very little chance in the second-half but Bennett at centre and Capt. Tyer, inside-left, tried hard. The result of the match proves that the H.Q. defence was sound as A/51 undoubtedly had the better team.

SCOTTISH FUSILIERS' NARROW WIN.

Before a good attendance and in fine weather, the 1/4 Royal Scottish Fusiliers and the 2/1 East Lancs. Field Ambulance played a football match at Hilden on Thursday.

For the last part of the first half the Lancs were largely confined to their own half. The Fusiliers' forwards were good, but lacked the finishing touches. At half time there was no score. After the interval, play was more even and finally settled down in the R.A.M.C. half again. Five minutes from time, a cross from Speirs was neatly intercepted by Sgt. Clark who made no mistake. There was no further scoring.

Result:—1/4 Royal Scottish Fusiliers 1; 2/1 East Lancs F.A. 0.

BONN ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

The semi-finals of the above Competition were played on Thursday in Hofgarten, Bonn.

121st Heavy Battery R.G.A. defeated Xth Corps Signals after a very keen game by 2 goals to nil. Gunner Harrey scored both goals for the winners.

195th Battery gained a victory over Xth Corps Cyclists by 2—1 after extra time.

The final tie will thus be between two batteries of the 29th Bde. R.G.A. and will be played on the Hofgarten, Bonn, to-day. Kick off — 2.30 p. m.

52ND V. 53RD NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

A football match (Battalion) was played on Wednesday between the above-mentioned teams.

Half time result: 0-0.

Final result: — 52nd 2 Goals; 53rd 1 Goal.

MACHINE GUNNERS' EASY WIN.

The 1st Bn. M.G.C. and B. Bty. 104th Bde. R.H.A. played a match at Flerzheim on Wednesday.

Starting against the wind, the Gunners' forwards soon proved themselves superior, Sgt. Tasker, and Dodsworth scored for the Gunners, while prior to the interval Turner, for the Artillery, scored an easy goal from a break away.

Half time Gunners 2; Artillery 1.

With the wind, the Gunners monopolised the play, and continually bombarded the visitors' goal. Although the Artillery continued to play a good sporting game, goals were added to the Gunners' score by Sergt. Tasker (2) Dodsworth, Cpl. Mathias, and Lt. Chandler.

Result: Gunners, 7; Artillery, 1.

1ST LANCASHIRE BRIGADE H.Q. V. 52ND KINGS' (LIVERPOOL) REGT.

This match in competition for the Brigade Shield was played at Romlinghoven on Wednesday and resulted in a win for the Battalion team by 2 goals to nil.

HOCKEY RESULTS.

April 9th: — 52nd Sherwood Foresters 6; 2nd Corps School 2.

April 10th: — 53rd Sherwood Foresters 4; 52nd Sherwood Foresters 1.

Lord Durham has been elected a steward of the Jockey Club.

GREAT TENNIS CONTEST.

AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL BEATEN BY SOUTH AFRICAN.

In the Queen's covered court championships played on Thursday (third round) G. H. Dodd, an ex-South African champion, defeated Capt. Pat. O'Hara Wood, the Australian international (6—4, 12—10, 7—5) after a great contest, wherein Dodd's baseline driving was most accurate and consistent. The Australian's volleying was very deep and crisp.

S. N. Doust beat Major R. W. Heath, both Australian internationals (6—4, 7—5, 6—2). The winner played one of his best singles and cross-volleyed very cleverly. Heath who was untrained and who had just arrived from France was unable to play a net game owing to injured feet.

N. N. Misnu, the Rumanian Champion of the Riviera, beat Colonel Stacy, A. I. F. (6—1, 6—3, 6—1); Captain Gerald Patterson (Australian) beat Ed. Fencken, the Cambridge half-blue (6—0, 6—0, 6—4); the Hon. F. M. B. Fisher (New Zealand) beat Masterman (2—6, 6—3, 6—2, 6—2); Lieut. A. E. Beamish beat R. V. Thomas, the Australian International (2—6, 7—5, 7—5, 11—9). This was another great contest, both playing a firstclass driving, volleying game.

Gentlemen's Doubles.

In the Gentlemen's Doubles. S. N. Doust and A. B. Jones (Australia) beat Colonel Mayes Reserve) who won the Davis Cup in 1914 and Mishu (6 — 1, 6 — 2; 6 — 1, 6 — 2.) The pace was fast and the hitting hard and smashing throughout. R. Lysett and R. W. Heath beat Captain Greig and Hadingham (6 — 2, 6 — 2, 6 — 1.)

In the second round of the Gentlemen's Doubles Captain O'Hara Wood (Australian) and G. T. C. Watt beat the South African couple G. H. Dodd and L Raymond (6 — 4, 6 — 3, 6 — 2.) The losers put up a good prolonged fight but the winners' powerful killing of all lobs was a magnificent display of first-class Doubles play.

JAY GOULD AND TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

CONDITIONS SPECIFIED.

As stated in "*The Cologne Post*" of April 5th Mr. Jay Gould on being demobilized is willing to defend his title as the world's tennis champion.

The racquets committee of the club (says a Reuter's telegram) has specified the conditions under which Mr. Gould will play. The match, the best in thirteen sets, will be played during the first three weeks of December on the courts of the Racquet Club. Mr. Gould is willing to play a return match with the accepted challenger at an agreed-upon date within a year of the first match, either in England or in Philadelphia. Mr. Gould said he would give preference to George F. Covey, former professional champion of England, whom he defeated for the world's championship in Philadelphia in March, 1914. At that time there was an understanding that a return match would be played in England.

ENGLISH RACING NEWS.

GOLDEN RULE WINS PRINCE'S HANDICAP AT GATWICK.

At the meeting at Gatwick on Thursday, which, despite the rain, was attended by a large crowd, Golden Rule (9/2) won the Prince's Handicap, Furore (10/1) being second, and St. Eloi (5/2) third. Nine ran, 10 lengths separating the first and second, and two lengths the second and third.

Other winners at Gatwick on Thursday were: Golden Square (4/5); Tout Beanu (100/8); Charlie's Smile (4/1); Tatiana (4/1); Svindure (2/1).

AIR FORCE AT SPORT.

Members of the R.A.F. have been particulary active in the sportsfields lately and, judging by many phases of sport indulged in, they evidently believe that "variety is the spice of life".

An exciting cross-country run by the 2nd Bde resulted in L.A.C. Frost, 59 Squadron arriving home first, followed by Corpl. Bradley, 18th Squadron, second, and A.C. Pearson, 8th Balloon Coy., third.

The second Aircaft Park beat Headquarters, 2nd Brigade in a revolver competition by 19 points

A football match was played at Bickendorf between Headquarters, 2nd Brigade, and the 6th Balloon Coy, the latter winning by 4 goals to 2.

SCHOOL SPORTS.

At the Charterhouse Sports on Thursday the 100 yards was won by E.L. Bush, R.C. Gregory being second. Gregory also won the quarter-mile, the half-mile, the mile, and the high jump. The long jump was won by T.M. Coventry.

At the Wellington College Sports the 100 yards, 200 yards, ¼ mile, and ½ mile were won by Hamilton-Wickes. Durlacher was first in the mile race, and Grove-White in the 2—miles. Elliott and Kebbell won the high jump, and Harris the long jump.

R.A.S.C. TEAM V. 52nd WELSH REGIMENT.

A football match between No. 3 Company, Western Divisional Train, and the 52nd Welsh Regiment was played at Impekoven near Bonn on Wednesday, the result being a draw—2 goals each.

The R.A.S.C. team played an aggressive game but the forwards were erratic in shooting. For the R.A.S.C. Cpl. Woodhams scored twice but missed a penalty.

34th BATTERY M.G.C. V. EASTERN DIV. SIGNALS.

This match was played before a large crowd at Troisdorf on Thursday. The Signals had the wind with them during the first half, but the Machine-Gunners, after a hard struggle managed to find the net,-and half time saw them leading by one goal to nil.

The second half opened well for the Gunners, who, taking advantage of the wind, soon scored. After this the Machine Gunners had all the play and scored another 3 goals.

At a meeting of Tonbridge Cricket Club, Tom Pawley, manager of the Kent county team, was elected hon. secretary for the fortieth year in succession. At the same meeting it was stated that the nursery for the Kent team will be removed to Canterbury, where the colts will have more facilities for practice than at Tonbridge.

CRIQUI KNOCKED OUT.

"TOMMY" NOBLE SUCCESSFUL IN 19th ROUND AT HOLBORN STADIUM.

FRENCHMAN SUCCUMBS TO LEFT PUNCH.

A 20-rounds boxing contest took place at the Holborn Stadium on Thursday evening, when Tommy Noble, the bantam-weight champion knocked out Eugene Criqui, France, in the 19th round.

It was a dull bout, consisting mostly of clinching and in-fighting.

Criqui went weak in his left leg and in the 19th round went down from a left punch.

As he rose, Noble, with a swift hooked left knocked him out. Criqui won each of his last twenty-two fights.

JEM MACE'S TROPHIES.

TO BE COMPETED FOR AT DIFFERENT WEIGHTS.

The many trophies won by Jem Mace have been collected by Mr. J.N. Smith, of Manchester, and will be put up for competition at different weights this summer (says *The Times*). It is hoped by means of these competitions to discover some new boxers of promise, especially from among men returning from the Army, who will be given opportunities in these competitions to meet men already prominent in the ring.

Among the trophies are the silver belt emblematic of the Championship of England, the belt presented to Mace in 1866 by the *Illustrated Sporting News*, and the belt presented to him in America in 1870.

Jem Mace, who was the champion of England from 1861 until 1872, was, comparatively, a light weight, whose style has been considered better even than that of Sayers, and has always been looked upon as one of the greatest fighters of all time. He was the last of the great prize fighters.

Golf Final Reached.

CAPTAIN LISTER KAYE MEETS LORD CHARLES HOPE.

In the Active Service Golf Tournament (third round) at Sandy Lodge on Thursday, Captain Lister Kaye beat Mr. Fawcett by 3 and 2. Both were in excellent form.

Lord Hope beat Dejongh by 4 and 3; Mr. Mc. Glashan beat Macan 6 and 5; Brook beat Jameson by 5 and 3.

In the semi-final. Kay beat Mc. Glashan by 3 and 2; Lord Hope beat Brook by 2 up in a keen contest.

The final sees a meeting of two of the longest drivers in the competition, Kaye being dashing and Hope, cool and tenacious.

"SANDY" HERD IN GREAT FORM.

WINNER IN 36 HOLES COMPETITION AT BANSTEAD DOWNS.

The Banstead Downs course was at full stretch on Wednesday, and provided an exacting test of golf when the thirty-six holes competition arranged by Mr. George Sutton, of Beckenham, in aid of the St. Duestan's Hostel for Blinded Sailors and Soldiers, took place.

Twenty prominent professionals took part in the competition, including the ex-champions, Alex Herd and Jack White. Herd was in great form, and with a 79 in the morning and 77 in the afternoon, returned the best total of 156.

ROUND IN 80.

MISS C. LEITCH BEATS LADIES' RECORD AT WALTON HEATH.

Miss Cecil Leitch has beaten the ladies' "record" at Walton Heath. The L.G.U. "par" of the course is 86, but Miss Leitch went round in 80, made up as follows:—

Out. —4, 4, 4, 5, 3, 3, 5, 5, 5=38 }
Home—5, 4, 3, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5=42 } Total 80.

Miss Leitch is going to St. Anne's to defend her title in the English Ladies' Close Championship, which begins there on May 20.

SPORTING SNIPPETS.

Mr. J. W. Hobson, head of the firm of Hobson and Co., timber merchants, Bedford, died on Wednesday as the result of an accident sustained while hunting with the Oakley Hounds on Monday. The deceased gentleman was tacking a gate when the accident occurred, and he received terrible injuries.

The Millwall Club have secured the transfer of James Broad, the Oldham Athletic player, who has been scoring so freely for Greenock Morton in the Scotish League. He will assist Millwall in their forthcoming holiday matches, and will be a regular member of the Southern League Club's team next season.

The Mother Country team on Wednesday evening, at Newcastle, beat Northumberland by 4 goals and 3 tries to 1 penalty goal. Northumberland put up a fair fight in the opening half, but against a penalty goal by Smallwood for the County, Pickles obtained two tries for the visitors, one of which Cumberlege converted. On resuming the Mother Country overran their opponents. Lawless, Brunton, Harrison (2), and Laing scored tries, and three of them Brown improved. The Mother Country thus won by 29 points to 3.

Among the Easter Monday Sports there will be a particularly attractive Association football match played at Burnden Park, Bolton, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the Y.M.C.A. Campaign Fund. The teams will be composed of the leading professional footballers.

The New Zealanders reserve team beat Cross Keys on Wednesday in a very good Rugby game at Cross Keys, near Newport, by a penalty goal and a try to nothing—6 points to 0. About 2,000 people watched the game.

A match arranged for Thursday afternoon the 9th D.L.I. and the 5th Camerons was postponed until to-day. Strong teams from these Battalions will try conclusion at Reil this afternoon.

Mr. W. Foster, aged 56, in an open 14ft. boat, sculled from Deal to Hythe, a distance of over 20 miles, in 4½ hours. If the weather is favourable next week, Mr. Foster intends covering the same trip in a small shallow skiff.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

BY "METEOR".

Saturday, April 12th., 1919.

Surface wind from between S.W. and West 10 to 15 m.p.h. Cloudy with occasional slight rain and brighter intervals. Visibility indifferent early, improving in the afternoon. Moderate temperature.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

An Objection to Boxing.

There has been a great to do at Middlesbrough because the Streets Committee of the Town Council there refused to grant the use of the Town Hall for the purpose of a boxing tournament. A contingent of discharged soldiers and sailors marched, with a band at their head, to the Council offices and, as a result of a conversation between a deputation which was subsequently received, and the officials, the Council decided to reconsider their decision.

Now that boxing has taken such a firm hold of the interests of all classes, and in view of the many deserving causes that have benefited, to the extent of many golden coins from the proceeds of this form of entertainment, the argument that the sensibilities of a small section of the community would be shocked by the holding of a tournament at the Middlesbrough Town Hall go very light in the scale compared with the reasons in favour of the renting of the hall for the purpose indicated.

Proposed Amateur Dramatic Society.

Lieut. E. S. Percy who, in the Army Amusements Office, is responsible for the theatrical side of local entertainments, is ambitious to start an amateur dramatic society in Cologne. Many soldiers will remember the extraordinary success that attended his efforts at Havre during the war, when he gathered together a company of first-rate amateur artistes and produced such difficult works as those from the pens of Galsworthy, Shaw and Bennett. In those days "full house" was the usual order of things, a fact which is sufficient testimony to the popularity of the heavier type of entertainment among the troops, as a change from the excellent light material of which there is quite a large quantity. Mr. Percy would like to get in touch with anyone who even *thinks* he can act in order that he may get on with the business without delay. More of this anon.

A Fishy Story.

The story comes from a small village near Bonn (it is not on the map, but it is within a stone's throw, almost, of Bremig) of three men who went a-fishing in the river. Armed with improvised fishing-rods, lines, and a large quantity of worms the three enthusiasts sat on the bank and baited and re-baited their lines patiently for two hours. At the end of that time, having caught nothing more exciting than several bunches of weeds, the disappointed fishermen were about to return whence they came, when one of their number suddenly espied three rods set on the opposite bank of the river. In a very few seconds the lines were hauled in, and, lo, and behold! on the end of each was a real live fish. In great glee, the catch was taken back and provided (in addition to a tasty snack), the topic of conversation for the evening. It was not until the next morning that the fishermen heard that the C. O. was really responsible for the "catch." He had gone to infinite trouble to secure the three small fish and with them was going for bigger things, in the shape of pike! I hope this is not the first intimation he has of the fate of his bait.

The Düren Officers' Club.

The many officers stationed in and about Düren are beginning to get a little impatient at the protracted delay in the fulfilment of the promised arrival of the new club. It is now over three weeks since the 6th Corps Club officials packed up their belongings and hied them (with all appurtenances) into Cologne, but the 4th Corps, whose Headquarters are in the town, does not appear to be falling over itself in an urgent effort to scramble into the vacant shoes.

Quoit-Tennis.

Anent the little paragraph that appeared under this heading yesterday, a correspondent writes that his great liking for the game probably saved his life. He had arranged to dine in a particular officers' mess in France last summer, but his indulgence in the pastime of quoit-tennis caused him to turn up at the appointed dug-out half-an-hour late. When he *did* arrive, it was to find that five minutes earlier a shell had burst directly on the roof of the underground dining-room, killing all the occupants except one, who was badly wounded.

Boisterous Baseball.

With so many Americans at Coblentz, it is fairly safe to prophesy that the town will witness very many games of baseball during the coming summer, and since the necessity for perfect turf is not so pressing as is the case with cricket or tennis, it is not improbable that the great Yankee game will spread farther afield. If baseball *does* take firm root here and flourishes to any great extent among the English troops, the game will undoubtedly be taken over to England and given an additional "boost" to that already bestowed upon it by the Americans over there

Swimming Prospects.

In a few days it is hoped that arrangements will be completed for taking over the swimming baths at Cologne for three days a week for the use of the Army. This acquisition is likely to be immensely popular, and there should be a few gains on the programme of future events before you can say "Jack Robinson" (or any other name, for the matter of that). In the meantime, there is nothing to prevent officers and other ranks from attending the baths at any time. "Yer pays yer money, and yer takes yer choice" between Turkish, swimming, shower or slipper baths.

Forthcoming Duren Concerts.

The Highland Division are making arrangements to run a series of concerts at the Stadt-Theatre, Duren, every Tuesday. There is a sad lack of entertainment in Duren at the present time, and the sooner the ball gets rolling, the better will the large number of troops stationed there, be pleased. In the meantime, the organisers of the concerts are on the look out for first rate English vocalists, instrumetalists and other artistes, with the idea of making variety (as well as excellence) the key-note of the performances

THE RAMBLER.

The frequent appearance of English motor-busses in the streets of Bonn and other large German towns gives the Native "furiously to think," as the French would say. They are amazed that such topheavy looking vehicles are able to maintain the perpendicular.

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DEMOBILIZATION STILL PROCEEDS.

NOW WAR PIGEONS TURN.

Nearly all pigeons and pigeon men of France have been demobilized, with the exception of those selected for the Army of Occupation.

Some 9 000 to 10,000 birds that had served their country well had to be disposed of. They would have been a drug on the English market if they had been sent home, and the cost of the transaction would probably have been more than the birds would have realised. They have therefore been sold at Courtrai, Lille, and other places in France and Belgium, and the proceeds of sale divided among charitable institutions of the three countries, as this was the wish of the owners who gave the birds to the country for the war.

It is interesting to note the work that has been done by our bird fanciers in Great Britain and Ireland. The *Daily Mail* states that these men gave on an average 20,000 pigeons a year during the war. If they had been needed 50,000 could easily have been got from our finest and best strains. Some of these youngsters would have fetched £5 each with pedigrees, but no pedigrees were supplied.

In the battle of Messines 1,200 pigeons with 600 messages were used, and not a single message miscarried.

The Germans were most thorough in connection with their pigeon service. They made a splendidly finished message-carrier with a red seal at the top. From time to time we captured German pigeons in the trenches but could not use them to send messages as we had no similar holders. Carter, the medal maker of Birmingham, who made thousands of little discs to put on a pigeon's leg, imitated the well-made German holder so perfectly that it was impossible to tell those he made from the captured original.

RELEASE OF CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS.

STERN ATTITUDE OF PRISON AUTHORITIES.

The following were released from Pentonville Prison on Tuesday in accordance with the Government's decision to discharge "soldiers of various classes" who have been convicted under the Army Act: W. Russell Frayling, R. A. Clatting, H. Goitein, A. Griffiths, Isaac Hall, A. Creech Jones, A. Lazinsky, N. McLeod, B. Priestman, Harris Pelz, H. J. Soar, W. Soar, F. A. Stillwell, S. L. Wright, E. H. Wilson.

In an interview, Mr. Frayling, a C. O. who has served a total of twenty eight months' imprisonment made the following remark with reference to the attitude of the prison authorities.

"It was said that conscientious objectors who had served two years were to be released." If an ordinary offender sentenced to two years' imprisonment behaves himself he gets four months remission, and there is a notice in the cells stating that men may get one-sixth remission for good conduct, but we are told that conscientious objectors must do the full two years.

"Fifteen of us came out of Pentonville to-day, and I have been on the 'phone to the Home Office. They tell me that objectors must do the full term. A day or two ago two men were released from Pentonville and returned to their units They have both done more than 24 months' imprisonment, but they were told they must be court-martialled and sent back to Pentonville before they can be released from there as conscientious objectors. Of course, they have been court-martialled before.

"There are some 30 C.O.s still in Pentonville, and quite 15 of them have served 20 months or more. Among them are men who have never had a single day's punishment."

Another conscientious objector released yesterday was Mr. A. Fenner Brockway, formerly editor of the "Labour Leader," who has been in custody since November, 1916.

It is reported that the Home Secretary intends to lay the report of Mr. Albion Richardson, M. P., on the treatment of conscientious objectors at Wandsworth Prison on the table of the House, with a view to its publication.

SINN FEIN EXPENSES.

At a meeting of Ard Fheis, the governing body of Sinn Fein, held at the Mansion House, Dublin on Thursday. Mr. Nebitt, treasurer, stated that up to the present they had carried on the work of the Ard Fheis without having received either German gold or American dollars. They had no promise of any money coming from any other source at present. The total raised throughout Ireland to fight their recent elections must have come to £50,000 a figure eloquently testifying to the loyalty of the people.

TWO MORE K.C.s.

Mr. Arthur G. Roby and Mr. Evan E. Charteris have been made K.C.s, Mr. Roby to take precedence after Mr. S. H. Emanuel, and Mr. Charteris after Mr. C. E. Dyer.

Bath will not reinstate Mr. H. R. Wilkinson, formerly headmaster of the City Art School, who was a conscientious objector to service.

GOVERNMENT STORES.

NEW DISPERSAL BOARD.

In the House of Commons on Wednesday Mr. Atkey (C. U., Notts, Central) asked the Leader of the House the approximate value of property to be released by the Government Surplus Property Disposal Board, and whether, in view of the immense sum at stake, he would consider the desirability of inviting the voluntary co-operation of additional independent commercial men in order that the Government might be assured of realising the greatest possible amount in disposing of its property.

Mr. Kellaway (Deputy Minister of Munitions), in replying said the Disposal Board only disposes of Government property when it has been declared by other Government Departments to be surplus to their requirements. Whilst a considerable amount of material has already been passed to the Board for disposal, this represents only a proportion of what will ultimately become surplus. It is, therefore, impossible at present to give even an approximate estimate of the property which the Board will have for disposal. The members of the Board, with their commercial status and experience, are:

Chairman, Mr. F. G. KELLAWAY, M. P., Deputy Minister of Munitions; Deputy Chairman, Sir HOWARD FRANK, head of the firm of Messrs. Knight, Frank, and Butley, auctioneers, surveyors, and estate agents; Mr. DAVID CORRIE, of Messrs. Lake and Currie, Ltd., mining engineers. Sir ROBERT CONNELL, senior partner in Messrs. Lowden, Connell, and Co., shipowners, Liverpool: Major-General Sir A. CROFTON ATKINS, Late Director of Supplies and Transport at the War Office; Mr. ALEXANDER WALKER, head of the firm of Messrs. John Walker and Sons, distillers, Kilmarnock; Sir SYDNEY H. HENN, director of Messrs. Forster and Sons Ltd., and of the Horseley Bridge and Engineering Company; and Mr. D. NEYLAN, late Director of Finance at the War Office.

The only members of the Board receiving a salary from the Ministry of Munitions at the present time are the chairman, who receives his salary as Deputy Minister and Parliamentary Secretary, General Crofton Atkins, and Mr. D. Neylan. In the case of the last two members the salaries at present being paid are £1,200 and £1,500 respectively, salaries they were receiving from the War Office, from which department they have been transferred.

A decision has not yet been taken as to whether any other members of the Board shall be paid. The work of the selling departments is dealt with by eighteen controllers, each of whom has the assistance of an Advisory Committee of independent commercial men experienced in dealing with the class of material coming under their direction.

ALIENS RESTRICTION BILL.

Mr. L. LYLE (C. U., Stratford) asked the Home Secretary whether, on the declaration of peace, alien enemy immigration into this country could, if not controlled, be at once resumed; and whether, in these circumstances, the Government would ensure the passage of the Aliens Restriction Bill at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. SHORTT, in replying, said that the powers under which the entrance of aliens into the United Kingdom has been controlled during the war are limited to times of war, or of imminent national danger, or great emergency. In the Aliens Restriction Bill I am asking for similar powers for use at any time during the next two years, and it is the intention of the Government to ensure the passing of that measure into law without any avoidable delay.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

WEDNESDAY.

CASEMENT BRIGADE.

Lord WILLOUGHBY DE BROKE asked the Under-Secretary for War whether any of the men who joined the so-called Casement Brigade in Germany had been repatriated, and whether any action had been taken with regard to them, and, if so, of what nature. He said that the men who were particularly anxious to know what happened to the Casement Brigade, were those who stood firm and refused to yield to the inducements held out to them to desert their cause and join forces with the enemy. He had been informed that on repatriation those men who had given way had not been dealt with at all, and this had created a considerable amount of feeling. He was told that some three or five of the men had been arrested and dealt with, while of the remainder, to the number of about thirteen, no notice had been taken at all. It was unfair to those who did stand firm that these men had not been marked out for special treatment.

Viscount PEEL said he took note of there being dissatisfaction amongst those who stood firm. All he could say was that the case of the other men was now under consideration. The Government was looking into the whole matter very carefully. As it might be regarded as subjudice the noble lord would see the impolicy of pressing his rather potent question.

MARCH OF OVERSEAS TROOPS.

Lord DENMAN asked if there would be a march through London of Dominion and Colonial troops who had served in the war.

Viscount PEEL said the answer was "Yes." It had been decided that there should be a triumphal march of Overseas troops through London, but the details were complicated, and were now being worked out. He was, therefore, not in a position to announce the precise date.

Earl STANHOPE suggested that complete units should take part in the march. Each battalion should march as it marched in France, with the whole of its paraphernalia, and occasionally in different order, such as battle order and marching order. That would interest the people, and teach them something of what an Army really was.

Viscount HARCOURT hoped that this triumphal march would include representatives of the troops from the Crown Colonies, many of whom were coloured men, in order that they might share in the tribute of this country. He trusted no time would be lost, as day by day thousands of Australians and Canadians were returning to their homes, and were being deprived of their share of the appreciation which this country desired to convey to them.

Viscount PEEL replied that the Government were fully aware of the difficulties which delay involved. They would see that he had used the words "Overseas troops," which had a wider meaning than the words of the question.

END OF THE VINDICTIVE.

It is reported that the Vindictive has broken in halves at Zeebrugge during salvage operations, and will now have to be blown up. Thus the hope that the famous ship, which on two occasions, at Ostend and Zeebrugge, did such splendid work under the command of Captain Carpenter, V.C., might be refloated and brought back to England, is probably doomed to disappointment.

WITH THE RATIONS.

On Wednesday I went to hear a "Meister-Konzert" in the Stollwerckhaus, having been convinced that this was to be one of the great concerts of the season so far as the Germans were concerned. Naturally, I expected something great from such a performance, and perhaps I should have realized that but for a certain mismanagement on the part of the organizers. The Stollwerckhaus is a large building, divided into two parts by a wooden partition. In the larger portion there was this German concert, whilst at the same time a performance was being given in the other portion by our English artistes. A wooden partition is a very poor barrier against sound, and the effect yesterday was too vile to mention. The nearest approch to any such effect was when I heard, some time ago, an angry dog whining at a screeching gramaphone reproduction. In addition to the clashing of these two musical parties there was the additional intermittent thud of a skittle ball in the basement. Some soldiers were evidently trying to find relief in a game at nine-pins.

Needless to say I was not the only person to leave the building disgusted long before either performance had reached a conclusion.

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A faint whisper round the town is that we are to have a club for the soldiers, run on similar lines to the Officers' Club. What a boon this will be to us who wish to spend the afternoon sight-seeing. The clubs in existence now are ideal things, so I am told, but these do not cater for the individual who merely "drops in for the day." The Y.M.C.A., Church Army Hut, and other kindred associations, help us wonderfully, but what we should like is a good "square meal," to keep us in trim throughout the day, and on till the morrow's breakfast. One very soon becomes "fed-up" with German pastry and their sweet delicacies—sweet nothingnesses, I call them—and wine. Many of the Germans seem to make lunch, tea, and dinner of these and even appear to thrive on them, judging from their corpulent figures, but not so the Englisman.

The officers' club appears to be a huge success judging from the numbers which seem to make use of it, and I doubt not that a club for the other ranks would prove equally, if not more, successful.

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I overheard a peculiar argument amongst some soldiers the other evening. These lads could not agree as to who wrote Shakespeare's works, though none of them suggested Bacon. I will not display their ignorance of our greatest poet by mentioning those names which they gave, but one bright spark suggested that they should write to Conan Doyle and ask him to get in touch with the real author by means of that mysterious aid, spirtualism. The Germans, I believe, might have informed them of the author, for one hears that they claim some right to his works.

BUCKSHEE PARS.

Vanity was the excuse pleaded by a West Indian sentenced at Newcastle to three months' imprisonment for wearing a major's uniform without authorisation.

To help the blind, President Wilson has signed a £1 note, which may be seen and bid for at St. Dunstan's Day offices, 303, Regent-street W. 1.

Mr. Walter Runciman is taking up the Freedom of the City through the Guild of Shipwrights.

The French battleship Mirabeau, which was sunk in the Black Sea, has been successfully refloated.

A Queen Anne corner arm-chair of walnut was sold for 210 guineas at Christie's yesterday.

Clerks in Germany now receive from £50 to £75 a month, says Reuter's Düsseldorf correspondent.

John Walter Sheppard, town postman of Lydd, has during his 44½ years' service walked 281,221 miles.

Marshal Foch has written to the Y.M.C.A. expressing his interest in their training schemes for disabled men.

During the week ended March 29, 2,069,707 War Savings Certificates were sold, bringing the total to that date up to 308,344,678.

Lieut.-Colonel Maurice Craig has been appointed honorary consultant for neurological and shell shock cases to the Ministry of Pensions.

At East Sussex Quarter Sessions Richard Oakley was sentenced to 20 months' hard labour for burglary at the residence of the Chief Constable of East Sussex.

To higher wages is attributed the large increase in the number of boys using the Acton public slipper baths. On some days the boys have stood in long queues.

It is stated that the motor-scooter race contemplated by Mr. Albert de Courville will not take place for a few weeks. The difficulty is that at present there is no available track.

Dr. Addison announces that if the Ministry of Health Bill becomes law the Local Government Board will be merged in the new Ministry, and will cease to have a separate existence.

General Seely announces that there are more than sufficient trained pilots to meet all requirements of the Royal Air Force Reserve, and it is not considered necessary to call upon cadets whose training is not completed.

While lighting a cigarette, M. Hargreaves, 83, of Tooting, a retired actor, set his beard alight and died from burns.

Bristol is to pay £65,000 for Colston Hall, which will be a town hall. The cost is equal to a halfpenny in the pound rate.

LIQUOR TRADE ON GOOD FRIDAY.

The hours during which intoxicating liquor may be sold and supplied on Good Friday in licensed premises and clubs, whether for consumption on or off the premises, will be as on Sundays, save in the Welsh area and the West Gloucestershire area, where the hours will be between 12.30 p. m. and 2.30 p. m. and between six p. m. and nine p. m. for consumption on the premises, and between 12.30 p. m. and 2.30 p. m. and 2.30 p. m. and between six p. m. and eight p. m. for consumption off the premises. No spirits to be consumed off the premises are to be sold or supplied in any licensed premises or club or be dispatched or taken therefrom on Good Friday.

TO ALL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Editor wishes to emphasise the fact that any correspondence sent to him should bear name, rank, and unit of the sender. Also many sports and amusements contributions are being received which do not give any dates whatever. These are, naturally, useless, as all readers first of all wish to know when the occurrence, whatever it may be, happened.

Will contributors please bear this in mind.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

MOVING CINEMAS etc.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir, — I have followed with interest the comments in your paper upon the amusements in Cologne, and beg to draw the attention of those concerned to the recurrence of that war-time and faulty practice of concentrating all amusements in one small area.

Now, in the Bridgehead there are a few hundred square miles of occupied Territory and distributed over them are thousands of troops, yet only within a few miles of Cologne Cathedral can anything like a decent "show" be seen?

In this district, Hilden-Ohligs-Benrath, with its thousands of troops, no suitable entertainments are provided for the evenings, yet in Cologne are innumerable cinemas and concert parties in addition to the Opera. Cannot this system of concentration be dropped, so as to let the men who are not continually in Cologne have a chance of seeing these shows, instead of being able merely to read about them, as at present?

I would suggest that one suitable hall be reserved in each town and all these concert parties and cinemas be organized into travelling companies, giving a week's performance at each place.

This would necessitate a reduction in the number of entertainments in Cologne but a dozen would not be missed from all those advertised and un-advertised, and the action would be appreciated by all the men of those few old B.E.F. divisions which still remain here. T.

[It must be pointed out that many Brigade and Divisional concert parties already do travel from place to place.—Ed.]

"MARCH OF THE DEAD."

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—Could any of your readers oblige through the "Post" with the recitation, "the March of Dead." Quite a few of us would like to have the above in print and we feel sure we have only to apply to you for this. W. Sm.

[Can anyone supply this, please? — Ed.]

Answers to Correspondents.

[*The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Questions are invited and will be answered as promptly and as authentically as possible. — Ed.*]

A. Y., B. D.— See note at foot of this column.
A. V. P.— In a day or so.
T. O.— See article on subject in to-days issue
22684.— Yes it can be done quite easily.
S. H. N., Bonn.— Your can only do this through your Orderly Room. It is quite probable that definite arrangements will be made shortly.
Gunr. W. P.— Your Education Officer should be able to fix this up for you.
W. D.— Through your Adjutant.
A. A.— Your answer will be sent by post.
Cockney.— So it would seem, but this is not offficial.
I. A.— A city in the Delta of Egypt.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We are continually receiving numerous questions which should not come to us at all because they can be dealt with far more easily and quickly with the unit. All matters concerning rate of pay, pensionable service, demobilization, and so on, should be submitted in the usual way to commanders of units. In many cases the Company or Battery C.Q.M.S., knowing *all* the facts of the case, could give an answer immediately. Why write to us?

Take the question of demobilization for example In every unit there is someone, generally a Demobilization Officer detailed as such, who has all the facts as his finger ends, or can turn them up from the very latest "Instructions" in two minutes.

He is the proper person to appeal to in all such cases and only needs to be asked.

Sending such queries to us wastes the enquirer's time, wastes our time, and we are so busy with a thousand-and-one other things, and moreover is against all sorts of regulations.

Why call in a third party when the matter is obviously one between two parties who know *all* the facts of both sides, and for which the Army Council have provided proper facilities.

We are at all times ready and willing to answer general questions, but personal questions should be dealt with in the proper manner.

Will correspondents please note this, and not call upon an overworked staff to do a job quite outside its province, and for which ample machinery has already been provided by the Army authorities.

We are so busy answering general questions, that it will be impossible even to acknowledge the kind of correspondence indicated in the above paragraphs.

14,000 A DAY OUT OF ARMY.

Mr. Churchill on Tuesday said that demobilisation is proceeding at the rate of about 13,000 or 14,000 a day; only a few hundred thousand now remain to be demobilised.

Doctors demobilised in January numbered 403; in Febr., 1,071; and March 1,787.

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OLD HAILEYBURIAN DINNER.

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In reply to Major Entwistle, who asked whether it is a fact that numerous complaints are being received by parents from their sons in the Army of the Rhine about inadequate rations. Mr. Winston Churchill stated that two complaints had been received at the War Office recently and had been referred to the Commander in Chief for enquiry and report. Ample supplies have been distributed to the troops of the Rhine Army and there should be no shortage.

A poetic tribute from the present to the retiring headmaster of Eton College concludes:—

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GENERAL PLUMER INVESTS AMERICAN OFFICERS

LONDONERS FOR RUSSIA.

An enthusiastic send off was given to the first company of London Infantry troops who volunteered for the North Russia Relief Force when they started from Whitehall yesterday morning for Park Royal to wait orders for transport.

The troops looked in splendid health and certainly were in excellent spirits. They were loudly cheered by the crowd of men who were waiting to enrol.

In his remarks about North Russia, Mr. Churchill said, at the Aldwych club, that our men in North Russia will be properly supported and relieved faithfully (cheers). The Premier has given him the fullest authority to take whatever measures the General Staff think necessary to relieve all our forces there and in so far as it is physically possible we shall take whatever measures are required.

RECRUITING CONTINUES BRISK.

Recruiting is still proceeding in a most satisfactory manner. The staff at Scotland Yard has had to be greatly increased and is employed until ten o'clock every night in order to keep up with the clerical work.

SOUTH RUSSIA.

The Allies evacuated 25,000 refugees before leaving Odessa. The Russian volunteer army is retiring in disorder before the Bolshevist advance in the Crimea.

The French, who have been reinforced, are ordered to hold Sebastopol. — Reuter.

INVESTITURE OF AMERICAN OFFICERS.

An investiture of American officers was held by General Sir Herbert Plumer G. C. B. etc. the Second Army Commander, at Cologne yesterday.

The function was held in the open air and the weather left something to be desired. The scene was nevertheless a brilliant one. Three sides of a square were formed by the 76th Brigade, Northern division, under the command of Brig.-Gen. Metcalfe.

Among those present were Major Gen. E. M. Lewis, of the American army, who recently received the K. C. M. G., Gen. Sir A. Hoding Gen. Sir A. A. Chichester, Gen. C. J. Daverell, and Brig.-Gen. E. M. Tandy.

General Plumer made a short speech referring to the bond existent between the British and American armies and peoples.

After the ceremony the troops marched past.

The following were the recipients of honours:

K.C.B. General Dickman.
K.C.M.G.; Maj.-Gen. Bell, Maj.-Gen. Lassiter, Maj.-Gen. Hines, Maj.-Gen. Muir.
C.B.; Brig.-Gen. Craig, Brig.-Gen. Smith.
C.M.G.; Col. Montgomery, Col. Biddle, Col. Coleman, Col. Conger, Col. Wooten, Lt.-Col. Stebbins.
D.S.O.; Col. Williams.
M.C.; Lt. Ekdahl.

WHISKY PROFITEERING.

DISTILLERS TO DEAL DIRECT,

The principal whisky distillers are proposing to deal direct with retailers. This course is being adopted in consequence of a strong suspicion that supplies have been, and are being held up by middlemen speculators.

Travellers will be dispensed with, and a central office will be established through which all supplies will be distributed.

MEN WHO HELPED TO WIN.

One of the most interesting passages in Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's latest dispatch reveals the fact that Brigadier Generals have included a schoolmaster, a taxicab driver, a lawyer and an ex-Sergeant Major, while a Cambridge college cook, an insurance clerk and a police inspector proved efficient general staff officers.

CANADIAN CAMP RIOTS.

TRIAL ANNOUNCED.

It is expected that the trial of the men concerned in the riot at Kinmel Camp will begin in about a week.

Major General Sir H. E. Burstall will be President of the Court Martial, which will be held at Liverpool.

CANADA'S WAR EXPENDITURE.

Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance, stated in the House of Commons at Ottawa that Canada's war expenditure to the end of March 1920 would reach a total of 1,574,000,000 dollars.

The estimated war expenditure during the [illegible] would be 298,000,000 dollars, of which [illegible] would be spent overseas. *Reuter.*

SITUATION IN EGYPT.

Cairo. — The following communiqué was issued on the 5th April. No fresh disorders are reported from the provinces. Cairo is quiet today. Owing to the destruction of railway stations and signalling apparatus, it will be long before the railways can cope with normal passenger and goods traffic.

Cairo, 5th April. — Since the issue of yesterday's communiqué it is reported that a hostile crowd attacked a patrol in the Seida Zenab quarter yesterday morning. The patrol was obliged to fire and a boy among the crowd was unfortunately killed. The railway towards Assuan has been restored.

Cairo, 8th April. — Several regrettable incidents, probably due to misunder standings, occurred during scenes of popular excitement in Cairo and Alexandria last night. — *Reuter.*

Reuter learns that the statements to the effect that in recent disturbances in Egypt religious bias has been evident, and is causing anxiety, is not borne out in any way by telegrams received from official sources at Cairo. All evidence in fact tends to show that the contrary is the case.

Egypt. — General Allenby reports that Cairo is outwardly quieter but some disturbances still occur in the poorer quarters, chiefly of hooligans showing animosity against Armenians and Greeks. The new Ministers are in conference with representatives of the Government employées, who recently struck. The state railways have resumed work, excepting men in the workshops. Provinces are reported quiet. Official.

REGIMENTAL COLOURS PROBLEM.

NO ROOM FOR FRESH HONOURS.

It has been suggested that each regiment in the army should now be granted a third colour in order to make room for the emblazonment of honours gained in the war. The colours of some of the famous old regiments of the British Army are already so full of battle names, dating back to 1680 (Tangier) and 1695 (Namur) that it will be a problem how to find space for the names which must be recorded for many a fierce engagement of the present war.

BAVARIAN REVOLUTIONS.

Almost the whole of Bavaria supports the Hoffmann Government.

Within the last few days three different bodies have been claiming to be *the* authority. There is the regular government of which Hoffmann is Premier; the Soviet at Munich, and the Communist Government which dissolved the Soviet because of its "mild" opinions.

The Communists and Soviet have now combined forces, although the arrest of Toller, leader of the Central Soviet, by the Communists, and his liberation later in the day, is characteristic of the confusion which exists.

In the midst of the turmoil a bricklayer named Klotz has installed himself as Prime Minister of the Communist regime.

A revolutionary tribunal has been organised and numerous trial have been held in public.

Würtemberg has declared its readiness to send troops against the Soviet republic.

GERMAN STRIKE NEWS.

In the Oberbilk suburb of Dusseldorf the Spartacists entrenched themselves. Government troops attacked them, using artillery. There are many killed and wounded. The railway station is closed.

The Spartacists at Schweinfurt have been ordered by the Government troops to surrender their leaders within twelve hours, otherwise they will be attacked.

HIGH PRICE FOR A MULE.

Three thousand of the five thousand odd Army mules in England are for sale, but so far the prices realised are somewhat disappointing, reaching the average of eighteen pounds only.

For a dappled grey beauty, however, a well known racehorse owner recently paid one hundred guineas.

"UNEXAMPLED FURY OF PEACE'.

Speaking as a guest of the Aldwich Club, Mr. Winston Churchill said: "We are now in the hush before the storm, An oppressive silence broods over Fleet Street before Peace bursts upon it with unexampled fury".

NO PROHIBITION FOR CANADA.

Early returns from Montreal of the referendum indicate that there will be a big majority against prohibition.

LEAGUE OF BRITISH NATIONS.

TRIANGLE OF TRADE.

Lord Milner, Secretary of State for the Colonies, made an important speech yesterday on our relations with our self-governing Dominions and on Imperial development after the war. Lord Milner said that at long last we are waking up, not only to the present importance of our Empire, but to its almost boundless potentialities of future growth. The relations of the self-governing Dominions with the Mother Country had for years past been undergoing a great transformation which was now almost complete. They are no longer colonies, but Nations, intensely conscious of their nationhood. They had played in this war as big a part as any but the greatest powers, and they were certainly entitled to look forward to a future in which they would themselves be great powers. Yet they all desire — and this is our unparalleled good fortune — to remain within the Empire. If that desire is fulfilled the world will see for the first time the permanent association of a number of great powers under a single head. It would be, and in fact it is already, a League of Nations and it possesses a moral unity which that greater league, if it come into existence, has still to acquire. The ties which bind together members of the British League of Nations are no work of artifice. They are of natural growth.

MORAL UNITY OF EMPIRE.

He sincerely hoped that the practice of Dominion Ministers sitting side by side with British Ministers to deal with all matters which were of common concern would never come to an end. Everyone who wishes to see a continuance of the British League of Nations must desire that the Dominons have a real share in the conduct of matters which affect them as much as ourselves, such as foreign policy, defence, inter-imperial trade and communications It is equally true that no machinery whatsoever will avail unless we preserve moral unity of Empire. We must cultivate a wider patriotism and sense of our common citizenship in this superstate by every means in our power.

FAMILY INTERESTS FIRST.

On the question of preference Lord Milner said it had been too much regarded as being merely a matter of tariffs. Every part of the Empire should decide for itself to have as much or as little tariff as it pleases, but it is only right and natural that tariffs should fall more lightly upon Empire goods than upon foreign goods. That is the view taken by the Dominions and by every country in the Dominions and by every country in the world which has oversea possesions, including more especially the United States. We are a family of nations and in all our policy and dealings the interests of the family should come first.

"I want to see the resources of every part of the Empire, in so far as they are not needed for the development of that part, devoted, not exclusively, but first and foremost, to build up the strength and prosperity of all the other parts. I feel that about emigration, investment of capital and a score of other questions with which I have daily to deal."

THE TRIANGLE OF TRADE.

Referring to the necessity of Colonial development Lord Milner said "the one thing which terrifies me as I look ahead is the possibility of restriction of credit. Speaking broadly the civilised world is short—very short—just now of things which it most urgently requires. As a whole it has no lack either of food or raw material or productive power. Thus we have all the requisites for a period of intense industrial activity. It can only come if those great countries which still stand upright and whose industrial equipment is unimpaired by war adopt a bold and generous policy, and go to the assistance of countries whose industrial activity has been crippled or completely paralysed by it.

The room for expansion is simply enormous Here comes in what I may call the triangle of trade. If we are not able wholly to pay our creditors by goods supplied to them by ourselves we may yet be able to pay them by goods supplied from countries which are indebted to us because we have invested money in their development."

FLYING THE ATLANTIC.

WEATHER PERMITTING.

St. John's Newfoundland. — Major Hawker, in his Sopwith aeroplane, made a successful trial flight this afternoon. He was in the air for half an hour at a height of four thousand feet, attaining a speed of a hundred miles an hour.

The aeroplane will be inspected to-morrow by the Governor of Newfoundland, and Major Hawker will make his attempt as soon as the weather permits.

The weather conditions in Newfoundland will probably delay the start, which was expected to take place next week.

The worst ice blockade known for sixty years has greatly delayed preparations for the transatlantic flight. Major Hawker and Commander Mackenzie Grieve, with a two seater biplane, could not be landed at St. Johns owing to the harbour being blocked. It was found necessary to unload them on to an ice-floe, whence they have been taken off by a small coasting steamer,

Four mechanics who had left England thirteen days in advance of the pilots, spent eight days jammed in the ice in the Gulf of St. Laurence while crossing from Nova Scotia to Newfoundland.

The aerodrome prepared by the Sopwith advance party is a quagmire, following the melting of snow which fell recently. It is unlikely that the flight will be attempted for another fortnight.

BONAR LAW'S SECRETARY MARRIED.

Mr. John Davidson, private secretary to Mr. Bonar Law, was married yesterday, his bride being Miss Joan Dickinson, daughter of the Rt. Hon. Sir Willoughby Dickinson.

FOUR YEARS' FIGHTING IN MESOPOTAMIA.

RECORD OF GALLANTRY.

In his dispatch on the concluding stages of the fighting in Mesopotamia, General Sir W. Marshall, commanding the expeditionary force, says that the actual captures since the beginning of the campaign, which lasted just four years, amounted to forty five thousand five hundred prisoners and two hundred and fifty guns together with vast quantities of war material of all descriptions.

"These results have been achieved in a country destitute of shade in summer and impassable, owing to floods, in wet weather. They are a lasting record of gallantry and endurance of the officers and men, both British and Indian, who have fought uncomplainingly in spite of heat, sickness, rain and discomfort for four years in Mesopotamia. No general has ever been more loyally served."

A JUST PEACE AND A LASTING PEACE.

ALSO SOMETHING TO GRUMBLE ABOUT

Speaking yesterday afternoon Mr. Winston Churchill said that in a few weeks or possibly less we should know what were the terms which the Allies had agreed to impose on the enemy.

"Any agreement that is reached by the very experienced and able heads met together in Paris," he said, "must be comprehensive and general. It must therefore be judged as a whole and not as a part. The difficulties and complexities of their job are unexampled. How can this problem be solved to universal satisfaction? Nobody, is going to get all they want; nobody ought to get all they want; everybody must expect something to grumble about. It is not a game of grab that we are playing but a question of peace; of a peace that shall be a just peace and a lasting peace. If this is achieved individual disappointment will be forgotten in general joy. If it is not achieved a paper triumph of any country for the time being would be of no use at all. Therefore I say that the work on which the Peace Conference is engaged must be judged as a whole and not upon this point or that."

Mr. Churchill added that what Britain wanted was a peace that would not be a feeling of triumph but a peace of solid structure on broad and lasting foundations.

SUPER TANKS TOO LATE.

SHORTAGE OF GERMANS.

Some interesting information was revealed last night at the Savoy, the occasion being a dinner held by the members of the Anglo-American Commission which was specially formed to assemble mammoth tanks at a huge factory in France.

This factory was not completed until just before the armistice, and only one tank, said to be the finest in the world, was completed in time.

The Chairman. Lt. Col. Sir Albert G. Stern, in proposing the health of Lt. Col. James A. Drain, head of the American Commission, said that had the war gone on the factory would have turned out three hundred of these super tanks monthly. They were built to economise lives in the war, which meant economy of labour in peace.

General Seely, Minister for the Air, who responded for the guests, said that tanks had helped in the first degree to win the war. Mr. Winston Churchill, Secretary of State for War, said it was quite true that the war ended before the full results of tank enterprise could be attained. But for the shortage of Germans the tank would have won even greater fame in the world.

Mr. Churchill agreed that the biggest thing that had come out of the war was unity of action, which was arrived at under the stress and peril of Armageddon.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND PRESS.

WAKING UP.

The Minister of Finance made some interesting allusions to the Press in a speech delivered to the National Assembly. They are chiefly interesting by reason of the fact that the present terrible conditions obtaining in practically the whole of unoccupied Germany are not due solely to reaction after a four year war which resulted in a crushing defeat, but are the result of finding out the truth, the bitter truth about many things, which was deliberately withheld from the people. It was not the fault of the Press but of the Government, which is now reaping its terrible harvest.

"The actual Government" said the Minister, "will appreciate better the value and power of the Press. No Government is possible which does not take into account the creation of public opinion. But the Press must realise that power brings responsibility. In the new Germany, where the power of the Press has so enormously increased, the Press must do its duty with a greater sense of responsibility. Writers must be politicians as well as journalists. An article may be very good from the journalistic point of view but pernicious and dangerous from a political aspect."

By all of which it would seem that the Government, having untied the muzzle of the German Press, is doubtful, even yet, of the wisdom of removing it.

FORTY TO ONE ON SANKEY.

BACKING THE FAVOURITE.

The Staffordshire Miners have expressed their opinion of the Sankey Report and the Government offer in most emphatic terms. Their ballot shows a majority of forty to one in favour of acceptance.

FATAL ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY.

DATE OF INQUIRY.

The inquest on the military prisoner who was shot while endeavouring to escape from the custody of the escort at Waterloo station has been fixed for Monday. A man who witnessed the occurrence said to a press representative. "As the escort came to the corner of the street the private opened the breech of his rifle and a cartridge fell out. The Corporal in charge of the escort exclaimed. For Christ's sake don't fire'. When the escort reached the next corner, the private who had previously opened the breech of his rifle fired at the fugitives."

HULL BY-ELECTION.

UNIONISTS LOSE THE SEAT.

The result of the Central Hull by-election, necessitated by the death of Sir Mark Sykes, was a gain for the Independent Liberals. The voting was: Commander J. M. Kenworthy, Independent Liberal 8616, Lord Eustace Percy, Coalition Unionist, 7699.

The figures at the general election in December were Sir Mark Sykes, Coalition Unionist, 13,805, Rev. R. M. Kedward, Liberal, 3434.

The result caused a great sensation in the House of Commons and throughout the country Liberals are delirious with joy. A turnover of eleven thousand two hundred and eight votes in what has been always a Conservative stronghold is generally admitted to be unprecedented in electioneering annals, especially following so soon after one of the most decisive general elections on record. The new member, Commander J. M. Kenworthy, is the son and heir of Lord Strabolgi, whose title was called out of abeyance in 1916. He was a strong candidate. his war record in fighting submarines and distinction of being the champion boxer of the Navy appealed to the fisnermen electorate but it was his "no conscription" cry and his demand for immediate removal of restrictions on commerce which chiefly weighed with the port, which is suffering great difficulties in the restoration of normal trade, especially with Scandinavia and the Baltic.

The *Times* describes the result as a political portent and says it is now absolutely clear that the country is determined to redress the balance of the general election and declares that very few Unionist seats can be accounted safe.

Mr. Winston Churchill, referring to the result in the course of a speech given at a luncheon in London said that Hull was not so appreciative of the Government's labour as he could have wished, but reaction was natural and even healthy. The Government would not however be deflected from its aim to revive the prosperity of the country.

Mr. Asquith, addressing a banquet of Independent Liberals in London described the last two by-elections as significant of rapid and thoroughgoing repentance and that of Hull in particular as an unusually quick Nemesis.

The newly elected member, who is an Asquithian Liberal, appeared during the banquet and was most enthusiastically received.

Posters giving the result were prominently displayed, adding considerably to the gaiety of the banqueters.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

WAITING FOR THE BUDGET.

Altough a smaller volume of business was transacted in gilt-edged securities, attributable to the forthcoming budget statement, the tone remains satisfactory. French loans weakened owing to an adverse movement in the rate of exchange. Oils show outstanding strength and activity, notably the leading issues. Minings continue to harden under the lead of colonial base metal descriptions. Industrials possess some good features, especially textile shares, on improving trade conditions.

COLONEL DIVORCED.

A decree nisi was granted yesterday to Mrs. Pilkington on the grounds of desertion and misconduct by her husband Col. Charles Raymond Pilkington.

BRITISH WAR MUSIC.

Mr. Isidore De Lara gives some remarkable figures as to the work done on behalf of British music in concerts associated with his name.

During the war he gave one thousand two hundred concerts, one hundred and seventy of them being all-British. Two hundred and sixty six works by native composers were produced. The last twelve of the all-British concerts actually paid their way.

THE FIRST FISH STORY.

A trout weighing three and a half pounds has been caught in the Thames, near Datchet. It is said to be the first of the season.

FELL IN FRONT OF TRAIN.

WELL KNOWN LAWYER'S DEATH.

Sympathic references were made in the Court today to the death of Mr. A. Walter, K.C., the well known patent lawyer Mr. Walter fell in front of an inner circle train at Euston-square Station on Wednesday evening.

Festivities in honour of the British Navy will take place in Paris from the 23rd to 28th April. Admiral Sir David Beatty has accepted an invitation from M. Georges Leygnes.

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THE BRITISH LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Scientific invention has reached such a pitch of excellence that now the world's distances are belittled and the sorrows of isolation assuaged. If proof of this is demanded, it can be found in the pages of to-day's *Cologne Post*. Lord Milner's great speech of yesterday can be read by us on the banks of the Rhine as soon as by our comrades on the banks of the Thames, and it is our privilege to speak of it undisturbed by the opinions of our contemporaries, uninfluenced by the party cries of their readers.

"Wake up, England!" we remember the words as if they had been spoken yesterday. England has awaked—in sorrow certainly, but just as certainly in strength and resolution. Lord Milner has most properly described the awakening. Whether or not it is true, as Seeley once said, that Great Britain "seems to have conquered and peopled half the nations of the world in a fit of absent-mindedness," it is certainly true that our eyes are open and our minds alert to the imperial ideal and its vast potentiality. The future can not be as the past, for have not our self-governing colonies, our Crown colonies, and our protectorates cemented in self-sacrifice the bonds of brotherhood? It was Turgot, that political philosopher of rare insight and acumen, who likened colonies to ripe fruit which only clings to the tree till full maturity is gained and then falls to the ground. It is due to him to remember that he prophesied the secession of our American colonies, but these days of war have given the lie to his metaphor as they have falsified the psychology of our enemies. England's extremity has been the noble opportunity of her colonies. These are colonies no longer. They are nations, nations with a real, conscious spirit of intense nationality; and it is their will that they should seek and save their souls within the Empire that bore them. What does this mean? It means, as Lord Milner shrewdly declares, that whilst men of all countries are canvassing the ideal of a League of Nations the British Empire has already achieved it in her colonies—a League not of artificial but of natural growth, a League possessed of a moral unity that is lifegiving.

Now there is an obvious and pertinent criticism that might be advanced against the thesis of Lord Milner's speech. If we focus our vision on our own happy family of nations, are we not making more difficult the formation of a larger and more useful family of nations? Are we not in danger of the dread disease of provincialism? In a word, granted that we and our colonies stand shoulder to shoulder in a firm and mutually profitable unity, does our very success not jeopardize the hopes of a greater League wherein no nation however strong shall have predominance? Such a criticism may have its point, and it certainly spells a warning. There must be nothing unbrotherly in the development of our Empire: that way lies danger. But if the development is guided by sure, strong, and statesmanlike hands, there can be little danger. None will ever forget that we had Allies who fought with us as closely as did our brothers from overseas, and none will ever decree that they shall be penalized in their legitimate aspirations.

There is a Scots' proverb which lays it down that a child must "creep before it gangs," and in that truism we see a clue. It seems to us that our task as an Empire is to show to the world a working model of a real league. Let us put the matter in homely fashion. We say to the nations: you are wondering how diverse peoples, living in far-distant parts of the world, cherishing each its own ideals, possessing each its own traditions, moulding each its own policy, can come together and keep together and work together; here we have a league which proves that such a unity is not a chimerical Utopia but is actually in being; here is hope, here is direction for the world's desire — a League of Nations. If there is substance in our argument, what follows? Surely it follows that the better, the more workable, the stronger our Empire can be made, the more it will help in the new era of brotherhood. What matters it if in that era our colonies seem less bound to us as they carve out their own national fortunes? The bonds that are surest are the bonds that are invisible.

We welcome, therefore, the ideal which Lord Milner outlines in his great speech. We, also, "want to see the resources of every part of Empire, in so far as they are not needed for development of that part, devoted not exclusively but first and foremost to build up the strength and prosperity of all other parts." The loyalty of the Dominions demands that anachronisms of administration shall be swept away, and our own self-interest demands that even in peacetime we shall have the help of those who wisely lead Colonial opinion. Colonial development is necessary for a world that is well-nigh bankrupt; and Lord Milner's happy phrase "the triangle of trade," points the way to economic salvation. There is a wise reticence in his discussion of preferential trading, and we carefully emulate his reticence. The greatest good of the greatest number must be for our Empire a leading principle of procedure, and our policy must lead the way to a world policy of nations in partnership. At present we are an *imperium in imperio* of peoples; and our *imperium*, happy in its past, is the augury of a wider and happier future.

DAWN.

IN THE ARMY OF THE RHINE.

As first the shadows slowly changed to grey,
Till through my window I could see the hills
Outlined against the sky, and, cooled with chills
Of dawn, the elm trees shivered as the day
Stole in: then suddenly the air was rent
By a wild chorus of the waking birds,
Who by the growing daylight had been stirred,
Singing in joy and praise of the event.
The day had come. I rose and breathed the air,
The first deep draught the glorious dawn distilled,
And watched the crimson streak extend its sway.
Then thought I of those fields so stripped and bare
Where silent crosses point where they were killed
Who raised for us the curtain of the day.

ESQUIRE DUKES.

TRAMWAY ACCIDENT.

A very nasty accident occured on April 9th near the Agger Bridge, Siegburg, when a private of the Bedfordshires attempted to board a tram whilst in motion. The man missed his footing and fell down beside the wheels of the last carriage which passed over him, completely severing the left leg just above the knee, and taking a large piece of bone out of the left hip. He was at once removed to hospital. It is understood his condition is very serious. The German tram is a much more difficult vehicle to board with safety than its English counterpart, and thie warning of this incident should be taken to heart, as it is not the first time that mishaps of this sort have occurred.

MARCH OF THE DEAD.

With reference to the letter which appeared in yesterday's issue we can now say that the poem will be recited at the Apollo Theatre, Schildergasse by Desmond Kelly of the "Clinics Costume Comedy Company," during the coming week.

QUESTION TIME.

OR UNCLE ARTHUR'S LETTER BOX.

PART II.

All questions by correspondents answered with promptitude, special attention being paid to those concerning demobilisation.

WORRIED — Q. I am a demobilization officer and find it very hard in demobilizing people to satisfy everybody's claims. What ought I to do?
A. Charity begins at home. Need I say more?

SUSSEX — Q. Which is the right way to eat beans? With a knife and fork, or with a knife alone?
A. The best people inhale them through a straw.

WAR BABY — Q. Since writing to you last week. I think I have found out what demobilization really is. Is it a flower?
A. Yes. Demobilization is a very rare growth indeed. Sown late in November, it is reputed to attain terrific results by the following summer, though it does not flower for two or three years. Some say that it is not a flower at all, merely a "plant," but this is not true. If a large number of "slips" are taken early in December, with luck a good result may be obtained from one of them.

UBIQUE — Q. Can one earn money without working for it?
A. The answer to this question is unavoidably held over pending earnest enquiries.

LOONY — Q. Are dachshunds supposed to be brave? fired a revolver at one the other day, and it never turned a hair.
A. Perhaps you missed it. Anyhow, it's nothing to write home about; I fired a revolver behind an orange this morning and it only looked round. (Ed. Help! Vater!)

BEDFORD — Q. What is the best way to open a ferret's cage without getting bitten?
A. Take an oyster knife and lever up the top; cover the occupant with pepper and vinegar, taking care to hold it by the beard in the left hand; then proceed in the ordinary way.

WAHN — Q. What is the best way to open an oyster?
A. Insert the hand very carefully and grasp it by the loose fur at the back of the neck; then withdraw the hand, taking care to keep out of reach of its sharp teeth.

ED. COL. POST — Q. Will the contributor of this article please send his name in to the News Editor?
A. It's no good. I've just been trying to borrow some myself.

"UBIQUE"

THE ELEVENTH COMMANDMENT.

THOU SHALT NOT FRATERNISE.

BY W. BARTHOLOMEW.

We were seated around the table in our billet at the corner of .... Strasse drinking in the words of wisdom uttered by Shorty.

Shorty had a grievance, and was taking no pains to conceal it. He nearly always had a grievance and he nearly always let everyone else know it; but in this case we felt that his grievance was ours and consequently we were more sympathetic than usual.

He said it was perfectly beastly and idiotic and unreasonable (translated to nearest equivalent in milder English). It reminded him of a celebrated advertisment for a certain brand of tinned tiddlers, "So near and yet so far."

To have a pretty girl give you the "glad" and not be able to retaliate was downright rudeness, he said. We agreed.

At this juncture "Waxey" showed symptoms of a desire for speech. He tilted back his chair, expanded his chest, took his cigarette out of his mouth and smiled broadly upon us in a benevolent "i-see-you-don't-know-how-to-go-about-it" sort of way.

It appeared he had fallen a victim to the charms of a damsel he had met in the Park. He had followed her home and discovered that her parents kept a small tobacco shop at the corner of ..... Strasse, and that his divinity sometimes assisted behind the counter. The rest was plain sailing, he said airily, you just went in and-er-bought things. I sniggered! I had been with him on one occasion when he had gone in and-er-bought things, and it struck me that it was anything but "plain sailing."

In defence of my broad smile I had to explain to the assembly that on a certain memorable occasion Waxey had taken me to see "his girl."

We had first ascertained by a prolonged stare into the window that she was behind the counter, and had then strolled carelessly into the shop. I had waited for Waxey to open a conversation.

After a lingering smile (calculated to inspire the damsel with a fervid admiration for his charms) he had enquired the price of a pipe that was lying in a glass-fronted cupboard behind the counter. She smiled at him for a moment and then softly murmured "Nicht verstehen."

It had ended by Waxey jabbing in the direction of the cupboard and saying "Pipe — pipe, how much?" Oh it was quite plain sailing.

Still, that was not the point I was reminded. The point was that if we *could* speak to them in any old language we were not allowed to, which (said General Opinion) was very unfair and decidedly galling.

There were countless pretty girls on hand to flirt with and we were metaphorically tied hand and foot.

At this point in the discussion the Orderly Corporal entered with the mail bag and the cheering news "there is nothing for you."

We looked at each other gloomily for a few minutes.

What were our best girls in England doing? Were they "fraternizing?"

TO ALL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Editor wishes to emphasise the fact that any correspondence sent to him should bear name, rank, and unit of the sender. Also many sports and amusements contributions are being received which do not give any dates whatever. These are, naturally, useless, as all readers first of all wish to know when the occurrence, whatever it may be, happened.

Will contributors please bear this in mind.

EXTRACTS FROM THE LETTERS OF A PRODIGAL SON.

"BY HUSKY."

ON LOVE AND SPRING.

Life, if lived uneventfully, is a monotonous existence from the cradle to the grave. A merciful Providence, however, has invented various happenings in our life-times in order to break the monotony of it all. Such things as love, bankruptcy, battle, murder, and sudden death come into our lives occasionally and tend to buck our ideas up considerably though the two last can only happen tous once.

Spring has come, and the announcement often meets the eye to the effect that "In the Spring the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of Love!" That is a quotation which is brought to my notice in well nigh every paper I've seen during the last month or so. I have no reason to doubt the oft repeated statement, as I know perfectly well that the "loony" effects of Springtime have dragged many a good man to the altar by the scruff of his neck, so to speak, before he has been able to realise what really hit him. Love hits you unawares, and once it has put the strangle-hold on you it is a tin of pork and beans to a mishandled battery rissole that you've got to give in.

"In the Spring the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of Love!" I aw am sure of it! I am no longer young. I've been young long enough, — but my memory carries me back to the days when Spring was the same to me as it is now to those whose hearts are young and pulsing "full pelt" with the vein of youth.

In my days of long ago I have felt that skittish feeling of Spring, the feeling that compels little lambkins to gambol gymnastically and the giddy goats to perform evolution's like traditional cats on realistically-heated bricks.

Yea! I remember how, with great tenderness of heart, I used to look (in vain) for the first violet among the fag-ends, match-sticks and grey grass of Camberwell Green of memory sweet. It was there, 'neath a sickly sycamore tree, that I was first bewildered and beguiled by a maiden's charms. Her name was Polly Aliflopp, and the golden hair was hanging down her back. She was twelve, I was thirteen, and we both attended the same old school by the Green. She was fair to look upon, but, alas, her heart was fickle for, after I had spent my weekly school-money on toffee-apples for her dear sweet sake, she gave me the elbow, and cut me dead. But, bless you, she ate the apples first.

To resume. The Spring has come and the young green things are sprouting in the soft warm rays of the April sun. There are other young things, not necessarily "green," who are also in the Springtime of their lives.

As I sit here ruminating over the vagaries of Spring-time I can see the birds playing "Catch me, kiss me," in the little village churchyard across the road, and the constant chirping and twittering is a pleasant accompaniment to my random thoughts. Even the lowing of the calm-eyed oxen as they wearily wend their way homeward from freshly ploughed fields seems to me like the sound of great amens at the close of a perfect day.

Yes, the day is closing, the shadows are lengthening at the sun departs westward — to give light unto those who are in darkness over in the United States. From the small church comes the sweet singing of little German children and, as I live! — over there, in the shadow of the old church porch, a pair of lovers are sharing a last year's apple and, incidentally, giving me the pip.

O, Spring, *here* is thy sting! The season, the hour, the lovers, all remind me that I am far from home and am abiding in a land of strangers. In this season the lilac and hawthorne are all in bloom by Dulwich Lanes, and the flower-girls are selling fragant violets at the pavement by Sam Isaac's Fried Fish Emporium in the Old Kent Road. At this hour, in the same classic cause-way are all the pub-doors widely open; and the celebrated Rye at Peckham is the trysting place of hundreds, nightly, in the sweet Spring-time.

And the thought comes to my mind as I close my window against the chilly evening air that, after all, there is nothing half so sweet in life as Love's young dream.

PHILATELIC NOTES.

A quantity of unused Belgian stamps, particularly the large parcels-post issue, are on sale in Cologne at a considerably below-face value. These are part of the Hun booty from Belgium.

A few varieties of the War Stamps of the Allies have reached the Cologne dealers. They are chiefly the French issues for Dahomey and Congo, overprinted Togo, but a few British West-Indian are also on sale. The prices are higher than in England.

£3,500 was realised for a single stamp; the only copy kown to exist of the 5 cents, black on bluish-grey issued at the Post-Office, Alexandria, Virginia U.S.A. in 1846. This specimen was discovered in 1907, and of the same print on buff or brownish paper four examples are known.

The rarest stamp does not always realise the highest price. Of many stamps only one copy is kown, and prices range from £25 to £1250 according to dealers' catalogues, which do not quote prices for many rare stamps, that do not come into the market.

Low prices only should be paid for stamps bearing a "Gefälligkeitsstempel" or accommodation post-mark.

These are either remainders cancelled by the authorities of petty states and sold to dealers, or are privately cancelled with a stolen or faked office-stamp.

One set of Hungarian stamps is cancelled with a date 919 Jan. 31, the first figure of the year missing.

The following brief glossary of philatelic terms in German may be useful to philatelic students

Abart	variety
Aufdruck	overprint or surcharge
Ausgabe	issue
Bogen	sheet
Buchdruck	typographed
Dienst	official or service
durchstochen	rouletted
echt	genuine
entwertet	cancelled
Fälschung	forgery
Farbe	colour
Fehldruck	error
gebraucht	used
gezähnt	perforated
kopfstehend	inverted
Neudruck	reprint
Prägedruck	embossed
Steindruck	lithographed
Stempel	post-mark
Stempelmarken	fiscal or revenue stamps
Wasserzeichen	watermark
Wohltätigkeitsmarken	charity stamps
Zähnung	perforation
Zeitungsmarken	newspaper-stamps.

C.S.

OPERA HOUSE AND THEATRE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	OPERA	DRAMA
Sunday	Der fliegende Holländer	Fiesco
Monday	Mignon	Gespenster
Tuesday	Madame Butterfly	Seeschlacht

The hours at which the opera commences are: Sunday 5.0 p.m.; Monday 4.30 p.m.; Tuesday 5.0 p.m.

LIMPERICH PRESENTATION.

ARTILLERY MAJOR MADE RECIPIENT OF GOLD WATCH.

A happy gathering of the D 168 Battery took place in the Gymnasium Hall on Wednesday when the whole of the N.C.O.'s and men under B.S.M. Green including the reinforcements who have lately joined the unit, turned up smiling and with lungs well aired to give a fitting send off the their Major, who is shortly to be demobilized. Major Poole, who succeeded Major Tweedie as far back as June 1917, has had a brilliant and successful career throughout the compaign. When in action he was fearless and ever ready to surpress the onslaughts which have been directed against the "Don's" at various times. In the great advance made by the fourth Army, when the Canal Bank a Belle Eglise had been taken, the Major had a narrow escape being burnied in a dag-out for some hours with many of the Battery snaring the same fate.

In the field of sport he is ever ready to assist in the welfare and merriment of his men. The presentation was accompanied by happy little speeches. B.S.M. Green said:

"Sir, the Baitery have assembled for no other purpose this afternoon than to show the high esteem in which they hold you, and to show their appreciation for all you have done for them as their Commanding Officer. I have been asked by the N.C.O.'s and men to present you with this gold watch and Silver Cigarette case as a gift of remembrance which with all good wishes, we hope you will accept" (loud cheers).

Major Poole, who was somewhat moved, thanked them all, saying it had always been a great pleasure to be a B.C. with such men as he had had. He would always look upon the Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men of "B" Battery as old "pals". He hoped to meet them in England in connection with the activities of "Old Pal" associations which would probably be formed in due course. The Major was accorded three hearty cheers.

Immediately afterwards "A" and "B" Companies played the "Dons" at Football, a pleasant game, in ideal weather resulting in the "Dons" favour by 2—1.

"MATTHEW'S PASSION" AT GÜRZENICH HALL.

On Thursday and Friday next one of the best concerts which can be heard will be held at the Gürzenich Hall, Cologne. "Matthew's Passion" by Bach will be performed by the Town Orchestra with Mr. Abendroth, director of the Conservatorium as conductor. There will be a great demand for tickets, which are sold at Neubner's Library in the Hohe Strasse.

Notable Football Record.

185 SIEGE BATTERY PLAY 41 GAMES AND WIN 38.

The following record for Association Football should be of interest to our readers: —

185 Siege Battery R.G.A.

Plyd.	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals for	Goals agst.
41	38	1	2	170	15

In view of this record, the above mentioned Battery would be glad of a challenge for a game with any unit in the Army of the Rhine which is not in too great excess of a battery strength (220).

93rd BRIGADE R.G.A. v. 6th BRIGADE R.G.A.

On Thursday afternoon at Mühlheim the above teams played a football match. The opening exchanges were largely in favour of the 93rd, and it looked as though it was to be a fight of their attack against the 6th defence. Goss scored a tame goal from a pass by Green and the 93rd led by this goal at half-time.

Early in the second half Green went through the home defence to add another goal for the 93rd. The game seemed safe for them when in a break-away the 6th's centre scored a fine goal from long range. This, however, only proved to show how good the 93rd forwards could be, Tully added a third goal on time: —

Final: — 93rd Brigade R.G.A. 3, 6th Brigade R.G.A. 1.

For the 93rd Mead had a day off, only handling on about three occasions. Yule and James were sturdy backs, while Kenyon was far and away the best half. The forwards were all good, with Staker the proved opportunist.

BONN ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

The semi-finals in this competition were played off on Wednesday and resulted in a win for the 121st Heavy Battery and 195th Siege Battery, respectively.

These two Batteries met for the final yesterday in the Hofgarten, Bonn, but the result had not come to hand when we went to press.

RAILWAY SETTLEMENT.

There was a further conference at the Board of Trade recently between the negotiating Committee of the National Union of Railwaymen and the Locomotive Engineers and the Railway Executive to clear up the outstanding points in the recent agreement. Sir Auckland Geddes presided in the absence, through illnes of Sir A. Stanley. One of the most important questions discussed was the standardisation of wages and conditions of service, which involves the position of the shopmen, of whom there are 100,000 not affected by the agreement. Other matters dealt with, it is reported, were those of payment for night work and overtime. Mr. J. H. Thomas stated later that the negotiations will be resumed to-day and probably to-morrow.

TO FOOTBALL MATCH BY 'PLANE.

STARS AND STRIPES.

1/4th CHESHIRES. OFFICERS v. SERGEANTS.

The renown of the 1/4th Bn. Cheshire as a sporting battalion is evidently spreading far and wide, for among the spectators at the football match at Heisel between the officers and sergeants of the Battery, was a visitor from the clouds. It is not every Battalion whose spectators 'plane over to watch the match, but then, it is not every Battalion who can provide such interest for their spectators, and Friday's match was no exception to the general rule. Though by far the inferior team the officers won by 4 goals to 3. but the game was by no means as uninteresting as the score suggests.

Immediately after the kick off there was a fine exhibition of passing between the officers' forwards, who pressed towards the sergeants' goal, and were repelled with equal vigour.

Then some very clever and tricky work was done by the half-backs and forwards of the sergeants' team, but all their clever foot and head work was marred by their wretched shooting, which without any doubt, lost them the game. At this period our aerial visitors were observed descending towards the field, and all interest was taken off the game for a few minutes while the airmen skimmed over the goal-post and landed gracefully behind the line.

Fast and Furious.

The game at this period was too fast and furious to lack interest, and the spectators were soon taking a keen interest in the game, and especially in the splendid combination work exhibited by Lt. Lloyd and 2nd Lt. Bottam. The sergeants' backs, however, saw that these two enterprising officers did not go too far and the ball was soon sent up field, to be pounced upon by the sergeants' forwards, who whisked it into the goal-mouth, but were thwarted in their efforts to put it through by the clever work of 2nd Lt. Agerty in goal. The ball was not absolutely cleared, and shortly afterwards Sgt. Wakefield sent in a beautiful shot, which the "goalie" punched out. The ball however was immediately pounced upon by Sgt. Brookes, who with lightning speed, put it between the sticks.

But the Sergeants' goal=keeper was allowed no rest and some beautiful shots were sent in, one particularly by 2 Lt. Shaw, of which Lieut. Mayall took advantage and scored, though he almost walked into the goal to do so.

The play then became fast and furious, and eventually Mr. Mayall scored his third goal making the final score: —

Officers . . . 4; Sergeants . . . 3.

WELSH RUGGERITES.

OFFICERS v. THE "REST" OF BATTALION.

A much debated argument as to whether the officers or the "Rest" of the Welsh were the better Ruggerites was finally settled on Thursday evening at Sechten, when a splendidly contested game ended in a narrow win for the officers by two tries to one.

The officers were the first to draw blood, and a brilliant handling movement saw Lt. Buckland cross wide out. This properly woke the "Rest" up, and their forwards overwhelmed their lighter opponents. From a fierce rush in the Officers 25 Cpl. J.M. Reese qualised.

The next score came from a piece of opportunism on the part of Lt. Hammond, who intercepted a pass and put Lt. Buckland over with the winning try. The officers proved too fleet and clever behind the scrum but this was counterbalanced in the pack where the "Rest" scrummaged far more soundly and always controlled the ball.

Final score:— Officers 2 Tries (6 points); "Rest" One Try (3 points).

BRILLIANT GOAL KEEPING.

The 2/4th Duke of Wellington Regt. and "Q" Battery R.H.A. played a football match at Erp on Tuesday, when a keenly contested game resulted in a draw, each side scoring one goal.

The game disclosed a brilliant exhibition of goal-keeping by the Battery's goal-keeper.

92ND FIELD AMBULANCE WHIST DRIVE.

The 92nd Field Ambulance held their usual weekly whist Drive on Friday night in the recreation room at Friedrich Wilhelmhütte, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The following were the successful players: — 1st prize, Pte.R.Smith, R.A.S.(MT); 2nd prize, Pte.E.C.Weller, R.A.M.C.; 3rd prize, Pte.W.Hinchy, R.A.M.C.; Hidden No. (119), Pte.R.Flynn, R.A.M.C.; Booby prize, Pte. G.S.Abbs, R.A.M.C.

The prizes were presented to the winners by the Commanding Officer, Major R.W.P.Jackson, M.C., R.A.M.C.

5th M.G. v. 25th M.G. BATTALION.

A very interesting and keenly contested match was witnessed by a good crowd on Tuesday, between the above teams at SIEGLAR. The ground was very fast, which, with a very strong wind, made the ball very lively. The 5th M.G. Battn won the toss and playing with the wind soon began to press. The 25th Bn. were forced to concede a corner from which McKenna just failed to score, hitting the cross bar with a hard drive. The 25th Bn. were penned in their own half, but their goalkeeper played a great game repeatedly saving shots from all angles, the 5th doing everything but score.

Early in the second half the 25th broke away and the right back miskicking, the centre forward ran through and netted the only goal of the match.

The 5th continued to press until the last but failed to score. Play was fast throughout and some fine headwork was displayed by both teams.

LUCKY ENGINEERS.

The 92nd Field Ambulance and the 565 A.T. Coy., R.E. played a football match at Friedrich Wilhelmshütte on Thursday. A good crowd of spectators were provided with an excellent game, and the Engineers were lucky to win the match by the odd goal in 5.

Final score:

565 A.T. Coy. 3; 92nd Fld. Amb. 2.

LORD HOPE VICTORIOUS.

CAPTAIN KAYE DEFEATED AT 37th GREEN.

The active Service Golf Tournament was concluded at Sandy Lodge on Friday, when Lord Hope beat Captain Kaye at the 37th green. The morning was overcast but fine. The following are details of the match: —

Hope won the first hole (5/6) but lost the second (5/4) by putting badly. The third was halved in a good four. Kaye took the next two holes. The tenth was holed with a four yards, putt, the players then being square.

The eleventh was halved in 5. Kaye again led the thirteenth, where his opponent's approach was weak. Hope found the ditch at the fifteenth, and became two down. Kaye missed a foot put for a half at the sixteenth. Taking three putts at the seventeenth green, Hope lost the hole. At the home hole, with a half in four, the first round resulted: — Kaye two holes up.

Kaye went round in 81, Hope in 84.

Beautiful Mashie Shot.

At the 19th, Hope reached the green in three with a beautiful mashie shot. Kaye replied with a grand approach and halved in 5. At the 20th Kaye bunkered and took 2 to recover, Hope winning in 4 to 6. Kaye at the turn (27th hole) won 4 to 5, then being 4 up. Scores: Kaye 38; Hope 40;

On the homeward journey the first three holes were halved. At the 33th Hope won by 4 to 3, the scores then being Kaye 43; Hope 38; At the 37th, Hope reached the green with a long cleek and perfect pitch. Kaye took his brassey for the second drive, and had an easy loft for the green, but an unfortunate socket into a bunker left Hope the winner of one of the most exciting finishes on record.

ROYAL WIMBLEDON CLUB'S SPRING MEETING PROGRAMME.

The spring meeting of the Royal Wimbledon Club will be held on May 1, 2, and 3, and the autumn meeting on October 9, 10, and 11. The programme for the spring meeting is as follows: —May 1.—Bombay Challenge Cup (handicap). May 2.—Silver Challenge Salver (bogey competition). May 3.—Kennard Gold Challenge Medal (scratch); Ridpath Challenge Punch Bowl (handicap); the Charrington Prize (handicap).

The programme for the autumn meeting is as follows:—October 9.—Steven Challenge Cup (handicap). October 10.—Williamson Challenge Bowl (Bogey competition). October 11.—Bennet Gold Challenge Medal (scratch) and the Charrington Prize (handicap).

ENGLISH RACING NEWS.

PROBABLE STARTERS FOR NEWBURY CUP.

The following are probable starters for the Newbury Cup.—

Rivershore (J.Childs); Vizier (Hulme); Callander (Carlslake); Violinist (Smyth); Sir Birkeley (W. Balding); Roideur (Painter); Verdun (K. Piggott); Athdara (Robbins).

NEWBURY MEETING.

The meeting at Newbury on Friday was held in showery weather. The going was good and the attendance large. The race for the Grenham Stakes resulted:—

Polygnatus (7/1); Rapidan (20/1); Rizzio (4/7); Thirteen ran.

Polygnatus passed the post three-quarters of a length ahead of Rapidan, the same distance separating the second and third.

Other winners at Newbury were:—

Bell Vale. F. (100.8); Chuckberry (7.4); Burberry (20.1); The Speaker (100.8); Bedfordshire (10/1); Playing Field (6.4); George B. (2.5); Off the White (7/4); Ben Beoch (8/11); Nant Coch (10/1).

ENGLISH COUNTY CRICKET.

PROSPECTS FOR COMING SEASON.

It has been decided definitely to revive the Clifton Cricket Festival this year in the last week of August, the matches being with the Australians, Old Cliftonians, and Somerset. The match with Somerset will be in addition to the County Championship matches. Bristol's financial effort for the county club is now very little short of £3,000.

The county professionals have been posted as follows: — Ellis and Parker to Clifton College, Mills and Huggins to Cheltenham College, Dipper to Gloucester, and Smith to Bristol.

SOMERSETSHIRE COUNTY CLUB.

The Somerset County Club will have a available this season most of their 1914 players. Chidgey will keep wicket, and it is hoped that Bridges will be able to play. Captain E. S. M. Poyntz, although unable to captain the team owing to military duties, will play, and other amateurs available will be Mr. A. D. Rippon, Mr. A. E. Rippon, Mr. J. C. White, Captain J. C. W. McBryan, Mr. B. D. Hylton-Stewart, Mr. F. C. Marshall, Mr. B. L. Bisgood, and Mr. J. D. Harcombe. A number of promising colts will play in the trial games.

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET.

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY CLUB.

At the annual meeting of the Leicestershire County Club, held at Leicester, Admiral Beatty was unanimously elected president. Matches have been arranged out and home with Derbyshire, Gloucestershire, Lancashire, Northamptonshire, Notts, Warwickshire, and Yorkshire, and also a match with the Australian Imperial Forces team. The prospects for the coming season are considered very bright.

1/4th ROYAL SCOTTISH FUSILIERS V. 11th ROYAL SCOTS.

The above-mentioned teams played a football match at Hilden on Thursday before a good attendance. The first half was very evenly contested and resulted in no scoring.

At the restart the 11th R.S. pressed persistently and their efforts were rewarded with a goal, Mackie heading the ball into the net. Good work by the Fusiliers' backs kept the ball well forward giving the forwards plenty of scope. Ultimately a cross by Harris was turned to excellent advantage by Goldie whe scored with a beautiful shot. Later Smith tested the R.S. Custodian who could only partly clear the shot, Capt. Corrigan rushing it through. The Fusiliers pressed hard up to the finish.

Result: — R.Sc. Fus, ... 2
11th Royal Scots . 1.

The first trials for pointers and setters will be resumed this Spring over the Hon.E.G. Pretyman's Estate, Orwell Park, Ipswich, for the first meeting of the Kennel Club and International Gun Dog League which have joined hands.

"MOKES" AT A MEET.

TRAILS LOST AND FOUND AT 36th BRIGADE PAPER-CHASE.

A CONAN DOYLE TOUCH.

There was a field of 100 on Wednesday when the 36th Brigade R.F.A., Light Division, held a very successful paper-chase. The meet was at Mariaweiler and the weather most favourable for the game — sunny, with a cool breeze.

The hares had 15 minutes' start and then the trail was picked up outside the village. From the village we had a short gallop to the edge of a wood after which the trail was lost.

There was a two minutes' hurried search of the locality, and then two farm-labourers, working in the field, were bombarded with every language in the world but German. However we managed to grasp the fact that 150 metres through the wood there was a cart track, and sure enough when we reached the said track there was the elusive paper.

Four Cross Tracks.

The track led up hill and the paper was easy to follow until we came to four cross tracks with a trail leading up each one. On one track the paper was obviously old stuff from a former chase. Then one of the hounds dismounted and with a Conan Doyle touch examined the date portion of the torn newspapers (No! not copies of "*The Cologne Post*", which all got "demobbed", to England after a day's active service), and reported the two other trails new.

As the majority of hounds had taken the track to the left we determind to follow suit and after a 15 minutes' gallop down hill through the firs the paper again came to a stop. Here we all separated and a 20 minutes' search was made in all directions.

No one for a minute thought the hares had doubled back on their own tracks. Eventually some one struck the idea and off we went again. The delay had given the animals a good rest and we reached the top of the hill again in good style.

Hares Spotted.

One great feature of the afternoon was the splendid running of some mules. There was a laugh when "mokes" turned up at the meet, but the long-eared chums so much abused in "*The Cologne Post*" took their revenge for the insult by flying past their scoffers at every gallop.

On behalf of the 71st Bty., I would like to thank the organiser for a glorious afternoon's sport, but may I suggest that at future chases tracks with old trails should be studiously avoided by the hares because too many false trails are very tiring for the animals.

CHASER.

FEARSOME TENNIS AT QUEEN'S CLUB.

COVERED COURT SEMI-FINALS.

Some interesting tennis was provided on Friday, when competitions in the Queen's Covered Court Championship were continued.

In the Gentlemen's Singles (third round) Capt. W. Washburn, America, beat Mr. S. N. Doust, Australian, 2/6, 7/5, 1/6, 6 0. According to a Reuter telegram, the encounter was a fearsome one, wherein Doust led throughout until the American got the first game in the 5th set, after which he kept his opponent at the back of the court, his powerful serving and diagonal vollying being features of the game.

Mr. Gerald Patterson, Australia, beat the Hon. F.M.B. Fisher, New Zeeland, 7/5, 6/2, 6/3. Mr. Fisher led 5/4 — 40/30 in the first set, but afterwards, the winner gave a brilliant exhibition of hard hitting.

Mr. Patterson thus becomes a semi-finalist, and will meet Mr. R.E. Beamish, who qualified by beating Mr. G.H. Todd, ex-South African Champion. 4/6, 7/5, 6/3, 6/3.

The other semi-finalists are: Washburn v P.M. Davson. Patterson is generally expected to meet the holder, M.J.G. Ritchie.

The finalists in the Ladies singles are: Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Chambers, Miss Ryan and Miss Holman.

In the Men's double, Capt. Gharawood, Australia, and Mr. J.T.C. Watt beat the brothers Yencken, Cambridge. 6/3, 6/4, 6/1.

Mr. A.B. Jones, Australia, is at present unable to take part in the Championship, owing to indisposition.

M. G.'S AT SPORT.

3rd. BATTALION'S VERSATILITY.

Following the move to Riehl Barracks sport seems to have claimed considerable attention from the Gunners. Six friendly football matches in three days have provided a hundred odd men with aching limbs and a desire for more. A Company Competition commenced yesterday and proceeds daily whilst other interesting matches are provided when Officers meet Sergeants; Corporals attack privates; Officers and sergeants meet the Battalion team and last but not least, the 4th Division Draft met the remainder of the 3rd Battalion. The decision of this latter match is quite open.

On Wednesday next a Novices' Boxing Tournament will be held in the Dining Hall. Teams of six will be matched. Each man entering the ring obtains 1 point and the winner takes 2 points Fights are one round only. The "Apostle of Physical Jerks" is reputed to completely understand the noble art, and there is plenty of material to work upon in the Battalion.

An Officer with an arithmetical tendency has demonstrated the possibility of creating three tennis-courts on a portion of the Battalion "square" which will in no way interfere with football matches or the smart Army Corps guard which is being furnished.

Cricket, Swimming gala, athletic meeting and cross-country running are subjects chalked up for early consideration.

BARE-BACK MULE RACING.

A/152 BRIGADE SPORTS MEETING AT HANGELIN.

The A/152 Bde, R.F.A., stationed at Siegburg, held an interesting race-meeting at Hangelin on Thursday afternoon. The results of the races, which were keenly contested, were as follows:—

1.—Mule Race (Gunners & Drivers) 1. Dr. Duncan; 2. Dr. Vail.
2.—Pony Race (open) 1. B.S.M. Gibson; 2. Sgt. Dexter.
3.—Team Horse Race (1st half) 1. Dr. Jessop; 2. Dr. Autcliffe.
4.—Team Horse Race (2nd half) 1. Dr. Willis; 2. Dr. Fisher.
5.—Officers' and Sgt.s' Mule Race (Bare Back) 1. Sgt. Moreton; 2. Sgt. Dyson.
6.—Ride and Lead Mule Race 1. Dr. Hunter.
7.—Outriders Race 1. Dr. Jennings; 2. Dr. Willis.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

BY "METEOR".

Sunday, April 13th., 1919.

Surface Wind Westerly 15 to 20 m.p.h. Cloudy with occasional slight showers and brighter intervals. Visibility good. Mild.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOXING.

PRIZES PRESENTED BY THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The Prince of Wales visited the Regent Street Polytechnic on Friday, and witnessed the finals of the Public Schools Boxing Championship, after which the Prince presented the prizes. The follow werethe results:—

Bantams—Clark. (St. Pauls) beat Hennessy (Felsted) on points; Feathers—Tagg (Felsted) beat Rawlings (City of London); One round, Lights—Bishop (Plymouth) beat Phillips (Cranbrook) on points; Welters—Foat (City of London) beat Edwards (Oundle) on points. Middles—J.G.Pitman (Eton) beat Atherton (Sherbourne) in the third round. Heavies—Boston (Leys) beat Bremner (Haileybury) on points; Fencing-Foils—Quilter, (Eton) 1st; Shenton (Merchant Taylor's) 2nd; Sabres—Quilter (Eton) Gymnastics—Rossall (401 points) Deanclose (393½ points;) Merchant Taylors (397½ point).

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

(With an Occasional Entertainments Note.)

Carnival at Coblenz.

Everyone is hugely tickled by the poster that now decorates the hoardings in all occupied Germany, announcing the bumper three-days carnival to be held at Coblenz shortly, by our American cousins. As a comprehensive portrayal of the many bright attractions that go to make up the show, the poster is a masterpiece of genuine humour, eleverly drawn. The printers, too, have achieved wonders in their admirable reproduction, in three colours. If the function itself is half as creditable as is the agency adopted for its announcement, it is bound to meet with generous support and complete approbation.

Summer Sports.

The Army Headquarters and Troops Sports Committee is still very busy arranging a programme of warm weather sports. Its members foregathered in solemn conclave once again yesterday evening and discussed (among other subjects!) cricket, boxing, tennis, boating, athletics and cross-country running. Suggestions (useful and otherwise) were forthcoming in large numbers, but the only definite decision arrived at was an agreement as to the composition of the sub-committees to represent each arm of the Service. It was agreed that names of suitable candidates for seats on the sub-committees should be invited from units.

A Rhine Rowing Restriction.

Unless you have the swimming abilities of a Captain Webb or a Miss Finney, your prospects of skimming over the sparkling wavelets of the Rhine are mighty remote. Somebody has ruled that before you may hire a rowing boat, you must first go through the trivial formality of swimming 200 yards against the current. Two hundred yards, mark you! Years and years ago — before the war, in fact — I was in the happy position of being able to have many an early morning dip in the Thames. That experience taught me that it would require the efforts of a very strong swimmer indeed to negotiate two hundred yards even of *that* river, the current of which is considerably slower than that of the Rhine. Surely the test is too severe. I submit that a man who could propel himself *one* hundred yards up-stream in the Rhine would be sufficiently capable of looking after himself if, by some unhappy chance, he became immersed.

Somnolent Siegburg.

Practically everyone I have met who hails from Siegburg, remarks upon the bracing atmosphere of Cologne. It seems extraordinary that there should be such a marked difference in the climatic conditions of two towns situated at no great distance from each other and yet, only last evening further evidence was forthcoming that such is the case. I was discussing the inevitable subject of sports with a friend of mine whose station is at Siegburg, and he bore out previous reports of the drowsiness that seems to overcome everyone whose duty necessitated a more or less permanent abode in the neighbourhood of that busy little town. A football match, played at Siegburg, he said, was one of the most severe tests of endurance he could recommend.

Whether the circulation of these reports is part of a carefully designed conspiracy to influence an early move from this none too attractive station, on the part of certain of our Rhine watchers, I cannot, of course, say, but it is a fact that the mere writing of this paragraph is rendering the stifling of persistent yawns a most difficult proceeding.

Recreation Room Requirements.

Here is a bit of good news for those harassed people who are in charge of recreation rooms. There is a bunch of stuff, in the way of indoor games (chess, house, ludo, snakes and ladders and dominoes among them), that is waiting for somebody to ask for it. The number of these are limited so that it must be a case of "first come, first served." If any institution is badly off for games of the kind mentioned, the individual in charge should make aplication for the remedy to the superintendent P. and R.T. Cologne.

"Housey — 'ousey."

The mention of the game of house prompts me to point out that this popular pastime is not a new game, especially invented for the Army since the war, as a number of people might suppose. The game itself is as old as the hills, but a new title has recently given it a new lease of popularity. The crews of old sailing ships that sailed the deep blue sea many years ago played a game, the rules of which were identical. But in those days it was known as "Lotto" and maintained that name until, I believe, 1914.

THE RAMBLER.

DESCENDANT OF KINGS.

The romance of a throne is recalled by the death of Rugby's oldest solicitor. Theodore Marc Wratislaw, aged 88. He was for 46 years clerk for the Rugby Council.

The family are descended from the Kings of Bohemia and Hungary, the founders of Prague, Breslau, and Cracow. Deceased's father, the late William Ferdinand, Count Wratislaw, fled to England in 1770, having participated in the Czech rising, and became French master at Rugby School.

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SPORT.

The 52nd Sherwood Foresters would be grateful for fixtures with units in any sports or games. Please communicate with Sports Secretary.

"THE CRUMPS"

ONDON DIVISION CONCERT PARTY).

This Concert Party which has been broken up owing to demobilization is about to be re-formed, and there are several vacancies for Artistes in all lines.

Any member of the London Division who can sing, act, or play any instrument is invited to send in his name, rank, and regiment to Lieut. J. W. KNIGHT, C/o London Divisional Canteen, 26 Mainzer Strasse, Cologne, without delay.

"ROYAL IRISH KARELIANS."

RUSSIAN WAACS.

The "Red Finn Legion," about 1,500 strong, whose recent tendency to insubordination has been checked, is stationed round Kandalashka, the port of the White Sea, on the Murman railway. It is commanded, says *Reuter*, by a Canadian colonel, whose powerful personality and strong will have built them up into a valuable body of troops. They have their own native officers, who are in turn controlled by British officers on the colonel's staff. For the last year they have been patrolling the Finnish frontier, along which we have a succession of outposts.

The Karelians, always known as the "Royal Irish Karelians" from the fact that their commanding officer is a colonel in the Royal Irish, are quartered around Kem, far south of Kandalaksha, and muster about 4,000. At the end of last year recruiting in Karelia was so keen that it was actually found necessary to refuse volunteers.

Karelian "W.A.A.C.s" are engaged in transport and fatigue duties. Two of these women were poling a boat up a river with supplies for a distant outpost when another canoe with three men aboard dashed out from an inlet with the intention of seizing the rations.

The two women stood up in their boat and laid about with their poles until all three of their aggressors were either killed or drowned. This deed was officially recognised by General Maynard, who awarded each of the girls the Military Medal.

Dressed in regulation khaki, with an Irish shamrock (cut out from Maconochie tins) as their badge, the regiment presents a fine appearance on parade.

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IMPRESIONS FROM GERMANY.

CONSEQUENCES OF MUNICH UPHEAVAL.

The following is an extract from a recent issue of the *Kölner Tageblatt*.

"The Bavarian Revolution has given birth to great anxiety in all the political circles of Northern Germany. The results for Bavaria, for the late German empire, and for our already desperate international position are obvious. Well-do-do families arrive in great number from Southern Germany in Berlin bringing just what they can save of their fortune. In the last few days the emigration of lower-class people from Bavaria has been indeed great.

Amongst the peasants, only the most radical elements are supporting the new revolution, the others will keep aside resentfully and starve the new eccentric Munich. Their intention to become separated from old Bavaria, if things look too bad, has appeared so obviously in the last few weeks that the Munich dictators may not hope any more to keep together the separatist partes. The saddest consequence of the Soviet dictature is the threatening civil war. Loud and free people excite to pogroms against the Jews and the Bourgeoisie in Munich streets.

Will the new commissaries of the people find it possible to keep in hand the human beast left free? They are themselves speaking an official language, which whips up the passions and excites the parties against each other. They spoke in their proclamation of the Berlin Cabinet as of a contemptible government. They use the actual dissension to stir up the cicatrix of German internal discord with the Bavarian dislike for everything Prussian. A sad and dangerous game!

On the other hand the other German states are weakened in an irreparable manner by Bavaria's jump in the dark. If we suppose that the actual Berlin Congress of Councils would lead to a similar communist experiment and to the fall of the democratic government, the new dictators of Berlin and Munich could not reach an agreement so quickly as the apparatus which has familiarized itself with the work. They could not work together as it is so necessary to do in this most dangerous hour for Germany.

And there lies the damnation and the unexpiable fault of the Bavarian revolutionaries, who dishonour and weaken Germany, in a moment when she should summon up the rest of her confederative strength. Do the Munich Soviets believe that the Foreign Countries will accept with polite toleration which the bolshevist make up of Bavaria? The close neighbours of Bavaria, Switzerland, and Bohemia, will they not anxiously move off and take measures against contamination?

And the Entente? Will the Entente consider the Soviet Republic of Bavaria as stipulated at Spa, Treves and Rotterdam? Will they still expect Bavarian Representatives at Versailles? Is the solidary responsibility of Bavaria for all obligations with Germany takes over at the peace signature, still remaining? Do the Munich Soviet government believe that, allied with Moscow and Budapest, they will be able to tame down the Entente by bolshevist threatenings? Will it not be the contrary, and will not the Entente, according to the old principle, *divide ut imperes*, put their knife on the breasts of every single German state? The Bavarian Revolution has not only broken the interior German order, as far as there was ohne, but it has put in question all the international agreements of the time of the armistice, all the food providing contracts, and the Peace itself.

We are standing in front of an abyss; no, we are already falling, and only a gracious fate, perhaps a benevolent humour of the adversary, or the fear to be dragged along the same way, can save us.

BOLSHEVISM IN HUNGARY.

According to news received from Budapest by the *le Journal*, all the news sent to the world by the Hungarian news agencies are false.

The famous alleged wireless conversation between Bela Kun and Lenin never happened, these being invented by Bela Kun, whose real name is Moritz Kohn.

The liberty of the Press has been suppressed and revolutionary tribunals have been organised. Three Bolshevist judges are sitting who know nothing about law. Denunciation is flourishing at Budapest. The Soviets have requisitioned without indemnity all private property, including jewellery, objects of art, and precious pictures. In many cases these objects have been sold a few hours later by the agents of the Government. The bank counts have been sequestrated.

Three classes have been formed in the population.

1.—Mental workers salary yearly 36.000 crowns maximum.
2.—Industrial and merchants salary 24,000 crowns maximum.
3.—Workmen salary 16,000 crowns minimum.

And yet the Government has not the faintest idea how to raise the money.

The doctors have been nationalised and are considered as Government officials. A public office has been created where the people who have need of a doctor can apply. The persons on the list already number 37,000.

Political violence is manifest everywhere, and 160 arrests have been made. Pater Lolok, Superior of the Order of the Lazarists has been shot, because a Russian rifle was found at his house.

LUDENDORFF AND WELLINGTON.

FROM THE *DEMOKRATICHE ZEITUNG*.

The behaviour of Marshall Ludendorff in the last few years and until the last few days, reminds one of a British answer to such a behaviour.

The British general, Duke of Wellington once tried to use his military glory and services to bend the constitution of the British nation. He was then told: "Duke of Wellington, Victor in Spain, Victor at Waterloo, thou wilt never be victor of the British nation."

PALM SUNDAY TRADITION.

The British Authorities have granted permission for the Germans to hold their usual procession to day. This procession is called the "Roemer fahrt," and constitutes an old tradition with the people of Cologne.

In Rome, under Constantine the Great, the Christians who hitherto had hid themselves in the catacombs, on Palm Sunday made a procession to the seven main churches of Rome, to thank God for the peace given to them at last.

This tradition was taken up by the people of Cologne. In honour of the apostles, twelve men are elected to walk with the procession, and these men must be both poor and old. On the following Thursday they go to the Cathedral to have their feet washed, afterwards being provided with a modest lunch and three marks.

During the French Occupation this custom ceased to exist but has been since revived.

The procession will leave the Cathedral at 1.30 p.m., to which place it will return after a tour through the streets of the town.

THE GERMAN COLONIES.

At the Paris Conference the discussion as to the disposal of Germany's former Colonies did not proceed without disclosing considerable divergence of views between America and the two great colonizing nations, France and Britain.

Britain's centuries of success as a colonizing power entitled her to speak with every authority and eventually a satisfactory provisional arrangement was decided upon.

The proof of Germany's brutal illtreatment of the native races under her control, the conditions of semi-slavery to which German rule had reduced them, was sufficient to obtain a unanimous decision against their being returned to their former misrulers. Speaking at the Colonial Institute last week, Lord Leverhulme, the great British manufacturer, in referring to this decision pointed the moral of the German defeat, the overthrow of militarism as introducing the prospect of a new era in which government would control "more and more by the silken cord of ideals and justice and less and less by the heavy chain of military might."

We are all idealists at times but at the present moment the public in general in all allied countries naturally places the attainment of a sound preliminary peace before ideals regarding colonization of native countries, which seem to them to be too far away to have any bearing on the immediate or even distant future of their own lives.

It has been declared that one of the reasons why Germany may not in future govern native races, is the fear that she may train them into a huge military force for the purposes of attaining the objects which she has just failed to achieve.

We seem to remember that this theory was first advanced by General Smuts, but whatever may be its modicum of truth, it does not make a direct and immediate appeal to peoples tired of war, fretting to resume their peaceful occupations, and assured by their Governments that the League of Nations will make war impossible.

There is nevertheless, a far greater reason why the Allied peoples should, in view of the approaching economic competition, refuse under any conditions to allow Germany the control of any race outside her own.

The majority of people in the world are of the working classes, and to the working classes in the future, will belong the power of giving to the peoples of the world, the "equality of opportunity" which is the basis of all social law. On them will depend the successful upbuilding of the industries of each country in fair and honest competition with one another.

But what do we mean by fair and honest competition? There are two main factors in international trade competition; cost of raw material and cost of manufacture, the latter mainly based on the standard of wages paid. Both these points interest us in connection with the future of the German Colonies.

Black labour is employed by all countries possessing colonies, but any single country which is willing and intends to exploit the native population of its colonies as slave-labour, not only infringes the social laws demanded as the minimum human right for all civilised countries, and countries under the control of civilised nations, but offers a direct threat to the main principles of trade unionism.

To look further. A country that is willing to exploit slave labour in order to produce raw material at a less cost than its competitors, will not hesitate to carry the economic argument so far as to undermine the foundations of trade unionism by employing cheap black labour for manufacturing purposes at a scale which will close every factory employing labour at a fair minimum wage.

The importance to the working man and every trade unionist is manifest.

The retention of the late colonies by Germany would in the inevitable economic struggle for supremacy, constitute as great a menace to the ideals of trade unionism as was Prussian Militarism to the Peace of the World.

A. O.

GERMAN AND RUSSIAN SPARTACISTS.

The *Daily Chronicle* correspondent learns from an absolutely reliable source that a formal secret treaty of alliance exists between the German Spartacists and Russian Bolshevists. It was concluded on January the 5th between Liebknecht and Radek. The act of signing took place in the room occupied by Rosa Luxemburg. By it Lenin undertook to recognise Liebknecht as president of the German Soviet republic; to furnish important funds and agents for Spartacist propaganda; order the Soviet armies to take the offensive and cross the German frontier; to support simultaneous Spartacist risings in Berlin. Liebknecht pledged himself to establish a Soviet government in Germany immediately upon his advent to power; to observe faithfully and to put into practice all the teachings of Lenin's doctrines; raise a Red Army of five hundred thousand men to be placed under the supreme command of the Commissary for War at Moscow.

The Murder of Liebknehht and Rosa Luxemburg, which occurred soon after the signing of the treaty, disarranged the concerted plan.

The existence of the treaty is known to the German government.

It is assumed that Ebert's government, in order to intimidate the Entente, is even toying with the idea of ratifiying it. It is said that this strange document was produced during the recent negotiations between Count Brockdorff Rantzau, the Foreign Minister and the Independent Socialists.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompamed by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

LIVERPOOL DOCK HORSES.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir. — Could you spare me a small space in your paper to allow us if possible to have an argument settled which has been raised time after time in our mess.

We have several corporals here who come from Liverpool, and they state that on the docks there, one horse will draw seven tons ten cwt. on a trolly weighing two tons ten cwts.

Many of us who have been among some of the best horses in England don't believe it, so if any of your readers could give it the lie or otherwise we should be very grateful just to have the matter settled. They also state that one horse does one or two journeys every day.

If you will publish this in your paper we shall esteem it a favour.

— The Corporals' Mess.

"DEERHOUND, GREYHOUND, PINCHER."

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir.—Seeing your advertisement in *The Cologne Post* of 6th April for "Deerhound, Greyhound, or Pincher," I beg to state that I am in possession of one of the latter-named dogs. I could forward dozens of testimonials from soldiers whose rations from time to time have been stolen by this fine specimen of the canine tribe. Having considered the matter of value with co.-owners of this dog, I am instructed to say that we are prepared to subscribe and give a present of fifty marks with the dog. Terms non returnable.

Hoping to receive reply which will save the dog from being kicked to death. C.R.

OFFICERS' CLUB, POPERINGHE.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir.—Might I make a correction in the statement appearing in your issue of April 9th, with reference to the employment of W.A.A.C.s at the Officers' Club, Poperinghe. The girls were Belgian, mostly natives of Pop, but I quite agree as to their suberb behaviour under shell fire and particularly on one or two bad bombing nights I have in mind. Possibly the fact that they spoke English very well may have deceived the Lieutenant. J.

Answers to Correspondents.

[*The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor could like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Questions are invited and will be answered as promptly and as authentically as is possible. — Ed.*]

Toc.— Your complaint is a reasonable one, but cannot be published. This matter, so far as the letter box is concerned, is closed.
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L. W. M.— We will get it for you. There appear to be no supplies here.
G. C.— No.
S. L.— We don't think so.
A. K.— Not to our knowledge, but in any case if there is you will be informed.
S. B.— There is very little difference, both belonging to same family. The former is the larger.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We are continually receiving numerous questions which should not come to us at all because they can be dealt with far more easily and quickly with the unit. All matters concerning rate of pay, pensionable service, demobilization, and so on, should be submitted in the usual way to commanders of units. In many cases the Company or Battery C.Q.M.S., knowing *all* the facts of the case could give an answer immediately. Why write to us?

Take the question of demobilization for example. In every unit there is someone, generally a Demobilization Officer detailed as such, who has all the facts as his finger ends, or can turn them up from the very latest "Instructions" in two minutes.

He is the proper person to appeal to in all such cases and only needs to be asked.

Sending such queries to us wastes the enquirer's time, wastes our time, and we are so busy with a thousand-and-one other things, and moreover is against all sorts of regulations.

Why call in a third party when the matter is obviously one between two parties who know *all* the facts of both sides, and for which the Army Council have provided proper facilities.

We are at all times ready and willing to answer general questions, but personal questions should be dealt with in the proper manner.

Will correspondents please note this, and not call upon an overworked staff to do a job quite outside its province, and for which ample machinery has already been provided by the Army authorities.

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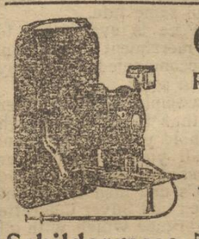
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ARMENIAN MASSACRES.

Cairo 7th April. Remarkable scenes are following General Allenby's proclamation announcing the decision to release four deported Nationalist leaders. A particularly striking feature is the presence of Egyptian women in gaily bedecked motors, clapping hands and waving flags from the windows. The behaviour of the crowds leaves nothing to be desired and in many instances British officers were cheered. *Reuter.*

Cairo 9th April. A communiqué states that in the course of the demonstrations on the 7th the crew of a motor lorry, which was attacked, were obliged to fire, causing some casualties. On the same night, during disturbances near Shepheard's Hotel, shots were exchanged, two being killed and four wounded. On the afternoon of the 8th April a British officer who was peacefully endeavouring to quell a disturbance was maltreated but was rescued. Firing ensued, several being killed and wounded. The mob also murdered two British soldiers in Abdin-square. The situation has hitherto been controlled without repressive measures, but the communiqué concluded with a grave warning. *Reuter.*

Reuter's correspondent, describing the scenes, says that a remarkable change in the attitude of the crowd has occurred during the past three days. The demonstrators on the 7th April were chiefly swayed by joyousness. In many cases British officers were cheered. There were many amusing scenes. A band ensconced itself on the roof of one tram, while Arab dancing girls performed on the top of another. The town resembled a circus more than anything else.

The scenes on the 8th were even more extraordinary. Continuous processions took place amid incessant cheering. The native attitude became aggressively exultant in the belief that the British occupation was ending. In some cases British officers and soldiers were jeered at and spat upon.

Hostile demonstrations developed on the 9 th. The mob endeavoured to barricade the approaches to the entrance of Abdin-square. A few machine-gun bursts dispersed them and armoured cars were held ready for action. The number of the casualties is unknown. Order was generally restored an hour later but pickets were posted and mounted patrols rode through the streets. Later in the day shops reopened.

Cairo, 10th April. Thirteen Nationalist leaders, including three Copts, are leaving for Marseilles to morrow. The leaders were interviewed by *Reuter's* correspondent who states that their departure will greatly calm the passions of the people. The leaders spoke in the highest terms of praise of General Allenby.

Cairo, 11th April. Many Armenians were massacred during the rioting on Wednesday and Thursday. The number of victims has not yet been established, but on the 10th fifteen bodies were taken from houses in Abdin-square alone by members of the Ambulance Corps. Many terror-stricken Armenians took refuge in the European suburb of Heliopolis, whereupon the local policemen and watchmen abandoned their posts, apparently shirking the responsibility.

The military in Cairo up to the evening of the 10th had collected two thousand five hundred Armenians. They were lodged in various buildings under military protection. *Reuter.*

Cairo, 13th April. Serious rioting has taken place during the past three days in Cairo, the mob chiefly attacking Armenians, of whom they killed thirty-eight and seriously injured a hundred. All Armenians are now under military protection. Collisions between the troops and the mob resulted in numerous casualties among the rioters. Twenty-two civilians were killed and forty seven taken to the hospital, a large proportion of the casualties being due to outrages by the mob. Five British soldiers, including two unarmed Indians, have been murdered. The mob attacked the troops at Alexandria and were fired upon, seventeen being killed and many wounded. Order was finally restored. *Reuter.*

NORTH RUSSIA RELIEF FORCE.

BRIGADE COMMANDERS.

It is announced by the War Office that the first brigade of the North Russia Relief Force will be commanded by Brig.-Gen.G.W.St. George Grogan V.C., C.M.G., D.S.O., the Worcester Regiment, and the second Brigade by Brig.-Gen.L.W. de V. Sadleir Jackson, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., 9th Lancers.

ENGLAND'S WARNING TO AUSTRIA.

A Vienna telegram dated April 13th states that the British military representative, Mr. Cunningham, informed the Foreign Secretary, Herr Bauer, yesterday that he was authorised by the British Government to declare officially and expressly that imports of goods, including food stuffs and raw materials, would immediately be entirely stopped if disturbances of order occurred in German-Austria.

Replying to a question, Mr. Cunningham said that the British Government's reason for this drastic step is the interest which the Allied Powers have in undisturbed utilisation of the lines of communication which pass through German-Austrian territory to friendly Allied new states.

SAXON WAR MINISTER MURDERED.

Dresden wounded soldiers receiving treatment at Dresden hospitals congregated outside the Saxon War Ministry, on Saturday, and sent a deputation to interview the War Minister in order to lodge a protest against inadequate pay. Upon the Minister's refusal to grant an interview the crowd stormed the entrance and Government troops who were summoned to the scene refused to attack the wounded men.

Machine gun fire was opened on the Ministry. The demonstrators subsequently forced their way into the building and dragged the Minister into the street. After maltreating him they hurled him from a bridge into the Elbe, frustrating his efforts to swim ashore by firing at him with rifles. The Minister was drowned.—*Reuter.*

The official version of the murder of the Saxon War Minister Heuring says that an imprudent young soldier who was employed in the Ministry as an orderly threw without orders and on his own initiative two live hand grenades into the light well of the building. A rumour arose that Heuring had given orders to throw hand grenades. The rumour however, was absolutely without foundation, as the Minister and those with him were just as startled by the explosion as were others and had first to find out its cause. Nevertheless, on the strength of this false rumour, the Minister was murdered in a brutal manner.

After the occurence three uniformed men pushed their way into the building, declaring they were members of the Red Soldiers League. One had only a defective knowledge of German, which proves, according to the official statement, that the entire occurrence was influenced by Russian agents.—*Reuter.*

Many troops are now being despatched to Dresden with the object of speedily and definitely restoring law and order there. — *Reuter.*

Dresden 12th April. A state of siege has been proclaimed. The entire Saxon Ministry has issued an announcement stigmatising the murder of Heuring as bestial and necessitating sharp measures on behalf of the Government.

Later. — The Ministry has promised a deputation of soldiers that all their demands would be granted. — *Reuter.*

TURKISH GOVERNOR HANGED.

Constantinople, 12th April. At the trial concerning the Armenian massacres Governor Kemal was sentenced to death and was publicly hanged at Stamboul. Ex commander of gendarmerie Jozghad was sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment. *Reuter.*

GERMAN REVOLUTIONS.

Weimar, 13th April. The Munich Soviet Government has been overthrown by the garrison. The Bavarian Government has sent Deputy Vogel to Munich invested with supreme authority. All Soviet decrees are annulled.—*Reuter.* Copenhagen.

The communist Levien is said to have gone to Switzerland, taking with him State funds to the amount of two million marks. Sixteen communist leaders have been arrested.

It is not unlikely that the seat of Government will be permanently removed from Munich, probably to Ansbach.

GERMAN STRIKE NEWS.

In the Ruhr district the strikes are subsiding Another twenty thousand miners resumed work yesterday.

The strike at Krupp's is practically at an end.

At Dusseldorf, Government troops stormed the barricades of the Spartacists and took fifty-three prisoners.

Martial law has been proclaimed at Danzig.

WHEN THIEVES FALL OUT.

A Stockholm telegram says that the Soviets of Voronesh and Kursk are practically in a state of war as the result of the Voronesh Soviet paying Kursk for wheat in alleged forged credit notes. A cordon is established along the frontier.

The Central Government has evinced great concern in this quarrel, since it embarrasses military operations. A commissary has been sent from Moscow to arbitrate.—*Reuter.*

(Veronesh, or Veronej, is a province of 2500 square miles lying about 300 miles to the S.E. of Moscow. Kursk has an area of 18 000 square miles, and lies to the West of Veronesh.)

POLAND AND DANZIG.

Berlin, 11th April. The Thorn correspondent of the Berlin *Tageblatt* says that the bitterness of the Poles at the Allies decision not to land Haller's army at Danzig has risen to the highest pitch. Busts of the emperors Frederick the Great and William have been smashed. In a proclamation to the Polish peoples the Council says that the Poles will not allow Danzig to be snatched from them, because otherwise resistance to German and Bolshevist assault is impossible. *Reuter.*

In consequence of the depreciation of the mark, *Vorwaerts* estimates that Germany lost eight hundred million sterling during the last ten years.

BRITISH COMPETITORS READY TO FLY ATLANTIC.

WAITING FOR THE WEATHER.

St. Johns, Newfoundland, 11th April. The Governor of Newfoundland, numerous Cabinet ministers and a number of naval and military officers inspected the Sopwith aeroplane this afternoon. It is unlikely that any attempt at the transatlantic flight will be made before Monday afternoon.

The Martinsyde machine was landed today. Major Morgan, the pilot, claims that he can be ready in two or three days time but the general opinion is that he will require a week in which to tune his machine up to first class condition. *Reuter.*

St. Johns, Newfoundland, 12th April. It was announced that Hawker will start the trans-Atlantic flight at six this evening but the flight was postponed at the last moment, as weather conditions have become worse. *Reuter.*

It was still raining at St. John's at noon on Sunday and a dense fog prevailed. The flight has therefore been again postponed. *Reuter.*

New York. The American naval seaplane N.C 2, which is participating in the trans-Atlantic flight has passed a successful test. The authorities are maintaining the strictest secrecy about the details. Two sister ships are also expected to be ready shortly for the flight, which the authorities hope to be ready to attempt in three or four weeks time. Their plan is to traverse the Atlantic within twenty four hours, the machines maintaining wireless communication with destroyers throught the route. *Reuter.*

St. Johns, Newfoundland, 13th April. Afternoon weather condition are unfavourable. Transatlantic flight postponed till to morrow. *Reuter.*

Limerick. Unless the weather conditions materially alter Major Wood will be unable to start his flight for Newfoundland on Tuesday owing to a westerly gale. Everything is ready at the starting place. This is two miles outside the city but most of the Limerick people will be unable to witness the start owing to the city being under martial law, and in order to leave the city a passport is necessary. *Reuter.*

In London tremendous interest centres in the flight. At the Royal Aero Club yesterday afternoon it was stated that the starting hour from Newfoundland is somewhat limited as the time chosen must give aviators a fair chance of landing at Brooklands in daylight.

Throughout the day the possibilities of an immediate start were subject to the keenest speculation in all circles as it is considered of the utmost importance that Major Hawker should make an immediate start if a British airman is to have the credit of making the first trans-Atlantic crossing, because the most exciting competition of skilled American flyers is anticipated, the American seaplane project being regarded as a particularly formidable one. The sporting element is increased by the fact that another English entrant is at practically the same stage of preparedness as Hawker, to wit, the Martynside machine, piloted by Lt. Raynham and Capt. Morgan, which is ready to start at any moment.

A New York telegram says it is reported that the American seaplanes will start the trans-Atlantic flight on Tuesday. *Reuter.*

PEACE CELEBRATIONS IN LONDON.

RECORD FIREWORK DISPLAY.

Great preparations are afoot for the celebration of Peace. In London these will include the largest firework display on record. It is stated that one of the new fireworks invented gives so penetrating a light that when it was demonstrated before a House of Commons Committee from a distance of a mile away from the River, the Fire Brigade mistook the reflection from it for a big fire and engines dashed up from all directions.

It is proposed to have five or six displays in say, Hyde Park, Battersea Park, Hampstead Heath, Victoria Park etc, and to make all displays of similar interest so that people would remain in their own areas. The matter is understood to be in the hands of the War Cabinet Committee on Peace Celebrations.

M. P.'S ULTIMATUM.

Mr. H.H.Maddock, the Coalition Unionist member for the Nuneaton division of Warwickshire, has announced that as he won the seat on the strength of pledges made by Mr. Lloyd George, he will cease to be a supporter of the Government if those pledges are not incorporated in the Peace terms. The specific items are that the utmost reparation will be exacted from Germany and that the ex-Kaiser will be punished.

LONDON AIR RAID CASUALTIES.

The full official report of the London Fire Brigade with reference to twenty-five air raids between 31st. May 1915 and 19th May 1918, has just been issued. It records that 859 bombs were incendiary. There were 373 persons killed and 1105 injured, many of whom subsequently died. The heaviest casualties were inflicted during the daylight raid on the 13th June 1917, when thirty nine bombs were dropped, 108 persons being killed and 228 injured. The next worst raid was the last, on the 19th May 1918.

EXTENSION OF HOURS.

From today the hours between which civilians are allowed to be out of doors have been extended. Free traffic time (freie Verkehrszeit) is from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Reuter learns that two members of the Dutch Commission which has been in England with reference to an air service between England and Holland were, by arrangement with the Air Ministry, flown back from Felixstowe to Amsterdam, the trip occupying one hour and thirty three minutes.

EX-SOLDIERS EMPHATIC DEMANDS.

INCREASE OF GRATUITIES.

At a big meeting of ex-soldiers held at Brighton yesterday a resolution was carried entering an emphatic protest of ex-service men and women citizens of Brighton and Hove against what they termed the niggardly manner in which the Government had rewarded its fighting forces generally, and warning the Government that unless the amount of the war gratuity is amended it must inevitably tend towards serious dissatisfaction.

Another resolution demanded that the service gratuity be increased to a minimum of twenty pounds for the first year's service and one pound per month for every succeeding month, without any deduction of any sort, and irrespective of rank, home service or overseas service; increase of pensions and gratuities in accordance with the standard set up by the Colonies and America, and efficient demobilisation with good technical training.

A third resolution urged the extreme desirability of amalgamating the four organisations now existing into one body in furtherance of these objects.

One of the speakers in favour of this movement was Lt. General Sir Edward Bethune.

ROYAL MARINES FLAG HONOURED.

Upwards of five thousand spectators assembled round the parade ground at the Royal Marine Barracks, Chatham, yesterday morning to witness the presentation of the Divisional Headquarters flag of the Royal Marine Brigade (Royal Naval Division) to the Chatham Division.

The presentation was made by Major General Mullaly, comandant of the district. This flag had been with the Brigade to Antwerp and Gallipoli and back to France. General Mullaly referred to the part taken by the Royal Marines in the war and expressed the hope that the flag would be an incentive to further glorious service.

RAISED THE NEWPORT BANTAMS.

Lt. Col. Pope D.S.O. has died at the Queen Alexandra military hospital as the result of disease contracted while on active service.

The deceased officer obtained his majority in 1913. In April 1915 he was given the task of raising the 12th (Service) Battn. of the South Wales Borderers, with the temporary rank of Lt. Col. His battalion, known as the Newport Bantams, took part in the Somme offensive.

ROYAL MILITARY TOURNAMENT TO BE REVIVED.

After an interval of five years the Royal Naval and Military tournament is to be resumed. It will start on June 28th and continue until July 12th, at Olympia. A feature this year will be the extension of the title to include the Royal Air Force. The principal section of the programme will be a demonstration by troops of the methods of attack used on the Western front.

MIRROR AS DROP CURTAIN.

Mr. Albert De Courville intends to introduce at the Little Theatre a mirror drop curtain wherein all parts of the house will be visible to the audience. It is not yet known whether this gigantic mirror can be made in one piece. Amusing developments are anticipated.

AMERICA'S FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

The Controller of Currency announces that the resources of the national banks amounted on the 4th March to 20,017,000,000 dollars, an amount which exceeds by 353,000,000 dollars the greatest resources hitherto held.

SUSSEX SCHOOL BURNT.

East-Field House, a boys preparatory school at Ditchling, Sussex, was destroyed by fire on Sunday. All the boys had left for the holidays. An army officer who was visiting the school was cut off in his bedroom and only escaped by climbing down the ivy on the walls.

WEIGHED TWENTY-EIGHT STONE.

A large crowd attended the funeral of Jonathan Swann, the Leyland giant, who weighed twenty eight stone. Twelve men were required to lower the coffin. The body was conveyed to the cemetery on a motorwagon, no hearse large enough being available. The coffin weighed half a ton and the interment occupied ninety minutes.

TWELVE INCH GUN FELLOWSHIP.

NO AMERICAN DELUSIONS.

Admiral Sims, on his return from Europe, speaks in the highest praise of British and American naval co-operation. As a result he says it is now inconceivable to any American sailor that any occasion could arise when British sailors needing good fellowship, whether of the two fisted or the twelve inch gun variety should find it necessary to have to go without.

"The American Navy has no delusions as to who won the war. But for the British fleet not even the European allied armies would have had the ghost of a show from the start," said the Admiral.

The Prince of Wales, who has been "slumming" recently with Queen Mary, yesterday visited the Kew Working Men's Club, chatting for a considerable time with trade unionists.

Lady Victoria Primrose, widow of the Hon. Neil Primrose, who was killed in Palestine, has become engaged to Capt. Bullock, Scots Guards, who is attached to the British Embassy at Paris.

PRIME MINISTER AND HIS PLEDGES.

INDEMNITIES AND POSSIBILITIES.

In connection with the Prime Minister's reply to the telegram from three hundred and seventy members of Parliament respecting indemnities, Mr. Claude Lowther has addressed a telegram to Mr. Lloyd George saying that the members' message was framed in no spirit of disloyalty. The telegram continues:

"We fully recognise that your pledges were restricted to obtaining from Germany a sum commensurate with her ability to pay, but may I make clear this fact; that whatever contribution it is decided the enemy countries can pay today, it shall only be accepted as payment on account, and that means and date of further contributions will be devised when law and order is restored and when the potential assets of Germany can more easily be gauged. Such assurance would allay all anxiety in the House and all disquietude in the country."

Mr. Lloyd George replied that the experts, while estimating the amount of the indemnity that Germany can pay at the outset, "will take full account of further possibilities."

ACCEPTING THE SANKEY REPORT.

OVERWHELMING VOTE IN FAVOUR

As the figures of the ballot are revealed, it becomes increasingly apparent that the vast majority of the miners were ready from the outset loyally to abide by the findings of the Sankey report and to accept the terms offered by the Government.

Everywhere the desire for industrial peace is manifest. The final ballot in Derbyshire shows 36,559 in favour, 3,020 against. Not a single colliery returned a majority against. In Lancashire, the Cheshire Miners Federation shows 56,154 for, 12,090 against. Northumberland gives 30,489 for, 2 855 against.

Other figures are:—South Wales, 142,556 for acceptance, 19,429 against; North Wales, 11,874 for, 872 against; North Staffordshire 18,744 for, 3,020 against; Nottinghamshire 27,783 for, 1,499 against; Stirlingshire 6,411 for, 923 against.

The figures for South Wales are the more remarkable as the local leaders advised the men to vote against the award.

Reuter learns that unless complications arise over such questions as Conscription and the Government policy in Russia, the general labour situation mey be described as settling down. The clearing up process in the negotiations of the three great organisations forming 'the triple alliance' is now in active operation, and the expected acceptance of the Government terms at the Miners Conference at Southport should bring industrial peace.

NORFOLK REGIMENT BACK FROM KUT.

A small number of men of the 2nd. Batt. Norfolk Regiment who were with General Townshend in Hut arrived at Norwich on Friday night and received a great welcome. The men looked bronzed and well. Owing to the lateness of the hour the main welcome was held on Saturday. The men left Kut just before it was invested, helped to recapture it and then went on to Baghdad.

COMPENSATION FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS.

The *Manchester Guardian* learns that the Home Office is now actively engaged in carrying out the recommendations contained in the recent report of the Committee on compensation for disabled soldiers, sailors and airmen under the Workmen's Compensation Act. The leading insurance companies have agreed not to increase premiums as the result of the employment of disabled men, and have also agreed not to make any claim against the Government for the cost of the extra risks until 1922.

STRENUOUS TIME FOR MUSIC HALL STARS.

Moss Empires are negotiating with an aircraft company for the supply of a machine to carry a pilot and two passengers. It will be put into service on the Moss tour throughout Britain, and will enable stars to appear, for instance, at Birmingham, Nottingham and Sheffield on the same night.

MUNITION WORKERS THREATEN PROCEEDINGS.

At a meeting held at Edmonton, unemployed munition workers demanded payment of a seven and a half per cent bonus as from January 1918, and threatened in the event of satisfaction not being obtained, to take legal proceedings against Government departments. Six thousand workers are affected.

EX-KAISER AT AMERONGEN.

Amerongen 12th April. Extraordinary precautions are now taken to protect the ex-Kaiser's life and much stricter surveillance is exercised.

Admission cards to the castle grounds are now valid only until ten o'clock at night, after which hour persons desiring to enter the grounds must give the password.

The ex-Kaiser, who has now grown a full beard, takes occasional walks with his wife in the castle grounds. The ex-Crown Prince's private secretary spent three days at the castle last week. *Reuter.*

The King has approved the appointment of Sir Ivor Maxse to be G.O.C. Northern Command.

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Military Church: 57, Schildergasse.
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Evening Service . . . . . 6 p.m.

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No: 1. Army Cinema. Komödienstr.
Lantern Service . . . . . 6 p.m.

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Holy Communion . . . . . 7, 8, 11.15 a.m.
Morning Service . . . . . 10.30 a.m.
Evening Service . . . . . 6 p.m.

In Chapel (C. A.) Antoniterstr.
Holy Communion . . . . . 7.30 a.m.

No. 1 Army Cinema Hall, Komödienstr.
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Holy Communion . . . . . 6.45 p.m.

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A LABOUR MAGNA CARTA.

"We have, therefore, provided for conferences of States, employers and workers to be held in the light of day, to be representative of all concerned, and to be armed with the fullest possible information." These words are taken from a speech of Mr. Barnes, delivered at a plenary session of the Peace Conference, and they foreshadow a brighter day in the industrial world. Mr. Barnes has issued his report on international labour and with it two drafts, one of which is a scheme of suggested organization, the other a table of resulutions for insertion in or publication with the Peace Treaty. He makes large claims for his Commitee; but if Mr. Gompers, Mr. Barnes, and their fellows have succeeded in the "creation and mobilization of humane public opinion", then indeed their claims will be acknowledged by a grateful world. The Labour Charter approved by the Peace delegates at the end of last week is at one and the same time a happy first-fruit of the Versailles Conference and an earnest of the League of Nations for which the civilized world is yearning. It is noticeable that the scheme of labour conferences is intimately bound up with the fate of this League of Nations. Its boundaries are those of the League, and it furnishes definite work-a-day duties to the League. The consequences are that world co-operation is assured for industrial regeneration, and democracy is made happy in the knowledge that the League has a very real interest in such regeneration. Although Washington has been selected as the site of the first conference it is laid down that the annual conferences will be held at the capital of the League of Nations, which we learn is to be Geneva and not Brussels. The personnel of these conferences is to consist of four delegates from each State, of whom two represent the State, one the employers, and one the workmen respectively.

Naturally, the real difficulty comes when the question is asked — How are the decisions of the Labour Conferences to be enforced? Mr. Barnes's answer is that reliance is placed on full inquiry and frank publicity, and that the last resort will be an appeal to the League of Nations. It is unwise to meet difficulty half-way, and we believe that publicity solves many troubles. The ventilation of grievance is often its dissipation. Already the international character of labour is recognized, for labour's problems are problems all the world over; and the very width of labour interests should help towards sympathetic, peaceful, and effective handling of them. It is of good omen that men like M. Colliard, and M. Vandervelde, Signor Barzilai and Lord Sinha have given the scheme their unstinted blessing. In their view "the inclusion of the Labour Charter in the League of Nations would be one of the most powerful factors in bringing back to the world a reign of peace."

Many of weak faith have feared that the conclusion of wor would be the beginning of another war, a war on the battlefields of labour and trade. We believe in a fairer future, and we look hopefully at this Magna Carta. Versailles deserves well, for it has not despaired of the republic of Labour. We are not Roman senators, but we give a Roman tribute.

AN EDUCATIONAL REGIME.

M. Shklovsky, whom many will know better as "Dioneo", gives an interesting account of education in Russia under the Bolshevist regime in his recent book, *Russia under the Bolshevists*. He is a bold man who would undertake to define in detail what Bolshevism exactly is and pretends to be, though one can say generally that it appears to be government of the people by the proletariat and for the proletariat. What interests us is that the Bolshevists recognize the needs of education, and with a logic for which we have some respect they are settling educational problems in consonance with their political ideals. The results are somewhat curious, and will arouse in spectators varied emotions of wrath, scorn, amusement, or envy. Mere worldly matters of finance are of little account in a nation that has by its waywardness lost all its monetary bearings. But academic perspective seems also to be vanishing. Dioneo narrates some experiments in university appointments and procedure that startle us into open-eyed amazement. When the post of inspector of a certain Technological Institute was vacant, it was gaily filled by the porter. In our undergraduate days we had a lively and high regard for the College porter whose omniscience in the matter of faces and tactfulness in that of personalities was an unfailing source of respect, but we confess that we never imagined him as the proud innabitant of a Senior Common Room, to mention no higher seat of the mighty. It is said that Oxford has become a changed place in recent years, but we cling to the belief that even on the Isis there are limitations to the academic promotion of porters. Again, we read of a cook, a Bolshevist cook persumably, who was made headmistress of Higher Classes for women, a heroine and stalwart of feminism. Truly Bolshevism has put down the mighty from their seats and exalted the lowly and meek.

One is not surprised that soon certificates of matriculation were declared unnecessary. This may have come as a boon and a blessing to men but some minor difficulties speedily arose. In Dioneo's words: "The professors were at a loss how to lecture on higher mathematics to students ignorant of the multiplication table, or how to explain spectral analysis to persons who could hardly read. Then the Bolshevists decided that there was no necessity for the professor to have a diploma either. It was only necessary that he should be a supporter of the Bolshevist platform . . . Celebrated professors were obliged to leave the universities which they had made famous."

Surely no nation can long suffer such a mockery of ideals.

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"WAUGH".

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN!

BY S. G. S.

This is the true, sad story of a heart-broken man. If you have tears, prepare to shed them now; then read this. If you are on the lookout for something to laugh over, you'd be better advised to read a leading article in the "*Daily News*"; for you will find nothing funny about my story. Although the thing happened ages ago, when there was a war going on somewhere on this side of the Channel I haven't got over it yet.

Canteen lobster, when consumed in large quantities, never did agree with me; which is probably why I was feeling considerably depressed that day I was doing the traffic control at the cross-roads not more than two hundred and fifty miles north — or south, I forget which — of Arras. Indeed I was rapidly growing more and more convinced that the life of an M.M.P. was not really mine; that I ought to have enlisted in the Pay Corps, or else stayed at home to mind the baby, whilst the wife went off "a-Waac-ing."

My thoughts about life generally were very bitter. I was seriously contemplating sending in my resignation from the Army when I heard a voice that caused me to pull myself together.

"What oh, old man", said a genial voice; and I turned to find the Sergeant-Major standing before me, his hand extended and his eyes full of kindness.

I pulled myself up to attention, in a very smart, soldier-like manner, for the S.M. was a demon fordiscipline. But he merely poked me playfully in the ribs and chuckled. I gasped.

"How do you do, sir?" I said.

"Got a parcel from home eh? said the' Major. "Good! So've I. I was going to ask you to come into my "bivvy" tonight, and help me eat it; but we mustn't be greedy these days, eh? So I know you wont mind, seeing you have one of your own, if I ask Lance-Corporal Johnson to come in instead?"

The traffic became a trifle heavy shortly after the Sergeant-Major left me; but nobody gave any trouble-there was no double banking, everybody kept to his proper side of the road; and a spirit of cheerfulness and good-feeling prevailed everywhere. I continued to smoke whilst I carried out my duties, all so beautifully easy, now that everybody in the world seemed willing to be good-natured. I remember wishing that Fritz, over there to the east of me, could be imbued with the same feeling of good-fellowship that appeared to have got hold of everybody else, when, as I returned the cheery hand-wave of an R.A.S.C. horse-transport officer, I became aware that somebody was standing alongside of me. It was my skipper, the D.A.P.M.

Whatever turns I'd had before this afternoon, this was far the worst. I nearly fainted as I realised that I had my cap on the back of my head and several buttons of my tunic undone, and that a half-burnt cigarette was dangling from my lower lip.

I tried to do two things at once — salute, and button myself up. The only thing I managed to do was to discard the cigarette, which, unfortunately, as I spat it away, fell right into the heavy fur collar of the D.A.P.M.'s British warm still glowing.

Then I realized that there was the same saintly expression about the skipper's face that was in everybody else's. I made a sweep at my officer's fur collar, knocked that burning cigarette away into the mud of the road, then stood to attention again, seeing myself reduced to the ranks tomorrow, and doing F.P. No. 1 for years ahead. For I thought I knew my skipper.

"Hard luck!" said the D.A.P.M. looking at the cigarette-end. "I'm afraid it's spoilt now. Never mind, Dunn. Have one of mine instead. They're not so bad."

I tried to glance round at his shoulder-blades. As I could see no signs of wings sprouting, I had to force myself to the belief that such things are not worn these days in heaven. I took an Abdullah. The D.A.P.M. struck a match, cupped his hands, and held the light out to me. I lit up.

"You look a bit worried, my boy," he said.

"I am, sir," I replied.

"No bad news from home?" he asked anxiously.

"No, sir; but I 'm afraid the missus and kids will be upset when they learn I've died," I said, with a sigh.

He stared at me.

"You're ill," he stated. "The strain has been too much for you." He was right; it had. "Well, look here. You've got to go off-duty at once. Understand? I can't have my men overdoing it. Get right back to headquarters, tell Sergeant Hicks to come out here to relieve you, and I'll carry on here for you till he comes along. But wait a minute." He tugged at the sling of a heavy-looking haversack. Freeing it, he handed it to me. Something clinked nicely inside.

"Beer," he chuckled. "Take that with you, and have a good time, And don't go to that horrible bivvy of yours. Go to my billet, and makeyourself at home. I shan't want the bed to-night. My batman will fix you up with clean pyjamas and a bath. Now, just simply rush, old bean. You lonk done up, absolutely."

Beer! Billet! Bath! I hadn't know one of those three wonderful things for months.

"Y-yes, sir" I said. "Great Scott! Good afternoon, sir, Good beer I mean bye-sir. Ha, ha, ha!"

Then I went to Divisional Headquarters, entered the skipper's palatial billet, and was met there by his batman. This young man showed no surprise when I told him what I had come for. Very soon I was lying between clean sheets, in clean sleeping gear, trying to make something out of the happenings of that strange afternoon. The only things besides the bed and the pyjamas that were real to me were the parcel of mince-pies and the haversackful of beer.

"Might as well have 'em while I've got the sense left to enjoy' em," I muttered, reaching down for the haversack.

It must have been the bending down that finished me off — . .

My hand didn't even reach the beer before I felt a heavy thump in the ribs. I sat up with a start, and my head came into contact with cold, wet, clammy canvas. Drops of water were falling down the back of my neck.

By the uncertain light of a candle, held by my pal Hanson, I saw that, somehow, I was in my leaky old bivvy again. Outside the rain was coming down in torrents, and the wind was trying its best to tear the bivouac shelter loose from its pegs.

"Where's that beer?" I asked groping.

"Got some beer?" asked Hanson eagerly.

Then the whole truth came to me. I sank back.

"Here!" admonished Hanson. "You can't do that. You've got to get up and out quick, too. The New Zealand Division's going up, and passing through our area. So you can make up your mind to three hours of it. And beastly night for the job. What about that beer, though?"

I laughed a croaking laugh, and pulled myself together. My heart was broken, but I would bear my disappointment like a man.

"There is no beer," I said. "I didn't even get hat before I woke up. Oh, crumbs! But wouldn't it all have been lovely if it had been true?"

"PRODIGALITIES."

"LUCK AND LEAVE."

BY HUSKY.

What is luck? I do not possess a dictionary so can only surmise that luck is a kind of circumstance qualified by the prefixes good, bad, or indifferent, as the case may be. We oll possess luck of some kind. Our lucks are either good, bad, or indifferent. Mine is bad.

If you do not know what bad luck is then let me give you an instance right here. From August 8th to November 6th, last year, it was one long continuous performance for the old circus of which I am a member. On November 7th I proceeded down the line *en route* to England for fourteen days leave. I arrived home on Sunday afternoon at tea-time.

The next morning I had a "cockney's delight," i.e, breakfast in bed, consisting of a succulent bloater, tea, and bread and butter, — followed by a perusal of the *Daily Mirror*. I then fell asleep again only to be awakened at 11 o'clock by the sounds of hooters, and a banging in the sky.

I thought it might be only an air-raid so I prepared to sleep again. However, it was not to be, for my mother came into the room exclaiming,

"Get up, Alfred, the war is over!"

"Oh," said I, "why? when? how? Waffor?"

"The armistice is signed, Alfie dear, and now that the war is over you had better get up and look for some work!" replied mother soothingly.

Mothers, on the whole, are decidedly practical. Here was I, a strong young fellow who had done nothing for the last three and half years but loaf about on the Continent with 5.75, 60-pounders, and 6 inch "Hows!" Humping a thousand 100-pounder shells every night, more or less, or else playing around with a muddy drag rope fixed to four and a half tons of gun. The *irony* of it!

And now my profession had gone. The war was over. No more nerve-racking gun-duels with "Fritz". No more banging and crashing. Finished was the horror and glory of it all, and — — —

Hallo! What was this happening to me. I was feeling queer, — hot, aching, and feverish. Later, when mother came up to the bedroom to see if I had risen she noticed at once that I was ill, and after a few questions she announced.

"Alfie, dear, you've got the "flu"! "We've all had it in this house. Five men and two soldiers were buried from this street last week!

The doctor was sent for, and in spite of all his skill, — or because of his lack of it — and my mothers kind nursing, England nearly lost one of her most promising sons. That's me!

One day, after I had been in bed for over a month, I was sufficiently well to get up and take notice and was consuming the soft cream-like roe of a North Sea bloater when a knock came upon the street door.

It is nothing unusual for policemen to knock at doors in our street, and it was quite like old times to see a grim-faced policeman walk into our humble kitchen.

"Good morning, gendarme," said I to the policeman.

"Good morning, Is your name Dripping?"

"It is," I replied "And what about it? Have you brought your meat card?"

"I've come to take you back with me to the police station," replied Bobby. "You have been reported to Scotland Yard as an absentee from your battery."

So, that was it!

Anyhow, the doctor who had been attending me, came in on his morning visit just then and, in a short time things were explained to the policeman. I discovered next day that I had transgressed by not complying with a certain "King's Regulation" regarding procedure to be taken by soldiers when ill on leave.

After a good deal of rigmarole, and a few days, grace for convalescence, I was forgiven and sent back to my battery to assist in winding up the Ingersollic time-piece mentioned in a certain national anthem. And my luck is still out! I was too late for my rum issue to-night through writing this spasm. What a life!

IMPORTATION OF FOODSTUFFS

The Allies have decided to allow the German authorities to distribute the food which they purchase from the Allies in accordance with the German rationing scale. This scale differentiates between classes of recipients more minutely than the British system did; distinct scales being laid down for young children, old men, manual labourers, etc. Out of the foodstuffs handed over to the German Government, provision according to the German scale will have to be made for the inhabitants of the Occupied Area. The Allied Military authorities have, however, laid down a ration scale which they will use for supplementing the rations provided out of the stocks supplied to the German Government for the Occupied Area. In distributing the rations, the stocks of food in the country will be taken into consideration. The foods supplied must vary according to the stocks available and the necessities of the inhabitants. For instance, to-day potatoes are the necessity of the moment. If the new potatoes come in well, the import of potatoes will be reduced and beans or some other vegetable will be substituted. The supply will be subject to some fluctuations according to circumstances. The distribution in each of the Occupied Zones will be under the supervision of the Military authorities in that Zone. There may at first be some delay in the distribution to outlying districts but as the system gets into working order it is hoped to remedy any defects of transport. The British authorities are determined to take every step in their power to ensure not only the efficiency of the rationing but the equality of distribution. Already barges are making their way up the Rhine and discharging their cargoes in large numbers.

SUSAN.

Suzanne was just a troop horse in the Light [Dragoons of France,
She served throughout the great retreat, she [served in the advance,
But they fed her very badly, and they rode her [very fast,
So Suzanne's condition failed her and Suzanne [was sold and cast.

An Englishman espied her, a grey old man and [thrifty —
He bought her battered carcase, through an [agent, for "two-fifty,"
And being versed in horses, he turned her out [to graze
And the agent charged him seven francs for [every seven days.

So Susan joined the B. E. F. and served them [very well
She took her turn at Arras, the Canal Bank, [and Vermelles,
She never failed to do her job from Abbeville [to Peronne,
And you'll find her still on duty at Guard Relief [in Bonn.

OPERA HOUSE AND THEATRE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	OPERA	DRAMA
Tuesday	Madame Butterfly	Seeschlacht
Wednesday	Joseph in Aegypten	Die versunkene Glocke
Thursday	No performance	Medea
Friday	No performance	No performance
Saturday	Tiefland	Elga
Sunday	Aida	Seeschlacht
Monday	Parsifal	Im weissen Rössl
Tuesday	Cavalleria rusticana Der Bajazzo	Die Jüdin von Toledo

The hours at which the opera commences are: Tuesday 5.0 p.m.; Wednesday 5.0 pm.; Saturday 5.30 p.m.; Sunday 4.30 p.m.; Monday 2.30 p.m.; and Tuesday (22nd April) 5.0 p.m.

1/4th CHESHIRES' CINEMA.

'IDDY UMDUPTIES" CONCERT PARTY APPLAUDED AT HERSEL.

Most Battalions possess a concert-party of their own, but very few can claim to possess a cinema. Such is the case however, with the 1/4th Battalion Cheshire Regiment, and the Meeanee Cinema run by them at Hersel is all that could be desired in the entertainment line. The theatre itself, with its splendid seating accommodation and well-appointed stage, is admirably suited either as a cinema or music-hall, and, in addition to the splendid pictures (which by the way are changed thrice weekly), 2nd Lt. Jacques, the Educational and Entertainments officer of the 1/4th, is doing his utmost to secure concert parties.

The first of what we hope will be a series of visits of the "Iddy Umpties" concert-party took place this week, and proved "some" show; the "turns" well merited the thunderous applause which greeted them.

Scorning to rest content with the success which has already crowned his efforts, Lieut. Jacques is at present superintending the erection of a bar inside the theatre for the sale of drinks, chocolate and cigarettes, and making every effort to get together a good orchestra.

Though belonging absolutely to the 1/4th Cheshire Regiment the Meeanee Cinema is open to all troops, and, so far, no complaints have been made about the fare provided.

ARMY CHORISTERS' SURPRISE PERFORMANCE.

The Rhine Army Choral Society was honoured on Saturday by an invitation from the Army Commander to give a concert in his mess. The performance turned out to be thoroughly successful, the programme being well selected and the pieces admirably rendered. Capt. W. L. Greenlees, Scots Guards, was the soloist and Captain G. E. Sykes, East Riding R.G.A., conducted the choir and accompanied the items with his customary precision and delicacy.

At the conclusion of dinner the General thanked the choir for their efforts and autographed each member's programme.

PRESENTATION TO R.F.A. MAJOR.

An interesting ceremony took place at Siegburg on Tuesday night when "C" Battery, 152 Bde., R. F. A., presented Major Farr, M. C. with a rose bowl on the occasion of his departure to England, and as a token of the esteem and regard in which he is held by everyone. Major Farr, in acknowledging the gift, touched briefly on the doings of the battery during the last 4 years, and the splendid record gained by them; and in a very touching reference proposed a toast to all fallen comrades, this being given in a silent tribute. Sgt. Garrard suitably replied on behalf of the N. C. O.'s and men. An impromtu "smoker" afterwards took place at which many fine items were rendered. The Major was accorded a great send-off the next morning on his departure from Siegburg station.

RHINE ARMY VOCAL SOCIETY.

CONCERT IN AID OF R.E.WAR MEMORIAL FUND.

On Sunday afternoon, another admirable Concert was given in the Deutsches Theatre, under the direction of Captain G.E. Sykes, R.A.(T), for the benefit of the Royal Engineers War Memorial Fund. The Army Commander again shewed his appreciation by his presence at the Concert.

A good programme was saddened by the absence of Captain W.L. Greenlees, 2nd. Bn. Scots Guards, who sang with a voice of rare charm and sweetness at the concert on the previous Sunday. A welcome and extremely popular innovation was the inclusion in the "Rhine Army Vocal Society" of several Nursing Sisters.

The concerted numbers were rendered with all the finish, the masterful technique, and the musical melody which are associated with the Rhine Army Choral and Vocal Societies from their first appearances. Sapper Herbert Thorpe and Lieut. Lowe were received with an appreciation, enthusiastic and deserved, both in their solos and duets, and Sapper Baker made happy melody on his violin.

A good and pleasant concert provided 900 marks towards the excellent cause for which it was given.

ENGLISH RACING NEWS.

NEWBURY SPRING CUP.

Callander (4/1), Rivershore (11/10), Sir Berkeley (100/7) — Ten ran.

OTHER WINNERS.

Jovial Jane (4/1); Landorf (2/1 on); Blackwater (6/4 on); Ivanhoe (2/1); Tangiers (8/1).

EGLINGTON HUNT VICTORY CUP.

Turkescond (6/1); Be Careful 5/1); Svetoi (2/1) — six ran.

BILLIARDS.

The final of the 92nd Field Ambulance weekly billiard handicap was played on Friday night in the Kasino, Friedrich Wilhelms Hütte.

The competing players were: — Major R.W.P. Jackson. M.C. R.A.M.C., (owed 10); and Pte. A. Waters, R.A.M.C. (owed 10).

A large crowd witnessed a splendid display of billiards, both players shewing considerable skill during the course of the game.

Major Jackson proved himself the better player, and reached his total of 100 whilst Pte. Waters compiled 65.

WEEK-END SPORTS: NEWS FROM ALL QUARTERS

ENGLISH LEAGUE FOOTBALL RESULTS.

BLACKBURN ROVERS DEFEATED BY BLACKPOOL : 6 — 1.

ALL THE RESULTS.

The following are the results received through *Reuter's Agency* of the League and other matches played in England and Scotland on Saturday:—

LONDON COMBINATION.

Brentford	5	Fulham	0
Clapton Orient	2	Wol. Arsenal	2
West Ham	3	Milwall	2
Chelsea	3	Crystal Pal.	0
Tot. Hotspur	2	Q. P. Rangers	3

MIDLAND LEAGUE (SUB).

Bradford City	0	Huddersfield	0
Leeds City	3	Bradford	1
Lincoln City	1	Grimsby Town	2
Hull City	0	Coventry City	1
Leicester F.	1	Notts Forest	0
Notts County	1	Birmingham	2

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE (SUB).

Blackpool	6	Blackburn R's.	1
Burnley	1	Preston N.E.	3
Manchester Utd.	2	Burslem P. V.	1
Southport Vulcan	0	Liverpool	2
Bolton Wdrs.	3	Oldham Ath.	1
Everton	0	Stockport C.	1
Rochdale	0	Bury	2
Stoke	1	M'Chester C.	1

NORTHERN VICTORY LEAGUE.

Darlington	1	Scotswood	0
Hartlepool	0	Sunderland	2
Newcastle Utd.	2	Durham	0
South Shields	3	Middlesbro	1

MIDLAND VICTORY LEAGUE.

Aston Villa	2	Wolverhampton	5
Derby County	1	West Brom.	0

SCOTTISH VICTORY CUP, SEMIFINAL.

Hibernians	1	Paisley, St. Mirren	3

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Clydebank	0	Celtic	2
Clyde	0	Greenock Norton	2
Falkirk	0	Rangers	4
Hamilton "Accies"	0	Queen's Park	1
Partick Thistle	2	Motherwell	0
Dumbarton	4	3rd Lanark	2

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE.

Dulwich Hamlet	1	Ilford	1

COLOGNE AND DISTRICT.

The following are the results of recent football matches played in Cologne and District:—

Lancs Div R.A.M.C.	4	53rd Manch. Regt.	1
A. Coy., 3rd M.G.C.	4	Scots' Guards Band	3
112th Bty. R.F.A.	1	A/16 R.H.A.	0
1/7 Cheshire Regt.	4	9th Cheshire Regt.	1
K.R.R.	3	574 Coy R.A.S.C.	1
488 Siege Battery	4	481 Siege Battery	0
9th D.L.I.	2	5th Camerons	1
B. Coy., S.R.	2	90th R.E.	0
Lancs Div. Sigs (Single)	1	Married	0
Lancs Div. Sigs (Offic.)	2	N.C.O.'s	2
B. Coy, 20th K.R.R.C.	5	D. Coy, 20th K.R.R.C.	1
17th Lab. Coy.,	2	153 Lab. Coy	1
112th Bty. R.F.A.	3	111th Bty. R.F.A.	0

WAHN GARRISON SPORTS.

YESTERDAY'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT ROYAL SUSSEX GROUNDS.

The delightfully picturesque grounds of the 51st Royal Sussex Regt., at Wahn, provided a scene of much animation and excitement yesterday (Monday) afternoon when a sports meeting of the Garrison took place under cold stormy and unsettled conditions.

Vast crowds of spectators watched the proceedings, while the entries for the various interesting events were, numerically, thoroughly satisfactory.

The Officials were:

President: Brigadier Higginson, C. B.; Vice-President: Lt.-Col. Elgee; Judges: Running—Lt.-Col. Ford, D.S.O., Lt.-Col. de la Poer Trench, Major Tomkinson, A.F.A.; Field Events— Major Mac Roberts, D.S.O., M. C. Major Cassels, D.S.O., Major Hutchinson, D.S.O., M.C.; Tug-of-war—Lt.-Col. Arbuthnot, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Ring-Master: Cpt. H. H. Story; Starter: Major Coburn, M.C.; Timekeeper: Capt. Grant, R.A.M.C., M.C.; Measurers: Lt. Turner and Lt. Royce; Clerk-of-the-Course: Lt. Chichester.

N.C.O. i/c Blackboard: C.S.M. Bell; N.C.O. i/c Competitors Tent: Sgt. Morris; Marshall: C.S.M. Wells; Hon. Sec.: Cpt. F. R. Cramb.

Results:

100 yards: 1. 2nd. Lieut. Royle, R.F.A., 2. Sergt. Bond, 53rd Royal Sussex; 3. Lce. Cpl. Ashworth, R.A.M.C.

Throwing the Cricket Ball: 1. Pte. Griggs, 51st Royal Sussex; 2. Lieut. Swain, Survey Detachment; 3. Sergt. Stander, 51st Royal Sussex.

220 yards: 1. Sergt. Bond; 2. Lce. Cpl. Ashworth; 3. 2nd Lieut. Westlake, 51st Royal Sussex.

120 yards Hurdle: 1. 2nd Lieut. Royle; 2. 2nd Lieut. O'Brien, 51st Royal Sussex; 3. Pte. Allard, 51st Royal Sussex.

440 yards: 1. 2nd. Lieut. O'Brien; 2. Lieut. Randall, 52nd Royal Sussex; 3. Pte. Clifford, 53rd Royal Sussex.

Putting the Shot: 1. Capt. Cramb, Survey Detatcnment; 2, 2nd Lieut. O'Brien; 3. Lieut. Wakeley.

High Jump: 1. Capt. Cramb; 2. 2nd Lieut. Matthews, 51st Royal Sussex; 3. Lce. Cpl. Griffin, 53rd Royal Sussex.

Sack Race: 1. Lce. Cpl. Missen, 51st Royal Sussex; 2. Sapper Parry, Survey Detachment: 3. Pte. Seaman, 51st Royal Sussex.

Wheelbarow Race: 1, Sergt. Bridger and Sergt. Wilson; 2, Pte Campion and Lce. Cpl. Stafford, 3, Pte Duffell and Pte. Hayman.

Long Jump: 1. Capt. Cramb; 2. sec-Lieut Westlake; 3. Pte. North, R.A.M.C.

Relay Race: 1. 53rd; 2. 51st; 3. 52nd. (All Royal Sussex).

One Mile: 1. Capt. Beaufoy, Survey Detachment; 2. Capt. Gemmel, 53rd Royal Sussex; 3. Pte. Payne, 52nd Royal Sussex.

Tug-of-War: 113th Bde. R.F.A.

RHINELAND GAMES.

Gas Rattles Enliven Half-Time Interval.

A football match was played on Thursday on the former's ground at Borr in fine weather and before a good attendance.

Briggs, Thompson and Brown were frequently tested but proved to be a safe trio. A pretty fast half finished with no score. The supporters of the home team were very busy with gas rattles etc. during the interval as everything seemed in favour of the field men. This proved to be the case as they had much the best of the play and twenty minutes after resuming Watson scored with a sharp low drive. The horsemen tried hard for the equalizer but always found the home defence safe. The field ran out winners of a good game which was contested right through in fine spirit by both teams.

Final score:—

112 Battery R.F.A. . . . 1; A/16 R.H.A. . . . 0.

"NICE AND DIRTY."

"A" COY; 3rd M.G.C. v. ROYAL SCOTS' BAND AT RIEHL.

The Band of the Royal Scots, boasting at least one Scotsman — a very fiery person of about 18 hands — on Saturday returned to the scene of their musical efforts, dressed in wonderful blue and white football jerseys, to try their luck with "A" Company, 3rd Batt. M.G. Corps.

Despite a strenuous week for everyone, the game was fast—too fast for the referee in his trench-coat—and rain made the ball difficult to judge. Perhaps this explained the apparently soft goal secured by the Company after three minutes' play, but only sympathy for the Scots could have caused "Jock" Buckley to put through his own goal, a moment later.

At half-time the score stood: one all, and the goalkeeper of the zebra shirt was well camouflaged in mud whilst at least six other players were "nice and dirty".

Soon after the resumption, "A" Company took charge of the game, and Corporal Lapsley seemed far from fading away. In the absence of linesmen, the game occasionally wandered into other counties, but even Russell got tired of these excursions, and the gunners made for goal successfully, three more times.

At this stage the referee had conversation with an "influential party" on the line, about rations for the visitors. The Scots so improved after this that a goal was put on from a free kick, and when brot, kase, confiture and beurre actually appeared on the scene, yet another goal was added. The whistle left the gunners with 4 goals, and the Scotsmen to gang awa' to their feed wi' three.

BEST COMPANY CUP COMPETITION. FINAL.

B COY, 9TH. SCOTTISH RIFLES v. 90TH FIELD COY, R.E.

This match was decided at Hilden on Tuesday it being the third replay, and there was a large number of spectators, including the Divisional General, commanding the Lowland Division and Brigadier-General Girdwood, 28th Infantry Brigade

Teams- 9th Scottish Rifles:- Kennedy, Campbell, Lawrie; Crosson, Haddow, Levey, Arkwright, Mathieson, Hutcheson, Chalmers and Scott.

90th Field Coy:- Stewart, Tapper, Wolf, Whyte, Bridges, Sharp, England, Randall, Peters, Lyall and Mc Donald.

In the first half Mc. Donald several times looked dangerous, and kept the Rifles goalkeeper busy. Hutcheson then broke away and almost scored with a well-directed shot.

Later Chalmers gave Hutcheson his chance and the latter scored with a hard shot from close range. Shortly afterwards he netted a second goal:-

Half-time:- B Coy; 9th S.R. . . . 2 goals; 90th R.E. . . . 0.

The R.E's pressed well in the opening stages of the second half, play being subsequently confined to mid field.

Final results:-

B Coy, 9th S.R. . . . 2 goals; 90th R.E. . . . 0.

At the finish of the match the Divisional General complimented the teams on their football, and said it was much above the average of Company football.

The cup for the winning team had not arrived but he presented to the 90th R.E.'s a smaller cup, as finalists in the Competition.

The Cup for the winning team will be handed over at on early date.

488 v 481 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A.

This match wat played on Thursday on the former's ground at Ippendorf near Bonn, and resulted in a win in favour of the 488- by 4—0,

About 15 minutes from the kick off good combination between the 488. forwards gave Timms the outside left the opportunity of sending across a good centre, which, however, went begging. Half time arrived with no score.

The second half opened with 488 pressing strongly and about ten-minutes from start, Timms scored from a centre by Frampton. Soon after Frampton was fouled, and had to be carried off, taking no further part in the game. Although only having ten men the 488 continued to press and from another centre by Timms, Harvey scored a good goal. The third goal was scored by Eveson from a corner forced by the left wing. Good play between Smith, Watson, Eveson and Timms resulted in the latter putting in a centre from which Eveson scored the last goal.

1/7th v. 9th CHESHIRE REGT.

The above match took place on the former's ground at Bornheim on Saturday afternoon. The play was very fast and furious, and in the first few minutes the home centre-forward, Poole, shot wide from close range. After 15 minutes play the visitors broke away and registered the first goal. The 7th continued to press and were awarded two penalties in rapid succession both of which Poole failed to convert. The visitors led at the interval by the odd goal.

On resumption the play continued to be very fast, Poole registering the opening goal for the 7th which he followed up a few minutes later by a second lovely goal.

The home side continued to monopolize the game and Baskerville registered the third goal. A few minutes from time Poole scored the fourth and last goal of the match with a fine shot from 20 yards range.

Final score: — 1/7 Cheshire Regt. 4; 9th Cheshire Regt. 1.

WITH THE GLOVES.

KEEN SPORT IN LIBLAR TOURNAMENT.

A 10,000 DOLLARS GUARANTEE.

In connection with the comprehensive campaign of sports which is being conducted by the 5th Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. at Liblar, the first bouts of a boxing tournament were decided on Friday. The contests yiseleded some good fights and many promising pugilists were "discovered."

In the light-heavy weight competition, Sgt. Wilkinson ("C") and L/Cpl. Garforth ("C") met, and although the former had considerable advantage in reach Garforth won on points. Pte. Holdsworth "C," put up a disappointing show against Sgt. Faulkner "D" in the middle weight competition. He was hopelessly outclassed and the referee stopped the fight on humane grounds and awarded the bout to Sgt. Faulkner. There was a large number of entrées in the light weight competition. Pte. Coopland and Cpl. Dimmock fought three sparkling rounds, the decision going to the N.C.O.

Pte. Embleton ("C") made a plucky show against Sgt. Wood "C" and L/Cpl. Ball "C" took a lot of punishment from Pte. Blacke ("B"), the last mentioned in each bout being declared winner. The meeting between Pt. Hopkinson ("C") and Pte. Lovesay ("B") provided some interesting fighting. Both took their gruelling well, but Lovesay won on points. Pte. Jones "C" and Pte. Thomson ("B") met in the feather weight competition, Thompson winning quite comfortably.

A "discovery" in the "Bantam" bouts, was the form of Pte. Dickinson, "A," who had little difficulty in disposing of Pte. Perry, "C," although the latter by no means shaped as a novice.

Pte. Ausell ("C") had things all his own way in his bout with Pte. Longstaffe ("C").

The following are the points gained by companies in the contests: — A 2; B. 11, C 27; D. 4.

Officials: Referee, Lt.-Col. F. H. Peter, D.S.O. M.C.; Time-keeper: Lt. Ladentcher; judges; Capt. H. Barker, M.C. and second G. Dews.

BASHAM MEETS RATNER.

Sergt. Jonny Basham meets Ratner (America) at the National Sporting Club on the 16th of April for a purse of 1,200 pounds.

WILLARD V. DEMPSEY

A Reuter's New York telegram states that Willard has deposited in the Bank of Chicago the sum of 10,000 dollars which he will forfeit should he fail to appear in a championship bout with Jack Dempsey.

24th BRIGADE R.F.A. HUNT.

The 24th Brigade R.F.A. regret to announce that owing to the horses and bicycles being requisitioned by the Army of the Rhine, they are now reduced to diminished formation, and are therefore unable to fulfil the list of fixtures previously announced in the "*Cologne Post.*"

DING-DONG BOXING AT LÜLSDORF.

A very interesting boxing dispay was given at Lülsdorf on Thursday evening when some clever sport was witnessed. Four rounds between Bombardier Grenville and Driver Gothard was the opening item and the former boxer, having weight and science in his favour, soon wore down his opponent and deservedly gained the award on points.

Drivers Jackson and Woolgar had a hard set to and made things brisk in ding-dong style. Woolgar fought with a peculiar but effective swinging style and gained the verdict.

The bout between drivers Cooper and Hayles was the tit-bit of the evening, and some clever science was seen in every round. Cooper won by a narrow margin. Drivers Glover and Kirk put up a fine display and Kirk, though lacking in weight, had plenty of pluck and was the winner. This match was loudly applauded.

An exhibition bout between Drivers Birdwhistle and Barnes was watched with interest. Speed and ring craft are Birdwhistle's specialities and this display was valuable to those who are keen to know just "how it should be done". This boxer is anxious to have a "scrap" with any 9-stone lad and won't be averse to conceding a few pounds in weight.

Captain G. H. Mc Ewan D.C.M., R.F.A., proved a very efficient referee.

RUGBY TOURNAMENTS.

CANADA BEATEN BY ROYAL AIR FORCE.

In the inter-Service Rugby Tournament at Leicester on Saturday, before 3000 spectators, the Royal Air Force defeated Canada by 11—3 in a fast keen game. Both sides missed easy chances during the first half and at the interval the score was 0—0. In the second half the R.A.F. gained the ascendancy.

MOTHER COUNTRY DEFEATS SOUTH AFRICA.

At Twickenham on Saturday, before 12,000 spectators including Princes Albert and Henry, the Mother Country defeated South Africa by 21—12 in the Inter-Service Tournament. The Mother Country opened brilliantly, Sloan, Cullen and Usher scoring during the first 15 minutes. Towards the interval, when the score was 16—4, the South Africans played spiritedly though their handling was faulty. For them Harris and Mellish scored. The South Africans finished strongly but could not wipe off the arrears.

LANCASHIRE DIVISIONAL R.A.M.C. v. 53rd MANCHESTER'S.

The Lancashire Divisional R.A.M.C. team accepted the challenge of the 53rd Manchester Regt., and the game was played at Villeh on the ground of the 90th Field Ambulance on Friday before a good crowd. The spectators were treated to a good game and the R.A.M.C. jusified their confidence by running out easy winners by 4 goals to one. The goals were scored by:— Pte F.R. Evans. (2); Pte E. Evans (1) and Pte Byrne (1) for the R.A.M.C. Pte Chadwick scored the only goal for the Manchester's.

Final score:—

R.A.M.C. . . . 4; 53rd Manchesters . . . 1.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

BY "METEOR".

Tuesday, April 15th., 1919.

Surface Wind strong and squally from between S.W. and West. Mainly overcast skies with occasional rain. Indifferent visibility. Moderate temperature.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

Another out-door Game.

In the Editor's "Letter-Box" column is published a letter containing an outline of a game that seems to possess distinctly promising possibilities. With the football and hockey seasons so rapidly nearing their end, and in view of the limited amount of cricket and tennis that will be possible, owing to lack of suitable grounds, anything in the nature of a new phase of summer sport should be welcomed. The letter referred to does not go very deeply into details, but the broad outline given forms a sufficient basis upon which to build rules to suit local circumstances. If the Recreational Trainning Staff were to arrange a sample game of "Hockla" (How would that title suit?) so that we could all see exactly what the game looked like when actually being played, some indication could be formed at once as to its chances of popularity. There are many other little-known games that might be demonstrated, also, from which the most suitable could be selected for more or less general adoption.

And still another one.

For instance "Hand-Golf" was discribed to me a day or two ago by the inventor. The first big advantage that struck me about this game was that is can be played on any old ground; undulating (a word our rifle experts love!) or otherwise. The course is marked out very similarly to that of golf, the "holes", however, being above the ground level, bounded by sandbags. Clubs and expensive balls are quite an unnecessary luxury in connection with the game, which is played with dummy Mills bombs (sorry, I mean hand grenades) propelled in the old familiar way. An important rule of the game, apparently is that should a player land his bomb within a previously marked out radius of 25 feet of a hole, he must go back to the edge of that area for his next throw. The object of this rule is fairly obvious. Scoring is the same as in golf. So, you people who honour me by reading these notes, have a cut at the game and let me know how you like it.

A Couple of Challenges.

Challenges are flying about in all directions now-a-days. A sporting correspondent, who sends along a boxing item published elsewhere in this page, tells us that a Driver Birdwhistle invites any nine- stone (or even a little heavier) boxer to have a cut at him. Judging from the numerous bloods who have come to light since we finished with the all absorbing business of bullet firing I doubt not that this invitation will quickly be accepted.

A Welsh Wrestler's Offer.

C.S.M.I. Jenkins sends along an intimation of his willingness to wrestle any member of the Army of "Oc", "catch as catch can" style, at 9st. 9lbs. Sergeant-Major Jenkins, who, I believe, is an exponent of wrestling above the ordinary average, belongs to "D" Company, 51st Bn., The Welsh Regiment.

When notifications are being sent round of any match that may be forthcoming as a result of this challenge, I hope the "Cologne Post" will not be forgotten.

England v. Scotland in Germany.

After making some very nice referencs to the *Cologne Post*, a writer in the *Edinburgh Evening News* proceeds as follows:

"Its inception suggests further developments, particularly the topical one to-day that two international football teams be sent to tour the occuppied zone. Only the man who has served in the Army can fully appreciate how the prospect of a series of England v. Scotland games, played by thoroughly representative sides, would be gladly received. The Army overseas has had concert parties innumerable sent out to it, and it even rejoiced in a boxing tour by Billy Wells of some fortunate battalions in France, but its football has always hitherto been found among its own ranks. Conditions now, however make a tour from this country possible, and it would be a happy inspiration to send out, on the close of the present season, a couple of teams composed of the most popular footballers of Scotland and England to settle their international grievances before men who include in their midst some of the keenest football followers in the world. We pass the idea over to the Football Associations concerned as a happy means of getting rid of their accumulated profits, or to the Sports Council of the Army, ever keen to encourage a new suggestion which has the fostering of the sporting spirit of the troops as its incentive."

This suggestion will be hailed with the greatest satisfaction by all lovers of football in German occupied territory, but whoever (if anybody) undertakes the job, he will have to be pretty slick to get in before the season ends.

THE RAMBLER.

HIGHLAND DIVISION ARTILLERY LEAGUE.

310th BRIGADE R.F.A. — HEADQUARTERS v. "C" BATTERY.

A league match took place on Thursday, at Gemund, under ideal weather conditions and was witnessed by a huge crowd of spectators.

From the kick-off, the game proved to be very fast. Headquarters commanded the ball, and with clever and intricate passing, scored their first goal after a splendid centre from the right wing.

A good game followed, with Headquarters always on the aggressive, but from a break-away Mathewman equalised. Play continued to be fast and time and again Headquarters forward line proved too good for the "C" Battery defence. "Hands," in the goal mouth gave Headquarters a penalty, taken by Johnson, who scored.

The second half opened with brisk play on both sides. Johnson secured the ball, and with some splendid footwork, ran through and scored. This roused "C" Battery, who after a fine piece of play scored. The game continued with good play on both sides, Headquarters after some neat passing scored their fourth goal from a centre by Gilchrist. Result: Headquarters 4; "C" Battery 2.

The New York State Assembly has passed a Bill permitting local authorities to decide whether they want professional baseball on Sundays after 2 p.m., says a New York cable to the Paris *Daily Mail*. The Bill has already passed the Senate, and now goes to Governor Smith for his signature, which he has promised to affix.

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CABINET'S CRISIS IN GERMANY.

The resignation of Schiffer, minister of finances, was expected to crea e a crisis in the Berlin cabinet. In the *Köni che Zeitung* of Saturday we find the following remarks:

"The rats are leaving the sinking ship. Schiffer has realized that Scheidemann's policy is leading to national bankruptcy .for he has been constantly granting rises of salary when the first necessity should be "less salary, more work"!

"Schiffer himself declared to a representative of the *Allgemeine Zeitung*: "My resignation is only caused by personal motives. I do not want the foreign countries to overestimate the political importance of the situation created by my resignation. The firmness of the cabinet is not at all endangered and the situation of our finances is far from being hopeless! There is no reason for despair."

Erzberger and Gotheim were mentioned as successors, but it seems almost certain that Dernburg will be the future Minister of Finances, his place in turn being taken by Gothein.

AMERICAN DEMOBILIZERS.

The *Star and Stripes*, the official newspaper of the A.E.F. states that whether they have been in France long enough to earn a service chevron or not, officers and soldiers of the A.E.F. will be able to take home a substantial testimonial of their services in France.

That testimonial will be a diploma to be given by the French Government, which has just made known its wish to give a souvenir of their stay in France to all returning officers and enlisted men in the A.E.F. On each diploma will be inscribed the name of the man who receives it.

The French Government will supply the diplomas to the commanding officers of the ports of embarkation, who will arrange to have them inscribed with the names and military ranks of the men who are going aboard the boats, says Embarkation Instructions 19, Hq., S.O.S.

BENEFITS OF EDUCATIONAL SCHEME.

The following is a copy of a letter distributed to units of the Southern Division. It is specially noteworthy in that it portrays what may be the result of any enterprise in connection with the Army Educational Scheme.

"The attached copy of a letter received by the D.G.O. 29th Division (now Southern Division) is forwarded for the information of all ranks: it is of considerable interest as being an example of the great beneficial possibilities of the Army Education Scheme, to those who really take the trouble to avail themselves of the opportunities it affords and who really mean to get on.

About the middle of January 1919 the Div. Gas Officer, Capt. S. Spero (in civil life a dentist with a considerable practice), organized and contiucted, on his own initiative, a class in Dental Mechanics in Berg Gladbach, at which some 22 dtudents attended. Capt. Spero in the initial nstance provided all the necessary material and sools from his own private sources in England: the A.D.M.S. 29th Division afforded every assistance, and eventually the school received considerable support from 2nd Army H.Q., who, in addition, recognized it by giving it a large amount of work to do in connection with the dental repairs, etc., of the Army of the Rhine.

The results speak for themselves; especially as it is understood that at least six of the other students demobilized during March are in similar jobs to Pte. Thompson; with two exceptions, none of the twenty odd students had any previous experience.

Capt. Spero was assisted at his school by a Sergeant who had 12 years, experience in the trade.

Sir:— I know you would like to know how I am getting on. Well, sir, I called at the Dental Depot in Liverpool, and I was told to call on Mr. Robinson L.D.S., and he asked me to make a partial upper case, and when I finished it, he said it was very good and told me to start on Monday, and here I am earning £2—12—6 per week. I am, sir, very grateful for your instructions as I had no trade before the war, and sold papers for a living, and now I am right away in a thundering good job.

Now sir, the Dental Depot said they had lots of jobs for dental mechanics, and if any of the boys on the School care to come over here, they will be O.K. and if they call on me I can take them round.

Best respects
Sir, your humble servant,
(Sgd.) J. Thompson.

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THE SCRAMBLE OF RECRUITS FOR RUSSIA.

Those demobilized soldiers who cannot settle down to civilian routine are making good the opportunities afforded for re-enlistment in the Russian forces.

Inquiries among the volunteers show various reasons for re-enlistment. The love of soldiering, the appeal of comrades who are in danger at Archangel, and general dissatisfaction with civilian life at the present time are among the reasons given.

One volunteer was a major in a Highland regiment who has the D.S.O., the M.C. with two bars, and two South African medals. His great desire is to win the Victoria Cross. "It sounds curious," he said, "but I like fighting. Fighting is my profession."

A private who was demobilized a month ago said: "It is only when you leave the Army that you realise what you miss. Good companionship and no worry. I am tired of being a civilian. Everything is expensive and work is scarce." He confessed that the conditions of pay, the same as for the Army of Occupation, had appealed to him.

A sapper rejoining as a private in the infantry stated that he had seen service in Gallipoli, France, Egypt, and Italy. "Unless I went to Russia," he said, "I should not consider that I had seen the thing through."

Another anxious person who had already tasted all that war can give, spent 6/3d. on a telegram, so keen was he to obtain access to Army life again.

Women are still volunteering for service as V.A.D.s and members of Q.M.A.A.C., but no women are required.

GERMAN SECRET DISCOVERED.

The secret of the German process for manufacturing artificial mother of pearl has been discovered by Mr. Dew, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. The material is in great demand for the manufacture of fancy buttons, dress trimmings, etc. Mr. Dew has been engaged in his researches during the whole war period, and after suffering many disappointments has at last been successful.

DISABLED OFFICERS' PENSIONS.

It is announced by the Pensions Ministry that, in order to prevent hardships to officers, steps have been taken to provide that a first payment on account of disability retired pay, which is issued monthly in arrears, shall be made whenever possible a month after the officer's discharge.

In order to prevent hardship, officers whose retired pay is likely to be renewed are advised to apply for medical examination five weeks (instead of three weeks) before their retired pay will lapse.

SIR E. GEDDES AND HIS STAFF.

It is announced that no appointments in the Ministry of Ways and Communications can be made or promised until the Ministry is approved. Sir Eric Geddes does not anticipate that his requirements of staff will go beyond a few highly technical experts in transport matters and a clerical staff, together with those officers of existing Government Departments whose functions may be transferred to the new Ministry.

At the request of Sir Eric, the directors of the N. E. R. Company have again lent the services of Mr. R. F. Dunnell, their secretary and solicitor, in connection with the organization of the secretarial and legal department of the new Ministry.

AMERICAN ARMY TESTS.

The American War Department is putting into effect at Army camps a system of determining the abilities of discharged soldiers to fill specialized jobs. The plan follows the tests by which the Army selected during the war troops for many branches of special service.

The new ability test will be entirely voluntary, but troops who pass will be recommended for high position and important clerical and executive posts throughout the country.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

As an increasing number of allotment-holders are getting notice to quit their holdings, a mass meeting to protest against insecurity of tenure and evictions will be held to-day at the Memorial Hall.

The control by the Army Council of road stone quarries, including slag dumps and slag works producing road materials, has now ceased, and the Road Stone Control Committee will be dissolved accordingly.

The State apartments at Windsor Castle ware closed from next Monday.

The Controller of Timber Supplies no longer requires firms to make monthly returns of imported timber stocks.

Mr. Lloyd George has been appointed by the King a Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Hans Waldhausen, a German prisoner of war, who recently escaped from the internment camp at Oswestry, has been recaptured.

The London Headquarter of the Comrades of the Great War has received a telegram from Bloemfontein stating that the Grand Council of Comrades of South Africa, representing the four provinces and Rhodesia, has unanimously agreed to affiliate with the Comrades of the United Kingdom.

BRANDING DRUG TAKERS.

The New York Health Commission is urging upon the Legal department the desirability of branding persons addicted to the drug habit. They claim that it will facilitate identification and prevent drug takers from obtaining an excessive supply.

DRAUGHTS' TOURNAMENT.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir. — I am taking the liberty of writing these few lines, asking if it is possible to hold a Draugts Tournament in the Rhine Army. I have been taking a great interest in the game for the last few months, and as it is a very popular, amongst the soldiers I would be pleased to hear of a tournament being held for the "Champion of the Rhine Army." I am sure there must be a few expert players on the Rhine who would aid a lot in having a tournament, if it was only brought to their notice.

I read with pleasure the "stunt" a certain R. A. M. C. sergeant undertakes to do and I wouldn't mind being one of the opponents. I hope you will bring this suggestion to the notice of readers of *The Cologne Post* so that anyone interested in it may write. H.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

NEW GAME FOR ENTHUSIASTS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir. — A young officer from your part of the world tells me you value suggestions for games. About thirty-five years ago, whilst in India, I started a game which might commend itself to you — a sort of cross between hockey and lacrosse. It is played with old lawn tennis rackets and an old lawn tennis ball. The size of ground can vary between that of a football field and that of a lawn tennis court, or can be smaller in hot weather than in cold, when running is more desirable. Similarly the distance between goal posts can be regulated according to taste.

At the time to which I refer, ladies joined in, and were the forwards playing hockey amongst themselves, whilst the men were behind the scrimmage and picked up the ball on their racket, running with it, as in Lacrosse, passing it, throwing it in the air, and catching it again, when "tackled." The ball was either hit or thrown from the racket through the goal.

The game can of course equally well be played with men only and the charm of it is that old rackets and balls are everywhere available, whereas hockey sticks and balls are not always obtainable; and hockey is a more stereotyped and serious pastime.

I put forward the idea for what it is worth.
C.F.I.

WYKEHAMIST DINNER.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir.— I shall be obliged if you could tell me if an old Wykehamist dinner has yet been held in Cologne; or if one has been proposed yet. There must be plenty of old Winchester men around Cologne and I am sure we should all welcome an opportunity of meeting. Perhaps some of your readers could answer this. H. W.

WANTED—A POEM.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*

Sir, —

Can you discover for me a short poem commencing "Prepare, prepare the iron helm of war"? I believe it was written about two hundred years ago. I saw it in a magazine whilst in Macedonia; but unfortunately I have lost my copy.

If you could print this poem I think it would be appreciated by the readers of your excellent paper.
C. S.

Answers to Correspondents.

[The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Many questions have been received which could be answered much easier by the Adjutant of the unit concerned, and all such cases which affect the unit commander must be taken to him and not sent here. — Ed.]

B.S.B.—Yes, at Army College. Apply through Education Officer.
F C.L.—On twenty-first birthday.
Tommy.—This matter is now closed.
Contemptible.—There will be no further discussion on this subject.
X.Y.—June 24, 1918.
One of them.—The substance of your letter has been passed on.
W.C.—Your complaint has been forwarded to other authorities.
Vanil.—There will be no further discussion on the subject.
W.H.R.—See reply to "Tommy above."
D.S.R.—A very good retort to the letter you mention but the subject is now dropped.
A.E.C.—We have no news of either questions.
A.V.P.—Sorry, we cannot.
J.M.—You would meet with great difficulty, as this is not allowed.
A.W.R.—No preference to any.
H.C.W.—We are awaiting fuller details ourselves.
Tom.— The word never implies "ignorance." It is derived from the Latin word *levitat-em*, which means "light."
Wireless.— (1) No.
(2) One red, four blue.
A. F. S.— We believe so.
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RUGGER. 53rd. S.W.B. want Rugby matches, home (Münstereifel) or away. e. g. Cologne or Bonn. Weds. Sats. or Suns. Write Capt. B. M. Tutham.

"THE CRUMPS"
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This Concert Party which has been broken up owing to demobilization is about to be re-formed, and there are several vacancies for Artistes in all lines.

Any member of the London Division who can sing, act, or play any instrument is invited to send in his name, rank, and regiment to Lieut. J. W. KNIGHT, C/o London Divisional Canteen, 26 Mainzer Strasse, Cologne, without delay.

LENGTHY DUEL ADJOURNED.

A Rome telegram states that the duel between the Marquis Centurione and Count Maestrette was stopped after forty-five minutes by the doctors on account of the exhaustion of the principals. The duel was to be resumed on the following day.

RUSSIAN SOVIET'S DECREE.

Helsingfors, 10th April. The Russian Soviet Government has issued a decree ordering that everyone found carrying arms without a licence shall be shot at sight. *Reuter.*

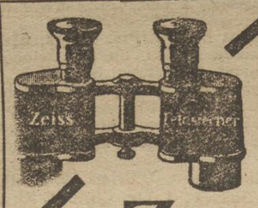

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CAPTURES FROM BOLSHEVISTS.

The following information has been received from the General Officer commanding at Murmansk concerning the small offensive operation carried out by Allied troops under his command.

It was learnt that two small attacks carried out by the enemy on the 7th April on our posts south of Segeja (a town on the railway three-hundred and sixty miles from Murmansk) were merely preliminary reconnaissances to larger operations.

The main operation was to be the capture by the Bolshevist garrison of the post at Urosozero, twenty miles south of Segeja, the strength of which was about two hundred and fifty.

Accordingly, in order to forestall these operations, General Maynard rapidly moved up a small force of about one hundred and fifty consisting chefly of Russians and Slavo-British legionaries, with a small proportion of Allied troops.

Urosozero was attacked en the eleventh. The attack was completely sucessful and the enemy's losses heavy in comparision with the strength of the garrison, including fifty killed, twentyfive unwounded and ten wounded prisoners.

In addition we captured two three-inch guns, one machine gun, one hundred pairs of skis, fourteen cases of new carbines and large quantities of ammunition, including seven thousand shells.

Our losses were one killed and two wounded.

After the attack patrols were pushed out further to the South and bridges were destroyed.

ATTACKS ON ARCHANGEL FRONT.

The war office announces that a Bolshevist attack in the Shredmeerenga area of the Archangel front was launched in great force last Saturday after artillery preparation which lasted throughout the night.

It was completely repulsed and the enemy lost about four hundred men killed and wounded and a number of machine guns. The main attack, directed against Shredmeerenga was made by some two thousand three hundred men, exclusive of reserves, in three waves. The first was to reconnoitre in force and the second, supported by the third, was to capture the village from the south and west. Hostile artillery fire was heavier than usual.

The object of the attack was to break through to the Dvina and cut off our southernmost troops on this river. On the Vaga and Dvina fronts only slight artillery activity has taken place.

A detachment of the Slav-British legion raided a Bolshevist position at Bolsheozerk on Wednesday. They destroyed a blockhouse, killed the garrison and captured nine prisoners, including an officer, and two machine guns.

On Thursday morning a detachment of the Russian national army made a successful raid at Kadish.

HOW TO SETTLE HOUSING PROBLEMS.

THE BOLSHEVIST WAY.

Buda-Pesth, 10th April. The revolutionary government is taking further drastic steps towards settling the housing problem. It has decided to expel from the city all foreign "vagabonds and profiteers," especially ex-Galicians, and to confiscate all premises suitable for dwellings. The number affected by the expulsion order is about 200,000.—*Reuter.*

CAPITAL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The League of Nations Committee has selected Geneva as the capital of the League by twelve votes against seven given to Brussels.

France, Belgium, China, Portugal and Czechoslovaki voted for Brussels; Great Britain, America, Italy, Japan, Serbia, Greece, Rumania and Brazil for Geneva.

President Wilson spoke eloquently of the reasons which he considered made Geneva desirable for the capital. He is reported as having said that the League of Nations had not been originated out of hate and enmity. Its seat ought to be removed from souvenirs of the great conflict and be located in a neutral country. Switzerland had maintained perfect impartiality during the war. Its character was also enhanced by the circumstance that three races made up the Swiss nation. He also was in favour of the seat of the League being at a city which was not a capital and was thus removed from political influences.

PROBABLE RESIGNATION OF SCHEIDEMANN.

It is considered likely that Scheidemann, the German Prime Minister, will shortly resign owing to differences of opinion with his colleagues. He greatly favours the creation of a State Tribunal, but the proposition does not commend itself to the members.

Dr. Dernburg, his probable successor, has framed a scheme which will act as a brake on ultra-socialism.

ANTI-BOLSHEVIST MOVEMENT IN RUSSIA.

A telegram from Petrograd says there are indications that a pronounced anti-Bolshevist movement is now on foot. The Russian papers there state that definite signs of unity have been shown in anti-Bolshevist demonstrations in various parts of the country. At Samara and Starropol there have been risings of a particularly sanguinary character. The Bolshevist commission for combating anti-revolutionary movements has admitted the increasing strength of this movement, in which even the peasants are taking part.

Plans for cutting off all transport of provisions to Petrograd and Moscow and for blowing up the railway bridges have recently been discovered.

The Commissaries have been obliged to appease the workmen by increasing the bread ration at Moscow as well as by raising wages fifty per cent. — *Reuter.*

Samara is a large town on the Volga, 650 miles S. E. of Moscow. The district, before the war, contained large colonies of Germans, to the number of at least 100,000, who were chiefly engaged in agriculture.

Starropol (or Stavropol) lies 700 miles S. W. of Samara on the northern slopes of the Caucasus.

BAVARIAN REVOLUTION.

The situation at Munich is very obscure, and there are many contradictory reports. The city is isolated, the railway, telegraph and telephone systems having been severed.

Apparently the Soviet is hopeful of getting food and coal via Switzerland and Italy, but as to the means of transport there is no indication.

Fighting in the streets continues. According to a Berlin paper the Communists on the evening before the Government troops deposed them, had decided to expropriate all private houses and to make all women over a certain age common property.

Another newspaper states that they had agreed to form an alliance with Russia and Hungary to make war on Prussia.

The corpse of the late Saxon War Minister, Neuring, has not yet been recovered from the river Elbe.

A Bamberg telegram to the *Kölnische Volkszeitung* announces that the Spartacists have regained control of the town. The proletariat has been armed and a Red army of ten thousand men formed. Fifty dead were counted in the streets and more than sixty wounded have been taken to hospital.

Augsburg has capitulated in consequence of an ultimatum sent by Hoffmann to the effect that the town would be completely isolated until relations with the Munich Soviet were repudiated, the censorship of letters and newspapers abolished, hostages liberated and municipal authorities re-instated.

Forty thousand persons heard the terms of the ultimatum and voted by an enormous majority for its acceptance. The Soldiers and Workmen's Council, however, accepted the decision on the grounds that the time for a Soviet was not yet come, but they would bide their time.

Schweinfurt, Lohr and Aschaffenburg have followed the example of Augsburg.

LUNATIC MEMBERS OF BAVARIAN SOVIETS.

Writing in a review called the *Suddeutsche Monatshefte* an University professor named Cossmann declares it to be a fact well-known to many medical men that several of the leaders of the third Munich revolution are mentally deranged.

He declares that Lewien has secondary syphilis of the brain and that it is an open secret in official circles.

Lippe, Soviet Minister for foreign affairs has been twice incarcerated in a lunatic asylum for megalomania.

One of the Soviet leaders at Augsburg, Rothenfelder, is in like condition. According to *Voraerts* he escaped from a clinic at Cologne, the professor of which diagnosed him as being unable to think clearly or to act reasonably. At that time he belonged to the Clerical party and had literary associations with Handel-Mazetti. Later he developed a great hatred of England. Now he is a Spartacist!

GERMAN STRIKE NEWS.

At Düsseldorf the Spartacists have repeatedly attacked the railway station, which is stoutly defended by Government troops. Artillery is still being considerably used.

It is possible that the clerks in Cologne will come out on strike. They have gone far beyond their original demands. A meeting is announced for 8 a.m. on Wednesday at the Gürzenich at which a decision will be made.

There are actually a few clerks on strike but if it becomes general ten thousand clerks will be involved.

The strike at Danzig has collapsed.

The miners strike in the Ruhr district can be considered as ended. The majority of the men are already back at work.

The British have occupied Trebizond, the Black Sea port of Asia Minor.

A second vessel has been chartered by the Spanish Government to deport another three hundred Russian undesirables to Odessa.

TO IMPROVE CHURCH SERVICES.

EXTRAORDINARY SUGGESTIONS.

Unexpected replies have been received to an appeal made to the worshippers at Saint James' Church, Bermondsey, for suggestions, no matter how frank, as to making Sunday Evening Services more popular.

Eleven correspondents advocated the reservation of the back part of the church for smokers; one wanted Carlyle and Ruskin substituted for the old Testament lesson and one frankly advocated turning the Church into a Cinema, saying "A hearty laugh at Charlie Chaplin does more good than any pi-jaw."

COAL CRISIS IN AUSTRALIA.

Melbourne. The coalowners have agreed to increase miners wages by twenty two and a half per cent, the Commonwealth Government simultaneously sanctioning an increase in the price of coal.

The Premier of New South Wales has objected to the agreement and points out that it will cost New South Wales a hundred thousand pounds annually.

Mr. Watt, the acting Commonwealth Premier, however, says that the coal shortage is extremely grave and that the action of New South Wales may result in the most serious dislocation of industry which has ever occurred in Australia.

NO "POST" ON SATURDAY 19th APRIL.

There will be no issue of THE COLOGNE POST on Saturday 19th April, or on Monday 21st April. This arrangement will obviate the necessity of working on Good Friday and Easter Day.

From next Tuesday THE COLOGNE POST will appear as usual, that is DAILY EXCEPT ON MONDAYS

NO "POST" ON MONDAY.

TWO SUMMER TIMES IN CANADA.

The Canadian railway commission has decided not to interfere with the action of the railways in advancing the time one hour.

Probably the House of Commons, which voted against the adoption of summer time, will be obliged to introduce it as a matter of convenience.— *Reuter.*

NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE.

GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AWAITED.

Employers and workers are awaiting with great interest the announcement by the Government of its plans and policy to give legislative effect to the proposals adopted at the National Industrial Conference.

The Prime Minister has promised prompt consideration by the Cabinet and it is generally believed that Bills will be brought before Parliament at no distant date providing for the reforms already outlined.

ACTRESS BECOMES A PEERESS.

Through the death of Lord S't Oswald' Miss Evie Carew' the ex-actress of Daly's Theatre, who married the heir' becomes Lady Saint Oswald. She appeared in "Gipsy Love," "A Country Girl" and "Betty."

PROBABLE AMOUNT OF GERMANY'S INDEMNITY.

FORECAST OF PEACE TERMS.

Although the general outline of the peace terms has been drawn up there are one or two points on which there is not yet a complete agreement, notably in regard to what should be included in reparation. Practically however it has been decided, according to the *Times*, to fix the total sum payable by Germany at between ten thousand million and twelve thousand million pounds, the payment of which will be spread over about fifty years. First payments will be asked for in gold and goods and later payments will include a large proportion of marks.

The question of Germany's western frontier seems to have been settled by the plan of complete de-militarisation of the left bank and of a large zone on the right bank of the Rhine, with guarantees to France from the League of Nations and perhaps from a military alliance.

France is to be entitled to work the Saar coalfields until her own coalfields, destroyed by the Germans, have again become productive. This period will probably be fixed provisionally at fifteen years. During this time the valley will be administered under a mandate of the League of Nations, with French police control, and measures will be adopted enabling France to exploit the coalfields to the full. At the end of fifteen years the inhabitants will be asked to express by plebiscite their wishes as to nationality.

The *Times* Paris correspondent adds "Danzig will be given her status as a free city in close customs union with Poland and steps will be taken to ensure that the port will be devoted to Poland's needs. The League of Nations will have a controlling influence, but the city will enjoy free sovereignty.

"Agreement has also been reached with regard to punishment for breaches of law during the war. Offenders will be tried according to their different crimes by national und international tribunals.

"A special tribunal, consisting of one representative of each of the five great powers, will be formed to try those heads of States who are accused of criminal responsibilities.

"This presumably means that some steps will have to be taken to endeavour to obtain the attendance of the Ex-Kaiser at the proceedings."

The League of Nations Covenant has been revised and the text, which contains twenty six articles, will be made public in the course of a few days. *Wireless.*

WHAT GERMANY INTENDED TO TAKE.

Such details of the Peace terms as are given above are "intelligent anticipation." Before the full terms are revealed it is well to recall what Germany's intentions were in 1914.

Herr Erzberger, the head of the German Armistice Commission, and plentipotentiary at Spa, pleaded for a "Peace of Justice."

In 1914 this same Erzberger wrote a memorandum which brought him letters of thanks from Bethmann - Hollweg, the Chancellor, General Falkenhayn, Chief of General Staff, (now a fugitive), General von Moltke and Admiral Tirpitz.

This is what he demanded:—

That Germany's victory should be so assured that the Empire's military supremacy on the continent should be assured for all time. His minimum demands for the conclusion of peace were that Belgium must in no circumstances preserve her present status, that Germany must retain her military supremacy over that country as well as over the entire French coast as far as Boulogne, including Dunkirk and Calais, also possession of the Channel Islands.

As regards France the claims of the German industry on certain mineral regions must receive consideration. France must dismantle her fortresses. The Russian colossus must be split up and the Baltic provinces be joined to Prussia or converted into independent states under German hegemony. Russia must be cut off from both the Baltic and the Black seas. Great provinces in Central Africa must be founded, stretching from Dar es Salam (German East Africa) across Duaila to Senegal. German war expenditure must be recovered to the full capacity of each country. Besides large immediate payments Germany must aim at obtaining instalments spread over a number of years. War indemnities must produce full compensation for direct war expenditure and war damages.

The Imperial debt for the army, fleet and colonies must be extinguished. A requisite sum must be obtained for the founding of a big Imperial pensions fund, a large fund for the establishment of German cable and wireless stations; finally a fund from which the Kaiser could make grants to victorious generals and successful statesmen.

Thus Erzberger's requirements according to schedule.

Other notorious Germans were also among the false prophets.

COUNCILLOR AS SCAVENGER.

Mr. H. L. Ford, a member of the Tenby Corporation and a county councillor, took a scavenger's broom and swept one of the principal streets of the town on Saturday, as all the scavengers are on strike.

His Majesty the King, who is Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, has signified his intention to be present at the memorial service for those members of the regiment who were killed during the war. The service will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on 23rd. April, St. George's Day.

Ellen Terry returned to the stage on Saturday night, playing the Nurse to Doris Keane's Juliet and Basil Sydney's Romeo on the first production at the Lyric Theatre of "Romeo and Juliet."

It is estimated that nearly twelve thousand young ladies are awaiting presentation at Court.

UNFAVOURABLE ATLANTIC WEATHER.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT MOMENT.

The Air Ministry has issued a statement saying that in attempting to fly the Atlantic, competitors for the *Daily Mail* prize are engaging in no light venture.

Skilled as are the pilots and navigators and good as all the machines undoubtedly are, success will to a great extent depend on the choice of a moment when weather conditions are favourable.

In their choice the pilot and navigator must rely almost entirely on weather forecasts.

For this purpose not only are daily weather reports being obtained from many meteorological stations bordering on the Atlantic but the evidence of past years, bare and inconclusive as it is, is being utilised in helping to estimate the possibilities of a successful flight on any given day.

The information available is still very scanty, and though every effort has been made to secure the maximum degree of accuracy in weather forecasts, they cannot be accepted as being infallible.

A close study has been made of daily and monthly wind and weather charts of the Atlantic, which have been compiled from large numbers of observations from ships. These charts show that although there are generally considerable disturbances they keep more or less to certain fairly well defined areas and tracks. These vary according to the period of the year, but the average winds for many months are, with an occasional exception, repeated yearly.

In comparing the prospects of competitors flying in each direction it is pointed out that during about fifty days of the year only would winds favour a machine travelling westward and that the chances for a machine proceeding from Newfoundland to Ireland are therefore considerably better than for one flying from Ireland to Newfoundland.

MAKING THE NEW MAP.

Stockholm. A Swedish publishing company has decided to produce a large world atlas as soon as the Peace Congress has definitely fixed the new frontiers.

The work will be carried out by Swedish geographic and military experts, and the entire net profits will be handed over to the Red Cross. This effort is regarded as quite a new departure, Germany having hitherto enjoyed practically a monopoly in the atlas trade.

RURAL WORKERS MINIMUM WAGE.

At the National Conference of the agricultural labourers and rural workers union held in London the chairman moved a resolution that the conference, while accepting the settlement reached by the Agricultural Wages Board, most emphatically declares that the minimum wages fixed are still inadequate, and instructs the executive to press for a national minimum wage of fifty shillings for a six day working week of forty-four hours all the year round.

An amendment was adopted by a large majority that the conference refuse to accept the settlement as permanent, and demand that the Government be warned that the present low standard of wages is the main factor in driving the people off the land.

ORGANISING NATIONAL FESTIVALS.

A meeting to inaugurate a League of Arts for national and civic ceremony was held at His Majesty's Theatre on Sunday afternoon. Among other objects the League is aiming to bring art and public life into contact and to preserve national and civic traditions. The League intends to organize recurring festivals in which the whole of the community can take part.

One of its first acts will be to organize a tribute to the British Mercantile Marine.

Sir Frank Bensow, who presided, said that the men of the Mercantile Marine will be welcomed on the Thames on the 19th July. The bank will be lined by singers and the embankments decorated in such a fashion as the Thames has never yet witnessed.

CAFÉS AND EXTENSION OF HOURS.

Although the hour for civilians to be in their homes has been extended to ten o'clock it must not be assumed that cafés may remain open longer. They must still be closed by 8.30 p.m. (20.30 military time.)

OPERA TO COMMENCE LATER.

Taking advantage of the extension of time, the performances at the opera and Cologne theatres will be timed to begin an hour later than has hitherto been the case.

AMERICAN STUDENTS IN ENGLAND.

A number of American soldier students have arrived for the opening Spring term at Manchester University, including twenty-four officers, thirty-four non-commissioned officers and twelve other ranks. All have been on active service in France.

They intend to form two baseball teams during their stay at Manchester.

H.M. Queen Mary has sent a letter of sympathy to the parents of Sgt. Andrew Jones, who after serving throughout the war, has died of pneumonia in France. Sgt. Jones was chauffeur to Sir Arthur Sloggett, Director General of the Army Medical Service and drove the Queen's car on her visit to France during the war. In her letter the Queen says she remembers Jones well.

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TUESDAY, WED. THURS. (APR. 15. 16. 17.)

In Chapel (C. A.) Hotel Nord.

Holy Communion	7.30 a.m.
Morning Prayers	9.15 a.m.
Evening Prayers (with Address)	6.30 p.m.

In Chapel (C. A.) Antoniterstr.

Holy Communion	7.30 a.m.
Evening Prayers (with Address)	6.30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Military Church: 57, Schildergasse.

Morning Service	11.15 a.m.
Evening Service	6 p.m.

Large Hall (C. A.) Hotel Nord.

Lantern Service	6 p.m.

No: 1. Army Cinema. Komödienstr.

Lantern Service	6 p.m.

EASTER DAY, APRIL 20th.

Military Church, 57, Schildergasse.

Holy Communion	7, 8, 11.15 a.m.
Morning Service	10.30 a.m.
Evening Service	6 p.m.

In Chapel (C. A.) Antoniterstr.

Holy Communion	7.30 a.m.

No. 1 Army Cinema Hall, Komödienstr.

Evening Service	6 p.m.
Holy Communion	6.45 p.m.

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Holy Communion	8 a.m.
Evening Service	6 p.m.

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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN GERMANY.

The Central Powers of Europe, by their insistence upon war in August 1914, let loose upon the whole continent a surfeit of troubles. They have by no means escaped their share, and Germany, whose material progress in the last three decades through the completeness of her organization had caused general wonder, is today enduring a state of self inflicted industrial disorganization which paralyses her powers of production almost as completely — though probably this condition will not last so long — as the deliberate destruction of the French machinery at Lille and Roubaix, and the flooding of the French coal mines has paralysed the industrial activity of Northern France.

There are four principal factors contributing to the present situation — the depreciation in the value of her currency in exchange, the want of raw material and food, and political and industrial unrest.

Before the war the worth of the mark and of the shilling were generally the same. The former felt in value as the war proceeded, but its fall was not so evident to the population, as it is and will be, since during that time Germany had to trust to her own resources, and her trade with the outside world was restricted to Neutral Countries and the goods which these countries could pass through to her. Further, she still possessed her old organization and also, almost to the end, cherished, and inspired in many quarters, the belief that she might obtain a peace which would enable her to start manufacturing again under conditions advantageous to her, as compared with England, to whose mercantile fleet and marine she had dealt heavy blows, and France whose industrial machinery she had looted. Her debt too, it must be remembered, was less than ours. So long, therefore she had a fair amount of credit, and the mark fell, pretty smartly it is true, but not to the depths to which the rout of the early Autumn of 1918 and the subsequent "debacle" have ultimately brought it.

With the mark standing at half its full value, a German purchasing goods in France, England or America has obviously to pay double price for everything he buys. And if the German trading community were to go to the outside world, as purchasers, offering this depreciated currency, not only would the mark fall still further in value, but, as far as raw materials formed part of her purchases, the articles produced from the raw materials purchased could not be sold abroad except at a heavy loss. And manufactured goods which are saleable abroad she must have in order to pay for the goods she imports.

Yet Germany must have food and raw material if she is to revive her credit and raise the value of her currency. She must have them to enable her to employ and pay her workpeople. The problem of food has been temporarily met by utilizing the solid assets which the state possesses, but the relief can be but temporary unless an undepreciated medium of exchange can be called in aid to supplement her flagging resources. For the purchase of raw material is of equal importance for her, for the continual outbursts of trouble, fomented for political end, no doubt, but finding their best occasion in industrial conditions, will continue to lower her power of production.

How is the exchange to be altered so that Germany may be able to obtain the necessaries for her industry on workable terms?

The answer is not easy to find. Perhaps the creation of a special preferential currency secured by a charge on the more solid and available assets of the country might be one means of giving her a start. The assets charged would be such that the countries supplying her needs should be able to assume control of them, if, and when, necessary. Such for instance would be harbour dues, mercantile shipping and customs, besides the productive areas in or near the occupied territory. The control would have to be extended to the currency itself so that it should only be used for specific purposes, such as war debt and payment in exchange for imports. There seems to be no reason why a nation should not issue a kind of Prior Lien Debenture, though she may have to continue the process known as "watering" her shares in regard to the unfortunate shareholders — the German people. For it must be remembered that the constant increases of wages which we read of are ultimately of no advantage to the recipients so long as they merely result in further depreciating the value of the coin (medium is more correct) in which they are paid. Equally harmful are the constant issues of paper money — another kind of "water."

THE STAGE AND ITS FUTURE.

There may be some doubt as to the propriety of loving our enemies, but there can be no doubt as to the propriety of learning from them. Today we would speak to those of our readers who are prepared to learn. No pilgrim in Cologne can afford to neglect the Opera House. He may or may not be impressed by the artistic nature of the edifice, but in it he must see a well-equipped, comfortable, and commodious building wherein citizens can indulge in the delights of renowned operas. Such operas have an undoubted influence on the development of human life in its artistic and musical aspects; they cheer and educate and uplift us — in a word, they stand for recreation in its truest sense. Municipalities, like that of Cologne, have recognised this truth; and they take care that they shall have under their direct control the selection, rendering, and purveyance of opera and drama. A civic policy of this kind is not a by-product of militarism; it is a simple matter of good sense,

To many of us it seems that we may well learn a lesson from the Opera House. It is true that here and there in England we have had attempts to give drama a worthier place in our national life. Years ago Sir F. R. Benson did great service in many provincial towns by interesting public-minded citizens in the revival of Shakespearian plays; for a considerable time the Birmingham Repertory Theatre has proved the need and the popularity of its ideals: and who can forget the struggles of the "Old Vic." which is even now holding its Birthday Shakespeare season? But we need more than gallant and isolated ventures in art; and surely the time for reform is due. These are days of nazionalization, and it were well that monopoly in the exploitation of the stage should be taken out of the hands of private adventurers, who too often take short views of a nation's pleasures, and securely placed in the keeping of responsible bodies of men and women who will see to it that public taste, morals, and enjoyment are what they should be. The most common evil of nationalization is bureaucracy, but bureaucracy would have short shrift in stage management. Nepotism might well mean the revival of Roman thumb-play.

"Where, influenced by the rabble's bloody will,
With thumbs bent back, they popularly kill."

What reasons are advanced against public control of the stage? They come from two classes of people. There are, firstly, those who see in the theatre not good but evil, and would gladly prohibit the stage and all its works. Then there are those who believe that they can feel the pulse of society and know best what society wants and cater best for these wants. They are individualists and, in the proper sense of the word, artistic adventurers, competing with each other for the popularity of their entertainments, content to give only what they think is desired. To the former class we say that it is futile to leave out of reckoning a human instinct for artistry in scene and sound, an instinct which can be so satisfied that moral and even spiritual ideals shall be preserved. To the latter class we say that it is not good to base the whole production of opera and drama on the law of supply and demand, that the criterion of public taste has at times been shaped in unworthy fashion, and that it would even be to the advantage of the professional class of stage-managers if there were alongside of them public bodies of men and women who viewed music and art as helps to the attainment of civic virtue. The real danger of competition for popularity in the theatre and music hall world is that, while professing to give the public only what it wants, stage managers are too often suggesting to the public what it would be pleasurable to want. They begin by meeting the demands of the people; they end in moulding these demands.

Why should we fear to take our courage in both hands? We are standing at the threshold of a new era. Let us advocate in our own land a firmer grasp of all musical and artistic entertainment; let us go further and advocate municipal enterprise in the production of good and wholesome art. Then we shall have a leaven that will leaven the whole lump; then we shall have some control over the incitement of our finest emotions; then we shall gladly and without inward perturbation worship at the shrines of Thespis and Terpsichore.

(*Continued at foot of next column.*)

MY DAWG.

His working and Christian name is Paddy. About two years ago, he strolled into the mess, or what we fondly imagined looked like one. To him I immediately transferred both my attentions and a juicy steak, and we became quite friendly. Afterwards I secured his affections with a piece of string. He had no collar, but a few days later another little doggie slipped a real beauty into my pocket.

Everyone, especially the men, liked my new pet. Often a gallant sapper, whose luck had been out on the sick parade, would get on the right side of the dog previous to getting on the right side of me. Paddy knew all the points of the play, but, if impressed, would suggest that with a little manly assistance, the rats under the wood-pile would receive all necessary attention. And both would get a day off.

The first time he saw himself in a mirror, he promptly started a rough house, but soon found food for reflection. Shortly afterwards he brought along the Sergeant Major's dog, a big, husky brute, and his worst enemy, who immediately started a suicide stunt. Paddy then jumped in and made a three-handed game of it, and sorced a decided victory. The S.M. took the matter to heart, and on my next leave-warrant I was a day short, and did not discover it until afterwards. Now Paddy sits for hours before the glass practising new evolutions with his whiskers and tail.

He has seen plenty of trench warfare, too. One night he returned from No Man's Land in such a hurry, and beat it for the back country, that we suspected dirty work. Gas came over at dawn.

We used him in the mines for listening. He would lie with his ear to the ground, and his back bristles would point in the direction of enemy workings.

It is marvellous how he distinguishes the different badges of rank. He betokens respect by keeping a discreet distance from Sam Brownes, perhaps because of their usual close association with canes. He licks his lips if he sees anybody with the Machonochie (MC) up. Onc I saw him blush when a batman said "Sir" to a sergeant.

He watches my wrist of he wants to know the time, and anticipates my daily movements by the boots I wear. His eyes dance with delight if I slip into a pair of pumps.

Paddy is mad on motor-bikes. It is a "triumph" of canine intelligence how he knows the different makes. He follows me for miles and, when in traffic, rushes ahead and makes a noise like a Klaxon yawn. If tired he jumps on behind, unless it is very cold, when he squeezes into the lamp and closes the shade. And he knows the efficacy of petrol in the removal of grease from his coat.

Once I was swimming in a canal leaving my clothes on the tow-path. Seeing a car approaching, he removed them to a place of greater safety, and then went off without informing me of its location.

He wanders far from home, and jumps lorries on the way back. First he spots our divisional mark, and running behind make a noise like a busted rear spring. The driver stops for investigation, and the rest is easy.

He can count, too. If he sees thirteen preparing to sit down to dinner he gets highly excited. He is assured of a pew then. His manners are excellent, particularly with peas.

During last summer we were with a colonial corps, and they did their best to pinch him. I guess he was about the only thing they ever failed to get away with.

Yes, some little dawg is Paddy.

TOOTLES.

Y.M.C.A. (CENTRAL HALLS).

On Monday, 14th April, Professor Adkin delivered a lecture on "The Balkan Tangle" to a large and appreciative audience at the Central Halls, 44, Friesenstrasse. Many know how valuable have been the services of the lecturer not only in England but in France and Belgium, and we are glad that so many of our soldiers heard him discuss with his accustomed skill the riddles of Eastern Europe.

At the conclusion of Professor Adkins's lecture an interesting ceremony took place. Dr. Francis introduced Major Bles, the Town Major of Cologne, who officially opened the Central Y.M.C.A. Annexe. which is to be used as a Canteen and Recreation Hall. Major Bles is a man of wonderful versatility, and it was no surprise to us when he acquitted himself well in this pleasing ceremony. He is not only a lecturer whose lectures have run into amazing numbers and have done much to keep at high level the *moral* of our men; not only a music and art critic, but he is a follower of the Thespian art and delighted his audience by the recitation of a poem of Rudyard Kipling. In his characteristic speech, fearless as of yore, he enlarged on the dangers of an unwise fraternization. we wish all success to this addition to the Friesenstrasse suite of Halls, for no institution has excelled the Y.M.C.A. in zealous care for the needs of our soldiers in days either of war or peace.

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WONDERS OF WERMELSKIRCHEN.

BY PETER PAN.

Of course we have not been in Germany very long. and it is only now that we are awakening to the fact that our old Life as a Graduated Battalion is a thing of the past, and that we have been born anew as a real Regiment.

The pangs of our new birth have not been altogether unpleasant, for they have brought with them so much that is new and interesting that they themselves are well nigh forgotten

Our journey from Colchester to Wermelskirchen was in itself a thing wrought with wonder, a veritable later day oddessy.

First off all perhaps, the name of our small town rather overawed us to our unaccustomed tongues and ears, and appeared in itself an unsurmountable barrier to further understandings of this Country. Next the placid behaviour of the inhabitants surprised us. We saw moustached and bearded and bristly Prussians all around us and the interest they showed in us was to take off their hats to our officers with a politeness that we thought was most commendable till we learnt that it was compulsory.

While we were still straining our minds eye to get the perspective of this new existence another and more intimate wonder dawned upon us.

We learnt at first disbelievingly and later with a sense of relief like that Sinbad must have experienced when he at last succeeded in dropping the "Old Man of the Sea," that the old syllabus of training for Graduated Battalions which had ridden us cruelly for a year past, was dead. It was about this time that the first inkling of the reality of our new existence as a fighting unit came upon us. We began to realise that we were no longer despised A IV toy soldiers, who might one day grow into something better.

We awoke gradually to the fact that we had grown and were men.

The next revelation came to us in natural sequence; we found that we were not only a mob of young vigorous men, but a Battalion. A Battalion — a living organization with a young and vigorous spirit of its own.

Our name and our badge suddenly changed their meaning for us, and we began to view our new surroundings not as bewildered individuals but as members of a proud community. Thus our new soul has been born in us and thus have we launched out on our new career as a Battalion.

The events of our life have not been very many, nor have they been unusually exciting.

We have been inspected twice, once by our Divisional Commander and once by our Corps Commander Lieut.-Gen. Sir Claud Jacobs K.C.B., K.C.M.G. who we were told was pleased with us. We felt rather triumphant over our distinguished General's praise, for we had worked hard to make a good show at the inspection, and each man of us as we stood steady at the "Present," knew that he had done, and was doing his share for the honour of the Regiment.

After the General had inspected us individually, and spoken a few words to our officers, we marched passed him, with a swing which must have told something of our satisfaction at his approval. So much for the immediate past and the present, the future shines before us and we have planned a series of triumphs in every branch of our lives here that is to fill that future with glory.

We make no apology that we are egoistical, for we are young, and youth is the great lawful egoist. Also our egoism is not that of the individual, we are egoist as a Unit, as a Battalion, a young and lusty Battalion.

This is the first raising of our voice on the Rhine, presently we hope and expect that our name and our voice will be known in all the Rhineland.

Avê Fortunas Future.

THE EPISTLES O' PETER BIRSE.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—"God bless me, fat's this I see" — nae rhyme intended Sir, lat me assure ye — bit fan I opened my "Post" this mornin' an' scanned the headlines, ma' een restit on "The Epistles o' Peter Birse Junior". Weel, weel, says I, that cow's a': Peter Birse Junior" losh I never heard o' him. Fa's he? I kenn't Peter Birse, Senior (by his chronicles) bit am damn't if ever I ken't he had a son, bit fan the stork brocht him, Kirsty had been prood, nae doot. Kirsty ye see, wis apparently this wee laddie's mither. A'weel, lat that flea stick tae tn' wa' — nae reference, of course, tae P. B. Junior.

Noo I was aye o' the opeenion that "John Cow", the pleasant host of the famous Hadden Street Pub. at the corner o' the Street far the Imperial Hotel is, wis the writer o' the Peter Birse chronicles in the "Bonaccord", but I maun be wrang. Never mind — the sicht o' the Peter Birse heading wis gweed enough for me, it gaed thro' ma bleed like a skirl o' the pipes.

An' I min' o' the sketch artist — the tailleur mannie, wha' cald himsel' "Mc. Gurk". Oh! lochs aye I min' them a, an' mony a lauch I had at auld Peter's Niskies, 'speechly at flittin' time. He wis aye in a pickle o' trouble an Kirsty aye ragin'.

Speakin aboot German. Dae ye notice there's lots o' the wirds o' German the same as our Aiberdeen-Doric. We maen hae taech't the Bosche in the auld days, I think, their language.

Peter Birse, Senior was a wonderfu' chiel and help't to popularise the "Bonccord" paperie in the auld days. Hooever, dinna start blawin the Scotties' trumpet. The Pipes can speak for themsel's — "Scotland for ever". "Aiberdeen an' twal miles roon and far are ye" an, Jerry ken't that, and focht shy o' the kilts fan he could.

Aye the dear ault kilt frichtened them, as it did in mony battles in the ancient times.

"The Deil's aye kind tae his ain", aye min' that's the wye I'm oot here noo, an' I'm an auld man though I look young. Whan my King and Country — God bless them — called for me, there, like a true Scot, I wis, stannin' in the queue at attention, waitin' my enrolment. Weel dae ye ken, they dumped me in the Lancashire Fusiliers. Och, the irony o't.

Ye speak aboot the Dome here bit dae ye think ma laddie it can touch oor Mairschal College. Na, Na, ma' wee man, naethin'like it. Far ever did ye see a better biggin than oor Granite College? Steeples are naethin' built o' sandstone. Still, mind ye, I grant ye Cöln is a nice place in the passin', bit gie me Aiberdeen. Nae place can beat it.

'Am sorry ma time is leemitit an, I canna write mair, bit fan a' saw the headlines o' the article I had tae lat ye ken there wis an auld acquantance o' P. B. Seniors in the toon.

"Should auld acquantance be forgot". I'm sendin' yer paperie tae some freens at hame, wha' will be delighted tae read the Epistles.

Wi apologies for troublin' ye,

I am, Yours, etc. H.H.B.H., Lieut.

(The "Epistles o' Peter Birse, Junr." appear every Thursday. — Ed.)

OPERA HOUSE AND THEATRE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	OPERA	DRAMA
Wednesday	Joseph in Aegypten	Die versunkene Glocke
Thursday	No performance	Medea
Friday	No performance	No performance
Saturday	Tiefland	Elga
Sunday	Aida	Seeschlacht
Monday	Parsifal	Im weissen Rössl
Tuesday	Cavalleria rusticana Der Bajazzo	Die Jüdin von Toledo

The hours at which the opera commences are: Wednesday 6.0 pm.; Saturday 6.30 p.m.; Sunday 5.30 p.m.; Monday 3.30 p.m.; and Tuesday (22nd April) 6.0 p.m.

A Rhineland Jazz Band.

"POET AND PEASANT" SUBMITTED AT EVINGHOVEN.

The first Jazz Band in Germany (Rhineland), writes a correspondent, performed on Saturday evening at A. Co's Billet, 2nd Battery, M.G.C., in Evinghoven, and was the concluding item of a splendid programme that lasted 25 minutes. It provided a big surprise for the "civies" and quite set the small village on fire.

The Jazz Band numbered four:—Bandmaster Cashel, Cornet Virtuoso, Sgt. Beasley, Pianist, Cpl. Rochefort, Phono-fiddle, and Chris-Chris. Comedian, with the drums and effects. We had all the noises you could imagine from a dust-bin lid to a machonachie tin!

The act was opened with "Poet and Peasant" in grand style, at the finish of which there was a terrific noise heard on the drum and symbols, and the comedian marched down amongst the audience. The artistes on the stage asked him what he meant by interrupting the show, and who was he? His reply was "Jazz"! Eventually they invited him on to the stage where he played in rag-time, "Ragging the Dog" and "Don't Blame Me", in which the comdian was well supported by Chris.

Following that came the "Air Raid" which was unique in every detail, even to the aeroplane flying across the stage. Next was an old simple melody rendered in excellent harmony, and then a cornet solo "Triple Tongue Polka," which brought the house down. A little more comedy and then "The India Rag," an ideal Jazz number to finish the act. The audience seemed loath to let this little party leave the stage, and they obliged with the "Stars and Stripes" march as an encore.

Farewell To Demobb'd.

52nd BEDFORD SERGEANTS' WHIST DRIVE AND "SMOKER".

On Thursday last a most successful Whist Drive and "Smoker" was held in the Sergeants' Mess of the 52nd Bedfords. The evening's enjoyment was primarily arranged to bid farewell to the members of the Mess who were proceeding to Cologne on the following day for demobilization. Sgt. Marks and Barker were the 1st and 2nd prize winners respectively. Sgt. Read gained the sealed and Sgt. Hilsden the "booby" prizes.

At the interval R.S.M. Walker in a few well-chosen words said how sorry they were to lose their friends, who had under all circumstances proved themselves efficient W.O.'s, and Sgts.

On behalf of the "Demobb'd" party, which included Sgts. Bedford, Barker, Spain, and Billing from the Mess, R.Q.M.S. Capon in appropiate words stated that though he would not attempt to deny that they were pleased at the near prospect of "Civies" once more, yet that feeling was tempered with a sense of sadness. One could not spend some years in the Army without forming friendships, which it was hard in the moment of freedom to sever.

A very successful concert followed to which C.Q.M.S. Versey, R.Q.M.S. Capon, Sgt. Flood, C.Q.M.S. Scales, Sgt. Drummer Bowgett, Sgt. Michell, Sgt. Barrett, and Sgt. Barker all contributed towards the evening's enjoyment. R.S.M. Walker proved himself an efficient M.C. and a tactful chairman.

THE "ROYALS" CONCERT PARTY.

If the performance given at Neunkirchen on Saturday is any criterion, the future of the "Royals", (the newly formed concert party, of the 6th (S) Bn. R.W.K. Regt.) is assured.

The programme was well selected and arranged. Captain Douglas Stern is an untiring worker and is to be congratulated on his very fine rendering of "The Floral Dance." Lieut. Hartfield also greatly pleased the audience with "Down the Vale." "The Lute Player" sung by Lce./Cpl. Handley was another well rendered number, while this artiste also sang duets with Pte. Bryant. Ptes Jack and Aylen were responsible for "Garden of Happiness" and "Twilight Bring You", both artistes having to give encore numbers. Sergt. Heath provided a great deal of merriment, while Pte. Beebee, a female impersonstor sang "Priceless Percy" and "Helen of Troy" with success. Opl. Harry Benjamin worked hard as business and stage manager, his civil experience being a great asset. Pte. Bryant officiated at the piano, and was alos responsible for some good humorous numbers. The "Royals" are sure of a welcome wherever they may give performances.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING AT WAHN.

The final run of the 51st Royal Sussex Inter-Platoon cross country championship was held on Friday and for the third time No. 9 Platoon, "Y" Coy, were successful, thus easily winning the championship. The distance covered was just over five miles and was done in remarkably good time by the first man home, Pte. W. J. Reade, his time being 26 minutes. There was a field of about 350 runners.

The names of the runners in the order of finishing, of the winning platoon were: Ptes, Reade, C. L. Hall, T. P. L. Hamblin, C. G. Tappy, W. R. Howard, A. J. Dalton, S. Walker, L. C. Weeks, Ptes. D. W. Lyne, G. A. Bailey, R. C. Sweeting, M. G. K. Leech, T. E. Rose, C. E. Watkinson, and A. W. Payton.

The result of the championship is as follows.

I. No. 9 Platoon "Y" Coy, — 43 Points
II. No. 10 Platoon "Y" Coy, — 25 "
III. No. 8 Platoon "Y" Coy, — 22 "

NEARING THE END: FOOTBALL'S LAST SPURT.

9-0 VICTORY.

QUARTERMASTERS IN TIP-TOP SCORING FORM.

23rd v. 7th MIDDLESEX REGT.

Demobilisation and reorganisation have until last week prevented the 23rd Battalion from raising a representative side, but on Wednesday at Hoffnungsthal an eleven was selected te meet the 7th Battalion from Overath, and although perhaps the Territorials were unable to place their best team in the field, still the 23rd gave ample demonstration of the fact that they possess a side capable of holding their own with any Battalion, team in the Rhine Army.

The result of the match was a 9—0 victory for the 23rd, which throughout played brilliant football.

Goals were scored by Q.M.S. Scott (4), C.Q.M.S. Rogers (3), Cpl. Creasey and Lt. Harrison, and the home forwards gave a clever exhibition throughout. Scott and Rogers were a particularly forceful pair of forwards and were a constant source of anxiety to the opposing defence. So well did the half-backs play that Lieut. Aiton and C.Q.M.S. Fogg at full-back had a minimum amount of work although both players were always safe. Lt. Pickle, in goal was never seriously threatened.

52nd Bn. BEDFORDS v. A.S.C. DIVISIONAL TRAIN, TROISDORF.

At Siegburg on Saturday the 52nd Bedfords by superior football defeated the A.S.C. by 4 goals to nil.

With a strong wind behind them the Bedfords immediately assumed the aggressive, and after Lieut. Simpson had tested the goalkeeper with a "scorcher", Pte. Gigli opened the Bedford scoring by taking a short pass from Lieut. Woodham, and deftly placiug in into the corner of the net. A few moments later from a penalty Lieut. Woodham scored the second goal. Maintaining the pressure the Bedfords' forwards gave the A.S.C. defence no rest and from a corner Sgt. Blackwell headed the ball home well out of the goal-keeper's reach.

On the resumption, the A.S.C. showed to much greater advantage with a strong wind behind them. Lieut. Beresford for the Bedfords on two occasions when danger threatened shewed splendid courage in dashing out and clearing in an exceptionally clever and daring style. In the closing stages of the game, from a break away Sgt. Blackwell, kicking past the backs, and leading them in the race for possession, tested the goal keeper with a shot which he only partially succeeded in clearing and as defenders and attackers rushed up, Pte. Gigli by a clever shot just tipped the ball over the heads of the intervening defence into the net. The remainder of the game saw the Bedfords maintaining their superiority and Pte. Gigli, Lieut, Woodham, Sgt. Blackwell and Lieut. Simpson tested the goalkeeper in succession without avail.

For the winners the return of Lieut. Woodham to centre half was a source of strength in defence and attack, while with Lieut. Beresford in goal, this department should no longer be the Achilles heel of the team. Lieut. Machin seemed to be ubiquitious and played a brillant game from first to last. The A.S.C. are to be congratulated upon putting up a plucky fight against what proved to be on the days' play a superior side.

McLEAN CHALLENGE CUP.

H.Q./50 v. C.50.

This League game was played on the Ritter Strasse ground, Solingen, on Saturday. It was of some importance as, unless C/50 won the game, they would be out of the running for the championship. H.Q. who only had a weak team out, lost the toss, and played against wind and rain. From the kick-off C.50 pressed strongly as a result of all-round play and forced no less than 3 corners within the first 5 minutes. The H.Q., defence was hard put to it to keep their goal intact but rose splendidly to the occasion. Miller in goal was repeatedly tested and had to go down full length in the mud to save his charge. C.50 continued to exert pressure right up to half-time, but a heroic defence was maintained and the teams crossed over without a score.

In the second half play ranged from one end to the other, with C.50 always a shade the better team. Eventually, 4 minutes from time, Hobbs secured close in from a mis-kick and put in an unsavable shot. That was the limit of the score, however, and C./50 won by one goal to nil.

On the run of the game they deserved to win, but the H.Q. defence gave them a hard run for it and performed wonders. Miller in goal was a jewel. Both Capt Tyer and Orgill at back did well; Morgan and Weekley at half were good, the latter playing his best game of the season. Forward, Sellars was the only one to keep his feet. For C.50, Hunter at back played a fine game, whilst 2/Lt Lee at half was pretty nearly the best man on the field.

BONN ASSOCIATION FINAL.

121st H.Q. v 195 Siege Battery R.G.A.

121st H.Q. and 195 Siege Batteries, both of 29th Brigade R. G. A, by winning the semi-finals on Wednesday last, kept the final in the Brigade. This match, the last of the season which was played on the Hofgarten, Bonn, on Saturday resulted in a win for the "Heavies" by one goal to nil. The play during the first half was fast and very even, neither side scoring.

Early in the second half the Siege pressed hard but failed to get a shot past the "Heavies" goal-keeper, who played an excellent game; after this, the "Heavies," forwards, combining well together and supported by an exceptionally good line of half-backs. made repeated attempts to score. Mathias at outside right for the "Heavies" put in excellent shot for goal, but this was well served by the goalkeeper. He again followed up with a good run and centred, from which, after a scramble in front of goal, Deacon scored. This was the only goal scored during the match.

The match throughout was fast and keen, the "Heavies" gaining the advantage on their opponents byplaying a better combined game. The Siege defence was very sound.

"D" COY V. HQ. 32ND. M.G.C.

A vigorous match was witnessed by a large crowd at Obercassel on Friday when "D" Coy. of the 32nd. Bn. M. G. C. met the H. Q. At half-time "D" Coy. were leading by one goal but twenty minutes after the commencement of the second half MacCarthy scored for the visitors who continued to press, Hartle scoring a second goal. Ten minutes from time Smith of the home team "netted the sphere", and five minutes later H.Q. were awarded a penalty but failed to score.

A BURST BALL.

32nd Battalion M.G.C. V. 12th King's Own.

On the football ground at Wagnerstrasse last week, a very interesting and enthusiastic match between the above two battalions, was played before a considerable number of spectators, both Battalions putting their strongest teams forward. After 20 minutes Pte. Webster of the 32nd Batt. scored the first goal by a well judged shot at a range of about 30 yards. The first half ended with the M.G.C. winning by one goal to nil.

The second half opened with a fine display of energy on both sides, but after five minutes play the game stopped for about 10 minutes owing to the ball bursting, and a second one, unfortunately, not being at hand.

Soon after the restart Pte. Scott, the 32nd M.G.C. centre forward, added another goal to the score.

The match ended leaving the M.G.C. victorious by 2 goals to nil.

The referee was Pte. S. Bennett of A Coy., 32nd Bn. M.G.C., who directed the match very ably and fairly, giving full statisfaction to both teams.

DESULTORY SNIPING.

A. v. C. COY., 3rd M.G.C.

"A" Company met "C" Company 3rd Bn., MGC. on Monday in the first of the company fights for supremacy in the football competition. The better team won. The loser's goalkeeper displayed nervousness throughout te game. Quite early "A" forwards showed a liking for their opponents' goal area and a lance-jack, with a knowledge of mules, shot from a rebound off the goalkeeper.

At times there seemed more than eleven "all blues" playing and "C" company's right back is still recuperating. There was some desultory sniping by "C" before half-time, but shots were never on the target. Hard work was done by the defence but there were weak places and the winning team played on them. In their ranks back amongst the "heavies," their O/C Company displayed excellent judgment and a hefty boot generally arrived in time and without unnecessary work. Half-time: "A" 1. "C" nil.

On resumption a perfect barrage fell upon "C"'s defence. The latter played up much better in response. L/Cpl. Carpenter and Cpl. Lapsley Russel for the winners played well, and Lt. Winchcombe, Sgt. Rowe, and Sillett for the losers. In the concluding minutes callers of all kinds arrived at "C"'s goal-mouth and one of them put the ball between the newly painted posts.

Result: — "A" 2. "C" nil.

COLOGNE AND DISTRICT RESULTS.

The following additional results of recent matches in Cologne and district have come to hand: —

C 50 R.F.A.	1	H.Q./50 R.F.A.	0
15 Border Regt.	5	13th K.L.R.	4
D Coy. 32nd M.G.C.	2	H.Q. 32nd M.G.C.	2
52nd "B" Bedfords	4	A.S.C. Troisdorf	0
32nd M.G.C.	2	12th King's	0
509Ldn. Fld. Coy. R.E.	1	18th Fld. Ambce.	0
1st M.G.C.	3	51st Welsh Regt.	1
Lancs. Div. R.A.M.C.	2	84th R.G.A.	0
168 Bde. R.F.A.	2	16 Lanc. Fus.	1
25th S.B., R.G.A.	2	70th S.B., R.G.A.	0

509 LONDON FIELD COY. V. 18th FIELD AMBULANCE.

The return match between the above Coy's team and the 18th Field Ambulance was played at Weilerswist on Saturday, and a very keenly contested game ended with the R.E.'s running out winners by 1—0. The R.E.'s were no doubt the better balanced team. The goal that won them the match was scored in the first half and was the result of some very neat passing between Costello, Hope, and Ferguson, who finished the movement with a fine cross shot which gave the ambulance "goalie" no chance.

LANCASHIRE DIVL. SIGNAL COY FOOTBALL MATCHES.

Married v. Single Men.

This match was played at Bonn on Wednesday afternoon when the teams proved to be very evenly matched. After a good deal of midfield play the Single men broke away, and Lt. Mutch was allowed to shoot from close in.

On resuming, the goal-keeper of the Married side dealt with a few nasty shots which he saved in masterly style, and much credit is due to him for saving his side from further defeat.

Result- Single . . 1; Married . . Nil.

Officers v. N. C. O's.

A most interesting game was played at Bonn on Friday between the Officers and the N.C.O's of the Lancs. Div. Signal Coy. Early in the game Capt. Luck had hard lines with a left foot drive. Shortly afterwards Capt. Ransford had an open goal, but drove over the bar. Play settled in midfield and half-time arrived with no score.

On resuming, the N.C.O's broke away but were repulsed by Major Michelmore who was playing a brilliant defence. This put the Officers on the attack and Capt. Ransford shot hard for goal and Cpl. Peters in attempting to clear put the ball through his own goal. The N.C.O's seemed to find their feet after this and broke away, the ball coming out to the right wing wh ch Cpl. Molyneux picked up, and scored a brilliant goal. About five minutes afterwards this same player scored with a shot similar to the first one. With fully five minutes to go Capt. Ransford again scored with a slow shot, thus causing a drawn game of two goals each.

"MANY NOSES WILL BLEED."

3RD.M.G.CORPS. BOXING TOURNAMENT TO-NIGHT.

To-night Lt. Col. Cranston, D.S.O. commanding the Battalion, acts as referee at a Novices' Boxing Tournament. The popular hour of 5 p.m (1700 hrs.) has been selected so that the usual "promenading" may not be interfered with. About twenty couples will shake hands and fight, and many noses will bleed for the first time in the cause of boxing. This will be followed by a few exhibition fights by seasoned boxers.

MILITARY CROSS WITH THREE BARS.

PRESENTATIONS TO 5th K.O.Y.L.I. OFFICERS.

VALEDICTORY DINNER.

The 5th Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. have parted with unfeigned regret with Major Thos. Shearman, D.S.O., and Capt. Percy Bentley M.C., two officers who gained the respect of all ranks by their geniality, their fairness and, above all, by their efficiency. One would hesitate to enlarge on their services were it not for the fact that when the history of the Batt. comes to be written it will be found that their names must justly appear in every phase.

In 1906 Maj. Shearman was a private in the West-Riding (Volunteer) Field Ambulance. In 1913 he was promoted Capt. and was under canvass at Redcar when war broke out. Capt. Shearman's work during the arduous time of mobilisation was invaluable, and in April 1915 he, in command of "C" Company — a company in which Sergt. Calvert was eventually to have the honour of winning a V.C. — landed in France with the 49th Division.

On 1st Nov. 1917, he was promoted a Lt.-Col. and commanded the 1/5th Bn. He retained command until Feb. 1918, when the Bn. was amalgamated with the 2/5th and transferred to the 62nd Div. He then became 2nd in command to Lt.-Col. J.H. Peter, D.S.O. M.C., the present commanding Officer. Since that date Major Shearman, as he then became, has been in every action with the Batt., and on the 18th of October, 1918, he was gazetted with a well merited and heartily acclaimed D.S.O. for gallantry at Havrincourt. He also received 'mentions" in May and Nov. 1918.

Capt. F. Percy Bentley.

Capt. Percy Bentley, who greatly distinguished himself by winning the Military Cross four times, came to France with the Batt. in April 1915, and was wounded at the end of the same month. Returning to the Battalion in June he was appointed Adjutant, which post he filled until his demobilisation. His A/Captaincy is dated 10th June 1915 and the rank was made substantive on the 1st June 1916. He was wounded at Ypres on Oct. 20th, 1917, but came back to the Batt. in Feb. 1918.

Capt. Bentley gained the first M.C. for gallantry during the operations on the Somme, and his three bars were won for conspicuously good work in the "shows" at Bucquoy, on the Marne, and at Havricourt in 1918.

Appreciative references to both of these officers were made at a valedictory dinner given at Bn. H.Q., and the sentiments then expressed are certainly shared by the whole of the Battalion who have come into contact with Major Shearman and Capt. Bentley.

MOUNTED GYMKHANA AT WAHN.

A Mounted Gymkhana was held at Wahn on Saturday by the 113th Army Brigade, R.F.A. under the Presidency of Lieut Col, A.G. Arbuthnot, C.M G, D.S.O, R.F.A.

In spite of inclement weather, all the events went off very well, and were all keenly contested.

"The Wrestling on Horseback" provided some great fun when it was found that all the "B" Battery had been defeated and "A" Battery were so keen that they were wrestling amongst themselves.

The Jumping, both by Officers and other ranks, was of especial merit and revealed some quite unsuspected talent amongst the other ranks.

The Totalisator was well patronised throughout and was ably run by the Adjutant, Captain Hooper, R.F.A.

Great credit is due to the organisers and to those officiating for the able way in which they carried out their duties in spite of trying climatic conditions.

RESULTS:

Wrestling on Horseback: "A" Battery.
N.C.O's Jumping: "Corpl Clegg" "A" Battery.
Officers Jumping: 2/Lieut Macloed "A" Battery.
Bending Race: 1st, Sergt. Whelpton "D"; 2nd, Sergt. Carter, "H.Q."
5 Furlongs Match: Lieut. Col. Trench 53 Royal Sussex Regt.
Rhine Plate (4 furlongs): 1st, Major C.R.M. Hutchison, D.S.O, M.C.; 2nd, 2/Lieut Green; 3rd, Lieut, Col, A.G. Arbuthnot, C.M.G., D.S.O.
Cologne Scurry (3 furlongs): 1st Driver Oldridge, "B"; 2nd Driver Hopwood, "C".
Wahn Scurry (4 furlongs): 1st Corp Westland "C"; 2nd Corp Curlett "D"; 2rd Sergt. Abbott "BAC".
Mule V.C. Race: 1st Driver Dunden "BAC"; 2nd Driver Abernethy "BAC".

AMATEUR ATHLETICS.

SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND EX-SERVICE COMPETITORS.

At the annual meeting of in the Amateur Athletic Association held in London the question was discussed of the re-qualification of athletes who competed for money prizes in competitions open only to his Majesty's forces, and others who competed in unregistered events, and who had been serving their country in connection with the war. The meeting was unanimously in favour of their being permitted to run at meetings held under Amateur Athletic Association laws, while others who may have erred against amateur laws from ignorance or necessity will have their case specially and sympathically considered with a view to reinstatement on application.

70 v 25 S.B. (R.G.A.)

The above teams met on the former's ground in Cologne on Monday. The 25th were the first to attack and soon realized that they were up against a stubborn defence. Continual pressure, however, resulted in a goal after 20 minutes play. Battery 25's inside right received the ball from Leigh and after cleverly tricking both backs succeeded in shooting past the "goalie" with a rising shot.

Apart from spasmodic "breakaway" the home team were kept continually in theirown area and the interval arrived with the 25 S.B. leading one goal to nil.

In the second half the home teams were unfortunate in having two or three of their players temporarily hurt and a quarter of an hour from time Hitchcliffe the 70 th's clever left-half back had to guit the game altogether through injury. It was during his absence that the 25th obtained their last goal which made them winners by two goals to nil.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

BY "METEOR".

Wednesday, April 16th., 1919.

Surface wind westerly 25 to 30 m. p. h., squally. Cloudy with brighter intervals. Some slight showers probable. Visibility good. Moderate temperature.

RIVAL "ROYALS" STRUGGLE AT TROISDORF.

On Saturday, the 565 A. T. Coy R.E's had as opponents the 34th (M.T.) R.A.S.C. Since the Corps League was completed the former had not lost a match and the Service came with great hopes of lowering the "Linnets" colours. Despite the fact that the weather was far from being conducive to good football, each side gave a good display. The R.E's were always the better side and fully deserved their victory of 2 goals to nil.

The outstanding features of the game were the displays of Moore (left back) and Richardson (centre half) of the 565, and Cole (right half) of the M.T's. All worked like Trojans to frustrate the attack of their opponents and assist in the attack of their own front line.

INTER-COMPANY RUGGER COMPETITION.

The results of the 51st Bn. Welsh. Regt. Inter-Oompany Rugby Competition played last week were as follows:—

"W" Coy	17 Pts.	"A" Coy	Nil;
"A" Coy	8 Pts.	"C" Coy	8 Pts.
"W" Coy	51 Pts.	"B" Coy	Nil.

INTER-COMPANY SOCCER LEAGUE.

"C" Coy	3 goals	"B" Coy	1 goal;
"W" Coy	2 goals	"C" Coy	2 goals

85TH R.G.A. V. LANCASHIRE DIV. R.A.M.C.

The play in this match which took place at the Cölnstr. Bonn, was of a fast description during the opening half with the "Medicals" doing most of the pressing. Byrne got going on the left wing and finally centred beautifully, leaving Braish nothing to do but place the ball out of the reach of the Artillery custodian. Nelson and Leyburn were prominent in both attack and defence for the R.A.M.C. Score at interval:—Lanc. Div. R.A.M.C. I Goal; 84th R.G.A. Nil.

The play in the second half slackened considerably as the pace set in the first half was telling on the players. The Artillery made determined efforts to get on level terms, but Howarth was rock-like in defence and saved his side on several occasions. Brown made several spirited sprints on the right wing and one of these resulted in a second point for the "Medicals."

Stung by this revoerse the Artillery set about wiping out the deficit but they were met by a stubborn defence though on one occasion they were dangerously near to obtaining their objective, Howarth being injured in averting disaster.

The R.G.A. kept up the pressing but they generally finished weakly to promising movements. No further scoring resulted.

The final score was therefore:—

Lancs. Div. R.A.M.C. . . . 2; 84th R.G.A. . . . 0.

HOCKEY.

VI. CORPS. H.Q. v 2ND. ROYAL SCOTS (CADRE).

On the Stadtwald Hockey Ground on Friday, a very enjoyable match, was played on an excellent pitch. The VI. Corps team has been suffering from changes due to demobilization, while their opponents have played several matches with the same team, and this was reflected by the play. Goals were scored for the winners by Sgt. Groves (2), C.Q.M.S. Logan (2), Major Harvey (1), Lt. Wood MC. (1), and Cpl. Burke (1).

Result: 2nd. Royal Scots, 7 goals; VI. Corps. H.Q, 1 goal.

The previous matches of the 2nd. Royal Scots team have resulted in wins for them as follows: 51st. Bn. D.L.Q. 3—0; 11th. Bn. The Royal Scots, at Reihl, 5—2; 11th, Bn. Royal Scots, at Haan, 4—1.

575 COY R.A.S.C. v. K.R.R.

This local "Derby" was played on the latter team's enclosure last Wednesday in fine weather before a good crowd. "Blood was drawn" during the first five minutes by the "Commos" the home defence having been caught napping. Play was of a very fast description and some neat touches were visible on both sides. The Rifles were penned in their own quarters for some minutes. and the "goalie" was applauded for some really fine work, between the "sticks". Eventually the home side broke away and equalised. This was the state of affairs at the interval.

The Rifles had now the aid of the wind and were not long in troubling the "Commos" defence, but the latter proved equal to all calls. Shortly after this the "Commos" broke clean away and had the goal at their mercy, but to the disgust of their supporters the chance was mulled. This inspired the Rifles and they rushed away to the opposite end, where they managed to increase the score. This success livened things up a little for some time, and play was of a more even description. The home side proved the smarter team and eventually ran out winners by the score:-

K.R.R. . . . 3; 574 Coy, R.A.S.C. . . . 1].

9th DURHAMS v. 5th CAMERONS.

Played at Riehl, Cologne, on Saturday. In a previous game, the Camerons got home by the odd goal in three. Play was confined mostly to the home end, but the Durham defence stood the test well, though they had one or two lucky escapes. Dodds made no mistake with a penalty kick awarded to the Camerons. The Durhams put more life into their work after this reverse and gave the visiting goalkeeper an anxious time for a few minutes.

In the second half, Scott had a try which just skimmed the bar. Shortly after Stevenson from a pass by Conway, scored with a low drive. During a hot bombardment, the Durhams were awarded a penalty for "hands". Stevenson scored from it.

Result: 9th D.L.I., 2; 5th Camerons, 1.

CHALLENGE FOR 185 SIEGE BATTERY.

The 185th Siege Battery R.G.A., as staded in "*The Cologne Post*" of Sunday has established for itself a notable reputation by reason of its having played 41 games and won 38. The Sports Officer of the 93rd Bde, R.G.A. informs us that the 57th Siege Battery will play the 185th at Kalk on Sunday next, or any other suitable date.

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INTER-ALLIED SPORTS.

WILSON TROPHY FOR LEADING COUNTRY.

The sports programme of the Inter-Allied games, the finals of which will be held at Joinville-le-Pont, near Paris, in June is being exhausted rapidly, and increasing enthusiasm is being shown.

President Woodrow Wilson has offered, a handsome trophy which will go to the nation s oring the greatest number of points; Gen. John J. Pershing has offered a prize for the winning team in the musketry competition, and it is understood that other trophies will soon be forthcoming from other prominent persons.

The President s gift is a bronze statue representing "Jason and the Golden Fleece," designe by De Lansen and awarded a prize at Rome.

Its symbolism is appropiate in that it represents the victory of the leader of the Argonaut over the dragon and the return of the victor with the golden fleece. The application of this symbolism to present conditions can readily be made, and the statue seems admirably, for presentation by President Wilson as the championship trophy for the games.

It will bear the following inscription:

Track and Field Championship
Inter-Allied Games
Paris—1919
Presented by
President Wilson

Rules under which the games are to be conducted and details of the programme have just been annouced. There will be no official summary of the contests issued by the Games Commitee as the meet progresses to fasten on any nation competing a military athletic championship, but the winning nation in each branch of sport will be recognized as champion in that particular sport.

Twenty-four different events are listed in the programme, and competitions will be conducted in all of them in which entries are made by two or more nations.

The events are:

Bassball	Rowing, eight oars
Basketball	Shooting (individual), Army rifle
Boxing	Shooting (team), Army rifle
Cricket	Shooting (individual, pistol
Cross-Country Race	Shooting (team) pistol
Fencing, foils	Swimming
Fencing, saber	Tennis
Fencing, épée	Track and Field
Football, soccer	Tug-of-War
Football, intercollegiate	Wrestling
Football, Rugby	
Horse Riding	
Bowling, singles	
Rowing, for oars	

In the track and field meets and the swimming meet, first place will count three points, second place two, and third place one. In tournaments where more than two teams are entered the elimination system will be used. In baseball a round-robin tourney will be conducted. In all round-robin and elimination tournaments where more than two teams are entered, one match will determine the winner.

BOXING AND WRESTLING WEIGHTS.

The boxing and wrestling weights will be as follows: Bantam, 118; feather, 125; light, 135; welter, 145; middle, 150; light-heavy, 175, and heavyweight, over 175.

In the cross-country race the distance will be 10,000 metres. Wrestling will be catch-as-catch-can. There will be nine men to a team in the tug-of-war.

The swimming programme includes the following events: 100 metres, free style; 100 metres, back stroke; 250 metres, breast stroke; 400 metres, free style; 800 metres, free style; 1,500 metres, free style, and 400 metres, relay, free style, for men.

The track and field sports will include the following events: 100-metres dash, 200-metres dash, 450-metres dash, 800-metre run, 1,500-metres run, modified marathon (16,000 metres, or a little over ten miles), 110-metres high hurdles, 200-metres low hurdles, running high jump, running broad jump, standing broad jump, running hop, step and jump, pole vault, throwing the javelin, best hand; throwing the discus, best hand; putting the 16-pound shot, best hand; penthatlon (200-metres dash, running broad jump, 16-pound shot putt, discus throw, 1,500 metres run), 800-metres relay 1,600 metres relay, and medley relay (one man ruus 200 metres, one runs 400 metres, one runs 800 metres, and one runs 1600 metres.

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

THE NATIONAL FESTIVAL.

SOCIALIST TROUBLES.

The socialist party have a great desire to inaugurate a national festivity for the 1st May, but considerable opposition is being experienced from the middle class parties. The *Kölnische Volkszeitung* the organ of the centre party, declared revently that "it is impossible for them as also for the middle class parties to give their consent to this idea of making the 1st May a day for the national festival. This day is a symbol of socialism and constitutes a holiday for socialists. It is a day on which they set everything else aside in order to demonstrate their views to the whole world. Can the middle class, which is the direct adversary of socialism, consider as its own such a festival? We have nothing to say against the creation of a national festival but let us choose another day. The 1st May can not be taken in consideration by us at all."

APPEAL OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

Berlin 4th April.

"Workmen, workwomen in town and country! The 1st May was made the demonstratton day of the whole working class of all the countries by the International Con ress of Socialists and Trade-Unions in Paris in the year of the century-feast of the French Revolution. On this day in the whole world the working people should meet to demand the 8 hours'day.

"In Germany, also, this aim has been reached, for after the Revolution, the Socialist Government considered it one of its first duties to establish the 8-hours-day law. In addition the rights of coalition hawe been assured.

"With the victory of democracy and the 8-hour-day law—that for which the working-classes of other countries are still fighting—much has been achieved.

"After the revolution, the socialist government considered it as their duty to create by law the 8-hours day.

"Let us, therefore, also on the 1st May this year demonstrate our own socialist ideals by organising mass demonstrations with tally with the serious character of this dreadful epoch. To celebrate festivals is not our duty, whilst millions of people are without work on account of the war and the ghost of hunger is at large in the country.

"But the 1st May was also a day of protest against war and militarism. After this most terrible of wars a repetition will be impossible for a long time in Europe, and in order that it shall become impossible for ever, let us demonstrate on the 1st of May.

"Therefore the people who wish to secure a perpetual peace, must raise their voices for the League of Nations on this day. The stronger that is, the more the foreign countries will realize that the old-serving Germany is destroyed for ever and that the German people are ready to see that peace will never be disturbed again.

"In addition, the people must also make it clearly understood that the German Republic is not merely a temporary appearance and that Socialism in Germany will march on without being stoppend.

"In order that this may be made clearly manifest work must stop on the 1st of May. It must be shown to the rulers of yesterday, that the working classes will not tolerate any going-back. They are definite in their policy of completing the political conquests of the Revolution and in securing for themselvet a decisive influenze on the economic life.

You workers all, in town and country, mobilize in this sense for the review of troops on the coming 1st May."

RHINE PLEASURE TRIPS.

PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS.

A Second Army memorandum of recent issue gives a detailed account of the arrangements for forthcoming trips on the Rhine.

Below are several of the points mentioned.

It is proposed to use two steamers for pleasure trips up the Rhine, one starting from Cologne and the other from Bonn. These steamers are the "Schiller" and the "Elberfeld" and have accomodation for approximately 800 to 900 passengers.

It is hoped that later two smaller steamers will also be available for this purpose.

Steamers are allotted to Formations as follows:—

Starting from:	Cologne:	Bonn:
Monday	II Corps	IV Corps
Tuesday	II Corps	X Corps
Wednesday	—	X Corps
Thursday	IV Corps	—
Friday	VI Corps	IX Corps
Saturday	VI Corps	IX Corps.

As these steamers may be required at short notice for the movement of troops between Rotterdam and Cologne etc. they are liable to be cancelled at very short notice. In the event of this being necessary it will be done direct by the D.D.I.W.T.

A minimum of 400 men will be taken on each trip, and boats will not proceed with a smaller number. Applications for allotment of smaller steamers will be submitted to Army Haedquarters and treated as special cases if necessary.

In the event of personnel for demobilization etc. being held up in the Cologne Concentration Camp, the O.C. Camp may apply direct to D.D.I.W.T. on the chance of a boat being available for a day's trip.

Formations concerned will make all arrangements for rations. There are two field cookers on each boat for cooking mens food, and cooking facilities also exist for Officers. Units however have to supply plates, cutlery, etc.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Meat pies and sandwiches are now coupon-free.

The Mayor of Limerick has been refused a passport to America.

Seven thousand operatives are idle in Wigan owing to the closing of the cotton mills.

Since the date of the armistice, 74,524 officers and 2,050,818 other ranks have been demobilised.

Sunderland Town Council has authorised the expenditure of £3,000 in connection with the Peace Day celebrations.

Mr. Joseph Foulger, gaoler at the West End Police Court, retired yesterday after twenty-nine years' service in the Metropolitan police force.

The annual re-union and dinner of the 10th Royal Hussars' Old Comrades' Association will be held at the Holborn Restaurant on June 3, 1919.

Four tweed mills of Gardiner and Son, at Selkirk and Galashiels, have shut down owing to a dispute of workers over an increase in wages.

The tower of Westminster Cathedral, after being closed for four years during the war at the request of the Government, has now been reopened.

VISCOUNT DILLON AND WAR MEMORIALS.

VILLAGE TABLETS.

Viscount Dillon, a member of the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments, has made interesting remarks on the methods that should be adopted in order to perpetuate the many glorious deeds of the present war.

He says that he would like to see outside every village church a tablet recording the names of those who served, and especially of those who fell.

"As we have many religions persuasions," he writes, "I prefer the exterior of the village church, where all who pass may read, to the interior where only the Church of England soldiers and their friends would see the record.

"Such tablets should be within the reach pecuniarily of any village however small, but where the funds contributed for such a memorial are in excess of the cost of the tablet or shrine, I would suggest that instead of building a hospital or reading room the nearest large hospital should receive the overflow of she pious stream. Buildings cost much money from the architect's design (qualified by the county council requirements), the heavy cost now of erection, and lastly the maintenance, if the memorial should be more than a passing effort.

"As I have elsewhere urged, the large existing county hospitals in good working order should benefit by an increase to their funds, rather than the new erection of a building which has not the strength of endurance such as the existing institutions."

HELP FOR FARMS IN FLANDERS.

WORK OF THE AGRICULTURAL RELIEF COMMITEE.

According to an article in the *Observer*, thirty one villages of western Flanders in the neighbourhood of the battle zone have now been provided with live stock by the Agricultural Relief of Allies Committee, which was inaugurated by the Royal Agricultural Society. The Belgian Government have furnished the committee with details showing how the 300 dairy shorthorn cattle recently sent have been placed in the hands of small peasant farmers in the vicinity of Dixmude, Ypres, Menin and Cortemarck.

It was laid down by the committee that only those peasants who are destitute of means and therefore quite unable to re-stock their holdings should be the recipients of relief, and among these the number of head of cattle possessed individually before the war was taken as ensuring that only the small man was assisted. No one was to be entitled to receive a heifer who in pre-war days had more than ten head of stock. By this means the most urgent and deserving cases among those returning to their holdings were discovered.

Each recipient was required to sign an undertaking to keep each animal for at least three years. Twenty pedigree bulls were sent by the committee, and these were entrusted to farmers who had previously secured prizes for stock-rearing, and since the females are to be mated only with these bulls the purity of the progeny will be safeguarded.

Soon after their arrival at Antwerp the cattle were placed in trucks and forwarded to three distributing centres—Ostend, Menin, and Cortemarck.

The committee have received many letters of thanks from the burgomasters of the communes, all of which emphasise the great value of help in so practical a form. Writing in English, the burgomaster of Gheluwe says:—"This present is for us not only a mighty relief, but still more a proof of the friendship of our powerful and noble Allies, and a certain pledge of the aid they will lend to the restoration of our country devastated by a common enemy."

A further consignment of life stock for western Flanders leaves during the next few days.

SERVICE PAY.

The following extracts are taken from Army Routine Orders, dated April 14, 1919.

It is notified for information that soldiers who were in receipt of Service Pay at the outbreak of war and who retained such pay on

(i.) Agreeing to continue in the Service for the duration of the war;
(ii.) Re-enlisting for the duration of the war;
(iii.) Being retained in the Service under the provisions of the Military Service Acts;
(iv.) Recalled to the Service under the provision of the Military Service Acts;

will be entitled to continue in receipt of Service Pay on volunteering for the Armies of Occupation under para. 4 of Army Order 55 of 1919.

DESIGNATION OF ARMY OF OCCUPATION.

Henceforward the Army of Occupation will be known as "The British Army of the Rhine." Telegraphic address, "Rhine Army." The British forces in France and Flanders will be known as "The British Troops in France and Flanders."

TRAVELLING IN BRAKE-VANS.

All ranks are forbidden to travel in the brake-vans of civilian or military trains, as the presence of soldiers takes the attention of the railway officials from their duties thereby incurring risk of accident.

NOTICE.

It is proposed to hold a 29th Divisional Dinner in London during the month of June, 1919. The date, time, place and conditions will be notified in the press during the latter part of May, 1919.

A memorial signed by a large number of members of Parliament asks the Government for justice to Welsh churches under the Disestablishment Act.

The Committee of the Neath National Eisteddfod has distributed a surplus of £1,584 amongst charities and institutes at Neath, Swansea, and Aberavon.

Discharged service men of Middlesbrough are protesting against the refusal of the local authority to allow them to rent the Town Hall for a boxing tournament.

Among the passengers on board the "Aquitania," which arrived at Liverpool on Saturday were Captain Carpenter, V.C. and Sir Wm. Allardyce, Governor of the Bahamas.

The Actors' Association will hold a general meeting at His Majesty's Theatre on Sunday, April 27, at 3.30 p.m., to discuss the situation in reference to the Cochran dispute.

Owing to the rise of water at several pits at Tipton and West Bromwich (Staffs), some of the collieries have had to close down, and it is feared that they may become totally submerged.

Remnants of the Second Battalion, South Wales Borderers, comprising four officers and forty-six other ranks, arrived in Brecon on Saturday after service in all the theatres of war.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

LANGUAGE TEACHING.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.— This is a national questin of the utmost importance and I trust your article on the above subject in your issue of 15th inst., has not passed unnoticed.

In peace-time my love of languages constrained me to sacrifice a good situation in order to cross the Channel which I considered was the best way to acquire a practical knowledge of modern languages, more particularly French and German. All I had to back me up was my own perseverance and a nest-egg I had saved in Blighty. Several years' residence on the Continent cost me a great deal of inconvenience, effort, money, and study, but after the struggle I was able to pass off anywhere as an Englishman, Frenchman, or Cerman, and I felt at home everywhere.

Some teachers say that you can learn a foreign language in a few hours but this is absolutic nonsense, no matter how talented the pupil or the teacher may be, or how up-to-date the method adopted.

The Berlitz method is very good but it has its disadvantages, and there are better and speedier methods. A teacher ought to be able to turn out in one year at least one hundred pupils with a splendid knowledge of the language taught and a knowledge far superior to that ever attained even after many years' tuition by our old-fashioned Blighty methods, which usually neglect the ear and the tongue of the pupil who ought to be taught first of all to understand and to speak. Reading and writing, after all, are secondary matters and ought to follow the training of the ear and the tonque which in many cases are neglected altogether.

May I point out that there are, *inter alia*, four things that I love very much; namely—music, languages, teaching, and my home in Blighty. But here are two significant facts:

1. As a teacher I can find no situation in Blighty at any price.
2. On the continent my pay as a teacher is anything from 10/-to £ 1 *per hour* (that was before the war).

Will you believe me then when I say:

1. That I reside permanently on the Continent against my will.
2. That in Blighty the love of money is infinitely greater than the thirst for knowledge and
3. That the position will ultimately prove to be serious and ought to be tackled immediately and earnestly by the guardians of our nations welfare, namely, the government.

Lover of Languages.

FREE TRAVELLING FOR M.P's.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—I notice your correspondent "Verb. Sap." in his letter on this subject makes a very great mistake in saying that M.P.'s receive not less than £400 p.a. Now I would like to point out that an M.P. only receives his salary from the day he is sworn i. e. takes his seat. Now none of the members elected on 28th Dezember last will receive anything like £400 by 28th December this year. I think Parliament opened on February 11th so that a member lost about forty-five days pay during the period of waiting to take his seat and if he was unfortunate enough to be crowded out at the swearing-in on the first day, he lost a further day's pay. I think M.P's. should receive a free pass to travel on on the railways of the United Kingdom. I know one Labour member who had to resign his situation on being nominated. His salary then was £180 a year. This season ticket costs £66 a year. He has to keep his home going in the provinces aud to take lodgings in London. The latter cost him bed and breakfast £1.13 a week. His correspondenc last month cost him £5.7 in stamps. Now the day is long past when the membership should be confined to wealthy men. The Labourmen in the House are absolutely necessary and the pity is that there are not more of them. Free travelling on the railway would be great boon to the poorer members (who are not confined to the Labour Party). I know of one member who has given up lunch when in London as he cannot affort it. I wonder how your correspondent "Verb. Sap." would like to have to do that when he is in London.

A.C.

WHO ARE "THE GUNNERS"?

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—We notice that in your report of the football match between 1st Battalion M.G.C. and "B" Battery 104th Brigade R.H.A. you refer to the M.G.C. as "Gunners" as opposed to the R.H.A as "Artillery."

May we draw attention to the fact that The Royal Regiment has always been referred to colloquially as "The Gunners."

Without wishing to cast any aspersion on the M.G.C. we feel it is hardly right that our old sobriquet should be usurped by another regiment; they can surely think of a title of themselves.

G.G.G.

(Published for the benefit of Sports contributors.—Ed.)

Answers to Correspondents.

[*The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Many questions have been received which could be answered much easier by the Adjutant of the unit concerned, and all such cases which affect the unit commander must be taken to him and not sent here. — Ed.*]

J.L.—Apply through your Education Officer.

T.P.C.—We hope to have a full article on the subject in the course of a day or so.

A.Y.—You must give information to your Adjutant.

R W.A.S.—Will to so as soon as possible.

Z.—Many thanks. We will send it along to the cuquirer.

Mason.—We do not know anythyng definite as yet, but the matter is "in the air."

OUR soldiers on the Rhine want many things that they have been in the habit of buying at home. They buy in their canteens Divisional-Battalion— — The Y. M. C. A. — Church Army-E F.C.— and direct from home by post. Their news paper is the daily COLOGNE POST You *must* use it to reach them and secure their business
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Specialist of the textile branch with best references wishes agency of cotton, wool and silk manufacturers. Write A 11, Cologne Post, A. P. O. S. 40.

Good Typewriter required. State make and price. Box 75. Cologne Post, A. P. O., S. 40.

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LOST, in the vicinity of Deutscher Ring, on Saturday 12. 4. 19 French Deerhound, chocolate coloured with white mottled breast and white tipped tail. Has small scar on right hindquarters and on right ear. No collar. If found, Please return to H. Q. XIth Wing R. A. F. Justizgebäude Rieler Strasse, Cologne.

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CAMP BED AND GOLF CLUBS. Capt. A. (going home) will sell. Kit: comprises × frame bed, bath, bowl, stands. 4 good clubs; — driver, niblick, iron, cleek. Apply between 12 o'c and 2 p. m. Thursday. 54 Siemens Strasse, Ehrenfeld. (No. 20 car.)

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OLD HAILEYBURIAN DINNER.

This will be held at VI Corps Officers Club, Hohestrasse, Cologne, on Saturday, April 19th, at 19.30 hours. O. H.'s who intend to be present are requested to give early notice to the "Hon. Sec., O. H. Dinner, Army General and Commercia College, Cologne."

"THE CRUMPS"
(LONDON DIVISION CONCERT PARTY).

This Concert Party which has been broken up owing to demobilization is about to be re-formed, and there are several vacancies for Artistes in all lines.

Any member of the London Division who can sing, act, or play any instrument is invited to send in his name, rank, and regiment to Lieut. J. W. KNIGHT, C/o London Divisional Canteen, 26 Mainzer Strasse, Cologne, without delay.

RACE MEETINGS FOR O.R's.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—Can you find space in your Letter Box for this little grouse?

In Divisional, Artillery, Brigade, and other race meetings could not one race be open to O.R's of the Second Army?

A sweepstake with an entrance fee would eliminate the organisers of any cost and provide good sport and running for the O.R's. of The British Army of the Rhine. "Checquer."

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SEDITIOUS DISTURBANCES IN INDIA

THREE BANK MANAGERS BURNT

GENERAL ROBERTSON DUE THIS WEEK

REAPPEARANCE OF SYLVIA PANKHURST

LLOYD GEORGE BACK IN LONDON.

"ALL'S WELL."

Mr. Lloyd George has returned to London from Paris. Yesterday he was received in audience by the King.

He was visited by Mr. Winston Churchill, Minister for War, in the early afternoon and attended a meeting of the War Cabinet at 11.30 a. m. A number of otner Ministers visited him later.

Asked for a message to the nation on his return from Paris, Mr. Lloyd George said "You may say, all's well."

When the Prime Minister addresses the House of Commons he will be able to report that more satisfactory progress has been made with the Peace negotiations thar seemed possible a few days ago but it is not yet expected that he will be able to go into any details.

GENERAL ROBERTSON DUE THIS WEEK.

General Sir William Robertson, who vacated the command of the Home forces yesterday, will leave London on Good Friday to take over command of the Army of the Rhine, with Headquarters at Cologne.

Sir Douglas Haig took up his quarters at the Horse Guards yesterday as Field Marshal Commanding in Chief in Great Britain.

GARRISON AT ARCHANGEL.

CANADIAN ARCTIC EXPERTS.

Reuter learns authoritatively that about six hundred Canadian troops are serving with the present force in North Russia. The detachment, which consists of Field Artillery Batteries of the Sixteenth Brigade Canadian Field Artillery, in all about five hundred men, with administrative staff and a number of officers, are men experienced in Arctic conditions.

The Canadians on the Murmansk front under Col. Leskie D.S.O. include many old Klondyke men and the whole detachment, officers, non-commissioned officers and men alike, has had many years experience in Canada of the hardships of life in an Arctic climate and are therefore eminently fitted to instruct other troops, who are naturally totally unused to such climatic conditions.

It is chiefly for these instructional purposes that General Maynard has been using the Canadians under his command.

NORTH RUSSIA RELIEF FORCE

MEN WHO ARE WANTED.

A special badge has now been approved for this force. This badge, after the style of the divisional distinguishing marks used in France, is to be a white star on a blue ground, 3in. square, and will be worn on the upper part of the sleeve.

Recruiting for the relief force is proceeding well. Keenness is shown by the fact that numerous officers have volunteered as privates rather than forego the opportunity of serving in the force. Hundreds of men have joined from all parts of the United Kingdom, but London holds the lead.

Any men with machine-gun experience will be considered for the Machine Gun Corps, which will not be confined to men who have previously served in the corps. Men trained as drivers are wanted for this corps. Mechanical transport drivers are required for the Royal Army Service Corps unit proceeding to Russia. A certain number of men will be accepted as well as R.F.A. men, as a mountain battery may possibly form part of the force.

All recruits for the North Russian Relief Force who arrive at the collecting depôts up to to-day April 17, are being granted four days' leave—Good Friday to Easter Monday inclusive—and every endeavour will be made to grant similar leave to all others as soon as they are clothed. The above points, of course, only apply to men in the British Isles at the present time.

WEST SIBERIA FREE FROM BOLSHEVISM.

An Omsk telegram dated the 3rd April states that the Kalchaks offensive is developing successfully. A complete factory and several hundred armoured wagons containing machine guns were captured near Larahou.

Another telegram says that the whole of West Siberia is now reported free from Boshevism and that the Kalchaks Government is being stabilised. *Reuter.*

TRAITORS REPATRIATED.

According to a statement by the Secretary of State for War, thirty-three men belonging to the so called Casement Brigade have been repatriated, in addition to the two who figured in the Casement trial.

Their case is under Government consideration.

SEDITIOUS DISTURBANCES IN INDIA.

BANK MANAGERS BURNT.

The Viceroy of India reports that grave disorders occurred in India on the 10th and 11th April when protests were made against the Rowlatt anti-Sedition Bills.

The chief centres of disturbance were Amritsar in the Punjab and Ahmedabad in the Bombay Presidency.

Government buildings were burnt and the telegraph wires cut. At Amritsar three bank managers were burnt to death. Troops were called in and the mobs fired on. There was loss of life on both sides.

The latest report states that order has been restored. *Reuter.*

DEMOBILISATION SUSPENDED IN EGYPT AND INDIA.

On Tuesday in the House of Commons, during a discussion on some House of Lords amendments to the Military Service Bill, Mr. Winston Churchill renewed his assurance that the Territorials in the East would be relieved at the earliest possible moment. He was working night and day to that end and hoped that nine out of ten of them would be brought home as soon as climatic conditions in the Red Sea permitted, even though voluntary recruiting had dropped from a thousand per day to a hundred per day, a most lamentable falling off.

Mr. Churchill subsequently announced that owing to recent events demobilisation has been suspended in Egypt and India.

In the House of Commons Brig.-Gen. Page Croft (N. P. Bournemouth) affirmed that numerous demobilized officers and men are suffering serious losses owing to the long delays in their repatriation to India and the East. Montagu replied that the India Office is responsible only for the repatriation of Indian Army reserve officers. He was unaware of any delay in such cases and he had received no complaints. He would investigate any case communicated to him.

BAVARIAN REVOLUTION.

Munich is entirely in the power of the Spartacists but the Government troops have been reinforced and are now bombarding the Spartacists' stronghold, the railway station. Other Bavarian reinforcements are proceeding to Munich, The Spartacists have arrested most members of the Central Council. Street fighting is increasing and there are many civilian victims.

The battle between the Government troops and the Spartacists for the possession of the railway station ended in the complete defeat of the former. Railway communication between Berlin and Munich is suspended.

Dr. Levine has been proclaimed head of the Communist Government.

GERMAN STRIKE NEWS.

About four thousand clerks, employed by fifty firms, are on strike at Cologne.

Negotiations between the military authorities and the strikers at Dusseldorf bid fair to be successful.

At Landsberg the garrison is striking as a protest against the reduction of their pay to pre-war rate.

At Heilsberg the women demonstrated as a protest against the shortage of eggs. So violent was their behaviour that martial law had to be proclaimed.

GRATUITIES AND INTERRUPTIONS.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. W.T. Wilson (Lab., West Houghton) moved that the present pensions and gratuities awarded to ex-soldiers or their dependents is inadequate and ought to be increased.

Sir Worthington Evans, replying to the debate, emphasised the fairness of the method of relying on the medical evidence regarding men's disability. He said that since the Estimates were presented the Pensions Bill had been increased by three millions. The Ministry had received two hundred and twenty thousand claims from discharged men, eleven per cent of which were from men demobilised since the armistice.

The motion was withdrawn.

WOMEN INTERRUPT.

In the course of the debate on this motion two women in the strangers gallery commenced shouting to members "You murderers! You unsettled the last war. You are landing the people and workers into another war".

They were immediately seized and hustled out of the gallery, shouting all the time. Another woman shouted "Long live Soviets." She was requested to retire and did so quietly.

The women were subsequently identified as Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Stephenson.

They were all released.

The maintenance of the armies of occupation has cost to date four hundred and thirty six million marks.

ILL TREATED KUT PRISONERS

TURKISH GENERAL CAPTURED

The *Times* Constantinople Correspondent says that Halil Pasha, ex-Commander of the Turkish Army in Mesopotamia, and Avni Bey, ex-Governor-General of the province of Angora, in Asia Minor, were surprised and captured on the 3rd April.

Halil, who has evaded arrest by the Turkish Government for over two months, is accused of Armenian atrocities.

His surrender was further demanded by the British Government on the ground that he is believed to have been responsible for the ill-treatment of the British and Indian prisoners of war who were taken at Kut.

AWARDS TO WAR INVENTORS.

INCENDIARY TRACER BULLET.

At the first sitting of the Royal Commission on awards to inventors Mr. J. F. Buckingham, of Coventry, who invented the incendiary tracer bullet, claimed thirty thousand pounds, being fifteen per cent on the value of twenty-six million bullets accepted by the Government.

It was stated that the profit of making these bullets to date was only five thousand pounds, minus excess profits duty, his capital being six thousand.

Mr. Buckingham also went to France and instructed the French how to manufacture the bullets and there had been a tentative arrangement regarding his reward from the French Government the outcome of which was one hundred and twenty pounds.

The Commission, whihh deliberated in private, will announce its decision to-morrow.

Two guinea half-hour flights in giant aeroplanes are among the attractions offered to the public during the Easter holidays.

ANTICIPATING THE BUDGET.

Among trade speculations on the coming Budget a belief prevails among distillers that the industry duty on spirits will be raised from thirty to forty shillings per proof gallon. Provisional plans are being made to stop profiteering.

The abolition of grocers' licenses is spoken of, but it is extremely unlikely that this will be done.

GIPSY SMITH DEMOBILIZED.

Captain Gipsy Smith, Northumberland Fusiliers, who has just been demobilized, sailed yesterday from Liverpool to fulfil preaching engagements in New York, Montreal, Chicago, Philadelphia and St Louis.

He hopes to return in August to conduct a great evangelistic mission in Great Britain.

When war broke out he was about to leave Liverpool for a preaching tour in the United States. He forthwith took his luggage off the boat and joined Lovat's Scouts as a private, subsequently obtaining a commission. He was badly smashed on the Somme in July 1916, but recovering, again volunteered for the front and was in the midst of the fighting until the armistice.

Gipsy Smith is of pure Romany blood and was born in a gipsy tent.

RATION BOOKS ABOLISHED.

No new ration books will be issued after 3rd May and it is hoped that rationing will have ceased by the beginning of July.

The announcement that from today the unrestricted sale of meat pies, sandwiches and cooked meats is allowed without coupons, has relieved Easter holiday makers of much anxiety.

AMERICAN WAR CASUALTIES.

General March, Chief of Staff to the American Army says that the American casualties in the Argonne fighting were 18.3 per cent, which was much below that of some of the battles in the American civil war. For instance, at Whiloh the casualties were 24 per cent, at Gettysburg 20 per cent and at Chicaquoga 23 per cent.

The General also states that uniforms and badges of fifty different British regiments were worn by 2,300 of the American troops, who returned to the United States aboard the Mauretania. All these men had enlisted in the British service in the early days of the war.

CIVILIANS TO FLY AGAIN.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday, the Minister for Air, Brig.-Gen. Seely, said that the restrictions which prohibit any but military aviators flying will be removed at the end of this month. Civilians will be permitted to fly as from 1st. May.

PRIVATE—LIEUT-COLONEL—PHYSICAL INSTRUCTOR.

The physical instructor at Gillingham Technical Schools has resumed his duties. He joined the army as a private and retired as Lieutenant Colonel H.J. Selby, Royal Scots.

Tuesday's *Gazette* contained the following announcement under the heading "Memorandum." Capt. (Temp. Major) the Prince of Wales from Grenadier Guards, to be Colonel, dated 15th April 1919.

The *Daily News* says there is every likelihood that Clara Butt will appear in Grand Opera at Covent Garden.

Mr. Will Thorn, the well-known Labour leader, declares that there must soon be another general election.

The Shell Transport Company is increasing its capital by eight million sterling to twenty three million sterling.

SHOT WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE.

INQUIRY OPENED.

Great public interest was evinced in the coroner's inquiry which opened on Monday on the R.A.S.C. private named Savage, who was shot by a member of the escort at Waterloo Road last Thursday while he was endeavouring to escape from custody.

The coroner asked the jury to consider whether the escort had reasonable grounds for thinking that there was no other method of preventing the escape. If so the killing was justifiable but otherwise it would be their duty to return a verdict of manslaughter.

L.-Cpl. Debues, aged 32, of the 16th Bn. the London Regiment, said that on the 10th April he and three riflemen were escorting six prisoners from France to Portland. On the way to Waterloo he repeatedly warned Savage and another prisoner named Kitching, who were handcuffed together, not to walk so fast.

When about to turn to the left he received a blow from Savage, who endeavoured to trip him. He stumbled and Savage and Kitching bolted. He and Clark (the soldier who fired the shot) were in full marching order and the prisoners out-distanced them. He repeatedly shouted "Stop! or I fire."

When they had got still further away he said to Clark, "Whe shall have to bring them down" and told him to load and aim low.

Clark fired once when the men were about 70 yards away.

He was anxious, because he had left four other prisoners in the custody of only two men.

The medical evidence showed that the bullet had gone completely through the left shoulder.

Pte. Clark, aged 19, of the 2 16th Bn. the London Regiment, made a statement as to firing the shot. He said he suffered from V.D.H. (valvular disease of the heart) and could not run fast. He bore out the evidence given by L.-Cpl. Debeus.

Asked by the coroner why he was selected for escort duty if he suffered from valvular disease of the heart, witness said he was really going home on leave and was doing escort duty on the way.

Pte. Kitching, aged 20, 11th Royal Scots, said he was one of a party of prisoners from No. 5 military prison at Calais. Savage had been sentenced to ten years penal servitude (subsequently reduced to five years) for desertion. Witness' own sentence was one of three years. It was Savage who proposed making a dash for liberty.

Kitching confirmed the evidence given by the escorts and said that he and Savage could have out-distanced them.

The inquiry was adjourned until 23rd. April.

A large crowd which assembled outside the coroner's court made a demonstration as the escort left the building after the proceedings.

OVERSEAS PROHIBITION.

SERVICE VOTE WILL DECIDE.

Wellington. The latest prohibition referendum returns show 226,239 votes for the continuance of licensing and 238,799 for prohibition. It is expected however that the 16,000 soldier and sailor votes still outstanding will reverse this verdict. Reuter.

Owing to the Quebec province having voted for the retention of licenses for the sale of wine and beer the Dominion Government will probably reconsider its attitude towards prohibition and introduce legislation allowing any province to permit such sale. Reuter.

NO MORE GOVERNMENT ALE.

Shortly after the introduction of the budget on 30th April, the so-called Government ale will disappear. It will be replaced by a better quality of liquor.

The average specific gravity which is now 1030 will be increased te 1040. Before the introduction of brewing restrictions in 1915 the average specific gravity was 1050 in Great Britain and 1060 in Ireland, so even the new beer at 1040 will be much weaker than pre-war beer. However it is anticipated that brewers will be able to produce a palatable beverage. It is admitted that Government ale has not been a success.

If the present controlled prices are maintained the new beer can be sold at sixpence per pint in public bars and at sevenpence in other parts of licensed premises.

It is anticipated, in the event of the budget increasing the excise duty on spirits, that distillers will press for permission to increase the retail price of whisky beyond the present price of nine shillings per bottle.

SUICIDE OF A K.C.

At the inquiry into the cause of the death of Mr. A. J. Walter, the well-known King's Counsel, witnesses testified that he jumped in front of an inner circle train, which was pulling into Euston Road station.

Deceased had complained of pains in the head. The jury returned a verdict of suicide during temporary insanity.

BEER OR BREAD?

Five hundred men and women employed in the export bottling trade have been thrown out of work at Liverpool owing to the refusal of the dockers to handle spirits and beer for export while there is a shortage in England.

The bottlers on Saturday distributed pamphlets to the dockers as they were leaving work which stated "with you it is a question of a few more pints of inferior beer; with us it is a question of food for our families. Which is it to be — beer or bread?"

LANSDOWNE ESTATE TO BE SOLD.

The sale by auction is announced of 1,363 acres of the Lansdowne estate which includes Bath racecourse, the Lansdowne golf club house and part of the links.

ATLANTIC WEATHER STILL UNFAVOURABLE.

TWO COMPETITORS READY.

St. John's, Newfoundland. 15th April. The weather to-day still makes Hawker's departure impossible and the drizzling rain has turned the ground before his hangar into a quagmire.

Meanwhile Raynham continues to hurry forward the assembling of his own machine and hopes to be able to take the air simultaneously with Hawker. It is believed that if the elements delay Hawker for two more days Raynham will be on an equal footing for the honour of starting the race.

Despite the sodden ground Hawker yesterday was disposed to begin the attempt, but altered his plans when warnings were received of the presence of low pressure rain squalls in mid Atlantic.

Raynham declared that he proposed making the passage like any workaday flight. The Martinsyde machine could fly for twenty-five hours at the rate of a hundred miles an hour and it is expected that the pilot will make direct for Ireland, proceeding thence to Brooklands, completing the whole journey in twenty hours.

Raynham said that they would carry food for twenty-four hours as well as lifebelts, although they might well leave the belts behind because they would be of no use in an emergency.

Capt. Morgan, Raynham's navigator, will lay the course, using a sextant on the stars by night and the sun by day.

Communication between his observer and Raynham will be both written and by tube. — Reuter.

The Martinsyde machine is somewhat smaller than the Sopwith and has no boat, so if any mishap befall the occupants their fate is sealed. They are in excellent spirits and quite confident of success.—Reuter.

HUGE RED CROSS EXPENDITURE.

ECONOMICAL MANAGEMENT.

During the last year of the war the British Red Cross Society spent over 7,243,281 pounds, a phenomenal figure. The income for this period exceeded the expenditure by £ 182,000.

Management expenses amounted to only three pence in the pound of income.

The increase of expenditure over previous years was largely due to the large number of food parcels sent to prisoners of war, stores supplied to regiments, and grants to regimental committees.

50,000 FOR CHARITIES.

Lady Webb, wife of Lt.-Col. Sir Henry Webb, formerly member of Parliament for the Forest of Dean, left £82,660 of which £50,000 will be devoted to charities.

Several legacies in the will are "in accordance with the wishes of my son, Lieutenant Webb, of the Welsh Guards, killed in action during this great war."

FIRE AT NEWCASTLE SHIPYARD.

A destructive fire broke out yesterday at the Armstrong Whitworth shipyard at Newcastle on Tyne. Flames broke out in the electrical fitting shop and rigging store, in close proximity to other buildings and a ship in course of construction, but by strenuous effort the fire was confined to its original location.

The damage amounts to several thousands of pounds.

PASSIVE STRIKE AT LIMERICK.

The entire business and commercial life of Limerick is at a standstill as the result of a general strike in protest against the town being proclaimed a special military area.

There is no disorder but civilian movement is possible only by permission of the strike committee.

A similar situation obtains at Cork, which has also been proclaimed a military area.

SMALL HOLDINGS FOR EX-SOLDIERS.

The Land Settlement Bill passed its second reading in the House of Commons yesterday.

Its purpose is to give effect to the Government's promise of small holdings for ex-soldiers, who will have priority, together with women who have been working full time on the land for six months.

Twenty thousand acres have already been purchased and provision is made for loans to assist in stocking the holdings.

MORE HOTELS GIVEN UP.

The Secretary to the Air Ministry announces that the Adelphi Hotel, which was occupied by a portion of the Air Ministry, and Covent Garden Hotel, which was the Headquarters of the South-eastern Area of the Royal Air Force, have been given up and are no longer occupied by Air Ministry and Air Force personnel.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Although business diminishes as the holidays draw near, a good tone prevailed on the London Stock Exchange yesterday. Trading in Oils however continued on a large scale and there were some active features in Industrials. Government issues were firm but Indians receded a little on receipt of the news of the disturbances in the Punjab and Bombay. Argentine securities hardened, the labour situation at Buenos Ayres being said to be improving.

The Blue Cross Fund has opened the Charlton Kennels at Shooters-Hill for quarantining dogs belonging to soldiers and sailors who are unable to pay the usual fees.

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Holy Communion . . . . . 7.30 a.m.
Morning Prayers . . . . . 9.15 a.m.
Evening Prayers (with Address). . . 6.30 p.m.

In Chapel (C. A.) Antoniterstr.
Holy Communion . . . . . 7.30 a.m.
Evening Prayers (with Address). . . 6.30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY.
Military Church: 57, Schildergasse.
Morning Service . . . . . 11.15 a.m.
Evening Service . . . . . 6 p.m.

Large Hall (C. A.) Hotel Nord.
Lantern Service . . . . . 6 p.m.

No: 1. Army Cinema. Komödienstr.
Lantern Service . . . . . 6 p.m.

EASTER DAY, APRIL 20th.
Military Church, 57, Schildergasse.
Holy Communion . . . . . 7, 8, 11.15 a.m.
Morning Service . . . . . 10.30 a.m.
Evening Service . . . . . 6 p.m.

In Chapel (C. A.) Antoniterstr.
Holy Communion . . . . . 7.30 a.m.

No. 1 Army Cinema Hall, Komödienstr.
Evening Service . . . . . 6 p.m.
Holy Communion . . . . . 6.45 p.m.

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Holy Communion . . . . . 8 a.m.
Evening Service . . . . . 6 p.m.

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THE PASSING OF MILITARISM.

Four years ago to-day British soldiers with indomitable courage of body and of soul were fighting a sullen and bloody battle. They won their battle, they kept untarnished their escutcheons, but many fell to fight no more. Opposite the 17th April, 1915, future annalists will write a laconic sentence that shall be more glorious than an epitaph "British soldiers took Hill 60 at heavy cost." It is good that the Army of the Rhine should at times take a backward and comprehending look. There is sorrow in the vision, for we mourn the brave men who are not; yet there is hallowed pride in the sacrifice of the lealhearted who counted all but loss that they might win freedom and righteouness. Westminster Abbey is no longer our Valhalla: it is to be found where lie our happy warriors. Yes, it is good to have our quiet times when we may worship at the shrine of patriostism that counted not the cost and wears for ever its crown of glory. From our worship we go forth again into the world nerved and succoured and inspired.

Yet we must also look forward. Victory has attended our arms, and victory brings Peace. We have fought in vain, if the dread spectre of militarism is not laid low. Nothing less noble than honourable and enduring peace can solace hearts that are sore with the wounds of strife. Will our readers pardon an illustration and a lesson? They are taken from the tasks of youth, tasks to which distance lends its inevitable enchantment. Many must remember how the pages of Virgil's *Aeneid*, that book of heroes and heroic fights, claimed laborious days and a scholastic attention that was not always willing. Yet as knowledge of strange words grew we learned to follow the fortunes of Aneas and his fellows with subdued interest. We had in the classic tale food for our likes and dislikes, our admiration and our loathing. Were we not puzzled by Virgil's rough dealing with the handsome and warlike Turnus?

Mr. Warde Fowler has just published the last of his trilogy of Virgilian studies, and his commentary on the twelfth book of the *Aeneid* casts new light on many a difficulty. It is a study that is intimately related to our times, though it is the acme of experts cholarship. Virgil had his philosophy of history. For him Aeneas stood out as the representative of loyalty, fair-dealing, and righteousness, the creed of social and civic welfare; whilst Turnus betokened impulse, selfishness, and violence. The lesson, in Mr. Warde Fowler's words, is that *violentia*, with its delusions and pretences is not to prevail, and that *justitia* and *fides* are still to be the foundation-stones of our civilization."

What is militarism? It is the Virgilian *violentia* that brought ruin to its ill-starred champion. The end of our world warfare, we trust, is the end of militarism. The world must be made safe for democracy. That must be our rallyng cry. May it never be "a pulpit formula, a platform lie"! The nations of the world can not, and will not, go on in the old way of jealousy, strife, and bloody battle. Armed neutralities must be relegated securely to the limbo of dead forgotten things. It is time we all emerged into the summer atmosphere of peace and gladness. The League of Nations that is being welded into shape at the Versailles Conference must be as the portal of a new kingdom that shall satisfy the yearnings of stricken souls and gladden the hearts of men who have not lost hope of better things.

Hill 60 was conquered on 17th April 1915; today our leaders are conquering another hill, the Hill Difficulty, and when they reach its summit they shall proclaim the victory of honourable peace, a peace which shall satisfy the claims of justice and righteousness and mercy. We look to them and we do not look in vain.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

Lieut. W. R. PATTERSON, F.R.G.S., etc.

Probably more photographic apparatus has been sold in occupied Germany during the period of occupation than over any other period of similar duration. The Briton has, it seems, conceived the idea that such apparatus is cheap in all respects. With regard to its intrinsic value, this has been possibly the case. Both men and officers have purchased cameras of all descriptions. But I fear that many of them are wasting money and time because they do not fully appreciate the light power and the strength of the lenses.

I do not intend to consider the case of toy apparatus but of those which run into some hundreds of marks. A newcomer without previous photographic experience buys a camera and immediately proceeds to take snapshots. Here and there he flashes his shutter, often possessing no previous experience and without thought to time-values. This is a very important point. If one purchases a camera with an "Anastigmat" lens, one must remember that the light-power is stronger than that of the lenses in cheaper instruments. With a really good lens one may take a snapshot on a dull day, and the more open a scene is, so much the better will be the result. In such a case, the diaphragm must be wide open and the "Aufnahme" (exposure) must be a slow one.

It behoves one always to study this question of light in order to obtain the best possible results. With a strong lens, a 4.5 for instance, one might take a snapshot in open country on a not too dull day at fairly high speed. If on the same day and under the same climatic conditions we wished to take a snapshot in a street or other public place, the speed must necessarily be slower. Why is this? Because buildings on either hand impede the passage of light from the sky. The more light that one can obtain from above, so much the better will prove the resulting picture.

Always study your surroundings and endeavour to judge the strength of the light that is falling upon your object. Consider also the artistic value of the picture you are about to take, otherwise you may lose interest in the wonderful science of photography.

Let me append a few additional hints! In the height of summer with bright sunshine and a clear sky you may, according to the power of your camera, work at the highest speed. But remember always to have the sun over you, behind you, or on either side of you, but never facing the lens. You should never attempt a snapshot indoors. A figure study even by a bright window would need an exposure of from half a second upwards. The exposure must depend naturally upon the amount of light which the object receives from without. This is all a matter of practice combined with commonsense. If you wish to photograph a still object containing minute detail you may close your diaphragm a little, but the exposure must be longer. You may also narrow the aperture of your diaphragm in very fine weather whilst taking comparatively slow snapshots. I have a camera that gives me a thousandth of a second. I should only use this speed for a light coloured, moving object against a dark background or *vice versa*.

Now, in taking a photograph of a fast-moving thing, remember always to follow its flight with the camera. By this means, your object will be always in focus. It does not matter if the background is slightly blurred. Study your instrument therefore, and the value of the power of light.

"ON SEA AND ON LAND."

MR. TOM WING AT WERMELSKIRCHEN.

"Thank God we've got a Navy" is a war-born phrase which we have heard under all sorts of unusual conditions, and on divers strange occasions during the last five years. It is a phrase of many moods; a phrase to be adopted easily to the feeling of the moment. Satire, despair, triumph, and real thanksgiving, have, each in turn, found utterance in it.

Most of us can remember some occasion when things were going wrong; when a General had made unfelicitous remarks during his inspection of us; or when that much greater person the Sergeant-Major had taken too deep an interest in our lives; when in utter disgust for ourselves all things military we muttered "Thank God we've got a Navy."

Then, again, when it was wet and cold, and the rum and rations were lost on the way, we felt severely-treated mortals indeed as we sat on our chilly fire-steps, contemplating the hungry hours to come. "Rotten war, mate, aint it?" said one disappointed veteran to another. "Yus, for us poor blighters, but thank God we've got a Navy," came the answer dictated by a bitter heart and an empty stomach. The phrase grew to such universal use that it became almost a parrot cry, and as is always the case with parrot cries, it lost much of its original force and meaning. Yet through all its curious career and its many moods, it remained unaltered in itself.

Perhaps a real sentiment was hidden away somewhere behind it. Perhaps in some of his many moods, as he launched the little phrase, Thomas Atkins did really give thanks for the Empire of the Sea that the Navy was securing for him. It is possible that all unwittingly he realized how the great forces of the Nation are interdepedent, and that the War Machine is essentially amphibious.

Whatever may be the truth of the matter we have all heard the phrase and each one of us has thought, now and again, of the Great Sea Power that made possible our efforts on land.

The mission of the Navy in the War has been written about and spoken about by a vast number of people, but by few more ably than by Mr. Tom Wing who is at present lecturing to the troops on the Rhine.

He has some excellent lantern slides to illustrate his lecture, and he has much good personal experience to carry conviction with his words. When he spoke at Wermelskirchen quite recently, he left with at least one of his hearers a clearer and more vivid impression of the work of our Sister Service in conjunction with our own, than all the pen and ink strategists of the daily press have been able to convey in five long years. He described clearly and briefly something of the work that the Navy has accomplished in the effort for victory, and his hearers were able to see and appreciate some part of the new glory that the War has added to the already glorious Senior Service.

Mr. Tom Wing is worth hearing even though sometimes his lectures are treated as parades.

His audiences learn much that is new to them, and see many things in a new and more generous light. It may be said, that for the most part, they come away with a conviction of gratitude in their minds. "Thank God we had a Navy."

M. J.

OLD HARROVIAN DINNER.

It has been suggested that an Old Harrovian Dinner should be held in the near future. Will all O.H's. send their names and addresses to the Editor of *"The Cologne Post"*, without delay? Envelopes to be marked clearly "Old Harrovian." Further arrangements will be announced later.

THE EPISTLES OF PETER BIRSE, JUNIOR.

A Professor of Languages.

Dear Maister Editor,

Feelin' a bit seedy the ither nicht, an' sufferin' frae an unholy attack o' the teethake, I resolv'd tae hie me tae a Palace o' Backus i' the Hoho Strassy, an' regail musel wi' some speeritual refreshment. Lord Haldane o' Cloanden, Auchterarder, deem'd the Faitherland his speeritual name, but that was in anty-belium days, fan the beveridges were plentifu', an' leeshinsin' legislashun less strick. Enterin' a spashius room blazin' wi' myriads o' lichts, an' dazzlin' wi' the beauty o' coontless Frowlines an' their mutton-chopp'd beaus, I oarder'd a "Kümmel," as to the manner boarn.

The spruce-lookin' waiter look'd at me disjeskitly, and murmured the cursed word "Verboten!" Every German, a'm thinkin', maun drink in that a'fu' word wi' his mither's milk. It's as common as topcoats i' the Hoho Strassy, as plentifu' as bonny lasses i' the tramway-trains. There was naething for it therefor but tae bury m' deegnity, an' order a fite wine like a common or gairden soshialist.

At the end o' my sederunt, by which time I manag'd tae get ootside half-a-dozen fite wines, wi' the naitral result that the glitterin'-ee'd weemen, wi' their big expanse o' heavin' boosums, lookit bonnier than ever, the lichts dazzl'd mair resplendidly, an' better than a', my teethake was gone — gone, as Hans Breitmann says,

Like de summer cloudlet,
Dat floats on de mountain's prow.

Licht o' hert, an' jovial o' speerits, I made for the massive portals o' that sybarrite abode, which wos open'd grandeeloquently by a Kaiser-tash'd "Jerry" o' magneeficent build an' baronial aspeck. He micht only have been a Battalion rinner on the Hulloch front in days gune-by, or maybe a cook's mate in some cooshie back-area on the Rhine, but here he was the sinosure o' every female 'ee, aye, an' mony a masculine 'ee as weel. Fat wid Maister Harrod or Maister Selfridge no gie tae hae him for a commishunair at their front-door in London? As my grandmither wid hae said had she been preevileg'd tae see him, "He wid make a bonny corp."

Nae sinner ha I reach'd the ootside air than my teethake begood agin, an' waur than ever. Daily, as awld Peter us'd tae say tae his kitchen-leemies at Printfield — he had a new ane ilka sax month — "Man was made tae mourn an' espeshally the Birses." I tholl'd the pain for a time wi' charackteristick stoisism, eventually makin' up my min' tae see a German dentist.

At lenght I reach'd the Professor's door in fear an' tremlin' an' wi' great timeedity press'd the electrick knob abune the Professor's name. There must hae been ower muckle timeedity, for naebody answer'd an' I rang agin. In the twinklin' o' an 'ee an auldish ummen appear'd o' the noose-keeper type, an' begood tae spue out German I cud mak naitner heid nor tail o'.

"Professor" I got in edgewyes. "Compry Professor?"

Professor An' Asseestant.

Makin' a moshun, meanin me tae enter, she trail'd me up the stair tae the second or third flat.

The umman open'd a door o' fat I presum'd wid be the surgery or the operatin' theyater or fatever they ca'd an I howp'd wi' a my sowl that I wasna' bein' usherd' into a private saw-mill or butcher's backshop.

Before me at a table sat an auld, wizen' o' carl o' saxty or seventy winters wi' a lang flowin' buird o' the Abraham variety, an' a pair o' blue-colured specs on his protrudin' nib.

Close by, paradin' up an' doon on the teeger's skin in front o' the fire, was anither astrologer-lookin' craiter o' a seemiler aspeck. In the one han' he had fat I took tae be a cuttin' fre a noospaper; his ither han' was shint his back.

Noo the ane wid relieve himsel' o' a torrent o' German, an' noo the ither wid reply wi' a seemilar torrent.

In the harang the only wirds I cud mak' oot were "Volapuk," "Esperanta," "Volapuk," "Esperanta" or something like that.

Foo did I feel, an' fat did I say, ye're dootless speerin'.

Weel, sir, I was quiverin' like a laif — I never shook sae muckle aither at Suicide Corner or in Whiz-Bang Avenu. As the sang says, I only 'stopp'd, an' look'd, an' lissen'd." As for speakin', my tung was compleetly and hopelessly paralees'd. Fortinately they took nae a bit o' notice o' me, never even gae me sae much as a glance.

Wi' m' 'een rivetit on them, I watch'd their every movement, fearin' ilka meenit hat ane or the ither o'. them wid whisk me aff tae a back — chaumer, switch on a green licht, throw me like a bairn's hippen into a tiltit chair an' deeslocate my jaw wi' some mysteerious instrument o' tortur'.

Cauld Clammy Sweat.

Frankly, an' candidly, I hat fat the Froggies ca' a "mal cart dure". Ilka meenit I fancied was m' last, an' a cauld, clammy sweat begood tae come ower me. Even Wullie, the Potsdam butcher, "the electro — plated Napoleon" as Father Vaughan justly ca's im, has never in his meenits o' deepest angwish in the ignobel solitude o' his Dutch retrait, expeerienced half the fairsom' mortificashun that I had tae thohle in that chaumer o' meestery. If a trap = door had open'd an' swallowed me up, kilt an' a'thing I widna been surprees'd. Nor, for the maitter o' that, wid the ugly — lookin' crockodeel hingin' fae the ruif upset me ony mair had it crawl'd doon an' made an evenin' meal o' me. Speak aboot a Pisgah view o' pailestine. Yon lads wi' their eerie contrapshuns, blue lichts an' demoraleesin' scientific smells hae gotten a view o Sawten an' his fiery reejuns.

For a' that I ken, I micht hae been stan' in there yet like a gaikit gowk, but for a certain thing that happen'd. In appawrentiy a moment o' uncontrollabel pashun, ane o' the mageeshuns flung a moospaper cuttin' up in the air. It flutter'd to the fleer close to my feet, prent — side up. Mercifu' heavens! Fat dae ye think I saw in michty big type? — — — The Epistles of Peter Birse Junior! It was my lest week's epeesil!

I cud smell rocks aheid, as an Irishman wid say, so I boltit for the door, rush'd doon the stairs at auchty miles an oor, an' ran tae my billet as fest as my legs wid ca irry me.

Since then I've been makin' judeeshious enqueeries an' fin' that I must hae rung the wrang bell. At the same address, accordin' tae the Coloan Direktory, there hangs oot a Professor o' Dentistry as weel as a Professor o' Philology — — the ane aboon the ither. I suppose the latter an' his assestant, pair things, had trocht in their Germanic wisdom they had discover'd a brand new langwidge! In ony case I think I'm lucky tae escape in the menner an' at the time I did.

Fat think ye, Yersel?

Yours respeckfully,
Peter Birse, Junior.

OPERA HOUSE AND THEATRE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	OPERA	DRAMA
Thursday	No performance	Medea
Friday	No performance	No performance
Saturday	Tiefland	Elga
Sunday	Aida	Seeschlacht
Monday	Parsifal	Im weissen Röss!
Tuesday	Cavalleria rusticana Der Bajazzo	Die Jädin von Toledo

The hours at which the opera commences are: Saturday 6.30 p.m.; Sunday 5.30 p.m.; Monday 3.30 p.m.; and Tuesday (22nd April) 6.0 p.m.

AT THE "BLUE MONKEY."

EXCITING SKITTLES MATCH BETWEEN "DRABIES" AND "LIMBER JIMS."

The lads of the 2/1. Warwick R.H.A. were entertained to an exciting skittles match at the "Blue Monkey" tavern, Hitdorf on Saturday.

The match was the outcome of a challenge thrown out by "D" Sub Section "Drabies" to the left Section "Limber Jims."

The Drabs had fancied their chances for a long while at this most ancient game. The wheel driver of "D" Sub Section in pre war days was considered a "past master" at the game. At 14—15 before a large crowd, Driver Letts sent up the first ball, amid cheering from the "Drabies" supporters. Gnr. Mills followed. This player was most consistent and performed tricks with the ball that seemed almost impossible.

Drivers Ross, Deeley, Sharp very ably supported their Captain. Gnr. Mills was supported by Bdr. Clifford, the famous left hand "skittler," and winner of many honours in Birmingham, Gunner Freeman from Plumstead and Bdr. Ellis.

Excitement ran very high throughout the game. At one time it looked as of the "Drabies" would win, but the play was always cool (of course the Gunners are always cool). Time was called with the "Limber Jims" winning with a score of 212 against 197. Loud cheers greeted the verdict.

Bdr. Hopkins (the Battery's famous outside right) very ably fulfilled the duty of Umpire.

Driver Drake was tre scorer. "Harry the groom" was "setter up."

The first match in every respect was a huge success. The "Limber Jims" of the "shining left" will have to look to their laurels, as it is rumoured that other teams are training hard to meet them. Hitdorf may yet become famous in the Great War.

"PRONGS" CONCERT PARTY.

At the Richersaal, Schlebusch on Tuesday an excellent concert was given by the "Prongs" Concert Party (92nd Brigade R.G.A.). The tit-bit of the evening was the sketch "A Yorkshire Lad in London" in which the inimitable comedian, Jimmy Robinson, was seen to great advantage.

It would be a difficult matter to distinguish especially any artistes in this party as the whole production was the acme of perfection in concerte and individual items.

We understand that "The Prongs" are open for future engagements. Anyone desiring a good entertainment should write to 2nd Lt. C.D. Livesey, 129th Siege Battery, R.G.A.

51st v. 53rd Northumberland Fusiliers.

Played at Sulz on Saturday on the 31st Battn's ground.

The home team won the toss and the visitors kicking off immediately pressed but withou result. After this the home team with the win in their favour carried the play into their opponents half and repeatedly attacked. after about fifteen minutes play Serjeant Mole securing a pass from Oxley scored with a fast high shot. Immediately afterwards, Serjeant Martin, after a brilliant run down the right wing, centred smartly to Corporal Spencer, who scored with a fast low shot. After the interval, no scoring took place on either side.

The home defence was sound throughout the game, the half back line being especially good. Sergeant Mole was the best of a good forward line. For the visitors Lt. Rose in goal, 2nd. Lt. Coppick and Pte. F. Airey, the backs, and Pte. G. Airey, at right half, were very good throughout the game.

Cambridge Cricket.

EXCELLENT PROSPECTS FOR NEXT TERM.

The cricket prospects at Cambridge for next term are very promising says "*The Times*." Three Old Blues will be in residence—namely, J. S. F. Morrison (Charterhouse and Trinity), who has been elected captain; G. E. C. Wood (Cheltenham and Pembroke), who has been elected hon. secretary; and the Hon. F. S. Calthorpe (Repton and St. Catharine's). M. Woosnam (Winchester and Trinity), the Association football captain, is the most promising of the Seniors and is certain of a trial.

There are several good Freshmen up from the Public Schools, and several more may come into residence next term for the first time. G. M. Butler (Harrow), G. Ashton (Winchester), B. H. Lyon (Rugby), and J. W. McBryan, who has played for Somerset, should all go near places in the final side. A number of professional bowlers are being engaged, and Fenners will be open for practice before the end of the month. The following is the list of fixtures for the term:—

AT CAMBRIDGE.

May 8, 9, 10.—Freshmen's Match.
May 12, 13, 14.—Trial Match.
May 15, 16, 17.—Perambulators v. Etceteras.
May 21, 22, 23.—v. Australians.
May 26, 27, 28.—Trial Match.
May 29, 30, 31.—v. The Army.
June 2, 3—v. Yorkshire.
June 5, 6, 7.—v. Free Foresters.
June 9, 10, 11.—v. The Navy.

ON TOUR.

June 19, 20, 21.—v. Surrey (at the Oval).
June 23, 24, 25.—v. Major H. D. G. Leveson-Gower's XI. (at Eastbourne).
June 26, 27, 28.—v. Sussex (at Brighton).
July 3, 4, 5.—v. M.C.C. and Ground (at Lord's).
July 7, 8, 9.—v. Oxford (at Lord's).

FOOTBALL 'NATIONAL: WEARERS OF THE ROSE.

ENGLAND V. SCOTLAND.

PLAYERS SELECTED FOR COMING MATCH.

HARDY IN GOAL.

The following players have been selected to represent England in the first Victory Football International against Scotland at Liverpool on the 26th of April:—

Hardy. (Aston Villa);
Longworth, (Liverpool); and
Ducworth (Blackburn Rovers);
Fleetwood (Everton); Mc Call (Preston North End); and Brimsdell (Tottenham Hotspurs);
Shea (Blackburn Rovers);
J. Smith (Bolton Wanderers); Puddefoot (West Ham); Turnbull (Bradford); Martin (Sunderland).
Reserves:— Bagshaw (Derby County); and Gault (Everton).

Trial Soccer Match.

VICTORY FOR NORTH TEAM BY 4—1.

The association football trial match between North and South was played under bad ground and weather conditions at Stamford on Monday, North won by 4—1. The winners proved the better team.

The older players made a convincing appeal to the Selection Committee. Smith, Cock and Shea scored for the North, while Hanney put the ball through his own posts and Clipperfield scored a goal for the South.

ENGLISH RACING NEWS.

NOTTINGHAM MEETING.

At the Nottingham race meeting on Tuesday, the Newark Plate resulted:—

Speen (20/1); Tunworth (7/1); Neutral (11/2). Five ran. Three quarters of a length separated the first and second, and five lengths the second and third.

Other winners at Nottingham were:—

Ambassadress (4/1); Simon's Craft (6/4); Parella (2/5); Miss Maud (8/1); and Mameni (2/5).

CITY AND SUBURBAN AND DERBY.

London Betting on the City and Suburban:—Sandmole (20/1).

Derby:—Paper-Money an Mc.Kinley (100/6); Knight of the Air (20/1); Grand Parade (25/1); all taken.

RACE FIXTURES.

APRIL.

Down Royal	19, 21	Curragh	22, 23, 24
Kempton Park (at Hurst Park)	21	Newmarket	23, 24, 25
Waterford and Tramore	21	Catterick Bridge	24, 2[illegible]
Birmingham	21, 2[illegible]	Ludlow	24, 25
Manchester	21, 22	Alexandra Park	26
Wetherby	21, 22	Colwall Park	28
Cardiff	21, 22	Epsoin	29, 30
		Pontefract	30 May 1

Davson's Inspired Play.

BRILLIANT SIDELINE DRIVING AT QUEEN'S CLUB.

At the Queen's Club lawn tennis covered courts championship on Monday Mrs. Lambert Chambers beat Miss Holman 6—3; 6—3 in the Ladies' Single challenge round.

In the Gentlemen's single final P. M. Davson beat G. L. Patterson, Australia, 8—6; 6—3; 6—2, and meets Ritchie in the challenge round. Davson played an inspired game defeating the Australian volleyer by perfect sideline driving and phenomenally accurate lobbing.

In third round, Men's Doubles Lycett and Heath (Australia) beat Doust and A. B. Jones, Australia 8—6; 6—3; 6—2; Lycett and Heath subsequently defeated Capt. Pat O'Hara Wood, Australia, and G.T.C. Watt 6—0; 6—1; 7—5.

TRIAL RUGBY GAME.

Despite a drizzle of rain and a great deal of mud, the 51st Hampshire Regt. played a trial Rugby game at Wermelskirchen. The object of the game was to select a Battalion team for the matches of the future. Two full sides turned out and a good game ensued, ending in a victory for Capt. Pillean's side by 6 points to nil. The play throughout was keen and in many cases energy and enthusiasm had to make up for a lack of the highest skill.

The forwards on both sides seemed rather at a loss as to what to do with the ball when it was out of the scrum. The halves, notably Col. Irwich and Hallard, showed a good knowledge of the game and in time they should make a "tour de force" in the team.

The three-quarters were irregular and on the slippery ground were unable to show their pace to the best advantage. The best of them were Lieut. Goadby and Sergt. Spire. With practice it should be possible to form quite a good three-quarter line Lold Crock.

A. versus C. Coy; 32nd M.G.C.

The above match was played on Saturday on C's ground Köln Strasse, Bonn. A Company won the toss, and played against the wind. After 5 Minutes play L Cpl. Ritchie scored the first goal for A Company, and shortly after C. Company, scored from a corner, leaving the score at half-time:

A Company 1 goal; C Company 1 goal.

After the interval A Company had all the play, but were very unlucky in front of the goal. Shortly before time C. Company broke through and scored another goal, the game finishing leaving C. Company the winners by two goals to one.

Anton played a most excellent game at back, and Webster at centre half also did some extremely good work.

At a meeting of the Jockey Club, Lord Durham was appointed Steward to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Larnach.

A Curious Goal.

1ST M.G.C. V. 51ST WELSH REGT.

The above mentioned teams played a football match at Mechenheim on Saturday. With a strong wind the 51st Welsh soon attacked and scored a curious goal in the first two minutes. Cpl. Davis for the Gunners volleyed the ball on to Sgt. Hay (Welsh) and it rebounded through the Gunners' goal, placing Sgt. Hay hors-de-combat. The Welsh continued to press and Lieut. Hare with a strong drive narrowly missed adding to the score.

A fine movement by Burrows, Mc. Cullum, and Sgt. Tasker took the play to the Welsh goal and Cpl. Matthias with an open goal failed to equalize. At half time the score was: —

51st Welsh 1; 1st M.G.C. 0.

On resuming the Gunners had the most of the play, but the good defence of the Welsh backs presented any score until 15 minutes from time when a fine dribbse by Sgt. Tasker enabled Canning to equalize. Soon after good tootwork by Warhurst gave the Gunners the lead through Canning, while close on time Sgt. Tasker with a hot drive added the third for the Gunners.

Result: — Gunners 3; Welsh 1.

DIVISIONAL FOOTBALL COMPETITION: 1st ROUND.

1/5th BORDER RGT. v. 13th K.L.R.

These teams met on the ground of the former at Cologne Road, Bonn, on Thursday. King's were weakened by the enforced absence of Captain Carson through injury. Borders won the toss and started with the sun and a slight wind in their favour. Borders pressed, Lightfoot saving well. From a corner Williams scored. Waddaker broke trough, his final shot rebounding from the upright with the goalkeeper beaten. As a result of a combined movement on the part of the Borders forward line Baxter scored a second. King's livened up after this rererse and constant pressure ended with Waddaker scoring with a strong shot. The game continued on fast lines until half-time with Borders 2 goals, 13th King's 1 goal.

Resuming, Williams at once broke through, his final shot being blocked by Massik. A pretty bit of passing by the Borders forwards led to Murphy shooting strongly, Lightfoot only partially clearing, Williams scoring from the rebound. Not to be denied King's again pressed and Crowder scored. The game continued on fast lines till the final whistle Borders running out victors by the odd goal in five.

Comments:—A fast interesting game all through. For the winners Patterson and Dixon at half, and Hayes at full back played strongly. Hayes was a tower of strength at centre half for the King's whilst Lt. Potter and Meredith also shaped well.

17th v. 153 Labour Company.

This match was played on Saturday at Kalk. The first half was very evenly contested the forwards being held in check by the defence of the 153. Just before the whistle sounded for the interval a fine bit of footwork by the 17th resulted in Holt scoring the first goal.

In the second-half the 17th forwards showed fine combination and after ten minutes Holt scored a second goal. Farley, making a fine centre, brought hopes to his side, and Hickman placed the ball into the net.

Holt, Drayton, and Aitken were the outstanding players for the winners, the last named being specially noticed for his fine footwork and judgment. Want, Smart and Dowley, were the backbone of the 153rd.

Result; 17th Labour Co. ; 153rd Labour Co. 1.

111th Battery v. 112 Battery R. F. A.

These teams met on the latter's ground at Borr in dull weather. The visitors won the toss and had the advantage of a strong wind but up to the interval there was no score.

On resuming, the home team quickly took the offensive and both teams were playing splendid football. Lt. Munday made a smart run and forced a corner. This was accurately placed by Petrie, the old Aberdonian. Parkinson got his head to it and had it in the net in no time. The visitors tried hard for the equalizer, but could make no headway against the home defence. Lieut. Munday ended a brilliant individual effort with a magnificient drive which the custodian failed to hold. Ten minutes later the same player again increased the lead, the home team running out winners;

Result: 112th Battery 3; 111th Battery 0.

HENLEY REGATTA.

GERMAN AND HUNGARIAN CREWS DEBARRED.

At the meeting of the stewards of Henley Royal Regatta to consider the arrangements for the "Victory" Regatta, Henley, July 4 and 5, a resolution was unanimously passed that the agreements under Rule 4 made by the committee of management with the Deutscher Ruder Verband and with the Association of Hungarian Rowing Clubs should be cancelled. As a result of this resolution German and Hungarian crews and scullers will be debarred from competing at Henley in future.

BOXING CONTESTS.

At the National Sporting Club London on Monday evening Chris Langdon, Swansea, and Tom Gardner, Smethwick, boxed a fifteen rounds contest the result being a draw.

Another fifteen rounds contests between Seaman Hayes, Hoxton, and Fred Jacks, Aldgate, had the same result, although the general impression was that Jacks won. A feature of Monday's programme was the return match (twenty rounds) between the prominent welterweights Eddie Shevlin, American Navy, and Fred Newberry, Limehouse. The bout went the full distance and was well contested, there being scarcely a clinch throughout. Shevlin showed advantage from the start, although Newberry made a fine effort. At the close Shevlin received the award.

The brothers A.D., W.H., and J.S. Denton, Boswell, Hayward, Walden, C.N. Woolley, and possibly Seymour are available for this year's Northants cricket team. Lord Lilford has been re-elected president.

MULES ON TOUCH LINE.

3rd. M.G.'s INTER-COMPANY FOOTBALL MATCH.

A PICTURESQUE "GOALIE".

"B" Coy. met "D" in the 3rd. Battalion M.G. Corps Football Competition on Tuesday afternoon and shared points. The "goalie" for the former company made the hit of the afternoon by turning up in a sort of fancy waistcoat jersey. The game was well contested throughout and the score of 2 all correctly indicates the game.

"B"'s supporters coaxed their forwards towards goal and at one time some one shouted "RIGHT IN! Jock" but Jock couldn't. A moment after they were holding their breath when five whizz-bangs passed across their own goal mouth without a foot to touch the ball. Play was up and down the pitch and nearly towards half-time Neale scored, off the "goalie". Harrison for "B" almost secured a corner with his aerial gymnastics. HALF-time:—"D" 1. "B" nil.

Play was uneventful for the first part of the second half, although a linesman waved a dirty white handkerchief quite a lot in the course of his duty. At last Taylor shot for "D" and a certain player who sadly needs attention from the company barber did a tango in delight. Meanwhile Lea at outside right for "D" was particularly noticeable for good work: as also Lyle who earned golden opinions. In "B" one could see many good men notably Corporal Cummings. Bell was good but did not finish well. During a dull portion of the game the usual entertainment was provided by straying mules.

A quarter of an hour from the finish a change came over the game. From a pass by the Mess Corporal, Cummings secured a beauty for "B". One more run, the last, was made for "D" and Taylor shot straight at the fancy waistcoat. During the concluding minutes "B" bombarded and from a corner Corporal Cummings headed to COX who in turn headed through the right top corner, after the "goalie" had his fingers at the ball.

GOLFING TIPS.

HOW TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ERRATIC SHOTS.

In studying golf notes or hints that well known axiom, "What is one man's meat is another man's poison," should be remembered. The fact of one player improving his game by paying a little special attention to some detail in his stroke, does not necessarily mean that if all other players pay attention to the same thing it will improve their play as well. Almost every golfer has some little peculiarity during the playing of a stroke, which although advantageous to his style of play would be detrimental to the next man's.

Thus, so to speak, it is up to every player to find the points of least resistance for his own style of play. For example he has some pronounced fault which he finds he has great difficulty in getting rid of. By concentrating on this one thing he sees his game deteriorating all round. He should try to discover for himself some little action, the performance of which would be a counter against his main fault. He should also try to obtain a knowledge of his movements when he makes a good stroke. Thus if he has some standard of comparison he will find his bad shots getting fewer and farther between.

GOLFITIS.

DRAUGHTS AND CHESS.

R.A.M.C. SERGEANT PLAYS 22 GAMES AND WINS 19.

An interesting Draughts and Chess competition took place on Friday night in the Kasino, Friedrich Wilhelmshütte, when Sgt. M. Yates R.A.M.C. of the 92nd Field Ambulance played 13 games at Draughts, and 9 at Chess simultaneously. Before play commenced Sgt. Yates announced the conditions, which were as follows:

(1) No player had to make a move until he (Sgt. Yates) was at the board to see the move made.
(2) He would forfeit a Queen's rook to his opponents at Chess.
(3) He would give 5 marks to any player who won his game.

A start was made at 6.20 pm. and from then onwards the Sergeant was kept going, and some fine moves were witnessed by a good crowd of spectators.

Pte. G. Tatum (Chess) and Pte. J. W. Waite (Draught) were the first players in their respective games to have to acknowledge the superiority of Sgt. Yates.

After 75 minutes' play Pte. L. Ball, who had been playing a fine game, was successful, thus defeating the hopes of Sgt. Yates.

Special mention must be made of the fine play of Ptes. F. R. Kennerley, H. Lupton, and F. Marsh at chess, and Pte. G. V. Tunstall, T. H. Whitney, and G. Barnes at draughts.

Pte. Kennerley, the last surviving chess player, was the second to lower the colour of Sgt. Yates.

The end of the competition was in sight and only one player was left who was proving troublesome. The last person left in the competition was Sgt. W. Williams (draughts) who favoured by a mistake on the part of Sgt. Yates early in the game, managed to make a draw. Thus the end of what proved to be an interesting evening was:—

Sgt. Yates played simultaneously:
9 games at Chess .. Won 7 and lost 2;
13 games at Draughts Won 12 and drew 1.

Sporting Snippets.

Young as the racing season is (says a writer in "Observer") clerks of courses are almost at their wits' ends in the endeavour to devise events for the older horses calculated to attract an adequate number of entries.

A well-known North of England trainer, Melton Vasey, has just been demobilised after over four years' service with the colours.

It is announced that the Bath Racecourse, including the stone-built grand stand, luncheon hall, Pressroom, as well as the county stand, weighing-rooms, &c., comprising in all nearly sixty acres, will be submitted to auction at Bath in the spring.

The brothers A.D., W.H., and J.S. Denton, Boswell, Hayward, Walden, C.N. Woolley, and possibly Seymour are available for this year's Northants cricket team. Lord Lilford has been re-elected president.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

BY "METEOR".

Thursday, April 17th., 1919.

Surface wind from between West and N. W. 25 to 30 m.p.h. Squally. Mainly air and bright but cloudy at times especially in the forenoon; slight showers probable. Visibility good. Moderate temperature.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

(With an Occasional Entertainments Note.)

Would-be Choristers.

Certain would-be members of the Rhine Army Choral Society are showing displeasure at the fact that every prospective member is asked to undergo a very elementary test. Why anyone should complain at the imposition of so reasonable a condition it is difficult to understand. A chain is no stronger than its weakest link. Just as surely the attainments of a choral society are conditioned by the ability of its lowest sight-reader.

Capt. Cooke's Departure.

The departure of Capt. H.S.C. Cooke from the E.F.C. Officers' Club, Cologne, of which institution he has been in charge since it opened in January last, is very much regretted by his very large number of friends. He left Cologne last week for France. On Friday evening, Capt. Cooke was the guest at a private dinner given by a few of his intimates in the club, after which there were several brief, but happily-worded speeches.

An American's Anxiety.

Saturday was a great day for the American Army, a number of British decorations being bestowed on its members by General Plumer, at Cologne. One of the "lesser lights" to be decorated, exhibited the greatest agitation for some hours prior to the event and rumour hath it that he had several rehearsals in the privacy of his own room in order that the ceremony should not suffer by reason of any mistake on his part, at any rate. The matter of getting to the place of assembly apparently caused him a little fluttering of the heart also, for he arranged with three distinct people to convey him from his hotel to the meeting place.

Consequently, three cars turned up at one and the same time to carry him to his place of honour. And then, to crown all, he joined a party of his American friends in another car!

ADJUTANT-FOOTBALLER.

The caricature above is of Capt. and Adjutant Carson, of the 13th Bn. King's Liverpool Regt. He has been a regular player this season for the Bn. team and, as many goal-keepers who have played against him can testify, he is a deadly shot.

International Football in Germany.

The suggestion of a writer in the *Edinburgh Evening News*, quoted in this column a couple of days ago, regarding the visit of two international football teams to Germany, has caused a good deal of discussion among members of the Rhine Army. I have spoken to several of the officers closely associated with our sports organisations and they have all agreed that to send international teams over here from England would not be at all popular. An officer, who has much to do with our indoor entertainments, opines that there is a tendency to over-do the sending over from England of people to supply various forms of amusement for the Army of "Oc". The Army of the Rhine, he thinks, should be absolutely self-contained in the matter of amusement, with, perhaps, the exception of lady entertainers.

Another Rhine Army sports administrator reminds us that the lack of accommodation for spectators on any ground in Germany and the difficulty of transport renders the idea absolutely impracticable. As a counter suggestion he considers that the international element of those already in Germany should be developed by picking teams representative of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales to play against each other.

Trip up the Rhine.

The arrangements for the provision of trips up the Rhine, by steamer have been completed and definite days are allotted to the various formations in occupied territory.

Applications for tickets, which are free gratis and for nothing, should be made to the 2nd Army Amusement Officer at Cologne.

As things are at present, it is impossible to provide facilities for feeding on board the steamers, so that it is important that one should remember to take his "unconsumed portion of the days ration" in his pocket.

Cologne Gymnasium.

Those people who are in the habit of producing an appetite by means of performing weird evolutions on the parallel and horizontal bars in the gymnasium at Cologne will have to find some other means of excercise to-morrow and on Saturday. The Gymnasium has had a fairly busy time lately and the need of a duster is beginning to make itself apparent, in consequence. The officials have decided, therefore, to close the hall for to-morrow and Saturday with the object of performing a little spring cleaning act.

THE RAMBLER.

HIGHLAND DIV. SIGNAL COY. v. GUARDS' DIV. SIGNAL COY.

Yesterday at Düren the Highland Div. Signal Coy defeated the Guards' Div. Signal Coy. by 2 goals to 0. Cpl Ebbatson and Spr. Rutherford were the scorers.

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CORRESPONDENCE IN A STRANGE LIGHT.

THE COST OF 4s. 1d.

The *Daily Mail* in a recent issue, publishes an interesting example of the laborious and peculiar methods adopted in some of our Government departments. The correspondence mentioned relates to an account for 4s. 1d. for stamps used by an official during May, June, July, and August of last year. The account is still unpaid.

Already ten Minutes have been written concerning the matter, the first on September 5, 1918. The third Minute decided on the character of the branch from which the account came, and three more passed between officials before a suggestion was made as to how the money might be paid.

The seventh Minute saw the papers in the hands of a man who had tried on three previous occasions to get rid of them. This time he kept the documents for six months. His department then forwarded them to a finance department, which hastily sent them elsewhere. The recipients kept the papers 18 days and then despatched them to an official who had left the Government service some months before.

The papers now lie in a provincial town not far from the place where the expenses were incurred. The documents—except that names and departments are altered—are as follows:

MINISTRY OF .....

Account of petty cash expenditure for the period ending Aug. 31/18.

I hereby certify that the undermentioned expenses have been actually and necessarily incurred by me in the execution of my public duties, that the prices charged are fair and reasonable and that the ..... department is liable for same.

JOHN ————
Signature of Superintendent.

Approved. Aug. 31, 1918.
(Sgd.) Illegible.
4.9.1918.

Particulars of Payment.	Amount Paid.
Postage stamps (used during May, June, July, and August).	4s. 1d.

Mr. Jones to Mr. Smith (A.B.C.) (5/9/18): As we have made no payments for this branch, I presume you will see to it.

Mr. Smith to Mr. Browne: Can you say, please, whether D.E.F. have yet taken over this branch, and if so, from what date?

D.E.F. 1, signature illegible, to Mr. Smith (10/9/18): This is a supply branch. Please see Gen. Memorandum 110.

Mr. Smith to G.H.I. (11/9/18): Do you require this statement of expenditure in regard to this supply branch? If not, can you suggest which department would deal with it?

G.H.I. to Mr. Smith (11/9/18): I do not know how similar expenses in connection with other supply branches are dealt with. We have no knowledge of such, but it is suggested that the A.S.S. of the—district be asked to pay. You had, however, better consult D.E.F. 1/2.

Mr. Smith to D.E.F. 1/2 (18/9/18): Please see statement of expenditure in connection with this supply branch. Do you know who should deal with same? You will see what G.H. 1 suggest.

D.E.F. 1/2 to Mr. Smith (24/9/18): This is apparently for I J. 3 or 6.

A.B.C. 1 to Director, I. J. 3 (13/3/19): Please see the attached account for postage stamps amounting to 4s. 1d. This is apparently a matter for you to deal with.

A.B.C.X. to Mr. Tomkins, Baron's House: Payment of petty expenses is not made by this Finance section. Perhaps this matter could be settled by the ..... Area superintendent.

Mr. Tomkins to Mr. Gordon, Superintendent ..... Area (31/3/19): For your attention, please.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

THE NATIONAL FESTIVAL.

In yesterday's issue there appeared the proclamation of the Socialist party in connection with the controversy of appointing the 1st May a day for national festivity. It was mentioned that the Socialist party of Germany has a strong desire that this festivity should become a permanent institution on May Day, and that on this day all work should cease. This year, so they argue, is an appropriate one for the inauguration of this festival, as a great opportunity will be afforded the people of Germany to voice their opinions and manifestly show that they are in accord with the formation of the League of Nations, and that they have a desire to crush militarism and war completely.

Centre Party Opposition.

The *Vorwärts* speaking about the murder of the Saxon War Minister says:

"The Tragedy of Dresden shows that the whole future of socialism depends on the ability of the Government to create order in the Empire".

The *Kölnische Volkszeitung* commenting on that sentence adds:

"The future of Socialism! Is this more important than the future of the fatherland? One might be led to think so when it is announced that long sittings of the cabinet take place to debate whether the 1st of May and the 9th November shall be declared National festivals."

"In Munich, in Brunswick, in Dresden, in Düsseldorf, Revolution is raging and the Government find time to discuss about the 1st May and the 9th November!"

In another place the same paper remarks that:

"We think that there will be plenty of time for the national festival when we have again the moral right to celebrate a feast." When the time comes that we may enjoy ourselves again, when we have reached shore again, then only will we be able to celebrate as a national festival a day in which we see, not as a party but as a nation, the symbol of our salvation from the most terrible distress. We say Salvation — because there will be no opportunity then for a victory celebration."

Majority for the May-Day Festival.

Despite this opposition we find that the National Assembly has decided to give this day to socialist festivities. From the *Kölnische Zeitung* we learn that "the majority thus gained was the direct result of a veil being placed on the clear and honest proposition of the Government by the Democratic Party. They had made a compromise with the Socialists, and in this compromise it asserts that a general festival is introduced which is consecrated to the ideals of peace and the League of Nations and of the international protection of workmen."

The number of votes for the compromise was double that against, whilst some of the Assembly did not vote at all.

The President's Message.

Prior to the Easter vacation, Herr Ebert, president of the German Republic, sent a message to the National Assembly, which was delivered by Scheidemann, the Prime Minister.

In the message the President says that "it will be impossible to obtain peace whilst sections of our own people persevere in a disturbance which threatens to annihilate our already depressed political and economical life.

"Much harm has been done to the German people during the four years of war, therefore it is our first duty, to understand, to help and to make things better. But the urgent wish of the masses for humanity and realisation of human worthiness is no excuse for a hand full of leading agitators who try to disturb the building up of the German Republic.

"New Germany must be built up on the lines of energetic and organic development. A durable influence on the development of the State-life will be given to parties interested in the economical and social problems. The latter problem especially, has been the theme of long examination by the government. New Germany cannot be created by a radical jump in the dark. The Bolshevik dictature of the minority of the proletariate would certainly ruin in a few months the industrial state Germany. Of course, we must comply with justified economical demands of workmen, employed and officials; the government will always receive and try to meet those demands. But senseless political strikes merely doom the destiny of the workmen and their families, and only lead to complete distress. Therefore the vital point of the future of our people is to oppose with all our strength these endeavours, and to take energetic measures against acts of violence made by terrorist elements.

"A quick peace with the other countries, on the basis of mutual understanding and of the League of Nations, is for us a question of life or death. But our salvation from ruin lies as much on the necessity of peace and work within our own country.

"Therefore in these serious hours I address our German people in all classes and ranks with the urgent entreaty to give up this self laceration, Carry a victory over yourselves, open your eyes in front of the abyss, go to work! And you, Deputies of our people, I request you, wherever you go during the vacation, act everywhere for Peace and Work! Our Fatherland, our new Germany, must not perish!" (Great applause.)

NEWS IN BRIEF.

General Plumer expects to be at Tenby (South Wales) in May to receive the freedom.

Thousands of people welcomed home to Conisbro', Yorks, Sgt. L. Calvert, V.C. who was presented with £520, a gold watch, and other gifts.

The large English Gallery (No. XXV.) of the National Gallery, containing 17th and 18th century works of the British School, will be reopened on Thursday.

The Highways Committee of the L.C.C. says it is not prepared to recommend the adoption of a suggestion that motorlaunches, should be bought from the Admiralty for a river service between Hammersmith and Woolwich in connection with the tramways.

Six buglers of the 1st Bucks Territorials, who sounded the "alarm" on August 4, 1914, played the "Last Post" at a war memorial service at Wycombe, Bucks.

A sum of £2,000 for the British Red Cross and £1,763 for St. Dunstan's Hostel has been received from the Indo-China branch by the Over-Seas Club and Patriotic League, General Buildings, Aldwych, W.C. 2.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

LIVERPOOL DOCK HORSES.

In our issue of Sunday, April 13, we published a letter on the above subject, in which we asked for a verification of its contents from outside sources. Numerous replies have reached us, and from these we unhesitatingly endorse the statements made by the corporals. It is impossible to publish all the letters, but two are given below which may help to convince those who argued in the negative. These are the last letters dealing with this subject which will be published. — Ed.

Sir.— Ref. the letter addressed to you on the Liverpool Dock Horses. As an experienced carter and pre-war member of the "Mersey Quay and Railway Carters Union" I fully endorse your correspondent's letter. I have seen and also loaded carts on the docks, many a time a wagon weighing two tons five hundred weights containing seven tons of material, and journeyed same on granite sets a distance of two miles, making the journey twice a day, this being what they call "one horse work." A regular load on the docks in Liverpool you may see any day in the week is thirty bales of American cotton, the average weight being 600 lbs per bale, to draft from single-horse work to team work of two horses. I have seen nine and ten tons on a three ton wagon as a usual load; so hoping this may help to lighten the argument, and being at the same time a native of Liverpool I think will help to solve the problem of the Corporals' Mess.

Artillery Driver H.D.

Sir.— The loads allowed by the "Liverpool Cartowners' Association" are as follows:— Float or Pony Wagon, one ton ten cwt.; one-horse Wagon, six tons; team Wagon, ten tons. The tare of the vehicle is *not* included in these figures.

To load seven tons on a one-horse wagon would therefore be illegal but I have known many instances of this weight and over being drawn by one horse and the owner prosecuted.

I have had many a heated argument over this same theme, but should your correspondents desire official information they can obtain same from any member of the "Liverpool Cartowners' Association." I may add that the Liverpool dock roads are fairly level although there are the usual ruts and breakages to contend with, and on wet days a very greasy surface.

With regard to the number of journeys made, that depends entirely on the owner; but in the usual run of things two journeys a day was by no means a high average. With the shortage of horses I venture to say that three journeys a day would be accomplished taking the average distance from railway to steamer as half a mile.

The Sergeants' Mess.

"HOUSE."

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir. — I should like to draw attention to the paragraph on the game of "House" appearing in Sunday's "COLOGNE POST".

I think, that if THE RAMBLER cares to make enquiries, he will find out that, amongst soldiers, the name 'HOUSE' was used prior to the war, although LOTTO was the name used elsewhere.

It is the only game that is officially permitted to be played for money in the Army.

W.B.A.

LODGE OF FREEMASONS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.— Shortly after the occupation of Jerusalem, a military Lodge of Freemasons was instituted there, and as a craftsman I should like to know whether there is anything of a similar nature for the soldiers of the Rhine Army. If you are aware of any such Lodge I should esteem it a favour if you could put me in touch with it.

H.E.S.

(Anyone having knowledge of such an institution please inform the Editor.)

Answers to Correspondents.

[*The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Many questions have been received which could be answered much easier by the Adjutant of the unit concerned, and all such cases which affect the unit commander must be taken to him and not sent here. — Ed.*]

R.C.H.—So far as we are aware he can, although it would be grossly unfair.

E.J.—Look at last paragraph in to-day's article on Russian Relief Force. Anything given there only applies to soldiers and ex-soldiers at home.

Wind up.—Couldn't you find a pleasant retort for them? The sole reason is that we hope to keep them in that state from which, evidently, they think you are suffering.

One year man.—Your matter is already being dealt with.

Phil.—We have a weekly article on the subject of "Philately," in which before long you will find your answer.

W.D.—Apply through your Adjutant. See answer to "E.J."

G.M.—The war medal will not be given to any who came out after the signing of the Armistice.

C.R.—Cannot be done at present.

Sctounger.—Truly a pitiable tale. It depicts circumstances which we all have endured for four years and more, but the culprits are your own brother rankers in nearly all cases.

2nd Army D.R.—The record attendance at a football match in England is 110,820, when Tottenham Hotspur and Sheffield met in the final tie for the F.A. Cup, in 1901.

L.B.—This is in progress

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"THE CRUMPS"
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THE CRUMPS. The audition originally arranged for Friday 18th. is postponed until Saturday 19th. April, and will be held at the Deutsches Theatre, Bismarck-Str. at 14.00 hrs. Anyone who has not yet applied for an interview should do so without delay, in order to attend this audition, to Lt. J. W. Knight, c/o Divisional Canteen, 26, Mainzer-Strasse, Cologne.

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PRIME MINISTER REPORTS PROGRESS.

COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING.

It is no exaggeration to say that the whole world awaited with the most intense interest the speech of the Prime Minister of England in the House of Commons yesterday. Amid all the rumours, recriminations and opinions, the secret of the terms which will be imposed on the originators of the world war has been kept — and still remains — a secret.

Mr. Lloyd George did not reveal it. He only re-affirmed that the pledges he has time and again given to the British Nation have been kept: that amid the shallows and whirlpools of the unprecedented task of uniting the conflicting interests of a dozen different nations into one harmonious whole he has not suffered the infringement of the prerogatives of the British Empire, nor the abatement of its just claims.

The fierce desire of the country for news was reflected in the attendance at the House of Commons. Many members postponed their departure for the Easter recess and there was a remarkable demand for tickets of admission to the various galleries, from prominent leaders of thought and public men keenly desirous of hearing the first complete pronouncement by a leading member of the Peace Conference.

The House was crowded, and the Peers gallery filled immediately it was opened.

The Prince of Wales arrived at 12.30, accompanied by Lord Stamfordham, and was conducted to the seat over the clock which is his by tradition. It was used by its rightful occupant for the first time during the present reign.

The Prime Minister, who on entering looked serious, even stern, rose at 12.45 amidst loud cheers.

He began his speech by admitting the impatience existing throughout the world for Peace, but pointed out the gigantic task of the delegates who are confronted with problems of unprecedented complexity and gravity. He referred to the international arrangements for labour which had never hitherto been attempted, paid glowing tribute to the services of the Rt. Hon. G. N. Barnes and handsomely acknowledged the assistance of labour members and trade unionists whereby the great world scheme was brought into being and adopted.

Of the League of Nations he said that instead of wasting time it actually saved an enormous amount of time by establishing machinery capable of readjusting and correcting possible mistakes.

The Russian situation was one of the most complex problems ever dealt with by anybody, one of the chief difficulties being that there is no Russia. Nobody can affirm that the organisation controlling Central Russia is, even *de facto*, the Government for the whole of Russia. It is a spectacle of a vast country in a state of chaos, confusion and anarchy. "Russia is just like a volcano which is still making fierce eruptions. The best that can be done is to provide security for those dwelling on its remotest and least accessible slopes and to endeavour to arrest the devastating flow of lava so that it shall not scorch other lands," was the Premier's apt simile. There is no question of recognition. It has never been proposed or discussed, because no Government represented the whole of Russia and because the Bolshevist Government had committed crimes against allied subjects which would make it impossible to recognise it as a Government even under other circumstances. Even at this moment they are attacking our friends in Russia.

Referring to the question of intervention Mr. Lloyd George said the condition of Russia did not justify the British Government in committing the country to a gigantic military enterprise. Russia is very easy to invade but very difficult to conquer. The house would be surprised at the number of men which it is estimated would be required to conquer Russia. Our policy is to prevent the forcible eruption of Bolshevism into allied countries. Therefore we are organizing all the forces in allied countries bordering the territories from the Baltic to the Black Sea. There are unmistakable signs, however, that Russia is emerging from chaos and when she is again sane and normal we shall make peace in Russia.

Referring to the General Peace Terms Mr. Lloyd George said that the great powers have arrived at a complete understanding on all fundamental questions. It is untrue that the United States and Europe have been at variance. All the Allies want a Peace that will be just but not vindictive, although necessarily it must be stern.

Germany would have an army just large enough to police her, and just enough Navy to enable her to protect her commerce.

The Prime Minister sharply criticised certain newspapers for attacks which they have made, and he continued: "When this kind of diseased vanity is carried to the point of sowing dissension between great Allies whose unity is essential for the peace of the world; when attempts are made to make France distrust Britain and hate America and to make America dislike France, not even that kind of disease is justification for so black a crime against humanity. They still believe in France that the *Times* is a serious organ. They do not know it is only a company edition of the *Daily Mail*" said Mr. Lloyd George, who declared that he would rather have a good peace than a good Press.

He declared that every pledge which the Government has given has been incorporated in the Allies demands. The Government has never swerved from these demands. They stood by them because they thought them just. Above all, the future must by protected against a repetition of the horrors of this war.

TRIUMPH FOR THE COUNCIL OF FOUR.

GREAT WORK OF JUSTICE.

Mr. Percival Langdon, the *Daily Telegraph* special correspondent at Paris, in a striking despatch, says "Except in details which are by comparison unimportant, the terms of Peace with Germany are now known and it cannot be said too emphatically that the absence of serious criticism of those terms marks a triumph indeed for the Council of Four. There have been days when no one in Paris dared to anticipate a settlement which should be deemed in the main satisfactory to all the Allies concerned.

The demands of France in particular seemed at one time almost irreconcilable. But the French have seen that her Allies have recognised the special position which her losses and her future position as guardian of the frontier entities her to claim, and the good will which has been manifested toward her in this matter of cardinal importance will have its effect in the weeks to come.

We must not blind our eyes to the fact that the German Government may not have the power to accept, or if it does accept may refuse to carry out the provisions of this settlement in the only manner which the Allies can tolerate—exactly and to the uttermost farthing. Judging by their tardy and incomplete performance of the terms of the Armistice we should be justified in delaying for a little any expression of national rejoicing, but that does not make our gratitude any the less to those who have carried to a conclusion the great work of justice which is contained within the pages of this treaty.

After all, the ultimate aim of the Allies—that of destruction of the military arrogance of Germany—has been for the moment achieved and future prevention has been secured as well as any document can guarantee so difficult an achievement."

The correspondent adds "From the special point of view of the French as Gustav Hervé said yesterday, there is indeed matter for congratultion. The French have had Alsace Lorraine returned to them; they have had the great coalfields the Saar surrendered; for their special benefit Luxembourg has been detached from the German Customs Union; the left bank of the Raine has been militarily neutralised; they have taken the Cameroons; they have had their hands freed in Morocco and they have had allotted to them an indemnity of at least seventy thousands million francs.

From the point of view of England and America gains are less material because material gain was never as necessary for us as for our Ally, but we should remember that sea and land alike have been cleared of the German menace and the threat of German intrusion in Western Asia and South America has been ended for ever. Above all the nightmare of another scientific butchery by German hordes no longer hangs over the head of a nervous and pre-occupied world."

SITUATION AT ARCHANGEL.

CRITICAL PERIOD NOT YET REACHED.

The situation in the Archangel area has been considerably improved by the recent successes against the Bolshevists. It is true the most critical period has not yet been reached but if the main portions of the Relief Force are despatched as soon as open water is available there seems no reason to doubt that they will be able to give their comrades the relief they need after so long a period of most arduous service.

Meanwhile recruiting for the Relief Force is going on in all parts of Great Britain.—*Reuter.*

BAVARIAN REVOLUTION.

The Communists are not be left for long undisturbed in Munich. Government troops are being rapidly concentrated. The attack will be directed by a well known Bavarian General, who will have at his disposal artillery and other siege devices. It is reported also that Prussian troops are being moved to the scene of action.

For the moment the city is quiet, although it is actually in a state of siege.

The Red Guards dominate affairs and in their ranks are numerous Russian prisoners of war.

The tower of the Frauen Church is being used as an observation post.

The distribution of food is severely controlled. As a reprisal against the food blockade of the city the Communists declare that the middle classes shall suffer most, as the food in the city will le distributed only to the proletariat.

STRIKE OF COLOGNE CLERKS.

The number of clerks on strike at Cologne has risen to seven thousand, representing eighty-three firms. Negotiations with the intermediaries having failed, the clerks have announced their intention to appeal to the British authorities for mediation.

LIEBKNECHT'S MURDER.

AN ARREST.

It is reported from Berlin that a man named Runge pas been arrested for complicity in the murders of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg.

RIOTS AT CANADIAN CAMP.

COURT MARTIAL OPENS.

The Court-martial for the trial of Canadian soldiers alleged to have been concerned in the rioting at Kimmel-park a month ago opened at Liverpool on Wednesday. An officer experienced in courts-martial, Major E.C. Weymann, was appointed by the Canadian authorities to undertake the men's defence. All the accused men elected to avail themselves of his assistance.

The first case actually proceeded with was that of Gnr. George Lorette. He pleaded not guilty to the charge of mutiny and of having failed to use his utmost endeavour to suppress the mutiny.

R.S.M. Gilbert Smith, of the Canadian Military Police, in decribing the scene in camp said he saw a large crowd behind headquarters. Four or five of the men were very prominent, among them being the prisoner, who was waving a red flag.

The proceedings were adjourned.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S DISPATCH.

Commenting on Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's dispatch, the *Times* military correspondent says that in everything he writes there is always such an air of sweet reasonableness that the careless reader may very easily overlook much of its originality and novelty.

To put it bluntly there is in the dispatch a great deal of contentious matter, and despite the great authority of Field Marshal Haig's name and the measured moderation with which his conclusions are expressed, not all of it should be accepted as the last word to be said on the subject.

The dispatch more than once insists that the course of the war proved the general soundness of the tactical ideas and organization of the British Army and the contention, on the whole, is just. After every other war the War-Office or its equivalent has been the object of popular reproach. In this, the greatest of all wars, it had done better than any other Department, and despite many mistakes its positive achievement stands out as the biggest and finest thing any Government department has ever done.

The dispatch insists with perfect justice on the value of the old professional element in the army. It is only the professional soldier who knows how to make the best use of mechanical arms in combination with others. The amateur always needs disciplining by the professional mind.

TERRITORIALS TO MARCH THROUGH LONDON.

The Army Council has approved of the proposal for a march through London of the City and County of London Territorial troops. The march will probably take place in June. A representative Commitee to make the necessary arrangements has been formed by the Lord Mayor, Sir Horace B. Marshall..

EMPIRE'S WOOL PRODUCTION.

The latest Imperial Institute bulletin gives some interesting figures concerning the wool production of the Empire. The total amount produced in the world during the last year is estimated at three thousand million pounds, of which two-fifths was contributed by British countries. Australia alone produced nearly one-fifth.

FIRST CANADIANS LEAVE FOR HOME.

The First Brigade, First Canadian Division, six thousand strong, embarked at Southampton on Tuesday aboard the Olympic, homeward bound. They were accorded an enthusiastic send-off by the towns-people, the quay-side being densely thronged with spectators, including the Mayor and members of the corporation. A military band played inspiring airs.

IMMENSE COST OF OUT OF WORK ALLOWANCES.

Mr. Wardle, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour, stated in the House of Commons that the total amount of out of work donations paid from the conclusion of hostilities to 4th April was approximately fourteen million three hundred thousand pounds.

SWEDISH HOSPITALITY.

The Swedish Red Cross Society has secured permission from the Swedish Government to receive two thousand German children for recuperation.

Five thousand families have signified their willingness to receive the children and two hundred thousand crowns have already been collected. A start will be made in May.

LONDON MORALITY.

The London Council for promoting public morality, in a summary of its work for the year 1918, states that the Commissioner of Police has undertaken to place membres of the newly constituted women police patrols on open spaces where objectionable conduct is complained of.

In cafés and restaurants the action of the council's officers has diminished the number of undesirable characters, while the adoption of a fixed standard of lighting in cinemas has proved exceedingly satisfactory.

An early issue of British war-medal ribbon is anticipated.

RESULT OF MINERS' BALLOT.

RECORD PAY DAY.

The final result of the miners' ballot on the acceptance or rejection of the Sankey report showed 693,084 in favour and 76,992 against, a majority for acceptance of 616,092.

At the conference of the delegates of the Miners Federation held yesterday at Southport, the motion that the Government terms be accepted was carried unanimously.

The Government terms include an increase of pay of two shillings daily, a seven-hour day from July next and a six-hour day from July 1921, this last being subject to the economic condition of the industry at the end of 1920.

While the voting has been in progress in the coalfields new issues have arisen concerning the questions of conscription and intervention in Russia.

At the last Miners Conference held in London, a resolution was passed calling on the Government immediately to withdraw all British troops from Russia and protesting against any attempt to fasten conscription on the country by means of the Military Services Bill.

This resolution was reaffirmed yesterday afternoon and referred to the "triple alliance" meeting at Southport.

One result of the acceptance of the Government terms will be that this week a record pay day in the history of the coal mining or any other industry will be established. The miners will receive not only their week's pay but arrears at the rate of two shillings a day from 9th Jan., this award being retrospective. It is estimated that between seven million and eight million pounds will be paid out.

FIELD MARSHAL'S MESSAGE.

General Francis Lloyd on Tuesday addressed a welcome home celebration and thanksgiving service at Chelsea congregational church.

A message was read from Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, wishing all a happy home-coming and hoping that in the life before them they would not forget the great cause for which they fought, peace, no less than war, demanding loyalty and devotion for the general good of the country.

RE-HOUSING LONDONERS.

The London County Council has decided to spend 121,625 pounds on the purchase of a site comprising 143 acres for the purpose of erecting dwelling-houses.

The estate is that known as Dover House, Roehampton, and was formerly the residence of Mr. Pierpont Morgan.

LONDON CORONER'S PROPHECY.

Mr. S. J. Oddie, the Coroner for the South-Western district, at an inquest held in London expressed the opinion that the time would come when, under proper safeguards, doctors would be given the power to put incurables out of their misery.

EXHIBITION OF WAR MEMORIALS.

The Royal Academy War Memorials Committee has decided to hold an exhibition of memorials in two sections. The first will be held at the Victoria and Albert Museum in June and the second at the Royal Academy in October.

ABERDEEN BY-ELECTION.

Great interest is being shown in the by-election in Central Aberdeenshire, where Major Wood (Liberal) and Mr. Joseph Duncan (Labour) have several members and ex-members of Parliament speaking for them in various centres. Mr. Davidson, the Unionist candidate, fought single handed until last night, when he had the assistance of Mr. Harry Hope. M.P.

Yesterday Major Wood received the following telegram: "Hammersmith Gladstone Club wishes for you great victory. West Leyton and Central Hull have sounded the "take cover for coalition." Political prophets forecast a win for Davidson, with Major Wood second.

WHISKY FIRMS ALARMED.

BUDGET FEARS.

The prospect of an increased duty on spirits is causing great commotion among whisky firms. Members of the Whisky Distillers' Association are protesting against any unjust harassment, which, they say, the trade will be unable to bear. They intimate that they will have no option but to cease delivering whisky, as if the rumoured increase of duty is imposed they will be unable to supply except at a loss.

GAMBLING INSTEAD OF WORKING.

Ninety policemen in motors, pantechnicons, ambulances and other vehicles surprised seventy-six gamblers in an almost inaccessible quarry after arresting the scouts en route.

The prisoners were fined from two to five pounds each. It was stated in evidence that many of, them, were receiving weekly the out-of work donation.

KING'S THANKS TO AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

An autographed message from the King, expressing his personal and the National appreciation of the part played by the Australian Navy during the war, was delivered by the Prince of Wales when he lunched with the officers of the battle cruiser "Australia" at Portsmouth.

The King has signed a proclamation making Saturday next a Bank Holiday.

DELINQUENT JOURNEYMAN BAKER.

UNPROFITABLE POLITENESS.

For speaking his mind in the Cologne court rather too freely a journeyman baker was yesterday awarded nine days detention, in groups of three.

It appears that this journeyman pursued an amour with the wife of a baker, his employer, during the absence of the latter at the war. When the master-baker discovered the intrigue he assaulted his employé, who returned the blows to such effect that, according to the punishment meted out when each summoned the other, the employé must have added grievous injury to an already irreparable insult.

Anyhow the master-baker was fined five marks but the journeyman baker was sentenced to imprisonment for six months and two weeks.

Far from being repentant he crossed the court and flagrantly kissed the baker's wife, saying "Emmie, Emmie, keep faithful to me, I shall come out again!"

For this "indecent behaviour" in Court he was sentenced to three days detention.

As he was leaving for the cells he said "Good bye, Herr Judge."

He was mistaken; it was only "auf Wiedersehen," for the judge had him restored to the dock and awarded him three more days.

This timely appreciation of politeness displeased the journeyman; indeed it must have annoyed him, for he shouted "We have a proletarian Government and no more Hohenzollern tribunals."

The difference between old style lese majesty and the new must be very great, as all this outburst earned for the journeyman was another three days.

So the wife of the baker, if she remain "faithful" to her paramour, will have to wait six months, two weeks and nine days for him.

And one doubts not that the master baker will seek another journeyman.

EASTER HOLIDAYS IN ENGLAND.

The Easter Holiday rush began on Wednesday, and the exodus promises to be large, mainly to the South coast.

Arrangements have been made to convey people across the Channel but the French and Belgian authorities have not yet seen their way to allow access to the battlefields in those countries.

The continental bookings are chiefly for Paris. A good many people are going to Italy but very few to Switzerland.

PUBLIC HOUSE HOURS OF OPENING.

The Bishop of London is continuing his crusade against the proposed reversion by London licensed victuallers to pre-war hours of opening. In a speech on Wednesday the Bishop said there must be no return to the disgraceful nineteen and a half hours of drink selling every day.

COMPENSATION FOR PHTHISIS.

Mr. Malan, acting Premier in the House of Assembly, Cape Town, moved the second reading of the Miners, Phthisis Bill which provides for an award of the hundred pounds to sufferers in the newly styled ante-primary stage of the disease, 375 pounds in the primary stage and a pension of from ten to fifteen pounds monthly in the secondary stage.

The previous awards were three hundred pounds in the primary stage and a lump sum of seven hundred and fifty pounds in the secondary. The Bill also doubles the existing rates of compensation to natives.

WARSHIPS FOR DEMOBILIZED.

The Admiralty has agreed to place a certain number of warships at the disposal of the authorities for the repatriation of troops. The question of manning is a matter of some difficulty and is at present under discussion between the Admiralty and the Ministry of Shipping. Difficulty is now being experienced in providing sufficient tonnage for the repatriation of Canadians in accordance with the programme of the Canadian military authorities.

NO PROHIBITION FOR NEW ZEALAND.

Christchurch. The soldiers vote has wiped out the prohibition majority in New Zealand. *Reuter.*

(Until the 16,000 service votes were counted the Prohibitionists had secured a lead of 12,560 votes).

ALIEN IMMIGRATION.

The Aliens Restriction Bill, maintaining for the period of one year after the war the present powers of the authorities, has passed its second reading in the House of Commons.

STOCK EXCHANGE.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday a holiday sentiment prevailed in most sections but there was no slackening of the interest in oils, while industrials were occasionally active, the chief feature being a twenty-five dollar spurt in Otis Steel on the strength of an offer for the purchase of a controlling interest in the company. No great revival of animation is expected until the Government's financial intention are known. Giltedged securities were dull, pending the Budget statement. Indians are recovering from yesterday's set-back, but Russians are weak as the result of Mr. Lloyd George's statement in the House of Commons.

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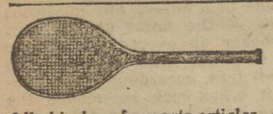

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Lantern Service . . . . . 6 p.m.

No: 1. Army Cinema. Komödienstr.
Lantern Service . . . . . 6 p.m.

EASTER DAY, APRIL 20th.
Military Church, 57, Schildergasse.
Holy Communion . . . . . 7, 8, 11.15 a.m.
Morning Service . . . . . 10.30 a.m.
Evening Service . . . . . 6 p.m.

In Chapel (C. A.) Antoniterstr.
Holy Communion . . . . . 7.30 a.m.

No. 1 Army Cinema Hall, Komödienstr.
Evening Service . . . . . 6 p.m.
Holy Communion . . . . . 6.45 p.m.

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Evening Service. . . . . 6 p.m.

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A GREAT MEMORIAL DAY.

This is Good Friday. It is good at times to pay heed to the Christian Calender, and surely it is good to think reverently and hopefully of our first Easter tide since the dark days of war. Good Friday is the anniversary of poignant suffering and supreme sacrifice. To day men of all Christian churches can unite in remembrance and homage, and we notice that in Army announcements this is "a great memorial day." The title is fitting and dignified. Our soldiers who have campaigned during any of these memorable war years know what suffering and sacrifice are — the words must ever have new and sacred meaning to them. Thus we pause for a little, and without advertisement or dramatic bearing we cast our thoughts back to the green hill that is far away, and with new sympathy and fuller knowledge we ponder on the heroism of one who was faithful unto death. We do not love the coss in life, for it brings with it the shadow, but the cross has gained a full-orbed glory in these years that have drearily passed us by. War has been to many the handmaid of religious symbolism.

Tradition and superstition have been busy with Friday. The ancient chroniclers made out that Adam and Eve ate their forbidden repast on a Friday. To the Romans it was nefastus on account of a defeat of their arms that long rankled in their memories. Even in far-off India, Friday has been reckoned a day of evil omen. One does not need to know his *Racine* to remember the words that "he who laughs on Friday will weep on Sunday."

And we as a nation are not free from superstitious habits. There is no braver service in the world than that of our mercantile marine, and yet we believe that Friday is not the day that mariners choose for setting out on their voyages. Nor is it the day that maids and men select for carrying to their stern and logical conclusions the fancies that lightly arise in Spring. In some curious fashion Christian tradition has lent weight to an ancient superstition that counts Friday as untoward.

But once on a Friday ('tis ever they say),
A day when misfortune is aptest to fall.

But enough of superstition. Good Friday is not a day of sorrow; it is a day of solemn satisfaction, of undying hope and faith. It marks the end of gloom and the dawn of joy; it is the turn in the tide of human affairs. The years of war that have passed slowly, sadly, irrevocably, are years that teach us enduring lessons. Comrades of ours, human in their interests, joys and brotherliness, have given us an uplifting sense of the divinity that lies all around us Who is he that has not a new faith in human nature which men call ordinary and fallible? For us the comrades that are no more have bridged the chasm between human and divine, for they have taught us the nobility of suffering and sacrifice. They bring home to us the truth and symbolism of the Passion. Yes, ours is a great memorial day of obedience and love that were faithful unto the end.

PLAYS FOR THE PEOPLE.

Only a day or two ago we discussed the question of the reform of the theatre. It is somewhat of a coincidence that news of Mr. Romain Rolland's latest book has now reached us. Mr. Barrett Clark has translated not only this dissertation on the theatre of the people, but also two examples of what Mr. Rolland believes is suitable for the people.

The versatile essayist is drastic in his treatment of the subject. The peoples must have their own theatres and dramas, he declares, for it is out of the question that they should content themselves with the time-honoured classics of Shakespeare, Corneille and Racine. Even the comedies of Moliere are brusquely ruled out of court. Why? His answer is that such plays are for the aristocracy and bourgeoisie, and are not fitted for the needs of "the people." But we hold that it is a cardinal mistake to suppose that these three classes must each have its special type of play. In the enjoyment of art there must be and can be no class distinctions. One imagines that most of mankind enjoy some of Shakespeare's plays, and our criticism of the modern stage is that it is too timid in producing the great classic dramas. It is an irony that Mr. Rolland's samples of people's play—we have it on the authority of the translator—were more appreciated by the aristocrats and bourgeoisie than by "the people." That is a lesson that the reformer should bear in mind.

But the people are surely the whole people of every class, and it is as wrong as it is impossible to subdivide them. Some of the proletariate would enjoy dramas meant for aristocrats; and some aristocrats could be easily contented with dramas designed for a humbler rank. Again, no class of mankind relishes anything, however great or suitable, which is thrust upon it. If play-writing is to be propagandist or even dictatic, it is doomed. Art must not be at the mercy of the schoolmaster. A people that has some leisure and some chance of self-education will soon demand the best from art; and no art will long satisfy the people if it does not develop step by step with the evolution of popular ideals.

THE RHINE.

O'er the hilltops castle-crested
Slowly sinks the sun to sleep;
While the watchers, battle-tested,
Silently their vigil keep.
As the last rays touch the river
Blood-red fingers seem to guiver,
And the soldiers faintly shiver
As they think
Of the cost
On the brink
Of the lost:
Deutscher Rhein.

To our foes it formed a barrier
Gainst a score of armed hosts;
For their last man was a warrior,
And the world rang with their boasts,
Now 'tis surely for the nation.
That in depths ofdegnadation
Must work out its own salvation;
Whilst we hold
By the gun
Strong and bold
What we've won:
Freedom's Rhine.

E.F.F.

OLD HARROVIAN DINNER.

It has been suggested that an Old Harrovian Dinner should be held in the near future. Will all O.H's, send their names and adresses to the Editor of "*The Cologne Post*," without delay? Envelopes to be marked clearly "Old Harrovian". Further arrangements will be announced later.

"IN THE MIDST OF LIFE."

I have been reading an article, written by the correspondent of one of our home newspapers, on the almost unbelievable duplicity of the German people; and the base tricks that are practised in the occupied area, to undermine our morale; at the same time leaving us in our insular innocence, to infer that they are actuated by no other motive than a desire to make the best of a bad job; and live on the best possible terms with us.

Thanks to the Providence which placed that article before my eyes, and thanks a thousand times to its gifted author, my rush to destruction is stayed; and in a spirit of gratitude, I feel I can render my humble thanks in no better way, than by quoting my own experiences to prove (if proof were necessary) the truth of his statements. To show indeed, that far from the Author exaggerating, or drawing on his imagination (as some may think) he only skimmed as it were, the surface of the deep, and cunning plans prepared for our ruin.

I set foot in Germany some four months ago, and in due course arrived in Cologne. My first impressions of that city were, I frankly say, pleasant. I admired the streets and shops, and remember, on seeing the Cathedral, saying to a companion, by way of a serious sort of joke, that these people could evidently raise imposing buildings, as well as erase them.

I slept during my stay in Cologne in a real bed, in a real bedroom (with radiator) in a real hotel. What more natural as I retired, tired but happy at night, than that I should recall from the distant past, pleasant memories of my last leave? And associate Blighty with Germany, by the connecting link — real bed. Ah! had I known then, as I know now, that each one of those thoughts of mine had been foreseen by diabolical scientists; and that the whole thing, from Cathedral to radiator, was but a cunning plan to prepare my innocent mind for the awful stamp of cultur which they hoped to imprint on it.

To resume: as may he imagined, I was very reluctant to leave Cologne, but when it became imperative that I should do so, my journey was all that could be desired. I was borne gently but swiftly towards my village destination, amidst scenery beyond compare. Very disturbing questions indeed began to rankle in my mind, concerning the late war, as I sped on my way. (Poor deluded me).

I arrived after dark, and went to my allotted billet. How can I describe the scene which greeted my waking eyes next morning? The Hotel in Cologne dived sheer into sub-conscious depths, without so much as a look; on being confronted with the bedroom, whose splendours now dazzles me. Surely this must be some time honoured Schloss in which I passed the night; and what a view from the window; stately trees just budding into blossom, singing birds, green hills, and alluring valleys. In short, Spring, as gifted poets imagine it; but which I can only sully by description.

I was as surprised as it is possible to be in this land of surprises, to learn later on that this house belonged to the carpenter I saw walking about in a smock, more becoming to his profession than to his abode; but even in my own mind I did not question how a home that a British statesman might be proud of, could exist, even during Germany's most prosperous days on a carpenter's wages. I know now, thank Heaven.

Having a presentiment that I must some day come back to earth, I mean England, again, I try to devote my spare time (of which I have quite a lot between tea and ten), to various branches of study.

Thus employed one evening, and almost on the verge of despair, as two demons fought within me. Pelman on the one hand, urged that the shorthand maze at which I stared, could and must be learnt. The other demon which took various alluring shapes, varying from Mary Pickford to Charlie Chaplin, said that shorthand was not my line at all and could never be any use to me, and besides, the Cinema was far more educational. What the end would be, I cannot tell. The fight was interrupted by a gentle tap at the door, which after my weak "Come in" opened to show me the homely, generous face of my hostess, and to waft to my ears the sweet strains of the Maxima waltz. It must be lonely by myself she said, and would I not come and listen to her little daughter play the piano?

You may talk about fraternizing, will-power, and the rest of it, but even the great Pelman himself, in my positition and circumstances, would have fallen that night. By what devilish means did they know, that associated in my mind with that waltz was the fairest face, that ever adorned the uniform of a W.A.A.C., or the daintiest pair of feet, that ever hesitated their way across a dance room? Heavens! when I look back and think, I wonder I am not even now on my fanatical way to the Peace Conference, to demand a huge indemnity for my adopted land.

How I thanked that motherly soul, as she led me to the drawing room. How I gazed fascinated at her charming daughter (aged about twelve in appearance, but surely centuries in consummate witchcraft) as she transported me into heavens of delight with her music.

Need I say any more? Need I mention the lover and his first kiss, the tiger and his first blood, the dope fiend and his first pipe? Judge of my ultimate state, when I say truly that I cheerfully braved the knowing winks and ill-bred chaff of canteen attendants in my demand for chocolate and toilet soap to offer as humble gifts to that little sorceress. Need I say another word to prove beyond doubt the awful fate from which I have been saved by that gifted article.

How clear it is now, why the village carpenter possesses such a beautiful house and such a kultured daughter. Village carpenter, bah! Berlin professor, no doubt, who, when the British Army comes crawling on its knees to him, for German Naturalisation Papers will turn his attention to the distribution of Bolshevik germs throughout Mars, either by an alliance with Venus, or through the medium of hot air.

Now that the way is shown so clearly, how easy it is to avoid their net. How easy for instance, to see that the Sun which shines with such splendour on this seemingly peaceful village is in reality nothing more or less than Ersatz. That the bird in that tree yonder which would lull us into a sense of false security with its joyful song, is really warbling a Hymn of Hate.

In conclusion I would say that if the experiences I have recounted will help to show to my younger comrades the sinister, inner meaning of the life around them, I shall be glad. If any gratitude is felt for the humble suggestions I have offered I shall also be glad, but I accept no thanks for either, as at most, this can be but a very poor return to him who saved me, and in whose honour it was written.

Red and Black.

GOOD FRIDAY.

In Army Routine Orders dated April 15, 1919 we learn that Good Friday, will be kept as a Sunday throughout the Army Area, and all facilities will be given to Chaplains for arranging in the various places of amusement, *e.g.*, Theatres and Cinema Halls, such gatherings as are fitting and suitable for the day, such as Lantern Services, Sacred Music, etc.

PHYSICAL FITNESS.

MANLINESS AND HAPPINESS.

BY MAJOR. J. BETTS, D.S.O.

I have been asked several times "What will the soldier miss most after returning to Civil Life?" I unhesitatingly say "The feeling of Physical Fitness." One often wonders how many people realize the tremendous effect Physical Fitness has upon one's happinessi Should you ever have the good fortune to lecture upon this subject to a whole Brigade of men, or even to a smaller number, you will be surprised at the vast amount of interest they take in all that you have to say, especially if you keep to the broad outline. If you have any doubt about their interest, put this qunstion to them, "What happens on the march, no matter how tired you are when you come to a Town or Village?" The answer comes immediately — "We start singing, Sir" — Right — oh: Thats Physikal Fitness in itts best fohm. You can take it from me, and I have studied it very carefully, that there is little wrong with men who answer as they did. If these men were not fit, we should have no singing, there would be nothing but "grousing" from top to bottom of the Column. It is a marvellous feeling, this feeling of Fitness. It breeds a spirit of true comradeship, manliness, and cheerfulness, which will be sadly missed by thousands of good fellows when they discard the khaki for "civies". How many of these same men ever dreamt a few years ago that they would go to war — and such a bloody War. They would have laughed at the idea of being able to rough it as they have done since, wet through day after day, covered with mud from head to foot, sleeping with their clothes on in any old place that they could find. These are only a few of the things that they have done, and above all done with a cheeriness absolutely unbelievable to those who have not seen it. That is the result of "Physical Fitness."

I remember, shortly after the arrival of the British Troops in Italy, seeing a number of Italian Officers watching some of our men on the march. Shortly afterwards, I was introduced to them, and naturally I asked their opinion of the British Soldier, All were unanimous in praising his wonderful physique and bearing and the happy look on his face—Physical Fitness again. How surprised some people would have been when passing some old barn or smaller building, just after sunrise, to hear a lot of fellows singing — and harmonising, too — some dear old song learned at home, and to have been told that only a day before those same vocalists were busy potting or bayonetting Huns, and probably in a horrible state of uncleanliness, and yet there they were "Brushing up" as happy as the proverbial sandboy. Another grand sign of fitness.

You must use all your efforts to keep your Physical Fitness, and to induce others to do the same. When the Ministry of Health is firmly established, I should like to see lecturers sent round the whole of the British Isles, to talk to the people on this subject: not to go deeply into the questions of physiology aed anatomy, but to explain the subject inthesimple way that it has been expoinded to the British Soldier during the War. Physically fit people carry their fitness stamped upon their faces — they have always an alert, cheery, and happy expression, while the Physically unfit are always exactly the opposite. I venture to prophesy that this war, bad though it has been, will have done a lot for future generations. Most men now are fit and in my opinion will continue to keep themselves fit. That must naturally have a benificial effect upon their offspring in more ways than one. We may look forward, therefore, to seeing the children of the next and succeeding generations, with strong healthy bodies, happy smiling faces and cheery dispositions, all the result of Physical Fitness which has been conferred upon their fathers by this War.

OUR FIRE BRIGADE.

ZONS' OWN.

BY L. C. L.

The word had gone round that the local Fire Brigade was about to give a demonstration of its prowess, so at the appointed time, we all trooped off to watch the show, expecting to be amused; we were not disappointed.

The "Brigade" duly arrived complete with engine, pails and hose, not to mention, pomp and splendour.

The "engine" consisted of a hand-cart, fitted (more or less) with a watertank and hand-pump. The pails, most unique in design, were festooned round the engine like so many lanterns and the hose—well, it was only just a hose.

The gallant firemen were dressed in most gorgeous uniforms and helmets of distinctly military pattern, and looked frightfully bucked with life.

The Chief, attired much more charmingly than his co-extinguishers, obviously felt his exalted position most keenly.

Amidst the joyful clamourings of the villagers they dragged the "appliance" a considerable distance to the seene of the "fire," and then, for no apparent reason, performed some kind of amazingly complicated drill, perhaps for luck.

They described circles, figure ights, el ipses and other wondrous figures, finally coming to rest with a great rattling of pails chains etc. The Chief placing himself in a position where he could best superintend, — and be admired, — barked out his ordrers, and the comedians broke up, some fixing up the pumping arrangements one rushing away with the hose, and the remainder dashing about wildly with the pails, which they filled at a neighbouring well, and then emptied into the tank.

More wards of command, and the pumping party which had been standing by, dozing, woke to life and started pumping as though their very lives depended on their efforts, accompanied by most unearthly screeching of iron against iron, suggesting the agonized shrieks of a lost soul. At this juncture, the man with the hose planted his feet firmly on the ground and directed the nozzle towards the fire and waited.

We all waited for some considerable time amid an expectant hush.

He appeared to become uneasy, and turning his head, gazed reproachfully at his comrades and longingly at the nozzle. Still nothing happened, and then, just as we had given up all hope of seeing "real" water issuing from it, it burst forth in a great hissing stream as though jubilant at finding an outlet, whereupon, the chief proudly gazed on the spectators and became if possible more exalted than before.

After that everything was more or less normal, except that the carriers of water were unable to cope with the demand. During these sad moments the stream despairingly fizzled down to a mere trickle, and obviously had a very disheartening effect upon the operator: he looked sad.

Having successfully subdued the outbreak, the pump was dismantled the pails replaced on their hooks, the nozzle unscrewed from the hose, and the hose itself carefully thrown over all.

Final words of command, and the Brigade, omitting their previous wierd evolutions and evidently in a great hurry, marched triumphantly away — minus the nozzle.

OPERA HOUSE AND THEATRE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	OPERA	DRAMA
Friday	No performance	No performance
Saturday	Tiefland	Elga
Sunday	Aida	Seeschlacht
Monday	Parsifal	Im weissen Rössl
Tuesday	Cavalleria rusticana Der Bajazzo	Die Jüdin von Toledo

The hours at which the opera commences are: Saturday 6.30 p.m.; Sunday 5.30 p.m.; Monday 3.30 p.m.; and Tuesday (22nd April) 6.0 p.m.

Dancing With The Company Cook.

NOTES GRAVE AND GAY FROM A RHINELAND VILLAGE.

Picture in your mind, two little hamlets tucked away in the hills and divided by a pretty little valley and you have a fairly accurate idea of Seelscheid. From an economical point of view it leaves nothing to be desired, the canteen being the only means by which the spendthrift may gratify that reckless feeling of "To—day we live, to—morrow we do Company drill". Nevertheless, the momentous news that we are moving back into reserve causes a certain amount of diversion.

Personally, from the point of view of one who has already visited the Field Cashier thrice this week, the news is rather a blow.

My, battalion, after being "in the line" for six weeks, moves back to Wahn on Wednesday, where, I believe, guard mounting and battalion drill are the order of the day.

Our dancing classes are a great success, and waltzing gently round the room to the soft music of the band, relieves the monotony of the long evenings, even though your partner is one of the Company cooks.

If the Padre reads this, may he realize how the men appreciate his untiring efforts to make life in Seelscheid, even with the extra army pay, worth living for and may the men who relieve us have as good a time as we have had.

C.P., R.S.R.

TH TWELVE-POUND LOOK.

WOMENS' THEATRE COMPANY AT COLOGNE.

The Womens' Theatre Company, who are this week paying a return vesit to Cologne, gave an extraordinarily good performance of "The Twelve Pound Look" at the Deutsche Theatre the other evening, in which the excellent acting of Miss Shirley King and Mr. Norman Hearn was particularly conspicuous. Miss Inez Bensusan, under whose supervision the Company is performing, did not seem to be quite so forceful as when she appeared at the Apollo Theatre a couple of weeks ago, but perhaps fastidiousness is responsible. Miss Gladys Norcott combined a sweet voice and a very agreable stage presence in presenting several captivating light numbers while Miss Hilda Potts gave evidence of the posession of a pure and well-trained soprano voice.

The Company is this week supported by Pte. Harry Rogers, the well-known comedian, and Corpl. Potter, both of the "Irresponsibles," and their efforts met with warm approval each evening. Black and White, who are very well known as accomplished singers and dancers complete a programme which, for all round excellence and variety, it would be difficult to equal.

A CHANCE FOR THE LADIES.

Y.M.C.A. OFFER TO FEMALE RELATIVES OF SOLDIERS.

New and original ideas for competitions flow with extraordinary fluency from the home of the Cologne Y.M.C.A. The go-as-you-please contests provide weekly a refreshing change from the orthodox musical entertainment as well as supplying acceptable little prizes to the more gifted performers.

The latest announcement indicates that fresh fields are to be explored. We believe the proposal to organise a competition in which the troops and their lady relatives (or friends) share interest, is a happy inspiration of Dr. Francis, albeit there is a distinct feminine atmosphere in the composition of the circular that makes known the conditions of the new competitions suggestive of collaboration with one or more of the ladies who have recently joined the canteen department of the "Y.M."

The printed conditions start off by informing us that the competition is "open to the mothers, wives, sisters, (and other fellows' sisters) of the British Troops in the occupied territory" and then proceeds to state that quite a bunch of attractive prizes will be given to those ladies who send to the Lady Sups. Y.M.C.A., Cologne, the best made petticoat, knitted vest or nightdress suitable for children whose ages are specified.

All the garments received from the competitiors will be sent by the Ladies' Committee to the women and children of our Allies (in those areas that have been over-run by the Germans) as a gift from the competitors.

The competition has all the qualities of great success.

THE RHINE ARMY MUSICAL SOCIETIES.

Owing to the great number of applications which have been received from intending members of the above Societies, it has been found impossible to answer them individually. The names have been enrolled, and it is requested that those applicants who are stationed in Cologne or within train distance should attend the next rehearsal of the Society in which they are interested. It has not, as yet, been found possible to make arrangements whereby men stationed away from Cologne may be enabled to join the Societies, but proposals to this end are under consideration.

Rehearsals take please as follows:—The Choral Society; Male voice: Rehearsels every Monday and Wednesday at 5—45 p.m. in the Lecture Room, on the first floor of the Church Army Soldiers' Club, Antonier Strasse, Cologne. The vocal Society (mixed voice) for all English ladies stationed in Cologne: Rehearsals every Friday at the above time and place. The orchestral Society, rehearsels every Tuesday at the above time and place. The Church Choir: services every Sunday in the Church, 57, Schildergasse Cologne, at 10—30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

SPORTS & PASTIMES: ITEMS FROM EVERYWHERE.

"CHOCS" FOR HIS MOUNT.

87th BATTERY R.F.A. SPORTS AT LOMMERSEM.

AMUSING POTATO RACE.

The following is a list of the events (with winners) at a sports meeting held by the 87th Battery R.F.A. at Lommersem on Saturday:—

Officers' Jumping (Open to Brigade): Prize Sweepstake; Winner: Lieut. Crawford, 53 Bty.

N.C.O.'s Jumping—(Open to Brigade): 1. B.Q.M.S. Stroud M.M. 42 Bty; 2. Sgt. Hutt, M.M. 21st Bty; 3. Sgt. Green M.M., 87th Bty.

N.C.O.'s Jumping (Battery only): 1. S.S. Jarrett; 2. Sgt. Green M.M.; 3. S.S. Cowell.

Drivers' Single Horse Jumping: 1. Dr. Malcolm; 2. Dr. Jarrow; 3. Dr. Carey.

Drivers Led Horse Jumping: 1. Dr. Malcolm; 2. Dr. Cast; 3. Dr. Cripp.

Gunners' Jumping: 1. Gnr. Mullins; 2. Gnr. Warren.

Potato Race: 1. Dvr. Blake; 2. Bdr. Williams; 3. Gnr. Mullins.

Sack Race: 1. Dr. Malcolm; 2. Gnr. Warrin; 3. Gnr. Lumb.

Tilting the Bucket: 1. S.S. Jarrett and Dr. Malcolm; 2. Dr. Ryder and Dr. Cripp; 3. S.S. Cowell and Dr. Kerr.

Bun Race: 1. S.S. Cowell; 2. Gnr. Witteridge; 3. Bdr. Page.

Limber Gunners' Race (Mules): 1. Gr. Christopher; 2. Gr. Leas; 3. Gr. Sarrell.

V.C. Race (Mules): 1. Dr. Bannister; 2. Gr. Mackintosh.

Driving Competition: 1. Right Section (The Blacks).

Notes on the Sports.

Amongst the Drivers there were some good riders and jumpers.

The potato race caused great amusement. Keeping the crowd back took some time, while this race was going.

The limber gunners' race was "Some stunt." Rumour says one gunner spent about fifty marks at last "eanteen issue" on chocolates for his mount.

In the V.C. Race Mackintosh offered his prize-money to the trumpeter if he would stop the band.

Tea was provided on the field and on the whole a good day's sport was witnessed.

A concert followed during the evening and some good talent came forward. Sergt. Green opened the concert with "Signoria"; Gr. Mackintosh gave "I Don't Work for a Living" and Sig. Fairclough also contributed to the programme.

During the interval the prizes were distributed by Capt. Graham who is at present in command of the 87th Battery. He gave a short speech and said how glad he was to be in command of such a unit second to none in all things. He finished up by calling for three cheers for B.S.M. Blackman and this was heartly given. The evening was concluded by Br. Coombe, who sang "One Touch of Nature."

MATCH AL HERZHEIM.

1st BATTERY M.G.C. v. 2nd FIELD AMBULANCE.

This match was played at Herzheim on Tuesday. Play was keen and fast and a capital run by Molloy enabled Sgt. Tasker to open the scoring for the Gunners. Good work by Cap Edwards for the Ambulance sent Millar to the Gunners' goal but he failed to score with the final effort. Mid-field play followed until Scott and Fisher with fine footwork took the play to the Ambulance goal but could not overcome the fine back play of Tomlinson for the Ambulance.

Prior to the interval a fine dribble by Scott down the wing, finishing with a good centre, enabled Molloy to score the Gunners' second goal.

Half-time:

Gunners . . . 2; Amb. . . . nil.

After the interval the Gunners continued to show superior play and Cpl. Matthias scored from a centre by Scott while Lt. Chandler ran through the opposition and scored with a good solo effort.

After these reverses the Amb. improved and Howarth with a fine drive beat the Gunners' "goalie" and Waite for the Amb. came narrowly near the lowering of the score with a drive that hit the upright. Close on time Lt. Chandler added two more for the Gunners.

Result:

1st Battery M.G.C. . . . 6; 2nd Field Amb. . . . 1

LANCASHIRE DIVISIONAL COMPETITION.

51ST V 52ND KINGS (LIVERPOOL) REGT.

Played at Beuel on the ground of the 51st Kings on Wednesday. The 52nd with a strong wind behind, pressed most of the first half and crossed over leading by 2 goals to nil. In the second half, in spite of the wind and the stubborn defence of Nuttal and Hitchen the 52nd continually attacked and Higgins put the finishing touch to a very pretty run though by the outside left. Lt-Mc Clymont, Capt. Foss, Derbin and Lt. Pritchard were the pick of the winning side.

Result:— 52nd King's 3; 51st King's 0.

LANCASHIRE DIVISION KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION.

A very interesting match was played in the first round of this Competition, at Bonn, on Saturday, betwen the 16th Lancashire Fusiliers and the 168th Brigade R.F.A. For the first 15 minutes, play was good on both sides, both goalkeepers being well tested. The first goal was scored by Cpl. A. Mellor, for the Artillery, after some very clever play. About ten minutes afterwards the efforts of the Artillery were again crowned with success by a goal from Sapper. S. Cowham. This double success by the Artillery did not daunt in any way the players of the Lancashire Team, who attacked many times, only to be defeated by the Artillery goalkeeper.

About ten minutes before half-time the Fusiliers, after some very good play, in which all the forward line combined, were rewarded by a goal scored by their outside left.

The second half of the game was as fast as the first, the ball travelling from one end of the field to the other continually. The goalkeepers of both teams were well tested many times, but these two persons kept a wary eye on the ball, and showed great coolness all through the game. The pace was very fast, and the players were none too sorry when the whistle sounded, bringing a good game to a finish. Result:— 168 Brigade R.F.A. 2; 16th Lancashire Fusiliers 1

STARS AND STRIPES.

"WEIRD & WONDERFUL FOOTBALL AT SCHLEIDEN."

The tranquil little village of Schleiden was the scene of tremendous excitement on Saturday when teams representing the Officers and Sergeants of the 1/5th King's Own Regt. met in an attempt to decide the ever burning question as to who constitutes the real backbone of our army, subalterns or sergeants.

Both teams were well represented although owing to a previous accident at football the Officers were deprived of the services of T. H. Bell their right back. This loss, however, was almost compensated for by the inclusion of H. Shaw the Lancaster Linoleum Eaters' amateur right half.

One outstanding feature of the day's play was the performance of the Officers' goal-keeper, Lieut. R. Forrester. A popular figure in Lancs sporting circles he will always be famous as the only man who ever swallowed three billard balls in rapid succession without the aid of a drink of water. A fine figure of a man standing 6' 2" and weighing 13 stone in his stocking feet, he gave an exhibition of goal keeping that will live for ever in the memory of at least one. This is the inside right of the Sergeant's team, a little C.Q.M.S., I forget his name, but he speaks with a Scotch accent. In a melée in front of the Officers' goal, Forrester in the heat of the moment mistook the C.Q.M.S. for the ball, and allowing the ball to trickle harmlessly past the posts, picked up the luckless inside right and hustled him far into the field. The unfortunate missile was heard to enquire in a pathetic tone two days afterwards "Where did that one go to?"

Smoking Boots.

The forward line of the blues was superb, not so much individually as for splendid combined work. Even when deprived of the ball the yperformed several excellent concerted movements. No doubt the greasy state of the ground accounted for their inability to stop the advance. The signal to halt was usually given by either Irvine or Curry falling down.

The backs, Farrand and Norris, were excellent and though not always kicking the ball they were very conscientious in going through the motions. The outside right was a tremendously fast and determined player. Once indeed, after a lightning run up the wing his boots were seen to smoke for a few moments. This player scored 3 goals and tore his shorts in one ffort to score another.

His brother Tweedie played left half, and succesfully stopped the advances of the opposing right wing.

One feels that this report would not be complete without a mention of the Sergeants' right half C.Q.M.S. Clarkson. He succeded not so much by physical effort as by mental suggestion. That is, he trotted quietly allongside whenever opponent happened to have possession of the ball and instead of tackling him carried on a brilliant and spirited monologue. A very pleasant and enjoyable game ended in a win of 4 goals to nil for the Officers.

Science ever was the master of brute strength. but *De Mortius nil nisi bonum.* "Look-out."

DAVSON STILL IN FORM.

MAGNIFICENT ALL-ROUND DISPLAY AT QUEEN'S COURT.

Davson beat Ritchie 6—2, 6—3, 8—6 in the Gentlemen's Singles (Challenge Round) in the covered court tennis championship matches at Queen's Club on Tuesday.

Lycett and Heath (Australia) beat H. Portlock and W. A. Ingram 6—2, 6—0, and meet P. M. Davson and Major Marogordato to-morrow.

The winners gave a magnificent allround display not losing a single set. The doubles have now reached the challenge round.

Mixed Doubles (Semi-final) P. M. Davson and Mrs. Lambert Chambers beat J. L. Patterson and Mrs. Satterthwaite 7—5, 7—6, 6—3. It was a great match, a noteworthy feature being Mrs. Chambers' fine diagonal drives, which frequently caught Patterson napping. Patterson served and smashed magnificently, but otherwise was a little erratic. The winners won by allround greater steadiness. They meet Lycett (Australia) and Miss Ryan (California), in the final round.

INTER SERVICES RUGBY.

FRENCH ARMY TEAM'S ARRIVAL IN LONDON.

The Rugby football team to represent the French Army against the winners of the Inter-Services competition—either the Mother Country or New Zealand—at Twickenham to-morrow left Boulogne yesterday morning.

Upon their arrival in London they were received by Major-General Sir C. H. Harington, K.C.B., D.S.O., Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff, who is president of the Army Sports Control Board.

HENLEY RACES.

AMERICAN SERVICE CREW TO ENTER ALLIED EIGHTS.

Entries which are now certain for the King's Cup, at Henley, include an American Service crew. The race is for Allied Eights. Sims, the Putney boat-builder, has received an order from Americans training in France for an eight, a four, and a skulling-boat.

5th K.O.Y.L.I FOOTBALL.

Boisterous weather marred what promised to be two interesting meetings in connection with the 5th K.O.Y.L.I inter-platoon football competition on Wednesday. "C" Coy had a disastrous day, No. 10 platoon losing by 6—0 to No. 5 platoon and No. 12 being defeated by 3—0 by No. 15 platoon.

The "B" Company team showed excellent cohesion and played first class football throughout.

INTER-COMPANY TUG OF WAR COMPETITION.

In the first round of the inter-compagny tug-of-war competition of the 5th K.O.Y.L.I., "C" Cy. met "A" Company and carried off the honours rather easily, gaining the first two pulls. The winning team consisted of Staff Sgt. Instr. Smith, Sgt. Houwes A. J., Sgt. F. V. Wood, L/Cpl. A. Robinson, L/Cpl. H. Garforth, Ptes G Fiercher, L. Gouldsborough and W. H. Abbott; Coach, — R.Q.M.S. J. W. Roughton.

Some Cricketing Yarns.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY'S MOST CELEBRATED ELEVEN.

(By Captain H. R. Bromley-Davenport.)

The Editor has asked me to relate some of my cricketing reminiscences and any stories I may remember of celebrated cricketers. I am sorry to say that it is more than 20 years since I played first class cricket, but many still remember the cricketers of those days.

I had the honour of playing in the Cambridge XI of 1893, a side still considered by many to be the finest that ever represented either University. Four members of the side played for a 1st class county, and it contained such celebrated cricketers as Stanley Jackson, who captained the England team in after years in many test matches, Ranjitsinjhi, C.M. Wills, one of the finest Rugby half backs of his day, and A. O. Jones who took a team to Australia and who for many years was Captain of the Notts XI. The two Douglases (R. N. & J.) who both played for Middlesex, also figured in the eleven, along with L. H. Gay a very fine wicket keeper, E. C. Streatfield, a splendid bowler and magnificent hitter, P. H. Latham, who played for Sussex, T. N. Perkins of Kent, and myself.

We won our match against Oxford very easily but an unfortunate incident occurred which was ultimately the cause of the rules of the game being changed. In those days, if a side were 80 or more runs behind on the first innings, a "follow-on" was compulsory. Earlier in the year we had made the Australians follow-on, and in their second innings they ran up a biggish score. The cricket crumbled badly for the fourth innings and we were beaten.

Tacties that were Criticised.

When the tenth Oxford batsman came in, Oxford were still 85 runs behind. I was fielding at short leg at the time and being sharp of hearing, distinctly heard the incoming man give instructions to the other batsman that his Captain wished the side to follow on. I reported this to Jackson, our Captain, and he instructed Wills, then bowling, to frustrate these tactics. This was done by Wills sending up two no-balls on the leg side, both of which went to the boundary. We won the match in the end by 266 runs, but our tactics were severely criticised.

Next year the "follow-on" number of runs was increased to 120; but even this was found unsatisfactory and later it was made optional for the fielding side either to bat again or to put their opponents in.

I was playing in a Yorkshire and Middlesex match at Bradford a year or two later. In this match one of the Yorkshire professionals then at top form, but unfortunately rather fond of whiskies and sodas, played for the last time for the Shire. He had been warned repeatedly by Lord Hawke that if he ever again took too much during a match he would be dismissed. There was no doubt that the player had had more than enough on this occassion, and although he bowled as accurately as usual, he never turned out again for Yorkshire.

Five Shillings a Run.

This reminds me of a once celebrated old Notts player who was brought up before his Committee on a charge of being the worse for liquor during a Country match. He had made over 70 runs out of a total of 120, and when asked for a explanation he replied drily "Well, if I was drunk and made 70 out of 120, what a state the others member of the side must have been in!"

Old "W.G" always used to "do" himself very well. I was playing at Lords for the I. Zingari against the Gentlemen of England the year W.G made 1000 runs during May. He had made 70 at luncheon and was still batting and a bottle of champagne at lunch seem to be catled for.

I started the bowling after luncheon and the first two balls were promptly despatched to the boundary. As the "Evening News" was raising a fund which gave W.G. five shillings for every run he made during the month his bottle of Cham. was very quickly paid for.

Treated like Kings.

In 1895 I was a member of the first English team that had ever visited the West Indies. We were quite an indifferent side, but still managed to win most of our matches. Wherever we went we were treated like kings, the whole population turned out to welcome us and there was a general holiday in each island during our stay.

We had a most exciting match against Barbadoes, winning on the fifth day by 25 runs. Our opponents had made over 500 in the first innings. The last man was given out l.b.w. by our own umpire and when we were walking back to the Pavilion a rush was made for him by the native populace. The poor man imagined he was going to be torn to pieces, but was astonished to find himself carried shoulder high to the pavilion by the cheeing crowd. It transpired later that we had been heavily backed by the natives — we had lost our first match — and they were so overjoyed at winning their bets that they insisted on hoisting the man who, they thought, had won their money for them.

BOXING TOURNAMENT.

3rd BATT. M.G.CORPS: NOVICES WITH THE GLOVES.

Army Forms B256 were normal on Thursday morning, although, as prophesied, blood flowed freely from one or two novices in the successful tournament held overnight. Lt. Col. Cranston, D.S.O. and Major Richardson filled the positions of referee and timekeeper respectively. Lts. Forster and Gray judged. The exponent of physical "jerks" made an excellent M.C. and C.S.M. Ellis did the work behind the scenes. Cpl. Edge and L/Cpl. Carpenter acted as seconds.

Companies scored points as follows:— "C," 10 points; "D" and "A," 8 points; "B," 2 points.

Despite petty damage here and there, all boxers did justice to tea and sandwiches which appeared in the dressing rooms afterwards.

Interspersed with 9 Novice Contests were 3 three-round fights by young veterans. In the first of the latter, due to a misunderstanding, the first round proved a harmless and pretty exhibition, but at a word from the referee, the pair made up for lost time and laid in lustily.

It is difficult with so many new arrivals in the ring to comment upon individual styles and performances but the outstanding round of the night was the last bout between Metcalfe (A) and Eland (D). The latter won after an extra minute's boxing.

Winners: "A" Coy.— Milnes, Collett, Little, Brown.
"B" Coy.— Bicknell.
"C" Coy.— Waller, Cank, Ogden, Brunsden, de Power.
"D" Coy.— Bailey, Perrin, Finch, Eland.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

BY "METEOR".

Good Friday, April 18th., 1919.

Surface wind from between West and Northwest 0 to 15 m.p.h. Cloudy with slight showers and airer intervals. Misty in the early morning; visibility improving later. Rather mild.

INTER-ALLIED SPORT.

NEW ATHLETIC FIELD AND STADIUM IN PARIS.

A number of Y.M.C.A. physical instructors are co-operating with the military authorities in the organisation of Inter-Allied Sport to be held in Paris in July, probably between the 17th and 30th of that month.

A new athletic field and stadium to seat 20,000 is being prepared. The games will cover a wide variety of events, including all officials track and field events, singee, four, and eight-oared rowing, swimming, soccer, rugby, baseball, fencing, boxing, wrestling, shooting, and horsemanship.—*Reuter.*

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

(With an Occasional Entertainments Note.)

Rowing on the Rhine.

A few days ago, I wrote in this column on the subject of rowing on the Rhine, and pointed out that the condition necessitating that all prospective oarsmen must be capable of swimming 200 yards against the current before a boat would be hired out to him. was much too severe. Anent this paragraph, a correspondent, evidently in facetious mood, writes to suggest that we should emulate the example of a well-known London journal, the proprietors of which have made a habit of giving away huge money prizes in connection with flying, standard bread and other things. He considers that we would be "backing a certain winner" to offer 1000 pounds to the first man to swim 200 yards up-stream in the Rhine. I am half inclined to agree with my correspondent, but I do not think we can adopt his suggestion. There are too many "dark horses" about.

Boating on a lake.

But rowing enthusiasts have no need to despair. There are to be facilities for indulgence in "skimming the wavelets" after all. The people at the amusement office have kept their weather eye open to such good purpose that eight very good rowing boats have been taken over, for the use of the Army, on the lake at Volksgarten, near Eifel Platz. These boats are to be available at once, and for a two seater, 70 Pf. will be charged per hour. The lake provides quite a good sketch of water, toughly, I should think, about 300 yards by 80 yards.

Billiards.

A sergeant, whose name I shall not divulge at the moment, has written to ask if I know of any billiard player in Cologne, other than a professional, who can give him any start in a game of 500 up. Now there's a question to ask! I have not the faintest idea of the capabilities of my correspondent who, for all I know, may be a potential English champion (in which event I would reply in the negative) or he may be a very average novice whom a dozen or so of my acquaintances could dispose of. Still, there is an undercurrent of quiet confidence in the tone of his letter which makes me think that he must be a fairly useful player. Probably somebody would care to answer the sergeant's question in a practical manner by meeting him at the table.

To-Days Entertainments.

The idea of providing free entertainments in Cologne to-day, and of arranging the programmes so that they are in keeping with the season is indeed a happy one. At the Deutsche Theatre, the Rhine Army Choral Society will submit a performance that is bound to meet with general approbation, while the Woman's Theatre Company will be supported at the Apollo by the "Tabs" orchestra, specially augmented. Reference to our advertising columns will show that the cinemas, too, are not to be behind in providing really good shows.

Cologne Opera House.

I hear that there has been an enormous demand for tickets for the Cologne Opera House on Monday, for the performance of "Parsifal". This wonderful music drama of Wagner's was until recent years performed exclusively at Beyreuth — the home of that composer's music — but recently, London and New York have welcomed its performance with great enthusiasm. There is sure to be a packed house on Monday and I have been asked to make a few observations on the subject. My informant says that applause is not really necessary and suggests that perhaps the greatest appreciation of the performance would be shown if the audience refrained from applause altogether. If this form of approval must be indulged in, however, there should be no clapping until the last note of the music has died away; the lowering of the curtain should not be regarded as the signal for those outbursts.

THE RAMBLER.

153rd LABOUR COMPANY WHIST DRIVE.

The third of a series of Whist Drives was held at Nippes (Sechzig) on Wednesday evening. Ten prizes were given which were secured by:— Pte. Shorburn 1st Ladies; Sgt. H. Mitchell, R.A.O.C., 1st Gents; Cpl. Williams, 2nd Ladies; Pte. Callins, 2nd Gents; C.Q.M.S. Ralph, Ladies booby, Sgt. Gragon, R.A.O.C. and L/pl. Cleverly, Ladies Hidden Numbers; and Pte. J. Coleman and Pte. J. Yates, Gents Hidden Numbers. There was a good attendance and the evening was very successful.

ROYAL FUSILIERS DEFEAT PONTOON PARK.

No. 3 Coy, 43rd Garr. R.F. v 9th Pontoon Park.

These teams met on the Volksgarten, on Tuesday. Pontoon Park opened the scoring, Brooks being responsible after 10 minutes. Some very clever play ensued in mid field and William (R.F.) equalised. L/Cpl. Skinner, however, put Pontoon Park once more ahead with a neat goal. Just before half-time, Evens scored a second goal for the R.F.'s through a penalty. The play in the second half was characterized by rough tactics. Five minutes before time, Watson found the net for the N-F's.

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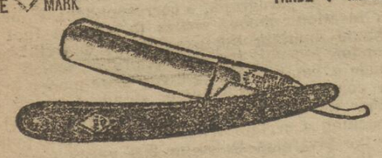

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THE SHADOW.

GOOD FRIDAY.

THE CROSS AND THE CHRIST IN THE MODERN WORLD

(By a Correspondent.)

Good Friday brings us back to the foundations; it takes us to the very focus of the faith of Christendom. The central thing in Good Friday is the Cross, and in it Mankind has to do with a fact which can neither be ignored nor modified. It is the symbol of symbols; not a nation but uses it in decorations and titles; they embroider it upen their banners; and when other symbols have lost their meaning the Cross remains. Whenever and wherever men gaze upon it a solemn hush falls upon them, as, in a sudden flash, an historic scene is reconstructed in their imagination. The Central Figure in the scene is suspended on the middle cross and intently gazing upon him they recognize in the act of self-sacrifice the Hero Whom they can worship and try to emulate, the Ideal Man, the Pattern, the Christ, the Saviour. It would be well to take a brief survey of the modern world and observe the position that Central Figure occupies therein. If you travel through Europe and those parts of America into which European influences have penetrated, you will not travel far without seeing a temple, and not infrequently a most costly edifice, erected to the honour of the Central Figure — the Christ. On conversing with men one usually meets in the course of travel, you will find the names of great men of antiquity scarcely known, and the influence which they exert scarcely appreciated whereas the name of the Crucified Christ will be familiar to everybody and his precepts, though imperfectly acted on by his nominal followers, yet universally acknowledged to approve themselves to the conscience, and to have a binding force. There is no greater name known among the civilised races of mankind than the name of Jesus. The Cross of infamy, the scandal of the ancient world, holds the highest place of honour in the noblest monuments of the modern world for no other reason than because He died upon it, and even a large majority of those who deny that He is the incarnate Son of God assign to Him the highest place among great men. Emperors and kings profess to be his subjects. History with no douptful voice declares that the Cross and the Christ have exerted a powerful influence on the legislation and the politics of the past, and at this moment exert a powerful influence on the practical life of man.

Where is the legislative power in Europe or America which does not accept the principle which underlie the teaching of the Cross and the Christ, as the basis on which society ought to rest and at least profess to embody them in practice? What is one of the chief ends to which in this our day both public and individual effort is directed? The elevation of the lower classes of society, and the amelioration of the condition of the wretched. This is due, not to rulers of the ancient world whose business it was to keep the masses quiet, not to philosophers who contemplated their condition with despair and viewed the attempt to elevate them as hopeless, but to the teaching of the Cross and the Christ. This teaching is preeminently opposed to warfare, and we have lived to behold the day when nations have arrived at the conclusion that war is a most illegitimate means of settling differences between nations: hence the League of Nations.

Also on art, literature and history, the Central Figure on Calvary exerts His influence. Walk through some of the greath picture galleries of modern Europe and observe who is glorified therein. Remove from our picture galleries everything relating to the Cross and the Christ and you leave them half empty. Strike out of poetry and history everything which relates to Christ and the Church which He has erected and the influence with which He and it have acted on mankind, and the whole becomes a mass of fragments without meaning or connection.

The world may change, but men will ever see the Cross stand, with the Christ uplifted to influence and bless their efforts.

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

Work and food.

In dealing with the question of the increase both in prices of goods and also unemployed, the *Frankfurter Zeitung* remarks: "From what are we living? On the 7th of April there were 25,494 millions of marks of Reichsbank notes in circulation; on the same day last year the figure was only 11,917 millions, and in 1917 only 8,559 millions. To this must be added 11,051 millions marks in Darlehnscassenscheinen (a sort of loan notes as current money). The press for paper money is working feverishly, but it is neither creating food, nor dwellings nor clothing. It is only creating the technical means whereby higher wages and salaries can be paid. In reality, we are reduced now to our last resort, and merely living on the capital which was made in former years. The less we work, the more we live on the capital, and the poorer we get every day."

"We have no more credit in the foreign countries, because they do not see us ready to work. And so the standard of our exchange is falling deeper and deeper. The mark is only one-third its peace-time value, which means that we have to pay three times the price for everything we want to import. The foreign countries are willing to exchange goods for goods, and if we could export we could certainly import. But to export we must work, for only by these means can the goods be prepared: The foreign countries need coal, and because we do not deliver it the provisions of food from Holland are stopped. There is great opportunity for disposing of the goods we can manufacture, but because they are not prepared we cannot receive the return supplies we mostly need.

"Thus the mark is falling, the prices are rising the claims for higher salaries are increasing, and yet, because we do not work enough, we have nothing to eat."

The Sarre and the Peace Conference.

The *Frankfurter Nachrichten* reports that "the Government will strongly maintain their point of view with regard to the future of the Sarre district and will not allow itself to be drawn into any discussion on the subject at the Peace Conference. If the Entente propose to tear this district, from Germany, the German delegates will repulse with energy such claims."

From *Havas* we learn that France will have as perpetual property the coal mines of the Sarre district. If, however, after fifteen years of administration determined by the League of Nations the population of the Sarre want to be again under German domination, Germany will will have to buy the mines from France.

The *Vossische Zeitung*, Commenting upon this says that "such Peace conditions are inacceptable. A foreign administration of the Sarre district during fifteen years is against the principle of selfdetermination, the Sarre district being a German territory and having a German population."

Economical contracts.

The same newspaper, advocating a new foreign policy, says: "Why does not France make an economical contract with Germany? Because France knows that the German official policy considered always a direct negotiation with France, or every effort to satisfy directly the economical wishes of France, as an offence against Great Britain. The German policy is always staring at England, and does not dare to do anything without England's sanction. If direct economical contracts could be concluded between Germany and France, if an agreement about the rebuilding of North France could be reached between the two nations, all the reasons for conflicts, which might poison the future relations of the France and Germany, would disappear."

They will, or they will not.

The article ends with these words: "Indeed, it is possible that even a German-American separate peace might take place. But would the danger of a durable opposition between Germany and France be cast out? If such is the case, every peace which the government is contracting will bear the germ of new wars. It is impossible to find out how the actual German Government will get out of the dilemma: either they sign the peace conditions, as we are told by *Havas* they will be—then the Government will not stay a day longer. Not only because they would have brought dishonour on Germany, but above all because they would have helped to create the germ of future wars—or they do not sign such a peace; then we will ask from them why, through continual want of correct appreciation of political necessities, they have foiled the people's peace."

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

QUESTION OF PRICES.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*

Sir.—Might I draw your attention to a matter which I think, and many others with me, needs investigation by the proper authority and put aright. This is the question of prices for articles demanded by the German shopkeepers from the officers and men of the Army of the Rhine.

One of your correspondents has already drawn your attention, and that of your readers, to the soaring prices the Bosche Stamp Dealers are claiming for their stamps, and I want to draw your attention, not only to this, but to the prices demanded for Cameras and other photographic material and would suggest a remedy.

Being personally interested in photography, I, not unnaturally, have looked at several cameras with a view to purchasing. My idea was a ¼-plate Folding Camera, and I visited a number of shops in quest of a cheap but good ones. I found plenty of good ones but none cheap. Most of them have been those with Goerz Lenses and very excellent, I admit. Still that does not warrant the price they are at present charging for them. The prices, I contend, are far and above what they used to charge their civilian customers before they were banned using them. Now, for instance, 450 Marks was demanded (and prices above that I understand have been asked) for a Goerz ¼-plate folding camera. Now, by a simple arithmetic sum you will find it would cost just about £9 at the present rate of exchange. But, and there is a big but, this 450 Marks is worth more than £9 to them. It is worth close on £23 to them! For you must remember the mark was worth about is in pre-war days. Absolutely a wicked price, for the British and Allied troops are the only customers, civilian photography being restricted.

It is plain to anybody what has happened. The cunning Bosche, who knows the present rate of exchange, is priceing his articles accordingly. This ought not to occur, I argue, and wouldn't if the tables were turned, and the Germans were occupying Great Britain. As at present the exchange is only artificial and has been established for the benefit of the British and the Allied Armies, and commercial relations between Great Britain and Germany have not been yet fully re-established, the rate of exchange ought to have absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with it.

Other prices have risen as well, e. g. Eau de Cologne, souvenirs, etc.

Should the troops be victimised and German profiteers be allowed to exist in a town occupied by us? It wouldn't be allowed at home, and so why should it here?

It is also strongly rumoured that there are two prices being charged for things — one for German Civilians and one for Britishers. Whether it be true or not, it is not at all unlikely.

Your aid is asked in publishing this letter and so attempting to end what appears to be nothing less than a scandal.

S.G.P.

Disabled Austrian soldiers, many of them released prisoners, have held Communist meetings in Vienna, demanding payment forthwith of 800 kronen (nominally £33 6s. 8d.) to buy civilian clothes, and, also, the resumption of hospital treatment.

In Siberia, the American Red Cross has equipped 13 hospitals with several thousand beds, furnished a hospital train of 12 cars for the Czecho-Slovaks, a complete anti-typhus train, and sent five relief trains to Middle-Western Siberia with supplies valued at £90,000.

On her way to West Hartlepool with a cargo of pit props, the steamship Carolus struck a mine, and sank off the Vinga Lighthouse, near Gothenburg, two men being killed and four injured.

THERE WILL BE NO ISSUE OF THE COLOGNE POST on Saturday 19th April, or on Monday 21st April. This arrangement will obviate the necessity of working on Good Friday and Easter Day.

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THE CRUMPS. The audition originally arranged for Friday 18th. is postponed until Saturday 19th. April, and will be held at the Deutsches Theatre, Bismarck-Str. at 14.00 hrs. Anyone who has not yet applied for an interview should do so without delay, in order to attend this audition, to Lt. J. W. Knight, c/o Divisional Canteen, 26, Mainzer-Strasse, Cologne.

OLD HAILEYBURIAN DINNER.

This will be held at VI Corps Officers Club, Hohestrasse, Cologne, on Saturday, April 19th, at 19.30 hours. O. H.'s who intend to be present are requested to give early notice to the "Hon. Sec., O. H. Dinner, Army General and Commercial College, Cologne."

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BUSINESS SUSPENDED.

It is officially announced that Amritsar and Lahore are quiet. Twelve important arrests have been made. Between these places, however, a state of rebellion exists. The military are taking the necessary action.

Bombay. Ahmedabed, where the rioters lost heavily, is quiet, but serious disturbances have occurred in Viramgam. Several buildings were destroyed. Business is suspended.

Calcutta, 12th April. The mob became so violent that the military were called out. Rioters stoned a picket, who fired on the crowd, killing six and wounding twelve. Mohammedans and Mawaris fraternised and Hindus were admitted to the Mosque. — *Reuter.*

Simla, 14th April. It is announced that the Governor General in Council is satisfied that a state of open rebellion exists in the Lahore-Amritsar district Martial law is declared but an ordinance is being issued that trials shall be held by a Commission constituted similarly to those prescribed by the Defence of India Act. — *Reuter.*

The latest official reports from India show a considerable improvement in the situation. Three agitators have been deported from Lahore.

Shops are re-opening both at Lahore and Amritsar.

During the rioting at Amritsar fifty sepoys faced a mob of at least five thousand and dispersed it by rifle fire.

There has been no further trouble at Bombay.

SAME OLD SPIRIT.

On enquiry at the War Office it was stated that soldiers awaiting embarkation homeward including many details from Mesopotamia, volunteered to remain in India in view of the present situation. Their offer has been accepted, but they will be sent home as soon as circumstances permit.

HOW TURKEY ENTERED THE WAR.

Constantinople. Striking revelations in connection with Turkey's entry into the war transpired at the court-martial on officials implicated in the Armenian atrocities. One of the accused, Yussuf Riza, admitted that prior to Turkey's entry Enver Pasha had signed a convention with Georgia for operations in the Caucasus, which would cut off the lines of retreat of the Russians. The result of this was extensive Turco-German concessions in Georgia. Turkey had always asserted that it did not intend to depart from its neutrality but war was forced upon her owing to an unfortunate encounter with the Russian fleet. — Reuter.

TURKEY'S TERRIBLE CONDITION.

Regarding the present state of affairs in Turkey Admiral Webb reports from Constantinople that the situation at Smyrna, where Turk and Greek are ready to spring at each other's throats on the slightest provocation, is only typical of a similar state of affairs throughout the whole of the Turkish Empire.

Bands of brigands, even within a few miles of Constantinople, are dominating the country.

Most brutal murders are of daily occurrence. Peaceable travellers are waylaid and robbed with violence, many being subject to such atrocities as having their ears cut off and similar outrages. *Reuter.*

SUICIDE OF HUNGARIAN MINISTER.

Budapesth. Count Festenics, who was Minister for War in the Karolyi Cabinet, has committed suicide. — *Reuter.*

EUROPE MUST GET BACK TO WORK.

Intervening in a debate in the House of Commons Lord Robert Cecil said that the blockade must be removed at the earliest possible moment although at the present time it is only operating against Germany and Hungary.

Until the blockade is completely removed a certain control over trade to neutrals must be maintained. When all trade channels are fully freed, however, all the nations of the world must make the greatest effort to re-establish industrial conditions. The alternatives were a gradually increasing chaos or making a start on the road to international confidence and co-operation. Therefore if Europe is to be saved it must be by the united efforts of all countries who were associated in war.

He appealed to Anglo-Saxons the world over to respond to the call now made, which is more urgent than ever before, the whole fabric of civilisation being in danger unless Europe gets back to work.

The first attack by Government troops on the Communists at Munich was a failure. Prussian troops will make the next attack.

GERMANS DISARM LETTLAND ARMY.

GOVERNMENT DEPOSED.

Copenhagen. According to official news from Libau, the Baltic German Landwehr has overthrown the Provisional Lett Government, after suprising and disarming the Lett reserve troops.

The surprise was rendered possible owing to the fact that all the trained Lett troops have been sent to the front, while the Baltic German detachaments were recently brought back to Libau.

The Commander in Chief of the German troops in Lettland, von der Goltz, has expressed astonishment at the incident.

The leader of the movement is Baron Manteuffel, a Courland noble, and it is stated that his agent has gone to Reval, where a rising is said to be planned for the 23rd. April. The Premier of Lettland, who is safe in Libau, is collaborating with the British Mission. He says that the Germans are spreading false reports to the effect that the British are supporting a rising against the Provisional Government.

British warships are in the inner harbour at Libau.—Reuter.

FIGHTING IN VIENNA.

Fierce rioting is reported from Vienna, where, on the 17th, 3,000 Communists attacked the Parliament house. They were repulsed by the military guard but the fighting was resumed in the vicinity of the Town Hall. Four policemen were killed and forty wounded.

Count Czernin, the ex-Austrian Foreign Minister, has been arrested at Waldkirch. He was trying to cross into Switzerland without a passport.

GERMAN STRIKE NEWS.

The casualties during the disturbances at Düsseldorf, where order again prevails, were:—civilian, thirty-six killed and ninety-five wounded; military, four killed, seventeen wounded.

In the Ruhr district the workers are very excited because on their return to work they discovered that they will not be paid for the days on which they were on strike (!)

UNTRACEABLE PRISONERS OF WAR.

Replying to Brig.-Gen. Sir Owen Thomas, who asked whether all sick and wounded prisoners from Germany had arrived in England, Mr. Churchill stated that there are two British prisoners of war sick and untraceable still left in Germany, and there is one man, not an ex-prisoner of war, at present in France, regarding whose identity there is some uncertainty.

BOLSHEVISM IN HOLLAND.

Revolvers, bombs, and explosives have been found by the Dutch police in the house of a known Bolshevist at Amsterdam. The police also have reason to suspect the existence of a secret bomb making establishment.

ANTI-JAPANESE DEMONSTRATION.

In connection with the Anti-Japanese riots in Korea upwards of a thousand Koreans were arrested but hitherto only forty-seven have been sentenced to various terms of imprisonment. The houses of eight American missionaries were searched. Two of the missionaries were arrested. One was supsequently released but the other is still detained. Considerable Japanese reinforcements have arrived in Korea. — *Reuter.*

CAIRO RIOTERS SENTENCED.

Cairo. 16th. April. Apart from the strike of civil servants all is quiet in Cairo. A few of the chief leaders in the recent riots have been courtmartialled and sentenced to terms of imprisonment varying from fifteen months to three years. Others have been sentenced to be flogged. — *Reuter.*

TO SAVE GERMANY FROM BOLSHEVIST RUIN.

Reports presented to Parliament by British officer members of Missions to Germany emphasise their conclusion that the Allies must not only render help with food, but must give active aid against Bolshevism if Germany is to be saved from complete ruin.

GENERAL ROBERTSON ON HIS WAY.

General Robertson left London for Cologne on Friday. Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig was at the station to see him off.

OUTBREAK OF RABIES IN ENGLAND.

MUZZLING ORDER.

In consequence of a dog which was killed at Byfleet, Surrey, being found to be suffering from rabies, the muzzling order has been revived in most of the Home counties.

The districts named in the order are London, Middlesex, Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Hampshire and parts of Surrey.

A licence is necessary to take dogs from these areas and if it is desired to move dogs they must go into quarantine for six months.

The quarantine order will not apply to dogs passing through London with travellers, but a licence is necessary to bring an animal to London.

Since the first order was issued additional areas are being proclaimed as affected.

Many holiday arrangements were completely upset by the order. Queues of dog owners leading muzzled dogs besieged Whitehall from a very early hour, beseeching the authorities for travel licences for their pets, but the officials were obdurate. All applicants were told that they must keep the dogs at home.

So great was the demand for muzzles that there was a shortage. Profiteering was rampant, from five to ten shillings being demanded

A second case of rabies in the London area occurred at Acton, where a dog owner and his daughter were bitten and his wife savagely attacked. The third case is reported at Chertsey.

The Local Government Board has made special arrangements for the treatment of the bitten persons either at Paris or Plymouth.

It is generally assumed that the outbreak is connected with the one recently notified in Devonshire and Cornwall, which was caused by an infected dog brought from France in an aeroplane, thus escaping quarantine.

THE KING'S OWN (ROYAL LANCASTER REGIMENT.)

2nd. BN. HOME FROM SALONIKA

When the second battalion of the King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment) reached home from Salonika on Thursday night a magnificent reception was accorded the men. They were officially received by the Mayor and Corporation of Lancaster.

In his speech the Mayor recalled the fact that when the Lancasters' Territorial battalion (the 5th) was badly cut up at Ypres four years ago the Second Battalion volunteered en masse to relieve them and suffered heavy casualties in the gas poisoned salient.

Col. Bois returned thanks on behalf of the Regiment, which had a further terrific ovation as it marched from the Town Hall to Bowesham barracks.

MODERN WYCLIFFE PREACHERS.

A religious custom recalling the days of Wycliffe was revived yesterday in England, when a number of pilgrims set out on the old Wycliffe preachers' route from Bath to London. They are travelling by day, with occasional preaching halts. At night they rest in the villages and towns on the route, and they expect to reach London on 27th April.

Young men mounted on bicycles form an escort, and a number of motor cars carry literature for distribution.

HOLIDAY RUSH TO THE SEA.

Scenes recalling pre-war days were witnessed at all the London termini on Thursday, huge crowds leaving town for the seaside and country. Nearly all trains had to be run in duplicate, but even then the railway companies were unable to provide adequate accommodation for all travellers.

Messrs. Cook report that the holiday bookings this Easter constituted an absolute record. The greatest rush was for the East coast. Bookings for aeroplane flights were also very large.

RECRUITING FOR THE R.A.F.

It is officially announced that recruiting for the Royal Air Force will commence on 28th April. Recruits must be between the ages of eighteen and twenty-six. There are four periods of enlistment, namely, four years regular service and eight years on the reserve; five regular and seven reserve; six regular and six reserve; eight regular and four reserve. Pay will remain as at present, plus the war bonus, until the revised scale of pay for the Royal Air Force is introduced. Separation allowances will be as at present, although these are also subject to revision.

NEW WAR MEDALS.

A Paris message says that two interesting decorations are announced in regard to recognition of the services of those who fought in the great war.

One is the French commemorative medal for all soldiers mobilised since August 1914, and the other an inter-ally medal to be awarded in each army only to those soldiers who have belonged to fighting units. The inter-ally medal ribbon will reproduce the colours of the rainbow. — *Havas.*

WAR DOGS DEMOBILIZED.

The demobilization of many hundreds of dogs used by the armies in France and Belgium during the war is being dealt with. Watch dogs are being given to provincial police and to the Royal Irish Constabulary.

Five thousand Australians will march from Hyde Park to the Mansion House on Anzac Day, 25th April.

In a stained glass window in Brampton church, near Huntingdon, dedicated to the memory of firty-five men of the village who fell during the war, Genaral Allenby's entry into Jerusalem is depicted. An aeroplane also appears in one of the panels.

FIERCE RIOT IN THE EAST END.

JEALOUS SEAMEN.

A serious riot occurred in the East end of London on Thursday evening, arising out of a long-standing feud between white and coloured seamen arriving at the Port of London.

The trouble broke out in a number of cafés in Cable-street. Reports of firearms and the sound of breaking glass startled the neighbourhood and very soon a crowd of men, including several soldiers, rushed up the street.

Violent fighting ensued and the police were summoned. So fierce was the struggle that they had to be reinforced. When the street was at length cleared a number of men were lying on the ground. Many of them were wounded, chiefly with broken bottles and knives. These men were sent to hospital.

The trouble is said to be due to jealousy on the part of the white men, who resent the attentions paid by Arab seamen to the waitresses in the cafés.

EASTER ATTRACTIONS.

Among the recreations provided for the attraction of Easter holiday-makers the reopening on Easter Monday of the Assyrian Sculptures gallery and the Gold Ornament rooms at the British Museum are included.

CANADIAN MINISTER'S VISIT.

Sir Edward Kemp, Minister for the Canadian Overseas Forces, left London on Thursday for France and Belgium in order to pay a visit to the Canadian Fourth Division and to inspect places of historic interest to Canadians.

BETWEEN TWE FIRES.

MAJOR GENERAL'S TWO ROLES.

"Eye-witness," under which name Major General Swinton, in the earlier days of the war, was permitted to lift, by ever so little, the veil of secrecy which shrouded the doings of the Army was a guest at the National Union of Journalists dinner on Thursday.

When he acted as "Eye-witness," he said, he was attacked by two fires. Soldiers called him a blank journalist and journalists called him a blank blackleg.

He paid a generous tribute, however, to the great kindness shown to him by the war correspondents and other journalists with whom he came into contact.

WARNING TO EXCURSION STEAMERS.

The Board of Admiralty has issued a warning pointing out the dangers to which excursion steamers are liable from floating mines.

Excursions must only be run in daylight and in clear weather and a good look-out must be kept for mines.

Life-saving precautions must be adequate and life-belts issued to all persons on board.

SYLVIA'S BAD BEHAVIOUR.

Interviewed with reference to Tuesday night's scene in the House of Commons, Mrs. Pankhurst said:- "Both my daughter Cristabel and I deeply deplore and strongly repudiate the action of my second daughter."

FAMOUS COUNTRY HOUSE BURNT.

Camilla Lacey, near Box-hill, the residence of Mr. Leverton Harris, the ex-M.P., was on Thursday destroyed by fire.

The house was built towards the end of the eighteenth century by Fanny Burney, the novel st.

TRADE COUNCIL PROHIBITION.

On the grounds that clear thinking is necessary in the trade union movement, the Eastham Labour party has instructed its delegates on the Trade Council to vote against the establishment of drinking facilities at the proposed Labour hall.

WAR AND ROMANCE.

The marriage of Lt.-Col. S. F. Newcombe and Miss Elsie Chaki on Thursday was the outcome of a romantic courtship in Turkey.

Lt.-Col. Newcombe was a prisoner of war at Constantinople and Miss Chaki procured the means for his escape.

NEW AEROPLANE DEVICE.

The Air Ministry has approved a device by which an aeroplane rudder composed of two parts which fit closely together in flight may be opened wide when landing, thereby offering a large braking surface to the air and retarding the machine.

WELL KNOWN LIBERAL LEAVES THE PARTY.

Col. J. C. Wedgewood announces that he is breaking with the Liberal Party.

In a letter to the Hanley branch of the Independent Labour Party asking to be enrolled as a member, he says that after reading Mr. Asquith's latest speech he can no longer remain a Liberal.

At the last General election Col. J. C. Wedgewood, D. S. O., was returned as a Coalition Liberal for Newcastle-under-Lyne (Staffordshire).

FLYING THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

COMPETITORS ON THE MARK.

Major J. C. Wood, pilot of the Short biplane, who will be the only competitor flying westward, left Eastchurch on Thursday afternoon for Limerick, this being the first stage of his attempt to fly the Atlantic. The weather was ideal, hundreds of soldiers and holiday makers crowding round the machine.

Every head was bared when a Chaplain, standing by the aeroplane, offered the following prayer: "May the blessing of God Almighty rest upon this machine and on those about to fly it. May He protect them safely across the Atlantic."

St. Johns. 17th April. The Martinsyde machine went up at midday and after remaining in the air for forty minutes made a good descent. Rainham stated that everything was working well.

On Friday a series of depressions was moving from the Atlantic towards Europe. Rain was falling on the west coast of Ireland and the wind blowing at thirty miles an hour. These conditions are likely to persist. A storm warning has been issued along the American coast.

Another competitor has been added to the list of Trans-Atlantic Flight aspirants, the Alliance Aeroplane Company having entered a biplane. It will be piloted by Captain W.R. Curtis, R.A.F.

A telegram from New York says that one of the flying boats wherewith the American Navy propose to attempt the Atlantic flight was tested on Thursday for the first time with its full load. It failed however to rise from the water, although all four Liberty motors were going for twenty minutes.

KINMEL CAMP RIOTS.

When the Court-martial which is trying the Canadians alleged to have been concerned in the riots at Kinmel camp was resumed on Thursday, the first prisoner to be tried, Gnr. Lorette, gave evidence on his own behalf.

He said that at the time when he was alleged to have been waving a red flag he was actually eating his dinner. Two other witnesses corroborated this.

Another witness said that on the day of the riots he met the accused, who explained his smart appearance by saying that he had cleaned up overnight in order to attend church service the following morning and make a good start for the Lenten season.

Major Weyman, for the defence, suggested that Lorette had been mistaken for another man. There were obvious reasons why he could not produce for the defence the man who really was carrying the red flag.

The Court adjourned to consider the evidence, but no decision was announced.

DISTRIBUTION OF MAUNDY MONEY.

With the usual elaborate ceremony Maundy money was distributed in Westminster Abbey on Thursday to fifty-four men and fifty-four women.

Before the distribution the anthem "Wash me throughly from mine iniquity" (51st Psalm) was sung.

In addition to the Maundy money, additional money was given in lieu of the clothing and provisions usually given in kind.

HOW THE NEW ZEALAND TROOPS VOTED.

According to Mr. Moss Davies, who represents in England the Licensed Trade of New Zealand, the voting figures of the New Zealand troops in Great Britain, France and Gemany on the liquor question were:- for continuance of licensing, 16,317; against, 4,004.

IMPOSTOR'S LIGHT SENTENCE.

At Bow-street police court on Thursday, John Gladstone Hayes, a discharged soldier, was sentenced to three months imprisonment in the second division for wearing decorations to which he was not entitled and for falsely representing himself to be Milton Hay, winner of the Victoria Cross.

In this assumed character he had recited at the Aldwych theatre.

GIANT FLAG STAFF.

In the current Civil Service Estimates the vote for maintenance of the Royal parks includes a sum of 1,500 pounds for the erection and fitting up at Kew Gardens of a giant flagstaff presented by the Government of British Columbia.

COL. RUTHERFORD IN BROADMOOR.

Col. Rutherford, against whom the strange verdict of "guilty but insane" was returned at his trial for the murder of Major Seton, has been removed to Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum, where he will stay in the infirmary.

He will be able to wear his own clothes and will enjoy special privileges in regard to such matters as books and food.

DANISH ARMY FLYING STOPPED.

According to a Copenhagen telegram numerous accidents which have recently happened to Danish Army aeroplanes have caused the Danish war office to stop all flying with the present engines. A new type of engine will be adopted. — *Reuter.*

Parliament stands adjourned until 29th April.

Dr. Jayne, Bishop of Chester, has resigned.

No newspapers were published in London on Good Friday.

Colchester oyster feast, which has not been held since 1913, will be resumed this Autumn.

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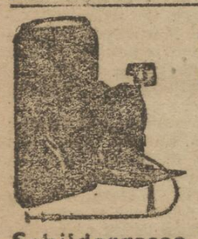
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EASTER SUNDAY.

It has often been a puzzle that several of our Christian festivals are intimately bound up with ceremonies which had an undoubted vogue long before the Christian era. This connexion of Christian rite with pagan custom is wrongly reckoned an unworthy compromise; it is more properly regarded as an example of provident statesmanship. The early Church had in its fold many who were uplifted by the new vision and yet cherished a deep interest in the festivals of an older faith; and their loyalty to the Church was strengthened when they saw these festivals ennobled by the touch of a purer religion and moulded for a long, resplendent future. Thus it is that our Easter ceremonial is manifold in significance. It commemorates for most of us victory over death, the triumph of the Cross; but it also takes up the ancient conception of creation, and it gives new meaning to the re-creation heralded in Spring. Easter eggs are the symbolism of this new creation of the world, for it is an ancient tradition that the world was hatched at Eastertide.

Today we celebrate Easter Sunday, unharassed by the clamour of war. Its traffic and its tragedy are stilled, and we wait with expectancy the coming of Peace. For four long, dread years our Easters have mocked their holy symbolism. Spring came for us, the seeds of the field sprang into lifes, earth took on its garb of beauteous youth, trees and shrubs shed their happy verdure, the birds sang their songs of love and joy; yet there was no new world, and spring crept from us crestfallen and ashamed. Nay more, as each Spring came and went the land of our campaigns grew more and more desolate. In barren devastation there was little place for verdure, for brightly-tinted foliage, for the happy cheer of songsters — even Spring lost its meaning in the cruel and ghastly fields of war. There was no creation; there was nought but death.

But war is over. The sun shines once more and heralds a better day.

But oh, she dances such a way,
No sun upon an Easter day
Is half so fine a sight.

The quaint philosopher, Sir Thomas Browne, may have laid to rest the old legend of Easter's dancing sun, but it is a parable for hopeful hearts. We expect much and we believe much from our Easter of 1919. The cartoon of our artist, reproduced on another page, expresses the glad spirit of hope, that spirit which refuses pessimism and declares that the best is yet to be. In ancient Persian lore Ormuzd and Ahriman were to contend over the mundane egg till the consummation of all things. Are we not nearer that consummation of a new and nobler world creation? Soon we may have a League of Nations which shall banish War, a League which shall give new ideals for the stronger empires, new hope for the smaller nations, and new security for the oppressed peoples of the world. Then, indeed, we would be begotten unto a lively hope, to an inheritance uncorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away.

EASTER DAY.

A FACT AND ITS POWER.

(By a Correspondent)

Easter Day is a Victory Day full of joy and gladness, commemorating a fact, and welcoming its power to satisfy the natural desire of men. You know a fact when you know the history the proofs, the law, perhaps the date of its happening. You know the power when you understand the relation of that fact to yourself, to the community, to the country at large. In the case of material things, it is somewhat easy to know the power of the fact. The moon attracts the earth — we all know that — and we can know the power of that fact, by the study of the tides. The sun shines in the heavens, and the power of that fact is felt in every coal mine, and in every cottage home. When we come to historical facts it is less easy. The fact of Trafalgar and the power of that fact, the decision of the Germans to invade Belgium in August 1914; the capture of Jerusalem; we shall not know the power of these facts for many and many a long year.

The resurrection of Christ is distinct from all these facts. There is something so mysterious about it all. We cannot make it a matter of experiment as to what the power is. There are physical forces, but this is not one of them. There are moral forces, but this is greater. This is a new force and a new power which came into existence when a certain event occurred. What was that fact? It was the appearance on Easter Morn of the central Figure — the Christ who had died on the middle cross on Calvary three days before; who with the same body, transfigured, glorified, yet the same, rose from the dead, lives, and dies no more. This is the fact and this is the fact Christians believe. This is the fact that inspires the whole of their lives. This is the fact that turned cowards into heroes, darkness into light, fear into victory. What is the power of this fact? First of all the assurance of immortality. Death is the one great universal fact, throwing its shadow over the young and saddening the aged. No bribes, no money, no tears can stop King Death. No skill can avert it. We mortals go on singing our death song year by year from youth to age. What is the end? Is death? Is it the supreme parting for ever and ever? If so, it will be better not to love at all. Hints of course there are of immortality. Philosophy and reason point in that direction. Men have believed it for thousands of years. The Jews and the Egyptians believed it. Yet men want something more. We want a well founded conviction which we can take for granted, and use for the foundation of our life and our lifework.

At Eastertide men long to be strengthened and convinced. They want to feel that death is not the end. Here then is the power of the fact of the Resurrection. The power of the Resurrection is the assurance of the reality of the next world. They have gone, the flower of our manhood, careers checked, dreams that will never come true, expectations never to be realised, and all the care and love of father and mother as it seems thrown away; such waste. Then Easter comes with its reassuring message that they live, and further it provides the assurance that the world in which they live is not peopled with ghosts, fleeting shapes and spectral forms, but with those we loved and "lost awhile," and whom we shall recognise when we enter there.

The Resurrection of Christ is a fact, the power of which gives to our life a new value, new colour to our present knowledge, new aim, new motives, new meanings, new beauty.

TO THE BOYS WHO TAKE OUR PLACES ON THE RHINE.

You are called away to duty, for a Country brave and free,
And your future is a secret, you alone have got the key;
So many things are ready your life to enter in —
There is nobleness and honour; and there's wickedness and sin.

When you're far from home and loved ones, keeping watch upon the Rhine,
Let their memory be your Watchword, play the Briton every time,
When temptations come upon you, and it's hard to keep from sin,
Pray for strength and you will conquer, look to God and you will win.

And the victory will help you when the trial comes again
For the sin of just one moment, brings misery and shame.
And when your duty's ended, and to England you return,
Joy of home will be the sweeter and the Nations thanks you'll earn.
So fight the fight of honour, help your comrades all you can,
And the world will be the better, and you will be a MAN.

QUESTION TIME.

OR UNCLE ARTHUR'S LETTER BOX.

PART III.

All questions by correspondents answered with promptitude, special attention being paid to those concerning demobilization.

PEDANT. Q. (1) I am available for demobilization but retained though demobilizable and therefore not eligible. Am I retainable?
Q. (2) If retainable though eligible but not available for demobilisation, am I demobilisable?
A. (1) Oh no, I think so.
A. (2) Yes, perhaps not.

FLAT Q. I am sending you a £100 bank note that I suspect of being a forgery. Is this right?
A. Yes, I am afraid it is a forgery right enough, and as such has to be handed in to the Field Cashier. To save you trouble I will see about it myself.

PADRE Q. Is it bad to speak with one's mouth full?
A. Yes, it is for the other fellow.

THORNEY-CROFT Our gramophone spring has broken loose. What is the best way to replace it?
A. I cannot tell you myself, but can give you the address of the last man I saw trying it. It is No. 42.657 Private D. Amfool, No. 44 C.C.S.

OLE-LUK-OIE Q. The Orderly Sergeant came up to me to-day and said, "You're for home at once; get your papers and go; you'll be in 'civvies' by the day after to-morrow." Is the above the correct procedure?
A. No. I think the correct procedure would be to have a little less tinned lobster late at night.

OVERATH Q. Is it possible to obtain quinine in Cologne below sale price?
A. Yes, if the chemist isn't looking.

UBIQUE Reference your question in last week's letter box, "Can one get money without working for it?" please note answer above to 'FLAT.'

"UBIQUE."

(Uncle Arthur's Letter Box appears every Sunday.)

PHILATELIC NOTES.

BY OUR PHILATELIST.

Zecho Slovak Query.

A ludicrous attempt to pass-off Zecho-Slovak stamps as genuine postally-used specimens is to be seen in a Cologne dealers's window. The higher values, 50 to 200 heller, are neatly mounted and plainly post-marked so as not to obliterate too much of the design on an envelope addressed "Herr Muller, Hamburg" the equivalent of "Smith, London," or "Jones, Wales."

Does the German really think that anyone will believe such a missive has passed through the post?

Government issues in Bavaria.

The Bavarian stamps overprinted "Volksstaat Bayern" are a Government issue, if any government exists in that state. At any rate, they are being used as genuine postage labels. An interesting label has reached me bearing a 10pf. stamp with the overprint side by side with a 15pf. stamp minus overprint. The envelope has been re-addressed, and on the reverse are two "Dienstmarken" of 10pf. and 15pf. All these stamps bear a common genuine postmark, and the letter reached its destination. Unfortunately, the postmarks do not show the date clearly enough to enable one to know the time taken in transit.

Commemorative Stamps.

Are we to have a commemorative stamp in Great Britain? Never yet has an adhesive postage stamp been issued at home to commemorate any event, although a Postal Jubilee envelope appeared in 1890. Most of our Colonies have, at some time or other, issued stamps of this nature, and during the war they have issued stamps with various overprints.

Newfoundland has issued a series of twelve stamps, each bearing the head of a caribou, four of which have also the inscription: "Royal Naval Reserve" and the motto "Ubique" whilst the remainder bear the words, "The trail of the caribou." On each is the name of one of the engagements in which the Newfoundland contingent took part. Such names as Suvla Bay, Gueudecourt, Beaumont-Hamel, Monchy, Steenbeeck, Langemark, Cambrai, and Combles are thus recorded.

Sinn Fein Issuss.

In answer to a query, no postage stamp has been separately issued for Ireland. A series of very well-designed and printed revenue stamps was in use in the seventies and these stamps bear the words "Ireland, Petty Sessions," with head of Queen Victoria below in words. The Sinn Fein label has no postal value, although through being placed alonside an ordinary stamp it often receives a post-mark.

C. S.

ALSACE-LORRAINE.

Mr. Millerand, the Commissary of the French Republic at Strasbourg recently made the following declaration:

"As long as Alsace-Lorraine has not elected representatives, it would be wrong if the Parliament were to settle its affairs.

"There will be difficulties, it would be impossible that there should there be none in provinces where legislation, language, usages are so different from ours, where always the particularist spirit was strong and was even the best wall against German invasion. We must bring Alsace-Lorraine through persuasion, to enter the frame of French legislation.

"We need not treat anything brusquely; we must respect the liberties, the institutions, the customs, and lead progressively these populations to assimilate themselves to their brothers in France.

"Everthing is easy with the heart," he added. "In Alsace-Lorraine especially the sentimental considerations are very important."

In his concluding remarks he said that "the French administration must bear victoriously from every point of view a comparison with the anterior administration. The work will be completed by the Strasbourg University, and from here will emanate a kind of radiation of the French Spirit"

A TRIP UP THE RHINE.

I fancy my luck must have turned as, after a long period of fatigues, guards, and other absorbing duties of a like nature, to my great surprise I was notified the other day that I had been selected to make up one of a party going on an excursion up the Rhine. I think it must have been excitement that kept me from oversleeping, because it is not at all usual for me to be awake, let alone anxious to get up, at the extraordinarily early hour of five oclock. After an early breakfast we entrained at Siegburg, arriving at Beuel, on the east bank of the Rhine, just opposite Bonn, soon after eight oclock, and marched across the fine bridge that spans the Rhine here, to where our boat, "The Schiller", was awaiting us at the quayside.

We cast off at about nine oclock, and from my position on the boat I was only able to see the west bank of the Rhine on the upward journey. A little further on we passed the ruined castle of Godesburg, which stands on the summit of a high hill overlooking the town of the same name which lies on the river bank. There seems to be a fine avenue running along the bank of the river for a good many miles, in fact I was told that it goes all the way from Bonn to Andernach, which is about 40 kilos. Arriving opposite Andernach, we could see quite plainly the towers of the beautiful old thirteenth century church of which this town is justly proud, while nearer the river bank was a large and somewhat ugly, but I have no doubt very useful lighthouse.

We shortly passed a very sharp curve in the river in the bend of which there is a large island named Werth, and from there had a straight run on to Coblenz, which stands at the confluence of the Raine and Mosel. For a long time before we reached the quayside we could see the wonderful statue of Wilhelm I., which is erected in a very commanding position, and when we went ashore, as we were presently allowed to do, I went with some of the other boys to have a nearer view of this work of art. Coblenz is in that part of the occupied territory which is held by the American troops, and on asking some that I met to direct me to a canteen or Y. M. C. A. Hut, they took the party that I was with under their charge and also roped in a lot more of our boys who were wandering about and took us to one of their canteens and gave us a very good tea for which they afterwards refused to let us pay.

We had reached Coblenz about two oclock and about three oclock the bugles recalled us to our boat, and shortly afterwards we commenced our homeward journey. This time it was the east bank that I was able to watch. We soon passed the town of Neuwied. There seen to be a good many factories in this district and also large vineyards and plantations under cultivation, and as we went farther north the hills crept in again to the side of the river, having vineyards in many cases all the way up their sides. We next passed the imposing ruin of the Drachenfels, just before we got to Dollendorf and Oberkassel, two quite important manufacturing towns. From there our run to Bonn only occupied about half an hour. Reluctantly we disembarked, realising that the river part of our trip was over. We marched back to Beuel station, and entrained for Siegburg, where we arrived tired and once again quite hungryabout eight oclock, after having had a very pleasant trip.

An item of interest was the wonderful pontoon bridge at Coblenz. I should very much like to know something more about that bridge, particularly by what ingenious method they can open it in the middle to let river traffic pass through, and then close it again. Perhaps our Education officer will be able to tell us in school, — I wonder?

S. E. H.

EXTRACTS FROM THE LETTERS OF A PRODIGAL SON.

ON LANGUAGES

BY "HUSKY."

It is instructive to note how readily the Germans living in the village have absorbed some of the illuminated expressions used by the English soldier. The children, especially, soon pick up the words of command, and other words, used by us as our drills are performed in the presence of crowds of juvenile Jerries.

Only this evening I noticed evidence of this. I was watching a lad guiding a plough, and it was amusing to hear the words he used to encourage his two bullocks. At the end of the furrow he shouted, "About twen!"

The bullocks were slow in carrying out the manoeuvre, being somewhat hampered by the plough behind them, so the lad added some expressions which are familiar to horses of heavy batteries. Indeed, only heavy horses and draft-bullocks could possibly stand such language. I noticed the surprised look on the faces of those long-suffering bullocks as the shower of blows fell upon their ribs of beef and the hurricane of badly-broken English fell upon their ears. Jeal Their sad reproachful eyes seem to say "O that our lips had language!" However, beyond giving vent to a wearied "Moo" they were silent, — though one did put his tongue out as if in speechless defiance.

Who could wonder! The things that boy had called those poor inoffensive quadrupeds were unmentionable; — enough, indeed, to make them kick against it.

Nevertheless! What is in a name? A bullock by any other name would look just as cheerful and, doubtless, through force of circumstances, he would work just as hard and look just as happy.

The Fräulein who administers unto us at the village "Gasworks" possesses a quaintly awful flow of language. This morning I bade her "Guten Morgen, Fräulein," and the answer I received was "Guten Morgen, mein Herr," — but this was followed by such an awful expression that I blushed to my toe-nails with embarrassment.

The school-master in this village told me one day last week that he could speak good English but that he could not understand a lot of the things that my comrades said in their conversation with each other. I hope he never will.

THE TWO VOICES.

In a barrack's not many miles from Halifax the Chaplain was holding a drumhead service. Near by a sergeant was giving a squad of soldiers marching drill, as a punishment for overstaying leave. The morning was very bright and quiet, and the voices got very mixed, the result was something like this:

Chaplain: A certain man had two sons and the younger of them said to his father —"

Sergeant: "Standdat—now wait for the word—wait forthe word—"

Chaplain: "And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land, and he began to be in want . . and when he came to himself he said—"

Sergeant: "Left, Right, Left, Right, Halt — Standdat—wait for the word, now—wait for the word."

Chaplain: "And he said . . I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him—"

Sergeant: "Keep your back straight, you with the ginger 'air. What do you think you are—a bloomin' camel?"

OPERA HOUSE AND THEATRE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	OPERA	DRAMA
Sunday	Aida	Seeschlacht
Monday	Parsifal	Im weissen Rössl
Tuesday	Cavalleria rusticana Der Bajazzo	Die Jüdin von Toledo

The hours at which the opera commences are: Sunday 5.30 p.m.; Monday 3.30 p.m.; and Tuesday (22nd April) 6.0 p.m.

ROUND THE SHOWS.

"CAPACITY" CROWDS AT COLOGNE CONCERTS.

There was an unmistakable holiday spirit abroad everywhere on Friday and yesterday. The streets of all the large occupied towns were more densely thronged than they have been since we arrivied in Germany, while even the tiniest village was not without its share of bustle. Naturally the tone of things was subdued on Friday. In the morning, the sports fields claimed most of the troops, walks into the country and sightseeing received attention in the afternoon, while the evening was well provided for by sacred concerts which attracted large audiences to all the Army places of entertainment.

The Zoological Garden at Cologne naturally came in for a generous quota of patronage and here the clicks of hundreds of cameras could be heard during the day.

The liberal sprinkling of gardens and parks at Cologne, Bonn and Duren were transformed into miniature "Amstead Eaths" in point of animation, albeit the absence of the sparkling, joyous laugh of the female — which is always a characteristic of the famous holiday-makers rendezvous in London — was particularly noticeable

The Call of the Hills.

At Siegburg and towards Coblenz the hills were plentifully dotted with the more seriously minded folk who found ample entertainment in the company of their favourite author and "My Lady Nicotine".

In the evening the Deutsches and Apollo theatres and the Army picture houses were filled to overflowing, and at none of these places, could even the most hardened cynic have complained of the merit of the fare provided.

Miss Hilda Potts, of the Women's Theatre Company, worked indefatigably for our entertainment. She performed in three distinct concerts, and to the last of her many songs her charming soprano voice showed no trace of tiredness Items were contributed by her to the programme of the Apollo, No. 2 and No. 3 Cinemas and at each place requests for encores were persistent. Lovers of good music hied them in large numbers to the orchestral concert at the Breitestrasse establishment and displayed the heartist approval throughout the performance.

A Popular Programme.

Of the instrumental items, a most finished rendering of the "Tannhauser" overture was perhaps the most popular contribution although that always fresh and delightful symphonic poem of Liszt "Les Préludes" was deservedly loudly applauded for the admirable treatment accorded it. Other items were Hamlet Ouverture (Bach); Hallelujah Chorus (Handel); Selection from Faust (Gounod); "O Gladsom Light" and "The Lost Chord" (Sullivan).

The programme was judiciously relieved by the introduction of appropriate pictures; by the singing of Miss Pott's, (already referred to), and by thoroughly good contributions from Sergt. E.M.Nightingale, whose vocal prowess proved to be no less finished than his name implies — even if the timbre was not quite the same. His rich and well trained baritone voice delighted everyone and he displayed a happy knack of choosing his numbers with an eye (or ear!) to public popularity, as well as with due regard to the particular quality of his own voice.

Variety at the Apollo.

At the Apollo Theatre, the Rhine Choral Society performed to "capacity" and the unstinted applause bestowed upon each item was sufficient evidence of this talented party's ability to please. The choral numbers provided testimony of careful training, the blending and tone of the voices being very near to perfection while the solos were without exception well and carefully treated.

The "Tabs" orchestra, under the conductorship of Corpl. Potter supplied enjoyable items in this programme, a rendering of "Poet and Peasant," particularly proving the conductor to be able happily to combine a masterful hold over the proceedings with due modesty.

A well written and admirably acted sketch "Gifts from Heaven" by the Women's Theatre Company was by no means the least artistic item in the programme.

CONCERT AT BRAUWEILER.

A most enjoyable evening was spent on Good Friday in the Recreation Room of No I Section Northern D.A.C.: A concert was given by the band of the 2nd Bn. Suffolk Regt. under the leadership of Bandmaster H.E. Adkins, Mus, Bac., A.R.C.M., L.R.A.-M. The programme which was most excellently chosen for the occasion included 3 solos. — a Xylophone solo by Musician S. Crowe, cornet solo by L/cpl. G. Bixley, and piccolo solo by L/Cpl J. Palfreman, the first being loudly applauded and an encore given.

During the evening the Padre of the D.A.C., who by the way was kind enough to arrange the concert, mentioned the fact that he had been travelling about all day in an old bus which had seen service since 1914, and which was entitled to 5 chevrons and a wound stripe.

The O.C. the D.A.C. in passing a vote of thanks to the officers and band of the 2nd Suffolks, also mentioned that, when the Padre returned after his journey in the bus, he remarked that one thing was missing, that being the lady conductor. Naturally this was loudly cheered.

CONCERT AT LEICHLINGEN.

Amongst the recently formed Concert Parties of the Southern Division is that of the 9th Bn., Gloucester Regiment. The members gave their first performance in Leichlingen last week and Lt. Smiles the organizer, as well as all who contributed to the programme, are to be congratulated on the entire success of the entertainment. In a well balanced programme there was very remarkable and promising talent displayed.

Vardon, Braid, Taylor, and Herd will take part in a tournament at the West Kent Golf Club, Bickley, on Saturday, May 17.

RHINELAND SPORTS.

A BRACE OF "HAT TRICKS".

YOUNG GORDON'S WIN THEIR FIRST MATCH AT DUREN.

51st GORDON HIGHLANDERS v ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

At Duren, against their R.A.S.C. neighbours, the 21st Gordon Highlanders played their first game on the soil of Germany. The result was a good start for the young Highlanders, a 4—0 victory being achieved.

A stiff wind prevailed and interfered with the game considerably. The Gordon's played in front of it in the first half and their nippy forwards, well led by Cinnamon, were soon seeking the mark. Under pressure of an attack, McCabe, the Corps left back, miskicked, and obliged the Scots by scoring, accidentally, their first point.

Subsequently, McCabe and Walker, his partner, relieved many ominous situations, but they were not able to frustrate Cinnamon in getting through with a shot that counted.

A well-directed centre by Shuttleworth was intercepted by Currie, the cordon's skipper, and a little later Thomson kicked over in taking a penalty that was awarded the Corps.

Russell and Cruickshank were well partnered on the cordon's left wing and they received much useful support from Lieut. Brown at left half.

With the wind in their favour, the transport men were expected to regain lost ground, but the Highlanders attacked immediately after the interval and Cinnamon had Abbot, the keeper beaten for the third time. The game was won when the same player added a fourth goal for his side, incidentally performing the hat trick.

Shuttleworth, for the Corps, was clever on the left and whipped over some difficult shots for Gray to negotiate. Some chances were missed by the other forwards, whose shooting was rather poor. The Corps were unlucky to lose the services of Shepstone, who was injured.

A FOREST OF FACES AND MANY THRILLS.

3rd. M.G.CORPS v. 4th. BATTALION DRAFT

Two attempts were made to take the field for this match before the rain eventually gave over. Then commenced the series of thrills which the game provided. Aids to enthusiasm were plentiful. Bugle calls, whistles, bugle-notes rent the air and the barrack windows showed a forest of faces At one time the Battalion Orderly Room staff watched from their distant window with envious eyes and the sentry's job was even more interesting than usual.

The draft would have been considered the better team in the first half, but there was little to choose at the finish. Connelly was a fine goalkeeper and will stand a good chance for Battalion honours. Corporal Cummings was the premier of a fine bunch of players comprising Buckley, Axon, L/Cpl. Loishman, L/Cpl. Coulter and Hodgson for the Draft. The old hands of the Battalion are already well known.

Soon after the start Farrell gave Cummings a chance, and he converted it into a beautiful shot which beat the goal keeper. Play swung from end to end of the pitch and Connell repeatedly saved in grand style. Alert goalkeeping the other end was equally necessary but seemed more difficult. With the lead the Draft caused the Battalion to go all out and it was not until after the interval that they fully recovered and settled down to their usual game. Then Taylor equalised with an easy shot. Violent efforts were made by both sides to draw ahead, in the course of which Cpl. Cummings dived head first into a pool of water. The game finished, exciting to the last, one goal each.

488th S.B. R.G.A. v. 32nd ARMY BDE.

This match was played on the ground of the former on Tuesday resulting in a win for 488 by 2—0. A strong cross wind was all against good play, but it was soon evident that 488 were by far the better team. The Brigade undoubtedly had the wind to thank for having no goals scored against them in the first half. The second half opened in favour of 488.

Within five minutes Pollick scored from a centre by Frampton. The 48 kept up the pressure and several good centres by the wingers proved fruitless.

About ten minutes from the end a centre by Timms was converted by Mc Gough. The end came with 488 still pressing. Wear the left-back Naylor at centre-half, and Stenton at right half played a fine game.

WEST KENT OFFICERS BEAT THE SAPPERS.

Officers and N.C.O's 207th Field Coy.R.E. . . 0.
Officers 10th Btn.R.W. Kent Regt. 3

This match was played at Hennef on Wednesday — a very interesting and sporting game though the quality of the football was patchy. For the losers Lt. Hicks played an immense game at centre-half and 2nd Cpl. Watson gave a great display of goal-keeping.

The Kents were undoubtedly the stronger side, though they had a man offside while their centre-half shot a very good goal, and twice the Sappers very nearly scored.

PLAYED 12: WON 11:

25th v. 168th SIEGE BATTERY (R.G.A.)

This match, under the auspices of the 68th Brigade, R.G.A., was played on Tuesday at Mülheim, and resulted in a win for the 25th by 4 goals to 0. The score in no way flatters the winners.

Boisterous weather greatly hampered accurate football, so that frequently shots that were obviously well directed went astray.

Batty performed the hat trick for the 25th, Leigh being responsible for the fourth goal. Undoubtedly, the excellent performance of Southern, the 168th goal-keeper, saved his side from much more ignominious defeat.

Their success in this match places the 25th at the top of the league with this enviable record:

Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.
12	11	1	0
Goals:	For.	Agst.	
	62	7	

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

London Betting on the City and Suburban: — Royal Bucks (5/1); Galloperlight (13/2); Polyscope (9/1); Silver Bullet (100/7); Danselton (10/1); all taken.

MACHINE GUNNERS FOOTBALL.

2nd BATTALION'S INTERESTING RECORD IN BOTH CODES.

Soccer. Our football may be divided into 3 grades. The inter-section match, in which any would-be player may participate, and in which first class play and serious football are minor considerations, compared with the providing of plenty of fun, sport and healthy exercise.

The Inter-Company Football League which provides for two good matches per week. Rivalry and competition are the keynotes of all these games, which are invariably keenly contested. The sweepstake inaugrated on the totalisator principle promises to be very interesting, and is by no means a foregone conclusion.

The team which has represented the Battalion, has played some good games. and if not always the winner has upheld the honour of the Battalion, and made a keen fight. Of the matches played, the one most worthy of note, is that against a team representing our Allies, the Belgians at Neuss. A very fine, fast and sporting game and the victory of 2 — 0 was hardly earned, the Belgians showing great spirit and determination right to the end of the game.

Rugger. When scope for our energies in this branch of football has not been available in the form of league and friendly matches, teams picked from players in the Battalion have provided us with some interesting contests.

Of the League matches played, the return game with the 2nd H.L.I. is easily the most outstanding.

Soccer.

1919			Goals For	Against
Jan. 8th	24th Bn. Royal Fusiliers	Away	0	1
„ 11th	5th Infantry Brigade H.Q.	Home	3	0
„ 15th	2nd Bn. Ox and Bucks L.I.	Away	2	0
„ 18th	2nd H.L.I.	Home	0	1
„ 25th	24th Bn. Royal Fusiliers	Home	1	1
Feb. 1st	2nd Bn. Ox and Bucks L.I.	Home	4	1
„ 5th	2nd Bn. H.L.I.	Away	1	3
„ 8th	226 Field Coy R.E.	Home	1	1
March 20th	Belgian Army Team	Away	2	0
„ 26th	1st Bn. M.G. Corps	Away	0	1

Rugby.

			Points For	Against
Jan. 7th	2nd Bn. H.L.I.	Home	3	7
„ 12th	24th Bn. Royal Fusiliers	Away	16	—
„ 14th	52nd L. I.	Away	24	—
„ 19th	2nd Bn. H.L.I.	Away	3	6
2nd March	24th Royal Fusiliers	Home	5	—
25th „	52nd Bn. Rifle Brigade	Away	17	3

"AND STILL THEY WIN."

On Wednesday the 565 A.T. Coy, R.E had their reputation challenged by No 1 Coy, 34/Div Train, R.A.S.C. The latter fielded a very strong eleven and the confidence of success by both their players and supporters was very high; but when the interval was called there was no score.

They very quickly took advantage of the wind by forcing a corner from which their inside left piloted the ball out of the goalie's reach with his head. This reverse caused the "Linnets" to chirp and in less than five minutes time they equalized. Except for occasional bursts which were dealt with capably by their full-backs their superiority was not seriously questioned, and before the final whistle blew they added two more goals, the second again coming from the inside left and the last being accomplished thru a fine solo effort of Cole's.

Result:— R.E's 3 goals; R.A.S.C. 1 goal.

4th BN. SUFFOLK REGT. v. 92nd F.A. R.A.M.C.

A football match was played on the latter's ground at Friedr Wilh. Hutte on Wednesday afternoon at 14.30 hours. In the first half the Infantry, having most of the game, scored 3 goals in quick succession.

The second half opened with brisk play on both sides and the home team succeeded in scoring an easy goal. A high cross wind completely spoilt any accurate play. Final score — 4th Bn Suffolk Regt. 3; 92nd F.A., R.A.M.C. 1.

141st FIELD AMB. v. 39th BDE. R.F.A.

A friendly football match was played between the above teams at Reinbach on Wednesday afternoon. The gunners kicked off against a stiff wind and immediately afterwards the Ambulance were around the R.F.A. goal, but the defence cleared. From a scramble in front of goal, Cpl. Kirkby netted for the Ambulance, the ball glancing off one of the defenders and leaving the goalkeeper no chance to save. Some minutes later Cpl. Kirkby was nearly through, but the whistle went for an infringement by one of the Bde. defence. Kirkby took the kick and scored with a terrific shot, the interval being reached with the Ambulance 2 up.

The second half was practically a repetition of the first half, with the R.F.A. attacking and the Ambulance on the defence, with an occasional raid towards the other end. Wilson in goal for the Ambulance brought off some good saves. The end was reached with the Ambulance men still hanging on to their 2 goal lead.

1st M.G.C. v. 52nd WELSH.

The 1st Bn.M.G.C. and the 52nd Welsh played at Flerzheim on Wednesday. Very keen play was witnessed; in fact too keen at times, and had some of the players come under the ban of the referee they would only have had themselves to blame.

The 1st M.G.C. scored the only goal of the match, Lieut. Chandler running three quarters of the field and crowning his effort with a drive that had the Welsh goalkeeper hopelessly beaten. Not until the final whistle blew was the game decided, the backs of both teams playing exceptionally well.

Result:— 1st Bn. M.G.C. 1; 52nd Welsh 0.

FOOTBALL CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

The Sports Officer of the 185th Siege Battery R.G.A. accepts the challenge of the 57th S. Battery R.G.A. (93rd Bde. R.G.A.) to a game at Kalk. The date will be arranged later.

Lt. Clem Lewis after playing in the Motherland—New Zealand match was found to have a dangerously high temperature. He was admitted to Millbank Hospital and found to be suffering from an inflammation of the shin bone.

GOOD FRIDAY FOOTBALL.

MANY HOLIDAY MATCHES PLAYED IN ENGLAND.

SUCCESS OF GAIETY BEAUTY CHORUS.

The following (received through Reuter's Agency) are the results of football matches played in England on Good Friday:—

LONDON COMBINATION.

Brentford	2	Orient	0
Clotspurs	2	Millwall	2
Palace	0	Arsenal	3
Rangers	3	Chelsea	2
Fulham	1	West Ham	1

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE (SUB.)

Blackpool	0	Burnley	0
Liverpool	1	Everton	1
Manchester City	3	Manchester United	0
Bolton Wanderers	2	Burslam Portvale	1
Rochdale	0	Oldham Athletic	2
Southport Vulcan	0	Stockport County	1

MIDLAND (SUB)

Notts. Forest	3	Notts County	2
Linc In City	1	Coventry City	1

GAIETY GIRLS 5; AIRCRAFT LADIES 0.

A team composed of girls belonging to the Gaiety beauty chorus beat the Farnboro aircraft women workers at Farnboro on Friday. The result was a victory for the former by 5 — 0.

INTER-THEATRE OF WAR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

HOME FORCES 2; INDIA NIL.

The Inter-Theatre of War Championships soccer competition opened at Aldershot on Friday when the Home Forces scored 2 goals and India nil.

Thompson Canadian, Millwall centre-forward, scored a fine shot in the first half, and also from a penalty for handling in the second half. India was represented by the 1st Battalion Yorkshire Regiment who were outplayed after the interval.

Play during the first half was fairly even. The Home Forces defence was excellent, Crashaw the goalkeeper making several good saves.

VICTORY FOR "ALL BLACKS" XV.

MOTHER COUNTRY DEFEATED BY 9—3 AT TWICKENHAM.

The inter-services rugby tournament was won by New-Zealand at Twickenham on Wednesday, the "All Blacks" defeating the Mother Country by a penalty goal and 2 tries (9 points) to a penalty goal (3 points).

When half-time arrived the score stood at 3-3, and the New-Zealand team looked like being beaten. After the interval, however, they played magnificently, never permitting the Mother Country to develop attack. Singe scored towards the end through a blunder by the Mother Country, and Ford added a try.

TENNIS CHAMPIONS.

The Covered Court Lawn-Tennis Championships at Queens Club, West Kensington, concluded on Wednesday, when R. Lycett and Major Heath won the championship round of the Doubles against W. Davson and I. Marrogordato, the holders, 6—4, 7—5, 4—6, 6—4.

The Mixed Doubles Final round resulted:—

R. Lycett and Miss E. M. Ryan beat P. M. Davson and Mrs. Lambert Chambers (6—2, 6—4).

Challenge round:— R. Lycett and Miss E. M. Ryan (challengers) beat E. Gwynne Evans and Miss E. D. Holman (holders) (6—1, 6—3).

COVEY AND JAY GOULD.

Covey's backer informs *Reuters* that as Jay Gould has failed to carry out the articles under which the match at Philadelphia was played in 1914 he, *ipso facto*, has forfeited the title.

TANDEM CYCLE RACE.

At the Good Friday Victory Meeting of the Southern Counties' Cycling Union at Herne Hill, 10,000 spectators were present. In the international tandem race of two laps Mc Kaig, the joint tandem record holder, and Hart, the champion of the Metropolitan Police beat Andre Dupont, champion, Rouen, and Victor Charon, champion D'Hiver, representing France. They won by four lengths, their time being 1 min. 23 4/5 secs. In the second race they won by three lengths in 1 min. 28 3/5 secs.

WATER POLO.

TERRIFIC SHOTS AT 10th CORPS BATHS, BONN.

A very interesting game of Water Polo was played at the 10th Corps Baths, Bonn, on Wednesday between the Corps Headquarters and the Lancashire Signal Coy. A relay race was held first, resulting in the Signals being first by one second.

Both teams were evenly matched and, despite the cold water, played a fast game. Within two minutes of starting Spr. Tait with unerring aim placed the ball in the goal. On resuming Lieut. Parson after much tricky swimming managed to put a swift shot in the goal. After this the Corps pressed very heavily and was rewarded a goal after much shooting, in which Major Michelmore surpassed himself as a goalkeeper.

After half-time Spr. Tait again took possession of the ball and almost broke the goal posts with his terrific shots and was rewarded by a goal. Very soon after, Sgt. Thompson, after much tricky playing, dropped the ball just behind the goal-keeper, thus scoring the fourth goal. So once again the Lancashire Signal Polo Team remains urbeaten.

Result:- Lancashire Signals, 4; Corps Hyrs. 1.

NORTHERN DIVISION COOKING COMPETITION.

In the above competition held on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 3rd Battery M.G.C added another leaf to their laurels, by taking the first prize in the first class. The marks gained were 79 out of a possible 90— the highest number of marks in any class. This achievement carried with it a cash prize of 120 mks., and the Commanding Officer, in congratulating Sergt. Cook Crosby and his Staff considerably augmented this.

16th BRIGADE R.H.A. — POINT TO POINT MEETING.

In connection with the above meeting at Weilerswist on Monday 21st. Inst., special trains will run as follows:

Cologne	12 noon	Zulpich	11.57
Kierberg	12.25	Dürnhofen	12.07
Liblar	12.40	Euskirchen	12.24
Weilerswist	12.56	Weilerswist ...	12.45

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TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

BY "METEOR".

Sunday, April 20th., 1919.

Surface Wind between North and N. E. 10 to 15 m.p.h. Misty in the early morning becoming fine later with improving visibility. Rather warm.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

Motor Cycle Racing.

Among the many despatch riders who form an important cog in the machinery of the Army of Occupation, there are, to my knowledge, several expert racers, including at least one T.T. winner. There are others, whose experience during the war has taught them pretty well all there is to know about fast "mo' biking" over difficult country. It is safe to assert that all who may be included in these two categories are as much at ease when tearing about on their trusty mounts as they would be in doing a journey on "Shanks' Pony"

If some enterprising sports promotors would introduce a little 20 or 30 mile spin for motors cyclists — provided, of course, that permission to use army machines for the purpose could be obtained — I am perfectly confident there would be numerous entries for the event and plenty of excitement provided for spectators. There need be no anxiety on anybody's part that the engines would suffer by reason of a short race of this kind. The effect would be the reverse, in fact. So keen would be the competitors on getting the best out of their machines that practically every Army bike would receive an overhauling more through than it has probably ever experienced before. If such an event were inaugurated, I would suggest two classes, one for "heavies" and one for light-weight machines, and I have in mind courses absolutely suited to each.

The Labour Corps Fixture.

Elaborate arrangements are being made by the Labour Corps for the forthcoming summer season. They propose to tackle the question of sports and athletics very seriously and already leagues of various kinds are in process of formation. In this connection, a programme of future events will shortly be available which, in due course, will find a place in this page.

Corpl. Fry's Misfortune.

It was extremely unfortunate that Corpl. Harold Fry, who has established himself a very warm favorite by reason of his pleasing vocal qualities, should have strained his voice in so dramatic a manner at the Apollo Theatre on Friday. I understand he was a little nervous about his voice for some time before the concert, in the programme of which he was announced to appear. He decided to tackle the performance and hope for the best, however. The unfortunate result was that after singing only a few bars of his opening song, his voice broke down completely and he was compelled to leave the platform after a delicate little apology. I join with his many friends in hoping that Corpl. Fry's set-back is purely temporary and that he will soon be delighting us once more with his undoubted vocal ability.

THE RAMBLER.

ALL RECORDS GONE.

"B." Bty. Champions Beaten by "C." Bty. 12th Bde.

This match was played on Wednesday at Neirfeld before a good crowd of spectators. The champions came with full hopes of a win but "C," winning the toss, played with the wind and soon took up the attack. They scored the first goal through Clark. This roused "B" and they went away in grand style.

Subsequently "C" went away with a fine run by their left wing and Mitchel finished up with a great shot that beat "B" Bty. goal-keeper, Fletcher rushing it through. "C" was still pressing when the whistle went for half time with the score: C. Battery 2, B. Battery 0.

In the second half the scote was in increased by Putter who added one more goal, thus making the final score 3—0 for "C".

K.O.Y.L.I. CROSS-COUNTRY RUN.

The second of three cross-country runs which are being conducted at Liblar in connection with the 5th K.O.Y.L.I omnibus sports tournament took place on Wednesday. The course extended over 2½ miles, and the winner's time was 12 Mins. 44 Secs. Sixty-six men finished the run within the next five minutes. The individual placings were:-

1st, Lt. Monks, "B" Coy; 2nd, Pte S. Hughes, "C" Coy; 3rd, Sgt. Charlton "C" Coy; 4th Lt. Taylor M. C., "C" Coy.

"C" Coy's team finished first, "B" second, and "A" third, gaining 12, 9 and 3 points respectively. The winning team — who were among the first 21 home — consisted of:- Lt. Taylor M.C., 2nd Lieut. J. Cummings, 2/Lt. H. E. Bunting, Sgt. Inst. Smith, Sgt. Charlton, Cpl Lyne and Ptes S. Hughes, H. Hughes, H. Buckley and Goldsborough.

HOCKEY AT LINDENTHAL.

2nd Royal Scots beat 6th Corps Headquarters.

A very interesting match took place on Good Friday at the Stadt Wald, Lindenthal, between the 2nd Bn. Royal Scots and the 6th Corps Headquarters.

The play, in the first few minutes, was rather against the 6th Corps, who were playing a three back game, the Royal Scots scoring 2 goals.

The 6th Corps then decided to play a two back game, which made matters more even.

After a very hard and fast game the Royal Scots won, the final score being: — 2nd Brigade Royal Scots, 4; 6th Corps Headquarters, 3.

HOCKEY RESULTS.

Following are the final scores in recent hockey matches: —

Marienburg Team	4
2nd Army College	2
9th Corps H. Q..	7
52nd Sherwood Foresters. .	0
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How we hope the shell will burst this Easter . . . .

LONDON'S OWN TROOPS:

PLANS FOR GREAT MARCH IN JUNE.

Arrangements are being made by a committee, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, for the march through the metropolis of London troops early in June. The march will probably take place on a Saturday, and the King has promised to review the men en route.

Both City and County men will be represented, and the parade will therefore consist of the Royal Fusiliers (both Regulars and New Army) and representatives of both City and County Territorials. It is suggested that the men, assembling in Hyde Park, should march eight abreast through the streets, passing in review before the King and also before the Mansion House. A number of bands will be included in the procession.

A certificate of thanks from the City or County of London will be presented to every man who has served overseas. A permanent memorial will be erected, in order that the heroism, gallantry, and efficiency of these citizen soldiers may be remembered for all time; and, if funds permit, a scheme for the future benefit of the men or their dependents may be added.

PROGRESS OF "THE LEAGUE."

On Thursday, Lord Robert Cecil explained how the League of Nations commission had published to the world a draft of the covenant, with the object of securing consideration and criticism of proposals in detail. He was now in a position to say that the results, on the whole, fully justified the course taken. The criticisms had been quite numerous and very encouraging. Those, he added, who had been friendly had become less unfriendly. He announced that the Labour Convention was to be part and parcel of the organisation of the League. The League of Nations was to be not merely a league of Allies. He had presided at two conferences representing fifteen neutral states, and nothing could have been more friendly than the attitude of representatives of all neutral powers. Since then, Spain had sent a definite statement that she was prepared to join the League as soon as she was permitted to do so. It was his hope that the covenant would contain a provision by which all those neutrals would be invited to join the League immediately after it had been signed.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Maidstone is to have a tank in consideration of its war bond efforts.

Sir Cyril Cobb is elected, for the fifth year, chairman of the L.C.C. Education Committee.

Mr. John Pius Boland is appointed Development Commissioner in place of Mr. M. A. Ennis, resigned.

Mr. W. O. Snelling, managing director, Messrs. Coleman and Co. (Wincarnis), has died, aged 61, at Norwich.

A French Senate committee, by a majority of 8 to 5, has pronounced against giving the vote to women.

The British Government has given £50,000 to assist Australia to test Papuan oil fields, and is sending experts.

Of 11 soldier sons of Mrs. McGill, Croydon, 9 have survived; 4 have been wounded, 1 enlisted at 15, and another was captured at Mons.

Bach's "Passion Music" will be sung by Southwark Cathedral Choir, accompanied by a full orchestra, on April 25, at 3 p.m.; the cathedral will be free.

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

The Easter Message and the People.

The German president's Easter message, the context of which appeared in this column on Thursday, has caused much comment amongst the various parties.

After referring to the message of Easter last year which was sent by the Kaiser, the *Volkspartei* remarks: "The hopes which were inspired in the hearts of all German patriots a year ago are now crushed. The new message may be the means of awakening fresh hopes, the hopes of a resurrection of the German people."

The *Kölnische Zeitung* and the *Kreuzzeitung* are not fully pacified by the message. They express the opinion that more energy and enthusiasm might have been shown with regard to the Government and the Peace conditions, whilst the latter paper in additions says that "Ebert ought to have answered with an emphatic 'never' to the threatening violation of the Sarre district. The Press of the Entente fails to recognize the depths of despair, in to which Germany has been thrust deeper and ever deeper against her will by the unexpected continuation of the hunger blockade after her disarmement and by the hard armistic conditons.

On the other hand the *Berliner Börsenkurier* says that "Ebert, supporting the demonstration of the National Assembly for a Peace of Right and Reconciliation, has clearly shown that Germany would not accept a Peace dictated by hat and vengeance."

In referring to that part of the Easter message dealing with the interior policy, the *Kölnische Zeitung* asserts that the revolution was not necessary for the organic development of a people's state, and further remarks: "We note with satisfaction that the Government will only comply in the future with justified economical demands of workers, employed and officials. Eberts last words 'open your eyes before the abyss' must above all, be addressed to the Cabinet and to Scheidemann. The future of the German people requires a politician, who will see that the socialist party is not representative of the German people, that the National Assembly is not a socialist Congress, and that the majority of the German peoples is still in the camp of the middle-class parties."

The teaching of history in schools.

The socialist parties have drawn out a plan for the teaching of history in schools, a plan which brings to the fore the social and cultural development, and leaves out the monarchic and dynastic history. Much protest, however, is being raised.

Ex-Kaiser's portraits and statues.

On the proposition of both socialist parties in the Berlin Town Council, the first Burgomaster Wermuth read a declaration, according to which all symbols of the late Government have to be removed from official buildings.

Trains on the Piccadilly Tube have been increased from 18 to 24 an hour between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., and the after-theatre service has been improved.

Ilford Council have passed a resolution asking the Home Office to bestow some official recognition upon five councillors who where chairmen during the war.

During the war Hampshire Automobile Club ambulances travelled 605,800 miles (more than 24 times round the world) in taking (211,400 soldiers to hospitals.

An Indian Soldiers Board, with Sir George Lowndes as president, has been established by the Government of India to help demobilised Indian soldiers and dependents of men on active service.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

OFFICERS' CLOTHING.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.— This is not a squeal — not a grouse — but merely the sad outpourings of a full heart. I write on behalf of many who perhaps remember Old Mother "Officers Clothing" in the dear (?) dead days beyond recall. There was Rouen — a nasty room up alongside the left bank of the Seine, miles away from nowhere into which we were admitted in batches, according to the idiosyncrasies of the Corporal; Pokey St Omer, where one sometimes managed to get attention; High and mighty Boulogne. which was always going to have "it" in stock next week; Calais, 'nuf said; Abbeville, in the old Theatre. before the second place opened, the best in my humble opinion; old Bethune, in early seventeen always well equipped — und so weiter. Good old days they were, when we came miles to get stuff "for personal use only", and made a day of it.

Well, Old Mother "Officers Clothing" has had a son, who is now growing up. He should be a fine healthy youth, full of vim and knowledge after all the experience his mother has had during the past few years. But — I say it with broken voice — the little fellow is degenerate. He was sent to live in Cologne last January, but whether it is the climate or the distance he is from his home, he is getting worse and worse. One of his unfortunate habits is the exhibiting of a long list of what is "Not in Stock". For how long now have we seen the dire words:-

"The following are Not in Stock"
Boots, ankle, officers — All sizes.
Boots, field, — All sizes.
Pyjamas.
Socks.
etc., etc., unto seventy times seven.

It would be simpler, I venture to suggest, if this list were removed, and the few articles — eight or nine, I think it is — that *are* in stock, exhibited in its place. This might be put on the street door *outside*, so that those who run can read, and then walk sadly away.

How is it that "Officers Clothing" in the new Rhine Army Centre has become a byword? Why should we be forced to trade with the enemy in socks, pyjamas, etc? They cannot be obtained elsewhere.

And yet we read in the papers from home that recently umteen thousand suits of pyjamas, made for the Army, were being sold to the public, as they were "no longer required" by the Military Authorities. Am here I am — well as a matter of fact, mine I have just got are black silk with purple edging, and — well, *Je vous l'invite.* —

15th. April, 1919. "FATHER OF FIVE".

FREE TRAVELLING FOR M.P.'s.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—"A.C.," in trying to point out that an M.P. receives less than £400 p.a., defeats his own argument, unless he considers that M.P.'s should do no work prior to the opening of Parliament and during the various recesses.

Your correspondent quotes the case of a Labour Member earning £180 p.a., who had to resign his situation on being elected.

Allowing for the reductions claimed by A. C., that M.P. would now receive about £350 p.a. apart from what the can earn when Parliament does not require his services. Surely your correspondent must admit that the additional income is sufficient to cover his expenses without inflicting hardship.

Of course the day is long past when the membership should be confined to wealthy men.

Does not A.C. know the present constitution of the House, is his memory so short that the has forgotten that when the Payment of Members Bill was passed, the chief argument of its supporters was "to enable the country to enjoy the use of its best men, irrespective of class or wealth?

The lunch fable is rather amusing when one considers that the House of Commons provides the best lunch in London for a modest 1/—, or is it 1/6 now?

VERB. SAP.

ART EXHIBITION.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.— May I take advantage of your columns to bring to notice an Art and Photographic Exhibition, which it is intended to organize as soon as the necessary sanction is forthcoming. The exhibition will be open to all ranks in the Tenth Corps. Drawings in black and white, watercolour, or oils may be exhibited in the Art Section and photographs of any kind, taken by exhibitors in the occupied area, in the Photographic Section. Prizes will be awarded.

It is hoped that there will be many exhibits. The least observant of us knows that the Rhine Army contains many cameras and their owners, and it is felt that there must be many artists among us. Details regarding the exhibition itself will be published in due course. Meantime, intending exhibitors are advised to set to work and turn out their very best pictures, ready for the contest. No drawings or photographs should be submitted until the publication of details regarding their exhibition.

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THE CRUMPS. The audition originally arranged for Friday 18th. is postponed until Saturday 19th. April, and will be held at the Deutsches Theatre, Bismarck-Str. at 14.00 hrs. Anyone who has not yet applied for an interview should do so without delay, in order to attend this audition, to Lt. J. W. Knight, c/o Divisional Canteen, 26, Mainzer-Strasse, Cologne.

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LOYAL AFRIDIS.

The Viceroy's report of the 19th April to the state of affairs in the Punjab, states that additional troops are arriving at Lahore and are being distributed throughout the province. Attempted outrages were suppressed at Delhi, where there were fifteen casualties, including one killed.

On the North-West frontier attempted demonstrations proved a fiasco; Peshawar shopkeepers refusing to close their shops.

No further disturbances have occurred at Bombay or Calcutta and the disposition of Sikh villagers appears good.

The Mohammedan trouble shows no signs at present of spreading Northward.

A split is developing on the North-West frontier between Mohammedans and Hindus. The latter are very nervous and the offer of the Afridis at Amritsar to support the Government has had a very depressing effect upon the agitators.—*Reuter.*

The Viceroy of India, in a telegram dated 20th April, reports all quiet at Lahore. A certain number of people are coming in in a repentant mood. The mob has attacked the railway station at Naroda. Aryan and Mohammedan emissaries are attempting to create trouble in neighbouring districts of the Punjab and it is reported that tension exists in the country between Ferezepore and Multan. Arrests are being made by mobile columns. All is quiet in the rest of India. *Reuter.*

SENTENCES ON EGYPTIAN TERRORISTS.

VITRIOL AS WEAPON.

Cairo, 16th April. Martial law prevails. Under its provisions an order decrees that vitriol throwers are liable to sentence of death, and unlawful possessors of vitriol to fifteen years penal servitude.

Terrorists have been throwing vitriol at loyal officials, one of whom has been totally blinded. Very few officials have resumed their duties.

Rioters arrested near Cairo have been tried by court-martial and sentenced to between three and fifteen years penal servitude. — *Reuter.*

Cairo, 17th April. The official communique states that the police of Cairo have verified four further cases of vitriol throwing but no further casualties of any kind have occurred. The four ringleaders in the disturbances at Suez have been arrested. The strike at Cairo and in some parts of the provinces continues, chiefly owing to the intimidation exercised by the political agitators. Elsewhere, as the result of the arrival of troops, schools have reopened and Government offices are working normally. *Reuter.*

APPREHENSION AT VIENNA

Vienna, via Copenhagen, 19.April. The atmosphere at Vienna is still electrical. Even the national guards, with the exception of very few regiments, are quite unreliable.

Proofs are forthcoming that the disturbances on 17th April were due to Hungarian Communist emissaries. Two of them were arrested and found to be in possession of big sums in gold and notes and a considerable amount of jewels.

Twenty of the demonstrators were killed in the disturbances but it is significant that the casualties among the police were much more numerous. — *Reuter.*

REPORTED ALLIANCE OF GERMANY AND RUSSIA.

The Warsaw correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*, in a telegram to that newspaper dated 17th April, asserts that a treaty was signed last week between Germany and the Russian Bolshevist Government, under which Germany agrees to reorganise the Russian railways, to which end it will send some thousands of military instructors to Russia.

On the other side Russia undertakes to send to Germany an agreed amount of provisions yearly. Russia also undertakes not to enter into negotiations with the Entente and further agrees to assist Germany during the next twenty years by force of arms, if need be.—*Reuter.*

HERTZOG IN ENGLAND.

OUT FOR SEPARATION.

General Hertzog and members of the Nationalist delegation from South Africa arrived at Plymouth yesterday and proceeded to London. They had traveled via New York, as they refused a passage on the warship Minerva after the crew of the Durham Castle had refused to sail with them.

General Hertzog declined to discuss plans and prospects but admitted that the Nationalist programme involved complete independence and separation from the British Crown.

Marshall Foch has been asked to draw up plans for measures to be taken in case Germany refuses to sign the preliminary peace.

NORTH RUSSIA RELIEF FORCE.

ARCHANGEL ENHEARTENED.

Official. The Russian troops under General Maynard successfully attacked Vojmosalmi at the South-Eastern end of Lake Vigosego on the 17th April. The occupation of this point gives the Allies complete control of the Lake Vigosego end of the main road to the White Sea from the South. — *Reuter.*

The advance guard of the Relief Force arrived at Murmansk on the 19th.— *Reuter.*

Within a few days, if the present rate of enlistment continues, the War office expects to be able to stop recruiting for the North Russian Relief Force. Nothing more significant or worthier of the finest national traditions has marked any stage of the war, and the news of the great rush to help has had a splendid effect upon the men at Archangel.

IS SEBASTOPOL EVACUATED?

Reuter learns that the situation with regard to the reported evacuation of Sebastopol is rather obscure. The claim of the Bolshevists to have entered the town is probably correct, but there is no confirmation as yet of the Allied evacuation.

SIEGE OF MUNICH.

Three thousand Würtemberg troops have arrived at Dachau. It is reported that the Government will not engage in a decisive battle until thirty thousand troops have surrounded Munich. This is likely to take some days longer.

At Bamberg the Communists are in occupation of the central railway station, the Royal residence and all barracks.— *Reuter.*

The Government troops will concentrate at Ingolstadt.

Near Dachau some 1,500 Red Guards attacked 300 troops and defeated them.

Rosenheim was made to furnish 85,000 marks to the Red Guards, who shot ten civilians held as hostages against the approach of Government troops.

The Communists at Munich have liberated and armed the Russian prisoners of war at Puckheim camp. A Russian guard is now patrolling Munich railway station.— *Reuter.*

LOOTING AT HAMBURG.

At Hamburg gangs of looters have come into collision with the police. One policeman and six looters were wounded and two looters killed. Numerous arrests have been made.—*Reuter.*

SAXONY SOVIET FEARED.

Owing to the open struggle which has begun between the powerful Workers Council at Leipzig, there is some probability of a general strike at Leipzig, to be extended if possible to the whole of Saxony in order to force the Government to retire.

A report is current that the proclamation of a Soviet republic in Saxony is imminent.

BELGIAN SOCIALIST CONGRESS.

Brussels. During one of the sittings of the Socialist Congress a delegate protested against the idea of maintaining a Belgian force on the Rhine for fifteen years and said "If the Allies think that the left bank must be occupied in order to obtain payment of indemnities, let them mount guard themselves and not place the responsibility on the shoulders of a little anti-militarist country like Belgium." (loud cheers).

Another delegate complained of compulsory saluting of the Colours. The chairman retorted: "It was under the Belgian Flag that the Country was delivered from the Boche."

"Don't say 'Boche' say 'Germans' said a member.

This remark caused a general uproar, followed by loud cries of "Vive La Belgique" and the singing of the "Internationale." It was ten minutes before order was restored.

Finally the Congress adopted a resolution in favour of the general amnesty and urging the Government to take immediate steps to repatriate wounded soldiers and secure for them the moral and material satisfaction which they demand.— *Reuter.*

ENGLAND'S GREAT MISSION.

Sir Robert Horne, Minister for Labour, speaking at the annual dinner of the National Union of Journalists on Thursday said that the eyes of the Peace Delegates had turned towards England after the terrible events which had stricken Germany, Austria and Poland in their industrial struggle, but Great Britain would win through and would still be able to bear the burden which has been placed upon her of saving civilisation from Bolshevism.

WEST AUSTRALIAN PREMIER RESIGNS.

Perth, (Western Australia.) — Mr. Lefroy, Premier of Western Australia, has resigned. A new cabinet is being formed by Mr. Colebatch, Colonial Secretary. *Reuter.*

NUMBER OF ENEMY U BOATS SUNK

SUICIDE OF CREWS.

Washington. Admiral Sims, who returned to New York last week, asserts that examination by divers has revealed the fact that many crews of the enemy submarines destroyed by the Allies had either killed each other or committed suicide after the U boat went down.

German tallies discovered after the surrender of the Fleet showed that two hundred and five U boats were sunk by the Allies during the war.— *Reuter.*

KINMEL CAMP RIOTS.

MUTINY OR SECTION 40.

At the resumed court-martial which is trying Canadian soldiers alleged to have been concerned in the riots at Kinmel Camp, Pte. John Patrick Brennan was charged with joining the mutiny, or alternatively, with conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in that he was a member of the disorderly crowd of soldiers who damaged the canteens. Accused pleaded not guilty to both charges.

The provost sergeant stated in evidence that the accused was a member of the crowd which took beer from the canteens and pulled down the counter. He was further alleged to have led a number of men into the sergeants mess of No. 6 camp. and taken beer therefrom.

In cross-examination the provost sergeant stated that when the authorities learnt of the contemplated raid he and four men were sent to protect the canteen from the rioters, who were unarmed. The defending forces helped the girls in the canteen to protect the money and themselves.

Accused asserted that until the following morning he had no knowledge of the canteen raid.

After arriving at a decision in this case the Court heard evidence as to accused's service and then adjourned to consider sentence. This will be promulgated.

The next case taken was that of Pte. Ingalls, 12th Reserve battallion, who was charged with endeavouring to persuade Pte. Salesky to join the mutiny.

Pte Smith deposed to receiving a note from accused for Salesky, who read the contents and burnt the letter.

The defending officer urged that in the absence of the note the charge must fail.

After private consideration of the point, the Court acquitted the accused, who was released

BY PERMISSION OF THE STRIKE COMMITTEE.

At Limerick the strike situation remains unchanged. The Strike Committee has assumed all but plenary powers. It issues permits for workmen in exceptional cases and it has drawn up a maximum retail and wholesale list of food prices Local newspapers were allowed to be published yesterday only on condition that they bore the words "By permission of the Limerick Strike Committee."

The production of the new play "The Dawn Mist," dealing with the story of the Irish rebellion, which had been arranged for production at Cork on Easter Sunday, was proclaimed by the military authorities.

Armen raiders rushed the police barracks at Aroglen, County Cork, yesterday, and carried away a few rifles and some ammunition The only occupant of the barracks was an orderly, who was overpowered and thrown into the lock-up. The other constables were attending church.

A National Strike is threatened, starting from to-day, if the military control in the Limerick area is not cancelled. Many Labourites believe however, that such an attempt to paralyse the entire trade of the country will fail. The military authorities have not yet interfered with the Limerick strike commitee regulations affecting business. Be-ribboned pickets strictly control the shopkeepers and street hawkers, and even carthorses bear permits dangling from their collars.

DUBLIN RESTAURANT LOCK-OUT.

Dublin hotel restaurant proprietors closed their establishments on Saturday, thus enforcing their threat to lock out their employes owing to the impossibility of arriving at an agreement in the dispute regarding wages and conditions of employment.

Guests were obliged to leave the hotels and fend for themselves. Even the pageboys are locked out. It is very difficult for the hundreds of visitors to Dublin to find hotel accommodation.

OCEAN LINER LOST.

The Royal Mail steamer "Tyne" went ashore on the rocks of Langland Bay near Swansea, after colliding with and sinking a French schooner, the crew of which were rescued. A dense fog prevailed at the time. Although at first it was thought that the steamer could be re-floated, she has since broken her back.

TRAWLER SUNK BY MINE.

The Filey steam drifter Emulator struck a mine in the North Sea and was blown up. No traces of the crew of seven have been found.

At a fire which occurred at a shale mine at Broxburn, Linlithgowshire, three of the rescue party were suffocated.

The Lyceum Club, Picadilly, the well-known Club for women, has been bought by the trustees of the Royal Air Force Club.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* says that nurses who have served in France and other theatres of war are wondering whether they are to be given the general service medal.

BOLSHEVIST DEGRADATION IN EXCELSIS.

BLASPHEMIES AND ATROCITIES.

What Bolshevism pretends to be and what it really is are wider apart than the Poles. Reuter's correspondent at Ekaterinodar, writing of Bolshevist horrors perpetrated in the Caucasus, states some of the blasphemous extremes by which the Bolshevists have sought to destroy religion by bringing it into contempt.

In a church in the North Caucasus, they conducted with all ceremonial a mock marriage between an aged priest and a mare, the choir of the church being forced under pain of death to sing psalms and canticles.

Among the official publications of the Moscow Soviet is a versified parody of the church funeral service, supposed to be performed over the body of a dog. Another pamphlet was issued depicting the supposed orgies of priests.

During the existence of the Bolshevist "Black Sea Kuban Federal Republic" a collector was appointed to requisition girls between the ages of 16 and 25, for the use of the first revolutionary Soviet regiment. One unhappy girl, on whom a few cartridges were found when she was searched in a railway train near Armavir, was stripped naked and her hands and feet were cut off.

BIGAMIST'S COMPLETE DISGUISE.

A strange story of a bigamous marriage was told at Sheffield on Saturday when Stanley Marshall Neville was charged with bigamously marrying Sophia Eliza Redford, his own wife being alive. Redford was charged with aiding and abetting him.

Although the parties had known each other for years, Neville so disguised himself that when he went to ask Redford senior for his daughter's hand, none of the family knew him. He had shaved off his moustache, dyed his hair, discarded his glasses and cultivated a limping gait.

EAST END RIOTERS SENTENCED.

Four Arab seamen were charged at Thames police court on Saturday morning in connection with the riot at Cable-street, London. They received various sentences, among the indictments being assault, wounding, and discharging revolvers to the common danger. The fracas started in a restaurant through the attentions paid to the white waitresses by coloured seamen.

One witness, Gnr. James Maxwell, said he was struck on the shoulder with a chopper by one of the accused, whereupon, continued the witness, "I hit him and put him away in the corner. Then I found another man with a revolver and I had a rough and tumble with him."

DOUGLAS-PENNANT INQUIRY.

The group of Members of Parliament who have been pressing for an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the dismissal of the Hon Violet Douglas-Pennant from the command of the Women's Section of the Royal Air Force has decided not to raise the question on the motion for the adjournment of the House as was at first intended.

It is understood that Mr. Winston Churchill is now prepared to accede to the demand for an inquiry.

NO MORE REMOUNTS FOR SALE

The Director of remounts at the War Office has issued orders for the suspension of sales of army horses and mules after the 25th of April. It is estimated that in England ninety thousand animals will have been disposed of by that date, representing a cost of three million pounds.

These sales have exceeded the highest expectations prices having steadily climbed to an average of forty-five pounds per head.

NO MORE SLIP-MEN.

The appointments department of the Ministry of Labour has notified employers that demobilization has now reached a stage at which no good pursose can be served by applying to that department for release of officers. No release slips are necessary in future. Employers having vacancies for officers or professional and business men are urged to communicate direct with them.

AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENTS.

Part of the Government scheme for settling ex-service men on the land is to form settlements or colonies administered directly by the Board of Agriculture.

Between 12,000 and 13,000 acres have already been acquired, and it is estimated that over four hundred and fifty men will ultimately settle on these lands.

GERMAN EX-CONSUL DENATURALISED.

Adolf Ahlers, the ex-German Consul of Sunderland, has been denaturalised. At Durham, in December, 1914, Ahlers was sentenced to death for treason but the conviction was quashed on appeal.

SUBALTERNS REQUIRED.

According to an Army Council instruction a limited number of officers is required for the West-African Force as subalterns.

Candidates must be either Regulars, Special Reserve, or Reserve of Officers, over 22 years of age and unmarried.

The Holborn Empire Music hall was burgled on Sunday and the safe containing notes and cash carried off by the thieves.

FLYING THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

MAJOR WOOD'S BAD START.

Major Wood, the only competitor who is flying Westward, left Eastchurch at 3.15 on Friday afternoon en route for Limerick and simply disappeared. Nothing had been seen or heard of him on Saturday morning but eventualy news came through that he had been forced to descend in the Irish Channel.

He telegraphed from Holyhead that he had dropped into the sea some twelve miles from the Welsh coast but that he and Wylie, his observer, were safe, the machine undamaged, and that he was still a competitor for the Atlantic flight and hoped to start early in May.

The observer, describing the flight which terminated so inauspiciously, says it was made against the wind and many patches of fog were encountered. The engine broke down without warning just before seven o'clock in the evening, and a descent was inevitable. When the machine lay on the water, they both sat on the huge petrol tank and smoked cigarettes during the wait which preceded the arrival of two rowboats from the shore. The aviators returned in a motor boat, which also took the aeroplane in tow, but the attempt was a failure and had to be abandoned. It was lashed alongside the destroyed Paisley until morning, when it was towed into Holyhead.

Weather conditions in the Atlantic warrant the hope that Hawker and Raynham will be able to start to-day.

PROCESSION OF OVERSEAS TROOPS.

The date of the march of overseas troops through London has been provisionally fixed for 3rd May.

His Majesty the King and other members of the Royal Family will stand in the forecourt of Buckingham Palace to inspect the troops and take the salute as they pass through the forecourt.

The military authorities overseas are experencing some little difficulty in arranging adequate representation without delaying the repatriation of men due for demobilization.

ATLANTIC AIRSHIP READY.

The monster airship R 33, which a few weeks ago was sent on its very successful first trial, will be completely ready next week for an Atlantic voyage.

Many more petrol tanks have been added, bringing the number up to eighty-seven.

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DETERMINED SUICIDE.

Mr. Sydney Albert Phillips aged 32, younger son of Mr. Phillip Phillins, head of the great tobacco firm of Godfrey Phillips, has committed suicide in a most determined manner. The artery of his wrist had been severed and a bullet from a revolver had penetrated the heart.

Beside the body was a newspaper cutting, recording the remarks recently made by a London Coroner on "doctors' right to kill."

Deceased was a consumptive.

RUSSIAN NOBLES RESCUED.

Constantinople. The Dowager Empress of Russia, the Grand Duke Michael and other members of the Imperial family have arrived at Prinkipo from Yalta aboard the British warship Marlboro. The Dowager Empress is shortly proceeding to England en route for Copenhagen. A large number of British and other Allied subjects, together with many Russians have been taken from Yalta in British vessels. — *Reuter.*

NATIONALISATION OF MINES.

The Miners Conference at Southport having accepted the Government offer of terms as suggested in Mr. Justice Sankey's interim report, the Commission of Inquiry, of which Mr. Justice Sankey is chairman, will now proceed to consider and report on the principle of Nationalisation. It will resume its labours on Tuesday next.

OVER THE ANDES BY PLANE.

Santiago. 16th April. Lieutenant Cortinez Avinton, who crossed the Andes last week from Santiago and landed at Mendoza, has recrossed the mountains and returned to Santiago.

The journey occupied two hours and Cortinez reached a height of over twenty thousand feet. — *Reuter.*

EXPERIMENTAL CEMETERIES.

The Imperial War Graves Commission has decided that members of the public who have objected to the proposal of the Commission shall be asked to suspend judgment until the construction of three experimental cemeteries is completed a few months hence.

ACCIDENT TO THE DUKE OF BEAUFORT.

While the Duke of Beaufort was driving at Badminton, Gloucestershire (his country seat) yesterday the horse became restive and the vehicle was overturned. The Duke was pinned underneath and sustained severe injuries.

INFLUENZA IN AUSTRALIA.

Melbourne, 15th April. Owing to the increasing severity of the influenza epidemic in Australia all New Zealand ports are closed to shipping from Australia. — *Reuter.*

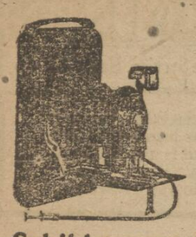

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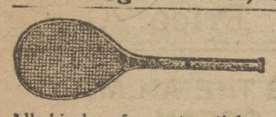

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MEMORIALS OF WAR.

The world war of the last four and a half years has brought sorrow into every parish of Great Britain. Few families can claim that during these years they have never walked in the dark valley of mourning. And it has been a war not of puny aims but of ideals, a war in which our all was at stake. It is natural, therefore, that the men and women of our country should be turning their thoughts to memorials of our fallen campaigners.

The matter is of more than passing importance, for not only will a very considerable amount of money be raised, and therefore bring with it a serious responsibility in its use, but there is here the opportunity of affecting advantageously the physical, economic, and spiritual welfare of our nation. We are all agreed that it is good to remember sailors and soldiers who have fought and died for their country's cause; we are all agreed that the remembrance should be planned on a worthy scale. But inevitably there will be disagreement regarding the particular forms which memorials ought to take. Even already there is a wide diversity of proposed schemes, and each of these has its zealous supporters. We have no fear that the nation will be backward in offering such sums of money as could provide throughout the length and breadth of Great Britain memorials that would please the eye, refresh the memory, and inspire the souls of our countrymen; but we confess to some fear as to whether such desirable ambitions will be achieved.

Some general considerations may be laid down. Memorials may roughly be divided into two classes—national and local. There should be no fear of the appropriateness or the worthiness of national memorials. The form and design of these are in the hands of men who are leaders of public affairs and opinion, men who should not easily be led astray by passing whims of fashion or strident clamour of fanatics. We would speak rather of local memorials. It is not for one moment to be assumed that uniformity of memorial is desirable or even possible. The needs of one district are not the needs even of its nearest neighbour. But whatever form of remembrance is adopted it should certainly be one for all time. Memorials ought not to be planned to satisfy ephemeral wants; for there is something eternal in the true memorial. For example, there was a time when the artistic or in inartistic taste of the people demanded in every town the erection of statues. Now most statues are a concession to advertissement and egotism, and there must be few that have escaped the laughter of the gods. Again, many a fine church, even some cathedrals, have had their walls ddfaced by tablets which tell us in approved pulpit style of amazing talents and wondrous virtues possessed by quite ordinary men.

If it is not good to speak evil of the dead it is at least wise not to exaggerate their saintliness. True heroism is not well served by conspicuous sculpture or holy grandiloquence. It should be borne in mind that four and a half years of war have taught us that it is not impossible to fritter away considerable sums of money. The plain duty of responsible public leaders is to give some guidance to local committees, to stimulate them with worthy and fruitful ideas, to furnish them with sound practical advice, and with tactfulness to suggest that there may well be a grouping of smaller districts so that one satisfying memorial may be erected where several small tributes were contemplated.

We would especially select one view of memorials, and respectfully ask for sympathic consideration. War's chief legacy has been sorrow, suffering, and infirmity. The fittest memorials, in our opinion, will be those which will most help in the relief of that baleful legacy. What better monuments could a grateful nation erect than institutes where maimed warriors shall be cared for, where unnerved men shall have succour and be strengthered to resume their daily tasks, where the children of the dead shall be educated and fitted for their life-work? It ought to be possible in the foundation of such institutes to have regard for the aesthetic side of live and to have artistic representation of heroism that passes understanding. We are anxious that it shall never be said of England that she forget her sailors and soldiers when her need of them had passed. War memorials may bring delight to the artistic and complacence to the generous; but they will fail of their high aims, if they do not succour the victims of war. Surely that is their true motive.

ARMY EDUCATION.

The Young Guard coming out here for a greater or less period of settled duty, uninterrupted by the alarums of actual warfare, has an opportunity of "bettering" himself such as has been rarely offered to any large body of British youth before. Be he officer or other rank he will be difficult to please if, outside his purely military duties, he cannot find some study to interest and to benefit him in the comprehensive schemes developing under the Army Education plan.

Already we have the Science College at Bonn where any soldier who anticipates taking up agricultural work for his post-army career may lay a useful foundation in the science of agriculture and the allied sciences. The work of this college was described in a specially contributed article which appeared in *The Cologne Post* on April 1st.

Should he seek his future in commercial or academic paths, the Second Army College with its home at the Handels Realschule, Hansa Ring, Cologne, offers him a wide scope in his choice of subject. We hope at an early date to have a special article dealing with the excellent aims and possibilities of this branch of the great co-ordinated scheme of Army Education.

Now we hear on good authority that a further development is about to appear, namely, an Army Technical College with its home in a large specially re-equipped factory at Siegburg.

It is too early yet to give details of this newer venture, but they are being worked out and the result promises to be a real technical College which, if properly used by the students, should prove of inestimable benefit to the individual and the nation. The Army work, too, is bound to benefit, for only from the disciplined mind can the best discipline of actions emanate.

Broadly there will be three departments. First a department where the apprentice or "improver" can carry on, so that when he gets back to his own civilian job he will actually know more about it than when he left it, instead of having to begin all over again because his knowledge has rusted. With ability and desire to improve there is no limit, except one of time, to the scope afforded here.

Secondly there will probably be an Arts and Crafts branch, where officers and men with artistic aptitudes may develop that side of their work, obviously to their ultimate benefit when they again become civilians.

The third chief division is to be the collegiate side, where the practically-minded man with a decent education may tread a path which should ultimateely lead him to a degree in, say Engineering, or cognate subjects. The majority of manufacturers have, we fear, hitherto looked with suspicion, at least, upon the "college" man in the factory. But will this be so in the future? We venture to believe, and hope, not. One thing the war has told us, whether it has *taught* us remains to be seen, is that industry without science is as a rudderless ship. It may blunder on to a good shore, it will probably capsize on the rocks of scientifically organized competition. In any case the venture is speculative; much labour may be spent for little or no result. If the labour is to be expended with any certainty of good result, our industry — as our ship — must be scientifically directed. And the only sure guide is that our workers shall know not only what to do, but why they do it and how to do it most efficiently. It is on these lines that the new college is to be directed.

We understand that all ranks wishing to benefit by attendance at the College will have to produce some evidence that their previous experience will justify their acceptance on any course they ask to take. It would be well to have this evidence immediately available the moment the college begins to function.

These notes would hardly be complete if we failed to point out the multiple benefit accruing to the Young Guards by following a definite, well-organized course of study. Many of us who expect shortly to return to our multifarious occupations in civil life, find that we are not in a position to go straight away and resume our duties just where we left off in 1914. Four

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GERMAN SPORT.

The word "sport" comes from the old English word "disport," which means to amuse, to divert, to enjoy oneself and there is an idea of merriment and jest in it, which we must keep in mind if we want to limit the dominion of sport in Germany.

In the beginning we may say that this dominion must first be discovered by us, because Germany was never a sporting nation; it was a studying, a militarist country, but never a sporting one! To play at nine pins in a stuffy hall with great quantities of beer at hand, to fence as the German students used to do it, with the only object of wounding the adversary in the face, that cannot be called sport. The total absence of real sport in Germany until a few years before the war can only be explained by their mode of education which is quite different from ours.

English educationalists generally attached the greatest importance to the education of the body. In addition they always thought that children have a will, which must be trained and developed. Words beginning with the small word "self" like self-command, self-confidence, self-consciousness, self-control, self-possession, self-will, are real British words, and the qualities they represent are characteristic of an education Goethe praised in his conversations with Eckermann.

In showing the predominence of bodily training and education in English education we are reminded of the old English saying, quoted by Robert Hessen in his excellent book on Sport, "every fool can do the instructional part, but it takes a very clever man to manage the sports." This saying fills every German with horror, but the system did not deter us from having great inventors and great poets.

The old German educationalist, starting from an entirely different principle, wanted only to make his pupils sponges for the taking-up of knowledge, without wills of their own and without initiative. The School became a preparation to the barracks and to military discipline.

The war has shown clearly the differences in results. The British Army contained an inestimable capital of stubborness. The German army was a machine, splendidly organised, but which ceased to work as the works were rendered imperfect.

The Germans, however, soon realised the dangers of the lack of physical culture. About one hundred years ago, Jahn, a man whom the Germans named the father of gymnastics, introduced gymnastics in the schools preaching gymnastics throughout the country, creating even for bodily exercise the word "turnen" from "turnier," tournament, which he thought a pure German word. But at this time Prussia was under French occupation, and Jahn's principle aim was to make the young men able to carry arms in order to liberate their country. He was very soon arrested as a demagogue and put under police supervision for many years. The schools continued to have gymnastics in their curricula but very often it became only a preparation to the goose step.

At the end of the late century the example of Great Britain began to be imitated in Germany. The various gymnastic clubs and associations understood more and more the difference between sport and drill, and did their best to develop the first to the disadvantage of the second. Football, rowing hockey even, were cultivated. Lawn tennis especially had a great success and a man like Froitzheim, who had certainly the opportunity to keep fit during his internment in England and his stay in Holland, is now unknown to us.

Now that Germany wants to be a democratic country, now that militarism has been crushed for ever, the young Germans must find something to take the place of the physical exercise their fathers had to have as soldiers without the great drawbacks of drill.

A very important question, the closing hours of the offices will have to be settled.

Robert Hessen in the book previously mentioned shows in a pleasant way the German pre-war business-manager coming at 4 p.m. to his office after a big lunch, only able to smoke a big cigar and to have a look at the papers. Only when it was already late in the day, when his clerks should have been at the recreation field playing football or cricket, did he begin to dictate the heaps of correspondence.

It has been said against sport that there is danger in it, and that it calls many victims. But this danger is only promoting the feeling of self-existence, a sensation more splendid than all the excitement caused by the reading of exciting novels or the brooding in smoky cafés.

The Cologne population was very much shocked when first we came here to see the soldiers jumping in and out of tram cars whilst in full motion. Such a thing was hitherto considered a great crime and offenders were punished with a penalty of 60 Marks. We see it only an innocent result of our sporting spirit.

We heard last week a German expert on sport saying: "If we had been a sporting nation, we should not have lost the war." We have another opinion about the possible results of war, but we will say that had Germany been a sporting nation, there would probably not have been any war, because militarism would not have existed.

The Germans before the war laughed very often at the lazy English who, instead of working, took every opportunity to go to the sport-field. It may be that the German worked more. It has even been said by a French ambassador at Rome that this was just the reason why they were so much hated in the world.

Religious people say they should have prayed more. We may add they should have done more sports. And now that Bolshevism is spreading in Germany, food is recommended as remedy — yes, food — and sport. Sport not for a national aim, but sport for the sake of learning how to "play the game."

After a clean and sane peace, Germany must try to get by means of sport a sane mind in a sane body — *mens sana in corpore sano!*

H.O.

and a half years of war with little opportunity, and less time, to keep in touch with our various civilian pursuits, have left us exceedingly rusty. In pre-war times it was difficult enough to keep in touch, the hiatus has left us entirely out of it and we have to go back with a much greater loss than that merely conveyed by a break of four and a half years. Further, with more time to spare, the newer comers may be attracted to less desirable pursuits, the easy one of doing nothing being the most dangerous and insidious, and the one from which the most difficulty will be found in recovering. *Facilis est decensus averni, sed revocare unum gradum* . . . . is just as true to-day as when Virgil wrote, and the hell to which one may easily descend by present idleness is one from which there will be a huge difficulty and competition to escape when all return home.

EXTRACTS FROM THE LETTERS OF A PRODIGAL SON.

ON MARRIAGE.

BY "HUSKY."

To every man upon this earth love cometh soon or late, and one of the salient defects of civilization is that marriage is allowed to butt in and spoil the whole delightful thing. Hence, real love without marriage is an awful thing. Marriage without real love is a tragedy. Marriage with true love on both sides is a beautiful culmination which places the lives of the participants in a conservatory of rose-coloured glass.

I once had a friend who soldiered with me in India before the flood, — no, — I mean before the Great War. He entered my bungalow one monsoon afternoon and handed me an Anglo-Indian newspaper, pointing out the matrimonial advertisement which read as follows:—"Beautiful Eurasian Lady, at present a widow of undeniable charm of no family and a handsome income, desires correspondence with a military gentleman with blue eyes. Write Box 13, Bombay Messenger."

"What do you think of that?" asked my chum as I read the peculiar paragraph. I replied that I didn't think much about it at all, but that I would like to hear his views on the subject. My comrade then informed me that, his eyes being blue, he thought the advertisement had been inserted for his special benefit. In any case, he was going to write to the lady to see what would happen. Well, as one of the drill-books of life hath it, "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread," my friend Spokey was soon involved in an ardent correspondence with the mysterious advertiser.

The lady resided in Bombay and our regiment was then stationed about a thousand miles up country, on the Punjaub plains, not far from Lahore.

I don't know how such things happen, perhaps the book of Fate may explain such coincidence, but the fact remains that during the following cold season our battalion was ordered to Bombay.

We had been stationed in that beautiful city for a few weeks when Spokey came to me one evening and asked me if I would come with him the following day to attend his wedding. I had not thought any more about the advertisement and was painfully surprised to learn that his bride-to-be was the "beautiful Eurasion of no family etc." However, it was my friend's affair, and none of my business to ask questions, so I agreed to be "best man" for him on the next day.

I shall never forget that Eurasian lady. Even as a bride she looked torridly sunburnt, to say the least. Anyhow, Spokey and the smoke-faced widow were duly married, and having carried out my duties as best man in a smart and soldier like manner, I left the bicolo red pair at the church door. My wedding present to Spokey was a tin of "Blanco".

Now, such a marriage as that was doomed to failure from the start. The handsome income mentioned in the advertisement was but a Government pension which the lady had drawn as widow of a deceased Post-Office official, and the pension ceased on her re-marriage.

Shortly afterwards Spokey was missing from the battalion, and I afterwards heard that he had "sneaked" a passage to the Phillipines on an American Transport from Sassoon Dock.

I do not know what happened to Mrs. Spokey but it was rumoured that she was the writer of that pathetic ballad entitled "Won't you come back to Bom- bom- bay!"

Surely it is not too much to affirm that fully half of the world's misery could be avoided if partners in the sacred compact of marriage were more careful in their selection of one another.

So, I would say to the young man of to-day, to morrow, and next week, "Look well around the matrimonial market before you pick your goods. It is not always the fairest fruit that is the sweetest or soundest. Judge well, lest you be diddied." Let not the giggles of flighty flapperosities disturb your equanimity, but coolly and diligently search for that pearl of great price. The girl for whom you are sure you have enough love to make her a life-long chum

NEW LIFE-JACKETS.

As it has been found that, in an emergency, some people put on a life-jacket the wrong way, thus, in many cases, destroying its efficiency, the Board of Trade have now ordered that, before it can be approved, a life-jacket must satisfy the required conditions, even if it is put on the wearer back to front, or upside down. Up to the present five types of life-jacket have been devised which comply with the conditions.

Another new regulation states that samples of the cotton material used for the covers of life-jackets must be submitted to the Board of Trade by manufacturers of the jackets before the orders are executed. Samples will be tested for weight of material, threads per inch, strength, and purity.

THE FACT IS!

With Apologies to Mr. George Robey and his well known song.

I'm considered a wonderfull Airman,
Of my fame the whole Flying Corps's heard;
I take a "grid" out
And throw it about,
Then bring it down just like a bird!
My landings they tell my are splendid,
Well, "Posh," I believe, is the term;
To see me alight.
Is a wonderfull sight!
There is nothing lef. now I can learn.

My landing this morning was perfect!
Well, just to be modest, say, good.
Well, p'r'aps hardly good—s'pose I did bounce a bit
Still my effort the fourth time was really quite "it".
They tell me I stalled her a little,
My man thought the cross-wires were smashed,
Still the damage was slight,
The tailstid's alright,
Well, the fact is—I crashed!

They call me a Daring Ace Pilot!
My shooting is deadly they say,
Whenever I'm out,
The Huns turn about
And dive for their, dromes straight away.
I was "t otling" round at ten thousand,
And the sky was just black with the Huns
I dived at them straight,
They turned, but too late:
I opened with all my ten guns!

May I say that I shot down ten Fokkers?
Well, p'r'aps hardly ten, but, say—two;
Well, p'r'aps hardly two, but certainly one
He was out of control and the poor beggar spun,
Well, when I say spun, p'r'aps he half-rolled,
Maybe he did fire the odd round.
Perhaps I lost height,
Still I'm alright
Well, the fact is—I was shot down!

R.N.H.

OPERA HOUSE AND THEATRE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	DRAMA
Tuesday	6	Cavalleria Rusticana Bajazzo	Die Jüdin von Toledo
Wednesday	6	Tales of Hoffmann	Flachsmann als Erzieher
Thursday	6	Fidelio	Seeschlacht
Friday	6	Orpheus and Eurydice	Der Bibliothekar
Saturday	6	Barbier von Sevilla	Faust
Sunday	6	Zigeunerbaron	afternoon: Elga evening: Kronbraut
Monday	6½	Rheingold	Kaiser Pauls Tod
Tuesday	4	Die Walküre	Fiesco

THE FIRST "JAZZERS" IN GERMANY.

DISTINCTION CLAIMED BY SEVERAL UNITS.

A little while ago, we published a report of a concert given by a party who claimed to be the producers of the first Jazz Band in Germany. Since then, many letters have arrived at this office disputing that claim. So large has been the number of letters, in fact, that there is every indication that Jazz bands are as common in Germany as showers in April.

A New Zealander sends us particulars of a band that made its *debut* a few weeks ago. From the caste, and the instruments his members played, however, it would seem that the result must have been more boisterous than harmonious. Here is his letter:-

I noticed in your valuable paper a day or two ago that a certain unit claimed the distinction of organising the first "Jazz" band in occupied German territory.

I wish to state that that unit is a little behind the times, as a performance was given by a party of New Zealand "Diggers" a few weeks ago in Mülheim, listened to by a large number of British soldiers.

For the information of your readers I will give you the caste of characters:- "Wine & beer" glasses, Sergt. Wilson; "tin bucket," Pte Kennedy; "haircomb & paper," Cpl. Carseldine "gramaphone," S. M. Richardson; "side drums," Sgt. Wilding; "mouth organ" Cpl. Day; "tin whistle," Sgt. Parker; "18-pdr. shell case," Sgt. Hall; "triangle," Sgt. Doyle; "trumpet," Sgt. Goddard; "violin," Sgt. Munro; "Piano," Sgt. Pound; "bully beef & machonochie tins," Sgt. Chadwick; "cash tray & water bottle," W. O. Green; Conductor, Sgt. Driver.

GEORGE FORMBY THE SECOND.

SPORTS AND AMUSEMENTS OF THE 5th K.O.Y.L.I.

We read with a benign smile, of the possession by the Cheshires of a real working cinematograph machine. But, sad is their fall from their exalted position of starry heights, We, for some considerable time, have had a cinema, which has flickered the life and adventures of famous heroes of romance, before our admiring eyes. "Charlie" waddles across the screen holding the stirup cup of the "Prisoner of Zenda", who chases the forlorn heroine in his 2,000 h.p. Rolls-Ford Biplane.

But that is not all. Our Concert Party trills and bellows in the most approved style. You see we have a genius as organiser. Our genial Quartermaster, Captain H. Barker M.C., strolls through the Battalion seeking whom he may devour. Talent, of any kind, he readily seizes, and in consequence, the amusements of the Battalion are on an extraordinary high level.

On Tuesday night, the Concert Party, performing before a crowded house, presented a show the like of which it would be hard to equal. In Captain "George" England they have a comedian of considerable worth He "murders" people, with the able manner of the highly coloured individuals who are "On the Staff."

Then, too, we have a very popular comedian of the music-halls camouflaged in the Battalion as Lewis Gun Sergeant. He calls himself Sgt. Ward, but we all recognise George Formby!

At least if he really is Sgt. Ward, then George Formby must be dead and his wonderful talent reincarnated in our Sergeant. This melancholy face, his sad and mournful tones, are characteristic. The Concert Party's pianist, Pte. Wolfenden, is clever, both in his accompanying, and in his musical sketches.

The other fields of amusement and recreation, football (soccer and rugby) badminton, tennis, bowls, etc. all are catered for. — E.D.

ITEMS FROM COLOGNE "Y.M."

Mr. E.W. Hornung, the Author of "Raffles" and many other popular novels, will give the first of a series of "Armenair Talks" on short stories and the writers of them in the "Lorely Hall" of the Y.M.C.A."Central," Friesenstrasse 44, on Friday 25th April.

Mr. Arnold F. Jones has arrived from England to join the staff of the Y.M.C.A. Central and to organise its musical activities. He is to deliver lectures of Music and is aready arranging private lessons in pianoforte, violin, etc. for soldiers. On Tuesday, 22nd April, he will commence a series of Talks on "The Language of Music."

The following were the prise winners in the second Music and Recitation Competition at the Y.M.C.A. Central on 17th April.

Pianoforte 1 Pte. Palmer (R.H.A.C.); 2 Bandsman Bushfield; 3 Sgt. Locke R.A.S.C.

Violin:—Pte. Luptom R.A.S.C., Remounts; 2 Pte. Brough 16 West Yorks. Recitation:—1. Gunner King, London Div. R.F.A.; 2. Corp. Meredith 3rd. Field Bakery.

THE "SPORTSMAN."

There's a certain type of "sportsman",
Who never plays a game,
Though every football club he knows,
Its colours and its fame.
He's great on football coupons,
Backs his fancy ev'ry day,
And talks about the "poogilists"
In quite a knowing way.

He's never donned a boxing-glove,
Has never kicked a ball,
Has never faced a "Yorker,"
Ne'er seen his wicket fall.
The scrum has no delight for him,
The running track no call;
He's never cleared a hurdle,
Nor eved tried a "fall".

At every match you'll find him,
Raucous and loud of voice;
To every public boxing hall
He goes — to back his choice.
You'll know him by his yelling,
He'll almost shout you deaf;
You can't mistake him ever, for
He always "boos" the Ref.

SPORTS & PASTIMES: ITEMS FROM EVERYWHERE.

ENGLISH FOOTBALL.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S LEAGUE MATCHES.

NEW ZEALAND VICTORY.

The following are the results of all the principal football matches played in England and Scotland on Saturday: —

VICTORY INTERNATIONAL.

Ireland	0	Scotland	0

LONDON VICTORY CUP SEMI-FINALS.

Chelsea	4	Crystal Palace	0.
Fulham	2	Tottenham Hotspur	0.

LANCASHIR (SUB) LEAGUE.

Blackburn Rovers	2	Burnley	4
Blackpool	3	Preston North End	0
Bury	0	Oldham Athletic	1
Liverpool	3	Stockport County	1
Manchester United	0	Stoke	1
Burslam Port Vale	0	Manchester City	1
Rochdale	1	Bolton Wanderers	2
Southport	4	Everton	1

NORTHERN VICTORY LEAGUE.

Newcastle	1	South Shields	1
Middlesbro	0	Darlington Forge	0

MIDLAND VICTORY LEAGUE.

West Bromwich	5	Aston Villa	1
Derby County	4	Wolverhampton W.	0

MIDLAND (SUB) LEAGUE.

Barnsley	2	Sheffield Wed.	1
Birmingham	3	Leicester Fosse	0
Bradford City	2	Leeds City	1
Grimsby Sown	1	Hull City	2
Huddersfield Town	0	Bradford	0
Sheffield United	3	Rotherham County	0
Coventry City	1	Lincoln City	0

SCOTTISH VICTORY CUP.

Hearts	7	Airdrieonians	1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Hamilton "Accies"	4	Clyde	2
Queens's Park	1	Dumbarton	0
Parisley Lt. Mirren	1	Partrick Thistle	1
Celtic	4	Falkirk	0

INTER — THEATRE OF — WAR CHAMPIONSHIP.

B.E.F. France	4	Salonika	2

INTER SERVICES RUGBY.

New Zealand	20 pts.	France	3 pts.

IRELAND 0; SCOTLAND 0.

BRILLIANT DISPLAY BY IRISH GOALKEEPER.

The association football victory International between Ireland and Scotland was played at Belfast on Saturday, the score being 0—0 Twenty-five thousand spectators were present and the weather fine. Scotland had the better of the opening exchanges, play being then kept in midfield with much short passing. Both goals were attacked and cleverly cleared, after which Scotland was constantly on the offensive.

During the second-half the Irish defence conceded three corners in rapid succession, the Irish goalkeeper playing a great game. Play became fast with Ireland pressing, but the Scottish forwards resumed control, bombarding their opponents' goal which was only saved by sound defence.

TWO PLAYERS RETIRE FROM FIFLD.

LONDON VICTORY CUP SEMI-FINAL.

Before 20,000 spectators the London Victory Cup semi-final was played on Saturday between Chelsea and the Crystal Palace, when the former won by 4 goals to 0. Chelsea pressed early, Lamb of the Palace being injured to such a extent that he was obliged to retire. Twenty minutes from the start Smith scored, Davidson shortly afterwards doing the same.

Hughes of the Palace was then obliged to retire with a twisted knee. Wilding with a hot shot scored the third goal for Chelsea, the score at the interval being 3—0.

After the interval Hughes resumed though lame. The Palace played the pluckiest game. Ten minutes from the end Smith scored.

FRENCHMEN OVERWHELMED.

BEATEN BY NEW ZEALANDERS: SCORE 20—3.

A Reuter's telegram summarising the rugby-game at Twickenham on Saturday says the New Zealanders' first half showed nothing like the determination which characterised the efforts against the Mother Country last Wednesday. They repeatedly threw chances away by forward passing. After 15 minutes, Reece scored for the Frenchmen. Singe replying with a try 20 minutes later. The Frenchmen kicked well and showed good speed. At the interval the score was 3—3.

Afterwards the New Zealanders overwhelmed the Frenchmen. Hasell, West, Kissick, Brown and Ford scored tries, Ryan converting the last.

Final Result:— New Zealand 20 pts. French Army 3 pts.

There were 170,000 spectators present, including the King, the Princes of Wales, Albert, and Henry, and Sir Douglas Haig.

FULHAM v. TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.

Forty thousand spectators witnessed the game between Fulham and Tottenham Hotspurs which ended in a victory for the former by 2—0. Fulham attacked strongly but their shooting and kicking were wild. The interval arrived without any scoring on either side.

Play then improved, Fulham being the more dashing of the two elevens. Whittingham scored 17 minutes from the end. Tottenham responded vigorously but the defence was too strong. The second goal for Fulham was also shot by Whittingham.

Army Sports Championships at Aldershot.

LIST OF FIXTURES.

The Physical and Recreation Training School at Aldershot is at present the scene of much sporting activity in connection with the Army championship fixtures which opened at Aldershot last week and which will be in progress during the next fortnight. Soccer and rugby football, boxing and cross country running will form items in the sports programme, for which the Home Army, France, and Egypt have each sent a representative team.

In all of the events, with the exception of Rugby, contingents from Italy and India will participate: while an Association eleven has come from Salonika, and a boxing team from Mesopotamia.

The King has given permission for the cross-country event to take place in Windsor Great Park. With this exception and the Association Final all the competitions will be held at Aldershot.

The following is the list of fixtures:

April 21 (Association Football).—Home Forces v. Egypt.

April 22 (Association Football).—B.E.F. v. Italy

April 23 (Rugby Football).—Egypt v. Home Forces.

April 24 (Rugby Football).—B.E.F. v. Egypt.

April 25 (Association Football).—Egypt v. India.

April 26 (Rugby Football).—Home Forces v. B.E.F.

April 28 (Cross-Country Running and Association Football).—Italy v. Salonica.

April 29.—Boxing.

April 30.—Boxing.

May 1.—Association Football Final (at Stamford Bridge) and presentation of medals.

May 2.—Luncheon to teams.

FAST INTER-THEATRE-OF-WAR GAME.

The inter-theatre-of-war championships association football match between the team representing the B. E. F., France and the Salonika Army team resulted in a victory for the former by 4—2. Kellock of the Salonika army eleven scored after 20 minutes play, and Douglas equalised from a penalty. Before the interval Quinn and Campbell scored for the B. E. F.

Shortly after the restart Morrison (Salonika) and Douglas (B. E. F. France) both scored. The game throughout was fast and exciting.

34th BATTALION V 5th BATTALION MACHINE GUN CORPS.

An interesting game played by the above teams at Troisdorf resulted in a win for the 34th Battalion by two goals to nil. The 5th Battalion's team, drawn recently from four Battalions will improve when they understand each other's play.

After a few minutes play in mid field the 34th Battalion left-wing broke away, the outside left finishing with a long cross shot well out of the goalie's reach. Play was fairly even up to half time without further score.

After changing ends the 34th added another goal by some useful head work. For the 34th the halves played a splendid game, always having the measure of their opponents' forwards. The 5th Battalion's defence was weak at times, and the forwards when they had the chance finished by kicking anywhere but between the sticks.

Altogether it was a very clean game, with the 34th a little superior all round. Result: — 34th Battalion, —2; 5th Battalion — Nil.

1st M.G.C. v. 52nd WELSH.

The 1st Bn. M.G.C. and the 52nd Welsh played at Flerzheim on Wednesday. Very keen play was witnessed, in fact too keen at times and had some of the players come under the ban of the referee they would only have had themselves to blame.

The 1st M.G.C. scored the only goal of the match, Lieut. Chandler running three quarters of the field and crowning his effort with a drive that had the Welsh goalkeeper hopelessly beaten. Not until the final whistle blew was the game decided, the backs of both teams playing exceptionally well.

Result:- 1st Bn. M.G.C. 1; 52nd Welsh 0.

185 S.B. v 175 S.B. R.G.A.

185 S. Battery adde to their record by defeating 175 S. Battery on Tuesday, at Wiedesheim, near Euskirchen by two goals to none. It was a strenuous game, but the rough wind upset the play. Allen and Horten in particular defended well. Andrews after good combination should have scored for the homesters but shot just wide. In the second half 185, with the wind, had nearly all the play, scoring twice trough Trotter and Andrews.

No. 2 v No. 1 FIELD AMBULANCE.

Played at Lengsdorf on Saturday. After five minutes play Holliday scored for 141 from a lovely centre by Munday. Lilley and Tonkinson did heroic things in defence for No. 2. Lce. Cpl. Butler ended a run, half the length of the field with a lightning shot which found the net, and before half time Holliday and Cpl. Kirby (2) each added to the score. In the second half, Cpl. Bishop scored for No. 2. Result: No. 141 Field Amb., 5; No. 2 Field Amb., 1.

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53rd NORTHUMBERLANDS v. 51st DEVONS.

On Saturday a fast and exciting game between these teams at Klettenberg resulted in a win for the Northumberlands by 2—1. The Devons previously had an unbeaten record.

24th v. 185th SIEGE BATTERIES R. G. A.

As the outcome of a challenge, 185th Siege Bty., on Saturday, defeated 24th Siege Bty. at Weidisheim, 4—2. The 24th are anxious to play a return match.

For setting dogs to worry cats at Ewshott camp, Capt. L. H. Jefferson was on Saturday fined ten guineas and five guineas costs at Aldershot.

ARTISTS WITH THE BALL.

93rd BRIGADE, R G A's BRILLIANT SOCCER TEAM.

A BUNCH OF PROFESSIONALS.

Perhaps the 93rd Brigade R.G.A. possess the finest team around Cologne at present. In the humble opinion of the writer they stand comparison with the Army champions, the 1st Cameron Highlanders. In fact I consider the forwards much more likely to get goals. Again the inclusion of several professionals, tried men, gives the side the acquired winning temperment.

Unfortunately the present team has only come together, hence their none-appearance in "The Commander's Cup." As the 10th Brigade, the 33rd Brigade possessed a more than ordinarily good Rugger side, a side good enough to beat a New Zealand Battalion, (possessing four players now in the New Zealand XV playing at home), the Brigade R.A.F. XV, and several noted Battalion XV's. The nucleus of the side were Welsh Territorials of the 113th Siege Battery G. Hooper, the 2nd Army and Cardiff Wanderers back; Gr. Stalker, 2nd Army and Aberdeen University Wing-three, Capt. Brown, 2nd Army and Watsons inside-three; Lt. Green, Clifton School scrum-half; and Br. Jones Penarth stand off; Sergt. Lawdy, 2nd. Army, and Penarth, and Glamorgan County Forward; Cpl. Stamp 2nd Army, Penarth Forward; Gr. Phillips, 2nd Army, Llanelly, and Welsh International Reserve Forward; Gr. Abbott, Cardiff Wanderers; Sergt. Scarrot Penarth Forward.

The 113th Siege Battery were the lucky possessors of all these players, and this with the captaincy of Major MacLeod R.M.A. Forward made the team into just about the warmest combination on the Rhine. And now the Rugger team has gone; gone to play for their pre-war teams, and in its place has sprung the Soccer team, a team that should make its presence felt in the Rhineland the next football season, for most of the team are retainable. The following notes on the team may interest soccerists.

NOTES ON THE TEAM.

Goal: Pte Mead (93rd Brigade R.A.S.C.) Rather on the small side. This failing is compensated by quickness and a sure pair of hands. Played two seasons for Bath City before transferring Welton Rovers. Has played on occasions for Bristol Rovers Reserves.

Right Back: Gr. Yule (57 Siege Battery) Undoubtedly a class back, with a fearless tackle and brilliant kick. Played as a junior for Dundee Violet and Dundee Harp before being spotted by Aberdeen, for whom he understudied Donald Colman for 2 seasons.

Left Back: B.S.M. Rusell (159 Heavy Bty) Was considered good enough for 2nd Army Team. A back with all the off-side tricks on his finger tips. Played Lancashire Combination Football in pre-war days.

Right or Left Back: Cpl. James (57 Siege Bty) A useful man who can play equally well on the right or left. A Londoner who learnt his football with Woolwich Albion before going to Llanelly (Southern and Welsh League.)

Right half: Cpl. Olphert (124 Siege Bty) A dandy half who shone as a junior for Derry Celtic, before joining Belfast Distillery and later Cliftonville. Transferred in 1913 to Clyde, who sold his signature. Capped for Ireland in 1909—10 and 1910—11 against England.

Centre Half: Gr. Kenyon (150 Heavy Bty) Played as a schoolboy for Moss St. and Blackburn Boys. In these days he played inside left, but preferred left half for Rossendale Valley (Lancs. Combination). From there he emigrated to Blackburn, but unfortunately broke his leg in his first season. A brainy player who never wastes a ball.

Left Half: Gr. Hunt (124 Siege Bty) A steady and stylist half who plays real football. Played three seasons for Southampton Cambridge and played also as an amateur on occasions for Southampton Res.

Outside Right: Dr. Gladwill (93rd Bde. R.A.S.C.) Rather on the byside and a most difficult man to tackle. Plays the correct wing game cutting out all fancy tricks. Played for Dickens Aldershot in the Aldershot Senior League.

Inside Right: Gr. Stalker (113 Siege Bty) Undoubtedly a player with a future. A brilliant shot and an excellent idea of going through. Played as, a junior for "Banks o' Dee" and Aberdeen Reserves. An Aberdeen Varsity boy who can play wing-three at Rugger as well as he plays Soccer. Played wing-three for 2nd Army and would prove just about as warm a candidate for an inside forward position in a Soccer XI.

Centre: Gr. Chance (57 Siege Bty) Rather small for centre, in fact he prefers either wing. A tippy player with a sure shot in either foot. Played before the war with Stourbridge and Aston Villa hold his signature. A boy with a football future.

Inside Left: Gr. Tully (124 Siege Bty) An artist with the ball. Getting slow but this is compensated by extreme cleverness. Gives the necessary steadiness to the attack. Played first-class football with Clapton Orient and Rochdale as a half back. Comes from one of the homes of football, Tyne-side his first team being West Stanley.

Outside Left: Gr. Hopson (150 Heavy Bty) A fast and clever winger. Equally at home on either wing. Played for Sheffield Boys before signing for Cammel Lairds, a Sheffield Senior League Club, for which league XI he has played on occasion.

Outside and Inside Left: Gr. Walton (57 Siege Bty) Only the good play of Tully and Hopson keep Walton out, for he plays in either position. A regular Workington North Eastern League Player.

INMAN STEVENSON FINAL.

The final stage of the match of 15,000 up between Inman and Stevenson was reached on Saturday, the former being the winner. The following were the scores:—

Inman . . . . 15,000 Stevenson . . 13,597.

The Royal Mail steamer "Tyne" went ashore on the rocks near Swansea during a dense fog on Saturday morning. There is every prospect of getting her off.

At Worcester cathedral to-day Miss Lena Ashwell will recite selected portions of Scripture.

The colliery strike at Edlington, Doncaster, has been settled. Work will be resumed on Wednesday. The strike started on the 3rd April, since when 2,500 men have been idle.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, April 22rd, 1919.

Light surface Wind between North and N. E. Misty in the early morning becoming fine later with improving visibility. Cold morning and evening.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

Billiards.

The scarcity of English billiard tables in Germany is preventing what would undoubtedly prove to be very interesting matches from being played. Whether this deficiency is likely to be remedied in the near future I cannot say definitely but, inquiries made in many parts of the occupied area, have resulted in the assurance of those people in a position to know, that everything possible is to be done to get a few tables over here for the principal clubs of both Officers and other ranks.

It is hoped that the table in the 6th Corps Officers Club — which is idle merely for the want of a new cloth — will be ready for use in a few days.

Rowing On The Rhine.

The amount of discussion that this subject is causing among all ranks is extraordinary, particularly in regard to the condition laid down that a prospective "rowist" must swim 200 yards upstream before a boat will be hired to him. A corporal, who is undoubtedly a very strong swimmer, tried a surreptitious rehearsal on Sunday with deplorably disappointing results. He tells me that it required every ounce of his strength merely to hold his own against the current, and he was unable to make any more headway than two or three yards. As a result of his experiment, he is now prepared to wager a "demob" ticket to a German cigar that not a single individual in the Army of occupation is capable of swimming *one* hundred yards against the stream.

Challenges and More Challenges.

The publication in this column recently of two or three challenges of various sorts has produced heaps of letters from people anxious to accept them as well as many fresh challenges from other aspirants to championship honours. Pressure on space to-day prevents my reviewing these in detail but in the meantime I am sending the letters to those people concerned so that they can get on with any arrangements for matches they are disposed to make without delay. Wrestling, boxing, billiards and football are among the subjects involved and I hope to-morrow to give particulars of what is being done in this direction.

A Popular "Peddlers" Comedian.

Many hundreds of troops will have no difficulty in recognising, in the caricature above, Sergt. Trimm, who, for some time past, has been delighting large audiences at Bonn with his drollery. During the time he has been with "Pedlers" concert party, "Erb" has maintained an ever fresh budjet of genuinely funny stories and songs. In civil life, Mr. Trimm is no other than the well-known music hall comedian, Fred Weedon.

Amateur Thespians Progress.

Lieut. Percy, in the theatrical department of the amusement office, Cologne, is making great headway with the formation of his amateur dramatic society. Applicants for membership in the society are not lacking numerically and if enthusiasm counts for anything, the party should make rapid and successful progress. It is hoped to give the first performance shortly after the holidays when "Mollusk", a three-act comedy by Hubert Henry Davis will be produced in Cologne.

THE RAMBLER.

SYMPHONY CONCERTS AT BONN.

This evening and on the evenings of the 24th and 29th inst., a series of Symphony concerts will be given in the Stadt theatre, Bonn by an orchestra of 46 performers, under the conductorship of Capt. D.S Godfrey Lancashire Division Amusements Officer.

Excellent programes have been arranged which will appeal to all lovers of good music, a happy inclousion being brief lectures on each work by Mr. Walter Seward.

L Cpl. Sydney Freedman, the soloist, was previously leader of the Queens Hall Orchestra, and for the preceding two years, before joining the army, he was conductor of the Buxton Gardens Orchestra. He studied first at the Royal Academy, London, and afterwards under Professor Sevcik in Prague. He is also the leader of the orchestra during this series of concerts.

A number of Swindon boys, playing on Chisledon camp rifle range, kicked a live trench mortar bomb, which exploded. Three of them were killed and two badly injured.

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Colonel Kathleen Burke, the first and only British woman to become an Honorary Colonel in the American Army, is shortly expected in London. It is understood that she will be received by their Majesties the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace.

Miss Burke, who is colonel of the 138th regiment of artillery, was present at the second battle of Ypers, Vimy Ridge, Cambrai and Douai. She was rather seriously wounded at Verdun and, just a year ago, was gassed near Valenciennes.

BABY WEIGHING 66 LBS.

On Saturday at Cologne a baby was born with the phenomenal weight of thirty kilogrammes (about 66 lbs, English weight). Its parents have lived at Cologne since 1903 and a previous infant was born in Decemcer 1915, but unhappily was drowned.

This wonderful infant can be seen and the proud parents interviewed at the Zoological Gardens, in the hippopotamus enclosure.

At the last moment the Bishop of London prohibited Miss Maude Royden from conducting the Good Friday three hours service at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate. At the invitation of the Rector, Miss Royden then took a service in the Parish room.

The Eiffel Tower will probably be open to visitors early in May.

Many mines have been seen floating round Skaw Point, Denmark.

Maoris have contributed £29,000 to funds for Maori soldiers.

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

Rebuilding of Belgium.

Gothein, the minister of finances, has declared to the *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* that Germany could have accomplished the rebuilding of Belgium and northern France at the end of 1918 had a speedy "Wilson Peace" been granted to her. But during the last half year Germany has been ruined that to do so now will be very difficult. Every atom of the overstraining of Peace conditions merely leads to an additional victory for Bolshevism.

Germany and France.

In a recent issue we commented upon the question of institution of a direct policy between Germany and France. The originator of this new movement appears to be Georg Bernhard representing a small group of politicians whose aim is to make the continental policy. He asserts that the antagonism between England and America on the one side and Germany on the other will always remain, and yet he considers that all the differences between the nations of the Continent are unimportant. He and his followers have a desire to create a continental League of Nations, in which Germany might seon become a leading power.

The Policy of a Free Hand.

The Cologne socialist paper, the *Rheinische Zeitung*, in remarking on the above says: "In reality, militarist and chauvinist France is now the worst enemy of Germany. England, on the contrary, shows a certain amount of moderation, whilst America can be considered no more as a real enemy of Germany.

This difference of behaviour of our adversaries towards us is not explained only by the difference of feelings. More important is the geographical situation. France is afraid of us as of a densely populated neighbour, and would like to make us as humble as possible. She is speculating, like her allies, the Poles and the Czechs, for the possession of pure German territories. England and America have no ground to be afraid of us and have not the smallest interest whether or not German territories come under a foreign domination.

The continental policy is no policy for a party of influence in Germany. Germany's aim remains the League of Nations, and if this aim cannot be reached there is only one policy left the policy of a free hand".

COLOGNE UNIVERSITY.

We draw the attention of our readers to the evening lectures of the Cologne University, beginning on the 28th April and ending 31st July.

The programme just published contains Forty lectures on very interesting subjects. Some of them are obout quite interesting problems, as socialisation of manufacturies, and questions of future economical policy.

There will be also a lecture on Shakespeares "Merry Wives of Windsor," and one in French on "Voltaire." Different lectures on art are illustrated with photographs.

Tickets may be obtained from the Secretary of the University, commencing the 22nd April, morning, 10.30—12.30; afternoon, 4—6.30. The price of admission to one lecture is three marks; for the series of lectures, ten marks.

AUSTRALIAN MEMORIALS.

The Australian Government has decided to erect memorials to five Australian divisions in France and Belgium. Each divisional memorial will be situate in the area where the particular division distinguished itself. There is to be also a national memorial on Hill 104 near Villers Bretonaux.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

THE QUESTION OF TONGUES.

A GERMAN VIEW.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

The above subject was mentioned in a former issue of your paper and I would like to add a few words in further reference. As a teacher of languages for more than twenty-five years in English-speaking countries as well as in Germany, and now as instructor at various barracks, I am well able to form an opinion of the capabilities of the English to learn German or French.

Prior to the war a knowledge of foreign languages proved to be lucrative, but it will be doubly so when commercial relations have been restored. All professions and trades profit by the knowledge, for a firm in one county is able to get into direct touch with a firm in another country without having to resort to special interpreters. In addition, if we know a foreign language we are able to improve our profession or trade through the reading of foreign publications. That is how the Germans make progress.

I have had much opportunity to converse with many English people, who have acknowledged my own opinion and that of many of the Germans, that the war would never have commenced had the nations understood and known each other better. Had the Germans studied the national economy and industries of Great Britain and America, they would never have underrated their enemies.

Then again, it is not necessary to employ foreign clerks in London to do the correpondence when our own people can do it. But new methods must be adopted to give everyone a sufficient interest in the study, as most of our language-books are for school use and not for grown people who mostly find the interest and advantage of knowing foreign languages when school days are past.

Trade vocabularies and those referring to every trade must be learned by heart, descriptive lessons should be given and the student must only be taught by a teacher who has a thorough knowledge of English and German and who has gained this knowledge through experience in England or English-speaking countries.

P. SPANDOW,
sometime Master of foreign languages at Several English schools.

OFFICERS' UNDERCLOTHING.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir,—Without in any way, of course, wishing to make too pertinent enquiries regarding your personal wardrobe, Mr. Editor, we wonder if you possibly have any influence in obtaining anything from Ordnance in the way of underclothing?

We, the joint-undersigned, are but little children of only just under 5 years commissioned service, but in spite of arms resplendent with chevrons, not having served in either the Crimea or the Boxer Rebellion, have little knowledge of the delicate ways and means of working the oracle. To us the obtaining of blood from a stone is simplicity itself compared to getting underwear from Ordnance, Cologne.

Well do we remember a nice kind M.P. (one of those political wallahs, not a military policeman) giving as a reply to a question of clothing for officers in our own "National Palace of Entertainment, Westminster" that officers serving on expeditionary forces could obtain all their requirements at the Officers Clothing Store of the Ordnance. *Quel drôle de type!* What a dream! What an optimist! Let him try Ordnance, Cologne. A very nice line, thank you very much, in patches, gorget, red, also caps, service, size 6 and boots size 4, sacks-haver (we are sticklers, Sir, for military nomenclature), whistles, lanyards, for etc. etc., but socks, chiefs, anuker, or vests under, or shirts woollen, or pants (how brutally commonplace this word seems in cold print!) or any other personal necessity — nothing doing.

Whilst thoroughly admitting that Ordnance has definite records showing that all these now extinct articles were actually sold at a Base "Somewhere in France" in 1914 and early 1915, could not something be done for those of us whose shirts are now held together by little more than faith.

We are, Sir, more in sorrow than anger,
Lt. R. Capt. T.

BLACK AND WHITE.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir,—I am not particularly prudish and I think I take a fairly broad-minded view of things in general, but I must admit I received a shock yesterday when I saw a native (a South African Kaffir I judge him to be) as the dancing partner of an English girl at the Deutsches Theater. To put it as mildly as possible, surely it is a pity to spoil an otherwise excellent show by the introduction of an item in such questionable taste, to say nothing of the unfortunate impression such a degrading spectacle must make on the minds of the young soldiers who witness it, some of whom may eventually be going out to settle in one or other of our Colonies where the dividing line between Black and White must be rigidly kept, and certainly where such a public exhibition as the above would not be tolerated.

SOUTH AFRICAN.

QUESTION OF PRICES.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir,— Your correspondent S.G.P. evidently does not understand the first principles of economics.

A simple example should enlighten him. In France a Y.M.C.A. charged 50 centimes for a cake of soap. Here the same article in the Y.M.C.A. costs 1 mark.

If your correspondent could buy a Goerz in England now for £9, he would not be paying any more by giving 480 marks for it here.

S.G.P. appears to be looking for bargains resulting from the great fall in the value of the mark.

Good luck to him if he can find them.

His other allegations as to increase in prices are not definite, but for his, and all your readers benefit, it would be well to point out that a Special British Office is in existence for "strafing" any authenticated cases of profiteering.

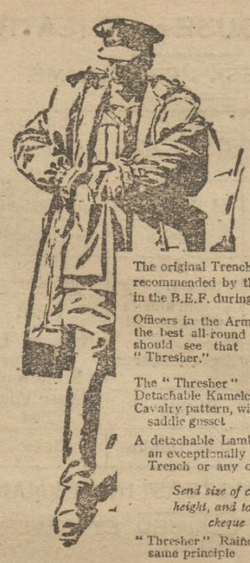

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TO ALL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Editor wishes to emphasise the fact that any correspondence sent to him should bear name, rank, and unit of the sender. Also many sports and amusements contributions are being received which do not give any dates whatever. These are, naturally, useless, as all readers first of all wish to know when the occurrence, whatever it may be, happened.

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NEW COMMANDER IN CHIEF ARRIVES

BOLSHEVIST WOMAN JUDGES.

TWO-EDGED REBUKE.

Distinguished Hungarian lawyers attended Budapesth courts yesterday, says the *Daily News* correspondent, to watch the first woman judge appointed by the Soviet Government. She was until recently a milliner, her two colleagues being a tailor and a carpenter.

One of the cases tried was that of a servant girl charged with stealing two pairs of boots from her mistress. Accused was severely rebuked for addressing the milliner as "worthy lady".

This Bolshevist Portia sentenced the girl to five years imprisonment, saying "You seem to have failed to realise that the old social system is gone Only workers, not capitolists or thieves, have any place in the new social system."

The salary of the judges nominated by trade unions averages about fifty shillings daily.

PUNISHMENTS FOR INDIAN AGITATORS.

Simla. 10th April. The Governor general has promulgated a fresh ordinance providing that any court martial or commission may sentence persons convicted under martial law to transportation for life or for ten year periods; or to rigorous imprisonment for periods of between seven and fourteen years. The Defence of India regulations are also amended to provide that no newspaper can be either printed or published without the sanction of the local Government having been previously obtained.

RESTORING ORDER IN EGYPT.

Cairo. 18th April. The authorities announce that anyone wearing the badges of a society calling itself the Association of National Police, formed under the leadership of a Deputy ostensibly to preserve order, will be arrested, the formation of such corps being forbidden.

19th April. The official communiqé states that a number of arms have been seized in several villages and in the neighbourhood of Derut.

Numerous persons implicated in the disturbances near Cairo on the 17th April have been arrested. Cairo is quiet and no new casualtis have occurred during the last three days.

WILL TURKEY RETAIN CONSTANTINOPLE?

According to the *Pall Mall Gazette* a strong rumour is current in Paris political circles that the Turks will be allowed to keep Constantinople for fear their expulsion from Europe might lead to a "Holy" war.

VICTORY LIBERTY LOAN.

New York. The Victory-Liberty of 4,500,000,000 dollars opened with a rush. Subscriptions and pledges received in New York alone amounted at noon to one hundred million dollars.

Addresses were delivered and celebrations held in various cities. A striking feature of the celebration at Washington was the reading of President Wilson's loan message from an aeroplane by means of a wireless telephone and sound amplifier.

The crowd of fifteen thousand assembled on the Treasury steps heard the message distinctly. The aeroplane flew at the height of 2,600 feet. — *Reuter.*

FOOD FOR RUSSIA, BUT FIRST, PEACE.

Mr. Fridtjof Nansen has writen to President Wilson, M. Clemenceau, Mr. Lloyd George and Signor Orlando, suggesting the organisation of a purely humanitarian commission for provisioning Russia. He suggests that the Commission be composed of Norwegians, Swedes and possibly Dutch, Danes and Swiss. It would guarantee a just distribution organised upon the lines followed by the Belgian Relief Commission. He asked upon what conditions the Council of Four would approve such an enterprise.

President Wilson and the other Premiers told Mr. Nansen in their reply that their Governments and people are willing to co-operate without thought of political, military or financial advantage in any movement designed to relieve the shocking suffering in Russia.

If the local Governments in Russia are equally willing there will be no political obstacle, provided the problems of supply and transport to Russia can be solved.

The problems of finance and transport in Russia, however, and the distribution of the food, can be solved only by the Russians themselves, with the assistance and supervision of the suggested commission, but such a course must obviously involve the cessation of all hostilities and transfers of troops in Russia.

Relief to Russia which did not mean an immediate return to a state of Peace would be futile and impossible to consider.

Under these conditions the Premiers are prepared to give the plan their full support.

HUNGARIAN SOVIET ANXIOUS.

WAITING TO BE ATTACKED.

Via Copenhagen. On the 20th April at Buda-Pesth the Central Soviet declared a war of defence against Czech, Rumanian and Jugo-Slav troops. The united Soviets of Buda-Pesth and district met to discuss the defence of the republic.

Commissary of Education Kunff admitted the superiority of the attacking forces and gave serious warning as to the dangers of a white revolution. He urged that the proletariat must ruthlessly use all means at its disposal and regretted that the unity of the proletariat is not so strong as could be desired

Bela Kun, President of the Soviet, asserted that the Entente is undertaking the offensive with all available strength.

The Czechs were not yet attacking, but their advance was momentarily expected. None need despair, but as concerned armament and equipment the revolutionaries were very weak. Consequently it was not a question of being able to develop big military action. —*Reuter.*

A telegram from Vienna says that the action of the Communist Government at Buda-Pesth was precipitated by the report of an agreement between Rumanians and Szeklovs, the latter being a race akin to the Magyars, inhabiting Transylvania, and hostile to the Communists. —*Reuter.*

NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ARRIVES.

General Sir William Robertson, Commander in Chief of the Army of the Rhine, reached Cologne on Saturday evening.

FIGHT FOR MUNICH.

Concentration of the German storming troops proceeds apace. Nothing is to be left to chance.

Meanwhile, Augsburg has been occupied by Government troops after prolonged street fighting. The Wurtemburgers who were engaged complain that many of the soldiers were shot in the back from houses after they had passed.

The conditions of surrender were:— Recognition of the Hoffmann Government, delivery of all arms, surrender of the Spartacist leaders and full possession of the town.

All these conditions were accepted by the Communists.

A proclamation posted at Munich says that the entire garrison declares for the socialist Government against "swelled headed foreign agitators."

AFGHAN WAR HERO DEAD.

The death is announced of Col. Sir Arthur George Hammond K.C.B, D.S.O. one of the oldest wearers of the Victoria Cross. The deceased warrior was formerly in the Indian Army. He won the Victoria Cross in the Afghan war of 1877—1880 and the D.S.O. in the Hazara expedition of 1888. He also served with the relief force in the Chitral campaign and commanded the Peshawar column in the Tirah expedition in 1897—98.

REMOVING NORTH SEA MINES.

Admiral Strauss, Comander of the Mine force of the American Navy, has arrived at Liverpool. The object of his visit is to remove the minefield he laid across the North Sea from Bergen in Norway to the Orkneys. This minefield comprises fifty-seven thousand mines manufactured in America and conveyed to the North Sea in fifty-six cargo steamers, only one of which was torpedoed. The Admiral calculates that it will take four months to clear the mined area.

CZERNIN DENIES HIS FLIGHT.

Copenhagen. According to a telegram from Vienna dated the 20th April Count Czernin, ex Foreign Minister, has telegraphed from Feldkirch on the Swiss frontier, denying the report of his flight and subsequent arrest.

NEW ZEALAND PROHIBITION.

A message from Wellington, New Zealand, states that the majority for prohibition in the referendum is now only twenty six.

ARMY COUNCIL AND O.T.C.'s

The Army Council has sent a letter to Harrow School O.T.C. expressing appreciation of the great work carried out by O.T.C. contingents during the war.

The letter says that the number of vacancies in the army filled by ex-cadets in the early months of the war afforded ample testimony to the standard of training and power of leadership which O.T.C.'s have inculcated.

EPIDEMIC OF EASTER CONFERENCES.

CRACK-BRAINED RESOLUTIONS

As is usual about Easter time all the reactionary societies which delude themselves with vain words confer and pass resolutions which happily evaporate into thin air. The measure of Herr Philip Snowden's utterances can be gauged by the emphatic opinion of him recorded by his erst while constituents. Blackburn, the Lancashire cotton town, rejected him in December last by a majority of 43,160 votes!

We therefore only print the subjoined two reports as samples of the crack-brained nonsense which these reactionaries talk.

INDEPENDENT LABOUR PARTY.

When the annual conference of the Independent Labour Party was resumed at Huddersfield on Monday the chairman, Mr. Philip Snowden said "We are no party of violence. An intelligent, and unselfish democracy need not, in a country like ours, resort to methods of violence to attain its aims. If a revolution had to be achieved in Great Britain by violence it would come that way because of the resistance of the old order to the new birth."

Resolutions were carried demanding immediate raising of the blockade and the removal of the embargoes on trade with enemy and neutral countries; also that the worlds stock of food stuffs and raw materials be organised with the view to supplying the peoples of Europe in proportion to their needs.

Mrs. Snowden, who proposed this wholesale resolution, said that the starving state of men women and children was the cause of the terrorism "which is falsely called Bolshevism."

BRITISH SOCIALIST PARTY.

At the opening of the eighth annual Conference of the British Socialist Party at Sheffield on Monday a resolution was submitted expressing admiration for the revolutionary courage of the workers in Hungary in following the example of their Russian brothers and hoping that British workmen would follow their methods. This resolution, also one opposing conscription, was carried.

At the resumed Conference a resolution embracing the questions of land and food production was adopted, condemning the "peddling" proposals of the Government in regard to the settlement of demobilized soldiers. Another motion was carried that the British Socialist Party, the Independent Labour Party and the Socialist Labour Party should unite.

GENERAL MUZZLING ORDER

EXTENSIVE "DOG-RUNNING."

Despite the extreme dificulties of obtaining muzzles it is announced that the muzzling order will be strictly enforced from to-morrow. The prohibition against moving dogs is present ng many problems. Aready "dog running" has been extensively attempted and police patrols stationed on the main roads to the South coast have been kept busy during the week-end. Numerous motorcars were stopped near the borders of the prohibited areas and many cases of dogs being carried were discovered. The owners were advised to return home with them.

Seven fresh cases of suspected rabies have been reported to the Board of Agriculture, but in none has the disease been confirmed.

At the entrance to the Grand Picture Palace at Fulham on Sunday night an Irish terrier which snapped and foamed at the mouth was killed by a policman with his truncheon.

The muzzling order will be made general on 1st May.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL TO SPORTSMEN.

At the general Committee meeting of the National Cyclists Union, the suggestion was made that a Central Hall should be erected as a memorial to sportsmen who have fallen during the war. This hall would be devoted to offices of the governing bodies of various sports and would contain suitable rooms for meetings. The suggestion also included the laying out of a national sports ground. Expressions of opinion of other sports associations will be invited with a view to joint action.

TO OBSERVE ECLIPSE OF SUN.

The joint permanent eclipse committee of the Royal Society and the Royal Astronomical Society has arranged to send two expeditions abroad to observe the total eclipse of the sun on 29th May. One expedition will go to Brazil and the other to the island of Principe, off the West African coast. These will be the first solar eclipse expeditions since before the war.

MILITARY NONAGENARIANS.

Among the deaths which were announced yesterday were those of Col. John Wilson, aged 93, formerly Professor of Fortifications at Woolwich Academy, and Col. Albert Seagrim, aged 91, who fought at the siege of Sebastopol in 1854.

LINK WITH WATERLOO.

Wiss Anna Wyndham died yesterday in her apartments at Hampton Court Palace, where she had lived for fifty years. She was the daughter of Colonel Charles Wyndham of the Scots Greys, who was wounded at the battle of Waterloo.

Herr Durnburg has been appointed Minister of Finance. He will also act as Vice President of the Council.

BRITISH SAILORS IN FRANCE.

BRILLIANT PROGRAMME.

In connection with the visit of a British squadron to Cherbourg and Brest and attendant festivities in Paris, Admiral Sir David Beatty has sent a message to the French people in which he says that he wants the people of France to know how proud he is of the opportunity of visiting them with his men.

"I hope to visit your battlefields in company with Marshal Pelain" says Beatty "and to see your glorious army at close quarters while my men fraternize with yours in your fortresses and in Paris. I am glad to think of these foregatherings as proof of the confraternity of our forces on land and sea and send my thanks to the people of France who so kindly invited us to these celebrations, which my men and myself shall appreciate from the bottom of our hearts."

The British Naval Squadron, consists of two contingents, one for Cherbourg being under Vice Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson and that for Brest under Rear Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt. The ships selected have played their part in some of the hottest fighting of the war, and include the Barham, Malaya and Warspite, which took part in the Jutland battle. Festivities include a visit to Paris in which four Admirals, one hundred and six officers, two hundred Petty officers, and eight hundred and fifty sailors, in addition to Admiral Beatty, will take part; a reception by the military Government of Paris; a gala performance at the Opera; a great meeting at the Sorbonne under the chairmanship of M. Pichon, Foreign Minister and M. Leygues, Minister of Marine; a reception at the Hotel de Ville, etc., as well as visits to Versailles and Rheims.

LONDON TERRITORIAL MARCH.

CERTIFICATES OF THANKS.

The War Office announces that it is prepared to assist Civic authorities in welcoming cadres of units from overseas.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the triumphal march of London troops through the City in June next. The route will be between Hyde Park and the Tower and the pageant promises to be one of the most imposing military spectacles seen in the Metropolis for many years. The men will march eight abreast.

Each man will be given a certificate of thanks from the City or County of London. This document will be received by every man of a London unit who has served overseas, whether he is on parade or not.

N.U.T. ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The annual Conference of the National Union of Teachers opened at Cheltenham on Monday.

Earl Beauchamp, who as Lord Lieutenant of the County of Gloucester welcomed the conference, asked the delegates to support a movement to foster British-American fellowship in a scheme by which school children of Great Britain would enter into personal correspondence with children of American schools.

Among the items on the agenda are draft resolutions opposing the teaching of military drill and other forms of military training in schools and declaring that before being entered for training as teachers disabled soldiers and sailors should show an aptitude for teaching.

LIMERICK STRIKERS.

TANK PREPARED FOR ACTION.

At Limerick on Monday a large crowd of people attended a hurling match at Cahirdavin, which is a mile outside the city. Returning was quite another matter, however, as those not possessing a permit were prohibited from re-entering the city. The crowd showed signs of an intention to force Sarsfield bridge but the military guard lined up on the bridge and fixed bayonets. A tank was also prepared for action, a blank cardridge being fired as a warning. There was no disturbance of the peace. The shortage of food in Limerick is increasing the difficulties of the strikers. The commission to feed the people has prohibited food hoarding and applied pickets to watch all purchases of food. The strike committee is issuing notes ranging from one shilling to ten shillings in value, inscribed "general strike against British militarism. The workers of Limerick promise to pay bearer — shillings."

LORD SHOLTO DOUGLAS BANKRUPT.

In the bankruptcy court the discharge was suspended of Lord Sholto Douglas. Proofs of debt amounting to 279 pounds were made but no assets were disclosed and nothing was realised by the creditors. Lord Sholto Douglas has acted as traveller to firms in America until 1894 when he returned to England. He attributed his insolvency to the war.

DRY DAY AT SWANSEA.

Swansea experienced a record Bank Holiday from the point of view of the number of visitors and traffic returns. Practically all the public houses closed very early as no ales, stouts, spirits or wines were obtainable, chiefly owing to the dock strike.

LABOUR PEER'S HOPES.

Lord Kimberley, who recently joined the Labour Party, when formally opening a new Labour Institute at Wymondham, Norfolk, said that he could not help being a peer but was nevertheless a democrat and hoped yet to see the Labour Party governing the country.

FLYING THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

LAYING THE ODDS.

A telegram from St. John's, Newfoundland, states that a head wind over the Atlantic prevented Hawker and Raynham from starting the trans-Atlantic flight yesterday. The weather forecast indicates the probability of a break up of the weather, which has been wonderfully fine during the last two days. *Reuter.*

St. Johns Newfoundland. The betting is five to one against any aviator's chance of success. *Reuter.*

In London there is much private speculation over the trans-Atlantic flight; a member of the Royal Aero Club says that the betting prior to the accident to Major Wood and his Short biplane, was 7 to 2 agains. Hawker and Raynham; 10 to 1 against the Short; 10 to 1 the Handley-Page; 15 to 1 the Fairey and 20 to 1 Boulton and Paul.

These odds, it should be understood, are not offered against the flight being accomplished but against the winner of the prize.

Yesterday's British Air Ministry air bulletin indicated a distinct improvement in Atlantic weather conditions.

New York. — Thirty-six mechanics and repairmen of the Naval air station at Rockaway Beach reported at Brooklyn Navy Yard on Monday. They will be stationed at various landing places selected by the American trans-Atlantic airmen. The probable date of departure of the American airmen is not yet announced.

NEW CHINESE GAMBLING GAME.

"PUKKA POO."

Evidence given in a prosecution at Thames police court as a sequel to a gambling raid, led to the description of a new Chinese gambling game called "pukka poo." The game has almost entirely superseded fan tan. Players are supplied with papers on which are printed eighty Chinese symbols, of which they cross out ten. Every hour one of the principals also crosses out ten while chanting some weird Chinese song. The competitor who is fortunate enough to cross out the same ten symbols receives 170 pounds in return for the shilling paid for his card.

Forty-two pounds is paid for getting eight right.

"WOODBINE WILLIES" REHOUSING SCHEME.

Speaking at a meeting held at Worcester theatre the Missioner who earned at the front the soubriquet of "Woodbine Willie" said "The only way to deal with my parish would be to put fourteen batteries of five inch guns on the Malvern hills, clear the people out of their houses and blow the parish to pieces; then rebuild it fit for man to live in."

WOOLWICH MEMORIAL REPLACED.

At Woolwich Garrison Church on Easter Day General Horne unveiled a new rose window, replacing the window erected in 1863 as a memorial to Lord Herbert, which was destroyed by a German aeroplane bomb in February 1918.

The new window was dedicated by Bishop Taylor-Smith who, preaching from the text "He that sitteth in the Heavens shall laugh them to scorn," compared the downfall of the Kaiser with that of two other monarchs who defied God—Pharaoh and Belshazzar.

SECOND DEVONS WELCOMED.

Although they arrived at 3 o'clock in the morning, the cadre of the Second Devons was frantically cheered by large crowds at Exeter which had waited up all night to receive them. Hearty cheers were raised as the men marched through the city with unfurled colours bearing the Croix de Guerre awarded the battalion by Marshal Foch for its stand at the Bois des Buttes last May

The Mayor welcomed the men, who were entertained at the barracks.

MAJOR COMMITS SUICIDE.

Suicide while temporarily insane, was the verdict returned at the inquest on Major Webster Bruce R. F. A., who shot himself with a service revolver. He had suffered from sleeplessness.

STRIKE AT RACING STABLES.

The latest Irish strike is that of stable boys at the Curragh, seventeen training stables being effected. The Curragh races fixed for to-day will be held under circumstances of exceptional difficulty.

DUNMOW REVERSED.

The Henpecked Club met at Stainland, Yorkshire, yesterday, to hold its annual dumpling-dinner.

No man can be admitted to membership of this club until he has given positive assurance that he is henpecked, and submitted himself to cross-examination on this point.

SOBER SCOTLAND.

In his annual report on the Constabulary of Scotland, Lt.-Col. Ferguson states that there was a further decrease of 8,480 persons apprehended for drunkenness during the year ended December 31st.

In the Divorce Court Mrs. Colbourne, of Chiswick, obtained a divorce from her husband, an engineer in the R.N.V.R., who brought another woman to live in the same house.

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Evening Service, 6 p.m.

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21, Antonter Strasse.
Sundays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m.
Evening Service, 8-30 p.m.
Weekdays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and on Saints' Days.

3.—THE CHURCH ARMY CHAPEL,
Hotel du Nord.
Sundays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m., 6.45 p.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Weekdays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Saints' Days.
Short Morning Prayers Daily at 9-15 a.m.

4.—THE ARMY CINEMA HALL,
36, Komodien Strasse.
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95, Severin Strasse.
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St. GEORGE'S DAY.

To-day we celebrate the patron saint of England. Tradition has firmly woven the story of St. George into the web of our national annals. In Spenser's *Faerie Queene* St. George, the Red Cross Knight, represents Piety who after wondrous martial adventures is united to Una, the damsel who symbolizes Truth. In Percy's *Reliques* we have a ballad which pictures the patron saint in a different guise of heroism. But legend and history combine to carry us further back in our world story. St. George is claimed as a victim of the Diocletian persecution, who was martyred on the 23rd of April in the year 303. The usual account of the time-honoured connexion between St. George and England is that on the establishment of the Order of the Garter by Edward III the legendary hero was adopted as our patron saint. His exploits are typified in his valorous conquest of a fearsome dragon which daunted the hearts of many till St. George's prowess laid it low. It is an old allegory of brave and chivalrous victory over the power of evil and oppression, an allegory that Bunyan revived in his tale of Apollyon's discomfiture.

"St. George he was for England" — it was a gallant war-cry of our forbears in many a bloody battle on the soil of France, our ancient enemy and now our honoured ally. Even in these days when St. George and St. Denis have fought side by side, the old inspiration has been renewed. It was on the eve of St. George's day 1918 that under the guiding command of Sir Roger Keyes the British navy set out to achieve one of its most gallant and glorious exploits. Zeebrügge and Ostend were robbed of their menace, and these are names that will be written in gold when the future historians of the Grand Fleet narrate its deeds of daring.

We have often been rated a practical nation, a people that is impatient of enthusiam, that is concerned chiefly with material matters of industry and trade. But deep down in our hearts we have a genuine sentimentalism. Historical tradition means much to us, we are proud of our past, and we linger on ancient stories that are founded on the renown of heroic ancestors. It is our boast that the England of St. George stands for chivalry and courage and fair-dealing. Once again our patron saint has led us in the fight against a dragon, the dragon of unbridled militarism; and our fight has been victorious.

With the help of our allies we have slain an evil thing, and we breath more freely now that the world is being made safe for democracy. Peace will come more surely since a trial of arms has proved the futility of a proud bid for dominion. But has the last dragon of unholiness been slain? Is it wise to assume that all is well since war has ceased? We do not speak of martial campaigns, for such things are hidden from our eyes; we speak of a campaign against the dragon of unworthy standards of human life. The symbolism of St George most certainly teaches the ideal of purity and chivalry. It is not fair to prate about "our ancient word of courage, 'fair St. George'," if we are not prepared to emulate the spirit of our patron saint.

THE QUESTION OF TONGUES.

HOW TO LEARN GERMAN.

WILLIAM R. PATTERSON, F.R.G.S., ETC.

My first article, treating of the language question, induced a few readers of the "Cologne Post" to respond with equal enthusiasm.

I am grateful to those who have agreed with me on the significant importance to the British race of foreign language study. We must learn for our own sakes and for the sake of British interests. If we, as many of us as possible of all trades and professions, do not settle down to study earnestly at least one modern foreign language we shall not succeed nearly as well in business as we might. In these days of big money and big demands, and in those future days of bigger money and bigger demands, there will arise a need for French, Spanish and German speaking agents and business men.

It is our greatest wish to see the Briton first in the field. At one period the study of German nearly ceased; that was wrong. If a mad velent fly bites you, so much more reason have you to study its actions. As in war, so in peace; study the language both of friend and foe and, through that, learn as much as possible of each. You young men who are here now with the Army of the Rhine have an excellent opportunity for acquiring a good knowledge of one of the most forceful languages of the world; therefore, instead of wasting time, study the German tongue seriously, earnestly, and prepare for the future. If you have already some trade or profession, so much the more profitable will such knowledge prove when you are older. But you must not go about the matter half-heartedly; that would produce a very poor linguist. It means that you will have to spend at least an hour daily in pronouncing aloud to yourself, not merely words but whole sentences. Order your Grammars from England at once; ask your friends to post them on to you. Try to obtain a Grammar that is rich in exercises, for practice, continual practice is essential to fluency. Now, fluency does not, by any means, signify rapidity of utterance. A fluent speaker suggests to us one who is able to converse, and to continue to converse, correctly; I should not call fluent a man who rattled off a string of ungrammatically constructed sentences at great speed.

No, you may be a fluent conversationalist and yet a slow and deliberate speaker. For the beginner, the latter is the best aim to achieve; You must endeavour to sense the idea of the expression or phrase you are practising and to forget the English equivalent for it.

The best of all methods to adopt in learning a new tongue is that of continual repetition. You may not force yourself to learn more than your capacity will allow; you must assimilate knowledge by degrees, steadily.

Let me illustrate this last remark.

Day after day, week after week, year after year, on your walks and on your journeys, you read dozens and dozens of advertisements; they are ever before you; you do not intend to memorize them but you do so nevertheless, unconsciously. Follow the same process with language-study, but read your work aloud. Read hundreds and hundreds of phrases and sentences. Read aloud to yourself every day as much as you can. Avail yourself of those odd minutes which crop up between-whiles, and persevere. Another point! Do not mumble, but pronounce clearly and distinctly, allowing perfect mobility to the organs of speech. When your are some way advanced, take up a good modern play, not necessarily a classic one, and act it to yourself. Imitate the utterances of each character, be he angry, proud, sarcastic, arrogant, humble, humourous or anything else. The text will usually assist you in this matter.

Think of your own future and that of Great Britain and learn languages!

"PARSIFAL" AT THE COLOGNE OPERA.

BY MAJOR ARTHUR BLES.

When at Roubaix I received a wire from the then 2nd Army to come at once with all my staff in three cattle trucks, to Cologne, there to undertake the duties of Town Major, I little thought that within 5 months of that date I should be listening to "Parsifal" at the Cologne Opera, on behalf of a British paper published by the British Army of the Rhine. And even if I had thought of it, it would never have entered my head that the performance would be so remarkable that an audience composed to the extent of at least 75% of British Officers and Men would listen throughout 5½ hours of highly intricate music, in the same spirit of religious "receuillement" as was always believed to be the special feature of the Bayreuth production of Wagner's wonderful work.

It is said that comparisons are odious, but like all its kindred, especially its twin brother. Boileau's much-quoted "Criticism is easy, Art is difficult," the old saw is entirely false, for comparison simply infers the existence of a certain standard as a basis for judgment. Where comparisons are odious — and if we knew the true origin of the phrase we should probably find it was applied to some particular case — is where the person who makes the comparison, the critic in fact, is himself insufficiently educated on the particular subject to establish a true standard. The musical comedy fanatic, who says that he does not like "Siegfried" because there are not so many tunes as in the "Merry Widow" is a bad critic because his judgment is warped.

He has no sense of music, intellectually speaking, and cannot perceive the melody which appeals to the brain of the cultivated lover of music. Melody, sensual, rythmic, superficial, is only one tiny branch of the tree of music, the trunk itself and the greater branches help the small one to live its life. The student of music counts tunefulness a small thing beside harmony and form, based on a knowledge of the acoustic laws of music. Someone has said that "Music Master has descended from Heaven," meaning that this sound knowledge is essential to the production of really great works of art. Mendelssohn writing the "Midsummer Night Dream" overture at 18 years of age only provides the exception that proves the rule, and besides, he was what Heine on his "Mattress Grave" called the most tragic being on earth, at once a Jew and a Genius.

Now for many years, since the Eighties in fact, since Parsifal was written, we have all lived under the spell of Bayreuth, with its atmosphere of Wagnerian tradition and its comparative isolation from the rest of the world. When some years ago Munich broke away, in music, from Bayreuth, just as before she had created a Secessionist movement in painting, we adherents of the tradition predicted disaster for the world's greatest operatic masterpiece and cried "Shame" on the perpetrators of the misdeed. Unfortunately the performances given in Munich, London and New York more than justified the fears of the true followers of the Wagner tradition, for the sudden, transition from the routine of every day life to the atmosphere of semi-religious repose was too much to expect from the ultra-worldly people that we have all become. This was the state of mind in which I went to the performance of "Parsifal" given at the Cologne Opera House on Easter Monday, a state of undescribable fear that any lover of art experiences when he comes within the radius of some great vandalism.

But the fear was absolutely unnecessary, for the whole performance both from the point of view of the stage and the audience was as near perfection as we mortals can hope to attain, at the same time it proved the falsity of "mathematical" tradition, for in numerous details, the Cologne "Parsifal" is immeasurably finer than the Bayreuth representation. It is simpler, thereby gaining in grandeur, and it is far less stagey and theatrical. Even the elimination of the famous moving scenery of the first act, where Gurnemanz leads Parsifal to the Hall of the Knights of the Grail on Monsalvat, added to the dignity of the scene, for instinctively the mind dwelt on the cleverness of the mechanical contrivance by means of which the whole journey of the two men passed before the spectators' eyes.

In the first scene in the Knights' Hall, the awestruck stillness of the "Reiner Tor," the Pure Simpleton, which Gurnemanz mistakes for stupidity unworthy of the expected Messiah, is infinitely more impressive than the more excited movements of the Bayreuth protagonist Eric Schmedes, and Gurnemanz himself, though his role is long and wearisome at times, was more interesting in every way than even the great Dr. Felix Krauss.

In the second act, the changes made in the scenery have taken away much of the stilted nature of the dance of the Flower Maidens. The rows of hollyhocks growing on hop-poles that always shocked the Bayreuth pilgrim, have given way to a flower-bedecked, but clear, stage in the back-ground of which Klingsor's fatal castle stands in silhouette against the morning sky There is no longer any necessity for the marching and countermarching, obviously regulated by a dancing mistress, in and out of the hop-poles, and the Flower Maidens are free to dance about and around Parsifal as their young hearts desire.

But it is in the last act, that Herr Remond's interpretation is immeasurably finer than at Bayreuth, and where in spite of the fact that the small Bavarian village has inherited the true tradition, I believe it comes nearer to Wagner's own conception. The booklet sold at the Opera house tells us that Parsifal must be considered as Wagner's Profession of Faith, but this is wrong, for Wagner's only true faith was his love of art. If the booklet meant this, it is right, for if the whole last act is obviously an adaption of the life of Christ, it was taken only because, apart from all question of religion, the Christ story is the most beautiful romance the world has ever produced.

Again from the fact that in "Parsifal" it *is* an adaption, not a complete record, and pieced on to the other great romance of the Holy Grail we see that with Wagner, Art was his one and only God.

But if at Bayreuth we sometimes felt that the performance touched on the sacrilegious, through an undefinable feeling that Cosima Wagner was always there regulating every movement, the third act, as given last night, could not have shocked the most touchy of purists in religious matters. Even the delicate scene of the repentant Kundry, become the Magdalen, washing the feet of Christ and drying them with her hair, while old Gurnemanz fervidly returns thanks that a Saviour has been sent to cleanse the Hall of the Holy Grail and its ruler, Amfortas, of the result of his youthful sin, is given in a spirit of devotion which astounded all those who saw it.

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Nothing could have been simpler, more perfectly represented than the disrobing of the young Knight in Black armour, with uncrested helm, and shield, virgin of all heraldic device, and when it was completed and Our Lord appeared clad in a long white robe and sandals the atmosphere of the whole theatre was such that no shock came to any one.

Even the descent of the Holy Ghost over the flaming Grail held aloft by the Saviour Parsival above the kneeling Knights of the Brotherhood was in no way sacrilegious. In fact this was true to such an extent that the curtain fell in a silence almost deep as that which follows a religious ceremony in a great Catholic Cathedral. Yet how many people present yesterday knew that it has always been the custom, in deference to a wish expressed by Wagner himself, that no applause should be given at the end of Parsifal.

The fact that the audience filed out as quietly as ever it did at Bayreuth was a finer testimony to the beauty of Herr Remond's production than the most tumultuous applause would have been

YOUR PAPER

AND ITS GERMAN ADVERTISEMENTS.

Several correspondents — to many too reply to individually — have criticised the selling of our advertising space to German firms. We want therefore to state our policy in the matter.

It is this. *First* the paper is intended for the use of the troops sojourning in an enemy country, yet needing still the ordinary goods and services of every day life. A man needs his clothes cleaned and repaired, he wants to send his photograph Home, he wants to send home to his people some souvenir of the Occupation. While there are many goods and services for which he can and should write home, there are many, such as these, which it is impossible to get in that way, and he wants to know where and how to get them here. Naturally he looks in his daily paper for this information, and we look upon it as one of our functions to provide it. *Secondly*, one of the great and very real dangers indicated as the sure result of any sort of gain on Germany's part was that our Home market would be flooded with "made in Germany" goods. That is the selling of goods would have been to the victor had Germany been victorious. Now Britain with her Allies is the Victor. Thousands of manufactories at Home, textile and otherwise, have large stocks of goods to sell and we know that many German houses in the Occupied Territory want them badly and have the money waiting to pay for them. We do not wish to force our goods upon unwilling purchasers, but we should be both foolish and dogs in the manger if we refused to further a trade on very favourable terms in goods which are greatly needed, when express permission for trade between the Allies and the occupied Territory has been given by our Government. Why should British manufacturers be left uninformed of this splendid opportunity of disposing profitably of their goods, while allied countries are already doing so? It would be a very short-sighted policy not to spread the good news by every means possible. We have helped to do this and should, we believe, continue to do so. In the German papers one can find many advertisements by English firms offering to sell goods.

Thirdly, on one or two occasions we have inadvertently, allowed another class of advertisement to slip in, e.g. one offering drills etc. to English firms; some dozen cuttings of this have been sent back to us with comments grave and gay — all of them really serious in intent. These particular advertisements were as a matter of fact slips, regrettable slips, but we must plead overwork and understaff defects which we hope to remedy shortly. Producing a daily paper wherein every piece of type is handset by men knowing not a word of English and organizing the distribution etc. of a new venture, this advertisement slipped our thoroughly British eye.

Starting a daily paper is no joy ride, starting one under the conditions under which we have had to labour, without making a slip, would be almost superhuman. There have been some defects more or less inherent to infants, but they should be treated as teething rash not as congenital malformations, and critics should understand this before they rush into words on the subject. If the labour and ink spent on these criticisms were expended in contributing articles to the paper articles of general interest, articles to amuse and elevate, the paper would be greatly helped and, possibly, improved. As we have said before, in a venture like ours, criticism is valuable only when constructive. Active help is by far the best medicine with which to cure the blemishes of our infancy.

In one or two cases aspersions have been quite unnecessarily cast on our all-British character, aspersions which it is unnecessary to refute. *The Cologne Post* is produced by Britishers who have been in the line against the German Power and its companions in crime on many fronts; it is produced for Britishers, and its policy first and last is the British clinching of the argument which began in 1914 and has cost Britain so heavily in lives and money, but it is not a policy of mere sterile revenge. To sum up our advertising policy, our objects are (1) Convenience of the troops, (2) Profit to our country in permitted trade, (3) Selling by the enemy only in so far as it renders them better enabled without prejudice to British producers to pay for their necessities and our products.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY ON THE AIR MAIL SERVICE.

According to *Nature* our aerial mail service from Folkestone is being fitted with apparatus for wireless telephony. Each plane is fitted with both sending and receiving sets, and by manipulating a simple switch the operator may send or receive. Each operator is equipped with a specially fitted helmet having ear receivers, and has to have special voice training in order that his 'note' may not be drowned by the drone of the engines. A chain of call-stations is being erected along the route and in practice it has been found that clear voice signals could be transmitted from plane to ground, and *vice versa*, over a distance of 30 miles.

SCIENCE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS.

Three Beit fellowships, founded to enable students to take up some line of practical research in science, will be filled up about July 15th this year. The fellowships are of the value of £175 per annum and this is the sixth election that has taken place since their foundation. All information, and forms of application can be obtained, by post only, from the Rector, Imperial College, South Kensington, London S. W. and applications must be in by May 31st.

OPERA HOUSE AND THEATRE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	DRAMA
Wednesday	6	Tales of Hoffmann	Flachsmann als Erzieher
Thursday	6	Fidelio	Seeschlacht
Friday	6	Orpheus and Eurydice	Der Bibliothekar
Saturday	6	Barbier von Sevilla	Faust
Sunday	6	Zigeunerbaron	afternoon: Elga evening: Kronbraut
Monday	6½	Rheingold	Kaiser Pauls Tod
Tuesday	4	Die Walküre	Fiesco

"THE SCROUNGERS."

SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT AT TROISDORF.

The 31th Battalion M.G.C. Concert Party ("The Scroungers") gave their first performance in the Cinema Hall, Troisdorf, on Saturday before a crowded house. The entertainment was both witty and amusing, and altogether of a very high standard. The Organizer (2nd Lt. Yeatman) as well as the other members of the Party, are to be congratulated on the splendid success of their opening night. A feature of this Party is the excellent Orchestra, which rendered enjoyable and up-to-date music throughout the performance, under the able conductorship of 2nd Lt. Algar. A very successful season is predicted for "The Scroungers."

'MUSEMENTS AT MULHEIM.

An Amusements Office has been opened here for the purpose of centralizing every type of sport and entertainment, from diabolo to Opera, that can be indulged in in the vicinity. Though late in the season, a football league has been formed, and keen competition should ensue amongst the units stationed here. A fairly — level- so the experts say — piece of sward has been unearthed whereon to wield the willow (it would not be wise to say how many fatigue parties are required to roll it), and hopes are entertained for a good cricket pitch.

Tennis will shortly be going strong and the swimming baths are small but good. It is also proposed to form a garrison concert party complete with orchestra, which should hold its own with any; the district being well equipped with theatres as well as facilities for *a fresco* entertainments. In the meantime, all concert parties are invited to come and show here. Good houses guaranteed! (Is this meant for a free advert? *Ed.*)

R.F.A. WHIST DRIVE AT MERKEN.

D/36th BRIGADE'S SERIES.

The fourth of a series of whist drives, promoted by B.S.M. C. Turner, D.C.M., M.M., was held in the Battery Recreation Room on Saturday evening. There was a good attendance and all had a most enjoyable evening. Major F.L.V Mills M.C. kindly distributed the prizes.

The winners were:- 1st, Bdr. Cashford; 2nd, Dr. Melia; 3rd, Sgt. Ingley; Booby, Pte. Steadman.

VETERINARY HOSPITAL SPORTS.

No. 8 Veterinary Hospital organised a successful sports meeting on Easter Monday, which were held in delightful weather at Marienburg. Plenty of amusement was provided, especially by the mule race and the football match in sacks. The results were:

120 yds. flat race: 1 L/Cpl Johnstone; 2 Pte Cruton; 3 Pte Copley.

Inter-sub-divisional Boatrace: "G" Sub-divn.

Wheelbarrow Race: 1 Cpl. Dawson; 2 Cpl. Francis

Mule Race: 1 Cpl. Simpson; 2 Pte Hinson; 3 Pte Shirley.

Football Match in Sacks: "G" Sub-divn.

Obstacle Race: 1 Pte Arton; 2 L/Cpl Johnstone; 3 Pte Copley.

Inter-Sub-div. Tug-of-War: 1 "C" Sub-div. 2 "G" Sub-div.

SPORTS AT DUREN.

On Saturday afternoon A. Coy, 51st Gordon Highlanders held a very successful sports meeting at Duren. The arrangements for the meeting were in the hands of Lieut. T. E. Chambers, the Coy. Commandant, and Lieut. McDonald, the Battery sports officer, who were ably supported by the other officers and N.C.O.'s of the Coy. The following are the results:—

1st. Race, 100 yards:—1, Graham, 1 Platoon; 2, Stewart, 3 Platoon; 3, Bain, 4 Platoon.

2nd race, 100 yards:—1. Sinnamon, 4 Platoon; 2, Murray, 4 Platoon; 3, Kidd, 1 Platoon.

220 yards race:—1, Sinnamon; 2, Graham; 3. Stewart.

440 yards race:—1, Cruickshanks, 1 platoon; 2, Graham; 3, Stewart.

1st Sack Race:—1, Bain; 2, Sinnamon; 3 Murray.

2nd Sack Race:—1. Farrel, 4 platoon; 2. Graham.

Tug of War, (Semi-final): No. 3 and No. 4 platoons. Final: No. 4 platoon.

Five-a-side Football —No. 3 platoon 0, No 4 platoon 2; No. 1 platoon 3, No. 2 platoon 0; No. 1 platoon 0, No. 4 platoon 2.

EASTERN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COY. 10-ROUND CONTEST.

A splendid contest was held at the Signals Gymnasium on Thursday when the contestants were Driver Mullock versus Spr. Tim Franklin. Franklin persevered pluckily for five rounds but was no match for that brilliant flyweight Mullock, who knocked his man out in the fifth round. This man has a great future in front of him.

34th v. 5th BATTALION MACHINE GUNNERS.

Played on the 34th Battalion's ground, at Troisdorf, on Good Friday. Play at the beginning of the game was even and open, but the home halves soon got a grip of the opposing forwards and matters swung into the 5th Battalion territory. The 34th's outside left completed fine forward play and scored with an angular shot from the touch line. The home halves were playing splendidly and fed their forwards judiciously.

In the second half, the home team were too good for the visitors and kept the play in their half of the field. Strong play by the 34th's forwards ended in Lt. Ryle finding the net with a clever header. There was no further scoring. A good clean game ended in favour of the 34th Battalion by 2 goals to none.

MERRY MOMENTS AT MECKENHEIM.

Some Doings of the 51st Battalion, Welsh Regiment.

MUSIC, FOOTBALL AND WRESTLING.

Although the 51st Battalion of the Welsh Regiment has only been settled in Meckenheim for a few days, the Officers and men have already made a good start with sports and entertainments.

"The Oo-Jahs."

The first perfomance of the Battalion troupe "The Oo-Jahs" was given a day or two ago and proved a first rate succes in every way. The Commanding Officer (Lt-Col. H.A.S. Prior. D.S.O.) made an amusing introductory speech which put everyone in a good humour. The funnosities of C.Q.M.S. Lawson as "Johnny" caused roars of laughter and he was ably seconded by Lt. Careful as "Billy". C.S.M. "Dago" Russell, C.S.M. "Kid" Davies and Sergeants "Spud" Conway and "Enrico" Jones all contributed items that were warmly appreciated, whilst the harmonious trios of "Enrico, Spud and Kid," brought down the house. The audience joined in all the concerted items and choruses with great gusto.

The "Jazz Band" which played an overture during the interval, also scored heavily, the gesticulations of the conductor only being equalled by the strenuous behaviour of the instrumentalists. Altogether a most enjoyable and amusing show. To save further enquiries — the words "oo-Jah" are Welsh for "tres bon".

Football.

Although the Battalion soccer team has been beaten in its two attempts against other units it contains some good material, especially the defence, and will soon get into its stride. The Inter-Company and platoon matches both in rugger and soccer have produced some exciting games, the boys displaying great keenness. Although "D" company seem to be well away at rugger, all the companies are very equally matched at Soccer. A most strenuous game of Rugby took place between the Officers and N.C.O's of the battalion on Wednesday last and after an exciting struggle the N.C.O's were beaten by 11 points to nil. Casualties:—

Officers . . . nil. N.C.O's . . . 5.

Wrestling.

Our champion wrestler C.S.M. J. Jenkins has already received a reply to his challenge to wrestle anyone in the Army of Occupation at 9st. 10lbs. and everyone is looking forward, to the contest which is being arranged.

NO. 1. SECTION D.A.C. EASTERN DIVISION.

A football match was played at Lülsdorf on Saturday between the Subsections from Lungel and the Subsections from Lulsdorf. Play was fast and exciting throughout. The home team early besieged their opponents' goal, but Lungel had a good defence and managed to avert scoring. Early, however ultimately beat the custodian with a pretty punt. Some roughness was noticeable in the second half and it was seen that Lungel were making desperate efforts to equalise. Their reward came through clever passing by the forwards, and at the finish of a hard game the score stood one goal each.

76th BRIGADE R.F.A. v. 1/5th SOUTH STAFFORDS.

A fast and interesting game of football played on the Gunners ground resulted in a win for the Staffords by 5—0. The winners took advantage of every opportunity. The Gunners played with spirit right to the end. Their forward line, good as it was, never really got going as the visitors defence constantly broke up their combination.

9th PONTOON PARK v. No. 3 COMPANY 43rd ROYAL FUSILIERS.

The above teams met at Volksgarten in a return match on Saturday Watson scored for R.F after 3 minutes play. Although play continued to be lively, no further goals were scored before half time. A few minutes after the game was resumed, Brooks scored for Pontoon Park. Despite the wind the play was really good Sgt. Stoffe added a second for Pontoon.

Result:- 9th Pontoon Park 2; 43rd R.F. 1.

52nd V. 53rd RIFLE BRIGADE.

Played on Wednesday at Königshoven, in a drizzling rain, before a large number of spectators, the game was very fast throughout, the result being a win in favour of the 52nd R.B. by five goals to 3. The winners proved to be a good all-round team.

The visitors put up a good fight, their goal keeper showing excellent form and making numerous "saves." For the winners Capt. Harrison, centre forward, put in some fine play, and deserved his two goals, whilst Lieut. Shercroft (two goals) and Lieut. Galbraith (one goal) were successful in the forward line. Lieut. Beattie, Sgt. Barnes and Sgt. Pulsey had each a goal to their credit, and between them put up quite a good show for the 53rd. In the second half, playing against a strong wind, the 52nd were really at their best. Atkinson (left back) played a great game, and with Sgt. Rowen the 52nd proved the possession of a brace of good backs. At the close of the game the visitors team were entertained to tea.

WIN FOR HIGHLAND DIV. SIGNALS.

At Düren, on Monday, the Highland Division Signal Company defeated the 2.2nd Field Ambulance by 1—0.

A large crowd witnessed the game which was keen and fast. Driver Mitchell was the scorer.

63rd BRIGADE R.G.A. v. 68th BRIGADE R.G.A.

Played at Mülheim, before an enthusiastic crowd. The game was keenly contested all round. During the first half, after a great effort by the 68th forwards, the only goal of the match was scored. Every man deserved his place in the teams and in consequence the game was thoroughly enjoyed by players and spectators alike.

1/4th ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS v. 2/1st EAST LANCS FIELD AMBULANCE.

This return match was played at Hildon on Monday. Fifteen minutes from the start the Fusiliers forwards made good work and also the R. A. M. C. custodian was lucky to stop a terrific drive from Capt. Corrigan's foot. He was not successful when Goldie scored from a cross by Bell shortly afterwards. The R. A. M. C. forwards then came to the fore, and their efforts were rewarded by the equaliser from the foot of Lce. Cpl. Nicholson. On the restart the game settled down. A pretty piece of combination and trickery on the part of Bell. McLaren and Goldie enabled the latter to walk the ball through and put the Fusiliers ahead. The game terminated amidst great excitement leaving the Fusiliers winners of the double fixture.

IN THE RING.

INTERESTING SPORT AT LIBLAR.

On Sunday, at Liblar, the second series of bouts in the 5th K. O. Y. L. I. boxing tournament were decided.

The "star turn" was provided by the meeting of Sgt. Wood ("C") with Sgt. Faulkiner ("D") in the final of the middle weight competition. Both had a severe gruelling, but Wood stood the punishment better, and when the referee ordered an extra round, the judges having disagreed, Faulkiner would not contest the issue further. The points therefore went to his opponents.

In the semi-final of the welter weights competition Sgt. Wood, who appeared to be considerably more than a stone heavier than his opponent, beat Cpl. Dimmock ("B") who was so much outclassed that the referee stopped the fight.

The other semi-final was between Pte. Lovesay ("B") and Pte. Smith ("B"). Lovesay retired in the second round with an injured thumb and the points went to Smith.

Lce. Cpl. Garforth ("C") made a very hard fight for the points in his three rounds with Sgt. Wood in the light heavy weight contest. He led cleverly and frequently, but the bout went to Sgt. Wood, although his margin in this case could not have been large. Sgt. Wood figured once more in the final of the light heavy weights, where he again faced Sgt. Faulkiner. By this time he was obviously very tired, but was always ready to lead and found his opponent's weak spots frequently. Faulkiner, however, did effective, if not particularly clever work, with both right and left, and the decision went to him.

The officials were Lt. Col. H. E. Trevor C. M. G., D. S. O. referee; Lts. Laudeutscher and Hadfield, judges; Lt. S. H. Garside, timekeeper.

THE RUGBY GAME.

2nd, Bn. M.G. CORPS v 12th, Bn. R.I.R.

The 2nd Battalion M.G.C. met the 12th Battalion, R.I.R. at Widdeshoven on Friday. The ground was in excellent condition and the weather favourable.

From the kick off the Machine Gunners assumed the aggressive and kept the play in their opponents' half. The hard attempts of the R.I.R. to carry the play to the other end of the field were unsuccessful.

Although a bit one-sided, it was a good sporting game, and the win for the Machine Gunners by 29 points to nil was in no small measure due to the good combination of the three-quarter line and the fine play of Major Todd, Major Wood, Lieut. MacManon, and Lieut. Mason.

1/6th WELSH v 17th CHESHIRES.

After having successfully overcome the "Welshmen" on the Soccer field, the "Cheshires" paid a visit to the Welsh stronghold at Sechtem on Thursday to try conclusions at Rugger. They were unfortunate in having to field with fourteen players. From start to finish they were outclassed and had the heavy score of 4 converted goals, 1 dropped goal and three tries scored against them. Scorers for the Welsh were Capt. Brabazon 3 tries; Lt. W. H. Griffith 2 tries; Sgt. Morgan 1 try and Sgt. Lloyd 1 try. Capt. Brabuzon converted 3 tries, Lt. Lake one and Lieut. D. Morgan dropped a goal.

RUGGER AT LIBLAR.

At Liblar on Good Friday the semi-final of the 5th K.O.Y.L.I. Rugger Competition was played between "A" & "C" Companies, resulting in a win for the latter by two tries to nil. In neither side was the play at any time brilliant, but, nevertheless, the game was interesting to watch and was keenly contested throughout.

For the winners Lt. G. H. Taylor M. C. was the mainstay of the defence and Ptes. Andrews, Gouldsborough, and L/Cpl. Robinson had their share in the victory. Sec. Lt. Needham and C.S.M. Rutler were easily the pick of the losers. Capt. P. F. Farnish was the referee. In the final "B & C" Companies meet.

DEVONS v. DEVONS.

It was a disappointment both to officers and men of the 5th Devons that the match arranged between the Bn. and the "old comtemptibles" of the Bn. who left for demobilization about a fortnight ago, should have fallen through at the last moment.

Practically the whole of the old Bn. team were included in the draft bound for Blighty and mufti. Unfortunately they left Mülheim on Good Friday morning and the match was to have been played in the afternoon.

However, thanks to the energy of one of the "early" subs, also en route for demobilization, who collected the remains of the team and some keen "outsiders" from Mülheim, a really good game resulted. The only score of the first half came from a "skyer" by the home centre-half, Weaver, who has a reputation for direct hits at long range. The home side improved considerably in the second half, more especially the forwards led by Lt. Puddicombe, who found the net on three occasions. Owing to the soundness of the home backs, Lieut. Baigent, in goal, had little to do—a little that he did well. He kept his goal intact and a pleasant game ended in a win for the Bn. by 5—0.

10th u. 24th "QUEENS" R.W.S. REGT.

This match was played on the ground of the former at Ehresoven on Saturday. Play in the opening half went all in favour of the 10th Battn. who scored at the end of three minutes, Sgt. Coulson heading through from a fine centre from L/Cpl. Frost. Following on this there were some exciting scrimmages in front of the 24 goal, but their goalie managed to keep his charge intact. L/Cpl. Dickens, at right half was proving an obstacle to the visitors attack, who were rarely allowed to cross into their opponents territory. Capt. Evans for the 10th repeatedly put across perfect centres from outside right, one of which Sgt. Coulson converted into a goal.

Upon resuming, the 2/4th rallied somewhat, and several times looked likely to penetrate the home defence, but they lacked finish in front of goal. Lieut. Baylis, their centre forward, was very persistent, but gained little support from his partners. Play then ruled in favour of the 10th Battalion, who added two more goals through Sgt. Coulson and Lieut. Harwood, the latter finishing a fine run with a drive typical of his Brighton and Hove days. Time arrived with the score showing 4—0 in favour of the 10th Battalion.

Lieuts. Cadmann and Gunn proved very sound for the home defence, as also did Pte Watts, the home goalie. He is certainly one of the safest goalkeepers in the Rhine Army. For the visitors, Sgt. Peters, at left back, was very useful in upsetting the combination of the home forwards.

ENGLISH SPORTING NEWS.

MONDAY'S RACING RESULTS.

MANCHESTER, BIRMINGHAM AND KEMPTON MEETINGS.

One's mind instinctively went back to the days before the war on Monday, when there were no fewer than three important race meetings in England.

At each, the weather was gloriously fine; the going was good, and large crowds were present to witness excellent sport.

Owing to military occupation, the Kempton Park usual Easter meeting was held at Hurst Park.

KEMTON (HURST PARK).

Victory Cup:— 1, Dromis (20—1); 2, Stand To (7—2); 3 Happy man (6—1).

(Seven ran. Won by a head; 2 lengths between second and third.)

Queen's Prize.— 1, Race Rock (7—4); 2, Leandros (4—1); 3, Furore (1—4).

(Six ran. Won by three-quarters of a length; four lengths between second and third.)

Other winners:— Bayodee (20—1); Golden Square (7—1); Charles Smile (5—2); Bergleuse (3—1).— The South Western Plate was declared void.

MANCHESTER MEETING.

Lancashire Steeplechase:— 1, Poethlyn, (1—3); 2, The Knocker (50—1); 3, Full Stop (10—1).

(Eleven ran. Won by four length; ten lengths between second and third.)

Other winners:— Warbine (6—1); Carol Singer (9—6); Manrico (9—4); Muscorite (2—1); Knight of Manister (5—1).

BIRMINGHAM MEETING.

Winners: Nantyarw bolt (10—1); Toby (9—2); Cyllette (9—1); Schamyl (3—1); Slippery Anne (9—4); Daybreak (21—20).

ENGLISH FOOTBALL RESULTS.

LONDON COMBINATION.

Easter Monday matches in England included:—

West Ham	2	Fulham	1
Chelsea	3	Q. P Rangers	0
Woolwich A.	3	Crystal P.	2
Milwall	2	T. Hotspur	4
Clapton Orient	4	Brentford	2

GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBURG.

The result of the association football match between the 8th Black Watch and the National Sporting Club on Sunday at Luxemburg was:—

8th Black Watch	2
Nat. Sporting Club	1

THE INVINCIBLE WILDE.

JIMMY BUCK HIS LATEST VICTIM.

Jimmy Wilde, fly weight champion added yet another to his long list of victims, at Liverpool, yesterday, when he defeated Jimmy Buck, of Costleford, who was regarded as being a promising candiate for championship honours.

So severely did Wilde treat his opponent, that the referee stopped the fight in the fifth round.

THEATRE OF WAR CHAMPIONSHIP.

At Aldershot, on Monday, before 200 spectators, Egypt defeated the Home Forces by 4—2. The game was fast and exciting. Johnstone, Egypt's centre-forward, played a remarkably fine game, and was responsible for all four goals.

For the Home Forces, Marley and Thompson were the scorers.

REVIVAL OF WRESTLING.

The governing body of Cumberland and Westmorland wrestling have decided to revive the sport. With this idea they have sanctioned a match for fifty pounds aside for the best of seven falls between Jack Little of Rytop and J. Bell of Chapwell, Durnam. The match will be at Chapwell on the 10th May.

CRICKET STARTS.

TRIAL MATCH AT LEYTON.

Cricket opened quietly yesterday in England, with a trial match at Leyton between Essex and a team of thirteen past and present public school players. The score was:

Essex 165; Schools, 97 for eight.

INTERNATIONAL RUNNER'S PERFORMANCE.

The International Champion, A. H. Nicholls, covered two miles in nine minutes 59 and three-fifth seconds in a team race at Vickers' sports at Brayfield on Monday. The track was a heavy grass one.

FOOTBALL AT AIX LA CHAPELLE.

A friendly football match took place on Good Friday afternoon between the Transport and Balloon Crew, which resulted in a win by 3 goals to 1 for the latter team. The transport team entered the field with colours of all descriptions amidst the ringing cheers from their numerous (?) supporters.

Them odest Balloon Crew team took the field more or less in doubt as to how many goals they were going to be beaten by.

Really, I am not a position to criticise, but the Transport defence was decidedly weak, whilst the Blister's defence and forwards combined quite excellently sometimes. In the first half hour, things were fairly evenly balanced, the transport team pressing the most.

I fancy the Transport were over confident of winning, as one of their players kindly scored the Blisters first goal. Things went from bad to worse, the Lifeboat crew (beg pardon, I mean the Balloon crew) were all over the Leyland-Crossleys, not mentioning the wind, which had broken down as per usual. By the time the final whistle blew, the whole lot of the Transport was out of commission, and the Cylinder Humpers won by 3 goals to 1. — S.E.

VET. HOSPITAL v 52nd SHERWOODS.

On Saturday No. 8 played the 52nd Sherwood Foresters and after a hard game won by 1 goal to nil.

Rumanian and Chinese athletes have entered for the Inter-Allied games which are to be held from 22nd June to the 6th July next. Two Chinese Brigadier Generals have been elected on the Advisory commitee in connection with the same events.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, April 23rd, 1919.

Surface Wind light between N.E. and N.W. Misty in the early morning, becoming fair in the day with variable cloud. Visibility ordinary. Cold morning and evening; warmer in the day.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

(With an Occasional Entertainments Note).

Cricket.

The Easter holidays are usually the signal for the production of bats, balls and stumps—to say nothing of flannels—from their winter resting places. In England, there is no reason to suppose that the cycle of events did not bring about the appearance of these things during the week-end as in the days of yore, but here, in Germany, such articles were conspicuous by their absence. Now that playing grounds have been allotted to the various units round about, however, the production of the necessary requisites for the great summer game should not now be long delayed.

While on of the subject of cricket, I will take the opportunity of asking all lovers of the game to keep a weather-eye open for this page next Saturday, when an announcement of great importance will be made.

Army Entertainments.

There are likely to be enormous developements in the provision of entertainments in Germany in the very near future about which I am unable to give details at present. However, this hint will probably be the means of saving much paper and ink for those people who write so many letters on the subject. In the meantime the Apollo Theatre will offer something fresh next week, when an English concert party composed of four ladies and one gentleman (lucky fellow!), who have made a big reputation in Namur and Brussels recently will make its appearance. In addition, there will be Hassan the famous illusionist on the same bill.

To Boxers, Wrestlers and Others.

Will those people who are challenging everyone else to boxing, wrestling and other matches please have a little patience. Endeavours are afloat to secure one of the local places of intertainment to "put on" all the matches during the same evening. The result promises to be very successfull, and there is little doubt that so varied and unportant a programme will meet with plenty of support in the way of a large audience.

A Popular "Ringite."

Our picture depicts Sergt. C. Nichol, light-heavy weight champion of the Northern Division in characteristic attitude. He was a competitor in the recent 2nd Army Boxing Tournament at Cologne.

Multum in Parvo.

Many contributors of sports items are no doubt feeling rather sore on account of the apparently ruthless condensation to which their efforts have been subjected. This is absolutely unavoidable in view of the very limited space available and the huge quantity of matter that reaches this office every morning. Readers will, I think, agree that it is preferable that the *Cologne Post* shuld publish a little of everything rather then that a column report should be given of one event at the expense of crowding out several others. Contributions are never unappreciated, but if the writers of them would kindly remember the immense amount of ground we cover they would, I am sure, realise that every item must, of necessity, be succinct and to the point.

Black and White.

The nationality of the well-known entertainers "Black and White", who performed at the Deutsche Theatre last week, appears to be causing quite a lot of discussion in Cologne. It will probably interest a number of people if I point out that these artists are of British nationality. The male member of the bruce — who is the coloured one — is a British-American. One sunny day, he decided to take unto himself a wife, and in due course, the bells rang for he and his "gal" — who was non other than the popular "White", by birth a Spaniard. — Hence the Pyramids!

THE RAMBLER.

INTERNATIONALS IN 1919-20.

The following fixtures for next season were announced at a meeting of London club secretaries:—

December 6.—International Trial in the North.
December 20.—International Trial at Twickenham.
January 3.—International Trial at Twickenham
January 17.—England v. Wales in Wales.
January 31.—England v. France at Twickenham.
February 14.—England v. Ireland . Ireland.
March 20.—England v. Scotland at Twickenham.

The following official announcement was made:—"Rugby Union Clubs are reminded that the permission to play Northern Union players during the present season applies only to Inter-Service matches. Civilian Clubs are not permitted to play against Service Teams containing Northern Union players."

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VICTORY FETE IN PARIS.

At a recent meeting in Paris, the general scheme for the great Victory Fête was adopted. The whole length of the route from the Porte Maillot to the Place de la Concorde will be decked with floral emblems, shields, and flags hanging from arches and standards, the colour scheme being in gold and silver. The triumphal route will be divided into three parts, representing the stages of the war. From the Porte Maillot, where the Municipal Council of Paris will welcome the troops, who will be in service kit, the men will march towards the Etoile, guns taken from the enemy forming part of the procession. Seats will be arranged for the public from the Porte Maillot to the Etoile. In the immense space around the Arc de Triomphe, in front of which will be displayed the torn but glorious flags of the French Army, the official seats will be arranged in a huge amphitheatre. Thence the troops will proceed by way of the gaily-decked Champs Elysées towards the Tuileries, on the terrace of which will be a symbolical representation of Peace, and great pylons bearing shields with the arms of the Allied nations. At the Rond Point of the Champs Elysées will be an artistic memorial to the valiant dead, and in the neighbourhood the towns of France which suffered a glorious martyrdom will be similarly honoured. Special places will be reserved along the route for school children so as to give them an imperishable memory of the great deeds commemorated.

AMIR OF AFGHANISTAN.

DETAILS OF HIS MURDER.

Details of the murder of the late Amir of Afghanistan, Habibullah Khan, are given in a recent issue of "The Englishman" of Calcutta. As cabled reports of the outrage stated at the time, he was assassinated in his sleep while on a shooting expedition, and so far, apparently, the murderer is at large.

Habibullah was a lover of sport, and was on a grouse shoot when his ill-fate overtook him. He had left his winter palace at Jellalabad by motor, and proceeded sixty miles out of that city. The party accompanying him on the shoot included his eldest son and Nazurulla Khan, his brother. The Amir travelled with his eldest son and others in one motor; the rest of the party were to meet him at the shoot.

About two days before his death the Amir was seen at Ghalai-ul-Seraj, a palace about 25½ miles from Jellalabad, by a European engineer who was engaged in work there. His majesty alighted from his motor and entered the apartments of the fort in search of lunch. No lunch had been prepared, because, as the Amir had given out that he would be following a different route, his Majesty's visit was a surprise to everybody. Habibullah Khan, however, wanted lunch, notice or no notice, and he asked the two European engineers there if they had any lunch to give him. One of the Europeans recited to the private secretary the courses that the cook had prepared for them, and stated his Majesty was fully welcome to what there was. The irate Amir sent for the lunch, got through it all, and then presented the fortunate cook with two sovereigns. The European engineer was, on the other hand, offered his Majesty's thanks and a cigarette, which the Amir selected and handed him from his case. "Good bye," he said, as he took his departure. "I shall see you again in three days on my way back."

SHOT IN HIS SLEEP.

When the motor-car returned two days later it contained the dead body of the Amir. It appears that his Majesty had proceded twenty-seven miles beyond Khalat-ul-Seraj, and was from the 17th-20th camping at a little place known as Kollagosh. He slept in a large tent well guarded by soldiers drawn from a number of regiments, and within were just his Majesty in one section, while in the other were four or five pagesboys, who took it in turns to watch. At about three in the morning a pistol shot was heard to ring out into the stillness of the night, and on the Amir's brother and eldest son rushing into the tent they found Habibullah Khan lying dead in his bed, shot through the ear, the bullet having passed out of the side of his head.

No account is given of any arrest. The body was conveyed to Jellalabad and buried in a grave on the Royal golf course, but it is assumed that the remains will be exhumed and re-interred in one of the palaces at Kabul. Meanwhile, as has been reported, there have been rival claimants to the succession. The new Amir is Amanullah Khan, third son of Habibullah, a young man of 26, who has never been out of his own country, but is described as having "an active brain and a keen intelligence."

DEMOBILIZATION.

The War Office has ruled that the statement "In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thought of love" which recently appeared in *The Cologne Post*, is not to be taken as an authority for release on passionate grounds.

FRATERNIZATION.

The tri-linguist. "I can't say as 'ow she an' me gets on very well together in English or German, but she talks a bit of French; she's called me "Mewseer" several times."

A. I. F. EDUCATION.

TALENTED RANKERS.

Speaking at the War Chest Club on Saturday upon the work of the A.I.F. Education Service, Lieut. J. H. Vaughan gave some interesting examples of educational talent which has been discovered in the ranks of the Australian Army since the armistice.

There were numerous instances of professional men, architects, clergymen, and lawyers who had been fighting as private soldiers. In the rank and file of a gun team in France there were no fewer than three Bachelors of Science, whilst some medical men had enlisted as ordinary soldiers in order to carry a rifle rather than a stethoscope. A graduate in civil engineering with a valuable and varied experience, holding the rank of a sapper in the Australian Engineers, was entrusted with the difficult task of determining the safe-bearing loads of soils for new foundations in France.

But perhaps the most striking example was disclosed when at the request of the French Government applications were called for throughout the A.I.F. for appointment to a Commission proceeding to Morocco to report upon the suitability of that country for the breeding of merino sheep. The rank of the applicants ranged from colonels to privates. One of the latter had, prior to the war, managed a station comprising a quarter of a million sheep, and was a highly skilled stock breeder and wool-classer. The successful applicant, however, an infantryman, possessed even higher qualifications. He owned a million acres of land, had organised and conducted droving-tours from the Kimberleys in Western Australia to the Queensland Coast, a distance of nearly two thousand miles, and from the northern territory to the Southern Ocean, had sunk artesian bores and was a recognised expert in water finding. Moreover, he could speak French fluently, and had other brilliant educational qualifications.

THE FUTURE CIVILISATION.

"THE RIGHT TO KILL."

Keen discussion has been aroused in scientific circles over the dictum of Mr. Ingelby Oddie, coroner for Westminster, that in certain eventualities a medical man should have the power to "put incurables out of their misery." In effect, the suggestion is that one who is hopelessly ill has the right to die. Interest in the problem has been accentuated by the case of a consumptive named Sydney Albert Phillips, aged 32, who was found shot through the heart at Hanover-gate-mansions, Regent's Park.

Phillips had, it is understood, discussed with members of his family Mr. Oddie's remarks on the doctors' "right to kill" and a doomed man's "right to die." Mr. Oddie's observations, made at the inquest on a Mr. Feesey, were to the effect that he had been informed that Mr. Feesey had remarked that it was a pity doctors had not the power to put incurables out of their misery. He (Mr. Oddie) thought the time might come when, with proper safeguards, that might be done, for it seemed a good thing when life became unbearable. We had not yet got to that period of civilisation, however, but he had no doubt the time would come when painless anaesthesia would be brought about. Mr. Feesey had come to the conclusion that life was not worth living, and that was the motive for his committing suicide. Hopelessness and the prospect of no recovery preyed on his mind so much that it became unsound.

PRIMROSE DAY AT HOME.

Primrose Day was celebrated on Saturday under conditions far more favourable than have obtained during many years past. Glorious weather had brought an abundant supply of primroses to market, and it may be asserted with confidence that the flower was never more generally worn during any other day of the thirty-eight years since Lord Beaconsfield's death. Colonial soldiers were amongst the best costumers of street vendors, and scarcely an "Anzac" was seen in the City or West-end without his little bunch, neatly tucked in his belt. The emblem, was also freely worn by the "W.A.A.C.'s," no doubt partly in recognition of the war work done on their behalf by the ladies of the Primrose League.

The Beaconsfield statue in Parliament-square was, as usual, profusely decorated with flowers. Prominently displayed on the plinth was a magnificent wreath from the Grand Council of the Primrose League, bearing the league's motto, "Imperium et Libertas." Another beautiful token came from Mr. R. E. Bellios, and a third from Hughenden, the Buckinghamshire village where Lord Beaconsfield lies buried. Bunches of primroses were also deposited at the foot of the statue by the general public. The windows of the Primrose League offices in Victoria-street were decorated with primroses, and opposite the building was placed a life-size bust of Lord Beaconsfield with the inscription, "The honour and best interests of the country require that men be returned to Parliament with definite principles."

Many people made a pilgrimage to the grave at Hughenden, which was hidden by primroses. Wreaths were placed on the tomb, and a floral device was deposited on the seat formerly occupied by the Earl in the chancel.

TRESPASSING ON RIFLE RANGE.

THREE BOYS KILLED.

A shocking accident occured on Good Friday at the rifle range at the military camp at Chiseldon, four miles from Swindon, by which three boys, each 14 years old, were killed and three others injured. Twenty boys left Swindon in the morning for a day's outing. Seven of them left the others our reaching the downs and went to the rifle range, where one picked up what proved to be a live shell and which shortly exyloded.

A PUBLIC FLYING SERVICE.

A public flying service was inaugurated last Saturday from Hamble, on the shores of Southampton Water, by the Mayor and Mayoress of Southampton (Aldermann and Mrs. Kimber), who were the first pair of passengers. They ascended to a height of 2,000ft, and on returning from the trip the Mayor declared that flying was much more exhilarating than motoring. Many other flights followed. The machines used were of the Avro type.

MARSHAL FOCH AND NEWCASTLE.

The Lord Mayor of Newcastle has recived a letter from Marshal Foch expressing his willingness to accept the honorary freedom of Newcastle, and stating he has often had occasion to appreciate the happy results of the maritime efforts of the industrious city of Newcastle. Marshal Foch, however, says he cannot pledge himself to be in Newcastle on July 7, the suggested date of the ceremony.

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

THE RAISING OF THE BLOCKADE.

One might expect to find the Germans heartily glad that our authorities have consented to raise the blockade. In any case they have reason to be, for though they have felt its bitter grip, the blockade could still prove that its capacity and resources for strengthening its hold are not yet exhausted. Commenting upon this important and pleasing news, the *Leipziger Neueste Nachrichten* staties: The sea is open again for us; once more it is at the disposal of Germany, but after all her commercial navy has been crushed, after hunger has curbed the power of resistance of the people, and after Bolshevik strikes, promoted by hunger, have been, and are still, raging, through the country; so that Germany, the richest coal owner of the world, cannot even scrape enough of that commodity to secure her own railway traffic.

"Almost with indifference do we hear the news which, had it come five months ago, would have saved Germany from ruin. We will hope, however, that this measure is not adopted too late."

Germany and Her Peace Delegation.

The *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*, in dealing with the question of sending delegates to Versailles, states that the first part of the German delegation will not proceed to Versailles before Clemenceau gives a sign that he has received the answer sent by Germany. "In this case," it says, the delegation will not be able to leave before the 28th which means that at the earliest they will not be able to receive the text of Preliminary peace before May 1. It would then be impossible to know the conditions in Berlin before May 2. If, during the first conversations, signs are shown that the adversaries have the intention of entering into serious negotiations on all the points, then the second part of the delegation will be summoned, and this will include forty experts on German economical life and the Press representatives.

The Paris Conference.

"The Conference in Paris, with all its work has only brought into effect disappointment; neither the victorious nor the vanquished are satisfied, the least so, perhaps, being the leaders and members themselves." That is what we find in a recent issue of the *Frankfurter Zeitung*. It further goes on to say that "what have been accomplished are merely compromises. The noble thoughts which have been preached by the Entente throughout the war have hot yet materialised."

Acknowledgement of guilt.

"Apparently, in the preface of the preliminary peace, which is shortly to be presented to the German delegates, the responsibility of Germany for the war will be stated. We assume from this that the German plenipotentiaries must, by their signature, make an acknowledgement of guilt. Thus it will be the first peace convenant in the history of the world in which the equality of right to the contracting parties has been abolished in such a humilicting manner. To accept such a preface would have for us enormous legal results, for then we should not be able to find a basis for discussion with regard to details. The German people will not allow themselves to be led along such a violent course."

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STORKS IN STRASSBOURG.

According to the *Journal*, no storks have visited Strassbourg during the whole period of war, the last being seen in 1914. With the advent of this year's Spring, however, a pair of storks have returned to occupy their old nests.

The people ask "is it luck, or merely a mysterious concatenation of fact?" The house whereon they have taken up their abode is one used as the Banque de France, whilst next to it is the house in which Rouget de Lisle sang in 1792 for the first time "La Marseilluise."

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The cuckoo was heard in the woods at Bilsington Priory, near Ashford, Kent, on Good Friday.

The Letchworth Naturalist Society report that during 1918 two summer migrants, the quail and reed warbler, failed to appear in the district.

Daniel Oswald Neavies, a farmer, of Bishton, Monmouthshire, worried over the non-completion of Government ploughing, committed suicide by cutting his throat.

The first party of British women to tour the battlefields of France will leave London on Wednesday. Other parties are being arranged by the Overseas Club and Patriotic League.

The employer members of the Industrial League are being invited to bring some of their workmen and shop stewards to a meeting on Friday, to be addressed by Mr. J.R. Clynes, M.P., on "Industrial Questions."

The U.S. War Department announces that during the battle of the Somme in 1918 the British Army used 9,000,000 rounds of artillery ammunition, which is a record number of shells used in a single engagement. — U.S. Wireless.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned at an inquest at Winchester yesterday on Gertrude Burn, aged 27, daughter of a London solicitor, who was thrown from a motor-car and killed whilst motoring on Friday with a party to Bournemouth.

Bedgebury, Goudhurst, Kent, the estate of 6,000 acres purchased by the Crown for the purpose of starting a school for rural wood industries, was acquired, and the original mansion built by Sir John Hayes from the proceeds arising out of a speculation for raising a Spanish treasure ship.

Rear-Admiral William S. Sims, Commander of the American Fleet in European waters during the war, speaking of the work of the American navies in destroying the submarine menace, said that examination by divers showed that many of the crews of submarines destroyed by the Allies either killed each other or committed suicide after their U-boats were sent down. — U.S. Wireless.

At Halesowen, Worcestershire, a workman was motoring to his employment when a bundle of £1 Treasury notes fell from his pocket and were blown away by a high wind. The man made a search and was able to find all but thirteen of the notes, some of them being discovered a mile away.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

FIRST JAZZ BAND IN RHINELAND.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir,— In reading *The Cologne Post* of Wednesday, April 16th, I came across an article entitled "A Rhineland Jazz Band," and on reading further see that it is claimed that the first Jazz Band in Rhineland gave its maiden performance on Saturday, April 12th at A.Co.'s Billet, 2nd Battery M.G.C. at Evinghaven.

I beg to point out, however, that their claim to be the first Jazz Band in Rhineland is incorrect, as I myself witnessed a performance of the "Five-Ems" Concert Party at Hangelar Hall, Hangelar, on Wednesday, April 9th, in which the principal item of an excellent programme was a Jazz Band.

The Band was composed of seven members of the party, who between them played the following instruments: 1 Piano, 2 violins, 1 banjo, 1 drum, 1 trumpet and motor-horn, and last, but by no means least, a set of bells, composed of 18 Pdr. shell cases of varying sizes.

The item was introduced by their connection, "Sherry" who, whilst endeavouring to sing a song, is interrupted by the Stage-manager who earnestly tells him that he cannot sing; can he do anything else? "Yes, Jazz" is the prompt reply. The back cloth is then drawn aside, disclosing the Band. "Sherry" then assumes the conductorship, and proceeds to wield the bator with great energy. Not only does he conduct this clever party, but also plays the bells mentioned above.

Among the various items rendered, perhaps "All aboard for Dixie" was the best, being very suitable for Jazz. As I understand that noise, mirth, and melody are the main necessities for a successful Jazz Band, I can see a bright future for the "Five-ems."

I think I have proved that the distinction of having "the first Jazz Band in Rhineland" therefore goes to the "Five-ems" Concert Party, and I trust you will find space in *The Cologne Post* to publish this claim for them. R. MCHUGO.

PUBLIC OPINION AND THE PRESS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir,—The castigation recently inflicted by the Prime Minister on a section of the Press should act as a timely warning to the community in general. It has become the habit for people to take their opinions from their own particular paper and what that paper says "goes" with them. The papers profess to voice public opinion and to lead thought. As a matter of fact each journal expresses the opinions of its own leader-writer and tries to make public opinion fall in with its own; and the public, with its usual gullibility, unwilling to think for itself, falls into the trap. The "reliable source," that never-failing purveyer of tittle tattle, is a constant fount of incorrect information and needless trouble. It was the "absolutely reliable source" that not many years ago plunged numerous families into premature mourning by murdering all the ambassadors and their staffs in Pekin. The attempt to sow dissension amongst the various Allied Powers during the present Congress is by no means confined to only one section of the Press, and what may be the evil results of this stirring up of trouble we have yet to learn. The moral is "Take the trouble to think for yourselves" for with the papers "You pays yer money and you takes yer choice.

VERAX.

ENGLISH BEER WANTED.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir. — Let me beg a few lines, on behalf of the Canteen Committee of this unit, to air a grievance which must be pretty general throughout the Army of "C.O." — the shortage of English beer and stout. There must be quite a large percentage of the "other ranks" who have not tasted these heaven-sent beverages since they were on leave. Everybody knows that the German substitutes are very poor stuff, and I am sure that even the most rigid teetotal crank will admit that a better supply of the real thing would conduce to the greater contentment of the troops. C.B.

LODGE OF FREEMASONS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir. — Reference your correspondent H.E.S's letter in to-day's *Post* re "Lodge of Freemasons" I think it would be a mighty fine idea if a Military Lodge of Freemasons could be instituted at some central point for members of the Craft who of necessity are precluded from attending their Mother-Lodge or from visiting Sister Lodges. No doubt such a Lodge could quite easily be formed by obtaining a Special Dispensation and it would be one of the finest means of uniting Masons from different parts of the Empire.

Hoping that such a Lodge of A.F. and A.M. will be instituted soon. N.M.

CARROLL AND THE CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*

Sir. — It will interest many readers, I am sure, to read what Lewis Carroll wrote in his diary about Cologne Cathedral when he visited it in 1857.

"We spent an hour in the Cathedral, which I will not attempt to describe further than by saying it was the most beautiful of all churches I have ever seen, or can imagine. If one could imagine the spirit of devotion embodied in any material form, it would be in such a building."

When we remember the artistic temperament of "Lewis Carroll" and reflect upon the influence of John Ruskin, who was always "Willing to assist him with his valuable advice on any point of artistic criticism" we shall see, I think, that his testimony is not without its worth. O.O.

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MATCHES WANTED.

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AIREDALE PUPS. Lost or strayed from Army Animal Collecting Camp (White City), on the morning of the 20th, two Airedale pups, about 4 mo. old: one male, one female. Reward, Capt. Player, Army Animal Collecting Camp.

OUR soldiers on the Rhine want many things that they have been in the habit of buying at home. They buy in their canteens Divisional-Battalion— — The Y.M.C.A. — Church Army-E.F.C.— and direct from home by post. Their news paper is the daily COLOGNE POST You *must* use it to reach them and secure their business

RATES ON APPLICATION

TO ALL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Editor wishes to emphasise the fact that any correspondence sent to him should bear name, rank, and unit of the sender. Also many sports and amusements contributions are being received which do not give any dates whatever. These are, naturally, useless, as all readers first of all wish to know when the occurrence, whatever it may be, happened.

Will contributors please bear this in mind

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VICTORIOUS POLISH ARMY.

HEROIC WARRANT OFFICERS IN INDIA.

GERMAN PEACE DELEGATES FOR VERSAILLES.

LESS ANXIETY IN INDIA.

WARRANT OFFICERS' DEVOTION.

Simla. The latest official news from the Punjab indicates that Lahore has submitted quietly to martial law and the shops are re-opening. A flying column arrested twenty-three persons in adjacent villages.

A signaller on the North-West Railway at Kasur, named Sherborne, and his family, owe their lives to the bravery and devotion of two British Warrant Officers who lost their own lives in trying to protect them. — *Reuter.*

Latest telegrams from India indicate that the moderates are rallying to the support of law and order against the extremists.—*Reuter.*

Bombay. 18th April. — Gandhi has issued a statement advising the temporary suspension of passive resistance and urging his supporters to assist the Government by every possible means in the restoration of order. *Reuter.*

Calcutta. Leaders of the Moderates have issued a manifest deploring the recent disturbances and declaring that passive resistance is unsound. They are calling upon the natives to eliminate the elements of disorder.

Lahore. Mohommedan leaders in the Punjab have also issued a manifesto earnestly appealing to their countrymen, especially Moslems, to abandon passive resistance and obey authority and take effective steps to restore law and order.—*Reuter.*

Simla. — 20th April. Martial law has been proclaimed in the Gujrat district.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN PEACE DELEGATES.

Hastening to cover the blunder made by the nomination of nonentities to receive the Peace terms at Versailles, the German Government, in reply to a peremptory telegram, has notified Marshal Foch that the German delegation will comprise six high personages at the head of which will be Count Brockdorff-Rantzau the German Foreign Minister. The delegation cannot arrive before 28th April.

The effect of the German Government's attempt to send representatives who were nothing more than messengers for the conveyance of the terms of peace to Weimar has thus resolved itself into nothing more than a delay of a few more days.

It is regarded as an eleventh hour attempt to force the Allied Powers to accept the principles of discussion as applied to the Peace terms.

With their usual rather clumsy diplomacy the Germans argued that if they were debarred from discussing terms at Versailles they might as wel refrain from sending anyone capable of discussing them. This idea they have now abandoned, in response to the prompt rejoinder from the Council of Four.

BRITISH OFFICER ARRESTED BY BOLSHEVISTS.

Calcutta. 15th April.- It is understood that Major F. Bailey, of the Indian political department, who a year ago was sent to Turkestan on a special mission and was arrested by Bolshevists at Tashkent, has escaped. There is however, reliable news as to his whereabouts.-*Reuter.*

(Tashkent, or Tashkand, is the capital of Russian Turkestan.)

AMERICAN GENERAL STRIKE AVERTED.

New York. A Boston message states that the telephone strike has ended after a conference between the company and operators. The latter will get an increase of three dollars weekly and the men an increase of fifty cents daily.—*Reuter.*

FIGHTING AT SEBASTOPOL.

There was severe fighting on the 19th April outside Sebastopol. The French retook Hemelon Vert at the point of the bayonet, heavy losses being inflicted on the enemy.

The Bolshevist proposal for a seven days armistice was agreed to by the French, who also permitted the formation of a local Soviet for the municipal Government of Sebastopol. — *Reuter.*

JAPAN, KIAO-CHOW, CHINA.

Japan is insisting on an immediate settlement of the future of Kiao-Chow, which it captured from the Germans at the outset of the war.

China claims the right to occupy the base and the port of Tsing-tao as an act of restitution, without compensating Japan, while Japan claims them as "prizes of war" and promises to hand them over to China later on.

CONSTANTINOPLE TROUBLE.

According to information received from Greece, disturbances have taken place at Constantinople, where the members of the ex-Committee "Union and Progress" have revolted against the Turkish Government and proclaimed a Republic of Soviets.

SUCCESSES AGAINST RUSSIAN BOLSHEVISTS.

RELIEVING THE PRESSURE.

Admiral Koltchak's Siberian army, which launched an offensive in the Urals in the middle of March against the Bolshevists, has achieved striking successes on a front of over four hundred miles.

News of fresh successes on the river Kama in the centre of the front, about five hundred miles due East of Moscow, were reported yesterday. The Bolshevist position East of the Volga seems to have become untenable.

Koltchak's Siberian Army has advanced one hundred and ninety miles in five weeks and it is now within one hundred miles of the Volga. The enemy had clung obstinately to Serapul and the capture of that place, together with much booty and a number of the Bolshevist leaders, is an important success. Both banks of the river Kama have now been recovered from the Bolshevists for a distance of over two thousand miles.

These striking successes have very important bearings on the Bolshevist forces. Those opposed to the Allies in North Russia and to General Denekan in South Russia are seriously affected by the advance.

POLISH ARMY VICTORIOUS

DESPERATE BOLSHEVIST RESISTANCE.

A battle crowned with complete success has been fought by the Polish Army. The operations were well planned and adhered to, with the result that on Saturday last Vilna was taken. Almost simultaneously the town of Baranoviczi, the most important railway centre in that region, was occupied. The town of Nowogrodik was captured on Friday.

The entire railway between Lida and Vilna has fallen intact into Polish hands with a large number of locomotives and much rolling stock. The Bolshevists offered a desperate resistance. The battle for the possession of Baranoviczi lasted five days and nights and repeated bayonet charges were made at the entrance to the village during the two nights preceding its capture.

WRITING ON THE WALL.

BUDA-PESTH THREATENED.

Vienna, via Berlin. 22nd April. — The Rumanian advance is making the position of the Hungarian Soviet very difficult. The Rumanian troops have advanced a long way and it is declared possible that Czecho-Slovak and South Slav troops will finally march on Buda Pesth to establish a new Karolyi Government.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

WILSON INSISTENT.

An Associated Press telegram from Washington dated the 22nd April states with regard to President Wilson's attitude to the projected defensive alliance between Great Britain, France and America, that the American Government officials have received a cable stating that President Wilson would not take any action jeopardising in the slightest degree the League of Nations or conflicting with the fundamental principles of the League.

SOCIALIST ON BOLSHEVISM.

At a sitting of the National Congress of the Socialist party now being held in Paris Mr. Branting, the well-known Swedish Socialist, who had just arrived from Stockholm, warned his hearers of the dangers of Bolshevism.

He said that Sweden has been in a better position to judge the Bolshevist experiment than any of her neighbours, for she has been able to see its results in Finland and in great towns like Petrograd.

Under Bolshevist regime production is interrupted; it means death to all, commercial activity. It is absolute economic decomposition with its frightful consequences of misery and famine. Bolshevism is not an image of Socialism and still less is it a triumph of Socialism. It is the absolute negation. Dictatorship of the proletariat is nothing but a caricature of Socialism, which above all is organisation and in point of fact a continuation of democracy.

PLAUSIBLE BUT BOLSHEVIST.

Washington. The Russian embassy publishes the outlines of the plan said to have been presented to the Peace Conference by Russian representatives at Paris for the solving of the Russian problem. It asks for the recognition, as *de facto* Governments, of all National authorities inspired with democratic ideals and enjoying the support of the population, pending the establishment of a federation of the Russian States.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO MOVE

Berlin. 22nd April. — The German Government has decided to transfer the seat of the National Assembly from Weimar to Berlin, probably after the summer recess.

TERRIBLE AEROPLANE FATALITY.

FIVE OFFICERS BURNT TO DEATH.

A terrible aeroplane accident occurted about two o'clock yesterday morning at the Aerodrome at Weyhill, near Andover, three officers and two non-commissioned officers being burnt to death.

A Handley-Page machine was starting on a night flying trial when it crashed into the hangar, over turned and immediately burst into flames. The breeze fanned the fire and the machine was soon burning fiercely, the flames being seen for miles around.

Although the fire brigade was quickly on the scene, nothing could be done to save the seven occupants. Two of them managed to extricate themselves and were taken to hospital badly burnt. The other five were killed. Their names are Major Bachelor, Capt. Atkins, Lieut. Whiteside, Flight-Sgt. Hills and Cpl. Ward.

BRITISH SAILORS AT PARIS.

Two special trains from Cherbourg and Brest reached Paris yesterday and a body of men representative of the British Navy began their round of festivities.

The Admirals were received at the Gare des Invalides by the Chief of the General Staff of the French Navy, by a representative of the President and by the Paris municipal authorities.

In the afternoon a parade was held at the Invalides and the men were inspected by the Governor of Paris and Sir David Beatty. Afterwards the gallant admiral was received by the President and invested with the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour.

The evening programme consisted of a gala performance at the Opera and a performance at the Chatelet.

AMERICAN NAVAL SECRETARY'S VISIT.

To morrow Senator Daniels, Secretary for the United States Navy, accompanied by his wife and son and a staff of Naval experts, is due in England for a visit which will extend to 8th May. The party will be accommodated in a battle cruiser at Scapa Flow, where it will visit the German fleet.

On 30th April Senator and Mrs. Daniels will motor to Windsor to lunch with the King, and will subsequently attend a dinner in their honour given by the First Sea Lord of the Admiralty.

DEATH OF JUSTICE BARGRAVE DEANE.

The death is announced of the Right Honourable Sir Henry Bargrave Deane, P.C.

Mr. Justice Deane was one of the soundest judges in the Probate and Admiralty Division of the High Court, especially in nautical cases. His treatise on the Law of Blockade was a text book on the subject. He was knighted in 1905 and retired from the Bench in 1917.

WHY NOT "FLYING."

Harry Tate, the popular comedian, proposes to undertake a world tour in a Handley-Page aeroplane, carrying with him all the necessary scenery and equipment for the production of his well-known sketch "Motoring."

He proposes to fly from London via Gibraltar and Malta to Colombo. All the principal cities in India will by visited, also China, Japan and the United States. His intention is finally to return from New York by air across the Atlantic, if by that time the weather is fine enough for a start.

ROUTE MARCH OF OVERSEAS MEN.

Included in the triumphal march of Dominions troops through the Metropolis on 3rd May will be four thousand Canadians, five thousand Australians, one thousand New Zealanders and one thousand South Africans.

The procession will march from Grosvenor Gate via Hyde Park Corner and Constitution Hill to Buckingham Palace, where the King and other Royalties will receive the salute. After this ceremony the route will be via Victoria-street, Whitehall, Trafalgar Square, Strand, Kingsway and Oxford street to the Marble Arch.

LITTLE WILLIE'S PLANS.

It is stated that the ex-Crown Prince proposes to return to Germany at the conclusion of Peace. He will live privately, residing either at Potsdam or at a castle in North Germany.

WISE IN TIME.

The Independent Labour Party Conference at Huddersfield almost unanimously rejected a motion demanding that the Government of the United Kingdom should be based on the Soviet system.

CANADIAN WELCOME HOME.

Montreal. The first returning troops of the first Canadian Division received an enthusiastic welcome at Montreal.

The 13th and 14th battalions and other small units arrived on Easter Sunday. Practically the whole of the city turned out and gave them a tumultuous welcome. The whole garrison joined in a triumphal march through the city.

Many more men are returning this week, at a rate which has completely stopped all dissatisfaction with the unavoidably slow progress of repatriation.

Among the names of well-known people who died yesterday appear those of the Earl of Cottenham and Major Jasper Selwyn. The latter was formerly master of the Dulverton Hounds and had also rendered great services in the old volunteer movament.

SHEER PERVERSITY AT LIMERICK.

"IT MAY BE FOR YEARS."

The extraordinary position at Limerick continues, but threats of violence are now frequently heard. Numerous priests and monks are assisting to keep order among the sullen but orderly crowd which is still congregated at Sarsfield Bridge.

People possessing permits distributed food and warm clothing.

The strikers amuse themselves by singing the "Red Flag," the soldiers good humouredly replying with snatches of rag-time songs.

Every road leading into Limerick is guarded by a barrier of barbed wire and a detachment of troops. The principal bridge across the Shannon has a tank drawn broadside across half its width, with guns trained down the main thoroughfare, while a Lewis gun covers the approach to the bridge.

No collision with the troops has occurred as yet, but the tempers of many of the strikers are becoming ugly and it is feared that they may get out of hand. They declare that they are determined to remain where they are for ever unless the military allow them to pass freely.

Many of the crowd re-entered the city during Monday night by crossing the river upstream in boats and making their way across the fields, carefully avoiding guarded roads.

The remainder held their ground until yesterday afternoon, when they deceived the troops by stratagem. They proceeded into the country as if for a walk and then boarded a train from Ennis. On reaching the ticket checking platform outside Limerick station they were locked into the carriages by the soldiers, but on the entry of the train into Limerick they escaped through the off-side doors of the carriages, which were not locked, and mingled with the crowd. All was quiet yesterday evening.

General Sir Frederick Shaw arrived at Limerick yesterday and after conferring with the commander of the garrison, returned to Dublin in the evening.

The troops at Limerick station have been reinforced.

RECORD BANK HOLIDAY IN EVERY RESPECT.

Shortage of beer and high prices were responsible for a very sober Bank Holiday in London. At several London and suburban police courts yesterday there was not a single case of drunkenness and at other courts the number of cases were far below the average.

Although one and a half million people visited Hampstead Heath on Monday — the largest crowd ever seen there — the charge sheet at Hampstead police court was blank.

It is estimated that the London tramways on Easter Monday carried three hundred thousand more passengers than on any previous Bank Holiday.

WELL KNOWN BARONET FOUND SHOT.

Yesterday morning in a Leicestershire plantation near the residence of some relatives with whom he had been staying, the body of Sir Archibald Orr-Ewing, the well-known Scottish baronet, was found. The cause of death was a gunshot wound.

The deceased baronet, who was sixty-six years of age, succeeded to the title in 1903 on the death of his brother. He was a member of the Royal Archers (King's Body-guard for Scotland) and was formerly a Captain in the 3rd Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

He is succeeded by Lt. Col. Orr-Ewing of the Scots Guards.

NO PROHIBITION IN NEW ZEALAND.

Wellington, 19th April. The majority against prohibition is fourteen thousand six hundred. — *Reuter.*

NEW ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

A British Imperial Antarctic Expediton has been formed under the leadership of Mr. John Cope, a member of the 1914—17 expedition. The party expects to leave in June 1920 and to return in 1926. The object of the expedition is to ascertain the position and extent of mineralogical deposits in Antarctica; to investigate the distribution and migration of whales; study meteorological and magnetic conditions in Ross Sea and Enderby Land and their influence on similar conditions in Australia and South Africa, and generally to extend the knowledge of Antarctica with a view to its economic development. The famous ship "Terra Nova" has been secured and an aeroplane will accompany the expedition.

SWISS HOTELS EASTER-EGG.

Interlaken, 21st April. Those hotels of the Bernese Oberland in which Allied soldiers were interned received a pleasant surprise during the Easter holidays in the shape of a payment of five hundred thousand francs.

This sum was sent by the Entente Powers as an extra boarding allowance for the period from September to November last.—*Reuter.*

ROUND BRITAIN TOUR.

Two Handley-Page aeroplanes which are touring the United Kingdom alighted at Belfast on Sunday and subsequently continued their flight to Cornwall via Dublin.

The machines left Andover on Saturday and arrived at Edinburgh the same afternoon, crossing the Irish Sea on Sunday. Each carries nine passengers, and the total lenght of the tour will greatly exceed that of the Trans-Atlantic flight.

Captain C.H. Perkins, of the Middlesex Regiment, who has been appointed professional at the Stafford Castle Golf Club, was formerly a caddie on the Mid Surrey links.

FLYING THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

COMING BACK TO THE FIELD.

St. John's, Newfoundland. 22nd April. — Fog and rain prevail again to-day, making the conditions for the trans-Atlantic flight unfavourable unless the weather is better in Mid-Atlantic.

If the unfavourable weather continues it is probable that several new competitors for the trans-Atlantic flight will arrive in time to attempt to jump off with Raynham and Hawker.

An aerodrome is being prepared at Harbour Grace for the Handley Page machine which is going to attempt the flight. An agent of Boulton and Paul, Ltd., of Norwich, arrived yesterday in order to select a site for an aerodrome, arrange about petrol supply and the storing of spare parts for the company's machine. — *Reuter.*

New York. The thirty-six observers, mechanics and repairers of the Naval Air Station at Rockaway Beach who were selected by the Navigation Bureau to further the United States Navy's plans for the trans-Atlantic flight, left Rockaway yesterday aboard the "Aroostook" bound for Newfoundland. It is understood that the "Aroostook" will proceed later to the Azores, where she will act as supply ship.

The cruisers Columbia and Baltimore have also been detailed to assist in the flight. All the men aboard the "Aroostook" have been chosen from naval air stations in France.

Yesterday fifty-four destroyers were making ready in anticipation of orders to proceed to points along the trans-Atlantic route for the purpose of acting as patrol boats.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S MESSAGE TO AUSTRALIANS.

The editor of the soldiers' paper *The Australian at Weymouth* has received the following message for publication among the Australian troops at Weymouth Camp.

"I have been asked to send you an Easter message and I cannot do so without thanking you and all other Australians who served with me in France and Flanders for the splendid share you have taken in bringing about the victory which all ranks of the army in France were determined to achieve.

Now that your work is done and you are looking forward to returning to the homes you left at the call of duty, I hope you will carry with you a kindly feeling for the men of the British race, who fought beside you, and who in that greater knowledge born of comradeship in war have learnt to regard the Australians with so much affection and respect. I wish you all a safe return and every prosperity in the future. — Haig, Field Marshal."

TRADE UNIONS ON PRE-WAR FOOTING.

The text has been issued of a Bill to be introduced by the Minister for Labour restoring trade union practices which were in abeyance during the war.

It provides for a penalty of twenty-five pounds daily for nonconpliance and says that proceedings against an employer may be instituted by a trade union or federation of trade unions. Such cases will go before munition tribunals, which will continue in force for the purposes of this Act, but under the jurisdiction of the Minister for Labour instead of the Minister for Munitions.

EXTRAORDINARY NEW YORK WEDDING.

At New York on Tuesday, Miss Margaret Carnegie, heiress to the Carnegie fortune of a hundred million sterling, was married to Ensign Miller.

It was the simplest wedding New York Society has seen within anybody's recollection. The bride was attended only by Miss Dorothy Miller, sister of the bridegroom, and only twenty guests were present at the ceremony, which was performed at the Carnegie Mansion on Fifth Avenue.

EFFECT OF MUZZLING ORDER.

As the result of the Muzzling Order, the Dogs, Home at Battersea is busier than it has been for many years. The usual number of dogs housed there is between two and three hundred, but the Home opened on Tuesday morning with six hundred dogs. By use of the lethal chamber this number was reduced shortly after to five hundred. Dogs were being brought in continuously all the morning, the majority being strays. Many people are turning their dogs adrift rather than take the trouble to obey the muzzling restrictions.

STOCK EXCHANGE RE-OPENS.

The London Stock Exchange re-opened on Tuesday with a good tone. Firmness characterised all sections throughout the day, but owing to holiday influences the volume of business was small. Gilt edged securities hardened. Indian stocks had a better tone on receipt of the latest news from India. Oils were in renewed request and with a scarcity of available securities quotations further improved in a number of cases. There was also a revival of interest in Gold Mining Sections, notably West African descriptions.

HOUSING STRIKE SUGGESTED.

Mr. Robert Smillie, President of the Miners Federation, speaking at Glasgow, said that new houses should be erected on land owned by the people. He was prepared to ask the people to declare a strike on the housing question.

At the request of the High Commissioners the Deon of Westminster has arranged for a service in the Abbey on the 24th May in memory of the fallen members of overseas forces. Their Majesties the King and Queen have signified their intention of being present.

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THE AFTERMATH OF WAR.

It is not given to all to keep a stout heart in days of trial and perplexity. There have been occasions during these years of war and during the armistice when many Englishmen have been perturbed by the signs of the times. They have seen symptoms of discord, of persistent class jealousies, of greedy materialism that is stark and impenitent, of clamorous agitation that refuses to be stilled. They have viewed these tokens of social and political unrest and are saddened by the sorry spectacle. It is true that some bolder spirits, even in their perturbation, claim the unrest as an awakening of the public conscience, and are hoping that in wise hands our country's destiny may be fulfilled in a happier morrow. But whether one fears the worst or hopes for the best it is undoubted that we are passing through a tumultuous epoch in which good and evil are strangely mixed, an epoch which will alter very completely the fashion of our empire.

Happily for us the province of *The Cologne Post* does not permit of any intimate discussion of political and social affairs. But it may not be out of place to speak in general terms of the close connexion in our national history between wars and social movements. Our sole motive is to furnish hope for the pessimist and comfort for the man of doubtful heart. The schoolmaster is abroad in the Army of the Rhine, and we can learn something from his primer. The words are Lord Brougham's; but the moral is ours, for Lord Brougham in his great speech did not anticipate a time when soldier and schoolmaster could be one and the same person. Much can happen in a hundred years.

War is never without its aftermath, if one may use a daring metaphor, for it always brings with it a crop that must be weeded and harvested. For our present purpose we select two wars in which England was heavily engaged, wars which are instructive in their lessons. The first is the Hundred Years' war, begun by the French policy of Edward III in 1337 and finished but a short time before England was rent in twain by the bitter struggle between the partizans of Lancaster and York. The close of this long drawn-out campaign, in which Crecy, Poitiers, and Agincourt are names of renown, heralded the outbreak of revolution in England. Jack Cade's rebellion was the inevitable reaction of war. There were throughout the country general unrest and deep discontent, and the men of Kent rose in their wrath "to correct public abuses and to remove evil counsellors." The people were dissatisfied with the conduct of the French war, with the heavy taxation consequent on that war, and with the appalling waste of public money by state officials. "The realm of England was out of all good governence" in the middle of the 15th century. Yet what followed? The spirit of social and political unrest passed away, and before the century closed the Tudor sovereigns had brought England to her haven of peace and unwonted prosperity. "The spacious times of great Elizabeth" were the climax of an era of turbulence and sorrow.

The second war is not medieval but modern; it is once more a war of England against France — the France of Napoleon, not of Joan of Arc. In 1815 our country gained one of its greatest victories on the field of battle, for Waterloo spelt the doom of General Bonaparte. But it is not an exaggeration to say that England suffered more during the six years that followed Waterloo than during the Napoleonic wars. These years were an epoch of discontent and disaffection. The National Debt had risen enormously, taxation was grievous, there was a gross waste in financial administration, and "paper currency" brought many evils in the realm of trade. These were days that tempt analogy, for agricultural prosperity which had been notable during war speedily vanished when peace came, commerce was hampered at every turn, and unemployment was prevalent. Riots took place in many parts of England. Machinery and implements were destroyed, labour demonstrations were carried out in no peaceful manner, and the Peterloo Massacre unhappily crowned an era of suffering, and revolt gave place to the tranquil activities of commerce and manufacture. In the middle of the 19th century England gained a wondrous pitch of prosperity; and whatever be our criticisms of the Victorian age we cannot deny that in the spheres of invention, shipbuilding, engineering, and, in truth, every art and science, it was an age of renown.

We realize the dangers of prophecy and even of generalization, but we feel sure that an historical lesson can be learned. The Hundred Years' war and the Napoleonic wars had their ensuing periods of turmoil, and it is inevitable that all great wars should have such periods in their wake. But these were in each case followed by eras of stability, prosperity, and greatness. Thus as we view our own times we may take hope. For a short time there may be social excitement, economic striving, and moral unsettlement, but these will subside as the dawn of a new epoch breaks through our grey skies. Remember that the great Victorians, men of mark in science, art, and letters were born when England was fighting for her life against Napoleon; and in your remembrance gather the courage of optimism.

FOR KING AND EMPIRE.

The King, the King! God save the King! From land and sea and sky,
From billet and from battlefield, from trench and battery,
From Salonica's scorching heat, from Belgium's wintry plain,
From Nile and Tigris, Marne and Meuse, from Somme and Dise and Aisne,
From shot-swept beach and deadly ridge in grim Gallipoli,
From ships that keep unending watch across the wild Morth Sea,
To all her sons, in all her land, sure of their answering,
The Nother Country pledged the toast "Gentlemen, the King!"
"The King, God bless him!" Swift and sure the loyal answer comes:
Can you hear our armies marching to the rolling of the drums?
We come, we come, from north and south, we come from east and west,
From earth's five continents we come, to succour the oppressed;
Kingdom, Dominion, Commonwealth, Union and Empire, we,
Five thousand thousand freemen sworn to keep our liberty;
Beneath one flag one King we serve, for one sure end we fight: —
God save the King, God guard the flag, and God defend the right!

CLEMENCEAU'S SECOND NOTE.

The *Berliner Morgenpost* says that "the second note is still not clear, as no mention is made that negotiations will be made on the basis of equality of rights."

The *Berliner Volkszeitung*, however, says that "though still haughty, it is better to grasp the contents of the note rather than to stick at its tone."

EDUCATION.

BY JUVENIS.

There have already been several articles published on this subject in the *Cologne Post*; some written by Education Officers, others purporting to come from sarcastic privates, but hitherto no one has voiced the point of view of the Educational N.C.O. He certainly deserves some notice; at least, he thinks so himself. The writer trusts that the few suggestions made in this article "will not return unto him void, but will accomplish the thing whereto he hath sent it."

Some people seem to hold the strange but erroneous idea that the Educational Staff is a superfluous adornment to the Battalion. They seem to think that it is a convenient excuse set up by certain people of intelligence to hold rank under false pretences, and thus to evade duties, both on parade ground and fatigues. It is admittedly difficult to drive sense into some people's heads, and it is equally difficult to eradicate that foolish idea from the minds of these misguided individuals. Most of these people are many years behind the times. Their whole mental outlook is bounded by the Barrack Square, and they fail to see that, while they have been mentally dozing, Infantry Training Regulations have taken second place in War Office estimation to the Education Scheme. It is useless to argue with such people; they seem to think, for example, that a man who gains his stripes by twelve years of bellowing on a parade ground is infinitely superior to anyone who is granted the same rank in consideration of his mental abilities, attained often at the cost of many years of labour.

This idea, though so utterly preposterous, brings down upon the Education Staff innumerable insults and petty annoyances. The instructors are treated with a very objectionable condescending tolerance by the older established branches of the Army. They receive no fraternal assistance from their compeers in the Battalion, instead the are treated as a pampered Pekinese dog would be by a common or garden terrier. Now these ideas must be changed; if kindness will not appeal to them, then methods such as are used towards a refractory child must be adopted. The Education Staff must not be treated as a "buckshee" reserve of men who can be drawn upon to supply picquets and other duties which should by supplied by Parade Ground individuals.

The old idea prevalent even in the high places of the Army was that lawyers, civil servants, and bank clerks were most useful in the Sanitary Squad, while farm labourers and crossing sweepers monopolised the positions of authority. That conception of a successful organisation proved a complete failure, and the War Office now exalts to his proper position the long-despised man with educational abilities. Naturally these newly-honoured people receive all the jealousy which the said labourers and crossing sweepers can bestow upon them, this taking the form frequently of critical remarks as to their musketry qualifications or caustic references to neglected rifle slings.

One remedy for these ill-timed sneers in my own opinion lies in the hands of the Army Education Authorities. Every other specialist branch has its own proficiency badge, signallers wear crossed flags, P.T. people wear crossed swords, but the Education Staff alone remains unadorned with any mark denoting proficiency in that direction. Why could not Divisional examiners set papers, equal in difficulty, for example, to the London Matriculation Examination, and make the examination open to all Educational-Instructors, whether N.C.O.'s or Officers. Those successful in passing the examination, and also recommended as to teaching ability by their own Education Officers, should be allowed to wear some badge of merit, which would be held in quite as high esteem as the more easily gained insignia of the other Specialist Staffs.

Then comes the ever absorbing question to N.C.O.'s of Regimental Duties. Should he do guards, piquets, fatigues or any other pleasant duties which a thoughtful R.S.M. can devise? The answer to my mind, is most emphatically, No! No man is competent as an instructor in Education to face a class even of A IV Boys, unless he has spent hours of preparation on his lectures. It is a different matter to get up and "gas" about the parts of a Mark 3, Star, L.E. rifle, from taking a class of the same boys in English literature.

The former needs a parrot-like memory, while the latter needs intelligence only acquired by hard study of the subject in question. The Education Staff should be given every opportunity for private study, and the Battalion Education Officers can easily satisfy themselves that this time is being put to a proper use.

It would be a good thing if inter-battalion conferences were arranged from time to time; these to be attended by representatives of the staffs of each battalion. In that way many suggestions and new ideas could be promulgated, and faults in the different local schemes detected and rectified.

Those on this great work realise the opportunities before them, but their energies are to a certain extent handicapped. We not only would like recognition by the granting of a proficiency badge, but every opportunity should be given, not only to the rank and file, but to the instructors to gain more and more knowledge. Thus in continuing their own education, they are fitting themselves for their daily Battalion duties—Education.

51st ROYAL SUSSEX.

We had just settled down at Wahn comfortably, and the daily routine was in full swing, when the rumours started. We were moving! Where? Ah! that was the query. Each of the various people who gave us the information was quite sure that he was the man with the "goods." Our destinations were varied — up the line, Bonn, Siegburg and Cologne were a few of the places. The date of the move? Just as varied. And each informant was just as emphatic that his date was correct. Then the advance party was warned, and it became known that we were moving on Wednesday the 17th, and were going up to the outposts. The order was given that kits and blankets were to be wrapped in waterproof sheets before being stacked. This was simply pandering to tradition, as the Battalion had always moved on a wet day. It was right, however, as Wednesday dawned cloudy and threatening, and as soon as kits were nicely stacked, down come the rain. Breakfast was at 6 a.m. and the Battalion, less the platoons who were travelling direct to the line by lorry, marched off at 7-10 a.m. to Wahn station en route for—. A short journey, then out of the train and on the march. Battalion Headquarters and "W" Company were bound for—, and several of the old campaigners prophesied that these "boys" would never "stick" the hills in marching order. They were wrong. The journey—up hill all the way—was done in fine style, and the "boys" marched into the village, band playing, as "fresh as paint."

The rain came down again just to remind us that traditions must be maintained, but a hot meal was soon provided, billets allotted and the Battalion once more temporarily settled. Reports from the companies on outpost duty state that they also have settled down, are very keen on their new duties and are doing well.

THE MORALS OF MACPHEERSON.

When I left I decided to take Macpheerson O. as my batman. In the light of future events, it was a happy thought, for Macpheerson saved my life. Macpheerson upheld my good name, and for ever and ever hereafter shall the tribal handle of Macpheerson be lauded and honoured by my children and their children's children. In any case, it is said that the ideal batman is born not made. But Macpheerson is more. He is the super-ideal-batman, and must have numbered amongst his forefathers many a steward of great worth to the chieftain Macpheerson of Macpheerson. In a burst of confidence he once told me that it was written that a Macpheerson once tended the Pharaon's themselves.

But I stray . . . .

As I left the Mess with a whispered good-byee the Company Commander met me. "Jammy, lucky, fortunate person. What have you done to deserve this? Three weeks by the blue Rhine. Three weeks of eyebrows upward tilt, ears waggling, by the front, commence! Ugh!" he breathed "May they stiffen you . . . ."

The R.S.M. at battalion H.Q. said "Good luck, sir! Hopes you has a good time, sir, and could you bring back a football or two for the boys, Sir?"

Sinclair at Brigade waved a cheery bon voyage, and said it would "do me a world of good." That night I sat outside the R.T.O's hut waiting for the waggon and dreaming of foaming lager beer and the other delights of Cologne.

Macpheerson turned me out the first morning in a pair of humiliating "things" that only served to accentuate the ten minutes to three set of my feet and legs. With horror I learned I should wear them throughout the course.

All that morning I was taught, once more, to do rrright arrress and forrrm fourrrs, with the only difference that I had to "nip to it."

For the two following weeks I did upward jumps and was initiated into the mystic steps of a weird travesty of the Hielant Fling. I vied with O'Grady and his wives, graduated in very elementary zoology, learning to distinguish at a moment's notice between crows, cranes, crabs and other faune. On other occasions I was made to lie flat on my back and perform circular volutions with my legs in the circumambient atmosphere. Or, to stimulate my brain, the staff instructor would persuade my right-hand neighbour — who possessed the strength of a Hercules in his arms and the speed of a Donaldson in his legs — to chase me giddily round a circle the while he applied impetus to my person with the obnoxious aid of a belt. Such an indirect application to induce cerebral activity does not appeal to me.

I did wondrous feats called flying pigs and cross-buttocks at the instigation of a knobbily be-muscled wrestling merchant and learnt to stop the swipes of Jim Harris with various parts of my anatomy. In the afternoons I scrambled madly in the mud, endeavouring vainly to pop a soppy football into a small basket suspended at a ridiculous height above the ground. So the days passed . . . .

They weighed me in to wrestle and box. "Only one round of two minutes, sir," said the Staff seductively, "and you get two points for the Section."

They stripped me and I grunted, strained and panted on a mat with another nude being. At night I listened vacantly to someone saying "Seconds Out. Time." . . . and woke up later.

The last straw is stated, proverbially, to fracture the spine of the dromedary. On the second last day they told me that I should "pass out" next morning, being down for examination by the Great-I-Am. I promptly fainted.

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To Macpheerson, as he bathed my bruises with sal-volatile and renewed the beefsteaks that night, I wearily opened my heart, and he listened with becoming gravity.

"Sirr," said he, "Dinna lat that worry ye. Leave it tae me."

I went on parade next morning with my heart throbbing to "Leg, Neck, Arm, Trunk, Leg"; marched down to the tune of "Left foot sideways, nips firm" and prepared to perish. The periods passed but the Great-I-Am came not. We formed up, did our usual four practises of moving to the right in fours, by the Section leader, Platoon Officer, and R.S.M., before the Company Commander tried his hand. I only realised when I got off parade that I had escaped.

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I sought out Macpheerson when we were safely on the Boulogne-Cologne Express.

"Private Macpheerson," I demanded, "how did you do it?"

"Sirr," he replied, with caution, "I gied ye a promise an' I kep' it."

"Yes," said I expectantly.

"As tae the working details" he proceeded, with thoughtful mien, "I'd like tae point out that the room o' the purrson wha was tae examine ye was deid aulow yer ain. Like mornin' when I passed I cud keek in an' see lots o' things, in parteecular a set o' false teeth sittin' in a glass o' watter on his table."

"Sirr," he looked at me apologetically, "On the mornin' o' the examinashun, they got misleid for a while . . . . or so A'm led tae believe."

OUR COMPANY COOK.

Imagine a disreputable figure clad in a suit of very greasy overalls, unshaven and sometimes unwashed, with a stump of a cigarette behind his ear and there you have our Company Cook.

He it is who attends to the want of the inner man, and woe betide any unfortunate person who crosses his path.

He, the indispensable, who "grouses" when he is warned for parade, and asks to be returned to duty, always turns up at the critical moment of a long route march with that very refreshing dixie of tea.

Struggling sadly along behind his beloved cooker and girt with equipment which, to all appearance, has not been cleaned since he was "employed," he makes a pathetic figure and enlists the sympathy of all who meet him.

Nevertheless, who in the company would not sell his very soul for the privilege of being Company Cook.

All the little delicacies which fall to his lot, the early morning mug of tea and the extra rations which, somehow or other, find their way to the cookhouse, are they not worth the job?

The comments of his Company Commander have no effect on his personal appearance and only once in a year or so do you see him clad in respectable garb, with flashes and chevrons complete, and that is when he is warned for that exclusive and often far-distant time called leave.

He usually has a large reserve of army vocabulary and his lurid comments on the army in general and all connected with it, baffles description, when he is turned out of bed by the guard at 5 a.m. on a cold, wet morning.

Who is it, who has not cursed the day he was born, because of the mince that looks like a "bran mesh" and of that onion flavour in the tea! Undoubtedly, he has a thankless job, but how nobly he has done his bit".

All honour to the Company Cook—may he enjoy a long life and never suffer as we did when he was the Company Cook!! You see, I once had the job myself!!

C.P.

OPERA HOUSE AND THEATRE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	DRAMA
Thursday	6	Fidelio	Seeschlacht
Friday	6	Orpheus and Eurydice	Der Bibliothekar
Saturday	6	Barbier von Sevilla	Faust
Sunday	6	Zigeunerbaron	afternoon: Elga evening: Kronbraut
Monday	6½	Rheingold	Kaiser Pauls Tod
Tuesday	4	Die Walküre	Fiesco

POOR DISPLAY BY 8TH AMBULANCE.

WELL HELD BY WEAK "25" TEAM.

At Mulheim on Tuesday. The 8th Ambulance gained a very lucky victory by the only goal scored. "25" Siege played practically a reserve team and they proved capable of giving the crack Ambulance side a very stiff fight, and it is safe to say that but for the brilliant form displayed by Farmer at left back "25" Siege must have scored on at least a couple of times. The visitors played very well together in the opening period but the home halves were excellent in breaking up their attacks.

The R. A. M. C. scored the only goal during the first 15 minutes, Blakeley taking a pass from Turner and placing the ball in the far corner of the posts. "25" were attacking for quite three parts of the second half, but they missed several good scoring opportunities. True, Farmer seemed to be everywhere in the vicinity of the ball and I believe he only made one faulty kick which went for an unproductive corner. On one occasion all the inside forwards were within a few yards of Surgener and yet they could not find the net. At the other end Blakeley failed to turn a penalty to account and Turner with only Brown to beat missed with a feeble effort.

Altogether the R. A. M. C. gave an unconvincing display. Brown kept a capital goal and showed great kicking powers whilst Bennie did much good work at back. Lacey was prominent at centre half and Bennet was the pick of a forward line lacking confidence. As stated, Farmer was a host in himself and Holmes at outside right was very speedy but a poor finisher. The teams were:

"25" Siege Battery: Lt. Brown, Bennie, Smith; Cpl. Gilbertson, Lacey, Warbrick, Snowdon, Taylor, Macpher on, Bennett, Wickenkam.

8th Field Ambulance R.A.M.C.: Surgener, Evans, Farmer, Atherton, Mc.Intyre, Cousens, Holmes, Wright, Turner, Blakeley, Walker.

THE MC.LEAN CHALLENGE CUP.

Final Tie 50th Brigade R.F.A.

The deciding fixture for the McLean Challenge Cup took place on Ritterstrasse ground Solingen on Wednesday between C 50 and D 50. Unfortunately owing to Colonel McLean being transferred to England, he was not able to present the Cup to the winning team. This was his ambition as, in earlier days, he commanded C/Battery, to which the winning team belongs.

The Cup was presented by his successor Lieut.-Colonel A.M.R. Mallock who made a fine speech, congratulating the team on their victory. At the conclusion three hearty cheers were given for Colonel McLean and three more for Colonel Mallock.

The Game.

C/50, owing to a strenuous week-end, had to do a bit of shuffling in their team. Bdr. Oldacre, who had been the Battery Centre-forward and had given many a goal-keeper a shock, owing to his strong shooting powers had to take the position in goal, through injuries received during the week-end. D 50 were full strength.

Tethur, C 50 outside right, broke away but his splended centre went begging owing to the forwards not being able to keep their feet. Sergt. Donovan opened out the play by a lovely pass to Dvr. Gibbons but the D/50 defence was playing a sound game, and forced him to kick to touch. D 50 then had a turn, and by some good forward play enabled Shennan to give Oldacre a warm handful, who, with quickness and judgement, cleared.

C/50 were awarded a free kick for hands, the outcome of which was the scoring of a goal, by Sergt. Donovan who sent the ball well into the net. B.S.M.Law of C 50 who had a great liking for the sludge took his men down in open formation and when nearing the goal tried hard to score, just missing the upright. Half time C/50 1; D/50 0.

Afer change of ends D/50 pressed hard butt Hodgson and Hunter were playing their best at back. Turner of D 50 then brought a change to his side by sending the outside left away, but Lieut. Kee who had played a splended game stopped his progress. After a give and take game D 50 broke away, the outside right sent the ball across and D/50 inside left soon took this chance and passing to Dettley enabled him to equalize. When the whistle went C/50 were making tracks for D/50 Goal.

THE CUP TABLE.

	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Goals Against	Points.
C/50	8	5	1	2	13	10	12
B/50	8	5	2	1	20	6	11
A/50	8	3	3	2	13	4	8
D 50	8	2	4	2	5	14	6
HQ 50	8	2	5	1	10	14	5

HIGH TIMES AT MECKENHEIM.

The warrant officers and Sergeants of the 51st Welsh Regt. played an amusing rugby match. on Monday in which the rules of the game were somewhat amended.

The teams were the "cant's" and the "Cans," the former being composed of players who knew nothing about rugby, while the referee also confessed to absolute ignorance of the game. As may be imagined, the proceeding were greatly amusing. The final score was rather doubtful.

185 v. 354 SIEGE BATTERY.

This game was played at Weidesheim near Cuchenheim on Easter Monday morning and resulted in a win for the home side by 2-0. The game was interesting. The outstanding feature was the play of St. Atherton the goalie, of 354 S. Bty. who brought off some fine saves. Gnr. Downs scored with a good header before half time and after continual pressure 354 S. Bty. were awarded a penalty. From the resultant kick, Gnr. Trotter shot high over the bar. The second half brought out better soccer from both sides, and Pte. Burton added another for the home side. 354 S. Battery played up well, but were unable to score and 185 S. Battery won by above mentioned score.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

Owing to the enormous pressure on space, "The Rambler's" notes are unavoidably held over to-day.

MORE HOLIDAY SPORT: FOOTBALL EPIDEMIC.

KILTIES AT LUXEMBURG.

8th BLACK WATCH EASTER VISIT.

The 8th Black Watch were honoured as the chosen representatives of the 2nd British Army to engage the National Sporting Club of the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, in a game of football which was played on Easter Sunday at Luxemburg.

IN THE CITY.

The team left on Friday, and after spending a night in Cologne, proceeded on the Saturday to the "Duchy." The visit of the "Kilties" to the Capital stood out as an epoch in history in that quarter. No British soldier has previously been in the City. A quiet evening was spent on the Saturday at the pictures, etc. On Sunday morning members of the Sporting Club acted as guides in showing the visitors over the town. Selections by the town band were given in the City square, where Luxemburg seemed to be "en masse."

THE GAME.

A large crowd of about 2,000 spectators assembled at the Sporting Club's ground. The homesters have quite a good record, having been only once beaten, while their team contains five internationals. The "Jocks" clad in the Royal blue of Scotland, with the Thistle on left breast got a good reception as they were led on by a piper playing the regimental march. The home team were equally well received, and after the usual photographs were taken, the British Consul kicked off. The first half was stubbornly contested, the Luxemburg boys relying mostly on speed and quick following up, while the "Scotties" served up the traditional Scotch play, close inside forward work, and accurate passing. The latter had the better of exchanges, but principally owing to good goal-keeping by Conzemius, the home custodian. At half-time there was no score.

The second half opening promised a great tussle, and events proved this to be correct. The tricky play of the inside forwards of the "Watch" was greatly appreciated by the home supporters who were not slow to express their appreciation. But what a cheer greeted a fine goal scored by the local centre-half, Meyer, who all through put up a great game. Then did the "Jocks" knuckle to in earnest, and five minutes later, Lce. Cpl. Russell got in, and beat the home keeper all the way. Shortly afterwards Lce. Cpl. Bisset put through with an unsaveable effort. To the end, the "Scotties" pressed, but no further score ensued, and Luxemburg retired defeated for the second time in their history by 2 goals to 1.

AND AFTER.

In the evening the Clubs met in social capacity. Dr. Razen, president of the Club, in an able speech (in French) welcomed the visitors to Luxemburg and congratulated the team on their play. He referred to the splendid achievements of the British Army during the war. Major Shepherd, who accompanied the team, replied for the Black Watch and thanked Dr. Razen and the other members of the Club for all they had done to make their visit such a great success. Afterwards the teams dined together, and spent a very jolly evening.

The "hom ward" journey was made next day, and the "Jocks" will always remember a splendid week-end in the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg which before had been but a name to them all, and also for the great kindness shown to them by the home clubs officials, and everybody in general.—

The Following were the teams:

Luxemburg team:

Goal, Mons. Consemius; backs, Mons. Thorn and Wirtz; half backs, Mons. M. Schuman, Meyer and Clivio; forwards, Mons. G. Schuman, Flammany, Munchen, Gangler and Krombach.

8th Black Watch team:

Goal, Pte. Bell; backs, Pte. MacCaskill and Sgt. Abbie; half backs, Lce. Cpl. Robertson, Pte. Ness, Lt. Miller; forwards, 2/Lt. Drummond, Lce. Cpl. Bisset, La Cpl. Russell, Capt. MacKenzie and Pte. Murdoch.

HAMISH ARMOUR.

This page on Saturday will contain an announcement of vital importance to all cricketers.

185 v. 24 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A.

A very interesting game was played at Weidesheim, near Euskirchen After a spell of midfield play, Pte. Cro by scored for the home side. On the resumption, the play was much more interesting and after pressing for some minutes Sgt. Puchard equalized for the visitors. Gnr. Andrews, who had been playing consistant good football by fine individual efforts, scored 2 goals in quick succession for 185 S. Bty. and decided the game.

B.Q.M.S. Daire, after a splendid tackle, passed to Gnr. Fratter who added yet another for the same side, and 24th S. Bty. got one in a scramble. The home team ran out winners by 4-2 in a game which kept up the interest of the crowd to the end.

53 d MANCHESTER v. 53rd BEDFORDS.

Played at Menden, on Wednesday, and resulted in a win for the Manchester by 5 goals to nil. The Manchester side was ably led by Lt. Fairman, who played a good game at left back. The goals were scored by Abbot (2) Chadwick (2) and Garner. Chadwick, as usual proved a tower of strength to his side, and played a sterling game at centre forward. Lt. Bedford played well for the Bedfords and was dangerous on more than one occasion, but the team as a whole was quite outclassed.

A FIELD MATCH AT ESCHBACH.

The 19th Battery, Middlesex Rgt. (Pioneers), entertained the 1/7 Battn, of the same Regt. at Eschbach on Thursday. Within eight minutes, Gray, (who has seen good service for Paisley and Clapton Orient) scored from a good pass from Thornton. Ten minutes later, the visitors' centre scored, with a rather lucky shot. After good play by both teams, Thornton scored with a fast low shot. He got another goal a little later.

The second half was more evenly contested. Ten minutes from time, the referee gave a penalty for hands against Lt. Barker of the 19th, and from the resultant kick, Purney, the visitors right back, scored with a shot in the far corner of the net.

The winners team was: Capt. Black; Pte. Perreff and Pte. Dobson; Sgt. Watling, Lieut. Barker and Pte. Doblin; Sgt. Ray, Sgt. Gray. Pte. Paylor, Drum Major Thorton and Pte. Farmer.

A v B COMPANIES — H.L.I.

A special Easter attraction was held at Delbrück on Monday in the form of a football match between "A" and "B" Coys fo the 16th H.L.I. Both teams played well, but "B" Coy were rather the better side, and secured a well deserved win by 3 goals to 1.

Kenyon and Hird were the stars of the day, and considerable credit is due to them for the splendid victory.

ENGLISH SPORTING NEWS.

RACQUETS AT QUEEN'S CLUB.

FIRST ROUND PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP.

The first Public Schools Racquets Championship held since 1914, commenced at Queen's Club yesterday.

Winchester accomplished the expected by beating Haileybury in the first tie, the result being Winchester (D.R. Jardine and R.H. Hill) 15, 15, 15, 15; Haileybury (W.L. Phillips and R. Hallword) 0, 5, 9 and 2 respectively. Eton, represented by P. Lindsay and T. Bodin, beat Clifton in the persons of G.O. Togart and S.H. Newman, by 15—7, 15—8, 15—11 and 15—6.

Lindsey is probably the best player in the tournament, having, in addition to good all-round play, a powerfull back hand. As he is well supported by Boden, the pair should stand a good chance of bringing the Championship to Eton.

G.S. Butler and G.W.F. Hazlehurst for Marlborough beat P.N. Durlacher and the Hon. D.C. Tunch, Wellington, by 15—2, 15—6, 15—8 and 15—13. As was expected, Harrow (W.D. Mc. Pherson and W.A.R. Collins) beat Charterhouse (G.B. Gamett and L.G. Cox) by 17—15, 15—6, 15—8 and 15—10, while Malvern (C.G. Robson and M.E. Partridge) secured a victory over Cheltenham (E.J. Pye-Smith and G.R. Neale) to the tune of 15—2, 15—5, 15—3, and 15—2. Malvern are more or less the dark horses of the competition and it would not be a matter of great surprise were they to go a long way after having secured this initial and handsome victory. Possibly the final may see Eton and Malvern engaged, and the match should prove an interesting one.

THEATRE OF WAR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

In the Theatre of War Association Football Championships yesterday, B.E.F. (France) defeated Italy by 3—1.

For the winners, Lee scored twice the third being added by Campbell. Calvert scored Italy's only goal. By virtue of winning this match, B.E.F. (France) qualify to play in the final at Stamford Bridge on May 1st.

HENLEY REGATTA.

Where is Mother Country's Crew For the King's Cup?

No steps have yet been taken to select the crew to represent the Mother Country in the race for the King's Cup at Henley, says *Reuter*.

For this event, Australian and New Zealand eights are already training on the Thames. It is considered that the Army authorities should take the initiative in this matter.

MANCHESTER RACE MEETING.

Beautiful weather, good going and large crowds prevailed at Manchester races yesterday. Following are the returns.

Jubilee Hurdle Race: 1, John Jackett (8/1); 2, Saint Eloi (7/2); 3, Stamton (7/1); Seven ran. Won by three lengths; a bad third.

Five Hundred Pound Steeplechase: 1, Turbine Secundus (10/1); 2, Loch Allen (7/4); 3, Bernstein (6/1); Six ran. Won by two lengths; four lengths between second and third.

Other winners: Topsey's Baby (4/1); Roman (2/1); The Whisp (6/4); Vaticun (1,2).

Birmingham Meeting.

Winners at Birmingham were:—Lesson (9/2); Unadorned (6/4); Paragra (3/1); Idyl (1,5) Sans Atont (4,6); Lama of Tibet (5/2).

ASSOCIATION LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

MIDLAND SECTION.

Barnsley	3	Notts Forest	2
Sheffield Wed.	5	Grimsby Town	2
Coventry	1	Leeds City	3

MIDLAND (SUB) LEAGUE.

Bradford	2	Bradford City	1

NORTHERN VICTORY LEAGUE.

Sunderland	2	Durham City	0

LAWN TENNIS.

ROEHAMPTON HARD COURT TOURNAMENT.

In the second round of the singles at Roehampton, M.J.Ritchie beat the Hon.F.Fisher, New Zealand, by 6-3 and 8-6. R V.Thomas, Australia, beat V.Burr by 6-0 and 6-3. In the third round G. Patterson, Australia, beat L.Raymond, South Africa, by 7-5 and 8-6.

MIXED DOUBLES.

Thomas, Australia, and Miss Ryan, California, beat L.N.Doust, Australia, and Mrs. Craddock by 6-3 and 6-0. Mishu, Roumania, and Mrs. Greville beat G. Dodd and Miss Kelly, South Africans, by 6-5 and 6-1. The Roumanian player, Mishu, easily beat F. W. Doanisthorp by 6-1 and 6-4 despite the latter's huge racket, which is twice the normal size.

CRICKET.

In the second innings of their opening match, at Leyton, yesterday, Essex declared with the score at 196 for six, but were unable to dispose of Public Schools in time to win the match The latter team added 39 to their overnight score, thus bringing the total to 139 for the first innings. They then scored 160 for nine in the second stand.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Yesterday's Results.

New Zealand	25	Cross Keys	0
Llanelly	13	R.A.F.	10
Pill Harriers	23	Pontypool	0
Neath	4	Swansea	0

37th Bn. M.G.C. OFFICERS v. THE BATTALION.

At Mulheim on Saturday. The play at first was ragged and appeared to be one sided in favour of the men. The officers, however, warmed to their work and thanks mainly to the fine goalkeeping of Lt. James, the score was 1—1 at half time, Lt. Loveday having scored for the officers, and Regan for the men. In the second half both sides pressed in turn without avail. Taking into consideration that neither of the teams had played together before, the play was certainly quite good, and well fought.

PAGEANTRY AND SPORT.

GREAT EVENT AT SINNERSDORF.

In delightful weather and before a huge crowd of spectators, No. 5 Field Ambulance provided a thoroughly successful sports meeting at Sinnersdorf, on Monday.

At 9.45 several members of the Ambulance, adorned with stripes, crown and rosettes, prominently displayed, sauntered up towards the battlefield. They composed the committee.

The preliminary heats were run off at 10 o'clock and at 1 o'clock the sports proper commenced, the chief prize being a silver cup kindly presented by Lieut. Col. T.T.H.Robinson D.S.O. for the winner of the most points. The other prizes consisted of silver cruets, wallets, safety razors, medals, and other adornments for the home. All the prizes were on view on the ground, and were the object of much admiration from the married men.

The Prizewinners.

The winners of the various events were as follows:—

100 yards flat race: 1, Pte. Cawsey; 2, Sgt. Morris; 3, Pte. Hampson.

Tug of War: "B" Section (Left half.)

High Jump: 1, Sgt. Morris; 2, Pte. Lumsden. (Won at 5 ft 1 in, after which the winner gave an exhibition jump of 5 ft 3.)

220 yards flat race: 1, Pte. Cawsey; 2, Sgt. Morris.

Long Jump: 1, Sgt. Morris (19 ft 7 ins); 2, Pte. Lumsden.

Mile race (open): 1, Cpl. Thackery; 2, Pte. Hampson.

Football dribbling: 1, Pte. Devoy; 2. Sgt. Mc Cann.

440 yards: 1, Pte. Cawsey; 2, Sgt. Morris.

120 yards Hurdles: 1, Sgt. Morris; 2, Pte. Cawsey.

Sack Race: 1, Pte. Farrell; 2, Pte. Bourne; 3. Pte. Williams.

Bun—treacle race: 1, Dr. Williams; R.A.S.C.; 2, Pte. Farrell.

Wrestling on horseback: L/Cpl. Ruffle's team.

Section relay race: "B" Section (Right half).

Veteran's Race: 1, Sgt. Alderton; 2, Pte. Merriot.

Pillow Fight: 1, Pte. Pickup; 2, Dvr. Smart

Obstacle Race: 1, Pte. Pickup; 2, Pte. Williams; 3, Pte. Blundell.

The outstanding feature of the afternoon was the fine all round display of Sgt. Morris and Pte. Cawsey. The most points for the day were obtained by Sgt. Morris, who was, in 1914, the British Army Hurdle champion.

Mokes Make Merry.

Towards 3 o'clock, the whole proceedings were almost dislocated by the sudden appearance of what looked like the forerunner of a Barnum and Bailey's Circus, to wit, Sgt. Prior, the orderly comedian for the month, mounted on a donkey assisted by Pte. Brown similarly mounted. The orderly comedian could only be recognised by his being occasionally on top of the moke, which was wearing articles of female underwear on his rear legs. The mokes were easily the most disinterested people on the field and seemed quite bored with the whole proceedings.

Other amusements were provided by Aunt Sally, run by Murry and Day: bottle shys, and a pill guessing competition.

At the conclusion, the prizes were distributed by Lieut.-Col. Robinson D.S.O. who congratulated the recipients on their excellent display.

Tea was then served to the unit and visitors.

Immediately afterwards, strange figures in fancy dress costume were seen wending their way to the starting point, and at 6 o'clock the most peculiar procession ever seen in Sinnersdorf made a triumphal perambulation of the village, much to the delight of the civilian element. The procession eventually landed on the sports ground, where dancing took place until 8 o'clock, and continued after supper in the recreation room.

The thanks of the unit are due to the officers, S.S.M. Birkett, S.M. Hunter, Q.M.S. Cooley, S.Sgt. Sulter, Sgt. Browning and Pte. Browne for a most enjoyable day.

As the oldest inhabitant in the village said last night "Nothing has ever been seen here like it", and we can quite believe him. But we can promise him something even better for Whitsun, that is, providing the demobilization officer does not hustle too much. — G.M.C.

3rd. BATTALION MACHINE GUNNERS.

Sport over the week end has been particularly active. From Kalk the 93rd. Brigade, R.G.A. visited the Battalion and added yet another victory to their number. Goals for them to the tune of six, were scored by Cpl. James (4) Lt. Marrables (2). Throught a good game the visitors proved too good and too big for the machine gunners. For the latter Trigg at back Cpl. Cummings, centre forward, Russell and Lisle, half-backs, saved absolute disaster. As it was there should easily have been two more goals for the losers when forwards missed open goals at a few inches out. 93rd.- Mead; Priest and Yule; Kenyon, Lt. Marrables, Hunt; Hopon, Gladwell, Cpl. James, Tully, Walton. 3rd. Batt.- Conneily, Trigg and L/Cpl. Coulter, Russell, Little, Lisle; Axon, Backley, Cpl. Cummings, Sillett, Taylor.

On Thursday of last week "A" met "D," the former winning by 2 goals to 1. A fast game found "A" first callers at goal. O/C Company again played back developing "some" kick. "D" scored from a corner in the second half via a defending back. During the final tussle for the lead "A" emerged winners as stated.

"Better the day, better the deed." On Good Friday "C" Company retrieved their previous loss and took the better half of seven goals in a competition game with "B." Farrell for "C" scored first and then both teams settled down to the game. "C" had the better of the first half and were winning 3—1 at the interval. The referee was very generous in the matter of "breathing space," and resuming, "B" brightened up. Trigg at back played a strong game and both teams comprised many promising players.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to a trial match in "A" Company. Many "dark horses" did not come to light although "Gertie" once tried his luck. A happy company, just paid out, acknowledged the effort from the line.

93rd BRIGADE R.G.A. v. 51st D.L.I.

Played on a wet ground at Kalk on Thursday. Hopson ought to have scored for he had a clear passage, but hit the goalie with his final shot. The D. L. I. put up a spirited attack and only the fine back play of Yule kept them out. Half time arrived with a clean sheet. The Artillery changed their usual short passing game in the second half and it proved fruitful right away for a fix up in the goal mouth ended in Hopson scoring a good goal from about 20 yards. This was quickly followed by a second from Chance, from a splendid centre of Hopson. Chance got his second goal near the end.

Result 93rd Brigade R.G.A. 3; 51st D.L.I. nil.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Thursday, April 24th, 1919.

Surface Wind from between West and N.W. 10 to 15 m.p.h. Cloudy with mist or fog early. Indifferent visibility. Cool.

ATHLETICS AT TROISDORF.

4th SUFFOLK'S INTERESTING PROGRAMME.

The 4th Bn. Suffolk Regt. arranged a very interesting programme of sports for Good Friday.

After Church Parade, held in the Cinema, a football match was played between the Officers and N.C.O's. of the Bn. The C.O. refereed the game which was full of excitement. Some very clever football ensued in mid field though the Officers side continually pressed the N.C.Os goal. Cpl. Basham in goal played an excellent game for the N.C.Os and saved quite a number of really dangerous shots. Result.—Officers 2; N.C.O's. Nil. In the afternoon "B" Coy held there sports meeting and a big crowd of Troops and civilians (holiday making) attended. Lt.-Col. G. C. Stubbs. D.S.O., acted as referee and also as one of the judges.

The drums played selections during the afternoon and all events were got through without any real hitch, which reflects much credit upon the Hon. Secy.. Lieut. Spellman. M.M., who worked hard to make the meeting the success that it undoubtedly was.

Pte. White. in tip-top form won both the mile and 3 mile flat races.

No 8. Platoon won the Shield presented to the platoon with the most number of points in the company.

LIST OF RESULTS.

Prizes were presented to the winners in each of the events as follows.—

100 yds. Flat Race: 1, Pte. Wargen; 2, Lieut. Spellman; 3, Lce. Cpl. Tomkins.

Throwing Cricket Ball: 1, Capt. Redding, M.C.; 2, Cpl. Boardman. M.M.

Blindfold Race: 1, Sgt. Heffer; 2, Cpl. Rishton; 3, Sgt. Sawyer.

High Jump: 1, Sgt. Rutter; 2, Lce. Cpl. Tomkins.

One Mile Flat Race: 1, Pte. White; 2, 2/Lt. Manley; 3, Lce. Cpl. Tomkins.

220 yds. Flat Race: 1, Lt. Ginger. M.C.; 2, L./C. Pendrick.

Long Jump: 1, Lt. Ginger. M.C.; 2, Cpl. Boardman. M.M.

Three Miles Flat Race: 1, Pte. White; 2, Pte Worgen; 3, Lce. Cpl. Beaumont; 4, 2/Lt. Hale.

120 yds. Hurdle: 1, Lt. Ginger. M.C.; 2, Lce Cpl. Tomkins.

Obstacle Race: 1, Cpl. Boardman. M.M.; 2, 2/Lt Skettle.

SUFFOLK KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION.

Final at Troisdorf.

On the Battalion football ground Troisdorf, on Saturday, No. 4 Platoon (A Coy.) and No. 14 Platoon (D Coy.) 4th Battalion Suffolk Regt., met in the final of the battalion inter-platoon knockout competition, which resulted in a victory for the latter by 2 goals to 1. The weather was gloriously fine and the goodly number of spectators, who lined the field, witnessed an exciting game. The C.O., Lieut.-Col. G.O. Stubbs, D.S.O., was the referee.

During the first half, the A Coy., team took the lead through the good offices of Lieut Kraby, but soon after the resumption Lance Cpl. Plummer (D Coy.) equalised by a fine effort. At full time the scores remained equal.

After a consultation the Captains decided to play an extra ten minutes each way. Soon after the resumption the D. Coy. men raced up the field in a fine concerted effort, which resulted in Rumbold adding the winning goal, and although number 4 made desperate efforts there was no further scoring and the final whistle left the result: No. 14 Platoon (D) 2; No. 4 Platoon (A) 1.

The winners will receive medals.

92nd v. 104th FIELD AMBULANCE R.A.M.C.

This match was played at Friedrich Wilhelmshütte on Easter Monday. The visiting forwards gave an exhibition of fine combination. Pte. Houston, the home goalkeeper, had several high shots to save, all of which he dealt with successfully. Following good tackling and headwerk by Pte. Muir, the homesters centre-half, the ball travelled down via the left wing, and from a centre by Pte. Burners, the visiting custodian just managed to save a shot from Major Jackson. Eventually the visiting forwards beat the home custodian after 25 minutes play.

The visitors were not long in finding a weak spot and by many spirited attacks, played on that spot with such good effect that they scored their second goal 15 minutes after the re-commencement. After this success the visiting forwards, admirably backed up by a good defence, were soon attacking the home goal again and from a breakaway by their left wing scored their third goal from close range.

Result: 104th Field Ambulance 3; 92nd Field Ambulance 0.

The visitors although the superior side did not have such an easy victory as the score indicates.

2nd COMPANY R.A.S.C. LANC. DIV. TRAIN V. C/168 BATTERY R.A.F.

This match took place at Beuel before a large attendance of supporters of both teams on Easter Sunday, and resulted in a win for the R.A.S.C. by 4 goals to nil.

Sgt. Davis scored all 4 goals. The R.F.A. goalkeeper played a splendid game and saved the Battery from heavier defeat; their full backs were also excellent. Sgt. Davies played a dashing game at centre forward for the R.A.S.C. while Cpl. Fisher was sound at fall back.

52nd LIGHT INFANTRY v FRENCH ARTILLERY.

The French Artillery team met an eleven composed mainly of the 52nd Light Infantry at Gohr on Sunday. England, France, America and Belgium — to say nothing of Germany — were represented among the spectators.

Before the game started, the Frenchmen accorded three cheers to the English.

The visitors soon showed they could play footer, and always had plenty of dash. Their defence was great, the goalkeeper being brilliant all through the game. Early in the game, after clever individual play. Sergt. Pounds skimmed the bar with a clinking shot. Signaller Swadling, the 52nd's outside left, then made several fine runs finishing up with hot shots, but he was unable to score. Play continued fast until half time, with the score nil. The start of the second half soon found the home team bombarding their opponents goal. The French broke away now and again but were stopped from getting dangerous by the clean kicking of Capt. Whitfield, who gave a good finish to a good match by leading cheers for the French. Result: no score.

THE THRESHER YET

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NEW TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

A responsible French source announces that good progress is being made with the scheme for a defensive alliance between Great Britain, France, and the United States, under which they will agree to take immediate military and naval action, should Germany break the Peace Treaty, in so far as it affects the proposed demilitarized zone east of the Rhine. The French have all along maintained that this will constitute a danger-point in the future unless adequate security is provided against the possibility of German aggression. Such security, they have further maintained, is not provided by the League of Nations. It was owing to their insistence upon the need of special safeguards that the alliance plan was formulated. The alliance treaty will be an open one, and will apply only to this Rhine area.

REVIVED CELEBRATION.

After an interval of four years, Statford-on-Avon Shakespeare celebration was inaugurated on Monday, and will be continued throughout the week in honour of the poet's birthday. In the centre of the town are displayed upwards of fifty national flags presented by the different nationalities, prominent among which is the large Union Jack given by the King. The celebration programme includes Shakespearean plays in the Memorial Theatre, lectures and recitals, together with a Shakesperean costume ball.

U.S "VICTORY" LOAN.

The "Victory" Liberty Loan opened on Monday with a rush of subscriptions, according to advices received from many parts of the country. The pledges received in New York alone had amounted to $100,000,000 by noon that day.

A striking feature of the celebration in Washington was the reading of President Wilson's Loan message from an aeroplane. By means of a wireless telephone and the newly-invented sound amplifier, a crowd numbering about 15,000 assembled on the Treasury steps heard distinctly President Wilson's words spoken through the air by an army aviator flying at a height of 2,600ft. The crowds cheered as the aviator concluded the message.—*Reuter.*

OLD MYSTERY REVIVED.

A fifteen-months-old Thames mystery was revived by the recovery of the trunk of a man's body near Walton-on-Thames Sunday morning. The remains were found floating only a short distance from the spot where, in the middle of January, 1918, the hat, bicycle, and some letters belonging to a New Zealand officer were found deposited on the bank. The officer had disappeared from a local hospital, where he was a patient recuperating from illness contracted in France, and his disappearance was never elucidated. New Zealand doctors are examining the trunk to see whether it is possible to establish identification.

PASSPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES.

Attention is specially directed to the requirements of the United States Government that all persons proceeding to the United States of America, either direct or viâ Canada, or travelling through the United States of America in transit for another destination, must obtain the visa of the United States consular authorities on their passports before leaving the United Kingdom. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in detention and the refusal of permission to enter the United States.

British subjects are warned that, on account of the existing shipping difficulties, the visa of the United States consular authorities can only be obtained in very exceptional and urgent cases. Applications from persons who wish to emigrate to the United States of America to take up employment there are not at present entertained.

FIRE AT LENGSDORF.

A fire occurred at the furniture workshop at Lengsdorf, about 11.45 a.m. on Saturday 19th April, the alarm being sounded by the bugler of No. 2 Field Ambulance. The personnel of the Unit quickly responded to the call, and formed a chain between the stream and the scene of the fire, which was the roof of the engine and boiler house. S.M. Dress was in charge of the men who, by their efforts, kept the fire within bounds until a pump and stand-pipe was got in working order. The prompt action of the above unit no doubt saved the whole building from being gutted, as it took the civilians half an hour to rig up their primitive fire appliance, after which the fire was got under control in about fifteen minutes, With the exception of the roof being burned out, and water on the engine, no other damage was caused, and the all clear was given at 12.40 p.m.

One negro soldier in the Argonne was as pale as circumstances would permit and visibly shaken.

"It's de tawkin' shells what gits me," he confided to the lieutenant.

"Nonsense, Sam; shells don't talk."

"Don' you tawk thataway to me. I kin hear 'em plein as day. Four dese ole G.I. cans jus' whizzed by and I heard 'em say: 'Niggah, you ain't going back to Ala—BAM!'"—*Stars and Stripes.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

"WHO ARE THE GUNNERS?"

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—I notice in your issue dated 16th inst. some irate "G.G.G.'s" hold forth on the "usurpation" by a correspondent of the title "the gunners," in connection with the M.G.C.

May I point out to "G.G.G." that because "the gunners" may possibly have been frequently used to denote members of the various branches of the Artillery, it does not follow that (1) the sole right to such a designation belongs to Artillerymen, or (2) the peculiar suitability of such a title to the artilleryman—a tremendous number of whom are "drivers," etc. On the contrary, such a title is peculiarly suited to members of the Machine Gun Corps, most of whom are "gunners" and in any case to talk of "usurpation" is foolish.

Further to "cast any aspersion" on the M.G.C. (vide the last para, of your correspondent) would indeed be difficult in the light of the glorious record of that wonderful War-baby "The Machine Gun Corps" in the great War, and the message of H.M. The King after reviewing his troops abroad.

G.H.T.

COBLENZ PONTOON BRIDGE.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—I note that in the article "A Trip up the Rhine," S.E.H. is interested to know the method of manipulating the pontoon bridge at Coblenz. The device is extremely simple.

The moveable part of the bridge is in two sections, each of which is kept in position by two cables secured to the bed of the river and wound up by steam winches mounted on the section.

To open the bridge, these cables are merely run out, thus allowing the current to swing the sections clear of the opening.

Conversely, to close the bridge, the cables are wound up again by the winches, thus pulling the sections into place again.

By tightening or slackening one cable more than the other, the section can by steered in the desired direction.

C.A.I.M.

R.A.O.B. LODGE.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—I should like you to draw your readers' attention to the fact that there is a lodge of the R.A.O.B. held weekly in Cologne.

Any member of the order can have full particulars by applying to me, address as given below.

Trusting you will make this known through the medium of your valuable paper.

B.Q.M. Atchison
76th Infantry Brigade H.Q.
Northern Division, Cologne.

Answers to Correspondents.

[*The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Many questions have been received which could be answered much easier by the Adjutant of the unit concerned, and all such cases which affect the unit commander must be taken to him and not sent here. — Ed.*]

B. P.— Thanks for your letter. We regret, however, that it cannot be published as yet.

Derby Lads.— Yours is a question with which we are unable to deal. All such matters are dealt with by unit commanders.

Sigo.— Yes, there are ponies down pits. They are of just as much use when blind in the pit. (2). Stamps must be used on letters addressed to Denmark. (3.) Post-corporal can deal with this. You must give list of contents on outside.

Enquirer.— We will try and obtain these.

4-Knockers.— This is the wrong department for any knowledge of Demobilization.

Retained.— You are wrong in your facts, and we therefore cannot publish your letter.

F. F.— Answered by Post.

Constant Reader.— See answer to "4-Knockers." Apply through your Adjutant.

Oxo. — If you address a letter to the individual in question, c/o this office, we will forward it to him.

A. F.— It is not known yet.

One of them.— The idea is to make a distinction between '14 and '15 men, and not between fighting men and "base wallahs," as you say. That is the sole reason for the addition of a rosette to the ribbon.

Ge rdie.— See first part of answer to Sigo.

Mons Boy.— A matter for your Adjutant to deal with.

18-pounder.— It would be better for you to ask some person to ask Division for the facts. Sorry we cannot give you the information offhand.

Provost— Yes, the particulars of which you should be able to obtain from your orderly room.

J. P. W.— Your Education Officer ought to be able to help you.

SOLDIERS AND FIREARMS.

At North London, Thomas William Cole, 19, a private in the Royal Fusiliers, on leave, was charged before Mr. Waddy with wantonly discharging a revolver on Hackney Marshes, and further with carrying the weapon without a license.

According to Cole's story, the revolver was a souvenir from the war which contained two cartridges. Wishing to get rid of these, he took the weapon to Hackney Marshes on Saturday afternoon and fired it into the River Lea. It was said that a woman fainted, and that other people were alarmed. Constable Stanton, 181 J. arrested the soldier and preferred the charges named.

On the first charge Mr. Waddy convicted the accused, and under the Probation of Offenders Act bound him over in 20s to come up for judgment if called upon within three months.

Mr. Waddy marked the second charge "Not dealt with," saying that it was a matter for the Commissioners of Inland Revenue to proceed if they thought it advisable or desirable to do so.

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

Excitement and, in some cases, nervousness can be noticed with regard to Germany and the forthcoming negotiations. The opinions of the Press are varied. Whilst many express optimism there are some which seem to be probing for loopholes into which they can crawl, only to emerge, after the heat of the conflict, with that proverbial "I told you so."

There is a great agitation on the part of the Press to urge the Government to accept merely terms based upon the formerly-issued principles of Wilson. In these they find themselves able to acquiesce, but they are fully aware that the "Council of Four" includes three other equally strong members of whose principles they are not sure, and who might prove a little too violent.

Slaves of the Entente.

"Germany can never sign conditions which make the German people the slave of the Entente." Thus states the *Deutsche Zeitung* "A people of seventy millions cannot be controlled by violence for any length of time, for the day must come when they would break their chains."

Back to Russia.

An old question has re-asserted itself amongst some of the German public, due, it is said, to the violence of the Entente during recent weeks. It is a question of the German policy in regard to Russia. The *Vossische Zeitung*, in a recent issue stated that the "Eastern orientation" of the German policy, abandoned for a time whilst the Wilson peace seemed to promise acceptable conditions, has been taken up again in consequence of the unbearable oppressions of the Entente. Today "back to Russia" means to throw one's self into the arms of Bolshevism, for Russia now is vastly different from when the German militarists concluded the Peace of Brest-Litovsk. The Bolshevism of to-day is not lying on ground before the German victor. It has become a terrible threat to the whole of Europe, and to-morrow it may be that Bolshevism will dictate the convenants. And yet, German policy has become so weak that it considers this an outlet to avoid the violence of the Entente. We shall perish, but Bolshevism will spread over the whole of Europe, and we shall have at least the satisfaction of seeing our enemies perish with us."

It is obvious that the *Vossische Zeitung* wishes to find some consolation in its doom — a consolation, though, which will never be realised.

Emigration to the States.

A movement which advocates emigration is being formed in Germany and is finding much sympathy especially amongst business men, engineers, and miners. The latter-named body are urging a mass emigration to South America (Brazil or Argentine) and it is reported that negotiations with the American authorities are already in progress. It is said that the emigrants will always keep in touch with the fatherland, and they will make further propaganda for extended emigration.

The whole idea has its foundation in the present industrial unrest and the future terrible economical situation of Germany.

Kinship of Leaders.

The *Deutsches Volksblatt* makes a strong and peculiar statement with regard to the leaders of the new revolutions. "In spite of all differences in the conditions of Russia, Hungary, and Bavaria, there is, however, from every point of view an intimate kinship between the leaders of the new revolutions. They belong all to the same international type, as strongly expressed in Lenin as in Trotsky, in Bela Kun as in Erich Muhsam.

"Their hysterical, neglected, and ill-shaped literature, which finds an unexpected opportunity in which to change in a fact its theoretical anarchism is at home in Petrograd as well as in Moscow, in Budapest and Munich just as in Berlin."

The Renewal of Relationships.

In an interview with a representative of *Le Temps*, Ebert, President of the German Republic, dealt with the question of the necessity for the renewal of good relationship between France and Germany. "Germany," he says, "will be the first to make this renewed relationship a practical one, by helping France to rebuild that which has been destroyed by war." He furtner urges that this work will be done all the better at the expense of Germany by using voluntary labour rather than by German prisoners. He protests against the withholding of prisoners now that the time for peace negotiations has arrived.

RHINELAND NOT A GUARANTEE.

In commenting upon the future of the Rhineland he remarked that "the creation of a neutral buffer state of Rhineland and Westphalia would not be a guarantee of future peace or of the good relations between France and Germany. Ebert hopes "that their own intellect will hinder the French politicians from requesting Germany to make a signature to the peace conditions which in principle would not agree with this point of view."

Erzberger and the Continental Policy.

At the recent meeting of the Peace Commission of the German National Assembly, Herr Erzberger protested against the formation of a political alliance between the continental powers of Europe, a brief outline of which we published last week. He said that "such an idea is represented by a small group of simple-minded politicians, and would destroy the basis of the League of Nations. The foundation of the German policy must be the fourteen points of Wilson and the agreement of the 5th November, according to which we declared ourselves ready to sign a peace following the fourteen points of the American President. One of the conditions of this peace is the League of Nations with full equality of rights of all people."

Erzberger then answered to von Richthofen, who had declared that the armistice negotiations led by Erzberger had aggravated the opposition between France and Germany, and that the attitude of France towards Germany was more sympathetic than that of Great Britain and America. He said: "It is not true that Clemenceau took any interest in the food-providing of Germany. No cabinet in the world is more capitalist and chauvinist than the Cabinet of Paris. Nowhere is the influence of the socialists on the Government weaker than in France. We will seize with joy the opportunity to have better relations with France, but it does not depend on us.

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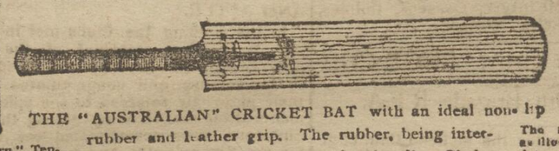

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V. I. B. G. Y. O. R.

in their natural order, it is found that the human eye is insensitive to the extremes. The film on photographic plates, and certain other chemicals, are acted upon by the light represented by the V. I. B. whereas the eye uses chiefly the B. G. Y. O. R. colours.

Hence if for our signals we use only violet (V.) light the eye will not see it, but an observer equipped with specially prepared chemical screens can pick it up.

In practice the lantern (projecting) apparatus was so arranged as to send a very narrow beam of light and was so fitted that this narrow beam could be "aimed" at the observer. In daytime all the light of this narrow beam, except the extreme red (R), was filtered out by coloured glasses, and this, drowned in the blaze of sunlight, was invisible except to a properly equipped observer. This observer (receiver) had a glass screen which cut out all the daylight thereby leaving the red light used by the sender easily visible.

By night the ultra-violet (V) rays were sent out, the I. B. G. Y. O. R. being cut out with a screen by the sender. The receiver was equipped with an apparatus with which he could see these rays and thus was able to take the message which was invisible to everyone not so equipped. Each of these methods could be employed practically, up to a distance of six miles.

At sea a Cooper-Hewitt lamp, giving very strong ultra-violet (V) rays, was employed, and all the ordinarily visible light was filtered out as before at the source, so that to the ordinary eyesight nothing was visible, except a very faint glow. The observer on another ship, equipped with apparatus enabling him to "see" the ultra-violet rays, could read the signals easily up to four miles. This arrangement was found of great value in keeping in touch the different ships of a convoy at night, the ordinary visible light of each ship being, of course, prohibited by the possible proximity of enemy ships.

One curious effect noted by Prof. Wood was that when this ultra-violet light fell on a mouth of "mixed" teeth, the real ones were seen to be luminescent and easily visible, while the false ones remained black and invisible.

THE FOURTH MAN WON.

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"I whistled like a 75, scattered an enemy machine gun squad, captured the gun and took the whole crew prisoner," said the second.

"I sneaked a limousine, ran it to a German corps headquarters, told the C.G. I had a message from the Reichstag for him, and brought him back to our regimental P.C.," said the third.

"My spirals never came down," said the fourth.
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LOST.

AIREDALE PUPS. Lost or strayed from Army Animal Collecting Camp (White City), on the morning of the 20th, two Airedale pups, about 4 mo. old: one male, one female. Reward, Capt. Player, Army Animal Collecting Camp.

TO ALL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Editor wishes to emphasise the fact that any correspondence sent to him should bear name, rank, and unit of the sender. Also many sports and amusements contributions are being received which do not give any dates whatever. These are, naturally, useless, as all readers first of all wish to know when the occurrence, whatever it may be, happened.

Will contributors please bear this in mind.

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SECRET TREATY.

CRISIS OVER FUTURE OF ADRIATIC.

RUSSIAN BOLSHEVISTS ADMIT DEFEAT.

DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AT PARIS.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS INTENTIONS.

A serious crisis has arisen at the Peace Conference over the question of the Italian claims on the Adriatic, chiefly over the disposition of Fiume.

Signor Orlando has withdrawn from the deliberations of the Council of Four.

The Italian claims were on Monday evening considered by a Council of Eight, the extra members being M. Pichon, Mr. Lansing, Baron Sonnino and Mr. Balfour.

WILSON'S REVELATION.

President Wilsan has made a declaration about the question of the Adriatic to the following effect: —

When Italy entered the war, she did so on the basis of a definite and secret ag cement with Great Britain and France, known as the Pact of London. Since that time the whole aspect of affairs has changed. Many other powers, great and small, have entered into the struggle. They were all unaware of the pact. The Austro-Hungarian Empire, then the enemy of Europe, to whose disadvantage the pact was designed to operate, has crumbled to pieces. Italy and the other Allies agree that these portions must now form independent states to be associated in the League of Nations, not with the states which were our enemies, but with Italy itself and the great powers which were ranged with Italy in the great struggle for liberty. We shall establish their liberty as we shall etablish our own. They will constitute a number of small states whose interests must be guaranteed as scrupulously as that of the greater powers.

The war has been finished — it must be said — by offering Germany an armistice and a peace based on principles des ined to establish a new order of right and justice. It is on these principles that peace with Germany has been not only conceived but formulated and on them it will be executed. We must however apply to the Balkan States the same principles as we are applying to peace with Germany. To hand over Fiume to Italy would be to create the feeling that we have deliberately placed this port, on which all those states depend for access to the Mediteranean, into the hands of a power of which it is not an integral part and whose sovereignty, if it were established there, would inevitably seem a foreign one. Every question relative to the settlement bears a new aspect given by the same victory of right for which Italy has made such great sacrifice, in blood and money. America is the friend of Italy and, by the mandate so generously given to her by her associates in the war, was privileged to take the initiative in the peace that is so near accomplishment. It is an obligation to apply all these principles all round, and it is in full confidence that I believe Italy will not insist on anything to which she has not an undeniable right."

PRESS COMMENTS.

President Wilson's sensational declaration has not yet been generally commented upon on the London papers, but a few editorials on the matter generally had been written before the news of the withdrawal of the Italian delegates had been received.

The *Daily Graphic*, while disdaining any hostility to Italy, refers to her "obdurate attitude" and advocates the Croatian claim to Fiume.

The *Daily Chronicle*, without condemning President Wilson's "momentous innovation", writes sympathetically of Italy's position, though it admits that the issue is one whereon opposite opinions can honestly be held. It says the result of making an exception in Italy's case to the hitherto secrecy of the Conference is to jeopardise the whole idea of the League of Nations.

The *Daily News* says that the two antagonistic principles which have been in veiled conflict throughout the Conference have now met in a death grapple. If Wilson's principles are to prevail, all claims like that of Italy's must be abandoned; but if Orlando's claims are recognised there is an end to the principle of self-determination everywhere.

The *Daily Express* says that the British Nation must blindly support Lloyd George.

The *Morning Post* military correspondent, declares it will be an incredible act of stupidity and baseness to desert Italy.

The *Times* says that Italy's best friends wish and pray that she will hearken to President Wilson's appeal. England and France will abide by the pact of London if necessary, but they agree with President Wilson's contention that since the treaty the whole situation has changed. England and France also agree with President Wilson on the moral claim of the lands to the north and north-east of Fiume to an outlet to the sea and will not hesitate to act upon this conviction if forced do do so. The decision is in Italy's hands. It will affect her whole future and the future of the world.

ITALIAN PREMIER LEAVES PARIS

Signor Orlando has writen to M. Clemenceau informing him that following the declaration of President Wilson, the Italian delegation decided to leave Paris at 2 p.m. yesterday.

To a Press representative he is reported to have said that the Italian delegates could not help but cease to collaborate in the work of the Conference. "In my turn I shall state our point of view in a message to the Italian people tomorrow."

Great excitement prevailed throughout the evening at the hotel where the Italian delegates are accommodated. When Signor Orlando and Baron Sonnino entered the vestibule at 9.30 they were received by a tempest of acclamation. Signor Orlando was deeply moved. He bowed to the assembly and said Gentlemen, the only cry one wants to shout now is not 'Long live Orlando' or 'Long live Sonnino' but 'Long live Italy'."

The two delegates stayed in the hall speaking with English, American, French, Japanese and other journalists until nearly midnight.

Signor Orlando confirmed to th *Matin* that he was leaving Paris at 2 p.m. the day following but stated that his colleagues of the delegation will stay perhaps a few days more.— He added— "We are not leaving Paris, breaking with our Allies. We only ask them to take our interests in their hands and we trust that they will loyally perform this mission."

Signor Orlando intends to convene Parliament quickly. He says that he has no doubt about his reception and the reception of his country. He declares that, at the time of the signature of the armistice with Austria, he made express reservations about several of the fourteen points especially as regards the ninth. He affirmed that Italy will pay the greatest heed to the opinions of her Allies. "Nothing," he said, "must shake her Alliance with France and Great Britain, formally concluded before her entrance in the war and since that time cemented by the fight in the common cause."

Signor Barzilai declared to the "*Petit Parisien*" that Italy's dignity was incompatible with the act of President Wilson, whom he reproaches with having addressed an appeal to the Italian people above the heads of the members of the conference and of the King of Italy.

FEELING IN ROME.

Rome. 23rd April. — In response to an invitation printed by the evening papers for a demonstration on the subject of the Italian claims, a crowd assembled yesterday afternoon on the Piazza Colonna carrying flags inscribed "Long live United Italy", "Fiume", "Orlando", "Sonnino" etc. "The demonstrators, singing patriotic songs, marched to the Capitol, headed by the Mayor, Councillors, Senators, Deputies and Officers.

Arrived at the Capitol, the mayor in a speech said that Italy "refused to have her war aims betrayed by hypocritical intrigues or to allow the fruits of her victory to be gathered by enemies. — *Reuter.*

As we go to press news reaches us through *Havas* that not only is Signor Orlando's departure postponed but that there is every prospect of a speedy and amicable adjustment of the disputed points.

BOLSHEVISTS ADMIT DEFEAT.

News received from Omsk dated 18th April indicates that the Siberian offensive towards Kazan is progressing energetically. Agryze, an important junction, has been taken with considerable military spoils. The Siberian armies are within twenty-six miles of Buzuluk and the town of Glazoff, between Viatka and Perm, has also been taken from the north.

In the direction of Samara the Siberian vanguard is approaching Kinel. By the capture of that town Orenburg would be cut off from Bolshevist Russia.

Bolshevist reports, which are no longer able to conceal the brilliant attacks of the Siberian troops, state that the Red armies are retreating along the whole of the Eastern front.

One Bolshevist regiment stationed at Samara refused to proceed to the front and has since revolted against Soviet rule. — *Reuter.*

Copenhagen. 22nd April. A Warsaw message announces that General Haller has arrived there. Polish cavalry occupied Vilna while other troops occupied Novoyoudokund.

At Baranovitch the Bolshevists fled in panic. *Reuter.*

NORTH RUSSIAN SUCCESSES.

In General Maynard's recent offensive operations near Lake Vigo, East of the Murman railway, and four hundred miles South of Murmansk the enemy lost ninety-eight in killed and eighty-two prisoners, twenty of which were wounded. Many sledge loads of wounded were seen being removed, whilst a train which was taking away the retreating Bolshevists was badly damaged by our shell fire.

Much booty was captured, including guns, ammunition and large quantities of railway material.

This Allied attack near Lake Vigo was previously reported to have been carried out by Russian national troops. It resulted in our gaining complete control not only of the main road from the South to the White Sea but of the Lake Vigo region betwenn the Murman railway and Archangel.

ITEMS OF GERMAN NEWS.

Telegrams to the *Kölnische Volkszeitung* announce the following: — At Augsburg the Spartacists and Revolutionary workmen have been disarmed. Both sides sustained heavy losses.

Russian girl students are doing duty as clerks in the police bureaux at Munich.

The announcement that the Government will move from Weimar to Berlin is not known "officially."

The Chief Headquarters of the German army at Kolberg, will be dissolved early in July.

Up to the end of March eighty-two million marks were expended at Berlin on behalf of the unemployed.

DESERTER SHOT BY THE ESCORT.

JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE.

At Lambeth Coroner's Court yesterday the inquiry was resumed into the circumstances attending the death of Pte. Savage, who was shot by a member of the escort while endeavouring to escape from custody.

The tragedy took place in the purlieus of Waterloo Station, whither Savage was being conducted en route for Portland, where he was due to serve a sentence of ten years imprisonment for desertion.

When he attempted to escape he was handcuffed to another prisoner.

L.Cpl. De Bues, who was in charge of the escort, said that ammunition was issued to him on leaving Calais. He could not say who gave him the ammuntion but he was certain it was nobody below the rank of sergeant. He received no instructions as to what was to be done with it.

Pte. Clarke, who fired the shot, said he aimed at Savage's boots.

The jury returned a verdict of "justifiable homicide," adding a rider to the effect that they considered the escort insufficient.

NATIONALISATION OF MINES.

SECOND SANKEY REPORT.

Having sat in private overnight for discussion of the preliminaries, the Coal Industry Commission re-assembled in public yesterday morning for the second stage of the inquiry. This is to take evidence for the report upon Nationalisation promised by Mr. Justice Sankey for presentation to the Government by the 20th May.

A number of scientific economists, text-book writers and university professors gave evidence.

Sir William John Ashley, Vice-Principal of Birmingham University, giving evidence, said his view was that if Nationalisation is adopted, the control should provide for definite representation on the controlling authority of all consumers, both private and industrial.

Application was made for royalty owners to be represented on the commission when evidence is taken on the question of royalties. The chairman said that the application will be considered and the decision announced to-morrow.

NEW LIGHT ON AUSTRIAN DUPLICITY.

The *Times* today publishes the text of a document which has come into possession of their political correspondent in Paris. The document shows once more in an absolutely unmistakeable manner the insincerity of the Austro-Hungarian Government in their whole policy following upon the assassination of the Archduke Francis Ferdinand on 28th June 1914. The Austro-Hungarian Government dispatched Herr von Weisner to Serajevo to make a report upon the circumstances of that assassination. On 13th July von Weisner sent the following telegram to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs at Vienna: — "Serajevo. July 13th. 1914. 1.10 p.m. Knowledge of Serbian Government of direction of assassination plot or participation in its preparation and supply of weapons for it is proved by nothing and cannot even be suspected. There are, on the contrary, many grounds for regarding this supposition as being untenable."

"This further proof the Central Empires duplicity is very timely," says the *Times*. "Not only will it reinforce the conviction of the Allies that the war was deliberately forced upon the world by the Teutonic powers but it will also serve as a reminder on the eve of the conference at Versailles of the bad faith which characterizes Teutonic diplomacy."—*Havas.*

HOW TO OBTAIN SIGNATURES.

Scheidemann and other German ministers have devoted much time to asserting what may or may not be done by Germany in certain contingencies regarding the signing of the Peace treaty.

A saner and more realistic comprehension of the situation is shown in a statement by Maximilian Harden, the Socialist editor of "*Zukunft*," who told the *Daily Express* correspondent in Berlin that in his opinion the blockade alone would be a powerful enough weapon to bring about the signature. —*Havas.*

GO TO THE FIELD CASHIER.

Cologne shops are prohibited from displaying money changing announcements printed in English.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

On the London Stock Exchange yesterday the Oil group was again the centre of activity. These securities made further progress at first but later on profit taking was in evidence and initial gains were lost.

No revival in other departments is expected until the terms of the budget are known. The general tone was good. Siberian Mining Shares strengthened on receipt of the military news.

ZEEBRUGGE DAY.

April 23rd., besides being St. George's Day and the anniversary of Shakespeare's birth, is also "Zeebrugge Day," It was on 23rd. April 1918 that one of the most desperate enterprises of the Navy was carried to a glorious achievement.

The survivors of the famous assault received yesterday morning from Sir Roger and Lady Keyes a postcard inscribed "In memory of St George's Day 1918," conveying a kindly personal message to each recepient. On the reserve of the card is a photogravure of the Zeebrugge memorial tablet.

Captain Tupper, of the Seamen's and Firemen's Union, told a meeting of Aberdeen fishermen that medals will be presented by the Union to members of the crew of the steamer "Vulture," who refused to take Ramsay Macdonald to Russia in 1917.

AVIATORS' TERRIBLE DEATH.

CAUSE OF THE DISASTER.

The Hampshire County coroner held an inquiry yesterday morning concerning the deaths of the five airmen killed at Weyhill aerodrome. The evidence showed that the Handley Page was detailed for a tour round Britain, and was scheduled to start at two o'clock in the morning.

An officer stated in evidence that Major Batchelor was said to be a very careful pilot. It seemed to witness however that he was too careful and that in avoiding too steep a climb at the take-off he hit the shed in the dark.

Captain William Bannerman, R.A.M.C., said that all the deceased were killed before being burnt. Major Batchelor and Lieut. Whiteside had fractured skulls and the others must have been crushed.

A verdict of accidental death whilst on duty was returned.

STRAND GAMBLING RIOT.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

An official report was issued yesterday by the American authorities in which they repudiate responsibility for what has been generally described as the "Strand riots," which occurred on the 9th March. The official report of the investigations, which were conducted by a joint American Army and Navy Board, states that the board of inquiry went thoroughly into the question of the causes and results of the outbreak and find that responsibility for the disturbance cannot be definitely determined. The report further states that at no time was the crowd composed exclusively of Americans.

In the case of the American soldier who was found to be in possession of a revolver, disciplinary action has been taken, this being contrary to orders.

BARONET'S SUICIDE.

VERDICT.

A verdict of suicide whilst temporarily insane, following a nervous breakdown due to war overwork, was returned by the jury at the inquest on the body of Sir Archibald Orr-Ewing, who shot himself in a plantation near Leicester.

PRINCE OF WALES TO BECOME A FREEMASON.

The date of the initiation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales into Freemasonry has been provisionally fixed for 2nd. May, probably in the Household Brigade Lodge.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

St. George's Day was very generally observed in London, roses and appropriate emblems finding a ready sale in the streets.

The Lord Mayor presided at the Mansion House at a meeting of the Royal Society of St. George, and sent the following message to H.M. the King:

"The members of the Royal Society of St. George, on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Society, offer your gracious Majesty all loyalty and devotion. May this eventful year, by the blessing of God, herald an era of peace, contentment and prosperity throughout your Majesty's Dominions and the world."

TO ENCOURAGE SPORT ON SUNDAYS.

Captain P. F. Warner presided at a meeting held at Holborn Restaurant yesterday to discuss the formation of a Sunday games association. He said that during the war, games after Church hours on Sunday had been the rule throughout the army. Demobilized men would expect to continue Sunday afternoon games, otherwise they would grouse and in these times we could not afford to have too much grumbling.

He advocated the creation of a department of sport as a branch of the Ministry of Health or the Board of Education.

Captain Spencer suggested the formation of a Headquarters Council, with branches all over the country.

Upwards of twenty sports governing bodies were represented at the meeting.

WHY THE BLOCKADE LASTS.

Replying to a deputation from the Women's National Liberal Federation which urged the immediate relaxation of the blockade, Mr. Bonar Law explained the difficulties which had first to be surmounted.

They include military and financial considerations, the shortage of shipping and the absence of means of internal distribution in Germany.

Much has been done, however, to relax the severity of the blockade, and all restrictions will be removed when peace is signed.

MILITARY FUNERAL FOR NURSE CAVELL.

It has been decided that the funeral in London of Nurse Cavell on the 15th May will be entirely military. No civilians will follow the cortege.

At Victoria Station the body will be received by a strong military escort and taken on a gun-carriage to Westminster Abbey where the first part of the funeral service will be held. The remains will then be taken to Liverpool-street station for conveyance to Norwich where they will be interred in the Cathedral.

HOTEL KEEPERS STRONG ACTION

Many hotels in London have decided to refuse to take permanent residents in future and are giving notice to quit to guests who have occupied rooms for long periods. This step has been taken owing to the immense demand for accommodation in London and the shortage of rooms.

FLYING THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

FALSE STARTS AND FEARS.

The Air Ministry states that there is practically no change in the general anti-cyclonic pressure distribution over the whole of the Atlantic route. There is a considerable amount of fog off Newfoundland.

St. John's, Newfoundland. 22nd. April. Lieut. Raynham and Capt. Morgan, the Martinsyde airmen, decided this afternoon to attempt what they described as another trial flight. Forthwith the Sopwith party became alarmed, suspecting that an attempt was being made to out-wit them. They hurriedly began to make their machine ready. Eventually neither party ventured out, on account of the fog.—*Reuter.*

St. John's, Newfoundland. 23nd. April. The weather remains wretched, with much fog and rain. Flying is unlikely today.—*Reuter.*

St. John's, Newfoundland. 23nd. April. Both the Martinsyde and Sopwith parties are apparently reconciling themselves to the prospect of a long delay as they are making plans for social occasions here for some days ahead.

The general impression obtains that with the weather as it is at present there is little likelihood of any flight being possible before next month.—*Reuter.*

Washington. 22nd. April. The United States Navy seaplanes No. 1, No. 3 and No. 4 are expected to make an attempt at the Atlantic flight early next month. Each seaplane will carry a crew of five. Equipped with four Liberty motors they will carry sufficient fuel to make the flight to Ireland without stopping. The start will be made from Newfoundland.—*Reuter.*

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.

IMPRESSIVE MEMORIAL SERVICE.

His Majesty the King, Colonel of the Royal Regiment of Artillery which has the proud prerogative of holding the right flank of the British Army in line, attended St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday when a memorial service was held for those members of the regiment who fell during the war.

The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Horace B. Marshall was present in state. Queen Alexandra and Princess Victoria also attended the service.

Among the congregation were Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, General Sir Henry Wilson, General Arbuthnot (who fought in the Crimea) and many other distinguished officers.

A hundred trumpeters were posted on the steps of the Cathedral and sounded the salute when the King arrived.

As the Royal Regiment of Artillery has no colours, a gun was placed "in action" at the foot of the chancel steps, its muzzle pointing to the congregation.

At the close of the service the "Last Post" was sounded by a bugler stationed in the West gallery, and was answered with "Reveille" from the East gallery.

During the war the Royal Regiment of Artillery lost 3,135 officers and 39,727 other ranks, killed or died of wounds.

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE.

NEW DIRECTOR APPOINTED.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, as Grand Prior of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, has approved the appointment of Earl Donoughmore as Director of the St. John's Ambulance Department in succession to Earl Ranfurly, who has resigned.

IRISH NATIONAL STRIKE IMPROBABLE.

Four members of the Executive Irish Labour Party have arrived at Limerick from Dublin to consult the local committee. A National strike is now considered to be very improbable.

LIVERPOOL PRISONERS' DARING ESCAPE.

Three men under arrest for alleged housebreaking escaped from custody at Liverpool yesterday. They were being conveyed in the prison van "Black Maria," from the court, where they had been remanded, and by breaking the ventilator at the back of the van, made good their exit.

They have not yet been recaptured.

HOME OF GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Twenty-five thousand pounds is being appealed for by the *Daily Telegraph* to equip Sulgrave Manor, as an Anglo-American meeting place and storehouse of memorials connected with the Washinton family.

H. M. the King has subscribed one hundred pounds, and Mr. Lloyd George has written in support of the scheme.

(Sulgrave Manor lies about 6 miles from Brackley, in Northamptonshire. It is noteworthy as being the birthplace of General George Washington, the first President of the United States of America, an office he held for two consecutive periods, 1789—1797.)

THE LONELY BATTLE PEERAGE.

An article in the *Globe* shows the distribution of hereditary honours since 1916. Forty-nine new peerages or promotions in the peerage have been created, and seventy-six new baronetcies.

Out of the 125 hereditary honours only one was bestowed on a member of the fighting forces, namely, the Viscounty given to Admiral Jellicoe.

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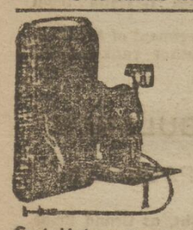
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Evening Service, 6 p.m.
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4.—THE ARMY CINEMA HALL,
36, Komodien Strasse.
Sundays: Evening Service, 6 p.m.

5.—THE CHURCH ARMY CINEMA HALL,
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Sundays: Evening Service, 6 p.m.

SCOTTISH CHURCHES and ENGLISH FREE CHURCHES.

THE MILITARY CHURCH.
6, Filzengraben (Turning off Heumarkt.)
Sunday, April, 27th.
11 a.m. Rev. F. W. Stewart, A.P.C.,
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AN IDEAL ARMY PAPER.

We hasten to remove any mistakes that the title of this article may beget in the minds of our readers. We are modest at heart, and we have no illusions regarding the pre-eminence of "The Cologne Post." Ours may be the ideal Army, but our newspaper makes no claim to be its ideal gazette. This frank confession of human weakness is not amiss in these days of egotism and advertisement, and it may well be a step towards greater achievement. "The Cologne Post" is not without ideals, and we make no apology for a discussion of the features that a worthy military newspaper should possess.

A newspaper of this kind is beset by difficulties on all sides. It is printed in a foreign country, alien compositors set up its type; it is staffed by a handful of men who are soldiers first and then journalists; it is read and criticized by very diverse classes of people, by our own soldiers, by our friends in England, by an encompassing and watchful race which till a few months ago was in active warfare against us, and each of these classes can be divided into well marked sections.

Was there ever a newspaper issued to a heterogeneous public in circumstances comparable to ours? And there is the great difficulty of severe limitation. Time and again it has been a criticism of the Church that it is an institution which knows only moral demands that are prefaced by "Thou shalt not." The Church can repudiate the charge more easily than can an Army newspaper. The ominous words constantly ring in the ears of our Editorial Staff. "Thou shalt not" discuss King's Regulations or Army Orders, or aims, organization and methods of the Army. We fully recognize the propriety of this limitation, and we boast that we observe its precepts. Politics, too, are forbidden in our newspaper, for soldiers ought to show no political bias. We may receive the political propaganda of our home press, but we must not in any way retaliate.

Let there be no mistake—we repeat that these limitations are most proper, but our point is that journalism in an army paper must have kindly sympathy, for it moves and has its being in a narrow sphere. It is like the tiny gold-fish that must disport itself meekly within the crystal bowl. What leader-writer can there be who has not spent a wakeful hour dreaming of a brilliant article on the Terms of Peace or the eloquent escapades of Mr. Lloyd George and Lord Northcliffe? But there is no leader-writer who would wantonly overstep his limits. He has always before him the picture of Thersites, the soldier and critic in the Greek army at the Siege of Troy, whose scurrilous vapourings brought upon his head the drastic, fatal strength of an Achilles.

But "within the rim," if we may put Henry James's title to another use, there is much good work to be done by an efficient and dignified army newspaper. First of all, it can supply to soldier exiles the news of the world from which they are shut off, and it can supply news well in advance of the arrival of home papers. If it is a disadvantage that full comments must not be made on all items of information it certainly is an advantage to have news that is not garbed in any propagandist fashion. That is what we profess to give. Again, an army newspaper can give news of its own little world, news of an army at school or at play, news of each unit, serious or humourous episodes that interest soldiers, friendly personalities that lighten the burden of life, and incidents or views that help in the growth of brotherliness.

In addition to news of the wider or more restricted worlds there is in an efficient army paper the possibility of eliciting precise information on the many knotty questions that are gravely or lightly discussed in soldiers' messes. An editorial staff cannot claim the attribute of omniscience, but it has some small equipment of reference literature and ought gladly to play the part of arbiter in wordy dispute and friendly counsellor in the pursuit of wisdom. Further, there is the sphere of *belles lettres*. Any newspaper worthy of the name opens wide its doors to literary aspirants. It may be that even in pages of *The Cologne Post* some future essayist or poet may fatefully pour out his libation to the Muses. The eyes of the world are upon you, good readers.

One word more. It is our ambition to guard jealously the honour of our empire, to keep fast our patriotic faith, to pass on unblemished the fair tradition of our country. The newspaper of the British Army of the Rhine must never fall below the best.

THE CREEPING BARRAGE.

Written 20th September, 1917, on the Ypres Front by one who was there.

'Twas Flanders and France,
In that great advance,
On battlefields old in story,
By the din of the gun,
We thundered, "well done,"
Long live the King and his glory.

Where we laid all night,
'Twas a pitiful sight,
Mud and rain in trench and valley;
We cursed the mad Hun,
For all he had done,
And swore to repulse his rally.

All my Pals were there,
On the Ypres so bare,
Towards the enemy creeping;
We hugged the wet loam,
Thought of all at home
And the lives in our safe keeping.

With rifles well gripped,
We floundered and slipped,
As the battle of blood was brewing;
"Good luck," dear old boy,
"Safe journey," and joy,
As we crept to Jerry's undoing.

The barrage had ceased,
And being released,
Charged madly through shot and shell,
And the soft golden sun
Saw the work well done,
On a battlefield of hell.

Down the duckboard track,
Some will never come back
From that battlefield old in story.
No more war trench and mud,
For the boys have made good
And passed to a higher glory.

They're resting out there,
Jolly Pals, ever dear,
By farm and copse on the loam;
They've all done their bit,
The Hun had to quit,
Soon he will pack up for home.

We are thinking to-night
Of that more peaceful sight,
The "old folks at home" and "of you,"
Tired, muddy, and sore,
We are dreaming once more
Of loved ones tender and true.

God! hasten the day
When we all march away
From battlefields old in story.
How the dear home will ring,
When we all cheer and sing,
Hurrah! for the Empire's glory.

D. M. Murray, R.A.M.C.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

II.

WILLIAM ROBERT PATTERSON, F.R.G.S., ETC.

Why, now that you have a good camera, do you not develop your own pictures? It will pay you to do so. The apparatus required could be carried in one's pockets, the cost is very little, and one learns more of the power of light and of time. Your pictures will improve if you develop them yourself. If you are not economical in photography at the outset you will lose interest in it, you will say, like many others, that as a hobby, it is too expensive.

But, then, realize that by careless exposures, you waste both time and money.

Realize, also, that a few really good pictures, bought by one of our illustrated newspapers, would pay for your camera. To develop your spool, your film-pack, or a dozen plates, would cost you something about twopence, once you possess the necessary apparatus, which is—

(1) A small red lamp. Personally I use a red electric-bulb of standard size. Wherever I may be, provided there is an electric installation in the building, my bulb serves.

(2) Two dishes of "papier mâché." These are clean and cheap.

(3) A small bottle of developer (Entwickler)

(4) A small packet of "hypo" (Hyposulphite of Soda).

(5) A small measuring glass.

Beyond these all that is required is fresh water for washing the negatives and for diluting the developer. Proceed thus: Pour your developer into one dish and your "hypo" (at proper strength) into the other. Have a bowl, basin, or pail of clean water at your side. Light your red lamp. Prepare your roll film, your first film in the pack, or your plate. Agitate your plate or film in the fresh water, shake it, and then plunge it into the developing solution. The reason for previously agitating the photograph in water is to remove dust, to prevent bubbles, and to ensure an even flow of developer over the whole surface.

Agitate your film or plate also in this dish in order to prevent stains, bubbles, and other causes of imperfection. Watch the negative carefully After the expiration of a minute or so, if the exposure has been correct and the developer well mixed, you will see dark patches appearing; these patches are the high-lights, such as sky, white walls, faces, bright coloured clothing that best reflects white light. When these patches are greyish and not yet black, hold your plate or film against the red light, in order to study the light and shade. Now turn your negative over and view it from the glass or celluloid side, but this time not against the red light. Examine it downwards. When the back of the film-surface assumes also, in the high-lights, a very dark grey colour, than you may assume that your picture is ready for the second bath, the fixing solution (hypo), after washing again in water.

Do not be impatient. Give your picture time to deepen in intensity. Now, in the "hypo" the plate or film must remain until every vestige of its whitish-yellow colour has disappeared. Even when you think you can see none, let it remain therein a few minutes longer. Then place it in clean water for at least ten minutes, rubbing the film-surface gently now and again with the finger, or clean cotton wool, under water. The resulting negative must be completely dry before you attempt to take a print from it. Common faults are—

(1) Over-Exposure. This is evident when the picture flashes up too quickly in the developing solution. This may be remedied to a certain extent by adding more water, thus weakening the strength of the solution.

(2) Under-Exposure. The picture comes slowly and needs a stronger developer.

Remember that in open country, with no walls or trees to impede the passage of light from the sky, you may snapshot at high speeds, if the sun is shining, at lesser speeds if the light is diffused and at still lesser speeds if the heavens are clouded.

A wall or a row of leafy trees makes a difference, according to the strength of light from above.

Two parallel walls or rows of leafy trees make a greater difference still.

Now, bear these things in mind!

(1) When the sky is blue and the sun is shining, work very rapidly, and reduce the diameter of your aperture.

(2) When the sky is not blue, but hidden by a sort of white vapour, not separate clouds, yet bright, you may work at high speed with a good lens, and with an open aperture.

(3) In summer time, unless the sky is obscured by thunder clouds, you may always work rapidly.

(4) Always look at the sky and study the direction whence comes most light, then turn your back or side to it.

(5) Study the reflection of light. In winter, for instance, on a fairly bright day, with a snow-scene, you must expose rapidly. Whenever there is much reflection, work according to the amount of light from all quarters.

(6) Remember whilst taking your photographs that not all light comes from above. Endeavour to have the most light possible both direct and reflected, upon your object.

LONDON DIVISIONAL MENS CLUB.

The London Division claim to be "setting the pace" in providing for the comfort and entertainment of their N.C.O's. and men visiting Cologne, the centre of their activities being the Divisional Mens' Club, Glockengasse, and on Easter Sunday, the Winter Tea Garden was opened for the first time.

The spacious hall was tastefully decorated with shrubs, plants and flowers, and furnished with about forty occasional tables where well over 200 men sat down to a sumptuous tea. After tea a smoking concert was held, by way of an opening ceremony. The President, Major A.O. Needham, M.C., D.A.Q.M.G., of the London Division, made a happy little speech on behalf of the Divisional Commander, welcoming the men, and explaining what was being done to foster the social side of their soldiering on the Rhine, incidentally mentioning that the club provides sleeping accommodation for about 80 men while on pass. In conclusion he made the whole company happy by inviting them to test the capabilities of the staff of waiters by ordering drinks at his expense.

Several members of the Divisional Concert Party, which is at present in process of being remodelled after being severely handled by the Demobilization Department, provided an excellent Musical Programe.

By the way, the London "Daily Sketch" of the 18th inst. includes an excellent snapshot, taken in Cologne, of two London Division men, in the act of fixing one of the well-known directing boards "To the London Division Mens' Club."

THE EPISTLES OF PETER BIRSE, JUNIOR.

Sir,— My old Scots friend Peter met with a calamity yesterday. He was suddenly informed that his leave warrant was through. Naturally this drove other things from his mind and he tells me that he forgot all about his weekly epistle; at the same time he asks me to forward some.

I suppose 'twill be too late to come in in its usual Thursday place, but knowing how he'll blagard me if it does not appear I beseech you to put it in as soon as possible.

Maybe "other things" will interfere with his next week's epistle but should it not be forthcoming your Scots readers will, I know, be sympathetic and forgive the delinquent. We have all had leave — "once upon a time".

Yours, PETER'S PAL.

AN EXCITIN' HOLIDAY.

Dear Maister Editor,

As the prince o' poets says, some are beorn great, some achev greatness, an' some hae greatness birs'd upon them. I was beorn tir'd, anything excep' notoreety for vaurious sins, an' naething but fateegs have been birs'd upon me. Guid Friday, hooever, was a mercifu' exepshun; the day dawn'd wi' nae prospecks o' toil in front o' me nae a glood presentit itsel 'in m' industrial canopy o' blue.

My only predeecament was hoo was I tae spen' the day in the maist pleshurable an' at the same time legeetimate fachun? My first thocht was tae hurl aboot a day on the tramwye-cars, seein' the traivellin' was for naething; an' coonting up at nicht how muckle I'd saved. But on second thochts I resolv'd tae hae a day o' perfeck an' undilutit enjoymeut, so I made up m' min tae veesit a cimitery. I us'd tae daunder oot the length o' Kirsty's Grave at home on a Sawbath afternune, an aince or tunie feelin' a bit freevilous I gaed on a week-day i' the Glesca Fair holidays fan m' aunty Lenby was bidin' wi' us, so tat's guid enuch at home is guis enuch in Coloan.

Rinnin' into Sawdust Jock at the corner o' the Bricht Strassy I teli'd him m' program-for the day.

"Foo no mak' a bist o' yersel Peter, says he rale nastykin', "an' veesit two or three cimiteries? Foo no thoroughly enjoy yersel fan ye're at it?"

The dirty-moth'd snipes! I believe in takin' a' thing, including wine, an' pleshure, in strick moderashun.

For an oor an' a half I search'd Coloan for a cimitery — fat the sacreleeus Australyans ca' a bare-yaird — put wid ye believe it, I cudna fin' an suld or new. Is Coloan anither Blairgourie? Dae the fowk here never dee? Have they learn'd the secret o' immortality? Or are they still runnin that Cadaver factory they used to advertise?

A TABACCANIST DEEMIE.

It was over late tae think o' a Caisuality Clearin' Stashan, or a Field Am'lance, so I agree'd tae risk my life, such as it is, in the han' o' a unknown an' maybe no very frien'ly furriner. A sonsy, clean-lookin, deemie in a tabaccanists' shoppie, wha cud speak English like an English umman, direckit me tae a dental prackteeshner i' the Apoasels' Cloister, wha was garantee' tae emty yer mooth without pain or delay, an better still, for only 5 marks. I aince hed a holiday spoil'd in Roathsey because o' the exorbitan' chairges o' the local dentists. They wainted three-an'-saxpence for drawin' a single tooth — nae a double ane, mind ye, Maister Editor — so I made up my min' tae wait till I got back tae Aiberdeen, whaur they draw teeth for a bob an' richt weel tae, besides allooin' je tae loiter as lang as ye like in a velvet chair, drinke' water oot a bonny cristal tumler. I saved half a-crown, but, as I said, it spoil'd my holiday So it pleas'd me tae think that the German chairges were sae moderate.

OUR HEADQUARTER COMPANY.

The idea was first conceived away back in Blighty some two or three weeks previous to our departure overseas. A War Office order had been received to the effect that we of the 15th Blankshires had been selected to from one of Churchill's "well paid, well fed and well contented" battalions of the Rhine Army. What then was more natural than that we should form a H.Q. personnel? We all had vague notions as to who did constitute H.Q. personnel, but the Orderly Room Sergeant arrived and explained that it was all "eye wash" for the Corps Commander's farawell parade. Fortunately he was right, for all that "H.Q." meant to us in Blighty was that all fellows who had "staff" jobs were to consider themselves as belonging to "H.Q." personnel. The battalion had settled down comfortably in its new quarters when the rumour went round that M—had been appointed O.C. H.Q., and well we knew it, too! A new company office suddenly came into existence, wherein, hidden away behind stacks of books, files, and correspondence, were O.C. H.Q. together with his C.S.M. and C.Q.M.S. Having formed a nucleus, the officer proceeded to take a fancy to almost half the Battalion, and chits were sent in all directions informing all and sundry that Pte. Atkins had this day been appointed to the Battalion Sanitary Staff and would in future take all orders from O.C. H.Q. We did make an effort to get all the H.Q. personnel housed in one billet on a certain Monday morning, but there were so many orders and counter orders that we decided to abandon our Fred Karno stunt and leave it to the men to decide for themselves as to whether they were batmen, band and drums, or transport.

Yes that was a great day when we journeyed to Cologne to commandeer the crockery. What mattered lunch or tea! What mattered it if we *did* miss the six o'clock train and had to remain in Cologne until midnight! Wasn't the fact that the Company Commander was going to inspect our billet sufficient justification? O.C. H.Q. had fairly got the breeze up and we were out to help him and by hook or by crook we were going to get the best billet and the best mess room in the whole Battalion.

The great day arrived and one of the Education Staff was conscripted into service to supervise the exhibition. What a proud fellow he was when he surveyed his handiwork—cruets, plates, breadbaskets and the hundred and one odds and ends of "eye wash" that had been laid out under his supervision. Surely the Corps Commander will imagine that he has strolled into the officers' mess! What excitement there was in the air! How we waited with baited breath for the arrival of the dear old general who was going to bestow his praises and smiles upon us! At long last, he came — a runner from the Orderly Room to say that the inspection was over and "you can pack up." Think of it, reader! We had been missed, and all our trouble was in vain. Was it fair? Was it right? My answer is, that there dwells in the Orderly Room a certain wag, and maybe, "He knows about it all — he knows — he knows."

OPERA HOUSE AND THEATRE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	DRAMA
Friday	6	Orpheus and Eurydice	Der Bibliothekar
Saturday	6	Barbier von Sevilla	Faust
Sunday	6	Zigeunerbaron	afternoon: Elga evening: Kronbraut
Monday	6½	Rheingold	Kaiser Pausis Tod
Tuesday	4	Die Walküre	Fiesco

DUREN AMUSEMENTS.

Duren this week is enjoying the pleasure of Miss Inez Bensusan's Woman's Theatre Company appearing at the Theatre. The programme given on Monday was enthusiastically received. The amusing sketches formed part of the programme, the remainder being filled up with a variety of songs to suit everyone.

The artistes received many encores, and loud applause a the end of the performance.

A member of the audience was heard to remark: "Mon, its fine to hear English-speaking lassies again."

A change of programme is to be given on Thursday.

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WHIST DRIVE.

On Wednesday evening a fourth of a series of Whist Drives was held at Company Headquarters, Severin Strasse. The prizes were carried off by: Pte. Williams (1st Ladies) Pte. G. Wharton, (1st Gents). Pte. G. Butler (2nd Ladies) Pte. H. C. Willey (2nd Gents) Pte. Frowde (Ladies Booby) Pte. J. Toone (Gents Booby) Pte. Woods was awarded a consolation prize. These drives are very popular amongst the troops and provide good amusement.

51st GORDON HIGHLANDERS, DUREN.

A most enjoyable evening was spent on Saturday in the Recreation Room of the 51st Gordon Hrs. at Duren. A concert was given by members of "C" Company and an excellent programme was carried out.

One of the most amusing items was a sketch "Charlie on Guard" introducing at the same time Charlie at the pay-table. The humourous antics of Lt. Robertson who represented Charlie appealed to the audience.

Monologues by Lt. Bell held the audience, while the capers of Lt. Fraser were strictly in keeping with a popular comedian. Lt. Reanie, dressed in feminine attire, called for love at first sight Lt. Chambers was the pianist.

51st DEVONS v. R.E.

A very interesting match was played on Easter Monday between the 51st Devons and R. E. on the 51st ground. A rather strong wind was blowing which made accurate football impossible. A fine piece of individual work by Hicks enabled Morris to find the net.

On the resumption of the game the visitors struggled hard to get the equalising goal, the forwards combining well, but the home defence held firm, and the goal was never really in danger.

OFFICERS v. EMPLOYED.

Officers and Employed men of the 24th Siege Battery R.G.A. opposed each other at football on Monday, the former winning by 3—2. An amusing account of the encounter has been submitted, but we regret pressure on space will not allow of its insertion to-day.

LONDON D.A.C. SPORTS.

These sports, held on Wednesday, were in every way a great success. The prize list will be published on this page to-morrow.

VETERINARY HOSPITAL v. R.E. SIGNALS

On Wednesday afternoon No. 8 Vety. Hospital, played the R.E. Signals, and after a hard fast game beat them by 4 goals to 2. The R.E.'s scored first, but the hospital soon equalized and the teams crossed over with the score 1—1. Soon after the kick-off, the Vets. scored from a penalty and quickly added two more goals. Then the R.E's pressed hard and scored their second goal. Both teams played well and showed some very pretty football.

FOOTBALL "FAREWELL" AT TROISDORF.

SAPPERS V N.C.O's — 565 A.T. COMPANY. R.E.

There has been a much discussed topic in the 565 A.T. Coy., R.E. as to which were the more proficient footballers, the N.C.O's or the Sappers. As the "backbone" of the former were shortly to leave for Blighty, it was decided that a farewell match and an answer to that discussion should be provided on Tuesday.

A start was made, and a fast, interesting game followed. Each goal was visited repeatedly and the abilities of the rival custodians tested, yet each kept his charge intact until the interval.

After a lengthy pause, the Sappers made tracks for their seniors goal, but met with too stubborn a defence to make any impression. After a spell of midfield play they renewed their attack and at length were rewarded by Cole scoring what proved to be the only goal. Though many of the contestants rarely indulge in the lusty game of football, the fare served up for the spectators was exceptionally good, few better games having been played on that ground. Several minor 'casualties' occurred, due to the great enthusiasm of the players, all of whom "went the pace" from the start until the final was called. Before the match, many and varied were the comments on the possibilities of the C.S.M.'s display with the whistle — afterwards all agreed that he had done remarkably well.

5th "KOYLIES" SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP.

"B" Coy enhanced their chances of winning the 5th K.O.Y.L.I. sports championship by disposing of "C" Coy in the tug—of—war competition on Monday.

The teams were evenly matched. Two "pulls" sufficed to decide the issue. The second, however, "C" Coy came within inches of pulling their opponents over, but "B" made a magnificent recovery and gained the points in fine style. The winning team was composed of:—

Cpl. Roby, Lce. Cpls Davies and Marshall and Ptes Wright, Kingsbury, Bridges, Coombes and Scaife. Reserves:—Ptes Lovesay and Ratford.

SPORT: HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE.

'JOCKEYS' DEFEAT STRIPES.

526th COMPANY. R.A.S.C.— N.C.O'S. v. DRIVERS.

Played at Froitzheim on Easter Monday—From the kick off the Drivers pressed hard, but the N.C.O's. full-backs Cpls. Varley and Nicholson put up a strong defence, clearing well. The defence was pierced after five minutes play by a splendid shot by Dr. Wilkinson. Again the 'Jockeys' pressed, and Sergt. Dinnewell in goal had a hot time for a couple of minutes, saving two raking shots from the foot of Driver Rinder. From the goal kick the "Non. Coms." pressed very hard, and had hard lines in not scoring, the Drivers' full-backs Watson and Lawson proving impregnable. Corporal Woodward at centre half played a sterling game for the N. C.O's, and executed some very good work. Some clever combined work was put in by Drs. Huddleston, Sykes, Wilkinson and Rinder, which looked liked a second goal being scored, when the whistle went for half-time.

On resuming, the N.C.O's. attacked time after time, some hard work being put in by Staff. Sergts. Ibootson, Haigh, Dacre and Coates. Corpl Whittingham on the left wing made some brilliant runs, and put in several good centres, none of which, however, resulted in a goal. In turn the 'Jockeys' retaliated, and but for the splendid tackling of Cpl. Woodward, would have scored. A good run by Drs. Sykes, Huddleston, McLean and Wilkinson ended in the latter scoring his second goal. From the kick off the ball travelled from goal mouth to goal mouth, neither side being able to put the ball between the sticks. Eventually, however, Dr. Wilkinson completed the 'hat trick,' the goal being the result of a pretty passing movement between Drs. Rinder, Wilkinson and Sykes. This third goal seemed to rouse the N.C.O's., who pressed hard, Corpl. Lawrence passing the ball to Staff Sergt. Ibbotson who scored the first goal for them, a few seconds before the whistle blew for time.

The game was ably supervised by Capt. W.G. Darling. R.A.V.C. Result: Drivers. 3; N.C.O's, 1.

FOUND — a "GOALIE!"

3rd. BATTALION, M.G.CORPS.

The 52nd. Durhams visited the 3rd. Battn. Machine Gunners' barracks on Wednesday afternoon for soccer. The machine-gunners started off in good style but held on to the ball too long. After ten minutes a good pass up field by the newly made Lance-Jack, Neale, gave Farrell at outside left the chance to score with a nicely placed low shot. The D.L.I.s got dangerous and twice in succession things looked black for the machine gunners but Scofield showed himself a goalkeeper of resource and made two brilliant saves. Half time: — M.G. 1, D.L.I. 0.

The visitors snapped up a corner early on in the second half and only a fine save by Scofield averted a goal. D.L.I. played a one back game for the whole of this half but at last Neale got through and D.L.I.s only just saved. Fine work by the forwards of the machine gunners unfortunately yielded no result, but Bell and Lt. Roberts both shone. From a combined run of Neale and Bell the latter scored from the former's well placed pass. Spectators were treated to an excellent exhibition of goalkeeping and Scofield should improve, to be a first class man between the sticks. The game finished in the Machine Gunners' favour 2-0. A good game was spoilt by the one back game played by the D.L.I.s.

53rd BN., ROYAL SUSSEX REGT.

A CHEERY EVENING AT LIND.

The Officers, N.C.O's and men of "B" Company of the 53rd Royal Sussex Regiment spent a cheery evening together on Tuesday, the occasion being the first of a series of whist drives with which it is proposed to supplement the rather limited attractions of the tiny village of Lind where they are stationed.

The Drive was held in the camp institute and between eighty and ninety competed the arrangements included an interval for light refreshments.

Sergt. S. Perkins (1), Cpl. A. Emery (2), and Sergt. W. Burton (3) carried off the chief prizes. Cpl. A. Clayton, L/cpl. W Dobson, and J. T. Pte. Robinson were also successful with sealed numbers, while C.Q.M.S. A.t. Dowsett found himself the recipient of his own cunningly prepared "Booby."

There were well-deserved cheers at the conclusion for 2 Lieut. A. J. Lyons who organised the gathering and acted as M.C., and for Captain J. A. E. Gemmel, the O.C. Company, who presented the prizes, of which he was one of the donors.

23rd MIDDLESEX v. 228 FIELD COMPNY R.E.

Continuing their success, the 23rd Bn. on Sunday last, defeated the Engineers at Hunrath by 5 goals to one. It is true that for the greater part of the second half the "Sappers" were without their inside right, who sustained an injury to his knee, but victory had been assured in the first half, when the Middlesex were leading 3—1. The visiting forwards were ever agressive, and the R.E's defence was no match for Rogger and Scott, who gave a clever exhibition throughout. The former was responsible for 4 goals — one from a penalty — and Scott scored the other goal after a particularly smart piece of work. The bulk of the play was scored by the backs and forwards and Fogg, at right-back for the Middlesex, gave a fine display. The Engineers' left-back kicked with much power, but was not fast enough for the opposing forwards. After the first half, the game lost much of its interest, the infantry men slacking down considerably and losing several good opportunities of increasing the score. The Middlesex team was: Lieut. Tickle; C.Q.M.S. Fogg and Lieut. Bury; Sgt. Redgrave, Lieut. Harrison and Lieut. Dashfield; Lieut. Aiton, R.Q.M.S. Scott, C.Q.M.S. Rogers Lce. Cpl. Creasey and Pte Poulton.

21st Bde. R.G.A. LEAGUE.

24 SIEGE BATRERY R.G.A. v. 71 H.B. R.G.A.

Played at Aeshe on Tuesday. Kicking down hill, and with a following wind, 71 scored two goals in quick succession. 24 equalised before half time their first goal being scored from a wondrous angle by the "ever-nippy" Pinchard. In spite of the advantage of the slope 24 failed to score in the second half and the play was fairly represented in the draw, 2-2. 24 S.B. have not yet been defeated in this league.

HOCKEY RESULT.

2nd Royal Scots (Cadre) 5; 51st D.L.I. nil.

ARTILLERY AT EFFEREN.

70 SIEGE BATTERY v. 319 SIEGE BATTERY.

Owing to several of their regular players suffering from injuries, 70 Siege Battery were only able to field a very weak side at Efferen on Wednesday against 319 Siege Battery. The latter also had more or less of an experimental eleven doing duty, and they were fortunate to share the 2 goals scored. The 70's front line, apart perhaps from Dent and Lancaster, were fairly weak and Swan missed 'umpteen' scoring chances in the opening half by either dallying too long with the ball or erratic shooting. The forwards throughout were well supported by the halves and had they availed themselves of the many opportunities presented to them "70" must have been a couple of goals up before the interval. As it was the teams changed over with a blank score sheet. Soon after the restart Manson ended up a brilliant run with a fine centre. The Ball went out to Wood and the outside left placed in nicely for Swan to score. Play than became more even and from a breakaway, Pennington, when almost on the line, centred into the goalmouth. Before Gunby could clear, the ball was rushed through the goal by Amos. Both sides tried hard for the winning goal and Mc Kinley sent in a lovely high shot from 30 yards range which Ellis did well to tip over the bar at the expense of an unproductive corner. Hardy and Manson were very sound backs, the former showing excellent judgement; whilst Gray, Eaton, Brazil, and Shortt worked hard and successfully for the visitors.

The teams were:— 70th S.B. Gunby; Manson, Lt. Hardy; Haworth, Mc Kinley, Bdr. Wells; Lancaster, Bdr. Dent, Swan, Jones, J.E. and Lt Wood.

319 S.B.:— Ellis; Eaton Cpl. Gray; Brandon, Brazil, Shortt; Bdr. Cariston, Amos, Gee, Robins and Pennington.

THE IDLE RICH AT PLAY.

O'CONNELL'S GREAT DISPLAY.

Many amusing incidents occurred in the return match at Efferen on Monday between the "Employed men" (The Idle Rich) and a reserve eleven of 70 Siege Battery the latter winning by 2—1. O'Connell displayed "International" form in goal, but he must be still wondering how he brought off one remarkable save from J. E. Jones. It was a beautiful cross shot coming along at a great pace and surely nobody was more surprised than O'Connell when he managed to divert its progress. Allowing that this was a "lucky'un" he played a really fine game between the sticks, and although the battery forwards eventually beat him I am very doubtful as to whether it was a legitimate goal as the ball appeared to have been gently but firmly pushed past the uprights. He had no chance with the second goal, which was scored at close range by J. E. Jones.

Pellow obtained the "Employed's" only point after Leyton had negotiated a shot from Valentine "Busty" Clark, at back, when beaten by the forwards, would cause them to falter by appealing for offside, and often, in a race for the ball to beat Dent, he would quietly knock him out of his stride with his elbow. The referee closed his eyes to these little transgressions of the rules, but then, was it not Bank Holiday?

Corporal Halbard electrified the crowd with his brilliant runs on the left wing, and the "Pip Pock" sergeant must have marvelled at his great staying power which, of course, he (the Sergeant) would assert was due to his early morning "Medicine."

The teams were: Employed men — O'Connell, Bombr. Underwood, and Jones, E; Bombr. Wells, G. Smith, and Morrison; Bombr. Dent, Pellow, Mares, Manser, and Valentine.

70 Siege Battery: Leyton; Salmon and Clark, Renyard, Edwards and Simpson; Cpl. Bowman, Mc Kinley, Cpl. Payne, Jones T.E. and Cpl. Hubbard.

IMPORTANT TO CRICKETERS.

If you are interested in cricket do not fail to see the important announcement on this page to-morrow.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF FOOTBALL

2/4th v. 51st HANTS OFFICERS.

A football match of varied interest took place at Wermelskirchen on Easter Sunday. In response to a challenge from the officers of 2/4 Hants, the officers of 51st Hants took the field in all the disguise and panoply of association footballers. The sartorial effect was excellent, and it may be said at once that the weakness of 51st Hants team did not lie in this department. Soon after the kick-off it became apparent to the spectators that the game would be full of unexpected happenings, and alive with unusual interests. The 2/4th team pressed from the start and when the half time whistle sounded the score was still nil. The second half was more prolific in goals; five were scored, all by the 2/4th. It may be said (to be interpreted by either team as it thinks best) that the closing score, 4—1 was no criterion of the play.

THE HANDLING CODE.

BRIGADE MEETS BRIGADE AT GEMUND.

310th Brigade and 312th Brigade met at Gemund on Easter Monday, the teams comprising about an equal number of officers and other ranks. For a time matters were very equal, but the 310th soon settled down and a rush up field headed by Sergt. Brigham resulted in a score by Sapper Johnson, the kick at goal failing. Soon after, from a penalty, Capt. Gillespie kicked a beautiful goal for the 310th, but a similar attempt by the 312th just failed. Shortly before half time, the 310th threequarters got going, and after some good passing Corpl. Mathewman ran in under the post. Capt. Gillespie easily added the additional points.

Half time: 310th 11 points; 312th. Nil.

The 312th set a good pace and after a great run down the field, Lieut. Whitworth grounded the ball behind the line just as he was collared by two opponents. The kick failed. Then the 310th threequarters got busy, and two more tries were put on by Sapper Johnson and Bombdr. Fletcher, one of which was converted.

Final: 310th 3 goals (1 penalty) 2 tries-19 points; 312th 1 try-3 points.

For the winners Capt. Gillespie played a fine game, his goal kicking being great. Sergt. Brigham led the forwards in great style and took a lot of stopping.

Of the losers Lieut. Whitworth and Lieut. Ramsay were the pick.

ENGLISH SPORTING NEWS.

LAWN TENNIS.

ROEHAMPTON HARD COURT TOURNAMENT.

In the third round singles at Roehampton, on Wednesday, J.N. Radcliffe beat R.V. Thomas (Australia), 4—6, 10—8, 6—3. The fourth round resulted in Dodd (ex. champion South Africa) defeating Norton (South Africa) 6—3, 6—2. Mitscu (Rumania) beat G.T.O. Watt 6—4, 6—4.

In the men's doubles, Dodd and Raymond (South Africa) beat Norton and Hadingham, 6—3, 8—4.

The Tennis Association has advised Donnisthorpe that it does not intend to debar him from using his giant racket.

In the third round doubles, Patterson and O'Hara Wood (Australia) beat Dodd and Raymond (South Africa) 6—4, 6—3; S.N. Doust (Australia) and Prebble (England) beat Loribond and Asthalter (Americans) 6—2, 6—0. Lycett and the Hon Fisher (Australians) beat P. Oakley and R. White, 12—10, 6—2.

THEATRE OF WAR CHAMPIONSHIP.

NEW ZEALAND BEAT HOME FORCES AT RUGBY.

In the Inter Theater of War Championships at Aldershot, on Wednesday, the New Zealanders defeated the Home Forces at rugby by 6 points to nil.

The teams were well matched and both packs worked desperately hard throughout the game.

Five minutes before time, Scott scored a try, but the place kick failed. The same player kicked a penalty goal immediately before the whistle was sounded. There was a small attandance.

BOXING AT ALDERSHOT.

HOME FORCES TEAM FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

For the purpose of selecting a team to represent the Home Forces in the forthcoming theatre of war Chumpionship, a boxing tournament was held at Aldershot on Wednesday. The results were:

Heavy-weight (Officers) Lieut. Duncan (Irish Guards) beat Lieut. Hallowell on points.

Middle-weight: Lieut. Kirkwood (Connaught Rangers) beat Lieut. Moore (Tank Corps) in two rounds.

Welter-weight: Lieut. Batham (Lancashire Fusiliers) beat Lieut. Booth (Tank Corps).

Feather-weight: Lieut. Hardy (Tank Corps) beat Lieut. Banwell (Middlesex Regt.).

Light-weight: Lieut. Feather (Engineers) walk-over.

Other Ranks, Heavy-weight: Trooper Martin (Horse Guards) beat Corpl Burrows (Garrison Artillery).

Welter-weight: Guardsman Arthur (Irish Guards) beat Corpl. Carr. (Camerons).

Light-weight: Pte. Goodwin (R.A.S.C.) beat Pte Hannaher (Tank corps).

Middle-weight: Corpl. Kelly (Cheshires) walk-over.

Feather-weight: Sergt. Lee (Welsh) beat Signaller Mathews (Garrison Artillery).

Team events: Championship Shield: —

Tanks Corps (Southern Comand) 30 pts. 3rd Welsh (Eastern Command) 15, Irish Guards (London District) 14, Royal North Lancs (Aldershot Command) 10.

RACQUETS CHAMPIONSHIP.

LATEST RESULTS FROM QUEEN'S CLUB.

In the second round of the Public Schools Racquets Championship at Queens Club, Winchester (Jardine and Hill) beat Rugby (Scoval and Brandt) 15—3, 2—15, 15—4, 15—4, 15—6. Marlborough (Butler and Haslehurst) beat Eton (Lindsey and Boden) 15—11, 15—7, 15—6, 15—12. Malvern, Hobson and Partridge beat Harrow (Macpherson and Collins) 15—1, 15—12, 15—7 and 15—7. Tonbridge (Knott and Hedges) beat Radley (Davies and Adams) 3—15, 15—11, 15—1, 15—10, 15—2.

NEWMARKET RACES.

The Newmarket meeting, which opened on Wednesday, attracted a large number of spectators.

The Crawford Plate was the principal item of the card, although only six runners went to the post.

The returns for the day were:- Crawford Plate, 1, Viviani (8/1); 2, Bright News (5/4); 3, Giant Killer (5/1); Won by three lengths; one and a half lengths between second and third.

Other winners were:- Misleading Lady (7/4); Barocco (10/11); Gleneskaki (5/1); Perion (3/1); Lacrosse (4/6); Tomtit (3/1).

FUTURE OF POLO.

The future popularity of polo is assured, and enthusiasts will welcome the fulfillment of a prophesy by the *Manchester Guardian* that there is likely to be a full supply of polo ponies from the Argentine for 1920.

GOLF.

Ray and Taylor (68) beat Vardon and Batley (72) by 3 and 2 in a four-ball match in the Professional Tournament on Wednesday. In a foursome, Vardon and Ray beat Taylor and Batley by 3 and 2.

LATEST BETTING.

City and Suburban-Course betting. Sir Douglas 20-1 offered after 2500-100 taken.

The Derby-Lord Basil, 5600-200; Mc. Kinty 1500-80.

1/6th WELSH v. 17th FIELD AMBULANCE.

The Welsh were at home on Sunday to a side from the 17th Field Ambulance, and after a sporting game, ran out easy winners by 3 converted goals, 6 tries to nil.

The feature of the game was the brilliant play of the "Welsh" left wing who notched 8 of the tries, the other falling to Cpl. Rees. A strong wind nullified many good attempts at converting. Final:— 1/6th Welsh 3 converted goals 6 tries; 17th Field Ambulance, nil.

SPORTING REFLECTIONS.

"The Ramblers" notes will re-appear to-morrow, in which issue will also be made an important announcement that will interest all cricketers.

32nd v. 1st BATTALION MACHINE GUNNERS.

A very vigorous game between the 32nd Bn.M.G.C. and the 1st Bn. M.G.C. at Dransdorf ended in a draw, each side scoring one goal. Lt. Chandler scored for the 1st Bn. and Pte. Aireton for the home team.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Friday, April 25th, 1919.

Surface wind North-westerly 10 to 15 mph. Cloudy with occasional rain and brighter intervals. Visibility varying from indifferent to good. Cool.

M.A.C. SPORTS AT EUSKIRCHEN.

FINE WEATHER, A FINE SHOW AND A FINE CROWD.

A most successful and enjoyable programme was arranged by 47th M.A.C. for Easter Monday, and took place on the football ground, North School. There was a large and enthusiastic crowd. Some of the events caused great excitement.

The most keenly contested race of the day was the 100 yds. flat, for the C.O's special prize presented by Capt. McMahon R.A.M.C.). Pte. Green won this by inches, with Pte. Rice, beating Pte. Parry by a foot, for second place.

The obstacle race, ever popular with "Tommy," was a stiff problem, and Pte. Parry, from "Gallant Little Wales," eventually proved the winner.

The Blindfold Boxing was as funny as ever, and caused roars of laughter.

The following is the list of winners: —

100 yards Race: — 1, Pte. Green; 2, Cpl. Bessell; 3, Pte. Huffey.

Three Legged Race: — 1, Cpl. Bessell and Pte. Green; 2, Pte. Owen and Pte. Philip; 3, Pte. Willis and Pte. O'Brien.

Tug of War: — Winning team: Privates Hurst, Holmes, Rice, Rimmer, Stothard, Fielding, and Fearn.

Egg and Spoon: — 1, Pte. Parry; 2, Pte. Huffey.

Football Dribbling: — 1, Pte. Jolly; 2, Pte. Owen; 3, Pte. Parry.

Sack Race: — 1, Pte. Mc. Dermott; 2, Pte. Jolly; 3, Pte. Phillip.

220 Yards Handicap: — 1, Pte. Rice; 2, Pte. Parry; 3, Cpl. Bessell.

Obstacle Race: — 1, Pte. Parry; 2, Pte. Rimmer; 3, Pte. Jolley.

Potatoe Race: — 1, Pte. Parry; 2, Pte. Owen; 3, Pte. Rimmer.

Horse Mop Fight: — 1, Pte. Hestor and Pte. Justice; 2, Pte. Fear and Pte. Philip.

Veterans Race (over 38 years): — 1, Pte. Hestor; 2, Lce.Cpl. Barford, 3, Pte. Willis.

Blindfold Boxing (Heat Winners): — Cpl. Bessell, Pte. Parry, Sgt. Higgins and Pte. Hinton.

Tilting the Bucket: — Sergt. Higgins and Pte. Holsworthy.

A special 100 yards Scratch Race was run for a safety razor in leather case, presented by Capt. McMahon O.C. 47th M.A.C. This was won by Pte. Green.

The judges were: — Sgt. Raymond and Sgt. Dodson.

WEST YORKS SPORTS.

The West Yorks Regt. have started their sports in real earnest. On Easter Tuesday anybody visiting Blucher Park Zeppelin ground would have thought it was a Divisional sports day. Knickered figures greeted the eyes everywhere in Bickendorf. Firstly a crowd would run past best on seeing as much of the surrounding country in the shortest possible time. Then would be heard cheering and noise proceeding from boxing rings. Lastly, but not least, in Blücher Park, on the Zeppelin Ground, crowds of sporting figures were encountered; 12 teams playing football (a Platoon Knock-out Competition) some pulling at tug-of-war and others engaged in all kinds of items. Keenness was very marked all round. Some of the results of the platoon competition were:—

14 Platoon 3, 2 Platoon 1; H.Q. Platoon 6, 8 Platoon 0; 7 Platoon 4, 6 Platoon 1; Band and Drums 1, 4 platoon 0; 13 Platoon 1, 11 Platoon 0; 15 Platoon 1, 3 Platoon 0.

HIGHLAND DIV. M.T. v. 51st Bde. GORDON HIGHLANDERS.

The return match between the above teams was played on Easter Sunday at Düren. Some excitement was caused by three successive corners against the M.T. Coy, and Harvey had no difficulty in dealing with a well directed shot, but Cinnamon headed a beautiful goal from a corner after 25 minutes play.

The play fluctuated in spite of the strong wind, and the Gordons' defence had to get busy to deal with a breakaway be Shuttleworth, whose well-timed centres aroused the interest of the spectators. Hill's play at centre forward for the R.A.S.C. was a feature of the game. The Gordons were penalised three times for offside. They worked very hard and the forwards were well fed by a good set of halves. When the whistle went for half time they had registered all three goals by Cinnamon though this by no means represented the run of the play.

After the exchange of ends the M.T. team worked skilfully, Storr repeatedly getting away on the right. Ten minutes play in the second half saw the Gordons lead reduced, Mackay running through the backs and scoring with a good shot.

Rough play, which was characteristic throughout, subsequently led to the referee stopping the game with still fifteen minutes to go, notwithstanding his having previously warned the Gordons on this point.

THE YOUNG GUARDS IN FORM.

Two very interesting matches were played recently, when the young Guards showed their sporting ability.

The first was played last week in Blucher Park, when a draft of A IV boys, recently belonging to the 51st West Yorkshire Regt., assisted by C.S.M. Stone, also of that battalion, played "C" Coy of the 1/4 (Hallamshire) York and Lancs.

The young Guards, well kept together by C.S.M. Stone, soon got going and at half time were leading by two goals to nil.

The game in the second half was more even, the Hallamshires being exceptionally dangerous, but with Rushton and Powell at back and Clarke in goal, they had great difficulty in scoring. There were no further goals.

The return match was played on Good Friday when the Lines were packed with spectators. The game was keen from the commencement and Wills had to be helped off the field with a sprained muscle in the first five minutes. He was able to resume play later. Both teams played hard, but the shooting was poor in front of the net.

The game ended in a goalless draw and everyone admitted that no more satisfactory result could be desired.

OFFICERS v. SERGEANTS — 1/6th WELSH.

The Officers of the Welsh after defeating the "rest of the Batt" in Rugby were challenged to a game at Association. The challenge was accepted and took place on Easter Monday. Up to half time, it looked as if the Sergeants were in for a good thing, but on changing over things went very badly for them. Their two goals lead was soon wiped off and "one up" registered against them, much to their surprise. Final: Officers, 3; Sergts. 2.

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GENERAL ROBERTSON ASSUMES COMMAND.

It is now officially announced that General Sir W. R. Robertson, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., A.D.C. took over the command of the British Army of the Rhine on April 22nd. In future the Headquarters of this Army will be designated, and referred to as General Headquarters.

SEPARATION ALLOWANCE—ARMY OF OCCUPATION.

In a G.R.O. published by G.H.Q. on the 23rd inst., it is notified that other ranks serving in the Army of Occupation, whether as volunteers or otherwise, who marry whilst on leave will be entitled to Separation Allowance. The allowance will be given from the date of the marriage until the discharge of the soldier, no time limit being fixed.

DINNERS.

We learn that a Dinner Club is being formed by the 37th Division with the idea of having an annual reunion and dinner in London. The annual subscription will be 5/-.

On or about May 5, Old Harrovians propose to hold a dinner in Cologne. The time, exact date and place will be announced in our columns later.

REGULATIONS FOR TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH TRAFFIC.

Referring to the proclamation, issued on April 15th, governing the telephone and telegraph traffic, it is notified that, for the present, it is not possible to accept commercial telegrams for allied countries unless they are written in either the French or the English languages.

A NATIONAL HOLIDAY.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

On Wednesday a resolution was made at the Mansion House with a view to adopting St. George's Day as a national holiday. Since the glorious naval attack on Zeebrugge on April 23rd of last year, St. George's Day has taken on a new lease of life. To many this day will long be one of mourning, but to the nation and the future generations the wonderful deeds of bravery at the historic Mole will rise above the sacrifices that were made and will enrich the memories of a day which has never failed to stir the patriot.

The spirit of the public was doubly manifest this year and roses were in greater demand than ever, whilst the Royal Society of St. George sent large consignments of emblems to all theatres of occupation and to the Fleet.

THE BUSY WILSON.

Wilson was ever a busy man, but never was he able to occupy his time more fully than he is during the present negotiations. We are privileged in being able to give a brief outline of the various interviews he had on a recent day.

a.m.
11.0. —Chinese delegation
11.10.—French delegation, "Discussion on the "left bank of the Rhine" question
11.30—Assyrian delegation
11.45.—Dalmation delegation
12.10.—Interview with Swiss Ambassador
12.20.—Representative of American workmen calls for interview.
12.30.—Patriarch of Constantinople
12.45.—Essad Pascha, representative of Albania calls for interview
1.0. —Interview with Greek ambassador
1.30.—Lunch with American War Minister
4.0. —Mr Hoover calls for interview
4.15.—Bratia o, Rumania's delegate
4.30.—Portuguese Ambassador
4.45.—Armenian delegate
5.15.—Patsenish, Serbian delegate
5.30.—Walsh, Irish-American delegate.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLUB.

We are informed that the Public Schools Club, which closed down in 1915, is about to be reopened and hopes to carry on the excellent work inaugurated in 1909. During the years it functioned the club proved a great success, but was forced to suspend operations in March 1915, because more than 80 per cent of its members were in the army, a glorious record.

It is now felt, however, that the time has come when the survivors might "call the roll" —alas! how many will fail to answer! — and start again the club's activities. A temporary committee, comprising R.T. Squire (Westminster), Dr. E.J. Blackett (Stonyhurst), L.A.M. Fevez (Westminster), Lt. Col. C.J.H.W. Francis, R.E. (Clifton), P. Sutherland Graeme (Malvern), A.J. Lawrie (Fettes) and C.R.V. Wallace (Rugby). The first-named is the chairman, and Mr. W.R. Williams, with a temporary office at 10 Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster S.W. 1, is the secretary.

When the club closed down in 1915 a considerable amount of members personal property was left in the hands of the secretary, who would be glad to get into touch with the rightful owners.

BOOM DEFENCE SERVICE.

"ARDUOUS DUTIES DURING WAR."

The Board of Admiralty have issued a message, thanking the Boom Defence and Barrage Service for the good work it has rendered during the war. Below is given the text of this message

"Before the disbandment of the Boom Defence and Barrage Service, the Board of Admiralty desire to record their appreciation of the satisfactory manner in which the service has carried out its arduous duties during the war.

"The Boom Defence Service was responsible for placing, in as rapid a manner as possible, defences against submarine and surface attack at the principal war anchorages used by his Majesty's Fleets. From the first the work was realised to be onerous, and the personnel of the service was also called upon to exercise much ingenuity and initiative, especially in the early days of the war, when it was urgently necessary to improvise defences. Their duties grew enormously with the development of the submarine menace, and as the theatre of operations extended to the Mediterranean and overseas, and fresh war measures, such as the increase in the protection of new anchorages for convoys, were introduced from time to time. Dangerous enterprises were also successfully undertaken, one example of which was the laying of the barrage across the Straits of Dover, a work which went far to hamper the movements of enemy submarines.

"Effective barrages were constructed and important navigable channels denied to the enemy by the sinking of prepared ships, the depositing of heavy structures, and the erections of obstructions of a permanent character. All these operations called for a high degree of skill and seamanship, and were often carried out under difficult and trying conditions.

"The work of dismantling the defences is no less arduous. The salving of a vast quantity of valuable material necessitates delaying the demobilisation of many who have strong claims for early release to enable them to revert to their calling, but my lords rely with confidence upon the loyal and patriotic spirit with which the strain of war has been borne by the Boom Defence personnel as being an earnest of its readiness to continue the work to a successful conclusion.

"My Lords thank the officers and men of all branches, and the fishermen who joined this service. The arduous nature of the work, necessarily performed with small vessels, and the monotony at time of the duties, calling for ceaseless vigil and energy, are recognised and my Lords have pleasure in recording their opinion that the Boom Defence and Barrage Service can rightly claim that its contribution towards the protection of his Majesty's and Allied ships and vessels making use of the permanent and temporary anchorages in all the theatres of naval operations, has been of inestimable value to the fleets and mercantile marine not only of Great Britain, but of the Allied and Associated Powers."

MAY DAY IN FRANCE.

LABOUR PREPARATIONS.

In France the 1st May is always devoted to Labour Festivities. The preparations for this year's programme are now in progress and the Federation of Food Workers will issue the last instructions on the 24th at a mass meeting of butchers, bakers, pastrycooks, waiters, grocers, &c. The position of these workers is not yet clearly defined, for it is realised that a complete stoppage of the restaurant service of Paris would be serious, as Paris depends much more than London on its restaurants.

Another attempt to change the character of the demonstration has been made by the Municipality of Pavillons-sous-Bois. The Municipality has decided to follow the example of the Prefecture of the Seine, and make the First of May a holiday for the municipal workers. In addition, there will be a distribution of food to aged people, to the poor, and to families of refugees and unemployed, comprising soup, one or two kilos of bread, one kilo of rice or lentils, one kilo of potatoes and carrots, and ½lb of biscuits. There will also be games for the children, and, in the evening, speeches and dancing.

TOMB OF PROSPERITY.

WANTON DESTRUCTION IN BELGIUM.

Nowhere is the irreparable nature of the injury caused to Belgium by the German crime of 1914 more terribly apparent than in the portion of the Meuse valley which lies between Liége and Fiémalle. Five years ago the view from the hills between which it is enclosed presented a marvellous picture of human industry and activity, hardly to be equalled in any part of the world. Mile upon mile of steel-works, collieries, foundries and railway sidings lined the banks of the river, on which strings of barges, tugs, and steamers unceasingly passed up and down stream. By day the sky was blackened with the smoke from hundreds of chimneys and by night reddened into the glare of furnaces and jets of molten metal. All the year round the clang of hammered iron, the rattle of chains, the rumble of loaded freight cars, the shrill whistle of locomotives echoed among the hills. To-day the sounds of busy life are rushed at this tomb of Belgian prosperity, and only here and there the smoke from some tall chimneys mounts in the clear air.

German Kultur has passed through the valley on its mission of wanton destruction. In Seraing, at the vast Cockerill works, founded by the great Scotchman who laid the first railways and built the earliest locomotives on the Continent, the loss from the theft of machinery and deliberate damage is estimated at 48 million francs. All machinery that it was impossible to transport to Germany is left in buttered and twisted heaps. On their systematic policy of paralysing Belgian competition for all time German engineers have expended extraordinary labour and ingenuity. At the iron and steel works of Ougrée-Marihaye, second only to Cockerill's in importance, they have not been content with reducing thousands of pounds worth of modern machinery to scrap metal, but have actually, according to plan, blown up the solid concrete machine beds and foundations. Here, in a peaceful district that offered no resistance they have blasted gaping holes which recall the craters of La Bassée or the Somme. Some of the works which are undamaged have been able to re-start on a small scale, and the collieries are producing coal; other factories could open were it not for the lack of raw material. But, unlike Germany, her oppressor, Belgium has nothing left to offer in payment for it. The misery among the working classes, so long underfed and idle, is intense, and the number of workers and their dependents at present receiving State aid is stated at 2,400,000 in a population of little over seven millions.

NEW MOTTO.

There's many a slip twixt demob and the ship.

RE-MODELLING THE WORLD.

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

ALL-ROUND DEGENERATION.

The *Vorwärts*, a well-known Berlin paper, publishes interesting facts about the collapse of the German nation from political, physical, and moral standpoints. It states that this present degeneration is without precedent, and gives the few facts as sufficient testimony rather than publish any long treatise.

ECONOMICALLY.

"The daily production of coal, which in normal 'war time' averaged 300,000 to 400,000 tons was in March reduced to one-tenth this amount, whilst a month later the production only amounted to 12,000 tons per day. A few years ago thousands of trains were rushing through from east to west and north to south; but to-day there is not a dozen fast trains. A journey from Berlin to Leipzig has become an enterprise which must be planned carefully even many days ahead.

POLITICALLY.

"We need only remind ourselves of the prospective fate of the Eastern Provinces and the Sarre District—these pure German territories—of the mad April carnival in Munich; of the rioting in Dresden, Brunswick and Düsseldorf, to realize the abyss into which this war has plunged us.

PHYSICALLY.

"The figures of the decreasing birth rate, of deaths of children and old people, of the tuberculous cases and the deaths resulting from the disease, speak a language which freezes to stone all careless and superficial indifference.

MORALLY.

"Only an anecdote is needed. I went to one of the most select cafes of Berlin with a friend, and there we were asked both to use the same spoon because every day dozens of silver spoons are stolen. It is common knowledge, too, that in our ordinary public-houses these commodities are now unknown."

NEWS IN BRIEF.

To enable naval accountants to be demobilised civilian clerks are being employed at the Naval Barracks, Portsmouth.

Seventy ex-soldiers are learning tractor driving and horse work on the Board of Agriculture's training farm at Brentwood. Two similar farms are at Stafford and Nottingham.

Interrupted since February 25, when the cable broke, the telegraph service to the Isle of Man is now restored; in the interval communication has been maintained by wireless.

A memorial service for the late American Ambassador to Great Britain, Mr. Walter Hines Page, will be held in New York at noon to-day

Yarmouth's peace clock, which has a 6ft. long minute hand and was given to the parish church by Councillor and Mrs. Marsh, was started on Saturday.

1,849,800 Croix de Guerre were awarded during the war.

Paris is to have a fleet of its own for the purpose of supplying the capital with coal.

Dr. Edmund Korner, a Prague lawyer, has been appointed representative of the Czecho-Slovak Republic in Berlin, while Professor Sänger has already assumed the post of German representative in Prague.

"To-day the world stands free from the threat of militarism, but as yet we stand only at the threshold of happier times. To enter, we must fulfil to the utmost the engagements we have made." — President Wilson.

Satisfaction is expressed in the South African Press at the prolongation of Lord Buxton's term of office as Governor-General of the Union of South Africa and High Commissioner for South Africa until June, 1920.

Mr. Richard Crane, private secretary to Mr. Lansing, will be the first American Minister to Czecho-Slovakia.

M. Clemenceau has addressed a circular letter to generals holding commands in the Army in which he dwells on the absolute necessity of returning to traditions of economy.

Captured German rifles are to be distributed as trophies among War Savings Associations which subscribe £5 per member.

Shiplake Surgical Dressing Emergency Society, which has just ended its work, has made 54,241 articles for the wounded.

W. Russel, a district councillor, was fined £4, at Golden, Co. Tipperary, Petty Sessions, for assaulting Father O'Kane, the parish priest.

A memorial stone is to be placed in Richmond Parish Churchyard to Mr. F. B. Senior, for many years vestry clerk and town clerk of Richmond

Unable to find housing accommodation, a demobilized sailor, of the Royal Navy, has been obliged to take his wife and family into the Kingston Central Relief Institution.

Remenham (Berks) parishioners have adopted the suggestion made by Lord Hambleden that their war memorial should take the form of a "Remenham" bed in the proposed Henley-on-Thames War Memorial Cottage Hospital.

Sir John Ramsden, of Bulstrode, Gerrards Cross, has conditionally offered £2,000 towards a memorial hall and men's institute in that place in memory of men who have fallen in the war. The cost is £7,000. Over £1,000 has already been subscribed.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

"THE PARSIVAL."

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—I venture to comment on a passage in the interesting article on "Parsival" by Major Bles in your issue of April 23rd. He speaks there of "Our Lord appearing clad in a long white robe," and again of "Kundry washing the feet of Christ." As a member of the audience who saw and heard the wonderful performance on Easter Monday, I cannot believe that Wagner ever meant us to recognize Parsival as anything else but a human being like ourselves — elect and chosen it is true, but a human Knight of the Grail Brotherhood type of the deepest purity and single-heartedness. Hence his power. To my mind the whole point of the drama and its teaching is lost, if we think of Christ as being represented in person. True, the appearance of Parsiful in Act III resembled closely the unfortunately somewhat effeminate representations of Christ which we are accustomed to connect with stained glass windows. That was the only flaw in the almost faultless performance. But this need not disillusion us, nor make us forget the fact that the work has for its theme the triumph of an essentially human nature over temptation, disease and wrong, by the power of a burning Charity and a purity of soul shewn forth by one of Christ's followers, not by himself. In this I venture to think, quite apart from the magic of the music, lies the "convincingness" of the whole masterpiece.

(Miss) C. A. Eastgate
Q.M.A.A.C.

(We welcome this letter especially as being our first contribution from an Englishwoman. We hope to receive many more.—Editor.)

FREE TRAVELLING FOR M.P.'S.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*

Sir,— "Verb. Sap." in his rejoinder anent the above, evades an admittance of his mistake in saying that M.P.'s receive not less than £400 p.a., by suggesting that they should take up other employment and so add to their income. Well, I believe in "one man, one job" and consider that M.P.'s should devote their whole time to their public duties. No member can do his (or her) duty to his constituents if his public work is hampered by other employment, whether it be Trade Union work or an extensive practice at the Bar. My friend who had £180 p.a. estimates his expenses for the year for season ticket, postage, and London lodgings at £150, so how can he now receive about £350 p.a. when his total income does not come to that before making the reduction claimed. I am afraid your correspondent could not have read my letter very carefully. Yes, I know the present constitution of the House and know that vested interests and the legal fraternity are strongly entrenched therein. Since the payment of members was authorised the cost of living has more than doubled, and submit that if the cost of living then was what it is to-day, a much higher sum would have been the salary. The member with £180 p.a. told me he was much better off with his former salary, spending, as he did, his whole time with his family in a small provincial town. I am sure "Verb.Sap." will agree that an increase of 100% in one's salary does not quite compensate for an increase of 300% in ones expense's. In the meantime the grant of free travelling would do much to relieve a number of relatively poor members of a considerable hardship. I can assure "Verb. Sap." that the lunch "fable" is not, as he says, a fable, but a fact; and to the member who cannot afford it, it is anything but amusing whatever it might be to your correspondent.

A.C.

(This is the last letter to be published dealing with the question of "Free travelling of M.P.'s." —Ed.)

Answers to Correspondents.

[*The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Many questions have been received which could be answered much easier by the Adjutant of the unit concerned, and all such cases which affect the unit commander must be taken to him and not sent here. — Ed.*]

M.— Accidents will happen. The general idea certainly is that the postal service is good. We have recently received, in Cologne, letters posted only 35 hours earlier in Cambridge.

T. O.— The Air Force Cross decoration was instituted on the King's brithday, 1918. It was convened as an award to officers and warrant officers for acts of courage or devotion to duty when flying, although not in active operations against the enemy.

The Distinguished Flying medal is an award to noncommissioned officers and men for acts of gallantry when flying in active operations against the enemy.

A.F.H.— We expect to be able to give fuller particulars of the Active Service ribbon in a day or two.

Lancashire Lad.— "Covercoat" won the Grand National in 1913.

185767.— Ask your Sports Officer to apply for a tree one from the P. and R.T. Supt., Cologne.

Taybee.— You can get English Postal Orders at the Army Post Office Cologne, A. P. O. S./40. Stamps also can be obtained there.

W. H.— Yes, you must pay for the dispatch of parcels to England.

David — The figures for the London University Constituency at the recent election were: Sir P. Magnus, Bt, *Co U.*, 2810; Sidney Webb, *Lab.*, 2141; A. A. Somerville, *Ind.*, 885; Sir W. Herringham, *Ind.*, 715 and C. L. Morton, *Ind.*, 210.

Pip.— The relative rank in the navy to a Brigadier General is a Commodore.

O. A.— The total area covered by the British Empire is 13,153,712 square miles whilst the population is 435,000,000.

Wales.— Yes, Lady Rhondda is a peeress in her own right.

J. T.— The dimensions of a tennis court are 78 x 36 square feet, but the ground required must be roughly 132 x 64 square feet.

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OUR soldiers on the Rhine want many things that they have been in the habit of buying at home. They buy in their canteens Divisional-Battalion— — The Y.M.C.A. — Church Army-E.F.C.— and direct from home by post. Their news paper is the daily COLOGNE POST You *must* use it to reach them and secure their business

RATES ON APPLICATION

FIRE AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Just after eight o'clock on Tuesday night the London Fire Brigade received a call to the House of Commons, which is connected with the nearest stations. Motor appliances were despatched from the Westminster, Scotland-yard, and Waterloo-road stations, and motor-cars from the brigade headquarters and Manchester-square, the West-end district headquarters. From Blackfriars the river float was also sent up-stream, but she was stopped at Charing Cross, the fire proving to be of a minor character. It occurred in the committee corridor of the House of Commons, where a fuse-box became ignited through a defective electric circuit. The outbreak was speedily extinguished by the use of sand and buckets of water. Very little material damage resulted. The appearance of the brigade appliances in Parliament-square caused some excitement, but this quickly subsided, most of them being sent back at once.

The colonel of the 324th Infantry was out on a night prowl when the regiment was in a quiet sector. Suddenly his path was blocked by a gigantic doughboy, who addressed him in a stage whisper.

"Halt; who goes there?"

"Commanding Officer," the colonel whispered back.

"Advance, Commanding Officer, and give the password."

The password was stealthily murmured in the doughboy's ear. Then the colonel whispered:

"How far is it to the trenches?"

"Three miles, sir."

You could hear the colonel all over the block as he demanded loudly an explanation of why he had been kept whispering there with the Germans three miles away.

"I gotta turrible cold," the doughboy explained. —*Stars and Stripes.*

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HUNGARIAN SOVIET SUES FOR PEACE.

BOLSHEVISTS PANIC STRICKEN IN RUSSIA.

SIGNOR ORLANDO'S VISIT TO ROME.

"A SCRAP OF PAPER."

The hopes which the delayed departure of Signor Orlando raised, that the points at issue concerning the delimitations of the Adriatic coast would be speedily and amicably settled, were doomed to disappointment. Signor Orlando left Paris on Thursday.

Lest this simple fact be misconstrued, let it be stated that one of the chief reasons for his departure is, not that he regards an amicable adjustment as impossible, but that owing to the matter having been thrown into the public melting pot instead of being assayed at Versailles, Italy's dignity is involved. Therefore the chief reason for Signor Orlando's visit to Rome, and we believe that our caption crystallizes the whole thing, is that he may receive a new assurance that he retains the confidence of his King and his country. Nothing more than that.

The problem presented for solution is, should X, the unknown factor, (in this case the partition of Austro Hungary), be taken into consideration. When Great Britain and France compacted with Italy that when the three Powers — for America was still talking at the time — had beaten Austria, any future menace by that Empire should be precluded by taking away her seaboard, it was not foreseen that other friendly Balkan states would stand in need of that selfsame sea-board. One of the most tremendous consequences of Austria's disruption is the rise of the Balkan States. Their accession to the comity of nations does not, nor is it likely, to disturb the balance of power. It simply places Italy, altogether apart from the League of Nations, *in loco parentis* to those Balkan 'nationeties' which, unless they have access to the sea at Fiume, will be, geographically, European Thibets.

Three days hence the German delegates are due at Versailles to receive the Peace terms, and if Signor Orlando is not back in Paris in time to append his signature to the most momentous document of all time, we trust — and believe — that Italy will see that he is there before the ink is properly dry.

THE CROATIAN PROBLEM.

Uuder the pact of London the Italians were to have Trieste, Pola and part of Dalmatia, while Fiume was to go to Croatia. Italy, however, claims Fiume on the ground that sixty per cent of the population are Italians. The British and French representatives have, it is understood, informed the Italian representatives that England and France will stand by the treaty in all respects, but have advised Italy to forego part of the territory to which she is thereby entitled. If, however, the Italians insist on their treaty rights, Great Britain and France will stand by the treaty, which contains provisions transferring Fiume to the Croatians. If the nationality of the population of Fiume alone, without including its environs, is examined, Italy's claim is justified. On the other hand the Jugo-Slavs claim Fiume with its hinterland as being not only necessary to the newly created Kingdom of Greater Serbia, but as their right, on the principle of self determination. They deny that one small portion of the territory can be withdrawn from an overwhelming Croatian district in order to support Italian claims. It was agreed in April 1918 that any territorial dispute should be settled amicably on the basis of self determination.

As soon as the Adriatic problem came before the Council of Four says the *Daily Telegraph*, it was clear that so far as the pact was concerned the hands of England and France were tied, while Italy could not be the judge in her own cause. Therefore President Wilson was given a free hand to deal with the whole question. He began by refusing to accept the pact of London as binding him in any way. He, had moreover, in the case of Poland, made public his considered opinion that it was not right to create any new State without giving it, wherever possible, access to the sea. This point has been carried out in the case of Poland by the arrangement made at Danzig, and the case of Fiume is regarded as being on all fours with that of Danzig.

ORLANDO'S DECLARATION.

The actual publication of President Wilsen's statement came as no surprise, he having announced his intention.

Signor Orlando, in a declaration made before his departure, says that President Wilson's statement, made while the matter was still under discussion, is a decided innovation, and he describes it as an appeal made to the Italian nation over the heads of the Italian Government; in effect, an attempt to set the Government and country by the ears.

He reviewed the history of the Istrian peninsular and Dalmatian coast, claiming that unless Italy holds the entire watershed which separates the Adriatic and Black Sea basins her natural line of protection contains a serious breach.

The history of the Peace negotiations will prove, says the Italian Premier, that Italy's representatives have throughout been characterised by a spirit of firmness and conciliation.

Referring to President Wilson's declaration of America's friendship toward Italy, Orlando says "I proudly claim as a right the honour of having been the first man, in one of the most tragic hours of the war, to exhort the people of Italy to resist at all costs. My call was answered with a courage and abnegation of which there are few such examples in the history of the world. In the name of Italy I express the deep feelings of admiration and sympathy of the Italian people towards the American people."

Before his departure Signor Orlando issued the following valedictory message:—"Before leaving Paris I want to offer to the French Nation, to the French Government and to Prime Minister Clemenceau my sincerest thanks for the brotherly hospitality which was offered to me here in Paris, the great heart of France, our Ally of yesterday and to-morrow."

And, we may add, of to-day.

Le Matin says that at a meeting of the Council of Four yesterday a long discussion took place between Mr. Lloyd George and President Wilson "In any case the treuty of London is sacred" said Mr. Lloyd George, according to *Le Matin*.

EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

WORK OR QUIT.

Cairo. 23rd April. Hussein Rushdi Pasha, President of the Council, has tendered his resignation, which has been accepted by the Sultan. Work was partially resumed in Government offices this morning.—*Reuter.*

Reuter learns that the situation in Egypt is quiet but that a strike among certain Government employés continues. General Allenby has issued a proclamation calling upon them either to return to work or resign.

INDIA RETURNS TO THE NORMAL.

Simla. 21st April. Lahore and Amritsar are quiet. At Kasur a number of arrests have been made. Schoolboys have been very prominent in the riots at Sangla.

Delhi. 21st April. Sankailol, Secretary to the Home Rule League, and several others, have been arrested in connection with recent attacks on the police. The city is quiet and everything normal.—*Reuter.*

In the recent riots at Gujranwala young boys armed with syringes charged with kerosene acted as a vanguard for incendiaries, precluding the police from making full use of their firearms. Eighty-six arrests were made at Amritsar in two days.

The majority of European women and children in the Punjab have proceeded to the hills, Many thousands of British soldiers waiting embarkation for demobilisation have volunteered unconditionally to remain in India if required.

HUNGARIAN SOVIET MORIBUND.

According to news received in British authoritative quarters the Hungarian Soviet Government is expected to fall early in May, owing to internal dissensions, and that the death blow will be given by their own people.

Berlin 24th April. According to the *Loyal Anzeiger* reports have been received from Vienna that the Hungarian Soviet at Buda Pesth has requested the Entente Mission to send representatives to Buda Pesth to open negotiations concerning an armistice. The Entente replied indicating readiness to conclude an armistice provided the Soviet Government abdicated and a new cabinet was established representing all bourgeois parties in Hungary, and provided also that all Soviet decrees were withdrawn. The telegram adds that negotiations will begin upon these conditions.— *Reuter.*

KIEFF WRESTED FROM BOLSHEVISTS.

Copenhagen. 23rd April. The Ukrainian Press Department reports that Kieff has been captured from the Bolshevists by insurgents who are well disposed toward the directorate of the republic of Ukrainian peoples.—*Reuter.*

CONTRA BOLSHEVISM.

SPRING CLEANING RUSSIA.

The Polish army has started a big offensive along a hundred and fifty miles front in Lithuania. It is advancing rapidly and many important captures have been made.—*Reuter.*

Equally good news comes from Russia. General Kolchak declares that his advance is now going so well that he can dispense with foreign assistance.

Confirmation has been received in official quarters that financially the Bolshevists are in a very bad way. Their leaders have been making certain approaches to foreign capitalists.

Meantime the Bolshevists are issuing counterfeit notes so cleverly reproduced that even bank managers are deceived.—*Reuter.*

SYME CONTINUES TO PROTEST.

Ex-Inspector Syme yesterday smashed four windows at No. 10 Downing street, the Prime Minister's official residence. Charged at Bow Street police court later in the day he said he did it to call attention to the injustice of dismissing him from the Police Service. He was remanded for a week in custody.

The Army Council announces that the Army etrance Examination in June next will be the last in which the entrance fees will be waived.

MARVELLOUS ROYAL AIR FORCE.

SOME STATISTICS.

A wonderful record of the astonishing development and magnificent work of the British Air Service during the war is contained in a White Paper issued by the Air Ministry. The following are some of the most striking facts.

In August 914 the Naval and Military wings had between them 272 machines and a personnel of 197 officers and 1,647 other ranks. In October 1918 there were 22,171 machines, 27,906 officers and 263,842 other ranks.

Five service squadrons and three training squadrons existed in August 1914, and 138 and 199 respectively at 31st October last.

When war broke out there were four Government aerodromes in the British Isles. On the day of armistice there were 199 training squadrons and thirty thousand pupils under instruction while 21,957 pilots had been graduated as efficient.

The Aeroplane engine industry was practically non existent in 1914 but in 1918 Great Britain possessed the large and most efficient aircraft industry in the world.

On the Western front from July 1916 to the 8th November 1918 British airmen destroyed or brought down 7,054 enemy aircraft, dropped 3,942 tons of bombs, flew over 900,000 ours and fired over ten and a half million rounds at ground targets.

An exceptionally splendid record is that of the Palestine brigade. During the critical period of the final operations not a single enemy aeroplane crossed our lines. In addition to machine guns a certain number of the machines in the field were fitted with 37 m/m guns firing one and a half pounder shells.

The Mesopotamia wing was formed in 1916 and rapidly gained a marked ascendancy over the enemy's air service, which was manned and equipped by Germans. This supremacy was constantly maintained.

In 1917 two squadrons were provided for India where they played an important part in quelling trans-frontier risings.

During the first month's operations of the photographic section in France only forty negatives were taken. In October 1918 no fewer than 23,247 plates were exposed, and approximately 350,000 prints were issued.

Whereas in 1914 we were only using twenty pound bombs, towards the end bombs weighing three thousand pounds were in use.

A special type of Stokes bomb was very successfully used in Palestine.

PEACE — AND THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

According to the *Evening News* an effort is being made to fix Peace-day for 3rd. June, the King's birthday.

ABDUCTION OF YOUNG GIRL.

At Marlborough Street Police Court yesterday the hearing was resumed of the charge against John Ferguson, a Marine Engineer of Glasgow, of abducting Cissie Raymond, aged twelve, of Soho.

A long voluntary statement made by Ferguson was read in court. In it Ferguson asserts that he met the girl at Tottenham Court Road on the night of the 5th April. She was hideously painted and men were following her. She said that she had left home and would commit suicide rather than return. Wishing to protect her and arrange a meeting to effect a reconciliation with her parents he took her to his hotel, bought clothes for her and later took her to his mother's house at Glasgow. He had acted honourably throughout and he feared she would kill herself if forced to return to her parents.

Cissie Raymond, a well grown and self possessed girl, said that accussed spoke to her while she was walking to a girls club. She had not any paint but only powder on her face and rouge on her lips. She alleged that Ferguson asked her to stay with him for a fortnight.

The case was further adjourned, Ferguson being released on bail for two hundred pounds.

BOLSHEVIST PASSPORT FRAUDS.

It is understood, says *Reuter*, that important information has reached the Government of devices adopted by Russian Bolshevists for the purpose of sending propagandist agents to foreign countries, including England and America.

In December last the Soviet Government issued a decree that all foreigners in Russia must be registered. The Foreign Office required them to hand in their passports with two photographs. In this way a large number of people were deprived of their passports, which were never returned. It is clear that the intention was for the Government to obtain foreign passports which could be altered, other photographs being substituted, the faked passports then being distributed among their own agents.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SOVIETS.

Our special correspondent at Berlin writes:—

Several of the shops in Berlin are being run by Soviets in so far as the dismissal and treatment of employés is concerned. The bankers of Germany are reported on fairly good authority to have subscribed a sum of thirty million marks for Bolshevist propaganda in foreign countries.

Hugo Stinis, who was the organiser of compulsory labour in Belgium while it was occupied by the Germans, is said to have offered to hand over two or three of his mines to be run by a workmen's Soviet.

This appears to be a sensible proposal. It will give the Soviets a chance of showing what they can do when up against a job of work, and whether it be successful or not will give them a lesson in the difficulties and facts of business.

SIR ERIC GEDDES.

Reuter states authoritatively that the report that Sir Eric Geddes has been appointed a member of the War Cabinet is inaccurate. He continues to attend meetings of the War Cabinet under an arrangement which has been in operation during the last four months.

West Surrey farmers report excellent first prospects of good crops.

FRENCH ADMIRAL'S TRIBUTE.

BRITISH NAVY RECORD.

"Honour to the British." Under this heading Admiral Besson pays tribute to the British Navy, representatives of which are being fêted in Paris. "Germany" says the Admiral, "Committed two grave mistakes in regard to England; first in believing that she would remain neutral, secondly in ignoring her power, energy and rapidity in facing all situations. A fortnight after the declaration of war the British expeditionary force was fighting in Flanders. A fortnight after the disaster of 21st March last year two hundred and sixty-eight thousand fresh soldiers were at the front. If the Allies had not from the start, thanks to the British fleet, triumphed on the sea no effort on land could have saved them; for had the British Army not been transported to France, the Franco-Belgian Army would have been beaten by the German Army, which was infinitely superior in numbers, material and preparedness. The British Fleet saved France by enabling the British Army to cross the Channel in all security."

Admiral Besson recapitulates in stirring words the tremendous activities of the British Navy during the war, with its four naval victories. The battle of Jutland, he said, was the greatest sea battle fought for a hundred years. The German fleet claimed a victory but dared not show its nose on the sea afterwards, and finally was handed over to the British intact. "When the German Admiral pointed out that the German fleet had not been beaten he was met with the following retort by Admiral Beatty, the hero of Jutland:— "You had only to come out." Admiral Besson points out to the honour of the British Merchant Service that the percentage of its losses in men was greater than the percentage of losses in the armies.

INDEPENDENT LABOUR PARTY.

SOVIET PRINCIPLE REJECTED.

The Independent Labour Party, which comprises the most extreme politicans in England and whose leaders were all defeated at last election has held a conference at Huddersfield. Mr. F.M. Jowett, ex M.P. for Bradford, in moving a resolution on behalf of its council regarding the methods of election and the machinery of Government, paid a tribute to the past services of Parliament in saving the people from autocratic rule. The final word on national questions dealt with by Parliament nevertheless rested with the people, to whom Parliament had to come for election. Parliament therefore had some features which must be cherished, but in other respects it failed to meet modern conditions. The people's representatives had no actual contact with the administrative departments of State and the resolution therefore advocated a system of departmental representative committees.

Discussing the experiment in the new form of Government by Russia and Hungary Mr. Jowett said that in England there are deep-rooted parliamentary institutions and to scrap whatever advantages our parliamentary system gives us or to refuse to reform or to adopt a now untried system would be a great mistake. The crucial fact is that under the present system Parliament has to come into actual contact with the people. There is no such provision in the Soviet system. It is a system of delegation. Touch and power must be lost through such series of delegations. *British Wireless.*

EXTENDING THE CHEVRONS CLUB.

A Fancy Dress ball was held yesterday at Queens Hall in aid of the Chevrons Club War Memorial Fund. The object is to raise 150,000 pounds to enlarge the London Headquarters, and establish branch clubs in India and the Dominions and at the various Naval stations throughout the world. Officers of 180 regiments have contributed 2,000 pounds.

UNORTHODOX CLERICAL ATTIRE

The new vicar of Croydon the Rev. Pat. McCormick, D.S.O., is somewhat surprised that his attendance at the Easter vestry attired in a lounge suit and ordinary collar should occasion any public interest.

He explained in an interview that he had only just been demobilised and found it impossible to get a full clerical wardrobe at once. He also suggested that it would be a good thing to have some sort of a badge which the clergy could wear with mufti.

SEVEN WAYS TO LONDON.

On the removal of the ban on civilian aviation on 1st May seven aerial trunk routes will be established, radiating from London; to Scotland, Dublin, Belfast, Plymouth, Bristol, France and Holland.

Government facilities will be given to pilots along these routes and the Air Ministry will be responsible for the airworthiness of all machines.

WARNING AGAINST DOG SMUGGLING.

No further cases of suspected rabies have been reported, nor is there any confirmation or otherwise of other cases already reported. A strong warning has been issued by the Board of Agriculture against smuggling dogs out of London, which it is believed is being extensively practised.

NEW PEACE UNIFORMS.

A Committee with Lt.-Gen. Sir A.J. Murray as chairman has been set up by the War Office to investigate and report on the general question of uniform for the after war army.

Two of the three men who escaped from a prison van at Liverpool were recaptured yesterday in a barn on the banks of the Mersey.

The Conference of the National Union of Teachers, sitting at Cheltenham, has unanimously passed a resolution opposing military drill at schools

FLYING THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

WE'RE ? COMING OVER.

St. John's. 24th April. Consternation was caused in the airmen's camp yesterday by a message from the Air Ministry asking the reasons for the failure of Hawker and Raynham to start on the trans-Atlantic flight.

The message declared that all weather reports reaching England indicated favourable conditions. The airmen replied that wireless reports from vessels at sea announced conflicting winds, making a start inadvisable. At St. John's it rained all day yesterday and another downpour is expected today.—*Reuter.*

NATIONALISATION OF COAL.

REPORT WILL BE DELAYED.

At the resumed meeting of the Coal Industries Commission yesterday it was stated that the members have unanimously decided that having regard to the number of witnesses and the importance of the subject the report will be presented on 20th June instead of 26th May.

With regard to the application for representation of royalty owners on the Committee, Mr. Justice Sankey stated that at a private meeting the Commision had come to the conclusion that since other interests — distributors for instance — were not directly represented, they could not allow counsel to appear. Proofs of witnesses' evidence would be handed in, however, and read publicly before the Commission.

KINMEL CAMP RIOTS.

FURTHER ACQUITTALS.

At the Kinmel Park general court-martial which resumed its sitting at Liverpool yesterday the President summed up the evidence against Acting Cpl. McLeod, who was charged with mutiny and with failing to use his utmost endeavours to suppress the mutiny.

The President said that "utmost endeavour" did not necessarily mean the utmost of which a man was capable, but such endeavour as a man might reasonably and fairly be expected to make.

The trial, which lasted three days, ended in the acquittal of Cpl. McLeod on all charges.

The Kinmel camp riots court martial yesterday acquitted Spr. Murdoch and Pte. Mackenzie. Sentence will be promulgated in the cases of Pte. Wallace and Pte. Vladimir Costughko, a young Russian who was wounded at Vimy Ridge.

MILITARY FORWARDING OFFICER RICHBOROUGH.

The War Office announces that from the 1st. May the Military forwarding offices at Southampton and Avonmouth will be transferred to Richborough. All parcels above postal weight and gifts for the British Army of the Rhine and British troops in France and Flanders should be dispatched via Richborough.

RECORD LONDON MAYORALTY.

The Metropolitan Borough of Wandsworth, the largest of the London Boroughs, has suffered a great loss by the death, which occurred yesterday, of its chief citizen, Lieut. Col. Sir Archibald Dawnay, J.P., C.E.

Among other war activities he raised the 13th (Wandsworth) Bn. of the East Surrey Regiment.

He held a personal record for London, having been Mayor of Wandsworth for more than ten consecutive years, and actually died in office. He was knighted in 1918.

LIGHT CRUISER'S FINE RECORD.

The light cruiser "Royalist" which in the Heligoland Battle sank one enemy cruiser and damaged another and also fought in the battle of Jutland, arrived at Portsmouth yesterday.

During the time she was in commission, the "Royalist" did great service on patrol, steaming no fewer than 85,000 miles.

BRAVO, SOUTH AFRICANS.

Capetown. In the Union House of Assembly on the 23rd April Mr. Malan, the acting Premier, announced that the 15th of July would be observed annually as a holiday, in commemoration of the superb valour and devotion of the South African brigade at Delville Wood in the first Somme offensive.—*Reuter.*

LABOUR MINISTRY'S GOOD WORK.

Among the first business to be taken on the re-assembling of Parliament next Tuesday will be a discussion of the work of the Ministry for Labour. Sir Robert Horne is expected to give a good account of his department, for the number of strikes shortened and prevented during the last four months is much larger than is generally known.

CAPTAIN RE-ENLISTS AS PRIVATE.

Acting Captain F.W. Kelsey, M.C., of Bishops Stortford, has enlisted as a private in the North Russian Relief Force.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

The news from Paris caused a decided restraint upon dealings and induced the realisation of recent speculative counters, notably in Oils. British, Indian and Egyptian Stocks remained steady. French and Italian Funds weakened owing to an adverse movement in the respective rates of exchange. Russian Bonds and Minings show good recoveries as the result of Bolshevist reverses.

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21, Antonter Strasse.
Sundays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m.
Evening Service, 6-30 p.m.
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Evening Service, 6 p.m.
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Short Morning Prayers Daily at 9-15 a.m.

4.—THE ARMY CINEMA HALL,
36, Komodien Strasse.
Sundays: Evening Service, 6 p.m.

5.—THE CHURCH ARMY CINEMA HALL,
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Sundays: Evening Service, 6 p.m.

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THE SOLDIER AND HIS BOOKS.

The life and work of the soldier have been a theme of vast interest from the earliest days of the world. Poets have sung rapturously, essayists have discoursed gravely, orators have declaimed eloquently, and preachers have expounded passionately the daring deeds of brave men. But never has the soldier had a greater place in the imagination of his countrymen than in the war that is drawing to a close. Probably the reasons of this prominence are that the campaign of these years is the most renowned in history and that the British soldier in this campaign comes from no one class of citizen but is a representative of every type of manhood. Human interest in him is grateful, but it is also curious. It is remarkable that many ingenious attempts have been made to probe his mind and heart. Some good people have been vastly interested to know what religious beliefs the soldier cherishes, and have sought to find out how far he is loyal or indifferent to the tenets of Christian doctrine. Others have been equally curious as to his attitude towards the conventions and standards of society, and seek to know whether he will on his return to England fit himself into his former niche, or play the part of ruthless iconoclast. There are, again, those who deal less deeply with the soldier, and content themselves with asking what he reads. They believe that if they can discover what he marks, reads, and inwardly digests, they have the secret of his future.

We confess that we also are considerably interested in the reading that appeals to our fellows in arms, though we have no illusions as to the success of our quest. It is important to know the type of literature that soldiers usually choose, for it is still true that "reading maketh a full man". Some English periodicals, noting the coincidence that St. George's Day was the anniversary of the Zeebrügge naval exploit and of the birth of Shakespeare, have commented on the well-known fact that many soldiers have renewed during the war their interest in the works of our greatest dramatist. The *Manchester Guardian* refers to the matter and is good enough to say that there need be no wonder at our occasional preference of Shakespearian plays before the ephemeral writings of two London journals, notable for their wide circulation. Shakespeare, we are told, wrote much the best war book dealing with our battle scenes; and in the opinion of our contemporary the conversation between Henry V and his warrior comrades on the eve of Agincourt comes nearer the talk of our soldiers amongst themselves than the conventional representation of it in present-day fiction.

We agree with the *Manchester Guardian* that some of Shakespeare's historical plays make an admirable guide-book even for soldiers who reverence the great master of drama. Some men in the British Army of the Rhine must have seen the site of Agincourt where five centuries ago a stern and bloody battle was fought; some may even have seen at Fruges the parish registers in which the names of many a French and English knight are written, for these warriors thought it not unseemly to go to church together before they fought each other on the morrow.

It is not wise to generalize concerning the literary choice of soldiers, for men can never be alike in their tastes. Some have found that —

"Dreams, books, are each a world; and books, [we know,
Are a substantial world, both pure and good;
Round these, with tendrils strong as flesh and [blood
Our pastime and our happiness will grow."

When they have had their scanty times of rest our soldiers have turned to the world of letters and sought there a welcome relief from the strain and sorrow of warfare. There have been men with power of will so strongly developed that they have carried on to a large extent their former studies, and even in wartime have contributed to the world a goodly addition to its lore. Not a few have begun new studies and made themselves almost expert in some department of knowledge, where hitherto they were out strangers. Some men have gone back to the classics of Greece and Rome, others to the English essayists and novelists, and have scorned to spend time on anything that is not immortal in literature.

But the soldiers who have read seriously are in all probability few in number. Most men who have seen active service have been so exhausted by war's inevitable strain that they have craved books that are full of incident and ingenious plot, books that may not be reckoned masterpieces of letters but have supplied a needed respite from tragedy. Reading for them was complete relaxation of tension, not self-culture, not even an antidote to intellectual slackness. To us it is curious that no one could safely prophesy the kind of books a soldier would select. Some professional men, even university graduates, were well satisfied with the lower grades of literature; whilst men of humbler intellectual station were pleased only when they could read a classic.

No generalization can be made, for the circumstances of war act variously on men's minds. Man is a creature of moods. At one time he spurns all but the truest and highest in art; at another time his mood has changed and the best in literature passes him by unheeded. "Some books," says Francis Bacon, "are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested." Have not all of us digested books we should only have tasted, and only tasted books we should have digested? It is war that is to blame, and war is always incalculable.

BLOSSOM, SWEET BLOSSOM.

If you take a walk on an early spring morn,
You will notice the dew all around,
You may pause and then list to the birds overhead,
But there's some other joy to be found,
'Tis the blossom — the beautiful flower of May,
That renders the country with beauty, they say.

You may lounge at your ease in the rays of the sun,
You may picture a wonderful view,
You may gaze for a while at the beautiful sky
As the skylark goes hovering thro';
But the blossom that blooms on the o'erhanging tree
Is enough to convince you what blossom can be.

"Blossom, sweet blossom,
Thou beautiful bloom of the spring!
Kissed in the morn' by the falling dew,
Spreading thy beauty and fragrance, too.
Nature hath made thee a wonderful flower,
For joy on this earth thou dost bring;
And there's nothing so gay,
As the blossom in May,
Thou beautiful bloom of the spring!"

G.G.O.

A REMINISCENCE OF 1917.

FROM "POINT DU JOUR" HILL.

BY "UB QUE."

"Point du Jour" hill is the south end of Vimy Ridge and was captured by the British in the first attack on Ap. 9th, 1919.

At last the guide reaches the top of the hill and drops into a communication trench, for from ere onwards we are under observation from the enemy's lines. He leads a little way along the trench down the forward slope and then halts.

"You can get a good view of the German trenches from here, sir," he says, "if you look over careful like."

Cautiously we both raised our heads over the parapet, and what a panoroma met our gaze.

Straight in front the green slope of the hill, intersected here and there by the waving chalky lines of our rearward communication trenches and spotted all over as if with some loathsome disease by the white shell holes, stretched away downwards in the shimmer of the hot summer sun. Between this and the cool green shadows and blue distance beyond ran a broad band of sun baked brown earth, shot torn and shattered, as if some great harrow had been drawn across our front, leaving behind nothing of the green but only one sickly yellow scar from which a few tree stumps stood stiffly up like gaunt fingers raised in mute appeal to heaven.

Here and there where the ubiquitous trenches have passed through some chalk stratum a white band like a twisted piece of tape is visible for a short distance, only to merge again into the universal brown; in another place a reddish heap or perhaps a fragment of brick wall marks the position of Roeux Station and the Chemical Works, to capture which insignificant mounds many brave men have fallen, and indeed still lie as the heavy, sickly taint borne on the summer breeze bears witness. To the right of the Arras-Douai Railway which runs diagonally across the brown scar are more heaps of brick dust, the once picturesque Roeux Chateau, and further to the right still, at the top of a slight rise, like the bristles of a brush appear the shrapnel-stripped branches of Mount Pleasant Wood; while, close by, the Roeux Wood tree tops can be seen, as the ground slopes steeply down to the valley of the Scarpe.

Dominating all this shattered landscape rises a brown heap, bigger and more forbidding than the rest, Greenland Hill, the scence of fight after fight; to-day the Germans hold it; to-morrow who knows? But the crops will be rich there for many a year to come.

It is quite a pleasure to turn from this brown band of death to the cool green countryside beyond, as yet untouched, to the eye, by the finger of war; but there is something different about that landscape, a feeling at the back of our minds that there is some menace brooding over it, a feeling that is explained by our guide in one word.

"Bocheland" he says, waving a hand towards it; and we gaze with added interest as he points out the various features; Hausa and Delbar Woods; and away on the right, a crumpled silhouette on the horizon, Monchy le Preux. Straight in front of us in the middle distance the sun glistens on the roofs of Biache St. Vaast and, further back, Vitry en Artois; to the left and further back still, the slender factory chimneys of Brebieres rise out of the blueness just where the straight line of the railway dips into a cutting and is lost to sight, the eye following it in imagination till one can just distinguish the faint purple pile of Douai Cathedral, now showing clear, now fading away, as the shimmering heat rises, from the ground in front of us and shuts out for a minute the hazy distance.

SCOTLAND'S HOPE.

"A good thirty and nine feet, Peter, but just not quite so good as you were doing yester night."

Peter pulled at his back-pleats and eased the feel round his waist with a smile that might well have said "Well you are a fellow to please!" He took up the stone — a big hard flinty lump — poised it easily in the cup of his shoulder, sank to his usual position, and with a perfect follow-through drove the boulder full twenty inches beyond his last try.

Donald winked approval and looked to me as if to say — "There now!" And, well satisfied, big Peter put on his tunic and we went back to billets.

A strange scene, you may say and yet its recalled very vividly to me the regular evening trial of strength and skill, the keen competition of the younger generation to outleap and outputt their fathers, that they might become known in the clachan as coming men. Many a night I have seen them pant and strain in the conflict of strong youth, and this seemed to bring it all back to me. It pointed unerringly to the one dominant ambition — to excel in sport — a wish which, once formed in a man's character, never wavers.

Peter was the hope of our Battalion. His name, well enough known to the regular attender at our more northerly meetings in pre-war years, was mentioned as sure for the shot and even surer for the hammer in the divisional sports, and to a man we backed him, if not with our purses then at least with our good-will. His easy-going nature was proverbial, and many a time I have seen him cajoled from the stores — where he reigned supreme — to give help to the young aspirant, pointing out such little faults of stance, pose and delivery as appealed to his practised eye, and ever willing to lend his bulk, strength and wily wisdom to the tug-of-war team that held more than a divisional reputation.

Enthusiasm was the keynote of his personality. In sport he was a lion. In company, his quiet purposeful air bade respect and liking, and I had long before come to the conclusion that his whole character was a striking tribute to the strengthening, testing and refining influence of the innumerable contests and trials of strength he had won. The moral effect of our Highland games has been one of the biggest factors in the collective successes our regiments have gained for Scotland throughout the campaign. The sneering wonder of Dr. Johnson at our national rude strength has been more of a tribute than the implied reverse, since he wrote it, and I dare to say that the friendly competition in our strenuous tussles with hammer and ball, in our man-to-man wrestles, in our burn-leaping escapades, have helped as much as anything to stiffen that Scottish backbone of ours of which we are so justly proud.

There is a future to look to. Peter and I have often discussed its possibilities, for we both feel that there will be a revival and a quickening of the interest in our Highland games. A younger generation is coming to the fore. Names that will always stand out magnificiently—Cramb, Nicolson, Corbett, Dinnie—will be succeeded by others equally illustrious. But the ideal thought is that there will come a day when every Scottish youth and man will throw his hammer, his weight and his shot, jump and run and wrestle, with that fine glorious feeling of life and exuberance, with the wish to be good all round — the sure mark of possession of a strong body and a strong mind.

"OUR LITTLE BIT OF ENGLAND."

In a recent issue of the *Ex-Service Man*, the independent journal for "those who have served," Mr. L.C. Carey has written a very interesting article on the question of the settlement of ex-service men on the land.

"It has been said," writes Mr. Carey," on a public platform that every salaried servant in England, from the general manager of a railway to the man who sweeps the roads, was underpaid. Wages by themselves, in any department of life, are insufficient payment because they mean incessant saving to provide for the future. Every salaried man ought to be guaranteed some ultimate share in the business he has helped to build up so that he can enjoy to the full his present position without being haunted by the continual dread of the future.

I am obliged to allude to this point as the principle has a special bearing on the question of the settlement of our soldiers and sailors on the land. The soil, more than any other property will repay for possession. A slight comparison between the relative positions of an owner and a tenant will bear out this statement.

"The owner can lay out his money with the certainty that he can never be disturbed in his occupancy and that he has an absolutely good asset at his back in the form of property in England. He can leave it to whom he likes. He is working not only for himself but for his children and his children's children, and every penny he puts into the land increases his capital value and therefore his earning power, and he can borrow money, if necessary, on the security of his land, To the tenant, however, all such assistance is denied, as he has no such security and he cannot make a judicious outlay which would mature in course of time because he has no fixity of tenure; he has no inheritance either to pass on to his family.

"I was staying in the New Forest last year and was struck between the difference in the prosperity of the village I was in and a neighbouring one. One of the inhabitants explained to me that the farmers in the prosperous village were all owners while the other one was occupied by tenants. The landlord was quite a good one but the extra incentive of ownership was missing, and the comparison between the two places was remarkable.

"A farmer cares for his beasts, his horses when they are too old to work are pensioned off to pass the rest of their days in quiet in the fields, but what was the reward of the average agricultural labourer before the war? In a great number of cases—the Workhouse. Romford, which is an entirely agricultural town has, I believe, one of the largest, if not the largest, workhouse in the country. This speaks for itself.

"Out of 18s. a week with which to support a wife and family a man could not save much to keep him in his old age, and unless his children were able to support him that was where he ended his days.

"This prospect has been brightened for those labourers who have done their bit and come safely through the war, by the promise of land for ex-Service men. They are now looking forward eagerly to the fulfilment of that promise, when they can once more till the soil, but with the splendid advantage that they will be free men, not servants.

"It will be the salvation of England and the greatest safeguard against Bolshevism if these promises are kept. When this great new class of small owners is created the present unrest will die a natural death; the prosperity of this country will matter to these men and they will therefore do what they can to combat the revolutionary interests which are seeking to destroy it, for they have the greatest stake in the well-being of England—the Right of Possession.

A SOFT JOB.

BY L. H.

This is the story of Pte. Onions, C, of the 13th P.B.I. He enlisted in January 1916, and came out in June, full of patriotic zeal. Pte. Onions never had any luck. Whenever his battalion went in the line he found himself in the shallowest, muddiest saphead. Whenever they came out he found himself on guard. He was always on guard, & he loathed guards. If a brigade or division wanted men, his name was always passed over. If a man was wanted for a course at the base, Pte. Onions never clicked. All the soft jobs passed him by. Only once, when the battalion was in reserve did he have a short Lewis Gun course, and thereafter he groaned and cursed under the added weight of two magazine buckets, over many shell-holes.

Under this extra burden his military ardour gradually cooled and he grew bitter and cynical. He and Brown got trench fever on the same day. Brown's temperature went up to 100.1, and he got away to dock, but Onions' refused to go any higher than 99.9, so he carried on. The shell that gave Smith a Blighty one in the arm only buried him in sandbags. When he went on leave his division was out of the line resting. On his return they were back in the line, and the Q.M.S. said to him. "You are just in time; you can go up with the rations to-night. They are going over the bags in the morning but they'll never reach the objective. The wire isn't cut, and we've no artillery to speak of .... Machine guns? Oh, yes! They're three deep in the German line."

When the armistice was signed, he said, "Now I'm going to wangle things for all I'm worth. No more parades for me. For the few weeks until get my ticket I'm going to have a soft job." So when the Education Officer asked if there were any men who wanted a Divisional Course in Metaphysics, Pte. Onions stepped forward, and away he went.

One day in January the Demobilization Officer said, "There's Pte. Onions. He's had a rough time; We will send him home," and his name went down for release. Then it was discovered that he was away from the battalion, and it was crossed off. When they broke the news gently to him his language was appalling.

So it came about that Pte. Onions went to the Army of the Rhine, and there continued his quest for a soft job. Very soon came his opportunity. A man was wanted for the Divisional Baths. That sounded easy enough, and he went, to find that the baths were in a small village with no canteen, that Cologne passes were unobtainable, and the working hours three times as long as with his unit. There he stayed until November 1936 when it was decided to demobilize all men of over twenty years service, but when his turn came to go, he was marked indispensable to the army, and selected for retention. Broken-hearted, he piled coal on the steam disinfector until the fire was white-hot, then opened the door and crawled in to die. And at that very moment his release was sanctioned. Pte. Onions never had any luck.

"THE COLOGNE POST" CRICKET CUP: SEE BELOW.

OPERA HOUSE AND THEATRE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Saturday	6	Barbier von Sevilla	Rossini
Sunday	6	Zigeunerbaron	Strauss
Monday	6½	Rheingold	Wagner
Tuesday	4	Die Walküre	Wagner

ARRIVAL OF CRICKET.

WARWICKSHIRE'S FIRST TO "PITCH STUMPS."

The 1/1 Warwickshire R.H.A., although awaiting demobilization, commenced the cricket season on Wednesday the 23rd with a match against 480 Battery R.F.A. at Berg-Gladbach. The Warwickshire eleven had an easy win over their opponents although consideration must be given in view of the season's present youth.

Scores.

1/1 Warwickshire R.H.A.: Bdr. Boylin 2, caught; Dvr. Banks 12, caught; Dr. Marsdon 22, caught; Signaller Perrins 1, caught; Sergt. Chickley 25, bowled; Dvr. Wakeman 18, bowled; Gnr. Reed 4, bowled; Bdr. Biddle 0, caught; Gnr. Lock 0 bowled; L.S., Collingridge 6, caught; Dvr. Davis 2, not out; Byes 5, Total 97.

480 Battery R.F.A. Gnr. Goodall 3, caught; Gnr. Green 1 bowled; Dvr. Duckworth 1, bowled; Dvr. Sinister 3, bowled; Bdr. Ede 2, caught; Dvr. Hangar 1, caught; Dvr. Wharton 1, not out; Dvr. Giffroth 1, caught; Gnr. Shardman 0, caught; byes 3, Total 19.

URDENBACH'S EASTER THRILL.

B/ 126 AT IT AGAIN.

At the instigation of a very enterprising Quartermaster, "B" Battery, 126 A.F.A. arranged a most exciting cross-country run for Easter Monday. The plan of action was to take the would-be emulators of "Mercury" to Ohligs by lorry, and then let them loose to find their way as best they could. The afore mentioned quarter bloke ransacked the battery in his search for budding Shrubs and Applegarths and eventually peer uaded six victim that their feet were just made for running, and that thousands could be made at it in their spare time, with no trouble or expense etc. Having gathered in these athletics, he furthermore persuaded them to deck themselves in fine raiment, consisting of shorts and shoes. Then decking himself likewise, this valiant quarterbloke, ushered his half dozen victims into the waiting lorry, and then sat himself on the tail-board, in case any escaped *en route*. On arriving at Ohligs, they dismounted, and ruefully eyed the lorry as it disappeared on its return journey.

Miles and Miles and Miles.

Then ensued a lengthy argument as to which was the quickest way back, and as each one held a different opinion on the subject they decided each to take his own road and let the finish decide who was in the right. At 14.30 sharp, they lined up. The Q.M blew his nose in lieu of whistle and they were off.

They had not gone far along nighst, Ohligs when a kindly civvy stopped them and explained that such exertion was hardly necessary as a train was due in ten minutes. Having brushed aside this obstruction they galloped on, and soon were proceeding in extended order, and were taking their various ways. One already perspiring runner suddenly found himself on a main road, and, seeing a tram approaching, labelled "Benrath", he thought he was quite justified in hanging on, and running behind it. On the way he chuckled to himself at the thought that he would soon be in Benrath and a ten minute sprint would see him home an easy first. After the car had travelled approximately 4 kilometres he turned to enquire from a Tommy on board "How far to Benrath mate?". "Benrath", said the other, "why you're going the wrong way. The car's just come from there."

He let go, sat down on the kerb, and positively howled with delight. Number two tried to take a short cut through a wood, lost himself in the middle, and did not find the way out until dark. No. 3 and 4 took field paths, which they knew would save them miles. After two hours at a gradually diminishing speed, they both found themselves back in Ohligs, having discribed a circle in their wanderings.

A little bubbling stream.

The quartermaster, meanwhile, was steadily plodding along, on a course which he had carefully market out on his map. Unfortunately he had overlooked a small obstacle in the shape of a wide stream that barred his progress. Not being fond of water (neat), he had to make a wide detour to find a bridge, thereby losing much valuable time. The other two contestants met either by accident or design on Ohligs station, took the train back as advised by the obliging civilian, ran round the station at the other end, several times to cause a little perspiration, and then dashed up to the winning post amid the applause of the multitude.

The Q.M. duly arrived an hour afterwards having had his pace somewhat accelerated by the attentions of the German equivalent to a man eating bulldog. The dates and times of arrival of the other competitors will be duly announced in this paper. [I don't think it matters! Ed.]

488 v. 145 SIEGE BATTERY.

A match between these teams was played on Monday on the former's ground at Bonn. The match proved to be a ding-dong struggle from start to finish, each side attacking in turn but only once was the defence of either team pierced.

After about 10 minutes play Dunn got away on the left wing for the visitors and beating his back, placed a nice centre across the goal mouth which Calley converted with a good shot.

The home team had a piece of luck when Lemons, for the visitors, missed scoring from a penalty, awarded for a foul. He kicked the ball straight into the goalkeeper's hands.

The home team opened the second half in spirited fashion, intent on wiping out the visitors lead. Mc. Gough and Easton were prominent in several fine dashes, but the visitors' defence withstood all attacks until five minutes from time, when, from a scramble in the goal-mouth, Mc. Gough netted the ball. Wear at fullback played a grand game for 488. Easton worked hard and was a constant worry to the visitors' attack.

The Visitors' forwards were good, but fell off slightly in the second half. The defence was sound throughout the game, Harcombe being a tower of strength to his side. Result: 145 Siege Bty. 1; 488 Siege Bty. 1.

53rd BATTALION SHERWOOD FORESTERS AT PLAY.

BATTALION SPORTS.

The 53rd Sherwood Foresters held a very enjoyable Sports Meeting on Easter Monday at Surth. The arrangements were in the hands of the Sports Officer who was ably assisted by the Company Sports Officers.

Lieutenant Colonel. C. L. Bond. C.M.G., D.S.O. was President, Major Webb, Major Woolhouse, Captain Heal and Padre Fry, acted as judges, and there were large numbers of competitors for the various events. The greasy pole competition caused much merriment and the obstacle race taxed the resources of the runners. All companies of the Battalion struggled hard to win the much coveted position of Champion Company, and to obtain as many points as possible for the Shield Competition, the result of which will be forthcoming in July.

D. Company were leading at the end of the day with a total of 40 points, chiefly owing to the excellent running of Lieut. Burns, who carried all before him. Sergt. Bell of B Coy also made a very fine show in all the events he entered, especially the Mile Flat Race. At the end of the meeting the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel C. E. Bond. C.M.G., D.S.O., presented the prizes to the winners and spoke words of congratulation to the men on their turn out and also thanked those who had so ably arranged the various competitions. The prizes were awarded as follows:

100 Yards Aiv. 1, Pte Beacock, D Coy. 2, Pte Hodgkinson, B Coy. 3, Pte King, D Coy.

100 Yards Open. 1, Sgt Morrill, C Coy. 2, Sgt Lakin, B Coy.

220 Yards Open. 1, L/C Mann, D Coy, 2, Pte Essex, E Coy, 3, L Cpl Commersall.

220 Yards Aiv. 1, Pte Lissiman, C Coy. 2, Pte Beacock, D Coy.

440 Yards open. 1, Sgt Bell. 2, C.S.M. Searancke, D Coy. 3, Pte Lissiman.

1 Mile Open. 1, Sgt Bell, B Coy. 2, Sgt Sale, A Coy.

Obstacle. 1, Sgt Bell, B Coy. 2, L/C Kemp, A Coy.

High Jump. 1, Pte Mansfield, C Coy. 2, Sgt Wise, B Coy. 3, Pte Whisker, A Coy.

Long Jump. 1, Sgt Sale, A Coy. 2, Sgt Morrill, C Coy.

Inter Platoon Relay. 1, Platoon. 2, 5 Platoon.

Inter Coy Tug-of-War, C Coy.

Sack Race. 1, Pte Smithard, A Coy. 2, Sgt Spellmann, D Coy.

Three-Legged Race. 1, L/C Walker — Pte Griffen.

Wrestling, on Mules, C Coy.

Greasy Pole Pillow Fighting. 1, Sgt Blendell, A Coy, Pte Bogley.

Potato Race. 1, Sgt Bell, B Coy. 2, C.S.M. Searancke C Coy. 3, Pte Lissiman, C Coy.

Chariot Race. 1, 14 Platoon.

O'Grady Competition. 1, Pte Carner, B Coy. 2, Pte Thorneywell, D Coy.

Officers and N.C.O's Relay Race. 1, N.C.Os.

MACHINE GUNNERS SPORTS PROSPECTS.

3rd BATTALION, M.G.CORPS.

Battalion messing has commenced and not many are missing from the crowded rooms. The number of dogs in attendance steadily increases and one wonders if they are all taken from the B.E.F. kennels or acquisitions from the Rhine.

Daily matches in football continue whilst the weather remains cold and with their progress it becomes increasingly likely that "A" Coy. will emerge winners of the competition between Companies. Unless they throw their chances away in the few games left, names may be prepared for the medals. The presentation of medals for the last competition is now being arranged.

On Thursday afternoon "A" met "C" in the return match (Competition). Result "A," 3; "C," 1. Half backs and a forward let the losers down. "A's" goals were rather cheap, but figures count and two more points go to this company.

On the 30th rugger players journey (with as many spectators as can be packed into two lorries) to Kalk to play the 93rd Brigade R.G.A. Tea is being provided for playors and spectators alike and a good outing (and a good hiding) will probably be enjoyed.

The Hockey fixture with the 34th M.Gunners (Troisdorf) to be played at Riehl Barracks has now been altered definitely to Tuesday, May 6th. We shall entertain our visitors to a good feed and match.

A long-delayed fixture Officers v Sergeants will at last come about on Monday next. This afternoon a battalion team composed of a number of new players, meet all the Transport.

At the end out of the week will come the great Boxing Tournament and it is hoped that names will be sent in forthwith to Company sports' officers so that this event may attract a good crowd and yield sporting results. A special feature will be several fights open to neighbouring battalions of the Durham Light Infantry.

This little par was almost finishing without a reference to the Corporals v Privates' match (soccer) to-morrow, Sunday. Last time the Corporals were shy in coming forward, but Part II orders may have been busy lately and there will be no excuse.

63rd BRIGADE R.G.A. v. 58th BRIGADE R.G.A. HEADQUARTERS STAFF.

Played at Schlebusch. The 63rd forwards at once attached and after a fine piece of work Sgt. Watson took possession and with a great shot beat the goalie. This stirred up the visiting team and they repeatedly attached the 63rd goal but were unable to beat the indomitable Hobbs who is undoubtedly a great custodian. Sgt. Young again proved an energetic and consistant back and together with Killyea their defensive work was excellent. A further effort by the home forwards in which Barr figured largely terminated in a fine struggle in the visitors goal mouth and again Watson made no mistake in adding another goal.

The 68 H.Q. were playing a good game and their efforts were rewarded through Low, who scored after a clever piece of passing. Early in the second half Sgt. Watson retired through a recurrence of ankle trouble and the Mülheimers still further encouraged, went away with a spurt. Cockeral, getting possession, passed to Wilson who equalized. Everyone was now keen on the decisive goal and Shepherd had bad luck with a difficult shot from an acute angle.

Hilton, Shepherd R. and Dickens worked like trojans. All efforts proved unavailing and the game ended in a draw. The match was clean and thoroughly enjoyed and the return will be looked forward to with pleasure.

SOMETHING TO PLAY FOR.

"THE COLOGNE POST" CRICKET CUP.

ENTER YOUR TEAM AT ONCE.

Now that we have all consumed our hot cross buns and Easter Eggs once more, and recovered from the plethora of sporting happenings that are invariably associathed with that season of the year, the young man's fancy lighty turns to thoughts of cricket.

The hurry-scurry season of football has had a wonderful run. Probably the number of matches played since November 11, could the figures be compiled, would run into thousands and there is not much doubt that many more will yet be played in defiance of the changing season.

But, to get to the point. The time has come when cricket must make its appearance, and everything points to the great summer game claiming an enormous amount of attention in Germany.

Already several clubs have been formed and the secretaries of them are busy making up their fixture lists.

The playing of matches without any definite object in view is apt to become rather tame after a while, however, and the *Cologne Post*, to add the little incentive that makes so much difference to the spirit of competition, has decided to offer a silver cup to be awarded under league rules. It is impossible, in view of the difficulty in estimating the number of teams that will enter, to state at present whether the running of a single league will be practicable or whether it will be necessary to form several leagues for various definite areas.

The competition will be open to all teams, of any formations, and the winners will be awarded twelve miniature cups in addition to the handsome silver cup that will shortly be on view.

Entries should be sent in at once and, if a ground is available, this should be stated. Letters should be addressed to the Sports Editor, *The Cologne Post*, Cologne.

The rules governing the competition will be published to-morrow.

LONDON D.A.C. SPORTS.

INTERESTING EVENT AT WESTOVER.

These sports were held in beautiful weather at Westhoven on Wednesday, by kind permission of the Commanding Officer, Lt.Col. Wheatley, R.F.A.

Major General Sir S.J.B. Lawford K.C.B., the G.O.C. the Division, and Brigadier General L.C.L. Oldfield C.M.G., D.S.O., the C.R.A., both attended, and the officers and men of the column were present in full strength. There was the keenest competition between the sections, but fortunately for the general interest, the prizes were fairly evenly divided.

It was notworthy that far more of the prizes were won by original column men who are awaiting demobilization than by the reinforcements. The keeness of these men to whom we shall soon be saying "Farewell" was a very pleasant feature of the proceedings. Serious events interspersed with humourous races, such as the boat race with G.S. wagon poles and a tub race. Unfortunately the tubs failed to carry their passengers.

The mules, which were the centre of attraction in most events, entered fully into the spirit of the affair, but at times appeared to be a little uncertain as to the direction of the winning post.

Capt. W.A. Bennett acted most efficiently as chief ring steward. A most pleasant afternoon was concluded by the distribution of prizes by Brig. Gen. Oldfield.

RESULTS:

100 Yards Race: 1, Dvr. Fitzgeorge (No. 1 Sec); 2, Dvr A. Head (No. 1 Sec).

Mule race (British) 1, Dvr. Hider (No. 1 sec); 2, Dvr. Joiner (S.A.A. sec).

Tug of war: No. 2 Section beat No. 1 Section

S.A.A. Section beat Headquarters. Final. No. 2 beat S. A. A. Wrestling on bareback, mules (Indians): S.A.A. beat No. 2 Section and No. 1 Section.

440 Yards flat race: 1, Dvr. Head (No. 1 Sec); 2, Gnr. Partridge (S.A.A.),

Relay race: S.A.A. Secton.

Sack race: 1, Dvr. Holmes (No. 2 Sec); 2, Dvr. Bayforth (No. 1 Sec); 3, Gnr. Day (No. 2 sec).

Mule race (Indians): 1, Dvr. Monchi (No. 2 Sec) 2, Dvr: Peatum (S.A.A.).

Officers Jumping: Capt. F. J. Tayler (No. 1 Sec).

Hurdles (dismounted 120 Yards): 1, S S. Markwell (No. 2 Sec.; 2, Dvr. Fritzgeorge (No. 1 Sec); 3, Dvr. Head (No. 1 Sec);

Wrestling on bareback mules (British), No. 2 Section.

Boat race: Heatquarters.

V.C. Race: Dvr. Waldron (S.A.A.); 2, Lt. Remnant (S.A.A.).

N.C.O s Jumping: Bdr. McCarthy (No. 2 Sec).

Boat race: 1, Dvr. O'Brien (No. 2 Sec.; Dvr. Waldron (S.A.A.);

Tub race: 1, Dr. Brown (No. 2 Sec); 2, Gnr Woodford (S.A.A.).

Officers Mule Race: Capt. H. J. Tayler (No. 1 Sec).

WHITE v. BLUE.

"D" COMPANY, 52 RIFLE BRIGADE.

White (13 and 14 Platoons) v. Blue (15 and 16 Platoons). Played at Königshoven on Friday.

"Whites" immediately began pressing hotly and had several good chances of scoring. However, the "Blues" rallied, and carried the ball to the other end for Pullen to score after ten minutes play. Bucked up by their success, the "Blues" again swept towards their opponents goal mouth, and Pullen after a short run, netted once more.

Then followed a period of good, brisk football on both sides, until at last Cpl. Pales of the "Whites" was rewarded with a well earned goal.

On resuming, Cpl. Robertson put the finishing touch to a pretty piece of work on the right, thus increasing the "Blues" lead. "Whites" tried hard to respond, but failed to pierce the stubborn defence of 15 and 16. Just before the end, Cpl. Robertson added another for his side, charging both ball and gealie into the net. Result:— "Blue" 4, "White" 1.

10th v 6th WEST KENTS.

At Wahn a very interesting and fast game between these friendly rivals of the same Regt. took place; the result was 3—2 for the 10th Bn.

A stiff wind blowing across the field rather hampered movements, but from the blowing of the whistle, the ball was kept mostly in the 6th Bn's half. The score at half time was 3—0 in favour of the 10th. But from the change over the 6th, who were the heavier, began to exert pressure. From a breakaway, their score went up, followed by another after a scrimmage in front of goal.

Two men have been fined £5 each for loitering for betting purposes at Liverpool Police Athletic Ground.

ENGLISH SPORTING NEWS.

NEWMARKET RACES.

The principal event at Newmarket on Thursday was the Babraham Plate which was run in wet weather before a large attendance. The results for the second day were:-

Babraham Plate: 1, Morning Star (7—2); 2, Jack Point (100—8). Seven ran. Won by six lengths; the same distance separated the second and third.

Column Produce Stakes: 1, Cygnus (7—2); 2, Flying Squadron (4—1); 3, Avatar 1.—2); Eight ran. Won by half a length; a head between second and third. Other winners were:— Bill (11—4). Saffian (5—6). Manfaruo (9—4). Racket Forarity (4—1).

CATTERICK MEETING.

Winners at Catterick on Thursday were: Dark Dawn (2—1), King's Pleasure (5—4), Kodack Girl (5—1), Radiacy (evens) Sign (1—4), Sister (evens).

LATEST BETTING.

City and Surburban: Polyscope, 9 to 2 offered after 5 to 1 taken; Royal Bucks, 5 to 1; Dansellon, 7 to 1; Silver Bullet 100 to 9.

NO GERMAN-OWNED RACE HORSES.

Lord Jersey has given notice to move a resolution at the annual meeting of the Jockey Club, barring entries of horses, for races run under the Club's rules, which are the property of German, Austrian, Hungarian, Bulgarian or Turkish subjects or in which such persons have any interest.

RACQUETS.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The semi-finals for the Public Schools racquets championships at Queen's Club, on Thursday, resulted as follows: — Marlborough beat Winchester 17—16, 5—15, 15—12, 15—5, 11—15, 9—15, and 15—10. Malvern beat Tonbridge 15—5, 15—4, 10—15, 17—15.

SPORTING ROYALTY.

PRINCE OF WALES ELECTED MEMBER OF THE JOCKEY CLUB.

At the annual financial meeting of the Jockey Club at Newmarket on Thursday, Lord Jersey announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had expressed his willingness to become a member of the club. The Prince was formally elected by acclamation.

FOOTBALL IN ENGLAND.

LONDON COMMAND v. ALDERSHOT COMMAND.

At New Cross on Thursday, a thousand spectators in a downpour of rain watched the match between London Command and Aldershot Command. The ground was in a terribly muddy condition, but the game was fast nevertheless.

In the first half Turnbull and Brown each scored for Aldershot, while after the interval, within fifteen minutes, Thompson scored twice for the Londoners.

BOXING.

At the Ring on Thursday, Johnny Shepherd of Bow, met Joe Starmer of Kettering in a 20 round contest. After fighting fourteen rounds the referee declared "no contest."

At the Holborn Stadium, in a 20 round contest, Pal. Jones, South Wales, beat Dick Heasman, London, on points. Seaman Arthur Townley beat Sergt. Harry Curzon, Derby, easily, the latter retiring in the 13th round.

Eddie McGoorty at Dublin knocked Tom Gummer out in the second round.

A match has been arranged between Frank Goddard and Joe Becket to be fought at Olympia, London, on 16th June.

BILLIARDS.

In his match against Newman in London on Thursday, Inman made a break of 556.

THEATRE OF WAR CHAMPIONSHIP.

On Thursday, at Aldershot, Salonika defeated Italy at footoall by 5—1. For the winners Killock (2) Simmonds (2) and Fisher were the scorers, while Brown scored Italy's only goal.

LAWN TENNIS.

Heavy rain prevented the continuance of the Lawn Tennis Tournament at Roehampton on Thursday.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

Draughts and Chess.

A letter that appeared in these pages a few days ago, on the subject of a draughts and chess tournament has aroused a good deal of interest. Many correspondents have written subsequent letters asking if the suggestion is likely to bear fruit. If any enthusiast cares to tackle the job of organising such a tournament, I can promise him that the scheme will have adequate publicity in this journal. But, personally, a comfy room and a cheery fire are more conducive to thoughts of a quiet game of chess than the summer-like weather we are enjoying at present

A Derby Sweepstake.

This letter has reached me:

"Could not a Derby sweepstake be organized in the Rhine Army? Tickets, say, 10 marks each, so as to make it open to the rank and file.

I feel sure the boys would welcome it and it could easily be arranged hrough the usual channels. A paragraph in your journal might give the hint to H.Q."

What do other readers think of the idea?

Bonn Amusements.

Many people in Bonn are wondering when there is likely to be a shuffle round with some of the entertainments that are in Rhineland now. There is a large number of troops in and about Bonn and it is complained that the variety of the shows available is not nearly so striking as the excellence of them.

THE RAMBLER.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday, April 26th, 1919.

Surface wind between West and North-West about 15 m.p.h, cloudy with occasional showers and brighter intervals with good visibility. Still cool, but temperature somewhat higher than yesterday.

OFFICERS SPORTS CLUB.

ITS OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES.

The advent of the much discussed officers' sports club is almost an accomplished fact. At all events, negotiations have advanced to the extent that a broad outline of the prospective activities of the club is now available. This embraces such definite information as the full designation of the club, the date of its opening, the amount of subscription fees as well as many other items of interst.

A grand inauguration of the club will take place on May 1st at the Lawn Tennis Club, Lindenthal. All officers, whether members or not, are invited to attend and bring lady friends. Refreshments and tea will be provided without charge. A band and pipers will play during the afternoon, when the tennis courts will be available for play.

It is hoped that the Army Commander will be present.

COMPOSITION AND SUBSCRIPTION.

The club is to be known as "The Army of the Rhine Officers Sports Club," and its main object in life, judging by the ambitious programme it is setting out to perform, is to concern itself with every kind of summer pastime that gladdens the hearts of sportsmen. But this association will not merely be administrative, as many people seemed to presume when the project was mooted. Grounds and equipment will be provided by the officials for the general use of members.

Ten shillings a month will entitle an officer resident within five miles of the Cologne cathedral, to full membership while our country cousins, or those officers outside that radius, will be charged only five shillings. Officers residing within the radius may join in any one section for a fee of 5/- *per mensem*.

The Club will comprise the following sections:

No. 1, The Lawn Tennis, Squash racquets & Badminton Club.

No. 2, The Cricket Club.

No. 3, The Polo and Boating and Swimming Club.

No. 4, The Golf Club.

LAWN TENNIS.

There are 18 courts and a Club House situated at Stadtwald, Lindenthal. A professineal has been engaged and ball boys can be hired. Racquets and balls will be obtainable on purchase; balls can be hired, and a very few racquets will also be kept for hire. There are also four courts at Flora Gardens, near the Zoological Gardens, Cologne. These courts as well at those at Lindenthal will be available for play on 1st May.

No charge will be made to members for the use of the courts, beyond the member's subscrip on. Visitors may use the Courts on payment of a fee of 5 marks.

Arrangements are being considered for the construction of Squash Racquet and Badminton Courts.

CRICKET.

The Cricket ground and Pavilion are situated at Stadtwald, Lindenthal. A professional has been engaged and practice nets will be provided. Bats, pads, gloves etc. will be obtainable from the professional. A list of fixtures will be arranged. The ground will be open on May 1st.

POLO.

Two Polo grounds will be available for members on the Exerxier Platz at Merheim (E. of the Rhine). Balls will be provided on the ground. The grounds will be open on May 1st. And an expert polo player expresses the opinion that polo players would journey from all parts of the Empire to play on such magnificent ground.

SWIMMING, BOATING ETC.

A Boat Club House, and a floating swimming bath have been towed to a selected position half-way between the Hohenzollern Bridge and the Pontoon Bridge on West Bank of Rhine. A second Boat Club House will be acquired if needed. These will be available for members on 1st May, except that one Boat House will be reserved for Germans on Thursdays. Three rowing boats (in addition to the existing racing boats) have been acquired by the Club for the use of members. Teas will be provided.

GOLF.

The Cologne Golf Club is now open for the use of members.

Situation 600 yds. West of Rodenkirchen. Station 900 yds. from tram line. There are 9 holes. From 1st May, golf clubs and balls will be on sale at the Club House and repairs will be carried out. Teas etc. will be provided.

Two professionals will be available for lessons. Times for lessons should be booked in advance. No charge for playing will be made to members beyond their subscription. Visitors will be charged a green fee of 5 marks.

Subscriptions will be paid in advance, for one or for as many months as desired, to:— Major Hon. P. Bowes, Lyon, Secretary, Officers Sports Club, attd. General Staff (Education), H.Q., British Army of the Rhine, Cologne.

A receipt will be given by the Secretary. This receipt will take the place of a membership ticket, and will be produced when required.

At a meeting of the Ascot Parish Council a motion was carried without dissent that Sunday golf on the Royal Ascot Club's links should be allowed. Hitherto the club, which plays on land controlled by the racecourse authorities, has only been permitted to play on week-days, and on an application being made that this restriction should be removed Lord Churchill said he would agree if the Parish Council was in favour.

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SHROPSHIRES ARRIVE HOME.

PUBLIC WELCOME.

The Earl of Powis, as Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire, gave a public welcome at Shrewsbury to the 1st King's (Shropshire) Light Infantry on their arrival from Cologne after serving in France and Flanders all through the war, and commented on the fact that the battalion had not been stationed in Shropshire since 1807. Lieutenant-Colonel Cautley was in command. The town was *en fête* crowds lining the route from the railway station to the square where the welcome was accorded.

WAR MEMORIALS.

MERCIER SELECTS A CHAPEL.

A committee, including Lord Edmund Talbot, M. P., Sir Arthur Downes, and Sir H. C. Munro, has been formed to provide a lasting memorial of English sympathy with Belgium. It will take the form of a memorial chapel, the site of which is being selected by Cardinal Mercier, and any surplus out of the fund, for which it is hoped £2,000 will be raised, will be devoted to the restoration of the ruined church to which the chapel will be attached. A church in Lierre has been mentioned as suitable. In its graveyard rest the bodies of a number of British soldiers, the first, it is believed, who fell in the defence of Antwerp. Canon Sprankling, rector of the Roman Catholic Church at Weybridge, Surrey, is treasurer of the fund.

TABLET AND ATHLETIC GROUND.

The officials and staff of the Metropolitan Railway Company have decided, with the approval of their directors, to raise a fund for establishing a memorial to fallen men of the company's service. The scheme is to include the erection of a permanent tablet on the Baker-street Station, the laying out and equipping of an athletic ground for the use of the staff, and the building of a club or institute. In respect of the proposed athletic ground, the directors have offered to place at the men's disposal 13 acres of land at Wembley, already partly arranged as a sports ground. The promoters hope that shareholders and regular travellers on the line will assist the fund, in aid of which Mr. George Robey is giving a concert at the Palladium on the evening of May 11, and quote the war record of the staff, which is 1,200 with the forces and 127 fallen.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

We are informed by the authorities that for all newspapers sent to the United Kingdom, and to all places outside zones of the Army of the Rhine and the British troops in France and Flanders, the postage must be prepaid at the rate of ½d. for two ounces. So when you "send it home," please affix a stamp to each copy of *The Cologne Post.*

Clitheroe Health Committee has resolved, "viewing with alarm the increasing amount of sickness in the district and in the country generally," to urge the Government to liberate more whisky.

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

SPIRIT OF REVENGE.

We note a change in the attitude of the German socialist press towards the question of the new domination o certain states. What was hitherto a decided answer in the negative is now more or less a weak argument that should these provinces be taken away from them, there will always be the possibility of future war. Indeed one can see in their statements a faint intention of using the controversy as a means of stirring up the spirit of revenge. The *Vorwärts* states that "Germany is prepared to give up territories which do not want to remain within her domain, and also to take financial responsibilities for the rebuilding of devastated areas in the west. But the question is, not as to whether Germany shall make sacrifices, but whether the extent of these sacrifices shall be fixed by a dictate of the victors or by negotiations.

Socialist Desires.

"What we socialists desire from Peace can be expressed shortly. We claim a Peace which will enable us to fight against any future desires of revanche. But this will not be possible if German provinces are placed against their will under foreign domination, or if unbearable burdens are imposed on the German people. A peace which respects the right of self-determination and the limits of physical resistance must be the aim of negotiations, and the latter will prove whether or not the aims can be attained. In any case it is certain that they will not be reached without negotiations."

A Scandalous Note.

The independent socialists of Germany are very bitter against the policy adopted by some of the German authorities. In a recent issue of *The Freiheit*, the official organ of the party, the actions of Count Brockdorff-Rantzau with regard to the despatch of notes, are very strongly criticized. It says that "The exchange of notes illustrates the terrible public exposure to which the German Government is subjected. On General Nudant's invitation, Count Brockdorff-Rantzau answered by a scandalous note, which must have been considered as a provocation in the Entente countries. The result was a reprimand, which is specially underlined by the ironical representation of the whole affair by *Reuter*. The actual answer of Count Brockdorff-Rantzau is a retreat on the whole line, a retreat which is

NOT A GLORIOUS CERTIFICATE

for the diplomatic ability of the minister of Foreign affairs. Meanwhile, the reprimand does not seem to have been firm enough, as Count Brockdorff-Rantzau still attaches to the sending of German Peace delegates "conditions" which are quite ridiculous in their unmannerliness. If the leaders of our foreign policy do not understand how fatally they are prejudicing the German interests by their provocating and clumsy behaviour, they should at least learn to understand that they make buffoons of themselves by their continual exposures and give the whole world the opportunity to laugh at the representatives of the German Republic. If the whole Peace negotiations are conducted with the same discernment and ability as is shown at present, the German people can be prepared for a nice result."

"The Kaiser did not want War."

The memoirs of Tirpitz, late admiral-in-chief of the German navy, and promoter of the U-boat campaign, are to be published at an early date by Köhler, at Leipzig. It is understood that many astounding revelations will be made in this new book—revelations which, it is hoped, will enable us to form a much better opinion of the U-boat promoter than we at present hold.

"I think it is my duty," says the author, "to write my own memoirs, because I can prove that our politic l economy was neither decayed nor obsolete, but had all the capacities for progress, and that the political fable of an inconsiderate and war-desiring [illegible]cracy being responsible for this war is not true.

"The Kaiser did not desire war; on the contrary he always endeavoured to prevent it, after *among perceived the danger*. The war was due to a certain linking of unfavourable circumstances which produced such a situation the leaders were unable to surmount. If, in my apprehension, I represent the activities of people still living, I am far from upbraiding them with unfair intentions or with any fault."

BISLEY DIFFICULTIES.

Arrangements are in progress for the Bisley rifle meeting to be held in July, but although the Army Council has sanctioned the meeting the officials of the National Rifle Association, it is stated, are finding it very difficult to get ammunition, markers, and tents.

REPATRIATION OVER-SEAS.

For the interest of those concerned who shortly hope to be demobilized it is stated that all officers and men, other than members of Dominion and Colonial Forces, who came from abroad after January 1, 1914, and joined the British Army, should write to the Commandant. Repatriation Centre, Morn Hill Camp, Winchester.

Army Form Z 7 will be sent them if they have not yet claimed repatriation, or Army Form Z 45 [application for a deferred passage if dispersed under group 45 (a)] if they have claimed repatriation but not yet received notification that their claim to passage has been approved.

The appropriate form should be filled in on receipt and returned to Winchester as early as possible.

Count Grimain, Mayor of Venice, has sent the French Ambassador a telegram of warm thanks for the action of the French Government in conferring the Croix de Guerre on the city.

When Lieut. J. P. Huifam, 5th Duke of Wellington's Regt., Berwick's V.C., was handed a gold watch and a cheque, he said that although he was the first Berwick man to get the V.C. he was not the first to earn it.

After rising from lance-corporal to captain, Constable Harding has rejoined the Linslade (Leighton Buzzard) police.

Colonel Sir Arthur Hammond, late Indian Staff Corps, who won he V.C. in 1879 in the Afghan War, has died, aged 75, at Camberley.

Samuel Brentnall (17), a miner, of Alfreton, has died from wounds caused through a revolver going off while he and a friend were playing with it.

The British Admiralty, which has had possession of the greater part of the docks at Dunkirk, has handed them over for the use of mercantile shipping.

A liberty ticket made out to David Yule, H.M.S. Implacable, was found on the body of a sailor washed up at Weymouth, who is thought to have fallen out of a canoe 10 days ago.

In a case at Preston an 18-year-old youth said that he could not read; he left school "where he was not a very good scholar," at the age of 13, and now earns £1 a week in a cotton mill.

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM.

EXTENSIVE CATALOGUE.

One of the greatest and most interesting memorials of the Great War is undoubtedly the Imperial War Museum, which even yet is rapidly extending its catalogue of war souvenirs.

There are, Major ffoulkes, secretary of the museum, told *The Daily News*, the other day, 52,000 exhibits already in hand. This number includes trophies captured from the enemy, but does not include any of the great collections of representative war material which the Navy, Army, and Air Force are all eager to see preserved in some worthy and accessible place. Nor does it include the tens of thousands of photographs which themselves constitute, perhaps, the finest record of the war.

Where is this vast mass of historic objects to be housed? The question of temporary accommodation is, as Major ffoulkes pointed out, more pressing than that of a permanent home, which has already been reported upon by a Ministerial Committee. If public interest in the scheme is to be maintained, there should be an exhibition of the greater part of the mementoes within, at any rate, six months of the declaration of peace. But it seems impossible to discover any satisfactory centre.

The White City at Shepherd's Bush and the Earl's Court exhibition buildings are sadly dilapidated. The Crystal Palace is now a great demobilisation centre. Most munition buildings, which might be removed to some spot like Hyde Park, are crammed with stores. New permanent buildings could not be got ready for some years. Ordinary buildings are not of much use when you want to exhibit, for example, five different types of tanks, each weighing close on 30 tons. And in our climate the exhibition, in the open air, of guns, many of which have delicate machinery attached, has serious disadvantages.

Nevertheless, it is felt that a great effort ought to be made to show the nation this most wonderful of historic possessions during the coming summer.

Some of the War Museum's treasures, selected almost at random from the things now practically ready to be shown, are:

1,400 pictures of the war by the official corps of British artists.
A collection of Navy models, from trawler to battleship, worth between ten and fifteen thousand pounds.
600 war toys of all nations.
21,000 war posters.
The original autograph signals of Sir Roger Keyes at Zeebrugge ("St. George for England"), and Sir David Beatty, ordering the hauling down of the German flag by the High Seas Fleet.

THE ANGEL OF BONN.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Brynford, North Wales, Parish Council have decided to examine, paint, and restore the parish flagstaff ready for Peace Day.

Of prisoners in Isle of Man gaol last year 83 per cent were interned Germans, convicted of burglary, forgery, and camp disciplinary offences.

As a protest against delay in payment of arrears due under the Sankey award, 500 miners at Links Colliery, Musselburgh, near Edinburgh, are on strike.

During four days' civilian flying Handley Page pilots at Cricklewood carried 800 passengers without accident; the youngest was aged 6, the oldest 81.

Sweet peas from seeds picked at the Motor Transport Depot, Rouen, 4 years ago are being grown in window-boxes by a demobilised soldiers in West London.

For having got more meat than he was entitled to by using duplicate ration books, Leonard Dakin, Griff Grange, was yesterday fined £35 and the butcher £10, at Wirksworth, Derbyshire.

Owen McLauchlan, riveter, sent to prison for one month at Wallsend for not paying income tax, had refused to comply with an order made against him 3 weeks ago, although he had since earned £21.

During a Lambeth inquest on Edward Keeping, accidentally killed by a motor-car in Kennington-road, Mr. Ingleby Oddie, coroner, remarked that the road is deficient in steet refuges, and there is none between the Canterbury Music Hall and the Horns, Kennington.

"You can't expect a wife to give her husband away," said a Camberwell woman, Grace Holloway, when accused of concealing her husband, a soldier. Mr. Leycester, the Lambeth magistrate, yesterday said he was rather inclined to agree with her and dismissed the summons.

Three Russian stowaways sentenced at Liverpool to 7 days' hard labour, said they went from London to Archangel to fight, "found Kerensky's revolution had begun," were sent to the Ukraine, captured by the Germans, and sent to Rotterdam, where they stowed away in a ship and spent three days under a boiler.

There have been fewer Easter weddings in Great Britain than in previous years.

About forty persons were injured by a panic caused by a fire in a picture theatre at Charleroi.

Commander Haviland has flown from Madrid to Seville and back, a distance of about 430 miles, in four hours.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

QUESTION OF PRICES.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.— Sorry to trouble you, but my friends and I cannot understand "S.G.P.'s" letter to you on the above subject. He says that a "Goerz ¼ plate folding camera costs 450 Marks" and that "by a simple arithmetic sum you will find it would cost you about £9 at the present rate of exchange."

I have checked the above calculation and found it quite correct and simple. But "S.G.P." goes on to say: "But this £9 is worth close on £23 to them (the Germans), for you must remember the mark was worth about 1/— in pre-war days."

This is the sum which is not so simple evidently as "S.G.P." finds it. I have checked his solution and find it absolute nonsense, to say the least of it. He has confused his terms of proportion and simply mixed up German pre-war days with now-a-days, without mixing up our own pre-war days with now-a-days so that his result is very far removed from accuracy.

So far as prices are concerned, that is no business of ours. If I had an article to sell I should certainly try to obtain the very best price I possibly could whether I sold it to an Englishman, a German, or a Chink; and that is certainly what shopkeepers were doing in Blighty the last time I was home. If my prices did not suit certain individuals I should expect them to buy elsewhere or do without, exactly as I have to do in Blighty. But, by the way, why buy these expensive German cameras? Why not encourage our own people at home?

The "simple" sum is this? If in 1914 a mark was worth 1/— what is the value of 450 marks in 1919 when one mark is worth only about 4½d.

Your correspondent's solution is that it depends upon whether you are a German or an Englishman. If you are an Englishman living in Cologne, £9 is £9 only, but if you are a German, £9 is £ 23. If "S.G.P." were correct, why not, then, supposing you have £9,000, become a naturalised German in Cologne, change all your £9,000 into German money, when it would be immediately worth £23,000, and live happy ever afterwards. Or if you are just a common private, why not arrange with a German to exchange a pound or two every day and split the difference between you? Money for nothing isn't it?

P.S. In working out these problems don't forget that in 1914 the Germans gave us 180 marks for £9; to-day they give us 450.

L.S.D.

(This is the last letter dealing with this subject which will be published.—Ed.)

Answers to Correspondents.

[*The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Many questions have been received which could be answered much easier by the Adjutant of the unit concerned, and all such cases which affect the unit commander must be taken to him and not sent here. — Ed.*]

J. J.—1. The scaffolding in the rear of the Cathedral is to enable them to make certain repairs, and not as a protection from air raids.
2. Wales does not give to England a county each century.

A reader.—Many thanks for your suggestion, which shall receive our consideration; but one does not let off fireworks near an ammunition dump.

A.B.C.—The Bolsheviks in Russia on March 3, 1918 concluded peace with Germany; but some part of the Russian population refused to accept these terms.
Bulgaria signed armistice, withdrawing from war, Sept. 30, 1918.

M.E.—The countries which severed relations with Germany in 1917 were Bolivia, Peru, Nicaragua, Uruguay, Santo Domingo.

22642.—Clemenceau is in his 78th year.

Enthusiast — The Open Golf Championship of 1914 was won by H. Vardon at Prestwick, his score being 306.

Myth.—Sciron was a famous robber who infested the frontier between Attica and Megaris. He not only robbed the travellers who passed through the country, but compelled them on the Scironean rock to wash his feet, and kicked them into the sea whilst they were thus employd. On the foot of the rock there was a tortoise which devoured the bodies of the robber's victims. He was slain by Theseus.

X.O.—The Barn-Owl in England is more or less stationery. Its length is 13½ ins., and can be distinguished from other owls by its buff and white coloration, The eggs are laid in a crevice or hole, in a building, tree, or rocks.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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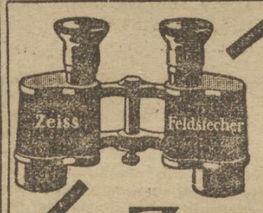

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OIL ON ADRIATIC WATERS.

The announcement by Signor Orlando that all the Italian delegates would leave Paris on Thursday was fortunately not carried out literally. Signor Orlando left to consult the Italian Parliament but his colleagues remain at Paris and there is so far no rupture with the Allies.

Before his departure Signor Orlando, accompanied by Baron Sonnino, had another meeting with President Wilson, Mr. Lloyd George and M. Clemenceau. Throughout the discussion all present displayed the strongest desire to reach a satisfactory solution of the problem under consideration. The heads of the American, British and French Governments expressed to Signor Orlando the hope that the Italian Parliament would also assist in arriving at such settlement. The meeting took place at Mr. Lloyd George's residence in the Rue Nitot.

EXPEDIENCY OF MODERATION.

The tension of Wednesday over the Adriatic question seems to have relaxed somewhat. The *Times*, in a leading article, says: — "It would be premature to say that all danger of a deadlock has been evaded, but it is greatly lessened and it has been postponed. We feel a stronger trust than ever that the countrymen of Cavour have not forgotten the importance to Italy of commanding, as she has commended from her re-birth, the moral sympathy and approbation of the democracies of the world. The action of the Italian Premier in the course of the day shows that he is sensible, as we felt sure that he would prove to be, of the immeasurable mischief which might be done by an ill-considered step.

"The postponement of his departure from afternoon to evening and the meeting of 'the four' lend a very different significance to his return to Rome from that which was widely attributed to it yesterday and which it might have possessed had he quitted Paris without further debate. It is non explained that apart altogether from the subject of the Peace Conference there are many other questions which require his presence at Rome. These things show at least a very marked and very welcome relaxation of the tension which existed in Paris on Wednesday. Even in regard to a settlement of the Adriatic problem the Prime Minister's presence in Rome may prove to be helpful. Signor Orlando has been in contact with the fundamental facts of the European situation and of the world situation. If he lays them before his country he should be able to convince it of the expediency of moderation."

MEDIATION AND ASSISTANCE.

The *Daily Telegraph* says that "though we are faced with definite interruption in the work of the European settlement, let us say at once that such an interruption can only be temporary. The position is such that a final and formal withdrawal of any one of the allies from association with the rest in the supreme business of our time is a thing not to be believed in or conceived. It is denied by the past, by the present and by the farthest fore-seeable future and in saying so we refer not so much to matters of sentiment as to facts and necessities with which the policy of all countries must reckon. Because of these things we believe that an accommodation will be reached and it will be noted that a way out of the difficulty was under discussion at the moment when President Wilson issued his statement on Wednesday.

"Plainly the part imposed upon the French and British Government is one of unprecedented delicacy and anxiety. They stand between, firm in friendship for both controversialists, united to either of them by ties not indentical in character but equal in strength, understanding both and sympathising with both. That is their real, their obvious position. It imposes upon their leaders the task of mediation and active assistance which they have unquestionably done and are doing their utmost to fulfil."

GERMAN OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS DESTROYED.

Kaufsky, the German Independent Socialist, who has been engaged for several months in investigating the secret documents in the German Foreign Office and has just concluded his task, has been interviewed by the Echange Telegraph Company's Berlin correspondent. Kautsky says that his examination has thrown an interesting light on German history, particularly during the years immediately preceeding 1914. It was originally intended to publish the documents, but Erzberger had now announced they would not be made public. Kautsky stated that certain documents which might be peculiarly compromising were missing, having been destroyed before the revolution.

He was very surprised at the German Government's attitude in prohibiting publication of the documents and pointed out that such refusal would have a very bad effect on the Allied Governments and perpetuate suspicion of Germany's good faith by revealing that the revolutionary Government is prepared to shield Germany's old rulers.

UNITED STATES AND EGYPTIAN UNREST.

NOTE TO HIGH COMMISSIONER

The Foreign Office yesterday issued the text of an official Note which was communicated on 22nd. April to General Sir E. Allenby, his Majesty's Special High Commissioner for Egypt, by the United States Minister in Cairo. It is as follows: —

"I have the honour to state that I have been directed by my Government to acquaint you with the fact that the President of the United States recognises the British protectorate over Egypt which was proclaimed by his Majesty's Government on the 18th December 1914. In according this recognition the President must of necessity reserve for further discussion the details thereof, along with the question of the modification of any rights belonging to the United States which may be entailed by this decision.

In this connection I am desired to say that the President and the American people have every sympathy with the legitimate aspirations of the Egyptian people for a further measure of self-government, but that they view with regret any effort to obtain the realisation thereof by a resort to violence."

THE FIGHT FOR MUNICH.

According to a telegram from Berlin to the *Köln sche Volkszeitung* the shops are still closed in Munich, and domiciliary visits, which are the pretext for looting and extortion, are still going on.

Officers who enlist in the Red Guard receive 15,000 marks at once and 3,000 marks monthly, non-commissioned officers 3,000 marks and 1,000 marks monthly. It is expected that on the 1st May a Soviet Republic will be proclaimed at Nuremberg.

LEIPZIG FAIR IN FURTHER DANGER.

The Leipzig council of workmen has addressed an ultimatum to the Saxon Government declaring that if martial law is not abolished on Sunday the workmen will cancel the guarantee they gave for the quiet development of the Leipzig fair.

LAID UP OVER FOUR YEARS.

Hamburg, 25th April. The Imperator, at one time the biggest vessel in the world, leaves Hamburg on the 30th April for Brest, to embark American troops for home. The Imperator has been laid up at Hamburg throughout the war.

2nd HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY REACHES ALDERSHOT.

A most interesting ceremony was witnessed at Aldershot on Thursday, when the 2nd Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry had their colours decorated with wreaths of laurel in memory of all ranks of the battalion who had died during the war. The battalion only reached Aldershot the night previously, a little over 100 strong from the Western front, and was played into barracks by the bands of the brigade. The men paraded under the command of Lieut. Colonel Telfer Smollet, D.S.O., M.C., and received the colours as they were borne on parade with a general salute. Mrs. Graham, wife of Colonel J.C. Graham, D.S.O., and Mrs. Telfer Smollett fastened the wreaths to te tops of the colour staffs with silk ribbons. The battalion then saluted the colours, and afterwards marched past.

PLENIPOTENTIARY MESSENGERS

One of the members of the German delegation to Versailles, viz. Plenipotentiary Professor Schücking, has made the following statement to a representative of the *Berliner Zeitung*.

"I hope that within the next weeks an acceptable peace will be concluded, even though the conference about details may last for months. In any case the plenipotentiaries will have sufficient powers to sign the treaty of Peace, but of course the National Assemply will then still have to approve the Peace contract. This reservation will certainly be appended to the signature."

REPORTED MURDER OF EISNER'S MURDERER.

Bamberg, 25th April. News has been received from a Government official at Munich that Count Arco, who shot Curt Eisner, the late President of the Bavarian Republic, was dragged out of the hospital and brutally killed by Red Guards.

BRITISH SUBJECTS SHOT AT RIGA.

From Berlin comes the assertion that amongst the 6,000 persons shot at Riga by the Bolshevists are several British subjects.

INTERNED GERMANS LEAVE NEW ZEALAND.

Among a batch of Germans who have been interned in New Zealand, and who have just sailed for Germany, are Herr Schultz, ex-Governor of Samoa, Count Luckner and Lt. Kirchiess of the ocean raider "Seeadler". The party numbered 240. *Reuter.*

FATAL COLLISION BETWEEN AEROPLANE AND TRAP.

CADET COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

At Sleaford, Lincs, yesterday, Flight cadet J. C. Chater, was charged with the manslaughter of Capt. Robin Dunn and Lt. Pegg. On the 13th March, Cadet Chater was practising flying and swooping down very low over a road, failed to notice a pony trap in which the two deceased officers were driving. The aeroplane dashed into the trap and the two officers sustained fatal injuries.

Accused said he was diving at a haystack and did not see the trap in which the officers were driving. He admitted that he had signed an order not to dive near roads.

The magistrate said accused had shown reckless disregard for orders, and committed him to the assizes.

Accused was allowed out on bail in his own recognisances.

FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CIVIL FLYING.

PROTECTIVE MEASURES.

Speaking at the Criterion yesterday afternoon, General Sykes, the Controller of civil aviation said that in the five days of Easter flying 912 people has been successfully carried, without mishap.

Civil aviation, which is now almost at hand, opens up gigantic prospects and possibilities comparable only to what happened when railways were first introduced. Dealing with some of the more important aspects of aviation and the obvious need for stringent regulations, General Sykes said that aviation, being independent of frontiers, is an international affair. The first step therefore has been to frame an international code. As the result of the numerous conferences held at Paris a draft convention has been drawn up and on these the regulations which will govern civil flying at home have been based.

Every possible safeguard will be imposed. Before being tested as to their technical capability all pilots, navigators and engineers will have to pass a searching medical test. Any person wishing to fly any aircraft carrying either passengers or goods or plying for hire must first obtain a certificate that he is qualified and licensed to do so. Every aircraft must be registered. It must bear an official registration number and distinguishing mark of nationality. Periodical inspections will be held. Aircraft will be allowed to leave the ground and to land only at certain aerodromes which have been approved and licensed.

For purposes of national secrecy, there are certain specified prohibited areas over which no aircraft may fly. Precautions have also been taken against the landing of undesirables from the air and for the prevention of smuggling.

OVER ONE MILLION OUT-OF-WORKS.

DEMOBILIZED TAKE HEED.

It is officially notified that the numbers drawing out-of-work donation during the week ended 11th April were as follow:

	Civilians	H.M.Forces	Totals
Men	217,538	347,895	565,433
Women	457,446	917	458,363
Boys	26,093		26,093
Girls	30,134		30,134
Totals	731,211	348,812	1,080,023

The number of policies lodged shows an increase on the previous week of a little over 2,000. The policies lodged, when analysed by industries, show that the rise is in uninsured industries, such as transport and textiles, and the fall is in the insured industries, such as engineering and iron-founding.

There is an increase in unemployment at Liverpool, Manchester and Bristol, and a decrease at Leeds and Nottingham. Unemployment among boys and girls under 18 years of age shows a reduction.

AUSTRIAN PEACE REVELATIONS.

Berlin. The Prague newspaper *Narodni Politica* relates how the telephone line from Vienna to Berlin was systematically tapped during 1918 by Czech patriots. On October 28th Berlin called Vienna to ask, "What news?" The reply was a surprise. Vienna said, "We are concluding peace." Berlin queried the word "peace" and received the reply: "On account of the untenable situation." Immediately afterwards Vienna called Berlin and communicated what they had heard concerning the journey of the Czech delegates to Switzerland. The line Vienna—Berlin was then cut by a Prague postal official, so that at the critical moment of the revolution communication between Vienna and Berlin would be impossible.—*Reuter.*

LECTURE FOR COLOGNE TROOPS

Lord Morris, at the request of the War Office, will shortly lecture to the British troops in Cologne on "How the British Empire Saved the World."

ACTION AGAINST SIR E. CARSON.

The first case on the jury lists for the Easter Law Sittings in Dublin was that of Davy v. Carson in which Sir Edward Carson, M.P., is defendant. Major Davy was a candidate at the last election in Belfast, and it is alleged that Sir. Edward Carson, in the course of electioneering speeches, made libellous references to him. The case opened on Friday.

VISIT OF UNITED STATES NAVAL SECRETARY.

HIS BUSY FORTNIGHT.

Naval, Military and civic honours were accorded Mr. Josepnus Daniel, Secretary to the American Navy, on his landing at Dover on Friday afternoon. He crossed the Channel in the United States destroyer "Wickes" which was escorted on its voyage by three destroyers of the Dover patrol and by seaplanes.

As the "Wickes" entered Dover naval harbour a salute was fired by the castle guns and the American vessel dipped her flag in acknowledgment. All the British ships in harbour were manned, the crews cheering lustily. A guard of honour was provided by the Royal Marine Light Infantry with their band, from the Walmer depot. The Port Admiral and others went aboard the "Wickes" and welcomed Mr. Secretary Daniels. As he landed the general salute was given and the band played "The star spangled banner."

Mr. Daniels, in company with Admiral Dampier made a tour of inspection of the Marine Station showing particular interest in the embarkation section through which so many thousands of American troops passed last year.

Accompanied by Mrs. Daniels and Lieut. Daniels the distinguished visitor arrived in London during the evening and was greeted by, among others, the American Ambassador, the American Consul General in London, Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, Admiral Sir Montague Browning and Sir Alexander Duff, General Hutchinson and General Biddie.

The guard of honour was furnished by the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards, who paraded with regimental band and colours. As the party left the station they received a very hearty welcome from a large crowd.

Yesterday Mr. Daniels visited the German fleet at Scapa Flow. To-morrow the party will go to Rosyth and after a luncheon at the Admiralty House will visit the Atlantic fleet. Tuesday will be spent at Edinburgh and on Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Daniels will lunch with the King at Windsor. His stay in this country will end on 5th May when the party will leave Plymouth for Brest in an American destroyer.

NATIONALISATION OF MINES COMMISSION.

THE RETORT COURTEOUS.

At the resumed sitting of the Coal Commission yesterday morning Mr. Harold Cox, the well-known economist, was cross-examined.

Sir Leo Chiozza Money asked him if he were opposed to State ownership of sewers.

Mr. Harold Cox replied: — "I will give you the sewers."

With regard to the coal industries Mr. Cox stated that he would keep the House of Commons out of the question altogether. He said that so far as he was aware the action of the miners throughout the war had been to do the best they could for themselves, regardless of the interests of the community, and that their wages had been increased beyond the increased cost of living.

At the afternoon session Mr. Robert Smillie, President of the Miners Federation, asked that the Marquis of Bute, Earl Dunraven, the Duke of Hamilton, the Duke of Northumberland, Lord Durham, Lord Londonderry, Lord Dyvenor and a representative of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners should be called as witnesses. The chairman agreed.

OVERWORKED DOG'S HOME.

EFFECT OF MUZZLING ORDER.

The rush of dogs to the Dogs' Home at Battersea still continues, and the motor vans that collect the strays from the police-station are hardly able to cope with the number seized. Mr. G. G. S. Rowley, the secretary of the home, has explained the method by which the dogs are destroyed. The dogs are placed in a big truck, the doors are closed, chloroform is sprayed on the dogs, and they become unconscious, in about a second. An engine then starts pumping carbonic acid gas, and death takes place painlessly in less than a minute. As to the carcases, Mr. Rowley stated that the skins go to a contractor, who uses them for different purposes. Good collie skins make fine rugs, and retriever skins become astrachan coats. About 250 dogs are being destroyed daily at Battersea.

HIGH PRICES AND BIG PROFITS.

Commenting on the present high prices of all descriptions of clothing the *Times* quotes some startling figures from the balance sheets of a well-known firm of Yorkshire spinners and manufacturers.

The profits of this firm for the year before the war broke out amounted to 1,621 pounds.

In the first year of the war the profit reached 24,502 pounds; seconds year, 30,717 pounds; third year, 32,337 pounds and fourth year 39,520 pounds. The average for the four years was thus about 32,000 pounds, representing net profit after paying excess profits duty, super tax and income tax, and in spite of the higher cost of raw material, machinery and repairs.

The excess profits duty alone must have totalled at least 80,000 pounds!

SPRINGBOKS REACHING HOME.

Capetown, 24th April, Contingents of returning South Africans are arriving every other day, Capetown giving itself up to tumultous scenes of welcome. On every occasion the men have been received by the Governor General himself or by some members of the Government. *Reuter.*

The funeral of Sir Henry Bargrave Deane took place yesterday, at Brookwood.

An announcement appeared in yesterday's Court Circular to the effect that Prince Henry has joined the Military College, Sandhurst.

LIMERICK PASSIVE STRIKE FIZZLING OUT.

COMMITTEE'S PROCLAMATION.

The Limerick strike appears to be collapsing. Yesterday the following proclamation: — "Whereas the question has become a national issue, we hereby call upon all workers who can resume work to-morrow, without a military permit, to do so to-morrow. We further call upon all workers whose daily occupation requires them to procure permits to continue in their refusal."

The effect of this is that there will be no necessity for the crossing of bridges either to go to work or for other purposes and the decision, if carried out by the workers, will mean the re-opening of business in the town.

AUSTRALIANS MARCH THROUGH LONDON.

AEROPLANE ESCORT.

Five thousand picked men of the Australian forces marched through London yesterday in celebration of Anzac day. Along the entire route from Westminster to the city the streets were gaily decorated and crowded with cheering people. The soldiers had an escort of aeroplanes which circled overhead, flying lower than has ever been seen in the city. So low did the planes descend that the roar of the engines sometimes almost drowned the volume of cheering.

At the head of the procession rode the Australian Light Horse, escorting Lt.-Gen. Sir John Monash and his staff. Next came batteries of guns, manned by Australian Field Artillery, these being followed by five divisions of infantry.

The crowd was densest at Australia House in the Strand. Here H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, Colonel of the Guards, took the salute. With him were Prince Albert, Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, Mr. Winston Churchill, Secretary of State for War, the Rt. Hon. S. Hughes, Australian Premier of the Commonwealth, and other Commonwealth Ministers and representatives in London.

At the Mansion House the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Horace B. Marshall, surrounded by many civil dignitaries, took the salute and joined in the ringing cheers which were repeatedly raised.

During the afternoon special performances were given at the theatres, and in the evening the High Commissioner for the Commonwealth held a reception at Australia House.

FLYING THE ATLANTIC.

The Air Ministry reports that weather conditions are decidedly unfavourable for trans-Atlantic flight in either direction.

Major Wood's aeroplane, the Shamrock, which came to grief on its flight from Eastchurch to Ireland, has been returned to Messrs Short's works for reconstruction.

BOYS' BRIGADE DISTINCTIONS.

Among the distinctions won by old members of the Boys' brigade are eleven V.C.'s, thirty D.S.O.'s, 105 M.C.'s, ninety-five D.C.M.'s, and 150 M.M.'s.

The Boys' Brigade has trained over half a million boys. Hundreds of thousands of old boys and old officers have taken an honourable part in the world war, and their early lessons in military drill, obedience and discipline in the brigade have proved of immense value to them. Many of the companies — in London almost all — are now recognised as cadets by the War Office.

MILLIONAIRE'S WILL.

Lord Hillingdon, who died on the 6th April, left a fortune of one million. As far as can be ascertained at present, he bequeaths to his wife a legacy of 2,000 pounds and an annual income of 5,000 pounds, to be increased to 10,000 pounds on the death of his mother. His second son succeeds to the residue of the estate, his elder brother having been killed in the war in 1915.

SIR JULIAN BYNG HONOURED.

The freedom of the Girdlers' Company was conferred yesterday evening on Sir Julian Byng. The investiture was held at the Girdlers Hall, where the General was subsequently entertained to dinner.

In responding to the toast of the "British Forces" he said that the army and the people had become as one during the war. He hoped that never again would the pre-war feeling exist that they were separate parts of our national life.

MOUNT AND MAKE READY.

The Duke of Atholl has written to the Press stating that he has been asked to revive the Scottish Horse as an integral part of the new Territorial Force.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

A much more cheerful tone obtained in the House, due to the prospects of an agreement being arrived at over the Fiume dispute. Gilt edged securities were firm, tax compounded four per cent War Loan stock being in strong demand. Italian Rentes had a much better tone and were finally quoted two points higher. French Rentes remained weak, in consequence of a rise in the rate to 28.48 per pound sterling. The Russian group met with renewed speculative demand and advanced still further. There was a decided recovery in all groups, yesterday's lower range of quotations attracting fresh buyers. Argentine rallied on receipt of the report that the dock transport labourers had resumed work.

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MILITARY TRAINING IN SCHOOLS.

War brings inevitable reaction, and reaction assumes many diverse forms. The study of these is a study in psychology. To-day we deal not with a philosophy but with a small symptom of reaction.

During this week the National Union of Teachers has held a conference at Cheltenham, and various important resolutions have been passed. One of these, we understand, has been directed against military training of pupils in our English schools. We doubt the wisdom of this resolution and the policy which has promoted it. There have been schoolmasters who even before 1914 strongly and conscientiously objected to any training of their scholars which was in its character military, but we feel certain that this class has grown in numbers since war emerged from a vague fear to a stern reality. It is the horror of war and all its works that has strengthened the case of the schoolmasters. Now warfare is one of the world's greatest tragedies. There must be few sane men who can now listen to essayist or orator who declaims on its refining influence. War is the inveterate enemy of moral and spiritual ideals. Yet do not let us in our antipathy to war forget that its gory fingers have spelt out lessons for mankind. What are these? It is too early to attempt a complete answer, but it seems to us that war has taught us a new gospel of fitness, a civic ideal of discipline, and a national warning against unpreparedness. A man may nurse his wrath against army life, but no man can deny that army training, however irksome it may have been, has given to us a new view of physical health. Service under arms has so strengthened and hardened men that they have often defied untold rigours of campaigning. The training of camp and battlefield has shown the wonderful possibilities of the human body. Almost all who have served their King and country have attained new physical health. There is a gospel in fitness. Who forgets Lord Roberts' reply to a friend who doubted the veteran's ability to stand the strain of the South African war: — "I have been keeping myself fit." Fitness may be gained at most times of life; but it is most fully gained in youth, and it is most naturally begun in schooldays. It may be argued that physical instructions need not be military in character.

Our reply is that unmilitary instruction often fails to reach a proper standard of efficiency and cannot ensure uniformity in all schools. Our best guarantee of a worthy training is the aegis of army authority.

There is the further lesson of discipline. One of the speakers at the teacher's conference is reported to have said that "the young people at this time were out of hand and in a difficult frame of mind." We gather from various reports that there is little exaggeration in this statement, and it means that there is amongst young people a lack of discipline. Now discipline is undoubtedly the offspring of military training, and it can well be won without bringing one step nearer to us the bogey of militarism. There is little fear that militarism will ever gain converts in England — she has suffered too sorely in her battle against this dragon of Teutonism. It may be possible to find discipline in more indirect ways than these of military training. Some have found it in the playing fields, some in the pursuit of learning, some in the marketplace. But all cannot find it in such ways. It is reasonable, therefore, that in every school there should be the apparatus and inspiration of a virtue that dignifies and strengthens a people.

The last lesson is national, it is that of preparedness. We have faith in a League of Nations that will spring out of the dying embers of a world conflagration, a League that will vanquish war. But it is well to remember that the temple of Peace is not yet in our midst. It is a beauteous edifice that can not be erected in a day. We do no injustice if we give to our youth training that will make for health and good citizenship, and at the same time make easier a further duty which, pray God, will never more be needed — the defence of our Motherland.

EDGAR ALLAN POE.

In *The Cologne Post* of yesterday the leading article dealt with the Soldier and his Books, and although no definite generalization was reached it was suggested that many men are interested in literary classics. We have felt for a considerable time that more faith and enterprise might have been shown by the leaders responsible for our recreation. Why should it be taken for granted that soldiers find their greatest and almost invariable happiness in viewing cinema displays and listening to concert parties? These forms of amusement are necessary and must always bulk more largely in our vision than the more serious kinds of entertainment, but we feel sure that if the same advertisement and facilities were given to good lectures on literature, science, and social problems our soldiers would soon display a surprising appreciation of a worthy venture. May we take an illustration which we believe proves our content on? Mr. E.W. Hornung who is known to many of us as the author of *Raffles* began last night in the Loreley Hall of the Y.M.C.A. a series of "arm-chair talks" on Short Stories and their Writers. For an hour he discoursed on Edgar Allan Poe to an intensely interested audience which entirely filled the lower part of this capacious building. We grant that the Y.M.C.A., and even the British Army of the Rhine, are fortunate in having amongst them an author so well-known in the literary world as Mr. Hornung, and that in him they have an excellent agent in capturing the world of arms for the world of letters. It is good that the attempt has been made and has succeeded so admirably. Many who have not felt the grim glamour of weird and woeful story-telling will now be drawn to that gloomy and pathetic artist in prose and poetry; and many who have already known him and his vagaries will be lured back to the domination of a master. No one loves Edgar Allan Poe, but no one can escape his thrall. Yet did he not write.—

"It was many and many a year ago,
In a kingdom by the sea,
That a maiden there lived whom you may know
By the name of Annabel Lee.
And this maiden she lived with no other thought
Than to love and be loved by me."

THE ABUNDANT LIFE.

ITS PURPOSE AND HARMONY.

BY A CORRESPONDENT.

It was Dr. Martineau who said "The mere lapse of time is not life; to eat and drink and sleep, to be exposed to the darkness and the light, to pace round in the mill of habit and turn the wheel of wealth; to make reason our bookkeeper and turn though into an instrument of trade—this is not life." In all this, but a poor fraction of the consciousness of humanity is awakened, and the sanctities still slumber which make it most worth while to be. Knowledge, truth, love, beauty, goodness and faith alone give vitality to the mechanism of existence. To the average man, life is merely a struggle for existence without purpose, leading to he knows not whither. With blurred vision he does not see the harmony of life so much as its discord and its strife. In spite of the fact that

> Every generation enjoys the use of a vast hoard bequeathed to it by antiquity, and transmits that hoard augmented by fresh acquisition to future ages

the modern man is hardly more advanced than the materialistic scientists of the early Victorian era, whose watchword was "The survival of the fittest" and whose aim was the conquest of Nature rather than the attuning of oneself to Nature and living in harmony with her laws. The weak despairing motto of the old epicurean "Let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die" is adopted by the unthinking millions still, as the line of least resistance, and, we may add, the line of least assistance, too. In every man's heart there is a longing for a fuller life, a more abundant life. Some seek it in one way and some in another, and the majority miss it because they seek it not through Him who said "I came that ye might have life, that ye might have it more abundantly." Rabindranath Tagore in Sadhana expresses some beautiful thoughts on this point. In what manner do we accept this world which is a perfect gift of joy? Have we been able to receive it in our hearts where we keep enshrined things that are of deathless value to us? We are frantically busy making use of the forces of the Universe to gain more power; we feed and we clothe ourselves from its stores; we scramble for its riches and it becomes to us a field of fierce competition. But were we born for this—to extend our proprietary rights over the world and make it a marketable commodity? When our whole mind is bent only on making use of this world, it loses for us its true value. We make it cheap by our sordid desires, and thus to the end of our days we only desire to feed upon it, and we miss its truth and the happiness to which it ministers."

What a problem and a mystery life is. To moralists and philosophers, ancient and modern, we appeal in vain for a solution. They take us so far into the Labyrinth and no further; until Jesus Christ, the Illuminator of the World comes to our rescue to unravel for us the mystery. He it is Who meets man on his search for happiness, and offers Himself for acceptance as "the Way, the Truth, the Life" and following in His footsteps man has the assurance of reaching and attaining to the abundant life. The purpose of life is to harmonise our physical, emotional and mental vehicles; for in this harmony alone there is peace — the peace that passes understanding.

The laugh of mirth that vibrates through the heart, the tears that freshen the dry wastes within, the music that brings childhood back, the prayer that calls the future near, the doubt that makes us meditate, the death that startles us with mystery, the hardship which forces us to struggle, the anxieties that end in trust are the true nourishment of our natural being.

Life is but a means unto an end — that end, beginning, mean, and end to all things—God.

PHILATELIC NOTES.

Owing to the shortage of small silver in Russia the 10, 15 and 20 kopecks stamps, and later the 1, 2 and 3 kopecks, bearing the portraits of various members of the Romanoff family, have been printed on cardboard and used as currency. The Bolshevik issue is so far limited to two values, 35 and 70 kopecks, and the design shows a hand grasping a sword cutting through a heavy chain. The price in England for this pair (unused) is 8/6.

An interesting, though very obviously forged, surcharged stamp has reached me. It is the 200 reis stamp of the 1895 issue of Portugal, overprinted "Acores." No such stamp was issued for the Azores, and the specimen in my possession shows part of a postmark (Lisbo) and the overprint has been machine-made after the stamp was postally used. This was included in a German collection.

Some patient work was necessary to touch up some of the specimens of old European issues; which have been made in many cases from two copies.

When one copy of a stamp was damaged on the right and another on the left, both have been joined together in such a way as to make a single complete stamp and only by microscopic examination or soaking in water, could the fake be detected. Also missing corners and centres have been similarly replaced, the paper being levelled by scraping. The German always had a reputation for working a long time for a small reward.

High prices are being asked and obtained for the set of 11 stamps, issued under the authority of Major-General Funshawe, C.B., for use during the British occupation of Mesopotamia. They are the stamps of the pictorial issue of Turkey, overprinted "Iraq, in British Occupation," and values 1 anna to 10 rupees. £6 = 10 s. is the price asked by London dealers for an unused set, as the Government prohibited the export of these stamps from Mesopotamia. An issue for Bagndad in 1918 was sold at £14 per set and now £50 is asked for the same set.

HONOURS DEFERRED.

(The issue of the New Year's Honours List is still deferred.)

Me that have worked from ten to five
(With just an occasional motor-drive)!
Me that throughout the whole dam' war
Have never had tea till half-past four!
Me, the Deputy-Dud-Director
Of the Mud Control's S.E. Sub-Sector!
Me that was sure I had wangled it!
Have I been bit? Have I been bit?

Me that was tipped the authenic tip
Straight from the Honours Controllership?
Me that the Home Office wrote to, to see
If I wouldn't accept an O.B.E.!
Me that have long been just on the border
Of one or other most noble Order!
Me that believe it's been done for spite!
Am I all right? Am I all right?

Sir William—you with the Great One's ear—
Have pity on us that hope and fear!
Us that have angled, butted, and dangled,
Waited and worried, and—worked and wangled!
Make us quickly certain beyond all doubt
That we are not left out—not left out!

WILFRID BLAIR.

THE WRITING ON THE WALL.

It would appear from a statement by Mr. Barnes that Labour has achieved the first definite result at the Peace Conference.

So far, of course, the decisions arrived at have not actually had to stand the test of practice, but Mr. Barnes and his colleagues show sound judgment in placing reliance on full enquiry and frank publicity, before the last resource — appeal to the League of Nations — is called to enforce a decision.

There could be no greater proof of the value of "open diplomacy" than the result of the recent balloting on the Sankey Report.

The safety valve of publicity has turned a great national danger into a great national advantage. Grievance, class hatred, and all the ill-feeling of industrial war have been dispelled by its means, and brought untold benefits to both employers and employed.

It is not suggested that all that is necessary has been done.

Improvement must of necessity be gradual, but the new methods introduced in dealing with industrial disputes has brought about a new era in which "dispute" will be superseded by "policy."

And in that word, "policy," lies the whole future of industry.

Labour can earmark the day as the greatest in its history, when agreement was reached between employer and employed that the questions of wages, profits and dividends were recognised as being of equal importance in framing the policy pursued by individual and collective industries.

Mr. Barnes, in speaking of the competition of low-waged countries, adopted the point of view that cheap labour rather tended to increase than decrease proportionate cost of production, firstly because it did not induce employers to use scientific methods and the best machinery, and secondly, because very low wages would cause dissatisfied workers who would not produce results even commensurate with the lowest wage.

As an example of high-wage results Mr. Barnes quoted the case of the American miners, who, before the war, produced almost double the amount of the British miner, chiefly owing to the use of up-to-date machinery. The American miners' earnings were then about five dollars a day.

In the same way our shipbuilders — the most highly paid operatives in Britain — were able to retain for our country nearly two-thirds of the world's output — again the result of efficient machinery in the hands of efficient workmen.

As an illustration of the non-success of low wages, Mr. Barnes refers to the Chinese, but it is rather difficult to draw effective conclusions from a comparison between the modern machine-driven West and the lazy-going undeveloped East.

The last point has rather an important bearing on the question recently discussed in these columns on the possible employment of coloured labour by Germany, in the event of her being allowed to retain her colonies.

It would be interesting to know what the labour Charter provides against this contingency and in what way Mr. Barnes and his colleagues propose to combat such a menace to labour, should it ever arise.

It is obvious that even the lackadaisical East, marshalled and controlled by a great Western power, using the most modern scientific methods and up-to-date machinery, would be able to successfully compete against the high-waged labour of the world, and undermine the foundations of the "Scheme of Organisation" just born to the labour world.

We consider that these points are of immense importance now that Labour is coming into its own, and has at last taken a definite step to legislate for itself. Let there be no misunderstanding. We do not suggest that Labour is forgetful of the interests of others.

Twin-born with this new-found power and authority is the sense of responsibility. Mr. Barnes utters a timely warning to the new power. Labour must not regard its Charter as a "mere vehicle to voice vague aspirations, but as a means whereby to win practical results."

Its advent to power will sound the death knell of the agitator, the exploiter, and most dangerous enemy of all that is best in the labour world.

Labour has laid the foundations of a Parliament of the World. Its ideals are to replace "Weltmacht" by World Government. Responsible Labour, without striving to attain the views of a few extremists, is pledged to safeguard the "right" of equal opportunity, and to bring about a minimum status of living conditions which will not bring a blush of shame to any civilised nation.

A. O.

QUESTION TIME.

OR UNCLE ARTHUR'S LETTER BOX.

PART IV.

All questions by correspondents answered with promptitude, special attention being paid to those concerning demobilisation.

HENPECK. — Q. What is the best way to stop the baby waking me up by crying during the night?

A. Get a tumbler full of whisky and a bath full of warm water. Soak the baby carefully in the one; soak yourself carefully in the other; then go to bed. This method is infallible.

CHAUFFEUR. — Q. I was riding in my car this morning when a cylinder dropped off. What should I do?

A. Send it back to the Ford people.

C. Q. M. S. — Q. Can you please tell me who really put the water in the rum?

A. Refer to 'G.'

FIELD CASHIER. — Q. The mark at present equals 5 francs. What is the rate of exchange in other countries?

A. Well roughly speaking, five marks equal one florin or two lire and thirty four centesimi; or one krona and seventy six oere; or one guilder and eighteen cents, which equal one rupee. And a rupee — well that's about half a milrei; or four hundred and ninety six and a half reis; or two drachma and fifty lepta; and each lepta is about half an aspre, one hundredth of a piastre. And if you've got two piastres and a krieda, which equals three-eighths of a mudgeishe or nearly half a yen, and add to it three kopeks, half a staler and fifteen murlins, well you've damn nearly got a bakh and a quarter.

PRIVATE. — Q. In the Hohe Strasse to-day a general passed on my left hand side while I was carrying a parcel under my right arm. What ought I to do?

A. Look in the shop windows.

STATIST. — Q. What is the longest and rarest word in the British language?

A. Demobilisation.

DOUBTFUL. — Q. What is the difference between a weasel and a stoat?

A. You can weasily tell; they're so stoatally different!!

SUSSEX. — Q. What is the meaning of the initials "C. B."?

A. Let me know whether you are a private or an officer and then I will be able to tell you correctly.

Ubique.

OPERA HOUSE AND THEATRE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Sunday	6	Zigeunerbaron	Strauss
Monday	6½	Rheingold	Wagner
Tuesday	4	Die Walküre	Wagner

MERRIMENT AT NEUNKIRCHEN.

A 51st SUSSEX ENTERTAINMENT.

A very amusing and successful concert was given by "W" Company of the 51st Royal Sussex Regt. in the Y.M.C.A. at Neunkirchen on Tuesday evening. The Battalion Orchestra under the direction of R.S.M. Blake rendered some excellent selections before the rise of the curtain.

The first item by the Padre, Capt. Stride, entitled "Potted Putter" put everybody in a good humour, and he responded to an encore with a character study of a little girl reciting, who was not quite sure of words. Lieut. O'Brien followed with "Somme Epitaphs" which brought down the house. Cpl. Walker next gave "The Broken Melody" as cello solo and this fine musical item was much appreciated. Capt. and Adjutant Story, an old favourite in "Songs at the piano" met with his usual fine reception from the audience and the first half of the programme concluded with a sketch entitled "Charlie Chaplin as a Barber."

Cpl. Hankin admirably portrayed the famous film comedian and his funny mannerisms with his poor victim in the chair left the audience convulsed with laughter. During the interval some popular selections were rendered by the Orchestra, the audience joining in the choruses with great gusto. Lieut. O'Brien then obliged again with a parody of "Alice where art thou" (with variations) and caused much merriment.

Pte Pollard followed with a violin solo from "Cavaleria Rusticana" which was well received, and an Indian club swinging display by Drummer Dunn brought us to the concluding item of the programme, another Chaplin sketch called "Boxing." Charlie's "style" and "ringcraft" were unique and caused a great deal of laughter. Having ultimately knocked out his opponent and the referee, Charlie evidently thought something else was needed, so, tilting his chin to the required angle he carefully "upper cutted" himself and went down for the count. The final tableau showed Charlie standing in victorious attitude on his opponent. Altogether the evening was an unqualified success and reflects great credit on the organiser, Lieut. Cottrell. The accompanist was Sergt. Waller.

"THE FRAGMENTS".
REVIVAL OF WELL KNOWN CONCERT PARTY.

SOUTHERN DIVISIONAL CONCERT PARTY.

The Southern Division concert party are taking over the late 29th. Divisional R.A.M.C. concert party as a nucleus for the new troupe which is being formed, and which is to be known as "The Fragments". Many will remember this party of high class artistes who, a short time back, had a record run at the Apollo Theatre, Cologne, and who have, since the armistice, been playing to crowded houses wherever they have visited.

The Southern Division are fortunate in having such a fine party for the basis of a Divisional show, and with the additional talent, vocal and instumental, which the Division can produce, it should very soon rank amongst the best concert parties in the Army. A favourable circumstance is also noted in the fact that Capt. W. J. Rice, 88th. Field Ambulance, who raised and successfully ran the R.A.M.C. "Fragments" for so long a period, is to take charge of the Divisional party and if past successes are any augury of the future, we shall expect to hear much praise of "The Fragments" in the coming days of occupation.

NEXT WEEK'S COLOGNE ENTERTAINMENTS.

At the Deutsches Theatre, commencing to-morrow, the Hassan Comedy Company and the "Tabs" orchestra of 20 instrumentalists should attract crowded houses. The former will provide music and song with their accustomed skill, while an illusion act by the chief of the party himself will no doubt prove to be thoroughly mystifying.

At the Apollo, a variety entertainment to which many of the best artistes in the Army of occupation will contribute, will be the attraction

1st MACHINE GUNNERS v. 51st WELSH.

Played at Flerzheim on Monday. A large crowd of Welsh supporters came with their team and were rewarded with a fine exhibition of football. Half time arrived and neither team had been able to pierce the other's defence. On resuming, the Welsh fell off under pressure from the home forward's, Molloy opening the scoring for the M.G.C., from a rebound off the cross bar, by a capital drive from the foot of Capt. Watkins. Soon after, Lieut. Chandler added another, and Sgt. Tasher landed the third for the M.G. from a corner. Sgt. Roberts played a good game for the Welsh, but needed support to finish his efforts. Result: — 1st Bn. M.G.C., 3; 51st Welsh, nil.

2nd HIGHLAND T. M. BATTERY v. 527 COY R.A.S.C.

Played at Birgel on Wednesday and resulted in a draw of 4 goals each. After a spell of exciting play, Lt. Ewing opened the scoring for the "Trench Mortars" after 15 minutes, from a good pass from Cooney. The interval arrived without any further scoring. In the second half, the "Trench Mortars" came away in great style, Doyle scoring a couple of goals within ten minutes. The last 15 minutes proved to be very exciting, the R.A.S.C. scoring 4 goals and the "T.M's," with another, making the score level.

43rd ROYAL FUSILIERS v. 59th PONTOON PTS.

The first of a series of matches was played at Volksgarten between the above teams on Wednesday.

Hard and fast play was contested during the first half, neither side finding the net.

The second half opened with a break through for the R.F's due to the footwork of Pte. Rave. He passed to Pte. Hardel who, without hesitation, scored.

Play then became rough, but the steady defence of the R.F's kept all the play in front of the Pontoons' goal. With a fine concerted effort the R.F's added a second goal through Pte. Handel. Result:—R.F's 2; Pontoons Pts. 0.

"THE COLOGNE POST" CRICKET CUP: ENTER NOW.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL IN GERMANY.

IS THE IDEA FEASIBLE?

A sporting writer in the *Edinburgh Evening News* is kicking up a rumpus on the subject of the practicability of bringing a couple of international teams to Germany, here to fight their battle for the edification of the members of the Army of "Oc."

Our readers may remember, that a little while ago we reprinted a paragraph from that journal embracing the suggestion indicated. Forthwith, in order to get expert views on the matter, we dispatched one of our representatives to question those people whose function it is to look after the amusements and recreations of the Rhineland Army.

He did so, with the result that in no single instance did he find an opinion that considered the scheme practicable.

The objections raised against such a project were, among others, that there was no suitable round accommodation whereat anything like a really large crowd could view the match, and that a vast amount of gate money would be lost.

At the same time, a prominent sportsman in Cologne expressed the view that there appeared to be a tendency to overdo the sending out of various forms of amusement for the troops here.

As a counter = suggestion, the 2nd Army Sports Officer opined that we should have *our own* international, the teams in which should be be composed of footballers already on the spot.

Here is our contemporary's latest effusion: —

"Imports Barred.

Some time ago in these columns we made a plea for consideration in a sports connection for the boys of the Army of the Rhine, and went so far as to hazard the suggestion that even two international football elevens be sent over to play a series of games. For our pains, the "*Cologne Post*," the sprightly daily newspaper published by the Army for the Army in Germany is after our scalp. Leading sports officers interviewed have tabled their views that imported sport is not required, and that the khaki-clad watchmen on the Rhine can supply their own international rivalists. We regret that the views of the average "Tommy" have not been given. Imagine the boys of the R.I.I. and Royal Scots Fusiliers saying they were not particular whether they saw the Celtic and Rangers decide the Scottish League championship, or the Cameronians and Royal Scots turn up their noses if the Cup final between Hearts and St. Mirren were fixed for Cologne! The sports writer of the "*Cologne Post*" remarks that the only importation that interests the troops is the lady entertainer. It is not open to question, in our humble opinion, which the boys would prefer—free admission to the musical entertainment or a two mark tariff to a really representative international match. What has hindered the absolute success of inter-battalion and divisional competitions in the Army, has been the fact that the playing personnel, except in isolated instances, have not been of the class known to the Sunday morning sports column. Give the boys the well-renowned goods in the football line, and as an attraction they will whack all the lady entertainers in England, even in "Jazz" costume."

The football season is having its last flutter and, even supposing the fulfilment of our critic's idea were possible, we should be right in the thick of the summer heat before the arrangements for getting the teams over here could be completed.

However, we agree that it would be interesting to have the views of "the average 'Tommy'" on the subject and we shall be glad to have the remarks of anyone who cares to write us.

THE HANDLING CODE.

52nd v. 53rd Battalions, The Rifle Brigade.

The above teams met at Bedburg on the 23rd inst. The 52nd Battalion proved themselves superior at all points of the game and won by their Battalion No. of points to nothing, viz 52—0. The forwards of the 53rd did not pack at all well at the start; consequently the 53rd got the ball, but their backs could do little with it. After the first ten minutes the 52nd forwards settled down and invariably got posession and gave their backs a chance to show what they were made of.

The first try was scored by Capt. Harrison who got possession after a good bout of passing, and romped round his opponents to score in the corner. The remainder of the score came at regular intervals until no side sounded with the score, 52nd 5 goals 9 tries, 52 points; 53rd, nil. For the winners, the forwards, after they settled down, played a hard game and gave the back plenty of chances which, as the score shows, they accepted. Some good bouts of passing were indulged in, one bout in particular deserving special mention.

After all the three-quarters had handled Capt. Harrison and Lieut. Walker put the reserve pass on. The movement, which was the best of the day, resulted in an easy score. The handling of the winners' backs was good; very few passes being "muffed." The losers were evidently suffering from lack of practice and will no doubt be anxious to clean the slate.

Capt. Harrison, Capt. Shaw, Lt. Walker, Maj. Stafford, Cpl. Jones and Cpl. Heaby all played well for the winners. Capt. Hawkins at back had little to do; the forwards all worked hard. The game was followed throughout by a large number of supporters of both teams, and keenly enjoyed.

EASTERN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COY. R. E. v. 505 A. T. COY. R. E.

Played at Siegburg on Wednesday. As was expected, judging from the respective records of the two teams, a good game resulted.

Assisted by the wind the Signallers attacked continuously during the first half, but could not score. Banks just missed by inches with a good cross shot and the goalie tipped a particularly hot one from Towell over the bar. On changing over the Signallers went away in great style, Banks causing trouble in the first minute. Play continued to be fast, but the Signallers' shooting was poor. A melee in the Linnets' goalmouth caused great excitement, but the whistle went with no score. The "Sigs" were unlucky not to win. Banks at outside left played a great game for them.

185 "S" BATTERY v. "R" ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY.

This match was played a Cuchenheim and resulted in a win for the home side by the narrow margin of 1—0. The play was very even, the "Archies" being perhaps the better side. B.Q.M.S. Davies scored the only goal. Sgt. Mc Guckin played a sterling game in goal for the winners.

OUR CRICKET CUP.

WONDERFUL RECEPTION OF "THE COLOGNE POST" SCHEME.

ENTER YOUR TEAM NOW.

Indications go to show that our proposal to award a handsome silver cup to the most successful cricket team in the Army of the Rhine (as well as a miniature cup to each player in that team) is being received with general popularity.

Although the first intimation of the scheme was only made known in our issue of yesterday already a large number of enquiries have been received for particulars of the governing principles.

In this project, we are lacking the knowledge of past experience to guide us in its organisation, for the very good and sufficient reason that the competition has not a parallel in history. Consequently, to formulate complete rules and conditions until there is forthcoming some indication of the extent of the area that the competition will cover, as well as the number of teams that will enter, would be a proceeding frought with unlimited uncertainties and a prospect of much subsequent amendment and alteration.

A Broad Outline.

Broadly, however, what we propose to do is this: In order to supply a little encouragement to the many cricketers who are included in the Rhine Army, and to give that incentive to the competitive spirit that always adds to the keenness with which our sports are tackled, we offer a magnificent silver cup (and a dozen miniature cups) to the cricket team that puts up the best performance this season. To ensure that interest shall be sustained, we have decided that the cup shall be competed for under league rules, in preference to the "Knock-out" system. It will be obvious to all our readers that such a project presents many difficulties so early in its career, but these are not by any means insurmountable and in a very short space of time we hope the competition will be running along smoothly.

Judging by the enormously gratifying success with which our proposal has been received on all hands, it appears fairly certain that several leagues will have to be formed for definite areas, firstly on account of the numerous matches that would otherwise be neccessary to arrive at a decision, and secondly by reason of the long journeys that would be involved by competing teams, were we to have but a single league.

Eligible Teams.

The competition will be open to all comers and players will not necessarily be restricted to playing for the team of their own particular units.

For instance, the clerical staff of a certain office may desire to enter a team for the cup, although the composition of that staff is representative of several regiments. Such a team will be eligible and will automatically be included in the league that functions in the area wherein the office is situated.

One rule that is necessary, of course, is the prohibition of any cricketer to play for more than one team in the competition, and any infringement will be punishable by the deduction of a specified number of points.

On the other hand, it would be absurd to lay down that all points must be played for, as is the case with some football leagues. If a team fails to play an appointed match, and there is no sound reason for the failure, there will be a rule governing the number of points to be forfeited for the breach of fixture.

Entries for the "*Cologne Post*" Cricket Cup competition should be sent in at once to:

The Sports Editor,
"The Cologne Post"
Cologne.

51st. DEVON v. SOUTHERN BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.

In the presence of a goodly number of spectators, the 2nd. Southern Bde. Headquarters drew with the 51st. Devon on the latter's ground at Burscheid on Friday. Bde. Headquarters deserved to win, for they were the more scientific side, but failed at times to accept the chances that presented themselves. Although neither side was at full strength, there was much interesting football, the play throughout being keen and fast. After quarter of an hour's play, Harper for the 51st. scored from a very difficult angle and shortly afterwards Fitzgerald for the Bde. broke away and put the visitors level. During the second half the Headquarters team again resumed the aggressive and kept the ball well in home team's half. The goal, however, was never really in danger, the forwards finishing weakly.

3rd MACHINE GUNNERS.

From all accounts many wished they could actually "wind up the watch on the Rhine" on Friday, when 200 brave gunners (pardon *Machine*-gunners), went to see if they were sailors. "There were five wise and five foolish." Those that were wise certainly took tea and sugar in their rations. Was that why a certain quartermaster-sergeant dropped out at the last minute or was it the rabbit pie? Before the mariners marched off, all the transport men amongst them were noticeable for their bandoliers which carried the thoughts to life Belts.

A trial game of hockey was played on Friday with casual sides. Quite a number of hermits were coaxed out.

Yesterday the Battalion played in the first round of the Brigade Cup, and a full account will appear later. At the same time a second Battalion side was meeting the Transport and wonderful things were seen.

The coming week is full of interest. Almost all the sports have their appearance. The outstanding event will be the boxing tournament on Friday. Tuesday's issue will contain several items of exceptional interest, including competition tables.

1/4th CHESHIRE DETACHMENTS OPPOSED

In a match at Hersel, between the Roisdorf and Hersel detachments of the 1/4th Cheshires, the former team won 4—2.

Pte. Keeling, the Roisdorf goal-keeper distinguished himself throughout the game by his coolness and resourcefulness. Hersel lost many chances by erratic shooting.

The battalion band ("Snake-Charmers") played a selection during the interval. In the return match between these two teams, the score was reversed.

Several attempts have been made during the past twenty years to popularise Sunday yacht racing, and a new organisation, to be known as the Sunday Yacht Racing Association, has been formed to control the sport.

ENGLISH SPORTING NEWS

NEWMARKET RACES.

At Newmarket on Friday, the weather was fine but dull and the going was on the soft side. The principal event on the card was the Craven Stakes, of which the result was: 1, Buchan, 5—2; 2, Bruff Bridge, 6—1; 3, Dominian, 100—7. Eight ran. Won by a length, three quarters of a length between second and third.

The returns in the Flying Handicap were: 1, Freesia, 3—1; 2, Sundari, 9—4; Tregan, 7—1. Eight ran. Won by a neck; one and a half lengths between second and third.

Other winners were: Orpheus (2—1); Little Boy (10—1); Rothesay Bay (4—6); Rescue (100—8).

CATTERICK BRIDGE MEETING.

Victory Handicap: 1, Bold Lover, 5—2; 2, Queen of the Bullet, 5—2; 3, Beerwick 9—2. Six ran.

Other winners at this meeting were: Dynamo (1—2); Mistake (5—1); Look Out (6—1); Schamyl (6—4); Sitter (4—6).

LATEST BETTING.

Newmarket course betting on the City and Suburban: Danseman, 500 to 100; Seatwell, 1000 to 80; Arion, 2000 to 120. Derby Betting: Manfarde, 2,000 to 400; Mackinley, 1600 to 100; Lord Basil, 2000 to 100; Buchan, 2000 to 100 (before winning the Craven Stakes.

RACQUETS.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL.

The final for the Public Schools Racquets Championships, on Friday, resulted in Malbrough, represented by G.S. Butler and G.W.F. Hazlehurst defeating Malvern (C.G. Robson and N.E. Partridge) 14-17, 15-8, 15-7, 15-5 and 17-14.

In the earlier stages of the Championship, which was played at Queen's Club, the standard of play was not quite up to that of pre-war days, but the later contests produced exciting and keen games that evoked enormous enthusiasm.

SPORTING SNIPPETS.

It is highly probable that David McLean, McSkimming, and Blair will assist Sheffield Wednesday next season.

Articles have been signed by the well-known sprinters Jack Donaldson and C. J. Mears, both of Australia, to decide a match over 100yds level for £100, open for £200 a side, on Saturday, May 24.

The Southampton Public Grounds' Cricket Association have decided to ask the Public Lands Committee of the Corporation to receive a deputation on the subject of Sunday cricket in the parks. The season opens on to-day, when Phil Mead's XI. will play a League XI.

J. Sparkes, the steeple-chase jockey, demobilised from the British Army of the East, has returned to Maisons-Laffitte. He will ride for the Fumagalli stable.

Owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Lambert we regret to learn that the return match between A. Lambert, late of Lord's and now with Lord Leconfield at Petworth, and R. Dickinson, of Prince's Club, which was to have taken place at Petworth yesterday has had to be postponed.

A representative of *The Sportsman* saw Inman on the subject of the wholesale challenges to himself issued by Stevenson. The details of the latter's offers already have received public prominence, and Inman has the matter under his consideration. The champion, however, does not intend making any definite move until he has consulted his backers at the end of this week. Stevenson has expressed his readiness to accept a start in 18,000 up—for big money—on a sliding scale, commencing at 3000 and decreasing gradually.

Preston North End have signed on S. Davies, an inside left, of Rochdale, who has an excellent military record. He went through severe fighting with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and gained the Croix de Guerre and Mons Star. He is a native of Chirk, and gained his early experience in the Birmingham League.

At the Jockey Club meeting at Newmarket Lord Jersey, on retiring as one of the Stewards, nominated Lord Lonsdale as his successor which had the approval of the members present.

The world's fly-weight champion Jimmy Wilde has pledged his word to appear at Hoxton Baths on Monday in an exhibition bout on the occasion of the benefit matinee to the Hoxton seconds and whip.

Brentford are touring South Wales next week. Cardiff City, Swansea Town, and Llanelly being met on the first three days of the week.

The Pavilion, Mountain Ash, is to be re-opened for fortnightly shows. The first of these will be held on May 3, when Jim Jenkins (Aberawinpool) and Frank Evans (Mountain Ash) box 15 rounds for £25 aside.

A big steeple-chase for officers of the Allied Armies will take place at Bois fort (Brussels) in June. The stake money will be at least 10,000 francs.

Harrow School Tuck shop in High-st has changed hands for £1260.

The County Wexford Polo Club will resume play this season, commencing on May 15.

The special contest at the Ring next Thursday afternoon will be between Johnny Sheppard (Bow) and Joe Starmer (Kettering). Three ten rounds will also be staged, one of the bouts bringing together Phil Horwood (Watford) and Bill Ganley (Blackfriars).

The scottish Amateur Boxing Gymnastic and Wrestling Association has taken up earnestly the cause of the widow of Johnny Mathieson, the "Fighting Scot," and are holding a series of contests on behalf of his family, which takes place at Hengler's Circus, Glasgow, on May 3.

A money match between Alf Mansfield (Aldgate) and Young Baker (Liverpool) has been fixed up by the Ring for Monday next. The men meet in a return bout over twenty rounds for £50 aside. Bombr Woodman (Wandsworth) and Bill Johnson (Bow) are to box fifteen rounds, while over ten rounds Dan Ryan (Clerkenwell) will be opposed to Clark (Vauxhall).

A link with old-time Yorkshire cricket is severed by the death, at the age of 80, of Mr Seth Waring, of Keighley. He played for the county in 1870, against Surrey, at Sheffield, and against Notts, at Trent Bridge. For 30 years he played for the Keighley Club, and had been a member of the Yorkshire County C.C. committee.

SOCCER AT DUREN.

Highland Div. Sig. Gy, 3, 2.3rd Field Amb. 0. Spr. Godfrey, L/Cpl. Rutherford and Dr. Kirkham scored.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Sunday, April 27th, 1919.

Surface Wind Westerly 25 to 30 mph; squally. Mainly overcast skies with occasional rain. Visibility ordinary, Little change in temperature.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

(With an Occasional Entertainments Note)

Quoit Tennis.

On this subject "One Who Knows" writes as follows:—

"In the *Cologne Post* of April 10th "Rambler" asks, "Why doesn't somebody introduce quoit-tennis into our sports programme?" Personally, I do not consider this need be legislated for by those responsible for organising sports for the Army of the Rhine.

At all courses of P. & R. T. this form of exercise has been taught and there can be very few units without officers or N.C.O.'s who do not know how to play it.

As "Rambler" remarks, it is a very fine game and one requiring little apparatus. A rope quoit, two rough posts, stuck in the ground, with a rope stretched, about five feet high, from one to the other, are all that is wanted."

"The game is, moreover, suitable for old or young, and can be played almost anywhere. If played out-of-doors, a court is easily marked out by the use of a pointed stick. The dimensions should be as for Badminton, and the scoring, which is much easier to the majority of players, the same as in that game. It can be played "Singles" or "Doubles."

One very important point in this game, as in many others, which is so often lost sight of, is the fact that each time the quoit falls to the ground it has to be picked up. This stooping is, in itself, invaluable, as it not only has a massaging effect on the whole of the intestines but is extremely useful in preventing the "Sam Browne" from being "let out" a hole or two.

To-morrows Sports Meeting.

Given fine weather, the London Divisional race meeting which commences to-morrow, is bound to be a bumper success. Nothing in its organisation has been neglected that is likely to add to the attractiveness of the event. There will be no excuse for anyone who is unable to find the course—to which there will be a special bus service from Cologne—as there are sign boards indicating its direction whichever way one turns. I hear that for one race there are something like thirty probable starters so that "spotting the winner" will be a problem not easily solved. Further particulars may be gleaned from an advertisment on this page.

Another Sports Meeting.

There will be twenty events in an attractive sports programme to be carried out on the P. and R.T. ground on 23rd and 24th May. It seems rather an unwise policy of the promotors, however, not to have one or two of the events open to all comers. By restricting entries exclusively to Headquarters and Army Troops, the meeting will certainly be robbed of a great deal of public interest. But I suppose the promotors know their own business best.

Army Dramatic Company.

The first performance of the newly formed British Rhine Army Dramatic Company will be given at the Deutsches Theatre, Cologne, on Thursday, 8th May, and will be repeated on Friday and Saturday. As already announced, the first work to be tackled will be "Mo Iusc" and included in the caste will be Miss Shirley King, Miss Gabriel Paul, Lieut. J. H. Hope, and Lieut. S. E. Percy. Lieut. Moccata is to direct operations behind the scenes and the production itself will be in the capable hands of Lieut. Percy. Among the future plays that the Company proposes to stage are "Candida" (Bernard Shaw) "The Title" (Arnold Bennott) "Damaged Goods" "The Importance of being Ernest" and "General Post".

When the Company becomes as large as it now promises to be capable, "Abraham Lincoln" will be attempted. For this a caste of 38 men and about a dozen ladies is necessary. It is intended to restrict membership of the Company to officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Rhine Army and to ladies of the Havre Repertory Company.

Challenges.

With reference to the sports challenges that have been notified from time to time in this column, Lieut. Onions, who is looking after things in the sports department of the Amusement Office at Cologne, is endeavouring to arrange a great "Challenge Night" at one of the local places of entertainment. I have handed him the letters concerned, accordingly, "for necessary action." Therefore, if anyone wants to wrestle, box or otherwise "rough handle" anyone else, he should get in touch with Mr. Onions without delay in order to find a place on the bill when this show comes along.

THE RAMBLER.

1/5 SOUTH STAFFORDS v. 2nd. LEICESTERS.

At Kommern, fine weather, and the prospect of a good match attracted many spectators. The balance of play was in the Stafford favour throughout the game. The "Tiger's" defence was weak and with a nippy forward line in opposition it was evident, ere the game was half over, who would be the winners. Nevertheless, play continued fast and interesting and without a dull moment. The "Tiger's" forward line, of which the inside right was the best, showed a good knowledge of their work but they were up against a defence far too strong for them. Players of outstanding merit for the "Knots" were Pte Mitchell (outside left) and C.S.M. Taylor, (centre), the latter scoring 4 goals, Cpl. Wilkinson 2 and Pte Baxter 1.

This makes the "Knots" third win in succession with an average of 15 goals for and 2 against.

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Maj. M. E. Barclay, Norfolk Yeomanry, Join Master of the Puckeridge Hounds, has been elected captain of the Brent Pelham Cricket Club.

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INTERNATIONAL SCHEME.

The Management Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions have selected Mr. Thomas Mallalieu, of Denton, Vice-President, and Mr. W. A. Appleton, General Secretary, to visit Holland this week to investigate the causes for the postponement of the Trade Union Internationale, which was to have been held at Amsterdam on March 8, but was postponed by the Dutch authorities.

Mr. Mallalieu said to a *Morning Post* representative that it was of the greatest importance that they should get together and formulate some international scheme with the object of bringing the workers in every country on to something like a uniform basis so far as hours and wages are concerned, for England could not justifiably continue an agitation for reduced hours and higher wages with the workers of overseas competitors allowed to go on working longer and at less wages than in this country. Our export trade could not go on under a system which permitted that to continue.

What is described as a practical performing edition of Byrd's Short Communion Service has been issued to the public by Messrs. Stainer and Bell for the Y.M.C.A. Music Section at the suggestion of Mr. G. T. Holst, who is in charge of the section's work in Salonika and wishes to use it among the troops there. Mr. Holst has himself prepared the edition, with the aid of Miss J. M. Joseph.

Private James Perkins, of the 16th Lancers, a native of Atherstone, Warwickshire, has been presented by the townspeople with 80 War Savings Certificates in recognition of having won eight war decorations—the D.C.M., Russian Order of St. George, Military Medal, French Croix de Guerre, Italian Ordre Decotue, French Médaille Militaire, Belgian Croix De Guerre, and Serbian Silver Medal.

To Holberton, Devon, belongs the distinction of being the first village in the West to have a war memorial in being. The Swan Inn, purchased by public subscription, has been converted into a memorial institute, with reading and smoking rooms, and facilities for billiards, tennis, and bowling. It was opened with a procession through the village and a church service, followed by sports, and is to be developed later by means of a pageant.

OUR PARCELS FROM HOME.

NEW ARRANGEMENTS.

The Secretary of the War Office announces that from May 1, 1919, the Military Forwarding Offices at Southampton and Avonmouth will be transferred to Richborough. From that date all parcels (above postal weight) and gifts for the British Army on the Rhine and the British troops in France and Flanders should be despatched, carriage paid, to the Military Forwarding Office, Richborough Wharf, South-Eastern and Chatham Railway, under the same conditions as those which previously existed at Southampton.

Parcels (above postal weight) and gifts for troops serving at other stations abroad (with the exception of North Russia) may also be despatched via Richborough under the same conditions as those which previously existed at Avonmouth. The public is, however, warned that these goods can only be conveyed in hired transports, which now sail at infrequent intervals; goods sent for shipment should, therefore, be of a nature not likely to deteriorate. Post is by far the more safe and expeditious mode of despatch for all consignments which can be reduced to parcel post limits.

Goods for the North Russian Expeditionary Force should be addressed to the Military Forwarding Officer, No. 9 Shed, Royal Albert Docks, as heretofore.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

We are informed by the authorities that for all newspapers sent to the United Kingdom, and to all places outside zones of the Army of the Rhine and the British troops in France and Flanders, the postage must be prepaid at the rate of ½d. for two ounces. So when you "send it home," please affix a stamp to each copy of *The Cologne Post.*

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

IS PROMOTION FAIR?

The *Daily Telegraph* of Friday contains an interesting article on the question of the promotion of Territorial Officers. It states that it has been represented that Territorial officers have been unfairly treated as regards promotion, more especially when their promotion is compared with that of temporary officers of the new Army, and it is the desire of the authorities that this impression should be removed.

It is to be remembered in the first place that the Territorial Force was constitutionally a Home Service Force, and that, although it loyally responded to the request to volunteer for service overseas, those officers who, for various reasons, were unable to proceed overseas had certain rights, and were entitled to be considered for promotion when their turn came. It is also to be remembered that the Force was a permanent force, and that the return to normal peace conditions, as regards the comparative status of the officers of a unit, had to be borne in mind.

The first real difficulty occurred on the expansion of the Territorial Force into two or more lines. On mobilization the officer cadres of the Territorial Force were in many cases not up to establishment, and there were practically no reserves to bring them up to establishment or to reinforce those units which went overseas in the early days of the war. The second lines were originally raised as reserve units to their first lines. It was impossible to spare many officers from the first lines to officer the second lines, and, in fact, officers of the first lines were unwilling to forego their chances of going overseas by being posted to the second lines. It, therefore, became necessary to officer the second and subsequent lines by officers of the first lines, who were unable to proceed overseas, officers from the Territorial Force Reserve, retired officers, and those obtained from other sources. From the time of the expansion of the Force until a later date all these officers, who were brought in, were looked upon as temporary and everything that was possible was done to safeguard the interests and promotion of those officers who were actually serving with units of the Force on the date of mobilization.

TEMPORARY PROMOTION.

As the majority of re-commissioned and newly-commissioned officers were serving with second lines, it was impossible to distribute equally the promotion on the increased establishment over the two lines, without prejudice to those officers who were serving in the force on mobilization, and consequently a system of temporary promotion was instituted which safeguarded the interests of the first line officers in so far that, on joining any line of their unit, they should not be called upon to serve under any officer who had joined the unit at a later date than they had.

A common cause of complaint was that many officers were given direct commissions in ranks higher than that of second lieutenant. This was rectified when the establishment was increased and their promotion was retarded, and the position of those officers who joined the unit before they did was as far as possible adjusted.

Another grievance is that officers of the Territorial Force Reserve and retired officers who have been brought back on to the active list have retarded the promotion of officers who were serving in the force on mobilization. These officers in no way affected the promotion of the latter up to the time when promotions to the increased establishment were made, as they did not count against the establishment and were not considered for promotion, and although they were included in the increase in establishment in all cases the officers who were serving on mobilisation benefited by the increased establishment.

TERRITORIAL AND NEW ARMIES.

The writer then goes on to compare promotion in the Territorial Force with that in the New Army. He says that promotion in the New Army was, until quite recently, entirely by selection, and this was essential in a force which was rapidly raised, where seniority depended entirely on the date of an officer joining, irrespective of his age, previous training, or any other qualifications which rendered him professionally suitable as an officer. Promotion by selection, however, was only made from among those officers who, by the fortune of war, were able to remain with their units and those officers who, as the result of wounds, sickness, or any other cause, did not remain with their units in the field, received no promotion whatever. The Territorial officer, on the other hand, always had his promotion assured to him wherever he might be serving, provided he was recommended as fitted in the field for promotion to the next higher rank.

It has been urged that Terrritorial officers were not considered for command of units and the higher appointments, and that these were more frequently given to other than Territorials. This complaint has been referred to the commanders of Expeditionary Forces and the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief at home on several occasions. They have always replied that the best available qualified officers were selected for commands and appointments, irrespective of whether they belonged to the Regular Army, Special Reserve, Territorial Force, or New Army. The rate of promotion of officers of the Territorial Force has compared very favourably with that of the Regular Army, the Special Reserve, and officers of the New Armies taken as a whole.

WANDERING RUSSIANS.

A remarkable story of the wanderings of three Russians was related at Liverpool recently when they were charged with stowing away on the steamer *Poland* from Rotterdam to Manchester.

In 1917 they were living in London and elected to return to Russia to fight. On arrival at Archangel the Kerensky revolution had taken place and they were told they were free. They journeyed from Archangel to the Ukraine at the expense of the Government, and later were captured by the Germans, who interned them as Englishmen for ten months. They were then sent with returning British prisoners of war to Rotterdam, where they stowed away on the *Poland*.

The Stipendiary said he had not the power to order the men back to Russia. They had been 12 days on remand, so he would order seven day's hard labour and then they would be dealt with by the aliens authorities.

PEACE PAGEANT FOR BLIND.

A Pageant of Peace, in aid of St. Dunstan's Day Fund for the after-care of soldiers and sailors blinded in the war, will be produced at Cannon-hill Park, Birmingham, on Whit Monday, June 9, and will continue there for a week. Performances on other dates have also been arranged for Leeds, Nottingham, Newcastle, Liverpool Cardiff, and Portsmouth. Next Tuesday the Lord Mayor of Birmingham will hold a meeting in the Council Chamber to call for the services of thousands of performers. A special stadium to hold 5,000 is to be erected.

A feature of the pageant will be the faithful reproduction in tableaux of the most famous deeds of local regiments. Among the actors at Birmingham will be two men who won the V.C. in Warwickshire battalions. The War Museum is aiding this novel project with information.

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Germany's Proposals.

In a telegram of Thursday from Berlin, the outlines of the counter-proposals to the League of Nations are given.

The German Government proposes that the League shall embrace all belligerent States and neutrals who are signatories of The Hague Peace Treaty. The other States require for their entry into the League the consent of the majority of the members of the League, but the Holy See will have the right of entry without this condition.

The organisations through which the League of Nations' functions will be carried out are mainly a Congress of States and World-Parliament. The former shall be the chief administrative body, and shall be composed of representatives, with equal rights, of all Governments. The World Parliament must give its consent to the most important laws, and the first World-Parliament shall be elected from the Parliament of each State, so that one representative will be elected for every million inhabitants. No Parliament is, however, to be allowed to send more than ten representatives. Two other special bodies are to be created—an International Tribunal and a Mediation Bureau, to decide respectively questions of law and questions of interests. Every difference between the various States must be brought before either body.

War not Legal for Settling Disputes.

The draft further proceeds to state that no longer must war be regarded as the legal method of settling disputes, and armaments must therefore be reduced to the proportions required for domestic purposes. There must no longer be armed ships on the sea, except for the Naval Police Force of the League and adequate coastal protection for each country. All straits and canals are to be internationalised. There must be no economic war, except such as is recommended by the League as a measure of compulsion. A Labour agreement is also given, which in many respects coincides with the recent Labour Charter published in Paris, but in other respects goes beyond it. Regarding colonial questions, the German draft recognises the principle of international administration for tropical colonies.

The Recent Crisis.

It is only natural, perhaps, that the German Press should snap at the opportunity to comment upon the recent developments at the Peace Conference. The *Vorwärts* says that the present attitude of Italy clearly shows that she entered war, not on account of the Austrian danger or the liberation of pure Italian territories, but merely for the realisation of imperialistic aims. Should her claims be satisfied it would mean the beginning of new warlike difficulties into which the people of the late Habsburg monarchy would be drawn by pure despair.

"Wilson's energetic declaration is the most favourable thing for the idea of a durable peace which has been done in Paris up to now. He says that not *interest* but *right* is the attitude to be adopted in the settlement of the word peace. Germany also desires that the principle of right shall be used for her. The same reasons which are against a violation of the small Austrian nation must also prevent a violation of Germany. A Peace which might raise in us the feeling of wrong would be considered by the German people as *not accepted and not binding in spite of formal acceptation which perhaps will be forced on them.*"

The Balkanisation of Europe.

We are confronted with a new accusation, that of attempting to "Balkanise" the whole of Europe. Is there no limit to our enterprise? The *Grossische Zeitung*, the paper which at present is advocating the policy of the continental league, says that these nations ought to settle their own questions without any intervention from Great Britain. We are accused of doing our utmost to prevent the smaller nations from negotiating directly, and that we are trying to hinder the progress of the "continental community of work." "On the other hand," it says "England wants to negotiate directly with Germany and with everyone of her Allies. The realization of the separate negotiations would be the symbol of the realization of the British war aim—the Balkanisation of Europe."

Utopian Econonomists.

Herr Ebert, the President of the German Republic recently made interesting observations on the resolutiveness of the German Government in an interview with a representative of the *Neue freie Presse.*

"Germany will not and cannot perish," says he. "The present Government is creating a free socialist Germany by the will of the majority of the people. We will not have a Government of the minority, neither will there be any experimenting by utopian economists. The country is firmly resolved not to yield to any threat or compulsion. Bolshevism is coming on with renewed strength, and we must construct a dam, the breaking of which will drown in its Bolshevistic flood not only Germany but the whole of Europe. This our enemies must realize, and must establish their policy accordingly. The position of Germany in the future depends entirely upon a quick and acceptable peace. If the Entente, however, intends to delay peace or to press upon us a violent one, then surely all I said before will have no value, and the internal power of the German people, too, cannot help any more when it is destroyed so violently.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Influenza deaths at Birmingham numbered 26 last week, compared with 32 in the preceding week.

There are 1,700 unemployed women, chiefly those formerly engaged on munitions, in the borough of Newport (Mon).

A conference of the League for the Promotion of Science in Education will take place at the Central Hall, Westminster, on April 30.

Mr. Hugh Macilwein Last, B.A., formerly scholar of Lincoln College, has been elected to an official fellowship in ancient history at St. John's College, Oxford.

Mr. Asquith is to be the guest of the Newcastle Liberal Club at its annual dinner on May 16, and on the following day will adress a mass meeting in the Palace Theatre.

Bugiers of the 2nd Coldstream Guards will play the "Last Post" at the Church Army's annual meeting on Thursday, May 1st, in memory of the society's evangelists who lost their lives in the war.

The spectacle of an airman diving into Galway Bay from a failing aeroplane, and another officer scrambling from beneath the immersed machine, and both swimming to the shore, was witnessed at Galway Bay on Tuesday.

Sir Ovan, a horse bred in Alberts, was recently sold for 7,000 pounds.

The Japanese naval squadron under Admiral Sato has arrived at Genoa on its way to Toulon.

Since December about 33,000 aliens have sailed from New York, mostly for Mediterranean countries.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank, name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

THE INVENTOR OF THE STEAM ENGINE.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.— Who invented the steam engine? This question has again cropped up here in Cologne. We are, of course, familiar with the story of James Watt and the steaming kettle and also with the pictures of the supposed incident. Whether or not his youthful mind was ever thus exercised with the problem of the utilisation of steam power we cannot say, but it is certain he was not the inventor of the steam engine, but rather the improver of an already existing type.

Without making reference to the inventions of much earlier dates, which may be dismissed as having proved of little, if any practical value, a thoroughly useful and practical steam engine was brought out in 1705 by an inventor named Newcomen, and continued in extensive use for about 60 years before Watt's first improvements appeared (1765). And of such practical utility was this steam engine, under the then existing conditions, that it continued not only to be used but also to be made long after Watt's improvements (1765—1782). In evidence of the foregoing statement, it may be mentioned that a steam engine of this type has only recently ceased running (1915) at the Farme Colliery, Ruthergien, Glasgow, where it had been in constant use for 165 years. Naturally an object of great interest, it was presented to the Corporation of Glasgow to be erected in Kelvingrove Park as soon as circumstances would permit. The engine being the invention of Newcomen, was known by his name, and also as the "atmospheric" engine, owing to the top of the cylinder being open, and the downward stroke of the piston being dependent upon the pressure of the atmosphere. The mode of condensation was of a very crude character, and it was in this direction that some of Watt's greatest improvements lay.

CLYDESIDE.

THE PARSIFAL.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—May I say a few words in reply to Miss C.A. Eastgate's comment on my "Parsifal" article.

Does Miss Eastgate believe that the extraordinary resemblance to Christ of the young Knight was purely fortuitous? Or that Kundry in her brown robe and long hair, washing the feet of Parsifal, was intended as anything but the Magdalen, as depicted in religious art since the 14th Century when the Proto-Renaissance paved the way for the Great Awakening? Has Miss Eastgate read Wagner's own letters to Minna Planer? Is any such striking resemblance on the stage ever accidental?

And why is it necessary to term "effeminate" the "representations of Christ which we are accustomed to connect with stained glass windows"? As there was no adequate pictorial contemperary art of the time of Christ, all that Art could do was to interpret His teaching in graphic form. The outstanding features of Christ being His infinite pity, mercy and goodness, emphatically not His strength, is it not natural that the earliest representations of Him by the first artists to emerge from the chaos of the Middle Ages should show Him as the image of those qualities.

And in such matters tradition being stronger than a desire for realistic expression, the figure of Christ as depicted in the Art of to-day is to all intents and purposes that of the time of Cimabué and Giotto.

ARTHUR BLES, Major.

Answers to Correspondents.

[*The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Many questions have been received which could be answered much easier by the Adjutant of the unit concerned, and all such cases which affect the unit commander must be taken to him and not sent here. — Ed.*]

H.D.— The peace programme originally set forth by the Germans was compiled by six associations.

The League of Agriculturists, the German Peasants' League, the Central Association of German Manufacturers, the Christian German Peasants' Unions, the Manufacturers' League, and the League of the Middle Classes in the German Empire.

E. M.— Dr. G. E. Morrison was appointed Political Adviser to Chinese Government in July 1912. He is an Australian by birth, and at one time was Peking Correspondent of the *Times.*

N. A.— It is estimated that there are about 450,000 Boy Scouts in training througnout the world, and of these 200,000 are British.

Tom.— The New Reform Act resulted in an increase of voters from 8,354,000 to about 15,000,000.

Sarco — Most of the sulphur of commerce is found in volcanic regions—Sicily, the Lipari Isles, and other similar places. That required for the manufacture of oil of vitriol is mostly obtained from iron pyrites, the largest producers of which are Portugal, France, and the United States.

A. N — The total area of Papua is about 90,600 sq. miles, with an estimated population of about 380,000.

Enthusiast.— The dimensions of a tennis court were given in our Friday issue.

22426.— Donoghue was the jockey when "Gay Crusader" won the Derby in 1914.

Derbyite.— "Gladiateur" was the first French bred horse to win the Derby—1855.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

"Crookham-ites." Will any 20th O.C.B. pupils of "E" Company who finished the course in June 1918 please drop a line as below with the idea of a re-union dinner in Cologne—Moore c/o COLOGNE POST, Cologne.

LANGUAGES.

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"DEVOTION TO DUTY".

THANKS TO V.A.D'S.

The Army Council desire to convey to all members of Voluntary Aid Detachments who have worked so hard and with such devotion, their appreciation of the valuable help so unstintingly given during the long and trying period through which the country has passed. The work that has been done by each and all has been of the utmost assistance to the great cause for which the Allies have been fighting for the past four and a half years. The keenness, self-sacrifice, and devotion to duty displayed at all times and in all circumstances have been most marked, says an official communiqué, and without the help of these workers the difficulties regarding the furnishing of adequate care and attention to the sick and wounded would have been immensely increased. The calls made on the members of V.A.D's have been many and various, but they have invariably been met with the utmost ability, tact, and goodwill. The Army Council wishes to express a deep sense of gratitude to these devoted helpers in the great cause of humanity.

PRE-WAR SYSTEM INTRODUCED.

ARMY ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS.

The Army Council announce that the Army entrance examination to be held in June will be the last in connection with which the payment of contributions will be dispensed with. The pre-war system of contributions will be re-introduced for candidates admitted to the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, in connection with the November and subsequent examinations.

OUT-OF-WORK DONATIONS.

In consequence of the decision of the Ministry of Labour to extend the operation of the out-of-work donation scheme to Nov. 24, the President of the Board of Education has decided to extend to the same date the period during which the Board will refund expenditure incurred by local education authorities in connection with the provision of unemployment centres for juveniles established and approved in accordance with the scheme published by the Board.

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ORLANDO'S ARRIVAL AT ROME.

"THIS VERY GRAVE HOUR."

Rome presented a remarkable spectacle when Signor Orlando reached there on the 26th April. All shops were closed and the streets were gaily decorated with bunting and banners bearing such inscriptions as "Long live Fiume and Italian Dalmatia." The troops marching to the station to form a guard of honour were heartily applauded and until the processional route was cleared vehicular traffic was rendered impossible by the dense masses of people.

All the Ministers and Secretaries of State were at the station to meet Signor Orlando. Three hundred Deputies, a hundred Senators and the Civic authorities were also present.

When the train drew in there was a magnificent ovation. Hymns were sung and aeroplanes circled overhead. The bell of the Capitol announced the arrival. The Prime Minister was carried shoulder high to his car, amid cries of "Long live Orlando and Fiume," and flowers were strewn in his path.

Signor Orlando was obliged to adress the crowd. Speaking from his car he said:— "It is not the hour to make phrases in front of the world which is judging us. We must keep calm and serene, firm in the consciousness of our strength. There are two questions. The first is to know whether the Government and the Italian delegation have truly interpreted the thought and will of the Italian people. (Cries of assent.) I never doubted it, for I know the soul of my people, but I wanted confirmation. Here it is!

"At Paris our workmen abandoned their work and came to show their solidarity with the Government. At the frontier a poor woman in mourning, who had lost her son in the war, came to tell me the same thing, and at Turin and other places masses of our countrymen prevented the train from moving in order to express their feelings. And now Rome is consecrating our work. The first question is answered.

"The second question is to estimate the gravity of the situation. I do not ask for an immediate answer. I do not conceal the danger of this very grave hour and I am standing among you as a brother among brothers, and as a chief who asks you to obey and follow the will of the people. We may be left alone, but Italy must be united and have only one will. Italy shall not perish."

In the Nazionale a group of British officers shouted "Long live the Italian Army," and the mass answered with a terrific shout of "Long live England."

When the procession arrived at the Quirinal the King and Queen were obliged to appear twice on the balcony in response to the insistent calls of the people.

WHY WILSON'S DECLARATION WAS MADE.

The Paris newspaper, *Le Matin*, asserts that the reason for President Wilson's declaration over the Adriatic question is as follows:—

The document had been ready for about six days. Its existence was known to Mr. Lloyd George and M. Clemenceau, but it was agreed that publication should be postponed until the situation should be cleared up.

While negotiations were still proceeding, President Wilson was stupified to learn that placards proclaiming the annexion of Fiume had appeared in Rome by order of Orlando. Wilson forthwith ordered the publication of his declaration, without even consulting his colleagues of the Council of Four. It will be interesting, adds that journal, to know whether President Wilson did not act on false, or at any rate, greatly exaggerated information.

CLEMENCEAU AND FRENCH INTENTION.

M. Clemenceau has sent the following telegram to Signor Luzatti, Italian ex-Prime Minister.

"My dear and illustrious friend: You cannot doubt that I keep for Italy the same feelings as you do for France, because I have shown them clearly in the darkest days. It is not at the hour of the signature of Peace that there will be any question of denying our reciprocal engagements. The French policy is not the policy of 'Scraps of Paper.' Your sincere and devoted friend, G. Clemenceau."

AFTER FIUME, KIAO-CHAO.

According to the *Echo de Paris* America does not want Japan to keep Kiao-Chau. It may be, says that Journal, that after the Italian crisis, President Wilson creates a Japanese crisis. The *Matin* says that Japan will leave the Peace Conference if she does not get satisfaction, while if the principle of equality of races is not introduced into the Covenant, Japan will refuse to participate in the League of Nations.

DELAY-ACTION MINE ON FRENCH RAILWAY.

The explosion of a delay action mine is reported on the Paris-Lille line between Miraumont and Achiet.

The Paris-Beldium lines were cut over a length of 100 yards, but there were no casualties. — *Reuter.*

NEARING THE CRUCIAL WEEK AT ARCHANGEL.

ICE BREAKING UP.

Reuter learns that the weather conditions on the Archangel front are improving. Prospects of an early Spring and an abnormally early clearance of the ice in the White Seal will facilitate the arrival of reinforcements and greatly restrict the lines on which the Bolshevists can operate.

The Dvina is now clear of ice and the Bolshevists are expected to use their armed vessels. It is confidently anticipated however that our Naval forces at Archangel will deal adequately with them. *Reuter.*

SUPERB NATIVE LOYALTY IN INDIA.

Simla. 22nd April. The Indian Army has behaved splendidly throughout the present trouble and some of the Native troops have shown magnificent devotion in attempts to help the Government. At one place in the Punjab a native carried a wounded European four miles to safety.

Many of the civil population who participated prominently in the recent mischief are now apparently extremely anxious that all troubles should cease. — *Reuter.*

AMEER'S ASSASSIN EXECUTED.

Simla. Nastullah Khan has been found guilty of instigating the murder of the Ameer and sentenced at Kabul to imprisonment for life. The actual murderer, an Afghan colonel, has been executed. — *Reuter.*

PESTILENCE AT MOSCOW.

Stockholm. A telegram from Petrograd states that there were 2640 cases of smallpox at Moscow last week. — *Reuter.*

HUNGARY NEARING THE END.

Advices from Vienna state that the Czecho-Slovak offensive against the Hungarians has commenced. The Czecho-Slovak Army, numbering 180 thousand, is already at the Hungarian frontier. — *Reuter.*

EICHHORN'S ADVENTURES CONTINUE.

Berlin. 25th April. Eichhorn, the ex-president of the police, was rescued by a crowd of workmen at Halberstadt, after three hours fighting. — *Reuter.*

(Eichhorn is the Bolshevist who in the Berlin revolution elected himself President of the Police and helped himself very liberally to Government money. He had to flee from Berlin and subsequently turned up at Brunswick, being captured there by Government troops as he was about to leave by aeroplane.)

THE EGYPTIAN RIOTS.

MURDERED OFFICERS.

The latest official communique from Cairo says that sufficient evidence has now been obtained to identify the eight persons recently murdered in a train between Assiout and Minia as Kaimakam Pope Bey, inspector of prisons; Major C. Jarvis, of the 20th Deccan Horse; Staff Lieutenant Frank R. B. Willby, General List; and five non-commissioned officers. The outrage took place on the 18th April between eight o'clock in the morning and noon, and not on the 15th inst., as originally stated. The trial of the accused will commence shortly. It has been conclusively established that the victims number eight only.

When further disturbances occurred at Abutor, near Tantah, where the villagers stoned an Indian camp, the village was surrounded, six of the ringleaders being arrested and twenty-three of the rioters publicly flogged.

"A punitive fine in the form of live-stock has been imposed on two villages in the Western Delta which failed to comply with orders to clear the railway. Sixty-seven persons have been convicted of rioting in the Wasta area; twenty-seven were acquitted and thirty released after a preliminary investigation. Fifty-seven others are awaiting trial.

COMPENSATION FOR CADETS.

It is intimated by the War Office that cadets who had passed their final examination but had not received commissions in the Army at the date of the armistice would receive compensation for actual and reasonable expenditure prior to 11th November on articles of military equipment laid down in Army Council Instruction 1837, 1917. Further, in the case of cadets who had not passed their final examination on 11th November compensation in full up to a limit of £15 would be paid in respect of articles of kit required by them for use at cadet schools to supplement those laid down in Army Council Instruction 833, 1918.

SIR EDWARD CARSON SUED FOR SLANDER.

OFFICER ACCEPTS HIS APOLOGY.

A good deal of interest attached to a slander action heard before the Irish Lord Chief Justice in the Nisi Prius Court, Dublin, in which the plaintiff was Major William Hamilton Davey, of Belfast, a former candidate for the Parliamentary representation of the Duncairn Division of Belfast, and the defendant was the Right Hon. Sir Edward Carson, M.P. Damages were laid at £ 5,000. Sir Edward Carson was present in court, and occupied a seat at the Press table.

Plaintiff's statement of claim set forth that plaintiff and defendant and another person (Dr. McNabb) were Parliamentary candidates for the Duncairn Division of Belfast. The defendant falsely and maliciously spoke and published of and concerning plaintiff the following words:

"This is the first time that I have had the opportunity of addressing a Belfast audience since the nomination yesterday and I want to say a word or two about the Sinn Feiners. I have two out against me in Duncairn. One of them is in gaol, and I am told that is his chief recommendation; and the other (meaning the plaintiff) is in Derry—at least, he was there yesterday. But so far as I am concerned I say let them all come. In my opinion there never was in the history of this controversy a greater insult offered to this great Imperial Province than when they put a Sinn Feiner forward to contest every seat. What have they done in the war? A gentleman says "Nothing." They did the worst act that has ever been perpetrated by a treacherous and perfidious people—they entered into a league with Germany—aye, at the very darkest hour in our country's struggle with the world-war for freedom, they stabbed us in the back, they shot down our soldiers in the streets of Dublin, they murdered our citizens; yes, and they blackened the character of Ireland not merely in England and Scotland, not only in America, but throughout the world. When the Sherwood Foresters were marching through Ballsbridge to protect the citizens of Dublin these men, from behind the walls of a school-house, shot our brave, honest, innocent men as if they were dogs. These are the men who have come up to woo the honest, loyal citizens of Belfast. They have been traitors to their country in the war, and, as they have been traitors in the war, let us tell them to go elsewhere."

Major Davey promptly complained about these words and Sir Edward Carson explained both by letter and word of mouth that they in no way referred to Major Davey personally.

At his next public meeting Sir Edward Carson said, All I can say is—and I hope Major Davey will believe me, because I don't know why we should not have a clean fight—I never intended, nor do I desire, to associate him in any way with Sinn Fein. If my language was capable of the construction which he has put on it I certainly regret that my language was in accurate, and if I have made any charge of the kind against Major Davey I most sincerely withdraw it. It is no part of my creed to make false charges against any man, and I would certainly much rather make a handsome apology than leave a man under an accusation which he did not deserve.

Counsel for Sir Edward Carson said that his client, while never intending that such a reflection should be made on an officer who had a distinguished record for service in the field, recognised that the words as appearing in the public Press were capable of conveying a serious imputation. He regretted very much that even in the excitement of an election contest there should slip into an impromptu objection an expression that caused offence to a gentleman who has done such good service as a soldier. On Sir Edward Carson's behalf counsel repeated the apologies that had already been made.

Mr. Serjeant Sullivan, for the plaintiff, said he was glad it had been recognised that the action had been brought by Major Davey by no means as a mere personal act of vindictiveness. Major Davey belonged to a class whose position he was afraid was not appreciated as it should be in Ireland, because in all the sacrifices that were made in the great war there was no class in the community that had in the result sacrificed so much as men of Major Davey's persuasion.

When the jury was about to be called Mr. Serjeant Sullivan for the plaintiff said his lordship would not be troubled about the case, and the jury need not be sworn.

Counsel then traced Major Davey's honourable war service, mentioning that he had fought at Armentières, and was wounded and invalided home in May of 1916. In October he was back in the line, and in March, 1917, he fought at Arras. June found him second in command, and in July he held the acting rank of major, which was subsequently confirmed. In October of that year he was in St. Quentin, and in January, 1918, after being sent back to Arras, he was invalided home for an operation arising from his old wound. From hospital in 1918 he came to assist in recruiting in Ireland. In November, 1918, Major Davey rejoined his regiment, and he was now a volunteer for continuation in the Army. Under these circumstances, counsel said, his client was deeply grieved that he should be linked with anybody against whom charges of the nature contained in defendant's speech could be levelled. The action made it perfectly clear how Major Davey stood in this matter. He was greatly pleased that the defendant, occupying as he did a distinguished position in public life, had done what, indeed, was too rare among men holding such high public positions—he had been ready to admit his fault and make reparation for it. On behalf of the plaintiff he accepted the apology in the spirit in which it was offered.

The Lord Chief Justice said he was glad the case had such a happy ending. He could quite understand how an officer in the position of Major Davey would feel it incumbent upon him to bring this action. He could also quite well understand how such a distinguished person as Sir Edward Carson would feel it incumbent upon him to admit his mistake in the frank terms in which he had, so it was satisfactory that the action, so far as it had gone, would result in a complete and absolute vindication of Major Davey, who in the war had faithfully served his King and country. There was no order for him to make, except regarding the taxation of the plaintiff's costs.

BELGIAN MONARCH VISITS COLOGNE.

AEROPLANE ADVENTURES.

The King and Queen of the Belgians have been staying in Cologne for a few days. They left on Monday by aeroplane. They had an adventurous journey at the outset of their trips while flying on their way to visit the Belgian troops who have recently been sent to the left bank of the Rhine to constitute part of the Armies of Occupation. Caught in a hailstorm near the German frontier, the King's machine landed near Düren, but later continued in the direction of Bochum, which it reached at 2.30 p.m.

The aeroplane in which the Queen was a passenger landed outside Liége, where it took in fresh supplies of petrol, and reached Bochum at 1.30 p.m.

A third aeroplane, in which a member of the King's suite was travelling, was carried to Visé, and finally arrived at Bochum at 12.30 a.m. The King and Queen afterwards proceeded from Bochum to Crefeld, where they were received by General Lotz.

BANDMASTERS AND COMMISSIONS.

QUESTION OF EXPENSE.

The question at to whether all military Bandmasters should have commissions is at present being discussed by the authorities. According to the *Daily Graphic* the War Office is agreeable, but the Treasury is against the innovation on the ground of the extra expense involved. There has been a strong agitation during the past few days to induce the authorities to relent, but without avail.

GENERAL FRENCH'S BOOK OF THE WAR.

CANDID CRITICISM.

To-day the serial publication of Field Marshal Lord French's book entitled "1914" commences in the *Daily Telegraph*. As the title implies, it deals with the first few months of the war. An outline of the contents indicates that Field Marshal French writes with frankness and describes with the utmost candour his relations with Lord Kitchener during the Mons retreat and in early days of 1915, when he was urgently pressing for reinforcements and larger supplies of munitions. Lord French explains why he resigned and praises Marshal Joffre as one of the world's supremely great leaders. Marshal Foch has written a preface to the book, in which he describes French as "a great soldier who had maintained his troops at the high level of the troops of Wellington."

FUTURE OF WOOLWICH ARSENAL.

Sir Kingsley Wood, speaking at Woolwich on Friday on the outlook for the future of Woolwich Arsenal said, with reference to the continued discharges, that the future of the Arsenal is largely dependent on the decisions arrived at by the Peace Conference. He saw no reason why locomotives should not be built there, or work connected with housing schemes be undertaken. It would be unwise, both for war and peace purposes, to allow the strength of the arsenal establishment to fall below twenty thousand men.

RIOTOUS AMERICAN SEAMEN.

Serious disturbances lasting for two hours occurred at Inverness on Saturday. A large number of American seamen engaged in mine-sweeping operations in the North Sea were congregated near the Town Hall. When requested by the police to move along they became extremely violent. One constable had his head badly injured and a number of other people sustained damage. A series of free fights occurred between civilians and American seamen. Several arrests were made.

AFTER THE WAR UNIFORMS.

KHAKI FOR EVER?

Utility and economy, not colour and brilliance, are the considerations in the minds of Lieut.-General Sir A.J. Murray's Committee which is investigating the general question of uniform for the after war army. There are indications that khaki and blue will be the predominant colours, says the Times.

CLEARING OUT CUTHBERTS.

The War Cabinet has empowered Sir Auckland Geddes to deal, with full Cabinet authority, with all questions concerning the abolition of controls and the demobilization of the temporary staffs of Government Departments. Already a large number of controls have been abolished. It is expected that a full statement dealing with the matter will be issued at an early date.

The Ministries of National Service and of Reconstruction will cease to exist in a few weeks. The Food Ministry will be the next of the war-time administrations to be closed. Any of its functions which may have to be continued permanently will be distributed among the Ministry of Health, the Board of Agriculture, and the Board of Trade.

NO OPERA ON MAY-DAY.

According to the *Rheinische Zeitung* the Opera house and the Theatre will be closed on May-day, as the different organisations employed, choir musicians, stage hands etc. have decided not to work on that day.

FLYING THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

MYSTERIOUS MESSAGE.

The Air Ministry has emphatically denied that any cable asking why Hawker and Raynham did not start was sent by the Ministry's Meteorological Staff.

The *Daily Mail* says that the question is engaging attention as to the source of the unfavourable weather reports sent to the airmen at Newfoundland, at the time when the Air Ministry's information was to the effect that everything was favourable. Indeed the conditions during one spell of twenty-four hours were almost unprecedentedly fair.

It is understood that steps will be taken to safeguard reports from interference and in future they will be communicated to the airmen by special code.

PREJUDICE AGAINST MULES.

EXTREMES IN PRICES.

Handsome prices continue to be realised at sales of demobilized Army horses. At a sale at Reading on Saturday heavy draught horses fetched an average price of 117 pounds. The highest price paid was one hundred and fifty guineas each for a pair. Several light draught horses averaged fifty-one pounds, while seventy saddle horses only averaged thirty-five pounds ten shillings.

The demobilisation of Army mules is at advanced stage, about twenty-five thousand having been sold at an average price of thirty-two pounds ten shillings. About fifty thousand remain to be sold. The highest prices are obtained in Italy where five thousand mule fetched fifty-two pounds. Prices are lowest in England, where two thousand mules have been sold for an average of only nineteen pounds.

In explanation of this great disparity a remount official said there is an invincible prejudice against mules in England. People are not only afraid of them but country pride is against them.

DUKE OF SUTHERLAND'S ESTATES.

HIGH PRICES REALISED.

High prices continue to be realised at the sale of the Duke of Sutherland's estates. Cambusmore fetched 63,000 pounds, Rovie 14,300 pounds, Lairg and Dalchrok 33,000 pounds, Helmsdale and Naviedale 13,000 pounds making a total to date of 355,550 pounds. Other of the Sutherland properties previously sold aggregate 304,875 acres.

NAVAL VISIT TO REIMS.

Travelling by special train, Admiral Tyrwhitt, Admiral Leveson and Admiral Clinton Baker, with 150 officers and men of the British Navy, visited Reims on the 27th April.

The guests were received at the Cathedral by Archbishop Luçon and Monseigneur Neveux. After inspecting the town the party was conducted to different battlefields in the vicinity.

BRAVE V.A.D. NURSE.

The King has been pleased to award the Albert Medal in recognition of her gallantry displayed in saving life to

Miss ALICE BATT, Voluntary Aid Detachment.

On October 1, 1918, a fire broke out at No. 38 Casualty Clearing Station at Roulers, Belgium, and quickly reached the operating theatre, where the surgeon was performing an abdominal operation. The lights went out, and the theatre was quickly filled with smoke and flames, but the operation was continued by the light of an electric torch, Miss Batt continuing her work of handing instruments and threading needles with steadfast calmness, thereby enabling the surgeon to complete the Operation. Miss Batt afterwards did splendid work in helping to carry men from the burning wards to places of safety.

IMPERIAL CEMETERY AT BROOKWOOD.

There is now a special military cemetery at Brookwood for those who have fallen in the war, and there are buried there:

300 Australians, 144 New Zealanders, 250 Canadians, 150 South Africans, 131 Americans, and 400 Imperial troops.

NEW ROYAL ACADEMICIANS.

Mr. Frank Brangwyn, Professor William Colton, Sir William Orpen, Mr. Ernest Newton and Mr. Adrian Stokes have been elected to membership of the Royal Academy.

SIEGE OF MUNICH.

Herr Noske, the Prussian Minister of National Defence, has taken over the command of the troops marching against Munich.

ENGLISH OCEAN TUG SUNK.

A telegram from Ostend announces that the British tug Hughli, making the regular journey from Ostend to Dover was sunk near Middelkerke during a fierce storm.

Of the crew of thirty-nine men twenty-nine perished.

A squadron of the Japanese Navy reached Marseilles on the 27th April.

A British officer and a Belgian non-commissoned officer were killed by the fall of an aeroplane in Belgium on Saturday.

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THE FATE OF NATIONALISM.

The President of the Board of Education, Mr. H.A.L. Fisher, not long ago delivered a lecture which bore the fascinating title of *Political Prophecies*. He seemed to take all knowledge for his province, for he displayed a wondrous range of reading in the literature of ancient and modern days. But with a truly English caution he warned his audience against the rashness of historical speculation. Against the happy prophecies of Montesquieu, Heine, and Burke, there must always be set the ill-starred essays of Rousseau, Frederick the Great, and Palmerston. Prophecy is a by-path for the historian, and in it he travels at the imminent risk of his reputation. In truth, if we are not minded to go so far as Trevelyan and frankly declare that history cannot prophesy the future, we can certainly say that the business of the scientific historian calls him to less perilous tasks. Yet peril has its lure.

In these days we are tempted insistently to picture the future. Never was there a time so momentous as these days of travail. Are we to see the birth of a new world, a world of deliverance and hope? The spirit of nationality which has governed political ideals for more than four hundred years is on its trial before the tribunal of disillusioned democracy. Is it to be shorn of its vast powers and supplanted by a new spirit of kindlier and broader dominion? Is nationalism to give place to internationalism? There was a time in Europe when mankind was not greatly vexed by the bitterness of racial jealousy. In the Middle Ages patriotism was a virtue that made little appeal, for the fierce fires of nationality had not burst into flame. There were, indeed, amazing and deadly struggles for the rule of Christendom, and the snow-clad stronghold of Canossa was a medieval symbol of sustained rivalry between Pope and Emperor. Europe always had its Hildebrands and its Henries. But it is remarkable that even in days when passions were excited scholars could wander over Europe in the pursuit of learning, Churchmen could move from one country to another in ecclesiastical promotion, public-minded men could offer their statecraft to sovereigns of alien countries, and, most curious of all, soldiers not only enlisted under the standards of foreign powers but saw no shame in leading armies against the lands that reared them. Truly the Middle Ages fostered a wondrous cosmopolitanism. After the Reformation, a new spirit claimed Europe for its own, and gradually the nations of Christendom became more isolated, more intense in following out national ideals. The age of discovery was more than an age of revival in science, art, and letters; it was an age when the clash of nationalities resounded throughout the world. Under strong monarchies the peoples found new ideals. Religious wars gave place to economic and colonial wars; and the precarious makeshift of a Balance of Powers was the highest safeguard that peace-loving statesmen could devise.

We are now standing at the threshold of an era. As we turn our eyes backward we review the power of Spain in days when the riches of the new world were at her feet, the ascendancy of France when Louis XIV dominated Europe, the greatness of Prussia when Frederick the Great sowed the terror of militarism, the expansion of England when mastery of the sea gave her pride of place in industry and commerce. But we turn our eyes forward, and we see the hopelessness of nationalism. Lord Acton was never wiser than when he laid bare the ruthlessness of uncompromising nationality. Has the time not come when nationalism should be closely scrutinized? Too often it is a creed of individualism; and individualism is not the last word in the ethics of politics. The time will never come when we may not or should not give vent to our country's ideals—patriotism is too precious to die—but the time has come when the spirit of nationality should express itself in a worthier way than that of war.

There were two world powers which might have prevented the passing of national individualism into the tragedy of war — the Church and labour internationalism. But they failed when put to the supreme test. In 1914 the Church might have recaptured the glories of medieval Christendom and entered on a new age of spiritual triumph. International socialism, too, has belied the hopes of its friends. Its adherents have too easily assumed that to doff "nations" and to don "classes" is a world panacea. They cannot achieve real success till they purge their creed of materialism, and that is not an easy matter for men who still cling to Marx. The world looks with faith and hope to democracy, but a democracy that is not spiritual will fail the world. If Church and Labour have not succeeded, where lies our hope? It lies in a League of Nations; and both Church and Labour should see to it that the League shall prevail. The best in nationalism will be conserved under such a league. Mazzini was a fervent apostle of patriotism, yet there is much in his writings that almost anticipates the establishment of our ideal. States are not mere individual units in the world, and the times are ripe for a higher form of unity, which will safeguard every worthy national aim in that it is evolved naturally out of the old order. There need be no violence; there should be no delay.

TO OUR SNORER.

(Composed during a sleepless night.)

Oh thou who in the darkness lies,
Oblivious both to earth and skies,
Why can't you emulate the boys
Who sleep their sleep without a noise.

If only you could wake, and hear
Some subtle echo, sounding clear,
Each vibrant note, which comes and goes
From your stout bellows, via nose,
I'm sure that you would pity me
Who vainly woos tranquility.

Perchance, a rhythm in your blows
Might lull me to a peaceful doze;
And though my sleep should coloured be
By dreams of billows, bounding free
To meet a barrren, rocky shore
And there to break, with splash and roar,
I would not mind; your double bass
Would lightly rest and swiftly pass.

But when at times your breathing stops
With gurgles, splutters, startling pops;
Wheezes in a shrill falsetto,
Rumbles rendered allegretto;
Then, say I, if snore you must,
At least be merciful and just;
I ask it of your charity
To snore with regularity.

H. B.

ANNIVERSARY OF ZEEBRUGGE.

APPROPRIATE CELEBRATION ON THE RHINE.

It is very doubtful whether even the most imaginative of our modern writers of boys' fiction would allow his mind to take such wild liberties as to conceive so thrilling a series of incidents as those which went to make up the British Naval exploit generally referred to as "the Zeebrugge affair." And even supposing such a plot did occur to him, he would no doubt dismiss it as being too grotesque and improbable even for the delectation of the very youthful.

The plans, and the execution of them, were daring and audacious enough in all conscience, but that the first anniversary of the achievement would be celebrated in no other waters than those of the Rhine, surely the cheeriest and most optimistic prophet did not dare to foretell.

But this happened in truth, nevertheless.

On Monday, of last week, twelve naval boats proceeded majestically up the Rhine, from the base at Cologne, and, after staying the night at Coblenz, arrived at Mainz at Tuesday morning.

The personnel made an impressing landing with colours, a marine escort and an armed party. The flotilla, meanwhile, was anchored in the river, four boats abreast.

At Halle-Platz — whither they marched — the naval representatives were received by the Military Staff Officer to General Mangin, commanding the 10th (French) Army.

Here the procession was re-formed and it is doubtful if the large number of German civilians who lined the street really realized the significance of the event they were witnessing.

A detachment of Spahis led the way in a march through the charming town of Mainz and they were followed by the French bands, members of the British Navy and a detachment of French Naval men, as far as General Mangin's Palace.

The afternoon was devoted to a review on the Rhine, twelve French and twelve British M.L.'s steaming up the water in two lines. General Mangin, afloat in a motor launch, circled round the flotilla (a salute of seventeen guns being fired meanwhile) and took up a position by the breakwater. At this stage, Colonial and French troops took part in the proceedings, providing music of a kind in keeping with the happy occasion, on the river banks.

The General was cheered enthusiastically by those on board each boat as they sailed slowly past.

In the evening, General Mangin entertained 18 of the naval officers at dinner, the remainder dining in the French flotilla mess, while sixteen petty officers visited another mess of the French authorities.

In a brief happily-worded after-dinner speech, the General spoke in terms of admiraton of the British Navy; of how it had convoyed and conveyed the American army to the theatres of war and of how it had defeated the piratical submarines and rendered impotent the power of the enemy navy.

Commander the Hon. P. Acheson, D.S.O., M.V.O., R.N., remarked upon the achievements and conduct generally of the French Army and Navy.

There were wonderful scenes on the banks of the Rhine later in the evening, after a cinematograph entertainment had been enjoyed, when there took place a brilliant firework display. Numerous red flares stretching to opposite side of the water produced an effect against the sylvan scenery that forms so charming a boundary at this part of the river, which was dazzling in its beauty.

A torchlight procession through the main thoroughfares of the town was followed by a gathering of the British and French petty officers outside the Palace, the accordance of three rousing cheers to the General and the singing of "For he's a jolly fellow." These enthusiastic tokens of admiration were acknowledged from the balcony.

On Thursday, General Mangin paid an official visit to Coblentz and was escorted thither by four boats of the British flotilla. The remaining eight boats which left earlier in the day to return to their base at Cologne, were greeted with the greatest enthusiasm by French and American troops, who lined the river banks, *en route*.

The story of the glorious Zeebrugge exploit has been told and retold to our justifiably proud nation on many occasions, but recapitulation, on so appropriate an occasion as the anniversary provides, is surely not out of place.

On the eve of St. George's Day, 1918, a comparatively small number of Naval men went forth to block the Bruges Canal at Zeebrugge and so to stop the steady stream of enemy submarines and destroyers that crept from out the narrow strip of water to wage war against hospital and merchant craft whether of hostile nationality or otherwise.

Those men undertook their task (and many others were ambitious to participate in it) with the knowledge that their chances of ever coming back were remote indeed, and they completed it with full measure of success.

A small flotilla of miscellaneous craft sailed in broad daylight in order to be at the appointed place by midnight manned by hearts as brave and as daring as any that can be cited in history or fiction. They carried out a plan that had taken six months to complete, in direct range of the most formidable coast defences that ingenuity could devise; right in the very nest of a conglomeration of terrific guns and powerful searchlights, these men dropped their blockships with amazing occuracy, what time an enfuriated enemy poured huge quantities of shells and bombs amongst the smoke clouds, behind which their very unwelcome visitors took a certain measure of cover.

St. George's Day thus has a new significance, and in its celebration by future generations will invariably be associated this latest evidence of the maintenance of our Navy's traditional spirit of audacious daring and endurance.

"SEHNSUCHT."

The sun-kissed slopes of Malvern,
The drowsy medes of Teme,
The wooded banks of Severn Vale
Wrapt in a noontide dream—
These are the scenes which I deem blest,
Wherein my weary limbs find rest.

They shout, the lofty spires
Which soar beside the Rhine,
With grandeur of their Carillon—
I grant that they are fine,
But, finer far to come to-day
And walk with me down Bewdley way.

The blossoms break at Bewdley,
Their perfume drugs the air,
The langour of a summer's day
Lies heavy everywhere.
God, in thy greatness, grant me rest
Amidst my valleys of the West.

O.R.S.

CELEBRITIES IN KHAKI.

by W. E.

PTE OMAR KHAYYAM.

Once upon a time my Battalion was encamped in camouflaged canvas dwelling-places, on the muddy fields of a certain place which the yealled Fisborough.

Now in those days the rain was much and the sun little, so that the surface of the fields whereon we dwelled was like unto a sea of mud.

The very holes in my tent — holes which had oft received my blessing in days of heat — were during this permanent rainy season, an abomination and a desolation unto me. I have often fallen asleep with an imperfect idea of being surrounded with earthy worms. And, though at first my objections were intense, there were perchance times when I would experience a paternal emotion towards the antipedes whose attachment to my aural cavities was so pronounced.

We drew lots one day, as to who should go to the R.Q.M.S. and indent for a new tent. When I saw the unfortunate applicant emerging from that Official's residence, head foremost, and with a careless disregard for the law of gravity (being in fact, some three feet or more from Mother Earth), I was rather relieved that the lot had not fallen upon me.

After a time, Captains of the Day began to weary of the somewhat monotonous duty of acting as Captains of the Night, and of rushing out under the moon in bare feet and pyjamas — all for a mere tent that would become suddenly possessed of lofty ambitions.

Besides, respect for rank could never be obtained from a damp and sleepy Orderly Sergeant at 3 a.m.

An urgent consultation took place. In a fit of unaccountable generosity, the P.R.I., with noble sacrifice, offered the sum of ten shillings per week to be devoted to the mending of the tents.

Some brainy sub. (the supply is, unfortunately, very limited) suggested that the services of a professional tent-maker be brought into requisition.

Accordingly, an advertisement to that effect appeared in the local newspaper.

A few mornings later, there was a "Stunt" parade, and five o'clock in the morning saw me in full marching order and a bitter temper.

The Battalion looked splendid — truly a noble array. The brilliant spectacle of the Orderly Room Staff in full pack rendered the scene even more awe-inspiring.

Why the tent-maker chose that particular moment to arrive is unknown. Having elaborately camouflaged himself behind two mules and a limber, he was not observed until he nearly collided with the Adjutant.

His figure was tall and lean, suggesting long acquaintance with the Privates' Mess. His robe was old and tattered; his stick was thick and long; and his deepset eyes gazed romantically upwards. He halts before the Adjutant. "Behold! Omar the tent-maker! Omar of Nai hàpúr! Omar the Astronomer! Omar the Cooker of the Calender, the King of the Wise!"

"But my good man —" began the Adjutant, already conscious of the concentrated stare of the Battalion in his direction.

"Rejoice to have beheld in the flesh Omar Khayyám—Khayyám who stitched the tents of Science!"

"Of course, I—er—quite understand," murmured the Adjutant, who didn't understand in the least.

"Omar the Great has deigned to come and serve ye that have need of so a one. The ropes of Science — are they not mine to tread upon, nor do I fall? The ropes of Literature, have I not walked on them, and fainted not? How much more, then, can I not tend the ropes of tents and make them whole!"

"What he really means, Sir," ventured the R.S.M. to his bewildered superior, "is that he offers himself for the job of tent-mender." "Oh! — Ah! — 'M! — Better take him to the Orderly Room at once. The C.O. will be there presently."

And so Omar Khayyam and the R.S.M. moved toward the Orderly Room. The old man opened conversation at once. The R.S.M. thought that he must have been a very gay dog in his youth — and indeed, was shockingly surprised to feel, on a sudden, Omar's whiskers tickling the back of his neck, and Omar's voice murmuring into his ear.

"Warrior — tell me — the juice of the Grape? is it near? O for a deep draught of the red, red wine! 'Here with a loaf of bread beneath the Bough, a Flask of Wine, a Book of—'"

Observing a look of excessive boredom on the face of his companion, Omar asked in sepulchral tones whether the warrior had read his Rubaiyat.

The R.S.M.—whose course in English Literature had entirely finished on his last day at school, and which even then, had only included the laboured perusal of certain bloodthirsty booklets purchaseable for one penny — politely admitted his oversight.

They reached the Mess, and the R.S.M. commenced some rapid expenditure on Wine—an indulgence of which Omar seemed particularly fond.

An hour later Omar Khayyam was summoned by the C. O.

Unfortunately, Mr. Khayyam, being by that time in a state of morbid melancholy, was reclining at his ease under a table. With some assistance, however, he reached the Orderly Room safely.

There was much incoherent talk on the part of Omar. Nevertheless the interview terminated with an arrangement that Omar should be given the acting rank of Private with full pay and allowances, and extra duty pay of 6d per day while acting as Battalion tent-mender.

For several weeks he devoted himself most assiduously to his many tasks.

He was much given, however, to sudden fits of joyousness, which would cause him to dance and sing in the most persistent and noisy manner.

While on occasion, the B.O.S. would discover him, long after "lights out," in his tent, contemplating his big toes, and composing romantic poetry by the flickering light of a candle.

We all knew that his tenure of office would be a very short one.

The crisis came when, on a certain summer evening in August, Omar was found in recumbent position in a field hugging with his right arm a barrel once filled with beer, and holding in his left his original MSS of his Rubaiyat. In consequence of the spirit having been transferred from the barrel to his stomach, Omar was thereby much enlivened, and when found at eleven p.m. was singing with raucous voice from his parchment . . . .

Neyt day, the C.O. informed Mr. Khayyam that as the windy season had departed, there was no further need for his services, and he must go too.

The C.O. was observed to strike his name from the roll of the Battalion . . . .

Omar Khayyam turned, and with stately tread, wandered away for ever, murmuring as he wandered.

"The Moving Finger writes, and having writ,
Moves on: nor all thy Piety nor Wit
Shall have it back to cancel half a line,
Nor all thy tears wash out a Word of it."

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DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
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Wednesday	6½	Orpheus and Eurydice	Gluck
Thursday	4	Siegfried	Wagner
Friday	6	Lobetanz	L. Thuille
Saturday	5½	Carmen	Bizet
Sunday	3	Götterdämmerung (Twilight of gods)	Wagner
Monday	6	Rigoletto Savonian Dances	Verdi
Tuesday	5½	Der Freischütz	Weber

THE ORANGE LILIES.

4th ROYAL SUSSEX CONCERT PARTY.

The recently formed concert party of the 4th Royal Sussex Regiment held a very succesful opening concert at Wahn on Thursday. Everything went with a fine swing, and those responsible for the production are to be congratulated on a very clever performance. Pte. Oborn rendered "Joan of Arc" in good style, as did Lce Cpl. Evans, "There's a little lane."

"Soldiers like it" with "Katy" as an encore were cleverly sung by Pte. Acton, whose singing is as delightful as his football, Pte. Redmond as the "girl" was very "chic" and, judging by the comments of the audience, Miss Stubbage will have a very strong rival in the next beauty competition.

The evening closed with a very amusing effort by the company, "Ragtime Hopping Troupe." By the applause as the curtain dropped, "The Orange Lilies" have every prospect of a very successful season before them.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS.

51st ROYAL SUSSEX INTERESTING CEREMONY.

A very interesting and pleasing ceremony took place at Neunkirchen on Thursday last when the Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. V.T.A. Ford, D.S.O., presented the medals to the winners and runners-up in the Brigade Boxing Tournament held at Wahn.

Medals were also presented to the members of the football team of 8 platoon of "X" Company who were champions of the inter-Platoon Football League.

Col. Ford handed the medals to each individual with a few well chosen words of congratulation. The recipients were as follows:

Boxing: Capt. Wheeler, "X" Corps; Cpl. Mempes, "W" Coy; Lce Cpl. Parker, "X" Coy; Lce Cpl. Missen, "X" Coy; Drummer Steels, Headquarters; Pte. Burgess, "X" Coy; Pte. Wilden, "X" Coy; Pte. King, "Z" Coy; Pte. Copping, "W" Coy; Pte. Herbert, "W" Coy; Pte. Walker, Headquarters.

Football: Pte. Dodd, Pte. Hunt, Pte. Warne, L/Cpl. Revis, Pte. Collins, Pte. Mubross, Pte. Cross, Pte. Bleach, Pte. Boneham, Pte. Hampton, Pte. Everett, L/Cpl. Prigg.

CONCERT AT SIEGBURG Y.M.C.A.

A most successful entertainment was given at the Siegburg Y.M.C.A. on Saturday evening by "The Scroungers" (34th M.G.C.). Mr. J. V. Yeatman is much to be congratulated on the all round excellence of the programme. Popular items were rendered by Lieut. Richardson, Sergt. Major Madden, Sergt. Leff, Pte Ogden and Pte Stanton, while Pte Hunt, the female impersonator, and Sergt. Da Silva the "Funny man" were much appreciated by the large audience. A small but efficient orchestra greatly added to the evening's enjoyment.

62nd MACHINE GUNNERS AMUSEMENTS.

The Battalion Football Inter-Company League is still like "Johnny Walker" — "Going Strong," with "B" Company well on the way to final victory.

A very successful Battalion Whist Drive took place in the Central Halle, Arnoldsweiler, on Thursday evening, when 180 all ranks sat down to a most enjoyable evening.

The prizewinners were as follows: —

1st Ladies, Pte. Flintham; 1st Gents, Pte. Brown; 2nd Prize, Cpl. McNiel; 3rd Prize, Pte. Langley; 4th Prize, Pte. Berger; 5th Prize, Pte. Stevenson; Sealed No., Pte. McInnes; Booby Prize, Pte. Prosser.

Sgt. Sillet (A. Coy) proved a most efficient "M.C."

Arrangements are in hand to form a local Concert Party and meanwhile the 62nd Battalion Machine Gunners would welcome a visit from any other local Concert Party.

"KOYLIES" SPORTS TOURNAMENT.

"C" COMPANY WIN AT RUGGER.

There was a fitting finale on Friday to the sports tournament which has been so keenly contested by all ranks in the 5th K.O.Y.L.I. at Liblar. "C" and "B" Coys. met on the Rugger field in a game which decide the championship, and from a hard struggle "C" Coy emerged triumphant, scoring the only try in a game which was packed full of excitement. The final arrived with a clean score sheet. Extra time was played, and just before the end of the first ten minutes Lce. Cpl. Robinson broke away and crossed the line beautifully. Lt. Ebury's attempt to convert was, however, something of a fiasco. Sec. Lt. G.H. Needham was the referee.

This sports tournament, which "C" Coy. have won so well, was a very comprehensive affair, embracing soccer, rugger, boxing, cross country running and tugs of war. We hope to publish the analyses in another issue, but it may be of interest to note here that "C" have not had a goal or a point scored against them in rugger or soccer.

The 24th Duke of Wellington's on Friday defeated "Q" Battery R.H.A., by 7—1.

MEDICINE MEN AT WHIST.

A most enjoyable evening was spent at Kaster on Friday night, when No. 6 Field Ambulance held the last of a series of Whist Drives. A feature of the evening's play was the close running of many of the entrants, no fewer than three having tied for 2nd prize, which was decided by cut. Sgt. Waddell proved a most efficient M.C.

The prizes which were handed over by Q.M.S. Hardy were gained by Pte. Hyndes, Heyes and Graham and Dr. Maltby.

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SPORTS AT BRASCHOSS.

"C" Coy 52nd Battn. Bedfordshire Regt.

In spite of the cold and dull weather which prevailed, the sports organized at Braschoss on Friday by "C" Coy of the 52nd Bedfords afforded a large concourse of spectators great excitement and plenty of amusement. Splendid talent was discovered during the day's proceedings, notably Ptes Rochester and Myhill. The former promises to develop into a sprinter of a high order, and from the style in which the latter carried off the 1/4 mile, it will be surprising if more is not heard of him on the athletic fields in the future. In the 100 yds service dress race for W.Os and sergts. of the Coy, great amusement was caused by the failure of the majority of competitors to keep the "strait and narrow path which leadeth to" — — the winning post. The Officer's sprint was productive of great excitement, Lieut. Nokes winning from Lieut. Beresford by fractions of inches. L/C Merry was the "Victor Ludorum" with 16 points, but he of course was previously known as an athlete of repute, his performances at outside right for the Battn. proving him to be something of a speed merchant. The following are the results:—

100 yards: 1, Pte Rochester; 2, L/Cpl Merry; 3, Cpl Barker.

220 yards: 1, Pte Rochester; 2, L/Cpl Merry; 3, Cpl Barker.

3/4 Mile: 1, Pte Myhill; 2, Cpl Merry; 3, Cpl Barker.

1 2 Mile: 1, Pte Lawrie; 2, Pte Milam; 3, Pte Frizzall.

1 Mile: 1, Pte Myhill; 2, Pte Lawrie; 3 Pte Cloant.

Hurdles: 1, L/Cpl Merry; 2, Pte Cleave; 3, Pte Neave.

High Jump: Tie at 4 ft 6, Ptes Amphbell and Crow.

Long Jump. 1, Pte Rochester; 16 ft.; 2, L C Ball

Throwing the Cricket Ball: 1, Pte Peaman; 78 yds; 2, L/Cpl Merry.

Open 220: 1, R.Q.M.S. Blackwell; 2, Pte Myhill.

3 Legged Race: 1, Cpl Barker and Pte Cleave; 2, Pte Slade and Pte Pricket; also ran C. S. M. Mansfield and C.Q.M.S. Veasey.

Tug of War: No. 9 Platoon.

Platoon Relay Race: No. 9 Platoon.

Obstacle Race: 1, Pte Crow; 2, R.Q.M.S. Blackwell.

W. O. and Sergts. Race: 1, Sergt. Wolgar; 2, Sergt. Dalby; 3, Sergt. Nale.

Officers Race: 1, Lieut. Noke; 2, Lieut. Beresford; 3, Lieut. Whateley Knight.

Capt. A.C. Woodhouse, commanding the Company, and Capt. Brooks gave every satisfaction as judges; while Capt. Campion made an effective starter. C.S.M. Mansfield, C.Q.M.S. Veasey and the other Sergts. of the Coy. rendered every assistance and materially helped to make the day enjoyable and in every way a great success.

WELSH REGIMENT SPORTS MEETING.

52nd BATTALION MEETING.

A very successful meeting was held at Duisdorf on Monday in excellent weather. The band of the Northants Regt. attended, by kind permission of Major G.D. Gauld. M.C., and their tuneful and excellently rendered selections were much appreciated by a large attendance.

The events were well contested. In the opening stages it seemed that no one could be found to equal the really excellent sprinting of Capt Gilbert.

At the conclusion, Brigadier General T.O. Marden C.B., C.M.G. presented the prizes.

Results:

100 yards (open): Capt. Gilbert;

100 yards (A 4): L Cpl. Williams;

100 yards (Sergts.): Sergt. Beynon;

100 yards (Officers): 2nd Lieut. Baldwin;

220 yards (open): Capt. Gilbert;

1 Mile (open): Pte. Wilson;

Company relay race: "A" Coy;

Marathon (3 Miles): Corpl. Burgess;

Tug of War: "C" Company.

K.O.Y.L.I. TUG OF WAR

A noteworthy achievement has to be credited to "B" Coy of the 5th K.O.Y.L.I., who in the inter-platoon tug-of-war competition at Liblar, on Wednesday, succeeded in getting their four teams into the semi-finals. The final was contested by No. 6 and 7 platoons, and was easily the best pull of the afternoon, being the only contest in which three pulls were necessary to decide the issue. No. 6 had the better of the first argument, and seemed like getting the honours in the second, but their opponents recovered well, cleverly regained the lost ground and finally pulled No. 6 over the mark. The final pull was decided amidst tense excitement. And a hard pull it was too; but cohesion did wonders for No. 7, who emerged the champion tug-of-war platoon in the Battalion.

The names of the finalists are appended: —

No. 7 Platoon: Lce. Cpl Marshall, Ptes Geory, Lovesay, Mc Cauley, Hughes, Smith, Wright and Tenkinson. Coach: Sergt. Turner.

No. 6: Cpl. Robey, Cpl. Hopkins, Ptes. T. E. Henderson, W. Henderson, Moxon, Hale, Sharratt, and Radford. Coach: Pte. Berry.

ENCOURAGING THE YOUNG IDEA.

SERGEANTS, 24 S.B. R.G.A. v. JUNIOR N.C.O.'s 24 S.B. R.G.A.

Played at Grossbullesheim on Thursday.

As the result of a challenge, the whole of the eleven sergeants of 24 S.B. turned out to meet the one and two striped striplings of the battery.

The referee did not turn up until the match had been in full swing for twenty minutes and the juniors took full advantage of that fact by scoring two offside goals. Nothing daunted, the sergeants then put a terrific spurt on, which resulted in "Bloater Snelling" putting the ball through the wrong goal—the sergeants'. The spectators by this time were getting delirious and one very assertive individual wanted his gate-money back. He was reconciled by the offer of a front seat in the grand-stand.

In the opening of the second half, that brilliant Corinthian — Sheppard of the Dust'ole Hornets — took matters in his own hand, but unfortunately he miss-kicked. Later on, however, he was only prevented from scoring by the Juniors' zealous goalie. After that unseemly incident, Pinchard removed his overcoat, braces, and indifference which soon enabled him to score three goals in rapid succession for the sergeants. As an encouragement to their youthful comrades, the sergeants then allowed the juniors to score another goal—and Mayon then woke up. Result:—Junior N.C.O's 4; Sergeants 3.

KING WILLOWS.

"THE COLOGNE POST" CUP.

GROUNDS AND GEAR.

If you have no cricket ball and find, as you probably will, that the stocks of the Amusement Officer or the E.F.C. are exhausted, send home for one. Find a suitable field — admittedly a rather difficult matter — mark out a playing pitch and then get it into order.

No roller? Nonsence! Make one. Get a large oil drum, fix an axle in position and then fill it with concrete. Our lawn at home never had another sort on it.

Whatever you do — and we take it you have decided to win our cup — you must get on with it. The winners of the cup will have to go all out to win. Entries are coming in and we note the names of sundry artists with the bat and wizards with the ball who will make and mar many a century before the competition is through.

Do not be discouraged if your prospects of finding an ideal ground appear somewhat remote at present.

There is surely a length of land sufficient for a net. Remember it is the eye which needs the most practice. The whole secret of successful batting is the timing of the ball, following its flight right up to the pitch. One can do that without any special gear.

Doubtless there will be a shortage of grounds in which case arrangements will have to be made for several teams to use the same ground on different days. This will do away to a large extent with the advantage, which out here is problematic, of playing at home. That is all for the good of the game, which is the thing.

Several excellent suggestions have reached us, one of which we will certainly adopt. It is that the winners of the Cup shall play "the rest." Probably we shall endeavour to arrange a function at which the Cup will be presented. We might even consider the idea of an open air fête, although with the month of May here and Spring yet afar off, it is difficult to enthuse on that idea at the moment. "Hope springs eternal," however, and we are hoping.

As soon as we can definitely define the areas of the competition we will announce the rules, which will not be in the least complicated. Meanwhile send in your entries.

POINT-TO-POINT RACES.

16th BRIGADE R.H.A. MEETING.

This Meeting was held on Easter Monday in the meadows West of Klein Vernich.

There was an attendance of several thousand, the Staff and Cavalry being well represented, while the surrounding villages attended down to the last child and dog. The latter were very much in evidence and a gallant Major of the Horse Gunners made a great impression on the local inhabitants by vociferously appealing for revolvers to clear the Course of the pests. The aforesaid local inhabitants appeared to be in some doubt wheter the Major's sanguinary intentions would be confined solely to dogs and hurriedly departed to more peaceful spots.

The entries averaged over 20 for each event. Lt.Col. Spencer Smith and the 16th Brigade R.H.A. may be congratulated on the all round success of the meeting and a very enjoyable afternoon's sport provided for all.

The course embraced a skilful combination of artificial jumps with natural obstacles.

Falls were fairly numerous, but all agreed that the course was thoroughly fair and sporting, and the racing was excellent, finishes being in several cases very close.

Captain Eckstein had very bad luck in the open Heavy Weight race, as when he appeared likely to win the spectators crowded in so much at the finish as to interfere with horse and throw him out of his stride, with the result that he was beaten by Lieut. Elliot on "Lady Bett".

The Officials and Stewards were:

Stewards:— Brig. Genl. W.P. Monkhouse, C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., R.A.; Lt.Col. D.C. Spencer Smith, R.H.A.; Major A.W. van Straubenzee, D.S.O., R.H.A., Major A.G. Archdale, R.H.A. and Captain J.C. Campbell, R.H.A.

Clerks of the Course and Scales:— Captain F.R. Watson, M.C., R.H.A., and Lieut. M.P. Benton, R.H.A.

Judge:— Brig. Genl. W.P. Monkhouse, C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., R.A.; Starter:— Captain E.M. Tyler, M.C., R.H.A.; Totalisator:— Captain R. Heraiman.

RESULTS.

3 Mile (officers): 1, Bolleston. Lt. R. Straker, 12th Lancers; 2, Ridge, Major R.F. Bett, D.A.D.V.S. Mid. Div.; 3, Thomas, Major-General C.J. Deveseil, Northern Div.

Totalisator paid 2 to 1 against. Won by half a length. Six lengths between 2nd and 3rd, 10 runners.

3 Mile (officers): 1, Parvus, Mr. F.R. Gaskell, 10th Hussars; 2, No. 33, Lt. L.P. Huggins, "A" Battery, R.H.A.; 3, Bobby, Lt. E.P. Dangerfield, "O" Battery, R.H.A.

Totalisator paid 8 to 1 against. Won by a length. Two lengths between 2nd and 3rd, 20 runners.

One Mile (W.Os. & Sergeants): 1, Kitty, R.S.M. Powley, 16th Bde. R.H.A.; 2, Ginger, B.S.M. Bull, Warwickshire H.A.; 3, Ambrose, Sergt. Kemp, "A" Btty., R.H.A.

Totalisator paid evens. Won by 10 lengths, 15 runners.

3 Mile (officers):— 1, Lady Betty, Lt. R.H. Elliot, Inniskilling Dgns.; 2, Right There, Capt. Eckstein, 18th Lancers; 3, No. 17, Major T.C. Chilton, 505 Btty. R.F.A.

Totalisator paid 2 to 1 against. Won by 4 lengths. Three lengths between 2nd and 3rd, 18 runners.

One mile (other ranks below sergeant):— 1, Betty, Gunner O'Neil, Warwickshire H.A. 2, Tango, Driver Anderson, 15th Bde. R.H.A.; 3, Micky, Corpl. Mangan, "A" Battery R.H.A.

Totalisator paid 2 to 1 against. Won by two lengths. Two lengths 2nd and 3rd, 15 runners.

One Mile:— 1, Maintenon, Driver Kully, 16th R.H.A. Bde. Ammn. Col.; 2, The Brat, Driver Mansell, "Q" Battery R.H.A.; 3, Deception, Driver Ernslow, "A" Battery, R.H.A.

Totalisator paid evens. Won by 20 lengths. A bad third. 11 runners.

5th LABOUR COMPANY, H. Q. v. SIEGBURG DETACHMENT.

Played at Volksgarten, Cologne, on Sunday, in wet weather. Following a corner, Oddie scored for H. Q. The Detachment had a look in and Lt. Wilkins saved well, handicapped by the greasy ground and ball. H. Q. again took up the running and after some passing among the forwards, Forster scored. Shortly before half-time however, a run down by the Detachment yielded a goal scored by Coyle. H. Q. continued to have the better of matters, and Jones scored a third goal. Final:—Siegburg Detachment 3—1.

LONDON DIVISIONAL RACES.

SUCCESSFUL FIRST DAYS PROGRAMME.

The London Divisinal two-day race meeting opened yesterday at Kalk, Cologne, under the most favourable auspices. The weather, although showery, was for the most part bright and sunny and something like 3000 spectators enjoyed a thoroughly good afternoon's sport. Among the many distinguished officers present was the Army Commander.

The officials were:-

Stewards: Major General Sir S.T.B. Lawford K.C.B., Brig.-General F. W. Ramsay, C.M.G., D.S.O., Brig.-General F. A. Dudgeon, C.B., Brig.-General J.S. Percy, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Brig.-General L. C. L. Oldfield, C.M.C., D.S.O., R.A.

Judges; April 28th: Lieut. General Sir A. Godley, K.C.B., K.C.M.G. 29th: Major General Sir A. A. Chichester K.C.M.G., C.B. Assistent: Captain Coatsworth.

Starter: Brig.-General W. P. Monkhouse C.M.G., M.V.O., R.A. Assistant: Captain J. Clark M.C., 16th Lancers.

Clerks of the Course: Major E. J. Broy, M.C., R.F.A. Captain E. H. Davie, Royal Fusiliers.

Clerks of the Scales: Captain & Q.M.B.W. Jordan, M.C. "Queens" Captain Rickett, Royal Fusiliers.

Secretary Major C.M. Longmore, D.S.O. Hon. medical Officer Captain A.W. Comber, R.A.M.C. Hon. Vet. Officer Captain J.P. Mac Donald, R.A.V.C.

There were large fields for all the events and exciting finishes were frequent.

The results were:

The Kalk Scurry: 1. Ruby (Lieut. Bloddworth R.A.S.C.), 2. Furlong (Capt. combers, R.A.M.C.), 3. Bubbles (Capt. Beauchamp-Nobbs, 9th East Surrys.)

Ubique Chase: 1. Tails up (Major Rasleigh, R.F.A.); 2. Ginger (Capt. Martin, R.F.A.).

Cologne Derby: 1. Boys O'Boys, (Col. Hodgins, A.V.C.); 3. Tommy (Capt. Welham R.A.V.C.).

International Chase: 1. Right There (Capt. Eckstein, 17th Lancers); 2. Paddy (Capt. Hodgins, R.A.V.C.); 3. Yellow Peril (Lieut. McFarlane).

Metropolitan Scurry: 1. Charlie (Major Davidson, R.A.M.C.); 2. Elate (Lieut. Lamb, R.F.A.); 3. Irongate, (Capt. Montgomery, London Division.)

The organisation of the meeting was all that could be desired. A well arranged bus and motor lorry service conveyed spectators from all parts and the arrangements for patrons convenience on the course itself were in every way excellent.

93rd BRIGADE R.G.A. v. 17th ROYAL FUSILIERS.

At Kalk on Thutsday. The most satisfactory feature of the game was the large attendance of spectators. Chance started for the gunners and Stalker at once made tracks for the goal. He beat the centre half and passed to Tully whose well placed shot beat the keeper. Hopson scampered down the wing, placed into Stalker, who calmly pushed it past the goalie. Within another three minutes, Chance made it three. Tully added two more goals before the interval.

The second half was started in a hail storm and it interfered with play considerably. The 17th put up a hard fight and with the least bit of luck would have scored, Cpl. James having hard luck on two occasions. Near the end Hunt scored from a well placed corner by Hopson. Result:—93rd Brigade R.G.A. 6; 17th Royal Fusiliers 0.

The R.G.A. possessed a good defence. Mead's post was not a sinecure. He proved excellent in placing himself in the correct position to deal with what came his way. Priest rather savours of the impetuous, but he has good pace for recovery. Julie is destined to become a class back in the future, his kicking of the wet ball was good. In opening the game Kenyon had no equal and Hurt played an effective game at lefthalf. Olphert was rather off. Tully was the pick of the vanguard, his first and second goals being fine efforts. Chance did quite well in the centre, but things hardly came off for him. Stalker was a schemer and he showed he could shoot. Hopson had little, too little, of the ball, for he showed pace and cleverness. Walton, when he got the ball, was clever without being fast enough. The Fusilier's goalie played fairly well, and he certainly should have saved two goals. The backs were inclined to be wild, the halves were workers, but they failed to support the forwards. Cpl. James and the centre were the pick of a good "middle of the field" forward line.

R.A.F. MATCH at AIX-LA-CHAPELLE.

Considerable interest was aroused over a football match which took place on Thursday between No 2 Kite Balloon Section and a chosen XI representing the Physical Training School in the neighbourhood. A few minutes after the kick off the Section, after a splendid break through opened their scoring, but the play following this was confined to mid-field, where the Schools centre half was seen to great advantage. After a brilliant effort by the Sections right wing, which proved to be a great asset to their side, the centre forward was instrumental in scoring their second goal. Then the School scored and the Section added two more in rapid succession. The Training School put up a very plucky fight considering the few men they had to chose from. The final whistle declared the Section winners by 7 goals to 3.

53rd MANCHESTER SCHOOL STAFF v. ORDERLY ROOM STAFF.

Played at Menden as the result of a challenge. A spirited attack on the school left wing left the centre with a glorious opportunity to score, but a moment's hesitation saw the Orderly room left back neatly nip in and the ball was transferred to mid-field. The School Staff did all the attacking but could not score. On one occasion from one of their very rare breaks away, the Orderly Room should have notched the first point, but thanks to a magnificent save by W. Birkett, the School custodian, the attack fizzled out.

It was left to the Orderly room to obtain the first goal, but shortly afterwards, from a corner kick, well placed by Iredale, Lt. Farman was enabled to equalise. From then onwards, the game was well contested, and in the last minute from a centre from Watson on the School left wing, Iredale left the goalkeeper helpless, with a fine shot. The game ended with the score 2—1 in favour of the school.

WEEK-END RESULTS DELAYED.

We regret we are unable to include in this issue, details of Week-end Sport in England owing to a breakdown in telegraphic communication.

51st ROYAL SUSSEX RESULTS.

Results of football matches, Inter-Company Championship 51st Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.:— Y Coy. 2; H.Q. Nil. W Coy. 5; H.Q. 2. X Coy. 3; H.Q. 3.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, April 29th, 1919.

Surface Wind Northerly 25 to 30 m.p.h. Squally. Changeable with variable cloud and bright intervals. Showers of rain or sleet locally. Temperature continues low.

DRAW TO MEET THE YANKS AT COBLENZ.

1/4 Royal Scots Fusiliers v. 5/6 Royal Scots Fusiliers at Ohligs.

Attendance very good—weather wretched. This match promised great excitement, as the teams met on Wednesday last, the game resulting in a draw after playing extra time. Good work by the half-backs enabled the forwards to get moving and when Lieut. Hamilton broke through, only an extraordinarily good save by the Royal Scots goalie saved the situation. Shortly after however, a nicely placed cross from Bell was turned to excellent advantage by Lieut Hamilton who scored with a "header." Royal Scots seemed to settle down, and their half-backs put in some good work. The Fusiliers backs were tested again and again but in most cases relieved the situation. On the restart the Royal Scots forwards got away, but were soon held up by the Fusiliers half backs. Shortly after Lieut. Hamilton broke right through the defence and sent in a "grounder" which the Royal Scots custodian could only partly stop. At this stage of the game the Royal Scots lost whatever hold they did have on the game, and it was difficult to recognise in them the team who, but a few days previously, forced a draw after extra time. The Fusiliers forwards seemed to do as they liked and only the opposing backs were still in the picture. Another raid by the Fusiliers forwards gave Lieut. Hamilton his opportunity, which he turned to good account and also completed the "Hat Trick" By this time most of the players were no doubt thinking of the final whistle as the ground was now practically unplayable. Towards the closing minutes the Fusiliers were awarded a penalty for handing in the penalty area, but this resulted in no increase of the score. Result:— R.S.F., 3, R.S., 0.

The only remaining hurdle is represented by the team of the 15th H.L.I. who drew a "Bye" and who will meet the "Fusil Jocks" at an early date. It is perhaps too early however to conjecture which team will receive the return tickets to Coblenz. With reference to the game played to-day. At times, one could see attempts at combination, but the efforts of the R.S. did not materialise. The centre half and left back alone seemed to retain their form. The Fusiliers team was one of the best turned out to date, and special mention must be made of the centre forward and centre half, as these two played an exceptionally good game. They kicked very surely, and together with the goalie easily disposed of the opposing side's best efforts. Whichever team wins the final of the draw, will, however, give the Yanks a very good exhibition of football and the game is sure to cause widespread interest.

SPORTS AT TROISDORF.

GOOD MEETING AND A FINE ATTENDANCE.

A very successful and amusing programme was arranged by Headquarters, 4th Bn. the Suffolk Regiment, for the sports which were held on Friday at Troisdorf.

Very keen competition prevailed throughout the afternoon and some first class running was witnessed.

The most keenly contested event was the quartermile Flat Race, which was won in splendid style by Lce. Cpl. Footman.

Great amusement was caused during the Boat Race, the Cox' of the Signallers' Team falling overboard and not being able "to swim 200 yards in still water" (see G.R.O. XYZ) was immediately disqualified.

The last man, as optimistic as ever, arrived home playing "We shan't be home till morning" in the Band Race, while the blindfold race was quite a success although one competitor could not "see through it."

The following is the list of prize winners:—

100 yds Flat Race: 1, Sgt. Edwarts; 2, Pte. Wilson.

Throwing Cricket Ball: 1, Pte. Humphrey; 2, Pte. Wilson.

Blindfold Race: 1, Pte. Packard; 2, Pte. Houghton.

3 Legged Race: 1, Pte. Norman and Pte. Whiting; 2, Lce. Cpl. Barber and Pte. Girling.

220 yds Flat Race: 1, Sgt. Edwards; 2, Pte. Eppy.

High Jump: Pte. Grove.

Wheelbarrow Race: 1, Pte. Norman and Pte. Death.

3 Mile Flat Race: 1, Pte. Ball; 2, Pte. Bird.

Long Jump: 1, Pte. Whiting; 2, Pte, Eppy.

Tug-of-War: Transport Team.

1 Mile Flat Race: 1, Pte. Bird; 2, Pte. Lord.

Reveille Race: 1, Pte. Norman; 2, Cpl. Beale.

¾ Mile Flat Race: 1, Lce. Cpl. Footman; 2, Pte. Boardman; 3, Pte. Loweth.

Boat Race: Winning Team: Transport:— Ptes. Norman, Brook, Pedingham, Bullock, Morley, Day, and Gissing.

Band Race: Pte. Lord.

MULHEIM LEAGUE.

No 6th Rly. Telegraph Coy v. 139 Field Amb. R.A.M.C.

The teams met in the first game of the newly-formed Mulheim League, on the ground of the Railway Telegraphs at Buchheim on Saturday.

The game resulted in a win for the home team by 3 goals to 1.

Unfortunately the rain during the match marred the play, but some good and clean football was seen.

TThe Ambulance was the first to score, but the R.T.C. equalised before half time when the score was 1—1.

The second half was more in favour of the R.T.C., who scored twice, while the Ambulance could not find the net again.

"THE LONDON DIVISIONAL RACE MEETING"

will take place at the EXERZIER PLATZ, HOHENBERG, just East of COLOGNE on the 28th and 29th April.

First race on each day at 14-00 hrs. A special service of buses and trams will run to the course on each day, leaving Cöln-Deutz Station from 12-00 hrs. returning after the last race.

Free teas will be supplied for OTHER RANKS if previous application for tickets is made to London Divisonal 'Q.' There will be a public refreshment tent for Officers on the Course, and Wet and Dry canteen for O.Rs.

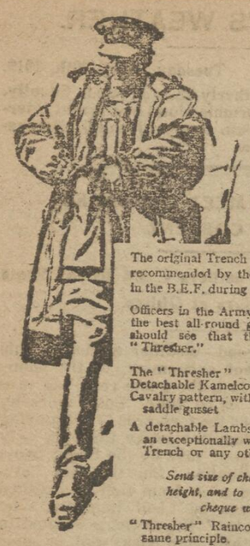

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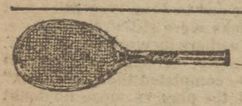

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GERMAN PATENT RIGHTS AND PEACE.

The future of German patent rights in Great Britain is being considered by a special commitee of the Peace Conference in Paris. Mr. W. Temple Franks, Comptroller-General of the Patent Office, Southampton-buildings, W.C., has just returned from a visit to Paris in connection with the question.

During the war about 1,000 licences to use the German patents were granted by the Board of Trade. These will remain valid after Peace, as they were granted for the full period of the life of a patent —14 years— so that British firms holding them will continue to derive benefit from the use of the patents. How valuable these licences have proved is instanced by the fact that over 100 have been taken out in respect to German dye inventions, enabling British manufactures to capture an industry formerly almost exclusively German.

The enemy-owned patent rights in respect to which licences have been granted are, however, vested in the Public Trustee, and the points before the Peace Conference are whether they shall be returned to their owners or confiscated as part of the indemnity, and whether any compensation shall be paid to the owners for the use of the rights by British firms. These firms have paid a large sum in royalties to the Public Trustee in return for the licences.

PUT A STAMP ON YOUR COLOGNE POST.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

We are informed by the authorities that for all newspapers sent to the United Kingdom, and to all places outside zones of the Army of the Rhine and the British troops in France and Flanders, the postage must be prepaid at the rate of ½d. for two ounces. So when you "send it home," please affix a stamp to each copy of *The Cologne Post.*

WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

SPLENDID WORK OF DEVONS.

An excellent start has been made by the 51st Devons at Burscheid to encourage the spirit of thrift amongst the men. Since its inception on the 5th inst. the local association has collected over 22,000 Marks for the purchase of War Loan Certificates, and this speaks well for the energy displayed by the Education Staff who have the matter in hand. The "War Savings Thermometer," the "Company ladders," and all the war savings posters displayed outside the Education Centre are the subject of much discussion amongst the men. The Company spirit is undoubtedly a great incentive to thrift, and as officers and other ranks are giving a great helping hand, the association bids well to beating all records in Rhineland. Cinema film and lantern slides have been procured from the parent association, and a special appeal has been organised.

Other battalions might, with great benefit, follow the example set by the 51st, for not only are they helping their country but the men are providing for the time when they return to civilian life where, as one of the posters points out, money will be more urgently needed then in the army.

SYMPHONY CONCERTS AT BONN.

The second of the series of three concerts took place on Thursday evening at the Stadt Theater, Bonn. Capt. Godfrey is to be congratulated on the excellent work he is doing, and should be gratified by the appreciation shown to his efforts. His orchestra of fifty-five performers are settling down to good work under his able leadership, and it is to be hoped that we shall hear a great deal of them during the coming summer.

The orchestra was composed of soldiers and civilians, as also was the audience.

Little need be said of the actual programme. The, cello solo by Mr. Carl Schafer was very much appreciated.

The "Pathetic Symphony" of Tchaikowsky was the *pièce de résistance* of the evening. As the expositor said, it is curious how the British soldier, sturdy, virile, and optimistic as he is to the last degree, appreciates the melancholy in music. Certainly there was satisfaction in that respect on Thursday. The ovation given to the orchestra at the end of their rendering of this magnificent symphony was great, and well they deserved it. It may be that we are hungry for any good music after nearly five years in the "wilderness," but to the writer's mind it was the finest piece of work he has heard for a long time.

It is sincerely to be hoped that next Tuesday's symphony concert will not be the last.

May the writer suggest that the performance begins at 5.30. p.m. instead of 6, so that those from Siegburg and other outlying places may get back in reasonable time.

51st BEDFORDS EDUCATIONAL TOURS.

As part of their general Education scheme, the 51st Bedfords have been sending parties of men with guides of the Education Staff, round the Cathedral, Churches, Museums and other interesting places of Cologne. Many of the men may be too young or inexperienced to realize the benefits thus derived from properly "doing" a great continental city. Others, however, take great interest in these tours. With one and all, however, the "Zoo" is popular. After the tour the men write essays on the subject, some of which have shewn great merit, whilst others have points of interest which would not occur to ordinary mortals. This helps to enlighten and amuse.

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GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

COUNTER-REVOLUTION.

Noske, a minister of the Berlin Cabinet, recently made an interesting declaration with regard to the possibility of counter-revolution in Germany, rumours of which have been just as varied as they have been numerous. He pointed out that such rumours were utter nonsense and ridiculous. It is true, he said, that there are still a few who might be called monarchists, and, naturally, officers are perfectly loyal and assist, in every way, the Republican Government.

He further declared that there is not the slightest danger of a political revolution, either from the officer-corps or the new German army.

"Bolshevism is vanquished."

In commenting on the interior policy Noske said that from a military standpoint Bolshevism is vanquished. The safety of Berlin is secured the levy of troops and, since the solution of the popular defence and marine division problems, the Spartacist leaders have given up all hopes of obtaining possession of the city. Surely, he said, the recent events in Munich represent the final earnest trial of the anarchists to override the Government.

Council of Unemployed.

The unemployed of Berlin have formed a council, the members of which, it is said, cannot be forced to accept work. Recently, a meeting was held at which they addressed an ultimatum to the Government. Amongst the demands, which by the way must be accepted before May 3rd, they state that every man above the age of eighteen must be given a daily sum of ten marks, every woman four marks, and for each child two marks, as a means to provide sustenance.

How many will they be?

The news from German sources as to the number of representatives that Germany is sending to Versailles is very conflicting. A fortnight ago it was mentioned that there would be only three. Shortly afterwards the number was increased to seventy-five, and the day following this announcement five more were added. Three days ago we were told that, with the various press representatives, experts, secretaries and interpreters, the total would be 125, whilst Sunday's issue of the *Kölnische Zeitung* states that there will be no less than 190 of a delegation staff.

On the other hand "Le Matin" states that Herr Dunker, who has charge of the arrangements for their reception, is making preparations for the reception of 300 compatriots.

PROMISED LAND.

SOLDIERS' DREAMS OF SMALL HOLDINGS FADING.

A Birmingham correspondent of the *Daily News* writes:—There is growing impatience among the soldiers who are being disbanded that their dreams of getting on to the land do not come true. At the headquarters of the Allotments and Small Holdings Association of England I was shown to-day piles of letters received from all over the country asking for aid in overcoming the difficulties with which applicants for land, from one to fifty acres, are beset.

Mr. Streetly, the association's organising secretary, said there was a very urgent need of the Facilities Bill being passed into law forthwith if trouble was to be averted. He had been set thinking by the temper which he found developing among soldiers during visits he had paid to camps in the South of England, as well as by the letters he had received from ex-service men, many of whom had organised themselves to get small holdings. Settling men on the land must be a tedious business at best, but what angered the men was the way in which they were "fobbed off" with technical disabilities. They suspected county authorities of using the Act of 1908 merely for obstructive purposes.

Facilities should be made freer, said Mr. Streetly, with as little loss of time as possible. The number of Small Holdings Commissioners should be increased, and the help of all the local authorities and private landowners should be commandeered. Profiteering in land had become a serious menace to the realisation of the promise held out to returning men, and in view of the inflation of values he was inclined to favour the plan of public authorities leasing suitable sites for a term of years, with option of purchase at the end.

In addition to the ex-soldiers, Mr. Streetly declared, there are a great many town men and rural dwellers who are clamouring for small holdings.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Windsor Corporation Isolation Hospital was yesterday destroyed by fire.

Since the armistice 83,275 officers and 2,453,591 men have been demobilised.

North Devon farmers yesterday passed resolutions protesting against the withdrawal of soldier labour.

Lord Birkenhead and his son made a flight in an Avro aeroplane at Hamble (near Southampton) Friday.

By a thinning-out process Eastbourne is to lose many of the trees which adorn the principal thoroughfares in their thousands.

Its spacious commons and "lung spaces" notwithstanding, Chobham (Surrey) has decided upon a recreation ground as a war memorial.

Crowland Abbey, Lincs, founded about 714, is to be restored.

At St. Paul's Cathedral memorial service for railwayment on May 14 the orchestra will consist of railwaymen.

London police now frequently have to deal with cases of thefts of magnetos from motor-cars and taxicabs left unattended.

For stock breeding at Aberystwith University College Mr. Lawrence Philipps, brother of Lord St. Davids, is giving £10,000.

After a day's strike clerks at Skewen Colliery, Glamorganshire, secured the Sankey award and the reinstatement of a dismissed clerk.

To provide for street improvements Brighton wants to borrow £9,000 to buy certain buildings whose tenancies have 27 years to run.

Three hundred wounded are being taught various subjects, including beekeeping and accountancy, in Cherry Hinton Military Hospital, Cambridge.

The Joint Industrial Committee of Employers and Workmen meet in London on Thursday to hear the Government policy on their recommendations submitted on March 27.

It was stated at the annual meeting of New Tivoli, Ltd., that offers of more than £150,000 were about to be considered for their theatre site in the Strand, on which the Beaver Hut stands.

Now of the Political Intelligence Departmentt Foreign Office, Mr. A. E. Zimmern, M. A., is appointed first holder of the Wilson Chair of international politics, Aberystwith University College.

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Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

"PARSIFAL"

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—I was keenly interested in Miss Eastgate's letter in Friday's issue on the above opera, and I beg leave to disagree with her in regard to Wagner's aim in writing this great work. Major Bles told us in his excellent article many interesting points about the production of "Parsival" at Bayreuth, which, he said, inherited the true tradition of the master. That being so, there can be no doubt that it *was* Wagner's intention to introduce Christ into Act III, for the Major speaks of having sometimes felt that the performance (at Bayreuth) touched on the sacrilegious "through an undefinable feeling that Cosima Wagner was always there regulating every movement"

The question of the "convincingness" of the whole masterpiece, then, need not be dicussed

With regard to the "somewhat effeminate representations of Christ" of which Miss Eastgate speaks, we are all agreed that the Church to-day needs a more virile conception of our Lord, but as far as Easter Monday's "festival" is concerned Herr Schröder's performance was so masterly in its dignity and grace that he conveyed to any mind at least, all the hidden strength which characterized our Lord's outward humility upon which we are apt to lay too much stress in the Church to-day.

Tradition dies hard, especially when it is the tradition of a master like Leonardo da Vinci, and he is a bold man, but not an unwelcome one, who will undertake to picture for us this new conception of a strong and virile Christ, the longing for which is the outcome of the war. Meanwhile, I should be grateful for a stained-glass window that would recall to my mind that final scene in the Temple of the Holy Grail. In conclusion I venture to look forward to the day when "Parsival" will form a regular feature of our Easter Mondays in England!

P. S. I must apologise for writing at such length; my little experience in journalism tells me space is valuable. S. H. T.

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COST OF GERMAN MINERS STRIKE.

BRINGING THE KAISER TO TRIAL.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

According to the *Temps* the Peace Conference examined to day recommendations of the Commission of Responsibility for incorporation in the Peace Treaty. The summary of the articles presented by the Commission of Responsibility is as follows:

1. The Allied and Associated Powers make public accusation against Wilhelm von Hohenzollern, Emperor of Germany, not for a crime according to penal laws but for a supreme offence against international moral and the sacred rights of treaties. A special tribunal will be constituted to judge him, securing to him the essential guarantees of the right of defence.

The tribunal will be composed of five judges, appointed by Great Britain, United States, France, Italy and Japan. This tribunal will be competent to state the penalty which they will think must be applied.

The Allied and Associated Powers will address a request to the Government of the Netherlands asking them to deliver the ex-Kaiser to the tribunal in order that he may be judged.

2. The German Government having failed to effect the punishment of the persons accused of having committed acts contrary to the laws and usages of war, these persons will be arraigned and tried by the Allied and Associated Powers before military tribunals and if necessary condemned to the penalties commonly provided by military laws. The German Government must deliver to the Allied and Associated Powers, or to one of them, all persons accused of having committed an act contrary to the laws and customs of war. Such persons would be designated either by name or by rank or by the function which was given to them by the German authorities.

3. The authors of acts against subjects of one of the Allied and Associated Powers will be put before the military tribunals of the interested power. In all cases the accused will be allowed to appoint his own advocate.

4. The German Government will be required to furnish documents and information of any kind, the production of which will be considered necessary for the complete knowledge of incriminatory facts, in order that the exacct degree of responsibility can be determined.—*Haus.*

BOLSHEVIST PROPAGANDA ACADEMY.

TWENTY SUBSIDIARY SCHOOLS.

Helsingfors. The new Soviet commissary for propaganda is a Jew named Arshevski, who is in charge of ten different departments of an academy for practical propaganda work, with two thousand pupils and twenty propagaada schools in the interior of Russia.

Very large amounts have been spent in financing, supporting and bribing newspapers with Bolshevist tendencies in Russia and abroad.—*Reuter.*

RAW MATERIAL FOR GERMANY.

According to a telegram from Berlin to the *Kölnische Volkszeitung* dated 28th April M. Clemenceau has sent a new note to the German Government in the name of the Allies, requesting Germany to appoint at once plenipotentiaries for new negotiations about the provision of raw material and food. The Entente proposes that the new representatives have their negotiations in common with the German financial commission which is already at St. Cloud.

The German Government sent an immediate acknowledgment and explained that the formation of a new German commission would not be necessary, as the representatives sent to Versailles have all the necessary powers.

PATRIOTIC EMPLOYERS WANTED.

The War Office states that large numbers of men now in India have voluntarily undertaken to remain during the continuance of the present unrest. There is, however, some anxiety among them lest their chances of employment, when they do return home, will be prejudiced by this action.

It is hoped that employers, realizing that these men are volunteering from purely patriotic motives, in the interests of the Empire, will see that they are not subject to this unemployment on their return.

The men have asked for their case to be put before their fellow countrymen, and the War Office does this with full confidence in the patriotism and sense of fair play of the men's employers.

MUNICH CORDON TIGHTER.

Latest news from Munich states that the Government troops are closing in on the city. The actual operations are expected to begin in four or five days time.

RULES OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

AMENDED COVENANT.

An important sitting of the Peace Conference was held yesterday afternoon at Versailles at which alterations in the Covenant of the League of Nations were discussed.

President Wilson enumerated sundry amendments to the text, the chief points being: — A nation can only resign from the League by giving two years notice of its intention to do so; all decisions must be unanimous; arbitration will be resorted to in the event of any disagreement over the interpretation of a treaty on points of International law; a nation cannot be compelled to adopt an administrative mandate without its consent; protection of labour; Red Cross organisation to be encouraged; members of the League may refuse to accept the new amendments but resignation would naturally follow.

All these principles were adopted.

The Hon. Sir James Eric Drummond, K.C.M.G., C.B., was nominated as General Secretary of the League.

On the Committee, in addition to the five great Powers, Belgium, Greece, Spain and Brazil will be represented.

Many points were raised in the discussion which followed President Wilson's outline of these proposals.

Baron Makino protested against the absence from the text of the Japanese proposal for recognising the principle of equality of nations.

"We demand," he said, "a treatment of justice and equality. We do not ask for an ideal equality. We only want acknowledgment of the principle, leaving the application to the care of the Governments," and concluded an energetic protest by expressing his deep regret at the omission of a proposal which the Japanese have so much at heart.

M. Hymans, Belgian Foreign Minister, expressed the sorrow of the Belgian nation that Brussels was not selected as the home of the League, and added "Nations so exposed as Belgium must always take care to assure their security, independently of the League, which, however, is a supplementary guarantee of great importance."

M. Bourgeois, for France, deplored the non-acceptance of two French amendments for the limitation of armaments and the creation of a permament organisation for forcible coercion of rebellious states, saying.

"Our creation must not appear one day as non-efficacious, supplementary guarantees are necessary. We speak in the name of France, which, according to Mr. Wilson, is the frontier of the civilised world; in the name of the devastated regions; in the name of Belgium Serbia and Italy, and in the name of the 1,700,000 dead French soldiers."

Proposals by Mr. Borden, Canada, supported by M. Vandervelde, were adopted. These affirmed the necessity of methods for the universal regulation of labour conditions. The underlying principles are that labour cannot be considered as merchandise; that the 8 hour day, and 48 hour week shall be universal; one rest day a week (Sunday wherever possible); suppression of child labour and limitation of hours for young people; equality of pay for the same work without distinction of sex.

CAMPAIGN IN EAST AFRICA.

GERMAN WHO FOUGHT CLEAN.

A despatch from Lt. General Sir J. L. Vandeventer, covering the operations in East Africa from September to the conclusion of hostilities, was published on Saturday.

General Vandeventer calls it a remarkable and in some ways an unique campaign. He says the theatre of war was perhaps the most difficult one in which any large body of troops ever fought, and that as a test of sheer human endurance the operations in East Africa must rank high among the campaigns of the world.

The General pays a tribute to the skill and courage of the German Commander von Lettow Vorbeck, and says his fighting on the whole was clean and sometimes even chivalrous.

GERMAN DELEGATES PASS THROUGH COLOGNE.

While Cologne slept yesterday morning a train arrived at the Hauptbahnhof, stayed there awhile and then departed on a mission fraught with the utmost consequence to Germany.

It carried the men, invested with one-sided plentipotentiary powers, who will be the first in all Germany to know the first part of the price which Germany has got to pay for failure to win the world war it started, and knowing, will have to sign an acceptance in the name of the German people.

Yet it is not the price of failure, it is the price foreordained from August 1914, a righteous reparation for a wrong hideously conceived.

There was no fuss at the station. No special precautions had been taken and save for the presence of a few French officers who took charge of the train, the delegates, to whom was entrusted the greatest mission of its kind in the history of the world, went on their way to Versailles.

SIGNING THE PEACE TREATY.

"Every reasonable German" says the *Berliner Tageblatt* "desires the signature of the treaty. Only when the last hope of a tolerable content is destroyed can the signature be refused."

DEFRAUDING THE WAR OFFICE.

FORGERY OF ARMY FORMS.

Charles Morris, printers' cutter, and Charles Bligh, compositor, were charged at Clerkenwell with being concerned in forging 500 Army Forms "Z 50," receipts representing valuable securiteis, with being concerned with others in cheating and defrauding the Secretary of State, and having in their possession documents which were a colourable representation of Army Form Z. 50.

The police went to Morris's rooms and told him it was believed he was engaged in printing forged Army Forms "Z 50," and that he would be arrested and his rooms searched on a warrant.

Prisoner said: 'I admit I had something to do with the printing of some of these forms." He made a statement which was taken down and signed by him. In the front room were found a quantity of printing materials.

The police went to the printing department at Whiteley's and saw Bligh. Prisoner said he did set the forme for Morris and made a statement also.

The police stated that the case would be connected with two young soldiers on remand, charged with obtaining money by false pretences at railway stations.

In that case detectives followed the soldiers from Waterloo to Euston and King's Cross. They visited Y.M.C.A. huts, etc., and came out with overcoats which they took to the stations.

When arrested, Leonard Wilkes, a demobilised man, said: "I have been nine days doing this," and produced several overcoat vouchers. He also had £14 in Treasury notes upon him.

The magistrate remanded Morris and Bligh to come up with the other men.

COST OF GERMAN MINERS STRIKE.

RUHR MINES IN DANGER.

The enormous loss caused by the strike of miners which has just ended in the Ruhr district is shown by a report just issued by the strike Committeee, The actual loss during this strike, the biggest ever known in the district, was 73,500,000 marks, a very big increase as compared with the loss of nineteen million marks in the strike of 1905 and of nearly eight million marks in 1912.

Since the beginning of the revolution the loss to the coal fields represents about 101 million marks. In April alone the loss of wages to the strikers was 5,159 000 mark.

These figures represent merely ascertained loss and are but a small part of the actual ravages of the strikes. It is impossible as yet to ascertain to what extent the mines themselves have suffered, The breaking down of many ditches and the flooding of some of the deeper mines; the deterioration and non-productivity of coke ovens, gas and by-product plants is so great that many mines are in serious danger of their existence. In addition to the figures given above there must be added the decreased haulage of coal amounting to 3,350,000 tons, representing a further loss of 140,700,000 marks.

FOR LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS.

GERMAN WORKMEN'S PLAN.

The *Kölnische Volkszeitung* Düsseldorf correspondent states that in that town a movement is in progress amongst the workmen of the war-material manufacturers, to refuse to make any article for war purposes.

At a meeting of workmen yesterday a proposal was made to melt down every half-finished war instrument for peace articles.

The workmen hope by these means to bring about the end of militarism, as they intend to invite the workmen of all countries to follow their example.

NEUTRAL BLACK LIST WITHDRAWN.

The chief of the British mission at Spa addressed a note to the German Armistice Commission to the effect that the Allied and Associated Governments have decided to withdraw on midnight 28th April all the black lists of firms and persons which they had published or compiled and to cancel all prohibitions about commerce and commercial relations with firms or persons on such lists. The Allied and Associated Governments, however, retain the right to reintroduce all or any of these black lists in case of need.

PUNCH ARTIST ELECTED AN A.R.A.

Among the newly-elected Associates of the Royal Academy appear the names of Mr. Alfred J. Munning, painter of horses and sporting subjects, Mr. George Harcourt, and Mr. Claude A Shepperson, water colourist and illustrator and a regular contributor to Italie.

THE RISKS OF PEACE.

Regimental Sergt.-Maj. F. J. Howell, R.A.M.C., of Guildford, after serving twenty-six years in the Army and all through the war—in France, Egypt, and Palestine—and the South African war, has died from injuries received through being thrown out of a runaway vehicle while on holiday.

BANK MANAGER FOUND DEAD.

The body of Thomas Charles Morgan, the manager of Lloyds Bank at Risca (Monmouth), who has been missing since Tuesday last, when he left home with a golf bag and clubs, was found in a wood near the links with his throat cut.

R. A. F. OFFICER FINED FOR DOG SMUGGLING.

PLEA OF IGNORANCE.

At Croydon Police Court Captain J. M. D'Arcy Levy, R. A. F., stationed at Wallington, was fined £10 and two guineas costs, for landing a fox terrier dog at Hull from Holland on 18th November last year without a licence from the Board of Agriculture.

Mr. E. B. Knight, prosecuting, said the arrival of this dog in the country came to the notice of the Board in January. They thought to trace the animal in case it should be doing mischief anywhere. Captain Levy was not found till March 4, having been in various parts of the country.

The Captain explained to the Board's Inspector that two valuable dogs were taken from England to Utrecht for breeding purposes, and in October, 1918, being then an interned person in Holland, he obtained a puppy, then about two months old. It never left him, and was not at any time exposed to the risk of infection from rabies. He refused £40 for the puppy, and brought it with him on the boat to England.

HOW IT WAS SMUGGLED.

At Hull he asked a soldier to carry it ashore in his kit bag for £5. This was done without detection. On February 5 Captain Levy came with the dog to Wallington, and five days later it disappeared, and he had not seen it since.

Its description had been circulated, and a reward offered. Mr. Knight added that people coming from abroad were apt to take the risk of smuggling because they always thought it could not be their dog, but must be other people's dogs, that were infected. No doubt rabies was brought into this country by someone with an infected dog, and who quite genuinely believed that the animal was all right.

Captain Surtees, an Inspector of the Board, bore out this statement, and added that the defendant told him that though he received the dog from the soldier, the man went away without being paid the £5.

OVERLAPPING DEPARTMENTS.

Mr. Cecil Hayes, for the defence, declared that the Board of Agriculture informed the Air Ministry that if they took disciplinary measures with the defendant the matter would be considered closed. This overlapping of two departments was a thousand pities, for, as a matter of fact, these measures were taken by the defendant's Colonel this week.

Mr. Hayes mentioned that the defendant had been out of Belgium since August 1914. When flying over Zeebrugge he was captured by the Germans, and was a prisoner for three years in Germany before being removed to Holland. The defendant therefore had been out of England during the whole time the Order had been in force, and knew nothing about it.

Counsel earnestly pressed the Bench not to inflict the indignity of a conviction upon a distinguished officer who had not a stain upon his war record. He also pointed to the difficulty of soldiers abroad in getting information about dog regulations.

The Chairman (Sir Arthur Spurgeon) said it was hard to register a conviction against a man holding the defendant's record, but much smuggling was difficult to detect, and it was only by proceedings and penalties that people could be made to realise what a dangerous practice it was.

TO STAMP OUT RABIES.

HOPEFUL SIGNS.

Reports to the Board of Agriculture from various parts of the country suggest that the energetic measures taken by the authorities to combat the spread of rabies are meeting with success. The number of suspected cases, although large, should not cause alarm because, as was officially explained, people are encouraged to report their dogs suspected on the first signs of anything unusual, but of the hundreds of cases so reported very few are regarded seriously after investigation by experts, although still kept under observation.

So far 151 confirmed cases have been dealt with in all, but of these 125 are from Devon, the county in which the outbreak first occurred, and the neighbouring county of Cornwall. Only two cases have been confirmed in London and the home counties.

It is understood that human beings bitten by dogs in the London area are being treated at St. Thomas's Hospital, where special arrangements have been made to deal with such cases.

TRAFFIC IN LEAVE PASSES.

WASTE PAPER.

A private in the Army Service Corps, named Harry Kesler, arrested as an absentee, was charged on remand at Westminster with being in the unlawful possession of military documents.

When prisoner was arrested he had on him six blank leave passes—War Office Form B. 295—all bearing the official rubber stamp of a depot. There were also other passes in which names had been filled in. There was no doubt that the prisoner and others trafficked in these passes, which were sold for half-a-crown a piece.

The magistrate asked how it was possible for a man to get official documents like this, of which such a scandalous use was made.

Prisoner: It is easy enough to get them. They have just cleared out the depot at Lee (Kent), and they have left the things lying all over the place.

Prisoner was again remanded.

BAD CITIZEN BUT A GOOD SOLDIER.

REVERTS TO CRIME.

Frank Percy Berry pleaded guilty at Tower Bridge yesterday to stealing £70 11s. petty cash belonging to his employers, the Astra Light Company, Ltd., Southwark Park-road.

It was stated that the prisoner had received a public school education, was well connected, and was a man of considerable attainments. Nevertheless, he had a very bad record, there being nine convictions recorded against him, dating from 1899. His sentences included one of fifteen months' hard labour for larceny and conspiracy.

Upon his release from prison in October 1916, he joined the Army, went to France, and did remarkably well, gaining the D.C.M. and the Military Medal. He left the Army last December. The view of his friends was that drink was the cause of his troubles.

The prisoner said he did not wish to advertise what he had done in the Army, but in mitigation he would like to mention that he was blown up twice and was buried once for four hours. He had not the slightest doubt that in consequence his mind was sometimes affected. When he joined the Army he determined to make good, and he had five recommendations within four days. He was offered a commission in 1917, but had to refuse it because of his past. He meant to go straight when he obtained the situation with the prosecutors after he left the Army, but somehow he had fallen. The safe key was missing one day and he took the petty cash home for safety, and that was the beginning of the embezzlement.

The prisoner was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

ONLY CLOUD ON LABOUR HORIZON.

BREAD AND MILK.

Reuter learns from a general survey of the industrial situation that the only cloud on the horizon is that created by the opposition to conscription and to the intervention in Russia of the Triple Alliance. These points were the subject of a demand by the Parliamentary Committee of Trades Unions to the Congress for the National Conference.

Farmers in some parts of the country are threatening a "silent" strike over the question of summer milk prices, but it is unlikely that a serious position will arise.

The night baking controversy is to form the subject of a public inquiry next week.

A committee has been [illegible] by the Ministry of Labour, much on the lines of the Coal Commission.

LEGALLY FORBIDDEN.

NEED FOR REFORM.

A woman told the magistrate at Tottenham that she had not seen or heard any thing of her husband for sixteen years.

The Magistrate: You want us to find him for you. — Woman: No.

Magistrate: Then what? — Woman (blushing): I have an opportunity to marry. I want to know, as I have not seen nor heard anything of my husband for sixteen years, whether I can say yes to the man who wishes to marry me?

Magistrate: I am afraid you will have to say no, unless you can prove your husband is dead. Should you marry and it turns out that your husband is a live, you could be charged with bigamy.

The woman said she had made every effort to find her husband, but had failed. The Magistrate said he could not sanction her remarrying, and she left the court crying.

LIMERICK STRIKE OVER.

VERY IRISH.

The Limerick strike is over and the majority of the workers were glad to return to work. Many more will find employment when the bacon-curing factories reopen in the course of a few days. The statement by the Strike Committee was a great disappointment to those who were anxious to carry on the strike. It was regarded as an admission of defeat, and some of the transport workers tore up copies of it when they were circulated in the streets.

Mr. Thomas Johnson, who is acting as secretary of the Labour Conference at Dublin, issued the following statement:—

"The National Executive desire to congratulate the workers of Limerick on their spontaneous and unanimous protest against the tyrannical action of the military authorities in prohibiting by guns and bayonets the movement of the citizens from one part of their city to another. The protest has been characterized by resolution, courage, dignity, patience, and self-sacrifice, and commands the admiration of all onlookers." The executive wishes to express its high appreciation of the splendid organizing and administrative ability of the strike committee."

EIGHT HUNDRED DIVORCE CASES.

There are 1,625 new cases set down for hearing during the forthcoming Easter sittings of the Law Courts, which commenced yesterday. They are made up as follows: —

Court of Appeal, 92; Chancery Division, 154; King's Bench Divison, 616; and Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division, 822. There are 692 undefended divorce suits and 87 defended ones.

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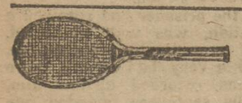

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EXPECTANCY.

Charles Dickens created many delightful types of personality, and it is a joy to keep in touch with the men and women who flit to and fro across his stage. Few of these win more of our regard than the immortal Micawber. In *David Copperfield* we see him setting out time and again on the sure road to fortune only to be rebuffed by the unkindly strokes of an untoward fate. But he is never daunted. Hope springs eternally in his breast. As often as he is cast down, he rises again to some new scheme that captures his buoyant mind. He is not of the stuff that makes pessimists, for he believes that sooner or later something will "turn up" which will lead him to triumph over the obstacle of base circumstance. Wilkins Micawber is the apostle of a gospel; and it is the gospel of expectancy.

Expectancy is a virtue and an inspiration. Life would be drab and dreary were it not for the unquenchable hope that some day the wheel of fortune will turn happily in our favour. Routine is the mechanism of human existence. Each day seems to bring with it a task that differs little from the task of yesterday. Monotony in life's trivial round lays a heavy hand upon our souls and is all too apt to breed weariness and dejection. But we are saved by imagination, and imagination pictures the coming of strange good fortune. Like Micawber we expect a rosy dawn that shall shame the greyness of our horizon. Expectancy braces mankind and wins it for optimism. Fears give way to hope, and we look forward steadfastly to a morrow of radiant brightness. Something that is good will "turn up."

To-day the world is palpitating with expectancy. Even now the Peace Delegates of Germany are arriving at the gates of Versailles. History records many a conclave where Peace was brought to the birth after the travail of War, where the fates of nations were weighed on the balances, where political aspirations were blessed or doomed. Vienna and Berlin are great names in the story of international conference, but at Paris there is now sitting the greatest, most momentous Congress that our world has seen. For more than five months of armistice the representatives of the victorious Allies have pondered the plight of a stricken world, and we are at the eve of the day, when Terms of Peace shall be published broadcast to waiting humanity. Versailles has had its excursions and alarums, but these do not dismay us. The fitful fever of war cannot be assuaged without many a pang of patriotic fear and foreboding. Our expectancy is undespairing and the world throbs with high hope.

What are the hopes that expectancy shapes in our minds? It is not for us to give them realistic fulness of form and colour, but in outline they are plain and satisfying. We expect Peace, honourable and enduring. Gallant sons of our empire have fought the bitter fight for liberty and righteousness. Their sacrifice must not be vain, and so we would remember "the dead whom we to gain our peace have sent to peace." Their call is immortal; and it is for a new world where oppression shall be unknown, where righteousness shall take firm root, where liberty shall flourish. It is the strong, unalterable belief of Great Britain that she bared her arm of war reluctantly and sorrowfully. War is not loved by Englishmen; and only the claim of the downtrodden and the call of Allies brought her to that rescue of a world that stood in peril of dominion. The voice of our Empire demands that the sword shall be sheathed and that war shall be no more.

The demand that wars shall cease from the earth has a bearing upon the peace which we expect. There are peace terms which invite future strife and indeed nerve nations for the day when in new-born strength they will rise in revolt against the decisions of unjust and arrogant peace-making. Had the Allies lost this war there is evidence that the plans of our enemies would have so humiliated the vanquished that the future of the world would have been shrouded in never-ending warfare. Our expectancy bids us look for fairer hopes. we desire no terms that can be deemed vengeful; we desire that our brothers in arms shall be assured of peace and the right to live their lives without the dread spectre of militarism, naked and unashamed. The world must not again lie under the sword of Damocles.

A new and better Christendom — that is what our kinsfolk expect, and mankind must not be disappointed in its expectancy.

HAVE WE LOST OUR BATTLE POETS?

What songs have come down to us from the wars of former days, and have made themselves immortal? We shall be surprised to find, on consideration, how few these are.

"In our own country the great Napoleonic struggle gave us at least one song, of great words, though far less great in tune—" Ye Mariners of England."

The meteor flag of England
Shall yet terrific burn!

The lines stir the spirit like a trumpet-call. We can match it, and hardly match it, with one other—"Rule, Britannia!" —in which Arne's music is worthy of Thomson's verses. This great song, which was first performed in 1740, in the masque of "Alfred," sprang out of our war with Spain. And in the minds of most of us, the song is much more vivid than the war." So commences an article in *Town & Country*, the new London weekly. The writer laments the fact that very few can be added to the songs mentioned. True, the number of songs written during the war have included *some* was poems, but—of a class. Darewski, Nat D. Ayer, and other popular writers of musical comedy items have contributed a few to the list, but they cannot be included in such a list of war songs as the writer has in mind. There are very few indeed which can approach the stirring battle songs of old. More surprising still, though our country has been at war almost constantly in some parts of the world, the greatest of our poets have barely given the matter consideration. Tennyson is one exception. To the Crimea War we owe "The Charge of the Light Brigade," "Form, Rifleman, Form!" and the supreme lines which bring "Maud" to its conclusion in one "gorgeous storm of music."

The writer continues:— "During the Napoleonic wars we had in England the greatest group of poets who have ever existed together at one time—Shelley, Keats, Wordsworth, Byron, Coleridge, Scott—the proverbial "nest of nightingales." Of these—we are speaking only of such verses as stand out in memory from among their work—Shelley and Coleridge left each a noble ode, Byron the lines on the eve before Waterloo—"There was a sound of revelry by night," Wordsworth has left us some magnificent sonnets which have been quoted with fine effect during the Great War, but these are not poems of action, and their appeal is not to the multitude. As for Keats, the poet of supreme beauty, there is not a syllable in all his works to show that he was aware that a world-convulsion had just taken place all round him. Scott, it is true, wrote "The Battle of Waterloo," one of the weakest of his works—but at the very time when the cannon in the Peninsula were beginning to roar, he was writing a battle-poem on a fight with bows and bill-hooks on the field of Flodden!

"Nor is Scott a solitary example of the predilection of poets for "battles long ago." Homer wrote the greatest of battle-poems on a war which never took place—at least, as he describes it. Macaulay went back to the Armada; Sir Henry Newbolt recalled "Drake's Drum!" But where are all the songs that the event itself inspired—the songs that, beyond doubt, rang in the ears of Drake himself—the days that followed victory? Fallen dumb, in every line and note. And so, as we said at the beginning, when we regard the cataract of war-poems now fading from the press, we cannot be very optimistic. Will any one survive, like "La Marseillaise," a hundred years? And, if so, which? "Vimeiery"? "Keep the Home Fires Burning"? We cannot say?

THE QUESTION OF TONGUES.

No III.

BY WILLIAM R. PATTERSON, F.R.G.S., F.R.A.S., etc.

In my last article I dwelt upon the subject of fluency and suggested the use of modern plays as colloquial practice.

Now, there are two classes of language-student. (1) He who has sufficient patience to study a grammar from beginning to end, and (2) he who has not.

To the latter this article is addressed. He must not expect to be able to speak, read and write correctly any language, even his own, unless he studies its grammar.

By reading foreign works side by side with English translations one might, after years of diligent application, acquire a very fair knowledge of the new tongue with respect to reading but, unless one were an accomplished philogist, it is very doubtful if one could compose or converse. That is the principal point.

The beginner must learn —

(1) How to form the feminines and plurals of nouns and adjectives from the masculine form.

(2) How to distinguish between the form of an adjective used in conjunction with a noun or used alone.

(3) How to employ the regular and irregular verbs.

(4) How to give the proper form to a noun or adjective, or both, after the article, definite or indefinite.

(5) How best to arrange sentences, with their various adjectival and adverbial clauses. These are prevalent in the German tongue, especially.

Now, it is wise, in language-study, not to be impatient. If, however, you have the time and energy to work fast, I recommend you to the Bible. The book is written in the plain and simple language at its best. Read and study it, if you already know something of the grammar of the new idiom, with the assistance of your own version. Read certain passages aloud over and over again and, after a while, depending upon the time at your disposal and your capacity for acquiring knowledge, you will be able to employ, in ordinary conversation, several of the terms, phrases and sentences which you have read. Begin firstly with the parable of the prodigal son, then secondly turn to the first chapter of Genesis; thirdly read through the trial and crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

And do this in the right spirit!

Afterwards you may turn to other chapters of the new testament, especially these in which parables occur, and then whithersoever you may wish.

By such means you may acquire elementary conversational powers in a few months. Another excellent means towards a good knowledge of German is Grimm's and Anderson's fairy tales. These are also well written in simple language and encourage reading aloud. They can be had at any bookseller's for quite a moderate sum. There are fairy tales in all countries, and the Bible, too.

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Learn foreign languages for your own and for your country's sake.

YOUR KING AND COUNTRY NEED YOU.

For once in history I was up before reveille. This being my first morning in the army, I suppose it can be pardonned. Really, it was fortunate my getting up early, as when I began to search for my belongings, I found most of them had disappeared. I at last found one shoe and was trying it on amongst a heap of feet, there being twenty-one sleeping in my tent, when a sleepy voice told me to try putting it on my own foot. Taking his advice, I at last succeeded, and, after treading on a row of faces, reached the outside wearing one shoe; I was hobbling around the tent and here found the missing one. I only wanted my straw hat to make me complete and after a thorough search in the vicinity I made a sad discovery — it was sitting on top of the tent pole, looking very out of place and dilapidated, with one hole, service pattern, in the centre. The Sergeant who first saw me as he came round with his melodious cry of "show a leg" declared that the appearance wasn't military. I sprang to attention as he addressed me, thinking he was an officer, gave him a rookie's salute and answered, "No Sir!" I shall never forget that salute; I've had to wear a wrist strap ever since!

After a fierce battle I managed to get a piece of bread and fat bacon, washed down with a drink of tea given me by a navvy friend of mine, who afterwards wanted to borrow a mere trifle of half a quid to get a drink. I then went towards the wash house to get a wash. I had a glorious do on my arrival there, with a tap and my handkerchief. In my wave of patriotism on the previous day, I left home in a hurry forgetting to ask my valet if I might borrow my towel which he wears as a chest protector. I strolled around the parade ground and espied a crowd gathered around a strange article on three legs, which I was afterwards informed was a rifle and tripod. The person in charge addressed me as "Archie" and asked me if I was the C.O., on my explaining that I had only joined the colours the previous day and wasn't quite sure of my rank, he informed me I was Pte. P., and would fall in with his squad daily. During the gyms, we were instructed how to kill and be killed. I remember remarking at the time how strange it was we always won; on second thoughts I don't think we were instructed in the how-to-be-killed part of the programme. Our instructor told us the bayonet was a useful article for making bad Germans good as the only time they were really good was when they were dead. I came to France with the intention of improving them if this was the case, but the first one I saw was in a cage and the sentry wouldn't let me go in.

This is but a brief outline of army life; had I but time to write of all my experiences, I could fill a book as large as an A.B 64. I am confident I have the ability to write great things. Even my souvenir hunting would fill a book; for instance I decided when I joined I would collect labels from different kind of food I came across in the army; so far I have Fray Bento's and Plum and Apple, but what can one expect in four and a half years. If I am by a stroke of luck demobilised in the near future and the army finds without my aid everything is at a standstill, they will always find me ready to don my armour by addressing their request to my private-secretary. Then I must mention in conclusion that since I left the army and joined the M.G.C. I have been much happier and now am a man of no mean position, holding that enviable rank Permanent Orderly Man. Since my promotion I always bear the words of my Mother in mind, "be kind to the men."

IDEALS.

Looking at life from the ordinary point of view, it does not appear that there is much room for idealism in the life of the average individual.

In the life of the army we think and act largely in numbers, and much of one's individuality is absorbed in the process.

In the commercial world a life is judged by its monetary worth, its value in L.s.d., rather than by its integrity and moral standard.

Even in the home life where ideals have the better opportunities of impressing themselves, the average person is far too intent on making income and expenditure balance themselves, in these days of high prices and cost of living.

However, in spite of such disadvantages, life is too great and comprehensive a thing to have its great purposes subdued and over-ruled by materialisms, and, as we think on the realities of that life, we must admit that in each life there are possibilities and even actualities of personal ideals.

The ideal is the natural inheritance of each particular life, and it is only in obedience to its commands that life obtains in its fullest and truest sense.

Since, then, idealism is linked to each one of our lives, it is well that we face the fact, and ask — "What is it?" and "What does it do?" — Is it a vain shadow that attracts but cannot satisfy, or does it point us to the real satisfactions of life? — Is it a 'will-o-wisp' that leads only to deceive and lure us into insecure places; or is it a messenger of light and guidance to the truth and value of the human heart? — Does it point us away to the unsubstantial realm of the mere dreamer, or does it guide us along the practical realities of life with an encouragement both sound and true?

These are practical questions, and in the answer to which we may find truest meaning and its safest and surest guidance.

The ideal is a compulsion. Unceasingly it attracts and compels us to itself by its own beauty and strength. It arrests us, issues its challenge, and points us to the glories of its own achievement. Unhesitatingly it comes to us at all times. It may be in an hour crowded with common duties, or when one beholds the beauties of nature. It may come in the hour of victory and the moment of defeat, or when one is held in wonderment by the glories of a glowing sunset. It quenches satisfaction and enhartens despair. It is a goad, a pressure, ever attracting and compelling. It urges us forward to the light of its own purpose, until the actual is guided into the presence of the ideal and its influence dominates the life.

The ideal, however, may be rejected, or become stunted and dwarfed. Its influences may cease to attract, and a life may become unillumined by even a spark; but he who is guided by its influence and answers to its call will find that the days will be full of high instincts and lawful purpose, and the dominating of the ideal will fill that life with usefulness.

The ideal is a criticism. Unerringly it judges, assesses and weighs. It takes the life and searches it, pointing out its deficiencies and produces before us life's highest possibilities. The best criticism of beauty is a comparison with ugliness, and a straight line will best illustrate the deflections of a crooked one. So with the ideal. It stands before us in all its brilliance, and by the transfusion of its light reveals our weaknesses and deflections. Its pure rays transmitted into our blinded and ofttimes stunted lives, illumines the high road of successful progress and accentuating the danger to which diversion leads.

The ideal is a revelation. It reveals to us the man strong and true. — As I look into the mirror, or at comrades around, that which I see is not the true man — the ideal. It is not the form of human flesh and blood, but the innermost life with all its capacities cleansed and its purposes exemplified.

The growing fruit on the tree is not the result altogether of environment. The elements may be an accomplice in giving the apple its shape, colour and size; but it is the life within that gives it its fragrance and taste, whereby the apple is judged.

So with the Ideal. — Every good purpose in life is the work of the ideal, and life's highest and best purposes are its products.

It is the ideal which has made for the advancement of the world since its inception.

It is she who has inspired the poets and filled the painters' soul with fire. She has touched the heart of the great philantrophists, and emblazoned the souls of our heroes with living fire.

Also, an ideal is not confined to a single life, but will live on. If a man has been enthused with an ideal and he imparts it to others, though he may not realise it in the course of his own life, the world is the better, because he has been inspired by it, and its benefits will be installed in the generations which follow after him.

Dream your dreams and realise your Ideals. Fight for them, live for them, and the world will be the better because you will have anticipated the ideal and endeavoured to live it in your own life.

In conclusion, does not the question of the Ideal run down to a simple alternative? — Shall we be governed of the actual and material things of life and fail to realise its great moral worth and intrinsic value, or shall we be actuated by our ideals and give to the world a life well lived and leave behind us a glorious inheritance?

ET EGO IN ARCADIA.

My delight in Robert Louis Stevenson grows greater day by day. His books have always been my favourites. "A Child's Garden of Verses" in my nursery fascinated me. Africa, India, Cattay — Ah! I would set my sails some day and head for foreign lands. And as the days of childhood slipped away my longing never lessened. To feel the scorch of the sun in tropic climes, to see strange peoples and hear strange tongues became an obsession; and, till the day came when I felt the fresh wind of the sea in my face and saw for the first time the shores of England fade away, I travelled in fancy.

To-day, in a country many miles from home, I am reading "An Inland Voyage." From Antwerp up the Schelde, and on the Willebroek Canal I have in spirit accompanied the writer to the "Grand Cerf" at Maubeuge. I like the driver of the hotel omnibus who had heard of the arrival of the great traveller — a man "with something human in his soul." How he longed to travel! How he longed to be somewhere else, and see the round world before he went into the grave! "Here I am," said he, "I drive to the station. Well, and then I drive back again to the hotel. And so on every day and all the week round. My God, is that life?"

I feel sorry for that man, for I, too, am a traveller. I have known the open ocean, scorched under hot suns and rested in the evening at cool oases, and like Robert Louis Stevenson arrived one day at Maubeuge — from Landrecies in a Four Wheeled Drive to change some dirty washing at Ordnance!

G. G.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Wednesday	6½	Rigoletto	Verdi
Thursday	4	Siegfried	Wagner
Friday	6	Lobetanz	L. Thuille
Saturday	5½	Carmen	Bizet
Sunday	3	Gottergämmerung (Twilight of gods)	Wagner
Monday	[illegible]	Rigoletto Slavonian Dances	Verdi
Tuesday	5½	Der Freischütz	Weber

"THE PROBES" CONCERT PARTY.

TWO PERFORMANCES AT HERSEL.

By way of a change from the picture entertainments which have recently been provided by the 1/4th Cheshires, at Hersel, "The Probes," the 91st F.A. concert party paid a two-night visit to Mecanee cinema.

At each performance, an admirably balanced programme was submitted to a large and enthusiastic audience.

Lce. Cpl. Sharples proved himself to be a first rate female impersonator, and as "Stella" gave evidence of the possession of an agreeable falsetto voice and a stage presence that was utterly deceiving in its faithfulness to the mannerisms of the fair sex.

With a series of impersonations of various people singing that well-known melody "Who Were You With Last Night" he had the "house" rocking and his encore proved equally humourous. Further humour was dispensed by Pte. Hughes whose songs "went down" well. The efforts of Lce. Cpl. Davies, who rendered in great style several musical monologues also received thunderous applause, and it was not until he had given two encores that the audience allowed him to leave the stage. A further outstanding feature of the evening's entertainment was "Cosy Little Corner" sung by the troupe, the scenic and lighting effects contributing largely to its success.

A sketch, entitled "The New Major," written and produced by the "Probes," finally wound up an excellent evening's entertainment. The "What Nots," the concert party of the 1/4th will need re-organising owing to many of its members being "demob'd," but 2 Lt. Jacques, Entertainments Officer, expects to be able to present a good show in a few days.

3rd MACHINE GUNNERS.

OFFICERS v SERGEANTS: CORPORALS v PRIVATES.

May is being ushered in with all the signs of March. Cold winds sweep up the barrack stairs and snow alternates with rain. Corporals met privates and allowed six goals to be scored against them, retaliating with only one. Ram spoilt the play which at times was distinctly humourous. Twenty minutes after the kick-off the referee counted 13 corporals playing and lent one of them to the privates, reducing the unlucky figure to 12.

On Tuesday the Officers just managed to raise 10 men from their ranks. The sergeants full of spirit took full advantage of a weak side and won 4—1. One of their number who was too busy to change, (or was there any other reason?, became quite active and in a pair of army shoes scored a goal. "Gertie" came in for quite a lot of notice. At the other end a wonderful performance was put up by Lt. Duffy between the sticks. Miraculous saves were made at times, one of the most famous being from a scrimmage on the goal-line when the ball was over the line, except the lace. Twice the goalkeeper got entangled in the wire that marks the goal-line but balance was preserved, if not dignity. Quite a number of spectators spoke their mind as the game went on and the good humour of the crowd was largely a result of the form shown. Somewhere on the left for the officers a fair-haired player did wonderful runs combined with gymnastic performances, and a certain blonde who posed as an amateur at the game could earn money teaching the art.

The referee interpreted some rules of his own and it speaks well for the discipline of all ranks that he was allowed to retire for tea. Result: Sergeants 4; Officers 1. There will be a return match.

On Friday, the Second Boxing Tournament will be held and all ranks are expected to support their company entries.

THE 9th EAST SURREYS.

Whist Drive.

The Sergeants of the 9th Bn. East Surrey Regt. held a very successful Whist Drive in their mess at Hoffnungsthal on Friday 25th April. The occasion was the second of what is hoped to be many pleasant gatherings. The efforts of Staff Sergt. Minchin and Sergt. Holbrow who officiated as Whips met with a gratifying response and a large number put in an attendance. C.Q.M.S. Pond was the winner of the "Lady's" whilst Sergt. Holbrow scored the highest number of points for the "Gent's." The "Booby" fell to C.S.M. Swain and realised twenty marks, after very exciting bidding, under the hammer of R.S.M. Hyde who proved a very able auctioneer.

The musical programme which followed and in which featured a "Jazz Band" brought the evening to a successful termination.

IN FANCY COSTUME.

ARTILLERYMEN TRIP THE LIGHT FANTASTIC AT GEMUND.

A very successful fancy dress dance arranged by the 310th Brigade, R.F.A. took place at Gemund on Saturday evening. Sergt. Towers, pianist, and Gunner Ferris, instrumentalist, provided the music and were as untiring in their efforts as the dancers. During the interval prizes were awarded for the best costumes. Unfortunately there was a rumour that several officers had not conformed to the rules and the judges felt compelled to disqualify them. This was a pity because many of the officers were both original and fantastic in their garb, notably Captain Coull as the "Rajah of Bhong," Lieut. Beattie as "Italian Peasant Girl," Lieut. Mawken as "Texas Cowboy" and Captain Siddons as "Lord Nelson." After keen competition among the other ranks prizes were awarded as follows: — 1st, Trumpeter Dowling, as "Newsboy"; Bombardier Lewis as "Bookmaker" and Sergeant Butcher (0,312) as "Czech-Slovak."

BAT AND BALL.

NUMEROUS ENTRIES FOR "THE COLOGNE POST" CUP.

SEVERAL LEAGUES PROBABLY NECESSARY.

Entries for the *Cologne Post* Cricket Competition are arriving in large numbers by every mail. They are from teams stationed in all parts of occupied territory, but without exception so far, the entrants are accessible to Cologne, Bonn or Duren. The obvious inference, therefore is that the easiest way to overcome the question of long journeys is to run at least three leagues — one for the area covered by each of these towns, or possibly four, if the number of competitors on the other side of the Rhine are sufficiently numerous to justify an additional one in the neighbourhood of Siegburg.

The majority of the teams that intend to take part in "the great fite" are representative of battalions, but several are composed of members of detachments of inconsiderable strength. This is where a great difficulty confronts us.

It would clearly be very unfair to match a team in which the players could be selected from a matter of perhaps 500 men, against a detachment XI, the composition of which embraced practically every man (whether an accomplished cricketer or not) in the unit.

Various courses are open for the solution of this problem, but we shall welcome any ideas or suggestions our readers may have on this or any phase of the competition.

It will be fairly apparent to all that there is necessarily an enormous amount of preliminary work to be done before the games can actually be proceeded with, but we can assure our readers that no grass is growing under our feet, and the full details of the project will be launched at the earliest possible date.

Meanwhile, if you think you can muster together eleven players whose ability suggests that their combination might stand a sporting chance of carrying off our cup. (to say nothing of the dozen miniature cups that will be presented to the members of the winning team) give the eleven any old name you like and drop a line, as below, notifying your intention of competing.

You will be doing us a real service if you send in your entry AT ONCE. Address letters to:—

The Sports Editor, *The Cologne Post*, Cologne.

2/4th DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S.

A FEW NOTES FROM ERP.

Colonel Francis, D.S.O. (West Yorkshire Regt.) has assumed command of the Battalion, which has recently been reinforced by the arrival of the 53rd Battalion Duke of Wellington Regt, from England. Accommodation in Erp and the three surrounding villages barely suffices for the large number of troops now with the Battalion. The officers and men of the "Young Guards" have now completely settled down and should prove a great asset to the unit's sporting and entertaining proclivities, in addition to its regimental efficiency.

A strong officers hockey team is now in formation of which more is likely to be heard, as there are some very promising hockey players in the battalion. The Inter-Company Soccer League has concluded its winter season, "C" Company securing premier place and winning thereby the "Wilson Cup."

On the 24th inst. the battalion met "Q" Battery R.H.A. at a soccer match. Result: 2/4th Duke of Wellington 7 Goals; "Q" Battery 1 goal.

A new battalion competition has commenced for an association shield and, though little progress has yet been made "C" company are leading. Colours have recently arrived for the battalion and it is hoped they will shortly be presented by the G.O.C.

Owing to the unit being so scattered no battalion concert has been held, but it is hoped one will be organized shortly.

73rd ARMY BRIGADE R.G.A. v. IX CORPS TROOPS M.T. COMPANY.

544 (Household) Siege Battery R.G.A. represented 73rd Army Brigade R.G.A. in a IX Corps Troops "Six-a-side" soccer competition, and in the first round the Gunners defeated the R.A.S.C. by 6 points to 3. The match was played on Sunday on the battery's ground at Heide, and quite a fast game ensued with a stiff wind blowing practically across the field. Sergeant Smailes scored the first goal for the Gunners during the first five minutes, but the R.A.S.C. returned to the fray with great dash and Private Methven soon scored a corner for them. When the whistle blew for half time the Gunners were pressing once more and Sergeant Minshull had added one more point to the latter's total.

At the begining of the second half the R.A.S.C. seemed to buck up and after five minutes play Private Leach shot a good one. The R.A.S.C. goalie spent but little of his time near his own goal and it was whilst their goal was left unprotected at the mercy of the Gunners that Sergeant Smailes again scored after a clever run up the field. Until the whistle blew practically continuous pressure was kept up in the neighbourhood of the M.T. goal, and Sergeant Smailes distinguished himself again by obtaining another point for his side. Private Gammons refereed the game well and did not allow himself to be influenced by advice from the supporters of either side.

The R.A.S.C. put up a good fight for it during the first part of the game, but the Gunners undoubtedly had the better team and should do well in future matches.

RUNNING AT LIBLAR.

The last cross country race in the 5th K.O.Y.L.I. sports tournament was decided at Liblar on Thursday; of 200 starters, 77 finished the course, which was a little short of 3 miles, within 10 mins. 23 secs; that is, within five minutes of the first man home.

Lt. Taylor, M.C., M.M. ("C") was the first to finish and he was followed by Lt. Monks ("B"), Pte. Hughes ("C") and Pte. Bond ("B").

"B" Coy secured 1st and 3rd places in the Coy. teams' competition, ten arriving amongst the first 19. The winning team consisted of: Lt. Monks (2), Ptes Bond (4), W.H. Smith (9), Coupland (10), Blake (11), Shaw (12), Lce. Cpl. Holmes (14), Mc. Cauley (15), Lt. Waugh (16) and Pte. Ashton (19). No. ten platoon gained the premier position in the platoon competition (teams of four) and the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places were respectively secured by 7, 5, and 8 platoons.

The names of the first two platoon teams are appended: No. 10 Pte. Hughes (3rd), Sgt. Charlton (5), Pte. Hughes (6th) Buckley (17th).

Nr. 7. — Ptes W.H. Smith, Coupland, Mc.Cowley and Ashton. The 76 men who finished the course in time came from the following Coys: "A", 6; "B" 33, "C" 22, "D" 9.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

On account of illness amongst the employed, there will be a performance of "Rigoletto," beginning 6.30, on Wednesday instead of "Orpheus and Eurydice."

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

(Owing to a breakdown in telegraphic communication we regret that we were unable to give the following results in our issue of yesterday's date.)

LONDON VICTORY CUP FINAL.

Chelsea, 3; Fulham, 0.

SCOTTISH VICTORY CUP.—FINAL.

Hearth of Midlothian, 0; St. Mirren, 3. (Extra time played.)

JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL.

Scotland, 4; England, 0.

MIDLAND VICTORY LEAGUE.

West Bromwich, 3; Aston Villa, 0.

NORTHERN VICTORY LEAGUE.

Newcastle United, 4; Darlington, 0.
Scotswood, 2; Durham City, 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Airdrie, 2; Clydebank, 1.
Hibernians, 1; Queen's Park, 0.
Motherwell, 3; Dumbarton 0.

LANCASHIRE SUBSIDIARY.

Bolton Wanderers, 2; Rochdale, 1.
Manchester City, 4; Port Vale, 1.
Oldham Athletic, 4; Bury, 0.
Preston North End, 0; Blackpool, 2.
Stockport, 1; Liverpool, 1.
Stoke, 4; Manchester United, 2.
Burnley, 5; Blackburn, 1.

MIDLAND SUBSIDIARY.

Leeds City, 3; Bradford City, 0.
Leicester Fosse, 2; Birmingham, 4.
Sheffield Wednesday, 4; Barnsley, 3.
Rotherham, 0; Sheffield United, 4.
Hull City, 3; Grimsby, 1.
Bradford, 1; Huddersfield, 1.

VARIOUS RESULTS

Clapton Orient, 6; Tottenham Hots., 1.
Brentford, 3; Arsenal, 3.
Sunderland, 2; Third Lanark, 3.
South Shields, 2; Notts Forest, 0.
Cardiff, 1; Bristol Rovers, 0;
Notts County, 1; West Ham, 1.
Millwall, 3; R.A.F. 1.

NORTHERN UNION.

LANCASHIRE CUP.—SEMI-FINAL.

Barrow. 3 pts; Oldham, 7 pts.
Rochdale Hornets, 40; Wigan, 0.

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LANCASHIRE CUP.—SEMI-FINAL.

Barrow, 3 pts; Oldham 7 pts.
Rochdale Hornets, 40; Wigan, 0.

YORKSHIRE CUP.—SECOND ROUND.

York, 0 pts; Bramley, 2 pts.
Hull, 6 pts; Leeds, 0.
Hunslet, 5 pts; Huddersfield, 18 pts.

NORTHERN UNION LEAGUE.

Dewsbury, 32 pts; Halifax, 0.
Salford, 16 pts; Widnes, 4 pts.
Batley, 3 pts; Halifax, 0.

RUGBY.

Swansea, 8 pts; R.A.F., 0 pts. B.E.F., 6 pts; Home Forces, 3 pts. N.Z. International Team, 20 pts; United Services, 7 pts. Pill Harriers, 30 pts; Gloucester, 0 pts. Public Schools, 20 pts; Rosslyn Park, 3 pts. New Zealand, 18 pts; Queen's University (Belfast), 0. Cardiff, 6 pts; Penarth, 6 pts. Llanelly, 17 pts; New Zealand, 9 pts.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH A DRAW. ENGLAND v. SCOTLAND.

About 40,000 spectators assembled to see this match played on the Everton ground on Saturday and were treated to some curious football. The wind was very dusty and once the ball was in the air anything might happen.

Scotland's attack in the first half was very systematic and at times made the English defence look very poor, but after the change over the English attack was allowed too much liberty and took advantage thereof.

Probably the wind accounted for the fact that the "stars" did not shine excessively, even O'Shea failing at times. Turnbull, the youngest of the English forwards, played a very good game.

Result: England 2; Scotland 2.

CITY AND SURBURBAN HANDICAP.

The probable starters, with weights, for the City and Suburban, to be run to-day, are as follow

Donsellon (Sir H. Meux)	Persse	5	9	0
By Jingo (Mr. W. T. de Piedge)	J. Rhodes	5	8	7
Poliscope (Mr Sol. Joel)	Loates	4	8	7
King John (Capt. G. Loder)	Gilpin	4	8	4
Polygnotus (Mr. Sol. Joel) (10lb ex)	Loates	3	8	3
Hersell (Sir A. Bailey)	R. Day	4	7	11
Royal Bucks (Marchioness of Queensberry) (10lb ex)	Sievier	6	7	9
Dionysos (Ld. D'Abernoon)	Lambton	4	7	8
Sandmole (Maj. M. Bell)	Bell a		7	6
Scatwell (Ld. Glenely)	Barling	4	7	5
Galloper Light (Mr. A. de Rothschild)	Watson	3	7	4
Mont Saint Eloi (Duc Decazes)	France	4	7	3
Silver Bullet (Mr. W. Cazalet)	Taylor	4	7	2
Knight of Blith (Mr. F. Willey)	Leach	3	7	0
Thermogene (Mrs. A. C. Thorneycroft)	Taylor	4	7	0
Helion (Capt. L. Montagu)	Blackwell	4	6	6
Mintleuf (Mr. F. J Benson)	Hackett	4	6	4
Sir Douglas (S. H. Meux)	Persse	3	6	4
Treasury Bill (Mr. R. J. Farquharson)	Farquharson	4	6	4
Arion (Ld. Jersey)	Sadler, jun.	4	6	4
Matruh (Mr. D. M. Gan')	Tabor	5	6	4
Roamer (Maj. J. A. de Rothschild)	D. Waugh	3	6	2

LEEDS CITY'S NEW MANAGER.

The position of secretary-manager of Leeds City F.C. says *The Sportsman*, rendered vacant by the resignation o Mr Herbert Chapman, who has taken up a commercial appointment, has been accepted by Robert Hewison, the right halfback of Newcastle United. Hewison, who is a product of North-Eastern football, had eight years' playing experience with Newcastle United, and joined Leeds City when the United suspended operations after the outbreak of war. He had his leg broken for the second time whilst playing with Leeds City last October, and has since announced his retirement as a player.

Mr William Paget, of Southfield, Loughborough, whose death is announced at the age of 84, was at one time joint Master, with the late Capt Warner, of the Quorn Hounds.

LONDON DIVISIONAL RACES.

SECOND DAY OF A SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

A dull sky and an icy cold atmosphere were conditions that made matters somewhat uncomfortable at Kalk, Cologne, yesterday on the occasion of the second day's programme of the London Divisional Race Meeting.

Nevertheless, as on the previous day, the going was excellent and a huge gathering of spectators enjoyed another afternoon's good sport in which there was no lack of thrill and excitement.

The arrangements in all departments were again admirable and all will agree that as a well conceived and ably organised event, the London Divisional Races must rank as one of the most British meetings held in Germany.

RESULTS.

Shrapnell Scurry: 1, Elsie (Lieut. Lamb, R.F.A.); 2, Little Sister (Major Bray, R.F.A.); 3, Tails Up (Major Rashleigh, R.F.A.).

London Chase: 1, Paddy (Capt. Hodgins, R.A.V.C.); 2, Irongate (Capt. Montgomery, London Div.); 3, Saxby (Major Longmore, London Div.).

Allied Stakes: 1, Boys o'Boys (Colonel Hodgins, R.A.V.C.); 2, Velocity (Lieut. Durnford, 9th Lancers); 3, Exit (Capt. Mather-Jackson, 9th Lancers).

Rhineland National: 1, Bowman (Capt. Eckstein, 17th Lancers); 2, The Marshall (Lieut. — Col. Millward, 51st Sherwood Foresters); 3, Fiver (Capt. Wynne-Jones, 17th Lancers).

Mule Scurry: 1, "52"; 2, Ginger (Driver Wilshaw, 11st M.G.Bn.); 3, Tootles (Driver Tunally, R.F.A.); 4, Kit (Pte. Such, R.F.).

LANCASHIRE DIVISIONAL LEAGUE.

15th LANCS. FUSILIERS v. 52nd KING'S (LIVERPOOL) REGT.

The 15th Lancs. Fusiliers met the 52nd King's Liverpool's in the second round of the Lancashire Division Association Competition on Saturday, at Bonn. The King's led off by scoring early in the first half but shortly afterwards the Fusiliers pulled even.

In the second half, the King's scored twice and although the Fusiliers pressed hard, they could not score, this being largely due to the excellent goal-keeping of Macey, the King's goalie.

The result was a win for the 52nd King's Liverpools of 3-1. Lce. Cpl. Jerry scored for the 15th Lancs. Fus. and Capt. Foss, Pte. Higgins and Pte. Spince for the 52nd King's.

4th SUFFOLKS v. 565 ARMY TROOPS COY R.E.

The match was played at Troisdorf on Saturday, in heavy rain. The Company had an unbeaten record and by winning 6-1 they maintained it.

The early stages of the game were very much in favour of the Suffolks and after ten minutes pressure their efforts were rewarded by a goal from Hickes. Then the Linnets asserted their superiority and before half time had three goals to their credit, Tryler, Sinnet and Cole each obliging with one. Rarely during this half did the Suffolks leave their own half. Their backs and goalie had a harrassing time and they strove manfully to keep out the nippy forwards they were facing. They were ably assisted by Evans, their right half, who, in attack and defence was the outstanding figure on a well beaten side. Sinnet, Covey and Cole each added a goal in the second half.

4th SUFFOLK v 92nd FIELD AMBULANCE.

The 4th Bn. Suffolk Regiment, met the 92nd Field Ambulance R.A.M.C. in a return football match on the former's ground at Troisdorf on Thursday. In the first half the Suffolks, with the wind in their favour had all the play. The valuable addition of Lieut. W.G. Bailey D.S.O., M.C., in the Battalion Team greatly strengthened their side.

The game throughout was very fast, and the Field Ambulance goalkeeper was kept very busy during the whole game, especially in the first half when Lieut. Bourne quickly scored two goals and these were added to by another goal from Lt. Bailey, also one from Lt. Morris.

In the second half, the Field Ambulance scored their first and only goal.

The Suffolks immediately scored again in return, and the game finished up with the result:- 4th Bn. Suffolk Regiment 5; 92nd Field Ambulance R.A.M.C. 1.

2nd COMPANY C. v. 4th COMPANY R. A. S. C. LANCASHIRE DIV. TRAIN.

These rival teams played at Beuel on Thursday and the game resulted in a win for 2nd Company by two goals to nil.

Play was very interesting throughout the game. 4 Company tried hard to score towards time, but the defence proved too strong. Sgt. Davis played a good games, scoring both goals.

Q. M. S. Swainbank gave a fine display, using sound judgement. Lce. Cpl. Griggs was the pick of 4 Company, playing a splendid tackling game at centre half.

INTERESTING FOOTBALL AT NEUNKIRCHEN.

Some very interesting matches have been played at Neunkirchen. On Monday afternoon a team from "I" Company came in from their outlying station to meet Headquarters team. A very fast and exciting game resulted. In the middle of the second half, during a scrimmage in front of the Headquarters goal, "Y" Company netted the ball. The home team failed to equalise, and the visitors scored again and ran out winners of a very closely contested game, by 2—0. On Tuesday the Regimental Transport challenged the Headquarters team and the battalion football experts predicted at least a five-nothing result in favour of H.Q. They were wrong. The teams met on Tuesday evening and the transport "wallahs" put up an excellent fight, their goalkeeper showing excellent form and making numerous "saves." H. Q. however continued pressing and scored just before the interval. On resuming, H. Q. still carried the ball into the Transport territory and kept it there, but no further score resulted and a pleasant game ended in a win for H. Q. by 1—0.

On Wednesday afternoon, H.Q. met "W" Company, the champion sports company of the Battalion. This was H.Q.'s third match in three days and they were obviously "stale" at the outset. "W" Company speedily took the offensive and as the result of the beautiful combined play, scored after about 10 minutes play, the ball coming from the foot of Lce. Cpl. Taylor. The play continued to be chiefly in the H.Q. half of the ground and Lce. Cpl. Taylor added three more goals in rapid succession. After resuming, H.Q. pressed vigorously and twice netted the ball, the scorer on each occasion being Lt. Argent, who throughout the game was very persistent, but got too little support from his partners. "W" Company then attacked again and just before the finish, added a fifth goal through Pte. Devan, and were winners of a good clean game by 5—2. The winners are to be congratulated on their excellent combination.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, April 30th, 1919.

Surface Wind Light between N. W. and N. but probably increasing during day. Sky Cloudy. Occasional showers are likely with brighter intervals of good visibility.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS

(With an Occasional Entertainments Note.)

A "Booster" of Boomerangs.

From time to time, letters have been received, and quoted in this column, from correspondents who have invented new games and sports or who are anxious to see the revival of some ancient and not very well-known pastime.

All manner of suggestions have rolled along, some of them very promising. The latest one of these to reach this office is from an individual who claims that the revival of boomerang throwing as an army sport would be immensely popular. Perhaps it would — and perhaps it wouldn't. I once heard of a "tenderfoot" in Australia who "tried his 'prentice" hand at throwing one of those missiles. After several unsuccessful attempts his efforts were finally rewarded with such full measure of succes that the wretched thing returned all too suddenly and cracked him on the head.

A Popular Conductor.

The efforts of Capt. Dan Godfrey, and his 55-strong orchestra, are meeting with the success they deserve

In the series of symphony concerts that are being given at the Staat Theatre, Bonn, crowded audiences have shown their appreciation of the excellent works submitted in no uncertain manner, the programmes being sufficiently varied to please all tastes.

The little sketch reproduced here might suggest that Capt. Godfrey is a bit "fireworky" in his method of conducting. Nothing could be further from the truth. He certainly "gets hold" of every member of his orchestra, but he contrives to do so in a quiet and unassuming manner that appeals to all.

And — by the way — what Capt Godfrey doesn't know about popular taste in matters musical is not worth knowing.

Officers' Sports Club.

That the inauguration of the Rhine Army Officers' Sports Club is likely to fill an important section of our summer sports programme is evidenced by the large number of prospective members who have informed the Secretary of their intention of participating in the many advantages the scheme offers. The club (about which an article appeared on this page in our issue of 26th inst.) is setting out to provide facilities for indulgence by officers in practically every conceivable phase of sport for the very nominal subscription of ten marks a month for Cologne residents and five marks a month for those outside the town. The inaugural gathering of members (and anyone else who is interested) will take place at the Tennis Club, Lindenthal, to-morrow (Thursday). Ladies are invited; the Army Commander will be there; tea is to be provided and a band and pipers will add a little additional brightness to what promises to be a thoroughly happy function.

Round the Town.

The ladies who are to guide the uninitiated round the sights worth seeing in Cologne, on behalf of the British Empire League, are busy with guide books and maps to refresh their already abundant knowledge of all that is interesting in the town. And I hear they have made some wonderful discoveries in the way of little-known and infrequently visited corners that absolutely exhude romance in chunks. These ladies have a positively uncanny knack of finding all there is to know of a place and in their conducted tours (to be started when the club opens) they will show you more in half a day than all the guide books published could enable you to discover in a week, unaided.

I also hear that Miss Decima Moore is to have a finger well in the pie in the Club's administration. That knowledge will be sufficient indication to the thousands of troops who have come under her sunny influence in Paris and elsewhere that the Cologne institution will be *some* club.

Billiards.

Lest those cheery billiardists, who are eagerly challenging people to games varying from a hundred to two thousand up through the office of this journal, fear I am neglecting their wishes, I would hasten to say that the interval that has elapsed since reference was last made to the subject in this column has been occupied by diligent search for an English billiard table without which it would be impossible to arrange the championship. And, having got to the end of this Gladstonian sentence let me still further hasten to add that I have run to earth no fewer than three tables available for other ranks; full size and complete with pockets. They are in the new British Empire League Clubs (about which there appears an article on another page) that is to be opened in a few days.

It would be rather a good plan if one of these tables could be reserved exclusively for handicaps and challenges in order that the cloth and cushions should not be in danger of getting damaged by the rough treatment that many raw novices would be apt to bestow upon it. There are bound to be many matches between expert cueists, and it would be a great pity if their exhibitions were interfered with by an indifferent table. However, it is time to get on with the arrangement of the matches that are now in hand.

A Sergeant started the ball rolling by asking of there was anyone, in or near Cologne, who could give him a start in 500 up. Quite a large number of people seem anxious to oblige and I am sending their acceptances of his invitation to him by letter. I shall be glad to hear if anything is fixed up.

THE RAMBLER.

LABOUR COMPANY FOOTBALL.

The match arranged between the 17th and 91st Labour Coys. started on Sunday last on the ground of the 17th. A very good show was being made by the team of the 17th when, owing to the wretched state of the weather, and the muddy ground, it was decided to postpone the game.

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"TOMMY" IN WONDERLAND.

A LEAVE CLUB IN COLOGNE AT LAST.

MEALS, MUSIC AND MERRIMENT FOR "O.R's."

"Other ranks" who have visited Cologne for a few days, leave have usually discovered, to their disappointment that the privilege is rather a doubtful one.

Generally speaking, "Tommy," armed with his pass and a somewhat weighty pack, arrives at the cathedral town from some more or less distant village with the happy smile of pleasurable anticipation. Having got outside the station, however, he finds himself wandering aimlessly along without the foggiest idea of his destination.

He makes enquiries from other khaki men he meets as to the whereabouts of a decent meal to help him along. Eventually, the limited accomodation the "Y.M." people are able to provide in the way of "grub" is thankfully accepted by our heavy-hearted friend and at the end of three or four days' sight-seeing (in which very few of the really interesting sights are seen!) he returns to his battalion feeling that it is good to be back where meals are regular and ample, and companionship congenial.

THE BRITISH FUTURE.

In a few days' time such sad experiences will be nothing more than unpleasant memories. This is what the same "other rank" will find when next he pays a visit to Cologne. He will alight from the train with the same happy smile (and this time, it will be a "smile that won't come off") to be met by a guide from the British Empire League Club. In a very brief space of time he will find himself in a spacious hall, luxuriously furnished, that will bring back memories of fairy stories he had read.

If he has not already a ravenous appetite, the sight of daintily laid tables that he will percieve through the glass-panel of a door (as he hands his kit to a porter) will whet it for him. He will glance round his palatial surroundings and will probably pinch himself to provide the conviction that he is not dreaming when his eyes drop on neatly-printed cards announcing the location of the Billiard Room, Lounge, Bath Rooms, Tea Gardens, Library, Music Room, Bedrooms, Enquiry Office, Bowling Ally, and any number of other attractive departments.

A HOME FROM HOME.

Any readers who retain any recollection of the Empire League Leave Club at Paris (and any one who has been there will surely retain the happiest) will understand that this little article is no wild flight of fancy when it is announced that the Cologne Club is to be run under the same auspices.

When the Club starts its merry course, a leave ticket to Cologne will be a privilege worthy of the exercise of much "scrounging" effort.

The institution will be "Tommy's" home during his stay in Cologne and his "notel" expenses will make but a very small hole in his financial resources.

There will be 400 "comfy" beds and, in addition, there will be facilities for providing for the "inner man" of roughly 500 others who are non-resident members.

An excellent little orchestra will play all the latest ditties during meal times and in a spacious garden, there will be frequent performances by military bands.

Indoor amusements will be provided. There will be three English and three German Billiard tables a couple of bowling rooms, a lounge with umpteen easy chairs and settees in it, wherein to read the *Cologne Post* in comfort, card rooms, all the popular parlour games, and a well stocked library.

Up aloft, a dancing hall with an exceptionally good floor, will no doubt come in for a great deal of attention and, if plans material so as per programme, dancing lessons will be given there nightly.

In addition — but enough has already been written to convey a slight impression of some of the wonders of this institution, You must wait now, and have a look at the place for yourselves.

If you are interested, keep your eye on *The Cologne Post* for the next few days, and you will learn when the club is to be opened, wher it is situated, and who are the cheerful spirits who are to administer all these luxuries.

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ART AND PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION.

TENTH CORPS PROJECT.

The executive committee formed to deal with the projected Art and Photographic Exhibition for the Tenth Corps has made the following arrangements.

It will be held on June 6th, 7th and 8th, in the Kunstmuseum on the Hofgarten, Bonn, unless this is unavailable. In that case another public building in the neighbourhood will be utilized. It will be open from 14.00 hrs. until 18.00 hrs. The military public will be admitted, officers at three marks and other ranks at one mark. Civilians will be admitted at five marks.

A branch of the Officers' Club will be open for the supply of refreshments in the Museum.

There are two sections provided for:

I—Art (a) Oil-paintings; (b) Water-colour and Pastel; (c) Black and White.

All exhibits must be the original work of exhibitors, and executed in a theatre of war or an occupied zone.

Exhibitor's fee, five marks for each picture.

II—Photographic.

(a) Views up to ¼-plate; (b) views over ¼-plate; (c) Portraits up to ¼-plate; (d) Portraits over ¼-plate.

All photographs must be certified taken, developed and printed by exhibitors in a theatre of war or occupied zone.

Exhibitor's fee 1 Mark for each photograph.

Intending exhibitors should forward their pictures with fees, not later than May 31st, enclosing full names and addresses, and addressed to Lt. A.P. Anderson, 10th Corps Cyclist Battalion H.Q., Bonn.

All ranks in the Tenth Corps are eligible, and prizes will be given in each class of the two sections.

Any profits will be sent to the Red Cross funds.

THE MAYOR OF AVESNES IN BONN.

A very interesting and historic ceremony took place on the Kaiser Platz in Bonn on the 24th April, when the Mayor of Avesnes, M. Monty, accompanied by the sous-prefet, M. Antoine, and M. Dupont, presented memorial banners from the town of Avesnes-Sur-Helpe. to Brigadier General T. S. Lambert, C.B., C.M.G., Commanding 1st Lancashire Infantry Brigade, and Lt. Colonel Sir George Armytage, Bart, C.M.G.,D. S.O., Commanding 13th K.R.R. In the last days of the great advance, it will be remembered that it was the 32nd Division, then commanded by Major-General Lambert, who freed the city from the Germans who had occupied it uninterruptedly for over four years, that it was the 97th Infantry Brigade under Brigadier General Sir George Armytage upon whom the honour fell actually to drive the beaten enemy beyond its gates, and that it was Lt. Colonel Sotheby, D.S.O., M.V.O., who was the first to enter into the town, riding at the head of his battalion, the 10th Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, with his Second-in-Command, Major McQueen, D.S.O., at his side.

No fitter conclusion to this happy day — the 8th November 1918 — could have been imagined than that the gallant old French Mayor should have been able to present French honours to British Generals on Germain soil, beneath the statue of Kaiser Wilhelm I.

The troops on parade were drawn from the 15th and 16th Lancashire Fusiliers, the 1/5th Border Regt, the 32nd Bn. Machine Gun Corps, and the R.A., R.E., R.A.S.C., and R.A.M.C. of the old 32nd Division. The parade was under command of Major Alban, D.S.O. The drill was of a very high standard and did credit to the occasion. The "general salute" was given by the massed bands of the Lancashire Division. General Lambert began by inspecting the troops, accompanied by the French deputation and Col. Armytage, the band of the 1/5th Border Regt., and the massed pipers of the 5/6th Royal Scots and 15th and 16th Highland Light Infantry, and 10th Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, playing during the inspection. General Lambert and Col. Armytage, standing in the centre of the square, were then addressed by the Mayor, who paid a tribute to the gallantry and devotion of the old 32nd Division, to the joy which filled the hearts of his townfolk when first they saw the kilted Highlanders swinging along their streets. He dwelt briefly on the hateful yoke which had lain so heavily on the people of Avesnes, and concluded by emphasising the gratitude which he and they would always feel in their hearts towards their deliverers.

The sous-prefet then spoke in glowing terms and with much power of the sense of joy which filled the little party of French men and women present there in honour, standing on the soil of their late oppressors, and among the remnants of the same troops who six months earlier had freed them at the point of the bayonet.

General Lambert responded in French, thanking the deputation for the honour they had conferred by coming such a distance to present the emblems in person, and expressing the satisfaction felt by all ranks of the 32nd Division in having been able to relieve the suffering of Avesnes.

The Mayor then presented the banners. On conclusion of this, the "General Salute" was given, followed by the Marseillaise. An escort preceded by the Scottish Pipers, marched off with the banners and the troops filed past at the salute and returned to quarters. A number of distinguished persons were present at the impressive ceremony, and were entertained to luncheon later by Brigadier-General Lambert and Lt.-Col. Armytage at the Konigshof Hotel. During luncheon the Pedlars' Orchestra of the Lancashire Division played a selection under Captain D.S. Godfrey, a violin solo being given by Lce. Cpl. S. Freedman, A.R.A.M.

In wishing prosperity and happiness to the Town of Avesnes, Brig.-General Lambert, speaking in French, reminded those present of the efforts which had been made during the long years of the War to bring liberty and peace once more to France. The 32nd Division existed no longer. It had been absorbed under the new organisation in the Lancashire Division. Those whom they had seen on parade to-day were true veterans of the old Division. They had fought their way across the Somme, they had broken through the Hindenburg lines at Le Tronquoy, they had forced the passage of the Canal at Ors, and they had reached Avesnes. The welcome they had received there on the 8th and 9th November, 1918, would never be forgotten. For four long years they had struggled side by side with the brave troops of France, and they had learnt, through war even more than in peace, to value the courage and the greatness of the French Nation.

Lieut-Colonel Armytage, speaking in French, thanked the Deputation for the honour conferred upon him and begged them to convey to the citizens of Avesnes his appreciation of their kindness especially to those whose handiwork was shown in the beautiful standard which had been presented to him.

The toast of "Our guests" was then given, all present standing, while the "Marseillaise" was played by the orchestra.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

GENERAL MANGIN AND ANNIVERSARY OF ZEEBRUGGE.

On page two of yesterday's issue we gave a description of the recent celebrations on the occasion of the Zeebrugge anniversary, when General Mangin reviewed French and British M.L's. and later entertained the naval officers at Mainz. This sketch is a "perpetration" from the pen of a British Naval Officer who was present.

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

LIFE IN BERLIN.

A correspondent recently returned from Berlin gives very bad impressions of life in the city. Though food is better, there are all the characteristic signs of a desperate population which has lost all hope in the future — low morals, heinous theatre plays, pornographic literature sold everywhere, money squandered recklessly.

There is much grumbling against Bavaria, but it is thought that the Prussian troops under the command of Noske will solve any difficulty. Bavarians residing in Berlin, however, think differently.

Experts on revolutionary matters say that a new revolution is imminent and that the revolution up to date has not been effective as there are still men of the old regime, like Dernburg and Erzberger in high authority.

Acts of Fraternization.

Strange fraternizing can be seen nowadays, the once-haughty aristocrats walking hand in hand with the most extreme spartacists, united in their hate against Capitalism.

Meanwhile the Berlin Government quivers. The Centre Party (Roman Catholics) has expressed its regret in having co-operated in the formation of that "Government of Compromise."

The German Plebiscitum.

The subject as to whether the peace terms will or will not be submitted to a plebiscitum has been discussed at length in recent issues of the German Press, and it is impossible to form any definite opinion of their true attitude. A correspondent of the *Neue Berliner*, commenting on the policy of a plebiscitum, says that "the mass of the population is already prepossessed. The conditions (the peace terms) will be very severe and with the least possible delay a decision must be made, as the Entente is not prepared to postpone the answer for an indefinite period merely for us to obtain a plebiscitum. To enlighten the population in these days is impossible, especially so to bring the 'pros and cons' to the knowledge of the people in the smaller villages by means of meetings and pamphlets."

"There is no doubt" says the correspondent, "that the people would vote according to the policy of their own particular newspaper, and the Press has so prepared a spirit of refusal that even if there was a desire, it would be impossible to bring about such a sudden change in so short a time."

"I understand," says the writer, "that the Government want to place the responsibility upon the National Assembly, and the Assembly, in turn, upon the people. But in my opinion this is not possible, and responsibility must be borne by those in authority, not by an anonymity. It may appear democratic, but in reality it is mere poltroonery.

A New Spirit in German Philosophy.

The other evening Prof. Scheler gave an interesting lecture on Philosophy at the new Cologne University before a crowded audience. The lecture was particularly instructive as the Professor opened out to his audience a new vista of thought on this time-worn subject, in that the study of philosophy demands, or ought to demand, the co-operation of all countries. He showed that in positive scientific research work one country might take the place of another, but not so in the study of philosophy. Making a comparison with the co-operation of the disciples of Socrates, he said that there must be an international community whose task must be the discernment of philosophical truth.

The Professor protested strongly against every effort to re-awaken the old German idealism of Fichte, Hegel and Kant. "Philosophy is not a national affair — nationalities and individualities must merge into co-operation in the research of eternal truth. We need to think rightly, truthfully — not Germanly." Remembering the fact that at one time Germany boasted of her pre-eminence in this important study, the above declaration is somewhat startling.

Monsieur le Sous-prefet Antoine, in reply, expressed the pleasure which it gave to him and to all the members of the deputation to visit Bonn and to see once again those members of the 32nd Division who had released Avesnes from the slavery they had suffered during the War. He thanked Gen. Lambert, Gen. Armytage and the officers and men of the 32nd Division for the welcome they had given to the deputation. Avesnes was once more free and would not forget those who had helped to liberate her.

In the evening the representatives of Avesnes, accompanied by Brig.-General Lambert and others attended the Lancashire Division Symphony Concert at the Stadt Theatre, Bonn, given by the orchestra of 55 performers conducted by Captain D. S. Godfrey.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

LIVERPOOL DOCK HORSES.

Our recent discussion on the subject of Liverpool Dock Horses has found its way to England, and we have been favoured with a reply from the General Secretary of the Liverpool and District Carters' and Motormen's Union. This must be taken as final and authoritative.— Ed.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.— I have been written to by one of our members at present in Bonn re a question which was answered in your correspondence column relating to the weight of load drawn by one horse in the City of Liverpool, and have been asked to send a reply to you for publication to settle what appears to be a rather interesting discussion. I think to quote a weight of 7½ tons with a vehicle of a further 2½ tons is rather exaggerating the position, but I think it can be safely stated that one horse in Liverpool often takes a load of anything from 3 to 6 tons with a vehicle weighing a further 30 cwts, making a gross total in some instances of 7½ tons, this being practically the heavist weight one horse is called upon to draw, except perhaps in cases where the shaft horse in a team has sometimes to set a load without the assistance of the chain horse, under which circumstances the weight of 7½ tons plus 2½ tons for vehicle would be correct.

It is the boast of this city, that there are at work the finest heavy draft horses in the world,

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(Signed) ALBERT N. DENARO,
General Secretary,
L'pool & District
Carters' & Motormens,
Union.

MERRY MOMENTS AT MECKENHEIM.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—Under the above headline there appeared in your issue of *"The Post"* for the 23rd inst., a report of some doings of the 51st Welsh Regt., amongst them being the first performance of the Battalion Troupe known as "The Oo-jahs." So far, so good. But there also appears the statement that the words "Oo-jah" are Welsh for "Très Bon"—ye gods and little fishes! Is your correspondent serious, or is he having a sly dig at "The Welsh?" I am a Welshman (and proud of it, too) and a fairly accomplished Welsh scholar, but heaven forbid that I should include "Oo-jah" in my native vocabulary. The nearest Welsh equivalent to "Très Bon" I know of is "Da iawn," and that is nothing like "Oo-jah" is it? Trusting your Meckenheim correspondent will not "get the breeze up" over this friendly correction.

DRIVER, R.A.S.C.

THE SOLDIERS' CLUB.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—I wish to draw attention to the deplorable arrangements as they at present exist, for catering for the great influx of Tommies who daily visit Cologne.

The food question is what I mainly refer to. The various Divisional Hostels are quite inadequate to cope with the numbers and the overflow has to seek accomodation through the Town Major's office.

Now, would it not be greatly appreciated by the men, if an institution on the same footing as the Union Jack Club, London, was commenced as soon as possible and continued throughout the period of the Occupation.

It may be argued that the cost to the men would beyond their means, but against that it must be remembered that the British Soldier is better off than ever before; and if he could patronise the Union Jack Club in London during the war, he is certainly better able to do so since his pay has been considerably increased.

In addition to the foregoing I would also suggest that the proposed club be fitted out with sleeping accomodation for 200 or 300 men, it would be a welcome change to those who are still compelled to use the Army blanket.

Thanking you for the valuable space you have allowed me.

A Tommy.

(See article in to-day's issue dealing with the subject. — Ed.)

Answers to Correspondents.

[The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Many questions have been received which could be answered much easier by the Adjutant of the unit concerned, and all such cases which affect the unit commander must be taken to him and not sent here. — Ed.]

W.Y.—The area of Germany, about 211,000 square miles, is more than four times that of England, exclusive of Wales. The pre-war population was roughly 68,000,000.

Interested.—The quotation you give is from Keat's "Ode to Apollo."

A.A.—Yes, it is probably true that no Act on the Statute Book has ever had such sweeping and comprehensive powers as "Dora."

T.L.—It would take up a lot of space to answer you query fully. Sufficient it is to say that the Zecho-Slovaks are a very important branch of the great Slav family of natives which includes the Russians, Poles, Slovenes, Croats, and Serbs. Despite the fact that they have been hemmed in by German tribes, they still have retained their Slav nationality, patriotism, and love of independence.

Reader.— Schwarzheindorf is famous for its double church, which was founded in 1149 by the Elector of Cologne. During the French occupation it was closed and used as a military stable by the Prussian Government.

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"PLAY THE GAME" IN TRADE.

MR. J. R. CLYNES'S ADVICE TO MASTERS AND MEN.

Speaking at a dinner given by the Industrial League in London on Friday, Mr. J. R. Clynes said the action of certain men in the Labour movement in endeavouring to use industrial means for political ends was not only reprehensible but dangerous to labour. The industrial and trade union power of the workers ought never to allow itself to be harnessed to the chariot wheels of revolution. The workers had the ballot-box at their disposal.

Trade unionism was now a very great power both in influence and in ability to demand its just claims, claims that would be used to the full but never, he believed, unconsitutionally. But just as the rich had no right to rob the poor, so the poor had no right to rob the rich.

Let them in commerce try to be a little more sportsmanlike. If they did this, if they only introduced a little more of the racecourse and and the boxing ring into every-day business life, there would result a much better feeling between employers and employed. Industry could not expand by brawn and muscle alone. There must be brain and directing power. His complaint was that the men who supplied the muscle of our industries had not had their fair share of the return of the combined efforts of both.

KINGS (LIVERPOOL) REGIMENT.

In the *Daily Mirror* of April 10th there was reproduced a photograph of a group of men buying the first number of *The Cologne Post* from an old woman opposite the Dom. Will The King's man there represented without an overcoat communicate with F.O. c/o Editor, *The Cologne Post?*

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FRENCH'S REVELATIONS.

It is certain that one of the most critically discussed books of the war will be "1914," which Field Marshal Viscount French has written. The book is being published serially in the *Daily Telegraph*, the first instalment appearing yesterday.

Lord French begins by referring to the forebodings he felt for many years and relates an incident which occurred late in July 1914 when he was the guest of Lichnowsky at a luncheon at which Lord Kitchener was also present. The German Ambassador told him that he feared all Europe would be ablaze before they were a fortnight older.

Referring to the doubts existing at the beginning of August as to whether this country would support France, French says he was perfectly sure that so long as Asquith, Haldane, Grey and Churchill continued in the Government we should remain true to our understanding with the Entente powers.

French then gives an account of a Council of War held at No. 10 Downing-street on the 5th August, when the composition of the expeditionary force and the point of concentration in France were considered, and says it was unanimously agreed that we should do all we could. Two divisions were to be kept at home for the moment and one cavalry division and four divisions of all arms sent out as speedily as possible. This meant a force of approximately one hundred thousand men.

As to the question of the point of concentration, the British and French General Staffs had for some years been in close consultation on this subject in view of the possibility of a sudden attack. Detraining stations were laid down between Maubeuge and Le Cateau with Headquarters at Le Cateau. The discussion at the Council of War took the turn of overhauling these decisions but was suspended pending the arrival of the French mission. Meanwhile the Headquarters of the British Expeditionary Force was established at the Hotel Metropole.

When the French mission arrived under Colonel Hugnet it was discussed wheter the original plan regarding the area of British Concentration was being adhered to;

Kitchener thought that our position on the left of the French line at Maubeuge would be too exposed and favoured concentration further back in the neighbourhood of Amiens.

Haig suggested postponing the landing until the campaign was actively opened and it would be possible to judge in which direction co-operation would be most effective.

French says that personally he was opposed to these ideas and was anxious to adhere to the original plans. Generals Murray, Wilson, Grierson and Hugnet concurred in his views and so it was settled.

French then recalls that the certainty of war was forced upon him about 1908. Haldane himself was even then alive to the possibility of war, He told French that if in power he would designate him for command of the Expeditionary Force and requested him to be ready.

In August 1914 the many possibilities and alternatives of action were thus quite familiar to him. Britain and France had an understanding for combined action if necessary, but Belgium could never be persuaded to decide upon her attitude in the event of war.

The author makes another digression to relate a conversation he had with the ex-Kaiser at the manoeuvres near Berlin in August 1911. The ex-Kaiser said "the sword of Germany is sharp and if you oppose Germany you will find how sharp it is.'

French admits he was unprepared for a war of position, but the French and German Generals were also unprepared for the complete transformation of all military ideas. He says that "if we had realised the true effect of modern war appliances in August 1914 there would have been no retreat from Mons and if in September 1914 the Germans had learnt their lesson, the Allies would never have driven them back to the Aisne. It was in the fighting on that river that the eyes of all began to be opened."

PRESIDENT WILSON'S HOME CRITICS.

Boston. Senator Lodge, who will lead the majority in the next Senate, gave an address on the 26th April on the subject of the Polish and Italian situations.

He declared that Americans should not meddle in European questions and asserted that President Wilson is inconsistent. "Our representative's attitude relative to Danzig" he said "does not square with his attitude relative to Fiume. I do not see why his arguments pertaining to Fiume do not apply to Danzig and Poland."

Senator Lodge urged the United States to cease interfering in European concerns, declaring that another matter of more consequence to the United States than either Fiume or Danzig is that the Japanese insist on taking Shantung.

"It is not in Europe, but in Asia, where our interests are as great as those of the Allies, that there is something which should be looked into by the Senate if it appears in the Treaty of Peace."—*Reuter.*

The Admiralty announces that Commander the Hon. Alexander Ramsay is appointed Naval Attaché at Paris.

FALSE REPORTS FROM NORTH RUSSIA.

FAITHFUL KARELIANS.

The General Commanding at Murmansk reports that during the recent unrest in his area a Karelian Regiment remained firmly staunch to the Allies despite every effort made to seduce them from their allegiance. All Bolshevist attempts to persuade them to mutiny met with complete failure.— *Reuter.*

Reuter learns that the recent Bolshevist claims to have retaken Mosozero are without the slightest foundation. The Allies have had no set-back in the Murman district. They have only consolidated their recent gains there but have now occupied villages previously in possession of Bolshevists at the North West end of lake Setozero.

EUROPEAN EDITOR MUST LEAVE INDIA.

Bombay. 26th April. The Governor of Bombay, with the sanction of the Viceroy, has ordered Mr. B.G. Horniman, editor of the *Bombay Chronicle*, who was associated with Gandhi in the passive resistance movement, to leave India Englandward immediately. *Reuter.*

(Mr. Benjamin Guy Horniman is well known in London newspaperdom. He travelled East on several occasions as special correspondent and was the first journalist who ever conversed with the Dalai Lama on his flight from Lhassa in 1910. He is Vice-president of the Indian Home Rule League. One of his recreations is "loafing.")

GERMAN INTRIGUES IN LEITLAND.

ENGLAND GIVES WARNING.

Berlin. 29th April. — Britain has demanded restoration of the position at Libau as it existed before; the *coup d'état*. The German Government, replying to the Allied protests, declares that the revolution was the work of the Russians. The *Zweitu rbout*, however, represents it as a Pan-German reactionary intrigue and in the most emphatic terms condemns the *coup d'état*, saying that although Germany needs peace, yet the affair is a proof that the German policy of intrigues is still being played. — *Reuter.*

GUARDING AGAINST MASSACRE OF CHRISTIANS.

Reuter learns that as precaution against the possible massacres of Christians by Turks, British troops have occupied Samsun, Marziva, Amasia, Tokat and Sebastia on the Southern shore of the Black Sea together with all the hinter land.

RUMANIANS ADVANCING INTO HUNGARY.

Copenhagen. 27th April. The Buda-Pesth Soviet admits that the Rumanians, attacking with the Northern wing of their Eastern armies, reached Nagykallo, while from the South they are advancing towards Theiss Bend, near Csop. The South Slavs on the Southern front attacked from Battaszek in the direction of Szegszard and forced the Hungarians back some kilometres. — *Reuter.*

SOCIALIST EXCUSE FOR TRIP TO PARIS.

IS THE BIG FOUR IN, PLEASE?

Amsterdam. 28th April. The International Socialist Conference has resolved to oppose any peace conflicting with President Wilson's fourteen points and recommended the sending of a Committee comprising Messrs. Branting, Huysmans, Henderson and others, to remain in Paris until the peace preliminaries are signed, owing to uneasiness caused them by the decisions at the Paris Conference.

The Committee will be charged to demand an interview with the "Big Four."—*Reuter.*

JAPAN AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Tokio. 24th April. A resolution was passed at a mass meeting urging that Japan should refuse to join the League of Nations if racial equality is not included in the Covenant.—*Reuter.*

SPECIAL MISSION TO EGYPT.

The Government is considering a proposal to send a special Mission to Egypt, with Lord Milner at its head, to report to the Home Government on questions concerning the constitution of the protectorate. It is not yet decided whether Lord Milner will go.— *Reuter.*

The first contingent of Germans, expelled from China, numbering 720 men, arrived at Rotterdam on the 28th and proceeded to Germany.—*Reuter.*

Sir Hugh Clifford has been appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Nigeria in succession to Col. Sir F.J.D. Lugard.

ANTICIPATIONS OF THE NEW BUDGET.

NOTHING SENSATIONAL

Parliament reassembled on Tuesday after a brief Easter recess. Members were present in greater numbers than usual.

The outstanding feature of the week will be the Budget, introduced by Mr. Austin Chamberlain yesterday. On this occasion the Chancellor of the Exchequer has been unusually successful in keeping his proposals secret. It appears certain however that the Chancellor intends to impose higher duties on alcoholic liquors and the trade has for some time accepted this prospect as inevitable. In financial quarters there is a general belief that the excess profits duty will be continued, but a reduction in the amount from eighty to perhaps fifty per cent is considered highly probable.

There is a suggestion in usually well informed quarters that in view of the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into the whole working of the Income Tax Acts it is unlikely that any change will be proposed in the method of levying the impost.

In accordance with the Government pledge the Budget will give effect to the policy of Imperial Preference. No doubt this will be done by reducing the amount of the present duties on imports in the case of goods coming from overseas dominions or India.

The general expectation is that the Budget will not be of a sensational character.

MEN BEING RECALLED TO THE COLOURS.

VITAL NEEDS.

Mr. Winston Churchill, in reply to questions in the House of Commons, stated that only after very careful consideration had the Cabinet decided to recall to the army soldiers working on the land. Men were most urgently required for special military duties in France, on the Rhine and elsewhere. These men are ineligible for demobilization at present, but every effort will be made to meet any consequent inconvenience.

Ireland, Egypt, India, the Army of the Rhine, the Imperial War Graves Committee and the Department of Agriculture are all clamouring for men and the Cabinet is confronted with extreme difficulties in meeting the manifold needs of the public service, but certain vital needs must be met.

THE PRINCE OF WALES AND MANNERS.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales paid his first visit to Tattersall's sale ring at Knightsbridge yesterday. There were standing ready to be put up to auction eighteen Pytchley Hunt horses from the stud of Colonel Walter Faber, who is giving up the mastership.

The Prince was in search of a good hack to ride until next hunting season when he hopes to join in the sport. Finally his choice fell on "Manners," a bay gelding, who has never been known to give his rider a fall. The whipper in, Will Bodington, said "he jumps like a flea and talks French" meaning that the animal is extraordinarily clever. This recommendation seemed both to amuse and to satisfy the Prince. When he went away it was understood that he had commissioned some one to bid on his behalf. The offers rose to four hundred guineas at which figure the hammer fell. The purchaser was announced as a veterinary surgeon, but it is understood that Manners will be ridden by the Prince.

MURDEROUS OUTRAGE BY A SOLDIER.

At Forest Gate, London, on Tuesday a soldier named Perry, of the Suffolk Regiment, is alleged to have murdered his aunt and her two children aged fifteen and six years. Later he attacked his uncle with an axe and a hammer. The uncle now lies in hospital terribly injured.

Perry is still at large. It is stated that he was about to be demobilized and that his wedding was to have taken place the morning after the tragedy.

HELPING GERMANY TO START AGAIN.

As far as Great Britain is concerned the food shortage is rapidly becoming a matter of past history. Mr. Roberts, the Food Controller, says that unfortunately this cannot be said of Europe generally. Until peace is definitely signed it is hardly possible to lift the blockade altogether, but a vast amount has been accomplished by the Allies in taking the sting out of the blockade.

Excluding German-Austria 11,780 tons of food were delivered daily by the Allies during the month of March. Arrangements for the relief of Germany were not completed until 14th March but already thousands of tons of foodstuffs have actually been delivered in the German territory.

Mr. Roberts declared that the mere lifting of the blockade would not save Europe. If Europe is to be saved from Bolshevism and anarchy far more than mere negative acts will be necessary and to an ever increasing degree we are lending our resources to help the overthrown countries to start again.

C. B. FRY AS LABOURITE.

Mr. C. B. Fry, the triple blue, International cricketer and footballer, who directs the training ship Mercury, has been invited to become a Labour Candidate for a Sussex Division at the next election.

EXIT THE PRESS BUREAU.

The Official Press-Bureau at Whitehall ends its career to-night and the Royal United Services Institution will regain possession of the building. The Museum was not interfered with in any way and during the war was visited by thousands of army men.

DEMOBILISATION OF DERBY RECRUITS.

SURMOUNTING THE DIFFICULTY.

Lord Derby having called the attention of the Secretary of State for War to the unfavourable position of the Derby recruits regarding demobilisation owing to what is known as the 1916 rule, the War Office has sent Lord Derby a memorandum explaining that his suggested system, that men hitherto exempted should take the place of those now in the Army of Occupation, was impracticable.

The memorandum adds however that it is in contemplation to prescribe length of service in the Army as the future basis for release, instead of an age basis.

This method, if adopted, would of course go a considerable way towards meeting Lord Derby's suggestion, since the bulk of men who enlisted in 1915 under the group scheme and were not called up during that year were called up during the following January and February.

UNSATISFACTORY FOREIGN MEAT.

RETAILERS TAKE ACTION.

Complaints which have been made in Smithfield market with reference to the allocation to London retailers of Chilian, Brazilian, South African and Manchurian beef, all of which consignments are said to be of inferior quality, reached a climax on Monday. Salesmen in the market refused to handle over a thousand quarters of this meat, Following a meeting at the butchers hall in the morning a deputation from the Union of London Retail Meat Traders waited upon the Ministry for Food with the object of laying before the officials the resolution passed at the meeting to the effect that the retailers refused to handle inferior beef.

It was subsequently announced that retailers should have equal representation on the grading committee of Smithfield market in order to settle questions as to the allocation of imported meat.

This means that meat which is not considered suitable for sale will be graded out.

The new arrangement was at once put into force. Under this agreement four retail butchers have been added to the grading committee, this body now comprising four wholesalers and four retailers.

It is understood that in accordance with the promise made at the Ministry of Food by Mr. Proctor, Director of Meat Supplies, only eighty per cent of the beef objected to as inferior will be before the grading committee.

DEFENCE OF OUT-OF-WORK DONATIONS.

STRIKING STATISTICS.

The Minister for Labour yesterday in the House of Commons defended the payment of unemployment donations. He pointed out that the million recipients included 350,000 members of the forces, 108,000 ex-munitioners and 100,000 cotton operatives who were unemployed owing to the operation of the blockade. Abuses are inevitable, he said, but he is confident that at least half the complaints are without foundation. Any frauds discovered will be prosecuted relentlessly.

Continuing, he stated that since the armistice three million out of four million demobilized soldiers and civilians had been absorbed in industry. In itself this is a remarkable achievement, because it took years to get from war work to peace work. Other contributory causes of unemployment are that the central Empires and Russia, which used to take a quarter of our exports, are closed, and China, Japan and New Zealand, which used to absorb another quarter, are practically shut off owing to shipping difficulties. Therefore, he said, there is no need to despair of the future.

NATIONALIZATION OF MINES.

Further expert evidence on the Nationalization of Mines was heard by the Coal Commission yesterday.

Mr. Sidney Webb, who is well-known as the chief author of the Fabian Society scheme of nationalization, maintained that the root cause of the relative inefficiency of the British coal supply was its foundation of private profit making. He urged nationalization of the mines as affording the only adequate means of improving the position of miners, of dealing economically and efficiently with the nation's coal resources and of ensuring that coal is supplied to consumers with regularity at the lowest possible cost.

TWO FRESH CASES OF RABIES.

Only two fresh cases of rabies had been confirmed up to last night, at Newnham, Gloucestershire and Newport. Cases are also reported at Cardiff and Barry. Up to the present one hundred and sixty-one cases have been confirmed.

The War Office is causing posters to be displayed at the chief stations in France and at the ports of departure of cross-Channel boats, urging soldiers not to bring dogs home unless they are prepared to keep them in quarantine for six months. The Blue Cross Society is appealing for funds to enable them to keep soldiers pets in quarantine kennels.

ON THE AIR ROAD.

When civilian flying begins to-morrow a woman commercial traveller will fly from London to Manchester with samples of ladies clothing, and two representatives of a big London store will travel to Paris.

Capt. William Leefe Robinson, V.C. the first airman to bring down a Zeppelin, who died in France on 31st. December just a week after his return from captivity in Germany, left 2,346 pounds.

EXTRAORDINARY WEATHER IN ENGLAND.

FOUR FEET OF SNOW.

Sharp contrast to the burst of summer which marked Easter has been afforded in England during the last few days. Thunderstorms and falls of sleet, with a biting north wind, preceded so heavy a fall of snow that omnibus and tramway traffic became at first difficult and then impossible. In some districts snow ploughs were used to clear the tramway tracks.

Overhead telegraph and telephone wires suffered severely and communication between London and the provinces was partially suspended.

In London alone over ten thousand wires were affected, and out of 923 trunk telephone lines 200 were brought down by the storm.

The telegraph poles on the Southend line were broken off like match sticks.

Very serious damage has been done to crops and young lambs throughout the country.

In Hertfordshire the snowfall was the heaviest ever experienced and near Westerham lay over four feet deep, several motor cars being snowed up all night.

The storm and consequent flood in South Essex became most serious. The water was between two and three feet deep in places. Hundreds of allotments were submerged and seed beds washed away. The Ilford Golf Club course presented an extraordinary appearance, even the bunkers being covered.

TOO MUCH PUBLICITY.

OFFICER'S DIVORCE.

In the Divorce Court yesterday Capt. John Stubbs Harrison, on the Staff at the Horse Guards, obtained a *decree nisi*, with costs, on the ground of his wife's misconduct with Thomas Miller, who was one of his greatest friends, and whom he trusted implicitly.

The judge did not permit two letters to be read in Court because, he said, cases in which officers were concerned obtained great publicity.

OVERSEAS TROOPS LONDON MARCH.

Arrangements are now practically completed for the triumphal march of Dominions troops through London on Saturday next. Twelve thousand men, representing the forces of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Newfoundland will take part, and the pageant will thus be the largest that has been seen in the Metropolis since the Armistice.

The troops will assemble in Hyde Park near the Marble Arch at 11.45. Dinner will then be served in large marquees in the concentration area.

At 1.40, marching in double column of fours, the troops will proceed by a route upwards of five miles in length, as follows:— Constitution-hill, Buckingham Palace-road, Victoria-street, Strand, round Australia House, Kingsway, Oxford-street and the Marble Arch to the concentration ground at Hyde-Park.

H.M. the King will take the salute at Buckingham Palace.

Every overseas soldier or sailor who is on leave in London will have an unique opportunity of witnessing the march. Arrangements have been made by the Overseas Hospitality Fund so that several thousand of these overseas men will line the route.

EAST SURREYS AND BEDFORDS REACH HOME.

A public welcome was given last evening at Kingston on Thames the 2nd Battalion of the East Surreys on their return home. They were entertained to supper and afterwards visited the Kingston Empire.

Bedford was also en fête yesterday on the occasion of the return from France of the Cadre of the 1st Battalion of the Bedfordshire Regiment.

BISHOP CRITICISES PRIME MINISTER.

Concerned about the appointment of his successor, Dr. Ridgeway, the Bishop of Chichester, speaking at Brighton yesterday, referred to what he termed the unseemly delay.

It is not treating the Church properly, he said. As long as the Premier had the right of appointment to the higher offices of the church it ought to have his first and close attention in conjunction with other things. It should not be put on one side as an inferior matter that could wait while other things were being done.

RIFLE BRIGADE MEMORIAL.

The Duke of Connaught, wearing the uniform of Colonel-in-Chief of the Rifle Brigade, yesterday presided at a meeting held to consider a scheme for providing a permanent memorial to riflemen who fell during the war. He said that any memorial should be permanent and visible and should have the approval of the relatives of the fallen, whose number he estimated at about ten thousand.

BIDS FOR AN AEROPLANE.

For the first time in England an aeroplane has been offered for sale by auction, the event taking place at the Graham White auction rooms in London yesterday.

The machine was described in the catalogue as a Graham White "Bantam" and a first bid of one hundred pounds was quickly doubled. The bidding reached four hundred and fifty pounds, but since there was a reserve of five hundred pounds the machine was withdrawn.

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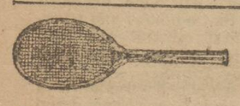

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MAY DAY.

To-day Cologne and other cities of Germany celebrate the first of May as a day of festival and demonstration. The National Assembly gathered together at Weimar by a considerable majority decreed that the day should be set apart as a national holiday. There were some who thought that the times are not ripe for rejoicing and would have postponed the inauguration of a May Day, but they were over-ruled by an emancipated democracy which professes to find the day suitable for the heralding of Peace, and the blessing of a League of Nations which shall make wars to cease and ensure an international brotherhood of Labour. Thus although—

"Winter lingering chills the lap of May"

the people of Cologne hold high festival. The schools are closed, the Opera House withholds its delights, and most of the shops cease from tempting the spendthrift. Procession claims the populace and its thoroughfares, and hearts are gladdened by the fancies that lightly turn to thoughts of Peace.

The festival of holiday is celebrated under the aegis of the British Army of the Rhine. A proclamation issued to the people of Cologne grants permission from our military authorities for the proper conduct of May Day demonstrations. Everything must be done in accordance with right precepts of law and order. An itinerary of procession is fixed; no flags save those of recognized corporations must be displayed; no part can be taken in the demonstration by our soldiers; a ban is placed upon holiday eloquence; and no feature is permitted which will in any way tend towards disturbance. Regulations such as these do not mar holiday rejoicings; they encourage them. It has always been the boast of our Empire that our great soldiers and statesmen have looked sympathetically on the customs and aspirations of other peoples. Our colonies and dependencies would not have clung to us so loyally had we laid heavy hands upon traditions that were cherished by them; and it is our glory that we have furthered and not hindered every worthy ideal in the countries that have looked to us for their welfare. So the people of Cologne may rejoice in peace.

May brings many hoary traditions and happy memories in its train. It is the month of growth and therefore the month of cheer. In days of ancient Rome young men and maidens spent the calends of May in open-air, wending their ways to the verdant fields where they danced and sang in honour of Flora, the goddess of flowers and fruit. May was not a mere tribute to the mother of Mercury; it had an older tradition for it commemorated the days when the fertile earth became young again and donned its beauteous garb of colour, refreshing and joyous and inspiring. It is true that even in Ovid's days the people held that it is unlucky to marry in the month of May, and curiously the tradition is still with us. But May reverenced the joys which early summer brings to hearts that are wearied by winter's cold and spring's sharp winds; and May leads on to June, the month of happy marriage.

Our England has its May Day. Who has not heard of Robin Hood and Maid Marian? The villagers in days that are gone set up their May-poles, and the village common resounded with the gladness of rejoicing. In archery and morris-dancing and many another joyous recreation our forbears celebrated the advent of summer. The antiquary tells us that the festivities of May Day are relics of a time when our ancestors worshipped the sun in the heavens, but we have given new meaning to the gladness of the month. Dancing round the May-pole, the choice of a damsel to be a May-queen, the glow of lighted bonfires — they lure us from the Rhine to the England that we love, and carry us back to days before war gripped our fair country with its gory hand.

The Calends of May. The name comes down from the time when the people were called together that they might be informed of their festivals and sacred days. In a later era the calendar was posted in public places that the people might read the publications of their civil rulers. To-day we have the Bekanntmachung of our Military Governor. The festival in Cologne is one of peace and happiness, for war must now be relegated to the Calends of the Greeks.

THE SPIRIT OF "SAN FAIRY ANN."

Much has been written, spoken, and sung about that indefinable elusive spirit of the British troops — "the spirit that won the war." Everyone put their own pet interpretation to it, widely different, one from the other, but all alike amusing to ourselves. Our theologians, true to their type, naturally treated it as a spiritual force, and of a Sunday our folks at home were regaled with discourses on the purifying virtue of fire, as exampled by "our brave fellows over in France," just as regularly as we had our "Red Hussars" and "Trumpeters" on the same day. Then there were obese public speakers, armchair strategists, and music-hall singers, in fact the big majority of those who were beyond the clutches of the Military Service act, who declaimed it to be that hereditary spirit of patriotism which was ever present, however dormant, in the noble breast of every Briton. These sentiments, as delivered from pulpit, platform and press in the good old days when the war was young, did take a trick or two myself for one; but in the present year of enlightenment anyone in khaki, producing artic es for Rhine consumption, must put another label on the "goods" he hands out, if it is going to be swallowed — hence the title of this article.

To look backwards — was there any expression more often on our lips in France or Belgium than "Ca ne fait rien" in more or less anglicised — and embellished — forms? Even when we were home on leave it would keep slipping out, to the profound mystification and admiration of our less-travelled relatives. Then again it has been immortalised in the song which compares the amenities of the different services: —

You're all right in the cavalree,
No (censored) bon in the infantree;
But if you're in the A.S.C. —
San fairy, san fairy ann!

Now, as to Germany. Myself a recent comer, I made my first step towards mastering that conglomeration of gutturals they call the German language through the medium of "The Epistles of Peter Birse, jr." in these columns. If the kellner asks me "hell oder dunkel?" I just tell him "es macht nicht," which, on Peter's authority, is the German version of my theme, and the phrase seems to be the backbone of all the Anglo-German conversations these days. But how to translate it into our mother tongue is a much more difficult question. Not a few French people have asked me, and I realised at the time that my "That doesn't matter" was a very insipid rendering—in fact, not nearly "san-fairy-ann" enough. The continual cropping up of these phrases shows how dominant is that state of mind which they alone can express. We used to couple "Ca ne fait rien" with "C'est la guerre, que voulez-vous—jam on it?" But here the German equivalent fails us. "Krieg ist Krieg" is too reminiscent of the Junker attempt to explain away their latest departures in the realms of Hunnishness. No, our old favourite is the nearest approach to a perfect expression of the spirit of fatalism, Hedonism, Khayyamism, call it what you will. "San fairy ann" what unpleasantness was the lot of the poor "swaddy," a particularly nasty "morning hate," a buckshee working party, or a short rum ration, the usual grouse had always the antidote in its tail—"san fairy ann!" That, now, was the real spirit of the British troops during the war and that also is going to do more to make a "brighter and better Britain" than all the speeches in Parliament. In the meantime perhaps a more serious outlook towards life must be prescribed in the case of the "Young Guards," but for us who are drawing our 10 6 bonus by virtue of an entry in our A.B.'s 64—"Machinery of Demobilization," well—San Fairy Ann.

A.R.J.

EDUCATION.

A REPLY TO JUVENIS.

My dear Juvenis.— I have read your article in *The Cologne Post* of Thursday last with very great care. I have thought about it in my billet; I have sacrificed many pipes of most exquisite tobacco to it; alternately I have been gratified and angered. I will confess at once that I like your spirit, for undoubtedly you are keen, and as an officer of some years standing I have learnt to appreciate a keen man. But, Juvenis, how appallingly young you must be! Old schoolmasters, such as I am, like to form a mental concept of the fellow to whom we write, so let us begin with that.

As you admit, you are young. Not ridiculously young, but just delightfully. You are a keen boy, and your instincts are sound. You are in an A IV Battalion, and at times you have been chaffed by those older N.C.O.'s who are a godsend to your unit. They are old and grim, and, you know, they are much finer fellows than you would ever think. I saw their doubles in the line, in those days when you were still busy with *pneues*. Now at times those stout old fellows get weary in their messes and they turn for relief to a little leg-pulling in the cases of the younger sergeants. Juvenis, they pulled your leg. I go so far as to say they pulled it on the matter of musketry qualifications and neglected rifle slings! My boy, it grieves me to think now delightfully you fell the little twitch and at once sat up and took notice. You resent rightly any chaffing of the Education Staff. But for our sakes don't show it. Your friends just love to work off an old joke when they know will make you set your ears back. Bless me, I do it myself, and I only get tired when my friends just smile sympathetically and call me a poor little fellow. You call an old soldier a poor little fellow, and see him creep away with a dazed look. He won't trot out that joke about musketry qualifications and rifle slings any more.

Admitting your keenness, I am not surprised to see you re-cent guards and picquets. But I can hazard a guess to show you that you have done no more than your simple duty. I think your unit must have come out here very deficient in N.C.O.s. Many units did. You were detailed for these simple duties, were you not? During the war I had friends who volunteered for jobs much more difficult than their normal duties, and they did them without a solitary grouse. Now when your unit is hard up for N.C.O.s, it is up to you to do your share of the work, and more than your share. You should do it cheerfully, and should always find ways of doing even more. Those grim old veterans of yours will then begin to think that you are acquiring some "essential guts." They wont pull your leg quite so often. They'll stand you a drink. But not if you excitedly wave in front of them army orders which declare you to be exempt from all duties except meals and pay parades. The next time some old fellow has had a rough day of duties, and is being turfed out at night for something else, you just push him back into bed, and take it on for him. He'll curse you wholeheartedly, but never mind. I know his little ways, and when you in your turn get into a nasty corner, you'll find him there to help you out.

I think you said something about farm labourers and crossing-sweepers monopolising positions of authority. I, too, in my humble way, occupy a position of authority. I realise that farm-labourers and crossing sweepers are of immense value to the state, and that an expert crossing-sweeper is a greater national asset than a wealthy bar-lounger. But understand this. Give me a man who does his job thoroughly, and I say that he is of the finest type you will ever meet in your pre-heavenly career. To have acquired a position of authority that man must have been conscientious, reliable, and capable. May success attend him. As a writer other than you expressed it, he has "essential gut." Have you? Yes, but dont let the importance of your job spoil it.

You suggest a proficiency badge for Education Staffs. I, as a member of an Education Staff and a civilian schoolmaster, prefer to be still mistaken for a soldier. Soldiers won the war, just ordinary regimental soldiers. They preferred to be ordinary and even drab in their appearance. The glittering, resplendent officials we used to see at the railheads and backwards, fellows with devices, insignia, gorgeous hats coated heavily with brass, and futuristic designs on the collars of their tunic aroused not a speck of interest, except in that they made the scenery more pantomimic. What I suggest to you is that you work so infernally hard, that those wonderful old time-serving critics will acknowledge that there is something to be said for the "schoolmaster wallahs," after all. That is what others and I wish to hear. You, too, must wish to hear it, but you will have to work more and talk less, and do it without dramatic trapping.

Juvenis, I regret that I must accuse you of a grave mis-statement. No man ever gained his stripes by twelve years of bellowing on a parade ground. Your fellow sergeants gained theirs by merit in the field. I have recommended quite a few for this very reason, so I know. The pre-war sergeants, I imagine, took class III, then class II, then class I Army Certificate of Education, and by that time they had learnt not to carp or criticise their fellows. Wherefore they were acceptable. And as they had their faults even as I have, it is probable that they acquired many friends and but few enemies. Lastly, Juvenis, you propose single-handed to adopt such methods in dealing with your compeers as are alleged to be employed in the case of a refractory child. I admire your pluck. But don't try it. The whole German Army once tried even more stringent measures with your compeers, and they didn't "come off." Your compeers are good fellows, with heaps and heaps of faults. You are probably of the same variety and hue. I hope so, at any rate. So just go on with your job, do it well and leave the Army Council to attend to their own affairs. They don't know you any more than I do, but if they did, and if they realised you were doing your best at your own game, they would be everlasting grateful to you.

TRISTS.

A TRUE STORY.

A lady recently visiting one of our big battleships asked one of the Midshipmen who happened to be standing nearby if there was any truth in the story that the aeroplane was launched by being tied to a couple of shells which were then fired from the muzzle of the guns. The idea evidently had originated in her mind from a comic drawing which had appeared in one of the March issues of the Italia, under the heading of "Just passed by the Censor," depicting an aeroplane leaving a warship. The Midshipman was so overcome with laughter that he was unable to answer her and a sailor, who was showing some people over and who, apparently, had overheard her question, without a blush on his face remarked, to the amusement of several people round about, "Yes, Madam, that's quite true, and there are two men who stand on the bows with scissors in their hands ready to cut the string with which the aeroplane is fastened to the shells as they goes past.—C.W.W.

FAMOUS BUILDINGS.

THE ORDERLY ROOM.

An Orderly Room is a large building entirely surrounded by "wind." It is easily recognised by the fact that its portals are ornamented by a soldier with a "hype" with which he performs weird evolutions upon the approach of "Brass-hats" or other perils of war-fare. The Building is divided into a number of compartments, each of which bears a notice "Private" (This fact is somewhat strange in view of the building being peopled solely by officers and N.C.O.s) The compartment covering two-thirds of the total area is known as "The Seating Room" and here the unwary soldier is taught that the Army holds worse terrors than "Plum and Apple." Immediately opposite this compartment, one is faced by a door bearing the joyous tidings "Clerks, knock and wait," but upon entering this room it is evident that Messrs. Knock and Wait are not the only clerks. One is, for a moment, confused as to the exact number of N.C.O's who are so energetically rushing about doing nothing. The purpose of this department is to collect "returns" and the staff are insatiable in their search for these really valuable manuscripts and all is grist that goes to their mill. What eventually happens to the enormous mass of returns collected by it is indefatigable body of men is hard to surmise, but the popular belief is that when packed in strong boxes they are sent to form seats for Orderlies at H.Q. I once entered a "clerks'office" to discuss some trifling matter about my possible demobilization, and having served my three hours' general service on the door mat, I crawled in behind an Adjutant, and was thus able to see for myself way an Orderly Room Staff has no time to draw its pay. When my eyes had got somewhat used to the glare of stripes, they fell upon a pale and worried-looking youth who had before him a fearsome looking document (apparently a plan of the Rhine drainage system) upon which he would write at intervals and then scratch out. Leaving this unhappy wretch to his "Junkers," I turned to behold a cherubic sergeant of about eighteen summers with a large piece of paper of spotless purity before him, attempting to solve the problem of what to do with it. At this stage I became conscious of strange incantations in the left Sector and found they proceeded from a harrassed-looking Corporal who sat on a sugar box and translated "draft orders" for the benefit of another "two stripes" who transferred this priceless information to a typewriter (with obvious misgivings as to its accuracy). All these highly placed officials being too busily engaged to warrant my interrupting I turned in despair to "the one alone" (a gentleman with six stripes, two crowns, four wrinkles, poetic hair and a C. III moustache) and humbly stated my errand. The "Field Marshal, looking through my body and on towards the Drachenbergs, gave this cryptic reply "O.K.Z.C.O. Please render to Orderly Room by 0001 hours to-day nominal roll of all men in your company not on Parade or in employment, Policemen excepted." So feeling considerably uplifted by these tidings I left this scene and went on my way rejoicing.

After deep consideration it has occured to me that a little "something" is needed to make an Orderly Room a spot more hallowed than other prosaic buildings. There should be a scroll-work over the door bearing the inspiring inscription —

They toil not, neither do they spin,
Yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed as one of these.

E.M.F.

THE LORELEI.

How many who enter the Y.M.C.A. Central at the Loreley Hall know the legend attached to the name? Very few, we suspect. We are quite content to note the pleasant liquid sound of the word and not inquire further. Yet there is a fine legend attached to the name. Like Circe of old, the "Lorelei" was a most beautiful maiden, supernaturally beautiful, who lured sailors to their doom by that sweetest of sweet music, a maidens voice.

This wonderful creature inhabited the banks of the Rhine, which must be supposed to have raced to the sea with a much stronger current and to have been perturbed by much more violent storms than any that have disturbed its waters since the Armistice brought us here.

It was up past Coblenz, where the Rhine roars its way betwixt steep rocky walls, that this nymph, clothed in soft snow-white raiment that made her tenderly-shaped body appear as a cloud of light, held her Court of Dash. From the vine-clad hills there rises a steep precipitous rock, the Lurlei rock, and it was on the summit of this that the Rhineland Circe sat whilst crooning wonderful lullabies which made men, especially the young and ardent, forget all else, so enraptured were they by the supernatural music and the beautiful form from which it emanated. Lost to every other thought, careless of the world and of life, they drifted on until their craft was dashed to pieces against the rocky foot of the siren's throne. Woe betide the man who attempted to take a boat past the Lurlei Rock after dusk. No man had been known to resist the call, all had answered it, none had attained the maiden, all had found death.

Legend records the fate of one would-be lover of the name of Ronald, the noble warrior son of the Count famed in war, loved by the people. This crusader knight felt the attraction of the Lorelei ere he saw or heard her. Bribing an old boatman to row him out one evening he heard the siren's witching call and thought that never before had mortal been permitted so great a joy. Her eyes fixed on him seemed to draw his very soul; and, longing to possess the owner of the voice and eyes, he urged his boatman on faster and faster, yet still proceeded too slowly for his mad desire. Finally, overcome by the waves of his complex emotion, he dived overboard into the swirling stream, thus endeavouring vainly to reach more quickly his heart's desire. A battered corpse was subsequently washed up on the river bank, all that remained of the brave but bewitched Roland. His loss was mourned throughout the Palatinate of which his father was the Count.

A party of hardy warriors besought and were granted permission to destroy the enchantress for good, but ere they could approach her, while they were still dazzled by the glorious beauty of her outward form, she threw herself from the precipice into the arms of Father Rhine who, it is alleged, provided two huge, snow-white billows to carry away for ever from the knowledge of men the Circe who had been responsible for the death of so many head-strong, heart-lost youths.

The legend as such ends here, but the conditions still exist. The Rhine banks are alive with beauteous maidens and lusty youth. The song is still sung, the Circe-like attraction is as strong as ever. And those who list to the voice, who gaze upon the form, are just as surely doomed as was knight Roland and his bewitched predecessors. Victorious and honoured he met with death, but in these days dishonour also awaits the enchanted victim. Dishonour to himself, to his country, and, what is worse, dishonour to those who so bravely and freely spent their honoured lives in attaining Victory and Peace.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Thursday		No performance	
Friday	6	Lobetanz	L. Thuille
Saturday	5½	Carmen	Bizet
Sunday	5	Tannhäuser	Wagner
Monday	6	Barbier von Sevilla	Rossini
Tuesday	5½	Der Freischütz	Weber

"JERRY" ON THE BALL.

THE GERMAN CONCEPTION OF "SOCCER"

To most of us, the notion that "Jerry" could do anything in the football line was ridiculous, but some little time ago I chanced across one of his Sunday afternoon displays; for like most of the Continental folks, Sunday after "Kirk" hours is rather a gay time. Naturally, their idea of the game is a bit queer to us, who are accustomed to teams like Rangers, Hearts, Everton or Chelsea to mention a few of the star turns; but what they lack in finesse is generally made up in vigour.

They go all out, but strangely enough, the game cannot be considered fast though the wing men have usually a good turn of speed. There is a lot of aimless work. Keeness is one of their strong points but the laws of the F.A. are sadly broken, it being evidently permissible to do anything except bite.

Pushing and obstruction are favourite methods, while the "Off side" rule is a "washout."

The lot of the "goalie" is not a happy one; he is more the object of attack, when the ball is bobbing round, than the sphere itself, and he is lucky to escape being bundled into the cage or as one "Jock" put it, the "Hen House" — the usual goal nets being supplanted by wire netting. The goalkeeper is certainly one of the star turns of a "Jerry" team, any I have seen being clever with their hands and quick on the ball besides showing good anticipation.

Why they have a referee, I can't say. He is more or ornamental than useful, being dressed to kill, with a spring outfit like a model in a window. He is AF and no mistake.

From what I have heard, football is a growing sport in the Fatherland and though one does not run up against a footballers' paradise like Hampden Park (in fact any of the pitches would disgrace a junior club) the organization of the game appears to be good, leagues being formed on similar lines to our own, while inter-league and Cup Ties competitions are not neglected.

Football has come to stay, and though their efforts may make us smile, the players are still new to the game and will no doubt learn.

Who knows! when the present ferment has cooled down, and the new Germany has emerged from the boiling pot of bolshevism and its kindred manifestations, sport (and foot ball in particular) may be one of the means of bringing "Jerry" back to some semblance of respectability.—NIKOLA.

A COMING MUSICAL EVENT.

'CELLO CONCERT ON MAY 5th.

What promises to be an excellent violoncello Concert is to be held in the Gurzenich Hall on May 5th; such concerts are not frequent in Germany and very rarely occur elsewhere. Among the compositions to be played are several for 1, 2, 4 and 8 violoncelli, many of them for the first time. One item is an hitherto unknown composition by Mozart, said to be the only one he ever wrote for the 'cello. It has been edited by Prof. Lemcki, of Dresden, and Prof. Klengel of Leipsic, who will play it. The latter is recognized as the grand master of the 'cello, and is to be supported by Herr Willy Lamping of Cologne, who, until the outbreak of war, was professor of music at the Columbia University, New York, Frl. Isabella v. Sodenberg of Vienna and Herr Alfred Vorster of Cologne. Tickets for this concert may be obtained at the usual advertised places and also at the office of *The Cologne Post*. The prices to members of H.M. Forces are 5, 4, 3 and 2 marks, respectively.

"THE IDDY UMPTIES."

A RUN ROUND THE VILLAGES.

The well known concert party, "The Iddy-Umpties" (2nd Army Signals Coy.) are this week touring the "smalls" for the benefit of the men in the isolated districts. On Monday night they gave a show at Miel to a large and most enthusiastic audience. Every member of the troupe is an artiste in the best sense of the word, and the programme is distinctly new and original.

During the week the party is to appear in the neighbouring villages of Ollheim, Ludendorf, Lutelberg and Rimershoven, and their great success at Miel, on the opening night of their short tour, augurs well for the remainder of the week. "The Iddy Umpties" are under the able direction of Lieut. Love.

3rd. MACHINE GUNNERS.

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE EVENTS.

"A" v. "D" in the competition, was postponed by consent of all three parties owing to the races. The chief supporters were, of course, the Transport Sections at these latter.

Of forthcoming events the most interesting will be the Boxing Tournament to-morrow night at the popular hour 17.00 hrs. There will be boxing in seven classes, it is hoped; from bantam to heavies. The majority of fights will be three round contests, but several Novices will try their first round.

All being well, the Commanding Officer, Lt.Col. W.J. Cranston, D.S.O., will act as referee and a great crowd is expected. On the previous occasion only about a third of the battalion had settled the geographical position of the proposed dinning hall but now that the messing is an accomplished fact (and some say, *some* fact!) a large audience is assured. Only a fit man can enter the ring and it is up to every man in the battalion to support such men.

On Sunday next the officers have another trial of strength with the sergeants. The absolute collapse of the previous match must be atoned for by the officers. On the following Tuesday officers again play. They will be confronted by their servants. Officers had better beware such tricks as nails left in boots, missing football boots, etc. Then the corporals have their long-desired match with the sergeants on the 7th. The football season in the competitive sense will probably finish on that date, but doubtless on cool evenings throughout the summer the old passion to kick a football will lead to odd and quickly-arranged matches.

RHINELAND FOOTBALL.

52nd v. 53rd WELSH REGIMENT.

This match was played on Monday, on the ground of the 23 d Welsh Regt. at Alfter. The players were greatly handicapped by the pouring rain and strong wind, and during the first half the play was of a very nondescript variety. Although the 52nd Welsh had the better of matters, neither side succeeded in scoring. The rain stopped with the commencement of the second half and the quality of the game improved. The 52nd Welsh pressed strongly and were fortunate to score their first goal off one of the opposing backs. This reserve seemed to demoralize the defence of the 53rd and the play became very one-sided, the 52nd scoring three more goals in quick succession. The 53rd forwards rarely gave the opposing defence any trouble. The 52nd played good football in the second half, the combination of the forwards being particularly good. The goal scorers were: Pte. Inwood (2) Pte. O'Bierne and Pte. McGahey. Result: 52nd Welsh, 4; 53rd Welsh, 0.

5.h CAMERON HIGHLANDERS v. 52nd LEICESTERS.

Pressing from the start, the play was scrappy on account of the muddy ground and the trickiness of the wind, which sent the best meant efforts wide of the mark. The Camerons, after a scrimmage in the goalmouth, scraped the ball through, and shortly afterwards scored another of the same order. The wind falling slightly, some good football was seen in the second half, the "Tigers" getting plenty of encouragement. But the boys from Leicester would not be denied, and after some clever forward play, a slackening of the defence put the goalkeeper in a taugle, and in the ensuing melée the ball was breasted through.

Not long after, combined play by the "Tigers" put the centre in possession, and the ball, travelling away from the goalkeeper all the time, slithered over the line for number two.

The game after this was evenly contested. If anything, the Camerons had the bigger say in the game, though the young Leicesters put up a good show. Result: Camerons, 2; Leicester, 2.

DRAWN GAME AT BORNHEIM.

On Sunday 14 Platoon "D" Company 1/7 Cheshires played the Battalion Headquarters. Although playing a team much above their weight and experience, the Platoon were top dog throughout the 90 minutes, and were exceedingly unlucky not to win. From the kick-off the Platoon's forwards were continually aggressive and, barring two breakaways on the part of Headquarters, had all their own way. After half an hour, Bannaghan at centre-forward scored with a strong shot and later had hard lines with a shot which hit the cross-bar.

Headquarters then, by virtue of superior weight, carried the ball into their opponents' half. Following a corner, Sgt. Fandler scored with a shot which to all appearances was going outside, but suddenly swerved. Mellor and Stott, the Platoon backs, were as steady as rocks, and the few shots which came to Lever were dealt with in splendid style. For the Platoon, Terry and Green played well at half back, but unfortunately the forwards were on the light side. The outstanding Headquarters players were Sgts. Platt and Fandler, the latter playing a very energetic game. Result: Platoon, 1; Battalion H.Q. 1.

No. 8 VETERINARY HOSPITAL v. RHINE ARMY M.T.

Played on the ground of the former. Playing with the wind the "Vets" opened the scoring through R.S.M. Hayward with a nice placed shot. The home team should have added to their lead shortly afterwards, John Toae sending in a lovely centre which went begging. After a time, play was transferred to the other end through good work by the M.T. forwards and ended in their centre equalising. In the second half the M.T.'s commenced to press with the wind and played better football. They looked like scoring on more than one occasion and eventually they obtained number 2 through Sgt. Brown, the opposing captain putting the ball into his own goal. After some scrappy play which followed, the visitors obtained another goal, which ended the scoring, with the result M.T. 3; "Vets." 1.

185th v. 57th SIEGE BATTERY, R.G.A.

As a result of a challenge by 1 5th Siege Battery, who offered to play any unit up to 220 strong, this match was played at Kalk on Sunday. The fixture aroused a deal of interest, and the crowd numbered over a thousand. Right from the start play ran in the visitors half, and James put Chance through to score with a hard drive. Play ruled very even, Jule proving a host for 57, and midway through this half Clissold, to the joy of the homesters, put two up. 185 played up like fury, but McCornock and Jule defended splendidly. A terrific hail storm broke over the game in the opening of the second half.

After Moores had almost let a surprise shot roll through, Chance broke away and James scored 57th third goal. Then 185's centre beat Moores with a shot from fully 30 yards and this was followed by another goal. Result:— 57 S.B. 3; 185 S.B. 2.

A.S.C. BAKERS v. A.S.C. DRIVERS.

Played on the Drivers' ground, Kalk. The Bakers forards began in dramatic style from the kick-off and swept through the Drivers' defence, but the Bakers' centre forward spoilt a great chance by handing in the goalmouth. From the kick-off the Drivers' left wing man got away nicely and after beating several players put in a fine shot, but Swaly, the Bakers' goalkeeper, made a splendid save. After 10 minutes play, Aitkin got away on the left wing and centred nicely for Chapman to beat the goalkeeper with a fine shot. A few minutes from half-time, Chapman got away on the left wing and after beating the backs found the net for the Bakers once more. From the restart the Drivers went strong for goal, but they were sent back by Stebbing and Walsh, who played well for the Bakers. Shortly afterwards, the Drivers' right wing beat the Bakers' goalkeeper by a fine shot. The Drivers were now trying very hard to draw, but the Bakers' centre half, who was playing a fine game, kept them at bay until the finish. Result: Bakers 2; Drivers 1.

REVIVAL OF "THE CASUALS."

It was decided yesterday to revive the famous amateur association football team "The Casuals."

LONDON BETTING

The Derby: Four to one Panther, taken.

At Paris on Sunday, a boat race over 250 metres resulted:— 1st New Zealand; 2nd United States; 3rd France and Newfoundland.

1/6 WEST YORKSHIRE REGT.
Reds v. Blues. "D" Coy.

Fine weather prevailed when these teams met at Blucherpark, for the purpose of selecting a company team. The Blues kicked off against a strong wind but made little progress against the half back line of the Reds. Following a fine passing movement, the result of good play by Lieut. Murray, the Reds opened their account through Pte. Redhead finding the net. The Reds continued to press and further increased their lead, a beautiful shot from L/Cpl. Butterill doing the needful. Play was now taken to the Reds goal mouth only to see L/Cpl. Burton shoot over for the Blues. The Reds further increased their lead, L/Cpl. Butterill scoring from a pass by Pte. Mercer.

The second half was all in favour of the Reds, who had, on the whole, a very good team doing duty. There was no holding their forwards who had a field day. A great run down the field by L/Cpl. Butterill ended by the player shooting wide when well placed. The Blues by now were well beaten and further scoring was the rule of the day, L/Cpl. Butterill adding three more to his account, also Pte. Redhead (1), Lt. Murray (1). The Reds well deserved their win, the forwards combined so well together. Lt. Murray was a star on the side of the Blues.

Result: 8—0.

Referee: Pte. A. Wiever.

141st FIELD AMBULANCE v. 1st MACHINE GUNNERS.

Played on the ground of the first named on Sunday. The game was very even, but midway through this half the M.G.C. scored through Dodsworth, who lashed the ball from long range. The wind was responsible for the ball swerving and the Ambulance goalie was deceived. Play became very lively and Lieut. Chandler on the M.G.C. left wing put over some useful crosses, but no further score resulted.

Playing against the wind in the second half, the Ambulance showed signs of equalising. The ball was kept in the M.G.C. half and time after time the hopes of the R.A.M.C. men were raised, but bad finishing and a snowstorm kept the M.G.C. goal intact. Ten minutes from the end, hard work was rewarded, Cpl. Kirby snatching the equaliser from a scrimmage in front of goal, to the chagrin of the R.F.A. spectators. A very even game ended in a draw — 1 goal each.

20.h D.L.I's. BEAT THE 3rd BN. M.G.C.

On Saturday an interesting match was played at Riehl between the 20.h Bn. D.L.I. and the 3rd Bn. M.G.C., resulting in a win for the former by 3—1.

After an interchange of play, Mr. Dodds opened the score for the D.L.I. with a lovely cross drive, but the M.G.C. equalised very soon through their left wing. The D.L.I. then had most of the play, and galled the lead through Mr. Dodds and Mr. Eggleston. Half-time: 3—1.

A heavy down-pour of rain spoilt the play in the second half, and the score remained the same.

The outstanding players of the M.G.C. were the right half, and inside right.

23rd MIDDLESEX v. 11th ROYAL SCOTS.

After four successive victories elsewhere, the 23rd Middlesex fell to the 11th Royal Scots in a stiff encounter at Haan on Thursday.

First blood was drawn by the Middlesex, whose centre forward broke away, after ten minutes of very even play, and found the net.

Determined to equalise, the Scots put up a splendid show, a feature of which was the brilliant effort of Lce.-Cpl. Graham, who, getting possession of the ball in mid field, out-manoeuvered four opponents, and, thirty yards from the posts, sent in a stinging shot, which the goal keeper found himself unable to cope with. The Middlesex replied with two goals after fifty minutes hard work, and towards the end of the game looked like coming out victors.

In the last quarter of an hour however, the Royals wrought wonders. A pass from the centre-forward gave Henderson an opportunity, and, overcoming all opposition, he successfully netted the ball. This was improved shortly afterwards Taylor, who added the equalising goal for the Scots. With three minutes to play the excitement of the large crowd of supporters was at its highest. Lt. McGlynn, from a pass from the centre half, broke through the defence, but was brought down at the goal mouth. A fierce struggle followed in the vicinity of the posts, in the confusion Cooper got possession of the ball and scored the winning goal to the accompaniment of a tremendous outburst of cheering on the part of the Scots supporters. Result:— Royal Scots, 4, Middlesex, 3.

76th BRIGADE FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

51st D.L.I. v. 9th D.L.I.

About the middle of the first half, Sgt Foster of the 51st swept up the ball and scored. The second half produced a sturdy struggle and in turn each defence was tested to its utmost by energetic forwards. One of the tit-bits of the match was a clever individual effort just on time by McGreehen.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

12th Battn. Royal Irish Rifles. v. 5th Battn. Royal Irish Regiment.

This match, played at Weiler on Monday, resulted in a win for the Rifles by two trys to nil.

A few minutes after the commencement of play a good rush by the Regiment pack almost produced a score, but the Rifles' defence was sound, and eventually a good kick by Wallis relieved the pressure. From a scrum in mid-field Cullen set his three-quarter backs going, but a "knock-on" spoiled a very promising run. Good work by the Rifles forwards, led by Connolly and Millar, brought play to the Regiments line, where Campbell crossed for a try, Gilmore failed to convert.

For the first fifteen minutes after the restart play was confined to mid field. From a line out Larkin made a good run for the Regiment, but was "tackled" by Gilmore, who was playing a fine game at three-quarter. Good footwork by the Rifles forwards again brought play to the Regiment's line, where Cantly carried the ball over at the corner for a try, which was not converted. Full time found the rival packs scrummaging in mid-field.

Result: 12th Bn. Royal Irish Rifles, 2 tries — 6 Points; 5th Bn. Royal Irish Regiment, Nil.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

THEATRE OF WAR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

B.E.F.'s SUCCESS AT BOXING.

The Inter-Theatre of War Boxing Championship opened at Aldershot on Tuesday, when there were twenty-two competitors in the officers series and thirty three in the other ranks. The first day's results were: Heavy-weight (Officers): Lieut. Lang, 97th Indian Infantry, Egypt, beat 2nd Lieut. Fairclough, Royal North Lancs. India. Fairclough was knocked out in the second round.

Welter-weight (officers): Capt. Tweedie, R.A.M.C., Mesopotamia, beat 2nd Lieut. Spurrier, 3rd King's Dragoon Guards, India, on points. Lieut. Batham, Lancashire Fusiliers, Home Forces, knocked out Lieut. Stevenson, Gurka Rifles, Egypt, in the first round. Lieut. Sthoalie, 2nd Leinster, B.E.F., beat Capt Tweedie.

Light-weight, semi-final: Lieut. Armstrong, Royal Scots, B.E.F. beat Lieut. Platters, R.E., Home Forces. Lieut. Townsend, Hobson's Horse, India, beat Lieut. Cody, Specialist, Mesopotamia, the referee intervening in the second round.

Feather-weight, semi-final: 2nd Lieut. Nathan, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, India, beat Lieut. Tobin, Lincoln's, B.E.F. on points. Lieut. Wilson, Border Regt., Italy, beat Lieut. Sinclair, 30th Royal Fusiliers, Egypt.

THEATRE OF WAR RUGBY.

B.E.F., FRANCE, WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

At Aldershot, on Tuesday, in connection with the Inter-Theatre of War Championship, B.E.F., France defeated Egypt, at rugby, by 5 points to three.

The match proved to be particularly keen struggle and either team might have won right to the end. Egypt were unfortunate in losing the services of Johnson, who had to retire after fifteen minutes. McNeil scored an unconverted try for Egypt, while for the B.E.F., Angus converted a try scored by Harrison.

B.E.F. France thus win the Championship.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING:

EGYPTIAN TEAM GETS FIRST PLACE.

In the cross country running section of the Inter-Theatre of War Championships at Windsor on Tuesday, the team placings were: 1, Egypt, 178 points; 2, Home Force, 225; 3, B.E.F., France, 333; 4, India 588; 5, Italy, 618. Five teams competed. The individual winners were: 1, Sepoy Bulwant Singh, 27th Punjab Infantry, Egyptian team; 2, Sergt. Massey, Home Forces; 3, Naik Duarion Singh, 92 Punjab, Egyptian team.

The finish was witnessed by the King and Queen and Prince George.

ALLIES v. BRITISH ARMY FOOTBALL MATCH.

Teams representing French and Belgian armies have been invited to visit London to play a British Army team which will be selected after the final inter-theatre of war match at Stamford Bridge.

EPSOM RACING RESULTS.

THE GREAT METROPOLITAN.

There was capital sport at Epsom on Tuesday when the following were the returns:

Prince of Wales Stakes: 1, Green Fly, (9—2); 2, Lady Sybil (7—1); 3, Sangels, (3—1). Eight ran. Won by four length; a bad third.

Tattenham Plate: 1, Charles Smile (4—5); 2, Nurse Boos (10—1); Game (6—1). Nine ran. Won by two lengths; one and a half lengths between second and third.

Surrey Handicap: Pretty Girl (5—1); 2, Pour Boire (10—1); 3, Bayodee (100—1); Eleven ran.

Great Metropolitan: 1. Langdon Hills (20—1); 2, Farore (7—2); 3, Saint Tutwal (100—30). Also ran: Aynsley, Haki, Stainton, Buckthorn, Silver, Bridge, Jack Point, Granchester, Stenteloi and Tam O'Shanter.

Westminster Plate: 1, Like Magic (8—1); 2, Pourville (3—1); 3, Cerole (9—4). Thirteen ran.

Banstead Selling Plate: 1. Lynton (10—11); 2, Fernley, (10—1); 3, Saintly Meule (3—1). Eight ran.

LAWN TENNIS.

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS AT QUEEN'S CLUB.

In the 1st round of the amateur tennis championships at Queens Club, which opened on Tuesday, Capt. Nigel Haig beat Major A.J. Evans, three sets-love. The second round resulted in E.A.C. Bruce beating C.T. Agar, and G.F. Marshall defeating the Hon C.N. Bruce three sets-nil.

ROCHAMPTON TOURNAMENT.

In the mixed doubles final, M.J.G. Ritchie and Mrs. Larcombe beat G.L. Patterson and Mrs. Satterthwaite 3—6, 7—5 and 8—6. The Singles Handicap was won by Norton, while Raymond and Norton won the Doubles Handicap, from scratch.

BOXING.

At Hoxton Baths on Tuesday, Seaman Hayes, Hoxton, beat Dick Moss, Leeds, on points.

Alf Mansfield, Aldgate, was given the verdict in a bout at the Ring, on Tuesday, against Young Barker, Liverpool, the latter twisting his ankle in the second round.

HARRIERS SHOW AT PETERBOROUGH.

At the annual meeting of the Masters of the Harriers and Beagles Association on Tuesday evening, it was decided that a show should be held at Peterborough this year.

Brig. General J.V. Campbell was elected president of the Association.

RACEHORSE OWNER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Mr. Oliver Jones, the owner of Rathnally and other well-known racehorses, collapsed after leaving a train at Southport railway station, and died immediately.

SANDHURST "EIGHT" AT HENLEY.

For the first time since its foundation, Sandhurst will be represented at Henley Regatta this year.

Among the cadets from whom the eight will finally be selected is H.R.H. Prince Henry. H.M. the King has given special permission for the cadets to train in Virginia water.

A NEW RIVER CUP FOR ETON.

From *Reuters* we learn that Mrs. Taylor *nee* Crichton-Brown has presented to Eton College a silver cup, in memory of her only son, Lieut. George W. Taylor of the R.F.A., who died of wounds in Flanders on 9th November 1917.

The cup is dedicated "To oarsmen on the river he loved so well" and is to be held by the house that heads the river in the "junior fours."

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Thursday, May 1th, 1919.

Surface Wind moderate, South-easterly or Southerly, with tendency to become stronger. Mainly bright, but occasional Showers are likely later in day. Cool at night, moderately warm in day.

SEVEN MORE DAYS.

HUSTLE ALONG WITH YOUR ENTRIES.

"THE COLOGNE POST" CRICKET CUP.

Entries for the magnificent cup (and twelve miniatures) which the *Cologne Post* is offering for the most successful Rhine Army cricket team this season, continue to be submitted in large numbers.

Meanwhile, the flight of time is carrying us along with customary rapidity and here we are in the merry month of May.

We hope that by the middle of the month we shall have got the competition well started and that the league tables will be beginning to take shape.

A few days will be necessary for the general sorting out process, after the last entry has been received, and we have therefore decided to make

THURSDAY, 8TH MAY

the last day for receiving entries. Intending teams will oblige us, however, if they will send in their notifictions witnout delay. By leaving matters until the closing date, our work will be made more difficult and it is obviously important that a start should be made as early as possible.

The majority of teams have yet to complete their store of playing gear. There is just time, before the competition starts to get those requirements unobtainable locally, from England and it is hoped that when everything else is ready there will not be a further delay caused as a result of lack of equipment.

The 2nd Army Sports Officer, Lieut. Onions, at the Amusement Office, Cologne, will be pleased to put you on the right track for getting all manner of mat rials and anyone in doubt on any point of this kind should give him a call or drop him a line.

We are now awaiting your entry, and then we can get to business. Waste no farther time, therefore in writing out your entry (stating whether or not you have a ground) and sending it to:

The Sports Editor,
"The Cologne Post"
Cologne.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

(With an Occasional Entertainments Note.)

Damage to Rhine Steamers.

It seems a great pity that circumstances should have made necessary the publication of a General Routine Order, under the same heading as this paragraph. The order points out that complaints have been received of damage caused to Rhine steamers by troops travelling on pleasure trips or on duty, and goes on to indicate that the continuance of such damage (which I am afraid is frequently within) will necessitate a reduction of the number of steamers available.

How many thousands of us have recollections of the terrible discomforts of going on leave, in the days of the fighting, as a result of having to travel in windowless carriages wherein, when one had the luck to find a cushioned seat at all, this was hacked to pieces. It does not require a very massive brain to realise that the more carefully we all look after the preservation of public conveyances, the more privileges and better comfort we shall enjoy generally. Therefore it is up to everyone who witnesses any such act of wilfulness to show no sympathy for the offender, but to report the matter to the right authorities at once.

Messrs Cox at Cologne.

Officers lucky enough to be stationed in the neighbourhood of Cologne will welcome the announcement that Messrs Cox & Co are to open a branch of their bank at 135 Hone Strasse to-day. This innovation should do much to relieve the congestion which invariably prevails during some of the day's busiest hours at the offices of Messrs Thomas Cook & Son and of the Field Cashier. The bankers charges to be imposed by Messrs Cox & Co are sufficiently reasonable to satisfy even the most economical. Cheques will be cashed at a charge of 20 Pfennig per pound, while postal orders and treasury notes will also be cashed at the same rate.

Where are the Ladies?

Everything is going well with the Amateur Dramatic Company at Cologne. Each day finds fresh applications for membership from all manner ranks in the Rhine Army. The ladies, however, are not showing that alacrity in coming forward that might have been expected. It is possible that some of the fair members who have joined our merry army recently are unaware that there is a golden opportunity for them to blossom forth into second Ellaline Terriss' by joining the Army of the Rhine Amateur Dramatic Company. If such be the case, and the said ladies have the slightest knowledge and experience of acting, I am sure Lieut Percy, in the 2nd Army Amusement Office, Cologne, (who, by the way, is himself a real live actor-r-r) would be delighted to explain the ambitions of the new Company to them.

The Deutsche Theatre.

To anybody who enjoys a really good variety show, a visit to the Deutsche Theatre this week can be safely recommended Mr. and Mrs. Hassan, and their excellent little party have undoubtedly the knowledge of the art of successful entertainment. Miss Kitty Franklin, at the piano, for instance, knows just the songs that appeal and — what is perhaps more important — she knows just how to sing them. Consequently she "gets" the audience whose members are not backward in signifying their appreciation.

Then there is Miss Catherine Wilkinson, who possesses a contralto voice of such purity and charm that by her efforts she established herself a warm favourite in the opinion of dozens of new acquaintances every night. Miss Doris Cloud plays the violin with wonderful tone and precision which stamps her as a past master (or should I say "mistress"?) of her art, while for something in the neighbourhood of half an hour Mr. and Mrs. Hassan occupy the stage and (with the assistance of a couple of embarassed-looking members of the audience) perform weird and wonderful illusions. Not much in the way of variety lacking in that show, is there?

THE RAMBLER.

The death is announced, at his residence at Lymington, of Mr. Arthur Forbes, C.S.I., late Indian Civil Service, who was coxswain of the Cambridge crews in the Boat Race in 1836 and 1837.

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THE SOLDIER'S FOOD.

HOW INSPECTION IMPROVED MANUFACTURE.

The *Times* of Saturday gives the following article from a special correspondent with regard to the feeding of the British Army:— It would be too much to say that all through the war the British Army has always been adequately and properly fed; but no one can deny that the feeding has been better than in any previous war.

A good deal of the credit for this is due to Dr. A. W. J. MacFadden, the Chief Inspector of Foods of the Local Government Board, and his organization for the supervision of the manufacture and preparation of food for the Army.

The better organized and equipped works readily accepted any suggestions which were made to improve the conditions. Where manufacturers were not so amenable a threat to strike the offending firm off the War Office list of contractors—a threat which was actually carried out in a number of cases— proved effective.

At all works it was insisted upon that employees handling food should wear washable overalls and caps. In meat stores provision for hanging meat in a separate room was made the rule. The soldier joked about his "dog biscuits," but one of the conditions laid down was that no firm manufacturing Army biscuits should manufacture dog biscuits in the same room or with the same machinery. Meat and vegetable rations were examined before they were placed in tins in order to prevent carelessness in weighing which might result in an excess of vegetable or fat. Jam gave the inspecting staff much trouble. A great deal of it was made from pulp—that is, fresh fruit boiled without sugar and kept in casks or jars till required for manufacturing purposes. Fermentation and the growth of moulds during the storage of this pulp called for constant vigilance.

A great deal of inspection work was done by the Local Government Board on the food supplied to the Army by tradesmen in the locality in which units were situated and through canteens. This work was of great importance, for in many centres the sudden increase in the local population due to the establishment of a military base taxed the food production resources of the district to the utmost and led to unsatisfactory conditions. Constant supervision was exercised until the control of Army canteens was taken over by the Navy and Army Canteen Board. In some cases meat products were prepared in dirty underground cellars into which the street dust penetrated, and the floors of which were in a filthy condition. Jam was made in small factories which had never previously been heard of by the local authorities, and in some of them the conditions were absolutely appalling. Much of the inspection was done in many districts by the local medical officers of health, with the help of inspectors of the Local Government Board. Every firm given an Army contract was visited at once, and the number of subsequent visits paid depended to a very large extent upon what the first visit disclosed.

I am told that a young officer at present serving, and of the type that cannot bear anything in the nature of "scent," burst into a first-class "smoker" the other day where a young demobilised one who had unwisely used his sister's soap for washing that morning was sitting. Said the serving officer: "Phew, what an aroma!" (or words to that effect). As he was too evidently the culprit, and the heating apparatus had multiplied the said aroma by 4, the demobilised one spoke up snappily: It's soap! Ever near of it where you are stationed?" — *Ex-service Man.*

GERMANY SINCE 1860.

MASTERMAN SMITH AT SOLINGEN.

In the Kaisersaal, Solingen, Mr. Masterman-Smith recently gave a lecture on "Germany since 1860." A naturalised British subject, born in Alsace during the war of 1870, Mr. Smith spoke under the auspices of the French Government.

A short history of Germany and the Germans was given. Bismarck, of the "blood and iron" motto was literally torn to pieces by the fiery speaker. The forging of the telegram to make France declare War, the treachery of the man, his hatred against France and England and threat to strike the latter at a later date — all this was given in detail by a man who had suffered and been driven from his native country by the work of the Prussian Chancellor.

He spoke of the confiscating of Alsace and Lorraine, and the placing of a large army on that soil. Everything became German, the French language had to be neither spoken nor written. The provinces were made "a dumping ground" for Prussian Militarism. The Prussian Armies committed rape and robbery and even received condemnation from their own country. Now, the cleansing process was being carried out, swiftly and surely, the provinces were being cleared of German families.

Mr. Smith dealt with the coming Peace. He spoke in high praise of Mr. Clemenceau's speech at the conference. The "Tiger" had said that the British Navy had not only saved Britain, but France and Europe also — therefore the supremacy of the seas should belong to Great Britain always.

The Bolshevist trouble was next brought forward. The Germans had started the campaign in Russia, now they wanted to get Bolshevism working in our country.

He would have us remember that before 1870 the Germans had nothing, but since the war in 1870 they had become rich. Rich at the expense of his native place Alsace and Lorraine. France could now have the Potash and Steel from her returned provinces. Figures brought forward showed that out of 25 million tons of steel produced by Germany, 21 million tons came from Alsace and Lorraine.

In concluding, Mr. Smith said we must always remember the legacy that had been placed in our hands. It was a fine thing, and when we took off our uniform, we could hand over this legacy to others who would be proud of what had been, and who would remember the thousands of men lying under the soil of France and Belgium. After lantern slides of Alsace and Lorraine had been shown, there was loud applause. The lecture was highly appreciated and well attended.

COURTESY IN TRAMS.

WHO SHOULD STAND UP?

We have had many communications from British military men stating that frequently they have had to make the awkward choice of standing throughout long tram journeys or permitting German womenfolk to stand, while German men calmly sat at their ease. We must ever remember, under *all* circumstances, that we are in a foreign country where manners may, and do, differ considerably from ours, and ever trust that a hint will remedy the above complaint. We have ourselves seen the hint administered in various forms, and generally it has been successful. An inbred sense of courteousness to the opposite sex makes it difficult to sit while they stand. On the other hand a fatigued soldier should see to it, where possible, that the difficulty is shared by those who should have a greater feeling of responsibility in this, as in any similar matter.

THE CANTEEN SMILE.

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

THE SMALLER OF TWO EVILS.

The *Frankfurter Zeitung*, in an article dealing with the Peace terms, lays emphasis on the fact that, the "threat of the Allies to occupy other territories and to stop the provision of food in case of a German refusal must not be taken too lightly." That is the attidude we like to see. The threats, if such is an appropriate term, were not given in any mood of levity, neither will the carrying out of those statements be treated by us in any light degree. Thus it is pleasing to note that at least one of the German papers has interpreted our meaning aright. "The questions are," the paper further remarks, "will not Peace bring with it a worse form of slavery? and will not a refusal of signature to the terms be the committance of the lesser of the two evils?" The destiny of Germany lies within the people's own power to make or mar according to their attitude during the next few days. But perhaps we can offer a little solace by replying with the Asquithian reputed aphorism—"Wait and see."

Germany's Defence.

The same paper further remarks that "The behaviour of France in the occupied area clearly shows her intention of annexation. In spite of the League of Nations, there still remain powerful political alliances with aims directed against us. Germany must not remain undefended against such threats. She is defending her right at Versailles in striving for a peace of right, which, to-day, is threatened only by Paris.

German Socialist's and the War.

Eduard Bernstein, the socialist who, in all probability will be the new German Ambassador in London, recently made an attempt in the *Rheinische Zeitung* to explain the behaviour of the socialists at the beginning of the war. The whole attitude of this party is explained, says Bernstein, in the fact that the socialists were not given the true facts. False news of bombing from the air, of invasion of the French troops in Belgium—these were given to the Socialists. But then, the latter party might have known it was false. History is useless if we do not learn therefrom. English people knew that these statements were false, for do we not remember similar incidents at the outset of the 1870 affair, when Bismarck caused a forged telegram to be sent in order to plunge the nations into conflict?

"The Socialist Party," says Bernstein, "had not the slightest knowledge of the true developments. The press news given to us was all in favour of Bethmann-Hollweg's statements, and the violation of the frontiers, though already effected, was unknown to us and undreamt of. Can anyone blame the Socialists for not having seen at once through the affair, and not shouting to the Chanceller, 'it is a lie'?

"When the true knowledge of the violation of Belgium came to the Socialists, a strong protest was made, and this must not be forgotten to-day as it is a moral credit to the Party.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

To the memory of each Birmingham Scout who fell in the war it is proposed to plant a tree in local parks.

Walton-on-Thames, where there is a New Zealand hospital, is to be given a captured gun by the New Zealand authorities.

After marrying a woman in the morning, a man gave himself up in the afternoon, it was stated in a bigamy charge at Stratford.

Mr. R. H. Balloch is to be junior counsel to the Admiralty in the Admiralty Court in place of Mr. C. R. Dunlop, promoted to K.C.

After 6½ years as superintendent of Metropolitan Police, Mr. William Fitt is to be superintendent of R.A.C. Road Guides.

Unlest the stipend is at least £200, announces the Bishop of Worcester, a curate's licence for any parish in his diocese will not be granted.

During the threshing of a wheat stack on a farm at Saigston, Leics, 211 rats were killed, for which the farmer received £2 12s. 9d—3d. a rat.

For wearing his uniform with badges and buttons without permission for more than 28 days after he had been demobilised, Albert Morrell was fined 5s. at Hull.

Although the Duke of Beaufort has reduced the sites for Ebbw Vale housing scheme from £24,000 to £15,000, the district council still thinks the price excessive.

Sugar-beet production is 17½ tons per acre, and the yield of sugar about three tons, Mr. J. M. Scott stated at Gloucester Chamber of Agriculture, when urging beet cultivation.

In the Thames near Sheppertion the body has been found of a middle-aged man wearing 4 coats, 2 shirts, a pair of flannel and a pair of khaki trousers, and 2 pairs of overalls.

Islington war memorial scheme for a £10,000 extension of the Great Northern Hospital and a £5,000 club for ex-soldiers was supported by a meeting of 1,500 local ex Service men.

The Admiralty says that advances in respect of war gratuities to officers on the active list or to retired officers serving can be made only in circumstances of proved necessity. Applications should be made through the usual official channels to the Navy, Branch 15.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

"THE PARSIFAL."

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—May I protest in the strongest terms possible against one of Major Bles's statements in a letter to yourself last Sunday? He speaks of the "outstanding features of Christ being His infinite pity, mercy, and goodness, and emphatically *not* His strength." As a padre I am horrified at this, I fear, very popular misconception of the New Testament, most certainly derived from the "representations of Christ which we are accustomed to connect with stained glass windows," and which in these days is rarely corrected by any reference to the original text, most of which is known by hearsay only. If Christ is perfect man, his character must be absolutely equally balanced. His strength, his heroic defence of the eternal right, his absolute fearlessness, and moral and physical courage are at least as outstanding as his pity and mercy, as illustrated in Mark 10.32, John 2.15, and countless other sidelights. It is exactly these wretchedly effeminate representations of the Christ that are responsible for the humbug and namby-pambyism too often talked on Good Friday, that has discredited to so large an extent His Manhood in the eyes of manly men.

ERIC. E. YELVERTON, C. F.
Dragoon Brigade Chaplain.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir, — Perhaps Miss C. A. Eastgate erred a little in her estimate of Parsifal in his being only "a human being like ourselves."

Major Bles certainly erred more in allowing himself to be carried away by the physical likeness of this particular Parsifal to our idea of Christ, and jumping to the conclusion that Wagner meant Parsifal to be Christ.

In the first two acts Parsifal is obviously only "a human being like ourselves," but between the second and third acts many years pass — years which Parsifal had spent in searching for the home of the Grail.

Religious persons of all denominations go into periods of retreat so as to gain spiritual strength (Christ spent forty days in the desert) — surely this search of Parsifal was his retreat from which he emerged strengthened spiritually a thousand-fold. Wagner did not mean us to understand that Parsifal the man had become Parsifal the Christ, but he did mean us to realise that these years of privation had wrought a "substantial" spiritual change (if I may be excused the term), that something very substantial of the spirit of Christ had entered into him, changing him from a human "man" into a human "saint."

No doubt some people will think I am only splitting hairs. This letter is not meant for them.

B. C. T. L.

Answers to Correspondents.

[The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Many questions have been received which could be answered much easier by the Adjutant of the unit concerned, and all such cases which affect the unit commander must be taken to him and not sent here. — Ed.]

M.H.B.—(1) For applied chemistry, organic and inorganic, see our article on "Army Agricultural College, Bonn," on April 1st, also enquire through your Education Officer, re 2nd Army College, of which we hope to print an account in a day or two.

(2) A small ad. fourteen words for 7.50 marks per insertion would bring you many answers.

(3) We believe so, but have no definite details concerning the tennis for O.Rs. yet hope to publish an article on it in a day or two.

W.E.W.—Yes, you are quite right in forming such an opinion from the leaflet, but you must remember that the paragraph given is overridden by many other ones which have since been issued on the subject of demobilization. You will notice that it says "as soon as possible," and in no way implies that such men will be placed amongst those to be released immediately, according in labour requirements.

Ty esider—Apply through your Education Officer for vacancy in Agricultural College, Bonn.

A Sapper.—See our article of yesterday dealing with the question of "Soldiers' Club."

K.T.—It will not be possible to get the papers for which you ask.

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THE OUT-OF-WORK DOLE.

Mr. J. R. Clynes, M. P., speaking at Birmingham on Saturday night, while making every allowance for the temporary dislocations of work created by the war, contended that in the intervening months between November and now the Government should have been capable of doing something better than paying out of the public purse more than a million pounds a week for doing nothing at all, in place of having used their brains, in order that the men and women receiving unemployment pay should be engaged in useful, productive services and earning their living under conditions of dignity, instead of marching to the exchanges week by week to receive their public dole.

There was nothing more scandalous, he added, nothing of which the country should be more heartily ashamed, than the enormous sums of money which had been amassed automatically by certain sections of the people through what was almost inevitable profiteering during a war which left one section impoverished to the point of being destitute and in need of Government aid.

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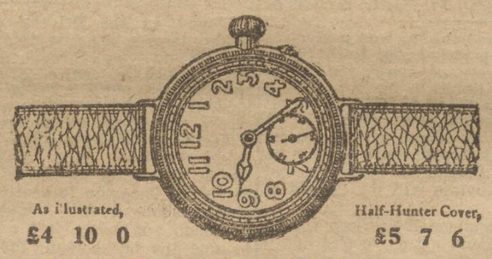

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ITALIAN PREMIER'S SPEECH AT ROME.

BLOOD OF OUR BLOOD.

After his arrival at Rome Signor Orlando lost no time in addressing the Italian Parliament. He first gave a *resume* of the work of the Italian delegates to the Peace Conference from the middle of March to the 13th April.

"On that day" he continued, "the convocation of the German delegates was decided. On the 14th I had long conversations with President Wilson in the course of which the whole Italian territorial question was very thoroughly discussed. As a result of these conversations President Wilson gave me a memorandum which represented, he said, the opinion of the American Government. I was not only empowered to communicate this memorandum to the Italian Parliament but was asked to do so, this request being repeated at the last meeting, which took place on Thursday, the 24th April. However, as this memorandum refused to Italy every right in Dalmatia and the islands, gave to Fiume an incomplete freedom and precluded the unity of Istria, I could not hesitate for a moment, and I expressed to President Wilson the absolute impossibility of accepting a Peace on the basis of conditions which gave us no satisfaction on these essential points.

"Great Britain and France have always recognized with perfect loyalty the engagement of honour they have undertaken by the Treaty of Alliance between the three countries, an engagement which they intend faithfully to observe.

"As the treaty does not contain Fiume in the Italian claims, they do not agree with the Italian point of view and would only consent to make Fiume a free port, and then only as a compromise and not as a supplement to the full execution of the terms of the treaty.

"Italy thinks that her claims are based on such high and solemn reasons of right and justice that they should be accepted without any treaty or international engagement.

"The accusation of Imperialism afflicts us and offends us. The Italian people have not been greedy in the discussion of milliards claimed as reparation. Their demands will not be excessive when the rich and vast territories of Asia and Africa are distributed among the belligerent nations. They will show that they are swayed more by sentiment than by interest. They have shown this spirit in the highest degree by evoking all their passion, all their energy, all their will, when it is a question not of milliards, not of colonies, not of rich territories, but of the yearning cry of their brothers. We appreciate and love the generous people and the Governments of Great Britain and France too much to doubt that they will understand that beyond the obligations of the Treaty by which their honour is bound they must also consider what sentiment means in the relations between friends."

Signor Orlando added that Italy did not measure her sacrifices by the letter of the Treaty and did not ask for special help when she had to sustain the shock, not of one part of the Austrian army, as was foreseen by the Treaty, but of the whole army. Italy only did her duty by multiplying, as did her allies, her sacrifices for the war.

Italy did not create the question of Fiume. It was created by the town itself by a free act which began by the declaration made on the 16th October by a legitimate representative of Fiume at the Hungarian Parliament. This act was confirmed on the 30th October when in the "right of self-determination," as proclaimed by President Wilson himself, Fiume declared itself an Italian city. Italy cannot now remain inert and impassive at the desperate appeal of the people who are blood of her blood. Italy is not putting forward a thesis of obligation. She only asks that the will of this Italian city shall not be violated.

The chamber voted, by 380 against 40 (the Socialist group), an order of the day, approving the declarations of the Prime Minister and of confidence in the Government.

A great demonstration followed the announcement of the figures.

Subsequently Signor Orlando and the American Ambassador, Mr. Nelson Page, held a long conversation and it is considered probable that the latter will go to Paris to prepare a way out of the impasse.

MERELY ECCENTRICITIES.

IDYLLIC MUNICH.

According to the notorious Wolff Agency all the details of the revolutions in Munich and other parts of Bavaria have been the vain imaginings of hysterical journalists. For several weeks, says Wolff, the newspapers have been full of tragic and comic details of the Communist regime and of the minute preparations for the attack on the capital and now, disillusioned, the newspapers are compelled to make the "painful avowal" that there is not a word of truth in any of it. One journal sent a reporter from Augsburg to Munich. He had to walk, as (doubtless a comic detail) no trains were running. This keen observer noted that the middle class had not suffered at the hands of the Bolshevists, and were so content that they looked on with ironic smiles at the eccentricities of the Communist chiefs.

Nobody is deceived.

FRENCH CONTINUES HIS STORY.

POINCARE'S OPTIMISM.

In a further instalment of Field Marshal French's book, the *Daily Telegraph* prints a description of a visit to President Poincaré on the 15th August 1914. Lord French found the President in high hope of a fullest victorious advance of the Allies. Poincaré discoursed playfully on the possibility of the British fighting another battle of Waterloo. French, who says that history will rank Joffre as one of our supremely great leaders, says he asked Joffre on the 16th August, as the British Army was posted on the left or exposed flank, to place a French Cavalry Division and two Reserve Divisions under his (French's) orders. Joffre was unable to concede this.

French says he was not surprised when General Laurezac turned out to be one of the most complete examples of the Staff College pedant, whose "superior education" had given him little idea of how to conduct war. French discloses that he asked for Plumer to succeed Grierson (who died suddenly) on the command of the 2nd Corps, but Smith Dorrien was sent out without reference to French.

HINDENBURG RETIRING.

DIFFERENT LINE OF BUSINESS.

It is announced from Berlin that Field-Marshal von Hindenburg is to retire during the month of May, when the headquarters at Kolberg are broken up. Hindenburg is to retire to his estate in Hannover, and resume the country life which he was leading when the war broke out. It is said that he does not contemplate publishing his memoirs. His successor will be General Groener, who succeeded Ludendorff as Quarter-Master-General.

OMINOUSLY QUIET IN BERLIN.

In Berlin all is quiet but there is something dangerous in this quietude. The street in which Noske's house is situated has wire entanglements at either end through which no one can go without a pass but in other parts people go about unmolested and there is no hint of serious trouble as yet. But no one believes that this quiet will last. The soldiers of the Government receive high rates of pay and the "Arbeitslose" unemployed get as high, and after all, what is money when you can pour out and pass off with impunity thousands of forged notes which do quite as well as the state currency for the purpose of paying gambling debts?

The attitude of the middle class inhabitants towards the Entente is civil, almost servile; to their own officers it is anti-militarist; but both attitudes are calculated, just a little, for the benefit of the visitor.

Enormous prices can be paid for food but scarcity of food is only one, and even that not the chief, of the agencies which is slowly but surely affecting the demeanour of the people. It is disillusionment, want of occupation, want of ideals, restlessness — war's offspring, all of them.

The trains which carried the peace delegates drew out of the station without any demonstration, almost unobserved.

GERMAN RAILWAY SERVANTS ASK FOR MORE.

The German Association of Railway Workers has addressed an ultimatum to the Government which states that unless their claims for increased pay are not granted by the 7th May a general strike will be declared.

An increase of one mark per hour is demanded, which will impose an additional two milliard marks on the Budget.

LUXEMBURG RAILWAY SYSTEM

According to the *Temps* the Council of Three has approved the article of the Peace Treaty by which Germany must renounce all the rights which she had acquired in Luxemburg. It is known that after the war of 1870—71 Germany had seized the Luxemburg railways and was exploiting them according to the Treaty concluded between Germany and Luxemburg on 11th June 1872. This treaty has been abrogated.

ONE MAN BUSINESSES.

Mr. Winston Churchill, answering a question in the House of Commons stated that business considerations were taken into account in deciding upon applications for the release of soldiers. In the cases of men eligible for demobilization those who had employment waiting for them or business of their own were entitled to priority over those with none.

New regulations are in course of preparation and will shortly be issued.

According to *Havas* the text of the Preliminary Peace Treaty cannot be presented to the German delegates before next Monday.

FIRST AFTER-WAR BUDGET PROPOSALS.

WHAT OUR ALLIES OWE.

While the war was in progress Budget after Budget dealt with such masses of figures that the word "staggering" ceased to denote the extreme of astonishment. The nation knew it had to find money, not only for the British share of the expenses but for every one of the Allies, and the money was found cheerfully. But the mere circulation of money does not create money and the time has come for the realization of the fact that although the Nation possesses the wealth wherewith to foot the bills, such wealth must, to a very large extent, be translated into terms of money.

The State has poured out money like water, and it is a truth that but for the solvency of the nation, the war would have ended long ago in overwhelming disaster for everybody. Now the money has to be returned to the State, consequently the Chancellor of the Exchequer had a most unenviable task in framing the first post-war budget. Future Chancellors will experience even greater difficulties, as no man can yet foresee what trade hardships the next twelve months will bring.

INCREASED INLAND REVENUE.

In introducing his Budget to the House of Commons on Wednesday, Mr. Austen Chamberlain emphasised the stupendous difficulties of his task. Now that the war is over, he said, people are refusing to save as they did or to lend money to the Government as readily as during the war. At the 31st. March 1919 the national debt was 7,980,000,000 and 645,000,000 at the outbreak of the war. The Exchequer issues last year were less than was estimated by 333,000,000. Last year the estimated revenue was 842 millions and the actual revenue 889 millions. There had been an increase under every heading of Inland Revenue. Customs and excise duties alone showed a surplus over the estimates of 14,520,000 sterling.

The estimated expenditure for the current year is 1,434,910,000 and the estimated revenue 1,159,650,000, exclusive of proposed new taxes, being an estimated increase of 270 millions over last year's actual receipts. (Cheers).

Referring to the total expenditure for 1918—919 Mr Chamberlain said that 34·7 per cent was provided from Revenue and 65·3 per cent by borrowing — a record which no other belligerent could equal. The estimated deficit for the current year would be 275,260,000.

WHAT OUR ALLIES OWE US.

On the asset side the obligations of our Allies and Dominions amounted on the 31st March this year to 1,739 millions, of which 171 millions are owing by the Dominions, and 1,583 million by the Allies. Russia owes us 568,103,000 pounds, France 434,490,000, Italy 412,520,000 Belgium 86,799,000, Serbia 18,643,000 and other Allies 47,915,000.

275,260,000 POUNDS DEFICIT.

Describing his proposals to meet the estimated deficit of 275,260,000, the Chancellor said that the land taxes and petrol taxes would remain unchanged pending a detailed review. The excise duty on benzol would be withdrawn, however, in order to encourage the production of petrol on which the licence duty would also be withdrawn.

The Government being pledged to a policy of Imperial preference, Mr. Chamberlain proposed to limit the extent of such preference to one-third of the duty on such imported articles as clocks, watches and musical instruments, and a preference of one-sixth on consumable commodities with the exception of alcohol. Preference to the Empire would be given by a reduction of the excise duty, not by any surcaurge on foreign goods.

The luxury tax would be dropped, but the duty on spirits would be increased from thirty to fifty shillings per proof gallon.

An increased supply of better quality beer will be allowed. At present prices will remain unaltered, but the duty will be raised from fifty to seventy shillings per standard barrel.

The excess profits duty will be reduced to forty per cent and removed altogether as soon as possible.

Income tax will remain unchanged pending the report of the Royal Commission.

In considering the estimated expenditure with regard to the Army and Navy, Mr. Chamberlain had set aside 110 millions, which represented an increase of forty per cent on the pre-war figures.

He hoped however, as a result of the Peace Conference, that it might be possible to reduce the numbers both of the Army and the Navy.

HARRY LAUDER KNIGHTED.

Among the New Year honours, the list of which was only issued yesterday, appear the names of Mr. Harry Lauder, who is knighted for services rendered to the Empire, and Mr. Oswald Stoll.

Other recipients of honours include Lord Burnham, who is made a Viscount, Sir Thomas Dewar, a Baron, and the following, who receive Baronetcies:— Mr. J.H.Cory, M.P. (Cardiff), Mr. Davison Dalziel M.P., (Brixton), Mr. Edward Hulton (Manchester), Mr. W. T. Madge of the *People*.

WHO REALLY DID WIN THE WAR?

Preaching at All Saints', Margaret-street, the Rev. R, J. Campbell said a few weeks ago, on the Riviera, he learned that the U.S. had won the war. Coming through Paris he learned that France did not seem to think we had done so much as France.

On Saturday there was a suggestion in London that Australia had won the war, and now he was hearing from across the Channel that the war was really won on the Italian front.

The war was won, he added, by Britain by the great moral reserves generated and built up by 1,000 years of Christianity, which had carried us successfully through. But a great danger still existed from without and not from within, from wrongheadedness or selfish indulgence and by not taking large views.

It was stated at the unveiling of a memorial window at Portsmouth Naval Barracks Church that in the battle of Jutland nine Chaplains lost their lives and only six captains.

BY-ELECTION AT CENTRAL ABERDEEN.

ANOTHER LIBERAL GAIN.

The result of the by-election at Central Aberdeen was announced yesterday. The consituency has followed the lead of Hull and "turned over" to the Liberals. The figures are:—

Major Wood, Liberal	4950,
Mr. L. Davidson, Coalition Unionist	4764,
Mr. J. F. Duncan, Labour	3482,
Liberal Majority	186.

At the general election in December the Coalition Unionist, Lt. Col. Gordon, had a majority of 638. It was owing to his death that the seat fell vacant.

CIVILIAN CLOTHES ARE SCARCE.

STAY IN THE ARMY.

The demobilization of two and a half million men from the Army has brought an enormous volume of business to all traders in articles for men's wear. Tailors, clothiers, hatters, hosiers, and outfitters have never known such a demand. Stocks have been very seriously depleted, and retailers are clamouring for further supplies, but manufacturers are unable to meet their requirements in time. They could easily dispose of twice their present production if only they had the material and the labour to convert it into clothing. Many retailers as a result have sold right out of good quality ready-made suits, and have no idea when they will be able to obtain a fresh supply.

MARRIAGE OF MISS ASQUITH.

TRIPLE SERVICE.

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Asquith daughter of the ex-Prime Minister and Prince Antoine Bibesco of the Rumanian legation, grandson of the former ruling prince of Rumania took place in London yesterday. There were actually three ceremonies, one according to the rites of the Greek church, one Anglican and one Civil. A great congregation assembled at the Greek church at Bayswater, including Prince and Princess George Bibesco cousins of the bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. Asquith the Rumanian Minister and the Legation Staff.

SECOND BATTLE OF YPRES.

CANADIAN MEMORIAL SERVICE.

At Ottawa a memorial service to the Canadians who fell in the second battle of Ypres, organised under the auspices of the War Veterans Association, which it was intended to hold in Parliament Square, had to be transferred to church owing to the inclement weather. There was a large attendance, the music being supplied by massed bands and church choirs. Colonel Beattie, the director chaplain to the Canadian services, officiated and gave an eloquent address. *Reuter.*

DRAGOONS REACH HOME.

FIRST SHOT OF THE WAR.

The 4th Dragoon Guards, the cadre of which regiment arrived at Tilbury on Tuesday and proceeded to Newbridge, has suffered more casualties than any other cavalry regiment.

The first shot of the war from the British side is stated to have been fired by Trooper Thomas, of "C" Squadron, at St. Denis, on the Saturday previous to the Mons retreat. On the same day the squadron charged a party of Uhlans, and Major Hornby, D.S.O., who was then in command of the squadron, was the first to draw German blood with the sword.

REMOVAL OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS.

The Secretary of the War Office makes the following announcement:

On and after May British subjects will no longer be required to obtain a British permit from the Military Permit Office, Bedford-square, for journeys to Belgium or France (with the exception of Paris, for which a permit must still be obtained).

It should be noted that the French and Belgian authorities still require their visa to be obtained by persons untertaking a journey to any part of France or Belgium.

In future British permits from the Military Permit Office, Bedford-square, will be necessary for the following persons only:

(a) British subjects going to Paris.

(b) All persons going to Turkey, Egypt, Palestine, Syria, Mesopotamia, and those parts of Germany occupied by British troops.

(c) All persons going to the zones of British military operations in North and South Russia

(d) Until peace is signed, British subjects going to enemy territory.

CARE OF DEMOBILIZED HORSES.

The Blue Cross Society states that it will continue its efforts to obtain for ex-army horses the considerate treatment they deserve in civilian life. The Society deplores the sale abroad of British war horses, but after careful consideration of the facts placed at his disposal, the chairman of the Committee has come to the conclusion that no exception can be taken to the War Office arrangements.

DEPENDS ON THE QUANTITY.

Rhode Island legislature has passed a bill declaring that beer containing under four per cent of alcohol is non-intoxicating.— *Reuter.*

FLYING THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

STILL WAITING.

St. John's. Hawker and Grieve are still waiting for a favourable opportunity of starting the trans-Atlantic flight.

Hawker expects the new wireless equipment which is being sent from England to arrive in time for installation before his start.

Describing the precautions taken to ward off sparking plug difficulties, Hawker said he had had magnetos set in series, but independent of each other. Each magneto gives a spark to the twelve cylinders so that should one or two go wrong he will still be well protected. The idea of effecting repairs in mid air has been abandoned as impracticable. "Once we leave the ground we must fly or fall."

Washington. It is estimated that twenty hours will be necessary for the three American Naval aeroplanes to make the trans-Atlantic flight from Newfoundland to Ireland if the direct route be finally chosen. The machines have a probable cruising speed of seventy miles per hour. It is stated that the advance guard of the destroyers which have been assigned to patrol and guide duties in the Atlantic are now en route to their appointed stations in mid-ocean. In the course of the next few days other destroyers are expected to proceed to sea and by the end of the week the Dreadnoughts and Cruisers will be on their way.— *Reuter.*

Rockaway, Long Island.—The Naval Seaplane N.C.3, which has completed a successful trial, may jump off at any moment for Newfoundland on the first stage of the overseas flight. *Reuter.*

AVIATION REGULATIONS FOR CIVILIANS.

PAINS AND PENALTIES.

Supplementary air navigation directions were published yesterday for control of civilian and commercial aviation. A note by the Air Ministry points out that the list of areas over which civil flying is prohibited was drawn up to meet the needs of the war period and will remain in force pending the conclusion of peace, when the list will be entirely reconsidered and a further announcement made.

The regulations cover fourteen subjects, including general conditions of flying, aerodromes, the general safety and the provision of penalties.

All aircraft must be registered and must carry registration and nationality marks. All personnel must be licensed. Aerodromes must also be licensed and must exhibit tariff charges approved by the Secretary of State.

Aircraft flying over towns must keep to such an altitude as will enable landings to be effected outside the town in case of breakdown and there must be no track flying over towns or populous districts. Any one contravening, or failing to comply with, the regulations, will be liable to six months imprisonment or a fine of two hundred pounds sterling, or both.

As precautions against smuggling, no person importing goods in aircraft shall bring goods to any place other than the appointed aerodrome or unload goods except at an examination station unless in the presence of a Customs officer.

The air navigation directions contain details of medical and technical examination of personnel, methods of approval of workmanship and materials used in aircraft, and instructions for the use of logbooks.

THREATS WITH A "DUD" BOMB.

The exciting chase of a man who threatened the lady box-office clerk at Brixton Theatre with a bomb was described at Lambeth Police Court when Bert Cackett, 22, a cycle fitter, of Camberwell New-road, was charged with demanding money with menaces from Theresa Bridgland.

Miss Bridgland said that Cackett entered the box-office carrying a bomb. He said, "If you don't give me 40 quid quick I will throw it at you." Just then someone approached, and the man dashed out and jumped on a bicycle.

He was chased through several streets by Police Constable Hutchings, who had jumped into a passing motor-car. During the chase Cackett was seen to take the bomb from his pocket and throw it away. Eventually the policeman captured him.

It was stated by Detective Sergeant Napthine that the bomb had been examined and found to be harmless. Defendant, in answer to the charge, denied that he was the man who entered the theatre. He was committed for trial.

BANK MANAGER'S SUICIDE.

At the inquest on Thomas Charles Morgan, the Risca bank manager, who was found with his throat cut after being missing for several days, it was stated that death was in no way due to any trouble at the bank, everything there being in perfect order.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

The general tone of the House yesterday was favourable, though Gilt edges were still dull. The tax-compounded four per cents have lost their recent improvement on the realisation that it is generally considered that the Chancellor's proposals regarding income tax will not be drastic. Oil shares continue to make headway. West African tin minings show revival of interest. Rubber shares are firmer, especially Linggi plantation, on talk of capitalisation of reserve and issue of Bonus shares. The improvement in French Loans made further progress. The Russian group remained in favour and Brazilians also were a good feature, buying being induced by a further rise in the rate of exchange.

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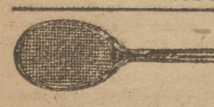

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EGOTISM.

It is often said that the days of individualism have passed, that we are within the portals of an epoch marked by community of interest and service. Henceforth, man will not be proud of the lone furrow, but will find his best in fellowship. We do not feel confident that this popular belief is surely founded. Without a doubt we have left behind us much that is unworthy in an inadequate conception of life. A system of thought which satisfied the exponents of the "glorious revolution," a system which magnified the rights more than the duties of men, which expressed horror at the mere mention of state interference, is not appropriate to these days of democracy. But it is doubtful whether we are not still under the glamour of individualism. In some ways we have actually gone backwards, for essayists and dramatists delight in picturing for us the virtues of super-men, whilst yesterday we were well content with the simpler category of men.

Our historians have not been free from blame in the matter. Was it not Carlyle who defined history as the essence of innumerable biographies? The story of the world has been told by many who have seen in it little but a galaxy of great men who have marched across the stage of life. History for them has been the tale of Personality. They have fastened their gaze upon great soldiers or great statesmen or great sovereigns, and real history has suffered — for, after all, real history is an account of ordinary men and women who joy and suffer, live and die, keeping a national tradition secure and handing it on somewhat more dignified to the race that follows them. It may be true, as Bolingbroke reminds us, that history is philosophy teaching by examples, but what is one result of the "example" or Carlylean view of history? It is simply this — strength of character is taken as the criterion of great character, and before long Might is confused with Right. That is why Carlyle saw so much to admire in Frederick the Great, and why he himself has of late fallen into some disrepute as an historian. Men like Frederick the Great or Napoleon Bonaparte are a danger to the world, for their stoutness of character is far in advance of their spiritual vision; and men who worship at their shrines are a danger to the State.

The present age too often reflects this faulty perspective of life. Many of us yearn for the strong man who shall with rough hand brush aside every convention and tradition that stand in the way of national efficiency, and we shall forgive him much if his rough hand is sure and ever ready. Even our novelists delight to portray "the strong silent man," for they know the appeal of such stalwarts to their public. We grant that there are many times in our history when we stand in need of men who are head and shoulders above their fellows. But too often we place in the seats of the mighty heroes who soon lose their silence and with it much of the stature with which we credited them. They shrink into quite ordinary dimensions when we gallantly raise them to their pedestals. Worthy dictators come from a select class of human beings, and it is only a very great and a very good man who can rule the destiny of his country. Even then he succeeds not by his own strong hand but by the willing support of many good and loyal-hearted men and women who are never known to fame. It is a sure proof of weakness when the strong man forgets his fellow-workers.

The weakness of strong men is pathetic. They cannot trust in their power, and so they "smite the chord of self." Then enters egotism, and the handmaiden of egotism is advertisement. This is an era of advertisement, and whether it be ashamed or blatant it is ugly and ominous. The work of the soldier saves him from its perils but the statesman, the churchman, and the propagandist are too often easy victims. "Measures, not men, have always been my mark," says Goldsmith, and despite the classic commentary on the words they express an ideal. Why should not great men be great enough to pay less heed to their own achievements? The glory that is theirs a dispassionate world will in due time grant to them. There are two kinds of egotism — one is a virtue and the other is a vice. Let a man have virtuous egotism and he will believe in his work and in his strength to accomplish it. Let a man have vicious egotism and he will so prate about himself that his work is futile and unworthy. In every sphere of life the only safe motto is: "to thine own self be true."

THE OPERA.

"RIGOLETTO."

Verdi's "Rigoletto," which was played on Wednesday night, is always welcome hearing. The unsavoury nature of the Duke of Mantua's amorous adventures is so transformed by the character of the music that one imagines one is listening to a tale about fanciful people, not creatures of flesh and blood like ourselves. This is all to the good, one trembles to think what would be the result where the subject set to music by the elephantine kultured thought of some modern composers such as Richard Strauss.

In listening to a German rendering of an Opera hailing from the sunny land of Italy, one must realize that he is not hearing the Germans at their best. Here in Germany everything has to be Germanised. This was quite evident in "Rigoletto." There was an entire absence of sparkle and the *tempi* throughout were inclined to be too slow, notably in "La Donna é mobile" the orchestral introduction to which was quite dirge-like. Fortunately Herr Krauss's interpretation did not quite follow their lead and his singing throughout the opera was good, marred only by the "German" hardness of his upper notes.

He and Gilda also did not err in the matter of intonation which was a painful weakness of some others both amongst the singers and orchestral players. The orchestra really never rose above the level of a good theatre band, the strings being especially ragged. The wood wind, however, was excellent. There was on the whole a lack of unanimity between the conductor and the performers generally.

"Herr Liszewsky," who took the part of Rigoletto, has a fine voice and acted well according to the standard of opera. Fr. Herwig as Gilda sang with conviction, and has a fine voice of pure quality, but her German rendering of the Italian conventions of vocalization was not very satisfactory. Her acting at the end of the second act with the kind of "Rock of Ages" curtain was also somewhat overdone.

Of the concerted numbers the quartette in the last act was the best rendered. The continuity of the last act is very spoilt by the clock-striking incident, where Rigoletto (and every member of the audience) counts the stroke of a sort of kitchen clock striking twelve. There is no need for this. Rigoletto must know perfectly well that it is twelve o'clock when it begins to strike, and could make his announcement of midnight then.

The music which follows is especially written to harmonize with the note of the clock, which could then strike in a more dignified way.

The performance of the opera on the whole was not very inspiring. One longed for a little Italian sunshine to peep through the Teutonic clouds. However, the Germans are naturally more at home in their own operas, and can be more fairly judged in the performance of their own works. I should like, however, to say a word to those who are perhaps hearing grand opera for the first time.

There is rather a tendency for them to think that now at last they have come to the home of good opera productions, with which we in England cannot compete.

This is a fallacy. Opera productions in England are usually better than those that can be heard here. The trouble is that to hear an opera in London entails either great expense or great discomfort. This is not the fault either of singers or producers but the fault of having a government of lawyers—with a recent addition of business cranks—which looks upon art in all its branches as a superfluity, and will not authorize the payment of subsidies, without which opera in Germany would be difficult to run. It is however, doubtful whether the general British public will ever really appreciate grand opera, and it is more than doubtful whether such an accomplishment is really desirable, as it tends to vitiate the taste for the higher branches of musical art.

A. F. JONES.

WHY NOT?

BY "GEOREX".

CHAPTER I.

(Editor's Note.— We publish this contribution because it is interesting and gives utterance to a sound idea. The writer, however, must not think that the military authorities, "the powers that be," have not been alive to this state of affairs, and we believe he will find that he is intelligently anticipating schemes which have been thought out in detail and will soon be put in execution).

There have recently been a great number of articles and letters in the Home Press regarding the amount of venereal disease in the Army of occupation, the risks of infection for the lads of the "New Guard," etc., ad lib. The subject is undoubtedly one of more than passing interest and the danger cannot be too strongly remarked upon.

The military authorities have issued orders to the effect that fraternization is a grave offence, and those whose duty it is to enforce all orders issued are doing all they can to see that the order is carried out. Going by the result of dozens of conversations with soldiers of all ranks, and from personal observation, one arrives at the opinion that there *will* be an enormous amount of fraternization, in spite of all efforts on the part of the Military Police and others, until something really useful is done in the way of counteracting it.

With all due respect to the "Powers That Be" and to those whose duty it is to keep law and order, it is assuredly correct that the mere publication of a Routine Order forbidding the practice of fraternization is not by any means sufficient. We all know the old adage about "stolen fruit" and its enhanced sweetness! Further — as so splendidly put in one of the leading articles in the issue of the *Cologne Post* for April 3rd, — it is our English custom to make ourselves "at home" wherever we may be; also, one of the finest traits in the Englishman's character is to fight a man, give him a good hiding, *and then shake hands with him!*

There is no gainsaying the fact that drink has the greatest possible bearing on the sex question. This has been proved, not thousands, but millions of times, in the world's history; and there is no doubt that there is a great deal of "dope" being served up to the troops in the area occupied by the British Army of the Rhine. A great deal of the wine which is sold in the bars and wirtschafts is what the old soldier would term "ex-bayonets" stuff, and the sirens trade on this knowledge. Recently five women who were always seen amongst the troops in a certain village "Somewhere on the right bank of the Rhine" came under suspicion.

They were watched for a day or two, and their *modus operandi* was as follows: One of these women would establish herself in one of the local public bars much frequented by British Tommies, wait for one of the lads to get "heady" with wine, and then establish herself by his side, pretending to drink with him. Eventually Tommy would leave the house in her company — the inevitable result. Tommy, dazed with a drink to which he was not accustomed, and practically unconscious of what he was doing, had fallen into the net! Worst point of all was that Tommy was liable to be "strafed" for fraternization!

On enquiries being made at the local Rathaus, and an inspection of the files of the Kriminal Büro, these women were found to be listed as "Bekanntenbeziente"! Needless to remark their activities were soon nipped in the bud, and within three days they had completely vanished from the locality.

Would it not be possible for the authorities to adopt a scheme on the following lines? There is no doubt whatever that the benefits would be very quickly apparent, and Tommy would have a drink after his liking, at the same time being protected from danger.

Throughout the area occupied by the British Army of Occupation, commandeer, hire or by other means procure a sufficient number of hotels and wirtschafts, put them under British control in each case, and serve only British drinks. It is a wager of two month's War bonus to a tenpfennig piece that the average Tommy would prefer a bottle of Bass or a pint of good English beer to all the Rheinwein ever made! There are plenty of experienced members of the Licensed Victuallers business amongst us who would make the scheme a success.

Virtually turn these German houses into British "pubs." Re-name them, if necessary, and run them on the same lines as our own particular houses at home. There is no need to remove orchestras, etc., from these houses. Maintain these, and establish a good staff of waitresses, thereby putting in the female element which is so necessary. Tommy likes his drink served to him by a pretty girl: this was always the case in France or Belgium. The estaminet with the prettiest mademoiselle got most of Tommy's custom. But have them under a Britisher in supreme charge in every case.

Get sufficient houses: not one in each quarter of the town (as was attempted when the British Army first came into the area) but one in each street if possible. To make a better thing of it, adopt the style of the Aldershot Canteens, and have concerts with British talent.

These houses would naturally be out of bounds to all civilians, and this would put a complete damper on the harpies who are making such a good living out of Tommy at present.

It is needless to remark on the financial benefits accruing to a scheme of this kind. But the point so much worthy of note is, that at the present time a very large percentage of Tommy's pay is going into German pockets. Verily, the Army of Occupation is putting thousands of marks per day into Germany, and the inhabitants have the laugh of us in consequence. If a scheme similar to that suggested were adopted, no matter how attendant profits were disposed of, we should be happy in the knowledge that the German "Boniface" was not getting them — in exchange for "dope."

Having obtained plenty of houses and having made them worth going into for a good drink after his fancy, *leave the rest to Tommy.* Then, if considered necessary, put all German houses out of bounds to the Troops. We have numbers of theatres, cinemas, Y.M.C.A. and Church Army Huts, etc., but nothing has been done for the drinking man — an undoubted majority.

A further suggestion is to either have special houses for W.O.s & Sergeants, or to have a room apart in each house for this purpose, so that there will be no breach of discipline or good feeling. The question of hours of opening is another point. A great deal of drunkennes has been caused by giving a man only a limited time for his drink. Result being that he swallows as much as he can in the short time allowed him, and suffers in consequence.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

III.

WILLIAM ROBERT PATTERSON. F.R.G.S., etc.

With a cheap camera the exposure of a plate or film is a comparatively simple process, but with a really good apparatus one needs to consider many things. It has come to my notice that — the expensive camera, having more screws and knobs, christened "gadgets" by our army, to be manipulated than the cheaper one — the new purchaser is sometimes forgetful of them. Common faults are:—

(1) Omitting to set the shutter at suitable speed.

(2) Leaving the lens-hood (or cap) over the lens.

(3) Omitting to withdraw the slide that protects the plate or film in its sheath, or forgetting to replace it afterwards.

(4) Omitting to open or close the diaphragm according to the strength of the light and speed of the shutter. Both shutter and diaphragm should work in accord.

(5) Working either too rapidly or too slowly.

It is essential that the operator should study the power of direct, diffused, and reflected light.

Your own eyes can assist you in this. If you glance at the sky on a sunny day, your eyes will soon tire of its brilliancy. Then expose at high speed. Sometimes the sky is vapoury — the vapours, actually clouds, present no clear outline and are white and so bright that they also fatigue the eyes after a while. Here, too, you may work fast, but naturally not so rapidly as if the sun were directly illuminating the object to be photographed.

You really must learn to judge the strength of light from all sides, for the exposure of your film or plate is the most important point in the whole process.

In a short street you have only light from above, that is from one side. At sea, you have light from six sides — that is, behind, above, in front, below, and from right and left. In this case the light from below is, of course, reflected light.

In a country lane bordered by leafy trees you must not expose too rapidly, even in the height of summer. If the trees in the lane are spaced and not too burdened with foliage, you will have filtered light and probably, patches of light and shade upon the ground. The effect is pretty, but be careful that no such patches fall upon any person within focus.

I append a brief list of words which may prove of useful service to those who deal with German photographers.

VOCABULARY.

Die Photographie	The photo
Die Aufnahme	The exposure
Der Verschluss	The shutter
Der Apparat	The apparatus, the camera itself
Die Kamera	The camera
Der Sucher	The view-finder
Die Irisblende	The iris-diaphragm
Die Kassette	The sheath or plate-holder
Die Platte	The plate
Der Filmpack	The pack-film (single)
Der Rollfilm	The spool (of films)
Die Filmpack-Kassette	The film-pack-holder
Das Objectiv	The lens (complete)
Die Linse	The lens (single)
Das Stativ	The tripod
Die Vergrösserung	The enlargement
Der Vergrösserungsapparat	The enlarging apparatus
Der Entwickler	The developer
entwickeln	To develope
Das Fixierbad	The hypo
Das Ton-Fixirbad	The toning and fixing solution
Die Dunkelkammer	The dark room
Die Dunkelkammerlampe	The dark lamp
Die Schale	The dish
Das Messglass	The measuring glass
Der Kopierrahmen	The printing frame
Das Kopierpapier	The printing paper
Das Negativ	The negative
Das Diapositiv	The positive
Ueber-belichtet	Over-exposed
Unter-belichtet	Under-exposed
Die Glasscheibe	The small pane of glass (in printing frames).

The writer will be pleased to answer any question on the subject of Photography. Address the Editor.

FOR HONOUR AND FOR HER.

Somewhere a woman, thrusting fear away,
Faces the future bravely, for your sake;
Toils on from dawn till dark, from day to day,
Fights back her tears, nor heeds the bitter ache;
She loves you, trusts you, breathes in prayer your [name:
Soil not her faith in you, by sin or shame.

Somewhere a woman — mother, sweetheart, wife
Waits 'tween hopes and fears for your return;
Her kiss, her words, will cheer you in the strife
When death itself confronts you, grim and stern.
But let her image all your reference claim,
When base temptations scorch you with their [flame.

Somewhere a woman watches, thrilled with pride,
Shrined in her heart, you share a place with none;
She toils, she waits, she prays, till side by side,
You stand together when the battle's done;
Oh! keep for her dear sake a stainless name,
Take back to her a manhood free from shame.

C. C.

When a soldier goes into Cologne and other towns for the day, either on pass or on duty, he cannot obtain a good meal. Only a day or so ago, the servant of an officer told the latter that he could get nothing worth having in the eating line, although he was in Cologne the best part of a day. He said that he would not have objected to a liberal portion of bread and cheese, washed down by a "pint" — if such had been obtainable. The Y.M.C.A.s etc., have a plentiful stock of biscuits, cakes etc., but a man usually likes at least one square meal a day.

If the British "pubs" were introduced, a species of quick lunch counters could be run, dispensing cold meats, fish, bread, cheese etc. to their customers.

In discussing this matter with others, the writer was reminded of the difficulty of getting sufficient British beer over here. Give the enterprising brewers at home a chance to open up branch breweries out here, and they will soon avail themselves of it. Bass & Co. were not long in establishing breweries in France in '15. Further, they would be on the spot to snap up German trade when Peace was signed.

Undoubtedly there would be a number of difficulties put in the way of such a scheme, but what are obstacles made for? To be surmounted, of course!

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Friday	6	Lobetanz	L. Thuille
Saturday	5½	Carmen	Bizet
Sunday	5	Tannhäuser	Wagner
Monday	6	Barbier von Sevilla	Rossini
Tuesday	5½	Der Freischütz	Weber

A DERBY SWEEPSTAKE.

POPULARITY OF A RECENT SUGGESTION.

A note, in our "Sports Reflection" column, recently contained a suggestion that somebody ought to organise a Derby Sweepstake with an entrance fee of, say, ten marks.

That little paragraph has been productive of dozens of letters, received at this office, acclaiming the suggestion as the germ of an enormously popular institution.

It would, indeed, be difficulty to discover a rank in the Army not represented in our correspondence on this popular subject and in no single instance is the proposal criticised adversely.

An officer of high rank signing himself "Punter" writes, "I think a Derby Sweepstake would prove to be very popular among all ranks on the Rhine; I hope you will be able to get it going."

Then there comes this letter from a Private in the M.G.C.: "I have been reading the paragraph by "The Rambler" on the subject of organising a sweepstake for the Derby. I think the idea a good one. I am sure there are thousands of boys who would be only too pleased to be able to invest in a ticket for this."

The Price of Tickets.

A Sergeant-Major expresses his views thus: "With reference to your paragraph "A Derby Sweepstake," I am quite in agreement with your correspondent and feel sure there are many who would welcome a sweepstake. I think the issue of tickets at ten marks each would be within the scope of everybody's pocket."

Writing from Euskirchen, an R.A.M.C. warrant officer considers that "the running of a Derby Sweepstake on lines similar to those in operation in Calcutta would I feel sure be very popular with all ranks, and would at least form a counter-attraction to the German lotteries which, I am sorry to see, are so eagerly patronized by the troops. Such money is better in our hands than in the hands of our enemy; therefore let some of our people make a good start, advertise well, and success will surely follow."

What about Regulations?

An A.S.C. Major anticipates difficulties. He writes: "No scheme would be hailed with more genuine and widespread satisfaction than the adoption of the suggestion made in your bright little paper some days ago, i.e. the organisation of a Derby Sweepstake. I am not quite sure whether or not regulations would absolutely prohibit such an undertaking but I consider, in any case that special permission might be granted in this matter.

Why doesn't "The Rambler" tackle the thing himself. He has the facilities for publicity, a central office from which tickets could be purchased and a wide circle of followers. At all events he could find out how the land lays with regard to the matter and publish the result of his enquiries."

And so, we could go on, filling several columns with letters in similar terms form all quarters.

The Sporting Chance.

The extraordinary response merely provides further evidence of that remarkable trait in the character of the Britisaer that produces a delight in taking sporting chances.

The aviator, the motorist, the horseman and, in fact, the participater in every class of sport loves nothing so much as the little thrill provided by the element of uncertainty in his pursuit. The man, who places his modest stake on a gee-gee at the races (provided the stake is within the limits of his purse) extracts full value for his money even supposing the animal of his choice is well out of the running when the winning post is reached. To the average Englishman, such little gambles with Fate provide the spice of life.

We shall most certainly take the advice of our Major correspondent and ascertain the lay of the land. The result of our investigations will be published in due course.

OFFICERS SPORTS CLUB.

OPENING POSTPONED OWING TO RAIN.

The formal opening of the Army of the Rhine Officers Sports Club which was to have taken place yesterday at the Stadtwald, Lindenthal, has been postponed until Wednesday next owing to the inclement weather which prevailed throughout the day.

CAMBRIDGE ROWING.

For the forthcoming Henley Regatta practice on the river has commenced in real earnest, says a writer in the *Observer*, and the Light Blue president, Mr. C.E.V. Buxton, has already got two crews at work in view of the competition against two similar eights from Oxford at the forthcoming Henley Regatta.

The composition is at present tentative, and there will doubtless be a number of changes before finality is decided upon. It is proposed to keep these crews in daily practice for three weeks, after which the men will be able to devote their attentions to their own college eights in view of the May races, but during this time there will be occasional outings, perhaps twice or three times a week.

At the conclusion of the bumping races on June 7 the men selected for the two representative crews at Henley will have a week's rest, and will then carry on for the remaining three weeks in strict training for the regatta on the Thames.

The bumping races in June will be on pre-war lines, and the crews will start in the positions in which they were left at the conclusion of the races in 1914, but it is at present uncertain whether there will be quite as many eights competing, although with the naval officers and American army officers in residence it is hoped to make up the crews with their assistance.

There will be a meeting of college boat captains to-morrow to discuss details for the future, and to arrange any additional fixtures for the term.

Cambridge hopes to be represented at Henley by a number of college crews, but much will depend upon the form displayed during the next few weeks, whilst the matter of expense is one which always has to be very carefully considered.

RHINELAND FOOTBALL REPORTS.

SUMMER FOOTBALL!

INTERESTING KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION.

At a football meeting held at the Artillery Barracks, Kalk, on Monday it was decided to form a "knock-out" competition. The conclusion was come to that the 93rd Brigade R.G.A. XI would be too strong for the competition, and the offer of this Brigade to enter Battery teams against Battalions should make the competition quite open. Eight teams entered and the draw was as follows:

FIRST ROUND:

A. 26th Royal Fusiliers v. 23rd Royal Fusiliers.
B. 140th F.A., R.A.M.C. v. 159 (H) Battery R.G.A.
C. 17th Royal Fusiliers v. 57th (S) Battery R.G.A.
D. 124th (S) Battery R.G.A. v. 150 (H) Battery R.G.A.

SEMI-FINAL: — D. v. A. C. v. B.

Matches to be played on the ground of the first named.

51st GORDON EDUCATIONISTS DEFEAT TRANSPORT TEAM.

At Düren, on Monday, a team from the Education Staff of 51st Gordon Highlanders, fielded by Capt. Loewe, defeated the Battalion Transport eleven by a goal to nil. Lawrie shone in goal for the teachers during the first period, saving some difficult shots with confidence. Sergt. Cunningham at right back also saved the same side frequently when the defence was sorely tried. White and Aitchison were the dangerous men in the transport attack. Sergt. Petrie, who was the best forward afield, despite the fact he was up against a strong back in Dowrie, had one notably good try. Lieut. Mather was a strenuous worker for the education team. Grand was given a good chance to score when a free kick was awarded for a foul by the education goalkeeper, but he shot over. Just on time, Henderson scored from a corner concede by Whyte. Riddell on the teachers' side, was conspicuous throughout for sound work in the half back line.

HALLAMSHIRES INTER-COMPANY MATCHES.

"A" and "C" Coys of the 1/4th (H) York and Lancasters tried conclusions at Bucher Park. Both teams turned out very strong. "C" Company threatened their opponents, goal, but a score was averted by "A" Coys, good defence. Another run, headed by C.S.M. Stone, seemed like resulting a goal, but the ball was kicked wide.

An attack by "C" resulted in Roberts scoring. Stone then carried the leather well up the field but lacked support. More by good luck than good management did "A" Coy save a more severe defeat. Result: "C" Coy, 1; "A" Coy, 0.

51st v. 53rd MANCHESTER REGT.

At Mendow, on Sunday, a strong wind caused very scrappy football. Five minutes from the start, Cpl. Downs shot a lovely goal. The 53rd goalkeeper was very sure, and it was due to him and his backs that the score was only 1—0 in favour of the 51st at half time.

On resuming, the 53rd did a lot of pressing, the right wing getting away time after time and giving the 51st defence an anxious time, but Lieut. Henson was a glutton for work, also Sgt. Prince, and it was though no fault of theirs that a goal came to the 53rd about 15 minutes from the end.

From a mix up near goal Lieut. Penswick accidentally handled and a penalty was awarded. Sgt. Early had no chance whatever with the resulting shot, which made the final score. 1—1.

No. 1 COMPANY WESTERN DIV. TRAIN. v. No. 2. FIELD AMBULANCE.

At Dunstekoven on Tuesday. Grundy scored after two minutes play, and brilliant work by Howarth, on the left, enabled Burrel to score two goals in quick succession.

During the remainder of the first half a violent snowstorm raged and Burrel with a brilliant run completed the "hat trick." Just before half time Grundy worked his way down the left wing and put in a well timed centre which Howarth converted.

The second half was a little more evenly contested. After half an hour's play, Howarth made a run half the length of the field, and tricking three opponents, scored the best goal of the match. Result: 6—0 in favur of the Ambulance.

5th LABOUR COY. v 63 C.C.S.

This match was played in the Volksgarten ground on Wednesday. A break-away by Cpl. Swan enabled Oddie to score a beautiful goal. After several rushes by the 5th Labour Coy forwards Lce. Cpl. Pace got away and added another.

The second half started with the 5th Labour Coy kicking uphill. Several R.A.M.C. rushes were unsuccessful, the opposing defence being excellent. From a beautiful pass by Cpl. Swan, Oddie scored with a thrilling drive. Result: 5th Labour Coy 3; 63 C.C.S., R.A.M.C. nil.

NESBET AT EFFEREN.

SIEGE BATTERIES OPPOSED.

The return match between 70 and 263 Siege Batteries was played on the ground of the first named at Efferen on Wednesday and resulted in a win for 263 by the only goal scored. The game was interesting if only for the fact that Nesbit, the "Ayr—United" custodian, was on view, but owing to the weak display of the 70's forwards he did not have much opportunity to display his abilities. The defence on either side was good and in a fairly even opening half Gould dispossessed Monson and scored the only point at close range. McKinley made a couple of fine attempts to score with long range shots and on changing ends the home forwards, well served by their halves, brought quite a lot of pressure to bear on the visitors' defence. The front line, however, proved lamentably weak when near the uprights, and Nesbit only had one difficult shot to negotiate. Pulton played finely at left half or the winners; Rothwell and Cray forming a smart left wing. Howarth worked hard at centre half for the losers. The teams were: 70 Siege: Gunby; Manson, Sudworth; Clayton, Howarth, McKinley; Meyeroft, "A.N.Other," Swan, Bomb. Dent, and Jones J.E.

263 Siege: Nesbit; Whitehouse, Silcock; Goodridge, Simpson, Poulton; Smith, Harrison, Gould, Cray, and Rothwell.

TO PLAY THE "YANKS."

1/4th ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS TO GO TO COBLENZ.

The final tie in the preliminary competition to decide whether the 1/4th Royal Scots Fusiliers, 5/6th Royal Scots or 15th. Highland Light Inf. should journey to Coblenz to meet a crack American team, took place at Wald on Wednesday. The Fusiliers and the Highlanders were the finalists, and in a closely contested game the former were slightly superior. By winning by 3—2, the R.S.F's qualified to meet the American team. The match will take place on Saturday next.

THE RUGBY GAME.

12th (S) BATTN. ROYAL IRISH RIFLES v. 2nd M. G. BATTALION.

This match, played on Thursday, on the Machine Gunner's ground, showed considerable improvement in the combination of the Rifles team. The Machine Gunners were greatly handicapped by the absence from their three-quarter line of Major Wood.

Play for the first fifteen minutes remained in mid-field, but good forward work by the Irish pack eventually brought play to the Machine Gunner's twenty-five. From a "line-out" here, the Rifles' backs got going, and a fine run by Gilmore was responsible for putting Lynn across for the opening try, which Fennell converted. Play remained very even from this to half-time.

From a five-yards scrum, Mason obtained possession and crossed over for a nice try; converted by McMahon.

With both sides equal play was now fast and furious, and a succession of good rushes by the Irish pack, followed by clever footwork, holding play in the M.G. twenty-five, where from a scrum Fennell crossed, between the posts, afterwards converting.

From now to the long whistle, play was very keen on both sides, but no further scoring took place. Result: 12th R. I. Rifles, 2 goals — 10 points; 2nd M. G. Battn. 1 goal — 5 points.

For the Machine Gunners, McMahon was easily the best back, his brilliant kicking helping his side considerably, while Murray and Nolan did good work for the forwards.

51st v. 52nd WELSH REGIMENT.

The above teams met on the ground of the 52nd Welsh at Duisdorf on Saturday, and after an interesting and evenly contested match the homesters ran out victors by 12 points to 3.

From the kick off the ball was carried to the home backs. Lieut. Harper dropped a beautiful goal. Keen and even play was kept up and the forwards on both sides played sterling football. It was from a forward rush of the homesters the ball was carried to the visitors line and from the ensuing scrum it came out cleanly to the back. Sergt. Beyron, gathering the ball in magnificent fashion, cut his way through the visitors defence and scored a great try. Lt Haifer had no difficulty in adding the major points.

The visitors were now on their mettle and they carried the play to the home 25 where a miss-kick by one of the home backs was well followed by the visiting forwards and a try resulted which was not converted. Rain fell heavily on resumption, which made the ground very slippery, so that the second half was confined to forward play. Early on, the homesters had the misfortune to lose their inside half, Lt. H. A. Davies, who had to be carried off the field with a damaged knee, but their seven forwards played well. From a rush Capt. Gilbert (one of the home forwards) scored a try which was not converted. A few minutes later the whistle blew with the score 12 points to 3 in avour of the 52nd.

52nd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS v. 1st ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS.

This match took place yesterday on the former team's ground. There was no score in the first half, but Sergt. Heap secured a goal soon after the resumption.

BOXING AND OTHER THINGS.

3rd BATTALION MACHINE GUN CORPS.

To-night the second Boxing Tournament since the move to Riehl Barracks, takes place. There are plenty of entries and a successful show is assured.

Lt. Col. Cranston, D.S.O., once more acts as referee. The first boxers enter the ring about 17.50 hours, and it is up to every reader of these lines, who will be within reach of the venue, to make a point of being there. When the Tournament finishes, the evening will be still young. Prizes will take the form of vouchers redeemable in the Canteen. An interesting game of hockey took place between "B" and a combined team of "C" and "D" on Wednesday. Result not yet to hand.

Cricket will be played in two places. A matting wicket will be laid on the parade ground and a grass pitch is being prepared near the barracks. Intending cricketers should have their names with their Company sports' officer.

We have been permitted a private glimpse of the Battalion Magazine. This will be worth the 80pf. asked for it and may be looked for about the end of May.

INTER-PLATOON CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP.

5th CAMERON HIGHLANDERS, "A" COY.

This took place under unsettled weather condition at Geich on Sunday. Despite the weather, the enthusiasm was so high that each platoon had a large pack—52 runners from a sadly depleted Company.

The course was by no means easy, but was run in very good time, the special feature being the closeness with which the first sixteen competitors arrived home.

No. 3 and 4 Platoons tied for first place with eighty-five points each, No. 1 being third and No. 2 fourth.

The first four men home were: 1, Pte. McDougall, No. 4 Platoon, Silver Medal; (2) Pte. Duncan, No. 3; (3), Pte. McMaster, No. 4; and 4, Pte. Hunter, No. 3, bronze medals.

Col. R. Campbell, D.S.O. presented the prizes and congratulated the runners on their enthusiasm and prowess.

Sergt. W. Rautenbush, who won the American Army golf tournament at Nice last week, was champion of Chicago in 1913 and 1916.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

EPSOM AND PONTEFRACT RACES.

THE CITY AND SUBURBAN.

A very large crowd, at Epsom on Wednesday, witnessed Royal Bucks win the City and Suburban. The returns for that day's card were:

Copthorne Plate:—1, Ambre II (5—4 on); 2, Rich Gift (9—2); 3, Patlander (8—1) Six ran.

Birchworth Plate: High and Mighty (2—1) and Another Saint (4—1) dead heat for first place; Hibernia (6—1) was third. Seven ran.

Tatworth Plate: 1, Twincat (6—1); 2, Pretty Milly (9—4); 3, Win the War (7—1). Eight ran.

City and Suburban: 1, Royal Bucks (6—1); 2, Aerion (100—7); 3, Dansellon (5—2). Also ran:—Polascope, Scatwell, Sandmole, Galloper Light, Silver Bullet, Knight of Blythe, Helion, Mintleaf and Matruh. Royal Bucks made all the running and won a fine race by one and a half lenghts There were four lenghts between second and third. Silver Bullet was fourth.

Hyde Park Plate: 1, Mount Royal 6—4); 2, Lady Meave (5—2); 3, Envoy (3—1). Eight ran.

Kingswood Plate: 1, Lesson (6—1); 2, Special, (9—4); 3, Lady Rija (5—1). Six ran.

Apprentices Plate: 1, Muscovite (11—8 on); 2, Greek Star (7—4); 3, Royal Flash (20—1) Five ran.

PONTEFRACT.

At Pontefract meeting, on Wednesday, the following were the winners:

Trial Handicap: 1, Irish Fair (2—1); 2, Bridgend (6—4 on); 3, Redouble (10—1). Four ran.

Leeds Handicap: Sikh (11—8 on) beat Alexander Two ran.

Prince of Wales Plate: 1, Adopted (4—1); 2, Park Avenue (10—1); 3, Halfpenny House (100—8). Six ran.

Pontyfract Handicap: 1, Rock Drill (7—1); 2, Energy (evens); 3, Tomtit (6—4). Three ran.

Stand Plate: 1, Oroito walked over.

Castle Plate: 1, Sublime Princess (10—1), 2, Jasbock (2—1); 3, White Sand (11—10). Five ran.

INMAN'S BILLIARD "CHALLENGE."

£1,000 A SIDE FOR MATCH OF 18,000 POINTS.

A "Sporting Life" representative had an interview with Stevenson recently in the course of which the ex-champion unfolded quite an interesting story, relative to a challenge made by Inman in the presence of several sportsmen at Hurst Park on Monday.

Inman is said to have remarked that he could concede 3,000 in 18,000 to any of his fellow professionals, and the purport of the interview yesterday was to accept the challenge thus issued by the champion. Stevenson informed our representative that he was prepared to accept the champion's challenge on the following conditions:

He will accept 3,000 in 18,000 from Inman if the latter will make the stakes £1,000 a side, contingent that in the event of Stevenson winning by one point, ten, a hundred, or ten thousand, Inman will play a second match over the same course, conceding a thousand points less (i. e., 2,000), for another £1,000, making the second match £2,000 of nothing for the winner. And, further, that if the second match also goes in favour of Stevenson, Inman must consent to play a third match, in which the concession could be 1,000 in 13,000, Stevenson playing up his winnings of £2,000, and thus make the third match for £4,000 or nothing.

M.C.C. ANNUAL MEETING.

HONOURS FOR OUR FIGHTING LEADERS.

At the annual meeting of the M.C.C. to be held at Lords on the 7th inst. the committee will bring forward a recommendation that the honorary membership of the club shall be offered to Admirals Jellicoe and Beatty and Field Marshals Haig and French. The meeting will be followed by the annual dinner.

Owing to the fact that the Lords ground was not vacated by the Royal Artillery Cadet School until January, it may not be possible to restore the ground and buildings to the *status quo ante bellum* this year, but every effort is being, and will be, made to do so.

EMPIRE MATCHES.

Both Australia and New Zealand have issued invitations asking for the visit of an English team to those countries next autumn, but the matter has had to be postponed for the moment to see if it is possible to meet their wishes.

The question of the bowling staff is complicated by the eternal question of "demobilization," but with any luck it is hoped to have forty-six players available. Mr. Kemp has now completed the fixture list.

The cricket season will open at Harrow with the school playing the Household Brigade on the 24th inst.

REVISED REGATTA DATES.

An alteration in the list of dates for first-class regattas on the Thames has been found necessary.

As there will be racing at Hurst Park on July 26, it will not be possible to hold the Molesey Regatta on that date, and an arrangement has been made between Molesey and Staines to exchange dates. The revised list will therefore be as follows:—

Saturday, June 21.—Marlow Regatta.
Saturday, June 28.—Walton-on-Thames Regatta.
Friday and Saturday, July 4 and 5.—Royal Henley Peace Regatta.
Saturday, July 12.—Kingston-on-Thames Regatta.
Monday, July 14.—Metropolitan Regatta (at Putney).
Saturday, July, 19.—Molesey Regatta.
Saturday, July. 26.—Staines Regatta.
Saturday, August 2.—Goring and Streatley Regatta.
Monday, August 4.—Reading Regatta.

CLUB SWINGING.

A Hull marine fireman, D. J. Lynch, lately a prisoner of war in Germany, claims to have set up a world's "record" for continuous club swinging. He swung the clubs for 12 consecutive hours, the number of revolutions being recorded as 125,260, averaging 73 per minute. This, it is stated, breaks the world's "record" by 30 revolutions a minute. Lynch claims to have swung the clubs for 30 hours while a prisoner of war, the German doctors describing him as a machine.

BOXING AT LIBLAR.

The final bout in the 5th K.O.Y.L.I boxing competition was fought at Liblar on Monday between Sgt. Wood "C" Coy., and Pte. Smith "B" Coy. These welter weights were rather unevenly matched, for Wood had considerable advantage in weight. Nevertheless his opponent made a very good show, and the winner could only have got the decision by a narrow margin of points.

During the afternoon, exhibition bouts were given by Lce.Cpl. Gregory ("A") and Pte Hopkinson ("C"); Pte Shaw ("A") and Pte Dickinson ("A"); Pte Embleton ("C") and Pte Lovesay ("B"); Lce.Cpl. Gaifaith ("C") and Pte Davies ("A"); and Sgt. Ife ("A") and Pte Bean ("B").

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Friday, May 2nd, 1919.

Surface wind between S.W. and West, increasing to 20 to 25 mph., squally a times. Mainly overcast skies with occasional rain. Visibility ordinary. Rather milder than of late.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

(With an Occasional Entertainments Note.)

Sport in Mesopotamia.

According to a letter recently received from Mesopotamia, the troops there are evidently having just as big a boom in sport as we are in Germany. When the letter was written, a sports tournament, of a week's duration, was being looked forward to with keen interest. The programme included horse and athletic races, polo, tennis, cricket and many other interesting items.

The Apollo Theatre.

Variety now holds sway at the cosy Apollo Theatre and the attractions are particularly strong. Johnny Latham, of the "Crumps" is still as entertaining as ever and his numbers with "Miss Perkis" are fresh and amusing. Our old friend Rogers is also on the bill and works his "Demobilization" sketch to delighted audiences each night. The "Tabs" orchestra, augmented, and now 19 strong, add to the success of the show in no small degree, while others who make up the programme are without exception powerful "draws."

Who will beat the Yanks?

The Americans in Coblenz are anxious to meet a crack football team and ever ready to oblige, the "Jocks" with customary modesty (?) have hit upon rather a happy plan to gratify that anxiety. A preliminary competition has been arranged in which the 1/4th Royal Scots Fusiliers, 5th Royal Scots and a team representative of the K.O. S.B. are to have several pitched battles among themselves to decide which of the three is the most likely to succeed in the match at Coblenz. The Fusiliers and the Royal Scots met as per the result of the draw on Wednesday and although extra time was played, the game resulted in a draw of two goals each. The re-play on Sunday had a more decisive result, the R.S.F.'s winning easily by three goals to nil. The winners of this little competition are promised a thoroughly good trip to the Yank Headquarters.

The Challenge Night.

The great "Challenge Night" which I mentioned a few days ago is taking shape rapidly and in all probability the contests will be in the Y.M.C.A. Central Hall, Cologne, somewhere about 20th May. The Matches have not yet been fixed definitely, but among those taking part will be S.M. Jenkins 51st Welsh the present Rhine Army Champion wrestler; S.S.M. Thorpe, 28th Field Ambulance, and Sgt. Maw, R.A.S.C. (wrestling); Driver Birdwhistle (who is asked to send his name and address to the 2nd Army Sports Officer, Cologne, and Pte. Jack Morris, both light weight boxers. I hear, unofficially, that someone is about to issue a ju-jitsu challenge, in which event he will probably have plenty ready to oppose him.

THE RAMBLER.

SIX DAYS MORE.

Have you entered your team for "The Cologne Post" Cricket Cup yet? Entries must be received by Thursday 8th May. Address: Sports Editor, "The Cologne Post," Cologne.

R.A.O.C. BOXING IN FRANCE.

ENJOYABLE TOURNEY AT VENDROUX CAMP.

A tournament promoted by the Royal Army Ordnance Corps at Vendroux Camp, France, recently attracted a crowd of some 2,000 representatives of all the various units in the area, says *Sporting Life*. Major-Generdl Smyth, V.C., C.B., commanding the 59th Division, presided over the attendance and addressed the troops on the value of sport. Lieut-Col. L. L. Hoare, D.S.O., O.C., and O.O. Vendroux, and a large number of officers of the promoting unit were present. Capt. W. J. Gould, R.A.O.C., was chairman of the committee, and Cpl. H. J. Wray secretary, but the success of the show was mainly due to the experienced efforts of Cpl. Tom Springate and Pte. A. G. Brown. C-S-M-I Whelan, S.G.S., coached many of the lads in his official capacity in the area. A feature of the sport was its genuineness and open fighting, not a single caution or order being necessary. The band of the R.A.O.C. played selections. Details:—

BANTAM-WEIGHT CONTESTS.

The programme opened with a 4round contest betwen Pte. G.E. Tilly (Somerset L.I.) (113th Prisoners of War Co.) and Pte. Montgomery (R.A.O.C.). Tilly was the aggressor, but his opponent was beginning to improve with two rounds to go when he received a blow from below in the wind, and was forced to retire. It was a perfectly fair blow, though some of those not in a position to see had doubts regarding it.

Sapper Phillpots (R.E. Docks) and Pte. C. Montgomery (R.A.O.C., Vendroux) had a merry set-to over 4 rounds. Montgomery, a coloured boy and no relation to the previous loser, has an abnormal reach for one so short in stature, but Phillpots was the cleverer at close quarters, and scored a narrow win on points.

FEATHER-WEIGHTS.

Fast but wild and crude work marked the opening of the 4-round bout between Sapper Bethel (R.E., R.O.D.) and Pte. Souter (R.A.O.C.), but in the second round they settled down to good boxing. Using both hands well, however, Bethel punched his man to a standstill, and Souter retired before the end of the fourth round.

Sapper Cooper (R.E., Docks) and Cpl. Brankston (R.A.O.C.) were scheduled to box six rounds, but Brankston cut up badly, and was down and out inside half a round.

LIGHT-WEIGHTS.

Pte. Singer (Anti-Aircraft C.) soon put paid to Pte. Smith (113th Prisoners of War Co.), who was silently counted out in 40 seconds.

WELTER-WEIGHTS.

In a six round contest Pte. Charlwood (R.A.O.C., Vendroux) proved too good for Pte. Nye (R.A.O.C., Beaumarais), who was badly rocked early on with a right short jab to the jaw, and a few hits with both hands forced him to take the count during the first round.

MIDDLE-WEIGHTS.

Cpl. Ayres (R.A.O.C., Beaumarais) beat Pte. Gurnett (97th Prisoners of War Co.) in the second round, without ever being called upon to open out his best.

Officials.—Referee, C-S-M-I Whelan (A.G.S.); Judges, Major B. L. Humphries and Lieut. Morgan, M.C., S-Cdr Cheshire.

OUR ARMY MAPS.

SPLENDID WORK OF ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

The Times recently published an interesting account of the work done by the Royal Geographical Society in connection with the maps used during the war, and which even yet are proving of valuable assistance at the Peace Conference.

It says that by far the most important work was a provisional compilation of a 1-1,000,000 map, such as had been started as an international enterprise, shortly before the war. The Society first undertook to compile six sheets of Central Europe, to be reproduced, with the permission of the Board of Agriculture, by the Ordnance Survey for the General Staff. Before the original six sheets were complete, others were required, and that experience was maintained throughout—a gratifying testimony to their usefulness. In four-and-a-half years the Society was able, under the efficient direction of the Secretary, Mr. Arthur Hinks, and with the help of an additional staff, gradually gathered together, to compile about 90 sheets, covering Europe with the exception of its western extremities, and extending through Asia Minor, a long way south in Arabia, and across Mesopotamia into Persia.

Both in extent and in success this map has vastly exceeded the anticipations with which it was begun. For all general questions of communications, supply, strategy, and politics it has proved how valuable was the original conception of the international map. The map was not treated as confidential, but was put on sale, and has thus been of service to the general public. Its chief use has been in staff work, while its final and most gratifying success has been at the Peace Conference. At a meeting of the geographical representatives of the Powers at the *Service Geographique* on February 6, 1919, under the presidency of General Bourgeois, it was decided to use this map by all nations for the preliminary definitions of new boundaries.

GENERAL MAP OF AFRICA.

When the 1—1,000,000 map was well under way, it became necessary to think of a general map of Africa, and later of Asia. It would have required too many sheets to cover Africa on the scale of 1—1,000,000, nor was the material in most parts sufficiently good, so a 1—2,000,000 map was undertaken. This had made such considerable progress by Christmas last that, with the aid of a field survey detachment working in the house, for the first three months of the year, to make the fair drawings, 14 sheets have been finished covering Central Africa and will soon be available.

More recently still, the general map of Asia on the scale of 1—5,000,000 was begun, but of this only one sheet, Manchuria, fair drawn by one of the Society's draughtsmen, was completed when work came to an end, and all unfinished sheets were taken over by the Geographical Section, General Staff.

The compilation of these series of general maps was the chief part of the Society's war work; but from time to time it was active in other directions. Indexes were prepared to various series of topographical maps: experimental work was done in the preparation of special maps for flying; and the value of the Society's library and map collection was severely tested and abundantly proved by the continual demands made upon it by almost every Department of State, especially by the Air Ministry in the last six months of the war.

ARMY COUNCIL'S THANKS.

At the conclusion of its work, the Army Council addressed a letter to the Society thanking it for the valuable work performed, which had made it possible to work the Geographical Section of the General Staff with a minimum of officers. The letter particularly mentioned the 1—1,000,000 map, as not only of great use during the war, but also indispensable for the work of the Peace Congress.

NELSON HEIRLOOM.

WORK OF LLOYD'S PATRIOTIC FUND

The report of Lloyd's Patriotic Fund for 1918 shows that during the past twelve months £ 7,644 has been distributed to widows of R.N. officers for the maintenance and education of their children. Assistance has also been given to the dependents of those connected with Lloyd's who have fallen in the war, and to disabled men who have been unable to return to their work at Lloyd's. The total grants made since this branch of the Fund was inaugurated in September, 1915, by a subscription from the underwriters at Lloyd's, amounts to £ 17,935.

Grants are still made to men disabled in the Transvaal War, and the General Fund started in 1893 continues its work of assisting those disabled in the service, as well as their dependent relatives.

The report also contains an interesting account of the honorary awards made by the Fund during the Napoleonic Wars. The recipients were given the choice of a vase, a sword, or an equivalent sum of money. Sixty-six vases were awarded and 153 swords. For these awards and other purposes nearly £ 500,000 was raised between 1803 and 1812.

A photograph shows the vase presented by the trustees of the original Fund to Lord Nelson's brother after Trafalgar and another illustration the vase voted to Captain Rotherham—one of Nelson's captains at Trafalgar—which has recently been presented as a memento to the corporation of Lloyd's by the well-known underwriter, Mr. Cuthbert Heath, who is also a trustee of the Fund.

NATURALIZATION OF ALIENS.

572 ON THE LIST.

A return has been published as a White Paper [74] giving particulars of all aliens to whom certificates of naturalization have been issued, and whose oaths of allegiance have been registered at the Home Office during 1918.

Re-admissions to British nationality total 301, composed of 10 males and 291 females, many of the latter being presumably women who have married aliens and are still resident in this country. Two certificates have also been issued to a man and a woman already naturalized in British Dominions.

A total of 236 new certificates have been issued to people from continental countries; 131 males and 11 females come from Russia, but of these 100 men have served in his Majesty's forces. In all 133 men out of 211 males in this section have been in British uniform. The only enemy country to appear in the list is the Ottoman Empire with one woman. Foreign countries apart from European account for 25 males and eight females, including 11 men who have been in the forces. The full totals are 247 males and 325 females, with a grand total of 572.

The certificates of naturalization of 17 male persons were revoked, their nationality being:—Austrian, 1; German, 12; Russian, 2; Swiss, 1; and no nationality, 1. The Austrian is Ignatius Timothy Tribich-Lincoln.

AUTHORS OF WAR COMMISSION

CATEGORIES OF CRIME

The Commission ov the Responsibility of the Authors of the War and on the Enforcement of Penalties have submitted their report at a plenary sitting of the Peace Conference. This report is a lengthy one, dealing with:

(1) The responsibility of the authors of the war.

(2) The facts as to breaches of the laws and customs of war committed by the forces of the German Empire and their Allies on land, on sea, and in the air during the present war.

(3) The degree of responsibility for those offences attaching to particular members of the enemy forces, including members of the general staffs and other individuals, however highly placed.

(4) The constitution and procedure of a tribunal appropriate for the trial of those offences.

(5) Any other matters cognate or ancillary to the above which may arise in the course of the inquiry and which the Commission finds it useful and relevant to take into consideration.

ORIGIN OF THE WAR.

The first chapter of the report deals with the responsibility of the authors of the war. The Commission, having examined a number of official documents relating to the origin of the world war and to the violations of neutrality and of frontier which accompanied its inception, "has determined that the responsibility for it lies wholly upon the Powers which declared war in pursuance of a policy of aggression, the concealment of which gives to the origin of this war a character of a dark conspiracy against the peace of Europe. This responsibility rests, first upon Germany and Austria; secondly, on Turkey and Bulgaria. The responsibility is made all the graver by reason of the violation of the neutrality of Belgium and Luxemburg, which Prussia had herself guaranteed. It is increased with regard to both France and Serbia by the violation of their frontiers before the declaration of war."

CRIMINAL ACTS OF ENEMY.

The Commission has drawn up a list of 32 different categories of crime perpetrated by enemy belligerents and it comments thus upon that list:—

It constitutes the most striking list of crimes that has ever been drawn up, to the eternal shame of those who committed them. The facts are established. They are numerous and so vouched for that they admit of no doubt and they cry for justice.

The list is as follows:—

(1) Murders and massacres; systematic terrorism.
(2) Putting hostages to death.
(3) Torture of civilians.
(4) Deliberate starvation of civilians.
(5) Rape.
(6) Abduction of girls and women for the purpose of enforced prostitution.
(7) Deportation of civilians.
(8) Internment of civilians under inhuman conditions.
(9) Forced labour of civilians in connexion with the military operations of the enemy.
(10) Usurpation of sovereignty during military occupation.
(11) Compulsory enlistment of soldiers among the inhabitants of occupied territory.
(12) Attempts to denationalize the inhabitants of occupied territory.
(13) Pillage.
(14) Confiscation of property.
(15) Exaction of illegitimate or of exorbitant contributions and requisitions.
(16) Debasement of the currency, and issue of spurious currency.
(17) Imposition of collective penalties.
(18) Wanton devastation and destruction of property.
(19) Deliberate bombardment of undefended places.
(20) Wanton destruction of religious, charitable, educational, and historic buildings and monuments.
(21) Destruction of merchant ships and passenger vessels without warning and without provision for the safety of passengers or crew.
(22) Destruction of fishing boats and of relief ships.
(23) Deliberate bombardment of hospitals.
(24) Attack on and destruction of hospitals ships.
(25) Breach of other rules relating to the Red Cross.
(26) Use of deleterious and asphyxiating gases.
(27) Use of explosive or expanding bullets, and other inhuman appliances.
(28) Directions to give no quarter.
(29) Ill-treatment of wounded and prisoners of war.
(30) Employment of prisoners of war on unauthorized works.
(31) Misuse of flags of truce.
(32) Poisoning of wells.

The conclusions of the Commission on the criminal acts of the enemy are:—

(1) The war was carried on by the Central Empires, together with their allies, Turkey and Bulgaria, by barbarous or illegitimate methods in violation of the established laws and customs of war and the elementary laws of humanity.

(2) A Commission should be created for the purpose of collecting and classifying systematically all the information already had or to be obtained, in order to prepare as complete a list of facts as possible concerning the violations of the laws and customs of war committed by the forces of the German Empire and its allies, on land, on sea, and in the air in the course of the present war.

CANON OF WESTMINSTER AND OBJECTORS.

About 200 members of the Royal Society of St. George attended the afternoon service recently held at Westminster Abbey, where seats had been specially reserved for them in Poets' Corner. They were distinguishable from the other members of the congregation by the buttonholes of red and white roses which they wore.

The preacher was Dr. E. W. Barnes, Canon of Westminster and Master of the Temple. They ought, he said, to study the unsatisfactory public conditions which had arisen during the war. Two examples of what he meant were provided by our treatment of conscientious objectors and the position in Egypt. Among the conscientious objectors were true patriots whom they ought not to punish for having the courage to act according to their consciences. With regard to Egypt we ought not to think of methods of repression.

During the recent strike of railwaymen in Danzig, the citizens of that town awoke one morning to find the following poster displayed in large type at various conspicuous positions:—

"Wives, although your husbands have gone mad, you are sane, at any rate. If we do not work we shall have no thing to eat, so if your husbands, instead of working, collect together in the house or on the streets, take a wet mop and hit them over the head with it!

"One who has had a touch of the mop."

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

TO SIGN, OR NOT TO SIGN?

Who can account for the attitude of the German Press in connection with the issues of Peace Conference? All newspapers infer that the terms will be very severe, many of them stating that they will be far too violent to accept, and in consequence, their valuable space is being utilised in idle dissertations upon the developments which must inevitably accrue from any obstinacy. It is merely a confession of guilt, for nobody can doubt that the terms will be indeed strict, as perforce they must be, if justice is to be done to those who have made such sacrifices during the past four years.

These dissertations might have proved far more valuable in July, 1914, had they been made coolly and thoughtfully. But this was not the case. Instead, they preferred to rush headlong into the conflict with the hopes that sheer might, or blood and iron as they themselves term it, would solve the problem in the surest and speediest manner. Sure it certainly has been, if not speedy; but the surety is neither of their making nor is it in accordance with their desires.

For them, it is now too late. Their fate, whatever form it may take, has already been settled by others, and consent is, more or less, useless and unnecessary. Signatures are to a great extent mere ornaments, and must be treated as such and carefully guarded against any possibility of breaking.

Light-minded Cavaliers.

The *Vorwärts* says: "We want to sign an honest peace and not be compelled to put a signature to a sham one, a contract which cannot be fulfilled. Neither have we any desire to act as light-minded cavaliers who promise everything and maintain nothing.

"The value and durability of the contract will depend, not upon what is written at the end, but upon what is written in the contract itself. Contracts which are contrary to reason and possibility will be overthrown by the power of reality. Signatures by which a people pledge their own destruction will be effaced by history. To search for the shortest and most painless means of obtaining a real peace—which must come because humanity cannot live without it—is the task of the German Peace Delegation and of the German Government in the coming days so pregnant with possibility."

A Confession of Guilt.

In yesterday's issue we gave the impressions of one of the newspapers which advocates, more or less, a refusal of the Peace terms on the ground that these will be too violent to accept. A recent Berlin newspaper gives a somewhat different outlook, and gives vent to caustic comment on the attitude of the German Government. "The Government" it says, "has not made the confession of guilt which would have cleared the whole atmosphere. Instead, it has formed a Peace delegation with utter indifference to the fact that the Allies would prefer to make a peace of understanding with blank pacifists and socialists rather than with the people who voted the war credits. The interior has been conducted more or less according to the recipes of the old militarism, so much so that the Allies cannot credit the existence of a new spirit in Germany."

Free disposal of the Entente.

In conclusion the writer lays emphasis on the fact that the terms must be signed, because a refusal would merely result in "theoretically, the reappearance of war, and practically, as we are not able to make war, the surrender of Germany to the free disposal of the Entente. Imports would be stopped at once, and ports would be garrisoned by troops of the Entente. In the west the troops would advance about thirty kilometres and seize our best coal and iron districts, and in the course of another two months we should be compelled to beseech for the peace which we had refused, in order to save the country from complete starvation."

Refusal and Revolution.

"Some people" the writer says "think that if we were to refuse, revolution in the Allied countries would be the inevitable result. That is nonsense! The victorious countries, for the present, at least, are immune from Bolshevism.

"No truer word was ever spoken," to use words from one of our English Comedies. Not only are we immune from Bolshevism, but the lads who have recently left us are still possessed of that same glorious spirit of self-sacrifice which brought us victory, and would be only too eager to come to our aid should refusal on the part of Germany prove a reality.

Sound Spirit of Anglo-Saxons.

"In signing we shall at the same time make an appeal to the people," he remarks, "to the proletariats and pacifists of all countries, and also to the sound business spirit of the Anglo-Saxons. We shall begin a campaign, not of *revanche*, but of enlightenment for a true League of Nations and a real democracy.

"A wave of socialist-pacifist renewal is passing over the world and it will carry us along. It will help us to discharge again, the unbearable load now thrust upon us."

ANOTHER FORM OF EDUCATION.

1/4 CHESHIRE'S SCHEME.

We read in *The Cologne Post* that as part of their general education scheme, the 51st Bedfords have adopted the plan of sending parties of men with guides of the Education Staff, round the Cathedral, Churches, Museums, and other places of interest in Cologne. This indeed is an excellent plan, but we feel that some attention ought to be given to the cinema as a method of teaching. Of course, as the 51st Bedfords say, it is always the best to show the men the real thing, but it is very often impossible to do this. Take for example a visit to the Zoo. Here you simply see the animals, birds and reptiles, but you learn little of anything of their habits or natural surroundings. It is in such cases that the cinema proves itself to be such a valuable asset, for to-day there are thousands of films showing practically every specimen of bird and animal life in its natural element. Then again, a touring party only see the parts where they actually visit, whereas the cinema brings the whole world before you like a picture book.

For several weeks a scheme of education by cinema has been in operation with the 1/4th Bn. Cheshire Regt. at Hersel and has proved itself a great success from every point of view. Arrangements are made so that each company has at least three hours education per week in the cinema, where special education films are shown. It is hoped that in a short time each company will have six hours per week in the cinema, this being impossible at present owing to the scarcity of suitable films.

Among the films which have been shown lately at the 1/4th Cheshire's cinema are "The Power of Electricity," "Chemistry," "Birds of Prey," "Horticultural," "Pests," and "What the Eye does not see." It only requires a glance at the titles and the educational value can be immediately perceived. 2/Lt. Jacques, the Education Officer, will be pleased to hear from any persons who possess films of any educational value.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

PARADE GROUND INDIVIDUALS.

AND "PAMPERED PEKINGESE DOGS."

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

When I entered the mess this evening — Before going any further I'd better explain that, as the only Englishman in a Scottish Mess, I have been christened "Harry Lauder," and am the final Court of Appeal in all disputes on the respective merits of Aberdeen, Edinburgh, and Glasgow. (May I trespass on your space, Mr. Editor, to point out that I have put these three names in alphabetical order, and not necessarily in the order of merit.)

To resume, — When I entered the mess this evening the R.S.M. put down his copy of the "*Cologne Post*" and fixed me with a baleful glare, as I took off my belt and bayonet and hung them on a peg. The other three inmates paused in an animated comparison of the drainage systems of Hilden and Gourock to watch me as I picked up a letter from home, and sat down in a chair. In a silence that was deafening, as cotton wool in the ears, I opened the letter, and perused its contents. Before I finished I became conscious of an extreme chilliness in the atmosphere, and chancing to look towards the billiard table I noted that its green baize was covered over with hoar frost. They waited patiently till, having finished the letter, I folded it and put it in my pocket, then the R.S.M. in a deliberately casual voice — the kind of voice that the counsel for the prosecution adopts when about to extract a fatal admission from a witness in a murder trial, said:— "Ye'll be havin' mair'n one name aae doot?" Wondering whether I had been recommended for the M.M., or whether my demobilization papers had come through, I answered by giving him my full name, offering in addition details of birth, religion, social position, number of times inoculated, and so on. Ignoring my generous offer, he picked up the "*Cologne Post*" once more, and glancing first at the heading of one of its columns he went on "Ye dinna ca' yersel Juvenis be onny chaunce?" On receiving my assurance that I considered the selection of names allotted me by my parents ample for purposes of nomenclature, he handed me the paper, bidding me, "Read yon," pointing to an article headed "Education, by Juvenis."

All that happened early this evening, and now in the stillness that follows the nightly curfew, while the air vibrates dully to the nose-music of the 'Herr' and his 'Gnadige Frau' in the next room as their twin souls seek those dreamland realms where tame sausages abound and sauerkraut grows wild, I sit down to express something of the pathetic mystification and surprise of my messmates over that unfortunate column of vituperative verbosity that appeared in to-day's *Post*, April 24th.

It happens that I, too, am an Educational N.C.O., yet in spite of this, I get on well enough with what Juvenis calls my 'compeers' in the Battalion. Why not? It is an understood thing that I have received my stripes for a branch of work that concerns them not at all. I do not attempt to interfere with their affairs, and they leave me to conduct my own, uninterrupted. In the Mess all differences of duty are ignored, and a man is accepted at his exact personal and social worth.

Juvenis is probably very young. It is the fashion of youth to exaggerate the petty annoyances of life. Like Don Quixote, they imagine each windmill on the way-side is flinging out its arms in wild derision at them, so that they must needs charge furiously, brandishing the toy sword of their childish wrath, and mouthing futile threats. They find a bitter sweetness in the attitude of Henley's "Prometheus" and face each days adventures with "My head is bloody, but unbowed" ringing a wild slogan in their adolescent minds.

This may explain the weird and wonderful outpourings of Sergeant Juvenis. Be that as it may, I cannot refrain from suggesting that, if our friend of the open mouth and friction-heated tongue will revert to simpler language and a less aggressive attitude, he will not find his bed so full of nettles.

While I am flattered by the inclusion of myself in the class he labels "People of Intelligence" I cannot willingly consent to be called a "Pampered Pekinese Dog," nor have I yet taken to referring to the other N.C.O.'s as "Parade Ground Individuals." I do not rate my own intelligence as of an essentially higher type than that of the R.S.M.; but rather shall we say, of a different type. He is satisfied—and so am I.

With regard to the proposition that we should wear badges of merit indicating the branch of work on which we are engaged, I suggest that with "People of Intelligence" the face should surely be a sufficient sign.

SERGEANT INSTRUCTOR.

LEARNING OF LANGUAGES.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir.—Your article on "How to learn German" in the edition of April 23rd was very suggestive. The importance of repetition, in language learning, cannot be overestimated. Reading aloud, once one has mastered the correct pronunciation, is invaluable, as it trains at the same time both tongue and ear. Of great assistance, too, is to have someone else (preferably a native) read aloud to one—slowly at first, then more and more rapidly as one's power to understand increases. My belief is that, for this purpose, a woman is much better than a man, for a woman, as a rule, has more patience than a man, and has a clearer enunciation. Another excellent device is to write from dictation, as the practice trains the ear, teaches spelling, and tends to promote rapid and unconscious assimilation, since the attention is fixed, to a certain degree, on the writing. Every attempt should be made, when learning a language, to bring into operation as many senses as possible that the word and the idea may be connected without the medium of the corresponding English word. Not only ought one to visualize but, as far as possible, manipulate—take the object (if practicable) in one's hands, repeat the name while looking at it, simulate the movements, emotions, etc., implied in verbs (turning the head, walking, running, singing, etc.), for even when all these aids to perception and retention are used one will still have plenty of opportunity to exercise all the patience, persistance and pertinacity that one is likely to possess before one has quite mastered a language. As the writer of the article in your paper has said, those of us to-day in Germany have an excellent chance to acquire the language. It would be a case of almost criminal negligence if such a chance were not utilized.

A LANGUAGE ENTHUSIAST.

OUR soldiers on the Rhine want many things that they have been in the habit of buying at home. They buy in their canteens Divisional-Battalion—— The Y.M.C.A. — Church Army-E.F.C.— and direct from home by post. Their news paper is the daily COLOGNE POST You *must* use it to reach them and secure their business

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"Crookham-ites." Will any 20th O.C.B. pupils of "E" Company who finished the course in June 1918 please drop a line as below with the idea of a re-union dinner in Cologne—Moore c.o COLOGNE POST, Cologne.

OLD EDWARDIANS (Five Ways) in Rhine Army, communicate with Box 86, *Cologne Post*.

LONDON BECOMING ITSELF AGAIN.

RACING AT EPSOM ONCE MORE.

Although there are still a large number of families in mourning, there are plentiful indications that the coming London "Society season," which opened up this week, will be far brighter and gayer than its three immediate predecessors.

People are returning from their Easter holidays, West-End blinds are being raised and the streets of Mayfair and Kensington are looking much fresher and brighter for the long-delayed spring cleaning and re-decoration which the outsides of their houses have undergone. The social programme for the week is full to overflowing, while the fact that the famous Derby Course re-opened on Tuesday, for the first time since 1915, promises great things to those people and functions which are connected with the great Sport.

MARCHED 1,000 MILES IN THREE MONTHS.

FEATS OF ENDURANCE.

The following is taken from the *Daily Mail*:—In a final despatch on the East African campaign, Lieut.-Gen. Sir J. L. Van Deventer describes how Gen. Von Lettow-Vorbeck, with 320 Germans and 2,500 black troops evaded pursuit until the armistice.

The chase was unique. Never before had operations on a large scale, with modern weapons, taken place within a few degrees of the Equator.

Seldom, perhaps, has one consecutive series of operations been conducted over such a vast area, extending from the Uganda Railway to the Zambesi, and from Lakes Kivu, Tanganyika, and Nyassa to the Indian Ocean.

In a civilised country, with good communications, the flighting life of von Lettow's force would have been short; but with the extraordinary advantages of evasion that the East African terrain gave to a commander of a compact and mobile force, independent of lines of communication and adept at living on the country, it is possible that the operations might have been prolonged.

To the troops that achieved and maintained the conquest of German East Africa unstinted praise is due. Not only were they opposed to an enemy composed of first-class fighting material, and specially trained to the peculiar conditions of African bush warfare, but they had also to contend with Nature in some of her most difficult aspects.

The vastness of the theatre of operations, the difficulties of supply, and the deadliness of many parts of the country to all but the native African greatly enhanced the hardships inseparable from any form of campaigning in the tropics.

The distances covered by the troops—one battalion marched 1,000 miles in 97 days—carried out in the heart of Africa, under a blazing sun or in torrential rain, were wonderful feats of endurance.

There are, perhaps, few fields of operation more trying than the bush, which in variably produces in time a feeling of depression in those who have been accustomed to more open warfare, while the sensation of continually groping in the dark tries the moral and physical courage of the bravest.

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CITY RECAPTURED.

MAY DAY DEMONSTRATIONS AT COLOGNE.

ENGLISH PRISONERS IN RUSSIA.

MUNICH STORMED BY GERMAN TROOPS.

BOLSHEVISTS MURDER HOSTAGES.

In contrast to the cry of Wolff which we printed yesterday, describing Munich as a city of ironic smiles and Communist eccentricities, comes the news, also from Augsburg, that severe fighting is going on and that Prussian troops have entered the town from the North. The Red Army is rapidly disappearing, partly by desertion and partly by the action of the middle classes, who shoot at them from the houses.

It is announced that the Soviet Communist has carried out its threat to execute the hostages they held unless the Government troops were withdrawn. Among those murdered are Privy Councillor Doderlein, Professor Stuch, Prince Wrede, Prince and Princess Albert von Thurn and Taxis, etc.

The Soviet made one last attempt to forestall the inevitable. On the the 30th April they wireless ed the Government "The Soviet of Munich want to begin negotiations. Will stop fighting at once if the Government troops of Hoffmann do not enter the town." Hoffmann answered:— "Conditions unacceptable. Put down your arms. Every resistance useless."

Government troops have regained possession of the city.

BOLSHEVISTS NEARING THEIR DESERTS.

THE WRITING ON THE WALL.

Reuter learns authoritatively that the Russian peasants are in ever increasing numbers revolting against the Bolshevist Government, especially in the districts near the Volga and in central Russia.

In Saratoff martial law has been proclaimed in twenty-two districts. Large numbers of Soviet agents have been killed in Saratoff itself and in Smolensk. The Soviet Government at Moscow is seriously alarmed and is frantically appealing to the Proletariat to resist Koltschak's advance.

The strikes at Petrograd during March were most acute and were suppressed with the utmost brutality. In one instance jets of boiling water and steam were turned on to a body of congregated workmen.

29th April. — The Bolshevists are evacuating Petrograd and the Finlanders expect the fall of the capital will be accomplished within the next few weeks. — *Reuter.*

In North Russia local Finnish bands have crossed the frontier and cut the railway from Petrograd to Petrozavodsk.

The moral of the Allied contingents is greatly enhaced by the promise of speedy reinforcements. The Dwina has thawed all along its course South of our lines.

In Lithuania the Polish offensive continues successfully and there is an extensive ri ing in the interior of the country against the Bolshevist Government.

It is reported from Ukrainian sources on the Eastern front that the offensive at the Northern end of the line has been halted orwing to the thaw. Farther South the advance is continuing successfully, the Siberians being within one hundred miles of the Volga, approaching Orenburg, and the railway from there to Samara, *Reuter.*

NO PRISONERS IN GERMAN SALT MINES.

TRACING MISSING MEN.

In yesterday's Parliamentary Debate Mr. Winston Churchill stated that all inquiries which have been made into alleged cases of prisoners of war being hidden in salt mines in Germany have so far proved that such statements are unfounded.

If definite information is forthcoming, said the Secretary of War, he will be glad to have any cases carefully investigated.

It was also stated that a list containing the names of all British prisoners of war not accounted for has been sent to our military representatives at Spa and Berlin for communication to the German authorities. Accompanying the list is a demand that every man mentioned must be accounted for.

The list originally sent in February contained approximately 2,500 names. This had been reduced to 1,062 names by 23rd April.

ENGLISH BOLSHEVIST PRISONERS.

Negotiations are being conducted for the exchange of all British military and civilian prisoners at present in the hands of the Russian Bolshevists.

WEST INDIAN EARTHQUAKE.

A Severe earthquake is reported as having occurred on the 28th April at San Salvador. No details are yet to hand.

THE FIRST MAY THE FIRST IN COLOGNE.

LABOUR DAY.

History was made in Cologne on May Day. Never before has there been such a complete cessation of work. The town was absolutely at a standstill, yet the change from the normal to the abnormal was made without any fuss and throughout the day there was no disturbance of any kind, thanks to the simple regulations prescribed by the Military Governor, accepted in a spirit of common sense by the workers.

The feature of the day, which unfortunately was characterized by incessant rain, was the procession of workers, most of whom wore a red flower.

As a spectacle it was unimpressive, the thousands of umbrellas giving it a dismal aspect. But under the umbrellas one caught sight of stern set faces of men and women and noticed the dejected demeanour of girls and children. The words on the few banners carried afforded some clue to their thoughts. "Peace and bread," "Remember the sacrifices of the war," "Have confidence in the future," were some of the inscriptions, indicative of the motives which actuated the pedestrians.

Twe ve months ago such a procession would have been impossible in Cologne. The *Rheinisch Zeitung*, the socialist newspaper, draws a sharp contrast. "Political demonstrations," it says, "are for Cologne something unusual. The Prussian police regime, of disgraceful memory, used all street demonstrations as attack practice for its horsemen, charging with drawn swords and revolvers. And now, a street procession is allowed, granted by the British."

The manner in which the procession was protected by the English soldiers, was a matter of universal praise. No one was allowed to break through the ranks and the utmost endeavour was made to smooth the passage of the procession, which numbered perhaps between twenty and thirty thousand people.

"La Marseilleise" was sung en route.

PARIS.

In Paris things were somewhat more lively. In spite of the prohibition, demonstrators made an attempt to reach the Place de la Concorde, and in spite of a strong guard, succeeded. Two policemen were injured, as were four others in the Quartier Latin. Disturbances also took place on the Place de la Republique and the Place de l'Opera, numerous casualties being sustained and many arrests made.

AMERICA.

In America demonstrations held in various cities resulted in several minor encounters with the authorities. A number of soldiers and sailors in New York threatened to storm a meeting in Madison Square but were dissuaded by the police.

A riot started in Boston, when the police tried to lower a red flag carried by the demonstrators. Over a hundred arrests were made and several persons injured by stray shots.

At Chicago the police broke up a procession which had been prohibited and arrested the ring leaders.

ENGLAND.

In England Sylvia Pankhurst was the only disturber of the peace.

MAKING THE BEST OF IT.

Leipzig says that its annual fair was a great success. Seven thousand firms exhibited and in spite of traffic difficulties visitors attended from all parts of Germany and surrounding countries.

On account of labour conditions, however, the exhibitors, though anxious to take orders, offered no guarantee in the rather important matters of price and delivery.

No English orders were booked.

CANADA DECLINES TITLES.

Ottawa. 30th April. — A special Committee of the Dominion House of Commons decided to-day to report against the conferring of further knighthoods on Canadians resident in Canada. The action of the Committee applies both to military and civilian knighthoods. The case of other distinctions will be considered by the Committee later. —*Reuter.*

DELVILLE WOOD MONUMENT TO SOUTH AFRICANS.

Capetown. 29th April. A representative conference presided over by Mr. Malan, acting Premier, resolved to erect a monument at Delville Wood as a memorial to the South A ricans who fell during the Somme attack in 1916.—*Reuter.*

NEW AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION.

A Royal Commission has been appointed to enquire into the economic position of agriculture, to ascertain how best it can be encouraged and enable the payment of reasonable wages to labourers to be made.

WAR TIME MARRIAGES AND DIVORCE.

TREMENDOUS LIST.

Referring to the frequency with which wartime marriages are followed by divorce proceedings, Mr. Justice Coleridge, in the Divorce Court yesterday stated that he had tried some thousand cases since December last. There still remained a tremendous list unheard and additions were constantly pouring in.

In the Divorce Court yesterday Captain Geoffrey H. Miller was granted a *decree nisi* against his wife, the co-respondent being Mr. Eugene Goossen, Jr., connected with the Beecham Opera Company.

Mr. Charles George Trigg, the well-known jockey, also obtained a decree, the co-respondent in this case being Captain Percy Walter Kippax.

BOMBS IN THE POST.

GHASTLY SCHEME.

Washington post office officials report the discovery in the mails of seventeen infernal machines addressed to prominent officials, including two Cabinet Ministers. The Mayor of New York, Mr. J. D. Rockfeller and Pierpont Morgan.

The discovery was accidentally made, the packages containing the bombs being detained because they were insufficiently stamped, enabling the postal inspectors to discover their true character. It is feared that many similar packages have been delivered to the addressees.

It is known that some have been delivered to officials at San Francisco and elsewhere, fortunately without injuring anybody, but one package consigned to Ex-Senator Hardwick exploded injuring his wife and maid. The bombs were sent from New York, the packages bearing forged labels of well-known department stores.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL SENT TO PRISON.

A man who had been in prison and afterwards became an official in the Ministry of Munitions, was sentenced at the Old Bailey yesterday to three years' penal servitude.

Well dressed, and giving the name Paul Bruce Clayton, he pleaded guilty to charges of embezzlement.

Sir Archibald Bodkin, prosecuting, said that since June of last year the prisoner had been employed in the aircraft production department of the Ministry of Munitions, at York House, Kingsway. His salary was £312 a year, rising to £400, and he dealt with the disposal of aero engines.

After arranging for the sale of a Rolls-Royce aero engine for £1,210, he obtained possession of the cheque which was sent in payment for the engine, and appropriated the money.

On his arrest the prisoner was recognised by a detective as Eric Octavius Giney, a man who had several previous convictions against him for various offences, and who was a fugitive offender from South Africa. Counsel said he understood the prisoner had served in the French Foreign Legion from July 1916 to January 1917.

MORE BUDGET PROPOSALS.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain in his Budget speech announced new taxation to the amount of 114 million pounds.

He said he considered Imperial preference to be the most important part of the Budget and hoped that the small beginning he is making will lead to Imperial trade developments of the utmost importance. The Preference on tobacco will be one-sixth; on wine, sixpence on the 1s. 3d. rate and one shilling on the 3s. 6d. rate, with an extra shilling per gallon on still wine and ninepence on the 2s.6d. or sparkling wine. The spirits rate on foreign spirits is to be increased by 2s.6d. per gallon.

Important changes in the death rates were announced. They are estimated to produce ten millions in the full year. There will be no change on estates valued at under fifteen thousand sterling, but graduated increases would be imposed ranging from five to six per cent on estates valued under twenty thousand pounds to forty per cent on estates of over two millions.

Wound Pensions and Demobilization Gratuities are exempted from Income Tax.

MINIMUM WAGES TO BE FIXED BY LAW.

The Prime Minister, in a letter to the Industrial Council, accepts the suggestion that Government should set up a commission with wide terms of reference to consider the proposal that minimum rates of wages in all industries should be made applicable by law. Mr. Lloyd George also says that he accepts the principle of recommendation as regards unemployment and expresses the hope that this is the first question to which the National Industrial Council will address itself.

He welcomes the proposal to set up a National Council, believing it will be of great value in assisting the Government to improve industrial conditions.

MISSING R.A.F. OFFICER SAFE.

The missing airman, Lieut. W. S. Mars R.A.F., whom it was thought had fallen into the Channel, had in point of fact turned back when in mid-Channel and endeavoured to return to Nivelles, but he was forced to land in a remote country district. He is alive and well.

PROSECUTED FOR STUNTING.

Flight Cadet Harry Willoughby Kay was charged before a District Court Martial yesterday with flying at Chester at a low altitude, contrary to standing orders, and causing damage to fourteen telegraph wires. Sentence will be promulgated.

At the Guards Chapel yesterday Capt. Ivan Cobbold, Scots Guards, was married to Lady Blanche Cavendish, daughter of the Duke of Devonshire.

PRIVATE SOLDIER SUES HIS COMMANDING OFFICER.

COMPLAINT AND COURT MARTIAL.

A case presenting many interesting features to all ranks is being heard in London. Circumstances alter cases and what is relevant to one case does not necessarily apply to all.

Is it right that a private soldier who makes a complaint against an officer should be regarded as a military delinquent for making that complaint?

That was the question that arose on Tuesday in a suit for slander brought against his late commanding officer by a private in the R.A.S.C., in civil life a solicitor, continued before Mr. Justice McCardie in the King's Bench Division after being begun at York Assizes.

The plaintiff was Mr. C. H. Heddon, solicitor, of Ripon and Harrogate, and the defendant Major G. C. Evans, from whom the plaintiff sought to recover damages for alleged false imprisonment, malicious prosecution, and slander. The slander was alleged to have had relation to Mr. Heddon's profession, the words complained of being:—

"I always knew you were a knave. Now I know you are a damned fool." On another occasion, it was alleged, Major Evans said to Mr. Heddon: "Will you never tell the truth?"

According to Mr. Heddon's case, he wrote to Major Evans complaining that Second-Lieut. Heylon had adopted a course of persecution towards him. He was arrested and charged with making a frivolous complaint to his commanding officer, and with conduct prejudical to good order and military discipline. He was summarily ordered 14 days' C.B. He received no reply to a letter he sent to Lieut.-Gen. Sir John Maxwell, in charge of the Northern Command. He issued a writ against Major Evans, who then had the charge altered from that of making a frivolous complaint to that of making a false accusation against an officer. This alteration was made, according to Major Evan's counsel, by the Northern Command Headquarters. On November 25 last, following a letter to the Treasury Solicitor making charges against Lieut. Haydon, Mr. Heddon was put under close arrest for 18 days.

Sir John Maxwell gave evidence at York Assizes that he did not receive the letter which Mr. Heddon declared he had sent to him.

Mr. Heddon, continuing his evidence yesterday, said that on November 6 the district registrar struck out the present action on the ground that it was impossible for a soldier to sue an officer. When he returned to barracks he was locked up on a charge of issuing a writ against his commanding officer and for making false accusations against an officer in a letter to the G.O.C. He was kept in close arrest until November 9, when he was placed under "open" arrest.

On November 21 he was given leave to come to London to appeal against the action being struck out. The appeal was succesful. When he returned to York he was locked up in the Fulford Detention Barracks, where he remained for 18 days in a cell.

Mr. Justice Mc Cardie said the warrant only provided for Mr. Heddon to be kept in the detention barracks for seven days unless a further order was made. "I must have some explanation from the governor of the prison, if necessary, why this man was detained for 18 days."

Mr. Tindal Atkinson said he proposed to show that Mr. Heddon was properly under arrest, not by virtue of the warrant but because trial by court-martial was pending.

In consequence of a letter which he wrote to the Secretary for War, said witness, he was released from prison on December 12 and sent to Bulford. He was demobilized on January 24. He admitted having taken French leave about six times, but on each occasion, witness said, he went to see his wife and child, of whom he was very fond. It was untrue that his wife objected to his visits. She died in February of this year.

Mr. Atkinson (to the plaintiff): Do you put it that from first to last Major Evans was actuated by malice against you? Plaintiff: Yes; he had no grudge against me, but he first punished me in his desire to shield Second-Lieutenant Heylon.

Mr. Justice McCardie remarked later: "The plaintiff's position as I understand it is this: that if a soldier makes a complaint against a commanding officer he *ipso facto* puts himself in the position of a man who might be treated as a quasi-criminal, because before the investigation is made he is put under close arrest in a prison cell. What becomes of the private soldier's right to complain if this procedure is recognised as permissible?"

Mr. Atkinson: It was thought that the most satisfactory way of dealing with this matter was to hold a court-martial.

Mr. Justice McCardie: Yes, but not against the soldier who makes the complaint. Is the man who makes a complaint to be forthwith taken into custody in order that an inquiry may be held to see whether the charge he makes is correct?

Mr. Atkinson said the court-martial was ordered by Brig.-Gen. Atkinson.

His Lordship: Was the court-martial to try the plaintiff for having sent in the letter?

Mr. Atkinson: That was one of the charges.

His Lordship: Is a man who makes a charge against a commanding officer always court-martialled?

Mr. Atkinson: I suppose the authorities have a right to decide which person is to be court-martialled.

His Lordship: Then there must be an investigation before the court-martial, and meanwhile the soldier remains in custody under close arrest?

Mr. Atkinson: I am not here to criticise or defend all that can be done under the King's Regulations or the Army Act. It may appear to many of us civilians to be a curious course of procedure, but it is quite another thing to say an action lies against a commanding officer because headquarters chooses to order a court-martial.

His Lordship: It does not seem consistent with what ordinary men would regard as justice that a private soldier who makes a complaint against an officer is forthwith taken into custody for having made the complaint.

No evidence being adduced by the plaintiff in support of his claim for slander, the issue was restricted to allegations of false imprisonment and malicious prosecution.

The hearing was adjourned.

FLYING THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

ONLY UMPTEEN MORE DAYS.

St. John's, 30th April. (ack emma). Raynham and his navigator Morgan are so certain of flying to-day and crossing the Atlantic safely, that they have arranged with their friends that immediately the machine has left one of them will telegraph to London booking two seats at a London restaurant for dinner to-morrow night. *Reuter.*

St. John's, 30th April. (pip emma). It was announced to-day that Raynham would start the the trans-Atlantic flight at three this afternoon, Hawker probably following him later, but both attempts were subsequently abandoned, owing to unfavourable weather conditions. *Reuter.*

New York, 30th April. The United States Naval Tender Melville sailed to-day for midocean in connection with American preparations to fly the Atlantic. The vessel carried a crew of mechanical experts, journalists and cinema operators, also a quantity of spare aeroplane parts. *Reuter.*

NATIONAL AIR ROUTES.

FIRST CIVILIAN FLIGHT.

The first flight along one of the new National air routes was completed yesterday morning. Lieut. Ewins was the pilot and he took Mr. H. J. J. Thomas as a passenger, on the route from Filton, Bristol, to Hounslow.

Heavy fog delayed the start until about 10.30 a.m., and the journey was completed in fifty-eight minutes. The time taken was somewhat longer than had been anticipated, but this is explained by the fact that a violent storm was encountered which rendered it advisable to make a detour via Aylesbury and approach Hounslow from the North. The machine used was a Bristol Coupé.

VESSEL SINKS ON GOODWINS.

ALL HANDS LOST.

During a continuance of the gales the Deal life boat was called out last night to the assistance of a vessel burning distress signals in the Downs, but although the seas were searched no trace could be found of any vessel.

As the life boat was returning it was hailed by the Master of a ketch and rendered him assistance. The Master said that he also had seen the flares and actually heard the shouts of the crew, but could render no assistance. It is feared that the vessel has foundered with all hands.

SYLVIA BREAKS OUT AGAIN.

In connection with the May-day demonstrations in London, Sylvia Pankhurst, accompanied by twenty supporters, mostly women, marched from Hyde Park to Westminster. Being refused admittance they endeavoured forcibly to enter the House of Commons.

After a brief struggle Miss Pankhurst was marched off the police station. Several women attempted to effect her release, one of the being taken along, doubtless for company's sake, Sylvia being in disfavour with her mother.

NO MORE ARMY MULES TO BE SOLD.

By order of the War Office the sale of surplus Army horses and mules in the United Kingdom was directed to cease for the time being at the end of last week. No resumption of selling is likely to be made until the new census of animals in possession of the Army has been made and military requirements have been ascertained.

Between the signing of the Armistice and the 26th April, 88,772 horses have passed from military to civilian ownership in Great Britain for 3,320,028 pounds sterling.

Native prejudice against mules is shown by the fact that only 2,220 have been sold, realising 42,555 pounds sterling.

AGRICULTURAL SOLDIERS STANDING BY.

Orders have been issued to all commands in England suspending for a fortnight the recall of agricultural workers to the colours, pending consideration of the whole subject.

WHY THE PAPERS WERE LATE.

Yesterday morning an aeroplane carrying papers from London to Bournemouth crashed on the Portsdown Hills. The machine was badly damaged and the aviators, Capt. Saint and Capt. Greig, were severely shaken.

LANCASHIRE'S MILKLESS DAY.

There was no milk supply in Lancashire yesterday owing to the action of the milk producers. They struck in protest against the continuation of controlled prices.

A number of Liverpool hospitals were milkless.

ST. CECILIA FOR EMPIRE DAY.

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IS IT PEACE?

The German delegates have passed through Cologne on their road to peace or war. The alternatives will be in their hands. The Allies are prepared for either.

The terms of peace must be drastic. After such a war as has been waged by land and sea it cannot be otherwise. Take only a few heads out of the many which suggest themselves to those who have conned over the history of the war, and the necessity of imposing a striking penalty upon the nations who provoked the struggle is as apparent as their identity.

What was the pretext for war? A demand by a great nation like Austria was made against a little state, Serbia, so stringent and humiliating that to the mouths of all men leapt the instant surmise "Austria wants war." By the counsels of England and of Russia, Serbia acceded to all these demands except in so far as they plainly infringed upon her right of self government, and endangered her existence. Russia, by acceding to this course, immolated her prestige on the altar of Peace. The sacrifice was vain. It is needless to follow the subsequent course of events. The world knew and knows that Austria would no more have dared to flout the conscience of civilized communities and the might of Russia without Germany at her back in this instance than she did in the case of Bosnia and Herzegovinia. Why she was instigated to do so is also apparent. Long years attributed to preparation, above and below ground, had brought to perfection the machinery with which the struggle was to be carried on by the central powers. The proofs of preparation have not ceased to come to hand to-day. They had strained their economic resources and tuned their people to a pitch at which they must vibrate with war, or break. Relax the strain — they could not. Russia was reorganizing, the longer service system of France was coming into play. England by all reports — not Lichnowsky's only — had domestic troubles which would keep her quiet.

Germany judged her opportunity, and miscalculated. She fell upon countries unprepared for war, it is true, but resolved to fight.

The war thus engineered and wrapped around with tissue pretexts, which the first breath of truth dissipated from the wicked form of outrage, began with the violation of Belgian territory. Another pretext — "Not kennt kein Gebot" ("Necessity knows no law") — there was no necessity and they knew it — with a promise "the injustice which we thereby do will we later make good' ("das Unrecht, das wir damit tun, werden wir wieder gut machen" — accompanied the violation. They acted up to the letter of the proverb by perpetrating on that stout little country, whose only offence was its patriotism, a series of crimes to which succeeded a vigorous exploitation and a long, oppressive occupation. The promise waits for fulfilment. They passed from Belgium to the devastation of France. They violated, on sea and by land, principles and conventions of International Law to which they had solemnly agreed. They forced peaceful England to sacrifice millions of useful lives for the vindication of her honour, her self protection and the cause of freedom. They proclaimed principles and countenanced practices which were repugnant to civilization. Shutting, against the growing illumination from the New World on the doings of their government, eyes which did not wish to see so long as any chance of a successful exit from the predicament of their own creation existed, they protracted the misery of war for four long years in countries other than their own. Then when America forsook admonition for drastic action, and the French and British, and then the Belgian, armies set to work to stab and to strike, and finally flung into irrevocable defeat Hindenburg's disillusioned battalions, the long-delayed repentance came or seemed to come. No longer on foreign soil, but on the Rhine and over it, would the havoc of war be let loose. "Give me my ducats," they said with Shylock, "and let me go." Well, they got the armistice November the 14th 1918, and fortunate they were to get back with that, and now it is a question of the ducats.

They cannot give us back our dead, they cannot heal our wounded, they cannot restore the commercial prosperity and thriving industries they have disrupted — they cannot put back the clock to 1914. All they can do is to pay damages, and even then they cannot, by any possibility, pay the whole bill. To refuse to pay the mere tithe which is to be imposed upon them, and threaten, if they deem the terms too severe, to take refuge in the anarchy which their refusal will cause, is, in view of the facts, little short of an impertinence, and an act which will recoil most heavily upon the people whose interests the peace delegates bear in charge. What is the course in civil law when a defendant refuses to pay the damages to which he is condemned? The plaintiff takes in execution his assets and proceeds to make the best use of them he can to liquidate the debt, and, in so doing, he pays little heed to the ultimate consequences to the man who has refused to pay. Do the Germans wish these consequences to follow?

The Allies are not the hard taskmasters which, to judge from its utterances and its arts, victorious Germany would have been. Contrast the treatment of the inhabitants of Belguim and Northern France with the regime which obtains to-day in Cologne, if you doubt it. The Allies do not wish for the ruin of Germany. It is their object and their interest to prevent it. But they have a duty to exact reparation from the wrongdoers for the injured, and to take, as far as it is possible, securities for the future. For this reason the penalties exacted must be exemplary, but they will not be vindictive.

SHELL-SHOCK IN____

All night they crooned high overhead
As the skies are over men:
I lay and smiled in my cellar bed,
And went to sleep again.

All day they whistled like a lash
That cracked in the trembling town:
I stood and listened for the crash
Of houses thundering down.

In, in they came, three nights and days,
All night and all day long:
It made us learned in their ways
And experts on their song.

Like a noisy clock, or a steamer's screw,
Their beat debauched the ear,
And left it dead to a deafening few
That burst who cared how near?

We only laughed when the flimsy floor
Heaved on the shuddering sod:
But when some idiot slammed a door —
My God!

E. W. H.

When one is tempted to write a clever but harsh thing, it may be difficult to restrain it, but it is always better to leave it in the inkstand.

THE DOM — ONCE MORE.

It is the fate of very big people to attract attention and provoke comment as to their make and appearance, and the Dom of Cologne is certainly a very large person whatever you may think of him. He has not the sort of build which brings delight; but as the Irish say "he is a grand fat gentleman," and he has his points. Some of these have been noted in the very temperate article in the *Kölnische Zeitung* replying to various criticisms of the great structure.

Some one writing in *The Cologne Post* complained that the cathedral had not been built to "one unique plan." No, but it fulfils this somewhat pleonastic demand as much as most churches. If you study the history of ecclesiastical buildings, whether in England, France or Germany, you find that the greater number of them, and even those in which there reigns a real unity, so far from being built to a unique plan, have in some points deviated largely from their original aim or been in part destroyed and consequently rebuilt in another style. Others have never achieved at all the form which their beginnings demanded, and yet are beautiful. On the other hand of the few which have been built *d'un seul jet* by no means all have reached the goal of beauty. Consider in this light Beauvais and the Church of Bron.

Indeed the long drawn history of the Dom furnishes an example of a building which has proceeded slowly, and, through long gaps of time, persistently towards the completion of a consistent design. The present structure was begun in 1248. Cologne the old oppidum Ubiorum, a "colony" of the Romans, had then for long been a centre for artificers and craftsmen and possessed many churches, some of which are standing to-day and are in many ways more interesting than the Domkirche. It however constituted a new departure — a break from the Roman tradition and a frank acceptance of the French Gothic architecture. The most earnest observer must notice that the style of the Cathedral is absolutely different from the old churches which are scattered around it through the town. The men to whom this innovation was due was one Gerhard von Rile, a well-known master-builder of the day, who is said to have worked upon the cathedral of Amiens. He it was who planned and worked out in stone the main lines of the choir, the ambulatory, and the seven apsidal chapels. How far he carried up the actual building I do not know, but from the unity of the whole eastern scheme, the similarity of the cutting and laying of the stones, and the careful limitation throughout of the ornament in a age which had at its command a rich variety of decoration and mouldings, it is apparent that his mind, if not his personal presence, dominated the construction of all the edifice to the east of the transepts.

A large number of churches, it is rumoured in this world — it may be merely propaganda — owe their existence to the Devil, who apparently with an eye on the ostentation and pride which inflate the breasts of priest and prelate when they view the aspiring splendour of the piles wherein they officiate, thinks it a good bargain to sell plans and models of great buildings for a mere architect's soul. Most assuredly did the Prince of Darkness twice offer a model of the Dom to Master Gerhard, and had the second time rather a scurvy trick played on him by that worthy, who, having grabbed the plans took out a cross and dared the disgruntled demon to come on. Satan accepted defeat and slunk away, but ever since has played a mean game for low stakes, hindering work and inciting critics.

To Master Gerhard succeeded Master Arnold, and his son Johannes, who built the upper portions of the choir and that intricate and well-designed net-work of buttresses which has held in place for some 600 years the great mass of masonry and the slender shafts which at wide intervals spring to support the heavy stonework of the vaults great builders these who carried to triumphant heights the principles of the pointed arch and poising counter-thrust which came to them from France. No mean architect was Michael who about 1350 took up the task. In his time the southern transept was begun and the northern was well in hand. In the middle of the 14th century the foundations of the northern tower were laid and before that century closed the side aisles of the nave had been carried up to their present height and roofed in. The south tower was in 1437 so far advanced that the bells could be hung in it. The northern tower about the same time or a little later reached the level of the walls of the nave.

Then came a long pause. The Empire was poor and religious enthusiasm sought other outlets than in buildings. The crane which had been erected on the south tower in the 16th century stretched its gaunt arm for some 200 years in unheeded supplication for new loads of stone in order that it might carry out its mission. An observer standing on the S.E. side of the present cathedral square in the first quarter of the 19th century would have seen the fretted pile of the choir rising conspicuously, and perhaps some indication of the southern transept. Some 200 yards from the choir isolated as it were and stunted to one-third of its present height stood the southern tower, its untrimmed top occupied by the melancholy symbol of the inert protesting crane. Between the tower and the choir could here and there be discovered, between the row of low houses now cleared away, the southern wall of the nave neither of sufficient height nor continuity to link together the two forlorn masses of masonry.

The people of Cologne could not for ever tolerate such a derelict in their midst, and in 1842 after some years of preparation the first stone of the new construction was laid — and in August 1880 the *magnum opus* was accomplished.

The original design for the whole cathedral was probably Master Gerhard's and that only contemplated, it is said, the erection of three bays for the nave and lower towers for the western front. It is however to the time of the Arnolds and of Michael that the final plans must be attributed. These definitely broke with the horizontal scheme of the French school of the 13th and early 14th century and threw the emphasis of the structure into vertical lines. It was those plans of the early 14th century which controlled the building down to its completion. It would have been a pity had the dead hand of the 14th century guided the living effort of the XIXth too closely, given that there was genius among the architects of the later date, and that the determination to continue did not coincide with the hard rigidity of the Gothic revival. That latter condition, however, ensured the adherence to the original plans. Zweiner who had the most prolonged association with and the greatest influence upon the completion of the cathedral, was deeply erudite in Gothic forms, but was a purist without great powers of selection or imagination. This accounts for the stereotyped character of this work, but it had the effect of securing unity.

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THE TALE OF A SNAIL.

Once upon a time there was a little boy, big-eyed and not too good, who learnt quite a lot of useful things, even at the youthful age of four.

Of course, like all children, he also learnt nursery rhymes and quaint fables dear to the hearts of all little ones, and he, like the rest, being born with Faith, could at times have been seen running after the birds with a handful of salt, or chanting in pretty baby tones to a ladybird to "Fly away home."

Again he would stand in front of a dirty, grimy old snail on a wall and adjure it to put out it's horns or in modern terms, "get a move on" to the command of "Peppercorn, Peppercorn," and if by chance the snail obeyed, his joy knew no bounds.

Time passed, our little boy grew to manhood and even took to himself a wife, and prospered.

Then suddenly a great calamity happened. A big war broke out and our little boy, though now a man, was still inquisitive, and never having seen a war, wanted to join in it. But his Country said "Wait a little." And so he waited, until one day his country came to him and said: "If you are still of the same mind, come along." So he said good-bye to his wife and family and went away cheerily and became a soldier.

He didn't mind soldiering. It wasn't nearly as exciting as he expected, and he saw a lot more mud than he thought the earth contained. Still, he was lucky, and when one fine day fighting stopped — though Peace was not yet — he was little the worse for his war experience.

A few days after this, he was walking quietly in an old-world garden, not entirely destroyed by the war, and — is it surprising — he thought of home.

Suddenly, in a shady corner of the garden, he espied a whole cluster of grimy old snails, and in a flash his mind reverted instantly to the days of his childhood, and unconsciousl he murmured "Peppercorn, Peppercorn."

To his surprise one of the snails put out it's horns.

Could it be true? Was this pretty fable of his childhood real? Or — No, his grown-up brain refused to credit it. Yet faith is hard to kill, and so, twixt faith and unbelief, our soldier man picked the snail off the wall and decided to try an experiment.

That night he fixed it up comfortably amongst the ivy outside his window, and then went to bed.

But he couldn't sleep. He was thinking: "Can a snail hear, and if it can hear, can it tell one sound or one word from another?"

It was late when he fell asleep. In the morning, after breakfast, he looked at the snail. There it was, as he had placed it, and looking quite contented.

He decided to try his test at once, and putting his lips close to the grimy shell, he uttered "Demobilisation." Not a move. He tried again and again, but without success.

For weeks he persevered, until one bright day, over two months later, what was his delight to see the snail push one of its horns a little way out of the shell. Breathlessly he waited, and then again pronounced the magic word, whereupon the snail withdrew at once into it's shell.

Still, he felt it was something — a beginning at any rate — and he persevered for days and weeks, but without further success.

Then one morning, as he sat in front of the window, his eyes fell on the photograph of his child and he began dreaming of home, and of his own childhood.

Catching sight of the snail above his head, he instinctively uttered the words "Peppercorn, Peppercorn," and, wonder of wonders, what do you think happened?

Why, the old snail above him shot both it's horns out with such a jerk that it nearly shook itself off the wall.

The surprise recalled our soldier man to his present surroundings and, remembering his test, he hastily uttered the word "Demobilisation."

And then what do you think the old snail did?

Why, it actually winked twice at our soldier man, and, with a quiet chuckle, went back in it's shell.

A. O.

AN ENGLISHMAN.

There is a name I bear, and prize it still
Above the choicest honours kings can give;
Nor knew that it could mean so much until
Drawn by the War on foreign soil to live.

Call it our insularity and pride of race —
Yes, and 'tis true, for pride of race we own —
But pride like this will never bring disgrace
On what our great forefathers handed down.

What words, then, will describe an Englishman?
Courteous and gentle, tender towards the weak;
Strong against cruelty; who both will and can
Strike in a righteous cause as well as speak.

One to be trusted women to protect;
One whom the children love to join their play;
Yet 'neath whose careless manner men detect
A bull-dog grip that naught on earth can sway.

This is an Englishman! aye, all this and more—
You of the greatest race the earth has known,
So mindful of the heroes gone before,
Hand down your title stainless to your son.

E.F.F.

She was much interested in prison reform, and was visiting a large prison one day. "Don't any of your friends come to see you on visiting days?" she asked of a big burly ruffian. "Nom," responded the former burglar. "They're all here with me."

The choir is of course with its extreme elegance (hateful but necessary word) and great variety of local plant forms — one of our critics was a little as astray as to that — by far the finest part and is indeed worthy to rank near the greatest of Gothic structures. But a word of praise is due to the restraint and faithfulness as well as perseverance which brought to a fitting close in the XIXth century a building which thus finished is a striking contribution to the completed beautiful things of the world.

A word or two more. The spires are correct German Gothic elaborations, but if they were not there irritating the sky with their fussiness the exterior of the Dom would to some of our minds not suffer. A feature which should be remarked is the prolongation of the nave into the spaces below the towers — part of the old plans and an architectural achievement which adds immensely to the effect of the interior. As to the windows there are some on the north side of the nave which are good, and some in the choir, especially two in the middle, which have some beautiful bits of glass. Anyone who has a desire for exercise, colour, and a true view of the proportions and structure of the cathedral should climb to the galleries.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Saturday	5½	Carmen	Bizet
Sunday	5	Tannhäuser	Wagner
Monday	6	Barbier von Sevilla	Rossini
Tuesday	5½	Der Freischütz	Weber

"YE MERRIE MUFFINS."

LARGE DUREN AUDIENCES DELIGHTED.

The "Merrie Muffins" Concert Party, who recently performed at the Queen's Hall before Prince Albert and afterwards at Croydon, and who appeared with striking success at Abbeville and Aix la-Chateau, are at present at Duren and will shortly be seen at Cologne.

By their visit, the opportunity is presented to the troops on the Rhine of enjoying a splendid entertainment such as can rarely be found outside the leading music halls.

The chief performers of the troupe belong to the 51st Brigade quota of the 17th Division Concert Party.

In the first part of the opening programme submitted at Duren, there were solo items, choruses, amusing little skits, and concerted numbers. "Muffins" Coutes revealed a fine bass voice in his singing of "Glorious Devon"; "Muffins" Wilson and Rae the baritone and tenor vocalists respectively gave capable renderings of "Cavalier" and "Bachelor Gay" and Muffin Lonsdale took the leading part of the concerted items.

An outstanding feature of this part of the programme was the work of "Muffins" Teddie and Davy two female impersonators. The singing of "Annie Laurie," by the latter, was a particularly fine effort. In a short sketch "The Boy" Lieut. Reg. C. Matthew, the leading "Muffins" performer, gave a glimpse of his prowess as an actor, which revealed itself in striking manner in the three act farce "Fair and Warmer," submitted later.

The audience was afforded a feast of fun during the latter part of the evening. "Fair and Warmer" provides as good a tonic for the audience as do the cocktails administered to the retiring and innocent, but immensely humorous Mr. Bartlett, in whose flat the play is enacted. In the part of Mr. Bartlett, Lieut. Matthew excelled. His work is that of a real artiste who has nothing to learn in the histrionic art. The Blanche ("Blanny") of "Muffin" Teddie was a wonderful impersonation of a vivacious young lady, a little gidy, whose efforts to be "compromised" evoked much laughter. "Muffin" Davy also assumed a female role, and as Laura Bartlett contributed in great measure to the successful production of the sketch. "Muffin" Runacres was distinctly amusing as "Tessie" while "Muffins" Rae and Lonsdale as Phil Evans and Jack Wheeler respectively were other members of the caste who both played their parts admirably.

The "Muffins" will be in Duren for another week or more with performances of "The Naughty Wife" and "As you Were." A fine orchestra under "Muffin" Runacres assists the party, "Muffin" Matthison taking the place at the piano.

Much of the success of the entertainment was due to the efforts of Lieut. Keeley, of the 51st Gordons, who was in charge of the booking arrangements.

JAZZ AT BRUHL.

"THE FANCIES" CONCERT PARTY.

By way of a change, the "Fancies" gave an amusing "Jazz-Band" performance on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, in their Theatre in Burgerstrasse, Bruhl. This was organised by their "Rag-time" Artiste, Pete Davis. The Band consisted of bass, drum, cymbals, piano, petrol tins and other things. It proved a great success and was an excellent finale. As a result of the tremendous success, they are producing another on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. The programme also includes the name of Pte. Tures and other excellent artistes.

SUCCESS FOLLOWS SUCCESS.

The "Iddy Umpties" are following up their success at Meil on Monday night. On Tuesday and Wednesday they gave two splendid performances at Ollheim and Ludendor to the men of the 104 Brigade R.F.A. and Flying Corps. At each place they had a most enthusiastic reception and they were well repaid for coming out into the "desolate regions" by the cordial appreciation with which their show was received. Every item was excellent; but the concerted pieces "The three Tars," "Bells" and "The musical Orderly-Room" touched high watermark.

BOXING AT RIEHL.

3rd. MACHINE GUNNERS—MEDALS PRESENTED.

Last night the second Boxing Tournament since the move to Riehl, took place before a packed house. A full account will appear to-morrow. Medals for the Inter-Half-Company Football Competition were presented by Lt. Col. Cranston, D.S.O. "D" Company were the victors.

Rain made impossible the Competition game fixed for Thursday, between "C" and "D" but it brought prosperity to the Battalion game of "Housey-housey" in the evening when 25 marks were added to the Sports' and Messing fund. One unlucky man thought his card must have been bombed as there wasn't a "house" on it. His language was much more eloquent than our simple words, and I imagine he came from London.

The Corporals' Mess and Recreation room is an accomplished fact. The white table cloths have been followed by the hat-racks and demobilization is not nearly so popular now.

The sergeants' team for Sunday versus Officers reads:— Hould; Smith and Wheeler; Ellis, Gibson and Harris; Rowe, Labpsley, Webb, Lewiss and Ralphs. Officers leave their selection till to-day.

AUSTRALIA v. ENGLAND.

TENNIS TEST TO-MORROW.

An interesting lawn tennis match will be played to-morrow at Purley Bury, when the Australian Imperial Forces Team will meet a strong six representing the Purley Bury Club. The visiting side will be selected from S. N. Doust, R. W. Heath, P. O'Hara Wood. A. B. Jones, R. Lycett, G. L. Patterson, and R. V. Thomas; while the Surrey club will select a team from A. D. Prebble, W. A. Ingram, C. P. Dixon, F. White, P. J. Oakley, C. A. Sedgwick, and P. Holt. The match will begin at 2.30 p.m., and the ground is close to Purley railway station.

"THE COLOGNE POST" CRICKET CUP: ENTER NOW.

PETER CHALLENGE CUP.

"B" COMPANY, "KOYLIES" AN EASY FIRST.

The first series of sports competitions for the Peter Challenge Cup has been concluded at Liblar by the 5th K.O.Y.L.I., "C" Coy being the first to gain the trophy, with a margin of 29½ points over the runners-up. As will be seen from the analysis below, the tournament comprised football (both codes) cross country running, boxing, and tug of war, and points were also awarded to the company providing the best Guard.

The presentation of the Cup was made by the donor in the Theatre at Liblar.

The Sporting Spirit.

At the outset, Capt. T.A.H. Oliphant, M.C., after a reference to the regret which was felt by all ranks at the departure of Lt. Col F.H. Peter, D.S.O., M.C., who recently handed over the Bn. to Col. H.E. Trevor C.M.G., D.S.O., explained that the cup had been given to encourage within the Battalion that spirit of sportmanship which had played no small part in the building of the Empire and which, after all, had enabled us to win the war.

Lt. Col. Peter, who was warmly received, congratulated "C" Coy. very heartily in winning the cup, which, he hoped, would always be an incentive to all to strive their utmost for the good of their companies. He referred regretfully to his parting with them, and expressed the conviction that the good name the "Blue Diamonds" now had would never be forfeited. He had very great pleasure in presenting the cup to the O.C. of the winning company.

Where Credit is due.

Lieut. G.H. Taylor M.C., M.M., as O.C. company, accepted the cup and expressed his gratitude to his officers, W. O's, N.C.O's and men for the zealousness with which they had applied themselves to the task of winning the cup. He also voiced his appreciation of the sportsmanlike way in which the competition had been fought, and paid a special tribute to "B" Coy for the splendid fight they put up. He could not conclude without saying that although he had the honour of accepting that cup, yet it was to Capt Oliphant, who commanded the Coy. until recently, that much of the credit for its success was due.

In conclusion, he declared that "C" Coy., having won the cup, meant to stick to it, and the Coy. which took it from them would have to fight hard for it.

The proceedings terminated with cheers to Lt. Col. Peter.

Analysis of Points.

Appended is the analyis of the points gained:-

	A Coy.	B Coy.	C Coy.	D Coy.
Association football	10	0	30	0
Cross Country Running (3 Races)	5	43	20	1
Tug of War	0	20	10	0
Boxing	2	21	33	4
Rugby	0	10	30	0
Guards	3½	4½	4	4
Totals	20½	98½	127	9

A platoon championship was also run in conjunction with the Company tournament, and in this No. 5 Platoon led the way as is shown by the following:-

	No. 5	No. 10	No. 7	No. 15
Association (15 matches)	30	9	3	18
Cross Country Running (3)	29	26	16	0
Tug of War	0	0	20	0
Boxing	2	24	19	9
Totals	61	59	58	27

MULHEIM LEAGUE.

6th RAILWAY TELEGRAPH COMPANY v. 37th. MACHINE GUNNERS.

The above game was played on Wednesday, resulting after a hard and fast game in a win for the Machine Gunners by 3—1. At the start the play was mostly in the "Wires" half, Capt. Guyton finding the net after some excellent work by Capt. Kitchen. Play ruled even up to the interval, Capt. Nicholls the M.'s centre forward scoring the "deuce" with a fine shot.

The Wires started off the second half well, and after a good run down, their outside left opened up the scoring for them. Not to be outdone by the opposition, Lieut. Lovesay, the M.G's outside left, was responsible for registering their third goal ten minutes before time.

The play on both sides was good, among these most noticeable being Capt. Laing, the M.G's centre half, who showed up conspicuously throughout, not only for his play, but, as one spectator naively remarked, for his hair!

1st MACHINE GUNNERS v. 17th CHESHIRES.

Played at Florzheim on Wednesday. A fast and interesting game was witnessed, both sides showing clever footwork. After Lieut. Chandler hit the cross-bar, good headwork by Mc Culium placed Sergt. Tasher in possesion, who tricked both backs, finally beating the goalkeeper, giving the M.G. the lead prior to the interval. On resuming, play continued to be keen yet clean, and Lieut. Chandler increased the M.G. score, while Allen, for the Cheshires, reduced the lead after a bombardment of the M.G. goal. Before the close Cpl. Matthias and Jackson added to the M.G. total from corners, well placed by Lieut. Chandler and Scott respectively. Result:— 1st Bn. M.G.C. 4; 1/7th Cheshires 1.

WHERE IS YOUR ENTRY?

Entries for "The Cologne Post" Cricket Club can not be received after Thursday next, 8th May. If you have decided to have a shot for the Cup send your entry in now to:

The Sports Editor,
"The Cologne Post,"
Cologne.

ROAD WALKING ASSOCIATION.

The Road Walking Association is organising a 12 miles open road walking handicap at Snaresbrook which takes place to-day starting from the Eagle at 4.0 p.m. It is open to all amateurs under A.A.A. laws, and there will be three prizes in the handicap, one for fastest unplaced, one for first novice, and one for first unplaced military competitor. Entries close Monday, April 28, to the hon. sec., C. Otway, Atholl, Sutton Courtrd., Sutton, Surrey.

The next S.C.C.C.A. Services races will take place on Wednesday, May 7, from the Old Red Lion, Hackbridge, and will take the form of an 8 miles novices' relay race for teams of 4 each to run 2 miles, and a 4 miles level race for individual runners and teams. Further particulars may be had on application from the hon. sec., as above, but owing to his absence in France may not be available before the 24th inst. Entries close May 1.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

RACING AT SANDOWN AND PONTEFRACT:

STAND-TO WINS ESHER CUP.

At Sandown Park on Thursday, in fine weather, and before a large crowd, the following results were returned: Trial Plate: 1, Finchele II (5,1); 2, Rock Ahoy (2/1); 3, Gunda, (7/2). Five ran.

Juvenile Plate: 1, Sweet Serf colt, (4/1); 2, Ambassadress (100/30); 3, Mexican Eagle (7,4). Five ran.

Esher Cup: 1, Stand To (7/4); 2, Roseway (20 1): 3, Lady Farmer (10/1). Also ran: Tressasser, Noutbutweel, Bridgewater, Paragua, Sir Douglas, Royal Welsh, Marpopolis, Braidagarth and Rusher. Twelve ran. Won by a neck; three lengths between the second and third. There was an objection to Stand To for bumping, but this was over-ruled.

Cobham Maiden Plate: 1, Mosca filly (7/2); 2, All Smiles (5/2); 3, St. Corentin (7—1). Nineteen ran.

Mount Felix Plate: 1, Our Stephen (8,4); 2, Joli Neoeur (10 1) 3, Extradition (6/1). Twelve ran.

Twickenham Handicap: 1, Pitch and Toss (4/1); 2, Miss Cheek (13)8); 3, Black Archer (20 1). Four ran.

The favourite (Warwick, 11 8) won by six lengths, but was disqualified for bumping.

PONTEFRACT MEETING.

Pontefract winners on Thursday were:

Selling Handicap: 1, Gadflight (4,5); 2, Moaning Minnie (6/4); 3, Malton Lass (25/1). Four ran.

Victoria Plate: 1, Santa Contessa colt (9 2); 2 Lincage (7 2); 3, Linton Lily filly (5/1). Ten ran.

Carleton Handicap: 1, Schamigh (1/2); 2, Chelsho (9 4); 3, Dawn of Peace (10 1). Three ran.

Juvenile Plate: 1, Ether filly (6 4); 2, Basket (5 1); 3, Erin's Romance (8 1); Four ran.

Nark Plate: 1, Toms Lass (2,7) beat Hannah Mady. Two ran.

Maiden Handicap: 1, Speen (100/30); 2, Hectoring Lass (4,1); 3, Dinah Dear (6 4).

AMATEUR OR PROFESSIONAL?

AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION'S DECISIONS.

"Any member of the Forces who competes for a money prize after Thursday last, will forfeit his amateur status." Such is a decision arrived at by the Amateur Athletic Association.

The same body also announces that members of the Forces who have previously competed in purely military events are automatically reinstated as from Thursday. Re-qualifications must be applied for, however, by any soldier who has competed for a money prize in any sporting events not exclusively confined to the Forces.

BOXING.

INTER-THEATRE OF WAR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

At Aldershot, on Thursday, the Inter-Theatre of War Boxing Championships were continued: The results are appended:

Middle-weight. (Officers) Final. Lieut. E.M. Richards, M.G.C., B.E.F. beat Lieut. L.T. Ricquette, 39th Mountain Battery, Egypt, on points.

Heavy-weight: Capt. V.A.D. Mc Lagan, 1 10 MiddlesexRegt., Mesopotamia, beat Lieut. J.T. Lang, 97th Infantry, Indian Army, Egypt. Welter-weight. Other ranks: Driver F. Housego, R.F.A., India, beat Pte. W. Bradley, K.O.Y.L.I., B.E.F. on points.

Middle-weight: Pte. W. Scroggins, Borderers, B.E.F., beat subconductor A. Begg, Supply Transport, Egypt.

Heavy-weight: Sergt. W. Flynn, Transport, A.S.C. (M.T.), Mesopotamia, scratched to Sapper H. Hardwick, R. E., Egypt.

BILLIARDS.

In the course of his 16,000 up match against Inman, Newman, who receives 2,000 start, on Thursday, made a break of 521. The closing scores were.

Newman, 12,380.
Inman, 11,604.

H.R.H. Prince Albert will distribute the prizes in connection with the Y.M.C.A. Sports Carnival at Stamford Bridge, on the 24th inst.

AIRMEN AT FOOTBALL.

OVERSEAS R.A.F. EASILY BEAT HOME R.A.F.

The R.A.F., Overseas defeated the R.A.F. England at Fulham, on Thursday, by 6—1. The expeditionary men were superior from the start to the finish. They threatened their opponents' goal frequently, although it was not until nearly half time that the first goal was scored.

Morris scored three of the goals, Monday two, and Bliss one. For the home team Pick was the scorer.

Early in the second half, the home defence went to pieces, and the overseas men were able to do practically what they liked.

LAWN TENNIS.

2nd ARMY AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

In the second round of the Amateur tennis championships at Queen's Club, on Thursday, Mr. Baerlin beat Capt. Nigel Haig three sets to nil.

RUGBY FOOTBALL RESULT.

Plymouth 11 pts.; New Zealand R. Naval Depot, 0.

ROYAL NAVAL, MILITARY AND AIR FORCE TOURNEY.

ALLIES TO TAKE PART.

The Peace Year Tournament, which opens at Olympia on 23th June, will be fully representative of the Navy, Army, and Air Force. In addition, arrangements are being made for our Allies to appear in some form in the programme.

Visitors to the Tournament will therefore have the opportunity of extending a welcome to detachments of other armies beside our own, who have borne a share in arriving at a righteous peace.

The reputation of the Tournament as a great military show is well known in most navies and armies, and it is peculiarly satisfactory that Allied Forces should wish to share in raising funds for British Service Charities, and to appear in London for that purpose.

GOHR GARRISON SPORTS.

"OLD BILL," "BERT" and "ALF" PRESENT.

Gohr was the scene of a splendid sports meeting organised by the 52nd Light Infantry and R.A.S.C. on Wednesday afternoon. The clerk of the weather being in agreeable mood, everything went with a swing. Just before the start, everyone was surprised to see the "Bystander" heroes, Old Bill and his pals Bert and Alf, walk across the field. They calmly took charge of the side shows and also went in for some of the events, Alf putting up a fine show in the ½ mile, he ran in his "get up" and came in second, deserving the spectators' cheers. The characters were taken by Sergt. A. E. Hazell, "Old Bill". Sergt A. W. Hazell, "Bert"; and Sergt. Pounds "Alf." The meeting was organised by Capt. Whitfield, Capt. Horley and the R.S.M. who did their work well.

The winners were as under:

100 yds: 1, Lce. Cpl. Connell; 2, Bgr. Jeffries; 3, Lce. Cpl. Jenson.

Three-quarter Mile: 1, Lce. Cpl. Connell; 2, Bgr. Jeffries; 3, Lce. Cpl. Humphries.

Half Mile: 1, Lce. Cpl. Humphries; 2, Sergt. Pounds; 3, Cpl. Charles.

Relay Race: "A." Coy.

High Jump: Lce. Cpl. Jenson.

Throwing the cricket ball: Sig. Doncer, (97 yds 8 inches).

Sack fighting, (on pole): Dr. Hales (R.A.S.C.); 2, Lce. Cpl. Looslace; 3, Cpl. Chantry.

Pot to Race: 1, Cpl. Busby; 2, Dr. Kirkland (R.A.S.C.); 3, Lce. Cpl. ("Major") Green.

Wrestling on Horseback: "D" Coy.

The prizes were given to the winners by the Colonel of the 52nd, Col. R. B. Grosse, D.S.O., who was a spectator at the sports.

The committee of the Leander Club has invited Mr. Higgins, the President of the O.U.B.C. in 1914, to raise a service crew to compete for the King's Cup for Allied Forces eight at Henley Regatta. The Royal Air Force may also enter a crew.

THE SPORTSMAN.

THE SPORTS OFFICER: Yes, Jones and what's your favourite game?
JONES: Crown and Anchor, Sir.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday, May 3rd, 1919.

Surface wind between S.W. and West 20 to 25 m.p.h. Squally at times. Mainly overcast with occasional rain or drizzle and some mist. Visibility indifferent. Moderate temperature.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

(With an Occasional Entertainments Note.)

A Prolific Race Winner.

Lt. B. Campbell Russell, who rode "Paddy," the winner of the London Chase at the recent London Divisional Race meeting at Kalk, Cologne, is the well-known gentlemen rider and trainer of horses. He had a big string of horses in training at Wigston, Leicestershire before the war. He is now with the London Divisional Train, having been posted from the 17th Division in which he had an extraordinary percentage of winning mounts, viz: 30 winners out of 57 rides. At the farewell meeting of the 17th Division races he did the extraordinary performance of riding eight winners out of nine races in one day.

Opera House Etiquette.

From time to time contributors to this journal have had occasion to remind Opera House patrons that the whistling of the air of a popular bit of music by a member of the audience does not add in any way to the attractiveness of the *real* performance; nor does the beating of time with the foot on the back of someone else's chair fill that unfortunate individual with sensations of delight. It is only with the greatest reluctance, however, that I venture to chide *lady* members of the audience of being guilty of behaviour irritating to other members. But a friend of mine tells me that the performance of "Die Walkure" a few nights ago was robbed of a great deal of enjoyment for a number of people because two English ladies persisted in carrying on a long conversation during its progress. They were particularly voluble during the delightful introduction to the second act, declares my informant, and although these ladies were subjected to the most malign glances of their neighbours, the thrusts slithered off the backs of their objectives like water off a duck's back. I make no excuses for my friend's mixed metaphor!

About Cricket Gear.

At a meeting of the British Army of the Rhine and Troops Sports Executive Committee (Why will these people have such lengthy designations?) it was announced that many units had not yet applied for an allotment of cricket gear. This will never do. Here we are advacing well into the summer season, with a handsome cup to encourage us to go all out for cricket and some units have apparently not started practising yet. The delinquents should apply for kit without delay to the Assistant Amusement Officer, Cologne.

The "Challenge Night."

So far, there are not sufficient would-be champions of boxing and wrestling forthcoming to indicate that the great "Challenge Night," which is being organised by the 2nd Army Amusement Office people, will be so full of interest as it promised to be at first. So far, the competitors include one heavy weight boxer; one light weight and one feather weight, two wrestlers and a ju-jitsu expert. All those men throw out challenges to meet anyone in the Army of Occupation and unless some ambitious sportsmen take up the challenges, the great night at the "Y.M." Central, Cologne, is likely to be rather a "dud" affair. But there is not much doubt there will be plenty of men ready for a scrap by the time the 20th comes along.

Amateur Dramatics.

Why, oh! why has the new Dramatic Society been christened with a title that is such a large mouthful? The British Rhine Army Amateur Dramatic Company does not only make it difficult to include the designation in our headlines, when we have occasion to refer to this admirable combination of talent in *The Cologne Post* but it savours of G.R.O's. or Parliamentary acts and verbose and uninteresting literary effusions of that sort. The first objection, of course, is very serious, because, if we use a condensed title in our headlines, we shall probably be accused of flippancy, or something even worse. Imagine the Harmony Four, the Welsh Glee Party or the Varsity Girls or other parties of professional entertainers adopting a title of seven words, they would never reach that exalted position at the top of the bill for the simple reason that their announcement would not be sufficiently succinct to attract anybody to see the show. I will offer a prize of fifty pounds for a real live crisp title — but no, on second thoughts, perhaps I had better not.

Rowing on the Rhine.

Much has recently been written in this and other columns of *The Cologne Post* on the subject of rowing on the Rhine. I have now a document before me which lays down that the condition to be fulfilled before a boat will be hired to any soldier is that the intending "rowist" must satisfy the authorities that his swimming attainments are sufficient to enable him to negotiate 200 Yards in still water. That is something like business, and it is safe to assume that many rowing enthusiasts will overcome the little difficulty and make things pretty busy on the river when the weather gets a little warmer.

THE RAMBLER.

Lieut. A. W. Carr, who has just been appointed captain of the Notts County Cricket Club, will lead the side in a trial match to be played next Monday and Tuesday, when John Gunn takes charge of the opposing team. This will be Carr's first season as captain, although he has occasionally acted as deputy.

Mr Harry Fordham, of Therfield, the gentleman steeple-chaser, has been elected joint hon. sec. of the Puckeridge Hunt, with Mr F. B. Debenham, in succession to the late Maj. Anderson, of Aspenden.

Arrangements have been made to start polo at Wellington, Berks, to-morrow. Mr Guy Hargreaves, who recently took over the Mastership of the South Berks Hunt, will act as captain of the club.

OFFICERS' SPORTS CLUB.

OPENING OF LAWN TENNIS CLUB on Wednesday, May 7th. at 3 p.m. at STADTWALD, LINDENTHAL. Trams 1, 2 and 8.

All Officers, whether members or not, are invited to come and bring lady friends. A Band and Pipes will play during afternoon.

Subscriptions to Club: to include LAWN TENNIS — GOLF — CRICKET — POLO — BOATING — SWIMMING.

Residing within 5 mls of Dom 10/- per month
" outside " " " 5/- " "
Ladies are eligible for Membership.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

SCIENCE AND MODERN LANGUAGES TO BE INCLUDED.

New regulations have been issued and approved by the Treasury for Clerkships Class I) in the Home Civil Service, says the *Times* of Wednesday. Only candidates whose fathers are British subjects are eligible for the Admiralty, Colonial Office, and War Office, save by special permission of the head of the Department. The regulations detail a very large number of subjects in which candidates with be examined, and are distinguishable from those under the reconstruction scheme which reserve certain Civil Service posts for those who have served in the war. There are sixty-five subjects (instead of thirty-eight, as heretofore) to chose from, including several more modern languages, and such scientific studies as physical anthropology and experimental psychology. Candidates must be over 22, and under 24, on August 1st of the year in which the examination is held.

The following subjects are included in the examination:—

Section A.—To be taken by all Candidates.

(1) Essay, (2) English, (3) Present Day.—Questions on contemporary subjects, social, economic, and political, (4) Science.—Questions on general principles, methods, and applications of science, including geography, and (5) Translation.—Translation from one of the following languages not taken in Section B, viz., French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch, Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, Russian; Latin being also an option for those who take two modern languages in Section B, 100 marks each; and (6) A *viva voce* examination, 300 marks.

Total for Section A, 800 marks.

SECTION B.—Optional subjects.

Candidates are allowed to take up subjects in this section up to a total of 1,000 marks.

Languages with History and Literature.

(7) Latin, translation, and prose or verse composition, (8) Roman history and Latin literature, (9) Greek translation, and prose or verse composition, (10) Greek history and literature, (11) French, translation, free composition, set composition, and conversation, (12) French history and literature, (13) German, translation, free composition, set composition, and conversation, (14) German history and literature, (15) Spanish or Italian, translation, free composition, set composition, and conversation, (16) Spanish or Italian history and literature, (17) Russian, translation, free composition, set composition, and conversation, (18) Russian history and literature, (19) Arabic, translation, free composition, set composition, and conversation, (20) Arabic history and literature, (21) Persian, translation, free composition, set composition, and conversation, and (22) Persian history and literature, 200 marks each.

In subjects 7-22 the history and literature subjects associated with a language can only be taken by candidates who also offer themselves for examination in the language itself.

(23) English literature, Period 1, from 1350 to 1700, and (24) English literature, Period 2, from 1660 to 1919, 200 marks each.

History.

(25) English history to 1660, social, economic, political, constitutional, (26) British history, 1660-1914, social, economic, political, constitutional, Period 1, (27) European history, either Period 1, from 400 to 1494, or Period 2, from 1494 to 1763, and (28) European history, Period 3, from 1763 to 1914, 200 marks each.

Economics, Politics, Law, and Philosophy.

(29) General economics, 200 marks; (30) economic history, (31) public economics, including public finance, (32) political theory, (33) political organisation, and (34) the constitutional law of the United Kingdom and of the British Empire, and the law of English local government, 100 marks each; (35) English private law, 200 marks; (36) Roman law, (37) public international law and international relations, (38) moral philosophy, (39) metaphysical philosophy, (40) logic, and (41) psychology, 100 marks each.

Mathematics and Science.

(42) Pure mathematics, lower, (43) pure mathematics, higher, (44) applied mathematics, lower, (45) applied mathematics, higher, and (46) astronomy, 200 marks each; (47) statistics, 100 marks; (48) chemistry, lower, (49) chemistry, higher, (50) physics, higher, (52) botany, lower, (53) botany, lower, (51) higher, (54) geology, lower, (55) geology, higher, (56) physiology, lower, (57) physiology, higher, (58) zoology, lower, (59) zoology, higher 200 marks each; (60) engineering and (61) geography, 400 marks each; (62) physical anthropology, prehistoric archaeology, and technology, and (63), social anthropology, 100 marks each; (64) agriculture, 200 marks; and (65) experimental psychology, 100 marks.

A candidate desiring to offer any of the subjects 48—60 or subject 65 must produce evidence satisfactory to the Commissioners of laboratory training in an institution of University rank. For (46) astronomy, (47) statistics, (61) geography, (62) physical anthropology, &c., and (64) agriculture, other equivalent training will be required. There will be no laboratory test as a part of the examination.

Extra Numerum Subject.—Candidates may take, in addition to the above, one of the translation papers of Section A, in a language not already taken by them in either section, not more than one of the Scandinavian languages, nor more than one of the three, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, being offered by the same candidate, either in Section A or *extra numerum*; for this 100 marks will be awarded not included in the 800 of Section A or the 1,000 of Section B.

Such vacancies as exist in Class I. which are not filled by the Reconstruction Scheme under the Order in Council of December 18. 1918, will be filled from the list resulting from these examinations. No undertaking is given as to the proportion of vacancies that may be filled under these regulations and under the Reconstruction Scheme respectively.

No person actually serving in the Army or Navy will be eligible unless he can produce the permission of his commanding officer to attend the examination.

In reckoning age for competition persons who have served or are serving in the British Forces may deduct from their actual age any time during which they have served.

OLD HARROVIANS.

The dinner to be held on Thursday at the VI Corps Club promises to be not only unique but a great success. It is expected that a representative of present-day Harrow will be there. In order to sit down at 4.30 p.m. it is hoped that all intending to be present will reach the Club no later than 4.15 p.m.

VISIT OF THE BISHOP OF LICHFIELD.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kemthorne, Bishop of Lichfield, is on a visit to Cologne and will preach at the Military Church (57 Schildergasse) on Sunday evening (May 4th) next at 6 p.m.

3rd BATT. M.G. CORPS.

A VISIT TO THE DINING HALL.

It was my pleasure, the other day, to witness a Battalion of men, the 3rd Battn. M.G. Corps, sit down to a really enjoyable meal. There was plenty of food, and the method of serving, though still under service conditions, was almost ideal, whilst all the men were fully appreciative of the efforts made by those in charge.

The hundreds of men were streaming across the parade ground converging on to a raised platform leading to the hall. Inside, the tables were filling rapidly and food was being served as fast as the men sat down, by clean waiters, who seemed interested in their work. Neatly-made salt boxes of white wood lay alongside cups of freshly made mustard and in the centre were water jugs and cups. Those who wanted minerals had previously purchased them at a bar arranged near the entrance.

In another room I found a Corporals' Mess. White paper covered the tables and the portion of room occupied was cosily screened off with blankets. China plates for the first course and enamel plates for the second were noticed on quite a number of tables.

The noise and confusion occasioned by the entrance of the men, died down, until by the time the Orderly Officer was seen making his way round there was nothing but the music of knives and forks playing on the plates. Everyone occupied. With what? Look at the Menu: Breakfast: Cold Bully, Boiled Potatoes, Pickles, Bread, Tea. Dinner: Roast Mutton, Suet pudding and gravy, Potatoes, Beans, Rice, Sugar. Tea: Bread, Butter, Cheese, Jam, Tea. Supper: Biscuit and Cheese, Soup. Surely this is worthy of commendation, and, incidentally, imitation by other units.

BUDDING BRONCHO BUSTERS.

There is always a slack period at the end of one season and the beginning of another. But does this trouble the merry "Linseed Lancers" of Blessem? Not a bit. They are always ready with some new scheme or other to while away the time after the daily round of duty is completed. Amongst the many schemes devised by that progressive unit, the 18th Field Ambulance, as a means of relieving the monotony of life whilst awaiting "Demob" is one, our latest, a class of equitation. Though there is no "Rough" provided by War Establishement, S.S.M. Marshall is doing his best in that capacity. The class says this is bad enough especially when "quit stirrups" is the order. Considering that the class is composed of men inexperienced in horsemanship, the horses untrained and unversed in the "aids" to be applied by whip, leg spur or music as laid down in Cavalry Training, progress on the whole is very good. The "seat" developed by some of the class gives promise of possible competitors in open events at mounted sports in the near future, provided the "meds" are not ruled out by orders with which it is impossible to comply — e. g., competitors must ride their own horses. S.M. Rothwell showed a distinct fondness for "Queenie," but evidently the affection was not mutual, for when the "quit stirrups" came along she evinced a desire to return to the stable. He has now excused himself, pleading a strained thigh muscle. Q.M.S. Barlow is nearly a qualified rider. He also had "Queenie" the other day and indulged in a few acrobatics on his own acount, which was not in the schedule. He has been "off" five times, but has not yet bought the beer as is customary. Sgt. Douglas is very fond of a "cushy" mount, but cries off if detailed for one with the reputation of being a bit frolicsome. Cpl. Berry has evidently suffered from shell shock and tried to "loop the loop" with but little success. Pte. Crossdale is apparently not particular where the horse goes so long as he remains on its back and consequently the horse goes where it likes. Pte. Webster finds it difficult to sit down and is probably more used to "Dobby" horses. Pte. Billingham used to ride in a circus and thus finds the saddle troublesome to sit upon. But an elephant is not so frisky as a horse. There are others, but this will suffice to show the progress we are making. One thing is sure. There is not much chance of getting "glum," but we are waiting patiently for that "Demob."

THE SUBMARINE IN THE WAR.

COMMANDER CRUAND LECTURES TO DEVONS.

A very interesting and highly instructive lecture was given to the men of 51st Devons at Burg and 52nd at Burscheid by Commander Cruand R.N. on Tuesday the 29th ult.

As is well known, the Commander is entitled to a hearing on the above subject for, as he humourously put it to one of his questioners, "I was privileged to eat two Christmas dinners on the floor of the North Sea." The lecturer divided his subject under three headings: (1) British Submarines, before and during the war; (2) German Submarine warfare; (3) British methods of counteracting German high sea piracy.

The Commander explained how the British submarine was originally built for coast defence in the event of an attempted enemy landing, but that the exigencies of modern naval warfare necessitated the construction of over-seas submarines carrying twelve guns. He then proceeded to give a vivid account of the work of British submarines from their first vigil at Heligoland, during the landing of our original expeditionary force in France, to the final capitulation at Harwich.

Under the second heading the lecturer gave a detailed account of the cunning devices adopted by the Germans to destroy our merchant service, and proved conclusively to his audience that the German submarine menace was a colossal problem beyond the comprehension of the civilian "growlers" at home who were, and still are, wont to ask "What is the Navy doing?"

In his description of British methods of counteracting enemy piracy the lecturer held his audience spellbound. He guided his hearers through the intricacies of the floating mine, the smoke screen, camouflage, indicator nets, the depth charge, the paravane, the directional trydiophone, and the convoy system, and finally introduced a delightful "touch of nature," in his vivid description of the famous "Mystery Ships."

In his concluding remarks, Commander Cruand paid a warm tribute to our merchant seamen and contended that it was their doggedness and bravery which finally broke the "morale" of the German pirates.

Questions were invited at the close of the lecture, and the number and nature of those offered to the lecturer proved conclusively that his audience was highly attentive and an appreciative one.

T.C.H.P.

The Admiralty require for service in hospital ships and carriers for North Russia sick-berth stewards and attendants, who will be required to sign an agreement for a maximum service of nine months.

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

HINDENBURG RETIRES.

In yesterday's issue the news of the prospected retirement of General von Hindenburg was given. The following is the letter which he sent to Ebert, President of the German Republic.

"Herr President. — The beginning of Peace negotiations induces me to bring the following to the knowledge of the Government. I have remained, amidst the many recent changes, at the head of the Army because I considered it my duty to continue to serve my Fatherland in its greatest distress. But I consider my duty will be fulfilled as soon as the preliminary peace has been concluded. My wish to return to private life again will be generally understood when one considers my age and especially so when it is remembered how difficult has been the task of maintaining my post through the past great crisis. On account of my opinions, my personality and my past."

Ebert's Reply.

The President of the German Republic, in acknowledging this letter and in giving assent, took the opportunity of expressing to the General "the undying gratitude of the German people," for the services he has rendered with the greatest self-sacrifice, during the war and later, whilst the revolution held sway. "The German people will never forget," wrote Ebert, "that you stuck faithfully to your post during the times of distress, and that you placed your services entirely at the disposal of the Fatherland."

The Italian Crisis.

It is apparent that not the whole of the German Press has taken up the attitude of finding excuses and denunciations in the recent crisis at the Conference. Many papers, as one might naturally expect, did so, examples of which were given last week. The *Westdeutsche Wochenschrift*, a new periodical, in its second issue, remarked to the contrary, finding in this crisis extraordinary importance in the fact that the discussion is merely the means to an end, the introduction of brighter relationships and clearer understanding between the contracting parties, and a sure sign that the conditions will be all the more sincere.

At the same time, emphasis is laid on the fact that this disagreement must not be used as a means of stirring up any further dissension amongst the contracting parties, which is precisely just what many of the other papers have tried to do.

"At the moment, when Wilson commenced to explain to the Italian people the old programme," says the paper, "the curtain was raised on the world-historical scene which hitherto had been enacted behind the wings. The clearness exhibited at the beginning of the armistice, but which since had been darkened by the language of the military powers, is now shining in all its glory. The negotiations can now begin without any distrust between the various statesmen."

The attitude of this paper is optimistic throughout, the true facts having been weighed very carefully in the balance of practicability.

In conclusion, it states that the best part of a durable peace would be lost if the Germans were to support and exploit the small and petty differences in the "camp of the Entente," and that it is their duty "to bring the opponents of the other side into the great common line."

How annoying!

A peculiar incident happened in one of the streets of Cologne just prior to the National Festival. It will be remembered that the Independent Socialists had placed red posters on the walls at certain prominent parts, giving announcements as to the nature of the festivities.

Two young Germans, apparently nationalists, were very much annoyed at these placards, and, after having glanced round to make sure that nobody was watching, they tore off one of the posters. To their astonishment, and probably to their dismay also, the following was once more displayed to view.

THE CAUSES OF THE GERMAN DEFEAT
Lecture by Major Bles.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

Miss Decima Moore, C.B.E. the originator of the new Empire Leave Club which will shortly be opened at 6 Langgasse, has favoured us with a few more particulars. It was the result, she says, of many expressions and letters from men on leave in Paris, that she decided to visit Cologne in the early part of this year, and after having found the highly suitable building in the Langgasse she obtained the necessary consent from the Army authorities and then formed an influential Committee of Trustees, which is as under:-

Baron Emil Beaumont d'Erlanger, Chairman; Col. The Hon. Sir Arthur Lawley, G.C.S.I., British Red. Cross Commissioner for France; Gordon Campbell, Esq., Chairman, Headquarters Collection Committee British Red Cross Society & Order of St. John; Herbert Brown Esq., Chairman, British Farmers' Red Cross Fund; Henry Obré, Esq. Chairman, Baltic and Corn Exchange Red Cross Hospital Fund; Lance Hannen, Esq., C.B.E.; Miss Decima Moore, C.B.E.; Hon. Organizer; all names well known in big work connected with the war.

The club contains a theatre to hold over 1,100, dining room to seat over 300, garden, skittle allies, billiard tables, writing, music and reading rooms, there will be a canteen, shop, barber, bootblack, women guides, entertainments, etc., a daily cinema, an nightly amusements, dances e.c.,

The club will be under the personal direction of Miss Decima Moore, C.B.E.

Lt.-Col. Levey, D.S.O., Gordon Highlanders, will also assist, and the "Controllers of Guides," "Controller of Entertainments," "Vol. Workers' Unit," etc., will all be ladies connected with various well-known war organisations such as W.R.E.N.S., Q.M.A.A.C.S., B.R.X., Scottish Women's Hospital etc., to whose fine work our Empire owes so much.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The New York Merchants' Association guarantees every soldier a job.

The number of War Savings Certificates sold during the week ended April 19 was 1,637,578.

The Prince of Wales has accepted the presidency of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Local housing schemes at present submitted provide for 140,000 dwellings, Dr. Addison states.

The British light cruiser Diomede was launched on Tuesday at Messrs. Vickers's works at Barrow.

The Government expect that next week decisions as to increases of Navy pay will be announced, Mr. Macnamara said on Tuesday.

Believing there will be no national electricity supply for at least five years, Croydon will spend £122,000 on its electricity works.

The Hungarian Government has decreed that any persons found guilty of insulting foreigners will be sentenced to death.

A communiqué issued in Cairo on April 24 reported a general resumption of work in the provinces and a return to more normal conditions.

The London Labour Party has asked Dr. Addison, President of the Local Government Board, to receive a deputation on the question of members of the London County Council.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

FIRST JAZZ BAND.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*

Sir.—Ref. the claim in your issue of the 23rd inst., to the effect that the "Five-ems" Concert Party were first in the field in the "Jazz Band" line, I would like to state that A Coy. 1st Bn. Gordon Highlanders formed a similar band consisting of eleven performers and fifteen instruments, as long ago as December of last year.

I think my statement completely disposes of the claim of the "Five-ems" Concert Party.

GILES.

We have received several letters from Parties claiming the honour of having the first Jazz Band in the Rhineland. Needless to say we cannot publish all the letters. The one below is selected as being the earliest of all disputants.

EDUCATION.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,— It has been brought to my knowledge that certain passages in my article on "Education" published in your issue of the 24th inst. have been taken by a good many as insulting to N.C.O.'s in general.

That was far from my intention, and that erroneous idea has arisen through the misreading of those portions. The passages in question were inserted for the benefit of the solitary few, if any, ill-mannered people who seem to take a delight in hurling depreciative remarks at the members of the junior specialist staff. Otherwise my article was a purely general one on Education.

JUVENIS.

ARMY AND PEACE CELEBRATIONS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—Having noticed sundry suggestions in your most sought-after paper, may I trespass upon your time and kindness to consider this:

There is great talk of celebrations at peace time but absolutely nothing has been said re. the British Army—I should have said arms of the British fighting forces. Could it not be arranged throughout the whole of the services to blow the "Last Post," it being a very fitting conclusion of warfare. I am sure there are thousands that will agree with this suggestion. Again it would be a last tribute to the gallant fellows who have paid the price and have made the sacrifice for their country.

J. E.

"EPIDEMIC OF EASTER CONFERENCES."

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.— I noticed in yesterday's issue under the heading of "Epidemic of Easter Conferences" you state that the majority of votes against Mr. Snowden at the December election was 46,160. I think on looking up the returns you will find it was something like one third of that number. While not exactly in cordial agreement with Mr. Snowden in his speeches, I submit that his or any other public man's utterances cannot be gauged by the results of the election of 1918. The By-elections to date prove this.

A.C.

(Here are the official figures: Rt. Hon. Sir H. Norman, 32,076; Lt. Com. P. Dean, V. C., 30,158; P. Snowden, 15,274. Total number against Snowden, 46,960— Ed.)

MERRY MOMENTS AT MECKENHEIM.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—In reply to Driver R.A.S.C. I wish to state that I am surprised at the way in which he writes.

I don't think it requires a very brainy person to come to the conclusion that the definition of "Oo—jah" was invented by a comrade who possesses a sense of humour.

I, too, am a Welshman, and also proud of it, but I fail to see where the Welsh are being subjected to a "sly dig."

As a matter of fact I was very amused with the unique translation of "Oo—jah." I trust Driver will not feel nettled, and hope that he will accept it as a bit of fun.

A WELSH C.Q.M.S.

Answers to Correspondents.

[*The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor could like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Many questions have been received which could be answered much easier by the Adjutant of the unit concerned, and all such cases which affect the unit commander must be taken to him and not sent here. — Ed.*]

C.J.L.—Your previous communication was neither lost nor forgotten. Some of your inferences were quite unjustifiable and the question is too large to raise here. Howevers the matter is one to which many people are paying attention and should there be any indulgence granted you must realize by now that "clas distinction" will not be one of the stones on which it is built.

J.W.T.B.—Thanks for your excellent suggestion. We are making enquiries as to the possibilities of such visits, authoritatively conducted.

Allegro.— (a) Apply to Director, Konservatorium der Musik, Köln, Wolfstrasse 3—5. (b) No.

T.P.—No branch of the A.S.C. can be designated as "non-combatant."

Pte. H.—Look in our announcements column daily.

Mrs. Flubdub—Mrs. Brown says her husband is the most generous man in the world. Mr. Flubdub—Indeed. I never noticed it. Mrs. Flubdub— Well, she says she gave him a box of cigars as a birthday present, and he only smoked one and then he gave all the rest away to his friends.

OUR soldiers on the Rhine want many things that they have been in the habit of buying at home. They buy in their canteens Divisional-Battalion— — The Y. M. C. A. — Church Army-E F.C.— and direct from home by post. Their news paper is the daily COLOGNE POST You *must* use it to reach them and secure their business

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AN EDMUNDIAN DINNER

will take place in Cologne May 22—1 pm. "Old Boys" of St. Edmunds College, Ware, are invited to communicate with Rev. B. Longstaff C. F London D. A. C., before 15th May.

THE ANALYSED SAUSAGE.

SCIENTISTS AND THE MYSTERIOUS MIXTURE

The sausage, for which the Ministry of Food is anxious to have a scientific standard defined, has been the subject of two learned papers read before, and discussed by the Society of Public Analysts recently. They are now published in the *Analyst*.

One, dealing with "the estimation of the approximate quantity of meat," states that "sausages and meat pastes generally consist of a mixture of minced meat and 'filler,' with salt, preservatives, and seasoning substances. Bread was at one time almost the only filling substance used, but, in addition to bread, cooked rice, potatoes, or maize meal are now frequently employed, and and in some cases cooked soya meal has been found to occur."

In the second paper the analysis of sausages is handled.

"The main constituents of sausages are meat, bread, and water. A little salt and spice are usually added. While the meat may be derived from any part of the animal, it is in most cases impossible to determine either the animal or the part used."

The paper describes a highly scientific method of analysis to which 60 samples were subjected. One sample, which contained 23.7 per cent. excess of water, was found under microscopical examination to consist largely of tripe.

In the discussion Dr. Voelker suggested that the Ministry of Food should consult analysts generally before making their orders and putting out regulations as to how mixed foods should be compounded.

"It seems to me that the authors of the papers . . . relied mainly upon the amount of nitrogen shown in the analysis and reckoned this as representing the meat present. I would like to ask what would happen if I sprinkled a little sulphate of ammonia over a sausage or mixed some leather powder with it—would this be reckoned as 'meat'?"

? See page three column two.

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FIGHTING STILL IN PROGRESS AT MUNICH.

TEN HOSTAGES KILLED.

BOLSHEVIST MINISTERS LEAVING HUNGARY.

HOW THE MONS RETREAT COMMENCED.

LEAVING HUNGARY TO ITS FATE.

BOLSHEVIST DESERTIONS.

Berlin. It is reported from Vienna that the Hungarian Soviet has been overthrown. The people's commissaries for Food, War and Foreign affairs have arrived at Vienna with their families, indicating that a flight from Buda-Pesth is in progress. *Reuter.*

FIGHTING STILL CONTINUES AT MUNICH.

Heavy fighting is still in progress between the Communists and Government troops at Munich, being chiefly confined to the railway station and the tribunal. Both sides are using artillery and mine throwers. The number of dead is more than two hundred. The newspaper hall on the Stachus is in flames.

Altogether ten hostages have been murdered in most brutal fashion.

DERNBURG ON GERMAN FINANCES.

At the Berlin chamber of commerce, Dr. Dernburg, the new Minister, gave an address on German finances.

He stated that the war has cost Germany 185 milliards of marks (185,000,000,000) and concluded his address by saying that an indemnity of 125 milliards of francs, or even an annuity of four milliards of francs is quite impossible. "We can pay only with work," he said.

"I WANT TO GO HO-O-OME."

The ex-Kaiser is either singing it or muttering it in his newly-grown beard. Doubtless he has read those two lines in the *Cologne Post* which recorded the fact that the Dutch Government is to be asked to deliver him up to justice.

So he has applied to the German Government for permission to return to Germany. He wants to go home to his estate at Kadinen.

Other than the ex-Kaiser, ex-Kaiserin and that Royal thief the ex-Crown Prince, the entire Hohenzollern family is in Germany.

Mrs. Little Willie is living with her five children in the Palace at Potsdam.

Eitel and his wife are at the Villa Ingenheid.

Adalbert has left the Navy (or the Navy left him behind when it went to Scapa Flow) but remains at Kiel.

August is living with a friend, his palace having been confiscated. Oscar stays with his mother-in-law at Mecklenburg. Joachim has his private house at Potsdam. Louisa and her husband, the Duke of Brunswick, stay at Gmunden. Heinrich lives near Kiel.

Tally!

I DON'T WANT TO GO HOME.

According to the *Kölnische Volkszeitung*, a great flow of emigration to Europe is about to begin. The majority of applicants are Italians and Slavs. No Germans have applied.

GERMAN-POLISH ARMISTICE.

Berlin. Erzberger has sent a note to Marshal Foch stating that if the Poles attack German territory the German Government cannot guarantee that the German-Polish armistice will be maintained and the further passage of General Hallers' troops could not be permitted. *Reuter.*

LISBON REVOLUTION FORESTALLED.

Lisbon, 1st May. A fresh military and civilian revolt was planned for Monday and Tuesday this week, but the Government nipped it in the bud, by arresting and deporting the ringleaders. *Reuter.*

OTHER ITALIAN DELEGATES TO PARIS.

There will be some changes in the Italian delegates to the Peace Conference when they return to Paris. According to the *Matin*, Signor Salandra and Brazilai wish to remain in Italy. Signor Luzotti is spoken of as one of the probable new members.

MORE BROKEN PLEDGES.

Although the German General von der Goltz promised to release the Lettish officers and soldiers whom he recently arrested at Libau, the capital of the new Baltic state of Lettland, he has not done so. He also undertook to restore the Lettish Ministry of M. Ulmanis, which he overthrew.

German troops are still occupying the public buildings. A Cabinet has been formed of four Germans and five Letts.

British and French warships are off Libau.

FIELD MARSHAL FRENCH AND MONS.

HIS DISILLUSIONMENT.

In a further instalment of his book, appearing in the *Daily Telegraph*, Field Marshal Lord French describes the battle of Mons. He says that on the night of the 21st August, 1914, the British Army went to sleep in the highest spirits and hopes. Its mobilisation, transport and concentration had been effected without a hitch and the preliminary arrangements foreshadowed a moral superiority over the Germans which afterwards was completely established.

French says that he awoke on the morning of the twenty-second in high hopes, but before many hours had passed disillusionment began. He describes how he started out to visit General Lanrezac in the neighbourhood of Philippeville, but was constantly delayed by columns of most depressed looking men all moving southward. Suddenly he met Capt. Spier, Liaison officer, who reported that the Germans were advancing, adding "an offensive action is contrary to Lanrezac's plans." In consequence of the difficulty in finding Lanrezac, French returned to Le Cateau, where, late in the evening, he experienced the climax of disillusionment when he received a request from Lanrezac to attack the flank of the German columns which were pressing him (Lanrezac) back. French says it was difficult for him to realise what was in Lanrezac's mind when he made such a request and he replied that such operation was quite impracticable.

Describing the events of the 23rd August French says he left Smith-Dorrien full of confidence as regarded his position but that when he returned to the Headquarters in the afternoon he found that reports had been received that Smith-Dorrien was abandoning the salient at Mons, although he need not have feared that a turning movement was imminent and his front was nowhere greatly threatened.

In consequence of the arrival of further disquieting reports during the evening French decided upon an immediate retreat, as the situation was strategically untenable. He pays splendid tributes to the support rendered by Allenby and Drummond in taking the severe pressure off the Fifth Division and to the steadfastness and skill of Haig's First Corps. He also gives a graphic picture of the worn out staff and says "it makes my blood boil to hear and read the calumnies often heaped upon the heads of the unfortunate staff."

AUSTRALIANS FOR ARCHANGEL.

The 201st (Russian Relief) Machine Gun Battalion will be composed in part of Australian gunners trained in the use of the Vickers machine gun.

Only men without dependents in Australia will be eligible to join, as discharge from the Australian Imperial Forces in the United Kingdom is necessary. Two months' furlough will be granted at the end of service (which will not in any case be prolonged beyond a year), followed by a passage back to Australia.

Men wishing to join the battalion should apply to Sergeant Oliver, 201st Machine Gun Battalion (late R.S.M., 6th Battalion Australian Imperial Force), at the Chief Recruiting Office, Old Scotland Yard, Whitehall, S.W.

COURT-MARTIAL FOR THE "SPORTING PARSON."

The Rev. Everard Digby, vicar of St. Agatha's, Finsbury, and an Army chaplain, will be tried by court-martial at Westminster on Friday next. Sir Archibald Bodkin will represent the military authorities.

Mr. Digby, who is known as the "sporting parson," was detained for some days in the Tower of London recently after being stopped near Regent-street by an officer of the Provost-Marshal's Department.

ARMY ENTRANCE EXAM.

An Army entrance examination for commissions in the Regular Army will be held on June 3, when sixty cadetships in the R. E. and R. A. and 145 cadetships for the various branches of the British service and Indian Army will be open to competition.

A paragraph in the order states: "As the rate of pay of the 'after war' Army is not yet definitely settled, it cannot be assumed that the present rate of pay of the Army will become permanent or that an initial outfit allowance of £50, or any other sum, will be given on commission."

SOUTH AFRICAN BOLSHEVISTS TO BE DEPORTED.

Capetown. In the House of Assembly the recent disturbances at Johannesburg between International Socialists advocating Bolshevism and returned soldiers were the subject of a long discussion.

Mr. Malan, acting Prime Minister, announced that the Government intended immediately to introduce a Bill providing for the registration of all Aliens and the removal of people participating in Bolshevist or other dangerous propaganda. *Reuter.*

PRIVATE'S ACTION AGAINST HIS C.O.

THE RIGHT TO COMPLAIN.

The hearing was resumed before Mr. Justice McCardie of the action in which Mr. Christopher Henry Heddon, lately a private in the R.A.S.C., claims damages against his commanding officer, Major G. C. Evans, for alleged slander, false imprisonment, and malicious prosecution.

According to Mr. Heddon's case, he wrote to Major Evans complaining that Second-Lieut. Haydon had adopted a course of persecution towards him. He was arrested and charged with making a frivolous complaint to his commanding officer and with conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline, and was summarily ordered 14 days' C.B. On November 25 last, following a letter to the Treasury Solicitor making charges against Lieut. Haydon, Mr. Heddon was put under close arrest in a detention barracks for 18 days.

The plaintiff, re-examined, said that when he saw his wife at Harrogate she was depressed and she knew that he was visiting her without leave. She was anxious on his account, but she never intimated that she did not wish him to visit her. Every statement in his letter of July 25 was true. When he was paraded before the defendant there were present Sergeant Richmond and two military policemen. The interview lasted about 10 minutes. He was not asked to give evidence in support of his allegations. As a private soldier he had no right to do anything but answer questions. When applying for leave he did not always state the reasons why he wanted leave. It was not usual in his unit for a private to state his reasons for leave, and several of the men whom he knew had every week-end off. There were really no duties to perform.

HEAVY FATIGUE DUTY.

His Lordship: But you previously told me that you had to strike a match every morning. (Laughter).

The plaintiff further said that he belonged to the Transport Drivers' section. He was told by his section sergeant that, by Lieutenant Haydon's orders, he was to go on fatigue duty in the workshop, but it was not the duty of anyone in his section to do fatigue duty in the workshop. When he went home on leave on October 23th defendant telephoned to the Harrogate police about him. He was placed under close arrest on November 6 after having been under open arrest. When he was paraded before Brigadier-General Atkinson he was immediately discharged.

Miss Dorothy Wright, the sister of plaintiff's late wife, said that she stayed with Mrs. Heddon the whole time she was ill in Harrogate. Mrs. Heddon was irritable and depressed, but she never suggested that she did not wish her husband to visit her. They were on quite affectionate terms. Mrs. Steddon knew that her husband visited her without leave and it worried her. She thought that an escort would come to fetch him.

DEFENDANT'S CASE OPENED.

Mr. Tindal Atkinson, K.C., opening the defence, submitted that the charge of slander had gone, no corroborative evidence having been given. The main factor was whether or not Major Evans could be found liable for damages for false imprisonment. The only matter for which he was responsible was the order awarding Mr. Heddon 14 days' C.B. on July 24, 1918. Mr. Heddon's subsequent detention and confinement to barracks was not the result of any action by Major Evans.

Counsel submitted that a statement in Mr. Heddon's letter to Major Evans justified the latter in viewing it as an act prejudicial to good order and discipline.

His Lordship: Even if the facts were true?

Mr. Atkinson: Yes, every soldier has a right to complain individually of any hardship, and he has the right to have it properly investigated. If the charges are unfounded nobody can question that the making of false charges would be against good order and discipline. The letter states:

"I am compelled to lay the facts shortly before you for my own protection, and also for the protection of all the men under your Comand. And I may say that I have their unanimous and unsought support."

THE RIGHT TO COMPLAIN.

Counsel submitted that that was bordering on the line of mutiny.

His Lordship: Suppose a man complains about the food, and adds that it was not only his complaint, but of every man in the company?

Mr. Atkinson: He has no right to do that. I say it is on the border-line of mutiny and partakes of the nature of mutiny. Each man has a right to make individual complaints, but there is no right to act in combination for the purpose of making a charge against an officer.

Major Evans said that he was a major in the Army Service Corps and was appointed commanding officer of the 12th Company at the beginning of the war. The plaintiff was posted to his depôt on June 22 and reported on June 24. He should have reported on June 22. In consequence he was deprived of four days' pay and forfeited two days' pay under Royal warrant. The plaintiff a few days later was charged with threatening to lose his equipment. He was charged by Lieutenant Haydon, but there was a conflict of evidence and he dismissed the charge. The plaintiff sent him a letter, dated July 22, complaining of the conduct towards him of Lieutenant Haydon, the quartermaster. He interviewed Lieutenant Haydon about the matter, and he came to the conclusion that there was no truth in any of the charges made by the plaintiff. Next morning the plaintiff was ordered to be placed under arrest on a charge of making a frivolous complaint against an officer and of conduct prejudicial to military discipline.

On the morning of July 24 the plaintiff was brought before him in the orderly room. There were present Captain Wilkie, Sergeant Richmond, and two military policemen. He read the letter to the plaintiff and asked him whether he realised that that paragraph practically amounted to mutiny. The plaintiff replied that he did not realize it. He then asked him whether it was written through ignorance of the seriousness of the contents, and the plaintiff replied that it was not. The plaintiff's general attitude was antagonistic to good discipline and he was very stubborn. Having considered the matter, he found him guilty of conduct prejudicial to military discipline, and sentenced him to 14 days' confinement to barracks. It was not part of his sentence that he should be deprived of any pay. He was, in fact, deprived of 14s. corps pay. That was technical pay, and when a man was confined to barracks it ceased. He altered the charge-sheet himself in December under written orders from Headquarters.

When the plaintiff served the writ in this action he did say to him: "I always thought you were a rogue, now I know you are a fool as well." He was not sure that he said "a damned fool," but he might have used those words. On November 25 the plaintiff was placed under arrest and sent to Fulford Barracks on a warrant signed by him. This was done on instructions from the Northern Command. There was no truth in the statement that he had subjected the plaintiff to constand persecution.

Mr. Tebbs: Did you know at that time Mr. Heddon was a solicitor? I think I did, but I cannot remember. It has been well drilled into me since. (Laughter.) He certainly did not look like one.

A SOLICITOR'S LOOKS.

Mr. Justice McCardie: What is the general appearance of a solicitor?

Major Evans: I do not know, but he was dirty and generally unshaven; he never had is buttons polished and his boots were dirty. (Laughter.)

Mr. Justice McCardie: You expected that if he was a solicitor he would have a well-shaven face and brightly polished buttons. I think we know what you mean.

Major Evans: It would have made no difference if I had known. He was in the Army; a private soldier.

Mr. Justice McCardie (to Major Evans): Why did you make this first charge, charging him with making a frivolous complaint?

Major Evans: I did it because I did not want to put him up to court-martial. I thought if I gave him a chance he would probably become a decent soldier. I have done it hundreds of times before and it has generally been appreciated, except in this case.

Mr. Watson (cross-examining): You never gave Mr. Heddon any statement that Lieut. Haydon might have made behind his back?

Major Evans: No.

Or asked him if he wished to call any evidence to support his case?

Major Evans: No.

Major Evans strongly denied a suggestion that his unit did practically no work. There were over 1,000 motor vehicles to keep in order, and his district extended over a very wide area.

The hearing was adjourned.

BLOWN OUT OF AN AEROPLANE.

Charged at Kingston (Surrey) with motor-car offences, Major Colin Cooper, R.A.F., did not appear, but sent a letter saying:

"I much regret and apologise for not writing to excuse my not attending, but the policeman delivered the summons to me while in an aeroplane. I took it up, and as it blew out I did not know the date on which to appear."

The case had been twice adjourned.

The warrant officer explained that the summons was served on the major at Stonehenge by the Dorchester police.

A fine of £3 was imposed for exceeding the speed limit and £1 for not producing his licence.

ARMY MEDICAL RESEARCH.

Treasury Sanction has just been given to a scheme proposed by the Director General of the Army Medical Service which has in view the linking up of the activities of the different departments and individuals hitherto concerned with various problems of preventive medicine, pathology and tropical diseases bearing upon the health of the Army in peace and war.

The principal object aimed at is the utilisation to the fullest extent of the benefits of new knowledge as it become available, and to raise the standard of sanitary and pathological work in the Army.

Under the scheme which is now approved two new directorates have been created under the Director General of Army Medical Services as part of the War Office Organisation of the Army Medical Department, with an advisory Committee, composed of both military and civilian members.

OUT-OF-WORK DONATION ABUSES

An illustration of some of the frauds which are being perpetrated over the unemployment donation occured at Shoreditch on Thursday.

Four men drove up to the Labour Bureau in a taxicab. Going to the head of the waiting queue they gave the four leading men a shilling apiece to yield their places, went in to the Bureau and signed on as being out of work.

When they came out again they jumped into the taxi, and went off to Epsom races.

ARMY CHAPLAINS DEMOBILIZED.

The numbers of Army Chaplains demobilized from the date of the armistice to 31st April were as follows:—Church of England, 820; Roman Catholic, 158; Presbyterian, 113; Wesleyan Methodist, 62; United Board (Congregational, Baptist, and United Methodist), 85; other denominations, 11—total, 1,289.

FREE PASSAGES TO THE COLONIES.

The Under Secretary for the Colonies, replying to Sir G. Kinloch Cooke, said that the free passages to the Empire Dominions which the Government is willing to provide for ex-service men and their dependents will be extended to to widows and children of ex-service men, provided they are entitled to pensions from Imperial funds under the terms of the Royal Pension warrant.

ONE YEAR'S STREET ACCIDENTS.

A Home Office return shows that in the United Kingdom in 1918 there were 37,926 street accidents caused by vehicles, compared with 45,520 in 1917. Of the 2,193 fatal accidents, 476 were caused by horse-drawn vehicles, 1,591 by mechanically propelled vehicles, and 126 by pedal bicycles.

London had 626 fatal accidents and 15,600 non-fatal.

CAPTURE OF SOLDIER MURDERER.

FOURTH VICTIM SUCCUMBS.

Mr. Walter Cornish, the father and husband of the victims of the triple murder at Forest Gate on Tuesday, after lingering in agony for many hours, died from his injuries in Queen Mary's Hospital. The soldier, Henry Beckett, is thus responsible for killing the entire family—father, mother, and two children.

Beckett, the man wanted by the police in connection with the Forest-gate murders, was arrested on Friday at East Ham. Standing outside the Cock Hotel, High-street, East Ham, a quarter of an hour before "opening time," mid-day, he was wearing corduroy trousers, a "civilian" jacket and vest, a cap and muffler. Passing by was the wife of a special constable, who, noticing his resemblance to the published photograph and attracted by the man's smallness of build, called the attention of a constable to him. The officer at once approached the man, and noticing that the wore a gold ring—the description of which had been circulated as that stolen from the hand of the dead woman, told him that he must go to the police station. Beckett, who, it is said, made no answer, then walked quietly with the officer to East Ham Police-station, and when placed in the charge-room assumed a very sullen demeanour.

Beckett made no denial as to his being the man wanted, and when searched not only was property stolen from the deceased woman found upon him but a quantity of coppers. These might be the proceeds of the robberies from the children's money-boxes.

It is asserted that he has been sleeping in the parish churchyard, in the close vicinity of the police station where he is at present lodged.

CAVALRY MEMORIAL SERVICE.

FAMOUS GENERALS PRESENT.

H.M. the King and Queen, with the Prince of Wales, travelled specially from Windsor to London to attend the service at St. Paul's Cathedral in memory of the officers and men of the Cavalry and the Yeomanry who fell during the war. The congregation also included Queen Alexandra, the Duke of Connaught and other members of the Royal family, Field Marshal Haig, Generals Byrd, Gough, Kavanagh, Mahon, Delisle and Bethune with many other distinguished officers. Lord French was unavoidably absent.

The losses of the regular cavalry were over 420 officers and 4,700 men. The preacher said the fallen were not dead, but merely promoted

HOUSE AT ETON COLLEGE FOR CHILDREN OF N.C.O.'s.

The *Manchester Guardian* prints a statement to the effect that the Council of Eton War Memorial Fund has considerably more money at its disposal than will meet the main aim of enabling old Etonians to send their sons to the school. They are thinking of devoting the surplus to founding a new House at Eton for the sons of non-commissioned officers and men who have fallen in the war.

LATEST AMERICAN DREADNOUGHT.

The super dreadnought "Tennessee," of thirty-two thousand tons, has just been launched. The total cost is estimated at fifteen million dollars. She carries 12 fourteen-inch guns and burns oil exclusively. Her speed is twenty-one knots.

LADY GODIVA TO BE DRESSED.

The question as to whether or no Lady Godiva should dress the character as near as is reasonably consistent with the Coventry tradition has been greatly discussed this year in connection with the forthcoming Peace celebrations pageant. In deference to the wishes of the Bishop of Coventry the local committee has decided that Lady Godiva shall be fully and magnificently clothed.

HARD LABOUR FOR BIGAMISTS.

At the Old Bailey yesterday, James Thomson, 27, engineer, was sentenced to 9 months hard labour, and Jane Emily Suggett, 34, to 6 month's hard labour, for bigamy.

Sir Forrest Fulton said bigamy cases were now so prevalent that it was necessary to pass terms of imprisonment.

COST OF HOUSING.

The Local Government Board estimates that the probable capital expenditure, under the Housing Bill, on five hundred thousand houses at five hundred pounds each will be 250,000,000 pounds. This amount will be spread over three years.

WATCH FOR SHOOTING STARS.

If the weather is clear to-night Jupiter will be seen close to the new moon.

Between now and next Thursday a shower of bright meteors—shooting stars—is expected to occur. They are probably connected with Halley's comet.

In order to observe this phenomenon one must rise early, the shower being due before sunrise.

Brig.-General Dawson has been appointed General Officer Commanding all South African troops in England.

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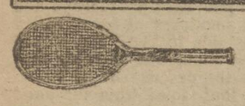
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ALCOHOL.

In *The Cologne Post* of May 2nd a contributed article appeared under the somewhat enigmatic title of "Why Not?" It was an earnest and intimate discussion of a matter in which the British Army of the Rhine is seriously interested and in our opinion it was a discussion that merited publication in our pages. The scheme outlined by our correspondent may not commend itself to all of our soldiers; but is it worthy of careful attention, for it is the outcome of a close study of an undoubted problem of our military occupation. We cannot enter into all the questions that are raised in this article, for the virtue of restraint is rightly expected, though not always present, in a reputable daily newspaper. But it is within our province to make comments from time to time on all matters that affect the public morals of our fellows. Surely it is opportune to speak on the question that has been raised, the question of Alcohol and the Army.

The subject has been reckoned important by the Peace delegates at Paris, and a representative conference was held under their auspices. Various resolutions have been adopted and presented to the larger conference as well as to the League of Nations Commission. It is now almost certain that there will be in the future no sinister traffic in "trade spirits" with native races, and that each nation will have the power to deal with alcohol and alcoholism within its own boundaries. Self-determination is a modern synonym for liberty, and it is to be the watch-word of trade in strong liquors. But the chief interest of the conference lies in its attempt to draw lessons from the war. Lord D'Abernon, who has done notable work in England in the cause of healthy temperance, delivered a "Peace Programme of Drink Reform." He is a firm believer in the policy of dilution of alcoholic liquors, and he has at his command a mass of figures supporting the scientific system of control with which his name has been associated in these years of war. The principle of dilution is undoubtedly sound. Many and diverse views can be taken of alcohol, but there are really only two comments worth making — alcohol as a drug must be classed in the list of poisons. and alcohol as a drug makes an enduring appeal to most human beings. If our facts are correct then it follows that alcohol should be taken in the form in which its poison is least harmful.

Here it is that we come into contact with our contributor and his scheme. He sees that all is not as well as all should be in Cologne, and he points out that many of the evils of alcoholism can be laid at the doors of the cafes. The attractions and temptations of such places he would lessen by instituting British houses, on the basis of the Aldershot Canteens, where English beer and ale could be bought. His picture is well painted and alluring. Refreshment is to be had, while the sweet strains of music fill the air, and it is to be handed to us by Hebes with wreathed smiles, far removed from harpies of ill intent who whisper base counsels into our ears. If it were possible for such houses to provide substantial food their attractions and their safeguards would be greater. Now there is much to be said for this scheme. English beer of good quality and with a specific gravity not too high would be less injurious to our soldiers than the high-priced and not always innocuous wines of the Rhineland. Lord D'Abernon's principle of dilution for which he claims so much could be retained, and the stronger spirits that have often despoiled the word "Scotch" of its good name would not be lamented. Yes, the scheme is wise and commendable. We would point out that shortly the British Empire League Club will in the most auspicious circumstances attempt to do much that our contributor suggests, and we await the experiment with some eagerness and not a little hope.

We have said that the virtue of restraint is expected in a leading article of a daily newspaper. Is that the only place where it should be expected? Let us be frank with ourselves. No scheme however worthy can ever succeed in Cologne or any other part of our area unless it has the loyal support of every rank in the army. The quality of alcoholic liquor is vastly important, but surely not more so than the quantity. There are many men who would repudiate the charge of fanaticism who yet feel that the sane solution of the problem of liquor will place as much emphasis on the quantity consumed as the quality offered for consumption. Every officer, non-commissioned officer, and private in the British Army of the Rhine has it in his power to make or mar the good name of our country.

HINDENBURG.

In *The Cologne Post* of two day's ago we read that Field Marshal von Hindenburg will in May retire to his estate in Hannover and resume the country life which he was leading when war broke out. The news takes us back to the tasks of schooldays. Who has not in his mind memories of the Junior Latin class? It was there we read of Cincinnatus who ploughed his fields and scattered the good seed on the land, proud of his work, content with its simple joys. One day as he ambled behind his oxen he was hailed Dictator by a deputation of Roman citizens who saw in the gentle farmer a leader of men. Cincinnatus obeyed the call and brought victory to the Roman arms in a stern struggle against the Volsci. But when he had saved his people he shunned his high office and its rewards and retired forthwith to the quiet and labour of his farm. We have heard George Washington described as the Cincinnatus of the Americans, and there may still be modest warriors who after the fitful frenzy of the battlefild will gladly seek the joys of country life. But what of Hindenburg? Like Cincinnatus he goes back to his farm, but not with the deep joy of the old Roman dictator, for his skill did not save the country who looked to him for triumph. Yet he is fortunate withal, for the ploughshare is worthier than the sword — and Hannover is not St. Helena.

TO THE PHANTOM LADY.

Written on the Western Front, to the beautiful lady who always speaks to me in Dreamland.

I have love, dear, every day,
Contented, live our hours anew;
Slip care and sadness on their way,
And leave me joys—and you.

Insistent thoughts make me so glad,
That life's highway I happy find;
Disturbing fears I one time had,
Move past me on the wind.

Unspoken is my soul's desire,
Living I love thee day by day;
Gaily I play the amorous lyre,
So glide my hours away.

Perchance these dreams are but the spell
Whose silken tune threads hold me fast;
What magic thine; ah! who can tell
If joys supreme will last?

E'en so beyond terrestrial night
Somehow I may expected be;
My joy e'en there, celestial, bright,
To love, always with thee.

D. M. Murray. Sgt. R.A.M.C.

BELIEF AND CONDUCT.

"Does it matter what a man believes?"

It was in the Ypres Salient in December, 1916, that the question was forcefully put to me by a dying subaltern. Clearly conscious, he had hurriedly scanned the record of his short life, and evidently failing to arrive at a definite conviction with regard to the efficacy of certain orthodox religious practices and beliefs, he sought satisfaction in the appeal "Does it matter what a man believes, so long as he lives straight?"

It is both an appeal and a challenge ever recurring in the minds of men as they come in contact with the persistency by which religious beliefs are offered for their acceptance. Almost invariably, the average man readily answers the above question in the negative, mainly because he has not given it much thought. He does not necessarily deny the value of beliefs, though he gives to some the impression that, in his opinion, belief does not matter. He really wishes to avoid the mental bewilderment caused by the conflict of beliefs which he can only imperfectly understand.

He readily accepts a simple philosophy of life, and what appears to be a commonsense rule by which he can regulate his life. "To live straight" appeals to most men as a simple rule that demands not a great amount of subtle thought and reasoning in its application. What constitutes a "straight life" of course varies according to the development of conscience, unless an universally accepted pattern or ideal is available for reference. Without such a pattern of "straightness" on which a man can rely for guidance and inspiration, his life is robbed of much of its purposeful usefulness and attainment. It is accepted that every effect has a cause, and cause produces effect. In the same way belief produces conduct, and a man becomes what his beliefs make him. A man may rightly or wrongly believe he has a weak heart, and such a belief affects his mode of living in the restraints he imposes upon himself and in the matter of physical exertion. The principle of cause and effect is likewise operative when a man believes in God as his Father, in Jesus Christ as his Redeemer, and in the Holy Spirit as his Sanctifier.

The Christian believer hopes that he has in such beliefs an equipment for the whole of life, a key to its trials and sorrows, a basis of action for any and every circumstance, a view of God and man which can be trusted at every turn and vindicated upon every trial. Religious beliefs find their meaning and expression in the common acts of daily life. In the classic phrase of the Epistle of St. James "Pure religion and undefiled before God our Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world." This is the life of kindliness and scrupulous honour in the rough and tumble of life. It is only maintained in purity by those who go through its routine in the quiet certainty that God as Father watches over all His children. Religion is here a thing pertaining to life itself, in contact wiht its most ordinary situations, giving its own value to all conduct. He who "lives straight" must believe in "keeping himself unspotted from the world" and in the life of Jesus Christ he has the Pattern, the Ideal, by which he may be guided and inspired in his efforts. The impartial witness of Mr. Lecky, the historian, may prove of value in support of the effect of Christian beliefs. He writes as follows: "It was reserved for Christianity to present to the world an ideal character, which through all the changes of eighteen centuries has filled the hearts of men with an impassioned love; and has shown itself capable of acting on all ages, nations, temperaments and conditions; and has not only been the highest pattern of virtue, but the highest incentive to its practice; and has exerted so deep an influence that it may be truly said that the simple record of three short years of active life has done more to regenerate and soften mankind, than all the disquisitions of philosophers, and than all the exhortations of moralists."

THE SPRUCER.

BY ALFRED E. WARD.

You find him in every mess. If you are lucky there may be more than one and thus the mess is better off. Usually when he is in evidence the sun waxes fast and on some occasions furious. He is usually a prevaricator. This he must be, but the end invariably justifies his existence. He has usually travelled a good deal, and of course knows everything worth knowing about every suoject discussed. He can tell you of the conquests he has made amongst dusky maidens. He continues with yarns of heroic deeds in which he modestly asserts he was the principal but adds that the other chap got the medal. He has won all manner of championships at swimming, but usually manages to keep out of the water. He is a champion tennis player in the football season. He is also a fine cricketer in the football season. There is nothing in the shape of sport in which he is not competent to take a leading part. He is always ready to make up the set at a hand of cards and when the members tire he gives them a hair-raising account of how he was torpedoed. In fact, we all wonder how he has managed to survive at all. If he had received justice his breast would be covered with decorations, but he has been unlucky. But does he care? Oh! dear, no! He simply keeps on carrying on, possibly qualifying — if all we are told be correct — for a very warm place. He is really a jolly good fellow and doesn't care a rap about the possible destination of his soul. At least so he will tell you. We do not contradict him.

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It was a wet and cheerless evening. The mess sat in comparative silence. Beyond an occasional word or two from one member to another one heard little but "I'll try the lot." What had happened to this assembly where usually laughter reigned supreme. Why, "he" was on leave and the others had long ago exhausted all they had to talk about and were tired of talking of one another. You see they had been together for over four and a half years of war.

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Convulsive laughter and then a stillness that could be felt. And suddenly a burst of more laughing and a medley of noise such as is only heard when a number of people are talking at the same time with raised voices to make themselves heard. Still another silence. And then was borne to the ear the sound of a single person talking, "shall we have a 'wet' night gentlemen?" "I've no money though, but I've no doubt some of you can oblige." Another roar of laughter and then "drink up, gentlemen.' The Sprucer has returned.

The following notice appears in the window of a large Wine Merchant's Establishment in Bonn:

REMEMBRANCE ON THE RHINE.

The best assortiment of wine from the Rhine and from the Nahe in cases closed with handle to can take it with himself immediately.

Here to have.

(Which just shows what can be done with a dictionary when one really tries!)

THE COMING PEACE.

During the latter period of the War, when victory was assured, people of all the Allied Nations were warned not to fail in their effort to win the Peace, and now that we are within sight of it, the necessity of remembering this advice becomes of great importance, but of greater importance in maintaining it. The question arises, how can this best be accomplished. Probably without force. What then in lieu of that. Educational work properly applied, more especially among the Central Powers, will have the effect of counteracting the mischievous teaching of brutality and of force — of blood and iron instead of the law of love. It is common knowledge that in the German schools the children have been instilled into accepting as a power of strength and protection the sword and not the intelligence.

This will require a great effort, but to maintain Peace and to derive a more perfect understanding we must ourselves first set a better example and further its effect for the benefit of the younger generation.

Facts sometimes make unpleasant reading, but they must predominate unless one has a callous regard for the truth. It is necessary then to refer to the dark days when this war commenced. It is believed the *reason* for the outbreak was the assassination of the Archduke of Austria. That was not the reason, that was the *excuse*.

This I think is the *reason*, and must figure in the education to enable reflection to form its own opinion. There is a book called "The Soul of Germany" written by a Professor of the University of Erlangen, in Bavaria. He makes a comparison between the amount of certain kinds of crime which came before the courts in England and in Germany in a period of ten years. It is understood, in making a comparision between the relative size of the two countries, that the population of Great Britain is about forty million, while that of Germany is over seventy million so that at least 75% must be added to the English numbers for the purpose of comparison. There occurred in Britain cases of maliciously wounding 1,262, in Germany 1,2, 53. In Britain 97 murders are recorded while in Germany the figure is 350. Almost double what might be expected, especially if one remembers the claim that "Germany is the home of Kultur." It must also be borne in mind the difference between what we ourselves technically term murder and the German standpoint. Of rapes there were in Britain 216, in Germany 9,381. The number of illegitimate children was with ourselves 37,641, in Germany 176,115. Of malicious damage to property we had in Britain 338 cases, in Germany no less than 25,753. So much then for facts, and so the student will extract the moral from the appalling disproportion and the growing children will begin to realize that their beloved Fatherland was a bad egg and nothing but a complete reformation in the ideals and morals will establish a nation that has a right to be accepted and acknowledged as a people of Kultur and Truth.

Having dismissed the parable of the Serbian outrage and all political intrigue, we have a clear field to carry on with facts so necessary for this education. One must accept these facts bearing on the German national character as being responsible for the marvellously unscrupulous preparation for the war — the unequaled execution of it, embracing deliberate brutality with cruelty never before approached. It is a strong view to express, but evidence is sufficient to defeat contradiction.

So much, then, for the worst, and now to enlighten the vanquished. We must not think, if we can help it, that all who fought for the German Empire are bad, that would be as unreasonable as it is stupid. There are many the victims of bad education, so that it behoves us to introduce pity into our desire to establish reform. In any case we must dismiss hatred from our hearts; to fondle hatred is to encourage war which we are supposed to abhor. If we recognize in Germany tremendous possibilities for the future and endeavour to foster the inclination to embrace what is good — in addition an effort to introduce our national love for sport into their lives — to prove by our mannerism our respect for the weaker sex and our desire for fair play — our strong leaning for peace and disinclination for militarism; to avoid extremes by disabusing our elves that we have a right to set ourselves up to be self-righteous; to give the impression that although accepting the victory as a blessing we would shrink from turning the fruits of it into fiendish glee — our attitude must be one of unselfishness and of loyal attention to our duty to ourselves and to the people with whom perhaps the British soldier for years to come may have to live. This attitude will help to maintain the coming Peace.

And finally amongst ourselves we must defeat impossible insinuations so often brought forward in argument — such as: the capitalist was responsible for the war. Nothing of the kind. Again, royalty brought about the war. Nothing of the kind. The desire for democracy was responsible for the war — nothing of the kind; and to encourage such thougats must help to encourage the continuation of what we all thank God for now is finished. The clergy have had no alternative but to proclaim to their people that the war will cleanse the world, and after calm reflection and a general study of facts we must conclude they have hit the nail on the head. So it behoves us to further this notion — accept the theory and study to accomplish it. By so doing, perhaps in the distant future when we come to look back upon it all, we shall be satisfied that the good has outweighed all the frightful evil and torture, and that the sacrifice has not been made in vain. G.A.H.

QUESTION TIME.

OR UNCLE ARTHUR'S LETTER BOX.
PART V.

CURIOUS. — Q. What is camouflage?
A. For technical detail apply to camouflage school; but to put it simply, camouflage is the art of making a thing that is seem as if it isn't and something else is, in such a way that the thing that is is not but the thing that isn't is when it really isn't.

QUARTER. — Q. What is the best way to keep blankets clean?
A. The blankets should be well beaten and hung in the sun, then sponged over lightly with sulphuric acid. This should be done every other day.

ADJUTANT. — Q. Can you give me a few tips as to the best method of dealing tactfully with my colonel?
A. Yes. (i) Avoid being in the office while he is there. (ii) Avoid walking over his feet. Go round, even if it takes longer. (iii) Buy a Liver Barometer.

CAPTAIN. — Q. Many people say that German cigars are no good, but I don't agree with them and want your opinion on the matter. For trial, I enclose a "Cubona Havana" which is really something like a cigar.
A. Yes, it is rather; what is it?

LONDON. — Q. What is the best way to while away a dull afternoon?
A. Have blackberry jam for lunch and take a fork out with you. "UBIQUE."

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Sunday	5	Tannhäuser	Wagner
Monday	6	Barbier von Sevilla	Rossini
Tuesday	5½	Der Freischütz	Weber

"THE RHINEDROPS."

OPENING CONCERT AT DOISDORF.

The 52nd Battalion, Welsh Regt. concert party opened on Wednesday at Doisdorf to a large and enthusiastic audience.

The opening chorus "Come to the show" was brightly rewarded and served to whet the appetite of the audience. Lt. Sidney L. Needham, M.C., followed with "Sing up an English song" and in reponse to vigorous demands for an encore submitted "Helen of Troy."

The first number of Capt. A.W. Fish M.C., was an excellent rendering of "On the Staff" and as an encore "N'Everything" proved very popular. "Mate of mine" and "It is a tiny garden" were sung by Lieut K.F.C. McIver, who possesses a voice of rare quality, while Lieut F.W. Moorsom sang "When the sun goes down in Dixie" with plenty of "go." "Finnigans Ball" preceded by humorous topical cross-talk was rendered in real Irish style by Capt. Fish and Lieut. Needham, while "Heart of a Rose" was sung by 2nd Lieut. J. Postlethwaite, whose full baritone voice showed all the finish of his continental training. "Ideas of a Perfect Day" by the Troupe proved a very popular item and closed the first half of the programme.

The second half opened with "Something Oriental" by Lieut. McIvor in Eastern costume and with stage setting, and was followed by "Omar Khayyam" as an encore. The songs were rendered in excellent style and voice. Capt. Fish followed with "Drake is going to sea" and in reponse to demands for "encore" the same artiste sang "Norman the Mormon" which almost brought the house down.

"Green hills of Somerset" and "Jane" were Lieut. Needham's numbers and were sung excellently. "Busy little Bee" and "Some Sunday morning" proved to be Lieut. Moorsom's most popular numbers.

"Marie my girl" and "Keep on hoping" were very effectively rendered by Lieut. McIver.

"A perfect Lady," a sketch by Capt. Fish, Lieut. Needham and Lieut. Moorsom, was very amusing, and the programme closed with "The wild, wild Women" by Lieut. Needham and Troupe.

Altogether the concert was a great success. The artistes showed talent of a high order; the costumes and make up were very good and the music up-to-date.

BAND OF THE 12th LANCERS.

Y.M.C.A. CENTRAL CONCERT.

A most enjoyable concert was given at the Y.M.C.A. Central Hall on Friday evening by the Band of the XI (Prince of Wales) Royal Lancers, and the hall was filled with an audience of some two thousand men.

Conductor Joodered and his band are to be congratulated on the consistently fine renderings of the varied items which made up the programme, the excellent ensemble and rhythmic precision being most refreshing.

The band consists almost entirely of young blood, but there was certainly no evidence of immaturity in its playing.

Only two of the items were of the so-called popular type, and it was noticeable that they shared no undue proportion of the applause.

Corporal Waters, who contributed vocal items, won well-deserved applause for his singing of "Drake goes West" and "Shipmates o' Mine."

Despite the counter attraction of this concert Mr. E. W. Hornung in the neighbouring Loreley Hall, drew a large audience to listen to his discoure on Kipling, one of his delightful series of "Talks on short stories and their Writers."

A MESS OF POTTAGE.

"FISH AND CHIP" DEPARTMENT AT THE "Y.M."

There are many of us who have been carrying the "soldiers birthright" of grousing to rather great extremes, and though I refuse to vouch for its effectiveness or otherwise in reference to various social efforts in our midst, it's a fair bet that we in Cologne will soon prefer the "mess of pottage" which the central Y.M.C.A. is preparing for us to the so-called birthright in social affairs.

One of the excellent ingredients in this mess of pottage is a ramblers' club, with a photographic section for the salt. Rhineland is perhaps the photographer's paradise in at least two respects — that of scenery and in the matter of obtaining good photographic apparatus. It is almost needless to say, therefore, that there are already very good prospects that a Ramblers Club will soon figure as one of the most important in the many activities of the Red Triangle fraternity.

RICE PUDDING AND SCOTCH PORRIDGE.

Another ingredient which may be regarded as a real appetiser is the result of the arrival on the Y.M.C.A. staff of several English ladies who are endeavouring to turn the "Wy Ems" into a club instead of something which may have been called a shop. These ladies, in preparing dishes of delicious rice pudding and scotch porridge, are making the place more like a home from home or good club.

We learn from Dr. Francis that these "Englisher ladies" have an eye to the fact that there are many lads from Lancashire and Yorkshire in our midst and in consequence are seeking to secure the means for providing fish and chip suppers so popular with people from those counties. So there is to be less of the queueing business for chocolate, cigarettes and biscuits at the Y.M.C.A., at least.

LAWN TENNIS.

The semi-finals in the amateur Tennis Championships were played at Queen's Club on Thursday. The present holder, Mr. Baerlin, beat Mr. A. C. Druce 6—4, 6—2, 6—0. Capt. V. H. Pinnell beat Mr. J. F. Marshall 6—3, 6—1, 6—3.

SURREY WICKET-KEEPER DEAD.

The death is announced of Harry Wood, the famous Surrey wicket-keeper. He appeared for England at the Oval in 1888 in a test match against Australia.

EVERTON FORWARD AT DOISDORF.

52nd. BEAT 51st. WELSH.

The above match took place on the ground of the 52nd Battalion at Doisdorf and resulted in a win for the home team by 3—0. The 52nd at once forced the attack and for some time pressed heavily, the forwards, especially Sergt. Kay, played very tricky football against their much heavier opponents.

The visitors then broke away, the attack being led by Sergt. Roberts, whose football was remarkably good. Indeed, the work of this old Welsh International and Everton forward was the outstanding feature of the game.

A little later, Maude, on the right wing, centred neatly and enabled Segt. Kay to score a pretty goal.

After the interval, the visitors rallied and Sergt. Kay broke away after Corpl. Wort, the home back, had retrieved the position, and scored again.

Play then became rather nondescript, marked only by the unerring play of Sergt. Roberts, who had gone back for the visitors. His kicking was remarkable.

Later, O'Bierne scored again from a centre from Parry on the left and a good game ended in a well earned victory for the 52nd.

The home team were without their left wing. McGahey and Inwood (who is in hospital), which made the performance the more creditable.

LANCS. DIVISION FOOTBALL SEMI-FINAL.

DIVISIONAL R.E. v 52nd KING'S LIVERPOOL REGT.

This match was played on "D" Ground, Richard Wagner Str, Bonn, on Wednesday April 30th, resulting in a win for the Engineers by 3 goals to 1, after playing an extra 15 minutes each way.

Very even play was experienced during the first half, the King's opening the scoring from a penalty. After half time the R.E's with scored 1—0 against them played with wonderful energy and had much the better of the game; the King's forwards made several attacks but found great difficulty in passing, Howard, who played an excellent game. The score was made even by Holdness scoring from a penalty, after which the Engineers pressed even harder, until the whistle went for time with the score still one all. It was then decided to play 15 minutes extra each way. At first play was even until Holdness put the ball well up in the goal mouth while Morton in his usual form rushed it through. During the second 15 minutes Gowe added to the score by an excellent shot in the corner of the goal. The following represented the Divisional R.E.:—Spr. Allaw; Spr. Joy, Howard; Sp. Farrington, Spr. Holdness, Dr. Howlay; Dr. Morton, Dr. Sanas, Spr. Gowe, Wilkins, Pte. Bell.

LANCASHIRE DIVISION COMPETITION.

BORDER REGT. ENTER THE FINAL.

The semi-final of the Lancashire Division Association Competition resulted in 1/5 Border Regt. defeating 161st Brigade Royal Field Artillery by 3—1. Both sides were strongly represented as follows: Border Regt.: goal, Shones; backs: Hastie and Elliott; half-backs: Discon, Lieut. Jones and Potterson; forwards: Walker, Ellis, Baxter, Corfe and Rudge.

Royal Field Artillery: goal: Nicholls; backs: Butler and C.W. Cooke; halfbacks: Beale, Noblett, and Waldron; forwards: Barkley, Baker, Hooper, Lieut. Allen, and J. Cooke. Referee: Lieut. Hayford, Kings Liverpool Regt.

The Borders took the lead after 35 minutes, Corfe rushing forward to the Artillery goalmouth and netting after Nicholls had effected a partial clearance. Snow then began to fall and up to the interval the score was unchanged.

The teams contested matters in spirited fashion on the resumption, Shones, the Border custodian, having an anxious time. The pressure on the Border defence was maintained and Waldron brought the scores level five minutes after the restart. He beat Shones with a very strong shot. A corner at the Artillery end brought no advantage.

The Borders again secured the lead twenty minutes before "time," Baxter netting from a penalty.

The weather conditions continued to be unfavourable for the remainder of the game, and Ellis further increased the Border lead by netting after Nicholls had left his citadel in an attempt to clear.

"THE COLOGNE POST" CRICKET CUP.

The complete rules in connection with "The Cologne Post" Cricket Cup will be published on Thursday next. In the meantime send in YOUR entry addressed to the Sports Editor, "The Cologne Post," Cologne. Remember the closing date is THURSDAY, 8th MAY.

KEEN GAME AT RIEHL BARRACKS.

51st DURHAM L. I.

On Wednesday afternoon, before some hundreds of spectators, the Battalion team of the 51st D.L.I. played "Y" Coy of the same regiment.

The game started in speculative fashion. The Battalion broke away and a surprise shot from C.S.M. Joyce completely beat the custodian. The company then made a raid on the Battalion goal and from a smart pass by the outside right, Pte Toos, Sergt. Shepherd scored the equalising point. C.M.S. Barnes, the Bn. goalkeeper, was in grand form, but had to give way before the onslaughts of the Coy. forwards. Later Lce. Cpl Widdowson, centre forward, took possession of the ball and, making a position for himself, crashed the ball into the net.

Lce. Cpl Widdowson scored again early in the second half and shortly after a doubtful foul by the Coy. Skipper resulted in a penalty being awarded. Taken by Sergt. Wilkinson, the goalie had no chance with the shot.

Some good play between the Coy. outside left, C.Q.M.S. Colquhoun and his partner, C.S.M. Kelly, resulted in the latter arousing the spectators to enthusiasm, by scoring a neat goal. Shortly afterwards, Lce/Cpl Widdowson notched his third and the Coy.'s fifth goal.

This ended a most enjoyable game, Capt. Andrews M.C., the Coy. skipper, having earned the thanks of all for arranging the fixture.

Keen Match at Euskirchen.

A fast and exciting game was played at Euskirchen barracks on Thursday between 175 Siege Battery R.G.A. and 51st Battalion Leicester Regt.

In the first half each team scored one goal, but after the interval the Battery maintained the pace better and added two more goals to their score.

INTER-THEATRE OF WAR CHAMPIONSHIP.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL FINAL.

B.E.F. (FRANCE), 1; E.E.F. (EGYPT) 0.

At Stamford Bridge on Friday B.E.F. (France) won the Inter-Theatre of War Championship (association football phase) by defeating E.E.F. (Egypt) by one goal to nil. The winners owed their success chiefly to the excellence of their defence, both backs and the goalkeeper playing a superbly safe game.

The half backs of the B.E.F. also rendered good service to their side by sure tackling, accurate kicking and sound judgment.

Only twice did Egypt attack with anything like strength, the remainder of the time being necessarily devoted to defensive tactics.

The winning goal was scored in the second half by Sergt Lee. The teams were:

France.—Gnr. Williams (R.G.A.); Pte. Wood (Yorkshire Regt.); Gunr. Henderson (R.G.A.), Pte. Valentine (Liverpool Regt.), Sapper Sage (R.E.); Gunr. Douglas (55th D.A.C.), Sgt. Quinn, M.M. (Liverpool Regt.), Sergt. Lee (R.A.S.C.,MT.). Corpl. Campbell (R.E.), L.-Corpl. Hodkinson (R.A.S.C.)

Egypt.—C.S.M. Whattey (Wiltshire Regt.); Sgt. Stile (Essex Regt.), Corpl. Detlow (London Regt.); Pte. Ritenie (London Regt.), Pte. Downs (London Regt.), Pte. Brewer (London Regt.); Corpl. Bradshaw (London Regt.) Gnr. Sams (R.F.A.), Driver Johnston (7th D.A.C.), Pte. Olliard (London Regt.), Lce. Corpl. Iliffe (London Regt.).

After the match, medals were presented by the Prince of Wales to members of the winning team as well as to successful competitors in cross country running, boxing, rugby football and other events in connection with the championships. His Royal Highness shook hands with each recipient.

SANDOWN RACES.

On Friday, winners at Sandown were:

Walton Plate: 1, Ho Ho (4—1); 2, Look Ahead (100—8); 3, Cry Help (100—8).

Claygate Plate: 1, Clapgate (7—4); 2, Digby (4—1); 3, Cyleneus (100—30).

Park Stakes: 1, Saffrain (6—4 on); 2, Star of Hope (11—2); 3, Aiglon (100—8).

Fairmile Plate: 1, White Heat (20—1); 2, Berseuse (5—4); 3, Tomatina (5—1).

Prince Albert Handicap: 1, Pretty Girl (10—1); 2, Pourboire (20—1); 3, Magic Prince (20—1).

Guilford Handicap: 1, Sky Rocket (6—1); 2, Gloomy Dean (10—1); 3, New Guinea (11—4).

DERBY FAVOURITE BEATEN.

The Derby favourite, the Panther, was on Thursday badly beaten in a trial over one mile at Newmarket. The result was: 1 Jack Rose (Toon); 2, Cygnus (Cooper); 3, The Panther (Childs). Won by three lengths, the same between second and third.

BILLIARDS.

Yesterday afternoon's stage of the match between Inman and Newman, at Leicester-square, went in favour of Inman, but he was still 1,000 points behind at the interval. Newman, after advancing his 83 to 102, did not again compile three figures, 95 and 91 being the highest of his subsequent breaks. Inman was responsible for runs of 221, 186, and 123. At the interval the scores were: Newman (rec 2,000) (in play), 14,109; Inman, 13,001.

Closing score:

NEWMAN (in play)	14,835
INMAN	13,843

DULWICH C.C.

The Dulwich Cricket Club has arranged a strong programme for 1919. Matches have been fixed with the Lois, Hampstead, Richmond, Beddington, Beckenham, Catford, Bickley, Wanderers, Spencer, L.C. and W. Bank, Private Banks, Bromley, Sutton, Dulwich College, Old Carlton, Commercial Union, Cyphers, Forest Hill, Mitcham, Ealing and Thames Ditton clubs.

BULL DOG CUP FINAL.

The final tie for the Bull Dog Club Cup will be played at Fulham on Saturday, May 17, kick-off 3.30. The sides are R.A.F., Roehampton (holders) and the Scots Guards.

Bands will be in attendance, and during the interval C.S.M.W. H. Wright will give a display of swordsmanship.

POLICE FOOTBALL CUP.

The net profit from the final tie in the Metropolitan Police Charity Cup, played between H and A Divisions of police at Chelsea last Thursday is £47. This is an excellent result considering the bad weather that attended the game.

BURNHAM YACHTING CLUB.

The anual general meeting of the Burnham Y.C. was held last evening at the Imperial Hotel, Regentst, under the presidency of Mr. Hartley F. Straker, the commodore. The balance-sheet submitted showed that despite the fact that there was no yachting last year the club had made a small profit on the twelfe months' trading. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Commodore, Mr. Hartley F. Straker; vice-commodore, Lt.-Col. S. Ofenholme, L. Bradley, D.S.O., M.C., D.C.M.: rear-commodore, Mr. F. B. Pitcher; hon treasurer, Mr. A. L. Ramage; hon sec, Lt. Rutland S. Ely, R.N.V.R.; hon sailing sec, Mr. J. W. Patterson; committee, Lt-Commander H. T. Holloway, R.N.V.R., Lt. Oswald B. Coles, R.N.V.R., Capt. T. D. Mr. Meekin, R.A.F., and Mr. P. Deane Ann, H. A. Covington, H. Griffin, F. F. Grimes, S. Herming, R. K. Mooney, G.H. Truefitt, H. E. Warner, and F. R. Wooeter. It was reported that the prospects for racing during the coming season, especially in the ex-24-footer limited handicap class, were of the brightest.

SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.

The S.C.A.S.A. have decided to hold their swimming and water polo championships this season.

The Amateur Swimming Association have allocated the ladies' championships over 100 yards and 200 yards to the Garston Ladies' Club (Liverpool) and Notts Ladies' Club respectively. The former event will be decided on July 29 and the latter on September 15. The English schoolboys' team championship will take place at Weston-super-Mare.

NEW INDOOR MILE FIGURES.

Joie Ray, National A.A.U. mile champion, has established a new world's indoor mile record. It was made in the Central A.A.U. championships held in Chicago. The old indoor record was 4mins. 1-8secs. Ray's time was 4mins 14 3-5secs.

The famous Yale athlete, Johnny Overton, who held the previous record, was killed at Chateau Thierry.

WITH BAT AND BALL.

IMPROMPTU CRICKET MATCH AT NEUKIRCHEN.

DEMON BOWLER DISCOVERED.

On Thursday the 17th Brigade R.F.A. played a very successful impromptu cricket match at Bergisch, Neukirchen. The talent which was yearning to shine was perhaps a trifle cramped by a wicket which might be termed a shade risky and a ball which was not so much spherical as three cornered.

The H.Q. and D. Battery team won the toss with an ersatz 10 pfennig piece and elected to produce the first casualties. The opposing side drawn from the 13th and 92nd Batteries R.F.A. were strengthened by a demon bowler in Lieut. F. M. Bricket who captured two wickets just after the start.

Capt. Stewart with a running fire of comment (or perhaps it was profanity!) looked good for runs, but using a bat condemned by D.A.D.O.S. in the morning he was caught at square leg from a misfire. Capt. Bradshaw after stopping most of Dvr. Wilson's faster deliveries with his anatomy raised a score of 34 before he fell a victim to Dvr. Rigby, who bowls the slow sticky sort accompanied by vast frightfulness. The R.S.M. and Mr. Extras finally raised the total to 68. The bowling of Capt. Stewart and Dvr. Gardiner at the "pavilion" end, with the slip theory touch, proved too much for the opposition, sharing the wickets between them. Dvr. Wilson and Lieut. Brickett, the latter coming in too late to save the game, were the only batsmen who looked like scoring. The following are the scores.

H.Q. & D. BATTERY.

Capt. Stewart. c Brickett b Wilson, 8; Lt. Wright. b Brickett, 0; Lt. Gordon. b Brickett, 0; Lt. Bradshaw c Wye b Rigby, 34; Cpl. Dunn. b Wilson, 0; Dvr. Gardiner. low b Wilson, 2; Dvr. Thompson. b Rigby, 1; Dvr. Crawford. b Brickett, 1; R.S.M. Gobbett. c Thompson b Brickett, 7; Major. Fitz Patrick. not out, 0; Dvr. Danielsl c and b Brickett 0; extras. 15; Total, 68.

13th & 92nd BATTERIES.

Gnr. Calvert. b Gardiner, 1; Dvr. Rigby. b Stewart, 0; Cpl. Skinner. b Stewart, 0; Cpl. Airey. b Stewart, 2; Lt. Bond. b Gardiner, 3; Dvr. Wilson. c Wright b Stewart, 12; Lt. Brickett. not out, 9; Gnr. Wye. b Stewart, 0; Gnr. Hamitn. b Gardiner, 0; Gnr. Lezell. b Gardiner, 1; Gnr. Tuesday. b Gardiner 3; Extras, 3; Total, 34.

SPORT AND SUNSHINE.

51st SUSSEX ATHLETIC MEETING.

"W" COMPANY WINNERS OF THE BATT. CUP.

On Wednesday "W" Company of the 51st Royal Sussex Regt finished their Athletic Sports meeting at Neunkirchen in brilliant weather and amid cheerfully beflagged surroundings. This variable hotbed of athletics, trained by platoon cross-country runs and company paper chases, turned out in full force and provided some excellent sport, particularly in the case of the obstacle Race which was run over an exciting and arduous course, strategically arranged by Lieut O'Brien; the walking race also provided a vast amount of amusement owing to the unnatural postures assumed in certain quarters by the competitors.

The meeting was arranged on the inter-section plan, the two sections who drew for first place being Nos. 4 and 12.

The prizes and medals were distributed to the individual winners and the winning sections on Thursday by the Commanding Officer, Lieut-Col. V.T.R. Ford D.S.O., who is also President of the Company Sports Committee; and the whole company by its sporting turn-out lived up to the high reputation it gained through winning the Battalion Athletic Sports Cup. The prize winners were as follows:—

100 yards: L/Cpl. Taylor, 11 sec; putting the shot, L/Cpl. Taylor.

220 yards: Sergt. Wilson, 27 sec; Throwing the Cricket Ball, Pte Duffel.

440 yards: Pte Ford, 53 secs; High Jump: L/Cpl. Chesson; Inter-section relay race, No. 12 section.

Half mile: Lieut O'Brien;

Long Jump: Pte Ridgeway;

Four-legged race: L/Cpl. Buss, Ptes Griss and Hancock.

Mounted Race: L/Cpl. Taylor and Pte Ford;

Tug of War: No. 12 Section;

Inter-platoon Relay Race: No. 3 Platoon.

Walking Race: Pte Northcott

Obstacle Race: Pte Jellos.

Winning sections: Nos. 4 and 12—18 points and 3rd Section, No. 14—9 points.

WELSH FOOTBALL BOOM.

Touring teams have been the salvation of the Llanelly Rugby Club says the *Daily Express*. Last Christmas the club was over £1,000 in debt, but matches with the New Zealanders, the Maoris, R.A.F., and the R.N.D. altered all this, and next season there will be a balance in hand.

There have been more touring sides at Llanelly since the armistice than have visited any other town in the Principality. It has, in fact, become almost a weekly affair.

Preparations for the 1919-20 season are being actively pushed forward in Wales. The Newport club have arranged thirty-seven matches—nineteen at home and eighteen away. Cardiff and Swansea will each be played four times, and the list includes such famous English teams as the Barbarians, Blackheath, London Harlequins, Devonport, Leicester, Gloucester, Bristol, and the Universities.

Both Swansea and Neath hope to have strong sides, and the former will have a couple of attractive tours. The position of Aberavon is, however, some what uncertain.

Swansea will have stronger opposition than usual from the Association game, for "the Town" are now in the first division of the Southern League.

The competition for the West of England golf challenge cup will take place on the Burnham and Berrow course, Somerset, on September 16 and following days.

OFFICERS' SPORTS CLUB.

OPENING OF LAWN TENNIS CLUB on Wednesday, May 7th. at 3 p.m. at STADTWALD, LINDENTHAL. Trams 1, 2 and 8.

All Officers, whether members or not, are invited to come and bring lady friends. A Band and Pipes will play during afternoon.

Subscriptions to Club: to include LAWN TENNIS — GOLF — CRICKET — POLO — BOATING — SWIMMING.

Residing within 5 mls of Dom 10/- per month
" outside " " " 5/- " "
Ladies are eligible for Membership.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Sunday, May 4th, 1919.

Surface wind moderate, Westerly. Weather mainly cloudy. Visibility fair or good. Moderate temperature.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

(With an Occasional Entertainments Note.)

Rhine Officiers Sports Club.

A correspondent, writing from Flerzheim — a little place situated the other side of Bonn, — complains that officers in and about that part will find it impossible to extract any amusement from the newly formed Rhine Officers Sports Club on account of the distance which separates them from Cologne and the inadequacy of the train services. He goes on to quote extracts from the railway time-table which provide conviction that the officers so situated time-table which provide conviction that the officers so situated would find it impossible to squeeze into a day's trip to Cologne anything like a reasonable amount of time to indulge in one of the forms of sport for which the club caters.

He suggests that the same committee that controls the affairs of the club in Cologne should extend its activities to Bonn and provide facilities in that town for the benefit of the large number of officers stationed there and in its environs.

The suggestion seems to be a good one and the idea of one committee controlling both departments would certainly simplify the administration of them.

Do it Now.

A dayor two ago our mail bag produced a couple of well-written reports of football matches. They were about a quarter of a column in length and described the games in detail. So far, so good. But now to the point. One of the reports was of a match played ten days previously and the other described an exciting tussle that "happened" four days before that. Correspondents are very generous in the liberal quantity of news they send for insertion in the *Cologne Post* and we are greatly obliged to them for the trouble they take in this respect.

To be attractive, news must be up to date, however, and at the end of a few days a sporting event has lost its interest. Contributors should please remember that this is a daily new paper, but by inserting reports of ancient happenings in the great quantities in which it is received, the *Cologne Post* would quickly become "parish-magazinified." Consequently if something happens in your unit to-day, post us a few notes about it by to-nights post, get through to us on the phone, or send us a wire.

Where to Fish.

Those readers in Germany who are keen on fishing have plenty of opportunity to indulge in the popular pastime. Although the Rhine is not an ideal river for fishing, its tributaries in the vicinity of Cologne are productive of some good sport. The Aar is mentioned in particular and the Loreley Rock, the subject of a popular German legend, is mentioned as an ideal place from which to ply the rod and line. Other streams in special favour are the Sieg the Agger, and the Rhur, with railway facilities within easy reach of each of them. The varieties of fish to be found in the river and streams include pike, eels and ray fish (a kind of salmon). Spinnow, flies and worms are the most common kinds of bait used.

In pre-war days there was fine fishing at Honnef, where anglers were only allowed to fish on production of special permit, and in the annals of the Honnef Club, as is usual in such things, are several tall stories of the catches made, with Englishmen, then resident in this district, as the "heroes."

A special article on when, where and how to fish will be published in a few days.

Music and Education.

The lead taken by the London Division in including music in the subjects taught in connection with the Army Education Scheme is likely to be extensively followed, in view of the great success that attended the three symphony concerts given at Bonn recently. The selection of suitable works is an important matter in such a scheme. In this connection, "Musicus" in the *Daily Telegraph* criticises the programme of concerts on the grounds that they were not sufficiently English, "especially since the concerts are avowedly educational." It was precisely for that reason that there was little English music included, since to demonstrate to the troops the beauty of music it was necessary only to play the best and most easily understood. Just as, if the Educational Scheme were to include a tour of Art Galleries, it would be the most beautiful and celebrated pictures that would attract the greatest attention irrespective of nationality of the artist. The programme in this case was carefully thought out beforehand, and the reception was the measure of its success.

The Boxing Spirit.

A writer in No. 1 of the *Tank Corps Journal*, writing on the subject of boxing says:

"There is no sport in the British Army more popular than the splendid art of self-defence. Wherever there are officers and men stationed, there you will find boxing-gloves and boxers, and wherever there is a soldier boxer there you will find a soldier audience. It is only necessary to witness any Army boxing match to realise the splendid sportsmanship of contestants and audience. We don't care where a man may come from if he is a boxer, for in Army boxing everybody receives fair play.

Our battalion contests in France were a great success and in practically every section of the corps we had volunteers eager and willing to give their services. I saw officers and men put on the gloves for the first time and enter the ring a few days later, and many of them knew very well that they "hadn't an earthly."

THE RAMBLER.

Old Kingstonians F.C., holders of the Surrey Senior Cup, Surrey Charity Shield, and champion-ship of Southern Suburban League, are going to buy their ground at Kingston for £2,500.

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CINEMA AND VARIETY
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OPPOSITE THE CATHEDRAL

A BLIND BILLIARDIST.

The "Ex-Service Man" recently published an article by Mr. S. A. Mussabini, the official referee of the Inman-Stevenson match, in which the zeal of the blind ex-soldier is magnificently portrayed.

In this article, the writer tells how Sergeant-Major Shawl, a Yorkshireman, was with Princess Patricia's Canadians in the second battle of Ypres. He sustained a severe head wound, which severed the leading optical nerve, and for him, like so many others, unfortunately, it seemed to mean giving up all hobbies in which sight played a part.

But returning to England and reaching the period of convalescence, he came to be acquainted with the proprietor of a Maida Vale (London) hotel, where billiards was a feature. Now, Shawl had been a pretty good player and a keen lover of the game. All his old tondnes came back to him when he heard the mellow click of the ivories, the call of the scores and the several and distinctive incidentals of a match in progress.

At the close of this game he felt impelled to to try whether it were possible for him to make some reasonable attempt at scoring a shot. Hopeless as it all appeared, he managed to gain an approximate idea of the placings of the balls by touching them with the hands. Taking his bearings from the sides of the table he bore pathetic testimony to the truth of the adage that "the way of the pioneer is hard."

Infinitely resourceful is human nature! From having had to touch the balls to properly locate them—and failed very completely on that day—Shawl has since trained his fingers to 'sense' their positions without actual contact. He has highly developed a 'sixth sense' so that he can now realise just how and where the balls stand on the table. It is much the same as the ordinary person in a dark room seems instinctively to know the approximate whereabouts of the walls and door. But what most of us foretell by instinct Shawl has now come to do by scientific method.

He says that as he nears the balls the air becomes colder. It furnishes a circle of displaced atmosphere which is of lower temperature, owing to the presence of a foreign substance (the ball). He has trained his supersensitized finger tips to guage the centre point of the circle and thereby to quite reasonably well find the edges and various divisions of the ball he plays with as well as those he has to fire it at.

In this manner, Shawl satisfies himself as to the stand-points of the three balls and of any pocket he may be playing to. His fingers work round about the balls, seldom touching or getting within less than an inch of them. The accuracy of his striking the cue ball and its correctness of running to the first object-ball is, in the extreme circumstances, quite remarkable. Frequently, the ex-Sergeant Major makes a succession of four, five and six scoring strokes—which is quite equal to the performances of the ordinary two-eyed players.

With the gain in sense of touch has come an uncanny training of the hearing. Shawl can follow the course of any game by listening to the running of the balls on the cloth, their clinking meetings and the differing sounds they send forth according to the character of the stroke, or the duller effects produced by pocket shots. He knows them all "by heart." But the most wonderful, to my mind, among all his presentations is his ability to distinguish the red ball from the two whites. This is a tiny secret he keeps to himself!

The first blind man to play billiards—and play it quite well as ordinary 100-uppers go—Sergt.-Major Shawl's enterprise has been watched with much curious interest by the experts of that pattern home of industry and good-will, the St. Dunstan's Hostel for the Blind, Regent's Park, N. W.

TRANSPORT REDUCTION.

Consequent upon the break-up of the armies, and the demobilisation of the greater part of the troops, the Transport Organisation at the War Office has been reduced to much smaller proportions than were necessary during hostilities.

Sir Sam Fay, Director-General of Movements and Railways, and a member of the Army Council, retires to-day. Mr. Oliver Bury, Director of Inland Waterways and Docks, late general manager of the Great Northern Railway, also gives up his appointment; and Sir George McLaren Brown, European manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Assistant Director-General, has already left.

GERMAN CAMERAS, LENSES etc.

A recent G.R.O. states that complaints have been received by the War office from manufacturers at home, stating that German lenses, cameras, binoculars, etc., have been sold by British officers and other ranks who had purchased them here in the occupied territory. While there is no legal objection to the purchase of such articles *for personal use only*, it is distinctly unfair to the makers at home for the goods to be re-sold on arriving in England. Moreover, it is a distinct breach of the regulations affecting the importation without license of goods made by the enemy, and as such is subject to the penalties prescribed by the Prohibition of Import-Regulations.

CLOSING THE WAR CHARITIES.

Preparations for closing the war funds must come with the close of the war. The amount raised in all is estimated at £125,000,000. Some details of sums raised in great provincial and Scottish cities are given below:

Hull.

About £150,000 has been subscribed. Of this, £75,000 was for distinctively local needs; £30,800 went to the Prince of Wales' Fund, £9,150 to the Red Cross, £4,200 to Christmas gifts for the troops, and £3,000 to the purchase of a motor ambulance.

Leeds.

Grand total of £132,210. The Belgian Refugee Fund benefited to the amount of £20,000, and the Lord Mayor's Fund for the assistance of soldiers' and sailors' dependents to the amount of £5,000.

Manchester.

Nearly £1,500,000 has been subscribed by Manchester, of which all but £200,000 has gone to what are specifically described as "war charities."

Bradford.

It is estimated that nearly a million sterling has been raised; £180,000 went to the Lord Mayor's Fund for supplementing separation allowances and pensions, £56,000 to the Y.M.C.A., £25,000 to Belgian refugees, and £50,000 to soldiers' comforts. The total amount raised by municipal effort has been £450,000.

Birmingham.

Over £100,000 was subscribed to the Lady Mayoress's Fund for comforts for the troops and prisoners of war. £35,000 has been sent to the Red Cross, £30,000 to help blinded soldiers, and over £35,000 to Belgian and other relief funds. The prince of Wales' Fund benefited early in the war to the amount of £190,000.

Newcastle.

Total probably in excess of £1,000,000. The Lord Mayor's Fund approached £300,000, and among other large sums have been £50,000 for a local orthopaedic centre and £47,000 for soldier's dependents.

Glasgow.

The magnificent total of £4,450,000 has been collected in cash and kind by funds with headquarters in the city, of which £3,350,000 was contributed by Glasgow citizens. Some of the larger amounts were as follows: Red Cross, £1,620,000; Prince of Wales' Fund, £270,000, Belgian Relief Funds, £203,000; Hospital for Limbless Sailors and Soldiers, £290,000; Scottish Women's Hospitals, £180,000; Lord Provost's Fund for sailors' and soldiers' dependents, £118,000.

Liverpool.

Some £600,000 at least has been contributed, including £140,000 to the Prince of Wales' Fund, £82,000 to the Red Cross, £75,000 to funds for the dependents of fighting men, £75,000 to the Y.M.C.A., and £100,000 to funds for the assistance of prisoners of war.

Nottingham.

The total for Nottingham is believed to be about a quarter of a million sterling, divided as follows: Flag days for various war charities, £20,000; two patriotic fairs, £50,000; Belgian Relief Funds, £20,000; Prince of Wales' Fund, £50,000; comforts for the troops, £60,000; miscellaneous funds, £50,000.

CHINESE VISITORS AT COURT.

The *Daily News* gives the following account of an interview with ten Chinese interpreters whom they received at Windsor Castle this week:

What the King and Queen thought of the interpreters is not on record. What the Chinese interpreters thought of the King and Queen was that they were the nicest and most affable rulers any country could have.

The ten who exchanged smiling salutations with the King and Queen make up the thirteenth party which has come over from the battlefields of France on a fortnight's leave, under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. and with the approval of the War Office. Being interpreters, they are all men of some education.

"Disappointed?" repeated Mr. Henry Ming Chow, in reply to a question as to the effect of the absence of ceremonial at Windsor Castle had upon their eastern minds. "Quite the opposite. If we had been in China under the old dynasty nobody would have been allowed to stand in the presence of the ruler; and here were the great King and Queen of England and walking about and laughing and talking just like any other lady and gentleman. We thought it was fine. It impressed us very much indeed."

They were the guests at Windsor Castle of Princess Alice, and the King and Queen came specially to see them. "Japanese?" the Queen was heard to remark to the King, and all the racial pride of these cheerful yellow men swelled up against the misunderstanding. "Ah, no, no, no. Chinese," they protested. The Queen laughed and bowed, and the interpreters smiled back at her. They chuckled heartily as they recalled their protest.

The painted ceilings at Windsor won their special admiration. "I think the most wonderful thing in London," said Mr. Wing Fu Chang, "is your transport. But it is all wonderful."

"Even the architecture?" they were asked.

"Oh, yes," came the chorussed response. They appeared almost pained by the idea that anyone could doubt it.

"We cannot say too much in praise of your people," said Mr. Wang Wei Ping. "We think they are very smart, very honest, very polite, and very kind indeed to the Chinese. Especially the ladies," said Mr. Chow.

These interpreters have been doing very important work with the Chinese labour corps just behind the lines in France. Whilst in this country their welfare is superintended by the Rev. W.E. Soothill, formerly president of the Imperial University, Shansi, China.

"SHORT STORIES AND THEIR WRITERS."

On Friday of last week Mr. E.W. Hornung gave the third of his "Arm-Chair Talks," and he discoursed on the short stories of Rudyard Kipling. The Loreley Hall was once more well filled by an interested audience. Mr. Hornung claimed Kipling as the best short-story writer in English up to his own time, and he discussed his methods and characteristics of writing in a most illuminating fashion. If there were any present who had not known the glamour of Kipling, they must have had awakened in them a desire to read the stories of a master writer. Mr. Hornung's selections from "Only a Subaltern" and "The Glansbys" were much appreciated.

Full sets of the works of Dickens, Thackerey, Harrison Ainsworth, and Charles Lever, all first editions, yesterday at Hodgson's fetched £365, £350, £300, and £195. Another set of Dickens's works realised £200, and a lock of his hair with an autograph £37.

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

FORCED ONLY BY REVOLUTION.

To uphold and praise the work and traditions of an army which, though having fought well and honourably, has suffered defeat, is merely the application of justice. To boast of an army which has used every illegal means possible to secure victory and which has totally ignored conventions of war in part framed and wholly pledged by its leaders, is as ignominous as the army itself.

The one is chivalry: the other, hypocrisy.

That is our English standard of thought—vastly different from that of Germany, if the Berlin weekly paper, "Die Wahrheit," can be cited as truly expressive of German opinion.

"Germany was forced *only by the Revolution*" says the paper, to accept the most ignominous conditions of armistice ever dictated to a nation We could not be victorious any more, but the enemy could not force upon us those conditions, for they lacked the necessary power and weight on the front, which was only broken in parts. As a whole, our army was still an adversary which the enemy could not underestimate. But revolution destroyed every possibility of resistance."

That is their excuse for a defeat which was inevitable. There is little need to discuss the question of the badly broken front, for it is obvious that it was so broken as to cause a revolution which brought with it defeat. This is more than the Germans effected in the March "push" so loudly acclaimed by them as the beginning of our downfall.

It was not given to us, as soldiers, to dictate any terms, but there can be no doubt that had we been given the opportunity of carrying on with that glorious advance we should have inflicted a far greater punishment (and not undeserving) than any which can be prepared behind the lines. It was the humane instinct of Joffre which prevented us, and them, from such a realization.

Clemenceau-Lloyd George Peace.

The paper further states that "Clemenceau has apparently gained the victory over Wilson. The punishment is already very hard with the Wilson peace conditions, but a Clemenceau-Lloyd George Peace would result in Germany's ruin."

The origin of this pessimism on the part of the Germans would be difficult to fathom unless, as was recently stated, it lies in their own conviction of the atrocities that have been committed during the war, and the knowledge they undoubtedly must possess that for these hideous crimes due punishment will be inflicted.

So far as the Allies are concerned there is no proof whatever of any undue violence in the terms, and it is far from the intention of our representatives at Versailles to crush Germany. Vindictiveness can never be claimed as an asset to any form of peace, and no one knows this better than those framing the terms. There is a vast difference between vengeance and terms of reparation, and fference which, it would appear, the Germans are unwilling to admit. Yet this distinction between the two is of the greatest importance if one is to interpret the terms aright for, though the spirit of revenge will be entirely absent, the terms of reparation will be scrupulously exact.

"KULTURED CRIMINALS."

THE GERMAN BLACK LIST.

A book recently issued by a French author, M. Martel, gives a list of 573 Germans he considers should be punished for evil deeds, which he cites. Among them are:

Hindenburg: At Roisel, on the Somme, in March 1917, gave orders that everything should be destroyed, burnt, and pillaged in the regions the Germans were about to evacuate.

Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria: Responsible for the deportations from Lille, Roubaix, Tourcoing, and other places, which were carried out with the help of von Grävenitz, the Military Governor of Lille.

Mackensen: Charged with thefts, incendiarism, and executions in Rumania, and alleged to have ordered some hundreds of Rumanian children to be shot on the grounds that they had conspired gainst him.

Gen. Bulow: Posted the following notice at Andennes on August 22, 1914:— "It is with my consent that the whole place has been burnt and about 100 people have been shot."

Stenger: Issued the following order of the day:— "All prisoners, even it taken in large numbers, are to be put to death. No living man is to be left behind us."

Von Manteuffel: Ordered the burning of Louvain and the expulsion of 10,000 civilians from the town.

Krauss: Responsible for the massacre of 60 civilians at Gerpevillers and others at Frambois. One of them is said to have been soaked in petroleum and burnt alive.

Von Drecht: Ordered the execution of 117 hostages at Arlon.

Von Schubert: Under his orders a number of old men, women, and children collected in a hospital at Borinage were shelled on the ground that they were "useless mouths."

Eberlein: Declared in an article in the Munich *Neueste Nachrichten* that he had compelled civilians to march in front of his men as a screen against enemy fire.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Sir A. Boscawen says the area under wheat on April 1 was about 10 per cent less than last year.

In response to the Duke of Connaught's appeal, India has given £26,221 to King George's Fund for Sailors.

The limit of deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank has been removed for the period of the war and six months thereafter.

The King of Denmark has bestowed a knighthood of the Order of the Dannebrog on Lieut. J. P. Muller, the Danish physical culture expert.

Egham (Surrey) Council have refused six acres of Crown land at Englefield Green offered at £225 an acre. About £330 an acre was asked previously.

R. 33, our greatest airship, now at Barlow (Yorks), will be ready for the air again to-day, when it is hoped London will be visited as a preliminary to the projected Atlantic voyage.

"It is bad for children to know that so horrible a thing is conducted in school," said Miss David when Aberavon school managers granted the application of local spiritualists for the use of the schoolroom for Sunday services.

The Canadian Government is to authorise the appointment of an Air Board for the control of flying in Canada. It will, under the direction of a Minister, investigate all proposals for commercial air services and issue licences to pilots.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

TO SOME OPERA-GOERS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir. — In the early numbers of "*The Cologne Post*" correspondents complained of the behaviour of our troops at the Cologne Opera House, particularly of late arrivals and of those who leave before the play is finished.

I have been present at several Operas and I cannot help thinking that, in the case of a considerable proportion, their attitude towards Opera is not sincere—although I know that some attend in complete ignorance of what they are going to see and hear. Many of us who are more familiar than the rest with the best in Music and Drama do not get the enjoyment commensurate with their fame. In the case of most the pleasure is almost purely emotional. But whether intellectual or sensual the process of obtaining that pleasure must be absorbing: we must not let our minds be distracted and carried to and fro, we must have all channels open, and be swept clean out of ourselves.

Is this what one sees? Not a bit of it. A shallowness of interest almost everywhere. Perhaps some will say I am exaggerating. I will give a few concrete examples. I was present at the performance of "Fidelio" last Thurday. After the first act a sergeant-major in the R.A.M.C. left. He said "It's beautiful isn't it? I'm going now." A private who left at the same time had been beating time to the music throughout. A soldier on my immediate right who had read a "Guide" before the play commenced, explained to his neighbour what it all meant. "I wish I could understand what they say," said another An Artillery Major and some of his officers left during the "Leonore Overture" accompanied by the indignant "Sh's" of the House.

Why do these people go to the Opera? If they only reflected for a moment on the annoyance they cause—an annoyance sometimes amounting to physical pain—the enjoyment of others they spoil, and the number clamouring tickets who would be appreciative, perhaps they would stay away.

The man who wished he understood German is a type. He didn't notice how careful the singers were in their enunciation, a carefulness necessary when ears are strained in listening to the music and to voices, not to words. And didn't the acting tell him anything?

When I last saw "The Tales of Hoffman" in London presented by Sir Thomas Beecham, I did not see a theatre filled to overflowing as I did at the Opera House at Cologne at Wednesday.

OWEN OLIVER.

THE "PARSIFAL."

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir.—In answer to "S.H.F.," in whose letter in Tuesday's issue mention is made of Leonardo da Vinci and his art, may I say that I should not have expected his name to be quoted in favour of any representation of Christ where strength is lacking. Giotto indeed did picture for us the conventional Christ, but with da Vinci it was different. I should also still like to reiterate that from the point of view of the artist only, it seems entirely inappropriate to introduce the Figure of Christ. To take one incident alone, what could be more incongruous than for Him to worship the sacred Spear? At least one German musical critic makes the comment that Parsifal in the last act with Kundry "returns good for evil after the example of the Redeemer," and another writes: "Parsifal stands before us in Act III as a holy being who is dead to all carnal desires, and whose actions are not regulated by the impulses of free will generally attributed to characters in the drama." Not having attended the Bayreuth Festival, I should be interested to know whether Parsifal is always represented in Act III as he is in the Cologne Opera House. There are no stage directions as to the entire change in his appearance, and this fact partly supports my theory.

(Miss) C. A. EASTGATE.

(This is the last letter on this subject to be published.—Ed.)

ARMY AMUSEMENTS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir, — Might I make a suggestion through the medium of your valued paper that, now the troops are permitted recreation in the evening an hour longer than formerly, the Army Cinemas and other entertainments commence half-an-hour later. This would enable many of us in the outlying districts to stand a fair chance in the queue, and also to witness the first part of the programme. Our men (M.T., R.A.S.C.) like to get rid of the day's collection of dust and grease before coming into town and, as parade dismissal is 4.30 p.m., we have a very poor chance of reaching the entertainment houses by 6. p.m.

JAZZ.

Answers to Correspondents.

[*The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Many questions have been received which could be answered much easier by the Adjutant of the unit concerned, and all such cases which affect the unit commander must be taken to him and not sent here. — Ed.*]

E. E.—The population of Chester in 1918 was 39,038.

W. T.—Neville Chamberlain was returned at the last election with a majority of 6,833.

Enquirer.—The Royal Order of Victoria and Albert (V. A.) was instituted in 1862, but no fresh conferments are now made.

H. A.—Napoleon I was decreed Emperor of France on 18th. May, 1804.

26423—In 1914, the population of Greater London exceeded that of New York by over 100,000 and that of Berlin by 5,000,000 (estimated).

T. D.—See answer to "T. P." in yesterday's issue.

Wanted.—Aply through your Education Officer.

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"OLD HARROVIAN" DINNER.

Will be held at VI Corps Club, Hohe Str. Cologne on Thursday May 8, at 7.15 for 7.30.

Will any O.H's. who have not already sent in their names, kindly do so without delay to Hon. Sec.:—Rev. A. Buxton, C.F., A.C.Gs. office, Army H.Q. He is writing personally to all those from whom he has already heard.

NEW WAR SAVINGS BASIS.

At a conference of all the War Savings Committees of Greater London, held in the Guildhall yesterday, the Lord Mayor presiding, Sir Robert Kindersley, chairman of the National Savings Committee, emphasized the connexion between national thrift and national expenditure.

The conference approved a scheme for giving associations and clubs direct representation on the local savings committee for each municipal area, and similar representation to the local committees on the National War Savings Committee, the whole organization being bound together by a representative National Savings Assembly meeting in January and July.

OLD HARROVIAN DINNER.

SEVEN-FIFTEEN — NOT FOUR-FIFTEEN.

In a brief paragraph which we published yesterday, concerning the "Old Harrovian Dinner" to be held on May 8th, a printer's error persisted after being corrected on the proof. It stated that the time was 4.15 for 4.30, which, as a friend of our youth would put it, "is absurd." The time should have read 7.15 for 7.30, but we did not cross the tails of our figures seven!

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SQUEALING FOR MERCY.

ARCHANGEL BOLSHEVIST OFFENSIVE OPENS.

INDIAN DEMOBILIZATION TO START.

BOLSHEVISTS ATTACK AT ARCHANGEL.

TAILS UP.

In reports from Archangel dated 1st and 2nd May General Ironside states that enemy attacks in force, which have long been anticipated on the Dvina and Vaga fronts, have now commenced.

As regards the Dvina front a telegram dated 1st May states that Bolhevist gunboats which appeared opposite our front shelled our positions spasmodically without causing any casualties. They were forced to withdraw owing to the effective fire of our sixty-pounders.

As regards the Vaga front a telegram dated 2nd May states that after a long bombardment the enemy attacked in great strength, but was everywhere repulsed with great loss. In the forest they suffered heavy casualties and left forty dead on our wire.

General Ironside states that our men fought splendidly.

The ice on the Dvina is now completey broken up. At Archangel the flow is going well and it is expected that within a week the river will be navigable for our own gunboats.—*Reuter.*

SOUNDING THE KNELL OF RUSSIAN BOLSHEVISM.

IN SIGHT OF THE END.

Interviewed by the *Times* Archangel correspondent, General Miller, Governor general of the North Russia region, said he expects that with the aid of the new troops which are on the way, Russia will be within sight of the end of its internal troubles before the close of the summer. "Let the Allies help them to recapture Pretrograd and Moscow," he declares, "and the Russians themselves will clear the country of Bolshevists."—*Reuter.*

Helsingfors.—According to the Russian paper *Ruskoje Slovo* the Bolshevist ormies are being beaten along the entire Siberian front and are retiring in disorder.—*Reuter.*

DEMOBILIZATION TO START IN INDIA.

ANOTHER APPEAL TO EMPLOYERS.

Reuter is officially informed that the latest advices from India indicate that the situation, though not yet normal, is improving rapidly. It is hoped that the return of troops due for repatriation from Mesopotamia and of other troops detained in India with the concurrence of the War Office, will be commenced within the next few days.

There is still, however some anxiety among the men who loyally accepted the situation, which led to their detention, lest their chances of employment should be prejudiced by their detention beyond the date by which they had expected to return to England.

In view of this apprehension the War Office again appeals confidently to the public spirit and fair-mindedness of employers that the men whose return has been delayed in the interest of the Empire will not be subjected to the risk of unemployment, or allowed to suffer any sense of injustice.

TORTURING TEN THOUSAND.

Copenhagen. 2nd May.— From Berlin it is reported that terrible misery exists at Riga among the ten thousand people of all nationalities whom the Bolshevists banished to the islands of the Dvina. They are without assistance and very scantily clad and will succumb to exposure and starvation unless very prompt help reaches them. The Women's Association has appealed for help to all Red Cross Societies.—*Reuter.*

INDIAN RIOTERS SENTENCED.

The India office announces that three rioters at Lahore who stoned the police have been sentenced to three years imprisonment. Two others were acquitted.

Twenty-five men have been sentenced to seven years imprisonment in connection with the attack on a bank at Amritsar.

It appears that the rural population has taken little part in the disturbances and returned emigrants have held aloof.—*Reuter.*

SYMPATHY AND HELP FOR ANTI-BOLSHEVISTS.

The National Democratic party has sent the following telegram to the British Consul at Helsingfors, for handing to General Yudenitch:—"National Democratic party and other sympathisers with anti-Bolshevist Russians wish you good luck in your purpose of getting to Petrograd. Have arranged for immediate dispatch to you of a shipload of food and supplies for the people in Petrograd as soon as you get in." It is stated that efforts will be made to persuade British dock labourers to get the foodship loaded for nothing and Mr. Havelock Wilson will also use his influence with the seamen to secure a free voyage for the cargo.

FRANTIC APPEALS FROM BUDA-PESTH.

TOO LATE.

Vienna. 1st May.—Panic stricken at the continuous advance of the Rumanian and Hungarian counter-revolutionary troops, Bela Kun's Cabinet has addressed frantic and sensational appeals to President Wilson asking him to bring pressure to bear on Rumania in order to arrest her advance upon Buda Pesth. The advancing forces are encountering practically no resistance and could therefore easily reach the capital before the end of the current week.

Intense irritation and dissatisfaction exists amongst the moderate Socialists, who declare that the arbitrary acts, impracticable measures and generally ridiculous policy of the revolutionary Government will render futile all the patient work of Socialists during the past thirty years. While probably some of the most extreme of the Communist members will be forced to leave the Cabinet, this will not suffice to placate the Socialists.

Although it is practically impossible to obtain meat in Buda Pesth at any price the Bolshevist Soviet recently sent a train load of cattle to Vienna in payment for a huge quantity of red cloth bunting for May-day celebrations. The Austrian authorities refused to accept any other form of payment.

The revolutionary confiscation of jewellery and valuables belonging to private citizens is not proving a great success. Red Guards pay visits daily in search of hidden treasure and ransack private apartments.

The Soviet's attempt to sell stolen valuables abroad in exchange for raw materials has hitherto proved futile. The Swiss Government has informed Bela Kun that it is not disposed to purchase stolen goods.

Berlin. 3rd May.— The Hungarian Red Army is going over to the Rumanians by divisions. A new counter Government is being formed by the ex-Minister of the Interior and other ex-Ministers.—*Reuter.*

BUDA-PESTH SOVIET "KAPUT."

Berlin. 3rd May.— The Buda-Pesth "Government" has accepted the Allies terms. These include immediate capitulation, surrender of all arms and munitions and occupation of Buda-Pesth by the Allies.—*Reuter.*

PARIS WOULD HAVE FALLEN.

FRENCH AND KITCHENER.

Referring to Smith Dorrien's decision to stand at Le Cateau, where the resulting fight caused the loss of fourteen thousand officers and men, eighty guns, and other material, as well as rendering the retreat more arduous, French dwells on the circumstances which made a proper decision difficult. He adds "in more than one account of the retreat from Mons it is alleged that some tacit consent at least was given at Headquarters to the decision arrived at by the commander of the Second Corps. I owe it to the able and devoted officers of my staff to say that there is not a semblance of truth in this statement."

Continuing in the *Daily Telegraph* his story of the retreat after the disastrous stand of the Second Army at Le Cateau, Field Marshal French writes that although Joffre was anxious to take the offensive, he (French) insisted on the necessity of further retreat.

At a discussion among the various commanders, held at the British Headquarters, Smith-Dorrien expressed the opinion that the only course open was to return to the Base, re-embark, and try to land at some favourable point on the coast "I refused to listen to what was equivalent to a counsel of despair" writes French.

He relates further pressure from Joffre; but says that, remembering that the French Fifth Army had commenced its retreat twenty-four hours before he had been given any official intimation that Joffre's offensive plan had been abandoned, he wrote to Kitchener that he felt very seriously the necessity for retaining complete independence of action. On the 31st August the demand that he should stand and fight was urgently repeated and backed by imperative messages from Poincaré, Kitchener and the British Government; yet at the same moment Lanrezac was throwing back the Fifth Army and the gap was widening, while Kitchener was assuring H.M. Government that our losses were small and that deficiencies had been made good "Neither on this day, nor subsequent days did one man, horse, gun, or machine gun reach me to make good deficiences. I refused. This brought Kitchener to Paris" says the Field Marshal, who expresses his profoundest belief that had he yielded to those violent solicitations the whole of the Allied Army would have been thrown back over the Marne and Paris would have fallen an easy prey.

MUNICH BOLSHEVISTS TO BE EXECUTED.

Berlin. 3rd May.—The Hoffmann Government has announced that the Communist leaders arrested at Munich will be treated as they treated the hostages they held, ten of whom were murdered. The Communist Eglhofer has already been executed. — *Reuter.*

EX. R.A.S.C. PRIVATE SUES HIS C.O.

FINANCIAL DEALINGS.

At the resumed hearing of this case, an interesting discussion took place on the business relationship between officers and privates in the Army. "I would not have been countenanced for a moment before the war," said Brigadier-General Atkinson, but owing to the present exceptional circumstances he did not see how it could be avoided.

The action was against Major G. C. Evans for alleged false imprisonment, malicious prosecution, and slander. Plaintiff was Mr. Christopher Henry Heddon, solicitor, of Ripon and Harrogate, who was formerly a private in the Royal Army Service Corps. It was stated by Mr. Tindal Atkinson, K.C., who appeared for defendant, that the action for slander "had now gone."

The words complained of were, "I knew you were a rogue. Now I know you are a damned fool. Get out." This, plaintiff alleged, had relation to his profession as a solicitor. "Will you never tell the truth?" was another statement complained of.

By the defence filed, defendant admitted the arrests, which he claimed arose out of the administration of military discipline. He denied the statements complained of were in relation to plaintiff's professional conduct, and pleaded that they were spoken without malice and were privileged. Defendant further claimed alternatively that the arrests were ordered by the General Officer Commanding-in Chief.

Plaintiff alleged that when he complained of Second Lieutenant Haydon habitually using language unbecoming an officer and a gentleman and of systematically persecuting him he was arrested and ordered fourteen days C.B. for making a frivolous complaint to his commanding officer and for conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline. He had demanded to be tried by court-martial, and after refusing defendant's request to withdraw his appeal to Lieut.-General Sir John Maxwell, in command of the Northern District, the charge was altered to making a false accusation against an officer. On 25th November last, after sending a letter to the Treasury Solicitor making charges against Second Lieutenant Haydon, he was put under close arrest for eighteen days. A court-martial to try plaintiff had been adjourned pending the trial of the present action, but he obtained his discharge from the Army on 24th January last. In cross-examination, he admitted he had taken "French leave" six times in order to see his wife. He maintained that defendant was actuated by malice towards him, but this was denied.

"CONDUCT TO THE PREJUDICE."

Brigadier-General Atkinson said he gave plaintiff a long interview. They spoke as man to man.

In cross-examination, the General said: "I came to the impression that plaintiff had a grievance against Second Lieutenant Haydon, and was prepared to go to any length and take any steps in any direction—how shall I put it?—to get back on Lieutenant Haydon. I also formed the impression that he was rather apt, perhaps innocently, to colour the various statements he made. I am quite convinced he was perfectly honest in thinking he had been badly treated by Lieut. Haydon."

Witness agreed with Mr. Watson's suggestion that it would be highly improper to alter the charge sheet in the way in which it was altered. He said there was power to add to the charge-sheet and give details of the charge under Section 40 of the Army Act, which referred to "conduct to the prejudice." The details could be added after conviction, as a record of the grounds established against the man. That was what should have been done, but it was not.

In reply to his Lordship, witness said he meant that instead of altering the charge they should have set out in detail the note that "this was added at a subsequent date."

No court-martial charge was ever made against plaintiff respecting a letter of 16th November, in which he accused Second Lieutenant Haydon of keeping back Private Tolfree from active service for his own purposes.

Mr. Justice McCardie said it was a serious charge to make against an officer, and still witness formed the view that no inquiry was necessary.

Witness: We did not consider there was anything in it.

Second Lieutenant Haydon's letter, read by Mr. Watson, stated, that he had not borrowed any money from Private Tolfree, and he denied that he was keeping back that private from going overseas. A letter from Private Tolfree was also read. It referred to business relations between the writer and Second Lieutenant Haydon respecting a patent for a parachute.

Mr. Watson: Is it a proper thing for an officer to have financial dealings with a private under his command?

Witness: I think it is under present conditions, because it is unavoidable.

Mr. Justice McCardie: You cannot mean that? Here the lieutenant asks a private to finance a scheme and the private wants to become a co-partner in a patent with the officer. Then the private does not provide the money. He happens to be the managing-director of a picture-house which puts £300 into the business concern. What is to be the relationship of a private who has financed a lieutenant?

Witness: I admit the difficulty, but according to your lordship one would have to look into the antecedents of every man in a battalion and ensure that no private was having financial relations with an officer.

Witness said there was no intention of sending the private in question to France. He was over age and in category B. 3.

Mr. Justice McCardie: You would not as a rule favour a loan by a private to an officer?

Witness: Before the war it would have been exceedingly wrong, and would not be countenanced for a moment. But I don't see how business relations between privates and officers can be avoided just now.

His Lordship: You mean the circumstances are exceptional?

Witness: Yes.

Witness said that no charge was made by him, or with his knowledge, respecting the letter of 16th November.

In re-examination, Mr. Tindal Atkinson read the plaintiff's letter which said that Tolfree pretended to be employed as a clerk in Second Lieutenant Haydon's office. In Tolfree's letter, he stated that no pressure was brought to bear upon him, that the investment was voluntary, and he considered it to the benefit of his company.

Witness thought Second-Lieutenant Haydon was justified in writing his letter. The letter of 16th November was not made the subject of a charge against plaintiff.

Mr. Atkinson: Would it be possible for the military authorities to investigate the exact business relationship, with the Army being constituted as it was, between officers and men? Witness: Quite impossible.

Mr. Atkinson: Do you consider it any part of your duty to do so? Witness: No.

"AS MAN TO MAN."

Colonel Edward Arthur Waldegrave Courteney, Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport, Headquarters Staff, Northern Command, stated that Major Evans had complained that plaintiff was inefficient and troublesome. The complaint was more or less of a soldier who was not "pulling his weight." At an interview with plaintiff, witness asked him to talk as man to man and overlook the differences in rank, but he could get nothing out of him. He told plaintiff he would get no leave until his conduct as a soldier entitled him to it. If he had known plaintiff was taking "French leave" he would not have been granted any leave at all.

In cross-examination, witness said he came to the conclusion that plaintiff was not a man anxious to be disciplined.

Colonel Hugh Duncan Lawrence, Assistant Adjutant-General, Northern Command, gave evidence. He said he gave verbal instructions for altering the charge from conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline to that of making a false statement, not false accusation, against an officer.

In cross-examination, he said he had never given orders that plaintiff should be under close arrest. He had given orders for him to be released from arrest.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sayers, Officer Commanding the Army Service Corps, Winchester, said that in August, 1918, he was in the East Yorks District. He investigated the case of Private Heddon and made the report of 12th August. It was not true that he threatened to put plaintiff in the infantry and send him to France in three weeks time.

Cross-examined, witness said he had concurred in the charge against plaintiff being altered. Major Evans had said plaintiff was young or fit enough to go into the infantry, and witness replied, "Perhaps he is." Witness questioned Second Lieutenant Haydon before plaintiff.

THE RIGHT TO QUESTION.

Mr. Justice McCardie: Plaintiff ought to have been told that he had a right to put questions.

Witness: I thought if he wanted to put questions he would have done so. He did not seem a man who was afraid to make complaints.

During the course of further discussion between his lordship, counsel, and witness, the latter said he did not think there was a written regulation to the effect that a private had to answer questions put to him and not ask questions. He did not think it would be prejudicial to good conduct for a private to cross-examine an officer without permission in a case like the present one. As a rule a private was not supposed to put questions to an officer.

Mr. Justice McCardie: I cannot see why plaintiff did not put questions to the officer in view of the strong feeling in the letter.

Witness: I looked upon it that in the ordinary circumstances of military life a private would not be allowed to ask questions from an officer without permission, but when he had made a complaint and was put in front of me he could ask questions and say what he liked.

Upon the close of the evidence for the defence plaintiff was recalled and denied defendant's statement in court that he had told witness he regarded the last paragraph in his letter of July 22 as mutinous. Defendant had said nothing like it. As to his buttons not being cleaned, he said he always wore leather buttons. He had over-slept on the morning he was found not to have shaved. It was untrue that witness had caused unrest amongst the men.

The case was adjourned for the arguments of counsel until next week.

INCREASE OF VIOLENT CRIME.

POLICE COMMISSIONER'S VIEWS.

Sir Nevil Macready, Chief Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, expresses his opinon that the war is responsible for the increasing amount of crime in England. There is a change in the type of criminal and a big rise in the number of robberies. The robber of to-day had grown callous after four years experience of killing, and is indifferent alike to the taking of life and to his own personal safety. Another result of the war, he said, would be an increase in the number of women murders.

APPRENTICESHIP OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The Prince of Wales was initiated into Freemasonry in the Household Brigade Lodge No. 2614 at Prince's Restaurant, Piccadilly, on Friday, the Duke of Connaught, as Grand Master, conducting the ceremony in the presence of a large gathering of distinguished brethren. At the banquet which followed, the Prince sat on the right of the Grand Master. In the course of his reply to the customary toast, the Prince of Wales said "when I returned from France I found quite a few things for me to do and those few things became so many that it has been practically impossible for me to undertake them all. I determined however, that nothing should stand in the way of my becoming a Freemason and although I know I am going to be very busy I hope to find time properly to fulfil my duties as a Mason.

BONUS FOR RETAINED PERSONNEL.

The War Office announces that officers, non-commissioned officers and men eligible for demobilisation but not actually demobilised by 1st May will receive as from the 1st May the full bonus as granted to personnel retained in the Army of Occupation.

CHAMPION OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE.

FAR GREATER THAN RICHTHOFEN

It is understood that the Air Ministry has decided that so far as is ascertainable, the champion British airman during the war was the late Major E. W. Mannock, D.S.O., and two bars, M.C., who is officially credited with having brought down seventy-three German machines. Major Mannock, who was born in India, is considered to have been the greatest aerial tactician the Royal Air Force has produced. He was shot down by gun fire from the ground.

Royal Air Force officials consider Mannock's record to be far greater than than of Richthofen, as the Germans worked on a different system respecting official confirmation of each victim.

Lieut. Colonel Bishop, V.C., the Canadian airman, ranks second to Mannock, with seventy-two machines to his credit.

SOLDIER MURDERER IN THE DOCK.

"LOST HIS TEMPER."

Henry Beckett, a private who was wearing an Army Veterinary Corps badge, was charged at West Ham police court on Saturday with the murder of the family named Cornish.

After his arrest, the prisoner, who was charged in the name of Harry Perry, made a lon statement to the police confessing to the murders. He said he joined the army in November 1916 and went to Egypt in 1917. He was overtaken by Arabs and shot at, eventually being taken as a prisoner to a Turkish Camp. Afterwards he got to Italy and ultimately returned to England in February 1919.

On the day of the murders he had had some beer and was passing Mrs. Cornish's door when she called him in and asked him to stay to dinner. Subsequently he lost his temper and knocked her down with the kitchen poker.

Prisoner decribed in detail how he killed the other members of the family. He was remanded until Friday.

AVIATION CONTROLLER CRASHES.

An aeroplane in which Major General Sykes, Controller-general of Civil aviation, intended to fly to Paris, crashed at Kenley on Saturday as the result of side-slipping just after it left the ground. Major General Sykes was badly shaken but was able to motor to London. The pilot, Captain E.N. Knott, Australian Flying Corps, was killed.

Major General Sykes was removed from his chambers in Piccadilly on Saturday evening to a nursing home. He was able to walk unassisted to his car. Medical examination revealed no evidence of anything serious, but he was very badly shaken and must be kept quiet for some time. It is expected that he will be back at the Air Ministry within a few days.

TWO AEROPLANE FATALITIES.

Flight Commander Peter Legh, flying as civilian pilot on a Bat machine, was killed at East Finchley. His machine caught fire while at a great height, and came down in flames, the pilot leaping from it into a field.

While Flight-sergeant Parry was in the air about two hundred feet above Alexandra Park Aerodrome, Manchester, his machine side-slipped and caught fire. Parry was extricated from the wreckage but he was in a hopeless condition and died shortly.

A.P.M's SUCCESSFUL APPEAL.

Major Vere De Crespigny, A.P.M. at Richborough, when sued at Sandwich County Court for fifty pounds damages for alleged wrongful arrest, asked for the case to be heard elsewhere.

He said he was likely to be prejudiced, locally through "unpopularity incurred by stopping depredations of Government property."

His application was granted.

"SHOUT (OFF)"- SIXPENCE.

An agreement to abolish the practice of promiscuous tips on the music hall stage has been reached as the result of negotiations between the Variety Artists Federation and the National Association of Theatre Employees.

A scheme of "specific charges for specific services" has been agreed. The tariff for such items as giving a shout, interjecting a remark, or handing an article, is sixpence a time.

KING'S MESSAGE TO OVERSEAS TROOPS.

In the course of a printed message which was handed to each man of the overseas troops on dispersal after the march through London on Saturday the King said:— "It is with a heart full of pride and gratitude that I take your salute to-day as you march in triumph through London. The people of the British Dominions beyond the seas, by their instant readiness to share in the trials and responsibilities of the great war, have shown the world the unity of the British Empire. Now, in the day of victory, I wish to express to you who represent the overseas forces, my unbounded admiration for the splendid feats of arm and the sacrifices made."

The British Salonika Force will in future be known as the Army of the Black Sea.

A negro charged at Liverpool with being a stowaway had twelve thousand sterling in Portuguese money in his possession. He was remanded for enquiries.

A pearl necklace belonging to a Society woman disappeared at Sandown Park Races on Saturday. Its value was several thousands of pounds.

A Zürich telegram says that Landauer, one of the leaders of the Munich Communists, has been shot by Government troops at Bamberg.

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A TRIBUTE TO THE BRAVE.

On Saturday the capital of our Empire paid warm-hearted tribute to the brave men of our self-governing Dominions — Canada, Australia New Zealand, South Africa, and Newfoundland. Twelve thousand troops, representative of these countries, assembled at Hyde Park and marched past Buckingham Palace where King George took the salute. They then made a grand circuit of central London and gave a grateful people the opportunity of demonstrating thankful and joyous appreciation of a victorious sacrifice that shall never fade from the memory of our Motherland. Lieut.-General Sir Arthur Currie had the honour of leading the Dominion troops, and his is a name which stands for courage, initiative, and self-discipline. Who can forget the Canadian Corps in days when, undaunted, it withstood the onslaughts of foes flushed with success, or in the last drama of war when, with an irresistible majesty, it swept from the gates of Amiens the capture of Cambrai and the relief of Mons? Saturday's triumphal march was the first that the men of Canada have made in England, and in it were represented all branches of the gallant Corps.

The Australians marched through London on Anzac Day, but on Saturday they were represented by men of five renowned divisions. Australia has had its imperishable glories in the campaigns of the East and of the West, in Gallipoli and Palestine and France—and Australia never failed. But it is invidious to mention records of gallantry, for every part of our Empire has nobly played its part and worthily earned its renown. The bonds that have been welded in these years of war can never now be broken. Our history is ennobled by annals that shall ever speak of loyalty, courage, and self-sacrifice.

The British Army of the Rhine would also pay its tribute to the happy warriors. Have not many of us fought by their side in the battles of yesterday? We soldiers do not forget our comrades in arms. Our gratitude may not be the gratitude of easy emotion, but it is real and deep. The campaign for life and liberty is well-nigh over, and Peace is hovering above us Our Empire sounds its paean of thanksgiving

"But to the hero, when his sword
Has won the battle for the free,
Thy voice sounds like a prophet's word;
And in its hollow tones are heard
The thanks of millions yet to be."

AN ATLANTIC AIR-FLIGHT.

It was not often that Edgar Allan Poe permitted himself the luxury of humour devoid of grimness, but he gave it freely in one of his Fantastic Tales, entitled "The Balloon Hoax." It is a whimsical account of the crossing of the Atlantic Ocean by the Victoria, a flying machine belonging to Mr. Monck Mason, which in seventy-five hours accomplished a passage from Great Britain to America. The details of the adventurous voyage were made public in the *New York Sun*, and Poe narrates the great exploit of Mr. Mason and his friends, Holland, Ile sons and Harrison Ainsworth, with much artistic skill and notably fertile imagination. The curious story concludes with the words: "This is unquestionably the most stupendous, the most important undertaking ever accomplished or even attempted by man. What magnificent events may ensue, it would be useless now to think of determining."

Thus Edgar Allan Poe joined the goodly band of men who have achieved intelligent anticipations of the future. It is a platitude that truth is stranger than fiction, and in the next few days we may have a proof that truth is stranger than even Poe's fiction. There are at this very time eager airmen, straining at the leash of weather, who have made hopeful preparations for the crossing of the Atlantic. At any moment we may hear that one of Poe's "magnificent events" has ensued. To some cautious people the enterprise of these airmen may seem a literal flying in the face of Providence, unnecessary and unprofitable; to others it may seem a scientific endeavour for the conquest of Nature, hazardous yet inevitable. Whether or not the courage and mechanical skill of these pioneers are crowned with succes, it is certain that the firmament of the Atlantic will ere long be wooed fort the aeroplane. As Blériot conquered the Channel between England and France, so a like-minded airman will conquer the vaster seas.

The Jules Vernes of yesterday are the prosaic realists of to-day. In one of our newest contemporaries Spencer Leigh Hughes has reminded us that in 1714 Swedenburg boasted that he had in hand several wondrous mechanical inventions. Men of his own day must have reckoned them the creatures of a chimerical brain, yet they are now commonplace. One corresponds to the modern submarine, another to the Lewis gun, a third to the automobile, and the last to an aeroplane. We are tempted to believe with a Hebrew sovereign that there is nothing new under the sun.

When the Atlantic is no longer safe from irrestible aircraft we shall have strange happenings. In vigorous health President Wilson will alight from his airship and meet Mr. Lloyd George as he emerges from the Channel Tunnel and together they will journey to Geneva to hear the latest gossip about the League of Nations.

THE OPERA.

TANNHAUSER.

The first performance of Tannhäuser in 1845 was not an unqualified success. Madam Devrient who took the part of Venus, in writing to Wagner, said: "You are a man of genius, but you write such eccentric stuff it is hardly possible to sing it." Critics also complained that "this sort of stuff acts on the nerves," and asked "why should not Tannhäuser marry Elizabeth?" Most of us have now learnt to understand the grand musical language in which Wagner speaks to us in his Music Dramas, but I think that often the real beauty of his music impresses us more after the actual performance than at the moment of hearing it.

It lives in the memory with enhanced charm, and there beautiful memories are revived and intensified with each successive hearing of his works.

Wagner did not write his music to display the voices of his singers as did so many of his predecessors. He most frequently uses the voices of the actors merely to give expression to the emotions connected with the story of the drama, the melodic part being given to the orchestra.

Just as a hungry infant expresses his emotions in vocal utterance of a strenuous nature, so does the Wagner singer Express on the notes presented in the score, the various emotions in the drama. It is, however, possible to accomplish this without sacrificing too much the quality of the singing and a good many artists outside the Fatherland have attempted this with considerable success. There is no need for such a high working pressure as was used on Sunday for a satisfactory artistic interpretation of Wagner's works, especially in so naive an opera as Tannhäuser. With this reservation the production was very good indeed. The orchestra was excellent, and the chorus of Nymphs commendably in time.

Herr Menzinsky as Tannhäuser successfully carried out the usual tradition of a Wagner singer but his singing suffers from an attempt to combine a rather exaggerated *bel-canto* with the "Helden-Tenor" method, which made his singing rather explosive, especially in the earlier parts of the opera, and his rendering of the love song to Venus was far too staccato.

Herr Karl Renner gave an excellent interpretation of the loveable part of Wolfram.

Frau Mimi Wernard-Poensgen singing as Venus was dramatic but not particularly seductive, and in common with some others her singing is spoilt by an excessive tremolo, brought about no doubt by strenuous service at the shrine of Wagner.

Frau Sofie Wolf as Elizabeth and her uncle the Landgraf sang with considerable charm, Herr Gless reminding one at times of the virile Van Rooy. The staging and lighting effects throughout were admirable with the exception of the rather hurried departure of the sunset, and the sudden switching on of the Evening Star for Wolfram's song.

The curtain came down at the close of the opera on one of the most beautiful colour lighting effects I have ever seen.

A. F. JONES.

THE CONTRAST.

It was raining as usual. The dirty white of the houses seemed to stare more impudently at the world, the little village street was deserted save for a few children in grotesquely ill-fitting clothing, and the noise of the rain came through the open window in a most depressing way. A regular pour, and the sides of the street were fast becoming rivers of muddy water. The roofs of the cottages, shining with the rain, were the only clean things there were for the eye to see.

In the room — quite a medium sized dining-room in the only big house in the village — an officer was sitting, or rather half lying, in a big chair, gazing out of the window with a far away look in his eyes.

He had come to the conclusion that Germany, at any rate this part of Germany, was not very pleasant on a day like this, and his mind wandered. Thought hitched on to thought, and one of them tumbled in the same direction — homewards.

What were they doing at home?

3 o'clock. Was it raining? . . . The cottage opposite seemed blurred . . . Then sunshine came to him; and sleep.

He finished tea in the big hall, where the dark oak-panelling had looked down on countless of his ancestors many years ago.

"Coming down to the village, Tom?" asked his sister, hat in hand by the door, with the old French bull-dog jumping and barking and snorting with excitement.

"Right-o! Across the fields though, Baby!" "If you like."

They went out through the garden and he stopped to look at it. The corner by the apple tree was a riot of daffodils, nodding their pretty heads to him as though they were pleased to see him back. And why not? Eighteen years ago he had watched those same daffodils or their parents, on just such an evening as this.

They passed through the white gate and into the dusty road. "Pongo," the aged postman was just getting into his red cart by the Rectory gate, at the bottom of the hill, and that meant half-past-five to a tick.

How quiet and splendid it all looked! The gate of the field opposite the house clanged loudly as the last of the cows came out; and the rooks went cawing over the Rectory as ever they used to. On a slight rise to the left was the village. So neat, so clean, oh! so English! The church, plump and good-natured and dominating everything seemed to be watching him as he walked across the fields towards it, and the clock on the tower smiled and winked as the sun caught the gold hands and figures. It was a funny old church in every way, and it never worried because it had no spire. I suppose Thaxted's tall needle, showing clear against the sky four miles away, was quite sufficient for both.

They climbed the last stile and walked into the village. The girl went off to a farm and Tom strolled slowly down the hill. Every cottage white as white can be! Every little latticed window open to the evening sun, the kindly thatch of the roofs with the poked windows in their centres, all so trim and clean!

And the gardens! The paths kept so scrupulously tidy, with hints of roses and holly hocks and every flower that God sent to make country-people happy.

Some of the old folk, standing at their gates, smiled and bobbed or touched their caps as he passed, people who had known him "even since he was so high."

"Evenin,' Master Tom. How be you a-gooin' on?"

"Splendid, thanks, how are you, Mrs. Baines?"

"I'm wunnerful strong, thank'ee koindly, though I can't cnamp me wittuls to no sense, moind ye. But thet's threw gittin' on in years, ain't it?" And the old lady smiled and showed a row of faultless teeth.

He wandered on to the little bridge over the Chelmer, and stood leaning over, watching the water lazily ripple over the stones. He gazed downwards, thinking of nothing much, and it seemed that he was falling — falling — falling, straight into the water . . . . .

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"What about stables" said the squadron leader with a smile, as the orderly officer picked himself up from the floor on to which he had slipped.

"I was dreaming. Are we in Germany? Great Scott! It's raining again."

He put on his coat and walked out with a vacant look on his face.

T.E.B.

"A NOTE ON THE KAISER."

In the first issue of *Air Pie*, the Royal Air Force Annual, an interesting article is contributed by A. Clutton Brock.

I confess, says the writer, I could never feel that indignation against the Kaiser which many feel or at least express. He is to me, not the ruler and instigator of Germany in the war, but merely the gramaphone. He told the Germans what they wanted to hear, because he himself, like the editor of a popular newspaper, received into his mind what was suggested by their minds and gave it out as if it was his own. I could never believe in his great and dangerous ability. Nor that he willed the war or plotted for it. When the general suggestion of war grew too strong for him to resist it, he succumbed to that suggestion; and then believed that he willed a righteous war against the plotting enemies of Germany. For many years he honestly desired peace; but he thought that it was very noble of him to desire it, and that all the world ought to be grateful to him for not desiring war. He also thought that the least return the world could make was to give Germany all that she wanted without war. So at last, when he demands grew greater and greater and the world refused them, he thought the world must be punished for its wicked ingratitude. That was the way the war suggestion worked in his mind; and the Germans have no right to say that he led them astray. They led him astray. He was in a great position and was utterly unequal to it. It was the fault of the Germans that they did not know it, and listened to all the nonsense he talked.

But so long as they prospered they admired him, because he so thoroughly represented them. The old romantic Germany was romantic about all kinds of things. The new Germany was just as romantic, but about itself. And no one was ever so romantic about himself as the Kaiser. Ludwig II of Bavaria dreamed about Siegfried and Lohengrin and all the Wagnerian heroes, but the Kaiser, with the new German romanticism, saw himself as Siegfried and Lohengrin and Wotan and Jehovah. It is said by Mr. Spencer Leigh Hughes that when he went to Jerusalem he dressed himself up to look like Coeur de Lion, and preached a sermon in a church. Now, no doubt, he sees himself a Napoleon in exile. All that absurdity which we have laughed at in modern Germany, even when it was most evil, reaches its height in the Kaiser. Think of him, not as the greatest villain but as the most absurd person in history. It really is not his fault that he should have had the misfortune to display his absurdities in such a position and in such a moment. He has committed many crimes; but it is not he who has committed them. The fault is with his people who allowed so much power to rest in the hands of one man chosen by the chance of birth. The real weakness of Germany was the fact that no one knew where really the power lay.

THE MAN WHO DID — AND WHAT BECAME OF IT.

BY JUVENIS.

In an earlier issue of *The Cologne Post*, we gave the first chapter of this story. Montague Bilson, late Captain and Adjutant of the 51st (Gtrd.) Westmoreland Light Infantry, now demobilized, had been re instated in the office of Berry and Bilson, Ltd., the big jam manufacturers. Taking it for granted that his capabilities as an adjutant in the Army were sufficient qualification for a leading post in the management of the firm, he was made Managing Director. Forthwith drastic alterations were made. The discipline of the civilian workers was far too weak for commercial success, and Bilson instituted a system much akin to the one which throughout the war had occupied his most engrossing interest.

The secretary—an old man who had faithfully served the firm for many years—was informed of the new methods which were to be adopted, and the cheeky little office boy was promoted "Sgt. Major," to assist at the various trials of employees which at noon each day would be enacted.

CHAPTER 2.

The next day Mr. Bilson continued his efforts towards the militarisation of the firm of Berry & Bilson Ltd., Jam Manufacturers.

His amateur attempts at holding "Battalion Office" had been so successful that he decided to continue. Consequently he was closeted with Mr. Jones, the secretary, for the whole of the morning, and any stranger in the early afternoon would have seen the lady typists "typing" as if for dear life, at the same time apparently convulsed with merriment over what they were typing. At 3 p. m. the mystery was revealed as below to the expectant staff:—

BUSINESS ORDERS.
Aug. 24th 1920.
Part 1.

Issued by Mr. Montague Bilson, Managing Director of Berry & Bilson, Ltd., at Cobden St. Jam Works, Millport.

1. DETAIL.
Manager of the Day, August 25th, 1920, — Mr. J. R. Smith; Manager of the Day, Aug. 26th, 1920, — Mr. W. Robinson.
2. DUTIES.
Parades for to-morrow will be according to the Programme of Work. Dress for Ladies will be "Frill Order."
3. TRANSPORT.
The head porter will report with three men at the Business Manager's Office at 12.30 p.m. to-morrow before proceeding with consignments for rail transit to the Central Goods Station.
One G.S. wagon will be taken.
4. DEPARTMENTAL MANAGERS.
Departmental managers will parade daily at noon in the Business Manager's Office for the receiving of the day's detail.
5. DUTY.
Business Manager.—Mr. W. H. Bossen, the Business Manager, proceeded to Messrs. Snale and Snapem, Ltd., at Sheffield on duty, and returned the same day on completion of same.
6. DUTY.
Commercial Travellers.—Mr. John Greasy will report to the Business Manager at 9 a.m. to-morrow, before proceeding to Glasgow by 10.15 a.m. train. A clean change of underclothing will be taken. His departmental manager will see that this order is carried out.
7. DISCIPLINE.
Each department manager will inspect his staff, male and female, each morning before work is commenced. He will report all negligently dressed or untidy in appearance for disciplinary action. Reports to be made out in duplicate and handed into the General Manager's Office not later than 10.30 a.m. daily.
8. QUARTERMASTER.
The attention of the Business Quartermaster is drawn to Directors's Minutes of 23,2/19 on "Jars, jam, utilisation of."
9. COURT OF INQUIRY.
The following officials will form the Court of Inquiry to be held to-morrow at 3 p.m. to enquire into the breaking of a jam jar by Miss Nellie Smith.
Mr. Jos. Goodall, President.
Mr. Richardson. Mr. E. A. Brown.
Mr. M. J. Head will attend for instruction.
10. NUPTIAL.
The Managing Director has much pleasure in announcing the marriage of Miss Dobbs, of the Boiling Department, to Mr. Snubb of the Packing Department.

Signed on the 24th August 1920.
MONTAGUE BELSON.
Managing Director.

NOTICE.

A lecture will be given in the large workroom to-morrow night, August 25th, 1920, "on The Continental System of Jam Making," by Mr. J.A. Dryasdust (Fellow of the Royal College of Jam Makers.) All employees are invited to attend.

August 24th 1920.
BUSINESS ORDERS.
(Part II.)
Issued by
Mr. Montagne Bilson.
Managing Director of Berry & Bilson, Ltd., at Cobden St. Jam Works, Millport.

1. PUNISHMENTS & FORFEITURES OF PAY.
Cissie Wilhelmina Walton and Julia Hyacinth Smith. Two days pay stopped by D.W. for neglect of duty.
2. REVERSION.
Mr. John Bloomer, Departmental Manager, reverts to substantive rank of under foreman with effect from 24,8,20 for Irregular Conduct.
3. PROMOTION.
Miss Dobbs, of Boiling Department, promoted to the rank of acting unpaid assistant under foreman with effect from 20,8,20.
4. LEAVE.
Special seven days leave of absence on urgent private grounds has been given from 24,8,20 to 31,8,20 to: —
Mr. Snubb, of Packing Department.
Mrs. Snubb, of Boiling Department.
5. STRENGTH INCREASE.
Mr. J. Black, having reported himself to the Business Manager, took over the duties of office boy, and was accordingly taken on the strength of the firm with effect from 23,8/20.

Signed on the 24th August 1920.
MONTAGNE BILSON 1920.
Managing Director.

(To be continued.)

Amateur Musician—"You see, I am perfectly familiar with your music." Popular Composer—"So it seems from the gross liberties you are taking with it."

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Tuesday	5½	Der Freischütz	Weber
Wednesday	4	Siegfried	Wagner
Thursday	6	Cavalleria Rusticana Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo
Friday	6	Der Wildschütz oder Wilddieb von Worms	Lortzing
Saturday	6	Madame Butterfly	Puccini
Sunday	3	Götter-dämmerung	Wagner
Monday	6	Martha	Flotow
Tuesday	6	Joseph in Aegypten	Méhul

CUT OF THE CARDS.

26 COMPANY, R.A.S.C. WHIST DRIVE.

A very pleasant evening was spent on Monday when they held at Frouzheim the first of a series of whist drives.

A feature of the evening's play was the close running of the entrants, the only prize won outright being the Gent's, 1st, the Lady's 1st and Lady's and Gent's, booby prizes having to be decided by cutting the cards.

The prizes were presented by Capt. S.G. Shaw to the following winners:—

Lady's 1st, Pte. F. Fryer;
Gent's 1st, Cpl. W. Craven, M.S.M.;
Lady's Booby, Cpl. F. Spearey;
Gent's Booby, Pte. F. East. S.S.M. G. Tyrrel carried out the duties of M.C. most efficiently

THE "ROYAL" CONCERT PARTY.

THE 6th (S) BN. "THE QUEEN'S OWN"
(Royal West Kent Regt.)

Three very successful performances were given at Wahn on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, when this newly-formed party appeared at the Kronprinzen Restaurant. Owing to last minute troubles, and the poor sportmanship of the Clerk of the Weather the attendances were not as they should have been. Nevertheless, the visitors on the three nights were as appreciative as one could wish, and that everybody was highly delighted, was proved by the applause which greeted the artistes. The Regimental Band were responsible for two selections, namely "Bubbly" and "Round the Map." It is needless to go in to details regarding each individual artiste, suffice to say that each one had to respond to encores. There is no doubt this party will be in great demand, judging by the fact that they are due at the Y.M.C.A. at Porz on Thursday and at Wahn again on Friday, while arrangements are now being made in response to numerous requests to give performances elsewhere.

47th "MACS" AT WHIST.

The Last Drive at Euskirchen.

The last whist drive of the season was held in the North School, Euskirchen, on Wednesday.

A most enjoyable evening was concluded by Lieut Harrison presenting the prizes to the winners.

Many of the men present, he said would shortly be demobilized and would carry away with them memories of the many pleasant evenings sport they had enjoyed while with the "Army of the Rhine." Sgt Dodson, who acted as M.C., speaking on behalf of the men thanked Lieut Harrison for the great assistance he had given in running the drives, and reminded him that much of the success was due to the interest taken in the sports by the Officers in the Convoy.

Hearty cheers brought to a close one of the best evenings spent by the M.A.C. at Euskirchen.

The following is the list of the prize winners.

1st Ladies, Pte Kings; 1st Gents, Cpl. Barnett; 2nd Ladies, Segt. Raymond; 2nd Gents, Pte Chasfield; 3rd Ladies, Lce.Cpl Lanfear; 3rd Gents, Pte Phillips; Booby, Pte Hancock.

MILITARY BAND AT WAHN.

The Military Band of the 1st Eastern Infantry Brigade gave an excellent Concert last Sunday afternoon at Wahn. It was excellent for many reasons — brilliant technique, fine tone quality, interpretation and conducting. This is a new band of 60 instrumentalists amongst whom are many men who have made their names famous in the musical world, with Lieut. H.B. Lewis its conductor.

The opening overture was Suppe's "Morning, Noon and Night," the playing of which evoked long and loud applause from the audience, whose enthusiasm was kept up to the end of the concert.

In the "Chu-Chin-Chow" Selection, the volume of sound was truly magnificient, and although the number of instrumentalists is large, Lieut. Lewis had the band under absolute control, getting out of the players just what he wished. A superb interpretation of "Carmmetta" finished the Concert.

Lce. Cpl. Handley of the "Royals" Concert Party sang two songs in great style, the audience demanding an encore for each.

We believe that in the near future, Lieut. Lewis is to bring the band to Cologne, so lovers of music can anticipate a first rate performance.

THE MERRY MICKS.

That section of the Rhine Army which is stationed in Esch, were favoured with a visit of "The Merry Micks," the Concert Party of the 5th Royal Irish Regt, the other evening. The various items in a rather lengthy programme were excellently rendered, and the artistes individually and collectively were accorded unstinted applause. Lce.Cpl. Livingstone was a prime favourite with his songs and facial expressions and Lieut Mc.Cracken and Lce.Cpl. Weeks gave a very popular item, an American rag-time song. A sketch was given in good style by Lce.Cpl. Dann, Pte Kelly and Lce.Cpl. Livingstone.

A sketch "The New Major" proved a very fitting conclusion to a delightful evening.

"THE PROBES."

"The Probes" Concert Party, the members of which belong to the 91st Field Ambulance Company, again added to their laurels on Saturday evening, when they gave a concert in the Kasino, at Friedrich Wilhelmshütte. The programme included several very "catchy" concerted numbers. whilst Artist Plum and "Stella," a female impersonator, created roars of laughter.

The American Army in France has challenged the British Army to a ten-aside team match at golf. If it comes off one of the courses near Paris will probably be utilised.

RHINELAND FOOTBALL REPORTS.

A SUMMER DAY MATCH.

42nd Bn. Machine Gun Corps in Great Form.

A Match took place on Sunday at the Lindenthal Park before a very good attendance, between the 42nd Bn. Machine Gun Corps, and the 51st Aux. Motor Bus Coy., the latter holding an unbeaten record. The Gunners soon made their presence felt by a raid on the opposing goal, but the "Busmen's" left back relieved the pressure, the ball was promptly returned by Lieut. Loup, and after a scrimmage in the Busmens' goal Hall forced a corner from which Crompton headed over, lively exchanges followed and after pretty play Cpl. Tice gave the ball to Allen who running in from the touch line, beat the "Busmen's" goalie with a brilliant oblique shot. Capt. Corvan shot wide and from the goal kick the busmens' centre received the ball and made a brilliant run half the length of the field, but his final shot was fisted away by the Gunners' goalie. The Busmens' left outside received the ball, and forced a corner, this was well placed and a lively scrimmage ensued in front of the Gunners' goal, the outside right finally shooting wide. Capt. Corvan who made no mistake, this making the Gunners two goals to the good. After this lively scrummages took place at both goals, but the game ended with the Gunners pressing. Result: 42nd Bn. M.G.C. 2, 51st Aux. M.B. Coy., 0.

The Game was remarkably fast considering the state of the weather. The M.G.C. were best represented by the full backs, centre half, and left inside, and the Busmen by the full backs, and centre half.

LABOUR GROUP COMPETITION.

5th Labour Coy. v 91st Labour Coy.

This tie in the Labour Group Competition was played at Volksgarten on Sunday, in sultry weather. The 5th scored twice in the first 15 minutes, Oddie and Swan being the successful marksmen. Play was then fairly even up to half-time.

Shortly after the resumption, the 91st, who at this time were having more of the play, scored through Mc Gregor. The spurt died away, however, and the 5th came into the picture again, Mc Conville, who played splendidly all through, scoring a third goal. This was followed by another from his wing partner, Pace, who also gave a fine exhibition. Towards the finish the 5th were pressing and Oddie scored his second goal, the final score thus being:— 5th Labour Coy. 5; 91st Labour Coy. 1.

187th. v 190th. BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS, R.F.A.

On Saturday the 187th. R.F.A. H.Q. played their final match of the season on their own ground at Hohenburg.

Gwyn, 187th's centre forward, after missing five opportunities, scored an easy goal. Lunn, the dashing outside right, although playing a brilliant game, failed to score. Sgt. Hyslop also played a fine game, holding the opponents, nippy outside right wonderfully. Hills, Williams and Mc Intosh deserve credit. Ball, who is a Manchester man, scored the second goal. Lt. Goad refereed the game with aptitude and wisdom. Result: 187th. R.F.A. 2; 190th. R.F.A. 0.

KNOCK OUT COMPETITION — 1st ROUND.

17th v. 153rd Labour Coy.

Played at Kalk on the ground of the first named club. The first half of the game produced no score, the backs of each team being too strong for the forwards. The 153rd Coy. were slightly the better side in the first half. The 17th forwards played pretty football in the second half, Drayton netting with a superb shot for the 17th after good combination.

153rd Coy. played hard to equalise, but the 17th backs were too strong. Result: 17th Labour Coy 1; 153rd Labour Coy., nil.

52nd Bn. NORTHUMBERLAND FUS. v. 9th DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY.

A football match took place on Friday on the former's ground. The ground was very sodden, which rather spoiled a very good game. The Fusiliers scored first, and the visitors equalised before half time. The N.F's had the better of the play in the second half and scored soon after the kick off. The same team contributed two more goals before the whistle blew. Result: 52nd Northumberland Fusiliers — 4; 9th Durham Light Infantry — 1.

1/6th WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT.

"A" Coy. and D Coy. met at Bluch Park on Saturday "D" Coy. opened the scoring from a good shot by Lce. Cpl. Mercer, the ball shiking the inside post before entering the net. "A" Coy, whose team included three cup finalists now pressed, but without success. A good movement by Pte Redgead ended in Lce. Cpl. Mercer scoring.

Hereabouts Lieut. Lancaster of "A" Coy. was conspicuous for many brilliant runs. "D" Coy. again attacked and C.S.M. Hubbard repulsed them in fine style. "D" Coy. scored again, the ball striking Matthews, the left full back, and entering the net. Lce. Cpl. Mercer and Lieut. Rumney both played well for "A" Coy.

WHERE IS YOUR ENTRY?

If you have not already sent in your entry for the magnificent silver cup we are offering to the most successful cricket team in Rhineland, do so now. Entries, which cannot be received after Thursday next, should be addressed:

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CRICKET.

TRIAL MATCH AT EFFEREN.

A trial match — 12 aside — Signallers v. the rest of 70 Siege Battery — was played at Efferen on Saturday and resulted in a win for the Signallers. Hinchcliffe displayed capital form with both bat and ball but for the most part the men showed that they had not yet got their "eye" in.

Details: Rest of 70 Siege: Sergt. Crook b Salmon 4; Gnr. Root Run Out 2; Gnr. Manson c Clayton b Hinchcliffe 11; Farquharson c Clayton b Hinchcliffe 5; Livesay b Salmon 0; Love b Hinchchiffe 5; Tyrrell b Renyard 0; Kewley c Clayton b Renyard 4; Edwards b Hinchchiffe 0; Cpl. Bowman b Hinchcliffe 0; Sergt. Frost b Hinchcliffe 0; Sergt. Burnett not out 1; Byes 4. Total 36.

Signallers: Salmon b Frost 0; Gunby b Frost 0; Clayton st Sgt. Cook b Frost 7; Hinchcliffe c Frost b Root 32; McKinley b Root 5; Sgt. Muggiestone l.b.w. b Farquharson 2; Gaskell b Frost 7; Renyard b Frost 3; Oliver b Bowman 5; Lancaster b Frost 4; Wells c not out 4; Done b Frost 1; Byes 4; Total 74.

"BEST COMPANY" CUP.

51st H.L.I. "A" Company v. 28 Field Ambulance.

The third round of the "Best Company" Cup Competition, Lowland Division, was held near Stocker on Saturday in fine weather. The H.L.I. soon begun to press. Neat footwork took them to the visitors, goal, Gardner getting in a fine drive which gave the cus.odian no chance. The H.L.I. outside right had hard luck at goal, but his accurate centering subsequently resulted in Smith making sure of a second goal, from a corner. After this set-back, the F.A. began to work together, but fine back play frustrated their efforts. Before half time Smith got another goal. The R.A.M.C. were not playing up to their former style, while the H.L.I. displayed beautiful football.

On resuming, after the interval, the R.A.M.C. tried hard to score; but faulty shooting left them without a goal. The H.L.I. again become dangerous, the right playing in superb fashion. From a centre the inside left found the net with a good shot. For a time the R.A.M.C. pestered their opponents' goal, Davies eventually scoring. One penalty kick had been missed, but F. Menzies, who took a second penalty, brought the score to two The play of the H.L.I. was always good, and two more goals were added before the whistle blew. For the H.L.I., Brown, on the right wing, was always sure, and played a fine game; also Gardner and the right back. Luck, R.A.M.C., was in fine form and played a capital game, frequently having to fall back from centre-half to cover the full backs. Result: 51st H.L.I. "A" Coy 6; 28th Field Ambulance 2.

"FLAG WAGGERS."

51st. GORDONS HEADQUARTERS, SIGNALS V. EDUCATIONAL STAFF.

After their victory over the Transport eleven at the beginning of the week, the Educational Staff of the 51st Gordons, Duren, tried their luck against the Headquarters signallers on Friday afternoon. A boisterous wind and the sodden nature of the ground made good play impossible and the players found difficulty in controlling the ball.

The "flag waggers" early showed to good account, and before long found themselves two goals to the good through Mc Combie, their clever centre. The Education men had one or two good runs but it was close on the interval before they opened their score through Lce. Cpl. Henderson.

The second half was mostly in favour of the signallers, who missed many good chances a goal and Mc Combie completed his "hat trick" by putting on a third goal for them. That finished the scoring, the final result being 3—1, in favour of the Signal Section

Lieut. Brown, M.C. played a good game at centre-half for the "Sigs," and was ably supported by the backs. Capt. Loewe was prominent on the extreme right for the teachers and in goal Lawrie had more to do than his *vis-a-vis*, but he performed his work well. A return match is to be played shortly.

SAM BROWNES V. LEG IRONS.

136 Heavy Battery R.G.A.

On Saturday, a very interesting game was witnessed on the above Batteries ground near Euskirchen. Much amusement prevailed throughout the game, in which the officers defeated the Drivers by five goals to two.

11th ROYAL SCOTS V 1/8 SCOTTISH RIFLES.

Played on the ground of the former at Haan on Wednesday. Playing with the wind, the Royal Scots after 20 minutes hard struggling opened the scoring through the centre-forward, Pte. Giannotti.

The play during the first half was largely in favour of the Royal Scots.

The second half showed a sturdy struggle.

The centre forward of the Rifles was a man who had to be watched, being very deadly at the goal, but Devine, the centre-half of the home team, kept him well in check.

The goalkeeper of the Rifles played a great game for his side, being applauded several times by the spectators. — RESULT: R. SCOTS 1, S. RIFLES, Nil.

2/4 WEST RIDING REGT.

The re-play for the "Warwick Shield" took place at Pingsheim on "C" Coys. ground on Sunday. The game opened very fast, the opposing team making many efforts to score without avail. The first half of the game supplied plenty of thrills.

The second half opened with the same amount of dash and after 20 minutes play Douglas headed a splendid centre from Humprice which found the net. Two minutes before time, Cooper netted the ball in style, to the delight of "C" Coys. supporters.

"D" Coy. put up a splendid fight but were beaten on their merits, the game resulting in a win for "C" Coy. by 2 goals to nil.

YORKSHIRE OFFICERS OPPOSED.

In a keen game between the officers of 1/5 and 1/6 West Yorks on Sunday, at Blucher Park, the latter, by virtue of superior forward play, won by 2—1.

ATHLETICS AT DUREN.

Gordon H.Q. Inter-Company Sports.

"C" Company, 51st Gordon Highlanders held the first of their inter-company sports at Duren on Wednesday. The weather was favourable and the meeting was most successful. All the events were keenly contested, particularly the foot races, the tug of war competition and the pillow fight. The last mentioned afforded much amusement to the spectators. Lieut. Fraser, assisted by Lieut. Mac Donald, "C" Battery Sports Officer, and Sergt. Major Barfour, carried out the arrangements in an efficient manner. The S.M. took part in the high jump competition, and in spite of his years and service cleared 4 ft. 10 in.

The following were the results: —

100 yards race (Officers and Sergeants): 1, Sergt. Fairweather; 2, Sergt. Dunn; 3, Lieut. Burnett.

100 yards (final): 1, Lce. Cpl. Brown; 2, Sergt. Fairweather.

220 yards (24 entries): 1, Pte. Hutchinson; 2, Lce. Cpl. Brown; 3, Lce. Cpl. McMechan.

440 yards: 1, Pte. Hutchinson; 2, Lce. Cpl. McMechan; 3, Pte. White.

High Jump: 1, Pte. Brown (5 ft. 3 in.).

Tug of war: No. 10 platoon.

Pillow fight: Pte. Wallace.

Barrow race: 1, Pte. Hutchinson; 2, Pte. Black.

Boat race: No. 12 platoon.

Throwing cricket ball: 1, Pte. Plumer (90 yards); 2, Pte. Henderson (82 yards); 3, Lieut. Rennie (80 yards).

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

VICTORY INTERNATIONAL.

England	4	Scotland	3

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Paisley St. Mirren	3	Hibernians	1
Hearts of Midloth.	2	Dumbarton	0

CHARITY-MATCHES.

Chelsea	4	Fulham	0
Crystal P.	2	Millwall	0
West Ham	1	Arsenal	0
Everton	4	Glasgow R.	3
Shef. Weds.	3	Rotherham	1
Norwich City	3	B'ham	1
Birmingham	2	Aston V.	1
Newcastle U.	2	Mid'bro'	2
M'chester C.	1	Sheffield U.	0
Stoke	0	Derby C.	0

WEST RIDING CHARITY CUP.
(Semi-finals.)

Leeds City	2	Bradford	1
Bradford City	2	Huddersfi'd	2

(Match awarded Huddersfield on the number of corners obtained.)

INTER ARMY COMPETITION.

Belgium v. Britain.

At Stamford Bridge, in fine weather, before 5,000 spectators. Hodgkinson made a thrilling run and put in a beautiful shot but Flackling saved at full length. Interval: No score.

On resuming, Johnson scored for the British with a shot at close range, and a few minutes later Vandervelde equalised from a corner kick, easily. Then the British pressed hard and Fisenling made a sensational save.

Result:— Belgium ; Britain 1.

THE VICTORY INTERNATIONAL.

England v. Scotland.

At Glasgow, before 80,000 spectators and in fine weather. Grundsell scored beautifully in the first fifteen minutes and added a second goal shortly afterwards. Puddefoot secured England's third point after a great dash. Interval:— England 3 goals, Scotland 0.

From a penalty kick, Wilson opened Scotland's score after which Puddefoot netted the ball again after a solo run. Then Wilson scored twice in fairly quick succession for Scotland. England were superior in the forward line.

Result: England 4; Scotland 3.

RUGBY INTERNATIONAL.

France and New Zealand opposed each other at Colombes, near Paris, before 20,000 spectators on Sunday.

In the first half, France secureda lead of five points but seemed to tire of their efforts after the interval. So badly did they fall away, in fact, that New Zealand finally won by 16 points to 10.

SANDOWN RACES.

INTERNATIONAL STEEPLECHASE.

There was another large crowd present when the Sandown race meeting was resumed on Saturday. The weather was fine and the going improved on the previous day. The returns are appended.

Pavilion Steeplechase; 1, Minstrel Park (6—4); 2, Abukir (8—1); 3, The Last (4—1). Six ran.

St. James Hurdle Race: 1, Beaucourt (11—2); 2, Peterloo (10—1); 3, Cage (7—1). Fourteen ran.

International Steeplechase: 1, Mask Off (6—1); 2, The Knocks (11—4); 3, Square Dance (6—1). Also ran: Seneschal, Ballincarroona, Sergeant Murphy, Charibury, Martial Fourth and Iron Bedstead. An objection to Mask Off for bumping and crossing was overruled.

Sandown Hurdle Race: 1, Knight of Manister (6—1); 2, Chicago (4—1); 3, Kaffir King (100—6). Also ran: Agusley, Drumlarrig, Golden Daisy and Kingscout.

STOCKTON MEETING.

Results at Stockton on Saturday were:

Bishopton Plate: 1, Bedrest (5—2); 2, Fairy Lantern 6—4); 3, Daylight Saving (10—1); Five ran.

Wolveston Weiter Handicap: 1, Montreuil (7—1); 2, Irish Fair (3—1 on); 3, Lady Bayado (5—1).

North Yorkshire Handicap: 1, Buckstaffe (2—1 on); 2, King Carnival (4—1); 3, The Settler. Three ran.

Charlton Plate: 1, Musk Deer (9—4); 2, Queri (20—1); 3, Cyllena (4—6); Six ran.

Fairfield Plate: 1, Lady Birdie colt (6—4); 2, Fairdale (7—2); 3, Dark Dawn (2—1). Seven ran.

Cruthorve Plate: 1, Aruville (5—4); 2, Chapel Green (5—1); 3, Colorie (11—10). Three ran: Colorie broke down.

LATEST COURSE BETTING.

THE DERBY: 2000 to 160 Lord Basil; 7500 to 300 Tangiers.

TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

At Queen's Club, on Saturday, in the final for the Queen's Club Amateur championship, Mr. E. M. Buerlin, the holder, beat Capt. Vane Pennell 3—1, 6—3, 3—6, 5—6, and 6—3.

INTER-REGIMENTAL POLO TOURNEY.

At a meeting of the Army Polo Committee, Sir Douglas Haig presiding, it was decided that the Inter-Regimental Tournament should not take place this year, owing to several cavalry regiments being abroad.

RACEHORSE OWNER'S DEATH.

The death has occured of Mr. A. W. Cox, the owner of the well-known racehorse Bayardo. Mr. Cox raced under the name of "Mr. Fairie."

BILLIARDS.

The closing scores in the match between Inman and Newman which is in progress at Thurston's on Saturday were:—

Newman,	16,000
Inman,	14,925

At Burroughes Hall on Saturday, Major Flemming defeated Mr. S.H. Fry in the final heat of the B.C.C. Amateur Billiards Championship. The scores were:

Major Flemming,	2,000
Mr. S.H. Fry,	1,903

THE ENGLISH CUP.

Two hundred and twenty clubs have entered for next season's competition for the Football Association Challenge Cup.

ANOTHER JIMMY WILDE MATCH.

Alf Mansfield, of Aldgate, has been matched against Jimmy Wilde. The fight will take place at the Holborn Stadium on the 16th inst.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, May 6, 1919.

Surface wind between N.E. and East increasing to 10 to 15 m.p.h. in the afternoon. Fine. Misty in the early morning; visibility improving later. Some low cloud in the afternoon. Warm.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

All about the new Institution.

TO BE OPENED IN COLOGNE ON MONDAY.

A General Routine Order has now been published giving details of the conditions that will govern the much needed club that is to be opened in Cologne under the auspices of British Empire League.

A thoroughly sound idea has been adopted in granting leave to the cathedral town by the allotment of vacancies to units. It is quite obvious that were the leave scheme to be controlled by the commanding Officers of individual units alone, each week-end would witness a great influx of visitors into Cologne, out of all proportion to the numbers that could be catered for adequately by the Club officials. Moreover, there would probably be occasions when the holiday-makers would fall short of the numbers for which provision will be made at the institution.

Allotments to be made.

As already announced in the columns of this journal, the club is an immense place, the interior of which is so thoroughly well organised that something in the neighbourhood of a thousand men may be accomodated at one time without the slightest crowding. An additional hundred or so over and above the number provided for, however, would clearly be a serious impediment in the machinery of administration and would be a contingency calculated to complete the discomfort of everyone.

Consequently, it is unlikely that anyone will complain of the conditions contained in the G.R.O. mentioned, which starts off by announcing that the new club will be opened at 6, Langgasse, Cologne, on the 12th of May.

The order then proceeds to give details of allotments and states that parties will remain at the club for four days.

During the month of May, the first party will be accomodated from the 12th to the 16th; the second from the 17th to the 21st and the third from the 22nd to the 26th.

Corps Headquarters and Corps Troops will be alloted vacancies for four Warrant Officers, Sergeants and Corporals and twelve for privates, while each division, except the Northern Division, may send parties of six N.C.O's and 24 privates.

Parties will arrive at the Club between 9 and 12 o'clock on the morning of the first day, and will return to their units on the afternoon of the fifth day, which means that each man will have four clear days to see all there is worth seeing in Cologne. As for the charges to be made in the way of "hotel expenses," surely no-one will complain that they are unreasonable. Every guest will live on the fat of the land and will have a hundred and one of the little privileges that go to make for the comfort of life, all for an exclusive charge of eight marks a day.

With the mark at its present low value, it does not require the acquaintance with finance of a Chancellor of the Exchequer to realise how absurdly cheap these visits to Cologne will be.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

SUMMER IN RHINELAND.

Phew! We had our first taste of real summer weather on Sunday with a vengence. Everyone seemed to take to the new conditions as a duckling takes to the water. Although it is only a few days ago since we had snow, the activities of all the summer pastimes were running as smoothly as if summer were an old friend. At the Stadtwald, Lindenthal, for instance, the scenes were bright and animated and there was a real "holidayfied" appearance about everything. A motley throng of a couple of a thousand assembled in the vicinity of the picturesque little lake alone — yes, I counted 'em! — and there was not a rowing boat going begging throughout all the hours of daylight, generally speaking.

The Tennis courts were equally generously patronized, of course, and judging by several sets that I witnessed, the Army of Occupation includes among its members, some very capable racket wielders. The female population of Cologne and in fact everywhere in Rhineland, was no less behindhand in its readiness to adapt itself to the warmer climate, so that all the popular haunts of the holidaymaker were bright with the many colours of the ladies, dresses. Whether a large number of the light, dainty frocks were of paper material, I know not, but their appearance in large numbers in the al fresco cafés along the Rhine banks was distinctly refreshing. And even the male inhabitants were influenced by the warmth of the conditions temporarily to part with their heavy overcoats — a tragic state of affairs in their own estimation, surely.

THE RAMBLER.

Other "Sports Reflections" are held over owing to pressure on space.

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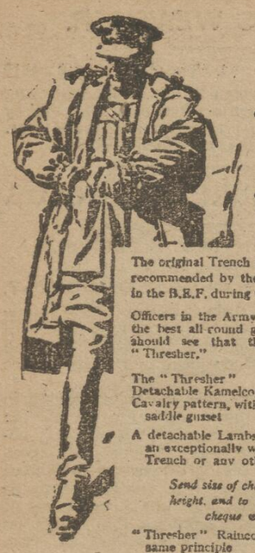

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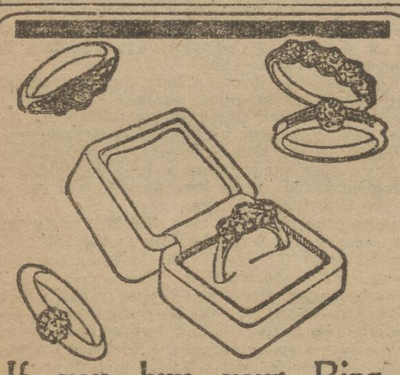

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D.A.H.?

AN INSUFFICIENT DIAGNOSIS.

In the course of an article dealing with the discharge of infectious soldiers, the medical correspondent of the *Times* of Friday says:

The trouble is quite simple. Infectious diseases of the type of dysentery and malaria masquerade under an enormous number of different guises. Unless any particular case has been definitely earmarked as dysentery or malaria before it comes to England it is apt to "pass muster" and go out into civil life under some such title as "disordered action of the heart" (D.A.H.) "debility," "Neurasthenia," "muscular rheumatism," or "bronchitis." It is none the less dysentery or malaria, or some other chronic infection, and it is none the less a real and grave danger to the civil population.

At present we are accepting the diagnoses D.A.H., debility, rheumatism, and so on, much too freely. They are handling these labels as if definite disease conditions were being considered.

At one military hospital at least, medical officers refuse to consider "D.A.H." or debility as a diagnosis at all. If a man arrives with these labels he is asked, not about his heart or his general weakness, but about what illnesses he had when the symptoms of breathlessness, giddiness, and so on appeared. If he has come from the East, a routine examination for dysentery is made, no matter what story the man may give. It is astonishing how often the patients are found to be infected with dysentery. Once discovered, the disease can often be cured, and then the man recovers.

The moral is plain. A great danger exists from these cases arriving under a vague diagnosis and being forthwith released among the civil population because "they are not cases of infectious disease." Moreover, a great injustice is done the man himself, because, if the cause of his so-called heart disease is chronic malaria or chronic dysentery, much can be done for him. Finally, an injustice is done the country, because a man who might have been rendered more fit is pensioned off as being less fit.

The remedy is this. It should be ordered that diagnoses founded on symptoms are not to be given unless complete failure has followed prolonged efforts to determine the first cause of the disease. Thus in a case of debility following malaria the diagnosis would not be "debility" but "malaria." This would ensure a watchful eye being kept on this patient. Again, a man with disordered action of his heart coming on after a dysentery attack would be labelled no "D.A.H." but "dysentery," and very careful efforts made to free him from infection.

This, of course, means the employment of expert and vigorous use of laboratory accommodation to make routine examination of all suspects. Finally we would point out that time is essential to the proper examination of any man. You cannot determine the nature of an infection in a day, probably not in a week. Men must therefore be kept in hospital. The policy of quick returns is a bad one. We are convinced that the public will support any efforts which may be made to secure a better state of affairs.

ARMY HEALTH DIRECTORS.

Better health in the Army and more effective control of disease are hoped for from the creation by the War Office of two new Directorates of Hygiene and Pathology within the Army Medical Department. Pathology in its wider meaning is the branch of medicine dealing with the nature, causes, and treatment of disease. The medical staff will number no fewer than 77.

The objects of the directorates, says an official memorandum, are "to utilise to the fullest extent the benefits of new knowledge and to initiate and control research work in connection with problems affecting the health of the troops; and to raise the standard of sanitary and pathological work in the Army, and to furnish inducement to officers who have specialised in these subjects to continue to work therein. It is also hoped that the improved prospects may encourage young medical men whose inclinations lie in these directions to enter the service."

The new departments will take over the work which has hitherto been distributed among various branches of the Army Medical Department. Each director will hold the rank of brigadier-general.

"The whole community, as well as the Army, will gain from this forward step," writes a medical correspondent. "Accident and disease are much the same in the Army and among civilian workers. Any discovery for the prevention or cure of disease will be available for all. There are hundreds of young doctors hungering for the opportunity of making research into disease, its causes and cure. Some of them have it now."

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

THE BATTLEFIELDS.

We who have fought on the battlefields of France, who have lived together amidst the mud and wreckage of the trenches, who have slept many a wearisome night on the cold clammy soil of the fields, in dark dismal dug-outs and in hurriedly made "cover" trenches; we who have coolly watched the shelling of villages and towns, have very vivid recollections of the horrors of war. And it is interesting, now that such are things of the past, to hear the comments of visitors to those devastated areas where we fought in order to save our country from an unbearable future. Especially interesting it is to read the accounts of the various members of the German Peace delegation — accounts of what they saw of France as it is to-day from the train which took them, by way of the battlefields, to Versailles.

Many of them, it appears — despite the fact that they are amongst Germany's cleverest people — had very little knowledge of the true state of affairs in those one-time prosperous villages. What, then can the average man or woman in Germany know? The restrictions placed upon the Press by the old Government prevented any true enlightenment of the real tragedy which was being enacted on other soil.

With clenched fists.

A representative of the delegation, writing to the *Vossische Zeitung* seems to have grasped fully the justly indignant attitude of the French people. After commenting on the desolation of the route, he says of the people: "They have not given us a friendly welcome at these places of horror. Many a wrathful word was uttered, many a fist was clenched. How can we be indignant, how can we disclaim this Chauvinistic spirit? The people here have suffered indeed heavily."

A painful reversal.

Another correspondent writing to the *Vorwärts* refers to their compatriots who are prisoners. "Whilst crossing over the devastated areas," he says, "we can see men in field-grey uniform with red ribbands on their caps and we all jump to the windows and answer the salutes not given to us but to their country and the dear ones at home. We have seen at home Russians, Frenchmen, Englishmen, Italians, Serbs, and Roumanians in the same situation. It is merely the *painful reversal of a usual spectacle.* The sight, depressing as it is, is not so terrible as some imagine. The prisoners, of whose condition we have the opportunity of investigating, appear to be fairly well fed."

Passing near St. Quentin the correspondent obtains an idea of the tragical situation. "St. Quentin!" he says, "we shall never be reconciled with France unless we do not thoroughly understand why they hate us. For all that human folly of destruction has done we shall receive the bill at Versailles."

Thus the veil is being withdrawn gradually from before their eyes, and it is to be hoped that when they return they will be able to convey to their own people the true reality. But by no means have they learnt the full reason why "French people clench their fists" merely by glancing at tumbled-down houses and swamped fields. Far more hideous crimes have been enacted for, after all, those are the natural results of war. There are others which cannot be included in any class of warfare save that of savages, and these crimes are they which have caused the bitterness, not only of the French people, but the whole of the civilized world.

Socialists no yet satisfied.

Though a great and very important victory was scored for the Socialists when May Day was proclaimed a National Festival, this party is not altogether satisfied. It would be difficult adequately to sum up the great effect which must in course of time result from this new institution, and which, in all probability, will entirely revolutionize the policy of the new Germany now that the driving power, so essential for any kind of success, has been placed at the disposal of the socialists by a sympathetic Goverment. At the same time, there is still much to be done before the mass of the people will be convinced of its value. Scheidemann, the Prime Minister of the Republic, recently made this point very clear. "We have gained he said," a certain amount of political prestige, but not all; for the majority of the people is not with us. Our aim must be to win over this majority and thereby ensure a perfect basis for the great economical successes which will convert capitalistic society into a socialistic one.

ARMY PAY OFFICE MYSTERY.

Consternation has been caused in military circles in Dover, says a Dover correspondent of the *Daily News*, by the disappearance of a large number of Army money orders of the value of about £10,000.

It is stated that the orders were placed in a drawer in one of the Army pay huts, and are known to have been there and securely locked up at the end of last week, after which they had disappeared.

One of the orders was cashed at a post office in London on Tuesday, and it was because of a defect in the Army date stamp that an inquiry was made which led to the discovery of the loss by a military officer.

It is believed that the date stamp used was not that used in the Dover pay office.

The Dover police were informed, and they are making efforts to solve the mystery.

THE SOLDIER'S RIGHT TO LIVE.

Major Malone, a magistrate at Tottenham, emphatically protested against the action of the police in opposing the resumption by a discharged soldier of the business of a flower-seller on the pitch he occupied before he joined the colours.

Inspector Abbey urged that the man had no right to stand where he did.

Major Malone suggested that there was a moral right as well as a legal right.

Inspector Abbey: Yes, but ——

Major Malone: But for men like this man having gone and done their bit, where should we be? Should we be here? Would you be here, inspector, if these men had not gone and fought and prevented the Germans from becoming our masters?

Inspector Abbey said the policeman objected to the man obstructing the pathway with his basket.

Major Malone: The policy of the Bench is that this man has a right to live. He has chosen to earn his livelihood in the way and at the place he did before the war. We direct that he shall be allowed to. He must not, however, obstruct the pathway.

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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUÉ.

The sitting during the course of which the text of the Preliminary Peace Terms will be handed to the German delegation will be held on Wednesday 7th May at 3 p.m.

There will be present the plenipotentiaries of the British Empire, United States of America, the Dominions of France, of Italy, Japan, Belgium, Brazil, Greece, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Serbia, and the Tchecho-Slovak Republic, each of whom will be accompanied by a Secretary.

It has been decided that representatives of the Press of each country will be admitted up to a total of thirty for the Great Powers and ten for those powers who have special interests.

The German delegation will comprise six plenipotentiaries, accompanied by their secretaries and by five newspaper correspondents.

ITALIAN DELEGATES RETURN TO PARIS.

"THE DAY" APPROACHES.

Count Bonin Longare, the Italian Ambassador in Paris called on M. Pichon, the French Foreign Minister, yesterday and informed him that according to a telegram from Rome Signor Orlando and Baron Sonnino would be back in on Wednesday morning.

M. Pichon immediately communicated the information to the Council of Three. The decision of the Italian delegates seems to have been made spontaneously, following the conversations which have taken place in Rome during the last few days.—*Havas.*

TURKISH TROOPS' FIENDISH CRUELTY.

ARMENIAN FAMINE.

The *Times* correspondent at Igdir, in a message dated the 13th April, via Constantinople (delayed in transmission) says the systematic removal and destruction of the crops and food supplies by Turkish troops in South Russian Armenia has left the country famine stricken. The supply of food at Igdir is insufficient to keep more than a fraction of the population alive. Many families are feeding on grass and clover and will die unless proper food supplies are not at once forthcoming.

Some twenty-five bodies are removed from the streets daily, and instances are known of portions of corpses being offered for food by refugees. The correspondent has actually seen in the cemetery the remains of bodies which had been dug up at night and partially consumed by the starving people. The conditions in the surrounding villages are reported to be even more desperate than at Igdir.—*Reuter.*

WAR MINISTER KILLED BY AEROPLANE CRASH.

Copenhagen. An aeroplane containing the Czecho-Slovak War Minister Stefanik and two Italian officers, crashed near Wajnor. All the occupants were killed.—*Reuter.*

HOME RULE FOR SCOTLAND.

A Bill for the Government of Scotland introduced into the House of Commons by Sir Henry Cowan provides for the setting up of a single chamber Parliament subordinate to the Imperial Parliament. The Parliament will comprise 148 members, representing existing constituencies, with the addition of peers.

The powers of the new Scottish Parliament will include all those powers conferred on the Irish Parliament by the Government of Ireland Act of 1914.

TRIAL OF TURKISH FIENDS.

Constantinople.— The great trial by court martial of twelve Unionist leaders, including ex-Grand Vizier Said Halim Pasha and the ex-Foreign Minister Halil Bey, has commenced.

The indictment involves a lengthy list of atrocities committed against the Americans, and foreshadows the death penalty against Enver Talaat and Djemal. These two are fugitives and will be tried by default.—*Reuter.*

DELAYING THE INEVITABLE.

Copenhagen. A telegram from Buda-Pesth dated 5th May says there is not a word of truth in the report that the Hungarian Government has accepted the Allies' demand for capitulation and surrender of all arms and ammunition and for the occupation of Buda-Pesth by the Allies. *Reuter.*

AMNESTY FOR MILITARY PRISONERS.

It is understood that in connection with the forthcoming peace celebrations the Government is taking into consideration a review of all cases of British soldiers serving sentences for offences against military discipline committed during the war, with the object of granting free pardons or reductions of sentence when peace is ratified.

VICTORIOUS ROUMANIAN ARMY.

SEEKING NEW CONQUESTS.

Reuter learns that the army invading Hungary under Humbert is progressing rapidly and has probably reached the occupied suburbs of Buda-Pesth. The Rumanian troops who are participating comprise six divisions, with two French divisions. These have been involved in heavy fighting. Slovak troops are following on the right wing of the Rumanian army. The situation is good in Bessarabia where there are four Rumanian, two French and two Greek divisions, while there are further Rumanian divisions in Moldavia. Practically the whole of the Rumanian Army, whose spirit is magnificent, is mobilised. The Military situation in Rumania is regarded as absolutely safe and after the occupation of Buda-Pesth the Rumanians will be ready to advance against the Bolshevists in any direction.

SIBERIAN ARMY'S ADVANCE

PRISONERS AND BOOTY.

A delayed telegram from Omsk dated 23rd April says that the Social Democratic Party at Perm passed a resolution declaring that it regarded Lenin and Trotzky as anti-democratic and disastrous to Russia, and that it was its duty to help to bring about, as soon as possible, the downfall of Bolhevism.

According to advices from Omsk dated 25th April Koltchack announces that along the Perm railway the offensive is being energetically pursued, the despatch adding "We have taken many prisoners and a large amount of booty. On the river Kama our troops captured eighteen steamboats and forty-five other vessels."

Omsk. 26th April. It is officially stated at Headquarters that Siberian troops have taken Aktubinsk and Sabartchine stations on the Tashkent railway, thus cutting off the Bolshevist retreat from Orenburg towards Tashkent.

FRENCH AND KITCHENER.

PIQUANT REVELATIONS.

Field Marshal French, continuing in the *Daily Telegraph* his narrative of the retreat from Mons, dwells on the difficulties he experienced with Kitchener, who "arrived at Paris in his uniform as a Field Marshal, and from the outset assumed the air of Commander in Chief, announcing his intention of taking the field and inspecting the troops." French says that Sir Francis Bertie, the British Ambassador, supported him in protesting against Kitchener's attitude and after interviews in which French told Kitchener that he could not tolerate such interference with his executive command, an amicable understanding was reached. "Kitchener realised his mistake and left Paris that night."

French emphasises the danger of undue interference of the Home Government with the Commander in the field and says that the utmost pressure was brought to bear on him to compel him to make a stand, thus exposing the British Army to the greatest danger of annihilation. Kitchener came to Paris with no other object than to insist on arresting the retreat. "It was difficult to resist such pressure. Fortunately I was able to do so." French says Kitchener's visit had the important result of enabling French to communicate his views regarding the future conduct of Allied operations to the French Government, who transmitted them to Joffre. The latter replied that it would be impossible to organise a line of defence on the Marne, as French suggested, saying that the British could best help by participating in the defence of Paris, whose safety, says French, was paramount in the minds of the French generals. He shows how the arrogance of the Germans in thinking the British were crushed led them to abandon the direct advance to Paris and attempt to cut the Allies in two South of the Marne, the consequence being that the Germans were thrown back in confusion over the Marne. French says that von Kluck showed hesitation and lack of energy.

QUEEN OF SWEDEN'S AWKWARD PLIGHT.

Stockholm, 2nd May. The Swedish newspaper *Afton Tidningen*, in an article headed "Queen of Sweden besieged by revolutionaries" says: "The Queen, who for over five months has been staying with her mother, the Grand Duchess of Baden, at the castle of Count Douglas of Langenstein, South Baden, near the Swiss frontier, with six Swedish attendants, is unable to leave the castle even for an hour's visit to her mother as the risk of unpleasant experiences is too great. The Baden Government has emphatically advised the Queen against making even the shortest trip until the people's minds have quietened down. Therefore it seems that the Queen, together with several Swedish subjects, is now kept practically in imprisonment.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE PORT BURNT.

An undated *Reuter* despatch from Yokohama says that 3,500 buildings have been destroyed by fire. The damage is estimated at one million pounds. A hundred persons were injured and sixteen are missing.

ASTOUNDING CONFESSION OF FOURFOLD MURDERER.

A CALLOUS CRIMINAL.

One of the most callous confessions of crime ever made by a cold blooded criminal was that voluntarily given to the police by Henry Perry, alias Beckett, who is charged with murdering an entire family.

The victims were:— Walter Cornish (46), Mary Cornish (42), Alice Cornish (14) and Marie Cornish (5).

While this astounding document was being read in Court and throughout the hearing of the evidence the prisoner stood to attention in the dock.

He was remanded until Friday.

Beckett, who was arrested on Friday morning at East Ham, was charged with the murder of the Cornish family at Stukeley Road, Forest Gate. He is a short man, with a bronzed face, dark brown hair and moustache.

He wore a shabby greatcoat and waistcoat, the coat having a wound stripe on the sleeve, and corduroy trousers. He stood motionless at attention in the dock, holding a cloth cap in his right hand and with his eyes fixed straight in front of him looking on the floor. He was charged in the name of Harry Perry, although he is stated to be generally known as Beckett.

SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE.

Divisional Det. Insp. Hall, who, with Chief Insp. Neil, of Scotland Yard, had charge of the case, was the first witness. He described his visit to the house in Stukeley Road, and the finding of the body of Alice Cornish on the cellar landing, and that of Mary Cornish in an outhouse at the bottom of the garden. He removed a carving-fork from her throat.

On the floor was the severed portion of the ring finger of the left hand. There was the impression of a ring, but no ring on it. Under a bench was an axe.

In the house he found a soldier's overcoat with six shillings in coppers tied up in a khaki handkerchief in the pocket. Under the coat was a bloodstained hammer, and near by another hammer with human hair adhering to it.

There was a pail in the sink containing bloodstained water and floorcloth, and the passage near the cellar appeared to have been recently washed. He searched the house, but nothing else appeared to have been disturbed.

"I also found some letters addressed to Mrs. Cornish," proceeded Inspector Hall, "but I do not propose to put them in to-day."

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"I AM THE MAN."

Proceeding, witness said that at noon on Friday he, with Chief Inspector Neil, saw the prisoner, detained at East Ham Police Station. He said to him: "I understand you give the name of Jones." Prisoner replied: "No, my name is Perry—Harry Perry, but I am known as Beckett. I am the man you are looking for."

I told him who I was, said the Inspector, and I told him he would be charged with the murder of Walter, Mary, Alice, and Marie Cornish. The prisoner said: "Quite right."

I noticed he was wearing a wedding ring, and told him to take it off. He did so, and said, "That is not the one I took from her. I gave that to a woman in Stratford on Monday night." I looked through some documents which I found in prisoner's possession, and he said. "I will tell you all about this."

I said, "If you wish to make a statement I will take it down writing, and you can sign it." I again cautioned him, after which he made the following statement.

THE CONFESSION.

PRISONER'S ANTECEDENTS.

As far as I can remember, I was born at Chatham. My father was a sailor, and he died when I was young. My mother married a hawker named Becket. Whilst I was still very young we used to travel the country in a caravan.

On November 29, 1916, I joined the 3rd Suffolks at Bury St. Edmunds, and did my training at Felixstowe, and was drafted early in 1917 to Egypt. I was stationed at Sidi Bish, near Alexandria, and in about six weeks we were then sent to Palestine, on the Gesrea Beersheba front, some time in May, 1917.

I went out to get some water, when I got lost. I rambled about all night, and next morning I was overtaken by some Arabs, and whilst walking along I was fired at by a Turkish Bedouin. I was slightly wounded in the left leg, just above the instep. I was taken prisoner and carried to a Turkish camp.

I was five days in hospital, and was then taken to Jerusalem. I left there, and was taken to Damascus, where I had typhoid fever. About November 4, 1917, I left the hospital, and was sent with a working party on a railway with other British prisoners. I was taken to different places, and finally to Constantinople, where we were taken over by the British Colonel Commins, who was in charge.

BAD MILITARY RECORD.

I was sent to South Italy by the steamship "Contomber" (an Australian boat), and detained in hospital at Terranto, Italy. I remained there a week, and was then sent to Genoa at Bordegear remaining six weeks, after which I was sent to England on a paddle-boat from Le Havre pier.

We disembarked at Southampton on February 26, 1919. I went to the office of the A.P.M., Horseferry Road, and I told a lot of lies and, represented that I belonged to the Australian Expeditionary Force. The A.P.M. disbelieved me and sent me to the detention barracks.

I was then taken to Scarborough, where I remained four days under arrest. I was there given a warrant to proceed to my depot at Bury St. Edmunds, but instead of going to the proper depot I went to the new infantry barracks.

I was then directed to report myself to Quartermaster-Sergeant Shelling. I did not go, but went to my sister, Mrs. Louie Smith, at Ipswich.

Whilst I was there I went to a War Office assurance place, represented I was a returned prisoner of war, and gave them some papers, which they kept. They gave me £5. I then went to my step-aunt, Mrs. Cornish, 13, Stukeley Road, Forest Gate.

The address was given me by my sister, Mrs. B. Bird, of Ipswich. She recognised me by my photo, which she had received from one of my sisters. She asked me in at about 9 p.m. Mr. Cornish was there.

They made me welcome and comfortable for the night, and I stayed two weeks. That would be near the end of March. I stopped with them until the Saturday after Good Friday. Whilst there I became acquainted with Mrs. Sparks, and we arranged to get married.

I had some words with Mr. and Mrs. Cornish, and they turned me away. I left the house and went to Warley. When I got there I changed my mind and returned to London, called at the Whitehall Recruiting Barracks, and tried to get some money, as I was hard up. I stopped in the barracks that night.

POKER, PICKAXE, AND FORK.

Next morning (Saturday, April 26) I returned to Mrs. Sparks, where I remained until Monday. I left her about ten o'clock, and walked about till twelve o'clock. I had some beer, and about 1.30 p.m. I was passing Mrs. Cornish's door. She called me in and gave me one or two rough words, and asked me to stop to dinner.

I lost my temper and knocked her down with the kitchen poker. I carried her into the shed at the bottom of the garden. She was not dead, but unconscious. I hit her with a pickaxe and went back into the house, got a carving-fork from the drawer and stabbed her in the throat.

This would be between 2 and 3 p.m. I covered her over with some boards and rubbish, and then went back to the house and remained there until the little girl Marie came in from school. I hit her on the head with a hammer in the passage. She fell down, and I struck her again, then picked her up and threw her down the cellar.

Soon after Alice came in from school. I let her in. She went into the kitchen, and I struck her on the head with a hammer. She fell down, and then I hit her on the throat with an axe, and carried her into the cellar.

I CUT HER FINGER OFF.

I waited until Mr. Cornish came in from work. He said to me, "What games are you having? I am going to hand you over to the police." We had a few words because he was annoyed at me being there.

He turned his back, and I hit him on the head with the axe with which I hit the girl Alice. I struck him a second time, but he got away and was frightened and went out of the house.

Before Mr. Cornish came I had gone upstairs and taken £3 in notes and 8s. in silver, the two half-sovereigns which were in Mrs. Cornish's purse on the dresser in the kitchen, and also 4s. 3d. in silver.

I cut Mrs. Cornish's finger off with a table knife and took off the ring, which I gave to a woman I met the same night. Before Marie came home Mrs. Gallagher called, and I told her Mrs. Cornish was out shopping.

On Monday night I went to a clothes shop at Stratford and bought a jacket and waistcoat and cord trousers, which I am now wearing. I paid 37s. for the jacket, vest, and cap, and 17s. 6d. for the trousers. Altogether it came to £3 0s. 5d.

I took the clothes down to the docks and took off my uniform, removed the stripes and changed into plain clothes. I met some sailors and went gambling. I have been sleeping about the docks ever since.

Last night, with a sailor, I broke into some schools at North Woolwich and stole some of the coppers found on me. The sailor had a revolver. Someone came to the place to make he fire up. The sailor then threatened to shoot him if he came near him. We got away.

That is all I have to say. This statement has been voluntarily made after I was duly cautioned that it might be given in evidence against me. It has been read over to me, and it is true.

(Signed) HENRY PERRY.

Taken and witnessed by Arthur Neil, Chief Inspector.

OFFICER V.C.'s SAD PLIGHT.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, speaking at the Royal Academy banquet, said that no commander in the history of the war had been so ably and loyally supported as himself by all ranks of the British Army. It was because every man had played the game as a true English sportsman that we had won. Let us always remember, he said, what British training and education had done when we are asked to adopt some system of education invented abroad. The people's wonderful support of the army earned a high tribute from the Field Marshal, who asserted that the Pensions and Labour Departments are sympathetically coping with the problems of demobilization. The numbers dealt with are enormous and one heard of very sad cases daily. Sir Douglas begged employers to be patient with applicants for work and to help them to learn their job.

Quite recently an officer who had won the V.C., D.S.O., and M.C., was discovered vainly trudging the streets of London in search of work.

This statement that a demobilized Victoria Cross officer was trudging London in search of work has attracted great attention and the Appointments Branch of the Ministry of Labour is in communication with Sir Douglas Haig to find out whether or no the V.C. registered his name with them.

It is stated in papers discussing the subject that demobilized privates are much better off than officers owing to the improved conditions secured by their unions, while officers without unions are unwilling to accept positions at salaries which are lower than their Army pay

FLYING THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

OCEAN LAMP POSTS.

Commander Towers, the U.S. Naval officer who is supervising the American preparations for the trans-Atlantic flight, has issued the following statement: "On a forthcoming morning the United States Naval seaplanes in Newfoundland will hop off on a flight of not less than eighteen and a half hours to the Azores. This means that the machines will travel throughout one night, and will not alight before daylight. Sixty destroyers equipped with powerful searchlights will swing beams heavenwards throughout the hours of darkness, thus affording aircraft a lamp post every fifty miles. The flying height will be roughly one thousand feet. In the daytime the destroyers will have huge numbers painted on their decks and sides so that aviators may check their couse regularly.

St John's, Newfoundland. 3rd May. — Three American warships have already arrived at Trepassey Bay, near Cape Race, which has been selected as the base for the American trans-Atlantic flight.

The second United States seaplane is expected to be ready to-morrow.

American Naval officials declare that these three vessels form the advance guard of a squadron of thirteen which will be strung across the Atlantic from Newfoundland to the Azores. American seaplanes are expected to start from Rockaway Beach for the first section of the trans-Atlantic flight on 5th May and will probably leave Trepassey Bay for the Azores between 12th and 14th May. In addition to the destroyers it is also proposed to employ five battleships, which will keep Washington advised of the progress of the flight.

New York, 5th May. By an accidental fire at the aeroplane station at Rockaway Beach, the wings of seaplanes N.C. 1 and N.C. 4, two of the three machines intended for the trans-Atlantic flight, were destroyed. It is announced that N.C. 3 will start tomorrow, weather permitting, and it is hoped that N.C. 1 and N.C. 4 will be able to start later.—*Reuter.*

A FAVOURABLE DAY.

St. John's. 5th May. There is a light North West wind here this morning and the day is fine. So far as local conditions are concerned the prospects are favourable for the trans-Atlantic flight.

YET ANOTHER ENTRY.

A Vickers Vimy-Rolls machine is the latest entry for the trans-Atlantic flight. Completed at the Weybridge works, it is fitted with two 350 h.p. Rolls-Royce engines. Carrying 865 gallons of petrol it has a range of 2440 miles, with a maximum speed of a hundred miles per hour, although the average cruising speed will be kept at ninety miles.

Captain J. Alcock D.S.C., is to be the pilot of the machine, which is now awaiting shipment to Newfoundland.

Vice Admiral Mark Kerr, Lt.-Col. Stedman and Major Brakley left Liverpool on Sunday for Newfoundland in connection with the trans-Atlantic flight by the Handley-Page machine.

UNEMPLOYMENT SWINDLERS SENTENCED.

At Portsmouth a man was sentenced to two months hard labour for obtaining unemployment donations by false pretences.

A mother and her daughter were sentenced at Grays to three weeks imprisonment and twelve months probation respectively for attempting to obtain the unemployment donation.

A Manchester man was sentenced to six months imprisonment for obtaining unemployment pay by false pretences.

The Minister of Labour has appointed a Committee to make enquiries and report as to whether modifications of the unemployment donation scheme are necessary.

The scandal of the flagrant abuse of the out-of-work donation scheme is receiving the attention of the authorities and heavy penalties are being inflicted where offenders are detected. The following are cases in point:

At Aylesbury, on Saturday, John Kingham, general dealer, of Aylesbury, was charged with obtaining £11 12s. representing out-of-work donation from the Ministry of Labour Employment Department, by false pretences.

Accused had served in the Royal Air Force, and the Public Prosecutor asked that he should be adequately dealt with, as frauds of this character were very prevalent. Defendant received the donation between Jan. 31 and March 31, whilst carrying on business as a dealer. He registered himself as a general labourer, and signed a declaration that he was unemployed and unable to find suitable work. If he had registered as a person working on his own account he would have come under the special supervision of the officials. During January and March he did business with one firm to the extent of £65 for the sale of marine stores.

Defendant was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

A man aged 20, drawing unemployment pay, was fined at Croydon yesterday for playing banker on Mitcham Common. He said he was not looking for work but was waiting for the Government to find him a job.

COLONEL TO CONSTABLE.

Holding the rank of Acting Lieutenant-Colonel when he was demobilized recently, a Cardiff policeman named Arthur Ritchings has resumed duty as an ordinary constable.

Sir Frederick Sykes was very much better yesterday.

2nd Lt. Cuthbert Skerrison, R.A.F. flying a machine for instructional purposes at Port Grange, Gosport, yesterday, crashed on the railway line and was killed.

Burglars have lifted and removed the safe from the Ministry of Labour's Employment Exchange at Rotherhithe. It weighed over half a ton and contained 600 pounds.

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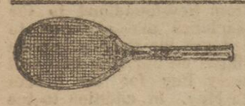

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THE LUSITANIA.

Four years ago to-day the Lusitania was torpedoed by German submarine craft and sunk into the mighty deep. The deed was dastardly the loss of life was appalling. These years have not sufficed to wipe out the memory of a dread and ruthless blow. Its sorrow and its shame lingered throughout a campaign unequalled in gloom and death, for the escutcheon of humanity was foully besmirched. The sinking of the Lusitania was an outstanding fact of war; there was no excuse for it and there could have been no excuse. Men and women and children, devoid of the passions of war, engaged in no act of war, were doomed to swift and cruel death. What were the consequences? They were speedy and inexorable. A great moral revulsion against militant Teutonism gripped the heart of the civilized world and brought to our country the succour which spelt defeat for Germany. The unholy jubilation of our foes, evilly expressed in a medal which drew the memory of mankind to St. Bartholomew's Day, nerved our Empire for the fight and gave to it spiritual significance. The seventh of May 1915 was a day of doom.

Is there a German argument against the fact of the Lusitania? Assuredly there is, and it takes diverse forms. It is possible to hold that all is fair in war as in love, that war at its best is so brutal that swift and ruthless warfare is in the end the most merciful. That is the apologia of terrorism. Against it we say that whilst war is undoubtedly a business of savagery it has usually been limited by certain rules which owe their origin to international law, and that any violation of these rules brings shame to humanity. No more flagrant violation of international law could be imagined than that involved in the sinking of the Lusitania. It may be held that Englishmen are not free from hypocrisy when they emphasize the outrage of 1915 and pass over in silence a systematic policy enforced every day from the beginning to the end of war, a policy of calculated blockade. Which policy, we are asked, is the more humane — the Prussian policy which brought swift death on the high seas, or the British policy which as long as war was waged brought the spectre of famine into every German home? We state this argument fairly and frankly, for as a nation we have always prided ourselves on our fairness.

We answer with confidence that the British policy was infinitely more humane. Our reasons are twofold. In the first place, the policy of blockade is as old as the art of war. From the earliest years responsible statesmen in counting the cost of a campaign have paid due heed to the cardinal question of their nation's food. They have known that their enemies would try all means to hinder and if possible cut off food supplies. Thus they have never embarked on war without some reasonable assurance that they could feed their soldiers and their countrymen till victory or defeat brought fighting to an end. In 1914 the German authorities calculated the power of the British navy—it was well known to them—and they reckoned that they could win the war against the Allies before the Grand Fleet could starve their country. There was no swift, unprecedented policy in the British navy. It attempted what the German war-lords expected it to attempt. But there was miscalculation, for the Grand Fleet accomplished what it was not expected to accomplish — and so famine spread over the German empire. It was a slow weapon, a sure weapon, and, if you like, a cruel weapon — for war is cruel — but it was a weapon that Germany had carefully gauged and, as it turned out, wrongly gauged. The British navy struck no fierce, unlooked-for blow in the dark; it worked on expected and recognized lines, on the lines of international law, and it worked surely and relentlessly.

Surely and relentlessly — the words point to our second argument. On the seventh of May 1915 the unsuspecting passengers on the Cunard liner had no chance of surrender, no sporting chance even of life — if we may use a colloquial adjective. Quite frankly, they were murdered on the high seas. The slowness, sureness, and relentlessness of the British blockade gave the Germans a daily chance of life during every one of four long years. The war-lords had only to say — "It is enough, we shall not allow our nation to starve;" and they might have brought war to an end. If the war-lords proved recalcitrant, then the people had only to say — "It is enough, we shall not allow our war-lords to starve us;" and they could equally well have brought war to an end. Surely a policy of blockade is humane when one has regard to the infinite warnings it offers to beleagured men and women. Its very insistence on the frailty of mankind is merciful when it is compared with a policy of stand and deliver and die.

We have thought it wise to point out the British attitude. The policy of *The Cologne Post* is explanatory and reasoned but not provocative. It is against every British tradition of honour to maltreat the fallen, and we would not offend our tradition. But it is a mere matter of kindness and common-sense to lay bare the secret of the sore inflicted by Germany on our Empire, when reluctantly brought into the abyss of strife our Empire strove to keep war from its most hideous evils. The time may come, we believe it will come, when healing will assuage the enmities of these years. We have no desire to wound a nation in its throes, but we believe that the Lusitania episode has made the art of healing far harder than it might have been. Even now a frank avowal on the part of the German people that the sinking of the Lusitania was a crime against humanity would make it easier for many of us to forget the bitterness of the past years.

RUSKIN ON WAR.

Suppose I had been sent for by some private gentleman, living in a suburban house, with his garden separated by a fruit-wall from his next door neighbour's; and he had called me to consult with him on the furnishing of his drawing-room. I begin looking about me, and find the walls rather bare; I think such and such a paper might be desirable—perhaps a little fresco here and there on the ceiling—a damask curtain or so at the windows. "Ah," says my employer, "damask curtains, indeed! That's all very fine, but you know I can't afford that kind of thing just now!" "Yet the world credits you with a splendid income!" "Ah, yes," says my friend, "but do you know, at present, I am obliged to spend it nearly all in steel-traps?" "Steel-traps! for whom?" "Why, for that fellow on the other side of the wall, you know: we're very good friends, capital friends; but we are obliged to keep our traps set on both sides of the wall; we could not possibly keep on friendly terms without them, and our spring guns. The worst of it is, we are both clever fellows enough; and there's never a day passes that we don't find out a new trap, or a new gun barrel, or something; we spend about fifteen millions a year each in our traps, take it all together; and I don't see how we're to do it with less." A highly comic state of life for two private gentlemen! but for two nations, it seems to me, not wholly comic? Bedlam would be comic, perhaps, if there were only one mad man in it; and your Christmas pantomime is comic, when there is only one clown in it; but when the whole world turns clown, and paints itself red with its own heart's blood instead of vermilion, it is something else than comic, I think.—*Crown of Wild Olive.*

WHAT CANADA IS DOING FOR EUROPE.

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

No-one who has not had an opportunity of visiting Canada during the past few months can have any adequate conception of the great change which has taken place in that country during the war. Previous to 1914, Canada was regarded as pre-eminently a suitable country for the emigrant, and although Canadian flour, bacon, cheese, fruit, and agricultural machinery reached Europe in considerable quantities, they only served to confirm the popular idea that Canada was, so far as her occupied territory was concerned, an agricultural country and nothing more.

The transfer to Europe of hundreds of thousands of Canada's manhood during the war incidentally provided a means of disseminating information with regard to the great Dominion, and many were surprised to learn for the first time not only of its immense mineral and water power resources but also of its great manufacturing activities. No doubt much valuable although unintentional propaganda work was performed in this way by the members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, yet, strange though it must appear, even they were not in a position to do justice to the great Industrial Canada—which owes its rapid expansion almost entirely to the War.

Two factors have been mainly responsible in converting Canada into a great manufacturing community. The serious shipping losses and the general war situation in the United States prevented Canada from obtaining from without many commodities she usually imported, and in consequence she was compelled to manufacture them within her own borders. Canada's splendid effort in the manufacture of munitions has often been referred to, but few people outside official circles are aware of the immensity of it. It is hoped that later on some statistical information on the subject will be available. In the meantime it may be stated that it was necessary to build large factories for the actual manufacture of munitions; that other factories had to be set up to turn out machinery, tools, and other appliances required in the equipment of the first mentioned factories; that steps had to be taken to develop the mineral and other resources of the Dominion in order to provide the raw materials necessary for both.

The foresight and business acumen which were displayed in organising and equipping the Canadian munition factories were applied, on the signing of the Armistice, to the difficult task of demobilizing them, and it speaks much for the ability of Canadian business men that demobilization was effected in a fortnight and without the necessity of paying out large sums in the form of donation allowances. The factories which turned out the machinery, tools and other appliances were not however, demobilized, nor were any efforts made to retard in any way the output of raw materials. These factories have been adapted to the manufacture of commodities required in the work of reconstruction, and the raw materials themselves are happily as useful in peace as in war.

It is this new industrial Canada that is coming to the assistance of Europe, and the Canadian Government, through its mission in London, has already made the necessary arrangements. Canada realises that peace will not have been attained in Europe until there is a sufficiency of food and abundant employment. It is apparent that food, being nature's gift, cannot be produced for many months in lands lately ravaged by war, and Canada is willing to place her surplus food products at the disposal of the Allies until they are in a position to provide for themselves.

Moreover, if food is to be produced in Allied Countries in quantities which enable those countries to be self-supporting to any great extent, agriculture must be reorganised and more up-to-date machinery utilised. Here again Canada is coming to their assistance by sending them that up-to-date agricultural machinery which has for many years been one of her best-known products.

The herculean task of rebuilding the devastated areas in Belgium, France, Roumania and Serbia has also to be taken in hand. Raw materials and manufactured articles are required for this work. Canada has abundant supplies of iron and steel, timber, asbestos, and up-to-date building appliances, and arrangements are being made for them to be placed at the disposal of the Allies in their work of reconstruction.

Reports of commissions who have enquired into the conditions prevalent in the devastated areas have laid emphasis on the necessity of providing clothing, boots, and other vital necessities. Prior to the war Canada would not have been in a position to furnish articles of this description, as large quantities had to be imported to satisfy her own needs. It gives some indication of the remarkable and rapid growth of Canadian manufactures to state that the Allies are now receiving from Canada goods of the varities which previous to 1914 they were in the habit of exporting to that country.

There is a further service which Canada is rendering, but which cannot be measured in quantity or value. Conditions arising out of the war have produced in Europe pessimism, despair and, in some cases, unrest and even anarchy. The fact that a new country like Canada with its optimism, gospel of hard work and of the dignity of labour, is assisting in the work of reconstruction, is having a healing influence which must in the end make for peace and for a more hopeful outlook on life throughout the whole of Europe.

The Canadian Mission in London with headquarters at 1, Regent Sreet, S.W.1, and under the Chairmanship of Mr. Lloyd Harris, one of the master-builders of the new industrial Canada, is prepared to put at the disposal of all who are interested full information regarding Canada's exports.

MY LOVE.

I feel so hopeless. I almost wish that we had never met. Had I not known your joys I might have stayed content; and yet, to know that I have known you makes me proud.

I came to this land with my head held high; I was glad we had won the war. My chest went out as the Germans went by, and I couldn't have swaggered more.

Then came You, who showed me visions to be, and made all the world look bright. I shuddered in awful ecstasy, I tremoled in mad delight.

I could not think. The sight of you made my nerves tingle; the first touch made my poor heart throb until I feared my head would burst. I had not dreamt such painful joy could be.

They said I could not fraternize. They barred me from all social intercourse with Fritz. But to have owned you I'd have violated all the laws that be. You could not be described as handsome or divine; I cannot say that you were anything but plain. And yet from that first touch my heart was yours. I wouldn't have lost you for the wealth of kings. I knew that you were mine, made just for me, and consequently I'd have died for you. You gave me happiness for one brief spell, and proved how dear to me you really were. Until to-day I could not leave you; not for one moment were we seen apart. You were so close to me that now I've lost you I feel that some essential part of me is gone.

I try to fall again into my former groove, but fear that that is quite a task beyond me.

I might well have known that we soon must part, but I looked on the joy that I had, and did not count the sorrows to come, for—

"All men returning from leave must invariably hand in their passes."

W. T. S.

THE MAN WHO DID — AND WHAT BECAME OF IT.

BY JUVENIS.

CHAPTER III.

Mr. Bilson noted with satisfaction the gradual change coming over his business. Certainly, it was being conducted on army lines, and the only thing he now desired was the rigorous discipline of the Army. So he set his brain to work in order to devise a scheme for imbibing to his employees the military idea of government by fear. He realised that the mainstay of Army obedience lies in the non-commissioned officers, and he felt the absence of those inestimable creatures in the jam manufactory. He determined to try and secure some of these demobilized individuals who were at the moment fattening on the Government unemployment pay.

Accordingly the following advertisement appeared soon after in the *Northern Telegraph*: —

WANTED at Berry & Bilson's Ltd., good reliable men as foremen; ex-full rank N.C.O.'s and Warrant Officers only need apply. Salary good. Apply between the hours 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The day after the insertion of the above advert. about the hour of 2 p.m. a queue of men might have been seen outside the firm of Berry & Bilson Ltd., which have brought up reminiscences of the cigarette queue in a Y.M.C.A. canteen. On a closer inspection one could easily have detected that the badly fitting civilian garments worn by the men were Army Issue, from the Dispersal Centre.

Mr. Bilson, informed of their arrival, was a bit disconcerted at their numerical strength, but promptly ordered them to "Fall in" on their markers, according to their respective ranks. He had previously selected a beery looking individual with a large "corporation" as marker for the warrant officers; a square-jawed person whose face suggested long acquaintance with the boxing ring to represent the sergeants; and an expressionless youth with baggy trousers for the corporals.

Having "dressed" the ranks, and "stood them at ease" in correct "Infantry Training, 1914" fashion, he proceeded to interview the Warrant Officers. After questioning them about their old regiments, how many men they had "pegged" daily, and what their average number for the guard room had been per day in the good old days, he eventually chose the most bellicose of them all, because he claimed the greatest propensity for "bullying the troops." Still adhering to the old army ideas, considering men of intelligence unfit for responsible positions, he instinctively chose those with the least business ability, so from the sergeants he chose a man who could neither read nor write, but who had a voice like a 9.2, and claimed long experience as "i/c defaulters." From the corporals he selected one, who having served a long time on the P. T. Staff, only possessed the ability to shout, "Move," "jump to it," and other similar cryptic phrases.

The three favoured men having fallen out, Mr. Bilson "pulled the remainder to attention," and dismissed them.

Returning to his office with the new employees, the director explained to them their new duties, laying emphasis on the fact that he wanted them to make the workpeople "sit up." He told them that he was engaged in the greatest experiment, he considered in the annals of commerce, the militarisation of a business.

So these three ex-parade ground tyrants left the "Orderly Room," as Mr. Bilson now termed his office, and went out like roaring lions seeking whom they might devour.

Mr. Walley, the ex-warrant officer, commenced by entering the lady clerks' department and telling a young lady of the flapper variety to get her hair cut. To enforce this, he applied the treatment he had so often found efficacious in previous years; drawing from his pocket a pair of barber's clippers, he ploughed a furrow through the hair of the astonished girl from the back of her neck to the crown of her head. Thereupon, she promptly went into hysterics, and Mr. Walley just as systematically informed her that she would be on a charge for "dumb insolence."

He did not see the absurdity of the charge, although the air was rent with the girl's shrieks, and so he proceeded to lock her up in a cupboard in lieu of a guard room.

Mr. Givitem, the ex-provost sergeant, strolled into the Packing Dept. and used his lungs with such violence because a girl, carrying about a dozen jars of jam had got in his way, that she dropped the lot through sheer fright. He quickly apprehended her and demanded her name, at the same time adding that she was under open arrest for "Irregular Conduct."

Mr. O'Grady, the late Physical Jerks exponent, caused more amusement than fear, by his nervous excitability. He entered one room, where several girls were engaged in superintending the boiling operations. He shouted in his shrill voice, "Class," and as no one seemed greatly impressed, he exhorted them to "jump to it." That having no effect, he told one girl to double round the Works twice, and another to ascend and descend the staircase three times in succession. These outbursts of Mr. O'Grady were too fatiguing to the girls to be really enjoyed, and they showed some signs of insubordination, to which he immediately replied by threatening to "bash all their heads in."

Three weeks later, Mr. Bilson drove up in his car to the works, at 9.30 p.m., his usual time of arrival, and was surprised to find a solemn stillness reigning in place of the usual hum of industry. He entered the building and met his three devoted overseers on the threshold. Their faces soon showed that something was wrong. The facts were soon told; for some unaccountable reason, none of the employees had appeared that morning. The director rushed into his office, and his eyes immediately met the following document, typed on his own business paper, lying on his desk:

"The Staff of Messrs. Berry & Bilson, Ltd., desire to intimate to the Managing Director that no employee on that staff will return to his or her duty, until the three overseers, Messrs. Walley, Givitem and O'Grady have been discharged from the firm.

Furthermore, they would like to inform Mr. Bilson, that while military methods of such description as the treatment received from the three overseers in question, may be tolerated in the Army, they, as civilians, have no intention of submitting to the violation of any of their liberties.

(To be continued.)

One of the parishioners of a young minister was disgusted at the reverend gentleman's close attention to his manuscript, and was only too pleased to give vent to his feelings when a friend inquired—

"How's the new minister getting on?"

"Getting on!" replied the irate churchman, "Well, he's getting on like a crow in a later field—two daos and a look-up."

ERRATUM.

The initials to the article "The Contrast" in yesterday's issue should have been J.E.B., and not "F.E.B." as printed.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Wednesday	4	Siegfried	Wagner
Thursday	6	Cavalleria Rusticana Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo
Friday	6	Der Wallenschmied von Worms	Lortzing
Saturday	6	Madame Butterfly	Puccini
Sunday	3	Götter-dämmerung	Wagner
Monday	6	Martha	Flotow
Tuesday	6	Joseph in Aegypten	Méhul

THE "RED PATCHES."

Debut of Another Concert Party.

Last week saw the formation of yet another concert party, namely, that of the 52nd Battalion Manchester Regiment which takes the name of the "Red Patches" from the distinguishing mark of the Battalion, i. e., red patch which is worn behind the cap badge.

The entrepreneurs of this new attraction are Captain W.G. Swain and Lieut. J.H. Moore, who have been untiring in their efforts to produce a really first class show. The three initial performances were given on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, in the Battalion Recreation Room at Gestringen, to large and very appreciative audiences.

On entering this building on the first night, one was astounded at the transformation in so short a period from what, only a few day before, had been a dowdy dilapidated and depressing village "Konzert Halle" to what now would compare very favourably with many an up-to-date "Casino" in France or England.

The Battalion Pioneer Sergeant and his Staff must have been real "treasures" to those concerned and are to be congratulated on the wonderful results they achieved in producing such excellent lighting arrangements. The programme, consisting as it did of numbers which were suited to all tastes, was sufficient proof of the versatility of the artists.

The Battalion is extremely fortunate in having at its disposal the services of ex-members of such eminent theatrical companies as the original "Tatlers" concert party and the late Mr. Geo. Edward's Companies of London and Miss Horniman's Gaiety Theatre Company of Manchester, in addition to three excellent vocalists, a first class light comedian, a solo 'cellist and last—but certainly not least—an accompanist of the highest order.

Sergeant Bedfort, who is responsible for the originality of many of the excellent lyrics, and C.Q.M.S. Critchlow whose stage management was all that could be desired, both deserve the highest praise in contributing to the success of the performances.

The exceedingly high level of the tone maintained throughout was admirable and there is no doubt whatever that the "Red Patches" are sure of success and full houses wherever they may go.

CARDS AND MUSIC.

715 Labour Coy Detachment Whist Drive

As a slight relaxation from the heavy work of handling ammunition at one of the Army Depots, the detachment of the 715 Labour Coy. held a most successful whist drive on Monday. The winners of the ladies prizes were, Pte. Adams (1st) and Pte. Graham (3rd), and very charming they looked too, though unfortunately they had stubby chins and their prizes were, most appropiately razors. The winners of the gentlemens prizes were Pte. Cochran (2nd) and Pte. Knight (4th). The booby prize went to Pte. Hay, that most harrassed of all men, the detachment cook. It consisted of a medal with the appropiate inscription "For Lotion and Rouge." Lieut. Cann, O.C. Detachment, acted as "Whip," and a very good job he made of it. The whist drive was followed by a sing—song, with Sergt. Brown in the chair and the evening proved a huge success. The detachment is in about the last spot on this earth so far as amusements are concerned, and, as the evening was so thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed, it is proposed to make it a weekly fixture.

"Y. M.'s" AT HOME.

Gen. Sir Charles Ferguson, the Military Governor of the occupied Territory, Viscount Broome, R. N., the Town Major of Cologne (Major Bles) and several other distinguished officers were among those present at an At Home given by Dr. Frances and his colleagues on the staff of the Central Y.M.C.A. on Monday. General Robertson, the Army Commander, had signified his intention of being present, but was prevented from attending owing to pressing military duties. Subsequently Viscount Broome gave a most interesting lecture in the Great Hall, his discourse dealing with the doings of the British Army during the war. He gave a very instructive account of the surrender of the German Fleet, his remarks being illustrated with cinematograph views.

The audience was most enthusiastic in its appreciation and Major Bles' proposal that a vote of thanks be given was accorded with great acclamation.

SPORTS REQUISITES.

Those who are in search of sports and athletic goods will be interested to learn that the Central Y.M.C.A. in Cologne are daily expecting a large supply of these articles which are to be placed on sale at the Souvenir Stand.

A SUCCESSFUL TOUR.

The "Iddy Umpties" brought their most successful week's end to a close on Saturday night at Miel. Crowded houses have been the rule at each place they visited, but their final show at Miel was to an overwhelming audience, which demanded frequent encores. At the conclusion of the performance the entertainers were heartily thanked for their excellent services throughout the week by Colonel H. Ward, D.S.O. (104 Brigade R.F.A) after which the officers and men joined in giving the Party "musical honours."

FOR NIGHT BIRDS.

By keeping open their hostel, in the Hohe Str., all night, the Salvation Army authorities in Cologne are meeting a long felt want amongst men in the Army of the Rhine. Thus men reaching the City late at night, during their journeys to and from England, are able to obtain a comfortable bed and refreshments, instead of wandering about the streets till morning.

INTERESTING MATCH AT RIEHL.

51st D. L. I. — "Y." v. "Z." Companies.

In view of the fact that the football team of "Y" Coy beat the "rest of the Battalion" (?) the other day, and were rather elated over the fact, "Z" Coy challenged them to a game on Sunday May 4th and a good but rather one-sided game resulted.

In the first half, Sgt. Wilkinson and Lce.Cpl. Robinson ("Z" Coys.' defence) easily accounted for the rather spasmodic attacks of the opposition and with their forwards playing a good game they were two goals up at the interval.

In the second half, Cpl. Edlington, "Z" Coys. goalie, was practically a spectator and "Y" Coy were very fortunate in keeping the score down to three goals. Lce.Cpl. Illingworth (2) and Pte Peel were the scorers.

Although "C" Coy were far superior in method, the game was always interesting to the onlookers. Result: "Z" Coy 3; "Y" Coy 0.

ANOTHER CHALLENGE MATCH.

Headquarters v. 51st Battery — 39th Brigade.

The above match was played at Rhinebach, the outcome of a challenge by the Battery, after a previous defeat of one goal to nil. From the kick off the Headquarters team pressed in fine style, the outside left continually beating the opposing backs, but the Headquarter's failed to score, owing to the players all being eager to find the net. A sudden breakaway by the battery forwards was foiled by the right back, who cleared in brilliant style, after which the Headquarter's forced a corner from which the Rev. W. Heale scored. Half time arrived with Headquarters leading, and from the kick-off against the wind, Headquarter's had the best of the play. Several good runs by Headquarter's failed to materialise, but at last Dr. Liversley scored. The game finished by Headquarters winning 2 goals to nil. The left half of the Headquarters played a brilliant game, as did the goalie, who saved brilliantly. Headquarters team was picked from a cadre of 15 men, while the Battery had 50 men from which to pick.

12th IRISH RIFLES "ONE UP."

12th (S) BATTN. THE ROYAL IRISH RIFLES V. 2nd ARMY COLLEGE.

Played at Stommeln on Thursday. The College was much the heavier team, but during the first half play was generally in their half.

Several good opportunities were missed following fine runs by Prescott, the visitors' goalkeeper saving smartly; Mc Kindley's tackling and passing considerably handicapping the visitors' right wing. The interval arrived with no score.

In the second half play was more even, the visitors nearly finding the net with a shot from Capt. Saxton, but Thompson pushed the ball away.

The right wing of the College now worried the Rifles, but a fine kick by Lee relieved the pressure. Prescott's run ended with a corner. From this a scrimmage took place in front of the visitor's goal from which Mc Minn scored.

Great excitement now prevailed, but the Rifles defence kept the visitors out, the Rifles winning by one goal to nil.

For the visitors Sapper Blackmore, with excellent kicking, relieved the pressure on several occasions. Capt. Thornton played much better in the second half, often worrying the Rifles defence.

For the Rifles, Mc Kindley and Prescott were in good form, but unfortunately Prescott's centres were not made use of, or the Rifles would have won easily.

The teams were: College, Smeaton; Blackmore, Maddox; Lt. Trom, Berryman, Longstaff; Capt. Thornton, Capt. Bassford, Capt. Saxton, Lt. Fish, Pte. Black.

Rifles. Thompson; Rainey, Lee; Mc Kindley, Dunne, Galloway; Prescott, Doherty, Campbell, Walker, and Mc Minn.

1st MACHINE GUNNERS v. 141 FIELD AMBULANCE.

The return match played on the ground of the former on Sunday resulted in a win for the Machine Gunners by one goal to nil, Pte. Mc. Callum scoring from a corner by Pte. Scott.

OUR CRICKET CUP.

For complete rules and conditions governing this competition, see to-morrow's issue of the *Cologne Post*. All entries, which must be received by to-morrow (Thursday), should be addressed:

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303rd v 488th SIEGE BATTERIES.

303 Siege gave a taste of their mettle, when they beat the hitherto undefeated 488 S B. on the latters ground at Ippensdorf, on Saturday. Although the score was but 1—0, there was never any danger of defeat for 303, who were much the better team throughout. They well deserved the goal, which was scored by Gunner Hill, after some pretty footwork amongst the forwards.

No. 2 v No. 9 51st BEDFORDS INTER PLATOON COMPETITION.

Favoured with fine weather, the above two platoons met at Hennef on Sunday, to decide which was to be the champion football platoon of the Btn. From the kick off a considerable amount of midfield play ensued with No. 2 platoon doing rather more attacking than No. 9. After a while No. 9 made the running but were unable to score. Half time arrived with neither side having claimed any advantage. From the restart No. 9 went off with a rush but were still unable to overcome the excellent defence of No. 2 platoon. One great shot of No. 9's centre half (Lce. Cpl. Larkin) was splendidly cleared by No. 2's goalie, Sergt. Cope, From a breakaway, the centre forward of No. 2 managed to get home with a shot which registered the only goal of the match. No. 9 tried hard to obtain an equaliser. Their efforts met with no succes. The game was fast and exciting and some excellent football was played, to the great enjoyment of a crowd of excited and enthusiastic spectators.

RECENT HOCKEY RESULTS.

2nd Royal Scots, 5; 102nd Field Ambulance, 0.
2nd Royal Scots, 7; 1st Royal Scots Fusiliers, 1.

TROPICAL FOOTBALL.

WATSON AND STEVENS IN FORM.

The return match between 70 and 319 Siege Batteries was played at Efferen, on Sunday, and resulted in a win for the first named by 3 goals to love. The reappearance of Andrew Watson at centre forward greatly strengthened the home front line and for the greater part of the game play ruled in the vicinity of the visitors' half. Quite one of the features of the game was the delightful passing movements between Stevens and Watson, and altogether the 319 defence had a gruelling time. Fairley brought off some clever saves, especially during the second half, while Gray and Brooks were a hard-worked pair of backs. Seventy were a couple of goals to the good in the first five minutes. Watson took a pass from Jones and, cleverly tricking Gray, beat Fairley at close range. The same player a minute later found the net again after some excellent play around the 319 goalmouth following a corner kick. No further scoring took place prior to change of ends, but 70 did nearly all the attacking, and once Fairley saved brilliantly from Watson at the expense of an abortive corner.

In a break away 319 were awarded a "free," close in, and Macdonald hit the crossbar with a terrific shot. In the concluding period the visitors were mainly on the defensive and it was during this period that Fairley did so well between the sticks. However, Stevens eventually beat him with a hard drive, and as 319 were unable to break through the home defence they were beaten pointless. The weather was ideal from a cricketer's point of view, but for football it was something like being in a vapour bath for over an hour minus the cold shower. The teams were:

70 Siege Battery: Gunby; Garnham; Cudworth; Meyerott, Howarth, McAuley; Lancaster Hinchcliffe, Watson, Jones J.E. and Stevens.

319 Siege Battery: Fairley; Brooks, Cpl. Grey; Bdr. Brandon, Bdr. Short; Chreston, Macdonald, Hay, Robins, and Reeve.

5th DEVONS INTER PLATOON FINAL.

Keen and exciting football was witnessed on Saturday last, when the final for the six a-side inter platoon competition was won by No. 4 Platoon who gave a good exhibition of the game by defeating No 9 platoon 4 points 2.

The Drums and H.Q. staff again tried conclusions which resulted in narrow win for the H.Q. by eleven to one.

4th R. S. F. IN WINNING FORM.

On Monday the 4th Royal Scots Fusiliers defeated the 16th Field Artillery (American Army) by 6—2. On Saturday the 4th R. S. F. met the 16th American Field Artillery and beat them by seven goals to one.

A FISHY TALE.

HOW NOT TO CATCH FISH AT GEMUND.

BY "FORELLA".

On arriving at Gemund after a weary journey from Cologne, where I had hoped to be stationed, I was cheered by the keenness of all ranks in the direction of sport. Football claimed the bulk of the mens' interest and I spent several afternoons cheering the Battery team. My voice lost tone and I had perforce to be a silent spectator, but by no means a sad one.

However, an unaccountable speeding up in the stage coach-demobilization, made gaps in the team and these were not easily replaced. Football became in consequence hardly worth watching, so I turned my attention to another form of sport which promised, if not more excitement, at least as much interest. I procured a rod and line and went fishing.

Perseverance unrewarded.

I fished at one or two sports where I had seen fish caught and hope soared high in my breast. Like the mercury in a thermometer, however, it gradually dropped. Thinking I might meet with success in another part of the river I drew in my line and walked about half a mile downstream, selected another ground and cast again.

About a quarter of an hour elapsed with nothing happening, and then a young German, evidently a native of Gemund appeared armed with rod, line and bait and accompanied by a small boy carrying satchel.

During this time I had been steadily growing colder and my hands had turned a delicate shade of purple. My feet too, were numb, but still I persevered. My worm had shrunk but not from over-eager fish biting at it. The cold had turned it a delicate pink, a colour pretty enough to tempt even the most fastidious fish. Alas! the colour scheme did not appeal to the denizens of the deep.

Hope Springs eternal.

Hearing a slightsplash in the direction of my neighbour, the German youth, I glanced up to see him land a beauty — a roach big enough to make half a good supper. In less than three minutes he repeated the performance and during the hour that ensued caught nine more as large or larger.

The pale flame of hope which had begun to flutter, revived and burned brightly. I noticed that the successful man was fishing without a float so I removed mine and sat down upon the bank. It was of no avail, those fish disdained my bait. The flame which had been revived now flickered again and when I saw another shining body jerked from the water and added to the almost full satchel, it went out. I then pulled my line and turned to go. I hated that youth with his satisfied air and his big catch.

That night I dreamed of fish of truly tremendous proportions and awoke in the middle of the hours of darkness with the cold clammy feeling of a fish upon my face — I had rolled off my bed boards on to the cold stone floor.

MUSIC, TENNIS AND CRICKET.

The list of activities of the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. grows daily. It now embraces the encouragement of enthusiasts in the game of Badminton, the Great Hall being used as a court during the day time and on those nights when not required for meetings etc. There is also the training of young musicians in orchestral music, instruments and the services of an excellent conductor in the person of Mr. Newton Jones M. A., a professor of music in London, have already been secured. In addition a cricket pitch and tennis lawn are now "in full swing" and if recent displays by frequenters of these places are to be taken as any criterion, Y.M.C.A. will become famous for one or two cricket teams and tennis clubs.

The Barry F.C. directors have called a meeting of Welsh club representatives at Cardiff to consider the constitution of the Southern League Second Division for next season.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

WYE RACES.

The Wye meeting opened on Monday, when there was a very large attendance. Results were:—

Selling Handicap Hurdle Race:— 1, Mind the Paint (8—1); 2, Longer Line (6—4on); 3, Mutton Cutlets (10—1). Six ran.

Canterbury Steeplechase: 1, Ready Cash (13—8on) finished alone. Four ran.

Ashford Handicap Hurdle Race: 1, Court Bleddyn (3—1); 2, Sporting Parson (5—2); 3, Macherry (5—4on). Six ran.

Selling Handicap Steeplechase: 1, Bradnell (evens); 2, Familiar (8—1); 3, War Duke (13—8). Three ran.

Wye Hurdle Race: 1, My Memo (2—1on); 2, In a Twinkle (5—1); 3, Neville Holt (7—1). Seven ran.

Dover Steeplechase: 1, Dublin Bay (3—1); 2, Chang (6—4on); 3, Turkey Buzard (5—2). Three ran.

LONDON BETTING.

Great Jubilee Handicap (Run May 17th.): 5 to 1 Royal Bucks, 7 to 1 Dansellon, 8—1 Rivershore, all offered; 9 to 1 Silver Bullet taken and offered; 100 to 6 Jutland, taken.

The Derby: (run June 4th) 4 to 1 Stephen the Great; 100 to 14, The Panther taken and offered; 00 to 14 Lord Basil taken; 100 to 8 Paper Money taken and offered.

IN THE RING.

THE WILLARD-DEMPSEY FIGHT.

HEAVY WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP TO BE FOUGHT IN AMERICA.

A *Reuter* telegram states that the match between Jess Willard and Jack Dempsey for the worlds heavy-weight championship will take place at Toledo, Ohio on 4th July.

The bout will be limited to twelve rounds and the referee will be authorised to give a decision on points if the fight goes to the limit.

BOUTS IN LONDON.

At the National Sporting Club on Monday in a fifteen Round contest for two hundred pounds a-side, Terry Martin, United States Navy, beat Chris Langdon, Swansea, on points.

In a twenty-round contest at the Ring, on Monday, Driver Fred Housego, R.F.A. beat Young Charles, Newport in the tenth round, the referee stopping the fight.

In the same programme, George Langham, Clarkenwell compelled Stoker Warby, Chatham, to retire after eight rounds in a fifteen round bout.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

MONMOUTHSHIRE BEAT NEW ZEALAND.

Monmouthshire defeated New Zealand at Ebbw Vale in a rugby match on Monday, by four points to three. There were ten thousand spectators.

In the beginning of the second half, a great rush by the New Zealanders resulted in that team scoring a try. Play then favoured the Monmouthshires and after a brilliant exhibition by the forwards, Shea dropped a goal, amid scenes of great enthusiasm.

OVERSEAS BEAT ENGLAND R.A.F.

In the return match between the R.A.F., Overseas and the R.A.F., England, at Fulham, on Monday, the former won by 6—3. England twice took the lead through Lee and Pick, and Adams and Morris, in turn, equalised. Then Fox made the score three all after Adams had put the overseas men in front.

Each goal had many narrow escapes before Masterman scored the first of three more goals for overseas, the last two being obtained when England, having lost the services of Crook, who retired injured, relied on one back. Adams and Morris were the scorers.

TWO-DAYS CRICKET MATCHES.

Views of Surrey Club's President.

At the annual meeting of the Surrey County Cricket Club, Sir Jeremiah Colman, who was re-elected President of the Club, referring to the two-days matches this summer, said that there was an opinion abroad that Surrey and Yorkshire had not pressed their views with sufficient urgency at the time the matter was under discussion. He affirmed that the view held by Surrey and Yorkshire was the right one, and the decision come to the wrong one. He would say that Surrey spoke in opposition in no unmeasured terms.

The county club had submitted to the decision of the majority, and entered the championship matches as usual. He did not think it would be very long before they reverted to three-day matches again, or at least took steps to make the two-day fixture a success.

The President explained that Surrey and Middlesex had not yet ended their efforts to combat the Entertainment Tax, which in many aspects was not applicable to them. Obviously there was a distinction between those who paid at the gate for cricket entertainment and members of the club who neither received nor expected any entertainment out of it at all.

NOTTS CRICKET.

In their annual report the Notts Committee state that subscriptions to the club were fairly well maintained last year and the freehold of the Trent Bridge ground has been purchased. During the war the pavilion at Trent Bridge was used as an Army hospital, the total number of patients admitted since the opening being 3,553. The hospital has now been closed except for the electrical and mechanical wards.

In their report the committee of the M.C.C. state that in 1918 the club consisted of 5,403 members, an increase of 459 over the previous year. Captain P. F. Warner, Mr. P. J. de Paravicini, and W. H. Paterson retired by rotation from the committee, and Mr. C. H. Benton died in 1918. The four candidates are the Earl of Ellesmere, Mr. J. Shuter, Mr. M. Falcon, M.P., and Mr. C. M. Wells. The committee recommend that honorary memberships should be offered to Admiral Jellicoe, Sir D. Beatty, Viscount French, and Sir Douglas Haig.

A special meeting of the council of the Welsh Football Association has been summoned at which it is proposed to appoint various committees to thoroughly investigate the rules of the game and to alter them to suit present day conditions.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, May 7, 1919.

Surface wind between East and South-east 10-15 m.p.h. Considerable amounts of low cloud. Some showers likely. Morning mist. Visibility improving during day. Moderate temperature.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

An Ideal Sportsman.

A very marked distinction — that of being the ideal sportsman — has been bestowed upon Sapper Harold Hardwick, who won the inter-theatre of war championship held at Aldershot. The tangible mark of this distinction is a cup which was presented to Hardwick by Brigadier-General H. A. Jones, R.A.S.C. Hardwick was declared the winner by a ballot of men who voted under the following conditions, which may be regarded as the Army's definition of a sportman: That he must play the game for the sake of the game; play for his side and not for himself; be a good loser and a good winner, modest in victory and generous in defeat; accept all decisions in a proper spirit; be chivalrous towards a defeated opponent; be unselfish; be always ready to help others in every possible way to become proficient in sport and a cheerful comrade. Bravo! Hardwick.

Since he first visited England in 1911 Hardwick has carried off the A.S.A. 100yds, 220yds, and 440yds championship and 100yds Empire swimming championship and heavy-weight boxing, and when he came he was the holder of the Australian 220yds and 440yds swimming championships. In 1912, at Stockholm, he was third in the 400 metres and 1,500 metres races, and was one of the Australian team who won the 800 metres. In 1915 he turned professional boxer, and after several minor successes was knocked out by McGoorty in ten rounds.

Bayardo's Owner Dead.

The world of racing has recently suffered by the deaths of several well known and thoroughly popular sportsmen. Yesterday we published the sad news of the death of Mr. A. W. Cox, at the age of 62, the owner of the well-known racehorse Bayardo. The late Mr. Cox, who resided in North Wales, raced under the name of Mr. Fairie, and had a good deal of success with his horses. He won his first race in 1888 and, after several other minor successes, took first place in the One Thousand Guineas with Galeottia in 1895. Other important races won by "Mr. Fairie" were the St. Leger, with Bayardo in 1909; the Derby with Lemberg, 1910; the Chester Cup and the Ascot Gold Cup with Aleppo, 1914; Triple Crown, 1917 and the Oaks, with My Dear in 1918.

The obituary follows close on the heels of the announcement made last week of the death of Mr. Oliver Jones, the owner of Rathnally. For years he was nominator for the Waterloo Cup, but never got into the final. In 1911 and 1912 great hopes were entertained of his horse Rathnally winning the Grand National, but the first time his chance was ruined by jumping into Caubeen, and he finished second to Glenside, whilst in 1912 Rathnally fell at the third fence. Mr. Jones was a companion of Lord Enniskillen, and the pair were patrons of all branches of sport.

Re-Union Dinners.

In our advertisement columns, almost from the first issue, re-union dinners have been announced with extraordinary frequency. Many of these happy little fructions have already taken place chiefly at Cologne, Bonn and Duren and have, apparently without exception, been thoroughly successful. The revival of old associations and the recollection of past happy memories are wonderful influences in life, and with past experiences so full of tragedy and pain, albeit not witnout an admixture of brighter moments (as has been the average officer's life during the past four years or so) reminiscences are a happy and fruitful theme for conversation. Among the pending re-union function are, an Edmundian dinner at Cologne on the 22nd inst.; an old Edwardians (Five Ways) evening, the date of which is not yet fixed; an old Harrovian dinner at Cologne on the 8th and a dinner of members of "E" Company, 26th O.C.B. Crookham, which will probably be on 1st of June. Hitherto, facilities for similar functions by "O.R.'s" have been sadly lacking, but with the opening of the new British Empire League at Cologne, I doubt not that such affairs will be frequently instituted.

Williard — Dempsey Bout.

Latest reports state that the contest between Jess Williard and Jack Dempsey for the world's heavy-weight boxing championship will be decided in America.

Williard, in a interview with an American pressman, however, said he had not the remotest idea where his proposed battle with Dempsey would take place.

"I don't know any more about where the big battle will take place than you do. The only thing I know is that it's supposed to take place on July 4," he added.

Jess said he had a deal on for a four-reel picture, and was in Chicago to do some posing. Some of the scenes will be taken in Chicago.

"What kind of a picture is it going to be?" Jess was asked.

"Harry Revier is taking the pictures and I'm in on the proposition on a percentage. I think it's to be a four-reeler—no, not a comic, a real sonest-to-goodness drama. Bill Hart won't have much on me after I get a start."

Polo at Cologne.

Lest ye forget, the names and numbers of chukkers required for the polo that is to be played to-morrow, must be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary, c/o Amusement Officer, Cologne, by six o'clock to-day. Given fine weather, there is bound to be a good attendance at the Kalk-Merheim Exercier Platz, and there should be plenty of exciting sport. Play starts at three pip emma.

THE RAMBLER.

OFFICERS' SPORTS CLUB.

OPENING OF LAWN TENNIS CLUB on Wednesday, May 7th. at 3 p.m. at STADTWALD, LINDENTHAL. Trams 1, 2 and 8.

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FURTHER WAR SAVINGS.

52nd GORDON'S FINE RECORD.

In a recent issue we gave an account of the War Savings department of the 51st Devon Regt., stating that over 22,000 marks had been invested in War Saving's Certificates. We are glad to learn that even this proud achievement has been surpassed by the 52nd Cordons. This Battalion, between the 12th and 30th of April, investigated no less a sum than 23,017 marks— a worthy record — whilst "C" Company of the same Battalion in one week totalled 6,894 marks.

Competition is very keen, stimulus being given by the grant of a free certificate to each company which is drawn for by Certificate holders every month. Great care has been taken to explain the working of the association, and to point out the advantages of this form of investment.

G. S. F.

'CELLO CONCERT AT THE GROSSER GÜRZENICH SAAL.

Music lovers had a feast on Monday evening at the Grosser Gürzenichsaal, when a number of eminent 'cellists combined together, and presented to a large audience a unique and very enjoyable programme. Herr Julius Klengel, 'Cello Virtuoso, Leipzig, opened the programme with Bach's Suite in D Major for 'cello alone, an item which showed this artist's wonderful technique and memory. This item was followed by a 'cello concerto in D flat, composed by Herr Klengel and accompanied by himself, the solo part being played by Herr Willy Lamping, of Köln. The outstanding feature of this item was the soloist's power of expression, the beautiful "singing" tone he produced, and the masterful way in which the octave passages were played. The first half of the programme closed with a double concerto in E flat for two 'cellos by Herr Klengel; this virtuoso being joined by Fräulein Paula Böckel, solo 'cellist, Heidelberg, the accompaniment being played by Herr Willy Lamping. This item was very pleasing, the ensemble being extremely good and the counter-melodies original.

The second half of the programme opened with three short pieces for four 'cellos: "im Dorfe," "Ländler," "Romanze," of Max van de Sandt, the fourth player being Herr Carl Schaefer, of Bonn. These were beautifully played; "Ländler" and "Romanze" showed originality, the former portraying a rural dance, the latter an idyllic episode.

Herr Julius Klengel next played two solos, differing widely, Mozart's "Andantino" and Piatti's "Tarantella." The latter item was taken strictly to time, and again brought this artist's technique to the fore: the staccato passages being wonderfully executed, involving an enormous amount of wrist work. It was loudly encored, Herr Klengel responding with a "Wiegenlied."

The programme ended with three short pieces: (a) "Abenddämmerung," (b) "Scherzo," by Eduard Straesser, (c) "Hymnus" by Corn. Rubner, played by 10 'cellos. "Abenddämmerung" contained some wonderful modulations, almost "Wagnerian." "Scherzo" was in 6/8 time in which all the 'cellos seemed to take up a *leit-motif* at different moments; "Hymnus," which was almost diatonic, was beautifully rendered, the body of tone being very full, and the playing very even.

"QUAVER."

SHORTHAND CLASSES.

Afternoon or evening classes in the Sloan-Duployan method of shorthand will be held in the Army College, Cologne, provided that there is a sufficient number of applicants.

All troops, living in or near Cologne, who wish to take up this subject should see Capt. Bassford, Army General and Commercial College, Hansa-Ring, Cologne, if possible before Saturday, May 10th. The office will be open for this purpose between the hours of 14.00—15.00 and 17.00—18.00.

CENTRAL CLASSES — ARMY TROOPS.

The afternoon classes for Army Troops will re-commence during the week beginning May 19th, as follows: —

MONDAY AND THURSDAYS.

Arithmetic (Commercial and Workshop), Elementary Mathematics (including Workshop Mathematics), German, Geography, Shorthand (Pitman's), Building Construction.

TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

History, French, Machine Drawing, English Composition and Literature, Applied Mechanics.

WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS.

Commercial Correspondence, Book-keeping.

Army troops who wish to join these classes or to prepare either for a full course at one of the Army Colleges, or for the Army First Class Certificate Examination, should see the officer in charge of Education in their units. G.H.Q. personnel should apply direct to the Education Officer, Army Troops, at the Army College, Hansa Ring, at 14.00 hrs at 17.00 hrs.

A NEW BEAST.

PREMIER'S PROMISES TO LABOUR.

48 HOURS WEEK.

The following letter from the Premier, giving the Government's decisions with regard to a maximum working week and a minimum wage, was read at a meeting of the Provisional Joint Committee of the National Industrial Council on Friday, under the chairmanship of Sir Thomars Munro:—

"Though I cannot commit myself to every detail, as many of them are complex and technical I may say at once that I fully accept in principle your recommendations as to the fixing of maximum hours and minimum rates of wages. As regards hours, a Bill is now being drafted to give effect to your recommendations, and will, I hope, be introduced at a very early date.

"There are certain industries, such as agriculture, in which seasonal and other conditions necessitate special consideration, and some cases, such as those of seamen and domestic servants in which it would be impossible to enforce a week of 48 hours, but I agree that the Act should otherwise apply to all industries in which a legal limitation of hours is practicable, and that where exceptions are necessary they should be applied for by those concerned through the machinery which you have suggested.

WAGES AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

"As regards wages, I accept the principle that minimum rates of wages should in all industries be made applicable by law. The question of the best method of doing this, however, is complex and full of difficulties, and I do not think it would be possible to frame legislation until a scheme for carrying out the principle of minmium rates has been fully worked out.

"I therefore gladly accept your suggestion that the Government should, in the first place, set up a Commission with wide terms of reference to report on the whole matter. As regards the extension of the wages (Temporary Regulation) Act, a Bill has been prepared for this purpose and has been introduced.

"The question of unemployment is one, of the most urgent and important of the problems confronting us, and until it is satisfactorily solved I do not feel that we shale have really effected one of the most vital improvements in our social conditions. I therefore hope that this is the first question to which the National Industrial Council will address itself. I cordially welcome your proposal to set up a National Council, and hope that you will take steps to bring it into being as quickly as possible, as I am sure that it will be of great value in assisting the Government to improve industrial conditions."

ANOTHER ARMY EXPERIMENT.

An experiment in Army economy which has been tried successfully by the Western Command has now been extended to the whole Army, says the *Daily Mail*. The scheme places the commanding officers of units in much the same position as the managing director of a commercial concern.

Under the scheme articles are issued in terms of cash instead of in numbers. For example, on the formation of a new battalion, the commanding officer, instead of taking over a round number of, say, 1,000 rifles, will be required to sign for £15,000 worth of rifles. The thousand hair brushes for the men will be issued as, say, £75 worth of hair brushes.

In a unit such as a battalion with 1,000 men the commanding officer on taking over has in his charge property valued at something like £75,000, for which he is responsible to the public. The junior officers, in their turn, share the responsibility, a platoon commander for several thousand pounds' worth of Army material.

As in the case of commercial undertakings, sums will be written off from time to time for depreciation. The experiment in the Western Command is said to have resulted in greater economy and a keener sense of responsibility. One junior officer impressed with the scheme is said to have added the word "Limited" to the number of his platoon.

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GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

BERNSTEIN — FRYATT.

In the early days of April, it will be remembered, a commission sat in Berlin to investigate the murder of Capt. Fryatt and, after a final discussion lasting over six hours a verdict was given that Fryatt's execution by the German military authorities was perfectly justifiable, that no infringement of international law was made either at the trial or the execution of the Captain.

That was the verdict of the majority of the members who formed the Commission of Inquiry, but by no means can it be said that such was accorded unanimously. Two of the members of the Commission, Dr. Cohn and Bernstein, have recently made a statement in the *Vorwärts* in proof of this. Bernstein—whom the *Times* recently acknowledged to be "one of the wisest socialists of Germany" and who, it was rumoured, might be the new German Ambassador in London—and Cohen obviously wish to open up a wider and truer knowledge of this past tragedy, and emphatically show that they were, and still are, not in agreement with the decision made by the Commission.

An Unpardonable Murder.

From a general point of view and for personal reasons do these two men declare that, despite the verdict of the Commission, the condemnation and execution of Captain Fryatt was a great violation of international law, and they even go so far as to agree with us in that it was an unpardonable murder. They declare that no proof has been given that Fryatt wanted to ram the U-boat — "perhaps he only wanted to chase it away," —and further, even if it was his intention to ram the submarine and thereby renounce the protection afforded by naval law, by doing so he did not commit a violation of international law as this law does not prohibit self-defence. It is pointed out that an expert told the Commission that the British Government had issued orders to the merchant ships with instructions to ram U-boats, but, as is stated in the article, if that were true the charge ought to have been against the British Government and not against Fryatt.

Commenting on the fact that the Captain was both sentenced and shot on the same day the writers say "this procedure was also a violation of International law. We regret sincerely, in the interests both of the Commission and of the people, the verdict of the Commission of Inquiry."

It must be noted that neither Bernstein nor Cohn were able to be present at all the sittings of the Commission, otherwise a different verdict might have been the issue.

Gerard's Letter.

In another portion of the paper Bernstein quotes the words of Gerard, later American Ambassador in Berlin who, at the time of the trial, made a plea for fair representation. "The manner in which my request was treated was surely a direct insult to the country I represent. In conversation with me, Zimmerman, the Chancellor, and von Jagow merely expressed their deep regret about the case, which shows *how small was the influence of the civilian Government in Germany upon the military authorities!"*

CAN YOU WRITE STORIES?

A splendid opportunity for short story writers is being offered by the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. in connection with the series of armchair talks on short stories now being given by Mr. E. W. Hornung, the creator of "Raffles."

A competition has been arranged, in which the best short story writer will receive a prize of 250 marks. The competition is open to troops in the British Occupied Territory, and Mr. Hornung will act as adjudicator. Further particulars as to the rules of the competition will be published in a day or two.

The language classes at the Central are to be reorganised, the services of an English lady highly proficient both in French and German, now being available.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

"THE GUNNERS" ONCE MORE.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,— We again notice that in spite of the gentle hint given by a correspondent in a recent issue of *The Cologne Post*, the 1st Bn. M. G. C. and other units of this Corps, constantly refer to themselves as "the Gunners." It would appear that the M.G.C. are sadly lacking in originality that they must needs refer to themselves by the sobriquet by which the Royal Regiment of Artillery has been known from time immemorial. Moreover we find in a recent sports report, we are referred to as "the Artillery," a name which we believe has been used by flappers in England during the war, but has certainly never been used in the Service, when referring to the Royal Regiment.

Gunners as a whole must resent this usurping of their ancient title especially by so recent a formation as the Machine Gun Corps.

Surely Mr. Editor some part of the energies of members of the Corps might be devoted to the task of inventing a name, which might in time become as well known, and might we say famous, as our own? Failing this may we suggest a competition in the "Post"?

Apologising for taking up so much of your valuable space.— Some Gunners.

WHIST DRIVES.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.— I would like to know if it is possible for some organization in Cologne to hold Whist Drives periodically. I know many who would welcome the idea as a pleasant innovation when visiting Cologne, and it would help us to enlarge our acquaintances in no mean degree. Will you please publish this? N.F.

"HIGHER BRANCHES OF MUSICAL ART."

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—The addition of an article on The Opera to the many subjects treated by your paper, will be greatly appreciated by all musical enthusiasts.

One must agree with your contributor A.F. Jones when he criticises the manner in which the Cologne Opera Company performs the brilliant and sparkling music of the Italian composers.

The last paragraph of his article of the 2nd inst is, however, very debateable. Surely Grand Opera produced in any of our largest cities would be very largely supported if the standard of production equalled that of the Cologne Opera House, the seating arrangement was as good, and the price the same. The great demand for seats by all ranks for every performance goes to prove this argument.

It would be interesting to hear how the "appreciation of Grand Opera tends to violate the taste for higher branches of musical art."

Is this the case with the German people?

W.U.C.

Answers to Correspondents.

[The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was inaugurated, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Many questions have been received which could be answered much easier by the Adjutant of the unit concerned, and all such cases which affect the unit commander must be taken to him and not sent here. — Ed.]

Regular Reader.—Barnsley won the Cup in 1912, beating West Bromwich (after a draw 0-0) 1-0.

A. A.—The University Building at Bonn was formerly the Residential Palace of the Cologne Elector Jos. Clemens. Between 1717 and 1730 the building was constructed according to the plans of the Director of the Parisien Architectural Academy, Rob. de Cothes, and is said to have been one of the most splendid palaces in Germany. In the January of 1777, however, the greater part of the building was destroyed by fire and it has only been partially restored.

Major J. B. S.—In the case of a dead heat, half the winning stake is lost and full s.p. odds are paid for the other half.

Cook.—The speed limit for cars and motbikes in the British Isles is 20 miles per hour. This does not vary in special counties, but local government bodies sometimes display notices instructing motorists not to exceed a particular limit when passing through congested villages.

Town:—Huddersfield Town never had a position in the first division league.

Reader:—Rieff was the Jockey when Tagalie won the Derby in 1912.

E. N.:—No, you are not eligible for demobilization.

512262:—No, the month's furlough is not included.

H L.I—We will obtain the information if possible.

1916.—Your remarks are very interesting, but we regret that we are unable to publish them.

A. S. J.—The subject is already closed, and many replies to the article have been turned down.

Hepperdorf:—There is a Masonic Lodge in formation, reports of which will be given occasionally in this paper.

T. H.—Belgium by far is the more thickly populated country.

Mochdre.—Yorkshire has not a capital. Its county-town, of course, is York.

A. Kitchener.—This is being done in England.

T. B.—The R. E. is a Corps, not a Regiment.

A A.D.—This article you mention does not apply to soldiers in the Army of the Rhine. It was merely given as home news.

Harold.—The application should in course of time be forwarded to the Commanding Officer of your Battalion from whom you will receive notification.

Blue Chevron.—Yes, the chevrons can still be added at the completion of the year's service overseas.

22642.—Lord Rothermere became first British Air Minister Nov. 28, 1917.

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"AIR PIE."

Members of the Royal Air Force have every reason to be proud of the new Annual *Air Pie*, published by Palmer Heywood, Bloomsbury Street, W.C., at the price 5/-. The Joint Editors, Pte. W. Kean Seymour and Cadet Cecil Palmer, both members of the "great club of aeronauts," have indeed proved that their talent does not merely lie in manoeuvring the great birds of war; and there is little doubt, judging from the first number, that the new Pie annual will receive equal reward to if not more than those annuals of similar character which have already made a firm hold on the public — *Printers, Pie* and *Winter Pie*

Though the term "pie" as interpreted by the printer generally refers to certain material which, in consequence of ill treatment, lies battered on the stone waiting for the "devil" to clear it up, this new annual does not by any means give one such an interpretation. Neither can one take it as a culinary product even if, as the Editors say, the finished thing is good enough to eat.

The book contains more than fifty illustrations and several photographs, amongst the contributors being Sir John Lavery, A.R.A., Major Sir William Orpen, A.R.A., Glyn Philpot, A.R.A., W. Heath Robinson, and John Hassall.

The literary branch of the production has had the attention of equally prominent contributors, including Mr. H. G. Wells, G.K. Chesterton, Jeffrey Farnol, Harold Begbie, Spencer Leigh Hughes, and many others.

The tone of the annual is high and a strong sense of humour (that type of wit and pleasantry for which the British soldier is renowned) prevails throughout.

From an artistic standpoint the Annual is irreproachable and the publishers are to be congratulated on the neatness and clearness of the production. The colouring of the various pictures is superb.

Though *Air Pie* will essentially appeal especially to members of the Royal Air Force, for whom it was originally designed, yet there is no doubt that its realm must reach beyond, to all the other arms with which the Force has co-operated since its formation.

Lord Leverhuhne is defraying the expenses of a trip to America of five members of the Bolton Cotton Mill Managers and Overlooker's Association to investigate conditions in the cotton industry. Each delegate will make a separate report.

The Soviet Government has introduced a new chronology whereby the year begins on October 25, the date of the establishment of the Bolshevist regime. All religious holidays have been abolished. The year is to contain only 280 working days.—*Reuter.*

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NAVAL.

The German Navy is reduced to a minimum and its personnel restricted to 15,000.
All submarines to be handed over.

AERIAL.

All Military and Naval air craft, including dirigibles, must be surrendered, except certain specified aeroplanes, and future manufacture is forbidden.

REPARATION.

Germany must pay Belgium's war debts.
Germany must pay within two years one thousand million pounds sterling, either in gold, goods, ships or other specified forms, and a further two thousand million pounds sterling between 1921 and 1926.
The Allies' losses in shipping are be replaced, ton for ton.
Louvain library is to have an equal quantity of historic literature. Germany shall not discriminate against the trade of the Allied countries.

GUARANTEES.

German territory to the West of the Rhine, together with the bridge-heads, will be occupied by Allied troops for fifteen years, or less, subject to certain stipulations.
Graves of all soldiers and sailors are to be respected.
The ex-Emperor William II. is publicly arraigned.
The Treaty shall be ratified as soon as possible.

The full text is issued as a supplement to this issue of the *Cologne Post*.

SAN SALVADOR EARTHQUAKE.

Some details have been received of the earthquake which occurred at San Salvador on the 26th April. Seventy-five persons were killed and over five hundred injured. Extensive damage was done to the city and surrounding district. —*Reuter.*

(Salvador, the smallest but most populous of the Central American Republics, is very subject to earthquakes, being in the very centre of the volcanic zone. The capital, San Salvador, was destroyed in 1854 by an earthquake, and violent shocks, causing great damage and loss of life, occurred in 1873, 1873, and 1891.)

KINMEL COURT MARTIAL.

The Kinmel Court Martial has now sat for fourteen days. In this period twenty-one prisoners have been tried, of whom six were acquitted. There are thirty-one cases still to be heard. Six of the accused entered a plea of not guilty and of these one, a private has been acquitted.

NATIVE INDIAN LOYALTY TO BE RECOGNISED.

Lahore. The Punjab Government is collecting the names of all Indians who assisted British officers, soldiers, ladies and children in the recent outbreaks, with a view to recognising their services.

Miss Sherwood, whose life was saved at Amritsar by some Sikhs, is proceeding home in consequence of the injuries she received. The total arrests at Lahore numbered 815.

The official contradiction of current rumours is having a soothing effect.—*Reuter.*

INDEPENDENCE OF FINLAND.

Replying to Mr. Clem Edwards, who asked in the House of Commons whether the Government had come to any decision regarding the status of Finland, Mr. Cecil Harmsworth said that the Government now recognised the independence of Finland, *de facto*, of the Finnish Government.

FURTHER SUCCESSES IN NORTH RUSSIA.

NO ARTILLERY ASSISTANCE.

An official wire from Murmansk dated 4th May states that on the 3rd May our troops captured Meselskaza, on the railway twenty-five miles South of Lake Uzosozero, after strong resistance by the enemy. Three armoured trains and a few prisoners were captured, also large quantities of railway material but no rolling stock. The enemy left forty dead on the ground.

The success of our troops is all the more praiseworthy as it was carried out after a long march and without artillery assistance owing to the railway being incomplete.

The troops engaged were the Royal Marine Light Infantry and the Slavo-British Legion, with small detachments of Canadians, French and Americans, all of whom, General Mayard states, showed splendid fighting qualities.

Our losses were four killed and four wounded. —*Reuter.*

BELGIAN CLAIMS SATISFIED.

ASKING FOR MORE.

M. Delacroix, the Prime Minister of Belgium, issued a declaration at Brussels on the 5th May in the course of which he says:

"Our delegates (at the Peace Conference) have obtained important results. The Great Powers have made very important concessions. They have released us from the loan debts we contracted during the war, which represent six milliards (francs). We shall receive by priority two and a half milliards in gold to redeem the notes we issued during the war. We have therefore no financial charges resulting from the war. The cost of revictualling, unemployment and redemption of requisitions amount to another milliard which, will be partly covered by realisation of war booty. There remains the question of adjusting the loss caused by the depreciation of the mark.

We have the promise of complete reparation. We are disappointed that payments will be spread over thirty years, and we had hoped for a speedier liquidation. We must however, submit to the common law.

ANZAC MEMORIAL AT GALLIPOLI.

There is a strong desire on the part of the Australian and New Zealand representatives in Paris, says the *Pall Mall Gazette*, to secure the Gallipoli battlefields and preserve them in perpetuity as a war memorial to the Anzacs. It is possible that this will be arranged by the insertion of a special clause in the treaty with Turkey.

NEW BOLSHEVIST ERA.

The Soviet Government has introduced a new era in Russia. The year will begin on Oct. 25, the day of the establishment of the Bolshevist millennium. All religious feast days will, of course, be abolished. The year will have 280 working days.

ADMIRAL SIMS ON THE BRITISH NAVY.

Admiral Sims, speaking at a luncheon given by the English-speaking Union at New York testified to the complete and practical co-operation of the British and American Navies during the war and said that he thanked God that the British Grand Fleet had been able to keep the Germans down.

Without the British Fleet, the Admiral added, even if the United States had had ten million trained soldiers, they could never have won the war. Every American should know the truth regarding Great Britain's attitude towards the United States in order to meet poisonous German propaganda.

If this is to be a decent world to live in, the Admiral concluded, it would be because the English-speaking branch resolved to stand together.

WARM CLIMATES FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

The Pensions Minister announces that steps will be taken to afford ex-service men suffering from tuberculosis which is certified to be non-infectious, facilities to proceed to warmer climates.

THERE WERE OTHERS.

In a latter to the *Manchester Guardian* General Monash denies that the Australians call themselves the "Storm Troops" of the British armies. He says that the term was applied to them by the German High Command and is only used by the Australians in a spirit of humour and not with any desire to draw a contrast beetwen themselves and other Imperial and Canadian divisions.

M. Pichon, Minister for Foreign Affairs of France, has been elected Chairman of the Committee of organisation of the League of Nations.

KITCHENERS, DERBYS, CONSCRIPTS AND CONCHIES.

MEDALS FOR ALL.

In the House of Commons Mr. John Jones asked whether, in view of the award of the 1914 star with rosette, also of the 1914—1915 star, the Government will consider the advisability of awarding a Somme fighting star to the armies raised voluntarily.

Mr. Foster replied that it is considered that the proposed award, the conditions concerning which will shortly be published, will afford due recognition of the services of the men referred to

SYLVIA'S PUNISHMENT.

Miss Sylvia Pankhurst and Miss Amelia O'Mahoney were discharged by Sir John Dickinson at Bows-Street on charges of obstructing the police outside the St. Stephen's entrance to the House of Commons on Thursday evening.

The magistrate said May Day was no excuse for conduct of this sort, and the defendants would be bound over in £5 to be of good behaviour for 6 months. As they left the dock Miss Pankhurst called out, "I refuse to be bound over."

Later they were brought up again, and the magistrate said he would accept Miss Pankhurst's statement that she had not heard a police inspector say she could see a member of Parliament if he wished to. Accordingly he discharged the two defendants. They appeared agreeably surprised at the decision, and women in court applauded.

OFFICER INVENTOR'S CLAIM.

Yesterday the Royal Commission on Awards to Officers considered a claim for ten thousand pounds compensation by Lieut. J. F. Power, R.A.F., the inventor of an aerial target largely used in training young army aviators in spotting for artillery.

The chairman pointed out that since the invention had been perfected in connection with Power's duties, he could not expect remuneration on the same scale as a business man bringing an outside invention.

Counsel for Lt. Power said that the principle was fully recognised, otherwise his client's claim would have been for much more ten thousand pounds.

Whilst the Government had expended eighty thousand pounds on reproducing the apparatus, said Counsel, the only recognition Lt. Power had received was fifty pounds for out-of-pocket expenses.

HANDLEY PAGE NON-STOPS.

A Handley Page machine flew yesterday morning from Belfast to Carlisle, Newcastle, York, Doncaster, Lincoln, Boston and across the Wash, a total of 410 miles, non-stop, in four hours and twenty minutes.

Another Handley Page did 370 miles non-stop carrying Major Ordelees, who was at Manchester when Flight-sergt. Parry was killed. The Major was badly burnt in going to Parry's assistance, but in spite of his injuries he made a parachute descent at Aberdeen yesterday morning.

GOOD-BYE TO COUPONS.

Coupons are no longer necessary for the purchase of any foodstuffs in Great Britain, though butcher's meat, butter and sugar are still rationed.

Compulsory rationing, which began with the issue of Sugar Cards in December 1917, worked very much better than was anticipated. Prosecutions for food hoarding were comparatively few and there is no doubt that compulsory rationing was much more successful in the United Kingdom than in any other country. The fixing of maximum prices under the scheme greatly tended to allay unrest, which at one time threatened to be very serious.

In all probability the rationing of the three remaining articles will disappear within the next few months.

LANCASHIRE MILK PROFITEERS.

When three hundred cows were awaiting auction at Preston on Saturday the auctioneers were besieged by women and children begging for the milk. It was accordingly sold to them instead of sending it back to the farmers.

Later a large crowd with jugs surrounded the market and molested a man who was leaving with milk, an ugly situation being saved by the auctioneers again supplying the crowd, despite protests from the farmers, one of whom demanded that it should be thrown down a drain.

SHIPS WE DID NOT NEED.

In the House of Commons Dr. Macnamara, replying to a question on Naval construction, said that four battleships of the Hood class were laid down. Of these only the Hood had been completed.

The construction of the other three ships, which were laid down in the autumn of 1916, was stopped in March 1917. This effected a saving of from eighteen to twenty million pounds, compared with the expenditure which would have been incurred had they been completed.

PEER'S SON DIVORCED.

In the Divorce Court on Tuesday a decree nisi was granted to the Hon. Diana Isabel Brougham in consequence of the desertion and misconduct of her husband, the Hon. Henry Brougham, only son of Lord Brougham and Vaux.

The parties were married in 1908 and there are three children.

Spartacists blew up a train crowded with Republican troops near Munich. Three hundred dead have already been counted.

AN OFFICER'S HONOUR IMPUGNED.

STRANGE CASE.

Serious allegations against the honour of an officer in the Army were made at Brentford Police-court on Saturday during the hearing of a charge against Quartermaster-Sergeant Harry Harries, of the Record Office, and Lennox Neil, for being unlawfully in the possession of Army stationery and books.

Detective-inspector Prothero stated that, acting upon information from Captain Sarll, he went to the offices of the Discharged Soldiers' and Airmen's Corporation Ltd., at Hounslow, of which the prisoners were directors, and there found the books and stationery in a box and in the prisoner Harries' kitbag.

Captain Sarll, a director of the company, said Harries told him he could get the books, and witness, recognising them afterwards in the office of the company as Government property, informed the police.

Harries, giving evidence, swore that he knew nothing of the case. He left his bag which was unlocked, in the office, and he was quite unaware how the Government property came to be in it.

The caretaker of the office of the company stated that Captain Sarll was often there, and he left him on the premises.

Mr. Sampkin, solicitor to the company, stated that at a directors' meeting Captain Sarll had inquired if a conviction would disqualify a director.

Mr. Wilfred Firth, defending, urged that Captain Sarll was the instigator of the whole affair. Because he was not appointed managing director of the company he threatened to smash it. He had entry to the offices and was often there, and the prisoner Harries' kitbag was there unlocked. It would be wrong to convict on the evidence of one man who was hostile to the company.

The charge was dismissed, and the decision was received with applause.

Captain Cornwallis West, a provost marshal, asked the Bench to express the opinion that Captain Sarll did his duty. His honour had been attacked, and he asked the Court to say that he left it without a stain upon his honour.

The Chairman: There is no charge against Captain Sarll.

Captain Cornwallis West: There is a horrible innuendo that he could be put in the dock himself. It is made under the protection of the Court. If it were made outside I for one would know how to deal with it.

Mr. Firth: I will give you the opportunity when and where you like.

TO MAKE THE CLERGY ATTRACTIVE.

The Rev. Basil G. Bourchier, of the Hampstead Garden Suburb, speaking at a meeting of his parishioners, referred to the "hideousness" of the clerical dress. He had, he said, not bought a clerical suit for years, and would not, if he could help it, ever do so. On one occasion, when a poor curate, he exchanged his suit for two gramophone records, one being "The Honeysuckle and the Bee." The dress of the clergy, in his opinion, created a barrier between priest and layman, and the time had arrived when the bishops should make such a change which would allow the clergy to be attractive and presentable.

MERELY A COINCIDENCE.

The question of the visit to Paris of the Commissioner of Metropolitan Police, Sir Nevil Macready, was raised in the House of Commons yesterday, when the unrest in the Metropolitan Police Force formed the subject of interpellations.

Mr. Snortt, replying to Mr. Pemberton Billing, said that Sir Nevil Macready had not been called to Paris by the Prime Minister but had simply gone to France to fulfil a long-standing engagement in connection with the Graves Commission.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

For the first time since 1914 the anniversary of the King's accession was celebrated with the customary ceremonies. At 8 a. m. all ships at Plymouth were dressed rainbow fashion and at noon fired a royal salute, which was also fired from the Citadel.

All the motor patrol boats on the Rhine were dressed in like manner.

At Windsor the King and Queen, with Princess Mary, Queen Alexandra and other members of the Royal family, attented service at the Albert Memorial Chapel in memory of King Edward. The Arcnbishop of Canterbury officiated.

EXTENSION OF LICENSED HOURS.

The Central Control Board of the Liquor traffic has decided to extend the week-day closing hour for the sale or supply of intoxicating liquor for consumption on licensed premises and in clubs. In England and Wales the hour of closing will be 10 p. m. The new rule comes into force on 12th May.

FATALITY TO AN AIRMAN.

A verdict of death by misdaventure was returned at the inquest on Peter Legh, a nephew of Lord Newton, who was killed as the result of leaping or falling from a blazing aeroplane at Finchley last Saturday.

A police witness said that the machine nose-dived and he saw the airman walking along the right wing of the aeroplane before he fell.

A representative of the company owning the machine, which had been up ten times, said that Legh was testing it in an ordinary height record.

The Right Rev. John Percival, formerly Bishop of Hereford, left forty thousand pounds.

The late Lord Glentanar, director of J. and P. Coates, the thread firm, left over four and a quarter millions sterling.

COAL COMMISSION AND NATIONALIZATION.

APPLIED TESTS.

At yesterday's sitting of the Coal Commission, Professor Hobhouse, Professor of Sociology at London University, said he had come to the conclusion that nationalisation had both advantages and drawbacks. Intelligently applied, however, the advantages should be greater than the drawbacks, and that as compared with a mixed system of public and private ownership nationalisation had everything to recommend it. Mr. Ryan, the Premier of Queensland, gave interesting evidence of the state of various enterprises in that colony.

He said that the greatest successes were achieved in those works where the controllers were believers in and sympathisers with nationalisation.

METROPOLITAN POLICE UNREST.

The Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, Sir Nevil Macready, has gone to Paris to consult Mr. Lloyd George concerning the unrest in the London police force.

The Home Secretary admitted in the House of Commons yesterday that the police are inadequately paid, and said that the Cabinet had again decided against recognition of a police trade-union.

A high official at Scotland Yard, interviewed by *Reuter* with reference to the police demonstration at Trafalgar Square on Sunday, said:—"Recognition of a police union is a most difficult question and there seems no way by which it can come about without undermining the discipline of the force. Commissioner Macready seems to have been misunderstood when he said that recognition could not be discussed during the war. It did not imply it might be accepted when the war was over. All he meant to say was that it was too big a question to be considered then."

FINANCIAL AID FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

The Government has approved the scheme whereby Imperial and Overseas ex-officers and men, including those who have served in the Imperial forces, are made eligible for financial assistance to pursue courses of higher education.

The scheme embraces scholastic and technical studies at Universities, also in offices and works either in the United Kingdom or elsewhere. The maximum assistance granted will be 125 pounds yearly with additional allowances for wife and children.

APPLICATIONS FOR SMALL HOLDINGS.

A statement issued by the Board of Agriculture shows that 13,797 applications for small holdings have been made, the total area required being 247,277 acres. As might be expected, the proportion of applications from men serving overseas is small, but is likely to increase. On the other hand the large demand for cottage holdings which is being received from ex-service men will have the effect of reducing the average size of the holdings to be provided. It is unlikely, therefore, that the average cost of the land per small holding will exceed the pre-war figure of 450 pounds.

COMPULSORY LAND PURCHASE.

Although many of the landlords approached by County Councils with a view to the provision of land for settlement of ex-service men responded generously to the appeal, this is not the case in every instance. The authorities therefore propose to exercise powers of compulsory purchase in the case of about six thousand acres in Bedfordshire, Leicestershire, Cambridge, Suffolk and Warwick.

On the other hand, thirty thousand acres have been offered direct to the Board of Agriculture by 147 landowners as the result of a special appeal by the Board for small holdings for ex-soldiers and sailors. The Board is receiving numerous applications from the latter class who wish to take up poultry farming.

MEAT SUPPLIES FROM THE ANTIPODES.

Sir Auckland Geddes states that the Government has purchased the whole of the exportable surplus of frozen meat in Australia and New Zealand.

The quantities awaiting shipment on the 31st March were 37,263 tons in Australia and 173,639 tons in New Zealand. Shipment is proceeding as fast as steamers become available. As a general rule the beef and wether mutton is being reserved for the Allied forces in Great Britain, the Continent, Egypt and other places, while all the ewe mutton and lamb is intended for civilian consumption in Great Britain.

HONOURING GENERAL PLUMER.

General Sir Herbert Plumer was presented with the freedom of Torquay, his native town, on Monday. In his speech of acknowledgment, in which he expressed his appreciation of the work of the Navy, he said that in proportion to its population Devonshire had more men serving afloat than any other county. He added that the war was won by the men who had not returned, and every town and village should keep as a sacred trust what was aptly described as the roll of honour.

PHENOMENAL RAINFALL.

At a meeting of the Thames Conservancy it was stated that the rainfall during the first three months of the year totalled 11.97 inches, against 6.54 inches for the same period of 1918.

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THE TERMS OF PEACE.

The days of expectancy are ended, for the Terms of Peace are now handed to the world. We have before us an official document entitled General Scheme of the Treaty of Peace, and *The Cologne Post* offers to its readers at the earliest moment the accredited summary of the Allies terms. The design of the draft Treaty of Peace delivered to the German delegates is twofold. In the first place it sets forth "the conditions upon which alone the Allied and Associated Powers will make peace with Germany," and in the second place it is an attempt to establish international arrangements devised for "the prevention of wars in the future, and the betterment of mankind." The Covenant of the League of Nations and the International Labour Convention, published in the first and the thirteenth sections respectively, are outstanding expressions of these international arrangements.

There is no one of the thirteen clauses of the Treaty without a paramount interest, but we can only select the salient features of this historic charter of liberty. It will rank as one of the world's great documents and mark the settlement of a war-stricken earth. Justice faces us in every section, but in the main it is justice tempered with mercy. Time after time, as our readers will note, a final adjustment of national claims is left to the League of Nations, and it is well to remember that this greatest achievement of the Congress of Paris may in the future play a noble part as a fountain where wisdom and justice and righteousness will spring eternally for the healing of the world. Friend and foe must see in the League a spiritual power which shall dominate and guide the destinies of empires.

The trend of Allied opinion has prepared us for the political clauses of the Treaty. Belgium suffered the first fierce onslaught of Germany and Belgium is clearly entitled to the reparation offered to her. None can grudge her the enlargement of her borders, and all will rejoice that provision is made for a new library in her most famous university. Louvain University cannot be restored to the place it held, but it is good to know that Germany will deliver to this ancient seat of learning manuscripts and early printed books which shall be "the equivalent of those destroyed." Belgium will also have given back to her the art treasures that were removed from her keeping by covetous hands. France gains Alsace and Lorraine, and in addition Germany will cede to her full ownership of the coal mines of the Saar Basin in compensation for the destruction of the coal fields of northern France. The governance of the district will be in the hands of a Commission appointed by the League of Nations, and after fifteen years a plebiscite will determine whether the inhabitants desire the existing regime or prefer union with either France or Germany. In such ways the Congress of Paris has sought to provide reparation for the wrongs suffered by the two principal countries in the battlefields of the west.

The Treaty does more than rearrange the boundaries of several European countries, it sets up two new powers. Germany is to recognize the entire independence of the Tchecho-Slovak State; and Poland, the country that lost its freedom in the maze of partition treaties, is restored to something like its ancient glory. Its new boundaries are to be marked by a Commission, but already it is assured of a great part of Upper Silesia, of Posen, and of that portion of West Prussia which lies of the left bank of the Vistula. Danzig is to be a free city under guarantee of the League of Nations, and we look forward to the day when the freedom of Danzig will be a solvent of national jealousies that once threatened the harmony of Versailles.

The great Kiel Canal once a emblem of war is now to be a symbol of peace. Armaments and fortifications are to be removed, and peaceful shipping will take the place of sinister ironclads. We cannot enter into the details of the fifth section which deals with matters military, naval and aerial, but we gladly point out that the conditions laid upon Germany are a first step toward general disarmament. That is the world's ideal, for the world cannot suffer longer the cruel burden of war taxation or the moral stigma of bitter strife.

One last note — it is laid down that the Allies publicly arraign the ex-Emperor William II "for a supreme offence against International Morality and the Sanctity of Treaties." A tribunal will be set up, consisting of one judge from each of five Great Powers, and "guided by the highest principles of international policy" it will dispense evenhanded justice. We have no petty desire for vengeance on the stricken person of the Kaiser, and we confidently believe that mercy will temper the proceedings and the verdict of this tribunal; but the Allies rightly hold that it is a proper task and a clear duty to make known to the world that no lord nor emperor can with impunity unloose the dread demons of war.

ON THE LEAVE TRAIN NEAR LIEGE.

We are passing through a country
Clothed in beauty, Oh! so rare;
Through a country swarmed with hillocks,
Castled hillocks, wondrous fair.
And its valleys, Oh! its valleys
Simply set one's heart aglow,
For they speak to us in language
Only nature-lovers know.

There are meadows, green, green meadows,
Rippling rivers running through;
There are cattle, fine stock cattle,
With their little bairnies too;
But the lambkins, little lambkins
Always dancing to and fro
Start a-something deep within me,
And its depth I cannot know.

Some will say that God dwells in us
And if that statement be true,
Then the God who dwelleth in us
Dwelleth in those lambkins too;
And within the castled hillocks,
Maybe also in the dew
Sparkling in those grand green meadows
Giving joy to me and you.

Wherever there is beauty, there
God speaks to us, but, lo!
He speaks to us in language
Only nature-lovers know.

J.R.T.

Son of the House.— "I say, Mr. Brown, do you wear a belt like an officer wears?" Guest.— "No, Bobby, I don't wear one at all. Why?" Son.— "'Cos daddy told mummie he hoped you'd jolly-well tighten your belt when you came to dinner again."

"Ah," she sighed, "all the good and great men are dead!" "But the beautiful women are not," he answered. Then she gazed up into his eyes, and told him she had only said it for the pleasure of being contrary, and not because she believed it for a moment. And he believed her!

BOLSHEVISM

AN HISTORICAL ACCOUNT.

The Russian word Bolshevistvo means in English, majority; hence the term Bolshevists. Bolusviki means those who are in favour of a system of government whereby the idea or the aim of the *majority* can be enforced.

What is the root idea of Bolshevism and what is its importance in the world? For it is clear that if it did not stand for the ideas of a majority, it would never have reached its present development.

We must go back about a 1,000 years in Russian history in order to find an explanation. There were at that time, living in Khieff, Novgorod, and Moscow separate tribes which engaged in hunting, fishing and agriculture, leading a completely free life. But as their hunting grounds became more and more restricted, they emigrated to the South and East, thereby obtaining fresh pasture and hunting grounds in sufficient quantities.

This migratory life, however, had its inconveniences, and the princes or leaders of the people made efforts to tie the people down to the ground.

As a result of incessant fighting without, and internal disorder within, the still existing free land was declared to be state property, and was accordingly distributed amongst the officials and the nobility — the remainder being confiscated to the State and the Church. The only estates recognised in mediaeval times being the State, the Church, and the nobility, the peasant completely lost his former freedom and rights, becoming a mere tool or chattel in the hands of the lord of the manor, who was thus able to deliver him over to the State or Church according to his own desire. Under the stress of these oppressive measures thousands of people fled into the steppes and forests, and attempted to retaliate by means of raids and forays. These Lords inhabited the Volga and Dnieper regions, and were often sufficiently strong enough to take part in the wars waged against Turkey, Persia, Poland, as well as in internal strife in Russia itself.

We hear nothing of labour movements in this connection, only agricultural labourers taking part in these disturbances. Industry was only in its infancy in the reign of Peter I., in the 18th century.

Serfdom was abolished in 1833 by Czar Alexander II. The peasants obtained personal freedom, together with that of local administration, and the right of inheritance. They received land in sufficient quantity for themselves and their children, together with pasturage for their cattle. Local autonomy was obtained by a system of communism; by this the land in a "commune" (or parish) was not held by private ownership, but on a system of communal property by the district as a whole, fresh distribution being made from time to time. A similar system obtained in mediaeval times in England and elsewhere on the continent. The commune was held responsible as a whole for the working of the land and the obligations thereby entailed. As the population increased, fresh distributions of the communal land became necessary, until at last very little was left for the individual and the land was badly cultivated owing to the excessive re-allotments and the distance from the villages. A Russian village is built on a closely-compacted system in the centre of the area allotted to it.

Thus the problem of the land, including that of bread, became even more and more acute.

The foundation of the Agrarian Bank dates from 1883. Agricultural labourers were, by this agency, able to purchase from the State land, of which there was still a considerable quantity available on the Black Sea and in Siberia. Those who were in a position to purchase land, and were in possession of some capital, soon became well off; less fortunate individuals, however, sank into a condition of ever-increasing poverty.

The Revolution of 1905 did not produce the hoped-for results. A more favourable opportunity presented itself during the present war in 1917/18.

The agricultural population of Central Russia, amounting to about 30 millions, took their destiny into their own hands. The ground had been well prepared beforehand by the works and influence of Tolstoi. "Distribution" became the catch word, and the whole agricultural population joined in the movement. But what became a reality for the agricultural labourer remained an idea alone for the town artisan. Appeals to the labouring classes as a whole were in vain—only work remained for the former, the land became the property of the land workers.

Bolshevism has proved victorious, but only in Russia. Such conditions are impossible in more highly civilized countries such as England or France.

The present situation in Russia is as follows: Those who have received land, are cultivating it for themselves and their families in order to obtain bread. Each man has his own land, and must himself work, being thrown on his own resources. he towns are naturally, empty and those living in them must starve or die.

As landowners have hitherto been deprived of their estates either without payment at all, or have only received payment in paper, they are only cultivating the bare minimum of land necessary for themselves. Thus there can be no question of a superfluity of corn or cattle in Russia. Some time must elapse for foodstuffs to reach towns from their own provinces again. With the restoration of orderly and settled conditions in Russia, as in Germany, it is probable that Bolshevism will die a natural death; it is obviously impossible for the Entente to undertake the delivery of foodstuffs to countries which are inclined to adopt the tenets of Bolshevism. In a further article we propose to examine in more detail the aims and methods of Bolshevism as applied in Russia and elsewhere, and to draw some conclusions as to the universal danger with which European civilization is thereby threatened.

There are also signs that in Germany as well, more sober and reasoned counsels are prevailing. A system which appeals to an illiterate peasant population, forming 80% of the inhabitants of Russia, is not so likely to carry weight in Germany, were agrarian and social conditions differ widely from those obtaining in Russia. Order and work are closely connected with food supplies and these are not likely to be forthcoming to a Bolshevized Germany.

"I hear that you said I was the biggest fool in town." "No, sir, I did not. I do not consider you capable of taking first rank in anything."

An Englishman in Paris had to visit the dentist. "And, m'sieur," asked the servant in a tender tone, "whom shall I have the misery to announce?"

Mrs Casey—My sister writes me that every bottle in that box we sent her was broken. Are you sure you printed, "This side up, with care," on it?

Casey—Oi am. An' for fear they shouldn't see it on the top Oi printed it on the bottom as well.

"Why not try Hopkins for a subscription to our fund?" asked the treasurer of the charity meeting.

"Hopkins?" repeated the president. "No, I know Hopkins; he's like the letter F—first in pity and last in help."

THE MAN WHO DID — AND WHAT BECAME OF IT.

BY JUVENIS.

CHAPTER IV.

The typewritten manifesto which he had just read literally "put years" on Mr. Bilson. All had not been going well of late with the business, since he had commenced his experiment. So much time had been wasted in carrying out to the letter the useless rigmarole and red tape that his output of gain was barely half that of the previous period, and this "strike" would delay things even more.

Under the new regime, his overseers, living up to their old ideas, always sent eight men to unload a lorry where three had formerly been employed. Then, in a moment of folly, he had taken the advice of Mr. Wally, and had bought two Army mules, engaging with them an old A.S.C. driver. Since then, almost every post had brought Mr. Bilson some new claim for damages to property, and, with an "account rendered" that morning for damages due to the early decease of two women and a child, owing to the refractory conduct of the mules, he found himself faced with a gross liability of nearly £500, besides two law suits in process of litigation.

Mr. Bilson roused himself at length, and having rung for his old secretary, who had still remained faithful to him, he tried to face the new problem. He wished that this path could be as plain to him now as it would have been in his Army days. As an adjutant, if he had made a mess of things generally, he would have evaded the consequences by asking for a transfer to another unit. Now, however, he had to face the trouble manfully, or give up his only means of income, and go into a bank or some other unenviable occupation.

He turned to the correspondence at his side, in the hope of obtaining relief there. Most of it had arrived a week before, but he adhered to his old methods of neglecting to answer correspondence promptly. The first he took up was from one of the firm's largest customers, informing him that unless certain goods, long overdue, were not speedily delivered, it would be necessary to cancel the order.

The next letter was a private one from Messrs. — Bankers, reminding him that his account still remained overdrawn considerably.

He turned in desperation to an official blue envelope. To his horror, it was a summons to pay certain money to the amount of 250 pounds, due two months ago. This roused him to action; he searched through his file for the invoice, which, of course, was missing. An hour later he found it in a ledger, acting as a bookmark.

Mr. Bilson immediately wrote out a cheque, signed it, and had it taken by hand to the creditor's solicitor.

Later in the day, the telephone bell rang; he answered it and found himself in communication with the firm's bank. The manager desired to tell him that the account was too low to admit his paying so large a cheque. Mr. Bilson was startled when the manager continued to tell him that no money had been payed in for over a week. He sent for the cashier of the business, who swore to sending off the money daily to the Bank by an office boy, but he admitted that he had never troubled to examine the counterfoils of the credit slips. (The cashier, also, was one of Mr. Bilson's Army protégés, who had had long business experience as a C.Q.M.S.)

The office-boy was sent for, but was found to have failed to turn up that morning with the rest of the staff.

That was the limit; especially when the director realised that dividends were due to be paid within a fortnight.

He had rung up the police to give particulars of the missing office boy, and was just trying to think out a solution to this hopeless muddle, when Mr. Wally entered to enquire whether all the employees on strike would be for "Orderly Room," on their return.

The unconscious irony of the enquiry struck Mr. Bilson so forcibly that he realized for the first time the farce of the whole routine which he had tried so hard to introduce. Answering with a scarcely civil negative, Mr. Bilson decided to "chuck up the sponge" and surrender unconditionally to a cruel fate.

Seizing his hat, the director rushed from the room, called a taxi, and drove to the railway station. There he booked his ticket for the little country village where his father, entirely ignorant of the trouble in which the business was involved, was living in retirement.

Half an hour later found Bilson in the train, a victim to sad reflections and uncomfortable forbodings. He had told his foolishly confiding parent little about his experiments, and nothing about the financial losses, so he now realised the difficulty of communicating the news to him. His courage, based on his desperate resolve to hand over the whole concern for his father to steer from ruin, was beginning to wane, but inwards feelings of his own utter incompetence to deal with such a situation compelled him to proceed on his mission.

The interview was long and stormy. The old man, disappointed in his son's business capabilities, and fearful for the stability of the business, did not spare his words. If any other man in the Army days, had hurled one quarter of the epithets at Mr. Bilson, as his father did, he would have spent the remainder of his days at Derby or some equally pleasant residence for those who have incurred His Majesty's displeasure.

Finally, the senior partner set out with his son for the business again, and the remainder of the day was spent in a close examination of the finances of the business.

Through the skilful management of Mr. Bilson, Senior, the jam manufactury was rescued from ruin, the employees willingly consenting to return on the revival of the old ideas. All the military specialists have long taken their departure, and Business Orders no longer appear.

Our friend, Montague Bilson, is now sheep farming in New-Zealand. His father had insisted on his departure to some distant spot from where he could do no further mischief.

He is a wiser man now, although he often wonders, still, why Army methods were not successful among civilians. He feels himself an injured man, a martyr to his ideals, and he is secretly longing for another war to come so as to give him back his former proud position of Captain and Adjutant.

When "Macbeth" was once being played in a provincial town local workmen were requisitioned as stage carpenters. All went well until the scene where Macbeth murders the King. The actor who was playing the part of Macbeth was feigning hesitation, and, holding up the dagger, he said tragically, "Is this a dagger I see before me?" Imagine his surprise and discomfiture when one of the stage carpenters, sticking out his head, answered apologetically, "No, sir, it's the putty knife; we couldn't find the dagger."

Youngly—"Did you ever notice that the matrimonial process is like making a call? You go to adore, you ring the belle, and you give your name to the maid." Synicus—"Yes, and then you're taken in."

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Thursday	6	Cavalleria Rusticana Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo
Friday	6	Der Wattenschmied von Worms	Lortzing
Saturday	6	Madame Butterfly	Puccini
Sunday	3	Götter-dämmerung	Wagner
Monday	6	Martha	Flotow
Tuesday	6	Joseph in Aegypten	Méhul

A-FISHING AND A-SHOOTING.

INEXPENSIVE SPORT ON LEAVE.

A FORTNIGHT IN SCOTLAND OR IRELAND.

Anent recent discussions on the best way to spend furlough we are indebted to Major Hew Congreve Kennedy, Hillside, Glanuce, N.B., for a circular on "Shooting and Fishing syndicates."

The object of the circular is an endeavour to provide sports at "a reasonable figure for officers when on leave." The document recounts the well-known obstacles in the way of such endeavours, such as the great cost of taking a fortnight's shooting, procuring a gun, and the problematical dates when officers are to have leaves, as a result of which the fixing of a fishing period is oft times impossible. The circular then proceeds to elaborate on the advantages of syndicates.

Briefly, the idea by which the syndicates are to secure periods of ten or twelve days sport at shooting or fishing at a minimum of expense and inconvenience or trouble is as follows:

A moor with good low ground shooting (including one day's grouse driving each week) and some fishing, is to be secured at a rental of about 500 pounds.

Such a moor would require about 6 or 7 guns on it each week and during the first fortnight. August 10th-24th for instance, they would get, say, one day's grouse driving (grouse should not be driven before August 20th), seven or eight days' walking up birds, etc., and a few days' fishing.

About August 24th another six or seven guns would be wanted, and they would get two days' grouse driving, eight days' walking up grouse and partridges, etc., and a few days' fishing. A third lot of guns would be due on about September 8th, and would get similar sport to the last lot.

Thus 18 or 21 guns would each have had a fortnight's sport, the moor but half shot and the coverts not touched.

About the beginning of November the first guns would again be due for leave, to be followed in turn by the second and third lot; and each would again enjoy another fortnight's shooting, the only difference being that the second and third lot would be too late for grouse. As, however, they had the best of the driving in September, matters would be about level. The cost of such a shooting, in addition to rent, may be put at roughly £250, which would embrace all charges and wages, such as agency fees, taxes, ghillies, beaters, etc. Thus, we have £750 divided amongst, say, 18 or 21 guns, and I think it will be admitted that it is cheap at the price.

It is probable that money could be saved on the £250 mentioned above, but you will no doubt agree that it is wiser to be on the safe side rather than to risk a whip round to make good a deficit after you have had your sport.

As regards fishing it is suggested that the syndicate might rent salmon and trout fishings, both river and lock, in Scotland or Ireland, with accomodation in a hotel as near the ground as possible. As it is probable that house accommodations may be prefe red there is also a proposal to rent or purchase a house.

The whole scheme is the work of Major Kennedy, and officers about to form such syndicates should communicate with him at the adress given above.

MIDLAND DIVISIONAL MATCH.

The old friends and opponents of the 12th Field Company R.E. will be pleased to hear they are still unefeated, although reduced to Cadre, and unable to turn out their war-time team. The latest victims were the Midland Divisional Signal Coy, R.E. whom they played at Bruhl on Saturday. This was greatly brought about by Sergeant Taylor who played a very good game and scored two splendid goals. He was ably assisted by Sapper Halke, at inside-right, who scored the first of his side's three goals, and by Sergeant Christian at centre-half. The latter successfully held and broke up the combination of the Signals forward line. The game ended without further scoring. Result:—12th Field Co, R.E., 3; Mid. Div. Signals, Nil.

SMOKER AT BENSBERG.

A very enjoyable smoking concert was held at The Schloss Bensberg, on Sunday evening when "A" Coy, of the 17th Bn. the Royal Fusiliers was provided with an excellent programme. In spite of the exceptionally fine evening, the appreciation of the considerable number present was shown by their hearty and generous applause, and the way the choruses were sung.

The programme was provided by Sgt Jackson; Cpls. Firks and Pantoll; Lce. Cpl. Lawrence and Terry; Ptes, Woodley; Sweeney and May; and Lieut Hudson.

"ENGLISH SPOOKEN HERE."

It is "a moot point" as to whether we could be tried by court martial for an offence under the fraternization order if we adopted the plan of our contemporary "John Bull" and awarded biscuits to some business proprietors in Cologne for their efforts at displaying "The King's English."

Here are a couple of samples:

"It is permit to hand over drinks on the British Military from etc." "English spooken here."

Another proprietor has gone to the trouble of painting out his pre-war shop sign and substituted the following "Barber-Chop," and we are not sufficiently trusting to enquire of him if the "Chop" is his name, his trade or his intent.

These signs remind one of a few we used to find out Ypres way. There was one of particular attract on, especially on these days when rations had not come up. It ran thus "Eat less and save shipping: Waste prolongs war."

Then there was the eternal question "What have you salved to-day?" This on the tail board of a motor lorry with the words "Load not to exceed three tons" seemed rather too pathetic. Then, there was the Belgian woman who had a card in her window telling all and sundry that she was "Authorised to wash for soldiers." If she had been in Germany in these days when soap is a scarcity, the real idea of the notice would have been more apparent.

"THE COLOGNE POST" CRICKET CUP.

NINETY-TWO ENTRIES — AND STILL THEY COME.

RULES OF THE COMPETITION.

The reception of our offer to award a handsome silver cup to the most successful Rhineland cricket team during the present season has far exceeded expectations in its unanimity.

From the day the announcement of our intention appeared in the *Cologne Post*, entries for the competition have been received in numbers that indicate that we have hit upon a scheme that appeals to popular taste.

When first the project was discussed in this office, we felt somewhat dubious about its possible success, principally on the score that suitable playing grounds were at such a premium in this new dwelling place of ours. This was not dispelled by a cursory run round the various stations, which revealed every square foot of open space apparently in process of cultivation. There were other obvious shortcomings in the prospect of a successful cricket season in Germany, which it would be futile to discuss here. Suffice it to say that by some extraordinary means, promoters of clubs have, in the majority of cases, secured quite respectable playing pitches. Others, even more fortunately circumstanced, have, by dint of praiseworthy enterprise, coupled with prodigious physical effort, contrived to convert apparently impossible material into really first rate wickets.

The result off all this is that secretaries, in sending in their entries have, in far more cases than we ever dared to anticipate, been enabled to include the situation of their grounds. This is very encouraging, and we are gratified to think that our scheme has so far attained such generous measure of success.

Anticipation and Realization.

As we have already hinted, when our plan was evolved, we had in mind the formation of a single league comprising, perhaps 20 or 30 competing teams. Then there would follow three months (or thereabouts) rattling good cricket, culminating in a happy little function whereat a proud skipper would be handed a magnificent cup and each member of his team a neat little replica (suitably inscribed). Then, our job would be finished, we thought, and the flight of time would once more have brought us to within hailing distance of King Football.

Subsequent events, however, have proved that we rather miscalculated the degree of enthusiasm with which the anouncement of the competition would be acclaimed.

So, here we are, on the eve of the closing date with no fewer than 92 names of clubs, all anxious to carry off our trophy. The entries are from all quarters, and vary considerably in point of the extent of the units they represent.

Such circumstances bring us face to face with a variety of points calling for careful consideration. Perhaps the two chief of these are the limits of time and the difficulty of arranging ample and efficient transport to convey teams to the scenes of battle.

Time, a Prime Consideration.

In respect of the first item, the amenities of military life prohibit a protracted absence of a party of men from its station, and this would be especially undesirable if a great part of that absence were to be involved that the success of a sporting competition depends firstly upon the degree of keenness and enthusiam that is maintained in it; all other considerations are of minor importance. Taking that for granted, it is therefore essential that the competition should not drag on to unreasonable lengths. Well, that's that.

Then comes the question of journeys. It is quite unthinkable that say, a team in Siegburg should have to travel all the way to Düren and that the same distance should have to be repeated subsequently for the return match. Apart from the physical exhaustion that such trips would entail, it couldn't be done (plus the time occupied in playing the match) in a single day.

So in view of these things, it is tolerably apparent that a single league is out of the question.

Six Leagues Necessary.

Consequently what we propose to do is this: The Corps areas in the occupied territory will form the boundaries of six different leagues in each of which there will be an equal number of clubs. Home and away matches will be played by all competing teams and, when all the fixtures have been exhausted, the most successful elevens in the leagues will, in turn, oppose one another to decide the final issue.

The adoption of such an arrangement will not only obviate the necessity for long journeys, but will enable the competition to be concluded with that desirable feature — brevity.

It should, perhaps, be pointed out here that while deciding upon the adoption of a Corps area for each league, we do not necessarily intend that such a league will be exclusively confined to teams representative of units in that particular Corps. The geographical location of a club alone must clearly be the governing factor in allotting constituants of the leagues, for the good and sufficient reason that each one must necessarily comprise an equal number of competing teams. In other words, supposing a matter of 20 teams entered from "A" Corps and there were only half a dozen from "B" Corps. Well — no explanation is needed to indicate the hopeless muddle that would inevitably be the outcome of such a contingency.

The work of grouping the entrants into what appear to us to be the most convenient leagues, is now in hand.

As it is very important that a start should be made with as little delay as possible, it is proposed that we shall arrange the fixtures from this office as soon as the leagues are formed, and publish them, together with the names of the secretaries. This list will be purely tentative and alterations will be permissible. Secretaries will then be asked to sign the fixture lists, after which, changes will not be allowed without a very sound reason.

In presenting the following rules in connection with the competition, we must reserve the right to alter or add to them should occasion necessitate, but our object at the outset is to make them as brief and as clear as possible.

Regarding rule 10, there are many cases of men being detached, singly, from their units and attached to a department at a considerable distance from their real stations. There is no reason why a man so situated should not become a member of some other units team, since there are bound to be several composite elevens, in the competition including among their members players from various branches of the service.

THE LIST OF RULES.

1.—The competition shall be know as "The Cologne Post Cricket Cup competition."

2.—It shall be open to all teams in the Rhine Army of Occupation.

3.—Matches shall be played according to fixture lists to be published in the *Cologne Post*.

4.—Two points will be awarded for a win and one for each team in the case of a drawn game.

5.—Matches will in all cases be decided at the first innings.

6.—In the event of a match being abandoned on account of rain, a subsequent date will be arranged.

7.—A team failing to fulfill an engagement without good reason will forfeit two points.

8.—In the case of a club being without a ground, the home and away fixture will be played on the opponents ground. Should neither side have a ground the *Cologne Post* shall decide whereon the match shall be played.

9.—All teams must register their players with this office, 24 hours before a match is timed to start. The time of post mark will be accepted in the case of teams in outlying stations.

10.—No cricketer may play for more than one team in the competition, but a player is not restricted to assist a side representative of his own unit. Once having registered and played for a team, however, he may not go to another club.

11.—Each team shall appoint its own umpire.

12.—Twenty-four hours after each match, the winning team is requested to send in the result to the Sports Editor, the *Cologne Post*. In the case of a drawn game, the home team will be responsible for this.

Our Thanks.

It is possible that some other points of importance may occur to our readers, in which event, we shall be very glad to receive them. Suggestions and criticisms are welcomed, and will receive careful consideration, on all matters relating to the competition.

In the meantime, we extend our thanks to all those who have send us such cheery messages of congratulation, and to all the clubs who have entered our competition, thus supplying the basis of the huge success we hope our enterprise will be.

A PROMINENT RHINE CRICKETER.

2nd Lieut. C. E. Nicholas, 32nd Divisional Trench Mortar Battery.

MULHEIM LEAGUE.

280th ARMY TROOPS R.E. v. 52nd WARWICKSHIRE REGIMENT.

A good game was played between the above teams on Tuesday. The weather was good and the Warwicks won by 2 goals to nil. The 280th lacked finish and it was largely due to the excellent services of their goalkeeper that a much larger score was not registered against them.

2nd MACHINE GUNNERS v. 12th IRISH RIFLES.

The above game was played at Deelen, on the ground of the 2nd M.G. Bn.

From the kick off the Machine Gunners attacked, and good work by Holmes and Duffy enabled Baily to score with a fast shot. A few minutes later the same player scored again. Good play by Mc Ginley enabled the M.G. forwards to get away, and Walker scored from a centre by Woodward. They returned to the attack and in a scramble in front of goal Fay equalised.

Just before half time Bailey dribbled through, but was pluckily stopped by the goalkeeper. The ball, however, came out to Joyce, who scored with a left foot drive.

The restart found the gunners playing ten men, Edge their left half being injured and unable to resume. From the kick off the Rifles tried hard to equalise, Walker missing the bar by inches, but time after time Poulton drove them back with beautiful kicks. This player was giving a beautiful exhibition of back play, and at times his kicking was nothing short of marvellous. Some good work by Richards enabled Joyce to put in a long run on the touch line and from his centre Ravenscroft headed past the goalkeeper. Then the Rifles attacked and forced a corner but it was cleared after some scrambling in front of goal.

The long whistle went with the Gunners pressing. Result: 2nd M.G.Bn. 4; 12th R.I.Rifles 2.

INTER-PLATOON COMPETITION.

1/5th WEST YORKS REGT.

On Tuesday, the 1/5th West Yorks completed the first round of the above competition on the Zeppelin ground at Blucher Park.

On Blucher Park, No 5 Platoon easily accounted for No 16 Platoon by 4 goals to nil, Snowdon, Wilkinson and Cummings showing very good form for the winners.

On the Zeppelin ground, the Transport were beaten by No 9 Platoon by 5 goals to 1. Lieut. Ward did good work for the Transport. No 10 Platoon defeated No 1 by 2 goals to nil. A very good game ensued, the winners being well represented by Pte. Jagger and Hall.

RHINE OFFICERS SPORTS CLUB.

FORMAL OPENING AT LINDENTHAL.

After being postponed from May 3rd on account of wet weather, the Rhine Army Officers Sports Club was formally opened yesterday.

The opening ceremony took place in the delightful precincts of the Lawn Tennis Club at Stadtwald, Lindenthal, when glorious weather attracted a large number of prospective members and their lady friends.

The proceedings were purely social and informal, so that there were no speeches.

From early in the afternoon until sunset, the sixteen courts were alive with white-flannelled officers, and ladies of the Q.M.A.A.C., the Y.M.C.A. and other bodies which are now well represented in Rhineland. Looking from the club-house, glimpses of the sparkling lake could be seen, the whole scene being most picturesque and animated.

Major-General Sir S.T.B. Lawford, K.C.B., the President of the Club was present to welcome the members and visitors, while the ever popular secretary, Major the Hon. P. Bowes Lyon had organised the ceremony in an admirable manner. There were many distinguished officers also present, and there was a general brightness about the whole affair which augurs well for the Club's future well-being. During the afternoon, music was provided by the excellent band of the 1st. Bn. R.S.F. and the Royal Scots Pipers.

Applications for membership to the club, which embraces tennis, golf, cricket, polo, boating and swimming, should be made to: Major Hon. P. Bowes Lyon, attached General Staff (Education) H.Q. British Army of the Rhine, Cologne.

ELEVEN GOALS TO ONE.

3rd LIGHT BRIGADE H.Q. v. "A" COY. 52nd RIFLE BRIGADE.

Played at Bedburg on Monday the game started off by the 52nd passing to the right wing and a smart run by Capt. Hawkins, who scored with a splendid fast shot. Throughout the game the H.Q. were frequently penned in, further goals being added by Capt. Hawkins (1), Lieut. Plant (3 goals), and Sergt. Pinnock (1). Finally H.Q. scored from a corner. At the interval the score stood at 6—1 in favour of the Rifle Brigade.

In the second half the R.B. forwards went away and commenced a bombardment of the home goal. Lieut. Galbraik dribbed through the home defence and scored with a low drive which gave the goal-keeper no chance. A few minutes later, the same player added yet another goal. Further goals came in due course from Sergt. Pinnock (2) and Rfmn. Cunningham (1). The H.Q. forwards made a great effort to get through, but could not penetrate "A" Coy's defence, the latter eventually walking on easy winners by 11 goals to 1.

"A" Coy R.B. was represented by the following: Rfm. Kempster; Sgt. White and Cpl. Jones; Beach, Rfm. Pearson and Cpl. Graves; Rfm. Gunningham, Lieut. Galbraith, Sgt. Pinnock, 2nd Lieut. Plant, and Capt. Hawkins.

Referee: Cpl. Knight (53rd R.B.)

There was a good attendance, and great enthusiasm prevailed. Amongst interested spectators were Brigadier General Kennedy and many officers.

NO. 1 v. NO. 2 SECTIONS MIDLAND D.A.C.

Keen interest prevailed in an inter-section match of the Midland D.A.C., No. 1 meeting No. 2 on the latter's ground last Sunday afternoon. Winning the toss, No. 2 Section pressed continually, but Reynolds, in goal, proved a good asset to his side. Eventually, the Ex-Fulham goalkeeper was beaten with a low drive from Jarvis. On the change of ends, the play was again even, although Barrett, No. 2 Section custodian, prevented No. 1 from equalizing on several occasions. The whistle blew leaving No. 2 Section the winners (1—0).

NEWMARKET RACES.

Two-thousand Guinea Trial Plate.

There was a good crowd at the opening of the Newmarket meeting on Tuesday. The returns were:

Two-thousand Guineas Trial Plate: 1, Athletic (1—2); 2, Freezomint (4—1); 3, Jasana (100—12,; Four ran.

Maiden Plate: 1, Poltava (100—8); 2, Orpheus (1—2); 3, Seraph Colt (6—1); Seventeen ran.

First Spring Stakes (Division 1.: Herakles (100—8); 2, Woodrow (8—4); 3, Rapier (8—1). Sixteen ran.

Hastings Plate: Galloper Light (30—100) beat Rapelan. Two ran.

Visitors Handicap: 1, Tom Pepper (5—4; 2, Warwick (6—1); 3, The Gunyah (5—1).

First Spring Stakes (Division 11): 1, Senhora (10—1); 2, Abbots Trace (evens); Escenseur (100—7); Fourteen ran.

Risby Plate: 1, Carapace (2—1); 2, Chasseur (5—2); 3, Eastern Valley (100—6).

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Thursday, May 8, 1919.

Wind Easterly, 10—15 m. p. h. in the day. Weather continuing fair; visibility indifferent early, good later in the day. Rather warm.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

Who Said Cock Fighting?

In all seriousness, a couple of young officers came into this office a few days ago and suggested a revival of cock fighting at Bonn or Cologne — I really forget which — a couple of birds having already been spotted for the opening show. The suggestion would be humourous in its antediluvianness, were it not for the tragedy of a state of mind that in these enlightened days could turn to so primitive a form of sport. "In days of old, when Knights were bold" (and when they were not bold, for the matter of that!) the discovery of fresh forms of entertainment must have caused amusement caterers a great deal of furious thinking. Reading was a diversion limited to a privileged few; theatres, cinemas, and motor cars were undreamed of and thus we find that cock fighting flourished pretty considerably. If our seekers after new thrills *must* satisfy their fighting proclivities, I can recommend no more exciting way of doing so than in the ring. The days of such an atrocious form of sport as cock and bull fighting are, happily, of the past, and with our present day higher conception of *real* sport, they are not likely to return.

Campanologists Please Note.

A Bombardier writes to ask if there are any ringable bells in any of the Cologne churches. *What* a question to ask! If my correspondent could but spend a day or two in the neighbourhood of my humble little apartment, he would not have the slightest doubt on the subject. The deafening clatter that proceeds merrily from all directions, (at about three second intervals) from the wee sma' hours of the morning until well beyond the time when I have devoured my morning bloater, convinces me, by its volume more certainly than by its music, that there must be *quite* a lot of bells in Cologne. Presumably a peal of bells is meant, and I am informed that several churches in Cologne have quite a good bunch. Those in the cathedral are the biggest and are, I understand, in capital harmony, although they have not been much used collectively for several years. The largest of them all, the "Empress Bell," which was rung only on very special occasions, served the fate of many others, and found its way into the melting pot, at a time when shell making was a matter of more vital importance than any amount of bell ringing. If any enthusiastic campanologists would care to get into touch with our correspondent, shall be pleased to forward to him any letters addressed to "Bellringer," c/o the *Cologne Post*.

The R. A. A. D. C.!

I referred recently to the thought which had prompted the British Rhine Army Amateur Dramatic Company to adopt so copious a title, and pointed out that such voluminous "bill matter" would be ruinous to the most talented of music-hall turns. As might have been expected, I have had my knuckles rapped by the organiser of the company for my temerity. Lieut. Percy, from the Cologne amusements office, tells me that his party never was, never is, and never will be intended to be a "big drum, boosting show." It is a combination of amateur artistes, well versed in the dramatic art, who will present the dignified works of our best dramatists. As a matter of fact, Mr. Percy actually adressed me as "Laddie" in a deep tremulous voice that convinced me that he, at any rate, was surely a diciple of the old school. It also caused several suggestions for a new title that I had intended to unfold when I barged lightheartedly into his office, to freeze in my throat. Several snappy ideas had occurred to me, "The Dramaosities" and "The Ticklesome Thespians" to quote but two. Heavens! if I had dared to mention them! Harking back to the point, however, Mr. Percy reminded me that the new organisation was purely an army one, and in keeping with the familiarity born of its observance, he objected not to reference being made to the Company by its initials.

By the way, the R. A. A. D. C. (!) will submit for the approval of Deutsche Theatre patrons, its first performance to-night, when "Mollusc" will be played.

The Price of Golf Clubs.

Even at the present high prices golf clubs are cheap. They are practically indestructible. Wet weather has no effect on them. And after the initial outlay on a set, the yearly repairs and renewals will be a matter of a few shillings. There will always be players who, for no apparent reason, buy new clubs; for which Allah be praised (writes Joshua Taylor in "Golf Illustrated"). Nothing pleases them better than to spend an hour in the pro's shop turning over his stock. Any other club seems to suit them better than what they are playing with. They take a particular fancy to a club. They have seen it in its different stages of manufacture. They like it. From that to purchase is, fortunately for us, a short step. Such loyal amateurs as these are the one thing a pro. has to live for in these days of Stores competition. Such men rightly acknowledge the moral obligation they are under to purchase their clubs from their own pro. and act accordingly. Would there were more of them.

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PRINCE OF WALES ON HOUSING.

UNEMPLOYED OFFICERS.

The Prince of Wales was the principal guest on Saturday night at the Royal Academy banquet, the first held since the outbreak of the war. His speech was marked by a pointed reference to the housing of the people. Another remark worty of note in the speeches was the reference of Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig to the difficulties experienced by many demobilised officers in securing employment.

In acknowledging the toast of the Royal Family, the Prince of Wales said: The President has been kind enough to associate my name with that great national movement which occupies our minds so much to-day, and which it is hoped will result in prompt and drastic measures to provide adequate sanitary and cheerful homes for all classes of the people. But my humble efforts in this direction are no more than anyone here would heartily undertake. We all wish to see our fellow-countrymen happy, healthy, and contented, and we are agreed that this end cannot be attained without securing decent and comfortable homes for others, the blessings of which we ourselves enjoy. The wonder is, if I may be allowed to say so, that only now have we been brought to realise that this pressing need must be boldly faced and boldly handled."

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig having paid a very warm tribute to the Army, in replying to a toast, said that while it was perhaps permissible to look back on the work of the past five years with certain feelings of satisfaction, he knew that some of them were very anxious as to the future of many of their gallant comrades who had left the Army for one cause or another. "I hasten to say," he proceeded, "that the several Departments of his Majesty's Government concerned with pensions and labour seem to be doing their best to cope with the problem in a sympathetic spirit. But the numbers to be dealt with are very great, especially of those seeking employment. One hears of sad cases every day, such, for instance, as that of a demobilised officer, who had won the V.C., D.S.O., and M.C., trudging in vain through the streets of London in search of work, and there are many other such cases. When a request for work is made to an employer, I would beg him to reflect on all he owes to these men, and to be a little patient, and try to help the gallant fellow to learn some job before he turns him away altogether."

HOW TO TREAT THE BRITISH.

Replying to a toast at a luncheon given by the English Speaking Union, at New York, the object of which is "to draw together in bonds of comradeship the English speaking peoples of the war," Admiral Sims, after remarking that the war would have been of little benefit to civilization if it had not brought together in stronger ties the two English speaking nations, recited many instances of the bonds uniting officers and men of the two navies. Having dwelt on the fact that the British Grand Fleet was the foundation stone on which the success of the war was built, the Admiral went on to speak of "the way to deal with the British." Tell them the truth (he said) as far as you understand it without qualification. Never mind if the Britisher likes it or not. He is a good sport, and an English statesman's word is his bond. Englishmen cannot stand indirection. I tell this especially for the benefit of those here who may be thinking of trading with him.

NEW TYPE OF CRIMINAL.

The war, in the opinion of Sir Nevil Macready, Chief Commissioner of Metropolitan Police, is responsible for increasing the amount of crime in this country, and for changing the type of criminal. To an interviewer Sir Nevil said there was a big rise in the number of robberies, and the robber of to-day, grown callous after four years' experience of killing, was indifferent alike to the taking of life and to his own personal safety.

"In pre-war days if a burglar was met on the stairs by a householder in his pyjamas his first thought was to escape, but to-day the thief would probably resort to violence, and, if necessary, to murder."

Sir Nevil also thought that another result of the war would be an increase in the number of women murders. Before the war, when a man quarrelled with his wife—or the woman he lived with—he would "just clip her under the ear," and all would be right again next day. "But now he would hit her over the head with an iron bar or anything handy, and there would be no next day for her."

GOOD-BYE TO GOVERNMENT ALE.

The Liquor Control Board are considering a proposal for altering the evening opening of licensed premises from 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Some members favour opening from 6 till 10, but the opposition to this is probably strong enough to prevent its adoption.

Similar opposition has prevented the abolition of the no-treating order. A solution is now being sought for, which will allow a certain liberty of treating while preventing the custom of every person in a group paying for "rounds" of drinks.

The Board have been informed of the Government's intention to allow stronger beer. The present maximum strength will become the minimum thus abolishing so-called "Government" ale.

DEAD SOLDIERS' DECORATIONS.

The War Office states that a mistaken impression is prevalent that the parents or other relatives of a deceased officer or soldier are entitled to wear on the right breast the decorations and medals, or the ribands appertaining thereto, that may have been awarded for service in the field. Decorations and medals, it is stated, may only be worn by the individual upon whom they are conferred.

The Queen opened the Princess Alice Home for totally disabled sailors and soldiers at Slough, on Monday.

Thirty Newfoundland fishermen released from war service, are touring east coast fishing ports as guests of the War Office.

Reporting on a scheme for buying large houses and converting them into flats, Deptford Council says the cost would involve prohibitive rents.

Lord Chilston told Kent V.A.D.s at a Bromley reception on Saturday that though V.A.D.s are demobilized they are not disbanded, and that schemes are in preparation for utilizing them.

Miss May Butler-George, Australian painter and sculptor, is to execute designs for the base and reliefs of a memorial statue to the 2nd Australian Division for the top of Mount St. Quentin.

Fish prices, a Labour member at the 11th London Labour Conference stated, are as high now as when fishermen were mine-sweeping, and they are a scandal the Food Ministry should remove.

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

GREATEST OF ALL GERMANS.

We who have fought against Hindenburg have our own opinion of the Field Marshall; those who served under him have another; and it is perhaps only natural that in these two opinions there should be, to some degree, a contrast. Though we have reason to despise many of the tactics of Prussia's greatest leader, we must ever give him credit for his greatness, his skill, and his indomitable courage. During the past few months, or since the armistice, he has been called upon to perform perhaps the hardest task a leader of soldiers has ever been given, in that he had not only to withdraw a vanquished army from the battlefields, but he had to keep it together in face of a violent revolution which threatened severely all German militarists. Only with that resource of courage for which Hindenburg is renowned was he able to maintain his position at the head of a fallen army amidst such revolutionary surroundings.

A Great Father.

It has been announced that Hindenburg has sent in his resignation realising, now that the crisis is past and the peace terms are almost ready for signature, that his work is finished. His departure into retirement is the subject of eulogistic comment in a recent issue of the *Kölner Tageblatt*. "There is nothing of vanity in him, nothing but understanding for all human matters, says the writer."

"Everybody who came in touch with him was influenced by his abundant kindness. Like a great father did he gather all the millions of his children around him."

"Now he leaves us — the greatest of all Germans, the symbol of German thought in the world. He has remained faithful into the last. Not until the Versailles Conference is adding the final dash to the bill of former times has he thought of himself or of the few years of earthly existence left to him."

All is finished.

The article then deals with the military career of Hindenburg, and in conclusion states: "An emperor has fleed and with him twenty-four princes. All is finished, the old world bursts! Only Hindenburg remains upright. He cannot agree with the Revolution — he who has been ever a true subject of the Kaiser. But he could not ignore the people in its greatest distress. Then again he takes command of the great army and like Napoleon, he leads it home *unbeaten*."

Such a comment might call for our strong resentment, but the mere presence of British soldiers in the territory of the "unbeaten" is sufficient to portray its gross falsity.

"Once more the people calls for him, the second revolution is threatening — the ruin of the newly gained liberty through the madness from the East. Once more he takes command and secures the holy frontier of the Fatherland."

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Duke of Connaught left London on Sunday to visit the Army on the Rhine.

Ten Army officers at St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Saturday rang a peal of 5,201 changes.

An Army Order says the British Salonika Force is to be known as the "Army of the Black Sea."

"Do, please, respond to this advertisement," implores the advertiser in a North London paper for a domestic servant.

At St. Paul's Cathedral, on June 5, the Prince of Wales will attend the annual service of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Steps are being taken to amend the Act, passed when the foreshore was reclaimed, which exempts from rates the land on the Thames Embankment.

Mr. W. Noble, assistant engineer-in-chief, has been appointed engineer-in-chief to the Post Office in succession to Sir William Slingo, who is retiring.

While the Bishop of Southamptons's motor-car was standing at the door of Holy Trinity Rectory, Winchester, the Bishop's robe case and portmanteau were stolen.

Sir Edward Kemp, Minister to the Overseas Military Forces in Canada, sailed from Southampton on Saturday for Canada in connection with the business of his Department.

"My expert man has been demobilized at last," says a Marylebone bootmaker's notice.

A SMILE OR TWO.

The fire-eating colonel had received a letter which consumed him with rage, but this was his noble reply:—

"Sir—My stenographer, being a lady, cannot ranscribe what I think of you. I, being a gentleman, cannot think it. But you, being neither, will understand what I mean."

"You say your baby does not walk yet," said Brown. "Mine does and he is not so old as yours. Has your baby cut his teeth yet?" "No, he hasn't" admitted Robinson sadly. "Oh, mine has them all" boasted Brown. "Your baby talk yet?" "Not yet," replied Robinson. "Can yours?" "Great Scott, yes!" answered Brown. Then Robinson got desperate. "Does your baby use a safety razor or one of the others?" he asked.

Little Benjamin, accompanied by his governess, went out for his morning stroll. They passed a street where a load of straw had been scattered in order to soften the noise of traffic in front of a house in which there had been a serious illness.

"Miss Teacher, why have they scattered all this straw about here?" asked Benjamin.

"Well," replied the good lady, "a little baby came to Mrs Jones last night."

"My goodness," exclaimed Benjamin, "but it was well packed!"

A Canadian named Casey was appointed to a Government place. Technically, it had to be held by a lawyer, which Casey was not. The Benchers of the Law Society, however, undertook to obviate the technicality. "Well, Casey," said the examiner, "what do you know about law, anyway?" "To tell the truth," replied the candidate, "I don't know a single thing." The examiner reported in his affidavit "that he had examined Mr. Casey as to his knowledge of the law, and, to the best of his information and belief, he had answered the questions that he had put to him correctly." The aspirant was thereupon admitted.

Mr. Elihu Root, America's ex Secretary of State, who accompanies President Wilson to the Peace Conference, is rather fond of telling this story against himself.

One day he said to his office boy, "Who has taken my waste-paper basket?"

"Mr. Johnson, sir, the caretaker," was the reply.

Some time later Mr. Root asked, "James, who opened that window?"

"Mr. Smith, sir, the window-cleaner."

"Now, look here," said Mr. Root, "we call men by their first names here. We don't 'mister' them in this office. Do you understand."

"Yes, sir." Ten minutes afterwards the door opened and the shrill voice of James was heard saying, "There's a man as wants to see you, Elihu!"

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

"WHY NOT?"

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir.—I have read the article appearing in your edition of May 5th entitled "Why not?" with great interest and whilst admitting that there are many good points in the proposition put forward by "Georex" it seems to me, as a ranker, that the writer is not sufficiently in touch with the feelings of the troops.

The proposal with regard to English beer and refreshment would, no doubt, be appreciated by many; but "Georex" loses sight of the fact that most of us have been in the Army long enough to be only too glad to get away from the ubiquitous khaki in our leisure hours. Has it never happened to him (*pen ant la guerre*) to arrive in a little village behind the lines and to remark, with a sigh of relief, that there are no troops there? Has he with a few friends, perhaps, ever entered a hitherto undiscovered estaminet and rejoiced in the fact that it *was* undiscovered?

I will not attempt to deny that there may be many disadvantages attendant on the free use of German "Wirtshäuser." It must be borne in mind, however, that Tommy can thereby enjoy, at least, a freedom from restraint and feel that he has an individuality of his own, apart from his khaki self. It is no good denying the fact that Tommy does not like to have his amusement "according to plan," these plans being made for the good of the troops by officers (undoubtedly earnest and well-intentioned) but it savours too much of that spirit of telling others what is good for them (so *very* prevalent at home.)

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir.—The British in Bonn are about to hold an exhibition of water-colour and oil-colour paintings and photographs. Would it not, do you think, be possible to arrange such an exhibition here? The profits would, as at Bonn, be given to the Red Cross Society or some other worthy institution. My work prevents me from organising such an exhibition, yet I would be most willing to lend assistance to any good work of this kind.

We have artists here and photographers, but do not let us restrict ourselves to war pictures simply, but to all manner, for, by widening the scope, so much more does interest increase.

With reference to the photographic section I should like to suggest:—

1) That photographs be certified taken by the exhibitor, but not necessarily developed by him or her.

2) That enlargements therefrom need not be always the exhibitor's own work.

3) That any German photographer might be permitted to affix his business card to any print or enlargement on payment according to the sizes and numbers of the pictures. This would undoubtedly bring funds to a good cause.

I await your readers' comments.

WILLIAM R. PATTERSON, Lieut.

Answers to Correspondents.

[The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Many questions have been received which could be answered much easier by the Adjutant of the unit concerned, and all such cases which affect the unit commander must be taken to him and not sent here. — Ed.]

Football Enthusiast.— (1.) Sheffield United were the last to win the cup, defeating Chelsea in 1915 by 3—0.

(2.) We do not understand what you require.

E. R.— We expect to be able to give full particulars of the Italian riband in few days.

Y Z.— Look in our announcement column daily.

226 2.— Apply through your Education Officer of your unit.

Enthusiast.— Your remarks have been noted, but we regret that we are unable to publish the same.

M. G.— If we said so, it must be.

A. X.— Rev. Prebendary W. Carble was the founder of the Church Army.

Sold again.— We will investigate the matter. In all probability you have been given wrong facts.

F. M.— See answer to "F. R."

STILL A WAR ON.

The War Office announces, says the *Sunday Chronicle*, that between the date of the armistice and noon of the 1st inst. 87,583 officers and 2,505,647 men of other ranks had been demobilised or discharged from the Army. All men who have passed their thirty-seventh birthday and who enlisted for continous duty before January 1, 1916, are being demobilised and released as quickly as possible.

An idea appears to be prevalent among the relatives of men who joined the Army on the "six months after the cessation of hostilities" basis that these men will be demobilised on the 11th instant. Many of the men themselves are also under this impression that they will be demobilised this month. This is not the fact. Apart from the new Military Service Act, under which all soldiers are liable to be retained until April 30, 1920, all men are legally bound to serve until what is called "the termination of the war." A law has been passed explaining what "the termination of the war" means. It means as nearly as possible the date of the "exchange or deposit of ratifications of the treaty or treaties of peace." The date of the armistice has nothing to do with "the termination of the war." The armistice is not "the termination of the war," but only a "suspension of hostilities," which may or may not be resumed according as the enemy accepts our conditions and yields to us the fruits which have been gained by the war.

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THE DRAFT TREATY OF PEACE.

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DESCRIPTIVE INTRODUCTION TO SUMMARY.

The draft Treaty of Peace handed to the Germans is designed, in the first instance, to set forth the conditions upon which alone the Allied and Associated Powers will make peace with Germany, and, in the second place, to establish those international arrangements which the Allies have devised for the prevention of wars in the future, and the betterment of mankind. For this latter reason it includes the Covenant of the League of Nations and the International Labour Convention. The draft Treaty, however, does not deal, except incidentally, with the problems arising out of the liquidation of the Austrian Empire, nor with the territories of two enemy Powers—Turkey and Bulgaria—except in so far as it binds Germany to accept whatever subsequent settlement may be decided upon by the Allies in the case of these belligerents.

The Treaty is divided into thirteen sections:

The first sections contains the Covenant of the League of Nations, to which functions are assigned in various places by the Treaty.

The second section describes the geographical frontiers of Germany, beginning at the north-eastern point of the present Belgian frontier.

The third section, which consists of twelve clauses, binds the Germans to accept the political changes in Europe brought about by the Treaty. It establishes two new States, Tchecho-Slovakia and Poland, and provides for their recognition. It revises the basis of Belgian sovereignty and alters the boundaries of Belgium. It establishes new systems of government in Luxembourg and the Saar Basin, and restores Alsace-Lorraine to France. It provides for possible additions of territory to Denmark, and binds Germany to recognise the independence of German Austria and to accept conditions to be laid down as to those States or Governments which have created themselves since the Russian Revolution.

The fourth section deals with the Political Reconstruction of the territories outside Europe affected by the war. It contains a general renunciation on the part of Germany of her possessions and rights abroad. By it she yields her Colonies to the Allies, together with her rigths in Africa under the various international Conventions, particularly the Berlin Act of 1885 and the Brussels Act of 1895, which have regulated European enterprise in Tropical Africa. This section gives international recognition to the British Protectorate in Egypt, and annuls the Act of Algeciras, which was one step in the German policy of aggression which led to the war.

The fifth section sets forth the Military, Naval and Air Conditions of Peace, limits the size of the German army and navy, and abolishes compulsory recruiting in Germany, as a first step towards general disarmament.

The sixth section imposes on all the signatory Powers the obligation to maintain all graves of the fallen, and regulates the return of prisoners of war.

The seventh section deals with Responsibilities and Punishment, and provides for the trial of the ex-Emperor William.

The eighth sets forth the Reparation and Restitution to be made by Germany, and contains special provisions relating to documents and war trophies seized by the Germans in earlier wars.

The ninth section contains Financial clauses mainly designed to put into operation the provisions of the previous section.

The tenth section, which is of great length and complexity, contains the Economic provisions, and re-establishes the various non-political international Treaties and Conventions which, in such matters as posts, telegraphs, and sanitary regulations, have been binding on civilised Powers before the War. Attached to this section is a special provision to regulate the traffic in Opium and similar drugs.

The eleventh section deals with Aerial Navigation.

The twelfth section contains clauses dealing with the international control of ports, canals, rivers and railways, with special provisions for the Kiel Canal.

The thirteenth contains the Labour Convention.

The fourteenth contains the guarantees for the execution of the Treaty.

The fifteenth is made up of a series of miscellaneous clauses, including the recognition of other subsequent Treaties of Peace and the confirmation of Prize Court decisions. The final clauses deal with the ratification and date of entering into force of the Treaty, both the French and English texts of which are recognised as authentic.

PREAMBLE.

The Preamble, which recites shortly the origin of the War and the application of the Germans for an Armistice, enumerates the High Contracting Parties, represented by the five Great Powers—the United States of America, the British Empire, France, Italy, and Japan, together with Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Cuba, Ecuador, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, the Hedjaz, Honduras, Liberia, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Roumania, Serbia, Siam, Tchecho-Slovakia and Uruguay, on the one hand, and Germany on the other. The Plenipotentiaries representing these Powers are enumerated, "who, having communicated their full powers found in good and due form, have agreed as follows: From the coming into force of the present Treaty, the state of War will terminate. From that moment, and subject to the provisions of this Treaty, official relations with Germany and with each of the German States will be resumed by the Allied and Associated Powers."

SECTION 1.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Members of the League will be the signatories of the Covenant and other States invited to accede, who must lodge a declaration of accession without reservation within two months. Any State, Dominion, or Colony may be admitted provided its admission is agreed by two-thirds of the Assembly. A State may withdraw upon giving two years' notice, if it has fulfilled all its international obligations.

SECRETARIAT.

A permanent Secretariat will be estalished at the seat of the League, which will be at Geneva.

ASSEMBLY.

The Assembly will consist of representatives of the Members of the League, and will meet at stated intervals. Voting will be by States. Each Member will have one vote and not more than three representatives.

COUNCIL.

The Council will consist of representatives of the Five Great Allied Powers, together with representatives of four other Members selected by the Assembly from time to time; il may co-opt additional States and will meet at least once a year. Members not represented will be invited to send a representative when questions affecting their interests are discussed. Voting will be by States. Each State will have one vote and not more than one representative. Decisions taken by the Assembly and Council must be unanimous except in regard to procedure, and in certain cases specified in the Covenant and in the Treaty, where decisions will be by a majority.

ARMAMENTS.

The Council will formulate plans for a reduction of armaments for consideration and adoption. These plans will be revised every ten years. Once they are adopted, no Member must exceed the armaments fixed without the concurrence of the Council. All Members will exchange full information as to armaments and programmes, and a permanent Commission will advise the Council on military and naval questions.

PREVENTION OF WAR.

Upon any war, or threat of war, the Council will meet to consider what common action shall be taken. Members are pledged to submit matters of dispute to arbitration or enquiry and not to resort to war until three months after the award. Members agree to carry out an arbitral award, and not to go to war with any party to the dispute which complies with it; if a Member fails to carry out the award, the Council will propose the necessary measures. The Council will formulate plans for the establishment of a Permanent Court of International Justice to determine international disputes or to give advisory opinions. Members who do not submit their cases to arbitration must accept the jurisdiction of the Council or the Assembly. If the Council, less the parties to the dispute, is unanimously agreed upon the rights of it, the Members agree that they will not go to war with any party to the dispute which complies with its recommendations. In this case a recommendation by the Assembly concurred in by all its Members represented on the Council and a simple majority of the rest, less the parties to the dispute, will have the force of a unanimous recommendation by the Council. In either case, if the necessary agreement cannot be secured the Members reserve the right to take such action as may be necessary for the maintenance of right and justice. Members resorting to war in disregard of the Covenant will immediately be debarred from all intercourse with other Members. The Council will in such cases consider what military or naval action can be taken by the League collectively for the protection of the Covenants and will afford facilities to Members co-operating in this enterprise.

VALIDITY OF TREATIES.

All Treaties or international engagements concluded after the institution of the League will be registered with the Secretariat and published. The Assembly may from time to time advise Members to reconsider Treaties which have become inapplicable or involve danger to peace. The Covenant abrogates all obligations between Members inconsistent with its terms, but nothing in it shall affect the validity of international engagements such as Treaties of Arbitration or regional understandings like the Monroe Doctrine for securing the maintenance of Peace.

THE MANDATORY SYSTEM.

The tutelage of nations not yet able to stand by themselves will be entrusted to advanced nations who are best fitted to undertake it. The Covenant recognises three different stages of development requiring different kinds of mandates:

(a.) Communities like those belonging to the Turkish Empire, which can be provisionally recognised as independent, subject to advice and assistance from a mandatory in whose selection they should be allowed a voice.

(b.) Communities like those of Central Africa, to be administered by the Mandatory under conditions generally approved by the members of the League, where equal opportunities for trade will be allowed to all members; certain abuses, such as trade in slaves, arms, and liquor will be prohibited, and the construction of military and naval bases and the introduction of compulsory military training will be disallowed.

(c.) Other communities, such as South-West Africa and the South Pacific Islands, best administered under the laws of the Mandatory as integral portions of its territory.

In every case the Mandatory will render an annual report, and the degree of its authority will be defined.

GENERAL INTERNATIONAL PROVISIONS.

Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of international conventions existing or hereafter to be agreed upon, the members of the League will in general endeavour, through the international organisation established by the Labour Convention, women, and children in their own countries and other countries, and undertake to secure just treatment of the native inhabitants of territories under their control; they will entrust the League with the general supervision over the execution of agreements for the suppression of traffic in women and children, &c., and the control of the trade in arms and ammunition with countries in which control is necessary; they will make provision for freedom of communications and transit and equitable treatment for commerce of all members of the League, with special reference to the necessities of regions devasted during the war; and tney will endeavour to take steps for international prevention and control of disease.

International bureaux and commissions already established will be placed under the League, as will all those to be established in the future.

AMENDMENTS TO THE COVENANT.

Amendments to the Covenant will take effect when ratified by the Council and by a majority of the Assembly.

SECTION II.

BOUNDARIES OF GERMANY.

The boundaries of Germany are described in two articles, one dealing with Germany proper and the other with East Prussia. The boundary lines between the new State of Poland and Germany and East Prussia respectively, and the new boundary line between East Prussia and Lithuania, which are shown approximately on an attached map, are described in detail in so far as they are not left to be settled by Boundary Commissions on the spot. The boundary with Belgium follows the line described in the later Section dealing with Belgium. The frontier with Luxembourg and with Switzerland is that of August, 1914. The frontier with France is that of the 18th July, 1870, with a reservation regarding the Saar. The frontier with Austria is the same as that of the 3rd August, 1914, up to the point where that of the new State of Tchecho-Slovakia begins. The frontier of Tchecho-Slovakia follows the old frontier between Germany and Austria up to the point where the new State of Poland begins. The boundary between Germany and Denmark and a portion of the boundary between East Prussia and Poland remain to be decided by the result of a plebiscite.

SECTION III.

POLITICAL CLAUSES EUROPE.

BELGIUM.

Germany is to consent to the abrogation of the Treaties of 1839 (by which Belgium was established as a neutral State and her frontiers, &c., fixed), and to agree in advance to any Convention with which the Allies may determine to replace them. Germany is to recognise the full sovereignty of Belgium over the contested territory of Moresnet and over part of Prussian Moresnet; and is to renounce in favour of Belgium all rights over Eupen and Malmedy, the inhabitants of which are to be entitled within six monts to protest against this change either in whole or in part, the final decision to be reserved to the League of Nations. A Commission is to settle the details of the frontier, and various regulaions for individual changes of nationality are laid down. Territories acquired by Belgium will be free of all obligations.

LUXEMBURG.

Germany renounces her various treaties and conventions with the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, recognises that it ceased to be part of the Germany Zollverein from the 1st January last, renounces all rights of exploitation of the railways, adheres to the abrogation of its neutrality, and accepts in advance any international agreements as to it reached by the Allied and Associated Powers.

THE LEFT BANK OF RHINE.

As subsequently provided in the Military Section, Germany must not maintain or construct any fortfications less than fifty kilometres to the East of the Rhine. In the above area Germany may maintain no armed forces, either permanent or temporary, nor hold any manoeuvres, nor maintain any works for facilitating mobilisation. If the provisions of this Article are violated, she shall be regarded as committing a hostile act against the signatories of the Treaty, and as intending to disturb the world's peace. By virtue of the Treaty she must respond to any request for an explanation which the Council of the League of Nations may address to her.

THE SAAR.

In compensation for the destruction of coal mines in Northern France and as payment on account of reparation, Germany cedes to France full ownership of the coal mines of the Saar Basin, with their subsidiaries, accessories, and facilities. Their value will be estimated by the Reparation Commission and credited against that account. The French rights will be governed by German law in force at the Armistice, excepting War legislation, France replacing the present owners, whom Germany undertakes to indemnify. France will continue to furnish the present proportion of coal for local needs, and contribute in just proportion to local taxes. The basin extends from the frontier of Lorraine as re-annexed to France north as far as St. Wendel, including on the west the valley of the Saar as far as Saarholzbach and on the east the town of Homburg.

In order to secure the rights and welfare of the population and guarantee to France entire freedom in working the mines, the territory will be governed by a Commission appointed by the League of Nations, and consisting of five members, one French, one a native inhabitant of the Saar, and three representing three different countries other than France and Germany. The League will appoint a member of the Commission as Chairman, to act as executive of the Commission. The Commission will have all powers of government formerly belonging to the German Empire, Prussia, and Bavaria; will administer the railroads and other public services, and have full power to interpret the Treaty clauses. The local courts will continue, but subject to the Commission. Existing German legislation will remain the basis of the law, but the Commission may make modifications after consulting a local representative assembly which it will organise. It will have the taxing power, but for local purposes only; new taxes must be approved by this assembly. Labour Legislation will consider the wishes of the local labour organisations, and the labour programme of the League. French and other labour may be freely utilised, the former being free to belong to French unions.

There will be no military service- but only a local gendarmerie to preserve order. The people will preserve their local assemblies, religions liberties, schools, and language; but may vote only for local assemblies. They will keep their present nationality, except so far as individuals may change it. Those wishing to leave will have every facilty with respect to their property. The territory will form part of the French customs system, with no export tax on coal and metallurgical products going to Germany, nor on German products for the Basin, and for five years no import duties on products of the Basin going to Germany or German products coming into the Basin for local consumption. French money may circulate without restriction.

After fifteen years a plebiscite will be held by communes to ascertain the desires of the population as to continuance of the existing régime under the League of Nations, union with France, or union with Germany. The right to vote will belong to all inhabitants over twenty resident therein at the signature. On the opinion thus expressed the League will decide the ultimate sovereignty. In any portion restored to Germany the German Government must buy out the French mines at an appraised valuation; if the price is not paid within six months thereafter, this portion passes finally to France. If Germany buys back the mines, the League will determine how much of the coal shall go to France.

ALSACE-LORRAINE.

After recognition of the moral obligation to repair the wrong done in 1871 by Germany to France and the people of Alsace-Lorraine, the territories ceded to Germany by the Treaty of Frankfort are restored to France with their frontiers as before 1871, to date from the signing of the Armistice, and to be free of all public debts.

Citizenship is regulated by detailed provisions distinguishing those who are immediately restored to full French citizenshep, those who have to make a formal application therefor, and those for whom naturalisation is open after three years the last-named class includes German residents in Alsace-Lorraine, as distinguished from those who acquire the position of Alsace-Lorrainers as defined in the Treaty.

ALSACE-LORRAINE.

(Continued.)

All public property and all private property of German ex-sovereigns passes to France without payment or credit. France is substituted for Germany as regards ownership of the railroads and rights over concessions of tramways. The Rhine bridges pass to France, with the obligation for their upkeep.

For five years manufactured products of Alsace-Lorraine will be admitted to Germany free of duty to a total amount not exceeding in any year the average of the three years preceding the war, and textile materials may be imported from Germany to Alsace-Lorraine and re-exported free of duty. Contracts for electric power from the Right Bank must be continued for ten years.

For seven years, with possible extension to ten, the ports of Kehl and Strasbourg, shall be administered as a single unit by a French administrator appointed and supervised by the Central Rhine Commission. Property rights will be safeguarded in both ports, and equality of treatment as respects traffic assured the nationals, vessels, and goods of every country.

Contracts between Alsace-Lorrainers and Germans are maintained save for France's right to annul on grounds of public interest. Judgments of courts in certain classes of cases, while in others a judicial *consequatur* is first required. Political condemnations during the war are null and void, and the obligation to repay war fines is established as in other parts of Allied territory.

Various clauses adjust the general provisions of the Treaty to the special conditions of Alsace-Lorraine, certain matters of execution being left to conventions to be made between France and Germany.

GERMAN AUSTRIA.

The entire independence of German Austria is recognised by Germany.

TCHECHO-SLOVAKIA.

Germany recognises the entire independence of the Tchecho-Slovak State, including the autonomous territory of the Ruthenians, south of the Carpathians, and accepts the frontiers of this State, as they may be determined, which in the case of the German frontier shall follow the old frontier of Bohemia in 1914. The usual stipulations as to acquisition and change of nationality follow.

POLAND.

Germany cedes to Poland the greater part of Upper Silesia, Posen, and the province of West Prussia on the left bank of the Vistula. A field boundary commission of seven, five representing the Allied and Associated Powers, and one each representing Poland and Germany shall be constituted within fifteen days of the Peace to delimit this boundary. Such special provisions as are necessary to protect racial or religious minorities shall be laid down in a subsequent treaty between the Allied and Associated Powers and Poland.

EAST PRUSSIA.

The southern and the eastern frontier of East Prussia as facing Poland is to be fixed by plebiscites, the first in the Regency of Allenstein between the southern frontier of East Prussia and the northern frontier of Regierungsbesirk Allenstein from where it meets the boundary between East and West Prussia to its junction with the boundary between the circles of Oletsko and Augersburg, thence the northern boundary of Oletsko to its junction with the present frontier, and the second in the area comprising the circles of Stuhm and Rosenburg and the parts of the circles of Marienburg and Marienwerder east of the Vistula.

In each case German troops and authorities will move out within fifteen days of the Peace and the territories be placed under an International Commission of five members appointed by the five Allied and Associated Powers, with the particular duty of arranging for a free, fair, and secret vote. The Commission will report the results of the plebiscites to the five Powers, with a recommendation for the boundary, and will terminate its work as soon as the boundary has been laid down and the new authorities set up.

The five Allied and Associated Powers will draw up regulations assuring East Prussia full and equitable access to and use of the Vistula. A subsequent Convention, of which the terms will be fixed by the five Allied and Associated Powers, will be entered into between Poland, Germany, and Danzig, to assure suitable railroad communication across German territory on the right bank of the Vistula between Poland and Danzig, while Poland shall grant free passage from East Prussia to Germany.

The north-eastern corner of East Prussia about Memel is to be ceded by Germany to the Associated Powers, the former agreeing to accept the settlement made, especially as regards the nationality of the inhabitants.

DANZIG.

Danzig and the district immediately about it is to be constituted into the "Free City of Danzig," under the guarantee of the League of Nations. A High Commissioner appointed by the League and resident at Danzig shall draw up a constitution in agreement with the duly appointed representatives of the city, and shall deal in the first instance with all differences arising between the City and Poland. The actual boundaries of the city shall be delimited by a Commission appointed within six months from the Peace, and to include three reprentatives chosen by the Allied and Associated Powers and one each by Germany and Poland.

A Convention, the terms of which shall be fixed by the Five Allied and Associated Powers, shall be concluded between Poland and Danzig, which shall include Danzig within the Polish Customs frontiers, though with a free area in the port; insure to Poland the use of all the city's waterways, docks, and other port facilities, the control and administration of the Vistula and the whole through railway system within the city, and postal, telegraphic, and telephonic communication between Poland and Danzig; provide against discrimination against Poles within the city, and place its foreign relations and the diplomatic protection of its citizens abroad in charge of Poland.

DENMARK.

The frontier between Germany and Denmark is to be fixed in accordance with the wishes of the population, a vote being taken in Northern Schleswig as a whole and in portions of Central Schleswig by communes. Ten days from the Peace German troops and authorities must evacuate the region north of the line running from the mouth of the Schlei, south of Kappel, Schleswig, and Friedrichstadt along the Eider to the North Sea south of Tonning; and Workmen's and Soldiers' Councils in the zone must be dissolved. During the voting the zone will be under the charge of an International Commission of five members, of whom the Norwegian and Swedish Governments will be invited to choose two. The Commission will temporarily have general powers of administration. After the result of the voting has been declared, the Danish Government may occupy those territories which have opted for Denmark, and Germany shall renounce sovereign rights in these territories. All the inhabitants will then acquire Danish nationality, with certain exceptions. Provisions are made for individual change of nationality under certain conditions.

HELIGOLAND.

The fortifications, military establishments, and harbours of the Islands of Heligoland and Dune are to be destroyed, under the supervision of the Allies, by German labour and at Germany's expense. They are not to be reconstructed, nor are any similar works to be constructed in the future.

RUSSIA.

Germany is to recognise and respect the full independence of all the territories which formed part of the former Russian Empire. Germany is to accept definitely the annulment of the Brest-Litovsk Treaty and of all Treaties or Agreements of all kinds concluded by Germany since the Revolution of November, 1917, with all Governments or political groups on territory of the former Russian Empire.

The Allies reserve all rights on the part of Russia for restitution and satisfaction to be obtained from Germany on the principles of the present Treaty.

SECTION IV.

POLITICAL CLAUSES OUTSIDE EUROPE.

GERMAN RIGHTS OUTSIDE EUROPE.

Outside Europe Germany renounces all rights, titles, and privileges as to her own or her allies' territories to all the Allied and Associated Powers, and undertakes to accept whatever measures are taken by the five Allied Powers in relation thereto.

COLONIES AND OVERSEAS POSSESSIONS.

Germany renounces in favour of the Allied and Associated Powers her overseas possessions with all rights and titles therein. All movable and immovable property belonging to the German Empire or to any German State shall pass to the Government exercising authority therein. These Governments may make whatever provisions seem suitable for the repatriation of German nationals, and as to the conditions on which German subjects of European origin shall reside, hold property, or carry on business. Germany undertakes to pay reparation for damage suffered by French nationals in the Cameroons or its frontier zone through the acts of German civil and military authorities and of individual Germans from 1st January, 1900, to 1st August, 1914. Germany renounces all rights under the Covention of 4th November, 1911, and 28th September, 1912, and undertakes to pay to France in accordance with an estimate presented and approved by the Reparation Commission all deposits, credits advances, &c., thereby secured. Germany undertakes to accept and observe any provisions by the Allied and Associated Powers as to the trade in arms and spirits in Africa, as well as to the General Act of Berlin, 1885, and the General Act of Brussels of 1890. Diplomatic protection to the inhabitants of former German colonies is to be given by the Governments exercising authority.

CHINA.

Germany renounces in favour of China all privileges and indemnities resulting from the Boxer Protocol of 1901 and all buildings, wharves, barracks, forts, munitions of war, ships, wireless plants, and other public property, except diplomatic or consular establishments, in the German concessions of Tientsin and Hankow and in other Chinese territory except Kiao-Chow, and agrees to return to China at her own expense all the astronomical instruments seized in 1900 and 1901. China will, however, take no measures for disposal of German property in the Legation quarter at Pekin without the consent of the Powers signatory to the Boxer Protocol.

Germany accepts the abrogation of the concessions at Hankow and Tientsin, China aggreeing to open them to international use. Germany renounces all claims against China or any Allied and Associated Government for the internment or repatriation of her citizens in China, and for the seizure or liquidation of German interests there since 14th August, 1917. She renounces in favour of Great Britain her State property in the British concession at Canton, and of France and China jointly of the property of the German school in the French concession at Shanghai.

SIAM.

Germany recognises that all agreements between herself and Siam, including the right of extra-territoriality, ceased the 22nd July, 1917. All German public property except consular and diplomatic premises passes without compensation to Siam, German private property to be dealt with in accordance with the Economic clauses. Germany waives all claims against Siam for the seizure and condemnation of her ships, liquidation of her property, or internment of her nationals.

LIBERIA.

Germany renounces all rights under the international arrangements of 1911-1912 regarding Liberia, more particularly the right to nominate a receiver of the customs, and disinterests herself in any further negotiations for the rehabilitation of Liberia. She regards as abrogated all commercial treaties and agreements between herself and Liberia, and recognises Liberia's right to determine the status and condition of the re-establishment of Germans in Liberia.

MOROCCO.

Germany renounces all her rights, titles, and privileges under the Act of Algeciras and the Franco-German Agreements of 1909 and 1911, and under all Treaties and arrangements with the Sherifian Empire. She undertakes not to intervene in any negotiations as to Morocco between France and other Powers, accepts all the consequences of the French Protectorate there and renounces the capitulations. The Sherifian Government shall have complete liberty of action in regard to German nationals, and all German-protected persons shall be subject to the common law. All movable and immovable German property, mining rights, may be sold at public auction, the proceeds to be paid to the Sherifian Government and deducted from the reparation account. Germany is also required to relinquish her interests in the State Bank of Morocco. All Moroccan goods entering Germany shall have the same privilege as French goods.

EGYPT.

Germany recognises the British Protectorate over Egypt declared on the 18th December, 1914, and renounces as from the 4th August, 1914, the capitulations and all the Treaties, Agreements, &c., concluded by her with Egypt. She undertakes not to intervene in any negotiations about Egypt between Great Britain and other Powers. There are provisions for jurisdiction over German nationals and property, and for German consent to any changes which may be made in relation to the Commission of Public Debt. Germany consents to the transfer to Great Britain of the powers given to the late Sultan of Turkey for securing the free navigation of the Suez Canal. Arrangements for property belonging to German nationals in Egypt are made similar to those in the case of Morocco and other countries. Anglo-Egyptian goods entering Germany shall enjoy the same treatment as British goods.

TURKEY AND BULGARIA.

Germany accepts all arrangements which the Allied and Associated Powers make with Turkey and Bulgaria with reference to any rights, privileges, or interests claimed in those countries by Germany or her nationals and not dealt with elsewhere.

SHANTUNG.

Germany cedes to Japan all rights, titles, and privileges, notably as to Kia-Chow, and the railroads, mines, and cables acquired by her Treaty with China of the 6th March, 1898, and by other agreements as tho Shantung. All German rights to the railroad from Tsingtao to Tsinaufu, including all facilities and mining rights and rights of exploitation, pass equally to Japan, and the cables from Tsingtao to Shanghai and Chefoo, the cables free all charges. All German State property, movable, in Kiao-Chow is acquired by Japan free of all charges.

SECTION V.

MILITARY, NAVAL, AND AIR CLAUSES.

"In order to render possible the initiation of a general limitation of the armaments of all nations, Germany undertakes directly to observe the military, naval and air clauses which follow."

MILITARY.

The military terms provide for the demobilisation of the German Armies and the imposition of other military restrictions, within two months of the signing of the Treaty (as the first step towards international disarmament). All compulsory military service is to be abolished in German territory, and recruiting regulations on a voluntary basis are to be incorporated into the German military laws, providing for the enlistment of non-commissioned officers and men for a period of not less than twelve consecutive years, and stipulating that officers shall serve for twenty-five years, and shall not be retired until the age of forty-five. No reserve of officers with war service will be permitted. The total number of German effectives is fixed at one hundred thousand, including not more than four thousand officers, and it is provided that there shall be no other military forces raised outside this figure. Increase in the number of customs, forestry officials or police, or the military training of these services, is specially prohibited.

The function of the German Army is to keep internal order and control of frontiers. The High Command is to confine itself to administrative duties, and it will not be allowed to retain a General Staff. Civilian personnel at the Ministry of War and similar institutions is to be reduced to one-tenth of that in 1913. There will be not more than seven Infantry and three Cavalry Divisions, and not more than two Corps Staffs. Surplus war academies and schools for officers, cadets, &c., are to be suppressed, and the number of students admitted to the schools retained for the recruitment of officers is to be limited to the vacancies occurring in the establishments provided. The production of armaments, munitions and material of war in Germany is limited to a schedule, based on the amount considered necessary for an army on the scale decided upon. No reserves may be formed, and all existing armaments, guns and stores above the limit fixed must be handed over to the Allies for disposal. No poisonous gas or liquid fire shall be manufactured or imported, nor any tanks nor armoured cars. The Germans are obliged to notify to the Allies for approval the names and situation of all factories manufacturing munitions, together with particulars of their output. Munitions for use in fortified works will be limited to 1,500 rounds apiece for guns of 10.5 cm. calibre and under, and 500 rounds for guns of a higher calibre. Germany is prohibited from manufacturing armaments and munitions for foreign countries, and from importing them from abroad. Germany must not maintain or construct any fortifications situated on German territory less than 50 kilometres east of the Rhine, and in the above area no armed forces either permanent or temporary may be maintained. The *status quo* is to be reserved in respect of the fortifications on original southern and eastern frontiers of the German Empire. No military manoeuvres may be held nor any permanent works kept for the purposes of helping mobilisation. The demobilisation of fortifications must take place within three months.

NAVAL.

The Naval terms provide that within two months the German naval forces in commission must not exceed six battleships of the "Deutschland" or "Lothringen" type, six light cruisers, twelve destroyers, and twelve torpedo boats, or an equal number of ships constructed to replace them. No submarines are to be included, and all other warships are to be placed in reserve or devoted to commercial purposes. Germany may keep in commission a fixed number of mine-sweeping vessels until the mines within certain specified areas in the North Sea and Baltic have been swept up. After the expiration of two months the total exclusive personnel of the navy must not exceed 15 000, including a maximum of 1,500 officers and warrant officers. All German surface warships interned in Allied or neutral ports are to be finally surrendered. Within two months certain additional warships enumerated in the Treaty and now in German ports will be surrendered at Allied ports. The German Government must undertake the breaking up of all German surface warships under construction. Auxiliary cruisers, &c., are to be disarmed and treated as merchant ships. Within one month all German submarines, salvage vessels, and docks for submarines capable of proceeding under their own power or of being towed must have been handed over at Allied ports.

The remainder and those under construction must be broken up by Germany within three months.

Material arsing from the breaking up of German warships may not be used except for industrial purposes, and may not be sold to foreign countries. Except under specified conditions for replacement, Germany is forbidden to construct or acquire any warships, and the construction or acquisition of any submarines whatever is prohibited. Vessels of war are only to have a fixed allowance of arms, munitions, and war material. All excess of arms, munitions, and war material is to be surrendered, and no stocks or reserves are allowed.

The personnel of the German navy must be recruited entirely by voluntary engagements for a minimum period of twenty-five consecutive years for officers and warrant officers, and twelve consecutive years for petty officers and men, under various restrictions.

In order to ensure free passage into the Baltic, Germany is not to erect any fortifications in certain specified areas, nor to instal any guns commanding maritime routes between the North Sea and the Baltic. Existing fortifications within those areas are to be demolished and guns removed. Other fortified works within 50 kilometres of the German coast or on German islands are to remain, as being of a defensive nature, but no new fortifications may be constructed and the armaments may not be increased. The maximum stocks of ammunition allowed for such defences are 1,500 rounds per piece for 4.1 inch guns and under, and 500 rounds per piece for guns exceeding that calibre.

The German wireless stations at Nauen, Hanover and Berlin are not to be used for naval, military or political messages without the assent of the Allied and Associated Governments during three months, but only for commercial purposes, under supervision. During the same period Germany is not to build any more high-power wireless stations.

Germany will be allowed to repair German submarine cables which have been cut, but are not being utilised by the Allied Powers, and also portions of cables which, after having been cut, have been removed, or are at any rate not being utilised by any one of the Allied and Associated Powers. In such cases the cables, or portions of cables, removed or utilised remain the property of the Allied and Associated Powers, and accordingly fourteen cables or parts of cables are specified which will not be restored to Germany.

AIR.

The Air clauses provide that the armed forces of Germany must not include any military or naval air forces. Germany is, however, to be allowed to maintain a maximum of 100 unarmed seaplanes up to the 1st October 1919, to be exclusively employed in searching for submarine mines. The entire personnel of the air forces in Germany is to be demobilised within two months, except for a total of 1,000 men, including officers, which may be retained up to October.

The aircraft of the Allied and Associated Powers are to enjoy full liberty of passage and landing over and in the territory and territorial waters of Germany until the 1st January, 1923, unless prior to that date Germany is admitted to the League of Nations or is permitted to adhere to the International Air Convention.

The manufacture of aircraft and parts of aircraft is forbidden throughout Germany for six months.

All military and naval aircraft (including dirigibles) and aeronautical material are to be delivered to the Allied and Associated Governments within three months, except for the 100 seaplanes already specified.

GENERAL.

General Articles provide for the modification of German laws in conformity with the preceding clauses.

All the clauses contained in the Treaty are to be executed by Germany under the control of Inter-Allied Commissions, to be specially appointed by the Allied and Associated Governments, for which the German Government is bound to furnish all necessary facilities and expenses of upkeep. The duties of the Military, Naval, and Aeronautical Commissions of Control are laid down in detail.

SECTION VI.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

The repatriation of German prisoners and interned civilians is to be carried out by a Commission composed of representatives of the Allies and the German Government, together with local sub-commissions. German prisoners of war and interned civilians are to be returned without delay by the German authorities at their own cost. Those under sentence for offences against discipline committed before the 1st May, 1919, are to be repatriated without regard to the completion of their sentence, but this does not apply in the case of offences other than those against discipline. The Allies have the right to deal at their own discretion with German nationals who do not desire to be repatriated, and all repatriation is conditional on the immediate release of any Allied subjects still in Germany. The German Government is to accord facilities to Commissions of Enquiry in collecting information in regard to missing prisoners of war, and in imposing penalties on German officials who have concealed Allied nationals. The German Government is to restore all property belonging to Allied prisoners, and there is to be a reciprocal exchange of information as to dead prisoners and their graves.

GRAVES.

The Allies and the German Government are to respect and maintain the graves of all soldiers and sailors buried in their territories and to recognise and assist any Commissions appointed by the Allies in connection with them, agreeing also to give any practicable facilities for removal and reburial.

SECTION VII.

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE CRIMES OF THE WAR.

The Allies publicly arraign the ex-Emperor William II. "for a supreme offence against International Morality and the Sanctity of Treaties."

The ex-Emperor's surrender is to be asked for from the Dutch Government, and a special Tribunal is to be set up, consisting of one judge from each of the five Great Powers. The Tribunal is to be guided by the highest principles of international policy, and is to have the duty of fixing whatever punishment it thinks should be imposed. Military Tribunals are to be set up by the Allies to try persons accused of acts of violation of the laws and customs of war, and the German Government is to hand over all persons so accused. Similar Tribunals are to be set up by any particular Allied Power against whose nationals criminal acts have been committed. The accusud are to be entitled to name their own counsel, and the German Government is to undertake to furnish all documents and information the production of which may be necessary.

SECTION VIII.

REPARATION AND RESTITUTION.

"The Allied and Associated Governments affirm, and Germany accepts the responsibility of herself and her Allies for causing all the loss and damage to which the Allied and Associated Governments and their nationals have been subjected as a consequence of the war imposed upon them by the aggression of Germany and her Allies."

While the Allies and Associated Governments recognise that the resources of Germany are not adequate after taking into account permanent diminuations of such resources which will result from other Treaty claims to make complete reparation for all such loss and damage they require her to make compensation for all damages caused to civilians under seven main categories: —

(a.) Damage by personal injury to civilians caused by acts of war, directly or indirectly, and including bombardments from the air.

(b.) Damage caused to civilians, including exposure at sea resulting from acts of cruelty ordered by the enemy, and to civilians in the occupied territories.

(c.) Damages caused by maltreatment of prisoners.

(d.) Damages to the Allied peoples represented by pensions and separation allowances, capitalised at the signature of this Treaty.

(e.) Damages to property other than naval or military materials.

(f.) Damage to civilians by being forced to labour.

(g.) Damages in the form of levies or fines imposed by the enemy.

(h.) Germany further binds herself to repay all sums borrowed by Belgium from the Allies as a result of Germany's violation of the Treaty of 1839 up to November 11th 1918 and for this purpose will issue at once and hand over to the Reparation Commission Five per cent Gold Bonds falling due in 1926.

The total obligation of Germany to pay, as defined in the category of damages, is to be determined and notified to her after a fair hearing and not later than 1st May, 1921, by an Inter-Allied Reparation Commission. At the same time a schedule of payments to discharge the obligation within thirty years shall be presented. These payments are subject to postponement in certain contingencies. Germany irrevocably recognises the full authority of this Commission, agrees to supply it with all the necessary information and to pass legislation to effectuate its findings. She further agrees to restore to the Allies cash and certain articles which can be indentified.

As an immediate step towards restoration Germany shall pay within two years one thousand million pounds sterling in either gold, goods, ships or other specific forms of payment, this sum being included in, and not additional to, first thousand million bond issue referred to below, with the understanding that certain expenses, such as those of the armies of occupation and payments for food and raw materials, may be deducted at the discretion of the Allies.

"In periodically estimating Germany's capacity to pay, the Reparation Commission shall examine the German system of taxation, first, to the end that the sums for reparation which Germany is required to pay shall become a charge upon all her revenues, prior to that for the service or discharge of any domestic loan, and, secondly, so as to satisfy itself that in general the German scheme of taxation is fully as heavy proportionately as that of any of the Powers represented on the Commission."

"The measures which the Allied and Associated Powers shall have the right to take, in case of voluntary default by Germany, and which Germany agrees not to regard as acts of war, may include economic and financial prohibitions and reprisals, and in general such other measures as the respective Governments may determine to be necessary in the circumstances."

The Commission shall consist of one representative each of the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Belgium, a representative of Serbia or Japan taking the place of a Belgian representative when the interests of either country are particularly affected, with all other Allied Powers entitled, when their claims are under consideration, to the right of representation without voting power. It shall permit Germany to give evidence regarding her capacity to pay, and shall assure her a just opportunity to be heard. It shall make its head-quarters at Paris; establish its own procedure and personnel; assume general control of the whole reparation problem; and become the exclusive agency of the Allies for receiving, holding; selling, and distributing reparation payments. Majority vote shall prevail except that unanimity is required on questions involving the sovereignty of any of the Allies, the cancellation of all or part of Germany's obligations, the time and manner of selling, distributing, and negotiating bonds issued by Germany, any postponement between 1921 and 1926 of annual payments beyond 1930, and any postponement after 1926 for a period of more than three years, the application of a different method of measuring damage than in a similar former case, and the interpretation of provisions. Withdrawal from representation on the Commission is permitted upon twelve months' notice.

The Commission may require Germany to give from time to time, by way of guaranty, issues of bonds or other obligations to cover such claims as are not otherwise satisfied. In this connection and on account of the total amount of claims, bond issues are presently to by required of Germany in acknowledgment of its debt as follows:

One thousand million pounds sterling not later than the 1st May, 1921, without interest: two thousand million pounds sterling bearing 2½ per cent interest between 1921 and 1926 and thereafter 5 per cent with a 1 per cent sinking fund payment beginning in 1926, and an undertaking to deliver Bonds to an additional amount of twenty thousand million pounds sterling bearing interest at 5 per cent under terms to be fixed by the Commission.

Interest on Germany's debt will be 5 per cent. unless otherwise determined by the Commission in the future, and payments that are not made in gold may "be accepted by the Commission in the form of properties, commodities, businesses, rights, concessions, &c." Certificates of beneficial interest, representing either bonds or goods delivered by Germany, may be issued by the Commission to the interested Power, no Power being entitled, however, to have its certificates divided into more than five pieces. As bonds are distributed and pass from the control of the Commission, and amount of Germany's debt equivalent to their par value is to be considered as liquidated.

SHIPPING.

The German Government recognises the right of the Allies to the replacement, ton for ton and class for class, of all merchant ships and fishing-boats lost or damaged owing to the war, and agrees to cede to the Allies all German merchant ships of 1,600 tons gross and upwards, one-half of her ships between 1,600 and 1,000 tons gross, and one-quarter of her steam trawlers and other fishing-boats. These ships are to be delivered within two months to the Reparation Commission, together with documents of title evidencing the transfer of the ships from encumbrance.

"As an additional part of reparation," the German Government further agrees to build merchant ships for the account of the Allies to the amount of not exceeding 200,000 tons gross annually during the next five years.

All ships used for inland navigation taken by Germany from the Allies are to be restored within two months, the amount of loss not covered by such restitution to be made up by the cession of the German river fleet up to 20 per cent. thereof.

DEVASTED AREAS.

Germany undertakes to devote her economic resources directly to the physical restoration of the invaded areas. The Reparation Commission is authorised to require Germany to replace the destroyed articles by the delivery of animals, machinery, &c., existing in Germany, and to manufacture materials required for reconstruction purposes—all with due consideration for Germany's essential domestic requirements.

COAL ETC.

Germany is to deliver annually for ten years to France coal equivalent to the difference between annual pre-war output of Nord and Pas de Calais mines and annual production during above ten years. Germany further gives options over ten years for delivery of seven million tons coal per year to France in addition to the above of eight million tons to Belgium and of an amount rising from four and a half million tons in 1919 to 1920 to eight and a half million tons in 1923 to 1924 to Italy at prices to be fixed as prescribed in the treaty. Coke may be taken in place of coal in ratio of three tons to four. Provision is also made for delivery to France over three years of benzol coal-tar and sulphate of ammonia. The Commission has powers to postpone or annul the above deliveries should they interfere unduly with industrial requirements of Germany.

DYESTUFFS AND CHEMICAL DRUGS.

Germany accords option to the Commission on dyestuffs and chemical drugs including quinine up to fifty per cent of total stock in Germany at the time the treaty comes into force and similar option during each six months to end of 1924 up to twenty-five per cent of previous six months output.

CABLES.

Germany renounces all title to specified cables, value of such as were privately owned being credited to her against reparation indebtedness.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

As reparation for the destruction of the library of Louvain Germany is to hand over manuscripts, early printed books, prints, etc. to the equivalent of those destroyed.

In addition to the above Germany is to hand over to Belgium wings now at Berlin belonging to the altar-piece of the Adoration of the Lamb by Hubert and Jan Van Eyck the centre of which is now in the church of St Bave at Ghent; and the wings now at Berlin and Munich of the altarpiece of the Last Supper by Dirk Bouts, the centre of which belongs to the Church of Saint Peter at Louvain.

Germany is to restore within six months the Koran of the Caliph Othman, formerly at Medina, to the King of the Hedjaz, and the skull of the Sultan Mkwawa, formerly in German East Africa, to His Britannic Majesty's Government.

The German Government is also to restore to the French Government certain papers taken by the German authorities in 1870, belonging then to M. Rouher, and to restore the French flags taken during the war of 1870—71.

SECTION IX.

FINANCE.

Powers to which German territory is ceded will assume a certain portion of the German pre-war debt, the amount to be fixed by the Reparation Commission on the basis of the ratio between the revenues of the ceded territory and Germany's total revenues for the three years preceding the war. In view, however, of the special circumstances under which Alsace-Lorraine was separated from France in 1871, when Germany refused to accept any part of the French public debt, France will not assume any part of Germany's pre-war debt, nor will Poland share in certain German debts incurred for the oppression of Poland. The value of German Government property in ceded territory will in general be credited to Germany on account of Reparation, but no credit will be given for any German Government property in Alsace-Lorraine. Mandatory Powers will not assume any German debts or give any credits for German Government property. Germany renounces all right of representation on, or control of, State banks, Commissions, or other similar international financial and economic organisations.

Germany is required to pay the total cost of the Armies of Occupation from the date of the Armistice as long as they are maintained in German territory, and this cost is to be a first charge on her resources. The cost of Reparation is the next charge, after making such provision for payments for imports as the Allies may deem necessary.

Germany is to deliver to the Allied Powers all sums deposited in Germany by Turkey and Austria-Hungary in connection with the financial support extended by her to them during the war, and to transfer to the Allies all claims against Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria or Turkey in connection with agreements made during the war. Germany confirms the renunciation of the Treaties of Bucharest and Brest-Litovsk.

On the request of the Reparation Commission, Germany will expropriate any rights or interests of her nationals in public utilities in ceded territories or those administered by mandatories, and in Turkey, China, Russia, Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria, and transfer them to the Reparation Commission, which will credit her with their value. Germany guarantees to repay to Brazil the fund arising from the sale of Sao Paulo coffee which she refused to allow Brazil to withdraw from Germany.

SECTION X.

ECONOMIC CLAUSES.

CUSTOMS.

The Treaty contains detailed provisions for securing that Germany shall not discriminate, directly or indirectly, against the trade of Allied and Associated countries.

These provisions will remain in force for five years, unless extended by the Council of the League of Nations. Temporary provision is made for the free entrance into Germany, up to a limited amount, of products of Alsace-Lorraine, Luxemburg and German territory ceded to Poland. The German import tariff applicable at the outset to Allied goods will not exceed the lowest rates of 1914. After six months Germany will be free to raise her tariff, so long as it is impartially applied to all the Allies, except as regards a few specified articles, mainly agricultural products, with regard to which the restriction will extend for a further period of two-and-a-half years. Power is reserved in case of necessity to impose a special Customs régime in the occupied areas.

SHIPPING.

Vessels of the Allies are to enjoy both national and most-favoured-nation treatment in Germany for at least five years, and this provision will continue thereafter on condition of reciprocity, unless revised by the Council of the League of Nations.

As regards fishing, coasting trade, and towage, most-favoured-nation treatment is to be accorded for the same period as for Customs matters.

Provision is made for the recognition by Germany of ships' certificates, and of the places of registry of ships belonging to States without a seaboard.

UNFAIR COMPETITION.

Germany undertakes to protect the trade of the Allies against unfair competition, and, in particular, to suppress the use of false markings and indications of origin, and, on condition of reciprocity, to respect the laws and judicial decisions of Allied and Associated States in respect of regional appellations of wines and spirits.

TREATMENT OF NATIONALS.

Germany is not to impose on the nationals of the Allied States or their property any restrictions which were not in force before the war or any taxes, unless those restrictions and taxes are applied to her own nationals. She is also prevented from imposing restrictions in regard to the exercise of occupations which are not applicable to all foreigners. These provisions are to be in force for a period of five years, and, if a majority of the Council of the League of Nations so decides, for an additional period not exceeding five years. German nationality shall not continue to attach to a person who has become a national of an Allied or Associated State.

MULTILATERAL CONVENTIONS.

Some forty multilateral Conventions are renewed between Germany and the Allies parties thereto, but special conditions are attached to Germany's readmission to several. For example, as to postal and telegraphic Conventions, Germany must not refuse her consent to special arrangements concluded by the new States. She must agree as respects the Radiotelegraphic Convention to fulfil the provisional rules to be communicated to her and adhere to a new Convention when formulated; under the North Sea Fisheries and North Sea Liquor Traffic Conventions, rights of inspection and police over Allied fishing-boats are, for at least five years, to be exercised only by vessels of Allied Powers. Germany loses special rights granted her under Article 3 of the Samoa Treaty of 1899 and other Treaties, and in particular is to renounce her right to the Boxer indemnities subsequent to China's entry into the war.

BILATERAL TREATIES.

Each Allied State may, if it desires, renew any of its treaties with Germany, in so far as consistent with the Peace Treaty, by giving notice within six months. Treaties entered into by Germany since the 1st August, 1914, with other enemy States, and before or since then with Rumania, Russia, or Governments representing parts of former Russian territory, are abrogated, and concessions granted under pressure to German nationals annulled. The Allies are to enjoy the privileges conferred under treaties entered into by Germany with other enemy States before the 1st August, 1914, and under treaties entered into by Germany with neutral States during the war.

PRE-WAR DEBTS.

Clearing Offices are to be established within three months in Germany and in each Allied or Associated State which adopts the plan, and the settlement of pre-war debts and other specified pecuniary obligations will take place through these offices, direct settlement being prohibited. The adjustment of the proceeds of the liquidation of enemy property will also be made through these offices. Each participating State is to take responsibility for obligations of the kinds referred to on the part of its nationals towards nationals of the opposing States, except in cases where at the outbreak of war the debtor was insolvent. Claims are to be discussed between the Clearing Offices of the two countries concerned, and failing agreement are to be submitted to arbitration or the Mixed Arbitral Tribunal referred to below. The sums due to the nationals of each country are to be paid by the Clearing Office in that country and the sums owing by such nationals are to be debited to it. Debts are to be paid in the currency of the Allied country concerned, and the rate of exchange to be adopted, failing specific provision in the contract, is to be the average cable transfer rate prevailing in that country during the month immediately preceding the outbreak of war between the country in question and Germany. It is optional with any Allied Power to participate in the above system.

ENEMY PROPERTY.

The action of liquidation, control, &c., taken in the Allied countries and in Germany in regard to enemy property and businesses under exceptional war measures is confirmed, subject to compensation in respect of loss to the property, &c. of Allied nationals, to be determined by the Mixed Arbitral Tribunal and charged upon the property of German nationals which is under the control of the Claimant's State. Any compensation due to her own nationals is to be paid by Germany.

All action of liquidation, control, &c., in Germany is to be stayed, and the Allied property, if not completely liquidated, is to be restored. Nationals of countries which did not make any general liquidation of German property may require the restoration, if possible, of their actual property by the German Government, in whosever hands it may now be. Stipulations are included for the protection of returned property and businesses in Germany in the future.

The Allies reserve the right to retain and liquidate all German property within their territory. The net proceeds of sales of such property, both during and after the war, are to be credited to Germany, and to be applied by each State to the satisfaction of claims by its nationals with regard to their property in Germany or debts owing to them by Germans.

CONTRACTS.

Pre-war contracts between Allied nationals and German nationals are in general cancelled as from the date at which the parties became enemies. Exception is made in the case of agreements for the transfer of real or personal property, where the property therein had already passed, leases of land and houses, contracts of mortgage, pledge or lien, mining concessions, contracts with Governments and public bodies, and insurance contracts. In regard to the last-namd class of contracts, detailed provision is made, as indicated below.

Powers are reserved for the maintenance of contracts, the execution of which is regarded by an Allied State as in the general interest, subject, if necessary, to the payment of equitable compensation to be fixed by the Mixed Arbitral Tribunal.

Having regard to constitutional difficulties in the case of United States of America, Brazil, and Japan, these countries are excepted from the provisions relating to pre-war contracts.

Fire insurance contracts are not considered dissolved by the war, even if premiums have not been paid, but lapse at the date of the first annual premium falling due three months after the Peace. Life insurance contracts are not dissolved merely by reason of the war, but where they have lapsed the surrender value may be claimed, or if the lapse was due to payment of premiums being prevented by the conforcement of measures of war the contract may be restored on payment of premiums with interest. Marine insurance contracts are dissolved by the outbreak of war, except where the risk had already attached. Where the same risk was again insured against, after war had begun, the new policy is to be considered as substituted for the old. Where the risk had not attached at the outbreak of war, premiums paid are recoverable. The insurance treaties are abrogated unless invasion has made it impossible for the re-insured to find another re-insurer. Any Allied or Associated Power, however, may cancel all the life insurance contracts running between its nationals and a German insurance or re-insurance company, the latter being obliged to hand ovec the proportion of its assets attributable to such policies.

A Mixed Arbitral Triaunal is to be established between each of the Allies and Germany, consisting of one Member appointed by each of the two Governments, and a President to be chosen, failing agreement, by the Council of the League of Nations, or until this is set up, by the present President of the Swiss Federal Council. This Tribunal is to decide all disputes relating to contracts made before the date of the Treaty of Peace between nationals of the Allied States and German nationals, so far as they do not fall within the jurisdiction of Allied or Associated or Neutral Courts.

INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY.

Rights in industrial literary and artistic property are re-established, but subject, in the case of German-owned rights, to the effect of the special war measures of the Allies, the right of imposing on German patents and copyrights conditions in the public interest or to secure the fulfilment of Germany's obligations is reserved. Extensions of time are given for the accomplishment of formalities, for the working of patents, and for securing rights under the international conventions. Except as between the United States of America and Germany, pre-war licenses are cancelled, subject to the right of the old licensee to demand a new licence on terms to be specially settled; and except as between the same countries the right to sue for infringement committed during the war is not recognised.

OPIUM.

The High Contracting Powers who have not signed or ratified the Opium Convention of 1912 agree to bring it into force.

SECTION XI.

AERIAL NAVIGATION

Aircraft of the Allied and Associated Powers shall have full liberty of passage and landing over and in German territory, equal treatment with German planes as to use of German airdromes, and with most-favoured-nation planes as to international commercial traffic in Germany. Germany agrees to accept Allied certificates of nationality, airworthiness, or competency and licences, and to apply the convention relative to Aerial Navigation concluded between the Allied and Associated Powers to her own aircraft over her own territory. These rules apply until 1923 unless Germany has since been admitted to the League of Nations or to the above Convention.

SECTION XII.

PORTS, WATERWAYS AND RAILWAYS.

Germany is required to grant freedom of transit and full national treatment to persons, goods, vessels, rolling stock, &c., coming from or going to any Allied or Associated State and passing in transit through German territories. Goods in transit are to be free of Customs duties. Rates of transport are to be reasonable and no charges or facilities are to depend directly or indirectly on the flag of the vessel. Provisions are made against discrimination by control of transmigrant traffic; and all kinds of indirect discrimination are prohibited.

International transport is to be expedited, particularly for perishable goods. There is to be no discrimination in transport charges and facilities against Allied ports.

Free zones in German ports are to be maintained, and adequate facilities are to be provided for trade requirements without distinction of nationality. Only certain limited charges are permissible in Free Ports.

The Elbe, from the junction of the Vltava (Moldau) and the Vltava below Prague; the Oder, from its confluence with the Oppa; the Niemen, below Grodno; and the Danube, below Ulm, are declared international, together with the portions of their affluents. Nationals, property and flags of all States are to be treated on a footing of perfect equality with subjects, &c., of the riparian States, and various conditions are imposed to ensure facilities and reasonable charges and the maintenance of navigation, under the supervision of the League of Nations, and of International Commissions. These are to meet in the near future to prepare projects for the revision of the existing agreements, which are temporarily to remain in force.

Germany is to hand over within three months from notification a proportion of its river shipping, tugs and material.

In the case of the Danube, the former Commission is to resume its pre-war powers, but only Great Britain, France, Italy, and Roumania are to be represented on it. From the point where the competence of the Commission ceases, an International Commission is to be appointed to administer the whole Upper Danube, until a definitive Statute is arrived at.

PORTS, WATERWAYS, AND RAILWAYS.

(Continued.)

Provision is also made for a deep-draught Rhine—Danube Canal, should it be decided to construct it within twenty-five years.

The Rhine and Moselle form the subject of a special series of clauses. The Convention of 1868 is in general to remain in force, with important modifications: the expanded Central Commission is to sit at Strasbourg, France to name the President. As Holland is a party to this Convention, the modifications are subject to her assent.

Within three months, Germany is to hand over to France a proportion of tugs and river shipping from the Rhine harbours, or shares in German navigation companies. A proportion of buildings, tugs, &c., owned by Germans in Rotterdam harbour on the 1st August, 1914, or shares in such concerns, is similarly to be handed over.

France is to have full rights all along her own frontier to use water from the Rhine for canals, &c., and to carry out works for deriving motive power, subject to certain payments and to the consent of the Commission.

Germany is to undertake to make no canals on the right bank opposite the French frontier, and to grant France certain privileges on the right bank for the establishment of certain engineering works, subject to the payment of compensation. Switzerland is also entitled to demand similar rights for the upper part of the river.

If within 25 years Belgium decides to constructed a Rhine-Meuse Canal, the German Government is bound to construct such parts of it as fall within German territory, according to plans drawn up by the Belgian Government, expenses to be divided among the various States.

Germany is to make no objection to the Commission extending its jurisdiction if desired to the Lower Moselle (with the consent of the Luxembourg Government), to the Upper Rhine (with the consent of the Swiss Government), and to the lateral canals and waterways which may be constructed to improve navigation.

The German Government is to lease to the Tchecho-Slovak Republic, for 99 years, areas in the harbours of Hamburg and Stettin as free zones.

RAILWAYS.

The Railway Clauses provide that goods consigned from or to Allied States to or from Germany, or in transit through Germany, are entitled generally to the most favourable conditions available.

Certain railway tariff questions are dealt with.

When a new Railway Convention has replaced the Berne Convention of 1890, it will be binding on Germany; in the meantime she is to follow the Berne Convention.

Germany is to co-operate in the establishment of passenger and luggage services with direct booking between Allied States over her territory, under favourable conditions, as well as emigrant train services.

Germany is to fit her rolling stock with apparatus allowing of its being incorporated in Allied goods trains, and *vice versâ*, without interfering with the brake system. Provision is made for the handing over of the installations of lines in transferred territory, and of an equitable proportion of rolling stock for use therein. Commissions are to settle the working of lines linking up two parts of one country and crossing another, or branch lines passing from one country to another.

In the absence of particular agreements Germany is to allow such lines to be built or improved as may be necessary to ensure good services between one Allied State and another, if called upon to do so within 25 years with the concurrence of the League of Nations, the Allied States concerned paying the cost.

Germany is to agree, at the request of the Swiss and Italian Governments, to the denunciation of the 1909 Convention as to the St. Gothard route.

As a temporary arrangement, Germany is to execute instructions given in the name of the Allies as to transport of troops, material, munitions, &c., transport for revictualling of certain regions, and re-establishment of normal transport, postal and telegraphic services.

Finally, Germany is to agree to subscribe to any General Conventions regarding the international régime of transit, waterways, ports, or railways which may be concluded by the Allies (with the approval of the League of Nations) within five years.

Differences are to be settled by the League of Nations. Cretain specified articles, e. g., those providing for equal treatment in matters of transit and transport, are subject to revision by the League of Nations after five years. Failing revision, they will only continue in force in relation to any Allied State which grants reciprocal treatment.

THE KIEL CANAL.

The Kiel Canal is to remain free and open to ships of war and merchant shipping of all nations at peace with Germany. Subjects, goods, and ships of all States are to be treated on terms of equality in the use of the Canal, and charges are to be limited to those necessary for the upkeep and improvement of the Canal, for which Germany is to be responsible. In cases of violation of these provisions or disagreements as to them, States concerned may appeal to the jurisdiction established by the League of Nations, and may demand the appointment of an International Commission.

SECTION XIII.

THE LABOUR CONVENTION.

1. An International Conference is to be held annually, to propose Labour reforms for adoption by States composing the League of Nations.
2. There is to be a governing body to act as executive and to prepare the Agenda for the Conference, and an International Labour Office for the collection and distribution of information and reports. The head of this office will be responsible to the governing body.
3. The Annual Conference will consist of four representatives from each State, two for the State and one each for employers and employed. Each Delegate may vote independently. The Conference will have power to adopt by a two-third majority recommendations or draft conventions on Labour matters. Recommendations or draft conventions so adopted must be brought by each State before the authority or authorities within whose competence the matter lies for the enactment for legislation or other action. If a draft convention receives the approval of the competent authority, the State in question is under obligation to ratify it and to carry it into effect. Should any State fail to observe the above obligations, it will be open to the governing body to appoint a Commission of Inquiry, as a result of whose findings the League of Nations may take economic measures against the offending State.
4. Special provision is made to prevent any conflict with the constitution of the United States or other Federal States.
5. To meet the case of countries where climate, imperfect industrial development, or other special circumstances render labour conditions substantially different from those obtaining elsewhere, the Conference must take the difference into account in framing any Convention a protocol altrached to the convention provides that the first meeting shall be at Washington in the present year, and sets up an International Organising Committee for that purpose. The protocol also contains the agenda for the first meeting, which include the principle of the eight-hours day, the question of unemployment, and of the employment of women and children, especially in dangerous trades.

Appended to the section containing the Labour Convention is an affirmation by the High Contracting Parties of the methods and principles for regulating labour conditions, which all industrial communities should endeavour to apply so far as their special circumstances permit. Amongst these are that labour should not be regarded merely as a commodity or article of commerce; the right of association for all lawful purposes for the employer as well for the employed; the payment to the employed of a wage implying a reasonable standard of life, as understood in their time and country. The adoption of an eight-hours day or a forty-eight hours week where it has not already been attained; the adoption of a weekly rest of at least twenty-four hours, including Sunday where practicable. The abolition of child labour and the limitation of the labour of the young, so as to permit the continuance of their education and proper physical development. The principle of equal pay for men and women for equal work. Any legal standard for conditions of labour to have regard in each country to the equitable economic treatment of all workers resident therein. The provision by each State of a system of inspection for the protection of the employed, in which women should take part.

SECTION XIV.

GUARANTEES.

WESTERN EUROPE.

As a guarantee for the execution of the Treaty, German territory to the West of the Rhine, together with the bridgeheads, will be occupied by Allied and Associated troops for fifteen years. If the conditions are faithfully carried out by Germany, certain districts, including the bridgehead of Cologne, will be evacuated at the expiration of five years; certain other districts, including the bridgehead of Coblenz, will be evacuated after ten years, and the remainder, including the bridgehead of Mainz, will be evacuated after fifteen years. In case the Inter-Allied Reparation Committee finds that Germany has failed to observe the whole or part of her obligations, either during the occupation or after the fifteen years have expired, the whole or part of the areas specified will be reoccupied immediately. If before the expiration of the fifteen years Germany complies with all the undertakings resulting from the present Treaty, the occupying forces will be withdrawn immediately.

EASTERN EUROPE.

Similary, all German troops at present in the territories to the east of the new frontier shall return as soon as the Allies think the moment suitable. They are to abstain from all requisitions, &c., and are in no way to interfere with such measures for national defence as may be adopted by the provisional Governments concerned.

SECTION XV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Germany agrees to recognise the full validity of the Treaties of Peace and additional conventions to be concluded by the Allied and Associated Powers with the Powers allied with Germany, to agree to the decisions to be taken as to the territories of Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, and Turkey, and to recognise the new States in the frontiers to be fixed for them.

The High Contracting Parties note the Treaty of July, 1918, between France and the Principality of Monaco.

They agree that chairmen of Commissions shall under certain circumstances have a casting vote.

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In a Barrer Clause, Germany undertakes not to put forward any pecuniary claim against any Allied Power signing the present Treaty, based on events previous to the coming into force of the Treaty.

Germany accepts all decrees, &c., as to German ships and goods made by any Allied Prize Court, and the Allies reserve the right to examine all decisions of German Prize Courts.

The present Treaty, of which the French and English texts are both authentic, shall be ratified, and the deposit of ratification made in Paris, as soon as possible. Various diplomatic provisions as to ratification follow. The Treaty is to enter into force in all respects for each Power on the date of deposit of its ratification.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CHAPLAIN.

Dear Padre,

We hear a lot from the pulpit, we want you to hear a bit from the pew. We criticise everybody from the C.O. downwards, and you come in for your full share off it.

You're not a bad sort, but we sometimes wonder if you understand us, and whether you realise that we want to know more about religion than you ladle out to us Sunday by Sunday. We're not theologians and at the same time we're not fools. We don't kid ouselves that we're atheists and imagine that this wonderful world in which we live was the result of some freak or chance. And it is woederful!

We don't see much of the beauty of nature when we are taking a little exercise in the form of a route march and the road is long and dusty and has no 'pub' in it, but in the evening, sometimes, we have our think and, well — it wants explaining.

We've got sense enough to realise that a universe created and controlled must have some master mind behind it, and that men haven't given their lives in times past for something that's nothing at all. We know that a faith that's lasted and grown for nigh on two thousand years must have something mighty good in it and, Padre, we want to know the truth.

Give us a pure untarnished religion that we can believe in and hold fast to.

Give us the religion of the "Man who went about doing good," untrammeled by ecclesiastical additions.

Give us a practical living faith that will make us better men, and the world a better place in which to live.

And we don't forget that there are such things as different denominations, but we can't quite understand how that came about. Men have their own opinions on every subject, and so different people worship God in different ways. But it's all the same religion, and we'd like to see a stronger unity in the spirit of the cause. Padre, we'd like to remind you that neither the Maker of the universe nor the Nazarene was narrow-minded.

They say that the Church has failed to grapple with the problems brought about by the war, and so it has. But that isn't the fault of the religion, it's the fault of those who've had the handling of it.

We know you can't feed us on heavy theology any more than you can feed a baby on beefsteak, but prove to us what you can, show us that it's plausible, and then we can believe and enjoy the experience that you talk about.

We want to believe! We want to think that our pals who went down beside us are better off than we are, and we want to look forward to something more than six feet of earth ourselves.

And Padre, its your chance of a lifetime.

We have got to come and hear you now, but when that happy day arrives and we get our "ticket," it will be a matter of choice.

If you want to keep us then, get us now.

Padre, you're not a bad sort, but do your job.

We've all had our dose of hell; show us now to get a bit of heaven.

W.E.S,

"NIGHT SCENES."

BY OWEN OLIVER.

August, 1917. An observation post, a small wooden shelter in a trench on the Lorette Ridge. A deathly stillness only broken now and again by the scamper of rats outside, alarmed in their search for food, or the distant rat-tat-tat of a machine gun telling of a vigil faithfully kept. No other sound comes to my listening ears, and my eyes peering through the slit into darkness see nothing.

"Time they were coming," I say to myself, as I stretch my cramped limbs, for our men are making a raid to-night and the Colonel is bringing two nurses to watch the "strafe." It is quite safe up here nowadays, the enemy will not molest us. These hills have drunk their share of blood, God knows.

Soon three figures loom, stepping warily in the darkness — barbed wire and a shell-pocked land make a difficult path for women's feet. They arrive and we wait.

Suddenly down in front on the wide expanse of dark country an illuminated patch of belching fire and spurts of flame, and to our ears the boom of heavy guns. One would think a huge piece of mechanism hed been brought into play for our delight. There is nothing terrible in it, we watch it as a spectacle. Imagination does not follow the screaming shells to hear their savage swish. There is something grand, something magnificent about it all. There is something in those flashes and that roar which tells us of men below in front; of men doing men's work. We are strangely moved, we find that even guns can talk. For nothing is lost in this world of ours, and the actors in this drama, wrapped in darkness from our sight, must make their influence felt. Such an emotional experience must act upon imagination and expand and elevate the soul.

The firing dies down, the spectacle is over. "Quite a well-behaved affair," says one of the nurses, as the little party turns to the track.

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August 1918. The sunken road running through the Bois l'Abbé, a road with fresh deep ruts. It must have taken a number of wheels and a number of heavy loads to plough the road like this. No wheels to-night, though, no heavy loads. Every gun is in its place, the shells all close at hand, everything ready. Guns at the top of the road, guns at the bottom, guns everywhere, with sheets thrown over them like horses waiting for their masters. They will not have long to wait.

I stand at the entrance to my dug-out. It is impossible to sleep. I have tried to read, but found no interest — he would indeed be a master of his craft who could hold me by his tale to-night. Expectancy is everywhere — and hope. The stars are out to show the way to men who follow strange paths. The woods are hushed. The calm before the storm.

Noiselessly a file of men pass by, a long continuous string of silent infantry. Not a word from anyone. Steadily forward; out of the darkness into the darkness. No wish to talk — all thoughts are far away. No end to them. Four years of war, each taking its toll of men, the best of men, and yet all these stout hearts. Steadily forward, steadily forward.

The minute arrives, the guns are ready, their muzzles cocked, ominous, waiting. They look as though they listen for the order. "Stand by! Fire!" A deafening blast and roar fills the air. Away go the shells screaming and screeching, they seem to know their hideous errand, to terrify, to kill. The woods take up the roar and echo and re-echo, a roar like the roar of an express tearing along through a tunnel as though pursued by the demons of darkness. Everybody, everything joins in the battle. "We've got them this time," a Canadian general shouts in my ear.

PHILATELIC NOTES.

I am frequently asked, "Are there any bargains in stamps to be picked up in Cologne?" Certainly there are, but not often from big dealers, who employ experts to separate every variety of colour, perforation, surcharge from the normal stock. These varieties are set aside for specialists who pay fancy prices for them.

One needs to watch the market very closely to get a bargain from a dealer. By purchasing a collection second-hand one can occasionally get something good, but the specimens should be carefully examined and priced from an up-to-date catalogue which records all varieties.

I was recently much amused when inspecting a German collection for which 1,200 marks was asked. It was a most extraordinary collection made by one who knew little or nothing about stamps. Fine specimens of rare old Europeans were placed side by side with obvious reprints, revenue stamps, and badly damaged copies. With pride the owner mentioned his U.S.A. stamps and pointed out particularly the high values of the 1892 Columbus Issue on which was printed in type half the size of the stamp the word "Imitation." He knew no English or French and was considerably chagrined to have the translation. Someone had also told him that the stamps of Brunswick without a watermark were forgeries and he had destroyed three such specimens of the first issue (1852 unwatermarked) of which the pre-war catalogue prices were 5,000, 1,200, and 3,000 marks.

Varieties and errors are so carefully searched for nowadays that it is seldom one discovers one not recorded in the best catalogues. Twenty-five years ago one was frequently asked "Have you got a Queensland with the LA joined?" and there was such a demand for specimens printed from this plate that the dealers sold them at 1.6 each, although one-third of the stamps issued had this error. A 1915 catalogue prices the normal 2d blue at 1d and with LA joined 2d. Three errors not catalogued have come into my hands.

The first is the 10 penni Finland of 1901 with no bar to the final a of the word Mapka; the second is a British Bechuanaland 2d of 1891 surcharged Bechuanaland, and the third is a used specimen of the 4 mils Porto Rico of 1891, with the top half of the word Rico broken. The stamps themselves are undamaged; the plates from which they were printed have been broken.

The current prices in England of some of the less common old English stamps are

1840 1d black 2/-; 2d blue, no lines	9/-
1869 5 shillings, Wmk. Maltese Cross, plate 2	5/-
1870 1/2d red (plates 1 and 3) unused, each	3/-
1887 L 1 green	15/-

C.S.

AEROPLANE TELEPHONY.

Of the many branches of science which owe their development to the war, perhaps the most wonderful, and, at the same time, the most useful, is that which enables us to talk across space; and, more particularly, the adaption of this wireless telephony to aircraft.

For some years now it has been possible to flash signals across the Atlantic and communicate by wireless telegraphy, but it was, until a month ago, impossible to use the telephone over such a wide space. Telephony bears a somewhat similar relation to Telegraphy as a huge organ with all its pipes of varied pitch and quality does to a penny whistle emitting one simple note only.

When America entered into the war, the basic principles of Wireless Telephony had been worked out, and the enormous advantage of the instantaneous communication by telephone over all other systems of signalling was obvious. An air-fleet which possessed means of telephone communication would have an enormous advantage over any other in all fleet manoevres.

The problem of adapting the signal sets to suitair-craft was no simple one. Lightness and compactness without loss of efficiency were to be aimed at. The method in which the problem was tackled was essentially American. All available specialists were set working at each particular detail as it cropped up. British technical men, sent over to assist, were amazed at the means at their disposal—splendid laboratories equipped not only with all necessary apparatus, but with masses of brain power such as is never met with outside the States.

The bulky apparatus — condensers, relays, and miles of wire, of the ordinary telephone set — was obviously useless. The problem was made possible by an insignificant-looking glass bottle, half the size of an ordinary incandescent lamp. This "talking bottle" is a vacuum tube, direct descendant of the Crookes' tube, and De Forest's Audion, containing plates, grids, and wire. It acts in an amazing number of ways, transmitter, receiver, alternator, amplifier, and a few others. The vacuum is the greatest obtainable, measured in billionths of an atmosphere. The plates and grids are made of platinum and nickel and coated with other rare elements. The tubes make it possible to convey such a complex noise as the human voice clearly and purely without losing any of the quality, and receive it where direct speech would be impossible, even among the deafening noises of motor and propellor in an aeroplane.

The problem of making the received message audible to the aviator was tackled in the characteristic style. Experiments were carried out in a sound-proof room containing an enlarged edition of a child's rattle worked by a motor, the resulting noise being very similar to that in an aeroplane.

As a result of much experimenting, a sound-proof helmet was evolved which did not interfere with the aviator's supply of oxygen at high altitudes. The ear-pieces containing receivers were made of porous sponge rubber, reinforced with shining tin-foil, one to absorb, and the other to reflect the sound. The result was so perfect that although messages may be received from ten miles away, the wearer cannot hear himself reply!

To pick up the transmitted waves, a copper wire is trailed behind the machine in flight, and wound up on descent, or else one is stretched along the top-plane.

Success was first achieved in July 1917 in Ohio, and since then much progress has been made. The present apparatus is so perfect that by simply moving a switch the operator can limit his talk within any radius from a hundred feet to more than 30 miles, and can talk to receiving stations on land, on ships, or in other air-craft.

The commercial adoption of wireless telephony is at present impracticable, being limited by the fact that the message is transmitted by waves in the ether, and if a small fraction of the talk between London and Manchester was done by wireless the resulting waves would interfere with each other so much that the result would be hopeless confusion.

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HOW THE TERMS WERE PRESENTED.

RANTZAU'S MANNERS.

VERSAILLES 1871.

On the 18th of January 1871, in the Hall of Mirrors at Versailles, William of Hohenzollern, King of Prussia, crowned himself the first Emperor of Germany and spoke these words:—

"May God grant that both we and our followers upon the throne may ever be Emperors of the German Empire, not through warlike conquests, but through works of peace, and so lead the nation to happiness, freedom and prosperity."

Even while he was prating about peace, German guns were bombarding Paris, which, reduced to eating rats and cats, was starved into capitulation.

A few days later Bismarck, the German Chancellor, standing erect as befitting a conqueror threatened to break off his conversation with Thiers and to speak with cannon unless his conditions were accepted.

One of those conditions was the payment of an indemnity of 200 million pounds sterling.

That war lasted almost exactly six months, and Peace was signed four months later, at Frankfort on the Main. The losers had to go to the winners to fetch the terms.

VERSAILLES 1919.

Again the Trianon Palace at Versailles, and Count Brockdorff-Rantzau sitting, and lacking even elementary courtesy; not dictating terms with the overbearance of his predecessor but receiving them in humiliation, with the iron of impudent arrogance in his soul.

Another war ended. It occupied 1,561 days of actual operations, and of His Britannic Majesty's subjects 670,986 were killed, and 2,041,040 wounded, while 350,243 are missing.

HISTORIC SITTING.

The historic sitting at the Trianon Palace began at 3.5. p.m., on Wednesday.

When the German plenipotentiaries entered the conference room, accompanied by a French officer, they bowed and took their places in silence. All were sombrely garbed in black morning coats and dark neckties, Herr Landsberg's flaming beard affording the only note of colour.

Practically the whole sitting was occupied by Count Brockdorff-Rantzau's speech. No reply was made to it, M. Clemenceau declaring the sitting at an end immediately Count Brockdorff Rantzau had finished speaking.

It is worthy of note that M. Clemenceau spoke upstanding, while Count Brockdorff-Rantzau remained seated while he read his speech.

Before handing the text of the Allies' terms to the German delegates M. Clemenceau, standing erect, and speaking in French with a firm and sharp tone, said:

"Messieurs the German Plenipotentiaries,

It is neither the time nor the place to utter superfluous words. You see before you the accredited plenipotentiaries of the small and great powers united in the hardest of wars so cruelly imposed upon them. The hour to settle the bill has come.

You have asked for peace. We are at your disposal to accord it to you. You will receive the book containing our conditions. You will have every facility to examine them at your leisure, but without argument. In addition to the courtesy customary to all civilised people you will find us eager to help you in your work, but this second Peace of Versailles has been bought too dearly for us not to have the right to demand by all means in our power the legitimate satisfaction which is our due."

This speech was first repeated in English by one.

This speech was first repeated in English by one interpreter and then in German by another.

The German delegates remained sitting at attention in stiff, tense attitudes. President Wilson maintained a fixed scrutiny of them but. M. Clemenceau's gaze wandered.

When the translations were finished Clemenceau resumed, acquainting the Germans with the procedure to be followed. He informed them that no verbal discussion will be allowed, but that any comment must be in writing, and that any observations they wish to make must be submitted in French and English within a fortnight.

After these conditions had been translated, M. Clemenceau again rose and said:— "Count Brockdorff-Rantzau has the word."

Attention was again concentrated on the German Minister. Arranging before him a typewritten memorandum, and settling himself in his chair, he began to speak, without any preamble.

"We are fully aware of the magnitude of the task which has brought us here in order to give a durable peace to the world."

The German interpreter seated behind Count Brockdorff-Rantzau rose and commenced to translate this exordium, but his voice was hesitating and his translation halting.

M. Clemenceau called out "One cannot hear anything. Let the interpreters come to the desk."

Accordingly the two German secretaries moved to the presidential table and repeated, phrase by phrase, in English and French, the words spoken by the chief German delegate.

"We do not ignore," he continued, "the greatenss of our impotence, and the extent of our defeat. We know that the power of the German arms is broken; we know the power of the hatred which we meet here, and we have heard the demand, full of passion, that the victors shall make us pay as vanquished and culprits. We are asked to confess that we alone are guilty. Such a declaration from my mouth would be a lie. It is far from us to decline our own responsibility in the world war and the manner in which it was made.

The attitude of the late German Government at the Hague Conference, their actions and omissions in the tragic days of July, have contributed to the calamity. But we firmly deny that Germany, whose people had to defend themselves, was alone guilty. None of you will pretend that the calamity only began because Austria-Hungary was the victim of a murderous hand.

For the last fifty years Imperialism had poisoned the International situation. The policy of revenge, of expansion, and denial of the people's rights, contributed to the illness of Europe which had its crisis in the war.

"The Russian mobilisation deprived statesmen of the means to prevent the solution of the conflict being placed in military hands.

Public opinion in all enemy countries is complaining about the atrocities which Germany has committed during the war. We are ready to confess the wrong we have done. We have not come here either to lessen the responsibilities of the men who have made the war politically and economically, or to deny the crimes committed against the rights of peoples. We repeat the declaration made at the beginning of the war in the German Reichstag. 'We have done wrong to Belgium and we want to make it good again.'

"But not only Germany committed faults, every nation has committed some. I do not want to answer repoach by repoach, but if we are asked to make amends, one must not forget the armistice."

Raising his voice Count Brockdorff declaimed "Six weeks passed before we received your armistice conditions, and for six months have we waited for your Peace conditions."

The crimes committed during the war are not excusable, but they were committed during a fight for National existence, in hours of passion which make the conscience of the people less sensible. Hundreds of thousands of non-combatants have died as a result of the blockade. They have been killed with premeditation. The measure of culpability of all persons concerned can only be determined after an impartial inquiry made by a Neutral Commission in front of which all persons responsible for the war will be called and for which our archives are available. "We have already asked for such an inquiry, and we repeat our demand. Besides, in this Conference, where we are alone, without our Allies, we are not quite without protection. We have one Ally, which you yourselves have given us. It is Right, which is guaranteed to us by the Treaty on the Principles of Peace. The Allied and Associated Governments between the 5th October and 5th November 1918, renounced a peace of violence and inscribed on their banner of Justice.

The German Government proposes to accept the principles of the President of the United States as the basis for Peace. On the 5th November 1918 Secretary of State Lansing declared that the Allied and Associated Governments had agreed on this basis with two exceptions.

President Wilson directed a searching look at the interpreters.— "There are among these principles some which demand great national and economic sacrifices, but the fundamentally sacred rights of all peoples are protected by this Treaty. The conscience of the world is behind it. No Nation may violate it with impunity. You will find us ready to examine the Preliminary Peace, with the intention to reconstitute with you what has been destroyed, placing in the forefront the wrong which has been done to Belgium, and to open to the world a new era of political and social progress. Our special experts will discuss with yours the principal points on the basis of the project which you have proposed to us.

We shall have as our principal objects the International protection of life and of the freedom of the Labour class, then we shall have to reconstitute the territory of Belgium and the Northern parts of France which we occupied. We have pledged ourselves to this. We shall have to ask the collaboration of our adversaries as we shall not be able to achieve this work without their political and financial participation. You will be no more able to accomplish it without us, than we without you.

This reconstitution can only be made by a commercial entente. The best way would be to continue to let the work be done by German prisoners of war. Certainly such labour is cheap; but it would cost the world dear; the German people would be filled with hatred if their brothers were retained in captivity after the Preliminary Peace. Without an immediate solution of this question, already postponed for too long, we cannot attain a durable peace. The experts on both sides will have to examine in which manner Germany will be able to fulfil the financial obligation without succumbing to the burden. The ruin of the German people would lead to an irrevocable devastation of the economic life of Europe. The victors, like the vanquished, must take care to guard against this threatening danger with its incalculable results.

There is only one way to avoid the danger, a creed of economical solidarity of all peoples, united in a free League of Nations.

Gentlemen, it is a sublime thought that from the greatest calamity of history the greatest opportunity for the development for humanity has been formulated and will succeed. If this League of the Sovereign Nations can reach this aim, then the victims of this war will not have died in vain.

The German people is at heart ready to accept their hard fate, if the promised bases of peace are not infringed. A Peace which cannot be defended in the name of Right would always cause new resistances. Nobody could gurantee its maintenance.

"We shall examine with a good will the document which you have delivered to us, hoping that all will be able to sign the final result of our meeting."

Count Brockdorff-Rantzau stopped. He had finished his lesson on "How to govern Europe."

There was a pause: M. Clemenceau asked "Are there any other remarks?" to which the German leader answered "No", whereupon the venerable President of the Conference said "The sitting is closed."

Interviewed by *Reuter's* correspondent afterwards, Mr. Sam Hughes, the Australian Premier, described Count Brockdorff-Rantzau's action in remaining seated while he spoke, as an "intolerable insult to the Conference, but that despite such intolerable arrogance we could see this day that humiliation had entered their souls."

Mr. Massey the New Zealand Premier, was also interviewed by *Reuter's* correspondent. He said "The Germans were more impudent and more aggresive than anything I have ever experienced."

AFGHANS VIOLATE INDIAN FRONTIER.

The *Times* states that according to private despatches from India, Afghan regulars have seized regular lofty positions inside the Indian border, commanding the Khyber and Loishilman passes. It is not possible yet to say how far the new Amir is cognisant of this violation of territory, but his proclamation of the independence of Afghanistan and his polite dismissal of three Englishmen in his employ is ominous.

Probably the origin of the Afghan outbreak is connected with the unrest in the Mohammedan world, says that journal, which expressed the opinion that if the trouble is swiftly countered it will not be dangerous. It has a good omen that the Afridi tribesmen at Peshawar remained staunch during the Amritsar rioting. *Reuter.*

BOLSHEVIST MOBILISATION SLACK.

PAINTED FEMALES.

Stockholm. According to a telegram just received from Petrograd the Bolshevist mobilization is yielding most unsatisfactory results. Whole regiments are leaving for front with barely five hundred to six hundred men, only half of whom ever reach the front at all. Men are being despatched to the front without arms, and all military trains are guarded with machine guns. A telegram from Riga via Reval says that the Bolshevists caused great agitation in the minds of the people at Riga by the scandalous conduct of Bolshevist Commissaries, who arrived there with parties of extravagantly painted females who were driven about the town in military motor cars.—*Reuter.*

WORK, OR JOIN THE ARMY.

A PRACTICAL SUGGESTION.

A member of Parliament made a very apt suggestion in the House of Commons yesterday. In view of the necessity of obtaining a large number of men at an early date for the relief of men in India, Mesopotamia, and other theatres of war, he suggested that the unemployment allowance be discontinued to men under-twenty-five years of age.

Mr. Winston Churchill said that the topic was much to big to be discussed at question time.

WHY NOT DRUM THEM OUT?

Mr. Winston Churchill "regretted" in the House of Commons yesterday that for reasons which are largely of a technical nature it is impossible in the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown, to proceed against men released from prisoners of war camps by the Germans and who had presumably joined the German-Irish Brigade. Consequently it was equally as impossible to arrest them. They must therefore perforce be treated as any other repatriated prisoners of war.

Such men as are known to have accepted release on condition that they served against the Crown will be discharged from His Majesty's service for misconduct.

STREET CONDITIONS IN LIVERPOOL.

At Liverpool City Council yesterday Mrs. Stewart Brown suggested that the vote on behalf of the Women Patrol Committee be increased to eight hundred sterling.

She described the condition of Liverpool streets and parks as appalling.

Councillor Lucas, supporting the proposition, said it was astounding to see so many girls in their teens in fur coats, short frocks and painted faces.

The chairman of the Watch Committee said that the head constable blamed the war conditions for this state of things. There was no increase in the vote.

DISHONEST CANTEEN MANAGER.

At the Old Bailey yesterday Maurice Barnett, a canteen manager, was sentenced to fifteen months hard labour for frauds in connection with a military canteen at Norwich.

It is reported that the Palace of the ex-Crown Prince in the Unter den Linden, Berlin, has been allocated to President Ebert for his residence.

CRITICS OF FRENCH'S CRITICISM.

MOTION OF CENSURE.

Military members of the House of Commons resent Field Marshal French's attacks on Lord Kitchener in his war book "1914." They intend to ask the Government whether it is proposed to take disciplinary action against Lord French.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Donald McLean, Leader of the Independent Liberals, asked the Home Secretary whether his attention had been drawn to Field Marshal French's articles in the *Daily Telegraph*, and whether such publication is considered by the Government a consonant with the duties and responsibilities of Lord French's high office. The speaker said that Mr. McLean was not entitled to ask such a question.

Mr. McLean thereupon tabled a motion of censure.

IMPERIAL TRADE UNITY.

TWO LABOURITE S's.

In the House of Commons, on the report of the Budget resolutions, Mr. Tom Shaw (Lab. Preston) put an amendment on the paper in the names of the Labour Party Independent Liberals directed against the Government policy of Imperial preference in general, and the preference on tea in particular.

Mr. Alfred Short (Lab. Wednesbury) seconded, and trotted out the stale old shibboleth that the Government's proposals would interfere with free and unfettered international trade and endanger good relations.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain in reply said:—"We are only doing what other foreign nations have done for years without complaint from us or anybody else. We believe that the principle of Imperial Unity should be recognised by the establishment of Imperial trade."

The amendment was rejected by 252 to 63.

COAL COMMISSION INQUIRY.

A DUKE'S ROYALITIES

Speaking as a witness before the Coal Commission yesterday, Mr. F. E. Downing, Secretary to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners said, with reference to the enclosure of common lands, that there may have been cases in which lands were first enclosed, and the transfer afterwards legalised.

Earl Durham was called as a witness. In the course of his evidence he said that he owned coal under 12,411 acres of land in the county of Durham. The total amount he received in 1918 from royalties, rents and wayleaves was 40,522 pounds sterling, as compared with 58,911 pounds sterling in 1913.

Cross-examined by Mr. Smillie Earl Durham said:—"I think the only one entitled to land is the person who owns it."

DRUMMING THEM IN.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by Earl Dalkeith, whose engagement to Princess Mary has been announced and contradicted, visited Witley Camp yesterday to present colours to four battalions of a Canadian division which is about to return home.

About five thousand men paraded and thousands more witnessed the ceremony. A large number of men climbed to the roofs of neighbouring huts and beat a deafening tattoo of welcome on the corrugated iron roofs.

SOON TO BE REPATRIATED.

In the course of yesterday's parliamentary debates the Secretary for War states that the total number of prisoners of war in British hands is as follows: United Kingdom, 103,311, France, 196, 79; elsewhere 169,282. Total 469,072. These figures included both combatants and civilians of all nationalities.

ENLISTMENTS TO DATE.

The total number of enlistments in the four months ended 3rd May amounts to 88,622. This total includes all normal engagements for three and four years from 15th January and re-enlistments from 3rd January. The daily average is 834.

LONDON'S WAR MEMORIAL.

On behalf of the Royal Academy, the president Sir Aston Webb, recommends that a great road with a memorial arch and place at Charing-cross should be constructed as a national and Imperial memorial, just as Waterloo Bridge, Trafalgar-square, and Waterloo-place were the reminders of the great wars of the last century.

ATTENDED FIFTY-TWO ANNUAL CAMPS.

Mr. Richard Watson, aged 80, reputed to be the oldest volunteer in the North of England, died yesterday.

He had attended fifty-two annual camps up to the outbreak of war. He was a Colour-Sergeant in the King's Own (Lancaster Regiment.)

BIGAMIST SENTENCED.

A York bigamist yesterday at the Leeds Assizes was sent to prison for 6 months. He had married 5 women between 1893 and 1918, four at least being still alive. He got to know the women by advertising for a housekeeper.

The late Josiah Ritchie — "Uncle Ritchie" — formerly manager of the old Aquarium at Westminster left over a hundred thousand pounds.

UNPARLIAMENTARY, BUT VERY EFFECTIVE.

PLAIN SPEECH TO CONCHIES.

Sir Albion Richardson M.P., who was appointed in March last to hold an inquiry into allegations against Major Blake, acting Governor of Wandsworth prison, concerning his action against certain disorderly conscientious objector prisoners, has now issued his report.

He says the only complaint that can justly be made against Major Blake is with regard to the language which he used on two occasions towards conscientious objectors. Sir Albion Richardson is statisfied that Major Blake acted throughout with a single-minded desire to discharge his duty.

Major Blake admitted saying:— "You damned mutinous swine! I have come down here to restore order and if you do not behave yourselves I will give you Hell."

He said, however, that the language was justified and effective.

Sir Albion Richardson, in his report, says that for some months before Major Blake's arrival as Acting Governor of the civil side the prison had been in a condition of progressive disorder, and by February this year there was reason to fear a serious mutiny. "Conscientious Objectors" set the prison rules and officials at open defiance, held meetings, and sang the "Red Flag."

Then came Major Blake, and "order was, in fact, restored a few days after his arrival by the strict enforcement of the prison rules."

How this was done is told in the report in Major Blake's own words. The complaining letter referred to incidents which happened within half an hour of his arrival on February 20, and of these Major Blake says:

"There was in the hall a gang of men singing and making an awful noise. I said, 'Silence'. One man shouted, 'Get your hair cut,' and another made a disgusting and offensive noise with his mouth, and someone shouted, 'Who is this —— swine?' or 'Hark at the —— swine.' . . . . From the other door marched in, singing the 'Red Flag,' a gang of these 'Conscientious Objectors.' They were noisy, and I saw the other men were getting restive.

"I WILL GIVE YOU HELL."

"I said: 'March these men out.' I rather think I said: 'March these noisy devils out of here. I won't have them disturbing the decently behaved or respectable prisoners.' I had a purpose in saying that. As they went out they started shouting and yelling, and so for the benefit of everyone concerned I shouted to these men: 'You damned, mutinous swine. I have come down here to restore order, and if you do not behave yourselves I will give you hell'. Their tails went down at once. I had to take an extraordinary one with these men. They had defied every decent manner of dealing with them. It was a hopeless task to ask any man to come down to a strange prison and put it right.

"I am not a swearing man. I give you my word of honour that I did not call these men — swine." I wanted—to use a vulgar expression—to put the fear of God into them. I wanted to make them think they had a pretty ferocious man to deal with. I had to think of some means or other to put this place straight. I used illegal methods . . . I reported myself to the Commissioners as I had been guilty of a gross crime. It really is—swearing in prison. It is a gross crime, which I should never forgive except under certain circumstances.

"I went to Major Briscoe and I told him. 'I have got that place quiet, but I am going to tell you that I used improper and illegal means'. He said, 'What do you mean?' I said, 'I have cursed and damned these fellows until I frightened them.'

SIX MONTHS AFTER THE WAR.

MISTAKEN NOTION.

Commenting on the fact that Sunday next is exactly six months from the signature of the Armistice the *Westminster Gazette* says: "The day is important in one way because we believe that there still lingers in the minds of many soldiers now serving, the idea that the period for which they enlisted was until six months after peace which they interpret as meaning the end of fighting. Obviously that is not the right reading even of the original terms. Peace is still a long time ahead and soldiers who are retained would have been liable to remain with the coulors for some time yet even had there been no extension of compulsory service."

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Yesterday the Stock Exchange remained very firm, with renewed demand both for investment and speculation, though the scarcity of available securities checked expansion of business in several instance. Giltedged securities were quiet but steady pending an official announcement regarding the new British Loan. Foreign stocks were firm. Peruvians met with improved demand. Home railways showed good rises but Oils were still the most brisk market, fresh advances in leading shares being made. The Industrial section was active, especially the textile group. Prospects of British interests being better represented in Argentina stimulated the demand for Argentine securities, while Brazilians were strong on a steadily improving rate of exchange.

New capital issues in April constituted a record and the amounts subscribed generally exceeded the amounts applied for.

Lever Brothers latest issue of two millions six and a half per cent preference shares was oversubscribed within three days and Rowntrees half million six per cent preference shares was largely oversubscribed.

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THE DRAFT TREATY AND THE FOURTEEN POINTS.

For many a day the draft Treaty of Peace will hold the interest and invite the commentary of friend and foe. Though it is merely a summary of a document which will surpass in bulk and significance any peace charter yet published, it bristles with points that demand close and leisured scrutiny. Some will hail it as a masterpiece of justice; some will reckon it an unsatisfying compromise of contending interests; some will deem it a failure either in its leniency or in its stringency.

To-day we ask ourselves whether it fulfils the ideals that were set forth in the historic Fourteen Points of President Wilson. It is an important question, and it is one which is even now being discussed in many circles more or less sympathetic with the Congress of Paris and its momentous labours. It is our considered opinion that there is nothing in the draft Treaty of Peace which must be interpreted as a violation of the American programme of peace.

Let us take the matter of territorial reparation. President Wilson laid it down in January 1918 that "complete restoration of Belgium in full and free sovereignty" was a condition of peace. The draft Treaty honours that condition. It is true that Germany is asked to recognize Belgian sovereignty over considerable parts of Moresnet, over Eugen and Malmedy. But, in the first place, the title to some of these territories is contested; in the second place, an early opportunity is to be given to the inhabitants of these districts to declare their choice of nationality; and, in the last place, the final decision is to be reserved to the League of the Nations, a Commission of which will delimit the Belgian boundaries. In the case of France the only matter of possible dispute concerns the Saar Basin; and it should be noted that our ally does not gain perpetual ownership of that territory but only of its coal-mines. Even during the fifteen years that will elapse before a plebiscite is taken the government of the area is vested in a Commission of the League of Nations.

Another matter is that of the independence and self-determination of nations. President Wilson's ideals are realized in the case of Poland, which is to be a new and independent state. Had Poland been given the city of Danzig our task of reconciling the Treaty and the American programme would have been infinitely harder, but Danzig is to be a "free city."

It may be argued that the Allies' insistence that Germany shall acknowledge "the entire independence of German Austria" is a breach of the ideal of self-determination, but it is not laid down that the entirely independent German Austria shall never of its own free will unite with Germany. Independence must come before any real form of determination, for it is only a free man who can exercise freedom of choice. Again, the way is prepared for self-government in Russia, in accordance with the sixth point of President Wilson; and no difficulties are met with in regard to Italy and the Balkans and the Ottoman empire, for the questions at issue have not been settled.

In matters naval and military the draft Treaty is easily reconciled with the second and fourth points, because the drastic disarmament of Germany is not an end in itself but a first and logical means to the greater end — that of "a general limitation of the armaments of all nations." Heligoland and Kiel are but symbols of a new and better policy of peace.

The point of greatest difficulty for most of us is in the fourth section of the draft Treaty where Germany's colonies and overseas possessions are dealt with. She must renounce them "with all rights and titles therein," and must undertake "to accept whatever measures are taken by the five Allied Powers in relation thereto." Whether or not President Wilson's Points are to be observed depends on these future measures, and we do not prophesy regarding them.

It is not an easy or perhaps a very profitable task to sentinize each section of the draft Treaty and attempt to reconcile each with the relative part of the Wilson programme. The former document has left many matters undecided and the time is not ripe for a final discussion. But we feel confident that apart from details the spirit of the draft Treaty is in keeping with that of the charter published by the President of the United States. And that is a great matter.

"Hurrah! Hurrah! A guinea for my latest story, 'A Modern Husband.'" "Congratulations, young man. From whom did you get the money?" "From the post office. They lost it!"

"I say, old man, was Smithson in the club at lunch-time to-day?" "Yes." "Was Robinson with him?" "He was." "Awfully sorry to bother you, but was I by any chance with them?"

Curate—"I am so glad to see you come to church regularly for evensong, Mrs Brown. You are a good example." Mrs Brown— "Yes. You see, my husband hates me to go out in the evenings, and I must do something to show I am boss in my own home."

THOMAS ATKINS, TOURIST.

By M.F. KEY.

In our Battalion there were several men who had never seen the sea, scores who had never sailed upon it, and hundreds who had never set foot outside their own country. Recently, in four crowded days, all these experiences were theirs, for the order to proceed overseas — to their predecessors a warning with its darker side — to them came as a rare opportunity of seeing foreign lands.

It is one of the by-products of war that the proletariat now makes *le grand tour*: the path is closed to the aristocrat and the dilletante: the British soldier travels free through scenes that the wealthy would give hundreds of pounds to visit.

On a recent Tuesday morning in "our mob" reveille went at 11 30 o'clock the night before — the Irishism expresses the precise truth — and all except one man who had been rash enough to go to bed, and who overslept, duly entrained during the small hours for the 200 miles' ride to Dover. It has to be confessed that grumbles were heard because the Great Eastern took seven hours or so to do the journey: if we had known what Continental railways had in store for us surely the voice of lamentation had been stilled!

The country as far as London to most of the travellers was merely the tract intervening between them and "Leave":—(you may use one of your beloved capitals this time, Herr Printer) the sense of adventure awakened, when ladies pressed the train at Liverpool Street with most welcome cups of cocoa and slabs of cake, and courteous old gentlemen took off their hats to us! We positively blushed that our expedition should be taken thus seriously and the minds of the thoughtful groped toward the future, pregnant with incalculable possibilities.

AT DOVER.

Diving under the Thames by a little-known route we ran through the pleasant country of Kent, noted Canterbury Cathedral — the fourth Cathedral we had sighted — and clanged into Dover Harbour, on time to the minute. Here the first of many pauses for refreshment was made, and it is interesting in retrospect to reflect on the organisation by which, at various points in three or four countries, twenty-minute meals for 1,000 men were pre-arranged.

A great transport was shared with another battalion: the sea was rough and 2,000 men were packed on the decks like sardines in a tin. Yes, without going into details, is *was* an unpleasant experience — until we did whatever is the nautical equivalent of taking a left turn, and ran smoothly before the wind along the coast to Dunkerque, which, as somebody naively said, is "French for Dunkirk" (or Belgian, for geographists at that time were of two opinions).

What a higgledy—piggledy town! We soon realised, as our journey continued, that whatever may be said of the backwardness of our own country in town-planning, at least we could give points to France, both as regards the attractive building of individual houses and their correlation with one another. Moreover, houses of a modern type, or any buildings of much later date than eighteen-eighties seemed non-existent. Was this dearth of new houses, we asked, a reflection of the declining birth-rate of France?

"OLIVER TWIST" ENCOURAGED.

To many readers of the *Cologne Post* nothing could be more stale and banal than our experiences the next morning, but I trust the Editor will allow me a little license—the *Post* has an important home circulation. For the first time in our uneventful and sheltered lives we were to travel in cattle trucks! We thought it truly weird, I remember; the edge of the sensation begins to wear off now.

At a siding was drawn up a cattle-truck train of vast length — nearly half-a-mile long it seemed — the whole comprising (as the auctioneers say) a desirable and self-contained travelling residence, complete with kitchen, pantry, store and wardrobes (vans being allotted to each of these several uses).

PLEASURES OF CARAVANNING.

The living rooms, to continue the methaphor, were slightly reminiscent of those dwellings in which a family occupies each corner of a room, and one the centre, and all is well until the family in the centre takes in a lodger — in a word, they were overcrowded. That is, of course, unless you happened to be a personage, to wit, a sergeant or a batman: in which case you were ten or twenty, respectively, to a truck, instead of forty.

Each cattle truck contained a little iron stove and chimney with a supply of fuel. There was also a truss of straw for bedding, and mysteriously out of the unknown arrived A.S.C. waggons with three blankets for every man. A home-like touch was a L.N.W.R. engine, unmistakable in spite of the huge letters, "R.O.D.," on its sides.

At length began the journey which was destined to last all that day and night, all the next twenty-four hours and most of the following day. Crash! bang! went the couplings and each coach started forward with a jerk which nearly upset the dixey of tea someone had already set going. And so the train continued, rumbling and plunging, day after day and night after night, except for vast pauses which probably totalled eight hours out of each 24.

THE PACE THAT KILLS.

And the pace! After an English troop train it seemed slow indeed. Maximum: 15 m.p.h.; minimum, too slow so express in figures. Some, deceived by the endless procession of the hours, formed the opinion that it must be at least 1,000 miles from the coast to the Rhine bridgeheads!

None of the inconveniences of the journey troubled us much for we had not long left Dunkirk before we had no thoughts for anything but the panorama slowly unrolled as the train crept along. The first hint that we were entering the area to which the eyes of all the world have been turned for four long years was a mundane one enough. The margins of the railway track were strewn continuously, mile after mile, with empty tinned food tins. What a vision it conjured up to the imagination of the hurried journeyings of countless thousands of troops and of the immense organisation behind modern war.

THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION.

By degrees more vivid indications of the results of war began to appear. Here and there, roofless and battered houses and trees with maimed branches were to be seen; the railway track itself had been severed at various points and since repaired. Water-logged shell holes become more numerous and by degress the familiar newspaper phrase "devastated area" took on a new and terribly vivid meaning.

The tortured countryside seemed to cry out, agonized by the horrors of the last four years. Nature's fair face was pitted as with a small-pox. trees and woods were blasted to shreds and splinters—human habitations were in ruins, and for miles all was silent and desolate.

Armentières, formerly, no doubt, a town of some importance, was now a ruin so complete that not a house could be seen that had escaped destruction. The tide of war had overflowed Armentières as the molten streams of Vesuvius the towns of Pompeii and Herculaneum. What more fitting than to leave the place as it stands, an everlasting monument of the most terrible cataclism in the world's history.

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PHOTOGRAPHY.

(IV.)

WILLIAM ROBERT PATTERSON F.R.G.S. ETC.

You must learn to work with your camera to such a degree of accuracy that your pictures will be suitable for enlargement. Produce sharp negatives in which the lights and shades are well defined. A really pleasant scene or charming portrait is worthy of study. An enlargement of such a picture may prove of great artistic value, and, indeed, may remain a pleasing remembrance for many years. Therefore, do not waste time and money upon idle ventures.

Many of you are anxious to obtain portraits of a friend or a group of friends in order that you may have a souvenir of agreeable companionship whilst together with the Army of Occupation. If such is the case, then by all means study the questions of light and shade and exposure and endeavour to produce a portrait that will present sufficient detail for enlargement. Such a picture would prove undoubtedly a charming gift and produce happy memories later. In Cologne, at the present time, you may obtain an excellent enlargement, on bromide paper, for the value of about a couple of shillings. The effect produced by enlargements, if the negative is a good one, is fascinating. The picture is softer in tone than a print; it becomes a veritable work of art.

Examine carefully the details of the scene or portrait you intend to reproduce.

In the case of an expected snapshot against a moving object not yet in view, firstly let your shutter be set in attendance and remove the slide which covers the plate or film-pack.

Be prepared, as the boy-scouts say! — for this is the secret of successful photography. It is an excellent plan to practice with the camera in your own room; by such means one may acquire judgment of immediate action. Say to yourself —

(1). There comes a galloping horse. Bright sunlight. No shade. Suitable background. Object, therefore, clearly defined. — Rapid exposure.

(2). There is an athlete performing the high jump. Probably silhouetted against the sky. Sunlight shining fully upon the figure. — Rapid exposure.

(3). There is a figure in a shady lane. Part of the light obscured by trees, etc. Bright light, however, it is a portrait study. Expose at moderate speed.

(4). There is a river scene. Light from all sides, but the sky gives only diffused light, yet clear because details of distant objects can be distinguished. Expose at moderate speed.

(5). There is a snow-scence. We have direct and reflected light, therefore. Expose at moderate speed.

(6). Out of-doors. Dull day. Expose at slow speed, according to amount of light from all sides.

(7). Indoors. Dull day. Object in full light. Slow time exposure.

(8). Indoors. Bright day. Much light upon object. Fast time exposure.

With reference to above take note of the following table: —

Rapid exposure	= 1 25 to 1/ 000 (second) or less.		
Moderate „	= 1,5 to 1.25	„	
Fast time „	= 1 to 1 5	„	
Slow time „	= more than a second.		

The above depends upon
(1) The diameter of your aperture.
(2) The strength of your lens.
(3) The quality and date of manufacture of your plate or film.

Always examine your film-roll, film-pack, and box of plates before you purchase them, since it has come to my notice that old an therefore inferior material has been sold to the British in Cologne by certain firms. It is far better to learn to judge speeds and dimensions after one's own attempts than to rely upon tabular statements. Indeed, it frequently happens that one finds no time to refer to them.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Pte. Klegan (113071). — If you read German you might buy Dr. E. Vogel's Taschenbuch der Photographie. Read my previous articles in the *Cologne Post* of 17th April, 24th April and 2nd May. Your friends at home could send you such a work as you wish. Do not buy a camera in a hurry. Come and see me.

Sgt. Sutcliffe (527794). — This size is apparently to be had in England. In any case one can always obtain adapters, which fit in the slide, to hold foreign sizes of plates and film-packs. Secure a camera with an anastigmat lens if you can afford it. Come and see me about this.

LONELY GRAVES.

A hush fell upon every lip when, in a shell-pitted meadow, we first encountered the grave of one who had made the great sacrifice. Thereafter almost every field for several miles contained one or more graves of those who had been buried where they fell, and we wished we could have stopped the train to discover whether any of these carefully-tended memorials marked the remains of father, brother or friend.

On the evening of the second day the train clattered through the precipitous valley of the Loire, one of the bottlenecks of France which contributed so greatly to the German defeat. The factory district through which we next passed presented unmistakable indications of German occupation. We could well believe that the retreating enemy had looted the machinery of the factories; nowhere was there any sign of industrial activity.

GERMANY—A CONTRAST.

The following morning the first station we saw was Düren and we knew we were in Germany. How marked the contrast with the districts we had passed through! Everywhere extreme neatness, a high state of cultivation of the land and no signs of the horrors to which Germany had subjected other countries.

Passing over a great plain we reached Cologne, which struck all as a clean and handsome city. The crossing of the famous Rhine could not but thrill the travellers, and an hour later we detrained at Siegburg, a bright and cleanly township, basking that day in brilliant sunshine.

So ended a four days journey which can never be forgotten by those who took part in it.

Since then the Battalion has occupied the Prisoners of War Camp at Wahn and has now left the uninteresting scenery of the plains of the Rhine basin to occupy villages further eastward in a hilly district very like Buckinghamshire. If the Germans do not sign the peace terms, we congratulate ourselves that we shall have an early place amongst those who will show them that the Allies and Britain mean business and to not propose to let Germany run amok again in Europe. If the advance is sounded, the remembrance of the scenes through which we have travelled will spur us to high endeavour.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Friday	6	Der Waffenschmied von Worms	Lortzing
Saturday	6	Madame Butterfly	Puccini
Sunday	3	Götter-dämmerung	Wagner
Monday	6	Martha	Flotow
Tuesday	6	Joseph in Aegypten	Méhul

OLD ENGLISH DANCING.

AN INTERESTING DEMONSTRATION.

A very entertaining and instructive demonstration of English Folk dances was given in the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday evening and there was a large and appreciative attendance. The demonstration was organised by Miss Duking, a member of the Central staff and it says much for her ability and knowledge of the terpsichorean art that the artistes, who included several English soldiers and lady assistants of the Y.M.C.A. had only commenced their rehearsals a few days previously and yet managed to get through a very comprehensive programme without a hitch. In the main, the programme consisted of country and sword dances. The country dances were collected from English villages or taken from Playford's "English Dancing Master", 1650, a volume which has found a place in the British Museum. For a variety of reason only Yorkshire was represented in the two sword dances given. To those of us who hail from Cheshire or Lancashire they seemed rather familiar and evoked memories of festival days, and particularly Whit Monday in those counties. The artistes were attired in old English costumes. In addition at the dances a number of old folk songs were given, these being representative of Essex, Norfolk, and Cambridgeshire.

WOMEN'S THEATRE COMPANY.

The Women's Theatre Company, under the able direction of Miss Inez Bensusan, is giving by kind permission of the Church Army their first performance at the Empire Leave Club on Tuesday, 13 May at 7 p.m.

Besides the two amusing one act plays "Releasing a man" and. "A bit of Blighty" Mr Esmé Percy is playing in, and producing for the first time in Cologne, Sir John Hawkins' charming play, "A constant lover."

Songs by Gladys Norcott and Hilda Potts make up a delightful evening's programme and one that is sure to be enjoyed.

On Friday 16 inst. at 8 p.m. the first lecture at the club will be given by Major Arthur Bles, Town Major on "The War and its Ending." The Chair will be taken by Major General Sihem, C. B. Those who have not already had the pleasure of hearing Major Bles should not fail to take this opportunity.

DUREN DIVISIONAL THEATRE.

"MERRIE MUFFINS" IN "THE NAUGHTY WIFE."

The Divisional Theatre, at Duren, is filled in every part nightly and will doubtless continue to be, while "Ye Merrie Muffins" concert party remains in the town. This week "The naughty wife," a comedy in three scenes, is presented while next week, the "Muffins" will be seen "As you were."

The first part of the programme comprises variety items. From the moment that "Muffin" Davy introduces the troupe, till the final scene in the comedy, the audience is kept in perfect humour. "Muffin" Rae, a young Scottish singer of much promise, submits "Peaches in Georgia" with telling effect. Then the rich basso voice of "Muffin" coates, another Highlander, is heard to great advantage in the rendering of "Neptune". It would please audiences drawn so much from the kilted units to hear these two fine vocalists sing a few songs in their "mither tongue." "Muffin" Willson's singing of "Drake goes West" is a splendid effort. Unfortunately, time does not permit of the vocalists appearing more often. "Muffin" Lonsdale again takes the lead in several of the concerted items. He is a great favourite with the audiences, who appreciate the "go" he evinces in his work. "Muffin" Teddie scores many distinct hits. His female impersonations are great. "Muffin" Davy, the other lady in the party acts the part to a nicety, particularly in song and speech. Lieut. Reg. C. Matthews, the leading "Muffin," is the life of the company. In musical sketch, in concerted piece, or in comedy scene, he shines as a first class artiste. His work is marked by a neatness, originality and freshness of style which stamp him as an accomplished entertainer.

"The Naughty Wife" is a scream. As Hugh Seymour, Lieut. Matthews performs the part of a light-hearted, imperturbable husband to perfection, Teddie, as his wife, "Musie," acts admirably; "Muffin" Lonsdale gives a clever impersination of "Julie" and the "Mrs Winter" of Davy is done exceedingly well, "Muffin" Runacre plays the part of Basil in a manner that leaves nothing to be desired and "Muffin" Coates is amusing as the chuffeur. The play is staged with striking effect the scenes being Mr. Seymour's flat and his bungalow.

The troupe receives splendid assistance from a well trained orchestra under the leadership (during the first part of the programme) of "Mulfin Runacre, and during the second part, of "Muffin" Matheson.

153rd LABOUR COY. WHIST DRIVE.

The weekly whist drives of this Coy continue to attract great enthusiasm.

This week's drive took place at H. Q. left half Coy., Nippes, on Wednesday and was largely attended. The prizes consisting of two handsome keyless watches, two note wallets, both containing a "ünf mark" note for 1st and 2nd Ladies and Gents and two Booby prices (cigarette cases) were won by: Pte Couch (1st Ladies); Pte Hogg (1st Gents); Pte Butler (2nd Ladies); Pte Parsons (2nd Gents); Pte Yeates (Ladies Booby); Pte Lomas (Gent's Booby). Two hidden number prizes (20 mk. notes) were offered by Capt. Summers (R.A.O.C.) and Lieut. Greensmith (R.A.O.C.). But when the number was revealed, there were five competitors with the same no. Through the generosity of the officers present each man was given a 20 mark note.

Prizes were presented by Lt. H. Mason of the Coy. who was ably assisted in the arrangement by Sergt. Forsyth and Pte A. S. Newman. During the drive tea was served to the players and a keenly contested game was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

RHINELAND FOOTBALL REPORTS.

SOCCER IN SUMMER.

73rd ARMY BRIGADE R.G.A. FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

Although one should really be saying "good-bye" to the football season, and turning one's thoughts towards the recognised summer sports, the 73rd Army Brigade R.G.A. has been bold enough to start another Football Tournament in order to fill in the time before the arrival of cricket kit, and the completion of the grounds.

The first round was played on May 6th at Heide and resulted in a win for the Brigade Headquarters, the score being 2—1. In the first half after ten minutes even play, Sapper Wright, assisted by one of the Battery's backs, scored the first goal for Headquarters from a corner. There was no further score when the whistle blew for half time. During the second half the Battery equalised the score by rushing the ball through the Brigade goal after a spirited run down the field. Fortunately for the Headquarters, however, one of their opponents shot a goal against their own side, and so left them the winners by a goal.

For the Brigade Sapper Fowler played a very sound game throughout, and during most of the second half the team was greatly handicapped by having to play only ten men, as Lieut. Worfolk had to retire from the field temporarily incapacitated. For the Battery Bdr. Bryning played admirably and was the only man who seemed really dangerous.

MEDICOS BEAT GUNNERS.

481 SEIGE BATTERY R.G.A. V. No. 2 FIELD AMBULANCE.

Played at Rottgen on Tuesday. The game started at a fast rate both goals having narrow escapes in the first few minutes, some worrying play by Waite enabled Carr to open the score for the Ambulance. Stableton, of the Gunners, then made a splendid effort and equalised. Gross at this stage, played a fine game at back saving the Artillery goal on more than one occasion. Waite, however, with some good work enabled Carr again to place the Ambulance ahead. An penalty given against Cross was taken by Waite. The ball hit the upright, then, striking the goalkeepers arm, rebounded away up the field. Five minutes from half time, Carr got the Gunners defence tied up and Captain Edwards seized the opportunity and scored the 3rd goal for the Ambulance.

In the second half, Waite put across a well placed centre enabling Howarth to bang in the fourth goal for the Ambulance. The gunners then visited the other end and from a penalty against Boughton, Cross, with a shot which gave the goal-keeper not the fuintest chance, scored the Artillerys second goal, Waite later scored the "Medicos" fifth goal. Result: No. 2 Field Ambulance 5; 481 Battery R.G.A. 2.

5th CAMERONS SPORTS.

"A" Coy Inter-Platoon Championship.

This meeting was held at Geich and proved to be an unbounded success, despite the threatening aspect of the weather.

Had spikes been allowed the track would have been considered perfect. The running and jumping were exceptional good Officers competing for their platoons, counted points, but were not allowed is take prizes.

Outstanding among the competitors were Capt. D. Macdonald M.C. — who was Junior heavyweight champion athlete of Scotland in 1913 — with 5 firsts Lieut. Aird with 2, first, 2 seconds and 2 thirds and Ptes. Hunter, Whyte, Miller and Mackay.

Of the open events, the half mile was the best, being won by Lieut. Wallace, Camerons, from Lieut. Mackay R.E's by 3 yards.

The events were efficiently judged by Col. R. Campbell D.S.O., Capt. Mackie M.C., Capt. and Adjt. Evyler and Lieut. Fraser M.C. an ex-champion athlete of Buchan.

The arduous duties of recorder were skilfully carried out by 2 Lt. J.R.G. Bankock who, by the way made a great performance for his platoon in the Relay Race.

Capt. Grindall M.C. to whom the success of the meeting was mainly due, was responsible for the organisation and carrying out of the programme.

RESULTS.

Championship No. 1 Platoon 1st with 29 pts.
" 3 " 2nd " 23 "
" 4 " 3rd " 16 "
" 2 " 4th " 7 "

High Jump: 1, Capt. Macdonald M.C. (4 ft. 11 inch); 2, Lt. Aird (4 ft. 6½ inch); 3, Pte. Macdonald (4 ft. 2 inch); 4, Pte. Farquhar (4 ft. 1 inch).

880 Yards Final: 1, Pte. Melier, 2 Platoon; 2, Pte. Macmaster, 4 Platoon; 3, Pte. Smith, 3 Platoon. (Time 2 min. 38 Secs.)

100 yards Final: 1, Lieut. Aird, 3 Platoon; 2, Pte. Lapsley, 1 Platoon; 3, Pte. Forrest, 4 Platoon. (Time, 11 secs.)

Tug of War: 1, No. 4 Platoon; 2, No. 1 Platoon.

Weight: 1, Capt. Macdonald M.C., No. 1 Platoon (36 ft. 4 inch); 2, Lieut. Aird, 3 Platoon (33 ft. 4½ ins); 3 Pte. Mackae, (33 ft. ½ ins); 4, Pte. Macnaugnton (28 ft. 2½ ins).

Hammer: 1, Capt. Macdonald. 1 Platoon, (93 ft. 11½ ins); 2, Pte. Mackae, 1 Platoon (75 ft. ½ ins); 3, Pte. Fleming, 4 Platoon (68 ft. 7½ ins).

220 yards Final: 1, Lieut. Aird, 3 Platoon; 2, Pte. Lapsey, 1 Platoon; 3, Pte. Lorrimer, 3 Platoon.

440 yards Final: 1, Pte. Hunter, 3 Platoon; 2, Pte. Miller, 2 Platoon; 3, Lieut. Aird, 3 Platoon.

Hop Skip and Jump: 1, Capt. Macdonald, 1 Platoon (34 ft. 2½ ins); 2, Pte. Whyte, 2 Platoon (35 ft. 10 ins); 3, Lieut. Anskin, M.G., 1 Platoon (34 ft. 7 ins); 4, Sgt. Wright 1 Platoon 34 ft 5 ins).

Relay Race: 220 yards, 440 yards, 880 yards, 220 yards.

Won by No. 3 Platoon. Privates Hinter, Smith, Freeman, Duncan.

1, Mile Final: 1, Pte. Hunter 3 Platoon; 2, Pte. Macdonald 1 Platoon; 3, Lieut. Furlie 4 Platoon.

Long Jump: 1, Capt. Macdonald, 1 Platoon (16 ft. 6 ins); 2, Pte. Meurns 1 Platoon (15 ft. 10 ins); 3, Lieut. Aird, 3 Platoon, (15 ft. 10 ins); 4, Pte. Whyte 2 Platoon (15 ft. 2 ins).

OPEN EVENTS.

100 yards Final: 1, Pte. Andeur, H.Q. 48S Signals; 2, Pte. Mackinzie; 3, Lieut. Thom. T.M.B. (Time 11, 2—5 secs.)

880 yards Final: 1, Lieut. Wallace, Camerons; 2, Lieut. Mackay, R.E.S. Sigs; 3, Pte. Ingram, T.M.B. (Time 2 mins, 20⅘ secs.)

Lieut. Col. R. Campell D.S.O. presented the prizes and said how much he appreciated each event and the remarkably fine performances he had witnessed.

Miss Ellen Riggin, a girl swimmer, has beaten the world's record for 100 yards at the Carroll Club baths, Madison-avenue, New York. The bath is sixty feet long, and Miss Riggin did the hundred yards in 1min. 5 1-5secs. The previous best record (1min. 6sec.) was held by Miss Fanny Durack, of Australia.

AIRMEN SHARE THE HONOURS.

H.Q., 2nd BRIGADE, R.A.F. v. H.Q., 2nd WING.

At Bickendorf Zeppelin Hangar Ground. Neither team was at full strength. At the end of 20 minute play splendid combination on the part of the Brigade forwards ended in the centre-forward heading through a centre from the right. In the second half the Brigade, aided by the wind, made several attempts to get through but play was quickly carried to the other end, when, by an individual effort the wing centre deserved to get through but was bowled over at the critical moment. Resuming the attack, the Brigade almost scored when the outside right hit the upright with a rasping shot. In the last minute the 2nd Wing's right wing got through, the centre forward headed the ball past the goalkeeper, thus equalising the scores.

No further scoring took place and a very pleasant game ended with honours even.

ANOTHER "RAF" MATCH.

H.Q., 2ND BRIGADE, R.A.F. V 6TH BALLOON COY.

This match was played on at Bickendorf Zeppelin Hangar Ground the above ground on Saturday, last. The Brigade won the toss and defended the Hangar end against a stiff breeze. The Brigade forwards raided their opponents goal but could do anything but score. The Company's Left Wing retaliated and by judicious passing the centre forward (Ward) scored the first point with a well judged shot at close range. Rapid exchanges took place and both goalkeepers excelled during exciting tussles in the goal mouth. Just before half-time a run through by the brigade left culminated in an excellent centre which was neatly converted by Prudham. On resuming the Balloon Coy. were sorely pressed by the opposing forwards and when a goal semmed certain a defender handled. Hibble made an excellent save from the ensuing penalty, and brought off many excellent saves before he was beaten by the Brigade Centre-half with a deceptive dropping shot. This was repeated by the same player within a few minutes. The Brigade now had much their own way. A well combined effort resulted in the outside-left scoring from a well judged centre from the right wing. The Balloon Coy. made strenuous efforts to reduce the lead but the Brigade defence prevailed. When the whistle blew the Brigade were still pressing, Results: Brigade 4. Balloon Coy. 1.

GUNNERS TOUGH GAME.

175th v. 145th SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A.

These teams met on Sunday at Flamersheim Considerable interest was attached to the match as 145 Siege Battery, the visitors, had so far not lost a match, while 175 had only suffered defeat once when they lost to 185 by the odd goal in five. The homesters pressed for the first ten minutes. Cuttle soon tested Wheelden with a stinging shot and, altogether, the 145 defence had a warm time. Harcombe and Hoyle, however, were in grand form and kicked with rare judgement and strength. Eventually Lemons put Dome on the run, with a well judged pass. The wing man took the ball down and centred. Colley pounced on it and scored, but the referee ruled that the ball had past outside the upright.

Not in the least discouraged by this piece of bad luck, the visitors played up with great dash and Robson looked a scorer with only the goalkeeper to beat. The goalie, however, came out and cleared the shot in fine style. The first, and, at it proved, the only goal, came after 20 minutes play. Dome centred the ball and one of the home backs handled in the penalty area. From the ensuing penalty Lemons scored. 145 thoroughly deserved their lead.

A feature of the game which greatly amused the spectators was the way Wilcose dogged Cuttle's footsteps. It was a case of everywhere that Cuttle went, Wilcox was sure to go.

On recommencing, Done was soon away on the left wing with a pretty run. At the right moment, he passed to Colley, who had hard lines with a grand shot which just passed outside the post. Immediately afterwards the same player missed an easy chance when Causeaway centred the ball across the goal mouth.

The pace of the game seemed to tell on 175 for 145 were now doing all the pressing, and their forwards were always dangerous near goal. Lemons worked hard but was inclined to hang back too much on his halves. 145 might have drawn level on two occasions. Once when Bragg put a lovely shot in from the right wing which Wheeldon just cleared and again when Cuttle, from one of the few chances that came to his way, put the ball over the bar.

The end came with 145 still leading. The match was always fast and interesting to watch. Lt. Ward is to be congratulated on the way he handled the match. Result: 145 Siege Battery 1, 175 Siege Battery nil.

HIGHLANDERS CONTEST CLOSE GAME.

HEADQUARTERS SIGNAL SECTION v. "D" COY 51st GORDONS.

"Two's up" was the result of this game, played at Duren, on Monday afternoon. The weather was too warm for football, but a pretty lively game was witnessed. At the outset, "D" Coy, were the the aggressors, and after five minutes play opened the scoring through Wylie. Later on, the "Sigs" came more into the game and a good chance was thrown away by Moyes. He had only the goalie to beat, but shot straight into his hands. The remainder of the half was slightly in favour of "D" Coy; but no more goals were scored before the interval. Early in the second half Buchanan put "D" Coy, 2 goals up with a soft shot which the keeper could have saved with a little exertion. The "Sigs" put on a spurt after this, and play was more evenly contested. McCombe reduced the lead for them and they tried hard for the equaliser. This they got in the last minute of the game from a disputed penalty kick, Lieut. Brown making no mistake with his shot. On the play, "D" Coy were unlucky only to draw. Their defence was sound and the forwards played well together. Their best players were Morrison, Longmuir, Lenagham, Gillespie and McDonald. The "Sigs" play was too ragged, and Harvey, Lieut. Brown, M.C., McCuire, Lieut. McGregor, and Robertson were the only men who played up to their usual standart.

Captain Robert MacFadyen (Seaforth Highlanders) has been appointed secretary of the Prestwick St. Nicholas Golf Club, in place of Mr. James Robb (ex-amateur champion), who now takes over the duties of hon. treasurer.

CRICKET.

WIN FOR 8th FIELD AMBULANCE.

At Efferen on Tuesday, the 8th Field Ambulance (R.A.M.C.) defeated 70 Siege Battery by 5 runs. Hardaker and Cousins displayed capital form for the winners and the first named bowled excellently. On the losers side, Renyard and Salmon batted with sound judgement.

Details: 8th Field-Ambulance: Fox b. Sgt. Crook 4; Arnold b. Gnr. Root 3; Cousens b. Farquhar son 21; Watman b. Rott 3; Sgt. Fryer b. Sgt. Crook 1; Hardacre Run out 12; Brown b. Renyard 4; Pol; Powell b. Farquahson 2; Driver b. Renyard 0; Izard not out 0; Sharp b. Renyard 0; Extras 2. Total 52.

70th Siege Battery: Sgt. Mugglestone b. Driver Brown; Renyard c. Hardaker b. Fryer 12; Gunner Run out 11; Sgt. Crook b. Hardaker 2; Salmon (Capt.) b. Cousins 10; Farquahson b. Hardaker 0; Gaskell b. Hardaker 0; McKinley c. Fox. b. Cousins 2; Clayton b. Cousins 3; Root b. Harduker 1; Mayall, not out 2; Extras 1; Total 47.

A BUNCH OF "DUCKS".

185 v. 174 SIEGE BATTERIES, R.G.A.

In a cricket match played at Weidesheim, between 185 Siege Battery and 174 Siege Battery a regrettable incident occured at the commencement of the game. Major Moss M.C., of 174 Siege Battery, after shaping well, played a ball on to his face, which seriously injured his nose. He was forced to retire.

DETAILS:

174 Siege Battery: Major Moss M.C., Retired hurt 1; Gnr. Wallace, c.Mc.Guckin b. Seaworthy 5; Gnr. Pleace, c. Mc.Guckin b. Seaworthy 0; Sgt. Box, c.Mc.Guckin b. Lt. Hitchcock 1; Lt. Blyton, c.Mc.Guckin b. Seaworthy 0; Gnr. Crawford, c. Mc.Guckin b. Seaworthy 0; Gnr. Shinherd, bd Lt.Hitchcock 0; Gnr. Gates, c.Clark bd. Seaworthy 0; Gnr. Baker, Std. Mills bd. Seaworthy 0; Gnr Thompson, bd. Lt. Hitchcock 4; Gnr. Lock, not out. 0; Byes, 1; Total 12.

185 Siege Battery:

Sgt. Mc.Guckin, c Lock b. Thompson 8; Gnr. Radford, std. Lt. Blyton 5; Lt. Hitchcock, b. Thompson 5; S.M. Mills, l.b.w. Barker 3; Capt. Pratt, b. Barker 1; Lt. Amos, b. Thompson 5. Gnr. Gray, ran out 4; Gnr. Smith, b. Thompson 3. Bdr. Parr, c Crawford b. Thompson 0; Bdr. Seaworthy, not out 4; Gnr. Clark, Bd. Crawford 12. Extras, 4; Total, 54.

A feature of the match was the remarkable catching of Sgt. Mc.Guckin, who caught out 5 players in succession, and the bowling Bd Seaworthy who downed 6 wickets for 3 runs.

NEWMARKET RACES.

The two-thousand Guineas.

The weather continued to be fine for the second day of the Newmarket meeting on Wednesday when the 2,000 guineas was won by the Panther, the late Derby favourite: The results for the day were:

Barlow Plate: 1, Lovely Nightie (4—1); 2, Look Ahead (even); 3, Belle I. (4—1); Five ran. Won by two lengths; the same between second and third.

Chippenham Plate: 1, St. Tudwal (100—6); beat D'Orient. Two ran. Won by six lengths.

Two-thousand Guineas:

1, The Panther (10—1) Cooper.
2, Buchan (100—8) Smythe.
3, Dominion (100—6) A. Smith.

Also ran Tanjiers, Laurentian, Lord Basil, Iron Hand, Knight of Blyth, African Star, Bruffbridge, and Stephen the Great.

The field got off smartly from a good start Buchan leading tightly from Stephen the Great with Dominion, Bronbridge and the Panther close up for six furlongs. The Panther then challenged Buchan and won by a neck. Three quarters of a length separated the second and third. Bruffbridge was a close fourth, Lord Basil fifth and Iron Hand last. Lord Basil and Stephen the Great started joint favourites, 2—1 each.

Bretby Handicap: 1, Freesia (9—2); 2, Violinist 8—1); 3, Viviane (9—2); Nine ran. Won by a head; a length between second and third.

Wilbraham Plate: 1, Beanfeast (20—1); 2, Fair Helen (10—1); 3, Morcia Blanche (5—1). Nineteen ran. Won by three-quarters of a length; a neck between second and third.

Somersham Plate: 1, Cyclist (7 to 1 on); 2, Rowland (10—1).

PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE TWO-THOUSAND GUINEAS.

1909	Minoru.
1910	Neil Gow.
1911	Sunstar.
1912	Sweeper II.
1913	Louvois.
1914	Kennymore.
1915	Pommern.
1916	Clarissimus.
1917	Gay Crusader.
1918	Gainsborough.

War Worn Horses.

The Richmond Royal Horse Show, to be held on the 4th and 5th of July is likely to attract an enormous amount of interest. An outstanding feature in the saddle section this year is the class for Troop Horses that have seen military service. This event is unique in the history of shows. For the first time it is possible to arrange a class for horses that have actually gone through a campaign, and it will afford the public an opportunity of seeing some of the famous animals that have helped us to win the War. Horses entered in this class must either bear the Government brand mark, or if privately owned must furnish official evidence of time and nature of service. The King is presenting a valuable Silver Cup as first prize in this class; the Lord Mayor of London, and the R.S.P.C.A., other cups as second and third prizes.

RUNNING AND WALKING FIXTURES.

MAY.

3.—Road Walking Association 12 miles walking race, Snaresbrook.
7.—Herne Hill H. (evening).
7.—S.C.C.C.A. Services' relay.
10.—Aldershot Command relays and tug-of-war.
17.—Surrey Walking Club 7 miles walk, Hackbridge.
24.—Y.M.C.A. Empire Day carnival, Stamford Bridge.
29.—Finchley H., Paddington (evening).

JUNE.

9.—Woking Fete.
14.—Aldershot Command Inter-Unit meeting.
21.—Polytechnic H. "Sporting Life" £500 Marathon Trophy race.

JULY.

5.—A.A.A. Championships, Queen's Club.
12.—City Police A.C., Leyton.
19.—Woolwich Polytechnic H. Open Meeting.
26.—Printers's Charity. Herne Hill.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Friday, May 9, 1919.

Wind between East and South-East, 10—15 m.p.h. Weathsr fair mostly but with a tendency to thunder towards evening. Day visibility good. Very warm

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

Rhine Officers Sports Club.

The opening ceremony of the Rhine Army Officers Sports Club on Wednesday, was generally voted by the large number present to be a particularly happy jollification. The Stadtwald, Lindenthal, where the club has the use of no fewer than sixteen tennis courts is an ideal place for spending an enjoyable summer afternoon, containing within its beautifully shaded precincts facilities for indulgence in all manner of enjoyable diversions. The cricket ground there is practically completed and a few days should see a busy cricketing period started. Rumour hath it the palatial club house is to be converted into a real old style country club wherein meals will be served. Such an idea is full of attractive possibilities and it is to be hoped that, for once, Rumour is truthful.

Mrs. Cox, Unlimited!

A little while ago, it was announced that the well-known Army Agents (whom a wag recently designated as per the title of this paragraph) were to open a branch of their bank in Hohestrasse Cologne, for the convenience of officers stationed and passing through here. It now transpires that the circulator of thi information was a little premature, as we are informed by bankers themselves that for the present, at all events, it is not proposed thus to extend the business. How do these rumours get abroad!

A Warning to Bathers.

At this season of the year it is no uncommon thing to read in the newspapers in England of bathing fatalities in practically every place where a "dip" is possible. The Thames is notoriously a profitic life taker on account of its treacherous currents and whirlpools and the posting of many notices along its banks is rightly considered necessary. How much more dangerous is the Rhine, as a bathing place, may be imagined when it is pointed out that the current exceeds by at least four times in point of swiftness that of the Thames. As one of the most attractive of summer pastimes, swimming is bound to attract many devotees during the warm weather and to those people who are tempted to try a dip in the Rhine, allow me to recommend a trip to Dormagen, a pretty little spot about a mile along the bank, where a delightful back-water offers wonderfully tempting facilities. Only the strongest of swimmers are able to negotiate the eddies that abound in all parts of the stream proper.

THE RAMBLER.

THE FORCES HORSE SHOW.

Royal Naval, Military, and Air Force Tournament.

After an interval of five years, the Tournament will be resumed on 28th June and remain open until 12th July at Olympia. A feature of this year is the extension of the title to include the Royal Air Force as the third great service.

The Tournament will this year be unique. It will be given, so far as the soldiers are concerned, by the newer Army direct from France and will therefore be comprehensively national. In 1914 the Tournament, on the military side, was given by officers and men of the British Expeditionary Forces. Not long after closing the show, those ranks, horses and guns which had so delighted the record "Houses" of that year, trod in the gateway to Paris earning immortal fame. The show of this year is in consequence something of a memorial to the "Old Contemptibles" by the newer Forces although, happily, some of the old will again return. The Navy too, a great factor in the show, will have old and new ratings, and the Air Force comes in young and vigorous.

A War Demonstration.

The principal section of the programme will be a demonstration by troops of the method of attack in France. The Tanks, the Infantry assault, the Machine Gun rush and the Artillery barrage will all come into it. It will not be a "fight" but a demonstration of method; an exhibition of the skill and labour involved in modern military movement. It will interest all, for it will be the first clear demonstration of a section of the Great Line in operation.

The Chairman of the Tournament is a famous Guards Commander, Major-General G.P.T. Fielding D.S.O., who is G.O.C. London District, the Vice-Chairman is Brigadier-General F. C. Alston, D.S.O.

The honorary Secretary and Manager is again Brigadier-General Sir C. W. King, the Director of Supplies of the original B.E.F. The Sub-Committee Chairman is Lieut.-General Sir A. F. Codrington. The Committee embraces Commodores Harry L. Skipwith, N. Bax, Robin C. Dalgish, and Arthur B. S. Dutton of the Royal Navy; Major W. K. Garnier, Royal Marines; Colonel R. B. Campbell (Physical Training Inspector); Lieut.-Colonel W. W. Jolf for the Royal Artillery; Lieut.-Colonel Le Q. Martel for the Royal Engineers; Lieut.-Colonel J. F. C. Fuller for Infantry; Colonel G. T. Dalby, School of Musketry; Lieut.-Colonel B. L. Sherbrooke, for Machine Gunners; Major F. H. Hotblack for the Tank Corps; Brigadier-General W. K. Tauver for the R.A.S.C.; Colonel C. R. Tyrrell for the R.A.M.C.; Colonel M. H. Egan for the R.A.O.C.; Brigadier-General J. G. Hearson and Lieut.-Colonel E. G. H. Clarke and H. St. Clair Smallwood for the Royal Air Force; Colonel Viscount Valentia for Yeomanry, and Brigadier-General the Earl of Lucan for the Territorial Force.

WONDERFUL SOCCER RECORD.

Everton and Notts Forest, winners of the Lancashire and Midland Section honours respectively, meet in home-and-home matches on May 10 and 17 for the League championship proper. The first game will be played at Nottingham, the second at Goodison Park.

The Goodison Park team won the Lancashire Section championship with the following wonderful record:—

P.	W.	D.	L.	For.	Agst.	Pts.
30	27	2	1	108	26	56

Forest, in winning the leadership of the Midland Section, performed capably in many games, but their figures do not compare favourably with those of Everton. Here is the Forest's record:—

P.	W.	D.	L.	For.	Agst.	Pts.
30	18	6	6	59	31	42

The season's form points to Everton coming successfully through both tests, says the *Daily Express*. Certainly, the Forest have no forwards anything like as deadly as Gault and Cleemell. Gault is the champion shot of the season, and Clemmell has also a big bag of goals to his credit.

BRAVERY AT WESTHOVEN.

AN EXPLOSION AN ITS SEQUEL.

About two months ago a terrific explosion took place in the Artillery Depot near Westhoven. German workpeople were engaged in removing the explosive material from sixteen inch shells, and it was owing to some accident duriug this process that the explosion occured. Several of the German workpeople who were mostly girls, were killed outright, a larger number were injured, whilst to make matters worse a serious fire broke out making further explosions very probable. A number of men from No. 1 Section of the London H.A.C. whose lines were 250 yards away at once ran across to give help, and were the first to assist in removing the wounded. A fire hose was then got to work and two of these brave artillerymen, Gunner C. Baynton and Driver W. M. Hurst held the nozzle of the hose close to the burning shed although in the event of a second explosion, which seemed very likely, they would certainly have been killed. The same two men had been amongst the most daring in removing the wounded.

At an inspection on Saturday last, Brig.-Gen. Oldfield, the C.R.A. of the division, congratulated these men on their bravery and announced that both were to receive the Meritorious Service Medal. Baynton and Hurst are both on the point of demobilization and the award is a fitting close to a long war service. The bestowal of this honour has given much satisfaction to the men's comrades with whom they were very popular

SHORTHAND CLASSES.

Afternoon or evening classes in the Sloan-Duployan method of shorthand will be held in the Army College, Cologne, provided that there is a sufficient number of applicants.

All troops, living in or near Cologne, who wish to take up this subject should see Capt. Bassford, Army General and Commercial College Hansa-Ring, Cologne, if possible before Saturday. May 10th. The office will be open for this purpose between the hours of 14.00—15.00 and 17.00—18.00.

CENTRAL CLASSES — ARMY TROOPS.

The afternoon classes for Army Troops will re-commence during the week beginning May 19th, as follows: —

MONDAY AND THURSDAYS.

Arithmetic (Commercial and Workshop), Elementary Mathematics (including Workshop Mathematics), German, Geography, Shorthand (Pitman's), Building Construction.

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WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS.

Commercial Correspondence, Book-keeping.

Army troops who wish to jouin these classes or to prepare either for a full course at one of the Army Colleges, or for the Army First Class Certificate Examination, should see the officer in charge of Education in their units. G.H.Q. personnel should apply direct to the Education Officer, Army Troops, at the Army College, Hansa-Ring, at 14.00 hrs at 17.00 hrs.

UTOPIAN SOLDIERING.

A DAY WITH THE UMPTEENTH M. G. C.

(With apologies to the 3rd.)

To begin with, we rise, and readers will at once realise that this is indeed a noble beginning bearing in mind how hard it is to tear oneself from the luxurious snow-white sheets and comfy eiderdowns.

After a good tub of hot water with Erasmic and Vinolia soap and a delightful shave with the best Gillettes we repair to our Dining Hall — Here we find an example other units might well copy. The following is a specimen of our daily menu.

Breakfast: Coffee, Rolls, Dairy Butter and eggs, with ham, whilst every other day we have in addition some lovely sole.

Dinner: Roast Beef or Mutton, Sauce, Potatoes, Beans, Carrots, Onions and Pickles, Milk Puddings, Butter, Cheese, Warrior Port, Coronas and Coffee.

Tea: Bread, Butter, Cream, Tea, Lettuce, Watercress, Light Pastries and Cakes. Meat.

Supper: Soups various, Bread, Cheese, Beer and Wines.

Our Corporals' room is indeed a close rival to the Ritz and to those familiar with the many delightful modernisms of the Ritz, a description of this room is unnecessary.

After a mornings work, carried out to the enlivening strains of our Drum and Bugle Band, which our natural modesty forbids us comparing to that of the Royal Artillery or J. P. Sousa's, or even the Modern Jazz) we take Dinner (as above), at 12.30 hours.

In the afternoon being distinctly manly men we naturally repair to the playing fields where Football, Cricket, Hockey, Baseball, Lawn Tennis, Rounders and Leapfrog etc., etc., are indulged in with great zest.

At 16.30 hours we take tea.

After tea we stroll along to our Electric Cinema de Luxe where pictures calculated to please the most fastidious are to be seen. Here we enjoy the lovely cushioned tip-up seats and inhale with delight the exquisite brands of tobacco and cigarettes smoked by our comrades.

Ad 20.00 hours we take supper.

At about 22.00 hours, fatigued to a degree that just makes sleep a repose of charm, and not (as to many) the welcome relief to a tired and worn body, we retire to our Spring Mattresses, Snowy Sheets and Eiderdowns, don our delicately perfumed pyjamas and assume a recumbent position, and thus ends another of our perpetually perfect days. G. H. T.

Proprietor (just demobilised)—Yus, I've been through it—officer's cook two years—been wounded twice. Tommy (tasting the soup)—You're lucky, mate. It's a wonder they didn't kill yer.

Poet—Ah, once a Bohemian, always a Bohemian. A Bohemian never changes. Friend—No. Not even his collar.

Clergyman.—You should do as you want to be done by. Young Hopeful—But I don't want to be done by anybody.

Artist (to wife, reading letter from sister). Was her wedding a success? Wife— Oh, yes! She received seventy-nine presents!

Fred—They tell me at your office you are only one of the clerks, and you said you were a director. Charles—So I am. I direct the envelopes.

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ARMY RELEASE.

"EXTREME COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS."

An Army Council Instruction issued recently gives a definition of the expression "extreme compassionate grounds," used in a previous order, as a reason for granting the release of a soldier from the Service. It is explained that the expression applies to, and is limited to, warrant officers, N.C.O.s, and men falling within one or more of the following categories:

SON, who has a widowed mother in necessitous circumstances with two or more children dependent upon her; no child being capable of earning and the mother herself being incapable of earning.

GRANDSON, who has a grandparent or grandparents in necessitous circumstance with two or more great-grandchildren or grandchildren dependent upon him, her, or them; no great-grandchild or grandchild being capable of earning and being wholly dependent on the grandparent or grandparents being incapable of earning and dependent on grandson.

HUSBAND, whose wife is in necessitous circumstance and is a chronic invalid and wholly dependent on the soldier, either without children or, if with children, no child being capable of earning.

WIDOWER, with two or more children under 14 years of age and no near relation to look after them. The expression "near relation" for this purpose shall be interpreted as parent, grandparent, brother and sister of the soldier.

A release on extreme compassionate grounds shall not be extended to:

Soldiers serving on regular engagements whose period of colour service has not expired,

Soldiers who volunteer for service in the Armies of Occupation,

without reference to the War Office.

DEMOBILIZED OFFICERS AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

BANDIED FROM PILLAR TO POST.

Prominent attention has been directed to the case of the demobilized officer by Sir Douglas Haig's story of one with the V.C., D.S.O., and M.C. trudging in vain through the streets of London in search of work.

There are, as he said, many such cases, and it is suggested that all is not quite as it should be with the official machinery that has been set up to deal with this problem. From the very beginning the results have been unsatisfactory. In the months of October and November, 1917, to take two typical periods, it cost more than £4 a head to find men appointments, and in these two months only 120 were placed.

Out of a total number of 139,000 applications including a certain number of men as well as officers, only 4,130, up to the time of the last return some days ago, had been found appointments. By far the greater proportion of the applicants, disgusted with being bandied from pillar to post, have given up all hope of finding employment through this channel, but 5,000 or more are still on the books waiting for something to turn up.

An authority who discussed the whole position with a representative of the *Daily News* on Monday, pointed to the urgent need for the Ministry to get into closer touch with employers of labour. At present, he said, employers generally have no confidence in the methods of the Ministry of Labour, and will not use their register. "The Ministry," he suggested, "should have men of undeniable business capabilities spending their whole time in interviewing the largest employers of labour, enlisting their sympathy in the scheme, and in keeping the Ministry in actual living touch with employers throughout the country."

A BIRMINGHAM EXPERIMENT.

A Birmingham correspondent of the *Daily News* writes:

Birmingham is experimenting with a new type of tramway, which it is proposed to incorporate in the ambitious town-planning schemes now being undertaken.

A number of arterial roads, 110 and 120 feet in width, will be a feature of the new Birmingham. Along these roads it is intended to run a raised tramway, with a carriage way on each side for up and down traffic respectively, flanked by spacious walking ways beneath which all the pipes will be laid for gas, electricity, water drainage, and such services.

Work is now in hand towards making a trial of the raised tramway in Pebble Hill-lane, on the south-west side of the city. It will be an independent line, on which no other traffic will be allowed except at certain appointed crossings. Occupying altogether a width of 33ft. along the middle of the road, it will carry double tracks. It will be raised on sleepers 8in. or 9in. above the carriage ways, the intervals betwen the sleepers being turfed where practicable or, in the alternative, filled in with gravel.

How far the sleeper tramway is a solution of the traffic problem is still a matter of controversy. It is agreed, however, that it would be much less noisy than the present system and much more economical, as the life of rails and rolling stock would be prolonged. Comparatively light construction would, it is thought, suffice.

CHUCKLE A WHILE.

An American naval commander, on arrival in Scottish waters, was signalled to anchor at the Forth Bridge. After cruising about for hours the officer signalled back this message:— "Have searched this brook from mouth to source. Have found the first bridge all right, but I'm blest if I can find the second, let alone the third or fourth!"

At a meeting of a board of guardians a member was welcomed back after a long illness. The chairman, in the course of his speech, said:—

"I am sure I express the sentiments of all here when I say that we are glad to have amongst us again Mr——. And I hope he will now take care of himself, for we all know that 'one live ass is better than a dead lion any day.'"

A little four-year-old boy had been unusually unruly.

He had received reprimands, threats, and finally mild corporal punishment from his father. With wounded dignity the child mounted the stairs to his mother's room.

"Mother," he said, in a voice of exasperation, "I can't stand that husband of yours much longer."

There had been a heavy downfall of rain, and the district railway manager was quickly on the warpath. He telegraphed along different sections of the line as follows: "Send full particulars of the flood."

Now there was a man on a particular section of the line where no flooding had taken place, and he decided that the message was a joke, so he wired back as follows: "Look in the Book of Genesis."

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

HATRED WITHOUT END!

If there is any branch of science in which the Germans can claim to have surpassed us it is that dealing with the inculcation of the spirit of hatred. The World War has revealed this fact to us, and it speaks well for the German propagandists when we say that the hatred of the Central Powers for those of the Allies was little short of complete.

There is a great difference between the dislike we have for the Germans and that of the Germans for us, each the result of a different form of growth.

The latter is of much longer standing than the former, more fermented, more hideous.

The Germans realised long before 1914 that if they were to have World Power, England must be reduced first of all to a secondary consideration. That little island, with its hundreds of appendages throttled the whole situation and nothing could be done until she was subdued. Accordingly, a hatred sprang up within the German people. To foster this most necessary element of war the Government placed at the disposal of the people sheet upon sheet of false statements anent the British. Thus this spirit of loathsomeness was made to grow, examples of which can be seen in the reports of the Commission of the treatment of Prisoners of War, in the outrages which from time to time have been committed, and in the medallions and commemorations instituted in honour (and disgrace) of these offences.

Wir lieben vereint, wir hassen vereint,
Wir haben nur einen einzigen Feind
England.

It is interesting to note a recent article in the *Welt am Montag* on this subject of hatred, and of how the spirit was fostered by means of deception. In the bringing of victory to the Central Powers, hatred has proved futile, and now's relegated merely to the purpose of encouraging antagonism between the various parties in the new republic.

Responsibility for militarisation of Europe.

We have hated, we hate, we are hated: shall it be endless?" Says the writer.

"Our delegates have gone to France. Slowly the train was driven across the desert of which a war declared by us and carried out according to our methods has changed the most fertile part of France. Hate accompanied them. Hate received them. Hate dictated peace terms. Hate and — fear. Fear of a Germany that only has become pacifist by chance, but remained militarist at the bottom of her heart.

"The worst sin I reproach to our Government is that it has neglected to enlighten our own people and to disperse the clouds which the official lies have caused. All the world knows that Germany is to be indebted for the outbreak of war; that we are responsible for the militarism of Europe, for we prevented disarmamen and court of arbitration at The Hague conferences that we rejected any attempt of international agreement in July 1914; that, by tolerating the ultimatum of Vienna against Serbia, we put the slow match to the barrel of powder; that we explained the war declaration to France with fraudulent assertions; and that by breaking the neutrality of Belgium and Luxembourg we represented ourselves from the beginning to be less scrupulous than the others from the point of view of morality.

"But German people in its majority do not know this as yet. It still believes in that fairy tale of surrounding politics, of the war forced upon us, and of the unneutral behaviour of Belgium.

"All the world knows too, that Germany was the cause of the endless prolongation of war; that already in 1915 there was an opportunity to get into touch with England through the medium of The Hague, but that the Foreign Office rejected violently the attempt of mediation of the Dutchman, Dresselnuys (naturally on the inducement of the military authorities); that in 1916, a favourable peace could have been obtained by Wilson's adjustment, but we preferred to promise to Mexico some American provinces and to start the aggravated submarine warfare.

"The German people in its majority is still thinking that always we have been ready for peace but that the others were full of unrestrained love of war.

German warfare distinguished for inhumanity.

"All the world knows that German warfare had distinguished itself by particular lack of consideration, not to say inhumanity. The reason of it was, partially, that we did not only make war in a foreign country, but also we were superior to the others in technics. But it remains that we, by sinking with our U-boats, merchant and passengers ships without warning fixed up as a system a specially exciting form of violation of international law; that we gave a most vile example in using poisoned gas and flame-throwers; and that by our aerial attacks on open English towns, which were totally senseless from the military point of view, we aroused a feeling of hate between the multitude of English people.

But German in its majority still believes that we restricted ourselves to the necessities of war and safeguarded faithfully the right of nations, whilst the others, the Baralong murderers, were beasts in human figures.

All the world knows that German propaganda abroad left behind everything concerning atrocity that in America, when she had not yet entered the war, we abused parts of our official representation to every form of corruption and force; It is known, too, that we made use of the sacredness of diplomatic intercourse to smuggle explosive stuffs to neutral countries like Norway, Sweden, and Switzerland, with the destination to injure our enemies, that we tried by most abominable means to bring to high treason Irish and other prisoners.

"The German people in its majority is still speaking faithfully of the propaganda of lies of others, of the campaign of bribery of English and American agents, of the murder of Casement etc.

"He who has but an idea of the sins of our former rulers, realises the world atmosphere of hate which surrounds us. But the majority of the German people do not know the things yet.

"But it ought to know them, unless it will oppose to hate nothing else than hate again. So that the world remains what it was during the past four years: A single theatre of war.

The continuance or otherwise of gas and electricity rationing is to be decided this month.

Soldiers released for munition work who have been discharged from the Army since the armistice need not return their uniforms to the depot.

It was suggested at a Chichester council meeting that the tank which is to be given to the city should be kept "for children to play in" in a park.

King George's Fund for Sailors has received £1,000. part of a contribution sent to the Queen by Illinois (U.S.A.) Daughters of the British Empire.

Oliver Cromwell's letters to Richard Mayor, father-in-law of his son Richard, on Monday at Sotheby's fetched £470; and Robert Burns's autograph of the "Banks of Doon" £300.

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Gabrielle Paul and Lt. S. E. Percy.
Songs ... ... Hilda Potts.

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All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank, name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

THE COLOGNE OPERA.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—Your correspondent A. F. Jones, writing of "Rigoletto," is particular, and Opera in General in your issue of the 2nd inst. makes a curious statement. He says "opera productions in England are usually better than those to be heard here." The last two words of that sentence give the trend of his thoughts, which are in my humble opinion quite wrong. Putting aside for the moment the actual *production* — for what does the intelligent person go to the opera? Merely to hear good music well sung? Surely not. Music is merely one of the elements which go to make up an artistic whole. Wagner's view was that the music was merely an item, another move in fact of producing action or emotion. that is to say to through the ear instead of the eye. Most people know that colour can be conveyed to the mind by music. Fear, hate and love are as easily translatable through the same medium. It follows, therefore. that if one goes to the opera merely to *hear* it one loses half the joy of the feast, so to speak. The music should be absorbed — in conjunction with the setting, beauty of scenery, lighting effects and *acting.* That is the true way to appreciate an opera, which after all is only a drama with all its comedy, tragedy and love enhanced by music. Nowhere in England, may I ask, can one see an opera so magnificently *produced* and well-acted? In London, it is true, one can hear the world's most splendid songsters, and generally also see the worst acting. Caruso as Don Juan, the ardent young lover of Carmen, — ye gods! his voice is perfect, yes, but his acting, to say the least, mediocre. Tetrazzini as the beautiful heroine of La Traviata! — singing peerless I grant, vocal gymnastics wonderful, but figure, acting, expression? No; in England the vocal and orchestral side of the performance is beyond criticism, but the rest of the elements which go to make up the complete performance as visualized by the composer and the librettist (who by the way is too often forgotten) have been to a great extent ignored and especially the acting. If one's idea of enjoyment of an opera is merely to hear it, — one should not go to the opera house, for that purpose the Concert Hall is the place.

L.C.S.

WHIST DRIVES.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.— Your correspondent "N.F." will perhaps be glad to know that a weekly Whist Drive is one of the fixed items of the British Empire Leave Club Entertainments, and is to be held on Thursday from 6.30 to 9 p.m. commencing on Thursday 15th May. The Controller of Entertainments will be delighted to have the assistance of any N.C.O.'s or Men who are really keen on the game.

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JUSTICE AND RIGHT.

To say that the Germans are feeling acute humiliation over the terms on which they can have Peace is merely to record the obvious.

Amid the general chorus of "Germany will never sign", however, is heard here and there the voice of a thinking German that "Germany caused the war and therefore must pay; but it is hard that proud Germany shall be reduced from a first class to a third class power."

Even now, here in British Occupied Territory, the German people, thankful that they are under the protecting shield of the British Empire, do not know that it was Germany which introduced poison gas!

Is it to be wondered at that they are ignorant of other and bigger factors-the secret plottings of absconded Monarchs and Ministers-wich have brought a foully deceived people to this pass?

Germany can pay and must pay.

It must pay in treasure and trade. In those things which count for more than either of these things, more than thrones and Empires, will it rise again on a foundation of Justice and Right.

But in humble penitence it must undergo the weary and painful travail of new birth.

PROTEST OF THE PRUSSIAN ASSEMBLY.

OUR OLD FRIEND KULTUR.

On Thursday the Peace Commission of the German Government, in a sitting lasting five hours, occupied itself with the draft Treaty of Peace of the Allies and unanimously upon the policy to be pursued by the delegates at Versailles.

Prime Minister Scheidemann compared the fourteen points of President Wilson with the draft Treaty of Peace communicated yesterday. He said: "The present day, which finally, after the six months' torture of the Armistice, has acquainted us with the chief items of the peace terms of our enemies, signifies the lowest degree of Germany's abasement. No matter whether we accept or not, we would still be pushed lower to the more hopeless ruin of the State and the Nation. Gentlemen! We shall be standing by the grave of the German people it these Peace terms are ratified by contract. The Government is trusting to arrive at an agreement by negotiation.

"When Count Rantzau said in the name of the delegation: We shall examine with a good will the document which you have delivered to us, hoping that all will be able to sign the final result of our meeting', he said it in absolute agreement with the Government. We shall fight this battle with all our strength, with yours also, and I hope with the strength of our whole people."

The Prussian Prime Minister, Herr Hirsch, quoted Shakspeare in his speech. "To be, or not to be; that is the question," he said, "the whole people must stand united behind their Government, that it can fulfil its duty. The saddest day in German history must find a strong generation."

The Vice-President, Dr. Frenzel, added "We protest with energy against these conditions, which would make us unable to fulfil the task of Kultur which we must pursue if we want to live."

After the speech of the Prime Minister to the Peace Committee had met with unanimous approval, the President of the National Assembly submitted a manifesto, in which the leaders of all parties opposed the Treaty of Peace in its present form.

Herr Fehrenbach, the President, intends to convoke the National Assembly at Berlin on Monday next.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT APPEAL.

Headed "An appeal to the German people by the Government of the Empire." The following has been issued: —

"The sincere will of Peace of our much suffering people found a first answer in the extraordinarily hard conditions of the Armistice. The German people had laid down their arms and fulfilled honestly the conditions of the Armistice, hard as they were. The German people bore all their burdens with confidence in the promise given by the Allies in their note of the 15th November 1918, that Peace would be a Peace of Right on the basis of the fourteen points of President Wilson.

"Instead of that we are offered something which is unbearable for the German people and unrealizable with the utmost exertion.

"The German Government will answer this proposal of a Peace of Right on the basis of a durable peace between the people. The deep agitation which has seized all circles of the German people proves that the German Government expresses the united will of the people. The German Government will make every possible effort to acquire for the German people the same freedom of work in Economics and Kultur, which the Allies will give to all people of Europe.

"Without difference of parties may Germany unite herself in the common will to protect the German folk and the acquired liberty. The whole thought, and whole will of the nation belongs now to the work for the conservation and rebuilding of our Fatherland. The Government call upon all, in this serious hour, to hold out in reciprocal confidence on the way of duty and in the faith of the victory of Reason and Right."

(Signed) The President of the German Republic
EBERT
The German Government
Scheidemann, Preuss, Dernburg, David, Erzberger, Noske, Wissell, Schmidt, Bauer, Bell.

THE FRENCH PRESS NOT QUITE SATISFIED.

The *Petit Journal* says "If we examine only the great lines we must admit the efforts of Justice and Equity made by the authors of this document, unique in the history of the world, in order to give satisfaction to the legitimate claims of the people who have suffered under the criminal aggression of Germany.

"The Treaty does not bring to the people concerned all reparations which could have been expected' but it constitutes nevertheless an honourable compromise which deserves to be received with satisfaction."

The *Echo de Paris*: "The French Ministers have pledged our signature. We cannot go back on what has been done. Let us draw the best from what we have and let us not ignore its value because we wanted it greater."

The *Humanite*: "There will be no Frenchman who on reading the Treaty will not feel a deep joy at the sight of the consecration on so many points of this principle of nationalities for which France shed her blood. The dead have not died in vain. Hard as our conditions are, they are mild in comparison with those which the Germans intended to impose on us had they been victorious.

"If the German delegates find them too hard they have only to visit for a week the vast cemetery and the colossal ruin of Northern France and they would thank us for offering them a peace so generous, so exempt from all low spirit of vengeance, so impregnated by a spirit of Justice."

Le Gaulois: "Think it over and draw your own conclusions; perhaps you will realise that in this fight in which the future of France was at stake, M. Clemenceau was not inferior to the confidence which France reposed in him. After having won the war he has not lost the supreme battle for the acquisition of a peace worthy of such a people as ours. "However this treaty, as all treaties, will have its value only by the manner in which it is applied and respected."

AMERICAN OPINION.

New York morning papers are unanimous in declaring that Germany is rendered absolutely powerless by the terms of the Treaty and has incurred the fate she deserved.

The *Newspaper World* says that Germany's world power, in the one and only sense in which it was ever understood by Junkerdom, is obliterated. The Treaty is the death certificate of German Militarism and Imperialism and the damages Germany is to pay are reasonable in comparison with the damages for which she is responsible.

The *New York Times* says that the world is made safe against the German peril. The world can see that the terms are terribly severe but the world knows that they are just, and even lenient as compared with the terms a victorious Germany would have imposed. The punishment of Germany will be one of the greatest deterrents to the war spirit.

German press opinions are given on the fourth page.

A WEEK OF MOURNING.

The German Government has expressed a wish that for one week all public festivities will be suspended. All dances will be prohibited. In the theatres only serious plays should be performed, as befitting the serious character of the times. This week of mourning will probably begin on Sunday. The stock exchanges at Berlin and Frankfort will be closed.

DELEGATES AT PARIS.

The discussion of the Austro-Hungarian Treaty will begin in the middle of May.

The French newspapers say that the Germans will propose to take over themselves the reparation of the damages in Northern France and Belgium. It is probable that the Allies will reject this proposal. *Le Journal* adds that certainly Germany will contest the clauses concerning the Sarre, Dantzig, Colonies and military occupation.

Besides the guarantees furnished by the Treaty of Peace President Wilson pledges himself to propose to the Senate of the United States and the Prime Minister of Great Britain pledges himself to propose to the British Parliament that a proposal be submitted for the approbation of the Council of the League of Nations, binding both the United States and Great Britain to afford immediate help to France in the event of any unprovoked aggression by Germany.

Versailles 8th May. The German plenipotentiaries were rather silent during dinner yesterday evening. Immediately after dinner the translation into German of the text of the Treaty was commenced and completed by 3 a.m. At 3.15 a.m. a typed copy was handed to Count Brockdorff-Rantzau. The morning was well advanced before he had finished its persual. Thirty-two copies of this translation were made. Several copies were sent to Berlin by the diplomatic courier, who left yesterday evening at 9 o'clock.

Count Brockdorff-Rantzau also sent a long telegram to Berlin. He has expressed a wish to see the Austrian delegates when they arrive at Saint Germain.—*Wireless.*

According to a German delegate, three Germans will be present at the Peace Conference between the Allies and the Austro-Hungarian representatives. It is generally believed that the German plenipotentiaries will make counter-proposals to the Treaty. The competent commissions will examine these during the week. The Allies will then hand over the eventual modifications of the original text and grant a delay of four or five days before the Treaty is definitely accepted as a whole. From twenty-five to thirty days will then elapse before the signature of the Treaty.—*Wireless.*

CORRECTION.

After we had gone to press with our special edition of *The Cologne Post* containing the full text of the Preliminary Peace terms we received an important telegraphic correction.

In the copies which were issued before this telegram arrived a line was printed (1st para, 2nd Col. page 3) "to an additional amount of twenty thousand."

The correct sentence should read:—"and an undertaking to deliver Bonus to an additonal amount of TWO thousand million pounds . . . etc."

NORTH WEST FRONTIER OF INDIA.

TAKING PRECAUTIONS.

Reuter learns that the Foreign Office of India is now transmitting to England communications dealing with the anxious situation which has arisen during the last few days on the North Western frontier. It is known that Afghan tribesmen have crossed the frontier with, it is believed, the assistance of Afghan regulars, and occupied certain positions on the Indian side of the frontier. All military precautions have been taken. While the situation from a purely Afghan point of view may not be serious, these incidents must be taken in conjunction with the general unrest among Moslems resulting from the war.

A vigorous note has been despatched to the Amir which it is hoped may induce him to take adequate measure to keep his people quiet. No very large number of tribesmen is at present involved. The heights occupied have some strategic importance, as they command two of the roads leading across the frontier.

It is felt that the military steps taken will have the effect of expelling the intruders and there is no doubt of the ability of our available forces to deal with the situation. The attitude of native troops on the British side of the frontier is understood to be satisfactory.

General Barrett has been appointed to the command.

AUSTRIANS AGAIN IN THE FIELD.

UNEXPECTED OUTBREAK.

Reuter learns that hostilities have broken out between Austrians and Yugo-Slavs. The latter have advanced over the Drau (Drau) in the direction of Villach and Klagenfurt. The river has been crossed at Volkermarkt, East of Klagenfurt.

Carinthian troops recaptured the bridge-head on the 2nd May, but afterwards evacuated it.

The outbreak is entirely unexpected and the reasons for it are very obscure.

BRITISH DEMOCRATS HELP AGAINST BOLSHEVISM.

FINLAND'S GRATITUDE.

Mr. Clem Edwards, chairman of the National Democratic Party in London, has received through the British Consul at Helsingfors the following cablegram from General Judenitsch on behalf of the Russians in Finland whose aim is to crush Bolshevism. "I beg you to accept our most sincere gratitude for your good wishes in the commencement of our task, also our best thanks for your readiness to help the suffering populace of Petrograd."

TORPEDOED HOSPITAL SHIPS.

U BOAT FIEND ARRESTED.

The Captain of a U-boat has been arrested by the Naval authorities. He was aboard a Dutch liner which called at Falmouth, where he had arrived after internment in Spain with the crew of a German submarine. He is believed to be the commander of U 56, the boat which is reported to have sunk several hospital ships. It is understood that he has been taken to the Tower.

REWARDS FOR PRISONERS OF WAR.

An Army order says that, providing no blame is attached in respect of their original capture officiers and soldiers are eligible for appropriate reward, for exceptional services rendered while prisoners of war or during internment. Exceptionally gallant conduct or determination displayed while escaping or attempting to escape will also be recognised.

TRAINING MEN FOR THE LAND.

LORD FRENCH'S APPEAL.

The need for special training of ex-service men who wish to settle on the land is emphasised in a letter from Field Marshal French. He writes: "The number of ex-service men, who not only wish to settle on the land but wish to have adequate agricultural training is proving very considerable.

"With a strong Government Land policy for providing ex-service men with facilities for securingsland, the work of the British County Homeland Association, of which I am president, is likely to grow very rapidly. It only needs a strong backing of public opinion to enable it to cope with the demand.

"The Association has already established a large training centre at Buckhurst Manor, Sussex, and other countries are wishing to own training centres. Now is the time for men to begin training and I would urge that they should not be kept waiting because of lack of knowledge on the part of the General public."

FREEDOMS FOR FIELD MARSHAL HAIG.

THE HAMMERERS.

During his tour in North Britain Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig will receive the Freedom of nearly the whole of Scotland.

Yesterday he was honoured by Glasgow, the ceremony taking place in St. Andrew's Hall. The Field Marshal said he did no forget that Glasgow was the first city to offer him its freedom. It did so at a time when the issue of the great conflict was still in doubt, when it was in no way clear, at any rate to outside observers, that the tremendous efforts of 1916 and 1917 were not made in vain because so little seemed to have been accomplished. "God knows" he said "there was little need for exaggeration of the hardships and suffering of the heroic men who drove the enemy from Passchendale. They were perhaps such as no other army was ever called upon to bear or could have borne."

He remembered at the time that he figured in newspaper headlines as "Haig the Hammerer". That was a title others shared with him. If his was the responsibility for that policy it was the indomitable energy and strength of the British Armies, and their insistent blows, that made them irresistible.

CRITICISING FIELD MARSHAL FRENCH.

A leading article in the *Morning Post* says that "in the interests of his high soldierly reputation and a name which the nation delights to honour we would ask Field Marshal French whether it is not rather straining propriety by measures whereto he is lending himself. We cannot believe that the man who has the imperishable honour of commanding during the retreat from Mons, the recovery at the Marne and the decisive stand at Ypres is serving his reputation by the course which he is now taking.'

Mr. Lovat Fraser in the *Daily Mail* says that by his motion of censure on Lord French Sir Donald Maclean is seeking to prevent anything coming out about Mr. Asquith.

In the *Daily Telegraph* Field-Marshal Sir John French pursues his way. The latest instalment deals with the battle of the Marne. He claims that the fulfitment of the German strategical scheme was crushed for ever as the result of this battle. Splendidly as the Allies fought, however, it was the Germans themselves who deliberately threw away any chance of a decisive victory. French attributes Von Kluck's sudden change from advance to retreat to the fact that he and his staff had never liked the role forced upon them by the General staff, and undertook the battle with wavering minds and heads turned half round. As regards tactical experts in the battle French believes that the name of Joffre will descend to posterity as one of the greatest commanders in history. He claims that the British Army carried out the role assigned to it and its rapid passage and unexpected appearance on the lines of retreat practically decided the great result.

GERMANY STILL HAS GOODS TO EXPORT.

The Peace Committee of the German National Assembly passed a resolution favouring the re-establishing of friendly commercial relations with Russia and the conclusion of a truce. Herr Dernburg, Finance Minister, announced the appointment of a Commissioner to promote export trade and said that Germany still has goods enough to export and is even able to manufacture them.—*Reuter.*

NEARLY AS POLITE AS COUNT BROCKDORFF-RANTZAU.

A correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* requested Ludendorff to grant him an interview. That quondam fugitive declined the honour but sent the correspondent the following message: "if these are Peace terms then America can go to hell."

INTOLERANTS AT IT AGAIN.

At the Annual Conference of the National Temperance League at Westminster a resolution was carried demanding the removal of facilities for obtaining intoxicating drinks during the Peace demonstrations.

In the course of the discussion Dr. Claude Taylor condemned the Army rum ration, which led men to think that alcohol was the best friend of man in an emergency.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kempthorne, Bishop of Lichfield will preach at the morning service (10.30 a.m.) at the (C. of E.) Military Church, 51, Schildergasse, to-morrow, May 11.

POLICE RAID CONSPIRATORS' OFFICES.

INCITING TO MUTINY.

The police yesterday raided the offices in London of the "Sailors, Soldiers and Airmens Union," This society of malcontents was formed some months ago with the object of inducing soldiers who enlisted under the Derby Scheme, or who were conscripted, to demobilise themselves on the 11th May by marching out of the barracks at various stations in France and England.

It actually circulated leaflets inciting sailors to seize Naval ports. The conspirators contend that soldiers were entitled to discharge themselves after the Armistice.

COAL COMMISSION INQUIRY.

DUKES GIVE EVICENCE.

At the Coal Commission Inquiry yesterday the agent of the Duke of Hamilton (who is ill) said that the average income from the Duke's mines during the last ten years was 113 thousand pounds. The lands were granted by the Crown, the earliest grant being that made by Robert Bruce. The late Duke's income, he said, was 240 thousand.

Mr. Smillie said he had been living on the Hamilton Estate for fifty years. Many of the miners living close to the magnificent palace were on the verge of starvation in miserable conditions.

The Duke of Northumberland said he held rights over 244,500 acres. His average annual income for the last five years was fifty-five thousand but in 1918 it was only twenty-three thousand owing to taxation.

He had caused to be inserted in leases clauses to the effect that plans for new cottages must be submitted for his approval and that cottages on the estate must be kept in proper repair.

Replying to Mr. Hodges he said he should do his utmost in the House of Lords to prevent Nationalisation of mines because the Miners Federation was aiming at the confiscation of all land and wanted to gain complete control of the industry.

Sir Chiozza Money asked the Duke: "Don't you think it a bad thing for one man to own as much as you?" to which the Duke replied "No. I think it is an excellent thing."

The Marquis of Londonderry said he owned fifty-eight thousand acres in Durham, his average income being fifteen thousand sterling. He said he would oppose Nationalisation even if the Commission reported favourably, because his opinion was a good as that of any individual member of the Commission.

Earl Strafford as trustee to the Wemyss estate said that the late owner crippled himself by spending enormous sums on development and the trustee for Earl Dudley's estates said that the whole revenue from the estate was spent in development.

THE CUMBERLAND STYLE.

The Liquor Control board of Carlisle announces that it will brew heavier ale, to be sold in controlled public houses at fivepence a pint.

Government ale at fourpence a pint will not be brewed unless there is a demand for it.

SPEEDY BUT NOT FAST WOMEN WANTED.

The War Offices announces that educated women are wanted for the Women's Legion to replace motor drivers and motor cyclists now being demobilised from the Royal Army Service Corps.

NO ATLANTIC LUCK.

STILL WAITING.

New York. 8th May. Three American Naval seaplanes have started for Halifax on the first stage of the trans-Atlantic flight.

Each member of the crew was presented with a four leafed clover by the Naval Bureau officer. *Reuter.*

St. Johns 8th May. A heavy snowstorm renders flying impossible.—*Reuter.*

LADY NOVELIST AS CO-RESPONDENT.

In the Divorce Court yesterday Mrs. Charlotte Mary Hosken obtained a *decree nisi* against her husband on the ground of his desertion and misconduct with Louise Heilgers, the well-known writer and journalist. Her husband writes under the name of "Charles Granville."

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Stock Exchange. Owing to business activity only a short time was devoted at the opening of the market to the discussion of the Peace proposals, which, however, had no marked effect on the upward tendency as they had been largely anticipated. It is also difficult as yet to forecast the outcome of the terms. The tone was good on the further improvement of British Foreign trade as shown in the trade returns for April, though some profit taking was afterwards effected in those securities which recently made a sharp rise. Home funds, after a dull opening, finished harder. French Loans were decidedly better on an easier rate of exchange. Other foreign funds were firm. Oils opened active but afterwards moved irregularly on occassional realisations but the undertone remained satisfactory. Home Railways continued in demand. Among industrials, textiles and motor shares were bright features and appreciated still further. The Marconi Group showed an upward trend in anticipation of an early bonus distribution. Rubbers were less active and in many cases easier.

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WHERE THE ROAD FORKS.

The terms of peace are now in our hands, in the hands of the German Government and the German people. *The Cologne Post* was the first paper to publish and distribute the peace terms on German soil.

The terms are hard. We have given our reasons for supposing that they would be. Those who go forth to conquer and dictate must be ready to face the consequences of defeat and submission. That the people of Germany were to some extent fooled — fooled as to their chances, fooled as to their victories, fooled as to the grit and resources of their opponents — is true enough, but that any considerable number of them were ignorant either of the objects with which the war was begun, or the methods by which it was carried on, is not credible. The Bismarckian system of press-manipulation — the prevalence of the censorship and distortion of facts were no new things in German life. A people who had to wait under these circumstances for a débacle before they realize that they are being misled are either devoid of intelligence or open to the suspicion of letting the game go on until there is no chance of winning. The deaf adder is a dangerous form of biped.

The peace terms are an amplification of that blessed document, the fourteen points of President Wilson, to which every German orator has appealed since the autumn of 1918 as if it were the Canaan of her four year's pilgrimage of war. It must be allowed that the fourteen points, as became a document that only laid down general principles, admitted of an interpretation in details which might have been different from that embodied in the preliminary peace, but with the prophet of this new dispensation presiding over the deliberations as to the form it should take, it can hardly be alleged that it is not a correct expansion of the original formula.

The terms as to Poland are perhaps more advantageous to that country than German opinion will have anticipated, but they are necessary if Poland is to have any real independent political and economic existence, and are foreshadowed by the fifteenth point. As regards Danzig the scheme adopted appears to be the best, and it is interesting to note that Maximilian Harden in *Zukunft*, while not denying that Danzig was once a Polish town, recommends the solution which the Peace Conference has put forward as being more consonant with its present position.

The dispositions of the Conference in regard to the Saar Valley, and under the head of Shipping, will no doubt arouse the opposition of those who have listened too attentively to the devotees of the fourteen points, and it may be worth while in order to prevent ill-informed comment to recall what actually happened in regard to the armistice negotiations.

When in October, 1918, convinced at length that not only the edifice of her hopes but her bulwarks against invasion were crumbling down, Germany had recourse to Secretary Lansing to secure an armistice; the other Allied Powers were asked by America whether they would concur in granting one with a view to a peace being accepted by Germany which had been prepared by the Allies, such peace taking as its basis the fourteen points. Great Britain and France agreed, but with two important reservations. The first was that they should not be taken to assent to whatever was intended by that euphuistic but vague phrase the "Freedom of the Seas"; and the second that damage done by Germany to the civil population of the Allies both by land and sea should be made good. The enormous loss in lives, ships, and goods done by the U-boat war against innocent and at first unarmed traders—in flagrant violation of convention on convention entered into by Germany as well as the other powers—thus became the subject of compensation. On the same ground Germany now has the opportunity of paying such compensation as she can for the acts of destruction, such as the cutting of the fruit trees in the retreat before Arras, the, flooding of the French coal mines, and the looting of machinery from Liège and Lille.

Our earnest advice to the people of Germany is to accept these terms of Peace. Let them first of all reflect who have laid them down. There is President Wilson who represents America which assuredly has no interest in seeing that aught but justice is done, and has not the deep resentment engendered by the circumstances of the war's origin and the enormous sacrifices which it has left in its wake, to embitter its judgment. There is England, who, at any rate, will desire no direct advantage from any of the clauses except those relating to shipping, and whose interest is to see Germany, once her chief customer in Europe, able to resume her place in the world; and Italy whose chief quarrel and whose claims are against Austria. These represent the judgment of the civilized world in regard to the guilt and conduct of the war — a judgment too long screened from German eyes by a drastic censorship and an intensive cultivation of perverted ideas of international morality dating from the middle of the nineteenth century.

Let them also look to the alternative. If they refuse, the Allies are prepared to meet the situation, and the sympathy due to a fallen foe is alienated, while Germany adds to her sufferings, and delays her start on the road to recuperation, if she does not imperil her existence. If she accepts, she can set her hands straight away to the work of reconstruction, and can win back the esteem and recognition of the civilized world by treading a new path under the influence of new ideas and new leadership, and as she thereby enters once more into the comity of nations can obtain from coadjutors the readjustments and modifications of terms which are imposed by foes.

We do not wish to introduce into a subject which calls for the calmest consideration more than is inevitable of the note of recrimination, but we would ask the intelligent German, the intelligent Briton or the intelligent neutral to consider, what — if the Allies had fallen suddenly upon the Central Powers, entered their territory, slaughtered and swept into exile its civil inhabitants, devastated their factories and buildings, conducted an unlawful warfare against their traffic by sea, bombarded open towns and done, under derisory pretexts, to which no one attached the least credence, a hundred other acts which during four long years rendered miserable the lives of the inhabitants—what would have been the terms which a victorious Kaiser, Erzberger, Scheidemann or Rantzau would have dictated? We know what they did propose, without victory.

THE PERILS OF JOURNALISM
OR
"ACHTUNG."
A DRAMA IN ONE SPASM!

(We hope the candid critic still lives. Inability to get our contributor on the 'phone to announce our practical appreciation of his literary efforts accounts for his surprise, but we hope he will continue.—Editor.)

Until recently I have had no claims to the title of journalist, nor have I ever strayed into the realms of fiction. True I had written one or two picturesque replies to caustic letters from my adjutant, but these only from a sense of duty — I state this not as a defence but merely in mitigation of my offence. With the end of the war, however, came the recollection that some gentleman had stated that the pen was mightier than the sword, and it struck me that I might investigate the claims of the pen, (as portrayed by my Waterman) in comparison with those of the sword, (or to be explicit, in my case the six-inch howitzer).

The opportunity presented itself in the shape of the *Cologne Post*, and the temptation of an enthusiastic sub-editor, who urged me to contribute an article to the début of that paper. Under persuasion, I consented, and throwing my whole heart into the matter, sent over to the office at once and demanded large supplies of foolscap: (G.S. Mark I); the choice of a subject was not difficult, and having arranged my resources, consisting of a fountain pen, a decayed lead pencil, and unlimited paper, I set to work.

The selection of a title was my first stumbling block — it took me three days to decide on one! I was almost reduced to offering five marks to any member of the mess who could suggest a good one; ultimately I hit upon what appeared to be an apt title for my article, while reading an advertisement for somebodys soap, or a course in shortnand, I forget which! Having what is generally considered among my neighbours, an excellent vocabulary, I anticipated no trouble with the text of the article: there my anticipations were amply fulfilled — words, (and ink) flowed freely from my pen, and the result far exceeded my expectations. I achieved a wonderful effect, chiefly owing to the fact that most of my article was written in the mess, generally when the gramopaone was being exercised (played is too weak a word) and also while an argumentative bridge four conducted heated post-mortems: I think if anything, this varied my style, and I was alternately sentimental, serious and flippant according to the vicissitudes of the music and the arguments.

My article being duly completed, I showed it to the sub-editor, who grudgingly approved it and undertook to forward it to the proper quarter, although he informed me that it was doubtful whether it would ever appear in print. I reminded him gently that he had urged me to the crime in the first case, and consequently would be responsible if anybody ran me in for libel, or if any other unpleasant contingency occurred. A day or two later he appeared with a copy of the *Cologne Post* and remarked "By Jove, Major, they've got your article in, and as a leader too! His tone of voice was non-committal, and in my ecstacy I overlooked his sarcasm. I gazed eagerly on the paper and read and re-read my masterpiece — I pictured myself on the staff of the *Times*, and already turned over in my mind what my next journalistic effort was to be. Presently my senior subaltern entered also with a copy of the *Cologne Post* — he, by the way, is a keen literary critic, and a close reader of our leading "dailies." "They must be darned hard up for contributions," he remarked, pointing to my article, "Look what they've got in as a leader to-day: did you ever read such nonsense?" Well I will say no more — the denouement of this drama has been reached, and I would only draw the attention of the reader to the title of this article. It is meant as a warning to all would-be amateur journalists.—Incidentally it is also meant as a warning to subalterns against criticising, in the presence of their superior officers, a subject, the authorship of which is unknown to them. Finally I would add that what little incipient talent I ever had, has been blasted at birth by the outspoken criticism of a hard hearted critic! — the talent was present all right — witness the previous sentence!

MEMORIES OF BLIGHTY.

To the exiled angler, these days of "merrie" May evoke memories of beloved streams on which, previous to the war, he deftly plied the piscatorial art — those streams maybe, that sing through the solitudes of Dartmoor and Exmoor, or that hurry down from the Welsh mountains and the heathery heights of "bonnie" Scotland.

At this time of the year, the lusty little trout of these upland waters have attained excellent condition; they respond vigorously to the challenge of the angler. On the moors, Spring, too, will be asserting her radiant presence, tingeing with delicate colour the wide grey landscape. Day by day, the mystic poetry of Nature shines out more sublimely. Sunlight and shadow play upon the hills; the scent of moist peat and moss rises like incense on the morning air, whilst a faint purple mist softens the rugged outline of some distant pinnacle. The gentle tinkle of a sheep-bell sounds sweetly amid the eternal silence of some rocky gorge, and the remote recesses of the mountains re-echo to the thrill of Pan's joyous pipers.

Later in the season, the angler may essay the capture of larger trout inhabiting lowland waters, but now, during these golden days of early May, the hill streams yield abundant sport to the enthusiastic fly-fisherman. And the magic of the vast, untrame led uplands grips the angler and holds him spell-bound.

Some morning when the sun is frequently hidden by light clouds that, high overhead, sail through illimitable space, the angler wanders upstream casting his well-oiled fly into every likely spot. For here, in these rapid upland waters the dry-fly may now be used successfully, since warmer weather and a larger hatch of insect life has made the fish more alert and eager for suface food than in the earlier days of the season. True, on the hill-streams the angler does not exactly follow the methods of the chalk stream "purist," but, without waiting for a "rise," casts his floating lure into the spots wherein he knows a trout should lurk.

Not very big are these trout of the moors; perhaps they average only five or six to the pound. But they give rare sport for their size, and, when cooked, form a most delectable breakfast dish. However, the great joy of solitude and freedom and the tonic of pure air offer ample consolation for the smallness of the quarry.

Perchance, if he is lucky, the angler may capture a few half-pounders during the course of the day, or, at the tail of some limpid pool, he may fasten into an even larger fish. An exciting tussle occurs before he lands his prize, a trout of nearly one pound; a bonny specimen whose beautifully spotted flanks glisten in the fleeting sunlight.

Given favourable conditions of sky and stream, the basket hangs heavily upon the back when night draws on. Then in the gloaming the angler, smoking the pipe of peace, returns to the old inn lower down the valley. MOORLANDER.

THE SPREAD OF BOLSHEVISM.
AND ITS LESSONS FOR THE RHINELAND.

The world danger of Bolshevism is neither rightly nor fully appreciated either in Germany or beyond her borders.

Bolshevism is no revolutionary movement, which may be compared with any other similar movement in history and thus be fought with the usual weapons; it is rather a religion — the religion of the international proletariat — which has sent its disciples into all lands and means to conquer the world, regardless of her ruin it leaves in its wake.

A determined minority has made up its mind to overpower an enormous majority and to impose its vague and criminal principles not only in its own country but on the world at large.

The only clearly recognisable object of Bolshevism is the destruction of all capital and the annihilation of all rights in personal property.

According to the "Declaration of Rights of the working and exploited classes" in Russia, dated 18th January 1918, private right of property is abolished root and branch, all forests, mineral rights and waterways are nationalised, and all factories, works, mines, railroads and other means of production and transport, as well as the Banks, are transferred to the workers and peasants states.

The duty of universal labour and the formation of a red, socialist army, consisting of workers and peasants, as well as the complete disarmament of all propertied classes, are decreed.

The barbarous policy of bourgeoise civilisation, which founded the prosperity of the exploiters in a few chosen nationalities at the cost of the enslavement of hundreds of millions of labourers in Asia and the Colonies, is utterly condemned and the repudiation of national loans is greeted as the severest blow which can be offered to international bank capital.

In order to attain these ends Bolshevism is working on a carefully thought out plan of operations.

The avowed ambition of Lenin has been, and is, to create civil warfare throughout Europe. Every speech of Lenin's is a denunciation of constitutional methods, and a glorification of the doctrine of physical force. With that object in view he is destroying systematically every form of opposition to Bolshevism. This system of terror is aimed chiefly at the Liberals and the non-Bolshevist Socialists, whom Lenin regards as his most dangerous opponents.

By means of an unchecked paper issue, the Bolshevists are enabled to pay their supporters enormous wages, until to-day money in Russia has naturally lost all value.

As soon as the old regime has fallen and its support, the Army, has been broken up by depriving the Corps of Officers of all authority, and by the removal of all discipline, influence will be brought to bear on all phases of national life by setting up Workers' and Soldiers' Councils.

With the help of these councils, and of a far-reaching propaganda provided with plenty of funds, the proletariat of the towns will begin its attack on capital, whilst those in the country will attack the landlords and therewith commences the real fight for the power of the proletariat.

As a "precautionary measure" against counter-revolution, the citizen classes will be disarmed, and as a counter-balance to the tottering remains of the old army, revolutionary armed bands will be formed to keep the peace.

As soon as this is done, two weapons come alternatively into play, i.e. strike and riot.

The object of the latter is to cause endless difficulties to the new and possibly not entirely Bolshevist Government, whilst the former serves to destroy capitalism.

Factories, works, Banks and the traffic and transport organisations will be weakened by the ever wilder demands for higher wages and will finally have to shut down.

The resources of the whole country are thus brought to the lowest ebb, the distribution of food is interrupted; prices mount to a limitless figure and need and hunger drive the population finally to excess. Now comes the time of Bolshevist harvest. It is quite a simple matter to persuade the proletariat that the Government alone is responsible for all the misery, in that it has not preserved the "Achievements of the Revolution" and so, with the war cry "all power in the hands of the proletariat" the Government is overthrown and supreme power is placed in the hands of Soldiers' and Workers' Councils and immediately safeguarded by the formation of a Red army.

What this Bolshevist victory means for a nation is easily seen, for Bolshevism is naturally not in a position to raise the economical strength of a country which has systematically been laid in the dust. In order to maintain its hold it must give free rein to the licence of the mob who seek their means of sustenance by robbery and plunder at the cost of others.

The leaders, however, have already cast their eyes beyond the boundaries of their own country, in order to prepare a further triumphal march for their religion.

Bolshevism in Russia offers to our civilisation no less a menace than did Prussianism, and until it is as ruthlessly destroyed we may expect trouble, strikes, revolutions everywhere. There is reason to believe that the reactionary elements in Germany are working hand in hand with Russian Bolsheviks with the idea of spreading Bolshevism ultimately to England, by which time they hope to have got over it themselves, and to be in a position to take advantage of our troubles. For Bolshevist propaganda unlimited funds are available.

It is therefore a matter of the utmost importance that we should so shape our policy towards Germany in the coming Peace that no help or assistance should be given to these elements of reactionary disorder, whether they come from the extreme Left or Right. Supplies of food and raw material, by which alone the industrial efficiency of Germany can be brought to life, will be forthcoming only to a people who have realised to the full both their responsibilities for the excesses committed during the War, and are resolved to pursue the path of orderly government, together with reparation for the past, and guarantees for the future.

A SMILE OR TWO.

"Do you like Miss Prattle?" "Yes, she's so generous. Never keeps anything to herself, and is always ready to give away even her best friend."

Colonel (who detests motors)—Well, and how did you enjoy your ride? Flossie—We've simply had a killing time of it! Colonel—Animals, or old women?

Gaiboy—Why did you leave your last place? Comely applicant—I was caught kissing my employer, sir. Gaiboy—Er—um—you can start to-morrow morning.

"I wouldn't be in Jim Thomson's shoes just now." "Why not?" "He left 'em in the cellar last Monday night and they dumped four tons of coal on 'em before Jim was up."

"Why have you quarrelled with George?" "Because he proposed to me last night." "Well, there's no harm in that, is there?" "But I had accepted him to night before."

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Saturday	6	Madame Butterfly	Puccini
Sunday	3	Götter-dämmerung	Wagner
Monday	6	Martha	Flotow
Tuesday	6	Joseph in Aegypten	Méhul

MUSIC AT DUREN.

HIGHLAND DIVISION ENTERPRISE.

The series of operas and concerts arranged by the Highland Division each Tuesday evening in the Duren Town Theatre continues to maintain a high standard of artistic excellence, and considerable musical enjoyment is afforded to large numbers of officers and men. The season opened on April 15th with "Il Trovatore" and was followed a week later by a fine orchestral programme under the conductorship of Kapellmeister Engel, in which Terese Saruta, the well-known and highly-gifted violinist, scored a great success in Beethoven's Concerto and a group of charming miscellaneous solos.

"The Armourer" by Lortzing, and Mozart's "Magic Flute" were given on April 29th and May 6th. The latter was an exceptionally fine production, being magnificently presented on the spacious and welle-quipped stage of the Duren Theatre, the setting being beyond reproach.

The chorus was augmented for the occasion by the "Concordia" Vocal Society and special costumes were procured. The Tenor, Kraus, from the Cologne Opera House, made a great impression in the role of Tamino and both vocally and histrionically was in his finest form. Another orchestral concert is announced for Tuesday next the 13th for which occasion the services of Willy Hülser, a brilliant pianist from Dusseldorf, have been secured. The programme offers some interesting and popular items, and should once again attract a large and appreciative audience.

THE "TIGER PIPS."

11th Leicestershire's Concert Party (Pioneers.)

The "Tiger Pips" gave two very succesful performances, one at *Lechenich* on Saturday, and one at *Westerberg* on Monday.

The troupe is fortunate in the possession of two pianists, both well above the average, Ptes Butterworth and Abbott.

Sgt. Higgott's "Hello, Old New York," (from the "Bing Boys on Broadway,"), "Raggedy Doo" and "That Little Old Home," are as good an interpretation of ragtime as you could hope to find in the Army of the Rhine, while in Pte. Connor we find a sentimental singer of undoubted talent. Cpl. Hammond, the "Lady" of the troupe, has a dainty manner and sings nicely, and the two comedians, Ptes. Whitbread and Whitehead, are indubitably funny, particularly in the sketch "Snowflakes," when whitened brings the house down. Pte. Abbott is an excellent all-round man, and Pte. Senior sings with spirit.

Altogether the show is well worth seeing, and the troupe is keen to secure engagements.

THE APOLLO THEATRE.

The Apollo Theatre is doing great business nightly and for those who arrive a few minutes late, it is no uncommon thing to be confronted with the notice "House full." This is not in the last surprising for news travels quickly, and the eulogistic remarks passed by those who have witnessed this week's variety performance are making many others anxious to pay a visit.

Even for no other reason than to see and hear the drolleries of Harry Rogers an evening at the Apollo is well worth while. This artiste reels off an ever fresh fund of bright humour, and his funiosities generally keep the audience thoroughly well tickled.

On the same bill is J.H. Latham who for a long time was by no means the least successful member of the well-known "Maron Hares" party in England. He is a comedian of quite another style and, in his own particular line of business, he scores fresh successes every night. He and Rogers are now working a double turn and, although they have selected a somewhat hackneyed theme for their sketch — a rehearsal for a new music-hall act—they present the show with sufficient original comedy to make it one of the most popular items in the programme.

Tom Pacey another well-known English music hall artiste displays considerable talent as a vocalist and dancer while the richness and tone of E.M. Nightingale's voice are as agreeable as ever.

Gunner E. Barker, who is a new arrival to Cologne plays the violin exquisitely. The brilliance of his technique and the quality of tone he produces have caused more than one musical member of the audience to raise his eyebrows. We must have a little more to say about this artiste when space is not such an important consideration as it is to-day.

GUNNERS SHUFFLE THE "WILKIE BARDS".

48th. AND 16th. BATTERIES, R. F. A.

These two friendly batteries opened a series of whist drives at Hoven on Tuesday. A very good evening was spent, in which there were numerous entries.

There were five prizes (including the booby). The "Dragon's" were very pleased to see one of their visitors ("The old Books") secure the first prize, all of which were won in the following order:

1st Prize Fitter Dodd	16th Bty R. F. A.	
2nd Prize Gunner Breenan	48 Bty R. F. A.	
3rd Prize Sergt Groves	48 Bty R. F. A.	
4th Prize Dr. Cox C. C.	48 Bty R. F. A.	
Booby Prize Dr. Everard	16th Battery R. F. A.	

WHIST AT SCHLEBUSCH.

The first of a series of whist drives, organised by 420th Siege Battery, R.G.A. was held at Schlebusch on Tuesday evening, and turned out to be pleasant and successful.

A feature of the evening was the remarkably high scoring of the players, the card held by the winning "lady" averaging nine for all the tables.

The prizes were presented by Major J. C. Pollock to the following winners:

Ladys 1st, Wheeler Wildey; Ladys 2nd Gnr. Williams; Ladys 3rd, Gnr. Benson; Gents 1st, Gnr. Carpenter; Gents 2nd, Gnr. Lavender; Gents 3rd, Gnr. Woodhouse. The Booby prize went to Gnr. Wilkes. Sergt. Render carried out the duties of M.C. most efficiently.

"THE MOLLUSC" AT COLOGNE.

Rhine Army Amateur Dramatic Companys Successful Debut.

A CLEVER PLAY—CLEVERLY ACTED.

The Rhine Army Amateur Dramatic Company made its debut on Thursday when "The Mollusc" was presented at the Deutsche Theatre, Cologne. The effort was an unqualified success in every way, and the agreeable change that will henceforth be afforded troops in Cologne, and elsewhere, of witnessing first-rate plays, acted by talented performers, is bound to meet with approbation.

Lieut. S.A. Percy, the producer, and all the others associated with him in the initial effort deservedly come in for showers of congratulation. After the performance on Thursday, while the spontaneous outburts of applause accorded by an appreciative audience as the story was unfolded was testimony of the popularity of the show.

"First night" are necessarily anxious events for all concerned in a new production, and the quality of the performance very frequently suffers thereby. Not so with the presentation of the "The Mollusc" on Thursday, however. In its staging there was all the precision of a well rehearsed professional company and the only slip or hesitation the writer noticed in the reeling off of the "book" was when Mrs. Baxter addressed her brother Tom, as "Dick". That is saying a geat deal.

The play suffered nothing by reason of indifferent scenery or lighting effects. These were quite in keeping with the general excellence of the production, as also were the efforts of a capable little orchestra that kept up the interest during the brief intervals between the acts.

An Outline of the Play.

"The Mollusc" is one of those plays which depends for its effect chiefly upon the merits or demerits of those who take part in it. That is not to say that the "book" is not cleverly written. It is. A slender but extremely intelligible plot is presented in such bright and poin ed little speeche and such sparkling dialogue by the author, Mr. Hubert Henry Davies, that it is capable of holding an audience thoroughly interested for a couple of hours. Described as a three act modern comedy the tittle is no less happy and appropriate than the characters are well conceived and cleverly drawn.

Mrs. Baxter is the mollusc and one gathers from the conversation of her brother, Tom Kemp (duly bronzed and boisterous) who has temporarily ceased his labours in California to spend a holiday in England, that she has been a mollusc ever since she was so high. She is deeply selfish, and displays a great disinclination to exert the slightest physical effort on her own or anyone else's behalf. She even goes to the limit of feigning indisposition for no other reason than to elicit the sympathy and the little attentions that are naturally bestowed upon the invalid.

But then there is a devoted (if rather downtrodden) husband, and a charming governess who "governesses" their two children, and they spare themselves not in their anxiety to pander to my lady's every wish and whim. So, you see, there is some excuse for Mrs. Baxter's indulgence in her lethargic weakness.

All goes happily — or as happily as such circumstances will permit — in the household, until brother Tom comes on the scene. Now, although this individual is not quite so young as he used to be — judging by the generous streak of grey in his hair — he nevertheless has plenty of hot blood in his veins and an abundance of boisterous energy.

He observes the lay of the land, and forthwith conspires with his rather slow-thinking brother-in-law to wage war on the molluscan microbes with which, he declares, the house is permeated. Unfortunately the little conspiracy is seen through by the erring lady and the efforts of her brother to influence her by discipline fall rather flat in consequence.

Meanwhile, brother Tom falls head over heels in love with the governess, Miss Roberts, and beseeches her to return with him to California, greatly to the consternation of his sister and to the displeasure of Baxter — who confesses confidentially to a sneaking regard for her himself.

However, to cut a long story short, Tom, by cleverly contriving to set aright the fires of jealousy in his sister heart, brings about the inevitable happy climax wherein we see the wife lavishing attentions upon her husband — much to his bewilderment it may be mentioned — and himself the radiant possessor of the hand and heart of the governess.

A Good Play, Admirably Acted.

From this little sketch, it will be realised that the four people in the story are of distinct and totally different character. It will also be realised that the lion's share of the work falls to the lot of the lady who takes the part of the Mollusc, and that upon her charm of personality rests much responsibility. Miss Shirley King has that charm and displays it to such a degree in her portrayal of Mrs. Baxter that she fits into her little niche in the story as if it were made for her. She is natural; she infuses just the right amount of langour into her voice and, in the earlier scenes, she assumes a stateliness that quite coincides with the character she represents.

Miss Roberts, on the other hand, is a fictitious individual whose winsomeness lies in her brightness and vivacity. Miss Gabrielle Paul does justice to her part. She is pensive on occasion, when telling "Tom" of her purposeless life, but she positively bubbles over with delicious, sparkling laughter when listening to his humour. In short, Miss Paul displays just the type of girl the author surely had in mind. It would be very surprising, indeed, if such "fetching" ways did *not* capture the heart of our hero from America.

Of the two male characters, Lieut. S.E. Percy, H.L.I. has no simple proposition in providing a representation of Tom Kemp, but he succeeds admirably. In turn he is the "hale fellow well met" type of man whose one consideration is to live a free, open-air life "out west"; then he becomes the hard disciplinarian, endeavouring to rule with a rod of iron, and later, we see another side of his temperament when he makes violent — if somewhat abrupt — love to the governess. Mr. Percy reveals these characteristics in a convincing and effective manner.

Last, but by no means least in the caste, there is J.H. Hope, R.E. who submits a protrayal of the inactive Mr. Baxter. In fact, so thoroughly in accord with the character are his mannerisms that one is left in doubt as to whether his acting results purely from an effort of make-believe or whether he merely allows himself to recite his lines with no more deception of his own personality than he would adopt in ordinary, natural conversation. If the former is the case, Mr. Hope is an extraordinarily good actor; if the latter suggestion be true, then Mr. Percy is to be congratulated upon finding a living counterpart of the author's well-drawn character.

The stage director is Lieut. Macatta, 1st West Yorks, and the stage manager, Sergt. T.J. Crozier.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

NEWMARKET AND CHELTENHAM RACES.

BAD DAY FOR FAVOURITES.

At Newmarket on Thursday, in lovely weather, a good day's sport was witnessed by a large crowd. The results are appended: The whip, Chatter walked over.

Long Course Plate: 1, O'Flyn (13—8); 2, Trezidella (13—8); 3, Jacana (11—4). Three ran.

Little Post Plate: 1, Ma'oona filly (8—1); 2, Fairest (6—4); 3, Gelante (10—1). Eighteen ran.

Peel Handicap: 1, C.P. (10—1); 2, Brigand (2—1); 3, Wilton (7—2). Nine ran.

Mark Stakes: 1, He (2—1); 2, Paper Money (evens); 3, Polyscope (4—1). Three ran.

Newmarket Plates: 1, Suncoat (6—1); 2, Mount Royal (6—4on); 3, Most Beautiful (20—1). Fifteen ran.

Ely Plate: 1, Knight of the Air (6—4); 2, Starshot (9—4); 3, Danegelt (100—3). Nine ran.

Brinkley Handicap: 1, Roker (7—2); 2, Matrup (7—2); 3, Brussiloff (100—8). Eleven ran.

CHELTENHAM MEETING.

Seven Springs Steeplechase: 1, The Last (5—1); 2, Shaecanae (3—1); 3, Free Gift (100—6). Six ran.

Southern Hurdle Race: 1, Monard (4—1); 2, Peterloo (2—1); 3, Carol Singer (2—1). Six ran.

Novices Steeplechase: 1, Prince Merrion (4—1); 2, Heatsercote (5—2); 3, Neurotic (8—1). Seven ran.

Stayers Hurdle Race: 1, Glatz (5—1); 2, Toadstone (5—1); 3, Irish Cheer (3—1). Eight ran.

Cheltenham Steeplechase: 1, Mask off (5—1); 2, Culprit (8—1); 3, Full Stop (7—1); Eleven ran.

Four years old Hurdle Race: 1, Beaucourt (7—4); 2, Double Flutter 6—1); 3, Vale of Realia (evens). Four ran.

LONDON BETTING.

THE JUBILEE HANDICAP.

(Run Sat., May 17, 1½m.)

85 to 20	agst	Royal Bucks, 6y, 7-7 (inc 10lb ex) (t & o)	Sievier
8 to 1	—	Zinovia, 4y, 8-13 (o)	Hunt
8 to 1	—	Silver Bullet, 4y, 7-0 (o)	Taylor
10 to 1	—	Not Much, 4y, 7-11 (t & o)	Hogg
100 to 8	—	Roseway, 3y, 6-9 (t & o)	Hartigan

THE DERBY.

(Run Wed., June 4, 1½m.)

2 to 1	agst	The Panther (o after 85 to 40 t)	Manser
6 to 1	—	Buchan (o)	Taylor
8 to 1	—	Stefan the Great (o)	Persse
9 to 1	—	Lord Basil (t & o)	Taylor
10 to 1	—	Paper Money (t & o)	T. Cannon

BRITISH ARMY v. FRENCH.

Last match in Triangular Football Tournament.

The last of the triangular football matches between British French and Belgian military teams was played at Stamford Bridge on Thursday, the contestants being the British Army and the French Army.

The British defeated the French after a close game by 3—2. The goal scorers were: Hanot and Lesur for the French and Woodward, and Reau (2) for the British.

The tournament is thus won by Belgium who defeated the British team and drew with the French.

The teams on Tursday were:

BRITISH ARMY: C.S.M. Chalton; Pte. Wood, Pte. Eastwood; Gnr. Eastwood, Pte. Valentine Spr. Sage; Gnr. Douglas, Capt. V. J. Woodward. Sergt. Lee, Pte. Reid, and L.-Corpl. Hodkinson.

FRENCH ARMY: Chayrique; Lt. Gamblin. Matineu; Mercier, Huges, Devic; Schalbart, Harrou, Bouches, Dubly, and Spriet.

At the conclusion of the game, H.R.H. Prince of Wales presented medals to various members of the three teams taking part.

RUGBY UNION AND A CHARITY MATCH.

UNFOUNDED REPORT OF A DECISION.

Many news on Thursday published a statement to the effect that the Rugby Union had barred a charity match between the Northern Command and New Zealand on the ground that players in such a match would come under the category of professionals.

We are able to deny that such action has been taken. It is true that the matter was considered by the Rugby Union Committee, on account of the report being circulated that Northern Union players were to take part in the match. When it was found that this was not so, however, no objection was raised.

RUGBY UNION'S REMARKABLE DECISION.

CHARITY MATCH BANNED.

Considerable feeling has been aroused in football circles by the action of the Rugby Union in banning a fixture between a military team from the Northern Command and a team of New Zealanders which was to have been played at Leeds in aid of St.Dunstan's.

The reason given by the Rugby Committee for their action is that it will be professionalism for players to participate in a match on a Northern Union Ground.

CAPTAIN AND TWO EX-CAPTAINS.

Kent County Cricket Club will this year have the advantage of the leadership of L. H. W. Troughton, says *Sporting Life*, who will be able to call upon two ex-captains, E. W. Dillon and C. H. B. Marsham. Capt. Dillon is a little afraid of his eyesight, and has now been ordered to wear glasses, through a smash he received at rackets some years ago. It will be a question of practice this year for amateur cricketers, as so many are newly returned after a long absence, and they are finding the calls of business very pressing. H. N. R. Blaker may also be found in the Kent side. It must be ten years since he played regularly for the county.

AUSTRALIA'S NEW FAST BOWLER.

The Australian mail to hand contains many references to the new fast bowler produced by Victoria, E. A. McDonald, who in the opening match of the season at Sidney dismissed eight New South Wales batsmen for 42 runs. One paper describes McDonald as the best fast bowler Victoria has had for thirty years, says *Sportsman Life*. He kept a splendid length, a fine command of direction, an occasional swing, and he made the ball come with the arm from the leg-side, now and then bringing it back from the off. If a chance in the slips had not been missed by E. R. Mayne (the captain of Victoria), McDonald would have joined the select few who have taken nine wickets in one innings of an inter-State match.

FAIR FOOTBALLERS AT HITDORF.

ENGINEERS IN FRIVOLOUS MOOD.

On Sunday the 5th Field Company R. E. played a very exciting game (much to the amusement of the crowd). Twelve Sappers and Drivers attired as the most bewitching damsels gave the ball "The order of the Boot." Lieut Mickie was a reproduction of a famous "Gainsborough" and almost ended with a Court scandal. (Countess Pushfarthing could say a lot!) Cpl. Mc Donald (representing the ex-Kaiser in private life) presented the various orders "Iron crosses" and Medialle de Bully Tins.

The match ended in a draw.

5th LABOUR COMPANY v. 180th LABOUR COMPANY.

Played on Wednesday in fine weather. Both goals were visited in turn without tangible result. This continued for some time and several likely looking chances were missed. Lieut. Wilkinson in 5th goal had some good shots to stop. The 180th goalkeeper also got some work to do but 5th came no nearing scoring than their opponents. In the second half the 5th took up the running and pressed for a time one or two good chances going a-begging. The game was very fast but the hard ground caused the players often to misjudge the ball. 180th again looked like scoring but the 5th defence managed to keep them out. Result.: No score.

5th South Staffords Signals v. R. E. Signals.

Played on Monday at Commern, in glorious weather. Early on, the home goalie, Royston, brought off a good save which seemed a certain goal. Some nice movements on the part of Stillings were then witnessed. The visitors inside right, taking advantage of a misskck by Royston, placed his side one ahead. Brown, at right back saved the home side a further downfall when the defence was sorely tried. The home right wing showed good combination and Taylor scored the equaliser from an almost impossible angle.

Shortly after the restart, Cpl Jeavons had several tries and had exceedingly hard lines on more than one occasion. Stillings showed great skill throughout the game, and half an hour from the restart he sent Lt. Orford through. The ball was fouled within the area. The penalty was taken by the last named who put it well out of the custodians's reach, the Staffords winning by 2—1.

92nd v. 103rd FIELD AMBULANCE.

This match was played on the former's ground at Friedrich Wilhelmshutte on Monday.

Play was very even in the opening stages of the game but after the visiting custodian had skilfully cleared his charge, the visiting forwards made a rare bid for goal and were decidedly unlucky in failing to open the scoring.

The homesters took control of the game after this, and pressed the visiting goal for nearly all the remainder of the first half, the custodian, who played a fine game, effecting some brilliant saves. The game underwent a change just before half time was called. The visiting left wing forwards, securing the ball, shook off all opposition and opened the scoring.

On resuming the visiting forwards made some vigorous attacks on the homesters goal and it was very evident that their efforts would soon produce another goal. From a determined rush they scored this midway through the second half. Their third goal was scored afterwards.

Result: 103rd Field Ambulance, 3; 92nd Field Ambulance, 0.

GEE! SOME SPORTS.

AMERICAN OPINION OF THE 4th SCOTS FUSILIERS.

Writing in the *American News*, the American Army's daily newspaper, a writer under the name "Jock Cann" refers thus to the 4th Royal Scots Fusiliers:

"So delighted with their treatment while touring the 3rd D.v. that they wish themselves to become hosts to a group of athletes from the Army of Occupation, the 4th Royal Scots Fusiliers' unbeaten soccer team are now enthusiastic exponents of international sporting friendships between the British and American armies.

They have yet one other ambition to satisfy before they cease their soccer activities in the American territory, and that is to meet the championship soccer team of the 3rd Army, which is being decided in a series of games now in progress.

The Scots have nothing but praise for the Americans. They stated that the skill at the game shown by their American opponents was a real surprise to them, and that it will only require a certain amount of coaching in team play and the finer points of the game to make the Yanks real contenders in this continental sport. The game itself is a far better spectator game than Rugby, and is so much less complicated that the uninitiated quickly grasp the idea and can follow the play intelligently.

Pictures of the American teams that they have met were taken by Lt. Cabas of the Scots, and will appear in the British journals and sporting columns as proofs of the interest that America is taking in the game. An effort will be made to have two doughboy baseball teams released for a series of demonstrations of the American national pastime in the area occupied by the British army on the Rhine, as there is a certain amount of interest being shown in our game there.

"SOCCER" OR "RUGGER"

Sports Control Board Secretary Favours Association.

Speaking at a dinner in honour of the teams in the International Army Tournament, Major Hartley, secretary of the Army Sports Control Board, said it was a great pity that many enthusiasts had expressed opinions about the advantages of rugby football over the association code. Although he had always been associated with the rugby game, he was of the opinion that association football would always be one of the most popular postimes of the British Nation. It was essential that schools at present playing the association game should confine to do so in the order to provide officers who could take part in the game in the Army.

BOXING AT NEW CROSS.

Seaman Hayes, Hoxton, outclassed Duke Lynch, Camberwell, in the eleventh of a twenty round contest at New Cross on Thursday. At the same meeting Seaman Hall, Chatham, beat George Groves, Canning Town, on points in a fifteen round bout.

NEW ZEALAND v. FRENCH.

Yesterday afternoon an exciting Rugby match in which the contestants were teams representative of New Zealanders and French, took place at Pau, and after exciting play the Colonials won with a majority of ten points. Result: New Zealanders 16 pts; French 6 pts.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday, May 10, 1919.

Wind S. E. 10—15 m.p.h. in the day. Fine at first tendency to thunder to-morrow evening. Day visibility good. Very warm.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

(With an Occasional Entertainments Note.)

THE COSTER'S MARATHON.

The Donkey Marathon has now become an accepted feature of the Royal Horse Show, a popular comic interlude to more serious matters. The Costers are to have their show on Friday afternoon, assembling with their turn-outs on Kew Green, and driving thence to the Show Ground where Lord Lonsdale (who is bearing the whole cost of the Competition with the exception of the first prize) will judge them. There are eight prizes offered, the most coveted of them being a new coster's barrow laden with ripe bananas, a donkey and a set of new harness. Money awards are offered to every competitor and special cash prizes for each entrant dressed in pearlies.

TENNIS FOR OTHER RANKS.

There are several thousand rank and file in Rhineland who are enthusiastic tennis players, but they complain that opportunities for an occasional set are very few and far between. It is perfectly true that the large towns wherein so many military people are stationed are sadly lacking in courts, but it should be possible to arrange for the men to have a good share of those that are going. In one of the first numbers of the *Cologne Post*, I suggested that the time had arrived for the preparation of additional courts in the thickly populated areas in order that they might be available when the season proper came round. It is a pity this suggestion could not be carried out, because the numbers of courts available are not nearly adequate to meet the demands for tennis that are being made by all ranks. As it is, I hear that there is to be a special allotment for other ranks in all parts of the occupied area. Let's hope the materialisation is pretty slick.

LOOK OUT FOR "THE MOLLUSC"

Finishing work at six pip emma yesterday, I decided to spend my half holiday by paying a visit to the Deutsche Taeatre, there to have a peep at the Dramatic Company giving the popular comedy "The Mollusc." I had more than a peep; the proceedings were so attractive that I remained to the last word. This was spoken by Capt. Haygarth, the 2nd Army Amusements Officer, and it concerned the future shows that the Company intend to stage. As his announcement was so full of interest we all forgave him for failing to catch conductor Porter's eye before the first chord of "The King" had been played. The performance of Lieut. Percy and his party is of the best and worth going a large way to see. Those people stationed in or near Bonn, Duren, Euskirchen, and Solingen should keep a weather eye open for the bills announcing the advent of the Company, during the next few days.

HARRY ROGERS TO BE "DEMOB'D."

Many will learn with regret that Harry Roger's whom we all remember as the wonderful mirth provoker in the irresponsibles, is shortly to depart from Germany, once more to resume his merry career across the channel. Whether the continued performances of that great little sketch of his "Demobilization" has influenced his mind, I am unable to say, but it is true that he is now giving his last few shows at the Apollo Theatre before being "demob'd." As an Army entertainer, Rogers is perhaps the most popular and certainly one of the most genuinely funny of the many good comedians whose job it has been to entertain the troops. Still, all good things come to an end, and we shall have to be content in the knowledge that this artiste will help thousands in England, in the near future, to forget any trials and tribulations they may have.

A GOLF RECORD (?)

Among the party of civilian engineering people who are visiting Germany, I came across a man yesterday, in Cologne, who holds what surely must be a record in golf matters. He hails from Lancashire, and on the difficult Shipley links he holds the most enviable position on the handicap list. Further than that he has to sons whose names come second and third respectively on the same list. Quite recently — just before the father left for Cologne, in fact — these three cheerful golfers entered a competition, and when the result was declared, it was found that "Dad" had won first prize; son number one had secured second and son number two came in for third place. They were all divided by a single point.

THE RAMBLER.

The Holland Park Rink has now been definitely secured by a private syndicate connected with the National Sporting Club, and it is hoped to get it ready for several important fistic engagements by the early autumn. At present it is in the occupation of the military, who are daily expecting to be demobilised.

Mr. F.G. Hill, who before the war was Bristol City's secretary, has now been demobilised, and has again taken up the reins of his old office. During his absence Mr. Albert Glass has filled the position.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

The meals supplied at the Club are exclusively reserved for resident N.C.Os. & men on 4 days special leave. Arrangements have, however, been made to supply one evening meal, consisting of soup, meat and vegetables, and sweets or cheese, to non-residents from 7—8-30 p.m., at the price of 3.50 Marks. One glass of beer is supplied free with the meal.

There are no beds available at any of the Club Hostels except those reserved for members who are detailed from units on 4 days special leave.

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2	1919	35	"	"	Nov.	11 0	"
3	1919	35	"	"	Jan. 1920	1100	Several in 1 20
4	1919	25	Talbot	Curtis 4 str. Coupe	July 1919	1300	compl. car
5	1919	25	"	"	Aug 19.9	1300	"
6	1918	25	"	Choice	"	8.0	Chas. only
7	1919	25	"	"	Sept 1919	850	"
8	1919	25	Vauxhall	Kington 4s. Trg.	Sept. 1919	1135	compl. car
9	1919	20	Ford	1. usual.	July 1919	425	"
10	1919	20	Ford 1 ton truck	Van body	Aug 1919		
11	1919	10	G.W.K.	2 seater	Nov 1919	275	"

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7	1914	10	"	Light car 2 seatr.	"	300
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A DESERTER'S ESCAPADES.

ACTED "UNDER INFLUENCE."

"A very remarkable history," was the comment of Mr. Chapman, the magistrate at Tower Bridge, on the career of James Parking, or Green, an Army deserter, 27, born at Bloemfontein South Africa, charged with George Clark, 27, a Canadian Dragoon, with stealing blankets, the property of the Y.M.C.A.

The blankets, taken off the beds, were carried away in a kit-bag, Clark, it was alleged, stating that Green watched and helped him. Clark stated that he acted under the influence of morphine and heroin.

Officer witnesses said that Green, in various names and at different times, had passed as a South African, and Australian, and a Canadian. He had been condemned to death in France for desertion, and made his escape there on commutation of sentence to a term of five years' penal servitude.

He had stolen letters containing cheques, had twice escaped from Seaford while under military sentence, had robbed a hospital comrade, had falsely posed as a repatriated prisoner of war, and had obtained money from various officers by posing as a shelishock victim.

Green was sentenced to six month's hard labour. Clark, who was said to be using a false pass, was remanded for a further charge under D.O.R.A.

"DOUGHBOYS" THANKS TO ENGLAND.

PROCESSION OF 3600 U.S. TROOPS THROUGH LONDON.

General Pershing, Commander-in-Chief of the American Expeditionary Force, is at present paying a visit to London with the principal object of expressing thanks to the King, the Government and the British Nation for their hospitality to the 1,000,000 or more U.S. troops who have passed through England during the last two years.

Accompanying him is a full U.S. regiment numbering about 3,600 troops and on Empire day May 24th, these with General Pershing at their head and played by their own regimental band, with colours, will march through London, escorted by a large body of British troops.

On Friday, May 23rd, General Pershing will present the American Distinguished Service medal to a number of British officers, the ceremony having being arranged to take place on the Horse Guards' Parade.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT IN COLOGNE.

A VISIT TO CENTRAL Y.M.C.A.

H.R.H., the Duke of Connaught, paid a surprise visit to Cologne on Thursday, and in the evening spent a considerable time in inspecting the work of the Central Y.M.C.A. — work in which his grace is keenly interested he being president of the vast organisation of the Y.M.C.A.

He was attended by several distinguished officers of the British Army and made numerous enquiries of Dr. Francis and his colleagues on the Staff of the Central of the various activities they were engaged in.

On arrival at the Hall he was received by Dr. Francis who introduced the members of the Staff collectively. Subsequently the Duke visited the large library and to Mr. E.W. Hornung, the librarian, expressed great satisfaction on the comfortable provision made for book lovers. The beautiful Lorely Hall and the Edgar Music Corner were also commented upon in terms of great appreciation by his grace. The answers given to his enquiries by Mr. A. F. Jones M.A., the Musical Director, evidently created some surprise and delight. The great hall, which is perhaps the largest of the city, was then visited, and the Rev. A.D. McKenzie, who presides over this department, told of the large crowds which gather there every evening. In the practice cricket pitch adjoining the canteen the Duke stated that had he been younger he would have accepted a challenge to bowl Mr. A. L. Baker the coach and director of the Central's Sports. The canteen with its bizarre surroundings and tier upon tier of alcoves proved to be of exceptional interest and here he was shown round by Miss Beel, the head of the lady workers, at whose hands the duke graciously accepted as a memento of the visit a leather case containing specimen souvenir photographs published by the Central for relatives and friends of the men in England, as well as other publications.

During his tour of inspections His Highness conversed with many of the patrons of the Y.M.C.A. At the souvenir stall he found an Indian soldier to whom he spoke in Hindustani whilst in the great Hall two French poilus were rather surprised when he chatted with them in their own mother tongue.

On leaving the building he requested Dr. Francis to convey to the staff his great appreciation of their excellent work for the troops in Cologne, adding that it was gratifying to him to see that the Army had placed such magnificent premises in trust with the Y.M.C.A. for the benefit op the troops of Cologne.

"DIE ZAUBERFLÖTE" AT DUREN.

A FEW NOTES.

The troops stationed in and around Düren took full advantage of the opportunity provided on Tuesday evening of hearing in the Stadttheater Mozart's „Magic Flute." Perhaps some one well versed in the terminology of music has already given the piece and the players the full measure of appreciation they observe, but in any case a word or two from one, the veriest Philistine in matters musical, may be "worth while" if only by way of comparison. Perhaps an advanced musical education helps more fully to appreciate and interprete into his works, but the passive power to be swayed — to be "cheated of a sigh, or charmed to a tear," — has insinuated itself into the composition of all but the most unfortunate of us. Now, Mozart strikes the right note, or succession of notes in his "Zauberflöte" to harmonise with life as it finds us these glorious days of the Merry Month. Surely there is no call for music of the "lat the tear doon fa," variety when Nature is in her kindest mood and the old world is taking unto itself a new lease of war — free life; and the spirit of Spring served to weave over performers and audience a net of fraternity too subtle to come under the scope of Army regulations.

The shade of Mozart will perhaps pardon me when I say "Die Zauberflöte" was as undiluted joy to me as my first pantomime, but then the whole piece was so deliciously reminiscent of the ingenuous fare of our younger days, — harlequin and columbine, be-whiskered magician, gorgeous black men and "happy-ever-afterwardsness, all complete. Three very feminine fairies, sometimes good, sometimes bad, give the hero a magic flute to help him on his rather vague mission. He soon uses it to advantage with the assistance of somebody "off," with the genuine article,—when Monostatos, the magician's dusky hireling, tries to carry off the heroine, no less a person than the daughter of the Queen of Night. Like a true coon, and like our demobbed brethren, he is carried off in a transport by the strains, and, along with his black squad, break into a passable imitation of the "Tickle-toe" while the audience grip their seats to keep their shoulders from syncopating. The piece takes us through as many, as bizarre and as authentic eastern scenes as a modern revue, and little wonder that Tamino (our hero) and Papageno (my harlequin) are, to quote the programme, "a lotted three boys as guides." It is a safe guess that the writer of the synopsis is not unfamiliar with the Army Telegraph form; certainly the wording brought back to me unpleasant memories of rendezvous at inaccurate MAP references, where at no time did an omniscient Staff "allot as guides" to us three such flaxen-haired Fräuleins, who Orpheus-like, could have charmed away the tedium of the eternal duck-walks. Perhaps the next war will be better organised in this respect.

The caste was too excellent for me to draw invidious comparisons, but, after the ladies of course, my heart went out to ye merry old harlequin, who did most of the gagging while his principle "swung the bad." Certainly according to "the book" the hero was bound to silence for a time, but the infectious vivacity of his henchman, more than made amends. I felt just a little glad when the heroine misinterpreted the hero's silence and gave him the cold shoulder. Her attempt at suicide was half-hearted, — apologetic almost, as being against the anti-melodramatic atmosphere of the evening. It was with pleasure we greeted Papagena, at a late stage in the programme, for we realised that with such a name she couldn't help but be Papageno's affinity, and the two enraptured us with the "littiest" duet.

And the bouquets for the ladies as they made their final half-dozen bows would have "given to think" to those misguided gentlemen, who during the war proposed to deprive the British public of German music! A.R.T.

SHORTHAND CLASSES.

Afternoon or evening classes in the Sloan-Duployan method of shorthand will be held in the Army College, Cologne, provided that there is a sufficient number of applicants.

All troops, living in or near Cologne, who wish to take up this subject should see Capt. Bassford, Army General and Commercial College, Hansa-Ring, Cologne, if possible before Saturday, May 10th. The office will be open for this purpose between the hours of 14.00—15.00 and 17.00—18.00.

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

The chance that once thou hast refused
Will never through the centuries recur.
Schiller.

Had Germany realised more fuller the power that is expressed in those words of her greatest poet, perhaps her destiny might have been other than that with which she is now confronted. Infused with a policy of blood and iron, Germany succumbed to the rallying cry of Bernhardi "World power or downfall," little thinking that the latter might prove a sordid reality. The old call to arms has changed to a bemoaning wail, and, now that World Power is out of the question, it is their aim to ignore the alternative they themselves created.

In recent issues we have been able to give the comments of various newspapers on the question of the attitude of the Germans with regard to terms, many of the extracts containing self-accusations not only for the origin of the World War, but for its prolongation and the many crimes which have been enacted during that period. Yesterday we quoted from *Die Welt am Montag*, in which it was clearly shown that, even though the Germans themselves might not realise the awful depths into which they had plunged, yet the remainder of the world was fully convinced of this fact. The writer denounces his own government as the source of the great upheaval, the instigator of the many crimes, and the cause of the strict terms which assuredly would be exacted by the Allies.

And yet, despite the fact that several prominent members of the New Republic have been trying for some time to enlighten the people and though even the little they already knew from local sources was sufficient to justify the severest terms, yet we find the populace sorrowfully surprised and overwhelmingly indignant.

An emphatic Refusal.

The *Vorwärts*, with truly German type of reasoning and estimation of justice, publishes in emphatic terms its conclusions.

"At present," it says, "we cannot tell whether this monstrous oppression will meet with our agreements. The huge difficulty in feeding Germany imposes special duties upon us. But it may be expressed that if we do sign this peace it is only because we are compelled to do so by violence. Inwardly, we refus emphatically."

"We cannot imagine it possible to find even one man with his five senses quite normal who believes that this peace can be of any duration. Such terms merely imply the progression of a latent war of destruction — the attempt to eradicate a people, not with the power of armaments, but by means of brutal economical slavery.

"We trust to the strength of the people which, at present, is working in the whole world and which cannot be controlled by foolish attempts at the green table to distort and render unnatural the shape of the world.

"The peace may be concluded at Versailles, but the world will only be the richer by another 'scrap of paper.'

"The real peace, which must create a just settlement and a lasting reconciliation cannot be withheld by this documentary obstruction. It must surmount, too, this abuse of the idea of right.

Is Germany ruined?

"Never, in the hundreds of years which have elapsed since the Punic Wars, has there been imposed on a people such terms as these," says the "*Vossische Volkszeitung*," resulting in the same end whether accepted or not. The question is can we live if we refuse? According to human judgment it appears highly improbable. Therefore, the next question we must ask ourselves is, can we live if we accept?

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The premature announcement that Lt. Mars R.A.F., was missing is to be officially investigated.

At a village auction sale near Bletchley (Bucks) an enamel saucepan, the original price of which was 1s. 6d., sold for 19s., and a 2s. frying-pan of several years' use fetched 10s.

Three thousand miners at Chihuahua City, Mexico, have asked for help, as Villa's bandits continue their victorious advance. The loyalty of President Carranza's forces is questioned.

Lieut. the Hon. Philip Wodehouse, second son of the Earl of Kimberley, has just died at Kimberley House, Wymondham, Norfolk, from injuries received in France in June last. Born in 1886, the Hon. Philip Wodehouse unsuccessfully contested the Andover division as a Liberal in 1910. He was in the Censor's Department in France.

Captain Guest, for the War Office, stated in the Commons that it was not possible to proceed against those men who joined the Casement brigade whilst prisoners of war in Germany, and consequently they had not been placed under arrest when repatriated to this country. Orders had been issued that the men were to be discharged from the Army for misconduct.

PROFITABLE SPIRITS.

That very engrossing industry of ascertaining how best to avoid payment of taxes has led the whiskey distillers to arrange for the sale of whiskey to be made from bond only direct to the retailer.

By this means the responsibility for payment of the taxes is to be shifted on to the retailer, the middleman being dispensed with, and his profits secured by the distillers.

Under the Spirits (Prices and Description) Order, dated August 25th 1918, spirit prices for sale in bulk were fixed at 20/- the proof gallon, less a minimum discount of 15 per cent. This discount was profit to the wholesale dealer or middleman who passed it on to the retailer. In future, therefore, no discount will be allowed, and it is presumed that the scheme will allow the distillers a clear profit of 100 per cent.

CENTRAL CLASSES — ARMY TROOPS.

The afternoon classes for Army Troops will re-commence during the the week beginning May 19th, as follows: —

MONDAY AND THURSDAYS.

Arithmetic (Commercial and Workshop), Elementary Mathematics (including Workshop Mathematics), German, Geography, Shorthand (Pitman's), Building Construction.

TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

History, French, Machine Drawing, English Composition and Literature, Applied Mechanics.

WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS.

Commercial Correspondence, Book-keeping.

Army troops who wish to jouin these classes or to prepare either for a full course at one of the Army Colleges, or for the Army First Class Certificate Examination, should see the officer in charge of Education in their units. G.H.Q. personnel should apply direct to the Education Officer, Army Troops, at the Army College, Hansa-Ring, at 14.00 hrs at 17.00 hrs.

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[The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Many questions have been received which could be answered much easier by the Adjutant of the unit concerned, and all such cases which affect the unit commander must be taken to him and not sent here. — Ed.]

Duration.—Your letter would be of sufficient general interest to publish if you had not made the fundamental mistake of confusing the meaning of the two words "cessation" and "suspension." In the phrase employed, viz., "six months after the cessation of hostilities" the meaning intended was "cessation" (not suspension) of hostilities. Obviously the armistice was only a "suspension" as armistices generally are; were it otherwise why were our troops and artillery, etc., brought up here at all.

T.T.—You must apply through the Education Officer of your unit.

H.M.D.—Yes, the 1st Division served in France.

A.B.—See answer to T.T.

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The freedom of the City of London, with a sword of honour, will be presented to Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig and Admiral Sir David Beatty at the Guildhall on June 12. After the presentation, a luncheon will be given at the Mansion House in honour of the new freemen.

Sir Douglas Haig leaves London this morning for Glasgow, where he begins a three week's Scottish tour. He will receive the freedom of six boroughs.

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TWO NOTES.

Versailles. The German Delegation has received its first instructions from the German Government and has met to frame the preliminary reply to the Entente. It is reported that it will submit a draft counter treaty. Count Brockdorff-Rantzau has requested a personal meeting with President Wilson for the purpose of oral negotiations.

Versailles, 9th May. Six members of the German Mission left yesterday for Berlin, viz: — Herren Lothringer of the *Neue Berliner Zeitung* Stampler, chief editor of the *Vorwärts*, Cahen, private secretary of Count Brockdorff-Rantzau, and three others. Cahen was formerly correspondent of the *Frankfurter Zeitung* These journalists have apparently a mandate to prepare a press campaign, which in Germany always takes place before decisions of national interest are taken.

As compensation (!) for this departure eight other Germans have arrived. One of them is a prominent man—Count Oberndorff, delegate extraordinary and plenipotentiary minister. He was one of the signatories to the convention of Spa. The others are members either of the Economical Commission or of the Financial Commission. Twenty-five other experts are expected at any time.—*Wireless.*

Versailles, 9th May. The chief of the German delegation, Foreign Minister Count Brockdorff-Rantzau addressed this evening two notes to the President of the Peace Conference, M. Clemenceau.

The first ran as follows:-

"Herr President!

"The German Peace Delegation has completed its first examination of the delivered Peace Terms.

"The draft treaty contains demands which are not supportable for any people; many of them, according to the opinion of our experts, are not realizable.

"The German Peace Delegation will submit their demonstration in detail and address to the Allied and Associated Governments their remarks and proofs.

"Accept, Herr President, the expression of my highest consideration.

(signed) Count Brockdorff-Rantzau."

9th May, 1919.

The text of the second note was:—

"Herr President!

The German Peace Delegation begs to outline its attitude on the question of the League of Nations, by addressing a memorandum, which, in their opinion, contains important new ideas for the programme of the League of Nations The German Peace Delegation reserve their detailed expressions of opinion about this project of the Allied and Associated Governments. They point out to-day the anomaly of asking Germany to sign the Covenant of the League of Nations as a part of the draft treaty, without being one of the states invited to enter the League of Nations. The German Delegation beg to ask whether such an invitation is intended and if so under what conditions.

"Accept Herr President etc.——

(signed) Count Brockdorff-Rantzau."

9th May, 1919.

THE GERMAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

The sitting of the National Assembly fixed for next Monday at 3 p.m. will take place in the big Hall of the University at Berlin, owing to the Reichstag building being completely infested with vermin as a result of the Spartacist occupation.

BRITISH TROOPS IN RUSSIA.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Winston Churchill, replying to Col. Wedgwood, stated that there are no British troops in Finland, Esthonia, Lettland or the Ukraine. As regards Karelia the War Secretary did not think it advisable to give any details as to the number of our troops at Murmansk. There is also a small Mission comprising twenty-five officers and other ranks in Rumania and Bessarabia and a larger mission with General Denikin in South Russia.

The total number of British troops in the Caucasus including Indian troops, is 24,200. In Siberia and with General Koltchak are about two battalions and the personnel of a strong mission.

EGYPT CALM THROUGHOUT.

Cairo. 6th May. The official communiqué says that since the last communiqué a week ago there has been almost complete calm throughout Egypt Certain elements however are still attempting to foment disturbances by the dissemination of false intelligence and by intimidation. Great progress has been made in the provinces towards the restoration of normal conditions and the establishment of better relations between the inhabitants and the troops.

SELF-DEMOBILIZATION PLOT.

WARNING TO DERBYITES.

Police inquiries in connection with the raid on the premises of the Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Union indicate that the scheme was not greatly supported by members of the Forces, many of whom throughout strongly resented the procedure of the Union. The movement only made headway in departmental camps among the six-shillings-a-day men kept at home. The plot for to-day was planned to secure the adherence of Derbyites, many of whom were discontented as regards demobilization. It is believed that the plot will fizzle out as the result of the police action.

The Home Office desires that all Derby men should be warned that any representations made to them that they can leave the army on 11th May are false.

FIELD MARSHAL FRENCH'S CRITICS.

Viscount French arrived in London yesterday. The *Manchester Guardian* understands that his visit has relation to questions about to be asked in the House of Commons with regard to the publication of his book on the early stages of the war.

The *Daily Express* in a leading article on the book says: "Public opinion will stand aghast at the picture of one British Field Marshal pursuing his greatest rival beyond the grave with stories and inuendoes to which the grave can make no reply. The Viceroy ought to be asked to resign immediately and relieve the Government of the embarrassment of his presence."

The *Daily News* says that the discussion in the House will be a "rather unhappy affair for Lord French. Apart from the grave impropriety of a man in his public position making these attacks on others, including a chief who happens to be dead it will be found that Lord French has a very vulnerable heel."

DESPITE THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

At a Banquet given in his honour at Glasgow Sir Douglas Haig said that the outstanding lesson of the war was the extraordinary military advantage gained by superior preparation for war

We have no right, he said, to count upon getting the opportunity of building up an army during a campaign. Despite hopes and expectations in regard to the League of Nations we cannot afford to disregard the necessity for military preparations. Our preparation must be based on a territorial citizen army.

WAR SPIES EXECUTED.

Mr. Shortt, the Home Secretary, informed Major Christopher Lowther in the Commons yesterday that during the years 1914 to 1918 nineteen persons were sentenced to death for treason, espionage, and similar offences against the State. Of these eight were of enemy origin, eight were neutrals, two were of Allied and one of British nationality. The sentence was carried out in 13 cases.

These figures, he added, did not include cases which arose in connection with the Irish rebellion in 1916.

OFFICIAL END OF THE WAR.

Ottawa. — An announcement was made in the Canadian House of Commons yesterday that an intimation had been received from Mr. Borden, the Premier, that the declaration by the King of the official end of the war is not likely to be made before the 1st August. *Reuter.*

LABOUR AND PEACE TERMS.

The Executive of the Labour Party has issued a manifesto stating its opinion that in some particulars the Summary of the Peace Treaty is opposed to the declarations made by President Wilson. It expresses the hope that there is yet time to bring it more into harmony with the Presidential declarations.

SELLING UP BRITISH WARSHIPS.

In reply to a question of Lord Curzon, Dr. Macnamara, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, stated that since the Armistice only one British warship—a light cruiser—has been sold, and that in India.

Arrangements are proceeding for the sale of further eleven warships and it was also hoped shortly to dispose of a further hundred and fifty, all these vessels being obsolete. Vessels of fighting value will be sold under a pledge that they will be broken up.

GOVERNMENT CHEESE.

Ottawa. A cable received from the British Ministry for Food announces that the Ministry will purchase the entire exportable supply of Canadian cheese of the present season.—*Reuter.*

CHARGE AGA NST SPORTING PARSON.

CASE OPENED.

The Rev. Everard Digby, well known as "the sporting parson" and a temporary chaplain to the forces, appeared at the Middlesex Guildhall yesterday morning to answer to the charge of acting improperly towards C.Q.M.S. J.C. West, East Kent Regiment, in London on the 4th March last. Accused pleaded "not guilty." C.Q.M.S. West described in detail what occurred and identified the accused.

Sir Archibald Bodkin, Treasury Counsel, prosecuting, said the offence was alleged to have been committed at Dansey Yard, a narrow thoroughfare behind Shaftesbury Avenue. The Rev. Digby had been dining at the Imperial Cadet Lodge of Freemasons, of which he is chaplain, at the Café Monico.

Mr. Bodkin said that West was excited and indignant at the conduct of accused and complained to a constable, who referred him to Captain Lloyd, A.P.M. on duty at Piccadilly Circus.

Sir Marshall Hall, defending, said witnesses would be called to prove that the accused was still at the Monico at the time of the alleged incident.

FARMERS AND MILK PRICES

PROBABLE DRASTIC ACTION.

An important inquiry bearing on the agitation of the farmers was opened in London yesterday evidence being given from Lancashire and the Western counties before the Travelling Commission which investigated the cost of milk production in various parts of the country. Lancashire farmers stated their case for an increase above the general prices prevailing throughout the country, and a delegation attended from Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, and Dorset to protest against the differential scale which fixed the price for the farmers in these counties a 2d a gallon below the rest of the country.

To a deputation of Yorkshire farmers the Food Controller said it had been represented that the Government ought to take over the whole of the production and distribution of milk. If prices soared much higher the Government would be compelled to take drastic action. He was convinced that the scale was not unfair and he had positive evidence that in many cases it was generous. He therefore refused to revise the scale at the expense of the consumer:

The chairman of the House of Commons Agricultural Committee wrote to the Lancashire Farmers Association deploring the action of the farmers in Lancashire in withholding the supply of milk from the urban and industrial population, and appealed to them to continue the supply. The prices fixed for summer milk may be unsatisfactory to the farmers, but what amounts to a strike of milk producers is not the method which should be adopted to get the grievance redressed and the committee deprecates such action. Representatives of the agricultural industry in the House of Commons are doing, and will do, their utmost by constitutional methods to safeguard the interests of agriculturists, but at a time when it is all important that the general public should understand the needs of agriculture, it is the greatest possible mistake for the farmers to alienate the sympathies of the urban and industrial communities. By the action they are taking they are making it much more difficult for the Government to frame their agricultural policy.

Lancashire milk producers have resolved, in deference to the wishes of the Committee, to recommend the resumption of milk delivery.

ENGLISH IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

According to the Board of Trade returns for April, imports totalled 112,210,747 sterling being a decrease of 7,670,296 sterling as compared with April 1918. April exports totalled 58,482,245 sterling being an increase of 18,410,783 sterling as compared with April last year. Imports and exports during the last three months show respective increases of 34,088,746 sterling and 49,009,172 sterling as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

NEW BREAD AND APPENDICITIS

A medical witness before the Government Committee on night-baking said that night-baking was bad, both from the point of view of the bakers and of the public. Owing to its indigestibility new bread was a frequent cause of appendicitis.

KEEN CO-OPERATIVES.

Workmen of Palmer's Shipbuilding Company at Jarrow responded so well to the invitation to invest money in a new issue of debenture stock, that the 25,000 pounds worth originally set aside for the purpose had to be doubled.

HEIR APPARENT'S STUNTS.

The Prince of Wales yesterday made a special stunting flight at Hounslow, the pilot being Colonel Barker V.C., whose left arm is permanently disabled and strapped to his breast. Col. Barker, who is regarded as the prince of stunters, performed loops, nose dives, stalls and other "Aerobatics."

TINPLATE WORKERS STRIKE.

The strike of tin plate workers at Swansea and Llanelly caused by the action of the annealers, is ended. The grievances of the men will be investigated by the Welsh Tinplate Industrial Council at a meeting arranged for the 13th May.

WEST HAM FOURFOLD TRAGEDY.

WILFUL MURDER.

The inquest on the four members of the Cornish family in connection with whose death Harry Perry, alias Beckett, a private in the 15th Suffolk Regiment, is in custody, was concluded at West Ham yesterday. Perry, who has made a remarkable confession in connection with the murders, was given an opportunity of being present at the inquest, but he is stated to have declined to accept that, and he was not present.

The coroner, in opening the proceedings, drew the attention to the confession Perry had made, and said it practically reconstructed the whole crime and would materially lighten the labours of the jury, who would doubtless find it the right thing to put Perry on his trial for the murders.

Chief Inspector Neil, of Scotland Yard, produced the statement, which the coroner read.

The Coroner to Inspector Neil: Was the school broken into?—Yes.

Did he say anything to you?—Yes, he said Mrs. Cornish received a letter from her sister-in-law at Colchester, and it was after that they twitted him and told him to clear out. Perry added, "I was annoyed."

He was charged?—Yes, and he said, "Yes, I understand, it is quite true."

Detective Pitchley, of Forest-gate, said at 7.15 a.m. on the night of the tragedy he was called by telephone from Queen Mary's Hospital. He went there with Detective-sergeant Foster. He saw Mr. Cornish, and asked him who caused his injuries. He replied. "My wife's nephew has struck me on the head with a chopper." Witness then went to 13, Stukeley-road, and found the body of Marie lying in the cellar with a wound in the head. Going upstairs, he found in an outhouse the body of Mrs. Cornish. The body was only found after removing a quantity of lumber. Stuck in the throat was about 4in of the metal part of a carving fork, and there was also a gash in the throat. The ring finger of the left hand had been severed, and lay beside the body. Under a bench was found a pick-axe smeared with blood, both on the hammer end and on the handle.

Dr. Garden, continuing his evidence of last week, said the blow of the pick-axe on Mrs Cornish had caused a fatal injury to the throat. Witness added that he believed the first blow was that on the back of the woman's head, and the one on the forehead was given when she was lying down. The wound on the throat alone would have caused death. At the bottom of the cellar steps, said the doctor, he found Marie. She had a gaping wound in the throat, and had been dead for about five hours.

Mrs. Ethe Emmeline Sparks said she lived with Mrs. Gallagher. She had known Beckett about a month. He had told her he was a single man, and that he had been a prisoner of war He also said he had been wounded. Mrs. Cornish had introduced him to her as her nephew. She had visited him at Mrs. Cornish's house. She was to have been married to him on May 7 She saw him on Easter Saturday and also on the Sunday, and he did not tell her of any trouble with the Cornishes. Beckett had told her he had relatives at Colchester. Mrs. Cornish had never said anything but good about him. He told her that Perry was his regimental name.

The jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against Beckett.

AFFILIATION ORDER ARREARS.

The question of liability of a soldier to pay arrears under an affiliation order came before the Manchester magistrate yesterday Applicant had obtained an order in March, 1913, for four shillings per week. In December, 1914, defendant joined the army and under the Army Act applicant received four pence daily. Defendant was demobilised in March, 1919, and the question at issue was whether the payment fixed by the Army Act of 1881 was a full or part payment of defendant's liabilities during his period of service.

The Magistrate, regretting that defendant was not legally represented, said his reading was that it was only a part payment, and made an order of four shillings weekly in reduction of the arrears.

KINMEL CAMP RIOTS.

At Thursday's sitting of the Court-martial which is trying men accused of mutinous behaviour at Kinmel Camp, a Toronto University student, Gunner Elliott Evans, of the Canadian Artillery, was acquitted of the charge of participation in the mutiny.

Yesterday the Court-martial acquitted six more Canadian soldiers of charges in connection with the riots.

Gunner Lorette, the first prisoner to come before the Court-martial, has been convicted on the alternative charge of failing to use his utmost endeavour to suppress the mutiny, and is now serving three months' sentence at Wandsworth.

CAPITAL AND LABOUR.

At a banquet of members of the Iron and Steel Institute last night M. Eugene Schneider of the Creusot works dealt with future relationships of capital and labour.

What was wanted, he said, was not the framing of a clever scale of wages but a transformation of habits of thought. Future captains of industry and workers must learn to know each other by mingling together.

TO HONOUR THE NAVY

Speaking at a meeting of the Mercantile Marine Association of Liverpool yesterday, Dr. Macnamara announced that the Admiralty is trying to get together representative crews of the Mercantile Marine who had been torpedoed.

It is intended that they shall take part in the public reception at London to Admiral Beatty and the officers and men of the Navy.

FLYING THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

STILL WAITING.

St. John's, 8th May. The announcement of the arrival at Halifax of two American seaplanes is causing much excitement here. British airmen are impressed by the promptness of the American effort, but the fact that the five hundred mile flight took ten hours is not regarded as a hopeful augury. It is expected that the Sopwith and Martinsyde machines will maintain a speed of one hundred miles per hour during the whole of the flight. The Englishmen are determined to attempt the flight immediately the weather looks at all favourable though they would prefer waiting for the moon next Wednesday.— *Reuter.*

Chatham, Massachusetts, 9th May.—The American seaplane N.C. 4 was towed into the harbour this morning with three motors disabled. *Reuter.*

CLERGYMAN'S STRANGE CONDUCT.

Before Mr. Mead, at Marlborough-street, William Bettison, 73, clerk in holy orders, of the Rectory, Dedendon, Essex, was charged with using insulting words and behaviour in Hyde Park.

According to the evidence of Police-constable Reeve, A, he watched the prisoner on Wednesday evening in consequence of a complaint he received from a lady as to the latter's conduct. He saw him place himself beside a young lady who was sitting reading a paper near Rotten Row, put his face close to hers and say something, at the same time placing his hand on her lap. The lady at once rose and walked away. Then the prisoner went up to two other young women, separately, and repeated his former conduct, apparently to their great annoyance. Witness thereupon asked him to explain his behaviour, and he replied, "I have not done any hurt; I didn't know that girl was with anybody." He was arrested, and on the way to the police-station said to witness, "Do a kind action for once, and let me go; nobody will know," and offered him a 10s. note. At the station he said if allowed to go he would not come to the park again; and gave a name and address which were found to be false. Witness further told the magistrate that before they arrived at the police-station a gentleman gave him his card, and complained strongly of what he had seen of the prisoner's conduct.

Mr. Mead: Was he sober?—He smelt slightly of drink, but was not by any means drunk. The lady who first spoke to me seemed very indignant at what the prisoner said to her, but did not tell me what it was.

Mr. Mead fined the accused 40s., and 10s. costs.

NURSES TRADE UNION

At a meeting of one hundred hospital matrons held in London yesterday it was decided to form an Association of hospital matrons in order to secure much needed reforms on behalf of nurses and training schools.

STUD KENNELS BURNT.

The stud kennels at Dochfour, Inverness, Baroness Burton's home, were destroyed by fire yesterday. A few dogs were saved but about a score of Cairn terriers, including some valuable prize winners, were lost.

STRIKE OF SEAMEN.

Passenger traffic between Southampton and Cowes is at a standstill owing to a strike among the seamen. They ceased working yesterday, demanding increased pay and other concessions. The Packet Company refused the demands as the men's minimum pay is now seventy shillings a week.

COALS AND DUKES.

The Marquis of Bute and Lord Tredegar were the principal witnesses before the Coal Commission yesterday.

Lord Tredegar said that his average annual income from royalties and wayleaves was eighty thousand sterling.

With reference to his title deeds Mr. Hodges asserted that there existed in Cardiff museum a document which proved that the ancestors of Lord Tredegar became possessed of the land by the signature of Edward the Sixth when that monarch was a boy of ten.

The Marquis of Bute said his average annual income from royalties was 109,277 pounds sterling.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

On the London Stock Exchange yesterday there was a disposition to take profits in several instances at first, but later on markets made a good recovery under the influence and strength of certain Industrials and the sentiment at the close indicates a renewal of activity and strength next week. Investments were quiet in view of the daily competition for new capital issues. Several applications for capital are expected next week. French Rentes were steady and there was a demand for Turkish unified stock on the issue of a reassuring statement regarding payment of coupons. Chilian bonds were strong on negotiations for a loan to Chili by American capitalists. Oils became buoyant again. Shell Transports advanced considerably further on bonus issue of one share at par for every two held. The feature of the Industrial section was a jump of one pound in Courtland's (artificial silk manufacturers) to 9 ½ in anticipation of an announcement regarding the capitalisation scheme. Gold mining shares are steadily improving.

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IN REFLECTIVE MOOD.

To-day we permit ourselves the luxury of silence regarding the draft Treaty of Peace. The fever excited expectation, the strenuous labour of communicating to a waiting public the actual terms of the Allies' will, the thankless work of undelayed and careful commentary, these leave the journalistic mind so exhausted that it seeks a welcome relief in less arduous tasks. It is the soldier's duty to win the battle; it is the politician's part to ensure the peace. We remember that peacemakers are blessed and have assigned to them some attribute of divinity, but we prefer our own more human lot in life.

These have been great days — some have been Mr. Britlings and have "seen it through," some have been Mr. Sterlings and "Have stuck it out." But the inevitable reaction is beginning, and days that once seemed halcyon are robbed of their glories by lassitude and disillusionment. Men wonder if the vista that lies before them is as bright as they expected it to be, if the new era that they yearned for is really begun. The optimism that substained them through many an evil day of tragedy and sorrow is losing its flowing splendour. Pessimism has not yet taken hold of their hearts, but it is hovering around with sinister intent. The face of the world is not a shining morning face. It is lined and wrinkled as the countenance of a man of sorrows. Christendom has had bequeathed to it the doleful legacy of war, and war forgets no man in its last will and testament. Instead of new heaven and new earth there is but an old and impoverished universe. Life holds little prospect save that of hard work, heavy taxation, and high cost of living. Struggle will for long be the watchword of nations who have only now emerged from unparalleled struggle and thought they were entering a haven of rest. Nay more—there is a growing fear that war has been scotched, not killed. Can the world revive if it is still to be the scene of eternal *revanche?*

Courage on the battlefield we know, and never has there been nobler examples of courage than in these years that have slowly passed us by. But we need courage as we never needed it before, a moral and spiritual courage that is as splendid as war's noblest heroism. We must fight against the spirit of disillusionment, against the perils of faintheartedness. We must dare all things rather than lose our high hopes of a better world. No second-best must content us. Let us have faith that the best is yet to be. It is disloyalty to our brave dead to act as if "the homely beauty of the good old cause is gone."

Some men and women at home and abroad have sped to the precarious anodyne of gaiety. Short-sighted, they have placed their faith in easy means of allaying the pains that stab the heart. That is not brave policy. Life is a poor thing without merriment, and it demands happiness of soul and body if it is to thrive. But life is more than pleasure. If the future is to be good and worthy, then we must face its problems with wisdom and courage. Each man may do something for his country that shall help it to pass triumphantly from the evils of war into the paths of enduring peace and good will. Let us scorn the dissipations of pessimism and welcome the joys of hope.

COUNT BROCKDORFF-RANTZAU.

A DIPLOMATIST OF THE OLD SCHOOL.

The extraordinary harangue to which the peace plenipotentiaries were treated by Count Brockdorff-Rantzau is not to be wondered at when we remember the Count's antecedents and surroundings. A Junker by birth, imbued with the ideas of the Wilhelm Strasse, this ex-favourite of the Kaiserin sees fit to read the Entente a lesson on European reconstruction, to which Germany will graciously lend its assistance. In this connection an open letter addressed to the German peace delegates in the *Temps* by E. Lavisse, the French historian, a few days ago appears peculiarly appropriate.

After regretting the enmity existing between France and Germany, M. Lavisse states that he has no desire to insult the German negotiations who come as France's guests; his only desire is to state what French sentiment is with regard to their presence. First of all the French public is surprised that amongst them none of those men are to be found who protested against the policy of William II, acknowledged Germany's guilt, and were prepared to make restoration. With such men M. Lavisse declared, negotiators and even an understanding would have been easier. Count Brockdorff-Rantzau was a faithful adherent of the old regime, and now, though outwardly a democrat, was nevertheless still a Count, and for a long time past had addressed threats to the Entente. The letter continues: "Now that you are here I would exhort you to spare us declarations which would only make us smile or shrug our shoulders. Do not prate to us about free democratic Germany, or of a peace of reconciliation, any more than of right or justice: still less do we advise you to abuse President Wilson's propositions. Phrases such as these may be appropriate enough in your newspapers or in your debates at Weimar, but in Paris you have to speak with men who will not allow themselves to be hoodwinked and who have to pass stern judgment upon the greatest crime in the history of the world. You will have to suffer much, not only *revanche* for Bismarck, Wilhelm I, and Blücher, but also for your actions in the present war. You say you do not wish to be condemned to forced labour, in order to pay off your yearly instalments, but we will not be compelled to work for years in order to make good the areas you have devastated, whilst Germany has remained almost untouched by the war, and whilst the Leipzig Fair has been having a phenomenal success." The Peace negotiations Lavisse concludes, are compromised by the old regimé and represent an ambiguous government.

An Irishman presented himself before a Liverpool magistrate to seek advice.

"Sor," he said, I kapes hens in my cellar, but th' wather pipes is bust, an' me hens is all drownded."

"Sorry I can't do anything for you," said the magistrate; "you had better apply to the water company."

A few days later Pat again appeared.

"Well, what now? What did the water company tell you?" queried the magistrate.

"They tould me, yer honor," was the reply, "to kape ducks."

Smith, the hotel manager, and Jones, a manufacturer's agent, were talking one day about their respective business interests.

"I say," remarked Jones, "how ever do you use such an enormous quantity of pears and peaches?"

"Well," replied Smith, "we eat what we can, and what we can't eat we can."

"Indeed!" said the other. "We do about the same in our business."

"How is that?"

"We sell an order, when we can sell it, and when we can't we cancel it."

THE CHRISTIAN APPEAL.

ITS POWER TO SATISFY.

BY A CORRESPONDENT.

With men religion is considered to be an affair of the emotions, or the mind, or the conscience or the will. Religion, I mean the Christian religion especially, does not appeal to every man in the same way. According to our make and bent, the needs of our life, our qualities of heart and brain, our disposition and temperament the great common religious appeal finds an entrance into our life. In spite of denials, religion always appeals to men, but the effectiveness of the answer depends upon whether the whole nature of man is appealed to or merely a part. The emotion, the mind, the conscience, the will, are parts or phases of man's being, and Christianity may appeal to each or to all. The emotional or sentimental channel is considered to be the least resisting, by which religion can enter and permeate the whole fibre of man's being, both mental and spiritual. Man in such a case is touched, won, and held through his affections, and he is satisfied when the deepest part of his emotional nature finds peace. With some, religion is more an affair of the mind by which an appeal is made to their reason and intellect. They are those who are in search for some reasonable explanation of this mysterious world, and of human life. Their religious interests centre round big questions—creation, the being of God, sin, the Sonship of Christ, free-will and human destiny. Then we have those who say "My conscience is my religion," meaning, we suppose, that they consider religion an affair of the conscience. Are sin and need oppressing facts to them. The burden of evil lies heavily on their soul. For them above all things, Christianity is life's refuge, the one power in heaven or earth able to say with authority "Thy sins be forgiven thee." Again to some religion is akin to an affair of the will. They seek the right and the good thing, the straight path and the clear duty; and in religion they find life's one pure ethic, the eternal law of conduct, the power and inspiration to live the clean and wholesome life.

Now we should learn that the Christian religion appeals, or should appeal to the whole personality of man. No matter where it may begin, in the emotion, or in the mind, it claims to have the right to march right through into the very citadel of our being, until it possesses and governs the whole life and being. The Christian believes that there is no province of our being which should be outside a true living Christianity. If we cried to God with our whole nature, our whole nature would receive its peace. However human life is sub-divided into mental, moral or spiritual, Christ is able to make His appeal to each and every part. He is able to satisfy every true and worthy emotion, every kind and generous thought. He has directed, and will direct the human heart to noble sacrifice, to fine ideals, to human kindness, to the love of man and every fair and gracious thing. He satisfies the heroic in us, the call to labour and aspire, to endure, to suffer, to win through loss. He satisfies the mind; the unresting burrowing mind of man. He gives the mind the only peace it can have through a reasonable explanation of the world of life, of ourselves, of destiny and of the great longings and yearnings of our inner life. We hold with conviction that Christ is able to satisfy the reason, to give it a basis for work, a plan for work and an aim for work. He can satisfy the deep demands of our moral nature, all our pass on for righteousness, all our love for truth, and justice, all the demands for the best that is in us. Then again he can satisfy that mysterious spiritual nature within us, which has in all ages gone out gropingly after the eternal and the abiding. To the whole big, broad, deep human nature He stands and says "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

A MOOD.

Being the Reflection of one suffering from Respectability.

This is surely an age of custom; an age in which the historical continuity of certain conventions of thought or action has arrogated to itself an aspect of almost divine sanction. We search our memoris for traditions of the past upon which to base our experiments of to-morrow.

The experience of yesterday may prove false, that of a thousand yesterdays is surely true!

We have so schooled ourselves to doing that which custom has certified as correct that our minds are incapable of appreciating anything except phantoms of the past.

Is it wrong or strange, or is it only natural, that some men at times, insanely wish not only to destroy the well-propped fabric of custom out to pile stone upon stone until a new whole shall raise it's height in utter, absolute negation of the Oracles of yesterday?

"The act to think," has long ceased to imply creation; to live must only be to imitate.

The conventions and customs of our age are as hollow and as false as the mask of death, yet who dares to break the self-rivetted chains with which we are bound.

Life and Love cry out for new forms of expression and adoration; they are met on every-side by gestures of censure and dismay.

Live as life was lived yesterday; think as men thought yesterday or before; believe what men believed yesterday; do otherwise, and surely your little world shall crumble into ruin.

And yet steadily and surely; even in an eruptive or disruptive manner, the evolution of ideas is progressing, behind, underneath, over around our enchanted castle of respectability. Half the world is using anarchy as a means to the resurrection of a mis-interpreted past; half (is it our half?) is straining mind and heart to perpetuate an anomalous present.

Half would find a panacea for all ills in some age-cherished doctrine of negation, and thus in the acceptance of some equally time-worn affirmatives. Refrain from this, do that — —! Too much of this and that! — This and that which the opinion of generations has subscribed to as right or condemned as wrong.

How dare we presume, who are of the present, that the action of to-day shall be confirmed by the judgment of 1000 days to come?

Yet how often is the rule of life moulded by the dicta of those who lived some thousand years before.

Were they right then, need they be right to-day, must we be right to-morrow? Why not once, if only once, say: "I think, I say, I do! — In spite of the wisdom of the ages, of the visions of the sun, I do — and that which I do is right." INVITIS VENTIS.

During an address to a body of law students ex-President Taft pointed out that too much care cannot be taken in the selection of the jury. In this connection he told of an intelligent-looking farmer who had been examined by both defence and prosecution and was about to be accepted, when the prosecutor chanced to ask:

"Do you believe in capital punishment?"

The farmer hemmed and hawed and after a moment's reflection replied:

"Yes, sir, I do, if it ain't too severe."

CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION.

All the world knows that the Germans are prone to boast about their "kultur" and, although we may now be disillusioned, we were perhaps too ready to lend a sympathetic ear to their claims in pre-war days. For, with but too many people, culture is very easily confused with "civilization," and progress in the latter regarded as a necessary enrichment of the former.

But this is by no means the case. Briefly defined, civilization may be said to represent a nation's *material* advancement, whereas culture represents its *spiritual* attainments. Thus, steam engines, telephones, wireless telegraphy, aeroplanes and all the developments in science are things which make part of a nation's civilization, but we measure its culture by its music, poetry, art, philosophy, morals, etc. In other words, civilization is the practical side of existence, whereas culture embraces those ideals and higher aspirations which constitute the soul of a nation.

The great Russian philosopher and novelist, Dostoïveski, went so far as to affirm that civilization and culture were diametrically opposed to each other; that, in proportion to the strides a nation made in civilization, her culture deteriorated. This may seem a somewhat startling theory, but a study of history will reveal much in its support. Dostoïveski was no doubt most influenced by the events in his own country, for he saw there that, as the waves of western civilization were gradually sweeping away the barriers of Russian conservatism, her morals and ideals degenerated. Then, among the greater Powers of the world, the country which, measured by our European standards, is perhaps the most backward in civilization, is China. Yet her spiritual and artistic level is considered by many competent judges to be above ours. On the other hand, the Americans are universally looked upon as the most go-ahead and up-to-date race, but what have they contributed towards the world's store of culture — how many really great poets, sculptors, artists, musicians or philosophers?

We in Britain have not improved our culture since the great industrial revolution and the rapid developments in the world of science. Can our literary and artistic geniuses of the last twenty years bear comparison with those of the preceding century? But, fortunately, we had not allowed the march of materialism to blind us entirely to ideals, and the 4th of August, 1914, found us all ready to sacrifice everything in order to safeguard those essential principles of *culture*, just as much as those of civilization. And the same may be said of all the Allies, for surely there never was a war fought in which material considerations played so small a part.

This is where Germany failed. True, she had at one time a just claim to "Kultur," as no one can dispute the brilliance of her great musicians and some of her poets and artists. But they mostly existed before the Fatherland emerged as a great Power, and the Germany which gave birth to men like Wagner and Goethe was a very different Germany from that which devoured religiously Bernhardi's and Neitzsche's treatises on the gospel of "Might is Right," and which drove nails into a ludicrous wooden statue of Hindenburg. Many Germans honestly believed that the benefits to be derived from German kultur would far outweigh any suffering entailed by its forcible imposition on other peoples. But it is probable that the average German visualized in "Kultur" things which were really in the province of civilization and, therefore, distinct from culture, e.g.—their commercial and scientific achievements and their old system of Government, under which everything ran smoothly at the point of the bayonet.

A little idealism and true culture might have saved Germany from the policy which has led to her ruin and incidentally has denuded Europe of its manhood.

J. S.

QUESTION TIME.

OR UNCLE ARTHUR'S LETTER BOX.

PART VI.

All questions by correspondents answered with promptitude, special attention being paid to those concerning demobilisation.

PETER. — Q. What is the Highland Divisional sign?

A. A haggis rampant on a field of 'Sandy Mac'.

SUFFOLK. — Q. Do you know where the R.S.M. was when the recruit called him old sport?

A. Yes, Trotsdorf, I think. Anyway he was beyond Spich!!

PRIVATE. — Q. What is the best way to get on and off a tram when in motion?

A. Cut the right hand smartly across the body and grasp the tram firmly between the thumb and forefinger. Then trust in Providence. To alight, reverse the above motions.

LIEUT. — Q. Can one obtain rooms in the Bernskine Hotel, London, West?

A. Not at present. This Hotel is still taken over by the Government as the Headquarters of the Ministry for the Determination of a universal standard of mark to be affixed to General Elect on Ballot Papers.

RECRUIT. — Q. What is a leave warrant like?

A. I don't know. I've only been out here fourteen months myself.

PIONEER. — Q. What does a mule eat?

A. Trees, canvas, S. D. clothing, neck chains, pickets wood 6 ft., pickets screw iron, barbed wire, etc. (see G1098, List of Ordnance Stores). It is also partial to human flesh. The army idea is, however, that it eats oats and hay.

UBIQUE.

A LAUGH OR TWO.

The village photographer was losing patience with his lady patron. "Just a little smile, please," he said, dwelling somewhat on the last word. "A smile adds much to the artistic effect."

The lady shook her head.

"Of course if you'd rather," commenced the artist.

"I would not," came from the direction of the headrest. "Our one layin' 'en died this mornin', bacon's gone up tuppence a pound, mother's had a couple of fits, my boy George has just broken a plate-glass window, and my husband is in a military hospital with four or five pounds o' lead inside him. If you think I'm goin' to grin like a Cheshire cat when I'm up against that shower o' blessin's you're scratchin' the wrong pig. You git on with it natural, mister."

Harry came running home with a book under his arm. "Why, what's that, Harry?" his mother asked.

"It's a prize, mother."

"A prize? What for?"

"For natural history, mother. Teacher asked me how many legs an ostrich had, and I said three."

"But an ostrich has two legs."

"I know that now, mother, but the rest of the class said four, so I was nearest."

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Sunday	3	Götter-dämmerung	Wagner
Monday	12	Mignon	Ambroise Thomas
Tuesday		No performance	

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

FUTURE ENTERTAINMENTS.

On Monday (12th), the opening day, there will be a delightful little concert in the music room at 5 p.m., when Miss Barnard, Q.M.A.A.C., will play a couple of pianoforte solos, Miss van de Weyden, Q.M.A.A.C, will play the violin, and Captain Greenlees, 2nd Royal Scots will sing, so that lovers of good music will have a most enjoyable afternoon. On Monday evening and every following Monday from 6.30 to 9 p.m. there will be a practice dance for the men in the theatre. Tuesday (13th) is the first performance in the Club theatre, when the Woman's Theatre Company, kindly lent by the Church Army, will give a programme of plays and songs and Lt. S.E. Percy, H.L.I., of the Rhine Army Dramatic Co., will produce for the first time in Cologne "The Constant Lover" by St. John Hankin.

On Wednesday (14th) and every following Wednesday there will be a dance for the men in the theatre from 6.30 to 9 p.m.

Thursday (15th) the first of the weekly whist drives will be given from 6.30 to 9 p.m.

Friday (16th) the first lecture will most kindly be given at 6 p.m. by Major Bles, the Town Major, on "The War and its Ending." The chair will be taken by Major General Sillem, C.B.

Saturday (17th) and every following Saturday at 6.30 to 9 p.m. there will be another dance for the men, and on Sunday (18th) the Officer Commanding the 12th Royal Lancers has most kindly given permission for the band of the regiment to play a selection of music from 6.30 to 9 p.m. Cpl. Howard Fry will also sing during the afternoon.

All the above entertainments are free, and every afternoon there is a cinema in the Theatre, from 2.30 to 4.30, for which the tickets are 1 and 2 Marks.

THE "FRAGMENTS".

The patrons of the Deutsche Theatre during the coming week have a distinct treat in store. The "Fragments" (Southern Division concert party) who many will remember at the Apollo last month, are paying a return visit to Cologne, with an up-to-date and well-selected variety programme.

The entire absence of pierrot members marks a distinct line from the concert parties of war days, and it is hoped tha the public will appreciate the efforts to reproduce as far as possible the "Blighty" effect, which each programme should produce.

The Troupe will be supported by a small string orchestra, and numbered among the artistes are 3 "Girls" who must be seen and heard to be thoroughly appreciated. Pte. Alex Hill, the noted Baritone, and Sergt. Cavanagh, the Irish comedian, are also appearing. Several concerted items will be staged, and judging by the programme a good two hours of bright fun and music may be anticipated.

"THE CHEVRONS" CONCERT PARTY

During the past week the "Chevrons" have paid a return visit to the Stadt Theatre, Duren, with an entirely new and original programme. They have played to enthusiastic audiences all week despite the counter-attractions in the town. Outstanding features of the remarkably good performance are the individual efforts of the comedians, who seem to have a huge store of up-to-date gags; the refined duet and quartette scenes from opera, the musical comedy song and dance item, and the well staged Italian burlesque. The latter is brim-full of subtle humour and is a welcome change from the usual run of concert party sketches. A topical Jazz Band turn, which affords much scope for the comedy men, concludes a well-balanced programme. The picturesque costumes make a beautiful colour scheme especially in the concerted numbers. Enquiry has elicited the fact to the "Chevrons" concert party is not a representative selection from Corps or Divisions, but the product of 136 Siege Battery R.G.A. and with all due respect to other shows this party rivals anything in France or the occupied areas. "The Chevrons" will visit Cologne on their first vacancy.

MUSIC AT SIEGBURG.

By kind permission of the Lieut. Col. T.M.C. G. Bridges, the band of the 2nd Royal North Lancs. Regt. will in future play in the market Square, Siegburg, on Sundays and Wednesdays. The programme will be from 5 to 6 p.m.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY A.C.

EFFORTS TO REVIVE THE SPORT.

A determined effort to get athletics going during the present term at Cambridge is being made, and at a further meeting officers and committee have been appointed, whilst the possibility of holding some sports has been fully discussed. The main difficulty confronting the athletes is the fact that the University ground is claimed during the May term by the cricket club, and it is impossible to carry on training whilst cricket is in progress. With only four or five days between now and the end of term on which no cricket is arranged, it means that the men will either have to train in the mornings or the evenings. Further-more, with the term now in full swing, most of the men have already decided to take up other branches of sport. However, not to be discouraged, the officials have decided to hold a sports meeting at the University ground on Saturday, the 24th, provided that permission can be obtained of the cricket club. The athletic club have been considerably handicapped by the absence of an old athletic Blue in residence, and whilst it was hoped that R.S. Woods, who was president in 1914, was coming into residence again, it is now known that he has definitely decided not to do so. An old cross-country Blue, A.C. Telfer, Selwyn, has been elected president; W. Mabane, Caius, secretary; and A.K. Bird, Emmanuel; I. Law, Queen's; H. W. C. Craigmile, King's; G.M. Butler, Trinity; and L.D. Marshall, Sidney, form the committee. Although much cannot be looked for this summer, it may be the means of getting things going as soon as the October term commences.

"PADDLING HIS OWN CANOE."

BOAT-HIRING INCIDENT AT LINDENTHAL LAKE.

ROWER MONOPOLISTS.

With the arrival of scorching sunshine and the consequent demand for balmy zephyrs ones thoughts turn to boating on river or lake. The Rhine, unfortunately, is too "heady", so that in Cologne and neighbourhood one must needs resort to one or other of the miniature artificial lakes with which the district is provided. One of these has been already refered to in "*The Cologne Post*", namely the pond in the Volksgarten, near the side of which, by the way, is (or was recently) the magnificent residence of Mr. Otto Rotaschild. Another of hese lakes is situated in the Lindenthal Park, some 20 minutes car run from the Dom.

Here everything in the garden may be lovely, but, according to a correspondent, who sends us an account of a recent experience, everything is surely not in perfect working order in the administrative department. At 10—10 a.m., he waited in a queue for a single boat, being a firm believer in paddling his own canoe. According to the blackboard posted outside the boat-house, the boat he desired (No. 7) was next due to arrive in port at 10.40. At 11.35 practically an hour later, the Germanic Commodore who was impersonated by a boy informed the would-be sailor that his boat would only be another 5 minutes.

When the 5 minutes expired another Teuton entered the melodrama—the lady cashier who controlled the finances of the Lindenthal Fleet or at least that portion of it which had not come under the notice of that circumtabular oligarchy at Versailles.

'Confab" with Boy.

This young lady whispered to the boy to give the much coveted No. 7 to the lucky occupant for another hour! All sorts of theories occurred to our informant as to his discomfiture. Was it a diabolical arrangement emanating from the piratical brain of the one and only Tirpitz? Was it a naval counterstroke evolved by Admiral von Capelle, a brain-wave of Captain Persius? From 10.10 a.m. to 11.40 the would-be mariner waited patiently for what was presumably the only single boat available, and was then informed that he must needs wait another hour!

Rightly our informant pointed out to the lady that he did not consider it satisfactory that hirers of boats should be able to occupy them all day if they thought fit while others are waiting. One of the Germans in the queue remarked that the complaint was well founded. The regulation with regard to boat-hiring on this particular lake are unknown to us, but if they permit of the hiring of boats in this unsatisfactory manner, new regulations seem to be overdue.

In this case there ought to be no necessity for submitting the question to the Great Four. A few minutes consideration in some municipal department., and one or two "verboten" and the deed is done. As for the carrying out of the law there can be no dubiety as British Military police circumnavigate the lake assiduously.

CRICKET AT HENNEF.

51st BEDFORDSHIRES GETTING READY FOR "COLOGNE POST" CUP.

The above unit held the first of a series of Company cricket matches on Wednesday, when "B" Coy. met "A" Coy., the main object being to pick out likely starters for the *Cologne Post* cup which is already beginning to arouse great interest in the Hennef district. The glorious weather attracted quite a good number of spectators, who did not hesitate to shout their appreciation of the Company players. Winning the toss "13" Coy. decided to bat first, but the deadly bowling of Lieut. Sayers and Sgt. Elliot proved too much for, them and "B" Coy had the mortification of seeing all their wickets fall for 14 runs, notwithstanding the presence of "13" Coy's crack bowlers, Lieut. Thompson, who got seven wickets, the remaining three falling to Lieut. Daltrey. The second winnings proved almost as disastrous for "B" Coy., who this time managed to get 20 against "A" Coy's 43 for seven wickets. Scores below:—

"B" Company.—2nd Lieut. Mason c. Lieut. Sayers, 4, Capt. Coward, M.C., b. Lieut. Sayers, 0; Pte. Dachtler b. Lieut. Sayers, 0; Lieut. Thompson b. Lieut. Sayers, 0; Cpl. Tones, run out, 1; Lieut. Daltrey S.A. b. Lieut. Sayers, 2; Pte. Archer J. b. Lieut. Sayers, 2; Pte. Greenwood b. Sgt. Elliot, 5; Pte. Adams b. Lieut. Sayers, 0; L Cpl. Grump b. Sgt. Elliot, 0; Pte. Cross, not out, 0; Total, 14.

"A" Company.—Pte. Obrien c. Lieut. Thompson 0; Pte. Larking b. Lieut. Thomson 11; Lieut. Sayers c. L/Cpl. Grump 5; Sgt. Carter b. Lieut. Thompson 12; Sgt. Elliot c. Lieut. Daltrey S.A. 6; Sgt. Cope c. Lieut. Thompson 0; Pte. Stray b. Lieut. Daltray S.A. 4; L/Cpl. Dinnage b. Lieut. Thompson 0; Pte. Saunders b. Lieut. Thompson 0; 2nd Lieut. Taylor b. Lieut. Thompson 4; C.S.M. Ager not out 2; Extras 7; Total 51.

Platoon match result: No. 13, 58 runs; No. 1, 55 runs.

Sporting Snippets.

The famous Surrey's Regimental Depot is at Kingston Barracks, and their Sports Club was an important feature at headquarters for a long period prior to the war. Yesterday Maj. J. C. May, D.S.O., Commanding Officer, presided at a meeting which enthusiastically pledged itself to a revival, cricket, football, and hockey sections being arranged, as well as athletics. Financial support was assured, and the future is full of promise. It will be remembered that in the charge at Montauban the East Surreys went over the top dribbling a football right up to the enemy's trenches.

The United Senior League has been wound up. The Cup presented by Mr. Gill Knight was handed over to the winners, Hampstead Town, at a meeting held at Norwich House, High Holborn, on Tuesday night, and the balance in hand of £3 6s. 2d. was voted to the Footballers' Widows and Orphans' Fund.

The Lancashire F.A. have given notice to the Football Association of their intention to move an alteration in those rules which practically debar those who have been professional players from sitting on directorates and committees.

New Zealand and Canadian athletes will take part in a meeting at the Paddington Recreation Grounds this evening. Hector Phillips, the Canadian and 660 yards record holder, will be virtual scratch man in the third heat of the open half-mile.

Entries have closed for the Midland professional golf tournament to be played on May 7 at Castle Bromwich. Forty-two of the leading Midland professionals have entered, among them being G. V. Tuck, the Midland champion.

KEEN GAME AT KALK.

93rd Brigade R.G.A. v. 2nd army XI.

Played at Kalk on Wednesday when a fast and sporting game resulted in a win for the Gunners by 2—0. Owing to the fact that the 93rd Brigade have an unbeaten record the game was looked forward to with great interest by the players and the excellent following of the team, and they went away well satisfied with the result. The score stood at one to nil at half time, a penalty for handling taken by Corpl. James being a great shot. Gnr. Jully (124 Siege Battery) had very hard lines with a shot which struck one of the Army backs (mutual hard lines). Gnr. Morley (159 H.B.) by a fine individual effort from outside right made the game safe by scoring a splendid goal. The goalkeeper made a great effort to stop the shot. Both goalkeepers were much to the fore and acquitted themselves remarkably well, each making some splendid saves. The 93rd are looking forward to a return game in Cologne, when a good game is assured.

2nd. INFANTRY BRIGADE H.Q.V No. 2. FIELD AMBULACE.

At Lengsdorf, on Thursday, in the above match, goals were scored for the Ambulance as follows: Capt. Edwards 3, Howarth 3, Carr 2, Bomford 2, Grundy 1, and Sgt. Wagstaff 1.

It was a runaway match, with only one team in it, and no other comments need be made when one looks at the final score. No. 2. Field Amb. 12; 2nd. Infantry Brigade H.Q., Western Division, Nil.

14th v. 174 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A.

Played on the Thursday on the formers ground at Stotzheim, near Euskirchen, and resulted in a win for 174 S.B. by three goals to two.

The 174th scored the first goal of the match about ten minutes after the start. After another 15 minutes a smart piece of work on the right wing ended in Bdr. Preece adding another goal for the visitors.

On resumption 14th S.B. broke away and scored by a good combined effort on the left wing. After this play was pretty even until half time, neither side succeeding in scoring though both goalkeepers had a busy time.

Early in the second half 14th S.B. equalised, but 174th broke away again and forced a corner, Smith scoring from the flag kick. The 14th made desparate efforts to equalise, but Cpl. Tanner, in goal for 174th, played a magnificent game.

Play was pretty evenly divided, and the score fairly represented the game.

THE COLOGNE POST CRICKET CUP.

Look out for the league arrangements in connection with this competition which will be published in a day or two

RUGGER AT KONIGSHOVEN.

52nd RIFLE BRIGADE v. DIVISIONAL LEAGUE COY.

A match between the above teams was played at Konigshoven on Wednesday. The visitors came from Frimmersdorf and looked a pretty not crowd when they came in the field.

The Signallers kicked off, and for a short time the play was in the R.B's "25" but the latter soon relieved the pressure and after 15 minutes of fast play the first try was scored for the R.B's by Capt Harrison — almost on the touch line — an angle which made it almost impossible to convert. Almost at once the same officer got over again this time square between the posts and Capt Jones had no difficulty in scoring.

The visitors put up a hard game but they were unable to complete with the pace of Capt Harrison and the tackling of Capt Shaw, who during the whole time played a splendid game. The final result was 52nd Rifle Brigade 22 points; Divisional League Coy. 4, the latter team scoring a fine drop goal just before time. The backs on both sides distinguished themselves but again the R.B's excelled, Capt Hawkins fine kicking into touch materially contributing to the result.

[This report was delayed in transit. Ed.]

51st BEDFORDS SOCCER RESULTS.

No 14 Platoon 3 . . . . No 2 Platoon 2.
No 3 Platoon 4 . . . . No 15 Platoon 2.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

NEWMARKET RACING RESULTS.

The One Thousand Guineas.

Apprentices Plate:—1, Church History (15—8); 2, Oxford (9—1); 3, Zulanda (8—1). Thirteen ran.

Mildenhall Plate:—1, Skager Rock (7—1); 2, Rossini (5—4 on); 3, Mameni (8—1). Four ran.

Two years old Plate:—1, Darklin (3—1); 2, Finnimore (6—1); 3, Creole (100—6). Fifteen ran.

One Thousand Guineas:
1, Roseway (2—1) Whalley.
2, Brittania (6—1) Fox.
3, Glaciole (20—1) Colling.

Also ran:—Kerryloss (Lane); Lady Juliet (Slade); Missouri (Foy) Vain dream (H. Jones); Offshoot (Leach); Keysol (Donoghue); Bayuda (Childs); Forufold (Carslake); Maple Durham (Hulme); Kaboodles (Lancaster); Flying Spear (Swyth) and Willesden (Ledson). On settling down, Roseway showed in front of Kerryloss, Keysol, Bayuda, Brittania and Glaciole and her position was never seriously treatened. Drawing away out of the dip she won in a canter by six lengths. One and a half lengths separated the second and third. Bayuda, a neck away was fourth and Flying Spear fifth.

May Plate:—1, Simone Filly (7—2); 2, Longstop (5—4 on); 3, Jaspo (10—1). Ten ran.

Three-year-old Handicap:—1, Royal Welsh (4—1); 2, Longslip (9—4); 3, Chattor (4—1). Nine ran.

Friday Sweepstakes:—1, Good Night (7—4); 2, Coriolanus (5—2); Flying Squadron (5—2). Nine ran.

CHELTENHAM RETURNS.

Charlton Hurdle Race:—1, Stargantes (9—2); 2, Arborfield (3—1); 3, Monard (4—1). Nine ran.

Swindon Steeplechase:—1, Perfect (evens); 2, L.B. (8—1); 3, Lipling Water (5—2). Six ran.

Gloucester Hurdle Race:—1, Golden Melody (10—1); 2, Chicago (7—2); 3, Crown Again (5—1). Eight ran.

Services Steeplechase:—George B. (13—8); finished alone. Three ran.

Prestbury Park Hurdle Race:—1, Stollins Lane (10—1); Carrig Park (8—1); Ballyhandy (evens). Six ran.

Juvenile Steeplechase:—1, Bully to you (2—1); 2, Rotterdam (6—4); 3, St. Ruan (4—1). Four ran.

LONDON BETTING.

Jubilee Handicap: 4 to 1, Royal Bucks; 100 to 15 Danselon and Zinovia; 9 to 1, Silver Bullet (all taken).

The Derby: 2 to 1, The Panther; 15 to 2, Lord Basil (taken and offered); 25 to 1, Grand Parade (taken).

A.G. HILL IN FORM.

WINS HALF-MILE HANDICAP AT TUFNELL.

In the open half-mile handicap at Highgate Harriers sports, which took place at Tufnell Park on Thursday, A. G. Hill the four mile ex-champion, who is now demobilized, ran exceptionally well. From the three yards mark he won in 58 and one fifth seconds.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES CYCLING UNION.

The Southern Counties Cycling Union is now taking active steps to restore the pre-war programme in every branch. The annual Bushey Park meet will be held on the 24th inst., when the Rawson Shield and also a special gold medal for largest club attendance will be again competed for.

The full road programme has been restored and will comprise the "50" Time Trial for the Godward Trophy, and Roberts Shield for teams, to be run off during June; the Syd Gray "100" in July, and the Hill Climb on September 20, the latter event being followed by a tea and smoking concert.

The programme for the path events (which will include the "Cycling" trophy) will be dealt with by the Executive at their next meeting, to-morrow.

NEW SUSSEX SECRETARY.

There were thirty applications for the post of secretary to the Sussex County Cricket Club. The choice has fallen upon Major W. G. Sarel, who at one time played for Surrey and Kent. Practically since the outbreak of war Major Sarel has held a staff appointment. He hopes to be demobilized at once, however, and to commence his new duties about the middle of the present month.

THE CHANGE OF SEASONS.

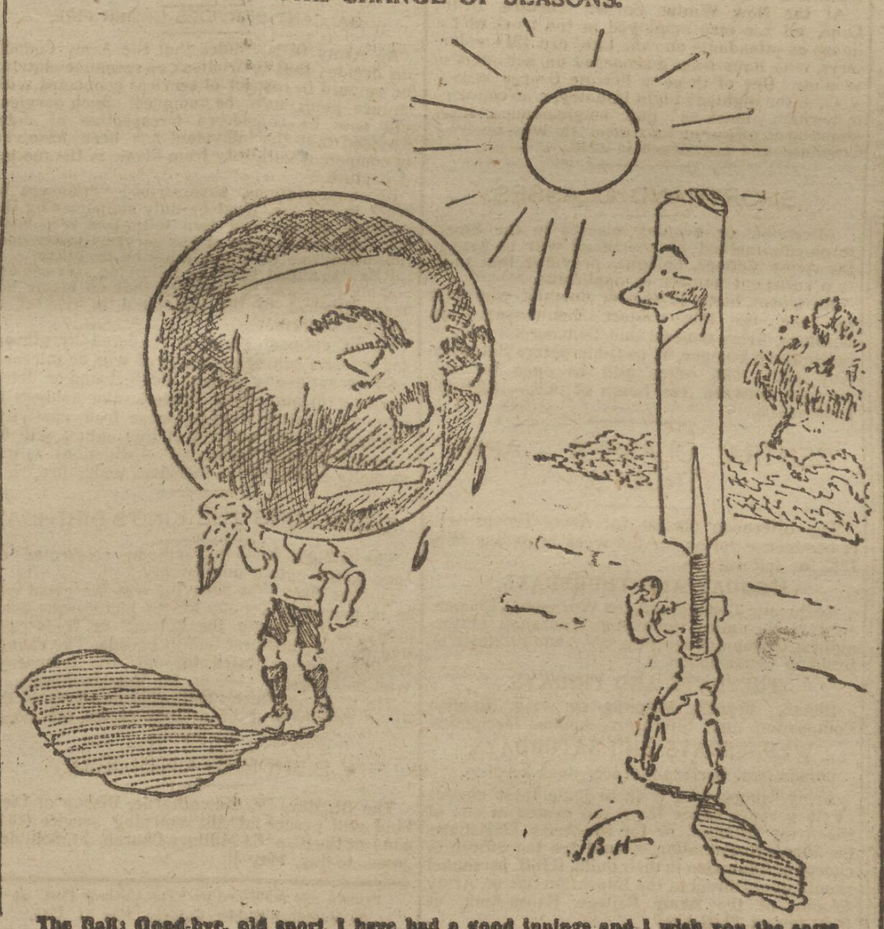

The Ball: Good-bye, old sport, I have had a good innings and I wish you the same.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Sunday, May 11, 1919.

Surface wind light or moderate South-Easterly or Southerly. Mainly fine and very warm. Local thunder showers likely. Visibility good.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

(With an Occasional Entertainments Note.)

Horse Racing Devotees.

A certain Field Coy., R.E., have spent quite a chunk of their spare time recently in voluble grousing. It seems, judging by the many letters I have received, that at a recent race meeting only a very small percentage of the rank and file were permitted to attend. So small was this quota, in fact, that if there had been a race meeting every day it would have taken no less than four weeks to ensure that every man had an opportunity of being present.

Swimming.

A swimming enthusiast writes in connection with a paragraph which appeared in this column recently on the subject of swimming in the Rhine, issuing a challenge to our former correspondent to swim any distance that that individual may mention in the Rhine. Unfortunately the suggestor of such a match has been demobilized, but my friend will probably have plenty of opportunity of trying his luck against the expert swimmers in the Army of Occupation when the Swimming Gala, which I understand is being promoted, takes place in Cologne.

Books for Bonn-ies.

The recent enterprise of the Y.M.C.A. at Bonn in providing a book shop and lending library for the use of all ranks is meeting with extraordinary popularity. It would seem from the diversity of the literature circulated through these institutions that the troops stationed hereabouts are a hungry lot of readers. The books sold far exceed the numbers anticipated, and they range from the most dry-as-dust classic to the wildly-sensational novel. In the library, local reference books are greatly in demand, but here, too, a well varied stock of fiction goes the round.

Tennis.

All ranks are complaining of a difficulty in getting hold of tennis gear, particularly flannels. The announcement of the Expeditionary Force Canteen that a large stock of these will shortly be available should therefore be hailed with a good deal of satisfaction. I hear that 2000 shirts and 2000 pairs of trousers will be purchaseable by Officers at the E.F.C. Recreation Depot, and that "other ranks" will have 3000 shirts and 3000 pairs of trousers to share amongst them.

In order that these things may be equally distributed, it has been decided that allotments will be made to each Corps, Brigade etc. This is undoubtedly a wise scheme.

What About a Chess Club?

"May I introduce a subject which has not hitherto been mentioned in your columns, excellent as they are for the diversity of interests there represented? I believe that the Rhine Army would yield a fair number of men interested in chess, if only some means could be devised for bringing them together. My own experience with the Army is that one meets a chess player rarely, and if this is the experience of other players who are at all keen, then I think that the suggestion to form a club in Cologne or Bonn would receive sufficient support to ensure success.

"I suggest a club open to all ranks, meeting once or twice a week in the evening. To furnish the necessary boards and chessmen a small entrance fee would be required, and perhaps a regular subscription to provide light refreshments, such as coffee and biscuits, and also some literature, preferably the British Chess Magazine, a monthly periodical which would certainly deserve the support of the Rhine Army Chess Club."

Thus writes "T. W.," and it would be interesting to know the views of other readers. We contemplated running a Chess Column in this journal, but it struck us that the season was rather out-of-date.

A Slip Explained.

A little explanation is necessary to account for the appearance on this page yesterday of two paragraphs dealing with the subject of the Rugby Unions attitude respecting a charity match in England. On Thursday night we received a telegram announcing that the Rugby Union Committee had barred a match between the Northern Command and the New Zealanders on the ground of professionalism. This was duly set up in type. But before inserting the paragraph, we had reason to suppose that the information was inaccurate. Accordingly, it was put on one side. The next night another telegram arrived denying the first information. This also was set up in type. Then the German workman, who looks after such things, with the little knowledge that his experience in dealing with the *Cologne Post* has taught him, recognised the word "Rugby" in the heading of each paragraph and decided that they had better be placed together. In the hurry and bustle of "making up" the page, the appearance of the old paragraph with the new was overlooked and by an unhappy chance, was inserted in yesterday's paper.

The Challenge Night.

Private Jack Worman, who, while in England was the 6th Army Corps Champion, is anxious to meet any light weight boxer in the neighbourhood of 10 stone. He has an eye on Birdwhistle with whom he would like to meet on the "Challenge Night" in Cologne. Another challenger is Private Borin, R.A.S.C. who wrestles at 9 st. 9 lbs. Arrangements are being made to match him against S.S.M. Jenkins and if things are fixed up, the contest may take place at the Apollo Theatre.

A heavy weight-lifter is the latest arrival in the list of those anxious for championship honours. Any challenge sent to this office or to the 2nd Army Amusement officer will receive prompt attention.

The Theatres Next Week.

"The Fragment's" pay a welcome return visit to Cologne next week and will undoubtedly attract large audiences to the Deutsche Theatre with their excellent variety show. At the Apollo "The Tabs" will submit a new revue "Get Busy" in which there is plenty of scope for the laughter-makers of the troupe.

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TANKS ARRIVED IN RUSSIA.

POOR BOLSHEVIST FIGHTERS.

The Russian situation is regarded in official quarters as showing a distinct improvement. The black part is the evacuation of Odessa and Sevastopol by the French and Greek forces. The reason for this is not known, but the Bolsheviks in the neighbourhood of those cities were not in any great strength.

The new name of Army of the Black Sea which has been given to the British Salonica force does not indicate any change in military policy but only an effort at geographical correctness. There is now no British force at Salonica, the troops formerly at that place having been sent to Constantinople, Varna, and the Dobrudja. They preferred to be called the Army of the Black Sea and their wish has been granted.

In the Caucasus a British force of from 25,000 to 30,000 men is now guarding the railway from Batum to Baku. It is not engaged in any military operations, but is waiting for the Peace Conference to decide what the boundaries between the various States there are to be, and will be withdrawn when the decision has been reached.

In Southern Russia, General Denikin is now receiving British munitions, including tanks, guns, and aeroplanes, of which he has been much in need. Some thousands of tons of stores are arriving, and British officers are helping to organise his line of communications. His force is an entirely Russian one, and is showing an excellent front.

In Siberia, Admiral Koltchak is now in a promising position. His troops are being munitioned and, to a large extent, uniformed by Great Britain. His army is exclusively Russian, and is growing in strength; his troops are warmly welcomed as they advance. He has other divisions which he has recently raised and not yet placed in line. These will considerably increase his strength when movements become possible, after the end of the thaw.

In Archangel the British troops are showing excellent *morale* and giving a good account of themselves. The force of volunteers which has been raised to relieve them is now on its way and is good in every respect. There is no intention of carrying on a prolonged campaign; enlistment in it is only for 12 months. But a Russian army is growing up at Archangel, and this will be able shortly, it is hoped, to join hands with Admiral Koltchak's army.

The British Government is determined not to bring upon the 30,000 or so pro-Ally North Russians the fate which has overtaken Odessa and Sevastopol.

The Bolshevist armies, wherever they are firmly faced, are showing great military weakness.

ALLIED TO FIGHT DISEASE.

COMPOSITE RED CROSS EFFORT.

In pursuance of a sympathetic effort to anticipate, diminish, and relieve the misery produced by disease and calamity, a league of Red Cross Societies has been formed in Paris.

British, French, American, Italian and Japanese societies compose the first list of members, and other national societies are to be invited to join. Sir Arthur Stanley represents the British Red Cross on the Board of Governors.

HUMBERT ACQUITTED.

LENOIR SENTENCED TO DEATH.

The court-martial which has been trying Senator Humbert and others for communicating with the enemy, has sentenced Lenoir to death, and Desouches to 5 years' imprisonment and a fine of £800.

Senator Humbert and Ladoux have been acquitted.—*Reuter.*

ANOTHER ALLIANCE.

"For mutual benefit," arrangements are to be completed shortly for a triple alliance of British, French and American film producers. In connection with this Mr. William A. Brady, president of the national association of the motion picture industry of America, which represents nine-tenths of the producers and distributors of pictures in the United States, is expected to reach England this week-end, and there to study the kinema conditions of the Old Country. Later he is to pay a visit to France for the same purpose.

"LINKBOY" V.C.

Large numbers of discharged soldiers only fit for light work are finding employment in the theatrical world.

At the New Winter Garden Theatre, Drury Lane, all the men employed in the front of the house as attendants and the like, are 1914 volunteers, who have been discharged on account of wounds. One of these is Private George Wilson, V. C., of the Highland Light Infantry, who captured a German machine gun single-handed, after shooting an officer and six men. He was severely wounded and discharged in 1916.

SHORTHAND CLASSES.

Afternoon or evening classes in the Sloan-Duployan method of shorthand will be held in the Army College, Cologne, provided that there is a sufficient number of applicants.

All troops, living in or near Cologne, who wish to take up this subject should see Capt. Bassford, Army General and Commercial College Hansa-Ring, Cologne, if possible before Saturday, May 10th. The office will be open for this purpose between the hours of 14.00—15.00 and 17.00—18.00.

CENTRAL CLASSES — ARMY TROOPS.

The afternoon classes for Army Troops will re-commence during the the week beginning May 19th, as follows: —

MONDAY AND THURSDAYS.

Arithmetic (Commercial and Workshop), Elementary Mathematics (including Workshop Mathematics), German, Geography, Shorthand (Pitman's), Building Construction.

TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

History, French, Machine Drawing, English Composition and Literature, Applied Mechanics.

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Commercial Correspondence, Book-keeping.

Army troops who wish to jouin these classes or to prepare either for a full course at one of the Army Colleges, or for the Army First Class Certificate Examination, should see the officer in charge of Education in their units. G.H.Q. personnel should apply direct to the Education Officer, Army Troops, at the Army College, Hansa-Ring, at 14.00 hrs at 17.00 hrs.

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

General Friedrich von Bernhardi never spoke truer words than when, in 1911, he stated that if Germany persisted in "that dissipation of energy which now marks our political life there is imminent fear that in the great contest of the nations, which we must inevitably face, we shall be dishonourably beaten: that days of disaster await us in the future, and that once again, as in the days of our former degradation, the poet's lament will be heard:

O Germany, thy oaks still stand
But thou art fallen, glorious land.
Körner.

This apt little quotation was written for an earlier generation of Teutons, but it is equally applicable, if not more so, to the Germany of to-day.

We learn from the German papers that the Government which provoked war and advocated the doctrine of the Power of Militarism is a thing of the past. The Revolution of 1918, it is said, brought this to a timely end; and now a new Republic with fresh ideals must suffer for the iniquity of former governors. That is one of the principal grievances of the Germans at the present time.

A new republic! One section of which is trying to restore the monarchy whilst another extols the old principles of militarism. Trietsche, Goethe, Clouss Wagner, all still have their disciples who hope some day to bring into effect again the teachings of these great advocates of the law of struggle.

It was said by a prominent German militarist that "no people is so little qualified as the German to direct its own destinies, whether in a parliamentarian or republican constitution. The German people has always been incapable of great acts for the common interest except under the irresistible pressure of external conditions."

Therein lies a very important reason for the terms imposed at Versailles. We have not only to exact reparation for the crimes already committed, but we must ensure the future safety of the world from such a repetition by a nation, as this great militarist Bernhardi said, so little qualified to control its own affairs.

German comments on the events of the day must always interest us as sojourners in the Rhineland, but comments on the terms of peace have a more than passing significance. We select one or two opinions expressed in the current press.

Kölnische Zeitung."

In this paper there is an account of a speech delivered by Privy Councillor Zitelman to the students of Bonn University on Matriculation Day. The oration is a plea against giving way to the spirit of discouragement which might well be bred of the Allies' terms of peace. Herr Zitelman reminded his students that a university such as theirs is a haven of peace in the midst of a troubled world of discord, jealousy, and hate. Teachers and scholars, diverse as they may be in their political and social interests, are united by their academic pursuits and have but one aim—the advancement of science. Political convictions do not determine the worth of man. A people's unity is best attained by the furtherance of ideals, ideals of God, honour, the Fatherland, liberty, faithfulness, and rectitude. And these are virtues that are prized in a true university.

It is good to read these words of the Head of Bonn University.

"Deutsche Tageszeitung."

This journal writes somewhat bitterly of the terms of peace. "These terms which make Germany nothing but a mutilated territory, a territory on which to draw up enemy troops in such advantageous fashion that Germany has no possible way of defence, terms which leave Germany a mere economic corpse on which the most desperate attemps at revival must fail. These terms show how a peace of justice looks, when designed in accordance with the ideas of the Allies."

We are reminded of King James's retort to the Duke of Buckingham — "Steenie, Steenie, those who live in glass houses should be careful how they fling stanes."

"Berliner Tageblatt."

This newspaper also waxes vehement against the peace terms, and urges that they are unacceptable. We give the gist of its article. "We were prepared for much," it says, "but the draft treaty surpasses our worst expectations. It is a document of enslavement replacing right by violence, and is far from any ideas of a League of Nations. It is not even touched by a new spirit. Whether it will be possible to alter it by negotiations is still to be seen. If it remains as it is to-day, only one reply is possible—and it is, 'No!' We have no advice to offer, for we have mercifully nothing to do with German politics. War is a nasty business, and it is a good policy not to begin it, for its legacy is always doleful

REWARDS FOR PRISONERS OF WAR

GALLANT SERVICES UNDER FIRE.

An Army Order states that the Army Council has decided that restrictions on recommendations for reward in respect of services connected with capture shall now be removed. Such services will now be considered irrespective of date, provided that the individual has been absolved by competent authority from blame in the matter of capture.

Recommendations, superscribed "Prisoners of War" in red ink, must be duly supported by the evidence of at least two witnesses who have first-hand know-ledge of the services under consideration, one of whom must be an officer.

It is also stated that the following services are eligible for reward provided that no blame has been attached to the individual in respect of original capture.

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The King's birthday will be celebrated on June 3, the actual anniversary.

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BISHOP OF LICHFIELD.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kempthorne, Bishop of Lichfield will preach at the morning service (10.30 a.m.) at the (C. of E.) Military Church, 51, Schildergasse, to-day, May 11.

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CLEMENCEAU REPLIES TO RANTZAU.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS ONLY.

M. Clemenceau has replied in the name of the Allied and Associated Powers to the two notes of Count Brockdorff-Rantzau. He reminds the Germans that the Powers, in fixing these conditions, have always had in mind the principles as urged by Count Brockdorff-Rantzau in preparing the terms of the Armistice and the Peace Treaty. No discussion about the right to maintain the fundamental conditions of Peace as they have been fixed can be admitted. Only suggestions of a practical order will be considered.

To the second note M. Clemenceau replied that the German suggestions concerning the League of Nations will be submitted to the competent Commission. The German delegation, by a new perusal of the League of Nations, will be able to see that the admission of new members is not only not omitted but is explicitly provided for in the second paragraph of the first Article.

MASTER OF HIS VOICE.

BUT NOT HIS KNEES.

Versailles. 10th May.—The secretary of Count Brochdorff-Rantzau is kept very busy just now reading the English papers, which almost without exception reproach the chief of the German Delegation for not standing while he read his speech on the delivery of the Draft Treaty.

A member asked the Count what he thought of these comments and the Count is understood to have replied that he was master of his voice but not of his knees.—*Wireless.*

Versailles. 10th May.—The translators accompanying the German Delegation work day and night. Last night forty typists worked up till 4 a.m.—*Wireless.*

BROCKDORFF-RANTZAU'S SECOND DOUBLE.

Count Brockdorff-Rantzau has addressed two further notes to the Allies. In the first the German Delegation proposes to begin at once negotiations about the question of prisoners of war and interned civilians, apart from the other questions. This proposal is specially put forward because there are many thousands of German prisoners in over-sea countries and in consequence of the condition of the German prisoners in Siberia.

The German Delegation also asks the Allied and Associated Powers if it would not be possible to give new clothes and boots to the prisoners before their repatriation, against payment of the expense by Germany. This request is based on the necessity for raising the spirits of the repatriated, a thing which Germany is not able to do in its present internal condition.

The second note concerns articles 55 and 56 of the draft Covenant of the League of Nations. In forwarding a draft of an agreement on International Labour regulations, the Count says that many of the principles are already in operation in Germany.

The German delegation thinks it necessary that all States should participate in this agreement, even if they do not belong to the Leagu of Nations, and concludes "In order to secure to the workmen, for whom the proposed ameliorations are destined, a participation in the formation of these regulations, the German Delegation considers it necessary to call to Versailles representatives of the Labour organisations of the different States."

GOVERNMENT CRISIS POSSIBLE.

The *Kölnische Volkszeitung* says "We must try to persuade our adversaries to negotiate. The National Assembly will support this effort, and we have to wait for the results. Events may follow each other very quickly. A Government crisis is not beyond the realm of possibilities."

VERBOTEN!

"By order of the German Government, dances concerts, comic performances at theatres, cabarets and circuses, horse racing and gambling are 'verboten' from the 10th to the 16th May inclusive."

Several forms of distraction would seem to be omitted.

AUSTRIAN DELEGATES NEXT.

Saint Germain. 10th May.— Chancellor Renner, chief of the delegation of the Austrian Republic, accompanied by the Christian Socialist Guerller and the Pan-Germanist Schlienbauer left Vienna yesterday. They are expected at Paris on Wednesday. *Wireless.*—

DUTCH FRONTIER INCIDENT.

Brussells. 10th. May.— *Le Peuple* announces that near Eisden, on the Dutch frontier, a Dutch sentry fired at two unarmed Belgian soldiers who were walking along the frontier. One soldier was severely wounded. The Belgian and Dutch military authorities have opened an inquiry into the circumstances.—*Wireless.*

NORTH RUSSIA RELIEF FORCE.

MAIN BODY STARTS.

The War Office announces that the first units of the North Russian Relief Force will embark as follows:— At Southampton and Newcastle, 12th May; Victoria Docks, London, 13th May; Royal Albert Docks, 14th May.

RUSSIAN MOBILIZATION OF BOLSHEVISTS.

Stockholm. A telegram from Petrograd announces the conscription of all males between the ages of 29 and 33. Certain Soviets say that the only ground of exemption will be work of public utility and explain that the measure is due to the fact that the mobilization of labour has proved ineffective. Owing to the prisons being full to overflowing it has been decided to establish a system of concentration camps, the inmates of which will be compelled to do work of public usefulness.—*Reuter.*

FIVE BOLSHEVIST REGIMENTS MUTINY.

Helsingfors. According to the Russian papers the discontent in the Red Army is rapidly increasing. During the recent fighting on the Ural front five Bolshevist regiments mutinied and drowned a number of commissaries, including Lindon, Trotzky's private secretary. The Commander of the Russian volunteer Corps on the Pskoff front has informed the Russians at Reval that he intends to attack Petrograd.—*Reuter.*

DENMARK OBJECTS TO PLEBISCITE

Copenhagen. Opposition to the clauses in the Peace Treaty providing for a plebiscite in the third zone—that is, South Schleswig—is growing in intensity. The newspapers declare that the population of the district is German and has always been German, but doubtless it will vote in favour of incorporation into Denmark for economic reasons and thereby escape German taxes and anarchy. Denmark objects to having forced upon her an alien population which is likely to lead to national conflicts in the future.—*Reuter.*

CHINA OBJECTING NOW.

Peking. The Chinese Government has instructed its Peace Delegation in Paris not to sign any Peace treaty which gives to Japan the former German rights in Shantung.—*Reuter.*

GREY ON THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Lord Grey has furnished *Reuter* with his views on the Covenant of the League of Nations. He is delighted that so much has been accomplished, having feared that the Conference would achieve much less. The Allied and Associated Powers are convinced that the national development of each could be better assured by the security of a permament peace than by attempts to promote separate national interests. It was good that the Covenant accepted the provisions of the Labour Convention. The most effective reduction of armaments would result from the security of the League. Armaments would diminish as the League grew stronger; consequently it is vital for public opinion within the League to secure the utmost publicity on the question of reduction of armaments. He is convinced that the working of the Covenant will prove that its scope does not go far enough. He hoped that the ambitions in view would inspire the functions of the secretariat in order that it will shortly develop into a great International Civil Service.

Lord Grey paid a handsome tribute to the choice of Sir Eric Drummond as Secretary, whose appointment was originally suggested by the Americans. He is still convinced that Russia and other enemy countries must be admitted to membership as soon as they can be relied upon to observe the Covenant.

The success of the League rests with the people, who can make their Governments do what they will.

NORWAY WANTS COMPENSATION.

Christiania.— Norway has applied to the Peace Conference for compensation by Germany for the loss of Norwegian ships and lives. A Delegation representing the seafaring community is going to Paris—*Reuter.*

(We hope the Delegation will not omit to mention the six mile limit.)

Scenes of enthusiasm were witnessed at Southampton on Saturday, when the Olympic, with five thousand Canadians aboard, sailed for Halifax.

SINN FEIN OUTRAGE IN IRELAND.

OFFICER'S CASTLE BESIEGED.

Early on Sunday morning a daring Sinn Fein raid was made on Ballyedmond Castle, near Rostrevon, the residence of Capt. Hugert, 5th Lancers, who lately returned from the front.

The raiders, who were a hundred strong, arrived in motor cars and completely isolated the castle buildings, holding up any travellers they encountered on the road until the operation was over. They were evidently in quest of the arms of the South Down Regiment of Ulster Volunteers which at one time were kept in the castle but which were recently removed elsewhere.

A young man has been arrested at Dundalk in connection with the affair.

Capt. Hugert, when he descended from his bedroom, was confronted by twenty armed men and held up with revolvers.

All the telegraph wires were cut.

LIEBKNECHT MURDER TRIAL.

The trial by court-martial of nine persons—eight officers and one soldier—charged with causing the deaths of Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, is proceeding at Berlin. Seventy witnesses have been subpoenaed. The accusations are for murder, attempted murder, and serious bodily harm by and with the misuse of arms.

The Hussar, Otto Runge, admitted that he had great personal anger against Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg for taking part in the demonstration procession; for that reason, when Liebknecht appeared, he, in a blind rage, aimed two blows at him with the butt-end of his rifle, but he believed that he hit the motor-car, and not Liebknecht. In his temper he had also aimed several blows with the butt-end of his rifle at Rosa Luxemburg, but had no desire to knock her down. He was not incited to do this by any officer.

Lieut.-Captain Horst von Pflug-Hartung declared that he was innocent, and denied that the breakdown of the motor-car in the Tiergarten was a pre-arranged affair. He regarded Liebknecht as sincere and conscientious in his ideas and he felt a certain amount of respect for him. He had protected Liebknecht several times against attacks by the crowd and the soldiers. When the motor-car was found to be out of order, he asked Liebknecht if he felt strong enough to continue his journey on foot, and for this purpose he took him into a side walk. When he turned to give orders to the chauffeur, Liebknecht ran away. He called out to him several times to stop, and as Liebknecht continued to run away he fired at him. Liebknecht continued to run for a few further paces, and then fell to the ground, after the soldiers had also fired. He had no intention of killing Liebknecht, but he had no possibility of preventing his getting away in the darkness than by firing at him. One of the soldiers received a stab in the hand while endeavouring to grasp Liebknecht. It is the fact that a knife with blood on it was discovered near where the body lay, but it was not picked up, and it was found later to have disappeared.—*Wireless*

GREAT WHISKY COMBINE.

FIELD MARSHAL'S SHARES.

It is announced that the Edinburgh Distillers Company Limited, the vast combine which has almost a world monopoly of the production of grain whisky, has absorbed the business of John Haig and Company of Markinch, Fifeshire.

The chief shareholders in this business are Field Marshal Haig, Lieut.-Col. Oliver Haig and Major John Haig. These three hold ten thousand nine hundred and ninety-six out of nine thousand five hundred ten-pound shares. Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig with three shares, has the smallest holding. The price paid by the Distillers Company on the current valuation of the shares is nearly a quarter of a million sterling.

The Distillers Company has also acquired Preston's Liverpool Distillery Company, which devotes itself entirely to the production of industrial spirits. The capital of the Distillers Company has been increased to two and a half millions and the market valuation of the concern is over five millions sterling. The Chairman states that no scheme for a great combine of the largest whisky producers has yet been formulated.

MORE CANADIAN RIOTERS.

Serious rioting, resulting in much damage to property, occurred last week at Seaford Camp, Sussex, where Canadian soldiers are stationed.

Among other grievances the men alleged that they were never allowed to travel on Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays without special permits; they were not allowed to travel without belts and puttees, and they were compelled to show their permits to the military police.

The immediate prelext for the rioting was the placing of a coloured soldier, who is very popular, in the guard room. The rioters rescued the nigger and carried him shoulder high. Afterwards the canteens were attacked and casks of beer broached. Only one soldier was injured.

The version of Canadian Headquarters is that a slight disturbance occurred at Seaford on the 4th May, practically no damage being done and nobody being injured. The matter was satisfactorily adjusted on the following day.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT COLOGNE.

We regret to announce that a fatal accident occurred on Monday morning on board M.L. 229, one of the British Rhine Patrol Flotilla. The dead are Lieut. Robinson, D.S.C., and Motor Mechanic Locke, while Chief Motor Mechanic Kennedy and Deck Hand Paterson were injured, the former severely.

An inquiry is being held into the cause of the accident.

SPORTING PARSON COURT MARTIAL.

EVIDENCE AND VERDICT.

The Rev. Everard Digby, known as "the fighting parson," appeared before a court-martial presided over by Colonel Smith Neill, Scots Guards, at Westminster Guildhall, yesterday. Mr. Digby was recently detained in the Tower of London by the military authorities, and subsequently released. He is a chaplain to the forces, and vicar of St. Agatha's, Finsbury. He was charged with an offence under Section 41 of the Army Act, and pleaded not guilty. Sir Archibald Bodkin, representing Captain J. F. Eastwood, conducted the prosecution, and accused was defended by Sir Edward Marshall Hall, K.C., and Mr. Huntly Jenkins.

Sir Archibald Bodkin, after outlining the case, said after the offence, which it was alleged took place in the vicinity of Shaftesbury-avenue at about 10.45 p.m. on March 14, the attention of Captain Lloyd, Assistant Provost-Marshal, was called to the accused. He put to him the question, "Who and what are you?" showing that, after inquiry as to what had occurred, doubt existed as to whether a man who had acted in such a manner could be an officer. The accused's answer to his question was, "What the devil has that got to do with you? I am an Army chaplain." Captain Lloyd then told him of what he was accused, which he immediately denied. Accused stated, in reply to further questions, that he had just come from a Masonic dinner at the Monico. Asked the number of the lodge of the Masonic order to which he belonged, accused said he didn't know, as he belonged to so many.

Counsel hinted that the defence would be that this was a case of mistaken identity.

At this stage of the procedings Mr. Justice Darling and Mr. Horatio Bottomley, members of the Government Committee to consider court-martial procedure, entered the court.

The charge, specifically stated, was of improperly assaulting Quartermaster-Sergeant West, 1st Battalion, East Kent Regiment. Accused pleaded not guilty.

Giving evidence, John Cornelius West, until recently a quartermaster-sergeant in the 1st Battalion East Kent Regiment, identified the accused as having committed the alleged offence, which he said, occurred approximately at 10.30 p.m.

Sir Marsnall Hall: Are you quite sure of the time?—Yes.

If evidence could be brought that the accused did not leave the Monico until five minutes to eleven, would you still be quite sure that you did not make a mistake?—Yes.

Witness added, in reply to other questions, that he brought the occurrence to the notice of the Provost Marshal chiefly because he suspected, in view of the occurrence, that the accused was not in fact a chaplain but was masquerading as such.

Another witness, George Ryland Graves, identified the accused as the man pointed out to him by the previous witness as having committed the alleged offence immediately after it occurred.

PROOFS OF IDENTITY.

Further evidence of identification was given by Police-constable Pretsell, who said he saw accused at the Shaftesbury-avenue end of Wardour-street twice on the night in question, at 10.45, when witness West pointed the accused out to him, and at 11.15.

The manager of the Monico, Mr. G. Rumbona, giving evidence, said the accused was present at a dinner in connection with the Imperial Cadets Lodge of the Freemasons, held at the Monico, on the night of March 14. At 10.45 at the earliest accused had not left the premises.

Captain Richard H. Lloyd, Assistant Provost Marshal for the London District, gave evidence as to the interrogation of the accused after hearing the complaint against him, and corroborated the statements regarding accused's replies made by prosecuting counsel in his opening remarks. Witness further stated that accused, when asked for proofs of identity, referred him to Madame Desysia and Mr. Cochran, both of whom accused said he knew. He subsequently gave witness his card.

In opening the case for the defence, Sir E. Marshall Hall called Lieut.-Colonel Sir Pieter Stewart-Bam, who testified to the excellent character of the accused, describing him as a splendid padre, for whom he could give nothing but praise for the way in which he had carried out his duties.

General Jelf, the commanding officer under whom accused had served, was also called. He described accused as a "gentleman and sportsman, who does his work very well indeed. The men loved him."

Sir E. Marshall Hall, addressing the Court, said that the Rev. Digby's case was that he was not there and knew nothing about it. The finding of the Court was a verdict of "not guilty."

EXPENSIVE CHARITY.

An official report on the subject of street war collections reveals some striking contrasts in the proportions of expenses and receipts frequently not less than 20 per cent of the amount received was swallowed up in organisation and management expenses.

The most successful collection from the point of view of economy was the Italian "Flag Day" on 25th September last year, when 53,371 pounds were raised and the expenses were only six per cent.

Next came the Machine Gun Corps Comforts Fund with 9,697 pounds receipts and nine per cent. expenses.

The most expensive effort was the Grand Fête held at Walthamstow on behalf of the *Daily Express* Cheery Fund. This fête raised seventy pounds, of which sixty-one pounds, or 87 per cent., went in expenses.

ROUMANIANS ATTACK BAREFOOTED.

A telegram from Bucharest graphically describes the Roumanian attack in Hungary and states that the Roumanian Army, ragged, and barefooted, attacked without waiting for the promised equipment. The result of their unexpected onslaught was the collapse of Hungarian resistance. The lines of communication between the Hungarian and Bolshevists have been cut.—*Reuter.*

EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK.

WOMEN IN INDUSTRY.

The report of the War Cabinet Committee on the question of women in industry recommends acceptance of the principle of "equal pay for equal work," saying also that it should be a matter of agreement between employers and Trade Unions.

Where an employer maintains that a woman's work produces less than a man's the burden of proof should rest on the employer. The Committee recommends that the Government should support the principle by applying it without delay in their own establishments.

Other recommendations are a statutory minimum wage; no normal woman should be employed for less than a reasonable subsistence wage; reform and extension of the Factory Acts in the interests of women, and the adoption of a scheme for pensioning mothers.

NURSES' WAR GRATUITIES.

The War Office have just issued a Royal Warrant granting a new rate of gratuity to their nurses. The Q.A.I.M.N.S. (Regular) have been given a war gratuity on the same lines as regular officers, i.e., nurses below the rank of principal matron get a lieutenant's gratuity (£40) for the first year's war service, and increments of £1 or 10s. a month (according to whether they have served overseas or only at home) for each subsequent year or part of a year. Principal matrons are classed with captains (£45), and matrons-in-chief with lieutenant-colonels (£75), while all receive the same increments for service subsequent to the first year.

The temporary nurses (Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. and T.F.N.S.) now get a more generous gratuity than that already provided. Staff nurses get £20 for the first year, sisters £30, and matrons £40, while all get 10s. a month increment for each subsequent year or part of a year, irrespective of whether their service has been at home or overseas.

A gratuity has also been given to V.A.D. nurses and assistant nurses employed by the War Office. They are to get £10 for the first year, with increments similar to those for the Reserve or the T.F.N.S. Nurses who have already drawn gratuities at the old rates may now apply to the paymaster who issued the original gratuities to have them adjusted according to the new, or may keep the old in the very few cases where they are more advantageous.

CURIOUS FIVE-A-SIDE MATCH.

A reprisal which took four years to mature in New York is not with out its humorous aspect to those who can ignore the callous rejoicing on the part of the earlier offenders.

The case was before the New York Supreme Court on Saturday.

The petitioners are presumably five Germans, named Lunglof, Graf, Goepper, Schmeltzer and Breitbach, and they sued five Scotsmen (also presumably) named Mackenzie, Donaldson, Macintyre and Beattie, for making a noise in a confined area. It appears that on the night when the news of the sinking of the Lusitania was received, the Germans played the "Wacht am Rhein" all night. By way of reprisal the Scotsmen played the bagpipes all the night following the announcement of the peace terms.

On the defendants' behalf it was urged that the bagpipes were played to stimulate patriotism at the time when the Government was urging the sale of War Bonds.

The Supreme Court has reserved its decision.

AVIATORS LOST IN CHANNEL.

The bodies of three members of the Royal Air Force, Lt. Stokes and Sgt. Filmore (attached Lympne aerodrome) and of Lt. A. Evans, ferry pilot, were picked up by a destroyer in mid Channel on Saturday. The aviators were returning in a Bristol aeroplane from Marquise aerodrome when the machine fell into the sea owing to engine trouble.

GOOD BYE, AMERICA.

The American Officers Club in London closes on Wednesday next with a final club dinner to be followed by a reception and dance. The American Ambassador will attend, with General Biddle and General Rawlinson.

BRITISH MUNITIONS OUTPUT.

Some idea of the output of munitions required by our armies between Aug. 4, 1914, and Nov. 11, 1918, can be gathered from the following figures, which refer to munitions manufactured in Great Britain.

Field guns and howitzers (complete equipment) 35,000, Trench howitzers or mortars 19,200, Machine guns 186,000, Rifles, 5,050,000, Steel helmets, 7,500,000, Trench-mortar ammunition (rounds) 13,000,000, Small arms ammunition (rounds) 11,141,000,000, Hand grenades, 89,000, Aerial bombs, 4,175,000, High explosives 730,000 tons.

SELF DEMOBILIZATION SOCIETY.

In connection with the alleged project for voluntary demobilisation the Chairman of the National Federation of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers informed a *Reuter* representative that the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Union is an organisation with a very small membership. Some time ago the Union approached the Federation with the object of combining forces but its overtures were not accepted.

Service men will be glad to know that all matters of legitimate grievances are engaging the close attention of the Federation. Today representatives of the Federation will see the Financial Secretary of the War Office and tomorrow the Chairman has been invited to address the service members of the House of Commons.

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WAR — AND AFTER.

There can be but few soldiers in our Army of the Rhine who are seriously dissatisfied with their material circumstances. The city of Cologne is a testimony of a civilization which has done much to ensure comfort and efficiency in worldly matters. Yet such a civilization has its disadvantages. It is not inopportune to speak of the perils of a culture which has real temptations to men who have won their battle and are resting in greater ease than they have known for almost five years. Active warfare meant hardship, discomfort, and danger. Life was cruelly abnormal. The trench, the dug-out, or the cellar was the soldier's domicile for four-and-a-half long years. Over his head was either the canopy of heaven, often inhabited by swift-dealing creatures of death, or the soil of unmotherly earth, dank and evil-smelling. Freedom of movement was denied to all but the over-daring. Companionship and recreation were sternly limited by Mars, the God of War. Then came relief from the stress of battle. The guns that had thundered their insistent message of death were silent, the air rejoiced in the singing of birds and the crooning of friendly aeroplanes, the land of desolation was left behind and veterans of our empire entered a land unblemished by the hand of devastation. How welcome was the change!

The ancient world had full many a campaign of grievous war, and even yet its war story has its lessons. We seek no analogy, for analogy is too often the bane of historical narration — was it not Heine who admonished men to flee analogies? But at times we ponder over the plight of armies of occupation in days that are gone. Hannibal of Carthage was from boyhood's years the sworn foe of the power of Rome. When he had won renown as a leader of men he essayed successfully a bold and wondrous march into the country of his enemy. At Cannae he defeated the legions of L. Aemilius Paulus and gained the greatest triumph of his career. With his victorious army he occupied Capua, one of Italy's most comfortable and luxurious cities. But comfort and luxury spelt the ruin of his army. Men who had conquered their foes failed in the conquest of themselves. Capua was the Cannae of Hannibal

The moral of the Carthaginian venture has not been lost in the modern world, it has given rise to proverbial epigram. Moscow, we are often told, was the Cannae of Napoleon Bonaparte, and it was his Austerlitz. It is surely wise to despise no lesson from the past. No one is foolhardy enough to suggest that the city of Cologne will cast its comfortable glamour over the souls of successful warriors, but no one is foolish enough to deny that in the reaction after war men are liable to weaknesses from which they were immune in the sterner field of battle. The excitement of war leaves the soldier open to depression of spirit, and *carpe diem* is too often the tonic to which he turns. There is a temptation to take the line of least resitance, to enjoy the moments of life in forgetfulness of its proper perspective. We are in the midst of an alien population, and with the best will in the world we cannot avoid some intercourse. But it is a truism that intercourse has its dangers, and it is most dangerous when it is a means for the satisfaction of a craving for comfort and relaxation. Our Empire is not yet at peace, and our Empire claims the loyalty of her sons. It is their duty and their privilege not to stand at ease but to remain in a worthy attitude of intent preparedness.

These are not days when the creed of Horace satisfies mankind. We need a gospel of the fit body, alert mind, and tutored soul. With such a gospel we do not fear Capua.

THE OPERA.

"GÖTTERDÄMMERUNG."

In the music and text of the Nibelungen Ring one is able to appreciate Wagner's mature conception of a music drama, and "Götterdämmerung." The concluding chapter gives one of the best examples of his operatic methods. The musical structure is almost entirely built up of the "Leit-Motifs" connected with the various characters which have already been heard in the "Evening" of "Rheingold" and the two "days" of the "Walküre" and "Siegfreid," and it is the bold simplicity of these "motifs" that accounts for the grandeur of the music. In the "Ring" one finds Wagner, and also his singers and orchestra, at their best.

The ethical teaching of the story is simple enough and should be heeded by all the nations of the world, but its especial significance in relation to this misguided nation and the present state of affairs which it has brought upon itself must have impressed everyone. It is curious to reflect that many people must have had their first introduction to the characters in the story through their names having been applied to the now battered lines of defence in France. The performance was a memorable one and the rugged force of the drama was well expressed, but even on such a theme as this there is room for more light and shade in the expression of the various emotions, a though Wagner tradition apparently wills otherwise. This cramping tradition also applies to the stage directions. The horse is always a disturbing and pathetic figure on the stage, and a mere suggestion of its presence would be enough, but I am quite aware that I am treading on hallowed ground. The machinery in the last act also altogether spoils the closing scene, which is always a disappointment in many ways. If a little could have been cut off the songs of the Norns and the time saved had been spent in more music for the closing scene we should all be pleased I think, but here again I feel my heavy footstep rebuked by the angels.

As to the production, the orchestral ensemble was not altogether unimpeachable, and some of the "leit-motifs" were played in rather a perfunctory way. This was noticeable in the menacing semitone passage of two notes at the end of the "Bridal" scene. The "brass" as usual was inclined to be rough. The singing of the "Rhine Daughters" was delightful, but the Norns were particularly dull.

Of the singers Herr Gless stood head and shoulders above the rest, while Frau Minna Werhard-Poensgen was admirable as Brünnhilde. Herr Mertens as Alberich gives us an admirable example of clear enunciation, but his vibrato is apt at times to produce an almost humourous effect.

The scenery of the first act was charming, but the setting of the last act was unnecessarily formal and crude. The magnificent Funeral March was given an impressive rendering and must have moved anyone who had a shred of emotional feeling. It is a musical work which can stand alone without any connection with the sister art of the stage. The great weakness of opera is that the two arts are so often at variance with one another and the one hampers the free expression of the other. Music rises to its greatest heights when it is unsupported by any adventitious aids to its expression.

As usual there was a full house, but it does not follow from this that the British Public would give their support to grand Opera in England, as I venture to think that the audiences of officers and men at opera productions here would be considerably reduced if this town were bespattered with English revue and musical comedy performances.

Mr. Bridgeman stated in Parliament on Friday that the Board of Trade are considering whether any special examination is necessary of Oxted Tunnel, on the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, where falls of brickwork have occurred.

A King's Bench Divisional Court granted a rule nisi for a writ of habeas corpus, calling on the governor of the Brixton Prison to show cause why he should not "bring up the body" of Mr. Gessel Scholnikoff, described as a Russian dentist, who claimed that the order for the arrest and deportation of "H. Skolinkoff" did not apply to him at all.

LETTER WRITING.

One of the undoubted mental and moral assets which the war has left us, to set off against deficits of which we will not now speak, is the renaissance, for very many the creation, of the art of letter-writing. Killed, or at any rate, largely paralysed, by the hustle and rush of modern life with its shoddy substitutes the postcard and the telephone, letter-writing was bidding fair to become as extinct as Syrian purple.

But there came a war; a war that tore apart lovers, friends, relations; a war that revealed men to themselves and impelled them to communicate that which they found within to those they loved while yet there should be time; a war which flung them among other men of other thoughts, other habits, other training, and fused them in a common humanity productive of the recognition and expression of much within themselves until then dormant. And their only tie with love and home and memory lay in letters. So the Army wrote, and wrote such letters as, but for William of Hohenzollern and his accomplices, they would never have had the impulse or the ability to write, and which must have amazed themselves as much as the recipients, with benefit and delight to both.

For many who in the familiar or the casual intercourse of ordinary hum-drum modern life had little to say that expressed their real and inner selves, owing mainly to the English shyness of expression, now, at a distance, stirred by the great essentials that gripped and surrounded them, felt the fountains of the great deep break forth. And from the Army to its people there poured a steady flood of letters, some more or less illiterate, some clumsily eager, some couched in all the vivid power and glorious beauty of our unequalled language; and thrilling with love, courage, will, pathos, humour, sympathy, streamed to the homelands, a river of molten gold that had never been but for the war with its racking conditions and its conversion of familiar half-heeded presence into the yearnings of separation.

Many who had lived for years together learned thus for the first time, when apart, to know each other. There must have been wonderful revelations.

It may perhaps be fairly doubted whether the replies, eagerly awaited and welcome as they were, rose to the height of the new-born wealth of letter-writing that dug out from the mines of love and thought and feeling in the heart of the soldier. The changes at home had been less cataclysmic, the environment was much the same as ever. But perhaps just those dear ordinary details, that remembered chats was what the Army needed in the revolutionised life of its new members to remind them that they were not lost, disconnected — to bring constantly before them the priceless treasures for which they were devoting themselves.

And, on the other hand, how the new surroundings and incidents of the Great Adventure so far as, *grace* the censor, they might be told, thrilled the folks at home, who had no more thought of laddy or John ever coping with such conditions. Than he himself had dreamed of it! And just because the Censor had to disallow the simple obvious statements of where we went, or when, the cheap chronicle of movement which so often masquerades as a letter was perforce replaced by impressions of real interest. (There's a good word for the Censor at last!)

How the letters varied! All the variety of human life and character was in them, and those whose duty it was to glance at them, that military secrets might be guarded from the enemy, must have been — were, as I can vouch — reverent before the sacredness of the human heart in its messages. Yet there was inevitably much humour, often unconscious. The man who writes from hospital, suffering from a ghastly wound, and "hoping this finds you as it leaves me at present;" the fervent youth who by the same post breathes vows of undying and unique affection to several different damsels; the newly landed member of a draft who writing from the base at which he has just disembarked describes vividly the horrors of the battle raging round him — there are some of the spots of colour on the great tapestry of Army letters, the tapestry whose whole complex pattern is the soul of Man.

Many authors have used letters as a form to convey a story. (E. V. Lucas's "Vermilion Box" is a recent and well-known example; many others will be recalled.) Biographies are in most cases indebted for their chief interest to the letters included. And why? Because it is in letters rather than in our too-often vapid and and even sloppy conversation of to-day that the real self dares, and has leisure, to express itself. In the old days few wrote; but their letters were worth writing, and worth reading. For in the calm of those less hurried days, men and women had time to reflect, to meditate, to think. Also they had not the probability, due to our increased means of travel, of meeting so frequently for intercourse. So that when they wrote they could, needed to, and did, put themselves and their realities into their letters. The war has given us back something of this, and over an enormously wider range of our nation in conditions of greater poignancy, and at a moment felt by all humanity to be pregnant with the deepest importance for ourselves and those who shall follow us.

Shall we then lose the newly-acquired and infinitely valuable habit of letter-writing, of exchanging thought, comment, experience, sympathy, with those we love or claim as friends? Will the pen be demobilized with the man who first learned to use it seriously at the time when he first handled the no more potent, if almost as strange, rifle or grenade in that moment of crisis and change in his life?

No, I think the habit will persist. For the war, the communal life of the Army, has given to all many friends with whom only thus can they hope to keep up a communication they would be loth to drop. The commerce of ideas, experiences and sympathy will last and grow in the revived glory of Letter Writing.

O. WHYNOTT.

An ex-judge had been nominated mayor in a French country district. It soon devolved upon him to sanction a marriage ceremony.

"Do you consent to marry this gentleman, young lady?" he asked amiably.

"Yes," was the reply.

Then, suddenly changing his tone to one of great severity, he said to her proposed husband: "And you, have you nothing to say in your defence?"

"I suppose Prohibition has made you a little lonely."

"It sure has," replied Uncle Bill Bottletop. "Nobody notices me any more. The folks don't even point me out as a horrible example."

"You simply cannot trust anybody. Everyone seems so dishonest nowadays," declared the woman. "My maid, in whom I had the utmost confidence, left me suddenly yesterday and took with her my beautiful pearl brooch."

"That is too bad," sympathized the friend. "Which one was it?"

"That very pretty one I smuggled through last spring."

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CHAPLAIN.

(This article appeared in our supplementary edition giving the draft of the Peace Terms published on May 7th. Fearing that merited publicity has not been given to the letter, several readers have asked us to republish the article.—Editor.)

Dear Padre.

We hear a lot from the pulpit, we want you to hear a bit from the pew. We criticise everybody from the C.O. downwards, and you come in for your full share of it.

You're not a bad sort, but we sometimes wonder if you understand us, and whether you realise that we want to know more about religion than you ladle out to us Sunday by Sunday. We're not theologians and at the same time we're not fools. We don't kid ourselves that we're atheists and imagine that this wonderful world in which we live was the result of some freak or chance. And it is wonderful!

We don't see much of the beauty of nature when we are taking a little exercise in the form of a route march and the road is long and dusty and has no "pub" in it, but in the evening, sometimes, we have our think and, well—it wants explaining.

We've got sense enough to realise that a universe created and controlled must have some master mind behind it, and that men haven't given their lives in times past for something that's nothing at all. We know that a faith that's lasted and grown for nigh on two thousand years must have something mighty good in it and, Padre, we want to know the truth.

Give us a pure untarnished religion that we can believe in and hold fast to.

Give us the religion of the "Man who went about doing good," unhampered by ecclesiastical conditions.

Give us a practical living faith that will make us better men, and the world a better place in which to live.

And we don't forget that there are such things as different denominations, but we can't quite understand how that came about. Men have their own opinions on every subject, and so different people worship God in different ways. But it's all the same religion, and we'd like to see a stronger unity in the spirit of the cause. Padre, we'd like to remind you that neither the Maker of the universe nor the Nazarene was narrow-minded.

They say that the Church has failed to grapple with the problems brought about by the war, and so it has. But that isn't the fault of the religion, it's the fault of those who've had the handling of it.

We know you can't feed us on heavy theology any more than you can feed a baby on beefsteak, but prove to us what you can, show us that it's plausible, and then we can believe and enjoy the experience that you talk about.

We want to believe! We want to think that our pals who went down beside us are better off than we are, and we want to look forward to something more than six feet of earth ourselves.

And Padre, its your chance of a lifetime.

We have got to come and hear you now, but when that happy day arrives and we get our "ticket," it will be a matter of choice.

If you want to keep us then, get us now.

Padre, you're not a bad sort, but do your job.

We've all had our dose of hell; show us how to get a bit of heaven,

W.E.S.

"LET'S FORGET ABOUT IT."

The above thought is probably the uppermost one in the minds of nine out of every ten Germans to-day. Thanks to the skilful suppression of facts during the war and the child-like faith which they placed in their official bulletins, the inhabitants of the occupied area are very perplexed by the turn of affairs which has put them under the temporary dominion of their enemies. For the average German does not yet believe that their Armies were defeated on the 11th November, 1918. If you ask him: "In that case, how do you account for our presence here?" he will probably make some vague remark about "We didn't want any more men to be killed" or "The intrigues of our politicians left the Army Commanders helpless." In making the latter statement, they entirely ignore the fact, already pointed out in the *Cologne Post*, that the urgent appeal to sign the Armistice did not come from Berlin to Spa, but from G.H.Q. in the field at Spa to Berlin. As regards the former plea, little surprise will be evinced at the mentality which still imagines the Germans signed the Armistice on purely humanitarian grounds, when it is mentioned that the following remark was overheard in Cologne a few days ago: "It is a pity that the British fleet did not come out to give our navy a chance!"

However, although still stoutly refusing to believe that they have been "defeated," the overwhelming evidence on all sides has gradually impressed upon even the most pig-headed Prussian that, by some inexplicable phenomenon, his country has got the worst of the deal. But he does not want to have the matter explained to him — it is all ready so boring and unpleasant. If you casually allude to the submarine and Gotha outrages, the systematic devastation and pillaging of occupied territory, or any of the other charges of barbarity in our indictment against Germany, he will yawn and say: "Oh! yes, but all that happened in the war. There is no war now, so let's forget all about it!" Or, translated into Scotch, "Why not let the flea stick to the wa'?" Certainly, a most inspired and truly comfortable way of viewing the situation!

But will the relatives of our million "killed and missing" ever forget? Our two million wounded, the mothers of little mites butchered in air raids, the thousands of families in Flanders rendered homeless by the war and who have been subjected to a four year's reign of terror, our men who were imprisoned in Germany—will *they* ever forget? Or even the more fortunate of us who have come through the campaign relatively unscathed, will we ever forget the Hell of the trenches with their shells, poison gas, liquid fire, mud and lice? Can we ever forget the sinking of the "Lusitania," the murders of Nurse Cavell and Captain Fryatt, the wholesale massacres and rapes in Belgian villages, the torpedoing of hospital ships and the firing on rescue boats, the poisoned wells and the dropping of poisoned sweets to trap innocent children?

The list of German atrocities is by no means exhausted, but sufficient has been mentioned to make us realize that it is our *duty* to ourselves and to the world to remember. Let us try to banish mistrust and cut-throat rivalry between nations and work to promote a truer conception of international ideals by all means, but we cannot and must not ever forget. While working earnestly to bring about that Milennium, which we hope the League of Nations may give us, we must all the time remember Germany's past, and in nautical language, keep a "weather eye" on her.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Wednesday	6½	Orpheus and Eurydice	Gluck
Thursday	6½	Lohengrin	Wagner
Friday	6	Rigoletto	Verdi
Saturday	6	Fidelio	Beethoven
Sunday	6½	Tiefland	d'Albert
Monday	5½	Arlecchino Turandot	Buzoni
Tuesday	6	Tales of Hoffmann	Offenbach

"THE PRONGS" AT HERSEL.

FLATTERING RECEPTION TO A TALENTED PARTY.

What finer compliment would be paid to any concert party than that which was paid to the "Prongs" (92nd Bde, R.G.A.) on Sunday? After their show in the Meenee Cinema, which is run by the 1/4th Cheshires at Hersel, they were besieged with requests to pay a return visit at an early date.

Before crowded houses, this concert party appeared on Saturday and Sunday and presented well balanced programmes, the excellence of which was testified by the thunderous applause of well pleased audiences.

Jimmy Robinson proved himself to be a born comedian, and had the house simply rocking as a result of his drolleries. His numbers consisted of "Did you see the Crowd?" "I'm the Lad from Lancashire", "Did I do that?" and "The Photo of the Girl I left Behind Me." His patter, mostly impromptu, proved equally as amusing as his songs.

Fresh from his successes at Brussels the late tenor of the "Bundooks" concert party, E. Batey, rendered, like a Caruso, such fine ballads as "My Dreams," "There is a Land" and "On with the Motley." With the latter he simply brought down the house, and he was not allowed to leave the stage until he had given an encore. He obliged with "Because."

The concerted numbers "Absent" and "My Tennessee" rendered by Norton, Hart and Hastead, also went down very well, while Jeff Hart's rendering of "Trumpeter" will always be assured of a hearty reception.

Another outstanding feature of the evening's entertainment was "Old Bill" (Cpl. Bert Rudd), who delighted his audience by his humourous rendering of "We can't find Bill." His remarks about army life in general, and certain sergeant-majors in particular, were understood and appreciated by the audience. His turn well merited the vociferous applause which greeted it.

A. L. Clark, in addition to officiating as pianist, obliged by giving character studies from Dickens, the excellence of which was quite in harmony with the tone of the whole show.

In "Jones of the Lancers," J. Wade gave a fine impersonation of that dashing Major, while a rendering of "Mate of Mine," by J. Night baritone, also earned the applause awarded to it.

The tit-bit of the evening was undoubtedly the sketch "A Yorkshire Lad in London," in which that inimitable comedian, Jimmy Robinson, was seen to great advantage. There was not a single member of the audience who was not absolutely convulsed by his absurdities. In this sketch he was assisted in dispensing the humour by Jeff Hart. J. Wade, A. Clark, and "Violet" (E. Baker.)

"THE LIGHT FANTASTIC TOE."

"Enthusiast" writes as follows: In view of the fact that dancing is occupying to-day in England a more prominent position than it ever held before, may I suggest, through the medium of your columns, that some enterprising agency for the welfare of British Troops here institute classes whereby we, or such of us as desire it, may be initiated into the mysteries of the modern dances now in vogue—I refer to the "Maxina," "On Leave Fox Trot," "Victory" Valse and (of course) "Jazz."

I should be pleased, and so, I feel sure, would many other devotees, to hear if there are any classes, with either English instructors, or, failing that, German dancing masters, where instruction could be obtained.

This would not, of course, by any means be an infringement of the "No Fraternizing" order, and it is obvious I think that one loses touch here with the developments in modern dancing.

Also (I add as an afterthought) such instruction would conform with the theory of the Army Education Scheme, that men be fitted adequately to fill their places as civilians on demobilization. Imagine, Sir, the agony of mind of a man who returns home not knowing the evolutions of a one step!

My correspondent has surely not been reading his *Cologne Pos* regularly or he would have seen that the British Empire Leave Club are undertaking such a scheme.

FOLLOWING HIS DEAR OLD DAD

Mr. Harry Tate, the comedian, having been ordered to the south of France owing to a breakdown, his son, aged 17, who has only just left Dulwich College and was apprenticed to Messrs. Vickers, has taken up his part on tour in the sketch "Selling a Car." He opened last night at the Palace, Manchester.

The main rehearsal was held in Mr. Tate's bedroom at his house in Tooting.

KEEN SOCCER STRUGGLE.

The 2/4 Duke of Wellington West Riding Regt. Battery team journeyed to Bruhl on Wednesday to meet the R.A.S.C. (M.T.) taking with them a goodly number of supporters who were afterwards entertained to tea. The match was a real thriller from the commencement. Five minutes after play had started Lieut. Pearson placed a shot and netted for the Dukes. Just before half time Perrins gave the Dukes their second goal.

The second half had plenty of excitement, for the home team went off with a dash, and in a few minutes Rippon scored from a penalty. Rippon scored again very shortly afterwards for the home team. Then after a keen struggle in front of the goal Rippon gave the home team the lead by netting the ball again.

Here the Dukes put in some fine work and from a free kick Perrins scored his second goal. Excitement here ran high for it looked as though the game would end in a draw. But after some brilliant combination work Perrins scored his third and winning goal for the Dukes.

Result: 2/4 Duke of Wellington's 4; R.A.S.C. (M.T.) 3. The referee was Staff-Sergt. Baker.

THE CALL OF CRICKET.

A BRILLIANT CENTURY.

HOBBS RUNS UP FAULTLESS 106 AT THE OVAL.

There was a considerable amount of cricket in England on Saturday though the first county matches do not begin until next week end.

Playing for F.T. Badcocks XI against E.J. Hayes XI in the Surrey trial match at the Oval, Hobbs made a brilliant 106 before being caught after eighty minutes play. He hit freely all round the wicket.

His partner, Sandham, scored 81 in 2½ hours, never giving a chance. Subsequently the wickets fell quickly. The scores in the first innings were:

Badcocks XI . . . 308,
Hayes XI . . . . . 198.

Hitch for Badcocks dismissed four batsmen in the first two overs and took six wickets out of seven down for 42 at the end of an hour.

AUSTRALIANS' CRICKET TOUR.

KELLEWAY ELECTED CAPTAIN.

The Australian Imperial Forces, who commence their tour with a match against Mr. Lionel Robinson's Eleven at Attleborough (Norfolk), to-morrow, have now settled upon the players from whom they will choose the teams for the early engagements.

The list is as follows: C. Kelleway, C. T. Docker, E. J. Long, J. M. Taylor, H. L. Collins, J. M. Gregory, G. V. Maidment, W. A. Oldfield, W. L. Trennery, E. A. Bull, and G. Love (New South Wales), R. W. Herring, D. Hotchin, A. W. Lampard, C. B. Willis (Victoria), J. T. Murray, C. E. Pellew, and W. S. Stirling (South Australia), and J. F. Shepherd (Queensland).

Of these Docker is the fast bowler, Kelleway and Gregory bowl fast medium, Willis medium, Lampard and Trennery slow right, and Collins and Stirling slow left. Long is the wicketkeeper, but both Love and Lampard can act in that capacity.

Kelleway, who was a notable member of the Australian teams of 1909 and 1912, has been elected captain.

A FAULTLESS INNINGS.

Capt. Bond's XI v. 112th Battery R.F.A.

A cricket match was played at Bonn on Friday between Capt. Bond's XI 2/4 Duke of Wellington's Regt. and the 112th Battery R.F.A., the weather being ideal.

Capt. Bond's XI batted first, and out of a total of 78 Cpl. Albone played a faultless innings of 39 not out. North also reached 23 when he fell a victim to Aston. During one part of the game Gunner Page caused havoc taking four wickets with four successive balls.

The 112th Battery responded, but were not able to complete with the bowling of North and Bond, dismissing them for a total of 38. Sergt. Billing and Driver Chadwick were the only two to reach double figures. Details:

Capt Bond's XI:

Pte. Wild c. Sgt Billing b. Page	2
Pte. North c. Maiden b. Aston	23
Cpl. Albone not out	39
Pte. Northcliffe b. Page	3
Lce. Cpl Bond l.b.w. b.	0
Pte. Brewis c. Lieut Sharpe b. Page.	0
Lce. Cpl Boyes c. Billing b. Robb	3
Pte. Grant c. Griffiths b. Page	3
Cpl. Eastwood c. Briggs b. Sharp	1
Pte. Chatterton b. Billing	0
Extras	4
Total	78

112 Battery R.F.A.

Sergt. Thompson c. and b. North	0
Sergt. Billing c. North b. Bond	10
R.S.M. Aston b. Bond	1
Gunner Robb b. Bond	3
Lieut. Sharpe b. Bond	2
Gunner Biggs b. North	1
Driver Chadwick c. Grany b. North	10
Gunner White c. and b.	1
Gunner Page b. North	1
Bdr. Griffiths b. Bond	0
Gunner Maiden not out	0
Extras	9
Total	38

CAVALRY PRACTICE MATCH.

RAIN INTERFERES WITH INTERESTING GAME.

The Cavalry Divisional H.Q.'s Club are certainly getting their house in order, in their endeavour to snatch our Cup. Ambition is everything nowadays. A trial game was played on Sunday, between picked teams from the Signal Squadron and Headquarters. The former batted first and just as the last wicket fell, down came the rain, with the thunder, which put an end to the play. The Signals made a decent score (101), and when the game is resumed, H.Q.'s will have to go all the way. Lieut. J. C. W. Jennings D.C.M. was top scorer, making a capital 47 by good all round cricket. Spr. Dearnley (12) and Lieut. Johnson were the only batsmen who gave any assistance in remaining with him any length of time. Major Reynolds took 4 for 26, and Sergt. Murden who came out with 2 for 14 had exceptionally hard lines. He bowled 11 overs, five of which were maidens. Six runs were knocked off his first over, which meant that his other 10 overs only produced eight runs. Good bowling, but hard luck.

The scores were as follows: — Sergt. Keevie, D.C.M., 3; Capt. Sterncliffe, 8; Spr. Dearnley, 12; Spr. Wakeley, 5; Lieut. Jennings D.C.M., 47; Spr. Bennett, 0; Lieut. Dart, 5; Lieut. Johnson, 8; Dvr. Drinkler, 1; Capt. Tolley, 6; Spr. Evans not out, 0; extras 12. Total 101.

FOUR BALL GOLF MATCH.

A four ball golf match was played on the Ashford Manor Golf Club course on Saturday, when Hilton and the home professional Kirby were beaten by J. H. Taylor and S. H. Fry, both of Mid-Surrey. The Scores in the morning were:— Hilton and Kirby 74; Fry and Taylor 74.

In the afternoon the scores were:— Fry and Taylor 70; Hilton and Kirby 73.

111 v. 227 SIEGE BATTERY.

This match was played at Nothberg on Saturday; 227 had the better of the opening exchanges, but 111 were the first to score through Lieut. Taylor, who netted from a centre from the left wing. Shortly before half-time 227 equalised through their outside left, who ran through on his own.

About 15 minutes after the resumption Lieut. Taylor scored again for 111 and immediately afterwards Bdr. Barker added a third. Shortly before the end Howlett scored a fourth goal for the home team.

Result: — 111 S. Battery 4; 227 S. Battery 1.

Last Wednesday 111 Siege Battery beat 13 Siege Battery by 2—0, Barker and Howlett scoring the goals.

5th v. 78th LABOUR COY.

This semi-final tie in the Labour Group competition was played on the 17th Lab. Coy's ground at Kalk on Sunday in dull, warm weather. Both sides were short of regular players, the 78th especially.

The game consisted of constant pressure by the 5th, relieved at intervals by the 78th having to kick off from mid-field. Only on one occasion did the 78th look like scoring when L. C. Wilkinson fell while clearing, but Cooney saved the situation Goals were scored for the 5th in the first half by Swan (3) and the 78th's goalkeeper assisted by Brady, and in the second half by Oddie (2), Swan, and McConville.

Result: 5th Labour Coy 8; 78th Labour Coy 0.

SHERWOOD FORESTERS REGIMENTAL SHIELD.

53rd. BATTALION'S CROSS COUNTRY RUN.

On Tuesday a further effort was made by Companies of the above Regiment towards obtaining points to become the proud possessors of the Regimental Shield, and a cross-country run was indulged in. Teams of 12 of which eight were to count from each Company, took part, the winning team being that which received the lowest number of points. This honour went to "A" Company, whose team was ably led by 2/Lt. Lawler thereby adding 10 points to their total towards the Shield. "B" Company supplied the first man home in Sgt. Bell who ran well over a trying course of over four miles in 25 minutes. His team was second and with 5 points for Sgt. Bell and 5 points for the second team home, "B" Company also added 10 points to their total.

There is going to be a hard fight for the Shield and no doubt the boxing tournament next week will alter the appearance of things considerably.

The following points have been obtained by Companies: "D," 50; "A," 27; "B," 27; "C," 26.

REAL FOOTBALL ENTHUSIASTS.

MIDLAND DIV. H.Q. (SCRATCH TEAM) v. 209th EMPLOYMENT COY.

In spite of the tropical heat, the above teams met in the Schloss grounds at Bruhl before an appreciative crowd of onlookers. D.H.Q. were the first to score. Play was fast, and by a combined spurt the "Light Horse" forwards equalized. Shortly after resumption of play, fine work by D.H.Q.'s midget left winger resulted in a goal. A further off-side goal by D.H.Q. almost escaped the referee's notice, but was disallowed after an appeal. Result:— Midland Div. H.Q. 2, 209th Emp't Co. 1.

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3 COMPANY WESTERN DIVISION TRAIN. v. No. 2. FIELD AMBULANCE.

The Ambulance turned a weak team out in this game, which was played at Impekoven on Saturday. The Ambulance however had most of the play, Grundy scoring two goals for them in the first half.

There was no score in the second half, the heat evidently affecting the players. Result: No. 2 Field Amb. 2; No. 3 Coy. 0.

"R" BATTERY (A.A.) v. 4th MOBILE WORKSHOPS.

This match was played at Volksgarten on Saturday, and ended in a draw of two goals each. It was a very fast game in spite of the terrific heat.

Page, at outside right, and Ellis, centre forward, were very prominent, and these two players were very unlucky in not scoring for the "Archies" in the last quarter of an hour. But for the splendid play of the Workshops right back they would have undoubtedly done so.

U. S. ARMY ROWING.

The American Army, says a *Reuter's* Paris telegram, has entered for the Eights, Coxwainless Fours, and Singles at Henley on the 4th of July. The Americans have begun training.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

French Racing.

The racing in Paris is now in full swing. Among those present at the meeting at Longchamp on Friday were President and Mrs. Wilson.

Military Rank Dropped.

In connection with the forthcoming cricket tour of the Australian Forces, which opens to-morrow at Norfolk, all military ranks will be dropped.

Trout Fishing.

Two 33lb. salmon have been caught in the Wye, near Hereford. Trout-fishing prospects are good in the south of England.

Fisherman Thrown Into River.

For throwing into the river an alleged poacher whom he caught trout fishing on his father's property, Mr. G. B. Kinnear, solicitor, Edinburgh, was fined £2 at Aberdeen.

Goddard-Beckett Boxing.

The date of the Goddard-Beckett boxing match has now been altered to Tuesday, June 17, to avoid clashing with the N.S.C. fixture. It is proposed that the winner of the match shall meet Carpentier on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

"Aussies" Lawn Tennis.

The Australian Imperial Forces team have arranged an interesting series of fixtures for the grass court season. The following matches will be played.

May 14, v. Surrey County.
May 17, v. Cambridge University.
May 26, v. Oxford University.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

CHARITY GAMES.

The results of friendly charity matches played on Saturday were as follows:—

Fulham	2	Tottenham Hotspur	2
West Ham United	2	Arsenal	3
Crystal Palace	0	Millwall Athletic	4
Liverpool	4	Manchester United	0
Sheffield United	3	Manchester City	2

BIRMINGHAM COUNTY CHARITY CUP.

Coventry City	2	Birmingham	3

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Ayr United	0	Celtic	2
Clyde	0	Glasgow Rangers	4
Airdrieonians	3	Hibernians	3
Paisley St. Mirren	3	Heart of Midlothian	3

Celtic thus won the League Championship with 58 points to Rangers 57.

WEST RIDING CHARITY CUP SEMI-FINAL.

Huddersfield and Bradford City Clubs replayed the West Riding Charity Cup semi-final on Saturday, the result being a draw, 2—2 after extra time.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS MATCH.

The first of two matches to decide the football League Championship between Notts Forest, the winners of the Midland Section and Everton, the winners of the Lancashire Section was played at Nottingham on Saturday. The result was a draw, 0—0.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINANCES.

The statement issued by the English Football League amounts to over 150,000 pounds. The gate receipts for the past season were more than double those of 1917—18, including the receipts of the Lancashire Section (£79,298), and of the Midland Section (£16,714). The receipts for April were £30,600 compared with £4,000 for April 1918.

HURST PARK MEETING.

The Hurst Park Race Meeting was held in fine weather on Saturday, when the following were the results:—

May Plate:— 1, Clapgate (11—2 on); 2, Wall Flower (20—1); 3, Saintly Maude (6—1). Three ran.

T.Y.O. Plate:— Skeets had a walk over.

Durham Handicap:— 1, All Alone (2—1); 2, Leanders (2—1); 3, Furore (5—2). Five ran.

Victoria Cup:— 1, Carados (100—8); 2, Golly Eyes (100—9); 3, Grand Fleet (3—1). Nine ran. A length separated the first and second and a head the second and third.

Claremont Stakes:— 1, Lady Phoebe (evens); 2, Burberry (2—1); 3, Throsga (33—1). Eight ran.

Vyner Plate:— 1, Tetra Colon (6—5); 2, White Heat (5—2); 3, Joli Coeur (10—1). Seven ran.

LONDON BETTING.

"Jubilee" Handicap (run May 17th): 4 to 1 Royal Bucks; 5 to 1 Zinovia; 100 to 15 Dansellon; 9 to 1 Silver Bullet; 100 to 8 By Jingo; all taken and offered.

The Derby: 7 to 4 Panther; 6 to 1 Lord Basil; 10 to 1 Buchan; 100 to 6 Paper Money; 18 to 1 Grand Parade; all taken and offered.

BOOTLESS GUARDS.

DIVERTING RACE AT ROYAL WARWICKS' SPORTS.

A most enjoyable afternoon was spent by the young guards of "D" Coy 52nd Royal Warwicks at Delbruck on Thursday when a good afternoon's sport was enjoyed, consisting of some very fine races, which had been arranged by the Company Sports Officer, 2nd Lieut. Far, who takes a great interest in the lads' sports.

The result of the races were:—

100 yards was won by Cpl. Bennett, Lce. Cpl. Ackers coming in second after a very close race.

440 yards was won by L/Cpl. Lloyd. This also was a very close race, L/Cpl. Fulford coming in second.

Sack Race was full of amusement and most exciting, Pte. Sartin becoming an easy winner. Pte. Hayes came in second after a few tumbles.

880 yards:— This was a very fine race, there being eight entries. L/Cpl. Massey became an easy winner, Pte. Mc. Claughlin coming in second.

Boot Race:— This race caused a great deal of amusement. All the competitors, of whom there were 25, took off their boots and put them into sacks. After these were tied the men were taken 50 yards distant. The winner of this race had to run to the sacks, find his boots, put them on and lace them up and return to the starting point. Boots were flying in all directions, the rule being that men who picked up the wrong pair should throw them as far as possible. The first prize was won by Pte. Burrell and the second by Pte. Bosley.

1 Mile Race:— This race was won by L/Cpl. Massey who shows every prospect of becoming a fine long distant runner.

BIG SCORING AT DUREN.

51st GORDONS H. Q. SIGNAL SECTION v. EDUCATIONAL STAFF.

These teams were favoured with splendid weather for their return game at Duren on Monday afternoon. For the first twenty minutes or so fast end to end play was the rule and both defences were kept busy. It fell to the Signallers to open the scoring, but it was only at his second attempt that McCombie got the ball through. A few minutes before the interval Wishart put through another for the "Sigs" from a fine cross by Mc Combie and half time found them leading 2—0.

The teachers were early on the agressive in the second period and only the fine defence of the Signallers kept them from scoring. Play continued on the same strenuous lines and two goals were scored by the Headquarters men in rapid succession, through Mc Guire, and Robertson. The teachers made strenuous efforts to break their "duck" but the defence beat them, and just before the finish McCombie put on a fifth goal for the "Sigs".

Result: Signal Section 5, Education 0.

Both defences were good, the "Sigs" if anything being the stronger, Harvey, Lieut. Brown, M. C. and Lieut. Mc Gregor carrying off the honours for the Signallers, and Sgt. Cunningham, Lieut. Mather, and Sgt. Carmichael doing likewise for the Education men. It was in the forward lines that the difference lay. The Signal quintette played well together throughout, but the teachers' front five played disjointedly, their two steadiest men being Henderson and Petrie.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, May 13, 1919.

Wind South-West, 10—15 m.p.h. in the day. Cloudy; probably some showers. Moderate temperature. Fair visibility.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

(With an Occasional Entertainments Note.)

The Cricket Boom.

The week-end witnessed a display of the great keenness in cricket which is promised during the present season. On Saturday and Sunday every possible pitch was occupied and in many cases some capital cricket resulted. After four years inaction, the great summer game is gradually reviving in a manner that indicates a boom more vigorous than has ever been known before. And this, notwithstanding the pessimistic predictions of those people, suffering from the "brighter cricket" craze, who insisted that nothing in the world would reinstate the game to anything like a high level of popularity.

Many splendid batting performances are reported in connection with the week-end games, among them being the trundling of C. Q. M. S. Stead of "B" Coy, 2/4 Duke of Wellington's Regiment, who, in a match against Capt Bond's eleven of the same unit, bowled five men at the expense only of the same number of runs.

The Picnicers' Home.

Konigsforst is a little village within tram-car distance of Cologne, whereto all "picnicers" hie them during the week-end. And there is a real rural liveliness at this place, the like of which is not frequently met with round about these parts. The tram terminus is on the fringe of the most delightfully quiet wood, and a walk of a few yards brings one to little clearings after the heart of the picnic enthusiast. During the last week-end some thousands of people must have eaten *al fresco* meals at this spot, although no one would have imagined so had the rather heavy thunderstorm on Sunday evening not caused them to scurry from their sylvan retreats and crowd the one hotel much beyond its capacity. A troupe of the real old picturesque vagabonds with fiddles and mandolines and more or less musical vocal qualities made their appearance at the hotel during the storm and endeavoured to brighten the feelings of the wet and rather bedraggled-looking holiday makers with song and dance. Whether or not they succeeded in this it is difficult to say, but they appeared to reap rich reward for their efforts.

Amateur Dramatics.

The last performance in the three night run of "The Mollusc," at the Deutsches Theatre, was played to a crowded house on Saturday and the excellent reputation of the Rhine Army Dramatic Company was still further enhanced thereby. During the next week or two, the Company will be on tour.

On May 19th, the Deutsches Theatre bill will again be filled by the R.A.A.D.C. when "Man and Super-Man" will be staged. The caste will include Miss Shirley King, Miss Gabriel Paul, Miss Inez Bensusan, Major Pollock, Capt. Bigg, Lieut. Blackall and Lieut. Percy. The latter artiste played the difficult part of John Turner over a thousand times when the same play had an enormously successful run in London.

Rowing.

Some time ago it was pointed out that although several eights had been hard at practice on the Thames, no crew, representative of the Army of the Rhine, had been selected for the forthcoming Henley Regatta. It is satisfactory to note that a definite move to remedy such a state of affairs is now being made and there is some likelihood of an officers crew being got together from the many enthusiasts included in the Rhine Army. With this idea in view, will all scullers interested, inform Capt. Tew, R.T.O. Cologne, of their qualifications as soon as possible.

THE RAMBLER.

EXCITING RUGBY AT MUNSTEREIFEL.

GLORIOUS CHANCES MISSED.

These rivals met at Munstereifel on Thursday and an exciting though scrappy game ended in a victory by the 53rd to the tune of 8 points (1 goal try) to nil.

The opening exchanges were in favour of the 51st who by dint of forward rushes, gained a footing near their opponents line. Their advantage, however, was of short duration for clear runs by Major Long and dogged work at the base of the scrum by Riella enabled the 53rd to retaliate brilliantly.

Glover and Ayres played magnificently at this stage and their tackling was largely instrumental in preventing the attackers from scoring. However the latter after an excellent round of passing registered a try through Major Long. Mc Wean converted.

The second half saw the visiting backs missing glorious chances through bad passing, and indifferent handling. They made repeated efforts to equalize, but the home backs proved their efficiency in defence as well as attack, Capt. Mc Wean and Major Long being especially conspicuous by lengthy useful kicks to touch. Of the visiting forwards notable work was performed at this stage by 2nd Lieut. Dawson. The venue of the play again changed to inside the visitors' half and after a deal of scrappy play wherein glorious opportunities went a begging, Major Long succeeded in scoring the second — a last try of the match.

Final 53rd S.W.B. 1 goal, 1 try, 8 goints; 51st S.W.B. nil.

The teams were as follows. —

51st Battalion — 2nd Lieut. Ayres, back; Lieuts. Cannon, Davies, Ptes. Wilson, Howell threequarters back; 2nd Lieut. Priston, Cpl. Powell, halfbacks; 2nd Lieuts. Glover, Douglas. Dawson, Hall, Thomas, Lieut. Fairo, C.S.M. Wicks, Sergt. Boyd, forwards.

53rd Battalion: Sergt. Taylor, back; 2nd Lieut. Upham, Capt. Mc Wean; Lieut. Green, Sergt. Watkins, threequarters backs; Major Long, Pte Riella, halfbacks; Capt. Tatham, Lieuts. Mason, Rogers, Temple, Thomas, Sergts. Baymires. Holley, Tantrum.

The Metropolitan Railway's war memorial to the members of their staff who have fallen will take the form of an athletic ground at Wembley, and a club or institute for the use of the staff, while a tablet is to be placed at Baker-street Station, bearing the names of 127 men who have given their lives.

The old village football club at Kimpton, Herts, has been informed (says the "Sunday Times") that the new local council will devote its share of income from an old charity to arranging a football match and providing teas for the players. This, it is hoped, will lead to the club being re-established.

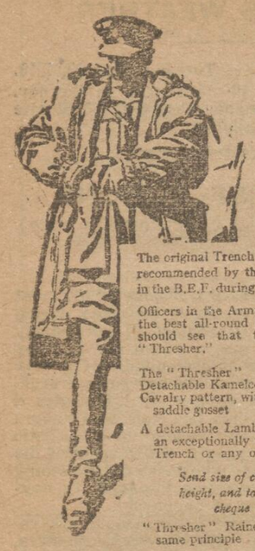

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A POLICE RAID.

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Originated for a perfectly legitimate purpose it has been revealed that the Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Union has launched out on a sphere of activities which resembles Bolshevism, with the result that the London Police raided the headquarters of the Union on Thursday last.

This action on the part of the authorities appears to have had the desired effect, for no further raids have been made and the new effort, which was nothing less than an incitement to soldiers, sailors and airmen to mutiny, has been nipped in the bud.

Inquiries now show that the authorities have been watching the activities of the movement for many months past and it was discovered that instead of keeping to its original projects, which included the improvement of the conditions of demobilized men, there were diversions in the shape of efforts to encourage active service men to become full members. These efforts were made on the ground that whether as soldiers, sailors or airmen their work or employment was just as much a trade as any organized Union. So far there has been little indication that this appeal has met with any large response. The propaganda has certainly not been in the hands of soldiers; it has been developed and enthused by civilians of extreme socialistic, not to say revolutionary, tendencies.

An attempt has lately been made to exploit the not unnatural impatience of men who have been in the Army, under the Derby scheme, in the interests of the union, and apparently the present moment has been seized upon as an occasion to bring the propaganda to a head. The impatience of the "Derby" men has been largely due to a misunderstanding as to what is meant by "the duration of the war," and this misunderstanding has undoubtedly been intensified by the fact that in Army Form B 2512A the phrase "the termination of hostilities" is used as if it might mean the same thing as "the duration of the war."

The pity is that, even in the pressure of circumstances which existed at the time, more care was not taken to make the vital conditions of the soldiers' contract of enlistment clear beyond doubt. At the same time, it has now to be recognized and it is clear that the majority of the men do recognize that the armistice meant only a suspension of hostilities, and neither the termination of hostilities nor the end of the war. So long as the terms of peace submitted to the Germans remain unsigned it cannot be said that hostilities have terminated, or that the war is at an end.

Under "the Termination of the Present War" (Definition) Act, 1918, the war will not end until "the exchange or deposit of ratifications of the treaty or treaties of peace," and, further, under the new Military Service Act, all essential men, whatever their contract of enlistment, may be retained until April 30, 1920. For the suggestion that the "Derby" and other men in the Army of Occupation are being retained for a new war against Russia there is absolutely no justification. To this suggestion it is a sufficient answer to say that the relief force, which is to be sent to Russia within the next few days, is a volunteer force which has been enlisted for a period of 12 months or such shorter time as may be necessary.

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GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

HALF MAST.

The German nation has decided to go into mourning. The *Kölnische Volkszeitung* in commenting upon this says that such an order might have been thought unnecessary, for anybody with a truly German spirit has been for a long time devoid of any desire for amusement. Those however, who, despite the order of the Government and the earnest appeals of the Press, continue to make merry publicly are not worthy to be called Germans. "Forgive them for they know not what they do." After commenting very briefly on the peace terms, the writer refers to an article in the *Morning Post* in which it is said that the Treaty would arouse a cry of fury in Germany. A cry of fury demands vigour, he says, and that is an element of which Germany is lacking.

Christianity and Capitalism.

At the Gürzenich, last week Prof. Scheler lectured on the subject of "Capitalism and its future."

In the beginning he drew a contrast between Christianity and Capitalism, and showed that they are opposed to each other as much as are fire and water.

After a thorough analysis of the capitalistic spirit, the Professor explained how it had developed especially during the last centuries. The astonishment of Rabrind vana Tagore at the disposition of the capitalist minds is the best proof of its limitations, both historically and geographically.

Professor Scheler then dealt with the future of Capitalism. It is the duty of the young generation, to crush this spirit by creating a new type of manhood — one with a better heart and which agrees more with the true Christian type.

In commenting upon the political programme of the new republic the Professor said that he would like to see the new world built upon a Christian socialism—neither a capitalist dictature nor a Bolshevist one, but a policy between the two.

OLD HARROVIAN DINNER.

Many renewals of old acquaintances were made and still many more reminiscences told at the Old Harrovian dinner held recently at the VI Corps Club.

The event in every way was a huge success and will no doubt prove unforgettable to those who had the privilege of being present.

"Mine host" had made most commendable efforts to profide a sumptuous repast, and the result was, at least, the ideal possible. Full justice was done to every dish.

Several highly distinguished officers were among the company, which numbered close upon seventy.

The usual loyal toasts were given and that in honour of "Dear Old Harrow" was received most enthusiastically. Most of the speeches were reminiscent in character and several good stories of early school-days, boyhood "scraps," and sports were related.

Efforts were made to prevail upon the Generals present, each to give a song, and eventually they consented to sing conjointly the opening verse of "Forty Years On," the second, third and fourth verses being sung in turn by field officers below the rank of General, Captains and Subalterns respectively. This afforded great enjoyment. The following were present:

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

Dover civic authorities, invited by the Burgomaster, took part in Vindictive Day celebrations at Ostend on Friday.

A War Office offer of a German field gun has been refused by Blyth Council, who stated that they wanted nothing German.

A new handbook for the relatives of deceased officers may be had from the Secretary, Stationery Branch, Ministry of Pensions, Millbank, S.W. 1.

"So far as we are able to judge, the medical profession as a whole is not convinced of the necessity for total prohibition," says the *British Medical Journal.*

Unemployment was pleaded by most of 400 persons summoned recently at Birmingham for non-payment of income tax for the quarter ended October 1, 1918.

"In gratitude for what our boys have done," Mr. Dan Mason, of Chiswick, is to provide a new out-patients' department at West London Hospital, Hammersmith, to cost £22,000.

As he had done no work for two months and could not get any, a man at Bow County Court said he was willing to give up possession of his house as he was going to join the Army of Occupation.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

THE OPERA CHORUS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—One of the most interesting features of the *Post*, to my mind, has been the description and criticism of the opera. The correspondence on "Parsifal" and A. F. Jones' articles on some of the operas proved excellent reading, and I am sure all opera lovers join in appreciation of the artistes and their productions at the Opera House.

There is, however, a weakness that has been apparent upon each occasion that I have visited the Opera. I anticipate that there are many excuses for such weakness, but it is wise to mention the matter in case the producer is led to believe that silence over the subject means that the "Engländer" has not observed the defect. I refer to the male members of the chorus. The singing of these gentlemen requires a great deal of improvement to even approach the standard of such fine artistes as Schorr, Schröder, Renner, Krauss, Mizinisky and many other singers who have given us so much pleasure.

On Good Friday I heard a large choir give a concert rendering of Bach's St. Matthew Passion at the Gürzenich. It was a splendid performance, and the choir, including the male voices, was superb. I estimate that there were about 100 tenors and basses in that choir. Cologne, I understand, was celebrated for its male voice choirs. Surely there are some left? I mention these facts to indicate that there are a great number of male voices about, and of the right quality. Let us hope that if we are here for the next opera season the chorus master will be able to get hold of some of them.

H.W.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—May I offer a few comments on the proposed "Photographic Exhibition?" Make the exhibition an Arts and Crafts Exhibition. Enlarge the scheme for exhibitors. Give the "Tommy" a chance who may not be able to paint or possess a camera but is mighty useful at making something out of nothing. Get out of the rut and popularize. My work prevents me also, but I will help.

S. C.

Answers to Correspondents.

[The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Many questions have been received which could be answered much easier by the Adjutant of the unit concerned, and all such cases which affect the unit commander must be taken to him and not sent here. — Ed.]

F.L.—The rumour has not reached us but it is quite a probable one

W.H.R.—We hope to be able to publish an article dealing with the subject in a day or so.

I.T.P.—The nationality of the child would be English.

A.M.—See article on page four of Sunday's issue, dealing with the re-opening of the Army College.

G.E.F.—It all depends upon the terms under which you enlisted. Surely you know what they were. Apply through the proper channels to have the matter made clear to you.

Commos.'—In my opinion his son.

J.Mc.N.—The Agricultural College at Bonn is open to the Army. Apply through your C. O or Education Officer.

D.M.B.—See answer to "G. E. F."

L.E.—We are always glad to answer any feasible question.

52467.—Wireless is used on all the latest sea going liners.

H.Y.—Yes, keep smiling.

Enquiry.—It is hoped shortly to remove entirely the restrictions which prevent the visits of persons to the old zone of the battle. Anyone will then be able to proceed on a visit if they can provide their own transport.

1148.—We are making enquiries and will supply the information in this column in a day or two.

Lancashire Lad.—Wargrave started at five-to-one against.

A.B.—The "Jimmy Wilde and Johnny Rosner" match took place at the Liverpool Stadium.

Rowson.—There was no competition, the league proper being abandoned owing to the war.

Fraternity.—Poethlyn fell at Birmingham in 1914. Also fell at Windsor on March 16th, bringing down Limecock.

No. 1. R.A.S.C.—Your letter has been handed to the Army Sports Officer who will write you.

T.R.—The British Sports Publishing Co., Ltd., 2, Hind Court, Fleet-street, London E.C. The subjects you mention are included in the Spalding Athletic Library, published by this firm, and they will be sent post free for ninepence each.

A.C.I.—No. Fiz Yama was a flat racer. Glenside won the Grand National in 1911. Fiz Yama won the Cesarewitch in 1913 and the Alexandra Plate in 1914. Perhaps you have these races in mind.

In abeyance since 1916, Presentation Day of the University of London was revived at the Albert Hall on Friday afternoon. Mr. H.A.L. Fisher said that our universities have never been so full.

Sir Douglas and Lady Haig climbed into the commander's gondola when inspecting R 34 at Inchinnan recently. Afterwards Sir Douglas went up the ladder into the balloon, where he examined the interior of the envelope.

The Executive Committee of the Army Committee of the House of Commons, after considering the question, have decided to press the Government to give preference to all ex-Army officers seeking employment in Government Departments.

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OLD RUGBEIANS.

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EX-SOLDIERS AND COLOURED LABOUR.

A deputation of the Manchester branch of the Comrades of the Great War was received at the House of Commons yesterday by representatives of the War Office, Ministry of Pensions, etc., before whom certain grievances of discharged men were laid.

Mr. Griffiths, secretary of the Manchester branch, contended that the 20 per cent. disability pension was inadequate, and ought to be increased by at least 100 per cent. to meet the present cost of living. He asked also for a flat rate for men undergoing training, and contended that it ought to be at least £3 a week, instead of 27s. 6d., to meet the high cost of commodities. Pleas were also made for increasing the war gratuity, for State provision of light labour for partially disabled men, and for the discharge of female labour, to make room for discharged men.

One member of the deputation asserted that there would have been trouble in Manchester if it were not for the "Comrades" stepping in, owing to the employment of the many black men and Chinamen.

Mr. Ben Tillett, M.P., said that the problem of coloured labour had become very serious, and a strong attitude was being taken up by many of the dockers at Salford.

Major Hamilton, on behalf of the Ministry of Pensions, offered to take up direct any cases submitted to him. Instructions had been issued that any paid servant in the Ministry should be preferably an ex-service man, and that first preference should be given to disabled ex-service men. He thought the State might ultimately have to increase the training grant. Six hundred disabled soldiers had been found work in the Ministry since the Armistice.

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SCHEIDEMANN STATES HIS CASE.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEETS.

RANTZAU SUBMITS A FIFTH NOTE.

AEROPLANES AND AFRIDIS.

GERMAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEETS.

CONDITIONS UNACCEPTABLE.

The German National Assembly met in the University Hall on Monday. Welcoming the assembly in the name of Berlin University, Prof. Dr. Kahl reminded the audience of the festival which took place in the same hall in 1910 on the occasion of the University's centenary, when representatives of France (the mathematician Poincaré), Great Britain, Italy, Russia, United States and Japan, eulogised the German people and the German spirit as necessary elements of the world history. In the same hall Fichte the great philosopher, gave his famous discourses "To the German nation."

Prime minister Scheidemann, said "Let me speak without any consideration of tactics about this book wherein hundreds of paragraphs begin with "Germany renounces, renounces, renounces." After having given a resumé of all that Germany has to renounce he said "I ask you who can, as an honest man, I will not even say, as a German, but as an honest man who wants to keep his promises, accept such conditions? We have made counter proposals and we shall make others. We consider it, with your consent, our most sacred duty to come to negotiations. This contract is, according to the opinion of the Imperial Government, unacceptable; so unacceptable, that I dare not believe that earth could olerate such a book. We know our way. It does not lead through these conditions."

After asserting that if the conditions were to be accepted it would be not only the corpse of Germany which would remain on the battlefield of Versailles but all ideals of self-determination of people, independence of free nations etc. etc. etc., he ended by saying "A peace of work is our aim, our hope. By such a peace we can fulfil the legitimate claims of our adversaries; by it alone we can lead our people to health again. We are no longer fighting—we want peace. Indeed, woe betide those who started the war, but thrice woe betide those who actually defer peace, even for one day!"

With Monday's demonstration against "This" Peace the first session of the National Assembly in Berlin ended. The Deputies will now leave Berlin and go to their own electoral districts to enlighten their voters about the consequences of the peace conditions.

The National Assembly will have another sitting at Berlin and then go back to Weimar. Then they will sign.

ENGLISH PRESS COMMENTS.

Regarding Count Brockdorff-Rantzau's second note and its reference to inclusion in the League of Nations, which assumes that the Allies ought to be anxious to welcome Germany with open arms, the *Times* asks "When will Germany understand that people are stern with her because she is responsible for the death or maiming of those who are dearest to them; that they look for some sign of contrition, and that bad manners do not mend bad morals. The German suggestion towards the League of Nations will of course be considered, but if they are anything like those put forward a couple of months ago they have no chance of acceptance, for they contemplate the creation of an international super-state which the Conference of Paris decisively and with good reason rejected. As for Germany's complaint that she has not been admitted already to the League, she is reminded that her admission depends on herself. As soon as she can convince two thirds of the Assembly of the League she may be admitted under article one of the Covenant provided that she gives the required quarantees. That will be early enough. She cannot be a loyal member of the League unless she is loyal to the Treaty as a whole and as she has not even signed it yet we are a very long way from proof of her loyalty to it." The article concludes: "It is against the interest of humanity that under the plea of saving Germany's self-respect we should abate any thing from the humiliation of the rulers who brought the awful suffering of the war on the world. The Germans will pass from their protests that they will never sign, to intrigue and apparent acquiescence, but they will sign for the simple reason that they have no alternative and that sentence on them is no more, though it may at some points be less than just."

The *Daily Telegraph* Paris correspondent draws attention to the carefully elaborated campaign of newspaper protest that is rising up from all quarters in Germany. That is merely a move in the game, he says, that must be obvious to every one, but there is, unfortunately for Germany, a ready test of its honesty which they can hardly disown. When the Treaties of Brest Litovsk and Bukharest were published in Germany, the merciless terms imposed upon Russia and Roumania were received by the Teutonic press with rapture. By the latter treaty Germany exacted terms not merely that were intended to deprive Roumania of a large part of her fluid assets, her chief source of wealth, the oilfields, were to be exploited for the benefit of Germany and her army was to be held at the disposal of the victors should they require it against the Ukraine Government. It is necessary to point out that the spirit which dictated the eminently reasonable terms of the Versailles settlement is at the other end of the moral scale from that which had as its object partly the destruction and partly the exploitation of an almost defenceless little State from which no further danger could have been expected by any reasonable man in Berlin.

RANTZAU SUBMITS A FIFTH NOTE

COLONIES THIS TIME.

Count Brockdorff-Rantzau has addressed a fifth note to M. Clemenceau. It concerns the clauses by which Germany renounces its Colonies, and contains a suggestion that they shall be internationalised!

IN THE LIMELIGHT.

A French newspaper describes the interval between the receipt and signature of the Peace terms by Germany as a play, the scenario of which is as follows:—

Act I. Scene. Berlin. Protest of the German Government, repeated by the Press chorus.

Act II. Scheidemann makes a speech. Applause by all parties of the National Assembly.

Act III. Scene Versailles. First scene: Count Brockdorff-Rantzau presents counter-proposals.
Second scene: Allies energetically refuse same.

Act IV. German delegates sign. The rush for souvenirs.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT CRISIS.

Berlin. Herr von Payer, President of the Democratic party, has informed Scheidemann that his party will withdraw from the Government if the Treaty is signed in its present form. The Centre party is contemplating taking the same step.—*Reuter.*

SIGN, BUT DON'T PAY.

Berlin. 12th May. A conference of the Independent Socialists passed a resolution protesting against a peace of violence and declaring that the present Government by re-establishing militarism had strengthened the universal mistrust of Germany. The Resolution declares that it is of no use hoping for substantial alleviation of the conditions and expresses the opinion that in the last resort Germany must bow to compulsion and sign the treaty, as abstention would mean the detention of prisoners, the occupation of districts producing raw materials, the tightening of the blockade with consequent unemployment and famine and the death of masses of people, ultimately bringing about a terrible catastrophe and thus compelling signature. The resolution concludes with the cynical comment that as the treaties of Brest Litovsk and Bucharest have been short lived so will the Peace of Versailles be annulled by revolutionary development.—*Reuter.*

SWITZERLAND CHIPS IN.

Switzerland has asked to participate, as a riparian State, in the negotiations about revision of the agreement of 1869 on Rhine navigation. She demands to have at least two representatives on the Commission dealing with Navigation on the Rhine.

QUIETUDE IN INDIA.

The India Office announces that in the Punjab no further disturbances have been reported. Further "snowball" postcards addressed to either Moslems or Hindus, or both, have been found in circulation of rumours that the agitation continues. An attempt by two students to stir up disaffection among the Jats of the Hissar district is reported, but elsewhere quiet continues. There in no change in the Mohammedan situation.

In a report received from an Afghan source, Indian agitators are stated to have pledged themselves to make attacks on aircraft and mechanical transport and to incendiarism.—*Reuter.*

FIGHTING ON THE NORTH WEST FRONTIER.

Reuter learns that the news from Afghanistan during the week-end was somewhat scanty but satisfactory. A collision occurred with the enemy on Friday, in which the British drove the Afghans from one of their positions at Ashrasiukheb. The British casualties were slight.

Aeroplanes also were employed. They crossed the frontier and bombed enemy positions at Losdatta with good results. The enemy is still in position to the West.

The section of the frontier adjoining the Khyber Pass has never been demarcated, but Landi Kotal is indisputably on the British side, and in advancing to its vicinity the Afghans have committed a deliberate act of invasion for which they have received no provocation whatever.

Some unrest is reported in the city of Peshawur, where martial law was proclaimed on May 8. A number of arrests have been made, with good results.

Landi Kotal is a small town on the Khyber Pass, about eight miles south of the Afghan frontier and twenty-five miles from Peshawur.

It is proposed to make some reduction of railway-fares for relatives of fallen soldiers who wish to visit overseas graves.

FIELD MARSHAL FRENCH'S RECRIMINATIONS.

QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

The remarkable disclosures made in Field Marshal French's book "1914," appearing day by day in the *Daily Telegraph*, are causing keen resentment among Service members of the House of Commons. It must be said that in works of this kind the average reader is unable to distinguish where fact ends and opinion begins.

Captain Ormsby-Gore asked the Secretary of State for War whether, by paragraph 453 of the King's Regulations governing the conduct of the Army, all officers on the active list and soldiers are forbidden to publish in any form whatever, or communicate directly or indirectly to the Press, his views on military subjects without special authority of the same paragraph, any information acquired by any officer or soldier while travelling or employed on duty is the property of the War Department, and may not be published in the press without the previous sanction of the Army Council.

Mr. Bonar Law said that the Government were not prepared to relax the regulations by which serving officers are forbidden to publish accounts of operations in order to reply to strictures of former chiefs, although no general rule could be laid down.

Mr. Winston Churchill said the Army Council were not in any way responsible for Field Marshal French's articles. The application of the Army Act distinguished between serving soldiers and Field Marshals unemployed in a military capacity.

Brigadier General Sir Owen Thomas is asking the Prime Minister whether, in view of Lord French's adverse comments on the action of the late Lord Kitchener, he will now consent to the publication of the evidence and report in Case 2, Court of Inquiry, 1916, under the Army (Court of Inquiry) Act, 1916, such evidence and report having hitherto been withheld in war interests.

The *Westminster Gazette* says that Field Marshal French's remarkable statements concerning his differences with Lord Kitchener have naturally evoked much indignation amongst the friends of the latter. It is extremely probable that the other side of the picture will be presented to the public in the near future. The real reason, supported by official testimony, which compelled the Government to send Lord Kitchener to interview Field Marshal French at Paris will most likely be made public.

FRENCH CARRYING ON.

Continuing his narrative in the *Daily Telegraph*, Field Marshall French speaks of his anxiety regarding the Channel ports and gives extracts from a paper written by him before the war for the Committee of Imperial Defence in which he said "I think it will be allowed that in any war between ourselves and a great Continental power the possession of the Eastern Channel coastline between Dunkirk and Boulogne by submarines assisted by aircraft would effectually deny passage of the Straits of Dover to any war or other vessel which is not submersible. In fact the command of the sea, so far as this part of the Channel is concerned, would not depend upon the relative strength of the opposing navies but would remain in dispute until one side or other effected the practical destruction of its adversaries by means of aircraft and submarines.

"The way would then lie open to the Power which had gained this advantage to move an invading force of any size in comparative safety across the Straits to any part of the coast between Ramsgate and Dungeness or Dunkirk and Boulogne. The command of these Straits would be a contest between submarines and aeroplanes. I hold that the Straits of Dover must be regarded as a military obstacle to the invasion of this country. They will in the not far distant future altogether lose their maritime character and I hold that the only reliable defence against a powerful attack by hostile aircraft and submarines in vastly superior numbers is to possess a strong bridge-head on the French coast with effective means of passing and repassing across the Straits, which can only be secured by the projected Channel tunnel."

French, proceeding, says that on the night of the 16th September 1914 he arrived at the conclusion that a frontal attack would be hopeless whilst it also began to appear that any threat against the German flank would be effectually countered, if not actually turned against ourselves.

"This then was my great fear. What was there to prevent the enemy launching a powerful movement for the purpose of securing the Channel ports whilst the main forces were engaged in practically neutralising one another?" Nevertheless French, despite his anxiety about the ports, held on to his positions on the Aisne and did not carry out the famous transfer of his army to the left of the French Army until his positions on the Aisne were completed and Joffre was ready to take them over. His plans were endorsed by Joffre, and the transfer of the British Army, as will be remembered, was effected without the knowledge of the Germans.

GERMAN ARMS IN CORK.

Following the recent police discovery at Cork Sinn Fein arsenal, when sixty-two bombs were found under a shoemaker's, raids on shops for arms on a wholesale scale were made yesterday throughout the city by the police and military. In all twenty-two houses of Sinn Feiners were visited, four arrests made, and a quantity of arms and ammunition taken. The latter included automatic German revolvers of the latest pattern, and they were fully loaded.

AMNESTY FOR MILITARY PRISONERS.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Winston Churchill said that the whole question of the granting of an amnesty on the occasion of the conclusion of peace to soldiers undergoing imprisonment for purely military offences is receiving careful consideration. Mr. Churchill said he hoped to make a statement on the subject very shortly.

NORTH RUSSIAN RELIEF SEND OFF.

TROTSKI STORMERS FIRST STOP.

The departure of the North Russian Relief Force from Newcastle and Southampton yesterday was quite unlike anything that happened during the war. Great crowds assembled and cheered the volunteers and there was much enthusiasm.

The contingent which embarked on the transport Czaritza at Newcastle for Archangel numbered 1,500 officers and men, under the command of Lt. Col. Nasmith. A remarkable spirit of cheerfulness animated the troops, among whom were many of the "old contemptibles."

On the carriages of the trains which brought them to Newcastle were chalked such inscriptions as "Trotski stormers," "First stop Russia." "Old Red Army," "Who fears Bolshies." The men were played to the quayside by the fife and drum band of the Devons.

The Southampton contingent left in the afternoon aboard the Czar. The party included sixty-eight naval and ninety-one military officers and 1,423 naval and military men.

Ringing cheers were given by those ashore and responded to heartily by those aboard as the Czar weighed anchor.

It is expected that Murmansk will be reached in Saturday.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT COLOGNE.

CORRECTION.

In yesterday's issue we stated that in a fatal accident on board M. L. 223, one of the British Rhine Patrol flotilla, Lieut. Robinson, D.S.C. was killed.

Such, happily is not the case, and we greatly regret that our announcement, which was due to a hasty transcription of rough notes, may be the means of giving pain to Lieutenant Robinson's relatives and friends. We have already anticipated by telegram the arrival of the printed news in England.

Lieut. Robinson thus joins the select band whose death "is greatly exaggerated" and it is pleasant to read a note from him in the cheery "Navy way" in which he says "I am alive and well in No. 36 C.C.S. Hospital." His injuries are slight and he expects to return to duty inside a week.

The funeral of the one victim of the accident, Motor Mechanic Locke, takes place to-day (Wednesday), the cortege leaving No. 44 C.C.S. at 9.30 a. m.

FIGHTING WITH CANADIANS.

STREET SCENES AT GUILDFORD.

Free fights between Canadian soldiers, men of the Queen's West Surreys, and demobilized soldiers occurred in North street, Guildford, on Saturday and Sunday nights. The trouble arose over the Guildford girls preference for Colonials, and the local men interfered with the Canadians as they came from a dancing hall. During the fight on Saturday two "Queen's" men were stabbed with knives, but not seriously. Mounted police had to clear the street on Sunday.

IMPERIAL GUARDS.

The formation of a regiment of Imperial Guards is advocated by the *Times*, which says "it might comprise two battalions, one composed of officers and men from Canada, South Africa and Newfoundland, the other from Australia and New Zealand. This is only a tentative suggestion and leaves India out of account but it could easily be modified. The Dominions, we feel sure, would welcome the creation of the Imperial Guards with enthusiasm. There would be competition for openings for officers and men and in this country the Imperial Guards would live as a perpetual memorial of the deeds of the Dominion troops during the war."

LABOUR TO TAKE OVER GOVERNMENT SHIPYARDS.

Reuter learns officially that the Government has offered to leave (lease) the National Shipyards at Chepstow, Beachley and Portbury to the Federations of the Engineering and Shipbuilding Trades, which embrace a considerable number of Trades Unions. This action has been taken in response to the demands emanating from some Trade Union circles, that Labour should run the industry.

The whole subject is to be discussed at the twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Federation at Cardiff on Thursday and Friday next.

FOR THE COLOGNE LEAVE CLUB.

An appeal has been issued to members of the Baltic Exchange to contribute to the upkeep of the Leave Club at Cologne for non-commissioned officers and men of the Rhine Army.

The appeal says, "We shall arrange meals, well cooked and well served; indoor and outdoor sports; music and dances. The club will berun by between sixty and seventy specially selected voluntary women workers. It will be conducted on the lines of the British Army and Navy League Club at Paris." It is hoped to obtain from fifteen to twenty thousand sterling through the appeal.

VERY LUCKY UNIT.

Members of Eastham (Hants) Police welcomed home their comrades, who had served at the front, by giving a dinner. In the course of this pleasant function one of their number who attained the rank of captain mentioned that the Eastham station had been extremely lucky, as all the men, including two sergeants, fifteen constables and one detective officer, had returned alive.

THREE IN A TWO-SEATER AEROPLANE.

INQUEST ON AVIATORS.

At Dover yesterday an inquiry was opened concerning the deaths of Capt. Evans, Lieut. Stokes and Sgt. Feltmore, all of the R. A. F., whose bodies were picked up in mid-Channel on Friday. The commanding officer at Lympne aerodrome said that Sgt. Feltmore left on Friday to bring back Lieut. Stokes from France. The machine used was a new Bristol fighter, and Sgt. Feltmore was an excellent pilot. The presence of a third man on a two-seater would make no difference to a machine of this sort. Witness attributed the accident to engine failure.

In reply to a question put by the father of Lieut. Stokes, witness admitted that it was not in order for the two pilots, in addition to the Sergeant, to be in a two-seater machine.

Lieutenant George Cooper gave evidence as to steps he took when the machine did not arrive. On Friday he telephoned all round the coast advising a sharp look-out by the coast guards, and also telephoned to France. The next morning he heard that Hythe fishermen had reported seeing bodies afloat off Littlestone, and he motored to Littlestone coastguard station.

The coroner asked why the fishermen did not pick up the bodies, and witness said he understood it was a superstition with them; they would have nothing to do with dead bodies. He added that he advised the Dover patrol, and vessels were sent in search, the destroyer Teazer recovering the bodies.

The coroner's verdict was that the three airmen died at sea, their machine having come down through engine trouble.

ADDING TO THE NAVY.

Messrs. J. Samuel White & Co., Ltd., East Cowes, Isle of Wight, have delivered the ocean-going torpedo-boat destroyer "Trusty" to the Admiralty. This war vessel was laid down on April 11, 1918, and launched on Nov. 6th last. The "Trusty" which is the 70th torpedo vessel completed at the East Cowes shipyard, attained a speed of 35½ knots on the measured mile during her acceptance trials.

MOST BOMBED ENGLISH TOWN.

The Allied Towns War Roll of Honour, shows that Ramsgate is foremost in Britain's list of heroic areas. The list, compiled from official raid statistics, shows that the most bombed towns are, firstly, Dunkirk, secondly, Calais, and thirdly Ramsgate. Thus the well-known seaside resort takes first place in the English list. Ramsgate suffered 119 air raids and bombardments from the sea. The town also ranks foremost in the voluntary recruiting records. The Mayor in pressing a claim before the King for an investiture similar to the honour accorded Dunkirk, on the grounds that the town is thoroughly deserving of the recognition so spontaneously given to a foreign town. There is also a proposal afoot to pay an entente cordiale visit to Calais at the earliest opportunity, many leading townsmen agreeing to take part in the ceremony.

STEAMER FOR MERRY MARGATE.

It is intended to resume this season the Thames-Margate daily passenger service. The paddle-steamer Royal Sovereign has been thoroughly overhauled and fitted with new boilers, new decks, etc.—the promenade deck being about 300ft. long. It steams 16 knots per hour, and has accommodation for about 2,000 passengers. Refreshments are to be supplied at popular prices.

ROUMANIAN ADVANCE STOPPED.

A report emanating from Vienna comes from the Roumanian Bureau at Berne to the effect that as the result of the intervention of the British and American Missions the Roumanian Army has been obliged to cease its march on Buda-Pesth.

The Soviet authorities at Buda-Pesth are divided on the question as to whether it is possible to defend the city. The majority is convinced that it is impossible, but there is a determined minority in favour of a retreat through the forest leading to Wiener Neustadt.

MONS STARS READY FOR ISSUE.

The War Office announces that the 1914 star is now ready for issue to officers and other ranks of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, Hampshire, Wiltshire, Devonshire, Somerset and Lancashire Regiments.

BELGIAN THANK OFFERING.

H.M. Commissioners of Works have submitted to the London County Council details of a Belgian National Memorial to be erected on the Victoria Embankment opposite Cleopatra's Needle.

The entire expense will be defrayed by Belgian residents as a token of gratitude towards Great Britain for aid given to Belgium during the War.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

The general tendency was satisfactory with a fair volume of business, notably in good class industrials at improving values, cable companies, textiles and Canadian land shares being particularly favoured. The gold mining section attracted considerable attention and a fairly general advance was recorded on the expectation that shortly mining companies will be free to sell their gold in the open market. Moreover it is stated that gold for industrial purposes is selling at higher prices.

Home funds were quiet as the result of the growing volume of industrial capital issues. French Rentes weakened again under the influence of the rate of exchange. The Russian group was quiet and easier. Oils continued active with a further advance in the leaders, but more speculative descriptions were subject to profit taking sales.

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SEA WARFARE.

It is one of the minor disadvantages of life in Cologne that readers cannot very readily lay their hands on the latest contributions to letters. Even when it is possible to procure a coveted book the difficulties of transport place a stern restraint upon extravagance of purchase. Thus we have often to content ourselves with a glance at captivating titles and tantalising reviews. There is, however, some pleasure in building literary castles in the air and giving rein to an imagination which glibly constructs the fabric of unread literature. The phantom world may have its dangers, but it is not without its joys. What has M. Henry Bordeaux, for example, to say within the covers of "*Sur le Rhin*"? He knew the cities of the Rhineland before war maimed the face of Europe in 1914, and he followed the triumphal march of the French Army into these cities in the closing days of 1918. Is he a herald of literary craftsmen who will make the literature of France *in excelsis* vie in fascination with that of France *in profundis*? His is a hard task.

Then there is another book which attracts our attention. Sir Reginald Custance has lately published a volume entitled "*War at Sea; Modern Theory and Ancient Practice.*" He seeks to show that naval policy has a notable tradition. Now the late Captain Mahan proved for all time that sea-power has been the decisive element in warfare. That is a truth which Englishmen have easily learned, and it is a truth which our foes have learned with sorrow. Alfred the Great, Henry the Fifth, Queen Elizabeth, Oliver Cromwell — these are but a few of the far-seeing statesmen who knew the value of sea mastery. Blake served his country well in the seventeenth-century war against Spain; in the Seven Years' War of the eighteenth century it was the British Navy which frustated the French designs of Dupleix in India and Montcalm in Canada, and Hawke and his fellows played a gallant part in world politics; and in the stern struggle of the Napoleonic wars was it not Nelson who made possible the triumph of Wellington? Last of all, the achievements of the Grand Fleet in the campaign that is drawing to an end prove conclusively the paramount influence of sea power. Yes, naval policy has a glorious tradition.

But Sir Reginald Custance goes further. In his opinion sea warfare has not only traditions but continuity of strategy. He sees clearly enough that in the Persian and Peloponnesian wars the influence of sea power was of vital importance, and he gives himself the task of going back to Herodotus and Thucydides that he may recast their vivid accounts of naval battles in the light of modern theories of war. It is curious to read that the flanking tactics used by Themistocles at Salamis are still the foundation of sea strategy. We cannot follow the author in his detailed narration of battles fought in the latter part of the fifth century B.C. To do so demands expert knowledge of a perplexing period of Greek history and considerable acquaintance with naval technique. In no spirit of criticism we remark that it is now well-nigh impossible to paint a full and accurate picture of these battles in all of their details. Yet a good case is made out for the ancient history of a sea strategy which we are too apt to reckon modern. Sir Reginald Custance claims that the theory of naval war which he propounds is the same as that used by the victors in the Persian and Peloponnesian wars, and that our country has been defended for more than three centuries on the basis of that theory.

It is all very interesting and scientific—and first a little depressing. Have we not evolved any master strategy in English seamanship? Are Nicostratus and Pharmio still our exemplars despite England's long and honourable naval history? Humility and reverence are good for the soul, and we need not chafe at our backwardness, But there is something more to be said even by the amateurs. Let it be granted that naval strategy from earliest days has been an attack "on the wings," and that we have not improved on such strategy. That does not carry us very far. Flanking movements are naturally as old as the days when one man quarrelled with another—they are instructive movements of attack. It is possible to put so much emphasis on the broad lines of strategy that too little attention is paid to two elements that must be taken into account. There is first of all the ever increasing tactics that are necessary before strategy can play its part, and tactics have been altered in strict accordance with the alteration of the design, size, speed, and armament of naval shipping. These are not unimportant as the present campaign has shown. To say that "Arginusae was the prototype of Trafalgar" is not more illuminating than to say that Trafalgar was the prototype of Jutland. The second element is the human. A vast deal must ever depend on the personnel of the Navy. We do not belittle strategy and tactics, but we must never forget the dauntless bravery and initiative of men like Drake, Hawke, and Nelson. Have we not heard even in these last days of "the Nelson touch"?

THE QUESTION OF TONGUES.

A FURTHER APPEAL TO THE YOUTH OF GREAT BRITAIN.

IV.

WILLIAM ROBERT PATTERSON, F.R.G.S. ETC.

Present conditions have brought with them a renewal of trade. That we desire to recover lost trade and to renew our dealings with other lands—these dealings having been temporarily suspended during hostilities—is beyond denial. And in order to be successful in our negotiations with foreign merchants we must be first in the field, and, more important still, we must know the languages they speak. You young fellows who have taken over, in such excellent spirit, the work that our indomitable armies performed for our country, have also a duty to perform for yourselves and for the prestige of our nation. Do you realise that every individual success materially helps toward the success of one's mother-country? Perhaps you have not thought of this, but it is so. That is why Great Britain is so great and so revered by other powers. Britain's greatness came, to a great extent, from individual effort and not absolutely from national policy. Each of you has the power and opportunity of taking a giant step towards the maintenance of the prestige of the finest, noblest and biggest Empire that our world has ever known, an Empire that is respected by all for its integrity and it's desire for justice. Be proud of your land and strive for it's advancement! Endeavour to know as much as possible of the language of the country whither you intend to travel, since, by so doing, you lay the foundation of successful enterprise. This may not be done all in a day. The acquisition of a sound knowledge of any new tongue requires much patience and steady and continual application. Do not be misled by advertisements that profess to teach you a foreign language in a few weeks. or you will soon become disheartened. You must work hard. Who knows but that you who read this article may not be able, in some years' time, to perform some act or do some business for which the country will thank you! Sometimes our country is slow to thank —but it does so in the end, and the good feeling of satisfaction is ever with you.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

Since you have plenty of time there is no reason why you should not learn well more than one language. For business purposes the four most useful languages in the future, will be English, French, Spanish and German.

(1) English will be spoken in almost all parts of the world, but—
(2) French will be needed by us in French transactions and for diplomacy.
(3) Spanish is essential for trade with Spain and all important countries in South America with the exception of Brazil, where Portuguese is spoken.
(4) German will be needed for many reasons—trade, diplomatic, military, etc, and I advise everyone to learn this tongue.

The very fact that German prisoners in England were studying Spanish during their captivity should suggest to the British that they intend to secure all possible trade in South America, a continent which can produce almost everything in bulk. And the Germans will not be our only competitors! I appeal to you young soldiers here and to the youth of our country—learn languages!

ON SHRUGGING SHOULDERS.

Shrug your shoulders! It is the art of living. That is why the gesture is so characteristic of the French, who, above all others, have mastered and developed the science of how to live and how to extract the most conscious enjoyment out of life.

Is trouble imminent? Take all the means you can against it and then—shrug your shoulders. Probably it will never arrive. One of the wisest things I ever saw was pinned up over the desk in a certain Town Major's office. It read thus:—"To-day is the to-morrow that we worried about yesterday; but it didn't happen!"

That was a shrug, if you like, and an invitation to future shrugging!

Suppose the trouble does arrive. Well, it is there, and must be dealt with. That's duty. But after all—and in ten year's time!—(Here followeth a shrug).

Or it is (how rarely!) so great as to make all the difference to our future. Well, what must be, must. Kismet. Why pile Pelion upon Osea by adding worry to trouble? Accept it, and shrug your shoulders.

Care killed the cat, says the adage. I don't know whether a cat can shrug her shoulders; but if she could, she might, I am sure, have doubled her allotted span and lived eighteen lives before succumbing to care. And we, if less endowed with repetitive life than poor Pussy, may at least prolong and sweeten our existence by this simple gymnastic exercise.

Nothing is so terrible as it seems at first, as the man said who committed bigamy and was left large legacies by each of his mothers-in-law. We have to turn corners in life's road (the oftener the better) and we never know what is round each corner. It may be a bank, merry with daffodils, or a maiden flushed with the Spring; or alternatively, it may be a mad bull. In the latter case, you have but to climb the nearest tree, admire the landscape, and—shrug your shoulders, while you hope the brute will go away well before closing time.

Does she nag? Shrug at her. Did that remittance not arrive? Shrug! Is "demobilization," like "Mesopotamia," a biessèd word of greater length than meaning? Shrug on. It commits you to nothing and saves you from much.

But the shrugging, of course, does not preclude necessary action. Only, it ensures that such action is taken in a philosophic and temperate manner; therefore probably with success. The Frenchman who, after four years and more of war and absence from his family home to the last of the old French line, comes back and finds it a ruin, does not sit down and mourn. No, he shrugs his shoulders and sets to work to reconstruct as far as may be a new world from the ashes of the old. I have seen it, and admired. It is the shrug that saves him from collapse and despair and gives him strength to start again.

Sometimes—often—we can change our Fate: but not always. Even then we can shrug away its menace of woe, and so, head high, heart undaunted, accept what comes and laugh at and with it. To meet what is good with appreciation, what is bad and inevitable with a shrug of the shoulders—that is the art of life. A.W.

A TRIP UP THE RHINE.

52nd D.L.I.

Saturday was an ideal day for a river trip, and right glad we were when the morning dawned in the freshness and beauty which augured well a still more glorious day.

We commenced embarkation at 8.45 and at 9.30 we cast off and settled down for the day's outing. Within two hours' time Bonn was reached, with its bridge, its spires, and its ancient university. Many were the snapshots taken of this historic town. The Drachenfels now came into fuller view and one realised that the once familiar rift valleys of the Rhine actually did exist and were full of the most gorgeous scenery. The cultivation of the vine on the western slopes aroused much interest; the patches of buttercups mingling with green pasture land and the perfect brown of the ploughed fields completed the beauty of the scene. Unkel, Linz and Rheinbrohl, amongst many other riverside places, all attracted attention and admiration. The peculiarities of each village were topics of much conversation and reference to guide books, whilst the forests and scattered ruins all helped to complete the picture.

Meanwhile, dinner was served, and all credit is due to those whose labours succesfully culminated in that happy expression of satisfaction seen on all faces—a sure sign that the other half of man was not being neglected!

At 2.30 we commenced our return journey. On turning round we obtained a wonderful sight of the river in its upper course. The visual revision of sights already seen for the first time but a few moments before did not fail to locate many extra points of beauty and interest hitherto unnoticed.

The band discoursed sweet music throughout the trip, and this, coupled with the "impromptus" so dear to Tommy's heart, contributed much to the happiness of all.

E. B. B.

THIS YEAR : NEXT YEAR—

A young soldier while home on leave got married. A year later his wife wrote to him informing him of the good news that she had given birth to a boy, asking him at the same time when his next leave was due, also how long he thought the war would last.

Reply from the husband: "Dear wife.—I am very pleased with the news that you have sent me, but I do not know when my next leave is coming off, neither do I know how long the war will last, but should the boy be called up before I get my next leave you can give him a parcel to bring out to me."

OUR MESS.

CHAPTER ONE.

It seems — nay, it is — a very short time ago since I used to parade for meals, and, armed to the teeth with knife, fork, and spoon, with martial tread hie myself unto the huts of "grub," *alias* Dining Hall.

In those days it was best for each man to look after himself, and woe unto the sixteenth on the table.

I must confess that very soon I was a past-master at the noble art of looking after myself. Months passed. . . .

One day, I arose and found myself exalted on high, i.e., I was a Sergeant. I washed, dressed, and cleaned my buttons and my boots, and brushed my hair, before "Cook-house" blew.

I can recommend this method of procedure to all N.C.O.'s. It is not only highly beneficial to the health, but is very easing to the conscience should Educational Lectures be given, with especial emphases laid on those points of etiquette.

I sat down, fortunately not alone in my fulsome glory, and was astonished to observe that the table was clothed, with a brave attempt at civilian customs. There was also a knife and fork. At first I was somewhat shaky as to which edge of the knife to use, having inherited from my forefathers an intense horror of bloodshed, but at length decided on the thinner.

The waiter brought in the breakfast and tea, both of which I consumed with great relish.

In those days the general atmosphere of the Mess was really pleasing. For one thing, we had a genial President. He had a happy knack of using nicknames. Mine was "Crawfy" (in consequence of my enormous capacity for consuming Crawford's biscuits — in which delectable preparation I was at that time wont to indulge to an indigestible degree).

There was a piano in my room. Many a Sergeant, temporarily posing as a connoisseur in musical instruments, has gravely told me that the case was worth an enormous sum.

Of that I had no doubt. But I could not overlook the fact that its interior had been sadly deranged by the pouring in (on divers jubilant and festive occasions) of much Pale Ale, Guiness' Stout, and large whiskies — not to mention many choice examples of the glass manufacturer's art.

When demobilization became a thing of flesh and blood, changes were many.

In the first flush of his enthusiasm the Demobilisation Officer had effected the departure of numerous crossing-sweepers, page-boys, and printers'-devils, and many other highly important pivotal men, whose absence was causing such a paralysis in the industrial world. My twin-brother, however—his occupation almost equalling the aforesaid in point of skill and ingenuity — was overlooked, and consequently is still in receipt of two salaries instead of one . . .

Old faces disappeared, and new ones came into our ken. Not before we had given a dance as a farewell celebration.

There was a huge attendance of hungry W.A.A.C.'s, whose pedestrian feats did not prove any one of them to be perfect demonstrators of the terpsichorean art.

So passed the old, so came the new.

With the latter entered a new President. He cast his eye somewhat scornfully over the collection of N.C.O.'s before him; grumbled miserably as to the scarcity of his rations; and when he had finished, proceeded to elaborate to us at great length his novel scheme for the improvement of the Battalion.

I believe that was the only time I ever fell asleep at the breakfast-table.

Nothing was ever quite right for him. Orderly Sergeants, reporting hastily at his bunk at 7 a.m., were instantly ordered to put themselves on a charge; privates heard with bated breath how C.S.M.'s were "brought up" — whom theretofore they had regarded as gods in miniature; and, hearing, trembled for their own small lives.

We moved, with much blowing of trumpets, to Germany.

We discovered that we were provided with a Mess worthy of Julius Caesar's batman-in-chief, so decided to hold in a future not far remote a "Smoker" as a celebration of our arrival.

FAMOUS BUILDINGS.

THE Q. M. STORES.

A Quarter-Master's stores derives its name from its interesting custom of issuing a "quarter" of the amount of stores applied for. It is presided over by a quartermaster, who is a gentleman of quiet and unassuming mien, and when attacked covers himself with indents and talks backwards.

Like the Orderly Room, the Quarter-Master's Stores is issued with one sentry (G.S. Pattern, Part worn) but unlike the former case this factotum's job is no sinecure, as, without his presence most of the hard-won loot that overflows outside would swiftly return to its rightful owner. A Q.M. Stores may be described as any building or barn filled with a miscellaneous collection of goods (I nearly said "tripe"). Here may be found axes, flint-stone, soldiers, commonavarious, chain armour as supplied to the crusaders, shell shock, sawyer stores from the field of Waterloo, tons of alleged "Barrack Furniture," and a few odd socks. All these priceless relics have taken generations of Q.M.'s to "scrounge" and therefore are guarded with zealous care by a horde of hired plunderers. Most reputable stores have a special heirloom which is their one pride and joy. One unit I knew adopted as its "lucky charm" a few thousand feet of barbed wire more hopelessly entangled than the Peace Conference, while another famous Battalion would have sooner given away its last rum jar than have parted with 50 four-feet spiral spikes which were used in older days to prod Mastadons out of funk holes. It is needless to say that frequent attacks are made on this treasure trove by unscrupulous people armed with indents, but these raids are nearly always beaten off by a wily diplomat known as a R.Q.M.S., who informs the raider (if he is an officer) that he must indent on A.F.Z. 99¾ in triplicate, countersigned by a Field Marshal and certified by Royalty, and such indents can only be accepted between February 30th and 31st. Sometimes as a balm to the officer's lacerated feelings, the R.Q.M.S. will magnificently dole out a few care-worn oil-bottles and moth-eaten pull-throughs. It is incorrect to assume that no clothing is ever issued from the stores, as I have irrefutable evidence that there have been such issues, but in this case the issue must be recommended by a certain high person, and this is generally done by the same person pointing out on an inspection that whisker-edged tunics are no longer considered *chic* in the best regiments. This generally results in the blushing hero of this episode exchanging one old tunic, that he can wear, for one new one that he can't. Of course Q.M. stores should have a motto; such an institution would be incomplete without it. Our stores has one. I saw it yesterday. It was written in gold under the regimental crest and was displayed immediately above an obviously "scrounged" wash stand; it read thus:

"HONI SOIT QUI MAL'Y PENSE."

E.M.F.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Wednesday	6½	Orpheus and Eurydice	Gluck
Thursday	6½	Lohengrin	Wagner
Friday	6	Rigoletto	Verdi
Saturday	6	Fidelio	Beethoven
Sunday	6½	Tiefland	d'Albert
Monday	5½	Arlecchino Turandot	Buzoni
Tuesday	6	Tales of Hoffmann	Offenbach

MYSTERIOUS JAZZ "LADY."

EASTERN DIVISION CONCERT PARTY'S GALA NIGHT AT SIEGBURG.

The Eastern Division Concert Party gave a gala night on Thursday at Siegburg. The theatre was filled, and the audience were keenly appreciative of the very fine performance given. This well-known concert party has still some of its old time members left, including Billy French, Jack Streets, Shiel Anderson, and Ted Lacey.

The triumph of the evening was "Some Jazz Band" by the whole party. Rumour has it that the pianist had been searching Germany for days, looking for dummy instruments. A weird and terrible noise was the result, and the imitation canteen bar, with the usual "No Soap, No Chocolate" notices appealed to the boys who have seen them so often in reality. Ted Lacey made a good female character and was very funny in "her" attempts to learn dancing. But who was the really beautiful "girl" that came on with the Jazz Band? All round I heard exclamations of surprise, until someone mentioned the name of a Mess servant.

The programme included a Charlie Chaplin film, and concluded with a one-act play entitled "The Library." The Concert Party will not be performing for a week or two as it is understood they are going on leave.

A NIGHT WITH THE "FRAGMENTS."

SOUTHERN DIVISION CONCERT PARTY AT THE DEUTSCHES THEATRE.

Anyone desirous of spending a pleasant evening can hardly do better than pay a visit to the Deutsches Theatre this week. The "Fragments" (Southern Divisional Concert Party) are putting on a fine programme of concerted sketches and variety turns which would do credit to a first class music-hall.

The opening item and chorus "Bohemia" is a scene in a cabaret in which the whole company are holding high revel, the sketches, "Mixed Milk" a domestic melodrama; "I dont want to get well," a hospital scene; and "Wedding Bells' are well put on and sustained throughout. A pretty Oriental number "Omar Khayyam" is also effective and was much appreciated.

As a comedian, Chas. Cavanagh would be hard to beat, whilst the individual turns by Alex Hill, (baritone) and Jas Taylor and H.V.O. Hughes (both "girls") were rendered in finely finished style.

Two duets "We'll have a Cottage" by Alex Hill and Billie Threlfall and "Home Town" by W. Ashes and H.V.O. Hughes are well staged and executed. Neville Giordans in "Devil may care" and B. Huxter, coloured coon dancer, contributed entertaining items and the whole show, supported as it is by a small but excellent orchestra, reflects much credit on the organisers and the Southern Division to which it belongs.

Y COY. DISORDERLY ROOM.

ENTERTAINING CONCERT BY HALLAMSHIRES' ARTISTES.

A very entertaining concert was given by C. Coy to the rest of the Battalion on Wednesday.

The programme commenced with a song by Pte. Hunt. Cpl. Martlock assisted with the violin and Sergt. Bennett presided at the piano. Lieut. Miller and Cpl. Thorn proved very popular with their famous double turn. Lieut Midley gave an amusing monologue, and a song "I hear you calling me" by Lieut Griffin was loudly applauded. L Cpl. Boyes gave a good impersonation of George Formby and the concert concluded with a humorous Sketch entitled "Y Coy Orderly Room," showing how a Coy. Orderly Room should not be conducted. C.S.M. Stone acted as O.C. Company; and Sergt. Dawes as Sgt.-Major.

The rest of the artistes were Sergt. Bennett, Sergt. Park, Cpl. Hyde, L/Cpl. Gill, L/Cpl. Boyes, and L/Cpl. Hewitt.

FOLK DANCING AT EUSKIRCHEN.

Saturday last was an anxious day for the lady folk dancers at Euskirchen. There was to be a demonstration by the men of the "E" Corps Signal Coy R.E., their teachers, and the lady folk dancers from Bonn who had come to assist for the occasion. The demonstration was held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall. The audience proved very appreciative, especially of the "Flamborough Sword Dance" and the winsome "29th of May." In regard to the former its intricate movements were most admirably executed by the pupils without any assistance from their teachers. The whole evening was a great success and the teachers and pupils must be congratulated upon such a result of three short weeks of hard and unobtrusive work.

CROSS COUNTRY RUN AT LIND.

An inter-Platoon Cross Country Run, held by "B" Company of the 53rd Bn., Royal Sussex Regiment, at Lind on Friday afternoon, produced excellent results despite the hot weather and heavy going along four miles of sandy ground.

Of the 30 odd competitors, L/C. Dix (7 Platoon) was first home, followed closely by Pte. Monk (8 Platoon), both receiving prizes and the congratulations of Lt.-Col. A. L. Thomson, D.S.O., the Commanding Officer.

The Competition proper was won by No. 8 Platoon with 106 points, No. 7 Platoon being second with 122 points. L/C. Ring (trainer), L/Cs. Evans and Aldridge, and Ptes. Monk, Newcombe, Parkes, Barnes, Buring, Murphy and Wheeler were the members of the winning team.

Hobbs 118.

Hobbs scored 118 in the second innings of the trial match at the Oval on Monday, this making two separate hundreds in the same match.

RHINELAND CRICKET.

WON BY AN INNINGS

17th BRIGADE R.F.A. v 1st BATT. KING'S REGT.

On Saturday a very enjoyable game was played at Neukirchen between the Cadres of the 17th Brigade R.F.A. and the 1st Batt. King's Regt. The gunners, thanks to several practice games and a knowledge of the contours of the ground, won by an innings and 24 runs.

The following were the scores:

17th BRIGADE RFA.

Cpl. West b. Church	0
Gnr. Wilson c. Russell b. Church	0
Lt. Wright b. Andrews	0
Bdr. Coward run out	7
Capt. Bradshaw b. Symons	58
Lt. Brickett b. Andrews	10
Lt. Bond c. Brookes b. Claridge	14
Lt. Gordon b. Howarth	1
Bdr. Gardiner b. Church	10
Cpl. Airey not out	0
Dvr. Rigby c. Andrews b. Howarth	0
Extras	11
Total	111

1st. BATT. KING'S REGT.

1st. Innings:

Sgt. Stacey c. Airey b. Coward	0
Pte. Cooper b. Coward	0
Lt. Howarth c. Gordon b. West	4
Lt. Russel b. Coward	1
Capt. Simons c. Rigby b. Coward	1
Pte. Church c. Bradshaw b. Coward	8
Lt. Jones b. Coward	4
Pte. Marshall b. West	3
Sgt. Claridge b. West	1
Pte. Andrews b. Coward	4
Col. Brookes not out	0
Extras	3
Total	29

2nd. Innings.

b. West	9
not out	0
b. Brickett	3
run out	0
c. Airey b. Wilson	4
c. Gardner b. Brickett	7
c. West b. Wright	13
c. Bradshaw b. Brickett	0
c. Brickett b. Bord	6
b. West	4
b. Gardner	3
Extras	9
Total	58

ARMY TROOPS SPORTS.

It is pointed out for the information of those who may be in doubt on the point, that in connection with the Army Troops Athletic Sports to be held at Cologne on the 23rd and 24th May, the figures advertised indicate the value of the various prizes to be awarded and not that actual money will be presented to winners.

OUR CRICKET CUP.

OVER 150 ENTRIES FOR "THE COLOGNE POST" COMPETITION.

There has been a great rush of last minute entries for *The Cologne Post* Cricket Cup, bringing the total number to over 150.

Unfortunately, the secretaries of many competing clubs have failed to mention the location of their teams in their entries, and the work of grouping the leagues has been rendered enormously difficult in consequence.

However, things are now being sorted out satisfactorily and we hope to be able to publish to-morrow the composition of the six leagues into which it is proposed to divide the competitors. The fixtures will be arranged without delay and by next week the competition should be in smooth running order.

EXCITING FINISH AT ERP.

Much enthusiasm prevailed at Erp when 2/4 Duke of Wellington Regt. set out to win back the laurels they had lost the previous Monday. Capt. Bonds XI won the toss and elected to bat. They made only a very feeble show against the bowling of Lieut Lawes and C.Q.M.S., Stead, the whole side scoring the paltry total of 29. "Mr. Extras" accounted for 16 of the total.

"B" Coy started their innings full of confidence but were soon doomed to disappointment, no one being able to stand against the bowling of Lce. Cpl. Bond and North. The end came amidst great excitement the last wicket falling at 23. Details:

Capt Bonds XI.

Pte. North run out	1
Pte. Wild b. Lieut. Lowes	4
Cpl. Albone c. and b. Stead	2
Pte. Lutcliffe b. Swinburn b. Lieut. Lowes	6
Lce. Cpl. Bond b. Lieut. Lowes	0
Pte. Brewis b. Stead	0
Pte. Bromwick not out	0
Lce. Cpl. Bayes b. Stead	0
Pte. Grant b. Stead	0
Pte. Chatterton b. Stead	0
Cpl. Eastwood b. Lowes	0
Extras	16
Total	29.

"B" Coy.

Lieut. Cannington b. Bond	0
Cpl. Earnshaw b. North	0
Lce. Cpl. Brown b. North	9
Lieut. Lawes b. Bond	0
C.Q.M.S. Stead b. Bond	2
Lieut. Ramsdin b. North	0
Pte. Calvert c. Albone b. Bond	2
Coy. S. M. Astbury Not out	7
Capt. Green b. North	0
Pte. Dugen run out	0
Cpl. Swinburn. c. Albone b. Bond	1
Extras	4
Total	23

A LOCAL DERBY.

70 v. 263 SIEGE BATTERY.

The third meeting between these teams took place at Efferen on Monday. Each side had a win to their credit and the match under notice was in the nature of a decider.

Playing the cleverer football, 70 Siege Battery gained the victory by the odd goal in three, but the score does not by any means flatter the winners. The 70 Siege Battery were attacking for quite three-quarters of the game and the fact that they were only able to score twice speaks volumes for the clever display given by Nesbit. It was a desperate struggle to the end.

The teams were:— 70 Siege Battery:— Gumby, Bombr. Garnham, Maycroft, Manson, George Smith, Hinchcliffe, Allen, Strachan, Watson, McKinley and Stevens.

263 Siege Battery:—Cpl. Nesbit, Sergt. Rothwell, Bdr. Tilcock, Antrobus, Simpson, Godridge, Smith, Broom, Goulds, Inkle and Poulton.

"KNOTS" v. "POULTICE WALLAHS."

An eleven of the 16th Field Ambulance visited the 1—5th South Staffords at Commern last week only to find the "Knots" in their usual winning mood. This was perhaps unfortunate for the "Poultice Wallahs" but they had the unique distinction of penetrating the Staffords' defence, a feat which no other team had succeeded in doing for some months.

From the kick off the visitors caught the home team's defence napping and the inside right scored. A quarter of an hour from the start, Pte. Townsend, the "Knots" left back, equalized with a splendid drive. Shortly afterwards Pte. Ball gave the home team the lead with a similar shot. The visiting forwards found a stumbling block in the "Knots" pair of backs, Cpl. Chambers and Pte. Townsend.

Although the Staffords won by 5—1 the score would have been heavier had the forwards not shot so wildly. The visitors played with one man short in the second half, one player being injured.

THE SPORTING HALLAMSHIRES.

Not content with football as the only sport, the Hallamshires branched out last week with boat-racing, cross-country running and tug-of-war, besides soccer.

The boat-racing proved very exciting and was held on the Blucher Park lake, C. Coy winning. C. Coy also pulled off the cross-country run and the tug-of-war, Capt Sykes assisting in the latter. Unfortunately for D. Coy they were too good in Soccer and carried home the points.

"HAT TRICK" AT KALK.

BRITISH "DOUGH-BOYS" FOOTBALL MATCH.

The R.A.S.C. Bakers, Kalk, played the R.A.S.C. Bakers, Ehrenfeld, at football last week, the match being played at Kalk before a good attendance. After some hard luck Chapman opened the score for the home team, Forsyth adding a second goal soon after. Five minutes from half-time the visitors scored from a free-kick.

The home team now had the sun and wind at their backs and it was not long before Chapman passed four players and beat the goalkeeper with a low shot. Five minutes later the same player found the net again, thus performing the "hat trick." Ten minutes from the finish Forsyth put the home team farther ahead, and soon afterwards Aitkin scored again for the home team and Green for the visitors which brought the game to an end with the score:—

R.A.S.C. Bakers, Kalk 6; R.A.S.C. Bakers, Ehrenfeld 2.

D 104 BDE R.F.A. v. 39th BDE. DETAILS.

A very interesting match was played Miel on Wednesday between the above teams. After about twenty minutes play Gr. Monks opened the score for D. Battery. About 10 minutes later Lieut. Pollock equalized. Half time arrived with the scores equal.

Play in the second half was very fast and exciting, during which Gr. Brown, the D. Battery goalkeeper, made some fine saves. After 15 minutes play L/Cpl. Richardson put 39th Brigade ahead. After this reverse D. Battery pressed hotly and their efforts were rewarded by Bdr. Duff equalising two minutes from time. An interesting game ended in a draw of two goals each.

A COY. v. D COY. 52nd BN. RIFLE BRIGADE.

3rd Light Brigade Competition.—A ding-dong game played at Konigshoven between the above companies on Monday evening ended in a win for A Coy. The winning goal resulted from a penalty (netted by Lieut Galbraith) after extra time had been played. Both teams played very fast games.

D Company proved the more scientific team and but for the fact that Kempster (A Company's goalkeeper) was at the top of his form, would doubtless have netted on more than one occasion.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Rugby International.

The Rugby International between France and New Zealand at Toulouse on Sunday resulted in a win for the latter by 14 points to 13.

Schoolboys' International.

The International football game (Scotland v. England) for schoolboys attracted 20,000 spectators at Glasgow and there was much enthusiasm over the home side's victory by 5 goals to 0.

Bury's New Manager.

Mr. Fred Hargreaves, of Blackburn, having withdrawn for domestic reasons from the position of secretary and manager to the Bury Football Club, Will Cameron, the well-known player, formerly with Blackburn Rovers and Bury, and later with Hull City, has been appointed.

Cambridge U. v. Edinburgh U.

At Cambridge on Saturday Cambridge University beat Edinburgh University at tennis by 8 matches to love. One match was left unfinished owing to rain.

A North Hants Cricketer.

Geo. Thompson, the Northants cricketer, has not signed for Burnley, and says he does not expect to play cricket this season.

Future of Rugby in Wales.

"I think the future of the Rugby game in Wales rests entirely with the sportsmanship of the players," said Geo. Hirst, the famous Welsh international and wing threequarter in discussing with a representative of *'The People'* the question: Will Soccer supersede Rugby in the Principality?

Northern Com. O.; N. Zealand 33.

The visit of the New Zealand team to Leeds, on Saturday aroused considerable interest and a crowd of 7,000 people assembled on the Headingly ground to see the Colonials win by 3 goals and 6 tries to 0.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

RACING AT LEWES.

The following are the results of the various events at Lewes on Monday:—

Military Beacon Handicap.— 1, Minstrel Park (9—4); 2, Terrene (6—1); 3, Ring o' Roses (5—2). Five ran.

Maiden Plate.— 1, Rock o' Hoy (evens); 2, Duncan (6—1); 3, St. Michael (6—1). Seven ran.

Three Years Old Handicap.— 1, Sir Ashby (5—1); 2, Rusher (5—2); 3, Sabian (2—1).

Abergavenny Stakes.— 1, Pourville (4—5); 2, Lineage (9—2); 3, Sweet Dorothy (100—7). Seven ran.

Moderate Plate — 1, Bergleuse (11—10); 2, Duke Mavis (10—1); 3, Sesostris (10—1). Seven ran.

Apprentice's Handicap.— 1, Quintus (2—1); 2, Clarice (9—2); 3, Ladysibell (4—1). Five ran.

COLWALL PARK.

Ledbury Hurdle Race.— 1, Mutton Cutlets (13—8); 2, E.R. (5—2); 3, High Water (10—1). Four ran.

Hurdle Race.— 1, Murrays (7—2); 2, Private Trenton (7—2); 3, Chakrata (10—1). Seven ran.

Stewards's Handicap.— 1, Court Bladdyn (6—4); 2, Maturo (10—1); 3, Serban (5—1). Seven ran.

Page Cup.— 1, Dublin Bay (6—1); 2, Free Gift (10—1); 3, Martial Fourth (6—1). Six ran.

Barton Court Steeplechase.— 1, Heathencote (1—3); beat Dilwyn. Two ran.

British Camp Steeplechase.— 1, Toadstone (7—1); 2, Scarlet Button (5—4); 3, W.W. (7—1). Seven ran.

LATEST LONDON BETTING.

JUBILEE HANDICAP.

100 to 30 agst. Royal Bucks.
11 to 2 agst. Zinovia.
15 to 2 agst. Dansellon.
9 to 1 agst. Silver Bullet.
10 to 1 agst. Grand Fleet.
10 to 1 agst. Rivershore.
All taken and offered.

THE DERBY.

7 to 4 agst. Panther.
6 to 1 agst. Lord Basil.
100 to 9 agst. Grand Parade.
20 to 1 agst. Paper Money.
All taken and offered.

WILLARD v. DEMPSEY.

POINTS FOR AND AGAINST THE CHAMPION.

In a letter to Jack Skelly, of "The Yonkers' Herald," an old Chicago friend says he never saw Willard looking better than on the occasion of a recent visit to the champion. He is not hog fat, as reported, and should not experience much trouble to get down to about 17st 7lb and be in good condition for Dempsey. Willard remarked the forthcoming fight would most likely be his last, and he was anxious to show the public that he was a real champion before he retired.

In sizing Willard up the same correspondent gives him the following eight advantageous points over Dempsey:

1. The monster champion's superior weight and height. Some forty pounds or more heavier and 6½in. taller.
2. Has the greatest reach—83½in.
3. Has a greater defence, and is harder to hit on the jaw, especially.
4. Willard is by far the best boxer in most every way.
5. Jess doesn't waste many blows nor energy by any tiresome footwork.
6. The champion can deliver a stiff straight left or right, and doesn't leave an opening by swinging wildly.
7. Is remarkably cool under fire, and never takes a rash chance.
8. Jess can stand more heavy bombardment without showing any apparent effect than any man I ever saw in the ring.

FOUR POINTS AGAINST WILLARD.

1. The big champion's age is somewhat of a mystery. Jess declares he's only 32, while others say he's 40 and over. I believe he's about 38, which makes him 11 years older than Dempsey. This difference should certainly be some considerable advantage to "Jack the Giant-killer."
2. Willard has been out of the ring too long, while Dempsey has been banging away to beat the band for the last two years at least.
3. Jess is apt to be rather slow up against such a very speedy, dashing opponent, who'll fight at a terrific pace to try and confuse the champion.
4. Too much weight will be a great disadvantage to Jess, and he must work off his superfluous flesh without weakening his strength and stamina.

BOXING AT NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB.

At the National Sporting Club on Monday in a twenty rounds contest for the light heavies belt stakes and a purse amounting to £1000 Eddie McGoorty America beat Harry Reeve in the third round.

Tal Jones beat Billy Ralph, the referee stopping the contest after the eighth round.

1st ROYAL DRAGOONS v. 51st HAMPSHIRES.

The football team of the 1st Royal Dragoons visited Wermelskirchen last week and played a good even game against the 51st Hampshires. Ellis (inside left) put through the first goal for the Hampshire team and just before half time Dawes (R. D. inside left) equalized.

In the second half the R.D. scored again pretty quickly, but the Hampshires were getting their full share of the ball and after a good run up Applegate put through the shot which brought the score to two all.

SPORT AT HILGEN.

Very keen football was witnessed on Saturday last when D Coy 5th Devons defeated B Coy by 3 goals to one. D Coy have a well balanced side and taken in hand should provide formidable opposition for any Coy team.

Later, on the same ground, a Battalion team played the return with the No 3 Div. Train and after a very ordinary game the Battalion team suddenly sprang into life and put on a few goals largely through the good individual play of the C.S.M.

Next Saturday a small Athletic Meeting is taking place including a cross-country run.

The native costume of the Cheyenne Indian chief, Don White Eagle, who died on a French battlefield, has been presented to the American Museum of Natural History.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, May 14, 1919.

Wind light mainly Easterly. Fine. Day visibility fair. Warm.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

(With an Occasional Entertainments Note.)

Tennis Court Dimensions.

A large number of correspondents have recently enquired the dimensions of a tennis court and several times we have given the measurements in the "Answers to Correspondents" column. For the benefit of those who are still at fault, however, and in the hope that many may in future be saved the trouble of writing, here are the details again: The court itself is 78 feet by 36 feet, but there should be plenty of room all round it, in order to avoid a cramped feeling. It should be laid so that the sun shall pass across it in line with the net. The outside lines having been marked, the position of the net should be arranged across the centre. The remaining lines should then be marked from the side lines. The centre oblong is 42 feet long by 27 feet wide, which means that the distance from the side lines is 4 feet 6 inches.

Bureau for Changing Kit.

An "Army of Oc." officer sends along rather a bright idea. He suggests that in view of the many officers who are being demobilised and by reason of the difficulty generally experienced in renewing kit, a bureau should be instituted whereat personal items might be sold or exchanged. The object of the individual homeward bound is to have as few goods and chattels as possible to hike along with him. He may, in a moment of reckless extravagance, recently have purchased a pair of field boots, a compass, or a pair of leggings, for which articles he will have not the slightest use in future. This is where the said bureau comes in. A list is here kept of all officers' requirements; the vendor consults this and is thus placed in touch with possible clients and so the business goes on merrily.

Cavalry Division Sports Club.

Like poets, successful sports secretaries are born, not made. They have to possess the organising ability of an election agent, the tact of a chancellor of the exchequer and a hide as impervious to personal abuse as a "rhino" is to pea-shooter ammunition. The Cavalry Division—which now controls all its sports through the Headquarters Divisional Sports Clubs—are therefore lucky in having a man who possesses these qualities to undertake the sport secretarial duties. Driver W.E. Pinnell, R.E., who is the individual referred to, has had considerable experience in such a sphere of duty, having, among other similar appointments, been hon. sec. of the Bristol and Surburban Association Football League. It is therefore safe to prophesy that the Cavalry Division will not suffer anything through lack of attention to detail in the "pen or ink" department.

Challenge Night "Kaput."

So the great challenge night that was to have produced champion exponents of boxing, wrestling, weight lifting and other things has definitely been knocked on the head. I always thought that Lieut. Onions, who light-heartedly undertook the organising of this event, had not a very enviable job and after the trouble he has had in connection with it, he must be rather disappointed at the unsatisfactory result of his efforts. The project has had to be abandoned on account of the unsuitability of the weights of the various aspirants in the proposed contests and the withdrawal of several of the prospective entrants. Those matches that were fixed up, however, are not to be turned down altogether, but will be contested at some suitable date probably at the Apollo Theatre, Cologne.

THE RAMBLER.

BATTALION SPORT.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S RIFLES AT NIEDERAUSSEM.

The Battalion sports of the Queen Victoria's Rifles (9th London Rgt.) Light Division, were held on Saturday last at Niederaussem and although no records were broken some remarkably good sporting events resulted.

Amongst the best performances Lieut. Gracie's long jump 22 feet, high jump 5 feet and cricket ball 99 yards led the way and did much towards "C" Company getting second place in the Company Championship.

Rfn. Walker's long jump 15—11½ feet, and high jump 4 feet 11 ins. were distinctly good efforts, considering he was badly handicapped throught want of proper shoes, and helped with Rfn. Skinner's cricket ball throw of 85 yards to secure second place in these events for "B" Coy.

In the running events "D" Coy through Rfn. Penn secured the 100 yards and quarter mile. L.-Cpl. Paines gained the half mile for "A" Coy.

The relay race and mile fell to "B" Coy, L.-Cpl. Keen winning the latter in magnificent style and with L.-Cpl. Stevens and Rfn. Watson helped to gain the former race notwithstanding a good fight put up by "C" Coy.

The tug of war also went to "B" Coy who outpulled "A" Coy and showed what a highly trained team can do when up against a heavier but less highly trained team.

COY. CHAMPIONSHIP.

The number of points secured by the respective companies was as follows:

1st, "B", 25½ points;
2nd, "C", 17 points;
3rd, "D", 9½ points;
4th, "A", 8 points.

466 BATTERY R.F.A. v. D. BATTERY 104 BRIGADE.

This match was played on the ground of the former at Buschoven on Saturday afternoon in hot weather. The first half was very evenly contested and the only score was a goal for the 466 Battery by Driver Smellie their inside left.

On the resumption of play during a scramble in the visitors' goalmouth Driver Loades unfortunately put through his own goal. Thus 466 Battery were now two goals ahead. On the re-start D. Battery pressed and Gunner Downie (outside right) scored. This ended the scoring and an enjoyable and pleasant game ended in a win for the home team by two goals to one.

The teams are hoping to meet again next Saturday on D/104's ground at Miel.

POLO SEASON OPENED.

The polo season opened at Ranelagh and Hurlingham on Monday in a match between Hurlingham and the Wanderers. The former won by the odd goal in five after a keenly contested game.

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AN EDMUNDIAN DINNER

May, 22nd 1 p.m. at E.F.C. Club (Annex) Cologne. "Old Boys" of St. Edmund's College please communicate with Rev. B. Longstaff C.F. London D.A.C. before May 17th.

AGRICULTURE AND EDUCATION.

TWO MILLION POUNDS FOR RESEARCH.

The Government proposes (if Parliament agrees) to expend during the next five years about £2,000,000 on agricultural research and agricultural education. Substantial scholarships will be offered to men who have distinguished themselves in the natural sciences at the universities, and a certain number will be selected for employment in universities and other institutions Research is already carried on at Cambridge, Rothamsted, Bristol, and Reading; but whereas at present there are probably not more than 40 men in England and Wales engaged on pure research in agricultural science, it is hoped that during the next decade or so the number may be raised to about 150.

Another feature will be the encouragement of higher agricultural education in colleges by means of grants and in other ways. There are about a dozen agricultural colleges in England and Wales and it is hoped to bring the farmer into more sympathetic touch with them by the creation of more demonstration farms and of a keener sense of the general value of science in agriculture.

Most of the education committees of the counties handle agricultural and horticultural education and, as a rule, they maintain a travelling staff which advises farmers, organizes classes, and so on. Adequate funds will now be available to treat these committees generously. For every £1 the local authorities expend on agricultural education they will now receive at least £2 from the State. It is believed that the majority of the counties will set up farm schools or farm institutes where men may go for winter courses and women for summer courses, and where school teachers may be instructed in the agricultural and horticultural subjects to be taught in the new continuation schools. Lancashire, Yorkshire, Essex; and a few other counties have spent money freely in the past in this way, but many counties have done little or nothing.

ALEXANDRA DAY.

FOURTEEN MILLION ROSES.

Alexandra Day will be celebrated on June 25 in every metropolitan borough and nearly 400 provincial towns. Orders have been given for 14,000,000 roses, and in London alone there will be 10,000 lady sellers attired in white costumes with summer hats garlanded with dainty pink roses. Hundreds of depots have been arranged, and from these the vendors will replenish their baskets as stocks are disposed of. Designs have been made for decorating business premises, private residences and motorcars with roses.

The proceeds of the sales are devoted to hospitals and churches, in which Queen Alexandra takes personal interest, and as many ordinary subscriptions have been transferred to war charities, the need this year is more acute than usual. Previous Alexandra Days have raised £700,000, and it is confidently hoped that this year's appeal will realise a total of £1,000,000.

MAIMED SOLDIERS AND JOY RIDES.

The County of London Royal Army Service Corps, Motor Transport (Volunteers), (private car owners' section) have restarted their work for the coming season by taking for a drive through Surrey one hundred maimed men from the Roehampton Military Hospital and entertaining them to tea. Those who have sufficient accommodation within a radius of twenty-five miles of London are urged to invite to tea one hundred wounded men on any Sunday they may choose. All arrangements for their transport in open touring cars will be made by the Corps—we require only the accommodation.

THE INDISPENSABLES.

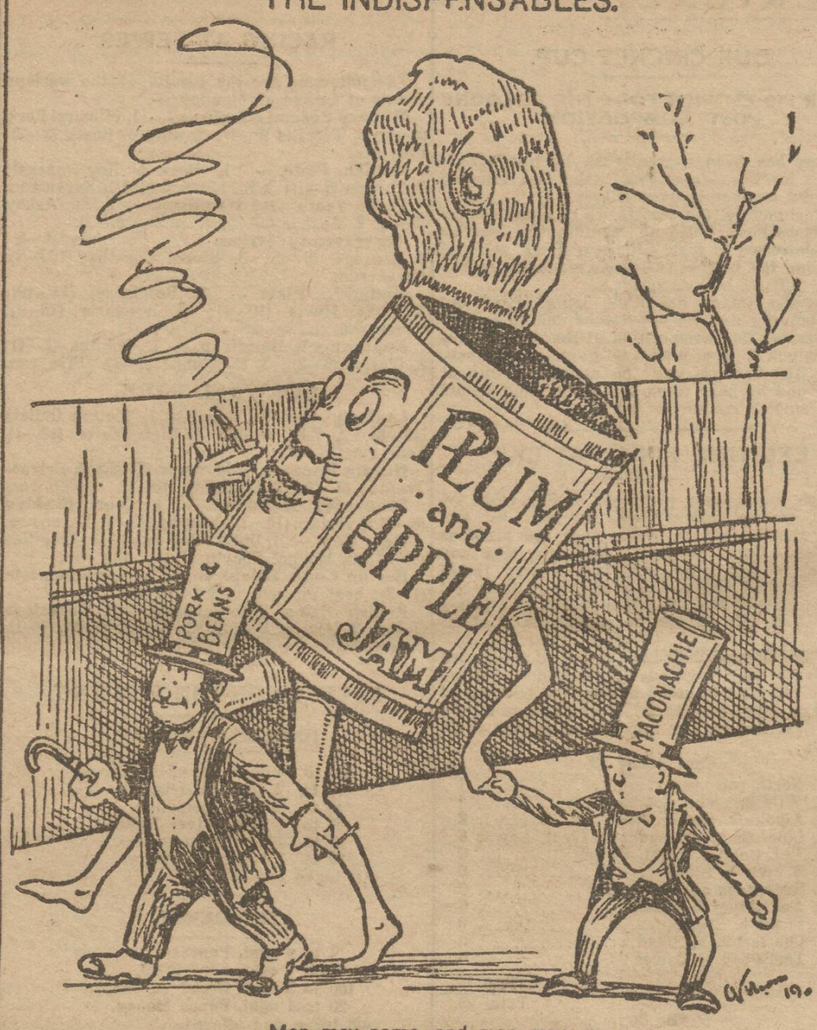

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But we go on for ever.

WAR MEDAL DESIGN.

LONDON ARTIST WINS £500 PRIZE.

The question of the design of the British war medal to be issued in commemoration of the war was discussed by the authorities in 1917, and it was decided that a Committee should be assembled, consisting of representatives of the Royal Academy, British Sculptors, British Museum, National Gallery, and Royal Mint, to determine the best method of obtaining the most artistic and suitable design. It was decided that the design should be thrown open to competition among prominent artists. and invitations were therefore issued to 96 probable competitors. In response to these invitations, designs were submitted by 51 artists. These designs were submitted to the committee, and the works of the following artists were judged to be the three best in order of merit: —

1. Mr. Wm. McMillan, 14a, Cheyne-row, Chelsea.
2. Mr. Chas. Wheeler, Justice Walk Studios, Chelsea.
3. Mr. C.L.G. Doman, 18, Bonneville Rd., Clapham Park.

These three winners have been awarded monetary prizes the first £500, the second £150, and the third £75. Mr. McMillian's design will be the one adopted for the reverse of the medal.

47-HOUR WEEK.

Ministry of Labour Announcement. At a meeting of the Joint Industrial Council for Local Authorities' Non-Trading Services (Manual Workers), (England and Wales), held in London on Friday, the following resolution on maximum hours of work was unanimously adopted:—

That it be a recommendation to all Local Authorities that the working week for day men and women (manual workers) in non-trading departments shall not be more than 47 hours, exclusive of meal times.

That any change in hours implied by this resolution shall not entail any loss of pay.

That this resolution shall come into operation as and from the last pay-day in May.

That the question of a one or two-break day be left for local settlement.

That in no case where a smaller number of hours are worked shall that number be increased.

THE RESTORATION OF EUROPE.

A mass meeting will be held at the Albert Hall on May 19, at 8 p.m., to bring home to the general public the necessity for a Peace of Reconciliation, and to urge the desirability of International Co-operation, equal economic opportunity for all peoples, and generous relief for the famine stricken districts of Europe. Lord Parmoor will take the chair, and among the speakers will be Earl Beauchamp, the Bishop of Southwark, Lieut.-Col. Sir A. Pearce Gould, Lieut.-Com. Kenworthy (M.P. for Central Hull), Miss Maude Royden, and Mr. Robert Smillie.

IN STRIKE LAND.

LONDON TUBE MEN.

The difficulty which has arisen among the London tube men over the question of meals relief on Sundays was satisfactorily settled yesterday, after an interview between a committee of the men and Mr. H. F. Blain, operating manager of the traffic combine. Mr. Blain recently stated that the trouble had been considerably magnified. "In reality," he said, "it was quite a small dispute and was settled after about five minutes conversation."

AIRCRAFT WORKER'S THREAT.

Trouble has arisen among a considerable section of aircraft workers in London over the system of payment by results. Various executives of the affiliated unions in the aircraft industry have, it is stated, decided that the bonus system should be abolished, and that all members employed by firms who retain the system should cease work unless their demand is met. The workers of all large firms have taken definite action.

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

BE PREPARED!

Comment anent the Peace Terms are beginning to wane. The papers have given their impressions and now, in the light of possible negotiations, all are awaiting future developments.

We can safely say that the majority of the Germans expect to see many alterations and a considerable slackening of the grip by which Germany is held. The people realise, just as do we, that there can be no shuffling within this grip, unless the Allies think fit to relieve the tension. Naturally the nation, as a whole, is eager to learn its fate, and the Government is being urged from all sides to make a quick decision.

In view of this restlessness, and in order to relieve the anxiety, the *Vorwärts*, the official organ of the Socialist party portrays to the people the necessity for calm and slow deliberation. The time between now and the 21st May, it says, must be used in preparing an answer worthy of the German people. At the end of this period we must say, as a people through our delegation, what we intend to do; and before that time no power on earth can force us to open our lips. That shall be done as a whole, the writer further states, but it is allowed for any individual to say to his compatriots "be prepared."

Feeding their Pigs.

The *Rheinische Zeitung* finds cause to comment in a recent article from the pen of Renaudel, France's leading socialist, and the successor of Jaurés. It will be remembered that Renaudel, unlike many of his compatriots, declared the terms too stiff, and offered to Germany several suggestions with regard to the probable negotiations.

It is not a difficult task for Renaudel to offer these propositions, says the Cologne Socialist paper, but what would happen if these were to fail. "The Allies, in all peacefulness of mind, can make a counter attack by re-strengthening the blockade and occupying Westphalia. Would Mr. Renaudel then give us help?

"The cry of the East Prussian noblemen is easily understood; they are sitting in the castles, feeding their pigs and planting their cabbages. The Indedepents and Communists, however, have a new iron in the fire; they promise peace to our people, a peace which the Government would refuse in faithful adherence to the demagogy which finally brought victory to the Bolshevists against Kerenski."

Request or Demand?

"The world needs peace; the world shall have peace." With those words Prince Lichnowsky, late Ambassador in London, concludes his letter to the Press. The Prince urges the necessity for great alterations in the Treaty. He says that to accept such terms as are at present disclosed would mean not only political and economical annihilation, but also the deprivation of any esteem the neutral states, friends or foes, have for the Germans.

Needless to say this esteem vanished long ago. "Peace is just as necessary to the Allies as it is to the Germans," says the ex-Ambassador, "and I look forward with certainty to a change in the public opinion which will enable us to negotiate and render the terms more profitable to ourselves. The results which would necessarily arise from the breaking-off of negotiations are trifling when compared with the request to sign the Peace Treaty.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

More than 9,000,000 gallons of whisky remain in the bonded warehouses of the district of Lexington, Kentucky.

Sir Philipp Sassoon, member for Folkestone, has announced his intention to build houses for local fishermen to help to solve the housing problem.

The Rev. Theodore Gibson is leaving St. Matthew's Church, Brixton, to work amongst the coloured diamond mine convicts in South Africa.

Canon Cooper O'Filley, known as the "Walking Parson," has decided to celebrate his seventieth birthday by walking from Yorkshire to Madrid.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

WESLEYANS IN COLOGNE.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—As the Senior Chaplain of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, may I request the favour of the publicity of your paper, to call the attention of all Wesleyans in the Army of the Rhine to the fact that on Wednesday and Fridays of each week, a Wesleyan Chaplain will be in attendance at the Scottish Churches' Huts 8a, Schildergasse, at 6 p.m. for consultation and help in any direction. All Wesleyans desirous of meeting a Wesleyan Chaplain, will be heartily welcomed at these gatherings.

G. LEONHARD ROBINSON,
D. A. P. C., II. Corps.

Answers to Correspondents.

[*The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Many questions have been received which could be answered much easier by the Adjutant of the unit concerned, and all such cases which affect the unit commander must be taken to him and not sent here. — Ed.*]

T.S.C.—See Sports Reflections in this issue. A hockey ground should be one hundred yards long and no more than sixty yards nor less than fifty-five yards wide. Goal posts four yards apart (inside measurement) and seven feet high. Striking circle four yards long parallel to and fifteen yards from the goal line.

Capt. R.E.—Yes, you can peruse Encyclopaedic Britannic at the town Library behind the Sanct Gereon's Church.

Arguer.—Cologne Cathedral. is much larger than York-Minster.

W Car er.—The Gratuity still applies, also the extra penny per day.

Blind Half Hundred.—We have nothing definite to hand yet.

Tony.—Yes, providing it is not too heavy to carry.

E.C.—Trinity House has authority over British lighthouses and pilots and gives counsel to the Board of Trade on sea matters.

S.T.A.—The area of the Dominion of Canada is 3,729,665 square miles.

DECORATION DAY.

The American community in Great Britain has arranged to celebrate Decoration Day on the 30th inst. by placing the Stars and Stripes and floral tributes on the graves of the two thousand American officers and men who are buried in the British Isles. The English-Speaking Union is inviting its British members and friends to assist in paying this tribute to American comrades.

FORGED ARMY FORMS.

Charles Morris, printer's cutter, and Chas. Bligh, compositor, were charged, on remand, at Clerkenwell on Saturday, with being concerned in forging returned overcoat Army forms, and were dealt with for breaches of regulations under D.O.R.A.

Wm. Rolph was charged on remand with attempting to obtain £1 from the cloakroom at Euston Station by means of the forged form.

Morris and Rolph pleaded guilty, and Bligh said he thought he was printing the forms for an officer in a hurry. Morris said a soldier gave him £5 for 500 forms, and Bligh had 10s. for setting the forme.

The magistrate fined Morris £40, or two months; and Bligh £25, or six weeks, they having good characters. Rolph had already been bound over, and was sent to prison for two months.

PEACE ILLUMINATIONS.

All "Dora" lighting restrictions on buildings and streets are to be suspended for four days during peace week, in order that full scope may be given to illuminations.

The Rev. Charles Steer, M.C., has been instituted to the vicarate of Hornchurch, Essex. When war broke out he joined up as a private, and later became a chaplain. He won the M.C., and was afterwards taken prisoner.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

To the soldiers of the Rhine Army, Monday, the 12th, will ever be a red-letter day, in that the Leave Club—a replica of that grand institution in Paris—was informally opened.

There was no great outward display, no lengthy speeches were delivered; the four hundred soldiers detailed for leave simply walking into the building to find all their needs satisfied.

In the afternoon there was a cinematograph show and also an impromptu concert; whilst the evening was spent in dancing, those not wishing to dance being able to indulge in the pleasures of a second cinema show.

Great appreciation was shown by all men for the splendid organization which Miss Decima Moore has created, and there is no doubt that the British Empire Leave Club in Cologne will rank amongst the greatest achievements ever made for the welfare of the troops.

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RUSSIAN SOVIETS AND POLAND

THREE MORE NOTES FROM RANTZAU.

GERMAN CONSCIENCE INNOCENT

Count Brockdorff-Rantzau is indefatigable. He has addressed three more notes to M. Clemenceau, making eight in all.

SHIPPING.

The sixth note, stating that in two generations Germany has changed from an agrarian to an industrial nation, deals with the displacement of labour caused by the surrender of the German mercantile marine, involving fifteen million people. In the ordinary way, if work were not available emigration would afford some relief, but as the most important countries of the world will be closed to Germans, great suffering will ensue.

RESPONSIBILITY.

The seventh note raises the whole question of responsibility for the war.

Rantzau's preamble repeats that according to Article 231 of the Draft Treaty Germany and Her Allies are responsible for all loss and damage caused to Allied and Associated Governments and populations by the war imposed on them by the attack of Germany and her Allies.

Germany has accepted the responsibility for reparation, as distinct from the question of responsibility of he war.

The German Delegation, says Rantzau, cannot recognize that the German people should be held responsible for the guilt of the former German Government in the beginning of the war. He says the representatives of the Allied and Associated Powers have declared again and again that the German people would not be made responsible for the faults of their Government. The German people did not want war and would never have begun an offensive war. In the conscience of the German people this war has always been a defensive war.

The opinion of the Allied and Associated Governments as to who is guilty for the war is not the opinion of the German Delegation, which does not consider the late German Government as the sole and principal culprit in this war. There is no proof for such an opinion in the draft of Treaty. The German Delegates ask for the report of the Commission appointed by the Allied and Associated Governments to decide the responsibility of the authors of the war.

TERRITORIAL.

The third note states that the conditions attaching to the surrender of territory other than colonies is incompatible with the principles expressed in the preamble to the Peace terms. Rantzau says that he reserves the right to deal with the questions of Alsace Lorraine and Kenl later on, but he opposes the annexation of districts other than those to which the principle of self-determination is accorded. He says that it is inadmissible by the terms of the Treaty for the adversaries of Germany to satisfy financial or economic demands by changing German populations and German territories from one sovereignty to another as if they were only stones in a childish game. This is especially the case in the Saar district, he says, and adds "That the whole population in defending itself with all its strength against such a separation from the old Fatherland will not be unknown to the occupation authorities."

GERMANY BEGINS TO CONFESS.

WANTED, A FRANCIS OF ASSISI.

The President of the German National Assembly, Herr Fehrenbach, in a speech winding up the debate at which the Peace terms were discussed, bewailed the lack of a new Francis of Assisi, animated with tender feelings for German women and children and mutilated soldiers.

He further said that he was glad to be able to make a free and sincere pronouncement as to the responsibility for the war. Germany's fault was that it had degenerated; its science had become impure, its art debased; its life lacked morality and its social intercourse was without love. There was a total lack of the voluntary obedience of an independent people.

The German people themselves had been the most ready for peace. They only aspired to a little sunshine, which they did not in the least begrudge to others.

Incessant protests were made by all the Independent and some of the Majority Socialists, who kept their seats while the remainder of the Assembly vociferously applauded.

APPEAL TO THE POPE.

Cardinal von Hartmann, Archbishop of Cologne, and Dr. Schulte, Bishop of Paderborn (Westphalia) have made an appeal to the Pope to intervene for a mitigation of the Peace conditions, "which must lead to the despair of the German people and to a world revolution."

The Archbishop of Cologne has ordered thirteen hours "public prayer" on Sunday next, for a "peace of Justice".

OUTSPOKEN GERMAN TELLS SOME TRUTHS.

A NEW SPIRIT REQUIRED.

One German, at least, has no illusions on the justice of the peace terms, and points out to Germany that they seem harsh because even yet there has been no sign of regret for all the horrors of the war. What is required, says the famous and outspoken Socialist, Maximilian Harden, is a proof to the world of the existence of a new spirit in Germany. He says:—

"The Peace conditions are not harder than I expected. To the greater part of the people they were unpleasant, but could one really have expected them to be otherwise?

"During the six months since the revolution Germans have not given very convincing mental guarantees that they have changed their systems from top to toe. On the contrary, the present Government and the Press have used the same methods of incitement and the same tricks of bluff as under the old rule of the petty nobility.

"The Government's proclamations and speeches are only bad copies of the Kaiser's time. The whole Press resounds in these days with protests, and has started a campaign of incitement against the Allies couched in violent language. It is agitating for a refusal to sign the Treaty.

"The Government are trying to follow the old way of bluffing. The Allies made the conditions hard because they are suspicious of Germany. If Germany openly showed its goodwill to do what was in its power to comply with the Allies' requests, the Allies would see that the conditions were changed in favour of Germany, because they know there must be a Germany, and it is impossible to destroy the German people.

"President Wilson's power would have been all the greater if you and your like had not remained on the side of unreason and iniquity; if you had only said one decisive word against the destruction of Belgium, the carrying off of men and young girls, and the destruction of machinery in the Belgian and French factories. Had the Germany which presented itself to the world as a new Germany expressed repentant regret through its official organs, or at least through the public bodies, and exposed the guilty parties, President Wilson would have had a weapon against French and Belgian rage, which is the most easily comprehensible in history.

"Those who demand justice from others must first prove themselves just. Germany cannot claim her rights until, with brave dignity, she acknowledges her wrongdoing. Because no word of regret has come from the head of our Republic, no willingness to atone, the peace will be hard, and those that reject it must understand that they stand before the tribunal of the nations, and are bound to answer clearly the question, what have they done in order to prove to the world that a new spirit has made its entry into their Fatherland?"

Herr Harden incidentally remarks that the naval blockade, which is given the disgusting name of hunger blockade, is, as everybody must know, and even the war jurist, Kriege, always admitted, a military method permitted by international law, the mildest ever applied and one the application of which was always regarded as inevitable, and which Great Britain was willing in 1907 to renounce. It only remained applicable in 1914, he says, because seven years previously at The Hague, Germany secured the defeat of the motion for its abolition.

SWITZERLAND AND THE RHINE.

FREE ACCESS TO THE SEA.

Basing its standpoint on the Treaty of Paris of May 30, 1814, and the final Act of the Congress of Vienna and the Rhine Navigation Act of 1868, the Swiss Delegation on the Peace Conference Commission on the International régime of ports, waterways, and railways has formulated the following demands with regard to the peace preliminaries:

As a riverine State the Confederation claims the right to representation on the Rhine Navigation Commission, to take part in the revision of the Act of 1868, and to have the port of Basle treated as far as possible as if it were a sea port. The Swiss Government also asks that (1) fixed boat bridges should at once be altered in such a way as to assure during the entire year full navigation for all ships to and from Basle, (2) works provided for by Article 28 of the Convention of 1868 should be carried out at once (3) exemption from all navigation taxation should be maintained and guaranteed to all ships up to Basle.

The Rhine, states a communiqué issued at Berne, might be used for Central European traffic as far as Basle providing that the existing law is maintained, which forbids any barrier on the Rhine below Basle and any diversion of the waters of the Rhine to the prejudice of international navigation. It is of vital importance to Switzerland that her independence should not be compromised by the constant menace of fortified works. Switzerland considers the recognition of the free right of access to the sea and to navigation on international waterways in war as well as in peace as essential to the free development of countries deprived of any maritime port.

TRYING TO SILENCE LORD FRENCH.

NOT A SERVING SOLDIER.

Apparently there is no method of restraining Field Marshal Viscount French from continuing the publication of his book "1914."

The Service members of the House of Commons plied the Secretary of State for War with searching questions and elicited the information that as the Field Marshal is not drawing any pay from the army he is not amenable to Kings Regulations.

In the House of Commons Captain Ormsby-Gore (C.U., Stafford) asked whether Viscount French was an officer on the active list; and whether he was in receipt of any pay or allowances from War Office funds.

Mr. Churchill: Lord French is drawing no pay or allowances from Army funds, and he occupies no military post. He is, it is true, a Field Marshal, and, in consequence, technically on the active list. But Field Marshals in the past, when not employed under the War Office, have allowed themselves and have been allowed a very considerable measure of freedom in regard to controversial military matters. Field Marshal Lord Wolseley published, while on the Field Marshal list, a memoir of his life, in which he severely criticised not only former Governments but the Government of the day. The writings and speeches of Field Marshal Earl Roberts are also well known. It is certainly not intended that a Field Marshal, when not employed in a military capacity, should be placed by his rank under any special disadvantage. Such a rule would convert the highest military honour into in actual disability. The case of an unemployed Field Marshal is, therefore, different from that of a serving soldier, and public policy enjoins that the precedent should be recognised. I should add that the Army Council were not consulted in any way before the articles were published.

Captain Ormsby Gore: Do not these articles actually conflict with the Army Act and also with the Official Secrets Act?

Mr. Churchill: In the application of the Army Act it seems to me proper that a distinction should be drawn between serving solders and unemployed Field Marshals the honour of Field Marshal being the only honour on the active list enjoyed while life lasts.

Colonel. Yate (C.U., Melton): Is it not true that Lord French is Commander-in-Chief in Ireland?

Mr. Churchill: No. It is a nominal title, but there is a military Commander-in-Chief in Ireland. Lord French is not under the War Office in any way.

Major Earl Winterton (C.U., Horsham and Worthing) asked the Leader of the House whether it was open to any officer of his Majesty's Army or Navy who had held high military or naval office, and who subsequently held civilian office under the Crown, to write and publish his account of naval and military operations during the war; and, if so, whether he would relax the regulations by which serving officers in either service were forbidden to publish accounts of operations in order that they might have an opportunity of replying to the strictures of their former chiefs.

Mr. Bonar Law: As regards the first part of the question, it is not possible. I think, to lay down any general rule in such a matter. As regards the latter part, the Government are not prepared to make the change suggested.

ANTWERP REVELATIONS.

Yesterday's instalment of Field Marshal French's book contains his views regarding the siege and fall of Antwerp. He admits that the sudden news of the grave situation came as a suprise to him. Reviewing what happened he comes to the conclusion that here also the Germans gave "an example of the over-confidence which for ever possessed that army which set out for world conquest. As on the Marne, so at Antwerp, they were not prepared to seize the psychological moment and to play boldly for the great stake. It is seldom that fortune offers another chance to a military leader who has once failed to gather the rich harvest which she has put into his grasp. Yet the German Emperor presents, together with his great General Staff, one of the few instances in history of a Commander-in-Chief so soon being given a splendid opportunity to retrieve such mistakes as those of Sept. 5 and 6."

French complains that as regards Antwerp "Lord Kitchener did not make things easy for me. Keenly desirous to influence the course of operations, his telegrams followed one after another, each containing directions regarding a local situation of which, in London, he could know very little."

The Field Marshal repudiates any responsibility whatever for what happened in the north during the first ten days of October, and continues "I feel sure that, had the views of the commanders in the field (Joffre and myself) been accepted a much better and easier situation would have been created. It is perfectly clear that the operations for the relief of Antwerp should never have been directed from London. It should have been left entirely in the hands of the French Commander-in-Chief (or in mine acting with him) to decide upon the dispositions and destination of the troops immediately they left British shores. We alone were in a position to judge as to the best methods by which to co-ordinate the objectives and distribute the troops between the northern and southern theatres.

As things turned out Lille might have been saved. It is quite possible also to conceive a situation starting from these preliminary dispositions which would have resulted in saving Ostend, even Zeebrugge and that line of coast, the possession of which by the enemy, dating from October, 1914, was a source of such infinite trouble to us."

General Sir Hubert Plumer will visit Lincoln on Saturday next to unveil a memorial tablet in Lincoln Cathedral to Major Lancelot Edwards, of the Lincolnshire Regiment.

Statements to the effect that Ciro's Club has been sold are incorrect. The owners have no intention of selling the premises.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL ESTIMATES.

THE NEW RATE.

The London County Council reassembled yesterday after the Easter recess and gave preliminary consideration to the Estimates for the year 1919-20. The estimates of expenditure on rate and debt accounts amount to £14,260,399. The estimated income, other than that to be raised by county contributions and excluding balances brought forward, is £6,224,449, giving a net expenditure of £8,035,950, in respect of which £7,550,172 is to be raised by rate, the difference of £485,778 being taken from the balances.

The proposed rate for the new year for purposes other than education is 1s. 7d. in the £, as compared with 1s. 5d. for 1918-19, and comprises 1s. 5d. for general county and 2d. for special county purposes, the former being increased by 1.75d. and the latter by .25d., as compared with the rate for 1918-19. The rate for purposes of education is 1s. 9d. in the £, a reduction of 6d.—due to additional Government grants—as compared with 1918-19. The rate for the first six months of the year is 20d. in the £, being 19d. for general county purposes (including education) and 1d. for special county purposes.

RECRUITING FOR THE ARMY.

HIGHER AGE, LOWER CATEGORY.

An Army Order states that it has been decided to enlist, for garrison duties with the Armies of Occupation, a number of men (ex-soldiers or men who have not previously served) who do not satisfy the normal physical and other standards. Enlistments will be for a period up to April 30, 1920, or for such less period during which the Armies of Occupation are maintained as such. The qualifications for enlistment are:

(a) Age, 18 years and upwards.

(b) Physical standards—Men 38 years and over should be category A, B (i) or B (ii). Men below this age can only be accepted if in category B (ii).

(c) Height, 5ft and upwards; chest measurement, &c., is left to discretion of examining medical officer.

Men enlisting under this Order will draw the ordinary rates of pay of their corps, including the increases granted by Army Order 1 of 1918. They will also receive the bonus referred to in Army Order 54 of 1919, for so long as the grant is continued to men serving in the Armies of Occupation.

A number of men are also to be enlisted for special duties in connection with the scheme for the exhumation of bodies and the centralization of military cemeteries in France.

RUSSIAN SOVIETS AND POLAND.

Warsaw. The Government of Russian Soviets has warned the Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland that the occupation of Vilna by the Poles will be considered as a declaration of war.—*Wireless.*

KOLCHAK'S SIBERIAN OFFENSIVE.

GREAT CAPTURES.

Reuter learns that, according to a telegram from Omsk of April 29, the Siberian troops, in the sector west of Ufa alone, made an enormous capture of prisoners and booty. The official list is as fallows: 36 guns, 200 machine-guns, 9,000 rifles, over 10,000 prisoners, 20,000 shells, 5,000,000 cartridges, 2 armoured trains, 50 locomotives, 600 railway cars, 100 steamers, 70 barges, 2 ambulances, numerous vehicles, a quantity of forage, and other miscellaneous booty.

North of the Perm railway fighting is in progress for the possession of the Kirkinsk works.

North and south of the Kazan railway Admiral Kolchak's troops have taken the offensive on the rivers Nylga and Val, while along the Volga-Bugulma line the attack in developing successfully without interruption from the enemy.

In the Samara railway sector the enemy is offering strong resistance. Good progress is also reported from the Chelny front, where in one day the troops advanced eighteen miles.

ENGLAND FREE FROM BELGIANS.

Practically all the Belgian refugees have now left England and returned to their "native" land. Last week one English vessel left with 590 passengers on board for Antwerp, and another with 384 for Ostend.

Upwards of 200,000 refugees fled from Belgium to Great Britain in consequence of the German occupation. At first they were received in this country by voluntary organisations, but before long the Government extended to them the hospitality of the nation through about 2,000 local committees acting under the authority of the Local Government Board. Before the armistice about 75,000 refugees had left England, some being called up for the Belgian army, and others given employment in France, where there is not the language difficulty which occurs in England. After the cessation of hostilities in November last the work of repatriation proceeded apace, about 125,000 refugees being dealt with by Mr. Basil Peto as Commissioner under the Local Government Board. The President, Dr. Addison, has sent a letter of thanks to Mr. Peto for his services.

£10,000 ARMY PAY ORDERS THEFT.

No arrest has yet been made in connection with the theft of between two and three hundred Army pay orders of a face value of nearly £10,000 from the Army Pay Office at Dover. Action is being taken to stop payment of the orders, and to trace the man who is believed to be cashing them in the London area, and of whom a description has been circulated to the post offices.

MUNITIONS OUTPUT IN FRANCE.

ENORMOUS EFFORTS.

M. Eugène Schneider, head of the famous French armament firm, gives an interesting account of the work of the firm during the war.

At the commencement of the war the north and east of France were invaded and occupied by the enemy. Seventy per cent. of their works were stopped and occupied. Their remaining works in close proximity to the battlefield, and their staff, were continually exposed to danger. The rest of the country had to make good the loss, and it was necessary, therefore, to erect new factories and plants to make up for those which had been taken out of their hands. In the first days of the war 55 per cent. of their labour was mobilized. Women colonials, and foreigners were engaged. The coal production was reduced by one half, but it was afterwards developed to three-quarters of the normal production before the war—(hear, hear)—although the mines were under enemy fire. The amount of coal consumed before the war was 60,000,000 tons, and the production was 41,000,000 tons, leaving some 20,000,000 tons to be imported. At the commencement of the war the output of coke was reduced from 4,000,000 tons to 1,800,000 tons. This was developed during the war to 3,200,000 tons, an augmentation of 80 per cent. In his own works the construction of new coke furnaces enabled them to produce 500,000 tons per annum. The production of cast iron and steel before the war was: Cast iron 5,200,000 tons, steel 4,700,000 tons. The works taken by the Germans produced: Cast iron 3,300,000 tons, steel 2,200,000 tons. This meant a reduction of production of 62 to 64 per cent. Since 1915 fifty blast furnaces have been restarted.

M. Schneider said the production of artillery and machinery in his works during the war was: Heavy artillery, 15,000; light artillery, from 500 to 600 per month; tanks of various types, 4,100; aerial motors (from 200 to 500 h. p.), 4,500 per month; and shells of different calibres, 200,000 to 250,000 per day. They produced about 70 per cent. of the heavy artillery during the war. (Cheers.) They also made a large quantity of parts for light artillery to be assembled in the arsenals, and had turned out more than 2,000 finished materials. Further, they supplied several Allied nations with materials, including Serbia, Russia, Roumania, Greece, Portugal, and the United States. Their output of howitzers was 520. This, of course, meant the erection of new workshops, and the adaptation of old shops for new purposes. During the war their production of shells increased from 3,000 to 30,000 per day, and of fuses from 3,000 to 100,000 per day. At one stage they reduced their production of shells in order that all their machinery might be used for artillery purposes, after having first instructed smaller works in the manufacture of shells.

WOMEN THRASH BOLSHEVIST LEADERS.

Stockholm. According to a message received from Petrograd grave disorders broke out there during the first week in May. The trouble started in the factories among the workmen, who were exasperated by recent mobilisation decrees.

Women workers in the Treougolnik factories were particularly violent. They thrashed Bolshevist commissaries and hissed Labour leaders who were endeavouring to harangue the workers. For the first time the cry was heard in the streets of Petograd "Long live Koltchak, our Saviour."

Terrible threats were uttered against the Bolshevists, but the Soviet authorities did not dare to take any measures against the women.—*Reuter.*

MEN OR MALINGERERS?

Nearly five thousand miners are on strike in South Wales. The collieries at Llwynpia have been idle since Thursday as a protest in reference to the employment of discharged soldiers.

Twelve hundred miners at the Nantgarw pits at Penycraig struck work yesterday.

WAITING LIST AT CAMBRIDGE.

Wonderful matriculation results were achieved at Cambridge on the 8th May, when five hundred and eighty-three fresh students registered. The number of freshmen entered this academical year is now 1,823 which is easily the best record. The previous highest total was in 1909-10 when 1,218 students matriculated. Colleges are refusing to accept any more names and it is probable that a waiting list will have to be kept.

WAR EXHIBITION AT CRYSTAL PALACE.

It is stated that the Committee of the Imperial War Musuem has obtained the use of the main building at the Crystal Palace and will open an Imperial War Exhibition next summer. Over ninety thousand museum exhibits have already been catalogued. At the Palace, Aircraft will be suspended from the high roof.

BETTER THAN KEYMONEY.

The remarkable scarcity of houses in London is illustrated by the offer of a Devonshire lady. She expresses her willingness to give one thousand pounds as a thank-offering to the Royal Hospital for Incurables at Putney, if the Secretary of that institution will secure for her a suitable house near London.

SHORTAGE OF SILK HATS.

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ALSACE-LORRAINE.

The draft Treaty of Peace declares that Alsace-Lorraine shall be ceded by Germany to France, and there must be few critics amongst our Allies and even amongst neutral peoples who will cavil at the declaration. The cession was universally expected when Germany failed in her bid for world dominion, and even those who profess to be perturbed by the fashion of French imperialism are agreed that justice has been meted out in this instance. International treaties have since earliest days meant territorial rearrangements, and the rearrangements inspired by the Peace of Paris 1919 will be momentous. It is our intention to write a few articles from time to time on the history of some of the affected countries. Our aim is to avoid the noisy arena of controversy and to seek the academic calm of dispassionate narration. There is little doubt of the just claims which Alsace-Lorraine can put forward for pride of place in any survey of European territories. In it we find our hardest task. Many treaties and pamphlets have been written on the history of this disputed land, and too often counsel has been darkened by a multiplicity of words. Mr. Ernest Vizetelly who tells the "true story" of Alsace-Lorraine, M. Jules Duhem, and even M. Ernest Lavisse have not spoken the last word.

To many it may seem an impertinence but to us it is a manifest truth to say that no Frenchman nor German can write impartially and convincingly of Alsace-Lorraine. On the one hand, our Allies tell us that the history of this territory can be traced back to the days when Julius Caesar fought against Ariovistus. It was a part of Gaul, and Gaul was bounded on the east by the Rhine. Alsace-Lorraine, therefore, was a part of the future France, and now she is "reunited" to her long-lost province. But historically the matter cannot be settled in this easy manner. The formula of "reunion" which is so often used by French historians—even by Ernest Lavisse—is *petitio principii*. On the other hand, our enemies hark back to the days of Charles the Great, and rightly enough insist that Alsace-Lorraine was a part of the old Empire. But that is not helpful. Where was Germany on Christmas Day 800 A.D.? Thus the story of the territory is usually told in two ways. If France took as her motto "Clausa Germanis Gallia," there was naturally a counter motto "Clausa Gallis Germania," and Bismarck saw to it that it was rudely translated into practical politics. So the sorry game of partizan history has gone on, and there is no promise of its ending.

After the great empire of Charles the Great fell to pieces Alsace and Lorraine formed parts of Lotharingia, a country that sometimes leaned towards the Franks and sometimes towards the Germans. Ultimately it became an integral portion of the Hapsburg dominions and therefore was absorbed in the Holy Roman Empire, a fate shared by Belgium, Holland, and parts of Italy. At the Reformation an important annexation was made by France. The protestant princes in their conflict with Charles V invited the help of Henry II of France, and by the Treaty of Friedewalde, 1552, Henry's aid to the rebellious Protestants was rewarded by liberty "to occupy and to keep the towns that are not of German speech, namely, Toul, Metz, Verdun, and others of a like description". In the seventeenth century the help of France was once again requested, and when the Peace of Westphalia was concluded in 1648 Austrian Alsace was given to France in return for her part in the Thirty-Years' War. In addition to this she was confirmed in her possession of the Lorraine bishoprics of Metz, Toul, and Verdun, and was given "prefecture" over ten imperial cities in Alsace. Theoretically these cities and territories still belonged to the Empire, and any appeals went not to France but to the imperial court at Speier. But imperial suzerainty was merely nominal, and France to her glory ruled Alsace so wisely that there was then begun a sentimental attachment between German Alsace and French rule which has continued to the present day.

France conceived a generous interpretation of the 1648 Treaty, and occupied the whole of Alsace. In 1681 the power of Louis XIV and his army was so strong that Strasbourg was taken over, and the Peace of Ryswick recognized the French possession of the province. Even a Richelieu could not have wished a better "natural frontier" than France held at the close of the seventheenth century. The part of Lorraine that was still outside of her influence passed in 1768 to the irrestible France as a consequence of the Polish Succession War, and in 1798 France had the gratification of opening her arms to Mulhouse which of its own free will left the Swiss Confederation for the French Republic. Then came 1871 and the day of cruel sorrow for France. Alsace and that part of Lorraine which lies between Metz and the Vosges were wrenched from her and made into a Reichsland of the German Empire. But now France smiles through her tears, for the lost provinces are hers once more.

The strongest claim that France can make in regard to Alsace is that Alsace is her creation. At a time when it was possible to win the affection and loyalty of Alsatians France made a great and worthy effort. Alsace was not a unity but exceedingly complex, and it had suffered grievously during the seventeenth century wars. Consequently its peoples responded to a statesmanship which favoured immigration, manufactures, agriculture, and the organization of justice and order. Thus patriotism grew and flourished, and the days when Germany took back an unwilling people into an unwelcome fold did not destroy but rather quickened the patriotic spirit. That is a better claim than that of the historians who wander back to the dim days of ancient Gaul.

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Life.

LEST WE FORGET.

In a recent edition of *The Cologne Post* appeared a news item to the effect that a citizen of Cologne had been arrested and fined 10,000 Marks for being in possession of a cake of soap. Just that, and nothing more. To some of us Britishers who are "doing" the famous twin-steepled cathedral city (or is it vice-versa?), the news came more or less as a shock, forgetting in our surprise, of the many similar happenings that occurred in our own land during the period when the newly-born coupon system was "cutting the teeth". We have all vivid recollections how the phrase "without a coupon" was rolled round the tongues of many with a sort of secret glee; and of how folks vied each other to evade the edicts of the Food Controller, who after all, was only doing his best, literally and figuratively, to "save our bacon"; and how the gentle D. O. R. A. repeatedly made "the catch of the season," when she stretched forth her long arm, personified in a blue uniform. It is of these hings we would speak, should we prove to criticize unduly the aforesaid German citizen, and lest we forget.

Is there a man amongst us who will ever banish from his memory some of the food swindles that came into our courts, during the very acute stage of food shortage of the early part of 1917? It was at this time that the infamous "Gingerbread Gang" the great "Corned-beef Corner," and the case of "The Baldheaded Club," were discovered. Of the two former, little need be said, other than that the perpetrators of these schemes for foodhogging, were not "called up" for military service. But of the latter none knew what sinister mystery lay behind the gang of scoundrels who camouflaged their identity under the title of "The Baldheaded Club." The whole affair reminded one of such a thing as the 97th episode of "The Crimson Band," where at the end, the film punches out a question of this type, "Who is the man with twisted nose?" and an admonition not to miss episode 98.

But we are leaving our muttons to get cold, and will recapitulate the case of "the Baldheaded Club," which was as follows. A well dressed man was arrested and charged with having in his possession a pound of butter, when his coupon book showed him to be entitled to ½ of an ounce. He refused, at first, to make a statement, but later volunteered the information that he obtained the butter from his club. On being searched, a visiting card, amongst other things, was found upon him, bearing the inscription, "The Baldheaded Club, Fruitree St. London W." The club was promptly raided by the police, with important results. No persons were found upon the premises, but in the cellar, a sensational discovery was made. Several casks, bearing the label "Government Ale" were found, which, on being opened contained not the familiar amber liquid, but larg quantities of butter and margarine. This clinched the matter for the police, and the man in custody was committed for trial at the Old Bailey. On that momentous day, a long queue formed up waiting for admission. Along Holborn and New Oxford St. the long line stretched; indeed, some optimists fell in at the Marble Arch, but it is said, they were mostly soldiers out on pass. The pound of butter, being "Exhibit A" of the case, was escorted to the court by a battalion of the Devons (where the butter comes from) and "Weary Willie," a war-savings tank commandeered for the occasion, bringing up the rear.

Unfortunateley something went wrong with "Willie's" internals, and he had to be pushed by a boisterously happy crowd, thus adding to the gaiety of nations. Inside the court, Mr. Justice Starling occupied the Bench, and was in his very best form; a childlike enquiry, "Is margarine a breakfast food," uttered during the trial evoking a titter of merirment which was discreetly suppressed by the ushers in due course. The opening of the case, made by the Crown Counsel for the prosecution, showed in a few words the dastardly nature of the charge, and caused a thrill of horror to pervade the court. As he finished, counsel for the defence rose, and in a lengthy and academic speech, pointed out that the presence of the store of butter etc. on the premises of "The Baldheaded Club" could be easily accounted for. "It will be observed" he said, „that my client is entirely bald." As he spoke, all eyes were focussed on the prisoner in the dock. The fact seemed too obvious, for the prisoner was bald enough to make a billiard ball manufacturer go green with envy; and as a ray of sunshine fell on his polished pate the sight reminded one of the dome of St. Pauls in the distance, on a spring morning. Continuing, Counsel stated that his client was a member of the aforesaid club, and each member was bald, such being the onus of membership. Counsel pathetically outlined the shortage of hair oil and pomades, and with tears in his voice, showed how the club members were compelled much against their will and desires, to use butter to anoint their scalps. (Sensation in court.)

Reply to a question from the Bench, counsel stated the margarine was for the use of the club doorkeepers, who were also bald (up oar in court). When order was restored, prisoner was placed under cross-examination, and stated that the butter in question was what is known as bitter butter, and was not of much use for human consumption, and as the club member found bitter butter better than metal polish they use it. On hearing this, a reporteress fainted, and it was afterwards discovered that she was only conversant with Muttons shorthand, thus the shock.

Order being once again restored counsel for the prosecution delivered his final peroration. "Gentlemen of the Jury" he cried, "This false alarm who stands before you, I cannot call him a man," he added with fine sarcasm "has the effrontery to tell the court that he used such a necessary commodity as butter to polish his scalp, so that he could do the lark — de — da!" These words seemed to take all the shine out of the prisoner, and it was noticed that the whole of his head went pale. The counsel's stentorian tones had the effect of waking His Honour, who, with a look of owl-like wisdom was observed to be making notes with the wrong end of his pen. After passing sentence of penal servitude for five years, the learned Judge remarked that this case had most certainly opened his eyes. Then the newspapers had a turn.

"The Daily Blues," in a windy rigmarole purporting to be a leading article, considered that cocoa-fat would have answered the prisoners purpose just as well, "The Daily Howl" was in its element. Relegating war news to a half back page, with the football items, its main columns were devoted to the case of "The Baldheaded Club," and inaseries of slashing articles, it belaboured food-hogs and food-controllers indiscriminately, going the whole hog, so to speak.

Its flaring headlines, "Should Baldheads Be Buttered" and "Baldheads and Balderdash," attracted great attention.

Let those who would harshly blame the unfortunate citizen of Cologne heretofore mentioned, ponder the words written here, and think of our shortcomings of the same nature, away in "Blighty," in the days gone by, "Lest we forget."

B.E.P.S.

THE EPISTLES OF PETER BIRSE, JUNIOR.

Leave Trains, Old and New.

Dear Maister Editor,

Since vreetin' tae ye last A've been on a fleein' veesit, though nae by airyplain, tae the lan' o' mountain-dew, ream an' butter'd bannocks, sonsy deems, an' big ha' Bibles.

Like Davit Elshender, ilka ane greetit me but an' ben at kirk an' mairt for a hale fortnicht wi' "Ay, ay! an' so that's you yerself, Maister Peter. Losh, but it's a lang time sin A've seen ye. Ay, ay! an' fat's brocht ye this length? Are ye on laive or demobilees'd? Fan dae ye gae back agin?

M' auld freen' Sandy Tosh gaed ane better than that for he speer'd gin I was demoralees'd, medically detestit, or chemickally unfit! Sandy an' Mistress Malaprop wid hae been richt weel sootit.

Life in a Horse-boax.

It's nae aboot m' holiday in Scotlan' hooever, that I mean tae vreet ye, but aboot the traivellin' there an' back. Man, it coo's a'. Enterin' a horse boax for 40 homes an' aucht chevrons (fatever they mean by that), I set oot rale cantykin' frae Coloan on a Tuesda' efterneen. The sun was glintin' bonnie i' the sou'-wastern lift, though a snell win' blew frae the cauld an' icey north.

A gweed curnie o's were stappit into ilka horse boax like sae mony bowies, an' at nichtfa' there lay roon' the ingle-neuk sma' hillockies o' snivelin', hoastin', sneeshin', pyocherin' youkie craiters, aince dress'd in his Maijesty's uniform an' noo resemlin' orra dishcloots.

The late Beerboam Tree — a prince o' wags gin ever there was ane — aince reportit a Romèn chield as sayin', "Sick transit gloria Monday." This Coloan—Cally bisness was dirty transit withoot ony glory aboot it on ony day o' the week. That there was a sartin amoont o' method in their madness, hooever, was appawrent. Tae clean the fleers, or raither the middens o' ruckies o' strae an' coal-dust, maist o' the sodgers were dished oot in braw nyou claes b' their respectiv' quartermaisters. They wintit the job dune weel, A suppose, hence the supeerior quality o' the tunicks, the breeks, an' the kilts. As my copybuik used tae say, "The nyou besom sweeps clean."

Outdoor Sports an' Pastimes.

Tae keep the passenjers frae wearyin' a variety o' health-gien ootdoor games were generusly proveedit b' the managemint, amang them bein' helpin' yersel tae coal frae passin' meeneral trains, washin' yer fisog in ditches an' startin' th' "express" jist fan ye had the soap weel ower yer lugs, yellin' "tea up" at twa a.m. wiihoot tellin' ye far tae get it, dishin' up fushionless broon watter an' ca'n't tea, haltin' at a stashun five oors till the watter i' th' injun gaed on the bile agin, allooin' ye tae shairpen yer German rauzor on the wheels an' pluckin' gowans fan the train was at tap speed, bumpin' ye aboot the horse-boax wi' suddint jerks an' jolts, scaldin' yer han's at th' injun wi' bilein' watter —watter they'd mair need o' tae mak' steam tae drive the train gin the gaikit carlies had bit kent it—sittin' on the back o' the gaird's van, chaisin' clockin' hens aff th' exels, et setera, et setera. Man, th' entertainment bate the ban'.

Some o' the games, I admit, were far ower aisy, for exaimple, the tea chaise. Never mair than fufteen meenits elapsed afore some hawk—e'd sodger discover'd the hoddie-plaicie. Wi' some mair forethocht an conseederashun on the pairt o' the promoters, the pastime cud aisily hae been made a lot mair deefficult an' thus mair excitin'. Fat was tae henner them frae hae'n nae tea ava at antrin times on the wye doon?

Puffin' an' snortin' as if Paice had been sign'd or some nyou reckord estaiblish'd, the lokomotiv' steam'd majestickally into Cally the same month as we left Coloan. Three or fower naishunalities took pairt i' the race so that ane cud blame the ither for excessiv' loiterin'. Did ye ever jalouz' that, Maister Editor?

A Perfeck Transformashun.

Comin' back we had the astoondin' pleshure o' seein' fat they can dae fan they like; the back'-side o' the maidal presentit itsel'. Instead o' lyin' huddi'd up like pigs in a stye we reelin'd at oor aise in a luxoorious reid-cross train — a korridor express conseestin o' Great Wastern railwye rollin' stock. Waiters waited on we fan we tee'd, supper'd, an' brackfastit, the bogies swung reseeliently on pawtint springs, "Nature's sweet restorer ba'my sleep" was woo'd an' won on mawtresses an' streetchers. Even the cushion'd saits remindit me o' m' auntу Leeby's ben room chairs fan the meenister peys his sax-eerly veesit.

By'se the first on-gaun nae transformashun cud hae been mair compleet, an' fat's eekwally gretifeein', as m' frien' Sandy Tosh was tellin' me th' ither nicht, is tnat the cheenge has come tae bide. It only remains noo tae dae awa' a'thgither wi' the camp at Cally. Fan that consoomashun comes aboot a bottel o' Hielan' fusky 'll be sent tae the benefacktor b'

Yours respeckfully,
PETER BIRSE, JUNIOR.

P. S. On reckolleckin' th' awfu' price o' fusky a'm thinkin' a'm a wee bit rash-kin'. So a'll mak' it half a bottel.

P. B. Jun.

A TIME TO LAUGH.

Vicar: On strike again? What's the grievance this time?

Striker: We don't rightly know yet. We're just waitin' to 'ear from headquarters.

Hokus: It must be very sad for an opera singer to realize that she has lost her voice.

Pokus: Not half so sad as when she doesn't realize it.

"If you plead guilty, which you are, the court will be easy with you. But if you plead not guilty, which you ain't, and the court finds you guilty, which it will, it'll go hard with you. What do you plead—guilty or not guilty?"

Cynicus: Of course she is a flirt, but she's a mighty comforting one.

Sillicus: What do you mean by a comforting flirt?

Cynicus: Oh, she's the sort of girl a fellow can propose to without any serious danger of being accepted.

An American and an Englishman were speaking about which country had the largest guns.

"Well" the American said, "we have guns that can fire 50 to 60 miles." "That's nothing," said the Englishman, "we have a gun in the English army so extraordinary that when it fires the gunners go on a month's leave waiting for the recoil to come back."

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Thursday	4½	Lohengrin	Wagner
Friday	6	Rigoletto	Verdi
Saturday	6	Fidelio	Beethoven
Sunday	6½	Tiefland	d'Albert
Monday	5½	Arlecchino Turandot	Buzoni
Tuesday	8	Tales of Hoffmann	Offenbach

IN THE WRONG BEDROOM.

FINE ENTERTAINMENT BY "THE LIVE ROUNDS" AT HENNEF.

"The Live Rounds", the brilliant concert party of the 10th. Royal West Kents, visited Hennef on Friday, and gave one of their very fine entertainments to 51st. Bedforshire Regiment. The band of the 10th. Royal West Kents accompanied the party, and the show opened with "*The Rhine Army*", conducted and composed by Sergt. Barnham.

The life and soul of the party was, without doubt, L/Corpl. Stan. Darbourne. He moved with equal ease as a perpetrator of pungent puns; as an eastern mystic, shrouded in a thick veil; as the leading figure in a sketch, when he unfortunately finds himself in another's bedroom, and is discovered by the most blooming and blushing of "Ladies", Pte. Harry Langstone; as the singer, of some good part songs; and finally, as hero in the "Live Rounds" special film, in which he rescues Miss Langstone in the nick of time from the clutches of Sergt. "Massa" Johnson, greatly to the relief of the assembled "Beds". But the feminine attraction was quite too strong for Stanley, and in spite of her earnest remonstrances, his black head and her flaxen hair were often to be seen together.

AN INDIAN SCENE.

A special feature was the Indian Scene, in which Squaw Harry Langstone sighed plaintively for her "Temple Bells", and "Massa" Johnson scored a real hit with his "Indian Rag". In contrast to this lighter vein, the audience was treated to the patriotic songs of Dan Barnard and Frank Spencer; nor must we omit Billy Pales in "I want to go home" or Pte. Norman's delightful sketches of a "parvenu" J. P., and a country parson's Mothers' Meeting.

Altogether, the 10th. Royal West Kents must be congratulated on having a battalion concert party much above the average; their fame had evidently gone before them, for the Hennef Cinema, big as it is, was unable to seat all the spectators.

RETIRING FROM ACTIVE SERVICE.

No. 3 GARRISON COY, 43rd R.F. BID GOOD-BYE TO OFFICERS.

A farewell gathering of No. 3 Garrison Coy 43rd Batt. Royal Fusiliers was held on Tuesday evening in the barracks, Bonner Wall, Cologne, to bid farewell to Major J. Kenneth Aitken, the Commanding Officer, on his retirement from Active Service, and to Quarter-Master Segt.-Major J. W. Oliver who is also retiring.

An excellent repast was presided over by Lieut M. H. Wyatt supported by Lieut. A. H. T. Broderick.

Lieut. Wyatt paid a high tribute to the valuable work accomplished by Major Kenneth Aitken before and during the war, and the company was the poorer for his retirement.

Major Aitkin on rising to address the assembled company was received by the singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and the lusty and boisterous applause scured only to show how much the Major was esteemed and respected. In a well chosen speech he referred to his Army career and impressed upon his hearers the advisability of keeping and pulling together. Other speakers were Lieut. Broderick, Quartermaster Sergt.-Major Oliver who was greeted with "Good Old Jock", Sergt. Hobbs and Pte. Shirley.

At the conclusion of the speech-making a concert followed, songs being rendered by Lieut Broderick, Cpls. Scnofield and Hunter Private Dawson, Private Fartell, Private Handel and Private Manley. Singing and dancing were indulged in long after "lights out" had sounded. Private Dawson acted as M.C. During the evening Quarter-Master T. W. Oliver gave several Scotch songs, which greatly amused the company. Cpls. Forster, Frost, H. Ward. Hunter and Davies also assisted along with Sergt. Walker to make the gathering an enjoyable success.

BOOKS, BILLIARDS and BRIDGE AT BONN.

Y.M.C.A's LATEST ACQUISITION.

Anyone who knew No 10 Munster Platz Bonn, a month ago, would hardly recognise its interior at the present time.

The Y.M.C.A. has taken the place over and transformed the rooms thoroughly to that of a club. It now offers many comforts and conveniences. There is a bilhard room with three tables; a lecture room (wherein classes in the German language are held as well as lectures on economics etc.) and games rooms containing ping-pong sets, chess, draughts, dominoes etc; and a card room where bridge is having a great boom. For music lovers there is a piano and a gramophone with "umpteen" records.

A lending library and book shop provide ample and well varied reading material for officers and other ranks with literary tastes.

CONCERT AT MUNSTEREIFEL.

The concert hall of the girls school was packed to excess on two nights of last week when Miss Inez Bensusan's Woman's Theatrical Coy. appeared. The Coy. showed to great advantage in three sketches, "The Food Control", "The £12 Look and "A Bit of Blighty", Miss Inez Bensusan's character acting in the last-mentioned being exceedingly clever. In addition Miss Gladys Norton, and Miss Hilda Potts contributed items to the programme. The arrangements for the Concert were admirably carried out by 2nd Lieut. G. F. Duchett, ably assisted by the stagemanager Lieut. J. Cotham.

GRAND BOXING TOURNAMENT.

The 53rd Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers are holding a Grand Boxing Tournament in the Artillery Kaserne Bonnerstrasse beginning today, and to-morrow at 1400 hours each day.

The Tournament, which opened yesterday, comprises 70 contests of three rounds, each round lasting two minutes.

KING WILLOW'S PROGRESS.

LIST OF ENTRIES FOR "THE COLOGNE POST" CRICKET CUP.

A REQUEST OF ALL CLUB SECRETARIES.

The allotment of the entrants to the various leagues in connection with our cricket cup competition has "got us beat some," as the "Yank" would say. As we stated yesterday, a great many entries do not inform us of their location, and it is extremely difficult to place their exact positions. In other cases the station of a unit happens to be between two league areas so that it is impossible to decide which would be the more suitable league in which to include the team.

Consequently, we shall be very pleased if secretaries will help us out of our difficulties by 'phoning or wiring the whereabouts of their stations and informing us in which league they wish to be included.

A central town has been decided upon in each area and we desire to know to which one of these your team is nearest. These towns are:—

Cologne, Duren, Euskirchen
Bonn, Solingen, Overath.

In the meantime, we publish below a complete list of the entries received. None of the stations are mentioned, but these will be included when the list of fixtures is published.

The whole organization of the competition is now being held up pending the receipt of the information asked for, and we hope club secretaries, will assist us to get things going with as little delay as possible by 'phoning or wiring NOW.

52nd Cheshires.
"A" Coy 2nd M.C. Battn.
5th Royal Irish Regt.
Army H.Q. Signals.
42nd M.G.C.
69th Siege Bty. R.G.A.
1/4th Y. & L.
"G" Bty. Anti-aircraft R.A.
8th Light T.N. Bty,
Wahn Survey Detachment.
1/5 P.W.O. West Yorks Regt.
180th Labour Coy.
"O" Bty, Rocket Troop R.H.A.
527 Coy R.A.S.C., Highland Div. Train.
Dublin 83rd General Hospital.
75th Brigade, R.F.A.
No. 14 G. H'q'trs, M.T. Coy.
185 Siege Battery, 79th Bde R.G.A.
53rd Northumberland Fus. 1st N. Bde.
Lowland Div., M.T. Coy.
41st Battn. M.G.C.
Midland Divisional Train.
15th "The King's Hussars."
11th Battn. Royal Scots.
51st Battn. The Devonshire Regt.
"E" Corps Signal Coy (IX. Corps).
Bakeries Sports Club.
A Bty. 51st Bde. R.F.A.
VI. Corps Hd'qtrs.
2nd M.G. Squadron Cav. Div.
52nd Royal Warwick Regt.
3rd Battn. M.G.C.
51st Bedford Regt.
1/5th Battn. South Staffs Regt.
Advanced Supply Dept., R.A.S.C.
London Dis., M.T. Coy.
70th Siege Bty.. R.G.A.
"Maps" 4th Field Survey Battn.
29th M.G. Battn.
Cavalry Div. H'q'trs.
X. Corps Signal Coy.
5th Battn. K.O.Y.L.I.
76th Army Bde., R.F.A.
88th Field Ambulance.
IV. Corps Troops, M.T. Coy.
No. 2 Water Tank Coy, M.T., R.A.S.C.
17th Lancers.
62nd M.G. Battn.
9th Corps Heavy Artillery.
21st East Lancs Field Amb
13th K.R.R.C.
257th Squadron R.A.F.
II. Corps H.Q.
5th M.G.Btn.
1st Original Squadron.
9th Corps Troop M.T. Coy.
51st Royal Sussex Regt.
O.C. 91st Field Amb.
4th Suffolks.
310 Bde. R.F.A.
18th Field Amb.
9th Btn. Cheshire Regt.
161st Bde. R.F.A.
37th M.G. Btn.
51st Bn. Northumberland Fus.
1/5 Devons
No. 6 Field Amb., R.A.M.C.
51st Btn. Hamps. Regt.
No. 3 Cav. Field Amb.
256th Siege Bty., R.G.A.
52nd Welsh Regt.
52nd Bn Sherwood Foresters.
39th A.A. Searchlight Section R.E. (Cologne).
Midland Div. H. Q.
52nd Gordon Highlanders.
Light Div. Signals R.E.
Light Div., H.Q.
Northern Div. R.E. (Northern Div.).
52nd Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers.
509 Field Coy R.E. (Mid. Div.).
No. 1 Field Amb. (West Div.).
No.2 Field Amb. (West Div.).
11th Bn. Queens (R.W.S. Regt.) (London Div.).
"B" Corps Signal Coy., R.E.
51st Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt.
70 Squadron R.A.F.
1/5th South Staffs.
1/6th West Yorks.
34th M.G.Bn.
4th Bn. Royal Sussex Rgt.
16th Field Amb. (Midland Div.).
5th Railway Telegraph Coy., R.E.
Eastern Divisional H Q.
63rd Field Coy R.E. (Lowland Div.)
147th C.C.S.
112th Heavy Bty., R.G.A.
15th Lancs. Fusiliers.
104th Bde. R.F.A., H.Q.
No. 8 Field Amb. (Northern Div.).
D 190 Bde. R.F.A. (London Div.).
"F" Corps Signal Coy R.E.
52 nd Bn. Bedford Regt.
5th Siege Bty., R.G.A.
21st Bde., R.G.A.
303rd Siege Bty., R.G.A.
Southern Div., M.T. Coy.
10th Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders.
R. Bty. Anti-Aircraft R.G.A.
31st Labour Group.
2nd London Bde.
Lancashire Division.
174th Siege Bty., R.G.A.
103rd Field Amb.
92nd Field Amb. (Lancs. Div.).
3rd Northern Bde.
13th Motor Ambulance Convoy.
"F" Anti-aircraft Bty., R.F.A., VI. Corps.
153rd Siege Bty., R.G.A.
51st Bn. Sherwood Foresters.
Southern Divisional Engineers.
488th Siege Bty. R.G.A.
237th Field Coy, R.E.
11th Bn. Leicesters.
10th Bn. R.W.K.
H.A.C.
53rd Bn. Welsh Regt.
92nd Bde., R.G.A.
51st Aux Bus Coy.
3 Coy., Western Div. Train, R.A.S.C.
C. Bty., 113 Bde. R.F.A. Southern Div. Art.
Amm. Col., R.H.A., Cav. Div.
1.5 K.O.S.B.
D. Corps Siege Park
(Batt. IV. Corps H.Q. Artillery.).
1/1 N. Midland Heavy Bty., R.G.A.
1st M.G.C.
9th D.L.I.
Lowland Div., Am. Col.
23rd Bn. Middlesex.
237th Field Coy., R.E.
23rd R.F.
16th Lancs. Fus.
51st Kings Liverpools.
42nd Stationary Hospital.
R.A.S.C. 21st Bde., R.G.A.
Lancs. Div., Signal Coy., R.E.
1st Western T.M. Bty.
24th Veterinary Hospital.
No. 1 Coy., R.A.S.C., Highland Div.
No. 83 General Hosp.
12 Royal Irish Rifles (2 Bde.).
Midland Div. M.T.Coy.

AT THE SIGN OF THE RED TRIANGLE.

TALK BY MR. E. W. HORNING ON STEVENSON, CONAN DOYLE AND JACOBS.

The great hall at the Central Y.M.C.A., Cologne was again packed to the doors on Tuesday night when the Band of the 12th Lancers paid their return visit.

The programme comprised selections from "The Mikado", which is probably the most popular of Sir Arthur Sullivan's light works; Coleridge Taylor's "Onward! Awake, Beloved" from "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast"; the Tubaphone solo "Fairyland Chimes" by Musician J. C. Browne; two songs by Mr. Arnold Jones, namely "To Anthea" and "The Two Grenadiers", both of which were excellently rendered and well received; the overture "William Tell"; clarionet solo, "Ancient Scotch Melodies" by Corpl. C. Carrol; and three charming pieces originally written for a small orchestra. The concluding item on the programme was a selection from "The Bing Boys."

Notwithstanding the foregoing counter attraction Mr. E. W. Horning in the Loreley Hall had a crowded attendance for his sixth and last "Talk on Short Stories and their writers," the subject being "Stevenson, Conan Doyle, Jacobs." On Friday Mr. Horning will hold a general discussion on the series in the Loreley Hall.

29th BATTALION M.G.G. v 51st HAMPSHIRE REGT.

This most interesting match, played on the Machine Gunners' ground at Dabringhausen on Sunday, resulted in a win for the home team by one goal to nil. The 51st. Hants kicked off, and immediately made an onslaught on the Machine Gunners' goal, their inside left only just failing to score from a cleverly placed ball.

After some exciting play, Lieut. Curram, (inside right) scored for the Machine Gunners with a clever shot. Keen play followed, a promising movement by the Hants forward line only being frustrated by the whistle blowing for off side. At half time the score remained Machine Gunners 1, 51st. Hants Nil.

Owing to the rain the ground had become very slippery; and during the second half the game was not so fast. Both sides strove hard to score during the last few minutes, the home backs continuing their splendid defence, but neither side was successful. Thus a keen and sporting game ended in a victory for the Machine Gunners by one goal to nil.

Machine Gunners Team. —

L Cpl. Clay, Sharman, French, L/Cpl. McClusky, Capt. Edmonson, Sadler, Armstrong, Lieut. Curram, Crimes, Lieut. Jarrett, Bodges.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Jimmy Wilde Retiring.

Jimmy Wilde intends retiring from the ring in March, 1920. He is now refusing engagements at £300 a week.

Cross-Channel Swim.

Despite the fact that Jabez Wolffe, of Glasgow, has already made 21 attempts to swim the English Channel, he is still confident of success.

Sir Alec Black.

Sir Alec Black, the Grimsby millionaire, who owns The Panther, was originally a pupil-teacher. He is one of the most generous men who go racing.

New Wrestling Champion.

According to a U.S. wireless message from Louisville, Joe Stecher, of Nebraska, the heavyweight wrestler, defeated Wladek Zbyszko, who claimed the championship because he twice defeated Ed. ("Strangler") Lewis recently.

Middlesex v. Notts.

In the match between Middlesex and Notts which begins at Lord's tomorrow, Middlesex will take the field as follow:—P. F. Warner (captain), F. T. Mann, S. H. Saville, N. Haig, M. E. C. Doll, S. M. Easlip, Murrell, Hendren, J. W. Heurne, Lee, and Durston.

All Black XV.

The All Black XV. will leave for South Africa on May 26. Their tour in South Africa will last over six weeks.

Sunday Games.

Lawn tennis will be played this summer on the Conty Ground Courts at Scarborough on Sunday afternoons for the first time in their history. The Scarborough Amateur Rowing Club will also use Sunday afternoons for rowing.

Fishing Prospects.

Salmon and trout rivers are running into good angling condition again, and improved sport is promised.

ANGLO-AMERICAN FOOTBALL.

"DOUGH-BOYS" DEFEATED BY 2nd BRIGADE R.A.F. AT BROHL.

GERMAN SPECTATORATE.

An Anglo-American Soccer match was played at Brohl near Coblenz on Sunday the 11th inst., between the American Engineers and 2nd Brigade R.A.F.

Teams.: — **American Engineers:** — McLean; Chatterton & Hindle; Raynor; Holmes and Curry; Pierson; Buckley; Jones; Gendron and Dumaine.

2nd Brigade R.A.F.: Wood; Gadd and McKay; Hothersall; Campbell and Austin; Prudham; Pratt; Knight; Skeels & Carter.

This match proved such an attraction that even the German civilian population turned out to see it. The airmen lost the toss and had to defend the Rhine end. The game was exceedingly fast, both teams striving their hardest to get through. Several times the American defence prevailed, when the airmen seemed all but through, Curry being chiefly responsible. The American left retaliated and tried hard to score. Resuming the attack the airmen strove their utmost and neat combination between Prudham and Hothersall ended in Capt. Pratt pouncing on the centre and registering the first goal, after twenty minutes play. The pace was now equal to that of a winters day and every ounce of energy was being brought into the game. Gendron was continually dangerous. Half time arrived with the airmen attacking.

SECOND HALF.

Resuming, the Americans at once pressed which culminated in the R.A.F. goal-keeper saving the situation; then excellent combination on the part of the Britisners enabled the battle to rage in the American goal-mouth where a defender handled a centre from Carter. Campbell scored from the ensuing penalty. Not in the least discouraged by this piece of bad luck the Americans again played with great dash and only the sound judgment of the defenders saved the situation. The airmen resuming the attack by the right wing the ball was transferred to the left and centred where the inside right trapped the ball and scored the third point from amongst a ruck of players.

A feature of the game was the hard working American left half who was always a thorn in the airmen's side and relieved his team of many anxious moments, also the understanding which existed between the airmen. The Americans pressed again and forced a corner; this was beautifully placed and Gendron headed past the goal-keeper, Capt. H. G. Wood.

The game was now evenly contested and the final whistle blew with the Americans pressing.

The sometimes unenviable role of referee was admirably filled by Lieut. C. H. Sanders in whose excellent judgment no fault could be found.

Result.: —

2nd Brigade R.A.F. 3, American Engineers 1.

RUGBY AT SECHTEM.

6th WELSH v. SOUTH WALES BORDERERS.

At Sechten the undefeated 6th Welsh met a team selected from the 51st and 53rd S.W.B's. From the commencement it was obvious that the Welsh were streets ahead of their opponents, and it was simply a question of how many points they would compile. Within five minutes from the start Allen romped over and tries were added in the first half by Grant, Lloyd, and James, all of which were unconverted. The visitors were hopelessly beaten all round. It was true that Major Long, Lieut. Glover, and Pte. Riella put in a lot of defensive work but the visitors never looked dangerous.

In the second half the homesters were even better than in the first, and a great deal of pretty open play was witnessed. Tries were scored by Davies, Peters, Lloyd, Grant (an unconverted) all being the result of good open play and passing movements.

Final Result:—6th Welsh 8 Tries, 24 pts; 53rd S.W.B. nil.

51st v. 52nd SOUTH WALES BORDERERS.

In a football match at Arsoff on Saturday in connection with the 8th Brigade League, the visitors opened but were forced to act on the defensive. Royce was prominent in clearing an attack and then Dyer broke through and struck the upright, and Dawson catching the rebound put the visitors one up. Play continued to be of a high standard, each goal being visited in turn, but there was no further scoring until the interval.

Five minutes after the resumption Ayers was injured and compelled to retire. Some very exciting play took place in the 52nds' goal-mouth, the "goalie" being severely tested.

At the other end Glover and Potter were responsible for some good kicking, but the relief was only temporary and just before the finish, Sotham equalised.

Result:—

52nd S.W.Bs' 1 goal; 51st S.W.B's 1 goal.

145 v. 481 SIEGE BATTERY.

This football match was played on 481 S.B. ground at Rottgen on Monday. McDonald soon got well away on the right wing of 145 and acurately centred to Colley who shot, but the goal-keeper tumbled and Colley again got possession and scored. For a considerable period the ball travelled rapidly from end to end, both sides missing opportunities but eventually Steeple scored with a long shot. Soon after, half-time was called, the score being one each.

Following the resumption 145 were awarded a penalty but Lemons failed to convert. Midfield play followed after which Done broke away on the visitors' left wing and centred which enabled Colley to score. Done again broke away and centred and Capt Robson taking advantage of this centre scored. After the kick-off 481 broke away and Colley passed to Lemons who scored with a low drive into the left hand corner. After another unsuccessful attempt by 481 Colley again scored from a pass by Capt Robson. The 145 continued to press but no further goals were registered.

Final result:—145 5 goals; 481 1 goal.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Thursday, May 15, 1919.

Surface wind, light Southerly becoming South Westerly: fine and warm early; rather cloudy later in the day. Misty morning.

THE WOMEN'S THEATRE COMPANY.

PERFORMANCE AT THE BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

Among the happy memories that will be carried away by the first party of troops to visit the British Empire Leave Club at Cologne, by no means the least outstanding will be those inspired by the delightful entertainment submitted by the Women's Theatre Company on Tuesday.

The writer arrived at the brightly decorated theatre (which is an adjunct of the Club) in time to find a crowded audience smiling the smile of entire approbation towards Miss Gladys Norcott, what time that charming and talented young lady dispensed light, tuneful little songs from the stage. The combination of a voice of distinctly pleasing timbre, an agreeable stage presence and other evidences of instinctive artistry recalled recollections of some of those refined and entertaining turns that promised to become so popular at the dear old London Tivoli, shortly before that theatre closed its doors.

A Lesson in Love Making.

Then came a change in the programme in the way of a little one-act playlet which Lieut. Esme Percy, H.L.I. produced, for the first time in Cologne, together with Miss Gabrielle Paul. "The Constant Lover," which is its title, written by Mr. St. John Hankin, was an immediate winner. The two characters in it are real and alive and Mr. Percy and Miss Paul presented them with delightful verve and spirit on Tuesday.

There is no plot in the sketch. The curtain rises to reveal the perfect lover, and the recipient of his affections, in very "mid-summery" attire 'neath the shade of an accomodating tree. One learns in the first few lines of the duologue that follows, that, arising from a "chance" acquaintance a week ago, these two young people have met each subsequent day under the self-same tree. And in view of our hero's wonderful capacity for rapid love-making, as revealed during the next ten minutes, one wonders why he has made such slow progress in his wooing during the preceding six days. However, that can pass.

It is sufficient to know that all those whose privilege it was to witness the first performance of "The Constant Lover" must have learnt a valuable lesson in the delicate art of love-making. Miss Paul presented the rather shy and prudish maid to perfection. She looked deliciously fresh and attractive, she spoke with a musical, captivating voice and her whole bearing was sufficiently demure to win the admiration of the whole of the audience as well as that of the constant lover.

Mr. Percy, young and vigorous and handsome had many clever little things to say, and he said them with zest, accompanied by affectionate little actions that gave the impression that one couldn't have done it better one's self.

Abundant Variety.

Following this, Miss Hilda Potts delighted the audience with three songs of different type, but all rendered with the same high degree of talent. The purity and flexibility of her voice are wonderful, so that, whether she is singing a dainty little love melody or an elaborate excerpt from Opera, her treatment shows adaptability and is always extremely pleasing to the ear. All who have heard Miss Potts in Cologne for the first time will anticipate with the keenest pleasure a renewed acquaintance with her vocal efforts at the concert halls in England.

The concluding item on the programme was another playlet, "A Bit of Blighty", which has entertained the troops for four years and which never fails to win an enthusiastic reception.

Mrs. Eagle, a soldier's mother, is the central character round which the other two gravitate. Miss Inez Bensusan took this part and in the process, displayed some character acting that was as true to life as any artiste could make it. Mrs. Eagle's ecstasy on receipt of a letter from her son; her jealousy when she fears her son has been "hooked" by a "munition hussey," and her delight when she meets the said "hussey" and finds she is not such a bad sort after all, are emotions exceedingly well impersonated. Miss Shirley King plays the sweetheart's part with considerable skill and Miss Paul, as Miss Holt (from the Snapshots from Home League) fills a rather trying role (since she has to occupy the stage the whole time without having very much to say) in every way successfully.

At the conclusion of the performance Miss Decima Moore, director of the Club, addressed a few remarks with characteristic vivacity. She thanked the Women's Theatre Company for their excellent effort, handed Miss Bensusan a beautiful bouquet of flowers and told the boys what had been done and what was intended to be done in connection with the club.

CAVALRY DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS v SIGNAL SQUADRON.

Headquarters Innings:

Capt. Reynolds b Bennett 13; Sgt. Watts b Dart 2; Cpl. Dover c Brinkler b Bennett 6; Capt. Wynne Jones b Dart 8; Sgt. Harris b Dart 4; Pte. Stevens b Bennett 7; Pte. Newsome b Bennett 4; Pte. Lovering c Keevil b Bennett 1; Pte. Fitzgerald not out 0; L.Cpl. Clough c Keevil b Dart 1; Sapper Howard c Bennett 0; Extras 1; Total 47.

The above match which was started on Sunday last but was postponed owing to rain was resumed yesterday afternoon. The Signals ran out easily winners by fifty runs. The bowling honours went to Sapper Howard taking six for twenty-two and Lieutenant Dart taking four for twenty-four.

B. COY 5th K.O.S.B. v. C. BTY., 50th BDE. R.F.A.

The Brigade inter-company semi-final between "B" Company, 5th K.O.S.B. and C. Bty., 50th Bde. R.F.A. was played on the Ritter Strasse ground Solingen last week in fine weather.

During the first 1¼ hour the game was very fast and even. Then the K.O.S.B. forwards took the ball down the field and in a melee round the goalmouth Lieut. Young beat the goalkeeper with a strong drive. After the kick-off the Infantry again pressed hard and from a throw-in Lieut. Young added a second goal to his credit. Half-time blew soon after with the score K.O.S.B. 2; R.F.A. 0.

The second half started as in the first half, both sides playing well. About twenty minutes from the end the R.F.A. seemed to put more life in their attack and rushed the ball down the field and their centre forward Gunner Gregory scored a good goal.

Result:—

5th K.O.S.B. "B" Coy, 2 goals; "C" Battery, 50.h R.F.A. 1 goal.

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A NEW INDIA.

SIR V. CHIROL ON RECONSTRUCTION.

At the London Day Training College, on Saturday, Sir Valentine Chirol delivered an interesting lecture on the new policy of Indian Government. In addition to giving the outlines of this new policy, he spoke in admirable terms of the help which this great empire has given to England during the war.

Whatever might be the value of India, said Sir Valentine, from the military or economic point of view, or from that of prestige, the fact remained that we had become responsible for 315,000,000 people, and that responsibility we must discharge. The Indian Army filled, in the critical winter of 1914-15, a gap on the Western front which our own unpreparedness for such an immense struggle rendered it impossible to fill up from any other source. Our own armies were in training, and the one force that could be flung into the battle line at the time was the Indian Army, which rendered an immense service to the Empire; and, certainly, among our rulers and educated public opinion, our great indebtedness to India was generously recognised.

CAUSE OF UNREST.

He then referred to the duties of the Special Mission of State which had been despatched to India in order to consult with the leaders as to the methods of giving effect to the new policy. An enormous step in advance had been made, Sir Valentine said, but we must not conceal from ourselves the very great difficulties confronting us, owing to the peculiar conditions of Indian society. Even since the declaration of a new policy the unrest in India, which it was hoped the promise would stop, had continued, and within the last few weeks it had assumed an alarming form. It might well be asked how it was that the promise of such far-reaching reforms should have failed to bring a larger measure of contentment, or at any rate, of patience, to what Mr. Montagu in his report called "the politically-minded classes of India." One obvious explanation might be that, in spite of the splendid services India rendered during the war, she never realised as acutely as we had in this country the sufferings and horrors of the war. In comparison with her population, her sacrifices in blood and treasure had been relatively small. Moreover, the battles had been fought on remote fields, and the Indian casualties consisted chiefly of the fighting races, from which the Indian army is mainly recruited, and scarcely at all from the intellectually advanced classes, who represent such public opinion as there is in India.

The real explanation, however, he believed, was to be found in the peculiar structure of Indian society, which differentiates so widely from that of our own civilisation; and also in the evolution of the British rule in India, and the varied and conflicting effects of the impact upon its population of our own civilisation, which is so vastly remote from their own civil and religious life.

ONE-FIFTH OF HUMAN RACE.

What we had undertaken, said Sir Valentine, was the political education of India, and the political education of one-fifth of the human race was no slight task. We had to do it in the face, on the one hand, of the conservatism of our own people in the country, who had, on the whole, made a very fine use of the great powers that had been entrusted to them as representatives of a beneficent despotism, and who honestly dreaded that those powers would not be exercised with the same impartiality and integrity by the natives of the country subjected to those influences of community, religion, trace, and caste which make it so very difficult for the most upright Indian to emancipate himself from them. On the other hand, we had to carry out this process of education in the face of a great deal of covert, and sometimes overt, opposition from the reactionary forces of India, especially Hinduism, which saw in the civilisation for which we stand, the possibly distant but ultimate downfall of all those institutions upon which their own social and religious supremacy depend. A great deal of what is called the revolutionary forces and anti-British forces in India which have broken out with such violence in the last few weeks are, at the bottom, reactionary forces that have borrowed the language and methods of the West, including even Western anarchism. They will use them against Western civilisation because it threatens the future of the social ascendancy of their own people.

After considering an offer from the Marconi Company to establish wireless telegraph stations in Australia for international messages, the Commonwealth Government has decided to give no rights to private companies.

THE CINEMA AND EDUCATION.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

The 51st. Bedfords have added one more weapon to their Educational armoury—the cinematograph film.

Last Saturday, at the Hennef cinema, two companies, during the period usually allotted to education, saw the war film entitled "The Battle of Arras", to the accompaniment of martial music. The majority of the men, owing to their youth, have seen no actual fighting, and they showed all the more interest in these pictures, which portrayed faithfully the varied life of a soldier in the battle zone, and the cruel wanton destruction to trees and property which marked the retreat of the German Army from the Somme.

The film certainly forms a most effective antidote to the insidious disease of fraternization, so easily caught by the young.

The Bishop of Lichfield, who is taking a personal interest in the educational needs of the Army of the Rhine, dropped in and remained an interested onlooker. Towards the end, His Grace had a short, simple talk with the men. In substance, he said that he was much amused to find that the ubiquitous "streng verboten," the old enemy of his pre-war wanderings in Germany, was now being applied by the British in a sense quite different from the original. They had seen vividly portrayed the wonderful heroism of their comrades in the Great War, and they were now in Germany to garner in the fruits of that heroism. There were two theories of life, the selfish one, that we should seek advancement regardless of the sufferings of others; the generous one, that we should all pull together for the common good. It was his ardent wish that they would all make the fullest use of the opportunities offered them, so that when the time came for them to go home (voice "the sooner the better"), they would more worthily take their places in the freer and happier England that was to be.

OUR ATLANTIC COUSINS.

LORD READING'S HOPE IN THE FUTURE.

Interviewed at Plymouth on his return from Washington, Lord Reading late Ambassador Extraordinary in U.S., declared that he came back from America more convinced than ever that the future of the world depends in the main on the relations between ourselves and the United States.

"I see no reason" he continued "from the British point of view for apprehension lest American competition should drive us out of trade which we held before the war.

I feel confident that the British Empire will continue to maintain its world position, and that there is room both for increased American and British activities. Irish agitation has been the main cause of anti-British feeling in America."

"America," said the Lord Chief Justice, "is very anxious to get back to pre-war conditions, and is doing its best to speed up the resumption of trade and industrial activities. Once peace terms are signed it will be easier both in America and at home to devote time and energy to getting back to trade; in England, let us hope, to increased productivity.

"We shall have to be prepared for greater effort. We must produce more than we did before the war in order to increase our wealth; and, of course, we must find markets for the products beyond home consumption."

Lord Reading, discussing the peace terms, said the Germans must have known perfectly well when they laid down their arms as vanquished people that they must submit to terms that a just victor would claim. The Germans can hardly expect to be received into the bosoms of our families.

A Y.M. FOR OFFICERS.

NEW VENTURE AT EUSKIRCHEN.

On Monday, May 12th, Officers' Tea and Recreation Rooms were opened in the Hotel Düren, Dürenstrasse, Euskirchen (between the Town Major's and the Market Square) by the Y.M.C.A.

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GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

THE OLD GANG.

The attitude of the Independent Socialists of Cologne with regard to the power of the new Republic and the danger which might arise from the members of the old Government is very clearly defined in a recent article in their paper, the *Republik*. The writer impresses upon his readers the fact that the power which came to the workmen and soldiers as a result of the Revolution is nullified by the undisturbed existence of members of the "old gang," such as Tirpitz, Ludendorff, Noske and "all the other forgers of the German White Book." As an example it mentions the incident when Beerfelde (who was the first to reveal the scandal and immense fraud committed against the German people by the Government) was prevented by Noske from lecturing on the subject of the Responsibility for the War. "Let us not deceive ourselves," says the writer. "The old rulers have still a firm hold, and General Sauberzweig, who put to death Miss Cavell, is leading the troops against the workmen on strike. They are the same Generals who, during the past four and a half years, forced us to wade in an ocean of blood. The same Press exists to-day which imposed upon us and deceived us throughout the war."

He oic little Belgium.

Stumpfer, the Editor-in-chief of the *Vorwärts*, the leading socialist paper of Germany, has returned from Versailles to unfold his tale of woe to the public. He exhorts the people to be brave and has the audacity to hope that the new Germany might show as brave an attitude as did Belgium against the overwhelming odds of 1914.

But Germany will never be able to portray such heroism; Belgium was maintaining her rights, and was able to stand bravely because she had been unjustly provoked by the German hordes which crossed her borders. Germany has not such a plea, and is merely afraid to take the consequences which she herself brought into being.

Unwelcome Guests.

Count Reventlow, writing to the *Deutsche Tageszeitung*, has given to us a new appellation, a considerably moderate one when compared with some of the epithets hurled at us by the German Press during the war. He says that a people which must endure for long an army of occupation is not altogether defenceless in making trouble for the unwelcome guests. He may speak the truth, but the majority of his compatriots quite rightly realize that such a policy is a foolish one and apt to rebound too swiftly and harshly upon the heads of creators—as surely it would if such an attitude were to be adopted.

"Under the influence of such an occupation," the Count writes, "the national spirit of our tortured people would be aroused and would give vent to new movements." Lack of opportunity is the sorest grievance of all failing aspirants, and in all probability, too, Germany will have every reason to lament on this account.

"I WAS A STRANGER"

THE NEW MASONIC LODGE.

"Yes, verily, I was a stranger in a strange land, and they took me in". These words were spoken seriously by a soldier who had many times "promenaded" Cologne in the hope of finding a "home" and genial companionship, but, as yet, without success. Numerous enquiries and certain signs were given; these efforts, however, were futile. There were others, too, in a similar frame of mind—that is, having pleasant memories of happy evenings in the afore-mentioned genial companionship, there existed a keen desire for the good times of the past in dear old Blighty.

Yes, there were many minds with a single thought—all searching, enquiring, and making mystic signs in the hope of recognition by a kindred spirit.

It seemed as though the fates were against them, until, at length a master-mind rose superior to the need, and the means of gaining the desired information being discovered in the opportune publication of that very useful medium *The Cologne Post*, one letter to the Editor solved the problem.

There in cold black type, headed by four cryptic letters, a sign known and honoured throughout the world brought hope to the strangers and sojourners. There at last was the desired information, and as a result many pilgrims wended their tortuous ways to that Mecca of hapiness and geniality where brother gripped the hand of brother in a spirit of kinship known in certain noble orders.

For the information of others searchers after a happy evening where conviviality combines with true philanthrophy, "The Captain Spanton" Lodge, R.A.O.B., G.L.C., is held at the Sergts. Mess, 52nd D.L.I., Riehl Barracks, every Thursday evening, at 7 p.m., and here, in almost less time than it takes to relate, many re-unions of brethren from home have taken place, and every brother is welcomed.

Wherever brother meets brother irrespective of military rank there comes the desire for further intercourse, and the writer can vouch for the fact that even in the trenches of France and Flanders a Lodge was formed "The Yellow Plume" (20th Hussars) and held when opportunity offered amidst the intervals of shelling to the enjoyment of its members and the furtherance of the noble objects of the Order—thus maintaining the link of friendship which has existed from time immemorial.

A line to B.Q.M.S. Aitchison, 52nd D.L.I., Riehl Barracks, will supply any necessary information.

The United States Government denies that further troops are being sent to Siberia. Volunteers are required only to replace men whose service is expiring.

At the Great Synagogue, St. James's-place, Aldgate, recently Lord Rothschild unveiled a portrait of the late Lord Rothschild presented to the Synagogue by his widow.

A conference of the Victorian Railways Union says a *Reuter's* Melbourne telegram, has endorsed the scheme for the fusion of all labour organisations into one big union.

Mr. William Saint, who recently retired from the office of Government Inspector of Mines for the Midland District, has been appointed general manager of the New Coventry Colliery of the Warwickshire Coal Company at Keresley.

Mr. Francis A. Cox, secretary of the National Equine Defence League, has recently been in correspondence with the King of the Belgians, suggesting that he should signalise Victory Year by prohibiting the traffic in old and decrepit horses between England and Belgium. His Majesty has replied promising to recommend the matter to his Minister for Agriculture.

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FAIR CHANCE FOR ALL.

MR CLYNES SEES NO NEED FOR POVERTY.

"There is no need for poverty in a land so rich in industrial resources," declared Mr J. R. Clynes, M.P., at Nottingham in an address to the National Union of Workers.

"The working classes" he continued "will only obtain a better social order when they have the sense to secure it."

"My desire is to see the removal of degrading and brutalizing poverty, of which so much has been seen in this country for centuries.

"Why is it that as Labour men we take the view enunciated by Mr. Smillie at the Coal Commission? It is because as Britons we desire that the game of life should be played fairly, and that in the struggle for existence a fair chance should be afforded to all.

"The land and mineral rights bestowed in past times by monarchs and others on a favoured few were never legally theirs to give. I want to do the present owners no wrong. Many of them are of the finest type of English gentlemen. Against them personally I have little to urge—it is against the system which keeps others in a state of social servitude that I protest.

"I want to apply political authority and trade union unanimity to bring about these great economic alterations. The change must be acomplished by orderly, constitutional action—none other is necessary."

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The total of the London County Council estimates for 1919-20 is £14,250,000. The net expenditure will exceed £8,000,000.

The London County Council has had an offer of a rent of £2,392 a year for a ninety-nine years' lease of a site in Alawych.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., left London on Saturday morning for America, where he is to take a complete rest for health reasons.

A bull consigned for slaughter at Guildford weighed 1 ton 1cwt. 14lbs., and at the Government fixed price for meat was worth £91 9s. 9d.

Mr. J. A. Muir, who was formerly a member of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, died at Liverpool on Saturday while he was entertaining wounded soldiers.

The Marquis of Exeter, chairman of the Soke Peterborough Council, stated that his grandmother paid him 2d. each for rat's tails, but to-day the market rate was 3d.— an advance of half as much again.

M. Jensen, who flew from Paris to Copenhagen, carried a diplomatic bag containing the official text of the Peace Treaty for neutral Governments. He made the trip without a stop in eight to nine hours.

The Earl of Altamont, son of the Marquis of Sligo, who met with a severe accident some time ago, has had his injured arm successfully operated on by Mr. H. A. Barker, and is progressing very favourably.

An Oldbury (Worcestershire) a fitter named Charles Henry Pritpotts, who was fined £30 for street betting, admitted that he was receiving unemployment pay, and stated that he was induced to take on betting as a living.

The passengers who left Southampton on Saturday for Canada in the Olympic included the Duchess of Devonshire and her daughter, Lady Dorothy Cavendish, Lord Hartington, Mr. C. A. A. Franklin (president of the International Mercantile Marine), Dr. Sateeby, Mr. Edward Price Bell (of the "Chicago Daily News"), and Mr. John A. Stewart, of the Sulgrave Institution.

The date of the service of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in St. Paul's Cathedral has been altered from June 5 to Monday June 2.

In future, licences for importing picture postcards will be issued by the Paper Controller's Department, Board of Trade, 23, Buckingham-gate, S.W. 1.

Owing to the extra work involved by the housing scheme, Hove's borough surveyor is to have an architectural assistant at £300 and a general assistant at £160.

Mrs. Hope of Luffness, who is staying at the Castle Hotel, East Molesey, has reported to the police the loss of a jewel-case containing a rope of pearls valued at £500 and other jewels.

"I never thought there was any harm in gambling on a racecourse because that is where gambling goes on all round," said a man sent to prison at Cheltenham for six weeks for gaming.

The system of paying choir-boys makes them into "mercenary little professionals, selling themselves to the highest bidder," says the Rev. W. Mitchell, vicar of St. Barnabas's, Ealing.

A Chudleigh (Devon) woman has written to the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables, Putney, offering it a thank-offering of £1,000 if the secretary secure her a suitable house in a pleasant locality near London.

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CLEMENCEAU'S REPLY.

M. Clemenceau's reply to Count Brockdorff-Rantzau's note about International labour legislation was to inform him that the solution of such problems will be easier when industry is discharged from the burden of armaments imposed by German militarism.

AUSTRIAN DELEGATION AT PARIS.

SMILES AND COURTESIES.

The arrival of the Austrian delegates at St. Germain yesterday attracted a large assembly. French, British and Italian officers, and the Prefect of the Department awaited them on the platform.

When the train drew in many ladies were seen at the windows of the carriages.

Chancellor Renner stepped out and saluted, his spectacled face wreathed in smiles.

The prefect advanced to meet him and said:—"As representative of the Government in this Department and in their name I am appointed to receive and to welcome the delegation of Austrian plenipotentiaries. You will be treated here with the courtesy which is our French tradition."

The smiling faces of the Austrians made a more sympathetic impression than did their German colleagues.

LIEBKNECHT MURDER TRIAL.

LIGHT SENTENCES.

The verdict in the trial of the army officers accused of the murder of Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg was delivered yesterday.

Hussar Otto Runge was sentenced to two years imprisonment for an offence white on duty, also to two weeks detention and expulsion from the army for using false papers.

Oberleutnant Vogel receives two years and four months in prison and expulsion from the army for misuse of military authority and abstraction of a corpse.

Lieut. Capt. von Pflug-Hartung and the other officers charged were adjudged not guilty.

THE SCHLESWIG PLEBISCITE.

During the evacuation of German troops from Schleswig and the taking of the plebiscite it has been decided to entrust the task of maintaining order to personnel of the British Navy.

FIRST HIMALAYAN FLIGHT.

Simla. 4th May. Major H. A. Tweedie, R.A.F., has arrived at Simla from Umbalia in a Camel Scout. He circled over the station and successfully landed on the Annandale Gymkhana ground. This is the first aerial flight in the Himalayas.—*Reuter.*

INDIAN BANK ROBBERS SENTENCED.

Lahore, 7th May. All is quiet at Amritsar. In connection with the looting of the National Bank there thirty-one persons have been sentenced to imprisonment for seven years and two others to five years.—*Reuter.*

OWING TO AMERICA.

Washington.—Mr. Secretary Baker announces that a complete and comprehensive settlement has been reached respecting all claims between Great Britain and the United States arising out of military operations. Great Britain will pay the United States 35,000,000 dollars as the nett final adjustment. The American claims related largely to aviation expenditure and it is understood that Great Britain's share in the cost of production of Liberty engines amounted to several million dollars.—*Reuter.*

COLONIAL WAR EXPENDITURE.

Replying to Mr. Morton Griffiths in the House of Commons Mr. Amery stated that the War expenditure of Canada was approximately two hundred and fifty-five millions, Australia two hundred and ninety-one millions, New Zealand seventy-six millions, South Africa twenty-three millions and Newfoundland two millions.

FROM MESOPOTAMIA BY PLANE.

Lt. Col. Wilson, of the British staff in Mesopotamia, flying a D.H.9. biplane, has just reached England from Mosul in one week. He was able to do this by flying from Mosul to Cairo across the desert in one day, making three halts.

PREPARATIONS FOR ASSAULT ON PETROGRAD.

HELSINGFORS BASE.

Christiania.—A message from Helsingfors says that the common opinion is that action against Petrograd is being prepared with Helsingfors as a base. Preparations are being made for the reception of a considerable number of foreign troops. Twenty British warships are at Helsingfors and a French cruiser squadron at Hangoe, in Finland. — *Reuter.*

WILL BRITISH TROOPS PARTICIPATE?

In the House of Commons yesterday, Col Wedgwood D.S.O., (Co.L., Newcastle-under-Lyme) asked whether the attention of the Government had been drawn to the statement from Stockholm that the Entente were preparing naval and military operations against Petrograd based on Helsingfors; whether there was any basis for this report; and whether a British squadron has been ordered to Helsingfors and whether combined operations with Finland or any other counter-revolutionary authority are under discussion.

Mr. Bonar Law: The first and second parts of the question I believe are accurate but the third part is inaccurate.

Col. Wedgwood: Are we to understand that the British Government is contemplating naval and military operations against Petrograd in the teeth of the statement made by the Premier the other day?

Mr. Bonar Law: The fact is that a squadron of British ships is available, but no such agreement as is suggested has been made, and it must be obvious if any thing of the kind were contemplated it would be impossible to say anything about it. (Cheers.)

Col. Wedgwood: Do I understand Mr. Bonar Law to say there was a basis of truth in the report, that naval and military operations were being prepared?

Mr. Bonar Law: I meant precisely what I said. A British squadron is there and has been there for a long time to consider whatever emergencies arise.

Col. Wedgwood: May I take it that the British Government will not be committed to an attack on Petrograd, in co-operation with Finland and General Mannorheim, without this House being acquainted with such operations?

Mr. Bonar Law: I could not give such an understanding (Cheers), but I can say that no definite proposal of that kind is at present contemplated.

Reuter learns that the presence of the Allied warships at Helsingfors is due to an appeal from Finland for protection. Bolshevist vessels have been seen in the Baltic and it is feared they might attack the unprotected parts of the Finnish coast.

MARSHAL FOCH IN COLOGNE.

Marshal Foch, in the course of his tour of Germany, will arrive at Cologne today. It is expected that he will land between the Hohenzollern and Neue Bridges about 11 a.m. where he will be received by the Commander-in-Chief, whose guest he is to be.

The staff accompanying the famous French soldier will be entertained by the British General Headquarters, while the Naval officers will be the guests of H.M.M.L. Rhine Flotilla.

Adequate arrangements for the entertainment of our French visitors have been made and the theatres, cinemas and concerts will be visited.

On Saturday Marshal Foch will proceed to Düren where he will be welcomed by a Guard of Honour formed by the IV Corps.

AFGHANISTAN UNREST.

Peshawar, 8th May. According to numerous reports from Afghanistan matters are not going smoothly at Cabul. The recent inquiry into the murder of Habibullah Khan was unsatisfactory, because the real culprits are said to have escaped punishment.

There are distinct signs of reaction against the Amir. It is openly stated that in order to consolidate his position the Amir may not hesitate to cause trouble on the frontier with the purpose of distracting attention from his own domestic worries.—*Reuter.*

GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR FOUND SHOT.

The body of Lieut.-Colonel W.H. Webley Hope, Chief Inspector of firearms at Enfield Small Arms Factory, was discovered in his office yesterday. There was a gunshot wound in the breast and a portion of a gun was found in the office. It is presumed that it became accidentally discharged while he was examining it.

The Registrar General's returns for the March quarter show a decrease of 97,002 in the population compared with an increase of 24,303 for the March quarter of 1918.

SCANDALOUS WASTE OF MUNITION MONEY.

AUDITOR'S EXPOSURES.

The Auditor General's report on the expenditure of the Ministry of Munitions during the year ended 31st March 1918 is one long record of scandalous waste and profligate extravagance.

The astonishing expansion of the Ministry is shown by the following figures of expenditure:—

1915-16	£224,309,523
1916-17	522,931,480
1917-18	672,164,933

These are gross totals, and after deducting appropriations in aid the net expenditure in 1917-18 was £639,206,316.

Some of the principal items of expenditure in as follows.—

Aeronautical supplies	£71,816,689
Guns and small arms	37,779,483
Ammunition:—	
Direct contract work	198,305,100
Shell and filling factories ..	59,500,834
Machinery and material ..	89,093,598
Transport Supplies:	
Transport vehicles	36,812,096
Railway materials	13,741,155
Tanks	9,587,960
Explosives and propellants ..	72,059,410
Trench warfare supplies ..	22,870,473
Advances to contractors, &c. ..	13,396,623
Services for other Government Departments	19,772,572

COMPENSATIONS TO CONTRACTORS.

There is a long list of "compensations of contractors" in respect of contracts made in a hurry and cancelled on reflection. Here are a few examples:

Twenty twin Caudron aeroplane engines were ordered in December 1915. In the following November the work was stopped, "the machine being obsolete." The firm got £8,200 compensation.

Though no agreement was signed, a firm began to build a factory in which to make the Madsen machine gun. Then the Ministry changed its mind, and the firm got £5,000 "on account of erection and dismantling charges," though the building was begun by the company out of £40,000 advanced by the Ministry. They also got £1,069, representing "a profit of 10 per cent. on the expenditure of £5,589 on labour at the works and 2½ per cent. as purchasers' commission, and profit on cost of materials and plant taken back by the Ministry." In sanctioning this "compensation" the Treasury state that "having regard to the great appreciation of building costs my lords would have thought that the factory could have been disposed of without loss."

In November 1916 two contracts were given to one firm for cast-iron double shells. Three months later, "owing to change of requirements, the contracts were cancelled. The firm claimed £2,369 0s. 8d.; reduced officially to £1,555 14s. 4d.

A cancelled contract for 8,000 6in. shrapnel shells cost £6,000; another shrapnel shell contract cost £7,583, cancellations being necessary owing to the issue of a faulty specification, the company being in no way responsible for the failure; a third shell compensation, £4,864 this time, was for stopping a company working on 5in. howitzer shrapnel and turning them on to 4.7in. shrapnel, "which was urgently required."

A brass rod contract led to a claim for £15,000 compensation. This the Ministry reduced by £2,000 when they discovered that the firm had bought the rod at 1s. 2d. a lb. against the 1s. 4d. in the contract to the Ministry.

FREE METAL ISSUES.

"A contractor received during 1916 and 1917 4,089 tons of metal on free issue for orders on which only 2,590 tons were used: the balance of the material was retained by the firm, and recovery of the value (£150,000) has only recently been effected. A further sum of £75,000 has been charged to the firm for scrap material, while an outstanding debit of £100,000 for material issued on repayment has now been reduced to about £30,000. The records of the free issues section for this contractor were both incomplete and unsatisfactory."

CANTEEN LOSSES.

On sales at the canteens at national factories totalling £1,124,403 there was a net loss of £155,000. At the canteens at two factories at Leeds the total loss was £50,000 on sales totalling £92,000.

MANAGEMENT OF A FACTORY.

After mentioning other instances of a similar kind, the Auditor-General goes on to give particulars of an unsatisfactory arrangement for the management of a factory. It appears that the Ministry entered into an agreement for the erection and equipment of a factory for the manufacture of picric acid. The manager of this factory was to receive the sum of £2,000 as remuneration for his services in the construction of the works, and one tenth of a penny for each pound of picric acid produced, with a minimum of £2,000 for his services in managing and maintaining the plant. Production by the factory began in August, 1917, and two months later it appeared that the management was not good. Waste was going on, discipline was slack, and supervision inefficient.

It was considered that the defects complained of were due to the manager attending in the factory for two days a week only. There was no provision in the agreement, requiring full attendance, which he stated he was unable to give. In these circumstances it was held that the minimum remuneration of £2,000 for management was payable under the agreement, but the matter was compromised by the payment of £1,600. It thus appears that this sum was paid in respect of services rendered for four months for part time only. It is observed that the factory in question, the capital expenditure on which amounted to £167,000, was closed in March, 1918 after having been in operation for about eight months, and has since been used as a store only.

ARMY OF OFFICIALS.

To wind up his record of financial waste, the Auditor-General points out that the Ministry's accounting staff has increased from 4,700, costing £800,000 a year, in October 1918, to 5,000, at a cost of £926,000 a year, on April 1 last.

BRITISH TRADE IN GERMANY.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN COLOGNE.

It is five months since the parts of Germany in Allied occupation were thrown open to trade. The French and Belgians took immediate advantage of the opportunity, with the result that an immense volume of business has been transacted and very big orders have passed, cash in advance, between Germany and our gallant Allies.

Even the British occupied territory was well worked by French and Belgian travellers and it is estimated that they have supplied goods roughly to the value of eight hundred millions of francs up to the present.

About a month ago the first British traveller arrived in this territory from Manchester. The Economic Section of the British Military Government quickly acquainted him with the position and its possibilities and he returned to England to get a few friends together and get to business.

Meanwhile others arrived on the scene. At present we have the representatives of some seventy leading British houses in Cologne.

It was felt that some sort of official co-operation between the Military Government and the traders was necessary.

Mr. F. Bates, representing Messrs. Bates and Chappell, Ltd., of West Smithfield, London, suggested the formation of a Chamber of Commerce in Cologne as a way out of the difficulty.

The idea was taken up enthusiastically by Mr. Charles Knott, of Knott and Douglas, Importers and by Mr. Hastings Pembury, official delegate of the committee for the Relief of Belgium, and Mr. Knott called a meeting at the Dasch Hotel for the matter to be informally discussed.

The Chair was taken by Mr. Hastings Pembury, who in the course of a telling speech, drew attention to the position of affairs, reminding the meeting that he was the first Englishman to pay a business visit to the occupied territory. He gave a brief outline of the trouble he had had to find out, piece meal, the different formalities that business men had to comply with under present conditions. "Britons," said Mr. Hastings Pembury, "must stick together and make a co-operative effort." It was essential that some group of traders be immediately formed to represent adequately British commercial interests here, and to lend a helping hand to new-comers, and, although the meeting was quite informal, they could contemplate applying to the Military Governor for power to form a British Chamber of Commerce in Cologne at the earliest opportunity.

The meeting unanimously approved. It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. S. Bracher, late British Vice-Consul in Marseilles, that Mr. A.J. Stockdale, Manager of Cox & Co. (France) Ltd. and Mr. Knott wait upon the Military Governor on Tuesday to apply for permission and assistance.

The delegation met with every encouragement from the Military Authorities and, on Tuesday evening, a fully representative meeting of British traders decided to form an Association to be duly incorporated in London under the name of "The British Chamber of Commerce, Cologne". A considerable sum was immediately subscribed to cover preliminary expenses and Messrs. Cox & Co. (France) Ltd. offered to guarantee any deficit on the first year's expenses.

An Executive Council was formed and the following officers were elected:

President: Mr A. J. Stockdale
Vice-Presidents: Mr Hastings Pembury, Mr Knott
Honorary Treasurer: Mr Davis

Mr Knott consented to act as Honorary Secretary of the Chamber.

Amongst the houses represented at the meeting were:

Robert Outram, London; Fleming & Co., London; Edwin Woodhouse & Co., Bradford; S.D. Bates & Co., Manchester; The Greengate Worsted Co., Bradford, Messrs Cox & Co., (France) Ltd., Knott & Leckie, London; S.D. Bles & Co., Manchester; John Fulton & Co., Belfast; R.W. Taylor & Co., Milk Street, London; Lloyd Attree, Wood Street, London; The National Horseflesh Export Association Ltd., Lime St., London; Clifford Stead, Bradford; Frost & Son, London; Bates & Chappell, Ltd.; 4—5 West Smithfield London; Peek Bros & Winch Ltd., London; H. Berry Steege, Esq; C. E. Davidson Esq.; The Bengal Co., Bradford; John Stait Ltd., London; The Knott van Roosbroek Co. Ltd., London; H.J. Hay Esq., Owen Bates, Esq.; Nestles Milk, Ltd.; Anglo-Swiss Milk Co.; Falcon Aircraft Co.; Devine & Co., Regent Street; Wills & Co., Tobacco Manufacturers; W.C. Mallison of Manchester, and many others.

An information bureau will be opened in about a week in Cologne and a secretary will be in attendance every week-day from 10 to 1 and 3 to 5 to give assistance and advice to British traders.

An official from the Military Government (Economic Section) has kindly consented to be every day during the same hours at the offices of the Chamber and to place a quantity of specialised and valuable information at the disposal of the public.

Special thanks were voted to Mr. Stockdale and to Mr. Knott for the prompt and able manner in which the organisation of the preliminaries had been carried out.

A vote of thanks was also passed to Messrs Cox & Co. (France) Ltd. for generously guaranteeing any possible financial deficit at the end of the first year.

One toast, "The King," enthusiastically closed the first meeting of this officially recognised organisation which will certainly be a great boon to British firms doing business here.

DESPERATE SINN FEIN OUTRAGE.

CONSTABLE MURDERED.

Another atrocious murder has been committed by Sinn Feiners in Ireland. An escort consisting of four Royal Irish Constabulary were conducting a Sinn Fein prisoner to Cork gaol by the night train from Thurles. On arrival at Knocklong station, County Limerick, the compartment was entered by armed men, who shot one constable dead and seriously wounded another. Several shots were exchanged. It is stated that a third constable is missing. Prisoner and his rescuers got clear away, taking two rifles and revolvers.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT WAR.

FIELD MARSHAL'S OPINION.

Among the distinctions being conferred on Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig is the Rectorship of St. Andrews University, to which he was installed yesterday afternoon.

In the course of his address Sir Douglas said that most people have an idea of the magnitude of the world war now drawing to a close. If, however, we wish to avoid a repitition of such catastrophes we must be prepared actively to prevent them and must know what course to pursue in order to attain our object. Although for a while they may lie dormant, the passions from which war springs are not yet caged in the heart of man.

Seeds of future conflict are to be found in every quarter of the globe and are only awaiting the right conditions, moral, political and economic, to leap once more into activity and cover the field, with harvests of armed men.

Among the more obvious of existing possibilities of strife Field Marshal Haig put in the first place the problem which newspapers and novelists called the "Yellow peril". The Chinese must eventually demand a place in European labour markets and India was beginning to turn toward social, industrial and political development. The solution Sir Douglas Haig would suggest was the giving to all races, however insignificant, British freedom and Justice, thereby in the course of years levelling them up to our own standards of life. The League of Nations could never absolve us from the Mission which is laid upon us as an Empire.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN SOUTH LONDON.

CHAMPION WRESTLER'S SUICIDE.

Yesterday morning a professional wrestler named Harold Channels jumped from an upper window of his house at Lambeth with his throat cut. His wife was afterwards found in the bedroom with a terrible wound in her throat. Both are dead. Channels it is stated, won the world's light-weight wrestling Championship in 1903 under his professional name of Retwyskow.

FRENCH AND THE SHELL SHORTAGE.

Lord French, continuing yesterday his narrative in the *Daily Telegraph*, says:

"On September 26 Sir Charles Haddon, Master-General of the Ordnance, arrived at my Headquarters to discuss the question of armament and ammunition. I took this opportunity to impress upon him how terribly deficient we were in heavy artillery as compared with the Germans, and urged as strongly as I possibly could that the manufacture of this class of ordnance, as well as an abundance of ammunition, should be put in hand at once.

"My official correspondence with the War Office on this vital subject dates back to this time, and continued right up to June 1915."

Lord French adds: "Mr. Lloyd George's work was done in face of a dead weight of senseless but powerful opposition, all of which he had to undermine and overcome. In later pages of this volume I shall refer again to the subject of deficiencies in armament and ammunition. I have mentioned it here because I am firmly convinced that, had my advice with regard to it been listened to and acted upon at the time, the war would have finished long before it did, and untold suffering would have been saved to the civilised world."

French describes the movements of the various Corps following the fall of Antwerp and the progress of the combined Franco-British advance into Belgium between the 11th and 15th October, referring particularly to the fine work of Allenby's Cavalry in the Hazebrouck-Merville region despite strong opposition.

Referring to a visit to Smith-Dorrien at Bethune on the 13th October French says he found him in one of those deep fits of depression which unfortunately visited him frequently. Smith-Dorrien complained that the second Corps had never got over the shock of Le Cateau and he was convinced that there was no great fighting spirit throughout the troops he commanded. French told him he greatly exaggerated the disabilities but acknowledges that Smith-Dorrien was confronted with a difficult task, as he was on a very extended front and the situation undoubtledy demanded skilful handling and great determination.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Dealings on the London Stock Exchange yesterday were active and the general tone good. The increase of £845,000 sterling in sales of National War Bonds last week, together with large applications for industrial capital, is regarded as being very encouraging. Home Funds were firm. Indians also were firmer, following the action of the India Council in raising the exchange value of the rupee to eighteen pence owing to the rise in the price of silver. French Funds weakened on further depreciation of the franc and Chinese and Japanese dropped slightly owing to the political situation. Russias were dull. Oils were buoyant though profit taking caused a slight set-back in those descriptions which recently advanced rapidly. Land and Trading Companies shares were active and hardening, especially of the Myer Company. The buying of this security was said to be on behalf of American interests. Marconis advanced sharply on influential support. Industrials and Shippings were strong. Gold mining shares were in renewed demand, mostly at higher prices.

British Oil Companies in combination have subscribed two hundred thousand guineas for the purpose of endowing a chemical school at Cambridge.

Mr. J.H. Thomas, the elder and only surviving brother of the late Viscount Rhondda, died on Sunday. He and Viscount Rhondda were married to two sisters who were cousins of Sir Douglas Haig.

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SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN.

There are about twenty years in the middle of the nineteenth century which have an extraordinary interest for the student of history. From 1848 till 1871 the face of Europe was continually changing, and with hardly an exception every nation had to pass through the throes of revolution. These were days when the mettle of princes and politicians was tried in the furnace of politics, and Louis Philippe, Mazzini, Metternich, Palmerston, and Bismarck flitted to and fro across a troubled stage. It is not an easy task even now to pass impartial judgment on the events of those intriguing times, and one is tempted to sum up the period in Disraeli's classic words of "meddle and muddle." But some attempt must be made to disentangle the perplexing story, and to-day we aim at reconstructing the tale of two duchies which though small in extent of territory brought upon themselves the armed forces of world powers—the duchies of Schleswig and Holstein.

These duchies form a somewhat narrow territory which separates Denmark from Germany. In the middle of the last century they had a considerable German population, though they were under Danish rule despite the fact that Holstein was a member of the Bund or confederation of German peoples. Both Holstein and Schleswig were hostile to the Danish Government for the reason that they were desirous of independence. When Frederick VII came to the throne of Denmark in 1848 he made an attempt to win over the duchies by a liberal policy, but they were encouraged by the revolutionary movement in Germany and demanded inclusion within the Bund and a joint constitution on the German model. Frederick treated these demands as rebellion and sent an army into Schleswig-Holstein. The Prussian king sent help to the Duke of Augustenburg who led the people against Frederick. At Malmö a truce was arranged by which Schleswig and Holstein were made subject to a common government of which half the members were to be nominated by Denmark and half by Prussia. In 1850 it was agreed by treaty that Schleswig was to submit to Danish rule and that Holstein, as a member of the German confederation, should retain a semi-independence. The integrity of Denmark was guaranteed by the Treaty of London, 1852, signed by England, Austria, France, Prussia, Russia, and Sweden; and succession to the monarchy was promised to Christian of Glücksburg whose daughter, Princess Alexandra, was in 1863 married to the Prince of Wales. In that year Denmark, believing that she had now the support of England, resisted the attempt of the German confederation to free Schleswig and Holstein from her rule. The latter duchy was speedily overrun, and the duke of Augustenburg was proclaimed king as Frederick VIII.

It was at this point that Prussia and Austria intervened as they felt that the settlement of Schleswig-Holstein concerned them vitally. Bismarck was Prussia's leading statesman, and the "Cartridge Prince," William I since 1861, was as wax in his hands. With only English protests to face, re-combined armies of Prussia and Austria invaded the duchies. Denmark did not defend Holstein, but made a vainly gallant defence of Schleswig. All was lost in a short time, and only the heroism of Düppel's fortress brought consolation to the Danes. Schleswig and Holstein were thus in 1864 ceded to Prussia and Austria; in 1866 they were in the sole possession of Prussia, for Bismarck soon turned on his ally military organization, a new needle-gun and insatiable ambition brought about Sadowa and the end of the "Three Week's War." The Peace of Prague laid it down that Austria should withdraw from the Bund and should renounce all claims on Schleswig-Holstein. In it there was a provision that northern Schleswig should be restored to Denmark if a plebiscite of its inhabitants wished the transference. Bismarck permitted no opportunity for such a plebiscite since he preferred "strategic security" before any honourable regard for the promises of diplomacy.

The draft Treaty of Peace has brought upon Bismarck's race the punishment of blood and iron statecraft.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

(IV.)

BY WILLIAM ROBERT PATTERSON F.R.G.S. ETC.

One of the most fascinating branches of photography is that which deals with stereo-work. There is a double advantage, for one has two cameras together.

You may take double pictures to be viewed through a stereoscope or you may, by placing the cap over either lens, produce a single photograph. If your lens is an anastigmat you may obtain negatives capable of enlargement up to almost any size. I have seen a good positive of under two inches square projected as a lantern slide upon a screen of over six feet square which produced full detail in every particular. I have also taken enlargements from my own plates of similar dimensions which have been almost equal in sharpness to large-size original pictures. I do not say that every photograph will prove so successful but if the plate or film is a good one and the exposure correct you may produce delightful enlargements from quite small negatives. Note, for instance, how clear the scenes appear in a cinematograph display; their positive size is roughly one inch by three quarters of a inch, yet they may be enlarged to such a degree as to be perfectly distinct to a large number of spectators.

The charm of stereoscopy lies in the effect of solidity which is produced; all objects stand out and are contrasted with each other. Two pictures are taken simultaneously as one views them with the right and left eyes. If you compare them you will find that, although the centres of both pictures give similar objects, the right hand one will present a larger scope on its right edge than the left picture; in the same way the left hand picture will give more on its left.

Now, in viewing any object, your eyes converge upon a point. If you are looking at a book only a foot from your face your eyes will turn inwards. Let any person take the book further away and your eyes focus themselves to suit the distance; the angle of vision made by both eyes, meeting at the object, becomes narrower. In looking at a star, the rays of light to each eye are almost parallel because the star is so far away. In any case, however far the object may be the eyes must converge upon a point, we have not the visionary power of inspecting two things at once. This is the secret of stereoscopy. Two lenses are cut and placed in such a manner that, in viewing two pictures, we see them as one, just as our eyes would view them; the lenses cause a convergence and each object takes a solid form.

I strongly advise you to purchase a *"Stereo-apparat"* if you can secure one; the advantages of such an apparatus are manifold.

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There will be an art Exhibition at Bonn at the beginning of next month. The proceeds are to be presented to the Red Cross. I trust we British in Cologne will pay a visit to Bonn on the 6th, 7th, or 8th of June and lend what assistance we can to so worthy a cause. And can someone organize such a one here? I am willing to assist.

WHAT ALL THE WORLD KNOWS.

We reproduce a straightforward and illuminating article which appeared in *Die Welt am Montag*, reproduced in the *Bergische Arbeiterstimme* of 13th May. It is of especial interest to us because it appears that there are some sections of public opinion in Germany which realize the truth as to Germany's culpability and are not afraid of speaking out. We reprint the article entitled "Unending Hate" as follows:

HATRED WITHOUT END.

I was travelling to Thuringia a few days ago in a third-class compartment with soldiers. I was silent while they spoke. The drift of their conversation was as follows:

We have not gained anything by the revolution. Militarism is still alive. Noske is a prisoner in the hands of officers, just as the Government is in the toils of capitalism. We poor devils will continue to remain as we were. Unless things are altered we ought at least all to become poor devils together. Doubtless this will cause much bloodshed.

On my return, I got into a second-class carriage in which were wealthy middle-class manufacturers. They said "The Government is weak. They give orders to fire too late, and not often enough. Every Russian who gives himself airs ought to be proscribed. All Communists ought to be put against the wall, but Scheidemann does not venture to do this. Noske, who perhaps would like to do so, is not granted permission. Yes, things were better under Wilhelm II."

Disraeli, in his novel "Sybil" once described the two nations which are to be found within every people. The two nations within our people bear a mortal hatred to one another. They kill each other with pleasure. The fearful crimes committed at Halle against Colonel von Klüber, at Dresden against Neuring, the Minister of War on the one hand, the murder of Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, of Joliches and Lojeviski, of the 32 sailors and many other defenceless people on the other hand, afford sufficiently sanguinary proofs of the mentality of the German people. The wholesale slaughter of the war has not had an instructive and deterrent effect, but has rather proved an incentive to sadism.

Our Peace negotiators have journeyed to France. The train proceeded slowly through the desert into which the most productive portion of France has been transformed by the war which was declared by us and conducted on our methods. Hate accompanied them, and Hate received them; by Hate the conditions of peace have been dictated. The German people is revolted against the demands which have been formulated. It does not understand the hate that the world feels for us. Have we not rather had more reason to hate our foes? That is the greatest crime with which I would reproach the Government, i.e. that they failed to enlighten our own people and to disperse the poisonous cloud gases with which the official lie apparatus has enveloped them during these last four years.

Everybody knows that Germany is alone guilty for the outbreak of the war; that we are responsible for the militarization of Europe, as we contributed to the breakdown of the attempt to establish disarmament and arbitration at the Hague Conference; that during the month of July, 1914, we rejected every international attempt at agreement; that by our approval of the Austrian ultimatum to Serbia we set the match to the powder; that we supported the declaration of war against France by means of fraudulent assertions, and that through the breach of neutrality towards Luxembourg and Belgium, we are branded as a people of unscrupulous morals.

Only the great majority of the German people are entirely ignorant of all this. They still believe in the fairy tale of the policy of encirclement, of the war imposed upon us, and of a Belgium which did not maintain its neutrality.

Everybody knows that Germany is guilty of the endless prolongation of the war; when in the Spring of 1915 an opportunity occurred of opening up negotiations via the Hague, our Foreign Office (naturally at the instigation of the Military party) brusquely rejected the attempt at mediation set on foot by the Dutchman, Dresselhuys; that by the mediation of President Wilson in 1916, Germany might have obtained a peace upon reasonable terms, but we preferred to promise Mexico a couple of American provinces and to initiate the unrestricted "U" boat warfare. During the winter of 1917, a serious attempt to bring about peace would have been possible (President Wilson's friends in Switzerland clearly indicated the way). The Supreme German Command, however, promised them ultimate victory by means of their Spring offensive. The peace of Brest Litowsk afforded a convincing proof to everybody what Germany's views were about peace; the unanimous conclusion which was drawn was that Germany only desired a dictated peace. Germany never had any honourable intention of keeping her promise made on the 4th August, 1914, to right the wrong committed against Belgium, but continued to make play with the red herring of "pledges in hand" and "real guarantees." It is however, a great majority of the German people alone who to-day are still of the belief that we were always ready for peace, whilst our opponents were filled with unbridled war lust.

Everybody knows that the manner in which the war was conducted by Germany was characterized by a peculiar ruthlessness, not to say barbarity. The reason for this is to be found in the fact, not only that the war was almost exclusively conducted on foreign soil, but also because we were superior to other nations in the technique of murderous instruments of warfare. The fact remains that owing to the sinking at sight of merchant ships and passenger vessels by our "U" boats, we systematized an especially exasperating form of warfare in contradiction with International law, and by the employment of poisonous gas and liquid fire, we also set an especially bad example. By our senseless aerial attacks upon undefended open towns in England, which were useless from the military point of view, we evoked a feeling of hatred far and wide amongst the masses of the English people. By the systematic transformation of the Somme area into a desert, we evoked one single cry of vengeance throughout the whole French people. By the systematic exploitation of the territory which we occupied and by the deportation of the population, with the flimsiest shadow of right, we brought down upon ourselves the name of robbers and slave dealers.

The greater majority of the German people still believe that we confined ourselves to indispensable military measures and faithfully observed international law, whilst the others were "Baralong murderers" and beasts in human guise.

Everybody knows that the German Propaganda carried on abroad exceeded in shamelessness everything hitherto conceived. Everybody knows that in America, whilst it was still neutral, a mis-use was made of our official representatives

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OUR CANTEEN.

Life at Lechenich does not advance it appears. It is no longer a matter of going on and on; it is a succession of Wednesdays, for on these blessed Mercredis (or Mittwochs) comes the stuff to the Canteen. No schoolboy's birthday, no youth's allowance, was ever anticipated with such lively eagerness as attend's the approach of these recurring periods, awaited as they are through tobacco-less days and cigarette-less nights.

See, then, what a concourse of pilgrims appears, as the hand of the clock approaches the appointed hour of 10 a.m., each one with his face resolutely set towards his Mecca. As we were perfecting our mental list of necessities, cigarettes, chocolate, soap — yes — and we must remember the health salt which we forgot last week — and some brown polish and some black and a bit of "Soldier's Friend," etc. So musing, we came up to the Canteen.

I confess it always amuses me to see a grown man lining up for four bars of milk chocolate, and exciting themselves over the possibility of getting it. Not so long ago he classed it with Mellin's Food and Patent Barley, i.e., for infants. To such conditions have we come, the Canteen could lay in a stock of sugar candy and kali powders and be moderately sure of a sale. No one ever sees our Canteen without a queue in front of it, and on Wednesdays it grows to most immoderate proportions. Some fellows take their blankets there on Tuesday night or sleep on the steps. Our queue is so long on these days that those in rear are obliged to take occasional walks to the front to satisfy themselves they really are lined up in front of the Canteen and not the Cinema! Slowly we move forward nearer and nearer. Now we make our purchases — receive our change, and fight our way out. We sequestrate our goods about our person. Cigarettes, soap, chocolate, the queue close up. Donnerwetter! we have forgotten the health salts.

The other day coming across our Battalion Canteen in its new quarters, we fell to meditating upon the history of this old campaigning friend of ours. Like us, it has suffered and enjoyed the varying fortunes of war, it has known poor quarters and good. Now an ancient tent, now a barn, a limber, a cubby hole or a Nissen Hut. Following us in our weary Crusades, satisfying our palate with some slight delectables, supplying the fragrant weed, and even on a few scattered but momentous occasions contriving to provide the vintage, the pure, the old nut-brown.

But these are its prosperous days. No ancient tent could essay to contain it. It has spread itself as a green bay tree and blossomed into a magnificence of a two room concern. The very sign outside the door — a pelican rampant, on one leg, in which precarious position it has persevered for two years to our knowledge — revels in the new-found glory of blue and red. It has lost its old hang-dog rakish expression, and peers at you with a lively waggishness. Its halcyon days are here and it is profoundly conscious of the fact.

I remember the first time I made the acquaintance of the Battalion Canteen some two years ago. Being a "Rookey," and (of course) very ignorant, and wanting to test the buying power of every Cinque Franc I strolled in search of the Canteen. Having in the blindness of ignorance circumvented it some few times without recognition, I found it guarded by this same pelican, which blinked dully at me through an atmosphere of fog and murk. An old battered and leaky tent suffering at the same time from an excess of camouflage and ventilation and tenanted by a languid lance-corporal with no stock, and who seemed surprised to have been suspected of having any. How different now when we often have as many as two kinds of cigarettes alone, and sardines both in oil and tomatoes.

It used to surprise us in the days of in the great war, how many Canteens continued to have an existence in fable long after they ceased to have any existence in fact. Following minute instructions from traffic men and lorry drivers as to the position of the "Y.M.," you would arrive on the indicated site to find it had moved some seven or eight months ago. But the fable of its existence would still persist, and a mythical "Y.M." would continue to be cursed in trenchant language by disappointed wanderers until its ghost was finally laid. Or you would arrive, hot and dusty, say, at the R.E.'s Canteen, anticipated through four weary kilos, and be faced with the familiar notice: "No cigarrettes, no chocolate, no matches, no nothing."

Those days are now happily over and we can take our ease in the sweet serenity of meditation sustained by the influence of a well-filled briar or mellowed by the incluse of unlimited cigarettes.

ERASMUS.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS AND ENQUIRERS

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for every form of corruption, together with the adoption of forcible measures. The inviolability of diplomatic intercourse was used by us in order to smuggle explosives and bacteria to neutral countries (e.g. Norway, Sweden and Switzerland) which were to be employed against our foes abroad. Also, that we attempted to incite Irish and other prisoners to high treason by means of the most infamous measures.

The greater part of the German people still speak in good faith about the propaganda of lies carried on by their enemies, of a campaign of bribery on the part of the British and American agents, of the murder of Casement, etc.

Only those who have any conception of the measure of the sins committed by our former rulers can understand the world-wide atmosphere of hatred by which we are surrounded. The greater part of the German people are as yet unaware of these things, and yet it must learn to know of them if it does not wish to accumulate hate upon hate. Thus, the world will remain what it was during the war—one single theatre of war. We need pacification at home as well as abroad. An indispensable preliminary for this, however, is that we Germans should understand each other at home and then other nations. Hatred is a bad counsellor. Force will always evoke fresh force. The world will be as far as ever from being delivered from its wounds by a Noske system as by a Tirpitz-Ludendorff system. First let us learn to understand other people, and then endeavour to come to an agreement with them. If we do not succeed in doing this, then we must needs despair of the future of humanity.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Friday	6	Rigoletto	Verdi
Saturday	6	Fidelio	Beethoven
Sunday	6½	Tiefland	d'Albert
Monday	5½	Arlecchino Turandot	Buzoni
Tuesday	6	Tales of Hoffmann	Offenbach

"YE MERRY MUFFINS"

HIGHLAND DIVISIONAL CONCERT PARTY'S EXCELLENT BILL-OF-FARE.

"Ye Merry Muffins", the Highland Divisional Concert Party, which has been entertaining large audiences at Duren during the past week take farewell of the place to-morrow and proceed to Cologne in pursuance ot their tour of the Rhine front. A treat is in store for future audiences at the "Muffins" concerts, and the troops in and around Duren would welcome a return visit. During this, their third week in Duren, they have appeared in "As you were" preceded by the usual programme of variety turns, musical and humorous.

The opening chorus from "The Gondoliers" is rendered in a way that would do credit to Savoy performers. Then Muffin Alex Factor a light comedian hailing from Edinburgh, leads the troupe in the chorus song, "All Aboard", an effort which evokes the enthusiastic applause of the audience.

A "DEMOB'D SKETCH".

"Day after day", a concerted piece, is a delightfully smart and amusing commentary on "demob", and equally well received is another military topical sketch "How he thought it would be, and how he found it", depicting the hopes and the disillusionment of an officer patient in a C.C.S. Muffin Coates shows the full range of his fine bass voice in "Round the Needles", and Muffin Rae the beautiful tone of the tenor in "Santa Fe", while Muffin Willson gives a rendering of "Tommy Lad" in the manner of an accomplished baritone singer.

Muffin Lonsdale was again prominent in several of the concerted numbers, singing and acting brilliantly. "Teddie" and "Davy" are exceedingly clever, and in their appearances this week they enhanced their reputations as female impersonators. Lieut Reg. C. Matthew, the leading Muffin, revels in his work. Either alone or accompanied on the stage he draws from the audience a continuous roll of laughter.

Perhaps the outstanding, and certainly the most amusing item was the concluding sketch in which the combined efforts of Muffins Matthews and Edgar Max sent the audience into fits. Muffin Max, whose make up and handling of the big drum and cymbals with comical effect was extremely funny is the well-known comedy artiste of the British Music Halls. The party concludes the first part of the programme with "Nuts in May" "Carry on the good work" and "Simple melody" three sparkling numbers which had been given and immensely enjoyed by the audiences at the earlier concerts.

MAGIC PILLS.

"As you were," unless in the final scene, is not a military sketch as the title implies. It is a wonderfully conceived comedy, brimful of fun, and the play withal contains a moral. From a present day scene the audience is transported by stages to the days of primitive man, the extraordinary feat of rolling back the time to the distant ages being effected by the taking of certain pills prescribed by "Dr. Quack." Muffin Matthews first as Lord Adolphus Snoogle, then Louis XIV, then Paris of Troy, is the chief performer in the sketch. His style is inimitable and his humour irrepressible. He is certainly a star artiste in the best sense of the term. Muffin Lonsdale has much to do as Sir Billiam Boost and he does his bit admirably. "Davy" as Lady Loost and "Teddy" as Ninon the maid, act in their best style, the latter scoring a great hit as the nurse in the convalescent ward scene. Muffin Factor, who efficiently carries out the work of stage manager, also appears in the caste in the role of "Dr. Quack" with much success. Among the other performers are Muffin Willson, Rae and Mathieson all of whom deserve credit for their work.

Muffin Runacre again leads the orchestra whose selections form a feature of the entertainment.

"A FINE LOT OF MEN."

2nd. BRIGADE INSPECTED BY DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AT HENNEF.

On Friday last the 2nd. Brigade of the Eastern Division was honoured by a visit from H.R.H., The Duke of Connaught, and it was the privilege of the 51st. Bedfords to find the Guard of Honour.

At about 4.15 p.m. the Duke arrived at Hennef, accompanied by the Corps Commander and staff, and after inspecting the billets and cookhouses of the battalion, proceeded to Brigade Headquarters at Allner.

The Guard of Honour, commanded by Major G. White, M.C., consisted of two Officers and one hundred other ranks, and was drawn up outside the Schloss.

The Duke was greeted with the Royal Salute, and then proceeded to inspect the Guard. He chatted genially with the Commander, and took a keen interest in the military service of Regtl. Sergt. Major Lawrence, and other Warrant Officers present. It transpired that the major portion of the R.S.M's. service had been with the Essex Regiment. The Duke instantly asked whether with the 44th. or the 56th. (Pompadours), and was told the 56th., showing how intimately acquainted he is with the history of our old Regiments.

Throughout the inspection, H.R.H. passed several complimentary remarks such as "A fine lot of men," and "They call them the Young Guards; they should be renamed the 'Young Grenadiers.'"

The inspection finished, the Guard marched away with swinging step to the exhilarating strains of the Regimental March Past — "The May Moon." The Duke then had tea with the Brigade Staff, and left Hennef shortly afterwards.

MOTOR-CYCLING SPEED CONTEST.

The Motor-Cycling Club opened its competitive programme with a speed-judging contest held over a course of 5½ miles, which had to be covered three times, the first circuit at 16½ miles per hour, the second at 18½ miles per hour, and the third at an optional speed, which had to be declared at the finish. The winner was M. L. Luiggi (4 h.p. B.S.A.), an Italian student, resident in England.

SUMMER SPORTS.

FOX c SALMON b RENYARD.

70 SIEGE BATTERY BOWLER IN TIP-TOP FORM.

The return match between 70 Siege and the 8th Field Ambulance (R.A.M.C.) at Effern on Wednesday resulted in an easy win for the first named who scored 88 for the loss of 6 wkts., against their opponents' full total of 29. Batting first the visitors could do little with the deliveries of Renyard and Sergt. Crook the first named capturing 7 wkts. for 14 runs and Sergt. Crook 3 for 12. The fielding of the battery was brilliant. Four of 70's wkts. were down for a paltry 19 but with Frost and Crook together runs came at a good pace, the first named's cutting being splendidly crisp and well timed. The pair added 35 before being separated and with 86 on the board stumps were drawn. Details: —

R. A. M. C.

Fox c Salmon b Renyard	7
Whatman b Sergt. Crook	0
Blakley b Renyard	3
Cousins lbw. b Renyard	2
Hardaker c Frost b Renyard	8
Powell b Sergt. Crook	0
Bonniface c. and b Renyard	2
Izard c Farquahson b Sergt. Crook	0
Hadcock c McKinley b Renyard	2
Moughton b Renyard	1
Driver not out	1
extras	3
Total	29

70 SIEGE BATTERY.

Sergt. Muggleston c Hardaker b Blakley	4
Oliver b Blakley	1
Renyard b Hardaker	4
Salmon b Blakley	3
Sergt. Crook lbw. b Hadcock	15
Frost b Cousins	18
Gaskell not out	13
Root not out	13
extras	17
Total	88

Trevena, McKinley and Farquahson did not bat.

ARMY TROOPS SPORTS.

The Army Troops Athletic Sports to be held at the Pola Wiesen Sports Ground on the 23rd and 24th inst. are attracting a huge number of entries. The value of the prizes to be awarded is in the neighbourhood of 5,000 marks, so there should be some really good sport witnessed. The programme is excellently arranged. The first day's events include 100 yards, 440 yards, and one mile flat races, pillow fight, tug of war, putting the shot etc. During the second day's proceedings there will be 220 yards, 880 yards (officers) flat race, 120 hurdle and 440 yards obstacle races. An event of considerable importance will be the five miles cross country race, in which individual and team placings will count. The open events will include 100 and 440 yards and one mile races.

LAWN TENNIS FIXTURE.

For the Surrey Championship meeting at Surbiton next week there is a remarkably fine entry. Intending competitors include M. J. G. Ritchie, C. P. Dixon, A. D. Prebble, W. A. Ingram, Sir G. A. Thomas, and G. T. C. Watt (British Isles), Major R. W. Heath, S. N. Doust, R. V. Thomas, G. L. Patterson, Captain P. O'Hara Wood, and R. Lycett (Australia), and G. H. Dodd, H. Benningfield, L. Raymond, D. H. Melett, and S. I. C. Norton (South Africa), while N. Misu, the young Roumanian, will also be playing. In addition to Mrs. Lambert Chambers, the list of lady competitors includes Mrs. Larcombe, Mrs. Geen, Miss E. Ryan, Mrs. Beamish, Mrs. Herbert Edgington, Miss E. G. Johnson, Mrs. D. K. Craddock, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. O'Neill, and Mrs. Tuckey.

KEEN GAME AT KALK.

14th LABOUR COY v. 180th LABOUR COY.

A fine game in the Labour Group Knock-out Competition took place on Sunday, and resulted in a win for the 180th Coy, who will therefore meet the 5th Coy in the final next Thursday. The 14th Coy quickly got to work and scored an easy goal a few minutes after the start. They continued to press and after some scrambling work in front of the visitors' goal, scored again.

With two up against them, the 180th Coy began to get busy with some excellent football which led to a goal by Stevenson the centre forward. At half time the score stood 2—1 in the 14th Coys favour.

After the restart the 180th kept the pace up in spite of a slippery ground, and soon equalised by a splendid shot from Stevenson. The winning goal was also scored for the visitors by him, after several unsuccessful attempts from both wings.

The home team made desperate efforts for an equaliser, but could not break down the visitors' defence, and the final whistle came with the 180th Coy, winners of a keen game, by 3 goals to 2.

OXFORD v. GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND.

PRICE TAKES SIX WICKETS FOR 82.

This match opened at Oxford on Tuesday in splendid weather the scores for the first innings being as follows:—

Gentlemen of England 169
Oxford University (for 9 wkts) . 118

The Gentlemen who were captained by C.H B. Marsham included six Oxford Blues. Crutchley and Bell put on 69 for the third wicket Crutchley giving a bright display, and hitting seven 4's in his 46.

Price, of Bishops Stortford, bowled well for Oxford taking six wickets for 82. He was supported by brilliant fielding. Bell caught, and bowled for 64, batted very steadily for two hours ten minutes for the first fifty runs.

On Wednesday, Price again was almost unplayable. He took eight wickets for 30 which made his total for the match fourteen for 112. Ward, Shrewsbury was responsible for a good batting performance, scoring 81 not out.

"AUSSIES" COMMENCE THEIR TOUR

The Australian Imperial Forces Cricket Team opened their tour on Wednesday when they played twelve men against Lionel Robinson's twelve on his private ground at Attleborough, Norfolk.

Mr. Robinsons team scored 147, five wickets falling to Dacker, the fast Australian bowler, for 34 runs.

The Australian score was 182 for nine, Collins, of New South Wales scoring 87.

LAWN TENNIS.

The Surrey Lawn Tennis Championships, to be held at Surbiton on the 19th inst., have attracted some notable entries including members of the Australian, South African and Canadian teams. The latter, which has been formed quite recently, includes Col. Mayes, who is acknowledged to be the second best man in Canada; Capt. E.D. Black the famous pre-war English player, and Col. Fowkes. The Englishmen include Ritchie, Roper, Barrett, C.P. Dixon, G.A. Thomas, A.D. Prebble and the Rumanian, Mishu.

Norman Brooks, who holds the singles cup, is expected to arrive from Australia to defend his title.

SCHOOLBOY TEAM'S WONDERFUL RECORD.

A wonderful record in school football has been achieved by the Central Park Eastham School team who have just completed the season's programme. Of 34 matches played, they won every one. The goals scored by the team were 359, against opponents 12. W. Williams, the English Schoolboy International scored 189 of these, while James and Gosling scored 68 and 36 respectively.

In addition to winning the London Schools championships and the Bethell Shield for the fourth consecutive season, the Essex Schools Championships has again fallen to their lot and for the third time they have annexed the White Cup.

LONDON TO BRIGHTON WALKING "STUNT."

CITY CLERKS' ALL-NIGHT STROLL.

There are various indications that Spring has again arrived in England, white and vanessa butterflies are once more on the wing, lilac, apple, and pear blooms add a charming picturesqueness to the landscape, straw hats are again in pleasing abundance. Perhaps the best proof, however, that another season has come round, lies in the report that the London and Brighton walking "stunts" have been revived.

Certain City clerks, feeling that inward bouyancy which the merryspringtime brings with it, indulged in a stroll on Saturday evening from the metropolis to the popular seaside resort. It was a delightfully free and easy affair, each man being allowed to choose his own pace. Refreshments were provided at the stopping places, the number of which, considering the nature of the weather, the inclusion of demobilised entrants and the demise of Dora, was not unduly large.

The following was the official time—table:

Time Table.

Clock Tower, Westminster.....start 6 p.m.
Croydon..due 8.40 p.m.; leave 9.25 q.m.
Red Hill..due 11.55 p.m.; leave 12.40 a.m. (Sunday)
Horley ...due 1.50 a.m.; leave 2.35 a.m.
Crawley .due 3.50 a.m.; leave 4.35 a.m.
Bolney ...due 6.40 a.m.; leave 7.25 a.m.
Brighton .due 10.55 a.m.

The pedestrians kept their time to a minute or two and not more than 200 yards divided them at any time.

Most of the men were ex-service men of the Civil Service Rifles H.A.C., and similar Corps.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Sports Tournament.

The Inter-Army and International Sports Tournament will begin in Paris on June 22.

Lord Dalmeny's Polo Ponies.

Lord Dalmeny's polo ponies were included in Monday's sale at Tattersall's, and the stud of five aggregated 1,430 gs.

Willie Park.

Willie Park, the well-known golf professional, after five years in the United States and Canada, intends in the near future to return to England.

Football Transfer.

Coventry Gity have obtained the transfer from Barnsley of Albert Lindon, a goalkeeper with a good reputation.

Barnsley To Southampton.

Barnsley have transferred J. Moore to Southampton. In his first season with Barnsley, Moore obtained his place at outside left, and was a member of the Barnsley team which won the English Cup in 1912.

A Draw.

Ex-C.-S.-M. Jim Harris, D.C.M., and Pte. Sid Burns, A.S.C., fought a draw at The Ring over the full championship course

Charity Cup Competition.

The South London Charity Cup competition has this year raised a record sum for charities. in spite of the restricted programme.

A Derby Wager.

Grand Parade, about whom a substantial wager was booked for the Derby at 16 to 1 on Saturday, is the property of Lord Glanely and a stable companion of Dominion, who ran so well in the Two Thousand.

Army Eight for Henley.

A British Army eight has begun training for the race for the King's Cup at Henley. It is composed of members of the Leander Club who have served in the war, and they have had practice at Putney during the past few days.

Inter-Varsity Aerial Races.

Inter-'Varsity aerial races are prophesied between Oxford and Cambridge. The have got to work on the other side already. Harvard University has been asked to enter for an aerial race, and has consented to be represented by aeroplanes and hydroplanes.

1,111 Runs in 14 Hours.

In the Surrey Trial Match which was won at the Oval this week by F.T. Badcock's side by 87 runs 1,111 runs were scored in just under 14 hours' actual cricket. The match was finished with an hour to spare.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

AIR RAID SECURES THE CHESTER VASE.

RACING AT LEWES.

Racing was revived at Chester on Tuesday afternoon in beautiful weather and before an enormous crowd. The going throughout was good. The folowing are the results of the various events:

Cestian Plate:—1, Polyram; 2, Carroway (4—1); 3. Pentzia (4—1). An objection to Polyram was overruled.

Roodeye Handicap:— 1, Burly (7—2); 2, Revolution (6—1); 3, Lady Gosfield (100—8). Twelve ran.

Chester Vase:— 1, Air Raid (8—11); 2, Makepeace (5—2); 3, Biwa (20—1) Also ran — Exford. Threequarters of a length separated Air Raid and Makepeace, and a head separated the second and third.

Belgrave Plate:— 1, Verdun (6—1); 2, Ensay (2—1); 3, Crom Aboo (10—1). Nine ran.

Mostyn Plate:— 1, Cicerole (3—1); 2, Dark Down (7—1); 3, Princess Joan (6—1); Seven ran.

Eaton Plate:— 1, Celadine (4—5); 2, On Leave (6—1); 3, Comet (10—1) Four ran.

LEWES MEETING.

Castle Plate:— 1, Nantgarw Colt (3—1); 2, Julian (4—1); 2, Ravello (7—1). Nine ran.

Juvenile Plate:— 1, Bathurst (2—1): 2, Amastris (8—11); 3, Lady Syme Colt (6—1). Three ran.

Open Handicap:— 1, Antipater (6—1); 2, Chinsman (5—1); 3, Clan Ronald (10—1).

Landport Plate: — 1, Queens Double (100—8); 2, Nonentity (9—2); 3, Betsy's Barn. Nonentity and Betsy's Ban were a dead-heat.

Twelve ran. Queen's Double won by a short head.

South Down Plate:— 1, Pollen (6—5); 2, Nubian (7—4); 3, Needlecraft (20—1). Five ran.

Lewes Spring Handicap:— 1, Pick'ny (10—1); 2, Muscovads (9—2); 3, Neutral (7—4). Seven ran.

CHESTER CUP.

At Chester on Wednesday, the results were:—

City Plate:—1, Storm Witch (3—1); 2, Bedrest (3—1); 3, Towyn (100—8). Six ran.

Badminton Plate:—1, Lady Meave (evens); 2, Maxwell (7—2); 3, Jeanie Shiels (8—1). Ten ran.

Chester Cup:—
1, Tom Pepper (100—8) Shatwell;
2, Attalus (10—1) Oates;
3, Air Raid (5—2) Childs.

Won by a neck; half a length separated second and third. Also ran Greek Scholar (Foy) Krooboy II (wing) Ivanhoe (Cooper) and Race Rock (Donoghue).

Dee Stand Plate:—1, Eaton Jetty (5—1); 2, Lady Chris (7—2); 3, Begorra (4—1). Six ran.

Stewards Plate:—1, Santa Cruy (4—1); 2, Our Stephen (4—1); 3, Celadine (5—1) Nine ran.

Prince of Wales Plate:—1, Bedstrom (9—2); 2, On Leave (100—6); 3, Beijo (100—6). Sixteen ran.

Stamford Plate:—1, Simore filly (evens); 2, Little Boy (7—2); 3, Natuminor (4—1). Eight ran.

THAT WINNING SMILE.

"B." COY 51st BEDFORDS v. C. COY 52nd MANCHESTERS.

An interesting cricket match between the above teams took place on the former's ground at Hennef on Sunday, when in spite of the threatening weather, the home team had a fair number of supporters to cheer them on to their eventual victory. Electing to field first the 51st Bedfords dismissed their opponents for 46, although the slippery state of the ground made good fielding imposable.

Quite a feature of the game was the wicket-keeping of Lieut. Mason who took four wickets during the single innings. Opening the innings for the Bedfords Lieut. Mason and Pte. Cross soon put on 17 for the home team, at which score Lieut. Mason was caught out. The next two wickets fell very cheaply and the Bedfords supporters lost that ever present winning smile until Capt. Coward and Lieut. Thompson started to bat. These two officers quickly began to get runs and after a lively display of batting they decided to finish the match as it was beginning to rain, leaving the Bedfords winners by 6 wickets.

This was the Manchesters first game and with practice they should repay their hard working coach Lieut. White by turning out a good team.

Result:—
B. Coy 51st Bedfords 67 for 4 wickets;
C. Coy 52nd Manchesters 46.
Platoon Match:—
No. 5 v. No. 2; No. 5 39 runs; No. 2 43 runs.

"C" COY., 53rd GORDONS v. B. BTY., 245 BRIGADE, R.F.A.

In this football match at Elsdorf on Sunday the Gordons took up the running from the kick-off and gained two corners in quick succession. From the second the ball was headed through after 4 minutes play. The next item was a break away by the R.F.A. and a goal resulted, making the scores level. After some good combination by the Gordons the ball was put past but immediately after the Gordons took the lead. From a free kick the Gordons scored a third goal. Half-time: G.H. 3; R.F.A. 1.

The second half saw the Gordons attacking all the time and goals 4, 5, and 6 were added. There was no real excitement in the second half as the artillery were quite outplayed and hardly managed to cross the half way line at all.

Result: Gordon Hdrs. 6; R.F.A. 1.

Scorers for Gordons:-Moodie, (3) Lieut. Smith, Dow, Cpl. Scott.

C. Coy's Record.

"C" Coy's team since arriving in the present area have played 4 games, and won all of them, making a total of 17 goals for and 2 against.

"C" Coy 53rd Gordons 3 v. 1st Squadron M.G.C. (C) 0 at Burrendorf,
C Coy 53rd Gordons 5 v. 1st Squadron M.G.C. (C) 0 at Burrendorf,
C Coy 53rd Gordons 3 v. The Carabineers 1 at Elsdorf,
C Coy 53rd Gordons 6 v. B. Battery 245 Brigade R.F.A. 1 at Elsdorf.

Father: I'm ashamed to see you crying because a bee stung you. Act like a man.

Bobbie: Y-yes, and th-then you-you'd gim-me a li-lickin', like you s-said y-you would if you ever h-heard m-me sain' that k-kind of l-language.

"Were you a slave, Uncle Torr?"

"Nussah, Cubnel; but 'bleeged to yo' for de 'terrygation, dess de same, sah. I ian't old enough. I'se been mar'd fou' times; dat's what makes me look all dis-integrated dis-uh-way, sah."

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Friday, May 16, 1919.

Surface wind mainly Easterly but rather variable. Fine generally. Warm. Visibility fair or good.

SERVICES BOXING.

A FIRST ROUND GRUELLING FOR MIDDY IN TOURNAMENT.

Almost 100 competitors entered for the boxing championships tournament arranged by the Imperial Services Boxing Association, which was held this week in the Northampton Institute Clerkenwell. Teams were entered by the British Navy, Army Royal Air Force, Australian Imperial Forces, Canadian and New-Zealand Forces. At Wednesday night's session the Prince of Wales attended and handed over the prizes.

The Air Force figured strongly in the semi-finals in the feather-weights, light-weights, welter-weights and light-heavy-weights competitions for officers. In the section for other ranks they secured wins in the fly-weight and welter-weight contests.

STRIKING BOUTS.

The most striking bouts were those for feather weights in which 2nd Lieut. Hodgkinson, R.F.A., Cambridge, beat Lieut. Conder Banks, Navy; and the welter-weights in which Lieut. S.J. Mason, R.F.A., France, beat Midshipman Thornton. The latter was so severely punished that the bout was stopped in the first round.

In the competition for middleweights, Lieut. Bayley, Navy, beat Lieut. S. Kirkwood, Connaught Rangers. Both fought themselves to a standstill, and the bout was characterised by clean, hard hitting.

As regard other ranks the most notable events were those for bantams, wherein Digger Evens, Australia, beat Gunner Moore, Canada, after a game bout, the Canadian taking much punishment.

In the welters, Sergt. Swinnerton, Air Force, beat Jackson, South African Infantry on points, Jackson making such a plucky show that the referee awarded him a rosette. The Dominions Services were well represented in the spectatorate.

Wednesdays results were:—

Flyweights: (officers) Lieut. Wilson, South Wales Borderers beat Capt. Molet, Air Force.

Bantams: 2nd Lieut. Gentle, Somerset L. I. walk over.

Featherweight: 2nd Lieut. Hodgkinson, Air Force, beat Lieut. Natham, Welsh Fusiliers.

Lightweight: Capt. Smith, Air Force, beat Lieut. Reynolds, R. N.

Welter weight: Lieut. Schooles, Leinsters, beat Lieut. Mason, Air Force.

Middle weight:—Lieut. Bayley, R. N. beat 2nd Lieut. Mcintire Air Force.

Light heavy weight: Lieut. Holaran, R. N. beat Capt. Roberts, Air Force.

Heavy weight:—Capt. Coghill, Australians, beat Lieut. Lang, Indian Army.

OTHER RANKS.

Welter weight: Sergt. Swinnerton, Air Force, beat Pte. Housege, Field Artillery.

Middles:—Seaman Larby, R.N. beat Cpl. Garrett, Air Force.

Light Heavies: Rolph, Canada, beat Sergt. Instr. Lewis A.G.S.

Heavies: — Pte. Hardwick, Australians lost to Sergt. Clements, Canada.

Flyweight: Pte. Sellers, Australians, beat Sergt. Groves, Air Force.

Bantams:—Pte. Digger Evans, Australians beat Pte. Mylne, Marines.

Feather weight: — S.M.E. Evens, A.M.S. beat Sergt. Cole, Canada.

Light weight: — Sig. Smith, R.N. beat Trooper Watson, Australians.

PRIVATE HUSSEY IN FORM.

51st BEDFORDS BOXING COMPETITION.

At Hennef on Saturday the above unit held their Boxing Competition which proved a great success. Entries were plentiful and produced some quite good sport, and the large numbers of spectators present showed plainly that interest in the noble art is not on the decline. The feature of the competition was the splendid work of Pte Hussey, "B" Coy, who though only quite young quickly proceeded to dispose of his older and in some cases, heavier opponents.

The afternoon's sport opened with the semi-final of the Feather-weights, in which Pte Moore, A Coy., met Pte Eaton, B. Coy., and Pte Steer, C Coy., met Pte Coyle "B" Coy. In the first bout Moore, after three good rounds fought at a rattling pace, got the decision chiefly through the constant use of a good straight left.

The next bout between Steer and Coyle produced one of the best fights of the day and the referee must have been perplexed when it came to picking the best man. The decision eventually went to "B" Coy man, who after his splendid show in the semi-finals was rather disappointing in the final when he lost in the second round to Pte Moore "A" Coy.

The light-weight competition provided quite good sport in which Ptes Welsh and Winter, both of "B" Coy fought their way into the final. This provided another very close bout in which Welsh won, but as his opponent had never before fought in a ring, the next meeting of these two men should be interesting.

The final of the Welter-weights was fought between two old opponents L Cpl Lewis and Pte Scope. This time Scope turned the tables, but not until the third round was nearly over did he get the verdict, when the L/Cpl, after a splendid fight in which he took a lot of punishment, gave in.

The competition for more experienced men concluded the afternoon's sport in which Pte Hussey "B" Coy showed his mettle by finishing off everyone of his opponents in the first round. The duties of referee were carried out very efficiently by Lieut Betts, assisted by Lieut Clark and Spicer as judges. The M.C. was R.S.M. Lawrence and the timekeeper, Capt Coward M.C.

OFFICERS v. SERGTS. 5th K.O.S.B.

This match was played on the Ritter Strasse ground Solingen on Sunday in showery weather. After about ten minutes play Lieut. Young scored a good goal. Lieut. Barrowcliff afterwards got possession and beat the Sergts.' goalkeeper with a hard shot. After the kick-off the officers again pressed and the ball went along the line to the left wing who passed to Lieut. Thompson who with a splendidly placed shot added the officers' third goal. The Sergts. rallied after this and after one two unlucky shots Sgt. Paul managed to beat Lieut. Payne. Half time:—Officers 3; Sergts. 1.

The officers kicked off and play was very even for about twenty minutes. Then the officers broke away and in a melee round the goal-mouth, where much good foot-work was shown (and felt) Lieut. Thompson scored number 4 for the officers. The Sergts. worked hard after this and were at last rewarded by another goal scored by S.M. Aitken. Result:—Officers 4 goals; Sergts. 2 goals.

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LAND FOR SOLDIERS.

FEN DISTRICT ARRANGEMENTS.

The Isle of Ely County Council have purchased by private treaty the Grange Farm at Leverington, near Wisbech, for division into council holdings for returned soldiers. The farm comprises 223 acres of land, and the purchase price is £100 per acre.

This is believed to be the highest price yet paid by a local authority for soldiers' small holdings, but high as it is it scarcely represents the extraordinary value to which productive land in this favoured district has advanced. The selling owner, Mrs. Frank Mills, widow of a popular Wisbech brewer, could, it is stated, have obtained an additional £20 an acre at public auction but she preferred to sell at the lower price so that it may be applied to the purpose for which the county council have purchased it.

On Saturday a farm of 13 acres situated five miles from Wisbech realised at public auction £2,50, at the rate of more than £160 an acre. The drained alluvial land in these Fen districts is extraordinarily productive and very suitable for fruit growing, which lends itself to small holding cultivation.

The purchased land is to be divided into lots of three to five acres, from which it is believed a man with knowledge of Fen cultivation can make a good living. The small holders selected will all be local men who have taken their part in the war.

LAND SOLDIERS RECALLED.

Members of Parliament are being inundated with letters from farmers protesting against the War Office suddenly ordering the return of all men on agricultural leave from the Army. The number is approximately 10,000.

At a conference between members, Mr. Winston Churchill, and some officers on the War Office staff yesterday the War Secretary professed himself unable to agree to allowing the men to remain on the land owing to the general military situation. After discussion he consented to recall only 80 per cent, of the men, or 8,000 out of 10,000. Further efforts will be made to get him to alter his decision.

IMPERIAL GUARDS.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION.

The announcement in a recent issue of *The Times* up the probable formation of the Imperial Guards was received with enthusiasm.

"I think it is a very excellent idea," said Lord Morris, ex-Premier o. Newfoundland.

"It will appeal to all the Empire, and if it bears fruit, and I hope it will, the question might be considered as to whether the Crown Colonies and other places that contributed their quota, including India, should not be represented. The Imperial Guards would help in the great work of keeping the Empire knit together; they would be a symbol of unity."

"Just the thing that many of us have been wanting," said an Australian officer. "Everybody I have spoken to is very keen on the idea. Plenty of us have become whole-hearted soldiers, and are not anxious to return to civilian life. Some too have married here, and would be proud to settle down in the Mother-country as men of the Imperial Guards."

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY.

SOME RESTRICTIONS RELAXED.

The Treasury have issued a general licence authorizing all persons, firms, or companies in the United Kingdom to engage in any transaction which by the terms of the Proclamation of January 4, 1915, is considered a transaction with the enemy. At the same time, no transaction or business is authorized with or on behalf of a branch of an enemy firm or bank for the account of the head office or other office of a firm or bank in enemy territory unless it is situated in territory the resumption of trade with which is authorized. Accounts may be sent to persons and firms resident in enemy territory.

It must, however, be understood that the payment of money to enemies remains prohibited and statements of accounts sent under the general licence should be accompanied by notice that it will not be open to persons and firms in enemy territory to whom they are sent to dispose of funds or securities held for their account in this country at the date of the outbreak of the war.

BAND OF SWINDLERS.

WARNING TO TROOPS PROCEDING ON LEAVE.

The War Office warns officers and soldiers passing through London and elsewhere, on leave or otherwise, against an organized band of swindlers, posing as service men or guides, who defraud soldiers by passing off imitation notes, headed "Bank of Engraving," in "Place of England" for various amounts, usually five or ten pounds, under the pretence of requiring change.

Should any soldier be victimized in this manner he is advised at once to give the person committing the swindle into the custody of the civil police.

STATUS OF WORKING CLASS.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR TRANSPORT WORKERS.

The annual general council meeting of the National Transport Workers' Federation takes place at Dockers' Hall, Swansea, on June 5 and 6. The executive council are proposing that every means shall be used to maintain the monetary advance in wages gained by the affiliated unions during the war. In the event of any material reduction in the cost of living existing wages to be maintained to provide for improvement in the status of the working class. The same resolution instructs the executive to take immediate steps, together with the other two organizations of the triple alliance, to declare in favour of the conversion of all increases obtained during the war into actual wage rates.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion and if necessary limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

SIEGFRIED'S HORSE.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Recent mention in a leader in *the Cologne Post* of this noble animal provokes some interesting trains of thought. There is no doubt that in practice, at the Cologne Opera House, he is not a success. His physique is far from perfect, he stamps awkwardly about the stage, he has on at least one occasion neighed shrilly in the middle of Brunnhilde's singing, he walks off not by the exit appointed by the stage manager but where he thinks he will, and he is unresponsive to the hesitating blandishments of a heroine who is evidently not at ease with him and thankful when he has gone.

So much for gross fact; but even in theory the horse is a mistake. The most perfectly trained beast in the world, acting with the finish of a Sir Johnstone Forbes Robertson and giving the audience no qualm of anxiety as to what he would do next, would spoil the dramatic effect of the scenes in which he figured.

The trouble is that on the stage he is a freak. His appearance on the scene therefore assumes an importance out of all proportion to his dramatic interest. In real life it would be no more remarkable for Siegfried to take his horse on the hills than to take his hat; but on the stage the introduction of the horse is only possible by an ingenuity of the management which intrigues us, unless we are those terrifically musical people who sit with their eyes shut all through the performance. If there were a play in which a man took a horse into his bedroom or a church, or somewhere equally unusual, the effect would be less troubling, for the improbability of such a thing happening in real life is proportionate to the difficulty of getting a horse on to the stage. There is no harm in featuring horses in the film dramas in which they play such an important part, for we suppose that any fool can take a photograph of a horse in a field.

No; Siegfried's horse should be left to our imagination, as the producer of *Faust* at the Playhouse leaves the poodle to our imagination, without even making Herr Senden growl and bark behind the oven. Certainly the problem is a difficult one; the stage directions and properties in which Wagner took such a child sh delight — swans, ravens, Fafner, Europa's Bull, Valhalla burning and the rest of them — are enough to turn the hair of a producer grey, and are described so explicitly and with such insistence that it is not always possible to fall back on that precious resource of the modern theatre, the suggestive method.

AGRIPPA.

Answers to Correspondents.

[The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any enquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Many questions have been received which could be answered much earlier by the Adjutant of the unit concerned, and all such cases which affect the unit commander must be taken to him and not sent here. — Ed.]

A.A.—D.R.—We are making enquiries about this and will inform you of the position of things in due course.

Lieut. Wem.—Your letter of the 11th inst has been handed to the 2nd Army Sports Officer Cologne.

Driver P.J.C.—The date has not yet been definitely settled. The Army Sports Officer is writing you.

A.A.—D.R.—You should make enquiries through the nearest O.C. M.T., R.A.S.C., but we are afraid you will not be very successful in your ambition while you are in Germany.

X.Y.—On April 14th 1900 in a football match between Sunderland and Manchester City at Sunderland, Charles Williams (Manchester) kicked a ball from goal to goal and scored.

62 M.G.C.—No such record is available. In 1915 S. H. Goulding (amateur) in America, walked 7 miles in 50 minutes 40 and four-fifth seconds. In 1883 J. Hibberd walked 8 miles in 58 minutes 44 secs.

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J.H.P.—The record attendance at a football match was at Hampden Park in 1912 when the international Scotland v. England was played. There were 127,307 people present. The largest number to witness a cup-tie was 120,028 in the Aston Villa and Sunderland match. The figures we published some time ago referred to another point and was a correct answer to the question asked.

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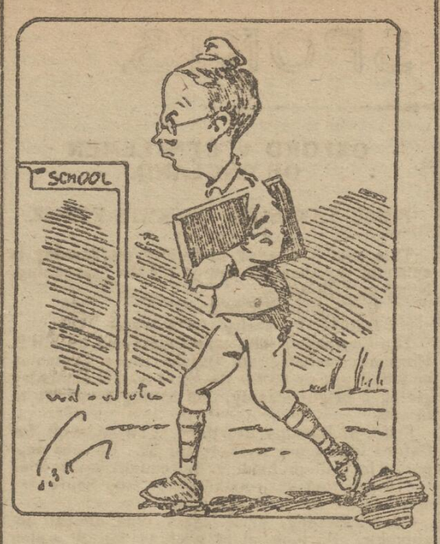

THE SOLDIER OF TO-DAY.

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

STILL AT WAR.

But not with Arms.

Ebert, President of the German Republic, recently made an interesting declaration to a representative of the Associated Press, in which he hinted that whatever he might say could be be taken as a moral declaration of war against the whole system of international politics. "The Germans have broken down the power of force and falsehood at home, but they did not do this to help the Allies to strengthen the very same creed, or to enable them to dictate any similar policy," says the President. Germany disarmed with her arms six months ago, when she began this new form of warfare, and, being prepared morally, she will now defend her aims against a world of enemies.

The Banner of Fourteen Points.

Germany will put up as a banner the fourteen points of Wilson, says Ebert, at the same time expressing the hope that the Americans will readily understand the true depth of meaning in this new "war."

Allied Distrust — its Cause and Effect.

"In other words through the treaty the Allies merely show the distrust they have of us, and their fear lest we should break our contract." Those are the words of Count Brockdorff-Rantzau, chief of the German delegates at Versailles, in commenting upon the Peace Terms to a Press representative, and by his careful analysis of the motives and reasons which induced the Allies to frame such severe clauses, he can safely claim to have arrived at the truth.

"How do you expect to overcome this distrust?" the Press representative asked. "By action," said the Count. "Its cause lies in the old Government which has been crushed out of existence, and as yet we have had no opportunity to portray that we are really sincere."

The chief of the delegation hopes that such might be proved by negotiations and until then, he says, Germany cannot expect the enemy to trust to any blind assurances which might be given with regard to the great alterations which have been made within the country.

"Not only by words," says the Count, "but by actions must we replace by a newer and better one the policy of a former Germany. But our efforts cannot be realised unless the enemy refrains from making impossible demands. I know that the new Germany can distinguish herself in international and diplomatic credibility; I know that she is willing to act sincerely and without shuffling: and this makes me all the more convinced that our enemies cannot possibly shut their eyes to facts."

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Chevrons Club will give a farewell dance to the Dominion troops at the Cannon-street Hotel on May 21, at 7 p.m.

The Welsh Miners' Federation Council has advised the miners to resist the Income tax until the abatement is increased to £250.

Miss Mary Macarthur, who unsuccessfully contested the Stourbridge Division at the last election, has again been adopted by the Labour party as prospective candidate.

Admiral Beatty, in an interview at Rome, said he considered super Dreadnoughts certain to survive, as they were of decisive effect in great battles, though cruisers were equally necessary.

Sir Edwin Landseer Lutyens, A.R.A. will design a cross which Yarmouth has decided to raise as a memorial to the 700 townsmen who lost their lives in the war. The Mayor is appealing for £5,000 to cover the cost.

One of Ostend's main thoroughfares is to be renamed Rue Vindictive.

Mrs. Moffitt, a sister of General Gordon, has died, aged 82, at Southampton.

A strike of Dublin hairdressers has been averted by granting the men a 10s. rise.

A man gave the Southall relieving officer the names of eight parishes where he thought he was born.

Owing to Pollington Colliery, New Brisley, Notts, having become waterlogged, it has been closed down.

In honour of Lieut.-Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, the Canadian commander, the Lord Mayor will give a luncheon at the Mansion House on May 26.

Manchester magistrates have restricted the liquor licence for the Lancs. County cricket ground from 12 to 2.30 and have refused to allow the bars to reopen at 6.

Famed for his skill in investigating bank robberies, ex-Detective Inspector Frank Lawley, who retired from the City Police in 1894, has died, aged 80, at Lewisham.

Fearing that he should become blind, Mark Ernest Olley, 60, a marine, who was about to undergo a fourth operation for cataract, strangled himself with a handkerchief in the London Ophthalmic Hospital—verdict, Suicide while of unsound mind.

Major H. Huntley Robinson, M.C. (bar), medical officer, 9th Wing, R.A.F., who was killed in an aeroplane crash at Mons on May 3, was M.O. of the 21st London Regt. He went to France in 1915, and served in the 47th Division until the armistice, when he transferred to the R.A.F.

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RESUMES DUTIES AT EDINBURGH.

The Rev. J. Harry Miller late Chaplain to the Forces and well known to many of the troops in Cologne, has now resumed his work as Warden of the Pleasance Settlement, Edinburgh. For three and a half years Mr. Miller was with the British Exp. Force, starting his work in the Base Depôt at Etaples, and finishing up in Cologne.

It is interesting to note in a recent issue of the *Edinburgh Evening News* the account of an interview with the ex-Padre.

THE ARMY ON THE RHINE.

On the Rhine to-day there are two Scottish divisions—Highland and Lowland. They are doing garrison duty, and maintaining the steady discipline of the British soldier. "There is," said Mr. Miller, "some little fraternisation; but you must remember that in certain respects the German has become a cringing, servile creature. This has some effect. Besides, the German is, after all, a human being, and it is impossible to avoid some personal exchanges. The average soldier, however, keeps his distance, and regards the German somewhat contemptuously. The Church services are attended gladly and heartily by the men of Scottish regiments. After meetings, heartsome through and through, the officers and men throng round you, exchanging confidences. All want home. They are weary of the land of exile. How often one hears the question as to the possibilities of demobilization! Our soldiers are still mostly civilians in uniform. On a Sunday evening I have had attendances at services of 400 to 500 men. Remember that every possible counter attraction was in full swing—trips up the Rhine, theatres, sport, and so on."

NEW PROBLEMS.

"A great many of the men have breathed the atmosphere of the Continental Sunday and there is not a shadow of doubt in Mr. Miller's mind that we at home must recognise facts and face new problems, social and religious. "Do not let us be in a hurry," said the Warden of the Pleasance Settlement. "One of the first necessities is patience. Here I am listening to the opinions of many, with a view to shaping policy. The Church will require to ask itself whether it aims at taking charge of the whole life of the people, or of part of it. As for Sunday, our aim must be to make it a day of delight to the people—to give them of the best. I am convinced that on the Sunday mornings we must have more exposition of the Book. During the past twenty-five years there has been a want of teaching of the Bible, of displaying the glories of the Book."

GERMAN ATROCITIES.

Dom Columba Marmion, Abbé de Maredsous, near Namur, an intimate friend of Cardinal Mercier, recently described to a *Daily Express* representative some of the horrors of the German invasion of Belgium.

"When we heard, on August 23, 1914, that the Germans had crossed the Meuse," said Dom Marmion, "I and our community of about 150 monks decided to remain. Next day we were in the middle of four battles—Namur, Ermeton, Fosse, and Dinant.

"Soon afterwards 900 men and boys were shot down in cold blood at Dinant—for no reason, as all their arms had been given up a week before. I myself saw the wall against which they were placed, and the marks of the bullets on the stones.

"Two hundred men, women, and children fled from Dinant to the Premonstratensian Abbey at Liffe, a mile and a half from Dinant, and the abbot there described to me how all the monks were lined up against the wall with the 200 refugees.

"The latter were forced to walk through a doorway in the courtyard, and each one was shot down till there was a pile of 200 dead.

"Two of our monks, young Irishmen, told me that the Germans tied their hands, laid them on their backs, and whipped their faces till the blood spurted from the wound. One of the twenty-five priests of my abbey who were killed was shot as he was carrying the last sacrament to a poor woman."

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Will the British Officer who took charge of a pair of Field Glasses left in the Officers' Club at Coblenz last Sunday kindly return them to owner whose name & address are on the case or hand them in to the A.P.M's Office Cologne.

NOTICE.

OLD ETONIAN DINNER. It is proposed to hold an Old Etonian Dinner in Cologne on 9th June. Details as to time and place will be published later. Will all old Etonians who wish to be present please send their names to Lt. H.L. FARQUHAR, HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY GOVERNOR, enclosing 100 Marks.

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RUSSIAN FAITH IN GREAT BRITAIN.

WHEN THE BLOCKADE WILL CEASE.

PRESENT RELAXATIONS.

The Supreme Economic Council has authorized the publication of the following statement as to the present position of the blockade against Germany.

"Arrangements have been made to remove the blockade against Germany immediately and completely as soon as Germany has formally accepted the Treaty of Peace. In the meantime the following temporary relaxations have already been made for the duration of the Armistice.

"Import of foodstuffs into Germany is now free within limits of a monthly ration of 300,000 tons of cereals and 70,000 tons of fats. Foodstuffs within the ration may be exported to Germany without formality, from any country which is prepared to allow export to her. Fish imported from neutral countries contiguous to Germany does not count within the rations. Since March 25th, 1919, the quantity of foodstuffs shipped to Germany by Associated and Allied Governments has amounted to about 550,000 tons of which about 250,000 tons have been actually delivered. In effect Germany is now free to import all food for which she can pay.

"Exports of gold, silver, securities and war material are prohibited and other exports over land frontiers are free. As regards oversea exports the Allied Governments have retained certain rights of pre-emption over coal and dyestuffs and certain other commodities. Other articles can be exported freely to any country prepared to accept them.

"All black lists of firms and persons in neutral countries have been withdrawn and all disabilities attaching to trade and communications with such firms and persons have ceased to operate.

"Commercial correspondence with regard to export and import trade of the character indicated above is permitted subject to certain regulations which have been accepted by the German Government, and to enemy trading laws of belligerent countries. The area open to German fishing craft has been largely extented. A quantity of net, thread, etc., for the repair of nets has been allowed to proceed from Holland in accordance with the request of the German Government. There is a free list of articles which may now be exported without licence or other formality. In the case of other articles, except where control has been retained for domestic reasons, the rules as to the obtaining of licences and guarantees have already been largely relaxed.

"Export will be further freed from formalities if a general guarantee is given by the governments of neutral countries that they will prevent the re-export of such imported articles to Germany without the consent of the Associated Governments.

"Permission has been given for import of raw material urgently required for use in German local mines. Arrangements are being made for early shipment of these supplies, subject to the necessary finance being forthcoming. The principal difficulty with regard to import of raw material is financial.—*Wireless.*

(The remainder of the message was jammed out.)

CONSEQUENCES OF REFUSAL.

Plans to ensure the close blockade of Germany in case the German delegates should refuse to sign the Peace Treaty were considered by the Economic Council yesterday.—*Wireless.*

RUSSIAN ANTI-BOLSHEVIST EFFORT.

FAITH IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Ekaterinodar.—General Denikin has communicated to the British, French and American Missions a Memorandum signed by the military and civilian leaders of the Anti-Bolshevist movement in South Russia. This memorandum enumerates their aims in the struggle, included in which are the destruction of Bolshevist anarchy: the introduction of law and order: establishment of a powerful united and indivisible Russia: convocation of a people's assembly on the basis of universal suffrage: decentralisation of power: guarantees of full civil and religious liberty: immediate agrarian reforms and labour legislation.

More than ever do the volunteers and Cossacks pin their last hopes on Great Britain. Ataman, speaking at a Cossack assembly, said "Once Great Britain has decided to help us she will fulfil her obligations." Atamand emphatically repudiated any suggestion of approaching Germany for aid.—*Reuter.*

GOVERNMENT BY TELEGRAM.

Drawing attention to the fact that in January 987,807 Government telegrams were despatched by the Post Office, as compared with 43,635 in January 1914, Sir William Davison asked in the House of Commons what steps were taken to secure that only urgent messages were sent by telegram.

The Postmaster-General said that a scrutiny is made in the Post Office of Government telegrams, and those which appear to be irregular are reported to the Departments concerned.

Members are undecided as to whether the War Office or Admiralty is the greater offender.

GOVERNMENT INTENTIONS IN EGYPT.

MILNER'S MISSION.

The Government policy with regard to the situation in Egypt was the subject of a pronouncement in the House of Lords yesterday.

Lord Curzon said that there certainly had been an improvement in the situation in Egypt, though it could not be described as satisfactory. In the provinces order has been generally restored but in some towns, especially Cairo, there had been sporadic disturbances which had to be quelled by force.

The British Government had no intention whatever of ignoring the obligations which were incurred when the task of governing Egypt was placed on their shoulders. The Government would have been ready to hear Zaghul and his associates if they had not opened their proceedings by demanding our complete retirement from the country.

The Government now proposed to despatch a Mission over which Lord Milner has been invited to preside. The Mission would go with the full knowledge and approval of the High Commissioner of Egypt and would rely on his advice and assistance.

Meanwhile General Allenby was preparing a local inquiry into the causes of the recent disturbances.

In conclusion Lord Curzon said that the Government never intended to repress Egyptian sentiment. On the contrary it believed that the Egyptians should be given an ever increasing share in the government of their country.

DEALING WITH THE AFGHAN TROUBLE.

FIRST DIVISION ATTACK.

Official. The India Office has received the following telegram:—On the 11th May, at Landi Kotal, a portion of the First Division attacked the Afghans, whose main strength was about Khargali. We occupied the village and the neighbouring heights, covering the Bagh Yangi springs. Aeroplanes report that a number of the enemy are retiring towards Dakka. Our captures include two guns and three teams of horses. Casualties reported slight.

The casualties reported up to and including 10th May were three Indian other ranks killed, two British and fourteen Indian other ranks wounded.

KOLTCHAK'S PROGRESS IN RUSSIA.

Reuter learns that according to a telegram frm Omsk dated 11th May Siberian troops on the Sarapul-Kazan railway have reached the river Viatka and captured the station at Viatskiya-Poliaty, a hundred miles East of Kazan, taking prisoners, machine guns and material. The Government troops are advancing on Kazan directly from the East and also from the South-east, where they are only sixty miles from the town.

WOOLWICH APPREHENSIVE.

The Woolwich Chamber of Commerce has petitioned the Government to keep the number of employes at the Royal Arsenal up to 20,000 and to provide work of a commercial character, if need be, to keep this number engaged.

The reason for the request is that Woolwich, so far, has only been prosperous in war time.

In the lull which followed the activities of the South African war Woolwich shopkeepers and tradespeople experienced a long period of acute distress, and it is feared that similar conditions will prevail now if the extra population brought into the district by the war is allowed to melt away again.

During the war the number of the Arsenal employees increased from 11,000 to a maximum of 74,000.

ETON'S GENERALS.

An invitation has been issued on behalf of the College and School of Eton by the Provost, Dr. M. R. James; the Vice-Provost, Mr. F. H. Rawlinson; the headmaster, Dr. C. A. Alington; and the lower master, Mr. A. B. Ramsay, to the Old Etonian Generals of the substantive rank of major-general and upwards, twenty-seven in number, who have served beyond seas to visit Eton on Tuesday next to meet the school and receive its thanks for the services they have rendered to the Empire in the war. The invitation has already been accepted by Generals Plumer, Rawlinson, Byng, and Cavan. The meeting with the school will take place in the school yard at one o'clock. The guests will be entertained to luncheon in the college hall by the Provost and Fellows, and afterwards there will be a parade of the Officers Training Corps.

Money wasted on the production of a gas before the Army in France had decided whether they should use and then decided against it amounted to 250,000 pounds.

PRIVATE SUES COMMANDING OFFICER.

CIVIL v. MILITARY LAW.

In the King's Bench Division Mr. Justice McCardie sat to hear the legal arguments of counsel, concerning the question of civil jurisdiction in a matter which concerned military discipline. The action was for alleged false imprisonment, malicious prosecution and slander, plaintiff being Mr. Christopher Henry Heddon, solicitor, of Ripon and Harrogate, who was formerly a private in the Royal Army Service Corps. Defendant was Major G. C. Evans. It was stated by counsel for the defence at a former hearing that the action for slander "had now gone." The words complained of were. "I knew you were a rogue. Now I know you are a damned fool. Get out." This, plaintiff alleged, had relation to his profession as a solicitor. "Will you never tell the truth?" was another statement complained of.

By the defence filed, defendant admitted the arrests, which he claimed arose out of the administration of military discipline. He denied that the statements complained of were in relation to plaintiff's professional conduct, and pleaded that they were spoken without malice and were privileged. Defendant further claimed alternatively that the arrests were ordered by the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief.

Plaintiff alleged that when he complained of Second Lieutenant Haydon habitually using language unbecoming an officer and a gentleman and of systematically persecuting him, he was arrested and ordered fourteen day's C.B. for making a frivolous complaint to his commanding officer and for conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline. He had demanded to be tried by court-martial, and after refusing defendant's request to withdraw his appeal to Lieut.-General Sir John Maxwell, in command of the Northern District, the charge was altered to making a false accusation against an officer. On Nov. 25 last, after sending a letter to the Treasury Solicitor making charges against Second Lieutenant Haydon, he was put under close arrest for eighteen days. A courtmartial to try plaintiff had been adjourned pending the trial of the present action, but he obtained his discharge from the Army on Jan. 24 last. In cross-examination, he admitted he had taken "French leave" six times in order to see his wife. He maintained that defendant was actuated by malice towards him, but this was denied.

THE SOUL OF THE ARMY.

Mr. Tindal Atkinson said on the ground of public policy actions of that kind, unless they comprised real substantial damage affecting the liberty of the subject, were to be deprecated. It was obvious, unless such grounds existed, that the bringing of an action which affected the discipline of the Army the relations between privates and officers, the calling in aid of civil jurisdiction for dealing with questions of that kind was of evil result respecting the discipline which should exist in the Army. Discipline was the soul of the Army. The action had no substantial merits, was counsel's submission. Its origin was spite. Ill-feeling had animated plaintiff from start to finish respecting Lieutenant Haydon. It was for the purpose of getting Lieutenant Haydon into difficulties that plaintiff was induced to write his letter of July 22 and to make the subsequent charge of Nov. 16 with regard to Lieutenant Haydon's relations with another member of the corps—a matter which did not affect in the slightest degree the question that had to be discussed between plaintiff and defendant. Counsel submitted that there was no justification in law for the action so far as concerned the fourteen days' confinement to barracks which defendant passed on plaintiff.

TAKING CIVIL ACTION.

The latter's main desire from the start had been to get out of the Army. His whole conduct had been to make himself so uncomfortable to his superiors that they would be only too glad to get rid of him. In other words, the action was not founded on any real grievance against a superior officer. Several cases were quoted by Mr. Atkinson in support of his contention that such actions were to be deprecated, and that no undue aid should be given to a person to ventilate a grievance in a civil court on matters that were purely of military discipline. Plaintiff's conduct in serving the writ was calculated to bring his officer into disrepute. Any man might say to his comrades, "I have served the commanding officer with a writ." That was a matter which might properly be looked upon by the superior officer as conduct "prejudicial to good order and discipline." If the cases cited were well-founded, Mr. Atkinson submitted that it was not a matter for his lordship to decide. The military officer had to decide a question of discipline, and whether the offence was one which he could try.

BONDS OF DISCIPLINE.

Mr. Justice McCardie: Taking the broad passage of the judgment of Chief Baron Kelly—for example, if an officer, contrary to the express direction of the Army Act, does to a soldier that which is prohibited. For instance, suppose he directs a soldier to be hung up or suspended in the air. Supposing, he said, "I did it because I thought military discipline justified it" — would that be covered by the dictum of Chief Baron Kelly?

Mr. Atkinson: I submit it is not a case of excessive jurisdiction that would give cause to an action. It is covered by redress. A military mistake is capable of being corrected.

Mr. Justice McCardie: How would you do that when the punishment has been inflicted?

Mr. Atkinson: The answer is that it is a difficulty which the soldier ought to have seen at the time he entered the Army. If a man receives punishment before he can have his complaint received by the proper authorities, then that is a fault in the code, and one of those possibilities which he must encounter.

Mr. Justice McCardie said according to the dictum cited when a man went into military service in respect of all military matters he must be bound by the military law alone.

Mr. Atkinson: Yes. That is unassailable. No action would lie.

Mr. Justice McCardie: That must be your point. As the House of Lords says, it is a constitutional question of the utmost gravity.

Mr. Atkinson said the sole remedy for improper imprisonment was to apply the section of the Army Act provided for the remedy of complaints which a private had to make against an officer. Supposing his lordship decided against defendant, to morrow there might be dozens and dozens of cases against different commanding officers founded upon alleged infractions on the strict interpretation of sections in the Army Act. When the facts were whittled down, it would be found that the injury plaintiff had sustained was infinitesimal. The true importance of the case was the effect of allowing these actions to be tried in a civil court, the immediate loosening of the bonds of discipline upon which the Army and the safety of the country depended.

MILITARY EXPEDIENCY.

Mr. Justice McCardie said he appreciated the importance of it. Beyond the question of military expediency was a thing that was fundamental to the rights of every man in this country, viz., that he ought not to be deprived of his liberty and his physical well-being save in so far as the law justified it That, surely, was the overriding rule. He could not understand how the question of expediency could affect the fundamental principle.

Subsequently his lordship remarked that if the dictum of Chief Baron Kelly was correct, no habeas corpus or writ of certiorari would lie, and a man might be wrongfully kept in prison say for four or five years without opportunity of redress.

Mr. Atkinson replied that a court of nine Exchequer judges had so decided.

Mr. Justice McCardie doubted the authority for saying that habeas corpus would not lie in such a case.

Mr. Atkinson: The answer is that a man on joining the Army surrenders his civilian rights, and it is impossible that there could be consent in the circumstances to a conflict of military and civil law, as would result if a person could avail himself of both his rights under military law and the civil courts.

TWO LEGAL CODES.

Mr. Atkinson submitted that as the law stood it was clear that the civil court would not intervene where military law and discipline were concerned, and where a military remedy was given.

Mr. Justice McCardie: When do you say a soldier loses the remedy of habeas corpus?

Mr. Atkinson said the statute had in effect so provided. The Army Act had limited it so far as soldiers were concerned. The effect of Section 43 of the Army Act was a statutory enactment which limited in law the right of jurisdiction by the King's Bench Division to release a man by habeas corpus.

Mr. Justice McCardie: Parliament having enacted a statutory code of military law, the judges of the country are not at any time to proffer their views as to the true effect of the code! That cannot be sound.

Mr. Atkinson said Mr. Justice Wills had held that the court was not the proper authority to deal with military offences; it was for the military to do so.

Mr. Justice McCardie asked who was to decide the constitutional measure of the rights given to the military authorities by the Army Act? If not the courts of law, it would mean that the military authorities were themselves to interpret the statutes.

Mr. Atkinson said it was not so extraordinary as it appeared. There was provided a code distinct from that of the civil code. Parliament had recognised that, and in case after case it had been held that the civil courts had no jurisdiction to deal with matters affecting military law.

Dealing with the facts of the case, counsel said that as plaintiff had taken his remedy under Section 43 of the Army Act, and the matter had been investigated by the military authorities, no court would entertain his claim for damages after he had chosen the remedy provided under the Army Act.

Mr. Justice McCardie said he assumed that one who got a sentence of fourteen day' "C.B." could not be said to wear the white flower of a blameless life. (Laughter.)

Mr. Atkinson said "C.B." did not mean false imprisonment. A commanding officer could confine a whole regiment to barracks because of some outside disturbance, or for one hundred and one reasons. Could all those soldiers bring an action against him for false imprisonment? An action for false imprisonment could not be brought against a schoolmaster who detained a naughty boy in school.

Mr. Justice McCardie: If that were so there would be a good many writs issued by the discontented schoolboy inhabitants of this country. (Laughter.)

Mr. Atkinson had not concluded his arguments when the Court adjourned.

COMPENSATION FOR EXPLOSIONS.

In his report on the Ministry of Munitions, the Auditor-General refers to the liability of the Ministry for damage by explosion, and states that the payments connected with the explosion at Silvertown amounted at December 31 last to £1,800,000 but further very large claims were still awaiting settlement. Explosions at two other factories involved considerable expenditure, amounting on the same date, in one instance, to £185,000, and in the other to £232,000, with further claims still outstanding to a total for the two factories of some £72,000. A scheme to levy £500,000 upon contractors in return for relief from liability failed, for various reasons to produce more than £170,000.

"WANT TO SERVE THE KING, MY LAD?"

In the House of Commons Mr. Winston Churchill indicated further measures which will be taken to encourage voluntary enlistments. He said that opportunities will be afforded to units in the Army of the Rhine to supply officers and N.C.O.'s as recruiting agents, who could describe the conditions of service out here.

The statement that the man Channels, who jumped from a window after cutting his throat, was Relwyskow, the champion wrestler, is incorrect.

MARSHAL FOCH'S VISIT TO COLOGNE.

HAIL! TO THE VICTOR.

Marshal Foch, in the course of his tour in Germany, yesterday received a quiet but thoroughly cordial welcome to Cologne. Escorted by the Naval Flotilla, he landed between the Hohenzollern and Neue bridges punctually according to time-table, and was received by the Commander in Chief, General Sir William Robertson.

Shortly after ten o'clock large numbers of soldiers and civilians commenced to assemble at the appointed landing place. Exposed to scorching sunshine they awaited, with patient expectancy, for an opportunity to catch a glimpse of the great man whose wonderfully conceived blows at the enemy resulted in the ultimate victory for the Allies.

The first indication of the approach of Cologne's distinguished visitor was the distant rumbling of gun fire, indicative of the salutes that were accorded him *en route* as he proceeded down the Rhine. This was the signal for dense re-inforcements among the spectators, some of whom resorted to weird and wordenful devices in their efforts to secure an uniterrupted view of the proceedings. Officers and other ranks, and ladies of the Q.M.A.A.C. and Y.M.C.A. vied with each other in climbing to dizzy and perilous pedestals, armed with cameras. One unfortunate sergeant produced from somewhere a very high stool, of the camp type, upon which, by dint of prodigious patience he contrived to fix his camera as well as his own person. Subsequently, unhappily, at the critical moment the whole contraption collapsed, damaged beyond possibility of immediate repair.

AEROPLANE ESCORT.

As time went on, the convoy of aeroplanes that accompanied the flotilla came into view and in a few minutes a score or more machines performed a variety of evolutions over the heads of the waiting crowd. They "followed the leader" in single file; they circled round gracefully in a dozen or more different formations and once or twice, some of them, their planes sparkling in the brilliant sunlight, were responsible for movements suspiciously like "stunts."

At a few minutes to eleven, the leading escort, in the form of three small naval boats, gaily beflagged, made their appearance round the river bend. They came bustling down stream, followed at a little distance by a large paddle steamer flying the British White Ensign (at the mast head) the Stars and Stripes and the Tricolour. As the steamer circled round before landing, Marshal Foch, his face wreathed in smiles, was revealed, with his staff, standing on the deck.

The Guard of Honour, provided by the 9th Battalion, the Durham Light Infantry, slopped arms, the band prepared itself for action and the crowd got ready to cheer. Meanwhile the German civilians, presumably thinking to be on the safe side in the matter of courtesy, defied the intense heat and stood bareheaded.

As Marshal Foch stepped ashore, the band played the French National Anthem, the Frenchmen on board the steamer reciprocating the compliment with that of the British.

The Guard of Honour was inspected and the party motored from the embankment to the accompaniment of ringing cheers.

During the afternoon the French and British ratings were the guests of the British Empire Leave Club, who arranged an interesting tour of the town and its environs, utilising five motor char-a-bancs for the purpose. In the evening dinner was served at the newly opened club, followed by an enjoyable concert. In addition, invitations were extended to the men to visit any theatre or picture palace.

A number of the officers were guests of the Rhine Patrol Flotilla.

FATAL AEROPLANE CRASH AT COLOGNE.

The funeral took place yesterday at Südfriedhof cemetery, with full military honours, of an R.A.F. pilot and his observer whose deaths resulted from an aeroplane crash near Cologne on Wednesday. The Rev. Capt. P. Wilson officiated.

The pilot, Lt. S. Gibbs, who had not long been married, was flying a machine with Sgt. Page as observer, when it devoloped a spin and crashed from a height of five hundred feet.

When assistance arrived the Sergeant was found to be dead and Lieut. Gibbs was so badly injured that he died within a very short time of his admission to the 36th C.C.S.

Both the pilot and observer were extremely popular with members of the R.A.F. and had seen much service in the war. Their deaths will be greatly regretted by all who knew them.

"SOUTHWARK'S OWN" HOME.

The people of Southwark gave a rousing welcome to the cadre strength of the 124th Bn. the London Regiment (T.F.) which Arrived at London Bridge yesterday after being on service with the 47th Division since the commencement of the war. In view of the fact that the drum and fife band of the Southwark Branch of the Discharged Soldiers' and Sailors' Federation is mainly composed of ex-members of the returning regiment, they were given permission to play their old comrades home to their depôt, where they were received by the Mayor of Southwark. On its arrival at London Bridge, at about 12.15 p.m., the "Queen's" did not go direct to the depôt, but took the circular route by the Borough, Newington Causeway, Walworth-road, Manor-place, Penton-place, Kennington Park-road, and New-street, to the depôt, so that everyone residing in the locality was able to join in the welcome. The Mayor and Councillors of Southwark entertained the cadre to luncheon.

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POLAND.

The thirteenth of President Wilson's Fourteen Points proclaims as a condition of peace "an independent Polish State," and the draft Treaty of Peace now in the hands of the Germans has amply fulfilled the condition. Soon a new kingdom of Poland will be marked on the map of Europe and an ancient tradition will be restored to Christendom. Her boundaries are not yet fully determined. We know that Germany has been ordered to give up Posen, a considerable part of West Prussia (including the old Polish sea-port of Danzig for which an intricate arrangement is made) and the greater part of Polish Silesia. We do not know what the new Poland will gain from territories that were formerly in the possession of Russia and Austria. In Austrian Silesia there are many Poles who still retain sympathy with the national ideals of their fathers, although they live in a land which has had no Polish ruler for several centuries. Silesia was wrenched by Frederick the Great from Maria Theresa of Austria in the middle of the eighteenth century, and his conquest was confirmed by the Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle. The Poles of Silesia, Prussian and Austrian, have claimed to be restored to the new kingdom of Poland, and if their claim is allowed, six centuries of history will be undone. But the Czechs have also their demands, and when we think of the ancient Kingdom of Bohemia we can foresee difficulties in a reconciliation of the aspirations of Czech and Pole. Teschen may continue to puzzle the British House of Commons.

The time was when Poland was only inferior to Russia in extent of territory, and yet no country in Europe has had a like story of vexation, persecution, and dismembernent. When Frederik the Great was on the throne of Prussia, the time had long passed when Poland could strike terror into the hearts of its German neighbours. Yet it was the problem of Europe. Its government was nominally a monarchy but really a republic. Civil disorder and even anarchy had spelt its ruin as a strong nation. Between the nobles who held the monopoly of power and the populace who were little more than serfs there was no middle class which could preserve a salutary influence. The Polish Constitution was so intricate that law and order were not easily attainable. Ecclesiastical dissensions made matters worse, for from the end of the sixteenth century Poland was the northern centre of Catholic reaction, and orthodoxy was preserved by persecution. Frederick the Great, a man who was not at his best in his religious pose, adopted the rôle of Protestant champion and prosecuted it all the more heartily since his rival, Saxony, was fast assuming a proprietary interest in the Polish crown. He was, also, statesman enough to see the perilous position of East Prussia which was separated from Brandenburg by Polish Prussia on the western side of the Vistula. His task was to link together his territories at the expense of Poland and to do so in a fashion that would avoid the alarm of Europe.

Poland had few friends, and many regarded her as the firebrand of Europe. Forty years before the times of which we speak Sir Robert Walpole in reference to the Polish Succession War made it his boast that "there are fifty-thousand men slain this year in Europe and not one Englishman." The conscience of Europe was not easily stirred by the plight of Poland, and sovereigns of the type of Frederick the Great were not hindered in their policy of spoilation. It is true that Maria Theresa protested her unwillingness "to lose reputation before God and man" by consenting to the partition of Poland, but her son Joseph and her minister Kaunitz were less timid of their reputations. In 1772 Prussia, Austria and Russia perpetrated the First Partition of Poland. Russia took Polish Livonia and part of Lithuania; Austria obtained almost the whole of Red Russia, the southern part of Little Poland, and the country of Zips, which was incorporated in Hungary; whilst Prussia annexed the northern part of Great Poland and, with the exception of Danzig and Thorn, the whole of the coveted Polish Prussia. Frederick the Great was, therefore, in proud possession and control of the Vistula and added to his territories a land which gave him almost a million subjects. The second partition of unhappy Poland was made in 1793 when Russia and Prussia returned to a congenial task. Russia gained Eastern Poland, and Prussia rounded off its conquests by the appropriation of Danzig, Thorn, Kalisch and Gnesen. Two years later

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Prussia and Russia returned to the work of spoilation and were joined by Austria. The Third Partition was made. Austria received Cracow and the rest of Galicia; Russia seized the land between Galicia and the lower Dvina; and Prussia took Warsaw in addition to the land between the Boug and the Nieman.

Napoleon also had a part to play in Polish history. He entered Warsaw in the end of 1803, and Danzig surrendered to one of his generals in 1807. Polish indepedence was not permitted, but Prussian Poland was included in the Grand-Duchy of Warsaw which Bonaparte set up, and to it was added most of Austrian Poland. In 1815 the Congress of Vienna, despite a pious declaration of Great-Britain in favour of an independent Polish Kingdom, gave to Russia the most of the Grand-Duchy, to Austria the province of Galicia although Cracow was made an independent power, and to Prussia its share in the first two Polish partitions as well as the province of Posen and Thorn. The Poles were promised autonomous institutions, but they were doomed to disappointment. The revolts of 1830 and 1863 only made Russian dominance more oppresive. It is to the credit of Austria that her rule in Galicia, even in face of her destruction of the Cracow republic in 1846, has been so mild that it has contrasted favourably with that of Russia and Prussia.

Poland begins this year a new and brighter era of independence

ANIMAL DEMOBILIZATION.

Much has been heard of late, about the all-important subject of demobilization, but I wonder how many of the multitude have ever thought for a moment about the task of demobilizing our animals. Comparatively few know of what has been taking place in Cologne during the last two months, or of what a collossal work it has been to collect, sort out, and finally dispose of the many thousands of horses and mules which have, during the war, faithfully played their part and contributed so handsomely towards its victorious termination. Many people in their ignorance are wont to think and say that the automobile has been our one salvation as regards transport, but those who ponder a moment will realize that this is a fallacy. We have won all our wars in the past solely with the aid of horse transport, and doubtless could have done so again, but that did not justify us in excluding the use of motor power in this the greatest of all wars. In no previous campaign there never has been such a huge number of horses engaged, for in the British Armies alone there were 750,000, to say nothing of the additional numbers of allied animals. Every one of these had to be individually examined by the officers of the R.A.V.C. and classified according to age and soundness into A, B, C, and D classes, the letter being clipped out on the near side of the back with scissors. Following this, the Remount officers made another classification in the light of general build or conformation, vice and usefulness from an Army point of view; always of course bearing in mind the veterinary classification. The letters X, Y or Z were thus clipped out on the off-side of the back, so that by the time orders were issued for the departure of surplus animals, C.O.'s of units knew exactly what were to be sent. It was no uncommon occurrence however for an animal to be reclassified either by Remount or Veterinary officers, or both, and sometimes surreptitiously by C.O.'s, and consequently some horses passed through our hands with all kinds of letters on them. Thus an amusing incident was overheard in the Animal Collecting Camp one day, as follows:

A horse with B C on the near side, and X Z on the off, was being examined finally by the V. O.

Inquisitive Subaltern:—"What does B.C. mean?"

Facetious Ditto (looking in horse's mouth:) "Before Christ, I should think."

The 2nd Army Animal Collecting Camp at Deutz is now collecting the last remnants of surplus animals, having been busy at it for roughly two and-a-half months working all the while at high pressure, for between 4,000 and 5,000 animals passed through the depot each week. At a rough estimate, some 50,000 horses and mules must have been handled at the camp during this period, and all credit is due to the very able and popular O.C., Major Godley, R.F.A.

Many were the intricacies of running a depot such as this, for the working staff was never the same from day to day. A hundred would arrive, sometimes in the middle of the night knowing nothing about themselves, where they had come from, or what they were to do. They had to be fed, housed, and paid, and often demobilized all within thirty-six hours. Two or three trains had to be loaded and unloaded daily, and rigorous precautions taken against the escape of mules which so often occurs even when handled by experienced men, let alone by infantry men who knew absolutely nothing, and cared perhaps less. The infantry Tommy is scared to death of a mule; he fears it more than a shell, and my heart has gone out often to the poor "train conducting officer" with such a crew.

Often in the midst of a turmoil of horses going in all directions in the camp, several officers have arrived on the scene, from Generals downwards — most professing an old-standing friendship with the O.C., followed naively by the gentle reminder that if there are any nice riding horses about, they would be eternally grateful, and so on. Others would rush in like a gust of wind, demanding to know where such-and-such a horse has gone; others will ask what they are to do as they have lost all their head collars. Some want a mule changed for a horse, some have lost horses, and others have got too many; and yet so far I have not observed either Major Godley or his adjutant with a single grey hair.

The camp was divided into two parts, one for X horses and the other for Z's. All Z animals being destined for sale in France or Belgium, had to undergo a careful Veterinary examination before entraining, for the final elimination of all contagious disease such as glanders, stranglers, ophtalmia, epizootic, lymphangitis, ulcerative cellulitis, skin diseases, etc. In addition, all wounded and sick animals unfit to travel were sent to Veterinary Hospital. Many horses were reclassified and returned to their units, and a small percentage were selected daily for destruction. Thus nothing was left undone and no animal escaped attention. Horses for destruction are sold to the German abattoirs for human consumption at a flat rate of 700 marks a piece, and are destroyed humanely under English Veterinary supervision.

The whole undertaking has been carried out with extra ordinary smoothness and efficiency, and in penning these few lines, I feel that the uninitiated will have had an opportunity of learning what happened eventually to his equine pal.

H. K.

THE THREE LETTERS.

David Hunter, literary free-lance, was not the starving occupant of a garret. Nor were his clothes particularly shabby. But the ugly fact remained that his total assets were a few coppers, plus the letters of the evening mail.

Somewhat despondently he selected one of these, and opened it. His face brightened, however, as he disclosed its contents. Behold, there was a cheque for a whole guinea, and a letter from the editor of the Up-to-date, accepting a recent contribution.

"Praise God from whom all mercies flow," murmured the grateful free-lance, and with a smile he pocketed this sudden influx to his capital.

But the second letter was not so congenial. His brow puckered as he read it, and the smile left his face. It was an appeal from his old school, and one that was not lightly to be disregarded. Subscriptions were invited, in a simple and courteous letter, for the purpose of commemorating the supreme sacrifice that many Old Boys had made during the war, by instituting scholarships for the sons of the fallen. The concluding sentence of the appeal especially touched him:—

"With perfect confidence we appeal to you, in the name of your fallen comrades, worthily to do your part in erecting this living memorial to the heroic dead."

How he longed to send a cheque to swell this deserving fund! He took out the remittance he had just received, and fingered it contemplatively. But the recollection of his lack of other financial resources loomed up in his mind like an ugly nightmare, and once more (but this time reluctantly) he returned the cheque to his pocket.

As if to dismiss the matter from his mind, he tore open the third envelope. This letter proved to be from an intimate friend of his school-days. Yet though it was full of gossip, and recollections of boyhood, the following extract alone riveted his attention.

"You remember "Whacker" Davis who skippered us at Lords' in 1908? He was killed after he had, single-handed, rushed three enemy machine-guns. He has been posthumously awarded the Cross, but that doesn't help his widow much, whose sole income now is a meagre pension. He's left a son, too, a fine little chap. It's rough on those left behind."

So poor old "Whacker" was dead, and his son, probably a living image of his father, with curly hair, resolute chin, and honest, fearless eyes, was left without means to fit him to take an honourable station in life, as was his right. His forbears had all served with distinction in the Army, or the Civil Service. But what chance had this boy to obtain a public-school education, which could mould him in the glorious cast it had fashioned those before him?

Hunter came to a sudden decision. "Perhaps a little self-sacrifice on my part can help to give it him," thought he. "Providence gave me this guinea so that I can do my share in aiding the sons of my fallen friends. So with my whole heart I'll give it."

Thus was Hunter's humble quota sent to the memorial fund of his old school, and the recording angel made yet an entry on the credit side of the poor journalist's account.

A REPLY TO "AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CHAPLAIN."

The recent article which appeared in our columns under the title of "An Open Letter to the Padre," has called forth several replies, one of which, from a representative of the Roman Catholic faith, we give below. In to-morrow's issue we hope to give a reply from a correspondent representative of the Church of England.

Dear W.E.S. — Thanks for your "open letter" of the 8th. I presume you await a reply, but admitting, as you do, the existence of different denominations, you will understand that I reply merely on behalf of my own people, the Catholics, or the R.C.'s as we are called in the Army.

You say, that you wonder if we understand you. Yes, we do understand you, all of you, the good that is in the worst of you and the bad that is in the best. We know the world, we understand human nature, and so we feel for you all in your difficulties and temptations. But many of *you* do not understand *us* and so may possibly come to wrong conclusions about our work. Perhaps out of mere curiosity you will ask some of your R.C. pals whether they find help and consolation in the Mass, the sacraments and in our ministrations generally. They will answer you, in your own words, that the Catholic Religion makes men better and happier.

You hold that the Church has failed to grapple with the problems brought about by the war. It is a pity you did not specify some particular problem and that you did not state whether you meant the Church as we understand it, or religious bodies in general. I should like to have a specific case to answer specifically. I can now only refer to the fallacy underlying this, as so many another, general accusation. If the world, or any section of it, does not follow the Church's guidance, it is illogical to blame the Church for the calamities which ensue.

You speak of the happy day when you will get your "ticket" and Church Parades will be "Napoo". Well (will you believe it?) we are not enamoured of Church Parades. All we want is that every individual Catholic be afforded full facilities for coming to Mass and the Sacraments. We know that our men come when they can. You think we are "not a bad sort," danke schön—I presume the compliment is applied to C.F.'s in general.

"Do your job," you add. Well, we are, as a class, rather optimistic; we claim that we have done, and are still doing, our particular job. We came to minister to R.C.'s. We have been with them in the line, we have given them the sacraments before the attack, and Catholics (and many non-Catholics, too) know what that means for our people. We have knelt by so many of our poor lads and have helped them to die a holy, happy death. We have sent many of the survivors home with their faith enlivened and their fidelity to the Church ensured. Incidentally we have received many new members who have come to us and we have rid a still larger number of their pre-war prejudices. And to our men who are still out here we continue to minister, giving them that practical, living, religious aid of which you speak. They "are not fools," you say; of course they are not. That is precisely why they have realized what a source of strength their religion may be in time of stress. From their own experience in the line and from their observation of Catholic life in France, in Belgium and in the Rhineland they have gained a fuller appreciation of the truth, the beauty, the unity and the catholicity of their Church.

R. C.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

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Saturday	6	Fidelio	Beethoven
Sunday	6½	Tiefland	d'Albert
Monday	5½	Arlecchino Turandot	Buzoni
Tuesday	6	Tales of Hoffmann	Offenbach

THE HAT TRICK — REVISED VERSION.

LEAVE CLUB WHIST DRIVE.

The first of a series of weekly whist drives organised by Miss Bourne (Controller of the entertainments section of the British Empire Leave Club) was held in the reading-room of the club on Thursday evening. It proved an unqualified success, the spacious room being well filled with enthusiasts of the popular game. The drive was entirely full and six very suitable prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Mrs. Bourne. Two very handsome cigarette cases were awarded to the highest scores (Lady and Gent), whilst the seconds comprised those very useful articles—razor strops. The first Lady's was won by H. F. Norfolk with a score of 155 and the first Gent's by H. P. Smith, his aggregate being 157. Finbourne secured the 2nd Lady's with 147, and Ashworth the 2nd Gent's with a total of 145. Harvey with 110 gained one of the "boobies," and the player who tied with him and cut for the prize will receive it if he calls on Miss Bourne at the Leave Club.

When about to make for home the M.C. discovered that one of the players had purloined his hat, probably as a memento of the occasion.

THE "TIGER PIPS" CONCERT PARTY

ENJOYABLE ENTERTAINMENT AT WALBERBERG.

The 11th Battalion the Leicestershire Regiment (Pioneers) troupe gave a most delightful concert at Walberberg on Wednesday last.

The opening chorus "The Entertainment Stores" very quickly proved to the audience that a most enjoyable evening was in store. Pte. Senior in such songs as "Alabam" and "My Devon Girl" quickly captivated his audience. Cpl. Hammond, the "lady" of the troupe appeared resplendent in a new costume and charmed everyone with her singing and winsome manner. In the song "Dance with me," in which she was most ably assisted by Lce. Cpl. Benjamin, she was, to use slang, "absolutely top-hole" and the audience would not refrain from applause until an encore had been given.

Sgt. Higgott in his own inimitable style delighted everyone with his songs "The Dark Town Strutters Ball" and "Everyone loves their little old Home."

The two comedians Ptes. Whitbread and Whitehead were screamingly funny and kept the audience convulsed with laughter during the whole time they occupied the boards. To hear Whitbread singing "The Old Dun Cow" and Whitehead singing "Bully Beef and Biscuits" and "When I get my Civvies on Again" was a greater tonic than six months "No duty" and one fully realises why the M.O. of the "Tiger Pips" Unit has so little to do.

Lce. Cpl. Benjamin sang "Californian Girl" and "Some Sunday Morning" splendidly and Pte. Abbott was "it" in his rendering of "The Fact is" and "My Little Girl."

One must not forget either, the masterful way in which Pte. Butterworth carried out his duties as pianist, his excellent playing being quite in accordance with the standard which the "Pips" have attained.

The concert, one of the most up-to-date yet witnessed on the Rhine, concluded with a delightful sketch entitled "Hands Up" in which Pte. Whitbread simply had the house rocking at his absurdities.

VALUE OE THE MULE.

AVERAGE PRICE EXCEEDS £22 AT ARMY SALES.

The following is the official return of sales in the United Kingdom effected by the Army Remounts Department in the course of a week:—

	Nos.	Amounts realized.			Average.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Riding horses .	285	8,566	19	0	31	2	2
Light draught .	49	2,656	12	0	54	4	3
Heavy draught.	29	2,965	4	0	102	4	11
Mules	12	396	18	0	33	1	6

These figures are regarded as very satisfactory, particularly for the heavy draught animals.

The total number of animals sold since the Armistice, up to the 7th May is 91,819, and the total price £3,176,304 15s. 10d., giving an average of £37 17s. 2d.

Two thousand eight hundred and five mules have been sold for £62,210, making an average of £22 3s. 6d. This includes 520 mules sold to Lisbon for £18,200, or £35 per head. This figure shows show much more highly valued are mules outside this country, where there is a strong prejudice against them, despite overwhelming testimony to their good qualities from those who have had long experience of them. The average price for mules purchased in the United States of America was nearly £40, but the purchases included some very fine heavy draught animals, whereas those recently shipped to Portugal were only light draughts.

SPORTS AT ELSIG.

16th ARMY AUXILIARY (HORSE) COY. R.A.S.C.

The sports of this unit took place at Elsig on Wednesday in ideal weather when the following were the winners of the various events which were keenly contested:—

Sack Race:— Dr. Hird; Three Legged Race:— L/Cpl. Restorick; 100 yards race:— Dr. Chidlow; 100 yards (over 35 years of age) L Cpl. Restorick; Long Jump:— Dr. Sdlr. Denny; Boat Race:— No. 1 Section; Throwing Cricket Ball:— Dr. Denton; High Jump:— Dr. Sdlr. Denny; Wrestling on Horseback:— No. 1 Section; Tug of War:— No. 1 Section.

In the afternoon a Cricket match betwen Headquarters and No. 1 Section and No. 2 and 3 Sections resulted in a draw, each side scoring 22 runs.

In the evening members of the Company ably assisted by a detachment from 51st Leicesters provided an excellent musical entertainment.

BOWLING EXTRAORDINARY

SIX WICKETS FOR 5 RUNS.

174 SIEGE BATTERY v. 185 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A.

On Wednesday in fine weather a very enjoyable cricket game was played at Cuchenheim between 174 Siege Battery and 185 Siege Battery R.G.A. The feature of the match was the fine bowling of Gnr. Downs who took 6 wickets for 5 runs. A good sporting match ended with 185 Siege Battery R.G.A. winners by 52 runs.

The following were the scores:—

174 SIEGE BATTERY:—R.G.A.

Lieut. Webster C. and b. Downs	3
Cpl. Barker b. Downs	0
Lieut. Blyton b. Downs	0
Gnr. Brooks b. Downs	0
Capt. Littledale c. Hitchcock b. Downs . .	1
Gnr. Burch st. Mills b. Leaworthy . . .	1
Gnr. Thomson b. Leaworthy	1
Gnr. Duncombe b. Leaworthy	0
Gnr. Purdoe c. Winters b. Downs . . .	7
Lieut. Sinclair c. Mills b. Leaworthy . .	0
Extras	2
Total	15

185 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A.

Gnr. Radford st. Blyton b. Barker . . .	1
Gnr. Hewitt b. Webster	10
Gnr. Wilkinson c. Thomson b. Webster .	1
B.S.M. Mills b. Littledale	9
Sgt. Mc. Guckin run out	2
Gnr. Downs c. Burt b. Littledale . . .	7
Lieut. Hitchcock b. Webster	6
Gnr. Winters c. Bradley b. Littledale . .	7
Gnr. Leaworthy b. Burt	5
Gnr. Smith not out	8
Gnr. Allen b. Bradley	1
Extras	10
Total	67

A BOWLER'S DAY.

CAPT. BOND'S XI BEATEN AT LAST.

On Wednesday the 2/4th Duke of Wellington's, Bn. H.Q. Coy Team played, the return Match with Capt. Bond's XI on the Battn. H.Q. ground at Herrig. Capt. Bond's XI won the toss and elected to bat first on an ideal wicket. Corpl. Albone had very bad luck in being caught out (the second chance he gave) for 2. None of the others could stand against the bowling of Hartley and Feather, except Grant who carried his bat out for 6. In two overs the former took four wickets for 3 runs and the latter 3 wickets for 4 runs.

H.Q. Team went in to bat about 15.30 hours. They also batted poorly. Bond and North being very formidable with the "Leather."

About 16.00 hours after slow scoring H.Q. topped their opponent score with a smart cut through slip by Sgt. Copeland. They then retired beating the Erp eleven by four wickets. This is the first defeat for Capt. Bond's Eleven.

CRICKET FIXTURES FOR MAY.

16, 17.—At Lord's, Middlesex v. Notts.
16, 17.—At the Oval, Surrey v. Somerset.
17, 19, 20.—At Leyton, Essex v. Australians.
19, 20.—At Manchester, Lancashire v. Derbyshire.
21, 22.—At Nottingham, Notts v. Leicestershire.
21, 22.—At Taunton, Somerest v. Sussex.
23, 24.—At Gloucester, Gloucestershire v. Sussex.
24, 25.—At the Oval, Surrey v. Essex.
26, 27.—At Gloucester, Gloucestershire v. Yorkshire.
29, 30, 31.—At Lord's, M.C.C. v. Yorkshire.
30, 31.—At Leyton, Essex v. Lancashire.
30, 31.—At Leicester, Leicestershire v. Derbyshire.
30, 31.—At Brighton.—Sussex v. Notts.

MUNICIPAL FOOTBALL TEAM.

WILL CHESTERFIELD'S EXAMPLE BE LARGELY FOLLOWED?

Chesterfield, which has set an example by running a municipal professional football team, is evidently fully aware of the national value of sport (says "Sporting Life."). The Chairman of the Municipal Sports Committee (Mr. J. E. Clayton) believes this town's example will be largely followed all over the country. Football has loomed large in their programme at present, but they intend to take up tennis and other forms of sport, and also physical drill for the school children. In the Queen's Park annexe, Chesterfield claims to be providing one of the finest sports grounds in England.

51st SOUTH WALES BORDERERS' TEN GOALS.

The 51st South Wales Borderers continued their run of successes on Wednesday evening when they easily defeated the Brigade H.Q. at Munstereifel, the score running into double figures. Although only 3 goals were scored in the first half, before the final whistle blew the total had reached 10. The goal-scorers were:—Dyer (4); Roberts (3); Holines (2); and Reynolds.

RUGBY IN TROPICAL WEATHER.

6th WELSH v. 53rd S.W.B.

The first meeting between these two Welsh sides took place at Sechten on Monday in tropical weather. Both sides had absentees.

One or two movements by the 6th Welsh gave glimpses of what they really could do. The Borderers' line was crossed no less than eight times, but not one of the tries was converted. The scorers were:—Lieut. Grant, 2 tries; Lieut. D. Morgan, 1 try; Capt. Palmer 1 try; Sgt.-Major Lloyd, 2 tries; Pte. Allan, 1 try; Pte. Davies, 1 try.

Final Score:—6th Welsh 8 tries; 53rd S.W.B. nil.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

26th and 31st ARMY BRIGADES.

58 v. 514 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A.

This match was played at Mariaweiler in hot weather on Tuesday evening. The game opened briskly, slightly in favour of 514, whose forwards worked together in good style. Eventually 58 settled down and by speedy runs of their wing men gave their opponents' defence a busy time: Hodges in goal had some difficult shots to stop which he accomplished in a masterly manner.

The chief feature of the second half was the fine wing play of "Tich" Hurst at outside left who had a burly half to tackle, but generally came off best. He forced a corner which was excellently placed, Stanton shooting a good goal with only ten minutes to go.

Result:—

514 Siege Battery 1 goal; 58 Siege Battery nil.

"B" COY 16th H.L.I. v 64th R.E.

The above match took place at Solingen on Monday when the former again proved themselves to be the better team.

A good game resulted 3—1 and the result was never doubtful, "B" Coy having played exceptionally well throughout.

The winners are due to play "C" Coy 9th M.G.C. on Thursday.

GUNNERS REFUSE "A NUMBER NINE."

68th BRIGADE R.G.A. 6. V 139 FIELD AMB. O.

This match was played at MULHEIM on Monday. The Ambulance, evidently keen on administering a pill to the Gunners, opened in brisk style but the Heavy Gunners stood firm. Subsequently the visitors' goalkeeper saved twice in quick succession when a downfall looked certain. BENNIE executed a clever run on the left, ending with a good pass and LEIGH meeting the ball had the opposing custodian guessing with a fierce drive. Having once "drawn blood" the gunners could not be resisted and by good football LEIGH added 3 goals and Lieut. LLOYD 1 before the interval, the goalkeeper having no chance on either occasion. Interval:—

R.G.A. . . . 5; R.A.M.C. . . . 0.

The second half was much more even and only one goal by LEIGH was scored, the visiting goalie being palpably surprised by a long drive. Throughout the game the R.A.M.C. worked hard and they are to be complimented upon the football shown considering the size of their unit. Shooting was the chief cause of their downfall. SPENCE and TIGHE newcomers at back both played good football and will be heard of again.

68th Brigade R.G.A. Team:—

Lieut J. H. BROWN; Bomb. SPENCE & Corpl. TIGHE; Bomb. RAINBOW, Bomb. BUSH, Gnr WARBICK; Pte DUNCAN, Pte LOWE, Bomb. LEIGH, Lieut. LLOYD & Gnr BENNIE.

D. COY SOUTH STAFFS v. "A" BATTERY R.F.A.

These two teams met in an interesting match on Sunday on the Battery's Ground at Hoske. Receiving a pass from his centre half, the Gunners' centre-forward made tracks for goal, and profiting by a slip on the part of the visitors backs opened the scoring. The game was now vigorously contested and had the "Dons" forwards accepted their chances, the score at the interval would not have read:—

A Battery 1 goal; D Coy nil.

On resuming "Don" Coy made desperate efforts to score but were opposed by a sturdy defence. Give and take play followed, the rival defences being on top. Butterworth, the "Dons" left winger, was responsible for many fine centres, but the inside forwards did not take the chances presented them. The Staffs now monopolized the play, and the right wing were set going, and Smart equalized the scores. The final score of 1 goal each was a fair indication of the play.

"VICTORY" GOLF TOURNAMENT.

The committee of the Professional Golfers' Association met this week when the draw was made for the Southern Section "Victory" Tournament. It will be played, under stroke conditions over 36 holes, at Walton Heath on Wednesday next, and has attracted an entry of no fewer than 110. The field includes Vardon, Braid, Taylor, Herd, Duncan, Ray, Sherlock—indeed, practically every player of any note. In order to avoid congestion the first 28 couples will play on the old course, and the last 27 on the new course in the morning, and this plan will be reversed for the afternoon round. A commencement will be made at 9.45 a.m., and if a full day's high-class golf is desired it will be necessary to catch a train at London Bridge at 7.50 a. m. The Walton Heath club will cater for visitors to the best of their accommodation.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Preston North End.

Preston North End have signed on J. Elliott, of Cleator Moor, a young centre forward who has been a consistent scorer in Cumberland League football.

Yorkshire County Cricket Trial.

A Yorkshire county cricket trial between the First XI. and the Next XV. was played on May 21 and 22 at the Headingley ground, Leeds.

"Die-hards" Sports.

To celebrate the 108th anniversary of Albuera — where the Middlesex Regiment won the name of "Diehards"—sports were held yesterday at the regimental depot, Mill Hill.

New Zealand Swimming Records.

New Zealand amateur swimming records to the end of last year were: 100 yards, 60 4-5 secs.; 220 yards, 2 mins. 37 3-5 secs.; 440 yards, 5 mins. 45 secs.; 880 yards, 12 mins. 17 1-5 secs.; mile, 24 mins. 39 secs.; 100 yards (ladies), 1 min. 15 2-5 secs.

Free Rifles For Bisley Competitors.

It is understood that the Army Council have authorized, through the National Rifle Association, the free issue of short Lee-Enfield rifles to intending competitors at the Bisley meeting in July. The rifles can be obtained by any full-power rifle club affiliated to the association.

Country-House Cricket.

Attleborough, where the Australians opened their cricket tour this week, is the beautiful home in Norfolk of Mr. L. Robinson. Here the Australian magnate has reached the top mark in country-house cricket.

Challenge To Jimmy Wilde.

Jim (Kid) Harris, of Custom House, informs "Sporting Life" that he can be matched to box Jimmy Wilde at 8st 10lb, and would like to know what the champion thinks of the proposal. He says he has boxed in Australia, America, and Egypt, as well as in London before the war, and in all his 150 bouts has never yet "taken the knock."

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT CHESTER MEETING.

81,000 SPECTATORS.

Thursday's meeting at Chester, like that of the previous day, was held in glorious weather, and again enormous crowds witnessed the racing. The attendance in fact constituted a record for Chester, 81,000 persons being present and the receipts amounting to £19,438.

Appended are the results of the various events:—

Wynn Plate:— 1, Royal Sign (4—5); 2, Ho Ho (3—1); 3, Irish Green (8—1); Six ran.

Combermere Handicap:— 1, Old Gold (11—4); 2, St. Agnes Eve (4—5); 3, The Squire, (100—8) Four ran.

Great Cheshire Handicap:— 1, Rich Gift (4—1); 2, Glanmerin (2—1); 3, Flower Bed (10—1); Nine ran. Five lengths separated the first and second and two lenghtsthe second and third. Also ran — Polygonum, Churley's Uncle, Eaton Hero, Loaf Sugar, Ray, and John Jacket.

Dee Stakes:— 1, Silonyx (6—4); 2, Tourville (10—1); 3, Coma (20—1) Six ran.

Earl of Chester's Handicap:— 1, Arwin (10—1); 2, Royal Jewel (7—4); 3, Bomb Pin (5—1); Elven ran.

Ormonde Stakes:— 1, Game (11—8); 2, Jane Eyre (6—5); 3, Old Cariv (7—1). Three ran.

TOM PEPPER'S SIRE AND DAM.

Lemberg, the sire of Tom Pepper, the winner of the Chester Cup, is one of the stallions that the late Mr. "Fairie" Cox has left to his brother in his will. Mr. Reid Walker, the Lancashire sportsman, has the satisfaction of not only owning Wednesday's winner but having bred him, as the four-year-old is out of a favourite mare of this sportsman's, Back Answer.

Shatwell, the jockey who rode Tom Pepper to victory has had much Continental experience, and in his time has ridden over 300 winners.

LATEST LONDON BETTING.

Jubilee Handicap:— 9 to 4 (offered after 5 to 2 taken), Royal Bucks; 11 to 2, Zinovia; 15 to 2 Dansellon; 9 to 1 Silver Bube; 10 to 1 Rivershore (taken and offered); 10 to 1 Not Much (taken).

The Derby:— 13 to 8 Panther (offered). 100 to 15 Lord Busb (taken and offered); 100 to 8 Stefan The Great and Paper Money (offered).

U.S. COMPETITORS FOR INTER'-ALLIED ATHLETIC MEETING.

A *Reuter's* Washington telegram states that representatives of the War Department and the Athletic Union have worked out plans for sendig a team or 50 army men to complete at the Inter-Allied Athletic Meeting in France next month.

The American team will probably leave American on the 6th of June.

MOORE v. WILDE.

Mr. Cochran has received a cablegram from Pal Moore accepting the terms offered to meet Jimmy Wilde at the Olympia in July.

CYCLE RACING BOOM.

As some indication of the present boom in cycle and other racing, it is announced that the National Cyclists' Union during the past four weeks have sold over seventeen thousand official entry forms to sports promoters.

SPORTING TROPHY STOLEN.

A massive silver cup, presented to the late Mr. W. L. Murdoch, the famous Australian and Sussex cricketer by admiring Colonials in 1880 has been stolen from the George and Dragon Hotel at Kingston Hill, the proprietor of which, Mr. Con Spring, well known in racing and athletic circles, is offering £50 for its recovery.

52nd WELSH REGT v. No 2 FIELD AMBULANCE.

Played on Tuesday at Langsdorf.

The "medicals" had most of the play in the first half, Tonkinson playing a fine defence game for them, and at centre forward Grundy the ex-Northern Nomad led the line in fine style. Barr scored the first goal after 20 minutes play, and then Howarth placed a corner kick to perfection for Burell to head through. One minute from half time Grundy got possession of the ball in midfield and beating the defence, scored the "medicals" third goal with a lovely ground shot.

In the second half the Battalion had most of the game, but Tonkinson repeatedly sent them back empty handed. After 25 minutes one of his clearances had the misfortune to rebound off Sergt. Wagstaff through the ambulance goal. Not to be daunted the "medicos" then carried the play into the infantrymen's half, where Howarth placed across a centre which enabled Grundy to add another goal. The final whistle came with the score:—

No 2 Field Ambulance 4 goals; 52nd Batt. Welsh Regt. 1 goal.

SPORTIVE STARS AND STRIPES AT HILGEN.

Yesterday's post brought us an unsigned report of a football match at Hilgen between officers and sergeants, the anonymous sender of which rightly-asserts that whiskey — generally speaking — is not good for training. Judging by the report we are inclined to think that it is equally ungood for writing! The following is his account of the game:—

NOVICES AT PLAY.

"Well when I say novices, it really, was officers v. sergts: and some effort at that, what with little practice and a slippery ball, the supporters on the line had their full share of amusement. Sgt. — — in his American outfit was quite dangerous and cheered on with cries of "take off those shirts" he on several occasions came within 20 yds. of the goal, one of the best goals was when the officer's goalkeeper threw the ball on to the head of the opposing inside right, who accidently put it through, the whistle finally blew mid sighs of relief and several left the ground, realizing tha whiskey was not good for training.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday, May 17, 1919.

Surface wind between East and South-East, 5—10 m.p.h. Mainly fair with morning mist and perhaps daytime cloud. Warm. Visibility fair or good.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

A Popular Boxing Promoter.

Persistent reports have it that Mr. C. B. Cochran, the well known theatrical producer and boxing promoter is likely to strike out in a new direction. A business proposition has come before him which, if he accepts, will probably mean that he will have to relinquish his associations with theatricals and boxing. There are few, indeed, who have had anything to do with ringcraft, who do not know Mr. Cochran for his geniality, his enterprise as a "showman," and his extraordinary energy. If his venture into an unbeaten path (as far as his activities are concerned, at all events) should be taken, his departure from the boxing world will be very much regretted by a large number of sportsmen.

Echo of the Thorpe-McCarthy Match.

An interesting letter has reached me from Driver McCarthy who, since his recent wrestling match with S.S.M. Thorpe, has been demobilized. Why my correspondent should write in the strain he has adopted, it is difficult to understand for, surely, no one ever suggested that the match referred to was anything but clean and sportsmanlike.

However, the letter, coming from so "infant" a civilian is interesting. Writing from a London address, McCarthy says:—

"I have recently had *The Cologne Post* sent home to me containing the account of my match with S.S.M. Thorpe of the 28th Field Ambulance. I am writing to you for I feel that you would like to know that my match with S.S.M. Thorpe was one of the best and cleanest matches I have ever had. We agreed to wrestle for the Championship of the Rhine Army of Occupation and I should like to mention that I have never experienced a finer grapple in all my mat experience. He is a real sport and all who meet him in a match will find him the same. I only wish I had had the time for a return match before leaving for "Blighty," here to be "demob'd". Perhaps when he comes this side again he will give me the chance of another go with him. I am doing my best to fix up a couple of matches at home here now. I hope I shall find all my other matches as fair and as sporty as that with the S.S.M. I wish him all the best of luck and health and hope he will always be ready to defend the title, that he won throught our match, for I challenged anyone in the Army of Occupation and he took me on and met me in a match at Burscheid." Sergt. Major Thorpe will no doubt blush at these nice remarks and I think he will join me in wishing Mc Carthy "all the best."

THE RAMBLER.

IN AID OF SERVICE CHARITIES.

ROYAL NAVAL, MILITARY AND AIR FORCE TOURNAMENT.

A special effort is being made this year to raise a large sum for the Service Charities by means of the Tournament which opens at Olympia on 26th June. The funds of all the institutions which benefit by the profits taken at the Tournament are greatly in need of assistance. There are many orphans to be educated and given a start in life, and no sum however great which the public may contribute by attending the Tournament will be too much for future needs. A large honorary staff is at work under the chairmanship of Major General G.P.T. Feilding, G.O.C. London District, and it is pledged to break all records this year on behalf of the special needs of the charities.

At the Tournament, skill-at-arms is encouraged by the presence of champions who have fought their way through to Olympia in their own Command competitions. With so many skilled sportsmen of all sorts now in the services, the competitions will be unusually attractive. These men have come forward almost in a body to help. The full programme this year will be given by:

(a) The Royal Navy.
(b) The Army.
(c) The Royal Air Force,
(d) The Royal Marines.
(e) The Territorial Force, Volunteer Force and Cadets.
(f) Schools and Institutions.
(g) Our Allies.

Well-known Officers and men from the different theatres of war are home or coming home to join in the big effort of this Peace year Tournament, and the new ideas which they bring should make the programme the most varied of its kind ever given. New Corps to take part include the Tank Corps, Machine Gun Corps, and the new branches of the old services. The men of H.M.S. Victory, Wildfire and Vivid, and the boys of Greenwich School will be included, as well as the boys from the Military School at Dunblane. A number of distinguished war visitors, including famous Allied commanders, will attend.

BAKERS BILLIARD MATCH.

At the Bakers Billet, R.A.S.C., Kalk, Cologne, a very interesting Billiard match arranged between the Bakers R.A.S.C. and the M. T's, R.A.S.C. was played on Wednesday evening. The teams were of 6 a-side, the games being of 100 up.

The six games were played on a full-sized English Billiard Table (Burroughes and Watts make) Results:—

Bakers 519, Average 86½; Transport 488, Average 81⅓.

The Bakers invite friendly matches.

It was stated at the inquest yesterday on Lieut. George Norton (21), R.A.F., that he had lived nearly seven months with a broken spine, the result of a fall from an aeroplane.

At Westminster County Court Christina Campbell, an elderly widow on crutches, plaintiff in a suit for damages and personal injuries, was invited by the Judge, Sir Alfred Tobin, to sit beside him on the Bench, so that he could hear her.

Bleak House, Broadstairs, a residence of Charles Dickens, is for sale.

The City Guardians contemplate closing the Homerton institution consequent upon the decline of pauperism.

Two Dutch steam-trawlers have towed to Ymuiden a big Italian submarine floating dock which they found drifting about in the North Sea

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At Südfriedhof cemetery yesterday, the funeral took place, with full military honours, of Private L. R. Moon, of the 51st Northumberland Fusiliers, who was drowned at Cologne Swimming Baths on Tuesday.

The deceased, who was a popular sportsman in his battalion, followed a hot bath with a plunge into the swimming bath and a few minutes later was found under the water. Artificial respiration was unsuccessful.

A large number of his comrades attended the funeral, the band of the 52nd Northumberland Fusiliers accompanying the sad procession.

"THE MOLLUSC" ON TOUR.

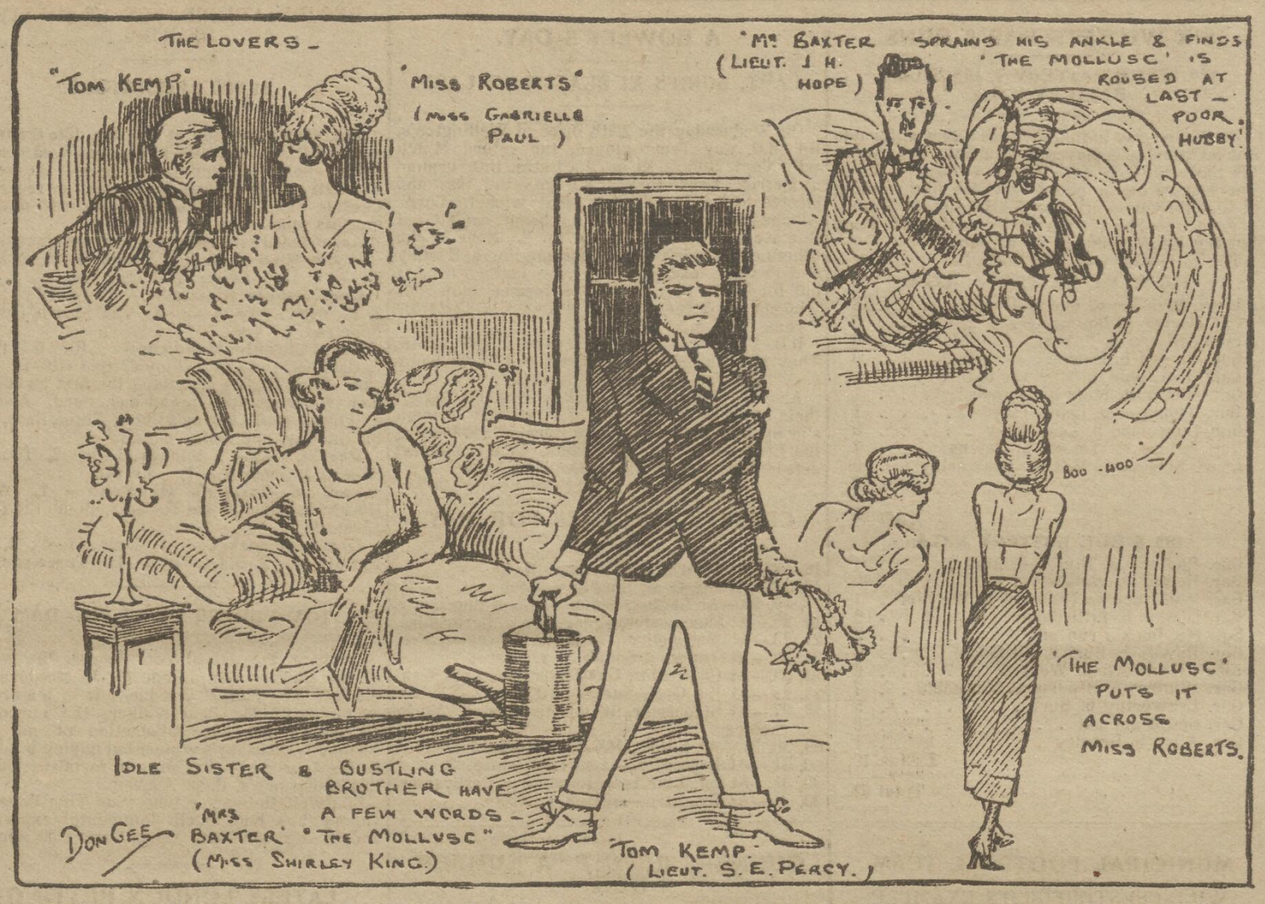

A few of the incidents in "The Mollusc," a clever play, admirably acted by the Rhine Army Amateur Dramatic Company.

ENGLISH LADIES IN FRANCE.

The second party of ladies who have accepted the invitation of the Mayor of Lille, sent through Sir Harry Brittain, M.P., left Victoria at 8.50 on Thursday morning. As before, the arrangements were carried out by the Overseas Club. Lady Greenwood is president, and the party includes Dr. Flora Murray and Dr. Garrett Anderson, of the Endell-street Military Hospital, Mrs. Kimmins, of the Chailey Heritage Craft Schools, Mrs. Arkwright (Mothers Union) Miss Cameron-Swan (Lady Superintendent, Woolwich Arsenal), Mrs. Gibson, O.B.E. (Surgical Supplies, Needlework Guild), Miss Fiskin (Australia) and Mrs. Ardens (Lancashire Cotton Industry), while other ladies well known as lecturers or writers are Mrs. Baliance, Miss Everett Green, Mrs. Baynes, Mrs. Golding Bright, Miss Hutton, Mrs. Phillpots, and Miss G. Lockey. Lille will be the headquarters for six days, and visits will be paid to the devastated areas of France and to wrecked factories.

GERMAN FACTORIES.

INSPECTION BY BRITISH BUSINESS MEN.

English manufacturers will have an opportunity of inspecting German factory methods in the occupied districts. Mr. L. A. Paish, of the Department of Oversea Trade, has been to Cologne to arrange with the military authorities for a series of visits to be paid to factories by representatives of our own dye, iron, and similar industries. The German manufacturers will furnish every facility, and is it thought that a mutual interchange of views may be useful.

WOMEN FOR THE COLONIES.

It is understood that the Government Overseas Settlement Committee will shortly despatch six women commissioners to investigate conditions in the Colonies. Two of these ladies will visit Canada, two Australia, and the remaining two New Zealand. Their mission will be to inquire into the openings likely to occur for women workers, particularly land workers, with a view to the settlement in the Dominions of British women workers, who desire to emigrate. Preference will be given to women with some kind of war service. Among those selected as Commissioners are Miss Gladys Pott and Miss Watkin two ladies prominently connected with the women's branch of the Food Production Department, which organised the Women's Land Army.

THE VICTORIA CROSS ALLOWANCES MAY BE INCREASED.

The question of increasing the payments to holders of the Victoria Cross—£10 a year in ordinary cases and £50 when the holder is totally disabled—is to be considered during the forthcoming general revision of terms and conditions of service. Mr. H. W. Forster, Financial Secretary to the War Office, stated in the House of Commons that officers who rose from the ranks and gained the Cross as officers must abide by the rules applying to officers.

"Are not many officers now very poor men?" asked Colonel Wilfrid Ashley.

"I hope we shall deal with that in the review of their pay," replied Mr. Forster.

NEW MILITARY SECRETARY.

Mr. Churchill has appointed Lieut.-General Sir Philip W. Chetwode, Bt., D.S.O., to be military secretary to the Secretary of State for War and secretary of the Selection Board in succession to Lieut.-General Sir Francis J. Davies, who will take up the appointment of G.O.C., Scottish Command, on June 7. Sir Philip served in the capacity of military secretary to Viscount (then Sir John) French for two years. He took over the command of East Force at Deir el Belan, Palestine, after Sir Charles Dobell's two abortive attempts to reduce Gaza in 1917. Before that he had served with distinction in France

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

LIEBKNECHT'S VERDICT.

There is something more than mere sensationalism in the murder and recent trial of the murderers of Liebknecht and Luxemburg. One might even say there is a certain political value or significance underlying this horrible tragedy, the realization of which is not yet fully manifest. Such tragedies, especially when representatives of more than one country are involved, have proved often serious, as in the case of the Sarajevo outrage in 1914, the results of which were revealed at bitter cost.

The same danger exhibits itself amongst the various parties of a state, though perhaps in a milder degree; and at present it would be impossible to calculate the real effect which will present itself ultimately, when all the sensationalism of the drama has passed into oblivion.

Liebknecht, it will be remembered, was a member of the Reichstag, and throughout the war he distinguished himself by his "anti-German" attitude in condemning his own Government and people. Henri Barbusse in his admirable book *Le Feu* (English translation entitled *Under Fire*) acclaims Liebknecht as being the greatest hero of the war, in that he attempted to fight against the callousness of his own authorities. But his efforts merely resulted in imprisonment, and he remained thus until the Revolution of last year.

When released, Liebknecht became leader of the Independent Socialists, but on account of his sympathy with the Spartacists, he soon was compelled to live again the quiet life within prison-walls. Rosa Luxembourg who had been helping him in the Spartacist developments, was also imprisoned.

Then came the awful tragedy which happened whilst the two were being escorted from one prison to another, the account of which has been given in earlier issues.

The sentences were indeed light, and much comment can be expected from all parties.

Die Freiheit, the organ of the Independent Socialists, implies that the verdict merely shows that German barbarity is to-day just the same as before the revolution, and that the power of the militarists is as strong as ever. It also points out the influence such a verdict might possibly have with the Entente countries at the present time, when they notice that such crimes remain "unpunished."

The *Rheinische Zeitung*, the organ of the Majority Socialists, gives a lengthy comment on the verdict and, as the two assassinated were of a rival organization, it is interesting to note the remarks.

"It is unconceivable to the outsider that Liebknecht and Luxembourg should have been delivered almost defenceless to a rough band of men who had only a military education. Though we have fought hard against the Spartacists, we know only too well that these two had no thoughts whatever of committing vile crimes. They will remain in history however, as martyrs and their martyrdom will be the still more heroic because, by the senseless deeds of Runge, Vogel and others, they lost all opportunity to justify themselves before the judges.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Four labourers were killed by an earthquake in the island of Fuerteventura, in the Canaries. The inhabitants are fleeing to Gran Canaria.

The Prince of Wales has appointed Sir Godfrey John Vignoles Thomas to be his Assistant Private Secretary.

The Skerne Chemical Works, Darlington, were destroyed by fire, the damage being estimated at £6,000.

The number of war savings certificates sold during the week ended May 3 was 2,137,333, bringing the total to 317,454,848.

The Koltchak Ministry has fixed the minimum monthly wage for May at 393 roubles (nominally £39 6s.).

Mr. Walter Long, M.P., has given instructions for the agricultural estate of South Wraxall, Wiltshire, to be offered for sale at Trowbridge next Tuesday.

A conger eel measuring six feet in length, twenty-one inches in girth, and weighing more than three stones, has been washed ashore alive at Mundesley, Norfolk.

The death took place at Liverpool of Mr. John M. Dove, for many years manager and director of the Liverpool and London and Globe insurance Company.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

"ON SHRUGGING SHOULDERS."

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

There are many points in O.W.'s article in Wednesday's issue, with which I disagree.

Firstly, he characterises the French as having "mastered and developed above all others, the science of living and extracting the most conscious enjoyment out of life." Yet during the four years of war in which we were most intimately intermingled with our Allies, the generally accepted opinion as regards the effect produced by one nation on another through such close association is that our own bright and cheerful outlook on life, even in the face of death, did much to inspire our Allies with courage and endurance. Now, when the shrug of the shoulders is not so much needed, O.W. points to the French as being the inspirer, and exhorts us to become the inspired.

As regards the words of the Town Major which he quoted as representative of a big shrug of the shoulders and which he considers to be "one of the wisest things he ever saw," namely "To-day is the to-morrow that we worried about yesterday, but it didn't happen," surely he will agree that a bigger shrug of the shoulders is depicted by these words. "To-day is the to-morrow which we refused to worry about yesterday, so likewise will we refuse to worry over the morrow."

Yet though I partly agree with him on meeting all trouble with a shrug, I would remind him of the impossibility of annihilating worry, since if one and all refuse to worry over the problems of life, what will become of progress? But perhaps he thinks that by merely shrugging the shoulders, all problems will solve themselves automatically. F.A.P.

Answers to Correspondents.

[The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Many questions have been received which could be answered much easier by the Adjutant of the unit concerned, and all such cases which affect the unit commander must be taken to him and not sent here. — Ed.]

Y. Z. A.—You may have seen our note in last Saturday's issue.

B im.—Yes, the whole period of your service counts for gratuity.

D. W. O.—No, not that particular period.

S. C.—See answer to. Y.Z.A.

31478.—There is no general medal for the service you refer to.

Tyke.—You have won your bet. The village of Havrincourt was twice captured by Yorkshire troops.

Doubtful.—If you were reported "Wounded" at C.C.S you are entitled to a gold bar.

A. A. D.—The article you mention does not apply to soldiers in the Army of the Rhine. It was merely given as home news.

1910.—The Derby scheme was in operation long before the Military Service Act was passed.

Harold.—The application should in course be forwarded to the Commanding Officer of your Battalion from whom you will receive notification.

Blue Chevron.—Yes, the chevrons can still be added at the completion of the year's service overseas.

Hag.—See our note on sending of full name, etc.

Dara ion.—Look up your dictionary again, and then explain what essential difference there is between "cessation" and "termination."

WARNING TO SOLDIERS

Soldiers passing through London and elsewhere on leave or otherwise, are specially warned against unscrupulous persons posing as Service men or Guides, who swindle soldiers by passing off imitation Bank notes, headed "BANK OF ENGRAVING" in place of "BANK OF ENGLAND", for various amounts of £5 or £10, under the pretence of requiring change etc.

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NOTICE.

OLD ETONIAN DINNER.

It is proposed to hold an Old Etonian Dinner in Cologne on 4th June.

Details as to time and place will be published later. Will all old Etonians who wish to be present please send their names to LT. H.L. FARQUHAR, HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY GOVERNOR, enclosing 100 Marks.

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PETROGRAD DOOMED.

DATE OF PEACE CELEBRATIONS.

FURTHER STRIKE IN EGYPT.

AFGHANISTAN TROUBLE FIZZLING OUT.

IMPORTANT SUCCESS.

Reuter understands that British troops occupied Dakka Fort in Afghanistan on Tuesday last. This is a most important operation and is regarded as a serious blow to the Afghans. It has definitely stopped any menace to Lundi Kotal and from a military point of view may be regarded as showing that the movement will fizzle out.

ANOTHER EGYTIAN STRIKE.

Port Said, 15th May.— All municipal workers have struck. No disorders have occurred and Suez Canal traffic is unaffected owing to the measures taken to provide ships with sufficient coal to reach the nearest port.— *Reuter*

RUSSIAN GENERALS MURDERED.

A telegram from Helsingfors states that in the course of some excavations at Mountain Maschuk, in Caucasia, the corpses were found of 115 officers. Amongst them were the bodies of Generals Russky and Radko Dimitrieff. There was evidence that all of them had been murdered by the Bolsheviks, and their bodies terribly mutilated.—*Reuter.*

FALL OF PETROGRAD IMMINENT.

Copenhagen. The *Natonal Tidende* learns from a reliable source that General Maunheim, commanding Finnish troops, has reached Bjeboostrov, a few miles from Petrograd, and expects shortly to take the city. The Bolshevist authorities have fled.

THREE HUNDRED SHIPS FOR ARCHANGEL.

Copenhagen.— A telegram from Bergen states that three hundred British vessels recently passed that port on their way to Archangel. They were loaded with provisions and war material. The fleet mostly consisted of thousand-ton flat bottomed vessels. These will be used for river service in North Russia.—*Reuter.*

WAR MEMORIAL SCROLLS.

Mr. Guest, in the course of a parliamentary debate, stated that 20,000 War Memorial scrolls have actually been inscribed and will shortly be despatched. The factory for the manufacture of plaques will probably not be ready for two months. It has therefore been impossible to issue plaques to relatives, though the preparations are well advanced.

DATE OF PEACE CELEBRATIONS.

According to the *Times* it has been decided to hold national Peace celebrations on the 3rd, 4th and 5th August, if peace is signed by that date.

The North Lambeth peace celebrations committees immediately passed a resolution, which has been forwarded to the Prime Minister, expressing consternation at the proposal to hold the Peace celebrations on these days, as all the schools will be closed and many people will be absent from London.

SMALLPOX AT CROYDON.

Seven cases of smallpox have been notified at Croydon. The infection is supposed to have been brought by a soldier from the East.

THE EMPIRE UNITED IN PEACE AS IN WAR.

OUR IMPERATIVE DUTY.

Presiding at a luncheon in honour of Sir Robert Borden, prior to his return to Canada, Mr. Bonar Law said that, however, much we might hope from the League of Nations, it was vital that not only every statesman, but the whole people throughout the Empire should realise that as the Empire had been one throughout the war it must be one in the years to come.

Sir Robert Borden in the course of his reply, said the wonder was not that the Peace terms were agreed upon with reluctance by one and another of the nations but that there was in the end an absolutely unanimous adoption of the Treaty as presented to the German plenipotentiaries. It was our imperative duty, he said, to make our Empire an inspiring example to the greater League of Nations now happily organised.

Greek forces have occupied Smyrna. *Reuter.*

Admiral Jellicoe has arrived at Albany (West Australia).— *Reuter.*

KOLTCHAK'S FORCES NEARING MOSCOW.

NAVAL GUNS AT ARCHANGEL.

Admiral Koltchak, the leader of the anti-Bolshevist Siberian Army, has telegraphed to Mr. Churchill:

"I wish to convey to your Excellency my profound appreciation of the assistance which is being rendered by Great Britain to Russia in her national efforts, and am sincerely touched by the friendly message delivered to me on behalf on the British War Office. While marching courageously towards Moscow the Siberian troops are animated only by the desire of liberating the country, bringing her back to the place she is justified to occupy, and enabling the people of Russia to express freely their national will.—Admiral Koltchak."

"In the River Dvina region (Archangel front), in the direction of Onega-Shenkursk, an artillery duel with the ships of the enemy's flotilla is taking place," says the Moscow wireless.

"In the direction of Murmansk there is fighting among outposts 27 miles west of the railway. In the direction of Olonets (110 miles north-east of Petrograd) our troops retreated 7 miles to the east of Olonets."

The Bolsheviks also claim to have attacked successfully in the southern sector of the Dniester. "At the first attack of the Red troops the ranks of the Rumanians and White Guards wavered. Our troops, crossing the Dniester, broke into the Rumanian front to a depth of 7 miles and occupied Cheoruch."

MONEY LINED CLOTHING.

Colonel Balakhovitch, commander of the anti-Bolshevist Russian troops in Esthonia, states that the Soviet Commissaries when pursued by rebellious soldiers with bayonets shouted. "Don't thrust, you will destroy bank-notes." It was found that the commissaries had their clothes entirely lined with £100 and £25 bank-notes.

Colonel Balakhovitch gives a graphic account of the atrocious torture inflicted by Chinese gaolers on the inmates of Russian prisons. This principally takes the form of causing drops of icy water to fall from a great height on to the heads of their victims.—*Reuter.*

TROOPS FOR NORTH RUSSIA.

Stirring scenes were witnessed early yesterday morning at the Royal Albert Docks when the transport Menominee was being got ready to depart later in the day for Northern Russia with troops of the Russian Relief Force on board. A number of the men, mainly artillery, had arrived overnight, and yesterday morning another trainload put in an appearance shortly before eight. The artillerymen had evidently come some distance, but they were in splendid spirits. The majority of them wore the 1914 or 1914-15 ribbon, and they were evidently a picked crowd. They had apparently seen fighting upon more than one front, and on one of the carriages of the train was written. "We are Allenby's boys from Jerusalem." As is usual with the British soldier when going on active service, they had some facetious remarks to make concerning those who stay at home, and the inscriptions upon the carriages were generally most amusing. One of them read, "Good-bye, blighty; get settled by the time we return," an obvious reference to the Paris negotiations. Another inscription was. "The last will and testament of — Battery. We leave the whole Government to 'John Bull.'" Still another ran, "We are the boys that gave the Germans hell, and we are going to give the Bolsheviks the same," and a further inscription was, "Four years of war; still going strong."

As the men paraded after detraining many of them were carrying Union Jacks, and they wore flowers and pieces of fern in their caps—favours from those at home. The band of the Royal Artillery from Woolwich played as they marched up the gangway, and the men cheered lustily as they boarded the troopship. As well as artillerymen, there were on board a considerable number of R.A.S.C. and also a large complement of naval ratings who were going out to join their ships in the North.

ENFIELD ACCIDENT INQUIRY.

An inquest was held yesterday morning on Lt. Col. Webley Hope, who was found shot in his office at the Royal Small Arms factory at Enfield.

Lt. Col. Robinson, director of Small Arms Inspection, produced the rifle action which caused the fatality and explained that it was not intended to be fired, being simply "thrown together" for demonstration and experiments. There was no doubt that something caught in the mechanism of the rifle, causing it to explode.

A verdict of accidental death was returned.

SWEDISH AIRMAN KILLED.

The well-known Swedish airman Dr. Enoch Thulin, director of the Enoch Thulin Aeroplane factory, crashed at Landskrona yesterday and was killed.—*Reuter.*

H.M. the King has appointed Admiral Sir George Callaghan to be Bath King of Arms.

FRENCH'S WAR LORD BOOK.

MORE QUESTIONS ASKED.

In the House of Commons Sir D. Maclean (L., Peebles and Southern) asked whether the Government would give an opportunity for the discussion of the motion standing on the Order Paper in his name relating to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Mr. Bonar Law: No, sir. So far as the Government are concerned we do not think such a discussion would be desirable, and in the ordinary course we should not give facilities for it; but if my right hon. friend in his capacity as Leader of the Opposition—(cries of "No," and laughter)—asks for an opportunity to move a vote of censure we shall find time for it.

Sir D. Maclean: In view of the fact that I have no intention whatever to move such a motion as a vote of censure but only wish to clear a constitutional point, does the right hon. gentleman not think it is an undue limitation of free debate to impose such a condition?

Mr. Bonar Law: No, sir; I do not, and I hope the House will agree with me. Special safeguards which exist in our rules to prevent such a discussion are there for the purpose of preventing people in a position of great responsibility from being criticised. I therefore cannot agree to it.

It is understood that by Wednesday next Mr Bonar Law will be in a position to reply on behalf of the Government to the various questions raised by the publication of Field Marshal French's articles.

EMPIRE AT STAKE.

Before dealing with the first battle of Ypres, Field Marshal French, continuing his narrative in the *Daily Telegraph*, takes a survey of the issues involved at that time. He asks: "What were the points at issue in this grave crisis in the history of the world? What were the stakes for which we were playing? Let us suppose that from October, 1914, up to the end of the war, the German right flank had been established at Dieppe, instead of at Nieuport. How, then, would it have fared with the British Empire?

"Discussing the question of the Channel Tunnel at a meeting of the Council of Imperial Defence in May, 1914, I suggested the possibility of submarines being despatched in sections by rail to certain ports and there assembled. The expert reply was that this would be quite impracticable. How has the experience of the war borne out this dictum? It is as certain as anything can be that, in the circumstances I have supposed, the Channel ports would soon have been full to overflowing with these craft, which, with such bases of operations, would have rendered the Channel a veritable mare clausum, so far as any attempt by our Navy to prevent invasion was concerned. If, then, Napoleon entertained high hopes of success when he concentrated an army at Boulogne in 1805 for the invasion of this country, surely the Germans, in such circumstances as I have described, would have regarded such an enterprise with still greater confidence. And they would have been justified in so doing.

"Then, as to aircraft. An examination of the map will show that London would be within about half the aircraft range of the German aerodromes as they existed if these latter were moved to Calais and its neighbourhood. Let those who have had experience of the full effect of air raids on London during the war judge what this might have meant.

"I think it is reasonable to deduce from this argument that the stakes for which we were playing at the great Battle of Ypres were nothing less than the safety, indeed, the very existence, of the British Empire."

ASQUITH'S THIRD NEWCASTLE SPEECH.

FRENCH AND KITCHENER.

Mr Asquith speaking at Newcastle, referred with reluctance he explained, to Lord French's book "1914." He said that Field Marshal French had taken an unusual and unfortunate course. It was impossible to reconcile some of his statements with Mr. Asquith's recollection of facts or with contemporary documents. It was wholly untrue to suggest that Lord Kitchener or the Home Government ever contemplated or attempted gratuitous interference with the commander in the field, and the friends of Lord Kitchener might await the process of disclosure with serenity.

Subsequently Mr. Asquith declared that the House of Commons is no longer representative of the people, but a real opposition is coming into being with every by-election and promised to add to its ranks. The coalition form of Government is unsuitable, he said, for the constructive tasks of peace, and it would be a mistake for young Liberals to combine with the Labourites.

COERCING THE GOVERNMENT.

The Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Congress yesterday considered the request submitted to it on the 16th April as a matter of urgency by the Triple Alliance of Miners, Railwaymen and Transport workers.

This was for a National Trade Union Congress to be called to consider the proposal for a national strike in order to compel the Government to withdraw British troops from Russia, to abolish conscription and to release conscientious objectors.

The Committee decided to defer consideration of the request until they had seen Mr. Lloyd George or Mr. Bonar Law. The effect of this is that the proposal is thus practically shelved.

TRADE UNIONISTS REFUSE SHIPYARDS.

The Federation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Trade Unions meeting at Cardiff, has rejected the Government offer to hand over the Beachley and Chepstow shipbuilding yards to be run under the joint management of capital and labour. Mr. A. Wilkie M.P. (Lab., Dundee) said that if the Government made a practical proposition they would consider it.

LONDON'S WELCOME TO LONDON MEN.

LONDON SCOTTISH.

London is at last having the opportunity of welcoming its very own men who fought in the war. Apart from the City of London Regiment of Regulars — the Fusiliers — the London Regiment is composed of Territorials, whose record in all theatres of war stands second to none. The 47th, 48th, 56th and 60th Divisions were all Londoners, and although triumphal marches are becoming quite a familiar feature of London life, it is safe to assert that the warmest welcome of all will be accorded to London's own men when they are once more home.

Yesterday the 1st Battalion of the London Scottish, or rather the few that are left of that famous corps which fought so gallantly in France, notably in the first battle of Messines, reached home. At 3.30 in the afternoon the cadre of the regiment, which includes three officers and two men of other ranks who went with it to France in 1914, arrived at Charing-cross. Headed by the pipe band of the regiment, the men marched via Trafalgar-square, Waterloo-place, Piccadilly, Hyde Park-corner, and Grosvenor-place to the headquarters in Buckingham-gate, where a civic reception by the Mayor and Council of Westminster awaited them.

In the course of a telegram from Dublin, Field Marshal French said "I shall never forget the splendid service they rendered at the first battle of Ypres."

Over ten thousand men served with the London Scottish during the war. The casualties of the regiment totalled 4,800 of which 1380 were killed and only 115 taken prisoner.

MURDER OF A W.A.A.C.

COY. SGT.-MAJOR CHARGED.

Company Sergeant-Major Montague Cecil Hepburn, aged 30, who was arrested at Haynes Park Camp, was brought before Mr Creasy, at the Bedford County Police station, yesterday, and charged with the murder of Ellen Roult on May 9.

Asked whether he had any objection to a remand, accused said: "I can say, sir, that I am innocent—quite innocent, sir. A mistake has been made. I would like to ask questions."

The Clerk (Mr Williams) told Hepburn that he could not ask questions at that stage.

Accused: I should like to have an officer here.

Mr Williams replied that every facility would be given to the accused for legal assistance.

Hepburn was then remanded for a week. He is a well-built young man, and was wearing the Mons ribbon and three chevrons. He belonged to the Royal Engineers' camp at Haynes Park.

The funeral of Miss Roult took place yesterday afternoon at Haynes Churchyard, which adjoins the camp grounds. All the officers and men now serving in the camp attended. The body was conveyed on a gun carriage and military honours were accorded.

SUCCESSFUL BLIND FARMERS.

Remarkable results are being obtained at the training farm at King's Langley belonging to the St Dunstan's Home for blind soldiers, where instruction is given by blind tutors. So wonderful is the training and development of the other senses that the pupils rear not only fowls but pigs and other small stock. They learn to recognise at once the strain of any fowl they catch and can distinguish between brown and white Leghorns. More than one hundred and thirty men have passed through the theoretical and practical courses at home and on the farm. Their wives also receive simultaneous training on a Kentish farm.

HOPE FOR GASSED MEN.

The British Medical Journal says that there is increased reason for thinking that only a very small percentage of surviving gas casualties will suffer permanently. There is no accumulation of evidence to indicate that gassing set up predisposition of disease other than tuberculous and in such cases the disease is probably rekindled rather than caused by gas.

LAND FOR CANADIAN SOLDIERS.

Ottawa. 12th May. In the Dominion House of Commons yesterday Mr. Meighan, Minister of the Interior, presented a comprehensive Bill dealing with land settlement for soldiers. This Bill empowers the creation of a Soldiers Settlement Board to acquire privately owned lands, by expropriation where necessary. The Board is empowered to issue soldiers free grants of over one hundred and sixty acres and to make advances not exceeding 7,500 dollars, repayable in annual instalments, with five per cent interest.—*Reuter.*

IRISHMAN REFUSES TO SING WAGNER.

Thomas Burke, a young Lancashire Irishman, leapt into fame when he made his debut as a tenor at Covent Garden on Monday night. The re-opening of the opera season proved one of the most brilliant society functions since the war.

Burke appeared with Melba in La Boneme. Interviewed yesterday he said he preferred Italian opera and would never sing Wagner.

At the Mansion House Police Court the National Labour Press Ltd. was fined eighty pounds for publication of leaflets and posters urging discontinuance of the Blockade of Germany.

Lieut General Sir David V. Henderson has accepted the post of Director General of the new International League of Red. Cross Societies.

The Duke of Beaufort has decided to give to the nation Raglan Castle, Monmouthshire, an historic pile dating from the fourteenth century.

Sergt. Mallace, one of the policemen wounded in the Sinn Fein outrage at Knocklong on Tuesday night has succumbed to his injuries.

FLYING THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

AMERICANS START.

Trepassy, Newfoundland. 15th May. The American seaplanes N.C.1 and N.C.3 started between five and six this evening ostensibly to the trans-Atlantic flight but returned an hour later and after cruising off the harbour began discharging excess fuel. It was believed that they intended starting later in the evening but it was eventually announced that the flight was abandoned for that night.

The American dirigible C.5 arrived at St. Johns after a twenty-six hours non-stop flight from Long Island. It subsequently broke its moorings and drifted seawards with nobody aboard. An American destroyer started with orders to bring it down by gun fire if it could be located.

St. Johns. 16th May. The destroyer Edwards secured the airship C.5 at midnight and is now on the way back with the machine, which is only slightly damaged, in tow.—*Reuter.*

Trepassy 16th May. Three American seaplanes have successfully started for the Azores.—*Reuter.*

St. John's. The American seaplanes, after a four hours test, rose in triangular formation, N.C. 3 leading, and headed Eastwards at 6 miles an hours. They passed Cape Race at 8 o'clock, this being the last landfall until the Azores.— *Reuter.*

Washington. The official times of the start from Trepassy were:—N.C. 3, 6. 6 p.m.; N.C. 4, 6.7 p.m.; N.C. 1, 6 9 p.m. (American time). The Navy Department announced that N.C. 4 returned to Trepassy after flying seventy-seven minutes but the officials are of opinion that the despatch reporting the return of N.C.4 has been garbled in transmission. The weather report of the British Air Ministry indicates that conditions on the Azores route are favourable but that flying is impossible on the British route to Ireland.—*Reuter.*

NO CANADIAN TOUR.

Reuter learns that owing to the unexpected speeding-up of the transport arrangements for returning Canadian troops, the proposed tour of Leeds, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Manchester has had to be cancelled.

FIRST TANK COMMANDER DEAD.

Major Arthur Ingles of the Glosters and the Tank Corps, who died from illness contracted while on War Service, was buried at Cheltenham yesterday. He accompanied the first tanks to France and led them into action.

C.B. FOR LIEUT.-COLONEL.

Lt. Col. A.W. Knox, Indian Army has been awarded the Commandership of the Bath, in recognition of his valuable services in East Russia.

TWO HORSES ELECTROCUTED.

An extraordinary accident happened at Merheim recently whereby two horses were killed by an electric current conveyed by a live wire which by some mischance had become detached from its proper position.

Lieut. F. A. Giles, R.A.F., officer in charge of 11th Wing Horse Stables was proceeding with an orderly, named Sidders, from Merheim to Bickendorf. Passing behind a hangar the leading horse trod on the wire, gave a convulsive leap and fell dead, Lieut. Giles being heavily thrown.

The second horse as soon as it reached the same spot did the same thing but fell unconscious on the wire and received a second and fatal shock.

"COOKING" BRITISH COAL.

At yesterday morning's sitting of the Coal Commission a witness agreed that before the war there were a number of German firm "cooking" coal at British mines and sending the by-products to Germany.

WELSH DOCK STRIKE ENDED.

At the port of Swansea the general cargo workers, who have been idle for five weeks, agreed to resume work on Monday on the same basis as existed when they came out. It is however agreed that machinery will be set up in the form of a panel for dealing with all claims.

SAVAGE MURDER AT YARMOUTH.

At a late hour on Friday night a young woman about eighten years of age named Gladys May Lupton, was murdered in the street at Yarmouth. An ex-soldier said to belong to Liverpool but who has been working at Yarmouth has been detained by the police.

It is alleged that some remarks passed between the girl and the man near the South station of the Town and the man is alleged to have cut the young woman's throat. She died a few minutes later in the arms of a policeman.

OVERSEAS DEAD HEROES.

SERVICE AT THE ABBEY.

A memorial service will be held at Westminster Abbey on Empire Day, May 24, to officers and men of his Majesty's Overseas Naval and Military Forces who have fallen in the war, and as a thanksgiving for its victorious conclusion. Soldiers of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and Newfoundland will be present. Seats in the Abbey will be allotted both to troops and to relatives of those who fell in battle, and such relatives who desire to be present should apply at the office of their official Dominion representative.

Herr Heinz, of "57 varieties" fame, died in America on Thursday.

The pre-war proposal to sell St.George's Hospital and rebuild it elsewhere has been abandoned. It has been decided to rebuild the hospital on its present site.

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TCHECHO-SLOVAKIA.

The new map of eastern Europe will be extraordinarily interesting. We await with expectancy the territorial alterations which the Allies will make in the countries of Austria, Bulgaria, and Turkey. Already we know that four new nations will come into being — Jugo-Slavia, Tchecho-Slovakia, and Poland. The past fortunes of the last-named power have been discussed, but it is unwise to venture into the realm of prophecy regarding the fate of the others, a fate which at this moment is being determined by the Peace Conference. We do not care to step into a domain where even plenipotentiaries should fear to tread. But it is possible and perhaps useful to speak of by-gone days in Bohemia which is to be the centre of the Tchecho-Slovak kingdom. One can do so with some circumspect heed to the difficulties which surround a country hoary of tradition and pregnant with romance.

As far back as the tenth century Bohemia was a country which loomed largely in Europe, and for many years its history was a record of insistent struggle between Bohemian and Pole. The year 1347 was notable, for not only was the University of Prague then founded but a Bohemian king, Charles IV of Luxemburg, gained the crown of the Holy Roman Empire and began a dynasty which lasted for almost a century. It was his son, the Emperor Sigismund, who strutted about with his scarlet cloak and vainglorious gestures at the Council of Constance. Carlyle immortalized the Luxemburg emperor, for he had a ready eye for picturesque history. England had its link with Bohemia in the fourteenth century, for the wife of Richard II was Anne of Bohemia, the friend of the Lollards, those followers of Wyclif who were soon to grieve over the untoward fate of John Huss. The Emperor Charles IV was the author of the Golden-Bull which settled for centuries the mode of election to the imperial crown, and his statecraft aimed at a union of Germany under the aegis of his dynasty. But that task was accomplished by the Habsburgs in after years. In the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries there were two parties in Bohemia, a Tcheck and a German party. The latter gained the upper hand in 1526 when the Archduke Ferdinand of Austria was elected king of Hungary and in the following year—the year of the sack of Rome—was chosen as king of Bohemia. In this way Bohemia became part of the Habsburg dominions, and the opposition of Zapolya merely incited the growth of a national sentiment in Germany.

In the beginning of the seventeenth century there was an ill-starred revolt in Bohemia against the Habsburg yoke, and this was the direct cause of the Thirty Years' war. King James I of England could not avert by his tortuous foreign policy the fate which overtook his daughter, Elizabeth, and her unfortunate husband, Frederick the Elector Palatine of the Rhine, who had a brief moment of power on the troubled throne of Bohemia. The Peace of Westphalia which ended the war, left the national party of Tchechs more than ever in thraldom. Yet they never left their consciousness of separate nationality. In the adverse times of the eighteenth century and until the middle of the nineteenth century they lived in undying hope. The revolutionary days of 1848 prompted them to demand from Vienna the restoration of the ancient Bohemian kingdom, including Austrian Silesia, but the demand was made in vain. A like fate was meted to the claims of Bohemia in 1868—69.

Austrian rule in Bohemia has been more severe than that in Galicia, but its severity has strengthened the Tchech aspirations. Now the time is ripe for a generous treatment of a long-persecuted people. No one desires that Bohemia shall have the wide boundaries that she held in ancient days, for these would seriously restrict the territories of other peoples who look to the Allies for emancipation, but all desire that she shall be so restored that an era of prosperity will be assured. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, who was last week installed as Lord Rector of St. Andrews University, has opportunely reminded us in his speech that the great mission of our Empire is to inspire "in all races, however insignificent, what we proudly regarded as British freedom and justice."

Eastern Europe awaits the fulfilment of that mission.

Slavery is not a political institution at all, but an inherent, natural, and eternal inheritance of a large portion of the human race—to whom the more you give of their own free will, the more slaves they will make themselves.—Ruskin, *Munera Pulveris.*

MODERN SOCIAL LIFE.

FAITH'S DELEMMA AND AFFIRMATION.

(BY A CORRESPONDENT.)

"Britain must be made a place fit for heroes to live in" has become the popular catch-phrase of preachers and politicians, but it does express the intense dissatisfaction felt with the condition of social life as realized at present. Those who profess the Christian faith, with its glowing promises of widespread good for the world, have reason to be profoundly distressed. The pain and discord of society may well disturb their happiness, and break up the private enjoyment of their religious peace. They cannot understand the necessity for so much of the misery they see, nor escape the sense of responsibility for its continuance. The fact that the responsibility is not one which can be laid directly at the door of individual evil-doers, but one which seems to adhere in some subtle way to our society as an organism is no relief, but rather an addition to a Christian's perplexity. It seems to throw the responsibility for a crushing trouble either upon God for having made society so that it cannot work out justly or mercifully for its members, or else upon a great body of capable and self-respecting people calling themselves Christians who have so much to do in one way and another with the adjustments which make it what it is. In either case men suffer in ways which seem to contradict the promise of life which Christianity holds out. Such is faiths' dilemma, as some one has expressed it.

To some, Christianity has failed to fulfil its glowing promises and for that reason many have fallen into unbelief. The ghastly upheaval caused by a world-wide war has focussed attention and thought upon life's contradictions. After nearly two thousand years of applied Christianity, the sceptic and the cynic seem still to have fair ground for challenging the claims put forward by Christians. What then is the faith which Christians can still set over against these expressions of wrong and failure? What is faiths' answering affirmations? Have we a better hope for the future and if so, how is it supported and assured? Has it any firmer foundation than our own desire for better things, our own shame in failure, passion against wrong, goodwill in endeavour, resolution or amendment?

If it depends upon these things we confess that we are still without hope. There is too much against us. Unless God has a better purpose we have no hope in our own. We believe that He has, and that we read it in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that Jesus has brought the life of God into our life so surely that whatever belongs to it can be redeemed. Our sense of His Lordship over life admits of no limit of sphere or operation. Anything human, can be purified redeemed, glorified. Conduct in any department of life may be truly Christian. Whatever the evil which possesses our civilisation at present, its reign is not final. We have this audacity because we have an amazed sense of His power and of His love. We believe that our economic relations are destined, along with all others, to be transformed. We look for some recognizable expression of His presence in this as in every other sphere of life. Otherwise the Christian character would seem to have grown to a certain development and then failed, finding spheres in which humility meekness and disinterested love are found impracticable.

And thus the reign of God is arbitrarily circumscribed or interdicted. We believe that the great doctrines of our Faith — the doctrine of God the Father Almighty, the doctrine of the Incarnation and Atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ, the doctrine of the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide — have their meaning for the life of cities and nations, and business corporations; and that in these great collective expressions of human personality there are untold possibilities of deep religious experience, and of joyful human friendship. We hope that they give us the possibility of a social order which, on the whole, and apart from its perversion by men of distinctly evil purpose, reflects the goodness of God.

To surrender that hope would seem to us to be to surrender the gate of our city of belief. If our religion may not be relied upon to bear the strain of real life in its social activities it is half discredited at the very outset Our mental pre-occupation to-day is mainly social, and we test everything at the outset by the canon of its social effectiveness. By a law of our mental make-up we measure by that standard. What is true of individuals is true also of classes and of nations. Take Europe as a whole, and labour is found in aloofness from the Christian Church on this very score. Multitudes who are engaged in commerce are growing sceptical for the same cause. And it is on this showing that the awakening nations of the East will pass their first broad judgment upon the meaning of Christianity. What does it mean for a nation? they ask. And though the whole of the meaning of Christianity cannot be displayed on that canvass, the test is not to be declined. "By their fruits ye shall know them," said Jesus.

Mr. Chesterton was inspired when he wrote "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting, it has been found difficult and not tried."

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Think not that here ye have some common clay;
He whose frail body in this earth doth lie
Has died for England when his life's young day
Basked in the sunshine of an azure sky.

He was of noble mien and simple grace;
His voice like silver music charmed the ear;
Now he rests silent in this foreign place,
With no one nigh to shed a loving tear.

Yes, his body lies — and sleeps one more son
of England 'neath the kindly soil of France,
One more shrine in the heart of some Briton,
Growing more hallowed as the years advance.

But he and they who share his lowly lot —
On Flanders' marshes or on Eastern shore —
For us a golden heritage have bought,
And live in spirit now and evermore.

J. S.

Enquirer: Is the captain in?
Orderly: No he went out to lunch just this moment.
Enquirer: Will he be in after lunch?
Orderly: No; that's what he went out after.

A: I woke up last night with the feeling that my gold watch was gone. The impression was so strong that I got up to look.
B: Well, was it gone?
A: No, but it was going.

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A REPLY TO "AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CHAPLAIN."

As you have been good enough to print in two separate editions "An Open Letter to the Chaplain", I feel I should like to ask for a brief space in your paper to thank you for having done this, and to make one or two observations on the excellent suggestions and criticisms which the letter contains.

In the first place it is delightful to hear a layman's candid opinions, especially when they are not just mere "crabbing," but an attempt at making sound suggestions. The more of this the better both for the Church and the Padre. The latter likes it, even to the downright, straightforward, blunt criticism of a messmate: "Well Padre, you preached a damned bad sermon this morning."

The subjects mentioned in the letter are all sound ones, such as men are thinking about, the kind of subjects laymen and clergy should talk over together, viz:

I. Do the clergy understand the ordinary man? If not, why not?

II. The beauty of Nature speaks of God. Why are the clergy not better interpreters of it, after the manner of the Greatest Teacher?

III. The truth of the Universe.

IV. The religion of the "Man who went about doing good," for men want a practical living faith.

V. Why is there so much narrow-mindedness in the Churches? Is not this spirit the negation of Christianity?

VI. True religion hasn't failed. Many of its professors have.

VII. The life beyond.

VIII. The Padre's present opportunity.

We Padres will do well to think over the above questions and suggestions, and learn from them where and how we can most help our brother men when speaking to them "from the pulpit."

Now I would like to ask everyone to help us. Just because we are Padres we do not *necessarily* care to "talk religion," or "carry it on our sleeve," any more than the ordinary Britisher. It wouldn't help matters if we did. Many of us believe that trying to live out Christianity is better than talking too much about it. We *have* to talk "from the pulpit," and I agree with all my heart we ought then to give our very best from our own experience of a practical living faith which will help men to be better men, and above all avoid mere abstractions and mere "theological talk."

Everyone, however, should remember that the sermon is only a small part of the Service. It helps the Padre immensely to see his friends and pals in the pews, who have come to church not to hear him but for the great purpose of worshipping God together. This main purpose of a Service is too often in these days forgotten. We want to get back to it, for the remembrance of this ordinary *day* on a Sunday will, I think, more than anything else bring home to us the value of a living practical faith, and will encourage the Padre to take infinite pains to learn it himself and help others to understand it.

F. I. Anderson
A. C. G.

SWIMMING.

A PLEA FOR ITS VALUE.

This branch of sport has received little attention in this paper and not the amount it deserves. In fact the army itself does little to encourage it, although the lack of accomodation for this sport is a good excuse. Through this, many pre-war swimming champions have gone stale, but now that more peaceable conditions have arrived there is no reason why this subject should not be brought to the fore. As a sport and pastime it beats the remainder. It is the cleanest, and, exercising every muscle of the body, the healthiest sport.

The Rhine has too strong a current to make it suitable for swimming, especially learners. As to the baths at Cologne, I have read about them, but they are only useful to the troops in the immediate vicinity. However, I have noticed many suitable places, for example, just west of Liblar, where there is a stream running alongside a short cut to the railway station. This runs through about three settling ponds thus clearing the water of mud. To make a swimming pond by excavating the earth and lining the sides and bottom with concrete is not a difficult matter. A channel connecting it with the stream water after coming through the settling ponds and one at the other end of the bath allowing the overflow to go back into the stream, would provide clean water. I am not stationed about Liblar so hold no brief for that vicinity. This just gives an example of what may be done by the regiments stationed in a district through which a stream runs. In flat country where suitable streams are not numerous, a concrete lined pool could be filled with the aid of an hosepipe connected with the water at the nearest farm or house.

Perhaps these ideas may seem fantastic and a little far fetched to some readers but they are such as to provide an incentive to persons interested in this art. The above suggestions, however, have been put into practice extensively, not much I am sorry to say, in England, but in North America. You may find numerous cases of young boys making their own swimming pool on the spare land in the rear of their homes.

For a little outlay of money and the same amount of trouble, a battalion could procure the means of recreation, which in the original programme of the daily work of the Rhine was to from the greater part, and a valuable method of Physical Training.

AQUAGES.

QUESTION TIME.

OR UNCLE ARTHUR'S LETTER BOX.

PART VII.

All questions by correspondents answered with promptitude, special attention being paid to those concerning demobilization.

COOK.—Q. What is the best way to serve up ration cheese?

A. Take a headcollar and neckchain in the right hand and a piece of toast in the left. Place the toast in the centre of the ration dump and hide. When the cheese approaches the toast to rest, step quickly up behind and fasten on the headcollar. After summoning assistance lead it to the cookhouse and slaughter it in the usual way.

LOVER.—Q. Is it right for a girl to sit on a man's knee?

A. Your girl and your knee, yes. Some one else's girl and your knee, yes. Your girl and some one else's knee, certainly not.

BATMAN.—Q. How does one keep the moth from a hairbrush?

A. Organize a drive and beat them all into the open where they can be shot down at leisure by means of carefully camouflaged machine guns. To destroy the eggs, subject them to a temperature of 100 deg. Centigrade; or 120 deg. if required hard boiled.

CURIOUS.—Q. What is a 'flapper'?

A. A kind of human spanner — turns the heads of all the nuts!

"UBIQUE."

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Sunday	6½	Tiefland	d'Albert
Monday	5½	Arlecchino Turandot	Buzoni
Tuesday	6	Tales of Hoffmann	Offenbach
Wednesday	5	Tannhäuser	Wagner
Thursday	6	Martha	Flotow
Friday	5½	Merry Wives of Windsor	Nicolai
Saturday	5	Faust	Gounod
Sunday	6	The elopement from the Serail	Mozart
Monday	6	Barbier of Seville	Rossini
Tuesday	6	The Gipsybaron	Strauss

"THE ODDITIES."

PITHY SONG ON "THE COLOGNE POST."

"The Oddities," the concert party of the 15th West Yorkshires are up-to-date if only on account of their inclusion of a concerted item, "*The Cologne Post*" in the programme submitted on Friday, at Bickendorf. The song, rendered by Lieut. W.P. Robinson, tells in pithy verse, of the trials and difficulties of producing this journal. As a whole, the entertainment provided by "The Oddities" is enjoyable and full of fun, and on Friday the artistes succeeded in keeping the large audience very well amused.

The programme opened with a selection by the Battalion band, which was thoroughly enjoyed and the opening chorus, which followed, was a tuneful introduction of the troupe. In "The Company Sergeant Major" Pte. J. Binns gave evidence of the possession of a well modulated baritone voice of excellence but in a later number, "Warrior Bold" his breathing was somewhat faulty. Nobody minded this, however, in view of the power and quality of his voice. Pte E.M. Barker infused plenty of spirit and brightness into the "rags" he submitted, while "Piccaninnies Paradise" an agreeable little song was well rendered by Corpl. J. Whitely and party.

"Priceless Percy" is one of the weakest songs of its class that the writer has heard, and it is surprising that such a number should have been included in an otherwise well selected programme. Pte. J.E. Fieldhouse did his best to make the thing go, but his lively treatment might have been better bestowed upon a song that had some merit of its own. Sergt. Francis, the heavy comedian of the party, was full of wit and humour and he was particularly successful in a crosstalk show with C.Q.M.S. Wellington. These two did the rather threadbare act, the dude and the dustman, in a manner much above the average.

A burlesque rehearsal of an amateur choral society was distinctly funny. Lieut. W. E. Robinson, conducting the performance, displayed a distinct sense of the ludicrous, although the item is capable of a good deal of development. "Fifi," the "Girl" of the show submitted a couple of pretty numbers with due shyness and an agreeable voice. "Her" frock and general stage presence were charming, and in every way captivating, but surely the possession of ruby red lips are the thing for a pretty girl, instead of what appeared from the audience to be those of dark brown. At all events, the poets tell us that this is so. The concerted items, were all excellently worked and in the success of these particularly, as well as in the accompaniments, the pianist, Pte. Dowson, assisted by Pte. Ingham and Sergt. Dellow (violinist) assisted to no small degree.

The whole entertainment suffered rather from an excess of military allusion and purely local humour, the humour of which was lost frequently on a large percentage of the audience. Otherwise the efforts of "The Oddities" are much above the ordinary average.

MILITARY BAND CONCERT AT WAHN.

The military Band of the 1st Eastern Infantry Brigade gave another excellent concert last Thursday evening at Wahn. This band, which consists of 60 expert instrumentalists will surely make its name famous in the British Rhine Army, judging by the performance on Thursday. Each item was perfect, and Lieut. H. B. Lewis, the conductor, is to be complimented for having trained the band to such a high degree of excellence in a very short time.

The overture to "Faust" was, perhaps, the finest item of the concert. It was a real lesson in tone quality and interpretation and one could not have wished for a better rendering of the euphonium solos than of that by Sgt. Snepperd, whose playing is really masterful. Sgt. Barnam was responsible for the solo-clarinet work, and for brilliant technique, it would, indeed, be difficult to surpass his playing. Another first class soloist is Pte Tysoe, whose cornet-solos brought forth prolonged applause from the large audience. A popular selection from musical comedy finished a brilliant and most successful performance.

The band is to make its first appearance in Cologne on the 8th of June, when a record attendance should be the result.

INTERESTING GOLF "TOURNEY".

The first important golfing event of a professional nature since the start of the war was the Southern professional Victory Tournament at Walton Heath this week. Curiosity was manifested as to whether the old and practised hands who had braved many a critical "gallery" or younger and less celebrated players would come out of the ordeal better. The latter, as a whole, did not show to advantage.

Appended are a few of the leading scores: J. Braid (Walton Heath) 79+76=155. A. G. Kirby (Ashford Manor), 80+76=156. J. White (Sunningdale), 85+78=163. H. Vardon (South Herts), 83+81=164. E. Ray (Oxhey), 83+81=164. G. Duncan (Hanger Hill), 8 +82=165.

INTERNATIONAL FOURSOME SUGGESTED.

Mr. George Duncan is anxious to arrange an international foursome competition between England and Scotland. He suggests that Duncan and Herd should oppose Vardon and Taylor.

The suggestion is evoking much interest in view of Taylor's recent statement that "Scottish golf is no good."

BOXING AT THE RING.

At the Ring on Friday Billy Wells, Bermondsey, knocked out Frank Moody, Pontypridd, in the first round.

COUNTY CRICKET OPENED.

HOBBS AGAIN IN FORM.

"PLUM" WARNER BOWLED FOR 8 AT LORDS.

NOTTS v. MIDDLESEX.

First-class county cricket opened for the season at Lords on Friday in magnificent weather when 3,000 spectators witnessed the match between Notts and Middlesex.

NOTTS — FIRST INNINGS.

G. Gunn b. Durston	44
Lee c. Warner b. Hendred	38
J. Gunn c. Saville b. Haslip	54
Hardstaff not out	53
Carr b. Haig	20
Payton c. Mann b. Hearne	16
Flint l. b. w. b. Haig	7
Oates c. Lee b. Haslip	7
Richmond l. b. w. b. Haslip	10
Barrett b. Haig	13
Firth b. Hearne	1
Extras	6
Total	259

Bowling Analysis:— Haig 3 for 36: Durston 1 for 18; Hearne 2 for 51; Lee 0 for 44; Haslip 3 for 79; Hendron 1 for 16.

MIDDLESEX — 1st INNINGS.

Saville c. Firth b. Barrett	9
Lee b. Flint	41
Hearne l. b. w. b. Firth	11
Warner b. Firth	8
Hendron not out	53
Haig c. Richmond b. Lee	39
Doll not out	10
Extras	8
Total (5wkts)	179

SURREY v. SOMERSET AT THE OVAL.

SURREY — 1st INNINGS.

Hebbs b. White	64
Sandham b. Robson	1
Hayes c. Key b. Robson	34
Harrison b. White	14
W. Abel c. White b. Rippon	14
Peach b. White	5
Heath b. White	2
P. Abel b. Robson	3
Hitch d. Ripon b. White	22
Strudwick b. White	2
Rushby not out	0
Extras	12
Total	174

SURREY - 2nd INNINGS.

Hobbs not out	76
Sandham b. White	9
Hayes c. Chidwey b. D. Rippon	12
Harrison b. Marshall	35
W. Abell not out	3
Extras	9
Total (3 wkts)	141

SOMERSET FIRST INNINGS.

D. Rippon b. Hitch	21
S. Rippen std., Strudwick b. Rushby	3
Bajana b. Hitch	20
Marshall c. Hayes b. Rushby	0
Braund l.b.w. Rushby	1
Robson c. Strudwick b. Hitch	27
Harcombe b. Hitch	2
Key c. Harrison b. Rushby	1
Bridges not out	1
White c. Harrison b. Hitch	9
Chidwey b. Hitch	0
Extras	7
Total	92

ATHLETICS AND FOOTBALL.

31st LABOUR GROUP SPORTS MEETING.

The 31st Labour Group held a sports meeting on Thursday afternoon, followed by the final of the Inter-Company football contest.

In spite of the difficulties of the ground some good performances were witnessed.

The results of the principal events were as follows:—

100 yards: 1, Pte. Smith, 153 Coy.; 2, Pte. Wilson, 17 Coy.; 3, Lieut. Riley, 180 Coy.

220 yards: 1, Pte. Smith, 153 Coy.; 2, Cpl. Mahrer, 736 Coy.; 3, Pte. Needham, 153 Coy.

Quarter mile: 1, Pte. Jenkins, 91st Coy.; 2, Lieut. Riley, 180 Coy.; 3, Pte. Leach, 180 Coy.

Half mile: 1, Pte. Leach, 180 Coy.; 2, Cpl. Mahrer, 736 Coy.; 3, Lce. Cpl. Garlick, 715 Coy

High Jump: Pte. Brighty, 715 Coy.

Long Jump: Sgt. Wild, 153 Coy.

2nd Lieut. Cotham was the starter and the judges were:— Lieut. Cann and 2nd Lieut. Hirst. Thanks are due to these officers and also to the Rev. J. E. Stevenson, C.F. for the successful running of the meeting.

Final Inter-Company Football Match.

The great event of the day was the football final between the 5th Labour Coy and the 180th Labour Coy., which took place after the conclusion of the races. The 5th Coy. kicked off, and for some time pressed hard. The defence of their opponents being very unsteady, their goal had some narrow escapes from a succession of corner kicks.

The 180th Coy. forward line, however, showed excellent form, their combination being remarkable.

At half time neither team had registered a score, and the result was still very much in doubt, as the sides were so well balanced.

In the second half play continued very fast and the ball travelled rapidly from one goal to the other.

For the 5th Coy. Lieut. Wilkinson defended in his usual cool manner. His clean saves and strong kicking were of immense service to his side. The 180th goalkeeper was also in great form and distinguished himself particularly when a penalty was awarded against his side. Three shots in rapid succession he repulsed.

The result still hung in the balance until 10 minutes from time, when Stevenson, the centre, dribbled the ball through for the 180th Coy, following some excellent forward play. This was the only score.

The teams were as follows:

5th Labour Coy:— Lieut. Wilkinson; Ptes. Donochie and Cooney: Ewen, Leonard, and Foster; Sergt, Grant, Pte. Clark, Cpl. Swan, Pte. Charless and Brady.

180th Labour Coy.:— Harries; Gatti and Botto; Hyde, Crabtree and Petterson; Mc Gill, Turner, Stevenson, Walker and Slater.

A most enjoyable afternoon was concluded by the distribution of prizes by the 31st Labour Group Commander (Lieut.-Col. Davenport D.S.O.).

The band of the 5th Labour Coy. enlivened the proceedings most successfully with their pipes and drums.

CAVALRY TOO STRONG FOR ARTILLERY.

LIEUT. DART'S PERFECT DAY.

The Cavalry Division Headquarters paid a visit yesterday to Poll where they met the 190th Brigade R.F.A., "D" Battery, and the game was a most pleasant one. The Headquarters batted first and compiled the useful score of just a century. Spr. Dearnley was top scorer making 21 by sound batting. Going in eighth Lieut. Dart hit out merrily, carrying out his bat for 20, only five of these being singles.

On going in to tackle this score the R.F.A. found the bowling of Lieut. Dart and Spr. Bennett too hot for their liking. Sergt. Everett however was just about getting used to it, when he was bowled by a yorker. After his dismissal, a procession started, six wickets falling while the score was at 20. Only three more were added, so the total score was 23, the Cavalry Headquaters running out winners by 77 runs Lieut. Dart took 6 wickets for 8 runs, so with making 20 runs not out as well, he did a good day's work. Bennett's three wickets only cost him 11 runs. The scores were as follow:— Headquarters:

Sergt. Keevill, D.C.M. b Weston	9
Cpl. Adams b Weston	2
Capt. Wynne Jones b Everett	7
Spr. Dearnley b Bingham	21
Lieut. J.C.W. Jennings D.C.M. l.b.w. b Bingham	11
Spr. Wakeley b Bingham	7
Spr. Bennett c Grange b Weston	2
Pte. Stevens b Bingham	5
Lieut. Dart not out	20
Spr. Evans b Bingham	4
Dvr. Brinkler c Everett b Hard	2
Extras	10
Total	100

R.F.A.:

Sergt. Everett b Bennett	11
Gnr. Howard c and b Dart	0
Dvr. Bingham c and b Dart	2
Bdr. Smith c Keevil b Dart	3
Dvr. Hunt c Bennet b Bennett	0
Capt. Fenn b Dart	0
Dvr. Bradley run out	0
Gnr. Weston st Dearnley b Dart	0
Dvr. Shephers c Wakeley b Dart	2
Gnr. Taylor b Dart	0
Dvr. Grange not out	1
Extras	4
Total	23

THE WAR OLYMPIAD.

The War Olympiad, which is being promoted, under the patronage of General Pershing, by the American Expeditionary Force, will produce some wonderful performances. Some of our Colonial soldiers should figure prominently.

After the high jump competition at the Egyptian Expeditionary Force Sports (which was won at 5ft 2in) an Australian trooper who had not been entered cleared 6ft.; and Capt. Archibald, of the Canadians, is good for anything over 12ft in the pole jump.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

The King's Challenge Cup.

H.M. the King has presented a Challenge Cup to the R.A.F. for athletic sports.

"Life of "W.G.""

The life of W.G. Grace is shortly to be issued — the first book published under the auspices of the M.C.C.

Harry Vardon.

There is a rumour current that Harry Vardon contemplates giving up serious golf, and retiring to his old home at Jersey.

Varsity Sports.

Cambridge University Sports will be held at Fenner's next Saturday, subject to the sanction of the University Cricket Club.

Anglers' Big Game.

Tope—known among sea anglers as the "big game" of the south coast—are making their appearance, and one of 32lb. has been captured at Herne Bay.

Famous American Players.

Captain W. M. Washburn and Mr. D. Matthey, the famous American players, intend to compete in the Championships at Wimbledon if their military duties permit.

Meagre Attendance.

Despite the excellence of the bouts the third session of the Imperial Services Boxing Association at the Northampton Institute Clerkenwell Road again failed to draw a satisfactory attendance.

Old Favourites.

The following old favourites will be turning out again this season to wield the willow:— Hirst (48), Rhodes (42), Denton (45), Warner (46), Gunn (40), Tyldesley (46), Gillingham (44), Perrin (43), and Hayes (43).

Yachting Fixture.

The Royal Thames Yacht Club has decided to revive one of its most important fixtures, the Channel matches from the Nore to Deal, on Saturday, July 12, provided that sufficient suitable entries are received.

Warwickshire's Captain.

G. Stephens has consented to captain the Warwickshire C.C., although he will not be able to play in all the matches. Santall has also reconsidered his decision to retire, and will begin his duties as coach on Monday.

Baseball in England.

Baseball has definitely "arrived." On May 24 a game will be played by American Army Students at Oxford, on St. John's ground. Their opponents will be Cambridge, and the following Saturday a return match will be played at Cambridge.

Transferred To Oldham.

The Lincoln City directorate have arranged for the transfer of Arthur Wolstenholme to Oldham Athletic. The fee is the amount at which Wolstenholme was originally placed on the transfer list. He has been playing for Oldham during the war.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

HURST PARK AND RIPON MEETINGS.

In beautiful weather a large crowd assembled at the Hurst Park meeting on Friday, when the following were the results:—

Fulwell Plate:— 1, Chaplain (11—10); 2, Rock A'Hoy (2—1); 3, High Croft (100—8). Four ran.

Sunbury Plate:— 1, Cry Help (5—4); 2, Pin Cushion F. (10—1); 3, Tivoli (4—1). Eight ran.

Steward's Handicap:— 1, Monte Faro (20—1); 2, Syndrian (9—4); 3, Greenwood (10—1). Nine ran. A head separated the first and second, and second and third. Also ran — Speaker, Dominion, Pretty Missie, Best Born, Sonning, and Lovenote.

Kenion Plate:— 1, Furious (9—2); 2, Chaud (7—1); 3, White Heat (5—1). Twelve ran.

Spring Plate:— 1, Mt Royal (7—2); 2, Pelops (4—1); 3, Cyrilla F. (4—1). Eleven ran.

Waldegrave Handicap:— 1, Bucktorn (7—4); 2, Pitch and Toss (10—1); 3, King Frusquin (10—1). Six ran.

RIPON MEETING.

Crewethorpe Plate:— 1, Aroon, colt (7—2); 2, Lord Romeo (6—1); 3, Pop the Question F. (4—6). Ten ran.

Trial Plate:— 1, Staples (evens); 2, Bonnie nun (4—1); 3, Orbits (5—2). Five ran.

Studly Plate:— 1, Bridgend (5—4); 2, Buckstaff (evens); 3, Redouble (10—1). Three ran.

Hackfall Plate:— 1, Stoique (1—8); 2, Bright Spot (10—1); 3, Stetchworth Rose (10—1). Three ran.

Fountain's Plate:— Casket (2—5) beat Waraba. Two ran.

Spa Plate:— 1, Holbeach (2—1); 2, Shewer Rock (6—1); 3, Jacksdale (100—7). Eleven ran.

LATEST LONDON BETTING.

The latest London Betting on the Derby, which will be run on Wednesday, June 4th is as follows:—

The Panther (Marsh) 13—8.

WILDE'S LATEST VICTIM.

MANSFIELD FIGHTS PLUCKILY BUT IS KNOCKED OUT.

At the Holborn Stadium on Friday, Jimmy Wilde knocked out Alf Mansfield in the thirteenth round.

Mansfield fought pluckily and showed clever headwork but there was never any doubt as to the ultimate winner. Wilde had the better of matters throughout, notwithstanding Mansfield's fourteen pounds advantage.

In the second round Wilde got home a straight right, flooring his opponent who remained down for a count of nine. In the third round Mansfield made a huge effort from the outset but Wilde kept free from trouble and scored steadily.

Mansfield was practically finished in the eighth round from the continuous volley of lefts and rights about the head and body. In the ninth, he made another great effort and in the tenth, putting forth all the strength and skill of which he was capable, he kept Wilde busy defending himself.

Mansfield, who, by this time, wore a very battered appearance was floored several times and in the thirteenth round, his seconds wisely refused to allow him to rise.

The fight was a great one from an endurance point of view even if the skill was all on one side.

RHINE ARMY 10 St. 7 Lbs WRESTLING CHAMPION MATCH AT UNTERBURG.

In the presence of Lieut.-Col. H. T. Dobbin, D.S.O. and officers of the 51st. Devon Regt. and a large assemblage of spectators, a wrestling match match of 3 bouts of 15 minutes duration each took place in the Cinema Hall, Unterburg on Wednesday between Lieut. Hayes, 51st. Devon Regt., runner up for the English Championship in 1911, winner of the 10st. 7 lbs. open Amateur Competition 1912, and representative of Gt. Britain in the Olympic games at Stockholm in 1912, and Staff Sergt.-Major Thorpe, R.A.M.C., a well known wrestler of Birmingham, wrestling partner with Eucatini; and 10st. 7 lbs. champion of the Rhine Army.

Both contestants appeared very fit and punctually at 5.30 p.m. took the mat. Lieut. Hayes in 40 seconds obtained the first fall, which came as a surprise to the supporters of the Champion of the Rhine Army, and in the second bout Lieut. Hayes secured the second fall in 2 minutes 25 sec, and was adjudged the winner. He thus becomes the holder of the title to 10st. 7 lbs. champion of the Army of the Rhine, and is open to defend his title. The winner was presented with a silver cup.

Pte. Startin R.A.M.C. officiated as Referee, Lieuts. Langley and Spencer were Judges, while R.S.M. Chadwick was timekeeper. Capt. and Q. M. Clarke acted as M.C.

The band of the Regt. was in attendance and played selections during the evening.

LAWN TENNIS.

Oxford beat Surrey County at Oxford on Friday by 5 matches to 3.

52nd DEVONS v. 2nd BRIGADE H.Q.

The above match took place on the Devons ground in weather scarcely adapted for football. The Brigade were the first to score, their outside left ending a good run by placing an accurate centre which the inside right put to account. The Devons with one goal down made an effort to equalise and were rewarded by Buckingham scoring from a few yards out.

The second half was a struggle for the deciding goal, which came a few minutes from the end. The Brigade's right back handled the ball inside the penalty area and Shanley was entrusted with the kick. He placed the ball high in the net, thus giving the Devons the lead which was maintained until the final blow of the whistle.

LEAVE CLUB MEALS AND ACCOMMODATION.

Four meals a day and beds are available at the British Empire Leave Club daily only for those N.C.O's and men allotted vacancies by their units and who are residing at the club. There are no beds available for men staying for a night. A supper consisting of soup, meat and vegetable and pudding or cheese and a glass of beer is served nightly from 6.45 p.m. to 8.30 p.m., at a charge of 3.50 Marks to non-residents. These tickets are limited to 350 per night.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Sunday, May 18, 1919.

Surface wind light or moderate between West and North West. A fine and warm day, with some afternoon cloud. Visibility fair.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

What Will Win the Derby?

Those well informed people who, in various newspapers, foretell what horse will win a particular race long before the event has been decided, are already busy forecasting the result of the Derby. If by some lucky chance, the prediction of one of these individuals at any time proves to be correct, "I told you so" is repeated in subsequent issues with a frequency that becomes boring. And, mind you, should none of the many alternative horses, usually given, be in the running, not the slightest dismay is shown, but the most wonderful explanations for the animals' failure is extended. Not to be behindhand in any matter of sporting interest I have decided to indicate the probable winner of the Derby after the manner that seems to be the most popular. The Panther is strongly fancied and should win provided he can concede his heavy penalty to Grand Parade. Paper Money may be the danger to these two and it would not be surprising to find Lord Basil carrying Taylor's colours first past the post. Buchan must come into the picture, but if the race is to go to an outsider, Mc Kinley and Roker might get there. As an each way investment, I would recommend He.

So now you know what is going to pull off the Derby, go in and win!.

OPTIMISTS I HAVE MET.

"Six Tickets for to-night's Opera please."

The Spice of Life.

When are we going to have a change from the pierrot style of intertainment? Throughout the whole war we had nothing but this class of show, and now, in more peaceful times, we are being issued with larger chunks of it than never. The other evening, I dropped in to see "The Oddities" — one of the latest recruits in the army of concert parties — give a performance at Bickendorf. I hoped, in my heart, that there would be a little novelty in the fare provided, but my hopes dropped to zero with a sickenning thud, when there appeared on the platform a troup of men garbed in the same old white suits decorated with the familiar black pom — poms, accompanied, at a later stage, by the same female impersonator. Never let it be said that "The Oddities" do not provide a thoroughly enjoyable entertainment. They do; but what I would like to know is, why some enterprising little band of entertainers does not try the unbeaten track. Fresh troupes spring up with mushroom-like rapidity, but I have yet to find one among them that does not place before us the same old popular, so called "goey" songs, the old funny man who is only too frequently far from humorous) and the inevitable "girl" who sometimes is, and sometimes is not, adorably feminine.

THE RAMBLER.

"AUSSIES" DRAWN CRICKET MATCH.

Mr Lionel Robinson's team declared their innings closed on Friday night with their total standing at 332 for 8 wickets, leaving the Australians 283 to get to win in three and three-quarter hours.

The Australians ran up a total of 274 for 9 wickets, J. Taylor scoring 66.

The match ended in a draw.

In the first innings the Australians scored 227, Collins amassing a total of 87, and Lampard 35. In Mr Robinson's team's second innings Hardinge was run out for 72, and Haugh carried his bat for 87. The South African Pegler for Robinson's side took five wickets for 54.

GERMAN CYCLE RACES.

There should be some exciting on the Cologne track Riehlerstr. to day, when a number of cycle events will be decided. The chief event in a series of paced and unpaced races will be the Grand Prix of May, which will be competed in three phases. There is no doubt many English cycling enthusiasts will fine much in the proceedings to criticie.

Winchester having scored 269 for three wickets at Winchester on Friday declared their innings closed. Their opponents New College, Oxford ran up a total of 151.

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COMPENSATION FOR WORKMEN.

STATE ACCIDENT ASSURANCE.

The Home Secretary has appointed a Committee to inquire into the working of the present system of the payment of compensation to workmen for injuries sustained in the course of employment and to consider and report whether it would be desirable to establish a system of accident assurance under the control or supervision of the State; and to report further what alteration of the law will be required to remedy defects which experience has disclosed or to give effect to their recommendations.

The members of the Committee are:

Mr. H. Holman Gregory, K.C., M.P. (Chairman). Mr. R. R. Bannatyne (Assistant Secretary, Home Office). Major A. C. Farquharson, M.P.; Mr. Reginald Guthrie; Sir F. Hall, M.P.; Mr. Edward Hopkinson, M.P.; Sir Walter S. Kinnear; Mr. J. C. McBride; Mr. Arthur Neal, M.P.; Mr. Tom Shaw, M.P.; Captain Albert Smith, M.P.; Mr. C. L. Stocks (of the Treasury); and Mr. John Taylor.

The Secretary of the Committee is Mr. G. R. A. Buckland, and any communications on the subject of the inquiry should be addressed to him at the Home Office, Whitehall.

EX-SERVICE MEN AND THE UNIVERSITIES.

WHERE STUDENTS SHOULD APPLY

The Board of Education is charged with the administration of that part of the Government scheme of financial assistance for the training of ex-service men relating to higher education.

Grants can be made by the Board to assist properly qualified students. An intending applicant should, in the first place, communicate with the head of the educational institution at which he wishes to take his course, from whom he may receive a form of application. (G 13).

If he needs advice as to the best institution for him to approach, he should consult the Chief Education Officer of the Local Education Authority of the area in which he resides. If he has any difficulty in finding an institution, he should communicate with the Service Students Bureau, Board of Education, Whitehall, London S.W.1. Applicants who desire to attend universities in the British Overseas Dominions should communicate with the Secretary, Imperial Education Committee (W.O.S.D.8), Adastral House, Victoria Embankment.

HEALTHY RECREATION FOR SUNDAY.

RECREATION v. VICE.

"The worst features of the 'Continental Sunday' —gambling, drunkenness, and other vices—are here now." This statement is made by the Sunday Games Association, who believe that the best way to prevent the growth of these vices is to encourage healthy games on Sunday afternoons and evenings.

The association, who claim to have met with a very large amount of support, say that the opposition "is based on very narrow religious beliefs or mistaken views of the objects and aims of the association. It is certain that if ministers of religion and other church leaders hold aloof or oppose the movement they will make it very difficult to establish the desirable features of the 'Continental Sunday,' and will really be aiding in the spread of the evils they condemn."

The rules of the association provide that no games shall be played before 1 p.m. on Sundays, that no betting or gambling be permitted, that no payment be made for playing in any game, and that no charge be made for admission to any enclosure.

GEN. PLUMER ON DISCIPLINE.

On Wednesday, General Sir Herbert Plumer, late Commander of the 2nd Army in the Rhineland, received the freedom of York. It will be remembered that he was Commander-in-Chief of the Northern Command for the three years preceding war, and it was from York that he went out to France.

In thanking the citizens of York for the honour conferred on him, General Plumer spoke in high terms of Yorkshire soldiers, and said the county had contributed a magnificent quota to the British Army, which wore down the power of the Germans and placed us in a position to act as guardians of their beloved Rhine. When the history of the campaign came to be written and reviewed calmly, the one great factor outstanding above all others would be the development of the Army from what it was before the war to what it was when the war finished. That was achieved by the unity of purpose the whole nation manifested at the outset and maintained until the end. It was made possible by a spirit of discipline based on mutual confidence between leaders and men, confidence that the leaders would not call on the men to incur dangers which they would not incur themselves. We were opposed by another kind of discipline based not on mutual confidence between leaders and men, but discipline maintained and supported by force. He was confident that the United Kingdom would do everything possible to lighten the lot and ease the burdens of the men incapacitated from work. If we could ask those who had fallen how we could repay them for their great sacrifices, he felt sure their answer would be: "All we ask you to do is to carry on as citizens the principles we fought and died for." The thing that mattered was what service we could do to uphold the honour and integrity of the British Empire.

WOLFFE GOES INTO TRAINING.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO SWIM THE CHANNEL.

Another attempt is to be made to swim the Channel. Jabez Wolffe will try again for the twenty-first time in July next. On this occasion he proposes to make a start from a new spot.

"I consider the starting point should be from Dungeness," he told a representative of the *Evening Standard*.

"I am practising daily at Brighton," he continued. "During June I shall swim five miles, walk five miles, cycle five miles, and row five miles daily. This will be my training."

"JAZZ" INVENTOR DEAD.

New York's negro population turned out *en masse* on Wednesday to pay a last tribute to Lieutenant Jim Europe, the murdered band leader of the City's black regiment, known as the "Hell Fighters". Lieutenant Jim Europe is the man who made jazz music famous the world over.

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

THE QUESTION OF THE TYROL

Germany and Austria are at lagger-heads with regard to the Peace Terms. The former has given her plain, blunt denunciation of the Treaty and is now a little afraid lest the latter should accept the terms and nullify completely any possibility of a reconciliation or alteration in the terms.

Austria, as a nation, has suffered far more than Germany, and there is little doubt that she will sign the Treaty much more readily than will her greater ally. It behoves the Germans, therefore, to exert all possible pressure to keep Austria in the background, and if possible, to persuade her to refuse.

The question of the Tyrol provides a common grief for both countries.

"Austria and Tyrol," says the *Frankfurter Zeitung*, "has been German for long centuries, and is occupied by a population passionately German in sentiment. Not merely Austria, but the great heart of the German nation beats in unison with these Tirolese, and never, never must Austria consent to abandon them."

The *Arbeiter Zeitung*, an Austrian Socialist paper on the same subject states: "Unless the Peace is to be a mere mockery of the Fourteen Points, the Allies cannot contest our claim to German Bohemia and Moravia. If the right of the peoples to self-determination is not to be a lie and a sham, the German South Tyrol, that primeval and flourishing German land, must remain with Austria. And we must have complete freedom to join with Germany, to which we belong. We shall go to Paris, armed with justice. Our right cannot be disputed, but will it prevail against might? Justice is a feeble weapon with which to face the unbridled imperialism that dominates Paris."

Germany's decrease in population.

In a recent article in the *Niedersächsische Wochenschrift*, Dr. Fritz Burgdorfer, makes an interesting calculation on the estimated decrease in the population of Germany caused by the war. He bases his facts on those of Bavaria already to hand, and he assumes that had not the war intervened, 800,000 couples would have married, with the result of an addition of 400,000 more children for the Fatherland. In addition to this, he says, there are the deaths and the probable deficiency in births which one might expect as a result of the war, making a total of no less than 6,000,000.

29th DIVISION.

DIVISIONAL DINNER IN LONDON.

With reference to the decisions made by a General Meeting of the 29th Division held at Sand Berg, Gladbach, on the 12th March, 1919, the Piccadilly Hotel, London, has been selected as a meeting place for Officers of the 29th Division.

A special visitors book will be kept at the Bureau at the hotel, in which any officers staying in London may insert their names and address.

A register will also be kept of the permanent addresses of all officers of the 29th Division, and may be inspected at any time.

Subscriptions to join the 29th Division Officers Club as outlined above, is 5/- per Officer for life membership, and should be made to Messrs. Cox & Co., payable to 29th Division Officers Fund.

All correspondence should be addressed to Capt. S. Spero, Hon. Sec., 29th Division Officers Bureau, Piccadilly Hotel, London W.

A 29th Divisional Dinner will be held on the 16th June, 1919, at the above hotel. Price of tickets including wine, £2. 12. 6, to be paid at the door. Officers desirous of attending, should notify the Manager of the hotel if possible, not later than the 5th June, 1919, as accommodation is limited.

SUBSCRIBING UNITS PLEASE NOTE.

TEN PER CENT DISCOUNT — NO RETURNS.

Commencing with the issue of Tuesday May 27th the terms of subscription for units subscribing to *The Cologne Post* will be amended as follows:

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"Returns" will no longer be accepted. A number of the parcels returned hitherto have been sent to this office with no identity mark at all. Consequently we know not from whence they came, nor to whom the credit should be given for them. In any case "Returns" mean many complications and much extra work on all concerned, the sender, the postal service and ourselves. With the small staff working on *The Cologne Post* we are unable to cope with the extra labour involved. A little care exercised in ordering the paper would soon obviate the necessity for "returns," and would leave the ten per cent as clear profit to the P.R.I. or similar fund.

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In some cases returns have been necessary because, owing to faults on the part of the transporting agency, parcels have not arrived to time—sometimes even not to date. Such accidents, unfortunately, are bound to occur occasionally and in these cases the addressee should inform us immediately by D.R.L.S., telegram, or telephone of the delayed arrival, so that we may enquire into the matter and put it right for the next day. In these circumstances we will take the parcel back and credit the unit with the amount due for it. Such parcels should be returned intact with our original label not defaced unnecessarily and should be addressed to Editor, *The Cologne Post* A.P.O., S. 40.

There is another matter to which we would again draw attention, viz., that of legibility. Letters, etc., come to this office bearing signatures which are practically undecipherable. We do not ask for a change of ordinary signature but we would suggest that much time and trouble might be obviated if a key — printed in block letters — were invariably attached, no matter what the nature of the communication.

Nottingham Corporation decided yesterday to make arrangements in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce for holding in the spring of next year an exhibition illustrative of the chief manufactures of the city. It is hoped to attract many visitors from home and foreign countries.

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THE COLONEL CONSTABLE.

BRILLIANT ARMY RECORD.

Various explanations are given at Cardiff regarding the return of Lieut.-Col. Arthur Ritchings to his former duties as a police constable.

This six-times wounded hero, who rose from the ranks by sheer merit and gallantry, has been taken off the streets to the drill room, where he is now engaged in the responsible duties of training raw recruits in the correct step and proper bearing of policemen.

It is stated in an authoritative quarter that Lieut.-Col. Ritchings "recognised, as every right-thinking man would, that he had a moral obligation to return to the Cardiff police force for the reason that the ratepayers had been contributing during his absence to the support of his dependants at home."

The Lord Mayor (Mr. A. C. Kirk), asked whether it was not intended to appoint the officer to a higher position, said: "I think I may say that the whole of the members of the Watch Committee are quite sympathetic with this idea, and I have no doubt that when opportunity occurs he will be given a chance such as he deserves."

Lieut.-Col. Ritchings refuses to say anything on the matter, and he is equally reticent on his war services. Lieut.-Col. Ritchings gained all his promotion on the field. He has the Mons Star, the French War Cross, the M.C., is a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, and was mentioned in despatches four times. In an engagement on March 21 last year, when he was commanding the 8th Gloucesters, his battalion won 1 V.C., 1 D.S.O., 4 M.C.s, 6 D.C.M.s and 19 M.M.s. The brilliance of the achievement is illustrated by the decorations won.

Lieut.-Col. Ritchings has a wife, 3 children, and a mother dependent on him.

TELEPHONY FROM AEROPLANES

Two Royal Air Force officers flying over Central London last evening spoke through wireless telephones to members of the Institution of Electrical Engineers assembled at a lecture given by Major Erskine-Murray, R.A.F., on "Wireless in the Royal Air Force."

The strident voice of one of the airmen was heard coming from a trumpet-shaped instrument on the bench before the lecturer. To the intense delight of the members, he described his flight at a height of nearly 3,000 feet. The conversation between the lecturer and aircraft ended only when the pilot, after humming a tune, announced that he was "getting fed up." He stayed in the air to listen to and acknowledge a round of applause from the members.

"OUR GREAT MORAL TASK."

LECTURE AT THE BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

There was an encouraging attendance at the British Empire Leave Club, Cologne, on Friday evening to hear the lecture by Major Bles (Town Major of Cologne), entitled "The War and its Ending." It was appropriate that the lecture should have coincided with the visit to the city of Marshal Foch, as, repeatedly throughout his remarks, the lecturer referred to the great allied leader's strategy, which finally compelled the Germans to sue for the Armistice last November.

Aided by excellent maps, Major Bles sketched the course of the war from its opening right down to the suspension of hostilities, which found the French at Sedan a place ever memorable in their history, and the British at Mons, where Lord French's "contemptible little Army" first came to grips with the enemy. The conduct of a great campaign, the strategy of a great war was, said Major Bles, like some huge picture puzzle; and when he had dealt in his masterful manner with the various "shows" of 1915, 1916 and 1917, it was quite clear to every one that each had its proper place in Allied strategy and went to the making up of a complete and easily understood picture. "The whole war, "he said," was nothing but a great siege from the moment the gate to the sea was closed to the Germans in 1914."

At the close, Major Bles reminded his audience that the Army of Occupation had a great moral task to fulfil. They would be tempted to pity the women and children and old people who had now to suffer for the crimes of their country's leaders, but we must not forget the infinitely greater sufferings both physical and moral, undergone by the French, Belgian and Serbian women and children during four and a half years of worse than hell, through no fault of theirs and no fault of their country. We would ever fall to these temptations if the awful hand of war with its murder, misery cruelty, hunger, and destruction had fallen on our own England instead of on France and Belgium. For the sake of our Allies (stouter allies no nation ever had) he asked them to "play the game;" friendliness with the enemy was impossible until he had expiated his crimes and given proof of real repentance. We were the heirs (let us never forget it) of those hundreds of thousands of gallant British and French soldiers who had laid down their lives so that our mothers, sisters and wives might escape the fate of the poor women who remained in the invaded territories. When they felt tempted, let them read about the war, about the individual acts of courage and endurance, remembering that

"No scribe's wit no spirit's imagining
Can ever feel the things that we have felt,
Or deal the blows that stoutly we have dealt,
Or laugh with us, or weep our tears, or sing
Our battle songs, or kneel as we have knelt
With that high hope that makes each man a King."

(applause.)

A note of thanks to the lecturer was moved by Rev. Father Leach, C.F., who declared that those like himself who had from time to time criticised our strategy in the past, must be silent in the face of the very convincing arguments put forward by Major Bles. "I don't suppose you young men will have any fighting to do," said Father Leach, "but remember that you are here to-night in comfort because of the sacrifices of hundreds of thousands of your comrades who did what it was thought was not in the power of man to do. I have had nearly five years with our boys on the battlefield and those who were there like myself cannot forget." He did not wish them to be uncharitable, and he knew that no British soldier could be other than chivalrous, but when they were tempted to go beyond the bounds of ordinary courtesy let them "remember Belgium." We were the representatives of the British Empire on German soil today, and our general behaviour must be so regulated that no one could point his finger at us and say that we are otherwise than worthy of the very best traditions of our great Empire (loud applause).

A capital concert followed.

Sir Reginald Brade has greatly benefited by his rest and expects to resume his duties at the War Office in about a month.

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GIGGLESWICK SCHOOL.

OLD BOYS' DINNER.

It is proposed to hold a dinner in Brussels on Saturday May 24th. All O.G.s wishing to attend should write at once to

Lt.-Col. A. W. Turnbull M. C.
8th. Seaforth Highlanders,
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OLD ETONIAN DINNER.

It is proposed to hold an Old Etonian Dinner in Cologne on 4th June.

Details as to time and place will be published later. Will all old Etonians who wish to be present please send their names to LT. H L. FARQUHAR, HEADQUARTERS, MILITARY GOVERNOR, enclosing 100 Marks.

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LOST.

TRIUMPH MOTOR CYCLE. From outside shop in Obermarspforte Cologne, on Friday May 16, about 5.30 p.m. No number plate; engine number, 49419; frame number, 279546; complete tools, pump, horn etc., no lamp. Information to "Signals, Western Division."

TO PELMANISTS.

Will Pelmanists in the Rhine Army please write giving experiences, benefits received etc., Box "P," Cologne Post, A.P.O.S 40.

LANGUAGES.

BONN, Ermekeilstr. 50 - German, French, Italian lessons by Gentleman resided for years in England, France and Italy.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Minister of Labour intends to apply the Trades Boards Acts to the paper-bag making trade.

Transport bases at the following ports have been closed: Boston, Newhaven, and Weymouth.

Burton-on-Trent's huge machine-gun factory is to close down except for the purposes of a store.

Notice was given yesterday that from June 1 the Sugar Confectionery Order, 1917, which fixed the maximum retail prices for chocolates and other sweetmeats, will be revoked.

Dr. Baker, Medical Officer of Health for Rushden, in his annual report, expresses the opinion that the nation and the world are in more danger from C 3 heads than from C 3 bodies.

By a vote taken at the request of the owner of the village inn at Styal, near Wilmslow, as to whether it should continue, the inhabitants by an overwhelming majority have decided that it remain open.

The Ministry of Food announce that, subject to the right of Food Committees to reduce any demands that are obviously extravagant, the applications for sugar for domestic preserving will be met in full.

A petition signed by nearly 11,700 teachers has been presented to the London County Council urging that body to adopt immediately the principle of equal pay for equal work by raising the salaries of women teachers to the level of that of the men.

Bungalows and houseboats have already found tenants for the season in the Hampton Court and Ditton reach of the Thames, and in the spell of warm weather we are enjoying, bathing from these quarters and from the banks has become a regular practice.

Judge Cluer will in future act as interpreter of Hebrew and Yiddish at Whitechapel County Court, as the Treasury has declined to pay for the services of an interpreter nominated for the last twenty years by the Jewish Board of Deputies and he has been withdrawn.

The Congregational Union of England and Wales, at the annual Assembly yesterday, approved of a scheme for grouping the churches of the denomination into nine provinces, with moderators at salaries of not less than £500, to be appointed to each of the areas.

A footman, gardeners, agricultural labourers, engine drivers, and clerks are among the first fifty disabled sailors and soldiers who are being trained in furniture making and decoration at High Wycombe. Additional accommodation is to be provided for further contingents.

The *Lusitania* cup presented to the Old Fold Manor Golf Club at Barnet for annual competition by Mr. F. Battersby to commemorate the rescue of his brother from the *Lusitania*, has been won this year by Mr. Frank Partridge, also a survivor from the ill-fated liner. He was in the water two hours before being rescued.

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DISCORD AMONG THE GERMAN DELEGATES.

"TWO TIGERS AGAINST US".

The state of affairs among the German delegates seems to be altered. The delegation seems to be divided into two parties: for and against signature of the Peace Treaty. Count Brockdorff-Rantzau would belong to the party advocating the signature of the Peace Conditions as they are. He takes his meals alone instead of with the others.

A councillor of Legation said to-day to more than one person:

"One is afraid that we will not sign the Peace, but there is nothing to fear."

"We shall sign in spite of all, because the German people is hungry for peace and we would be torn to pieces if we went back to Berlin without having signed. Unfortunately we have two tigers against us, Lloyd George and Clemenceau."

"The main question for us is that of commercial outlets without which we can neither live nor fulfil the conditions of the Treaty"—*Havas*

RANTZAU WILL SIGN.

According to *Reuter's* correspondent at Versailles, wiring yesterday, a secretary closely connected with Count Rantzau made the following statement to a prominent personage in reply to the question whether the Peace would be signed:

You have dug your knee into the pit of our stomach and your thumbs into our eyes; how can we help signing under those conditions; The mere fact that Count Rantzau has waited twenty-four hours for the translation of the peace terms, not wishing to go by the French text, and that he has examined all the details, shows that he has determined to sign.

RANTZAU GOES TO SPA.

Versailles. 17th May.—Count Brockdorff-Rantzau left Versailles on Saturday for Spa, where he met technical experts from Berlin. He returned to Versailles on Monday evening. — *Wireless.*

The conversation between Count Brockdorff-Rantzau and Minister of Finances Dernburg at Spa was arranged in order that Rantzau might keep in touch with the Berlin Government. A journey to Berlin would take too long in view of the nearness of the date for delivery of the German counter-proposals.

SCHEIDEMANN'S SINCERITY.

A leading English socialist weekly, the *New Statesman*, says "If anything could justify the terms of the Treaty it would doubtless be Scheidemann's comments on them, for he has no right to his protests. They ring false. More, probably, than any other man in Germany he was responsible, not indeed for the outbreak of war but for its continuance in its later stages. So far as political principles are concerned he has shown himself a tarceur. From 1916 on to 1918 he consistently trimmed his principles to the military situation in a manner which even in Germany was astonishing and in any other country would have been inconceivable. His lack of sincerity is a byword. He made no effective protest against the Peace of Bucharest. It is impossible on his record to doupt that if Germany had won the war and had sought to impose such terms or worse upon the Allies he would have been foremost in defence of them. His speech to the German National Assembly, with its elaborated eloquence, its melodramatic phrasing and its air of unctuous rectitude leaves Allied public opinion cold. Indeed it influences it, more perhaps than anything else could have done, in favour of the terms as they stand. Force, it has been shown, over and over again, is the only thing that a Scheidemann understands."

OCCUPATION OF SMYRNA.

Salonika. 16th May. Allied forces have landed at Smyrna. The forts have been occupied by French troops. Greek soldiers have established themselves in the principal parts of the town, while British and Italian contingents are in the suburbs.

The troops were enthusiastically received by the population.

Colonel Zafirion, chief of the landing troops, made the following proclamation:

"By order of my Government I bring to your knowledge that with the help of the Allies I proceed to the military occupation of Smyrna and its neighbourhood. This occupation has as its object the security of the population. It does not anticipate the decisions of the Peace Conference on the fate of a country united since a thousand years with Greece. The political and religious authorities may continue their work as in the past, under the protection of the Hellenic army, which will give them help and receive them well. I advise the inhabitants to continue their work quietly, without distinction of race or religion, waiting with confidence for the decision of the conference about the future of their beautiful country."—*Havas.*

IN CASE GERMANY WILL NOT SIGN.

TAKING PRECAUTIONS.

The Allies are taking precautionary measures to deal with the eventuality of refusal by Germany to sign the Peace Treaty. It is stated in Paris that the document must be signed by the end of the first week in June but no official intimation has been given of the exact period the Germans will be allowed in which to make up their minds. Meanwhile the fortnight which M. Clemenceau notified to the Germans for the production of their remarks on the Treaty expires tomorrow.

In addition to the necessary military measures decided upon by the Allies in the event of Germany not signing the Treaty, the economic steps have now been settled. These will have the effect of reimposing the blockade in its most complete form.

PETROGRAD BOLSHEVISTS NERVOUS.

Helsingfors. 17th May.—A report issued by the Petrograd Bolshevist organization at the beginning of May discloses great nervous fear of a possible attack. All workmen and peasants fit for military service are being called up and all property necessary for defence of the city has been requisitioned, counter-revolutionary elements being rendered harmless by the defence committee, appointed with unlimited powers for this purpose. Those evading military service will be punished by death. Everyone from eighteen to forty years of age who has gone through military training will be mobilized.

Reports regarding the operations around Olonetz are conflicting. On the one hand it is stated that the White Guards have withdrawn to Tulos, while on the other hand it is claimed that they have retaken Olonetz. Spanish influenza is reported to be raging increasingly at Petrograd and Moscow. Two hundred new cases occur daily.—*Reuter.*

FINNISH PLOT AGAINST BRITISH.

Stockholm. 17th May.—It is reported here that the plot against the British by Finnish Red Legions in Murmansk has been completely revealed. It has been proved that Karelians are involved in the plot, the object of which was to blow up bridges and murder officers. Some of the Finnish leaders have fled, while others have been arrested.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH AEROPLANE CRASHES IN ITALY.

TWO OFFICERS KILLED.

Rome. 17th May.—Two British Aeroplanes en route to Egypt landed at Centocelle Aerodrome, near Rome. One machine overturned on landing, killing one of the occupants and injuring four others.

Later particulars state that the two machines arrived at 6.30 in the evening from Marseilles, after a short halt at Pisa.

One alighted safely, but the second, after coming to earth, tried to rise again, apparently to avoid collision with the first machine but swerved into an adjacent gorge, where it struck a large tree. Two of the occupants threw themselves out. Italian officers immediately rushed to the spot to render assistance, where Colonel Edward Lawrence, although one of his arms was fractured, was actively assisting the work of relief.

Lieut. Prince was already dead, while Lieut. Spratt was promptly conveyed to hospital, where he subsequently died.—*Reuter.*

OFFICERS AND STAFF, COLLEGE.

In reply to a question by Major Waring, Captain Guest states in the Parliamentary papers: "The officers recently nominated to the Staff College were selected either because they had done brilliant service on the Staff or had distinguished themselves as commanders. The same principle of selection will be adhered to as regards future nominations. The regulations compelling Staff officers to perform periods of regimental duty between periods of Staff employment has been, and will be adhered to as far as circumstances permit."

TO BRING CAPTAIN FRYATT'S BODY HOME.

At a mass meeting of Barry seamen held yesterday a resolution was passed urging the King and the Government to take immediate steps to have the body of their late comrade, Captain Fryatt, removed from Belgium to this country for interment.

They ask for this to be done as a tribute to that hero and to the 17,000 British seamen at present resting in the deep whose glorious services in the mercantile marine deserve the highest honours the country can bestow.

PRIVATE AND COMMANDING OFFICER.

CIVILIAN RIGHTS.

Further argument took place on the legal points raised in the action brought by Mr. C.H. Heddon, solicitor, of Ripon and Harrogate, formerly a private in the Royal Army Service Corps, to recover damages from his former commanding officer, Major G.C. Evans, for alleged slander, malicious prosecution, and false imprisonment. Plaintiff's case was that because he complained of Second Lieutenant Haydon habitually using language unbecoming an officer and a gentleman and of systematically persecuting him, he was arrested and ordered fourteen days' confinement to barracks for making a frivolous complaint to his commanding officer and for conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline. In his cross-examination he admitted having taken "French leave" six times in order to see his wife.

Denying the allegations, defendant submitted through his counsel that the plaintiff, being subject to military law, could not come to the civil courts for redress. The arrest was ordered in the interests of military discipline, and was directed by the general officer commanding.

Mr. Tindal Atkinson, resuming his argument for the defendant, contended that fourteen days' "C.B." did not amount to false imprisonment.

His Lordship: False imprisonment is depriving a man of the liberty of movement which he is in law entitled to. If he is not entitled to liberty of movement, save by the express discretion of another person, and that other person omits to exercise a discretion, can it be said that a case of false imprisonment arises?

Mr. Atkinson answered affirmatively. The point illustrated the difference in the position of a man in the army and of a civilian.

His lordship said the case seemed to be raising every point that could be imagined both in military and civil law.

Mr. Atkinson said from the moment a man enlisted he was under the absolute orders of his superior officers both as to his liberty of action and his conduct generally. A commanding officer could, at his discretion, direct the confinement to barracks of a single man or of a whole battalion if he thought it was necessary.

His lordship: Do you concede that close arrest might amount to false imprisonment?

Mr. Atkinson said it might. A soldier's right of appeal to his general officer was only granted in 1873.

Mr. Coddington, junior counsel for the plaintiff, interposed that methods of redress in cases of alleged wrong were provided in the reign of Charles II., in 1672.

His lordship said according to that we found the true days of freedom in the days of Charles II. this method of redress for the private soldier was before the Bills of Rights was passed (1688).

Mr. Atkinson commented on the fact that the plaintiff had taken leave without permission at week-ends.

"FRENCH LEAVE."

His Lordship observed that Mr. Atkinson had not used the words "French leave" on this occasion. Since counsel referred to "French leave" at the previous hearing he had looked into the origin of the expression, and had found that it did not arise out of the former great wars at all consequent upon the escape of French prisoners. It arose in the early part of the eighteenth century in the salons of France. Certain guests, not aware of the higher acts of courtesy, were in the habit of leaving without saying "Good-bye" to the host or hostess, and it became a practice. Unfortunately that practice was adopted in certain English society about the same time, and therefore it was said that if a man left without saying "Good-bye" to his host the took "French leave."

Mr. Watson, for the plaintiff, said his client did not, by giving up his civil rights, contract to become a slave. If the loss of civil rights was to be said to be based on a contract, how did the contract affect the conscript—was he to retain all the rights of a civilian, whereas the man who voluntarily enlisted was to be at the mercy of his superior officers? Such a state of things was impossible. By enlisting, a man became subject to military law and regulations, but he retained his civil rights in respect of military illegalities and excesses, or obuses of military jurisdiction. The mere fact that an officer acted within his powers was no defence if what he did was done maliciously and in abuse of his authority. Any acts done outside the jurisdiction were actionable.

After hearing arguments of counsel on legal points, his Lordship reserved judgment, saying the case was of very considerable importance.

DEPTH CHARGE EXPLODES IN AN OFFICE.

THREE NAVAL OFFICERS KILLED.

As the result of an explosion at Vickers' naval construction works at Barrow, three naval officers were killed. These were Lieutenant T. Webley, of Portsmouth; Lieutenant S.J. Babbage, Devonport; and Engineer-Lieutenant J.D. Davidson, Barrow, engineer on the Lady Moyra. The explosion occurred in the Admiralty superintendent's office. The officers were at work in the office when suddenly there was an explosion and the building was wrecked. Lieutenant Webley and Lieutenant Babbage were killed instantly. Lieutenant Davidson's injuries were seen to be very serious. He was taken to the hospital, where he died. Others injured were Petty-Officer Mark Lemon and a Barrow boy named Alfred Heaton, who are now in hospital.

No official statement has been issued, but it is stated that the officers were examining the workings of a depth charge when it exploded.

At the inquest evidence of identification was given, and the coroner adjourned the inquiry for the presence of the inspector of explosives.

A brother of Lieutenant Davidson told the coroner he might be back in West Africa by then. He had a duty to perform to his brother, and he wanted to know why a live shell or depth charge had been in the office where his brother went to get his letters.

The coroner said that would be gone into at the adjourned inquest.

FIELD MARSHALL FRENCH AND "1914".

MORE QUESTIONS.

Captain Ormsby-Gore has given notice of further questions on the subject of Viscount French's book, which he proposes to address to the Secretary for War. He will ask whether, with a view to laying at rest doubts which have been expressed in the public Press as to the conduct of the late Field Marshal Lord Kitchener in France during the operations which preceded the victory of the Marne in 1914, the Secretary for War will arrange to lay upon the table of the House of Commons copies of the instructions given by the then Government to Lord Kitchener when they sent him to Paris to see Field Marshal Lord French, together with a copy of the letter written by Lord French after the meeting of the two Field-Marshals in Paris.

Whether, in the opinion of the legal advisers of the Army Council, the articles recently published in *The Daily Telegraph* dealing with military operations in 1914 contain information and statements the publication of which constitutes an offence against the Official Secrets Act or the Army Act, or both; and, if so, whether legal proceedings will be taken against the proprietors and publishers.

Whether the articles recently published in *The Daily Telegraph* on the conduct of the war in 1914 contain statements at variance with the official despatch of Lord French on those operations, more especially in regard to the conduct of General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien; whether Lord French's official despatch was in any way altered by the War Office before publication; and whether the Army Council will now give permission to General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien to publish a reply to such charges now made against him as were not made in the official despatch referred to above.

ONE THIN LINE.

In the latest instalment of his book Field Marshal French deals with the second phase of the first battle of Ypres, 27th to 31st October 1914, days which he describes as "more momentous and fateful than any others which I directed during my period of service as Commander-in-Chief in the field. October 31 and November 1 will remain for ever memorable in the history of our country, for, during those two days, no more than one thin and straggling line of tired-out British soldiers stood between the Empire and its practical ruin as an independent first-class Power. I still look back in wonder on that thin line of defence, stretched, out of sheer necessity, far beyond its natural and normal power for defence. Right, centre, and left our men were tried and pressed as troops were never tried and pressed before."

"For four or five days this line was being still further reduced in strength by the successful efforts of our troops to stem the tide of the enemy's advance, whilst on their side the Germans were being gradually reinforced to a strength which, by the 30th, reached about double our numbers."

There is, indeed, little distinction to be made between the troops who fought so bravely all along the line. All were doggedly tenacious; all were superhumanly brave. The fullest measure of mutual support was assured by the complete understanding and perfect loyalty which existed amongst leaders of all ranks, combined with the alertness shown by all commanders in filling up gaps in the line without delay, and in using the troops at their disposal with the utmost economy. All said and done, however, the main element of success was to be found in the devoted bravery and the stern, unyielding determination to do or die, displayed by the rank and file of the contemptible little army and its reinforcements.

CRUSHED TO DEATH BY TANKS.

Whilst on duty in the hospital grounds at Bovington Camp, Dorset, Pte. Horace Clulee, 19th Bn. Tank Corps, was crushed to death between two tanks.

Lieut. Gordon Chatthey, the officer moving one of the tanks, stated at the inquest that while it was at some distance he signalled to the driver to swing to the left in order to avoid a stationary tank. The moving tank failed to answer to the helm immediately and Clulee, who was standing in front of the stationary tank was pinned between the two. The formation of the ground was the only explanation of the mishap.

A verdict of accidental death was returned.

A LADY-LIKE RAG.

At the Tower Bridge Police Court on Saturday six probationary nurses of Bermondsey Infirmary were charged with assaulting another probationer. They offered a sincere apology in court but plaintiff refused to accept it.

She said that when she was in bed the defendants entered her room and carried her off to the bath-room, where they held her under tepid water by her head and feet, afterwards pouring a jugful of cold water over her head. When they left her she had to go to her room for a towel attired only in a vest. She denies that she talked to patients about other nurses.

A representative of the Guardians hoped complainant would accept the apology as defendants would be dismissed if convicted.

Plaintiff again refused.

One summons was dismissed and the others adjourned.

IRISH INFIRMARY RAID.

A raid was made at Cork Infirmary on Saturday and a prisoner patient named Hegarty taken away by his friends. The doctor objected to the visitors. He was shown a revolver and told that it was their "authority" to visit the infirmary.

Sir Beauvoir Delisle has been appointed to the Western Command.

Sentries at Dorchester Camp shot dead a German prisoner who was trying to escape on Friday night. Wirecutters were found in his possession.

FIRST OVER THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

AMERICA DOES THE TRICK.

New York. Saturday.—The American seaplane N.C.4 arrived at Horta (Azores) at 1.25 this afternoon. (Greenwich time.) The flight from Trepassy occupied fifteen hours thirteen minutes.—*Reuter.*

Washington. 18th May. According to a telegram from Horta, Azores, Commander Read of N.C.4 says his machine flew at an average speed of ninety miles per hour, completing the journey in seven hundred and ninety-eight minutes. The American seaplanes flew close together for a considerable time after leaving Trepassy but eventually N.C.4 drew away. During the early part of the flight they were favoured by moonlight and the weather was good until within two hundred miles of Corvo Island, when the machines encountered fog. N.C.4 was in perfect condition and there was no mishap or untoward occurrence. Most of the flight was made at an altitude of two thousand feet until mist compelled the seaplane to descend.

Mr. Franklin Roosevelt, acting secretary of the American Navy, sent by wireless a message congratulating Commander Read on having successfully achieved the first non-stop flight from America to the Azores.

DETAILS OF THE CROSSING.

From numerous wireless messages picked up in mid-Atlantic it appears that Commander Read led almost throughout the flight. He was actually the first to leave Trepassy Bay but descended again in order to allow Commander Towers, in N.C.3, to have the honour of actually starting the flight. Just before sighting the Azores N.C.4 led by thirty minutes and in consequence of this narrow margin it is now believed that Commander Read just managed to slip through to his moorings at Horta Harbour before fog rolled down, barring the progress of his companions. As already reported the crew and commander of N.C.1 have been rescued but there is still no news regarding N.C.3.

A message just received from St. John's Newfoundland, dated 18th May says that the Sopwith and Martynside machines will both fly this afternoon but no further details are yet to hand.—*Reuter.*

Washington. The destroyer Harding reports that it established wireless communication with N.C.1 at 4.27 in the afternoon, (Washington time). The seaplane is fogbound to the South East of Flores Island in the Azores.

The Harding is speeding to the rescue.

Nothing has been heard from N.C.4.—*Reuter.*

FOG BOUND AT THE AZORES.

Washington. A despatch from Admiral Jackson at Pontadelgada reports unfavourable weather in the vicinity of the Azores. He says the flight of N.C. 4 will not be continued to-day. Ten destroyers are scouring the fog-covered seas for the missing N.C. 3. It is reported that N.C. 3 discarded the wireless apparatus before leaving Trepassy in order to lighten its load. Lloyd's station at Horta reports that the steamer Ionia has brought in the crew of N.C. 1 which sank twenty miles off Flores Island in the Azores.—*Reuter.*

HAWKER JUMPS OFF FOR ENGLAND.

RAYNHAM CRASHED.

St. John's. 18th May.— The Sopwith machine, piloted by Hawker, started on the trans-Atlantic flight at 5.51 this evening. (Greenwich time.) Hawker dropped the wheels of his machine just before leaving land, and they fell near Raynham's camp. This caused Raynham to endeavour to rise. With its heavy load on rough ground his machine failed to get the necessary lift and struck a hummock, with the result that the axle snapped. Raynham and his navigator Morgan, streaming with blood, were lifted from the badly smashed machine. Raynham collapsed but recovered and Morgan was badly shaken. Neither of them is seriously injured. Raynham has cabled to the owners that it will probably be impossible to repair the damage, which was due to the axle buckling, owing to the heavy load and fuel.

The Marine look-out station on the hills above St. John's reports at 6.15 that the Sopwith is out of sight. It was flying South East, for Ireland. Its altitude was eight thousand feet and it was making eighty miles an hour.

St. John's.— A great crowd witnessed the departure of Hawker from Mount Pearl, six miles west of the City. Thousands were assembled on and about the Martinsyde grounds. The weather appeared most favourable, being cold, clear, sunny and cloudless. Hawker made a most satisfactory beginning. He first flew eastwards over the city, past the Quidividi ground and signalled "Farewell" to Raynham, then, flying at an altitude of two thousand feet, he crossed the encircling hills and flew out over the Atlantic.—*Reuter.*

CANADIAN CHAPLAIN ATTACKED.

The Rev. Conscirat, Catholic Chaplain to the Canadian Forces at Seaford, was attacked in the dark and struck down by a blow on the jaw. His bag, containing a hundred pounds, proceeds of the canteen, was seized by an accomplice and the men made off. No arrests have been effected.

BURGLARY AT A LIGHTHOUSE.

A dozen masked men entered Minehead Lighthouse, County Waterford, a few nights ago. Some pointed revolvers at the lightkeeper and his son while others searched the lighthouse for arms. All they succeeded in finding was a few old and useless pieces.

Two Germans, who escaped from a camp at Southampton were found on a Danish timber vessel at Grimsby on Saturday dressed in British and Colonial uniforms. They had travelled from Southampton on a goods train.

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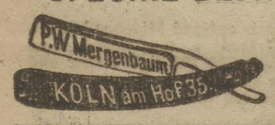

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THE TWO NATIONS.

In a recent article on the war entitled "What all the world knows," mention was made of a novel by Lord Beaconsfield entitled "Sybil—or the Two Nations." This was perhaps Disraeli's most serious contribution to the study of social economics. In it he portrayed the terrible social evils which had resulted from the long strain and effort of the 21-year struggle against revolutionary France and Napoleon. "Two Nations," he declared "co-exist within the bosom of a people, completely ignorant of one another's ways of life and method of thinking."

What Disraeli had in mind, of course, were the wealthy manufacturers who had grown rich owing to the discovery of iron in proximity to the coal fields of the North and the town artisans who were living in the towns created by this new wealth under conditions of squalor and degradation unknown before in our history. But the title "The Two Nations" applies with perhaps equal force, though in a different manner, to Germany. For Germany is, or rather was, essentially a people divided into two nations, each with a totally different conception of life and of the functions of the State. And it is most essential for us British to grasp this fundamental distinction. For without a knowledge of this great dividing line amongst the German people, we are apt to miss the key to the solution of many knotty problems, and the real character of this people.

Without going too far back into the history of the rise to predominance of Prussia in Germany, suffice it to say that this nation, which has shone in the arts of war alone and has never contributed one single idea or invention to the common civilization or "Kultur" of humanity, gradually imposed upon a disunited Germany the blessings of orderly Government and material prosperity. To term Prussia a nation would be a terminological inexactitude — rather was it a system — a method of government which owed its origin to the warlike expansion of the Order of the Teutonic Knights, whose grand master became successively Elector of Brandenburg and King of Prussia. From 1675 onwards, when the Great Elector won the battle of Fehrbellin against the Swedes to Sedan in 1871, Prussia has undeviatingly pursued her traditional policy of mingled force and craft, until her frontiers comprised the greater part of a Germany whose history and method of life differed widely from the hardy race which owes its origin to the Mark of Brandenburg and the Duchy of East Prussia.

This is the origin, then, of what we term "Prussian Militarism," and we must study closely its methods of Government and its spirit of administration, if we would understand aright the welter of confusion in which Germany, bereft of the strong hand of its Prussian overlords and masters, now lies.

The French have styled the Germans *Une nation moutonnière* a race of sheep-like proclivities, ready to follow any line of direction given them by their rulers. Far happier has been the political development of England. From the thirteenth century onwards our kings have been willing to share the government of the country with those elected representatives of the people who, by a gradual progression have grown from being the members of a mediaeval Parliament of Estates to the democratic representatives of a world-wide empire. Political capacity and a genius for local administration have been the key-stone of our English race. Far otherwise has it been with Germany, and so there has gradually grown up a warrior caste, sprung from a warlike race, which has dominated Germany in every domain of life. This conquering caste, accustomed to dominate and to "swank," has now been cast down and humbled to the dust. The German, accustomed to bow to authority, is now without a master. Far ahead of us in most branches of scientific and industrial enterprise, in matters political he was a mere child. He blindly swallowed the precise quantity of political news with which the Government thought fit to dose him.

His Prussian masters kept him in complete ignorance of all these things, and this undernation it is which we must convince, first that such atrocities have taken place and next that he must make reparation for them. But this does not altogether excuse him; for if, in the fervour of jingoism Germany, was swept off her feet by a calculated policy of lies and specious arguments, yet the average German citizen must bear some measure of blame for the acts which he condoned, if he did not condemn. He was, as it were, hypnotised into a compliance which he half approved. Though some excuse may be found for him in the fact that the late German Government pursued its traditional policy of force and fraud, yet the people, as has been said, gets the Government it deserves.

War psychosis and the feeling of restlessness and jealousy impelled the German people to view with complacency the various infamous measures of its Government. It has been said that the Social Democrats would, even without the war, have brought about the end of the old régime. But in view of the compliance of the people, and the half-hearted protests against the annexation of Belgium, etc. we may well doubt whether this submissive under-nation would ever have adopted any effective measures against the dominant caste. "Yes — we are paying the penalty now—" a sensible German remarked recently. "We bowed ourselves down before these military and bureaucratic lords of ours. We never questioned their decrees nor the justness of their policy, and now we have to accept responsibility for the misdeeds they committed." This leads us on to a further point, viz:— how far is the average German responsible for the misdeeds of his late Government? — but this must be reserved for another article.

"EIGHT HEARTS."

We were playing Bridge. The score was one game all.

Henry made the cards and passed them to me to cut. Cuthbert dealt them in his inimitable style. Cuthbert possesses both grace and speed in dealing. But he is somewhat inaccurate. On this occasion he gave me fourteen cards, which is wrong. So he dealt again. "It's these darn German cards," he complained, "I can never deal with them."

James sat on the dealer's right. He was my partner. He spends most of his time filling and polishing his pipe and borrowing matches. A good fellow, James, perhaps a trifle abstracted, but a good fellow. Cuthbert is young and somewhat futile.

Cuthbert said "One spade."

I said "Two Hearts."

Henry said "Two clubs," but we overlooked his error. James growled "No." He was loading up heavily.

Cuthbert went two spades and I three hearts. Henry said "No" despairingly, and whistled a tune or what was meant to be one. It conveyed to us all that he had no further interest in the game. James, when called upon several times, woke up and said "Oh, I'm sorry, No."

Cuthbert went three spades. I said "Four hearts." Henry said "I'll double four hearts." "On principle," he added to James who wasn't listening, "I always double four. They go out in any case." James said "no," wearily and leaned over in his chair to get at his matches in his side-pocket.

Cuthbert went four spades and I went five hearts. Whereupon Henry cried "I'll double five hearts. Must do so, you know, if I double four. Doesn't make any difference anyway." James "passed" between puffs. Cuthbert said "I'll go seven spades. "Henry said "Well done, Cuthbert, that's the stuff to give them." James cried, "What's this seven spades," and consulted his hand again "You play partner."

"Not so fast," said I, and paused meditatively. "I'll go eight hearts."

Whereat there was a great scandal at the table. A murmur of disapproval arose. It seemed as tho' I were trifling with the royal game of Bridge. Even some of the standers-by saw good to chide me for an irrelevant call. Indeed, so loud and threatening grew the remarks and so lowering became the countenances of my opponents, that I began to feel as the hapless Oliver Twist must have felt when the Workhouse master caught him by the arm and called aloud for Mr. Beadle.

"This is absurd,' said Cuthbert at length growing articulate, "You can't go eight hearts, your only call is seven no trumps." "I am very sorry," I said "I insist upon going eight hearts."

"But you cannot get eight hearts" roared Cuthbert, who perhaps had cause to be a little irritated. "You contract to get fourteen tricks, whereas there are only thirteen possible tricks obtainable."

"If," said I, "I fail to obtain eight tricks I shall pay the usual indemnity. I know nothing in Bascule, Contact or Brücke to prevent my endeavouring to obtain more tricks than you think I am likely to get."

"Likely to get, be hanged" said Cuthbert, only more forceably than this, for he was annoyed, "You can go seven no trumps or pass. What do you say, James?"

"Well," said James slowly, "I'm in a delicate position. I like the lad and admire his pluck. I don't see anything wrong with his call. It is open to you if you want to beat him, to call eight spades. I don't think you will get' em, but you can try."

Cuthbert made some remarks in his best style about eight spades and their use to him. I don't remember his exact words, but I recollect he put the whole case well and convinced us all that eight spades were no use to him and, moreover, that he considered he was being done down and robbed of a good hand. He ended with, "All right let him go his eight hearts. I don't agree with you. But let him go."

"And I'll double eight hearts" cried Henry, suddenly inspired. "On principle I suppose," murmured James, sucking his pipe.

Henry led a spade, upon which Cuthbert put his ace and I a small trump. I then led nine hearts quickly and followed up with the three top clubs making seven odd tricks. "Sorry, partner," I murmured contritely. "We're are down. That's one hundred to them and eighty to us for five honours in our hand. I don't think we can claim a slam. But it's better than losing the game and rubber and goodness knows how many points besides."

"It's a shame all the same," quote Cuthbert, who had somewhat recovered his temper. "I had eight spades to the knave, queen, king and ace, and five tricks in diamonds. I don't believe yours was a correct call."

"Well," said I, "I'll write to *The Cologne Post* about it."

And so I have. Perhaps, Mr. Editor, one of the clever young men you employ to answer questions may know if my call was right or wrong.

THE MONTH OF MAY IN GERMANY.

It is the month of May. The Spring is half gone, and with it, Nature is awakening rapidly toward the fulness and beauty of the coming sunny days of Summer. It is not to say that we have had no sunny days: already, there have been many such — warm, almost oppressive days, with gorgeous sunshine. Only yesterday, after a lovely morning, heavy peals of thunder crashed overhead, with a vehemence that would have done credit to a British Artillery barrage.

Whilst the world is standing with bated breath, awaiting the signing of a Peace which shall, in Germany's own words "Strangle the very life of the German nation", Nature is assisting her to replenish her garners which have been so well nigh emptied by her hungry millions.

May in Germany — and May in England — are, to all intents and purposes, the same, and it would be difficult from the window where I write, to distinguish any difference (though I would fain be in England), save where German architecture breaks the landscape, or in the manner in which the German gardener below, toiling in his garden, wields the spade and hoe, for no English gardener uses these in the same style as the German. And his Frau is near by, helping to dig up the free soil.

Two days ago, the ground was parched and dusty, but two days of copious showers, rich, warm and refreshing, have created an almost unbelievable result. Verdure has increased in intensity of hue as in quantity: a richer, brighter, more satisfying beauty has settled on everything: the whole world of Nature has suddenly sprung into liveliness.

At the moment, there is every sign of an overwhelming abundance of fruit, flower and vegetable. The fruit trees are gorgeous in their apparel of white and pink blossoms, though the rain of the past two days has done much to remove the flowers from the set fruit, and the petals lay scattered around as confetti at a bridal function.

There is liveliness in Nature — and there is also a corresponding liveliness in the ranks of the tillers of the soil. Throughout the territory of the Rhineland now occupied by the Allied Armies, there are signs of energy on every hand, and, indeed, from Boulogne to Etaples: to Namur and through the Meuse Valley: around Charleroi: to Herbesthal on the border twixt Belgium and Germany: from Aix-la-Chappelle to Cologne — men, women, horses and oxen are engaged in preparing the ground and in sowing the seed which is to furnish the wherewithal that man and beast may live through the days when Nature has again gone to sleep.

Tow under through the fields—aye, or even to follow the main roads of the Rhineland, is to have one's eyes opened. The German, spite his self-vaunted "Kultur," is but a primitive creature when seen in comparison with the British farmer and gardener. His ideas of development and advancement with the times appear to have stopped short some eighty to a hundred years ago.

Let us stray off the beaten track, and go through the farm yard! Oh, no: you aren't trespassing, so long as you do not cross a cultivated field or garden. The farmer may look askance at us, and wish us — well, I am not conversant with where German people usually consign the unwanted, but he won't—he dare not say anything to us.

A growling, yelping dog threatens us in the approved German fashion, but, he is a braggard, and a steady glance into his eye sends him skulking into the furthermost corner of the yard, to continue his snarking from "a better 'ole."

Here and there are waggons, rough and primitive: an old cart with a centre pole, which is drawn by a pair of dreadfully slow oxen: a harrow, not the usual chain or well made gate we see in England, but a roughly apparently home made gate, with equally rough, wooden drills. This, too, is drawn across the fields by the oxen which drew an even more primitive plough to and fro in the early days of spring, and tomorrow roll in the seed with the bole of a tree.

Equally as ancient is the harness with which those self-same oxen are yoked, whilst the entire turn-out, farmer included, can hardly be credited as living in the present day. A "Rip van Winkle" may have considered them up-to-date. German "Kultur" has lamentably failed to illuminate and educate the German farmer to the fact that he is living in the twentieth century. It has failed to awaken the farmer to the development that has been taking place in all the other industries of life, and has left him stagnant, unaware, apparently, to the fact that his oxen are out of date, and painfully slow, or that it is possible to supersede them by quicker and more satisfactory methods.

Though the English farmer is far in advance of the German, it is not now the time for him to slow up in his advance, and think that he has a sufficiently good lead. We know the fable of the hare and tortoise, and must bear in mind that the race is not necessarily won by the speedy, but by the sure. It is necessary to carry on, and to carry on successfully; we must keep on advancing. If we are to wait until the Fatherland has regained its breath, we shall wait too long, and to our own sorrow.

So long as the British Empire and her Allies lead the way in the food production of the world, so long can she and they laugh at Germany and the Central Powers. These will need every ounce of food they can themselves provide before they can export any, but that is no reason that the British farmer, and in a lesser degree, the British gardener, should rest on his laurels.

"Compulsory" ploughing should be compulsory only in the sense of a moral obligation, resting on the agriculturist to better the resources of his country, that in the day of need, he may rest contented in having "done his bit."

A PARABLE.

Once upon a time there was a burglar who had brought off some great coups and had sedulously applied himself to all the meticulous details of scientific burgling.

So one day he planned his biggest scheme, which was to put him in a position of triumphant ease ever after. He boasted as to his future state for some time beforehand.

It was a big affair, but he met with a surprising resistance. It is true that, in the course of the resulting struggle, he wrecked the house he had entered, and caused loss of life and property to an appalling extent. But he was finally ejected and captured.

Then he said to the man sitting on his chest and preparing to see what proportion of the dreadful losses could be recovered from the marauder, and how the latter was to be prevented from having the chance of repeating his crimes) "Why this roughness? Let us go into partnership. In fact, I am prepared to make suggestions as to the wording of the deed. Is this Christian? Is it brotherly? Besides, you are hurting me! Also my wife and family will suffer if you punish me! Likewise it is past midnight now, and I started yesterday. I have turned over a new leaf to-day. I'm surprised at you!

Fellow-sufferers and sympathisers, pull him off!

To all of which the answer was ———

Q.V.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Tuesday	6	Tales of Hoffmann	Offenbach
Wednesday	5	Tannhäuser	Wagner
Thursday	6	Martha	Flotow
Friday	5½	Merry Wives of Windsor	Nicolai
Saturday	5	Faust	Gounod
Sunday	6	The elopement from the Serail	Mozart
Monday	6	Barbier of Seville	Rossini
Tuesday	6	The Gipsybaron	Strauss

WHISKY FROM COPIES OF "THE COLOGNE POST."

MR. AND MRS. HASSAN'S CONCERT PARTY AT BORNHEIM.

One more unit is added to the already long list of those who tender their appreciative thanks to the Mr. and Mrs. Hassan Concert Party, that Unit being the 52nd Cheshires, who, on Thursday evening filled to overflowing the large concert room attached to the Schwadorf Hotel, at Bornheim.

Lieut. Lowe was the first artiste to appear and delighted all with two baritone songs, the favourite being "Gee up Hosses" which was heartily applauded. Miss Randles (solo violinist) was loudly encored for her playing of "Canary" and replied with the ever popular "Texas Way," which earned for her another tumult of applause; but the most popular turn of the evening was Miss Kitty Randles, who sang several songs to her own accompaniment. "Cecil, I Shall Have to Call the Guard" was followed by "When I get my Civvies on Again" which was received with such applause that Herr Schwadorf must have trembled for the safety of his roof.

Mr. Hassan then made his appearance and, ably assisted by Mrs. Hassan and two volunteers, Sgts. Claridge and Travers, completely mystified the audience (including the two gentlemen assistants) with coin manipulation, card tricks, "The Rope Trick," and spirit writing. His final effort endeared him to the whole audience, who heartily wished he would remain with them, as a gentleman able to produce whisky from back numbers of *"The Cologne Post"* would certainly make the 52nd the most noteworthy Battalion on the Rhine—and off it.

Miss Franklyn's "Really One Never Knows, Does One?" gained a well deserved encore.

The accompanist throughout the evening was Miss Kitty Franklyn, whose playing left nothing to be desired.

A DERBY SWEEPSTAKE.

HOW TO GET RACING THRILLS AWAY FROM THE MEETING.

Some time ago, in a special article, we published the views of a number of our readers on the subject of a Derby Sweepstake. With one accord these views were all in favour of such a scheme, and the popular idea was that someone should get busy and organize a bumper sweepstake on the lines of the Calcutta. Several writers hinted that we, as a journal, should tackle the thing, and although we were never very sanguine as to the possibility, we made diligent enquiries to find out the exact position of things.

We are now able to state definitely that it is impossible for *The Cologne Post* to undertake the organization of a venture of this kind, and we make the announcement with regret.

There is not the slightest doubt that the Victory Derby will attract an amount of interest far in excess of the same race for any previous year. The London and Course betting markets have been active for some time already, and private sweepstakes in England are receiving a wonderful amount of patronage.

THE THRILL OF A HARMLESS GAMBLE.

There is probably no more delightful sensation than being present amid all the hurry scurry atmosphere of the wonderful "Downs" and watching the colours representing your hard-earned bob flash past the winning post first.

The writer has never experienced such a full measure of joy himself, but he has extracted quite a fair amount of thrill in observing his favourite "gee-gee" being overtaken by one after another of the field, and inventing suitable explanations for his horse's failure while celebrating the success of some more fortunate individual.

Then the next best thing to this, is to be at the great meeting "in spirit," with a sweepstake ticket to lend additional interest. The mild excitement of wondering whether you will draw a horse and the subsequent newspaper description of how that particular runner "drew away from the field and won in a canter" (perhaps!) are wonderful thrill-producing elements.

However, to return to the point. There are a number of sweepstakes "on the move" already, and before the great race, it is safe to assume that there will be many others among Rhine "Army-ites." The prizes, of course, will not be anything like so substantial as they would have been in the case of a large sweep embracing all units, but subscribers will have the consolation of knowing that the fewer the entries the greater is the percentage of winning chance.

WHY NOT A TOTALIZATOR?

In conclusion, here is a suggestion from one of our readers that may be of value to the organisers of sweeps. "G.W." writes as follows:—

May I suggest that if a "spec" is fixed up for the Derby it takes the form of a Totalizator instead of a Sweepstake. The speculator can choose his fancy in the former case but in the latter he has a microscopic chance of getting a run at all. I have run several very successfully.

Considerable interest would be added by the publication in your paper each day of the number of shares taken up on the particular horses."

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking our many correspondents for writing us on this subject and to say we are sorry that circumstances prevent our being more actively associated with any scheme of the kind that may develop.

The Derby probable starters and jockeys will be published in *The Cologne Post* as soon as available, as well as any information of interest concerning the race that may come to hand in the meantime.

The sweepstake organized for officers by the 8th Corps Club at Cologne, is making wonderful progress and already the number of tickets sold exceeds 2,000. The result of the draw will appear in this paper on the 5th June.

"CORNSTALKS'" BRILLIANT START.

AUSTRALIANS v. ESSEX AT LEYTON.

ESSEX—1st INNINGS:—

Gillingham l.b.w. b. Docker	29
Waugh c. Murray b. Collins	10
Dixon c. Long b. Collins	4
Douglas c. Gregory b. Docker	0
Ferrin b. Kellaway	9
Turner not out	84
Hazelton c. Kellaway b. Gregory	8
Freeman c. Kellaway b. Gregory	6
Fremlin b. Gregory	7
Hills l.b.w. b. Stirling	2
Clark c. Kellaway b. Stirling	2
Extras	28
Total	189

Bowling analysis:—Kelleway 1 for 30; Gregory 3 for 52; Collins 2 for 26; Docker 2 for 26; Trennery 0 for 14. Stirling 2 for 3.

AUSTRALIANS—1st INNINGS:—

Collins l.b.w. b. Tremlin	12
Taylor c. Clark b. Tremlin	78
Kelleway not out	43
Extras	5
Total (2 wkts)	138

At the close of play they were 184 for 3 wickets.

SURREY WINS BY 196 AT THE OVAL.

Surrey beat Somerset by 196 runs at the Oval on Saturday, the following being details of the concluding stages of the match:—

Surrey — 2nd Innings:—

Hobbs l.b.w. b. White	86
Sandham b. White	9
Hayes c. Chidgey b. D. Rippon	12
Harrison b. Marshall	35
W. Abel c. Robson b. Bridges	73
Peach c. Bridges b. White	0
Heath c. A. Rippon b. Robson	14
T. Abel b. Robson	18
Hitch c. Braund b. Bridges	0
Strudwick c. A. Rippon b. Robson	21
Rushby not out	10
Extras	12
Total	290

Bowling Analysis: White had 3 for 86; Robson 3 for 102; D. Rippon 1 for 45; Bridges 2 for 36; Marshall 1 for 7.

Somerset — 2nd Innings:—

D. Rippon std. Heath b. Hitch	27
A. Rippon b. Hitch	11
Bojano b. W. Abel	38
Robson c. Hayes b. T. Abel	14
Harcombe c. Heath b. Peach	0
Key b. S. Abel	13
White not out	2
Chidgey b. W. Abel	0
Marshall c. Heath b. Hitch	2
Braund b. W. Abel	43
Bridges l.b.w. b. W. Abel	24
Extras	4
Total	178

Bowling analysis:— Hitch had 2 for 63; Rushby 1 for 32; W. Abel 4 for 26; T. Abel 2 for 33; Peach 1 for 1

WON BY A RUN.

EXCITING FINISH AT QUADRATH.

A most interesting game took place at Quadrath on Saturday, where the Cavalry Division H.Q. entertained the 5th Brigade. The R.H.A. batted first and started with disaster, Harris being run out in the first over from a smart throw in by Lieut Dart. Three of their wickets were down for 8 runs, but Bushfield and Hughman, improved the position by taking the score to 31 before the former was bowled. Adams was given a trial with the ball and secured 4 wickets from his first seven balls. However, Holding (9) and Hughman with the help of "Mr Extras" — 12 — took the final score to 58 before the last wicket fell.

Cpl. Adams came out with 6 wickets for 13 runs, and Spr. Evans 3 for 19.

The H.Q. in reply found run-getting very difficult against the bowling of Harris and Fox. Capt Stancliffe was bowled for 9, when he appeared to be set, his last stroke being a four over the bowler's head. Lieut Johnson batted most steadily, and Spr. Locke knocked up 9 in less than as many minutes. Lieut Johnson after making 13, all by singles, was eight out at 55. So three runs were needed to draw. The excitement increased as Capt. Parry scored a two which brought the score to 57. Cpl. Totley was run out trying to get the equaliser. Pte Newsome then went in as last man, and it was really a case of holding your breath or shuting your eyes. Harris bowled him first shot, so the R.H.A. won a most excitting game by a run, the H Q's being beaten on the post. A return game must be arranged.

NOTTS v. MIDDLESEX.

The match between Notts and Middlesex concluded with a draw at Lords on Saturday.

Notts — 2nd Innings:—

G. Gunn c. Mann b. Hearne	116
Lee c. Murrell b. Haig	82
J. Gunn l.b.w. b. Hearne	42
Richmond std. Murrell b. Hearne	38
Paynton not out	2
Hardstaff b. Hearne	0
Extras	10
Total (5 wkts)	290

Bowling analysis:— Lee 1 for 71; Hearne 4 for 74; Haslip 2 for 0; Durston 0 for 49; Hendren 0 for 7.

Middlesex — 2nd Innings:—

Lee b. Flint	7
Hearne c. Oates b. J. Gunn	34
Warner not out	46
Hendren c. Oates b. G. Gunn	41
Haig not out	20
Dolf b. Firth	3
Mann b. Flint	8
Extras	2
Total (5 wkts)	150

FOUR WICKETS WITH FIRST FOUR BALLS.

52nd BATTALION THE FIFLE BRIGADE CRICKET MATCH.

A cricket match between H. Q. Coy and "D" Coy of the above named Battalion, played at Konigshoven on Sunday, resulted in a very fine display of bowling on the part of a "budding" A IV bowler, who took four wickets with the first four balls.

Winning the toss, H.Qrs. batted first, and totalled 88 runs before being dismissed, Lieut.-Col. Tyte giving a fine exhibitition of all-round nitting.

"D" Coy going in, Rfn. Smith, with the first four balls of the innings took four wickets, as above mentioned, without a score being registered. The winnings ended with D. Coy's score at 38. the batsmen at no time giving any trouble. Only one change of bowling was necessary.

2/4th, Bn. "The QUEENS" REGT. v. 2nd. LONDON INFANTRY BRIGADE H.Q.

Played at Ehreshoven last week, this match resulted in a comfortable win for Brigade H.Q by 10 wickets.

The 2/4th Queens won the toss, and electing to bat on a moist wicket, were dismissed by the luncheon interval for 63 (Lt. Wright 21). Brigade H.Q. replied with 90, (Lieut. C. B. Twemlow 35, Corpl. Kitchen 22), and succeeded in dismissing the 2/4th Queens a second time for 46. Lieut. Lester-Smith and Pte. Harrison then hit off the 20 runs required to win, without loss.

For Brigade Headquarters, Capt. Alexander (7 for 28 and 3 for 24) and Capt. Richardson (3 for 35 and 5 for 20) bowled unchanged throughout.

DRIVERS v. ARTIFICERS. 13 MOTOR AMBULANCE CONVOY.

On Saturday afternoon the 13 Motor Ambulance Convoy opened up their fixtures with a practice match, the Artificers challenging the Drivers. Despite all efforts on the part of the Artificers the Drivers ran out easy winners by 71 runs.

The feature of the game was the excellent display of batting given by Greenwood, who was rather unfortunate in getting caught after compiling a faultless 30. The deadly bowling of Flack and Walker proved the downfall of the Artificers' batting display.

Scores:—Drivers, 13 M.A.C. 101; Artificers, 13 M.A.C. 30.

EXCITING CRICKET AT QUADRATH.

An interesting match was played on Saturday last at Quadrath between Headquarters, 5th Brigade, R.H.A. and Headquarters Cavalry Division in which the former team won by 1 run. The R.H.A. batted first and fared none too well against the bowling of Cpl. Adams who took seven wickets at a very cheap cost.

The innings closed for 58, Highman, Bushfield and Holding alone batting with any confidence. The home team did no better against the bowling of the "Right of the Line" their innings closing, after a very exciting finish, with a total of 57.

OUR CRICKET CUP.

The complete list of fixtures for "The Cologne Post" Cricket Cup will be published in our issue of to morrow.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

"Aussies" v. Hampshire.

The Australians are arranging to play Hampshire at Portsmouth on July 28 and 29.

Put To Jumping.

Mr. Vanderbilt has decided to put Kingdom and Sammy Sands to jumping. They have gone into the stables of Ruddock, who will have the schooling of them.

Mr. "Fairie" Cox's Horses.

Were the late Mr. "Fairie" Cox's horses to come under the hammer it is the opinion of the best judges that those in training and bloodstock would realise over £180,000.

391 Runs in Two Days.

Runs were again plentiful in the Perambulators and Etceteras match at Cambridge, the Perambulators replying to the Etceteras' first innings total of 433 with 458 for eight.

South Notts Hunt.

Captain Leslie Birkie, D.S.O., has accepted the Mastership of the South Notts Hunt on condition that an annual subscription of £1,500 is raised, and the kennels, stables, and houses are put in good repair.

Wanted A Black Cat.

Mr. Sol. Joel who has been out of favour with luck for some time hoped to resume nodding acquaintance in the "Jubilee" with the aid of Rivershore. It however was only among the "also rans."

A Knowing Canine.

When Dr. F. J. Hathaway was fined 5s at Windsor last week in respect of an unmuzzled dog, it was stated that the animal jumped out of the dining-room window, came to the police station and gave himself up.

International Golf March.

The last great international match between England and Scotland was that played in 1905 over four greens—St. Andrews, Troon, St. Anne's, and Deal—between J. H. Taylor and Vardon against Braid and Herd. The latter lost by 13 up and 12.

Cycle Championships.

The National Cyclists' Union has decided to run off some of its National Championships this year, and arrangements have been made for the quarter mile and five miles races to be held at the summer meeting of the Manchester Wheelers on July 12 at Fallowfield, Manchester.

New Men For Clapton Orient.

Clapton Orient F.C. have engaged three players for next season. One is David Calderhead, jun., who will be first choice for the centre half position. Calderhead is the son of the Chelsea manager. A new goalkeeper has also been engaged in Denoon, the Queen's Park Rangers' custodian. Hind, of the old players, has also been re-engaged.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

RACING AT HURST PARK.

THE JUBILEE HANDICAP.

There was an enormous crowd at Hurst Park on Saturday when the principal event on the card was the Jubilee Handicap. The returns for the day were:—

Spelthorne Plate:—1, Skyraker (10—1); 2, Greek Star (11—8 on); 3, Wilkin (5—1).

River Handicap:—1, King Sol (5—2); 2, Tunworth (4—1); 3, Frigola (7—4).

Sunningdale Handicap:—1, Roidur (5—2); 2, Bickny (8—1); 3, Footplate (100—8). Second and third dead heat.

Shepperton Handicap:—1, Happy Maid (evens); 2, Royal Raider (5—2); 3, Knight of Peace (5—2).

May Auction Plate:—1, Sunny Game (5—1); 2, Wendy (7—1); 3, Victory Speech (5—1).

Jubilee Handicap:—1, Arion (Weston) 10—1; 2, Not Much (Donoghue) 100—8; 3, Grand Fleet (Childs) 100—6.

Also ran:—Dansellon (Carslake); Zinovia (Smith); By Jingo (Foy); Rivershore (Walley); King John (Martin); Herself (Fox); Royal Bucks (Hulme) and Silver Bullet (G. Colling).

From a good start, Zinovia jumped off in front of Grand Fleet, Arion, Royal Bucks and Dansellor, with Silver Bullet last. After covering about half a mile, Arion got to the front and not being approached, won in a canter by six lengths. One and a half lengths separated, the second and third. Dansellon was fourth, Zinovia fifth and Silver Bullet last.

RIPON MEETING.

Rainton Plate:— 1 Lady Birdie colt (7—4 on); 2, Lady Amelia (20—1); 3, Lady Gravlaire I. (9—2).

York Handicap:— 1, Fowston (5—1) beat Vaulter.

Givendale Handicap: — 1, Wiston (4—1); 2, Finalist (100—8); 3, Fairy Lantern (9—4 on).

City Handicap:— 1, East Cheshire (11—10); 2, Schamyl (7—2); 3, Dinah Dear (2—1).

Clare Plate:— 1, White Bud (6—1); 2, Toolin (7—4); 3, Sorgham (6—4).

Newby Plate:— 1, White Sand (5—2); 2, Snug (5—4); 3, Magnolia (100—7).

BOXING AT THE RING.

At the Ring, on Saturday, in a twenty round contest George Clark, of Bermondsey beat Gomer Perkins, Wales, on points.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

BULLDOG CUP FINAL.

In the final for the Bulldog Cup, at Fulham on Saturday, the Scots Guards defeated the Air Force by 5—2. Blythe gave the Guards the lead three minutes from the start and this was increased by Goundwalter, who scored twenty minutes later.

Morris led the Air Force forwards in a number of attacks as a result of one of which Bliss reduced the lead.

In the second half, McBride Chedzoy and Groundwater scored for the Scots Guards and Morris added another for the Air Force.

CHARITY MATCHES. SATURDAYS RESULTS.

Woolwich A.	1	Chelsea	2
Milwall	4	West Ham	0
Manchester Utd.	3	Liverpool	1
Coventry City	5	Notts County	2
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.			
Notts. Forest	1	Everton	0
ENGLISH SCHOOLS SHIELD.			
Grimsby	4	Sunderland	0
WEST YORKS CUP FINAL.			
Leeds City	0	Hudder-field	0
GLASGOW CHARITY CUP.			
Rangers	3	Lanark	0
Partick Thistle	2	Clyde	2
Ayr. United	4	Queens Park	2

CRICKET, CRITICISM AND CROSS COUNTRY RUNS.

3rd. BATTALION MACHINE GUN CORPS.

The "Wallahs," that is to say a collection of clerks, servants, runners and others of that nature, ambitiously challenged the Battalion to a trial game at cricket. This was played on Sunday afternoon, and the Battalion 'declared' with seven wickets down and 124 runs up. The Wallahs had only made 16 when their last man took his curtain. No windows were broken in this match which was played on the barrack square. There is still some doubt as to why the Sports Officer, who umpired, placed his gloves on the stumps.

The Battalion Inter-Company Competition commences on Wednesday, when "C" company meets "D" at 14.30 hours on the grass pitch just outside the Barracks. "A" company meets "B" in the same competition on Friday. Everyone will play each other company four times.

"C" Company cares not that 'stiff' training means stiff limbs, and had their second cross country run last night in preparation for the Athletic Meeting shortly to be held.

We saw many medals in the Sports office which were being prepared for inscription. These are for the Football Competition, and will shortly grace the victors.

"MR. EXTRAS" SCORES WELL.

WIN FOR 8th FIELD AMBULANCE.

The match between the 8th and 142nd Field Ambulance (R.A.M.C.) at Efferen on Saturday resulted in a win for the former by 31 runs. Against a couple of fast bowlers in Sergt. Watson and Scott "Mr. Extras" scored runs with marked regularity, the first three overs producing 10 runs.

Blakely gave the best batting display and if his innings lacked enterprise it was certainly very sound. Adcock and Lieut. Benham also did well with the bat, the last named obtaining his runs all round the wicket. The fielding of the visitors was rather loose. With 100 on the board for the loss of 6 wickets, the innings was declared closed.

The 142nd Ambulance batsmen gave a brighter display at the wickets, and their running between the stumps was altogether smarter. Sergt. Watson, Scott and Capt Munn hit out in fine style and until Roberts foolisnly ran himself out there was a prospect of an exciting finish.

Scores:—

8th Field Ambulance 100 (for 6 wickets).
142 Field Ambulance 69.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, May 20, 1919.

Surface wind light easterly. Fine, with some daytime cloud, relatively cool, visibility good.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

Fulsome Flattery Undeserved.

Two letters have been received by the Editor criticizing a recent report of a concert at Duren. Both the writers of these epistles complain that the report was far more eulogistic than the show warranted. One of the correspondents remarks that on the occasion of his visit the house was practically empty and he very much regretted the time and money wasted in attending such a feeble attempt at amusement. The writer of the second letter is much stronger in his comments. My chief has asked me to explain that whenever it is possible, a reporter is sent from this office to attend all forms of army entertainment with instructions to comment fairly and candidly upon the result. This is obviously a duty of *The Cologne Post* towards its readers as well as to individual concert parties. A really tip-top show should have ample praise bestowed upon it but it is not the policy of this paper to be flattering in its remarks upon every entertainment whether it be good, bad or indifferent.

The Cologne Post covers a very wide field, and all readers must be aware, and for this reason reports of various events from occasional contributors must be relied upon. The particular report in question was submitted by an apparently reliable correspondent and there was absolutely no reason to suppose that the enthusiasm reflected in his paragraph was not genuinely inspired. The same concert party announce that they are to give another performance in the course of a few days. This will be attended by a representative from this office whose report may be relied upon to be fair and unbiassed.

Rain, Hail or Snow?

If you were caught unawares by the showery weather we experienced a little while ago and got wet through in consequence, or if you were unprepared for the thunderstorm last Sunday week, or if you "cast a clout" a few nights ago and caught "a cold in the dose" by reason of the icy cold blasts that suddenly prevailed, you are absolutely unjustified in grousing about the matter. All those little unexpected vagaries in the German climate have been foretold by our meterological expert with uncanny accuracy. Out of 42 weather forecasts that have appeared on this page in succession, only three have varied to any material extent from the actual conditions that have subsequently prevailed. On each of these few occasions, showers have been prophesied when, as a matter of fact, the floodgates have been tightly closed. Therefore, if you want to know in advance the intentions of "Jupiter Pluvius," cast your eye on our weather forecast.

THE RAMBLER.

TROPICAL FOOTBALL.

D. COY 6th R.W. KENT v. C. COY 10th R.W. KENT.

An Inter-Brigade Semi-Final was played on the ground of the 6th R.W. Kent Regt. on Thursday, the teams being D Coy, 6th R.W. Kent, and C. Coy, 10th R.W. Kent. The 10th winning the toss elected to kick against the slight wind, and with a tropical sun shinning on their backs. The 6th were soon testing the 10th defence, but found them very safe. At length their efforts were rewarded after about 20 minutes play, Walker snapping up a good centre from Tuckwell and giving the 10th "goalie" no chance. After the kick-off a lot of midfield play ensued. Just on half-time a corner fell to the 10th, and this was put through, but the referee had blown for half-time, so of course it was disallowed. Half time arrived with the 6th leading 1—0.

A DEAFENING ROAR.

The second half commenced with the 10th determined to equalise, but splendid play again by the halves, and Cpl. Bones kept them out. The 10th "goalie" had one or two difficult shots to stop.

Later the 6th forced a corner, which was well placed by Robinson, and Walker got his head to it, and completely beat the "goalie." Midfield play ensued until the whistle went for time amid a deafening roar from the 6th (D Coy) supporters.

Result:—

D Coy 6th R.W. Kent Regt. 2; C Coy, 10th R.W. Kent Regt., nil.

D Coy meet B Coy 4th R. Sussex in the final.

"D" COY 51st R. WARWICKSHIRE REGT. v. ARMY LEWIS GUN SCHOOL.

This football match was played on Wednesday at Delbruck. Early on the Warwickshires pressed and narrowly missed scoring. Their sustained pressure was eventually rewarded, Pte Dutton scoring at short range. The home forwards afterwards had matters all their own way, and Sgt Lyne scored with a magnificent grass shot.

On restarting after half-time, play was of a more even character, the school trying their hardest to score but they could make no impression. A third goal was registered by the home sters just on time.

Result: D. Coy, R. Warwickshire Regt. 3; Army L.G. School, 0.

PIPE BAND AT FOOTBALL MATCH.

5th v. 180th LABOUR COMPANY.

The final of the Labour Group Competition was played at Amsterdamerstrasse on Thursday evening. The 5th who had some difficulty in raising a team owing to leave, etc., turned out as follows:— Lieut Wilkinson, Ptes Donachie and Cooney, Ewen, Leonard, and Forster, Sgt Grant, Pte Clark, Cpl Swan, Ptes. Charles and Brady.

The 5th lost the toss and kicked off against the sun. They had however, most of the play in the first half, 180th conceding frequent corners. None of these resulted in goals and half-time arrived with no scoring.

Shortly after resuming, 5th scored only to have the goal disallowed, and a "penalty" for handling given instead. Lieut. Wilkinson took the kick, and 180th goal keeper saved luckily. The play was fast and keen, both goals being visited in turn. It was anybody's game till 180 scored a well taken goal by Cpl Stevenson. This was all the scoring and 5th retired somewhat unlucky losers.

Result: 180 Labour Coy 1; 5th Labour Coy 0.

The pipe band of the 5th Coy discoursed music at intervals.

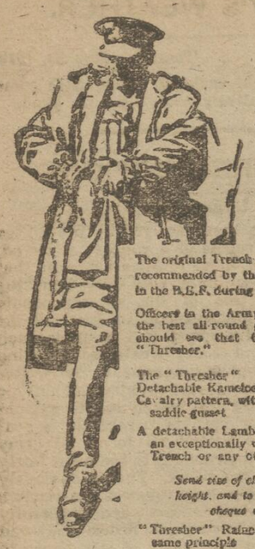

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The following are the conditions of a competition which should arouse even as much interest among aspirants to literary fame as has been aroused amongst cricketers by *The Cologne Post* competition for the Cricketers' Challenge Cup. Further particulars will be given in Leaflets which will be circulated throughout the British Occupied German Territory.

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(c) The Manuscript, along with a sealed envelope containing the author's real name but not his nom-de-plume must be sent under one cover, addressed "The Editor, Cologne Bulletin, Y.M.C.A., Cologne" and must reach him not later than 15th June 1919.

(d) The Award of Mr. E. W. Hornung, who has kindly consented to act as Judge, must be accepted as final.

(e) The prize shall be the payment of Two hundred and fifty Marks to the author of the winning story, whereby the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A., shall acquire the option of publishing the story in, or as a Supplement, of "The Cologne Bulletin," while the copyright of the story shall remain the property of the Author.

Photography.

On Friday, 23rd May, the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. is opening a photographic studio on its premises at 44, Friesenstrasse, exclusively for the troops in the Rhine Army. Photographs will be taken at lower prices than at the photographers' shops in town; and amateur photographers can have their own films developed and printed at moderate charges.

Bolshevism.

A lecturer who has intimate knowledge of, and is indeed an authority upon the old views that are now known by the new name of Bolshevism, Lt.-Col. Lysham, will speak upon this subject on Saturday, 24th. May, at 6.30 p. m. in the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. whom we congratulate upon having secured so eminent a lecturer who is sure to attract an audience that will fill their great Hall.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB

Major Gower Rees, M.C., D.A.C.G., VI Corps, gave a short address in the Theatre at 5 p.m. on Sunday evening.

He began by saying that he hoped they would look upon these weekly "Talks" as opportunities for free discussion, and that they would tell all their friends about them. He took as his subject "Are you in Need of a Guide?" and gave a stirring little address showing the absolute necessity of belief as a guide in life.

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The Band of the 12th Royal Lancers (by kind permission of Lt.-Col. Fane C.M.G., D.S.O.) also gave a most excellent concert, which was tremendously appreciated, in the Theatre.

The concert opened with the "Mikado,"—always a favourite piece — which was splendidly played with excellent rhythm. The Miniature Suite consisting of three charming pieces was beautifully rendered by Eric Coates. The first part of the programme was brought to an end by the Overture "William Tell" which was given with great spirit. Musicians J.C. Browne and Cpl. C. Carroll, acquitted themselves admirably in tubaphone and clarionette solos, which were much appreciated.

Variations by Latter on "Three Blind Mice" were full of humour and the audience demanded an encore. The programme finished with a selection from "The Bing Boys."

During the Interval, Cpl. Howard Fry and Bdr. Gibbs kindly gave some songs which were so popular that encores had to be given.

The hall was well filled with a large and delighted audience who enthusiastically applauded every item. Miss Decima Moore spoke a few words at the end of the programme, expressing her pleasure at the success which had attended the first week of the club, and she was loudly applauded by all present.

A former bank manager, named Gates, was drowned in an inch and a half of water at St. Leonards on Friday. He fell forward into a sponge bath.

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GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

THE SOCIALIST PARTIES.

It is commonly known that the splitting of the Socialist organization in Germany was directly due to the problems of the war, especially the war credits. The German socialists, even at the outset, were not all agreed as to the justifiability of Germany's actions, and there were those who plainly avowed that the Fatherland had made a great mistake. Thus came into existence the organization of the Independent Socialists, as distinct from the Majority who readily consented to any demands of the military powers in the hope that a speedy victory might ensue.

It might be added, too, that many of these Independent Socialists preferred a victory for the Allies, rather than suffer the tyranny of a belaurelled militarism.

Commenting upon this the *Rheinische Zeitung* says, "Which of the two parties has been right? The answer can be found in the terms themselves. The defeat feared by the Majority Socialists has come, and the Treaty clears up any doubt about the intentions of the Allies in the case of a vanquished Germany.

The Majority Socialists encouraged the war credits because, by doing so, they hoped to avert what has actually happened and because they knew that no advantages, so far as the working people and international socialism are concerned, could accrue from the annihilation and enslavement of Germany."

Throughout the war, each party has directed the bitterest hate against the other, the one blindly obeying the harsh dictates of the militarists, the other trying to convince the Government of its fallacy; and it is interesting to note that now the war is over, an effort is in progress to reconcile the two organizations.

BOLSHEVISM IN BRITAIN.

RUSSIAN ROUBLES FOR SINN FEIN.

Lord Ampthill presided at the Cannon street hotel over a large meeting of business men called by the National Party to discuss the peril of Bolshevism. First-hand evidence of what Bolshevism means in practice was given by Professor Miliukov, late Foreign Minister of the Provisional Government in Russia, and M. Polovtsoff, who lived for a year in Petrograd under Bolshevist rule, and is a leading authority on literature and art. Brigadier-General Page Croft, M.P., made an appeal for £50,000 with which to fight Bolshevism in Britain. It was revealed that money for the spread of Bolshevism in the United Kingdom is being sent to Sinn Feiners and other sympathizers.

The Chairman said the National Party had undertaken the duty of fighting the peril here because both the historical parties seemed incapable of doing it. (Hear, hear.) Perhaps they thought there was no danger of Bolshevism here. Well, five years ago they thought there was no danger of war with Germany, and declined to make preparations. Bolshevism was being propagated not only by Anarchists but by well-known Labour leaders, journalists, writers, Justices of the Peace, and even by Privy Councillors. Mr. Smillie said only two days ago that he was not out for bloody revolution, "if it could be avoided," which meant that if he could not attain his ends without bloody revolution he was not going to stick at that. The strikes at Glasgow and Belfast were an attempt at revolution.

At Glasgow the chief agitator was a Jewish tailor named Shinwell, and at Belfast the ringleader was a Jew, of Russian descent, named Simon Greenspon. Why were British workmen led away by foreign agitators? Bolshevism was a loathsome and dangerous disease propagated by invisible germs. He wanted to warn them against the carriers of those germs. Who were they? Jews, who had no nationality, and whose one object was to destroy the existing order (Cheers.) Bolshevism originated in German propaganda, and was being carried out by international Jews.

Professor Miliukov said the sacrifices of Russia in this war were not less than those of any other of the Allies. Bolshevism was being defended by exaggerating the forces at the disposal of the Bolsheviks and emphasizing the difficulty of coping with them in Russia. And while the resisting power of the Bolsheviks had been exaggerated, the international danger and the international origin of the peril had been minimised. Bolshevism was neither Socialism nor Democracy, but simply misrule by an insignificant minority, not even of a class, but of a ring. It was an international movement to promote a class war against all governments, to abolish private property.

Lenin was spending Russian money. In a recent telegram he said the Council of the People's Commissaries had rescinded the vote of 300,000,000 roubles for propaganda in France, and, instead had voted 500,000,000 roubles for general propaganda.

The first payment was sent to the Sinn Feiners in Ireland and the second to the Spartacists in Germany. The Bolsheviks printed foreign money freely—French banknotes, English pounds, and American dollars. That was a great international danger. (Hear, hear.)

M. Polovtsoff said Bolshevism was the creation of Germany. How would Russia be rebuilt? Would the business people of this country think of that? If they did not, other people would go in and do it. He hoped the British would be there first.

Brigadier General Page Croft, M. P. said we ought to encourage volunteering for Russia (Cheers.) The real Russia was coming out on top. (Cheers.) The peril of Bolshevism must be met. The national Party must meet it, and needed £50,000 for the work. (Cheers.)

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Authorities outside the Metropolis are lodging objection to the Bill of the L.C.C. seeking permission to run motor buses beyond the London boundaries.

Whilst Ada Monkman at Leeds was lighting a fire on Friday morning, her clothes became ignited, and her mother, on seeing her in flames, fell dead.

Mr. Charles Booth of Liverpool, who succeeded the late Mr. Henry Tyrston Hodgson as deputy-chairman in June, 1916, has been elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the Midland Railway Company in the place of the late Mr. G. Murray Smith.

Damages assessed at £750 and costs were awarded against Dover Corporation by Mr. Justice Shearman yesterday to Mrs. Elizabeth Joseph of the Leas, Folkestone, widow of a pawnbroker and jeweller who was killed in a tramway accident at Crabbes Hill, Dover, in August, 1917.

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SIR DOUGLAS HAIG AND EX-SERVICE MEN.

In receiving the Freedom of Dundee at the close of last week, Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig referred to the position of the demobilized soldiers, and the help that is their due now that fighting has ceased. "I cannot believe," said the Field Marshall, "that it is right for me to forget men who fought under me with so much gallantry, or, if a word from me can help them, to withold that word. It is, therefore, in all earnestness and sincerity, and with no desire to interfere in matters that concern me not, that I add my exhortation to yours, asking that all who are in a position to help our demobilized men over the difficult period immediately in front of them should put their shoulders to the wheel and do all that lies in their power to make their lot an easier one."

"Of the men themselves I ask patience, even when patience is most difficult. It is no easy matter to find work for all the many thousands of men who are now cast suddenly upon the labour market of these islands. It is inevitable that there should be cases of great hardship, for no human organization is altogether perfect, nor can it provide for all contingencies or cater for all needs. So long, however, as it is evident that the Government and the public are trying earnestly to meet the situation with all their power and ability, as I believe they are, I ask all you demobilized or discharged men, whether from the Army or from the special industries created to meet the needs of war, to do your best to be patient, and thereby help those who are trying to help you."

WORK FOR EX-SERVICE MEN.

Sir Douglas Haig, acknowledging the toast of "Our Youngest Burgess," referred to the problem of employment for ex-Service officers and men, and said there could be only one real remedy for the existing state of things, namely, that increase in productive capacity and general prosperity which we all hoped would follow from a return to normal conditions. That was a matter for our statesmen, and meanwhile the difficult transition period had still to be passed through. The activities of the Appointments Department of the Ministry of Labour were not concerned only with ex-Service men, but the training grant was reserved for ex-Service men only. Like the labour exchanges the department was designed to be a complete register of opportunities and vacancies all over the country, so that by application to any local office a man might discover what were his chances of obtaining employment in any part of the British Isles. The Department had branches all over the United Kingdom, and by its clearing house system in London an employer could command a choice of applicants from Land's End to John o' Groat's. A special feature of the work was the effort that was made to discover for badly disabled officers some form of occupation for which their disability was the least possible handicap. Already a good start had been made in this direction. He earnestly appealed to all employers to do what they could to give the Appointments Board a good start and a fair trial.

DELAYS IN PENSIONS.

NEW SCHEME OF ORGANIZATION.

Sir L. Worthington Evans, Minister of Pensions, addressing a conference of war pensions committees at Cardiff said the keynote of the conference, should be to find the best means speedily to compensate, not merely by money, but by treatment, training, and after-care, the disabled men, and to sustain and provide for the widows, children, and dependents of those who laid down their lives in the cause of freedom. He confessed that the present system of administration led to great delays in some cases—delays which amounted to a denial of justice and right to men entitled to look to them for help. Some of the delay was inevitable, but in some cases blame must be shared by local committees, which suffered in a minor degree from exactly what they suffered from at headquarters—namely, congestion. At headquarters they received 150,000 letters a week, and were housed in 40 different buildings, so they could realize the inevitable delays.

With a centralized machine dealing with some 600,000 pensioners, 200,000 widows, and 240,000 dependents, or thereabouts, along with their children, bringing the total beneficiaries to about 2,000,000 persons, they could not have speed and accuracy of working. They had about 2,200 local committees and sub-committees over the country, but their powers were limited, involving constant reference to headquarters. The real remedy was in strengthening local control. They were dealing now almost entirely with temporary pensions. Later on, when dealing with permanent pensions, he did not believe the present system could possibly be maintained.

Dealing with his new scheme in its application to Wales and Monmouthshire, the Minister said there would be a Welsh region with a Welsh regional director as its chief administrative officer, who would have to decide on administrative matters within the region. Major R. C. Roberts, late of the Welsh Fusiliers, who fought in South Africa and throughout this war, and subsequently served as Secretary of the National Service Ministry in the Welsh region, had accepted the position of director.

Disabled men would be directly represented on the local committees, but as regional councils were framed on the geographical plan he did not see how to combine that with class representation. He believed there was a good prospect of getting the new machinery at work within a month.

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A FEW OF THE POINTS.

Count Brockdorf-Rantzau accompanied by Herr Wassermann, manager of the Reichsbank, returned to Versailles yesterday morning from Spa with about ten secretaries. He was received at the station by Herr von Lersner, Herr Dunker and Lieutenant Bourgeois. The count, who seemed very tired, thanked Lieut. Bourgeois for the manner in which the journey had been organized at the last moment.

According to the *Temps* a member of the Peace Commission at Berlin has made a declaration to the following effect.

The German Government will be ready to secure to France the coal of the Sarre and rights over the coal of the Ruhr district.

They will accept the occupation of the left bank of the Rhine for the periods fixed at Versailles with the stipulations that these occupied territories will not be separated from Germany as regards their administration and that the clause concerning the plebiscitum of the Sarre population shall be suppressed.

As regards the Polish frontier they will recognize the Polish sovereignty over the territory situated within the demarcation line as fixed by the armistice and will demand a plebiscitum for the other districts under control of an American or Neutral Commission. Concerning Danzig they will propose that the port alone shall be declared free with a Polish autonomous administration and a Polish railway.

Germany will ask for the fixation of a definite total for the indemnity as she cannot settle her budget and determine her taxes without knowing what she will have to pay. The other points are still under consideration.

The German answer will be based on the fourteen points of President Wilson as seen from the point of view of the Berlin Government.

GERMANY'S COUNTER PROPOSALS.

According to the *Berliner Tageblatt* the German Government has submitted to the Peace Commission at Berlin the German counter proposals. The German observations on the draft of the Treaty are ready and were despatched to Versailles by special messenger yesterday. The delivery to the Entente will most probably take place on Thursday.

MORE RANTZAU NOTES.

Count Brockdorff-Rantzau is understood to be preparing for presentation in the next few days, notes on the Eastern frontier, Alsace-Lorraine, the occupied districts, German private property in enemy countries, and Labour regulations.

The intention to send a new note on the Labour regulations shows that the German Government does not regard M. Clemenceau's answer to the first note as final.

BOLSHEVIST FLEET IN ACTION.

ALSO OUT OF ACTION.

Helsingfors. On Sunday Bolshevist warships bombarded the Finnish Puumala batteries and Krasnaja Gorka. Five Bolshevist cruisers appeared outside Puumala but half an hour later three British light cruisers arrived and opened fire on the Bolshevist vessels, which fled in the direction of Kronstadt. One of the Bolshevist cruisers was sunk with nearly the whole of its crew. Another was driven round the Esthonian coast, after which the fight finished. One Bolshevist warship is said to have gone aground. The engagement lasted thirty-five minutes.—*Wireless.*

Helsingfors. 18th May. — A Bolshevist cruiser, two torpedo-boats and a number of mine sweepers left Kronstadt at six this morning. Simultaneously the Bolshevist batteries at Kranaja Gorka shelled the Finnish coast in that vicinity.—*Reuter.*

The Bolshevists have organised on board their warships a special force of marine infantry consisting of Letts, Chinese, and Red Finns whose task it will be to prevent any mutiny by the sailors.—*Reuter.*

The Board of Admiralty announces that on the 18th May British light forces in the Gulf of Finland, whilst co-operating with the Esthonian Army, encountered Bolshevist Naval forces consisting of destroyers and small armed craft supported by a cruiser. The Bolshevist vessels were chased until they gained the protection of the minefields and shore batteries. Some of the Bolshevist destroyers were reported hit. The British sustained no casualties.—*Reuter.*

Reuter learns that the Chief of the British Military Mission at Ekaterinodar has sent a telegram to the War Office stating that Denikin is personally conducting the operations against Tsaritzin. The captures already made include 10,000 prisoners, twenty-eight guns and one hundred and twenty machine guns.

Replying to Sir J. Wedgwood in the House of Commons, Mr. Guest stated that as the Bolshevists are already employing poison gas on the Northern front preparations are being made for retaliating in a similar manner. (Cheers).

ORIGIN OF THE AFGHAN OUTBREAK.

CONFIDENCE RE-ESTABLISHED.

Simla. 8th May.—A concentration of Afghan regulars and Tribal Lashkars is reported at Ningrahar between Julalabad and Dakka in the Khost Valley.

All is quiet in Waziristan and on the Chaman line. The arrival of troops at Kurram has re-established confidence. A few shots were fired yesterday at our aeroplanes flying in the vicinity of Torsappar and near Landi Kotal. The orders issued for the mobilization of the field army and concentration of our troops on the frontier is progressing smoothly and according to plan.—*Reuter.*

A statement issued by the Indian Government shows that the Afghan invasion of India was preceded by a threatened rebellion and the new Amir embarked on warlike operations in order to distract attention from his internal troubles. The Viceroy's stern warning was disregarded. Since the Afghan troops moved over the border into the Punjab the attitude of the Indian frontier tribes has been perfectly staunch. The situation is being satisfactorily dealt with.

The official communiqué covering recent disturbances in Afghanistan records the events leading up to the Afghan violation of the Indian frontier. It states that the Amir Amanullah held a Durbar on 13th April to secure its ratification of sentences he had already decided to inflict on persons concerned in the murder of the late Amir, Habibullah. It was openly declared, however, that innocent men had been punished in order to shield the real assassins, accusations being levelled at high officials, including Amanullah himself.

Dissatisfaction spread, especially among the troops, who had been foremost in insisting upon vengeance for the former Amir, and among Afghan tribesmen, with whom the murdered Amir stood in high favour. Amanullah's position became one of greater danger and therein lies the explanation of his sudden change from marked friendliness for the British Government to open hostility. Dissatisfaction developing into rebellion he resolved on the perilous measure of distracting attention from internal troubles by embarking upon war. He circulated absurd stories of disturbances in the Punjab and of fair fields lying defenceless at the mercy of Afghan invaders. When invasion began by a party of one hundred and fifty Afghans the Viceroy despatched a message of sternest warning, yet leaving open a way of honourable escape for Amanullah. This met with an uncompromising reply. The only answer to the menace therefore was to put into effect preparations held in readiness for such contingencies. The attitude of our own frontier tribes has been admirable. There are signs of disunion at Kabul and of the existence of a strong party not prepared to join in the betrayal of their country. British troops have already occupied Dakka Fort, an important strategical point within the Afghan frontier, and from a military standpoint this may be regarded as showing that the movement will collapse. The loss of Dakka is a very great blow to Afghan prestige.—*Wireless.*

Simla. 10th May.—The British agent at Kabul has been recalled and the Afghan envoy at Simla is returning to Kabul.—*Reuter.*

Information from Chaman indicated that three Afghan regiments have arrived at Fort Baldak. They are stated to be for defensive purposes. Considerable supplies of arms and ammunition are also reported to have arrived.

Parachinar reports that two Afghan regiments reached Peiwarkstal on the night of the 13th May and positions were taken up by the Afghans on spurs within British limits at the head of the Kurram Valley. The arrival of three regiments and two guns at Alikhel is reported. Waziristan is normal. The frontier tribes are all quiet and the internal situation calm. From the Khyber area forward the concentration of force continues. There is wire cutting and sniping in the Khyber from Kohat. Dispositions to deal with the Afghan movement in the Peiwar area have been made and the Kohat force is being reinforced.—*Reuter.*

Simla. The Afghan elders are reported to be disinclined for war though the younger men probably hold different views. Orders have been issued for mobilization of the field army and the concentration of our troops on the frontier is progressing smoothly and according to plan.—*Reuter.*

AUSTRIAN DELEGATES CREDENTIALS.

The exchange of credentials between the Austrian delegation and the Inter-Allied Commission took place yesterday at the Pavilion of Henry IV in the room where in 1638 Louis XIV was born.

The Allies' representatives were Mr. Cambon, President of the Commission, Lord Hardinge, Great Britain; Mr. White, United States; Signor de Martino, Italy and Mr. Martari, Japan.

The Austrian delegation consisted of Herr Renner, the Chancellor, Herr Klein, representing the Foreign Minister, Herr Peter and Herr Schuller, both of the Austrian Foreign Office.

The formalities lasted five minutes.

By the end of July all Australians, Canadians and New Zealanders available for repatriation will have left Great Britain.

STABBED TO DEATH IN BED.

MYSTERIOUS TRAGEDY.

A mysterious murder was committed at Cheshunt in the early hours of yesterday morning. Miss Jane Shannon, aged 27, a teacher at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Schools, Waltham Cross, being found dead in bed, stabbed to the heart.

Miss Shannon, the only daughter of a widowed mother, lived with the family of Mr. Joseph Downs, an orchid grower, at 148, Turner's-hill. On Saturday night she went to bed as usual at about 9.30. Miss Mary Margaret Downs, the daughter of Mr. Downs, occupied the same room on the first floor, but slept in a separate bed. At about two o'clock yesterday morning Miss Downs was awakened by a piercing scream from Miss Shannon, who cried out in a smothered voice. "Oh, Mary, someone has their hand over my mouth. Light a candle quick."

The screams continued, but Miss Downs heard no other noise, and in the darkness she was unable to see anything. Then she heard a gurgling sound coming from Miss Shannon's bed. Thinking that the girl had been seized with a fit, she said, without getting out of bed, "it's all right, Jane." At that moment Mrs. Downs came into the room with a lighted candle, and it was then discovered that Miss Shannon was dead. Her nightdress and the bed-clothes were saturated with blood, which was issuing from a wound nearly an inch long and four inches deep in the left side.

Mrs. Downs called her husband and Father Dunford, a Roman Catholic priest, who also lives in the house, and who occupied an adjacent room. Father Dunford immediately dressed himself and went for medical aid, and Mr. Downs hurried out to inform the police. Dr. Walker and the divisional surgeon, Dr. Greene, attended, and both doctors agreed that the wound could not have been self-inflicted, and that it had been caused by some sharp pointed instrument. On the arrival of the police a search of the premises was made, and unmistakable signs were discovered of some person having been underneath the bed, where the floor covering was disarranged. A French window at the back of the house was found unfastened, and from this window there were footprints leading through the garden to a nursery. No weapon of any sort was found, and no intruder had been seen either to enter or leave the house.

MAN'S BODY FOUND ON LINE.

A possible sequel to the murder occurred later, upon the discovery of a man's dead body on the Great Eastern Railway line near the level-crossing at Cadmore-lane, Cheshunt. The engine-driver of the 4.42 a. m. down goods train from London reported that his engine had struck something when it was nearing the crossing. On the line being searched the body was found. One boot was unlaced, and the other boot was off. By documents found on the clothing the man was identified as Lewis Owen, aged 43, lodging at 3, Holly-road, Waltham Cross, and employed as a grocer's assistant at Mr. O. S. Clark's supply stores, Waltham-cross. He was a married man with two children, his wife and family living at Gravesend. Among other articles found in his possession were a lady's handkerchief marked with the name "J. Shannon," and an unstamped letter addressed to "Miss J. Shannon, 141, Turner's hill, Cheshunt." The handwriting of the letter, which contained affectionate passages avowing love for Miss Shannon, has been recognised as that of Owen's by his landlady, Mrs. Gater.

Owen was an accomplished musician, and used to give Miss Shannon lessons on the violin. She corresponded with him in a friendly way when he went abroad, but when he was discharged from the Army she told him the correspondence must cease. Miss Shannon was well known and highly respected in the district.

MUSTARD GAS IN THE SEA.

Swansea and Gower coast residents are up in arms over the presence of poisonous mustard gas in drums which are lying about on the coast. Two young sons of Mr. Egerton Forrester, of Swansea, went to bathe at Oxwich. They came home in agonies and have been under medical treatment ever since. Their bodies are burned and they are suffering from the same symptoms as those exhibited by two Mumbles coastguardsmen and Mr. Gammon, who handled a drum of mustard gas at Limeslade recently, and were placed under hospital treatment for weeks. The drums are American marked, and are stated to have come from a transport. The Board of Trade have been pressed to take action in removing or safely burying drums, but they place the responsibility upon the American naval authorities. Meanwhile the drums continue to remain round the coast, a danger to those who go near, by reason of the gases emitted and the liability to burns through handling. Some are being washed out to sea.

BELGIAN WAY WITH STRIKERS.

The commander of Belgian troops at Heerdt, in the Belgian zone of occupied territory, has announced that if a strike breaks out and an agreement between workmen and employers cannot be reached, all strikers will be transported to the right bank of the Rhine within twenty-four hours.

CLUMSY GERMAN INVENTIONS.

The German propaganda service has not yet discontinued operations. Telegrams from Basle and Haag announce that martial law has been proclaimed at Lyons, Marseilles and Versailles (of all places) as a result of troubles arising from Labour protests against the Imperialist policy of the Government and the Peace terms imposed by the Allies.—*Wireless.*

With the object of resuming the passenger service between Southampton and Cowes, which has been suspended for nine days by the strike of seamen, the Packet Company sent fresh crews from Cowes in a steam launch, but the engineers refused to work with imported men.

LET DOWN BY HIS BRETHREN.

SPORTING PARSON'S COMPLAINT.

The Rev. Everard Digby, "the Sporting Parson," occupied the pulpit at St. Paul's, Covent Garden, on Sunday night. He said he was preaching as an Army chaplain. He had expected to be demobilized on the previous day, but for some reason or other the authorities had postponed the event till today. Had be been demobilized he would have had a statement to make on the recent court-martial which would have surprised the public. There was a good deal behind in the inner workings of that case, and when he was demobilized he certainly would make a statement.

Mr. Digby preached from the text, "An enemy hath done this." He said his sermon had nothing to do with his case, but he referred to his experiences in the Tower, and said the only sign of religion there was within one's self. His fellow prisoners, one of whom was a boy, received no religious comfort. When, he continued, one came a cropper, as he did, it was like an airman sailing through the blue sky having a sudden crash. It was a bit upsetting. A bolt from the blue rather upsetting one over. The only people who had let him down were his own brethren. With the exception of their own vicar, Father Adderley, and three or four others, nobody thought of him. The bishop wrote that he had his prayers, and asked him to write when the case was over, when he would be glad to see him. That was not the sort of brotherhood that one looked for. It was not the sort of thing his brother Masons did or said. The first man who went to see him was a theatrical manager, who said, "How are you off for money, old man?" That man afterwards wrote him a cheque for £200. People had got to be more sympathetic to those in trouble. During his four years in the Army his first visit was always to the detention cells; it did not matter whether the prisoners were guilty or not.

With regard to the court-martial charge, he had never had one moment's doubt about the issue. He was not a bit afraid, but all the same one felt that one's hold was gone. He had felt it very much in the case of other people who did not do their bit.

R.A.F. INVENTOR'S CLAIM DISPUTED.

There was an interesting sequel today to the claim for ten thousand pounds compensation made a fortnight ago before the Royal Commission on awards to inventors by Lieut. J. F. Power R.A.F. At the former hearing Lt. Power stated that he was the inventor of a specified aerial target but Major Maclaulum R.A.F. appeared before the Commission yesterday and claimed the credit of the invention. He said the target had been in use at the School of Military Aeronautics, Reading, since 1915.

Before the same Commission Lieut. Robert Burn, who was Sectional Director of the Aircraft Production Department of the New Zealand Forces, claimed an award in respect of a grenade discharger cup for use with the Lee Enfield rifle.

Y.M.C.A. CRITICISMS.

Sir Arthur Yapp, representing the National Council of the Y.M.C.A., distributed badges, service bars, and certificates of the Order of the Red Triangle to over one hundred Y.M.C.A. workers at the Crystal Palace.

He said he had a drawerful of criticisms of Y.M.C.A. work. One clergyman wrote that the Y.M.C.A. was really the Young Man Comfort not Christian Association. Sir Arthur Yapp replied that the old conception of Christianity — a long face and a regular seat in church — was wrong. Men had been refreshed and cheered in body and spirit by tens of thousands through the efforts of the Y.M.C.A. behind the fighting lines.

The Y.M.C.A. would not demobilize. Great centres like Calais, Dunkirk, Brussels and Antwerp had never been busier than now and never had the work been more costly. There were sixty-eight branches in the occupied parts of Germany and the Association was on the eve of a very big financial effort to help its post-war schemes of usefulness.

The report of Sir George Askwith's Commission regarding the financial administration of the Y.M.C.A. states that there is no ground for suspicion that the Y.M.C.A. has failed to administer faithfully all money recived for war purposes. There is also no reason to fear that money now being subscribed would be devoted to making good past deficiencies, since the Y.M.C.A. war emergency fund is perfectly solvent.

A DANGEROUS FIND.

A bomb about a foot long with two flanges has been found in the suburbs of Walsall. It was discovered in a brook which dried up owing to the hot weather. It is believed to have been dropped by a Zeppelin during the big raid in January 1916 but failed to explode.

AQUITANIA DEFIES STRIKERS.

By patient and magnificent seamanship the Aquitania, with Sir Robert Borden, Canadian Premier, and six thousand Canadian troops aboard, sailed yesterday from Southampton for Canada despite the tugmen's strike. The great vessel was manoeuvred with ropes from the quayside and took two hours to turn.

WORKMEN'S INCOME TAX.

It was stated at Woolwich Police Court yesterday that seventy-five cases of workmen failing to pay income tax came before the Court daily. A Woolwich Arsenal official declared that in many of the cases the amounts were irrecoverable.

Greenwich Corporation has arranged to give a civic welcome to the cadre of the 120th Bn. the London Regiment (47th Division) when it returns from France this week.

WHERE IS ENGLAND'S HAWKER?

ANXIETY AND INDIGNATION.

Chagrin and disappointment is universal that America has had such a measure of success in flying above the waters of the Atlantic Ocean as to furnish it with one of those half truths which excuse but do not justify their claim to have "flown the Atlantic." America has not flown the Atlantic. It has flown from Newfoundland to the Azores. The Azores are 1,100 miles from the coast of Europe, and therefore America has only flown just over half the distance.

The hopes that prevailed yesterday when it became know that Hawker had left Newfoundland rose to fever pitch when it was at once seen that if things went well he would snatch a victory on the post for England.

All hopes were centred on Hawker, the bitterly disappointing smash which Raynham sustained leaving us absolutely dependent on the sportsman who rose to fly for the honour of England despite warnings of extremely adverse weather conditions.

At four o'clock on Monday afternoon Hawker was reported as being one hundred and fifty miles from the Irish coast. He had already beaten the distance record established by Commander Read in N.C. 4. (*Ameroc News*, please note). Preparations were made at Brooklands Aerodrome for his reception.

Since then no news of him has been received and now the hopes which ran high are turned into hopes that, even if a magnificent adventure has failed of full success, the two intrepid aviators have not met the fate they risked — for England.

There has been absolutely no news of Hawker and Grieve since they left Newfoundland and there is the utmost anxiety regarding their fate. Hopes were alternately raised and dashed yesterday evening by a series of messages from Ireland reporting that Hawker had been located by wireless at various stages of his journey. There was a feeling of intense relief that the airmen were at least safe, even if the flight had not been accomplished, when an Admiralty wireless message from Castletown announced, that Hawker fell into the sea forty miles from Loophead at the mouth of the Shannon. Hopes were practically extinguished, however, at two o'clock this morning when the Air Ministry announced that the Admiral at Queenstown had telegraphed that the Castletown wireless station considered the report of Hawker's descent into the sea as unreliable and that the warships which had been ordered to search the area had been notified accordingly.

The Board of Admiralty stated at midnight that is was still investigating the mystery.

Public interest and anxiety in the flight is most intense. The King caused enquiries to be made of the Air Ministry yesterday. Mrs. Hawker decked her house at Surbiton with flags in honour of her husband. She went to Brooklands in the afternoon and joined the crowd, hoping that Hawker would land there.

In the House of Commons Mr. Elliot expressed the universal disappointment at the negligence of the Government in failing to give Hawker proper support and said the country would be unsparing in its condemnation of the Government's desperate carelessness as regards the honour of this country and the lives of two gallant gentlemen.

Mr. Pratt in reply said he did not think the Government responsible but promised to bring Mr. Elliot's remarks to the attention of the Government.

Sir J. Wedgewood Benn asked what steps had been taken to aid Hawker in the enterprise and expressed the high admiration of the splendid spirit shown by the gallant airmen.

There was no reply.—*Reuter.*

New York. 19th May.—The Naval Department reports that N.C.3 is seven miles North of Ponta Delgada and is proceeding thither under its own power. The crew of N.C.4 were picked up after tossing in the sea on their damaged plane for five hours. The men were fatigued and seasick.—*Reuter.*

American Naval Headquarters at London have received a message to the effect that the crew of seaplane N.C. 3 is safe aboard the Columbia. No mention was made of the locality.—*Reuter.*

CHURCH ARMY REFUTATION.

Referring to a reported statement by Lieut. Col. Bullock, of Canada, at a meeting of the United Kingdom Band of Hope Union that he had seen British women selling beer in a Church Army Hut at Cologne, Prebendary Carlisle writes:—"No beer or any alcoholic liquor has at any time been sold in any Church Army Hut, centre or other institution in Cologne or elsewhere."

TWO R.F.A. OFFICERS DROWNED.

Two R.F.A. Officers, 2/Lt. Knight and 2 Lt. Roper, belonging to the Seventh Brigade, stationed at Ipswich, were sailing on the River Orwell when they upset. Knight managed to swim ashore but Roper was drowned.

ILL LUCK OF THE HOPE DIAMOND.

Washington. The young son of Edward P. McLean, proprietor of *Washington Post*, known as the hundred million dollar baby, has been killed by a motor car driven by a woman while he was playing in the road near his father's estate. His mother is the owner of the ill-fated Hope diamond.—*Reuter.*

FOOTBALLER COUNCILLOR.

At one of the most exciting by-elections ever held at Wrexham, Horace Blew, the well-known Welsh international full back, was elected to a seat on the Town Council by a majority of twelve, against Ernest Taylor, a Labour candidate.

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"THE TRADITION OF THE BRITISH ARMY."

"The Tradition of the British Army?" you will say. "What do I know about it? Why, as much as the next man, I suppose. I know all about Waterloo and-er-Trafalgar and all these jolly old battles," — this a little vaguely.

Oh! my "Young Guard," my newborn "leathernecks," (as sailors call us) my budding Tommy Atkins, what do you know of tradition, of history, of legend and fairy tale of battle honours gained and nicknames earned, of heroic deeds and amusing incidents, what do you know of the doings of the men of your regiment one, two, three or four hundred years ago? Perhaps some of you know a little and the majority of you know—nothing! Nor is it your fault, for in many cases you have never been told, owing to the fact that the officers are nearly as badly informed as you are!

Probably four out of five officers could tell you who the leading lady is in "Kiss me Quick" at the Gaiety, and the men in the ranks would each have some particular football, boxing or cricket hero.

But do you all know the story of the badge which you clean so carefully with "Soldiers' Friend" every morning? Do you know why you wear it, what it means, how it was earned, who gave it, when, and what it looked like in 1752.? Of course not! Oh believe me, the lack of knowledge of our Army concerning itself is amazing, pitiful. Where can you find such glorious pages in any other army's history? What army but ours points back four centuries and can still say, "These were regular soldiers?" What other army gives a particular crest to every one of its regiments? Can any nation boast of such a record of successful fighting in every chink and corner of the wide world as we can and do boast of? Assuredly not. Then it ought to be our pleasant duty to rose out from the darkness of oblivion "The Story of the Regiment."

It is no obnoxious task when you have found some book on the subject — I have such a one at home which is crammed full of it all; it cost but two shillings—and having learnt a little of what your regiment did back through the ages, I feel certain you will re-echo Queen Guinevere's heart-broken:—

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Does every young Argyll and Sutherland Highlander know that his is the only *infantry* regiment in the British Army to flaunt the honour "Balaclava" on its colour? Do you of the Suffolk Regiment, you of the Lancashire Fusiliers, and from others as well, know that on August 1st of every year it is your right to wear a rose, in memory of Minden, in 1759? Could every 12th Lancer tell me the origin of that custom which bade the band of the regiment play five hymns every evening for 100 years? Can I go up to any youthful 3rd Hussar and be certain that he will tell me what Colonel Bland said to King George II the year after Dettingen, when asked where most of his men were?

You ought to know! They were worthy of you, those forefathers of yours, in quaint red coats and tall hats. They deserve to be read about. They made your regiment what it is, and they bought you the crest you wear — and very dearly too sometimes.

"The Tradition of the British Army!" It is being forgotten.

THE OPERA

"FIDELIO" AND "TIEFLAND."

"Fidelio" and "Tiefland", which were performed on Saturday and Sunday, represent to us very different types of opera. This is not to be wondered at, seeing that Beethoven was born in 1770 and D'Albert in 1864, the operas being first produced on dates about a century apart. It should therefore be expected that D'Albert's music should show the fruits of a century of musical and dramatic development. In an opera such as "Fidelio" the introduction of spoken dialogue between vocal numbers breaks the continuity of the whole, while in the grand opera style of "Tiefland," the objection to be taken is that parts of the text wholly unsuitable for musical expression have to be sung. It is always a case of Scylla and Charybdis.

The two operas are alike in this respect that they both work up to an effective, dramatic and musical climax. But what a difference there is in the nature of the situation!

In the one is depicted the devotion and heroism of Fidelio in thwarting the murderous designs of Pizarro, and her joyous reunion with her husband. In the other, one is regaled with the murder of Sebastiano and the carrying off in triumph of this villain's mistress by the altogether unsympathetic character of the yokel, Pedro, her bridegroom. No doubt according to modern ideas "Fidelio" is only "sweet" while "Tiefland" is "strong."

In the language of smells I am inclined to agree. Musically of course, there is a great gulf between the two. Beethoven frequently employs unison passages with varied rhythmic effects for the interpretation of deep emotion.

D'Albert, like other moderns, employs forcible harmonic and orchestral devices. Despite the fact that Beethoven uses only the simplest means of musical expression for his great climax, one cannot help feeling that he is able to work up his audience to a higher pitch of emotional feeling than D'Albert can achieve with the much greater musical knowledge at his disposal, and with all the resources of a modern orchestra.

There is no need to dilute on the sheer beauty of Beethoven's music. Perhaps one of the most charming effects is produced by the oboe melody which accompanies Florestan's song in prison which was beautifully played.

The orchestra was altogether very good, but it seems a pity to play the Leonora overture after the action of the drama is practically over. It would be better before the second act.

Herr Liszewski's singing was not sufficiently saturnine for Pizarro, giving more the idea of a nero than a villain. Herr Gless was as usual delightful as Rocco.

In the music of Tiefland one realizes at once that D'Albert was not wholly unacquainted with the works of Wagner which is all to the good. This is noticeable more in the harmonic progressions than in the melody. At the same time at the opening of the opera one can imagine Kurwenal's turning up from a performance of Tristan and asking for the right tune, and to have it played on the English horn instead of the clarionette.

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THEORY AND PRACTICE.

We give, on another page, an illustration showing, some of the buildings that are being occupied as the Army Technical College at Siegburg. In addition to these, two large workshops are being taken each measuring about 200 feet in length by 40 or 50 feet in width; one of these is to form the engineering, machine and fitting shop, the other will contain the woodworking, bench and machine shop, a shop for electrical work, another for plumbing and whitesmith's work and, in the annexe, a complete smith's shop. From a recent visit it is clear, that rapid progress is being made in getting together the modern machine-power tools necessary to such a comprehensive scheme as that contemplated. The three outstanding features of that scheme, as it has been communicated to us, are the provision of a "trades-refresher" school with classes in technical subjects, an arts and craft workshop, and, for those, whose ultimate aim is one of the higher levels, courses leading to professional qualification as an architect or in one of the branches of engineering. It is to the first named of these, the trades-refresher school, that the great number of existing apprentices serving in the Army of occupation may be expected to gravitate. Here we hope to see the beginning of that judicious blending of theory and practice without which modern efficiency in utilitarian matters is unattainable, or attainable only at an expense too great to allow of serious competition with those manufacturing countries where the interdependance of science and industry is recognised as of real commercial value. How often have theory and practice been contrasted and ranged into antagonistic camps as if mutually repellent in nature? There is no practice that cannot be improved by theory and no theory that can be perfected without practice. To speak of them as independent is a contradiction: each is the handmaiden of the other. As someone has said, "if they do not agree, either the theory is wrong, or the practice is incorrect." It is by the study of both together that the most correct method is arrived at; therefore we are glad to learn that suitable provision in this direction is to be made at the Army Technical College. The *Times* special correspondent in a recent article, in which he deals generally with the provision for the educational needs of the Army of the Rhine, draws attention to the German example in this connection and points out that, while the German is as anxious as other workers to shorten his hours of labour, as a learner he thinks nothing of a twelve-hour day. That is, of course, as a learner in his own interests, since they are also the interests of his nation, are well provided for. How extensive that provision is can best be realised by a visit to the three trades and technical schools in this city: the completeness of the trade training in all branches of industry must be seen to be believed. To return to the *Times* article we have quoted the correspondent; it by no means follows that we entirely agree with all the deductions in the leaderette based upon his report. For one thing the army has to keep on being the army which is perhaps a truism and trite but none the less a fact. Therefore these and similar educational courses can be but brief incidents with us and, therefore, it will be "up to" the students to make them intensive courses. For, and let it not be overlooked, there is another and none the less fatiguing war going on even now, the competitive war for industrial supremacy in the markets of the world. Again we note a pleasing feature in the scheme of technical education; some provision is to be made for the less fortunately placed soldier who is not a skilled tradesman, by giving some instruction in a skilled rating in which there is no rigid system of apprenticeship.

"SHELL SHOCK."

Shell Shock. — A composition of flavoured air and colour, which looks like a beautifully iced cake, a work of art in its trimmings and gorgeous colours. The various flavours of the "cakes" are very good and the small particle of jam on them looks very tempting, but on attacking an "eine mark fünfty" portion with the spoon supplied therewith, it proves to be nothing but a swindle, a churned-up froth, but very pleasing to the taste. But after two or three portions, which you feel you must have, according to the number of marks in your possession and the period between now and next pay day, you feel like a well-filled balloon, and more like leaving the tea rooms by the skylight than the stairs made, of course, for the purpose. Therefore as I said before, the best thing to do is to keep your mind occupied, so that you are not tempted by these beautiful sirens, which lure you on to the rocks, and rob you of your marks, for you must buy some of their chief accomplices, the "Sawdust Biscuits" to serve as ballast or you'll never return to your billet, but sample the pleasures of a Jules Verne voyage to the moon instead.

The most marvellous accomplishment of the German is the mysterious way they get the stuff to stay on the plate. Goodness alone knows how they do it.

"Shell Shock" is but another German atrocity. A concoction, which we cannot help buying though the price is robbery, that will reduce the strength of the Army of Occupation so much that Fritz can safely start war again, on the profits made by Shell Shock. I am a slave to it as much as Billie Carlton was to cocaine, and know it will lead me to ruin and a horrible death — ah! Only the other day I heard from very reliable authorities that an unsuspecting newcomer to the Rhineland, having succumbed to the temptations of the beautiful sights in the Café windows, floated away and entered one of the windows of the grey monastery which stands on the top of Michaelsberg, overlooking Seigberg. There he's suffering torture from the silent monks no doubt.

The remaining stock of it I suppose they will send over in a barrage, squirted through small muzzled guns, so that it is churned into an enormous volume. Then we'll flounder in the midst of it, like the fly that I saw settle on a piece of it, for it will not bear a fly's weight on its surface. He was like an unhappy man sinking into the depths of a quicksand which look perfectly sound outside.

"Friends, soldiers and countrymen, lend me your ears." Keep away, play not with the fire lest thy life be made an abomination unto thee.

J.A.G.

Most effective musically and dramatically is the scene at the end of the first act between Pedro and Martha, as is also the musical setting to Martha's narrative of her rather lurid past. The whole production was very good indeed and one was able to hear Frau Mimi Werhard-Poensgen's singing to advantage in the less intense moments of the opera. The part of Sebastiano was well suited to Herr Liszewski, while Herr Menzinski was excellent as the silly shepherd.

The only really sympathetic character behind the footlights was the electrician who worked the sunrise effect on the snow mountains which was beautifully done.

—A. F. Jones.

EXTRACTS FROM THE LETTERS OF A PRODIGAL SON.

A PILGRIMAGE.

I chose a gloriously sunny day for my first visit to Cologne. For four months I had held out against the lure of the great city and at last I had to take the plunge.

On arriving at the West Station I asked an F.M.P. to direct me to the *Cologne Post* Office. I wanted the office of *The Cologne Post*, but through my misuse of the clarity of our language I was deservedly directed to the Post Office where registered envelopes and War Bonds are sold. After a while, however, I found the offices of Cologne's premier news-paper. It is a wondrous building of "sky-scraper" proportions — as I found to my cost when I climbed the stairs leading to that "holy of holies," the News-Editor's sanctum. Having run out of visiting cards I sent in my pay-book, but was informed it was not of sufficient interest for publication, and was also told that the Field Cashiers' office was quite a long way off. This slight misunderstanding was put right when I explained to the office boy that I wished to see the "News-Editor" on a matter of urgent business. Thereupon I was shown into a modestly furnished office and, overcoming my natural bashfulness, I explained my business.

Briefly, my object was to suggest that an up-to-date publication like *The Cologne Post* needed a special correspondent in London, and I offered my services in that capacity knowing full well that an enterprising and capable journalist was needed for such a post (I also wish to get home). The Editor gave me a compassionate look and murmured purringly, "Try the 'Kladderadatsch'."

The official reason of my visit to Cologne was to perform a certain duty at the G.H.Q. Rhine Army, Hotel Excelsior. On my way there I strictly adhered to the saluting regulations — as every good soldier should do — and I studiously tried to give the "circular motion" to every officer I passed, but regretfully found that it was an annoying impossibility.

My duty done, I left the Excelsior by the main entrance and as I did so the Guard turned out and "presented arms," while trumpets trumped triumphantly. I was astounded — but afterwards discovered that the compliment was not intended for me.

My return train was leaving Cologne at 14.30 hours and having three hours to wait I sought out a comfortable place wherein I could sit down and eat my "unconsumed portion" of the day's ration which, it is written, a soldier should take with him when proceeding on temporary duty away from his unit.

I took my frugal meal at a corner table at the Café P—. The ornate decorations of this place, and the winsome wine that I imbibed, reminded me of the livelier days of my youth when Gatte's, Lockharts, The Ritz, and Sam Isaacs were favoured by my patronage.

However, I would willingly "swap" all the wine obtainable in the Café P— for one long sweet-swinging-swipe of Bass at the Saloon Bar of the "Elepnant and Castle." That is by the way — a long way.

While I was ruminating upon my virtuous past, a young lady of noble proportions seated herself gracefully in a chair near my table. Sheba in all her glory never wore a hat like unto that of this Fräulein. I continued ruminating, but was disturbed when a waiter came to my table and politely informed me that I was not allowed to be seated near German civilians of either sex, and that the rules on this point were strictly observed. He explained the point to me so that I had not the heart to give him my explanation of the incident and so drank my wine and made for the ever-moving door.

As I passed through the revolving apparatus I received a smack in the back from one of the moving partitions which brought to my mind the days when I used to suffer from a chronic "chuck-out" from kindred establishments in the cold, cruel town of London.

The Rathouse struck me as being like an elaborate workhouse and I became home-sick at the sight of it. My next spasm of excitement was my visit to the great Cathedral. Much has been written about the vast Dom by far abler pens than mine. The stumpy towers and highly ornamented exterior did not impress me so much as did the grandeur of the interior with those vast columns of white stone.

"The Dom is magnificient, but painfully new," I remarked to an American soldier as he and I walked down the entrance steps together. "Yes!" he announced, "But the guy who built that lot was some bricklayer, Sarge!"

I agreed, and we parted. I then went to the station and finding my train on the point of leaving I got aboard and left Cologne — unwept, unsung, and no band. What a life!

"HUSKY."

THE YOUNG SOLDIER'S GLOSSARY.

FLAGWAGGING:— In prehistoric days a branch of signalling. Now performed at odd times and in odd places to amuse, and mystify the natives.
RUM:— See "Napooh".
CANTEEN:— Room used for the purpose of displaying placards, "No Soap" and "No Chocolate".
BEER:— See "Food".
EDUCATION:— All information in this column.
NAPOOH:— See Rum — if you can.
CATHEDRAL:— Principal sight of Cologne. Chiefly surrounded by cameras and the Town Major.
CAMOUFLAGE:— Leading Lady of a Divisional Concert Party.
FOOD:— See "Beer".
Q:— Mystery Branch. Specializes in use of terms such as following: D.A.D.O.S.—(Dealer and distributor of stores); A.P.M.—(Always pinches me); Y.M.C.A—(You must come again); and so on, ad. lib.
WANGLER:— The man who has booked a ticket for the Opera.
DEMOBILIZATION:— Interesting but comparatively unknown subject. Has two classes of students (A. and B.) Main text questions for examinations:—
(A) If I had been demobbed when I signed on again should I have got there, and if so I am?
(B) If I sign on again for another twelve months shall I stand a chance of getting home quicker?
ORDNANCE WALLAH:— Individual who lives on indents and talks backwards in his sleep.
COLOGNE:— "No Bonn".
POST WALLAH:— The fellow who charges you more for a pound postal order every time you buy one.
CROWN AND ANCHOR:— A game of skill — as the part of the other chap.
HABEN SIE GUT GESCHLAFEN?:— Common but polite enquiry corresponding with "Does your mother know you're out"? or "Who were you with last night"?
— Post-Bag.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Wednesday	5	Tannhäuser	Wagner
Thursday	6	Martha	Flotow
Friday	5½	Merry Wives of Windsor	Nicolai
Saturday	5	Faust	Gounod
Sunday	6	The Gipsybaron	Strauss
Monday	6	Barbier of Seville	Rossini
Tuesday	6	Waffenschmied von Worms	Lortzing

"THE NAUGHTY WIFE".

ENTERTAINMENT BY 52nd BEDFORDS CONCERT PARTY.

During the past week concerts by the above party were given at Kaldauen, Wolperath, and Braschoss, each performance being an unqualified success. The party was organised by and under the direction of the Rev. Capt. Kemp, C.F. The troops who crowded the three halls had their first experience of "jazz" from the band which gave some splendid selections under the baton of Sergt. Drmr. Barrett. Pte. Merry gave a comic interlude, a la Charlie Chaplin; Sergt. Stone was loudly encored for his selections on the Mandoline; and Sergt. Drmr. Bowyett scored heavily with his songs and monologues.

The second half of the programme consisted of that splendid comedy "The naughty wife", in which Cpl. Machen as Mr. Mivins, Cpl. Furby as Mrs. Mivens (the naughty wife), Sergt. Foster as Mr. Tamberluke Brown, splendidly sustained the chief parts. They were excellently supported by Signaller Bacon who made a most captivating Mary, Drmr. Childs as "Bob" the waiter, and Boy Maguire who caused great amusement as Jemima Ann.

At Wolperath and Braschoss when the party were assisted by C.Q.M.S. Veasey and C.Q.M.S. Scales, who sang several songs in fine style, Sergts. Jackson and G. Wood Stone also gave several selections on the Zither harp; while Pte. Adams gave the monologue "Spotty" and Sergt. Davies told a few short stories. R.S.M. Walker made an effective chairman.

THE FRATERNISERS.

CLEVER CONCERT PARTY'S DEBUT AT MUNSTEREIFEL.

A galaxy of talent. This aptly sums up the concert party of the 51st South Wales Borderers, "The Fraternisers," who made their bow to the Army of the Rhine at Munstereifel in Friday evening. Long before the commencement there was standing room only, and the waiting period until the curtain went up was enlivened by Sergt. Woodland and his merry orchestra.

The success of the party is undoubtedly due in a very large measure to 2nd Lieut. T.R. Bromham. The possession of various voices and accents, and an excellent repertoire of stories is bound to appeal to an audience. When in addition one is also a female impersonator, and a ventriloquist the appeal becomes irresistible. He was well supported by Lieut. G. Esmond, who proved equally as entertaining in dramatic recitations, as in comic work, or in the more serious note struck by Kipling and Elgars' "Sweepers." 2nd Lieut. Duchett obtained the laughter of the house with his "Burglar Jim" song, and "Shut up," while as an encore he gave the time-honoured "Village Pump," his facial contortions showing to great advantage in the latter. Also one must not forget Capt. Hurst, the lade-dee-da, the immaculate Piccadilly knut, who played his part in the party in most capable style.

The other members of the party were L/Cpl. Bo as an exceeding y smart step-dancer, Sergt. Delph, a tenor, and Pte. Jones a baritone. The concert concluded with a very witty little sketch, "The Broken Mirror," the parts of Capt. Oswald" "His Butler," and "The Servant Girl," being well taken by Capt. Hurst, Lieut. Duchett, and Drummer Symond respectively.

THE "RED PATCHES" CONCERT PARTY.

Although only a few weeks have elapsed since the "Red Patches" Concert Party (52nd Bn. Manchester Regt.) gave their initial performance, they have already established a big reputation, which is being enhanced after each performance. This talented party, each member an artist of high standing, has proved a great draw, and has in the past fortnight played to large and appreciative audiences at Geistingen, Hennef, Siegburg, Menden, Hangelar and the neighbouring areas. The salient features of their performance are originality, excellent singing, and clean-toned burlesque. The "Red Patches" will shortly pay a visit to Cologne and district.

LEAVE CLUB WHIST DRIVE.

The second of the weekly whist drives which is to be held at the British Empire Leave Club tomorrow, promises to be even more successful than that of a week ago. Weather permitting, the drive will be carried out in the spacious club gardens and accomodation will thus be available for an increased number of participants. There will again be six prizes of a substantial character for the successful competitors, in addition to which there will be a sealed number prize given by a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. There will be no booking in advance, the motto on this occasion being "First come first served." In order to allow of an interval for refreshments without unduly prolonging the game it is essential that intending players should be on hand not later than 6.15 so that a start may be made punctually at the half hour.

ENTERTAINMENTS FOR THE WEEK.

WEDNESDAY: Besides the usual 5 o'clock concert the American Jazz Band is coming up specially from Coblenz to play for the dance in the theatre from 6.30—9.

THURSDAY: The Pipers of the 11th Royal Scots will pipe to lovers of the Pipers from 5—6, and if the weather is fine the whist drive at 6.30 will be held in the garden.

FRIDAY: Those who wish to hear of the adventures of our Silent Navy will flock to the theatre to hear Lt. C.H.B. Foxley speak on "Anti-Submarine Warfare" from 7—8 pm.

SATURDAY: Being Empire Day the Club will be *en Fete*, and during the dance from 8.30—9 there will be a special March Past with flags.

ESSEX HEAVILY TROUNCED.

"AUSSIES" WIN BY INNINGS AND 114 RUNS.

CRICKET AT LEYTON.

The Australians-Essex Match concluded at Leyton on Monday, the former winning by an innings and 114 runs.

ESSEX 2nd INNINGS.

Gillingham b. Collins	11
Waugh b. Collins	2
Dixon b. Gregory	5
Douglas b. Gregory	14
Perrin not out	43
Turner run Out	14
Free c. and b. Lampard	23
Hazelton b. Gregory	0
Tremlin b. Gregory	0
Hills Lb.w. b. Collins	0
Clarke std. Long b. Trennery	8
Extras	25
Total	151

Bowling analysis:— Kellaway took no wickets for 26; Gregory 4 for 47; Trennery 1 for 10; Collins 2 for 26; Stirling 0 for 11; Lampard 1 for 12.

AUSTRALIANS.

Kellaway b. Douglas	128
Collins l.b.w. b. Tremlin	12
Taylor c. Clark b. Tremlin	73
Lampard c. and b. Waugh	17
Murray c. Turner b. Tremlin	77
Willis b. Tremlin	17
Gregory b. Douglas	11
Stirling not out	58
Trennery b. Tremlin	4
Becker l.b.w. b. Tremlin	9
Extras	25
Total	434

Bowling analysis:— Douglas 2 for 116; Tremlin 7 for 171; Hazelton 0 for 77; Dixon 0 for 22; Waugh 1 for 10; Hills 0 for 23.

COUNTY MATCH AT OLD TRAFFORD.

LANCASHIRE 280 IN FIRST INNINGS AGAINST DERBYSHIRE.

Lancashire opened their match against Derbyshire at Old Trafford on Monday:—

LANCASHIRE:—

Makepeace b. Morton	22
Hollins b. Bestwick	23
Tyldesley b. Bestwick	28
Sharp c. Chapman b. Cadman	64
Norbury c. Wild b. Cadman	78
Rawstorne b. Bestwick	2
Benyor b. Cadman	15
Bodington c. Beet b. Bestwick	9
Parkin b. Bestwick	10
Dean b. Cadman	2
Bullough not out	1
Extras	8
Total	280

DERBYSHIRE—1st INNINGS.

Loliver run out	0
Severn b. Dean	9
Morton c. Dean b. Parkin	3
Cadman c. Parkin b. Dean	7
Slater c. and. b. Parkin	2
Flint std. Boddington b. Parkin	6
Beet not out	50
Chapman b. Bullough	20
Newton b. Norbury	0
Wild run out	10
Bestwick c. Bullough b. Parkin	2
Extras	27
Total	136

DERBYSHIRE—2nd INNINGS.

Oliver not out	15
Morton b. Parkin	1
Cadman not out	5
Beet b. Parkin	3
Extras	9
Total (for 2 wkts.)	33

Bowling Analysis:- Lancashire, Bestwick 5 for 89; Cadman 4 for 94; Slater 0 for 61; Flint 0 for 14; Morton 1 for 57; Wild 0 for 2.

Derbyshire—1st Innings; Parkin 4 for 38 Dean 2 for 42; Bullough 1 for 8; Norbury 1 for 21;

BATTALION v DIVISION.

INTERESTING FOOTBALL MATCH At WESSELING.

Though the present weather is not exactly ideal for football, it does not follow that sport loses all its interest. If this is so, the match at Wesseling between the 1/4th Cheshires and the H.Q Staff of the 1st Division, must have proved to be the proverbial exception to the general rule, for in spite of the high score, the game was interesting throughout. To avoid the heat however, the match was played in the evening and not in the afternoon as previously arranged.

Both teams played an excellent game, but the 1/4th Cheshires were the superior team by far, and asserted their superiority right from the kick off. They finally won by 6 goals to nil. The scorers for the victors were:—Pte. Sharpe (2), Pte. Fairclough and Pte. Turner (2) and Pte. Gracey.

The game was by no means as uninteresting as the score suggests, for the Divisional "goalie" gave an excellent account of himself. The six shots which did get past him were absolute "scorchers," and it was practically impossible for him to save them.

Preparations are proceeding apace for the Battalion Sports of the 1/4th Cheshires which are to be held shortly, and it is expected that they will well maintain the tradions of the 1/4th as a sporting battalion.

A DING-DONG FINAL.

No. 1 v. No. 6 PLATOON 9th GLOUCESTERS.

Before a good attendance this inter-platoon final was played at Leuchlingen on Wednesday.

At the commencement play became fast and exciting and after 20 minutes play Philpotts, receiving a nice pass from Carter, dashed past the backs and scored a good goal for No. 6. Keeping up the pressure the lead was increased at the end of 30 minutes play. Rousell receiving on the wing, raced away and closing in, scored with a great shot, amidst tremendous cheering. The game was being fought out at a great pace. Half-time arrived with the score:—6 Platoon 2; 1 Platoon 0.

On resuming No. 6 went right away from the kick-off and Rousell again scored. From this point No. 1 Platoon played well, applying severe pressure, but met two resolute backs in King and White. It was typical football for final, and excitement was great. All the winning team played splendidly, the "shining lights" being White, King, Payne, Williams and Rousell, whilst for the losers Brindle and Sherwood wer emost conspicuous.

Final Result:—

No. 6 Platoon 3; No. 1 Platoon 0.

30 PFENNIG PRIZE FOR OFFICERS.

6th (S) R.W. KENT REGIMENT GYMKANA.

A Gymkana was held at Wahn on Friday by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Porter C.M.G., D.S.O commanding 6th (S) Battalion R.W. Kent Regt. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent, there being keen competition between companies and individuals. Tea and refreshments were provided on the ground, and the events did not finish until 18.30 hours.

Appended is the list of events:—

Dressing Race:— 1, Pte. Caidy; 2, Pte. Dickinson, 3, L./Cpl. Broughton, all of D Coy.

Three-legged Race:— Pte. Moles (A), and Pte. Hill (A) and Cpl. Slade (B) and Pte. Metcalfe (B) a dead heat.

Relay Race:— (Coy teams of 4):— 1, Ptes. Powell, Walker, Lavender, and Mill, A Coy; 2, Ptes. Moran, Dix, Slade, and Dickinson, D Coy.

Boat Race (8 men and Cox):— 1, Cpl. Hutchinson, D Coy; 2, Sergt. Redman, A Coy.

General Knowledge (Questions by (Lieut.-Col. Porter, C.M.G., D.S.O.) 1, Pte. Slone, 2, L/Cpl. Johnson, C. Coy; 3. Pte. Watson.

Bumping (teams of 8):— Pte. Powells Team, A Coy.

Tug of War:— (Teams of 6 mounted on mules) Dr. Gibbon's team (Transport).

Tug of War (Officers and Sergts.):— Sergeants 2 pulls.

(Officers (Mounted) Potato Race:— Capt. Russell M.C. Prize valued 30 Pfennig.

Inter-Coy Tug of War:— B. Coy.

The band played selections during the afternoon. The following were the judges:— Lieut.-Col. Porter C.M.G, D.S.O, Major Kay D.S.O., Major Smith M.C.; Starter:— Capt. and Adjt. Hughes; Timekeepers:— Lieut. Holmes and 2nd Lieut. Evans D.C.M.

At the conclusion of a very enjoyable afternoon Brigade General H.H. Tudor, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. presented the prizes.

"D" COY. 1/5 SOUTH STAFFS v. "A" BATTERY, R.F.A. HOSTEL.

The return match between these two teams was played on "Don's" Ground on Wednesday, a thrilling game ending in "Don" Coy winning by 4 goals to 1. After a period of midfield play, the "Don's" made the "running" and the Battery's right back put through his own goal.

The Gunners later broke away, making the score one goal each, and half time came with the score unaltered.

On the resumption, the game opened at a great pace. Lathe, receiving a pass in midfield, dribbled through the defence, crowning a brilliant movement by a lovely shot, thus giving D Coy the lead. Result: "D" Coy, 4 goals; "A" Battery 1 goal.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Aberdovey Golf Club.

A number of interesting competitions have been arranged in connection with the Whitsuntide meeting of the Aberdovey Golf Club.

50/- Tennis Rackets.

Tennis rackets which cost thirty shillings before the war now cost fifty shillings, the increase in price being generally typical.

Too Much Of A Good Thing.

As regards the public, says the "Observer", there are already unmistakable signs, that half-past seven as the time for drawing stumps is too late. At the Oval recently not more than 200 people remained till the end, and at Lord's the ground empties fast during the last hour.

Sports Gear Shortage.

There is an acute shortage of sports gear of all kinds in England at present. Judging by the orders which have poured in during the last few days demobilized members of the British Army are rushing in a body from the drill-square to tennis-court and cricket ground.

A.B.A. Championships.

All things considered the entries received for the Amateur Boxing Association Championships, to be held on May 23 and 24 at the Northampton Institute, Clerkenwell, are very satisfactory, 65 names having been sent in for the various weights.

Amateur's Successful Debut.

Mr. O. Dugdale, an officer in the Scots Guards and son of Mr. J. L. Dugdale, the squire of Picton, made a first public appearance in the saddle at Lewes last week on Pollen.

Race-Horse Purchaser.

Mr. Cecil C. Hatry, one of the principals in City banking circles, blooded his new colours with Furious last week. He has just bought Furore, Matruh, and the useful 3-year old at a big figure for Percy Woodland to train.

Stage Golfings Society.

The leading golfers in thd theatrical profession have revived their organisation, which before the war was known as the George Edwardes C.S., and which has been renamed the Stage Golfing Society.

Saturday Cricket.

A paper specially prepared by the London Cricket Conference shows that in pre-war days about 100,000 men and youths played cricket on Saturdays in Greater London alone, and that about 8,000 teams, consisting of all grades and classes, were then in being.

Tournament Polo.

Tournament polo begins this week when the contest for the Social Club's Cup takes place at Burlingham. There are four entries this year namely (for the first time) a Bachelors' Club team, and teams from the Cavalry Club; Royal Automobile Club, and White's Club respectively.

"THE COLOGNE POST" CRICKET CUP.

BONN LEAGUE FIXTURES.

Below, we print the first day's fixtures for the league in the Bonn area, but as so many club officials have failed to notify us of their location, it is impossible to publish the complete lists for all the leagues to-day, as was intended.

To morrow and on subsequent days we will publish either one or two further leagues, according to the information that reaches this office and, in the meantime, this will enable those secretaries who have not already done so, to send us the name of the league area in which they desire to be included.

Time is racing on and it is essential that the leagues should get started. Therefore we have dated the first matches for Wednesday, 28th May, and we trust that clubs will get busy right away in making arrangements so that there shall be no hitch in disposing of the matches.

It is generally agreed that three matches a week would be a popular number, and we propose that Monday, Wednesday and Saturday are likely to be the most suitable days.

As circumstances vary considerably in various units, the time for the start of the matches is a matter most satisfactorily arranged between the opposing clubs themselves.

BONN LEAGUE.

52nd Manchester Regt. v. 91st Field Ambulance.
56th Siege Battery R.G.A. v. Eastern Div. Signal Coy.
103rd Field Ambul. v. Lancashire Div. Signal Coy.
207 Squadron R.F.A. v. 52nd Cheshire Regt.
92nd Field Ambulance v. 4th Suffolk Regt.
15th Lancashire Fusiliers v. 10th Royal West Kent.
51st Bedford Regt. v. 53rd Welsh Regt.
9th Cheshire Regt. v. 256 Siege Battery.
No. 3 Coy Western Div. R.A.S.C. v. 5th Border Regt.
Eastern Div. H.Q. v. 51st King's Liverpool Regt.
Eastern Div. Signal Coy v. 51st Royal Sussex Regt.
121st Heavy Battery v. X Corps Signal Coy.
52nd Welsh Regt. v. 303 Siege Battery.
16th Lancashire Fusiliers v. 112 Heavy Battery R.G.A.

The match should be played on the ground of the first named unless this is impracticable.

Will the secretaries of the undermentioned clubs kindly inform us of their locations and indicate to which league they wish to belong. The league areas are Cologne, Bonn, Düren, Solingen, Euskirchen, and Overath.

53rd S.W.B.—39th Bde. R.F.A.—
Midland D.A.C.—161st Bde. Arty.—
1st Western T.M.B.—Mid. Div., M.T. Coy.—
Mid. Div., H.Q.—5th Ryl Irish Rifles.—
42nd M.G.C.—89th Siege Battery.
"S" Battery A.A., R.F.A.—
"O" Battery Rocket Troop R.H.A.—
75th Bde. R.F.A.—No. 14 G.H.Q., M.T. Coy.—
420 Siege Battery.—41st M.G.C.—
15th King's Hussars.—11th Royal Scots.—
"E" Corps Signal Coy.—Bakeries Sports Club.—
"A" Batty 51st Bde. R.F.A.—29th M.G.C.—
5th K.O.Y. L.I.—No. 2 Water Tank M.T., R.A.S.C.—
2/1 East Lancs Field Amb.—II. Corps H.Q.—
51st Northumberland Fus.—51st Hamshire Regt.—
52nd Sherwood Foresters.—Light Div., H.Q.—
Nothern Div., R.E.—No. 1 Field Amb.—
No. 2 Field Amb.—11th Queens (R.W.S.)—
"B" Corps Signal Coy R.E.—No. 8 Field Ambulance.
D 190 Bde. R.F.A.—"F" Corps Signal Coy R.E.—
Southern Div., M.T. Coy.—31st Labour Group.—
"F" A.A. Batty R.F.A.—Southern Div. R.E.—
188 Siege Battery.—"C" Batty 113 Bde. R.F.A.—
Cov. Div. Amm. Col., H.A.—1st M.G.C.—
23rd Middlesex Regt.—23rd R.F.—
R.A.S.C., 21st Bde. R.G.A.—12th Royal Irish Rifles.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

NEW CRICKET PROBLEM.

PLAYERS DISTURBED BY AEROPLANES OVER LORD'S.

The popularity of flying is causing a new problem in cricket circles. Several aeroplanes at different times swept over Lord's on Saturday apparently in order to give the passengers a view of the cricket from the air.

The players were disconcerted and there was a temporary stoppage just when Gunn and Lee were nearing centuries. Lee shortly afterwards misplayed a ball and was caught at the wicket, many spectators attributing his downfall to the disturbing effect of an aeroplane.

Old cricket enthusiasts declare the question who owns the air over Lord's must be settled without delay.—*Reuter.*

THE DAVIS CUP.

A Reuter telegram from Sydney states that South Africa's challenge for the Davis Cup has been accepted. The redraw resulted:—

South African versus Great Britain.
Belgium versus France.

The winners meet in a final round to decide who will oppose Australasia for the Cup at Sydney.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG BEATEN AT GOLF.

Lady Haig and the professional Andrew Kirkaldy beat Sir Douglas Haig and General Kiggell by two holes in a Golf foursome at St. Andrews on Saturday.

THE SIDNEY CUP.

The race for the Sydney Cup was run at Randwick, New South Wales, on Monday. The result was:— 1, Janor 12—11; 2, Night Watch 5—1; 3, Arch Morella, 25—1. Won by three lengths; one and a quarter lengths between the second and third.

LATEST LONDON BETTING.

The Derby:— 13 to 7 The Panther, offered; 5 to 1 Lord Basil offered; 10 to 1 Bucaun; 100 to 7 Grand Parade, Stefan the Great, and Paper Money, taken and offered.

TANCY LEE DEFEATED.

BOXING AT LONDON AND LIVERPOOL.

In a fifteen round contest at the National Sporting Club on Monday, Petty Officer Eddie Shevlin, America, beat Eddie Beattie, Scotland on points.

Charlie Stone, Wales, beat Tancy Lee in the fifteenth of a twenty-round contest at Liverpool on Monday.

The annual volume of the "Racing Calendar," issued yesterday, shows that the value to the winner of stakes won during 1918 (not including prizes to second and third horses) was as follows:—England, 369 races, (including one motor, £151,437; Ireland, 322 races, £51,130; and Scotland nil.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, May 21, 1919.

Wind Easterly 10—15 miles per hour. Fine with some afternoon cloud. Visibility indifferent early, good during day. Moderate temperature.

MAN AND SUPERMAN.

ARMY DRAMATIC COMPANY'S LATEST SUCCESS.

The Rhine Army Dramatic Company achieved another great triumph on Monday when they submitted to a crowded audience the first of six performances of Bernard Shaw's "Man and Superman" at the Deutsche Theatre, Cologne.

Any misgiving that may have been felt as to the ability of a company of such recent birth successfully to tackle so ambitious a proposition, was dispelled after the first performance of "The Mollusc". In this initial effort, the members revealed such sterling merit that one felt beforehand that the brilliance of the "book" of "Man and Superman" would suffer nothing as a result of indifferent acting. This proved to be an accurate trend of reasoning and it was not surprising to find a well-filled theatre some time before the performance was timed to commence.

John Tanner is the individual represented in the title. He is a man of extraordinary character, and spends the greater part of his time in hitting out in all directions at all our familiar conventions. This attitude sometimes lands him into rather awkward situations and positions of considerable embarrassment. But what cares he? Endowed with a fluent tongue and a quick wit, he invariably talks himself out of these predicaments with absolute success. He has another peculiar trait in his character, too. Although admittedly in love with all members of the fair sex, he never tires of renouncing the ulterior designs in the excercise of their fascinations.

It is fairly obvious from the start that John has more than a sneaking regard for the fair and charming Ann Whitefield, and that the affection is reciprocated is even more apparent. He positively and vigorously refuses to admit this state of mind to himself, however, and for this reason he calls the lady whom he declares to be ensnaring him many horrible things that no ordinary mortal would dream of saying to his lady love.

The "Man" is in love and craves for the satisfaction of human affection; the "Superman" in his construction is above all this sort of thing, and sees in the prospect of the natural outcome of love, nothing but misery and unhappiness.

It is the fight between these conflicting phases that forms the basis of the play, but to keep interest alive, we have glimpses of the duplicity of modern people and the psychology of woman.

The Artistes Successful Efforts.

Lieut. S.E. Percy, R.L.I. on Monday played the part of John Tanner in a manner born only of long experience. He gave to the play a brightness and crispness that would have been lacking had the part been in the hands of a less brilliant and versatile actor. He was ably supported by Miss Shirley King who was in every way charming as Ann Whitefield. Major A.J.C. Pollock, R.G.A. was thoroughly "American" as Hector Malone, while Miss Inez Bensusan undertook the role of the elderly Mrs. Whitefield with absolute trueness to life.

The important part of Octavious Robinson was entrusted to Corporal Bernard-Jukes, Gordon Highlanders, who, while his impersonation was quite good, displayed signs of "first-night" nervousness. He was not easy and natural in his gesticulations, but he showed considerable promise, and these little trifles will be overcome in course of time.

Miss Gabriel Paul was a delightfully young and winsome Violet Robinson and Miss Beale and Miss Forbes-Adams performed the little work that devolved upon them with creditable success.

By no means the least prominent in the caste, for the excellence of his efforts, was Lieut. C. Spiegelhalter, Lancashire Fusiliers, who made a splendid Roebuck Ramsden. As Henry Straker (more frequently known as 'Enery) Lieut. A.R. Whatmore, R.A.S.C. was natural and displayed a real appreciation of the mannerisms of the character he represented. Lieut E. Mearn D.L.I. made the most of his opportunities as Old Malone.

The play which is in three acts was produced by Lieut. S.E. Percy. The stage director is Capt. A.H. Read, London Division, and Lieut. Mocatta, 1st West Yorks is the stage manager.

SPORT NOTES — 3rd BATTALION M. G. C.

September seems a long way off; nevertheless many enthusiasts have started training in earnest for the Army Championships in that month. All 3rd Bn M.G.C. men can practise any night by applying to the Sports Officer, who makes the necessary arrangements with companies. It is hoped that the Third Battalion will put up a good show in the Championship.

King Willow again called and was answered by a considerable number of men, who played a practice match on the grass pitch outside the barracks. Rumour hath it that this same pitch is soon to become a site for horses or mule lines. And what will King Willow do then poor thing?

Perhaps the scores for the match mentioned yesterday between Wallahs and the Battalion will be of interest. Here they are:— Cpl. Johnson "A" 55 bowled; Sig. Lawson. "D" 8 run out; Pte. Cank "C" 25 bowled; Pte. Oldroy 12 not out.

Everybody lives in hopes of some aquatic sports shortly, and it is becoming quite usual for a number of men to take practice at the excellent swimming baths at Ehrenfeld. Many who made considerable use of these whilst the Battalion was stationed there regret that it is such a long way back.

The splendid Gymnasium too that was in our old quarters is sadly missed.

The Surrey Walking Club held a scratch walking race on Saturday at Huckbridge, over seven miles. There were 29 entries, the result being: 1, A.M. Hehir, time 55 mins. 59 and four fifth secs.; 2, F.C. Cater. Herne Hill Harriers, 58 mins. 27 secs.

1/5 Bn. PRINCE OF WALES' OWN (West Yorkshire) Rgt.

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OCCUPATIONS OF THE OCCUPATION ARMY — No. 1

By The Ad. Man

EVERY unit devotes a large part of each day to sport It is part of the days training... Every day nearly one whole page of our own newspaper is devoted to sport and there is a special Sports Editor. Football, Cricket, Tennis, Swimming, Golf, Sculling, Baseball, Racing, Boxing, Athletics etc. are all catered for and we want to buy all our requisites from home. British advertisers *must* reach us through our own medium

THE COLOGNE POST

HOTEL DISCH CONCERT

COLOGNE COMPOSER'S WORKS.

To-night at 6.30 p.m., in the Rokoko Hall of the Hotel Disch, a pecial concert will take place when the works of the Cologne composer, Ewald Straesser, will be given. Straesser is one of the most prominent composers of modern times. His name is known everywhere and the concert promises to be a great musical event.

There will be two new items: the "4th string quartett" and an "allegro" for the piano. In addition there will be songs and a trio for violin, violincello, and piano. The party includes Frau Grimm-Mittelmann, contralto; Max van de Sandt, Pianist, and Riele Queling, Eugen Brunell, Grete Eweler, Willy Lamping (Stringquartett) who guarantee a first-class performance of the works of Straesser. The composer will accompany his songs himself. Tickets may be obtained at Tonger's Am Hof, and at the entrance to the Hotel Disch.

OUR BOOKSHELF.

"THE 3rd Bn. M.G.C. MAGAZINE."

"The 3rd Battalion Machine Gun Corps Magazine," the May number of which is to hand, is an exceedingly well-printed publication, turned out in a neat and artistic manner which reflects the greatest credit on the Continental printers concerned. A bright and breezy production, the contents are as interesting as they are varied. There is a capital sketch of "The Colonel" who, in the preface of issue Number One, asks for the co-operation of all ranks to make the magazine in every sense a real live organ of their community. This object, by the way, seems to have been pretty well attained already.

The chronicles of the Battalion contain a stirring account of its exploits during those trying days of March 1918, when the full force of Ludendorff's onslaught was directed against the particular sector in which they were at the time.

The promoters have wisely devoted especial attention to Battalion sports, and the Sports' pages promise to be very interesting. There is a page and a half of spicy reading under the title "Harassing Fire," and in "Between Ourselves," the acting-Editor chats with his readers, mentioning incidentally that one of their old officers, Lieut. Alec Waugh, who was taken prisoner on 28th March, 1918, has written a book entitled "The Prisoners of Mainz." "Rex" writes a beautiful poem "The Price," dedicated to "Our dear Dead."

The magazine is excellent value for the sixpence charged, and will be of especial interest to members of the Third Division whether they be infantry men or gunners, while we can imagine no more suitable souvenir from Rhineland to send to old comrades of the Battalion now "demobbed." We congratulate the hon. Editor, Lt.-Col. W. J. Cranston, D. S. O., and the acting-Editor, 2nd Lieut. Wallace King on the readable magazine they have produced, and we look forward with interest to future issues.

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GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

WHO IS TO DECIDE?

The Delegates or the People.

With regard to the Peace Terms, the German people can be divided into three distinct categories: (1) the right wing and centre party, who prefer not to sign; (2) the democrats and majority socialists, who wish for a plebiscitum, but who at the same time are making propaganda for a refusal; and (3) the independent socialists, who seem ready to sign the terms as they now stand.

At the present time the right wing consists of the *bon genre*, amongst them being the bureaucracy, monarchists, conservatives, capitalists — many of whom will lose greatly, both in money and prestige, should the terms be signed.

The centre party consists of the Roman Catholics, who throughout the war supported the Government and who are, even yet, prone to serve those in authority regardless of their value.

In yesterday's issue we gave the distinction between the majority socialists and the independents, the remaining parties which make up categories (2) and (3) respectively.

A great responsibility.

In defence of the necessity for a plebiscitum the *Vorwarts*, the majority socialists' paper, says that whether the delegates refuse to sign or not, they will meet with much opposition from the German people and they will have many enemies. Also, those who disapprove of whatever action is taken will hold the delegates directly responsible. Whereas if a plebiscitum were taken, no certain individuals could be attacked and the nation would rise or fall according to the dictates of its own people.

"In the hour of the fate of a great people," states the paper, "the decision as to its further mode of existence ought not to be made without the consent of the individuals concerned. Then, when the answers are given, the Government merely has to execute the wish of the majority, thus freeing itself from the reproach inevitably resulting from any answer given on its own initiative."

PEACE OF THE WORLD.

APPEAL FOR THE SMALLER EASTERN STATES.

M. Take Jonescu, the Roumanian statesman, speaking at the Essex Hall on Saturday after a lecture by Professor Georges Blondel, appealed to the Western Allies not to neglect the economic support of the smaller Eastern States. Above all things, he asked them to facilitate the constitution of a political block from the Baltic to the Aegean, where Poland, Bohemia, Serbia, Roumania, and Greece would form an aggregate population of nearly 80 millions, and an area, in its variety of climate and topography, almost self contained. The tactful, yet enthusiastic aid of Great Britain and France was necessary, if Germany was not to exploit such fissures as might exist between these new and small states, and so, commercially speaking, recapture some, or all of them.

M. Jonescu asserted that the peace of the world depended on the continued solidarity of the Alliance between Great Britain and France. So long as they held together, so long would the Germans be impotent. The day they parted company, which he hoped and believed would be never, that day would recommence the hopes of "Deutschland uber Alles."

THE ARMY TRUSTEE.

In a pamphlet on "The Constitution and Powers of the Army Trustee," the War Office announces that the four additional directors appointed to the Corporation are Lord Weir, Sir John Simon, K.C., Major-General Sir Gerald Ellison, and Major R. L. Barclay. The Army Trustee, which is a non-profit sharing Corporation under the Companies Acts, is empowered to act as trustee of any moneys or securities the property of H. M. Forces, transferred to its custody.

The owner of some fowls which are alleged to have been stolen at Wimborne identified their heads, which were preserved in spirits and exhibited at the police court. He recognised them by marks on the combs and the very large lobes.

In the year ending March 31 last the total income of the United Kingdom was £889,020,824 12s. 9d., and the total expenditure £2,579,301,187 18s. 7d., or an excess of expenditure over income of £1,690,280,363 5s. 10d.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary, limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

A MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—I should be grateful if you will publish this letter, which I am sending after due consideration.

I have played at the Apollo Theatre for some ten days, and nearly every night after the performance I have had the mortification to hear that several members of the audience (including officers) had inquired who I was, and whether I was a "Jerry". Seeing that I was born in Derby, and studied at the Royal College of Music, Manchester, it is galling to me to think that after trying to do my best every evening to give some moments of pleasure to the audience, I should be possibly taken for a "Jerry". There is no greater insult to an Englishman, certainly none greater could be offered me.

Alfred Barker.

Answers to Correspondents.

[The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Many questions have been received which could be answered much easier by the Adjutant of the unit concerned, and all such cases which affect the unit commander must be taken to him and not sent here. — Ed.]

Gunner.—Yes, all pay for that period is forfeited.

W H.—Suggestion has been forwarded and is being dealt with.

B. Pearce.—Apply D.A.T.S., Stolkgasse.

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N. O.—Thanks for your suggestions. We will make a note of them

A P.—We expect to publish an article on the subject before long. It would be too lengthy to answer in this column.

M. E.—See note to subscribers and contributors in this issue.

A. O.—You can get both stamps and postal orders at the Army Post Office, Stolkgasse, Cologne.

N Y.—We will give you an answer by letter in the course of a few days.

C. O. Y.—The population of Newcastle is approximately 278,107.

VISITS TO WAR GRAVES.

It is not yet possible to grant general permission to relatives to proceed to France or Belgium to visit graves or cemeteries. Large areas under the British Army of Occupation are entirely closed to visitors as the work of exhumation and concentration to central cemeteries of all isolated graves is taking place within these areas, and until this is much further advanced it is unlikely that the present restrictions can be removed. The removal of restrictions is also dependent upon such other factors as transport and accommodation, facilities for which in the areas in which most of the cemeteries are situated are still quite inadequate.

It should be added that the Minister of Transport recently announced in the French Chamber that it was not possible to grant travelling facilities at the present time for those wishing to visit the graves of soldiers who have died in France. A similar state of affairs exists in Belgium

As soon as conditions improve and it becomes possible to open up parts of the country public announcements as to the areas accessible for such visits will be made, says a war Office message.

THE SOUTHERN DIVISION
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FIRST DAY

INTERNATIONAL PONY STAKES open to Officers of the Allied Armies. Flat Race 1 mile. For Ponies and Galloways under 15 hands. Catch-weights 11 stone. Entrance 30 Marks. A winner after June 30th 1917, 7lbs, 2 races 14lbs extra.

TANTIVY STEEPLECHASE open to Officers of the Allied Armies. 2 miles. Catch-weights 11st 7lbs. Entrance 30 Marks. A winner after June 30th 1917, 7lbs, 2 races 14lbs, 3 races 21lbs extra.

SECOND DAY

SILK and SCARLET STEEPLECHASE. 2 miles. For bona fide chargers of Officers of II Corps. Catch-weights 12st 7lbs. Entrance 30 Marks.

GRAND MILITARY STEEPLECHASE. 2½ miles. Open to Officers of the Allied Armies. Catch-weights 12st 7lbs. Entrance 30 Marks. A winner after June 30th 1917, 7lbs, 2 races 14lbs, 3 or more races 21lbs extra.

GOODWOOD MAIDEN PLATE. Flat Race 1 mile for Officers Chargers of the Army of the Rhine which have never finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd. Catch-weights 11st 7lb. A winner after closing of entries 10lbs extra. Entrance 30 Marks.

In the event of over 30 entries being received for any flat race (except mule race) the Committee reserve the right of running that race in two Divisions, each of equal value and under the same conditions and both to be run on the same day.

Entries close to the Hon. Secretary H.Q. Southern Division at 12.00 May 28th.

Full particulars with a supply of printed entry forms are being sent to all Divisional and Corps H.Q.

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BRITAIN'S LARGEST LINER.

The Aquitania, the largest British liner afloat, made her first call at Plymouth on Saturday in connection with the Cunard company's new Channel service from Southampton to Cherbourg and New York. She landed passengers and nearly 5,000 bags of mails and a quantity of specie.

Since the armistice Cunard liners have been engaged in transporting American and Canadian troops home. They have made 31 voyages in connection with this service. The Aquitania alone has carried 27,000, the Mauretania just under 20,000, and the Caronia and Carmania 24,000. The total for all the ships approaches 1,00,000. During the war Cunard liners made 230 voyages with American troops to Europe, and it is stated they transported nearly half of the total brought in British vessels.

The White Star liner Olympic left Southampton on Saturday carring about 256 Canadian officers and 4,960 other ranks, and also some 300 civilian passengers. The departing Canadians had an enthusiastic send-off.

In South Wales the value of the shares of steamship companies quoted on Cardiff Exchange has risen during the past few days. New companies offering alluring dividends to shareholders are being floated at Cardiff, Swansea, and Newport.

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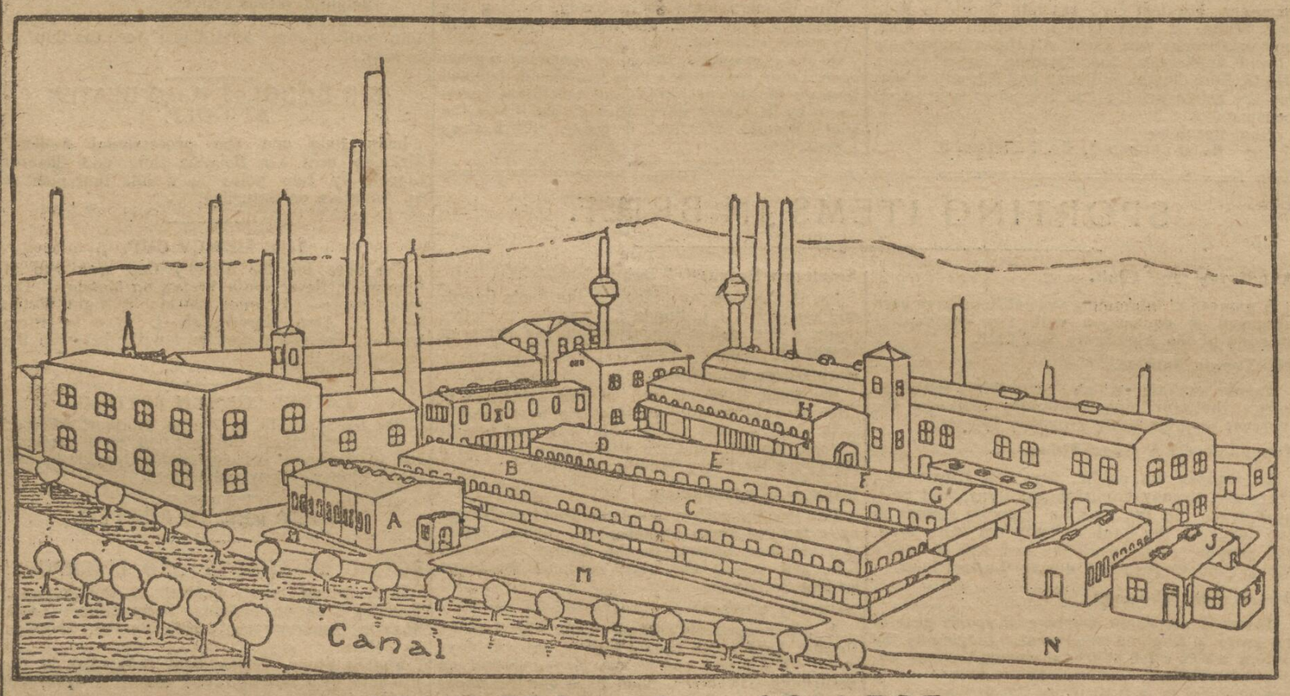

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MOHAMMEDAN PROTEST.

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GERMAN OBSERVATIONS DELAYED.

COUNTER PROPOSALS.

The period allowed the German delegates for consideration of the Peace terms and the submission of their observations expired yesterday, but in spite of the utmost activity a few more days are likely to elapse before the German comments can be handed in.

It is reported that the Germans will submit counter-proposals among which will be urged:

1. Acknowledgment of President Wilson's fourteen points.
2. Settlement of the Polish question by a plebiscitum.
3. Refusal to consent to the annexation of the Sarre district.
4. Evacuation of the occupied area of the Rhineland.
5. Surrender of a greater part of the Navy but of fewer merchant ships.
6. Maintenance of a bigger army than as fixed by the Entente.

REPUDIATION OF LIABILITY.

In their answer to Count Brockdorff-Rantzau's note urging that the present German Government repudiates responsibility for the actions of the late Government, the Allies point out that the German argument is inadmissible. In 1871 Germany made the French republic responsible for the actions of Napoleon III. Even during this war Germany did not have consideration for the fact that in Russia another Government had superseded the Government which was in power at the outbreak of war. Germany must take the responsibility for the damages caused by her behaviour.

THE PROTEST OF ISLAM.

The statements made to the Council of Four by Lord Montague, the Maharajah of Bikanir and the Mussulman delegates of India seem to have made some impression.

The Mussulmans of India urge that they have taken a preponderant part in the fight against Turkey, the ally of Germany, and that it was promised to them that advantage should not be taken of the victory to humiliate Islam in the person of the Sultan.

Nothing has been definitely settled yet but it seems that Turkey's integrity will be respected, exclusive of the Arabian territory. The Sultan would remain at Constantinople and the different Allied Powers would share the protection of Turkey.

According to *Le Temps* Great Britain will administer Mesopotamia, Palestine and Arabia; France, Syria and Anatolia; the United States, Constantinople, Armenia and the districts of Adana and Mersina; Italy, Adalia and Konia; Greece, the coastal area of which Smyrna is the centre.

Le Journal, however, states that by special request of Mr. Lloyd George, Constantinople will be jointly administered by Great Britain, France and the United States.

ROUMANIAN ARMY STATIONARY.

Reuter understands that the Roumanian Army in Hungary still remains stationary on the river Theiss with two divisions in line and three in reserve in Transylvania. The Hungarian Soviet Army is showing some signs of renewed activity and reorganization while the Bolshevists appear still to be making preparations on the Dniester, with their chief centre at Tiraspol, on the left bank of that river.

ALLIES' EQUIPMENT FOR DENINKIN'S ARMY.

Reuter learns that valuable assistance is being given by the Allies to Deninkin's Army. Great Britain is supplying complete equipment, with arms and guns, for 250,000 men. The first consignment has already arrived and the remainder is on the way or on the point of despatch.

GERMAN OFFICER PRISONER'S ESCAPE.

First Lieutenant Kurt Vogel, who, on the 14th inst., was sentenced to two years and four months imprisonment in connection with the death of Rosa Luxemburg, was taken from prison on Saturday, according to a Berlin telegram, by an unknown infantry officer, provided with a false warrant, and is still missing.—*Reuter.*

RUSSIAN SUCCESS.

The War Office announces receipt of the news from Murmansk dated 19th May that Pavyenets, at the Northern extremity of Lake Onega, has been occupied by Russians. Before evacuating the place the Bolshevists removed all males over fourteen years of age also all steamers and launches. As the lake is icebound, however, the vessels cannot be far away.

VICEROY'S PROCLAMATION TO AFGHANS.

FUTILE HOPES.

Simla, 10th May. The Viceroy has issued a proclamation in which his Excellency says he desires to make known to loyal subjects of the King-Emperor the regrettable news that the Amir, violating all treaties and disregarding the steadfast policy of his wiser predecessors, has resolved on a sudden wanton attack on India.

The Viceroy believes this folly is due directly to internal events in Afghanistan, and has also reason to apprehend that the present breach of faith with India is the possibly long-delayed fruit of the efforts of the friends of Germany at Kabul who had failed in their endeavour to seduce the loyalty of the late Amir. His Excellency says he possesses evidence showing that the Amir excuses his treachery by pretending that India is in a state of revolution, which will react on Afghanistan, and has also told his people that in India neither property nor religion is safe. Relying on such falsehoods, he has called on Hindus and Mussulmans to show him allegiance. He has also falsely stated that the Sikhs had fired on British troops, and that Germany was about to recommence the war, and that the English were destroyed. The Viceroy also possesses proof that the Amir had prepared false leaflets for dissemination in India, and had made plans to corrupt and buy certain newspapers.

The Proclamation continues: "Inspired by futile hopes of seducing his Majesty's subjects, the Amir has commenced military operations. In suicidal folly the Amir has ventured to measure his strength against a Power which has just emerged victorious from the greatest war ever fought. The Government possess overwhelming strength, and the criminal and wanton incursion will meet with the speedy punishment it deserves." The Viceroy, having confided in the people, earnestly appeals to them not to believe false rumours and to refrain from any conduct adding to the burden of the Government. He refers to the sorrowful experience of the past invasions from the frontier, from a repetition of which the Government is well able to protect them in the name of the King-Emperor. The Viceroy enjoins upon all loyal people to assist the Government to crush the enemy of the peace of India and to refrain from giving colour to false stories assiduously disseminated.—*Reuter.*

GREAT VICTORIES OVER BOLSHEVISTS.

CAVALRY PURSUIT.

Great victories in Russian territory during the last few days are announced by the Esthonian Headquarters. According to the official Esthonian Press Bureau, the Esthonian army, with its Russian and German-Baltic auxiliary forces, is continually advancing on a 100 kilomètres (62 miles) front, between Narva and Gdoff, and has already reached the lower course of the River Luga, some 120 kilomètres (about 75 miles) west of Petrograd. The Russian division, called the Northern Corps, which is fighting under the Esthonian Supreme Command, had a big share in these victories. On May 13 the Russians advanced from the middle course of the River Narova to the Narva-Gdoff railway, capturing two armoured trains and one field battery. In the next few days they captured another armoured train and thirty machine-guns, and took 1,500 prisoners, including a brigade commander and the brigade staff.

At the same time the German-Baltic division fighting north of Gdoff captured an enemy battery, making fifty prisoners. On May 15 the Russians retook the town of Gdoff, on the bank of Lake Peipus, capturing 1,000 prisoners, twenty machine-guns, and a rich booty of war material. Colonel Balachowitch's cavalry detachment pursued the enemy, who were fleeing in the greatest confusion. The cavalry was supported by the active fire of the Peipus fleet.

The excitement of the Petrograd Soviet authorities is thus not only due to the Finn's approach from the north, but to the Esthonian army's advance from the south-west.—*Reuter.*

NO CHANGE AT ARCHANGEL.

A War Office communiqué announces that General Ironside telegraphed from Archangel on the 18th May that there was no change in the situation. There has been slight shelling by the enemy's river craft and the land batteries on the Dvina front during the week but they were successfully silenced by our artillery in co-operation with the river flotilla. In Tulgas and on the railway front patrol encounters have taken place. Deserters continue to come into our lines daily.

GREAT AUSTRALIAN FLIGHT.

The conditions of the competition flight from Great Britain to Australia have been officially announced at Melbourne. A price of £10,000 sterling is to be awarded by the Federal Government to the first pilot of Australian nationality arriving from Great Britain on an all-British aeroplane or seaplane before midnight on 31st December 1920, within seven hundred and twenty consecutive hours (thirty days) of his start.—*Reuter.*

HOW THE ALLIES ARE FEEDING GERMANY.

HUGE UNDERTAKING.

Mr. Roberts, British Food Controller, has given some remarkable information relative to the very large amount of relief work which is being carried out by Great Britain in Germany, German Austria and other European countries. The British contribution to this work is to a great extent on the side of shipping but it includes also food stuffs and finance. Twelve and a half million pounds sterling have been spent by the British Treasury in providing food and medical stores for devastated areas in Europe, while private effort has been made additional to the work carried on by the Treasury and British Food Ministry. Many British societies, together with various relief funds, have sent considerable supplies both in cash and kind for European relief. In the case of Poland the British Red Cross have sent 100,000 pounds' worth of drugs and the British Government have authorised the expenditure of a further 100,000 pounds' worth to be sent for medical requirements of the civilian population.

The following figures show the quantities of foodstuffs and other commodities supplied to various devastated areas through the British Ministry of Food either from the United Kingdom or from other countries, but financed by British credits and shipped by the British Government to devastated areas.

To Poland there have been shipped by the United Kingdom 5,167 tons, to Rumania 13,165 tons, with additional 7,310 tons from America financed by British credits, also 27,530 from Australia similiarly financed. Canada is also financing considerably shipments of cereals. To Serbia there have been shipped from the United Kingdom 3,705 tons and from America and Australia, financed by British credits, 17,000 tons. To Jugo-Slovakia 2,745 tons and to Czecho-Slovakia 1,900 tons have been sent from the United Kingdom.

To German Austria there have been shipped on British credit 46,790 tons of foodstuffs. Arrangements have been made for a further supply of 680 tons of condensed milk. In addition to these shipments the British Governments have sold to the Finnish and Esthonian Governments large quantities of cereals, condensed milk and certain other foodstuffs and have made special arrangements for shipment and despatch of assorted goods in order to relieve the immediate necessity of these two countries.

With regard to Germany, arrangements for deliveries of food were considerably belated owing to difficulties raised with regard to the use of German ships. Finally on March 22nd the first German ships left the port in accordance with the ultimate arrangement. On March 25th 7,000 tons of food were delivered in Germany and the the total quantity delivered since that date up to 10th May is about 250,000 tons. Negotiations are constantly taking place at Rotterdam between representatives of Great Britain and her Allies and contracts have been signed for the sale by Great Britain to Germany of foodstuffs up to the value of over twelve million pounds sterling, covering 864,000 tons.

Negotiations are also in progress for the sale to Germany of further 200,000 tons of potatoes, 15,000 tons of preserved meat and a large quantity of herrings, while various other miscellaneous commodities of high food value have been offered by the British Government to Germany. These large quantities of foodstuffs naturally call for corresponding tonnage space which has to be spared from shipping required to convey cereals and other foodstuffs and medical necessities to various other relief areas.

Already, however, a considerable portion of the goods for which contracts have been signed have actually arrived in Rotterdam for delivery to Germany. The quantities shipped from British works and actually delivered to Germany up to last week of April amounted to 328,000 tons out of the 392,000 tons delivered at Rotterdam.

The above mentioned contracts by no means exhaust the offers of essential foodstuffs which Great Britain is prepared to make to Germany either through the British Government direct or through channels of private traders, facilities for which are at present being arranged. The blockade has now been lifted to a great extent and as far as it still remains much has been done, by supplying food and other necessaries, towards neutralizing its effect.

DARING LONDON ROBBERY.

Two masked men armed with revolvers carried out a daring robbery on Sunday night at the Elysee Restaurant, Coventry-street, London. They shepherded the acting manager and porter into the stoke-hold and forced the former to give up the key of the safe. This they rifled, and got away with six hundred pounds.

The Elysee Restaurant is notable from the fact that it is a copy of the first class saloon on the Lusitania.

MISHAP TO LEAVE TRAIN.

A mishap occurred on Sunday to a heavily-laden leave train from Cologne. As the train was nearing Calais Station it broke in halves, and the rear section collided heavily with the forward coaches. A number of the men were cut and bruised, but fortunately there were no serious cases of injury. After spending the night in the rest camp at Calais these troops were able to cross to Dover yesterday.

CHEAP FARES FOR SCHOOL TREATS.

The Railway Executive Committee state that the railway companies will endeavour to make arrangements for the conveyance of children in connection with school treats between now and the middle of July, and have agreed to the issue of reduced fares in connection therewith.

A three engined Caproni aeroplane carrying eight persons left Turin on the morning of the 18th May and arrived at Kenley Aerodrome, Croydon, next afternoon.

WAGES MORE THAN DOUBLED.

WORKING HOURS REDUCED.

Striking details of the rise in rates of wages in the principal trades and industries during the war appear in the current issue of the official "Labour Gazette." It is stated that the increases on pre-war rates range from under 60 to over 150 per cent., and that, taking all industries together, the wages of manual workers generally have been more than doubled since July, 1914. Although the information available is insufficient for an exact calculation of the general average rise, there is little doubt that it lies between 100 and 120 per cent.

In the principal groups of trades the average increases have been approximately as follows:

Building trades	About 100 per cent.
Coalmining	110 to 120 per cent.
Metals engineering, and shipbuilding	100 to 120 per cent.
Textile trades	100 to 110 per cent.
Agriculture	88 per cent.
Railway workers (men)	33s per week.
Dock labourers	6s to 8s per day.
Carters, tramway & bus workers	30s per week
Pottery (North Staffordshire)	71 per cent.
Glass bottle manufacture	64 per cent.
Boot and shoe manufacture	87 to 93 per cent.
Printing and bookbinding	29s to 35s per week.
Baking and confectionery	27s to 33s per week.

In addition to large wage increases, hours in important groups of trades have been substantially reduced. In some cases the shortening of hours has involved no reduction in the workers' earnings; in other, wages have been increased for the purpose of bringing them up to the same level as before the reduction of hours. In the engineering and shipbuilding trades, for example, the working week has been shortened from fifty-three or fifty-four to forty-seven hours, without any reduction in time rates. In the building trades the week has been reduced in some districts to forty-four and in others to forty-seven hours; and in the transport trades also a shorter week has been adopted, generally of forty-four hours for dock labourers and forty-eight hours for railwaymen, carters, tramway, and omnibus servants, etc., without any reduction in weekly wages.

OUT-OF-WORK DONATIONS.

16,000 POLICIES SUSPENDED.

The Minister of Labour reports that the numbers drawing out-of-work donation during the week ending May 2 were:

	Civilians.	H.M. Forces.	Total.
Men	212,987	402,151	615,138
Women	415,096	1,316	416,412
Boys	22,872	—	22,872
Girls	28,337	—	28,337
Total	679,292	403,467	1,082,759

"A scrutiny of policies lodged at exchanges during the last six weeks has resulted in the suspension of payment in nearly 16,000 cases, until satisfactory evidence is produced. A number of cases of fraud have thus been discovered, and prosecutions have taken place."

PARCELS FOR THE TROOPS.

The Post Office announces that uninsured parcels containing articles, such as foodstuffs, clothes, boots, &c., for the personal use of the addressee, but not parcels sent for commercial purposes, can now be accepted for all parts of Germany in Allied occupation at the following rates of postage: For a parcel not exceeding 3lb, 1s 4d; over 3lb and not over 7lb, 1s 8d; over 7lb and not over 11lb, 2s.

LARGE SUNSPOTS.

Several large groups of sunspots adorn the face of our solar luminary at the present time. Observations made at the Bonn University Observatory yesterday showed that one of the three main groups is at least eighty to one hundred thousand miles across its longest diameter and contains numerous single spots, each of which is many times the diameter of the earth. This group should be easily seen without employing a telescope provided the observer takes great care to protect his eye by looking through a piece of smoked or dark glass. If he can catch the sun at sunrise or sunset, when it is protected by mist and looks red, he might be able to dispense with the smoked glass.

Such groups of spots as these are frequently accompanied by magnetic storms on the earth, storms which occasionally upset our telegraphs and other apparatus operating electrically or magnetically. On one such occasion it was impossible to communicate for many hours, by wire over so short a distance as from London to Brighton. Displays of the aurora also occasionally accompany periods of solar spottedness.

N.C.3 SAFE BUT DAMAGED.

Reuter learns that N.C.4 left Horta for Ponta Delgada at 12.40 and arrived there at 3.22, Greenwich time. N.C.3 entered the harbour at Ponta Delgada on Sunday afternoon under her own power amidst the sound of syrens, rockets and bands of music. The seaplane had an eventful voyage, encountering fog and rain on Saturday morning, after which the aviators were unable to see anything till ten o'clock on Sunday morning, when they descended to the sea seventy-five miles from the Island of Pico. From that place they reached Ponta Delgada on the surface, refusing all offers of assistance.

Washington.—Admiral Jackson has notified the Navy Department that N.C.3 will be unable to resume the trans-Atlantic flight, declaring that the buffeting of the heavy seas has definitely put her out of the race.—*Reuter.*

Campbell's Dyeworks at Perth were destroyed by fire yesterday. The damage is estimated at half a million.

SEARCH FOR ATLANTIC AIRMEN.

HOPE DEFERRED.

Up to three o'clock on Wednesday morning no news of Hawker and Grieve had been received. All ships in the Atlantic have been called up and apprised of the situation.

By Admiralty orders, all war vessels stationed at Queenstown have been sent out to patrol the seas off the Irish coast and all merchantmen not fitted with wireless are being spoken.

In the House of Commons Lieut. Commander Kenworthy asked what naval vessels were available on the south west coast of Ireland before Hawker started to fly the Atlantic; what steps were taken in case of accident and how many vessels are now searching for him. Dr. Macnamara, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, replied that the vessels stationed off the south west coast of Ireland comprised one flotilla leader, two destroyers and one sloop, all with reduced crews: two sloops on ferry service and one under refit; sixteen motor launches, one patrol boat, four paddle-vessels, ten trawlers and five drifters.

The motor launches are only suitable for inshore service and the paddle steamers and trawlers are continually employed in mine sweeping. During yesterday eleven trawlers were at sea off the west coast of Ireland and at seven o'clock in the evening were carrying out a sweep in the vicinity south west of Blacksod Bay.

THE MYSTERIOUS MESSAGE.

When news of the commencement of the flight was received such steps as were possible were taken on the assumption that Hawker was approaching this side. Yesterday afternoon orders were given for all vessels in the Irish command to proceed to sea as a precautionary measure. All vessels are still at sea searching the area off the west coast of Ireland. Dr. Macnamara explained the theory of the report that Hawker had fallen into the sea forty miles off the Irish coast. He said the Admiral at Queenstown received the wireless message that the Sopwith machine was down from Castletown wireless station. Castletown had received it from a French station and the presumption is that the French station intercepted it in fragmentary form and misconstrued an order of the Admiral to his ships.

Not a single report has been received from any of the numerous aeroplanes, destroyers, mine-sweepers and other craft sweeping the seas off Ireland. Their task is greatly hampered by fog and rain.

GOVERNMENT STATEMENT.

A Government communiqué issued late last night emphasises the fact that these trans-Atlantic flights are private enterprises. The attitude of the Air Ministry has always been to enjoin caution on the participants, not to urge them to make the attempt.

Although not recognising its responsibility in this matter the Government furnished every possible information and assistance to lessen the hazardousness of the attempt. After recapitulating the measures taken to assist Hawker the communiqué warns the public that the chances of finding Hawker are most remote, and referring to criticism of the Admiralty it draws attention to the many heavy responsibilities of the British Fleet everywhere in the world. While anxious to do its utmost to save the gallant and intrepid airmen the Government warns those who may in future attempt the flight that the Government's resources make it utterly impossible that the immense task of patrolling two thousand miles of ocean by way of protection can be undertaken.

In the House of Commons Brig.-Gen. Seely said that up to a late hour the Air Ministry had received no news of Hawker. There was a possibility that the airmen had been picked up by a passing vessel without wireless equipment and also that Hawker's own wireless was damaged when the undercarriage of his plane was dropped. Every available ship and aeroplane has been searching for him under very adverse weather conditions.

Mr. Elliot asked the Government to consider the advisability of limiting further attempts to fly the Atlantic in view of the desperately hazardous conditions. Brig.-Gen. Seely replied that the matter had been given the most careful thought. He considered, however, that it was not right and it certainly was not the function of the Air Ministry to say that our countrymen should not undertake this daring flight and the risks entailed.

CHALLENGE TO FATE.

St. Johns. The start was made in the face of weather conditions which Mr. Hawker characterised as "not yet favourable but possible." Mr. Hawker and Commander Grieve decided to stake everything on the effort. Mr. Hawker considered the question of weight to be of the utmost importance, and, lifting Commander Grieve's bag before starting, he inquired solicitously whether he could not dispense with his pyjamas, declaring that he would have a long sleep at the end of the trip. Before starting Mr. Hawker tried the Sopwith machine for a minute or two and found it in good order. He and Commander Grieve therefore gave the plane a final inspection. Some persons here thought the dropping of the carriage savoured of a challenge to Mr. Raynham, and quoted almost the last words of Mr. Hawker before starting. "How about old Tinsides?

Commander Grieve asserted that the Sopwith would head straight for Ireland. "If we strike Ireland anywhere," he added, "we shall find our mark, but if we hit England we shall be nearer home." During the past few days Mr. Hawker installed a wireless apparatus with a radius of 250 miles. The plane is without landing devices except light skids. If forced into the sea Mr. Hawker and Commander Grieve have little hope of rescue. Both wore watertight suits, designed to keep them afloat for many hours, but as their course lies outside the shipping route, the chances of their being picked up are virtually nil. Concentrated rations were carried, and their fuel supply amounted to 340 gallons.—*Reuter.*

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THIRTEEN.

The Allies accepted President Wilson's fourteen points as the basis of the treaty which they would offer to Germany with two exceptions, which do not concern us here. The point which calls for consideration bears the unlucky number of thirteen, and is as follows:

"An independent Polish state should be erected which should include the territories inhabited by indisputably Polish populations, which should be assured a free and secure access to the sea, and whose political and economic independence and territorial integrity should be guaranteed by international covenant."

At the conference, the Allies had to apply the principles so laid down, with the assistance of the one man who should possess the key to unlock the meaning in these few printed lines—Wilson himself.

The summary of the Treaty's provisions as to Poland is:—

"Germany cedes to Poland the greater part of upper Silesia, Posen, and the province of West Prussia on the left bank of the Vistula. A field boundary commission of seven, five representing Poland and Germany, shall be constituted within fifteen days of the Peace to delimit this boundary. Such special provisions as are necessary to protect racial or religious minorities shall be laid down in a subsequent treaty between the Allied and Associated Powers and Poland with other provisions as to portions of East Prussia."

It is usual to speak of the partitions of Poland as being the dismemberment of a corpse.

This is not accurate. Poland never died. Prussia, Austria and Russia have for a century-and-a-half been rending and torturing a being which would not die. Herein, rather than in the historic wrong done to her, lies Poland's claim to restoration.

For the efforts of Prussia to stamp out the obstinate life from this prostrate being have been well directed, vigorous and costly. Frederick the Great began the colonization of his share of the spoil at once, and settled 300,000 Prussians on Polish land. Bismarck colonized ruthlessly. In the year 1886 alone, 100,000,000 marks were raised for the purpose of buying Polish land for Prussian settlers, and this process continued up to the outbreak of the war until something like one-third of what had been Poland had passed into the hands of Germans. Against this must be set the fact that the Poles, though it was forbidden, had bought back some of the land from its Prussian owners. With the settlement of German colonists came the foundation of German villages, schools and churches, and the German "Kultur." But the penetration was not limited to the confines of German colonies. In pursuance of the policy of the *Kulturkampf*, the Catholic schools of the Poles were closed, their endowments confiscated, the clergy deprived of their benefices and imprisoned. German officials were substituted for Poles who were precluded from holding government posts. The Polish language was forbidden to be taught in the schools or used for official purposes; towns and streets received German names.

The latest means employed in the campaign of denationalization has been the cultivation of the Polish Jew, whom Germany has bound to her interest by the provision of Jewish schools, and avenues to financial gain.

In spite of all these measures the Polish spirit of nationality is quick. To the annoyance of Prussian bureaucracy it was found that the Polish population grew faster than the Prussian. Poles, deprived of land at home, might imigrate into Westphalia to find employment, but they also steadily increased in numbers in Upper Silesia. They resisted, as far as a people in the grip of greater force could, by the formation of Polish associations and Polish banks. They refused to be Prussianized.

To return to the fourteen points: Is there anything in the summary of the Treaty which is plainly at variance with point thirteen? The phrase in that point which most calls for interpretation is "territories inhabited by indisputably Polish populations," but the ruling aim is to be found in the first four words.

Now note, first that the Polish inhabitants were not to be in a majority in any particular district. The territories are to be "inhabited" by a people of whom it can be said that they are Polish; secondly, it is impossible, in view of the history and situation of Poland, to permit of a Polish majority in certain areas. It would be difficult in some parts of Scotland or England to say whether the population is within certain districts more English, Irish or Scotch; but the proper category into which it might fall as regards the nationality of the land could not be doubtful.

It may be taken that what was Poland is inhabited throughout by Poles, though the percentage to the rest of the population may vary in different districts; and it would be entirely contrary to every principle of law if Prussia were allowed to take advantage of her own wrong doing and to plead: "I, by my possessory rights, extruded the Poles from this or that area of their country and filled it with Prussians—therefore it is Prussia, not Poland."

Further, the governing idea of the whole clause is in the first four words; and to constitute a Polish state which shall be independent it must have such economic resources and population, and such frontiers, as will enable it to stand by itself free to develop its life with or without the concurrence of its neighbours.

The territory which is released from Prussia to Poland by the treaty is the minimum which can answer the requisites of point thirteen.

We have said that the stubborn refusal of Polish patriotism to die constitutes a stronger claim to the restoration of Poland than the ancient wickedness of her partition. But once Germany, in her greed for new dominance, was arrested in the perpetration of new crimes against the established order of Europe and found guilty, the record of the criminal was opened for her judges. She herself has annulled the prescriptive tolerance accorded to the old misdeeds of nations.

The further limits of Poland are under discussion. When Austria and Russia have handed back their quota, she will have a population of some 20,000,000 at least. Included among these will be the disturbing element of 4,00,000 Polish Jews upon whom, if Poland be not strong enough, the old Prussian influence may act. On the other hand Germany has done Poland one good turn. In the struggle to make a good land for Prussians she has developed a well-organized heritage for Poles. It will be up to them to show that they have the stability requisite to establish a great and ordered community destined to the mission of recivilizing Eastern Europe.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS ON OUR BATT.(?)

No, dear reader, gentle or otherwise, the interrogation mark is *not* a printer's error, for whatever else may be said of "Our Batt.," it must ever remain a conundrum—at any rate, a "Riddell" bulks very largely in its composition.

By the way we are lucky in having two colonels with us. Its just as well there are two, as one's always "Tyte." When somebody from higher up was given to understand by an intelligent orderly that the C.O. was upstairs in that condition it caused him to think furiously, and he scratched his head as he made his way to O.R. It was so very early in the afternoon, you see.

En passant, does P.M.C. mean "Please More Contribution" or "Pfennigs and Marks Commandeered?"—ah! perhaps it stands for "Phederated Malay Consolidated." though I've never heard of their shares being quoted on the S.E.

We had a Second-in-Command once—for a short time only. To our sorrow his stay below was brief and he has been translated to a higher sphere. Oh, what did you not "Stop for(d)"?

Of course, every well-organised battalion simply must have its C.D.O. in this country, and ours is a busy man. His occupation, unlike that of Othello the Moor, is most certainly not gone. He's always interviewing infuriated women or women or burgomasters foaming at the mouth, or ferreting out or rounding up somebody or something—in fact, his motto appears to be "The 'Moore' the merrier".

There's a policeman at the cross roads, just where the only "Dedman" in the Battalion is to be found, and as I passed the other day I overheard scraps of a conversation between him and a Lance-Corporal in charge of a fatigue party who evidently was enquiring the way to somewhere. The M.F.P. indicated the spot where the rations come from and commenced to whistle "I was standing at the corner of the "Street." (It was a "Grey" day, not to say beastly wet) It was quite true he was standing there, but as I passed on I couldn't help feeling that something was wrong somewhere because there aren't any corners on our G.M.!

Have you seen our transport? Oh, you must have seen our transport, it's like the money Dan Leno used to sing about earning. Not much of it but what there is, is good; but then, you see, the T.O. isn't given to any self-advertisement. Our sports officer too is a very busy man (we rather fancy our chance in the sports line) but now that he has a capable assistant, his time is a little "lreer," and he is still able to look for football fields that don't exist.

Next time you visit "Our Batt." don't fail to call in at the E.O. You don't mean to say you don't know what the E.O. means!! Why, it's the very "Hub" of things, the pulsating life centre without which the life of "Our Batt." would cease to throb. I refer, of course, to that "Hive" of industry — but never mind, if you are so obtuse, so ignorant and so benighted as not to know, I for one shall not attempt to enlighten you. All I know is that their chief is a "Martyr" to the cause, that they are the "Stapleton" which our whole organisation hangs, and that they are not so "Green" as some people "Wieckly" aver.

A very healthy sign in "Our Batt." is the keen rivalry betwen Companies both on parade and off.

Our Company is for ever "Huggin" the main road through the village. I don't blame them, it's beastly dusty everywhere else. You see they are so awfully clean, and are very fond of their "Tubb." One of them had a silent sorrow in his Little Mary the other day and as I passed I heard his Section Commander say "Does the "Stew'urt" yer old man?"

Another Company is very like Oliver Twist. I don't mean because the men ask for more — they all do that — but haven't they a "Beadle" ever at their elbow? There is something, too, to substantiate the rumour that they are fond of English literature, especially Dickens, for they are never without their "Barnaby Rudge."

The third Company is "Garrisoned" in the middle of the top of the village — mark you, not the middle of the bottom of the village — that's quite a long route march to the S.E. as the worm flies.

Now they really are a very patriotic lot. Although on alien soil, they never forget "Brittain." Um, quite so, his "Cousin" wont let' em!

"Spare the rod and spoil the child" is perhaps a bit out-of-date, but their C.C. no doubt finds it very useful always to have a little "Burch" at his right hand. "Brayne," too, if of the active variety, is a useful commodity, and its "na sae bad to always hae "Johnny Walker" on tap aboot the hoose ye ken.'

A "Mase" is a very good substitute for a sceptre, at least so the remaining company say. Their favourite song is "Oh, 'Willey' we have missed you; welcome, home." They have to mind their P's and Q's I can tell you. Their C.S.M. must have an eye like an 'awk "for no matter what they do, or when or where they do it, he can always truthfully say "I Saw yer'."

The editor is prepared to offer a prize of 1,000,000 Mks for the first correct guess as to which "Our Batt." is. (I don't think — Ed.).

THE OPERA.

"HOFFMANN'S TALES".

A full house welcomed Tuesday's performance of the ever-fresh "Erzählungen". Perhaps the fact that the composer was a native of Cologne, or the intrinsic charm of the tuneful music, or both reasons combined, afford the explanation. Be that as it may, it was an enjoyable performance throughout, the scenic effects deserving warm praise. In the opening scene in Luther's Keller, the chorus sang *con brio*, and made an admirable background to Hoffman's (Karl Schroeder's) rendering of the Legend of Kleinzack. In the first act, Käte Herwig as Spalanzani's automaton sang and acted with much charm. The popular Barcarolle in the second act ushered in a magnificent *mise-en-scene*. The bevy of fair ladies reclining in the stately marble hall under the soft witchery of the moonlight with the gondola on the blue water made an impressively romantic ensemble. Here the honours fell to Anna Scheffler, who made a seductive Giulietta. Her duet with Hoffmann was warmly received, and both were again recalled at the close of the act. Antonia's (Johannn Geisler's) singing of the opening romance in the third act was a fine bit of vocalization. Nor can less be said of her duet with Hoffmann. Herr Liszewsky in the different roles of Lindorf, Coppelius, Dapertutto and Dr. Mirakel, had an exacting task to which, however, his versatility as actor and vocalist did ample justice. Katharina Rohr made an attractive Niklaus.

A. M.

THE EPISTLES OF PETER BIRSE, JUNIOR.

A Night With Journalists.

Dear Maister Editor,

Bein' a Cawmbridge Univairsity man, ye'll hae haird o' the celebrawtit vreeter an' skolar, Bob Burton, the far frae lugoobrious author o' "The Anatomy of Melancholy." He was aye i' the forebreist o' m' fauverits i' m' freevitus, love-seek yooth, fan capreeshius lassies turn'd m' heid b' day, an' spoil'd m' sleep b' nicht. Weel Bob, ye'll reckoleck, fan he wearied o' fat a learned frien' o' mine ca's "the academic calm of dispassionate narration," an' sigh'd for a wee bit healthy relacksashun, betook himsel' mony a time tae the Thames tae hear the bargemen swear.

On exackly the same preenciple, fan A tire o' Nat Gould an' Schopenhauer, Bunyan an' Victoria Cross, A repair wi' leisur'd fitsteps tae the "Den o' Thieves," a quate rendy-voo in a back thorofaur in Coloan, whaur some o' m' journaleestic ackwantances drink awa' their gowden 'oors. A dinna gae there expraisiy tae hear them swear, but simply tae hear them crack, tho' that of coorse is practickally the same thing. The noospeyper fraternity has aye graitly interestit me, nae sae muckle on accoont o' auld Peter's weekly epeesels, but becawse the mimbers o' the fourth estait are different kategory men — morally speakin' — frae masel'. Tae m' min' there's only three classes o' humainity — them that draw doon a' their blinds on the Sabbath Day, them that draw doon only the blinds facein' the street, and them that dinna bawther drawin' doon ony. Every journaleest walkin' this airt belangs tae the third class; A belang tae the second; an' Kirsty, m' mither, belang'd tae the first. Auld Peter, the canny carl 'at he was, ees'd tae jump frae the third tae the first class accordin' tae hoo near he thocht his en' was.

"THE DEN O' THIEVES."

I' the "Den o' Thieves" th' eeswal seleck company o' drouths were drinkin' their time awa', regairdless o' this warld or the neist. A dizzen "empties" in front o' them unmistackably testifeed tae the amoont o' conveeviality that had already prevaul'd. As far as I cud gaither they'd been drinkin' ither fowks' health till they begood tae sairiously injoor their ain.

"Hullo, here's Peter Birse," cried ane o' the glez'd-eed tipplers, as I stappit in at the door, "it's time he stood his hand."

I winna dispute, Maister Editor, but fat it maybe was m' turn tae pet m' han' i' m' pooch, but I railly dev objeck maist beeterly an' emfatickally tae bein' remindit in publick o' my soshial responsibeelities.

"Mercifu' heavins," says I tae masel, "fat am I tae dae?

My moral duty i' the cirkumstances was perfeckly pawtint, an' accordin' tae Confucius — that maist sapient o' Chinks — tae see the richt thing an' nae tae dee't is want o' currage. A Birse wi' lack o' currage! Lat it never be said.

So clappin' masel' on the chest i' the reejun o' the Mons Ribbon, A struck a dramatick attitude an' shoutit voceeferously, "Three bottels o' fite wine". A then stappit a Widbine i' m' mooth an' waitit developmints. Th' excitement was intense; th' atmosfeer magnetick.

"Has Peter startit a "Croon an' Anker" brod?" speer'd a fool-mooth'd snipe.

"Na, fye, na," fusper'd anither, wha micht think shame o' 'imsel'. "He's hawkin' soap amang the "Jerries" an makin' a gran' thing o't."

Meanwnile the lang-neckit bottels were makin' an appearance, an' th' 'oor o' m' diskomfitur' was at han'. Whether on laive or peyin' oot siller, pertin's aye a doolfu' bizness. Sax an' thirty marks was the cost o' the lioawshun — a micnty price, a hantle ower heich, for fullin' the wame wi' inseept grape joose.

A GLORIOUS INSPIRASHUN.

Tae sugar the pill a wee bit A threw awa' the fag an' loadit my pipe, kiddin' masel, an' if possibel the company, that money was nae objeck tae a Rothschild in disgyse. In the prosie o' lichtin' m' pipe a priceless inspirashun seiz'd me. Stappin' the burnt spunk i' m' pooch A chuck'd the boax o' matches oot at the open windick into the street.

"Mercifu' heavins," A scraim'd, "I've shied a boax o' spunks oot at the windick b' mistack", at the same time rushin oot o' the door o' the pub. Nae half a meenit had elaps'd sin I made the horrible "blun'ar" but aledy a German littlin, efter the depridawtery menner o' the Clown Prince, had nabbit the boaxie, an' at his heels in cloas purshoot were a couple o' fite-breekit bobbies erm'd wi' soords. Whether they wintit the loonie or the spunks I canna tell, but the chaise proveedit a specktackle as thrillin' as it was comical.

As A was ankshus tae see the upshot — A'm naething if nae a sportsman—A follow'd the bobbies an' the crood, resolv'd if need be, tae assseest the august meenions o' the law.

Suddintly I mindit I hadna pey'd for the drinks, but Maister Editor, I hadna sampl'd them. Some yalla-dogs o' the guttersnipe vareety wid probably hae gane back an' pey'd for the licker, but a'm a fite man, an' the son o' a fite man, tho' the latter for a time was i' the coal-contrackin' bizness. The reglar habituees o' the pub, forbye, were infeenitely better able tae pey for't than I was, so I left the "Den o' Thieves" tae Sawten an' his scribblin' blagairds.

ADVENTURE WI' AN AUTOMATICK MASHEEN.

Wi' a dowie face, an' utterly disjeskit, A stravaig'd alang the Bricht Strassy, a mockery o' a name on the present occashun, an' resolv'd like an Irishman tae droon m' sorrow wi' a smoke. M' cherry-briar a birthda' present frae a deemie i' th' peyper warks at Muggiemose was quickly loadit, but gweed be here, A'd nae a spunk tae kennel't wi'. My boaxie b' this time was dootless in a German bobby's Sunday breeks' pooch waitin' for him tae mak' use o' or for his spouse tae nab.

Spyin' an automatick masheen A drappit a 10 tennig coin into fat I took tae be the slotty for spunks. In the coin drappit wi' a metaillic soun', A birs'd, an' pu'd an' ruggit an' tuggit but damm a thing wid come oot livin' or deid, big or sma, cauld or het, sweet or soor, weet or dry. M' hard earn'd siller was tint — it blackit a' thing.

On closer inspeckshun A fund A'd ackwally drappit the coin intil a letter-boax! M' Aunty Leeby aye thocht A was gaikit an' losh A'm beginnin' tae think the same. The neist colleckshun o' letters, accordin' tae a passin' Jerry, wasna till neist mornin', so A swither'd whether A wid wait a' nicht or come back i' the mornin', tae get m' siller back.

Eventwally A agreed tae wait at the letter-boax tho' A hadna mony oors tae stan', for a street picket cam alang an' took m' name, num'er, rank, et setera, an' order'd me tae m' billet immidiat'ly. On the table o' m' billet was a bizness letter lyin' waitin' me wi' the followin' impident accoont frae the "Den o' Thieves" enclos'd:—

3 Bottles White Wine (Moselle) — — — M. 36.

This pit the tin hat on m' nicht's misfortunes; A collaps'd in a hillock on my virtyous cooch howplessly an' compleetely demoralees'd. This warld's nae a place for a fite man o' gentle birth an' daisent upbringin', like

Yours respeckfully,
PETER BIRSE, JUNIOR.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Thursday	6	Martha	Flotow
Friday	5½	Merry Wives of Windsor	Nicolai
Saturday	5	Faust	Gounod
Sunday	6	The Gipsybaron	Strauss
Monday	6	Barbier of Seville	Rossini
Tuesday	6	Waffenschmied von Worms	Lortzing

"A WIFE ON TRIAL."

51st ROYAL SUSSEX CONCERT AT ALTENRATH.

Another very successful concert was given by "X". Company of the 51st Royal Sussex on Saturday last at Altenrath. The battalion orchestra under R.S.M. Blake came over from Donrath and rendered some excellent selections. After an overture by the Orchestra, C.S.M. Bell opened the programme with a song "When You Come Home," and gave as an encore "Let the great big world keep turning". The second item was a fine exhibition of Indian Club swinging by Pte Dunn who was followed by Lieut. O'Brien in a comic parody. The next item, a cello solo by Cpl. Gardiner of the battalion orchestra was much appreciated, and his technique was really excellent. A sketch "Charlie Chaplin Boxing" was again given by Cpl Hankin and Coy and once more elicited roars of laughter. A violin solo, by Pte Pollard, concluded the first half of the programme.

In the second half of the programme Capt. Horst obliged with "An Old-Fashioned Town." His fine rich voice brought forth loud applause and he gave as an encore "Until." Sergt. Wheatley followed with a cornet solo "Land of Hope and Glory" with orchestral accompaniment. After a song by Cpl Southcott, "My Aim Folk" the concluding item was reached — a sketch entitled "A Wife on Trial." Pte Peart took the part of the Bachelor, L/Cpl. Missen, the wife (on trial) and Pte Wilden, the Doctor. This sketch which deals with the trials of a bachelor who is afraid of a new tax, was very amusing. L/Cpl. Missen in particular is to be congratulated on his make up as the "wife."

"THE BRAGANZAS."

By kind permission of their Commanding Officer, Lieut-Colonel Lee C.M.G. D.S.O., the concert party of the 11th Battalion ("The Queen's") H.W.S. Regiment gave an entertainment to their neighbours the 10th Battalion, on the 16th inst at Lindlar. Although "The Braganzas" are a comparatively new formation, they showed perfect cohesion, which is so often lacking in any new organization, and an excellent "Show" was the result.

As "The Girl," L/Cpl Tompsett was a great success and one would have to seek far afield to find a more suitable "Persona" for this difficult part. Captain Webber and Lieut Kelly in their "Doubles" were "The Goods" of the evening, and always willingly responded to the numerous encores awarded them.

A word of praise is due to their indefatigable organizer, Lieut Penfold and there is no doubt that more will be heard of "The Braganzas" in the near future.

THE RHINE ARMY MUSICAL SOCIETIES.

Rehearsals have now been resumed by the Choral and Vocal Societies. The first of these Societies, which consists of male voices, was formed in February, and from its formation to the end of April held 28 rehearsals, and gave 12 concerts. At two of the concerts sums of 1000 marks and 900 marks respectively were raised for the R.A. memorial Fund and the R.E. Commendation Fund, and the Society also assisted at the concerts in aid of Lord Roberts Memorial Fund. There are at present vacancies for male Altos, second tenors and first and second basses, who are able to read simple music at sight, and intending members should go to the rehearsals which take place each Monday and Wednesday evening at 5.45 in the lecture room on the first floor of the Church Army Club in Antoniter Strasse. A new series of part songs is now in rehearsal of a lighter type than those previously sung by the Society.

The Vocal Society, consisting of mixed voices, is made up of members of the various units, of English ladies stationed in Cologne, and of the men of the Choral Society. Rehearsals are held at 5.45 p.m. each Friday at the above-named lecture room, and all English ladies stationed in Cologne who are interested in vocal music are invited to become members, by attending the next available rehearsal.

A DERBY FLUTTER.

A SWEEPSTAKE FOR ALL RANKS.

We recently expressed regret that someone did not organize a big Derby Sweepstake for the edification of "other ranks" and we published a number of letters which proved conclusively that such a project would be immensely popular.

The announcement that the British Empire Leave Club, Cologne, intend to remedy this deficiency will accordingly be hailed with considerable satisfaction. This wonderful institution, which caters for every kind of entertainment and recreation, proposes to run a huge sweep, and tickets are to be issued forthwith at ten marks a time.

Admittedly, time is short, since the race is to be run on the 4th June, and it will be interesting to observe whether or not the sweep will be as successful as we forecasted.

As far as officers are concerned, the VI Corps Club Sweepstake continues to make great strides. The tickets sold now number close upon 3000 which means that the lucky individual who draws the winning horse will pick up an agreeably substantial sum. The sweep is open to all officers, Army and Naval, as well as ladies of the various British organizations who are now in Germany. Fifty per cent of the proceeds are to go to the holder of the ticket representing the winning horse; 30 per cent to the second, ten per cent to the third, and the remaining 10 per cent will be divided among those who draw quarters.

The results of both the draws will appear in The Cologne Post on 4th June.

DEADLY LANCASHIRE BOWLING.

CRICKET AT OLD TRAFFORD.

VICTORY FOR HOME COUNTY BY TEN WICKETS.

There was little hope for Derbyshire when play resumed on Tuesday morning at Old Trafford. With the exception of Oliver no one stood against the Lancashire bowling and the home county won by 10 wickets.

DERBYSHIRE—2nd INNINGS.

Oliver l.b.w.b. Norbury	65
Severn b. Dean	27
Cadmann b. Dean	14
Slater c. Tyldesly b. Dean	7
Flint c. Parkin b. Norbury	9
Chapman std. Boddington b. Parkin	6
Newton l.b.w.b. Norbury	0
Wild not out	2
Bestwick b. Norbury	1
Extras	25
Total	156

LANCASHIRE—2nd INNINGS.

Makepeace not out	10
Boddington not out	2
Extras	1
Total (for no wkts)	13

Bowling Analysis—Derbyshire (Second Innings: — Dean 3 for 47; Parkin 3 for 48; Norbury 4 for 28; Bullough 0 for 12.

FOOTBALL RUGGER OR CRICKET?

"SIR HARRY LAUDER", "GEORGE ROBEY", "WILKIE BARD" ETC. AT BROHL.

A remarkable and most eccentric football match was played last week, under the burning rays of the sun at Brohl, by "C" Company, 51st Battalion, Bedfordshire Regt.

The opponents of the celebrities won the toss and chose to play with the sun on their necks. Rapid exchanges took place, and after an elapse of twenty minutes it was difficult for the spectators to discern whether "Soccer" or "Rugger" was being played.

"George Robey" getting into a sharp sprint, neatly hooked the ball from a corner and centred it with much force, causing great excitement among the spectators. A spicier shot, one never saw before. "Wilkie Bard" checked the ball and almost scored, but for the timely intervention of Private Joyce, who, forgetting that football was being played, saved the celebrities from getting hilarious by claiming the ball in both hands.

Throwing of Missiles.

The eagle eyes of the referee saw this, and he proclaimed a penalty in favour of the "Celebrities." The task of taking the kick was left to poor old "George" who, amidst a terrible uproar and throwing of missiles, managed to score. The exertion on the part of "George" who, honestly, had never played football before, caused a few minutes to elapse to allow his lungs to refill.

The second half started with much pressing and bombarding by the Company's team, the forwards soon harrassing their opponents goal. A corner resulted and after much discussion as to the positions of the various Celebrity players, the shot was taken. This was too much for "Will" who promptly turned the game into cricket and caught the ball with both hands. Again that keen eyed "Umpire" did proclaim a penalty. The kick was taken by the dashing left-back of the Company team and resulted in a score, thus bringing the game to a draw, which was the state of affairs when the final whistle blew.

INTER-COMPANY CROSS COUNTRY RACE.

"D" COY., 13 PLATOON v. "B" COY., 8 PLATOON, 51st MANCHESTERS.

This race took place over a very trying 3 mile course at Stieldorf on Thursday and resulted in a rather easy win for "D" Coy by 279 points to 186.

Lieut. Mulholland, the first to arrive home, put up a fine race, his time being 14 mins. 15 secs, the best so far over this course. The race was one of a series to decide the best Coy and Platoon at Sports in the Battalion and on yesterday's form "D" Coy 13 Platoon should stand a very good chance of gaining this honour.

The first ten men home were:— 1, Lieut. Mulholland, "D" Coy; 2, L/Cpl. Melaney, "D" Coy; 3, Sgt. Hope, "B" Coy; 4, L/Cpl. Hubbard, "D" Coy; 5, Cpl. Moran, "D" Coy; 6, R. S. M. Birtwhistle, "D" Coy; 7, L/Cpl. Kilpatrick, "D" Coy; 8, Pte. Newland, "B" Coy; 9, Pte. Gibson, "B" Coy; 10, Lieut. Penswick, "D" Coy.

Mr. Norman Brookes, the present lawn-tennis champion, has cabled from Bombay to say that he has been detained at that port. He is not now expected to reach England before the first week in June.

"THE COLOGNE POST" CRICKET CUP.

SECOND FIXTURE LIST-EUSKIRCHEN LEAGUE.

Yesterday, we published the first day's fixture list for the Bonn area, in connection with our cup competition. Below are the matches for the teams stationed in the neighbourhood of Euskirchen, which should be played on Wednesday next 28th May. A further list will be published to-morrow.

Euskirchen area fixtures.

174 Siege Battery v. 11th Leicester Regt.
104 B'de R.F.A., H.Q. v. 9th Corps Troops, M.T. Coy.
1/5th South Staffs v. 21st B'de R.G.A.
354 Siege Battery R.G.A. v. 185 Siege Battery R.G.A.
145 Siege Battery R.G.A. v. 509 Field Coy R.E.
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5th DEVONS TRIALS.

On Saturday last the above Regt. held a small athletic meeting in an endeavour to find some runners to represent the Battalion. In delightful weather, and favoured by the attendance of the band, everything went smoothly. Sergt. Johnston of A Coy displayed good form in the sprints, and Cpl. Marsh of B Coy will be a useful asset. Capt. Anderson won the cross country comfortably and Lieut. Puddicumbe the officers' 100 yards. The inter-Platoon cross country event was won by H.Q. 4 with 52 points, and 2nd place fell to No 8 platoon with 77 points. Cpl. Leo and Pte. Moon ran 2nd and 3rd which enabled their platoon to win the event.

CRICKET FOR OFFICERS.

SPORTS CLUB ARRANGEMENTS.

A meeting of the Committee of the Cricket Section of the above club was held at the Excelsior Hotel on May 19th. Lieut.-Col. J.C. Hartley D.S.O. Commanding 52nd N.F.s presided. There were also present:

Lieut.-Col. C.H.B. Blount M.C., 2nd Wing R.A.F., Capt. R.S.. L. Fowler M.C., 17th Lancers, Major P. Bowes Lyons. Hon. Sec. Officers Sports Clubs Lieut. P.T. Ryding, K.R.R.C. Capt. E.G.M. Buckley A.D.C. VI. Corps was appointed Hon. Secy. to the Cricket Committee. It was decided to call the club The Rhine Officers Cricket Club and that the ground, in the Stadtwald, Lindenthal, Cologne, should be allotted to each Corps, Army H.Qrs. and R.A.F. for one week at a time in turn. It was agreed that each Corps should be allowed to sub-allot the ground to its divisions but not to lower formations.

All officers who play in teams must be members of the club, but to encourage cricket and to stengthen teams, a proportion of other ranks may be included.

On Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays, the ground is to be used by Corps for any matches they arrange, e.g. versus other Corps or Divisions. On Tuesday the Corps is to produce a Corps or divisional team to meet the Rhine Officers Club. On Thursday of each week the ground is to be reserved for the use of teams formed independently of formations, e.g. Scotland v. Ireland; Cavalry v. Royal Artillery; R.E. v. Incognito, etc. Applications for the use of the ground on Thursdays should be made to the Hon. Secy. as soon as possible, stating matches arranged.

It was further decided that the week commencing July 12th should be Cricket Week, the following fixtures being arranged:

July 12th and 13th Free Foresters v. Rhine Army. Manager of Free Foresters team Lieut.-Col. J. C. Hartley D.S.O., 52nd N. F.

July 14th and 15th I. Zingari v. Rhine Army. Manager of I. Zingari's team Capt. R. H. L. Fowler M.C., 17th Lancers.

July 16th and 17th Infantry v. The Rest.

A draw was made to decide the order of allotment of the ground, the following being the result:

Week Commencing.

31st May	9th Corps.	7th June	18th Corps.
14th June	10th Corps.	21st June	R.A.F.
28th June	Army H.Qrs.	5th July	6th Corps.
12th July	Cricket Week.	19th July	2nd Corps.
26th July	9th Corps.	2nd Aug.	4th Corps.
9th Aug.	16th Corps.	16th Aug.	R.A.F.
23rd Aug.	Army H.Qrs.	30th Aug.	6th Corps.
6th Sept.	2nd Corps.		

RHINE ARMY WRESTLING.

LIEUT. HAYE'S AMBITION.

Lieut. E.W. Hayes, 51st Devons, who, by virtue of defeating S.S.M. Thorpe, R.A.M.C. a few days ago, is the 10stone 7 lbs. champion of the Army of the Rhine, is anxious to compete in the English championships this year. Although this undoubtedly clever wrestler has never competed in this competition before, he succeeded in being the runner-up to the champion in an open competition.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Lawn Tennis On Grass.

The first of this season's lawn tennis tournaments on grass began at Surbiton on Monday.

Baseball at Chelsea.

In a baseball match at Chelsea, United States beat Canada 17 runs to nil.

First Class Cricket.

A first-class cricket fixture has been arranged between H. D. G. Leveson-Gower's XI. and Oxford University at Eastbourne on July 3 and 4.

Thames Sailing Boats.

Saturday was a very busy day with boat sailers on the Thames, no fewer than seven clubs giving races.

Whit Monday Sports.

Sports promoters are now getting their programmes forward for Whit-Monday, and although some of the old meetings are still missing, quite a large number will be revived, including some very popular meets.

Teeth Protector At Home.

It is little wonder that Mansfield was so badly marked at the finish of his fight with Wilde, although the fact that he had left his rubber teeth protector at home was responsible for much of the damage to his lips.

Amateur Golfer Turns Professional.

Lieut R. Brook, the assistant secretary to the Royal St. George's Club, Sandwich, is going out to California in September to become professional to the Los Angeles Club.

Three Days for Henley.

So many entries have already been received for Henley Regatta that the management committee have decided to extend the meeting by a day. The date originally fixed was July 4 and 5, and the committee have now taken in July 3.

The Cricket-Footballer.

Moderately strong sides wearing the Arsenal and Chelsea colours met at Highbury, and it is interesting to note that Hardinge, who was included in the home forward line, had been playing cricket during the week at Attleborough.

A London Surprise.

London had a surprise the other day. A coach, horsed with three bays and a chestnut, was tooled skilfully through such crowded thoroughfares as Piccadilly, the Haymarket, Strand, Ludgate Hill, the Bank, and London Bridge. The occupants of the coach were attired in strange and picturesque garb.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

NEWMARKET RACING.

LORD JERSEY'S COLOURS AGAIN SUCCESSFUL.

The going was firm at Newmarket on Tuesday and the weather gloriously fine. The various events resulted as follows:—

Visitors Plate:— 1, Maeldune (100—6); 2, Soviet (100—6); 3, My Patsy (100—8); Fifteen ran.

Norfolk Plate:— 1, Cinna (4—1); 2, Woodrow (10—1); 3, Poltava (5—4) Nineteen ran.

Newmarket Handicap:— 1, Arion (6—5); 2, Tinspear (7—2); 3, Strolling Saint (3—1); Also ran — Sandmole. Four ran. Three quarters of a length separated the winner and the second, and four lengths the second and third.

Burwell Plate:— 1, Good night (3—1); 2, Perion (2—1); 3, Callander (6—4). Four ran.

Somerville Stakes:— 1, Marshall Neil (7—1); 2, Cumberland (100—6) 3, Morganatic Marriage (100—6). Fourteen ran.

Sweepstakes:— 1, Sheenly Boy (5—4); 2, Brussiloff (4—1); 3, Exford (11—8). Three ran.

"THE DERBY" FAVOURITE.

WHAT THE RACING SCRIBES ARE SAYING.

The Panther, the favourite for the great 4th of June event, will not run again before the Derby, says "Hotspur" in the "*Daily Telegraph*": Owner and trainer will, as a matter of course, be criticised by those who think they know more about the horse than they do, and how he should be raced and trained. For myself, I am satisfied to know that the Derby favourite has gone steadily forward since his victory for the Two Thousand Guineas. It would, no doubt, have been highly interesting to see a meeting again between him and Lord Basil, but if Manser thinks the horse would not be placed at a disadvantage through not running, then he is entitled to avoid what risk there may be in running this mile and a quarter on going which is sure to be on the hard side, unless rain falls in the interval. Some horses have not survived their experiences in the Newmarket Stakes after winning the Two Thousand Guineas.

The Decks Cleared.

Derby matters will now engross attention, the decks being cleared of the spring handicaps. The Panther does not run again until Epsom, so that Lord Basil can win the Newmarket Stakes this week without telling us anything more about his Derby chance. Very tall stories (says "Robin Goodfellow" in the "*Daily Mail*") are in circulation about Grand Parade—what he can o with He and Dominion over their best distances. In a mile and half gallop yesterday with Royal Welsh and Skyrocket he showed to poor advantage.

MISS CECIL LEITCH IN BRILLIANT FORM.

Following the draw, the matches to determine the 32 players returning the best scores qualifying to play in the Ladies close golf championship, began at St. Annes on Tuesday.

Miss Cecil Leitch, the holder, easily headed the list with 84; Mrs. Temple Dobell (formerly Miss Gladys Ravenscroft) who won the open championship in 1912 was in poor form and only returned 99.

LAWN TENNIS AT SURBITON.

The results of Tuesdays lawn-tennis matches at Surbiton were as follows:—

In the first round singles the Hon. Mr. Fisher, New Zealand beat Donisthorpe 6—1, 6—3. In the second round Thomas Australia beat O. Turnbull 6—2, 6—3. Doust Australia beat R. Turnbull 6—0; 2—6, 6—0. Roper-Barrett beat Raymond South Africa 6—2, 6—4, Dodd South Africa beat Keeve 6—1, 8—0. Heath Australia beat Boone 6—1, 6—2. Thomas, Australia beat Turnbull 6—2, 6—3. Ritchie beat Phillon 6—2, 6—3, The Hon. Mr. Fisher beat Aitkin South Africa 8—6, 4—6, 6—2. Patterson Australia beat Dash 6—0; 6—0.

THE HAT TRICK AT MUNSTEREIFEL.

51st v. 43rd SOUTH WALES BORDERS.

At Munstereifel on Saturday on the ground of the 53rd. Both sides had noticeable absentees.

Seven minutes from the start Roberts netted for the 51st. Dyer missed an open goal, and Robert experienced hard lines with a hard drive. After a short visit to the 51st end, Dyer broke through, scored a very fine goal, and a minute later obtained No 3. The Bedfords were all over their opponents, and it was not long before Dyer, taking advantage of a faulty clearance by the "goalie" performed the hat trick. by scoring the 51st's fourth goal.

Just before the interval Roberts scored again, and the Bedfords crossed over leading by five clear goals.

The Greens had a look-in on the resumption, but hesitation in front of goal lost them opportunities. They forced a corner but this was cleared, and Dawson transferred play with a good run. Nuttall struck the upright with a hard drive, and then in an attack on the Reds' goal Pritchard broke the 53rd's duck with a nice shot.

There was no further scoring, and so the 51st ran out winners by 5 goals to 1.

52nd D.L.I. OFFICERS v. SERGEANTS.

The 52nd Bn D.L.I. opened the cricket season on Sunday with a game between the officers and sergeants of the Battn.

The officers took first knock and thanks to a breezy 45 by Lieut. Beardall and a few bakers dozens by the other shining lights, compiled the respectable score of 140 before the innings closed.

The sergeants in fear and trembling took their stand and totalled 70 — 25 of which came from the bat of Sgt. Chambers.

After an interval for tea, the sgts. had a second knock and put together 95, leaving the officers 28 runs to gain the day, which they did with the loss of two wickets. For the officers. Lieut. Harding took 5 wickets for 20 runs in the 1st innings and 6 for 38 in the 2nd. Both sides showed great keenness and a good season is anticipated by the battalion.

102 FIELD AMBULANCE v. 113 BRIGADE R.A.F.

The above cricket teams met at Wahn on Saturday, the result being a win for the Ambulance by 109 runs. The chief scorers were: — L/Cpl. Clark, 30, Sergt. Mattick, 28; Pte. Libbiter, 23; and Pte Platt 15;

The Gunners made a poor show before the bowling of Mattick and Platt, only making 38 runs.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Thursday, May 22, 1919.

Wind Easterly 5 to 10 miles an hour. Fine with some mid-day cloud. Visibilty good. Rather warm.

HILARIOUS SPORTS.

MUSICAL CHAIRS WITH MULES AT ROYAL SUSSEX MEETING.

A delightful afternoon's entertainment was provided on Saturday at a mounted sports meeting held at Neunkirchen by the 52nd Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. There were some exciting horse races and several events intended to amuse. As the latter introduced those creatures of incalculable temperament—the mules—it follows that the desired object was thoroughly secured. Sgt. White and Sgt. Sims, who attended in costume and performed equestrian feats, also contributed greatly to the afternoon's hilarity (apologies for grouping them with the four-footed entertainers.)

For the best turned out horses and mules competition was keen, and the judges only reached a decision after a lengthy inspection. The awards went to:—

First prize: Pte. Pearce "B" Coy (horses); Second: Pte. Gammon. "D" Coy (mules); Third: Pte. Wall. "C" Coy (horses).

For the best turned out officers' chargers the following were the awards: 1, Pte. Towler, "D" Coy; 2, Pte. Love, H.Q. Coy.

After several heats in the tug-of-war on mules the grooms team were declared victors. In these contests the mules were more or less amenable but in the mule race with riders sitting backwards they strayed all over the field and the sixth man was the one who actually passed the winning post first—Pte. Pearce. H.Q. Coy; Second, Pte. Allwood, H.Q. Coy; Third Pte. Burgess, "D" Coy.

AFTERNOON'S FUNNIEST EVENT.

Musical chairs was the funniest event of the afternoon. The officers were the competitors. They were mounted bare-backed on mules and when the music stopped they had to dismount and sit on the chairs—if the mules would let them. These humorous animals affected to find something sinister in the chairs: they backed all over the field. Capt. McDermott and Major MacRoberts. D.S.O., M.C., were left seated at the end and were thus the winners.

Racing, on horses and mules, was the principal feature of the proceedings. In the horse race (officers) Capt. O. Smith's Kitty, ridden by Capt. A.W. McDermott, led from the start and apparently up to the straight was to be an easy winner. Here, however, Lieut. J.A.Houghton, the Transport Officer, by a splendid piece of horsemanship so neatly turned a difficult angle as to come in winner by a short head. Capt. C.E. Going, M.C. (Adjutant) made a good third.

In the horse race (grooms) Pte. Fairhead again brought Capt. Smith's horse in first. Pte. Carey was second with the Adjutant's horse and Pte. Towler third on Capt. Richmond's. The other results were:—

Officers' race (mules): 1, Lt. Houghton, 2, Capt. McDermott, 3, Capt. Going.

Drivers' race (mules): 1, Pte. Gammon "D" Coy; 2, Pte. Burgess, "D" Coy; 3, Pte. Norton "A" Coy. In the drivers' race the favourite was rather fresh and threw his jockey, much to the satisfaction of the totalizator, as the winning horse was not backed.

The prizes were distributed by the Commanding Officer, while the duties of judges were undertaken by Lieut. Col Gosset, Lieut. Col Dobbie and Lieut. Col E.R.C.P. Bellingham, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Commanding 52nd Battalion, Royal Sussex Regt.) The arrangements for the meeting were most successfully carried out by Lieut. P.G. Hindess, who also acted as clerk of the course.

GAS RATTLES IN ACTION.

68th BRIGADE R.G.A. v. 93rd BRIGADE R.G.A.

Much interest was evinced in this game played at Mulheim on Saturday, when '68', a practically untried and unknown side, entertained the 93rd Brigade, of which such glowing accounts had been read in *The Cologne Post*. Walton and Tully on the visitors' left were prominent with some good runs but the veteran Rainbow though appearing as a reserve, proved a particularly good spoiler. It was the right wing of the home side which was always giving trouble to the "Clarets" and it was from an exquisite run by Batty and Duncan that the Swindon player scored a fine goal.

Enthusiasm ran high among the supporters, a full establishment of Gas Rattles of the Brigade having been unexpectedly found through the energies of a new "Stinks" Officer, whilst the 'Ford Car' the Grand Stand for the 68th Brigade Commander was observed to be rocking rather dangerously through the obvious delight of its occupant.

The battle was renewed with increased vim, Lieut. Lloyd cleverly stopping Tully and Walton when on a raiding expedition which boded no good for the leaders. The '93rd' eventually equalized, the ball glancing off a home back into the goal just before the interval.

Refreshed by lemons and lemonade, the latter being the present day beverage of the R.G.A., "93" took up the running, their centre-forwards shooting wide. The visitors eventually secured the lead, their inside right as a result of a strong burst, beating the burly Lieut. Brown with a fine ground shot.

The 'Gas Rattles' had apparently become casualties by this time for the goal certainly deserved recognition. The 'Senior' Brigade obviously nettled at this reverse 'got down' to some real graft and the opposing defenders resorted in their oppression to the 'handling code,' three times cleverly deluding the referee.

Batty was working at top pressure for '68' giving Duncan some fine passes which 'Jock' put to good use. Lowe at last cleverly placed to Leigh who equalized through a great effort, to the accompaniment of a chorus by the 'Rattles', which had apparently been receiving attention from the battery 'Spokies.' Both sides were now right out for a lead and a great game ended in a draw of 2 goals each, the two sides thereby maintaining unbeaten records.

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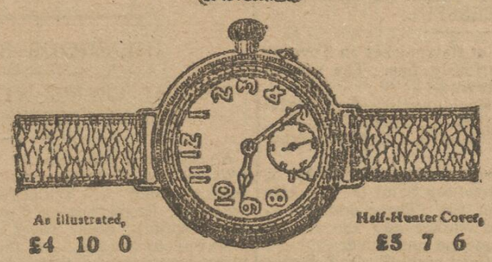

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FORTUNES FROM THE DEEP.

NEW ERA IN TREASURE HUNTING.

In our schoolboy days we delighted to read of expeditions for the recovery of lost wealth from the sea. Many of the stories concerned mythical Spanish gold but the spice of adventure was there and that was enough. To-day this kind of enterprise offers greater attractions than ever. Many millions' worth of property have gone down during the past four and a half years.

While war lasted the Admiralty kept all salvage work in their own hands. But they have now decided to reopen it to civilian enterprise and to confine naval plant to work on the Belgian coast. As a result private organisations such as the Liverpool Salvage Association are restarting as quickly as they can. New companies are also being formed, for the scope of opportunity is world-wide, and holds promise of rich reward.

There exists no difficulty in finding "prospects" to get to work upon. Around such promontories as Beachy Head the seabottom is thickly laden with sunken vessels. It is the same in part of the Mediterranean, off the Irish coast, in the North Sea, the Baltic, and the White Sea. Wherever a prominent "landfall" exists, by which U-boats could wait for prey, wrecks may be found in plenty.

Hundreds are so deeply submerged that the hulls cannot be raised, though their cargoes may be recovered. But in hundreds of other cases both ships and contents are salvable. These jobs will be taken in hand first. They are not only the more profitable, but also most important nationally — we badly need the tonnage they represent.

So pressing did our need of merchant tonnage become during the war that the Admiralty assembled the largest salvage plant ever formed. This was placed under the direction of Commodore F.W. Young, R.N.R., and by means of it there were raised between 400 and 500 vessels, representing a value of approximately £40,000,000. To expedite salvage generally the Admiralty are selling some of their salvage ships to private firms, keeping only sufficient to complete the work being done for Belgium — reopening her ports and inland waterways, blocked up by the Huns.

TOMMY'S ACCOUNTS.

BIG JOB FOR POST OFFICE.

Staffs of local post offices at home have a big job on hand just now in settling the accounts of the demobilized men. Every soldier on dispersal is paid his month's furlough allowance and ration money, together with the balance standing to his credit in his Pay book, by means of warrants to be cashed at the nearest post office. Supposing there is due in this way £20, a few days after arriving home the soldier receives a pay warrant for £5, a week later a warrant for £7, and later one for £8. Subsequently he will receive a Post Office savings bank book with the amount of his war gratuity placed to his credit.

A great many men are drawing on this money, but this is only to be expected, as the object of the gratuity was to furnish a man with money to help him to re-establish himself in civil life. Many have to buy new clothes, or, disappointed of the hope of getting employment before the end of their furlough, may require money to live on.

A system of paying gratuities to ex-officers by instalments is indicated in the following letter, headed Form 477, sent to an applicant by the Director-General of Awards, Ministry of Pensions, Officers' Branch, New North-street, Theobalds-road, W.C. 1:—

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Should you change your address during the next two months it is requested that you should be good enough to notify this office immediately.

The Prince of Wales has expressed his willingness to accept the gift of a pair of shooting boots from ex-Service men who are learning bootmaking and repairing at the Bangor Training Centre.

Woolwich has nearly completed its task of raising £50,000 to build a general hospital, which will not only be a war memorial, but will serve to relieve the London hospitals of much work from the congested south-eastern district.

SOLDIER'S TRAFFIC IN COCAINE.

A COSTLY SOUVENIR FROM AFRICA.

Enough cocaine to cause the deaths of a hundred persons, was found in the possession of Sapper Harold J. C. Draper, (30), who was charged at Tower Bridge on Saturday with attempting to administer cocaine at the Horse and Groom public house, Westminster Bridge-road, to Mrs. Jane Beard, of Lambeth. He was further charged with having cocaine in his possession.

Mrs. Beard stated that she was glancing at a looking-glass when she saw Draper take a yellow bottle from his pocket, remove the cork, and shake the bottle over her beer. He said to her afterwards, "It is cocaine. It is worth twenty quid."

"She lies all the way through," said Draper.

Mr. Gill (the magistrate): "I do not think that the evidence justifies conviction on the charge of attempting to administer the drug."

A public analyst stated that a bottle found in the possession of the soldier contained more than 200 grains of cocaine, and that two grains would be sufficient to kill a person.

Mr. A. H. M. Muter stated that a small dose produced temporary excitement.

Draper said that he bought the cocaine by accident in German East Africa. It was labelled "boracic acid," and he purchased it as such, but soon found out his mistake. He showed it to several persons, and a man in Capetown told him that it was cocaine. He brought it to London to make sure. He did not attempt to put any in the woman's beer, but he showed the bottle to her, and said that if she knew any friends of Billie Carleton they could do some business.

Mrs. Beard: "You asked me if I knew an actress who would buy the cocaine, and you said you had some more in your kit-bag at the Union Jack Club."

Mr. Gill said that cocaine was a most dangerous drug for a man like Draper to have in his possession, and he strongly suspected that he was trying to sell it. It was a serious offence, and he would be sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Instructions were given for Draper's kit-bag to be searched.

AFTER FIVE YEARS.

CHANNEL ISLANDS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

The Channel Islands are once again open to holiday makers. In August, 1914, hundreds of visitors were unceremoniously packed off home, since when holiday-making there has been impossible. Now the islanders are looking forward to a great inrush of visitors from England, hotels and boarding houses, long closed, are being reopened, and keepers of apartment houses are already becoming busy.

It has always been the pride of the Channel Islands that the islands themselves are the great attraction to visitors, and no attempt has been made to supply the artificial attractions so common at English seaside resorts. The most striking feature of the islands is still their insularity. The inhabitants are well satisfied with things as they are and keenly jealous of the neighbouring islands. The main rivalry is between the two larger islands. Sark, by general consent, is acclaimed the most beautiful of the islands, the rugged grandeur of its coast and its general picturesque scenery stamping it as a thing apart. Sark is already filling up, and Alderney, too, has its attraction, since spirits and tobacco can be obtained more cheaply there than in any of the islands.

Jersey and Guernsey are agreed that, with the resumption in a few weeks of a daily mail boat, large numbers of visitors may be expected. The passport restrictions have not been removed, but they do not involve serious difficulty, and the islanders are consoling themselves with the reflection that their effect will tend to limit their visitors to the wealthier classes.

A road, erected at a cost of £220, was dedicated to St. John the Baptist Church, Spalding, on Sunday, as a memorial to the men belonging to the parish who have fallen in the war.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS AND ENQUIRERS.

We have stated several times that no notice can be taken of any communication which does not give full particulars concerning the sender—rank, name, unit, etc. These need not necessarily be published but the Editor must have them for reference.

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GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

A GENERAL AND THE EX-KAISER.

General von Bernhardi, the celebrated author-General of Germany, and incidentally one of Prussia's most erring prophets, has come into the limelight again by giving a few criticisms on the Kaiser's guilt. He it was who eight years ago exhorted the German people to higher ideals of militarism as the only means of obtaining power in the world. "The end-all and the be-all of a state is power," said the General, "and when threat of war is insufficient to call attention to its own claims the concert must begin; the obligation is unconditional, and the right to fight becomes the duty to make war."

Justified by such moral creeds Germany decided to make a great bid for World Dominion. To quote Bernhardi's pre-war words: "We must not aim at the impossible. A reckless policy would be foreign to our national character and our high aims and duties. But we must aspire to the possible, even at the *risk of war*. This policy we have seen to be both our *right* and our *duty*."

So that the planning of the Great War was no reckless scheme, it was a deep hideous plot (covered to the German people by the leaders with a grand rich cloak of "duty") to overthrow those powers which blocked the way to Germany's future progress. It was a callous plan founded on that time-worn system of the survival of the fittest. "The longer we look at the things with folded hands, the harder it will be to make up the start which the other Powers have gained on us."

Preventive War permissible.

The crushing of the militarism, which this great General said must assuredly win a glorious future, has had no effect in altering his views. In a recent article in the *Rote Tag*, a Berlin paper, he declares that the Kaiser's sole guilt consists in his not having begun the war soon enough while Germany's enemies were not yet prepared. We have seen that Bernhardi upholds the duty to make war, and we find in this article no only the reiteration of that sentiment, but that war should be made, if it is to be successful not on the occurrence of any violation by another country, but merely at the precise moment when the enemy is at its weakest. This phase, he urges, must be looked for, and the opportunity taken immediately it is presented.

"In the World War," says Bernhardi, the Kaiser up to the last moment, believed Russia would refrain from carrying out her hostile intentions and that England would not take part in the war. He acted in this belief until the end, and was only with difficulty induced at the last moment to accept the challenge flung at him."

Newspaper Criticisms.

The *Kölnische Volkszeitung* regrets that this article has been published but at the same time points out that one advantage is afforded in that "it proves that the wishes of those who (according to the opinions of our enemies) controlled the pre-war politics, have not been fulfilled either by the Kaiser or the authorities."

The *Tageblatt* remarks: "General Bernhardi admits that certain persons urged the acceptance of the challenge. The present situation shows whether, by their pressure, they led the Kaiser and the German people."

Y.M.C.A. ACTIVITIES.

A "GILBERT AND SULLIVAN" NIGHT.

At a delightful concert-lecture on 20th May, the creator of "Raffles," Mr. E. W. Hornung, appeared in the new rôle of vocalist. Supported by Dr. Francis and Rev. A. D. Mackenzie he gave a spirited rendering of "A Policeman's Life is not a happy one." Many other solos, as well as duets and quartettes, were given in illustration of a lecture on "Sullivan and his Place in Music," which was one of a series of illustrated lectures on celebrated composers, in the Central Y.M.C.A. Loreley Hall.

The director of the musical activities of the "Central," Mr. Jones, played and sang, and he was ably supported by Mr. Mackenzie, Pte. Brickall and a quartette party which included Miss Thomson, Miss Tuckett and Mr. Hatch of the Y.M.C.A. Headquarters' Staff. A duet, "Pretty, Pretty Maiden," from The Mikado, was given with admirable dramatic effect by Miss Tuckett and Mr. Mackenzie. At the unanimous request of the audience, Mr. Jones consented to give another "Sullivan" evening on an early date.

VISIT OF EMINENT ORGANIST.

Major Walford Davies, R.A.F., the eminent organist of the Temple Church, London, is coming to Cologne to-day, Thursday, to give a lecture on "Music in the Rhine Army," in the Central Y.M.C.A., 44 Friesenstrasse. There will be much singing.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The French Ministry of Food announces that it is intended to abolish bread tickets after June 1.

To commemorate the 27 old boys and masters of St. Paul's Cathedral Choir and School who have fallen in the war a fund of £2,000 is being raised.

Mr. Herbert G. Ponting, in his 1,000th lecture on "Captain Scott in the Antarctic," said he considered that the cinematograph was the greatest educational device ever conceived by the genius of man.

Arthur Jenkins, of London, T.R. Griffiths, of Birmingham, and a Christadelphian, named Welland, conscientious objectors, who were serving terms of imprisonment in Birmingham Prison, have been released after hunger-striking.

Two hundred and four names of soldiers who have died are given in the casualty lists issued during the week-end.

"He looked like a married man, he was so miserable," said a witness in a bigamy charge at Lambeth.

Westminster City Council are offering for sale creosoted wood blocks at 15s. a ton. They should be useful for peace-day bonfires.

Twenty-two persons were injured, including seven American soldiers and one British soldier, in a train accident at Brussels.

Northampton teachers decided on Saturday to hand in notices, because they regard the new scale of salaries as absolutely inadequate.

Sir John Field Beale has been elected to fill the vacancy on the board of directors of the Midland Railway Company, created by the death of Mr. G. Murray Smith.

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GERMANY GRANTED EXTENSION OF TIME.

ALTERNATIVE MEASURES.

WOMEN REPULSE BOLSHEVIST ARMY.

FREEDOM OF THE SCHELDT.

GERMANY ASKS FOR MORE TIME.

CO-RESPONSIBILITY.

Count Brockdorff Rantzau has formally requested the Allies to allow Germany more time to present its counter-proposals to the Peace Treaty. He says the German Government intends in the next few days to address communications on the following further points territorial;—questions in the East; Alsace Lorraine; the occupied region; the reparation problem; Labour legislation; treatment of German property in enemy countries.

German press forecasts prophesy that the principal points of the reply will be a proposal to institute a joint committee consisting of representatives of both sides, with a neutral president, to decide economic controversies; the appointment of a similar committee to determine the amount of the damage in Belgium and France (protests against damage to Germany being left out of consideration); that Austria-Hungary, being Allies of Germany, must be held equally responsible with Germany.

BERLIN DEMONSTRATES FOR AND AGAINST THE PEACE.

Many thousands of people yesterday again demonstrated in the streets of Berlin. The Majority Socialists gathered at the Wilnelmsplatz. Among others, Scheidemann, Prime Minister, harangued the crowd, and was severely heckled.

In front of the Reichstag building the Independent Socialists assembled with those of the Majority Socialists who, like themselves, are ready to sign the Treaty. Carrying red flags they tried to enter the Wilhelmstrasse in order to demonstrate against Ebert and Scheidemann, but only a small number succeeded in reaching the chancellory. Yesterday the Independent Socialists made a huge demonstration at which they called for the overthrow of the Government, for the liberation of political prisoners and the establishment of a republic of Soviets. Hugo Haase, leader of the Independent Socialists, pointed out that a world revolution would change the Peace Treaty into a "scrap of paper."

A member of the "International Association of the disabled" climbed on the monument of Friedrich Wilhelm III and, acclaimed by the spectators, put a red flag into the hand of the statue. The head of the horse was also ornamented with flags and finally a placard was attached depicting a soldier playing a barrel-organ with the title "The Gratitude of the Fatherland."

There was no real disturbance. Demonstrators who wanted to enter the Hotel Adlon, where the Allied Missions reside, were soothed by policemen and retired.

ALTERNATIVE MEASURES.

The Allies and their associates are resolute to enforce the terms if Germany does not accept them. There can be no question either of their determination to take this course. Marshal Foch has completed a tour of inspection of the Rhine and Germany has been reminded already that the machinery of the blockade can again be put into operation at a few hours notice. General Pershing has been obliged suddenly to postpone his eagerly expected visit to Great Britain. It is officially announced that the reason for this change of plan is "uncertainty about the German attitude regarding the Peace Terms and the situation arising therefrom." The significance of the incident at the present moment cannot be missed. It conveys a very clear intimation to Germany that America is in full agreement with the intention of the Allies to take military action if necessary in order to secure signature of the terms.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR GERMAN OBSERVATIONS.

In response to Count Brockdorff-Rantzau's representations that the observations of the German delegates are so complicated as to prevent their presentation within the fortnight originally granted, M. Clemenceau has agreed to extend the time until the 29th May. A further week will then be permitted to the Germans before making their final decision to sign or not to sign.

It is believed generally that they will sign but they will probably first try to induce the Allies to make changes enough to show the German people that the terms are not, as at first, unacceptable. Alternatively they may refuse to sign and then submit to "Superior Force" to save the face of the German Government. It is expected that the terms to Austria will be presented to the Austrian delegates early next week.

VOTES FOR FRENCH WOMEN.

The French Chamber of Deputies has decided by 344 votes against 97 to give political rights to women.

The death is announced of Colonel G.H. Brook Coats, C.B., aged sixty-seven. He was a retired Indian Army officer who served in the Afghan war and took part in the march to Kabul and Kandahar.

POLISH WOMEN BATTALIONS.

BOLSHEVIST ATTACKS REPULSED

The Polish National Commitee announces that the Ukrainian offensive in Eastern Galicia, which was directed against Kamienopol and Brusy, was beaten back by Polish women battalions and troops from the garrison of Lemberg. This success enabled the Polish troops stationed north of Kunikow to make considerable progress. There is also much fighting in Volhynia, where the Poles scored a victory near Zolkiew, and also occupied Obroszyn, Turynka, Mosty-Wielkie, Sokol, and Krystynopol.

On the Lithuanian and White Ruthenian fron the Poles attacked the Bolsheviks, upon whom they inflicted casualties amounting to 500 in killed and wounded. They also occupied Nowoswienaiany and Inturki, and made same booty in railway material. They took 100 prisoners and five machine guns.

Ataman Oskilko, one of Petlura's generals, who commanded a Ukrainian army against the Bolsheviks, arrived with his staff in the Polish lines asking protection. His declaration that Petlura is in close contact with the Bolsheviks, made a great sensation in political and military circles.—*Reuter.*

Copenhagen, Tuesday. A telegram from Warsaw quotes the following official communiqué: "Polish troops have taken Borysiav and Dronobycz, and other detachments have captured Nikolaievsk and forced a crossing of the Dniester. A bridge near the Bozwadow military road and the Lemberg-Nikolaievsh railway are entirely in Polish hands. The enemy is fleeing precipitately."—*Reuter.*

NATIVE INDIAN LOYALTY.

The India Office last night issued the following: The following news has been received from the Viceroy of India:

Council of Regency Bahawalpur have placed Imperial service troops and whole resources at disposal of Government, in view of Afghan war, at representative gathering of Moslem, Sikhs, and Hindus at Lahore. Lieut.-Governor of Punjab received from all communities convincing assurances of support to Government in the present crisis.

TEACHING THE AFGHANS A LESSON.

Reports received from the Government of India state that our forces at Dakka were attacked by Afghans in force on the 16th May. The enemy were driven off and the night was quiet. Our casualties are reported at about one hundred and thirty. On the 17th the First Indian Brigade, with the co-operation of aeroplanes, attacked the enemy on the hills West of Dakka, which was captured. Our casualties are not yet reported. The enemy's strength was reported as eight battalions with guns, four of which were captured. Over one hundred enemy dead, mostly regular troops, have already been counted. On the 18th the situation was reported by the General Officer commanding the First Indian Division as being very satisfactory. Our pickets now hold the hills West of Dakka. Sherabad and Rubat, about two miles North West of Dakka, are occupied by us. This successful action is reported to have had an instantaneous and beneficial effect on the tribes.—*British wireless.*

SCHELDT TO BE FREE.

Paris. At the meeting this morning of the five Foreign Ministers the Dutch delegates accepted the revision of the Treaty of 1839, as far as the free use of the Scheldt and Meuse is concerned, but were unwilling to agree to the revision of the territorial clauses of the treaty.

[By the Treaty of 1839, the navigation on the Scheldt was forbidden to foreign warships, the territory on either side of the river being Dutch. The result was that at the beginning of the war Antwerp could not be relieved by the British Navy using this waterway. So jealous were the Dutch of their rights over the Scheldt that shortly before the war—and in expectation of it—they fortified the entrance to it at Flushing, to the great advantage and joy of the Germans, and against the vain protests of the Belgians and the French.]

GERMAN GOLD.

Yesterday a special train from Germany to Holland conveyed 200 million marks in gold. This money was deposited in the Nederlandsche bank as guarantee for the payment of foodstuffs from America.

ARRESTED U-BOAT CAPTAIN.

Berlin, Monday.—The German Armistice Commission at Spa has protested against the arrest of the German U-boat commander, Herr Kiesewetter, in England, urging that the British Government expressly promised safe conduct to the German crews. — *Reuter.*

THE MURDERED YOUNG W.A.A.C.

SERGEANT-MAJOR ACCUSED.

The inquest on Ellen Florence Ruby Rault, the young W.A.A.C. who was found murdered on May 12 in Wilstead Wood, near Bedford, was resumed yesterday.

Company-Sergeant-Major Montague Cecil Keith Hepburn, of the Royal Engineers, who has been charged with the murder of the woman, was in court. He appeared calm, and talked without emotion to the two police officers who had charge of him.

The proceedings took place in a hut at Haynes Park Camp, where Miss Rault was stationed with her unit.

Miss Hickson, Unit Administrator, stated that Miss Rault had been under her command since 9th November. She was a perfectly straight girl, and on good terms with her fellow-workers. Only on one occasion had she committed a breach of discipline. She stayed out for an hour without leave. She said she did it on the spur of the moment for a lark.

She was a very lively girl, and had to be spoken to severely before she could realise the seriousness of the offence. This was about two months ago.

Eva Brown, a good-looking girl, also belonging to the corps, said she had known Miss Rault nearly two years. Witness last saw her alive about 3.30 p.m. on Friday, 9th May, when they had a cup of tea in the kitchen of the officers' mess. Miss Rault was then off duty, and she said to witness: "I am going to meet a sergeant-major at the gate outside the camp to go on the river at Bedford."

THE DEFINITE ARTICLE.

The Coroner: Did she say "a" sergeant-major or "the" sergeant-major?—She said "the" sergeant-major.

Had she anything in her hand?—No, she had a book in her pocket. She took it out in the kitchen.

What was it?—The book of "A Hundred Poems."

Witness and Miss Rault had attended a dance at the camp on the previous night, and Miss Rault had danced with the sergeant-major. Witness did not know his name; they spoke of him as "the little dark man." There had sometimes been quarrels among the girls about a certain man, but she had never known any quarrels with Miss Rault over the sergeant-major.

Answering the Coroner, Miss Brown said Miss Rault had shown her certain photographs in her wallet.

Do you remember seeing these photographs?—I have seen two of them, but I don't remember the third one.

Mr. A. Farr, representing Sergeant-Major Hepburn, asked to examine the photographs and they were handed to him. They were of men in uniform.

The Coroner (to witness): Was she afraid of walking about by herself in the camp?—No.

Did she talk much to you about the sergeant-major?—No.

Did she ever tell you she was engaged to him?—No.

Witness said she did not think deceased knew the sergeant-major's name. The two were on quite good terms.

She knew an individual called "Tom the Stoker," but had not seen Miss Rault talking to him more than any other girl did.

HOW THE BODY WAS FOUND.

Corporal Augustus Walter Martin, R.E., stationed at the Haynes Park depot, described the finding of the body. It was partly covered with branches of a tree. The legs were doubled right under the body.

The deceased girl was lying on her back, and her hair was disarranged. Her dress was pulled up to her waist. There were the marks of three blows on the face. On her left hand rested a pocket wallet, and between her right and her body a small patriotic calendar. The wallet was open and the photographs were inside.

Police Constable Holdon said he found four stab wounds in the breast. A purse contained 10s. 5d. Close to the right hand was an Army dinner knife. It looked as if it had been cleaned by being plunged in the ground; there was no stain on it, but some rust. There had been a heavy thunderstorm.

Police Sergeant Stack said he found signs of a struggle at the place where the body was discovered. At the medical hut he found some short brambles under the girl's tunic and close to her skin.

THE FATAL WOUND.

Dr. William Garner described the various wounds on the body. One stab had penetrated the heart. In his opinion the weapon used was a sharp, pointed instrument. He found no evidence of criminal assault.

Is it possible for any of the wounds to have been caused by the Army knife?—I do not think so. Witness added that he was of opinion that wounds were caused by a dagger.

Were you shown another knife by the police?—Yes, and a red-handled clasp knife.

Could those wounds have been caused by the large blade of that knife?—They might have been.

John Charles Bray, a Bedford Modern School boy, said that when he was cycling home shortly before 5 p.m. on May 9, he heard someone breathing hard in the wood and the noise of the cracking of dry bushes in the opposite direction. He saw Sergeant-Major Hepburn sitting in an open lorry at the camp when he passed through. Hepburn waved his hand to him.

Betty Davis, another member of the corps, said that the deceased told her she was going to Bedford to go on the river with the sergeant-major.

The hearing was then adjourned.

A motor cyclist in the uniform of a Sergeant-major of the Canadian A.S.C. was killed yesterday at the dangerous cross-roads between Canterbury and Ramsgate by collision with a motorcar.

Babs, of Beattie and Babs, the well-known music hall couple, was seriously injured in a motorcycle smash on Saturday.

LORD FRENCH'S CANDID CRITICS.

FRENCH COMMANDER'S REPLY.

General Lanrezac, Commander of the French Fifth Army at the beginning of the war, replies to the criticisms against him made by Field-Marshal French in his book "1914," which is appearing in the *Daily Telegraph*. General Lanrezac says in the Paris edition of the *New York Herald*: "The Field-Marshal in Chapter II., gives vent to an expression of opinion in my regard in a form which, coming from a man who has held such a high position in the heroic British Army, is insulting and inadmissible. I will not follow him along that path, for abuse is never an argument, and, apart from that, the state of my health absolutely forbids it. I regret that the Field-Marshal does not rate me higher, but I can easily resign myself to it, being accustomed to despise adverse opinions so long as they are not based upon facts.

I will confine myself to dealing with one of the Field-Marshal's assertions, in which he says that he judged me very unfavourably from the first day he met me, on Aug. 17, about noon, at Réthel, where I had just established my headquarters. Up to that time he had never had any relation with me, and knew me only by report, which was very favourable to me, it would appear, according to what he says himself. The interview lasted only ten minutes, and neither he nor I uttered a single word which would have given the most minute observer the chance of forming an estimate, one way or the other, of our respective values as Commanders-in-Chief.

Reasons of propriety alone would have prevented my criticising the English operations before if the most elementary sense of honesty did not forbid it, for even to this day I have not an aquaintance with the facts sufficiently comprehensive and assured to expatiate upon them.

Field-Marshal French is certainly no better informed as regards my operations than I am as regards his: he should therefore display more reserve in respect of me. It is certainly the case that I was relieved of my command on the evening of Sept. 3, but the Field-Marshal is not aware of the true reasons for the disgrace which has fallen on me, and even if he knew them, in the absence of sufficient evidence, it would not be in his power to judge in what degree those reasons are well-founded. The Field-Marshal knows by experience how uncertain is the fate of military leaders in an unsuccessful war.

FIRE AT SHOOLBRED'S.

FIFTY MOTOR PUMPS IN ACTION.

In the early hours of Tuesday morning London firemen were engaged in extinguishing a big fire which, broke out late at night at the emporium of Messrs. James Snoolbred and Co. Ltd. and burned with increasing intensity for a long period before the brigade, with fifty motor pumps in use, began to make an appreciable impression. Originating from an unknown cause in a packing room of the basement, the outbreak had gained a considerable hold on that part of the building by the time any considerable force of the brigade was assembled. The density of the smoke and the great heat made the work of the brigade very difficult. As a consequence the ground and upper floors of the building became more or less affected, and in one part the flames reached the roof; but the main damage occurred on the lower floors, and in the result the outbreak did not develop to such an extent as at one time appeared likely. The departments principally affected were the despatch rooms and the stationery and piece goods branches. The whole of the furnishing establishment escaped damage, and the store department was practically untouched. The outbreak attracted large crowds to the neighbourhood of the Tottenham-court-road. The drapery and fashion departments, the furniture departments, and the grocery, provision, and stores departments are untouched, and yesterday business was being carried on in all sections as usual. In all there were seventy-five brigade motor appliances in attendance, including fifty motor pumps. The damage is estimated at £100,000.

1st 20th LONDON REACH HOME

The cadre of the 1-20 Battalion County of London Regiment, who returned from France last week, were welcomed at Greenwich yesterday by the Mayor and Mayoress, with whom were the Mayors of Deptford and Lewisham and the Astronomer-Royal. Officers and men, numbering about fifty, arrived at midday at Greenwich Station, and marched through cheering crowds to the Borough Hall, where luncheon was provided. The Mayor of Greenwich presided, and congratulatory speeches were made by the Mayors of Deptford and Lewisham. Afterwards there was a triumphal march through the principal streets to Holly Hedge House, Blackheath, the headquarters, where they were entertained to tea. The thoroughfares, which were lined with schoolchildren, were gaily decorated.

MILITARY MEDALLIST'S SUICIDE.

A case of remarkable determination on the part of an Australian soldier in committing suicide was investigated by Mr. Gilbert White and a jury at Woking yesterday.

The man, W. Francis Cox, M.M., was a native of Woking, and was on leave pending his return to Australia. On Sunday his mutilated body was found on the railway near Byfleet, and, according to the medical evidence, he had first cut his throat (an open razor was found close to the body) and then placed himself in front of an express troop train. He had been working as a joiner at 1s. 9d. per hour, and his wife had an allowance of 10 guineas per month from the Australian Government.

A verdict of "Suicide during temporary insanity" was returned.

AMERICAN TRIBUTES TO HAWKER AND GRIEVE.

"TWO SPLENDID FOOLS"

No news has been received of Lieut. Hawker and Commander Grieve, and the worst fears as to their fate are now entertained. Almost the only possible hope is that the airmen may have been picked up by a vessel not carrying wireless. The Government last night announced that the Naval authorities have ordered the immediate despatch of a number of destroyers in further search, though in view of the vast areas involved the Admiralty warn the public that the chances of finding them are very remote.

Air crossings, in tragedy and triumph, are subjects of much comment in the American Press. When news came that Mr. Hawker and Commander Grieve had soared into the air in their frail biplane and sped away into the unknown, the heart of every red-blooded man here leaped in his breast. "They have given an example of daring and daring," says the *New York Herald*, "of which mankind may be proud, and it is a great pity they did not reach the goal." "But," says the writer, "in this year of closing war, is proof necessary that the British race still breeds men?" "As an example of what men will dare, and of contempt for death", says the *New York Globe*, Hawker and Grieve, "two splendid fools," will be immortalised. Another comment is that if the American seaplane enterprise, with all its precautions, was so hazardous, how much more hazardous was that of Hawker and Grieve without precautions. It is questioned here whether even the most elaborate preparations by the British naval authorities would have saved the day for the intrepid fliers, and there is no attempt whatever to make capital at the expense of the British Admiralty. There is good reason, according to information received here from St. John's, to believe that the British officials warned the competitors to delay their start until a time when the conditions might prove less dangerous, and when naval co-operation would lessen the risk. How far this story is correct one cannot say, but it has been frequently repeated. Dead or alive, Americans esteem Hawker and Grieve for their sporting courage, and will count them as a pair of the bravest men who ever went out on a daring, and, as most people here think, hopeless errand.

OTHER UNDETERRED COMPETITORS.

Mr. Raynham has ordered another engine for the Martynside machine which is now being dismembered, and will be rebuilt here with the aid of the spare parts already on the spot, as two-thirds of the rear fuselage are unharmed. It is expected that the machine will be ready for flight within four weeks, and a start will then be made from Mount Pearl instead of from Quidi Vidi.

Preparations for other flights are proceeding apace, and Admiral Kerr, of the Handley Page machine, says his workmen are two days ahead of their schedule time in their preparations at Harbour Grace. Captain Alcock, whose Vickers machine is expected this week, may also proceed to Harbour Grace, having been granted permission to use the Handley Page aerodrome for the flight, as his machine is much larger than either the Sopwith or the Martinsyde machines.

Major Partridge, who was arranging for the venture of Colonel Porte's flying boat trip from Cape Broyle, has been instructed to make no further contracts for essentials regarding the undertaking. This is regarded as evidence of a possible alteration of plans by the British authorities, and the impression here is that a big British airship will shortly attempt the flight from England direct to New York.—*Reuter.*

LORD MAYOR WELCOMES THE H.A.C.

UNIQUE RECORD.

The cadre of the First Battalion of the Honourable Artillery Company, consisting of six officers and forty-eight non-commissioned officers and men, arrived in London from Cologne on Tuesday. The party, which in reality consisted of an escort to the colours already presented to the battalion, reached Waterloo shortly after eleven o'clock, where a large crowd gave the men an enthusiastic reception. Amongst those present at the station were General Fielding, commanding the London district, and his staff. Headed by the band of the regiment, the home-coming men marched off to headquarters at Armoury House, cheering crowds lining the route as the men, with bayonets fixed, swung through the City streets. The cadre was reinforced by several hundred demobilised H.A.C. men, who joined their comrades at different points along the route.

As the men passed the Mansion House, the Lord Mayor, in his robes, took up a central position on the balcony, with him being the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs, Lord Denbigh (Colonel of the H.A.C.), and Colonel Treffry, who commanded the battalion when it first went out to France. At Armoury House a hearty welcome awaited the men, who were entertained to lunch. The First Battalion left London for active service in September, 1914, and on the occasion of their departure they were reviewed by the King (Captain-General of the regiment) in the grounds of Armoury House. Among those who went out with the battalion and who returned yesterday were Lieutenant-Colonel P. G. Cooper, who was in command of the party, Major and Quartermaster G. H. Mayhew, M.C. and Sergeant Adams, M.S.M.

At the lunch at headquarters Lord Denbigh, who presided, told the men that the magnificent reception they had received from the City that morning was a mark of the high esteem in which their regiment was held.

Colonel Cooper, who commanded the 1st Battalion during the last two years, thanked the officers and men who had served under him for their loyalty, and mentioned that the Honourable Artillery Company had the record of never having had a court-martial during the war.

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GERMANY'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WAR.

A STUDY IN GERMAN MENTALITY.

When we are dealing with Germany's responsibility we must always bear German mentality in mind: as we pointed out in a previous article on the "Two nations". There was the Prussian "nation" of the Prussian Government, its military and bureaucratic officials, most of whom still continue to hold office, and the great mass of the German people who accepted the official statements as to foreign policy with a childlike credulity. Now the Germans are not a people of great political insight. Neither their temperament nor their past history has fitted them for the role of self government such as we have developed during the past 800 years.

Hence the credulity of the average German is astounding beyond belief; he believes implicitly in the *Einkreisungspolitik* (Policy of encirclement of the late King Edward, in the war of defence against a treacherously premature Russian mobilisation—and so on—.

Now this ignorance, both of the causes and origin of the war, and of the real reasons of the breakdown in November last, has a great bearing on the present German attitude towards the Peace terms. When, in the course of last September and October, Ludendorff realised that the game was up, the German people were kept in complete ingnorance of the fact that their armies were being rapidly defeated and, had the armistice not been granted, would have been confronted in a fortnight with a super-Sedan. The breakdown of the home front was, in their opinion, the chief contributory cause, together with the defection of their allies and the rigour of the blockade. The sudden outbreak of the revolution was engineered by the troops on the lines of communication, and consummated by the naval revolt at Kiel and Wilhelmshafen. Then came the Revolution and abdication of the Kaiser.

Therefore the German is apt to decline all responsibility for the past misdeeds of his Government on these grounds: "Yes, doubtless there were many wrongful deeds and acts of violence committed by the Army Authorities during the course of the war: but by our Revolution the old possessors of power (Machthaber) have been swept away — the sponge has been completely passed over the slate. We start with an entirely new policy and frame of mind — disarmament, International Socialism, League of Nations — all these ideas we share — and yet you will persist in treating us a though we were the legal inheritors of Prussian militarism. You seem to forget that one of your own statesmen has laid down that you would mete out far different treatment to a democratic and de-militarised Germany from those terms which would have to be exacted from an unrepentant Germany ruled by old autocracy, still animated by the spirit of Prussian *Junkertum*."

But has Germany *really* changed in spirit throughout all its sections of political thought since 1915—16? At the Stockholm Conference in June, 1917, which was attended both by Majority and Minority Socialists, some rather strange views were put forward. Ebert, Scheidemann, Fischer and David Legien were amongst the Majority representatives.

What had they to say about the "Schuldfrage" (question of responsibility for the war) as early as then? Scheidemann defended the action of the Party on August 4th, 1914 when they threw in their lot with the Government. He also claimed that, so far from its having accomplished nothing, the Russian Revolution should be put down to its credit! David repeated the stock German arguments about England's commercial jealousy, and he even attempted to present the concatenation of events in the fateful 12 days of 1914 in such a way as to make the Entente powers appear the guilty parties, and Germany innocent. As for what had happened in Belgium, England, he said, was responsible! Subsequently, Ebert deprecated the whole business of the "Schuldfrage." They were not there, he said, to apportion blame. In their view, the Frieden der Verständigung (peace by understanding) simply meant that the Central Powers were to go back to the map of July, 1914.

And so we simply come back to this: that the Germans assert that they were not the only guilty ones, and that the Entente, having accepted President Wilson's fourteen points as a *basis* for peace negotiations, there ought to be no peace of violence such as the present treaty foreshadowed. But the Germans forget that points seven and eight anticipate the financial reparation due to Belgium and France, just as point 13 lays down the delimitation of the future Polish State including the corridor through W. Prussia to Danzig. Moreover, the fourteen points were never intended to be the actual framework of the Peace Treaty, nor were reparations and indemnities intended to be replaced by generalities, which, excellent, in themselves, were rather intended to be a "terminus ad quem" rather than a "terminus a quo"—an ultimate goal and vision to be aimed at, rather than a starting point.

One final (15th) point and we have done. If President Wilson's message which dates from January 8th, 1918, evorked such heaty approval from November last onwards, how did it come about that no voices were raised to advocate its adoption between January and November last? The answer is plain to read—the German High Command persuaded its dupes, the German people, that the great "Spring offensive" would sweep the Entente's forces off the battle fields of Northern France and Belgium, and, despite half hearted adherence to the policy of "no annexation and no indemnities" on the part of the Socialists, this was the real explanation of the silence of the German people and their representatives, viz. that they hoped to achieve by one last desperate effort what no Presidential message or fourteen points could give them, viz, the ultimate victory over the Entente.

WEATHER MEMORY.

BY A GUNNER MAJOR.

An article some time ago in the *Daily Mail* on the subject of weather memory urges me to send you my impressions, which I am sure hundreds of thousands of soldiers, who served in France will recall at once and bear me out that their weather memory, however poor it may have been, has been sharpened by over four years of war to a very fine degree.

Weather does not affect the ordinary citizen in civil life half so much as he really thinks. He only notices the weather during his hours of recreation and he naturally complains when the coincidence is not favourable. You will notice that the farmer, the agricultural labourer, and the sportsman generally have a very vivid weather memory. They will tell you of the six weeks drought, the long spells of wet weather and the heat wave in the first week of partridge shooting, not to mention the races run in snow storms.

Without any reference to diaries or other records all Mons men will remember the great heat during the retreat. I came out with my battery in the seventh division and sleeping under the stars during that glorious defence of Ypres from October 17th. to Nov. 11th. well remember the exceptionally fine weather and the fact that there were only two wet days during all that period. Then came the hard frost of the last week of November, followed by what seemed the two wettest consecutive months in the whole war. In England, which is a similar climate to Northern France, the winter of 1914-1915 was the wettest for many years. I was wounded at Neuve Chapelle and did not return to France until Nov. 1915. My mind is a complete blank as to the weather in England during that summer, bearing out my argument that to the average peaceful citizen, the weather is of small concern.

The last week in Nov. 1915 produced the hardest Autumn frost I remember. December was comparatively wet and January fairly fine, but the second week in February 1916 favoured us with a terrible blizzard of snow — the worst during the whole war. There was a deal of snow towards the end of March and a spring heat wave on April 1st. The summer weather was uneventful, but all of us who were on the Somme in the big offensive will remember the torrential rain on or about July 7th when every trench and dug-out were completely flooded. Again, no one will ever forget the rain after the taking of Beaumont Hamel, the shell holes full of water, where men and horses were drowned on dark nights and the bottomless depths of the engulfing mud in the trenches, where men actually died of exhaustion before they could be pulled out by their comrades.

Who will forget the thirty days of frost from the middle of January to the middle of February 1917, the hardest Winter since 1895? The mercury fell to 0 deg Fahr. Eggs could not be fried, as it was impossible to get them out of their shells Trenches were dug by the use of dynamite.

Will not everybody who took part in the assault of Vimy and the battle of Arras remember the snow showers on April 9th and succeeding days, at the only pleasant feature of the dismal operations that suceeded? viz:—The three weeks of sunshine in the end of April and beginning of May. The stormy weather of July 31st and the mud of Passchendaele are undying memories to most, and the few of us who marched through northern Italy to the Piave will cherish grateful recollections of a wonderful climate. I am told it was an exceptionally open winter, but the fact remains that from November, 1917, to March, 1918, we in Italy experienced only two or three days rain and about three days of snow. It snowed for two days on the Montello about Christmas, and the snow lay a month in brilliant weather accompanied by sharp frost.

At the March offensive of the Germans we returned to France and experienced ordinary climate conditions till our August effort. There for the first time the "clerk of the weather" joined up on the British side and a wonderful spell was maintained almost unbroken until the final battle. The only real break was the rain on October 20th at the Battle of the River Selle.

The new interest in the weather, aroused in so many of us during the War, will assuredly stand us in good stead in the years to come, and offer us many comparisons when we think of the four long years of the Great War.

Lecturers of standing and experience, the great majority of whom have been 'through it' as have their students. Where the comfort in billet and mess, irrespective of rank, almost verges on the luxurious, all combine to enable us to qualify for the great struggle coming in which we shall all be 'unit commanders' to advance or retire according to the qualifications we shall have achieved by our own merits.

THE EDUCATION OF AN ARMY.

We may be accused of having chosen a theme beyond our powers; we, therefore, admit our limitations by confessing at once that we desire to catch the eye; unblushingly, window-dressing if you will; yet done with an honesty of purpose, since we are convinced that we have something convincing to say and the ability to say it convincingly. Yet this popular title may mislead; it is not with the education of the Army *qua* Army we would deal, but with the provision for that of the individuals it absorbs. Neither is this article an abridged edition of Clausewitz, or, to be more modern, and move with the times, of Foch; it is the education of the individual as an individual that is the reference. To quote from "Mr. Dooley, Philosopher," "it's education that makes a nation." What is education? We give no answer; we have none. Let the specialists quarrel over terms; definitions leave us cold. What the average man in the street—"other rank" or officer—wants is that education shall be "practical" as far as he is concerned. Oh, most blessed of indefinite generalities! But why worry? Is he not asking for education?

We ourselves can discern several divisions under which this desirable practical education may be. The provision for the ultra-practical man, he who desires more of the practice that makes perfect and studies theory only to that end—be he of artisan or of professional status, has already been dealt with in these columns. For the benefit of that other group of equally practical men, they who would adventure for profit in commerce, there exists the commercial side of the Army General College—in this city. The subjects taught are many and varied and exceedingly relative to modern business demands thus: The growth and development of Trade, Industry, Money and Finance; Commercial law; Principles of Banking; Accountancy and Book-keeping; Actuarial Practice and Insurance; Commercial Geography; Modern languages for Commercial intercourse; and many other subjects all tending to broaden a man's views of business on the large scale, of world finance, of the great industrial and commercial movements of these progressive times. Any group of these should qualify the concientious student to take a leading part in the great struggle for commercial supremacy which is bound to follow on the internecine international Armageddon now, it is to be hoped, satisfactorily ended. A fact clearly recognised by the Army since the demand for a commercial training was so great that the commercial side was established about the middle of March last.

For those who
"Would follow knowledge like a sinking star
To the utmost bounds of human thought"
there exists the Academic side or general education in subjects such as English, its Literature and the History of its people; Political and Physical Geography; Ancient and Modern Languages; Mathematics, elementary or advanced, practical or theoretical, pure or applied; and the sciences of Physics and Chemistry for which there are well-equipped laboratories, in physics particularly. There is also a special course for Ordinands instituted at the request of and arranged in accordance with the wishes of the Chaplain General. The treatment of these subjects on the Academic side may be divided, at present and roughly, into two grades; the higher of which implies the standard usually attained in a University or University Colleges at home, while the lower one is a revision course of the standard set by the examinations required for entrance to a British University; such, for example, as Matriculation in the University of London, the Joint Matriculation Examination of the Northern Universities, the old entrance examinations to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge and so on. Not, of course, that there is any compulsion in the way of taking these or similar examinations on account of having attended a course at the Army College; on the other hand, it cannot be too strongly borne in mind that possession of the Active Service Army Schools Special Certificate qualifies the holder for admission to the University he may select, and, if he reaches a certain standard, maintenance and other allowances to a maximum of £175 per annum.

Of course, on neither the Academic nor the Commercial side can all the subjects be taken during the all too short period of six weeks. The most that can be attempted in the time available in any of the Army Colleges — General, Commercial, Science or Technical — is a grouped course of some three or four subjects; and in this respect advice is available to all as to the best course for a specific purpose for each individual. Here, it will doubtless be pointed out that the student's progress is largely dependent on his present educational ability whatever his previous attainment may have been; it is advisable therefore that each should take full advantage of any educational provision in his unit as a preparation for those longer courses at one of the Colleges. To get the habit of study is the main thing and rather difficult after four-and-a-half years of war. This has been experienced alike by students and instructors. To sit indoors and study for more than an hour at a time was found to be impossible. The habit of concentration had been lost and the greatest difficulty was experienced in again taking up subjects once well-known. In fact, the advantage in attending a six weeks course at one of the Colleges undoubtedly lies in the re-acquiring of the power to study rather than in the actual amount of studying done. At such courses, 'wars wild alarums' do not penetrate the 'cloistered calm' and the student immersed in the comfortable and sympathetic atmosphere of College life gradually reassumes his old habit of, and pleasure in study, while keeping himself fit with Badminton, basket-ball, boxing and tennis in the College gym. and grounds.

It is a stupendous conception, the education of the Army of the Rhine: but these have been and still are stupendous times with a stupendous Army. We shall not be far wrong if we estimate it (we trust the censor will permit us) at close upon a quarter of a million individuals. When we can find time to cast our minds into the dark backward and abyss of time before the Armistice, we shall attempt a brief history of the small beginnings of a scheme which it is rumoured will culminate in compulsory education for the whole Army of the Rhine. To-day we have to adapt ourselves to rapidly and ever-changing conditions whether as a soldier or as a civilian. To-morrow we shall go home and be asked to take our part in a great world-outburst of production and manufacture to maintain the Empire at its present pre-eminence. Nor must it be forgotten that we have fought to make the world safe for democracy; and we, the Demos, must — if only to save ourselves — take a responsible share in the governing of our country, of our Empire, and, since the League of Nations, of the World.

With the dictum of Mr. Dooley, Philosopher, we whole-heartedly agree. And there can be no better place than the Army College in Hansa Ring where the necessary education is free for the gaining in a palatial building of spacious classrooms equipped to the least detail with the utmost perfection of German thoroughness, with

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COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Friday	5½	Merry Wives of Windsor	Nicolai
Saturday	5	Faust	Gounod
Sunday	6	The Gipsybaron	Strauss
Monday	6	Barbier of Seville	Rossini
Tuesday	6	Waffenschmied von Worms	Lortzing

DRAUGHTS AND CHESS.

A CHANCE FOR AN ORGANISER.

Interest incited by the unique performances of Sergt. M. Yates, 92nd Field Ambulance, as reported in our columns, and our comments from time, to time, has occasioned voluminous correspondence on the subject of draughts and chess.

Knock-out chess tournaments, draught, leagues, etc. have been proposed to be run under the auspices of *The Cologne Post*. The idea is an admirable one, but owing to ouronerous duties in connection with the Cricket Cup, we cannot ouselves organise a competition and give it the attention we would like. However, should any enthusiasts care to form competitions or leagues in specified areas we would be pleased to give them publicity and do all in our power to ensure their success.

There are surely quite a number of Sports, or amusements officers who would be pleased to help in this matter. Why not tackle the Sports Officer in your unit on the subject? With his help and the publicity given in your paper, doubtless some enthusiasm would be roused among the draughts and chess experts of the Rhine Army.

And what is better that a quiet game of draughts or chess, in the cool of the evening, after a particularly sweltering day? Surely the project is worth considering.

THE EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB SWEEPSTAKE.

A VERY PROMISING START.

Within a very few hours after our announcement that the British Empire Leave Club proposed to organise a Derby sweepstake, open to all ranks, there was a tremendous rush for tickets for the event.

Applications for tickets (which are 10 marks each) made by post, should be addressed personally to Lieut-Col J. A. Levey, D.S.O., Controller, British Empire Leave Club, Cologne. All you have to do is to write your rank, name and unit in block capitals on a sheet of paper, state how many tickets you require, and enclose the necessary amount of money.

In return, a post card will be sent by the Club giving the particular ticket number. This should be carefully kept. The lucky numbers will be published in *The Cologne Post* on the 4th of June with the name of the horses drawn, printed against them.

Tickets for the sweepstake will be sold in the club between the hours of 5 and 9 p.m. and at no other time.

The sale of tickets closes on Saturday 31st of May, after which date no further subscriptions will be accepted.

OFFICERS SPORTS CLUB.

REVISION OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Officers Sports Club is converting part of the Cricket Pavilion Lindenthal (5 minutes walk from the Lindenthal Lawn Tennis Club) into a Country Club for all members of the Officers Sports Club. Lunch, tea, dinner and other refreshments will be provided under the management of the E.F.C. The Club opened yesterday.

The Committee have decided, in view of this country Club being open to all members, that subscriptions as from 1st June should be as follows: —

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CRICKET.

The cricket ground is at Lindenthal, close to the Lawn Tennis Club. Professionals have been engaged and practice nets are now available. The ground has been allotted to Corps etc as from 31st May for Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday in each week. Applications for the ground for matches on Thursdays should be made to Capt. E. G. M. Buckley, A.D.C., VI Corps. A Cricket Week will be held from July 12th to 18th inclusive.

The Club provides excellent facilities for tennis (16 courts at Lindenthal and four at Flora Gardens), golf, polo, boating and Swimming.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

A very successful variety entertainment was given at the British Empire Leave Club, on Tuesday, by the "Pedlers" Concert Party and the "laddy Umpties." A very large audience was collected which thoroughly appreciated every item.

The dancing act by Bobbie Macaulay & "Nelly" Joyce of the "Pedlers" was a special favourite, and an encore was insisted on.

The second part of the entertainment was given by the "laddy Umpties," and was in every way excellent.

One of the most popular items was perhaps "Imitations" on the piano from "Three Blind Mice." Another clever idea was the parody of such familiar tunes as "Annie Laurie" and "John Peel." These met with much applause. Both singers and instrumentalists are to be much congratulated on the success of the entertainment throughout the evening.

On Wednesday, the American Jazz Band came from Coblenz to play for the dance from 8.30 to 9. The hall was tremendously crowded, and the band, which was excellent, was greatly appreciated. At the close of the programme Miss Decima Moore called for a vote of thanks for the performers, which was heartily responded to.

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On Saturday next, Empire Day, the Band of the 10th Hussars (by kind permission of the C.O.) will play for the special Empire Day Dance.

BRILLIANT BATTING DISPLAYS.

NOTTS v. LEICESTERSHIRE.

LEES IN BRILLIANT FORM ON NOTTINGHAM GROUND.

At Nottingham on Wednesday, Notts. and Leicestershire played the first county match which has been witnessed on the Trent Bridge Ground since 1914. A feature of Notts. innings was the brilliant batting display by Lees, who scored 158 before being bowled by Curtis.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

C. J. B. Wood, b. Richmond	60
Mounteney, l b w, b Flint	1
King, b Flint	7
G. D. F. Rudd, c Wilson, b Barrett	42
A. T. Sharpe, c Lee, b Richmond	62
Coe, c Gunn (G.), b Barrett	36
Curtis, c Gunn (G.), b Barrett	10
Geary, st Oates, b Gunn (J.)	62
Sidwell, b Gunn (J.)	1
Benskin, b Richmond	0
Brown, not out	1
B 7 l-b 3	10
Total	291

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

Gunn (G.). b Curtis	72
Lee, c Mounteney, b Curtis	158
Gunn (J.), c Coe, b Geary	13
A. W. Carr, c King, b Geary	20
Hardstaff, not out	50
Rayton, not out	14
B 1, l b 7	8
Total (4 wkts.)	335

KELLEWAY RUNS UP TOTAL OF 168.

With the ground in the best possible condition for run getting the Australians gave further proof of their magnificent batting prowess at Cambridge on Wednesday, hitting up the huge score of 518 for 7 wickets.

AUSTRALIA I. F.

C. Kelleway, b Fairbairn	168
H. L. Collins, c Wood. b Fairbairn	69
J. M. Taylor, c Morris b Calthorpe	31
A. W. Lampard, c Gilligan, b Morris	85
J. T. Murray, c Johnstone, b Morris	23
C. E. Pellew, not out	56
C. B. Willis run out	14
J. M. Gregory, b Fairbairn	48
W. S. Stirling, not out	1
B 20, l-b 2, w 1, n-b 1	2
Total (7 wkts.)	516

C. T. Docker and E. C. Long to bat.
Umpires: Blake and Whiteside.

6 WICKETS FOR 3 RUNS.

DEADLY BOWLING BY 75th BRIGADE R.F.A. PADRE.

In the match played at Marienhof (near Königsdorf) on Saturday between "A" and "D" Batteries of the 75th Brigade R.F.A. "A" batted first and compiled 99 runs.

"A"s bowling then proved too much for "D" Battery who failed to reach double figures, thanks largely to the "Padre" who disposed of 6 wickets for 3 runs.

Scores: — A 75 Bde. R.F.A. — Gnr. Walton b. Widderson 6; Dr. Crisp run out 6; Sig. Bunyan c. Rosser b. Durrant 18; Gnr. Goodwin b. Durrant 10; 2nd Lieut. E. G. Champneys b. Bamford 11; "Padre" Doorbar b. Durrant 2; Sergt. Moverley l. b. w. b. Bamford 20; Capt. Spragge b. Bamford 7; Dr. Adams run out 5; Bdr. Quarmby c. Sally b. Bamford 0; Sig. Barker not out 4; Extras 10; Total 99.

D/75 Bde. R.F.A. — Boardman c. Champneys b. Doorbar 0; Sally b. Doorbar 0; Dickinson b. Champneys 5; Prosser b. Champneys 1; Cpl. Harmes c. Champneys b. Doorbar 0; Bamford b. Doorbar 1; Widderson b. Champneys 0; Pennie b. Doorbar 1; Durrant b. Champneys 0: Holliday b. Doorbar 0; Few not out 0; Extras 1; Total 9.

51st ROYAL SUSSEX v. 2nd LOYAL NORTH LANCS.

A very fast and exciting game was played on Friday afternoon at Altenrath by the above teams.

The 51st were early on the aggressive and within five minutes of the start Taylor opened the scoring by hooking into the net a spendid centre from Davan. They continued to have the better of the exchanges and during the pressure Lieut. Argent increased the lead. After these reverses the Lancs bucked up and from a break away, scored. Some pretty passing of the Lancs forwards enabled them to get through and equalize.

On the resumption the Lancs immediately took up the offensive and must have scored but for the splendid goalkeeping of McCowan. With only five minutes to go it looked as though the game would end in a draw, but the 51st worked the ball up the field and a splendid long ranger from L/Cpl. Collins put them ahead. From the kick off the ball was rushed down and Lieut. Argent scored with a terrific drive. This ended the scoring the 51st proving the victors by 4 goals to 2.

The Band of the Lancs was in attendance and their selections were much appreciated. The teams were afterwards entertained to tea and altogether a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

EVEN SCORE AT TAUNTON.

SOMERSET AND SUSSEX GIVE FINE CRICKET DISPLAY.

In brilliant weather, Somerset and Sussex met at Taunton on Wednesday, when the cricket proved bright and varied in character. Somerset were dismissed in three and a half hours for 243, and got Sussex out for one less.

SOMERSET.

A. D. E. Rippon, c Miller, b Vincett	60
A. E. S. Rippon, c Miller, b Stannard	26
J. C. W. McBrian, l b w b Cox	18
Robson, b Cox	14
Braund, b Roberts	3
J. D. Harcombe, c H. L. Wilson, b Cox	0
P. P. Hope, c Tate, b Vincett	48
Bridges, st Miller, b Vincett	34
Capt. S. L. Amor, b Cox	14
J. C. White, b Cox	12
Chidgey not out	1
B 8, l-b 4, w 1	13
Total	243

SUSSEX.

H. L. Wilson, b Bridges	55
A. K. Wilson, c Braund, b Bridges	4
T. E. Bourdillon, b Bridges	21
A. C. Somerset, b Robson	33
R. A. T. Miller, b Bridges	2
J. H. Vincett, b Bridges	14
Roberts, b Robson	5
Tate, c Braund, b Robson	69
Stannard, b A. D. E. Rippon	3
Cox, not out	24
H. J. Heygate, b White	0
B 5, l-b 6	11
Total	242

GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S PROGRAMME.

Gloucestershire will open their season with a strong team, which will be selected from F. G. Robinson (capt), D.C. Robinson, P.F.C. Williams, A.K.G. White, E.B.T. Studd, W.H. Rowlands, Parker, Dipper, Ellis, Mills, Jefferies, and Barrow. They will meet Sussex to-day and to-morrow, and Yorkshire on the following Monday and Tuesday, both games being at Gloucester.

Surrey v. Essex.

The Surrey team against Essex at the Oval on Saturday and Monday will be:—E.G. Hayes (captain), Capt. W.H.G. Heath, Hobbs, Sandham, Harrison, Abel (W.J.). Peach, Abel (T.). Hitch. Strudwick, and Rushby.

AN INNINGS AND AN OUTING.

For some time past considerable friction has been raging between the Company and Clerks' Mess of the 289 A.E. Company. This culminated in a spirited match held at Euskirchen, the abode of the IX Corps Headquarters, on Tuesday.

A fine pitch was prepared, a few hills being shifted to a neighbouring valley.

The teams turned out in spotless khaki flannels, trimmed with Army braces (one pair, men's) and socks (grey).

Owing to the lack of adequate footwear, the usual rubber boots (with 'obnails) had to be used.

The play was fast and furious (i. e. the wickets fell fast and the batsmen were furious). With scientific accuracy the bowler Glover (who used to play for Paradise Alley at Charity Matches) did the "hat trick" and the "confidence trick" on 5 wickets. At 42 runs the Company condescended to retire, through no fault of their own.

Then came the massive pen-pushers. The first two came up in wheelbarrows, and were placed at the wickets. Out of the past suddenly came a ball, and three wickets lay like dead Jerries after the first push. The next one to fall was the batsman, who *was* a personal friend of the bowler. During the next few overs, the bowler certainly succeeded in hitting the bat. The runs gradually mounted up to the magnificent total of 102, but owing to one of the Clerks being posted as "missing, believed abducted" they had a finish at 10 players.

The 289 Clerks (and a few others thrown out) dropped hints that matches with players "under 9 and over 90" would be eagerly accepted.

Scores:—

Company Mess: Pte. Knight, 1; Pte. Hood, 4; Pte. Smith, 10; Pte. Thornton, 5; Capt. Pocock, 0; Pte. Dowthwaite, 0; Pte. Wilson, 3; Pte. Abrams, 10; Pte. Molyneux, 0; Pte. Langley, 4; Pte. Churn, 2; Extras, 3; Total 42.

Clerks' Mess: Capt. MacMahon, 1; Sgt. Clark, 0; Pte. Lord, 11; Cpl. Jones, 10; Capt. Ford, 1; Pte. Glover, 67; Pte. Tautz, 5; L/Cpl. Smith, 3; L/Cpl. Munt, 0; L/Cpl. Poole, not out 0; Extras, 4; Total for 9 wickets) 102.

MILITARY POLO.

The Hurlingham Club has presented a trophy to be called the Military Polo Cup which is to be competed for in a tournament open to the Royal Navy, any regiment of British Cavalry Yeomanry, Infantry, Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, or R.A.S.C. that has served continuously for eight months in any one army corps, with any overseas British armies; any Brigade or Tank Corps, Remount Depot and Air Force. Officers composing teams must have served at least six month continuously overseas.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Southend Football.

Southend will have first-class football next season, unless certain enthusiasts for the game are sadly mistaken.

French President's Racing Programme.

The President of the French Republic has promised to attend the meeting at Auteuil on June 22 to witness the Grand Steeplechase and the Prix de la Marne.

W. Smyth Demobb'd.

After serving three years abroad, W. Smyth has been demobilised, and he hopes to resume riding next week at 8st 8lb. He is still attached to Wootton's stable.

Charge For Golf Caddies.

On the occasion of a recent meeting in the London district, the charge for caddies was 10s. a day—an unprecedented figure. And yet it was difficult to obtain sufficient caddies.

Preston North End.

Contrary to expectations, Preston North End made a profit of £130 on the year's working, and the financial position of the club is not unfavourable.

Yale v. Harvard.

According to a U.S. wireless message from New Haven, Conn., Yale have defeated Harvard in the first dual track meeting since 1916. The points scored were 64⅓ to 52⅔. Most of the events were run in a terrific rainstorm.

Goddard's Sparring Partners.

Frank Goddard is training from the Norfolk Arms, Wembley, for his championship match with Jack Curphey. Corporal Clements, of the Canadian Army, is one of his sparring partners, and Nutty Curran is another.

1500 Guineas Offered For Bill.

Mr. Joyce has had an offer of 1,500gs. made for Bill, whom he bought for 620gs. after the youngster had beaten Sweet Serf colt., Ho Ho, Ether filly, and Sunnygama— all winners since —at Newmarket last month.

Warwickshire Pro.

Lieut. J. Parsons, the Warwickshire professional, who is in Birmingham on leave from India, had a turn at the nets last week, and showed much of his old form with the bat. He is likely to remain with the Colours, and will be badly missed by Warwickshire.

Bristol Rovers Signatures.

Bristol Rovers have secured the signatures of several locals who did so well for them in the season just closed, and have come to terms with David Harvie (full-back), George Davison (centre-forward), and Sergt. J. Caddick (inside-right).

"THE COLOGNE POST" CRICKET CUP.

FURTHER LISTS OF FIXTURES.

A REARRANGEMENT OF THE LEAGUES.

Appended, we give the fixture lists for the Cologne Leagues. The large number of entries from units in and around Cologne has necessitated the league for this area being divided into "Town," "Northern," and "Southern" Divisions, and units have, as far as possible, been included in the most convenient division for them, having regard to the matter of travelling while at the same time keeping the leagues fairly equal in size.

The lists are not complete, as a number of club secretaries have not yet responded to the urgent request for information as to their locations. This will necessitate supplementary fixtures being published as soon as the required information is received. This all means delay in getting the Leagues into swing. Time is all important, and teams are anxious to get to serious business, so the gentlemen concerned are asked to notify their locations and the league they prefer without further delay. Those who find their clubs not mentioned in these and the previously published lists will know it is through lack of information that we have not been able to assign them to a league.

A Change in Leagues.

The competition will now consist of seven leagues, in consequence of the division of the Cologne district and the dropping of Overath, from which area there was a dearth of entries. Looking ahead, there is promise of some interesting sport when the winners of each League are matched against each other for the final honour.

Club secretaries should send in as soon as possible a list of the cricketers from whom their teams will be selected, and any new players should be registered with this office 24 hours before they are to play.

Below are the fixtures for the three leagues which comprise the Cologne area. These matches should be played on Wednesday next, 28th May.

COLOGNE TOWN LEAGUE.

A.P.O. Cologne v. 51st Aux. Bus. Coy.
"R" A.A. Bty. R.G.A. v. 53rd Sherwood Foresters.
51st D.L.I. v. Army H.Q. Signal Coy.
9th L.T.M. Bty. v. Bakeries Sports Club.
Adv. Supply Depot R.A.S.C. v. 17th Lancers.
39th A.A. Searchlight Sec. R.E. v. 70th Squadron R.A.F.
5th Bty. Telegraph Coy R.E. v. No. 2 Water Tank Coy M.T., A.S.C.
Cav. Div. A.C., R.H.A. v. 9th D.L.I.
1/5th Devon Regt. v. 2nd Squadron R.F.A.
42nd C.C.S. v. 53rd Northumberland Fusiliers.
"G" Bty. R.H.A. v. 9th Bde. R.G.A.
No. 3 Cav. Field Ambulance v. 52nd Northumberland Fusiliers.

COLOGNE NORTHERN LEAGUE.

1/5th West Yorks Regt. v. 92nd Bde., R.G.A.
London Div. M.T. Coy. v. 1/4th Yorks and Lancs Regt.
37th Battalion M.G.C. v. 13th Lancers.
237th Field Coy R.E. v. 53rd R. Warwick Regt.
13th K.R.R.C. v. 42nd M.G.C.
No. 14 G.H.Q., M.T. Coy v. 420th Siege Battery M.G.C.
52nd Warwick Regt. v. 29th Battalion M.G.C.
88th Field Ambulance v. 11 Corps H.Q.
No. 1 Field Ambulance v. 51st Sherwood Foresters.
13th Motor Ambulance Convoy v. "Maps" 4th F.S. Coy.
1/6th W. Yorks. Regt. v. 51st R. Warwick Regt.

COLOGNE SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

H.A.C. v. 52nd Bedford Regt.
70th Siege Battery R.G.A. v. 93rd Battery R.G.A.
51st Devon Regt. v. 34th Battalion M.G.C.
180th Labour Coy v. Wahn Surrey Camp Det.
170th Siege Battery R.G.A. v. 2nd Battalion M.G.C.
Midland D.A.C. v. 23rd M.T. Coy R.A.S.C.
5th Irish Rifles v. 6th Corps Signal Coy.
3rd Northern Bde. v. 281 Siege Battery R.G.A.
11th R. Scots v. VI Corps H.Q.
2nd M.G. Squad. Cav., Div. v. 3rd M.G.C.
5th K.O.Y.L.I. v. "G" Bty R.G.A.

8 VETERINARY HOSPITAL v. R.A.F.

Played on the "Vets" ground in fine weather. From the commencement the visitors played good football and soon opened the scoring from a corner. The "Vets" could not get going for some time and their faulty play looked like letting the R.A.F. increase their lead, but half-time came with the home team one down.

On resumption the "Vets" showed better football and fine play by their forwards resulted in Short equalising. Soon after the same player placed his side ahead. End to end play now followed and the "Vets" obtained a penalty which came to naught. The home team made things warm for a while and obtained another goal through Johnstone. Continuing to press the "Vets" scored again from the head of Woodward. After a time the R.A.F's broke through and scored their second goal which ended the scoring.

Result:— Veterinary Hospital 4; R.A.F. 2.

GENERAL MESS v. 212. EMPLY. COY.

These teams met on Sunday at Ohligs in tropical weather and before a good attendance. Fine play by Cpl. Riley enabled the visitors to settle down a bit only to be met by the stubborn defence of Weatherby and Pow. Play resumed in midfield and following a pass from McCullum Lean beat the goalie with a fine ground shot. The Emply Coy shaken by this reverse went off with a rush and equalised through Amond putting through his own goal. Following a fine run by Horseman Leah received and put the Mess another goal up with an easy shot. Half Time. Mess 2, Emply. Coy. 1.

On resuming the Mess pressed heavily. Amond put on another goal for the Mess, the "goalie" misjudging the ball. Soon after McCullum registered the fourth. Play was now all with the Mess and the final whistle went with the score Mess. 4. Emply. Coy. 1.

Wilson and Doyle both played well for the Mess while McIvor and Riley did likewise for the 212.

RACE FIXTURES.

MAY.

Gatwick	23, 24	Dundalk	28, 29
Haydock Park	23, 24	Paris	29
Powerstown Park	24	Doncaster	29, 30
Paris	25	Salisbury	29, 30
Maisons Laffitte	26	Maisons-Laffitte	30
York	26, 27, 28	Ayr	30, 31
Loughrea	27	Leopardstown	30, 31
Bath	27, 28	Lingfield	31

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Friday, May 23, 1919.

Surface wind Easterly or South-easterly 5—10 miles per hour. Fine and almost cloudless. Warm. Good visibility.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

To Win the Derby.

Never again will I attempt to write anything humorous. My little effort that appeared in Sunday's issue, under the title "What will win the Derby?" has resulted in abuse being flung at me from all directions. My forecast seems to have been taken seriously by many readers. Let me now explain, for the benefit of those people who failed to penetrate my possibly crude wit, that the only object in the paragraph was to point out that many newspaper tipsters, in fortelling the probable winner of a race, do so in such a vague manner as to leave the reader more in the dark than ever. Out of a field of perhaps a dozen horses, it not infrequently happens that half this number is included in a rambling effort to indicate the winner. Since no backer would dream of supporting all these horses the tip is valueless. To provide the point in my item, the names of horses that first came to mind were written, whether or not they were eligible to run in the great race. Even fictitious or deceased horses might have been named without in the least interferring with the subject of the paragraph.

Where to Buy Books.

The Y.M.C.A. bookshop, under the Continental Hotel, Cologne, is growing in popularity. Open every day except Sunday, brisk business is being done with the sale of all kinds of books including cheap editions of popular fiction, text books, dictionaries etc. as well as monthly magazines, music and games.

So great is the demand for all types of literature, that it is proposed to open a lending and reference library in the near future, and the advent of such an institution is bound to be well received.

Army Troops Sports.

Lieut. Onions has been positively inundated with entries for the sports meeting which opens at Pola Wiesen Sports Ground, Cologne, to-day. Every event includes a strong field and there is little doubt that some capital sport will be witnessed. To-day's events include 100 yards, 440 yards and one mile flat races; pillow fight, tug-of-war, putting the shot and other attractive items. There will be an equally strong programme on Saturday when one of the chief events will be a five mile cross country race.

THE RAMBLER.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

NEWMARKET STAKES.

The results for Wednesday's card at Newmarket were as follows:—

Two-year-old Selling Plate:—1, Glory-Be (10—1); 2, Goblin (4—1); 3, John O-Gaunt (10—1).

Shelford Plate:—1, Skyrocket (25—1 on); 2, Gazana.

Spring Stakes:—1, Allendy (7—4); 2, Marcia Blanche (100—7); 3, Reine De Neige (20—1).

Newmarket Stakes:—1, Domino (8—1); 2, Old Bill (33—1); 3, Lord Basil (11—4 on).

Flying Handicap:— Violincello (11—8); 2, Woorali (11—4); 3, Bidston (3—1).

Chesterford Plate:— 1, Coriolanus (11—8 on); 2, Equinox (6—1); Eastern Valley (10—1).

Meldeth Handicap:— 1, Milton (9—2); 2, Pelatina (6—1); 3, Roker (5—2).

"THE DERBY."

GOSSIPY TIT-BITS FROM HERE AND THERE.

One cannot help regretting that The Panther did not run on Wednesday (says the "Daily Express.") Since winning the Guineas he has put more heart into his ordinary exercise gallops, and on Saturday was seen quite at his best in a merry spin on the Limekilns, when led by Jack Role and Leandros. The son of Tracery is progressing as well as his best friends could wish, and I suppose we must leave it to his connections to know what is best for him.

No Risk To Be Taken.

There is no stronger-legged horse in training than The Panther, and his absence simply means that no risk whatever will be taken between now and the Derby. He is pleasing everybody in all his gallops, says another "Express" correspondent,

Glowing Accounts.

The three-day meeting at Newmarket was shorn of its chief attraction by Sir Alex. Black adhering to his week-end decision not to run The Panther in the Newmarket Stakes. The most glowing accounts are to hand says "Uno" in *The Daily News*, concerning The Panther's progress since he won the Two Thousand, and he is out by himself in the Derby quotations. His absence from the big event left Lord Basil with a fine chance of making some atonement for his Guineas defeat.

LADIES' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

The match of the day at St. Anne's on Wednesday was that between Miss Edith Leitch (sister of the Champion) and Miss Barry of Stoke Poges. Miss Barry won by 2 and 1.

The following was the result of the second round:—

Miss Fraser beat Mrs. Chambers by 8 and 6.
Miss Hilda Prest beat Miss Evans by 4 and 3.
Mrs. Dobell beat Mrs. Harrap by 2 and 1.
Mrs. Morrice beat Miss Helme by 2 up.
Miss Lobbett beat Miss Leaver by 4 and 2.
Miss Barry beat Mrs. Chadwick by 5 and 4.
Mrs. Laidlay beat Mrs. Norman Craig by 3 and 1.
Miss Cecil Leitch beat Mrs. Medrington by 5 and 4.

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ART AND PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF LT. GEN. SIR T. L. N. MORLAND K.C.B.

As already announced, this will be held on June 6th, 7th and 8th. A large number of entries have been notified, and some exhibits have already been received. It is hoped that many more will overcome their natural modesty and send in their efforts. Every exhibit will receive due consideration, be it a humble "Study of a London Fog" (this picture is already to hand) or a life-size portrait of Bottomley, or any other famous person.

A mass of correspondence has been received enquiring if pictures are to be framed or mounted. This opportunity is taken of informing those concerned that such details are left entirely to the exhibitors' discretion.

Fortunately, the principal Art Gallery of Bonn — the Stadt Museum, Villa Obernier, next door to the Königsnof, in the Coblenzerstrasse — has been secured for the Exhibition.

Several novel features will be shown, and it is certain that a visit to this unique collection of works of art will be amply repaid.

It must be remembered that this is the first exhibition of its kind to be held; it may possibly be the last.

So to prospective visitors and exhibitors I would quote — but on second thoughts I will not. My memory fails at quotations. Let me say just this "Do it." If you can send in a picture, do it. If you want to see the exhibition, come and see it just the same, and you will feel glad afterwards that you came. Tell your friends about it. The "Study of a London fog" alone is well worth seeing. Above all remember that the proceeds are to be handed to the British Red Cross Fund.

Tickets will be on sale in a few days. Prices of admission are
Officers 3 marks; O.R.'s 1 mark; Civilians 5 marks;
Visitors' hours: Daily from 14,00 hrs to 18,00 hrs.

RHINE ARMY TROOPS' CLASSES.

In addition to the afternoon classes mentioned in a recent issue of *The Cologne Post*, the following classes will be held at the Army General and Commercial College, Hansa-Ring, Cologne, providing that there is a sufficient number of applicants.

Afternoons

Tuesdays and Fridays, at 15,00 hours. — Reading class in German Literature. Not for beginners.

Evenings

Mondays, 17.30 to 18.30. — Civics.
Mondays and Thursdays, 17.30 to 18.30 — Spanish (elementary) and mathematics.
Tuesdays and Fridays, 17.30 to 18.30 — Elementary German (officers' class) and Elementary French. — 18.30 to 19.30 — Advanced French.
Applicants for the above classes or for those already advertised should send through the Education Officer of their Unit or apply direct to Capt. Bassford, Education Officer, G.H.Q. Troops at the General and Commercial College at 1400 hrs or 1700 hrs.

PEACE CELEBRATIONS.

DATE TO AWAIT SIGNATURE.

It is the Government's intention not to make the promised official announcement regarding the form of the peace celebrations and the dates which are to be declared public holidays until the Peace Treaty is actually signed. There had been a considerable amount of speculation as to when the rejoicings will take place, and people who will have to undertake the duty of organizing festivities in the various localities all over the country are naturally anxious to receive authentic information on the point. It is obvious, however, that the Government can make no definite statement at the moment, and there is reason to believe that, while the suggestions received from many sources have been reported upon after careful examination, final decisions have yet to be taken on certain points. Therefore, while opinion favours three days early in August as suitable for the purpose, it would be unsafe at present to name any precise dates.

According to a telegram from Stockholm, the Bolshevist fleet is stronger than all the other Baltic fleets put together as regards types of ships and artillery. It has 56 heavy, 337 medium, and 339 light guns.

IN THE COMMONS.

OUR MISSING MEN IN GERMANY.

THE POSITION OF THE CROWN PRINCE.

The fate of well over a thousand British soldiers, who are known to have been taken prisoner by the Germans, is still in doubt, though the War Office, hold out little hope of the men being alive.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday, Mr. Lyle (C.U., Stratfort) asked the Secretary for War what reply, if any, had been received from the German authorities to our requests for information touching the fate of the untraced British prisoners who are known to have fallen into their hands and then disappeared.

Captain Guest: The German authorities have made no direct reply to the demand for information as to the fate of the untraced British prisoners of war, but the German official lists of deaths, which were sent periodically from Berlin during the war, are still being received, and a number of reports relating to the previously untraced prisoners have appeared in them. The British Military Mission in Berlin has also been able to collect from the German records a considerable number of definite reports of deaths which had not previously been sent to this country, and evidence has been obtained from other sources. The information received in various ways since the list was presented to the German authorities has enabled the number of outstanding cases to be reduced to considerably less than half; 1,763 cases have been settled, while 1,299 remain at present unsettled.

Mr. Lyle: Does not the hon. gentleman consider that, failing an immediate and satisfactory reply, steps should at once be taken against the governors of the districts in which our prisoners disappeared?

Captain Guest: The machinery which is working now has been very successful. In a very short time it has reduced the number of untraced by over one-half.

Major Entwistle (L., Hul., S. W.): In view of the great number of cases, is there any hope of any of these missing men being still alive?

Captain Guest: I think, on the whole, it would be very unwise to hold out much hope.

CROWN PRINCE'S TRIAL.

Mr. Lyle (C.U., Stratford) asked the Prime Minister what steps had been taken to secure from the German authorities those camp commandants against whom inhuman treament of our prisoners of war was alleged, so that they might be formally placed on their trial, also whether under the Peace Treaty or otherwise the Allies proposed to take any punitive action against the ex-Crown Prince of Germany.

Mr. Bonar Law: The ex-Crown Prince and the others mentioned in the questions would, under the terms of the Peace Treaty, be liable to trial in the same way as the other named persons connected with the war.

Mr. Lyle: Has my right hon. friend had his attention drawn to a report which has been issued by one of the large Press agences, in which it is stated that the ex-Crown Prince is reported to have said that if his extradition were demanded he would commit suicide, and, if so, would it not be in the interests of all concerned to demand his immediate extradition?

Mr. Bonar Law: I do not think that is a case in which his Majesty's Government should take any action.

Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy (L., Hull, Central): May I ask whether the name of Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz is down on the list?

Mr. Bonar Law: I did not mention any names, and I think the House will readily understand that when a committee has been examining evidence it would be a very unwise thing to mention names if there was any desire to punish the people concerned. (Hear, hear.)

Lieut.-Colonel C. Lowther (C.U., Lonsdale): In view of the fact that the Crown Prince has given that sacred pledge, will the right hon. gentleman see that he has the very fullest opportunity of trial? (Laughter.)

Brig.-General Page Croft (N.P., Bournemouth): May I ask whether we can take it for granted that all these commandants who have been guilty of all these crimes against civilisation can be recovered by the Allies at such time as is necessary?

Mr. Bonar Law: It is part of the terms of the treaty, as mentioned in the summary, that the German Government are to hand over the people who are demanded for trial by the Allies. (Cheers.)

Mr. Lyle: Are we to understand that the British Government must wait until the Allied Commission has reported before we can demand that the people who maltreated our prisoners are to be handed over to us? Is it not the fact that the longer we wait the more difficult it will be to get them?

Mr. Bonar Law: If the hon. gentleman will look at the summary, I think he will see that each of the Allies is entitled to demand the persons against whom there is a charge of having committed atrocities in connection with any one of the Allies.

PRE-WAR BEER — NOT YET.

Mr. SEDDON (C.U.D.P., Hanley) asked the Prime Minister whether the discontent among the industrial workers arising out of the shortage of the beer supply was being aggravated by the widespread opinion that the causes that led to the reduction of output did not now exist; and whether, in view of the danger to industrial peace arising out of the beer shortage, the present cereal supply warranted a resumption of the pre-war beer supply.

Mr. ROBERTS: This subject was very carefully considered by the Government, and the increase recently announced was the decision of the Government. As a matter of fact, available supplies do not at present justify resumption of brewing on the pre war basis.

PEACE COINS.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN, replying to Professor Oman (C. U., Oxford University), said there had been no change of circumstances which would allow him to reconsider his decision not to direct that some one of the denominations of the national currency should be struck as a commemorative Peace coin for 1919 with the type and inscription suggested to him in the joint petition of the Royal Historical and Royal Numismatic Societies.

NO FREE PASSES.

Mr. FORSTER (Financial Secretary to the War Office), in reply to Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy (L. Hull, Central), said that having regard to the expense involved, which would possibly amount to over £2,000,000, it was not considered practicable to issue free travelling passes to poor people who wished to visit the graves of relatives in France and Flanders.

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

MILITARY? POLITICAL? OR BOTH?

It is a common comment of the German to say that their defeat was the direct result of the Revolution; in short, a political defeat, not a military one. Some body must be found responsible for the defeat and so there has sprung up an antagonism between two parties: on the one hand the militarists, who avow that they were invincible but the people at home had deprived them of their armour and so were no longer able to carry on; on the other hand there are those who attack the naval and military leaders as being incompetent and reckless. In a recent lecture, a Prussian Colonel said that Germany ought to have won the war. Their Generals were incomparable, but the people succumbed under discord, hesitation, and pessimism.

And thus wages the war of argument. Suffice it to say both from a military standpoint and a political one were the Germans defeated. On land our armies had routed them; whilst the navy had contributed no less sucess on the sea by means of the blockade which resulted directly in the Revolution within Germany,

German Comment.

The *Berliner Tageblatt*, in answer to the words of the above mentioned militarist, says that unfortunately the Colonel did not explain why it was impossible to find out the reserves Marshal Foch had placed in the woods and why the Germans had been informed that these troops had been destroyed. "He did not tell us of the superiority of the Allies with regard to aeroplanes, neither did he mention the failure of the submarine warfare which even could not prevent the arrival of American troops in Europe. In order to excuse and to veil his faults he charges the soldiers who during many years, and by no means in casinos and well-heated rooms have confronted misery and danger, and the people who have died with hunger, crushing themselves in queues before empty shops."

More Revelations.

"The greatest blunder committed by Germany's naval leaders was that they did not put the navy in action at the beginning of the war.' That is the view of Counter-Admiral Foss, an influential person in German diplomatic circles, who has recently published a book giving revelations of the downfall. The British navy at that time, says the writer, was not so mighty as ours, and there were possibilities, greater then than at any time since, of crushing the enemy.

The reason he gives for the inactivity of the navy is that Bethman Hollweg and his followers wished to keep the Fleet as a reserve power for the final stages of the war.

The Kaiser — and his capabilities.

In the same book he makes caustic comment on the ex-Kaiser. "His mental capacity was small, he says, but his character was weaker still. One cannot speak of him as a man who performed his duties faithfully, because everything done by the Kaiser was merely inspired by personal caprices and disposition. His great desire was to give opinions on subjects and incidents of which he knew nothing and of which he had not the diligence to make any careful study."

CONCERT AT THE HOTEL DISCH.

A full house and an appreciative audience assembled on Wednesday evening to attend the performance of several works by the well-known composer, Ewald Straesser, of Cologne. These compositions comprised a string quartette, eight Lieder, an allegro for piano and a trio for piano, violin and violoncello. The string quartette was written in 1919, and consists of four parts. The introduction is of a "grandioso" character and the violin theme in the first part, which is repeated in the second movement as well as the Hungarian minor scale which we encounter throughout the whole work show its unity. The second part is full of poetry and charm, while the third movement shows an effective contrast between the second and fourth part. An Elegie with a wonderful theme, at first *à quatre voix*, then worked out as fugue and ending with the theme represents the final movement of this most remarkable work, which one could feel was executed with genuine admiration and true musical spirit by the four artists.

Fräulein Riele Queling commands a fine tone and her technique is no doubt far advanced, but her "spring bow" has still to be perfect, it shoud be lighter and softer. Willy Lamping's singing cello tone is so well known, that to comment upon it would be "carrying coals to Newcastle." The way Lamping played the staccato passages was an excellent lesson for all those amateur 'cello players noticed to be present. Fräulein Eweler and Herr Brünell filled their parts as true musicians so that the *ensemble* playing was masterly.

Frau Berta Grimm-Mittelmann then sang four Lieder of which "Wenn ich wüsste" and "Märzabend" had most success. Later in the evening the artist sang some more songs of which we preferred the last, "Ruhelos." Her fine cont alto voice, rather to powerful for the small hall, sounded to full advantage and she achieved a great success. A real feast was the first performance of an "Allegro" for the piano, which the eminent Cologne piano-virtuoso, Max van de Sandt, executed. His tone as regards strength and beauty is simply marvellous and the light and shade of it characterizes the whole of his playing. The concert closed with a trio for piano, violin and "cello in which Riele Queling, Max van de Sandt, and Willy Lamping were once more able to show their masterly conception of a most effective and interesting chamber musick work. The composer, Ewald Straesser, was greatly fêted. Ch. L.

"ROSES OF MESSINES."

The great nineteen-mine explosion at Messines on June 7th 1917, was vividly described by Captain W.B.R. King, C.B.E., formerly geologist to the Engineer-in-Chief at G.H.Q., in a lecture to the Royal Geographical Society.

"Nineteen giguntic roses with crimson petals seemed to rise slowly and majestically out of the ground," he said.

"It was probably the most spectacular scene of the war. The crimson petals gave place to a pillar of fire, intensely bright, and variously coloured. In a moment, dark material could be seen hurtling skyward through the centre of the fire pillars."

Captain King gave geological proof that the sand and gravel used in the construction of the German pill-boxes came from the Rhine.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

THE QUESTION OF TONGUES.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir,—With regard to the excellent article on "The Question of Tongues" in a recent issue of *The Cologne Post*, I urge all to put first (after English of course, the need of studying and appreciating which is only too obvious to-day in all ranks) Spanish. French—charming, precise and graceful language as it is—gives us, it is true, a common means of intercourse with the educated of all countries. But, beyond that, it gives us but one country for its use, and that a very resistant land, fully developed and in the hands of a people entirely capable of doing all that is needed therein. German—well, who will learn German after things are settled? We who know something of the language may find a use for it. But the Germans will learn English more than ever. But Spanish! Given English as a starting point, you have with Spanish the whole of the New World, plus (which is all either of the other language gives you,) one European country—or two, if you will. For a Spaniard has no difficulty in making himself understood in Portugal, and even less in Brazil, which, though a Portuguese speaking country, I propose, therefore, and advisedly, to include among its surrounding Latin-American neighbour.

Let us see how many countries this gives us. In the old World, Spain and Portugal (2); in the New World, Mexico, Guatemala, San Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Columbia, Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru, Chili, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil, Dutch Guinea, French Guinea, British Guinea, Venezuela, (20); not to to mention Cuba and other West Indian Islands So that for this one language we may claim that it gives, not one but, twenty and more lands of which, and their opportunities it makes us free. More—these are just the countries in which most development of natural resources and of commercial opportunities is not merely waiting, but crying out for aid, the countries where the chance of making a fair fortune is by far the most favourable. The Germans knew this well, and in no part of the world had they planted, before the war, deeper roots, nor anywhere else, perhaps, had they the prospect of a greater future, now thrown away. A man speaking English and Spanish can range in the new world between the poles and finds every variety of opportunity. I could tell some wonderful stories of fortune—even vast fortune—acquired by men who arrived penniless in Latin-America.

Learn languages—as many as you can. But, for Britain's sake and for your own sake, choose first of all the language which gives utterly incomparable openings for the future. I am sure the Education Officers, who have provided for the teaching of this very musical, simple and beautiful tongue, will agree. O.W.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION.

Sir.—May I take the liberty of trespassing on your valuable space, in order to oppose the suggestion, which was made in this column a few days ago, regarding the proposed Photography exhibition in Cologne. Your correspondent states that all classes of photographs could be entered and no exception need be taken to entries which had been developed and printed by one of the numerous dealers who do that kind of work. In my opinion, an exhibition of this kind should be run on purely amateur lines and any work which savours of the professional left out of it altogether. If it was run on the lines your correspondent suggests, it would simply be the man with the most spare cash who would walk off with the prizes, as he would be in a position to pay a high price and have his prints finished in elaborate style. In that case the average private or N.C.O. would stand very little chance against an officer. In an exhibition of this kind, each entry should be judged on its merits, as regarding its technique, composition, and cleanliness of working. If this method of judging the prints were adopted, it would even things up considerably, and also encourage numerous amateurs, who do all their own work, to enter with some chance of success. Thanking you in anticipation of your publishing this letter.

A.H.

Answers to Correspondents.

[The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Many questions have been received which could be answered much easier by the Adjutant of the unit concerned, and all such cases which affect the unit commander must be taken to him and not sent here. — Ed.]

O. O.—The initials C.I.E. represent the "Companion of the Order of the Indian Empire.

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A. M.—We will answer you by letter.

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Tattenham Corner:—Thanks for your suggestion. Surely you have observed that we have been devoting more space to the matter recently.

Turfite:—The VI Corps Club is running a sweepstake for officers List of runners will be published in ample time for the draw.

Rufus:—Modifications are expected, but one must await the official dictum on this delicate question.

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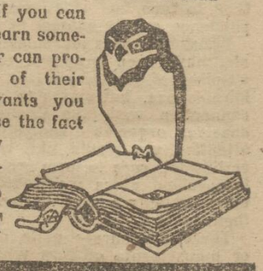

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16th Roy. Scots. No. 40365 Pte. A.H. Wilson, 16th Royal Scots last seen walking back to dressing station 34th Division about Sept. 27, 1918. Information to Box 94 Cologne Post, A.P.O.S.40.

4th K.O.Y.L.I. Lt. Ludlow. Last heard of on patrol Aug. 11, 1919. Communicate with Lt. Eric Mackenzie, 53rd Notts and Derby.

5th D.L.I. No. 81696 Pte. A. I. Thurling, and No. 81697 Pte W. Till of No. 1 Plat. A Coy. reported missing April 12, 1918. Information to M.F. Thurling 192. Milton St. Walsall Staffs

Great efforts are being made in German circles to obtain an amelioration of the Allies' peace terms through the intervention of the Vatican.

Marienbad springs and Kurhaus buildings, which are the property of the monks, have been leased for 50 years to the Pilzen Company, which is financed by Czecho-Slovak banks.

A mail coach was robbed on Sunday morning between Laroche and Dijon. Fifty-one postal sacks were emptied of their contents and French banknotes to the value of nearly £1,700 were abstracted.

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NORTH RUSSIA RELIEF FORCE.

ARRIVAL AT MURMANSK.

The relief force has arrived after an uneventful passage except for several mines, one of which came dangerously close to the transport when only two days out. The health of the troops is described as excellent, and the men are very keen.—*Reuter.*

BRILLIANT RUSSIAN CAVALRY.

The War Office has issued the following:

Archangel.—On May 18 our troops, in conjunction with the river flotilla, advanced on the left bank of the Dvina to south of Tulgas, capturing twenty-one prisoners and nine machine-guns.

Russian cavalry, General Ironside reports, distinguished themselves in the operation. It is believed that one of the Bolshevist gunboats was sunk in this encounter.

On the 19th a strong patrol of our Russian troops broke through the enemy's outpost line on the Vaga front on the Mata-Beresnik-Ignatovskaya road. They succeeded in capturing two officers, sixty-nine other ranks, and three machine-guns, whilst twenty of the enemy were killed.

Murmansk.—Several patrol encounters took place on the 19th near the railway in the neighbourhood of Lumbushki (north end of Lake Onega). Some of these were of a very determined nature, but our troops nevertheless succeeded in driving back the enemy's patrols and located their main line of defence. As a result of their recent defeats on this front the Bolshevists have removed their commander and replaced him by another of presumably greater capability.

POLISH ARMY ADVANCING.

The Poles have taken the offensive against the Ukrainians from Pripet to the Carpathians and made considerable advances on both sides of Lemberg. In the Ukraine all is quiet on the Dniester front. A rising on a large scale under Gregoriev is spreading rapidly in the centre of the country. The Bolshevists are taking counter measures to deal with it.

British gunboats have entered the sea of Azov to deal with possible landings in the Crimea. Denikin's troops in the middle of the Dometz area have had to relinquish most of their gains.—*Reuter.*

KOLCHAK'S PROGRESS.

Reuter learns that, according to an official telegram from Omsk, dated May 5, the Siberian army is continuing its advance on the Volga-Bugalma railway in the direction of Simbirsk. Rapidly progressing from the town of Iletskaya Zashchita, Admiral Kolchak's troops took the station of Dongusskaya (sixteen miles south of Orenburg), capturing prisoners, machine-guns, and rifles, and are approaching the town of Orenburg.

BOLSHEVIST PRISONER EXCHANGE.

A special British Mission has been to Moscow to arrange an exchange of prisoners. It has been decided that Raskolnikoff, commissary of the Bolshevist Navy and so-called admiral, together with another Bolshevist who has been a prisoner in England, will be sent to Russia in exchange for about twenty officers who were kept prisoners in Moscow by the Bolshevists. The exchange will take place at once.

GERMAN VIOLATES HIS PRIVILEGES.

Berlin, 21st May.— Major Pabst, President of the sub-commission for prisoners of war of the International Commission of Armistice at Spa has had to resign by order of Marshal Foch.

He had given a lecture in Berlin in which he dealt with the efforts of the German delegation to liberate the German prisoners of war and criticised the "resistance" of the Entente to all the German efforts to ameliorate the lot of the prisoners. A French officer who heard the lecture reported to General Dupont, Chief of the Allied Mission in Berlin, with the result that Marshal Foch ordered Major Pabst to leave Spa immediately.

He is succeeded by Major Kämmerling.

U-BOAT SURRENDER COMPLETED.

According to the *Berliner Tageblatt*, the delivery of the U-boats which had to be surendered under the terms of the armistice has now been completed. Eight U-boat cruisers, 62 large U-boats, 64 U.B. boats, and 42 U.C. boats have been delivered, says the journal, together will all salvage vessels and floating docks, with the exception of one of the latter, which has not yet been surrendered, owing to bad weather conditions. Electric and oil engines had to be delivered in place of boats sunk in crossing. —*Reuter.*

ESTHONIA DECLARES ITSELF INDEPENDENT.

PETROGRAD OFFENSIVE.

Copenhagen. The Esthonian National Assembly has passed a resolution declaring an Independent Republic, and claiming a place in the League of Nations. It re-affirms that it will fight Bolshevism to the bitterest end.

The Swedish newspaper *Folk tidaghlad* states that Esthonian troops are advancing in the direction of Pskoff and are now only fifty miles from Petrograd. British troops landed at Luga Bay and occupied a number of villages after fights with Bolshevists. The Petrograd Soviets are much alarmed. They have decided to defend the city to the last and then destroy it if it is in danger of being captured.

Copenhagen. 22nd May.—The offensive against Petrograd is being pressed with great energy. The forces marching against the city from the south west have now got into touch with one another and formed a joint front. The attacking armies are composed of two main groups, one of which is marching against the batteries of Kraskaja Gorka and to the west of Petrograd, while the other is operating in the district south of Narva.—*Reuter.*

INFLUENZA FATALITIES IN INDIA.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Montagu, Secretary for India, introduced the Indian Budget. He said the currency situation in India is causing anxiety owing to the increased price of silver, which necessitated fixing the rupee at 18. He had decided to appoint a new currency commission to investigate the situation caused by the rise of silver in a limited world supply.

Referring to the part played by India in the war Mr. Montagu said that India had won for herself a place in international discussion as an equal among the British Dominions and greater than any power in the world except the "Big Five". The House must have been gratified to learn that India is to be a member of the League of Nations and take her share in International Labour organization.

With reference to the Afghan trouble Mr. Montagu said that we desired nothing in Afghanistan except those friendly relations which we achieved when that country was ruled by the wise statesman Habdullah, who was recently treacherously done to death. We should, however, exact a stern but just punishment for raids and invasions.

Dealing with recent troubles in India Mr. Montagu said that though all danger was not past we had reasons for rejoicing. There had been riots but events had shown the unshakeable and undismayed loyalty of India as a whole. The Indian Army to a man, and the Indian police, despite attempts to provoke insubordination and to undermine discipline, had remained without a single stain upon their reputations. This was a tribute to the men who had won renown in the field of war but it was also a tribute to the officers of the Indian Army, who had shown so great a capacity for leadership.

Dealing with the causes of the unrest, Mr. Montagu said that between five and six millions died from influenza in India last winter. Two thirds of the population had suffered from it, with consequent removal of labour from industry and agriculture.

AFGHAN SITUATION.

The Afghan concentration along the whole of the Eastern front has been very pronounced during the past week and it is evident that large forces are before the British Expeditionary Force in that area. Large numbers of the enemy are Afghan regular troops well armed and equipped and in every way formidable adversaries. The Afghans' attempt to raise the border-side against the British met with only very moderate success.

The British representative at Kandahar has reached Quetta in British Baluchistan. No violence was offered him before leaving but he stated that a Holy War was being vigorously preached and that everybody in Kandahar was buying arms.—*Reuter.*

DECOY SHIP DECORATED.

Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Duff, assistant chief of the Naval Staff, yesterday afternoon unveiled a tablet which has been placed in the saloon of the s. s. Loderer, one of the "mystery" ships, at present lying in the Greenwich reaches. The Admiralty has decided that each vessel of the mercantine marine that has been engaged on this special service shall have a memorial tablet placed on board, inscribed with certain details of her service, together with the names of her commander and the members of the crew who received decorations, and this was the first ceremony of the kind. During the war the Loderer was known as the "Q. 5," and she was under the command of Captain Gordon Campbell, V.C., D.S.O., R.N. While she was in Government service, from Oct. 21, 1915, to Feb. 24, 1917, she successfully fought three actions with enemy submarines. The decorations gained by her crew were one V.C., three D.S.O.'s, seven D.S.C.'s, and sixteen D.S.M.'s.

THE MURDERED YOUNG W.A.A.C.

STATEMENT BY ACCUSED.

Company Sergeant-major Montagu Cecil Keith Hepburn, R.E., appeared on remand before the bench of magistrates at the Shire Hall, Bedford, yesterday charged with the murder of Nellie Florence Ruby Rault, a young member of the Q.M.A.A.C., who was murdered in Wilstead Wood on May 9. Her body was found by a search party lying covered with bushes near the Wilstead entrance to the camp of the Royal Engineers Signal Services at Haynes Park.

At ten o'clock the court was crowded, and a still larger number of people were unable to gain admittance.

Hepburn, who has protested his innocence, was wearing the Mons and M.S.M. ribbons. He is good looking, thick set, and of medium height, and is popular in the camp. Mr. A. Farr appeared for the defence.

Superintendent Purser said that he had been instructed by the Director of Public Prosecutions to give formal evidence of arrest only at this stage, and to ask for the case to be adjourned till Tuesday next.

The superintendent stated in the witness box that on Tuesday May 13, he arrested Hepburn at Haynes Park Camp and took him to Bedford, where he charged him on suspicion of murdering the girl. Hepburn, after being cautioned, replied. "I quite understand my unfortunate position and your justification for arresting me: but I am innocent, and I shall be able to prove my innocence. Whoever says I was wearing black leggings that day has made a mistake. I was not."

Hepburn was remanded till next Tuesday on this evidence.

A fund is being raised in the camp for the defence of Sergeant-Major Hepburn.

SECOND DEGREE OF UNWRITTEN LAW.

TOTTENHAM TRAGEDY.

Before Mr. Justice Darling, at the Old Bailey yesterday, Arthur Pank, 35, a soldier, was charged on indictment and coroner's depositions with the murder of Beatrice Pank, of Tottenham.

Mr. Cecil Whiteley, for the prosecution, said Mrs. Pank was the wife of prisoner's brother. Husband and wife lived on friendly terms. Prisoner was a sergeant in the Military Foot Police, and had served in the Army 19 years. He had been in India and had a long service good conduct medal. He also served in the present war in the East, and had volunteered for service in Russia. He was on seven days' leave, which expired on April 22nd last, and on that date went to his sister-in-law's house. At six o'clock prisoner went up to a policeman at the corner of the street and said: "Will you go round with me? I have just shot a woman." He produced a five chambered revolver unloaded and some cartridges. The policeman went to the house and found the dead body of Mrs. Pank with two wounds in the head.

MENTAL INSTABILITY.

Dr. Hickson, Medical Officer in charge of Brixton Prison, said two days after the tragedy he had an interview with the prisoner, who told him the complete story. He said his sister-in-law had insisted on going with him to see his brother in the City. They had a few drinks together, and after her husband returned to work she insisted on his returning home with her. He stayed for tea, and when he said he must be going she remarked. "Oh, there's plenty of time", took off her boots, lighted a cigarette, and then went to a bedroom and called for him to join her. She made a suggestion to him, and he said, "If you were my wife I should do for you". She laughed and said, "No man would frighten me like that". He then pulled out his revolver and fired at her. After firing he realised what he had done, and turned the weapon on himself. The revolver, however, missed fire. He took out the cartridge, replaced it and fired again, but as it still had no effect, he went outside and gave himself up. Witness said the prisoner realised the seriousness of the offence, and stated that he had no intention of evading the penalty. He considered prisoner was in an unstable mental condition, which would probably develop into insanity, and he thought his act was the first manifest symptom of his insanity.

In cross-examination, witness said prisoner realised what he had done, and also said he was justified in doing it. He thought he was defending his brother's honour.

TAINTED FAMILY.

Evidence was also given by prisoner's father, showing that prisoner's mother died by drowning, and that the witness's brother had hanged himself.

Mr. Justice Darling, in summing up, said the defence put forward was that prisoner was insane in the legal sense—that was, that he did not know the nature and quality of the act he was doing when he killed another. It was most necessary to uphold that, because there were no end of people now who were trying to trifle it away, and to allow people in certain circumstances, and especially those in khaki, to kill others with little or no excuse. Miss Cavell would not have said she was not doing wrong against the German law in aiding British and Belgian people to escape, but she said she was obeying a higher law in what she did and they would think so too. Did they really think it credible, in view of all the evidence given, that what the prisoner had described could possibly have happened? The evidence was entirely against the story.

The jury, after a long deliberation, found the prisoner guilty, and Mr. Justice Darling passed sentence of death.

Mr. John McGrath, Secretary of the Workers Union at Enfield Lock, has been placed on the Commission of the Peace for Middlesex. He is the first working-man magistrate from the Enfield District.

FRENCH'S TRIBUTE TO THE TERRITORIALS.

BETWEEN EMPIRE AND DISASTER

In the House of Commons yesterday.

Captain Ormsby-Gore (C.U., Stafford) asked the Secretary for War whether, with a view to laying at rest doubts which had been expressed in the public Press as to the conduct of the late Field-Marshal Lord Kitchener in France during the operations which preceded the victory of the Marne 1914, he would arrange to lay upon the table of the House copies of the instructions given by the then Government to Lord Kitchener when they sent him to Paris to see Field-Marshal Lord French, together with a copy of the letter written by Lord French after the meeting of the two Field-Marshals in Paris.

Two supplementary questions concerned the liability of the *Daily Telegraph* and differences between Lord French's statements and official despatches.

Captain Guest replied: In the absence of the Secretary for War in Paris, I have had no opportunity of consulting him with regard to these three questions. They appear to raise matters which cannot be suitably dealt with in answer to a question, more particularly in the absence of the Secretary of State. Meanwhile I am not in a position to add anything to the statement of my right hon. friend on the 12th inst.

Sir E. Carson (C. U., Duncairn): Will there be any opportunity given to discuss this matter?

Captain Ormsby-Gore: Am I to understand that these questions should be put down again when the Secretary of State for War returns from Paris?

Captain Guest: Yes. I shall be glad if the hon. member will do so.

Mr. Waterston (Co-op., Kettering): May I ask if the publication of these secret Acts is not an offence under the Defence of the Realm Act?

The Speaker: That is a matter of law.

FRENCH AND "1914".

In the latest instalment of "1914" in the *Daily Telegraph* Lord French says:

"I have spoken already elsewhere of what I have always regarded as our great initial administrative mistake in the war—namely, the raising of an entirely new Army—when the machinery for expanding the Territorial Force especially established by Lord Haldane for the purpose (I mean the Territorial County Associations) was already at hand, and would have proved by far the most efficient and economical method of raising the troops required. Lord MacDonald and those who are left of the early Volunteer soldiers must in their old age rejoice in the knowledge that they have lived to see the Force which they tended and nurtured against such appalling difficulties actually for several months standing between the Empire and disaster.

Such a spirit as that which the Volunteers cult vated and maintained is bound sooner or later to make itself felt, and, as the years rolled on, the country came at last dimly and slowly to realise the Volunteers' true value.

"The time for the employment of troops other than the regulars of the old Army arrived with drastic and unexpected speed. The wastage of war proved to be so enormous that the fighting line had to be reinforced almost before the New Armies were in existence. It was then that the country in her need turned to the despised Territorials. The call came upon them like a bolt from the blue. No warning had been given. Fathers and sons, husbands and brothers, left families, homes, the work and business of their lives, almost at an hour's notice, to go on active service abroad. It seems to me that we have never realised what it was these men were asked to do. They were quite different from professional soldiers, who are kept and paid through years of peace for this particular purpose of war; who spend their lives practising their profession and gaining promotion and distinction; and who, on being confronted with the enemy, fulfil the great ambition of their lives.

A SPLENDID RECORD.

Equally distinct were the Territorials also from what has been called the New Army, whose officers and men had ample time to prepare themselves for what they were required to do. I wonder, sometimes, if the eyes of the country will ever be opened to what these Territorial soldiers of ours have done. I say without the slightest hesitation that without the assistance which the Territorials afforded between October, 1914, and June 1915, it would have been impossible to have held the line in France and Belgium, or to have prevented the enemy from reaching his goal, the Channel seaboard.

DECREASED OUTPUT OF COAL

Mr. Thomas Ashton, the veteran ex-secretary to the Miners' Federation, stated at Manchester yesterday, that the output of coal in Great Britain will be less for some time than it was in pre-war days. The number employed in the mines was greater than before the war, but those who had become miners during the last five years were not to be compared as far as output was concerned with the pre-war miners, who had been trained in the craft from boyhood. Furthermore, the nation must remember that a large number of able-bodied miners had lost their lives, that a large number of others were no longer physically fit to follow the occupation of miners, and that not 5 per cent. of the miners who returned to the pits after service in the Army could dig coal as they dug it before the war.

CANADIANS GOING HOME.

Such progress has been made with the repatriation of Canadian troops that the total sailings for the present month up to the 20th inst. is 42,852. Altogether 175,445 Canadian troops have sailed for home since the date of the armistice, and if no untoward circumstances arise to interfere with the present progamme, only about 80,000 should remain to be repatriated by the end of the month. There are now only about 4,319 Canadian troops in France, and none of these are combatants. They consist solely of base staffs, hospital staffs, patients, and working parties.

THEORY OF HAWKER'S DISASTER.

QUESTION OF TEMPERATURE.

St. John's. Undaunted by the disappearance of the Sopwith, the other fliers are hurrying preparations for the trans-Atlantic flight. The Handley-Page will be ready to fly on the 31st May. Raynham's navigator, Capt. Morgan, is suffering so seriously from shock and other injuries that he may be compelled to return to England.

Lieut. Jensen has arrived from Paris to investigate the conditions for a flight by French airmen later in the season.

Experts now agree that Hawker and Grieve's machine must have collapsed shortly after leaving Newfoundland, because no wireless message was ever received, nor is there any indication of their being in the air at all during the five to six hours necessary to bring them into the track of liners, which track they should have reached before nightfall. The opinion is growing that the vast masses of field ice and icebergs, extending for a hundred miles off the Newfoundland coast, affected the working of the engine through the intense cold congealing the lubricating oil. The Americans flying from Trepassey actually suffered this experience.—*Reuter.*

FOOD MINISTRY AS LAW BREAKERS.

BUTTER AND INJUSTICE.

When a Bermondsey retailer was summoned for selling Government butter containing 17 per cent. of water—1 per cent. beyond the legal limit—a Government Committee wrote to the magistrate asking for the case to be withdrawn.

The magistrate fined the retailer, and the Bermondsey Council made a strong protest against the Food Ministry supplying butter which did not comply with the law.

The Food Ministry have now replied that—

"Owing to the shortage of supplies it is necessary to obtain butter from every available source, and it is impossible to avoid receiving a certain amount which contains more than 16 per cent. of moisture. The actual amount so received is, however, very small.

In the ordinary course it is issued to bakers and manufacturers, but under present conditions of transport and storage some small quantity may be distributed inadvertently to the trade. Under the distribution scheme of the Food Ministry butter is allotted to traders and taken up by them in good faith, and it therefore seemed undesirable that the trader should be penalised for the quality of butter which she was bound to accept."

The Public Health Committee of Bermondsey regard the reply as begging the question as to why a Government Department considers it is entitled to break the law, and at the same time encourage some traders to act in the same manner. Since the original case was reported upon another case has come to light.

A strong letter is to be sent to the Ministry of Food protesting against the attempt to justify the procedure.

SPORTING PARSON STARTS TALKING.

The Rev. Everard Digby, know as the "Fighting Parson," who was recently acquitted by a courtmartial, made a statement yesterday drawing attention to alleged irregularities in connection with the proceedings. He explained that as he was only finally demobilized the previous night, this was the first opportunity he had had of making such a statement.

Mr. Digby summarised the alleged irregularities under the Army Acts as follows:

1. No report was furnished within 24 hours to my C.O.

2. A statement was taken from me without the customary warning being given.

3. I was illegally arrested a week after the alleged offence.

He stated that the offence was alleged to have been committed on Friday, March 14, and that it was only when he was taken before an officer, "whose name has all along been refused to me," on Thursday, March 20, that he was put under arrest. He was then handed over to the police and removed to the Tower.

"I was told I should only be there for two or three days," Mr. Digby said, "and I should write a statement which would go to the G.O.C., who would decide whether the matter went further or not. I consider this arrest, a week after this alleged offence, during which I had been pressing for inquiries, was utterly illegal. If the A.P.M. had arrested me at the time I should have had no grievance on this point. In fact, Captain Lloyd, the A.P.M., has admitted that if he had believed the statement true he would have arrested me at the time."

Dealing with the taking of the summary of evidence, Mr. Digby said, "The whole of the evidence was utterly discredited on cross-examination, being contradictory as to time, place, and everything else, and my legal advisers feel that the case should never have gone further. The matter of identification, of which Sir A. Bodkin made a great point at the actual courtmartial, was a farce, as this had been done at the taking of the summary when I was the only man in the room who could possibly be identified.

Mr. Digby mentioned that the engaging of Sir A. Bodkin by the military authorities had necessitated his engaging a counsel of equal eminence, and the proceedings had cost him nearly £ 1,000.

R.A.F. MAJOR CRASHES.

Ascending from Shoreham aerodrome yesterday morning, Major Albert Desbrusay Carter, D.S.O., and bar, Canadian R.A.F., was killed. He was flying near Lancing College and fell from 7,000 feet. It is thought a wing of his machine broke.

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EMPIRE DAY, 1919.

Once more we greet the festal day of Empire, the day when we were wont to forget the parish pump and look to the broader horizon of Empire — the British Empire. Then for four dreadful Mays came the grim spectre of the bloodiest war this earth has ever beheld and many of the Empire's citizens held their breath, fearful at times lest they had insufficiently valued an inheritance which might dissolve before their eyes. "England," said Germany, "can be beaten; Imperial dissension will prevent the Empire joining in; the kingdom overpowered, the Empire shall be ours: therefore let us no longer rattle our sabres, let us have war." How gravely they had miscalculated the essential meaning of "British Empire" they now have learned to their cost.

How came such a nation to make so grave a miscalculation? Because it had never understood the more-sacred meanings of the word Empire. Their own efforts at empire-making had produced a labyrinthine structure where the utter subjugation of the various members to the immediate demands of the conqueror was the keynote. That is not Empire building and the result of such fatuous labour is now to be seen in the shattered and bruised remains of what was the German Empire. The word "empire" essentially conveys the idea of jurisdiction which should connote justice, and on these lines has the British Empire been built.

An empire is built up of a number of heteorogeneous units, and if it is to stand the strain of time the mortar must be good. Justice and Humanity are the only safe cements to employ in empire building. Let us never forget, when family troubles brew, the splendid efforts, the noble devotion — even unto death — displayed by all the great and varied families that make up our empire. From the small volcanic rock in the Atlantic, from the Antipodes, from the magnificent Orient, from every corner of the earth they trooped, they offered even life itself, in order that the great heart of the Empire, the small isle off the coast of Europe, should not be riven asunder; that the seat of Justice and Humanity should not be shaken. And they did this, they fought fiercely, they died nobly, because each nation white, black and brown had adopted the great idea of Justice and Right.

Peace hath her victories
No less renown'd than war.

Now that Peace is approaching what further victories are we going to achieve? We have many serious battles to fight. The spirit of unrest stalks o'er the earth and it needs but a jar here, an injustice there to banish victory for ever.

Whichever part of this mighty Empire we hail from, let us never forget that on the muddy fields of France and Flanders, on the blazing beaches of Gallipoli, amid the heat and horror of the Holy Land, in fact wherever the Allies fought, the blood of our bravest was mingled in the great fight against military domination which knew only Might as its secret of government. Let each Empire Day remind us of the bloody but glorious fields of Ypres, Passchendale, Delville Wood, Anzac Beach, the Somme, and scores of other places only too well known; and in such great and glorious memories let us forget the infinitesimal pin pricks that may seem momentarily to interfere with the smooth, brotherly working of the Imperial organism.

As with the Empire as with the individual nations. Can any one class say *we* fought and died for *you*? Nay, the old idea of the man paid to die for us has gone. From the slum and the peerage, from the field and the factory they poured forth blood, seas of blood, in order that all might live more securely. Debrett has changed as much as has the factory pay-sheet. Intellect and brawn have supped from the same mess tin and often supped Death. Under what a glorious debt of honour this places all who have been fortunate enough to come through. Never again must the idea that Labour and Poverty are pre-ordained show its noisome head. Only by a brotherly regard for every unit of the nation, of the Empire, only by assuming that the battle of the weaker brother and sister is our battle, can the nation of the Empire hope to survive. And the promise of this is good.

As with Empire and Nation so with the Home. One thing we must never forget and that is the glorious bravery displayed by the women folk of the Empire during this time of stress. Not always near the battlefield, not even necessarily in the munition factory or the canteen, but everywhere. For sheer bravery and consistency let us look into the homes where the wife and mother has "carried on." Smiling when smiles were helpful, encouraging when duty was difficult; ever ready, ever sacrificing, the woman of the Empire has fought her battles and there is no less glory and honour due to her than that awarded to the hero of the battle-field.

Thus the war has left us all a wonderful glory and also an enormous debt of honour, to our homes, to our nations, to our Empire. Only by a conscientious endeavour to repay this debt can we hope to see the Empire, for which our brothers died, raised to that pinnacle of glory and stability which they endeavoured to buy for us and for it. We can only have a real Empire by endeavouring to live up to some such ideal as Milton expressed in "Enflamed with the study of learning and the admiration of virtue: stirred up with high hopes of living to be brave men and worthy patriots, dear to God and famous to all ages."

A REPLY TO "AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CHAPLAIN."

Dear W.E.S.—Whatever your signature may indicate, your open letter does not reveal the colour of your padre, and so you set all the more of us a-thinking. I have a fair knowledge of the chaplains who have represented the Scottish Churches, Wesleyan, and English Free Churches over here, and am sure they will regard your letter less as a criticism than as a frank attempt at explaining your position and giving a clear idea of the lines along which you need guidance.

We padres are out here for no other object than to try to understand and help you and your comrades, believing that we have a message —a great piece of good tidings—that has power to remove the difficulties that you set before us in your own way. We want to understand you —though not many of you are ready to open your minds—and we as surely want you to understand us. It is not our business to boom one Church at the expense of another or even to tell you "Be good and you'll be happy;" but to keep before you the Lord Jesus Christ as the hope of the individual and the race, and to provide you with convenient opportunities for reverent worship.

We have our different ways of presenting the truth that is able to save men here and now from the things that prevent their being at their best, believing the best, and hoping for the best, in this world and the world that is to come. You must try to believe that we are never quite content with the best we have done to state this simply and directly as you require, and in that unity and breadth of spirit that the comradeship of active service has taught; though it is not always easy to answer in a few simple words those deep questions of theology, philosophy and Church history that you set.

In your own case, I should advise you to go straight to your padre, so that each may have a chance of discovering that the other is something better than "not a bad sort," and you will together get a step nearer to the solution of some of these great problems that are for the members as well as the ministers of the Churches. It is just this sympathy and exchange of ideas that we need to prove that the religion which kept us through the fire of the trenches, with its "Quit ye like men, be strong," can do the same for us in the hotter fire of temptation— and so our mutual confidence will make plainer the way to the new heaven and the new earth in which God is.

P.C.D.

SIEGBURG MONASTERY.

The Reception Camp of the Eastern Division, Army of the Rhine, is at present situated in the historic building of the Siegburg Monastery.

This building was commenced as far back as 1064, and dedicated as a Benedictine Monastery in 1066. The Crypt of the present church is the original one of the old building, and shows the simple strength and purity of design of those early days that we in England associate with the Normans.

The monastery grew in power and prestige till it reached its greatest height in the fifteenth century. The Abbot was an ecclesiastical Prince, having autocratic power over a tremendous tract of surrounding country. We read that at one time in later days the monastery lost its lands on the left bank of the Rhine. As Siegburg is situated ten kilometres from the right bank, some idea of the extent of the monastic state can be gained from this fact.

During the sixteenth century, the monastery began to decline in power and suffered, as all the petty German states suffered, from the terrible scourge of the thirty years war (1618 to 1648). During its history, the building has twice been burnt down, and one of these fires occurred during this terrible time.

It is interesting to note, when we remember that the place is now used to billet British officers and men, that during the Thirty Years War, the Swedes took possession of the town and monastery and used the latter as quarters for their officers.

The peace of Westphalia, which concluded the Thirty Years War, left the Rhine practically a French river, and the present building on Michael's Mount is a French building throughout, built in 1651, three years after the French occupation.

The monastery continued to decline, although the surrounding country quickly became German once more. It does not come into prominence again until the time of Napoleon, who also used it for billeting his officers. It is of absorbing interest to note that the great Generals, Jourdan, Kléber, Ney, and Bernadotte lived in the very same rooms now occupied by British officers.

After the treaty of Lunéville (1801) Siegburg ceased to be a ecclesiastical state, and the monastery was used for other purposes. It has been, during the nineteenth century, at one time a lunatic asylum, and at another a prison.

In the latter part of the last century the monks returned, impoverished of lands and goods, and very few in numbers, but carrying on the work for which the Benedictines are famous.

During the Great War, the building was adapted for and used as a hospital for German and British wounded.

All men going on leave from or rejoining the Eastern Division, through its Reception Camp should be keenly interested in the historic building that they pass through, famous both in peace and war throughout eleven centuries.

GERMANY, THE LAND OF MUSIC.

BY JUVENIS.

I have heard many people, when discussing Germany, say unhesitatingly that the German people are more musical than the British. While not posing as a musical critic, I cannot help feeling that such statements are erroneous.

Germany, of course, can boast of a glorious past in the history of music. No one would dare to depreciate the greatness of her eighteenth and early nineteenth-century composers. The names of Beethoven, Mendelssohn and Schumann will always take the premier rank among the world's musicians. Their works have rightly earned for Germany in the past the title of "The Land of Music".

At the same time, I doubt whether Germany can still claim those laurels, or rather, whether she will be able to do so much longer in the future. The mind and the temperament of the German people has altered considerably since the days of their great musical stalwarts. A new idea has obsessed the minds of all classes in Germany, and all else has given place to the attempted fulfilment of that idea.

The history of Germany, was recorded during the last fifty years might be termed "The German Renaissance." It marks the awakening of the Teutonic states, their welding together in a close union of empire, and their onward march towards world dominion. That Renaissance would differ from the earlier one of the time of Lorenzo of Florence, in that it marked the re-birth of materialism, not Art, in Germany.

The great idea was world supremacy, and the German rulers did everything possible to place Germany in the front rank of European nations. So systematically did they set to work, that they did not confine their attention solely to the preparation of an army and navy. They even conceived the idea of gaining for Germany the laurels as the first nation in art and learning.

In accordance with this plan, music was encouraged in every sphere of German society. Every school had to include it in its curriculum. State-owned Opera Houses were built in the main cities of Germany, so that the love of music might be fostered among the people. Gradually, the people have been trained to regard music as an essential part of their life and consequently we find evidences of that regard in every class of society. The smallest public house owns its piano, while no café of note is found without its orchestra. The Englishman travelling in Germany is naturally amazed at this outward devotion to an art which is apparently neglected in other countries.

We have earned in this war to how great an extent "camouflage" can be employed, and the words in Portia's caskets have been proved only too true.

"All that glitters is not gold."

Outward appearances have been proved many a time to be most deceptive, and so if we want to gauge the true attitude of the German people towards music, we must penetrate more deeply than the outward mask they assume.

The true artistic spirit of a community can be gauged by its production. The periods in our country's history when literature has been most appreciated, have been marked by the immortal writings of our greatest poets and authors. In the same way, the wonderful works of Handel and Beethoven marked the period when the German people had reached the zenith of their appreciation of music.

It has often been remarked that the course of history changes like the swinging of a pendulum, and the most fruitful periods are often followed by a period of literary dearth. In England, the excellent work started by the lake poets was checked in the middle of the last century by the fatally materialistic writings of such men as J. S. Mill, Huxley and Haeckel. It has taken England nearly half a century to regain her temporally lost love of romance and art, crushed by those un-imaginative Victorian writers, whose ideas of man as a mere automaton blinded their followers to all the most beautiful in life.

The musical production of a country is also affected by the general tone of philosophy current among the people, and the advent of nationalism marks the decline of that same spirit of romance and art which alone can produce true music. Consequently, the harsh creeds of militarism, propagated by such men as Nietzsche, Bismarck and Bernhardi, have had their effect on the character of the German people. Their old love of music, for its own sake, because of its charm and beauty, has gone. We behold the superficial exterior, still artfully disguised with that veneer which would seek to hide the fact that the German people, in their lust for more material things, have lost their own soul.

While admitting that England, too, has suffered heavily in this war, we are proud to believe that it has led her to regain much of that old spirit of chivalry, which can combat and overthrow the more deadening influences of materialism. The Englishmen's nature, I am convinced, is just as responsive to the appeal of true music, which represents the higher pleasures of life as is that of the German. He only needs encouragement and incentive to develop those gifts which nature has bestowed upon him.

England has long boasted that its Government refrains from interfering with the private life of its citizens. At the same time, however, the Government has the opportunity of directing the energies of its people, and such is its duty. Especially at a time like the present, when the aftermath of the war will have a tendency towards materialism among our people, it would be a good thing for our Government to do everything possible to encourage the study and love of music and art among the people.

In the cultivation of such tastes alone rests the chance of establishing our country at a pitch of true greatness, for, while our industries and commercial wealth increase, we must never forget that at the same time our love of music and literature, and the natural chivalry accruing from that love, must grow apace.

The Englishman, I am certain, has the capacity for appreciating and cultivating the love of music in as great a degree as any foreigner, and he only needs encouragement and guidance to bring in a second renaissance into our land.

GOOD NIGHT!

Soft, "Good Night!"
Weary ones, now slumber light!
See, the sun has made his westing,
Busy hands have found their resting:
Till the morn awakens bright,
Sweet, "Good Night!"

Time for sleep!
Tired eyes 'neath lashes peep;
Quiet grow the streets, and only
Chimes the hour from belfry lonely;
Chants the night in accents deep,
"Time for sleep!"

Happy Dreams!
Slumber till to-morrow beams;
Slumber till the new day's beauty
Calls to Life and Love and Duty.
Fear not; God thro' darkness gleams.
Happy Dreams!

Körner.
(Translation — O. Wynott.)

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Saturday	5	Faust	Gounod
Sunday	6	The Gipsybaron	Strauss
Monday	6	Barbier of Seville	Rossini
Tuesday	6	Waffenschmied von Worms	Lortzing

ALBUERA ANNIVERSARY.

26th (S) Btn. ROYAL FUSILIERS SPORTS AT HOFFNUNGSTHAL.

A very successful sports meeting was held by the 26th (S) Btn. Royal Fusiliers at Hoffnungsthal on the anniversary of the battle of Albuera.

The barebacks mule race and the blindfold boxing afforded plenty of amusement. The following is a list of events and winners:—

100 yards open:—1st L/Cpl. Casburn; 2nd Pte Spear.

Inter-Company Tug of War:—"C" Company.

220 yards W.O's and Sergts.:—1st Sergt. Hendry.

High Jump:—1st Sergt. Griggs; 2nd Pte. Turner.

Inter-Company Relay Race:—"B" Company. (Winner's team: 2nd Lieut. A. E. Palmer, Sergt. Hendy, L/Cpl. Lake. Pte. Cox.)

100 yards Officers Race:—1, 2nd Lieut. A. V. Todd; 2nd Lieut. Baker.

220 yards Open;—1st L/Cpl. Casburn; 2nd Pte. Proudfoot.

Three-legged Race:—Winners: Pte. Stracham and Elgar.

1/2 mile Open:— 1st, Pte. Proudfoot, 2nd Sergt. Hendry.

1 mile Open:—1st, 2nd Lieut. A. V. Todd; 2 Pte King; 3, Pte. Hex.

Long Jump: 1, L/Cpl. Casburn.

1/4 mile Open:—1, 2nd Lieut A. V. Todd; 2, Sergt. Clark; 3, Pte. Nunn.

Mule Race:—Pte. Bennett.

Officers Mule Race: 1, Lieut. Van der Weyden. 2, Lieut. Evans.

STILL ANOTHER CONCERT PARTY.

The "Q—Vics", the concert party of the 9th London Regt. make their debut on Whit-Monday evening, June 2nd, at Neideraussen. 2nd Lieut. Smith has organized the party and Rifleman Ling and Howes will be responsible for the production. "Jock" Ling was formerly with the 58th Division Concert Party. Bobby Howes is well known in the vaudeville world as one of the originals in the Gotham Quartette.

BAKERS' BILLIARD MATCH.

At the Bakeries Billet, R.A.S.C., Kalk, Cologne a most interesting billiard match was played between R.A.S.C. Bakers and 8th Motor Ambulance Convoy (Bonn). The visitors put up some very fine games, indeed losing by only 50 points.

It is only fair to say that the Bakers have every opportunity of practising on their own table which is a full sized Burroughes and Watts.

The Bakeries have a match arranged for Monday next when they play No. 1 Sergts. Mess, G.H.Q. They invite anyone interested in billiards to come and see it, the first game being at 5 p.m. They also invite further friendly matches.

No 8 PLATOON, 51st D.L.I. v. TRANSPORT.

Played at Riehl in very hot weather. About ten minutes after the start the Transport pressed very hard and eventually scored. Ten minutes later Sergt. Foster headed in for 8 Platoon from a corner kick. Just before half-time Transport scored again. Half-time score:— Transport 2; 8 Platoon 1.

The second half was very keen but 8 Platoon soon got the upper hand, Sergt. Foster netting twice and Dakers adding a third.

Final Score:—

8 Platoon 4; Transport 2.

111 v. 248 SIEGE BATTERY.

This football match was played on the ground of the first named at Nothberg, on Wednesday.

There was no score in the final half, but the visitors had slightly the better of the exchanges. After the interval the home team opened the scoring. Fowler giving the "goalie" no chance with a shot from short range. A minute later Howlett got through and put the home team further ahead. Two more followed from the same player, who thus performed the hat trick.

Final:—

111 Siege Battery 4; 248 Siege Battery 0.

A MULEISH MISHAP.

3rd BATTALION MACHINE GUNNERS LAMENT.

The grass cricket pitch found so conveniently near the Rheil Barracks has been commandeered for horse and mule Lines, and there is gnashing of teeth and wailing. Matches now will have to be played on the Barrack Square, and as the 30 sets of matting wickets, coming for the Army of the Rhine are at present in, on, or under the sea, the Sports Officer has been reduced to the manufacture of netting wickets in lieu. Whose chicken run has suffered, we wonder?

Hockey hangs fire, because though we have the players and the pitch, sticks are 'napoo'. If any club is giving up this sport and has any sticks for sale perhaps they would communicate with the Battalion Sports Officer.

Swimming still attracts, and no wonder, considering the weather. Arrangements are in hand to promote the much desired Aquatic Gala. Much surreptitious training is going on and no doubt some dark horses' will be brought to, light' (or should we, considering the nature of the sport, say, Dark Dolphins')?

INTER-ALLIED SPORT.

ENGLISH TEAM OBLIGED TO FALL OUT.

The Australian lawn tennis players are going to Paris on Sunday to participate in the inter-Allied army contests in which France, Belgium, Italy, America, and Rumania are playing. It is understood the English team has fallen out at the eleventh hour, the authorities refusing to help financially.

650 FOR 8 WICKETS.

AUSTRALIANS' HUGE TOTAL AGAINST CAMBRIDGE.

VIGOROUS BATTING.

With a score of 519 for 7 wkts. the Australians might have declared their innings closed on Thursday morning, but they elected to continue with the following result:—

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

C. Kelleway, b Fairbairn	168
H. L. Collins, c Wood, b Fairbairn	69
J. M. Taylor, c Morris, b Calthorpe	31
A. W. Lampard, c Gilligan, b Morris	83
J. T. Murray, c Johnstone, b Morris	23
C. E. Pellew, not out	105
C. B. Willis, run out	14
J. M. Gregory, b Fairbairn	49
W. S. Stirling, b Gilligan	23
C. T. Docker, not out	52
B, & c	13
Total (8 wkts.)	*650

*Innings declared closed.

CAMBRIDGE.

G. E. C. Wood, 1 b w. b. Kelleway	38
G. P. Brook-Taylor, b Kelleway	17
G. Wilson, c. Long, b Gregory	27
B. S. F. Morrison, b Gregory	17
C. P. Johnstone, b Gregory	23
H. M. Morris, b Gregory	0
Hon. H. S. G, Calthorpe, c Cellins, b Stirling	2
G. A. Fairbairn, b Gregory	0
G. A. Rotherham, not out	84
A. E. C. Gilligan, b Gregory	6
J. H. Naumann, 1 b w, b Lampard	51
B 13, 1-b 8, n-b 7	28
Total	293

OFFICERS, W.O'S AND SERGTS. AT HOCKEY.

After a great deal of practice in their spare time the Warrant Officers and Sgts. of the 13th King's Liverpool Regt. decided to challenge the officers to a hockey match. The contest was decided at Beuel on Tuesday.

The officers did all the pressing in the first half but were only able to score one goal before the interval. This was the result of a scramble in the goal-mouth, 2nd Lieut. Hogg putting the finishing stroke to a good effort.

The second half was of a more even nature and although both goals were raided in turn no further score resulted.

Final:—Officers 1 goal; W.O's and Sgts. nil.

"PRICE PINCHING."

Bitter complaints are made of "price pinching" by a certain section of bookmakers. "These men at Hurst Park," protests a "Daily Mail" correspondent, "betted the most awful odds on every race except the Jubilee."

Has the microbe of profiteering caught these crampers of the odds?

EXCELLENT FIELDING.

51st v. 52nd BEDFORDS' CRICKET MATCH AT HENNEF.

Played at Hennef on Saturday, this match was doubly interesting, as the two teams are drawn together in the Eastern Divisional Cup which match takes place very soon. The 52nd Bedfords were some-what at a disadvantage as this was their first match of the season, and they have not had any opportunity for practice. Batting first the 51st Battery were rather quickly disposed of for 27 runs, the small total being largely due to the excellent fielding of the opposing side, who captured no fewer than 6 wickets with catches.

Opening the inning for the 51st Bn Lieut. Mason and Sergt. Cope soon began to get runs and only 3 wickets had fallen when the 52nds' total was passed.

A bright display of batting came from Dr. Dodman and Sergt. Carter who scored 14 and 26 respectively, the remaining wickets falling rather cheaply, making a total of 73.

52nd Bedfordshires:—

Sergt. Blackwill c. Lieut. Sayers b. Herrod 3; Lieut. A. Roeber c. Sergt. Barker b. Lieut. Sayers 2; R.S.M. Walker c. Lieut. Mason b. Lieut. Sayers 2, Lieut. Altham b. Sergt. Elliot 3; Lieut. Whately Knight c. and b. Lieut. Sayers 2; C.S.M. Munsfield c. Dodman b. Lieut. Sayers 1; L/Cpl. Merry c. Herrod b. Lieut. Sayers 1; Sergt. Parriss b. Sergt. Elliot 3; Sergt. Bird b. Sergt. Elliot 5; Pte. Rochester b. Sergt. Lomax 1; Sergt. Charman not out 3; Extras 1; Total 27.

51st Bedfordshires:—

2nd Lieut. Mason c. Sergt. Blackwill b. Lieut. Roberts 12; Sergt. Cope c. Lieut. Roeber b. Sergt. Sharman 8; Sergt. Elliot b. Sergt. Blackwill 3; 2nd Lieut. Sayers b. Sergt. Blackwill 1; Capt. Coward b. Lieut. Roeber. 0; Pte. Dodman c. L/Cpl. Merry b. Sergt. Parriss 26; Sergt. Carter b. Lieut. Knight 14; L/Cpl. Thorpe b. Lieut. Knight 0; Sergt. Barker not out 1; Pte. Herold b. Lieut. Knight 1; Pte. Lomax b. Sergt. Parriss 0; Extras 11; Total 76.

HEAVY SCORING AT TRENT BRIDGE.

NOTTS v LEICESTERSHIRE.

After two days of heavy scoring the match between Notts and Leicestershire had at Nottingham on Thursday to be left drawn.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

C. J. B. Wood, c Hardstaff, b Carr	12
Mounteney b Barrett	54
King, c Barrett, b Richmond	42
G. D. E. Rudd, l b. w. b. Lee	31
A. T. Sharp, c Lee, b Carr	17
Coe, not out	46
Curtis, c Payton, b Gunn (G),	29
B 4, l-b 5	9
Total (6 wkts)	*350

* Innings declared closed.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

Gunn (G), b Curtis	72	not out	50
Lee, c Mounteney, b Curtis	158	c Sidwell, b Geary	16
Gunn (J.), c Coe, b Geary	13	st Sidwell, b Geary	11
A. W. Carr, c King, b Geary	20	c Mounteny, b Curtis	0
Hardstaff, c King, b Yrown	50	not out	37
Payton, b Curtis	38		
Flint l b w. b Curtis	18		
Wilson, c Sidwell, b Curtis	1		
Oates, c Mounteney, b Curtis	16		
Barrett, b Curtis	0		
Richmond, not out	6		
B 3, l b 7, n-b 1	11	L b 1	1
Total	408	Total (3wkts.)	115

SOMERSET v. SUSSEX.

A TIE AT TAUNTON.

The result of the match between Somerset and Sussex was officially recorded as a tie. The following are the concluding details of the match:—

SOMERSET. — 2nd Innings.

A. D. Rippon, b Cox	8
A. S. Rippon, b Cox	8
J. C. W. McBryan, b Cox	0
Robson, b Roberts	11
Braund, b Roberts	11
J. D. Harcombe, run out	5
P. P. Hope, c Stannard, b Vincett	6
Bridges, st Miller, b Vincett	14
Capt. Amor, c Cox, b Tate	13
J. C. White, not out	11
Chidgey, c Vincett, b Cox	10
B 5, w 1	6
Total	10

SUSSEX. — 2nd Innings.

H. L. Wilson, not out	42
A. K. Wilson, c Braund, b Robson	4
T. E. Bourdillon, c Bridges, b Robson	7
A. C. Somerset, c Braund, b Robson	0
R. A. T. Miller, c Bridges, b White	0
J. H Vincett, b Bridges	0
Roberts, b D. Rippon	28
Tate, c Chidgey, b Bridges	11
Stannard, c MacBryan, b D. Rippon	0
Cox, b Bridges	0
H. J. Heygate, absent	0
Extras	6
Total	98

CAPT. BOND'S XI. v. D. COY, 2/4 DUKE OF WELLINGTONS.

A very interesting match was played at Erp on Tuesday between Capt Bond's XI. and D. Coy of the 2/4 Duke of Wellingtons. D. Company opened against the bowling of Bond and North. The first wicket did not fall until 22 runs were scored, but after that none showed any signs of making a score. The whole side were dismissed for 46.

Capt. Bond's XI. opened very feebly having 5 wickets down for the same number of runs, but Corpl. Albone and Pte Bromwich made things look a bit brighter, taking the score up to 20 before the 6th wicket fell. After that Cpl. Eastwood and Pte North showed good form, and knocked off the remaining runs, thus winning a good match by 3 wickets.

D. Coy:—

Lieut. S. Wood b. North 4; Pte Maries b. Bond 14; Pte Iveson b. Bond 8; Pte Wigley b. Bond 0; Pte Swallow c. Handley b. Bond 0; Pte Hall b. North 0; Sergt. Clayton b. Bond 0; Sergt. Major Crabtree not out 10; Cpl. Donkin b. North 0; Pte Banks b. Bond 1; Pte Stancombe c. Albone b. Bond 0; Extras 9; Total 46.

Bond took 7 wickets for 20 runs; North took 3 wickets for 17 runs.

Capt.— Bond's XI.:—

Wild b. Lieut. Wood. 0; Cpl. Thurston c. C.S.M. Crabtree b. Iveson 0; Pte. Handley b. Wood 1; Pte. Grant b. Wood 0; Pte. Bromwich b. Sergt. Clayton 8; L Cpl Bond c. Maries b. Wood 0; Cpl. Albone c. Hall b. Clayton 9; Pte North not out 10; Cpl. Eastwood not out 11; Extras 12. Total (for 7 wickets) 51.

Ptes. Brewis and Sutcliffe did not bat.

LATEST LONDON BETTING.

The Derby:— 11 to 8 Panther; 15 to 2 Buchan; 100 to 12 Grand Parade, all taken and offered; 100 to 7 Paper Money; 100 to 6 All Alone and Dominion; 20 to 1 Lord Basil, all offered.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Prince Henry scores a goal.

Prince Henry played his first polo game at Wellington on Wednesday and scored a goal.

4400 Guineas For 3-year Old.

At a bloodstock sale at Tattersall's Knight of the Air, a 3-year old by Sunstar-Orama was bought by A. R. Barton for 4400 guineas.

Caravanning.

"If we want to raise the nation from C3 to A1 we should take to caravanning," says Mr. J. Harris Stone, hon. secretary of the Caravan Club.

A Rare Distinction.

Mrs. McNair achieved the very rare distinction of capturing a set from Mrs. Chambers in the third round of the ladies' singles at Surbiton on Wednesday.

C. L. Townsend.

Charles Lucas Townsend, the famous Gloucestershire cricketer, has been appointed Official Receiver for the Middlesbrough, Stockton, and Northallerton area.

Isthmian Football League.

The Isthmian Football League at its annual meeting, decided that for the next season the number of clubs competing should be twelve, as before the war.

Two-Day Cricket.

Although it was a very one-sided and low-scoring game, the match at Old Trafford between Lancashire and Derbyshire is regarded as another argument in favour of limiting county cricket to two days.

Polo Tournament.

Through their victory against White's Club in the semi-final for the Social Club's Polo Cup, the Cavalry Club qualified to contest to-day's final with the Royal Automobile Club who won the Cup in 1913.

Betting Man Fined £90.

Fines totalling £90 were imposed on Henry Bush, of St. John's-road, East Ham, at the local court for using the Denmark Arms, Barking-road, for purposes of betting and for offering a bribe to a police sergeant.

OUR CRICKET CUP.

FIXTURE LISTS FOR REMAINING TWO LEAGUES.

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS.

The fixture lists for the remaining two Leagues in our Cricket Cup Competition are published below, together with the supplementary lists completing the other Leagues.

Further delay in getting the competition completely started could not be considered, and those clubs from which no word has been received signifying a preference for a particular area have been alloted to the League appearing most suitable while at the same time keeping the Leagues as even as possible in size.

As is unavoidable when the complete fixtures of a competition cannot be published as a whole, a little rectification of the previously published lists is necessary, due partly to one or two units withdrawing from the competition in consequence of demobilization, and partly to notification of location in other cases having been since received. It must be understood, however, that no further changes in the composition of the different Leagues can be made.

DRREN LEAGUE.

310 Bde R.F.A. v. "D" Corps Siege Park.
6th Field Ambulance v. Camp Commdt., Light Div.
153rd Siege Battery R.G.A. v. 1/1 North Midland Heavy Battery.
183 Siege Battery R.G.A. v. 527 Coy R.A.S.C.
52nd Gordon Highlanders v. 3rd King's Own (Hussars).
58 Siege Battery R.G.A. v. 10th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.
IV. Corps Troops M. T. Coy v. "O" Battery Rocket Troops R.H.A.
62nd M.G. Battalion v. Light Division Signal Coy R.E.
Light Division H.Q. v. 15th King's Hussars.
"D" Corps Signal Coy R.E. v. No 1 Light Railway Sig. Coy. R.E.

SOLINGEN LEAGUE.

15th K.O.S.B. v. 15th H.L.I.
83rd (Dublin) General Hospital v. 64th Field Coy R.E.
51st Hants Regt. v. Lowland D.A.C.
Southern Division R.E. v. 90th Field Coy R.E.
"A" Battery 51st Bde, R.F.A. v. 63rd Field Coy R.E.
Lowland Division M.T. Coy — no match on this date.

ALTERATIONS IN PREVIOUS LISTS.

The following are the alterations to the previously published lists and the additions completing the leagues:—

Bonn League—

For Eastern Div. Sig. Coy. v. 51st R. Sussex read 53rd S. Wales Borderers v. 51st R. Sussex.

Additions:—

Lancs, Div. H.Q. v. 2nd London Infty. Bde.
23rd R. Fusiliers v. 1st T.M.B. (Western)
69th Siege Battery R.G.A. v. 13th Kings Liverpool Regt.

Cologne Town League.—

For 42nd C.C.S. read 47th C.C.S. v. 53rd Northumberland Fus.

Additions:—

51st Northumberland Fusiliers v. 4th R. Sussex Regt.
24th Vet. Hospital v. Cav. Div. H.Q.

Cologne Southern League—

For Midland D.A.C. v. 23rd M.T. Coy, R.A.S.C. read 8th Field Ambulance v. 23rd M.T. Coy. R.A.S.C.

Additions:—

161st Bde. of Arty. v. "G" Bty. A.A. R.F.A.
41st Battalion M.G.C. v. Northern Div. R.E.
12th R. Irish Rifles v. D/190 Bde. R.F.A.

Cologne Northern League:—

Additions:—

5th Battalion M.G.C. v. "B" Corps Sig. Coy. R.E
31st Labour Group v. C Battery, 113 Bde. R.F.A
75th Bde. R.F.A. v. 11th Q.R.W. Surrey Regt.
Southern Div. M.T. Coy. v. 23rd Middlesex Regt.

Euskirchen League:—

Additions:—

Midland D.A.C. No match on this date.
"F" A.A. Battery R.F.A. v. 488 Siege Battery R.G.A.
52nd Sherwood Foresters v. 1st Battalion M.G.C.

In the Bonn Area fixtures, "207 Squad R.F.A." should read "207 Squadron R.A.F." In the Euskirchen league, "Corps Signal Coy" should read "E. Corps Signal Coy."

THE DERBY.

WHAT THE RACING SCRIBES ARE SAYING.

Much comment has been made on the withdrawal of the Derby favourite the Panther from all meetings previous to the great classical event. Referring to the past, the racing correspondent of the "Times" reminds us that the Duke of Portland's Donovan ran for the Newmarket Stakes in 1889, proceeding to win the Derby a fortnight later. Mr. Mc Calmont's Isinglass in 1893 took the Newmarket Stakes, after carrying off the Two Thousand Guineas, and going on the Epsom, won the Derby. "Ladas followed his example precisely, and St. Frusquin after this victory in the Two Thousand, would have run for the Stakes I well remember Mr. Leopold de Roth child telling me, but that the stable was able to provide what was believed to be and proved an efficient substitute in Galeazzo". In 1897 Mr. Gubbin's Galtee More took all three races, and later the Prince of Wales's Diamond Jubilee did the same. Lord Rosebery's Cicero won the Stakes, and the Derby in 1905, while Mr. J. B. Joel's Sunstar in 1911 won all three races.

McKinley.

It was suggested some time back that Mr. Vanderbilt would not send M'Kinley over to run in the Derby, but I should be very chary of accepting this as the last word (says "The Scout" in the "*Daily Express*.") The colt won the French Two Thousand easily on Sunday from Observateur, who has also been mentioned in connection with Epsom. The last Derby there was won by the French-trained Durbar II.—a rank bad horse—so a spice of French opposition would be doubly welcome this Entente celebration.

Lord Basil's Defeat.

The Derby situation was materially influenced at Newmarket this week when Lord Basil, who was second favourite for the Great Epsom race, was hopelessly beaten for the Newmarket Stakes, for which in a field of five he went out favourite at the comparatively long odds on of eleven to four.

The defeat, indeed, may be said to have amounted to a rout, and I much doubt now (says "Hotspur" in the "*Daily Telegraph*") whether the horse will even run for the Derby.

ITALIAN CYCLE RACE.

An Italian long distance cycle race commenced at Milan on Thursday, a hundred competitors entering for the contest. The course which covers ten stages is as follows:

Milan—Trente; Trente—Ferrara; Ferrara—Pesaro; Pesaro—Naples; Naples—Rome; Rome—Florence; Florence—Genoa; Genoa—Turin; Turin—Milan. Among the competitors are Girardengo, Gremo, Belloni, Egg, Buysse, Vanserberghe, Godivier etc.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday, May 24, 1919.

Wind light and variable. Fine, very warm, some afternoon cloud. Day visibility fair.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

Cologne Amusements.

A recent grouse remarked upon the scarcity of amusement for other ranks in the occupied area generally and in Cologne in particular. Great Scott! What are people coming to? Every day there is difficulty in finding space in this page for the sporting events that are happening all over the place, so numerous are the reports sent in. During the day-time in Cologne, excursions on the river by steamer, rowing on the delightful lake at the Stadtwald, Lindenthal, cricket and rambles into the country provide ample recreation for the more energetic, while those who prefer to take their pleasures quietly may, as a result of a visit to the Y.M.C.A. and the canteen, arm themselves with literature, smokes and (if in extravagant mood) chocolate, and hie them in some byway to live for an hour or two in complete contentment. Then in the cool of the evening, there are the theatres and picture palaces, billiards and concerts at the Leave Club and the Y.M.C.A. and elsewhere, interesting lectures at many halls and a dozen other attractions to help the troops to while away the time. If the correspondent who complained will compare in his mind's eye this state of things with the opportunities for enjoyment the majority of us remember in civil life, he will realize he is not so very badly off, after all. But some people are extraordinarily hard to please.

The Silly Season.

Some time ago we had that hardy annual in all newspaper offices, a coo-coo story. Then the progress of time brought along the fishing and the golf yarns that are always as prolific as poets in spring, and now comes this: "A Butterfly.—When walking down Hohe Strasse on Thursday, I watched a butterfly for fully fifty yards flying a few inches over a gent's head. It finally alighted on his straw hat." The advent of the usual sea serpent story is expected at any time now and then the list of subjects inspired at this season of the year will be complete.

THE RAMBLER.

ARMY TROOPS SPORTS.

SUCCESSFUL FIRST DAY'S EVENTS.

If for no other reason than as an excuse to spent a lazy afternoon amid the most congenial surroundings, a visit to-day to the Pola Wiesen Sports Ground, Cologne, can be thoroughly recommended. The sloping banks of the Rhine form an admirable stand for spectators. From them an uninterrupted view of all that is happening may be had with the most picturesque scenery as a background.

Yesterday, the two days athletic sports meeting of the Army Troops opened in delightful weather at this ideal spot and the preliminary events decided were full of promise for the success of to-day's proceedings.

The officials of the meeting are:

Chief Steward: Captain J.H. Haygarth, G.H.Q; Assistant: Lieut. D.A. Onions, G.H.Q. Referees: Major R. Parker G.H.Q., Judges: Major G.S. Colvin V.C. P. & R. T. School and Lieut. Stratton, A.S.C., M.T., Rev. Capt. Stevenson, C.F. and Lieut. A. Copcutt, A.S.C. Starter. Lieut. R. Hirst, Labour Group; Telegraph Board. Lieut. P. Burgess, A.S.C.; Marksmen. Capt. O. Munsell, R.A.M.C., S. Maj. A. Harper, Army Gymn., Sgt. H. Bott, A.S.C. and Cpl. I. Sherbourne, A.S.C.

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RESULTS.

The results of the opening events are appended.

Long Jump: 1, Capt. Crumb, 4th F.S.B. (19ft.); 2, C.S.M. Starkey, A.G.S. (16ft. 11 ins.)

Tug of War: No. 8 Veterinary Hospital beat 1st Team, 12th Tank Bn; 4th F.S.B. beat Army Signals.

100 Yards: 1, Sapper King, R.E.; 2, Lce. Cpl. Johnstone, 8th Vet. Hospital; 3, Pte. Smith.

Throwing the Cricket Ball: 1, C.S.M. Starkey A.G.S.; 2, Pte. J. Milne, Labour Coy.

440 Yards: 1, Capt. Saxton, Army College; 2, Bdr. Wiseman, R.F.A.; 3, Corpl. Beasley, Army Headquarters.

INTER-ALLIED ARMY GAMES.

THE POSITION OF RHINE ARMY ATHLETES.

Many ambitious athletes have written to us enquiring if it is possible to enter for some of the events in connection with the Inter-Allied Army Sports to be held in Paris in July.

We have made enquiries of the authorities, as a result of which we learn that in view of the very high standard of many of the entrants, it has been decided that no candidates from the Rhine Army shall participate in the sports as representing the British Army.

The reasons for such a decision are fairly obvious when it is pointed out that the conditions of the sports lay down that any individual is eligible who has served in the Army during the war. The result of this has been that the Americans have made arrangements for their champion athletes to come over to France to compete.

Since the present British Army covers such a wide field, application has been made for the introduction of several events in which athletes may be sent from Germany to represent the Army of the Rhine as distinct from the British Army as a whole.

Up to now, no reply has been received as to whether such a thing is feasible, but meanwhile, time will be saved if those anxious to participate will communicate with the Superintendent, P. and R. T., Excelsior Hotel, Cologne.

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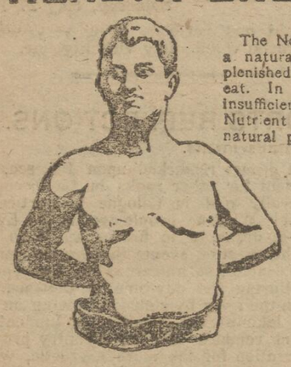

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RIVAL INVENTORS.

OFFICER'S CLAIM DISPUTED.

Whether Major MacCallum or Lieutenant J.F. Power, both of the R.A.F., is the inventor of an aerial target, which it stated, has proved of invaluable assistance to the Military authorities in the art of "spotting for the Artillery," is the problem which the Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors are now considering. A fortnight ago Lieut. Power, as the inventor, brought a claim for £10,000 before the Commission, and at its last sitting Major MacCallum appeared before the Commission, and claimed for himself the credit of the invention. He explained that from what he had read in the papers Lieut. Power's invention semed to be almost identical with the one he had in operation at the end of 1915, and had been using ever since. (Lieut. Power had claimed for the use of his target by the authorities since 1916.)

The present applicant said that his target was in use at the School of Military Aeronautics at Reading while he was in command. His target consisted of a representation of an actual section of the front, showing an area including Neuve Chapelle, Armentières, and Lille. It was an exact replica of the scene, picturing ruins, forests, and trenches as they would appear to the aviator flying at a height of from 5,000ft. to 8,000ft. He claimed that his target was so realistic that airmen had mistaken photographs of it for photographs of the actual front.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Justice Sargant, Major MacCallum said that to his knowledge nobody had ever produced anything similar before.

The Chairman pointed out that Lieut. Power admitted that the idea was old. His claim was for three improvements he had effected. Major MacCallum said he did not think they were improvements, but the Chairman said they had the evidence of highly-placed officials on that point. One great advantage of the Power target, he added, was its portability.

Mr. Trevor Watson, on behalf of the Ministry of Munitions, said Major MacCallum's invention had been continually in existence in the school at Reading from early in 1916 till after the date of the armistice.

The award of the Commission will be made known at a later date.

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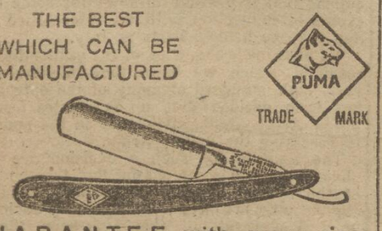

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"BOOM" IN EMIGRATION.

OFFICIAL SCHEME FOR EX-SERVICE MEN.

A "boom" in emigration to the Dominions is anticipated. It will be remembered that in the House of Commons on April 8 it was announced that the Government had decided to grant free passages to the Dominions to "ex-Service men who are accepted as approved settlers under any settlement scheme of the overseas Governments, or can show that they have assured employment awaiting them, and are otherwise acceptable to the authorities of the Dominion to which they wish to proceed." The same privilege is extended to women who have served in any of the recognized women's service corps, including the Land Army.

Recently there has been opened at 59, Victoria-street (previously the Passport Office) an "Overseas Settlement Office," which is virtually a sub-Department of the Colonial Office. Within the last few days a Committee appointed by the Department has been engaged in consultation with representatives of the overseas Dominions, in the preparation of a scheme for giving effect to the Government's decision.

We understand that it is proposed to make the fullest use of the existing immigration machinery of the Dominion Governments for testing the suitability of applicants for State-aided emigration. Each of the Dominion Governments, through the High Commissioners or Agents-General in London, already possesses an organization for the examination and approval of intending settlers, and under the proposed scheme the approval of these immigration authorities will continue to be required. The Employment Exchanges will also play a part in the scheme. Men or women wishing to obtain free passages will be required to get forms of application at the Exchanges and lodge them there, and it is possible that the Exchange machinery will be employed for purposes of verification.

Inquiries made show that little progress in the emigration of British ex-Service men is anticipated, until early next year. The Dominion authorities, though they have had during the war, and continue to have, many inquiries from men and women wishing to emigrate, have naturally done little or nothing in the way of assisting people to leave the country. At present, and for some months hence, the repatriation of their own soldiers will rightly have the first claim on their resources, and the shipping available or in sight does not justify any hope that they will be in a position to give much help this year to British ex-Service settlers. Still less is it likely that they will be prepared to give assistance to civilian settlers, at any rate until they have had some experience of the effects of the new Overseas Settlement scheme for ex-soldiers.

From inquiries with which the leading shipping companies on Clydeside are being deluged it is evident that, as soon as transport facilities are available, there will be a great exodus of emigrants from Scotland to North America. As soon as the Armistice was signed numerous inquiries were made at the various shipping offices as to prospects for emigration, and all agents are anticipating that, directly travelling restrictions are removed and ships are available, a great "boom" in emigration will take place.

The chief reason for this is the fact that for fully four years there has been no emigration, and people who would have left the country but for the war are anxious to get away at the first opportunity. Ex-Service men, unwilling to return to sedentary occupations, are also anxious to try their fortune overseas, while the influence of Dominion and American soldiers who have been quartered in this country has had an unsettling effect upon many people.

"THE BLACK LIST."

ORIGIN OF CONVICTED MEN.

In the House of Commons Sir John Butcher asked the Home Secretary the country of origin and the date of naturalization of the following persons who are ineligible Government contractors and who were convicted of offences during the war—namely, David Assersohn, 31, St. Bride-street, E.C.; Bernard Albert Kufferberg, managing director of Engines, Limited, Willesden; David Gestetner, Neo-Cyclostile Works, Tottenham Hale; George Edward Heyl, Kingsway, W.C.; and Barnett Rabinowitz, Sclater-street, Bethnal Green.

Sir Hamar Greenwood: B. A. Kufferberg is a natural-born British subject; David Assersohn and Barnett Rabinowitz are men of Russian origin naturalized in 1901 and 1902; David Gestetner is a man of Hungarian origin naturalised in 1886; and G. E. Heyl is a man of German origin naturalized in 1899. The cases of Heyl, Rabinowitz, and Gestetner have been carefully examined, but they do not present facts on which proceedings for revocation of the naturalization certificates could be based. In the case of Assersohn the Home Secretary proposes to institute such proceedings.

Mr. Joynson-Hicks said he hoped the new Aliens Bill would make it easier to get these men denaturalized.

Bound from Baltimore for Gothenburg, the Atlantic transport steamer Lake Placid, with 4,000 tons of coal, struck a mine at Vinga, near Gothenburg, and sank in five minutes. The crew were rescued.

THE ADVANCE GUARD.

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

"MICHEL" AND HIS ATTITUDE.

In a recent issue of *Die Welt am Montag*, an interesting article was published, dealing with the increasing excitement of the Germans.

"Never was the German people," says the writer, "in need of as much cool reflection as in these most critical hours of the nations life."

The writer goes on to say that despite the Revolution, the Michel (the representative impersonation of German manhood) remains just as he was in 1914. In those days he believed in the fabulous reports of aerial attacks on Nuremberg, poisoned wells in Flanders, and in the purely defensive attitude of the German government.

"To-day," states the paper, "Michel believes in our having to choose between an affirmative and negative answer to the signing of the Treaty; he believes that protestations would be successful, and that those who do not protest are not true Germans. He is still faithful to the Government; he trusted Bethmann Hollweg, he now trusts Scheidemann."

The writer then mentions the political weakness of the German of to-day. "Pure simpletons," he calls them, even though they are so "infinitely capable" in other departments of State control. "The Germans," he says, "amongst whom have been so many deep thinkers, have now no political ideas whatever, and act merely upon impulses and with blind adherence to any authority."

THE PEACE BONFIRE.

Canon Rawnsley at a meeting of the executive of the Parliamentary Bonfires' Committee reported that applications for flares, rockets, and hand lights had been received from 700 places in the British Isles. Applications had come from 18 places in Cornwall, and every important height and headland in that county would be lit up. From some counties comparatively few applications had been received. If August Bank holiday should be one of the peace days the Committee had decided to light the bonfires at 11 p.m. in England, Ireland, and Wales, and at 11.30 p.m. in Scotland.

WOMEN AND INCOME TAX.

Before the Royal Commission on Income Tax, Mrs. M. M. Ogilvie Gordon on behalf of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland, put in a series of examples showing that the tax paid by a man and wife who each have an income is considerably more than the tax paid by two unmarried persons having similar incomes.

Mrs. Gordon claimed that the husband and wife should be separately assessed, and further suggested that the "wife's allowance" (£25) now made to the husband should be considerably increased where the wife has no separate income.

She admitted that the cost of a household consisting of a man and his wife was ordinarily less than the cost of maintaining two independent persons.

ERRATA.

In yesterday's issue we published a letter "The Question of Tongues." In the list of Spanish-speaking countries, three names should read Dutch Guiana, French Guiana, and British Guiana, and not as given "Guinea," in each case. We regret this error.

A New Jersey airman, while flying 700ft. high at a speed of 70 miles per hour, dropped a crate of eggs without smashing any. The eggs were tossed over to test a new style of parachute.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

Returned soldiers have been exempted from compulsory service under the Australian Defence Act.

Good general rains have fallen both in North and South Island (N.Z.), thus relieving the position for pastoralists.

President Wilson will sail on June 1 for the United States by the George Washington, which is expected at Antwerp shortly.

To commemorate the centenary of 1820 settlers in South Africa it is proposed to erect a monument on Gunfire Hill overlooking Grahamstown.

Since the call for volunteers for foreign service was issued, 33,500 men have enlisted in the United States Army. In the past week 5,492 enlisted.

According to a Bolshevist message the Ekaterinodar newspapers report that the British have sent troops to occupy Kars, Erzerum, and Erzindjan.

Four hundred people have been arrested in Odessa for non-payment of the contribution imposed by the Soviet, and will be employed on forced labour.

A monument designed to perpetuate Edith Cavell's sacrifice is to be put up on the terrace of the orangery at the Tuileries.

Germany's request to allow her to dispatch a ship to Riga for the purpose of conveying German subjects to Germany has been refused by the Soviet Government.

A beginning has been made of the construction of the new port of Milan, which is part of a gigantic scheme for linking together all the cities of Northern Italy by canals.

Dybenko (the seaman who married Mme. Kollontai according to the Bolshevist rite, and then absconded with State funds) has been appointed commander of one of the Red Armies.

Broken Hill mines continue closed. A shortage of coal, owing to industrial disturbances, and the refusal of carpenters to work because of unsettled grievances now prevent the mines reopening.

EMINENT ORGANIST ON MUSIC OF THE RHINE ARMY.

Major Walford Davies the organist of the Temple church London, gave a fascinating talk on the "Music of the Rhine Army" at the Y.M.C.A. central on Thursday evening. The lecturer aptly illustrated his remarks on the piano, and also sang several songs with chorus, the large audience itself singing the choral part under the lecturer's tuition. Major Davies laid especial stress on the joys of part singing and urged everyone to make a point of coming to the practices of the Y.M.C.A. mens' chorus, which meets at the Central on Tuesday evenings.

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NORTH RUSSIA RELIEF FORCE.

ROUTE MARCHING.

Kem, North Russia, May 23rd. The troops of the relief force are temporarily held up at Murmansk owing to the ice conditions at Archangel. It is intended that they shall make a daily route march through Murmansk and its vicinity with bands and colours. This will both provide exercise for the troops, who are living on board the vessels which brought them, and will also relieve the monotony of life in the town, which is like a swamp, for the British and Allied troops stationed there. The appearance of the new arrivals has created an excellent impression on the inhabitants.

General Maynard's headquarters have been removed to this place (Kem), which is 400 miles south of Murmansk. Everybody here is accommodated in huts built entirely of wood, of which all buildings in this part of Russia are constructed. Mosquitoes are beginning to make their appearance.—*Reuter.*

MORE MURMANSK SUCCESSES.

Last night the War Office issued the following:

Murmansk.—General Maynard reports the capture of Medvyejva Gora, at the North-Western end of Lake Onega, after a series of actions with the enemy's rearguard. During his retirement the enemy suffered severely, and captured documents, show that our unrelenting advance has undermined his morale.

We have now occupied the heights surrounding Medvyejva Gora, and are in full possession of this area. The rapidity of our advance prevented the enemy from doing any but slight damage to the piers, wharves, railway workshops and buildings of the town.

TWO DEATHS FROM PLAGUE.

The Secretary of the Local Government Board last night issued the following announcement: "A soldier passenger on board the steamship City of Sparta, which left Bombay on April 3, was taken ill during the voyage and died of bubonic plague. He was buried at sea. The vessel on arrival at Liverpool on April 29 was treated as a suspected ship and all the usual precautions were adopted. The Local Government Board have now received an intimation that a native member of the crew fell ill and was removed to the Liverpool Port Sanitary Hospital on May 13. He developed a bubo on May 16 and died next day. The illness was diagnosed as plague, and this diagnosis has been verified by bacteriological examination. The Local Government Board are making further inquiries in regard to this case through one of their medical inspectors."

CADETSHIPS AT WOOLWICH.

An Army Order issued yesterday announces that a limited number of cadetships at the Royal Artillery Academy, Woolwich, for the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers, will be filled by specially selected warrant officers and petty officers, non-commissioned officers, and men who served overseas prior to Nov. 11, 1918. Candidates must have attained 17½ years of age, and must not have attained the age of 21 on July 1, for the July examination, and on Nov. 1 for the November examination. Names should be forwarded through the usual channels in the case of those who are still serving, or in the case of those who have left the Service, direct to the Secretary, War Office. In either case applications must reach the War Office by July 1 and Nov. 1.

RESTRICTED COAL OUTPUT.

Mr. Hugh Crankshaw, who is visiting Swansea after being eight years manager of the Cranberry Creek Colliery Company Pennsylvania, and later manager of the Harwood Coal Company, has made some very significant pronouncements regarding America's plans for world trade. He said that in the best American collieries the output was as much as seven tons a man per day compared with the British output of one ton, and that coal could be put on board at Newport News at 20s a ton. When freights became more normal Americans, he said, would be easily able to deliver coal in London at 35s a ton, and make a good profit. Americans were building a large mercantile marine for their foreign trade, which was being developed in many directions. A thing that astonished Americans was the restrictive output policy on this side. British miners, and especially Welsh, seemed to think every one was exploiting them. Now American miners did not care how much owners got out of the industry provided the workers got their share. "People in Britain," he said, "do not seem to realise what America, perfectly openly, is out for".

In the current issue of the London Scottish Regimental Gazette the sixth subscription list of their war memorial fund is published, the total of which now amounts to £32,783 12s 9d.

BOLSHEVISTS ADMITTING DEFEAT.

1,100 PRISONERS.

Reuter learns that a telegram dated May 13 received from Omsk gives the following report of the progress of the Siberian troops: "In the sector of the Ekaterininsky Canal our troops are advancing. In the direction of Ourzhoum (eighty miles south of Viatka) our offensive is proceeding successfully. In the direction of Malmyzh (towards Kazan) our troops have crossed the Idyk river, and have advanced several versts Westwards. The enemy attack along the Kazan railway has been repulsed. In the Chistopol sector the Reds, having succeeded in crossing to the East bank of the Chzame river, were obliged to retreat. Our troops have wiped out six companies of the enemy. We have taken two machine guns, 300 rifles, and 1,100 prisoners. In the Bugulma sector stubborn fighting is going on."

PRINCE OF WALES TO VISIT CANADA.

With the approval of his Majesty the King, the Prince of Wales will visit Canada during this year. It is expected that his Royal Highness will leave England in August, in order formally to open the new Parliament Buildings at Ottawa.

Speaking last night at the dinner of the Canada Club, the Prince said: I was almost going to say "Goodbye," but "Goodbye" would have been a most inappropriate word, because I am very glad to be able to take this opportunity of telling you all to-night that I am coming over to Canada very soon, I hope in less than three months time. (Cheers.) Naturally the prospect of this visit to the great Dominion would have delighted me in any circumstances, but now I shall enjoy it all the more because I shall look forward to the pleasure of meeting many old friends again—and I hope of making a lot of new friends as well. (Cheers.) It is true that I shall be setting my foot on soil that is new to me, but somehow or other Canadian soil will not seem strange now, because, often in company of some of you here this evening, I have tramped over the battlefields of Flanders, which, as the scenes of the exploits of Canada's battalions, and by the memory of their gallant dead who rest there, seem to have a just claim to be regarded for all time as closely associated with the very soil of the Dominion itself. So the message I have to send through you, Sir Arthur, to all ranks of the Canadian Corps who are still on this side of the Atlantic is a very simple one and can be compressed into one word, "Au revoir!"

ASQUITH ON MUNITIONS.

Mr. Asquith, speaking at Newcastle on Saturday afternoon said. "I came here in April 1915 when we had had nearly nine months of war. I made a speech then which has been more unscrupulously and shamelessly travestied than any public utterance of our time. From the very beginning of the war the possession of an adequate supply of munitions was the subject of serious solicitude by the Government. As far back as September 1914 I appointed a strong committee, presided over by Lord Kitchener, of which the present Prime Minister and Mr. Haldane were members, to deal with the matter in all aspects. The development of new methods of warfare and the unprecedented scale upon which ammunition had been expended in the Winter and Spring increased the urgency of the situation. Accordingly I resolved to come here to urge that an increased output of munitions had become more important than the growth of recruiting. Before I left London I asked the highest military authorities, if up to date, our operations had been crippled or seriously hampered by lack of munitions and I was assured by Lord Kitchener, who had been in direct personal communication with Lord French, that such was not the case. It was on the strength of that assurance that I made the statement as to the past which has been so often quoted, but I did not attempt to conceal from my audience or the country the anxiety as to the future. I summed up my general conclusions by saying there is not a single naval or military authority among us who does not declare that a large and rapid increase in our output of munitions has become one of the first necessities of the State. This is the speech for which I am charged with lulling the nation into a false sense of security. I am glad to remember that the speech had precisely the effect it was intended to produce.

SHORTAGE OF FOOD.

Sir Edward Brotherton has just entertained over 1,200 members of the Leeds Pals' Battalion—which he was instrumental in raising—to dinner. The men consumed 400lb of salmon, half a dozen lambs, eight legs of veal, 200lb ribs of beef, 100 hams, 100 turkeys, and 200 cheddar cheeses, with fruits, wines, &c. Sir Edward Brotherton employed twenty-five chefs and 250 waiters.

It is now officially announced in the "London Gazette" that the King has been pleased to appoint General Sir Herbert Charles Onslow Plumer, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Malta and its Dependencies.

INQUEST ON MURDERED WAAC.

LAUGHTER IN COURT.

The inquest was resumed yesterday on Nellie Florence Ruby Rault, the young W.A.A.C., stationed at Haynes Park R.E. Signal Service Camp, near Bedford, who was found murdered in Welstead Wood on May 12. The girl, whose parents live in Jersey, left the camp about 3.30 on the afternoon of May 9, and was not again seen alive. A military search party was sent out on Monday, May 12, and the body of Miss Rault was found in the wood near the Welstead entrance to the camp. Evidence already given showed that she had expressed an intention of meeting a sergeant-major at the gate. He was known to witnesses as "the little dark man" and "Nellie's sergeant-major." Medical evidence disclosed that deceased had been stabbed by a sharp pointed knife in the chest and back. A soldier's dinner knife found near the body could not have caused the wound, but Dr. Garner was of opinion that the large blade of a red handled clasp knife shown to him could have been used.

John Charles Bray, a pupil at the Bedford Modern School, stated that he and another boy found a book entitled, "The Hundred Best Poems" on the road about fifteen yards from where the body of the W.A.A.C. was found. She had been seen previously sitting in the wood close by reading the book. Bray, according to his statement, also heard someone breathing hard in the wood, and a sound of the cracking of dry bushes fading away in the opposite direction. He thought someone was asleep. He saw at the moment an open N.A.C.B. lorry coming from the camp, and as it passed him he saw Sergeant-major Hepburn sitting in the back of it. To-day Hepburn was again in court, occupying a seat immediately behind his solicitor, Mr. A. Farr.

A SHORT DARK MAN.

Miss Hickson, the Unit Administrator of the W.A.A.C.'s in the camp, who was now recalled, deposed that she had inquiries made as to whom Miss Rault was going to meet on the day named, and she ascertained that she was going to meet a sergeant-major whose name seemed to be unknown. He was described as a short, dark man, who usually wore black leggings. On the Saturday following witness unsuccessfully made inquiries as to the sergeant-major's identity. On Sunday she spoke to the regimental sergeant-major, described the man to him, and told him she would like to speak with him. About 10.30 p.m. the regimental sergeant-major informed her that the only man who answered the description of the man she wanted was Sergeant-major Hepburn, who, he remarked, was a most unlikely man to make an appointment with the girl, and also that he did not know her. Hepburn, he said, was a man who always went out by himself, and never attended dances. Witness added that Hepburn had never reported to her, and it was not until Tuesday afternoon she heard that Hepburn had made a statement.

SCHOOLBOY'S EVIDENCE.

John Charles Bray, the schoolboy, being now recalled, informed the coroner that it was on the Tuesday night that he first made the statement to Police-sergeant Tingey about seeing Sergeant-Major Hepburn in the military lorry. There was no one with the police-sergeant at the time the statement was made. When the breathing was heard in the wood a schoolfellow named Lewis was with him. The witness volunteered his statement. It was on the Tuesday afternoon in Bedford that he first heard Sergeant-Major Hepburn's name had been mentioned in connection with this matter. He believed it was Lewis who first mentioned it to him, but he could not say which of them was the first to remember that Hepburn was seen in the lorry.

The Coroner: Is it a fact that your father, Captain Bray, and Hepburn enlisted in the army about the same time prior to the war?—My father joined before him.

Used they to be friends?—Yes.

Did you go to the edge of the road to look into the bushes?—Yes.

On Tuesday did you said you did not look into the bushes?—We went to the edge of the road.

Then the statement you made was not correct?—No, but I have said all along that we did look in that direction.

MISSING STATEMENT.

Claud Lewis, another pupil of the Bedford School, who was with the last witness, said he heard sounds of deep breathing in the wood. He heard the snapping of twigs, the sound of which died away as if someone was walking on them. At first he thought it was someone singing and gathering primroses. He heard two breathings and two groans, and the snapping of the twigs began after the second groan. Witness saw Hepburn in the lorry which passed him just after they entered the camp gates. He had known Hepburn for some time. It was not until the Monday evening that he spoke to his parents about the noises in the wood, and next morning he mentioned the matter to Bray. He could not remember if he said anything at all about Hepburn on the Tuesday.

Mr. Farr put a question to witness about the joint statement he and Bray had made to Police-sergeant Tingey. Witness replied that such a statement had been made.

Mr. Farr: I want that statement, please.

The Coroner: I have not got it.

Mr. Farr: The police have got it.

Superintendent Purser: It is news to me.

Private William Rush (recalled) said he was quite close to the boy Bray when the book of poems was picked up. He saw Sergeant-Major Hepburn on the back of the lorry. There was no one else with him.

At this stage Colour-sergeant Hepburn was asked by the coroner if he wished to give evidence. After consulting his solicitor, Hepburn replied: "Not to-day, sir."

FACETIOUS WITNESSES.

Sergeant Lewis George Smith Royal Engineers, deposed that Hepburn was employed with him in the demobilization office. On the afternoon of May 9 Hepburn was with him in the office, and they left together just before four o'clock to go to tea in the sergeants' mess. Hepburn was in the office all the time from two till four, their desks were eight yards apart, and witness did not recollect Hepburn leaving the office. Witness added that they reached the sergeants' mess, and he turned into it. Hepburn passed up the road as if he were going to his quarters. He did not make any remark to witness. On the following morning he accompanied the witness and others on a wagon to Bedford to attend some sports. Witness did not see him on the Saturday night or on the Sunday, but on Monday morning he was at work in the office. Witness could not remember if he was in the office in the afternoon. He first heard there was a girl missing on Saturday morning, and so far as the sergeants' mess was concerned, it seemed to be generally known. So far as he knew no inquiries were made at the mess. In his opinion Hepburn must have known that the girl was missing. On May 13 witness was interviewed by Police-sergeant Tingey.

The Coroner. Do you remember his asking you what time Hepburn left your office on the Friday afternoon?—No. I have a very poor headpiece.

Do you remember telling him that Hepburn never left the office until five o'clock that afternoon?—No.

Do you remember anything of the conversation?—No. sir.

I suppose you realise that this is a serious matter? Yes, sir, that is why it makes me feel worse than it would some people. I have a very bad top storey—(laughter)—and I cannot rake it sufficiently to get the information I want out of it.

The Coroner: You seem to have a peculiar memory, sergeant-major.

Mr. Farr (to witness): Have you had sunstrokes?—Yes: I was invalided from Gallipoli.

Police-sergeant Tingey deposed that he and Police-sergeant Stock made inquiries on May 13. He asked Smith what time Hepburn left the demobilization office on the 9th. Smith replied he never left the hut all day until five o'clock. Witness said "This girl being murdered is a serious thing, and I want the truth, no humbug." Smith repeated that Hepburn never left the hut. Both he and Hepburn were in the hut all the time.

LEGGINGS OR PUTTEES.

Horace James Hill, Kempston, said he was driver to the N.A.C.B. lorry referred to. He arrived to camp at 4.30 p.m. on May 6. On his reaching the canteen a sergeant-major wearing black leggings spoke to him saying. "Are you going to Bedford?" and then walked away. About twenty minutes to five as witness was moving away the same sergeant-major mounted the lorry at the back. Witness slowed down to enable him to get up. On the way out of the camp witness passed Private Rush, and further on another soldier got on the lorry and sat beside the sergeant major. On reaching the Prebend bridge, Bedford, the sergeant-major got off the lorry. Witness did not remember seeing two boys on bicycles. On the Monday the same sergeant-major halted him, as he was leaving the camp, about a quarter to five. He left an officer and asked witness, "Seeing as he knew the girl, and he might be taken for the case would witness testify, if necessary, that he went to Bedford on that evening?"

Second Corporal A. Burden, Royal Engineers, said he knew the deceased, and saw her pass the power-station at the camp between 3.30 and 4.30 on May 9, going in the direction of Welstead. She was alone. A short time later he proceeded to Welstead on leave, but he did not see Miss Rault or anyone near the gate of the camp. The canteen lorry overtook witness, and he got in at the back of it. There he found Sergeant-Major Hepburn, who was wearing black leggings. Witness said "Good afternoon," and Hepburn nodded.

Victor Tobias, Royal Army Service Corps deposed that he was on the lorry, going back to the camp from Bedford, about twenty past seven on the evening on May 9. On the road between Elstow and Welstead he asked a sergeant major to get in. The sergeant-major was wearing puttiees.

The Coroner: You are quite sure of that, are you, because it happens to be important?—Yes, sir.

Tobias added that the sergeant-major looked depressed—as if he had lost a pound and found threepence. (Laughter.) He never spoke to anyone.

At this stage the inquest was adjourned until Monday next.

CELEBRATIONS OF EMPIRE DAY.

Yesterday being Empire Day, the arrangements made for the observance of the occasion in London included a memorial service to Dominions' fallen soldiers at Westminster Abbey; a concert by Imperial Choir and bands of the Brigade of Guards in Hyde Park; and a service for Boys Brigades, Scouts and Girl Guides at St. Pauls Cathedral.

Lord Meath to whom more than to any other public man is due the observance of the day, bore the financial burden of the enterprise for awhile, but quite recently he transferred responsibility to an organization bearing the name of the Empire Movement, of which he is president, with Viscount Peel and Lord Leith of Fyvie as chairman and vice-chairman.

Last year over twenty-two millions of British subjects joined in the celebration, nine millions being school-children. The movement seeks the creation of good citizenship. Its aims are non-party, non-sectarian, non-aggresive, and non-racial, and all loyal subjects were invited at least to hoist the Union Jack in recognition of the common allegiance of 400 millions of people to the Sovereign. The authorities in seventy important centres of the United Kingdom had promised to do everything in their power to promote the success of this year's observance.

Citizens of the Empire were asked to:—

Return heartfelt thanks to Almighty God for Victory and Peace.

Hoist the Union Jack over churches, chapels, public buildings, schools, and their own houses.

Wear daisies, oxeyed daisies, bachelors' buttons, marigolds, or marguerites.

Attend local celebrations of the Day and join heartily in singing and cheering.

The United States Navy in London yesterday received the following wireless message from Ponta Delagada, Azores: "The N.C. 4 will not leave Ponta Delagada to-day. Sea too rough to get off."

RED LIGHT SEEN IN THE ATLANTIC.

WAS IT HAWKER?

Yesterday great interest was aroused by the following announcement: "The Wireless Press is in a position to state that the cable ship Faraday sighted the red light of an aeroplane in position 50.28 deg N., 30.02deg W., in the early hours of Monday last. This position is approximately midway between Newfoundland and Ireland, and, roughly, in a direct line between St. John's and Valentia Island."

The position indicated is actually some sixty or seventy miles north of the direct line from St. Johns to Valentia, and is about 1,000 miles from St. John's. Unfortunately the exact time at which the red light was seen is not available.

The Faraday is a cable-laying steamer of 5,023 tons, belonging to Siemens Bros. and Co. Ltd., of Woolwich and London, by whom she is employed on repair work. She left London on May 7 on this mission.

The sighting of this red light—if, indeed, it really belonged to Mr. Hawker's aeroplane—disposes of the theory that he met with disaster soon after leaving St. John's. but it affords no help whatever towards a solution of the problem of the fate of the gallant aviators, which remains as much a mystery as ever. There is, unhappily, no reason to think that anything more than the slenderest chance of their safety exists. Until all the ships on or near the route last Monday have reported there can be no certainty. In the case of sailing ships a week or more may elapse before all have returned to port. Wiring from Montreal on Monday, *Reuter* says that officers of the steamships Minnedosa and Saturnia, which were off Newfoundland on Sunday when Mr. Hawker and Commander Grieve set out on their Transatlantic flight, reported on arrival at Montreal that nothing had been seen or heard of the aviators, and that repeated calls in the Sopwith wireless code had failed to elicit any response.

BRAVO! "DAILY MAIL."

If fears are realised and all doubt eliminated that Hawker and Grieve have been lost, the *Daily Mail* announces that the prize of ten thousand pounds will be divided between Mrs. Hawker and Mrs. Grieve and their next of kin, in the proportion agreed upon between the pilot and his navigator for sharing the prize. A further ten thousand pounds will be offered as the prize still awaiting the winning.

Inquiries made at the Admiralty and the Air Ministry late last night showed that no news whatever had been received regarding Mr. Hawker and Commander Grieve. The search by naval vessels has given no result.

It is stated that the navigator invited by Mr. Raynham to accompany him on his next projected flight over the Atlantic has accepted, and he leaves England on Monday. Messrs. Martinsyde have entered for the £10,000 Australian prize. Captain Morgan, who was to have acted as Mr. Raynham's navigator, is incapacitated by his recent fall with the Martinsyde machine at St. John's.

ADMIRALTY HELP IMPOSSIBLE.

In the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, Lieut.-Commander Kenworthy (L., Hull Central), asked the First Lord of the Admiralty whether naval assistance would be given and organized beforehand if and when a British citizen again attempts to fly the Atlantic.

Dr. Macnamara (in a written reply) says: I am glad this question has been put. It enables me—and this is most desirable in the interests of all concerned—to make perfectly clear the fact that it is quite out of the question to organize naval assistance beforehand if and when a British citizen again attempts to fly the Atlantic. It would not have been possible, if sought, in connection with the recent flight. It will not be possible in any future flights. The views of the Government were expressed in a communiqué issued on Tuesday night, and it is unnecessary for me to repeat them, except to call attention again to the many and heavy obligations of the British Navy in many waters. I wish, however, to make it plain that the Government did not, and could not, accept responsibility of any kind for private enterprises which were not under their control. The efforts made, therefore, by the Admiralty were not in any sense a belated attempt to give protection which should have been arranged for earlier, but were the spontaneous efforts to do what was possible to save the lives of the two very gallant gentlemen who had made this attempt.

In a recent telegram from St. John's (N.F.) Reuter's correspondent suggested that Hawker's engine may have been affected by the intense cold, causing the congealing of the oil. Messrs. C. C. Wakefield and Co. Limited write that such a thing was impossible, as Mr. Hawker was using their lubricant known as Castrol "R." which was specially selected for its remarkable cold-resisting properties, it having withstood a temperature much lower than anything likely to be encountered on the Atlantic flight.

COMIC STRIKE AND LOCKOUT.

It was not so much a strike as an Utopian idea. The electric tram service exists for the convenience of the inhabitants of Cologne, and for some time past, in accordance with the fashion of the times, the tram workers have agitated for a four marks daily increase of pay. This was refused by the Corporation. On Saturday therefore, the trams started running as usual but the conductors refused to take any fares. This happened very early in the morning and only proved satisfactory to non-season ticket holders.

When the municipal authorities discovered what was happening, they first appealed to the British authorities for advice and then cut off the current. All the trams of course stopped where they were for a few hours until the strikers resumed work later in the morning at three marks per day extra pay.

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THE VOICE OF REASON.

It is rather refreshing to find that whilst the leading Majority Socialists are raising their voices to advocate the rejection of the Peace terms the dictates of reason are being listened to amongst some sections of the people and in certain Press organs in Germany. We have pleasure in reproducing an extract from an article which appeared recently in the *Volksstimme* of Magdeburg. It runs as follows:—

"We must adopt a cool and critical attitude in face of the accusations of lust of vengeance which are being brought against our opponents. What are the actual facts? The war has cost France alone the sum of about 180 milliards of francs, rather more than less, with a population of 38 millions. The burden of debt per head of the population is greater than in Germany. The paper currency issue has also been larger. In addition, France has raised a greater portion of her loans abroad, and will have to pay back the interest as well as the capital in gold. For 4 years long she had to see her richest coal and ore districts in enemy occupation, a prey to exploitation, robbery and finally destruction. France has gained the victory, and with France the whole civilized world is firmly convinced that the war was started by Berlin and Vienna as a war of conquest.

Germany is held responsible for all the distress and for all the misery which has come upon France through this war, and it is quite self-evident that the instigator should be held fully responsible, not only from the French standpoint but morally as well, for all the damages in so far as they can be made good by financial methods. Germany acted in precisely similar fashion in 1870—71.

That the war bill should now amount to 100 milliards and more instead of five is merely the bad luck of the defeated party. In view of the Peace conditions we must ask ourselves the question:—

HOW WOULD GERMAN IMPERIALISM HAVE ACTED IF WE HAD BEEN THE VICTORS?

We need only refer to the speeches of Helfferich and other ministers, or else to the thousand of newspaper articles right up to May of last year, in which all sorts of possible and impossible terms against France and England were formulated if they gained the upper hand. We do not intend here to enter upon the threatened annexations. We would only briefly remind our readers that in March of 1915 six influencial associations—the Farmers' Union, German Peasants' Union, the Christian Peasants' Association, the Central Association of German Business Men, the Union of German Leaders of Industry and the Middle Class Union of the German Empire—addressed a petition to the Chancellor, Bethmann Hollweg, demanding the annexation of Belgium, if not in form at least in substance, together with an extent of French Territory amounting to 20,000 sq. kilometres (= 7,891 square miles roughly) with 3½ millions of inhabitants, making with Belgium 50,000 square kilometres (= 19,230 square miles) with 11 millions of inhabitants.

In the East, they "contented" themselves with claiming 80,000 square kilometres (= 30,769 square miles) with 5 millions of inhabitants; all this of course only in order to "secure" the German Frontier.

France now also wishes to "secure" herself against further surprise attacks by Germany.

The occupation of the Saare district for 15 years is first and foremost a punitive measure for the destruction of the mines of Northern France by Germany; at the same time, the profits of the Saare mines are intended to compensate for the deficiency of output in the French mines.

The occupation of the Rhine Territory until the payment of the war indemnities is in accordance with the customs of war; similar action was accordingly not only carried out by Germany in 1870—71, but provisions to this effect were also laid down in 1917 in the Treaty of Peace with Roumania, and were carried out in Russia and in the Ukraine, as will be clearly recollected by everybody who can carry his mind back a few months.

It is true that the Entente is not concluding Peace with Imperialist and war-like Germany but with a popular republic. But we must take into consideration in what light the matter is viewed from the other side of the frontier. With regard to the material claims, according to French views France's very existence is at stake. Her burdens would not become any less heavy and oppressive because she happened to have as her neighbour a German Socialist State based upon popular government, but she is not even faced with such a neighbour as this on her flank, but with a democratic, capitalist state —albeit with an undoubtedly large social minority. Various combinations of popular representation can take place with surprising rapidity, and what would be the consequences then."

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It is not therefore surprising if the terms exacted by the Entente are of a rigorous nature. When one contrasts these terms with those which have been publicly put forward over the signature of a prominent member of the German Government at the present time one is tempted rather to say with Lord Clive. "Gentlemen, I stand aghast at my own moderation."

A REFLECTION.

There is something exhilarating about going on a Course after a few months of the daily round of duty with one's unit. So when the adjutant rang up one morning and asked if I would volunteer for a three weeks course of instruction in "The Methods of Education" at the Corps College in Cologne, I seized my pass book, made a rapid mental calculation and answered in the affirmative.

On the appointed day, I duly reported at the college, and was directed to my billet and the officers' mess. On sitting down to dinner I noticed with an inward qualm that, with the exception of myself and another somewhat dejected looking individual the company was entirely Scotch. Horrid visions of being dirked on dark nights, or compelled at the point of the revolver to consume vast quantities of haggis flashed through my mind, but I forced myself to appear unmoved. (I may say in passing that none of my fears were realized, and that I was always treated with the greatest courtesy, as one whose birth was an unfortunate accident, and due to no fault of his own.)

The following morning at 9.30 we assembled in the class-room and were given an outline of the methods and aims of the course. We were shown the difference between the ancient system of Education, whereby great numbers of hard facts were crammed into the pawnbling heads of the pupils, and the present one which aims at creating interest and thus stimulating the desire for further information.

The first week was devoted to "methods of teaching," and demonstration lessons in various subjects, followed by discussion, which was generally heated, and often amusing. Never shall I forget the lesson on Shelley's "Ode to a Skylark," during which an amateur ornithologist suggested that the simile of the glow-worm in the grass referred to the skylark sitting in a tree, concealed by the foliage. If anyone desires a quiet three weeks in hospital, he need only mention that bird in his presence. Later on each member of the class was allotted a subject on which he had to give a lesson to the remainder. The unhappy wight who was allotted the History lesson chose the "Life of Oliver Cromwell." His first stumbling block occurred when, from pure nervousness, he stated that Cromwell was an M. P. from 1628 to 1840. This caused some merriment, but he ploughed ahead until he came to the subject of General Fairfax. Here his tongue refused to serve him. He tried 'Flairfax' and noticing signs of mirth had another go with 'Fairflax.' This was too much. Strong men burst into tears. One stolid highlander, who had faced German bayonets and machine guns with unmoved countenance, broke down and sobbingly implored his friends to carry him out before he died. But the lecturer got his own back later by reading out with great unction a passage describing the Battle of (I think) Marston Moor stating that the Scottish army was defeated and entirely dispersed!

These instances may not appear very mirth provoking, but a class of officers, like the House of Commons, is easily amused. Space forbids me to tell of the fate of the unfortunate Sassenach who confused the Battle of Bannockburn with the Battle of Flodden, and made matters worse by using the term 'Scotchmen.' The ensuring discussion in the mess that evening must have made our German hosts think that the war had broken out again.

Alas, all good things have an ending, and we are now back with our various units again, brimming over with educational efficiency, and yearning for the opportunity of testing our newly acquired skill on the intellects of our long-suffering N.C.O.'s. I personally shall always retain the happiest recollections of my three weeks at the College, and the conviction that if my own education had been conducted on similar lines I should be now a far more efficient and useful member of society.

A CONDENSED WAR NOVEL.

Vol. I.
A girl and boy,
Each other's joy;
Good weather.
Stroll in the park,
Till after dark,
Together.

Vol. II.
War — off goes he.
Unhappily
She wanders;
He takes his chance
Out there in France
And Flanders.

Vol. III.
Save ailments small,
No ills befall
Her treasure;
The Armistice
To both brings bliss
And pleasure.

Vol. IV.
Demobilized
Quickly (surprised)!
Delighted;
"Will you?" asks he
"Of course" says she —
United.

Finis.

R.H.P.

MAN.

HIS POWERS AND DIGNITY.

(BY A CORRESPONDENT.)

In the Bible Story of Creation man was made to have dominion over the whole earth. He was the representative of the Divine Creator. He was granted powers by which he could co-operate with the Creator in the great evolving process of Creation. He was the master-piece of the Creation. That man has realised his powers, and the dignity and divinity of his life is quite another story. The thoughts and conduct of men even in this advanced stage of his evolution too often lead us to the impression that he cherishes too low an estimate of his own value. If his worth be measured by his size, he would be negligible. He dwells in a world, that has been discovered to be a mere speck in the vast universe. He seems scared by this vastness and surrenders to the forces of his environments. Though he may make spasmodic attempts to escape from his prison-house, his efforts lack persistence. Not knowing his powers, and forgetful of his dignity, he submits too readily to what appears as the inevitable, and accepts for his rule of life "Let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die" To what depths does man sink! How easily he surrenders his God-given powers! And yet measured by that which we call his soul, how supreme his value! He stands in the world as King of Creation, all that is beneath him is imperfect without him, and only begins to approach perfection as he exercises his sovereign power upon it. We may quail before the terrific forces of Nature, but it is in the power of man to defy them. Destructive forces can be converted into constructive forces by the working of his mind. He can harness the wild forces of the world, to his use, and overrule the unalterable laws of the world by his knowledge of them. We speak of the conquest of air, and in that phrase there is the implication that it is the mind of man which is triumphant. The whole creation is subservient to and dependent on the will of God, and some of this majesty and omnipotence is given to man.

When we ponder the words of Jesus we discover that He lays special emphasis on the value of man. "He knew what was in man," and in his scale of moral values man heads the list, his worth is unique and priceless and nothing could be compared to him. He made the soul of man the pivot of the world. He set the world around a moral and spiritual centre, the souls of men. The world cannot be perfect until man is perfect. Wherever the mind of man has worked unfettered, there has been a corresponding uplifting of his environment; the purer his life, the higher his aspirations, the better will be the little world in which he lives, and in which his interests are focussed.

Man is the centre, and all the gifts in the realm of Nature are created for him. He alone finds joy and pleasure in a vision of beauty. The beasts of the field have no sense of beauty. God's gifts to man are many, and he need only use them to attain the noblest standard of life.

To solve the problems and mysteries that cloud our lives, we must realise the dignity and divinity that is ours, and see our life as the reflected glory of God. Then the whole creation would take to itself new meaning and new value, with man as the centre of interpretation. How much more pleasant the world would be to live in, if we could only see the goodness, the greatness, the majesty of our fellow-men.

There is so much good in the worst of us
And so much bad in the best of us
That it behoves all of us
To think well of the rest of us.

"How much is a man of more value than a sheep?" Jesus would say "A man's soul"—with its unmeasured powers and possibilities; it is worth more than the whole material world. And why? Because of the undiscovered reserves of moral and spiritual power there; because to man's soul alone God can come. He set a supreme value upon man's life for He believes man worth dying for.

A SAD STORY.

UNPAID "BILLS".

Once upon a time, in a quiet and residential thoroughfare dwelt Bill Smith, John Crapan and Jean Van Witt—three peaceful and prosperous tradesmen. Then came amongst them to live, a certain Bill Schmidt; also a peaceful and prosperous citizen with dynamite in his boots. And for many years this colony of respectable and stodgy tradesmen flourished and grew nearly as wealthy as munitioners; until, one day Bill Schmidt "got fed up" with the simple life and decided to paint the street a deep shade of vermilion. So he "nied" himself over the fence and administered to Van Witt five rounds rapid with a garden roller and afterwards attempted the unique feat of drawing Johnny Crapan through his own keyhole by his whiskers.

Then the local population "got the wind up" and called a "copper". It took seven hefty policemen to overcome Bill Schmidt and relieve him of his Krupp's samples, but eventually they hauled him up looking somewhat "part worn" before the "Beak," who said. "Look here Bill, this is a bit to thick. We don't mind a joke but when it comes to punching holes in half the universe—well, it is'nt done, really it is'nt. I don't want to be harsh but you'll have to pay for what you broke and I am going to leave a man in possession until you have weighed out the "dough"—"Fustien?" And Schmidt "fustiened."

Fourteen years rolled by; during which time Messrs. Smith, Crapan and Van Witt sorted out their effects from the universal scrap heap and made a "corner" in wooden legs and glass eyes. Meanwhile, Schmidt, in his happy little home was doing himself exceedingly well. The "Bum-Beatiff" had become even as one of the family, for he tilled the soil, tended the herds, did the house work and washed the *kinder*. Furthermore he kept undesirables away from the home and spent all his wages in purchasing from Schmidt relics of the "dust-up". And therefore one day Bill Schmidt hurried to the Beak and said: "Sir, the time limit you imposed is unreasonable. I want it altered." "On" replied, "The Clink Purveyor," I suppose you want it shortened?" "Himmel, no," yelped the horrified Schmidt, "I want it lengthened."

And the moral of this little story is this. If you cast some bread upon the waters it will return—with jam on.

E.M.F.

TO ALL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Editor wishes to emphasise the fact that any correspondence sent to him should bear name, rank, and unit of the sender. Also many sports and amusements contributions are being received which do not give any dates whatever. These are, naturally, useless, as all readers first of all wish to know when the occurrence, whatever it may be, happened.

Will contributors please bear this in mind.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Sunday	6	The Gipsybaron	Strauss
Monday	6	Barbier of Seville	Rossini
Tuesday	6	Waffenschmied von Worms	Lortzing
Wednesday	6	Lobetanz	Thuille
Thursday	5½	Undine	Lortzing
Friday	6	Jenufa	Janacek
Saturday	6	Cavall. rustic. Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo
Sunday	5½	Zauberflöte	Mozart
Monday	6	Der fliegende Holländer	Wagner
Tuesday	6	Die Entführung a. d. Serail The elopement from the Serai	Mozart

AQUATIC SPORTS.

CLOSE FINISHES AT 53rd ROYAL SUSSEX MEETING AT LIND.

Last Tuesday the 53rd Royal Sussex Regiment held a successful Aquatic Sports meeting at Lind where they are fortunate enough to have a bathing pond close to the camp. Thanks to the excellent arrangements, which were in the hands of Capt. Harden M.C., and Captain Underhay M.C., everything went off most successfully and the meeting was thoroughly enjoyed both by competitors and spectators. There were several very close finishes in the events and the outstanding successes of the meeting were Lieut Woodard, Capt. Harden, M.C., and Private Cole. The following is the list of events and winners:—

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

100 yards, Open to the Battalion:— 1, Pte. Cole; 2, Pte. Tyrell; 3, Cpl. Barefoot.

50 yards Breast Stroke:— 1, Pte. Dobson; 2, Pte. Pfole; 3, Sergt. Gray.

30 yards Swimming on the Back:— 1, Sergt. Notman; 2, Pte. Dobson; 3, Sergt. Gray.

Bolster Bar:— 1, Pte. Cole.

50 yards Officers' Race:— 1, Lieut. Woodard; 2, Capt. Harden; 3, Capt. Underhay.

50 yards Warrant Officers and N.C.O's. Race:— 1, Corpl. Marchant; 2, Corpl. Gray; 3, Sergt. Salter.

Diving 1, Pte. Cole; 2, C.S.M. Hudson; 3, Pte. Turner.

25 yards Blindfold Race:— 1, Corpl. Marchant; 2, Pte. Ryan; 3, Pte. Cole.

100 yards Open to all comers:— 1, Lieut. Woodard.

Relay Race 100 yards:— C. Company team:— Capt. Harden; Corpl. Gray; Pte. Cole.

Points gained by companies:—

A. Coy.	B. Coy.	C. Coy.	D. Coy.	H.Q. Coy.
nil.	12	19	6	4.

OPTIMISTS I HAVE MET.—2.

The civilian who asks for a "pipe full of 'baccy.

ARMY TROOPS SPORTS.

SECOND DAYS PROCEEDINGS.

After the success that attended the first day's sports, the Army Troops entered upon their second day yesterday. The delightful weather continued, and the attendance was good. The band of the 9th East Surreys played throughout the afternoon.

Result:—Three Legged Race:—Heat 1, Cpl. Dert; Heat 2, Cpl. Derret.

Putting the Weight:—1, C.S.M. Starkey (38 ft. 9 ins.). 2, S.S. Mival.

One mile Flat:—1, Capt. Beaufoy; 2, C.S.M. Tyler; 3, Cpl. Brooks.

Heats, 100 yards (scratch):—Heat 1, Sergt. Spruce; Heat 2, Pte. Fegan; Heat 3, Dvr. Taylor; Heat 4, Gnr. Hughes; Heat 5, Bdr. Morton: Heat 6 B.S.M. Lang; Heat 7-Kitson; Heat 8-Lieut Paddicombe; Heat 9, Capt. Grindall.

880 yards (Flat): 1, C.S.M. Tyler; 2, Cpl. Ainslow; 3, Sergt. Caristerson.

Tilting the Bucket:—1, Pte. Morries, Pte. Phillips; 2, L/Cpl. Allan, Pte. Crackbell; 3, Sergt. Wilde, Pte. Walders.

2nd Round 100 yards: Heat 1, Sergt. Spruce, Dr. Taylor; Heat 2, Capt. Grindall Lieut. Paddicombe.

Pillow fight:— C. Q.M.S. Randall.

Final, 100 yards: 1, Sergt. Spruce; 2, Lieut. Paddicombe; 3. Capt, Grindall.

Officers Race, 100 yards:— Heat 1, Capt. Saxon; 2, Capt. Beaufoy.

Heat 2, Lieut. Spruggs; Capt. Grindall.

High Jump:—1, Pte- Narramore; 2, Cpl. Wells; 3, C.S.M. Starkey.

6th DRAGOON GUARDS. Owing to the present state of the ground the Carabinier race meeting advertised to be held near Pheor on June 14th is indefinitely postponed. Any entrance money already received will be returned.

UNIQUE CRICKET OCCURRENCE.

UMPIRE'S WRONG DECISION AT TAUNTON.

WHAT IS A TIE?

There was an occurrence at Taunton on Thursday afternoon which is unique in the annals of cricket.

Somersetshire were playing Sussex. Sussex were required to make 105 runs in their second innings in order to win the match. They made 104 of these runs for the loss of nine wickets. Consequently at this juncture the match was a tie. There was one more batsman, namely, H. J. Heygate, to go in. The statutory two minutes interval allowed by law between the outgoing and the incoming batsman had elapsed, and H. J. Heygate, who was known to be injured, had not put in an appearance. Finally, dressed in everyday clothes, he came out of the pavilion into the field, but Street, one of the umpires, presumably putting into force Law 45 (which he thought governed the situation), did not allow Heygate to bat, but pulled up the stumps. Roberts, the other umpire, according to the information at my disposal, did not give a ruling, and there was no further play.

Law 45

I owe no apology for discussing in some detail this phenomenal and indeed important occurrence (writes Col. Philip Trevor in the "Daily Telegraph"). The wording of Law 45 is a follows:

"They (the umpires) shall allow two minutes for each striker to come in and ten minutes between each innings. When they shall call 'play' the side refusing to play shall lose the match."

Obviously everything depends on what constitutes refusing. In this case I will say at once that in my opinion Street, the umpire, was wrong, and I venture to give my reasons for thinking so. I take it that a refusal is something definite, and that mere neglect or delay does not amount, within the meaning of this law, to a refusal. As a matter of fact Sussex very clearly showed that they did not refuse. Their captain, indeed, sent Heygate in to bat, and it is perfectly obvious that he had no possible object in refusing. The match at this juncture was already a tie.

What a Tie Means

Now, what does a tie mean in a cricket match? It means a bracketing together of two competitors for the first place. Sussex could not possibly be lower than first, whatever happened. If the result of Heygate's batting had been the addition of 1 run to the score they would still have been first, but with their honours unshared. If no run had been added, they would have been first with their honours shared. Sussex were therefore in the delightful position of playing. "Heads I win, tails I can't lose." It is indeed difficult to understand Street's point of view.

AUSTRALIANS AT LORD'S.

The Australian Imperial Forces eleven appear at Lord's next Monday, when they begin a three day's match against Middlesex, whose eleven will be; Captain F.F. Warner, F.T. Mann, Captain N. Haig, S.N. Haslip, E. Martin, W.P. Robertson, M.H.C. Doll, Murrell, Hendren, Hearne (J.W.), and Lee.

CAMBRIDGE v. AUSTRALIANS.

COLONIALS WIN BY AN INNINGS AND 239 RUNS.

The Australians won the match against Cambridge after lunch on Friday by an innings and 239 runs.

CAMBRIDGE 2ND INNINGS.

G. E. C. Wood, c and b Lampard	36
G.P. Brooke Taylor, c Gregory b Kelleway	5
G. Wilson, c Gregory b Docker	16
J. S. F. Morrison, c Stirling b Docker	4
C. P. Johnstone, c Collins b Docker	12
H. M, Morris, b Docker	0
Hon. F.S.G. Calthorpe, c Taylor b Lampard	2
G. A. Fairbairn, c and b Lampard	5
G. A. Rotherham, b Lampard	5
A. E. R. Gilligan, not out	12
J. H. Naumann, c Collins b Docker	7
B 10, l-b 2, w 1, n-b 1	14
Total	118

GLOUCESTER V. SUSSEX.

Following their match against Somerset, Sussex opened their fixture with Gloucester on Friday, the latter scoring 201 in the first innings.

GLOUCESTER.

D. C. Robinson, c H. Wilson, b Cox	8
Dipper, b Roberts	15
W. H. Rowlands, c Roberts, b Tate	21
E. B. T Studd, b Tate	4
P. E. Williams, l b w, b Cox	27
F. G. Robinson, c Tate, b Roberts	30
A. K. G. White, st Miller, b Roberts	54
Barrow, st Miller, b Stannard	19
Parker, st Miller, b Tate	0
Ellis, c Vincett, b Cox	12
Jeffries, not out	0
B 5, l b 6	11
Total	201

b Roberts	13
c Cox, b Roberts	0
b Roberts	0
c Cox, b Roberts	25
c Stannard, b Roberts	4
not out	24
b Tate	35
not out	5
B 6, l b 4, w 1, n-b 1	12
Total (8 wkts.)	118

SUSSEX.

H. L. Wilson, b Ellis	2
Williams, c Robinson, b Parker	1
T. E. Bourdillon, b Ellis	4
Tate, b Ellis	6
A. C. Somerset, b Ellis	7
A. K. Wilson, b Ellis	1
J. H. Vincett, b Parker	70
Cox, b Jeffries	18
Roberts, c Robinson, b Jeffries	10
Stannard, l b w, b Jeffries	0
R. A. T. Miller, not out	11
B 13, l-b 8	21
Total	151

"COLOGNE POST" CUP ASPIRANTS MEET.

SPLENDID LAST WICKET PARTNERSHIP.

The 91st Field Ambulance and the 92nd Field Ambulance indulged in a friendly on Tuesday on the Coln Strasse, Bonn, which ended in a victory for the home team by 49 runs. The feature of the match was the brilliant last wicket partnership of Q.M.Sgts. Race and Dickson. When the latter joined Q.M.S. Race the score stood at 65 each, but both batsman hit out merrily and what promised to be an even contest at one stage ended in an easy victory for the homesters.

Scores:—

92nd Field Ambulance:—Major Jackson c. Race b. Atkinson 18; L/C. Kershaw c. Dickson b. Atkinson 15; Sergt. Taylor c. Walker b. Atkinson 1; Pte. Ball hit wicket b. Race 2; Abrahams Geo b. Atkinson 2; Pte. Abbs b. Atkinson 0; Pte. Marsh b. Q.M.S. Race 0; Pte. Dyas c. Col. Ballingall b. Q.M.S. Race 0; Pte. Pratt c. Gascoigne b. Atkinson 4; Pte. Houston not out 2; Extras 9. Total 65.

Sergt. Atkinson had 7 wickets for 17, Q.M.S. Race 3 for 6.

91st Field Ambulance:—Lieut.-Col. Ballingall c. Pratt b. Ball 13; Gascoigne b. Major Jackson 29; Hughes, Frank b. Ball 3; Walker b. Ball 0; Sergt.-Major Dent b. Major Jackson 1; Moore c. Kershaw b. Ball 1; "Len" Currall c. Abbs b. Major Jackson 5; Q.M.S. Race b. Ball 21; Cox b. Major Jackson 0; Sergt. Atkinson run out 0; Jack Dickson not out 24; Extras 17. Total 114.

Major Jackson had 4 wickets for 23, and Pte. Ball five for 37.

Mr. Rudd, the Oxford secretary, has received a letter from the Cambridge president in which he regrets that it is out of the question to hold inter-Varsity sports this term.

"PLAY!"

179 ENTRIES FOR "THE COLOGNE POST" COMPETITION.

All is now ready for the opening stages of "*The Cologne Post*" Cricket Cup Competition and the initial matches will be regarded with much interest from all quarters of the Occupied Zone. Since the competition was projected much progress has been made in the preparation of pitches, and the acquisition of the necessary gear, and there should be no delay now through lack of appliances.

The entries total 179, an eminently gratifying number to the organisers of the competition and it now remains for the clubs to keep up the enthusiasm and get their matches off to time.

The numbers in the various Leagues are — Cologne Town 28, Cologne Northern 23, Cologne Southern 28, Bonn 34, Euskirchen 23, Duren 20 and Solingen 11.

The 11th Queen's R. W. Kent Regt. has withdrawn from the Cologne Northern League owing to the demands of demobilization.

In the Cologne Town League 9th Bde. R.G.A. should read 39th Bde. In the Southern League 93rd Bty R.G.A. should read 93rd Bde.

FRANCO-AMERICAN RUGBY.

An American rugby team will play a match this afternoon against the French Racing Club in Paris. The Americans have been training daily under the leadership of the old British University players Stolz and Clarke.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Inter-Varsity Baseball.

In a baseball match at Manchester, Manchester University beat Cambridge University by 7 runs to 5.

Owner of Derby Favourite.

Sir Alec Black, owner of the popular Derby favourite, the Panther, begun life with half-a-crown a week.

Preston North End.

The directors of the Preston North End Football Club in their annual report show a profit of £125 on the year's working.

Family Affairs.

The Heath v. Thomas and the Doust v. O'Hara Wood ties at Surbiton were family affairs, and as such were contested with fierce goodwill.

Y.M.C.A. Sports Carnival.

Prince Albert gave away the prizes at the International Sports Carnival organised by the Y.M.C.A. at the Stamford Bridge Athletic grounds yesterday.

Irish Golf Championship.

In the semi-final of the Irish Amateur Close Championship at Portmarnock Carter beat C. Mc. Connell 1 up, and W. Mc. Connel beat Rose 3 and 2.

Yorkshire Trial Match.

The Yorkshire trial game at Leeds ended in a draw. Scores: Yorkshire County Eleven, 221 for six wickets declared, and 103 for no wicket; Fifteen Colts, 233 for ten wickets, declared.

Belgians for Henley.

The Ghent R.C. will send an eight to compete in the King's Prize at Henley. Mrs. Wainwright, a sister of Nurse Cavell, has offered the crew the use of her house at Henley during their visit.

The Wise Referee.

"The wise referee", says Fred Dartnell in the "*Daily News*," "is he who tries to please nobody, but only desires to satisfy his own sense of what is just and correct to all parties concerned in the fight".

Thanet Whitsun Golf.

The Whitsuntide Challenge Cup presented by the captain of the club and open to members and visitors, under lowest club handicap, will be the chief event at the Whitsun meeting of the North Foreland Golf Club.

"Some Sportsman."

Surrey police, on foot and on bicycles, were hunting this week for the resourceful thief who was caught breaking into the co-operative stores at Woking, and who, after being twice captured in attempts to escape, finally swam a canal and got away. To aid him in his escapes he rode three stolen bicycles and a motor-bicycle.

"THE VICTORY DERBY."

LATEST INTELLIGENCE OF THE GREAT EPSOM CLASSIC

BY "JERRY M," LATE OF "RACING MAIL"

Once again it is possible to run the greatest of classics at its historic home, Epsom. And everyone at this moment is eagerly discussing the merits of the various competitors. Will the favourite win? Personally I do not think "The Panther" is by any means a sound investment at 13 to 8 against. I was present at the "Two Thousand Guineas" and am convinced it was a very near thing with "Buchan." "The Panther" perhaps was not quite as fit as he will be on "Derby Day". But this is also true of others.

I am assured on good authority that in spite of the ultimate placing in the Guineas "Lord Basil" is the best of the Manton colts. His astute trainer is not likely to make any mistakes and if Lord Basil is better than "Buchan" he is a real good thing. "Stefan the Great", like the majority of the "Tetrarch" family proved himself a non-stayer and can safely be left out.

"All Alone" won in real good style on Saturday (May 10) from Leaddros. This horse strikes me as likely to prove a dangerous outsider. As the distance of the Durham Handicap was 1 mile 5 furlongs his staying abilities were beyond doubt. It was freely stated in the clubs last week that Lady Torrington had refused an offer of £10000 for the colt. So someone evidently fancies his chance.

FANCIED BY HIS TRAINER.

"Grand Parade" has been steadily supported in the clubs during the last 10 days, and is I am told quietly fancied by his trainer. However in a gallop last Sunday with "Skyrocket" and "Royal Welsh" he failed to impress.

The Derby horse ridden by A. Smith waited on the others, "Skyrocket" leading a really good gallop for about nine furlongs. Then Smith asked his mount for an effort. He responded momentarily, but immediately afterwards dropped back. Smith accepted the position without riding the colt out.

At first blush it appeared that the colt cannot stay, and according to his breeding it is possibly the case, but it may also be that it was not intended to send him along beyond 1½ miles and he was almost certainly giving away a lot of weight as G. Gotting was "up" on the other.

"Bergerouse" easily beat a moderate lot at Lewes ridden by Donoghue, who it is said greatly fancies his Derby mount "Paper Money," but the latter will have to improve greatly on his exhibition when beaten by "He" to have any chance against such as Lord Basil.

To sum up I take
LORD BASIL to win, and
ALL ALONE as a good "place" investment.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

DERBY CANDIDATE'S WIN.

GOOD DAY FOR FAVOURITES AT GATWICK.

At Gatwick, on Friday, in glorious weather, the Derby candidate, All Alone, by winning the Empire Double Handicap is likely to figure in the betting before the great race is run. The full results for the meeting are appended —

Three years old Selling Handicap:—1, Royal Raider (10—1 On); 2, Gunda. Won by two lengths.

Horley Selling Plate:—1, Drizzle (2—1 on); 2, Simon Square (10—1); 3, Amadis (10—1). Five ran.

Home Bred Plate:— 1, Outlook (evens); 2, Palmella (3—1); 3, Flint Jack (20—1). Nine ran.

Empire Double Handicap:— 1, All Alone (evens); 2, Rusher (7—1); 3, Sir Ashby (100—8).

Darking Handicap:—1, Rose Way (100—[illegible]); 2, Matruh (5—1); 3, Cheap Popularity (—1).

Manor Welter Plate:—1, Athdara (9—4); 2, Inference (5—1); 3, English Game (20—1).

HAYDOCK PARK MEETING.

Newton Plate:—1, Dynamo (9—2); 2, Black Domino (5—1); 3, Charleville (9—4).

Earlstown Selling Handicap:—1, Mascot (8—); 2, Emerald Glen (7—4); 3, Bo'sun (10—1).

Trial Selling Plate:—1, White Poppy (10—1); 2, Seidlitz (10—1); 3, Look Ahead (3—1).

Manor Handicap:—1, Happy Man (9—4); 2, Sandmole (100—3); 3, Main Royal (5—2).

Makerfield Handicap:—1, Burly (4—1); 2, Carapace (9—4); 3, My Bombadier (7—2). Five ran.

Club Plate:—1, Daphune (8—1 on); 2, Miss Madcap (10—1); 3, Cyrils Hope (25—1). Three ran.

LATEST LONDON BETTING.

THE DERBY.

11 to 10 agst The Panther (t and off)
15 — 2 — Buchan (t & off)
100 to 14 agst Grand Parade (t and off)
20 — 1 — Milton (t & off).

MISS C. LEITCH VICTORIOUS.

BRILLIANT DISPLAY IN FINAL FOR LADIES' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

Miss C. Leitch, by her victory against Mrs. Dobell at St. Anne's-on-Sea, on Friday, retains her title as the champion lady golfer.

At the end of the morning's play Miss Leitch was 8 up, her shots being played with a firmness and skill only possessed by those in the first rank of professionals. The following were the details:—

FIRST ROUND.

Miss Leitch.
Out: 5 4 5 5 6 5 4 4 5—43
Home: 4 4 4 5 5 4 5 5 4—40 } 83

Mrs. Dobell.
Out: 5 5 5 7 6 5 5 4 5—47
Home: 5 5 5 5 6 4 5 6 4—45 } 92

SECOND ROUND.

Miss Leitch.
Out: 6 6 5 6 5 5 5 4 4—46 Home 4

Mrs. Dobell.
Out: 5 6 5 6 5 5 6 4 5—47 Home 5

The semi-finals of the Surrey Lawn Championship were played at Surbiton on Friday, when R. Roper Barrett beat Major R.W. Heath 4—3, 7—5, 6—1, and G.Z. Paterson beat S.N. Doust 6—3, 6—4, in the gentleman's open singles.

In the ladies open singles, semi-final round, Mrs. Lambert Chambers (holder) beat Mrs. Beamish 6—1, 6—1, and Miss E. Ryan beat Miss E.D. Holman, 7—5, 6—3.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Sunday, May 25, 1919.

Wind light, mainly easterly. Fine, warm, some afternoon cloud. Visibility fair.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

"THE GREEN DIAMONDS."

The 9th D.L.I. Concert Party, "The Green Diamonds," made a successful debut on Thursday evening at the Central Y.M.C.A. with a variety programme that reflected credit on all concerned.

The concerted items showed harmony and artistic talent, the tableaux "In Somerset" and "My Moon" being highly effective, while their dancing in "That Irish Night" and other items showed them to advantage. Corporals Greetham and Umpleby were a pair of versatile comedians, and their comedy "diving" act had the audience laughing as well as guessing. Pte. Stevens monologues, expecially "The 11.69 Express,' displayed his fine elocutionary power. Pte. Milburn has a rich tenor voice and is a highly useful member of the party. Cpl. Davis and Sergt. Chapman were dainty and captivating "ladies' and did their parts well. Bandsman Bowers gave an excellent step-dance and also introduced the necessary humour into Pte. Stevens' "Comedy Conjuring." Sergt. Harris sang "My Moon' and other numbers in a pleasing manner and rendered yeoman service at the piano.

The youthful bandsman, Errington, played two old favourites as cornet solos, being enthusiastically encored while Pte. Ryder's violin solo was a masterpiece of exquisite technique, and was beyond praise. Cpl. Butters scenic and lighting effects contributed greatly to the success of the show, which "held" a full hall from beginning to end. Success to the Pioneers and their Concert Party is assured.

THE BRITISH RHINE ARMY ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

This Society, which came into being in April continues to show excellent promise. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday at 5.45 p.m. in the Lecture Room, on the first floor of the Church Army Soldiers Club, Antoniter Strasse, Cologne, and membership is open to all instrumental players of either sex who are with any unit of the British Forces or organisations in Cologne or the immediate district. If you play an instrument, please attend the next rehearsal.

SALVATION ARMY BAND'S VISIT TO BONN.

On Thursday evening the Salvation Army Band paid a visit to Bonn for the purpose of playing in the ground of the S.A. Institute there. Each of the items was well received, the excellent rendering of the Hymn "Abide with Me" at the close being specially appreciated.

The band is composed of Salvationists attached to the British Army of the Rhine. It numbers 25 instrumentalists and is formed solely for the benefit of the men of the Rhine Armies. It is making good progress under the able leadership of Mr. F. Dare, of Leigh-on-Sea.

It should be added that excellent work is being carried on at the Salvation Army Institution at Bonn. The building previously was a German Students Club and has every convenience. The good cup of tea, the bright smiles of Capt. (Miss) Broughton and her helpers, as well as the general appearance and comfort of the building draw large crowds of men each day.

FAST BALLS UNPLAYABLE.

CAVALRY DIV. H.Q. v. 1st ROYAL DRAGOONS.

The Cavalry Divisional H.Qrs' club were at home on Wednesday receiving a visit from the 1st Royal Dragoons. The H.Q. batted first, and made a total of 91 runs. Sergt. R Keevil, D.C.M., was top scorer making 20 after being let off with his score at 4. Pte. Stevens assisted him, both making 22 for the fifth wicket. Pte. Stevens and also Cpl. Adams each made 14. Lieut. Joy for the visitors did well with the ball, his fast balls at times being unplayable.

On going in to face the score of 91, the "Royals" started disastrously, losing Sergt. Phillox and Trumpet-Major Parry with only 5 runs scored. Things did not improve greatly against the bowling of Cpl. Adams and Sergt. Keevil, five wickets being down for 21. Lieut. Harries (11) decided to make a stand, and played most steadily. Lieut. Stander and Pte. Palmer were dismissed cheaply, the latter by a smart catch by Cpl. Tolley. Pte. Emberton with Cpl. Guy scraped together 23 runs for the last wicket with the assistance of "Mr. Extras," so the final score was 63, which meant that the Headquarters, ran out winners by 28 runs. The fielding of the home side was very keen, Pte. Stevens, Cpl. Adams, Spr. Bennet and Corpl. Tolley, all bringing off excellent catches.

IN WINNING MOOD.

1st WEST YORKS CADRE'S EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENTS.

"Spectator" sends us the following interesting details of the footballing achievements of the 1st West Yorkshire Regt. since it has been reduced to cadre strength.

"The team has consisted throughout of 4 officers, 3 sergeants, 1 corporal, and 3 band boys. Taking into consideration the numbers available to draw upon the results is very creditable.

On two occasions the luck was with them viz:—v-5/14 Siege Battery R.G.A. and 12th Coy R.A.S.C. (M.T.) but in the only game lost they were well beaten, although there was but one goal scored against them.

Date	Against	Place	Result
29/3/19.	Highland T.M. Battery	Hochkirchen	win 3-1
5 /19.	2nd Battalion D.L.I.	Pingsheim	win 6 1
23/4/19.	11th Battalion Essex Regt.	Bruhl	win 3 2
24 4 19.	52nd Sherwood Foresters	Bruhl	win 4 2
26/4/19.	73rd Brigade R.G.A. H.Q.	Bruhl	win 4 1
29,4 19.	52nd Battalion Sherwood Foresters	Bruhl	win 5-1
5 5 19.	544th Battery (Siege) R.G.A.	Bruhl	win 1-0
7 5/19.	12th Fd. Coy R.E.	Bruhl	win 3 1
9 5 19.	11th Battalion Essex Regt.	Bruhl	win 5 0
12 5 19.	73rd Bde. R.G.A.	Bruhl	Draw 2 2
15 5 19.	52nd Battalion Sherwood Foresters	Bruhl	Win 5-1
17 5 19.	12th Coy R.A.S.C. (M.T.)	Bruhl	Win 1-0
19 5 19.	73rd Brigade R.G.A.	Bruhl	Lost 0-1
20,5,19.	1/6th Battalion West Yorkshire Regt.	Cologne	Win 3-0

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THE LEAGUE OF YOUTH.

To representatives of the Press Mr. A. Lyle Samuel, M.P., explained the aims and objects of the League of Youth and Social Progress. What the league desires to do is to gather in, co-ordinate, and direct the social and political aspirations and activities of the young men and young women of to-day. It is pointed out that thousands of these who are being released from the Army and from general war work are animated by an ardent desire to build a new world worthy of the great sacrifices which have been made. There exists no effective organization, specially appealing to them, capable of fostering that worthy aspiration. To meet this need the present movement has been set on foot, and it is proposed, by means of propaganda throughout the country, to create an uplifted social consciousness and to educate the members who join it on the great problems of reconstruction and home and foreign affairs, and to unite in a bond of fellowship and social service all the bright and ardent spirits of the day. Whilst specially appealing to those comparatively young in years, it is proposed to welcome as members all who are young in spirit. It is proposed to invite the active co-operation of the universities, the public schools, Churches, and scientific bodies.

Mr. Lyle Samuel, himself one of the young members of the political arena, said he hoped the movement would prove the basis and foundation upon which an important structure would be built. The world had been saved by its youth; its chivalry and purpose had manifested themselves on the battle-field. He believed that the seed sown on the various battle fronts must result in a rich harvest of social progress. But for that very reason youth must no longer be disqualified from expressing its ideals, or be baulked in its desire to carry responsibility. Courage was at its height in youth, and it behoved them to see how they could harness this force to advance the truest progress in this country. They knew how great was the need for social reform, and he could but hope that as a result of the new movement the ideals, the courage, and the aspirations of youth would not only find verbal expression, but would take practical form. They must see that, as each issue comes forward affecting the youth of the country, youth itself should be enabled to come forward to express its views on those issues.

THE WORKERS' BEER.

WAR CABINET CONSIDERING QUESTION.

A deputation numbering fifteen representatives of the Lancashire retail licensed trade, had an interview in the House of Commons with several Lancashire M.P.'s. The deputation dealt with the situation that has arisen at Manchester and in surrounding towns owing to the shortage of the beer supply and the consequent action of the people, who, it was declared, were now menacing public peace and order. The deputation subsequently had an interview at the Ministry of Food with Mr. McCurdy, and submitted particulars showing the local position of matters, and said they were sent to tell what Mr. McCurdy described as "new and startling facts." Mr. McCurdy also said he would have the deputation's statements transcribed and submitted to a War Cabinet meeting to be held for the purpose of considering the question of the beer supply.

IN THE COMMONS.

BOTTOMLEY AND DISCUSSION OF TREATY.

QUESTION OF INDEMNITY.

In the House of Commons on Thursday, Mr. Bottomley (Ind., Hackney, S.) asked the Prime Minister whether the Peace Treaty with Germany had yet been signed.

Mr. Bonar Law, in replying, said that the statement which appeared in the Press this morning as to the extension of the period is correct.

Mr. Bottomley: I take it that we may assume that there are only seven more days before the treaty will be signed, if it be signed, and in view of the statement that when it is signed this House will have no power to alter it, can the right hon. gentleman now see his way to give some opportunity to the House, before it is signed, of elucidating the financial clauses of the treaty?

Mr. Bonar Law: I can well understand and sympathize with the desire of the House to have a discussion on this subject, but, apart altogether from the question whether it is desirable to have a discussion at all until we know what the action of the Germans is going to be, the House must remember that we did not win this war entirely by ourselves, and we cannot make peace by ourselves. The question whether or not there should be a discussion was considered by the heads of the five Great Powers, and they unanimously came to the conclusion that a discussion, until we knew the German answer, would do harm, and we agreed definitely, as far as the power of the British Government was concerned, that there should be no discussion. In these circumstances I have no option but to say that we cannot have it.

INDEMNITY QUESTION.

Lieut.-Colonel C. Lowther (C.U., Lonsdale): Can it be derogatory to British interests for the Germans to know that this House of Commons insists on the enemy countries paying the whole war debt, when and if they are in a position to do so?

Mr. Bonar Law: I am sure the House will agree that in any case it would be a great mistake to discuss parts of the treaty, and that if we discuss it at all we should discuss it as a whole. As I pointed out, all the Allied Governments, rightly or wrongly, and I think rightly, have come to the conclusion that a discussion would do harm until we know what action the Germans are going to take. In that case, so far as Government action is concerned, it is quite impossible for us to consent to a discussion.

Lieut.-Colonel C. Lowther: Won't it be too late when we know what action the Germans are going to take?

Mr. Bonar Law: Of course, it will be too late, but surely my hon. and gallant friend must realise that no treaty could ever be reached if it were to be done by a large body like the House of Commons. It can only be done by representatives who are trusted by the House for that purpose. When the Prime Minister was last here, I remember him distinctly saying this to the House. "Now is the time. It will be too late if you do not show your confidence in those who represent you."

Lieut.-Colonel Sir F. Hall (C.U., Dulwich) So far as we are concerned, we do not know the exact terms of the treaty, notwithstanding that it has been communicated to the people of Germany.

Mr. Bonar Law: I have dealt with that so often that I can say nothing more. I thoroughly sympathize with the desire of the House of Commons to see the full terms of the treaty, but surely in a case of that kind we must leave the decision to the men who have been entrusted with the duty.

Lieut.-Colonel A. Murray (D.L., Kincardine): Was the undertaking given by the Government that this House should discuss the treaty with a view possibly of making alterations in it, or merely to discuss it before ratification?

Mr. Bonar Law: Oh, no. Long ago many questions were put to me on this subject, and I gave exactly the same answer as I gave to-day. I gave an undertaking that no ratification would take place until this House had approved. More than that, in my opinion, it is really impossible to do.

Mr. Bottomley: In view of this remarkable statement, I am sorry to say that at the end of questions I shall ask leave to move the adjournment of the House to call attention to it.

Accordingly, at the end of question-time, Mr. Bottomley asked leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the absence from the Peace Treaty of Germany of any definite provision for the reimbursement of the cost of the war as distinguished from reparation for damage to persons and property. Only seventeen members supported the request, which was accordingly not granted.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

Lt. H. C. B. Foxley, R.N. gave a thrilling lecture on "Anti-Submarine Warfare" to a well-filled hall on Friday evening, 23rd. May. He began by giving a brief description with diagrams of the submarine, explaining that when they are on the surface they are driven by internal combustion engines, and when submerged, by motors run by electricity which is stored in large batteries. These batteries periodically have to be recharged which has to be done on the surface. Lt. Foxley described the way in which the submarines attacked both in legitimate warfare and their ruthless onslaughts on merchantmen and other shipping, and told a few of the difficulties that had to be overcome in defeating them, and of some of the methods of anti-submarine warfare including the zig-zagging course; the guard of destroyers which used to encircle the battleships when they went out; the depth charge (the most successful of which was not perfected until 1917), and other inventions of which the most important are the paravane and hydrophones. The most successful of all the anti-submarine methods employed was the "Q" Boat. These mystery ships varied in size from fishing trawlers to large ships, were fitted with four inch guns, had especially trained personnel of the Royal Navy and were instrumental in destroying the morale of the German submarine commanders' crew. Lt. Foxley concluded his lecture with the story of a trawler which with a small crew surprised an captured the crew of a large German submarine. This tale evoked an outburst of cheers, and when they had subsided Miss Decima Moore said a few words of thanks to the lecturer, who was heartily applauded.

The lecture was followed by a concert given by the Ladies Orchestra of the British Empire Leave Club. The opening item was the Lilac Domino Waltz excellently rendered by the quartet, a 'cello solo came next by Miss Somers Cocks, and then a piano solo by Miss Ricamond. Afterwards Major Boat sang "Rolling down to Rio." Another orchestral piece and a further song brought a very enjoyable evening to its close.

GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

PAYMENT IMPOSSIBLE.

The special Berlin correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* has had an interview with Herr Dernburg, Finance Minister, who has just returned from a conference with Count Brockdorff-Rantzau. From this interview we gather that Germany is willing to indemnify the Allies but cannot do so if the source and foundation of her industry is taken away.

Exaggerated figures.

"It is clear," Herr Dernburg said, "that we shall be unable to pay an indemnity if our resources are cut down by six-sevenths. Our stock of gold amounts to 1,500,000,000 marks (nominally £75,000,000), and that sum will hardly suffice to buy the necessary foodstuffs. We shall want raw materials for our industries in order to manufacture goods with which to pay the indemnity. We can also pay in coal and other produces. Our annual coal production, however, amounted in pre-war times to 150,000,000 tons. Half of this quantity will be lost if we have to cede the Saar district and Upper Silesia, both of them purely German territories. Of the remaining 80,000,000 tons, 40,000,000 have to be supplied free of charge to the Allies. Consequently, 40,000,000 tons will be left to us with which to run our railways, keep our industry going, warm our houses, and cook our meals. But even this figure is exaggerated, for our production is now considerably lower, nor can it be raised to its former level, seeing that the war cost us one-eighth of our male population—dead or crippled—and that the workers are exhausted by constant under-feeding."

The Finance Minister then spoke of the loss of territory and said that this, Germany could not agree to. "The Saar district was always German soil," he said. "Shall its population go into bondage simply because it contains natural treasures? And Silesia. In 1904 there was only one Polish delegate in the Reichstag from Silesia. In 1912 there were four, three of them getting into Parliament only with the assistance of the Catholic party, with whom they concluded a compromise at the time. No, we cannot think of ceding these territories, or of allowing a foreign committee to interfere with our internal affairs."

In referring to the confiscation of property he said that the Germans were deprived of the right to settle in other lands. Before the war the country could not feed its own people, but the tendency towards emigration will grow inevitably if German industry is crippled.

We must be allowed to live.

In conclusion Herr Dernburg said: "We are willing to lay our cards on the table: we are willing to show what our resources are: we are willing to let the Allies point out how much and how we can pay. But we must also be allowed to live. We will honestly hunt the terms of an agreement arrived at under such conditions. But then the whole process of negotiation must be altered. The slight alterations so far made in the peace terms are insufficient, for the reasons which I have put forward. Let there be an equitable peace, let us sit down and devise together terms which are not above our power to fulfil. And if this cannot be done, let the Associated Governments run this country. Let them get more out of it if they can. But we determinedly refuse to sign the terms of the treaty which is now laid before us.

"I can say this as Vice-President of the Cabinet, and I can add that the whole Government is unanimous."

Interview with Rantzau.

Dr. Friedr. Hirth, of the *Hamburger Fremdenblat* recently had an interview with Count Brockdorff-Rantzau at Versailles. The subject of course, was the attitude adopted with regard to the peace terms, and this adroit German statesman relieved himself in a "speakable" manner of some of the burdens which have been thrust upon him. "Mighty" perusal brought forth only one comment, he says, "unacceptable." But on closer study, though not having given any intimation of a change of view, the delegates have certainly modified their earlier statement.

Rantzau admits to a certain extent the guilt of Germany in that he states that "they were prepared for heavy terms, and that they were willing to accept them."

"On May 7," he says, "the question was discussed as to whether to negotiate or to refuse the terms immediately and unconditionally.

Naturally, they decided to try the former, knowing full well that to refuse would afford them little or no consolation. And so busy have been the delegates that they have now asked for an extension to prepare more fully their counter-plans. "By this fact," says the Count, "the German people will know that we intend to do not only complete, but honest work. In the negotiations we are willing to be guided solely by principles of honesty." That surely is encouragement for the Allied ministers, who will furnish these guiding principles.

"I cannot say as yet," Rantzau further states, "how much the representatives of our enemies will hinder us. I only hope to induce them, by their knowledge of our actual situation, to keep to the maxims they offered in November, 1918."

DO YOU SING?

There are doubtless in Cologne these days numbers of men who have in the past been members of Church choirs and who would welcome the opportunity of a return to Sunday duties. This is afforded by the Military Church Choir. Services are held in the Church, 57 Schildergasse, each Sunday at 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m., at which "Hymns, ancient and modern" and "the Cathedral Psalter" are used. Intending members are invited to take a place in the Choir Stalls at the next Service and should hand to the Choir Secretary at the close of the Service a slip showing their full Regimental particulars. If sufficient numbers are forthcoming it is hoped to sing some unaccompanied male voice anthems in the near future.

BRITISH CIVILIAN IN COLOGNE.

THE FIRST ARRIVAL.

In an article describing the formation of a British Chamber of Commerce in Cologne, which we published on May 16th, it was claimed that Mr. Hastings Pimbury was the first British civilian to appear in Cologne, after the Armistice. He is not to be allowed however to get away with this honour undisputed and informs us that he now learns that Mr. Charles Davis reopened the Cologne branch of Messrs. Thos Cook and Son on March 1st. Mr. Hastings still claims to have secured a 'place' being one of the first three. We wonder are there others?

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GERMAN THEFTS IN BELGIUM.

From a Belgian official source, Reuter's Agency learns that in view of the protests made in the German Press against the obligation under which Germany is played by the Peace Treaty to restore 120,000 head of cattle and horses to Belgium; some figures showing the extent of Germany's requisitions during the four years of occupation are available. The Belgian Ministry of Agriculture has drawn up a list showing that no fewer than 937,656 animals were taken away by the Germans, including 91,124 horses and 580,968 head of cattle.

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INDIAN RULERS' LOYALTY.

Simla. 15th May. The Mehtar of Ghitral has assured Sir Ross Keppel in spirited terms of the devotion of himself, his Government and people. The Khan of Terai has offered his services to the Indian Government. The Nawab of Amber sent his son to Sir Ross Keppel offering his services, and the Nawab of Dir has expelled all Afghan agents and telegraphed his congratulations on the Bagh victory, with assurances of complete loyalty. The Viceroy, Lord Chelmsford, has issued a stirring proclamation beginning "To brave and honest people of Afghanistan." Steps are being taken by aeroplane and other agencies, to disseminate the proclamation, which recalls the old friendship and alliance of Great Britain and Afghanistan and reminds the Afghans how Great Britain intervened at Amir Abdur Rahnans's request and forced Russia to stop her oppression. After recalling how Great Britain rewarded the late Amirs's loyalty and warning the Afghans against helping the new Amir Amandulla in his mad course, the proclamation asks whether the people are prepared to allow that rash youth to be false to the memory of his martyred father and to bring calamity on the brave people of Afghanistan. It concludes with an assurance that Great Britain's desire is to see Afghanistan again peaceful and prosperous, free and independent. *Reuter.*

Simla. 15th May. The Afghan Commander in chief has sent a letter to the political agent of Khyber asking for cessation of hostilities.-*Reuter.*

AFGHANS AGAIN BEATEN.

Simla.—British troops made a reconnaissance on the 16th May and discovered large bodies of the enemy to the West of Dakka. The Afghans followed the withdrawal of the British camp. Early on the 17th the British attacked the ridge and by four o'clock in the afternoon had carried the heights, the enemy leaving three hundred dead behind them. The British captured five Krupp guns. The complete success of the action is reported to have had a dispiriting effect on the Afghans on this front. Good reports have also been received of aeroplane raids on Jelahabad. Troops in close formation on parade were bombed with good effect.

ENTIRE FRONTIER INVOLVED.

Mohmans state that Afghan troops and tribesmen have entered their country. News from other parts of the frontier mentions movements of enemy troops in Khost and on the West Waziristan border.—*Reuter.*

The India Office adds that this dissemination of Afghan forces along our frontier tends to show that the object of the Afghans is to raise the tribes against us along the entire frontier.

SOME HOME LESSONS FROM BAVARIA.

That Prussian militarism is by no means dead is shown in a letter which has been received in Switzerland from Herr Grelling, the well-known German writer who drew a special and striking indictment of Germany's war guilt in his book "J'accuse."

Herr Grelling, who was in Munich when the Bavarian capital was recaptured from the Communists by Prussian and Bavarian Government troops, gives a description of this latest Prussian feat of arms differing materially from the official Berlin version. He says that after their entry into the city the Prussian troops during twenty-four hours indulged in a veritable debauch of bloodshed, massacring everyone who came in their way, offering violence to women and brutally illtreating even little children. It was Belgium over again, says the writer. In this way hundreds of persons, who had not the slightest connection with Communists, were bayoneted or shot down in the streets. Prussian soldiers even carried their machine guns into private houses and turned them upon the terrified inhabitants, going from flat to flat spreading death and destruction. When carnage had ceased, arrests and executions began. This is not yet over. Many thousands of "suspects" are in prison, among them a great number of intellectuals, professors of Munich university and others. Most of these prisoners are not Communists at all but simply South Germans of the intellectual type who had condemned Prussian militarism and Pan-Germanism.

Anyone known to have been an admirer of "Kultur" or to have admitted Germany's guilt is immediately arrested by the Prussians. The Hoffmann Government is entirely in the hands of its Prussian military helpers and is as much terorised by them as are other Bavarians.

While the German staff realises and admits that Germany is today instructed to renew hostilities against the Allies, and while such a devoted organ of militarism and Pan-Germanism as the Leipzig *Neueste Nachrichten* confesses that "We have neither men nor guns nor ammunition to fight the Allies" it is evident that attempts to re-establish Prussian militarism in Germany itself are not wanting. The Allies are well advised to take all careful precautions against future surprises. *Wireless.*

DELAYED PROGRESS IN NORTH RUSSIA.

BRIDGES DESTROYED.

Kem. (White Sea) 23rd May. — The British advance since the capture of Medvyejagova, in which feat our casualties were only two wounded, has been held up owing to the destruction of the bridges and railway. A Russian order has been captured by which it is directed that the place must be held to the last. The Bolshevists continue to offer the weakest resistance and they appear to be undecided about making a serious defence. Russians are joining up in large numbers. Admiral Koltchak is expected to reach Viatka by the 7th July and hopes shortly afterwards to establish contact with the Archangel force, after which the capture of Moscow and Petrograd need only be a question of a few weeks.—*Reuter*

A Helsingfors telegram says that on the Narva front the Bolshevists have two divisions, comprising seven thousand Infantry, five hundred cavalry twenty heavy and thirty-five light guns, one hundred and fifteen machine guns five armoured motor cars and one armoured train.

The total number of Bolshevists troops on the Southern front is 23,500 Infantry, 12,000 Cavalry, and 350 machine guns, thirty two heavy and eighty light guns, and twelve armoured motor cars. Amongst these troops are six Esthonian, ten Lettish, and thirty-four Russian Bolshevist regiments. In the Gatshina and Oranianbaum districts the population has revolted against the Bolshevists.

LENIN WANTS AN ARMISTICE.

Copenhagen, 25th May. According to a report published at Moscow on the 18th May, received here from the Helsingfors correspondent of the *Politiken*, Lenin has proposed an armistice to Admiral Koltchak, with a view to the initiation of peace negotiations.

No confirmation of this report has yet been received.—*Reuter.*

ESTHONIAN ADVANCE CONTINUES.

The Esthonian Press Bureau announces that while the Northern Corps is continuing its rapid and victorious advance along the railway Narva-Petrograd line, its advanced guard having occupied Volosova, seventy-five kilomètres (forty-six miles) east of Narva, on Wednesday, other detachments are pushing along the Peipus shore towards the great railway junction of Pskoff, Where the Bolshevik head quarters are situated. The railway station at Famm and the harbour of Raskopol were captured on Wednesday, a thousand prisoners and twenty machine guns being taken. The Esthonian Peipus flotilla on the same day captured two armed Bolshevik vessels. The harbour of Raskopol is eighty kilomètres (fifty miles) north of Pskoff.—*Reuter.*

BOLSHEVISTS DOOM MORE HOSTAGES.

NEARING PETROGRAD.

Copenhagen,— The Esthonians have captured Peterhof, twenty-one kilometers from Petrograd.

Stockholm. A Petrograd telegram reports that the Bolshevists in all the big towns have arrested a great number of prominent bourgeois who will be executed if the Soviet troops meet with any serious reverse.

In case of defeat the people's commissaries consider that the only solution will be to leave for the Ukraine and locate the central organisation of the Bolshevists agitation there.

A fresh cholera epidemic has broken out at Moscow, 300 cases weekly being notified.—*Reuter.*

THE EMPIRE'S REWARDS.

After peace is concluded the Government will propose various honours and grants of money to those who have served the Empire well. Among the anticipated rewards are Earldoms for Field Marshal Haig and Sir David Beatty with grants of 200,000 pounds sterling. It is rumoured, however, that Sir Douglas Haig will hold aloof until he is fully satisfid in respect of security of employment for discharged officers and men.

PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMANY.

The uneasiness and anxiety felt in Great Britain about the fate of untraced British prisoners of war in Germany will be brought to the notice of the Government in the House of Commons this week. It has been established by those engaged in prosecuting enquiries in Germany that the German War Office records contain a multitude of names which have never been reported to the British War Office. It is being urged that the War Office should send a fully equipped staff to Germany to prepare proper lists, thus setting at rest what it is feared may be a great body of unjustified hope.

FOR ABSENCE WITHOUT LEAVE.

ADJUSTMENT OF PAY.

The provisions of the Army Act as to deduction of pay for absence without leave are amended by an Army-Order just published. The effect of the amendment is that no period of less than twenty-four hours shall count as one day for purposes of forfeiture of pay except where it is proved that the absentee was prevented by his absence from fulfilling his military duty which as a consequence had to be discharged by some other person.

By another amendment no soldier will suffer forfeiture of pay while under sentence of field punishment, except for days on which he is in custody, unless it is so ordered by court martial or summarily.

ARMY CHAPLAIN FINED FOR SMUGGLING.

George Lawrence, described as an Army chaplain, was charged at Folkestone yesterday with attempting to defraud the Customs. A Customs officer stated that on the arrival of a steamer from Boulogne the defendant said he had nothing contraband, but on searching his baggage he found sixteen packets of cigarettes, three tins of cavendish tobacco, and a dox of cigars.

Defendant said that as an officer he had often travelled, and had not been asked to declare before. He was ordered to pay double value and duty, £5 2s 2d.

FRENCH ON CHURCHILL.

In yesterday's instalment of "1914" in the *Daily Telegraph*, Field Marshal French deals with the question of the Belgian Coast.

It was strongly represented that if the left bank of the Allies rested on the sea much further along the shore, so as to include Ostend and Zeebrugge, naval co-operation would have been simple and the submarine menace greatly minimised. Apprenhension as to the forces available and other difficulties led to the abandonment of the project.

Lord French's pen-picture of Mr. Winston Churchill, the then First Lord of the Admiralty, is an interesting one. He says:

"Winston Churchill had been for several years one of my most intimate friends. I saw much of him during the South African war, but it was not until about 1905 or 1906 that I really got to know him well. His complex character is as difficult to describe as it is to analyse. To those who do not understand him, the impetuous disposition, which is one of his strongest characteristics, is apt to throw into shadow the indomitable courage, tireless energy, marvellous perspicuity, and quick virile brain-power which are the main features of Winston Churchill's extraordinary personality. His experience and knowledge of public affairs must be unrivalled; for, at an age when most men are undergoing the grinding drudgery which falls to the lot of nearly all successful statesmen, lawyers, soldiers, or ecclesiastics, he was holding the highest offices in the Government; and not even his most inveterate enemies can say that he has failed to leave his mark for good on every department he has supervised.

"Possessing a combative nature, he engages constantly in political strife, which is marked by the sharpest controversy, and it is, therefore, perhaps only his intimate friends who know the real manly, generous kindliness of his disposition and his perfect loyalty. The perspective of history will show the part he has played throughout the Great War to have been consistently constructive and of direct value to the nation. His visit to my Headquarters at this time was productive of great good. The Government were getting nervous of the military situation and of the arrest of our forward advance. With his characteristic energy and activity, Churchill visited and examined every part of the battlefield, and what he saw and heard put him in a position to send reassuring information to his colleagues."

SMALL HOLDINGS GRANTED.

An official statement issued by the Board of Agriculture says that a summary of reports received shows that 3,292 ex-service men who applied for small holdings and cottage holdings under the Government scheme have been interviewed and eighty-eight per cent of the applications approved.

The total number of applications to date is 16,841, of which 11,900 are from service and ex-service men. The total area applied for is 206,334 acres. Since December 22,969 acres have been acquired and schemes are in preparation for the acquisition of over 78,000. Ten per cent of this will be acquired by the exercise of compulsory powers.

HUSBAND'S MAGNANIMITY.

Lieut. Harry Cuthbert Collingwood, licensee of the Black Horse, Gomshall, (Surrey) obtained 1400 pounds sterling damages against a farmer who took advantage of Lieut. Collingwood's wife while he was away in the army.

Lieut. Collingwood forgave his wife and assumed full responsibility for the child which was not his.

LARRY LYNX'S OPINIONS.

The will of the late William Lotinga, the sporting journalist who wrote as Larry Lynx, deals with an estate of nine thousand sterling. The document contains piquant allusions to "blackmailing rags published by jealous rivals" and refers to lawyers as "the country's vampires". It also contains advice to his son to steer clear of unscrupulous and dangerous men.

SNATCHED FROM THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

HAWKER AND GRIEVE RESCUED.

Lloyd's signal station at the Butt of Lewis telegraphed on Sunday morning at 8.25 as follows:

"Danish steamer Mary passing Eastward signalled following: Saved hands Sopwith aeroplane'. The Station immediately signalled

"'Is it Hawker?'

"Steamer replied 'yes'".

The Board of Admiralty announced that it received the above report from the Coastguard Station on the Butt of Lewis at 11 o'clock on Sunday and added that an attempt was being made to intercept the steamer as it passes to the North of Scotland in order to verify the report. *Reuter.*

The whole world rejoices.

Nothing in recent years has so captivated the public mind. Not all the stupendous happenings of the war nor the momentous problems of peace could focus almost breathless attention to the extent accomplished by the daring attempt to wrest the laurels of being first to fly the Atlantic wherewith to deck the shield of English endeavour.

On Sunday evening the 18th May, two "splendid fools" flung challenging gauntlets full in the face of Fate and, with a jest of farewell to "Tynsides," flew out over the treacherous North Atlantic — for England. They knew the weather was unpropitious but they fared forth. It was their right thus to dare, for they were ready first.

For twen y-four hours the hopes of England were at the ten thousand foot air level, where a wonder of scientific engineering, brought to near perfection through the dire necess ties of war, was battling for peaceful conquest—a fragile construction of six thousand separate but vital parts, con rolled by two virile brains.

Fate, with the flick of a finger, turned the trick. A small piece of spelter sufficed. Not for the first time had Fate played with spelter. Lack of it handicapped Germany during the war, yet by one of tho e utterly inexplicable happenings it intervened on Monday last ove the ocean. Commander Grieve, a Navy man, would call it "Joss."

A little bit of spelter obstructed a water tube and Fate laughed. On Monday imagination was crippled. Nobody knew where to visualise the airmen. Were they lying crushed on an iceflow, or had they passed from ten thousand feet above to ten thousand feet below the stormy Atlantic waters? Were they far from the land and which land? Or, faintest of faint hopes, growing even fainter with the passing of the days, had they been picked up?

Fate, only this time we will call it the long arm of coincidence had flung out a very long arm on April 28th. On that date the Danish tramp steamer Mary left New Orleans bound for Horsens in Denmark, Her skipper was doubtless interested in the preparations for flying the Atlantic, yet he could not have known that he might see the finish of the most daring deed in the history of scientific sport. How could he have known that on the 24th May, four weeks homeward bound, he would be fifty miles off his course, the only vessel in a waste of wild waters and the only vessel which could possibly rescue the two gallant men from a solitary death?

Yet so it fell out, and for six days the British Navy scoured the ocean in vain, and the world waited against hope. For six days the Mary pursued her solitary way until she raised the Northern end of the Island of Lewis in the outer Hebrides. Then a hoist of flags gave the news to the world.

Somehow we like to read of the adherence to principle of the master of the Mary. "Owner first" is the duty of the mercantile marine, and the skipper was not disposed to stop his ship in order to hand over any Hawkers or Grieves to their Motherland. The Admiralty made an effort, however, and the two men who have ousted Lloyd George, Foch, Rantzau, Peace terms—everybody and everything else—from the limelight, set foot on the deck of the Revenge in Scapa Flow.

The juxtaposition of names is rather curious, for the warship Revenge calls to mind that former Revenge of "at Flores in the Azores, Sir Richard Grenville lay." It is at that same Flores that the N. C. 4 is still awaiting completion of the repairs which must be effected before she can start on the second stage of her flight to Europe.

What were the thoughts of Hawker and Grieve when they realised that they had failed, not through any fault of theirs nor any constructional fault of the Sopwith plane, but through a little scrap of soldering metal, which had shaken loose on the inside of a brazed joint?

That they were "up against it" needed no thinking. It was obvious, as they planed down to the surface that they *were* up against it unless, as must almost of a certainty have been the case, they knew they were not doomed to die. They were only afloat in their frail canoe for ninety minutes before they were picked up, and they therefore must have reached sea level within twenty miles of the Mary.

We hazard the opinion that their first thoughts were of Raynham and Morgan, and their first hopes, as they could not be winners for England, that the Martynside would do the trick. They did not know that the machine lies a wreck in Newfoundland and that Morgan is incapacitated.

REVENGE IS SWEET.

A later Admiralty report stated that Hawker and Grieve arrived in perfect health aboard the "Revenge" in Scapa Flow (Orkney Islands). They were picked up in latitude 50.20 N., longitude 29.30 W. The aeroplane was not saved.

The position given is approximately 750 miles from the coast of Ireland and nearly 1,300 miles from Newfoundland.

The *Daily Mail* received the following message from Hawker dated Warship Revenge, Scapa Flow, via Aberdeen. 10.35 p. m. Sunday. Machine stopped owing to water filter in feed-pipe from radiator to water pump being filled up with refuse such as solder etc. and shaking loose from radiator. Was no fault of motor. Motor ran absolutely perfectly from start to finish even after all water boiled away. Had no trouble in landing in sea. We were picked up by tramp ship "Mary" after being in water one hour and a half. We are going to London from Thurso at two o'clock on Monday afternoon, arriving in London between 7 and 8 o'clock on morning."

NATIONAL REJOICING.

The dramatic news of the safety of Hawker and Grieve came as a complete surprise, as all hope had been abandoned since Saturday, when twelve destroyers returned to port in the West of Ireland after fruitlessly scouring the seas over an area of three hundred miles.

Special editions of the London papers were eagerly snapped up by excited crowds. The scenes in the streets were only to be compared with an occasion of national rejoicing.

Similar scenes occurred in the provinces.

SPLENDID NAVIGATION.

Experts pay eloquent tributs to the fine navigation of Commander Grieve, as the aeroplane kept on a dead straight line for more then half way across the Atlantic. The mishap is believed to have been of so slight a nature that had the machine been a seaplane Hawker would probably have been able to effect repairs on the water and complete the course.

CONSOLATION PRIZE.

In recognition of the determined nature of the effort to cross the Atlantic the *Daily Mail* has awarded a consolation prize of five thousand pounds between Hawker and Grieve.— *Reuter.*

THE RED LIGHT IN THE SKY.

Some further particulars of the red light incident are furnished in the following issued on Saturday by the *Wireless Press:*

"The wireless operator of the ss. Inventor reports as follows:

A warning of the start of the flight was received by the Inventor on the evening of May 18, in a broadcast message received from St. John's, and relayed from ship to ship eastwards. Later, Poldhu gave the actual time of the start. As the night advanced the wind freshened up to a gale in a direction north by west. The ship was rolling heavily, and there was continuous rain. I listened intently for D.K.A. (the wireless call-letters of the Sopwith machine), but received nothing. At 3.59 a.m. G.M.T. on the 19th the Ninian broadcasted the following message, which it had received from the ss. Samnanger: 'Sighted red Verey light of aeroplane to northward 1.18 a.m. G.M.T., latitude 50.28 north, longitude 39.02 west.' At 6.40 a.m. I finished my watch, having received nothing whatever from D.K.A. A junior operator who followed me also received nothing."

Last night this information was supplemented by the following telegram from Reuter's correspondent at St. John's, Newfoundland:

"The steamer Glendevon, which arrived here last night, reports that at about 1.20 Greenwich mean time last Monday, being then in mid-ocean, 1,060 miles east of St. John's, she heard the steamer Samnanger give the Sopwith aeroplane its position as follows: "Your position is latitude 50deg 28min North, longitude 30deg 0min 2sec West." This message was prefaced by the signal letters D. K. A., which were the Marconi code signals of the Sopwith aeroplane. The Glendevon's captain says he understood from other messages that the Sopwith machine had shown a red light, which was the prearranged signal to denote her position. He saw or heard nothing else on the voyage regarding the airmen."

"SUNDAY IS MY LUCKY DAY."

Mrs. Hawker, the wife of the gallant airman, is a serene optimist. While all her friends were shaking their heads about the fate of her husband, she refused, says the *Daily Mail*, to be disquieted or discouraged. She had an unquenchable faith that he was safe. On Saturday evening she motored to see some of her friends who live in bungalows on Thames Ditton Island. "She said to us," says one of them, 'You're looking down in the mouth, boys. Cheer up. We shall have some good news to-morrow. Sunday is my lucky day.'" When Mrs. Hawker heard of the glad tidings by telephone yesterday morning she at once motored to see the same friends, and quietly announced that her prediction had proved correct.

THANKSGIVING AT HOOK.

Mrs. Hawker, accompanied by her sister, Miss Petie, attended the evening service at Hook Parish Church last night, which, as announced, took the form of a thanksgiving. The service opened with the Doxology and special Psalms and lessons were selected. The hymns, "Now thank we all our God" and "Praise my soul, the King of Heaven," were sung, and the general thanksgiving made special reference to the "Preservation from the perils of air and deep of Harry Hawker."

The vicar, the Rev. T. J. Wood, selected as his text "For this my son is dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found." Not often, he said, had it happened in the history of this country that a single heroic act had fired the imagination, and excited the admiration of men as had the adventurous flight of Mr. Hawker and Commander Grieve. In conditions so unpropitious they were resolved to win for England the honour of the first flight by air across the Atlantic. An Englishman disputed with Columbus the honour of crossing the Atlantic for the first time, and these men strove to gain another leaf for England's laurel crown. It was such men and such feats that had made England what she was, and had gained her, her name and prestige among the nations of the earth. It was not often also they saw a calling forth of sympathy such as the nation had shown to Mrs. Hawker during the last week.

R.A.F. OFFICER MISSING.

Capt. L. G. Jefferson R.A.F., left Kenley on Monday last piloting an aeroplane which bore despatches intended for Paris. The aeroplane and despatches have since been recovered from the Channel by French fishermen but no trace of Capt. Jefferson has been found.

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ENGLAND IN COLOGNE.

There was an amusing article in *Vorwärts* some days ago entitled "England in Cologne." It starts by allowing that after a taste of what in the way of plunder and arson might be looked for by unoccupied Cologne, the occupation by the British was not unwelcome. But soon there came disillusionment. The Briton, after four years of war—four years in which he had learnad how implicitly the German could be relied on and had received so many effusive, explosive and other marks of Germanic affection—actually remained mistrustful and aloof,-and when the good German did not alter his altitude and accorded him still more considerate sympathy, he became nasty and rough. A change came over the childish dream of conqueror and conquered, lambkinning it together, and the hurt Teuton said to himself "Oh, if you won't, you won't, nor will I."

Up till now, the impression had, apparently, been (an artless people which, never invaded, could not have known, of course) and the accounts of the other peoples, conduct who had occupied Lille, Brussels, Andenne and Louvain did not come home — that these were conquerors who had come amongst them, and that if sufficient sympathy was ladled out, the conquerors lapped it up and cuddled the conquered as a matter of course. But now the people of Cologne suddenly took a new view — an erroneous one also — of the situation. Then there penetrated them the perception that the situation was quite altered and that there was no war any longer, and bitterness ensued, followed by hate. This hate is of a new up-to-date kind, not the old hymn-of-hate sort, but we will not trouble our readers with the definition, since its pungency differs no more than does that of Roquefort from Gorgonzola. To forsake cheeses for our muttons, we are treated to a description of the usual Continental dummy Englishman, unapproachable, proud and domineering, whom we used to see portrayed on the stage arrayed in a loud tartan check suit. This dummy Englishman, according to our author, does not alter his manners to the conquered Germans, treats the Rhinelanders as a refractory race, and every Englishman from officer to private is convinced of his own superiority and of that of his race.

The fact that everyone had to be indoors by nine and now by ten o'clock, is treated as a terrible grievance. How a citizen of Lille, who had to be indoors three or foor hours earlier, would have opened his eyes at this!

We turn up a past proclamation issued at Brussels and find that all celebration of the National Belgian Fête day on 21st July, 1916, is prohibited, no public meetings or processions being permitted; shops and cafés to be closed at unusual hours, and any breach of this rule to be punished by six months imprisonment and a fine not exceeding 20,000 Marks. We find a further order dated 18th November, 1916, in consequence of demonstrations in front of the church of St. Gudule, as a result of which the Germans were insulted by the crowd; all public places of amusement, i.e., hotels, restaurants, cafés and shops were to be closed at 8 p.m., and only those persons possessing a written permit from the German authorities were allowed to be in the streets between 8 p.m. and 4 a.m.

Then we are told that the Cologne maidens have lost all sense of propriety and dignity as German women, and that for the sake of cakes and chocolates, hundreds of young women have been taken from the company of the British Soldiers and sentenced to various fines. Hate without end exchanged for endless chocolates! We hope the quality of the chocolates was better than that of the hate. We do not think that this really represents the attitude or feelings of the people of Cologne, as we are certain it does not do anything but misrepresent us. It is not true of the people of the Rhineland that they are so totally devoid of self-respect or of perception of the situation, or that their maidens are so devoid of self-respect as this writer would have us believe. The real fact of the matter is that this article was probably written by a journalist in Berlin sighing for the Occupied Area. It bears, however, traces of that curious perversion of mind which it will take some years for a certain sort of German to get rid of —a kind of Continental insularity. "I," says the man of this type, "can kill, punish, coerce, mutilate, but you must not do it to me." It is not all Germans who make these assertions—witness the articles which have recently appeared in the *Bergische Arbeiter Stimme* and elsewhere; and the conversations which we have had with many Rhinelanders show the truth of this. It is a sort of Prussianism which with Prussian "Kultur" has leavened the districts into which both had intruded. Until that leaven has been cast out and Germany recognises that it was her fault that brought the catastrophe upon Europe, we must doubt her sincerity.

We may pardon with a smile the childish gaucherie that admits tacitly the benefits of order and industrial peace which the Army of Occupation has brought to the Rhineland, and blushingly acknowledge the tribute to our chivalry in yielding our seats to ladies in tramcars whilst ignoring the petulance which sulks because we do not rush into the arms of the Cologne citizens. A dignified restraint is all that is called for on both sides, and that, with a few exceptions, is what obtains generally in the relation between the British troops of Occupation and the people of Cologne.

HOW TO GROW HAIR.

An enterprising chemist in Cologne has produced a weird and wonderful handbill which is intended to expound the merits of a patent hair water. The bill informs us that the "reason and profits" of using the tonic are as follows: "Mostly there are made great faults in relation of attending to your hair, without knowing, which prejudices avise by so acting specially for keeping a dense growth of hair. Boldness or bald places etc. are very often its consequence. These evils can avoid every body by employing a refreshing agreeable hair-water, which enlives the bulbs. It consists of the four noblest and best saps of herbs mixed with sprit and oil and is consequently free from any ingredient of the mostly bad effecting chemical preparations. With such a pure hair-water there must be at last a result: Make a trial and you shall find the advantage, This trial will make you to a continual consumer. We don't want special advertisements and think that all things which turn out well are the mostly used. For greasy hair we recommend combination No. 35 and for dry one combination No. 36." The reading of much more in this strain would probably "assist" baldness better than anything!

COLOGNE—BEFORE AND AFTER.

"Germany," once said Lord Palmerston "is a land of damned Professors." That was not the foreigner's first impression of the country in the days before Armageddon. No, it was a land of soldiers. Everywhere the spiked helmet was in evidence. The atmosphere of the barrackyard was everywhere. The very policeman—guardian of civil order—with sword and revolver, offered a marked contrast to the English bobby with his civilian baton. (The baton, however, is an admirable weapon in capable hands.) You saw a platoon of men suddenly begin the Parade-Schritt or Goose Step at the appearance of a senior officer and you were at a loss whether to laugh or weep at this form of Teutonic jiu-jitsu. The eternal salute was everywhere. Now after the Revolution—one of the greatest, if not the greatest, in history—the atmosphere has changed. Formerly, you could have imagined that the German had a ramrod instead of a spine. Now, the ramrod has been withdrawn and the spine has become very flexible and pliant. Had I been told that I should live to see the streets of Cologne filled with English, French and Belgian soldiers, I should have thought the thing impossible. The other day I stood on the Hohenzollern Bridge and surveyed the three Emperors' statues. The first, the second, the third and last! What a fall was there, my countrymen! There is William II bestriding his horse like a Colossus. To-day there is none so poor as do him reverence. I had often seen him address his troops with the traditional Prussian formula, *Morgen, Kinder*, but the children have rebelled, and the firm of "Hohenzollern und Gott" have retired from business and the whole concern has now been taken over under entirely new and up-to-date management.

I cannot help thinking that a large section of the Germans must secretly regard the Allies as deliverers from the Moloch of Militarism. Herr Teufelsdroek, the child of Carlyle's *Crain*, was only once seen to laugh when some one suggested a cast-iron king. The cast-iron William II of the Hohenzollern Bridge seems already the relic of a bygone age.

Indeed, the disappearance of the whole phalanx of Teutonic emperor-kings and princes who banished like Falstaff's men in buckram (and they were only men in buckram)—is one of the most dramatic things in history. They seem to have made no fight for their position. They were told to go, and go they did. It cannot be said of the "All-Highest Swashbuckler" himself that nothing in his career became him like the leaving of his office. He bolted, the others followed suit. One cannot imagine the real founder of Prussianism, Old Fritz, making so ignominious a flight. That ruthless warrior who carried poison as an antidote to disgrace would have gone down sword in hand at the head of his men. But the last of the Hohenzollerns was but a Maulheld after all. He came, he spouted, but he did not conquer. For years the German papers were filled with striking comparisons between Rome (Germany) and England (Carthage). "Delenda," they were never tired of repeating, "est Carthago!" The trident was to be struck from Britannia's hand. "Our future" said the founder of the German navy "lies on the water." "Let us take care" said a cynical German, on hearing the Kaiser's speech "that our future does not lie under the water." The warning was unheeded.

Now that the Empire has fallen, never to rise, we may hope that a new Germany, purged of its insensate lust for world powers, may once more resume the peaceful pursuits of literature, science, music and art which were her glory before Prussianism poisoned her lifeblood, and Bismarck, a bully who never met a bigger bully than himself, conceived the idea of uniting the German states by blood and iron. The great debacle will be a warning for centuries to come that ambition divorced from morality can end only in disaster. A.M.

THE OPERA.

FAUST.

Time cannot wither nor custom stak the infinite variety of Gounod's masterpiece. "Das ewig Weibliche," the way of a man with a maid, is the perennial source of human interest, and when the Devil has a hand in it you have all the elements that lead to tragedy. On Saturday night we saw a series of pictures which, aided by expressive music, depicted the poignant story of a man selling his soul for a maid and the tragic results to man and maid. Indeed, the performance was a rich feast both for eye and ear, the stage effects deserving warm praise.

In particular the Oriental gorgeousnes of the Bacchanalian episode, with its lavish colour and voluptuous dancing, was a triumph of scenic display. Where all was good, Herr Gless's Mephistopheles stood out as a masterly rendering of the sinister, mocking friend. There was something uncanny you felt, at times, in the expression of his unholy Schadenfreude, as when he denounces Gretchen from his pillar. And what a rich sonorous voice is his, and how admirably used! What a capital bit of vocal declamation was the "Calf of Gold!"

Herr Schröder, impressive at the outset as the old philosopher to whom life has nothing new to offer, made a captivating lover. Very artistic was his rendering of the aria "All hail! thou dwelling pure and holy." As the guiless maiden warbling about the King of Thule or voicing her girlish delight in the Jewel Song, Wanda Achsel sang and played convincingly. Herr Schorr made a dignified Valentin but why, in the name of tuneful melody, was that gem "Even bravest heart may swell" omitted? Katharina Rohr made the most of her somewhat thankless role as old Marthe. The "Soldiers' Chorus" was warmly received, as it deserved. Indeed the principals were often recalled, and the devil (at least as impersonated by Herr Gless) for once got his due. A.M.

"DER ZIGEUNERBARON."

Those who attended the performance of Johann Strauss's charming Austrian comic Opera on Sunday, spent a very enjoyable "Pleasant Sunday Afternoon." While Sullivan was composing immortal works in England, Johann Strauss was doing the same thing in Vienna. These works are immortal in that thy are the national expression of musical feeling, unencumbered by special freaks and fashions of harmonic and orchestral device, and are good for all time. Strauss had a special genius for waltz element is conspicuous in his operas. Sullivan almost entirely eschews the waltz.

The "Zigeunerbaron" is studded with gems. An especially delightful little match is the duet between Saffi and Szipra before they discover the treasure. The duet between Saffi and Parinkay which follows is also a real gem, and was delightfully sung. These two artists, Frl. Geisler and Herr Clemens who took the respective rôles were excellent throughout the opera. It is a real treat to hear voices used as nature intended, which in this country is only possible in light opera. Herr Robert as Zoupan is an excellent comedian of the German style. The incidental music which accompanies some of the spoken dialogue in the first act is charming, and it seems a pity more use is not made of incidental music, as it helps to camouflage the break between the spoken dialogue and the vocal members. This break was particularly noticeable where Szipra suddenly begins to sing about her dream. Martha's singing of her "past" in "Tiefland" seemed quite natural, following an other musical matter.

The chorus acquitted itself well, but neither dancers nor musicians did justice to the sparkling dance number in the last act, which suffered from the usual German blight. A.P.J.

RAGLAN CASTLE.

The simple announcement in a recent issue of *The Cologne Post* that the Duke of Beaufort has decided to present this historic pile to the nation, recalls the many stories and traditions which cluster round the ruins of this famous old castle in the heart of Monmouthshire.

In the turbulent days of the middle seventeenth century, when Cavalier and Roundhead waged war amid the hills and valleys and meadows of old England, the unfortunate Monarch, Charles I, found no safer refuge than within the strong walls of this castle, which he frequently visited between the years 1643—5.

Here he was royally entertained by the Marquis of Worcester, at this time well over eighty years of age, but not too old to pour out his fortune, give his servants, and defend his castle in order to restore his monarch to a secure throne. The royal apartments can still be seen, the King's favourite walk still retains its old world beauty, while the ivy covered walls, in some places more than sixteen feet thick, and its wide moat with porteullis and drawbridge, even now enables one to understand how it was one of the last strongholds to surrender to the Parliamentary forces.

The garrison within was one of the last to surrender in the whole land. In recognition of its valiant stand, the men were permitted by the Parliamentarians to march out with colours flying and drums beating. A few weeks after, the old Marquis was on his deathbed and anxious to know where he should be buried. Upon being told he should be buried in the chapel at Windsor he exclaimed "why then, I shall have a larger castle when I am dead that when I was alive."

A welcome addition to the royal exchequer was made by the vicar of a neighbouring parish in a curious way. Knowing the countryside well, he was enabled to enter the castle in spite of the forces of Fairfax which were surrounding the magnificent structure.

"I have brought," said he, as he took it off, "His Majesty my coat." "That is of little use," was the reply. "Then" said he "take my undercoat." This by its great weight gave promise of being at least worth a little investigation of the lining, and so it proved, for upon being opened, several hundred gold pieces were found sewn inside the lining.

Perhaps the most interesting stories are those, which centre around the doings of the young Marquis of Worcester, who achieved fame, before the civil war interrupted his researches, as a scientist, in that period when science was beginning to emerge from the swaddling-clothes of astrology and alchemy, with their vain search for the philosophers stone and *aqua vitae*. He is credited by many historians and antiquarians with having been the inventor of the steam engine. The claim rests chiefly upon that very rare book, which he wrote "A century of inventions." This contains an account of a hundred inventions and experiments made by the young marquis, one of which describes a machine driven by steam the description bearing a striking similarity to the steam engines of the early nineteenth century. A copy of this exceedingly rare book is still carefully preserved among the treasures of the British Museum. Tradition has it, that Savary a French inventor of that period finding he had been anticipated by the young Marquis in this particular invention, during the civil war and the absence of the author of the "Century of Inventions" through his activity in the Royal cause, bought all the copies he could of this work and burnt them, (hence their great scarcity) so that he might claim to be the inventor. Be that as it may, the marks still remain on the walls of the old castle keep to show where the pipes for steam and water run, by means of which he conducted his experiments and earned for himself the reputation of being in league with the evil one from the superstitious countrymen for miles around.

Such are a few of the stories associated with this famous old castle in the heart of Gwent, as Monmouthshire is called by the Welsh. I have seen some of the castles on the Rhine, but none have I yet seen to compare in this land to Kenilworth, Dudley, Carisbrooke and many other of our famous English castles; and certainly none to compare with this charming old ruin, which still proudly stands through winter's frost and summer's heat, after the destruction of time and the ravages of war ready to reveal to those who care to hear, its stories of the centuries that have for ever gone. T. D.

MULES.

A mule is exactly the same as a woman, for this one reason — they are both beyond the understanding of mere man.

We had a mule once, as docile as an old sheep — to look at. But when one tried to mount him he displayed all the pleasant qualities a decent mule should have.

One day it walked into the lines. It was a dashing young sub, just out, and simple itching for adventure. He got it in the shape of Jimmy. He was walking round with the Transport Officer when he met his fate, otherwise Jimmy.

"What a beautiful mule," he remarked, and certainly Jimmy looked truly magnificent, as he stood there quietly chewing the sleeve of the line orderly's tunic.

"Well," said the Transport Officer, "he looks alright, but he won't allow anyone to ride him."

"Oh! won't he," said our young hero, "I've had some experience of rough animals."

Therefore Jimmy was saddled up, and we turned out *en masse* to see this wonderful exponent of rough-riding. It was short and sweet.

Strange to say, Jimmy stood perfectly quiet until the Officer was mounted, and even walked a few yards.

What next happened, nobody really knows. What we do know, was that we saw that Officer describing weird somersaults over Jimmy's ears, and then finally landing gracefully on the manure heap.

When he came round, he saw Jimmy surveying him with his large sorrowful eyes, as if apologizing for his deed.

Strange to relate, that Officer is somewhat prejudiced against mules now.

The best way to drive a mule is to try and make him go the opposite way in which one wants to go.

The obstinacy of mules is proverbial.

From the 3rd Bn. M.G.C. Magazine.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Tuesday	6	Waffenschmied von Worms	Lortzing
Wednesday	6	Lobetanz	Thuille
Thursday	5½	Undine	Lortzing
Friday	6	Jenufa	Janacek
Saturday	6	Cavall. rustic. Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo
Sunday	5½	Zauberflöte	Mozart
Monday	6	Der fliegende Holländer The flying Dutchman	Wagner
Tuesday	6	D. Entführ a d. Serail The elopement from the Serail	Mozart

BARRICADES OF LAGER.

MIDLAND DIV. SIGNAL COY CONCERT AT BRUHL.

A detachment of the 12th Field Co R.E. recently commenced extensive operations in the Beer Garden of the Hotel zur Post, Bruhl, and erected a small stage.

From this strong point fire of variable intensity was opened upon an unarmed and inoffensive audience at 1800 hours and continued with spasmodic bursts until 20.45 hours. The attack was well withstood and the troops, having sought refuge behind barricades of lager in pint pots and flowing Mai Bowlen, displayed admirable self restraint.

At 19.30 hours strong reinforcements arrived from Cologne in the shape of Corpl. Howard Fry and Pte Latham. The former used his splendid baritone voice to excellent effect and the latter received roars of applause for his humorous efforts.

EXCITING FOOTBALL MATCH.

51st GORDONS v. 3rd HUSSARS.

A match, productive of intense excitement, and contested with all the keenness of a Cup-Tie, was played at Duren on Friday night, between the 51st Gordons and the 3rd Hussars. There was a very large crowd, the teams each having a big following. Special interest centred in the game as the A. iv lads hold an unbeaten record. There was a contrast in the heights of the players, the Cavalrymen giving the Scottish Nippers inches. The game opened at a smart pace, and the Scots were one up within a couple of minutes of the start, Cruickshanks being the marksman. Mallis was thrustful on the Gordons right, and gave Williams endless trouble. Lieut. Williams came early into prominence with fine half-back work, and eased the situation for the Hussars. Cox and Wheelan had notable rounds on the right and left wings respectively, and each whipped in a teaser for Grey to dispose of.

A period of severe pressure then exerted by the Gordon boys, led to the inevitable. Mallis, from whom danger always threatened, swung the ball to Russell, who hooked it from a most difficult position, and scored a remarkably good goal. Further successes were like coming to the Scots, when Mallis forced a couple of corners. The Gordons, however, were beaten back, thanks chiefly to the efforts of Hudson and Lieut. Williams, and a few dangerous attacks were made on Grey's charge. Wheelan obliged Smith, with a good pass but unfortunately the latter was offside, although his shot, which defeated Grey, was quite good. Half time; Gordons 2; Hussars, 0.

There was no slackening of the pace during the second half. McNeil came into great prominence. He led the attack in fine style and for a time the tussle was largely between himself and the Gordons goalkeeper. All through this period Lieut. Williams was outstanding for some splendid breaking-up work, also for the fine support he gave to McNeil. The latter at length got the better of Kydd, who had shone in the Gordons defence all through, and after a great sprint from the centre of the field, defeated Grey. The reds were now out to draw, and they succeeded in getting level through Cox, after good work on the right. The last stages of the game were marked by desperate efforts on both sides to get the winning goal. There were exciting incidents in front of both goals, and just on time Sinnamon regained the lead for the Gordons with a very neat header.

Final Result:

Gordons 3; Hussars 2.

GAME STOPPED BY BURST BALL.

3 COY, WESTERN DIV. TRAIN R.A.S.C. v. 2 COY WESTERN DIV.

The above companies played a football match at Breuig under tropical conditions. After a good and fast game half time found 3 Coy 2 goals down.

Upon resumption 2 Coy attacked and scored again, No. 3 Coy were now getting most of the game and kept the home "goalie" busy and Wilkinson scored for 3 Coy.

No. 3 Coy pressed heavily and 2 Coy were in a state of collapse when the ball burst and not having another handy the game was concluded with the score 3—1 in favour of 2 Coy. The feature of the match was the defence of the visitors.

Goal scorers for 2 Coy:—Dr. Brown (2); Gadd (1).
For 3 Coy:— Wilkinson (1).

WIESBADEN HORSE SHOW.

The following are the results of the Horse Show held last week at Wiesbaden in magnificent weather:—

Class I Chargers (Officers):—2nd Major J. Wedderburn Maxwell, M.C., R.F.A.

Class II (a) Officer's Jumping:—1st Lt. Mc Creery, 12th Lancers;

(b) N.C.O.'s Jumping:—1st Cpl. Hulley, 12th Lancers.

Class III Steeplechase (non-thoroughbreds) Officers:—2nd Capt. Moore's "George", 12th Lancers.

Class V Artillery Teams:—

(a) R.H.A.:—3rd "O" Battery R.H.A.;

(b) R.F.A.:—1st 65th Bde. R.F.A., Western Div.; 4th 152nd Bde. R.F.A.;

(c) R.G.A.:—1st X Corps H.A.; 2nd IV Corps H.A.; 3rd VI Corps H.A.

Class VI (a) 2 horse teams:—1st Midland Div. Train; 3rd London Div. Train: 4th Light Div. Train;

(b) 4 horse teams;—1st X Hussars; 2nd North Midland Heavy Battery; 3rd R.A.S.C. Auxy H.T., Cav. Divn.

SMART FIELDING AT THE OVAL.

FIVE MEN CAUGHT BY GILLINGHAN

SURREY v. ESSEX.

At the Oval on Saturday a match commenced between Surrey and Essex. In the first innings Surrey scored 221 and Essex 270 for 4. Details:—

SURREY.

Hobbs c. Gillingham b. J. Douglas	16
Sandham c. Gillingham b. Louden	8
Hayes b. Douglas	2
Harrison c. Gillingham b. J. Douglas	72
W. Abel c. and b. Louden	7
Peach c. Perrin b. Louden	57
Heath c. Russell b. Louden	8
T. Abel c. Gillingham b. Louden	15
Hitch l. b. w. b. Louden	2
Bushby c. Gillingham b. J. Douglas	13
Freeman not out	10
Extras	21
Total	221

Bowling. J. Douglas 4 for 93; Louden 6 for 86.

ESSEX 1st INNINGS.

Gillingham c. T. Abel b. Hitch	125
Russell c. Heath b. Hitch	4
Waugh c. Sandham b. W. Abel	5
Freeman b. Rushby	58
Perrin not out	33
Douglas not out	13
Extras	32
Total (for four)	270

GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S WIN BY 24 RUNS.

MATCH WITH SUSSEX.

The match between Gloucester and Sussex concluded on Saturday, when the former won by 24 runs.

GLOUCESTER - 2ND INNINGS.

Robinson b. Roberts	13
Dipper c. Cox b. Roberts	0
Rowlands b. Roberts	0
Studd c. Cox b. Roberts	25
Williams c. Stannard b Roberts	4
G. Robinson run out	65
White b. Tate	35
Barrow c. Stannard b. Tate	18
Parker c. Stannard b. Roberts	3
Ellis not out	13
Jeffries c. Stannard b. Roberts	0
Extras	17
Total	193

Bowling:—Roberts, 7 for 72; Tate, 2 for 63.

SUSSEX - 2ND INNINGS.

L. Wilson b. Ellis	12
Williams b. Parker	17
Bourdillon b. Ellis	0
Tate c. Robinson b. Jeffries	48
Somerset b. Ellis	23
K. Wilson b. Ellis	3
Vincett c. Parker b. Jeffries	12
Cox c. P. Dipper b. Parker	47
Roberts b. Parker	32
Stannard not out	12
Miller c. F. Robinson b. Dipper	4
Extras	9
Total	219

CUP WINNERS.

D COY; 6th R. W. KENTS WIN INTER-BRIGADE FINAL.

An Inter-Brigade final was played on Friday at Wahn, the teams being D. Coy 6th R. W. Kent Regt. v. B. Coy 4th R. Sussex. Following midfield play, the West Kents forced several corners, which proved unavailing. The Sussex broke away from one of these corners, but could not get past 2nd Lieut. Barrows and Cpl. Bones at back who were very sure.

Play was again carried to the other end, and a case of hands against the Sussex led to the first goal, the free kick being well placed by Cpl. Rose. The Sussex "Goalie" could only manage to get a foot to it, and Slade rushing up scored.

The second goal was scored though Dix neatly passing to Walker who shot from about 20 yards range. Half-time arrived:—

D. Coy R.W. Kent 2; B. Coy R. Sussex 0.

From the kick off the Sussex attacked strongly, but Cpl. Rose and Co. defenced well and relieved the pressure. After about 15 minutes had gone Ayres brought off a wonderful save. Lying on the ground he took the ball from a forwards toe and then got up and cleared. Midfield play ensued. After which Sergt. Marsh (Sussex) put in a lovely shot which Ayres successfully negotiated. No further scoring took place, thus leaving the result:—

D. Coy R.W. Kent —2; B Coy R. Sussex 0.

The West Kent Capt. gave 3 cheers for the losers after the match.

Brigadier General Tudor C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., kindly presented the medals to the winning team, and the roars of applause and cheering might have been heard in Cologne! The winning team were as follows:— Ayres; 2nd Lieut. Barrows and L/Cpl. Bones; Pte. Spencer, Cpl. Rose, and 2nd Lieut. Dimond; Ptes Robinson, Slade, Walker, Dix and Tuckwell.

LE CESTERS v. 185 SIEGE BATTERY R.G A.

Played on the "Robcans" (185 S.B. R.G.A.) ground at Weidesheim in fine weather a good game was witnessed on Wednesday. On the whole 185 had the best of the play and scored freely through Davies (4), Smith (2), and Downs (1), to which the Leicesters could only reply with one goal. The Leicesters played a sporting game but the "Robcans" were too good for them especially the centre-forward who is ever on the alert, 4 of the goals coming off his boot. An exciting game ended in 185 being winners by 7 goals to 1.

MIDLAND DIVISION DERBY SWEEP.

We hear that the "Derby Sweep," which is being run for the Division by the Midland Divisional Train H.Q. is making giant strides. The various infantry battalion pare evincing keen competition as to which shall purchase the most tickets and stand the best chance of picking up the valuable prizes. Tickets may be otained from S.Q.M.S. Handy, Midland Division Train H.Q.

5 WICKETS FOR 12 RUNS.

CAV. DIV. H.Q. A.C., R.A.H. v. CAV. DIV. H.Q.

Played at Berghe'm. H.Q. batted first, but started disastrously, 4 wickets falling for 6 runs. Lieut. Jennings and Pte. Stevens carried the score to 22, Lieut. Jennings carrying his bat for 21. Total 57.

On going in to face this score the R.H.A. compiled 23 runs before the first wicket fell. Dvr. Hornes and Dvr. Bush added 24 before the latter was bowled. Spr. Evans then took a turn at bowling and captured 4 wickets with 7 balls. This made matters most exciting and when the last man went in one run was required to draw. Dvr. Gray hit out and added 17 before being bowled by Evans. Total 74. Spr. Evans took 5 wickets for 12 runs.

EDUCATIONALISTS v. COOKS.

A strenuous football match was played by the 51st Gordons last week when the Battalion Education Staff set out to beat the Battalion Cooks. Unfortunately Capt. Loewe was unable to play for the staff, but his place was ably filled by Lieut. Rose. The first half was a hard struggle, but produced no results in the matter of goals.

In the second half the Education Staff made the first score. This was shortly followed by a goal for the Cooks and the match ended 1—1. The teams were well matched and credit is due to Sergt. Bruce of the Education Staff and Sergt. Anderson, the Master Cook. for gathering together the enthusiastic sportsmen.

IMPREGNABLE DEFENCE.

At Klein Bullesheim on Sunday the 21st Brigade and 79th Brigade R.G.A. played a very fast and exciting game. The 79th were early on the aggressive and soon after the start Andrews opened the scoring with a fast drive. They continued to have the better of the exchanges and during the pressure Davies scored with an unstoppable shot, and before half time arrived Andrews put 79 further ahead.

The second half was a little more evenly contested but try as they could 21st could not pierce the 79th's solid defence in which the right back played a splendid game, not forgetting the outside right. This ended a fast game in which 79 ran out winners by 3 goals to 0.

R.A.M.C. WIN BRIGADE FOOTBALL CUP.

The final match of the 3rd Light Bde. Football Competition was played at Bedburg on Wednesday when A. Coy, 52nd Rifle Brigade met 6 Field Ambulance "A" Team. After a very exciting game in which clean play was an outstanding feature, the Ambulance ran out victors with a score of 3—1.

The goal scorers were:— R.A.M.C.— Pte. Humphries —2; Pte. Owen —1.

Rifle Brigade: — Lieut. Galbraith.

After the match Brig.-General H.B. Kennedy C.M.G., D. S. O., handed over to the winning team the handsome cup. which he had generously presented for the competition.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

R.E. Victory.

The Household Brigade suffered a heavy reverse at the Oval, the Royal Engineers defeating them by 112 runs.

Blind Soldier Oarsmen.

The first regatta of the season for the blinded soldiers from St. Dunstan's Hostel attracted a considerable number of spectators to Putney.

Curly Watson.

Curly Watson, of Bethnal Green, now being fit and well, is open to box any welterweight in England for a side-stake of £50, open to £100.

Empire Day Sports Festival.

Fifteen hundred entered for the Empire Sports Festival at Stamford Bridge on Saturday. New-Zealand won the mile International Relay Race by a foot from England.

Newcastle Signature.

Newcastle United have secured the signature of J. Wilson, of Leadgate United. Wilson, who was demobilised some months ago, was much sought after by several clubs.

Football Club Dissolved.

Failing to secure admission to the Isthmian League, the Enfield F.C. has been dissolved after a useful career of a quarter of a century. The club was the holder of the Middlesex Cup.

Wiesbaden Racing.

The steeplechase at the Hippodrome, Wiesbaden on Sunday was a great success. General Mangin and General Gouraud were among those present. The Inter-allied races were hotly contested.

Polo Tournament Final.

In the final of the Social Polo Tournament the Automobile Club beat the Cavalry Club by 9 goals to 7. The Automobile Club outplayed there opponents during the first half leading by 7 goals to 1.

Death of Noted Racehorse.

The death has occured at Stetchworth, Newmarket, of Sanctum, who started a firm favourite at 9 to 4 for the Cesarewitch of 1916 and won with any amount in hand from Corn Sheaf and seventeen other opponents.

Dover to Calais Rowing Challenge.

Tom Sullivan ex-champion sculler of England has wagered that he will row from Dover to Calais unaccompanied against any craft. He will use the boat in which he rows against Sam Emmett in the Thames.

Gues's of A.E.F.

15 Allied Nations or Colonies have accepted General Pershing's invitation to be the guests of the American expeditionary force at the Inter-Allied games at Pershing's stadium, at Joinville-lepont, near Paris from the 22nd June to 6th July. 22 Allies were invited.

Cambridge Varsity Sports.

At Cambridge University sports on Saturday L. M. Butler an Old Harrovian, son of the ex-Master of Trinity won the quarter and half mile in 51 1/5 secs. and 2 mins. 3/5 secs. respectively. E. Giles of Trinity won both the mile and 3 miles the time, of the former being 4 mins. 43/8 secs. The Serbian refugee student Yamgushevitch won the pulling weights.

OUR CRICKET CUP.

LEAGUE TEAMS TO PLAY OPPONENTS ONCE ONLY.

The announcement in Sunday's issue of the total number of entries for the Cricket Cup Competition aroused no little interest and there is every promise of a very interesting cricket season.

The numbers have so greatly exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the organisers as to make it necessary to modify the original arrangements, and instead of each team playing a "home" and "away" match, it has been decided that each team will play its opponents in the League once only. This will provide an abundance of cricket until the end of August, and the month of September will be occupied with the Championship League, in which the winners of the different area leagues will contest the possession of the Cup. This Championship League will comprise "home" and "away" matches.

The one match plan will also to a great extent do away with the difficulty which would have arisen through some clubs having no ground. Where both teams have grounds the question of where the matches are played will now be a matter for mutual arrangement between the clubs concerned.

Numerous enquiries have been sent to this office by clubs, asking for the locations of their opponents, and realising the difficulties of Secretaries in getting into communication at the rather short notice given for the opening matches, we have so far as possible given all the assistance we could. It must be pointed out, however, that in future, fixtures will be announced sufficiently far ahead to allow ample time for Secretaries to communicate with each other and it is requested that enquiries for locations should not be sent to us in future.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

GATWICK AND HAYDOCK PARK MEETINGS.

Veranda Handicap:—1, Knight of Peace (5—4); 2, Gevrelle (6—4); 3, Gally Stricklang (8—1). Five ran.

Hollybush Plate:— Alddin's Pride had a walk over. Hom Brod Cup:— 1, Momtith (6—4); 2, Bregador (2—1); 3, Centre 2—1). Three ran.

Empire Double Handicap :— (1) Chuette (5—4); 2, Haki (4—1); 3, Stroling Saint (7—1), Seven ran. A neck separated the first and second. Also ran—Golden Rule Paticks Day, Evan, Unitoi.

Crabbet Plate:— 1, Parella (6—4); and Fiddlededee (9—2); a dead head. 3, Greeman (6—5). Eight ran. States divided.

Emylan Handicap:— 1, Tagrap (5—2); 2, Furious (10—1); 3, Stage Whisper (10—1) Fourteen ran.

HAYDOCK PARK.

Scurry Handicap:— 1, Loro (12 to 8 on); 2, Rockferry (9—2); 3, Northern Flight, filly (7—1); Six ran.

White Lodge Handicap:— 1, Private Trenton beat Towyn (7—2 on). Two ran.

Juvenile Plate:— 1, Gentle Flirt (11—10); 2, Look a Head (6—5); 3, Blue Steel (10—1); Three ran.

Haydock Park Handicap:— 1, Long Slip (evens); 2, Gladtuna (9—2); 3, Linggis Boy (10—1). Eight ran.

Grand Stand Handicap:— 1, Merville (5—1); 2, Sundiale (5—2); 3, Summers Joy (8—1). Eleven ran.

Copland Plate:— 1, Golden Fleece (11—10); 2, Madmoiselle Foch (3—1); 3, Eaton Hero (10—1). Five ran.

LATEST LONDON BETTING.

The Derby:—
Panther, 11 to 10;
Grand Parade, 100 to 14;
Buchan, 15 to 2;
Milton 20 to 1 — all taken and offered.

THE LONSDALE BELT.

TO BE CONTESTED FOR BY SOMMERS AND MARRIOTT.

At last the new Lonsdale light-weight belt is to be put up says "Sporting Life". It will be contested for on June 23 next by Johnny Summers, of Canning Town, and Pte Bob Marriott, A.S.C., who have been signed up to box for £100 a side, the light-weight championship of Great Britain, and, of course, the Lonsdale belt. This will be Summers' second attempt to win the light-weight trophy, after a lapse of nine and a half years, which is a record in itself in connection with the belts, but he holds this further unique distinction—that in the interval between his first cut for light-weight honours, and now he has won the welter-weight belt on two occasions, and, though beaten in a third trial by Basham, had high hopes of making it his own until the war effectually dashed them.

Marriott, Summers' prospective contender for the belt, twice won the A.B.A. light-weight championship, and since joining the professionals ranks has only once been beaten. He has made amends for that defeat by Ted Leister in subsequent contests, and his marked improvement all round, but more particularly in defensive tactics has caused him to be regarded as unofficial light-weight champion. This, therefore, is pre-eminently a "popular" match, and, so far as one may judge, will be contested by the two foremost boxers at the weight in England.

AMATEUR BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

At Clerkenwell on Saturday evening the following were the results of the amateur boxing championships competition: — Bantams—Allen (holder), Lynn, beat Sunderland, Leith, and Tolbooth.

Feathers—Baker (holder), Hendon, beat Davis Fulham.

Lights—Grace, Eton Mission beat Surh, Belsize.

Middles—Mallin, Metropol. Police beat Whitbread, Fulham.

LAWN TENNIS FINALS.

In the Lawn Tennis Surbiton final (singles) Patterson beat Roper Barrett 6—2, 6—3, 6—2, The winner played his best game in this country.

In the mens doubles final Patterson and Thomas beat Lycett and Heath 6—4, 6—2. While in the mixed doubles final Doust and Mrs. McNair beat Patterson and Mrs. Parton 6—3, 6—2. In the ladies singles final Mrs. Lambert Chambers indisposed scratches to Miss Ryan. In the singles Handicap final Raymond beat Donnisthorpe 6—1, 6—3.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, May 27, 1919.

Surface wind light and probably varying between North West and North East. Cloudy but warm. Indifferent visibility.

"THE TABS" AT THE APOLLO.

REAL LADIES IN A NEW REVUE.

"Get Busy" has about as much bearing on the performance given by "The Tabs" at the Apollo Theatre, Cologne, as has the average revue title upon the actual show. In other words, it would require the reasoning prowess of an individual even more astute than our old friend Sherlock Holmes to descern the slightest connection between them.

But there is one explanation that may account for the title. It is possible the author was thinking of the orchestra when he christened his revue. Conductor Porter and his capable little band of musicians "get busy" as soon as the show starts, and their efforts are not relaxed until the final note of "The King" is played. In the interregnum, the orchestra not only accompanies practically all the vocal numbers included in the performance, but it plays selections from "The Bing Boys on Broadway" during the interval running well nigh into twenty minutes. Rather strenuous, these warm evenings!

As for the revue itself, the dozen or so artistes who present it, embrace all the qualities that go to make up an excellent entertainment. The recent inclusion in the Company of Miss Hilda Potts and Miss Gladys Norcott has added considerably to its attractiveness.

Boisterous Fun and Tuneful Songs.

When the writer left the brilliant sunshine of the outer world to visit the Apollo a couple of nights ago, a large audience showed every indication of complete enjoyment.

Humour is the keynote of the whole entertainment, albeit there is a pleasing admixture of "straight" numbers in the programme. On this account Ernie Roberts, the principal comedian, occupied the stage for quite a considerable portion of the evening, but his "business" was so distinctly funny that nobody seemed to tire of his presence. He dispensed a fund of bright, pointed humour effectively, his make-up and facial expressions being by no means the least laughter producing possessions of his stock-in-trade.

Bob Norrie assisted in producing many humourous situations and was a facetious butt for many Robert's gags. George Huntley, an old hand at the art of laughter producing, had very little work to do but he succeeded in producing a good deal of fun.

One of the outstanding features of the evening was the quota contributed by Alfred Barker. He is a violinist of undoubted ability and his two efforts evoked extraordinary enthusiasm. His first item, "Hezrecatti" was played with wonderful precision, the harmonics being particularly successful. As an encore he contributed the Intermezzo from Cavallier a Rusticana and was loudly applauded for an admirable rendering.

To that always tuneful number, "For You Alone", Miss Hilda Potts added additional charm by reason of her delightful treatment, while Miss Gladys Norcott sang with brightness and daintiness. The singing of Lieut. Lowe is invariably agreeable and he never fails to meet with a warm reception. He is the possessor of a baritone voice of excellent quality and in a duet with Miss Potts he was especially good. The efforts of Rey and "Maisie" (tha latter is a successful female impersonation) were light and pleasing, while Ernest Franklin told the audience of a girl he possessed in Pekin in the course of a lively little song with a lilting chorus.

All the other artistes were in keeping with the general excellence of the entertainment and the scenery and lighting effects add to its brightness to no small degree.

WON BY 33 RUNS.

Under ideal conditions another cricket match was played off last week by the 269 Area Employment Coy, their opponents this time being the Sergeants of IX Corps Headquarters.

The 269 A.E. Coy won by 33 runs, the following being the scores:—

269 A.E. Coy:—

Sgt. Clark 1; Pte. Smith 2; Pte. Wilson 0; Pte. Glover 36; Pte. Lord 1; Cpl. Jones 11; Capt. Ford 0; L/Cpl. Poole 2; Pte. Tautz 1; Pte. Langley 0; Pte. Knight 2 (Not out); Extras 13; Total 63.

Sergeants' Mess:—

Sgt. Crawley 0; Sgt. Thurston 8; Capt. MacMahon 1; Capt. Pocock 12 (Not out); Sgt. Jones 8; Sgt. Baker 2; Sgt. Elliott 0; Sgt. Davy 0; Sgt. Butcher 1; Sgt. Falconer 1; Sgt. Ducky 0; Extras 3; Total 36.

ALTENBURG POLO CLUB.

The Altenburg Polo Club has been inaugurated under the Presidency of Brig.-General Lucas, C.M.G., D.S.O., and made its debut last week on the polo ground at Altenburg. The ground, which is situated amidst most beautiful scenery and near a fishing stream, was in a splendid condition.

About 12 players and a few intending players turned out. As a spectacle of polo much was left to be desired, but first-class play was not expected, and it has been decided that the first few weeks shall be devoted to training of players and ponies, and later it is expected to be able to challenge and defeat any Team in Rhineland.

Polo days are on Tuesdays and Fridays of each week, play commencing at 16.00 hours. For any one wishing to join the entrance fee is 10 Marks with 1 Mark per Chukka. Tea will be provided on the ground. Any information required can be given by Major Williams, 2nd. Southern Infantry Brigade, or Captain Barnard, Southern Div. Signal Coy.

CHARITY FOOTBALL.

The following are the results of Charity football matches played in England and Scotland on Saturday:—

Newcastle United, Sunderland 0.
Arsenal 0; Tottenham 0.
Bristol Rovers 1, Bristol City 2.
Leeds City 2; Huddersfield 0.
Leystone 2; Clapton 1.

GLASGOW CHARITY CUB SEMI-FINAL.

Queens Park 3; Celtic 1.
Clyde 0 Glasgow Rangers 2.

LANCASHIRE CUP SEMI-FINALS.

Blackpool 0; Liverpool 1.
Munchr. city 1; Oldham Athletic 1.

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TO-DAY'S BOOK.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE WAR.

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There are no doubt many of our readers who hold the idea that they know enough about The War and will wonder if there is room for yet another "History". We know enough, maybe too much, of certain sectors of the front but it was impossible for the majority of us to get the comprehensive view obtained by a discerning compiler who was making a special study of *all* the reports and despatches.

To the Young Guard it should prove invaluable in giving him at once a complete and concise view of the glorious and oft-times horribly tragic events which led to his arrival in comparative safety to keep the Watch on the Rhine. The student will find the few pages of the historical introduction just what is needed to gain a clear view of the developement of the Central Empires to that point where Wilhelm Hohenzollern was unable to make the foolhardy and futile bid for World Empire.

At the present moment we can afford to review that magnificent retreat to the Marne wherein so many of our regiments added to their undying fame. Our author puts it all down each piece in its proper order, each deed recorded without any ornamentation, with a simplicity that brings out the full grandeur of the performance. For the moment, with the enemy at Chantilly and his Uhlans but twelve miles from the French Capital, the outlook was indeed a black one for the Allies. Then came the glorious 6th September and "The Germans were soon recrossing the Marne with all possible haste, closely pursued by the British and French".

We are next introduced to the Russian Front and then the "world war" aspect is concisely illustrated in a sentence in a subsequent chapter. We have now moved over to Chinese Front. A Japanese force was landed at Laochan Bay east of Tsing-Tao "and with them came the South Wales Borderers and a battalion of Sikhs."

Future historians will probably write pages on subjects, such as the "Battle of the Falkland Islands," which are here given but they will scarcely make it clearer.

The book continues through five parts, one for each year and covers all the operations on all the fronts in the same concise manner. A chapter at the end of each part gives an excellent general summary of the situation as it then stood. With such a wealth of events to record there is little space for discursiveness but the mass of fare are strung together in a manner which lightens the reading. This human touch is ilustrated in the account of the heroes of Moeuvres where we learn that Corporal Hunter V.C., who, whith six others of the H.L.I., held a post surrounded by hoardes of Germans for 48 hours, was chiefly concerned lest the "show" might interfere with his leave then due. Then how well the following sums up the situation obtaining at the commencement of November last. "Since July 18th (1918) they had lost 362,000 prisoners, 6000 guns, 3800 machine guns and 4000 mine throwers. No wonder they wanted an Armistice".

The volume is well printed with the subject of each paragraph in heavier type making the work of reference easier. The twenty-two simple sketch maps considerably help the reader in grasping the full significance of the extraordinary pregnant text, and there is a useful list of principal dates at the end.

Such a work should prove of great value to those of us who were too busy fighting on one front to realise all that went on elsewhere; to the repatriated prisoner who missed months of news; to the teacher and the student; and lastly but not least to the innocent German who yet fails to "verstehen" that his country failed utterly and irrevocably in a war which it treacherously created and which it carried on with a ruthless and impreconceivable barbarity. On May 7th, 1915, the defenceless "Lusitania" with nearly 2,000 men, women and children on board was torpedoed and 1,125 lost their lives. The German Government struck a medal and expressed some sort of regret giving an undertaking not to torpedo another liner without warning. This understanding was grossly violated on August 19th when the White Star liner "Arabic" was torpedoed without warning off the south of Ireland, thirty-nine lives being lost. And still the Berlin papers scream that the terms are too hard, that they show a lack of friendly feeling to help a stricken nation and that we are unnecessarily interfering with their shipping.

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SUCCESSFUL SPORTS MEETING AT BICKENDORF.

Splendid organization, much enthusiasm, and particularly favourable weather were responsible for the success of an excellent afternoon's sport at Bickendorf on Sunday. Among the spectators was Brig.-Gen. Carey, V.C., D.S.O. Popular items were played by the regimental band.

The officials were: — Referee — Lt. Col. V.T.R. Ford, D.S.O.; Judges — Capts. Ablitt, M.C., Spencer, Cowling, M.C., Reeve, Bind, Plummer; Starters: Major W. H. Freeman, M.C.; 2/Lt. S. L. Jones; Clerk of the Course — Capt. Hutchinson, M.C.; Time Keeper — Lt. Dickenson, T.E., M.C.; Recorders — Capt. Brown. Sgt. Dewhurst; Measurers — Lt. Quill. 2/Lt. Ormiston; Marshal — R.S.M. Robinson, M.M.; Dressing Room Stewards — C.S.M. Lawton, M.M., Sgt. Collins Groundsman — Pioneer Sgt.; Blackboard — R.Q.M.S. Booten, Sgt. Grant; Judges Orderlies — Judges Runners; Lap Scorers — Lt. Mc. Quire, 2 Lt. Gash; Secretary — Lt. J. E. Tillotson, D.S.O., M.C. Totalisator — Lt. J. E. Featherstone, C.S.M. Mynner, Sgt. Thomas.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

The results were as follows:

100 yds: — 1, Cpl. Connor; 2, L/Cpl. Howarth; 3, Pte. Germaine.

200 yds: — 1, Pte. Germaine; 2, L/Cpl. Howarth; 3, Pte. Booth.

440 yds: — 1, Pte. Booth; 2, L/Cpl. Howarth; 3, C.S.M. Waller.

Half mile: — 1, Sgt. Ruddick; 2, Lt. Dickenson; 3, Cpl. Naylor.

1 mile: — 1, Sgt. Ruddick; 2, Sgt. Ellis; 3, Capt. Batten.

Co Relay Race: — 1, "B" Co; 2, "H. Q." Co; 3, "D" Co.

Hurdles: — 1, Pte. Heverington; 2, Pte. Holt; 3, Pte. Brierly.

Throwing the Cricket Ball: — 1, Pte. Germaine; 2, Lt. Neesham; 3, Sgt. Cox.

Tug of War: — 1, "C" Co. 2, "H.Q." Co.

High Jump: — 1, Pte. Brierley; 2, Lt. Tillotson; 3, Cpl. Dally.

Long Jump: — 1, Sgt. Joslyn; 2, Pte. Dean; 3, Pte. Sheard.

Putting the Shot: — 1, Sgt. Balkam; 2, Lt. Neesham; 3, C.S.M. Ledington.

Mule Race—Mens: — 1, "Rose Way," Pte. Marsden; 2, "Tilly," Pte. Hawillson; 3, "Race Rock," Pte. Randon. Officers: — 1, "Hot Spur," Capt. Cowling; 2, "Longsett," Lt. Tillotson; 3, "Catty Brag," Lt. Harper.

Sack Race: — 1, Pte. Hardy; 2, Pte. Boocock; 3, Pte. Featherby.

Band Race: — 1, Bandsman T. Wilson; 2, R. Jakeman; 3, F. Whitwan.

Beer & Biscuit Race: — 1, Pte. Kitchen; 2, Cpl. Popley.

Wheelbarrow Race: — 1, L/Cpls. Featherly and Cockshot; 2, L/Cpls. Smith and Taylor; 3, Ptes. Boocock and Townend.

Obstacle Race: — 1, L/Cpl. Midgeley; 2, Pte. Boocock; 3, Pte. Grimwood.

Fancy Dress: — Lt. J. E. Tillotson, D.S.O., M.C.

Company Championship: — "B," 27 pts; "H.Q.," 13 pts; "C," 12 pts; "A," 11 pts; "D," 11 pts.

After a brief speech, Lt.-Col. Oddie, D.S.O., T.D. Commanding, introduced Miss Merrill, an American lady, who presented the prices. Three cheers for Lt. Col. V.T.R. Ford, D.S.O., and Lt. J. E. Tillotson, D.S.O., M.C. ended an enjoyable afternnon.

"B" Co., 16th H.L.I.

SPORTS MEETING AT WIDDERT.

"B" Coy of the 16th H.L.I. held a most enjoyable sports meeting at Widdert on Friday when they were favoured with a goodly number of spectators including the commanding officer Col. Kyle, D.S.O. and the other officers of the Battalion.

The Battalion pipe band was in attendance during the afternoon and rendered selections under the able conductorship of Drum Major Robertson.

At the close of the sports Col. Kyle addressed the company.

52nd LEICESTERS.

SUCCESSFUL SPORTS AT ZULPICH.

With the exception of the guard at Battalion headquarters and a solitary traffic man, there was not a single khaki-clad individual to be seen in Zülpich on Saturday afternoon. Everyone had gone out to Bessenich where the Battalion Sports of the 52nd Leicestershire Regiment were being held.

Brigadier-General G.S.G. Craufurd, C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C., was present, and at the close distributed the prices, which by the way were a splendid collect on.

Other visitors includee Lieut.-Colonel Crosbie, D.S.O., Lieut.-Colonel Morgan, D.S.O. (5th South Staffs Regiment), Lieut.-Colonel Lambton, D.S.O., (11th Leicesters), Lieut.-Colonel Southerby, M.V.O., D.S.O., (Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders); Lieut.-Colonel Slaughter, C.M.G., D.S.O., (A.A. and Q.M.G., Midland Division); Lieut.-Colonel Beecher, D.S.O, Major Dumbell, D.S.O., (51st Leicesters). Lieut.-Colonel L.H.P. Hart, D.S.O. commanding 52nd Leicestershire Regiment, was the referee, and the judges were Captain F.J. Dove and Captain J. Gilmor; starter Lieut. S.W.G. Taliis; clerk of the Course, 2nd Lieut. H. Street; stewards Lieut J.H. Wyatt and 2nd Lieut. D.M. Christie. In connection with the sports arrangements, splendid services were rendered by Major Haddon, Captain Hett Captain Oddy (Adjutant) and Lieut. N. W. Marrat, sports Officer.

RESULTS

100 yds: — 1, Captain Garlick; 2, Pte. Harris; 3, Pte Latham.

220 yds: — 1, Captain Garlick; 2, L/Cpl. Porton; 3, Pte. Latham.

Long jump: — 1, C.S.M. Johnson; 2, L/Cpl. Porton; 3, Pte. Voss.

Half mile: — 1, Captain Garlick; 2, Pte. Lyne; 3, L/Cpl. Mountain.

Sergeants race: — 1, Sgt. Deacon; 2, Sgt. Robson; 3, C.S.M. Johnson.

440 yds: — 1, L/Cpl. Porton; 2, Pte. Groves 3, Pte. Baker.

100 yds: — (Blindfold Squad) each company having a team of twelve: — "B" Co.

220 yds. officers: — 1, Captain Garlick; 2, Lt. R.E.C. Goff, M.C.

Boat race: — "A" Company.

Three-Legged race: — 1, Cpl. Mason and Pte. Barnes; 2, Cpl. Rollinson and Pte. Latham.

Sack race: — 1, Pte. Horton; 2, Pte. Pickford; 3, Cpl. Mason.

One mile: — 1, Pte. Ottey; 2, Pte. Townsend; 3, L Cpl. Kirby.

Company Relay Race: —"B" Coy. under Captain Garlick.

Mule Race:—1, 2nd Lt. Everett; 2, Captain T. Byers, M.C.; 3, Lt. E. M. Cope.

Musical chairs:—1, Captain Preece; 2, 2nd Lt. Everett.

Mule skirt race for transport:—1, Lt. Dixon; 2, Pte. Darby.

100 yds (open):—1, Lt. Dickson, T.M.B.; 2, Pte Darby and Sgt. Deacon.

Quarter-mile (open):—1, 2nd Lt. White; 2. Pte. Lyne; 3, Pte. Kittlety.

One Mile (open):—1, Pte. Moston (South Staff); 2, Pte. S. Kittlety; 3, L/Cpl. Taylor.

High Jump:—1, L/Cpl. Porton; 2, 2nd. Lt. Jacobs; 3, Pte. Voss.

Obstacle Race:—1, Pte. Horton; 2, Corporal Mason; 3, L/Cpl. Hitch.

Tu-of-War:—"A" company defeated "C". "C" company defeated "D", and "A" pulled "B" over. Final not pulled.

"B" COMPANY CONGRATULATED.

There was hearty cheering during the prize distribution, Captain Garlick, in particular, having an enthusiastic reception. The Brigadier-General shook by the hand each winner, and in a short speech said that the great thing they had to learn in the Army was to pull together, just as their "B" Company had done that day (applause). This company managed to get more points than all the other companies, and he congratulated them. There would be plenty of sports right through the summer, Brigade sports as well as those of units, and the Brigadier bespoke a very successful season for some of the young athletes.

On the day's sport "B" Coy. ran ont an easy winner with 38 points, "C" being next with 21.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

FORMAL OPENING.

Although the British Empire Leave Club has been functioning in Cologne for the benefit of some thousands of troops for the past fortnight or so, the official opening of the institution did not take place until Saturday last.

The occasion, whether by accident or design, could not have been celebrated on a more fitting and appropriate occasion than Empire Day, and the opportunity to couple with the event the anniversary of which we are all proud was not ost. Practically every rank in the British Army was represented in the proceedings. The few that were absent in person were surely present in spirit, judging bythe sincerity of the messages of congratulation received by Miss Decima Moore, whose capable hand guides the destines of the Club.

Among these messages, that of the Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Sir William Robertson, was particularly happy and applicable. His letter read: "Every good wish for the welfare of the British Empire Leave Club in Cologne. Many thanks to you and your staff for your efforts to provide a British oasis in a German desert for the British Army of the Rhine."

Other messages were from:—

The British Ambassador in Paris, The Earl of Derby: "Cannot imagine a more appropriate day for the opening of the Leave Club than Empire Day. I sincerely trust that the British Empire Leave Club in Cologne will have the same success as a similar one in Paris, and will be of equal advantage to the soldiers from all parts of his Majestys Dominions. I feel its success is assured by having you as its Director-General."

General Price, Commanding Paris Area: "Sorry can't come, wish you all success and heaps of friends."

The Right Hon. Winston R. Churchill, Secretary of State for War. "I am very glad to hear of the proposal to institute a Leave Club in Cologne, similar to the one which has made such a notable contribution to the comfort and welfare of the troops in Paris; and I send you my best wishes for the success of the scheme."

Sir Edward Ward: "I am most interested to hear of the opening of the British Empire Leave Club at Cologne and I feel sure the movement will prove a great success and a tremendous boon to the men.

Pte. H.J. Schlarb, R.A.S.C.: "I have been asked by the ladies of the Paris Leave Club to convey to you and your helpers their sincere good wishes for the success of the Empire Leave Club in Cologne. All in Paris wished to be kindly remembered to you."

Among those present were General Sir J. A. L. Haldane, K.C.B., Commanding VI Corps, General Sir C. W. Jacob K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Commanding II Corps, Generals Fuller, Lawford, and Tulloch, Col Gossett, the Town Major (Major Bles), Major Greenlees, Major Purcell, Major French, A.C.G., Lt. C. H. B. Foxley R.N. and Lt. Nash R.N.R., the Editor of *The Cologne Post* Mrs. Teiling, Deputy Administrator and other Officers of the Q.M.A.A.C. the Matron-in-Chief of the Army of the Rhine, with several Army Sisters.

The day must have been an extraordinarily happy one for Miss Moore, and the absolute approval of her efforts was evidenced in an unmistakable manner by the warmth of the reception with which her brief but suitable announcement, (accompanied by the reading of the above messages) was greeted by the huge gathering.

The magnificent premises of the Club were suitably decorated for the occasion with multi-coloured flags and fairy lamps, and the effect was full of cheeriness.

A special Empire Day Dance was held for the men from 6.30 to 9. The great feature of which was the Empire March Past, when sixty-four men holding the flags of the Motherland, the Dominions and India, did a grand march round the hall to the strains of "Rule Britannia" and other patriotic tunes. The band of the 10th Hussars kindly lent by Major. E.H.W. Williams., D.S.O. supplied most texcellent music under the able direction of the bandmaster C.O. Atherly, and every one heartily enjoyed the dance. Signaller Thompson, 70th Siege Batty R.G.A. very kindly played the piano for the Maxina which followed the March past.

The less energetically inclined found peaceful and cool repose in the garden, where the Club orchestra entertained the guests with light, dreamy music.

The success of the evening was largely due to Miss Bourne, Controller of Entertainments, and it was owing to her wonderful organization that the whole proceedings went off without a single hitch.

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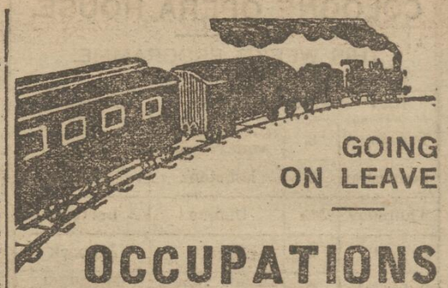

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BOLSHEVISTS ROUTED IN SOUTH RUSSIA.

DESERTING BY BRIGADES.

AUSTRIA'S PEACE TREATY READY.

AFGHAN COMMANDER'S IMPERTINENCE.

AFGHAN COMMANDER'S LYING LETTER.

BOMBS AND BOMBAST.

Simla. 13th May. The rulers of Kashmir, Nabha, Indore, Bharatpur, Jind, Karputhala, Dhar and Malerkotla have all offered the services of their troops on the frontiers. Sir Michael O'Dwyer, Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab, stated that a meeting of Hindus, Mohammedans and Sikhs offered the most convincing assurances of their intention to support the Government in the present crisis. People are beginning to realise how they have been duped and led into rebellions.—*Reuter.*

Simla. 15th May. Reports indicate that in the action fought on the 11th May two battalions of the Amir's household troops were engaged. Prisoners captured when Dakka was occupied state that the Afghan commander-in-chief was wounded and the Afghan casualties were very heavy. The Afghan commander's request for cessation of hostilities was contained in a letter wherein he says that British officers began an unlawful war without making a declaration of war by throwing bombs, causing heavy losses among Afghan soldiers and civilians. The letter adds that the King of Afghanistan had received a letter from the Viceroy of India, in consequence of which the commander was ordered to suspend war until a decision had been reached by correspondence between the King and Viceroy. The letter was both mendacious and impertinent. The Amir's violation of British territory was entirely wanton and unprovoked. For days before the outbreak of hostilities the Amir had been endeavouring to flood India with inflammatory literature and to send emissaries into India to arouse disaffection.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN EX-MINISTER REPROVED.

Herr Helfferich, the German ex-Minister of Finance, has indulged in a characteristic tirade against the Peace treaty, in the course of which he stated that of sixty million inhabitants who will remain over to Germany this Peace simply condemns twenty millions to death. "The modern robbers, England and France," he adds, "might intrude with force of arms into the country and enforce their peace." He called on every Government not to sign.

His diatribe is best answered by his own countrymen. The *Freiheit* comments on his utterances: "Herr Helfferich is the last person who ought to be indignant at the Entente's demands and the consequences of an oppressive peace. By his false allegation concerning England's capacity for economy which contributed to our experiencing the senselessness of submarine war he helped to prolong the war until the German collapse. He occupies the foremost place in the ranks of insistents on war and he was one of the main participants in the oppressive peace treaties of Brest Litovsk and Bukarest. This man ought to keep his mouth closed at last."

WAR RAVAGES IN FRANCE.

Statistics compiled by a French authority afford a slight indication of the frightful devastation caused by the war. The invaded territories of France contained 1,839,000 hectares of the most productive cultivated ground in the country.

From this area there "disappeared" 841,420 head of cattle; 944,570 head of sheep; 424,370 head of pigs; 358,360 head of horses; 2,600 head of mules; 9,010 head of donkeys; 360,750 agricultural implements and 90,000 sets of harness.

In the department of the Meuse alone there were 59,225 houses in August 1914. Of these only 18,158 are intact and of the remainder 30,526 are completely destroyed.

EMPLOYER SUED FOR CIVIL PAY.

Mr. Justice Bailhache, in the King's Bench Division on Saturday last, awarded judgment and costs to Herbert Kingsley Finn, who sued the London Guarantee and Accident Company, Ltd., to recover £109 as damages for breach of contract, the sum representing the difference between his salary as a clerk in the company's employ and his Army pay for a period of over two years.

It was stated that Mr. Finn enlisted in consequence of a notice posted in the company's premises, and initialled by the general manager, promising to keep in reserve the salaries of all men who joined the Army. The company denied that they put up the notice, and said that if it were posted up it was not binding, as the general manager had no authority to issue it.

"The evidence shows," said the judge, "that a fund was formed for the employees and grew to £25,000, but the directors afterwards changed their mind and decided to reserve it for those disabled in the war and the dependants of those killed."

BOLSHEVISTS ROUTED IN SOUTH RUSSIA.

CUT UP LIKE CABBAGES.

Ekaterinodar, 7th May (delayed). The Cossacks have completely routed the Bolshevik Eighth Army on the Middle Donetz. First accounts state that 5,000 prisoners have been taken and that the pursuit is continuing.

9th May. The Don river flotilla has been affording valuable aid to General Denikin, who is now following up his attack across the Manitch River. The Bolsheviks are retiring north and northeast. Stiff fighting is reported, but no details are yet available. On the Donetz front Bolshevik cavalry has vainly attempted to stay the débacle of the infantry army, flogging the fleeing foot troops with nagaikas. Gun fire has been heard the last few days in the direction of the station of Millerovo in the Bolshevik rear.

Refugees state that severe fighting is proceeding between Don Cossacks in revolt and the Reds who are unable to prevent the southward advance of the former with the purpose of linking up with the Don army.

Don Cossacks mobilised by the Bolsheviks for the purpose of being sent against Admiral Kolchak are joining the rebels.

10th May. The Bolsheviks in the south are getting a bellyful of the Cossacks. The Kubans, Dons, and Tereks all shared in smashing the Soviet Tent Army at the Manitch River. The Communist heroes, who had been boasting they would "cut up the prisoners like cabbages," took to their heels as fast as they could when they saw the Nemesis of cold steel on their flank and rear. In fact, the Cossacks were hard put to it to overtake them.

While Generals Shkuro and Kalinin, following up their successes at Lugansk in the Donetz region, had broken the new Bolshevik front and occupied the railway centre of Redukovo, practically annihilating two Bolshevik regiments, further south, owing to their greatly superior numbers, the Soviet Thirteenth Army, comprising many Ukrainian Bolsheviks, are occupying a large part of the Donetz coal region. It is doubtful whether they will be able to profit much thereby, owing to the lack of transport and to the cutting of the railways in the rear by Anti-Bolsheviks. — *Reuter.*

BOLSHEVISTS DESERT BY BRIGADES.

Telegrams from Helsingfors say that the number of men attacking Petrograd was doubled after a couple of days fighting owing to the addition of entire brigades of Bolshevists, who turned against their masters. On the advanced positions on the Gatshina front the General Staff of the Red Army was obliged on the Tuesday and Wednesday to throw in their last Red troops, notably battalions composed entirely of students from schools, officers and international battalions. These were nearly wiped out by the North Russian Corps under Colonels Balahovitch and Dersensky.—*Reuter.*

"DEATH OR GLORY BOYS."

SOLE MUTINY SURVIVOR.

The death has taken place at Bath of ex-Sergeant James Seers, of the 17th Lancers, at the age of 82. His death leaves Field-Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood the sole survivor of the famous "Death or Glory Boys" who sailed for India in the Great Britain (then the largest vessel afloat) in 1857. Sir Evelyn had kept in touch with the old Bath soldier, and in February last, upon the receipt of a congratulatory letter from him upon the celebration of his (Sir Evelyn's) 81st birthday, recalled that they were the last of those who sailed in the Great Britain. In order to satisfy himself that there were no other survivors of the regiment, Sir Evelyn had searched all pension lists and records, and as the result of his investigations he informed Mr. Seers that they were the only two left and the secretary of the 17th Lancers' Association in London confirmed the statement.

SUPPLEMENTARY ARMY ESTIMATE.

A further vote on account for the Army Estimates for 1919/20 shows that an additional sum of fifty million sterling is required.

This amount, with the February vote on account of one hundred and twenty-five million sterling, makes a total estimate for 1919/20 of two hundred and eighty-seven million sterling.

LIEUT-GOVERNOR OF PUNJAB.

Information has been received at the India Office that Sir Edward Maclagan took over the charge as Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab from Sir Michael O'Dwyer on Monday.

ANOTHER WAR TEN YEARS HENCE.

LEAGUE OR NO LEAGUE.

Members of the Old Students Association connected with the Royal College of Science met at the Monico Restaurant last night.

Sir Alfred Keogh, responding to the toast of "The Forces Army, Navy, and Science" referred to the splendid work of the medical service during the war. He said that in his opinion the fact that the Army was not wiped out by disease was due entirely to the scientific men who had studied the various problems which had offered themselves on all fronts.

They had educated the army authorities to a realisation of the fact that contrary to the old idea that the medical officers were the administrators of public health in the army, it was commanding and company officers who were the real sanitary officers. He added that at the height of the war the Medical Service of the army comprised a far larger number of officers and men than the whole of the original Expeditionary Force.

The chairman, Professor Armstrong, said he did not attach a great deal of faith to the League of Nations proposition. In his opinion we should be fighting again in ten years time on behalf of China against Japan and we should need the whole intelligence of the nation to hold our own against the world.

FRENCH AND KITCHENER.

Field Marshal French, continuing his narrative "1914" in the *Daily Telegraph*, records a meeting held at Walmer Castle towards the end of that year, at which Mr. Asquith and Lord Kitchener were present.

The question of munitions and fear of invasion formed the basis of a long conversation between them. After the meeting Kitchener and French motored to London, and on the way stopped for an hour at Broome, Kitchener's country seat. French says: "With deep sorrow I recall the fact that this was the last of all the many days of happy personal intercourse which I spent with my old South African chief. As a soldier and a commander in the field I had always loved and venerated him; in his capacity as a politican and Minister my sentiments and feelings towards him were never the same.

"I am willing to admit that our differences—which were great and far-reaching—may have been to some extent my own fault; but, be that as it may, our subsequent relations, down to the time of his tragic death, were always clouded by a certain mistrust of one another.

I do not think Lord Kitchener was always credited by the country with the talent for command in the field which I know he really possessed, whilst, on the other hand, a role for which he was not well fitted was thrust upon him. As Commander-in-Chief in France it would have helped him very much to have had a Secretary of State *other than himself* to deal with. Indeed, beneath that seemingly hard and stern exterior there existed a mighty well of sensitive feeling and even of romance, which it appeared to be the one endeavour of his life to conceal from the observation even of his most intimate friends."

FAMOUS CONTROVERSY RECALLED.

The death has taken place at Southampton of Mr. Albert Durer Lucas, in his 91st year. Mr. Lucas, who was an artist by profession, was a son of the late Mr. Richard Cockle Lucas, a well-known Hampshire sculptor, who fashioned the famous wax bust which was purchased by Dr. Bode, head of the Kaiser's Museum in Berlin for £8,000 in the belief that it was a genuine work of Leonardo da Vinci. Mr. Albert Lucas was instrumental, after a fierce controversy, in proving that Dr. Bode had made a mistake and that the bust was the work of his father.

QUEEN MARY'S BIRTHDAY.

Flags were flown and bells rung throughout London yesterday in honour of Queen Mary's birthday. There was no special celebration at Buckingham Palace. Her Majesty received messages from various parts of the country, particularly from regiments with which she is specially connected. The warships in Portsmouth harbour were decorated.

DEMOBILISED SOLDIER'S FRAUD.

At Middleton yesterday a demobilised soldier named Fred Nation was fined five pounds for obtaining unemployment pay by false pretences. Evidence showed that Nation received money for distributing election literature while receiving the out-of-work donation. On behalf of the Public Prosecutor it was stated that these frauds are increasing throughout the country.

GENERAL IN DIVORCE COURT.

The wife of General J. G. King-King who served at Gallipoli and Salonika, was granted an order for restitution in the Divorce court yesterday. It was stated that his wife wrote appealing to him to give up the other woman but the General refused to return.

Queen Mary, who is greatly distressed by the news of the murder of Nelly Rault, a member of her Army Auxiliary Corps, has sent a letter to the girl's mother expressing sincere sympathy for her daughter's tragic fate.

Countess Kinnoull, widow of the late Earl, was married to Major John Berington R.M.A., in London yesterday.

WORLD'S BIGGEST AEROPLANE WRECKED.

GOEBEN BOMBER KILLED.

A Tarrant triplane, the biggest aeroplane in the world, built by the Royal Aircraft Factory at Farnborough and equipped with six 500-horse power engines, was wrecked when attempting its first trial flight on Monday morning.

Failing to rise, the triplane ran along the ground for a mile, toppled forward and became a mass of wreckage. The crew were quickly extricated and taken to hospital. One of the pilots, Captain Rawlings, was killed and another, Captain Dunne, is in a very grave condition.

The Tarrant triplane was so designed that if used for passenger traffic it could be arranged to carry one hundred persons.

Captain Rawlings was Managing Director of the Tarrant Aircraft Construction Company, and was the man who bombed the Goeben at Constantinople in 1917.

AEROPLANES IN COLLISION

A fatal flying accident occurred at Aldringham, Suffolk, just before noon on Saturday, two aeroplanes colliding in mid-air. Ex-Lieutenant Max Jacobs, R.A.F., lately demobilised, and at Aldeburgh on a week-end visit, was killed, and three others were seriously injured. Deceased, whose parents live at Blackheath, was married, with one little daughter.

Captain Mann and Captain Boyd, R.A.F., were manoeuvring at Felixstowe in a seaplane, and when passing over the pier failed to clear the structure and crashed into it. One of the officers had his collar-bone broken and was taken to the R.A.F. hospital at Landguard. The other escaped with a few abrasions. The crew of a motor-launch hoisted the damaged seaplane on the pier-deck.

LORD READING'S RETURN.

TRIBUTES AND THANKS.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, has sent Lord Reading a letter thanking him for the conspicuous services rendered when acting as ambassador and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States. The Premier says: "When the time comes for the history of those most critical years of the war to be written, the leading part which you played in co-ordinating the war efforts of the United States and the other Allies, and, above all, in helping to bring about that dramatic movement of the American Army to Europe in the spring and summer of 1918, which contributed so strikingly to the Allied victory in the later autumn, will be understood in its true perspective."

Mr. Balfour, Foreign Minister, has also written to Lord Reading paying tribute to the masterly manner in which unprecedented problems were solved. He wrote: "The difficulties were great; they were without precedent; they were quite outside ordinary diplomatic routine; they involved most complicated questions of finance, shipping, food supply, troop transportation, and armaments. Though they profoundly affected the fortunes of all the Allies, they had to be dealt with in the main between Great Britain and America, and you provided the most important personal link between the two great Associated Powers."

Lord Reading returned to the Law Courts yesterday and resumed his duties as Lord Chief Justice. He was accorded an enthusiastic welcome by Bench and Bar.

AUSTRIAN PLEACE TREATY.

The Austrian Treaty will be completed on the 27th inst., and will be presented to the Austrian delegation probably on the 28th. The military terms were considered yesterday. It was decided that Austria's army of upwards of 1,000,000 men shall be reduced by the Treaty to 15,000 men, and that practically all military supplies and arms shall be surrendered or destroyed, and further military production abolished. The naval terms are similarly sweeping.—*Reuter.*

RUSSIAN RELIEF FORCE.

It is officially announced that the second portion of the Russian Relief Force will embark at Tyne Dock, South Shields, on May 27, Newcastle Quay on May 29, and at Tilbury on May 31.

WOMEN FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE.

The Committee on Recruitment for the Civil Service after the war has recommended that the whole service be thrown open to women clerks, who are now employed in only a few departments.

Admission would be by examination similar to that for second grade male clerks, but at a slightly higher age-limit.

CRIMINAL ALL THE TIME.

Constantinople, 21st May. — The *Times* correspondent telegraphs that the Bolshevist tenure of Odessa is insecure. They are threatened by the Army of Rigoreiff, who was once a Ukrainian, then a Bolshevist and now declares himself to be Hetman of Ukraine.

Having taken Elizabetgrad he is massacring the Jews and closing in on Odessa.—*Reuter.*

Army Council Instruction 323 states that there will be on obligatory training for officers of the Special Reserve of officers during the year 1919 except for probationary training on first appointment.

UNPOPULAR NURSE 'DUCKED' IN BATH.

INFIRMARY "RAG."

The summonses against five probationary nurses at the Bermondsey Infirmary—Florence Couchman, Mabel Bookman, Hilda Lawrence, Mary Martin, and Esther Piercy—for assaulting Emily Russell another probationary nurse at the same institution, again came before Mr. Gill at Tower Bridge Police court on Saturday.

At the last hearing Miss Russell said the defendants rushed into her bed-room, carried her out of bed into the bath-room, and ducked her in a bath of tepid water. She alleged that Couchman held her down by the head, and Martin lifted up her feet, so that her dressing-gown and nightdress washed back. They left her in the bath, and she had to remove her nightdress and go to her bed-room to get a towel. The defendants, through their solicitor (Mr. Percy Robinson), tendered an apology, but Miss Russell declined to accept it, stating that she had been subjected to insulting and disgusting treatment. The case was adjourned in order that she could consider whether she could adopt a more generous attitude, or, if necessary, instruct a solicitor.

Mr. Goode, who now appeared for Miss Russell, directed his examination to show that the bad feeling which culminated the ducking was caused by Miss Russell having reported another nurse for negligence.

Mr. Percy Robinson said before the case opened he made a full and ample apology, and he had never receded from that position. Ragging took place in public schools, but afterwards there were apologies and shakings of hands instead of blazoning the matter into a newspaper case. The guardians had made full inquiries, and there was nothing further from the truth than the suggestion that patients in this institution had been neglected. There certainly was not the slightest justification for this assault, but Miss Russell was a vindictive woman, and she had exaggerated the incidents. If there were a conviction the defendants would not be eligible for training in a Poor-law institution, and he suggested that they should be dealt with under the Probation Act, although that would not justify Miss Russell's appetite for vengeance.

Mr. Gill said the complainant had been subjected to very great indignity, and there was no reason or excuse forthcoming. He could not deal with the case under the Probation Act, because it was not a trivial assault, and there were no extenuating circumstances. He bore in mind that they had apologised, and that the consequences might be serious, and he would order them each to pay a fine of 40s, and 10s costs.

RUSH FOR MOTORCYCLES.

Incredibly high prices were bid for second-hand motorcycles and sidecars at the Government sale at Islington on Saturday. Half an hour after the doors were opened a queue a quarter of a mile long was awaiting entrance, about 10,000 people trying to get inside the building.

Most of the purchasers were dealers who, although paying at double the rate the machines fetched when new, nevertheless hope to renovate them and make a further thirty to sixty per cent profit.

STROMBOLI ON ACTIVE DIS-SERVICE.

Rome. 22nd May. — The volcano on the island of Stromboli became active this evening. At the same time a tidal wave was experienced. Several people were killed and a large number injured. The eruption continues with great violence.—*Reuter.*

NO "RABBITS" IN AUSTRALIA.

Mr. Mitchell, the new Premier of Western Australia, in the course of a speech detailing his policy, said that the return of her soldiers was Western Australia's great opportunity to utilize the land productively. Returned soldiers would have the preference in all Government appointments.—*Reuter.*

WOMAN ADVOCATE REFUSED HEARING.

The first lady-advocate appeared in the Law Courts on Saturday in the person of Miss Dorothy Jewson, Organising Secretary of the National Society of Women Workers. She took a seat beside her client, a woman respondent in a munitions tribunal appeal. Mr. Justice Roche declined to hear Miss Jewson as advocate and Counsel was therefore briefed for the respondent.

A POLITE REBUKE.

A scene of the greatest enthusiasm was witnessed at Rochester yesterday, when a troop train stopped owing to the signal being against it. A large crowd assembled round a carriage labelled "Allenby's Own" and heartily cheered the soldiers. One coach was labelled "four and a half years away and never downed tools yet."

RESUMING FOOD CONTROL.

It is understood that the Government has decided to resume control of all imports of bacon, cheese and margarine. This step is in consequence of soaring prices and the necessity for guarding against the threatened serious *shortage*.

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A POINT AS TO RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Germans are apt to disclaim responsibility for the manner in which the war was conducted on the plea that, having got rid of their autocratic Government and having established a new regime based upon democracy and republicanism, they are *ipso facto* absolved from any share of liabilities which their late Government may have incurred. Now this argument, although it sounds plausible enough, is somewhat disingenuous.

For in the first place the Germans of 1919 are the very selfsame Germans, who, in 1914-1918 rapturously applauded the sinking of the Lusitania, approved the executions of Nurse Cavell and Captain Fryatt, the deportations of Lille, the martyrdom of Belgium, Serbia and Roumania, and unanimously approved the unrestricted U-boat warfare which was to bring England to its knees. They would to-day have been rejoicing in the success of the great offensive of 1918 if it had come off, and the only "sorrow" they feel is that it failed and that they are the vanquished and not the victors.

Moreover, the weakness of their standpoint as to responsibilities, appropriately enough termed *Schuld-Frage*, (lit. question of debt or guilt) may be appreciated by a consideration of the following:—

1.—If a junior partner in a firm is left to carry on the business after the senior partner has absconded with the booty he has collared, is the junior partner thereby absolved from the firm's liabilities? Even as long ago as in the time of the Roman republic it was recognised that the honest member of the partnership has to suffer for the sins of his associates, the legal point of view being that he should have been more careful in selecting a partner.

2.—When anything was forcibly taken from the owner he had a remedy in an action entitled *Actio ex bonorum raptorum*, by means of which he could recover the goods plus three times their value. Indeed, the illegal employment of force was so strongly deprecated that an owner who forcibly recovered his own property from another, forfeited thereby his ownership of the property.

3.—In many civil actions a Roman citizen could recover *double* the amount of his legal claim, if the defendant unsuccessfully resisted such claim.

4.—A *fidejussor*, or person who guaranteed the fulfilment of an obligation by another, was not only bound to stand by his guarantee, if the principal defaulted or was unable to fulfil his contract, but even the *heirs* of the *fidejussor* were also bound by his undertaking.

5.—The heirs to an estate, whether under a testate or intestate succession, were legally bound to satisfy the creditors of the deceased. They could only escape this liability by declining to accept the inheritance.

6.—In certain circumstances a partner was not allowed to withdraw from the partnership if it were clear that he was attempting to do so in order to avoid having to share with his partners an expected private accession of wealth.

German common law being based upon Roman law, we commend these legal points to those Germans who are open to conviction on strictly legal grounds.

THE OPERA.

"THE BARBER OF SEVILLE."

The course of true love, we are told, on high authority, never did run smooth and when a fatuous old guardian falls in love with his ward, and thwarts the lovers' idyll with his unwelcome wooing, and a cunning scamp of a barber acts as go-between, you have the very stuff of a pretty comedy. Such is the dish that Beaumarchais' amusing play presents and when the dish is seasoned with Rossini's melodious sauce, a delicate feast is provided for the musical gourmet. On Monday night, the audience followed Almaviva's storming of Rosina's heart and Dr. Bartolo's counter-attack with amused interest. Käthe Herwig made an arch Rosina, playing the coquette with girlish grace. In the music lesson with her pseudo-instructor, she showed that she had mastered (or shall we say mistressed?) the technique of singing, her aria being an admirable illustration how to sing. The audience showed its appreciation of her vocal gymnastics by a well deserved encore. Herr Krauss as Almaviva made an attractive lover, and the tipsy cavalier kept the house on the grin. As the fatuous Dr. Bartolo, Herr Mertens infused much effective drollery into his rendering. Herr Höttges' Basilio was an original reading of the part, his saturnine humour proving highly diverting. As the immortal Barber, Herr Renner was admirable, alike as to singing and acting, his factotum song being rendered with spirited vivacity. His shaving of the Doctor was a rare bit of comic acting and his fooling tickled the house considerably. The audience was warmly appreciative throughout.

A.M.

THE NEW DIPLOMACY FROM OVERSEAS.

CANADA'S BUSINESS AMBASSADORS

(BY SYDNEY ALTON).

We know something in this country about the losses of war; it is some consolation for us to remember that there are at least certain great gains to set beside them. The losses, bitter though they be, are largely at the expense of the individual, the gains or a few of them are national and will be lasting. Generations yet unborn will bear witness to changes-vast in their scope and wholly beneficial in their nature-that were actually born of the past few years, could hardly have come into being without them.

Let us consider our pre-war attitude towards the far flung Dominion bounded on east and west by the world's mightiest oceans, on the south by the world's greatest Republic and on the north by territory virgin, mysterious and partly untrodden. Before 1914 we used to think of Canada rather in terms of territory than of Empire. For many an Englishman the country was a remote potentiality, nothing more, and when those who had been there for a few years returned glowing with a real enthusiasm, he simply could not understand it, nor did he care to try. The story of ever increasing material prosperity grew. It became known that the Dominion gave men the birthright that so many overcrowded, overburdened modern civilizations denied them but nobody knew anything of Canada's spiritual growth, of the depths of her passion for the Motherland. It was left for August 4th, 1914, to reveal this.

Almost before we realized what had happened a young, virile, resourceful country was by our side, sending us in their thousands men destined to become a terror to the enemy, coming forward with food, with munitions, with everything in the compass of her gift of which we stood in need. There might have been some honest doubt in English hearts about the attitude of the daughter nations. We know that Germany counted with confidence upon a great secession overseas. In an instant we learned that in the body, as in the spirit, Canada was with us all the way, no matter where it led.

To-day, under the countless battlefields that assumed grim prominence in the four following years, more than fifty-thousand children of the Dominion and Empire lie at rest, but the work to which they consecrated their brave young lives is fully accomplished. Others there are who now and for many a year to come will be all too well able to "shoulder a crutch and show how fields are won." Blood and suffering, grieve though we may about them, make the sort of cement that defies time, and Europe turns to Canada to-day not only with deep gratitude but with something akin to reverence for those of her children who gave all that life held for them to vindicate the Empire in a quarrel forced upon us all.

So it happens that the Dominion is drawn to the Old Country as never before, and the Motherland responds eagerly, recognising that Canada can claim by the right of her sacrifices an honourable share in the task of reconstruction that is now afoot. Her leaders of men understand very fully and very clearly how the forces of disruption and unrest that issue from beaten foes and are apt to spread like a malignant disease, are best countered by commercial prosperity. There is no better antidote. When people have plenty to do and find a return for their labours there comes a wide and deep content. Only where trade languishes and unemployment is rife do people grow antagonistic to the sanities of existing order and believe that any change must bring improvement. That is why *business* is the very root of reconstruction.

In the old days it sufficed to send diplomats from country to country. Ambassadors, Ministers, Agents General, their status might vary, but one and all were apt to regard commerce as something a little outside the normal calculations of a gentleman. They relegated it to subordinates. To-day we know better. Canada having earned the right to intervene in the rebuilding of Europe and the re-establishment of industry, Canada having a considerable proportion of the world's wealth in raw material of all kind, and having developed her resources steadily and shrewdly for years past, sends her Ambassadors of Commerce to England. She recognises the paramount claims of commerce just as the greatest statesmen of their time, the Doges of Venice did.

Without her extraordinary business sense, the Bride of the Adriatic would never have won her Empiry or have retained it as long as she did. Happily it is as much to the advantage of Europe as of Canada that the latter should enter upon the scene, not merely to sell what she produces but to purchase what we have to sell in preference to what others may have to offer. Her resources are invaluable. Vast forests can supply no small part of Europe's immediate rebuilding needs, the steel production of Canada has gone up by 125% during the war, a ratio of increase far in excess of that of any steel producing country. Her wheat crop should be a record one this year, her argosies "laden with golden grain" will feed those who were our enemies and now faint for lack of food. Her fisheries, her orchards, her young and thriving factories, one and all are at the service of Europe, and they are freely offered but not in a strictly limited commercial sense. The business that Canada's Ambassadors of Commerce are already doing from the corner where Regent Street emerges from Pall Mall has more than the ordinary significance. It tells of new times, of new methods, of ties-once loose and uncertain—now strong as mutual understanding and respect can make them, of the reality of the Imperial bond in which at one time only a few far-sighted men believed. "Visionaries" like Froude, the historian, they are vindicated to-day long after the time when vindication can hold any meaning for them.

Who among those who realised how England might renew her youth in her Dominions dared hope that the truth would be seen and acknowledged so soon? It seems to me that the Canadian Mission in London, a deliberate outcome of the past years of strife and suffering is one of the manifest gains, one of the signposts to great and beneficial change that will follow from the years of struggle.

The Great Fire of London was disastrous but it led to the rebuilding of the City on sound lines. The Messina earthquake cleared away much that the Sicilians would not have desired to keep in perpetuity. Plague and famine in India have brought about great improvements in sanitary science and in transport. The spirit of good in evil things declares itself sooner or later. Here in this great development that brings Canada and the Motherland into more intimate and friendly association than they have ever

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been, we find that which hints at a deeper meaning and justification of all the little wooden crosses that in lands far off and near mark the Canadian graves.

The task before Canada's business men is one that cannot be wholly divorced from idealism. There is a side of it that appeals to the imagination. A great part of the Europe that Canadians came to save is reduced to ruin and just as in war they were compelled to aid in destruction, so in peace they are coming forward to repair the ravages. All their resources were brought to Europe in war, all will continue to come hence-forward in another form.

Behind this work stand all the power, the authority and the goodwill of the Dominion voiced by the Ambassadors of Commerce who are working, not only to develop business, but to strengthen the ties that bind the children of Empire to the Motherland and make the Union for all time a force beyond the reach of question or of doubt.

THE NEW ERA.

It has been said that the quintessence of human happiness lies in honest work, and yet, true though that is, it seems to be unrealized by many.

We have heard a lot about "class distinction" for many years now, but what does the expression mean? We might try for a long time to explain it, but would in the end be far from the truth. Really there are only two classes of civilized humanity, namely, those who work and those who do not work. Let us take the workers first.

Why do they work? Is it not in order that they may live? In order that they, by the sweat of their brow, may provide for themselves and their dependants the very necessaries of life. And the non-workers — why don't they work? Because they are able to live on the interest of their wealth — wealth acquired in many cases by the labour of other people, and in many cases, *quién sabe?* Of this, however, we can be certain, that in very few cases has their wealth been acquired by the personal labours of its present possessors.

To live honourably, by your own labour, is to be at peace with the world. To live on the labour of others is not only to make your life false at home, but it is to encroach on those around you, taking from them the means whereby they could obtain betterment of their own conditions of existence, thereby inviting resistance and hostility; and when such a principle of life is favoured by a whole people, that people will not only be in a state of internal strife, but there will assuredly rise up external enemies without its borders, who will seek its destruction

So long as we foster in our private life the "get-rich-quick" spirit, the spirit of greed and grab, with its attendant miseries of sweating and unscrupulous exploitation, so long will our public life lead to the embitterment of nation against nation. Had the governing class of the nations really wanted peace, instead of desiring merely gain during the last two or three generations, we would have had peace. If the Ministers of the Nations *have* really striven for peace, then their utter uselessness and futility has been abundantly proved; if they did not earnestly endeavour to promote and encourage peace then their lives have been an hypocrisy and a sham, and their deceit is unpardonable.

Whichever is the true reason, the result remains the same — we have been plunged into a maelstrom of blood and suffering, of wanton destruction of life and property because the creed of the Nations and of the individual has been the aggrandisement of self.

If only we could realize that civilization based upon mutual trust is the only form of existence worth while.

By mutual trust, I mean faith in the honesty of motive of one's fellow men. How different life would be if we were honest with ourselves and with all others. We all appreciate the highest human ideals, and really we would like to be, and do the very best with our lives but we are afraid to start. Afraid that were we to let our actions conform more to our ideals, we would lose in the struggle for existence. Yet if men mutually trusted each other — employer and employed, constituent and politican, tax-payer and statesman, nation and nation, people an people, how much easier and happier life would be.

Employers *could not* let the men who trusted them toil and starve on a pittance whilst they themselves lived in luxury; employees *could not* rob their employers by waste of time, or labour, or materials, if they knew their employers were trusting them to work for the mutual good. Equally in all phases of intercourse, industrial, political or international, were all men confident of the goodwill and honesty of motive of each other, the spirit of greed would disappear and mutual trust and respect would take its place

However we reason the thing out, if we only follow the path of truth, we come always to the teaching of Christ. Love, in the fullest sense of the word, is the keynote of life — life approaching the ideal as nearly as is humanly possible. Love means everything that is beautiful in life, and if all men accepted and practised the teaching of Christ there could be no more evil.

There would be praise and rejoicing, pleasure and happiness, comfort and contentment in our hearts; so full would we be of all that is beautiful that no evil thing could enter in.

We would not want to "grab" for ourselves, as with hearts full of love, our greatest desire would be for the good of others.

We would not want to keep for ourselves that which we already possess did we know that there was but one needy person in the world with whom we could share. We could not live in idle pleasure and luxury while there was one little child whose life was saddened by want — of care or comfort, and the joy of giving would brighten our lives and strengthen our love.

We have tried other methods of life for thousands of years, all based on material power and we have succeeded in achieving the most appalling cataclysm of history.

When we realise the futility of force as an instrument of progress, and try to follow the teaching of Christ, individually and collectively, then only will we make possible the attainment of the Kingdom of God.

Love is the secret of life. The more we love in thought and deed, the more we are loved of others. The cycle is complete and constant, growing always in intensity as it passes through the generating stations of our hearts, until, when our work is done, we are absorbed into the perfect love of God, unchanging and enternal.

S. EGERTON-HINE.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Wednesday	6	Lobetanz	Thuille
Thursday	5½	Undine	Lortzing
Friday	6	Jenufa	Janacek
Saturday	6	Cavall. rustic. Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo
Sunday	5½	Zauberflöte	Mozart
Monday	6	Der fliegg Holländer The flying Dutchman	Wagner
Tuesday	6	D. Entführ a d. Se ail The elopement from the Serail	Mozart

"PRONGS" SUCCESSFUL WEEK.

CROWDED HOUSES AT THE STADT THEATRE BONN.

The tropical weather experienced last week was not the kind to encourage theatre-going, and the Stadt Theatre, Bonn, does not exactly stand in a prominent position in that town, but nevertheless the place was crowded every evening last week, which is ample testimony to the excellence of the show provided by the "Prongs" Concert Party (92nd Bde, R.G.A.) Their show is clean, elevating, and amusing throughout

Edward Bailey joined the "Prongs" direct from the Brussels Opera House, where for several months he played with the now famous "Bundooks" Company. His rendering of Punchenello's passionate song from Pagliacci proves him to be what he undoubtedly is, an artist to his finger tips.

Good, clean, up-to-the-minute humour is provided by those two celebrated comedians, Jimmy Robinson and Bert Rudd. The drolleries and absurdities of the former are guaranteed to keep an audience of Scotchmen in an uproar of laughter, while the latter as "Old Bill" is also, a source of much merriment.

The original idea of organising the "Prongs" was with the object of entertaining troops in their own particular locality, but owing to the tremendous receptions they have received wherever they have played, it has been decided that they will remain a concert party at the disposal of the Rhine Army. Further talent is being absorbed into the party, which for the next three weeks will be resting for the purposes of rehearsing and redressing.

AT THREE DAYS' NOTICE.

SMART PRODUCTION OF 53rd. BEDFORDS HORSE SHOW.

Thanks to the efforts of the Transport Officer, 2 Lieut. Cecil Beeke, who produced at three days notice, a show ground, racing track, and hurdles and fences, out of an empty field, the 53rd. Bedfords Battalion Horse Show on Saturday was voted a great success by all present. There were a large number of spectators including Brigadier General Jackson, D.S.O., who also entered for the jumping competition on his own horse.

In the first three events, which were limber and animal exhibits, the competitors displayed an exceedingly smart turnout, and in the Brigade Horse Show which is shortly due, the 53rd. hold high hopes.

The Jumping Competition was open to all, and the first prize was carried off by Major Blackburn of the Artillery, whose horse cleared all the jumps like a trained steeplechaser.

The first prize for limber driving was awarded to Pte. McGill who displayed great skill in driving through blocks with only a 6 inch margin on each side, at a good trot.

The scream of the afternoon was the V.C. race. The course was over 200 yards, barebacked on mule, no spurs, over one jump. At the end of the course the riders had to pick up a dummy and ride back with it. The mules would persist in going right round the crowds or walking down the course. The riders had only one hand to deal with their mules, and the winner of the race nearly lost because his mule would not go an inch farther than a spot about 2 yards in front of the winning post. It did eventually after a short rest, and then it moved with a very independent air.

There were seven events altogether and 2 Lieut. Becke won three prizes. The band provided music throughout the afternoon, and there was a canteen on the course. Many thanks are due to Lieut. Gudgeon and Major Shearman for their thoughtfulness in providing the canteen.

BILLIARD MATCH IN COLOGNE.

The R.A.S.C. Bakers, Kalk, have at last met their equals or rather their superiors in billiard prowess. The "dough boys" effectively "dusted" the "Emma Tocs", R.A.S.C. as well as the 8th Motor Ambulance Convoy, Bonn, but on Monday evening their flag was lowered by No 1. Sergeants' Mess, G.H.Q., Rhine Army. The details of the match were as follows:—

No. 1 SERGTS. MESS. G.H.Q. RHINE ARMY. Team.	Score.	R. A. S. C. BAKERIES. KALK. Team.	Score.
S.M. Hancock. R.A.S.C.	90	Pte. Askew	100
S.Q.M.S. Langston. R.A.S.C.	100	Cpl. Green	62
S.Q.M.S. Brown. R.A.S.C.	100	Cpl. Chamberlain.	90
Sgt. Child. R.A.S.C.	100	Sgt. Forrester	78
Sgt. Gibb. R.E.	68	Pte. Perkins	100
Sgt. Wall. R.A.O.C.	100	Cpl. Gower	83
Total	558	Total	513

Match won by 45 points.

COLOGNE CYCLE RACES.

Two cycle races will be contested at the Cologne cycle racing court, Riehler Strasse tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The first will be of 10 Kilometres, and the second of 25 Kilometres.

An American house detective, who experienced difficulty in mounting heights, has discovered, according to an American dispatch, that he has two hearts.

An attempt was made on Monday night to bomb the American Legation at San José, Costa Rica. The explosion caused only slight damage, and nobody was injured.

ALLIES' TEAM JUMPING.

FINE DISPLAY BY FRENCH HORSEMEN AT WIESBADEN.

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

The programme for Saturday of the 10th (French) Corps Allied Army Horse Show at Wiesbaden consisted of four and five-horse turn-outs and jumping. Of the four-horse turn-outs there was nothing to touch that of the 10th Royal Hussars which consisted of four heavy draft bays. The complete turnout, it is understood, had seen four and a half years war.

The second prize was taken by the 2/1 North Midland Heavy Battery with four lovely strawberry roans whose greatest asset was the extremely able manner in which the horses worked together.

The third prize was given to the R.A.S.C. with four grey light draught horses. It is a pity that the horses were not better trained as if this team had worked well together there is no doubt that they would have been awarded the second place. The five-horse turn-outs were all French, the only outstanding feature being the extraordinary way in which the drivers handled their teams.

The afternoon commenced with team jumping for French officers. The jumps were not big, being small brush hurdles, but the team work was excellent.

The next event was a team jumping display by French N.C.O's. The teams consisted of 16 N.C.O's. The work was of very high quality indeed. To see 16 horses all take off at precisely the same moment and land together was a sight not to be forgotten.

AN OBSTACLE RACE.

The event of the afternoon, however, was the obstacle race for military horse champions on a course of about 1,500 metres and about 15 jumps including pole, gate, wall hedge, and box jumps. To a horse lover the great source of interest of this competition were the different styles of riding.

The Italians went over the course very fast, leant well forward at the take off, and sank back into the saddle as the horse landed.

The Belgians leant forward and remained forward during the whole of the jump.

The French riders, with one or two notable exceptions, appeared not quite to grasp the art of steadying their horse and then giving it its head and letting it go at the jump. On the whole their horses seemed to take off too late.

The outstanding English rider of the afternoon was Major Bale of the R.F.A. who rode a particularly nice jumping chestnut. It is a matter for the greatest regret that there were not more English competitors, for there is no doubt that many horses which have run at divisional races could have put up creditable performances.

"IN BATTLE ORDER."

SERGEANTS, 52ND DURHAM L. I. versus SERGEANTS, 51ST DURHAM L. I.

In response to a challenge issued by the Sergeants of the 52nd Battalion, D.L.I., the 51st D.L.I. Sergeants presented themselves on the Reihl Barracks Parade Ground, on Sunday afternoon, in "battle Order." The 52nd batted first, and in spite of some good bowling by Sergts. Foster and Rawnsley, compiled the useful total of 109, 76 of these were knocked up by Sergts. Chambers 28 not out, Simpson 20, Reynolds 17, and Col. Sgt. Prince 13.

Surprises galore followed when the 51st went in, 37 being all they could muster against the deadly bowling of Sgt. Prince, who accounted for seven wickets for 13.

Tea was provided by the challenging team, after which the 51st batted again, this time with greater success, the opposing bowling being treated with contempt by Sergt. Barnes with 44. Sergt. Edlington 26, and Sergt. Foster 24, the last mentioned's score consisting of six rapid fours. In spite of some fine bowling by Bates, who accounted for five wickets for 20 runs, the 51st easily passed their opponents' total, amassing 141.

This left the 52nd Battalion very little more than 45 minutes in which to score 70 to enable them to win, but surprises continued to come, and their last wicket fell three minutes from time with their total at 40, leaving the 51st victorious, after a very exciting finish, by 29 runs. Col. Sgt. Prince was the only batsman who made any impression on the bowling of Sgts. Foster and Rownsley, who respectively averaged 5 for 5, and 5 for 14.

Y.M.C.A., DEUTZ V. KALK MILITARY POLICE.

Played on Saturday last. Scores:—

Kalk Military Police:—

Lt. Olge b. Barraclough 1; Pte. Clark c. Squires, b. Barraclough 2; Lt. Sly b. Sergt. James 4; Pte. Keys run out 0; Thom c. Barraclough, b. Sergt. James 1; O'Sullivan b. Barraclough 8; Bedford c. and b. Barraclough 4; Buch b. Barraclough 16; Dix b. Barraclough 3; Turner not out 0; Byes 10; Total 49.

Y.M.C.A., Deutz:—

Clayton b. Buch 0; W. J. Silverwood b. Clark 6; Ballard b. Clark 1; Sergt. James b. Clark 0; Allen c. and b. Buch 5; Pte. Barraclough b. Clark 3; Spr. Jeffrey b. Bedford 9; Bullock b. Buch 1; Mr. Squires c. and b. Clark 2; Spr. Pilford not out 4; Spr. Elliot b. Keys 9; Byes 23; Total 63.

EPSOM'S GREAT JUNE 4th CLASSIC.

DERBY POINTERS.

BY "JERRY M."

After **Lord Basil's** poor display in the Newmarket Stakes his chance for the "Blue Riband" seems hopeless. He is evidently one of those horses who fail to reproduce their home form when on a race course, for I know, he was considered superior to "**Buchan**" by his connections. Whatever his fortune in the great classic I am forced to discard him now.

The Odds offered against "**The Panther**" are much too short, for the risks in a Derby. Much depends on the position when rounding the famous Tattenham Corner, a good position at this stage in the race being considered equal to 3 or 4 lengths.

In these circumstances I much prefer supporting **All Alone** (each way) at 100 to 6, than accepting 11 to 10 about the favourite. His trainer, I am assured, has great hopes of his winning and is confident of his finishing in the first three. He won his last two races very easily and has been giving great satisfaction in his home gallops. He conceded weight all round when winning at Catwick on Friday last.

There is still a lot of money for "**Grand Parade**" who has been steadily supported for the last fortnight from 100 to 6 to half those odds. The easy win of his stable companion "Sir Douglas" in the three-year old handicap draws attention to **Stefan the Great**, but I am convinced that the latter lacks the necessary stamina.

I am content to rely on "**All Alone**" each way with perhaps a "saver" on "**Grand Parade**".

THE OAKS.

I dismiss this with the remark that there appears no danger to "Rosevy".

THE MANCHESTER CUP—(JUNE 12).

The weights for the above are interesting. As anticipated "**By Jingo**" heads the handicap with 9st. Those that strike me as having been nicely handicapped are "**Galloper Light**" (3 years), 7st, 8lbs; "**All Alone**" (3 years) 6st, 6lbs.

There is no doubt that "**Galloper Light**" would have been a strong order, had not the death of his owner rendered void his entry in the Derby. That he will figure prominently in some of the big Handicaps is certain.

Derby Favourite's Pedigree

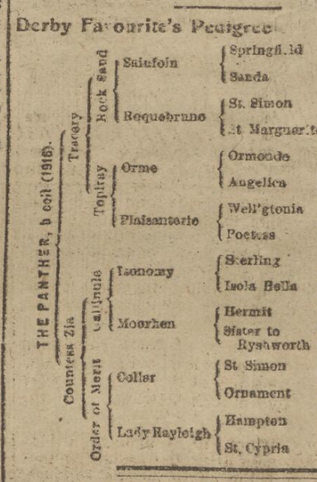

CHIRPING CANARIES.

The Canaries, another branch of the original 185 S.B. football team played the R.A.S.C., M.T., at Weidesheim on Thursday. The game was rather scrappy, but after a time "Duck" got through for the Battery, half-time arriving with Battery 1, R.A.S.C. 0.

The second half was more evenly contested and "Ducky" again found the net with his head from a corner kick. Soon after this the R.A.S.C. broke away and scored through the centre-forward.

The Battery was best served by their dashing outside right and "Ducky" at outside left while Parr at left back also gave a notable display.

Result:—

185 Siege Battery 2; R.A.S.C. 1.

C. SQUADRON THE ROYALS v. CAV. DIV. AMM. COL. R.H.A.

A match played between C. squadron 1st (Royal) Dragoons, and the Cav. Div. Amm. Col. R.H.A. on the latter's ground resulted in an easy win by a innings and 67 runs for the home side.

C. Squadron The Royals 1st and 2nd Innings: Lt. Gossage b. Turner 2. b.-Price 0; S.S.M. Seaton b. Turner 1. run out 5; Lt Stanton b. Bush 3. c. b. Eaglestone 0; Lt. Toy b. Bush 2, b. Cleaton 0; Pte. Hales b. Juner 1. Run out 0; Pte. Dore Not out 9. b. Cleaton 5; Pte. Palmer c. Grey b. Bush 11. run out 2; Pte. Gib c. & b. Bush 0, Not out 1; Pte. Hosden b. Bush 0 b. Cleaton 0; Pte. Dexter c. & b. Juner 0, c. Holmes b. Cook 15; Pte. Lilley c. Cleaton b. Bush 0, run out 1; Extras 6; Extras 7. Total (1st Innings) 33; (2nd Innings) 36.

Amm. Col. R.H.A.:—

Sig. Cook L. b. W. Stanton 5; Dvr. Holmes b. Stanton 3; Dvr. Marshall c. Seaton b. Stanton 16; Gnr. Van der Bok b. Toy 2; Dvr. Eaglestone b. Toy 6; Dvr. Bush c. Stanton c. Toy 25; Lt. A. S. Baisdorf Hit wicket 0; Dvr. Turner c. Palmer b. Seaton 26; Sad. Price not out 10; Dvr. Grey run out 13; Gnr. Cleaton b. Toy 1. Extras 31. Total 139.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Georges Papin.

Georges Papin, the legitimate lightweight champion of France, is willing to box anyone in his own division in England.

The Panther's Stable Attendant.

The same stable lad that "did" Pommern when Mr. Sol. Joel's colt won the Derby is now The Panther's stable attendant.

Milton And The Derby.

The statement that Milton will not run in the Derby is incorrect, as, providing all goes well with him, he takes his chance in the Epsom event.

Tottenham Hotspurs.

Most of the old Hotspur players have already been signed on, and it is hoped shortly to announce the signing on of several well-known footballers.

Stewards at Epsom.

The Jockey Club have appointed Lord Lonsdale, Lord Hamilton of Dalzell, and Sir John Thursby to act as Stewards at the Epsom Derby meeting next month.

Polytechnic Harriers.

A. G. Hill retained the half-mile club championship at the Polytechnic Harriers' first evening meeting of the season, winning easily from a poor field by 20yds. in 2min. 2⅗sec.

Mr. A. W. Cox's Horses.

An interesting notice in the "Racing Calendar" is the fact that a half share partnership in the whole of the late Mr. "Fairie" Cox's horses has been registered between Mr. A. R. Cox and Mr. W. E. Moore.

A "Gowf" Tragedy.

From an "Agony" columm in the "*Times*":—"Would the person in the green Tyrolese hat note that, though it may be a custom on his own course to pocket golf balls on the fairway, it is not done elsewhere?"

Barracking at Trent Bridge.

A number of spectators indulged in some ironical cheering at the expense of C. J. B. Wood, the Leicestershire amateur at Trent Bridge last week. Wood scored 50 runs in a hour, and then, because he slowed down a trifle afterwards, the barracking began.

Willard And Dempsey.

Willard and Dempsey will be in the ring at 3 p.m. on July 4, and will box twelve rounds to a decision, as allowed by the boxing law of Ohio. The referee will be named later; the timekeeper will be Joseph Nolan, Sporting Editor of the "Cincinnatti Enquirer."

"COLOGNE POST" CUP.

FURTHER FIXTURES IN RESPECTIVE LEAGUES.

All clubs possessing grounds are requested to notify us, stating locations, and those clubs which have not yet sent in the locations of their units should do so at once.

Attention is directed to Rule 9 of the competition, re-published below.

RULES OF THE COMPETITION.

In response to numerous requests, we reprint the list of rules governing the competition.

1.—The competition shall be known as "The Cologne Post Cricket Cup competition."

2.—It shall be open to all teams in the British Army of the Rhine.

3.—Matches shall be played according to fixture lists to be published in the *Cologne Post*.

4.—Two points will be awarded for a win and one for each team in the case of a drawn game.

5.—Matches will in all cases be decided at the first innings.

6.—In the event of a match being abandoned on account of rain, a subsequent date will be arranged.

7.—A team failing to fulfil an engagement without good reason will forfeit two points.

8.—Should neither side have a ground the *Cologne Post* shall decide whereon the match shall be played.

9.—All teams must register their players with this office. When it is intended to field a new player, we must be notified 24 hours before the match is timed to start. The time of post mark will be accepted in the case of teams in outlying stations.

10.—No cricketer may play for more than one team in the competition, but a player is not restricted to assist a side representative of his own unit. Once having registered and played for a team, however, he may not go to another club.

11.—Each team shall appoint its own umpire.

12.—Twenty-four hours after each match, the winning team is requested to send in the result to the Sports Editor, the *Cologne Post*. In the case of a drawn game, the home team will be responsible for this.

Below are the fixtures for Wednesday, 4th June.

COLOGNE TOWN LEAGUE.

51st Aux. Bus. Coy v. "R" A.A. Battery R.G.A.
53rd Sherwood Foresters v. 51st D.L.I.
Army H.Q. Sig. Coy. v. 9th L.T.M. Battery
Bakeries Sports Club v. Adv. Supply Depot R.A.S.C.
17th Lancers v. A.A. Searchlight Defence Sec. R.E.
70th Squad. R.A.F. v. 5th Rly. Teleg. Coy R.E.
No. 2 Water Tank Coy M.T., R.A.S.C. v. Cav. Div. A.C., R.H.A.
9th D.L.I. v. 1/5th Devons
2nd Squad. R.A.F. v. 47th C.C.S.
53rd Northumberland Fus. v. "G" Battery R.H.A.
99th Bde. R.G.A. v. 3rd Cav., Field Ambulance.
52nd Northumberland Fus. v. 51st Northumberland Fus.
4th R. Sussex v. 24th Vet. Hospital.
Cav. Div. H.Q. v. A.P.O. Cologne.

COLOGNE NORTHERN LEAGUE.

92nd. Bde. R.G.A. v. London Div. M.T. Coy
1/4th York and Lancs v. 37th Bn. M.G.C.
13th Lancers v. 237 Field Coy R.E.
53rd R. Warwick v. 13th K.R.R.C.
42nd Bn. M.G.C. v. No 14 G.H.Q. M.T. Coy.
420th Siege Battery R.G.A. v. 52nd R. Warwick
29th Bn. M.G.C. v. 88th Field Ambulance.
II Corps H.Q. v. No. 1 Field Ambulance
51st Sherwood Foresters v. 13th Motor Ambulance Convoy
"Maps" 4th F.S. Coy v. 1/6th W. Yorks.
51st R. Warwick v. 5th Bn. M.G.C.
3. Corps Signal Coy v. 31st Labour Group
C. Battery 113 Bde. R.F.A. v. 75 Bde. R.F.A.
2/9th Hants v. Southern Div. M.T.Coy.
23rd Middlesex v. 1/5th W. Yorks.

COLOGNE SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

52nd Bedfords v. Rhine Army Troops, M.T.Coy, R.A.S.C.
33rd Bde. R.G.A. v. 51st Devons.
34th Bn. M.G.C. v. 180th Labour Coy.
Wahn Survey Camp. Det. v. 170th Siege Bty., R.G.A.
2nd Bn. M.G.C. v. 8th Field Amb.
23rd M.T. Coy R.A.S.C. v. 5th Royal Irish Regt.
VI Corps Sig. Coy v. 3rd Northern Bde.
281 Siege Bty. R.G.A. v. 11th Royal Scots.
VI Corps H.Q. v. 2nd M.G. Squad., Cav. Div.
3rd Bn. M.G.C. v. 5th K.O.Y.L.I.
"G" Bty R.G.A. v. 161st Bde. R.F.A.
"G" A.A. Bty. R.F.A. v. 41st Bn. M.G.C.
Northern Div. R.E. v. 12th Royal Irish Rifles.
D Bty. 190th Bde. R.F.A. v. H.A.C.

BONN LEAGUE.

91st Field Amb. v. 88th Siege Bty., R.G.A.
Eastern Div., Sig. Coy v. 103rd Field Amb.
Lancs Div. Sig. Coy v. 207th Squad. R.A.F.
52nd Cheshire v. 92nd Field Amb.
4th Suffolk v. 15th Lancs Fus.
10th R.W.Kent v. 51st Bedford
53rd Welsh Regt. v. no match.
256th Siege Bty R.G.A. v. No. 3 Coy., Western Div., R.A.S.C.
5th Border Regt. v. Eastern Div., H.Q.
51st Kings Liverpool v. 53rd S.W.Borderers
51st Royal Sussex v. 121st Heavy Bty. R.G.A.
X Corps Sig. Coy v. 52nd Welsh Regt.
303 Siege Bty. R.G.A. v. 16th Lancs Fus.
112 Heavy Bty. R.G.A. v. Lancs Div., H.Q.
2nd London Inf. Bde. v. 23rd Royal Fus.
1st T.M.B. (Western) v. 69th Siege Bty. R.G.A.
13th Kings Liverpool v. 52nd Manchesters.

EUSKIRCHEN LEAGUE.

11th Leicesters v. 104 Bde R.F.A. H.Q.
9th Corps Troops M.T. Coy v. 1/5th S. Staffs.
21st Bde R.G.A. v. 354 Siege Bty R.G.A.
185 Siege Bty R.G.A. v. 145 Siege Bty R.G.A.
509 Field Coy R.E. v. 16th Field Amb.
6th Welsh Rgt. v. Mid. Div. Train H.Q.
76th (Army) Bde R.G.A. v. 9th Corps H.A.
18th Field Amb v. 42nd Stationary Hosp.
No. 1 Coy Highland Div. Train H.Q. v. 73rd Bde R.G.A.
Mid. Div. M.T. Coy v. Mid. Div. H.Q.
"E" Corps Sig. Coy v. "F" A.A. Bty. R.F.A.
488 Siege Bty R.G.A. v. 52nd Sherwood For.
1st Bn. M.G.C. v. Midland D.A.C.
77th Siege Bty R.G.A. v. 269 A.E. Comp.
174th Siege Bty R.G.A. — no match.

DÜREN LEAGUE.

D. Corps Siege Park v. 6th Field Amb.
310th Bde R.F.A. v. 153 Siege Bty. R.G.A.
1/1st N. Mid. Heavy Bty v. 183 Siege Bty R.G.A.
527 Coy R.A.S.C. v. 52nd Gordon Highrs.
3rd Kings Own Hussars v. 10th A. & S. Highrs.
"O" Baty Rocket Troop R.H.A. v. 62nd Bn M.G.C.
Light Div. Sig. Coy. v. Light Div. H.Q.
15th Kings Hussars v. D. Corps Sig. Coy.
No. 1 Light Rly Sig. Coy v. IV Corps Troops M.T. Coy.

SOLINGEN LEAGUE.

15th H.L.I. v. 83rd (Dublin) Gen. Hosp.
64th Field Coy R.E. v. 51st Hants.
Lowland D.A.C. v. Southern Div. R.E.
90th Field Coy R.E. v. A. Bty 51st Bde R.F.A.
63rd Field Coy R.E. v. Lowland Div. M.T. Coy.
1/5th K.O.S.B. — no match.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, May 28, 1919.

Surface wind northerly, 5 to 10 m.p.h. A cloudy morning and a fair afternoon probable. Cool. Indifferent visibility.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

RACING AT YORK.

The following are the results of the various events on Monday's card at York, where the weather was fine and the going hard:—

Glasgow Handicap:— Mint Blanche had a walk over.

Knavesmire Plate:— 1, Cumberland (2—7); 2, Hullo America (7—1); 3, Good Day (7—1); Four ran.

Flying Dutchman Handicap:— 1, Barroeneo (11—4); 2, Cyclist (9—1); 3, Patlander (7—4). Seven ran.

Ainsty Plate:— 1, Starflower (100 to 30 on); beat S.S. Queen. Two ran.

Zetland Stakes:— Declared void.

Londesboro Stakes:— Callander (100 to 8 on) beat Bay Tree. Two ran.

DERBY SCRATCHING.

Stefan the Great was scratched from the Derby at 9 a.m. on Monday.

COUNTY CRICKET.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1914 AND THIS SEASON.

The table printed below gives at a glance the conditions governing the championship in 1914 and this season.

	1914.	1919.
Length of Fixture	3 days	2 days.
Playing hours	17½	14½.
Follow-on	150 runs	100 runs.
Method of counting points	Win outright 5 pts.; Win on First Innings 3 pts.; Loss on First Innings 1 pt.	Win outright 1 pt. No other pts. awarded.
Method of deciding championship	Best percentage of Pts. in all matches in which both sides completed an innings.	Best percentage in all finished matches.

FINE BOXING DISPLAYS AT BILLIG.

Some fine exhibitions of Boxing were witnessed at the Club-rooms Billig last week. The first bout between Pte Johnson Cpl. Jones ended other abruptly, the former having to retire with an injured wrist. C.S.M. Haygreaves of the R.F.A. won on points in an interesting 8 rounds encounter with L.-Cpl. Smith. In a ten rounds fight Pte Stevens knocked out Sergt. Thomson in the fifth round.

The most interesting fight of the evening was between Cpl.-R. Smithson of the R.H.A. (winner of some contests) and Cpl. J. Hilton of the Yorkshire Regt. (a promising newcomer to the ring). The fight was down to go 15 rounds, in the first of which Smithson used his left to great advantage, and administered some heavy blows to Hilton's chest. The first six rounds were all in favour of Smithson, who rushed in right and left, fighting with great skill and celerity. In the seventh round Hilton assumed the offensive and hit hard on his opponents body and face. Smithson fought, well, but his strenous efforts in the previous round began to tell on him. In the eigth Hilton put his man down for a count of 8, and in the ninth round knocked his opponent out.

The fight was cleanly contested, and Smithson has challenged Hilton to a return engagement, but as yet no return fight has been arranged.

29th BATTALION M.G.C. v. 1/5 DEVONS.

This match played on Monday on the Machine Gunners ground at Dabringhausen resulted in a win for the home team by 3 goals to nil. Exciting play resulted in Armstrong's opening the score for the Machine Gunners after 20 minutes play. Shortly afterwards, Lieut. Curran added another goal to the Machine Gunners score. In spite of the brilliant game played by the Devon "Goalie," a well-centred corner shot gave Armstrong the opportunity for some really clever head work, resulting in his scoring again for the Machine Gunners. On resuming the Devons made repeated efforts to score, but the Machine Gunners defence was sound, especially Charman's play at right back. In the last few minutes, both sides strove to score, without success.

The game throughout was keen, sporting and interesting.

B.E.L.C. OUTDOOR TRIPS.

The women Guides at the British Empire Leave Club have been kept very busy since the Club opened on May 12th. They have conducted parties round the Cathedral, Rathaus, Picture Gallery and Museums and the trips have been very popular.

Day trips to the country on Motor Chars-a-banc, and Steamer Trips on the Rhine have proved a great success. The Controller, Guides wishes it made known that all the trips are open to non-residents at the Club, as there may be many men working in Cologne who would like to avail themselves of the opportunity of going to the Country, or down the Rhine.

A plan of the trips will be found at the British Empire Leave Club, where men should give in their names. All trips are free, but non-residents must bring their rations with them.

145 S.B. v. ESSEX HEAVY BATTERY.

The match was played on the ground of the 1/1st Essex H.B. at Cuchenheim on Wednesday. In the first half 145 pressed continually but due to the excellent goalkeeping of the Essex "goalie," were only able to score twice through Colley and Capt. Robson.

The second half proceeded on much the same lines as the first, but notwithstanding the great efforts of the Essex "goalie" 145 added four more goals through Capt. Robson (2) and Lemans (2). The Essex scored one goal through Harcombe putting the ball into his own goal.

Result:— 145 S.B. 6; 1/1st Essex H.B. 1.

COLOGNE RACES AT GRUNEWALD NEAR BERLIN.

The Cologne Race Committee which is not allowed to have races on its course in the occupied area will have its first race on Sunday 20th July at Grunewald near Berlin.

On the programme are 8 flat races for which prizes amounting in all to 116,000 marks will be given. The main item is the Prize of the Rhine which amounts to 30,000 marks.

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In a recent issue we made the announcement that uninsured parcels containing articles, such as foodstuffs, clothes, boots etc., for the personal use of the addressee, but not parcels sent for commercial purposes, can now be accepted for civilians in all parts of Germany in Allied occupation at the following rates of postage: For a parcel not exceeding 3 lb, 1s 4d; over 3 lb and not over 7 lb, 1s, 8d; over 7 lb and not over 11 lb, 2s.

The above announcement does not, of course, affect the regulations already in existence re parcels for the troops from home, which may be sent out as usual.

A GOOD RECORD.

53rd N.F.'s WAR SAVINGS.

During the period 8th to 16th May 1919, War savings amounting to 32,949 Marks were subscribed in the 53rd Northumberland Fusiliers, "A" Company on one day subscribing 11,568 Marks. The men in the various companies are quite keen on War Savings and "A" and "D" are running each other very close at present.

LECTURES ON ARCHITECTURE.

Lectures as under will be given at the Army General and Commercial College, Cologne, by Mr. G. A. T. Middleton (past Vice President of the Society of Architects):—

6 p.m. Friday, May 30th. "Westminster Abbey."
6 p.m. Tuesday, June 3rd. "Some Buildings that have suffered in the War."
6 p.m. Friday, June 6th. "Great Buildings of Egypt, Greece, and Rome."

AN "OLD SCOUTS'" CLUB.

In the Rhine Army, there must be many young soldiers who have been connected with the Boy Scout Movement, either as scouts, patrol-leaders or scoutmasters.

It has been suggested that an "old scouts' club" should be formed, and to this end a meeting will be held in the Y.M.C.A. at Lindenthal (VI. Corps Soldiers' Club — take cars 1 or 2 from the Cathedral and get off at the park) on Friday evening next, May 30th, commencing at 6 p.m. All old scouts, and those interested in the movement are earnestly invited. Those unable to attend the meeting but who wish to join, are asked to communicate with Mr. R. H. Percival, Y.M.C.A. Headquarters, Rhine Army.

It is hoped that as many as possible will respond to this appeal, and that some happy and profitable gatherings during the next few months will be the outcome.

A SUCCESSFUL INNOVATION.

Last Sunday afternoon, the first of a series of afternoon teas was held in the Y.M.C.A. grounds at Lindenthal (VI Corps Soldiers' Club.)

Eighty invitations (which will be extended to different units every week) had been sent out, and at 5 p.m. the assembled company sat down to an appetising repast which consisted of stewed fruit and biscuits, and some delicious tea different from the usual "Y.M." stuff inasmuch as it contained a double portion of sugar.

Small tables, daintily arranged with paper tablecloths, real cups and saucers, tastefully decorated grounds, and the orchestra of the 52nd Northumberland Fusiliers which delighted all with its tuneful airs these contributed materially to the success of the gathering.

A short fifteen-minute service at which attendance was optional, brought the proceedings to a close. Rev. A. Jarvis (the leader of the club) and Mrs. Jarvis, are to be congratulated on this successful innovation, which was due in no small measure to their ceaseless and untiring efforts.

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GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

PRUSSIAN MILITARISM STILL EXISTS.

Dr. Richard Grelling, at one time a prominent and influential member of German society, and author of *J'accuse* — a book written in Switzerland and denouncing in plain terms the policy of the German Government during the war — was interviewed recently by a representative of *Le Journal*, the Paris "daily."

During the interview, Grelling was asked whether Prussian militarism had been crushed or not, to which he replied in the negative. At the present time, he said, there is springing up within our country a kind of omnipotent oligarchy, much more powerful than the Ebert-Scheidemann government, and maintained by the assistance of the military caste and an army of hirelings.

This army is well-disciplined, well-fed, and well-paid, he further remarked. The officers receive a fantastic salary and completely govern the troops.

Grelling then referred to the weak attitude of the government—too weak to resist the demands made by those generals who, because they cannot rid themselves of the civilian leaders, merely tolerate their presence.

"Affairs in Germany are turning out to be most serious. The military party may issue its dictum at any moment and though it cannot be said that this party intends to restore the monarchy immediately, one cannot with ease think of the probable forthcoming. Every true republican trembles as to the future of Germany."

"And what do you think is the attitude your Government will finally adopt with regard to the terms?" the interviewer asked.

"Assuming that the Allies will make some advances, our government will sign," he replied.

"I hope that later on, when one or the other of the terms will have proved to be impracticable, and when the Germans have shown repentance by ridding their country of those responsible for the greatest crime history has ever recorded, the Allies will consent to certain mitigations and thus pave the way to a really new and pacifist Germany."

Wycombe furniture manufacturers have decided to adopt a 47 hours week and to pay for 53 hours.

Surrey Council invites offers of suitable land, preferably in large blocks, for settlements f/r ex-soldiers and others.

Falling dead on his beat, Frederick Charles Tucker, a policeman, of Bethnal Green, was stated to have died from heart trouble.

War bread and the lack of cheap sweets are given by Ramsgate medical officer as reasons for the good teeth of local school children.

For landing at Dover without a licence a dog brought from Bruges, Arthur Richardson, a surveyor, was at Birmingham yesterday fined £2.

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There will not be the usual Dance on Wednesday 28th in the evening, but Lt. Col. Brocklebank has kindly given permission for the Band of the 9th (Queen's Royal) Lancers to play in the Theatre at 6.30 p.m.

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BOLSHEVIST THREAT TO CAPITALISTS.

GERMANY'S COUNTER PROPOSALS.

THE STATUS QUO ANTE!

The Counter Proposals of the German Government form a booklet of sixtyeight pages, which has been issued broadcast in Germany before being presented to the Peace Commission by Count Brockdorff-Rantzau.

The proposals are colossally German!

This document opens with a preamble reminding the Allies of the fourteen points and of Secretary Lansings' note of the 5th Nov. 1918, immediately preceding the Armistice.

Germany asks for immediate admission to the League of Nations.

She declares her willingness to disarm at once, on condition that the Allies disarm after three years.

She is willing to surrender the entire navy instead of the proportion laid down by the Allies.

She objects to losing any provinces without consent of their population, and demands a plebiscite in Alsace and Lorraine.

She demands evacuation of Occupied Territory within six months and is willing to give guarantees and securities in lieu.

She demands return of her Colonies.

She protests against the extradition of the ex-Kaiser and to his trial by a non-German tribunal, suggesting that two German and two Allies and a president elected by them shall constitute the tribunal.

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GERMAN DELEGATES ON LEAVE.

It is expected that the greater proportion of the German delegation will leave Versailles and return to Germany for about ten days, during which the Allies will consider the counter proposals.

PETROGRAD BOLSHEVIST THREATS.

CHINESE LOOTERS.

Stockholm 20th May.— A Viborg telegram says that a heavy bombardment has been heard during the last few days in the direction of Kronstadt and Petrograd from the sea. Refugees from Petrograd state that the Bolshevist leaders are panic stricken and many have already absconded with State funds. The city is controlled by Chinese, Letts and Finnish Red Guards. Heavy street fighting occurred quite recently and workmen barricaded their quarters in order to prevent pillaging by the Chinese.

Bolshevists have posted placards throughout the city threatening to execute all capitalists if they are compelled to leave the city.—*Reuter.*

FOOD RELIEF FOR PETROGRAD.

Reuter understands that every arrangement has been made by the Allies to revictual Petrograd after the expulsion of the Bolshevists. Details are in the hands of Mr. Hoover, and it is hoped that relief will be in the city within thirty six hours of the withdrawal of the Bolshevists.

NEW GOVERNMENTS RECOGNISED.

The Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs states that the Government has definitely recognised the Governments of Czecho Slovakia, Poland and Finland.

Provisional recognition has also been granted to the Esthonian National Council and Lettish National Council as *de facto* independent bodies.

STOLEN ARMY PAY ORDERS.

AN ARREST.

Cecil Hall, a demobilised soldier, was arrested at Tooting yesterday and charged with stealing Army Pay Orders to the value of nearly ten thousand pounds from the Army Pay Hut at Dover.

AFGHAN AMIR'S PERSONAL DUPLICITY.

TEXT OF LYING LETTER.

The official account of the facts concerning the tissue of lies concocted by the Afghan Commander-in-Chief was issued by the India Office on Tuesday. It runs as follows:

"With reference to the statement that has appeared in the Press to the effect that the Afghan Commander-in-Chief appealed for a cessation of hostilities, the facts are as follows: In telegraphing on May 15 to the Secretary of State on the military position, the Government of India incidentally mentioned the receipt of such an application, but without appearing to attach much importance to it. The Secretary of State at once telegraphed for further particulars, and asked whether the request could not be made the basis of negotiation. In reply the Government of India telegraphed on May 18 the full text of the Commander-in-Chief's message, which was addressed to the Political Agent, Khyber, and ran as follows:

'Sir—As regards the outbreak of war between Afghanistan and Britain. I have the honour to inform you that British officers commenced an unlawful war without any declaration of war on any side, and by this aggressive step inflicted heavy losses on the civil population and army of Afghanistan by throwing bombs from aeroplanes. I am informed by his Majesty—the King of the independent kingdom of Afghanistan—that his Majesty has received a letter from his Excellency the Viceroy, and in consequence of that I am ordered to suspend war—thus unlawfully begun by your side—until further orders. You are accordingly informed that war has been suspended until a final decision has been reached by correspondence between his Afghan Majesty and his Excellency the Viceroy.'

"The Government of India added that this insolent message was obviously devised to gain time—an explanation to which the Afghans themselves gave currency among the frontier tribes—and that they had instructed the Political Agent, Khyber, to reply that he was not authorised to answer the message, and that if the Amir wished for peace he should address the Viceroy through the officer in command of the British forces. To this invitation the Amir so far has made no response, and offensive preparations continue to be made by the Afghans along the whole frontier.

"It need hardly be said that the allegations made in the message as to aggressive action by British officers were entirely without foundation.

"The Amir's reply to the Viceroy's letter protesting against the Afghan proceedings has now been received. It is defiant in tone, and leaves no doubt as to Amanullah's personal complicity."

AFGHANISTAN AND RUSSIAN AIMS.

DETERIORATING MORAL.

Last night the India Office issued the following further information from the Government of India up to May 26:

On May 22 air reconnaissance reported no movements of importance east of Jelallabad. Afghan troops on the Dakka front were reported to be having difficulty with their rations supply, and local Lashkars to be disinclined to concentrate for the same reason. Attempt to get the local tribesmen to attack Dakka are reported to have failed owing to the difficulties of supply.

Amanullah is said to have visited Jelallabad but to have returned to Kabul.

The tribal gathering in Gandao, in the Mohmand country, is said to be increasing. General Nadir Khan is reported as still vacillating in Khost. Our propaganda is believed to be having a good effect in Ningrahar, and the moral of the Afghan troops is said to be deteriorating. Tribesmen generally are still holding aloof.

ONE SENSIBLE CLAN.

May 25.—The Zakka Khel Maliks have brought in, without ransom, two airmen, Lieutenants Hoare and Barker, who were forced to descend in the Bazar Valley, i. e., tribal territory.

From Jelallabad it is reported that great confusion was caused there by the air raid of May 21. Several Government buildings were set on fire, and the town is reported as practically deserted. On May 23 the general position was unchanged, and all the frontier districts were reported quiet. Great activity as regards military preparations was reported in Kandahar on May 21.

A BOLSHEVIST DREAM.

The India Office also says that the following message has been despatched by Russian wireless, apparently from Kushk: "Pursuant to telegram from Moscow, No. 1,473, according to official advice from Kabul, the new Government of Afghanistan is endeavouring to rally mountain tribes of frontier with a view to securing an exit to sea and to gain possession of port of Karachi."

DEATH OF A BRIGADIER.

Brig.-General Lovett C.B., commanding the Yorkshire Coast Defences, and formerly in command of the 1st Gloucesters, died at Scarborough yesterday.

INQUEST ON MURDERED W.A.A.C.

MILITARY EVIDENCE.

The coroner's inquiry into the circumstances of the death of Miss Nellie Florence Ruby Rault Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, who was found murdered in Wilstead Woods, near Haynes Park Camp, Bedford, on the 12th inst., was resumed in the recreation-room at the camp, which is a signaling depôt of the Royal Engineers. The deceased girl was stationed at Haynes Park, and left camp in the afternoon of the 9th inst., stating she was going on the river at Bedford with "the sergeant-major." Nothing further was seen of her until her body was found in the wood three days later bearing knife wounds in the chest. Sergeant-major M. O. K. Hepburn, R.E., who has been remanded at the local police-court on a charge of murder, was again present in court.

Dr. William L. Garner, who gave evidence last week concerning the injuries sustained by Miss Rault, was recalled and further questioned. He said that the abrasions on Miss Rault's forehead and upper right eyelid could have been caused by a fall on hard turf, and the scratches on her face might have been caused by her falling on some brambles. If she had been in a kneeling position when the wounds in the chest were inflicted, he would have expected to find her falling with her legs under her. It was possible she might have survived a minute or two after the wounds had been inflicted. There would not necessarily be any spurting of blood from the wounds, and the wounds could have been inflicted without the assailant getting blood on his clothes. As to the bruise on the girl's right wrist, it could have been caused by being gripped.

The inquiries made in the camp when Miss Rault was reported missing were then spoken of by several witnesses.

SERGEANT-MAJOR'S SCRUPLES.

Regimental Sergeant-Major Charles Mepham said about eleven o'clock on Sunday morning, May 11, Miss Hickson, the W.A.A.C. Administrator, spoke to him about a sergeant-major, whom she described as a little dark man wearing black leggings. Witness failed to recognise anyone of that description at the time, but in the evening when in the sergeant's mess, he heard Hepburn's name mentioned, and he came to the conclusion that Hepburn was the man mentioned by Miss Hickson. Witness did not see him or ask him whether he was the man. Later he met Miss Hickson on the way home, and told her the only man he could find answering her description was Sergeant-Major Hepburn. Witness further pointed out that he told Miss Hickson that Hepburn was a most unlikely man to make an appointment with a girl, as he had never seen him with a girl, and he did not think he went to dances. In fact he said he did not believe Hepburn knew the girl. He could not have told Miss Hickson that Hepburn had said he did not know the girl, as he had not seen Hickson.

The Coroner: Do you go to dances? — No, sir. I do not believe in married men going to dances.

Continuing, witness said he could not remember how Hepburn's name came to be mentioned in the sergeant's mess. He could not think of another sergeant-major in the camp who wore black leggings. Hepburn was not often in the mess. He was a teetotaler, and usually went to the Y.M.C.A. He had seen Hepburn wearing black leggings.

Sergeant-major Currie, R.E., who occupied the same hut at the camp as Hepburn, said on May 9 he went to bed about nine o'clock. Hepburn was not in then, but later, when he awoke, Hepburn was there and the lights were out. He could not remember whether Hepburn's nose was bleeding.

PUTTEES OR LEGGINGS.

Sapper Alfred James Love, R.E., who was recently employed in the demobilization hut at the camp, spoke to Hepburn leaving the hut for five minutes soon after three o'clock in the afternoon of May 9. At five o'clock Hepburn left for tea, and witness did not recollect him coming back. Hepburn was wearing puttees that day.

The Coroner: Did you notice that particularly?—Yes. He very seldom wore puttees. He used to wear black leggings.

Lieut. Colonel Phillips, commanding the Signal Depôt, described the efforts made to trace Miss Rault after she was reported missing.

STATEMENT OF ACCUSED.

Superintendent Underwood, Bedford Constabulary, produced the following statement made by Hepburn:

"On the evening of May 9 I attended a dance at Haynes Park Camp, where my partner for the most part of the evening was the deceased. During the evening she said there was a lorry leaving the camp next day between 3.30 and 5.30, and mentioned that she intended to accompany the same, and asked me to go too. I promised to do so. Between 3.30 and four the next day I left the demobilization hut for my quarters, and on the way up passed the deceased, whom I informed I would catch up while proceeding on the lorry, which had not then arrived. She agreed, saying she would walk. At five the lorry left me, and I kept a sharp lookout all the way to Bedford, expecting to see the deceased. As I did not see her I went on the river at Bedford alone, hoping that I might meet her at the boathouse on the way. I returned by cycle and lorry to Haynes Park at 9.30, and as I did not see her on my return I concluded she had remained at Bedford or on the way with some friends. Afterwards, when nothing further was heard, I concluded she had taken French leave, as she had done before, I was informed."

Hepburn further said he hired a bicycle in Bedford, but had a puncture at Elstow and a lorry picked him up. He added:

"I left the demobilization hut about 3.30. When I got on the road I saw the deceased passing towards the wood. I spoke to her, and told her to walk on and I would pick her up in the lorry. I then went to my quarters and had a wash. From there I went to the sergeants' mess and had tea. I left the camp about five minutes to five."

Witness asked Hepburn about the scratch on his nose, and Hepburn replied, "I did that when washing myself. If you suspect me you are wasting time, as I know nothing about it." He denied having a jack-knife, but produced a pocket-knife. Upon Hepburn's kit bag being searched a white handkerchief with slight blood stains upon it was found. Hepburn explained that his nose had been bleeding. On the top of his blanket was a newly-washed undervest, on which was discovered a spot of blood in the centre of the back. Hepburn said it must have come from his nose as he had used the vest as a sort of pillow.

Superintendent Purser said when charged, Hepburn replied:

"I quite realize my unfortunate position and your justification for my arrest, but I am innocent, and shall be able to prove it. If they say I was wearing black leggings it is a mistake. I was wearing puttees. The black leggings I left in London about a week previous when I was on leave."

The inquiry was again adjourned.

ATLANTIC LINER SCRAPES AN ICEBERG.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

St.John's, 25th May.—The S. S. Cassandra has just arrived with a hole in her hull. She has had a miraculous escape, having evidently shaved the side of an upstanding iceberg. The hull is only slightly damaged.

Ordinarily icebergs have underwater projections and the impact of a ship would be extremely liable to bring the whole mass down upon the vessel, sending her to the bottom with everyone aboard.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH AND THE SHELL SHORTAGE.

"THE END OF MY CAREER."

In the *Daily Telegraph* Field Marshal Lord French devotes the concluding chapter of "1914" to the shell shortage. He says:

"From the beginning of the Battle of the Aisne up to the close of the Battle of Loos, at the end of 1915, the scanty supply of munitions of war paralysed all our power of initiative and, at critical times, menaced our defence with irretrievable disaster. Great anxiety on this subject overshadowed all my direction of military operations, and deep concern at the failure of the Government to appreciate and remedy our difficulties from this cause dominated all my work. In this chapter it is my object to make known some of the efforts I made to awaken both the Government and the public from that apathy which meant certain defeat. I exhausted every effort, by urgent official demands to the War Office and personal appeals to Lord Kitchener and such Cabinet Ministers as I came in contact with. When these efforts got no response, I gave interviews to the Press and authorised public men who visited me to urge this vital necessity on their addresses. Nothing less than my deliberate conclusion, after all these measures had failed and nine months of war had elapsed, that the Empire itself was in jeopardy, forced me to act in May, 1915, as I did. I was conscious before taking this step, which meant the overthrow of the Government, that it also meant the end of my career in France, with all the hopes and ambitions that only a soldier can understand. But the consciousness of the great results achieved in this upheaval has been my reward, and I trust that a recital of my difficulties may, if occasion arises in the future, protect the British Army in the field from the recurrence of any similar situation."

LONDON POLICE UNREST.

The utmost secrecy was observed at the Police mass meeting at Westminster on Monday. Vigilant officers posted on the staircase minutely scrutinised every card of admission. The meeting, which was largely attended, lasted three and a half hours.

A member of the executive, interviewed subsequently, intimated that no decision had been reached, adding, "only direct action will bring the Government to its senses and we shall take it before long.—*Reuter.*

1914 AND 1915 MEN.

In the House of Commons, in reply to questions about the approximate date of demobilization of troops enlisted before 1916, Mr. Forster said he regretted he could not give any approximate date. He could assure the House, however, that the demobilization of these men is proceeding as rapidly as the exigencies of the Service permit. In cases where they are temporarily retained as part of the machinery for demobilization they are being replaced as rapidly as possible by men who are not eligible for demobilization. The question was by no means a simple one. Mr. Churchill was giving the subject his personal attention and doing everything he could to expedite matters.

"SOUL SICKNESS" TRAGEDY.

A man and woman were found dead at a Kilburn flat on Monday. They had committed suicide by inhaling coal gas. Their respective names are Kaye and Heiser, and both were connected with the Labour movement. They had written letters saying they were overwhelmed with mental and soul sickness. It is stated that Kaye was the assumed name of the man, who was an University undergraduate belonging to a well known family of multi-millionaires.

Sir Auckland Geddes called a conference yesterday to consider the advisability of placing Government lorries on the streets to relieve the traffic.

HAWKER'S TRIUMPHANT JOURNEY HOME.

DETAILS OF FLIGHT.

On landing at Thurso Hawker and Grieve were accorded a civic reception and entertained to lunch by the Provost.

Hawker was interviewed by the *Daily Mail* Thurso correspondent and gave a graphic description of the flight. He said "the sky was quite clear during the first four hours of the flight. Then visibility became bad, heavy cloudbanks were encountered and eventually we flew into a heavy storm with rain squalls. At this time we were flying well above the clouds at an altitude of fifteen thousand feet. After five and a half hours we were forced to descend several thousand feet an account of the filter choking. After this was cleared everything went well for a few hours when the circulation system again choked and the temperature of the water in the radiator rose to boiling point. Then we realised that until the pipe was cleared it would be impossible to rise higher without using a lot of motor power. After twelve and a half hours the circulation system was still bad and we realised that we could not continue.

FOUR HOURS ANXIETY.

We therefore decided to change our course and we began flying diagonally across the main shipping route for two and a half hours. With great relief we sighted the Danish steamer Mary. We at once sent up Verey distress signals which were promptly answered. Then we flew another two miles, descending to the water just ahead of the steamer. The sea was exceedingly rough and despite the utmost efforts of the Danish crew one and a half hours elapsed before they succeeded in taking us off. It was only at great risk to themselves that they eventually succeeded in launching a small boat.

Owing to the North-Easterly gale it was impossible to salve the machine. Before being picked up we had been fourteen and a half hours en route.

H.M. the King invited Hawker to Buckingham Palace yesterday.

SCENES EN ROUTE.

Hawker and Grieve had a remarkable reception at Perth when their train arrived from Inverness at 5 a.m. At Edinburgh, crowds rushed the barriers and carried Hawker shoulder high to the hotel where he breakfasted but Grieve escaped from the station unnoticed. The two airmen are to have an aerial escort from Grantham to London where arrangements had been made for a great welcome at King's cross.

Arrangements are being made for a great air festival at Hendon on Saturday and Sunday next, in which many famous pilots, including Hawker, will participate.

N.C. 4 ON THE SECOND LEG.

Ponta Delagada, 27th May. The N.C. 4 started at 9.20 this morning. It was flying splendidly and expects to reach Lisbon early this afternoon. At 3.40 p.m, British Summer time, the N.C. 4 was halfway to Lisbon.—*Reuter.*

DEMONSTRATION BY DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.

MOUNTED POLICE CHARGE.

After a mass meeting of discharged soldiers and sailors in Hyde Park on Monday, the demonstrators started for the House of Commons. The procession was stopped by a police cordon in Parliament square. Mounted police in Whitehall charged the crowd and several were injured. Stones and paving blocks were thrown.

The speakers at the meeting were hostile to the employment of girls and women while there were ex-service men unemployed. A resolution, which was carried unanimously, demanded immediate work at trade union rates or alternatively unemployment pay at twenty-nine shillings weekly.

In the House of Commons Mr. Adamson referred to the Whitehall disorders. Mr. Shortt, replying, said the disturbance was not due to lack of work but to the men getting under the control of hot-heads instead of their own leaders. The Hyde-park meeting, despite the advice of the leaders, decided to march to Buckingham Palace. The police did their utmost to disperse them tactfully but were assaulted with paving stones and other missiles. Many policemen were injured and finally they were obliged to charge.

DEMONSTRATOR FINED.

At Bow Street Police Court yesterday, Dennis Fanning and Arthur Popjoy were charged with disorderly conduct in connection with the disturbances at Westminster the previous evening.

Fanning denied throwing a brick at a mounted policeman and was discharged, the Magistrate remarking that there might have been a mistake.

Popjoy, however, who flourished a stick and shouted "Come on boys, we fought the Germans and we can fight this lot", was fined two pounds.

WAR TROPHIES REFUSED.

The Machynlleth (Montgomeryshire) Urban District Council have refused the offer of a field gun and carriage captured from the Germans by the men of the 38th Welsh Division, offered to them by the War Office, at the express wish of the commander of the division. The council also declined a captured gun offered by the Lord Lieutenant of the county, and previously they had returned to the Armoury, Welshpool, a captured German gun which had been sent to them. Newtown, Montgomeryshire, have refused a tank and other war trophies.

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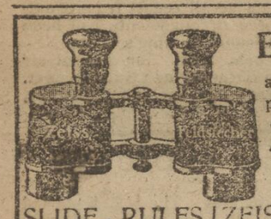

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"THE THINGS THAT ARE MORE EXCELLENT."

What are they? Have we missed them? If so, why?

To the first question, perhaps many different replies would be given off hand; but reflection would almost certainly approximate them more and more. For there is a kinship in man, a profound similarity in the roots of his desires and his aims, which has given us those common human agreements known as religion, law, conventions of behaviour.

Probably, most, if they spoke with absolute candour but with little reflection, would name money as the first and most obvious thing to be desired. But why? Not as an end; with the negligible exception of a few monomaniacs, no one wishes to accumulate money without some more or less definite idea as to using it. As a means then? Yes; but to what end? Obviously if money is but a means, then the thing procurable by money, and not endangered thereby, or too highly paid for by the process of obtaining and waiting for the money, — it is clearly this that, *au fond*, is regarded as the Thing More Excellent.

Years ago, we knew a man whose wife was practically a widow, his children to all intents and purposes fatherless; because though, as he admitted to us, he had more than enough not only to keep them living in the comfort and even luxury they enjoyed, but to provide for contingencies and to ensure the children all possible advantages in education and a competent start in any career, he wanted to make as much as possible more for them. They lived in his beautiful house near the sea; he spent his time in a distant and dismal town, returning only for occasional Sundays, and then too tired to make friends with and enjoy the society of his family, to whom he was practically a stranger. For the doubtful advantage of extra money, the wife paid by having no husband's society and comradeship, the children by missing for ever the incalculable happiness and benefit of a father's love and guidance. That is an example of paying for money a higher value than it can possibly be worth. How many cases we all know of missing the best of life, and life's experiences and appreciations, in the eager quest for more of the means to get those very things we are for ever passing by!

Money then may be a path, or may smooth the path, to things that are More Excellent; or it may hinder and befog the way. In itself it is not of them.

Other answers might include power, fame, rank. Power, if usefully employed, one must admit as honourable and desirable; for it is the expression, and the opportunity of expression, of the man — an absence of cramping disabilities which kill so much in most men; so much that is their finest worth. But fame and rank — worthy rewards though they may on occasion be as a recognition of service rendered to the community — they are, after all, based on that desire to see ourselves admired by others, on that same instinct of snobbishness which causes the schoolboy to be anxiously critical of his parents on speech day lest he be depreciated by them in the eyes of his fellow small boys; and which causes half the men and women of England to live with an anxious sidelong glance, to see how he or she is being regarded by others, who are probably equally nervous.

No, let us see what are really the Things That Are More Excellent — the things which, after all, though we may consciously seek less, we should all actually regret to lose more than money, power, or fame.

First of all life's joys and glories is Love, the love of relatives, the love of passion, the love of little children, the love of a friend. I think no one of us will dispute this, nor hesitate to admit that life is not life at all nor all its rewards of any value without this incomparable Excellence.

Then let us take self-respect. The man who retains this cannot be really unhappy. Much, and unduly, as we regard the opinions or imagined opinions of others, the man who is arraigned and condemned at the bar of self-judgment can find no real happiness in the expressed approval or admiration of his fellows. He who retains his self-respect has one of the Things That Are More Excellent.

And next we would put the gift and habit of appreciation. He who *consciously* enjoys, not alone the presentations of formal art, but the sudden glow of colour in a sky, the harmonies of the woods, the fine turn of an apt phrase, the music of a passing voice, the warm and fragrant softness of a spring breeze, the laughing light in a child's eyes, the graceful strength and balance of a fine building, the magnificent terror of a tropical storm, the clear thought finely expressed, the whisper of the wind in the trees, the curves of a lovely statue, the overpowering thrill of concentrated life in a London street, or the skill of a late cut to the boundary — who sees, hears, recognizes, sympathizes, appreciates all the time — he truly lives more than any other, and he possesses one of the greatest of the Things That Are More Excellent.

Knowledge, too, we may claim for our list. The wise man is always seeking to add to his knowledge The finest epitaph we know was placed on the tomb of a man of seventy — "He died learning." We may recognise its value and the satisfaction it gives even as an end. But knowledge is, after all, more a means than an end. It gives power, it aids appreciation. But we would sooner have a great gift of appreciation with little knowledge, than great knowledge and scant appreciation.

The consciousness of being useful, the habit of kindliness — these, also, we will not omit from the greater excellencies of life. Few things give more real pleasure than, in Kingsley's words "Helping, when we meet them, lame dogs over stiles."

Sang the poet:—

Life is mostly froth and bubble;
Two things stand like stone,—
Kindness in another's trouble,
Courage in your own.

The final three lines we shall all agree about. But I take exception to the first line. Life is emphatically not mostly froth and bubble — even in the Army of the Rhine. Life is a very serious, and an absorbingly interesting proposition. It holds many things that are of transient value, of overrated importance, of trivial necessities; but it contains, and it offers us, the Things That Are More Excellent than they. Shall we have them? For it is noticeable that these may all be had for the choosing, while many of the Less Excellent demand hard work, continued concentration, repeated sacrifice. The man who, as the result of a bet, offered sovereigns for a penny each all one long day on London Bridge sold not one. Scepticism fooled the crowd. You remember Browning's words? "'Tis only Heaven that is given away, 'Tis only God may be had for the asking."

The Things That Are More Excellent (and how much more!) are quite certainly ours if we will take them.

THE MUZZLE PUZZLE.
BY R.E.P.S.

Once again the decree has gone forth from those who sit on high and fiddle with the Scales of Justice. Given under their hand and seal is the order that throughout the length and breadth of our land, our well-beloved friends of the canine tribe must have their forward portion, that is to say, the part that leads, so to speak, to the inner dog, adorned by a wire cage, yclept, a muzzle. To paraphraze, at some considerable distance, the famous poem, thusly:

It matters not if morn or e'en:
Or east, or north, or south,
Our faithful Fido may be seen,
With shackles on his mouth.

It may be taken for granted that the above attempt at versification applies equally to the dog of the female persuasion. She cannot hope to escape shackling process on the plea of sex, in imitation of her prototype of the human kind. No! The he-dog and the she-dog are in the same kennel in this respect; they are forced to roam abroad arrayed in a contraption which gives them the appearance of being a cross between a baseball player and the Zoological Gardens.

The possibilities of the muzzle are wide and far-reaching, and why the system should affect the denizens of dog-land only is a mystery, the solution of which can only be left to conjecture. What of our Bolshies, and their second cousins, those of the fiery neckwear; and others of a similar brand who would provide us with a new heaven and earth in ten minutes; not to mention others whose cure for all the evils that affect civilization is akin to that famous cure for toothache, viz., that of taking off the head of the sufferer! Have they not a stronger claim?; or is it because the authorities are laying low until the rope-making industry is on its legs again, so as to enable them to take the above-mentioned undesirables off them? But there is a far more serious aspect of the matter in hand. Complaints have recently come to hand from certain quarters, that young lovers "roaming in the gloaming," and others wishing to commune alone with nature, "far from the madding crowd," have been snapped at by wild rabbits, and it has been stated that here is another excellent use to which the muzzling order could be applied with good effect. But critics aver that notwithstanding the fact "you must first catch your hare," the outlay of public money would be colossal, (not with a "k," Mr. Printer) and one suggests a far simpler remedy, i. e., that of fastening the ears of the rabbits under their jaws with safety pins. Crude as it may seem, it is apparent that the idea would "catch on," and should be given due consideration by those municipalities affected.

From a perusal of our journals, and press matter of the lighter view type, it would appear that not only dogs are affected by what are known as the "dog days." The position of our unfortunate canines has brought grist to the mill of many a Fleet Street hack-writer, penny-a-liner (pre-war), and others who write to boil the pot. Quips such as, "I sing thee songs of A(rabies)" and many others too numerous to mention, are making the evergreen gag "Should clergymen take in washing?" look as if it had strayed from home. Reams of matter are being foisted on to a long-suffering reading public as humour but which, if placed in its proper sphere, would adorn the library of any lunatic asylum. According to reports from home, the old adage, "its an ill wind etc." seems to have come to its own. The Gilded Youth of London are falling over each other to provide for their doggies gold and silver muzzles, studded with precious stones, "don't you know"! And the "posh" jewellers are in "Tom Tiddler's Ground," picking up gold and silver.

Oh! this terrible armistice! R.E.P.S.

THE EPISTLES OF PETER BIRSE. JUNIOR.

A TRIP TO BONN.

Dear Maister Editor,

Consultin' yer weather repoart in accoardance wi' m' eeswal custom fan contemplawtin' a jaunt, A reesolv'd th' ither day tae tak' a trip tae Bonn, a curnie miles farrer up the river. "Never professee unless yer shure" is a worthy adage as venerawble as it is true, but yer meeteorogickal expairt, whether he's shure or nae, is unco skeely in forecastin' the weather, in fack his skeel is veritawbly uncanny. An there's nae rubbitch aboot his remaurks sic like's "fair or weet, some rain, shooers at intervauls, win' noarth tae' sooth."

On the day A set oot for Bonn, he professeed a bonnie day an' a richt braw day it was; nae a clood presentit itsel abune th' horeeson, ba'my zeefers blew frae an easterly direcksaun, the sun poor'd doon its refuljint rays on girse an' tree, on floo'er an' promisin' crap. Man himsel' an' a' his dirty warks bask'd i' the matuteenal glory o' the early simmer sin.

THE SNAIL'S TUBE.

Daunerin' doon tae the watter-side naith the shaidow o' the late unlamentit Keezer, Weelum the Secon,' A moontit a fite cawr boond for th' Universaity toon 'at boasts o aboot ninety thoosan' howls. Sittin' marr or less m' leen A was ackostit b' a conducktor in his fite simmer breeks, wha blether'd something aboot me takin' the snail's tube on th' opposit' line o' railwye.

"Na, na," says I, very promptly an' firmly, "nae snail's tube for me. Ony loiterin' A 've time for 'll be dune in Bonn."

Subsekintly, A learn'd that the snail's tube was ackwally th' exprais, (German Schnellzug), but A didna fash masel ower muckle aboot that, for eiter a' A was on pleesher bent wi' bags o' time at my disposal. Exeminin' the kwintra-side creetickally frae the kerridge windiek, sic like's A've dune mony a time on the Buchan seckshun at hame, A cudna help but think 'at 'at micht hae been twa or three richt gweed gowf-coorses wi' bunkers an' a' thing were comptcetly spoilt b' crops an' freet-trees, tho efter the late protrackin struggel the sojurner i' the Faitherlan' canna be ower parteeklar.

In little mair gin an 'oor A reach'd the picktteresk toon, an' mon, A was winnerfu' weel plais'd wi' the first kursory inspeckshun. If ye can combine the quate acksdemic repoas' o th' Auiton in Aiberdeen wi' something o' the seelvan byouty o' Elgin an' Forres, the mateerial attrackshuns o' Roathsy, an' the dimenshuns o' Leith ye'll be nae far oot wi m' estimawshun o' Bonn.

EX-CROON PREENCE'S PREEVAT' APAIRTMENTS.

"If ye hevna seen Bonn, ye hevna seen Jairmany," say the fowk o' th' univairsity toon, but of coorse ilka Jairman toonie says the same aboot itsel'.

M' first objecktiv', as oor intellijens offisher ees'd tae say, was the preevat apairtments o'th' ex-Croon Preence o' Jairmany tae see gin he'd left a drappie in ony o' th' "empties" or secreetit a gowd watch an chaun m' gweed-brither drappit ae dark nicht i'the brewry in Polkapell. In this A was unfortinat'ly unsucksessfu,' tho A took a gweed look o' a' th' hooses i' the Convict Strussy, an' a' sartin Frowleen, an' auld mistress o' the Preence, wha micht hae direckit me tae the shanshun o' her former loard an' maister was eekwally eeloosiv. Twa or three littlins i' the Keezer Strussy lookit richt like the gaik t-lookin' "Little Wully," but A refrain'd on secon' thochts frae speerin' far their faither, the grait shent o' nan' profeesor bade fan he was at th' universaity. B' a' accoon's this notoryous spreeg o' the Hohenzollerns pintit the toon reid; th' hale kwintra-side was leeter'd wi' his wild an' preeneely oats.

A discover'd, hoever, the palaishial hottel far his faither pit up fan he attendit a fawmus faimly gaitherin' in Bonn i' the middle o' the waur, an' admeetit, nae doot reluckantly, 'at he micht hae 'tae gie up the croon an' saipter an' tak' tae croon an' anker.

It's a puir toonie 'at canna boast a' a celeebrity or twa, an' the name o' th' hero gyean offen begins wi'the same letter as the toon. Khartoom has its Kitchener, Gushetneuk its Gibb, Mecca its Mahommet, Bon-Accord its Birse, an' Bonn has its Beet-oven. It's nae b'acciden', I'se warran', 'at things like that come aboot, tho' as Serjint Mc. Gurk said fan he creepit doon the stair o' a Jerry dug-oot, A dinna believe in gaun ower deep into meesteries o' that kin'.

A BONNIE PROSPECK.

Ane o' the bonniest spoats i' the toon is undootidly the balkony facein' the river, far the turtle-doos o' th' human spashius congregawt in bourachies an' the vyon i' the distance is subleem. M' fella kwintra-man, Geordie Gordon, Loard Byron, has sung the byouties o' the neeberin' hills:—

The castled crag of Drachenfels
Frowns o'er the wide and winding Rhine
Whose breast of waters broadly swells
Between the banks which bear the vine.
* * *
But one thing want these banks of Rhine—
Thy gentle hand to clasp in mine!

Nae mony Jerries on the nicht' at A was there felt a wint o' this discreepshun — they were cleekin' sweety han's for' oors on en'. There was naething for me tae cleek excep' an iron cannan, but het lov', they say, sune qweels.

Aboot aucht o' clock A made for the stashun on th' aff chanse o' catchin' the flauchty snail's tube. At the de-pot a sweeshin', swirlin' sea o' swayin' humainity were birsin' an' raxin' noo fornent this train an' noo fornent anither. First ye begood tae get yer richt airm in at the kerridge door; five or sax meenits efter, ye stappit yer heid in; syne yer ither airm, an' aboot ten meenits efter, yer richt leg. A feein' markit steer at Mairtamas or the hembest Dyce "subby" is naething till't. A strappin' Jerry, tryin' tae birze his wye in at the wrang door, had his straw-basher shied oot intil a stormy sea o' wavin' hair (naitral an' artefeeshal), rippin' blouses, nanny-goat fuskers, beld pows, knockit-in hats, girnin' weans, an' yalpin' dash-hoon's.

Syne the train startit, an' bein' anither slow ane stoppit at nearly ilka stashun. On a rooral platfoarm deckit wi' lilac, a weelfaur't Jerry was slaverin' a' ower his quean's weety moo i' the last affeckshunat' fareweel, but as there was nae room i' the train he'd tae wait till the neist ane, fan A presoom he did the slaverin' a' ower agin. Railly this lov' bisness mak's baists o' us a'. A' the road in, this canoodlin' scan'le conteenit, the bare-fac'd wye they gang aboot it bein' perfeckly disgustin' tae a staid, puritawnical quacker like

Yours respeckfully
PETER BIRSE, JUNIOR.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Thursday	5½	Undine	Lortzing
Friday	6	Jenufa	Janacek
Saturday	6	Cavall. rustic. Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo
Sunday	5½	Zauberflöte	Mozart
Monday	6	Der fliegende Holländer The flying Dutchman	Wagner
Tuesday	6	D. Entführung a. d. Serail The elopement from the Serail	Mozart

"TIGER PIPS" AT LECHENICH.

LEICESTER PIONEERS POPULAR CONCERT PARTY.

Critics, we feel sure, will not resent the claim of the "Tiger Pips," the popular concert party of the Leicestershire Pioneers, to rank with the best the Midland Division can produce in the way of amateur entertainment. They achieved another distinct success at Lechenich on Monday evening, when they paid another return visit to the delight of the Brigade troops stationed there.

This was all the more creditable for the troupe has parted company with an old friend and backer in Captain H. M. Raleigh, the Adjt. of the Brigade, to whom much of the success in the past has been due. Under the guidance of Lieut. Steljes and Sergt. Higgott, however, the high reputation of the party is not likely to suffer. New "shows" are in course of rehearsal and troops in the Divisional area are promised a full evening's pleasure wherever the "Pips" are billed to appear.

The Two W's.

Many of the old favourites were heard at Lechenich. With "The Two W's" (Ptes Whitbread and Whitehead) in possession of the stage the audience is kept rocking with laughter. The humour is never forced, the witticisms have the merit of being topical — the *Cologne Post* does not escape — while the songs easily catch on, and the audience is induced to share the choruses. Whitbread gets his chance in the absurdity "Handstep" which he shares with Pte. Abbott, and which paved the way for the fall of the curtain, but whether in song or dance he is essentially a funny man of distinct ability. In "The Old Dun Cow" he has a popular number. — His partner Pte. Whitehead has two songs after the liking of his audience in "Bully Beef and Biscuits," and "When I Get my Civvies on Again," numbers which establish him as a favourite apart from his funniosities and cross-talk.

An Attractive Girl.

In different vein we have Cpl. Hammond and L/Cpl. Benjamin in a pretty duet "Come Dance with Me." The first-named is an attractive "girl" in correctness of his make-up and winsome manner. He is a success in all departments. L/Cpl. Benjamin scores a success with "Californian Girl" and "Some Sunday Morning" and dances well. Hammond also joins Pte Abbott in "Toddle Along," an amusing production.

Abbott has another good selection in "The Fact Is." The parody, "We Men Ought to Combine," sung by Sergt. Higgott, Cpl. Hammond, L/Cpl. Benjamin, and Pte. Whitehead savours of "Theodore & Co," with the merit of being topical from a military point of view. Sergt. Higgott specialises in ragtime and is easily a favourite. There was little to choose between "The Dark Town Strutters Ball" and "Every One Loves Their Little Old Home," both of which he sang with his old time skill. Pte. Senior is another valued member of the troupe, and sings "My Devon Girl" and "Morning glories."

Few pianists earn applause for individual effort, but Pte. Butterworth, the Party's accompanist soon established himself and was heartily applauded for his contribution to the evening's pleasure which the "Pips" gave.

WHIST, MUSIC, AND BILLIARDS.

"THREE-STRIPERS" SUCCESSFUL GATHERING.

Distractions there are in Cologne, without doubt: but, far from our Motherland amid foreign, and be it said enemy customs and manners of enjoyment, it comes as a tonic draught of our own sea breezes to pass an evening in the company of a bevy of fair and gracious English women, without using the word English to the detriment of Scots or any other women whose native tongue is English.

The occasion was the second whist drive of No 1 Sergeants Mess of Headquarters Staff, which was graced by the presence of nineteen ladies from the Military Governor's Staff, the Y.M.C.A., and the Church Army.

Alas! for the poor unfortunate scribe, who, arriving at the interval, was condemned to play billiards in such close proximity to the "flirtation" table that it both spoilt his game and marred the conversation.

Fortunately he arrived just in time to hear the delightful singing of Sergt. Howard Fry, R.A.S.C. a gifted artist with a real voice, a common sense temperament and a future, who was sympathetically accompanied by Miss D.J. Clark of the Military Governor's Staff. Felicitations to both artistes.

The Prize-Winners.

As regards the whist drive, the handsome prizes donated by Mrs. Connil were worthily won as follows:—

Ladies:— 1, Lady Mabel Egerton 104 points; 2, Miss Woodroffe. 103; Booby, Miss Stables 78;

Gentlemen:— 1, Corpl. Hindle 109; 2, C.Q.M.S. Hodgson, 104; Booby, S.S.M. Cameron, 174: Seeded prize, Mr. Ladlow, Y.M.C.A.

For the amenities of the evening the Mess Committee—C.S.M. Whittaker, S.-Sgt. Kent, Sgt. Lyons, Sgt. Thompson, and the Mess President S.Q.M.S. George Siddall—were responsible, the universal expression of approbation voicing appreciation of their efforts. George Siddall, when he leaves on Sunday next for an appointment in "Blighty", will carry with him fragrant memories of his last function in Cologne, and will of a certainty often think of the social river trips, picnics, and similar summer arrangements which an enthusiastic mess is projecting—always provided that the ladies will be pleased to accept the invitations which will surely be extended.

"THE GREEN JACKETS."

On Tuesday last the Green Jackets (18th K.R.R.C.) gave the usual weekly concert at the Leave Club. Quite the feature of the evening was a number by Walter Cross entitled "Impressions". A concerted item "Day after Day" by Bob Bayliss, Leslie Overton, Walter Cross, and Leslie Young was loudly applauded. Fred Bannister and William Vernon played the female parts, while William Bateman and Clarence Bennett also contributed to the evening's enjoyment.

"PLUM" WARNER IN BRILLIANT FORM.

AUSTRALIANS' BIG TOTAL PASSED BY MIDDLESEX.

HENDRON SCORES 135.

Pelham Warner and Hendson were in brilliant form at Lord's on Tuesday, when Middlesex ran up a total of 408 against the Australians' 370.

AUSTRALIANS.

C. Kelleway, c Murrell b Haig	2
H. L. Collins, c Mann, b Hendren	127
J. M. Taylor, c Hendren, b Lee	0
A. W. Lampard, run out	17
J. T. Murray, c Lee, b Haig	91
C. E. Pellew, c Hendren, b Haig	3
C. B. Willis, b Hearne	31
J. M. Gregory, b Hendren	13
W. S. Sterling, c Warner, b Lee	57
C. T. Docker, c Martin, b Hendren	0
E. J. Long, not out	14
Extras	15
Total	370

Second Innings—C. Kelleway, not out, 11; H. L. Collins, not out, 6; total (no wicket) 17.

MIDDLESEX.

W. P. Robertson b Lampard	49
Lee H. W., c Long, b Docker	2
Hearne J. W., c Lampard, b Gregory	42
P. F. Warner, retired	101
Hendren E., c Willis, b Lampard	135
F. T. Mann, c Pellew, b Lampard	8
Capt. N. Haig, b Sterling	9
M. H. C. Doll, c Sterling, b Lampard	18
E. Martin, b Lampard	1
S. M. Haslip, c Taylor, b Lampard	9
Murrell, not out	5
Extras	29
Total	408

MIDDLESEX.—First Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Haig	32	11	70	3
Hendren	21	0	98	3
Lee	31	7	72	2
Hearne	27	5	93	1
Haslip	5	1	22	0

Haig bowled 3 wides.

11 WICKETS CAPTURED BY RHODES.

GLOUCESTER v YORKSHIRE.

At Gloucester on Tuesday Yorkshire won their opening match this season by an innings and 63 runs.

Details are as follows:

YORKSHIRE.

Rhodes, c Parker, b Dipper	72		
Holmes, b Parker	12		
Denton, b Parker	1		
Kilner, c White, b Parker	112		
Hirst, c Rowlands, b Dipper	37		
Sutcliffe, c Robinson, b Dipper	11		
Capt. W. E. Blackburne, c Studd, b Ellis	4		
D. C. F. Burton, b Ellis	1		
H. M. Claughton, b Dipper	1		
Dolphin, c Robinson, b Ellis	0		
Smith (E.), not out	5		
Extras	21		
Total	277		

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Lt.-Col. A.K.G. White, st Dolphin, b Rhodes	18	c Dolphin, b Blackburne	0
Dipper, c Hirst, b Rhodes	15	c Hirst, b Blackburne	13
W. H. Rowlands, b Rhodes	31	c Holmes b. Blackburne	6
E.B.T. Studd, c Blackburne, b Rhodes	22	b Blackburne	5
P.F.C. Williams, c Kilner, b Blackburne	17	b Blackburne	9
F.G. Robinson, b Rhodes	0	b Smith	1
F.J. Seabrook, b Blackburne	2	b Rhodes	12
Barrow, b Blackburne	1	c Holmes, b Rhodes	26
Parker, c Claughton, b Rhodes	4	c Denton, b Rhodes	4
Ellis, not out	10	not out	1
Jefiries, st Dolphin b Rhodes	0	st Dolphin, b Rhodes	0
B 4, w 1	5	B 10, l-b 1, w 1	12
Total	125	Total	89

9 WICKETS FOR 22 RUNS.

B. v. D. COY, 2/4 DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGT.

A rather one sided cricket match was played at Erp on Sunday between "B" and "D" Coys 2/4th Duke of Wellington's Regt. The former declared with the score 122 for 7 wickets, while "D" Coys innings closed at 68. The feature of the day was the play of "B" Coy Skipper C.Q.M.S. Stead who played a sound innings of 38 captured 9 wickets for 22 runs, 6 of these being clean bowled.

Individual scores are as follows:—

"B" COY.

Pte. Agar c. Ramsden b. Clayton 0; L/Cpl. Gilliott c. Ramsden b. Clayton 20; C.Q.M.S. Stead c. Clifford b. Wood 38; Lieut. Carrington b. Wood 3; Lieut. Lawes b. Mason 7; Capt. Green b. Wood 44; 2nd Lieut. Robinson c. Capt. Barker b. Wood 5; Sergt. Fielden not out 0; Byes 5; Total (for 7 wickets) 122. Innings declared closed. Sergt. Lee. Cpl. Swinburne Cpl. Earnshaw did not bat.

"D" COY.

Pte. Mason b. Stead 1; Pte. Clifford c. Earnshaw b. Stead 0; C.S.M. Crabtree c. Lee b. Stead 4; Pte. Maries b. Stead 0; 2nd Lieut. Wood b. Stead 15; Pte. Iveson c. Fielden b. Stead 18; Pte. Swallow b. Stead 1; Capt. Barber b. Stead 7; Pte. Hale b. Stead 2; Pte. Ramsden c. Robinson b. Lawes 6; Sergt. Clayton not out 0; Byes 14; Total 68.

BISLEY DAYS RECALLED.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S RIFLESSHOOTING COMPETITION.

The Q.V.Rs. (9th London Regt., Light Division) held a regimental shooting competition at Niedermaussen on Saturday afternoon. Teams of four competed in a mixed programme, and some excellent shooting — reminiscent of pre-war Bisley — resulted. H.Q. Officers team, consisting of Lieut.-Col. Day, Lieut. Hamilton, Lieut. and Q.M. Snelling, and Lieut. Skinner came out first. Of the Company teams, "B" Coy. secured the prize through the steady shooting of C.Q.M.S. Johnson. Sergt. Garrett, Cpl. Bouchard and Lce. Cpl. Aslett.

Scores:

H.Q. Officers	296	C & D Officers	235
"B" Coy	231	"A" Coy. H.Q. Coy.	212
"C" Coy.	207	"D" Coy.	179
A & B Officers	160.		

LABOUR v. GUNNERS.

A football team representing Labour, Army of the Rhine, has been selected and will play 93rd Brigade R.G.A. to-day on 17th Labour Coy's ground, Neue Wipperfurther strasse, Kalk, (No. 1 or 3 tram from the Dom, alight at Vietor strasse.) Kick off 5—30 p.m.

OFFICERS' DANCE AT COLOGNE.

There are prospects of a thoroughly enjoyable evening at the Lindenthal Cricket Pavilion on Saturday, when a dance is announced to commence at 9 p.m. All members of the Officers' Sports Club are invited, and a welcome is extended to all British ladies whether they are members or not.

COLOGNE POST CRICKET CUP.

MATCHES STARTED.

The opening matches in *"The Cologne Post"* Cricket Leagues took place yesterday, but all the fixtures were not decided, owing in some cases to grounds being hardly ready, and in other cases to clubs not getting into touch with each other in time.

It may be pointed out that there is no objection to matches being played on a date other than that published, provided fixtures are not allowed to get into arrear.

HAT TRICK AT HARFF.

LIGHT DIVN. H.Q. SIGS AND D.R's.

This match, played on Sunday on a very indifferent wicket at Harff, ended in a win for the Headquarters. Owing to the state of the wicket many weird things happened, but Pte. Phillips bowled well and Hartley for the losers performed, the "had trick."

HEADQUARTER'S INNINGS:—

Pte. Simonite, run out 1. Pte. Scutt, c Quigley bld. Hartley 17. Pte. Kelland, bld. Sgt. Merriman 7. Rfn. Fisher, bld. Hartley 16. L/Cpl. Foss. bld. Sgt. Merriman 1. Cpl. Hildreth. bld. Hartley 0. L/Cpl. Neville, bld. Hartley 4. Pte. Phillipps, Not out 3. Dvr. Hopkins, c Woods bld. Sgt. Merriman 3. Sgt. Fitzpatrick, c and bld. Sgt. Merriman 3. Rfn. Bush, run out 0. Extras B. 9. Total 64.

SIGNAL AND D.Rs.:—

Cpl. Hall, bld. Phillipps 7. L Cpl. Woods, bld. Phillipps 9. Hartley, c Fitzpatrick, bld. Phillipps 1. Sgt. Merriman, std. Fisher bld. Phillipps 2. Russell, c and bld. Hopkins 6. Cpl. Harrison, not out 14. Cpl. Watts, std. Fisher bld. Phillipps 1. Kaye, c Hildreth bld. Phillipps 5. Hayes, bld. Hopkins 3. Quigley, c Scutt bld. Phillipps 2. Watling, bld. Hopkins 0. Extras B. 1. Total 51.

BOWLING ANALYSIS:—

Simonite, 0 for 11. Phillipps, 7 for 25. Kelland, 0 for 3. Hopkins, 3 for 11.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

WESTERN v. MIDLAND DIV. SIGNALS.

Played at Bruhl on the Divisional H.Q. Ground and resulted in a win for the visitors by 2—1.

Midland quickly asserted themselves and pushed vigorously during the first five minutes. Unfortunately, this effort seemed to tire them and the Western frequently broke through. Goals were saved on many of these occasions by the right back, Dvr. Cooke. Western's splendid forward combination enabled then to score.

Goals were scored by C.Q.M.S. Cheal (2) for Western, and Spr. Jolliffe for Midland.

Teams:

Western:— Dr. France; S. and C.S. Wilson, Dr. Barratt; L/Cpl. Cookson, Sergt. Gibson, L/Cpl. Baker; Dr. Crouch, Barnard, C.Q.M.S. Scheal, Dr. Nathan, Lieut. Holdsworth.

Midland:— Spr. Best, Spr. Wallace, Dr. Cook, Dr. Marlindale, Spr. Anderton, Dr. Barker; Spr. Catchpool, Spr. Jolliffe, L/Cpl. Farley, Dr. Kenyon. Lieut. Gardner.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Miss C. Leitch.

The late Tom Ball, as long ago as 1910, gave Miss Leitch a half over Blundell-sands, and was beaten on the final green.

Rugby Football Union.

The financial statement issued by the Rugby Football Union shows a debit balance on the last five years of £1937 odd.

Five Catches in The Slips.

The Rev. F. H. Gillingham brought off five catches in the slips in the Surrey-Essex match at Kennington Oval on Saturday.

119 Consecutive Cannons.

Falkiner made no fewer than 119 consecutive cannons on Saturday evening in the match of 16,000 up with Newman at Thurston's.

England's Left-Handed Bowlers.

It is a moot point as to who is the best slow left handed bowler England has ever had (says the "Times"). Peate, Peel, Rhodes, and Blythe all have their admirers.

"Goalie" Rescued From Drowning.

In the Cambridge University v. Richmond water-polo match on Saturday the net defended by the Light Blue goalkeeper suddenly fell on him and kept him under water. He was saved from drowning at practically the last moment.

New Yacht Racing.

The committee appointed at the recent annual meeting of the Yacht Racing Association to draft rules for new national yacht-racing classes has made a provisional report in which they declare for restricted as against one-design classes.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

RACING RESULTS.

POOR FIELDS AT YORK AND BATH.

The weather was glorious on Tuesday for the resumed York meeting, when the following results were returned:—

Stamford Handicap:— 1, Laundress (9—2 on); 2, Lothian (10—1); 3, Vania (8—1). Three ran.

Tyro Plate:— 1, Glorette (3—1 on); 2, Ether (6—1); 3, White Poppy (3—1). Five ran.

Craven Handicap:— 1, Trespasser (6—5 on); 2, Berwick (6—1); 3, Holbeach (6—1). Five ran.

Great Northern Handicap:— 1, Dawn of Peace (11—2); 2, Misleading Lady (4—1); (The third is undecipherable). Four ran.

Eglinton Stakes:— 1, Arrogance (3—1); 2, Danceia (2—1 on); 3, Pick your Way (10—1). Four ran.

Melrose Handicap:— 1, The President (5—1); 2, Bidston (5—2); 3, Mt. Lebanon (100—8). Eight ran.

Apprentices Plate:— 1, Planet (10—1 on); 2, Tom's Lass (100—8); 3, Lochar (20—1). Three ran.

BATH MEETING.

In an interesting programme at Bath on Tuesday, the winners were:—

Lansdowne Plate:— 1, Ampanda (evens); 2, Wild Cherry (4—1); 3, Michaelmas Daisy gelding (2—1). Three ran.

Tradesmen's Handicap:— 1, Chaplain (5—4); 2, Landorf (5—1); 3, By Gosh (6—1). Eight ran.

Doddington Handicap:— 1, Court Bleddyn (6—4); 2, Chattor (6—4); 3, Jap Pool (2—1). Five ran.

Badminton Plate:— 1, Spring of Orange (2—1); 2, Charlie's Smile (11—8 on); Polyla (100—8). Five ran.

Beaufort Handicap:— 1, Little Vic (9—2); 2, Fussy (9—4); 3, Duke Mavis (6—1). Eleven ran.

Durham Plate:— Princess Moriskia walked over.

JOCKEY SUSPENDED.

After the Tradesmen's Mid-Weight Handicap the Stewards called upon W. Dodd, the rider of Landorf, to explain his riding. After hearing his explanation, and that of A. Wheatley, who rode By Gosh! they suspended Dodd for the remainder of the meeting.

LATEST LONDON BETTING.

The Derby: Panther, 11 to 10;
Buchan, 8 to 1;
Grand Parade, 100 to 12;
Milton, 100 to 9;
Paper Money, 100 to 8;
Dominion, 20 to 1.

POLO—WHITNEY CUP TOURNAMENT.

There was heavy scoring in the match at Hurlingham on Tuesday between the Freebooters and the Magpies when the former won by 13—8. It was a tie in the first round of the Whitney Cup Tournament.

At the Roehampton Club in the same tournament the Pilgrims beat the Foxhunters by 4 goals to 3.

SWEEPSTAKES IN ENGLAND.

ENORMOUS SUMS SUBSCRIBED FOR STOCK EXCHANGE.

Derby sweepstakes in England and elsewhere appear to be evoking no less degree of public interest than those being organised among the members of the Rhine Army. A *Reuter* telegram states that the colossal proportions of the Calcutta sweepstake is causing the promoters some anxiety, and it is likely that steps will be taken to ensure that this year's stakes will be smaller than hitherto.

As is customary, the Stock Exchange is taking a lead in the organisation of sweeps and this year, three distinct ones have been arranged. Two of them already total 5,000 sterling and the members of the third have subscribed nearly 3,000 pounds. Of the first of these, ten per cent. of the proceeds will be devoted to St. Dunstans, and of the second, ten per cent will be given to the Star and Garter.

Since no limit has been placed upon the number of shares purchaseable, it is anticipated that the Royal Automobile Club will collect no less than 5,000 pounds.

NEW HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMPION.

GODDARD BEATS JACK CURPHEY IN TENTH ROUND.

The fight for the Heavy-weight Championship of Great Britain, at the National Sporting Club between Frank Goddard, the ex-Life Guardsman, and Jack Curphey, of Salford, resulted in a victory for Goddard, who beat Curphey in the tenth round. The latter's skill was no use against the strength of Goddard.

124 v. 226 SIEGE BATTERY, R.G.A.

A Cricket match was played at Kalk on Saturday between 124 S.B., R.G.A. and 226 S.B., R.G.A., the result being a sweeping victory for the former. The following are the details:—

226 S. Battery R.G.A.

Gnr. Newton c. Newton b. Weight 10; Cpl. Awdray b. Weigh 16; Gnr. Walker b. Barker 9; 2/Lieut. Matthews b. Barker 0; BSM Ford c. Hunt b. Gadd 24; Gnr. Schofield l.b.w. b. Gadd 24; Bdr. Powell b. Weight 0; Bdr. Hayward b. Ruffhead 12; Gnr. Sea Ville c. Barker, b. Ruffhead 3; Gnr. Warr not out 12; Gnr. Hall c. Hunt b. Gadd 1; Extras 16; Total 109. Bowling Analysis: — Barker 3 for 26; Godd 2 for 5; Weight 3 for 26; Ruffhead 2 for 23.

124 S. Battery R.G.A.

Gnr. Andrews not out 34; Gnr. Rhoden b. Hall 1; Cpl. Wilson b. Powell b. Hayward 20; Gnr. Weight b. Warr 40; Bdr. Ruffhead b. Warr 18; Sergt. Barker, Gnr. Walker; Cpl. Runkin, Sig. Hunt Bdr. Derham and Gnr. Gadd did not bat; Extras 9; Total (for 4 wickets) 122.

INTERESTING EVENTS AT RAUSCHENDORF.

"B" COY., 51st MANCHESTERS' SPORTS.

These sports, which took place on Saturday at Rauschendorf, proved very successful and some good running was witnessed in nearly all the events, Lieut. Learson doing exceptionally well in both the sprints and longer distance races.

There was a fine finish in the 100 yards final, Sgt. Maxwell just getting home 6 inches to the good of Lieut. Learson.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Thursday, May 29, 1919.

Wind Northerly 5—10 miles per hour. Weather continuing fair, hazy and rather cool. Indifferent visibility.

DERBY OWNERS.

MANY NEWCOMERS FOR THE EPSOM RACE.

The Epsom classic in days gone by was almost farmed by certain notable stables patronised by peer or time-installed commoner, but not one of the hardy Epsom annuals is likely to be represented with a winning chance in the great classic when we return to the downs next week after four substitute events at Newmarket (Says "The Scout" in the "*Daily Express*."

In the very unlikely event of Lord Derby running Glaciale or Lady James Douglas sending Bayuda and of Sir Edward Hulton bobbing up with Avatar, we will find a Derby of many newcomers. In fact, not one of the most likely owners has ever won a Derby before, and the majority have never been represented in the Epsom race. The death of Mr. "Fairie" Cox and the automatic barring of Manilardo put the last nail in the coffin of precedent.

Landmarks Unrepresented.

The King, Lord Rosebery, the Duke of Westminster, Lord Falmouth, the Duke of Portland, Mr. Bower Ismay, Mr. Raphael, Colonel Hall Walker, Sir John Thursby, the brothers Joel—here are just a few "landmarks" that will not be represented. Against these we will focus attention on The Panther's Grimsby owner, Major Astor—the owner of Buchan and Lord Basil and a more lavish patron of Manton than in pre-war days—Lord Glanely, who has aspired to classics ever since his plating days as Mr. Tatem, and is likely to take a double chauce with Grand Parade and Dominion, Messrs. Clark and Robinson (Stefan the Great), Sir Walter Gilbey, who seems prepared to stake the Pantheon on Paper Money being placed, Lady Torrington (All Alone), Mr. J. A. de Rothschild (Loamer), Mr. C. T. Garland (Milton), and Sir William Nelson (Tangier).

All Alone's Chance.

For a few strides in the course of the race at Gatwick All Alone seemed to flag, but he soon recovered his stride, and for some distance from home the result was never in doubt. Easily as he won here it is impossible to believe that the son of Royal Realm and Canidia can have any sort of chance at Epsom (says *The Times*.) though his owner has made an effort to claim the services of Donoghue, who is, however, engaged to ride Paper Money for Sir Walter Gilbey.

Lord Basil And Buchan.

I am informed that Major Astor has decided to run Lord Basil for the Derby in addition to Buchan (writes "Hotspur" in the "Daily Telegraph.") This plan may, of course, undergo a change, but it would appear at the moment as if the owner of these horses is still in doubt as to which is the better on a racecourse. Should Lord Basil run he will be ridden by Childs. The scratching of Stefan the Great is, I believe, solely due to the hard ground and the disinclination of owner and trainer to go on with him in these circumstances. At Newmarket last week his owner, Mr. Lionel Robinson, told me that the horse had done very well, but he is one that it might be dangerous to risk on ground as it is at present. The decision to scratch him was arrived at during the week-end. I much regret his exit from any cause whatever. For a time not long ago he was actually first favourite for the Derby. That was after The Panther's defeat in a trial.

With regard to the candidature of Grand Parade, I understand on the best possible authority that he is considered to be only a few pounds behind He. Is that good enough to win the Derby? Paper Money, it will be recalled, was 20lb and half a length behind He (as demonstrated on a racecourse), in spite of which Sir Walter Gilbey still fancies his horse. Obviously, if Grand Parade's trial can be relied on, he must have an undeniable chance at Epsom, but I think if Manser were asked as to how The Panther would fare with He at this juncture that he would have faith in his horse's ability to beat him at level weights. Lord Derby is to be represented in the Derby by Makepeace. There was a nice fall of rain at Newmarket on Monday, and the Limekilns was only open for galloping.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

DERBY SWEEP.

The B.E.L.C. sweep has proved enormously successful, long queues of would-be winners crowding to the club to chance their luck. Entries will close with the last post on Saturday. The draw will take place on Monday next and the names of those who draw horses will appear in *The Cologne Post* on Tuesday next.

EDUCATIONISTS v COOKS.

SUMMER WEATHER FOOTBALL.

The cooks and the Education Staff of the 51st Gordon Highlanders, after playing a drawn match the previous week, met in a return game at Duren on Monday night. The encounter, if not particularey exciting, was interesting. Play was fairly well divided during the first period. The Education forwards moved with rather more method than the opposing quintette, but there was a tendency of the inside men to play themselves offside. Henderson made ground often on the right but finished rather poorly. Anderson strove to steady the van of the Cooks but Carmichael was rarely troubled although once he should have been, when Munro got past the backs but failed to clinch a grand opportunity. Riddell had a creditable try for the teachers from good range and after good work by Fairweather for the same side, Davidson scored, the first goal. Russell and Chapman pulled well together at times, but although both had frequent runs they could make little or nothing of the teacher's defence, in which Taylor was most outstanding.

The Cooks made an excellent start on resuming. A free kick granted for a foul against Taylor was only partially cleared by Carmichael, and Munro, seizing the opportunity this time, equalised. The exchanges were equal for a time but the teachers gradually asserted their superiority and Petrie twice cleverly mastered the defence and Scored a couple of goals. Best for the teachers were Taylor, Riddell, Fairweather, Petrie and Henderson and for the cooks Hogg, Faichnie, Anderson, Russell and Chapman.

Final:— Education Staff 3; Cooks 1.

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BLINDED SOLDIERS' TRAINING.

ST. DUNSTAN'S FINE RECORD.

The demand on the resources of St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors is heavier than it has been at any other time, and the work goes on at full pressure. Sir Arthur Pearson, who established the institution in March, 1915, states in his fourth annual report that to St. Dunstan's have come very nearly all of our men who lost their sight in the war, practically all of the men from the Overseas forces, and a small number of French and Belgian soldiers. The total of 1,483 comprises seventy-five officers, 249 non-commissioned officers, and 1,159 privates. Of these 690 have completed their re-education as blind men, and already have been established in the business they have mastered, and 740 are still making their brave fight against difficulties in the class-rooms and workshops. The remainder, representing under four per cent. of those men who have lost their sight in the war, were, for reasons connected with ineradicably bad habits or seriously impaired mental or physical health, incapable of making good in the world.

Unfortunately, there are a great number of men who have lost one eye or whose sight has been in some way affected, and for whom the training given at St. Dunstan's will sooner or later become necessary. That is a tragic fact (says the report). There are various degrees of blindness. About two-thirds of the men who have come to St. Dunstan's are totally blind; of the remaining third the majority are merely aware of the difference of the darkness of night and the light of day, some have a glimmer of sight, and a small number are still able to see in a way that is partially useful.

Occupations in which the blinded man can hope to excel are limited. At St. Dunstan's men are trained for eight definite openings: (1) Massage. (2) Office work, including shorthand and typewriting. (3) telephone operating. (4) Basket making. (5) Mat making. (6) Cobbling. (7) Joinery. (8) Poultry farming.

Among the men who entered at St. Dunstan's 448 were married before they lost their sight and 227 were married while they were learning to be blind, or shortly after they had mastered the lesson, "and often it has happened that they have found a partner from among the devoted women who in some way or other were helping them in their re-education." The Blinded Soldiers' Children Fund, which is designed to pay a weekly allowance up to the age of sixteen for every child born to a blinded soldier after his discharge, and therefore not coming within the Government pension scheme, has progressed very favourably, and allowances are now being made every week on account of children.

"THOSE SHORT STORIES."

"Gippa" was frantic, walking about sometimes in a trance and at other times in a state of marked excitement. Members of the Mess thought him "petty," and seriously tapped their heads in a knowing fashion as though to confirm their thoughts. Only the more intimate friends of Gippa knew what was wrong. Had he not on the 20th May read in *The Cologne Post* of a competition for those aspiring to literary fame? Was he not on the Battalion Education staff and able to write freely and forcibly? Had he not at various time written paragraphs for his local paper, and better still, supplied paragraphs for *The Cologne Post*, which is read by every soldier on the Rhine? Surely then he would be able to write a short story and compete for those 250 Marks.

All day long he would quote to himself catchy phrases which he had read and for which he had searched through innumerable books and magazines, but the fear of legal proceedings for stealing other authors' ideas made him realise that he would have to develop a phrase of his own to give his story a dramatic start.

From actual experience he had seen nothing about which to write a story, though he did remember once hearing two inebriated soldiers in hot conversation when one of them remarked "I always thought you were a pal of mine but now you've knocked my head against the wall, you're not." But that would have to be a humorous story, and he did not feel confident enough to muster humour for a short story.

However, "Gippa" has now cooled down, and whether he will reap the reward of his frantic efforts remains to be seen when the results are published on 15th June.

Still, we wish him luck. D.J.B.

NOT THE BRITISH WAY.

"You extorted a confession from this boy by a threat," said a solicitor to a young police officer who gave evidence in Grimsby Children's Court yesterday against three boys, the eldest 10, who were charged with office breaking.

"Did you not put fear into his heart by showing him the cells and telling him that was where you would put him if he did not make a confession?"

"I showed him the cells to get at the truth," said the policeman.

The Bench dismissed the case.

BEER HOARDING.

LONDON WORKERS' PROTEST.

The shortage of beer at home is causing discontent among the workers.

Workers' delegates from Hackney, Wood Green, Tottenham, Stamford Hill, Stoke Newington, Clapton, Kingsland, and Edmonton met on Saturday at Clapton to protest against the shortage of beer, and to consider what steps should be taken to compel publicans who were known to have beer in their cellars to deal alike with all classes. Several members of Labour clubs suggested that each consumer should help himself to what he required and tender legal payment for it.

Mr. Walter Morgan, who presided, said the workers were not high-handed, and respected the law, but the publicans who hoarded beer for special customers and denied it to the working man were acting wrongly. The brewers were just as bad as the publicans. The higher the price of beer the more self-important became the man behind the bar. (Laughter.) The barmaid followed suit. (Laughter.) The charge of 4d. for a pint of ale, or what was called ale, was preposterous and left a profit to the brewer and publican of 400 per cent, to "wangle" between them.

There was little excuse now for the shortage, for 6,000,000 barrels additional were to be brewed, but the price of 4d. a pint should come down. As the matter would come before Parliament early next week he hoped the local members would be there.

Mr. D. Talmage said the workers should not vote for any candidate who did not pledge himself to reduce the price of beer.

On Friday in the House of Commons Mr. Roberts, the Food Controller, said it had been decided to increase the barrelage from 20,000,000 to 26,000,000 standard barrels, which at the present gravity of 1040 would give approximately 35,000,000 bulk barrels.

The Manchester Liberal Federation on Saturday defeated by an overwhelming majority a resolution in favour of the State assuming control of the manufacture and supply of intoxicating liquors.

IN FRANCE AND FLANDERS.

WORK OF TRACING SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

The number of soldiers' graves now identified and registered in France and Belgium is 373,351. The number of other burials reported is 154,821. In many of these cases the burials took place under such conditions that subsequently the graves were never found, and in others all markings have been destroyed by shell fire. During the last month, however, 2,125 such graves have been identified and registered, and it is hoped that a considerable number more will be traced.

The staff of photographers was greatly reduced by demobilization, and, on this account as well as owing to the shortage of motor-cars, the work of photography has been much hampered. Steps are being taken to obtain the services of additional photographers, but some considerable time must necessarily elapse before all requests for photographs can be met.

In the forward areas the concentration of isolated graves is in progress, and while this work is being done it is necessary to close the localities. The work has also been hindered by difficulties arising from demobilization, and from the lack of transport, but special steps have been taken to provide the necessary requirements so that more rapid progress may be made.

The present situation does not permit of a general permission being given to visit graves. Hitherto permits have been given only in very special cases, as, for instance, when relatives are returning to Australia or Canada. The difficulties of travelling in France and Belgium are very great, and there is little accommodation for travellers.

MR. SPEAKER'S CURE.

Bath is having the biggest season of its history. Twice within the present month the Hot Mineral Baths Committee of the corporation have had to report to the council that the week has exceeded all previous weeks, either before the war or during the enforced war-time rush to the home spas.

The young people are coming with the invalids, and a record number of patients have undergone the cure, with the result that the actual amount of the financial takings at the Baths office has proved a record.

On a recent Sunday there was in the same queue the Speaker of the House of Commons, a Roman Catholic priest or two, clerics of the Church of England, and officers and men of all sections of the forces.

There is a "desirable" house at Kensington, "five minutes from High-street Station," to be let at a rent of £50 a week, or if taken for two weeks at a rent of £75. "The week" for which the house will be available is the official Peace Week—when it comes.

IN DEFENCE OF HER HONOUR.

PRIEST'S STATEMENT AT THE FUNERAL OF MURDERED SCHOOL TEACHER.

The funeral of Miss Jane Shannon, the murdered school teacher, of Waltham Cross, took place on Saturday morning. There was a Requiem Mass at St. Joseph's Church, where Miss Shannon was formerly organist. The service was conducted by Father Bronsgeest, Father Browne, and Father Dunford.

In his address to the congregation Father Browne said their departed sister had throughout her life given honour to her faith. If she had chosen to compromise her honour she would have been alive to-day. If a young girl came to him and said she was offered the unlawful attentions of a man who threatened to murder her unless she yielded to him, what was she to do? He would reply without hesitation: "If by the grace of God there is no other choice be or you, then die."

The interment was in Enfield Highway Cemetery, and a vast concourse of people lined the route from Waltham Cross. The children whom Miss Shannon taught at St. Joseph's School took part in the procession.

IRISH AIR SERVICE.

BELFAST TO FOLKESTONE IN SIX HOURS.

The Belfast to Folkestone experimental commercial air service route was again successfully tested on Saturday by Mr. Clifford B. Prodger, who flew a giant 1,600-h.p. (four Rolls-Royce engines) Handley Page Atlantic type aeroplane, making a non-stop flight of nearly 520 miles in a little over six hours. The machine, which is intended for Continental mail and passenger traffic, is of the same type as those used for the cross-Atlantic flight.

The machine left the aerodrome at Belfast at 5.45 a.m., landing at Hawkinge Aerodrome, Folkestone, at noon. It carried five passengers and their luggage, and during the voyage the mechanics in charge slept in turn, comfortable accommodation being provided in the engine-room. At a height of 5,000ft, a straight course was steered for Carlisle, which was crossed at the same altitude. The course was then altered south by east for London, which was crossed at 11.10. Breakfast, consisting of hot cocoa and sandwiches, was served between Carlisle and Harrogate.

Although at times the speed was over 100 miles per hour, the main part of the journey was carried out with the motors throttled down to cruising speed, and the speed averaged nearly 90 miles per hour over the whole journey. A machine is being prepared for Mr. Prodger for the cross-Atlantic flight, and if this can be completed in time an entry may be expected from him within the course of the next few days.

DOWN UNDER.

NEW ZEALAND'S MEMORIAL OF THE WAR.

The Anglican Church authorities in the diocese of Wellington, New Zealand, propose to build a cathedral as a memorial to the New Zealanders fallen in the war. It is proposed to erect, in connection with the cathedral, a military chapel, dedicated to St. George, which will contain the colours of the Allies and regimental flags. Its great windows will symbolize all the Allied nations who have fought in the war.

The walls of the chapel will be panelled in white marble tablets, on which the names of all New Zealand soldiers, sailors, doctors, and nurses who have fallen in the war (irrespective of creed or denomination) will be inscribed in letters of gold.

There are some 17,000 from New Zealand who have lost their lives in the war, and it is felt that thousands in Great Britain who have relatives and friends in New Zealand, will count it a privilege to take part in the building of the chapel. Subscriptions may be paid into the Military Chapel account at the Bank of New Zealand, Queen Victoria-street, London.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hall, of Groombridge, Sussex, who have celebrated their golden wedding, were married in the church in which they were both christened, and have lived in the parish all their lives. They had six sons, four daughters, and 22 grandchildren. Five of the sons served in the war, two being killed.

THE S.A. INSTITUTE AT SOLINGEN.

The Salvation Army Band was again "out" on Sunday, arrangements having been made for the Band to take part in the evening service at the S.A. institute at Solingen. This building was previously a magnificent casino, and the spacious concert hall proved an ideal room for such an occasion.

Prior to the service, which was conducted by Staff-Captain Hinsh (the Officer in charge of S.A. work with the Army of the Rhine) the band played for half an hour, the items rendered including "New Zealand" "Rock," and "Silver Spreads." Captain (Miss) Peat also favoured with a pianoforte solo. In the service, the selections "Redemption" and "Jerusalem my Happy Home" were given as well as vocal items by the Quartette Party, and Captain Peat and Miss Haines. The excellent address of Staff-Captain Hinsh was much appreciated by the large crowd of men who had gathered for the service.

The kindness of the military authorities in placing the necessary transport at the disposal of the band was greatly appreciated.

Captain Mrs. Johnson and the Officers in charge of the Institute at Solingen are kept constantly busy serving the many "Jocks" who make each day a "bee-line" for the casino.

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Y.M.C.A. READING CIRCLE EUSKIRCHEN.

On Monday evening, the 26th, a small but appreciative audience listened to the Rev. J. D. Carnegie, who set the ball rolling with the first of a series of discussions and papers by the Reading Circle.

His topic, as a fitting "send off," was "What shall I read?" and was treated in a thoroughly intellectual and masterly manner, evoking quite an animated discussion.

Following up this excellent start, the Rev. A. Mansfields, M.A. took for his subject last evening, Shakespeare's "As you like it"; which was highly appreciated by all present. On Monday, June 2nd, Mr. Hornung (the author of "Raffles,") who is entertaining the troops in Cologne with intellectual talks on authors and books, is to give an evening in the Large Hall.

Already the Circle shows great promise of developing a lofty standard, the programme including papers on Sir Walter Scott, Charles Lamb, H.G. Wells, and George Eliot, in addition to prunings and cuttings from other authors.

J.K.D.

"LAUGHING GAS."

TWO DEATHS WHILST UNDER ANAESTHETICS AT LONDON HOSPITALS.

The death of a man whilst undergoing an operation at the London Hospital was inquired into on Saturday. It was stated that Julius Robinson, 28, a cabinetmaker, of Wentworth Buildings, Aldgate, went to the hospital to have an operation performed for the removal of an abscess on the jaw.

The surgeon who performed the operation said that it only lasted a minute, and immediately afterwards the patient ceased to breathe. Artificial respiration was resorted to, and strychnine and oxygen administered, but without result.

The Coroner said the anaesthetic used was nitrous oxide, commonly known as "laughing gas," which dentists used to administer without even the assistance of a doctor. He did not think he had ever had a case of death while under the influence of laughing gas before. A verdict of "Death from misadventure" was recorded.

The City Coroner held an inquiry into the death of Hilda May Laggat, aged 17, of Queen's Head-passage, Newgate-street, who also died whilst under an anaesthetic in St. Bartholomew's Hospital. She was given a mixture of alcohol, chloroform, and ether. When the surgeon was proceeding to operate the patient showed signs of failing. The usual remedies were applied, but without success. Dr. Spilsbury said the anaesthetic used was quite appropriate, and the Jury returned a verdict of "Death from misadventure."

HER DADDY.

"Who can give the name of a great man who fought in the war?" was a question put by the vicar of Chertsey to the infants in Empire Day examinations. "My Daddy," came the prompt reply from a smart five-year-old!

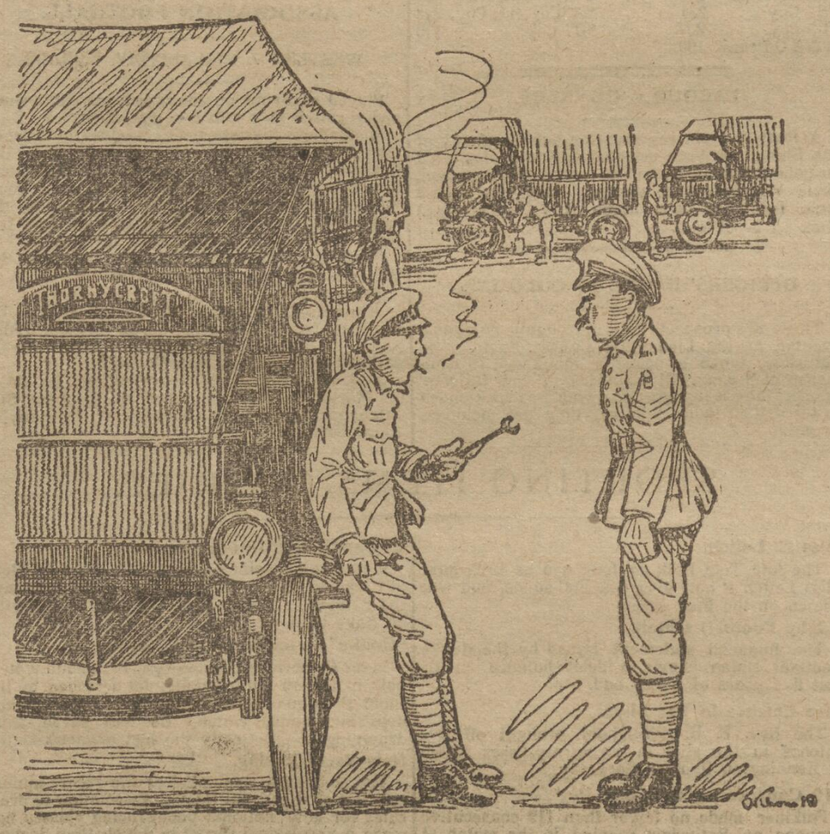

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HEAVY BOLSHEVIST DEFEATS IN SOUTH RUSSIA.

REGIMENTS ANNIHILATED.

The War Office states that in South Russia a volunteer army has completely defeated the Bolshevists in the Manich area. The booty included 3,500 prisoners, 1,500 rifles, 13 guns and over 50 machine guns.

On the 10th May two entire Bolshevist Regiments surrendered. The Tenth Bolshevist Army has been heavily defeated along the whole front, losing about 10,000 prisoners, twenty-eight guns and over 120 machine guns. General Shkurro has destroyed two Communist Regiments at West Rodakova.

In the Donetz basin, after heavy fighting, the volunteers have been driven from the Makyenski salient, and the Bolshevists have now captured pratically the whole of the Donetz basin. — *Reuter.*

Reuter learns from Omsk that Siberian troops are storming Orenburg. In the Kazan direction their offensive is developing along the river Viatka one hundred miles from Kazan.

GENERAL MAYNARD'S NARROW ESCAPE.

TRAIN DERAILED.

Kem, North Russia. 27th. May. — The inhabitants of the Shunga district, in the peninsula South East of Petrozavodsk, have risen against the Bolshevists, killed the commissaries and dispersed the bands of Red Guards.

General Maynard's train, while proceeding southwards from Kem, had a narrow escape this morning near Maesarga. Nine coaches in the rear of the train were derailed, but no serious injuries are reported. — *Reuter.*

IMPENDING CAPTURE OF PETROGRAD.

BOLSHEVISTS PREPARE TO LEAVE.

A manifesto has been addressed to the people of Petrograd assuring them that General Yudenitch is coming as their liberator from the tyranny of the Bolshevists, that a constituent assembly will be summoned and that there is no intention of re-establishing a monarchial regime.

Pskoff, the most important strategic point on the Esthonian front, was captured by the Esthonians on Monday. The Bolsheviks have lost their most important base for the Western front and a formidable barrier on the road to Petrograd from the South West.

Trotsky, who is in command of the defence of Petrograd, has brought strong reinforcements from Moscow to meet the advance of the Northern Corps along the Narva railway. Nevertheless the advance continues and the Reds are suffering defeat after defeat. Fugitives from Peterhoff state that the Bolshevists at Petrograd have placed hundreds of machine guns on the churches, the former Winter Palace and all public buildings. Every bridge on the Neva is mined. Throughout Sunday big explosions went on at Kronstadt and in the Petershoff region.

As British warships were not in action it is thought that Bolshevists were blowing up their magazines in readiness for flight.—*Bruis s wireless*

Copenhagen. The Bolshevists offered a tenacious resistance in the fighting preceding the fall of Pskoff. Forty machine guns were captured.

The town of Pskoff is the junction of five railways and is the strategical backbone of the Bolshevist campaign against Esthonia. Its capture indicates that a decisive stage has been reached.—*Reuter.*

VOLCANO DESTROYS 16,000 LIVES

Amsterdam. Telegrams from the Dutch East Indies report a violent eruption of the volcano Kloet, on the island of Java. Over a score of villages were wiped out and the number of the dead is estimated at sixteen thousand.—*Reuter.*

Java is one of the most volcanic regions in the world, there being at least forty active volcanoes. In 1883 there was a terrific series of eruptions, beginning with the frightful explosion of Krakatoa, in the Straits of Sunda, between Java and Sumatra. Krakatoa literally burst open, casting up inconceivable quantities of lava, rock, and débris. The whole air for fifty square miles was darkened, and new volcanoes appeared; the lighthouses in the straits were wrecked, a huge tidal wave destroyed villages, and about 40,000 lives were lost. The dust from Krakatoa was carried right round the world, and caused extraordinary sunset effects as far away as London.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

Notice was given in last night's "*London Gazette*" that the King's birthday will be celebrated in London and at all stations, both at home and abroad, on Tuesday, June 3 next.

THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN.

DESERTERS COMING IN.

The India Office states that the following further information has been received from the Government of India:

Up to May 24 the general situation remained unchanged and the tribal attitude good. From Chitral it was reported that some Afghans were holding a position five miles above Arnawai (forty miles south of Chitral, on Kunar River). A small Afghan force is still in Gandao (in Mohmand country). Our patrols on the Mohmand border were fired on, and our aeroplanes in this area were fired on by small Afghan guns.

A reliable report stated that no Afghan troops had left Kandahar up to May 21.

On May 25 the Mohmands are reported to be behaving correctly, and the Afridis to be in a submissive mood. The latter are surrendering rifles taken away by deserters from the Khyber Rifles. The Afridis are reported to have looted a large number of rifles and artillery ammunition from Jelallabad when it was deserted after our air raid.

In the Kurram Valley a party of Militia has been fired on by an Afghan picket. The Militia returned the fire, killing three of the picket.

UNIQUE CAVALRY CHARGE.

The cavalry charge at Dakka was unique in the annals of frontier warfare. The Afghans attempted the same tactics as when the 21s Lancers charged at Shabkadar. Some ran. The horsemen descended on them, but large numbers stood their ground, kneeling to fire, while others fired standing. The shooting, however, was wild and erratic. Nor did the Afghans form any kind of line or mass to withstand the charge, but stood in small groups or alone. The result was that our men got in amongst them and did great execution. A feature of Afghan fighting is that, contrary to the customs of the border tribes, the enemy make no attempt to remove the bodies of the dead, with the result that it is far easier to arrive at an estimate of his casualties. The Nawab of Dir has offered the services of his eldest son on the frontier.—*Reuter's special Service.*

AFGHANS AND BOLSHEVISTS.

Simla, 24th May.— Fresh evidence of the Bolshevist sympathies of the present regime in Afghanistan is afforded by a striking wireless message transmitted from Moscow by Bolshevists at Tashkent on the 20th May. It announced the receipt of two letters from Kabul dated 7th May addressed to the "President of Russian Republic." In one of these the Amir declared that Russia, by raising the standard of Bolshevism, had earned the gratitude of the whole world, and offered the "honoured president" of the Russian republic the friendly greetings of his friend Amanulla. In the other letter Mahmud Tari, the Amir's commissary for foreign affairs, expressed his hopes that permanent friendly relations between the Bolshevists and Afghans would now be established.

POLAND AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.

The Council of Four has approved and presented to Poland the draft of a treaty, consequential to the treaty with Germany, for the protection of racial and religious minorities. The preamble recites that Poland, desiring to promote the principles of liberty and justice and to give guarantee to all inhabitants over whom she is assuming authority, recognises that the protection of minorities is an obligation of international concern over which the League of Nations has jurisdiction. Of her own free will she agrees that all bona fide inhabitants of the State of Poland shall become citizens of Poland and guarantees to all of them full protection of life and liberty without distinction of birth, race, nationality, language or religion. The Treaty provides that there shall be no discrimination in such matters as public employment or exercise of functions, distribution of honours or freedom in professions and industries, that all racial religions and linguistic minorities shall if they so desire possess and control their own schools, charitable institutions and the like and freely practise their religion and use their own language. No special privileges are granted by the Treaty to any minority but to each the fullest protection is afforded. Thus one of the Articles designed to protect the political rights of Jews provides that no elections shall be held on the Jewish sabbath or on any religious feast day of the Jews and full protection is guaranteed for Jewish schools and the use of the Yiddish language.

The same applies also to Ruthenians, the establishment of an official Polish language notwithstanding.

It is further proposed that provisions safeguarding the rights of racial, religious and linguistic minorities shall be specially placed under the protection of the League of Nations and that the consent of the Council of the League of Nations shall be required for any modification.

Similar treaties will be presented later on to Czecho-Slovakia, Yugo-Slavia and Rumania but these treaties will be consequential to the Peace Treaty with Austria.

EAST HAM FOUR FOLD MURDER.

TRIAL AND VERDICT.

The trial of Henry Perry, alias Beckett, 37, for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Cornish and their two daughters, Alice and Marie, opened on Tuesday, before Mr. Justice Darling, at the Old Bailey. Prisoner, previously described as a soldier, was now entered in the calendar as a slater. Perry was defended by Mr. H.C. Fox-Davies.

Mr. Percival Clarke, in opening, said he was able to reconstruct the crime largely from the long statement made by the prisoner himself. He was a slight connection of the Cornish family, and he went to their home at 13, Shakely-road, and was welcomed as a friend, and stayed there a fortnight. On April 28 he went there whilst Mrs. Cornish was alone in the house, and he himself had described what happened. "She gave me one or two rough words. I lost my temper, and knocked her down with the kitchen poker." Counsel described how Perry then carried her insensible body to a shed at the bottom of the garden, there killed her with a blow from a pick-axe, and afterwards, to make certain she was dead, fetched a carving fork from the kitchen and plunged it into her throat. Afterwards he waited in the house for the two girls to come home from school, Alice, aged 14 and Marie, aged 6. He killed them, and cast them into the cellar. Mr. Cornish came home later, and while he was getting his supper prisoner struck him on the head with the axe also, but he got away, though he afterwards died in hospital. Prisoner then became frightened and ran away.

WAR'S AFTER EFFECTS.

Before he went he took some money from the house and a wedding-ring from Mrs. Cornish's finger, which he had previously cut off. He was captured after a hue and cry some days later in East Ham, wearing two military decorations to which counsel did not know whether he was entitled or not. He had been a prisoner in the hands of the Turks, and when the British advanced on Constantinople he was handed over to our authorities. "The war has done great good for some persons," said counsel, "it has taught them discipline, and made honest and honourable men of people who started badly. But the brutalities of war may have made more vicious a person who was vicious before." With regard to prisoner's antecedents they were not concerned. If it was urged there was no motive for the murder and that he was insane, counsel suggested that his motive was robbery, and robbery only.

Inspector Neil agreed that confessions were not always true, and said where they were not as a rule the person was found to be insane. No one but a man who knew all about the crime could have given the details that Perry had given.

LUNACY EXPERT'S OPINION.

Mr. Fox-Davies, for the defence, called expert medical evidence to prove that prisoner was insane at the time he committed the crime.

Sir Robert Armstrong Jones, consulting physician on mental diseases to the military forces, said he had two interviews with prisoner at Brixton Prison. He found him detached in manner, sullen, and morose, and did not think he realised his position. The only time he showed emotion was in describing his dreams in which he committed horrible deeds in the presence of his mother. In relating these he wept bitterly. He said he had no knowledge of his act for two days after it happened, and that he was "put up to it" by voices. He was of opinion that prisoner was irresponsible and insane, a congenitally unstable person, suffering from aural hallucinations, which were dominating, tyrannical, relentless. He did not think him capable of appreciating the nature of his act.

While Mr. Percival Clarke was making his final address to the jury, and referring to Perry taking the ring off Mrs. Cornish's finger, the prisoner, who had sat quietly during the trial, interrupted with the words: "It is false."

The jury, after an absence of ten minutes, returned a verdict of guilty.

Asked if he had anything to say, prisoner shook his head.

Mr. Justice Darling, in pronouncing sentence of death, said he had never heard a case tried in which the circumstances of the crime were more horrible.

Prisoner received the sentence calmly.

AN APOLOGY.

In our issue of the 16th May we reported a double tragedy at Lambeth in which a professional wrestler named Channels had committed suicide. The report added: "Channels, it is stated, won the world's light-weight wrestling championship in 1909 under his professional name of Relwysko."

This statement, which was telegraphed to us from England, was untrue and although we corrected the error in our next issue, we desire further to make the correction more widely known. We tender our apologies to Mr. Relwysko, with our sincere regrets that we wrongfully coupled his name with such a distressing case.

Mr. Relwysko, the champion wrestler, is, we are glad to learn, alive and well.

LLOYD GEORGE TO VISIT AMERICA.

Mr. Lloyd George is understood to be favourably considering a proposal which has been made by the American delegation in Paris that he should visit America in October in order to attend the first meeting of the League of Nations at Washington. It is thought that the whole trip could be carried out within three weeks.

Captain Dunn, the pilot of the Tarrant triplane which crashed on Monday last, succumbed to his injuries in the Cambridge hospital, Aldershot, yesterday.

DISCHARGED AND RE-ARRESTED.

CURIOUS CASE.

The action of a military escort in detaining a soldier after he had been acquitted on a charge of being a deserter was severely criticised by Mr. Biron at the Marylebone Police court. The soldier, Oliver Blake, of the R.A.S.C., was before the Court on Monday on the charge of desertion, and in view of the fact that he was in possession of demobilization papers the magistrate discharged him. Lieutenant J.E. Mirano, of the 793rd Horse Transport Company, R.A.S.C., now attended the court and asked that the man should again be brought before the magistrate as a deserter, mentioning that since his discharge the previous day he had been detained by the escort and taken back to barracks.

The magistrate remarked that, in fact, he was re-arrested after being discharged. It was very unsatisfactory, and in his view unjustified. The whole object in bringing the man before the civil court was to obtain the decision of the Court, and when that was given it was ignored.

The lieutenant pointed out that an Army Order allowed that.

"Not when the man has been discharged," said the magistrate, "otherwise what is the good of bringing him before the Court at all? Most unsatisfactory! I cannot help the man being charged again, but I do not see much object in charging him if the decision of the Court is to be disregarded."

The soldier having again been placed in the dock, Lieutenant Mirans said he illegally absented himself from Douai in France on Dec. 30 last, and was sent home in error from France after being in hospital. He had therefore been arrested on the instructions of the Major-General Director of Personal Service, Woolwich Dockyard, and witness asked that he should be handed over to the military to be sent to Southampton for trial by court-martial.

In the end the magistrate said he was not satisfied that the man was a deserter and discharged him again, adding, "It does not seem to matter very much what my decision is: it seems to be disregarded by the sergeant of the escort."

Lieutenant Mirans: It will not be this time.

VICTORY MARCH OF LONDON TROOPS.

MEN ELIGIBLE.

The King has intimated to the Lord Mayor that he has chosen Saturday, July 5. as the date of the Victory march of the City and County of London Territorials. His Majesty has selected a Saturday, so that men who have been demobilized may more easily leave their employment in order to take part in this march, and that the best opportunity may be given for a great welcome by Londoners to their own troops. The hour of parade will be notified later.

Those eligible to take part are officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the specified units who enlisted into, or were appointed to commissions in, and who also served overseas in one of these units.

Men eligible desiring to join the parade should send in their applications immediately. No applications can be received after June 12. They may be addressed to the Organising Officer, Parade of London Troops, Mansion House, E.C. Full details of unit should be given with each application.

THE MURDERED W.A.A.C.

Sergeant-Major Montague Cecil Keith Hepburn, R.E., made another formal appearance before the Bedford County magistrates yesterday on the charge of murdering Nellie Florence Ruby Rault, the young W.A.A.C. stationed at Haynes Park, R.E. Signal Service Depôt, on May 9.

Great interest was taken in the proceedings. Locally, a crowd endeavouring to rush the police in order to gain admittance to the court. The proceedings were adjourned without the hearing of evidence until Friday, by which time the coroner's inquiry will have been concluded. The counsel representing the Director of Public Prosecutions will then open the case against the accused.

THE CASE OF PIVOTAL MEN.

The Ministry of Labour has issued a statement regarding demobilization. It says that most of those eligible for demobilization are now released and the military authorities are doing their best to hasten the release of those temporarily retained.

The Ministry is not prepared to enquire into individual cases except those of men registered as pivotal prior to the 1st February or men who are in the opinion of the Ministry of outstanding industrial importance.

The term "pivotal men" refers only to the limited number registered as pivotal by the Ministry prior to the 1st February and does not apply to men considered as pivotal by the men themselves or by their employers.

Applications for release on compassionate grounds should not be addressed to the Ministry, but must be made in writing to the officer commanding the applicant's unit.

NEW TERRITORIAL COMMANDS.

The following have been appointed to the command of divisions of the new Territorial Force:—

West Riding, Major-General H. Davies; Highland, Major-General Sinclair Maclagan; Wessex, Major-General Sir C. Hull; West Lancashire, Major-General R. Barnes; East Lancashire, Major-General T. Shoubridge; Welsh, Major-General C. Deverell; First London, Major-General C. Pereira; Lowland, Major-General Rober

Sir Marcus Samuel has purchased the famous Berkeley-square Estate, the estimated value of which is five millions.

ATLANTIC HEROES' AMAZING RECEPTION.

KIDNAPPED BY 'AUSSIES.'

When Mr. Harry Hawker and Commander Grieve arrived in London on Tuesday evening their welcome home provided one of the most astonishing scenes of enthusiasm the capital has ever witnessed. A vast multitude thronged King's Cross station and when the train carrying the airmen drew in, the barriers were thrown down and the station was stormed by soldiers and civilians eager to greet the airmen. An amazing series of carefully prepared coups followed, in which Australian soldiers played the leading part.

It was intended to have had a civic reception at King's Cross. The Mayor of St. Pancras was present at the station, also a large number of distinguished officers and civilians. The Australians, however, declaring that it was the Australians' Day took the affair entirely into their own hands. Hawker and Grieve were seized by a body of Australian "diggers," carried shoulder high into the Euston Road, and crowned with slouch hats, an Australian custom conferring the highest popular honour. The huge crowds in the Euston Road at first failed to recognise the airmen in Australian hats but when they were discovered in such an unexpected manner they received a tremendous ovation.

The airmen were eventually placed in an open car and an attempt was made to proceed to the Royal Aero Club. The crowds in the streets were the densest since Armistice day. Solid masses of people prevented the cars from moving along the thoroughfare, and Hawker descended from his car and mounted a constable's horse. In this way, riding bareheaded on horseback, the journey to the Aero Club was completed.

Australian soldiers acted as escort, linking hands and clearing a way by main force.

Similar scenes of enthusiasm were enacted along the whole route via Portland-place, Langham-place, and Regent-street to the Club. Dominion soldiers used the lamp standards throughout the route as seats. In New Burlington-street Hawker was lifted from the horse and carried shoulder high inch by inch into the club. Commander Grieve was likewise carried on the last stages of this extraordinary journey.

Hawker and his party were uproarously welcomed at the Sopwith Aviation works at Ham, where they arrived during an employés concert.

The audience rose en masse, seized and dragged the car to the platform which Hawker ascended and made a speech. Hawker was then towed two miles in his car to Kingston whence he motored to his home at Hook where a firework display greeted him. He was carried shoulder high into his house and had to make a speech from the window.

RESCUE EXPERIENCES.

The *Daily Mail* interviewed Messrs Hawker and Grieve, who declared that their start was due to the Americans' flight to the Azores. The Sopwith got away splendidly. Shortly after they left the airmen ate one sandwich and a piece of chocolate and drank four cups of coffee each. Hawker ate nothing more for seventy-two hours owing to sea sickness. He says that flying between the low clouds and rough water was like being in a small motor boat in a heavy sea.

At the outset of the flight they expected a North Easterly wind for a short time, then a North-West wind. Actually they encountered a strong Northerly wind and ran into a depression which had worked up from the Azores but the weather was no hindrance. The flight would have been accomplished but for the boiling water trouble. The wireless was not a great success. Grieve sent out calls every thirty minutes but no reply was received. Later he signalled the S.O.S. every fifteen minutes but the wireless was not sparking. At 1.30 a.m. Grieve found they were one hundred and fifty miles south of their course, owing to drift, so they turned northwards with a view to reaching the track of ships.

Hawker used one hundred and seventy gallons of petrol out of the three hundred and forty carried.—*Reuter.*

When they alighted on the sea they were knee deep in water and big waves occasionally dashed right over the upper plane. Meanwhile their little boat which was afloat alongside the machine, was dancing like a cork. They were picked up at 7.30 p. m. Greenwich time, having been flying for fourteen and a half hours and in the water for ninety minutes. Hawker declared that "when we started we felt it was a certain 100 to 1 on". The machine floated well.

DECORATED BY THE KING.

Hawker and Grieve visited Buckingham Palace yesterday morning and related their adventures to the King and Queen and the Prince of Wales. His Majesty decorated them with the Air Force Cross. Neither of these orders has yet been gazetted, but Hawker and Grieve are the first recipients.

Two thousand people assembled outside the Palace but failed to recognise Hawker in a silk hat and Grieve in naval uniform. The crowd made no mistake, however, when the airmen left.

CONSOLATION PRIZE.

Subsequently Hawker and Grieve were entertained to luncheon by the *Daily Mail* at the Savoy Hotel, when the 5,000 pounds consolation prize was presented to them.

A large number of guests were present, including the Lord Chancellor, General Seely, the Marquis of Londonderry, General Sykes, and Mrs. Hawker, who was the only lady present.—*Reuter.*

THE SOPWITH SALVED.

St. John's, 27th May. The liner Sachem has arrived and reports receiving a wireless message from the American steamer Lake Charleville that she has found Hawker's aeroplane in mid-Atlantic. She salved the mail aboard the aeroplane and part of the machine itself and is taking them to Falmouth in England.—*Reuter.*

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Hotel du Nord.
Sundays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m., 6.45 p.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Weekdays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saints' Days.
Short Morning Prayers Daily at 9-15 a.m.

3.—THE ARMY CINEMA HALL
36, Komodien Strasse.
Sundays: Evening Service, 6 p.m.

4.—THE CHURCH ARMY CINEMA HALL
95, Severin Strasse.
Sundays: Holy Communion 8. a.m.
Evening Service, 6. p.m.

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Morning Service 10 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
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6, Filzengraben (Turning off Heumarkt,)
Sunday: 1th June.
11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Cars 6, 7, 11, 18, and 20 from Dom.

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THE FINAL DECISION.

The time has now come to state in plain and unmistakable terms to Germany that it must sign the peace terms or take the consequences. The statement made by the Council of the allied and associated powers on May 21st fairly covers the ground of the German counter-proposals and amendments. With cold and pitiless logic the objections of Count Brockdorf-Rantzau are subjected to a calm and dispassionate analysis which admits of no refutation. The extent of the punishment is to be measured by the enormity of the crime committed against European civilization. A great majority of Germans scarcely appear to be aware that they have committed any particular crime whatsoever. Occasionally, however, some of the more progressive German papers appear to have a glimmering of the light in which they are viewed at the judgment bar of history.

When the Germans complain of the impossibility of the Allied terms it is instructive and illuminating to see what claims they themselves adduced in the heyday of their victories. In a recent article we referred to the resolutions of the six leading industrial unions, which was sent in on May 20th, 1915. Now these resolutions by no means represented merely the noisy or Pan-German element alone. The petition sent in by the six unions represented the leading German Industrial Associations, viz:—The Agricultural Union, the Central Association of German Manufacturers, the Union of Leaders of Industry, the German Peasant Association and the Imperial German Middle Class Union. This memorandum, addressed to the Imperial Chancellor, and to which at a somewhat later date the signatures of the so-called flower of German intelligence were attached, viz., of Professors Schäfer, Seeberg, Onken and Schumacher, a democrat, Friedrich Meinecke and General-Direktor Kirdorf, owed its origin to the rumours which were in circulation with regard to the opening up of peace negotiations. It hailed with approval a declaration by the official *Nord-Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* according to which no one capable of forming any judgment could possibly think of abandoning a military situation favourable to Germany or of a premature conclusion of peace with its enemies. A significant sentence was added: "Even a more unfavourable or a more uncertain military situation ought not to have any influence upon this decision if we are not to lose sight of the aims as set forth by His Majesty, the Emperor, at home as well as abroad."

With regard to the objects aimed at at home which probably included the sinking of internal differences and politics styled *Burgfriede* nothing very drastic was proposed, so much more clearly were the objects set forth which were to be attained abroad, and which precluded any premature or lukewarm peace. This peace could only be constructed upon a far-reaching weakening of the industrial and military position of the enemy. After going into the details of what this peace entailed, the memorandum gives a prominent position to the demand for a Colonial Empire which was to correspond fully to the vast industrial interests of Germany. The Professors in a supplementary draft give clear expression as to what this entailed — Central Africa alone, so they stated, was not sufficient. This would undoubtedly give Germany a large extent of territory, the value of which however would not be in proportion to its size: hence stress was laid upon a permanent connection with Islamism. Even if this was not openly expressed, it was nevertheless perfectly clear that this Mohammedan world was to be more or less attracted within the orbit of the German Colonial Empire.

The annexation of Belgium was accepted as a matter of course. This was expressed in such terms as to place Belgium under the complete military and industrial control of Germany, including its Customs Union; in addition, the mintage, banking system and postal administration were to be subordinated to German Imperial Legislation; Railways and inland water transport were to be incorporated with the German Traffic Control, moreover the Government and the administration of the country were to be so conducted as to prevent the *inhabitants from exercising any influence upon the political destiny of the German Empire.*

As regards France, the possession of the coast line bordering on Belgium to about the Somme, thus affording access to the Atlantic Ocean, was stated to be a question of life and death for German shipping. The Hinterland thus acquired was to be treated in such a manner as to ensure the complete exploitation of the Channel Ports acquired from the industrial and strategic point of view. The annexation of the iron ore districts of Longwy and Briey was, of course, demanded together with that of the mining areas of the departments of the Nord and Pas de Calais.

This, then, was the scheme of annexation based upon industrial and political considerations. This was by no means all. Military and strategic questions were also to be considered and the statement was brought forward, that, in order to secure the German frontier, the fortresses of Verdun and Belfort, together with the intervening western slopes of the Vosges were under no circumstances to be left to France. This was also stated by the *Berliner Morgen Post*, the most widely read paper in Germany. These demands, together with that for the incorporation of Belgium, figured, not only upon the programme of the six associations, but also of the *Vaterland Partei*, of the Conservatives, the National Liberals, and until 1917, of the Progressives and of the Centre. A clause was inserted as regards France similar to that which applied to Belgium, whereby the inhabitants of the regions to be annexed were to be deprived of political rights. In addition it was stated that the existing industrial resources in these regions, including the larger properties, were to be transferred to German possession in such a manner that France would have to compensate their owners and take them over.

The lust of acquisition in the east bore an equal proportion to that of the west. Thus the memorandum stipulated for a considerable extension of the frontiers of the German Empire and of Prussia by the incorporation of at least portions of the Baltic Provinces and of the districts lying south of them. Western Prussia, Posen and Silesia were to be secured by an extension of various districts, whilst the Russian War Indemnity would continue to be exacted throughout the widest extent of territory.

With regard to *War Indemnities*, the six associations had, on the whole, rather less to say in their main memorandum, but they dealt with this question all the more thoroughly in a complementary memorandum set out by the intellectual leaders of the German nation. In this it was stated "*that if we were ever in a position to exact an indemnity of war from England no sum could ever be sufficiently high.*" But in the first place attention was directed towards France "We ought not by a false leniency hesitate to lay the heaviest burden upon this country." The payment of a considerable portion of the War Indemnities must be made by such securities, the possession of which would strengthen Germany's Industrial position in those countries which contained its political friends.

This is only a small selection taken from the plan as sketched out by people, who were able to exercise the strongest influence upon the German Government and German policy, and who made use of their position during the war in order to enrich themselves in the most shameless manner at the expense of the general community. Their balance sheet was kept very secret, and was only known to a very small circle in Germany. These boundless claims, however, were well known to the Entente, and they constructed their War Policy in accordance. They were also fully informed as to the extent to which the leader of industrial combinations and of the agrarian associations, held the reins in influential Government positions. They knew that it was not merely a case of the employment of paper and a couple of printer's "devils" but that *those who drew up this memorandum were in reality the secret rulers of Germany*, and if they had any doubt upon the subject as to whether the German Government would be ready to fall in with their mad proprosals, they were able to find complete justification in the peace of Brest Litowsk, which in reality went far beyond the programme of May, 1915. Have the originators of this programme, and those who are in agreement, any tittle of right to be angry as to the conditions imposed by the Allies? Have the "Intellectuals," who at that time were

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PHOTOGRAPHY.
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WILLIAM R. PATERSON, F.R.G.S., etc.

The study of the capabilities of a camera is more interesting than many people suppose.

There is always a wide field for experiment. One may take, for instance:—

(1) Ordinary photographs (views and portraits); (2) Photographs through a microscope; (3) Photographs through a telescope; (4) Colour-photographs.

The latter are extremely pleasing, not only as gifts but as souvenirs.

The process of taking a colour-photograph is a delicate one; the exposure is much longer than is usual for ordinary plates and the development rather quicker. In the Lumière process a glass plate is covered with small grains (potato-starch) of the three complementary colours, green, violet and orange. (The primary colours are red, yellow, and blue.) These grains are as minute as flour-grains and are distributed over the plate; a thin actinic or sensitive film is set over them. The plate is then placed in the sheath with the film towards and with the glass facing the lens. The object of this is to produce a positive upon the same plate.

In an ordinary negative the right of the view is always on the left of the picture and vice versa; the top and bottom are also reserved. The light reflected from objects of different colours passes through the lens of the camera, through the glass of the plate, through the small coloured grains before it reaches the film that itself only is effected by light. Only certain grains let certain colours pass; the film, therefore, when developed shows only those colours of which the rays have been permitted to come through. The grains in the Lumière process are so exceedingly small that blue sky appears wholly blue, a red bonnet wholly red, and a piece of moss upon a wall in its natural green, without any tinge of alien hue.

There are now several different processes by means of which one may obtain colour-photographs, but that of Lumière (the French film) certainly produces most delightful results. Such plates are, of course, expensive in comparison with the ordinary light and shade ones. I presume they may cost perhaps ten times as much, but the pleasure lies in their artistic value. These pictures become positives by a second development, and give most beautiful effects when projected by lantern upon a screen.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Lieut. (60th Brigade R.G.A.) The figures you mention indicate the strength of the lens; that is to say, the amount of light it is capable of allowing to pass. A diaphragm is useful when you have the opportunity to take a photograph of an immovable object; say an interior and by having its diameter reduced it helps to give better detail, because the sensitive film of the plate is naturally not so quickly effected and the shadows have time to develop in intensity. The word Tessar is merely a term employed by the firm of Zeiss, but the British are also grinding anastigmat lenses and are well advanced in this industry.

TIT FOR TAT.

How the feud commenced I cannot definitely state. The officer declares it was due to a mutinous spirit in the men. The men declare it was due to the overbearing manner of the officer. Sir Roger de Coverley would probably say "Much might be said on both sides." For myself, I am wise, and express no opinion.

After several minor skirmishes, the O.R.'s made the first decisive attack. It was during a morning march. The officer was leading his section, when a member of the staff was seen approaching. No sooner did the O.R.'s catch sight of him, than, not hearing the order "Eyes front!" they broke into a popular chorus. Imagine the Staff Officer's surprise, and the sub's mortification as they saluted each other to a popular refrain.

Fortunately the Staff Officer was a "sport." He turned away his head to hide a smile while the sub. blushed redder than the other's tabs.

But the sub. was not to remain without revenge. A few days later when his section were on physical drill, he addressed them as follows:—"Now, you men, I'm going to make you a sporting offer. I want you to run to the market place at X—" here he waved his arm vaguely in the direction of the road, "and any of you who arrive there before me will receive a prize of fifty marks. The only condition is that we all proceed on foot, and as I fancy myself, I'll give you all five minutes start. Now, one, two, three, off!"

At the word, all but the sub. started along the road to X——, a distance of five kilos. The sun was hot, they panted and sweltered, but doggedly on they went, secure in the fact their officer had not overtaken them, and with the promised fifty marks as a powerful spur.

But alas! They had forgotten Euclid's definition of a straight line. While his men followed the meandering road, the sub. steadily trotted the single kilo that divided him from X—, and smilingly greeted his exhausted warriors as they staggered in. Once more they were formed up and marched, sweating and swearing, to their billets.

A truce exists at present between the combatants. As honours are even, I hope peace will be declared.

To conclude, for those whom it may concern. Just as "All that glitters is not gold," so "All that flows from a writer's pen is not the truth." "Compree?"

C.M.B.

publishing appeals in the names of "Science, Art and Religion" alleging that a policy of "Kultur" unsupported by one of power was impossible, and called in quotations from the Bible to their aid in order to give moral support to their frivolous claims, any right to figure amongst the leaders of those making protests against the peace terms?

A people with any self-respect, and who truly desired to prove that they had broken with the past, ought to make a clean sweep of the advocates of such a policy who are still to be found amongst their supporters. Until the German people have completely disavowed these suspect supporters, who are still to be found in their midst, the Entente find it hard to believe that Germany is sincere in her professions of contrition, and is willing to tread the path of renunciation and adopt a new outlook.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Friday	6	Jenufa	Janacek
Saturday	6	Cavall. rustic. Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo
Sunday	5½	Zauberflöte	Mozart
Monday	6	Der fliegende Holländer The flying Dutchman	Wagner
Tuesday	6	Die Entführung aus dem Serail The elopement from the Serail	Mozart

THE LENA ASHWELL CONCERT PARTY.

BIG ATTRACTION AT THE DEUTSCHES THEATRE.

By way of a change — and a particularly pleasant change, too — the management at the Deutsches Theatre this week presented the Lena Ashwell Concert Party. The success of the party is undoubted. Despite the critical proclivities of the Cologne audiences — due to the high standard in entertainment fare set by local amusements caterers in general — the show was voted a big success and everything went with a swing.

Miss Kate Coates at the piano showed that consummate art, that graceful ease, which called for one's sincere admiration. Her rendering of the accompaniment of her own composition, to Miss Esma Church's "Chanty of the Emden" and "Rilloby Rill" was exquisite.

A Fairy Fantasy.

Miss Esma Church, the elocutionist, in her diversified character studies proved a great favourite with the boys. In her execution of "Rilloby Rill," a delightful little fairy fantasy, by Sir Henry Newbolt, one easily recognised the sublime subtleness of her art.

Miss Winifred Clark (contralto) sang, we think, more encores than any artiste there, which speaks well for her popularity. She has a charming voice, and a fascinating manner, and her rendering of "Mate of Mine" was loudly applauded.

Miss Marjory Verel played the violin with much charm, her presentation of "Romance" and "Because" affording full scope for her prowess.

"Nursey Rhymes."

Miss Adelaine Rind created quite a furore of applause with that old favourite, "Songs My Mother Sang", and was encored repeatedly. Her singing, in conjunction with Miss Clark, in "Nursery Rhymes", was distinctly captivating.

Miss Peggy Skelton was in quite a class of her own. Those amusing little rhymes which she sang to her own accompaniment, were—naturally—greatly appreciated. How can such titles as, "Men", "Perhaps", "Cousins" etc., fail to attract?

Since their inauguration we have seen several Lena Ashwell Parties, but one can say unhesitatingly that the present combination is quite the best. Moreover, it is the first Lena Ashwell Party to perform in the Occupied Territory.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S RIFLES.

"B" COMPANY DEFEAT THE TRANSPORT AT FOOTBALL.

An interesting match between the Transport and "B" Coy. of the Q.V.R.'s (9th London) took place at Niederaussem on Tuesday. In the first half, play was fairly even until Wells, of "B" Coy., put in a hot shot which Handley, the Transport-goalie, saved but failed to clear. This was converted into a goal by Lce. Cpl. Stevens, leaving "B" Coy. one up at half time. In the second half the supporters were roused to demonstrative enthusiasm through the vigorous play of their respective teams. The Transport-forwards, notwithstanding some good shooting, were beaten each time by "B" Coy's goalie (Brown) and Holman from a good pass by Lce. Cpl. Colley secured the victory for "B" Coy. by 2 goals to nil.

KALK CUP FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

23rd ROYAL FUSILIERS MEET 124th SIEGE BTY. R.G.A. IN SEMI-FINAL.

This match played at Overath on Monday proved a most exciting game. The play was exceedingly fast, both sides diplaying wonderful combination. The first goal was scored by 2 Lt. Marrable being a beautiful shot from outside the penalty area over the heads of several players right into the corner of the net.

In the second half the Gunners for a time had most of the play but could not make any appreciable headway. The second goal came from Lce./Cpl. Pearson and was the crowning effort to the nicest bit of combined play one could wish to see.

Final:—

23 R.F. 2 goals; 124 S. Bty. 0 goals.

"REAR" HEADQUARTERS R.A.F., v. 11th CHESHIRES.

The versatile cricket XI of Rear H.Q. R.A.F. opened their season on Sunday last on their own pitch with the 11th Cheshires as their opponents. In spite of the fact that the pitch was hard and tricky, which made runs very difficult to obtain, the game proved of a very interesting character and resulted in a close win for the homesters by 10 runs. The Cheshires who batted first could do little against the bowling of Watson and Webb, and the whole side were dismissed for the total of 33. The R.A.F. side likewise found the bowling of Crowther and Dawson who led the Cheshires' attack, very trickity, and were all out for 45, their most successful batsman being Cpl. Montgomery who scored 9 which included two hits for 4. Three of the side were sent back bowled with their initial ball.

The second innings again saw low scores, the Cheshires being dismissed for 30, and the home eleven for 37, which left the latter winners by 10 runs. Thorne for the R.A.F. found his form and after making 16 which included 4 hits for 4 succumbed to a beautiful fast break ball by Dawson, which took his middle stump. The R.A.F. capt. with 13 to his credit was also dismissed by the same bowler. The R.A.F. side who have a very interesting fixture list should prove a formidable eleven with a little more practice, and more should be heard of them.

AUSTRALIANS v. MIDDLESEX AT LORD'S.

HEARNE RETIRES HURT IN SECOND INNINGS

M.C.C. 146 FOR 4.

The Australians, in their unfinished match against Middlesex at Lord's, scored 235 on Wednesday. Middlesex, in reply ran up a total of 146 for 4 wickets.

AUSTRALIAN.—2nd Innings.

C. Kelleway, c Hearne b Lee	59
H. L. Collins, l b w. b Lee	61
J. M. Taylor, c Robertson, b Haig	22
A. W. Lampard, c Murrell, b Haig	22
J. T. Murray, c Lee, b Haig	2
C. E. Pellew, b Hearne	22
C. B. Willis, run out	25
J. M. Gregory, c Lee, b Hearne	0
W. S. Sterling, c Hendren, b Lee	2
C. T. Docker, not out	3
E. J. Long, c Hendren, b Lee	5
Extras	16
Total	235

MIDDLESEX.—2nd Innings.

W. P. Robertson, c Long, b Docker	14
Lee H. W., c Murray, b Collins	18
Hearne J. W., retired hurt	21
Hendren, E., not out	63
F. T. Mann, c Taylor, b Collins	3
Capt. N. Haig, not out	12
M. H. C. Doll, b Gregory	3
Extras	9
Total	146

BOWLING—AUSTRALIANS.

Haig	22	3	63	3
Lee	22.4	5	48	4
Hearn	27	2	75	2
Hendren	15	4	35	0

MIDDLESEX.

Docker	14	2	46	1
Gregory	7	2	15	1
Lampard	2	0	9	0
Collins	16	0	70	2

TO-DAY's MATCHES.

Lancashire play Essex at Leyton to-day, while at Brighton Nottinghamshire are engaged to play Suffolk.

STREET INTERVIEWED.

TAUNTON DECIS ON TO COME BEFORE THE M.C.C.

Street, the Umpire responsible for the famous Taunton decision, interviewed on Wednesday denied that both Captains were willing to continue the match. He said they disagreed and appealed for Street's decision which was given unvindictively, the players subsequently agreeing to the decision.

It is correct, Street declared, that Heygate's delay constituted a refusal to play by Sussex, who therefore legally lost, but could not, because the match was already a tie. The question who won will be decided by the M.C.C. on Monday first.

SECOND CAMBRIDGE TRIAL MATCH.

The second Trial Match at Cambridge ended on Wednesday in a win for Mr. Naumann's side by six wickets.

In the first innings for Mr. C.R. Browne's side A.G. Douggart carried his bat for 107, and for Mr. J.H. Naumann's side, G. Ashton also reached a three figure total.

The scores were as follow: Mr. C.R. Browne's side—1st. innings 317; 2nd innings, 205.

Mr. J.H. Naumann's side—1st innings, 434; 2nd innings, 89 for 4 wickets.

DEATH OF "SWEARS".

Mr. Arthur Ernest Wells, the well-known racehorse owner, and founder and proprietor of various sporting clubs in London, has died at the age of 65. He was commonly known as "Swears".

MIDLAND DIVISION GYMKHANA.

The Midland Division Gymkhana and Sports meeting took place yesterday in the most favourable conditions. Both the mounted and unmounted events provided excellent sport. The results will be published to-morrow.

A.E.J. Collins (age 13) scored 628 runs in a home match at Clifton College in 1899.

"CHARLIE CHAPLIN" AND HIS MULE.

LIGHT D.A.C. SPORTS MEETING AT KLEIN TROISDORF.

A very successful Sports Meeting was held by the light D.A.C.—Commander, Major V.E. Costellan, O.B.E., R.F.A., (T.F.)—at Klein Troisdorf on Saturday.

The rendezvous was an ideal one, with plenty of space and pleasant surroundings and the weather was perfect. All the events were carried through without a hitch.

Much amusement was caused by the comic turn-outs, one of whom, a life-like imitation of Charlie Chaplin, the "Movie" Star convulsed the spectators by his devoted attention to a mule which possessed in an unprecedented degree, the virtue of patient endurance. Whether standing erect on the mule's back, or caressing its sleek neck, "Charlie" was ever imperturbable and always "Killingly" funny.

The Tug-of-War events, which were open to the Divisional Artillery, were exceptionally good, while the High Jump, Flat Races, Obstacle Race were all well contested. An unusual and striking feature was the Wrestling Competition for Indians. During the afternoon, the Band of the 6th London Regt. (by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. T.B. Brady, D.S.O.) rendered an excellent musical programme.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

100 yards—Final:—1, Dr. Smith (No. 2 Section, D.A.C.); 2, Sergt. Collyer (H.Q., D.A.C.); 3, Dr. Birmingham (No. 2 Section, D.A.C.).

220 yards—Final:—1, Gnr. Fisher (S.A.A. Section); 2, Gnr. Crowther (No. 2 Section); 3, L/Bdr. Binam (S.A.A. Section);

440 yards—Final:—1, Gnr. Fisher (S.A.A. Section); 2, Bdr. Bryson (No. 3 Section); 3, Dvr. Lee (H.Q.).

1 Mile—Final:—1, Gnr. Crowther (Nr. 2 Section); 2, Bdr. Moss (No. 2 Section); 3, Gnr. Hill (H.Q.); 4, Gnr. Wiggington (No. 2 Section).

High Jump:—1, Gnr. Fisher (S.A.A. Section); 2, Bdr. Smith (No. 2 Section); 3, Gnr. Crighton (No. 3 Section).

Tug of War—open:—1, (No. 1 Section); 2, "B" Battery, 215 Bde. R.F.A.

Relay Race:—1, (S.A.A. Section); 2, (No. 2, Section).

At the close prizes were presented to successful competitors by Brigadier-General G. H. Sanders, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., R.A., Commanding Royal Artillery, Light Division.

SPORTS AT RAUSCHENDORF.

"B" COY., 51st MANCHESTER'S INTERESTING PROGRAMME.

Excellent sport was witnessed at Rauschendorf on Saturday, when "B" Company, 51st Battalion, Manchester Regt., provided a well arranged programme.

There was a close and exciting finish in the 100 yards final when Sergt. Maxwell won from Lieut. Learson by six inches.

RESULTS:

High Jump:—1, Lieut. Learson; 2, Pte. Halliwell; 3, Pte. Lightfoot.

Three Legged Race:—1, Pte. Parle and Greening; 2, Pte. Read and Lupton; 3, Pte. Goodwin and Makiwell.

Long Jump:—1, Corpl. Phillips; 2, Pte. Riley; 3, Lieut. Learson.

Blindfold Squad Drill:—No. 8 Platoon.

Half Mile Races:—1, Lieut. Learson; 2, Sergt. Maxwell; 3, Pte. Halliwell.

Officers, Race:—1, Lieut. Thwaites; 2, Capt. Smith; 3, Lieut. Collins.

Sack Race:—1, Pte. Dickenson; 2, Pte. Colson; 3, Pte. Brisk.

Throwing The Bomb:—1, Pte. Howes; 2, Pte. Riley; 3, Pte. Lightfoot.

Boot Race:—1, Pte. Burgess; 2, Pte. Meigh; 3, Pte. Parle.

Tug of War:—No. 7 Platoon.

440 Yards Race:—1, Pte. Tattersall; 2, Lieut. Learson; 3, Sergt. Mason.

100 Yards Race:—1, Sgt. Maxwell; 2, Lieut. Learson; 3, Cpl. Bridges.

One Mile Flat:—1, Lieut. Learson; 2, Pte. Lead; 3, Lieut. Collins.

220 Yards:—1, Lt. Learson; 2, Pte. Anderson; 3, Corpl. Phillips.

SPECIAL "COLOGNE POST" FEATURES.

In future the following special features will appear in *The Cologne Post* on the days indicated:

The Epistles of Peter Birse, Junior, Thursday.
Amusement Notes, Saturday.
Sports Reflections, Thursday.
Cinema Notes, Sunday and Wednesday.
Photography, Friday.
Religious Feature, Sunday.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

English Bowling Association.

The question of entry fees for the championships of the English Bowling Association has caused much discussion among players in the clubs and on the greens.

Open-Air Boxing at Bradford.

The first of a series of open-air tournaments at the Bradford City F.C. ground, Valley Parade, will be held tomorrow the chief event being a 15 round-contest between Fred Blakeborough, of Bradford, and Mike Sunderland, of Leeds.

Football Club Manager.

The committee of the Merthyr Town Football Club have appointed Mr. Harry Hadley, of Halesowen, the former captain of West Bromwich Albion, as manager.

Dark Blues Beat Queen's.

The Eights week sporting programme included a lawn tennis match between the Queens Club and the Dark Blues at Oxford on Tuesday. The latter proved successful by six matches to two, one being unfinished.

"Gentleman Joe".

An interested spectator of the boxing at the Queen's Hall, Cardiff, the other evening was the one-time famous Joe White, popularly known in South Wales as "Gentleman Joe"—one of the cleanest boxers ever seen in the ring.

The Marlborough XI.

The Marlborough XI. was generally regarded as the strongest batting side of any of the Schools last year, and decisive victories were scored at the expense of Winchester and Rugby. Nearly all these batsmen remain.

14 Miles Semi-Marathon.

A semi-Marathon race of nearly 14 miles at the Stamford Bridge Athletic Festival was won in the fast time of 1 hr 24 mins. 2⅕ secs.

Man Who Raced a Fire Engine.

Alfred Shrubb, the world-famous long-distance runner, who first came into athletic prominence by racing a fire engine at Horsham, is expected to reach this country from Canada in the latter part of next month.

Army Rowing Association.

Attempts are being made to organize an Army Rowing Association under the direction of the recently constituted Army Sport Control Board, and it is hoped that past members of amateur rowing clubs who are now serving in the Army will support the new organization.

"You'd Better Have A Bag."

When S. M. Haslip dropped a soft catch from H. L. Collins at Lord's on Monday strong condemnation was shouted from several parts of the ground, in which the well-known Australian phrase, "You'd better have a bag," was distinctly audible.

The Davis Cup Competition.

The arrangements for the year's Davis Cup lawn-tennis competition, in which five countries are concerned, are now taking practical shape. Australasia are the holders of the cup, and will only be required to play one match in its defence—at Sydney, in November next. The challengers are, this country, France, Belgium, and South Africa.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

POOR RACING AT YORK AND BATH

WINNER DISQUALIFIED FOR BUMPING.

The racing at York was continued on Wednesday in beautiful weather, the going again being hard.

Dringhouses Handicap:—Lady Craigie (4—6); and Sikh (8—6) — a dead-heat. Two ran. In the deciding race Sikh won by a neck.

Home-Bred Plate:—1½, Long Stop (100 to 30 on); 2, Rosemary Fane, colt (25—1); 3, Flittervil, Filly (100—8). Ten ran.

Consolation Plate: 1½, Primrose (7—4); 2, Wistow (6—1); 3, Sunflower (7—1). Six ran.

Sledmere Handicap:—1½, Simon Graf (7—2); 2, Abiad (11—4); 3, Mureato (10—1). Four ran.

Rockingham Handicap:—Pitch and Toss beat Krooboy (9—4 on). Two ran.

Hambledon Plate:—Rowland beat Church History (7—4 on). Two ran.

Voltigeur Handicap:—1½, Green Room (11—10); 2, Montreuil (20—1); 3, Old Gold (7—1). Four ran.

BATH MEETING.

Maiden Plate:—1½, Epsom Boy (2—1 on); 2, Wild Cherry (100—8); 3, True Art, filly (2—1). Three ran.

Keisham Handicap:—1½, Duncan (9—4); 2, Sensitive Symons (3—1); 3, H. A. W. (9—4). Six ran. Royal Reader finished first but was disqualified for bumping.

Somersetshire Stakes:—1, Morning Star (4—5); 2, Royal Weisn (6—1); 3, Silver Gift (10—1). Three ran.

Weston Stakes:—1, Lady Meave (5—2); 2, Spiral Spin (100—30); 3, Jeans Folly, colt (4—1). Twelve ran.

Bath Handicap:—1, Sanctissima (10—1); 2, Silver Doctor (7—1); 3, Nubian (10—1). Ten ran.

Country Plate:—1, Southwell (9—4); 2, Trowbridge (4—1); 3, Charles Cherry (100—6). Twelve ran.

LATEST LONDON BETTING.

THE DERBY.

11 to 10 against Panther (offered).
8 to 1 against Buchan (taken).
100 to 12 against Grand Parade (offered).
100 to 9 against Milton (taken and offered).
100 to 8 against Paper Money (offered after 100 to 9 taken).
20 to 1 against Dominion (taken and offered places).
7 to 4 against Buchan (taken and wanted).
5 to 2 against Milton (taken and offered).
5 to 2 against Grand Parade (taken and offered).

BATH COURSE BETTING.

The Derby:—1500 to 1200 against Panther.

NEITHER SWEATED NOR BLEW.

"THE PANTHER'S EARLY MORNING GALLOP ON THE LIMEKILNS.

There was a large gathering on the Limekilns the other morning in anticipation of seeing The Panther gallop the Derby distance, and it was generally thought that a gallop in the Newmarket Stakes would have been equally serviceable.

Cooper rode him with Munser, on Leandros, and Jack Role for companions, and, starting on Water Hall, he finished at the cottage at the top of the Limekilns.

Leandros, who was carrying most weight gave him a good stretching out in the last quarter of a mile, and when pulled up The Panther neither sweated nor blew much.

RUGBY UNION INTERNATIONALISTS.

At the general meeting of the Rugby Football Union held at the Holborn Restaurant this week the Chairman stated that 25 International players, among them seven of those who played in 1914 had been killed during the war. It was hoped that the Union would see its way to erect some permanent memorial to those who had fought and died.

The dates of the trial and International matches were confirmed as follows:

December 6.—Trial match in the North.
December 20.—Trial match at Twickenham.
January 3.—Trial match at Twickenham.
January 17.—Wales v. England, in Wales.
January 31.—England v. France, at Twickenham.
February 14.—Ireland v. England, in Ireland.
March 20.—England v. Scotland, at Twickenham.

SENSATIONAL DEFEAT OF DODD

LAWN TENNIS MIDDLESEX CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The third round singles saw a sensational defeat of Dodd, ex-champion of South Africa, by Donnisthorpe, who uses a racket with twice the amount of surface of gut of the ordinary racket and weighing 18 ounces with a very short handle. With this unusual weapon, which excited a great deal of controversy, Donnisthorpe is most accurate in placing, and seldom fails to return reachable balls. The score was 2—6, 8—6, 6—4.

Dodd has hitherto been named as the favourite for this open event.

POLO MATCHES.

In the concluding tie (first round) for the Whitney Cup at Hurlingham on Wednesday the Melton team beat Thornley team (handicapped five goals) by 10—5.

At Ranelagh old ground Roehampton drew the Wanderers 5—5.

INTER-THEATRE GOLF TOURNAMENT.

The following theatres have entered for the inter-theatre challenge shield matchplay golf tournament, in which each team will consist of three players:—Adelphi, Ambassadors', Criterion, Daly's, Drury Lane, Gaiety, Globe, London Pavilion, Playhouse, Queen's, Royalty, Shaftesbury, and Winter Gardens.

Among the players will be Lauri de Frece, Thorpe Bates, Robert Evett, Austin Melford, Arthur Chesney, Charles Hawtrey, Owen Nares, Aubrey Smith, Martin Lewis, Fred Leslie, Dave Burnaby, Dawson Millward, Arthur Wontner, Bromley Davenport, George Grossmith, Leslie Henson, Marsh Allen, and Sam Livesey. The tournament starts on June 8, and the final will be over thirty-six holes.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Friday, May 30, 1919.

Surface wind between NW and NE, 5 to 10 m.p.h. Fine. Hazy early in day and a certain amount of cloud in the afternoon. Warm. Fair visibility.

OUR CRICKET CUP.

ARMY POST OFFICE v. 51st AUX. BUS. COY.

The 51st Auxiliary Bus Company played their first match in *The Cologne Post* Cricket Cup Competition on Wednesday, at Klettenberg Park. The result was an easy win for the Bus. Coy by 118 runs. The A.P.O. batted first. Pte. Tomlinson hit in fine style for his 42, and Pte. Westcott was a lively last man with 23 not out. Ptes. Tudor and Tomlinson had no difficulty in getting rid of the A.P.O., Tudor taking 5 wickets for 8 runs and Tomlinson 5 for 9. The scores were as follows:—

51st AUX BUS COY.

Lt. Antcliffe st. b. Parkenson 6; Pte. Garlick b. Mc. Ilbride 10; Pte. Thomas c. Sharman, b. Mc. Ilbride 15; Pte. Tomlinson c. Capall b. Sharman 42; Pte. Fickles b. Parkenson 3; Pte. Tudor c. Bedell, b. Sharman 9; Cpl. Ray c. Sharman, b. Watson 7; Pte. Waters c. and b. Sharman 4; Pte. Lewis b. Sharman 0; Cpl. Stapleton c. and b. Mc. Ilbride 6; Pte. Westcott—not out 23; Extras 13; Total 141.

ARMY POST OFFICE.

Taprell c. Garlick, b. Tomlinson 0; Boyce c. Waters, b. Tudor 1; Barry b. Tomlinson 4; Sharman l. b. w. b. Tudor 0; Parkenson l. b. w. b. Tomlinson 7; Watson c. Lt. Antcliff, b. Tomlinson 0; Capall b. Tomlinson 4; Neilson b. Tudor 0; Mc. Ilbride b. Tudor 0; Bedall—not out 0; Bamforth c. Tudor 1; Extras—6; Total 23.

LONDON DIV. M.T. COY v. 1/4 YORK AND LANCS.

The London Div. M.T. Coy. batted first. Lieut. Howard and Cpl. Beebee opened the innings. The latter soon retired, being bowled by Howard. The next three wickets fell quickly. Pte. Pollard gave the out field some good exercise, but was bowled by Bennett after making a sporting 21. The remaining wickets fell rapidly with a final score of 87. Lieut. Howard played an excellent innings for 41.

The 1/4 York and Lancs. opened their innings with Capt. Dixon and Pte. Robson, but they seemed unable to stand against Cpl. Beebee's and Pte. Best's bowling. The wickets fell rapidly until Colonel Headlam, C.M.G., D.S.O., came in. He showed brilliant style, and held his bat for the rest of the game, scoring a well-played 21.

The final scores were London Div. M.T. Coy. 87; 1/4 York & Lancs. Regt. 55.

EUSKIRCHEN LEAGUE.

E. Corps Signal Coy played the Mid. Div. Hqrs. this week at Euskirchen.

Result:—

E. Corps Signal Coy 131 for 8 wickets (declared).
Midland Div. Hqrs. 58 all out.

BONN LEAGUE.

NARROW WIN BY 92nd FIELD AMBULANCE.

The Cricket match between the 92nd Field Ambulance and the 4th Suffolk Regiment ended in a win for the former by 10 runs.

Scores:—92nd Field Ambulance 62.
4th Suffolk Regiment 52.

OTHER MATCHES.

The following results of matches, summaries of which will be published to-morrow, have also come to hand:—

No. 70 Squadron R.A.F. 156 for 8; No. 39 A.A. Searchlight Coy 27.

23rd Ryl. Fus. 75; 1st T.M. Batty. 51.

170 Siege Bty. R.G.A. 35; 2nd M.G.C. 35.

4th Field Survey Bn. H.Q., R.E. 71; 13 Motor A.C. R.A.S.C. 18.

FOOTBALL AT BURSCHEID.

"B" COY., 52nd DEVONS V. REST OF THE BATTALION.

As the result of "B" Coy. challenging the Rest of the Battalion at "Soccer", the match was played on Monday.

The "Rest" were the first to score through the play of Sgt. Budd "B". Coy., playing in excellent style, soon equalised from a hot by Cpl. Buckingham. Shortly afterwards the "Rest" again succeeded in scoring from a well-placed corner kick by Shamey. Before the whistle blew at half-time "B" Coy. again netted the ball, making the score 2—2.

During the interval, "B" Company's Jazz Band, under Sgt. Gerrish, marched around the pitch, much to the amusement of everyone present.

When the game re-commenced the "Rest" did not play in such good style, and Scott scored again. "B" Coy., proving themselves to be the better team, attacked their opponents' goal very hard. Their efforts were soon rewarded by another goal from Scott. The game ended by "B" Coy. winning 4—2.

For the Coy. Lt. Cairns, Sgt. Pearce, and Pte. Scott made themselves conspicuous, while for the "Rest" Lt. Martin and Shanley played a rattling good game.

INTER-COMPANY FOOTBALL FINAL.

51st ROYAL SUSSEX REGT'S EXCITING MATCH AT LOHMAR.

At Lohmar on Saturday some exciting football was seen, when the final of the intercompany football competition was played between "W" and "Y". These two companies are old rivals, being the leaders for the Battalion Sports Cup.

Amidst bugle, blasts, and general uproar, Taylor equalized with a splendid shot. Excitement now rose to fever heat and both teams were seen to their best advantage. Y Company broke away again, and owing to a misunderstanding between the backs of "W" Coy. and their goalie, the ball was once more netted by "Y" Coy., a quarter of an hour before time. No further score was added and after an exciting battle the game resulted in a win for "Y" by 2—1. This brings them into the running for the Battalion Sports Cup.

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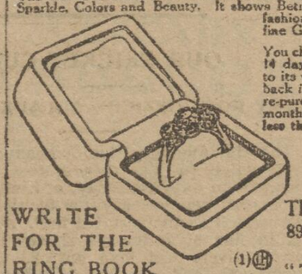

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TRAFFIC IN SOVEREIGNS.

Allegations are made that certain "underground jewellery manufacturers" are offering as much as £1 17s. 6d. for a golden sovereign.

"It is known in the trade," said a London jeweller, "that small, unscrupulous manufacturers are ready to melt down sovereigns—which are 18 carat gold—and manufacture cheap 9 carat gold brooches from them.

"As much as 37s. 6d. is offered for a single gold sovereign for this purpose, and it is calculated that from seven to ten brooches can be made from the gold in one coin. These are sold whole ale at 17s. 6d. each, so a handsome profit is realised.

"The excuse offered is the extreme scarcity of gold ingot in the country."

"MAY WEEK" AT CAMBRIDGE.

Writing from Cambridge a correspondent informs us that "May Week" gives every promise of beating all records this year. The crews are practising very hard, the coaches are screaming themselves hoarse with rage or delight, and every day sees the banks of the Cam crowded with enthusiastic supporters and amused spectators. There promises to be a huge influx of the American element and prices for lodgings are showing soaring propensities equal to those of the "Camel" of Sopwith fame. Twenty guineas the week for two or three rooms, thirty pounds for a small furnished house, four pounds a day or twenty pounds the week for a punt, all indicate that the Cambridge landladies, etc., are out to make up for some of the lean years they have endured since 1914.

OCCUPATIONS OF THE OCCUPATION ARMY

No. 5 — RACING

By The Ad. Man.

RACE MEETINGS, large and small, are constantly being held in the Rhineland promoted and organized by the Army units. No expense is spared and real 'Goodwood' days they are .... Binoculars and cameras are everywhere in evidence, big money is spent on Cups and prizes, Catering is done on a lavish scale. Here then is yet another opportunity open to enterprising British advertisers

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GERMAN IMPRESSIONS.

A NEW REVOLUTION.

The *Kölnische Volkszeitung* makes one or two interesting remarks about the drastic actions which the Communist party intends to take in order to bring into being the Bolshevist *regime* in Germany. Not as before, in puny upstarts, does this party intend to work, but there is being organised, states the paper, one huge general revolt. All classes of people are being influenced and incited in a most audacious manner. This revolt is timed to commence on the signing or refusal of the peace terms, and the Communists hope to instal successfully their own particular and heinous mode of goverment.

The present government and the parties it represents, states the *Volkszeitung*, are looking forward quite calmly to any development, and the majority are determined to oppose the new movement by every possible means. "If all the members of our Fatherland," it says in conclusion, "are animated with the same firm determination, we shall succeed in mastering this projected attack of the Bolshevists. But we shall need more than a few flaming words. Everywhere strong counter-measures must be taken immediately. The Spartacists must be shown that the majority of the German people will not be subjugated by the terrorists. The Russian 'blessings' and the recent hideous experiments of Munich are sufficient for the people of Germany."

Ants delivered by Bolshevism.

Dr. Wilhelm, who is at present with the German delegates at Versailles, likens his countrymen unto a swarm of ants enclosed in a glass case over the outlet of which is placed a hand to restrict the free passage of air. The ants, instinctively scenting the approach of danger, become more and more excited and, not being able to come into touch with the outer enemy, in their desperation they attack one another. "If we are really similar to the ant hill?" states the *Kölner Tageblatt*, "we can only be saved by the force which smashes the cage or pushes away the hand. Bolshevism aims at the former, but Wilhelm evidently implies that we should do the latter."

An interesting Proclamation.

The Prussian Government recently issued a proclamation to German officials and schoolmasters in those areas which will be threatened in case of a refusal of the terms, exhorting them to remain faithfully at their posts and carry out their duties in such a manner as to show a good example to all the others. In return the State gives a vague promise that their families and possessions will be protected to the utmost degree possible and that, whatever may happen, their future will be secured.

The reason for this proclamation in obvious. The German Government foresees, just as do we, what will happen to those threatened areas, and it will be amusing to note how the State administers promised help, when the time and need arrives.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

DANCING LESSONS.

So many requests have come for dancing lessons that it has been decided to hold two classes, for beginners only, on Tuesdays and Fridays, in the Leave Club, from 5 to 6 p.m.

As the room will be limited, only a small number can attend.

Those wishing to join please give in their names at the Information Bureau.

The Controller of Entertainments will be very glad to have the help of a violinist to play for one or both of the afternoon classes. L/Cpl. Heather is kindly instructing at the classes.

To all lovers of music the concert given by the 9th (Queen's Royal) Lancers (by kind permission of Lt. Col. Brocklebank) was a great treat. The bandmaster, Mr. Gibson, was a master of his art, and kept the audience of over 400 people enthralled. The programme opened with the march, "Le Regiment de Sambre et Meuse," which was warmly applauded, and next came Gounod's "Mirela." Signaller Bert Evans gave his inimitable songs at the piano, (by permission of Major Brotners), and his rendering of popular songs was much appreciated. Bandsman H. Hodges' cornet solo, "Roses of Picardy" evoked great enthusiasm, and as a second piece he played "The Rosary." After the "Valse Triste," and a Selection from "Chu Chin Chow" (always a favourite), Miss Hanbury Williams gave great pleasure by her songs "I know a lovely maiden" and "Strawberries," and was much applauded. The suite from the ballet "Coppelia" and Dream Pictures by Middleton followed, and then came the success of the evening, songs by Major Greenlees, He was encored again and again, and every one heartily enjoyed his excellent performance. The band then gave an excellent selection from "Faust." Q.M.S. Keysall's bassoon solo evoked an outburst of cheers, and the splendid programme was brought to a close with the popular fantasia "Victory Land," a collection of all the well-known songs, which left the delighted audience feeling that the band had well earned its reputation as one of the best in the A.O.R.

It is proposed that bank robberies in Oklahoma will henceforth be punishable by death.

By a Bill before the French Senate no gambling establishment is now permitted within 60 miles of Paris.

The offices of the Rumanian Legation in Paris have been burgled, but no diplomatic documents have been stolen.

A series of explosions have occurred at a large munitions depôt near Bailleul. Several casualties are feared among Chinese labourers.

In an explosion of ammunition at the artillery depôt of Gerwisch, near Magdeburg, six hands were killed and four seriously injured.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir — Reference the account in your issue of a recent date of the formation of the above in Cologne, I have no doubt that many officers who are at present with the Army of Occupation, awaiting early demobilization, etc., will be much interested in the above, and no doubt many of them, who are either managers or partners in business firms of repute in England, would welcome an opportunity of meeting representatives of the firms mentioned as already out here with a view to endeavouring to arrange for them to take an additional agency work, thereby producing the mutual co-operation and benefit which is so much needed to enable us to successfully compete out here.

Expenses are cut down, and in many cases an agent's time is only partly occupied, and he would welcome a chance of earning more commission.

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OFFICERS' CLUB.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—It was gratifying, in a recent issue of your paper, to read of the opportunities for recreation and refreshment now provided in the various officers' club in parts of the "occupied area," and much as we appreciate the successful efforts already made in this direction for those fortunate enough to be stationed in, or near, Cologne, we do not want the treatment of "Cinderella" to be meted out to other areas. When, may I ask, can we at Bonn look forward to the happy day when something of the same nature may be provided for us here? It would be a real pleasure to break away occasionally from the Battery Mess (or perhaps even a Headquarters Mess) and "dine out." The change of food, as well as of company would materially add to one's *joie de vivre*, and I hope that, through your valuable influence, you will be able to stir things up a bit in Bonn. "Gunner."

OPEN AIR BAR FOR TROOPS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.— Whilst appreciating the fact that the Army authorities are working hard for the general amusement and comfort of the troops forming the Army of Occupation, I would like to forward the following suggestion.

We are fully conversant with the fact that the average soldier enjoys nothing better than a quiet sit down in a bar, and a drop of good English beer.

Here in Cologne the wines offered for sale to the British soldier are generally admitted as being putrid and wretched stuff. Could not open air or English style bars be opened for the soldier who loves his glass, at which place he might obtain good English beer? I realize that the Unit wet canteen meets this suggestion to a certain extent, but not sufficiently. For (1) the average wet canteen is a small place where the soldier may obtain a pint of beer usually in his mess tin, and (2) the wet canteen is located at, or very near, the soldier's unit and billet. Therefore it is that the wet canteen does not spell "comfort" to the soldier. What he wants is an outside place, where he may sit down and feel himself free to *enjoy* his glass.

I am confident that if such places could be formed, they would be highly appreciated by the troops, and further, they would rid many soldiers from the immoral temptations to which they are at present exposed.

Staff Sergeant.

A SLIGHT ERROR.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*

Sir.— With your kind permission I shall make a reply to the report in the football match published in *The Cologne Post* recently, 5th Lab. Coy. v. 180th. The reporter pleads that his team is below strength owing to men being on leave, which accounts for defeat. Perhaps that is so, but what was the matter a few weeks ago when the 5th drew with 180th? Surely he can find some excuse for that. I admit that the former had most of the first half, in spite of facing a brilliant sun and gained many corners. Shortly after the interval, the 5th did not score, neither did they ever look like scoring after the penalty. The ball entered the net but twice during the whole game, and once the goal was disallowed for hands against Stevenson (180th). It is hard on the referee for him to say that the 5th scored. As the ball was at the least two yards from goal when the full-back handled, it would be very difficult to say, if the reporter were at the other goal. Even when the 5th got a penalty the 5th goalie failed to score and failed miserably, too, for he tried three times, twice from rebounds. But rather than the reporter admit that, he would have it that the 180th goalie saved luckily. The latter is impossible, for there are but two things to hit, providing the ball is between the sticks, namely the net and the goalie, and he hit the latter. Perhaps the one who kicked the penalty intended to carry the keeper through with the ball to the "music" of the pipes. This would have been an interval. He goes on to say that it was anybody's game. Did not the 180th press the 5th defence continuously from the time of the penalty kick to the finish? It was only the good play of the 5th full-back and keeper that kept the score low. It appears to have annoyed the 5th Lab. Coy. to suffer defeat. But perhaps they will challenge us to another game when all their players get back from leave. It is good practice to play with your betters.

Sportsmen.

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"He is David M. Roth, the most famous memory expert in the world," said my friend Kennedy, answering my question before I could get it out. "He will show you many more wonderful things than that before the evening is over."

And he did.

As we went into the banquet-room the host was introducing a long line of the guests to Mr. Roth. I got in line, and when it came to my turn, Mr. Roth asked, "What are your initials, Mr. Jones, and your business and telephone number?" Why he asked this I learned later, when he picked out from the crowd of 60 men he had met two hours before, and called each by name without a mistake. What is more, he named each man's business and telephone number accurately.

I won't tell you all the other amazing things this man did except how he called out, without a minute's hesitation, long lists of numbers, bank clearings, prices, lot numbers, parcel post rates, and anything else the guests gave him in rapid order.

When I met Mr. Roth again he rather bowled me over by saying, in his quiet, modest way:—

"There is nothing miraculous about my remembering anything I want to remember, whether it be names, faces, figures, facts, or something I have read in a magazine.

You can do this just as easily as I do.

"My own memory," continued Mr. Roth, "was originally very faulty. Yes, it was—a really poor memory. On meeting a man I would forget his name in thirty seconds, while now there are probably 10,000 men and women, many of whom I have met but once, whose names I can recall instantly on meeting them."

"That is all right for you, Mr. Roth," I interrupted. "You have given years to it. But how about me?"

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When I tackled the first lesson I was amazed to find that I had learned—in about an hour—how to remember a list of one hundred words so that I could call them out forward and backward without a single mistake.

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Answers to Correspondents.

[The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Many questions have been received which could be answered much easier by the Adjutant of the unit concerned, and all such cases which affect the unit commander must be taken to him and not sent here. — Ed.]

J.E.—We will do this as soon as possible.

H.C.—The true meaning of the word fraternize is "brotherly affection." The meaning intended in Orders is "intimacy" with Germans.

H.E.—Apply to your District Directorate, Ministry of Reconstruction.

Inquirer.—Not yet. The matter is a weighty one but is, we believe, being earnestly considered. Much will undoubtedly depend upon the nature of the ratified terms.

W.Y.W.—Yes there are Catholic services in Cologne. See our announcements on page two of to morrow's.

A.C.—Sorry we cannot give you instructions, but if you wish to rid yourself of the goods you mention, send them along.

Interested Tommy.—Thanks for your letter. The subject is being dealt with already by others.

T.R.—Write a letter to your Adjutant or officer-in-charge, and give the same facts as those you sent to us. You can claim demobilization on compassionate grounds.

A. to C.—A.T., 197653, Turf and others. The Derby runners will be published as soon as they are available. The list will be known in ample time to make your draw.

J.T.B.R.—No, the M.G.C. do not own the title "Royal".

R.R.—Not necessarily, but it is a custom.

185. S.B.—These are the four largest counties in England:—Yorkshire, 3,872,899 acres; Lincoln, 1,705,233 acres; Devon, 1,658,995 acres; Norfolk, 1,303,570 acres.

C.E.R.—A guard on duty over a General's Headquarters will pay compliments to the General whether he is in uniform or civilian dress.

A.G.—Write to your Record Office.

T.P.—Twelve years is the qualifying period for the Territorial Force Efficiency Medal.

M.A.—Yes, as you were serving in a theatre of war before December 31, 1915, you are entitled to the 1914-1915 star.

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N.C.O.—The rate of bonus, paid to men of the Army of Occupation is:— Sergeant, 14s. per week; corporal 12s. 3d. per week; private, 10s 6d. per week.

16 L.F.R.S.—Your question is vague as there are so many records, such as time, distance, endurance, etc. The Lands End to John o' Groats record (about 900 miles) is held by H. Green, who cycled the distance in 2 days 19 hours 50 minutes, in 1908.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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At a conference of Somerset Scout Masters at Bath, Brigadier-General Molesworth, C.B., District Commissioner for North Somerset, announced that during the war the whole of the country had been reorganized, and there had been an increase of over 1,000 members since 1917.

All American troops in France except the Regular Army divisions are to embark for home by June 12.

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METHODICAL PREPARATIONS.

Quiet and methodical plans are being made to continue the war. Miles of laden camels, bullocks, and carts are now passing through the Khyber Pass, in addition to motor convoys and despatch riders, the whole presenting a wonderful and romantic sight. Snipers are lurking in the Bazar Valley, but are afraid to approach the pass.

All is quiet on the Datka front. There is a gathering of tribesmen in the Mohmand country, two marches from Shabkadar, under Mir Jan Badshah, and a few Afghans are blowing bugles and making martial noises on the Peiwar Kotal on the Kurram side, but no importance is attached to these demonstrations. The situation is unaltered in the direction of Wano, where we are fully prepared.

It is impossible to ascertain definitely the fate of the Amir's brother, Nasrullah Khan, who was reported to have been imprisoned for life as the instigator of the murder of the Amir Habibullah. Frontier opinion inclines to the belief that he died a few days after the new Amir's accession. The Afridis, on the other hand, believe that he is still alive, and it was stated among them the other day that the Amir had sent for Nasrullah and offered him the throne, saying that he himself was going to fight on the Khyber front in the uniform of a common soldier. Nasrullah refused, on the ground that Inayatullah, the late Amir's eldest son, should have had the offer made to him. The Amir is also reported to have offered Nasrullah the command of the Khost army, which the latter refused. Anyway, the Amir is staying at Kabul, and is unlikely to proceed to Jelallabad while that city is subject to air raids.

BOMBS ON AMIR'S PALACE.

Simla. A telegram reporting the aerial attacks on Jalallabad says that these bombing raids have been highly successful. In a night raid Captain Carbery dropped four small bombs on the Amir's Palace. In a day raid four bombs were dropped amongst 2,000 infantry on parade, inflicting about fifty casualties. The infantry scattered into the barracks, which were bombed in the next raid. Six direct hits were obtained, and all the bombs were dropped in the town, which is much damaged. Fifteen machines took part in the raid, and nearly two tons of bombs were dropped.—*Reuter.*

It is reported that parties of Afridis and other tribesmen arrived at Jelallabad after our aerial bombardment of the fortifications and barracks on the 21st and freely looted the almost deserted city. The troops fled panic-stricken, and the looters helped themselves liberally to the unprotected army stores. The Nawab of Dir repeats his congratulations on the British successes, and declares that he is confident of the Amir's ultimate ruin. The leading Maliks of the important Achakzai tribe in Chaman have given assurances of their loyalty to the Government.—*Reuter.*

AFGHAN FRONTIER FORT CAPTURED.

Peshawar, 27th May. Hakka front is quiet. The Afghan General Nadir Khan, who has arrived at Madum, is now beginning to show signs of activity.

A mixed force of Khost tribesmen and Afghan regulars has advanced down the Kaitar river and crossed our border in the direction of Spinwam. Our small frontier post there has been safely withdrawn.

The general officer commanding in Beluchistan reports the capture of the Baldak fort.—*Reuter.*

RIGA ADVANCE CONTINUES.

Stockholm. A report form the Baltic national force at Riga says our losses at the taking of Riga were small. The majority of the Bolshevist garrison were taken prisoner and our troops are still advancing. Indescribable misery prevails. The population is overjoyed at being freed from the Bolshevists. News of the arrival of the American commission with forty railway waggon loads of flour was enthusiastically received.—*Reuter.*

NEW EGYPTIAN MINISTRY.

General Allenby has reported that a new Ministry was formed in Egypt on May 21 composed as follows:

Prime Minister, and Minister of the Interior—Mohammed Said Pasha.
Public Works—Ismail Serry Pasha.
Finance—Yusef Wahba Pasha.
Education—Ahmed Ziwar Pasha.
Agriculture—Abdel Rahim Sabry Pasha.
Justice—Ahmed Zulficar Pasha.
Wakfs (Pious Foundations)—Mohammed Tewfik Nessim Bey.

Mohammed Said Pasha preceded Rushdy Pasha as Prime Minister: Serry Pasha, Wahba Pasha, and Ziwar Pasha were Ministers in the last Cabinet.

The House of Lords, by sixty-nine votes against twenty, has passed a motion which the Government opposed demanding a judicial enquiry into the dismissal of Miss Violet Douglas Pennant from the Royal Air Force.

GERMANS AND RUSSIANS INTRIGUING.

RANTZAU AND SCHEIDEMANN.

Stockholm, 27th May. The Russian-Scandinavian Information Bureau here has received the following communication from Berne:

"Negotiations between Germans and Russian Bolsheviks are in full swing. They are being conducted secretly through the well-known Socialist, Parvus, who is at present living in Switzerland. Parvus is keeping up intimate relations with Herr Scheidemann and Count Brockdorff-Rantzau, who are both old friends of his. As he also has good relations with the International Socialists, Parvus has lately entered into communication with the Hungarian Bolsheviks, in order to organize a common front.

"The task of making an agreement with the Soviet Government has been entrusted to Parvus, owing to his intimate connection with Trotsky and other leading Russian Bolsheviks, together with whom he organized the famous 'Council of Workmen's Deputies' at Petrograd. If Germany refuses to sign the Peace Treaty a plan to organize Bolshevik movements on a large scale in most European countries, including Turkey and the Balkans, is being elaborated. It is rumoured that Parvus is trying to establish, as the basis of a Russo-German agreement, the complete abandonment of terrorism and its substitution by a real democracy. It is interesting to note that Parvus is a shareholder in all the leading German Social-Democracy papers, and is intimately connected with *Vorwärts.*" — *Reuter.*

RISING IN KURDISTAN.

A serious rising has occurred in South Kurdistan, where the gendarmerie have been defeated. The wires are cut and it is feared that British officers and troops have been taken prisoners. The movement is considered to be due to intrigues of the Turkish Committee of Union and Progress. The necessary steps have been taken by the Mesopotamian Army to overthrow the tribesmen by disciplined force.

BOLSHEVIST TRANS-CASPIAN SUCCESS.

The Bolshevists success on the 20th May occurred in the trans-Caspians twenty-eight miles North East of Merv, an achievement which was facilitated by the fact that several hundred Armenian troops deserted to them.

The Bolshevists have gained a footing in the Merv oasis just when the crops are ripening and when they have every facility for provisioning and maintaining a large force there.

On the Eastern shore of the Caspian Sea the Bolshevists have occupied Alexandrovisk.

The British Caspian squadron encountered an enemy squadron on the 18th May and sank a number of barges containing coal and wood and captured the crews.

RELIEF FORCE REACHES ARCHANGEL.

It is officially announced that the Relief Force commanded by General Grogan, V.C., has arrived at Archangel. It was formally received on the 27th May by the Governor General, the Commander of the Russian Troops and representatives of public bodies.

H. M. the King has telegraphed to General Ironside and General Maynard congratulating them on the endurance and achievements of the troops during the long Arctic winter.—*Reuter.*

PURSUING THE BOLSHEVISTS.

Copenhagen, 28th May. — The Troops which took Riga are continuing their advance into Livonia. According to reports received by the Lett Information Bureau here, they have captured the station and the famous bridgehead of Uexkuell on the Dvina, eighteen miles east of Riga, which is the strategic key to Riga, and also the station of Rodenpois (Ropashi) on the Riga-Pskoff railway. The pursuit of the Bolsheviks is continuing.

The official Esthonian Press Bureau issued the following communiqué to-day: "The Esthonian Army Headquarters' report for yesterday announces the capture of the town of Volmar, a railway junction sixty-two miles to the north-east of Riga. The hasty retreat of the Bolshevists is continuing uninterruptedly in the eastern sector of this front, the neighbourhood south of the town of Verro having been cleared of them."—*Reuter.*

ANTI-BOLSHEVIST INSURGENTS.

The War Office states that the Anti-Bolshevist insurgents on the Upper Don consist of an independent mounted infantry brigade 2,500 strong, five divisions each four thousand strong, fourteen field guns and one howitzer. The insurgents, who are suffering from lack of officers, ammunition and medical stores, hope soon to join General Denikin. The morale of the insurgents is excellent and that of the Bolshevists bad. The latter are committing atrocities and mutilating women and children.—*Reuter.*

INQUEST ON MURDERED W.A.A.C.

CORONER'S SUMMING UP.

The Bedford coroner yesterday concluded his inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Miss Ellen Florence Ruby Rault, the young W.A.A.C., who was found murdered in Wilstead Wood on May 12, after she had been missing from the Haynes Park R.E. Camp, close by for three days. The jury's decision was as follows: "We find that Nellie Florence Ruby Rault was brutally murdered by being stabbed in the heart, and we return an open verdict."

Company Sergeant-Major Hepburn, R.E., who has been remanded on a charge of murder, was again present in court when the inquiry, which was held at the camp, was continued. He was asked by the coroner whether he wished to enter the witness-box, and he replied, "Not to-day, sir."

STATEMENTS AT VARIANCE.

The coroner, addressing the jury, spoke of the evidence given by Bray and Lewis, the Bedford Modern schoolboys, as to the hard breathing and the cracking of dry bushes in the woods. He did not know what the theory was, but if it was that the murder was committed, and that the cracking of the dry brushes accounted for the murderer walking away, it was very strange that Private Rush, who was walking along the road and passed that identical spot only a second before the boys left there, heard nothing to attract his attention. Sergeant-Major Hepburn's written statement, his answers to Superintendent Underwood's question, and the evidence given by Sergeant-Major Smith as to Hepburn's movements on the afternoon of May 9 were entirely at variance. The coroner also pointed out the differences in the evidence as to whether or not Hepburn was wearing black leggings or puttees on May 9, and, proceeding, commented on the fact that Hepburn made no report to anyone until he volunteered to make a statement to the commanding officer.

THEORY OF THE TRAGEDY.

On the Sunday he went to have tea with Mrs. Spiller at Ampthill, and in the course of a conversation with her he said the girl he was dancing with on the Thursday was missing. He added, "The funny part is they asked me if I knew where she is. I know nothing about her." Somebody had evidently asked Hepburn on the Saturday if he knew something about the girl, and it was curious, said the coroner, that he had made no inquiries or reports, considering he had undoubtedly an appointment with her on the Friday afternoon. Reconstructing the crime, the coroner said there was a theory that the girl went to the gate of the camp to meet someone whom she must have known very well indeed. It had been stated that she was a lively girl, and it might be that she teased her lover, who lost his temper and seized her by the wrist. That would account for the bruise on the wrist. "She struggled," surmised the coroner, "and ran into the wood, where she fell over the undergrowth and cut her face on something hard such as turf and scratched and bruised her face. The individual followed and stabbed her in the back twice. She gets up on her hands and begs her assailant to spare her. What does he do? He stabs her three times in the chest and once through the heart."

MURDERER'S MOTIVE.

What was the motive? The jury had heard deceased had been in the habit of keeping £2 10s in notes to enable her to return to her home in case of emergency. The wallet was found on her body, but there were no notes in it. In the pocket of her dress they found some silver. If the motive had been robbery would her assailant not have gone through the pockets of the girl as well as taking the notes from the wallet? Anyway, the money in the wallet could not be found. The crime must have been committed in broad daylight within fifteen yards of the camp gate, and was it probable or likely that any tramp or stranger would commit such a crime for robbery within that distance of the camp? Two pounds ten in notes were found upon Hepburn, but, said the coroner, that might have been a coincidence, and therefore he did not attach much significance to that fact.

After deliberating for half an hour the jury returned the verdict stated, the result being received with applause in court.

TRAINING FOR WIVES AND FIANCEES.

In the House of Commons the Minister of Labour was asked if, under the proposed scheme for the free training of unemployed women applicants had been informed that wives and fiancées only could be trained in domestic work, and that training for factories and workshops was confined to young registered unemployed women; and why fiancées, whose position might be precarious, should be penalised.

The reply was that there is no intention of confining the training of wives and fiancées to domestic work. The special scheme for wives and fiancées is intended to apply to those women who do not wish to enter industrial life, but who wish shortly to set up a home of their own.

At what period does walking out appear in the training? asked a member.

I must have notice of that, replied Mr. Wardle, amid laughter.

Lieut.-Colonel Sir F. Hall then asked: What would be construed as a "precarious position" by the Government?

"That is a hypothetical question," was the reply.

BRITISH DYE INDUSTRY.

The British Dyestuffs Corporation has been registered with a nominal capital of six millions in pound shares to take over the business etc. of British Dyes Ltd. and Levenstein Ltd.

Small pox has broken out at Gravesend. Four cases and one death have been notified

CITY FREEDOM FOR PRINCE OF WALES.

"I FOUND MY MANHOOD."

A most brilliant scene was enacted at the Guildhall yesterday when amid all the ancient pomp and ceremony of the City Corporation, the Prince of Wales was admitted to the freedom of the City of London. The banner hung hall formed a multi-coloured canopy to the distinguished gathering, while the befurred robes of the aldermen and the resplendent uniforms of the City officials mingled with the khaki worn by many famous generals and made up a picturesque spectacle. Those present included the Duke of Connaught and other members of the Royal family, Lord Curzon, Lord Crewe, Lord Burnham, Sir John Fisher, Admiral Wemyss, General Birdwood, Sir A. Currie, the Maharajah of Bikamir, Lord Sinha, General Sykes, Earl Ampthill and Mr. Lloyd George. The Lord Mayor, Sir Horace B. Marshall, presided, seated on a raised dais, and in a gilt chair next him sat H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

After the usual ceremonial the City Chamberlain in the course of his speech expressed the most cordial welcome on behalf of the City and reminded the Prince that he was of the fourth generation of the Royal Family who had been made a Freeman. He then proceeded to outline the Prince's career up to the present, especially emphasizing the gallant part he had played in the war, (prolonged cheering) and concluded by requesting him to accept two handsome pieces of plate.

The Prince, who wore the uniform of the Grenadier Guards, on rising to reply spoke in clear and confident tones. He heartily thanked the gathering for their splendid reception and expressed his gratitude for the honour conferred upon him. He devoted a large part of his speech to extolling the four London Divisions and paid an eloquent tribute to their magnificent work throughout the campaign. At the conclusion of the ceremony luncheon was held at the Mansion House.

His speech was characterized by happy phrases. One of the most striking was when, acknowledging the references to his period of service at the front, he said "In these four years I mixed with men; in those four years I found my manhood. When I think of the future and of the heavy responsibilities which may fall to my lot I feel that the experience gained since 1914 will stand me in good stead."

THEFT OF ARMY PAY ORDERS.

PAY CLERK CHARGED.

Cecil Hall, 35, accountant, of Trinity-road, Wandsworth Common, was charged at Tower Bridge yesterday with stealing between January 21 and February 2 from a locked cupboard at the Huts, Buckland, Dover, 50 demobilization postal drafts of the negotiable value of £700, the property of the War Office. The drafts form part of a number stolen from Dover value £10,000.

Detective-Inspector Cornish, of New Scotland Yard, said that on Monday when told he should be arrested on suspicion of stealing Army money orders Hall denied having them. The witness then said, "Four of the stolen drafts were found in a cab at Waterloo Railway Station after a man had alighted from it, and I am satisfied you are the man." On the way to the police station Hall said he was demobilized from Dover, where he was a clerk in the Pay Corps. "I remember now about those four drafts found in a cab," he added, "and I can tell you how I got them." Hall made a statement at the station and signed it, but the witness would not read it until the next hearing. In a locked box in Hall's bedroom were bank notes and Treasury notes worth £101.

A remand was ordered.

THE CHURCH MILITANT.

HAIG'S SIMILES.

Field Marshal Haig and General Horne, who visited the Church of Scotland General Assembly at Edinburgh yesterday were received by a guard of honour of chaplains.

Addressing the Assembly Sir Douglas urged the establishment of a General Staff for the Christian Churches of the Empire analogous to the Imperial General Staff in military organisation. The only means of securing a permanent peace was to develop the spirit of brotherhood born of the war, to which end the active help of a vigorous National Church was necessary. A beginning should be made by forming an United National Church in Great Britain, after which a great Imperial Church should be formed to maintain the determination of the peoples of the Empire.

In this connection Sir Douglas rejoiced to see the movement towards the Presbyterian Reunion in Scotland and what Scotland hoped to gain for herself she must help the whole Empire to achieve.

CONCESSIONS TO LONDON POLICE.

In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Mr. Shortt said that he was aware of the unrest in the Metropolitan police. It was partly due to outside influence and partly to genuine grievances. As far as the genuine grievances are concerned the Government is taking all necessary steps to meet them.

A committee is enquiring into the pay and conditions of service and a ready enough is known to enable the Government to say that there will be a substantial increase in pay, which will be made retrospective as from the 1st April, and there will be substantial improvements on conditions of service.

The Government is arranging that the right of the police to their own internal organization for protection of their own interests shall be put on a regulation basis. The present Police Union will not be recognized.

THE MEN WHO RESCUED HAWKER.

RAYNHAM ASKS FOR GRIEVE.

Horsens, Denmark, 29th May. An interesting account of how Hawker and Grieve were saved in mid-Atlantic was told to *Reuter's* correspondent by the captain and second mate of the steamship Mary, which arrived at Horsens in the early hours of this morning.

The second mate had the watch, when suddenly at six o'clock on Monday morning they sighted an aeroplane which soon came down in the water by the Mary's bow. They at once set about launching a lifeboat. It was only with considerable difficulty that the boat was launched and it took one hour to get the airmen aboard.

Hawker and Grieve were at first very exhausted but they soon recovered when they got aboard for they had not been long in the water. They were very sleepy; so sleepy in fact, that they declined the food that was offered them.

They were very disappointed that they had not succeeded in completing the flight and winning the prize and throughout their six days stay aboard were very troubled because they were unable to let their families know that they had been saved.

St. John's, Newfoundland, 29th May. Raynham has invited Commander Grieve to navigate the Martynside on its Trans-Atlantic flight, replacing Captain Morgan who was injured in the crash when taking off. Raynham's machine is being repaired and will possibly make a trial flight this week but Raynham will require a new engine from England before starting for Ireland.

Hawker's machine has arrived at Falmouth on board the s.s. Lake Charleville, and is being brought to London as soon as possible. It will be exhibited on the roof of Selfridge's.

R 34's ADVENTURES.

The R 34, the gigantic airship which it is anticipated will attempt the Atlantic flight very soon, was taken over by the Admiralty and left Glasgow on Wednesday night for the aerodrome at East Fortune, Haddingtonshire.

It had an adventurous voyage owing to fog and low clouds. The crew of thirty-one discovered at 10 p.m. that they were lost over the North Sea. Later they made the aerodrome and cruised overhead all night long in the hope of landing in the morning but were prevented by fog. They travelled in the daytime as far as Yorkshire and eventually at 3.30 in the afternoon landed at Berwick Law, near the aerodrome. All were exhausted, as they had been twenty-one hours in the air without food, it having been calculated that the trip would only occupy two hours.

General Maitland, Director of Air Ship Services, and Colonel Hicks were aboard.

OIL FLOW IN ENGLAND.

For the first time mineral oil of high quality and in considerable quantity at the first flow has been discovered in England. For some months past, owing to the enterprise of Lord Cowdray, head of the great firm of Weatman and Pearson, experimental borings have been made near Chesterfield in Derbyshire.

Oil was first struck on Tuesday night at a depth of approximately three thousand feet. The oil rose to the height of fifty feet and yesterday stood in the bore at the height of four hundred feet.

American drillers describe it as a very fine show. The surface of the oil bearing sand has only been scratched as yet and it is hoped that deeper drilling will increase the flow. The oil, which is flowing at considerable pressure is being tested. It smells strongly of paraffin and benzine.

GERMAN DELEGATES' FAREWELL CELEBRATION.

Before leaving Versailles for Berlin yesterday, a number of subordinate members of the German delegation, realising that their work was over, indulged in a riotous night, with much drink. Long after midnight the quiet of Versailles was disturbed by the strains of the "Marseillaise" shouted lustily by a band of rejoicing Germans, who also cried, "Hurrah for France!" "Hurrah for Germany!" "Hurrah for peace!" Their celebrations occasioned sharp disciplinary measures by Count Rantzau, and accelerated the departure of a number of the participants for Berlin.

Nothing has yet developed indicating definitely what the German Commissioners will do in case the Entente adheres firmly to its original project. *Reuter.*

COMPENSATION FOR INTERNED CIVILIANS.

Mr. Harmsworth says that the possibility of obtaining from enemy Governments compensation for British subjects who were interned in enemy countries is under consideration. Those who desire to claim compensation should—if they have not already done so—notify their claims to the Foreign Claims Office, S.W. 1.

NEW OPERATIC STAR.

The young Irish soprano, Marguerite Sheridan, made her debut at Covent Garden on Wednesday and scored a triumph as Mimi in La Boheme. The critics describe her as a singer of rare distinction.

Flight-Lieutenant Casale, of the French Army, in a Série machine, yesterday attained a record height of 9,333 mètres (30,612 ft).

Subscriptions to the latest Victory Loan amounted to 5,250 million dollars. The loan was oversubscribed to the extent of 750 million dollars, which amount will be refused.

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OUR NATIONAL ASSET.

"Tis not in mortals to command success;
But we'll do more, Sempronius, we'll deserve it.'

The whole of the English speaking world today thrills with joy at the return to England of two of her great heroes. Not only England and her dominions, but America, France, and other sympathetic nations rejoice with us that Hawker and Grieve have been saved from what appeared to be an inevitable doom.

There is little reason to dwell upon the facts of this daring effort of the two Britishers to cross the Atlantic by aeroplane. These particulars are well known. It will be remembered that America led the way in this great attempt on the 16th May, with her seaplanes N. C. 1, N. C. 3 and N. C. 4. Hawker and Grieve on learning these facts decided to make a dash, despite the adverse conditions of the weather which they knew would add considerably to the already great risk.

These two brave men realised that the conditions were unfavourable; they realised, too, that there was but little chance of their reaching this side in safety. But they knew that the Americans were making a bold bid to gain for their country the honour of the first trans-Atlantic flight, and there was only one means of wresting from them the laurels. Thus did they begin the flight, the accounts of which filled us with mingled fear and hope for more than a week.

Hawker and Grieve were our representatives, and every Britisher looked to them with confidence for the winning of an additional glory to our Empire's proud record. They did not fail us, though we should have preferred them to descend from the clouds on to the appointed ground in Ireland, rather than have to drop in mid-ocean.

But the attempt is one of which every Britisher can be proud. It is one more example of that true spirit of daring and enterprise which ever has been associated with our great Empire.

No effort is needed to recall to mind the glowing accounts of heroism and patriotism of our forefathers.

In peace and in war, throughout the whole history of England, one can discern the same steadfastness, chivalry, devotion, and self-sacrifice of Britains' subjects for their country, and these qualities alone have enabled us to reach to our present and glorious position.

In October, 1415, at the outset of the Battle of Agincourt, when matters were proving to be serious, one of the knights asked Henry whether he would not prefer more resources. The gallant King replied "I would not have a single man more. If God gives us the victory it will be plain that we owe it to His grace. If not, the fewer we are, the less loss of England." And this simple yet strong devotion resulted in a glorious victory.

Again, nearly four hundred years later, Napoleon, observing that internal conditions of England were very favourable for his attack, intended to invade our country and made an alliance with Spain in order to destroy our fleet so that he might get his troops across. But what happened? Dissension amongst our political parties ceased forthwith, a rush to join the forces followed, and Trafalgar brought us another splendid triumph.

"England has saved herself by her courage," said Pitt in what proved to be his final remarks, "she will save Europe by her example."

Many may be astonished that so much enthusiasm has been aroused in this recent act of gallantry. For more than four years we have been witnessing similar actions almost every day. The splendid bravery of our old army at Mons in August 1914; the heroic actions of the Australians and our Territorials at Gallipoli a year later; the splendid steadfastness of the new soldiers during the retreat of 1918—these are only isolated examples of the fortitude and valour which brought us victory, and which serve to show that the Empire of to-day has maintained and is maintaining her excellent heritage.

But not only in war have we gained such brilliant achievements. The whole of the civilized world is indebted to England for her scientists, her pioneers, her writers; to such as Darwin, Tyndall and Huxley for their theories, to Livingstone, Drake, Scott, and Shackleton for their discoveries; to Harvey and Jenner for their medical research; to Watt, Stevenson an Arkwright for their inventions; to Shakespeare, Carlyle, Macaulay and Dickens for their writings.

And what of the future? To the young soldiers of the Rhine Army this magnificent attempt to belaurel further the Homeland should serve as a splendid example.

We own a rich inheritance of which we can be justly proud. But that heritage must be maintained, and we must be willing and ready to keep high our flag of endeavour, enterprise, and chivalrous daring.

Our work has not finished when we throw off the khaki. To-day, more than ever before, does the Empire need men of grit, force, and keen insight into the world's politics.

Power of concentration is necessary, too, for in this we have the secret of strength in the controlling of human affairs. No man can be efficient unless he possesses this quality, neither can any nation make advancement without this most essential element dominating the lives of all its citizens.

Our self-sacrifice for the benefit of the nation—as exemplified by the attempt of Hawker and Grieve—is a duty we owe to the Empire; it is a tribute we must pay to the memory of those who have gone before; it is a precedent we must make for those who are to follow.

TO HAWKER AND GRIEVE.

The whole wide world rejoices and is glad
To know that you are saved — for efforts frantic
Were made to find you, and 'twas feared you had
Become the victims of the vast Atlantic.

Although you failed (through no fault of your own)
To reach the hoped-for goal of your ambition,
For good old England you have gained renown,
To history made a valuable addition.

The bard may well be quoted at this hour,
(His name, I have no doubt, you will recall, sirs)
'Tis better to have tried and failed, by far,
Than never to have made the flight at all, sirs.

Oh, splendid fools, take from a grateful nation,
Their heartfelt thanks and lasting admiration.

R.H.P.

THE QUESTION OF TONGUES.

V.

WILLIAM R. PATTERSON F.R.G.S. etc.

I am extremely glad to find that my articles on the encouragement of language-study by the British have induced many readers of *The Cologne Post* also to contribute articles and publish letters relating to the importance of such study. A writer recently contributed a valuable letter advising us to learn the Spanish tongue for purposes of South American trade. There could be no better advice given to you sturdy young Britons who are with us here in the Occupied Territory, for, later on, many of you will undoubtedly seek your welfare in western climes, just as many have done before you. As an engineer you may, by sticking to your work, become successful there. As a planter you will find ample scope for advancement. As a representative of a British firm or as a rancher you may do equally well. If you are not an expert in some such trade or profession you will need of course to accept a subordinate position but if you have already a fair knowledge of the Spanish language your chances of a good post on arrival are greatly increased. This is, supposing you go out on prospect; if you are sent out as a representative or agent that is another matter. In either case, the better your acquaintanceship with the colloquial by so much the more will you gain. The foreigner, whoever he may be, is generally willing to give preference to British goods; let us meet him half-way therefore and study his idiom. We are a business nation; we must be so; we have so many colonies and we are experts in manufactured goods; we invent, we discover, we expand. But there are other business nations, and the existence of so many brings competition. It is generally the agent who speaks the language of his customer who is most successful in commerce for, since time is money, the customer will prefer not to prolong negotiations. Yes, by all means learn Spanish!

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Great Britain sorely needs linguists, now, more than ever before. We all have an equal chance in this branch of education, and one is never too old to learn.

THE RUCKSACK.

In beautiful Britain, the rucksack has always been considered a thing enshrouded by a subtle glamour of adventure and romance. Its very name holds an enchanted world—a world of bewitching loveliness wherein care is forgotten and the heart sings with the joy of life.

But here, in Germany, the rucksack falls from its high estate and becomes somewhat ordinary and prosaic—a thing to be associated with cities and toil and commerce rather than with blue skies and lone heaths, It is possessed, so it would seem by every German, including children; whilst in the average English town it is an object of unstinted curiosity.

To a Britisher, beholding for the first time, this unceremonious use of his sacred rucksack, it comes as a bitter shock, a disillusion, a shattering, as it were, of cherished memories.

The Rucksack first claimed attention at the close of last year when, after the Armistice, numbers of men and boys of France returned from exile—a roughly made contrivance set upon the shoulder of slaves freed from bondage.

It was seen again in Belgium where it was used largely by women for carrying goods of various descriptions.

But, in Deutschland, the rucksack, in its proper form, appears on every hand, striking a discordant note in well nigh all streets of the busy city at almost every hour of the day. It has become vulgarised and disgraced.

Yet these people are hardly to blame; the principles upon which the rucksack is constructed are excellent; heavy loads can be borne with a minimum of fatigue. It is a convenient, sensible method of portage, allowing unrestricted use of the arms.

However, after all, even here in the Fatherland, the rucksack also fulfils its proper rôle. It plays its part in the Kingdom of Romance, and rises to the poetic heights upon wich it has ever been placed by the Englishman.

For the rucksack fittingly graces the back of the German wanderer exploring the ancient villages historic castles and solitary forests of the Rhine valley; it tones with the picturesque garb of the Deutsch angler and harmonises with the costume and spirit of the nomadic musician.

In German art, too, the rucksack figures conspicuously. Its presence may be noted in many a picture or on a daintily coloured postcard or the cover of a wander-book. So faithfully has the German artist portrayed the true spirit and sentiment of the nomad, that it is difficult to realise that this people has, through the ages, been held relentlessly under the iron fist of militarism.

Perhaps, to the Englishman—at least, the Englishman fired with wander-lust—the rucksack means very much more than to the German. In no way whatsoever does the islander connect it with the turmoil of city life but only with the quietude and contentment begotten of leafy lanes and vast open spaces. It reminds him of Britain—that beautiful land in whose defence no sacrifice can ever be too great. It sets him sighing for Walt. Whitman's "long brown path" and for the loneliness of the purple mountains.

Furthermore, the rucksack suggests a glorious way of spending that "twenty-eight-days-leave," which will happen sooner or later. How intoxicating to tramp once more, with a congenial companion, across the fertile soil of old England! But this companion must be a kindred spirit—a wander-mate who can fall in with the mood of the moment and who knows instinctively when speech is irreverent. For, sometimes, in solemn silence only can the beauty of certain scenes be fully appreciated and admired.

It will hardly be imagined that the ex-soldier will undertake an expedition as arduous as Belloc's "Path to Rome," despite the charm of adventure involved in such a journey—the nights under the stars, the mystery of the dark hours, the cafés, the wines and the fascination of strange peoples, No! it must be something less strenuous, and above all *British*. But Belloc also knew a more tranquil "path"—the trail across the Sussex downlands and, elsewhere, amid the sleepy villages and shady woods of Blighty.

Perhaps the quiet, gay philosophy of Stevenson at the sincere enthusiasm of Hazlitt might better suit the returned warrior, who has not yet quite forgotten the hardships of war. For him, the shorter journey, the joy of arrival, the cosiness of the old-world inn, the tastiness of the evening meal, the peaceful smoke out of doors in the moonlight, the anticipations of the morrow—by such a "path" he attains happiness and rest.

No man loved Nature more passionately than Richard Jefferies. What his studies of the open-air world failed to tell of this burning passion, his extraordinary book, "The Story of my heart," revealed to the very depths. The fields of waving grasses, the green trees, the snowy blossoms, the breezy hills, the rivers murmuring between flower-bedecked banks, all seemed to be part of his very life. And no man was ever more fitted than he to wear a rucksack.

—Moorlander.

THE DAWN OF HOPE.

The night of dark despair has passed,
The night of hideous pain;
The anguish of four years is cast,
And Peace peeps through again.

Oft in the gloom our stumbling feet
By tortuous pathways trod,
But now to us the joy is sweet
To see the Heavens broad.

The thunder clouds begin to clear
And, from the eastern slope,
More glorious and bright appear
The smiling rays of Hope.

To Her we lift our weary eyes
Some comfort to behold —
She bids our drooping spirits rise
And greet the dawn of gold.

But still in that bright firmament
A few black patches lurk,
For Hate does not yet rest content
With all his dev'lish work.

See even now his sullen shade
Expanding slow but sure,
And deep his sombre schemes are laid
The brightness to obscure.

Still must our faith remain steadfast
Towards the rising red;
And so may Hope's warm rays at last
O'er all Creation spread.

J. STEWART.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Saturday	6	Cavall. rustic. Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo
Sunday	5½	Zauberflöte	Mozart
Monday	6	Der fliegende Holländer Die Meistersinger	Wagner
Tuesday	6	Die Entführung aus dem Serail	Mozart

"THE OWLERS."

79th R.G.A. BRIGADE'S SUCCESSFUL OPENING PERFORMANCE.

The Concert Party of the 79th Brigade R.G.A. gave their first performance, since coming to the Rhine area, on Saturday evening at the Cuchenheim Theatre, when they were enthusiastically received by a crowded house.

The troupe has been strengthened by several new-comers, amongst whom are Bombdr. W. Pawson and Driver W.C. Fulton, late of "The Bundooks." The former, a ventriloquist of more than average ability, is well known under another name, on the music hall stage, and the latter has recently appeared with considerable success at the Palais d'Ete and Gaiety Theatre, Brussels. Other new comers are Lieuts. Palin and Oxberry; Ptes Greenburg, Brown and Gnr. Fletcher who have all had considerable stage experience.

Old favourites remain in Bombdr. Broome and Davison, Ptes Evans and Corner. The entire show was well staged and the various items were rendered with artistic finish. "The Owlers" will visit the Casino, Euskirchen, for four nights, commencing June the 4th.

THE GAY "GREEN DIAMONDS."

9th D.L.I's CONCERT PARTY AT CENTRAL Y.M.C.A.

The concert party of the 9th D.L.I., the "Green Diamonds", enhanced their reputation by their performance at the Central Y.M.C.A. hall on Thursday evening. An audience of nearly 2,000 were entertained by a show that never lagged. The party displayed an excellent camaraderie and their programme was both clean and refined.

Cpl. Davis was a coquettish "Molly," and the footwork of her "admirers" added zest to "her" item, "The Man I love." Pte. Milburn's tenor solo "I'll sing to you" received hearty applause, whilst Cpl. Dimpleby's effort "I'm learning a song" was in the best style of humour. Pte. Bowers' step-dancing was a good turn, and Pte. Ryder's interpretation of "Légende" shows that he is a musician "born not made." Cpl. Greatham made a good light comedian in "Nightmares."

Pte. Stevens was a finished elocutionist in his monologue "The Colonel," whilst Cpl. Davis's "Annie" was popular with the audience, who helped "her" in the chorus. 2nd Lt. Emberson, who acts as chaperon to the party, pleased the audience with his subtle humour in a topical talking turn. The lighting effects were excellent in "My Moon," sung by Sig. Harris assisted by the troupe, who formed effective tableaux. The orchestra discoursed sweet music during the interval.

Harry Tate's "Motoring."

The pièce de résistance of the evening was Tate's "Motoring," in which the party showed their great capacity for humour. Cpl. Greatham as "Harry Tate" was highly reminiscent of the original, whilst Pte. Stevens was a perfectly precocious prattler. Sig. Harris as the "Chauffeur" was at his ease, and Pte. Bowers' "Urchin" was delightfully ludicrous, leading "Tate" scope for his talent in a lot of "business." The sketch provided a good climax to the concert.

Mention must be made of Sig. Harris's sterling work at the piano, where he was ably assisted by Sig. Chapman, who also played the female parts with a grace and charm that rendered "her" popular with the audience. Cpl. Rutter showed that he is a stage manager of some considerable experience.

G.H.Q. CLERKS' CONCERT.

G.H.Q. Clerks' Mess No. 1 was the venue of a very enjoyable concert on Wednesday when various members of the celebrated "Tabs" concert party together with several G.H.Q. clerks submitted a really tip-top programme.

Pte. C.H. Huntley and Cpl. J. Morgan amused the audience with their double turn "The Officer and the Raw Recruit," and several other single items. L/Cpl. Greatorex, better know as 'Rex', Pte. Rob. Norrie with his wonderful monologues, and Sgt. E. Franklin, an excellent Light Comedian, also contributed to the evening's success.

The star turn of the evening was that most talented violinist gunner, Alfred Barker, who held the audience spellbound whilst rendering his solos.

Other artistes who rendered notable assistance were Cpl. E. Mahrer who attracted much attention in his female attire, and Cpl. J.H. Williams, Spr. A.E. Hutchings, Pte. R. Saerbourne, Cpl. H. Moore, Pte. Jock Limond Cpl. Curran, the last named all being G.H.Q. Clerks.

The M.C. of the evening was Cpl. A. Hanna. All credit for the admirable arrangements made is due to Cpl. H. Saunders who carried out the duty of stage manager, etc.

DERBY SWEEPSTAKES.

70,000 MARKS SUBSCRIBED BY VI CORPS OFFICERS' CLUB.

The VI Corps Officers' Club, Cologne, Sweepstake had resulted up to last evening in the enormous sum of nearly 70,000 marks being subscribed, and it is stated that the sweep of the X Corps Club at Bonn has also been subscribed to with enormous enthusiasm. Practically all the events, of which quite a large number have been organized in Rhineland, will close to-day.

Organizers who wish the results of the draws to appear in "*The Cologne Post*" should send the information along as early as possible.

"Deutscher Sport" reports that the Union Club is going to protest against the decision of the British Jockey Club, to exclude all Germans from English races.

On account of the political situation at Munich, the two racing days fixed on 29th of May and 1st June have been postponed.

Baha, the winner of the Austrian Derby and Criterium 1919 has won over 200,000 marks, the highest sum ever won on the continent by a 4-year-old.

PICK OF THE ARMY v. "LIGHT BLUES."

JOHNSON BATS TWO HOURS FOR 106.

CAMBRIDGE 243 FOR 6 CRICKETS.

In a stand of two hours, Johnson knocked up 106 for Cambridge in a match against the Army on Thursday, at Cambridge. Five County Cricketers were included in the Army team. Scores:

THE ARMY 1st INNINGS.

Major D. C. Robinson, c Brockibank, b Gilligan	9
Sergt. W. Dutnall, c Calthorpe, b Johnstone	30
Major C. L. Tudor, b Calthorpe	27
Capt. N. C. Tufnell, c Wood, b Calthorpe	4
Major F. C. Spring, b Calthorpe	2
Capt. R. G. Tudor, l b w, b Johnstone	4
J. Tasker, c and b Calthorpe	9
Major E.S.A. Poyntz, c Wood, b Rotherham	12
Lieut. J. Jefferson, b Doggart	23
Capt. E. T. Butler, b Gilligan	43
Major N. A. Knox, not out	45
Extras	9
Total	223

CAMBRIDGE 1st INNINGS.

G.E.C. Wood, c Tasker, b Knox	12
G. Ashton, l b w, b Jefferson	38
C.P. Johnstone, b Jefferson	106
A.G. Doggart, c Pontz, b Knox	19
T.A.L. Brocklebank, l b w, b Jefferson	0
F.S.G. Calthorpe, b Jefferson	0
J.S.F. Morrison, not out	61
Extra	7
Total (6 wkts.)	243

BOWLING: THE ARMY.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Naumann	4	0	17	0
Gilligan	11.1	0	44	2
Johnstone	9	0	37	2
Rotherham	7	2	25	1
Calthorpe	13	5	40	4
Fairbairn	8	1	39	0
Doggart	5	3	12	1

'VARSITY TEAM'S POOR BATTING.

OXFORD v AUSTRALIANS.

The Australians visited Oxford on Thursday when, in the first innings, they scored 281 for 4 wickets against their opponents 152. Scores:

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—1st Innings.

D. J. Knight, c Oldfield, b Kelleway	24
F. W. Waldock c Oldfield, b Docker	3
H. P. Ward, b Kelleway	33
M. Howell, c Oldfield, b Kelleway	2
G. F. Bell, b Kelleway	17
H. B. Watson, b Kelleway	2
F. W. Gilligan, not out	33
V. R. Price, c Collins, b Kelleway	4
G. A. Keay, c Taylor, b Stirling	4
F. A. Crawford, run out	8
G. H. Rucker, b Kelleway	0
Extras	13
Total	152

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
1st Innings.

H. L. Collins, b Price	10
C. B. Willis, b Price	15
J. M. Taylor, c Keay, b Price	104
A. W. Lampard, l b w, b Price	11
J. T. Murray, not out	74
C. Kelleway, not out	8
Extras	19
Total (4 wkts.)	241

BOWLING—OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

Docker	6	2	13	1
Collins	5	0	17	0
Lampard	14	3	47	0
Kelleway	17.5	3	47	7
Stirling	4	0	15	1

JUDGES NEARLY KNOCKED OUT.

13th BATT., "THE KINGS" (LIVERPOOL REGT.) BOXING TOURNAMENT.

A very interesting Boxing Tournament was held by the above Battalion at Beuel on Monday evening, when some excellent fights were witnessed, especially the final bout of the "Feather-weights" between Ptes. Reardon and Robinson (both of "C" Coy). Although Robinson received a great deal of punishment in the 1st and 2nd rounds, he still gamely stuck up to his opponent until the referee stopped the fight in the last round. He was congratulated at the close by the Commanding Officer (Col. Potter C.M.G., D.S.O.) on his very plucky fight.

The blindfold exhibition bout between Ptes. Bradley and Thomas proved both exciting and amusing. On more than one occasion the judges came very near being knocked out for the count of ten.

RESULTS OF THE COMPETITIONS.

The following are the results in the different competitions:—

Bantams:— Pte. Hughes ("D" Coy) disposed of Pte. Boardman in the 2nd round, Pte. Griffith receiving a Bye.

Final:— Pte. Hughes ("D" Coy) beat Pte. Griffiths on points.

Featherweights:— Pte. Reardon put Pte. Birmingham out in the 1st round; Pte. Robinson beat Pte. Thomas on points; Pte. Blood received a walk over.

Semi-Finals: Pte. Reardon beat Pte. Blood; Pte. Robinson drew a bye.

Final:— Pte. Reardon beat Pte. Robinson.

Lightweights Final:— Pte. Bradley, a walk over.

Welter-Weights Final:— Cpl. Dugger, "C" Coy, beat Pte. Nicholson "D" Coy.

Points were awarded to Coys as follows:—

"C" Coy	13 points
"D" Coy	7 points
"A" Coy	3 points
"B" Coy	0.

BAKERIES BILLIARD MATCH.

At Kalk on Wednesday, the Bakeries played a Team of 6 a side with the 2nd Midland Brigade which resulted in a big victory for the home team, the Bakeries winning by 258 points.

On Monday at Kalk, the Bakers will play a return match with the R.A.S.C. Transports (Kalk).

The Bakeries invite all who are interested in billiards to come and see this match. Further matches are also invited.

G. BATTERY R.H.A. CRICKET CLUB.

At a meeting held on Tuesday Lieut. J. P. Whiteley was elected Captain; Gunner R. Tanner, Vice-Captain, and Gnr. J. H. Marshall, Secretary. A committee was also formed and every prospect for a successful season is anticipated.

YORKSHIRE OUTPLAYED AT LORD'S.

OPENING OF MATCH AGAINST M.C.C.

Compared with pre-war days there was only a small crowd at Lord's yesterday to witness the opening of the match between M.C.C. and Yorkshire. Scores:

YORKSHIRE. — 1st INNINGS.

Rhodes, b Watson	7
Holmes, b Watson	13
Denton, b Kennedy	4
Kilner, l b w, b Kennedy	0
Hirst, c Harrison, b Berridge	41
D. C. F. Burton, st Brooke, b Watson	8
Sutcliffe, b Hearne	38
Birtles, b Hearne	0
Dolphin, b Hearne	4
W. E. Blackburne, not out	3
Smith, l b w, b Kennedy	1
Extras	1
Total	120

M.C.C. — 1st INNINGS.

Major Hon. L. H. Tennyson, c Dolphin, b Smith	17
W. C. M. Berridge, b Smith	5
Hearne (J. W.), b Smith	34
Hubbl, b Smith	22
Hendren (E.) not out	52
Commander G. C. Harrison, c Rhodes, b Smith	26
Major F. R. Brooke, b Kilner	22
Extras	5
Total	183

BOWLING—YORKSHIRE.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Watson	20	5	41	3
Kennedy	23.2	10	28	3
Hearns	15	2	36	3
Berride	7	2	14	1

UPPINGHAM v. REPTON.

FIRST IMPORTANT PUBLIC SCHOOL MATCH.

At Uppingham on Thursday, Uppingham School outplayed Repton, dismissing them for 141 and finished no fewer than 188 runs ahead. Uppingham owed most to J. A. C. Thornton, who, after taking five wickets for 45 runs, put together the splendid score of 174. A. P. F. Chapman, the Uppingham captain, also rendered his side fine service, obtaining three wickets for 30 and making 51. Dorman, with 53, was the other chief run-getter for the home side. Kemp, not out, 27; Potts, 28; and Hewitson, 20, were the best scorers for Repton. Uppingham had six members of last year's eleven and Repton five. Totals: Repton, 141; Uppingham, 329.

WARWICKSHIRE'S FIRST MATCH.

Warwickshire open their season against Surrey at the Oval on June 6 and 7 when the team will be selected from the following: G. M. Stevens (captain), W. C. Hands, C. F. Cowan, J. H. Parsons, Quaife, Charlesworth, Baker, Smith, Bates, Howell, Austin, and Luckin.

OUR CUP COMPETITION.

OPENING MATCHES PLAYED IN VARIOUS LEAGUES.

Satisfactory progress has been made in playing off the opening League fixtures, and clubs which have not yet met are requested to get the first match decided as soon as possible so that the fixtures may be kept up to date. In the case of clubs which have no ground, it will save much time and trouble if the Secretaries inform their opponents of the fact in good time, so that a ground can be arranged.

Appended are further results and summaries of the opening games: —

No. 70 SQUADRON R.A.F. (153 for 9 wickets) v. No. 39 A.A. SEARCHLIGHT CO. (27); Played at Bickendorf Aerodrome on Wednesday afternoon. None of the former reached double figures. Bowling for No. 70 Squadron, Bolton took 7 wickets for 11 runs, and Panpott 2 for 12; while Orrs scored 47, Major Huskinson 27; and Harrison (not out) 25.

23rd ROYAL FUSILIERS (75) v. T.M.B. (51); played at Hemmerich on Wednesday top scores: 23rd R.F. Lieut. Murrable (not out) 15; Lieut Hodgson 19; C.S.M. Russell 13. The only player of the T.M.B's to reach double figures was G.M.S. Osbaldersten (27).

170 S.B. (35) v. 2nd M.G.C. (35) on former' ground. Excellent bowling and fielding; Gnr. Nicolls of 170 S.B. took 6 wickets for 15 runs. The highest score of the match was made by Gnr. Beddard (of 170 S.B. Battery) who scored 13 in nice style.

52nd WELSH REGT. (85) v. 303 S.B., R.G.A. (97) at Bona; game fairly evenly contested on indifferent pitch. For 53rd Sergt. Kay scored 28, Pte Malam 17, and Lieut Needham 10; for 303 S.B. Gnr. W. Brown (31), Bdr. Wilkinson (23), and Gunner Fretwell (13) were the most successful batsmen. Lieut Postlethwaite (52nd W.R.) was in good form with the ball, as was Barker for the Gunners.

MIDLAND DIV. M.T. Co (39) v. 73 Bde R.G.A. Outstanding features were the excellent bowling of Monk for R.G.A. (4 for 8), and North for M.T.Coy (5 for 12); also the excellent wicket-keeping of Major Cloves for M.T.Coy as only 2 byes testify. Other good bowling displays were those of Needham (2 for 0, Hampson (2 for 5), and Lieut Worlock (2 for 13) for the 73rd R.G.A., and Capt. Shipp (3 for 16) and Cpl. Beaumont (1 for 3) for the Midland M.T.Coy.

180 LABOUR COY (68) v. WAHN SURREY DEPT. (52); Chief scorers:— for 180th, Lieut. Lyall. (22) and Pte. Smart (13); for W.S.D., Dewhurst (15), and Poole (10).

183 S.B. (67) v. 527 M.T. A.S.C. (57) played on 183 S.B's sports ground; for former Major Parrington (13) and Gr. Dauber (10) and for the latter Storr (23) were the leading batsmen; the most successful bowlers were Capt. Chance and Storr for 527 M.T., and L Br. Robinson and Major Parrington for 183 S.B.

145 S.B. (101 for 7 wickets) v. 509 FIELD COY R.E. (38) played at Euskirchen; Chief Scorers: 145 S.B. — Hewitt (22), Robinson (22), Belson (12), 509 Field Coy, R.E. — Bailey (18) and Allcrott (12). For the 145 S.B. Lemons took 5 wickets for 18; and Aylesburg 2 for 1.

103rd FIELD AMBULANCE (58) v. LANCS. DIV. SIGNAL. COY., R.E. (46) at Troisdorf; for the former Pte. Zanker scored 11 and for the latter the chief scorers were Pnr. House (18), and Dr. Lockwood (12 not out).

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SPORT IN ENGLAND.

RACING AT SALISBURY AND DONCASTER.

SALISBURY MEETING.

In glorious weather, meetings took place on Thursday at Salisbury and Doncaster, when the fields were, numerically, rather more satisfactory than they have been for some days past. In the Salisbury card, a goodly proportion of favourites were returned. The winners were:

Juvenile Plate: 1, Black Jess (5—2); 2, Romeo (20—1); 3, Angele f. (5—2 on). Four ran.

Stand Water Handicap: Sensitive Simons (evens); 2, Carol singer (7—4); 3, Sir Artegal (4—1). Three ran.

Stewards Plate: 1, Finisher (6—4); 2, Raybarrow (5—1); 3, Nubian (6—1). Eight ran.

Salisbury Stakes: 1, Charles Service (evens); 2, Swift Flight (7—2); Palestine (10—1). Twelve ran.

Wiltshire Plate: 1, Rodeur (9—2); Double Dess (6—1); 3, Muscovado (6—1) Ten ran.

City Bowl: 1, Challow (5—4 on); 2, Avezzano (10—1); 3, Greenwich (5—1). Six ran.

DONCASTER MEETING.

Landesboro Plate: 1, Angli Kiss (9—4); 2, My Patsy (2—1 on); 3, Mountain Love (20—1). Three ran.

Portland Handicap: 1, Cistern (9—2); 2, Brussion (6—4); 3, Mrs. Jawleyford (6—1). Four ran.

Zetland Plate: 1, Fair Simone (11—10 on); 2, Border Dance (100—7); 3, Allan Water (4—1). Eleven ran.

Doncaster Handicap: 1, Warways (5—2); 2, Iron Hand (9—2); 3, Off Shoot (10—1). Five ran.

Municipal All-Aged Plate: 1, Golden Square (3—1); 2, Primrose (11—8); 3, South Notts (100-8). Seven ran.

Hopeful Stakes: 1, Adopted (11—10); 2, He Goes (2—1); 3, Daniella (7—2). Four ran.

Stockil Plate: 1, Jackdale (evens); 2, Freezomint (9—2); 3, Master Picton (20—1). Four ran.

LATEST LONDON BETTING.

THE DERBY. RUN JUNE 4.

6 to 5 agst	Panther (t & o)
15 to 2 —	Buchan, 8 to 1 t)
100 to 9 —	Paper Money (t)
100 to 8 —	Grand Parade (t & o)
100 to 8 —	Dominion (t & o)
20 to 1 —	Lord Basil (t & o)
25 to 1 —	Tangiers (t & o)

MIDDLESEX CHAMPIONSHIPS.

RITCHIE'S NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEFEAT.

In the Lawn tennis Middlesex championships at Chiswick Park, Thursday's results were as follows:

Open men's singles (4th round) Raymond, South Africa, beat Colonel Berger 6—4, 6—2; Ritchie beat Donisthorpe 4—6, 9—7, 6—2; Ritchie was within a point of defeat in the 14th game of the second set; Norton, South Africa, beat Mellet, Natal, 6—5, 3—6, 6—2; George Greville beat Dixon 6—3, 8—6.

Ladies singles (semi-finalists):

Misses Ryan, Holman, McKane, v. Mrs. Beamish.

Men's doubles—Dodd and Mellet beat Norton and Raymond, all South Africans, 1—6, 6—3, 6—3.

LAMBERT V. DICKINSON.

At Petworth on Thursday in Lord Leconfield's Court H. Lambert in his return match with R. C. Dickinson won by 3 sets to 2.

CLOSE GAME AT HURLINGHAM.

In the semi-finals of the Whitney Cup Tournament at Hurlingham on Thursday the Melton team beat the Pilgrims, who had 3 goals start, by six goals to five.

The Freebooters won decisively in the semi-final round of the Whitney Cup Tournament at Rochampton, beating Cowdray, who had 5 goals' start, by a margin of 3 goals.

4th FIELD SURVEY BATTN. (H.Q.) R.E. (1); 13th MOTOR AMBULANCE CONVOY R.A.S.C. (18); played at Muhlheim on Wednesday; L Cpl. Terry (12) and Sapper Power (23) batted well for Maps, as did Sgt. Wiggins for the Convoy; Sapper Howell finished off the Convoy's innings by taking the last four wickets in two overs, for 4 runs; Sergt. McCauley bowled well also, taking 3 wickets for 7 singles. The bowling honours for the Convoy were carried off by Pte. Talbot, who took 3 wickets for 7. The fielding of the 13th M.A.C. was exceptionally smart.

153 SIEGE BATTERY (43) v. 1/1st NORTH MIDLAND HEAVY BATTERY (35); played at Gusterath; a keenly contested game in which the bowling was superior to the batting.

R.H.A. (39) v. 9th BATTALION D.L.I. (47); at Bergheim on Wed scoring 41 for their first wicket the R.H.A. made a capital start, but a rot set in, and 9 wickets were down for 66 owing to the good bowling of Capt. Gibson and Lieut. Archer. The last wicket, however, carried the score to 89, before Grey was well held by Smith. The Durhams except for Cpl. Murray and Capt. Gibson never gave much trouble, and in 3¾ of an hour they were all out for 47, Marshall at point making two very fine catches. Turner had the good average of 4 wickets for 14 runs. For R.H.A. Holmes Scored 23.

CAVALRY DIVISION H.Q. (152 for 9 wickets) v. 24th VETERINARY HOSPITAL 22. This match was due to be played on the "Vets" ground, but this being out of the question, it was played at Quadrath. Chief Scores:— Cav. Div.:— Spr. A.E. Bennett (34); Cpl. B.F. Adams (20); Cpl. Tolley (not out 19); Spr. Dearnly (19); Sgt. Keevil and Spr. Evans simply played havoc with the ball, the former taking 6 wickets for 10, and the latter 4 for 6.

EASTERN DIV. H.Q. (102) v. 51st KING'S LIVERPOOL REGT. (45) on the ground of former at Siegburg; for 51st Drakeford was run out for 15, and for the Eastern Div. Capt. Carroll scored 23, Capt. Groom 23, Spr. Thomson 14, and Capt. Morgan, 13; Olegg (51st King's) performed the "hat-trick."

51st King's (Second Innings) All out 73; Result:— Eastern Division H.Q. won by 57 runs.

OTHER RESULTS.

9 th Corps Troops M.T. Co	93;
104th Bde. H.Q. R.F.A.	44.
"D" Corps Sig. Co. R.E.	41;
No 1 Light Bty. Sig. Co. R.E.	13.
354 Siege Battery	33;
185 Siege Battery	29.
IX Corps, H.A.	43;
18th C.C.S.	35.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday, May 31, 1919.

Surface wind light and variable. Fine but hazy. Warm. Visibility indifferent early, improving later.

"THE BLUE RIBAND."

DERBY JOTTINGS BY "JERRY M."

The racing public will appreciate Mr. Robinson's action in scratching "Stefan the Great" from the great classic. After his show in the Two Thousand Guineas it was fairly obvious that he would not "stay" the Epsom course. And yet his name has appeared in the so-called "London Betting" as having been supported at prices round about 100 to 7 for substantial sums.

So whilst one has genuine sympathy with the owner of such a good horse as "Stefan the Great," because of the impossibility of running him with any chance of success, one admires his sporting action in striking his name out of the race.

The Manton Puzzle

Now Major Astor! Put an end to this "Manton Puzzle." Why mystify the public by keeping two horses such as "Buchan" and "Lord Basil" in the race with no indication as to which is the stable selected?

One remembers the Guineas when up to the last moment "Lord Basil" was stated to be the only runner from Manton. Then "Buchan" was sent, but it was understood would run untaxed and unsupported by the stable. "Buchan" finished second, a neck behind "The Panther" with Lord Basil unplaced. Many bitter remarks were to be heard in "The Ring," and had Buchan won I cannot imagine a more unpopular victory. I remember very well at Newmarket a certain well known horse's victory being received with hoots and groans. One hopes this will not occur at Epsom.

What crowds there will be on the historic "Downs" this year, and should a popular fancy win how they will cheer!

Popular Winners of the Past.

Which was the most popular Derby winner? I should unhesitatingly plump for "Minoru." What a tremendous ovation he received as he passed the Post! And when the late King Edward came out to lead him in, the public were frantic in their joy, the cheering was continuous for nearly twenty minutes, and it was with the greatest difficulty that the police were able to clear the course for the next event.

Other popular wins that come to mind are "Lemberg," "Sunstar," "Rock Sand," and of course "Flying Fox."

The disappointments include such horses as "Sceptre," "Bayardo," and "Craganour." Will the favourite win this year? We shall see. Certainly "The Panther" is having the way cleared very well for him. With such good colts as "Golloper Light" and "Manilardo," whose entries were rendered void by the death of their owners, and "Stefan the Great" scratched, his way is made so much the easier. But the unexpected does sometimes happen. I have received a glowing account of "All Alone's" last win and I am told his trainer is confident he will prove a thorn in the side of the favourite on Derby Day.

GYMKHANA AT ROMER HOF.

SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION OF MIDLAND DIV. TRAIN.

Considerable interest was displayed in the Midland Divisional Train Gymkhana and Sports Meeting held at Romer Hof on Thursday. The weather was beautifully fine and the best use was made of a rather scattered course by carefully thought out ground arrangements. Considering the depleted railway facilities, due to the public holiday observed in Germany, the attendance was numerically satisfactory. In both the mounted and dismounted events, the sport was keen and thoroughly interesting.

The Prize Winners.

The complete list of results is appended: —

Inter-Company Tug of War: No 3 Company.

Pillow Fight: — C.S.M. Hunter.

G.S. Wagon Turnout: No 1 Company.

G.S. Wagon Turnout (2nd Event) 1. S.A.A. Section, D.A.C. No. 1; 2, 52nd Leicester Regt.

Water Cart Turnout: — No 1 Coy.

100 yards Flat:— 1, Dr. Burton, No 2 Coy; 2, Sergt. Farrington, No 3 Coy.

440 yards:— 1, Dvr. Wilson; 2, C.Q.M.S. Lloyd.

100 yards.— Box Respirator race:— Sergt. Burrenden.

Walking Race for Heavy Draughts:— 1, Sergt. Shepherd's team (No 2 Coy).

Jumping Competition for Officers:— Lieut.-Col. Thomson's "John" ridden by Lieut. Gardner. The second horse was Major Smith's "Double Ruff".

Musical Chairs:— 1, Captain Chamier; 2, Lieut. Everitt.

Band Boot Race:— Pte. Marshall.

SEVERAL JOCKEYS DISMOUNTED.

The going was very hard, and as most of the course is hidden from view, a description of the races is out of the question. Two or three of the winners were much too good to compete in such conditions, and they simply made hacks of the others. I thought that most of the Jockeys could have improved their chances by riding about 6 holes shorter. In the Champagne stakes Jack's jockey unfortunately was thrown early in the race, but he was apparently unhurt. Later on, Captain Shipp came off rather heavily owing to the girths being loose and the saddle slipping. He was happily not seriously injured although severely shaken, and was removed by the R.A.M.C.

Tea was provided in marquees and the band of the 2/4th Duke of Wellington's Regiment, by kind permission of Colonel Francis, played delightful music during the afternoon.

The following are the races:—

Libiar Stakes. 1, Sergt. Clarke's Ch. M. Jennie (Donaldson); 2, Driver Capps's The Pony (owner).

Omega Plate: 1, Captain Buchan's Valentine (owner); 2, Major L.C.V. Smith's May Gift (owner); 3, Major J.C.B. Burnett's Pay his (owner).

Champagne Stakes: 1, Captain H. Lathain's Bay Geld Nolo (owner); 2, Major L.C. Smith's Bay G. Tom Brown (owner); 3, Lieut. W. Freeman's Ch.G. Little Bird (owner). (Jack unshipped his jockey 20 lengths from the start and went round the corner without a jockey).

Norrington Handicap: 1, Major C.V. Smith's B.G. Mystery (owner); 2, Lieut.-Col. Milwards B.G. The Marsgall (owner); 3, Captain Chamiers B.G. Paddy (owner).

White Ring Staves: 1, Captain Lathain's Ch.M. Phyllis (owner); 2, Lieut. Woodrows Ch.G. Tim (owner); 3, Major Harmons Bill (Lieut. Walton).

Lechenich Handicap: 1, Pte. Donaldson Ch. G. White Star (owner); 2, Cpl. Keens Secundus (owner); 3, C. S. M. Hunters Tertius (owner).

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AN INCIDENT AT BONN.

Mr. Bottomley yesterday asked whether recently the Church Army canteen kinema at Bonn was closed for eight days to soldiers of the Army of the Rhine in order that the Germans might have their usual Bach festival. Mr. Bottomley also wanted to know who was responsible for the orders.

Mr. Forster said a report had been called for on the matter, and the result would be communicated to Mr. Bottomley.

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TECHNICAL CLASSES.

ARMY GENERAL AND COMMERCIAL COLLEGE, COLOGNE.

Numerous questions have been asked by readers of The Cologne Post as to the holding of special classes in various educational subjects. Enquiries at the Army General and Commercial College have elicited the information given below.

The following classes have just commenced: Workshop Arithmetic, and Building Construction, Mondays and Thursdays, at 2 p.m.; Machine Drawing, and Applied Mechanics, Tuesdays and Fridays at 2 p.m.

Then, provided that that there is a sufficient number of applicants, the following evening classes will be held on days and at times to be announced later.

Naval Architecture, Surveying, Higher Pure Mathematics, Geodesy, Geodetic Astronomy, Architectural Drawing and Designing, House Planning (and drainage), and Architectural Design.

Applications to join these classes should be sent at once to Capt. Bassford, Education Officer, G.H.Q. Troops, Army General and Commercial College, Cologne.

CHAMBER MUSIC AT THE LORELEI HALL.

It is desired to draw the attention of officers and men to the exceptional opportunities afforded by the Lorelei Hall, Y.M.C.A. Central, Friesenstrasse, for the practice and performance of chamber music. This Hall is available every morning and afternoon, and is ideal for the purpose. There is a first rate Grand piano, and stringed instruments are provided. A room is also set apart for practice in the evenings. It is proposed to give concerts of chamber music, etc., at an early date and instrumentalists are kindly invited to co-operate. Further information can be had from Mr. A. F. Jones at the Hall.

There is also an orchestra which meets every Friday evening at 6.30.

Y.M.C.A. READING CIRCLE EUSKIRCHEN.

With mushroom-like growth, the newly-formed Circle gathered on Wednesday evening to hear the Rev. A. Mansfield, M.A., talk on Shakespeare's "As you like it," and were well rewarded with a delightful hour.

Well selected extracts, forming the basis of vivid pictures, enlivened by the lighter portions of the play, laid out the whole plot with a brilliance and beauty born only of a long and intimate aquaintance with the works of the dramatist.

From start to finish, the speaker held his audience in wonderful fashion, as only a master of his subject can.

It is hoped that the high standard so well begun will be maintained, and that even more men will enter into the life of the Circle, the primary intention of which is to foster a mutual spirit of fellowship amongst book lovers, and to be a common ground for meeting in search of the "Sermons in stones: books in the running brooks, and good in everything." J.K.D.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

WHIST DRIVE.

A very successful whist drive took place in the garden of the British Empire Leave Club on Thursday. Lt. Halley and Lt. Shelley kindly gave valuable assistance in running the proceedings. A great many players wished to take part, but only the early birds caught the worms, as the 40 tables were filled immediately.

The 1st. gentlemen's prize was won by Pte. Matthews with a score of 150; the first ladies prize by Pte. Dixon with 160. 2nd prizes were won by Pte. Wright and Pte. Buckhurst, and thirds by Ptes. Cavil and Beaumont, and the booby prize was given to Pte. Norris with a score of 112. The duties of Master of the Ceremonies were ably carried out by Pte. Price.

A QUAINT CUSTOM.

The ancient stipulation that a boy should stand on his head whilst portions of a will were being read was duly observed at Leighton Buzzard during the Rogationtide celebration of Wilkes charity. Thomas Wilkes, the founder, a prosperous London merchant in the early part of the 17th century, left ten almshouses to the town and various properties for their maintenance. Funds for beating the bounds were left by his son Matthew, who specially provided for plum rolls and beer for the youthful acrobats. The beer has for some time been dispensed with, and at this year's celebration there was neither beer nor rolls. The town crier, who was armed with a floral wand, held the boy's legs aloft at each point where extracts from the will were to be read.

TRADES UNION CONGRESS AND "CONCHIES."

The Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress, at a meeting on Wednesday decided not to accede to the request of the Triple Alliance for the holding of a special Trades Union Congress to compel the Government to withdraw British troops from Russia, to abolish compulsory military service, and to release conscientious objectors, and, failing this, to consider the taking of drastic industrial action.

The Committee had an interview with Mr. Bonar Law on the questions raised by the Triple Alliance on Thursday last, and, after considering Mr. Law's reply, the Committee decided that the holding of a special conference was altogether unnecessary. It was agreed to issue, as early as possible, a verbatim report of the interview with Mr. Law to the trade unions, so that the affiliated organisations may have the fullest information regarding the subject and the policy of the Government thereon.

A RESULT OF WAR.

THE WOMEN OF TO-DAY.

Mr. Justice Darling, in the course of a case at the Old Bailey yesterday, remarked that the harm the war had done on the morals of the people of this country was far beyond any material damage that had been done. In nothing had it done more harm than in the relaxation on the part of the women of this country. It had now reached a point that it could be seen in a walk along the street and seeing that they differed by the width of heaven from what their mothers were.

WAHN ARTILLERY RANGES.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

For the information of troops in the vicinity of Wahn we publish the precautions which must be rigidly observed when practice is in progress.

1.—It is forbidden for any unauthorized person to enter the danger area on Wahn Ranges while practice is in progress.

2.—While practice in is progress a "Basket" will be hoisted on the flag pole on the Water Tower East of Wahn Camp, and all roads leading into the danger area will be closed by barriers.

3.—Some battery positions exist between the Northern boundaries of the Wahn Ranges and the Rath-Forsbach Road. On occasions when batteries are firing from these positions, picquets will be placed on roads to prevent traffic passing into this extended danger area

4.—Practice will begin on June 2nd, and is liable to take place daily from that date onwards except on Sundays. It will begin usually at 9 a.m. On the conclusion of the day's practice, the barriers will be opened, and the "Basket" on the Water Tower will be hauled down.

5.—It is forbidden for any unauthorized person to handle any unexploded shell or fuze found on or off the range.

FOODS FOR ENEMY COUNTRIES.

The Board of Trade have issued a general license under the Trading with the Enemy legislation authorizing persons in England to send to persons in enemy countries through the agency of the Emergency Committee for the Assistance of Germans, Austrians, and Hungarians in Distress, of 27, Chancery-lane, London, W.C. 2, gifts of food, clothing, &c., of a weight not exceeding 11lb in the case of any one parcel. All persons desirous of sending such gifts to particular persons in enemy countries should therefore apply to the hon. treasurer of the above committee for information.

A GOOD BEGINNING.

CORONER'S FIRST INQUEST — A SKELETON.

Mr. J. B. Conroy, the new coroner, held his first inquest at Galway on Wednesday on a skeleton found in a shrubbery at Muroruga, Kenmore. A pair of slippers were found on the remains. Mrs. Boyle, employed by Miss Blake, stated that a cook in the service of Miss Blake disappeared twelve years ago, and no trace of her had been found since. On two previous occasions she had disappeared, hiding herself on the first occasion in a hay loft, where she remained four or five days without food, and on the second in the bushes at Bushy Park, where she had remained six days without food. Upon her return on these occasions she had waxed as usual. She was 65 when she finally disappeared, wearing a pair of slippers bought for her by Miss Blake.

The jury returned a verdict that the remains were those of the cook Mary Connelly, a native of Ballyconnelly, Clifden, and that she met her death by starvation, having hidden herself away.

EPSOM OR WESTMINSTER.

M.P.s. "DERBY DUTY."

The Government resisted recently a beseeching appeal by Mr. Bottomley that the House of Commons should rise two days earlier at Whitsuntide (on Derby Day, June 4) in order that members may have an opportunity of going to Epsom to "study the social problem among the people," and also the possibility of raising revenue by a tax on betting and racing.

"I was aware of the carnival," said Mr. Bonar Law, in allusion to the Derby; the Government could not vary their programme, however.

"But if the House loses for the day the services of some of its most useful members," urged Mr. Bottomley, setting members chuckling.

"Then members must decide between two duties," Mr. Bonar Law held grimly.

SOUND RANGING OFFICERS.

DINNER IN LONDON.

Major Bragg is making an attempt to organize a dinner to be held at 8-0 p.m. on June 14th at the Holborn Restaurant, for all Officers who served in Sound Ranging Sections.

Any S.R.O. who has not received a notice and who is likely to be able to attend should write at once to Capt. W. R. Darwin, 7, Park Parade, Cambridge, from whom tickets may be obtained at 10/- each.

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AMUSEMENT NOTES.

PERSONAL AND OTHER ENTERTAINMENT ITEMS.

The enormous success that recently attended the presentation of "Man and Superman" by the Rhine Army Dramatic Company, completely disposed of the criticism as to the advizability of staging a Bernard Shaw play in Germany. The Deutsche Theatre, Cologne, was packed for each of the six performances. Thus encouraged, Lieut. S. E. Percy proposes to revive the play in the near future, when the vivid and famous "hell" scene will be introduced.

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In the meantime, the Company has been busy rehearsing "The New Sin" which is to be the attraction at the Deutsche Theatre next week. The author, Macdonald Hastings, in his introduction to the book says, "The author dedicates "The New Sin" to the dramatic critics with the hope that they will not, at any rate, accuse him of committing an old sin. Whatever may be the verdict of Cologne audiences next week, they will undoubtedly agree that the play at least has the merit of originality. When "The New Sin" was produced at New York, its reception was probably unequalled in point of enthusiasm.

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Miss Kate Coates, the leading lady of the Lena Ashwell Concert Party, which is delighting large audiences at Cologne this week, tells an amusing story of a meeting she had with a Sergeant at Dieppe. "One dark evening" she relates, "I was uncertain of the way to my billet. Meeting a Sergeant, I made enquiries, and it so happened that he was going in the same direction. I gratefully accepted his offer to escort me and when I was leaving him I said, "Thanks so much; I hope we may meet again. Imagine my surprise when he replied, "Sorry Miss, but I've two girls waiting for me in England!"

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How many people have recognized, in the rather elderly acrobat who performs in the German *al fresco* entertainment near Liblar, a member of a well known brace of knock-about gymnasts, popular in pre-war days at the London Music halls? It must surely be something of a blow to his pride that this undoubtedly clever artiste should have had to degenerate into an out-of-door snowman, relying for his rewards upon the generosity of whatever crowd of spectators he may collect. But apparently he finds this method of earning a livelihood more profitable that performing at the German music-halls.

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At the Hotel wherein several members of a certain army concert party are staying, the occupants were rather alarmed a few nights ago when the floodgates of harmony were suddenly opened close on midnight. One of the members of the said party had an inspiration and, awakening his confreres, they all sallied forth into the music-room, briefly to rehearse the new idea. The proceedings had not long been in progress when an irate officer made his appearance and made remarks more varied and vigorous than polite. His presence was ignored, and so ear-tickling was the chorus that it soon held him in its grip and in a very few minutes he had joined the pyjama-garbed vocalists in its rendering.

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"Billy" Haywood, the versatile manager at the Deutsches Theatre, Cologne, in addition to nearly three years managership of the 2nd Army Theatre, has seen plenty of scrapping. He has been wounded twice, and has lost the sight of his right eye with gas. Before the war he was a veterinary student, but one is inclined to think that had it not been for the army, he would have missed his vocation. Having been in France, Belgium and Italy with the Army Theatre, and to succeed with a staff comprised mainly of civilians speaking different tongues is indeed a creditable achievement. In Cologne he has been particularly successful and since the opening show, "Dick Whittington," on January 18th, his energies have been tireless.

A TOWN FOR SALE.

SHAFTESBURY AS ITS VERY OWN.

The "mountain town" of Shaftesbury, as Thomas Hardy calls it, is being offered for sale by auction piecemeal to the inhabitants. The sale is being conducted on behalf of a syndicate of three of the principal townsmen, who, when the estate came into the market last autumn, determined that it should be dissolved by local and not outside hands. Shaftesbury has been practically in one proprietorship for the thousand and more years since King Alfred founded his abbey.

As one result of the first day's sale nearly £35000 was realized. The buyers of quite three-quarters of the lots were the tenants. Working men bought their cottages, shopkeepers their shops, the well-to-do their houses and beautiful old gardens, and, as the mayor said, "In some cases this has happened after generations of these people had paid rent for the same property."

Rows of houses and many shops filled the list for the morning sale. Bidders were not pressed unduly, and a large number of tenants became owners often amid applause from the spectators. One row of five cottages sold for £180.

Mr. William Fox, the auctioneer, announced amid cheers that the vendors had made arrangements by which "Castle Hill for practically all time will remain the wonderful view-point that it is," and also a definite agreement had been entered into to give Park Field to the town.

The Abbey House, which contains much ancient oak panelling, the dining-room with a famous 17th-century plaster ceiling, and an underground passage leading to a distant part of the town, realized £980. The auctioneer remarked that half the money could be got back by selling the panelling.

ENGLISH PROPERTY IN LILLE.

Sir Herbert Dixon at Manchester yesterday said the French cotton mills in Lille were damaged during the German occupation of the town, but before many months all would be running again. The position of the English cotton mills in Lille was different. These mills had been almost completely cleared of every machine and it would be a long time before they could be got working again.

Two large otters, dog and bitch, have been caught by a Chithness gamekeeper in the parish of Watten. Each measured 44 inches.

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OLD ETONIAN DINNER.

With reference to notice in G.R.O. of 23. 5. 19, the Old Etonian Dinner will take place on 4th June at 8 p.m., at the E.F.C. Officers' Club (Belgischer Hof) Cologne.

Will all Old Etonians who wish to be present please send their names as soon as possible to Captain H.L. Farquhar, H.Q., Military Governor, Cologne, and enclose 100 marks?

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FRONTIER POSTS WITHDRAWN.

The latest statement of the India Office relative to the rising in Afghanistan is as follows:

Further information has been received from India showing that up to May 25 the position along the frontier was satisfactory, the Afghan forces being either stationary or retiring all along the front, the tribes being in a satisfactory frame of mind. The more important tribes along the northern section of the frontier, viz, the Afridis, Orakzais, Mohmands, and other tribes farther on the north, were reported to be adopting a very satisfactory attitude, which had been maintained up to the time of the latest information received.

In the southern section of the frontier, however, owing to General Nadir Khan having developed an offensive on May 26, it has become necessary to withdraw the garrisons of the small advanced posts in the Tochi Valley, and this has in turn necessitated the withdrawal and concentration of the garrisons of the advanced posts in the Gomal Valley. A concentration of these small scattered garrisons on the general line Thal-Idak-Murtaza has accordingly been carried out. The abandonment of the small posts in the Tochi and Gomal Valleys has resulted in Mahsud and Wazir lashkars joining the Afghan forces which occupied the abandoned territory.

The latest information received, which is dated from Simla, on May 28, reports no change in the situation in the Khyber area and to the northward, but that the main strength of the Afghan forces in Khost, under General Nadir Khan, are operating against Thal, which was being shelled from the right bank of the Kurram River on May 27, large concentrations of the enemy being reported within three miles of the fort. Reinforcements are being despatched to Kohat to deal with the situation in this area. General Nadir Khan was reported to be endeavouring to get into touch with the Orakzai and Zaimukat tribes, whose attitude, however, remained satisfactory.

Earlier information than the above dated from Simla, on May 27, shows that the garrisons of Spinwam (eighteen miles north-west of Bannu, on the Thal-Idak road), Shawa, and of the posts in the Upper Tochi Valley were withdrawn on May 25, and that General Nadir Khan had advanced down the Kaitu Valley with a mixed force of regulars and Khost tribesmen, and had occupied Spinwam. On May 26 his advanced troops were reported within seven miles of Idak. Information had also been received that a lashkar from the Upper Tochi Valley and a Wazir lashkar were advancing on Mir Miramshah (thirty miles west of Bannu, in the Tochi Valley). In the Gomal Valley area the garrisons of Wano and Sarwekai, together with the small posts of Nili Kach and Spinkai, were withdrawn on May 26 and 27.

A report from Kalati-Ghilzai speaks of general talk of a Jehad (Holy War) after the Fast of Ramazan.

A successful action has been reported from Chitral, where the Chitral scouts and Mehtar's bodyguard attacked the Afghans holding the line of the Bashgul stream, and gained all objectives, capturing four guns and a quantity of arms, ammunition, and stores. Enemy dead were estimated at 250, and our casualties are reported to be slight.

BOLSHEVIST TRAINING MANUAL.

A report recently received on the reorganisation of the Bolshevist army shows that strict discipline has been re-introduced. The manual of garrison duties is an exact copy of the regulations in force in Czarist days and the manual of internal discipline is also modelled on the old regulations. Discipline is maintained by constant threats of severe punishment.

The saluting of officers, paying of compliments and wearing of badges has also been introduced. The greatest handicap is lack of subalterns and under-officers. Training schools have been formed for officers who, however, are quite useless, being illiterate and undeveloped.

On the Eastern front fighting has broken out again along the whole front of Gaida's army. The Bolshevists claim slight gains North of the Perm-Vyatka railway. Siberians are driving the Reds back to the junction of the Kilmej and Vala rivers. In the Orenburg area fighting is proceeding along three sides of the town.

PRISONERS RELEASED BY BOLSHEVISTS.

The Foreign Office announces that as a result of the negotiations for the exchange of prisoners carried on with the Russian Bolsheviks the following British subjects have arrived safely and in good health in Finland from Russia, and will be returned to this country in due course: Major Goldsmith, Major Cyril Fraser, Captain Dewar Burie, Captain Gracey, Captain Nash, Captain Scott, Lieut. Batch, Sub-Lieut. MacBryde, Sergt. Muspratt, Sergt. Price, Corpl. Douglas, A. B. Copestake, A. B. Howarth, Pte. Hobson, Pte. Struthers, Pte. Collins, Vice-Consul Howe, Mr. Brelby.

FIGHTING NEXT WINTER'S PLAGUE.

PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

With the purpose of devising a plan to combat the epidemic of typhus which has reached serious proportions in Southern and Eastern Europe, the Supreme Economic Council has appointed a committee of British, French and Italian representatives to confer with representatives of the League of Red Cross societies to prepare a definite scheme for submission to their respective Governments. The Director General of the League has been in conference with the Supreme Economic Council regarding the situation and the absolute necessity for immediate action on a large scale.

Typhus is epidemic in Poland, where 100,000 persons are reported to be actually down with the disease. It is also epidemic in Hungary and in a number of other countries of South-Eastern Europe. It is feared that if measures to control the plague are not taken at once it may spread to other parts of Europe next winter. The Supreme Economic Council are fully prepared to give all the assistance in their power. Although the League of Red Cross societies was officially organized only three weeks ago by representatives of the Red Cross societies of England, France, Italy, Japan and the United States, it has had under consideration methods of dealing with the present typhus epidemic. These were approved by the leading scientific experts, who met at Cannes in April at the invitation of the founders of the League.

The primary purpose of the League is to co-ordinate and stimulate the efforts of national Red Cross societies in preserving the health of the world and in relieving the suffering which invariably follows epidemics, famines and other disasters. It is a striking demonstration of the need for such co-operation in securing extension of relief and preserving public health that the League is so suddenly called upon to perform a service to humanity greater in extent and more difficult of execution than any single society or any nation could perform.

Reports from Poland and other afflicted parts of Eastern and Southern Europe picture the appalling extent of suffering there as beyond comparison. Thousands are dying from lack of medical care and there is a serious scarcity of all medical necessaries. Besides the present ravages of typhus an epidemic of cholera is to be feared in Europe, and the Red Cross League will be consulted in regard to this feature of its programme.

Sir David Henderson, Director General of the League, stated yesterday "If the Red Cross League is charged with the serious responsibility of protecting public health in this crisis, the peoples of the various nations must realize that the fight is their own and that the League is merely acting as their instrument. The League will be put to the severest test at the very beginning of its existence. We believe that with the aid of Governments and voluntary national societies we can control and limit the spread of this epidemic so that Europe will be saved from the disasters that would surely follow the general spread of such disease.

"The League has no thought of over-riding national societies. On the contrary it seeks to co-operate with them and to develop and stimulate them. The Red Cross League is non-governmental non-political and non-sectarian. It is a purely voluntary league of peoples working together for the common good."

GERMANS AND THE BALTIC.

Berlin, 29th May. Colonel Nudant, replying on May 25 to Herr Erzberger's note of May 8, announcing Germany's intention of withdrawing her forces from Lettland and Lithuania, stated that the Entente Governments had decided that Germany must keep all her forces there. Herr Erzberger then sent the following note: "The German Government cannot recognise any instructions to keep German troops on the spot. It must adhere to the standpoint that it can withdraw behind the German frontiers according as it judges fit all German troops which are still on territories formerly belonging to Russia." —*Reuter.*

This note of Erzberger's is in direct defiance of the Article 12 of the Armistice of Nov. 11, 1918, which expressly stipulates that German troops then within the territories which before the war formed part of Russia must return to within the frontiers of Germany (as defined in the Armistice) "as soon as the Allies shall think the moment suitable, having regard to the internal situation of these territories."

BRITISH SOLDIERS KILLED IN TRAIN ACCIDENT.

Charleroi, Friday.—A train containing British demobilized soldiers ran off the rails here yesterday evening between the stations of Marchienne-au-Pont and Luttre. Three coaches were overturned, as the result of which seven soldiers were killed, and a score seriously injured.—*Reuter.*

MYSTERY OF MURDERED W.A.A.C.

C.S.M. HEPBURN DISCHARGED.

Company Sergeant-Major Montague Cecil Keith Hepburn, R.E., was brought before the local magistrates at the Shire Hall, Bedford, yesterday, to answer a charge of murder in connection with the death of Miss Nellie Rault, the young W.A.A.C. who was found fatally stabbed in Wilstead Wood, near the Haynes Park R.E. Camp, on May 12.

The coroner's jury, when they completed their inquiry at the camp, returned an open verdict, and yesterday, immediately upon the Court assembling, Mr. F. G. Sims, on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecutions, intimated that no evidence would be given against the prisoner.

Hepburn was accordingly discharged, the result being received with loud cheers in the crowded court, and Hepburn received a great ovation from his friends when he appeared outside the hall following his release.

WOMEN ELIGIBLE FOR THE KING'S PRIZE.

BISLEY INNOVATION.

Lord Cheylesmore presided yesterday at the spring general meeting of the National Rifle Association, in the ward room of the British Small Arms Co., Pall-mall, S. W. He announced that the Prince of Wales, the president, had intimated his intention of presenting the prizes at Bisley this year. Referring to the new conditions relating to the King's Prize, he said any lady who had worn his Majesty's uniform and belonged to any unit mentioned in the Navy and Army lists would be eligible for the competition. "It would be a great pleasure to us," he added, "to see a lady carried triumphantly round the camp in the historic chair." (Laughter.) The Ashburton Shield would be shot for on Friday in the first week of the meeting. On the suggestion of the War Office the competition for the Army on the Rhine would be called the Entente Cordiale competition. Entrance fees had been reduced, as for instance in the case of the King's Prize, from 25s to 10s.

M. P.'S SYMPATHY FOR BOLSHEVISTS.

In the course of the debate on the Army Estimates, a lively exchange of repartee took place between Mr. Winston Churchill and Col. Wedgwood, the Independent Labour Member. Mr. Churchill said:

The experience of this war has taught us how very dangerous it is to speculate as to the future. I deprecate altogether exaggerated hopes being formed. Just as things have turned out so much better than we had any right to expect four months ago, so they may now turn out three months hence very much worse than it seems reasonable to hope now. Within the last three weeks a considerable set-back has occurred in the southern sector of Admiral Kolchak's front.

Colonel Wedgwood: Hear, hear.

Mr. Churchill: The hon. and gallant gentleman really ought to go out and help the Bolsheviks (Prolonged cheers.)

Colonel Wedgwood: If it is going to be a class war that is my side.

Mr. Churchill: I hope there is going to be no class war of the kind carried on in these islands: so if my hon. and gallant friend is burning to engage in the struggle I am afraid he will have to make a sea voyage. (Laughter.) I am quite sure the Bolsheviks would gain a gallant fighter, but I am not sure that Mr. Lenin might not have some anxiety as to whether his political discretion would be quite equal to his military ardour. (Laughter.)

UNION OF SCOTTISH CHURCHES.

The Church of Scotland General Assembly, after a heated and prolonged debate, approved by an overwhelming majority, the report of the Union Committee recommending that the presbyteries shall report before the 30th November whether they approve or disapprove the draft of the articles of union with the United Free Church.

A further resolution directed that a Commission of Assembly should be held in December for the purpose of authorizing the Union Committee, in the event of a majority of the Presbyteries approving the articles of Union, to approach the Government with a view to the necessary legislation being enacted.

LITTLE WILLIE'S GONE.

The *Times* Hague correspondent states that the ex Crown Prince unexpectedly left Wierengen for an unknown destination on the 28th May. He first proceeded to Van Ewycksluis in North Holland, where a motor car was awaiting him.

FISHERMEN ON STRIKE.

Pending the Government revision of minimum prices to fishermen for herrings, the Peterhead and Fraserburgh fishing fleets have stopped fishing. For some weeks the fishermen have complained that the price fixed by the Government is too low.

RECORD WEEK FOR WAR BONDS.

Sales of National War Bonds continue satisfactory, last week's amount being 6,499,422 pounds sterling. This constitutes a record of the present series. The total issue in sixteen weeks is 73,356,030 pounds sterling.

THEFT OF A CONFIDENTIAL CIRCULAR.

WAR SECRETARY'S WARNING.

It will be remembered that despite overwhelming acceptance by ballot of the Sankey award in the mining industry, the "Triple Alliance" attached further conditions to their recommendation to the Federation and openly talked of further strikes with the avowed intention of dictating to the Government over the Army Service Bill.

The pretext for this was furnished by the publication by the *Daily Herald* of a secret war office circular.

In the debate on the Army Estimates in the House of Commons, Mr. Winston Churchill animadverted on the action of that newspaper as follows:

A STOLEN DOCUMENT.

. . . That is all I have got to say about the circular, but I have a word or two to say about the method of its publication. It was a confidential document. It has been stolen—(cheers)—and it has been published by a newspaper with the deliberate object of causing trouble and mischief in the Army and among the workmen. (Cheers.) The whole intention of this newspaper is to provoke an outbreak in the form of a mutiny or a general strike, or preferably both together, in the hope that a general smash up and overturn of society may result. Whether discharged soldiers, or the police, or soldiers retained with the Colours, or workmen, the object of this paper is perfectly plain—it is to weave them together in order to arouse a general overthrow on the Russian model. (Cheers.) I think the case should be plainly stated.

I am asked. "Why didn't you prosecute this revolutionary organ?" The answer is simple. We believe that the structure of British society is sufficiently stable and solid to enable us to allow, even in present circumstances, this unbridled license to continue. We know the paper has a feeble circulation. We know the doctrines it puts forward are singularly repulsive to responsible leaders of labour throughout the country and trade union opinion. We are very anxious to preserve in this country a greater measure of free speech, and even of unbridled speech, than exists in any other European country. I do not say we are prepared to go on with that indefinitely, but at the present time we are prepared to run some risks in this connection. We may be right in general but wrong in particular instances. Although the great majority of the nation is indifferent and even unconscious of such mischievous incitements, the day may come when local or partial disturbances may lead to serious loss of life. In that case I trust that the instigators of the crime will take their places by the side of those they have misled. (Cheers.) I feel, however, that the improvement in our affairs has been so steady and continuous that we can view coolly the efforts which are being made to stir up strife.

GENERAL CRITICISES LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Members of the Cadet Officers' Institution dined together at University College on Thursday night on the occasion of a welcome to their new president, Lieut.-General Sir Francis Lloyd. In response to the toast of his own health, and speaking of the possible need of the auxiliary forces in the future, Sir Francis declared his personal opinion that the League of Nations was absolutely worthless, and that it was all nonsense to talk about the lion lying down with the lamb when dealing with a nation which had torn up solemn treaties in the past, and he saw that the possibility of the British force having to march into Germany was now being discussed. His advice was to prepare, in spite of all promises of universal peace, for any eventualities that might arise, and he ventured to suggest that in this connection there was room for the Volunteers, the Territorials and for the Cadet Force.

TRIUMPHAL MARCHES REFUSED.

Recently it was decided at Chelmsford, the county town of Essex, that triumphal marches of demobilized service men should be held throughout the country, various districts being grouped to formulate and carry out the arrangements.

When the question came up for confirmation at the Billericay Rural Council yesterday, various members stated that the men seemed determined to have nothing to do with the proposals. One member stated that the Brentwood branch of the "Comrades in the Great War Association" had unanimously rejected the proposal.

It was decided to await further information from the men's representatives.

THE THREATENED POLICE STRIKE.

The Commissioner of Metropolitan police has issued an order that any officer or man absenting himself from duty will be dismissed from the Force and will not be permitted to rejoin. Any such dismissal will result in the loss of all service counting towards pension.

R. A. F. CASUALTIES.

From the armistice to the 25th May the fatal casualties for home and overseas among officers of the Royal Air Force numbered 374, and the number of fatal casualties among other ranks up to April 30 was 848. The figures for non-fatal casualties are not yet available.

Mrs. Selous has presented her husband's collection of big game trophies to the British Museum.

FUTURE OF THE RHINE ARMY.

MAN POWER PROBLEM.

In the House of Commons discussion on the Army Estimates Mr. Winston Churchill foreshowed the possibility, owing to the favourable situation, of the withdrawal of foreign troops from North Russia by the end of the summer. The five great powers had decided to make any further support and formal recognition of the anti-Bolshevist Governments in Russia conditional upon their undertaking that their victory will be immediately followed by summoning the constitutional Democratic Assembly (cheers).

As soon as peace is signed the Rhine Army can be reduced from ten to six divisions and still further reduced when the peace terms are being carried out effectively. If peace is signed in June it is proposed to send back home all 1914 men for relief by the end of June from all theatres of war except India. Similarly by the end of July it is proposed to send back all 1915 men, again excluding India. Derby men will be relieved according to the months in which they enlisted but no promise can be made to relieve them immediately peace is signed.

Mr. Churchill concluded by saying that the problem of man power is at its greatest strain. Owing to anxieties in India, Afghanistan, Egypt, Turkey and Ireland, all leave from the Rhineland is stopped.

A Labour amendment to reduce the estimates was rejected by 143 votes to 47. The estimates were adopted.

MISS DOUGLAS-PENNANT'S CASE.

CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES.

A Government White Paper was issued yesterday containing voluminous correspondence relating to the dismissal of Miss Violet Douglas-Pennant from the Royal Air Force.

In a final letter last Saturday to Miss Douglas-Pennant Mr. Churchill said the Secretary of State concluded that the case constitutes an insufficient basis for a public inquiry. The letter continues "The Secretary of State would willingly have ordered an inquiry on the subject of the widespread rumours that your dismissal was brought about by persons in immoral relations with each other who resented refusal on your part to connive at their malpractices, but the Secretary of State is glad to see that nothing of this kind is suggested by you in any of the letters you addressed to him. You, on the other hand, have not hesitated to make extremely disagreeable accusations and insinuations against a number of persons which might be tested in the Courts if you chose to repeat the charges without the privileges presumably attaching to this correspondence."

As to Miss Douglas-Pennant's case, which she summarises in a five thousand word letter to the Air Secretary, she accuses various people "of taking steps to bring about my dismissal because I would not be a party to the jobbery and inefficiency prevailing in the W.R.A.F. I heard rumours of serious scandals and found I was being deliberately misled in order to prevent any action being taken.

I found that the Officers' Selection Board was passing unsuitable women. On asking how such mistakes had arisen the officers concerned told me that it was usual to appoint candidates bringing recommendations from officers and others connected with the Air Ministry. I was also forced to refuse to take over very expensive accommodation for women which certain officers had taken on behalf of the Government. Some of it was accommodation which no private individual in their senses would take. I was warned that intrigue was on foot to get rid of me because I was too just and straight."

SOME STARTLING WAR COSTS.

A White Paper published yesterday gives figures regarding the stupendous cost of Naval and Military operations during the war and of expenses incurred for measures taken for the security of the country, the assisting of the food supply and relief of distress, promoting the continuance of trade and industry and the maintenance of communications.

The report of the Comptroller and Auditor General on expenditure states that for the year ending 31st March 1918 the total expenditure amounted to 2,431,900,000 pounds sterling as compared with the estimate of 2,450 millions. Payments charged to Votes of Credit from the commencement of the financial year in 1914 to March 1918 amounted to 6,115,215,578 pounds sterling. Loans to Allied powers during these four years amounted to 1,208,642,054 pounds sterling and the amount loaned to the Dominions was 192,160,750 pounds sterling. One huge item is that for the purchase of meat during the four years, namely, 133,069,740 pounds sterling.

HAWKER'S RESCUERS TO BE REWARDED.

His Majesty the King, on the recommendation of the President of the Board of Trade, has been pleased to award the Silver Medal for Gallantry in Saving Life at Sea to each member of the crew of the boat of the Danish S.S. Mary, which rescued Mr. Harry George Hawker and Commander Kenneth Mackenzie-Grieve, R.N., in the North Atlantic on 19th May.

The Board of Trade, with the approval of his Majesty, have also awarded pieces of plate to the master of the ship and to the person in charge of the rescuing boat, and sums of money to the rest of the boat's crew.

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WAR AND ITS EFFECT.

Industrial unrest is the inevitable consequence of war; revolution is the unavoidable reward of the vanquished, Britain by her strength and courage, has been spared the latter, but has succumbed to that former unwritten law of nature. Five years ago we were drawn into the greatest conflict the world has ever known. Even at the very commencement we knew that the struggle would be a very bitter one, that the test would be very severe, and that the whole resources of our country would be needed to cope with the necessities of a prolonged war. Kitchener told us at the outset that we should be fighting for at least three years; he plainly hinted at the great self-sacrifice every patriotic individual would be called upon to make. And the nation did not shirk.

We very soon had a great fighting army, with the prospect of its efficient upkeep; we rapidly increased our output of munitions and war machinery; and incidentally we were able not only to feed our own army with the necessary equipment, but also France and Belgium had a free use of our resources. But, perhaps though we did not notice it in the whirl and turmoil of those earlier days, a revolution was taking place in Britain. The whole of our interior organization was being re-constructed to vie with the new demands. Our workshops and factories were suffering drastic alterations. Our places were being taken by women and girls who willingly left their normal occupations in order to keep up, and if possible increase, the output of our industries. Meanwhile we were fighting—oblivious to the fact that such a great re-modelling of our country would bring us trouble at a later date.

And yet what other can one expect? These organizations which have worked successfully through a period of war cannot claim to guide the nation in peace. Once more must they be re-constructed. Our industries must be re-shaped to suit the newer and calmer demands, and just as in war the whole country was united to reach one glorious objective victory, so must we still remain united in order to reinstate the great industrial and commercial prosperity of our Empire.

The present is the most critical period of our history. We have achieved a victory, but it has been at an enormous cost which has left us weak. The slightest mis-government now will throw to the winds any good effect resulting from this brilliant achievement on the battlefield. It is not sufficient to be valiant in war. Certain it is that our country is strengthened thereby, but only by the addition of a crude force, which if not delicately handled will only bring disaster upon our own heads.

The old empire of Greece fell because it could not bring to a full use the resources it had gained. The mighty Roman empire likewise succumbed as a direct result of the conquests made by its valiant leaders.

The question comes to us: "How can we obviate a similar fate?' In theory the answer is given at ease, in practice we meet untold difficulties; and we can only maintain the position which victory has secured for us if every individual of the State resolves to do his very utmost (not by covering these obstructions, but by cool, deliberate and powerful crushing of them) to help to solve the great problem of reconstruction which at present besets our path to prosperity.

To-day the Empire has reached a stage in her career when her policy must be purely and definitely one of peace. Outward expansion is in the background, and our great task is to secure a complete harmony within. The war has brought us into a close touch with our Dominions which was impossible hitherto, and now that the strengthening of our relationships has been effected we must be sure to derive the full advantage which could accrue therefrom. The inexhaustible resources of our Empire, lying dormant in the far off colonies and as yet only visualized by the eyes of our scientists, must be utilized. Never before have we been confronted with problems of such great proportions economical, political, social and personal; but never before have we had such a grand opportunity of settling them if we will but concentrate our energies in the right direction.

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There is a great yearning to-day amongst our soldiers to return to civilian life, despite the fact that 408,000 disabled and discharged soldiers are already on the unemployment list.

There is a greater unrest among the demobilized. They are now realizing that the free and easy life of the civilian is not what it seemed when they were in khaki. Many of them cannot find work, they cannot obtain their gratuities so hurriedly as they expected. A soldier's federation has been organized to help the discharged men—and now this is nothing more than an insigator of further unrest. What might have been an institution of far-reaching benificence, working in conjunction with the Ministries of Labour and Pensions, has become a cul-de-sac.

Why?— because the men have succumbed in the whirl of excitement and unrest; because instead of a courageous patience they preferred an ignominous impetuosity.

It takes a man not more than half-an-hour to join the Forces; but to leave the army must of necessity take a considerably lengthier period. It is ignorance of this important factor which has caused so much diffidence and unrest.

Sir R. Horne, Minister of Labour, in Parliament recently pointed out the steps that had been taken to re-settle the soldiers, and said that 81 per cent of those demobilized have been re-absorbed into industry. Considering that over two millions have been demobilized since the Armistice this is a good record, and calls for our admiration.

With regard to the future work of the Government, the Minister of Labour said that within a short time the Government would be providing work on a larger scale than any previous one had done. The housing scheme which involves the building of 300,000 houses during the next two years, is now in progress; the Road Board had made grants of 7,500,000 pounds for the repair of roads, and other schemes already sanctioned and costing over 17,000,000 pounds, were being put into operation.

Thus we can see that our Government does not intend to ignore the vital question of the soldier's future; but it must be clearly impressed that all these arrangements and plans need time for their complete formulation. Let us, then wait patiently.

Out of the deep and awful shadow there will arise a new country — a brighter, richer, more glorious Empire for those who have passed safely through the fire.

RELIGION.

EVERY MAN IS RELIGIOUS.

(BY A CORRESPONDENT.)

It is quite possible that the majority of men will be inclined immediately to challenge the statement that every man is religious. Men may, and indeed very often do refuse acceptance of religion as particularly expressed in orthodox Christianity, and may even vehemently denounce the claims made on behalf of the practice of religious faith. Men by the exercise of the power of choice, with which they are endowed, may curb all their the natural and instinctive religious bias, and withhold their allegiance to any sort of religion. They may moreover assume a definitely negative attitude towards religion, so far as they are able to understand its meaning, and openly declare themselves to be irreligious. "Religion is not in my line' declares one; "I am an atheist" glibly says another; "I am a free-thinker" a third may affirm. Mere professions of such a character do not necessarily represent the serious convictions of thoughtful men, but nevertheless, they imply the possibility of the presumption that religion as commonly understood can be dispensed with. Such presumption may be due to an imperfect knowledge of human faculties and instincts, or to a refusal to consider them in their relation to religion. Were it possible for man to eliminate from his store of acquired knowledge and inherent experience all that pertains to religion he would still have left a persistent religious instinct which he cannot wholly eradicate or explain away. To try to do so would merely be to his own detriment in the loss which he suffers from leaving undeveloped one side of his nature. This persistent religious instinct, Descartes, the philosopher, describes as an innate idea—"not acquired by men, but born in them".

Now the word "religion" is derived from a Latin word which means "to bind"; and all forms of religion whether Christianity, Buddhism, Mohammedanism, Brahminism, Zoroastrianism, continually assert the binding connection and interaction between conduct and thought, faith and works, the known and the unknown. "Religion is an effort to produce a complete harmony between conduct and thought." When a man declares that he is not a Christian, he does not imply that he is not religious; the same man may acknowledge the wisdom of living rightly, and in all his conduct may endeavour so to live. Religion may, perhaps, imperfectly be described as the effort to express all that is implied in a right way of living. Men in all their reasoned conduct, necessarily act according to a presupposition of certain convictions about the nature of the universe, convictions about matters which are beyond their own knowledge and experience. They may live rightly and apply those convictions without ever trying to express them, without ever being aware of them. They may even consciously refuse the attempt to express them, denying to them the possibility of expression and affirming that such are sure to

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"WIND-UP"—AND WHY?

A QUIET TALK TO OUR YOUNG GUARDS.

BY THE WANDERER.

"Wind-up" as a military expression needs no explanation but it may be interesting and edifying to consider for a few minutes the outs and ins, causes and effects, of this fearful thing which so often threatens our joy in "winding up the watch on the Rhine". I feel sure that "Wind-up" would be a rare complaint if men only took time to think things out quietly. It is born of one thing—fear! We are afraid we may not do the right thing at the right time, and we invariably fulfil that fear. This condition unnerves the most efficient lad on parade. It saps the confidence of the smartest man on parade because it throws him off his mental balance. There is only one cure for "Wind-up" and that is confidence—fearlessness. A very shrewd philosopher once wrote, "Man is a divinity in disguise, a God playing the fool"! The more confidence a man has, the less likely is he to "play the fool". I think every young soldier on the Rhine ought to read the essays of that clever philosopher whose name is Emerson. I cannot conceive anyone who knows his Emerson getting the "Wind-up".

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I know it is easy to write all this about "Wind-up", away from the parade ground and those fearful men in whose presence you feel like water. I am coming to that! I have served in the British Army for fourteen years—in India, West Africa and France. I know what it is to stand in the presence of men like the late Lord Kitchener and other great generals. I know what it is to feel that "nervy" feeling, and to stand bereft of speech. I know therefore I can fully sympathize with you as you stand before your platoon or company officer and wish yourself in the Rhine. I conquered that terrible thing called "Funk", and I am going to try and help you to gain self-confidence. "Wind-up" can only be mastered by self-mastery. Realize that you are, in essence, a Man! You possess powers within you that might well astound the world if you only cared to develop them—power of speech, power of thought and power of mastery over everything that menaces your peace of mind or your mental developments.

You must conquer or be conquered! There is no other way out. You may possibly think I am digressing, but not so. "Wind-up" has far reaching effects and must be assailed in all directions. It breeds ineptitude and lack of initiative. Daily I see likely lads who would make splendid N.C.O's being kept back, hindered, because of this vile ailment. How many of us know the agony of "Wind-up" at examination? We've been grinding for months, we know we've got it in us—but "Wind-up" comes along, and down we go!

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Fear nothing, but your own inefficiency, and conquer that! There is a good motto to take on the Rhine with you—"Fear nothing". When I say this I do not mean to say that you are to stare your officer out when he looks you in the eye, or to assume the attitude towards your superiors that you are "it". No! You have a dignity to maintain—the dignity of self-respect and self-control. You must learn to create an atmosphere of quiet and cheerful confidence wheresoever you may happen to be. "Wind-up" is, after all, very much a matter of "atmosphere" —a rushing wind—man caught "off his balance", making him incapable, inept, and an object of pity.

There are many courses advertized these days guaranteeing mental efficiency and increased earning powers. There is only one course worth having—the education you give yourself, and it is based on systematic thought and study. Perhaps if the Editor permits I may be allowed to give in these columns a few hints on mental culture as practised by one who, on enlistment was classified as "illiterate". That, by the way.

I will now close this article by giving my young friends, the Rhine Guards, a message. It is this: "Know your own worth, but be worth something—and never get the "Wind-up"! Remember when your officer speaks to you that he is, first and foremost, your friend. It is more to his own interest to "be friends" with every man in his platoon than it is for you to be friends with him. Remember that, and

NEVER GET THE "WIND-UP"!

TO MY LADY OF THE WOODS.

My dainty Ladye's grace
The woods espy;
They love that radiant face
Which makes a holy place
Where she is nigh:—
But I am far away: I can but sigh.

The sunbeams trickle through
Between the leaves
To seek the maiden, who
From all that's sweet and true
Enchantment weaves:
And the spells reach to one whom absence grieves.

The little, lovely things
That live and play
Around her, — fur or wings —
Each her dear praises sings:
I, more than they,
Join love, and prayer, and longing, ev'ry day.

O. Wynott.

lead them into error. But religion makes the attempt and in making it assumes that the convictions implied in right living can be expressed; and that if rightly expressed, they are true even about matters beyond the knowledge and experience of man.

Religion also makes this assumption about right living; that what is right is not to be discovered by observation and experiment alone, but that men have a power of recognising it, and a desire for it, as natural as their appetites; and that this power and desire grow in proportion as they live rightly. To religion, this power of recognition and this desire are the most important of all facts: Sabatier philosophically concluded that "man was a religious animal" and so he is. He has the power of recognising what is right, and an instinctive desire to do what is right, and that power and that desire constitute his religious faculty. The question which men are called upon to answer is not "Am I religious?" but rather "What religion do I accept?" There are several religions offered for acceptance, and for one in particular—Christianity—it is claimed, that it has expressed convictions which can satisfy all the religious yearnings of men and be the best prescription for that living which can claim for itself the attribute of "Right".

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Sunday	5½	Die Zauberflöte	Mozart
Monday	6	Der fliegende Holländer	Wagner
Tuesday	6	Aïda	Verdi
Wednesday	6	Das Glöckchen des Eremiten	Maillart
Thursday	5½	Arlecchino Turandot	Busoni "
Friday	6	Rigoletto	Verdi
Saturday	3½	Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg	Wagner
Sunday	5½	Die lustigen Weiber von Windsor	Nicolai
Monday	5	Der Rosenkavalier	Rich. Strauss
Tuesday	5½	Aïda	Verdi

THE STARLIGHTS.

OPENING PERFORMANCE IN Y.M.C.A. CONCERT ROOM AT BEDBURG.

The 3rd Light Divisional Concert Party gave their maiden performance before a crowded audience in the Y.M.C.A. concert room at Bedburg on Monday evening.

The opening chorus at once created a favourable impression of the troupe as a whole. Rifleman Chivois was a strikingly realistic "girl" and revealed a voice as extraordinary in a boy as it was melodious. Pte. Legget also made a good "lady." The comedian Pte. Humphreys kept the audience laughing all the time.

There is apparently no position in which Private Lord cannot play his violin, or rather violins, for he can manage two at once quite easily. Rarely has one seen better concerted dancing than that provided by Riflemen Hughes and Cottam. Other members of this talented band, Gunners Lifford and Bowman, Rifleman Cox and Bandsman Houchin also contributed entertaining items.

An exceedingly enjoyable programme was brought to a close with an amusing sketch depicting the after-war eccentricities of one Major Sir Bingo Binks, this part being portrayed by Lieut. H. Warburton, who kept the hall in one prolonged roar of laughter. The "Starlights" ought to have a series of distinct successes before them.

"PROFESSOR ROBINSONIO'S ORATORIO."

TIP-TOP CONCERT BY THE "ODDITIES" AT ALTENRATH.

A splendid concert was given the other evening in the Dancing Hall, Altenrath, by the "Oddities," by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. V.T.R. Ford D.S.O., 1/5 West Yorkshire Regiment. The orchestra of the 51st Royal Sussex, under R.S.M. Blake rendered some excellent music. The programme opened with an overture, "Raymond" by the orchestra, followed by the opening chorus of the "Oddities" which went with a swing. A song "Warrior Bold" was well rendered by Pte. Binns who gave as an encore "Asleep in the Deep."

Lieut. Robinson next obliged with a humorous song, "The Cologne Post," which was very amusing. "Mr. Rubinstein," by Pte. Barker, was a popular item, while Sergt. Francis brought down the house with his patter and song, "Sing a Song of Sixpence." "The Picaninnies' Paradise" by Pte. Whitely, and a dramatic monologue by C.Q.M.S. Wellington were also much enjoyed. A burlesque "Oratorio," in which "Professor Robinsonio" assumed command and R.S.M. Blake was relegated to the post of drummer concluded the first part of the programme.

Father's Got The "Wind up."

The second half opened with a song "Ideal Home" by Lieut. Robinson, which was very amusing. Pte. Rayan next obliged with "Father's Got the Wind up." A double turn by "Gus and Harold" evoked roars of laughter, their cross patter being screamingly funny. Pte. Fieldhurst rendered "Priceless Percy." "A Country Girl" by "Madame Fifi," whose grace and feminine charm, captivated the audience was received with enthusiasm. A concerted item "Fed Up" followed, and then C.Q.M.S. Wellington obliged with an original song, a parody on "Where the Black eyed Susans Grow." A very pretty rendering, in duet form by Madame Fifi and Partner, of the song "Just Look in my Eyes" was uproariously received and the "house" insisted on these artists returning and singing the chorus again.

The concluding effort of a really tip-top show was a concerted number "A to Z."

On Monday evening a similar concert was given at Donrath, and on Tuesday again at Seelscheid.

THE QUIET GAME.

A CHALLENGE TO ALL DRAUGHTS EXPERTS.

The many correspondents who have written to this journal on the subject of draughts challenges and tournaments will now be able to satisfy their ambitions in the way of organised games. A definite challenge is issued, and it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that Bdr. Drake, if tactfully approached, may be persuaded to organise a tournament or two. The following communication has been received at this office:—

"Bdr. Drake and Sergt Yates are willing to meet all comers in the 'quiet game' and take this opportunity of issuing a challenge to all players in the Rhine Army.

"Will anyone accepting the challenge please communicate with Bdr. C.K. Drake, No 2 Water Tank Coy., A.S.C., Cologne."

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

To-day, the band of the 17th Lancers (by kind permission of Major W.G. Nicholls) will play in the theatre; songs will be interspersed and an address will be given by Rev. Gower Rees from 5 to 6.

On Monday, from 6-30 to 9, there will be a practice dance and on Tuesday, a concert will be given. Other forthcoming events will be published in our issue of Tuesday.

"THE BLUE RIBAND" OF THE TURF.

THE DERBY RUNNERS.

PROBABLE STARTERS AND JOCKEYS.

Maj Astor's br c LORD BASIL, by Bayardo—Popinjay, 9-0 (Taylor) J. Childs.

Sir A. Black's br c THE PANTHER, by Tracery—Countess Zia, 9-0 (Manser) R. Cooper.

Ld Glanely's b c DOMINION, by Polymelus—Osyrua. 9-0 (Barling) A. Smith.

Ld Glanely's bl c GRAND PARADE, by Orby—Grand Geraldine, 9-0 (Barling) A. Smyth.

Sir W. Nelson's b c TANGIERS, by Cylgad—Orange Girl, 9-0 (Mullen) Piper.

Maj W. Astor's b c BUCHAN, by Sunstar—Hamoaze, 9-0 (Taylor) V. Smyth.

Lady Torrington's b c ALL ALONE, by Royal Realm—Canidia, 9-0 (Private) Fox.

Maj J. A. de Rothschild's en c ROAMER, by Predicator—X as Two Sticks, 9-0 (Pratt) Lancaster.

Mr F. Wilney's b c BAY OF NAPLES, by Cylgad—Star of Naples, 9-0 (Leach) Walley.

M. C. Garland's br c MILTON, by Marcovil—Masit. 9-0 (Colling) G. Colling.

*Sir E. Cassel's b c WELLINGFORD, by Cylgad—Wether's Well, 9-0 (Hugh Powney) Ledson.

Sir W. Gilney's b c PAPER MONEY by Greenback—Epping Rose, 9-0 (T. Cannon) Donoghue.

Col Moneague's b c WHITE HEAT, by White Eagle—Crucible, 9-0 (Braime) Jellies.

Sir H. Meux's b c SIR DOUGLAS, by Stedfast—Mille Fleurs, 9-0 (Persse) Hulme.

Ld Derby's b c MAKEPEACE, by Chaucer—Glorvina, 9-0 (Lamb on) Carslake.

*Doubtful starter.

WILL THE DERBY BE RUN?

Should the threatened strike of Metropolitan police take place next Tuesday it is possible that the Derby will not be run.

The movement, however, is not likely to be unanimous and the Government has made arrangements to deal with the situation.

RACING RECEIPTS FOR RELIEF OF RATES.

The financial benefit to the ratepayers of Chester out of the record receipts of the recent Chester race meeting was announced this week by Alderman John Jones, who said that the gross receipts of the meeting were £38,718, an increase on those of the year 1914 of nearly 160 per cent.

The corporation, as owners of the racecourse, will get as their share of the receipts and for relief of rates £4,229.

WITH THE "BOOKIES."

SMALL CHANCE NOW OF A MARKET SPRINGER.

The most interest attaching to the Derby for the moment is on the part of big backers, who are coquetting with the club layers as to the fractional price against The Panther. While 11 to 10 is offered, 6 to 5 is wanted, but one reckless course layer launched out at Both to the extent of £1,500 to £1,200. The only wonder is that it was not accompanied by another adverse rumour!

There seems no chance now of a market springer writes "The Scout" in *The Daily Express*) In fact, the best business of late has been little Buchan for a place whenever 7 to 4 was procurable. Although the elimination of Stefan the Great has meant a good deal of dead money for the books, they are very heavy indeed against the favourite, who fluctuated at times between 7 to 2 and 7's. Lord Basil was hardly in the betting long enough to be a very good friend—unless he wins.

None of the running this week is likely to affect the situation.

BAR MISADVENTURE, A CERTAIN WINNER.

In view of the widespread public interest in the welfare of the Derby favourite, I believed it would serve a useful purpose if I revisited Newmarket for a few hours and pass on my impressions of The Panther's last strong mile and a half gallop before going to Epsom to contest the Derby (says "Hotspur" in *The Daily Telegraph*) The gallop duly took place on Thursday morning, and now that it is over and the horse is as fresh and well as ever he was, I have not the smallest doubt that, bar misadventure, he will certainly win the Victory Derby.

The Panther showed not the slightest sign of tiring, and when he pulled up he was, comparatively, just as fresh as when he started. He did not blow—of that I took care to make quite certain—and I am satisfied that he is an absolutely fit horse. When I reflect how he went away from Leandros and Jack Role, I consider the gallop was an extremely satisfactory one, and even better than when the same horses finished lengths closer to him in the good gallop he did on the Tuesday of the Newmarket Stakes week.

The Derby favourite has a most equable temperament. He made no fuss either over the preliminaries or when he was being sheeted after it was all over, and he just rejoined his companions for the walk home in the most unconcerned way.

FOOTBALL AT BRUHL.

WEST YORKS v. 73rd. ARMY BRIGADE R.G.A.

On Monday evening, a match was played at Bruhl between the West Yorks and the 73rd Army Brigade R.G.A. For a short time there was general play about the middle of the field until the Brigade's outside right ran up with the ball and put in a shot which resulted in a corner being awarded. At half time no goals had been scored.

Seizing his opportunity in a tussle round the West Yorks goal during the second half, the Brigade's inside left put in a clean shot which achieved its object and proved the deciding score of the match. During the remaining 20 minutes of the game play was even, each team made repeated and determined attacks but in every case the defence was sound so that when the whistle sounded for 'Time' the score was 73rd Brigade 1 goal; West Yorks Nil.

In teams remarkable for general excellence one would like especially to congratulate the wings, the centre half, and the right back of the West Yorks, and the centre half and backs of the Brigade.

INTER PLATOON FINAL.

4 v. 12 PLATOONS—53rd MANCHESTERS.

At Mendon on Tuesday. Much feeling was introduced among both players and spectators shewing the amount of enthusiasm created by the inter platoon competition, but producing a very adverse influence on the standard of play "C" Coy relied too much upon their two Battalion players, Chadwick and Donley, whose superior ability was nullified by the poor support from the remainder and the determined vigilance of "A" Coy's halfbacks.

"A" Coy were a better team all round and "Dumplings," the outside left, scored a nice goal after a brilliant run along the wing. A few minutes afterwards "C" Coy equalised with a soft goal. A penalty for a doubtful offence against Donley put "A" Coy ahead and the result was a win — 2 goals to 1 for A Coy.

For the winners Sergt. Wilde and Sergt. Pye were the most prominent players while Chadwick and Donley played well for the losers. The winning platoon now qualifies for the Brigade Platoon Championship.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

"B" COY 52nd BEDFORDS v. "D" COY 4th SUFFOLKS.

Played at Birk on Wednesday. The Suffolks assumed the aggressive and were the better team in the first half. They invaded the Bedfords territory time and again, but were unfortunate in their efforts at goal, with the result that the score sheet was blank at the interval.

Upon resuming, the Bedfords came into the limelight, and proving far more enterprising in front of goal, were enabled by the dashing effort of Lce.Cpl. Ough, who scored a brace, and Pte Onions, to run out winners by three goals to nil.

AN UNBROKEN RECORD.

51st S.W.B's. WIN THE BRIGADE CUP.

The 51st South Wales Borderers were to have met the 3rd Brigade H.Q. in a Soccer encounter on Wednesday but the latter failed to fulfil the engagement, perferring to concede the points. On the same day the 53rd S.W.B's defeated the 52nd S.W.B's by the odd goal in five and so the 51st Bn win the Brigade League with a total of 11 points out of a possible 12, and an unbroken record.

In the six matches they have obtained 25 goals against 4 by their opponents the result being:—

v. 53rd Bn H. W. 4—0
v. B.H.Q. H. W. 10—0
v. 52nd Bn A. D. 1—1
v. 53rd Bn A. W. 5—1
v. 52nd Bn H. W. 5—2
v. B.H.Q, A. Points conceded.

The Cup will be presented at a later date.

NOBLE v. CRIQUI.

Tommy Noble, the bantam-weight champion, has signed articles to box Eugène Criqui a return contest of twenty rounds at the Cirque de Paris.

The American boxer Drabek has succumbed to a blow dealt him in a boxing match at Le Mans by his French opponent Crideville.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

3-year Old Drops Dead.

M. Vanderbilt's Silver Beach, a three-year-old by Maintenon—Silver Streak, dropped dead after his gallop last week.

Knight Of The Air.

It is not Mr. A. E. Barton's present intention of running his recent 4,400gs. purchase, Knight of the Air, in the Derby.

No Racing At Rambouillet.

There will be no racing this year at the suburban meeting of Rambouillet; in fact, the course may be done away with altogether.

Rifle Shooting At Bisley.

More riflemen assembled last week on the famous ranges of the National Rifle Association at Bisley than have gathered there since the outbreak of war.

Damage At Compiegne.

The July meeting at Compiegne will not take place, the damage done by the Germans not having yet been repaired, but it is hoped there will be racing there in August and September.

"Who is Zemla?"

"Who is Zemla?" lawn tennis players inquired when they saw that this representative of Czecho-Slovakia had defeated Decugis in Paris by 3 sets to 1, and had then taken the first set from Patterson. Zemla comes from Bohemia.

"Chip Of The Old Block."

Chelsea have signed on Stuart Macmillan for next season. Before joining the Army he played occasionally at inside-right for Derby County, with which club his father, Johnny Macmillan, gained a reputation before becoming manager of the Glossop team.

Ranelagh War Cup.

The Ranelagh Club's new War Cup tournament, instituted this season for a gold challenge cup presented by the Ranelagh committee, has closed with an entry of eight teams composed of officers of the Imperial Forces who have served during the present war. It will be played next week.

Runner For One-legged Cricketer.

Replying to a request from Northamptonshire for a runner for Denton, who lost a leg in the war, the Captain of the Lancashire C.C. team says, "If any fellow who has been in the war and who has lost a leg wants to play he is good enough for me. He can have 30 runners."

International Champions.

The "Liége Gazette" has promoted a football tournament for June 8 and 9. Among the competing clubs will be the Olympique Lillois (champions of France), the Union St. Gilloise (champions of Belgium), and an eleven representative of the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, winners of the Coupe des Régions Liberees.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

THE ARMY v. CAMBRIDGE.

MILITARY PLAYERS DEFEATED BY TEN WICKETS.

In their match at Cambridge, the University team beat the Army by ten wickets, Fairbirn contributing 112 to a total of 476.

CAMBRIDGE—1st INNINGS (Continued).

Morrison c Spring b Knox	83
Rotherham c Poyntz b Knox	32
Fairbirn b Knox	112
Naulann c Poyntz b Knox	53
Gilligan not out	11
Extras	10
Total	476

ARMY—2nd INNINGS.

Robinson st Wood b Calthorpe	1
Dutnall run out	0
Tudor c Calthorpe b Johnstone	7
Tufnell b Fairbirn	46
Spring c Fairbirn b Rotherham	25
G. Tudor c Gilligan b Ashton	5
Tasker st Wood b Fairbirn	9
Poyntz c Gilligan b Fairbirn	119
Jefferson b Gilligan	20
Butler not out	12
Knox b Gilligan	10
Extras	10
Total	259

AUSTRALIANS v. OXFORD.

Continuing their match at Oxford on Friday, the Australians ran up a total of 391 for nine wickets, and the innings was declared closed. The game ended in a draw.

AUSTRALIANS.—1st Innings (Continued).

Murray c Gilligan b Price	133
Kelleway c Price b Watson	60
Pellew not out	30
Sterling b Price	6
Oldfield b Watson	0
Docker not out	11
Heath (Absent)	0
Extras	21
Total (Innings declared)	391

OXFORD.—1st Innings.

Knight c Taylor b Collins	70
Waldock c Oldfield b Collins	51
Ward b Lampard	42
Howell not out	13
Bell c Collins b Kelleway	24
Gilligan not out	28
Extras	19
Total (For 4 wickets)	247

MIDDLESEX v. YORKSHIRE.

HENDREN RUNS UP HUGE TOTAL OF 214

At Lord's on Friday, the match was continued between M.C.C. and Yorkshire. M.C.C. completed their first innings, bringing the total to 483, and Yorkshire in the 2nd innings scored 174 for 3 wickets.

M.C.C. — 1st INNINGS (continued).

Hendren stpt Dolphin b Kilner	214
Troughton b Hirst	50
Pophain b Hirst	8
Kennedy c Smith b Kilner	82
Watson not out	1
Extras	7
Total	483

YORKSHIRE — 2nd INNINGS.

Rhodes l.b.w. b Watson	11
Holmes c Throughton b Kennedy	99
Denton c and b Kennedy	11
Kilner not out	33
Extras	29
Total (for 3 wickets)	174

OTHER MATCHES.

Lancashire 180; Essex 145. Lancashire (2nd Innings) 71 for 8.

Leicestershire 131 (King 59); Derbyshire 268 (Chapman 80; Been 52; Severn 73). Leicester (2nd Innings) 90 for 4.

Sussex 101; Richmond 45 for 6.

Notts 414 (Carr 104; Barrett 82).

DIXIE KID KILLED.

KNOCKED OUT IN CAFE BRAWL BY U.S. OFFICER.

The "Dixie Kid," the celebrated negro boxer, was killed on the terrace of a café on the boulevards in Paris on Sunday night.

He had been drinking heavily, and got up from a table on the terrace and staggered against an American officer. The latter remonstrated, and the boxer made an insulting reply, which enraged the officer, who struck the nigger with his fist and sent him reeling. The "Dixie Kid" rose, and the officer knocked him out.

When he was picked up the negro was dead. He was forty-five years of age.

The "Dixie Kid," whose correct name was Aaron Brown, defeated among others Johnny Summers, Jack Goldswain, and Johnny Matheson, the "fighting Scot," all of whom he knocked out. He was an extremely clever boxer, but could not always be relied on to give of his best.

LADIES' EIGHT-OAR-RACE.

A rowing match in eights between ladies' crews representing Newnham College (Cambridge University) and the London School of Medicine for Women (London University) will take place on Saturday, June 14, over part of the Marlow Regatta course, and the crews are now in training. The contest will be the first ladies eight-oar race ever decided on the Thames.

SOUTH AFRICAN'S LAWN-TENNIS SUCCESSES.

At Chiswick Park on Friday two South Africans, L. Raymond and B. I. C. Norton, won their respective semi-finals in the Middlesex Championship Singles, removing Ritchie and Greville from the lists.

Raymond beat Ritchie 4—6, 6—4, 7—5; Norton beat Greville 6—3, 6—1.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Sunday, June 1, 1919.

Wind at surface, light and variable. Fine and warm. Hazy morning. Visibility indifferent.

RACING AT DONCASTER, SALISBURY AND AYR.

DONCASTER MEETING.

The meeting at Doncaster on Friday was held in glorious weather, the going again being hard.

Corporation Handicap: 1, Will o' the Wisp (3-1 on) beat Finalist.

Scurry Plate: 1, Chicken Pie (5-2); 2, Vivant Rex (7-2); 3, Trivet (100-8). Seven ran.

Don Plate: 1, Romans (9-4); 2, Ether filly (9-2); 3, Casana filly (3-1). Six ran.

Chesterfield Plate: 1, Dawn of Peace (5-1); 2, King Fruskin (5-4 on); 3, East Cheshire (5-2). Four ran.

Fitzwilliam Stakes: 1, Cicerole (11-8); 2, Arrogance (7-2); 3, Ratuminor (5-2). Six ran.

Milton Plate: 1, Periscope (5-1); 2, Grey Cloak (11-10 on); 3, Phil (2-1). Three ran.

SALISBURY MEETING.

Stonehenge Plate: 1, Nontgraw (6—4 on); 2, Julian 3—1); 3, Sensitive Simon (7—1). Ten ran.

Wilton Handicap; 1, Spirt (7—5 on); 2, Walpole (6—1); 3, Headland (100—7). Five ran.

Salisbury Cup: 1, Limpsfield (4—1); 2, St. Eloi (10—1); 3, Langdon Hills (13—8 on). Seven ran.

Maiden Plate: 1, Last Born (2—1); 2, Footplate (evens); 3, Ardavon (8—1). Nine ran.

Salisbury Stakes: 1, Scabieuse filly (11—10); 2, Princess Zuria (2—1); 3, Quanton (3—1). Three ran.

Longlest Plate: Corrialanus (6—1 on) beat Ingve.

AYR MEETING.

Ayr Plate: 1, Sikh (5—1); 2, Moaning Minnie (5—1); 3, Bedrest (6—4 on). Six ran.

Craigangillan Plate: 1, Throsga colt (6—1); 2, Theolin (8—1); 3, Nonentity (7—2). Eleven ran.

Montrose Handicap: 1, Neutral (9—4); 2, Lens (4—1); 3, Radiocy (4—1). Seven ran.

Doon Plate: 1, Quarterly (100—8); 2, Schanyl (11—4 on); 3, Eaton Hero (7—2).

May Handicap: 1, Attention (5—2); 2, Vaulter (100—8); 3, Bonnie Nun (5—1). Five ran.

Montgomery Handicap: 1, Phantom Bowl (5—1); 2, Queen's Guild, (6—4 on); 3, Rock Drill (6—1). Seven ran.

LATEST DERBY BETTING.

London: Milton, 100—8 against t and o.

Salisbury Course: The Panther, evens; Buchan, 750—100 against.

OUR CRICKET CUP.

FURTHER REPORTS OF OPENING MATCHES.

Further results of League matches are printed below. Owing to the exigencies of space it is impossible to print the full reports as sent in by units, and Club secretaries when sending results in future are asked to copy the style used below—viz the bare result and only the most notable batting and bowling achievements.

5 nd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS (81) v. 3rd C.V. FIELD AMBULAMCE (66); At Sulz on a poor ground. For the victors Lieut-Col Hartley was very successful with both the bat and ball, scoring 30 runs and taking 7 wickets for 31 runs; other scores were 52nd Northumberland Fusiliers:—Major Thompson not out 11; Major Palmer 10; for 3rd Cavalry Field Ambulance:—Lieut-Col Elliot 18; Capt. Grundy 15; Sgt. Watson 14.

2. CORPS H.Q (151 FOR 7, declared) v. 88 FIELD AMBULANCE (44); chief scores 2 Corps H.Q.:—S.S.M. Webb 38; Major N.H. Fargus 31; Capt. G.W.B. Tarleton 23; C.S.M. Osswick (not out) 15; Lieut-Col R.H. Haining 14; for 88th Field Ambulance:—Sgt. Davies (not out) 13.

EASTERN DIVISION SIGNAL COY (64) v. 86 SIEGE BATTERY (69); on Thursday on the ground of the first named; for 86 Siege Battery B.S.M. Jessiman scored 22; Bombardier Green 11; for Eastern Division Signal Company Cpl. Lyons scored 25; and 2nd Cpl. Whiting 15.

51st D.L.I. (123) v. RHINE ARMY SIGNAL COY (83); on the former's ground near the Mulhem Schiffbrucke. The D.L.I. team were ably assisted by Sergt. Foster (48), Capt. Andrews (19), and Pte. Powell (17). Howorth (27) with the bat, and Wilson (5 for 36) with the ball, showed very good form for the visitors. For the D.L.I. Captain Andrews (4 for 14) and Major Kirton (4 for 35) were the most successful bowlers.

21st BRIGADE R.G.A. (107) v. 1/5 SOUTH STAFFORDS (89) played at Commern; leading scores, 21st Brigade: Major Goldney 30; Sapper Jones 16; Rev. Burrow 12; Gr. Young 10; Bowlers 1/5 S. S. Regt.; Lieut. Smith 2 for 39; Sergt. Burton 4 for 16; Lieut. Orford 1 for 14; Lieut. Pasley 1 for 0; leading scores for South staffordshire regiment:—Sergt. Burton 37; C.S.M. Norman (not out) 11; Bowling (21st Brigade R.G.A.):—Hardcastle 5 for 22; Smith 2 for 17; Burrow 3 for 10.

OTHER RESULTS.

Midland Div. M.T. Coy. 39. 73rd Army Brigade, R.G.A., 33.

53rd Royal Warwick Regt. 155 for 6 wickets. 237 Field Coy, R.E. 73.

IN JESSOPIAN STYLE.

52nd BEDFORDSHIRE REGIMENT'S CRICKET TOUR.

During the last few days the Headquarter's Coy cricket eleven of the 52nd Bn., Bedfordshire Regt. have been touring some of the outlying villages.

At Braschoss they gave battle to "A" Coy and defeated their opponents to the tune of 85 to 59. For the victors R.Q.M.S Blackwell (35) and L Cpl. Whiteman (28) were the chief scorers, while for the vanquished Capt. Watts troubled the scorers to the tune of 24 runs, which were gained in a Jessopian style.

At Husterschoss the Headquarters Company succumbed to "C" Coy by 6 runs, the scores being 125 to 119. The closing stages of the game were most exciting, Sergt. Drm. Bowgett (24 non out), by skilful driving making a valiant effort to win the game for his side. C.S.M. Mansfield (28) and L/Cpl. Merry (24) were top-scorers for the winners, and Sergt. Blackwell (29). Sergt. Drm. Bowgett (24) and R.S.M. Walker (10) were chief scorers for Headquarters Coy.

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OLD ETONIAN DINNER.

With reference to notice in G.R.O. of 23. 5. 19, the Old Etonian Dinner will take place on 4th June at 8 p.m., at the E.F.C. Officers' Club (Belgischer Hof) Cologne.

Will all Old Etonians who wish to be present please send their names as soon as possible to Captain H.L. Farquhar, H.Q., Military Governor, Cologne, and enclose 100 marks.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB.

A camera club for the benefit of those who work in offices at G.H.Q. will open next week at Church House, 79 Johannis Strasse.

The number of members will be limited to forty-nine.

Dark rooms are provided giving facilities to seven members per day, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Instructions in photography will be given as required.

It is proposed to have a weekly competition, and also a monthly competition for winners of the weekly ones.

The subscription is ten marks for officers and five marks for other ranks per month.

Applications for joining the club should be made, if possible in person, to Rev. W.R.Lawson, C. F., Church House, 79 Johannis Strasse on *Monday, June 2nd from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.*

In connection with the photographic club there will be a Natural History Library in the large room on the ground floor of Church House called the "Kingsley" Library.

There will be opportunities for studying Elementary Botany, Biology, Zoology, Chemistry (Theoretical) and Astronomy, for which lectures and classes will be arranged. A special feature will be outdoor nature study with lens and camera.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF UNITS.

The enormous undertaking of the Imperial War Museum, the function of which is to obtain as complete a record as possible of all things relating to the war, includes a collection of photographs of all the units engaged.

Panorama photographs make valuable souvenirs and are now being taken by Mr. E.P. Nicholson, the representative of Panora, Ltd., whose address is c o Officer i/c British Press, Dom Hotel, Cologne.

Those unit commanders who wish to have panorama photographs taken should write to Mr. Nicholson who will then make the necessary arrangements. Proofs of any photograph taken may be obtained, and copies of those required may be purchased from the Imperial War Museum.

TECHNICAL CLASSES.

ARMY GENERAL AND COMMERCIAL COLLEGE, COLOGNE.

Numerous questions have been asked by readers of *The Cologne Post* as to the holding of special classes in various educational subjects. Enquiries at the Army General and Commercial College have elicited the information given below.

The following classes have just commenced: Workshop Arithmetic, and Building Construction, Mondays and Thursdays, at 2 p.m.; Machine Drawing, and Applied Mechanics, Tuesdays and Fridays at 2 p.m.

Then, provided that that there is a sufficient number of applicants, the following evening classes will be held on days and at times to be announced later.

Naval Architecture, Surveying, Higher Pure Mathematics, Geodesy, Geodetic Astronomy, Architectural Drawing and Designing, House Planning (and drainage), and Architectural Design.

Applications to join these classes should be sent at once to Capt. Bassford, Education Officer, G.H.Q. Troops, Army General and Commercial College, Cologne.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

On Friday, May 30t , Col. Anderson, A. C. G., gave a most interesting lecture on Italy and her part in the war, describing some of her past history, from the days when Rome was the centre of the world, and her armies went forth to conquer, and her fleet sailed from Venice to bring merchandize from the Far East. In the middle of the nineteenth century Napoleon came to invade the country, and it was left to Garibaldi and Cavour to save their native land and form a united Italy. In the present war Italy has shown the same spirit, and her soldiers have performed great feats of bravery in the cause of justice and liberty. The lecture, which was heartily applauded, was followed by the Ladies' Club orchestra, which gave a most enjoyable performance. The programme consisted of Intermezzo, (Mascagni), cello solo (Squire) Miss Somers Cocks, piano solo (Chopin) Miss Richmond, selection from the Contes D'Hoffman.

The programme gave great pleasure to the audience who applauded warmly. The most popular item was, no doubt, the well know—n Barcarole.

The performance concluded with a most amusing duologue, given by Miss Maxtone Graham, and Miss Hanbury Williams, entitled. "Miss Honey's treasure." Miss Maxtone Graham's rendering of "A Scotch Slavey" was inimitable, and brought the house down with laughter and applause.

Queen Marie of Rumania expects to visit the United States next autumn.

Flight-Lieutenant Casaie, of the French Army, has flown to a height of 9,333 metres (30,600ft. approx.).

Nine hundred and eighty-two Germans interned in Australia began their journey back to Germany yesterday.

M. Lelianoff, ex-Mayor of Petrograd, a devoted friend of France and a faithful adherent of the Entente, has arrived in Paris.

An agreement, according to which Holland is to receive six to seven thousand tons of coal a day, has been made between Dutch authorities and the Ruhr Coal Syndicate.

OLD RUGBEIANS.

An old Rugbeian Dinner will be held at VI Corps Officers Club Cologne on Tuesday June 10th at 7.30 p.m. Old Rugbeians who have not yet signified their intention of attending should write to Rev.M.W.SHEWELL, D.A.C.G., X Corps, enclosing 65 Marks.

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SUMMARY OF AUSTRIAN PEACE TERMS.

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COMPLETE NAVAL DISARMAMENT.

Little did Austria foresee in 1914 that by its ultimatum to Serbia on July 24th 1914, followed on July 29th by an Austrian bombardment of Belgrade, it had struck a death blow to the Habsburg Monarchy and to the Austrian Empire. For many years it had been tottering, and although the war, in which Austria was but a catspaw, held the Empire together for a time, the oppressed communities, dominated by archaic rulers, anticipated the end which was already in sight in October 1918. The Austrian Empire died and with its death vanished the German plans for a Germanic Middle Europe.

The Austrian capitulation in the field on November 3rd 1918, after a battle in which they lost 5000 guns and 300,000 prisoners, — the greatest capture in history — had been preceded by the collapse of Turkey.

The effects of these capitulations were enormous. One million troops became available for direct operations against Germany through Bavaria and Saxony, for instance.

On the Western front the final phase began on the 1st November with great Allied attacks in three regions. On the 7th four envoys of the new "democratic" German Government set out to receive the Armistice terms from Marshal Foch and actual fighting ceased at 11 a. m. on the 11th November.

The Terms of Peace for Austria obviously differ in great degree from those imposed on Germany though the same principles are applied.

There is hardly anything left of Austria save the name.

The conditions of peace of the Allied and Associated Powers, with the exception of the military, reparations, financial, and certain boundary clauses, were handed to the Austrian plenipotentiaries at St. Germain yesterday. Those clauses which are not yet ready for presentation will be delivered as soon as possible, the Austrians in the meanwhile having the opportunity to begin work on the greater part of the treaty in an effort to facilitate a final decision.

The Austrian Treaty follows exactly the same outline as the German and in many places is identical with it except for the change in name. Certain specific clauses which applied only to Germany are of course omitted and certain new clauses of particular applicability to Austria are included, especially as regards the new states created out of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Austria is left by the Treaty a state of about 6,000,000 people inhabiting a territory of between 50,000 and 60,000 square miles. She recognises the complete independence of Hungary, Tchecho-Slovakia, and the Serbo-Croat-Slovene State, and cedes other territories which previously in union with her composed the Empire of Austria-Hungary with its population of over 50,000,000 and its area of 261,259 square miles.

Austria agrees to accept the League of Nations Covenant and the Labour Charter, to renounce all her extra-European rights, to demobilize all her naval and aerial forces, to admit the right of trial by the Allied and Associated Powers of her nationals guilty of violating the laws and customs of war, and to accept detailed provisions similar to those in the German Treaty as to economic relations and freedom of transit.

In the following Summary part I, containing the Covenant of the League of Nations and part XII, containing the Labour Convention, are identical with those in the German Treaty and are therefore omitted. Part VI, dealing with Prisoners of War and Graves, and Part X, with aerial Navigation, are identical, with the substitution of Austria and Austrian for Germany and German, and are also omitted. Similarly Part XIII of the German Treaty containing guarantees of execution is not included in the Austrian Treaty.

PART II.

THE FRONTIERS OF AUSTRIA.

The Northern frontier facing Tchecho-Slovakia follows the existing administrative boundaries formerly separating the provinces of Bohemia and Noravia from those of Upper and Lower Austria, subject to certain minor rectifications, notably in the regions of Gmund and Feldsberg and along the river Morava.

The Southern frontier facing Italy and the Serbo-Croat-Slovene State is to be fixed by the principle Allied and Associated Powers at a later date. In the eastern part of the line, passing just east of Bleiburg, crosses the Drave just above its confluence with the Levant and thence will pass north of the Drave so as to leave to the Serbo-Croat-Slovene State Marburg and Radkersburg just to the north of which latter place it will join the Hungarian frontier.

The Western and North-western frontiers facing Bavaria, the Western frontier facing Switzerland, and the Eastern frontier facing Hungary remain unchanged.

PART III.

POLITICAL CLAUSES.

EUROPE.

The High Contracting Parties recognise and accept the frontiers of Bulgaria, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Roumania, the Serbo-Croat-Slovene State, and the Tchecho-Slovak State, as at present or as ultimately determined. Austria renounces in favour of the principle Allied and Associated Powers all her rights and titles over territories formerly belonging to her, which, though outside the new frontiers of Austria, have not at present been assigned to any State, undertaking to accept the settlement to be made in regard to these territories.

THE TCHECHO-SLOVAK STATE.

Austria recognises the complete independence of the Tchecho-Slovak State, including the autonomous territory south of the Carpathians, in conformity with the action already taken by the Allied and Associated Powers. The exact boundary between Austria and the New State is to be fixed by a Field Commission of seven members, five nominated by the principal Allied and Associated Powers, and one each by Austria and Tchecho-Slovakia.

Tchecho-Slovakia agrees to embody in a Treaty with the principal Allied and Associated Powers such provisions as may be deemed necessary to protect racial, religious, or linguistic minorities, and to assure freedom of transit and equitable treatment for the commerce of other nations.

THE SERB-CROAT-SLOVENE STATE.

Austria similarly recognizes the complete independence of the Serb-Croat-Slovene State, and renounces her rights and titles. A similarly appointed Field Commission, including a member nominated by the Serb-Croat-Slovene State, is to fix the exact boundary.

The question of the basin of Klagenfurt is reserved.

The Serb-Croat-Slovene State agrees to a similar Treaty for the protection of minorities and freedom of transit.

ROUMANIA.

Roumania agrees to a similar Treaty for protection of minorities and freedom of transit.

RUSSIA.

Austria is to recognise and respect the full independence of all territories which formed part of the former Russian Empire. She is to accept definitely the annulment of the Brest-Litovsk Treaty and of all other Treaties or Agreements of all kinds concluded since the revolution of November, 1917, with all Governments or political groups on territory of the former Russian Empire. The Allies reserve all rights on the part of Russia for restitution and satisfaction to be obtained from Austria on the principles of the present Treaty.

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Austria is to consent to the abrogation of the treaties of 1839, by which Belgium was established as a neutral State, and her frontiers fixed, and to accept in advance any convention with which the Allies may determine to replace them.

Austria adheres to the abrogation of the neutrality of the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg and accepts in advance all international agreements as to it reached by the Allied and Associated Powers.

Austria accepts all arrangements which the Allied and Associated Powers make with Turkey and Bulgaria with reference to any rights, privileges, or interests claimed in those countries by Austria or her nationals and not dealt with elsewhere.

Austria accepts all arrangements which the Allied and Associated Powers make with Germany concerning the territories whose abandonment was imposed upon Denmark by the Treaty of 1864.

PROTECTION OF MINORITIES.

In a series of special clauses Austria undertakes to bring her instutions into conformity with the principles of liberty and justice, and acknowledges that the obligations for the protection of minorities are matters of international concern over which the League of Nations has jurisdiction. She assures complete protection of life and liberty to all inhabitants of Austria, without distinction of birth, nationality, language, race, or religion, together with the right to the free exercise of any creed.

All Austrian nationals, without distinction of race, language, or religion, are to be equal before the law. No restrictions are to be imposed on the free use of any language in private or public, and reasonable facilities are to be given to Austrian nationals of non-German speech for the use of their language before the Courts. Austrian nationals belonging to racial, religious, or linguistic minorities, are to enjoy the same protection as other Austrian nationals, in particular with regard to schools and other educational establishments; and in districts where a considerable proportion of Austrian nationals, of other than German speech are resident, facilities are to be given in schools for the instruction of children in their own language, and equitable share of public funds is to be provided for the purpose. These provisions do not preclude the Austrian Government from making the teaching of German obligatory. They are to be embodied by Austria in her fundamental law as a Bill of Rights, and provisions regarding them are to be under the protection of the League of Nations.

PART IV.

AUSTRIAN RIGHTS OUTSIDE EUROPE.

Outside Europe Austria renounces all rights, titles, and privileges as to her own or her Allies' territories to all the Allied and Associated Powers, and undertakes to accept whatever measures are taken by the principal Allied Powers in relation thereto.

The clauses as to Egypt, Morocco, China and Siam are identical, after the necessary modifications, with those of the German Treaty, except that especially in the case of China, there is not need for so great detail.

PART V.

MILITARY, NAVAL & AIR CLAUSES.

The military clauses are reserved.

NAVAL.

All Austro-Hungarian warships, submarines, and vessels of the Danube flotilla are declared to be finally surrendered to the principal Allied and Associated Powers. Twenty-one specified auxiliaryc ruisers are to be disarmed and treated as merchant ships. All warships and submarines under construction in ports which belong or have belonged to Austria-Hungary shall be broken up, the salvage not to be used except for industrial purposes and not to be sold to foreign countries. The construction or acquisition of any submarine even for commercial purposes is forbidden. All naval arms, ammunition, and other war material belonging to Austria-Hungary at the date of the Armistice shall be surrendered to the Allies. The Austrian wireless station at Vienna is not to be used for naval, military, or political messages relating to Austria or her late Allies without the assent of the Allied and Associated Governments during three months, but only for commercial purposes under supervision. During the same period Austria is not to build any more high-power wireless stations.

AIR CLAUSES.

The Air clauses are practically the same as in the German Treaty except for the 100 seaplanes and their personnel which Germany is allowed to retain till October to search for mines.

GENERAL.

Austria agrees not to accredit or send any military, naval, or air mission to any foreign country, nor to allow Austrian nationals to enlist in the army, navy, or air service of any foreign Power.

PART VII on Penalties is identical with the German-Treaty, except for the omission of any provision similar to that calling for the trial of the Ex-Kaiser of Germany.

PART VIII on reparations is reserved.

PART IX.

The Financial Clauses are reserved.

PART X.

ECONOMIC CLAUSES.

These are, except in certain details such as shipping, similar to those of the German Treaty. Special provisions are added, however, for former Austro-Hungarian nationals acquiring an Allied Nationality, similar to those in the German Treaty relating to the inhabitants of Alsace-Lorraine. Their contracts are maintained subject to cancellation by their Governments. Austria undertakes to recognise any agreement or Convention made by the Allies to safeguard the interest of their nationals in any undertakings constituted under Austro-Hungarian law which operate in territories detached from the former Austro-Hungarian Empire and to transfer any necessary documents and information in regard to them.

PART XI.

FREEDOM OF TRANSIT.

The clauses as to freedom of transit are the same in the Austrian as in the German Treaty, except for the omission of provisions affecting Germany alone and the insertion of specific clauses granting Austria transit privileges through former Austro-Hungarian territories, in order to ensure her access to the Adriatic.

PART XIV.

Miscellaneous provisions are, after necessary substitutions, virtually identical with those of the German Treaty. The Treaty is to come into force when signed by Austria and three principal Powers, and to be effective for the individual State on the deposit of their specific ratifications.

BRILLIANT FEAT OF ARMS IN AFGHANISTAN.

MANY ENEMY KILLED.

Simla, 27th May.—An enemy column from Khost, under the command of General Nadir Khan, the Afghan Commander-in-Chief, has begun operations against Thal. It is stated that these Afghan regulars have rations, whereas the camp followers are subsisting by begging food from the Waziris. The enemy has occupied Spinwam. The withdrawal was carried out satisfactorily. Reports from the Upper Kurram say that some Afghan tribesmen attacked Chapri yesterday, near the Paiwar Kotal, and were driven off by the local militia, who killed a number of the assailants without sustaining any casualties themselves.

The British troops at Chaman have captured the Afghan frontier post of Spin Baldak.

On May 26the forts were subjected to a thorough bombardment, after which the towers on the ridge commanding the forts were assaulted and taken. The main gate was blown up, and the capture completed by the assaulting troops, who scaled the walls where they were breached. The garrison stubbornly resisted, and the bulk was either killed or captured. No change is reported from Dakka.

In conformity with the Government's policy in the Upper Tochi, the exposed militia posts in South Waziristan have been withdrawn.—*Reuter.*

Peshawur, 27th May.—Arms, followed by British rupees, have had a wonderfully pacifying effect in the occupied territories on the Khyber front. The local peasantry, who at first fled, are now fast returning, and are getting busy with an almost record harvest. Supplies are arriving freely. The peasants naively remark that if we promise not to tax them they will welcome British rule. In the meantime peace reigns on all the front.

The Fast of Ramazan, which commenced on May 31, prevented the enemy from engaging in active fighting. During the recent fighting bombs were freely used in turning the gunners out of their shelters and clearing the brows of the hills. There is little doubt that bombs will form the essential weapon in future mountain warfare.

Reuter.

METROPOLITAN POLICE TROUBLE.

CITY POLICE LOYALTY.

When the result of the police ballot on the question of a strike is known, it is believed that an overwhelming majority throughout the country will be in favour of a strike, including two-thirds of the London force.

Nevertheless signs of reaction against the adoption of extreme measures are observable as a consequence of the Government announcement of increased pay and threats of dismissals.

A meeting of City of London police yesterday passed a resolution protesting against the action of the Executive Union and its supporters in "causing an unsatisfactory state of affairs amongst members of the Union which has been done for no other purpose than as a political move to cause a revolution in the country."

The resolution also declared that the ballot of the members was carried out in a very unsatisfactory manner.

The police-sergeant who presided was interviewed and said that the majority of the men are determined to remain at their duty at all costs.

The London Trades Council to which the Police Union is affiliated is backing the policeman, but the Triple Alliance does not intend to intervene. The ballot of the police showed 10 to 1 in favour of a strike but it was carried but before the increased wages were announced. There have been many resignations from the Police Union throughout the country. Sir N. Macready, the Commissioner of Metropolitan Police, has issued another order in which, after describing further advantages in the shape of pensions and insurances now secured to the men, he says that his previous order was sanctioned by the Government and would be enforced at all costs. There is now little anxiety regarding the running of the Derby, which undoubtedly will be attended by the greatest crowd on record.

POLICE STRIKE WARNINGS.

The Birmingham Watch Committee has issued a notice to the police warning them of the consequences of strike.

The Chief Constable states that a large majority of the local force have no association with any Union and he has the utmost confidence in the men. A ballot of the Union members, however, reveals a majority in favour of a strike.

At Manchester and Portsmouth the Watch Committees have ordered that policemen absenting themselves from duty will be dismissed and not permitted to rejoin.

WAR RECORD OF THE POST OFFICE.

STUPENDOUS FIGURES.

An interesting story of the work done in France by the Post Office was told by Mr. H. Pike Pease, M.P., Assistant Postmaster-General, at the annual dinner of the Head Postmasters' Association in London. Generals Haig, Munro, and Allenby, he said had, all spoken in the highest terms of the splendid accomplishments of that department. The telegraph business also had been magnificently organised. He expressed the gratitude of the Postmaster-General for the way in which the whole service had responded during the years of the war.

He noted with regret that of the 82,000 employees who joined the Army and Navy, 9,000 made the supreme sacrifice. They had to pride themselves, however, in the fact that distinction was won by 1,780, including V.C.'s, and that from the ranks of women workers 1,000 did actual service with Q.M.A.A.C.'s. Since the signing of the Armistice upwards of 30,000 of their males had returned after demobilisation.

As instances of the great achievements of the postal departments Mr. Pease mentioned that up to the time of the Armistice about twelve million letters were sent each week to the British Expeditionary Force, in addition to 600,000 weekly deliveries of parcels. They had supplied 40,000 miles of cable for use in the trenches, and 200,000 miles of overhead wire, the insulators used reaching an immense figure, somewhere between four and five millions. The system of voting and the canvassing of troops in the last General Election were responsible also for the handling of over 6,000,000 addresses of candidates and 2,882,000 ballot-papers.

Sir Robert Bruce, Controller of the London Postal Services, pointed out that on the Admiralty list there were 14,000 ships, and letters for these ships had simply been addressed "care of G.P.O., London," and the rest of the work in connection with their distribution was done by the Post Office for four and a half years.

EIGHT MILLION WAR MEDALS.

Answering a number of questions relating to the issue of war medals, Mr. Forster states in the Parliamentary papers that approximately 1,300,000 of the "1914-15 Star" will have to be issued. It has not yet been possible to begin the general issue. The rolls for the "1914-15 Star" have not yet been completed, but every endeavour is being made to expedite matters and to issue the stars as quickly as possible.

So far as the British war medal is concerned, it is estimated that approximately 8,000,000 will be required. The design has been selected, and arrangements for manufacture are now being made. Five hundred thousand yards of the medal ribbon are required for the preliminary issue, and, though, the orders for nearly 2,000,000 yards have been distributed on the widest possible basis amongst seventeen firms, the necessary preliminary quantity has not yet been fully delivered. As the orders have been placed at competitive rates it is not desirable that these rates should be published.

FIRST LONDON LORRYBUS.

The first lorrybus was seen in London on Saturday in the shape of an Army lorry painted green and transformed into a conveyance to seat twenty-seven passengers.

N. C. 4 COMPLETES ITS JOURNEY.

THE NEW PILGRIMAGE.

The American seaplane N. C. 4 arrived at Plymouth at 2.26 p.m. on Saturday. The weather was fine with a slight haze when the N. C. 4 alighted at Plymouth.

Commander Read and the crew were taken off by a motor launch and taken aboard the American cruiser Rochester, where they were received by the American Vice-Admiral, the Mayor of Plymouth, and Government representatives. The airmen were subsequently welcomed at a public reception by the Mayor who spoke from the Mayflower Stone, and later were entertained at luncheon by the Air Ministry.

At a civic reception to Commander Read and the crew of the seaplane, the Mayor of Plymouth referred to the sailing of the Pilgrim from the same spot. Mainly out of that small beginning, he said, the mighty American people had sprung up and to-day in the most dramatic fashion their descendants had crossed back to us in a way never dreamt of by our forefathers. The feats they were celebrating to-day, he added, were but the precursors of further great developments.

The N. C. 4 covered the five hundred miles from Ferrol to Plymouth in four hundred minutes. It was sighted off its destination at a height of one thousand feet and was escorted landward by three British seaplanes, being met on arrival by numerous river craft. Sirens were sounded and thousands on the Hoe heartily greeted the approaching American seaplane.

The seaplane's actual flying time from America was thirty-five hours for the three thousand miles. H.M. the King sent his congratulations to the American Ambassador. The flight was handicapped by fog and occasional rain storms, especially in the neighbourhood of Brest. Her descent at the mouth of the Mondego river after leaving Lisbon was due to a leaky radiator. The greatest height attained in the flight from Ferrol was one thousand feet, but the level was mostly between fifty and a hundred feet owing to fog. The Channel was crossed at a height of two hundred feet.

HAWKER FLIES AT HENDON MEETING.

The first flying meeting since the war took place at Hendon on Saturday afternoon. Hawker and his wife flew to Hendon on a Sopwith machine and later on Hawker gave an exhibition flight on a monoplane. The opening of the meeting was unfortunately marred by an accident. An aeroplane carrying two men and two women crashed. Nobody was killed, but the pilot, Robertson, an ex R.A.F. flier was seriously hurt.

After a spirited auction a Leeds lady paid sixty guineas for the privilege of making the first flight with Hawker.

WOMAN TO TRY ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

In connection with her attempt to fly across the Atlantic Miss Ruth Law, the famous woman aviator, says that she will use a new Curtiss biplane, which is now being constructed, and is to be equipped with two 400 h.p. motors. She will be accompanied by Mechanician James Lamont, and the course will probably be the same as that attempted by Hawker. She expects the United States navy to give her every assistance, and is confident that she will be the first woman to fly the Atlantic. Miss Law is America's only lady aviator, and has proved her skill as a pilot by many exhibition flights here. She has recently been engaged in flying in France and the Orient. —*Wireless Press.*

R.A.F. DOG SMUGGLERS.

OFFICIAL WARNING.

An official of the Board of Agriculture declared on Saturday that information has recently been obtained which has convinced the Board that many officers of the R.A.F. are flagrantly disregarding orders and are smuggling dogs into the country from France and Belgium.

Such offenders will promptly be dealt with by Court martial which will probably have a salutary effect. A smart sentence carrying with it loss of gratuity would stop the present reprehensible practices.

KUT PRISONERS MISSING.

Mr. Forster states in the Parliamentary papers that there are in all 155 men not so far accounted for in consequence of the evacuation of Kut. Of these, definite evidence has been received, showing that eighty men were captured as prisoners of war, but have not yet been repatriated. In the cases of the remaining seventy-five no information whatever has been received other than they were presumed to have been taken prisoners of war when Kut was evacuated. It is feared that none of the prisoners still unaccounted for can have survived their captivity.

SAVINGS' BANK DEPOSITS.

In the Post Office Savings' Bank the balances to credit of depositors on Jan. 1, 1914, were £187,950,000, which on April 30, 1919, had increased to £257,000,000. They also held at present £200,000,000 in stock or bonds of Government issues, as compared with £26,500,000 at the outbreak of the war. The subscriptions received to issues for the purposes of the war amounted to £177,000,000, and gratuities advised to the Savings Bank for crediting to accounts of discharged and demobilized men of the Navy Army, and Air Force numbered 2,850,000, equal to the sum of £44,250,000.

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GERMANY AND A CHANGE OF HEART.

What we are looking for from Germany is a change of heart. So far we have looked somewhat in vain. Violent denials of having committed any particular crime against European civilization, counter-charges of war-mongering and militarism fill the air, until we ask ourselves in bewilderment whether, after all, it was really we who provoked this war of aggression, or Germany?

The Peace Terms have evoked in Germany a storm of indignation, sorrow and bewilderment; the sorrow is justified, the bewilderment at least comprehensible, but what about the indignation. Let us endeavour to answer this question in as objective a manner as possible by asking the question "Has German mentality altered in any degree, so that her former sins may be forgiven." It is impossible to return an answer entirely in the affirmative to this question..

A great deal is made of the annexation of the Saare district, Upper Silesia and so forth. If Germany had been victorious, an overwhelming majority of the people would have entirely approved of a most far reaching annexationist policy. Accordingly, Germany has lost any right to complain about annexations made at her own cost. The mere fact that a people which, during the first years of the war at least, were filled with lust of annexation now complain about annexations carried out at their own expense, shows that the mentality continues. People can take up the point of view that Polish annexation is to be condemned, one's own as well as that of foreign nations, and, in that case, they are certainly justified in passing judgment upon a foreign policy of annexation, or they can adopt the standpoint of "I take what I can get, but then I cannot condemn those who do the same thing", but to be an annexationist yourself and then to be indignant at the annexationism of others is mere hypocrisy. How many Germans are there who were undeniably and consistently against the annexation of Longwy and Briey throughout the whole war? Moreover, the basin of the Saare is not to be annexed at all, as Edward Bernstein has clearly explained, it is simply hypothecated to France for a term of years in order to provide compensation for the destroyed coal mines of northern France.

The German hypocritical attitude can be viewed then, at least if not as free from blame, at all events as human, but it is not a conscious but rather an unconscious hypocrisy, and its roots are to be found in German self-conceit. The Germans considered that they were a "kultur" people superior to all other nations; elaborate treatises were written in favour of this theory. For instance, Heydebrand laid down the view "He who ceases to be a German ceases to be a human being." Fischer preached the doctrine that German kultur is the highest in the world. German Professors, such as Messrs. Ostwald and Haeckel, indulged in fantastic dreams of Germany's claim for world domination, and one could find endless samples of the crazy megalomania of the Pan-German elements, for whom it was an impossibility to grant the same right to others which they demanded for themselves. This mentality, far from having vanished, is still to be found in fairly wide circles in Germany. In this connection we may ask ourselves the question "Do the Pan-Germans really represent the vanishing minority in Germany?" An answer to this question cannot be returned wholly in the negative. The number of the official hallmarked Pan-Germans is certainly not large, but one-tenth of the German electorate have cast their votes for the German National Party, which has a Pan-German leaning. A further one-twentieth is in favour of the German People's Party, which is also impregnated with Pan-Germanism.

Concealed Pan Germans are to be found among the adherents of the Majority Social Democrats. The whole Corps of officers is more or less dominated by Pan German ideals; the body of students is preponderently Chauvinistic as are the boys of the gymnasia. Accordingly the party which is taking up the intransigeant attitude is sufficiently powerful in Germany, and so guarantees that Germany will not again become warlike are not to be relied upon.

They are taking up the attitude at present that Germany cannot live if the Peace Conditions are translated into actual facts. Now Reventlow, Tirpitz, Traub, Westarp and those of similar opinions have been telling the world for years that Germany could not exist without the Flanders coast. As, however, even the Pan-Germans do not expect the Paris Conference to consent to the incorporation of Belgium with Germany, their country, according to their own assertion, is already dead and buried. Now one cannot be dead more than once, and so the whole of this German outcry becomes a mere absurdity, the logic of which cannot hold water.

Is there then no solution to the apparent impasse that confronts us? — do the Peace Terms contain nothing advantageous for Germany? As we have already pointed out, it is a changed outlook and the real repentance that we are looking for on the part of Germany as much as indemnities and material guarantees. If once Germany signs the Peace Terms and gives proofs of her intention to abide loyally by her decision, we are convinced that ways and means for her to work out her own salvation will be forthcoming. We propose in a further article to offer a few suggestions upon the subject.

COLOGNE.

FROM A POEM BY HEINE, THE ANTI-PRUSSIAN POET.

The Rhine flows calmly and widely,
And, mirrored deep in the flood,
With her Cathedral holy,
Cologne for ages, hath stood.

The Dom enshrines a painting,
Wrought bravely on leather in gold,
Still, o'er my life's rough desert,
It shines as it shone of old.

Still hover roses and angels
The Mother of God above:
Her eyes and her features, her features her tresses
Are those of the maiden I love.

Marie Boileau.

HABITS.

We were sitting in the club one evening chatting on various subjects. The conversation came round to the various little weaknesses which we all have and the difficulty of eradicating them.

"A confirmed habit is a terrible thing" said my neighbour. Take the case of poor old Wilkins He was an example of the average prosperous, middle-aged man with no particular vices, but he had one weakness—tobacco. First thing in the morning, almost before his eyes were opened, he'd make a grab for his pipe, and start puffing away, keeping it there till he went to bed, except for meals, and he always seemed to grudge the time spent on them.

"And he didn't seem any the worse for it either—used to boast about it, in fact. 'Look at me' he would say puffing out his chest. 'I smoke two ounces of tobacco a day and have never had a day's illness in my life. Kills the germs, my boy. Why are non-smokers always unhealthy? Because their lungs are full of bacteria.'

"Well, one day he came across one of those advertisements about will-power. You know the sort of thing — a picture of a square-jawed young man with piercing eyes looking scornfully at you, and saying "Are you your own Master? Write for our booklet, and develop your will-power a thousand-fold etc, etc." He wrote for the booklet, and conscientiously a tempted various mental exercises, which involved doing unpleasant and, to my mind, quite useless things every day. But he became very enthusiastic about it, and used to bore us by his airs of superiority, and references to our weak-mindedness and lack of self-control. Until one day we got fed up, and suggested that he should give up his own favourite habit, namely, smoking. He was somewhat taken aback, but there was no way out of it, and he had to accept the challenge.

"I have never seen such a change in a man. Before that he was a bluff, good-natured sort of chap, always ready for a chat or a drink and very fond of company. But from that time on he seemed to avoid his pals, and went about with a hangdog air, as if life weren't worth living, which probably it wasn't for him, poor man. I found him, now and again, sneaking away to puff guiltily at a cigarette, and when taxed with it he would say that breaking a habit was a gradual process, and could not be done suddenly without danger to his health.

"He confessed to me that he had tried chewing-gum as an alternative but it gave him no satisfaction and upset his digestion, so that he had to give it up. He tried various patent remedies, but they had no effect except to make the craving worse, and he would find himself smoking without any conscious recollection of having filled and lighted his pipe.

"Things became so bad that eventually we sent a deputation to him, releasing him from his promise. We were afraid he would waste away or be driven to suicide. But he was stubborn and swore to go on with it. He used to leave his pipe and tobacco at home when he went out, but round taut the bills for new pipes and tobacco pouches became so large that his income would not stand the strain.

"The crisis came when he decided that the only cure was to be sent to gaol where he would be absolutely prevented from smoking. So one morning he picked out a burly-looking navvy, and made an unprovoked assault upon him. The navvy, after having entertained an interesting crowd for five minutes with an exhibition of uppercuts and right hooks to the jaw, remarked to someone who suggested fetching a policeman, "What! 'ave 'im put in quod? Why, I love 'im like a brother. I aint 'ad such a time since I found a "copper" kissing my best girl two years ago," and lovingly carried his late assailant to the nearest butcher's shop, where he superintended the application of raw beef to the injured parts of his anatomy, with practised eye.

"This experience finally broke down Wilkins' attempts at self-denial, and as soon as his jaw had sufficiently recovered to allow of it, he was smoking away in a praiseworthy effort to make up for lost time. He burnt the book on Will-Power, and in a week or two was once more his old, cheery self.

"All the same, he is now a confirmed non-smoker—goes to meetings and denounces Nicotine as the curse of the present generation, and so on!" He paused, awaiting my surprised interrogation. Why? "Oh, he got married shortly after. One of those quiet, determined sort of girls. Doesn't say much but gets what she wants. She let him alone until after the honeymoon, and then one day she launched forth about his filthy habit, and said he must choose between her and it. Of course the poor creature hadn't a chance. If it had occurred before they were married, his answer might have been different, but as it was he gave in at once. I saw him sitting in the park the other day. He had a bag of acid drops beside him, and his attempts to persuade me that they were a perfect substitute for a pipe would have been funny if they hadn't been so pathetic. Well, goodnight. I'm off to bed," and he left me to meditate on the moral, if any, of his story.

THE OPERA.

"CAVALLERIA" AND "PAGLIACCI."

"What men call gallantry and gods, adultery,
Is much more common where the climate's sultry,"

says Byron, a high authority in such matters. So under the blue Italian sky, we followed with tense emotion the developments of the grand passion in the bosoms of peasants (Cavalleria) and of strolling players (Bajazzo) who love not wisely but too well and bring on themselves the inevitable tragedy of unholy desire. Before the curtain rose on the Sicilian village, we heard Turiddu (Herr Krauss) unbosoming himself of his infatuation for Lola, with true artistry. Then we find ourselves in the Sicilian village, following Santuzza's (Sofie Wolf) hopeless love, turning to hate. Herr Liszewsky made an admirable Alfio, and made a palpable hit with his aria, "Rossestampfen, Peitschenknall." Gertrud Bender made a seductive Lola. The too-familiar Intermezzo, though barrel-organed to death, was delightfully rendered. In "Bajazzo," Herr Höttges (Tonio) declaimed with much vocal and histrionic skill, the prologue, so beloved of baritones. Then we found ourselves among the peasants following Bajazzo's (Herr Menzinsky) passionate jealousy as his wife, Nedda (Johanna Geisler) repulses Tonio (Herr Höttges) only to abandon herself to Silvio's (Herr Renner) solicitation. Herr Menzinsky was entirely admirable throughout. Alike in repelling Tonio's unwelcome adresses and encouraging those of Silvio, Johanna Geisler fitted the part like a glove. Herr Vogellied was a treat of the first order. She was gracefully coquettish in the clowns' theatre, as the object of Harlequin's adoration. Herr Wolf's Serenade, by the way, was one of the tit-bits of the feast. The Italian atmosphere was, in both pieces, most artistically conveyed.

A. M.

A "FISCHY" STORY.

We are anticipating a great boom in the German classes in our Battalion. Hitherto we have been able to carry on satisfactory conversation with the inhabitants by means of such phrases as "Nix goot" and "Sanfairyang", but the recent adventures of four of our officers in Cologne have awakened us to our shortcomings and we are out to redeem ourselves.

In the beginning there was a schloss; around the schloss was a moat emptying its waters into a lake well stocked with large and succulent trout. Then came to the schloss a B.H.Q. Officer's Mess. At once everybody who possessed the energy to cut an ash branch and find a line and float, prepared to fish. The old hands beguiled the evenings with tales of their past achievements, and the C.O., fired with enthusiasm, determined to justify his position. Finding that three officers purposed spending a day in Cologne, he commissioned them to buy him a trout rod with its accessories of flies red, blue and multicoloured. These officers, the Padre, the Q.M., and the M.O., taking feverish counsel together, discovered with dismay that not one of them knew the German for fish, let alone trout. And because the C.O. was a new one and they desired to impress him with their zeal and efficiency, they resolved to take the Education Officer with them (as a matter of fact he knew still less German han they did) anticipating from his presence a great moral effect.

Arrived in Cologne, they spent the whole of the morning thirstily tramping the hot and dusty streets in the burning sun, looking in vain for a shop with fishing rods displayed for sale. Over lunch the Padre, the Q.M., the M.O., and the Education Officer brought all their wits to bear on the problem. Fortified with strong waters, they summoned the porter. After much imitation of the throwing of a trout-fly, and excited shouting of the word "fisch" (which really looks German spelt like that) he directed them to a shop in the Hohestrasse. They quickly found it. It was a large, imposing building, a young Harrod's in fact, and the hearts of the Padre, the Q.M., the M.O., and the Education Officer were filled with hope.

On the first floor the Padre took up the tale. For a full minute he threw imaginary flies and called for imaginary "fisch"; when at last he paused and pathetically asked, "Verstein?", the smiling girl at the counter answered "Ya, ya," and helpfully directed them to the floor above. They were getting warmer, their hearts beat with hope, and joyfully the Padre, the Q.M., M.O., and Education Officer trooped upstairs. The Q.M. next advanced to the attack. In spite of his increasing corpulence he devotedly waved his arm and cried "fisch." Once more the reply, "Ya, ya," and the obsequious shopman pointed to a door on which was plainly painted "Room No. 5." Renewed hope, for so far they had been wandering through spacious halls filled with mysterious garments, interesting to the Q.M., M.O., and Education Officer perhaps, but certainly not suited to the Padre's eyes. Now they saw footballs and other sports gear, and the M.O., went through his performance assured of success at last. The last stage was reached, they were sent to a counter at the far end of the room.

"Now it is up to me" said the Education Officer, "to show you the value of education in the Army, nobody seems to realise it much yet." With the grace of a practised fisherman he threw his imaginary flies, and with a light heart he called for his imaginary "fisch." The girl's face was illuminated. With great speed she darted away, she returned with a small box. She opened it. She spread out before the astonished eyes of the Padre, Q.M., M.O., and Education Officer, who had all clustered excitedly round her—six small celluloid fish with little rings in their mouths, and two little sticks completely equipped to catch these dangerous beasts with a few inches of string and a bent pin.

I can quite credit the remarks made by the Q.M., M.O., and Education Officer, but the Padre's effort surprised me.

Since writing this I have discovered that the Education Officer has gone on leave to "Blighty," presumably to recover from the blow to his prestige; while yesterday evening I saw by our famous lake a disconsolate figure walking moodily under the trees and gazing wistfully at the well fed trout feeding peacefully in its crystal depths.

ANOTHER PARABLE.

Once upon a time there was a man who went into a far country and there he saw many new and impressive things, indeed so great was his astonishment that he wrote to *The Cologne Post* about it.

He was an intelligent man and he says that "Even to follow the main roads of the Rhineland, is to have one's eyes opened," and when his eyes were "opened" this is what he saw, (at least he says this). "The German, spite his self vaunted culture, is but a primitive creature when seen in comparison with the British farmer and gardener. His ideas of development and advancement with the times appear to have stopped short some eighty to a hundred years ago."

With his eyes "opened" he saw rough and primitive wagons, carts drawn by oxen, a wooden narrow, and a roll made with the bole of a tree. Harness, farmer, and entire turnout is out-of-date. The farmer has failed to awaken and is stagnant, out-of-date and painfully slow.

Another man visits the same country and as he goes along the main roads of the Rhineland his eyes are also opened, and he also saw things which filled him with astonishment and he likewise writes to *The Cologne Post.*

This is what he saw, a system of land tenure far in advance of the English system; co-operation to an extent never dreamed of at home; an advanced system of cultivation by which the maximum output of the soil is obtained, and manuring on a scientific scale.

In the villages he sees an elaborate system of small holdings and allotments. Every inch of ground is cultivated and turned to the best advantage. He also has seen the oxen at work, but does not consider it a sign of stagnation to use the best material you have or can afford. With the wooden harrow is also seen the most recent type of iron harrow, plough and drills. He has seen in small villages electricity doing the work of many men, cream separators, churns, and butter workers, crushing machines, chaff-cutters, turnip slicers, pumps and patent unloading hay pitchers all worked with the greatest ease, by electric power.

He is glad that his eyes have been "opened", he wants no dust thrown in them, he wants to see things that are really there, that he may, without praise or favour, learn all that German agriculture can teach him, and on his return take with him something to benefit him for his sojourn in a far land. That his eyes may remain open, in a retentive, observant, intelligant and unbiassed degree is the desire of "Agriculturist."

L.M.R.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Tuesday	6	Aida	Verdi
Wednesday	6	Das Glöckchen des Eremiten	Maillart
Thursday	5½	Arlecchino Turandot	Busoni "
Friday	6	Rigoletto	Verdi
Saturday	3½	Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg	Wagner
Sunday	5½	Die lustigen Weiber von Windsor	Nicolai
Monday	5	Der Rosenkavalier	Rich. Strauss
Tuesday	5½	Aida	Verdi

THE PERFECT DAY.

WEEKLY DANCES AT THE COLOGNE SPORTS CLUB, LINDENTHAL.

An ideal spot for a dance is the Cologne Sports Club, Lindenthal. One can dine either in the Club House or out of doors, dance on a good floor, sit out under the trees and cool woods or on the cricket ground. What country house could provide better? The opening dance of the season took place on Saturday. There are no two opinions as to its success and everyone was glad to see a notice during the evening announcing that there will be a series of dances during the summer months given weekly on Tuesdays.

The first of these is to-night. The Expeditionary Force Canteens are responsible for these entertainments and also for all the catering of the Club, luncheons, teas and dinners being served every day at the usual Officers Club prices.

The Club House, though in the midst of absolutely rural surroundings, is very accessible from Cologne. Tram No. 8 deposits you at the Raschdorf Strasse and in five minutes you are there.

It is also quite close to the Lindenthal Lawn Tennis courts. How could you better spend a hot Cologne day, and there will be many, than watching a cricket match or playing tennis after an outdoor lunch—tea to follow—and dinner, to bring the end of a perfect day.

"THE DISORDERLY ROOM."

LAUGHABLE SKIT IN "THE RHINE-DROPS" PROGRAMME.

The "Rhinedrops" continue to enjoy the marked success their first few performances promised.

People are beginning to lose that natural prejudice which a mere Battalion Concert Party brings, and to realise that this little Troupe can produce a show equal to the greater majority of Divisional shows we saw in France and Flanders.

A special performance was given on Saturday last at the Theatre at Duisdorf under the patronage of Major General E. P. Strickland, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding Western Division.

An enthusiastic audience from all Units of the 2nd Infantry Brigade was treated to selections by the Divisional Band, and to a new programme by the Troupe.

New numbers included an original skit entitled "The Disorderly Room." This kind of thing we have seen before, but never on the same amusingly original lines as this.

The acting throughout was excellent, and particularly did the perfectly and nicely modulated part of Capt. Stoggit, the Adjutant, by Mr. S. J. Needham do much to assist Capt. A. W. Fish as Lt.-Col. Pastit, K.C.K., B.F., R.I.P., in rendering his "Harry Tate" Colonel in such a manner as to leave the house rocking with laughter. His conversation with a Staff Captain on the telephone and his decision to use Lewis Guns as flower pots for the Company gardens, together with his amusing treatment of defaulters, (best of whom was Pte. Troy), were but a few of the outstanding features in a hilarious performance. Pte. Brains as Orderly Room Clerk by Mr. F. W. Moorsom was a great piece of dumb show and Mr. T. Postlethwaite as R.S.M., and Ptes. Troy, Whitehouse an Pitt as defaulters well filled their parts.

The Old Stockpot.

Another comedy item "The Cookhouse" found Mr. S. J. Needham as "Transport Jim" and Capt. A. W. Fish as "Cookhouse Joe." This was an extremely clever and original parody on the well known number from "Tails Up" — "The old Bran-pie." This became "The Old Stockpot" and these two artistes proceeded to discover extraordinary things in a dixie of stew.

First rate musical numbers were supplied by Mr. K.F.C. McIver, Mr. T. Postlethwaite and Pte. Whitehouse.

In the interval, the Major General, assisted by Lt. Col. J.R. Minchull Ford D.S.O., M.C., presented a cup to "B" Company as winners of the Battalion Boxing, and medals to winners of various weights. In a well-chosen speech he congratulated the "Rhinedrops" on an excellent show and the 52nd Battn The Welsh Regiment on producing such a troupe.

The "Rhinedrops" will commence a tour of other Units, commencing with the 53rd Bn. The Welsh Regt., at Alfter this evening.

51st MANCHESTERS AT WHIST.

A Battalion Whist Drive was held at Rauschendorf on Thursday and was well attended by N.C.O's and men. The prizes were presented by Lieut.-Col. H.F. Watson, C.M.G., D.S.O. and were won as follows:—1, (Silver Wrist Watch) Pte Catlow (Signaller); 2, (Safety Razor in case) Sergt. Instr. H.C. Smith; 3, (Cigarette Case) Sergt. Mason, B. Coy; Hidden Number (Fountain Pen) Pte Freestone, H.Q.; Booby Prize (Biscuit) Pte Robson, H.Q.

The duties of M.C. were performed by Sergt. H.C. Smith, Education Staff.

At the close of the proceedings a vote of thanks was given to the Col. for his attendance and his interest in the proceedings. It is proposed to hold Battalion Whist Drives at frequent intervals in future.

KEEN FOOTBALL AT MENDEN.

A very interesting game was played between the L.N. Lancs and the Signal Section of the 53rd Manchesters at Menden on Friday and half time came with a score of one each.

The commencement of the second half provided plenty of spectacular football. Towards the end the North Lancs began to press and not long after they secured a winning goal. The final score was 2—1 in their favour.

"BIG COUNTY" BATSMEN AVERAGE 66.

HIRST'S FIVE HOUR STAND FOR 180.

YORKSHIRE DRAW WITH M.C.C.

The match was concluded on Saturday betwen Yorkshire and M.C.C. at Lord's, when chiefly owing to the excellent batting of Hirst, who compiled 180 not out, the match resulted in a draw. At the commencement of the second innings, Yorkshire were 368 behind. Scores:—

YORKSHIRE — 2nd INNINGS (continued).

Kilner l.b.w. b. Kennedy	120
Hirst (not out)	180
Burton l.b.w. b. Watson	26
Sutcliffe b. Hearne	3
Birtles b. Hendren	4
Dolphin c. Hendren b. Watson	38
Extras	36
Total (for eight)	528

M.C.C. — 2nd INNINGS.

Tennyson b. Smith	4
Berridge run out	0
Hearne l.b.w. b. Rhodes	19
Hubble not out	14
Extras	1
Total (for three)	38

BOWLING — Yorkshire: Blackburn 0—18; Smith 1—17; Rhodes 1—2.

M.C.C.: Tennyson 0—37; Berridge 0—21; Kennedy 3—133; Watson 3—104; Hearne 1—153; Hendren 1—44.

OTHER MATCHES.

Notts beat Sussex by an innings and 175 runs. Sussex in their second innings scored 138.

Essex beat Lancs by nine wickets. Lancs were 103, London having 7 for 42. Essex replied with 140 for 1, Gillingham being out for 60, and Russell 65 (not out).

Derbyshire beat Leicestershire by nine wickets. Leicester scored 220, King being out for 82. Derby opened with 85 for 1, Severen being 52 not out.

SURREY'S PROMISING START AGAINST AUSTRALIANS.

HOBBS AGAIN IN BATTING FORM.

The Australians opened a match against Surrey on Saturday. Scores:—

AUSTRALIANS — 1st INNINGS.

Kellaway b Hitch	2
Collins b T. Abel	58
Taylor b Hitch	0
Pellew c J. Abel b Rushby	0
Murrey b Hitch	6
Lampard c Harrison b Hisch	20
Willis c Harrison b T. Abel	52
Stirling b Hitch	44
Bull l.b.w. b T. Abel	2
Gregory not out	20
Oldfield b Hitch	10
Extras	16
Total	230

SURREY — 1st INNINGS.

Hobbs not out	66
J. Knight b Collins	12
Ducat c Kellaway b Lampard	38
Strudwick not out	3
Extras	3
Total (for two)	122

BOWLING—Surrey: Hitch 6—71; Rushby 1—76; J. Abel 0—37; T. Abel 3—30.

CRICKET FOR OFFICERS.

FORTHCOMING SPORTS CLUB MATCHES.

The picturesque ground of the Officers' Sports Club at Lindenthal is to be venue of two interesting fixtures this week.

The first, to commence at 2-0 p.m. to-day (June 3rd), is between Northern Division and London Division, while on Thursday, at the same hour, General Lawford's XI will take the field against an XI captained by Major Bowes-Lyon, the popular honorary secretary of the Officers' Sports Club.

"COLOGNE POST" CRICKET CUP.

FINE SCORE BY MAJOR McCALLUM, ROYAL IRISH RIFLES.

The following are the results and summaries of the latest Cricket League matches:—

TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY (41) v. R.A.S.C. BAKERIES (62 for 5), on Bakeries' Cricket Ground, Kalk; outstanding features:— splendid bowling of Corpl Andrews for the winners (7 wickets for 13 runs), and the batting of Sergt. Elverston (24 not out); for the losers Capt. Segar was top scorer with 10.

17th LANCERS v. ADVANCED DEPOT, R.A.S.C. and the Rhine Flotilla on Thursday; 1st Innings, R.A.S.C. and Rhine Flotilla 81 (Major Norris 28.); 17th Lancers 109 (Commander Acheson 8 wickets for 40 runs); 2nd innings, R.A.S.C. and Rhine Flotilla 18 for 9 wkts (S.Q.M.S. Wyeth 4 wickets for 4 runs).

2nd LIGHT BRIGADE H.Q. 51 (Spr. Fordham scored 27, and Taylor bowled well) v.—12 (S.) Bn, The Royal Irish Rifles 180; at Stommeln; the feature of the Royal Irish Rifles innings was a score of 99 by Major Mc Callum, D.S.O. He only gave one chance in his innings at 80 and throughout batted splendidly; he had the hardest of luck in not getting his century as he was run out through a misunderstanding at 99; Rfn. White and Smith also batted well.

LIGHT DIVISIONAL SIGNALS 147 (Hurst 76 not out, Major Cobb 34) v. 62nd M. G. BATTALION 32, (Deakin 13 not out, Hurst 7 wickets for 11 runs) at Arnoldswieler on Saturday.

93rd BRIGADE R.G.A. (177) v. ARMY TROOPS M.T. COY (35); chief scores: — Cpl. Smith (42); Sig. Smythe (33 not out), Cpl. Wilson (28) and Lieut. Matthews (24); Lord and Mc.Leod bowled very effectively, the only M.T. man to reach double figures being Sorthem (11).

"A" BATTERY, 51st BRIGADE R.F.A. (28) v. 63rd FIELD COY R.E. (83) AT BENRATH; for the latter Sapper J. McDonna scored 12; Driver Thornton 11; and Spr. Graham 11; bowling for the R.E., Sapper McDonna took 6 wickets for 9 runs.

53rd SHERWOOD FORESTERS (52). (Capt. Frith 5 for 10, and Pte Trafford 3 for 17) v. R. A.A. BATTERY 37, (Gnr Whitehouse 5 for 12, Cpl Melville 1 for 4, Sergt. Walch 2 for 11, Cpl. Jones 1 for 7, Pte Corbyn 1 for 8; at Surth on a matting wicket.

52nd MANCHESTER (40), (C.Q.M.S. Wedlock scored 11 and took 4 wickets for 17 runs) v. 91st FIELD AMBULANCE 84 for 6 wickets. (Pte Hughes not out 19, Pte Walker 19, Sergt. Laburn not out 14, Dr. Gascoigne 12, Pte Watkins 11, Sergt. Laburn also took 7 wickets for 15 runs and Dickson 3 for 18); played at Cologne Strasse, Bonn.

1/6th WEST YORKSHIRE REGT. (259 for 8) v 51st R. WARWICK REGT. (39); at Blucher Park on Saturday; the Yorkshire men batted first and compiled 259 for 8 wickets in exactly two hours; the Warwicks easily succumbed to the bowling of L/Cpl. Gibbons and Pte. Holt, whose averages were respectively 4 wickets for 23 runs and 6 for 12.

No 5 RAILWAY TELEGRAPH COY (26) v. NO 2 WATER TANK COY R.A.S.C. (37 for 2); bowling for the former Pte. Blower had 2 wickets for 14, and for the latter Pte. Archer scored 14 (not out) and had 2 wickets for 11, Pte Garden 6 for 12, and Sergt. Thomas 1 for 1; Pte. Toy scored 12 runs; played at Kiettenberg on Sunday.

CAVALRY DIVISION H.Q. v. 1st FIELD SQUADRON R.E.; at Quadrath; two Innings were played and the R.E's won by 13 runs; going in first the Field Squadrons made 72; the Headquarters replied with only 28; the Squadrons' second crock was not so successful as they were dismissed for 35 runs; they made a most splendid fight, but failed to get the required number, the last wicket going down at 67; Sergt. Keevil (14) Cpl. Adams (10), and Cpl. Tolley (10) played well; Cpl. Adams for the Headquaters took 6 for 9, and for the Field Squadron Spr. Smith came out with 5 for 7, and Spr. Cripps 5 for 15.

83rd GENERAL HOSPITAL, 17 v. 64 FIELD COY R.E. 151 for 7 wickets. For the winners:—Pratley 56, C.S.M. Rimmer 36 not out; Hincheliffe 5 wickets for 5; Guillemard 5 wickets for 11.

1st BATTALION M.G.C., for 6 wickets, (L/Cpl. Ashdown not out 56, Major Helps 14, and Lieut Richardson 14) v. 52nd SHERWOOD FORESTERS 86 (Lieut Jewell 23, Lieut Light 15, Lieut Parker 12, and Hills 11, at Flerzheim.

7th Brigade, R.H.A. AMMUNITION COLUMN (59) v. HEADQUARTERS, 5th BRIGADE R.H.A. (63); at Bergheim; Headquarters, in spite of the excellent bowling of Driver Bush (who was responsible for 7 wickets), knocked up a total score of 63. Gunner Harris (19) and Bombardier Fox (18) both played neatly and well; Saddler Price (15), Driver Turner (12) and Bombardier Cook (10) did well for their team against the bowling of Gunner Busfield (5 wickets) and Gunner Harris (4 wickets).

NO 1 SECTION v. NO 2 SECTION MIDLAND D.A.C.; on the latter's ground; the home team were cheaply dismissed for 26, Reynolds getting 6 for 14, and Warbuton scoring 10; No 1 Section soon passed their opponents score, Reynolds again being in form, making 46 (not out) with some splendid strokes; Warbuton was the best bowler in No 2 Section, capturing 5 wickets for 21 runs.

OTHER RESULTS.

51st Bedford Regiment ..... 129 for 9 wickets
53rd Welsh Regiment ..... 62.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Inter-Varsity Sports.

There is just a possible chance that the Oxford and Cambridge sports may be revived this summer.

Bradford City's New Trainer.

J.W. Sutcliffe, who represented England in international matches under both codes, has been appointed trainer to the Bradford City F.C.

"Crossing The Sun."

In the Oxford v. Australians match last week several bad hits were only stopped from being catches owing to the ball "crossing the sun" at the crucial moment.

Pal Moore v. Jimmy Wilde.

The return match between Pal Moore and Jimmy Wilde has been fixed by Mr. Cochran to take place at Olympia on July 17—exactly one month after the Goddard-Beckett clash.

Signed For Derby County.

Harold Wightman, the centre half and backbone of the Notts Forest defence, has followed Burton's example and signed League forms for Derby County.

Arnaud Massy.

Arnaud Massy, the British and French open ex-champion, has arrived from France at the North Berwick Links, and had a game last week over the West Course.

Leicester Fosse Professionals.

Leicester Fosse have added to their list of professionals by signing on G. Douglas, H.A. Bown, and W. Thomson, the Scottish half-back, who was on the books of the club prior to the war.

Opposed To Olympic Games.

On the subject of Olympic games, a letter signed jointly by, P.J. Baker, the Cambridge Blue and A.N.S. Jackson, the greatest miler Oxford has produced, appears in the *Times*.

The letter states their views, which are opposed to any idea of holding games next year.

Hendren's Strength.

Hendren's advance to fame as a batsman has been steady, but he has never looked back, while the form he has been showing this season is exceptional. His strength, as well as his value to his side, lies in the fact that he can not only play two games (the defensive and the powerful), but that he can combine them.

£10 Per Week.

The Southern League provincial clubs are experiencing great difficulty in obtaining the signatures of players owing to the exorbitant demands that are being made. Players that before the war were content with £3 or £3 10s, are now asking for £10 per week during the playing season.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

LINGFIELD AND AYR.

GOING AGAIN HARD AT ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH MEETINGS.

Enormous crowds assembled at Lingfield on Saturday, when the weather was fine and the going hard.

Oxted Handicap: — 1, Miss Vic (6—1); 2, Mexican Belle 11—to 10 on); 3, Longerline (8—1). Five ran.

Beacon Plate:—1, Furious (7—4); 2, Chin Chin (2—1); 3, English Game (100—7). Eleven ran.

Wray Plate:—1, War Claim (9—4); 2, Hardbake (6—1); 3, Miss Evelyn (8—1). Fifteen ran.

Cosmopolitan Cup:—1, Warwick (evens); 2, Chinaman (100—8); 3, Drumlanrig (100—8). Six ran.

Courtenay Plate:—1, Souwester, colt (9—2); 2, Lady Graveairs, filly (10—1); 3, Jeanie Shiels, filly (10—1). Eleven ran.

Ford Manor Handicap:—1, My Bombardier (7—1); 2, Longdon (7—2); 3, Bird's Nest (4—1). Nine ran.

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Cragie Plate:—Revolution (9—1 on) beat Alligan. Two ran.

Carrick Handicap:—1, Bosum (7—2 on); 2 Scotch Duke (5—1); 3, Firetor (8—1). Three ran.

Eglinton Hand cap:—1, Lady Bayardo (9—4); 2, Quintus (5—2); 3, Trovator (5—1). Six ran.

Kyle Plate:—1, Lineage (2—1 on); 2, Nonentity (5—2); 3, Seidlitz (100—6). Seven ran.

Steward's Handicap:—1, Chelsho (2—1); 2 Midston (4—1); 3, Skookum Joe (5—2). Seven ran.

Cunningham Plate:— 1, Jabbok (6—4 on); 2, Ben Beech (2—1); 3, Eaton Hero (6—1). Four ran.

DERBY BETTING.

The Panther,	5 to 4 against;
Buchan,	8 to 1 against;
Paper Money,	10 to 1 against;
Dominion,	100 to 8 against;
Grand Parade,	100 to 8 against.

FLAT RACING FIXTURES.

The following is a list of the principal races to be decided during the present season.

June 4	The Derby.	July 31	Goodwood Cup.
June 6	The Oaks.	Aug. 27	Ebr Handicap
June 13	Manchester Cup.	Sept. 6	Prince Edward Handic.
June 17	Ascot Stakes.	Sept. 10	St. Leger.
June 18	Royal Hunt. Cup.	Sept. 26	Newbury Autumn Cup.
June 19	Ascot Gold Cup.	Octbr. 15	Cesarewitch Stakes.
June 26	Northumberland Plate.	Octbr. 29	Cambridgeshire Stakes.
July 3	Prince of Wales'Stakes.	Novr. 7	Liverpool Autumn Cup.
July 18	Eclipse Stakes.	Novr. 14	Derby Cup.
July 25	Liverpool Summer Cup.	Novr. 22	Manchester November Handicap.
July 29	Stewards' Cup (Goodw.)		

THE DERBY TO BE RUN.

ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS WHETHER POLICE STRIKE OR NOT.

The Derby is to be run, whether the police strike or not, says Sir Nevil Macready, and adequate arrangements will be made for the protection of the public at Epsom.

Owing to the large crowds which are expected to attend the races this year, the public are invited to give the police every assistance possible.

AIRCRAFT AND THE DERBY.

GOVERNMENT PROHIBITION.

The Air Ministry makes the following announcement:

"It has been decided, in the interests of the public, to prohibit the navigation of aircraft of every class and description over the grand stand on the racecourse on Epsom Downs, Surrey, and the lands surrounding it to a distance of two statute miles in all directions from its boundary, during the period from twelve midnight, June 2-3, to twelve o'clock midnight, June 6-7.

"This precaution has been taken to obviate any interference which might be caused to the racing, and also such accidents to the public as might possibly occur owing to the sudden movement of great masses of people occasioned by the action of aircraft overhead."

LAWN TENNIS.

MIDDLESEX CHAMPIONSHIPS CONTINUED AT CHISWICK.

The Middlesex Championships were continued on Saturday at Chiswick.

In the final for gentlemen's singles, Raymond beat Norton 6—2, 6—1, 6—2. The winner was much the superior player, his best shot being a fast forehand drive to his opponents corner. The games were exhilarating throughout.

Miss Ryan, in the ladies singles (final) beat Mrs Beamish 6—2, 4—6, 6—4.

The gentlemen's doubles final resulted in Doust and Prebble beating Dixon and Ritchie, 6—1, 6—2.

RACING MOTORISTS KILLED.

CARS TURN TURTLE, CAUSING THREE DEATHS.

Reuter's Indianopolis correspondent wires that during the Liberty Motor sweepstakes race, for automobiles, on Saturday, three men were killed and one seriously injured in the first 250 miles of the race. Louis Lecocg and his mechanic, Bandini, were burned to death as a result of the car in which they were racing, overturning and bursting into flames. Arthur Thurman's car also turned turtle and he was killed instantly, his mechanic being seriously injured. Another casualty was Jean Chassagan, whose car dashed into a wall. The driver narrowly escaped being killed.

In the course of the race, all track records up to 250 miles were beaten.

Fourteen of the cars were forced to withdraw through various causes.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, June 3, 1919.

Wind N.W. 10 to 15 mph. Cool and cloudy; some rain probable. Visibility fair.

FOOTBALL FINALS.

LANCASHIRE CUP FINAL.

Liverpool 3. Oldham Athletic 0.

GLASGOW CHARITY CUP FINAL.

Rangers 2. Queen's Park 1.

WEST HAM TO PAY 500 POUNDS FINE

West Ham's appeal against the fine of 500 pounds sterling, imposed upon them by the Southern Football League, has been dismissed by the Appeals Committee.

POLO MATCHES.

In the polo final at Roehampton on Saturday, for the Whitney Cup, the Freebooters beat Melton by 7 goals to 6 after extra time had been played.

Smithfields beat the Wanderers 5—4 at Barnes.

The first Life Guards beat the New Australian team by 10—3 at Hurlingham.

At Ranelagh, the Magpies beat Thornby by 4 goals to 3.

JEERING AT BOXING CONTEST.

A boxing contest at Mountain Ash, on Saturday night, between Frank Rossi and Jim Driscoll resulted in a draw.

The decision was received with jeers, 6,000 spectators believing that Driscoll was the winner.

THOSE 52nd D.L.I. OFFICERS AGAIN.

COMMISSIONED v. NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AT CRICKET.

A fortnight ago, the officers of the 52nd Bn. Durham L.I. met their sergeants at cricket, and defeated them by nine wickets.

On Sunday a return match was arranged, but the officers fielded a strong team, and won even more easily—this time by an innings and 40 runs.

Batting first, the officers knocked up 155 before being dismissed. Lt.-Col. Frizell, D.S.O., M.C., the commanding officer, compiled a good 39 by nefty smiting all over the field, and Lieuts. Willey and Allison made a good ninth wicket stand, scoring 18 and 15 respectively. Lieuts. England, Waters and Harding scored 13, 12 and 12.

For the sergeants, Sergt. Prince accounted for 7 wickets for 48 runs.

Battle, vengeance and various other virtues shone in the eyes of the sergeants as they marched forth to open their innings, but Sergt. Peel was the only batsman to reach double figures, scoring 10. The whole side were disposed of for a mere 31 runs, Col. Frizell taking 6 wickets for 15, Lieut. Harding 4 for12, and Mr. "Extras" totalling 4.

After tea provided by the sergeants had been partaken of, the sergeants batted a second time, but fell short of their opponents' total by 40. Opening the innings for his side, Sergt. Bacon witnessed the fall of seven wickets before he himself was caught by Lieut. Allison after a very steady 46. No other member of the sergeants' team reached double figures, Sergt. Peel being second highest scorer with 9.

Col. Frizell this time obtained three wickets for 34 runs, and Lieut. Brown 2 for 14.

Perhaps in the dim and distant future, a third match between the sides will be arranged, and it may even be that, one day the officers will have to play second fiddle to their N.C.O's.

SOUTHERN DIVISION RACES.

EARLY LUNCH FOR INTENDING SPECTATORS.

Dame Rumour has been busy again, and her justification is no less unfounded than usual. There is absolutely no truth in the report that has been going the rounds that the Southern Division Race Meeting, announced to take place on the 6th and 7th June, at Merheim, Cologne, is to be postponed.

Extensive preparations are being made to ensure that the "going" will not be excessively hard and there is every likelihood of the meeting being a great success.

The announcement that the 6th Corps Club, Cologne, has made arrangements for the provision of early lunch for the convenience of intending spectators will be received with considerable satisfaction. Lunch will be served at the Club from 11.30 on each day of the races.

5th DEVONS v. D. BATTERY, 113 BRIGADE.

On Wednesday last the Battalion association football team, visited Witzhelden and played D. Battery 113 Brigade. The football during the first half was not of a very high class order mainly due to a bumpy ground and a rubber ball, but a slip by one of the halves allowed the gunner outside right to centre, which the skipper of the side put through the goal. This was the only goal scored throughout the game. For the Battalion Drummer Perks and Sgt. Leo played sterling football as also did Sergt. Johnson, but as a goalkeeper he is inclined to juggle at the wrong time.

THE CALCUTTA SWEEP.

Many thousands have tried to obtain, but comparatively few have succeeded in obtaining, tickets in the famous Calcutta Turf Club Sweepstakes. The draw was made in India at 9.30 on Saturday night. It is estimated that the first prize will be worth at least £50,000. This will represent 40 per cent. of the money subscribed, so the lucky drawer of the second will receive about £25,000 (20 per cent.) and the third £12,500 (10 per cent.). Horses drawn other than those placed divide 20 per cent., and the remaining 10 per cent. What visions of "telling the boss off" all this conjures up!

INTER-SERVICE ATHLETIC MEETING.

Capt. W. Grace has been appointed honorary Secy. of the Air Force Athletic Association. The Committee have decided to support an inter-service meeting for the Navy, Army and Air Force if arranged to be held early in September.

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HIGHLAND DIVISION.

DUREN PERFORMANCES.

The seventh of the series of weekly performances arranged by the Highland Division in the Düren town theatre took place on Wednesday evening. Though the audience might have been larger, there was no lack of enthusiastic appreciation, and it was evident that the bulk of those present were music-lovers to whom these fixtures come as a genuine boon. The programme was excellent, and offered infinite variety. The first part was devoted to a short orchestral performance, and the second to a representation of Mascagni's popular opera, "Cavalleria Rusticana."

The orchestra was in capital form, and, skilfully directed by Kapellmeister Engel from Cologne—who achieved wonders in the matter of light and shade—had no difficulty in holding the rapt attention of the audience. Two Hungarian dances by Brahms in particular, were beautifully rendered, though the Tannhäuser overture also was an exceedingly fine performance. Terese Sarata who has appeared at these concerts on a previous occasion, gave a brilliant account of her powers in Paganini's well-known concerto in D. Technically well-equipped, this young artiste knows how to draw from her instrument a tone of exceeding purity and plays with genuine emotional feeling. Her strong sense of rhythm enabled her to tackle the intricacies of Paganini's music with ease and assurance, her performance of the concerto being consequently entirely satisfying. She received a most enthusiastic reception, and was compelled to concede an encore.

The other characters were admirably filled, and the chorus augmented for the occasion, not only sang well, but imparted just the right note of colour, and movement to a characteristic and charming setting.

A PEACE-TIME "PILL-BOX."

On the battlefield near Poelcapelle a Belgian farmer has returned, and has already cleared, levelled, dug, and planted with wheat several acres of his holding. A German "pill-box" forms a home for himself and his family.

The Agricultural Relief of Allies Committee is helping this class of farmer to get back to the land by gifts of suitable English live-stock. Many hundred head of stock—cattle, pigs, and poultry—have already been distributed among needy and industrious small-holders in Belgium. The Committee hope also to help Serbia and France in the immediate future.

"OLD SCOUTS" CLUB.

AN INTERESTING PROJECT.

A most encouraging initial meeting was held on Friday evening in the Y.M.C.A. grounds at Lindenthal, when it was unanimously decided to form an Old Scouts' Club.

There were twenty-two intending members present, representing all ranks of scouting from scout to scoutmaster. We hope to see some commissioners later! When a list of names, addresses and troops had been taken, it was found that the star of London was in the ascendant, but practically the whole of the British Isles was represented. Numerous letters were received from those who were unable to attend the meeting, but who are desirous of joining the club.

It was decided to form three separate sections, which will consist of

(a) A "refresher" class for old and prospective scout officers. This was felt to be a great necessity, and will do much to get us *au fait* with scouting again, so that we shall be more proficient than ever on our return to Blighty.

Any instructors (and there must be many in the Rhine Army) who are willing to give instruction in any particular subject, such as woodcraft, first aid, signalling, nature study, etc., etc., are earnestly asked for.

(b) An amusements section for outdoor scouting, rambles, excursions and games.

(c) A "pow-wow" circle, to discuss problems appertaining to scouting in general and the organization of troops in particular. This circle will also deal *pro tem* with the business of the club.

Meetings will be held every Wednesday evening at 5.30 p.m. in the Y.M.C.A. grounds at Lindenthal (VI Corps Soldiers' Club, take cars 1 or 2 from the Cathedral and get off at the park) when the programme for the following Saturday afternoon will also be arranged.

Gunner F. Garness was elected Minute Secretary, and Mr. R.H. Percival (Y.M.C.A. Headquarters, Rhine Army) was appointed Organizing Secretary, and will be pleased to answer any communications from intending members, or those willing to help forward the movement in any way.

The predominant note throughout the meeting, over which Rev. A. Jarvis presided in his customary genial manner, was that of keenness and enthusiasm, and our numbers rapidly promise to increase. The future is full of promise, and if all old scouts in the Rhine Army will rally round us, success is assured. We must work together, keep smiling, and remember our good old motto: "Once a scout, — always a scout."

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

TUESDAY, June 3rd.—7 to 9, Concert.

WEDNESDAY, June 4th.—6.30 to 9 p. m. Usual dance. The Orchestra will be provided by the Band of the 18th K.R.R.C. (by kind permission of Lt.-Col. H. A. Vernon, D.S.O.)

THURSDAY, June 5th.—The usual Whist Drive will be held (in the garden if the weather is fine) from 6.30 to 8.30. The pipers of the 11th Bn. R. Scots Regt. (by the kind permission of the Officer Commanding) will play in the garden from 5 to 6.

FRIDAY, June 6th.—7. p.m. Lt. Riley will give a personal description of the "Life of a Prisoner of War" illustrated by lantern slides, followed by a concert given by the Ladies' Club Orchestra in the theatre.

SATURDAY, June 7th.—6.30 to 9. The usual dance.

EVERY DAY.—2.30 to 4.30 Cinema performance in the large hall. 5 to 6, Impromptu concert in the music room.

On Sunday evening, Colonel Gower Rees gave another of his interesting "talks," his subject being "Democracy." A delightful concert, given by the band of the 17th Lancers, (with the kind permission of Major M.G.Nicholls) followed. The concert hall was filled, many having to sit on the floor or stand up. Bandsman G.Jeffree gave a fine rendering of Liddell's "Abide with me," whilst Cpl. Hunt portrayed his skill in giving the "Post horn." The selection from Iolanthe and the grand Ballet Divertissement ("Our Army and Navy") was most heartily applauded. The conductor, Mr. W.H. Richardson, D.C.M. is to be warmly congratulated on the most enjoyable entertainment given. Included in the programme were three soloists: Lt. Simpson, K.R.R.C., who gave much pleasure in his singing of "Mountain Lovers"; LCp. Henley, who kept the audience amused by his songs from "Bing Boys on Broadway," and Rfm. Green who sang "Nirvana" and "Dear Home of Mine."

The first of the dancing classes (for beginners only) will take place in the ballroom of the British Empire Leave Club to-day Tuesday, at 5 o'clock.

At 7 p.m. "The Lyrics Concert Party" (by kind permission of Major W.C. Smith, D.S.O., M.C.) will give a programme. The "Lyrics" are formed out of "D" Coy of the 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. and are already becoming well-known for the excellence of their performances.

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Several British business houses of repute have for some time been considering the question of opening branches or operating in some way in Cologne for the convenience of members of the the Occupation Army. One of the first to be ready for our patronage is the well-known West-end sartorial expert, Mr. Bernard Weatherill, whose representative may be seen at advertised hours or by appointment at Room 85, Disch Hotel

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ADMISSION OF ALIENS.

NEW ORDER IN COUNCIL ISSUED.

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In the first part of the Order, dealing with restrictions on landing and the inspection and detention of aliens, it is provided that nothing in this part of the Order shall apply to an alien who has left the United Kingdom direct for some other country after residing here for six months and has been refused admission to that country and returned direct to the United Kingdom.

This apparently means that aliens who have been refused admission to one country are to be allowed to re-enter the United Kingdom without restriction.

It is proposed that aliens shall not be allowed to land except with the leave of an immigration officer. Leave to land will not be given unless an alien is in a position to support himself and his dependents, is not a lunatic, idiot, or mentally deficient, has not been certified as undesirable for medical reasons, has not been sentenced in a foreign country for any extradition crime, and is not the subject of a deportation order or an expulsion order.

Aliens will be allowed to land only at approved ports. The Order does not apply to aliens holding prepaid tickets to foreign destinations. Aliens will have to register themselves in the same manner as during the war. A central register is to be maintained by the Home Secretary.

Power is proposed for declaring prohibited areas and for closing clubs and restaurants frequented by aliens suspected of criminal or disloyal associations.

Power is given the Secretary of State to impose on any alien or class of aliens such restrictions (in addition to those in the Order) as to residence, reporting to the police, registration, or otherwise as he may deem necessary in the public interest.

A CALL FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.

A circular issued by the World's Evangelical Alliance, and signed by many representatives of the Christian churches and organizations throughout the country, asks that in all churches on Whit-Sunday, June 8, special prayer shall be made for the intervention of God, and that Christian unity may make a notable advance.

Not alone in churches, runs the message, but also in homes and in private gatherings of Christians let this prayer ascend, for without His blessing the holy and Christ-like cause of unity cannot prevail.

MEISTERCONCERT AT THE BURGERGESELLSCHAFT.

There was a large and appreciative audience at Friday's concert in the large hall of the Bürgergesellschaft. Paul Bender opened the concert with five songs by Schubert in which he showed that his *renommée* is well deserved, although we thought that his voice had lost a little of its power. His method of singing, his absolute assurance in hitting the note, and, last, but not least, his incomparable pianissimo singing would make one forget that, and we feel *d'accord* with the audience that the second Schubert song, "Litanei," could not possibly have been sung with a more delicious pianissimo than that which Bender produced and which the spontaneous applause of the enthusiastic audience gratefully acknowledged. In "Vier ernste Gesänge" by Brahms, Bender's *bel canto* came to full advantage, while in the "Cophtisches Lied" by Hugo Wolf, we were glad to note that the singer can also display temperament. Paul Ludwig, violoncello-virtuoso from Düsseldorf and well known in London, introduced himself with the suite in C major by Joh. Seb. Bach for violoncello alone. This suite as well as the one by Reger, has been played a good deal lately at concerts in Cologne. The Bach Work enacts a very broad tone and not too large a hall if a desired effect is to be gained. Far greater was the success Ludwig achieved with his second appearance when he performed a "Serenade" by Martini and that wonderful Adagio from the Schumann concerto in which the tone of his magnificent violoncello did wonders.

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Will all Old Etonians who wish to be present please send their names as soon as possible to Captain H.L. Farquhar, H.Q., Military Governor, Cologne, and enclose 100 marks?

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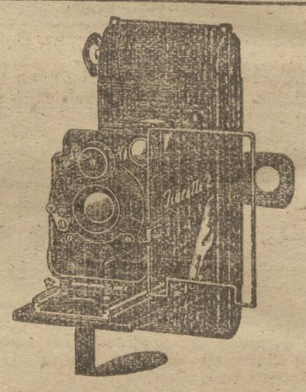

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OFFICERS' MURDERERS ON TRIAL.

MURDER OF ENGLISH OFFICERS.

81 PRISONERS ON TRIAL.

Cairo May 24th (delayed). The Deirut murder trial has begun at Assiout. There are eighty-one accused, the charges embracing murder, unlawful assembly, war treason, incitement to sedition, riot, looting. The defendants are drawn from all classes, and include three policemen, an Omdah (chief magistrate of a commune), an advocate, a schoolmaster, landowners, butchers, three students, bootblacks, and a few fellaheen. All plead not guilty. Some of the accused are in hospital.

The general circumstances of the outrage are known, but various witnesses supplied harrowing particulars. One, a railway contractor's agent, said he was on the train which, when it reached Deirut, was attacked by crowds armed with sticks, clubs, and knives. Pope Bey, Inspector of Prisons, got out of the train and was beaten, while one officer was killed and his body flung back into the train, which, on proceeding, ran into the same scenes at the next station of Deirmo, where three officers or non-commissioned officers attempted to board the train. One stumbled and fell and was killed; the second was also murdered, and the third managed to climb on the engine. The Omdah pleaded for the life of the wounded officer, but the mob, shouting: "No! He will tell the whole story!" did him to death. One of the accused, said a witness, drank the blood of one of the dying officers. This witness heard a Coptic sheikh say to the crowd round the wounded officer, "Way torture him? Despatch him."

The Bimbashi Mohammed Rifaatha, belonging to the Prisons Department, deposed that, fearing Pope Bey's life was endangered, he offered him a fez and a blanket to disguise himself in, but he refused. The witness saw soldiers defending themselves with luggage and soda-water bottles.

Mohammed Sadyk Efendi, an Egyptian Army officer, deposed that there were two other Egyptian officers and fifty-five other ranks, all unarmed, in the train. He tried to get into touch with the men at Deirut, but could not reach them. Cross-examined by the President of the Court, he said he considered he had done his duty as an officer. The Egyptian soldiers in the train were not under his command.—*Reuter.*

HANDING THE TERMS TO THE AUSTRIAN DELEGATES.

The Peace conditions were delivered to the Austrian delegation on Monday afternoon. M. Clemenceau made a short speech and gave a synopsis of the draft. He informed the Austrians that no verbal discussion would be permitted, but they would be allowed a fortnight in which to present their written observations.

Herr Renner, standing, answered in French. At the end of his remarks he said: "We know you are the victors and we are decided to examine your conditions with the best will and to accept your advice."

His speech was translated into English and Italian and the brief sitting was ended.

SEVERE AFGHAN DEFEAT.

Peshawur 19th May (delayed). Saturday's victory is completer than reported. We captured four guns, and over 100 dead Afghans were counted in one small sector. A large enemy force attempted a night attack on Friday. We used star shells freely, the rapid fire disclosing a picture of the enemy rushing aimlessly about, with shadowy horsemen in the background. By dawn the Afghans had dragged their guns to the hilltops and began bombarding our camp. The heights were stormed, the Afghans first resisting stoutly, but the hilltops were taken after the leading regiments had been reinforced. Again the Afghan gunners stuck to their posts, and bayonet work ensued before the guns were captured. Our new mountain howitzers painfully surprised the enemy. After the heights had been reached the bulk of the Afghan force was seen in the valley, running hard. Our troops fired on them for ten minutes before they were out of range, and many of the enemy fell.—*Reuter.*

AFGHAN CAMP LOOTED.

Simla, May 19 (delayed). The following official communiqué is issued here: "We completely hold the crest of the ridge west of Dakka, Sherabad cantonment, and Robat Fort. In the Chitral affair on May 14 the enemy had seventy casualties. Yar Mahamad's gang of Afridi and Shinwari riffraff had sixty casualties on the 16th and 17th.

"Hundreds of stories are spreading on the frontier about the enormous loot obtained by Mohmands and Shinwaris from the Afghan camp after Dakka was bombarded. The Afghan officers and men fled directly the aerial attack began, and the tribesmen at once proceeded to loot rifles, ammunition, clothing, blankets, stores, &c. No doubt they secured a good haul, for the Afridis, inspired by their success, are now discussing the chance of raiding Basawal in order to loot the Afghan camp there, and are speculating on the chances of making their arrival coincide with another air attack. Reports from Chitral state that the local Afghan tribesmen are greatly excited at the prospect of loot from the Amir's troops."—*Reuter.*

NEW EGYPTIAN CABINET MINISTERS.

WELL TRIED OFFICIALS.

Cairo, May 22 (delayed). The new Egyptian Cabinet has been constituted as follows:

Mohammed Said Pasha, Premier and Interior.
Ismail Sirry Pasha, Public Works, War, and Marine.
Yusuf Wahba Pasha, Finance.
Ahmed Ziwar Pasha, Public Instruction.
Abdurrehim Sabri Pasha, Agriculture.
Ahmed Zulfikr, Justice.
Mohammed Tewfik Nessim Wakfs, Pious Foundations.

The new Ministry should greatly relieve the situation and help to restore order. The return to civil government will be beneficial in more ways than one, especially in the provinces where some of the officials have shown a tendency to stand by instead of buckling to with a view to getting things into proper working shape.

Military control is naturally not the most effective method of dealing with such recalcitrants, whom the new Ministry will best be able to deal with, so as to get a good grip of the situation. It is essentially a strong Cabinet, and is composed of good men, all public men with well-established reputations for integrity and straightforward dealing, while they have given the best proof of their honest patriotism by taking office in the present critical times. Mohammed Said Pasha was Prime Minister in Lord Kitchener's time, and the Ministers of Public Works, Finance, and Public Instruction have all held office. Reshid Abdurrehim Sabri won general esteem as Governor of Cairo, while both Ahmed Zulfikr and Mohammed Tewfik Nessim, members of the Native Bench, enjoy irreproachable reputations for strength of character and honesty of purpose. *Reuter.*

SITUATION IN NORTH RUSSIA.

It was learned recently that all is quiet just now in the Archangel region, and that the rivers and waters generally are falling rapidly. General Grogan, commanding the British Relief Force, arrived on the 26th, and was most cordially received by the anti-Bolshevik Russian officials and by the population generally. In Murmansk the initial stage of the Allied operations has ended. The advance was so rapid that the enemy had not much time to destroy ships, buildings, etc., in his retreat.

Riga was occupied by a German force on the 22nd, and the seat of Government has been removed to Ruda. It amounts really to a dictatorship. Von der Goltz returned from Berlin on the 22nd, and his behaviour, and that of the German force generally, suggests that they regard the district as part and parcel of Germany. Not the slightest attention appears to be given, however, to orders from Berlin.

In Esthonia the North Russian forces continue their advance, and there have been many desertions to them from the "Reds."

The question of assistance to the Baltic provinces is being considered by a committee of the Paris Conference.

Denikin's advance continues with success, but in Transcaspia the situation is much less favourable, owing largely, it is believed, to events in Afghanistan and to the presence in that region of large numbers of German prisoners of war.

CAMPAIGN IN POLAND.

STANISLAU CAPTURED.

The Polish Telegraph Agency, according to a telegram from Vienna, announces: "The Fourth Polish Infantry Division, commanded by General Alexandrovitch, on May 27 captured Kulusz and Halioz, and the same day entered Stanislau, where the Ukrainian detachments were disarmed."—*Reuter.*

DOPED CHINESE FIENDS.

Kem, 31st May.—Chinese who have been taken prisoner on the North Russian front have an utterly debased and degenerate appearance. Many of them say that they were destitute and obliged by force to aid the Bolshevists.

It is certain that the Chinese are almost invariably doped before a fight begins, consequently they fight like fiends and are insensible to wounds or danger. Finnish Bolshevists are almost equally ferocious, presenting a marked contrast in physique and physiognomy to the Russian National Army. These prisoners are now repairing the railway line and bridges which they helped to destroy. The Allies are well received in the liberated areas.—*Reuter.*

Helsingfors, 31st May.— This morning the Bolshevist battleship Petropavlovsk and three other warships appeared off the coast of Ingermanland to the West of Krasdaja and Gorka and shelled the coast. Seven British warships arrived on the scene, the encounter lasting fifty minutes. Finally the Bolshevist fleet fled to Kronstadt.—*Reuter.*

LAST CONTINGENTS FOR NORTH RUSSIA.

D.S.O.'s IN THE RANKS.

The last contingents of the North Russian Relief Force leave England this week. The Pretorian, with Brigadier-General L. de V. Sadleir Jackson, C.M.G., D.S.O., the commander, and most of the staff, and troops, left Tilbury yesterday; another ship sails on June 5; and the last transport, with artillery and details, will follow immediately. The force is up to strength, but the 10 per cent. surplus recruited for reinforcements is not quite complete, though recruits are coming in well.

More than four years of war has not lessened the British spirit of adventure. That is clearly illustrated by the composition of General Sadleir-Jackson's force. No man could enlist in the force unless he had previously served in the Army, and quite a large proportion of the volunteers for service on the Archangel front were time-expired men when the great war broke out. The trials and perils of war left many marks on them—men wearing four and more wound stripes are quite common in the brigade—but the call of duty brought out just the type of soldier suitable for war service in northern climes, and it is doubtful if any brigade has had in its ranks men with such a record of war service. D.C.M.'s and M.M.'s are very numerous. More than half the officers are officers of the Regular Army, and a large number of them wear the D.S.O. and M.C. decorations.

So earnest were demobilised officers of the special reserve and officers who had held temporary commissions during the war to take a part in the campaign about Archangel that, when they found no more vacancies for officers existed, they readily joined as privates, and it is a fine tribute to their patriotism that in the "other ranks" there are two non-commissioned officers wearing the ribbon of the D.S.O. and several with the Military Cross, which, of course, they won as officers. One corporal in an infantry battalion once commanded a battalion on the Western Front, where he also carried out for a considerable time the important duties of brigade-major. In one light trench mortar battery, with a personnel of forty, there are actually sixteen privates who held the King's commission during the war.

OFFICERS FROM FIFTY REGIMENTS.

In the commissioned ranks the same sacrifice were made. Two of the battalion commanders were brigadiers in France, and in one battalion the second in command and three company officers had commanded infantry battalions during strenuous days on the Western Front. Every arm of the service is represented, and the officers have volunteered from about fifty regiments of the British Army. In the artillery, there are sufficient highly-trained officers and non-commissioned officers to enable the artillery, with inclusion of Russian gunners, to be brought up to twenty-six batteries.

CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL SHEETS.

PRODUCTION IN COURT REFUSED

The petition of Mrs. Lorna Rosa Anthony in the Divorce division asking for a dissolution of her marriage with Edwin Archibald Anthony, formerly a Major in the Army, on the ground that he was the cause of her illness failed, Mr. Justice Coleridge saying that he had come to the conclusion that petitioner had not made out her case. The Military authorities refused to permit the production of the respondent's Army Medical Sheets, owing to the necessity of maintaining the confidential character of these documents.

ARMY OFFICERS' UNIFORM.

The War Office desire it to be generally known that for the present no officer is required to provide himself with any uniform other than service dress or, for hot climates, khaki drill. An officer who at the present time provides himself with other than service dress or khaki drill uniform is therefore incurring avoidable expense.

BONUS FOR QUARTERMASTERS.

An Army Order just issued states that it has been decided that quartermasters and other officers who hold rank under Article 33a, 330 or 331, Royal Warrant for Pay, &c., but whose rate of pay is dependent upon the length of their commissioned service and not upon their rank, shall receive bonus at the rates provided for the rank they actually hold. This Army Order has retrospective effect.

ENORMOUS LAND SALES.

Sales of land and house property during the past week assumed extraordinary dimensions. Many great century-old estates are being broken up, ten or a dozen of which involve the amount of half a million pounds sterling.

Viscount Chetwynd's Wyndthorpe estate in Yorkshire is reported as being sold privately to the Doncaster Co-operative Society. Earl Ducie announces the impending sale by auction of his mansion in Portman Square and the Earl of Dartmouth is selling his Mayfair residence.

The example of the great landowners in unloading the whole or bulk of their properties is also apparently being followed by various public bodies and transactions on a very large scale promise to continue until the end of the summer.

The *Times* states that Lord Ribblesdale was married on Saturday last in London to Mrs. John Jacob Astor, widow of the American millionaire. The honeymoon is being spent at Gisburne Park, Lord Ribblesdale's country seat.

POLICE BALLOT FAVOURS STRIKE.

ACTION POSTPONED.

Latest information regarding the police strike suggests that there is very little hope that a strike will be averted as there are numerous indications that it will be universally supported by members of the Union. Mr. Marston, President of the Union, states that the die having been cast, the ballot has decided in favour of a strike and that as the movement was a national one the finding of the ballot could not be altered by any resolution passed at Sunday's demonstration.

The favourable reply from Mr. Lloyd George was stated to represent only the possibility of a strike being averted, and it is understood on high authority that no further expression is likely to be received from the Premier. The result of the police ballot was: for a strike, 41,539; against, 4,324: majority in favour, 40,215. It was announced at the demonstration that the Executive Committee has decided to postpone the strike until after the signature of the peace treaty.

DERBYSHIRE OIL WELLS.

VERY HIGH GRADE.

The preliminary analysis of the oil found at Hardstoft a few days ago bears out anticipations to a remarkable degree. The oil is free oil of a high quality and compares favourably with any of the well-known commercial oils in the world. The little hamlet of Hardstoft was visited by thousands of people during the week-end.

Yesterday another sample of oil was taken up. It was browner, thicker and more crude than that found originally. Drilling continues at other wells and it is expected that a definite result will be obtained at Brimington this week. Further blows of gas occurred at Eckington near Sheffield where oil has been emitted with sand. If this venture is successful the oilfield will be extended to Nottinghamshire and Staffordshire.

CANADIAN CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER.

When charged at Windsor with the attempted murder of Joseph Kilian, a private in the Canadian Forestry Corps, Daniel Mitchell, a member of the same corps, said he was not perfectly sober at the time.

Kilian, who appeared in court with his head covered in bandages and wearing a tunic besplattered with blood, said Mitchell came into the hut with some tea, and he offered him 6d for a drink. Witness pulled out his pocket-book, which contained £ 26 in notes and 8s in money, but having no change promised to pay next day. Shortly after he left the hut to go to his quarters he was struck a heavy blow on the back of the head, and remembered no more. The blow was struck from behind.

Evidence was given that accused was seen running away from the spot, near which an iron bar with blood and hair on it was found.

Prisoner was committed for trial at the Berks Assizes.

WAR TROPHY REFUSED

Demobilized Whitstable sailors and soldiers, having protested against a German gun being placed in the town, because "it may possibly have caused injury or death to some of our Whitstable boys," the Whitstable Urban District Council have decided to refuse the offer of the gun which a few weeks ago they agreed to accept.

AUSTRALIANS' ENGLISH BRIDES

The Australian Imperial Force is now getting home to Australia at an increased rate. No fewer than eighty-seven transports have now sailed for Australian ports, carrying a total of 3,885 officers and 77,000 other ranks, as well as 509 nurses.

One hundred and ninety-two Australian soldiers married English girls last week. Over 11,000 wives and children of soldiers are awaiting embarkation for Australia, and a number of well-equipped "family" ships have been allotted, and are being fitted for their transportation.

LONDON'S NEW FIRE CHIEF.

Mr. Arthur Reginald Dyer, senior divisional officer of the London Fire Brigade, has been selected by the General Purposes Committee of the London County Council for the position of chief officer of the brigade, in succession to Commander Sladen, Royal Navy. There were 118 applications, and these were reduced to twenty after reference to the Fire Brigade Committee. The last three to be chosen for final selection were Commander W. R. D. Crowther, Royal Navy, Mr. A. R. Dyer, and Commander A. N. G. Firebrace, Royal Navy.

The salary is £1,100 a year, rising by annual increments of £100 to £1,500, with quarters, &c., the value of which is estimated at £200 a year.

SMALLEST AEROPLANE IN THE WORLD.

Paris, Sunday.—The aviator Bossoutrot is experimenting successfully with what is believed to be the smallest aeroplane in the world. It is a monoplane named the Mosquito. It has a span of four metres (13ft) and a 20 h.p. motor. It flew for an hour yesterday at a height of 1,500 metres (about 5,000ft).—*Exchange Telegraph Company.*

The King has approved of the term of office of the Earl of Liverpool, G.C.M.G., M.V.O., as Governor General of the Dominion of New Zealand, being prolonged until June, 1920.

N.C. 4 COMMANDER ALSO KIDNAPPED.

FOLLOWING THE FASHION.

Commander Read, of the American seaplane N.C. 4, received a delirious welcome when he arrived in London yesterday, and the proceedings followed the Hawker and Grieve precedent.

It was Hawker who rescued him from the hands of the crowd outside Paddington Station and conveyed him in his car to the Aero Club. The British flier had been one of the first to meet his rival and congratulate him on his great feat.

No sooner had the train stopped than the airman was boisterously greeted by American officers. Tumbling over one another with excitement and unceremoniously brushing aside their senior officers, the impetuous Yanks made a straight dash for the captain of the N.C. 4. He was lifted bodily out of the carriage, hoisted shoulder high and borne away at double speed to the end of the platform, where an enormous crowd gathered round. A big American officer, who was equipped with a megaphone, called for three cheers for Commander Read and the response was deafening. "Three cheers for Hawker" was his next injunction and Read heartily joined in.

The escort again started off at a run, still carrying the airman shoulder high. Hawker, who followed, was then noticed and was lifted up and carried after the American.

With the utmost difficulty Hawker managed to get abreast of Commander Read and prevailed upon the party which surrounded him to return to the station. After a struggle Read contrived to climb into the back of Hawker's car and the proceedings were then resumed according to schedule.

OSTEND RESUMES PRE-WAR ATTRACTIONS.

After nearly five years of war Ostend is resuming its ordinary life as a holiday resort. A start was made on Sunday with the re-opening of the famous Casino. Less than twelve weeks ago the great salons of the Casino presented a hideous scene of devastation and wanton destruction. Although occupying so prominent a position on the sea front the buildings themselves escaped actual damage throughout the constant bombardment from sea and air. The use of nine tons of glass has repaired all damage thus occasioned.

During the German occupation the place was absolutely gutted. Every stick of furniture was taken away, the beautiful tapestries were slashed and torn by German bayonets and every mirror in the halls removed, together with the copper candelabra. Despite all this, however, every reminder of war has now been effectively removed.—*Reuter.*

BRIGADIER'S LUCKY ESCAPE.

An aeroplane piloted by Brig. General Vyvyan, with the Marquis of Londonderry as passenger, while flying from Tadcaster to London was forced to descend at Carlton, Selby. It landed in a boggy field and charged a fence with the result that it was overturned into a dyke and wrecked. The occupants escaped with a severe shaking.

HOSE FOR UNRULY CROWD.

Following the arrest of a discharged soldier at Wolverhampton on Saturday, a hostile crowd, thousands strong, assembled outside the police station. They were dispersed by the fire brigade who turned a hose on them after numerous windows had been broken and a number of persons injured by stone throwing.

FULL GRATUITIES FOR POSTAL OFFICIALS.

The Air Ministry announces that it is proposed to embody a special provision in the Finance Bill exempting from taxation all benefits payable to officers and other ranks. No assessments on these benefits will therefore be made.

It has also been decided that officers and men, who as postal servants were entitled to full civil pay whilst serving in the Royal Air Force, are no longer precluded from receiving discharge gratuities to which they otherwise would be entitled.

NO A.R.A. MEETING THIS YEAR.

Owing to the number of troops still overseas and the uncertainty existing as to the exact composition of the Army of the future, it has been considered necessary to defer resuming the pre-war A.R.A. matches until 1920. For the same reason, there will be no A.R.A. annual rifle meeting at Pirbright until 1920. At the National Rifle Association Rifle Meeting in the current year, however, both the A.R.A. club houses and messes will be open, as before the war.

MARGATE BOAT RESUMES.

The famous paddle-steamer Royal Sovereign made its first trip of the season to Margate on Sunday, being the first passenger steamer to arrive since the outbreak of war. The vessel was cheered all the way down the river and had a tremendous reception at Margate. It will sail regularly throughout the season.

It is reported that in the early part of this month the order of the Central Control Board (Liquor Traffic) forbidding treating in licensed houses will be revoked.

Among the first revivals of old soldiers' gatherings is that of the Royal Scots, which takes place on the 21st June.

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THE WRONG LIGHT. (Comedy.)

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WANTED, A HUSBAND. (1 Part. Comedy.)
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WHAT GERMANY STANDS TO GAIN.

We pointed out in a recent article, (1) that Germany so far had not given much signs of repentance, and, (2) that if once she accepted the Peace terms, there were compensations to be obtained.

Are the conditions really so insupportable as the Germans would have us believe? It is impossible to answer this question in the affirmative.

Let us take a few of the points at issue.

The question of the Saare Basin was dealt with in an article published the other day, and we need not therefore go into it again. We merely point out that the coal-mining area of the Ruhr district is not annexed, and to come nearer home, the valuable lignite mining district West of Cologne is still available for producing briquettes, so largely used in this district for industrial purposes.

Then as regards West Prussia and Upper Silesia, it must be remembered that both these represent Prussian conquests, the handing over of which to the newly-constituted Polish State is vitally essential. We are confronted with this dilemma.

Either Poland must be stifled, and twenty-five millions of Poles are to be subjected to German pressure, or else two millions of Germans must resign themselves to exist under equitable Polish rule, with guarantees, which the Polish State has recently solemnly furnished, as to civil and religious equality.

Then, as regards Dantzig. This is of course an extremely difficult problem. It is one which confronts one everywhere—in which conflicts have arisen between coastal towns with a mercantile population, and a Hinterland which speaks another tongue. Poland must have access to the sea, and it would be more difficult for the Poles to do without Dantzig than for the Southern Slavs to forego Fiume. Moreover Dantzig is to be a free town under Polish sovereignty, under conditions very similar to those which formerly prevailed until, at the end of the 18th century, it fell a prey to Prussian spoliation.

Moreover it must not be forgotten that those territories which Germany loses, affect Prussia alone (with the exception of Alsace-Lorraine); this denotes a valuable weakening of Prussian hegemony in Germany. Until we can be quite sure what the spirit of the new Germany is going to be, anything that weakens Prussia, the home of militarism, cannot but be considered as a blessing in disguise for Germany itself.

But we can go further and ask ourselves:—Do the Peace terms contain nothing advantageous for Germany?

On the contrary tremendous benefits are conferred on the German people. First of all it is purged of the appalling plague of militarism, with the attendant evils of conscription and burdensome armaments. The officer caste will no longer exist, and in future there will only be 4,000 holders of Commissions. The day of the dashing lieutenant (schneidigen Leutnants), as well as of generals who dabbled in politics, is over. The supremacy of civil administration over military power is clearly laid down. Germany is now free to devote herself to the pursuit of commerce and industry, free from the alarums and excursions of the peace-compelling-sabre and shining mail. Henceforth no agricultural labourer, no artisan or workman will any longer be compelled to abandon his field or workshop for two or three years to perform degrading bodily service under coarse and brutal N.C.O.'s and arrogant officers. No intellectual will henceforth be compelled to be a pebble crusher on the barrack square throughout a whole year.

Vast forces will be released for useful work. Thus, freed from the threats of the Prussian Moloch, the remainder of humanity will follow suit, and free itself from militarism.

No mention is made of an industrial war. Germany is left free to make good the heavy losses she has caused the entire world. Doubtless the burden of milliards is a heavy one, but has anyone any doubt as to the capacity of the Germans for hard work and industry? Moreover the profiteer is a figure not unknown in Germany both during and after the war; doubtless something might be extracted from him and people of his kidney, the steel and iron magnates, and leaders of industry.

To sum up, the following points may be reckoned as assets to Germany from a democratic point of view:—

(a) The return of Alsace Lorraine to France;
(b) The decision to take a plebiscite in Schleswig;
(c) The abolition of conscription;
(d) The handing over of those who are held guilty for the conduct of the war to the Allies.

This last step is only necessary because the German people do not possess the necessary strength to undertake the punishment themselves.

By decent behaviour, by proofs of change of heart, by sincere conversion, Germany may, after a probationary period, be admitted into the League of Nations, and possibly obtain minor concessions which she regards as essential.

But Justice must precede Mercy. The two handed engine at the door stands ready waiting to strike once and then no more. Let Germany reflect whilst yet there is time. If the Pan-Germans succeed in driving the German people into a hopeless resistance, that would be the logical crowning to their criminal procedure.

It is to be hoped that the Germans will see this and not allow themselves to be duped by the siren voices of the instigators of warfare. For that would indeed prove to be "Finis Germania."

OUR RHINE TRIP.

51st ROYAL SUSSEX REGT.

We had heard a good deal from other Battalions about their trips on the Rhine, and were wondering if we should get a turn. It appeared one night in orders that we were to go on the following Wednesday. General excitement prevailed, especially as only a certain percentage were to go. The fateful morning dawned cloudy and misty and the pessimists were loud in their prophecies that it was going to be cold and wet, especially those unfortunates who were not going. As things turned out, however, they were wrong.

An early breakfast and the party marched to the station and were taken by special train to Beuel, arriving there about 8.45 a.m., or in Army

(Continued at foot of next column.)

A FARCE.

(FOR STAGING DIRECTIONS APPLY TO AUTHOR.)

"Twas evening, and the weary dispensers of knowledge were taking a quiet relaxation after their fatiguing preparations of the morrow's lessons, when a rude voice disturbs the serenity of the slumbrous atmosphere, startling the busy flies and causing even the sunbeams to quiver.

"Anybody 'ere on heducation"? "Yes, Sergeant!" replies a small voice from somewhere off the floor in the distant corner of the room. "Ah-has"! (With fiendish glee)—"Come on, me lad; I 've got a job for you." And like a good soldier, the brain-fagged "Education-Wallah" rose from the dusty floor, to obey the behests of the tyrant, though under protest.

The door banged, and as the footsteps ceased to echo down the corridor, the room resumed its slumbers, the flies resumed their activities, and the sunbeams danced with ecstacy, as if to say—"Education?? Pshaw"!!

Out into the baking square stumped the oppressor and the oppressed to where a drowsy and perspiring party of full-rank Privates were standing, a wheelbarrow in their midst.

"Here y'are, me lad. Take this 'ere barrer down to the Q.M. Stores, and say I sent yer."

How the Muses must have wept as they saw their fond admirer struggling along behind so unromantic a vehicle as a wheelbarrow! Ye Gods! Who can say that the British Tommy can't speak his own language? He who thinks so should have heard the weird and wonderful Anglo-Saxon phraseology which emanated from the profusely perspiring "Ptes."

But we will not prolong the agony; suffice it to say, that in course of time the luckless party reached its destination,—that hive of industry, the Q.M. Stores. Hive! did we say? Then the bees must have been honey-gathering, for the sole occupant of the imposing edifice occupied by "Q.M." was a burly storeman who, enraged at being rudely awakened from his well-earned nap, grumpily demanded "What the deuce, etc., do you chumps want? Where's yer quarter-master-sergeant?"

In reply to this polite request for information, our hero stated that he was the mediator despatched from "Z" Coy, and that he had orders to bring back those articles tabulated on A.F. 3096. (Our interpreter-general states that this cryptic expression means: Articles Forwarded 30; ditto asked for 96.

"You won't get no harticles 'ere" was the only reply elicited from this "guardian of the tower." And so, perforce, the long suffering and utterly disgusted "E.W." had to "about turn" and trudge back to the Company, barrow and all.

Now ponder this tragic little episode, dear readers, and I think you will concede that even the despised Education Staff occasionally *do* a bit for their King and Country, in spite of the prevailing opinion that theirs is the scrounge, and the "cushiest" job of the A. of O.

P.E.D.E.

THE BATTERY OFFICE.

It is a shrine. No-one ever appears at his ease there save hardened criminals whose familiarity with the word "Office" breeds a lofty contempt for the sacred precincts of this noble establishment.

Usually here are prepared all documents relating to every phase of a man's history from the colour of his eyes to his ultimate destiny. Very occasionally one espies an A.F.Z. 10—that "Open Sesame" to the paradise of civil life, but more often it is a smaller form whose hieroglyphics tell of sundry lapses on the part of good soldiers which are referred to in the cold, calculating terms of "crimes."

The presiding genii of this place most marvellous are termed Pay and Battery Clerks, and these two, in most instances, wear spectacles and 'camel' backs, and without exception possess tempers of the electric variety — touch them and see the flush. This temperament is reputed to be fostered by the numerous enquiries which every soldier makes without fail at least six times per day in the following terms: "Say! Bom, how many down am I on the leave list" or "When will demob. start for the '16 men." Occasionally it is varied with "Can I have an advance next pay day" and "Have my credits come through?" All these and others serve to sour and sear the best of Battery clerks.

Having attained to a sufficient degree of acidity, the genii are fully qualified to deal with matter of which the following is an excellent example. "Return ooxoo animal Classification." For the preparation of which the following instructions must be carefully followed:

Total of Columns W and X on last return minus columns Y and Z on the next return should equal the total of columns O and P on the return of January '18.

Our battery clerk scratched his head and thought so much on the example given that he is now in hospital with a lacerated brain and poisoned finger. When it is considered the answer could so easily have been given, the O.C. reported him as malingering and sent in the terms herewith "Ref: Return ooxoo — Animal Classification. — Details fully given, net result A Lemon," giving complete satisfaction to all concerned.

When the war raged (and the O.C. also) the Battery Office was always at the waggon lines, as far as was possible from the noise of the guns as this disturbed the afternoon nap of the clerks. Nowadays the "office" moves first to secure convenient and "cushy" premises. Compré?

FORELLA.

vocabulary 08.45 hours. A short march across the famous bridge and we embarked. We had had visions of being packed together as on a transport, but this was really to be a pleasure trip and there was plenty of room for all. The boat sailed about 9.40 a.m., and by this time the sun was breaking through. Although there was still a little mist it was not sufficient to stop us from appreciating the grandeur of the scenery of the famous Drachenfels. Cameras were snapping in all directions and the enthusiasts were promising those unfortunates who had no camera, a complete set of views. This promise by the way has not yet been redeemed in the majority of cases. The time passed rapidly and everybody was astonished to find it was past 2 o'clock when we were nearing Coblenz. Only a short time was allowed on shore, but sufficient to enable people to buy views and souvenirs and for the camera fiends to load up with film packs, etc.

The return journey was accomplished much more quickly and we disembarked at Bonn about 6.20 p.m. Our train was waiting in Beuel station and we were home again about 8 o'clock, and everybody voted it a really first-class trip and a very enjoyable day. The fact which amazed everybody most was the wonderful system of cultivation prevalent everywhere, the apparently most inaccessible places on the steep banks being cultivated.

H.H.S.

FAMOUS BUILDINGS.

THE M.I.R.

I feel it advisable to commence this article by clearing up the mystery of the above letters, as there has been much controversy as to their meaning. They stand for "Minor Injury Repository" but this is the merest camouflage, covering, as it does, a bigger gambling den than Monte Carlo, for it is in the M.I.R. that is played that iniquitious game known as "Swinging the Lead." The M.I.R. is not an imposing edifice on a ninth landing of an estaminet up a noisome alley. The furniture is best described as "Scrappy" consisting for the greater part, of sugar boxes, six-foot forms with St. Vitus Dance, and moth-eaten G. S. Blankets. The sole ornaments are a few instruments of torture and a vast quantity of bottles containing peculiar liquids. The owner of this emporium is the M.O., or "Malignant Obliterator." He is assisted by an N.C.O. (who has been washed overboard from the Orderly Room or the Education Committee) also a couple of "spare parts" who have had previous experience of "dosing men," in the cook house. The "spare-parts" are the "Knock about Comedians" of the M.I.R., doing juggling turns with number nines to amuse the audience, in the M.O.'s absence. These men, however, are of opinion that they are the only M.O.'s worth a button, and were it not for petty jealousy they would have brass plates in Harley Street and a crowd of wealthy clients in the "Boneyard."

An orderly Sergeant drawing up his Parade State over night for the following day allots so many players. He does this by marking on the Parade State Sick=16, and underneath=M & D. 8— light duty=3=excused duty 4. The latter representing the prizes to be awarded. The players assemble sharp at 7.15 and march to the Casino where they are amused by the "spare-parts" until the M.O.'s arrival. On this gentleman's entry, the game commences. He calls "Pte.Pye,"—a youth approaches. "What is the matter with you?" "Influenza, Sir." "Um," the M.O. consults a paper. "Medicine and duty." And the wretched gambler bolts for the mess room with vague hopes of a crust while fifteen tempters of providence take their money off "Influenza" and back rheumatism with a trifle on "Sore throat" for a place. And so the game goes on. The lucky winners of the seven prizes are convinced that they are nature's "lucky children," and if they continue to tempt the goddess of chance they must surely one day rope in that wonderful first prize known as "Ticket"; while the unhappy loser feels that the luck must change if he perseveres, so he studies all the patent medicine advertizements for new diseases, and carries on. No motto is displayed over an M.I.R. yet every soldier, old and young, knows it. Mary Queen of Scots may have had "Calais" engraven on her heart, but every real "Lead-swinger" has imperishably modelled with number nines on his liver the slogan of his tribe.

If at first you don't succeed,
Try, try again.

E.M.F.

TROOP HORSES,

AND THEIR HABITS.

As I passed the riding school where our horses live, I glanced inside to see if all was as it should be. Everything was quiet; some of the horses were lying down, and the others were standing in sleepy attitudes with eyes half-closed and only an occasional flick of the tail to disturb the evening air. I passed on.

The little chestnut pony on the end of the line nearest the door looked up sharply as the figure of his troop-leader faded away in the distance, and he said in an undertone, to the old mare by his side: "Locks! Did you see him? Always looking around, isn't he?"

Locks, who had been in the troop before the war and all through it, merely said "Yes." What she meant to have said, only it was too tiring, was, "Why on earth worry one at this time of night about a miserable troop-leader?"

She was an old hand, a real "old soldier," and her parade head collar had the Mons ribbon neatly stitched on to it. What she didn't know about cavalry soldiers and cavalry horses was hardly worth knowing.

The pony looked round and caught the eye of the Hotchkiss pack horse, old "Milky," fat as butter, and lazy as any horse ever was. He had a wonderul habit of rubbing his tail absolutely raw in the quickest of time, especially if it had just been attended to by some energetic person who could "pull" tails.

Now "Milky" and the pony were great pals, and generally did most things together, and this evening they were out for mischief. Said the pony, "Look at that ugly brute next to you. How did *he* ever become a cavalry horse?"

"Well, he is said to be a hard worker, y'know." Thus spoke "Milky," high priest of laziness. The horse referred to was very nearly asleep and showed no signs of having heard anything. He was long in the back, straight of shoulder, ewe-necked and both his forelegs seemed to come out of the same hole in front. His coat was bad and his neck was raw where his companions had bitten him. Yet he was not a bad sort by nature. He never ought to have been a riding horse at all, and he knew it. What made things worse, was the fact that the others knew it and resented his presence in the troop. They were not above telling him so quite plainly, and a ghastly sore marked where some evil genius had planted his hoof in no uncertain fashion. But the worst of his enemies, by a long way, were "Milky" and the pony. They stood near him, and detested him; and they did their utmost to make his life unbearable.

The pony leaned forward and said in a husky whisper: "Roll into him a bit." "Milky" grinned and started to sway to and fro sideways, suddenly sideslipped and bumped into our ugly friend, waking him up with a start. Milky feigned sleep and the pony hung his underlip in the very depths of slumber. The ugly one said "Can't you *ever* leave a chap alone?" and then subsided.

For five minutes there was silence and then the pony whispered again. "Tap him gently, Milky." "Milky" raised his off hind slowly and then shot it out with unerring accuracy, catching the ugly one right in the middle of the flank. A loud squeal followed, the victim's ears went back, round swung his quarters, and the fun began. He let out full blast with both legs at "Milky", caught him fair and square, and then did it again. Milky slipped on the wet ground, and went down with a "wallop". Every horse woke up and started kicking.

This was too much for "Locks", who had been watching everything from the start. She whipped round and quick as a flash her teeth gripped the pony's neck. Eventually they calmed down, and once more all was quiet.

On my way back, I looked in again. I may have been mistaken, but I think I saw a large grin on the face of the ugly horse in the corner. "What have they been up to," I said to myself. The ugly horse winked solemnly and I walked on—wondering.

J. E. B.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Wednesday	6	Das Glöckchen des Eremiten	Maillart
Thursday	5½	Arlecchino Turandot	Busoni "
Friday	6	Rigoletto	Verdi
Saturday	3½	Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg	Wagner
Sunday	5½	Die lustigen Weiber von Windsor	Nicolai
Monday	5	Der Rosenkavalier	Rich. Strauss
Tuesday	5½	Aida	Verdi

ORGANIZER, AUTHOR AND COMEDIAN.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT AT LULSDORF.

No. 1 Section D.A.C., Eastern Division, held a concert in their entertainment hall at Lulsdorf on Friday evening, when everything went with a swing from start to finish. Lieut Gilbert was responsible for arranging as well as the actual presentation of the programme, while he also proved himself to be a smart comedian, an adept facialist and an actor of no mean ability.

In such a feast of good things it would be difficult to single out any item more deserving than another of the title of "piece de resistance" but perhaps this honour is due to the tabloid sketch entitled, "The Dream and the Realization", because of the fact Mr. Gilbert is author of the sketch as well as principal in the caste.

The other items on the programme were enthusiastically received. Driver Winter contributed several numbers in fine style, and his catchy choruses were quickly taken up by the audience. Gunner Hughes is a second George Formby, and his quaint singing and clever grimaces made him a strong favourite. Sentimental songs were given in tasteful style by Lieut. Couchan and Gunner Jann. Driver Brashier, character comedian gave "The Farmer's Boy" which was vigorously encored.

An unusual "turn" was given by Mangat Rham, one of the Indian drivers attached to the section. This member gave a song in Hindustani, and received an encore.

Lieut. Couchan and Gunner Rice played the piano accompaniments with efficiency, while Sergeant-Major Dawson made a popular and tactful chairman.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

52nd DEVON REGT.—"D" COY. VERSUS "B" COY.

Recently "B" Coy. defeated a team representing the rest of the Battalion, and immediately after the game "D" Coy. sent out a challenge to the winners, resulting in a match played on Thursday, at Burscheid.

The prospect of a hard tussle drew a large crowd, and the Regimental Band played selections before the start, and during the interval.

"B" Coy. heralded their arrival by means of a "Jazz" Band, which created a terrific din, the procession marching through the streets of Burscheid preceded by a standard bearer carrying the white ensign and the company flag on the end of a long pole. "D" Coy. not to be outdone, also gathered a "Jazz" Band and hoisted their pennant. After threatening for some time, "D" Coy. were rewarded. Pearson, receiving a pass from his inside-right, scored the first goal of the match.

Excitement ran high at the commencement of the second half. The "D" five made a swift onslaught on the "B" goal, and, with a "daisy-cutter," Pearson put them two up. Play now became very fast, with "B" pressing hard, but the "B" defence clearing, play went from mid-field to "B's" goal area, where a penalty was awarded against them, which, however, did not materialise.

Each custodian in turn was given many anxious moments, and midway through the second half, following pressure of "D's" defence, Scott, for "B" Coy., managed to get the ball just over the goal line. "D", playing confidently, eventually ran out deserved winners of a very fast and exciting game by 2—1.

For "D" Coy., Roberts, the goal-keeper played a very good game, as also did Lt. O'Neil, Sgt. Crocombe and Palmer, in the defence, while in the forward line, Bell, Pearson, and Cutler, were all worthy of mention.

For the losers, Sgt. Davis in goal, Lt. Cairns at centre-half, Skidmore at right-half, and Mitchell at outside-left each played a splendid game.

SUMMER SOCCER.

9th CHESHIRES' INTER-PLATOON FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINAL.

An exciting match took place at Dersdorf on Saturday, between No 5 Platoon, B. Coy., and No 2 Platoon A. Coy. During the first half, No 5 Platoon played an extremely fast game. They employed "kick and rush" tactics with good results, scoring 3 goals.

In the second half No 2 Platoon pulled together in great style, and succeeded in scoring 2 goals.

Much amusement was caused by B. Coy's Jazz Band which played various popular airs before the match and at half time.

Final score:—

No 5 Platoon 3 goals; No 2 Platoon 2 goals.

488 S.B. v. "F" A.A. BATTERY.

A very interesting and close game was played at Ippendorf on Monday between 488 Siege Battery and "F" A.A. Battery. The former batted first and compiled 48, and the Anti-Aircraft Gunners replied with 55. The chief scorers were (488 Siege Battery) Gnr. Cartwright 10, Times 7, and Naylor 6; for the winners:— Gnr. Hallam and Gnr. Hadley 8, Lieut. Havell 6; Corpl. Masters 5.

REMARKABLE BILLIARD MATCH CONCLUDED.

Very fine form was displayed by Newman and Falkiner in the 16,000 level billiard match which concluded at Thurston's Hall, Leicester Square on Saturday night. It was a remarkable game and few finer performances have ever been seen.

The result was as follows:—

Newman ..... 16,000.
Falkiner ..... 13,234.

PROBABLE STARTERS FOR TO-DAY'S CLASSIC

LIKELY DERBY CANDIDATES AND THEIR JOCKEYS.

A FIELD OF 17.

The latest particulars of to-day's great Epsom classic show that the field will most likely number 17, the following being the most probable starters and jockeys.—

LORD BASIL (J. Childs)
THE PANTHER (R. Cooper)
DOMINION (A. Smith)
GRAND PARADE (F. Templeman)
TANGIERS (E. Piper)
BUCHAN (Brennan)
ALL ALONE (F. Fox)
ROAMER (E. Lancaster)
BAY OF NAPLES (A. Whalley)
MILTON (G. Colling)
WELLINGFORD (J. Ledson)
PAPER MONEY (S. Donoh—)
WHITE HEAT (H. Jellis)
SIR DOUGLAS (Hulme)
MAKE PEACE (B. Carlisluke
GRAND ALMONER (C. Young)
GOLDEN ORB — —

LATEST DERBY SCRATCHINGS.

Sabian
Cypher
Bergleuse
Alliance
Tourville
Chaud
Extradition
Vertigo
Maple Durham
Polygon Wood
Jappool
Reparation

at 9 a.m. on Monday. *Reuter.*

TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL STUD.

It is a tribute to the National Stud that their only four entrants for the Derby—the Panther, All Alone, White Heat, and Grand Almoner—are all likely to see the post, (Says "The Scout" in "*The Daily Express*"). At present the National Stud is impersonal, and the death of its principal would not—as in the case of an ordinary breeder, who is also the nominator—make a nomination void. If, however, the proposal of the Stewards of the Jockey Club is carried on June 16, entries will have to be made in future in the name of the director of the stud—Captain Greer holds this responsible position at present—who will be regarded as the owner for nomination purposes. In the event of his death entries would become void.

FROM ROLLS-ROYCES TO BARROWS.

A GUINEA FOR A BATH-ROOM.

Reuter's Agency telegraphs as follows:—

Epsom caterers are already assured of a harvest unparalleled in the annals of the classic race. Every room is booked at prices of which Park Lane house-owners might well be envious, applicants for bathrooms offering a guinea nightly being turned away.

Every possible conveyance from Rolls-Royces to barrows has been snapped up while caravans are arriving on the Downs like battle zone ration wagons. Many are occupied by discharged soldiers, who, profiting from their campaigning experience, are carrying sheets to sleep in the open air.

The majority of the boxes have been booked at prices considerably in advance of pre-war days, one box in the grand-stand fetching 70 guineas.

The result of the drought during the past month has rendered the course parched and unless an ardently hoped for downpour occurs shortly, the running will be somewhat uncomfortable for the horses.

Despite the fact that most of the Derby colts have never run on any other course than Newmarket, including The Panther, the latter continues a strong favourite, any odds against him being eagerly accepted.

"THE PANTHER'S" PROGRESS.

It becomes more and more difficult to imagine that The Panther can be beaten (writes a correspondent in *The Observer* on the eve of the race). The reports from Newmarket concerning his progress continue to be most satisfactory, and we may safely assume he will strip a much better horse than when he beat Buchan a neck in the Two Thousand Guineas. It was generally agreed that day that his condition was capable of much improvement. Of course, most of his rivals will also have improved in the meantime, but the impression is that The Panther will show an advance.

13 WICKETS FOR 22 RUNS.

LIEUT.-COL. BOND IN BRILLIANT FORM AT ALTENRATH.

The H.Q. Coy, 51st Royal Sussex Regt. played Z. Coy, at Altenrath on Saturday, when the former won by an innings and 88 runs. For H.Q. Lieut.-Col. Bond performed the hat-trick and took 7 wickets for 9 runs, while Sergt. Bowyer captured 3 for 6 during Z Coys 1st Innings.

In the 2nd Innings Lieut.-Col. Bond took 6 for 13 and Sergt. Evans 4 for 4. The latter ran up a total of 52, when he retired, and Lieut.-Col. Bond contributed 33 and Lieut. Argent 29. Scores:—

Z Coy (1st Innings) 19; Z Coy (2nd Innings) 36; H.Q., (1st Innings) 147.

HIGH SCORING AT FRENZ.

13 AND 111 S.B.A.C.'s RUN UP TOTAL OF 225.

Some interesting cricket was witnessed at Frenz last week when teams representing 227 and 248 S.B.A.C.'s and 13 and 111 S.B.A.C.'s respectively met on the 83rd Brigade R.A.S.C. ground.

Cpl. Bellamy and Pte. Duxbury opened the innings for 227 and 248 Cols., but the first wicket fell with only 8 runs registered. Sergt. Bennett and Cpl. Bellamy made a useful stand and the score was raised to 71 before the former was bowled for a well-played innings of 36 runs. The innings closed for 140, Cpl. Bellamy being top scorer with a useful innings of 44.

13th and 111 S.B.A.C. made a poor start with their innings, 2 wickets being down for only 15 runs, but with the advent of Cpt. Bowman, ably assisted by L/Cpl. Olham and Pte. Devereux their opponents' total was soon passed, Capt. Bowman scoring 65 by good sporting cricket. His innings included 9 fours. Scores:—

227 and 248 S.B.A.C.'s ... 140;
13 and 111 S.B.A.C.'s ... 225.

FOOTBALL MATCH.

LOWLAND D.H.Q. GENERAL MESS v. 212 EMPLOYMENT COY.

The above teams met in a return match at Ohligs on Sunday in tropical weather and before a good attendance. The Employment Coy. was soon active through their wingers but poor shooting spoiled their play.

In the second half the mess pressed heavily and at last broke the ice through the goalie misjudging a corner kick taken by Stevenson. Amond and Gallacher added further goals.

Result: Mess, 3; Employment Coy, 0.

Heddon played a good game for the 212 while Gallacher was always prominent for his quick footwork.

5 FOR 7 IN TWO OVERS.

DEADLY BOWLING AT ERP BY MEMBER OF CAPT. BOND'S XI.

Some interesting cricket matches are being played at Erp, each Company of the 2/4th Duke of Wellington's Regt. being anxious to take down Capt. Bond's Eleven. On Friday "B" Company were the opponents. In this match Capt. Bond's Eleven was weakened through the absence of North (demobilised) and Bond (on leave). On the two former occasions the finish has been rather exciting, but this one proved an easy win for Capt. Bond's team.

Thanks to a splendid innings by Cpl. Albone, who scored 61 not out and Sutcliffe and Sharpe (14 and 12 respectively) the total reached 117. In reply "B" Company could only muster 64. (Capt. Green 21), the bowling of Brewis and Cpl. Albone being almost unplayable. Cpl. Albone took 5 wickets for 7 runs in a couple of overs.

LIGHT DIVISION D.A.C.

2nd SECTION v. 1st SECTION AND H.Q. AT OBEREMBT.

The Light Division D.A.C. opened their cricket season at Oberembt on Saturday with a very favourable start. The match was 2nd Section v. 1st Section and H.Q. Owing to the brilliant bowling of Lieut. Plissonneau who took 6 wickets for 14 runs, and B.S.M. Daley who took 5 wickets for 7 runs, the innings of No 1 Section and H.Q. were very short lived.

In the 1st innings the only batsman to reach double figures was Capt. Webb who scored 14; and in the second innings B.S.M. Odie was run out for 19.

The leading scores by No 2 Section batsmen were Lieut. Plissonneau (48), Dr. Milnes (not out 34), Gnr. Ward (not out 33), Cpl. Frost (19), and B.S.M. Daley (14). Scores:—

No 2 Section (1st innings)..... 175
No 1 Section and H.Q. (1st innings)... 28
No 1 " " " (2nd innings) .. 38

C COY 52nd MANCHESTERS v. 2nd EASTERN BRIGADE H.Q.

An interesting cricket match took place at Geistingen last week between the above teams before a large number of spectators. The 2nd Eastern Brigade H.Q. batted first and knocked up the useful score of 81. Holliworth was top scorer with 27 runs. Lieut. White took 7 wickets for 41 runs. Walley and Musk were the chief scorers for the home team, who made a total of 114. Scores:—

C. Coy, 52nd Battalion Manchesters 114, 2nd Eastern Brigade H.Q. 81.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Select Boarding Kennel.

An ex-officer in an advertisement in *The Times* invites the attention of dog lovers to his select boarding kennel with ideal surroundings.

Jolly People For The Derby.

An ex-officer and his wife, owning five-seater car (runs another advertisement) would like to be joined by "two or three jolly people" to make up a party for the Derby.

A Municipal Aerodrome.

The Newcastle City Council have declined to allow part of the town moor to be used as a municipal aerodrome.

3,300 Mile Flight.

A squadron of United States D. H. 4 aeroplanes has returned to Washington after a 3,300-mile flight to the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific Ocean.

W. Huxley Returning to India.

W. Huxley having signed on for another three years, returns to India in November, to again ride for Mr. Golcundas, the well-known sportsman and cotton merchant.

Scottish F.A. and Amateur Match.

At a meeting of the Scottish Football Association Council in Glasgow last week it was decided to inform the English Association that arrangements could not be made for an Amateur International match with England next season.

Inter-Allied Athletic Meet.

Amateur Athletic Union officials have selected more than 70 of the most prominent track and field athletes, also a few boxers, swimmers, and wrestlers, for a team to represent the United States at the inter-Allied athletic meet at Paris this month.

Calcutta Golf Club "Pro."

C. Gibson, jun., a son of Charles H. Gibson, who has been professional to the Royal North Devon Club, Westward Ho!, since 1888, will shortly take up a professional appointment with the Calcutta Club. Young Gibson went to India with his Majesty's Forces early in the war.

Sea-Bream Resorts.

Sea-bream are biting well on the Sussex coast, and baskets of 35lb. and 26lb. have been made by boat anglers at Bognor, where two 4lb. fish have also been landed. Other good resorts for sea-bream angling now are Brighton, Shoreham, Worthing, and Littlehampton.

C. Johns.

Twelve professionals took part in a 36-hole Stroke Competition over the course of the North Surrey Club at Norbury last week. C. Johns was first with scores of 78 and 77, aggregating 155, T. Trapp was second with an aggregate total of 159, and P. Taylor, third, with 161.

CRICKET CUP MATCHES.

AN EXCITING FINISH.

"O" BATT. ROCKET TROOPS R.H.A. 62 (Gnr. Wailes 26, Capt. Nicholson, 14) v. 4th CORPS TROOPS M.T. COY 77 (Lieut. Adams 36, Cpl. Wildgoose, 12) at Norvenich on Saturday; Lieut. Withnell bowled very effectively for the 4th Corps Troops M.T. Coy, and Major Copeland, Lieut. Dangerfield, and Gnr. Holtum for the "O" Batt. Rocket Troops.

75th BRIGADE, R.F.A. (66) v. 2/4th HANTS (65); AT GROSS KONIGSDORF ON MONDAY. The Hants batted first and made 65 runs, Sergt. Swinders making 27 and Sergt. Rowe 13; for the Gunners Captain McFadyean scored 26 and 2/Lieut. Champneys 13; the finish was very exciting a bye converting the draw into a win, and the next ball down took the last wicket; Sergt. Rowe bowled excellently for the Hants, taking 8 wickets (all clean bowled) for 16 runs, while Lt. Webster took 2 for 21; for the Gunners Padre Doorbar took 4 for 27, Captain McFadyean 3 for 5, Gnr. Drake 2 for 31, and Sig Bamford 1 for 0.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S RIFLES (9th LONDON) (105) v. 16th LONDON REGT. (31); at Niederaussem; the Q.V.R.'s, thanks to the brilliant bowling of Rfm. Seal (late of the Kent Colts), who took 6 wickets for 12 runs and did the hat trick, won the match by 74 runs, of which Rfm. Warner made 41 (not out), and Cpl. Hopkins (26).

OTHER RESULTS.

52nd Bedford Regt. defeated the H.A.C. by 39 runs on Monday.

2/4 HANTS v. 51st HANTS.

The officers of 2/4 and 51st Hants played a very pleasant cricket match at Buckhulsen on Saturday. For the 51st Hants Lieut. Goudly took 5 wickets for 16, and 2nd Lieut. Hickmann 3 wickets for 6. The 2/4 batted first and were all out for 56. Corpl. Thomas was top scorer with a well compiled 16.

The 51st went in and the first pair settled down at once, and scoring was brisk. Major O'Brian a left handed bat with a nice style made some powerful drives and Lieut. Goudly displayed some nice scoring strokes all round the wicket. The first wicket fell at 26 and 2nd Lieut. Hickman came in to take up the scoring. He proved to be a good right hander with a pretty style, and he settled down to business at once. In the latter part of the innings Lieut.-Col. Irwin got in some heavy batting and eventually carried his bat.

The innings closed at 135, leaving 51st Hants winners by 79 runs.

2nd LIGHT BRIGADE COMPETITION.

In the 2nd Light Brigade Competition, the 483 Field Coy R. E. played the 2nd M. G. Battalion on the latter's ground. After a keen struggle the R. E.'s, who batted first, ran out winners by five runs. Scores:—

R. E. 82; 2nd M. G. Battalion 77.

"D" v. "B" BATTERY 187th BRIGADE, R.F.A. LONDON DIVISION.

A most enjoyable cricket match was played on Saturday on the Exerzier Platz, Merheim, between "D" Battery, and "B" Battery, 187th Brigade R.F.A., London Division. "D" Battery won the toss and decided to bat first. Gnr. Crompton was in fine form, putting together 37 with very nice cricket.

The feature of the afternoon's sport was the partnership of Gnr. Headland and Lieut Nesham. The former contributed a clean 25, whilst the latter gave a really fine exhibition of cricket for 50. "D" Battery shortly after closed the innings with 162 to their credit.

"B" Battery went in, but could do nothing against the bowling of Ford, (6 for 9) and Lawrence (4 for 26). Sergt. Clarke was top-scorer with 10. They were dismissed for 35.

PROFESSIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AT ST. ANDREWS.

The Professional Golfers' Association announces that arrangements for the professional tournament at St. Andrews are now completed. This meeting has been organised in consequence of the decision of the authorities that no open championship be held this year. The *Daily Mail* has offered £500 as prize money, and the tournament will be played on the following lines:

1. That the sixty members of the Professional Golfers' Association who returned the best scores in the 1914 open championship be qualified to play.

2. That the competition be known as the "professional golfers' tournament under the auspices of the Professional Golfers' Association."

3. That the competition be played on St. Andrews old course (by kind permission of the authorities) on June 25 and 26.

INTER-ALLIED HORSE SHOW.

152 Heavy Battery of the 83rd Brigade R.G.A. proved to be the winners of the heavy gun waggon team event in the Inter-Allied open competition held at Wiesbaden. The team of dark bay horses looked magnificent, and many comments were made on their fine appearance. Both gun and waggon were extremely well turned out, the harness left nothing to be desired, and the driving was excellent.

Sergt. Frith as No 1, his drivers and limber gunners are to be heartily congratulated on their well merited success.

Football Season Extension.

It is generally anticipated that the proposal to extend the Association football season so as to include the last Saturday in August and the first Saturday in May will be carried at the forthcoming annual meeting of the Football Association says *Sporting Life*. Claims are being put forward in various directions for the credit of proposing the compromise that has found such ready acceptance. It is necessary, therefore, to place on record that it was first mooted by the representative of Exeter City F.C. at a general meeting of the Southern League, that it was unanimously adopted at that meeting, and instructions were given to the secretary to bring the matter before the F.A. Subsequently the Football League adopted the proposal, and it has now been approved by the F.A. Rules Revision Committee.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, June 4, 1919.

Wind between North west and West, 10-15 M.p.h. Weather continuing cool and cloudy with occasional rain and intervals of good visibility.

WHAT DID YOU DRAW?

RESULTS OF DERBY SWEEPSTAKE DRAWS.

There must surely be comparatively few members of the Army of the Rhine who have not subscribed to at least one of the many sweepstakes organised by various branches of the service.

Corps' Clubs in the large towns in the occupied areas catered for Officers (those in Cologne, Duren and Bonn being particularly well patronised) while the British Empire Leave Club provided facilities for "other ranks" to have a "flutter."

The 6th Corps Officers Club draw took place on Monday evening, when it was announced that no fewer than 8,400 tickets had been sold. For some unexplained reason, the promoters of the sweep included in the draw several horses that were scratched from the great race, some time ago.

6th CORPS CLUB DRAW.

Appended is the complete list of horses drawn for the ticket numbers indicated.

Elsinore	C 403	Jappool	A 0353
Knight of the Air	A 0620	Chaud	K 0048
Irish Lake	F 482	Helix	F 732
Golden Orb	D 437	Liberty Bond	D 509
Wyandance	G 0173	Sir William	H 0617
Rapidan	G 0543	The Minorite	D 533
Makepeace	B 205	The Panther	C 283
All Alone	K 0369	Cylgar	B 494
Tangiers	A 0969	Limit	F 950
Vertigo	K 0401	Splutter	A 0383
Biwa	G 0722	Roamer	C 441
Sentry	G 0598	Sardis	G 0409
Monteith	E 514	Sun Pol	E 20
Milton	E 913	Daybreak	B 722
Royal Diamond	H 0518	Grand Parade	C 862
Stirshot	A 0573	Powerful	B 955
Trowbridge	H 0748	Winmarleigh	K 0389
Brumado	C 700	M Kinley	A 0957
Tourville	H 0483	Bay of Naples	E 656
Symons Way	C 385	Pomme de Terre	B 632
Energy	F 877	War Dream	C 500
War Strength	H 0814	War Duty	F 845
War Drive	K 0117	War Cap	F 180
War Marvel	E 956	War Call	C 506
War Bond	E 904	Sir Douglas	H 0802
Glanmerin	D 436	Ella Cordery	B 403
Skyraker	E 696	Coriolanus	B 531
Grand Almoner	C 88	White Heat	E 447
Daniel	G 0325	Comet	H 0172
Queens Guild	H 0069	Rocket	F 796
Royal Weather	F 991	Alliance	H 0657
Eton Rambler	A 0738	Fire King	F 809
Dorset	A 0986	Cheap Popularity	G 0202
Exford	A 0144	Archgift	C 693
War Cry	B 921	War Fame	H 0763
War Paint	C 877	Melch ster	H 0834
Carapace	E 890	Kings Idler	D 734
Clarion	E 820	Dark Magic	E 731
Paper Money	H 0590	Gervan	E 498
Khalifah	H 0351	Dominion	D 431
Orbito	H 0161	Charioteer	C 501
Polygon Wood	K 0224	Pregador	G 0571
Avatar	E 575	Cypher	B 85
Pesaro	A 0873	Viceroy	D 743
Lord Basil	G 0115	Buchan	E 999
Wilson	G 866	Pomar	F 326
Mandarin	F 12	Cygnus	H 0772
Observateur	B 197	Splendid Spur	E 258
Reparation	B 308	Extradition	H 0304
Wellingford	A 0695	Bay Tree	E 671
Bergleuse	F 916	Tension	E 290
Bayuda	E 630	The Sphinx	C 613
Wilhonette	B 968	Palatina	A 0361
Britannia	G 0134	Double Note	G 0778
Maple Durham	A 0531	Ardville	A 0975
—and—		The Field	A 0923

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

Queues of intending ticket purchasers have been the order of the day since the British Empire Leave Club sweepstake was organised and the lucky winner will receive a substantial prize in consequence. The draw resulted as follows:

Lord Basil	2920	The Panther	738
Grand Parade	1065	Dominion	3501
Sir Douglas	901	Tangiers	1550
Buchan	4318	All Alone	789
Roamer	3765	Bay of Naples	4180
Milton	913	Wellingford	2999
Paper Money	199	White Heat	4273
Grand Allmoner	1498	Observateur	1688
Golden Orb	1673	Make Peace	2378

ROYAL NAVAL, MILITARY AND AIR FORCE TOURNAMENT.

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE COMPETITORS.

Rehearsals are now in full swing at Woolwich, Aldershot, Deal, Portsmouth, Chatham, Plymouth, Dunblane, in Dorset, France, on the Rhine, and in London, for the opening of the Tournament on June 26th, at Olympia.

The following is the full list of officers and men competing in the Tournament from R.A.F. Army of Occupation with results:

R.A.F. CHAMPIONSHIPS.

OFFICERS.

Weight	Name	Unit	Result
Feather	Lt. Stroud	2nd Bde.	Finalist
Light	Lt. Gee	No. 1 A.S.D.	do.
Welter	Lt. Mason	do.	Winner
Welter	Lt. Fenton	9th Bde.	Semi-Fin.
Light Heavy	Capt. Roberts	2nd Bde.	Winner

OTHER RANKS.

Bantam	Sgt. Groves	H.Q.	Winner
Light	Sgt. Stone	E.R.S.	Winner
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Middle	Cpl. Garrett.	E.R.S.	Finalist

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OPERA BY VOTE.

"TRISTAN" TOPS THE POLL IN A NOVEL PLEBISCITE.

It will be interesting to soldiers out here to note the recent innovation in operatic arrangements made at Bradford.

Mr. Francis Laidler, the lessee of the Alhambra Theatre, where the Beecham company is to give a week's performances next month. desired to consult the music-loving public as to the operas they wished to hear.

About 800 people accepted Mr. Laidler's invitation to vote for their favourite works, and the poll resulted as follows:—

"Tristan and Isolda."
"Samson and Delilah."
"The Magic Flute."
"Aida."
"La Bohème."
"Tannhäuser."
"Madame Butterfly."
"The Marriage of Figaro."

Among the operas in the repertory which were "unplaced" were "Boris Godounov," "Romeo and Juliet," "Louise," "The Golden Cock," "Othello," "Falstaff," "The Fair Maid of Perth," "Cavalleria Rusticana," "Faust," "Pagliacci," and "Il Trovatore."

Mozart's "Il Sera[illegible]," was at the bottom of the poll.

TECHNICAL CLASSES.

ARMY GENERAL AND COMMERCIAL COLLEGE, COLOGNE.

Numerous questions have been asked by readers of *The Cologne Post* as to the holding of special classes in various educational subjects. Enquiries at the Army General and Commercial College have elicited the information given below.

The following classes have just commenced: Workshop Arithmetic, and Building Construction, Mondays and Thursdays, at 2 p.m.; Machine Drawing, and Applied Mechanics, Tuesdays and Fridays at 2 p.m.

Then, provided that that there is a sufficient number of applicants, the following evening classes will be held on days and at times to be announced later.

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Applications to join these classes should be sent at once to Capt. Bassford, Education Officer G.H.Q. Troops, Army General and Commercial College, Cologne.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

TO-NIGHT'S LECTURE.

"THROUGH THE RUSSIAN TERROR."

The usual dance in the Ballroom is cancelled and by special request the Rev. R. Cortier Forster, for many years British Chaplain at Odessa, has consented to lecture to-night on his personal experiences during "Two Years of the Russian Revolutions."

The lecturer will narrate his personal experiences throughout "the Russian Terror"; how the movement grew; the secrets of the Revolution; the Reign of Terror; and in addition, he hopes to show some of the results of Bolshevik rule, on labour in Russia.

The Rev. Courtier Forster has first-hand information on everything that appertains to the hideous revolution, and all who have time will be amply repaid in going to hear him. His versatile manner, and the special thrilling nature of his subject, call for the heartiest support.

The lecture will be given at 7 p.m. in the theatre of the club, and the chair is to be taken by Lt.-Gen. Sir C.W. Jacob, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Commanding II Corps. The orchestra of the 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. (by kind permission of Lt. Col. H.A. Vernon D.S.O.) will play at 6.30 p.m.

SPORTS MEETING.

"C" BATTERY, 190th BRIGADE R.F.A.

The village of Overath lies nearly twenty miles due east of Cologne on the verge of the neutral zone, and its garrison of a Battery and a Battalion form one of the outposts of the Army of the Rhine.

At present this Battery is C/190th Brigade R.F.A. and on Saturday last in a blaze of sunshine they held a most successful sports meeting. Every event on the programme went with a swing, and this was undoubtedly due to the keeness and enthusiasm of the Battery Commander, Captain E.J. Bray, M.C., R.F.A., and his Officers, N.C.O's and men.

The events which called for the most applause, were the wrestling on horseback, the V.C. race and the Musical Chairs. In the wrestling "B" sub-section ate up the rest of the Battery. In the V.C. race the Transport Officer of the Fusiliers proved a dangerous competitor, and the fourth officer home rode a great finish half hidden beneath an enormous sack of straw with his right spur firmly anchored in his horse's quarters. In the musical chairs Driver Tilley won easily by the wily expedient of seizing his chair before he dismounted and by seating himself upon it in mid air.

The following are the results of four of the other items of the programme.

MULE RACE. 1. Pte. Goostray, 23rd R.F.'s. 2. Dvr. Park C/190. Bde. R.F.A.

OBSTACLE RACE. 1. Pte. Wilson, A/23rd R.F's. 2. Sgt. Price, A/23rd R.F's.

HALF SECTION JUMPING. 1. Dvr. Allan, C/190 Bde., R.F.A. 2. Dvr. Pech, C 190 Bde., R.F.A.

100 YARDS FLAT RACE. 1. Lcp. Wager, C/23rd R.F. 2. Pte. Gordon, D/23rd R.F.

"THE NEW SIN."

RHINE ARMY DRAMATIC COMPANY AT THE DEUTSCHES THEATRE.

The producing of a play, in face of the uncertainties of present day military life, is as full of difficulties as a sardine tin is full of fish. This view must be shared by Lieut. S. E. Percy, who had to overcome innumerable difficulties before he could stage Macdonald Hasting's three-act play "The New Sin" at the Deutsches Theatre, Cologne, on Monday. Having carefully selected his caste, changes and more changes became involved, until only three of the original artistes selected remained in the programme.

With such a generous proportion of eleventh hour changes, the excellence of the production is all the more creditable to those concerned.

"The New Sin" strikes an original note in modern plays and more than one moral is pointed as the story is unfolded. But the theme centres on the extraordinary will of one Mr. Cutts who, in the course of his worldly activities contrived to amass a large fortune by manufacturing so unromantic a commodity as suspenders. He makes a will and then dies, leaving a few thousand pounds to each member of a rather extensive family. But, by the insertion in the will of an eccentric proviso, not one of his children are eligible to derive any benefit under it until such time as one of the sons (who apparently was not a particularly warm favourite of his dad's) chooses to die.

To divulge further the thread of this engrossing story would be giving too much away, since the enjoyment of the play depends to a great extent upon the unexpectedness of the situations reached.

A CAPABLE CASTE.

The presentation of the play was fairly evenly divided among seven characters, the impersonations of whom were, in every case, extraordinarily well done by members of the Rhine Army Dramatic Company, on Monday.

A thoroughly capable piece of acting was observed in Lieut. C.F. Balls (Border Regt.) representation of D.L. Davids, J.P., L.L.C. His part was no easy one, but the naturalness with which he submitted the smug, self satisfied draper, whose very action and course jest suggested "self-made," was indicative of more than a nodding acquaintance with the dramatic art

Little need be said of the acting of Lieut. Percy, whose reputation has now spread far and wide in Rhineland. His extraordinary versatility enabled him to fulfil the most diversified roles with equal success. Monday's effort was no exception, and he gave a representation of Hilary Butts in a manner that revealed strikingly, the conflicting emotions that that character passes through in the course of the plot.

As Jim Benziger, Lieut. J.P. Cox, R.F.A., was perfectly at ease. He found in his part plenty of scope for submitting a rather irresponsible, pleasure loving, popular playwright, and he did it in every way successfully.

Will Grain, a Lancashire labour M.P., was in the hands of Lieut. C. Spiegelhalter, Lancashire Fusiliers. His broad accent and somewhat dogmatic bearing were perfectly true to life.

Lieut. D.A. Onions, 2nd Monmonth's, made his debut as an actor, and as Peel, the old servant, gave a performance so successfully that his name will undoubtedly find a place on subsequent programmes.

In his impersonation of Maximilian Cutts, Lieut. N. Mellor, R.G.A, displayed a decided sense of the dramatic. The gradual evolution from a state of ravenous hunger and illness to normal condition, received sufficient emotional treatment without being overdone.

Lieut. W.E. Mocatta, West Yorkshires, although not making his appearance until the play was well advanced, was capital as Stuart-Campbell.

During the intervals, the "Tabs" Orchestra, under the direction of Conductor H. Porter, rendered agreeable selections. The play will conclude a six nights run on Saturday.

RHINELAND ATHLETICS.

SPORTS AT DORMAGEN.

Lovely sunshine, tempered by gentle breezes, favoured the athletic sports held under the auspices of B. Coy., 13th Battalion K.R.R.C. at Dormagen on Sunday afternoon. An attractive programme had been arranged and there was a good entry. Capital features were the transport race, the one mile flat race (open), wrestling on horseback, and the one mile flat race (confined to the Company) The comic events, which were well supported, provided much amusement.

THE AWARDS.

The Races were interesting and well contested, the prize-winners being as under:—

1. Long Jump—1. Cpl. Kelleker, R.E.; 2. Rfn. Brown.
2. Throwing the Cricket Ball:—1 Sergt. Stockley.
3. Three legged race:—1, Rfn. Mitchell and Grant; 2, Sergt. Murphy and Cpl. Mayland.
4. 1 Mile flat Race:—1, Rfn. Dos; 2, Rfn. Howell.
5. 100 yards Flat Race:—1, Sergt. Kitson; 2, Cpl. Sparks.
6. Transport Race:—1, Rfn. Duffell; 2, Rfn. Kerson.
7. 440 yards flat race:—1, Rfn. Howell; 2 Rfn. Francis.
8. Catching cricket ball:— 1, L/Cpl. Wilkins.
9. Wheelbarrow race (open):—1, Rfn. Mitchell and Grandy; 2, Rfn. Tait and Keenan.
10. 100 yards (open):—1, Sergt. Kitson; 2, Cpl. Kelleker R.E.
11. High Jump:—1, Rfn. Paxman; 2, Sergt. Kitson.
12. Pillow fight (open):—1. Rfn. Lawrence; 2. Rfn. Chamberlain.
13. Hurdle Race (open):—1, Cpl. Kelleker R.E.; 2, Rfn. Briant.
14. Sack race (open):—1, Rfn. Haydn; 2, Cpl. Mayland.
15. 1 Mile flat Race (open):—1, Rfn. Brown; 2, Sergt. George.
16. Tug of War (teams of 8):—No. 8 Platoon.
17. Tilting the bucket (open):—1, Rfn. Briant and Bradley; 2, Rfn. Mitchell and Granby.
18. Wrestling on Horseback:—No. 1 team—Rfn. Wignall, Kerson, Berry, Lowe and Duffell.

During the afternoon selections were given by the Battalion Band.

At the conclusion the prizes were presented by Capt R.A. Williams, 13th K.R.R.C.

53rd WELSH SPORTS MEETING.

ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME AND LARGE CROWD AT ALFTAR.

The 53rd Welsh Regt. held an enjoyable sports meeting at Alftar on Wednesday, in glorious weather, and before a large gathering of spectators.

Below is a list of the chief events with the names of the prize winners. The open events caused the most excitement, but none was more amusing than the wrestling on mules. The number of shirts torn must have made the Quartermaster weep.

The competition for the champion Company ran very keen and by winning the last event of the day, the Inter Company Relay Race, "A" Company managed to put themselves ahead, beating "C" Company by half a point.

RESULTS OF CHIEF EVENTS.

Long Jump: 1, Lieut. T.T. Davies, M.C.; 2, L/Cpl. Wilding; 3, Pte. Holloway.

Best turned out squad, Marching Order: 1, "C" Company; 2, "D" Company.

100 yards open: to all "A 1V" boys of 2nd West Infy. Bde: 1, Pte. Bowker, 53rd Welsh; 2, Pte. Scott, 52nd Welsh; 3, Pte. Gray, 53rd Welsh.

High jump open to all ranks 2nd West Infy. Brigade: 1, Lieut. Baldwin, 52nd Welsh.; 2, Capt. Gilbert, 52nd Welsh.; 3, Lieut. T.T. Davies, M.C., 53rd Welsh.

880 yards. Open to all ranks in Battalion. 1, 2 Lt. R.B. Parker; 2, Pte. Howard; 3, L/Cpl. Sharples.

150 yards Officers' Handicap: 1, Lt. Col. A.C. Corfe, D.S.O.; 2, Lieut. T.T. Davies, M.C.; 3, 2 Lt. G.H.S. Burrow.

Inter-Platoon Tug-of-War: 1, "A" Company; 2, "B" Company; 3, Transport.

220 yards open to all ranks in Western Division: 1, Capt. Gilbert, 52nd Welsh.; 2, Sapper Trunnell, Royal Engineers; 3, Pte. Howard, 53rd Welsh.

GUESTS OF THE GAY GORDONS.

The Sports held by the 51st Gordon Highlanders at Duren on Saturday last provided a great day. Before a tribunal of judges Major General Sir David Campbell, K.C.B., Brig. General A.B. Ritchie C.B., C.M.G., Lieut-Col R.M. Dudgeon, D.S.O., M.C. Major J.A. Wolfe-Murray D.S.O., M.C., Major Colvin V.C., Major T.B. Lawrence, D.S.O., M.C., D.C.M., and several others appeared all and sundry to take their trial in sports, and under that array of medal ribbons, no wonder they flushed with pride.

To the attractive music of the 3rd King's Own Hussars Band, the field was filled by dashing Lancers, sturdy Hussars, Artillerymen, Flighty R.A.F's, Black Watch, Seaforths, Camerons, Argylls, all eager to compete with the Gay Gordons. It was indeed a merry party. A little band of nursing sisters entered the field when all was ready for the feast. We thank them for adding the finishing touches.

Everyone was out to be happy and to make others happy. Who can deny that the Commander of the Battalion, the soul of the battalion, was himself jumping the hurdles more successfully than plenty of younger men? Strangers were made welcome and changed to friends, no man went away a stranger to those Gay Gordons, fun and laughter reigned supreme.

When at last the prizes were distributed and thanks accorded to that array of honoured judges, committee and all, the cheering was great.

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CINEMA NOTES.

The three Army Cinema programmes for June 5th—7th inclusive comprise the following:—

No 1 Army Cinema, 32 Komodienstrasse.—Sonia Markova in "Snares and Quicksands" (five-part Fox Drama); Screen Magazine; "Father, Son, and Chorus Girls" (two-part comedy); 13th episode of the "Voice on the Wire."

No 2 Army Cinema, Agrippina Theatre, Breite Strasse.—"Betty to the Rescue," four-part Famous Players production featuring Fanny Ward; Screen Magazine; "Merry Mermaids" (two-part comedy); "Voice on the Wire" (12th episode): In addition, "As he Soweth", a picture everyone should see, is to be shown to-day and to-morrow.

No 3 Army Cinema, Germania Theatre, Hohe Strasse.— Harry Carry and Molly Malone in "The Scarlet Drop" (five part Transatlantic drama); "Some Story"; "Kids and Scaltiways" (one part comedy) "As he Soweth" will be shown on Friday and Saturday next.

Novels on the Films.

The African Films Productions, Limited, are, we hear, producing quite a number of famous novels in South Africa. They have already produced Rider Haggard's famous story, "King Solomon's Mines," and are working on H. de Vere Stacpoole's "Blue Lagoon" and H. Seton Merriman's "With Edged Tools," besides other subjects of more than ordinary interest.

A Change of Name.

As a result of a newspaper competition, Odette Goimbaut, the dainty little British film actress, has changed her French nomenclature and as Mary Odette we shall know her when she appears in the Britisn Actors new production, "The Castle of Dreams." Gertrud M'Coy, Fred Groves, A.E. Matthews and Henry Vibart are also in the caste.

O. Henry Stories.

The Vitagraph Co., are, we observe, showing several O. Henry films among which are "Mammon and the Archer" and "One Thousand Dollars."

All O. Henry enthusiasts would be pleased if the amusement caterers for the Rhine Army would include one or two of these inimitable short stories on the programmes occasionally.

Surprise Plays.

Grainger have commenced the issue of a new series of pictures called Surprise Plays. They claim that each one has, packed away in the story, a surprise that would never be thought of by the majority of the audience. The first of the series is the "White Lie," starring Bessie Barriscale.

Latest Releases.

There were three pictures of note released last week. The first is "The Bravest Way" featuring the well-known Japanese actor, Sessue Hayakawa. The scenes are laid in America, but the situations are peculiarly Japanese. It is the simple story of a man who sacrifices his love on the altar of loyalty to a murdered friend. "The Blindness of Divorce," featuring Bertha Mann and an all-star cast, shows the consequences that may follow the reckless breaking of the marriage tie. It is emblematica of the American problem play. Among the English releases is a film adapted from Eagar Wallace's "Pallard the Punter," a romance of sport, villainy, adventure, and racing.

The Victory Leaders.

A film entitled "The Victory Leaders" has been given by the Stroll Company in aid of the St. Dunstan's Fund for Blinded soldiers and sailors. The great interest in the film lies in the fact that it displays the individual characteristics of the men who have made history. Clemenceau is there, Beatty is there, so is the King, the Prince of Wales, and Prince Albert. It is a film of historic interest.

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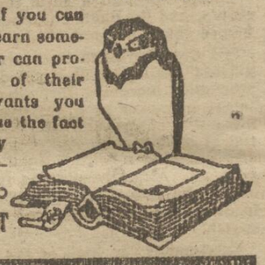

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OLD ETONIAN DINNER.

With reference to notice in G.R.O. of 23. 5. 19, the Old Etonian Dinner will take place on 4th June at 8 p.m., at the E.F.C. Officers' Club (Belgischer Hof) Cologne.

Will all Old Etonians who wish to be present please send their names as soon as possible to Captain H.L. Farquhar, H.Q., Military Governor, Cologne, and enclose 100 marks?

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"GREATEST SINCERITY."

The India Office has issued the following:

The Viceroy of India reports that a letter from the Amir, dated May 28, has been received in Peshawur, and gives a summary of the first rough translation. The Amir, after a laboured explanation of his hostile acts, expresses desire for "an onourable peace useful for both parties," and asks that negotiations may be opened at Landi Kotal or Peshawur. He assures the Viceroy "with the greatest sincerity" that he "never intended severance of friendship," and states that he has sent instructions to the Afghan commanders to stop hostilities and the movements of troops. Certified copies of these instructions were enclosed in these letters.

Further information received by the India Office from the Government of India, dated May 31, shows that Thal Fort has resisted all Afghan attempts to take it, although the adjacent village has been completely gutted by the enemy. An unsuccessful attempt has been made to rush our post at Sadda (th rty miles from Thal, up the Kurram Valley), and some fighting continues near Lakka Tigga (ten miles south-west of Sadda).

The arrival of our aeroplanes at Miramshah in Waziristan, is reported to have eased the local situation as regards the tribesmen in that neighbourhood. Our post at Manjhi, to the south of Murtaza, where the Gomal Valley bebouches from the mountains, was unsuccessfully attacked during the night of May 29-30.

CAVALRY PURSUIT.

The situation at Parachinar continues satisfactory. There has been no further action by Nadir Khan.

It is reported that there have been no new developments at Miranshah; some Mahsud Lashkars are reported in the vicinity of Jandola, but the attitude of the Bhittanis is stated to be stil satisfactory. Further south, near Murtaza, a squadron of our cavalry pursued a party of three hundred Waziris and Mahsuds who ven ured into the plains. Twenty were killed and five captured, and several more wounded. Our casualties were eight.

There is no change in the situation on the Dakka front. Reconnaissances and foraging expeditions have been carried on regularly by our cavalry. Sistan is quiet. The leading men there are volunteering to raise levies.—*Reuter.*

ENEMY IN RETREAT.

Simla, 26th May. Aeroplanes report that large numbers of the enemy are retiring westwards between Jalalabad and Kabul. It is also reported that stores and munitions are being moved from Jalalabad to Gandamak. Tirah is quiet, and favourable reports regarding the Afridis have been received. The attitude of the Mohmands, — in spite of the strain on their loyalty by the presence of Afghan troops and leading Mullahs in their country, is excellent.

The 23rd Chitral Scouts and the Mehtar's bodyguard co-operated with the British mobile column in attacking the Afghan regulars and tribesmen who were holding a line on the Bashgul River. The British gained all their objectives, and the enemy fled towards Asmar, leaving behind four guns and a large number of arms and stores. The enemy dead are estimated at 250. The British casualties were comparatively slight. The Chitral Scouts suffered the most heavily. There were eight killed and twenty-three wounded. The Chitrals fought well.—*Reuter.*

NEW TERRITORIAL COMMANDS.

The War Office announces the following further appointments to the command of divisions of the new Territorial Force:

East Anglian:—Major-General S. W. Hare, C.B., formerly of the K.R.R.C.

Home Counties:—Major-General J. R. Longley, C.B., C.M.G., formerly of the East Surrey Regiment.

North Midlands:—Major-General A. R. Hoskins, C.M.G., D.S.O., formerly of the North Staffordshire Regiment.

Major-General Hare in the European War commanded successively the Scottish Rifle Brigade, T.F., (1914-15) 86th Infantry Brigade (1915), 82nd Infantry Brigade (1916), T.C. Tel-el-Kebir (1916), and 54th Division (1916-19).

Major-General Longley served as an adjutant of Volunteers in 1903, and in the European War commanded successively the 82nd Infantry Brigade, M.E.F. (1915), and 10th Division Egypt (1915-19).

Major-General Hoskins served on the Staff in Egypt (1896-1900), in South Africa (1900-1903), in Egypt and France (1903-14), as a Staff brigadier-general in East Africa (1915-16) and with the 1st East African Division (1916-17), the East African Force (1917), and the 5th Indian Division (1917-19).

MEXICAN TROUBLE RENEWED.

New York.— A telegram from the frontier town of Cuidad Juarez reports that Generals Villa and Angeles attacked Chilsuahua City on Sunday. All communication has been cut off.—*Reuter.*

ORDERS TO GERMANS IN LETTLAND.

CURTAILMENT OF ACTIVITY.

A semi-official telegram from Berlin says: "The German Armistice Commission at Spa reports that the Entente Powers presented a fresh Note yesterday regarding the German troops still in Lettland and Lithuania. The Note declares that the German forces are to be left in the Baltic provinces, but must be withdrawn to a line to be marked; and, secondly that General von der Goltz can be retained in his command on the following conditions:

"1. He must receive orders from Germany to establish a Coalition Government, in which all the Lettish parties are to be represented according to their importance.

"2. All arms must be restored to the Lettish troops.

"3. The mobilization of the Lettish forces must be permitted without restriction.

"4. Complete freedom for the new Lettish Government in all its official acts must be assured.

"A period of fifteen days is granted, from June 1, for the acceptance of these conditions, and after the expiration of this time the question of Von der Goltz's further stay will be considered afresh."—*Reuter.*

CATTLE EPIDEMIC IN EGYPT.

Cairo, May 26. There seems to be an ever-increasing crop of disastrous consequences of the recent disturbances which inevitably fall on the provincial landowners and fellahin. Attention has already been drawn to the loss due to the escape of water from the Assuan reservoir and the damage to railways. It now appears that for two months it was impossible for veterinary inspectors to exercise their usual control over rinderpest and other epidemic diseases, and this fact has entailed a great extension of the plague. The movement of the cattle into infected areas was unrestrained, diseased cattle were not isolated, and protective inoculation was suspended, and even now cannot be carried out expeditiously in many places in Upper Egypt. The result is that the provinces are now faced with a severe and widespread epidemic, which will naturally react on agriculture generally, seeing now how largely it depends upon the cattle of the country. A good bull costs £40, but the indirect loss is probably out of proportion. The infected provinces are Assuan, Girga, Assiut, Fayoum, Galiubia, Sharkia, Gharbia, Manufia, Behera, and Dakahlia.—*Reuter.*

AMERICANS DENOUNCE THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

In the American House of Representatives, Senator H. Johnson, one of the leaders of the Republican Progressive group, strongly denounced the League of Nations covenant.

He described it as gigantic war trust which was not a league to promote peace but a pretext for power. The result of it was that America, who was respected and beloved last year, has now, as the result of meddling with foreign proulems, made many powerful enemies.

Senator Johnson described American consent to the decision about Shantung as the blackest page in American history, adding, "as a Californian I am not willing to submit any race problems we may have to the jurisdiction of the League of Nations."

KOLTCHAK'S PROGRESS.

Omsk. 24th May.— Koltchak's offensive is continuing successfully in the Perm-Kazan railway sector. A number of villages have been taken, with many prisoners and stocks of war material. Severe fighting has occurred near the mouth of the Viatka river, the enemy being repeatedly repulsed.— *Reuter.*

TURKS RESIST GREEKS.

According to an official report received in London, Turkish resistance to the Greek occupation of Aivali has been insignificant. Only four soldiers were killed. The Turkish troops, after having set fire to the barracks, retired to the interior. On the same day, 29th May, Greek troops occupied the town of Kassaba, East of Smyrna. No incident occurred during these operations.—*Reuter.*

SULTAN OF EGYPT MARRIED.

Cairo. 25th May.— The marriage was solemnised yesterday of the Sultan with the daughter of Sabri Pasha, the former Governor of Cairo and present Minister of Agriculture.

EX-KAISER HAS A PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT.

Pan-Germans are to move in the National and Prussian Assemblies for the ex-Kaiser's return to Germany.—*Wireless.*

H.M. THE KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS.

ENORMOUS LIST.

An exceedingly long list of honours bestowed by H. M. the King on the occasion of his birthday is announced. Publication will be made on several successive days.

The present schedule is Military and Naval, the Prime Minister's list being deferred until the end of the week.

The honours include the appointment of Admiral of the Fleet Sir D. Beatty, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., D.S.O., and Field-Marshal Sir D. Haig, K.T., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.I.E. to the Order of Merit.

In the Royal Family the following appointments have been bestowed.

Colonel H.R.H. Edward A. C. G. A. P. D. Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall, K.G., G.C.M.G., G.B.E., M.C., Colonel-in-Chief 12th (Prince of Wales's Royal) Lancers, Royal Scots Fusiliers, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, and Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry (Prince of Wales's Own Royal Regiment), to be a Personal Aide-de-Camp to the King and to be Colonel, Welsh Guards.

Captain H.R.H. Prince Albert Frederick Arthur George, K.G., Royal Air Force, to be a Personal Aide-de-Camp to the King.

Major H.R.H. Prince Arthur F. P. A. of Connaught, K.G., K.T., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., C.B., A.D.C., 2nd Dragoons (Royal Scots Greys), to be Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel.

The first part of the list of birthday honours for the army contains over ten thousand names of officers and men, including the D minion forces and a number of nurses. Among the honours bestowed are seventy-seven C.B.'s, 193 C.M.G.'s, 190 C.B.E.'s, 1,000 O.B.E.'s, 500 M.B.E.'s, 400 D.S.O.'s, 1,300 M.C.'s, 1,700 D.C.M.'s, and 4,500 M.S.M.'s.

LONDON SPECIALS' EARLY RELEASE.

MEDALS TO BE ISSUED.

Sir Edward Ward, chief staff officer of the Metropolitan Special Constabulary, in an order on Saturday, stated that all ranks of the Metropolitan Special Constabulary will be released from continuous service from noon on Monday, the 16th inst.

The announcement was also made that the King has approved of the issue to special constables of a medal (with ribbon) to be called the "Special Constabulary Long Service Medal."

Authority has been given for the establishment of a Metropolitan Special Constabulary Reserve, to be employed only in cases of emergency. These who desire to join the reserve need only intimate their willingness to the officer in charge of their station and sign a declaration.

INVALID OFFICERS AND NURSES.

It is provided by an Army Council Instruction just issued that the cost of treatment of tuberculous officers and nurses on full or half-pay will henceforth be payable out of Army funds. Where the disabili y is caused in and by military service, actual expenditure on treatment up to £3 3s a week is allowed. Officers receiving this grant are ineligible for rationand lodging allowance. Similarly the board and washing allowance of 21s 6d a week of Army and V.A. nurses in receipt of the grant will be reduced to 4s a week washing allowance.

BRITISH PRISONERS IN KURDISTAN.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr Pratt, replying on behalf of the India Office to Captain Ormsby-Gore (C.U., Stafford), who asked where the reported outbreak in South Kurdistan had taken place, said: The outbreak occurred at Suleimaniyeh, a town in South Kurdistan, in ex-Ottoman territory, where a Kurdish notable has obtained temporary control of the town after an engagement with the local levies, in which the latter appear to have been worsted. The British officers and staff are prisoners, but are reported to be unharmed. Steps are being taken to extricate them and to deal with the situation. The Kurdish chief's action seems to be due to a wish to establish himself as an independent ruler.

EX-PRISONERS OF WAR VOLUNTEER.

It is officially announced that there are two hundred Russian officers in the camp at Newmarket, some of them being ex-prisoners of war, who have volunteered to join the Russian National Forces. They will accordingly be sent, at the earliest opportunity, to Siberia and North Russia

SMUGGLED BY THE R.A.F.

It was stated at the Board of Agriculture yesterday that information has been received that there were sixty-four dogs in the Royal Air Force Headquarters camp which had been brought in without undergoing quarantine.

KIMMEL MISTAKEN ARREST.

After being kept in custody since the Kimmel Park riots three months ago, Sapper Walter Patrick Walsh, Canadian Engineers, was yesterday acquitted by the Liverpool court-martial of mutiny charges. Without the defence being called for, and as a result of the statement made by Lieutenant Gauthier for the prosecution, the court and prosecuter agreed with defending counsel that a mistake had been made and the accused was immediately released.

The Government subsidy for the flour industry this year is 47 million pounds.

ITALIAN GIRL'S NAIVE LETTER.

"EGREGIOUS SIR."

The following is an exact copy of a letter received by Mr. Hay Halkett at Woolwich Police Court from a young woman in Italy. Names of persons and places are, of course, omitted:—

"Egregious Sir, City Magistrate, England, of Woolwich, S.E.—Kindly excuse, sir, if also this time I write to you, but as I have had the proof of your exquisite gentility, when in the 8 January, 1919, I have again taken the liberty of write to you for information of the Sapper — that for your aid I have had its news properly from Himself from — in the what he was recovered for a seriously illness.

"After that, I have been knowing that He has left this Hospital, but thenceforward I have not known nothing beyond. So, sir, I pray of your courtesy (if this is possible) a some news of Him. I am displeasing to disturb you but as I know not his precise address, and knowing that he is from Woolwich, have taken the courage of write ou, and I hope that you will be so genteel of answer a short line to this regard.

"Believed not, sir, that I may have a adventurer whatsoever, and that I made this inquiry for motive not goods, but I assure you that is only, and merely, for the sincere friendship that I have allways kept for Him, again from the December, 1917, when I with my family were to the Front, and I cannot understand the reason, because He not may have given me its news of health again.

"Now I ask to you sincerely pardon of my liberty, and with the my infinite thanks, I remain for allways of you, sincerely, grateful and obliget—."

CRITICISM OF MR. JUSTICE DARLING.

PERILS OF THE BENCH.

Criticising Mr. Justice Darling, "The Law Journal" in its current issue quotes Bacon's words to a newly-appointed judge:—"Let your speech be with gravity, as one of the sages of the law, and not talkative, nor with impertinent flying out to show learning."

"Even some of the most experienced judges," it goes on to remark, "have sometimes been known to disregard this excellent advice. Mr. Justice Darling, in his summing up in a murder trial at the Old Bailey last week, in which a soldier was convicted of murdering his sister-in-law, chose to make an elaborate reference to the conduct and fate of Nurse Cavell. For this introduction of the name of the heroic woman into a sordid trial in a criminal court there was neither occasion nor excuse—no occasion, because it had not the slightest relevance to the case before the court, and no excuse, because it showed an ill-regard for the memory of the brave woman to whom, on the bringing of her remains to her native land, the whole country had just paid a moving tribute.

"In his summing-up in what became known as the 'Cissie Raymond' case, the learned Judge was pleased to compare the prisoner—whom he merely bound over in £50—with Galahad. Literary allusions are not wholly unwelcome in legal proceedings, but this kind of flippancy can scarcely be said to be appropriate to a criminal trial. A seat on the Bench is not without its perils for judges who are tempted to talk things that do not come strictly within the province of their judicial duties."

R.A.F. AERODROMES RELINQUISHED.

The undermentioned landing grounds and aerodromes are being relinquished by the R.A.F.: Orsett (Essex). Greenland Top (Yorks); Benton (Northumberland), Broomfield (Herne Bay, Kent); Dunkeswicke (Yorks); Gilmerton (Edinburgh), Grove Park (Kent); Hedon (Yorks); Horsegate (Durham). Monthorpe Gate (Yorks), Palmer's Farm (Essex); Pluckley (Kent), Thornaby (Yorks), Westpole Farm (Herts), Winterton (Yorks). The landing ground at New Chapel (Surrey) will not be available for a period of two months from May 24.

In future the aerodrome at Hounslow will be reserved entirely for civilian flying, and R.A.F. machines will only land there in cases of emergency. R.A.F. machines using any aerodrome not owned by the Government will, for the present, pay the ordinary civilian fees.

OMINOUS COAL OUTLOOK.

The Coal Controller has informed the Humber Coal exporters that the embargo placed on the export of Yorkshire coal is due entirely to the extraordinary shortage in output and the demands of the home market.

With the imminent reduction of working hours he fears that the outlook for this year is very bad.

GOVERNMENT PLANES AUCTIONED.

The first sale by auction of Government aeroplanes was held on Monday. Altogether sixteen machines were sold and realised 3,160 pounds. The prices obtained ranged from sixty to three hundred and sixty pounds.

OFFICERS KILLED IN TRAIN ACCIDENT.

According to a report from Hermannstadt (Transylvania) an accident occurred at the Bendery (Bessarabia) railway station, eight coaches being smashed, eleven persons being killed and forty injured, most of them, the report adds, being French and British officers. —*Reuter.*

FLYING THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

TWO MACHINES NEARLY READY.

St. John's. Admiral Kerr, of the Handley Page, who has arrived here from Harbour Grace, says that the machine will probably make her first trial flight next Monday, following this with one or two others, and will then make the Transatlantic attempt on the first suitable day after.

The construction of the machine is ahead of scheduled time, and unless the weather conditions for the next fortnight are unfavourable the start will be made not later than June 15.

Captain Alcock, the pilot of the Vickers machine, says he expects to make a trial on Wednesday or Thursday, and the real flight within ten days.—*Reuter.*

HAWKER'S PLANE ON EXHIBITION.

The battered wreck of the Sopwith aeroplane upon which Mr. Hawker and Commander Grieve made their gallant attempt to cross the Atlantic, now lies on the roof-garden at Selfridge's. It was hoisted up by a derrick from Oxford-street on Saturday, and yesterday large crowds had the opportunity of inspecting it. Little but the body remains. The propeller has been snapped off short, almost as if the aeroplane had crushed on its nose: the exhaust pipe is bent double, the planes have practically disappeared, and of the fabric most is broken away, that which remains hanging in shreds. A network of wire stays enwraps the machine in hopeless complication, while of the rudder nothing is left but a skeleton framework. The fragments would scarcely be recognised as an aeroplane.

N.C. 4 TO BE DISMANTLED.

Washington.— Mr. Daniels, Secretary for the Navy, has announced that the seaplane N.C. 4 will be dismantled and taken back to the United States.

No attempt at a flight from Europe to America was ever contemplated.— *Reuter.*

OVER A MILLION UNEMPLOYED.

The total number of unemployed persons on May 2, according to the donation records, was 1,093,400, as compared with 1,060,245 on March 28—an increase of 33,155. The total of 1,093,400 was made up of 402,151 men and 1,348 women demobilized from H.M. Forces, and 689,933 civilians. Of the latter 452,132 were women and girls.

An analysis of 1,082,759 of the policies lodged at May 2 revealed that 63,930 of the unemployed persons were in receipt of the reduced donation which is paid to civilians after the expiry of first period of 13 weeks' unemployment; of this number nearly two-thirds were women.

Increases in wages which came into operation in April affected nearly 1,300,000 workpeople (including about 1,000,000 coal miners), while about 400,000 workpeople benefited by reductions in hours of labour.

There is still a large amount of transitional unemployment. In the cotton, linen, jute, and the textile bleaching, dyeing, calico printing and finishing trades employment was bad generally and the building trade continues slack, except for maintenance and repairs.

GREAT INCREASE OF POOR RELIEF.

During the March quarter the number of recipients of Poor Law Relief in England and Wales rose by ten thousand to a total of 466,000.

The increase was most marked in the engineering and mining districts. The working classes committee is recommending the London County Council immediately to prepare a scheme for the construction within five years of at least 29,000 houses, including those replacing insanitary areas, and to start clearing such insanitary areas at once.

OVERSEAS TROOPS' FAMILIES.

The War Office has decided to extend the period within which wives and families of overseas officers and men (excluding Dominion and Colonial Forces) may claim free passages home, to 31st August 1919. If an unmarried officer or soldier should marry by this date, his wife can claim a free passage. It is pointed out that wives and families of officers and men who embarked for the United Kingdom after Nov. 28, 1918, are not entitled to a free passage.

MEMORIALS ON BATTLEFIELDS.

The Battle Exploit Memorials Committee, a representative committee of senior officers appointed to consider claims made by units to erect on battlefields permanent memorials of their exploits, announces that, owing to the difficulty found by some units in submitting by 1st June the required particulars of their claims, it has been decided that the appointed date by which claims must reach the secretary of the committee, War Office, Whitehall, S.W. 1, is now for all units 1st September 1919.

SCOTTISH FISHERMEN'S DEMAND.

At mass meetings of Scottish fishermen held simultaneously at Peterhead, Fraserburgh, Buckie, Wick and Lerwick, it was decided that fishing should be suspended until the 9th June.

Speakers complained of the lack of a minimum wage and demanded that the Government should take the whole catch and pay the fishermen a share of the profits.

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THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION.

War is not necessarily totally maleficent. At the commencement many of us saw great possibilities for good following in its train. Our young men and women, more or less steeped in indolent enjoyment of life, so far as individual opportunity permitted, were suddenly brought face to face with the grim reality — strive or die. A sense of individual and personal responsibility in national affairs was awakened and we hoped that our manhood and womanhood, after the struggle, would be benefitted.

The war lasted long however, long enough for many feet to grow weary whilst trudging the long lane. Our finer sensibilities and aspirations have became dulled, maybe, because the turning was so distant. Are we too tired to reap now the benefits which appeared so likely to accrue from the bloody struggle when we started the terrible journey nearly five long years ago?

Probably the safest index as to the nature of the answer to this query is to be found in our attitude regarding education, — "education" in its broodest and finest sense.

We shall not be very far from the truth in averring that England had but little system in the real, pregnant part of education before the war. We were perhaps just realising this; shall we now realise it fully and amend matters? Are we ready to take full advantage of the lessons the war *should* have taught us?

The German system was much more thoroughly systematised and the youth with brains capable of benefitting by education was given many facilities for that training which enabled him to rise and thus become a greater national asset. The German universities were endowed, state and otherwise, to such an extent that it made our university grants look like those of a suburban charity school. Having brains, the German youth, of almost any station, could proceed to the University. So could the British youth, but the struggle and the competition were much keener, the graduates fewer.

We remember hearing a responsible statesman some years ago, state that although Germany had its continuous path, broad and fairly free, from the lowest rungs of the educational ladder to the University, it had not our splendid system of night schools! German youth had much to be thankful for in that. Night schools were mere tinkerings with the subject — a soldered patch on a leaky boiler. Boys and girls fagged out by a day spent in the office or workshop were sent into a school to learn — many of them to learn "Science". Could any worse cruelty any greater sham be imagined? Growing youth put on to brain work when bodily exhausted. Brain work made secondary by being placed at the end of the day. Yet, because of an innate desire for knowledge and a wonderful grit on the part of teachers and taught, the night schools did much good. No, if it is worth while educating our youth — and surely we realise now that it is — let us give them a fair chance, let us take those of promise and make them valuable assets to the nation by placing their education first. First give them the tools then ask them to use them.

If we are to remain a nation of the first class we must educate — not merely teach. That is to say we must train the scholar to observe, to reason and to deduce, not merely to acquire a parrotlike acquaintance with such previously established facts as twice two are four.

We met some time ago a young man who could repeat the tags at the end of the Latin grammer, without mistake, yet he was camped beside a windmill for weeks ere he realized that it could turn round to work in a wind from any direction. He could do the Greek also; but he had not acquired that power of observation which turns the long dreary road of life into a wonderfu sylvan glade packed tight with Nature's beauties.

If our education is to fit us for the impending strenuous struggle for existence it must "lead out" our youth to observe, to think to reason. In other words it must include real Science. Not the science we did in earlier days when in doing "stinks" we detected, say, nitric acid by numbers. That is straining the memory, not training the mind. In short, in the words of Lord Avebury, "children should be trained to observe and to think, for in that way there would be opened out to them a source of the purest enjoyment for leisure hours, and the wisest judgment in the work of life".

Languages and arithmetic history and geography are all worthy subjects and must be taught more or less, as memory subjects. But let us go beyond that, let us have schools accessible to all, wherein, having acquired the necessary fundamental facts, the youth of the Empire may be lead "to observe and to think." Instead of making schooldays a nightmare of dry-as-dust facts let us try to inculcate a love of learning, the learning itself is bound to follow. Many beneficent results will accrue.

To take an example. One result would be the decrease of disease. Educate our Youth to observe and to reason that certain results are bound to accrue from neglect or misuse of the body — not that they may occur to some people, but that they are always the logical outcome of certain actions, — and Youth will take care of itself and of the strength and beauty of its body. Another result would be a minifying of our food problem. Give the farmer a scientific education, not necessarily teaching him the facts of the higher chemistry, botany or bacteriology but just train him to observe and to reason, and our food output would be enormously increased. But beyond the mere immediate profit, and it would accrue in hundreds of ways, there will remain the greater enjoyment of life by all who are equipped to participate in its secrets, and we shall realize with Bacon that "no pleasure is comparable to the standing upon the vantage ground of truth." The secure "truth" is only open to the individual who can observe the facts and reason out the deductions.

Let us "lead out" our scholars not only to know and to do things but to know *why* they do them. Work will be much more interesting to the worker and when the next grave national crisis arises we shall not find an administration of lawyers rushing about seeking frantically the few men who know, for instead of few they will be many and easily found.

THE LATEST IN ALARMS.

The recent war is responsible for a multitude of various types of alarms: gas-alarms, raid-alarms, trip-alarms; so that after four-and-a-half years they are the rule rather than the exception, and the introduction of just one more will come as no surprise. Our battalion made its triumphal entry some time ago into this village of streamlets, rivulets, and estaminets, and at once the stampede for accommodation began. On entering the new sanctum allotted to this department we found ourselves almost entirely surrounded by officialdom. This is not conducive to a contented frame of mind, and the result was that such an enormous cyclone of wind necessitated our speedy evacuation.

After untiring efforts on the part of our Figurehead of Wisdom, we discovered a secluded apartment, to whose dizzy heights authority seldom deigns to climb. Here we were sheltered from the stormy blasts, but nevertheless we considered it expedient to be prepared for any eventualities. To this end we concocted an elaborate system of alarms for the prevention of too unforeseen an interruption.

Accordingly, the inventive genius of our staff was called upon to turn his scientific abilities to account, and in due course our "Importabel" was installed. By an intricate arrangement of photographic apparatus, electric wires, bells, etc. (which O. C. signals had appropriated from the local "Postamt" for his own particular advantage), the importance of any visiting local celebrity was recorded as he passed a hidden camera. Away up in our retreat the ringing of the bell gave us due warning, and we knew from the length of the ring by whom we were honoured, wnether it be a Battalion runner, C. O., or Brigadier-General. The contrivance gave entire satisfaction, and its continued success lulled us into a false sense of security.

Suddenly an afternoon's work was rudely disturbed by the fusion of wires, explosions and smashing of electric bells—fragments of meta flying in all directions. Alas! the importance of the new visitor was beyond the registering powers of our invention, the door opened, and into the chaos strode — —!!

The best laid schemes o' mice and men.

F.M.A.

IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH.

Although we are apt at times to belittle tha precious place called England and to maintain that the sea has made us insular and narrow, yet the old customs still cling and the old associations are still wistfully calling and we never sing more heartily than when it's "Carry me back to dear old Blighty."

And one of the sweetest recollections of that best of all places is Sunday. Sunday in the army is a trying sort of day. Somehow or other you can't help thinking of the "old folks at home," and the peacefulness and quietude of it all. Somehow, the memory of that hard earned day of rest seems to sear itself right into your mind and unconsciously you look round for something to help you to forget.

But sometimes the thought intrudes: will it ever be just the same? Will we just drop back into the old place and go on as we did before, just as if the hordes of Prussia had not been greedy and we hadn't lent a hand to crush their bloated autocracy.

Perhaps we'll be different; perhaps we'll carry back some little moments of our stay on the continent; some habit, maybe, that will secure always to remind us that for a time we sojourned among a foreign people; perhaps it is too much to hope that we will return free and untainted after all the horrors that for some time has been our portion, but even if we've got to go back smudged in some way let's keep our Sundays decent.

Let's remind ourselves that we're a peg above any continental nation in this, and that the "gambling drunkenness, and other vices" that flourish here are being kept under in the place that we call home.

We might be slow, insular, and even a bit thickheaded, but we've proved to the world that we're clean and in more senses than one.

And its "hats off" to the men who are trying to give us a cheerful time on Sundays.

They know something about human nature, they do. They know that if they don't give us something to do and think we'll go to the dogs because the devil can always find something for an idle fellow to do.

And its no money-making concern this. There's no royal road to fortune for the promoters — just the satisfaction of knowing that they're helping us along.

And where are those who oppose this noble effort and whose views are rightly described as "narrow religious beliefs."

It is desecrating the Sabbath to seek happiness and thus keep free from vices what would otherwise prove too strong.

Is it a wrong interpretation of Christ's words "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath" to suppose that He would condone the course we take. The conditions that apply here are vastly different to those in England. Temptation and opportunities for evil abound, and the fight is hard enough as it is, but take away our recreation and healthy games and it's all over.

If the Bible gives progressive teaching and you tell us that it does, then progress; and in the way seems strange remind yourself that the teaching of Jesus Christ superseded the simple ancient beliefs of Abraham.

We're going forward and cannot be hampered by bigotry and prejudice, so come and lend a hand and we'll preserve for ever the spirit of sanctity in the English Sabbath.

W.E.S.

52nd COMPANY OF CROSSBOWMEN.

Now it chanced that a certain ruler having large treasures, communed with himself in this wise. He that carryeth his treasure in his girdle shall assuredly fall amongst thieves, even like they who were captains of the King's hosts in the beginnings of the great War (against the Huns, the Turks, the Men of Austria, the Czeko-Slovaks, the people of Togoland and the tribes beyond the Zambesi). Moreover he that lendeth his treasures to him that cannot pay his mess William, shall he not appear after the fourteenth day before the G.O.C. in all the might of his wrath. Now, therefore, will I call unto the Pioneer even Kudmore — or — Less, and command that he shall fashion a cunning chest of iron, and in it will I bestow that which hath seemed good to me, and it shall be hidden from the sight of man in a place known unto mine own eyes, and peradventure to the eyes of him that marketh well my words.

(To be continued.)

THE EPISTLES OF PETER BIRSE, JUNIOR.

A FAMOUS SCHOLAR AND COLOGNE.

Dear Maister Editor,

Sittin' smoakin' the pipe o' paice on the ruif-gairden o' m' patreeshian billet, an' readin' m' lest buk's "Polis Budget" i' the gowden rays o' the settin' sin, aw was rudely interrupit th' ither nicht b' a fella-Scottie fa had made a breelyant deescovery. A curn days praiviously, tae lat ye un'erstan', we were speckalatin' in oor fauvrit' pubbie on th' orijin o' the figgers "4711" on the bottels o' the jenuin "O de Coloan" for which the toon is faum'd.

Ses I wi' an Inglish air o' "Alone I did it," an' the self-komplaisansy, tae say naething o' the injinuity o' a Sherlock Holmes, "dae ye notis 'at the toatal o' the figgers "4+7+1+1" amoonts tae 13"?

"An' fat aboot it"? remaurk'd m' frien' Rorie Mc Flummocks, the moadest author o' the pome "The Loonie 'At Fuppit The Doggie."

"Weel," ses I, "we'll laive it at that i' the noo, an' maybe some o's 'll explawn the "13" in a fylie."

An' so Rorie, brackin' in on m' "Polis Budget" reveries in an inchantit gairden far fae the maddin' crood, burst oot wi' the momentous news 'at he'd made a sensawshunal deescovery. As aw jaloos'd it was the scint bottel konundrum, tho as for his oreejinality aw had ma doots. Fae paridy Tam Gray —

The paths of Rorie lead but to the knave.

"Oot wi'd" aw shoutit, nae verra weel plais'd, for m' intellecktual pride had been woundit an' m' readin' interrupit.

"Ye'll maybe, min," drawl'd oot Rorie, "'at ye deescover'd 'at the figgers "4711" toatall'd "13." Weel a've fun' oot, nae without a michty hip o' burnin' o' midnicht ile, 'at if ye toatal the figgers backarts, that is 1+1+7+4, ye get "13" as weel."

ALGEEBRA AN' GEEOMETERY.

"Nyod Rorie," ses I, "ye've been at yer Algeebra or yer Geeometery buiks or something. That kolossal brain-wave never struck yer noodle dreck, an' ye needna try tae blaw me up 'at 'at's oreeginal. Min, it's nae in ye. But if it's yer ain, Rorie, yer anither unkent jeenius hoddin' yer licht anaith a busshel, ane o' Scotlan's maist breelyant maithemateeshans. Coloan hasna seen yer marra sin Duns Scotus, alias "*Doctor Subtilis*" was here i' the early 'eers o' the 14th sentury.

"That was the 'Subtle Doctor'," Rorie quately observ'd, withoot as muckle as a keek at a Laiten Dickshanur, so ye'll see, maister Editor, fat nenner o' skolar m' frien' Rorie Mc. Flummocks truelly is. He's nae intellecktual licht-wecht, aw shure ye.

But for a' his smertness an' mental ackrabatics he's nae i' the same street as the celebrawtit Scotchman, Duns Scotus, ane o' the graitest fidders o' skolastic thocht this warld has ever seen, fa's been sleepin' the sleep o' the just this sax hunner 'eer i' the Minority Kirk in Coloan. This beeryin' i' the kirks is an auld fashun'd custom tae chait the deil, but i' the days fan steam-haitit coffins, fittit wi' ventilawtors an' lined wi' skelfie peyper were never draimt o', the kirk was dootless a warmer place than the yaird ootside tae lie in.

Gyan offen aw daunder alang efter aw'm supper'd tae pey m' respecks fornent the depoasitery o' his mortal remawns. There's a conseederable amoont o' doot as to gin he was railly deid fan they coffin'd him, as fan an ill-faur'd craiter i' the toon wi' mair keeriosity than weed menners open'd his kist, the Scotchman was fund tae hae ackwally turn'd roon'! He was maybe lyin' unaisy kin' on his breeks pooch 'at he keepit his bawbees in, tho' in that case, aw'm thinkin', he wid hae lain as he was.

AS DEID AS QUEEN ANNE.

For the turnin' roon' story aw'm indetit till a man they ca' Paulus Jovius, tho' a name like that, aw'll alloo, is hardly a garrantee o' perfeck probity or heestorickal ackuraissy. Be that as it wull, Duns Scotus is noo deid beyon' dispyute, as deid as Queen Anne, or Jerry's "Hymn o' Hate."

But he's only deid in a feesical sense. Far ever weel-learnt carlies sic like's yersel' gaither thegither, in kirk or collidge, in leebrary or club, his name is spoken wi' deferenshyal respeck, an' it behoovs ilka Scotchman on the Rhine tae veesit the last restin'-place o' this breelyant skolar raither nor drap a crockodeel tare on the millocky o' banes o' th' eleven thoosan' virjuns fan puckles o' them were maybe nae virjuns at 'a.

Foe fawmus Scotus was may be gaug'd fae the fack 'at three distinck countries claim the place o' his nateevity — Scotlan', Inglan', an' Irelan'. Dunse in Berickshire, Dunstane in Noarthumerlan' an' Downpaitrick (Dunum) in Irelan' a' claim the honor, an' i' the regretabel absens o' rejistrars' or kirsenin' reckords it's maybe deeficult tae proov' offeeshally. But a Scotchman o' the name o' Dempster wi' praiseworthy industry has publish'd a quarto volyume tae proov' b' a dizzen distinck argymints 'at Duns Scotus was a Scottie, an' up t' the time o' gyaun t' press nae leeterary competitors hae enter'd tae Inglan' or Irelan'. So Scotlan' has it han's doon.

A MAITHEMATEESHAN AT OAXFORD.

Aboot the time 'at the wyse-ackers were argybargyin' aboot gin they were livin' i' the last 'eer o' the 13th sentury or the first 'eer o' the 14th, Scotus was busy grindin' hard at Oaxford, far he disteengwish'd himsel' as a maithemateeshan o' the first watter, an' was made a Profeesor o' Filosofy. At that time, accoardin' t' ae vreeter, there were 30,000 studen's at Oaxford, but aw'm o' opeenyun 'at he was an unmeetagatit leer. Thirty thoosan'! It's perfeck styte. Fae Oaxford the Scottish Profeesor prosaidit tae Pairis, far he was made the reseepient o' a Doctor's degree, an' far he demonstrawtit his deealecktickal skeel wi' his maisterly defence o' the Immaickulat' Consepshun, fat ever that micht be. They awfu' wirds, maister Editor, fairly get me doon orthografickally, but that b' the wye.

In 1308 he travell'd tae Coloan t' cross soords in debate wi' Tammas Aquinas, at that time ane o' the maist learned men in Yourup'. It was th' auld diskusshun — auld an' aye nyou — Faith versus Reason; Tam was rationalistick, Scotus skeptickal. Maist o's nooadays are rationalists, full rationalists aw micht say, but we've little or nae faith an' the quartermaisters get the raisins.

The majistrawts an' Toon Cooncil o' Coloan, dootless i' their chauns o'offis, gae Scotus a verra herty an' kordial resepshun, tho there's nae wird o' a "free an' aisy" i' the "Jermawnia" or a bankwit i' the Dom Hof hottel. Anither bit jobbie the geeftit Scotchman had in han' was the foondawshun o' a universaity for Coloan, but as that institooshan wasna foondit appawrently till auchty 'eer efter, aw presoom the maisens were on strick, or the suddint an' unexpeckit demyse o' Scotus pit a stoap t' the projeck.

He deid o' hemorrage i' the brain on the auchth day o' Novem'er 1308, three days afore the Mairtamas term — a wyse kin' o' a time t' dee — an' sax 'eer earlier nor the Battel o' Bannockburn. Little, aw's warran', did he think 'at sax hunner 'eer efter, his beerial-place wid be veesitit b'

Yours respeckfully
PETER BIRSE, JUNIOR.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Thursday	5½	Arlecchino Turandot	Busoni "
Friday	8	Rigoletto	Verdi
Saturday	3½	Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg	Wagner
Sunday	5½	Die lustigen Weiber von Windsor	Nicolai
Monday	5	Der Rosenkavalier	Rich. Strauss
Tuesday	5½	Aida	Verdi

ARMY MULE PREFERS TEA TENT.

75th BRIGADE, R.F.A. SPORTS MEETING AT CROSS KONIGSDORF.

The 75th Brigade, R.F.A. Sports were held at Marianhof Farm, Gros Konigsdorf on Saturday under ideal weather conditions. The Band of the 9th Battalion D.L.I. was present with the kind permission of Lieut-Colonel J. W. Jeffreys, D.S.O.

The mule skurry caused some mirth, one animal seeming to prefer the attractions of the Church Army tea tent to the course, or it might have been the driver's preference.

The C.R.A., Brigadier-General J. S. Ollivant C.M.G., D.S.O., kindly distributed the prizes at the conclusion of the Sports. He remarked on the large number of wins for "C" Battery and hoped that it would act as an incentive to the other Batteries to get square at the next meeting. The only thing he did not quite like, was the way the winning Mounted Wrestling team pulled the losing team of their horses by the hair but perhaps it was the fault of that team for having their hair so long.

After the prizes were distributed, the Brigade Commander, Lieut-Colonel S.W.L. Ashwanden D.S.O., addressed the men, and the meeting closed after cheers were given for the C.R.A., the Brigade Commander, and the President and Secretary of the Sports Committee, Major D.E. Jones M.C. and Lieut B.H.B. Stockton M.C.

LIST OF EVENTS AND WINNERS.

Flat Race, 100 yards:—1st, Cpl. Canning C/75; 2nd, Sig. Bamford. D/75.

Mule Race. (Open):—1st, Cpl. Canning C/75; 2nd, Ftr. Reeve C/75.

Bending for Officers (Open):—1st, 2nd Lieut W. E. Longster; C/75; 2nd Captain J. J. Emberton, C/75.

Jumping, Senior N.C.O's:—1st. Sergt. Moore, C/75; 2nd Cpl Canning C/75.

Jumping. Gnrs, Drivers and Bombrs:—1st Bdr. Hugget C/75; 2nd Dvr. Hall C/75.

Jumping, Drivers with two Horses:—1st Dvr. Coatesworth C/75; 2nd Dvr. Steadman C/75.

Wrestling Mounted:—C/75th Brigade, R.F.A.

Obstacle Race:—1st Lieut E. J. Castell, M.C., C/75; 2nd Gnr. Rosin C/75.

Final Tug-of-War:—A/75th Brigade, R.F.A.

Flat Race 220 yards:—1st Bdr. Painter B/75; 2nd Bdr. Davis B/75.

THE "ROBIN HOODS"

9th CORPS CONCERT PARTY AT MUNSTEREIFEL.

A large and thoroughly appreciative audience greeted the "Robin Hoods," the 9th Corps Concert Party, on their appearance at the Girl's School, Munstereifel on Monday evening. The party proved exceedingly interesting and entertaining both in serious work and in lighter vein, and their efforts were rewarded by continuous rounds of applause. The ovation of the evening was given to Aubrey Ford, the conductor of the orchestra, who, in his violin solo, "Hijri Kadi," displayed excellent technique and very fine tone, while as an encore he rendered in fascinating style Dvorak's "Humoresque."

Others well worthy of mention among the party were Corpl. Cannon, a comedian of no mean ability who "pulled the house in" with his "local vicar" stunt, Corpls. Davis and Daunt the female impersonators, and the wearers of some really gorgeous Paris creations, Pte. Leonard, the clever juvenile lead, Sergt. Lee and Cpl. Seville, both the possessors of good baritone voices, and L./Cpl. Anderson, the hard working pianist.

"Ragging Thro' The Rye."

Two of the most successful items on the programme were Cpl. Hannon's rendering of Billy Merson's, famous "Signora", and the duet "Ragging Thro The Rye", by Cpl. Davis and Pte. Leonnard.

Shortly the "Robin Hoods" are producing a revue "The Pearl Chase" and considering the extensive amount of "props" they possess, and that Capt. J. B S. Payne is producing the revue, it is more than possible that the party will surpass all other revues yet produced in Rhineland. Certainly Capt Payne is to be congratulated on having got together a show containing so many legitimate members of the variety stage.

BOXING CONTESTS.

In a series of boxing contests at the National Sporting Club on Monday night, Arthur Bishop Caerphilly beat Alf Mansfield, Aldgate, on points in a fifteen rounds contest, and Jack Doyle, Salford, beat Billy Eynon, Merthyr, on points also in a fifteen rounds bout. Both contests were for 200.

Roland Todd, Marylebone, was disqualified in the thirteenth round in a bout with Eddie Feathers of Haslingden.

Arthur Wright, Birmingham, contested fifteen rounds with Staff Sergeant Zimmer, the former winning on points. The two latter contests were at the Ring.

51st SOUTH WALES BORDERERS' TUG-OF-WAR.

In the preliminary qualifying round in the 51st South Wales Borderers Tug-of-War held on Monday evening to decide who should pull in the final at the Sports the following afternoon, "C" Coy. beat "A" Coy. by 2 pulls to nil, and "B" Coy. beat "D" Coy. by 2 pulls to one pull. A full account of the Sports will appear in an early issue of *The Cologne Post*.

BERLIN BETTING — 5,000,000 MARKS

Last week's races at Grunewald near Berlin brought 220,000 marks for tickets alone, the highest figure reached since the opening of this race-course.

Totalisators have shown that the people of Berlin have risked bets amounting to 5 millions of marks.

GRAND PARADE WINS THE DERBY.

HIS FIRST RACE AS A 3-YEAR OLD.

THE FAVOURITE BEATEN.

1. GRAND PARADE
2. BUCHAN
3. PAPER MONEY.

The Derby — a Victory Derby — was run yesterday afternoon amid scenes of almost unparalleled gaiety and animation. During the past four years the great classic of the English turf was run at Newmarket when Pommern, Fifinella, Gay Crusader and Gainsborough were the winners respectively, but with the restoration of peace time conditions charming Epsom was again the venue.

The spell of beautiful weather, an abundance of money, and the existence of an Army of Unoccupation combined to render the crowd a record one. Many of those present had been more or less out of touch with racing form during the past twelve months, but ere the dawn of Derby day there were few unacquainted with most of the stable confidences so freely and generously published during the past few days. The Panther, the hero of the Two Thousand Guineas, remained the favourite among all classes of race-goers, but was destined not to figure among the first three.

Thirteen horses ran.

THE WINNER.

Grand Parade (bl. c. by Orby—Grand Geraldine). Owner, Lord Glanely. Trained by Barling at Newmarket. Won five of six races as a two-year-old. Not run this season. Colours black, red, white and blue belt. Last betting: 100 to 8.

A WELSH OWNER.

It is not often one hears of Wales in connection with flat racing. No Jockey Club fixture is held in the Principality, and there is not a training quarter of note there. Few Welsh sportsmen figure in the list of owners, the most prominent being Lord Glanely, who ran Grand Parade and Dominion. Whereas Dominion has been seen in several events this season, Grand Parade was having his first race as a 3-year-old. He was credited with being a much better colt than the Newmarket Stakes winner, and his 2-year-old form was good enough to justify Mr. Weatherby placing him second to The Panther in the Free Handicap, only 2lb. separating the pair.

PREVIOUS WINNERS.

Years	Name and Owner of Winner	Jockey
1882	Duke of Westminster's Shotover	T. Cannon
1883	Sir F. Johnstone's St. Blaise	C. Wood
1884	{Mr. J. Hammond's St. Gatien {Sir J. Willoughby's Harvester	C. Wood S. Loates
1885	Lord Hastings' Melton	F. Archer
1886	Duke of Westminster's Ormonde	F. Archer
1887	Mr. Abington's Merry Hampton	J. Watts
1888	Duke of Portland's Ayrshire	F. Barrett
1889	Duke of Portland's Donovan	T. Loates
1890	Sir J. Miller's Sainfoin	J. Watts
1891	Sir F. Johnstone's Common	G. Barrett
1892	Lord Bradford's Sir Hugo	F. Allsopp
1893	Mr. McCalmont's Isinglass	T. Loates
1894	Lord Rosebery's Ladas	J. Watts
1895	Lord Rosebery's Sir Visto	S. Loates
1896	Prince of Wales's Persimmon	J. Watts
1897	Mr. Gubbins's Galtee More	C. Wood
1898	Mr. J. Larnach's Jeddah	O. Madden
1899	Duke of Westminster's Flying Fox	M. Cannon
1900	Prince of Wales's Diamond Jubilee	H. Jones
1901	Mr. W.C. Whitney's Volodyovski	L. Reiff
1902	Mr. J. Gubbin's Ard Patrick	J.H. Martin
1903	Sir J. Miller's Rock Sand	D. Maher
1904	Mr. L. de Rothschild's St. Amant	K. Cannon
1905	Lord Rosebery's Cicero	D. Maher
1906	Major E. Loder's Spearmint	D. Maher
1907	Mr. R. Croker's Orby	J. Reiff
1908	Chev. Ginestrelly's Signorinetta	W. Bullock
1909	King Edward VII.'s Minoru	Herbt. Jones
1910	Mr. Fairie's Lemberg	B. Dillon
1911	Mr. J.B. Joel's Sunstar	G. Stern
1912	Mr. W. Raphael's Tagalie	J. Reiff
1913	Mr. A.P. Cunliffe's Aboyeur	E. Piper
1914	Mr. H.B. Duryea's Durbar II	M. MacGee
1915	Mr. S. Joel's Pommern	S. Donoghue
1916	Mr. E. Hulton's Fifinella	J. Childs
1917	Mr. Fairie's Gay Crusader	S. Donoghue
1918	Lady James Douglas's Gainsborough	J. Childs

BETTING AND SCRATCHINGS.

The Epsom course betting on Tuesday evening on the Derby was as follow:—

The Panther 5 to 4 against;
Paper Money 6 to 1 against
Dominion 2000 to 200 against;
Milton 2000 to 100.

Lord Basil was scratched at 12.25 p.m. on Tuesday. It is believed that he slightly jarred himself.

B.E.L.C. SWEEP WINNERS.

Horse	Ticket No.	Holder
Grand Parade	1065	Spr. J.N.S. Powell (567,903) Wireless Sect. F. Corps Sig Coy.
Buchan	4318	Capt. Corby M.C. G.H.Q.
Paper Money	199	Pte. I Dick (31,145) "C" Coy, 5th Border Regt.

EPSOM MEETING.

OBJECTION TO BORING AND BUMPING OVER-RULED.

Fine but dull weather prevailed at Epsom on Tuesday when the going was very hard. There was a large attendance. The following were the results:—

Craven Stakes:—1, Roideur (6—4); 2, Biwa (6—1) 3, Pitlander (7—2). Seven ran.

Wallington Plate:—1, Prince Herod (5—4 on); 2, Comtessine (100—7); 3, Ptah (9—2). Ten ran. An objection taken to the winner for bumping and boring was over-ruled.

Ashead Plate:—1, Linton (9—4); 2, Chaplain (10—1); 3, Duncan (10—1). Eight ran.

Woodcote Stakes:—1, Poltava (7—4); 2, Seraph, colt (2—1); 3, Marshall Neil (5—2). Four ran.

Egmont Plate:—1, Little Vic (10—1); 2, Pretty Missie (6—1); 3, Violinist (9—4). Nine ran.

Epsom Plate:—1, Cipher (6—1); 2, Vain Dream (8—1); 3, Royal Diamond (10—1). Six ran.

Norbury Plate:—1, Bridgewater (5—1); 2, Our Stephen (9—4 On); 3, Polichinelle (100—8). Five ran.

CRICKET MATCHES.

"D" SIEGE PARK (64), V. 310 BDE. R.F.A. (33).

At Meyerhof Farm, Duren, on Sunday. The Siege Park batted first, but a poor start was made against the bowling of Carter and Cox, 6 wickets being down for 29 runs. Duxbury, Williams, and Mumford, however, retrieved the position, and the innings closed for 64. The R.F.A. Bde. batting collapsed before the bowling of Mumford and Lee, none of their batsmen reaching double figures, and were all dismissed for 33 runs, leaving the Siege Park winners of a pleasant game by 31 runs.

For 310 Brigade R.F.A. Carter took 4 wickets for 17 runs, and Gill took 3 wickets for 9 runs.

For "D" S.P., Sergt. Mumford took 4 wickets for 8 runs, and Pte. Lee took 4 wickets for 15 runs.

No 2 SECTION (134) v. No 3 SECTION. MIDLAND D.A.C. (57).

On the former's ground on Sunday afternoon; the home team batting first, recovered after a disastrous start, Jones contributing 42 in Jessopian style, and Lieut Rich with 58 (not out) helped the score considerably—to 134; the visitors opened well but apart from Haigh, who with some lively cricket made 24, they did not last so long, and finished up with a total of 57.

53rd Welsh Regt. (62) v. 51st Bedfords (129 for 9); at Hennef on Saturday; after quite an interesting game the 51st Bedfords won by 67 runs and 1 wicket after being 7 wickets down for 34 runs, but a fine stand by Sergt. Carter and Sergt. Elliot pulled the game out of the fire by a bright display of batting in which they scored 29 and 43 respectively. Capt. Price was top scorer for the "Welsh" with 28 runs.

OTHER RESULTS.

3rd K.O. Hussars.....69
52nd Gordon Highlanders.56

9th L.T.M.B. 41;
Bakeries Sports Club.....62 (for 5 wickets).

POLO MATCHES.

Cavalry. A team defeated the Australians by 9 goals to 2; Cavalry Corps defeated the 1st Life-guards by 11 goals to 5.

Cambridge has declined Oxford's reiterated challenge for an inter-university sports meeting this summer.

U.S. AND INTER-ALLIED GAMES.

A Reuter's New York telegram states that the American Army Athletic Team, consisting of 54 men, sailed yesterday to participate in the Inter-Allied game at Paris.

NEW BILLIARD BODY.

The Billiard Association and Billiards Control Club have agreed to amalgamate, the new body to be styled "The Billiards Association and Control Club." Lord Lonsdale has accepted the presidency.

INCREASED WAGES FOR FOOTBALL PROFESSIONALS.

At the general meeting of the Football Association and the Football League it was announced that an increase in wages for players amounting to 50 per cent over the 1914-15 scale was the limit permissible and clubs were asked to report players refusing to accept such terms.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Amateur Football Association.

At an informal meeting of old officers and club representatives this week, it was unanimously agreed to revive the Amateur Football Association.

The Old Malvernians.

The Old Malvernian Football Club is to be revived next season, and matches arranged with schools near London and leading Army teams.

Baseball at Stamford Bridge.

Epsom defeated Canadian Headquarters at Stamford Bridge om Saturday in an Anglo-American Baseball League match by 9 runs to 2.

Death of Noted Club-Maker.

Mr. David Anderson, the well-known player and clubmaker, of St. Andrews, dropped dead on Saturday evening. He was a scratch member of the St. Andrews Golf Club.

Women Motorists.

The Auto-Cycle Union, which is a branch of the Royal Automobile Club, now has between 400 and 500 women members. Ten years ago it had 51

Swimming at Cambridge.

The Hornsey team were too strong for Cambridge University at Cambridge on Saturday, and beat them by two events to one in the races and won the water polo by two goals to one.

Sunday Football.

At the annual meeting of the Football Association the attention of the Gloucestershire Football Association was called to the rule forbidding players under the Football Association jurisdiction from taking part in Sunday football.

"Victory" Ascot.

The King and Queen, it is hoped, will be able to attend Ascot in semi-state this year, but until peace is signed nothing definite can be ounced. Their Majesties will be in residence at Windsor Castle for the week.

Epsom Course.

Epsom course is greedy for rain. Going up the hill past the furzes the effects of the drought have been particularly severe. It is also a bit glassy in the neighbourhood of Tattenham Corner.

Price of Motor-Cycles.

Motor-cycles have increased in price during the past five years, but not in so large a degree as many other sources of pleasurable exercises. A first-class machine can be bought for £78. Before the war it cost £58.

University Record at St. Andrews.

In a University students' competition over the new course at St. Andrews on Monday, Mr. Denys H. Kyle established a new record for the University club by accomplishing the round in the fine score of 75. The previous record was held by his brother, Mr. E. P. Kyle, at 76.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

HOBBS ONCE AGAIN.

CARRIES HIS BAT FOR 205 AGAINST AUSTRALIANS.

More than 6,000 spectators watched and enjoyed the Surrey-Australians cricket match at the Oval, the feature of which was the magnificent batting display by Hobbs, who carried his bat for 205.

Scores:—

A.I.F. XI. — 2nd INNINGS.

C. Kelleway, l b w, b Abel (T.)	87
H. L. Collins, c Strudwick, b Abel (T.)	49
J. M. Taylor, not out	85
C. B. Willis, not out	19
Extras	10
Total (2 wkts.)	250

SURREY.

D. J. Knight b Collins	12
Hobbs, not out	205
Ducat, c Kelleway, b Lampard	38
Harrison, run out	7
Abel (W. J.), st Oldfield, b Stirling	4
Shepherd, c Kelleway, b Gregory	6
Abel (T.) run out	12
Hitch, l b w, b Lampard	2
Strudwick, c Lampard, b Gregory	14
Rushby, b Stirling	23
E. G. Hayes, absent hurt	0
Extras	21
Total	344

CAMBRIDGE v. YORKSHIRE.

Thanks to the excellent work of their two new bowlers, Blackburne and Smith, and the batting of the veterans, Denton and Hirst, Yorkshire, at Cambridge, had all the best of the cricket.

Scores:—

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

G. E. C. Wood, c Dolphin, b Smith	43
G. P. Brooke-Taylor, b Blackburne	15
G. Ashton, b Blackburne	2
J. C. McBryan, c Dolphin, b Rhodes	24
C. P. Johnstone, b Smith	7
J. F. S. Morrison, c Sutcliffe, b Rhodes	29
F. S. G. Calthorpe, c Rhodes, b Blackburne	3
G. A. Rotherham, b Blackburne	3
G. A. Fairbairn, not out	29
J. H. Naumann, b Smith	12
A. E. R. Gilligan, b Smith	0
Extras	2
Total	160

YORKSHIRE.

Rhodes, c Calthorpe, b Gilligan	7
Heimes, c Fairbairn, b Rotherham	10
Denton, b Calthorpe	54
Kilner, c Ashton, b Calthorpe	42
Hirst, c Morrison, b Calthorpe	80
T. J. Wright, c Wood, b Fairbairn	12
D. C. F. Burton, c McBryan, b Gilligan	25
Sutcliff, not out	43
Dolphin, not out	32
Extras	23
Total (7 wkts.)	332

MIDDLESEX v. LANCASHIRE.

In place of P. F. Warner, W. P. Robertson captained the M.C.C. side against Lancashire at Lords's. For the 1st innings the Northern county scored 381, to which Middlesex replied with 104 for 4 wickets.

Scores:—

LANCASHIRE.

J. C. H. Hollins, b Green	13
Makepeace, c E. Hendren, b Lee	67
J. T. Tyldesley, b Green	0
J. Sharp, b E. Hendren	15
E. Tyldesley, c E. Hendren, b Haslip	92
Norbury, c Gunasekara, b Hearne	75
Hallows, b Haslip	7
J. Tyldesley, c Bruce, b Gunasekara	9
R. A. Boddington, not out	43
Dean c Murrell, b D. Hendron	28
C. S. Marriott, c Hearne, b Lee	18
Extras	16
Total	381

MIDDLESEX.

W. P. Robertson, lbw, b Marriott	2
Lee (H. W.) b J. Tyldesley	19
Hearne (J. W.), c Hallows, b Marriott	27
Hon. C. N. Bruce, not out	34
Hendren (E.), b Marriott	0
C. H. Gunasekara, not out	15
Extras	6
Total (4 wkts.)	103

P. Kemp, Hendren (D.), S. M. Haslip, Murrell, and Green to bat.

THE TAUNTON TIE.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY THE M.C.C.

The following official statement was issued last evening at Lord's. The Committee of the M.C.C. have not been appealed to as regards the decision of the umpires in this case, but recognising the public interest taken in it they have ascertained the actual facts from the respective captains and the umpires, which are that:

"The umpires had every reason to believe that Sussex would bat only ten men, having been told so by the tenth Sussex batsman when he came in, and, so Street reports, by the Sussex captain. On the ninth wicket falling Street removed the bails, but on some intimation from the pavilion that Mr. Heygate, who had been, owing to rheumatism, unable to field, was coming in, the Sussex captain asked the Somerset captain if he had any objection. Some discussion took place among the Somerset eleven whether Mr. Heygate should be allowed to bat, with the result that the Somerset captain left it to the umpires to decide what should be done. Meantime several minutes more than the legal two minutes had elapsed, and the umpires, taking all these facts into consideration, decided to terminate the match."

The Committee agree with the decision.

LONDON TO EDINBURGH MOTOR TRIAL.

One hundred and seventy-five machines have entered for the London to Edinburgh trial run, which will be held on June 6 and 7. The machines represented include 74 solo motor-cycles, 72 passenger motor-cycles, 6 cycle-cars, and 23 cars.

The first competitor will be sent away from "Ye Olde Gate House," Highgate, at 9 p.m. on June 6, and the other competitors will follow at half minute intervals.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Thursday, June 5, 1919.

Wind westerly 10 to 15 m.p.h. Fair morning but probably some rain in small amounts during the afternoon. Cool. Visibility good.

RHINELAND "JOCKEY CLUB."

SUB-COMMITTEE TO CONTROL RACING IN OCCUPIED AREA.

Horse racing in the British occupied area has now its own governing body in the form of a Sub-Committee, whose powers will be similar to those of the Jockey Club and the National Hunt Committee in England.

Thus no race meeting will be held without the sanction of the committee, whose permission to hold race meetings will only be accorded subject to the course being passed as suitable by an officer appointed by them.

In the preliminary rules that have been drawn up, it is laid down that:

(a) All horses, other than those running in races confined to "other ranks," will be registered with the Racing Sub-Committee prior to running.

(b) The owner will, in order to secure registration, forward to the Sub-Committee a statement giving the name, age, sex, colour, and description of the horse he wishes to register with particulars (if any) of the horse's previous running under any rules of racing or in races in the B.E.F. This statement will include the owner's name, initials, rank, and unit, will be signed by him, and be countersigned by an officer not below the rank of Brigadier-General.

(c) A fee of five marks will be forwarded with the application for each horse for which registration is desired.

(d) Registered horses will not be permitted to compete in races confined to "other ranks."

HORSES REGISTERED.

Appended is a list of horses registered up-to-date:

HORSES NAME.	OWNERS RANK & NAME.	UNIT.
Baby.	Capt. D. C. H. Richardson.	12th Lancer
Ben.	Capt. G. W. E. Hooper.	113 Bde. R.F.A.
Bonnie Lassie	2/Lt. C.O. Butler.	51st Gordons.
Breadknife	2/Lt. P. W. Barnett.	51st Gordons.
Cunning Katie	Major A. B. Hassall.	H.Q. London Div.
Dorinda	Lieut.-Col. G. H. Gill.	A.A. & Q.M.G., Northern Div.
Dark Prinze	Capt. C. Wynne Jones.	17th. Lancers.
Duchess	Lieut. N. H. Docker.	5th Lancers (S. R.)
Esmeralda	Lieut.-Col. G. H. Gill.	A.A. & Q.M.G., Northern Div.
Evening	Lieut. R. Straker.	12th R. Lancers.
Ellen	Capt. J. Logan Bell.	No. 1 Aux. H. T. Coy. Cav. Div.
En Plein	2/Lt. D.J. Livingstone Learmouth.	R.F.A. Southern Div.
Fiver, The.	Capt. C. Wynne Jones.	17th Lancers.
Fed Up	Lieut. A. Lowther.	10th R. Hussars.
Ferndale	Capt. E.F. Angler.	No. 3. Mob. Vet. Sect.
Glaxow	2/Lt. B. J. J. Ellerbeck.	12th Lancers.
George	Brig.-Gen. H.E.W. Harmann.	Dragoon Brigade.
Gladeye	2/Lt. W. A. D. Wynch.	75th Field Coy. R. E.
Golden Boy	Lieut. W.H. Page.	2nd M. G. Sqdn.
Georgiana	Lt. P.J. Matthews.	10th R. Hussars.
Ginger Nut	Lt. B.G. Beauman.	14th Hussars.
Huntsman	Lt. A. S. C. Browne.	12th Lancers.
Havildar	2/Lt. F. C. Slack.	A/113 Bde. R.F.A.
Hielan Lassie	Capt. E.F. Angler.	No. 3. Mob. Vet. Sect.
Irongate	Capt. W. A. Montgomery.	North Irish Horse.
Iron Cross	Lieut. W. Domone.	12th Lancers.
John Cording	Capt. J. V. Adair.	12th Lancers.
Johnnie Walker	Capt. C. A. Heydeman.	Dragoon Brigade.
Lohengrin	Major W.R. Styles.	12th Lancers.
Lady	Col. C. D. Hamilton Moore.	51st R. War. Regt.
Mischief	Capt. M. T. Tudsbery.	573 Cornwall Army Troops Coy. R.E.
Nigger	2/Lt. D. J. Livingstone Learmouth.	R.F.A. Southern Div.
Peggy	2/Lt. J. S. Simpson.	12th Lancers.
Playmate	Capt. J. Birkenshaw Idle.	R.A.V.C. Eastern Div.
Phreya	Capt. H. Harris.	4 Coy. Southern Div. Train.
Prince	Major A. W. Langley.	VI Corps H.A.
Polish Banker	Major A. O. Needham.	London Div. H.Q.
Princess Freda	Lieut. B. G. Beauman.	14th Hussars.
Rolleston	Lieut. R. Straker.	12th Lancers.
Romeo	Lt. G.V.H. Parsons.	Sthn. D.A. H.Q.
Reynard'Comet	Lt. D. H. H. Clerke.	XV Hussars.
Red Hackie	Lt.-Col. R.S. Irwin.	51st Hampshire Regt.
Roy	Major F. B. Cobb.	Light Div. Sig. Coy.
Red Dawn	Lt. P.J. Matthews.	10th R. Hussars.
Spif, The	2/Lt. F. Woods.	51st D.L.I.
Spa	Major W.R. Styles.	12th Lancers.
Shadow	Lt. C. A. Morris.	12th Lancers.
Suzanne	Capt. H. Harris.	4 Coy. Southern Div. Train.
Sulky	Lt. J. K. Harvie.	3rd Hussars.
Stanmore	Lt. B. G. Beauman.	14th Hussars.
Tiny	Lt. C. A. Morris.	12th Lancers.
Topsy	Major W.R. Styles.	12th Lancers.
Tango	Lt. G.V.H. Parsons.	Sthn. D.A. H.Q.
Tommy G	Capt. J.B. Welham.	V.O. i/c G.H.Q. Troops.
Tom	Lt.-Col. A. W. Alexander.	R.A.S.C.
Vulcanite.	Capt. W. A. Montgomery.	North Irish Horse.
Verviers.	Lt. A.S.C. Browne.	12th R. Lancers.
Winkle.	Major W.R. Styles.	12th Lancers.

MARRIED v. SINGLE.

The Cavalry Division H.Qrs. had a very interesting game fixed up under the above heading and it was decided on Tuesday. The single "Stakes" batted first but only made 35 against the bowling of Sergt. Keevil and Spr. Evans, the former taking 4 for 16 and the latter 4 for 15. The married brigade started well, Lieut. C.R. Jenning and Spr. Dearnley making 24 before the latter was well caught by Bennett. The final score was 64, giving the seniors a victory of 29 runs. Cpl. Adams took 6 for 18. To say the least of it, the losers were greatly surprised as they were so sure of defeating the old 'uns.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

BONN AMUSEMENTS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—I agree heartily with the suggestion made by Staff Sergeant who cites the fact of how appreciated would be an open-air bar for the boys, and a glass of English ale to dispense with the invariably horrible "dope" bought in cafés in Bonn and its locality. To the "O.R." after his day's work nothing would be, could be, more appreciable.

Another point often mentioned here, the paucity of amusement, generally, in the place for troops in the near neighbourhood and in the town itself, as compared with other places and numbers of troops. Are we ever to be favoured with a visit here from such concert parties as "The Tabs," "Lena Ashwell Concert Party," the "British Rhine Army Dramatic Co.," for a protracted period, to give all, or as many as can a chance! At present we have, to my knowledge, a Corps Cinema, and we have to thank Captain Godfrey and his "Pedlers," "The Red Patches," "The Prongs," for the good cheer they have hitherto given us — in the two latter cases for short periods only — too short in the opinion of many. Can we appeal to you to assist us, and if room in your paper can be found I would suggest, if I may, that the views of others be asked to assist those who cannot always be on the spot but who would, I feel sure, assist to help provide a little more amusement here than is at present available.

L.W.M.

THE NEW ERA.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.— In partial agreement with your correspondent on the above subject, I would like to add the following:—

The New Era must bring with it the New Man. The New Man is born not of flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. It is equally true that the Golden Age, which wise men can discern on the horizon, is coming not through men's efforts, but by God's will. We can neither hasten nor delay it by so much as an hour. The Law of Love, and a Rule of Righteousness is the Divinely-ordered solution to the troubles of all time, and it is greatly to our advantage to fall into line with its principles now. All other reforms and panaceas are half measures, alleviating distress here and there; causing unrest to slumber for a time, but only to break out with increased violence later on.

Whether we are wise, or whether we are foolish, the New Era rolls on just the same, but the foolish will suffer most, because the time comes when they must either obey its Law of Love, or fall, and it is hard to obey a law which is in direct conflict with the customs of centuries.

A.A.

FOR THE SAKE OF SPORT.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—I read with interest in your paper the other day that Lieut. Hayes is now Champion Wrestler of the Army of the Rhine.

It gives me great pleasure to hear that there is still interest in this old-time sport, and may I suggest a match between Lieut. Hayes and myself to still further this interest.

I have not wrestled since the Olympic Games in 1908 and am therefore a veteran, but for sport's sake I shall be delighted to wrestle Lieut. Hayes after a little training.

Will you kindly submit my proposal to him.

J. P. SLIM (Capt.).

The "Royal Sovereign," the first passenger steamer to reach Margate since the war, was cheered when she arrived from London Bridge on Saturday. The sailings will be daily continued through the season.

SOLDIERS AND THE HOUSING PROBLEM.

DISCUSSION BY MEN OF THE LONDON D.A.C.

An interesting debate on the Housing Problem took place at Westhoven on Thursday amongst the men of the London D.A.C. Attendance was voluntary, but there was quite a high percentage of the men present. The discussion was opened by an address by Lt.-Col. Wheatley, the Commanding Officer, who reminded the men that apart from any present interest in the subject, it was of great prospective importance to the young soldiers of the Rhine Army by virtue of the fact that in a few short years, most of them will be contemplating matrimony, and that if no public effort to improve housing conditions were made large numbers of them would be without hope of getting the right type of house to live in, which, as the Colonel jocularly pointed out is only secondary in importance to the right type of girl. He went on to describe the condition of housing before the war, especially with regard to overcrowding and unfit dwellings, and explained that owing to the cessation of building work during the war the problem had become accentuated. He concluded by explaining the method and intention of the Government proposals.

A large number of the men took up the discussion, and one of the first questions raised was that of the rent. One soldier suggested that the houses should be let at five shillings per week, as he anticipated wages falling back to their pre-war level, but it was generally agreed that with the present price of materials it was impossible to hope for such a low figure. When the questions of materials was raised another man found it hard to understand the delay in brick-making at the present, for whilst on the one hand we constantly hear of employers short of labour, he knew of men at Southend-on-Sea being sent by the Labour Exchanges to brick-works, only to find that employers were not yet ready to start them. There was a strong and unanimous feeling that the new houses should all have bathrooms and wash houses, and if possible be lit by electricity. No enthusiasm was shown for a proposal in favour of central heating, the men displaying the good old English prejudice in favour of an open fireplace. Several men expressed the hope that as far as possible, a decent sized back-garden might be arranged. Many other matters were discussed and the liveliest interest was maintained to the end.

THIRTY-SIX CHILDREN.

WONDERFUL ARMY RECORD.

What is probably the unique record of the war stands to the credit, in more than one respect, of a French family. When war broke out, M. Vanhee, a French cultivator at Reninghe, near Ypres, had thirty-six children twenty-two sons and fourteen daughters. Twenty of the sons fought on all fronts, and thirteen were killed; three were discharged on account of their serious wounds; one went through the operation of trepanning; another returned blind and deaf; a third had both legs amputated; and a fourth, who, when war broke out, was a valet de chambre of Pope Pius, was four times wounded. In 1917 the widow of one of the sons was killed by a German shell at Dunkirk. The father of this family and one of his daughters met a tragic end. In October 1918, they went to Lille to take part in the centenary celebrations of a relative. Met on their return by a German patrol, they were shot.

Another warning against the danger of keeping live shells and fuses as war trophies has been issued by the Home Office.

BOY SCOUTS NEW NOISE RECORD.

American boy scouts, to the number of 8,000, gave a hearty greeting in New York recently to Sir Robert Baden-Powell, and in identally established what the *New York Sun* describes as "a new record for concentrated, sustained, uninterrupted noise at a given time and place." Madison square Garden was the scene of this ovation Mr. William McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury, paid a tribute to the energetic work done by the scouts in assisting the war loan campaigns. "They insisted," he said, "on selling me the very bonds I was trying to sell myself, and wouldn't be denied by anything less than all I had in my pockets."

What is described as "super-pandemonium" broke out when Sir R. Baden-Powell rose to address the gathering. When Sir Robert could make himself heard he told the boys of his pleasure in accepting their message of greeting for the British Scouts, but added that he did not approve of the use of the word cousins. "We are not cousins," he said, "but brothers, and I shall take that message home—that you look upon hem as brothers: brothers in deed, — brothers in action."

DETECTIVE'S EFFECTIVE DISGUISE.

A constable at Clerkenwell Police Court, who arrested a betting man, told the Bench he succeeded in watching the man by hanging about the street on a pair of crutches with one foot in bandages. At the right moment he threw down the crutches and arrested the man. The latter was fined £20.

ARTISTS' RIFLES RECORD.

The Bishop of London, preaching at the memorial service in St. Pancras Church, Euston-road, N.W., for the Artists' Rifles (28th London Regiment), exhibited in the pulpit an officer's stick given to him by the Artists when he visited them in France on Good Friday, 1915.

He said the stick would always be one of his most treasured possessions, as many of the men who gave it to him had since laid down their lives. For that reason he would have allowed no one except himself to take the service.

The Artists' Rifles were sent to France in October 1914. They then numbered under 700, but over 14,000 recruits had since joined and nearly 10,000 had been gazetted to commissions The were 5,642 casualties, 1,745 being fatal. Eight Artists won the V.C. and 625 the Military Cross.

VARIETY OF LORRY JUMPING.

Corporal Gerald Robert Andrew Scott, 21, and Harry George Stone were charged at Bow-street with stealing a Crossley motor car, value £800, the property of the Air Ministry.

Scott told the magistrate that he saw the car left unattended, and he, with Stone, decided to drive in it to Wales to visit some relatives.

They were committed for trial.

RUSH FOR MIXED BATHING.

Mixed bathing in the ornamental lake in Cranbrook Park, Ilford, was yesterday morning allowed for the first time. Nearly 300 bathers were welcomed by Sir Peter Griggs, M.P. for Ilford. The 60 women exceeded the number estimated and over-flowed the accommodation provided in the boat-house.

GERMAN FEMALE SPY SHOT.

The story of a woman being denounced as a spy was told on Saturday by Capt. W. H. Hatcher, master of the Cunard steamer Phrygia, which has just returned to Liverpool after transporting nearly 400 Russian and Greek refugees from the Crimea to Constantinople.

"Among the guests at a dinner in a British warship in Yalta Harbour," he said, "was a fascinating woman about 25 years old, who in the middle of the meal was denounced as a spy by a member of the secret police, a Cossack Royalist known as the 'White Devil.' He wanted to shoot her there and then, but eventually she was taken ashore.

"When arrested she was quite calm, and exclaimed: 'I know my penalty. I suppose I am to be shot.' The 'White Devil' said the woman had caused 7,000 officers to be shot by denouncing them to the Bolsheviks."

PROPELLER FOR RAILWAY TRUCK.

A trial trip has been made from Grunewald, Berlin, to Beelitz with a vehicle consisting of an ordinary railway carriage driven by a motor and air propeller.

Fourteen Germans, including Ministers and railway experts, took part in the trial. The inventor maintained that the apparatus was capable of driving an ordinary goods truck at ordinary speed and thought that a large number of parts of Army planes now being scrapped might thus be profitably turned to account.

THE REAL "DOINGS."

"How did you manage to get drunk?" asked the magistrate at Thames Police Court on Saturday of a man charged with that offence. "Oh," was the reply, "I got hold of a drop of the right stuff."

The Magistrate: Where did you get it? We should all like to know (Laughter).

Defendant: Oh, at a local pub.

The Magistrate: It is the best advertisement the house has ever had (Laughter).

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Answers to Correspondents.

[The flow of correspondence, since the Cologne Post was instituted, has been enormous, and the Editor would like to point out that only a certain number of the innumerable questions can be answered in each issue. Should any inquirer find that his question has not yet been answered, he can have the assurance that it will receive attention in due course, and the answer will appear accordingly. Many questions have been received which could be answered much easier by the Adjutant of the unit concerned, and all such cases which affect the unit commander must be taken to him and not sent here. — Ed.]

S.R.—A man cannot claim a silver badge on demobilization. This badge is only granted to soldiers who are discharged on account of wounds or sickness.

W.O.—Army Order 55 of 1919 states that all warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men who have attained the age of 33, and those who subsequently attain that age, are to be demobilized as soon as the exigencies of the service permit.

Tom (and others.)—Separation allowance is granted to the wives and dependents of re-enlisted men provided they were receiving separation allowance on December 10, 1918. In the case of a man married after that date separation allowance is not issued unless or until he is admitted to the married strength of his regiment.

Y.T.—No, business premises are not covered by the Rent Restriction Act, 1915-19.

24132.—You must apply through your Education Officer.

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BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

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L/Cpl. Henley's Song "Shurr Up" was much appreciated, as also were the several songs given by Rfn. Green.

L/Cpl. Miller made a most excellent and charming girl and among other numbers his duet with L/Cpl. Henley was received with much applause.

Throughout the performance the lighting effect was a striking feature, especially in the storm scene.

The performance came to an end with a most amusing item, "Four German Prisoners" sung by Capt. Gray, Lt. Burgess, L/Cpl. Henley and Rfn. Holden, which caused great amusement.

The first of the dancing classes held in the Theatre yesterday was a huge success, and Corporal Heather proved a most efficient teacher.

HOW HE KEPT FIT.

The Wandsworth Coroner (Mr. Danford Thomas) asserted, in the course of a case that during the war he was often 16 hours in the trenches without any sleep and felt as fit at the end of them as at the beginning.

CATHOLIC HUT CLOSES.

Cardinal Bourne distributed brooches to the workers and a special badge to the night workers of the Catholic Women's League Hut, Westminster, which was closed on Saturday. The hut had provided sleeping accommodation for 100,000, soldiers whilst over 2,000,000 meals, exclusive of refreshments, had been served.

APPEAL ON BEHALF OF BECKETT.

On the plea that evidence that the prisoner was insane was disregarded by the jury, an appeal was lodged yesterday against the sentence passed on Beckett, the man who murdered the Cornish family at Forest Gate. Prominent counsel will be engaged in the case.

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BOLSHEVIST DEFEAT.

Last night the War Office issued the following:

The Jangalis are a tribe in the province of Gilan, in North-West Persia, and inhabit the thickly-wooded country near the main road between Kazvin and Enzeli. Their forces, during the early phases of the war, had been trained by German officers, and until August, 1918, their attitude towards us was hostile. Then, however, abandoning all hopes of receiving the long promised support of German and Turkish troops, they sought to ingratiate themselves with us, and an agreement was made with them whereby it was hoped to secure the safety of our important line of communication between Kazvin and the Caspian. Under the terms of this agreement the Jangalis undertook not to send parties to the Kazvin-Enzeli road nor to its vicinity. The relations between the British military authorities and the Jangalis continued friendly, but Kuchi Khan, the leader of the Jangalis, adopted an increasingly hostile attitude towards the Persian Government taking over the control of Government departments such as telegraphs.

Events proved at this time that Kuchi Khan aimed at making the Gilan province independent of Persia, and that he was working in collusion with the Bolsheviks in Baku and the Caucasus. Moreover, he had broken the terms of our agreement with him by holding up the traffic on the Kazvin-Enzeli road. In December the offer of most reasonable terms to Kuchi Khan by the Persian Government was refused, and the Persians asked for our co-operation in dealing with him. In view of our assurances to Persia, it was decided to assist her, this assistance being limited to co-operating with their troops to the extent of two sections of an Indian mountain battery with an adequate infantry escort and aeroplanes, whilst our armoured cars and the garrisons of our posts kept open the Kazvin-Enzeli road. Colonel Storreselsky, Commandant of the Persian Cossack Division, was in command, and should Kuchi Khan not surrender on their being called upon to do so, the plan of operations was for columns to advance from Ardabil in the north, Resht in the east, and Zinjam in the south, against the Jangali strongholds of Kusha and Fumen.

Kuchi Khan refused to surrender, and the columns, moving forward early in April, captured Fumen on the 14th, and Kuchi Khan fled. The Jangalis were routed, and one German and two Bolshevik officers taken prisoners. Further operations consisted in hunting down fugitives, a ship with two sections of Gurkhas on board preventing their escape by sea. Early in May Kuchi Khan had been driven out, the province of Gilan restored to the authority of the Persian Government, and the object of the operations had been fully accomplished.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR FOR TURKEY.

Admiral Calthorpe will be succeeded as Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean fleet by Admiral Debeneck.

It is understood that Admiral Calthorpe, who remains High Commissioner of Constantinople, will become the first British Ambassador under the new regime in the Turkish capital.—*Reuter.*

RED ARMY NEGOTIATING.

Helsingfors, 2nd June. The Red Army negotiators from Murmansk, who were expected to arrive at Helsingfors aboard a British warship, arrived at Reval instead. Negotiations, in which the British Consul took part, began there on Thursday.—*Reuter.*

PROJECTED MILITARY COUP IN BERLIN.

According to a statement made at a public sitting of the Communal Workers Council in Berlin, the Military have prepared a counter revolutionary coup which was to have been carried out yesterday.

Though this statement must be viewed with scepticism, evidence of inspired action against the Government can be discerned in the incessant attacks made upon it by the Conservative press. —*Wireless.*

LEAGUE OF NATIONS LONDON HOME.

Sunderland House will be the London headquarters of the League of Nations. The famous house in Curzon-street, Mayfair, has been occupied by the Ministry of Blockade. It is now being cleared as rapidly as possible for its new tenants.

GERMAN PRISONERS ON STRIKE.

A strike of German prisoners was reported at a meeting of the Worcestershire War Agricultural Executive on Saturday. It was stated that twelve refused to go to work on the farms earlier than usual. When they were confined to cells all the prisoners in the camp struck work in sympathy.

Mr. J. Davies: Cannot steps be taken to make them work?

Mr. T. L. Walker: It is not right that German prisoners should be our masters and dictate their hours of work. The military should take stronger measures to enforce discipline.

COSSACK VENGEANCE ON RED ARMY.

ANTI-BOLSHEVIST RISING.

Ekaterinodar, 20th May. — Two of Deniken's main forces are advancing on Tsaritzin, the first along the Ekaterinodar-Tsaritzin railway. The second started from the South-east of the Manitch Lake system and is pushing due North along the Tsaritzin high road. The Bolshevist forces are caught in the arms of the pincers thus formed. About half the distance to Tsaritzin has been covered.

On the Donetz front the Bolshevists have occupied Lugansk. An aviator who visited several centres of the anti-Bolshevist rising on the upper Don recounts that Bolshevists and Communists appointed almost all Jews as commissaries and members of local Soviets. These declared that all Cossacks not fighting with the Reds would be exterminated.

On their beginning to carry out this threat the Cossacks seized any sort of weapons and fell on the Red garrison at Migulinsky. Over one thousand Communists were killed and proper arms were secured by the Cossacks, who next went to the stations at Kazanskaya and Veshinskay, where they dealt summarily with the Communists. Their successes quickly set the whole region of the upper Don ablaze and already over five thousand prisoners have been taken. The cossacks bitterly repent their momentary yielding to the Bolshevists and are resolved upon vengeance. —*Reuter.*

COMMUNION CLOTHS AS PETTICOATS.

Ekaterinodar, 21st May.—The frequent acts of sacrilege and the blasphemies of the Bolshevists have been a powerful contributory cause to the religious revival in Kuban territory. Amongst the sacrilegious offences committed by the Bolshevists in the diocese of Stavropol were the use of communion cloths, which were converted into petticoats by Bolshevist women.—*Reuter.*

AFGHANISTAN SITUATION IMPROVING.

AMIR'S GLARING UNTRUTHS.

Reuter learns that the position in Afghanistan from a military point of view has been much relieved both in the Tochi and Kurram Valleys. What developments are likely to arise as a result of the Amir's latest steps cannot be foreshadowed until further and more definite information is available of the Afghan attitude.

In the meantime it is well to point out that the statements and suggestions made by the Amir, both in his letter to the Viceroy and his orders to his generals, contain glaring inaccuracies. The suggestion that the Afghans were obliged to take defensive measures as a result of any act of the British is, of course, quite untrue. There was no question of a British move, the fact being that Afghan troops came over the border in a dozen places, and were mobilizing against our frontier as rapidly as possible, when they had received no provocation whatever.

Simla, 2nd June. — Reinforcements moving to Thal drove the enemy off the hills to the southward. Aeroplanes co-operated with the infantry and bombed and machine-gunned the enemy. We successfully attacked and dispersed a body of men in the vicinity of Miranshah and destroyed four towers. — *Reuter.*

ARCHANGEL COMMUNIQUÉ.

The War Office last night issued the subjoined communique:

The following news has been received from Archangel: On the night of May 30 a Russian scout company surrounded a detachment of Bolsheviks south of Malo Beresnik (on the Vaga River), and captured forty-seven prisoners and two machine-guns. On the Vaga one of our aeroplanes, dropping bombs, obtained a direct hit on an enemy barge.

NORTH RUSSIA MEDAL.

Asked whether a special medal will be awarded for the Russian expeditions which have been in progress since the armistice, Mr. Churchill said that as the operations are still continuing it is impossible to estimate their scope. It is therefore difficult to state whether a special medal will be required. He added that a clasp will certainly be awarded to men who have undergone hardships in North Russia.

HEADSTONES ON WAR GRAVES.

The War Graves Committee has arranged for inscriptions chosen by the next of kin to be inscribed at a cost of 3½d per letter on monuments marking the graves of soldiers buried in France and Flanders.

The rumour that British troops in Transcaucasia are to be replaced by Italians has caused general dismay locally. — *Reuter.*

ASQUITH REPLIES TO LORD FRENCH.

KITCHENER AND SHELLS.

In order that Mr. Asquith should have the opportunity of dealing with the statements made by Field Marshal French in his book "1914", a luncheon was given at the Connaught Rooms on Tuesday by Mr. Oswald Partington, formerly Chief Liberal whip.

Mr. Asquith, in the course of his speech, said he was going to show that not only had the allegations of deliberate apathy, calculated and callous neglect, during the first year of the war on the part of the Government in the provision of an adequate supply of artillery and ammunition for the armies in the field, no foundation in fact, but that no one ought to know better that it had no foundation, than Lord French himself.

Referring to Lord French's account of the visit paid to him in Paris by Lord Kitchener, Mr. Asquith said: "The Government received—I received—a message from Lord French as to his contemplated movements, which I communicated to my colleagues, and with regard to which it is no exaggeration to say that it filled the whole Cabinet with consternation. There are several of my colleagues here who sat in that Cabinet, and they will bear me out that it filled us with consternation. And why? Because the movement which it indicated would, in our judgment, have amounted in effect to leaving our Allies in the lurch in the moment of their extreme need, and the consternation which we felt was shared and expressed to us in moving terms by the head of the French Government. It was in these circumstances that Lord Kitchener, at the unanimous request of his colleagues, undertook his mission to France—a mission which successfully achieved our common object, and which, in my judgment, saved our cause from an indelible reproach."

On the subject of shells Mr. Asquith said: "Lord French's ridiculous suggestion that his action in this matter had something to do with his subsequent removal from the command is hardly worthy of serious notice," continued Mr. Asquith. "He remained in full command for more than six months, and though I heard strange rumours, which appear to have had more foundation in fact than I then believed, I never took the pains to inquire what part he had played, or whether he had played any part, in the newspaper campaign which he now claims to have inspired. When his retirement came, and I take myself the full and sole responsibility for it, it was for reasons that had no more to do with the supply of shells than with the next eclipse of the moon."

PREMIER AND LORD FRENCH.

Mr. Lloyd George having had his attention called to a statement that it was he who insisted on the recall of Lord French from the supreme command in France, said this statement was a pure invention.

RELAXATION OF LIQUOR RESTRICTIONS.

FREE CHURCH PROTEST.

A deputation from the National Council of Free Churches which included Dr. Meyer and Dr. Scott Lidgett, attended the Central Liquor Control Board yesterday. The object of their visit was to protest against the recent relaxation of the Board's restrictions, which, they stated, had rendered great services to the health and efficiency of the country.

The deputation urged that the health of the children had greatly improved, drinking among women had greatly decreased and home conditions generally showed marked improvement. A return to pre-war conditions in the drink traffic, they said, would be deplorable after the good that had been done by wartime regulations and they urged that such step should not be taken.

Lord D'Abernon told the deputation that the Central Liquor Control Board had never been in favour of restricting the beer supply.

NO-TREATING ORDER REVOKED.

The Central Control Board gave notice in last night's "London Gazette" that the article of the Liquor Control Regulations entitled "Treating prohibited" is revoked.

The "No-Treating Order" was, says an official statement, principally aimed at the suppression of two practices which were causing grave trouble and loss of naval, military, and industrial efficiency during the early months of the war, namely, group—treating, or the practice of each person in a group taking his turn to stand drinks all round, and the practice of the indiscriminate treating of members of the Forces, particularly when home on leave or travelling. Owing to the operation of the order, these practices have by now been so long in abeyance that the good sense of the community should suffice to prevent their revival, with the wasteful and excessive drinking to which they lead. The Central Control Board have, therefore, come to the conclusion that the maintenance of the Order, with the attendant minor inconveniences which are involved by a prohibition of treating, and which have been generally accepted by the public during the emergency period of the last four years, is now no longer required in the national interest.

LONDON EDUCATION RATE DOUBLED.

It was stated at the last meeting of the London County Council that the total cost of education in London had risen within the past two years by over two million pounds, or thirty per cent. The expenditure had been doubled since 1904 and the Chairman of the Education Committee thought it certain to be doubled again within the next fifteen years.

CIVIL SALUTES TO BRITISH OFFICERS.

COLONEL LABOURITE'S ANXIETY.

Colonel Wedgwood (Ind. Newcastle-under-Lyne) asked the Secretary of State for War whether Germans in the occupied territories had to take off their hats and step off the side walk on meeting British officers, and whether this practice was likely to be continued on the signature of peace.

Mr. Churchill said he understood that when Germans spoke to British officers they were required to take off their hats. (Hear, hear.) As regarded the last part of the question, he saw no reason to suppose that the practice would be discontinued on the signing of peace. This was one of the military regulations appropriate to the period of occupation. These regulations were much less severe than those which the Germans were accustomed to impose in territory occupied by them.

Colonel Wedgwood: Will the right hon. gentleman answer my question? Are the Germans forced to take off their hats when they pass British officers in the streets? Is he aware that this practice is very unpopular among British officers—(laughter)—and is he aware that this is not imposed where the American army is in occupation?

Lieut.-Colonel Sir J. Norton-Griffiths (U., Wandsworth, Central): Before he answers that question, is it not a fact that always before the war it was the custom all over Germany for civilians to step off the sidewalks when they met an officer?

Colonel C. Lowther (C.U., Lonsdale): In view of the supreme importance attached to the question by Colonel Wedgwood, will the right hon. gentleman give the House an assurance that no order will be issued altering this state of things and compelling British officers to go off the sidewalk and to salute the German people? (Laughter.)

Mr Churchill: I am sure it is very foreign to the British nation to take harsh advantage of their position, but it is considered that an army of occupation in an enemy country is entitled to certain defin te acts of submission and respect from the inhabitants. We believe our regulations in that respect will bear comparison with any regulations of any other Great Power. I am certainly not prepared to say that our Army ought to be deprived of this recognition. (Cheers).

Colonel Wedgwood: If the American army does not find it necessary—(Cries of "Oh.")

The hon. member was unable to proceed further.

Mr. Churchill: I am quite content to be guided by the opinion of the officers responsible for the conduct of the British Army. I am quite certain they are not likely to err on the side of undue severity. (Hear, hear.)

EX-ARMY PAY CLERK ON TRIAL.

STOLEN PAY DRAFTS.

At Tower Bridge Police Court, Cecil Hall, aged 35 described as an accountant of 155, Trinity-road, Wandsworth-common, was again remanded in custody on a charge of stealing fifty demobilization postal drafts of the negotiable value of £700 from the huts at Buckland, Dover, between the 24th January and 2nd February.

Mr. Percival Clarke, who appeared for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said that 50,000 demobilization postal drafts were sent by the Controller of the General Post Office to Mr. Parfrey, the officer in charge of the huts, and they were put in a place of security. Each draft could be made out for any sum up to £14, and later 5,000 were discovered to have been stolen. During the time when the robbery was committed the prisoner was employed in the Army Pay Office at the huts under Mr. Parfrey, and it was astounding that he should have been engaged in such a position of trust; certainly the authorities did not know as much as the prosecution did about him.

Evidence would be given that he had exceptional opportunities of obtaining, altering, and stamping drafts, because he was apparently left alone at night in charge of the office in which the drafts were kept, his duty being to answer the telephone. On the 1st February a book containing fifty of the drafts was missed. The prisoner had by that time been demobilized. In April, five of the drafts from this particular book were cashed at various post-offices, four for £12 10s each, and one for £13 10s. The names of the persons to whom the money was paid were not known as those of demobilized soldiers. On May 3rd a taxi-cab driver picked up the prisoner as a passenger at Kennington Oval and drove him to Waterloo Station. The prisoner, said Mr. Clarke, left in the cab four drafts from the same book, and the cabman took them to the police.

At the conclusion of Mr. Clarke's statement formal evidence was given.

BRITISH SEAMEN REFUSE TO SAIL TO GERMANY.

The crew of the steamship Burgomeister Schroder, lately taken from the Germans, was due to leave Hull for Hamburg but the crew refused to sail. The vessel, now flying the British flag, signed on a British crew at Perth for Montreal, and at Leith loaded flour for Rotterdam, to be delivered as part of the arrangements made by the Americans for feeding the Germans. She was coaling at Hull when the crew ascertained she was to be diverted to Hamburg. Negotiations were opened up between the Sailors' and Firemen's Union and owners and the crew eventually agreed to take the steamer to Rotterdam.

WILFUL MURDER AGAINST CANADIAN SOLDIER.

A verdict of wilful murder against William Jordan, aged 30, a Canadian soldier, of Seaford Camp, was returned at an inquest at Lewes on Robert Nye, aged 62, a rag and bone collector, of Lewes, who was found dead in a shed in a chalk pit with terrible injuries to his head.

By an Army Council Instruction just issued the maximum compensation to members of the Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps for loss of kit on active service is increased from £3 10s to £12.

BOMB OUTRAGES AGAINST AMERICAN POLITICIANS.

MAN'S HEAD AS CLUE.

Washington.—Late on Monday evening an internal machine exploded outside the door of Attorney General Palmer's residence. One of the men who were placing the bomb in position was killed. The house was badly damaged, but neither Mr. Palmer nor any member of his family was hurt, as they happened to be on the first floor.

Almost simultaneously similar explosions occurred at the rear of the residence of the United States District Judge Hampson at Pittsburg. There were also attempts made to blow up the home of Major Davis, at Cleveland, Ohio, and the home of Municipal Justice Hayden at Roxbury, Massachusetts.

The only fatality was that of the criminal. The officials express the opinion that the outrages denote a recrudescence of the recent bomb plot, when explosives were sent through the post to various prominent politicians and officials.—*Reuter.*

Washington, 3rd June. — A man's head has been discovered on a roof three hundred feet from the Attorney-General's house, where the bomb explosion occurred. This, with other clues in the possession of the authorities, is expected to lead to the apprehension of a gang of anarchist plotters whose headquarters are believed to be at Philadelphia. In the Senate, after a number of speeches denouncing the bomb outrages, Mr. Walsh, Democrat, reintroduced the Bill which failed to pass last Winter. It provides for much severer penalties for acts of violence designed to overthrow the Government. The police of Pittsburg have arrested a man named Johnson, president of a Society styling itself as the Independent Workers of the World. Johnson barricaded his house and made theatrical flourishes with a revolver before being overpowered by detectives.—*Reuter.*

CIVIL RE-SETTLEMENT OF OFFICERS.

JOCKEYS AND PLUMBERS.

At a meeting of the Society of Engineers at Burlington House last night Mr. A. Stewart Buckle lectured on his recent visit to France as a member of the Commission appointed by the Ministry of Labour to study the question of re-settlement of officers in civil life.

Amongst the men who had come before him, he said, were a fireman who had attained the rank of major, a plumber, and a jockey who had reached captain's rank.

Mr. J. Harvey Darston, Controller at the Ministry of Labour, explained the method adopted by the Re-settlement Commission, who investigated about thirty cases daily. They had been called the Disappointments Department, chiefly because too much had been expected of them.

The economic position of the country was such as to prevent rapid re-settlement. The situation, however, was improving, and the average number of officers placed in a week had gone up from two hundred to three hundred and seventy. The Appointments Department alone had made three hundred grants. What they wanted was officers with secondary school education, but those who had risen from the ranks to high military distinction would be helped to secure good positions when they returned to civil life.

IMPENDING SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF COAL.

The effect of shorter working hours in the mining industry was the subject of a debate in the House of Commons yesterday.

Sir Auckland Geddes stated that the coal position is very serious, the estimated output for the twelve months from July next, when the reduced hours come into force, being under 217 million tons as compared with 287 million tons in 1913.

The consumption of coal for inland purposes and bunkers in 1918 was 196 million tons, compared with 210 million tons in 1913 and the exports were 34 million tons compared with 77 million tons. In order to preserve approximately the same quantity of coal for inland consumption and bunkers from July 1919 all the present restrictions of consumption must be fully maintained and the exports must be reduced to 23 million tons annually.

The estimated deficit on the coal industry for the twelve months from July next is forty-six and a half million sterling. To meet this, the consumer must pay an increased price of 4s. 6d. a ton or the deficiency must fall on the taxpayers.

BRITISH AIRSHIP FOR ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

News that dirigible R 34 will leave England in a fortnight for America has caused the aviators at St. John's, who are assembling their machines for the trans-Atlantic flight, to hasten their preparations. It is stated that a famous General will probably be one of the crew to fly the Atlantic in the R 34. The commanding officer will be Major G. H. Scott, and the crew will probably number twenty-five.

PROGRESS OF SMALL HOLDINGS.

Mr. Fiond, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Agriculture, informed the Select Committee on Pensions yesterday that nearly four thousand acres have been acquired for ex-soldiers. The Board is negotiating for a further twenty thousand acres. Small holding colonies, where houses are being erected and men settled on the holdings, are being developed in Lincolnshire, Carnarvonshire and Nottinghamshire and at Amesbury, Wiltshire. The Board has received altogether 834 applications for settlement, of which only 111 have been rejected.

The House of Lords decided yesterday that bequests for saying masses for the dead are legal.

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JOAN OF ARC.

It is not good to dwell overmuch in the dim and luring past, but there are occasions when it is fitting and wholesome for us to turn back the pages of history and read a lesson from olden times. We have a day or two ago passed a notable anniversary. In early summer of the year 1431 Joan of Arc was burned in the market-place of Rouen as a heretic, an apostate, and an idolater. Her restless courage was untowardly matched by the unheroic caution of Charles VII of France, and her impetuous sortie in succour of Compiègne failed despite the bravery of the Maid of God and her men. Captured by the Burgundians she was unransomed by the king whom she had previously led to victory and was then delivered into the hands of the English. The tribunal before which she was tried was a reverend court of pedants and clergy who in letters represented the University of Paris and in politics the dynasty of Burgundy. The trial was protracted rather than equitable, and for once the English, forsaking the fair ideals of chivalry, yielded to base passions of revenge.

But the Maid's work was done before she went to the stake. The *doux pays de France* had sorely needed a patriot and deliverer. Agincourt had brought her low and her pride was humbled in the dust. Henry V of England, who has seldom received his due in the annals of monarchy, was more than a successful general; he was one of the ablest strategists of the Middle Ages.

In a few years Normandy was conquered systematically without the pillage and arson that almost invariably accompanied the warfare of these times, and England's alliance with Burgundy was ominous for France. The Treaty of Troyes disinherited the Dauphin, proclaimed Henry V the heir to the kingdom of France, and arranged for the marriage of Henry and the Princess Catherine. These were the days of "La France anglaise." Soon all was changed, for the enthusiasm of Joan of Arc inspired her countrymen with new courage and bred a strong spirit of nationality that could not be denied. On th e foot-hills of the Vosges she tended sheep and sorrowfully watched the desolation of Champagne till the mystic voices spoke in her ear and called her to warriors' work. Orleans stood between the English and the dominion of southern France; and Orleans, despite the valour of Dunois, was in sore jeopardy. The "Battle of Herrings" seemed inevitably to leave the city at the mercy of Sir John Fastolf. But the Maid and the rough Armagnac soldiery who followed her raised the siege of Orleans and began the deliverance of France. Charles VII was crowned in the Cathedral of Rheims in 1429. Joan of Arc fulfilled her prophecy and her mission. Her highest hopes were deferred by a lack of heroism and ideals that will always tarnish the memory of her king and his courtiers, but slowly the English lost ground and their dream of French conquest faded away. In 1453 France was independent and united, and Calais remained the only token that her people had once bowed the knee to England.

There are few more striking events in history than the appearance of Joan of Arc in the Hundred Years' War. Her simplicity and beauty of character, her fervent and unselfish devotion, her intense patriotism redeem a tedious and barren story of strife. She triumphed by her courage, her ideals, and her faith; and she delivered the country that was dear to her. We are not greatly concerned that M. Anatole France has sought to put in the prose of rationalism an epic of poetry and faith. The Maid of God still captivates mankind for fair vision and noble aspiration. Her spirit has been abroad once more on the very fields of ancient battle. For more than four and a half years France has been in the throes of alien domination, and she has been sustained by the spirit of faith and unconquerable patriotism. Now she is scarred but triumphant, sore for her stricken soil but proud in her deliverance. Let us pay our homage to the spirit of France and of her wondrous Maid, and look forward hopefully to a new era of national prosperity which shall be free of selfishness and bitterness because it is founded on chivalry and righteousness.

THE ROMANCE OF FATIGUES!

BY THE WANDERER.

"Fatigues!" How we hate the mere sound of the word. The chief aim in life of many a British soldier is to "dodge" that pleasant (?) duty.

But let us pause awhile, let us sit down and ponder over the possibilities, yea, even the romance of fatigues. I wonder if my worthy reader ever paused to consider or to learn that fatigues have been recorded in history!

To-day I have been reading of the wonderful fatigues which the Roman soldier used to be put on in the 3rd Century. It would be a very hard thing for historians to trace the nation that "invented" fatigues.

The Roman soldiers were duly warned for fatigues in the same way that Tommy is warned to-day. He built walls and roads which are in use do-day.

As I read my history to-day, I pictured before me the little parties of Roman soldiers on fatigues on the now famous Roman roads. I seemed to see the burly red-faced sergeant in charge. The Roman Sergeant had his eagle eye on a couple of "dodgers" who did not realize their part in making Roman history.

It was a hot day, and the stones seemed to get heavier, but the road must be "well and truly laid." Had these roads not been so laid much credit would have been lost to the Roman race. Those soldiers could make roads, and they could fight their fatigues. Their works are with us to-day; many do not remember their battles. They made history and they made roads!

Go to India and what do you see? There you may travel hundred of miles along magnificent military highways which will outlive our glorious empire — all made by British and Indian soldiers — surely a magnificent fatigue, a worthy monument of their arduous work. In many a remote outpost of our empire you will find splendid swimming baths, roads and forts all built by protesting grousing but, at heart, good-natured British soldiers. So, dear young reader, the next time you are warned by your platoon sergeant for one of those dirty jobs just try looking for the cheery, useful side of your fatigue and you may be surprised at your own growing interest in it.

Another useful and amusing idea I will pass on to you. Keep a record of the variety of fatigues in which you take part. You will, at the end of a year, be amazed at the variety of jobs on which you have helped. You will find you have made roads, cut tunnels, constructed bridges, picked grass, with a fork supplied for the job, peeled potatoes, scrubbed floors etc. etc.

I could fill volumes were I to go over all the list of fatigues, but it has been a glorious experience. Surely it is fit and manly training for the University of Life where only "live" men may win scholarships!

H.M.

A JOY FOR EVER.

By E. T.

Many cameras have been rested on the Suspension Bridge at Cologne to record the scenes and aspects of the Rhine during the day. Of many, by far the most impressive view has escaped notice.

Pause awhile, any fine evening, at the Deutz end of the Hängebrücke, and look across the river to the Dom. The scene is worth an idle half hour when the sunset glow is fading. There are many twilight silhouettes dear to those who have an eye to beauty. Edinburgh Castle to the Scot, the Houses of Parliament to the Londoner, the Place de la Concord to the Poilu.

But none portray in such a compact space so many monuments to the efforts and activities of that insect, man. None earn so well the name "Cosmopolitan Corner." Here gathe", eddy, and flow away many human streams; while Father Rhine slips silently past a beautiful Cathedral, a massive bridge, a large railway-station, a fine church, a sombre museum, and these backed by many lesser minarets and towers.

As the daylight fades behind the Dom, the twin spires turn to jet, and the varied outline of the picture stands clear cut against the sky. When the details of the foreground merge into the ebony blackness, points of light peep out here and there, and are reflected in the hurrying river.

The station dome lights up and soft rays of yellow light creep out from the boats moored along the riverside.

Desultory strains of music from some quayside café carry across the water. Venice? Geneva? The mind ranges abroad for its prototype.

A little later the promenade arc-lights shine out to disclose the great river's prevaling mood. To-night its waters are inky black, last night a slaty blue; to-morrow night—who can say? They will cheat you, anyway.

If familiarity has dulled your eye to the beauty of the picture, stand with your back to it and look at it under your arm. A fresh position renews the lease.

The Germans talk of culture. If but a small portion of their own created art could penetrate their stony and grasping souls, the world to-day would have been spared a vast and irreparable destruction.

FIFTY-SECOND COMPANY OF CROSSBOWMEN.

THE PARABLE OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE.

(Continued.)

Now the habitation of the ruler was in the city of König-shov-em, and the ruler called one Erelf, the master of his chargers and of his light draught-horses, and of his pack ponies, (save two), and of his mules (not a few) and of his goat, and spoke unto him saying "Command him that watcheth the chargers that "whiskers" be brought forth and saddled for I would fain go forth, and one spoke to another saying "wonder where 'emorfto'." And he rode forth towards the going down of the sun, and his Kleenman was even as his shadow on a sunny day.

And when he had journeyed a little way he lifted up his eyes and beheld his treasure-house, wherein was stored all manner of things of food, of raiment and of engines of war, and he spoke to one Broadstreet, the keeper of his treasures, saying, "Prepare a place for more treasures I wot of," but he answered and said, "How so, my Lord, for the place is too strait even now." So the ruler passed on even to the gates of the city where stood two sentinels that did guard the entrance by day and also by night, and one spoke to them that were within saying "Guard Turn Out" and it was even as the sentinel commanded. And the ruler beheld them and he perceived one that had his safety catch forward, and the ruler was wrath lest his chief Demobber should meet death unawares on his return after sundown. And he spoke to the sentinel saying "On the morrow shalt thou again guard the city and, yea, even on the day following likewise, that thou shall see the error of thy ways." And some that were hard by laughed him to scorn saying "A-ha, A-ha."

Now they journeyed forth until they came nigh to a place where the four winds of heaven did blow on to a grinding mill and there was one apparelled like unto a rifleman but withal lacking his girdle, and his back was round even as the dome of the synagogue of St. Paul, who when he did espy the ruler, set his countenance towards a pillar on which was set a sign written in divers colours, beyond which man durst not go. And he that was called Kleenman spake to the ruler in this wise "What manner of soldier is this; knoweth he not what is written in Sect. XVIII, I.T. Shall he not be chided by the Aressem, moreover hath he none to instruct him in the way to Nekbakwaresbend?" And the ruler answered and said "He is of those that hew wood and draw water, yea, and wax fat," and the Kleenman pondered these things in his heart.

(To be continued.)

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

"AIDA."

"Aida" takes us far away into the distant past, to the land of the Pharaohs, where stately fanes stood in honour of Ammon and Isis. And yet the elemental human passions, love and hate, burned in these old Egyptians' bosoms as in ours!

Tuesday's performance was a sumptuous feast of colour, picturesque scenery, artistic grouping and music. Viewed merely as a succession of impressive tableaux the performance was noteworthy. The stately palaces, the awe-inspiring temples through which priests and priestesses moved with dignity, the old Nile flowing slowly, made a striking background for a superb representation.

The audience followed with intense interest the course of Aida's love for Rhadames to thwarted by Amneris' jealousy, to its tragic close.

L'eternel feminin is naturally the pivot on which the action turns and it were difficult to be imagine more adequate renderings than those of Berta Grimm-Mittelmann as Amneris and of Mimi Werhard-Poensgen as Aida. The prolonged duel of these two for the heart of Rhadames was intensely dramatic and the duet in the second was a veritable *tour-de-force* of vocalisation.

Equally impressive were the male rôles and Herren Krauss (Rhadames), Lindlar (the king) Liszewsky (Amonasso) and Gless (the Chief Priest) received enthusiastic calls. The choruses gave splendid support as in the hymn "Allmächtiger Phta."

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

FORTHCOMING HENLEY REGATTA.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir, — I hear some ardent oarsmen are getting up an eight for the King's Cup at Henley. This is splendid, but if the eight claims to be representative of "The Army of the Rhine" I have some misgivings. I hope "Dame Rumour" is in this case "a lying jade" because she informs me that the eight is only in the very elementary stages of training, both individually and as a crew.

Now, sir, we all have an interest in this venture if it is to represent us, and we naturally are anxious not to make a poor show against the Mother Country and the Dominions. The question is, do we realise what we are up against? The standard in the King's Cup is likely to be as high as in the grand Challenge Cup. Australia has been training on the Thames for three months New Zealand's crew has magnificent physique, described by *The Times* as "almost perfect," and the English crew is composed almost entirely of Old Blues.

Henley is due in a month's time, and to put soft untrained men into a grand challenge crew four weeks before the race, must be almost unprecedented. Finally, if this crew is to be representative, is it the best crew obtainable from the Army of the Rhine? Nothing but the best is good enough. I write for information. I do not know the name of a single member of the crew, but I should like someone qualified to judge to dispel the misgivings inspired by Dame Rumour.

A.H.B.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir, — May I be permitted to draw the attention of your readers to a tendency which strikes me as being frought with evil consequences. At a recent Church parade service a Padre took it into his head to deliver a preliminary comment upon what he conceives to be the principles voiced in the British National Anthem. He tells the men not to be afraid to sing "God save the King" because when we sing it we sing it for our fathers and mothers and sisters and brothers and hearths and homes and country, which are merely all represented by one man — the King, — "who has no more share in the Government than my little finger!"

I take exception to this innovation, on principle. I do not dispute that His Majesty does stand for all those ideals, but I protest very strongly against the departure involved in finding it necessary to make an apology for the National Anthem in order to induce people to sing it. The logical conclusion to the Padre's exhortation is that a man who adheres to Republican principles may sing our National Anthem just as conscientiously as anybody else.

It is a case of trying to make out that our National Anthem is conceived in the same spirit as the French, which is absurd. It is childish to try to prove that white is black. Our National Anthem is essentially a monarchial National Anthem; it is a hymn by means of which the Nation expresses itse ternal loyalty to oux King who never dies.

ROYALIST.

WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir, — I have been informed by an officer who is working a War Savings Association in his battalion that investments suddenly ceased and that he found the cause was a paragraph which had appeared in a paper in England to the effect that owing to the approaching issue of a new loan, the issue of War Bonds had been stopped. The men thought this applied to War Saving Certificates and that they would lose their money if they put any more in.

As War Savings Associations are rapidly being formed in Units of the Rhine Army, I shall be grateful if you will, through the medium of *The Cologne Post* notify thet fact that whatever the intention of the Government may be regarding War Bonds, the sale of War Savings Certificates will in no way be affected, in fact the Government proposes to arrange that the life of a War Savings Certificate shall be lenghtened to 10 years instead of 5. After the fifth year the interest will continue to grow or the sale of one penny per month and an additional bonus of 1/-will be paid at the end of the tenth year, so that in ten years a man can see 26/- in his investment of 15/6.

H.S.

A WARNING.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.— The following incident I send as a warning to others. To-day a friend and I had the misfortune to miss our tram. So we hailed a passing motor-lorry driven by a German. The driver gave a nod to our gesticulations for a lift, we promptly jumped up behind, and caught hold of the tailboard. However, we soon let go again and found ourselves lying in the road. The reason for our undignified position in the dust will soon be understood. Along the inside edge of the tailboard had been driven about a hundred tacks, each protruding half an inch.

My pal's hands are in an awful state. I am just a little more fortunate but I shall take home to England, on the palms of my hands, some excellent records of German Kultur.

Bad Tacties.

COLOGNE AMUSEMENTS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—With regard to your article in "Sports Reflections" on Cologne Amusements, Rambler remarks that during the daytime, excursions on the river by steamer, rowing on the lake at Lindenthal, etc. provide ample recreation for energetic other ranks. Certainly they do, but what "hopes" we have of such pleasures during the daytime!

My own battalion is one which has seen two years or more service, and is now on parade from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and again from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. So perhaps you can guess now that the grouse is about the scarcity of time; not the scarcity of variety.

R.E.R.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Friday	6	Rigoletto	Verdi
Saturday	3½	Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg	Wagner
Sunday	5½	Die lustigen Weiber von Windsor	Nicolai
Monday	5	Der Rosenkavalier	Rich. Strauss
Tuesday	5½	Aïda	Verdi

SUCCESS OF "THE Q-VICS."

9th LONDON'S CONCERT PARTY AT NIEDERAUSSEM.

After a most successful first night show on Monday last "The Q-Vics" made their second appearance before an enthusiastic audience on Wednesday evening. For the combination and general excellence of their performance "The Q-Vics" are to be commended. Notwithstanding the lilliputian dimensions of the stage, and the inconveniences common to a rural concert hall, the whole thing went with a swing.

The band of the 9th London's, under Band-Sergeant Leary, rendered an overture in spirited fashion. After the opening chorus, L/Cpl. Gus. Aslett sang "Give Me The Moonlight," which called for much applause. A concerted number of topical interest, entitled "Want to go to Bye Bye," by Bobby Howes, Jock Ling, Dick Joy and Mr. Brooks was extremely good. Sgt. Dick Joy's rendering of "Moonlight" and "L'il old Home" were quite features of the performance, while Sgt. Temple was distinctly clever as a card manipulator, juggler and mimic.

A 'Kliner' Revue.

But the ovation of the evening went to Jock Ling, who, by the way, is the Ling of "Ling and Lingford." He certainly made a decided hit with "The Worse you Are," his patter being exceptionally witty.

In "Why Am I Always the Bridesmaid?" Bobby Howes and Jock Ling caused roars of laughter, Howes being exceedingly funny as the lady.

"Are you alright?" described as "A Kliner Revue in one Kline" quite tickled the audience. The frantic endeavours of the impecunious Jock and Bobby to get past the ticket collector at the station had the house in an uproar. Worthy of mention, too, was a clever burlesque of "Maryland" by Bobby Howes.

In the female role 2nd Lt. Smith was a distinct success, though the dresses, one must admit, call for variety.

Mr. King, last but not least, is to be complimented for his excellent services at the piano.

PLATOON CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL.

53rd S.W. B.'s—A COY, No 4 v. THE DRUMS.

At 6 p.m. on Saturday these teams lined up before the largest and most enthusiastic crowd seen on the Borderers ground this season. A considerable amount of midfield play marked the opening stages in which the half-backs of both teams predominated, notably Hesketh for No 4 Platoon and Bowring for the Drums. Mathurst also was a considerable source of annoyance to the platoon defence. The breather was sounded with the teams "As you were." After the restart No 4 broke away with Nixon leading the forwards and a goal resulted. This reverse livened the Drummers up and ten minutes later Mathurst, receiving the ball from Bowring, made all square with a pretty shot. Flushed with their success, Drummers played up well and Wilkinson placed them ahead with a shot close in. With 15 minutes left to play No 4 were awarded a penalty for hands. Greeslauf took the kick and shot straight at the keeper but it was too hot for him to hold and the deficit was wiped off. Drums were awarded two penalties in quick succession but Nowring failed with both, to the great chagrin of their partisans. Time was called with the score 2 all. Lieut Harlow refereed a remarkably clean game to the satisfaction of all. Considerable interest was taken in this competition and a good crowd and game are assured for the replay this week-end.

KALK KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION.

17th ROYAL FUSILIERS v. 57 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A.

At Overath on Saturday. The gunners were rather lucky winners by the odd goal in three. The game was marred unfortunately by the unsportsmanlike attitude of some of the spectators. Referees are but human. We all make mistakes. The pity is that one cannot compel one of these so called "sportsmen" among the spectators to take the place of the man they barrack. Referees do make mistakes. Don't the players? Do not the most brilliant "goalies" occasionally let through easy goals? This unsportsmanlike feature spoiled a good game.

R.A.S.C. BILLIARD MATCH.

At the Bakeries Y.M.C.A. Hut a very exciting Billiard match was played on Monday between the R.A.S.C. Bakers and the R.A.S.C. Transport (Kalk). Teams, 6 aside, games 100 up.

At the close of the second game the home team were leading by 83 points. The visitors then played two of their best men, Pte. Waite and Pte. Best, who reduced the Bakeries' lead down to 11. The last game was most exciting, both players wanting 3 for game. Results:—

Bakeries 505
Transport 525

OFFICERS AND SERGEANTS V. OTHER RANKS.

A cricket match was played at Frenz between officers and sergeants, 83rd Bde. R.A.S.C., and other ranks, 83rd Bde. R.A.S.C., and resulted in a win for the former by 10 runs after an exciting finish. For the winners Capt. Bowman scored 24, 2nd Lieut. Shearer 20 (not out), and Sergeant Mumford 13, the last mentioned also capturing 8 wickets for 29 runs. For the other ranks Pte. Elley was run out at 28, and Pte Walker scored 18; Williams captured 8 wickets for 27.

INTER-ALLIED LAWN-TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Inter-Allied Lawn Tennis Championships were begun in Paris on Tuesday with the eliminating rounds. Each nation is represented by two players, who compete in two singles and one doubles. The French pair, A.H. Gobert and Samazenilh, proved successful in the singles matches against the Roumanians, N. Misu and Eremie.

ALL FIRST-CLASS MATCHES DRAWN.

COLONIALS 554 FOR 7 WICKETS AT THE OVAL.

DRAWN GAME WITH SURREY.

Australians 1st inns., 230; 2nd inns., 554 (7 wkts.)
Surrey.....1st inns., 344; 2nd inns., 128 (5 wkts.)

In their second innings at the Oval in the match against Surrey the Australians scored 554 for seven wickets, when the closure was applied. The result was a draw. Scores:—

A.I.F. XI.—2nd INNINGS.

C. Kelleway, l b w, b Abel (T.)	87
H. L. Collins, c Strudwick, b Abel (T.)	49
J. M. Taylor, c Ducat, b Hitch	96
C. E. Pellew, retired hurt	106
J. T. Murray, b Abel (W. J.)	4
A. W. Lampard, st Strudwick, b Abel (W)	112
C. B. Willis, c Abel, (T.) b Hitch	29
E. A. Bull, not out	41
J. M. Gregory, not out	8
Extras	15
*Total (7 wkts.)	554

*Innings declared.

SURREY—2nd INNINGS.

Hobbs, c Gregory, b Kelleway	7
Ducat, l b w, b Kelleway	12
Harrison, c Gregory, b Stirling	36
Abel (W. J.) b Stirling	14
Shepherd, not out	17
Abel (T.), c Murray, b Stirling	27
Extras	15
Total (5 wkts.)	128

CAMBRIDGE v. YORKSHIRE.

Yorkshire 1st inns., 383; 2nd inns., 80 (no wkts.).
Cambridge 1st inns., 170; 2nd inns., 300.

The University just managed to avoid defeat at Cambridge, but, though drawn, the game was a virtual win for Yorkshire, who, with all their wickets in hand, wanted but eight runs for victory when time expired.

YORKSHIRE.—2nd INNINGS.

Rhodes, not out	38
Holmes, not out	35
Extras	7
Total (no wkt.)	80

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.—2nd INNINGS.

G. E. C. Wood, b Blackburne	14
G. P. Brooke-Taylor, b Blackburne	10
G. Ashton, c Holmes, b Blackburne	92
J. C. McBryan, c & b Smith	5
C. P. Johnstone, l b w, b Rhodes	17
J. F. S. Morrison, c Denton, b Blackburne	79
F. S. G. Calthorpe, b Kilner	19
G. A. Rotherham, b Kilner	10
G. A. Fairbairn, not out	21
J. H. Naumann, b Blackburne	17
A. E. R. Gilligan, not out	7
Extras	9
Total	300

MIDDLESEX v. LANCASHIRE.

INTERESTING MATCH DRAWN AT LORD'S.

Lancashire 1st inns., 381; 2nd inns., 182.
Middlesex 1st inns., 382; 2nd inns., 179. (8wkts.).

Although drawn, this match was an interesting one on the second day and exciting in its concluding stage. Middlesex supporters had some anxious moments.

Scores:—

LANCASHIRE—2nd INNINGS.

J. C. H. Hollins, b Hearne	44
Makepeace, b Lee	8
J. T. Tyldesly, b Gunasekara	45
J. Sharp, b Hearne	2
E. Tyldesley, b Haslip	24
Norbury, absent	0
Hallows, not out	32
J. Tyldesley, b Haslip	0
R. A. Boddington, c Green, b Lee	7
Dean c Muriell, c and b Haslip	4
C. S. Mariott, c Kemp, b Lee	2
B 9, l b 5	14
Total	182

MIDDLESEX.

W. P. Robertson lbw. b Marlott	2	cE. Tyldesley b Dean	53
Lee (H. W.), b J. Tyldesley	19	c sub. b Marriott	11
Hearne (J. W.), c Hallows, b Marriott	27	b J. Tyldesley	7
Hon. C. N. Bruce, c Dean, b Hallows	149	b Dean	51
Hendren (E.), b Mariott	0	not out	36
C. H. Gunasekara, b Mariott	18	b Dean	2
P. Kemp, b Hallows	38	b Mariott	5
Hendren (I) b Hallows	15	not out	8
S. M. Haslip, run out	9		
Murrell, not out	27		
Green, b J. Tyldesley	3		
B 10, l-b 13, w 2, n-b	15	L-b 5, w 1	6
Total	332	Total (8 wkts.)	179

52nd BN. v 51st BN. NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

The above mentioned teams met on the former's ground at Sulz, on Wednesday, and a very interesting game ensued, the 52nd N.F's. winning by 5 runs.

For the victors Lt. Col. Hartley, D.S.O. and Pte. Wilsher took 6 wickets for 48 runs and 4 wickets for 13 runs respectively. The chief scorers were Pte. Taylor 18, Lt. Emery 18, and Captain Tittle 12.

For the losers Major Cartwright was responsible for a bright innings of 27 and 3 wickets for 5 runs. Sgt. Mole took 6 wickets for 37.

Scores:—
52nd Northumberland Fusiliers 69;
51st Northumberland Fusiliers 64.

CRICKET CUP & OTHER MATCHES.

13th KINGS v. 51st KINGS (LIVERPOOL REGT).

A match played on Monday between 13th Kings and 51st Kings on the former's ground at Beuel resulted in an easy win for the "13th" by an innings and 25 runs. For 13th Kings, Col. Potter scored 29, and Lieut. Bailey 22. Scores:—

13th King's Liverpool Regt.	96
51st King's Liverpool Regt. (1st innings)	28
51st King's Liverpool Regt. (2nd innings)	43

SOUTHERN DIV. M.T. COY. (51) v. 2/4th HANTS REGT. (49) on Wednesday; for the former the leading batsmen were Pte Parkes (14); Pte Potter (14), and Pte Buller (14). Major Drysdale took 3 wickets for 15, and Sergt Albery 4 for 15; for 2/4th Hants the top scorer was Lieut Wiltshire (15).

161 BDE R.F.A. (50) v. "G" BTY, ANTI-AIRCRAFT R.A. (65) at Seigburg-Muldorf on Wednesday; for 161 Bde Capt. Lamax carried his bat for 14, and Bdr. Kennett scored 10, for "G" Bty. Sergt Armstrong compiled 19 and Bdr. Wiseman 11, while Gnr, H. Smith gave a magnificent bowling display, taking 8 wickets for 20 runs.

CAVALRY DIVISION H.Q. (85) v. A.P.O. COLOGNE (62).

At Quadrath on Wednesday. The winners rattled up 85, Spr. Smith (15), being top scorer, but Spr. Evans, (14), Lieut. Fox, (13), and Spr Bliss ran him very close. The start of the P.O.'s innings was certainly sensational, four wickets falling for 6 runs, Spr. Smith doing the damage as he had claimed three victims in his first three overs which were maidens. C.Q.M.S. Sharmen and Spr. Tadwell batted well the former scoring 26, The Cavalry Div. H.Q. thus won their second game in connection with the cricket cup.

3rd KING'S OWN HUSSARS v. 52nd GORDON HIGHLANDERS.

A double hat-trick occurred during the Gordons, innings; they had scored 54 for 3 wickets and then 6 wickets fell in 6 balls, 3 from Mr. Hatherley's bowling and 3 being stumped in succession off Mr. Huggins' bowling; the last 7 wickets only added 2 runs. Scores:—

3rd King's Own Hussars	69
52 Gordon Highlanders	56

NO. 70 SQUADRON (65) v. 5th RAILWAY TELEGRAPH CO. R.E. (45), at Bickendorf, on Wednesday. For the R.A.F. Sergt. Welch and Cpl. Philpott opened the innings, making 26 for 1st wicket, when Sergt. Welch was bowled for 13, Cpl. Philpott being dismissed almost immediately for 10; after Maj. P. Huskinson contributed 12 in good style, wickets fell rapidly, 8 being down for 50. At this stage Wood made a stand, putting on 15 out of 16 for the last 2 wickets. Bowling for 70 Sqdn., Bolton was again in good form and bowled effectively, taking 8 wickets for 17. Spr. Newman, for the R.E's, was the only one to reach double figures, hitting 17.

4th F.S. COY (MAPS) v. 1/6 W. YORKSHIRE REGT.; at Kiettenberg Park, Sulz; after a rather exciting finish the Yorkshiremen won by 3 runs. Lieut. Col. McLeod (Maps) all but pulled his side through, making a useful 20 (not out). Result:—

1/5 West Yorkshire Regt.	74
4 F.S. Coy (Maps)	71

OTHER RESULTS.

9th Corps Troops M.T. Coy	93.
104 Bde H.Q. R.F.A.	44.

(Next week's Cricket Cup fixtures appear on Page 4).

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

The Soccer Season.

Football will commence this year on August 30.

Saint Cloud.

The Saint Cloud racecourse is now free from the military authorities, and racing has been resumed there.

Baseball in England.

A crowd of quite 2,500 people witnessed a recent meeting of the American sections of Manchester and Liverpool Universities at base-ball on the Manchester Athletic Grounds.

Horses for Denmark.

A lot of horses have recently been shipped abroad, and this week Piona, a three-year-old colt by Rock Flint are being sent to Denmark from Pope's Royston stable.

Honour for Lieut. E. G. Hayes.

Lieutenant E. G. Hayes, the famous Surrey cricketer, who was mentioned in despatches in 1917, has been awarded the M.B.E. (Military Division).

Jockey Seriously Injured.

M. Mariott, one of the jockeys attached to Captain Berwick's stables at Ballaymany, on Curragh Edge, was exercising a horse on Tuesday night when the animal took fright, reared, and then fell on its rider. Marriott was taken to Drogheda Hospital, where it was found his skull had been fractured. He is in a critical condition.

Southern League Football.

Stalybridge Celtic, who earned the right to promotion by finishing second in the second division in 1914-15, have found it necessary to resign, and Newport County were elected in their place.

Japanese Sports.

The large crowd which filled the Aeolian Hall, London, on Saturday night, saw a display of Japanese Sports that was both interesting and unique. The whole performance was a curious blending of East and West.

A. W. Gore.

A. W. Gore, three times lawn tennis champion of the world, made his first public appearance since the beginning of the war at the North London championship meeting on the Gipsy Lawn Tennis Ground at Stamford-hill this week.

Scottish "Heavy" Wins Again.

Bob Whiteford, the Scottish heavy-weight, of whom a great deal is expected, placed another victory to his credit at the Parkhead Club, Glasgow, when he forced Gunner Burrows, of London, to retire in the eighth round.

Bravo, "Sigs."

The Derby was run at 1500 hours on Wednesday. The telegram containing the result was handed in by *Reuter's* Agency at 1517 and delivered in Cologne at the office of *The Cologne Post* at 1530.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

A ROYAL DERBY.

STEWARD'S HANDICAP WON BY HIS MAJESTY'S VICEROY.

The King and Queen accompanied by the Prince of Wales, Prince Albert, Prince Henry, Princess Mary and the President of Brazil witnessed the Derby on Wednesday. Contrary to expectations rain fell sharply before the race but did not affect the course, which was very hard. The exodus from London to Epsom exceeded anything known in the past, all roads and railways being packed. The regulation which forbade the landing of aeroplanes within a certain radius of the course led to the abandonment of plans by the Handley-Page Company to take visitors by air, but the Avro Company had 32 machines engaged landing at a spot outside the prohibited area.

The second race provided a Royal victory, the King's horse Viceroy winning the Steward's Handicap. Results:—

Juvenile Plate:— 1, Hardbake (2—1 on); 2, Ampanda (6—1); 3, Eve (100—7) and Knight of Derry (100—7) a dead heat. Seven ran.

Steward's Handicap:— 1, Viceroy (9—4); 2, Dorelus (5—1); 3, Lady Farmer (4—1). Nine ran. The victory of His Majesty's horse created great enthusiasm.

PANTHER DELAYED AT THE START.

The Derby:— 1, Grand Parade (33—1); 2, Buchan (7—1); 3, Paper Money (7—1). Thirteen ran. Roamer was ridden by J. Childs, otherwise the runners were the same as the probables.

Place Betting:— 33—4 against Grand Parade, evens Buchan, and Paper Money.

The Panther was delayed at the start and got badly away. Paper Money led from Roamer, White Heat, and Grand Parade, with the favourite Panther fourth, and Coriolanus last. Rounding Tattenham Corner, Paper Money led from Grand Parade, Buchan, and Sir Douglas with the favourite nearly last. Close to home Grand Parade challenged and won an exciting race by half a length. Two lengths separated the second and third. Sir Douglas was fourth, Tangiers fifth, and Bay of Naples last. The time was 2 minutes 35 4/5 secs.

Casterham Plate:— 1, Tarvie (9—2); 2, Latour (6—1); 3, Pourville (4—1). Six ran.

Ranmore Plate:— 1, D.N.P. (7—2); 2, Polygram (6—4); 3, Brioche (9—4). Six ran.

Epsom Plate:— 1, Twincat (5—4); 2, Merville (9—2); 3, St. Agnes Eve. Seven ran.

ROYAL NAVAL, MILITARY, AND AIR FORCE TOURNAMENT.

A FITTING INNOVATION.

The strong desire expressed in both the British and French Armies that the latter should be enabled to take part in the Tournament, which opens at Olympia on the 26th June, has received official sanction. The French Minister for War has notified that the French Army will furnish the Musical Ride. The Ride will be given in the picturesque colours of the French Cavalry, and 25 Trumpeters will be included in the Detachment to furnish the requisite music.

The Ride has, during the 36 years in which the Tournament has been in existence, been given by all the most famous regiments in the British service, and the allotment of the Ride this year to our Allies is a most fitting and welcome innovation.

The Musical Drive will be furnished by the British Army und the unit selected is A Battery, Royal Horse Artillery. Another musical attraction will be the presence of the famous Band of the Royal Marines, who will furnish music throughout the run of the Tournament.

SWEEPING CHALLENGE TO CARPENTIER.

Those behind McGoorty are tiring of empty innuendoes, and are devoting their energies to a match with Georges Carpentier, who shows no inclination to tackle the American. The latter has proved himself the most genuine proposition in England by clearing out H. Rolph, P.O. Curran, Tom Gummer and Harry Reeve. The future must answer for itself (says the "Referee"), but in justice to the position of boxing at this period the Tricolour representative should be induced to make a match with McGoorty, whose friends will find a sum up to £5.000 for a side wager, and will agree to an 80 per cent. share, or winner to take all, of the purse that may be given. A meeting between these celebrities was on the tapis before the War, and it would be interesting to know if Mr. A.F. Bettinson's contract has been allowed to lapse.

WAR CUP POLO "TOURNEY."

The first round of the war Cup Polo Tournament concluded at Ranelagh with a victory for Lord Stallbridge's Cavalry C/Team against the R.A.F. team by 6 goals to. 3.

Teams: Cavalry:— Major W.H. Pearson, Capt B.C. Pearson, Ld. Stallbridge and Cpt. Lowther.

R.A.F.:— Major Wernher, Col. Wise, Major Barrett and Cmdr. Mc. Grath.

2nd. LIGHT BRIGADE CRICKET COMPETITION.

Results of fixtures played on Saturday:—

	Team	Runs		Team	Runs
12th.	R.I. Rifles.	180	v	Bde. H.Q. & T.M.B.	51
9th.	London Regt.	104	v	6th. London Regt.	31
483	Field Coy. R.E.	82	v	2nd. M.G. Batt.	77

Major McCallum 12th R. Irish. Rifles had very hard lines in not completing his century, scoring 99 runs.

ARMY ATHLETICS.

The Army Athletic Championships will be held at Aldershot, on Thursday and Friday, August 28 and 29, after an interval of six years. The events will be 100, 220, and 440 yards, half mile, mile, and three mile flat, 120 yards hurdles, high jump, long jump, and putting 16 lb weight, together with a one-mile relay race. Entries will be limited to three individuals and one team from each command, garrison, and theatre of war, while invitations have been extended to India and the Colonies to enter representatives from their home armies on the same basis. Further particulars may be had of the Hon. secretary, managing committee, Army Athletic Championcare of Command Headquarters, Aldershot.

The Peace Regatta.

The Australian Service crews, which have been training at Putney for some time with the London Rowing Club as Headquarters, have left for Henley, where they will complete their preparation for the Peace Regatta.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Friday, June 6, 1919.

Surface wind between N.W. and W., 5 to 10 m.p.h. Mainly overcast and dull. Occasional moderate rain. Visibility fair.

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

Racing in British Occupied Area.

We all note with pleasure that the Commander-in-Chief has directed that a Sub-Committee of the Rhine Army Sports Committee be formed to control racing in the British Occupied Area. This Sub-Committee will have the same powers, so far as concerns racing in the British Occupied Area, as the Jockey Club and National Hunt Committee have in Great Britain. The Sub-Committee, or rather, the Racing Sub-Committee is composed as follows:—

President — Brig. Gen. H.H. Tudor, C.B., C.M.G., R.A. Members — Brig. Gen. N.W. Haig, C.B., C.M.G.; Brig. Gen. P.O. Hambro, C.B., C.M.G., 15th Hussars; Brig. Gen. G.F. Boyd, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M., R. Ir. Regt., Major C.M. Longmore, D.S.O., R.A.; Secretary — Lt. Col. E.H.L. Beddington, D.S.O., M.C., 16th Lancers.

Army Championships.

At the conference held at G.H.Q., on the 26th ult. to settle various points in connection with the Army Championship it was decided to adhere to the date already fixed — viz, the latter half of September — for this important fixture. The Championship will consist of the following events:

(1) Boxing; (2) Tug-of-War; (3) Athletic Sports; (4) Basket Ball; (5) Cross-country run.

Such a comprehensive programme will undoubtedly evince much enthusiasm and augurs well for the success of the project.

Rhine Trips.

I have received a letter, signed "Sufferer," from a correspondent who suggests that the present lack of catering arrangements on the Rhine Army pleasure steamers should be remedied. The addition, he argues, of an orchestra, composed of either our own men or Germans, and a bar and meals served by the E.F.C., at a reasonable figure, would be to us, as it is to our Allies, a real pleasure trip. The suggestion is sound; such accessories are necessary for the complete enjoyment of a river trip. And why spoil the ship for a ha'porth of tar?

THE RAMBLER.

GAMES AT DUREN.

51st GORDONS SUCCESSFUL GATHERING.

"The Commanding Officer hopes that all ranks will enjoy themselves at the Sports." This was the wish expressed in orders by Lieut. Col. R. M. Dudgeon, D.S.O., M.C., commanding the 51st Battalion Gordon Hrs. the night before the athletic gathering run by the Battalion. The meeting was held on Saturday at Duren and was a magnificent success.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

The following were the results:—

100 yards (confined) 1, Pte. Hutchison, C.Coy.; 2, Sergt. Fairweather, C.Coy.; 3, Pte. East, A.Coy.

Sack Race:— 1, Pte. Urquhart, D.Coy.; 2, Sergt. Henderson, B.Coy.; 3, Pte. Vesey, B.Coy.

100 yards (open):— 1, Cpl. Tucker, 10th A.&S.H.; 2, Capt. Grindle, 5th Camerons; 3, L/Cpl. Mc.Neill, 3rd Hussars. Time 10.4 Secs.

880 yards:— (confined) 1, Pte. Cruickshanks, C.Coy.; 2, Pte. Wilson, B.Coy.; 3, Pte. Mc.Laren, B.Coy.

Throwing the Cricket Ball:— 1, Pte. Plumer, C.Coy., 82 yards 2 inch.; 2, Sergt. Gardiner, A.Coy.; 3, Pte. Collier, A.Coy.

120 yards Hurdles:— 1, Cpl. Quiney, C.Coy.; 2, Pte. Mallis, D.Coy.; 3, Sergt. Henderson, B.Coy.; Time 18.1 Secs.

Pillow Fight:— 1, Sergt. Gardiner; 2, Pt. Mc. Laren, C.Coy.

Relay Race:— (confined) 1, C.Coy.; 2, A.Coy 3, D.Coy.

High Jump:— 1, Sergt. Ewing, D.Coy. 4 ft. 9. inch; 2, Lieut. Brown, D.Coy.; 3, Pte. Kean, D.Coy.

Putting the Stone:— 1, Sergt. Gardiner, 32 ft. 10 inch; 2, Sergt. Dunn. C.Coy. 30 ft. 9½ inch; 3, Sergt. Ewing 29 ft. 2 inch.

440 yards Race:— 1, Sergt. Petrie, B.Coy.; 2, Pte. Hutchison; 3, Pte. Vesey.

One mile Race:— 1, Sergt. Petrie, B.Coy.; 2, Pte. Wilson; 3, Pte. Stronach, C.Coy.

Hop, Step and Leap:— 1, Pte. Diver, C.Coy.; 37 ft. 2 inch; 2 L/Cpl. Brown, C.Coy. 34 ft.; 3. Sergt. Dunn, 33 ft. 8 inch.

Obstacle Race:— 1, L/Cpl. Farrell, A.Coy.; 2, Pte. Urquhart; 3, Pte. Hutchison.

220 yards Race:— (confined) 1, Pte. Hutchison; 2, Cpl. Quiney; 3, Sergt. Fairweather. Time 30 Secs.

Wheelbarrow Race:— 1, Black and Hutchison C. Coy; 2, McMechan and Bruce C. Coy.

Boat Race:—1, C. Coy; 2, D. Coy.

440 yards (open) 1, Capt. Grindle, Camerons. 2, C.Q.M.S. Old, Seaforths; 3, Lieut. Aird, 5th Camerons. Time 61.1 secs.

FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL.

Five-a-side football:—C. Coy team defeated A. in final by 2 goals to 1. D. team defeated B. by 2 goals to nil in tie for third place.

Long Jump:— 1, Sergt. Ewing, 15 ft. 11 inch; 2, Pte Kean, 15 ft. 10 inch; 3, L/Cpl. Brown 15 ft. 8 inch.

Mule Race:— 1 Pte McCallum; 2, Pte Cuthbert.

Relay Race (open) — 1, 5th Camerons; 2/4th Seaforths.

Tug-of-war:— 1, C. Coy; 2, B. Coy; 3, A. Coy.

Cooker Turnout:— 1, B. Coy; 2, A. Coy.

Limber Turnout:— 1, D. Coy; 2, C. Coy.

Best dressed soldier:—1, Pte Lochhead, A. Coy; 2, Pte Miller, A. Coy; 3, Pte Darroch, C. Coy.

Piping — Sergt. Piper McMillan, 53rd Gordons.

Dancing:— Sergt. Piper McMillan.

Most successful competitors—1, Pte Hutchison, 2, Sergt Gardiner; 3, Sergt Ewing; 4, Sergt Dunn.

Coy, Challenge Cup — 1, C. Coy, 59, 2, D. Coy, 25, A. Coy, 23, B. Coy, 19.

Nurses Race: — 1, Sister Sykes; 2, Sister Edwards; 3, Sister Rollo.

MILITARY GOLF.

LARGE ENTRY FOR INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AT LA BOULIE.

A large entry has already been received for the international military golf championship to be held at La Boulie, near Versailles, when British, French, and American teams will take part. The list of French players includes Arnaud Massy.

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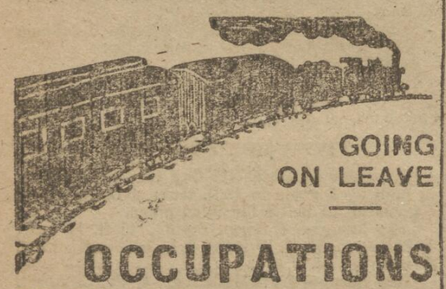

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COLOGNE TOWN LEAGUE.

A.P.O. Cologne v. "R" A.A. Bty. R.G.A.
51st Aux. Bus. Coy v. Cav. Div. H. Q.
53rd Sherwood For. no match.
51st D.L.I. v. Bakeries Sports Club, Kalk.
Army H.Q. Sig. Coy v. 5th Rly Teleg. Sig. Coy.
9th L.T.M.B. no match.
Adv. Supply Depot R.A.S.C. v. A.A. Searchlight Sec. R.E.
17th Lancers no match.
70th Sq. R.A.F. v. 47 C.C.S.
No 2 Water Tank Coy. M.T. P.A.S.C. v. 3rd Cav. Field Amb.
Cav. Div. A.C. R.H.A. no match.
9th D.L.I. no match.
1/5th Devons v. 51st Northumberland Fus.
2nd Sq. R.A.F. v. 53rd Northumb. Fus.
G. Batty H.A. v 4th R. Sussex.
52nd Northumberland Fus. no match.
24th Vet. Hosp. v. no match.

COLOGNE NORTHERN LEAGUE.

1/5th W. Yorks v. London Div. M.T. Coy.
92nd Bde. R.G.A. v. 14th York and Lanc.
13th Lancers v. No. 14 G.H.Q. M.T. Coy.
237 Field Coy v. 52nd R. Warwick.
53rd R. Warwick v. 29th Bn. M.G.C.
13th K.R.R.C. v. II. Corps H.Q.
68th Field Amb. v. 31st Labour Group.
51st Sherwood For. v. 24th Hants.
13th Motor Amb. Convoy v. 420 Siege Batty.
"Maps," 4 F.S. Bn. v. 75 Bde. R.F.A.
1/6th W. Yorks v. 5th Bn. M.G.C.
5th R. Warwick v. B. Corps Sig. Coy.
C/113 Bde. R.F.A. no match.
Southern Div. M.T. Coy no match.
23rd Middlesex no match.

COLOGNE SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

H.A.C. v. Rhine A.T., M.T. Coy.
52nd Bedfords v. 51st Devon.
93rd Bde. R.G.A. v. 170 Siege Battery
34 Battalion M.G.C. no match.
180 Labour Coy. v. 8 Field Amb.
Wahn Surrey Det., v. VI Corps Sig. Coy.
2nd Bn. M.G.C. v. 2nd M.G. Sq., Cav. Div.
23rd M.T. Coy. v. 161 Bde. R.F.A.
5th R. Irish v. Northern Div. R.E.
3rd Northern Bde. v. "G" A.A. Baty. R.G.A.
28lst Siege Battery v. 41st Bn. M.G.C.
11th R. Scots no match.
VI Corps H.Q. v. D 190 Bde. R.F.A.
3rd Bn. M.G.C. v. 12th R. Irish Rifles.
5th K.O.Y.L.I. no match.

BONN LEAGUE.

52nd Manchester v. 86 Siege Battery.
91st Field Amb. v. Eastern Div. Sig. Coy.
103rd Field Amb. v. 207th Sq. R.A.F.
Lancs. Div. Sig. Coy v. 15th Lancs. Fus.
52nd Cheshire v. 10th R.W. Kent.
92nd Field Amb. v. 53rd Welsh
4th Suffolk no match.
51st Bedford v. 51st R. Sussex.
No 3 Coy Western Div. R.A.S.C. v. 52nd Welsh.
5th Border v. 51st K. Liverpool.
Eastern Div. H.Q. v. 23rd R. Fusiliers.
121 Heavy Bty. R.G.A. v. 303 Siege Battery R.G.A.
X. Corps Sig. Coy v. 2nd London Inf. Bde.
16th Lancs. Fus. v. 1st T.M.B. (Western).
Lancs. Div. H.Q v. 13th K. Liverpool
69th Siege Battery R.G.A. no match.

EUSKIRCHEN LEAGUE.

178 Siege Batty. v. 9th Corps Troops M.T. Coy.
11th Leicesters no match.
104 Brigade R.F.A. v. 1/5th S. Staffs.
21st Brigade R.G.A. v. 185 Siege Batty.
354 Siege Batty. v. 145 Siege Batty.
509th Field Coy. v. Midl. Div. Train H.Q.
16th Field Amb. v. 9th Corps H.A.
76 (Army) Bde. R.F.A. v. 18th Field Amb.
42nd Stationary Hosp. v. Midland D.A.C.
No. 1 Coy. Highland Div. Train v. 52nd Sherwoods.
73rd. Bde. R.G.A. v. 1st Bn. M.G.C.
Midland Div. M.T. Coy. v. E. Corps Sig. Coy.
Midland Div. H.Q. no match.
"F" A.A. Bty. R.F.A. no match.
488 Siege Batty. v. 269 A.E. Comp.
77 Siege Batty. no match.

SOLINGEN LEAGUE.

15th H.L.I. v. 64th Field Coy.
83rd (Dub.) Gen. Hosp. v. 1/5th K.O.S.B.
51st Hants v. Lowland Div. M.T. Coy.
Lowland D.A.C. v. A. Batty. 51st Bde. R.F.A.
Southern Div. R.E. v. 63rd Field Coy.
90th Field Coy. no match.

DÜREN LEAGUE.

310 Bde. R.F.A. v. 6th Field Amb.
D. Corps Siege Park v. 10th A. & S. Hdrs.
153rd Siege Batty. v. 183rd Siege Batty.
1/1st N. Midland Heavy Batty. v. 3rd. Hussars.
527th Coy. R.A.S.C. no match.
52nd Gordon Hdrs. v. D. Corps Sig. Coy.
IV. Corps Troops M.T. Coy. no match.
"O" Battery Rocket Troop R.H.A. v. Light Div. Sig. Coy.
62nd M.G.C. v. Light Div. H.Q.
15th K. Hussars v. No. 1 Light Bty. Sig. Coy.

A FOREST OF DEAD MEN.

GRUESOME STORIES OF RUSSIAN BOLSHEVISM.

A most enthralling, though at times gruesome lecture was given by the Rev. Courtier Forster, late Chaplain of Odessa, on Wednesday evening, at the British Empire Leave Club.

Lt. Gen. Sir C.W. Jacob, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Commanding 2nd Corps took the chair and in introducing the lecturer, explained that Mr. Courtier Forster had a full knowledge of his subject, having lived in Russia for over 8 years and knowing intimately all classes of Russian society. The Hall was packed, the audience including Lt. Generals Sir C.W. Jacobs, Sir A.L. Haldane, Maj. Gen. A.L. Deverill, Sir S. Lawford and Brig. Gens. Tulloch Rotton, Ellishart and Oldfield. There were also present many ladies.

The Rev. Courtier Forster opened his lecture with a brief account of the growth and the main tenets of Bolshevism, and went on to explain that he was in Russia all through the beginning of the war and during the 1st and 2nd revolutions, and after many adventures and various terms of imprisonment escaped into Austria, where he stayed through the Austrian revolution. Later he managed to make his way to Switzerland and so home to England. The main doctrines of Bolshevism were the same as those held by the Anarchists and Nihilists, the most important of which are.—

(a) The abolition of God and the belief in goodness, sin, heaven and hell or any life but the present.
(b) The abolition of the rite of marriage and all family life and responsibility and the introduction of free union among the sexes.
(c) The complete abolition of all rights to private property, so that no man should call anything, even that which he had in his pocket, his own.
(d) The complete abolition of any form of Central Government and the formation of local Soviets.

Cruelty and Barbarity.

The lecturer then described the life which he had lived during the Bolshevic Regime in Odessa. These Terrors of Society were not allowed to take possession of the place quietly but fighting proceeded for 3 days in the streets. On one occasion 19 wounded officers and men prisoners were foully done to death by them, and their bodies thrown into the harbour. In the harbour scenes of the utmost cruelty and barbarity took place. Over 400 officers and men were tortured—chained to planks and slowly roasted in front of the furnaces; torn asunder by winches, their eyes gauged out and then large stones tied to their feet and their bodies dropped into the sea.

The wife of one murdered officer bribed a diver to go down and try to rescue the body of her husband. He went over the ship's side but almost immediately pulled the cord to be hauled up again. "Have you found your man?" they asked. "No" he replied, "nothing on earth will persuade me to go down again for the stones on the feet of the men cause them to stand upright and the force of the water has raised their hands above their heads and the whole of the bottom of Odessa Harbour is as a Forest of Dead Men." He gave other instances of whole families being murdered including young children.

FROM DUREN TO JEDBURGH.

POPULAR GORDON HIGHLANDER C.S.M.'s FAREWELL.

The popularity of C.S.M. George Balfour, C. Coy. 51st Gordons, was testified to on Tuesday, when all ranks of the company met and presented him with handsome and valuable gifts on the occasion of his departure from Düren for Jedburgh, Scotland. C.S.M. Balfour, who originally belonged to the 10th Black Watch and has seen much active service, has been identified with the 51st Gordons since last summer, and the battalion has found in him a hard-working and capable N.C.O.

The testimonial was arranged by Lieut. J. Robertson, the popular commander of C. Coy. and C.Q.M.S. Latham carried out the idea with practical effect.

In making the presentation in presence of officers, N.C.O.s and men of the company, Lieut Robertson made eulogistic reference to C.S.M. Balfour's services. C.S.M. Balfour, he said, had seen service on the Grecian, Egyptian, and French Fronts, and had done much to make the company what it was.

C.S.M. Balfour, in reply, expressed his regret at leaving the Battalion and particularly the company. The gifts he would treasure not only as souvenirs of Rhineland, but as the tangible expression of their good will and comradeship towards him (applause).

Hearty cheers were raised at the close of the gathering.

C.S.M. Balfour left for Blighty on Wednesday.

SUICIDE AFTER RE-CALL.

After receiving a military notice a soldier in the Labour Corps named Harry Aistrup, of Gedney, South Lincolnshire, was found hanging from a beam on the farm premises of Mr. A.H. Munson, of Gedney, where he had been employed for 14 months.

A few days ago he received a notice to rejoin, and it was stated at the inquest that he was afterwards very quiet. It was stated that most of the time he was in the Army he had spent in hospital.

A verdict of Suicide while Temporarily Insane was returned.

ABBEY WAR BELLS.

The war peal of bells at Westminster Abbey were consecrated yesterday morning, and rung for the first time for many years, in honour of the King's birthday. Originally there were only five bells. Three have been added, and the whole restored, and it is now the heaviest peal in London.

AIR FERRY TO SWEDEN.

Two representatives of the Swedish Government visited Hull yesterday, and inspected the facilities for the proposed ferry service between Sweden and England.

BRITISH AVIATOR DISAPPEARS.

New York. A search has been instituted in several States for Capt. Mansell James, a British aviator. After a record flight from Atlantic City, New Jersey, to Boston, Massachusetts, last week, Capt. James started on the return journey in his Sopwith machine and simply disappeared.—*Reuter.*

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE MEMORIAL

A War Memorial Scheme for the University College Hospital and Medical School, London, has now been settled. An appeal for thirty thousand pounds is being issued this week to all old students of the College whose present addresses are known.

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WITH MILITARY HONOURS.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE PRIVATE ARUNDALE.

The funeral of the late Pte. G. Arundale 55032 of "C" Coy. 2/4 Bn. Duke of Wellington's Regt., who was accidentally killed on 28th May 1919, took place on Saturday, with full military honours, at Südfriedhof Cemetery, Cologne. The coffin, covered by the Union Jack and numerous wreaths from officers, N.C.O's and men of the battalion, was borne by men of the transport section (to which the deceased was attached) from the cemetery gates to the graveside, the regimental Band playing the Dead March in "Saul." The whole of "C" Coy's Officers, N.C.O's and men followed.

The officiating clergyman was the Rev. C. G. Huck, M.C.C.F.

At the conclusion of the service the firing party fired three volleys, and the buglers sounded the "Last Post" and so ended a sad but impressive ceremony.

The coffin was of polished pitch pine, with brass fittings, and bore the following inscription: "55032 Pte. G. Arundale, 2/4 Duke of Wellingtons. Born 9th September 1899. Accidentally killed, 28th May, 1919."

20,000 MARKS IN ONE DAY.

52nd DURHAM'S WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.

This Association was formed in the first week of last month, and for the three weeks ending 24th May, contributed 80 pfennings short of 19,700 marks, making a total of 1,457 War Savings Certificates purchased.

Two Companies—"B" and "D"—were each responsible for over 20,000 marks in a single day, and in two weeks the War Savings contributions in this unit totalled no less a sum than 60,461 marks—equivalent to 1,465 certificates.

SOLDIERS RECREATION CLUB.

One of the less generally known but extremely useful institutions in Cologne, is the Recreation Club run by the Christian Association at 19 Apostelstrasse, near the Neumarkt. The club provides recreation in the form of chess, draughts, dominoes etc. and plentiful refreshment at low prices. Tea, chocolate, lemonade, and biscuits are always on sale during the hours the club is open, viz. 10.30—12.00, 2.0—4.0 and 5.0—8.0. Bible classes are held in a special room each evening at 6.30 and on Sundays at 3.0 and 7.0, special talks are carried on, on the purely undenominational lines characteristic of the Association's policy.

OLD SCOUTS' CORNER

BY HAWK EYE.

Our meeting on Wednesday evening went off very well, and ten new members were enrolled.

We are in touch with Headquarters in London, and soon an abundant supply of literature should be available, which will considerably facilitate our progress.

A very novel suggestion has been made, which will be brought up at our next meeting, (Wednesday) 5.30 p. m. in the Y.M.C.A. grounds, Lindenthal. So be sure to come early.

To-morrow (Saturday) we are rambling in the direction of Bonn, and are meeting at the tram terminus (by the Hohenzollern Bridge) at 2.45 p. m., so as to allow plenty of time in which to catch the 3 o' clock tram. All old scouts and their friends, whether members of our circle or not, are heartily invited to join us on this excursion. Those who have cameras by all means bring them along.

Mr. Silverwood (Y.M.C.A. Deutz) is simply pining for suggestions re future trips etc. — so please oblige him.

R.H.P.

Answers to Correspondents.

C.R.H.—Elinor Glyn wrote "Three Weeks."

A.W.D.—The armoured cars, it is claimed, were the first to cross the Hohenzollern Bridge.

E.D.—Yes, you are liable to be retained.

Signaller, R.F.A.—They are at Marialinden.

C.R.L.—Yes, it is quite legal.

Y.S.—Yes, if you enlisted under the Derby scheme.

Shamrock.—Ministry of Pensions address is Westminster House, Millbank S.W. 1.

T.H.W.—Not to our knowledge, but if Winston Churchill does come, you may be sure it will be mentioned in *The Cologne Post.*

M.L.B.—Your letter is vague. Did you re-enlist or volunteer to stay with the army of occupation.

justice.—If you were in the army at that period, yes; if you were attached to the army, no.

A.A.A.—The rate of bonus paid to men of the army of occupation is:—Sergeant, 14s. per week; corporal 12s. 3d. per week; private 10s. 6d. per week.

THE AGE FOR DEMOBILIZATION.

In a reply to "W.O." yesterday, owing to a misprint, we stated that W.O.s, and men who have attained the age of 33 are to be demobilized as soon as the exigencies of the service permit. The age should have read 37, and not 33.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

Devon growers are making 10s. per 100 sticks for finest asparagus.

Steamboats are running again between Lymington and Totland Bay, I.O.W.

A strike of taxicab drivers and propietors has taken place at Preston, where pre-war fares are still in vogue. There are very few taxis on the streets.

Canon Waterfield has accepted the Arch-deaconry of Cirencester and will resign the headmastership of Cheltenham College after the end of the term.

The Office of Works has decided to extend till February 29 next the use of certain parts of the royal parks used for allotments, in order that the winter crops may be cleared.

Mr. G. F. Sexton is giving the proceeds of to-day's performances at the West End Cinema to the Veterans' Association.

The King and Queen, Queen Alexandra, and the Prince of Wales have accepted copies of "Victory Over Blindness," the book in which Sir Arthur Pearson tells the story of St. Dunstan's.

A miner summoned at Aberavon, Glamorgan yesterday for non-payment of income tax was said to earn £9 a week.

For obtaining £6 out-of-work pay while fully employed, Frederick Cooper, miner, was yesterday at Doncaster sent to prison for two months.

Lord Beaverbrook, who has undergone two operations, sails in the Olympic on Friday for Canada for an 8 months' visit to improve his health.

Twenty thousand tons of potatoes are being shipped from Leith for Hamburg to the order of the Government.

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PREMATURE OPTIMISM ABOUT PETROGRAD.

STRONG BOLSHEVIST DEFENCE.

Copenhagen. 4th June.— The latest Esthonia communiqué is as follows:— "Esthonian troops in Eastern Lettland continue their victorious forced marches against Kreutzburg on the river Dvina. They captured 1900 prisoners, a battery of heavy artillery and a number of machine guns on the 1st and 2nd June. Reports continually appearing in the Press about the capture of Petrograd are very premature. Vigorous counter-attacks by the Bolshevists in the West and North-West of Gatchina continue. Their repulse by the Northern Corps has not yet achieved a decisive result. Nothing is known at the Esthonian headquarters of the Finnish advance on Petrograd from the North. Similarly at the West of Luga on the Petrograd-Pskoff railway the Northern Corps is solely engaged in repelling attacks."—*Reuter.*

CONTINUOUS ANTI-BOLSHEVIST FRONT.

Reuter learns that the advance of the Esthonian and Russian Northern Corps continues successfully. The report of the capture of Peterhof last week is not confirmed and it appears that no advance along the coast has been made by the Esthonians. The attacking troops are within 15 miles of the town of Luga and have cut off Pskoff. The Bolshevists on the Eastern edge of lake Peipus have withdrawn and the troops on the Southern front in Esthonia have joined hands with those on the Eastern. The important railway junction at Volmar has been taken by the Esthonians and the Bolshevists on the coast of the Gulf of Riga have retreated. There is thus a continuous anti-Bolshevist line from the Gulf of Finland to East Riga.

CHINESE RED GUARDS AT PETROGRAD.

A Helsingfors message states that almost complete strikes are taking place in the Petrograd munition factories. Putilorff and other large works are surrounded by strong detachments of Red Guards, including Chinese, who on Saturday last turned machine guns on the workers.

Many Bolshevist public departments have lost their staffs through the flight of the Communists, who are fearing punishment if Petrograd is taken.—*Wireless.*

BRITISH PRISONERS RELEASED FROM RUSSIA.

The first batch of British officers to be released by the Bolshevists, under an arrangement for exchange of prisoners, has been taken to the Finnish frontier. The officers were suffering in various degrees both mentally and physically and were in rags. Most of the party, which numbered eighteen, had been incarcerated in Bolerskie prison, one of the largest criminal prisons in Russia. Their appearance presented a great contrast to that of the two Bolshevists who were exchanged for them. These were well dressed, had plenty of luggage and were well fed and happy. One of the Russians exchanged was Raskolnikoff, the Red "Admiral". He declared that he had been wonderfully well treated since his capture and signed a statement to that effect in Russian and English.—*Wireless.*

BRITISH IN TRANS-CAUCASIA.

BOLSHEVIST DETERRENT.

Ekaterinodar. General dismay has been caused by a rumour that it has been decided to withdraw the British forces now in Trans-Caucasia and to replace them by Italians. According to a newspaper despatch, two Italian ships have already landed Italian marines at Batoum. It is pointed out here that it is solely due to the presence of the British troops that order has hitherto been preserved in a very highly charged atmosphere and amidst the conflicting claims of the various native nationalities. Only the special qualities and great experience of the British, it is contended, are able to cope with the turbulent elements in Trans-Caucasia and to ensure that the Bolshevists do not turn the native rivalries to their own account. "Swapping horses" in such circumstances would be a most dangerous proceeding, and might well prove a fatal experiment.—*Reuter.*

With regard to the report that the British troops now in Trans-Caucasia are to be replaced by Italians, *Reuter's Agency* learns in well-informed quarters that the project has been for some time past, and still is, under consideration. While no confirmation of any decision having been reached in the matter can be obtained, it is stated that action on the lines indicated may be possible, but will probably not take place in the near future.

The Central News telegraphed to Viscount French asking if he intended making any statement in regard to Mr. Asquith's speech. The following reply was received: "I am saying nothing for the moment.—French."

GOVERNMENT REFORMS IN INDIA.

DEVOLUTION OF DUTIES.

On the second reading of the Bill for the reform of Government of India Mr. Montagu, Secretary for India, said that, if the second reading were carried, the Government intended to refer the Bill to a joint committee of both Houses.

This Bill, he said, was the bridge between Government by agents of Parliament and Government by representatives of the Indian people and it must be in such a form that it should not be static but fluid. They must form an intelligent electorate in India and give it power through some such institution.

For the present it was necessary to reserve some functions to Parliament, transfer other functions to representative bodies, and gradually to transfer those duties which were reserved. The proposals of the Bill were merely intended to cover the transitional period and provision was made for examination at a stated period into the working of the scheme.— *British Wireless Service.*

ARMISTICE TERMS TO AFGHANISTAN.

TWENTY MILE LIMIT.

Reuter learns that the terms of the armistice proposed to the Amir of Afghanistan include the withdrawal of the Afghans to a line twenty miles within their own borders, while we maintain our present positions, and that the frontier tribes be discouraged by the Afghans from further hostilities.

HANDICAP RACE FOR KABUL.

QUEEN-MOTHER ON SCRATCH.

Peshawar.—Interest now centres on Kabul. Marching towards that city are certain Afghan troops and behind them an envoy bearing General Barrett's reply to the Amir's armistice proposal. Behind him again is Seleh Mahomed, the Afghan Commander, who asserts that he has been recalled but is undoubtedly going to Kabul with ulterior purposes. Bringing up the rear and likely to reach Kabul first is Hagrat Bibi, the Queen Mother, who is in possession of the late Amir's fleetest motor cars. Stirring events are possible when these conflicting personages and elements meet at Kabul.

According to information brougth by the recent Afghan deputation the report seems to be confirmed that Nasrullah Khan, the Amir's uncle, is alive and well. He is said to be lodged—not locked up—in the citadel and allowed a certain amount of exercise. The Amir ocassionally visits him and apparently discusses with him matters of policy.—*Reuter.*

BOMBING RAID INSTRUCTIONS.

In the House of Commons yesterday Lieut. Commander Kenworthy (L., Hull, Central) asked the Secretary for India if day and night aeroplane bombing raids had been carried out against Jelalabad and other Afghan towns; if so what steps were taken to avoid the killing of women and children in these raids; and would he publish assurances on this subject for the information of the Moslem subjects of the Empire and of our Allies.

Mr. Montagu: As far as I know there has been no night raid. I am informed by the Government of India that every care has been taken to confine these operations to military objectives. As regards the last part of the question, the well-known conduct of the British Army in this connection makes it unnecessary to give any assurance. (Cheers.)

Replying to a further question from the same member, Mr. Montagu said that no instructions had been given as to the height from which bombs will be dropped in the day time.

BOLSHEVISTS AND MUSSULMANS

There are signs that Bolshevist propaganda in Afghanistan and India is continuing mainly on the lines that European states intend to do away with all Mohammedan races.—*Reuter.*

MURDER IN THE OCCUPIED ZONE.

FRENCH OFFICER VICTIM.

Copenhagen, 3rd June. A Berlin telegram says: "The newspapers here publish reports from Biebrich, near Mayence, to the effect that a French officer there struck with his riding whip a tram conductor who would not stop at his orders. The conductor thereupon dealt the officer such a violent blow on the head with the driving handle of the tramcar that the officer immediately fell down dead. The conductor, whom French soldiers did not venture to arrest on the spot owing to the threatening attitude of the crowd, managed to escape into unoccupied territory."—*Reuter.*

PRIVATE AND C.O. TEST CASE.

CIVIL v. MILITARY LAW.

Judgment in the action brought by Mr. Christopher Henry Heddon, solicitor, of Ripon and Harrogate, formerly a private in the Army Service Corps, against Major C. C. Evans, for damages for alleged false imprisonment, malicious prosecution, and slander, was delivered yesterday in the King's Bench Division by Mr. Justice McCardie. In the result, his lordship found for the defendant on the facts of the case, but he dissented from the statement of the law submitted by the defence as to the superiority of military tribunals over the civil courts.

The words complained of by plaintiff were, "I knew you were a rogue. Now I know you are a damned fool. Get out." This, plaintiff alleged, had relation to his profession as a solicitor. "Will you never tell the truth?" was another statement complained of. By the defence filed. defendant admitted the arrests, which he claimed arose out of the administration of military discipline. He denied the statements complained of were in relation to plaintiff's professional conduct, and pleaded that they were spoken without malice and were privileged. Defendant further claimed alternatively that the arrests were ordered by the General Officer Commanding, Northern Command.

His lordship, in the course of his judgment, said the case raised a question of constitutional importance. The whole of plaintiff's alleged injuries sprang directly and solely from the military relationship which existed between plaintiff and defendant, who was plaintiff's commanding officer. They were exclusively associated with the purported administration of military discipline by the defendant, and consequently, counsel for defendant submitted that this action would not lie. This contention was based on a judgment by Chief Baron Kelly, who, delivering the views of ten judges in Dawkins v. Rokeby, in 1873, stated that the authorities showed that cases involving questions of military discipline and duty alone, were cognisable only by military tribunals, and not by courts of law. His lordship, continuing: If the words of Chief Baron Kelly bear the meaning which has been assumed and has been relied upon by the defence, they have created a principle the importance of which cannot be overstated, and the limits of which can scarcely be fixed.

DEFINITION OF MILITARY LAW.

In order to test the defendant's contention, it was essential to distinguish between military law on the one hand, and martial law on the other. The latter was quite foreign to the point at issue and, in the sense that it meant the suspension of the ordinary law, and the temporary government of the country by military tribunals, was unknown to the law of England. Military law was to be found in the Army Act, the Rules of Procedure, King's Regulations, and Army Orders. The result of legislation which was consolidated in one Act in 1879 was that a man who entered the Army must submit to the code of punishments sanctioned by Parliament, and to the tribunals which were authorised to administer that code. Plaintiff in this action contended that, if a court martial or an officer acted without jurisdiction and inflicted a sentence on a soldier which they or he had no power to impose, whereby the soldier suffered in his personal liberty, an action for false imprisonment would lie, although the acts complained of arose in the course of military discipline.

It was a settled principle of English law that a man who, without lawful authority, caused another to be arrested, imprisoned, or otherwise injured in his person or property, was liable to an action for damages. Did this great protective rule of law apply to the acts of military tribunals? His lordship could see no reason for exempting military officials from the operation of this rule. The matter was put plainly by Lord Haldane in "The Laws of England," vol. 25, p. 91, when he wrote:

"Members of courts-martial and naval and military authorities generally are responsible as individuals to any person injured by reason of their having acted either without or in excess of their jurisdiction."

MILITARY JURISDICTION.

Proceeding, his lordship said: If the acts of military tribunals or officers were insusceptible of supervision by the Civil Courts, the gravest consequences might ensue. It can scarcely be that military men are alone the interpreters of military law. If so, they become above the civil law. The judges are the interpreters of the law. Military law, I conceive, is a part of the law of the realm. It rests on statutory basis, and the soldier is a person subject to two states of law—military law and civil law. It seems to me, as a matter of principle, that the liberty of the soldier should not be infringed, nor should his person be invaded, save in so far as that infringement or invasion is justified either by the law military or the law civil. The question of justification should ultimately be determined by the ordinary courts of law. It is for those Courts to determine the extent of military jurisdiction given to military officers and tribunals by Act of Parliament.

Upon what might be termed the doctrine of compact, said his lordship, the defence based a further submission that the courts could not inquire into the doings of military tribunals. If this doctrine meant that any act in the purported administration of military law or discipline was beyond the challenge of the civil courts, whether with or without the actual jurisdiction entrusted to military tribunals or officers, it constituted a doctrine of the gravest constitutional importance. The compact of a man who entered the Army, whether voluntarily or not, was that he would submit to military law, not that he would submit to military illegality.

OFFICERS LIABLE TO ACTION.

Having referred in detail to the many cases cited during the hearing, his lordship said he had arrived at the following conclusions:

1. That a military tribunal or officer would be liable to an action for damages if, when acting in excess of, or without jurisdiction, they or he directed that to be done to another military person, whether officer or private, which amounted to assault, false imprisonment, or common law wrong, even though the injury purported to be done in the course of military discipline.

2. If an act causing injury to personal liberty or property were within the jurisdiction and in the course of military discipline, no action would lie on the ground that the act done was done maliciously, or without reasonable and probable cause. The House of Lords alone was free to hold that an action would lie for the malicious abuse of military authority.

He had to inquire whether the present defendant acted without jurisdiction and whether he falsely imprisoned the plaintiff. If so, he could award damages to the plaintiff. But he was not free to award damages for malicious, groundless abuse of authority.

FACTS OF THE CASE.

Dealing with the facts of the case, his lordship said it would have been better if defendant had brought plaintiff before a court-martial, but prima facie he had authority to deal with plaintiff under Section 40 of the Army Act. The sentence of fourteen days confinement to barracks was one defendant had power to impose, and his lordship held that in this matter plaintiff suffered no injustice. The argument that the conviction was void because it involved forfeiture of pay did not succeed, because the only pay lost was the corps pay, whereas, in his lordship's opinion, the Act referred to ordinary pay. Further, he was unable to say that plaintiff had established any evidence of illegal commitment; and, secondly, he was satisfied that in sending plaintiff to the detention barracks defendant was acting under orders from the Northern Command. His lordship decided that the claim for slander failed, because he held that the words complained of were not spoken of plaintiff in connection with his profession as a solicitor. He was unable to find that defendant acted beyond his jurisdiction with respect to the several matters complained of by the plaintiff, and he further held that plaintiff had not established that defendant acted maliciously or without reasonable and probable cause as alleged by his statement of claim.

In conclusion, his lordship said: I could wish that in the series of proceedings against the plaintiff there had been a fuller observance of every one of those technical requirements which, though not vital, are yet useful, and should have been followed throughout. The feelings of the plaintiff which led him to commence this litigation were deep and genuine, but some parts of his conduct were wrong, some unwise, and some over-impulsive. He failed to bear in mind that, although he had left France, he was still in the Army, and that he owed a high and constant duty of obedience. I cannot overlook the occasions when he ignored authority and was absent without leave. On the other hand, I think that a greater measure of tact and a different method of treatment on the part of more than one officer would have prevented the occurrence of all of this unhappy history. The discipline of the Army must be firmly maintained, but the enforcement of that discipline may well be assisted by the recognition of the fact that a soldier, whatever his position may have been in civil life, is appreciative to the full of just and sympathetic consideration. There must be judgment for the defendant.

Mr. Watson intimated that, having established an important principle, plaintiff would not appeal on the facts.

Mr. Justice McCardie, on this understanding, said judgment would be without costs.

END OF SPRING DROUGHT.

The weather chose Derby day of all days for the break-up of the drought, which had prevailed for twenty-five days. The longest Spring period without rain during the last sixty years was from March 18 to April 15, 1893—twenty-nine days. Prior to Wednesday no rain had fallen since May 9, when there was only about a sixteenth of an inch, and the preceding five days were dry, so that this Spring has come very near to creating a record. The dry May followed on an extraordinarily wet Winter, and 1919 has so far given nearly 13½in of rain (the average being 8.82in), or about as much as we may usually expect to get during the first six months of the year.

PEACE PAGEANT ON THE THAMES.

One of the greatest days of the Peace Celebrations in London will be the tribute of the Thames to the Mercantile Marine. Three hundred boats manned by merchant seamen and decorated with flags will form a magnificent pageant extending from the Tower Bridge to Chelsea.

It is hoped that on this occasion all London will be singing. Choirs aggregating fifty thousand trained voices will be located along the river embankments. Thirty bands will be stationed at convenient spots. The decorations of the shores, embankments, bridges and strings of barges will be of a kind and scope never before attempted in the history of the Thames.

SENIOR OFFICERS CLUB.

Admiral Wemyss has accepted the presidency of the Senior Officers Club. Among the Vice-Presidents are Admiral Sir David Beatty, O.M., General Sir Archibald Hunter and General Sir William Birdwood, while over 240 Admirals and Generals have already joined.

The objects of the club are to arrange for sets of residential flats for retired officers and their families, also clinical institutions in which subalterns, as associate members, will enjoy the same privileges as the senior officers who are members of the club. These institutions will be for the treatment of tuberculosis, heart and dietetic troubles, rheumatism and other diseases resulting from the strain of war.

DERBY COURSE OFFENDERS.

The number of persons charged before the Epsom Magistrates for offences on Derby Day was twenty. The charges included one for suspected welshing, three for playing Crown and Anchor, fourteen for dice-throwing and one for playing a game called "Billy Fairplay."

VOTES FOR AMERICAN WOMEN.

Washington. 4th. June. — The Senate has adopted a resolution in favour of Women's Suffrage, the resolution having already been passed by the House of Representatives.

An amendment to the United States Constitution embodying Women's Suffrage will now have to be submitted to the various States for ratification.—*Reuter.*

HUGE HOUSING SCHEME FOR LONDON.

29,000 DWELLINGS.

The London County Council has approved the recommendation of its Housing Committee that within five years dwellings to accommodate some 145,000 persons shall be provided. The estimated number of dwellings is 29,000 and if possible 10,000 of these dwellings are to be ready by the end of March 1921.

ASSISTING BRITISH AVIATION.

A luncheon was given at the House of Commons yesterday for the purpose of discussing the future of British aviation. Among those present were H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Mr. Winston Churchill, Sir Douglas Haig, and Commander Read, the American trans-Atlantic flyer.

Brig. General Seely, in proposing the health of Commander Read, said he could assure our American friends that there was no trace of envy on our part for his splendid performance. We recognized that the Americans had brilliantly succeeded where we had gloriously failed.

Dealing with the Government's attitude to aviation the Air Minister said that it must and will do a number of things. For instance, every one of our lighthouses will be fitted to project vertical beams. It would also be a great thing if the railway companies would paint the names of stations on the roofs. There must also be more landing grounds and good air maps, which are totally different from land maps.

The Prince of Wales, briefly responding to the toast of his health, declared his great interest in aviation and spoke with pleasure at the presence of Commander Read, whom he congratulated very heartily on his great achievement.

BRITISH ATTEMPTS ON THE ATLANTIC.

St John's. 4th May. Major Partridge, who came here for the British Admiralty in connection with Colonel Porte's flying boat, is being recalled. From this it is inferred that Colonel Porte's project of flying the Atlantic has been abandoned in favour of the official attempt to cross the ocean by dirigible.—*Reuter.*

THE BESTOWAL OF TITLES.

Replying to Brig-General Page-Croft (N.P., Christchurch) in the House of commons, Mr Bonar Law said that his attention had been called to the suggestion that all recommendations for titles should be referred to a committee of the Privy Council in order to advise the Prime Minister if anything was known against the character of the proposed recipients and to consider the adequacy of the reasons for the proposed honours, but that he proposed to take no action in relation thereto.

Sir R. Cooper (N.P., Walsall) asked at this point the Speaker intervened. Can the right hon gentleman deny that honours have been conferred in recent times on persons whose character would not bear investigation—(laughter and cries of "Oh, oh!")—and if not.—

HIGH PRICES FOR GOVERNMENT MOTORS.

Motor lorries and cars, most of which were seriously the worse for wear made big prices in many instances yesterday, when, by order of the Ministry of Munitions, a number of lots were offered at the Motor Transport Repair Depôt, Bromley-road, Catford.

A Sheffield Simplex motor with an open touring body, looking the worse for wear, was sold for 620gs. and a similar car fitted with a limousine body made 610 gs. A small two-seater car, dismantled, made £157. Other light Singer cars went at 210gs and 270 gs. and Sunbeams from 300gs to 400gs. Two three-wheeled auto-carriers fetched 40gs and 45gs respectively. There was a good demand for lorries. British Berner three-ton lorries fetched from 180gs to 630gs, Commer 30cwt lorries 450gs and Dennis 30cwt lorries from 340gs to 375gs.

COTTON STRIKE PENDING.

The Cotton Operatives Ballot resulted in 267, 650 votes being cast for insistence on a forty-six and a half hours week and thirty per cent advance in wages. Only 6,347 voted against the proposal.

A conference of employers and operatives held at Manchester yesterday failed to reach an agreement. The operatives will tender notices to take effect on the 23rd June.

GIANT SUPER-TYPE AIRSHIP.

The firm of Armstrong-Whitworth is constructing near Selby, Yorkshire, a super-type of rigid airship to be known as the R 39. The air ship will be 685 feet in length and 85 feet maximum diameter, with a gross lift of 80 tons and net lift of 45 tons. It is anticipated that it will develop a speed of eighty miles per hour. Its capacity will be three million cubic feet.

VICKERS CANADIAN STRIKE.

Montreal. 4th June.— Nearly three thousand employés of Canadian Vickers, Ltd., have struck for a forty-four hour week.—*Reuter.*

Over eighty per cent. of demobilized men have been reabsorbed in civil employment. For those who after twenty-six weeks have failed to secure work the Ministry of Labour announces that the weekly out of work donation will be continued for a further thirteen weeks at the rate of twenty shillings for men and fifteen shillings for women. The allowances for children will remain unchanged.

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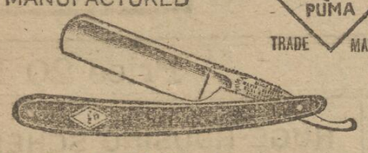
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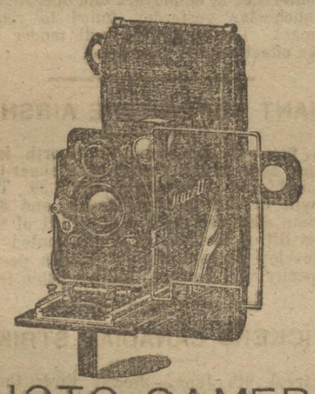
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THE WRONG LIGHT. (Comedy.)

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WANTED, A HUSBAND. (1 Part. Comedy.)
VOICE ON THE WIRE. (10th Episode.)
FOR THE DEFENSE. (Featuring Fanny Ward. 4 Part. Drama.)
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"AS HE SOWETH."
The above picture is to be shown 2 days each, next week, commencing at No. 1. Cinema on Monday & Tuesday.

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All the above Rehearsals take place at 5.45 p.m. in the Lecture Room on the first Floor of the Church Army Soldiers Club. Antoniter Strasse Cologne.

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Evening Service, 6 p.m.
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Short Morning Prayers Daily at 9-15 a.m.

3.—THE ARMY CINEMA HALL
36, Komodien Strasse.
Sundays: Evening Service, 6 p.m.

4.—THE CHURCH ARMY CINEMA HALL
95, Severin Strasse.
Sundays Holy Communion 8. a.m.
Evening Service, 6. p.m.

5.—THE CHURCH ARMY CHAPEL,
21, Antoniter Strasse.
Sundays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m.
Evening Service, 6-30 p.m.
Weekdays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and on Saints' Days.

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WEEK-DAYS: Holy Communion Daily 7-45 a.m.
Evening Service Daily (except THURSDAY) 6.

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OUR FAME.

The Cologne Post is far on the road to fame. Its history has been brief but interesting, and the auspices are propitious. Some have slighted it, some have smiled at it, some have criticised it, and some have reviled it. The moods of man are many, his attitudes are variable, and his foibles are perplexing. It may be true, if Sir Walter Scott will look down in pardon upon us, that "ne'er was flattery lost on Journalist's ear," but our newspaper welcomes every notice of friend or foe. In an age of unblushing advertisement it does not advertise itself, yet it is known even in strange places. Has it not been mentioned in the august House of Commons? We blush to find its fame, and faintly find our words in Shakespeare —

"Bless thee, Bottom! bless thee! thou art translated.
Thou art our very friend."

It was Horace Walpole who wrote: "We are forced to ask every morning what victory there is for fear of missing one." Yes, we look each morning for some fresh tribute to *The Cologne Post*, and we fear lest even one is missed.

Let us break the latest news gently to our readers. We are now "patronized by royalty." Were it not that our editor is a modest, serious-minded, man these magic words would be henceforth emblazoned on our first page. How many of our fellow-men have striven with heroic courage to earn this honour for their wares! Yet we have gained it, we who often thought our sweetness was wasted in the desert air of alien territory. Begone, false modesty! we pause on our road to fame that we may bask awhile in the sunshine of royal favour.

Last week the Prince of Wales was the honoured guest at the anniversary festival dinner of the Printers' Pension Corporation. Many of our fellow-journalists and other distinguished people were present. The Prince has already proved that he is a graceful and ready speaker —and we who have been overseas know that he has long since won his spurs on the sterner field of battle—and his was the speech of the evening. In it he made a kindly reference to *The Cologne Post*. He assured the audience that "they can take comfort in the fact that a large staff of British printers are daily engaged in producing an excellent British newspaper in Cologne."

Most gratefully we thank the Prince of Wales for his gracious words. Encouragement is good, and it is helpful even when it is not fully deserved. Fame is the spur that the clear spirit doth raise, says Milton, and now that our newspaper has tasted the sweets of fame its staff will gladly continue to scorn delights and live laborious days. Their labours would be lightened if they had "the large staff of British printers' mentioned by the Prince, but they will carry on without this happy aid. A newspaper is made or marred by its public, and if *The Cologne Post* is to be worthy of the British Army of the Rhine it must be helped by friendly criticism, good-natured advice, and happy gifts of literary genius.

In fine, the Prince of Wales has helped us.

"A prince can make a belted knight,
A marquis, duke, and a' that."

—and we shall not say him nay he does honour us in any of these ways, but even now he has given to us the stimulus we crave and the ideal we need.

NOTES ON PHOTOGRAPHY.

(VI)—BY WILLIAM R. PATTERSON, F.R.G.S. etc.

My attention has been drawn to the matter of prices charged by photographic establishments in Cologne for developing, printing and enlarging. From the information I have received it appears that some firms are making reasonable charges. Also, so great is the amount of work that passes into their hands, that they have neither the time nor the staff to do all the work thoroughly.

For the benefit of *The Cologne Post* readers, I have purposely interviewed several of these firms and have selected one which I believe will give satisfaction to the majority of amateurs. Those, therefore, who desire the best results should communicate with me through *The Cologne Post*, or call upon me. I have stipulated that our readers have precedence and that the work be well done. I shall always be glad to hear of any complaint relating to inferior work or overcharging, and to investigate the cause. The following list of prices has been arranged:—

DEVELOPMENT OF PLATES. Size.	Price for exposure.	ROLL-FILMS. Size.	Price: films of 6.
4½—6, 6—9	20 Pfenning	6½—11, 9—9, 8—10½	1.25 Mark
4.5—10.7, 8—10½, 9—9, 9—12	30 Pfennig	8—14, 10—12½, 10—16	1.50 Mark
		13—18	1.75 Mark

For a roll of a dozen exposures the rate will be less in proportion; this refers also to large quantities of plates, etc.

PACKFILMS.

Size	Single exposure	dozen exposures
4½—6, 6—9	20 Pfennig	2.— Marks
8—10½, 9—12	25 „	2.50 „
10—15	30 „	3.— „
13—18	40 „	4.— „

PRINTS.

Size	Single prints	Per dozen
4—6½, 6—6, 6—9, 4.5—10.7	25 Pfennig	2.50 Marks
6½—11, 9—9, 8—10½, 9—12	35 „	3.50 „
8—14, 10—12½, 10—15	40 „	4.— „
13—18	60 „	6.— „
18—24	90 „	9.— „
24—30	1.50 Marks	15.— „

POSTCARDS.

1	=	30 Pfennig
1 dozen	=	3 Marks
100	=	25 Marks
500—1000	=	at the rate of 100 for 20 Marks.

ENLARGEMENTS. Size	Price	POSITIVES. Size	Price
9—12	1.50 Marks	4.5—10.7	70 Pfennig
10—15, 13—18	2.25 Marks	8½—8½	1.10 Marks
18—24	3.50 Marks	8—10½	1.15 Marks
24—30	5.50 Marks	9—12	1.30 Marks
30—40	9.00 Marks	13—18	2.50 Marks
40—50	12.00 Marks		
50—60	15.00 Marks		

It is to be hoped that we may soon have a photographic exhibition in Cologne in aid of some worthy institutes and I trust that troops will do their utmost to support it. Readers should, if possible pay a visit to the Art and Photographic Exhibition at Bonn in aid of the British Red Cross which is to be held on the 6th, 7th and 8th of this month.

MULES AND THEIR WAYS.

BY ONE WHO HAD SOME.

Have you ever thought seriously about these creatures the long—eared hybrid you see fastened to the G. S. wagon which brings up your rations, clothes, etc., from the dump? Have you ever heard them referred to by the old R. F. A. personnel as "long eared Barbary Wallahs?" But they are useful for some things. If you want a cap changing, give it to one of them and let him chew it for a minute or two. After that, no self-respecting "quarter bloke" would refuse to change it without having tears in his eyes.

The time when the moke, dink or mule gets the driver really "husky" is when the whistle blows for stables. One starts at 11.30 to groom these long-eared, slab-sided pieces of anatomy and has perhaps prepared their coats to look something like coats, with a liberal use of brush, curry—comb and bad language, when the time comes to draw feeds. You fly like the wind for your feeds and when you come back the worst has happened. The C. O. is only two or three pairs away and your mokes are enjoying a roll or a mudbath and they arise with mud umpteen inches thick on their withers.

It is just this that makes the enraged driver tell the mule what he thinks about it, its parents and all its relations in Africa. They give you a splendid time when out for rough exercise. You feel as though you are sitting on some church steeple, the bone on their backs sticks up like the Pyrenees. Is it anything strange that the driver asks like the king of old, "Who will rid me of this turbulent pest?" The answer comes back: "Only one person, Madam Demobilization." "Well then" says the R.F.A. bloke, with all his mates, "Roll on Demob."

A TRAGEDY.

(BY W. H. LEE.)

He sat deep in meditation. Should he? To drink, or not to drink, that was the question. He reviewed his past life. He had had some decent times. Yes, he'd had some decent times but the moment had now arrived when he must decide a matter of life and death. His eyes wandered to the black bottle on the table and it was with an obvious effort that he withdrew his gaze.

Yes. He would. With a gesture of impatience he siezed the bottle, withdrew the cork, and swallowed the contents at a single draught. The bottle dropped from his nerveless hands and with a sigh he sank back into his chair. What he had done could never be recalled. A cold sweat broke out upon his forehead. His hands gripped the arms of his chair with all his remaining strength.

His soul was racked with remorse. He was well aware that the pernicious liquid should have been kept as a last resource. And now what did the future hold for him? Nothing. It would be a black void. Oh what had he done and why; oh: why had he done it? He had drunk the last bottle of Bass in the mess and it would be fully a week before the next consignment was received.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

A "CIVILIAN HABITS" COURSE.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.— Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I received when on leave from a Leeds lady.

Sir,— My husband has been demobilized, and as I am not sure where to address my very just complaint as to his general behaviour I am forwarding it to *The Cologne Post*, seeing that he left Cologne.

Before the war my husband was just one of those ordinary every-day middle class sort of men, on whom we are told the British Empire was originally built. He responded to the great call and in his turn went out to fight (about which there is nothing to complain). That was many years ago. A week ago he returned home — a changed man. His once easy command of the English language has given place to a strange jargon. He concludes all his martial commands to our maid with "I dey, I dey" or "Oxo"— words which, as he utters them, do not sound like terms of endearment, and everything in my household falls under the heading of "Nix good" or "Vat is dat."

Meal times are our worst trial. At breakfast my husband makes a grab for the loaf, and with a huge dirty jack-knife cuts off a third, which he appropriates as his right, calling it his "ration." He brings his dirty old mess tin to the table and actually insists on drinking tea out of it. For the remainder of his bread ration he has found some secret hiding place.

He divides all the food up at every meal in a strange and barbarous manner, and anything over he calls "buckshee" and promptly claims it. He refuses to sleep in a bed, but rolls himself in a blanket and using his coat for a pillow and his overcoat for a quilt, he sleeps on the floor.

But worst of all he goes out on what he calls "scrounging expeditions" and returns with vegetables and even chickens which he says he has "won," but which I have an awful suspicion come from the gardens of our neighbours.

Can the Editor of *The Cologne Post* please use his influence, to see that husbands are specially trained in home life for at least a month before being sent home.—A distressed Wife.

Lce/Cpl. W.K.

HOUR OF OPERA'S COMMENCEMENT.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.— Might I be allowed to point out, as briefly as I can, a failure on the part of the "Post" (now almost regarded as an official organ, certainly deserving of its success and popularity) which has, I know, put many besides myself, to some certain amount of inconvenience.

In last Sunday's issue — the 1st June — an announcement to the effect that "Aida" was to be played at the Opera House at 6 o'clock on the following Tuesday appeared in the weekly programme. The hour quoted, however, was incorrect, the performance starting at 5.30.

I arrived half an hour late and, besides missing some of the best music, etc., unfortunately had to commit that greatest of all "Opera-goers" crimes—late arrival. You will see that in making this complaint (although I hesitated before writing anything in the nature of a "moan" to such an enterprising journal as the "Post") I am not only doing it in my own interest, but in the interests of all those who visit the Opera, and all entitled to an undisturbed enjoyment of the most excellent productions to be witnessed there.

B.F.W.

[Steps have been taken to ensure that we shall be notified without delay of any change that may be made in future programmes. Ed.]

ENGLISH AS SHE IS WRIT.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—Regarding the last paragraph in columm 4, of page 2 of your issue of May 4th, which shows what can be done with a dictionary when one really tries, a friend of mine yesterday purchased a razor, on the case of which are given directions for stropping. Thinking these might be as amusing to your readers as they were to myself, here they are:—

"If a Razon not keep his fineness of Cut, so is the fault always through wrong treatment by using the Razorstrop. Therefore take note of the following:— "Direction:

(1) put Edge and back of the Razor simultaneous of the Razorstrop.
(2) don't press the blade of the Razor to much and move same slight over the Razorstrop.
(3) don't lift the back of the Razor if you will turn the blade; by this means, the blade will be round and dull."

W.L.D.

WHO WERE THE FIRST CIVILIANS?

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,— Apropos your article in *"Cologne Post"* dated Sunday, May 25th, 1919, referring to British civilians in Cologne,

May I through the medium of your paper state, that about January 17th, 1919, a party of British civilians arrived in this city and were in occupation at No. 2 Headquarters Buildings, for about two months. They were known as the Civil Advisory Board and the President was Mr. H.H. Haldin, K.C. This Board was only in Cologne temporarily, and has now been broken up, the members returning to England.

This information I know to be accurate, as I myself, served with this Board during its stay here.

S.W.O.

HUMMING AT CONCERTS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir, — Would you please bring to notice through the medium of your valuable paper the following:—

It was my good fortune to hear a concert at the Y.M.C.A. Bonn, to-day, given by a celebrated singer, where several well-known sentimental songs were sung. During the singing of several of the items the troops started humming to themselves. To both artistes and audience, the habit is very irritable.

Hoping you bring this complaint forward, and that a general improvement will come of it.

J. W. M.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Saturday	3½	Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg	Wagner
Sunday	5½	Die lustigen Weiber von Windsor	Nicolai
Monday	5	Der Rosenkavalier	Rich. Strauss
Tuesday	5½	Martha	Flotow

"THE SPARE PARTS" AT ENGELSKIRCHEN.

EXCELLENT ENTERTAINMENT BY 10th QUEEN'S CONCERT PARTY.

A very successful concert was given on Monday evening at Engelskirchen by "The Spare Parts," the concert party of the 10th Queen's. The Battalion orchestra rendered selections during the intervals.

Pte. Maltay did extremely well and his songs "Great Red Dawn" and "Joan of Arc" were greatly appreciated by the audience. Another pleasing item was Lieut. Harwood's rendering of "Old Dadlow." "A Little Bit Of Love" by "Alice" and Pte Alford was also good. The concerted items were quite a feature of the evening.

"Lights Out" — the finale — terminated an excellent evening's entertainment.

THE CALCUTTA SWEEP.

HEART-RENDING TALE OF CABLES AS DUMB AS THE TOMB.

The Calcutta Derby sweepstake of 1919 will go down to history as the "blackest" one of its long and honourable career.

I know this (writes "Orion" in the *Daily Express*) because I am one of the victims of this year's sweep. I hold a block of ten tickets. On Monday at the latest I should have learnt the result of the draw, which took place in Calcutta on Saturday last.

In normal times the result is flashed round the world in a few minutes. At the time of writing, three days after the fateful draw, not a word concerning it has come over the cable. Worse—a thousand million times worse—no word is expected for days! The cables are as dumb as the tomb regarding the Calcutta sweep.

Quotations about jute and chutney and such like are, however, choking the lines of communication between India's coral strand and the dear old homeland, but not a whisper has been allowed to come through concerning the most important event of our times. Uninteresting items about the situation in Kafiristan, Baluchistan, Afghanistan, and other miserable stans are coming over freely, though.

INTOLERABLE SITUATION.

The fact is, an intolerable situation has been created by the refusal of the Post Office authorities, or some one, to grant special and preferential privileges to the only piece of news that matters just now. For nearly five years Englishmen have submitted as cheerfully as possible to the censorship of cables because they recognised that censoring was necessary, but I warn the Government before it is too late, that if the result of the Calcutta Derby sweep is withheld from the people of the country that shouldered uncomplainingly the heaviest burden of the greatest war in the history of the world much longer, something serious will occur.

Phew! A man has just informed me that the Calcutta Club are going to run a St. Leger sweep, and will I take some tickets. Not in these! No more for me until the cables are working normally.

MUSIC FOR THE MALADES.

On Thursday evening one of the wards of No 2 C.C.S. was upwards of a hour a scene of much brightness, it being the occasion of a visit from the Salvation Army Band. Under the baton of Bandmaster F. Dare the Band rendered some interesting items, including, "Under the Colours," "Rock," "America," "Redemption," "New-Zealand," "Abide with me." The recitations of Miss W. Haines and Captain Feat at the piano, were well received. The Band was accompanied by Commissioner Mapp, Col. Laurie and Staff. Captain Hush's words of cheer were much appreciated by the boys.

It is interesting to know that the Band is out to do all it can for the benefit of the men of the Rhine Army and in this connection are giving a sacred concert on Sunday afternoon in the S. A. Hostel Hohe Strasse.

"B" COY. 51st GORDONS v. 2nd H.L.T.M. BATTERY.

Played at Duren on Wednesday. The game was keenly contested in the first half, neither side scoring. The Trench Mortars were the superior side on the second half, but the Gordons had a fine defence. Pte Welmot scored for the T.M.'s in ten minutes and five minutes later Lieut Ewing added another. The Gordons made several great attempts but were unable to overcome the "Trench Mortars" defence. Close on time Pte Welmot scored another goal.

Score:— Trench Mortars 3; Gordons 0.

DUTCH FOOTBALLERS IN GERMANY.

A Dutch football team will play a team of German footballers at Elberfeld on Whitsunday and at Dusseldorf on Whit Monday.

It is five years since a similar event took place.

TO CRICKET BY AEROPLANE.

Using five aeroplanes in two relays, an Air Force eleven flew from Gosport to Osborne to play the Royal Naval College. The machines alighted on the cricket ground.

STILL UNBEATEN.

93rd BRIGADE R.G.A. v. LABOUR CORPS.

At Kalk on Friday an interesting game ended in the R.A. favour by 4—nil. All the goals came in the first half. The 92rd are still unbeaten and possess a goal average of 33—5. They will be glad of any matches at Kalk with Battalion XI's.

Although the King and Queen were present at the Derby the observance of the event was not quite restored to pre-war practice. Members of the Jockey Club did not dine with his Majesty at Buckingham Palace.

THE TYLDESLEYS IN SPANKING FORM.

LANCASHIRE'S BRILLIANT START.

393 FOR 5 WICKETS IN MATCH AGAINST NORTHANTS.

A splendid partnership between Makepeace and John Tyldesley laid the foundation of a good total for Lancashire at Northampton in their match with Northants. Rain delayed the start until 20 minutes past 2.

LANCASHIRE.

J.C.H. Hollins, c Beasley, b Woolley	9
Makepeace, b Woolley	71
Tyldesley (J.T.), b Wells	91
Tyldesley (E.), c Bushwell, b Wells	126
F. W. Musson, b Hawes	33
Hallows, not out	49
Extras	14
Total (5 wkts.	393

DERBYSHIRE v. NOTTS.

Derbyshire	1st inns., 180
Notts	1st inns., 204 (five wickets).

Rain delayed the opening of the Derbyshire-Notts match at Derby, when the latter won by an innings and 49 runs.

DERBYSHIRE.

L. Oliver, l b w, b W. Flint	34
Severn, c Oates, b Barratt	1
Cadman, not out	78
Morton, c Oates, b W. Flint	0
Beet, c Barratt, b W. Flint	5
Slater, c Barratt, b W Flint	5
J. Chapman, b Barratt	6
Lt. Col. R. R. Baggallay, c Oates, b B Flint	16
T. Forester, l b w, b B. Flint	0
Horsley, l b w, b W. Flint	19
Bestwick, b Barratt	3
Extras	13
Total	180

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

Gunn (G). c. Morton b. Forester	67
Lee c. Slater b. Horsley	0
Gunn (J.) c. Severn b. Horsley	11
A. W. Carr b. Slater	33
Hardstaff c. Slater b. Bestwick	68
Payton c. Horsley b. Bestwick	5
Flint (W) b. Bestwick	22
Barratt run out	5
Oates l. b. w. b. Slater	29
Richmont c. Bestwick b. Horsley	28
Flint (B.) not out	3
Extras	22
Total	293

Derbyshire in their second innings only scored 84, Barratt taking 4 wickets for 32, and W. Flint 3 for 33.

ESSEX v. YORKSHIRE.

BRILLIANT INNINGS BY RUSSELL AT LEYTON.

ESSEX ..... 1st inns., 354.

Little could be done before lunch in the Essex v. Yorkshire match at Leyton, rain limiting play before the adjournment to half an hour, but afterwards runs were put on at a fine, rapid rate. Scores: —

ESSEX.

Rev. F. H. Gillingham, c Burton, b. Cloughton	33
Russell, b. Smith	118
Freeman, c Holmes, b Hirst	53
W. M. Turner, c and b Kilner	1
P.Perrin, c Dolphin, b Blackburne	7
J. G. Dixon, c Rhodes, b Smith	3
J. W. H. T. Douglas, not out	65
C. Douglas, c Hirst, b Smith	7
H. R. H. Williams, b Smith	0
Tremlin, c Kilner, b Blackburne	58
Scoulding, c and b Blackburne	1
Extras	8
Total	354

BOWLING—ESSEX—FIRST INNINGS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Blackburne	23.5	4	87	3
Smith	34	6	66	4
Rhodes	30	7	72	0
Cloughton	12	1	35	1
Hirst	14	4	33	1
Kilner	12	2	33	1

MIDDLESEX v. HAMPSHIRE.

At Lord's, on Monday and Tuesday, the Middlesex eleven will be: Captain P. F. Warner, F. T. Mann, N. Haig, W. P. Robertson, G. T. S. Stevens, G. E. V. Crutchley, Hon. C. N. Bruce, Hearne (J. W.), Hendren, Murrell, and Lee.

SOMERSET v. GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

At Taunton, on Monday and Tuesday, the Gloucestershire team will be: F. J. Robinson, P. F. C. Williams, W. H. Rowlands, Lieut.-Colonel A. K. G. White, F. J. Seabrooke, E. Spry, Parker, Dipper, Ellis, Barrow, and Smith; Mills twelfth man. E. Spry is the old professional now playing as an amateur.

"COLOGNE POST" CRICKET CUP MATCHES.

EASTERN DIVISION H.Q. (100) v. 5th BORDER REGT. (46); On Eastern Division H.Q. Ground, on Wednesday; outstanding features, in batting: — Eastern Division: — Pte. Mills 18, Major Brumwell 15, Pte. James 14, Capt. Carroll 13, Pte. Lomas 12. 5th Border's bowling: — Lieut. Slack 1 for 26. Cpl. Hartley 8 for 67. Pte. Smith 1 for 0.

5th Border's, Lieut. Slack 10, Tilford 10. Bowling: — Lt. Col. Dobbie 5 for 16. Cpl. Gill 3 for 22. Pte. Walker 1 for 0.

Result:— Eastern Div. H.Q. won by 54 runs.

303 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A. (43) v 16th BN. LANCS FUS. (107) at Bonn. For 16th Lanc. Fus. Pte. Camp scored 32; Pte. Bradshaw, 12; L/C. Grimsham 21; Pte. Bray 15; Camp took 5 for 8; Bradshaw 5 for 30.

For 303 S.B. Barker took 5 for 34; Atkinson 3 for 16; Wilkinson 2 for 6.

Result:—16 Lancs. Fus. won by 64 runs.

2nd LONDON INF. BDE. (88) v 23rd ROYAL FUSILIERS (35); played on 2nd London Inf. Bde's H.Q. ground at Alsbach; for the former Pte. Harrison scored 23, Lieut. Twenlow 11, Capt. Jordan 10, and Sergt. Forster 10; Capt. Alexander captured 4 wickets for 14; Capt. Richardson 2 for 6, L/Cpl. Heron 2 for 6, and Lieut. Crawford 2 for 7; for 23rd R. F. Capt. Nelson had 5 for 16; Sergt. Taylor 3 for 9 and Lieut. Abbott 2 for 20.

75th BRIGADE, R.F.A. v. C/113 Brigade, R.F.A. played on Wednesday and after an exciting finish resulted in a win for the 75th Brigade, R.F.A. by 3 runs, the victory was largely owing to the fine stumping of Driver Evans. Scores: 75th Brigade R.F.A. 36 runs; C/113 Brigade R.F.A. 33 runs. Best scores:— Major Mayne 11, for the losers, and Durrant 9, for the winners.

51st HANTS (27) v. 64th FIELD COY R.E. (35); the homesters opened the batting and were soon all out for 35, extremely good bowling being shown for the visitors. Things looked very black for the R.E.'s when the Hant's commenced to bat. Spr. Hinchcliffe took 5 wickets for 9 runs and L/Cpl. Guillenard 5 for 13.

185 SIEGE BATTERY (32) v. 145 SIEGE BATTERY (61). For 145 S.B. Lemons took 5 for 11 runs and Aylesbury took 3 for 10, while Lemons carried his bat for 16 and Hewitt scored 12. For 185 S.B. Wilkinson took 5 for 22 runs, and Somers 4 for 22.

63rd FIELD COY R.E. (38) v. LOWLAND DIVISION M.T. COY (19) at Benrath. For the Sappers Spencer scored 100, and Mc. Donald had 6 wickets for 6 runs, and Lieut Cont 4 wickets for 14 runs.

11th ROYAL SCOTS, 58, (Allwright 26) v. 6th CORPS H.Q. 33. at Hahn; Airey bowled well for the 6th Corps and Allwright and McGlym for the 11th Royal Scots.

2nd LONDON BRIGADE v 23rd ROYAL FUSILIERS; This match was played on Wednesday at Engelskirchen and resulted in a win for the 2nd London Brigade by 53 runs. Scores:—

2nd London Brigade, 88 runs;
23rd Royal Fusiliers, 35 runs.

51st D.L.I. v RHINE ARMY SIGNAL CO; the result of the cricket match between the Rhine Army Signal Company and the 51st. D.L.I. in the "Cologne Post" League result, ed. in the 51st D.L.I. winning by 40 runs. Scores:—

51st D.L.I. 123.
Rhine Army Signal Co. 83.

A special feature of the game was the bright batting on both sides. The game only lasted two hours and five minutes, in which time 206 runs were knocked up.

RHINE ARMY SIGNAL CO. v 9th T.M. BTY; the result of this match was as follows:—

Rhine Army Signal Co. 74 for 7 wkts. declared.
9th T.M. Battery. 19.

The special feature of the game was the splendid bowling of Pte. J. Godfrey and Sapper Wilson, who took 4 wickets for 10 runs and 4 for 9 respectively.

3rd K.O. HUSSARS played the 10th ARGYLL AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS at Duren on Wednesday; Score

3rd King's Own Hussars 99
10th Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders 79

3rd Hussars thus winning by 20 runs; for them Lieut. N.V. Cannon took 8 wickets for 5 runs.

THE AMM. COL. R.H.A. beat THE No 2 WATER TANK COY. R.A.S.C. on the latter's ground at Bickendorf by 3 wickets. Batting first, the R.A.S.C. made a good start, thanks to Toy. Coulson and Thomas. However, going on first change against the wind, Price a medium paced, left hand bowler, dismissed Coulson and Thomas in his first over, and in 5 overs disposed of the remainder of the side, in all taking 6 wickets for 15 runs. Going in first for the R.H.A. Cook batted magnificently, being 7th out for his 21. Runs came pretty fast and the R.A.S.C. total was passed with 3 wickets in hand. Scores:—

No 2 Water Tank Coy, R.A.S.C. 66
Amm. Col. R.H.A. ..... 71 (for 7).

1st Bn. M.G.C. 78. (Top Scorers L/Cpl. Ashdown 16; Lieut. Richardson 16) v. MIDLAND D.A.C. 30 (Top scorer Dvr. Haigh 14); for 1st Battalion M.G.C. Pte. Nicholas took 6 wickets for 14 runs; at Flerzheim on Wednesday.

52nd BEDFORDS v. H.A.C.; At Cologne on Tuesday on a fiery wicket. The 52nd Bedfords won by 39 runs; for the visiting and victorious side Sergt. Parris 12, L/Cpl. Whileman 11 and Lieut. Bird 11 were the chief scorers. For the Bedfords Sergt. Blackwill took 6 wickets for 12 and Lieut. Whateley-Knight 4 for 15.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Harrow v. An M.C.C. Team.

Harrow School beat an M.C.C. team at Harrow this week by 15 runs.

Eton v. Ramblers.

Eton Ramblers defeated Eton in their two-day match by an innings and 80 runs.

Cricket War Victim.

J. W. Rothery, who played for Yorkshire from 1903 to 1910, died at Leeds Hospital this week, the result of wounds he received when serving with the East Kents.

R.A.F. Team To Visit Holland.

Arrangements have been completed for a representative Royal Air Force Association football team to visit the Netherlands and play two matches at Amsterdam against representative sides.

A Noted Stylist.

No greater stylist than the old Oxonian, the Hon. C. N. Bruce, has been seen at the 'Varsity since L. C. H. Palairet. Before going to Oxford Mr. Bruce, who is a son of Lord Aberdare, was at Winchester.

Patterson and Brookes.

Patterson is, without a doubt, on present form—and he is improving every day—our most likely player to challenge Norman Brookes, the champion; but he will be hard pressed if J. C. Parke should meet him.—C. N. Doust in the "Daily Mail."

Larger Golf Holes.

Miss L. Barry, the well-known competitor in women's championships, says that the majority of golfers are in favour of a larger hole, their chief point being that too much depends on holing out under the existing rules.

Presentation to the King.

The King of the Hedjaz has presented two magnificent Arab stallions to His Majesty King George and the Prince of Wales, and these are being brought to England from Egypt by Leonard Cundell, the well-known Chilton trainer.

Middlesbro' Signature.

Middlesbrough have secured the signature of R. Pender, the left half of the Renton F.C. Pender at one time played for Dumbarton, when they were in the Second Division of the Scottish League, and subsequently he played for Raith Rovers and Dumbarton.

Charterhouse v. Winchester.

Charterhouse this week had a narrow escape from defeat by Winchester, the latter after declaring with seven wickets down for 272, getting eight of the Charterhouse team out for 148. Thus when the game had to be left drawn Charterhouse, with only two wickets to fall, were 124 runs behind.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

THE KING AGAIN AT EPSOM.

CORONATION CUP WON BY HE.

The King was again present at the Epsom meeting on Thursday, when the weather was good and the going still hard. There was a large attendance. Results:—

Riddlesdown Plate:—1, Begorra (8—1); 2, Starr (10—1); 3, Knight of Peace (2—1). Ten ran.

Surrey Stakes:—1, Lampetia (11—8); 2 Astafieva (6—1); 3, Nurse Bobs (2—1).

Royal Stakes:— 1, Brigand (9—4); 2, King Sol (7—2); 3, C.P. (100—7). Ten ran.

Coronation Cup:—1, He (evens); 2, Galloper Light (5—2); 3, Dansellon (3—1). Three ran.

Horton Plate:— 1, Synai (100—7); 2, Lesson (3—1); 3, Holbora (6—1). Ten ran.

Durdans Plate:— 1, Tinspear (9—4); 2, African Star (8—1); 3, Cyclist (5—1). Eight ran.

LAWN TENNIS NORTHERN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS IN MEN'S OPEN DOUBLES.

The Lawn-Tennis Northern Championships at Manchester were notable for the re-appearance of Riseley, who recently relinquished a commission in the Grenadiers, and Major Parke, Riseley partnering Mrs. Lambert Chambers in the mixed doubles. A number of South Africans also entered. Results:—

GENTLEMEN'S OPEN SINGLES. — Northern Championship. Third Round: L. Raymond beat D. H. Mellett, 6—3, 6—1, 6—3; B. I. C. Norton beat N. Melland, 6—1, 6—0, 6—4; T. Y. Sherwell beat R. L. Fell, 6—3, 6—4, retired; F. L. Riseley beat F. W. Shuter, 6—0, 6—3, 6—2; G. H. Dodd beat W. L. Clements, 6—2, 6—3, 6—4; Major T. M. Mavrogordato (holder) beat F. Newton. 6—4, 6—1, 6—3; S. N. Doust beat "W. A. Arthur" 6—1, 6—4, retired.

LADIES OPEN SINGLES.—Northern Championship. Third Round: Mrs. Larcombe beat Miss W. Hoyle, 6—0, 6—1.

GENTLEMEN'S OPEN DOUBLES. — Northern Championship. Third Round: S. N. Doust and W. L. Clements beat F. W. Shuter and W. L. Flinn, 6—1, 6—2, 7—5; Major J. C. Parke and Major T. M. Mavrogordato beat G. H. Dodd and D. H. Millett, 6—0, 6—4, 7—5.

ALL-ENGLAND MIXED DOUBLE CHAMPIONSHIP. — Second Round: W. Radcliffe and Mrs. Lanyon beat B. I. C. Norton and Miss E. Stafforth, 6—2, 7—5; "W. A. Arthur" and Mrs. Satterthwaite beat F. E. Hill and Mrs. A. A. Hall, 6—3, 8—6; F. L. Riseley and Mrs. Lambert Chambers beat T. P. Taylor and Miss W. Hoyle, 6—0, 6—1; A. S. Drew and Miss Tanner beat O. C. Wrigley and Miss Dawson, 6—1, 3—6, 6—4.

NORTH LONDON CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Gipsy Tournament for the North London Championships was notable for the re-apperance of the famous international pair Gore and Roper-Barrett who beat Brookes and Wilding in the Davis Cup at Wimbledon in pre-war days.

Gore and Barrett yesterday beat Capt. Dash and Philcox 6—3, 6—2 in the second round.

KALK KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION SEMI-FINAL.

LONDON DIVISION R.A.M.C. v. 57 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A.

At Kalk on Tuesday a keenly contested game ended in favour of the gunners by 2 to nil. They were far the superior team. The medical "goalie" played brilliantly. His saving of a penalty from Sergt. Jones was great. Chance got both the gunners' goals — one in each half. He played a fine game, also did Yule, Clissold, McCormack and Hopgood.

"D" COMPANY'S DAY OUT.

5/6th ROYAL SCOTS SPORTS MEETING AT OHLIGS.

Enthusiasm for sport raged high amongst the officers and men of the 5/6th Royal Scots on Tuesday when a sports meeting was held at Ohligs. Despite heavy showers of rain every one stood fast till the finish, when the only cry one heard was "give us a Battalion sports meeting every week," if possible.

It seemed to be "D" Company's "day out," as they carried everything in front of them at 5—a—side football, tug of war, mule racing, and wrestling on mules. As is usual, the mule racing and wrestling on mules brought forth shrieks of laughter, where the onlooker watched the rider trying to "spur" on the stubborn beast while it in turn put him through some rather curious evolutions.

A miniature range was open during the afternoon.

SOUTHERN DIVISIONAL RACE MEETING.

EXCELLENT FIRST DAY'S RACING.

Except for a slight shower of rain, the weather was fine for the first day's Southern Division Race Meeting at the Race Course, Exerzier Platz, Merheim, yesterday afternoon.

There was a record attendance and some excellent sport was witnessed. The meeting is being continued to-day, the first race being at 2 p.m.

RESULTS:—

2.00— 1, Betty; 2, Queenie; 3, Lemberg.
2.45— 1, Phreya; 2, Kate; 3, Ebbing Tide.
3.30— 1, Golden Boy; 2, Mary; 3, Elfen.
4.15— 1, Godsend; 2, Moustard; 3, Nobody's Child.
5.00— 1, Carmencita; 2, Yes Uncle; 3, Tommy G.

No 2 SECTION AND S.A.A. SECTIONS LIGHT D.A.C.

These teams played a close game on Wednesday; for No 2 Section Sergt. Cornet scored (26), finishing with a score of 73 for 10 wickets. S.A.A. Sections leading scores were:—Dr. Monsey (16) Gnr. Hobbs (13); Gnr. Giles (10); and Gnr. Holland (10), winning with a total of 74 runs for 10 wickets. Some very good bowling was done by Gnr. Welkinson, Sullivan, and Sergt. Whitley, B.S.M. Daley, and Sergt. Cornet for No 2 Section.

RAPID SCORING AT BRUHL.

Midland Div. H.Q. met the M.T. Company of that Division at Bruhl on Wednesday, the former winning by 68 runs. The Motormen batted first, compiling 94; while the H.Q. replied with 162, getting the necessary runs under the hour, and losing only two wickets. For the winners Lt. Riley (44) and Sergt. Preston (47) were prominent, and the good bowling of Major Clover for the losers was worthy of note. During an hour's batting the H.Q. team knocked up 120 runs.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday, June 7, 1919.

Surface wind, light westerly. Improved weather but still cloudy. Misty. Rather milder. Visibility indifferent.

TURF NOTES.

AN INTERESTING SYSTEM.

By "JERRY M."

It happened some years ago that the question was put to me as to whether there was a definite law at work behind what may be called "chance happenings."

In the course of my study of "systems" I came across some very interesting features. The one I have now in mind I call the "twelve" system. On testing it I found that records extending over some ten years, showed remarkable results, the frequent inclusion of a long priced winner making things very satisfactory.

The races chosen to work on were handicaps, of over £150 value. What I discovered was that the majority of winners came from the middle weight competitors, and the following simple system was devised.

Find the difference in weight between the "top" and "bottom" weights. Thus, if the top weight is 9st 6 lbs. and the bottom weight is 6st 0 lbs. the difference will be 3st 6lbs. or 48 lbs.

Now divide this result by 2 which equals 24. From this deduct the "measure," or the first figure in the "difference" (48 lbs.) in this case 4, so 24—4=20 lbs.

All that now remains to be done is to add this result to the bottom weight, in this case 6st which gives 7st 6. Now the horse carrying this weight (or the nearest to the weight) is our System horse. It sometimes occurs, though rarely, that two horses carry the same weight. In this case, both must be supported.

How the System Has worked.

Now for a few results which will speak for themselves:—

Lincoln Handicap 1914. Top weight, Spanish Prince 8st 9 lbs; bottom weight Surge 6st 0 lbs; difference 2st 9 lbs or 37 lbs. 37 divided by 2 equals 18. Take the first figure in difference 18—3=15, add this to the bottom weight, 6st and you obtain 6st 15 lbs=7st 1 lbs. This was the exact weight carried by Outram who won at 25 to 1. The same day in the 4 o'clock race, the weights ranged from 9st 5 lbs. to 7st 9 lbs. or 24 lbs. difference half this 12 deduct 2 and add to 7st 9 lbs.=8st 5 lbs the weight carried by Star of Doon, won at 100 to 6.

Liverpool, March 26th, 1914.— The scale was 9st to 8st 5 lbs. or 37 lbs. half is 18 subtract 3=15 6st 5 lbs. 15 lbs.=7st 6 lbs. the nearest to which was 7st 5 lbs. carried by China Cock won at 8 to 1.

Liverpool March 27th.— Scale 9st to 7st=28 half is 24 deduct 2=22 7st. 22=8st 8 lbs. carried by Light Brigade won 11/10.

Warwick March 31st.— We missed a winner by 1 lbs. only, the system showing a weight of 8st 1 lbs. The winner carried 8st 2 lbs.

Newbury April 1st.— On a scale of 9st to 7st 8 lbs. (difference 20 lbs.) we get 8st 2 carried by Lie-a-Bed won at 10 to 1.

Newbury April 2nd.— Scale 9st and 6st 1 or 41 lbs. result = 7st 4 lbs. The nearest weight carried was 7st 3 lbs. Major Symons who won at 3 to 1.

Eglington April 3rd.— On a scale of 11 st 12 lbs and 9 st 10 lbs or 30 lbs we get 10 st 9 lbs carried by the winner at 10 to 1.

Note that all dates are consecutive, with a winner indicated 6 days out of 7, and we only bet on Races over £150!!!

The Chester Cup 1919.— Scale 9 st 7 lbs to 6 st 5 lbs we get 7 st 4 lbs indicated carried by "Tom Pepper" won at 100 to 8.

The Victoria Cup Hurst Park May 10th 1919.— Scale 9 st 3 to 6 st 4, or 41 lbs, we get 7 st 8lbs the nearest to this is 7 st 11 lbs carried by "Carados" won 100 to 8.

Lewes May 12th.— Scale 8 st to 6 st 3 lbs we get 6 st 13 lbs the nearest was 6 st 9 lbs carried by "Sir Ashby" won at 5 to 1.

Chester May 13th.— Scale 8 st 13 lbs to 6 st 12 lbs we get 7 st 8 lbs nearest 7 st 9 lbs carried by "Bidston" won 9 to 2.

Space forbids more proofs, but it will perhaps be interesting to apply the system to results as they come along from time to time. And while making no claim to its infallibility, I leave readers to judge it on its own merits. If it affords a little amusing pastime, then it has achieved some purpose.

LATEST CUP MATCHES.

15 West Yorks	97
92nd Bde. R.G.A.	44
No. 1 Light Railway Signal-Coy	52
4th Corps M.T. Coy	35
52nd Cheshires	60
92nd Field Ambulance	42
G. Battery Anti-Aircraft	65
161 Bde. R.F.A.	50
75 Bde.	36
C. 113 Bde.	33
51st Bedfords	111 for 8 wickets
10th Royal West Kents	57

93rd BRIGADE R.G.A. (169 for two) v. 51st DEVONS, 168; at Kalk on Wednesday; for the Devons Lieut. O.H. Smith scored 60 not out and Sergt. Neele 28; Bowder was the most successful bowler with 3 for 25; Lord gave one chance in a well played innings of 70; Weight just missed the century being c. and. b. at 88.

21st BRIGADE R.G.A. (118) v. 354 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A. (107); For the former Col. Hardcastle scored 31, Major Goldney 19, Driver Elchell 19 and Sapper Jones 12. Bowling: Col. Hardcastle 4 for 28, Capt. Barlow 2 for 34. For 354 Siege Battery Sgt. Rushton scored 33 and Gnr. Mc. Call 13; Bowling: Bd. Singleton 2 for 36; Bd. Beresford 3 for 17; at Klein Bullesheim on Wednesday.

THE LAST LOOK ROUND.

Oxford 230 (Waldock 69); Warner's XI, 84 for 4 (Doll 48).

Polo—Ranelagh War Cup Semi-Finals:—Cavalry Corps beat Cavalry A. by 5 goals to 4. 2nd Life Guards beat Cavalry C. Team by 8—7.

Jack White defeated Harry Vardon by 3 and 1 in the Professional Golf "Tourney" at Killermont, near Glasgow, on Thursday, and James Batley defeated Abe Mitchell (by 3 and 2), the world's longest driver.

Sgt. Attwood, Canada, beat Moss Rufnell, St. George's, in the fourth round at the Ring.

The pole-jumping record is held by an American amateur, Mark S. Wright who negotiated 13 ft. 2 1/4 ins. in America in 1912.

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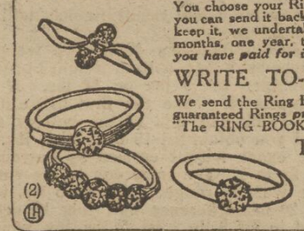

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EX-WAR SECRETARY ON ORGANISATION.

Lord Haldane attended yesterday's sitting of the Coal Commission and gave evidence on State organisation, basing it on his experience as War Secretary.

Mr. Justice Sankey said: "As the result of your efforts the army was very speedily mobilized and our forces were ready to go to war immediately war was declared."

"That is so" replied Lord Haldane," what we did was to concentrate on extreme rapidity of mobilization and the concentration of forces at one particular centre." On the 3rd August 1914, he stated, he was requested to go back to the War Office because he knew the whole scheme of mobilization. However, it only took a few minutes to give the necessary orders as everything was prepared years before.

Lord Haldane gave a long description of the organisation of the army and urged that the teaching of administration was as important as the teaching of tactics. He added the comment that in the army everybody who took to administration was looked down upon. The result was that the administrative class was very little developed and he was convinced that they could have got ten times the number of men if they had been given proper encouragement.

ENGLISH OIL STILL RISING.

Oil continues to rise at Hardstoft near Chesterfield. Yesterday it stood at over 2,000 feet, the borehole being about half full.

It is hoped to fix at the well-mouth by tomorrow a receiving tank capable of holding 200,000 gallons, in order that drilling may be recommenced at once.

Mr. Kellaway, Deputy Minister of Munitions. stated in the House of Commons yesterday, in reply to Mr. Broad, that the discovery of oil at Hardstoft, Derbyshire, was receiving the careful consideration of his Majesty's Government. He might be allowed to add that the oil had reached a height of about 2,400ft. and was rising at about a rate of 340ft per day. (Hear, hear.)

Colonel Wedgwood:— When does the hon. gentleman expect to decide whether this petroleum belongs to the Crown or to the owners of the ground?

No reply was given.

ONE THOUSAND TRAWLERS DEMOBILIZED.

Nearly a thousand trawlers and drifters which worked with the Navy during the war have been demobilized, and the Government, working in conjunction with the Fishing Vessels Owners Association, is engaged on a scheme for training demobilized officers and men for increased efficiency in the fishing service.

Unemployed fishermen at one port will receive quick notification of opportunities at other ports. The Government is also working out a scheme for the construction of standardized inshore fishing vessels for the use of small fishermen. By these methods it is hoped to effect considerable developments in the fishing industry and to increase the export trade.

HUGE SUN CLOUD.

The Yerkes Observatory, of the University of Chicago, announced the unusual celestial phenomenom of an enormous cloud of gas gathering on the eastern edge of the sun. The cloud first was observed two days ago, and has grown to be the largest of its kind ever observed at the Yerkes Observatory, where it is said now to be entirely detached from the sun and to extend about 340,000 miles in an arc along the sun's edge. The distance from the sun to the top of the cloud is estimated at 200,000 miles.

LEGACY FOR LORD BERESFORD.

The will of Mr. William De la Poer Beresford, only son of the late Lord William Beresford who died on the 28th January at the age of twenty-one, has just been proved. He left 432,553 pounds sterling, among the bequests being an annuity of a thousand pounds to his uncle, Lord Beresford.

DEATH OF GREAT OIL EXPERT.

The famous petroleum expert, Sir Boverton Redwood, Bart., died suddenly yesterday morning from the effects of diphtheria. He was Chairman of the Inter-departmental Committees on alcoholic fuel and on gas traction.

NAVAL SQUADRON FOR LONDON.

It is announced that a Naval squadron will visit the Thames as part of the peace celebrations. The public will be given the opportunity of inspecting the ships.

U.S. DAILY WAR COST.

War Department figures for the period from July 1, 1918, to April 30, 1919, show that the average daily expenditures for the military establishment was £5,480,000, more than half of the average daily expenditures for all Governmental purposes (including military etablishment), which was £8,920,000.—Wireless.

SILENT TELEPHONES.

Atlanta, (Georgia),— Telephone operators here, numbering one hundred and fifty, went on strike yesterday after presenting an ultimatum to the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Their action possibly foreshadows a widespread movement.— *Reuter.*

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

Yesterday evening, the usual Whist Drive took place. Unfortunately the weather prevented it being held in the garden, but this did not make any difference to the attendance, and double the number of tables could easily have been filled. The prizes were awarded as follows—

Ladies: 1st, Pte. H. Christy; 2nd, Pte H. Pass; 3rd, Cpl. Travers.

Gentleman's: 1st, Pte. Cookson; 2nd. Pte. H. F. Harris; 3rd. Pte. McGinley.

Lieuts. Shelley and Hailey were again kind enough to lend their valuable assistance, and Pte. M. C. Price was an able M.C.

YESTERDAY'S BAND CONCERT.

The Pipers of the IIth Royal Scots (by kind permission of the C.O.) gave a charming concert which was thoroughly appreciated by a delighted audience.

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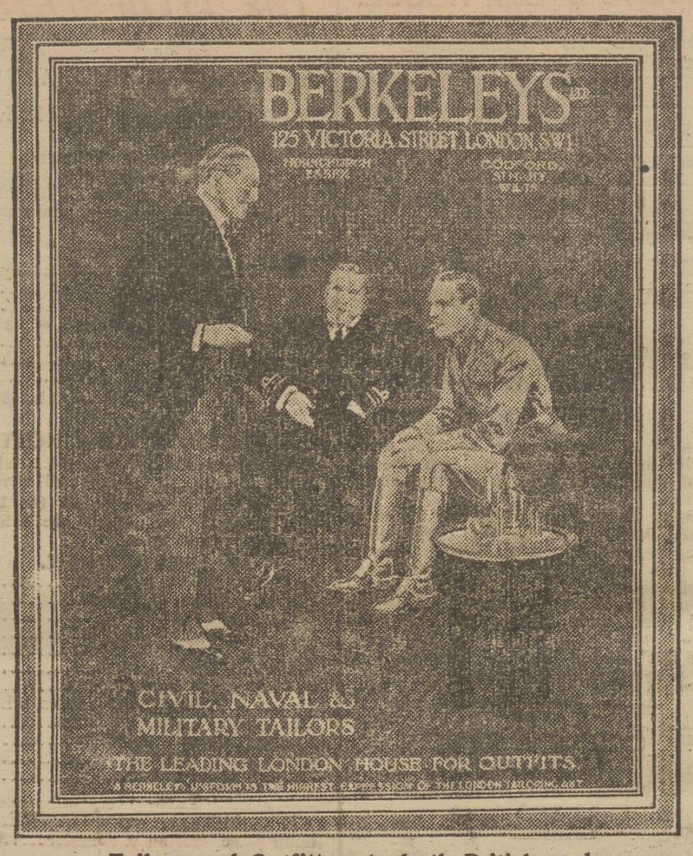

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

Exciting scenes were witnessed at Killarney yesterday in connection with the conveyance to gaol of five young girls for selling flags without permission. A large crowd of sympathetic people forced their way into the railway station, cheering and singing Sinn Fein songs.

Mr. Churchill, in the House of Commons, stated that on May 21 the number of men serving in the Army, apart from commissioned officers, was 1,320,000.

It is stated that there is good prospect of a Victory Naval Review being held at Spithead at the end of July or the beginning of August.

At yesterday's meeting of the Chertsey Rural Council, Captain Beeney, the surveyor, called attention to the danger from fire amongst the bungalows on the banks of the Thames. Many of these were crowded close together, built of highly inflammable materials, and some were covered with tarred felting.

Seven Avro aeroplanes, under the direction of Colonel Henderson, of the Avro Joy-ride Company, plying between Hounslow and Epsom, carried forty-four passengers to the Derby yesterday, and, in spite of the unfavourable climatic conditions, brought back thirty by air.

For the information of British officers, non-commissioned officers, and men, it is announced that the British Officers and Soldiers Club and Y.M.C.A. at Nice is now closed.

At an inquest on two brothers who were drowned at Egham a verdict was returned yesterday of accidental death.

Of thirty applicants for the V.A.D. scholarships of the joint war committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John, ten have passed the examination and received grants enabling them to be trained as doctors.

AMUSEMENTS NOTES.

Jack Cowling, the popular manager at the Apollo Theatre, Schildergasse, is to be congratulated upon the success of his directorship. Since its inauguration Cowling has been indefatigable in his efforts at the Apollo. He is an experienced man in the theatrical business, having over twelve years experience. As a soldier he has seen much active service in addition to his duties as manager to various army theatres.

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In our report of the "Robin Hoods" Concert Party on Thursday last our correspondent attributed the producing of the revue, "The Pearl Chase" to Capt. J. B. S. Payne. This was a mistake. In all fairness we must credit Pte. Bert S. Lennard with the writing and production of the revue. To a professional of eight years standing like Lennard we think due prominence should be given to the correction.

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To be proud of over 24 years stage experience is the privilege of George Huntley, the comedian of low-comedy renown, of "The Tabs" Concert Party. He started as one of "Payne's Little Vagabonds" in 1895. Having had a varied and interesting career including some years with the well-known Fredk. Melvilie Company, he joined partnership with Wright, and as Huntley and Wright, cross-talk comedians, made quite a hit on the music halls. As the waiter in "Get Busy", the recent Tabs revue, he did exceptionally well.

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By-the-way who is this O'Leary billed on the Hagenbeck Circus programmes? He is styled as a clown of some celebrity, and has some performing geese.

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As Sir Allbutt in 'Get Busy,' Ernie Roberts was a gigantic success. He is one of the most versatile and laughter provoking comedians with the Rhine Army. His drolleries and spontaneous wit have made him quite a name. Before the war he specialized mainly in purely dramatic work. While playing the part of a German spy in a well-known drama, his German accent and general Teutonic appearance and gestures caused the suspicion of several of the spy-catching monomaniacs. He was watched, then arrested, but being able to explain the position, he was liberated and permitted to carry on. Now this speaks well for Roberts' dramatic ability, but we imagine comedy is his forte.

BRITISH WOOL CLIP DISPUTE.

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS AT LOGGERHEADS.

The resumption of the British wool fairs this month is being looked forward to with keen interest throughout the wool trade, especially in view of the fact that it will mark the return to normal methods of wool-buying after three years of Government purchase says the *Daily Express.* The shortage of Colonial combing wools of the finer grades will cause the fine downs and half-bred wools from the eastern counties and the south to be greatly welcomed.

Unfortunately a serious dispute has arisen which threatens to interfere with the fairs. Prior to the war the custom with regard to the allowance for drafts varied in different parts of the country, and the British Wool Federation, with the Country Wool Merchants' Association, are making an effort to standardise the practice of allowing a deduction of 2lbs. per hundredweight as a draft. The farmers, however, are up in arms against this proposal, and through their various unions and the National Farmers' Union, have gone so far as to declare that they will keep back their wool for twelve months if necessary rather than submit. It would be unfortunate if there were any hitch of this kind, but the feeling in the trade is that the farmers will not go to extremes because, by doing so, they would run the risk of missing a very favourable market.

Values are now at the highest point in the stronger grades, such as Lincolns and northern wools, are not in such keen demand as the finer sorts, there is no doubt that the farmers will get a very substantial advance on what the Government paid them last year.

PASSPORTS FOR WIVES.

Mr. T. Griffiths asked the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether, in connection with applications for passports to South Africa or elsewhere, it was the practice, in cases where the applicant was a married women, to require the husband's consent in writing.

Mr. Harmsworth replied that in a certain number of cases evidence had, in fact, been asked for that the proposed journey was to be undertaken with the knowledge and consent of the husband. This requirement was instituted by the Chief Passport Officer in view of several protests being received from husbands against the issue of passports which had enabled their wives to leave the country without the husband's knowledge, and sometimes in company with other men. Passports for South Africa were issued only on the recommendation of the High Commissioner for the Union, and it was understood that in the case of married women before making such recommendations he usually required to see a letter from the husband.

Answers to Correspondents.

J.H.D.—We will find the information for you.

A.M.—Doubtless, you will have difficulty in being released on those grounds.

Ha tlepool.—No, you cannot claim to be released.

Dummkopf.—Your gratuity, etc., will be given on permanent rank.

T.Y.—Yes, you are entitled to the rosette.

W.P.—It is possible providing you know some person owning a camera. If you do not, try one of the photographers in Cologne.

J.LL.—Your service on the troopship counts as active service, and you are entitled to wear service chevrons according to the period you were serving.

Anxious.—Liverpool is larger than Manchester.

R.A.S.C.—Your assumption is correct.

Cpl. P.M.G.— Thanks for your contribution. It is a little too sultry, however.

Sapper:— You are very much out of date with your humour. The pickled walnuts joke is too "chestnutty" to catch us.

Turf:— We published a complete list of previous Derby winners in Thursday's issue.

B.S.—Officially, no. You can only obtain petrol on indent through the usual army channels.

M.L.—You are not entitled to release. The order refers to service prior to 1916 and in this war.

T.E.H.—You do not say when you enlisted, and so we cannot give you any information.

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MODIFICATIONS OF AUSTRIAN TREATY.

QUESTION OF ARMAMENTS.

The *Temps* (Paris) states that the Council of Four yesterday decided to modify the clauses of the Austrian treaty by which the small Allied Powers of Central Europe were bound to limit their armaments. It is known that this limitation had been fixed as follows: 80,000 men for Poland, 50,000 for Czecho-Slovakia and for Roumania, and 40,000 for Jugo-Slavia. The Council of Four has recognised that such a limitation is unjustified in the case of Allied States. Satisfaction has therefore been given to the claims presented on this matter by their representatives at the Conference.

BROCKDORF-RANTZAU VISITS COLOGNE.

Count Brockdorf-Rantzau is paying a flying visit to Cologne. He arrived yesterday afternoon to discuss the question of the future of the Rhineland with Cardinal von Hartmann.

TURKISH EX-MINISTERS UNDER ARREST.

Malta: 3rd June.—Sixty-six Turkish prisoners have arrived under a strong military escort. There is the greatest reticence regarding their names but it is known that they comprise practically all the Ministers of the old regime who were responsible for the Armenian massacres, deportations and other crimes and intrigues.— *Reuter.*

BRITISH RAID ON KRONSTADT.

It is stated in London that a British squadron in the Baltic has raided Kronstadt harbour, sinking two Bolshevist ships and forcing the Bolshevists to evacuate Fort Alexandros. The British casualties were few and the damage to the attacking ships not material.—*Reuter.*

MYSTERIOUS DOINGS AT AMERONGEN.

EX-KAISER'S VISITORS.

Amsterdam.—Although no details have yet leaked out, it looks as if something mysterious is happening at Amerongen. Some time ago, Dr. Kriege, a former member of the Reichstag, was staying in the village and paid daily visits to the ex-Kaiser, ostensibly for the purpose of making arrangements about the ex-Kaiser's property in Germany. Next, the former Foreign Minister, Herr Zimmermann, arrived at Amerongen, and was speedily followed by Herr Schulbach, of the German Legation at The Hague.

It is impossible to glean the slightest idea of the reason for these gentlemen's presence at Amerongen. Then came the interview of the ex-Empress with the Crown Prince, which is alleged to have been of an entirely personal character. It is assumed that money matters were discussed between the mother and her son.

The ex-Kaiser continues to saw wood every day. Since the publication of the Peace Treaty he has become very nervous, and works with feverish energy. His bill at Amerongen is steadily increasing. He has to pay for the apartments he occupies in the castle, for his special guard, and for the help he requires when sawing. Up to the present, however, the Berlin Government has paid all the ex-Kaiser's bills out of the income from his property in Germany. —*Reuter.*

AUSTRIANS VIOLATE ARMISTICE.

An official communiqué, dated May 31, from Serbian General Headquarters says:

At the beginning of May the Austrians violated the armistice on the Carinthain front, drove away the population of Velikovatz, and crossed over to the right bank of the Drave. Advancing more than twenty kilomètres to the south of the Drave, they attacked in the region of the tunnel on the Podroznica-Rosenbach line, and seized the north end of the tunnel. Throughout the whole expanse of occupied territory the undisciplined Austrian troops did a great deal of harm to the Slovene populations. The negotiations at Celovac-Klagenfurt with a view to putting an end to hostilities, on the basis that the Austrian troops should retreat to the line of demarcation made before this aggression, have come to nothing. The Austrian delegates did not agree to the conditions, and our troops, therefore, began the offensive in Carinthia on May 29. They defeated the enemy, and in two days recovered nearly all the ground lost at the beginning of the month, as well as a part of the territory which the Austrians had occupied by force of arms last December. In this offensive our troops captured a large number of Austrian soldiers, guns, mitrailleuses, and various war material.

General Sir Herbert Plumer, the new Governor of Malta, is expected to arrive there on the 9th June.

AMIR AND CONDITIONS OF ARMISTICE.

FALSE AFGHAN HOPES.

No reply to the armistice conditions has been received as yet from the Afghan Government.

During the past week there has been some movement in Afghanistan. Probably owing to a large concentration of Afghans, under General Nadir Khan, in Khost, we have evacuated our advanced posts in the Upper Tochi Valley and in Waziristan. These have been occupied by the Wazirs and the Mahsuds, who have burnt the majority. The town of Thal has been gutted by them, but the fort has resisted all efforts upon it. There are signs that the Bolshevik propaganda in Afghanistan and India is continuing. A small Afghan force from Herat has arrived on the Persian frontier. The Afghan commanding officer at Herat received orders to send six battalions to Kabul, but was unable to do so, as he knew that his troops would not obey, and it appears that the natives in this neighbourhood are not anxious for war. The Amir, it is stated, is endeavouring to buoy up his troops with hopes of help from Russia.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE.

Last night the India Office issued the following:

Information received from the Government of India, dated June 3 and 4, shows that an enemy position on low hills two miles north-west of Thal, was attacked and captured by our troops on June 2, and the General Nadir Khan, commanding the Afghan forces operating round Thal, has applied for a cessation of hostilities under orders received by him from the Amir. He has been given certain periods of time in which to start withdrawing his force to Afghan territory, and within which to complete it.

There is no change in the situation to the north of the Kabul river or in Tirah. Some portions of the Orakzai and Zaimukht tribes have joined the Afghans, but the bulk of these two tribes have not committed themselves. It is reported that there is now no enemy east of the Kurram river. The situation in the Tochi Valley is now quieter, owing to the successful action of our troops near Miramshah on June 1, but tribal lashkars are still reported to be active in the Jandola-Murtaza area.

Incursions by Mahsuds and Sherannis are reported to have occurred on our border to the west of Dera Ismail Khan. From Chitral reports have been received of an Afghan advance up the Kunar river from Asmar; to meet this our Chitral column has taken up a position astride the Kunar river north of Birkot.

CONDITIONS FOR KOLCHAK.

Reuter's Agency is informed that there is no truth in the suggestion that conditions of an arbitrary character were imposed by the Allies in their Note to Admiral Kolchak, stating the terms on which they would be prepared formally to recognise his Government. In fact, M. Sazonoff, Admiral Kolchak's Minister for Foreign Affairs, has admitted the reasonable character of the proposals put forward. In framing these proposals the Allied and Associated Governments had simply in view their desire to have assurance that whatever Government is recognised shall take the earliest possible means to ascertain the opinions of the Russian people as a whole, and shall be prepared to carry out these views.

Further, it must be made clear that there can be no question of a return of the smaller Baltic States to their former conditions. It is known that the Government of Russia desires to control the Baltic shores, and probably there would be no objection to this, provided the general status of the Baltic States is not thereby prejudiced. The Allied Note was despatched to Admiral Kolchak just over a week ago, but as doubtless Admiral Kolchak would have to confer with General Denikin, it is not expected that no reply will be forthcoming for some days. Up to the present, so far as is known in London, no answer is yet to hand.

AMIR'S FEAR OF ASSASSINATION.

Further reports concerning the theatment of the Amir's uncle Nasrullah Khan, state he is fed with delicacies from the Amir's table, which probably led to the rumour that he had been poisoned. His family are not allowed to have access to him, but in no other way is he treated with harshness. It appears that the money made by Nasrullah in his gun running trade has been confiscated.

It is difficult to obtain information as to what is happening in the Royal Palace in Kabul. The Amir, it is reported, lives in constant dread of assassination, and hardly leaves the precincts of the palace. Only very trusted persons are admitted to his presence, and he transacts most of his business over the telephone. The palace is fitted with a complete telephone installation, by which it is connected with Jelalabad. There have been no durbars since that at which the Amir announced his intention of invading India. It remains to be seen whether he will have the courage to hold a durbar to consider an armistice. Afghan precedent demands that important steps of this kind must not be taken without a speech from the Throne. We shall soon learn the physical and moral effects of the recent bombing raid on Kabul.—*Reuter.*

The Government has handed over the destroyers Anzac, Swordsman, Tattoo, Stalwart, Success and Tasmania to the Australian Commonwealth.

THE FRENCH — ASQUITH CONTROVERSY.

FURTHER QUESTIONS.

Members of the House of Commons continue to ply Ministers with questions about the statements contained in Lord French's book.

Yesterday, Brigadier-General Page Croft (N.P., Bournemouth) asked the Prime Minister whether Field-Marshal Lord French had published various confidential documents which he learned of in his official capacity, including his original instructions from Field-Marshal Lord Kitchener, and a memorandum which he addressed to the War Cabinet; and, if so, what action it was proposed to take.

Mr. Bonar Law said he had the articles referred to examined by the War Office. The publication of several of these documents was not authorised. On the other hand, had permission been sought, it was probable that it would have been afforded. As he was informed, they did not make public anything that was detrimental to the national interest. The whole subject was now in the region of public controversy, and the Government did not contemplate any special action in regard to it.

Brigadier-General Page Croft: May I ask whether, in view of the fact that proceedings were taken against the *Morning Post*, and Colonel Repington, and against other journals during the war, will the Government make it perfectly clear that in the case of future disclosures of secrets of this description, drastic action will be taken?

Mr. Bonar Law: I am sure the hon. gentleman will not expect me to give any expression of opinion on such matters in answer to a question. The case to which he refers was very different. The war was going on, and it was the view of the Government that harm was being done to the public interest.

Commander Bellairs (C. U., Maidstone): May I take it that just as great liberty will be accorded to junior officers in these matters as has been accorded to Lord French and Lord Jellicoe?

Mr. Bonar Law: I cannot make any statement on that subject. The Secretary of State for War explained, and I think the House agreed with him, that the position of the Field-Marshal, though nominally on active service, is, from the War Office point of view, quite different from that of anyone who is really on active service.

Major Ormsby-Gore (C. U. Stafford): Will General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien be allowed to reply to the attacks made on him in these articles by Lord French?

Mr. Bonar Law: I think the answer I have just given is all I can say on that subject.

LORD KITCHENER'S SHELL REPORT.

Mr. Holmes (L., Derbyshire, N. E.) asked the Prime Minister whether the report by Lord Kitchener on the supply of shrapnel and high-explosive shells in September and October, 1914, could be issued as a Parliamentary Paper.

Mr. Bonar Law: I do not think it would be wise to take the action suggested in the question. The publication by the Government of isolated documents would, I am sure, be inadvisable.

Mr. Holmes: Does the right hon. gentleman suggest that the publication of this report now will be detrimental to the public interest?

Mr. Bonar Law: The reason I gave for not publishing it, and I think the House will agree with me, is that to publish one side of the correspondence and leave out everything else would be quite impossible.

SCENE AT TRANSPORT CONFERENCE.

"SPORTSMANLIKE TRADITIONS."

There was a lively scene at the Transport Workers' Conference at Cardiff yesterday. In the course of his presidential address Mr. Harry Gosling said: I think that as a nation with sportsmanlike traditions and character we should shake hands with our old-time opponents. There are great problems awaiting us, and experience teaches us that capitalist employers would take advantage of national and racial enmities existing among workers of the two nations in order to subject them to greater indignities and increase their own profit. No organization stands in greater need than the transport workers of international co-operation, and the International must be reformed on a foundation that will withstand all future tests. We have carried out the instructions imposed upon us that the headquarters of the International must be removed from Berlin. We found at the opening conference of the new International at Amsterdam the German delegates anxious to co-operate, even to the point of admitting most of what had been said in our criticisms of their conduct before and during the war. I think we are all prepared to let bygones be bygones, and to think only of the future possibilities which lie in the greater co-operation of the nations.

At the conclusion of the president's address, Mr. Havelock Wilson said he wanted to move rejection of Mr. Gosling's report.

Mr. James Sexton, who had temporarily taken the chair, said this was a most unusual attitude to take up. It was not a report but an address, and was merely an individual expression of opinion. He asked Mr. Wilson not to press his motion.

The resolution of thanks to the president was put and carried.

MUNICH SPARTACISTS LEADER SENTENCED.

Copenhagen, 2nd June. A telegram from Munich states that, after a two days' trial, a court-martial at Munich has sentenced Dr. Eugen Levine, the Spartacist who was implicated in the Munich revolution, to death for high treason. Levine is a Jewish journalist. He was born in 1884 at Petrograd, and is a subject of Baden.

An architect, Wilhelm Zimmer, who was charged with being accessory to an act of high treason, was committed to the civil court for trial. Dr. Adolf Arthur Saly, a private tutor, of Munich, and Herr Botho Schmidt, an artist, were acquitted.—*Reuter.*

A Munich telegram states that Levine was executed on the afternoon of the 5th June.

SOCIALISTS, PRIME MINISTER, AND PEACE.

PREMIER'S DENIAL.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. R. McNeill (C. U., Canterbury) asked the Leader of the House whether his attention had been called to the report that certain Labour leaders and other personages of political and financial influence had brought pressure to bear on the Prime Minister to modify the terms of peace in a manner favourable to Germany, and whether the personages referred to include Mr. Ramsay McDonald and Mr. Arthur Henderson, and whether he would make any statement which would relieve the serious anxiety of the public caused by this report. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Bonar Law: I have not had time since I received notice of this question to communicate with Paris, but I do not think there is any cause for the anxiety to which the hon. member refers. I can assure the House that neither the Prime Minister nor any other delegate will be influenced by any particular interests, but will be guided by what they believe to be the public interest. (Cheers.) As a matter of fact, also, I feel certain the Prime Minister has not seen—though, of course, he would have a perfect right to do so if he chose—either of the gentlemen named, and, to the best of my knowledge, the only people whom he has consulted are the British and Overseas delegates now in Paris, and a considerable number of his colleagues in the Government who went to Paris for the express purpose of discussing the matter with him. The right hon. gentleman was understood to add that, while his colleagues might have political influence, he was sure none of them had any financial interest in the matter.

Mr. McNeill: Is the right hon. gentleman in a position to give any information at all as to the report, which has been given very authoritatively, that the Prime Minister is at variance with the French Prime Minister and the President of the United States on the question of the modification of the Treaty of the terms of peace in a direction favourable to Germany?

Mr. Bonar Law: I am quite sure my hon. friend must realise that if there was any truth in that statement it would be the last thing it would be right for me to speak about.

Mr. MacVeagh (Nat., Down, S.): Get the 400 to send him another telegram.

The following official statement was subsequently issued:

"The Prime Minister authorizes the denial that he has had any communication of the nature indicated with Mr. Ramsay MacDonald or Mr. Arthur Henderson, or that any pressure by persons of political or financial influence has been brought to bear upon him to modify the terms of peace in a manner favourable to Germany."

PRIME MINISTER'S LIST OF BIRTHDAY HONOURS.

The Prime Minister's list of birthday honours does not include a single peerage, baronetcy or political award. It chiefly consists of rewards to civil servants and it is understood that the list was reduced to a minimum in view of the expected conclusion of peace, which will doubtless be marked by fresh honours.

There are twenty-six promotions and appointments to the Order of the Bath and twenty-six knighthoods. Sir Reginald Brade and Sir Llewellyn Smith each receive the Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath, and Mr. Walter Defrece, who is the husband of Vesta Tilley, receives a knighthood for services at the Ministry of Pensions.

GOVERNMENT'S FIRM STAND WITH POLICE.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Shortt, who asserted that the Police Union had broken the agreement entered into last August and associated itself with the extremist policy, stated that the Government had definitely decided that the present state of things would not be allowed to continue.

The Government would set up a statutory body under which every policeman would be entitled to take his grievance to the highest authority.

Members of the force would be called out of the Police Union, and men insisting on remaining would cease to be policemen.

SEARCH FOR MISSING R.A.F. PERSONNEL.

A specially formed unit of the Royal Air Force left London yesterday for the Royal Air Force Headquarters in the field. It consists of twenty officers who will be detached to various army units for the purpose of searching for any possible traces of officers and other ranks of the Royal Air Force who were posted on the Western front as missing. The utmost endeavour will be made to ensure that no members of the force are still in the hands of the enemy.

MINERS STRIKE AGAINST INCOME TAX.

The agitation among the South Wales miners against paying income tax led to a strike at Coedely Tyleha Collieries yesterday. Two Coedely men arrested a month ago for non-payment of tax were first released and subsequently re-arrested. Negotiations followed, resulting in the release of the two men and resumption of work.

It is pointed out by the Board of Agriculture that the supply of agricultural labour is still very short, and that considerable difficulty is experienced in providing housing accommodation for the increased labour required for gathering in the harvest. In this connection the Board have come to an agreement with the War Office for the loan of huts, tents, bedding, etc., with a view to establishing a series of hostels for the use of harvest workers.

TRUCKLOAD OF POWDER EXPLODES.

APPALLING LOSS OF LIFE.

Wilkeabarge, Pennsylvania, 5th June.—Sixty-nine miners were killed and forty injured this morning by the explosion of a truck of black powder attached to an electric train in which the men were being conveyed to their work.

The accident occurred just after the train had entered the mouth of the tunnel. It had got about 200ft into the tunnel when the trolley-wire broke and fell. The sparks ignited the powder, which instantly exploded, and in a moment the bodies of the men were flying in all directions. The flames caused even greater loss of life than the explosion, while others of the men were suffocated while trying to reach the mouth of the tunnel. The disaster followed a night of rejoicing in celebration of the homecoming of sons and brothers of the miners from service in France. —*Reuter.*

(Later.) Many of the injured lived only a short time. The death list is constantly growing, and is estimated this afternoon at from seventy-five to 100. Most of the bodies were burned to a cinder, and identification is impossible. Hundreds of women and children, shrieking and crying, are gathered near the mouth of the tunnel, terrified at the sights that meet their eyes. The rescuers threw streams of water on the train, but meanwhile the cries of the dying and injured could be heard above the roar of the flames.

The catastrophe, which is one of the greatest that has ever occurred in this section of the anthracite coalfields, is attributed to carelessness and to violation of the mine laws. There is a drastic prohibition against the transporting of men on trains carrying explosives. Investigation will disclose whether the company or the men are responsible. It is now stated that the train carried twelve kegs of powder used for blasting. One of the survivors, who saved himself by jumping into the ditch running along the side of the tunnel, said: "We were about fifty feet inside the tunnel when I saw a blinding flash, and flung myself into the water. Bodies were hurled all about me, and the flames made a veritable hell. No one could possibly escape unless he got into the water, buried his face, and rolled over as I did."—*Reuter.*

KINMEL CAMP COURT MARTIALS ENDED.

THIRTY-THREE CONVICTIONS.

The Field General Court Martial at Liverpool which has been inquiring into cases arising out of the Kinmel Park mutiny, concluded its sittings yesterday.

The proceedings began on the 16th April and continued without intermission. Altogether there were thirty-eight cases, involving fifty prisoners almost all of whom were charged with mutiny and many with other offences. The Court acquitted seventeen prisoners and convicted the remaining cases, although in six cases they did not convict of mutiny but on minor charges. The Higher Authority, however, declined to confirm the convictions in three cases.

BRAZIL'S PART IN THE WAR.

Doctor Pessoa. President of Brazil, left London yesterday morning by special train for Portsmouth on his way to Lisbon. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter and Sir Maurice Bunsen and Mr. Syne of the British Foreign Office. In a long article dealing with Brazilian friendship with Britain the *Times* points out the details of the Brazilian war effort. The armistice forestalled the appearance on the French front of a Brazilian Army of a quarter of a million. A Brazilian Naval squadron co-operated with the allied fleets in European waters. Brazil, realizing the Allies need of foodstuffs, increased her production and shipped great quantities, even to the point of deprivation of her home markets. The article concludes "The new President of Brazil carries with him the grateful feelings of our country for his own, and our warmest wishes for the task that lies before him. Our only regret is that he is called back to Brazil to assume office and his stay is too short for more than hurried tokens of appreciation to be given him."

CANADIAN DEMOBILIZATION NEARLY COMPLETE.

According to present arrangements the Olympic will sail from Southampton early on Saturday morning, with 5,511 Canadian troops, including the last of the 4th Canadian Division. On the same day the Royal George will sail from Liverpool with 1,550 Canadian troops. After these sailings there will then remain only about 70,000 Canadians to be repatriated, and of those a certain percentage will take their discharge in this country. In May no fewer than 54,519 Canadian troops left England for home.

SALE OF OLD LORRIES.

Old Army lorries, some of which had been salved from ships sunk by submarine, and others returned from service in Mesopotamia, Egypt, and France, made extremely good prices at the second day's sale of surplus vehicles at the Motor Transport Depôt, Bromley-road, Catford. Some 30cwt Hall-Ford lorries, fitted with van body, which had been completely overhauled prior to the auction, sold at prices ranging from 475 guineas to 600 guineas each. Derelict three-ton lorries made anything from 35 guineas upwards. The first day's total of the sale was said to be approximately £50,000.

REAL IRISH WHISKEY.

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BRITISH DRAMA.

Some time ago we discussed the subject of the theatre and culled some lessons from the municipal scheme that prevails in Germany. Of late the question of dramatic performances and ideals has been widely canvassed in England. There are, happily, manifest indications that the conscience of our fellow-countrymen has been awakened to the untoward plight of the British theatre. The awakening is not unexpected in these moving times, but it is none the less welcome.

An alliance has been formed between the Shakespeare Memorial Committee and the Governors of the Shakespeare Memorial, Stratford-on-Avon, and now we have in being "The New Shakespeare Company." Sir Israel Goilancz declares that it is in a large measure an outcome of the war and that it will promote the recognition of our national dramatist throughout the length and breadth of the British Empire. But more is needed than the proper rendering of Shakespearian drama, and more has been done. Last week there was inaugurated in London the British Drama League, and the movement has been blessed by representatives of the Church, the University, the State, and the People.

It is of some interest to note that hard words were spoken of the present day stage. Miss Lena Ashwell, a good friend of the British soldier, declaimed with hearty vigour and in terms that were almost unmeasured. She attacked "entertainment" that have become all too popular and pilloried them as detrimental to the wholesome life of the nation. Mr. H. A. Jones was almost as critical, for he held that "English drama, on the whole, has never been in so degraded a condition as it is to-day.

We believe that much of this criticism is just, but it is wise to beware of exaggeration. There have been, in the history of British drama, times less unblessed than our own. After all allowances are made for changed conditions of life, it is only fair to record that our ideals are higher than those of Englishmen in the days of Charles II. Restoration drama was the symptom and consequence of popular reaction against the stern repression of austere Puritanism, and it may well be that the more unworthy forms of stage repertoire in our own times are due to the stress of living and the craving for respite from the sorrows and anxieties of existence.

It is an old saying that a nation deserves the government it suffers, and it may be that a people deserves the theatre it patronizes. But representative government is never so perfectly organized that it can absolutely correspond with the will of the people; and the sympathy between stage and audience is never so delicately adjusted that the ideals of playwright and playgoer are equally realized. The criticism that of late has been so widespread shows that the nation desires something better and worthier than that which has been offered to it.

It seems to us that the theatre has two functions—one is educative and one is recreational. There is an increasing number of men and women who are tired of theatrical trivialities and vulgarities and are longing for the production of dramas that have some real connection with the glories of English literature. The demand which Labour has properly made for more adequate leisure gives a notable opportunity for the production of plays that will satisfy more than uneducated tastes. There are, however, men and women who in the evening hours of busy days yearn for an entertainment that will brush away the memory of toil and vexation. For them, the stage should furnish bright and happy pictures of life, not at its lowest pitches, but in all the bravery and humour of its normal attitudes. We are not really attuned to the spectacle of horrid episodes, wayward intrigues, and degenerate souls. To most of us the drawing-room is as interesting as any other in an Englishman's castle, and to all of us there is still a philosophy in *Sartor Resartus.*

ROYALTY AND LOYALTY.

WILLIAM R. PATTERSON F.R.G.S., etc.

I was a spectator once at a socialist meeting. A red flag waved in the wind. The orator advocated the abolition of Royalty, of titles, the confiscation of estates and other drastic measures. The majority of the audience — quite good fellows, no doubt, when alone — applauded the extravagant utterances of the speaker each imitating the example of those about him for, usually, if one applauds it acts as an incentive to others to do the same. The speaker finished up with a wild revolutionary suggestion — then the meeting closed.

Almost at once a second orator rose up on a stool near by — the Union Jack above him — and spoke of loyalty to King and Country and of the nobility. The former audience drifted towards him and the same individuals applauded his discourse, too. This goes on all the year round and every year. What may one think of it? It is politically unreasonable.

It clearly shows that some people are too apt to be influenced by oratory on the spur of the moment. This is often the direct cause of bolshevism, other such revolutionary ideas and all similar controversies of disloyalty, not only to the King but to the country and one's fellow men.

Now, you young Britons — representatives of a great, virile and noble race must learn to form really honest opinions of your own. Read, in your leisure hours, the glorious history of our race and you will understand what I mean. Do not be misled by the revolutionary opinions of others. You can see for yourselves what disaster has been caused in the world by recent upheavals. I firmly believe that our country was ever meant to have Royalty and aristocracy. — It has always sacrificed its best of all classes in the cause of right and freedom, and our history proves that both Royalty and aristocracy have given innumerable lives towards the welfare of our land and the upholding of its traditions and its honour. Yet when a revolution breaks out, the noble are the first to suffer pain of death those who have often to work more hours a day than the heathens who slaughtered them.

Those who cause these infernal uprisings are, in the majority, the most indolent people of a nation, excited by greed and lust, and followed by a rabble of criminals, bent on destroying the property of others. Again, I say, read history for proof of this statement. Now, listen! Some used to imagine that our aristocracy was composed of pampered weaklings but I think one of the results of the recent war has been to disprove this; in point of fact, there remains no doubt that this has been disproved.

Again, some imagine that the aristocracy od no useful work. This also is false. If a revolutionary tells you this, it is not necessary that you should form a negative or positive opinion, until you are in a position to judge for yourself; until you have actually seen. If we have, as revolutinaries will tell you, any 'idle rich' in our country — and if there are any at all, they must be few in number — remember that their money is always circulating, and that they employ men and women and that they support charities. There are rich people even in republics some perhaps may also be termed 'idle' by the lazy and discontented. If revolutionaries worked even half as hard as the King and his nobility they might have occasions to put forward a grievance and if all men worked as they should work, they would find themselves far happier, richer and less dissatified with their lot.

Most men can succeed by diligence if they will. Come, now, let us uphold our King and Great Britain! Let us work and study!

ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

The following message has been received at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, from Professor Eddington and Mr. Cottingham, Prince's Island, West Africa: "Eclipse was observed through clouds, but we are hopeful of obtaining good results."

The frequent luck of eclipse observers appears to have attended Prof. Eddington's efforts. We trust his hopes may be justified, for among other things, there was an extraordinary interesting kind of observation that he had on his programme. This was no less than an attempt to weigh light, a proceeding which most of us have hitherto looked upon as impossible.

A certain mathematical theory demands, however, that light should have weight. That is, that it should be attracted by all other matter having weight by the force known as gravity.

He proposed to do this by photographing the images of those stars, the light from which would have to pass very near to the eclipsed sun. If light has weight, the rays of light from the stars would be gravitationally attracted from their ordinary straight-line paths by the huge mass of the sun and therefore would not appear to reach us from the usual direction. Thus the photographs of these stars taken during the eclipse would show apparent displacements of the stars when compared with photographs of them taken at night-time, when the sun is not near the path of the light we receive from them. Prof. Eddingtons estimates that if light has weight in proportion to its mass like matter, there is an appalling amount of light in an ounce. To such an extent is this so, in fact that the light supplied to us by gas and electric light companies, if bought by weight, would work out at something like ten million pounds per ounce. Here we see a weighty justification of the Daylight Saving Bill, or habits to that effect, for the sun pours down upon us, calculating on the lines followed by Prof. Eddington, about 160 tons per diem. Yet we often neglect this free gift and go on buying light of much inferior quality at the rate of ten million pounds per ounce.

A POSER.

Here is a problem, says a correspondent in the *Daily Mail*, that always reduces his scientific friends to mental chaos. Suppose a pipe, with a bore little larger than the thickness of a man's body, were pierced through the earth and a ladder ran through the length of the pipe. Assume a man starts through the pipe from London to an Antipodean island. He descends the ladder feet foremost, and he is going downwards until he reaches the centre of the earth.

When he reaches the centre of the earth he, presumably, will thenceforth be going upwards, until he emerges at the Antipodes. But how can a ladder on which one is *descending* become a ladder on which one is *ascending?* Furthermore, how could one go up a ladder feet foremost?

Whenever he puts this problem to scientific people they try to change the subject.

THE QUESTION OF TONGUES.

The fourth contribution in the series of articles under this heading will appear on Wednesday.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

FOR THE YOUNG GUARDS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir, — I have heard this suggestion many a time amongst the young Guards that there should be a special coloured chevron made for them to show that they belong to the Army of Occupation. Surely many of the guards are in favour of this idea, therefore it should be carried out.

YOUNG GUARD.

CINEMA SEAT PRICES.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—I should like to draw your attention to the absurdity of the prices of admission to cinemas in Cologne. On Saturday last I paid two marks at the No. 3 Army Cinema for a front seat and on enquiring the price of a seat at the rear of the theatre, I was told one mark. Is it not the usual thing for the front seats to be the cheapest in a cinema theatre?

ONE OF YOUR READERS.

"FORTHCOMING HENLEY REGATTA."

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—Perhaps if the gentleman who signed himself "A.H.B." in your issue of Friday, June 6th, would come down to the Rhine Army Officers' Boat Club he would be able both to see and to hear for himself, and would not then be dependent upon that fickle female "Dame Rumour."

CAPTAIN OF THE RHINE EIGHT.

WHITSUNDAY.

A CLAIM AND ITS REALIZATION.

(BY A CORRESPONDENT.)

Christian festivals such as Whitsunday are not, as some people think, formally designed substitutes to supersede obsolete Jewish feasts. They are memorials or commemorations, reminding us of great events, as e.g. at Whitsuntide of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit of God upon the Church at Pentecost nearly 1900 years ago and of the Life from above given to every Christian. They are a natural expression of Christian joy the joy which is the fruit of the spirit. There is no doubt that relics of joyous social custom from pagan ancestors do survive in some good Christian customs; because human nature, whether it be in the dark or in the light has but one source; it comes from God, and was created for God, and has the same essential need of joy in God. And joy, wherever there is any, needs to express itself, in order that it may know itself. Joy in the Lord, the fruit of the Spirit, gradually created festivals in the Church as naturally as in simple homes the joy of family life makes festivals of the children's birthdays. Now, Whit Sunday, the Christian Pentecost, has sometimes been called the birthday of the Church — when the Holy Spirit of God was outpoured upon it, and it became a living organization. If men were still to know God revealed in Christ, it was necessary that Christ should have a body through which He could reveal Himself to men. We can only know other men, through their self expression in their bodies, and men can chiefly see Christ, through their self expression in their bodies, and men can chiefly see Christ, through His self expression in human lives and bodies. There is no man living who can show Christ's wonderfully many-sided freedom and power to men. Yet each can show some part of Him. So each showing a part, the Church corporate, the body which He created should show that the whole, though different members, are really united in spirit. The Christian Church then — we use the term Church, in the widest possible sense — is the body of Christ, through which he reveals Himself to men.

We discover in these days that men are growing sick of shams whether in religion, in politics, or in the general life of the community. Old institutions and ancient usages alike are being tested in the fires of criticism. Every institution and every custom has to face sooner or later such questions as these: "How did it come to be?" "What purpose does it subserve?" "Does it justify its existence; if not, how can it be cleared out of the way?"

The Christian Church has to face such a critical enquiry to-day. Already we have briefly tried to answer the first question, "How did it come to be?" In answer to the second it is claimed for the Christian Church that she is the power-house from which flows the energizing influence of the saviour of mankind — to rescue the degraded man from degradation and to restore him to a sound mind, to elevate multitudes of imperfect, yet struggling men, to higher degrees of holiness and virtue — to purify, redeem and glorify everything human — to transform and re-adjust society so that it can work out justly and mercifully for its members — to establish the kingdom of God and of righteousness amongst men.

After an effort extending over nearly nineteen centuries has that claim been realized, or if not, are there signs that it will ever be realized? Does the Christian Church justify her existence? The answer must be, Yes. Look around you on the political and social life, unsatisfactory as it still is, of the modern world, and observe how they bear the impress of the Christ. Where is the legislative power in Europe or America which does not accept the principles which underlie the teaching of Christ as the basis on which society ought to rest and at least profess to embody them in practice? Nor has the attempt been a vain one, for every institution in the modern world is more or less leavened with its principles and is getting more and more so year by year. The teaching of Jesus Christ is pre-eminently opposed to warfare and we live to see a serious attempt made to put an end to war.

When we survey man in his social relationship it is in the teaching of Christ which constitutes the acknowledged rule of duty between man and man among the progressive races of mankind. Though the Church at the present time may not be prominent in the great movements to secure equality, brotherhood, and freedom, — yet it may justly be claimed that the Church has had much to do with creating that sense of human worth which has given rise to the present powerful demand on the part of the dispossessed for a better condition of life. The Church of Christ to-day calls us to recognise a new sense of community with one another, to covet the joys which may be shared in common, to wean ourselves from self-centred motives and self-centred satisfactions, to refuse the sense of well—being and enjoyment of ease, so long as there are classes of society unable to share our ease and well—being; we are bidden to feel shame for the uncleanliness of our city slums and sympathy for the forlornness of the thriftless and degenerate of our citizens, to learn a new pride in the prosperity of the poor, a new sense of joyful communion in the co-operation which is of the essence of industry and trade, to seek in the religion of economics an equivalent to the doctrine of spiritual equality.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Sunday	5½	Die lustigen Weiber von Windsor The merry wives of Windsor	Nicolai
Monday	5	Der Rosenkavalier	Rich. Strauss
Tuesday	6	Martha	Flotow
Wednesday	6	Der Wide spenstigen Zähmung The Taming of the shrew	Goetz
Thursday	5	Figaros Hochzeit	Mozart
Friday	6	Cavalleria Rusticana Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo
Saturday	4½	Tristan und Isolde	Wagner
Sunday	5	Faust und Margarete	Gounod
Monday	5½	Mignon	Thomas
Tuesday	6	Der fliegende Holländer The Flying Dutchman	Wagner

CRICKET CUP MATCHES.

51st Bn. Royal Sussex Regt. v. 121st Heavy Bty. R.G.A., at Allenrath on Wednesday. The R.G.A. were dismissed for 49, Sergt. Saunders (13 not out) and Br. Hopwell (10) being the only players to reach double figures. Pte. Edden bowled extremely well for the home team, taking 5 wickets for 15 runs. Lt.-Col. Bond took 4 for 27. The 51st Royal Sussex compiled a total of 111. Sergt. Evans (29), Lieut. Rea (18), and Lieut. Argent (16) being the principal contributors. Br. Hatfield for the visitors took 5 wickets for 32 runs. The 51st Bn. Royal Sussex Regt. thus won their first match in the competition by 62 runs. Tea was served to both teams after the match, and many thanks are due to Rev. F.H. Stude for his services in superintending this most welcome finish to an enjoyable afternoon's cricket.

D/190 Bde. R.F.A. (72) v. H.A.C. (69) at Poll on Wednesday. H.A.C. score mainly due to an excellent 38 from Manby's bat. "D" Battery then went in; owing to a terrific wagging of their tail, won by 12 runs, thanks to the efforts of Sergt. Tams (18) and Dr. Morphew (9 not out). The bowling was of high standard in both innings, especially that of Dr. Bingham R.F.A., who got 6 for 23, Lieut. Baines 4 for 30; for the losers Clark bowled very well and steadily, obtained 7 for 33, and Manby 3 for 29.

509th FIELD COY., R.E. v 16th FIELD AMB. at Weilerswist. The Engineers batted first and finished with a total of 144, out of which Spr. Thorpe made a brilliant 45 and Spr. Fouracre compiled a useful 24. The Ambulance's total response only realised 14, so the match ended with an easy win for the Engineers. The bowling of Sappers Gatch and Phillips was too deadly, the former averaging six wickets for 11 runs, and the latter three wickets for 4 runs.

34 BN. M.G.C. (54) v 180 LABOUR COY (63). At Troisdorf on Friday. For 180 Labour Coy. Pte. Smart scored 30, and Pte. Jennett 12. Pte. Howarth 5 wickets 10 runs.

For 34 Bn. M.G.C. Pte. Smart had 5 wickets for 27 runs.

52nd Welsh Regt. v. 10th Corps Signals, on the ground of the former, resulted in a win for the homesters by 71 runs. The home team, batting first, had to play with caution against the excellent, slowbreak bowling of Walker. Sergt. Kaye, going in first, played beautiful cricket for an hour being eighth man out a 102, his 59 included a 6 and four 4's. The visiting team soon crumbled up before the bowling of Cpl. Wallwark and Pte. Lawton, the former capturing 5 wickets for 14 and the latter 5 for 21. Scores:— 52nd Welsh, 112 (Walker 6 wickets for 46); 10th Corps Signals, 41 (Sergt. Luttor 18).

VI CORPS HEADQUARTERS 73 v. 2nd M.G. SQUADRON 53, at Lanzerath on Thursday; for the winners Private C. Heap took 6 wickets for 25 runs, in addition to being the highest scorer with 18.

19th DURHAM L.I. (84 for 5 wickets) v. 15th DEVONS (70). At Kalk, on Thursday. The best batsmen for 9th D.L.I. were Pte. Bewick (20) Pte Jewsey (15) L.Cpl. Gustard (13 not out). For the Devons Sergt. Smith took 6 wickets for 30. For Devons Lieut Harrell scored 15, C.Q.M.S. Sharpe 12, Pte Fox 11; Lieut Harrell took 3 wickets for 4.

15th SOUTH STAFFS (50) v. IX CORPS TROOPS M.T. COY (35). At Euskirchen. The Staffs batted first and made 50, thanks to C.S.M. Norman with 16 and Lieut Napier 14, Leach taking 6 wickets for 24. The M.T. Coy. could only muster 35, White being top scorer with 8; Sergt. Burton taking 6 for 16, and Lieut Smith 4 for 16.

LIGHT DIVISION SIGNAL COY R.E. v. LIGHT DIV. HQRS. At Frimmersdorf on Wednesday. Scores:

Light Div. Signals, 85. (L/Cpl. Harrison 20. L/Cpl. Harrow 16. Cpl. Woods 14).

Light Div. Hqrs. 17 (Hirst 6 wickets for 9 runs, Hartley 4 wickets for 6 runs).

Beech and Hopkins bowled well for Light Div. Hqrs.

527 COY R.A.S.C. v. 52nd GORDON HIGHLANDERS (2nd fixture); Result:—527 Coy. R.A.S.C. 45. v. 52nd Gordon Highlanders 106 for 6 wickets. The chief scorers for the R.A.S.C. were Dr. Osborne 12; and Lieut Robertson 8, and for the Gordons Capt. Falconer 28 not out and Pte Stevens 24.

483 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A. v. 52nd SHERWOOD FORESTERS. After a very close game the former won by 32 runs. For the gunners the best scorers were Carpenter 14 and Naylor 12 while Tams took 5 wickets for 12 runs. A feature of the Foresters, play was the fine bowling of Corporal Wakelan who took 6 wickets for 14 runs.

51st NORTHUMBERLAND FUS. 25, (L/Cpl. Bayant 4 for 10, Pte Dodd 3 for 9, 3 men run out.) v. 4th R. SUSSEX 64 for 8 wickets (Pte Dench 21, Sergt. Stanford 15. Pte Pounch 11), at Sulz on Friday, 4th. R. Sussex won by 9 wickets.

91st FIELD AMBULANCE (72) v. 86th BATTERY. R.G.A. (26). On the Colnstrasse Bonn, on Wednesday and resulted in a victory for the Medicals by 46 runs.

For the winners Howarth compiled a neat 25 and Dickson was in deadly form with the ball, capturing 5 wickets for 13 runs and also performing the hat trick. He claimed four wickets in that over.

OTHER RESULTS.

185 Siege Battery R.G.A. 61
189 Siege Battery R.G.A. 32

A.A. Searchlight Coy R.E. 39
17th Lancers ..... 49 for 3 wickets.

53 Sherwood Foresters 104
52 D.L.I. 80

NORTHANTS ACHIEVE A HEAVY TASK.

SEQUEL TO LANCASHIRE'S BIG START.

DRAWN GAME AT NORTHAMPTON.

Lancashire ..... 1st inns., 993 (5 wkts.); 2nd inns., 123 (6 wkts.).
Northamptonshire.. 1st inns., 308; 2nd inns., 96 (2 wkts.).

Lancashire, who on the opening day had stayed in all the time cricket was in progress to score 393 for five wickets, declared their innings closed first thing on Thursday morning, so that Northamptonshire had a heavy task to face. This they did most admirably, the match ending in a draw. Scores:—

LANCASHIRE—2nd Innings.

J.C.H. Hollins, b Wells	2
Macpeace, not out	7
Tyldesley (J.T.), c Woolley, b Holland	6
Tyldesley (E.), not out	19
F.W. Musson, st Buswell, b Holland	36
Hallows, b Woolley	19
R.A. Boddington, b Seymour	10
Tyldesley (R.), c Buswell, b Holland	24
Extras	0
Total (6 wkts.)	123

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

W. Izzard, c Boddington, b Tyldesley (J)	8
Woolley, b Tyldesley (R.)	45
Haywood, c Boddington, b Tyldesley (J.)	4
Seymour, b Dean	7
L.E. Holland, b Tyldesley (R.)	32
Wells, b Bullough	3
Warden, not out	111
T.E. Manning, run out	53
Buswell, b Tyldesley (J.)	10
G.H. Hawes, b Tyldesley (J.)	0
J.N. Beasley, b Dean	19
Extras	14
Total	305

Second Innings.—W. Izzard, b Tyldesley (R.), 7; L.E. Holland, run out, 18; Haywood not out, 36; Seymour, not out, 23; extras 12; total (2 wkts.), 96.

ESSEX v. YORKSHIRE.

Yorkshire	348

Essex 1st Innings 354; 2nd innings 55 for 1.

As could only be expected in the absence of further rain and after the course taken by the game on the opening day, the match between Essex and Yorkshire had, at Leyton, to be left drawn. Scores:—

ESSEX—2nd INNINGS.

Res. F.H. Gillingham not out	20
Russell b Claughton	32
Extras	3
Total (1 wkt)	55

YORKSHIRE.

Rhodes, c Russel, b Tremlin	5
Holmes, c Williams, b J. W. H. T. Douglas	38
Denton, b J. W. H. T. Douglas	1
Kilner, c Tremlin, b J. W. H. T. Douglas	4
Hirst l b w, b Tremlin	120
D. C. T. Burton, c Scoulding, b Tremlin	28
Sutcliffe, c Turner, b Dixon	25
H. M. Claughton, c and b Dixon	13
Dolphin, not out	62
W. E. Blackburne, c Freeman, b Scoulding	1
Smith, l b w, b J. W. H. T. Douglas	49
Extras	2
Total	348

BOWLING—ESSEX—SECOND INNINGS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Kilner	14	6	25	0
Claughton	13.4	4	27	1

YORKSHIRE—FIRST INNINGS.

Mjr. Douglas	29.3	6	85	4
Tremlin	32	11	106	3
Scoulding	31	8	67	1
Dixon	14	1	57	2
Capt. Douglas	7	0	34	0

117, RETIRED.

CAPTAIN DICKINSON IN BRILLIANT BATTING AND BOWLING FORM.

The cricket season opened in Bonn on Wednesday with a match between the Divisional Troops, Eastern Division (late 34th Division) and the 1st King's Brigade, Lancashire Division (late 32nd Division), in the X Corps Cricket Tournament. The match was played in the Hofgarten, Bonn, and considering that this ground was continously used throughout the winter for football, it reflects great credit on all concerned for its present excellent condition.

Owing to the rain overnight the wicket was in favour of the bowler. Play commenced at 11.30 a.m., Eastern Division team batting first. Runs were difficult to get. Lieut. Hoyland batted well and was unlucky in mis-timing a ball to leg and being easily caught at cover point. Sapper Thomas hit well, but was unfortunate in finding no one to back him up. Captain Foss made two smart catches at point. Captain Dickinson bowled well, taking 8 wickets for 29 runs in 14 overs.

Captain Dickinson and Lieut. Drakeford opened the batting for the King's Brigade. Runs came fast and their opponent's score was passed before the latter was bowled, having batted very steadily. Captain Dickinson continued to score freely all round the wicket; he was missed when 52 at the wicket, and again after passing the century. Included in his score were one 6 and sixteen fours. Scores:—

Eastern Div. Troops	76
1st King's Brigade	222

POOR SCORING IN AUSTRALIANS — M.C.C. MATCH.

MATCH AT LORD'S.

M.C.C. ..... 1st inns., 133
AUSTRALIANS ..... 1st inns., 177 (7 wkts.)

The eleven which represented the M.C.C. at Lords was not a very strong one, and at half-past three they were all out for 133 runs, to which the Australians replied with a total of 228. Scores:—

M.C.C.

Major Hon. L.H. Tennyson, b Gregory	0
King (J. H.), b Collins	5
Hearne (J. W.), l b w, b Lampard	23
Mead (P.), b Gregory	36
Capt. D. C. Robinson c and b Lampard	19
Rev. W. V. Jephson, l b w, b Lampard	1
Lt.-Col. L. H. W. Troughton, c Collins, b Gregory	12
Kennedy, not out	29
A. C. Somerset, b Lampard	1
R. F. Popham, l b w, b Lampard	0
N. A. Jessopp, b Gregory	2
Extras	11
Total	133

AUSTRALIAN I.F.

H. L. Collins, b Jessopp	1
C. B. Willis, b Kennedy	36
J. M. Taylor, c Jessopp, b Kennedy	31
J. T. Murray, b King	2
W. S. Sterling, b King	27
A. W. Lampard, l b w, b Kennedy	4
E. Bull, b Tennyson	32
W. L. Trenerry, c Robinson, b Mead	55
J. M. Gregory, b Hearne	56
C. Winning run out	19
W. A. Oldfield	9
Extras	25
Total	297

M.C.C. (second innings):—
Tennyson 10, King 9, Hearne 0, Mead, 71. Robinson 24, Jephson 8, Somerset (not out) 9, Popham 13, Jessop 0, Extras 17, Total 228.

WARWICKSHIRE v. SURREY.

Parson c Strudwick b Hitch	98
Bats c Strudwick b Hitch	1
Charlesworth b Hitch	22
Quaife lbw b W. Abel	9
Baker b Rushby	13
Smith c Strudwick b Hitch	6
Cowan b W. Abel	24
Hands b Rushby	18
Luckin b Hitch	5
Howell b Hobbs b Rushby	0
Austin not out	12
Extras	7
	215

Bowling analisys:— Hitch 5 for 85; Rushby 3 for 67; W. Abel 2 for 33; J. Abel 0 for 17; Peach 0 for 6.

SURREY.

Hobbs c Charlesworth b Parsons	88
Sandham b Hants	14
Ducat b Howell	31
Harrison b Howell	6
Peach c Smith b Parsons	7
W. Abel c Howell b Quaife	5
Shepherd b Quaife	5
T. Abel st Smith b Quaife	21
Hitch c Pearsons b Austin	85
Strudwick b Howell	10
Rushby not out	6
Extras	5
	256

Bowling analysis:— Hants 1 for 28; Austin 1 for 47; Howell 3 for 101; Luckin 0 for 17; Quaife 3 for 46; Parsons 2 for 12.

WARWICK 2nd INNINGS.

Luckin 4; Austin 8; Total 12.

TOMORROW'S MATCHES.

At Northampton, tomorrow the Leicestershire team will be: C. J. B. Wood, A. T. Sharp, G. B. F. Budd, King, Geary, Coe, Curtis, Mounteney, Sidwell, Brown, Benskin.

The Kent team for the match at Leyton tomorrow will be: L. H. W. Troughton (captain), E. W. Dillon, A. F. Bickmore, G. de L. Hough, Wolley, Hardinge, Seymour, Fairservice, Freeman, Hubble, and Collins.

9th D.L.I.—A. COY v. H.Q.

A keenly contested game was played on Wednesday between A. and H.Q. Coys. The match was interesting from two points of view. It brought forward new players, and it also brought out humorous qualities in many of the spectators. The final score was a fair result, A. Coy winning by 3—0.

"D" BATTERY H.Q. 190 BDE. R.F.A.

Played at Poll, Cologne on Sunday, resulting in a win for "D" Battery by two runs. "D" Battery went in first and knocked up 69 against good bowling by Brigade Headquarters. The Battery then went in, reaching 67 with three wickets in hand. They failed to add to their score, however, against the bowling of Lieut. Baines and Dr. Bingham, and were all out for 67. Sergt. Mc. Callum played an excellent innings of 38 for the losing side. Lieut. Baines took 6 wickets and Dr. Bingham 3.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

A Sportsman's Dinner.

On Wednesday, June 11, a sportsman's dinner will be given at the Eccentric Club, with Lord Lonsdale as the principal guest.

Scratched For French Derby.

The King of Spain's three-year-old Scirpe has run so disappointingly that he has been scratched for the French Derby.

Champion Irish Lady Golfer.

Miss Janet Jackson at Portmranock retained the Irish Ladies Golf Championship, beating Miss Alexander by 5 and 4.

M.C.C. Prizes.

The first tie in the competition for the M.C.C. prizes was played at Lord's, on Thursday, E.A.C. Bruce beating V. W. Yorke by three sets to love.

The Scottish League.

The Scottish Football League annual general meeting was held at Glasgow this week. The financial statement disclosed a profit of £619 for the year.

Football Betting Bill.

Sir Henry Norris, M.P., has taken charge of the Ready Money Football Coupon Betting Bill, and it will probably be introduced after the Whitsuntide Recess.

Women Cyclists' Rally.

Close on a thousand London women cyclists, many of them wearing breeches after the land girl style, assembled at the Angel, Thames Ditton, the other morning for their annual "rally."

F.A. and Olympic Games.

The Football Association declines to have any association with the Central Powers, and, subject to this condition, the F.A. will continue its association with the British Olympic Association.

Sporting Pigeons.

Before the war it was estimated there were at least 400,000 breeders of pigeons in the United Kingdom, and during the war 153,000 permits were issued in England alone to persons keeping flying pigeons of a sporting character.

Canadian Baseball Experts.

The Canadian Baseball Championship matches will be decided at Stamford Bridge on June 13 to June 15. The teams playing on these dates will be the champions of the following Canadian areas in England:—Ashford, Seaford, London, Rhyl, Buxton, Witley, and Ripon.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

GREAT PROFESSIONAL GOLF "TOURNEY."

SENSATIONAL DEFEAT OF FAMOUS PLAYERS AT KILLERMONT.

The great professional golf tournament at Killermont near Glasgow this week opened sensationally, as briefly reported yesterday, with the defeat of Harry Vardon by Jack White, who was two up at the turn and who won by 3 and 1. Another surprise was the defeat of Abe Mitchell, the world's longest driver, by James Batley by 3 and 2. The victory in both cases was due to wonderful approaching and putting.

Details:

1st ROUND:

George Ayton, St. Andrews, beat Sinclair 4 and 2.
Jack White beat Harry Vardon 3 and 1.
George Duncan beat Tom Fernie, Turnberry 3 and 2.
Mayo beat Turner, Prestwick, 5 and 4.
James Braid beat Tom Williamson, 2 and 1.
Arnaud Massy beat David Kinnell, 3 and 2.
Alec Herd beat McInnes 4 and 2.
Pat O'Hare, Irish Champion, beat Andrew Kirkaldy 6 and 5.
Peter Robinson beat Ben Sayers, junior, 3 and 2.
Batley beat Abe Mitchell 3 and 2.
Pope, Belfast, beat Murling, Aberdeen, 3 and 2.
H. Taylor beat Jones, Chislenurst, 7 and 6.
Ted Ray beat Ben Sayers near the 19th hole.
Adams, Glasgow, beat L. B. Ayton, Standrews, 1 up.
Ritchie, Worpledon, beat Auchterlonie, Standrews, up.
Sherlock Stoke-poges, beat Fernie, Troon, 5 and 3.

SECOND ROUND:

Ayton beat White 3 and 2.
Duncan beat Mayo 3 and 2.
Braid beat Massey by one hole.
O'Hare beat Herd 3 and 2.
Batley beat Robertson at the nineteenth hole.
Ray beat Pope 5 and 4.
Ritchie beat Adams 5 and 4.
Taylor beat Sherlock at the 23rd hole.

OLD SCHOOL STILL WINNING.

A later message from Reuter states that the Golf professional tournament at Killermont shows the old school still in the ascendant with George Duncan hotly challenging them. Vardon and Abe Mitchell were in great form in the stroke competition on Friday morning going round in 72 and 71 respectively.

There was a great match between Braid and Duncan in the semi-final. Braid was 2 up at the eleventh, and one up at the 15th. Duncan squared at the finish, and was over the last green with his second but holed his chip shot back thus winning. Duncan meets Taylor in the final.

Third Round.

E. Ray beat Batley (Dunstable) 2 and 1.
J.H. Taylor beat Ritchie (Worplesdon) 2 and 1.
George Duncan beat George Ayton (Strandrews) 5 and 3.
James Braid beat Pot O'Ware (Dunalk) at the 24th green.

Semi-Final.

Taylor beat Ray 3 and 1, Duncan beat Braid by one hole.

BAYUDA WINS THE OAKS.

THE HAT TRICK PERFORMED BY DONOGHUE.

Their Majesties the King and Queen, were again present at Epsom on Friday, when there was a large attendance and the going hard. Results:—

Mickleham Plate:—1, Law Divine (evens); 2, Grey Abbey (2—1); 3, Over There (20—1). Eight ran.

Acorn Stakes:—1, Lady Phoebe (13—8); 2, Viole (20—1); 3, Clauriette (20—1). Eleven ran.

Chipstead Plate:—1, Rich Gift (11—8 on); 2, Equinox (100—30); 3, Zulanda (8—1). Six ran.

The Oaks:—1, Bayuda (100—7); 2, Roseway (1—4 on); 3, Mapledurham (25—1). Ten ran. Mademoiselle Foch was ridden by Lancaster and the following also ran:—Beresina, Britannia, Day Dream, Lady Peregine, Mons Star, Palatina. From a good start Britannia led from Lady Peregrine, Beresina, Roseway and Day Dream with Mademoiselle Foch last. Rounding Tottenham Corner the leaders were:—Roseway, and Mons Star. Here Beresina was beaten. The favourite took up the running, but was challenged close to home. Bayuda won by 1½ lengths which also separated the second and third. Mademoiselle Foch was fourth and Mons Star fifth. Time—2 minutes 37 1-5th secs.

Belmont Plate:—1, Sonning (7—4); 2, Lady Sibell (6—5); 3, Bayonee (4—1). Three ran.

Walton Plate:—Polygram (5—4); 2, Primrose (3—1); 3, Lady Alicia (100—8). Five ran.

Effington Plate:—1, Daphne (5—2 on); 2, Back Here (7—2); 3, Arch Villain (100—8). Four ran.

Donoghue performed the hat trick, winning the first three races. He also rode Polygram.

ROYAL AIR FORCE WOMEN AND BOXING.

FORBIDDEN TO WATCH CONTESTS.

The members of the W.R.A.F. have been forbidden by orders just published either to watch boxing contests of the R.A.F. or to indulge in boxing themselves. The reasons given are:—Firstly the practice of watching boxing matches is undesirable. Secondly, boxing is not considered a suitable sport for women.

53rd MANCHESTERS CHAMPION PLATOON v. SCHOOL STAFF.

A very exciting game was played at Menden on Tuesday night between the above teams. Brilliant efforts were made by each side without avail. Half-time came without any score being registered.

Mr. Birkett, formerly the schoolmaster, who had come from Cologne to play, scored the first and only goal for the School Staff. The Champion Platoon then made a valiant effort and shortly afterwards scored their first goal. Some very exciting play then took place and the ball was kept near the centre of the field. Hulme, the School's right half, played a very good game. The Champion Platoon secured the winning goal by a long shot from Sergt. Wilde. The score 2—1 rather flatters the Champion Platoon as the School had quite as much of the game.

Lawn tennis:— North London Championships, Singles (Semi-Finals), Ingram beat Philcox 7—5, 6—4; Roper Barrett beat Fisher 6—4, 6—3. Northern Championships, Manchester Singles (Semi-Final), Parke beat Raymond 2—6, 1—6, 6—2, 6—3, 6—2; Dodd beat Mavrogordato 6—1, 6—2, 6—1; Mrs. Lambert Chambers beat Mrs. James 3—6, 8—6, 6—2; Mrs. Larcombe beat Miss Ryan 6—2, 6—4.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Sunday, June 8, 1919.

Surface wind between south and south-west, 5—10 m.p.h. Weather fair and warm. Visibility fair.

SOUTHERN DIVISIONAL RACE MEETING.

EXCELLENT SPORT ON EXERZIER PLATZ, KALK.

As briefly reported yesterday, the opening day (Friday) of the Southern Divisional Race Meeting on the Exerzier Platz proved an unqualified success which augured well for the second day. Despite a shower of rain the going was somewhat hard; entries were good and a record crowd witnessed some excellent sport. Every sort of conveyance was used to take troops to the course, but the most novel was undoubtedly the stage-coach and four which a battery of R.G.A. managed to secure, and which by the way served as an ideal "grand stand." The riders included two Generals, Brigadier-General G. F. Boyd's "Mary" being beaten by a neck in the international pony stakes.

The stewards were: Major-General Sir W. E. Peyton, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O.; Major-General Sir D.G.M. Campbell, K.C.B.; Major-General Sir S. T. B. Lawford, K.C.B.; Major-General Sir W. C. G. Heneker, K.C.B., D.S.O.; Brig.-General J. G. Rotton, C.B., C.M.G.: and Brig.-General A. D. Kirby, C.M.G.

The Judges were: Brig.-General A. E. W. Harman, D.S.O., and Brig.-General W. P. Monkhouse, C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O.

Lieut.-Col. T. W. Rudd, R.A.V.C. officiated as starter.

Other officials were: — Clerk of the Course, Captain F. J. Mullins, R.F.A.; Clerks of the Scales, Captain J. O. Power, R.A.S.C., and Captain C. N. T. Jennings, R.A.S.C.; Hon. Secretary, Captain R. Marx, M.C., R.A.; Hon. Medical Officer, Colonel D. Cogan, D.S.O., R.A.M.C.; Hon. Veterinary Officer, Major A. B. Bowhay, R.A.V.C.

Thanks to the splendid arrangements everything passed off without a hitch.

The following results of the first day's racing were not received in time for publication in Saturday's issue:—The Stewards Plate, 1, Suzanne, Capt. Harris, Divisional Train); 2, Sticks, (Capt. Barnard, Divisional Signals); 3, Lucifer (Capt. Mc. Niel, R.F.A.). The Beecher's Brook Steeplechase: — 1, Chummy (Cpl. Beney); 2, Ginger (Br. Wilkins, H.A.C.); 3, Brutus (Sergt. Whelpton, 113 R.F.A.).

YESTERDAY's RESULTS.

In glorious weather and before a large and enthusiastic crowd the Southern Division Race meeting ended yesterday. Better organization have we rarely seen and to say that the crowd thoroughly enjoyed excellent racing is to put it very mildly.

The following were the results:—

St. Leger Stakes.

(1) Maj. Wedderburn Maxwell, Eau de Cologne.
(2) " Ball ..... Sir Roger.
(3) Capt. Hooper ..... Ben.

Silk and Scarlet Steeplechase.

(1) Capt. Cocksedge ..... Barney.
(2) " Barnard ..... Sticks.
(3) Maj. Hewer ..... Old King Cole.

Champion Steeplechase.

(1) Capt. Barnard ..... Godsend.
(2) Maj. Griffith ..... Clare.
(3) 2/Lt. Wilson ..... Kate.

Goodwood Maiden Plate. 1st Division.

(1) Lt. Forse ..... Chief's Right
(2) " Fennally ..... Balleyhooley
(3) " Harvie ..... Sulky
(4) Capt. Latham ..... Nolo
(23 ran)

2nd Division.

(1) Capt. Adair ..... John Cording
(2) Lt.-Col. Gill ..... Esmeralda
(3) Lt. Spicer ..... Naboth
(4) Capt. Wynne-Jones ..... Dark Prince
(13 ran)

Long Eared Scurry for Mules.

(1) Dr. Robson ..... No. 47.
(2) Pte. Gardiner ..... Fly by Night.
(3) Pte. Wright ..... Starlight.
(4) Pte. Smith ..... Jack.
(45 ran).

"THE COLOGNE POST" CUP.

SCRATCHING OF MATCHES.

Enquiries for locations of units are still being sent to this office, and it is again pointed out that secretaries will save time by communicating with each other direct, as in many cases we have not the information at hand.

Some amount of correspondence has been incurred through clubs failing to turn up after arrangements for matches had been made and attention is directed to Rule 7 of the competition.

In cases where there is reasonable excuse for engagements not being fulfilled secretaries should inform us and their opponents of the reason, and arrange another date. Where no good reason exists for not playing clubs should notify us and their opponents that they scratch the match.

A difficulty has arisen through some units having to move from their league areas to training camps, the move being in some cases to such a distance as to make it impossible for these units to fulfil fixtures in their league area. Various solutions to the difficulty are being considered and an announcement on the subject will be made shortly.

7th FIELD AMBULANCE v. 52nd BN DURHAM L. I.

A very interesting match was played on Wednesday between the 7th Field Ambulance and 52nd Bn Durham L.I. The Durhams batted first and thanks to Sgt. Bacon, 39, and Mr. Extras, 19, reached the useful total of 94.

The Field Ambulance, however, fell short of this total by 41 runs. Capt. Mann scored 12, Pte. Coldwell 12 (not out) and Sgt. Fenwick 11, these being the only ones to get double figures.

For the Ambulance, Capt. Mann captured 5 wickets for 44 and Capt. Montgomery 2 for 18, whilst for the Durhams Colonel Frixel obtained 5 victims for 27 runs and Lieut. Brown 5 for 21, five extras making the total of 53.

THE LAST LOOK ROUND.

Oxford 224 (Waldock 72); Warners XI, 200 (Bosanquet 91).

Australians 2nd Innings:— Willis 35, Oldfield 30, Extras 1, Total 66 for 0. The Australians won by 10 wickets.

A *Reuter's* Amsterdam message says the association football match between the R.A.F. and Holland resulted in a draw of one goal each. There were 10,000 spectators.

A.H. Ashcroft, the international Rugbyite has been appointed Headmaster of Fete's College, Edinburgh.

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"THE LIMITS."

BY A CORRESPONDENT.

The candid critic has a thankless task. When he takes up his pen to praise, he is haunted by the thought that his praise will be stinted and unworthy of that which he praises. And if he would condemn he must do so with a sorrowing heart, lest his criticism should be destructive and not constructive, as all true criticism should be. But it is with an easy heart that I take up my pen to describe the concert produced on Tuesday night by "The Limits" — the newly formed concert party of the 6th City of London Rifles.

My first impression was that the programme was a little too ambitious for a battalion troupe. It certainly was a big undertaking that the "Limits" set themselves, but by no means did it prove too big for them. They romped home and took the house by storm. I am not surprised at this when I consider the past experience of the members of the troupe. These include Harry King (of the leading London halls), Harry Edwards M.M. (late partner in "Earle and Earle," Alfred Barnard (the well-known "Basil Gwynn" of the London concert halls), Jack Chapman (comedian and cleaver dancer), Will Johns (tenor, late of the "Cinema Star"), and Frank Barkham (a reputed lightning sketch artist). Last, but not least, is Naito, member of Japanese troupe which travelled and showed in the Rhineland in pre-war days.

The regimental theatre at Nettesheim, in which the show took place, was arranged as closely as possible to resemble a London music hall. There was a complete orchestra pit, also a balcony, to say nothing of the stalls.

A Galaxy of Talent.

The programme consisted of a series of songs by individual members of the troupe (the majority of whom displayed great talent) a number of turns taken by the whole company, and a Wilkie Bard sketch. Alfred Barnard was responsible for three songs — "Come to the Fair," "Prayer in Absence" (set to music by Sgt. H.J.A. Wells), and "One Little Hour," — each rendered in such an able manner that the enthusiastic audience received them with prolonged applause. Jack Chapman and Will Johns sang with undoubted merit and were well received. Harry Edwards was a tower of strength to the troupe; he seemed to reach everybody's heart with his quaint mannerisms and by his sense of supreme confidence on the stage. Harry King, too, was a star turn entirely in keeping with his reputation made on the halls. Frank Barkham, the mad artist, kept the audience amused for quite a long while with his lightning sketches. His drawing of the smile on a soldier's face when told that he was bound for the Rhine, and "Old Bill Demobbed," were favourites. Naito very effectively put the wind up the Orchestra, with his juggling and acrobatic turn. Whirling balls, spinning barrels and a vision of legs waving dexterously in the air, made the watchers' brains sing-giddily.

Harry King was superb in the sketch entitled "The Night Watchman." His persistent recitation of a "poem" entitled "In Memoriam," brought the audience to tears — — of joy!

Merit for the show must be given to 2nd Lieuts. E. Morris and W.J. Brown, who worked hard to make it a success. The former and Sgt. H.J.A. Wells, orchestrated the music, while the latter was an able manager and no mean performer. Mr. Morris' work as conductor of the orchestra was good beyond mere discipline, and even dangerous — — when Naito was on.

The scenery, by Rfn. Barkham, came as a surprise to everybody. The painting of a London street scene with 'bus complete, was particularly happy.

The costumes and "props" were quite professional.

"The Limits" aim at providing a first class show, which will help to keep us all smiling, no matter how fares the day.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB'S PROGRAMME.

Sunday: 5 p.m. to 6.30:— The Rev. Gower Rees will talk to the men in the Writing Room. Concert by Band of the 1st Eastern Bde. (by kind permission of the G.O.C.) Songs by Cpl. Howard Fry.

Monday: 5 p.m. to 6:— Impromptu Concert in Music Room. 8.30:— Practice Dance in the Theatre.

Tuesday: 5 p.m. to 6:— Impromptu Concert in the Music Room. 5 to 6: Dancing Class in Theatre. 7 p.m. Concert by Band of the 12th Royal Lancers (by kind permission of Lt. Col. C. Fane, C.M.G., D.S.O.)

Wednesday: 5 to 6:— Impromptu Concert in the Music Room. 5.30:— Dance. Band of the 9th Durham Light Infantry (by kind permission of the C.O.)

Thursday: 5 to 6:— Pipers of the 11th Royal Scots (by kind permission of the C.O.) in the Garden. 6.30:— Whist Drive (if fine in the Garden).

Friday: 5 to 6:— Impromptu Concert in the Music Room. 5 to 6:— Dancing Class in the Theatre.

Saturday: 5 to 6:— Impromptu Concert in Music Room. 6.30:— Dance in the Theatre.

WHIT-MONDAY SPORTS.

The 76th (Army) Brigade R.F.A. are putting up a good programme of sports for to-morrow. The meeting will be held at Gross-Vernich and the first event is scheduled for 11.00 hours. Visiting officers are invited to luncheon. There are open events such as the officers jump and the last event will close at 6.30; distribution of prizes at 7.00. Tea and refreshments will be provided for everybody.

ELGAR RECITAL.

All music lovers have a rare opportunity of hearing the music of Sir Edward Elgar O.M., our greatest living composer, to-morrow, Monday, at 7 p.m. in the Loreley Hall, Central Y.M.C.A. A special feature of the programme will be the first performance on the Continent of Elgar's new Violin and Piano, Sonata. The violinist will be Alfred Barker, who studied under Brodsky and is already well-known as a virtuoso in Cologne, and the pianist, C. Jags.

"THANK HEAVEN WE HAVE A NAVY."

British Officer (ringing up a friend in the Rhine Naval Flotilla):—"Hullo, Hullo, who is that?"

Voice (in reply):—"Zis is ze British Navy, Zir."

ADMIRAL WEMYSS NEW COMMAND.

SKIPPER OF FISHING BOAT.

Rear-Admiral Edward Wemss, retired, of Plymouth, has temporarily bycome skipper of one of the small fishing cobles, which regularly ride the rough waters of the North Sea. He is combining a pleasure trip with a business experiment as the friend of Mr. Horace Albrecht, of the Leeds manufacturing firm of Albrecht and Albrecht, Limited, who have purchased the little craft.

About ten tons of Yorkshire manufactured goods are being taken as cargo in the craft to ascertain if there are any customs or waterway difficulties to interfere with a direct journey with cargo from Leeds to the Continent. If the experiment is successful bigger boats may go direct with bigger cargoes, and thus do away with the great delay in unloading and reloading.

The converted fishing boat, renamed Burmantofts, began its journey to Brussels from the Aire and Calder navigation wharf at Leeds. It is driven by a 35-h.p. engine. In length it is 43ft., and has a draught of 3ft. unloaded and 5 or 6ft. loaded. The crew consists of Admiral Weymss, Lieut. I. Franks, R.N., two engineers, and a boy. The boat will go to Goole, then Hull, and Yarmouth.

UNION OF BRAIN-WORKERS.

MANUAL WORKERS INELIGIBLE.

The Society of Technical Engineers, 25, Victoria-street, S.W. 1, is forming a union of brain-workers, beginning with engineers, and extending in time to all ranks of qualified men, including doctors, scientists, and chemists, and embracing buyers, experts, and managers of businesses and industries. Employers are ineligible, and manual workers are to be left to their own unions.

It has been calculated that there are at least 500,000 men coming within the scope of the new union.

Hitherto the society has worked quietly without attracting notice, but it has now made an application to be admitted to representation on the Industrial Councils which are to be formed and upon the National Industrial Parliament, which is to be the outcome of these councils.

SCIENCE AND THE WAR.

In a lecture on "Science and War" delivered at Cambridge yesterday Lord Moulton, the great British scientist, alluded to "Big Bertha," the gun with which the Germans bombarded Paris.

He said "The world was at first incredulous, then it credited the Germans with having invented some new propellant of marvellous power. But our artillerists knew better. They realised that such a range could be obtained in a gun of determinable proportions if it were worth our while to build it. Indeed, the whole details of such a gun and the charge necessary to accomplish the feat were at once worked out and the gun could have been manufactured if it had possessed sufficient military value to warrant the work and expense, but it did not.

"In its flight the shell from "Big Bertha" must have reached a height five times that of Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world. If the Germans had taken the trouble to aim at any particular building they would have been obliged to allow half a mile for the fact that during the flight of the shell the rotation of the earth would carry the target further towards the East than it would carry the gun."

In conclusion Lord Moulton said there was an over-mastering lesson to be learned from what science had done during the war. She had made many discoveries too formidable to be allowed to have recourse to war. Uncontrolled indulgence on part of either nation or individual of all the powers which science had placed within reach was too directly fatal to civilization itself. It was easy to criticize the League of Nations, but we must never forget that some combined action of this kind was an imperative necessity.—*British Wireless Press.*

KITCHENER MEMORIAL CHAPEL IN ST. PAUL'S.

The Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's have approved a design submitted by the Kitchener Memorial Committee, of which Lord Plymouth is the chairman, of a special memorial chapel which is to be constructed in St. Paul's Cathedral. In an interview with Canon Alexander on the subject, a Press representative learned that so far, the design had only been considered in a rough outline, and details were not yet settled. Particular features, however, will be the recumbent figure of Lord Kitchener and an altar with the figures of St. Michael and St. George. The chapel is to be situated at the base of the south-western tower at the entrance to the Cathedral. The architecture is entrusted to Mr. Detmar Blow and the Cathedral architect, Mr. McCartney.

ENFIELD SMALL ARMS FATALITY.

A fatality occured on the rifle-testing ranges at the Royal Small Arms Factory, Enfield Lock, on Friday. Samuel Callaghan, employed in the Army Inspection Department, had been working on the 600 yards covered range, and went on to the 600 yards open range to a hut used for stripping and examining rifles after they had been tested. He entered the door to tell the men employed there the name of the Derby winner, and had barely got this news out when a rifle exploded, blowing off the top of his head. Two other men were also injured slightly by the same explosion. It is supposed that by some means a cartridge had been left in a rifle, and that this went off while the barrel was being examined. Callaghan was an ex-Army man, with two wound stripes. He lived at Crowland-road, Tottenham, and had three children.

THE URGENCY OF HOUSE BUILDING.

Sir Robert Horne, the Minister of Labour, has informed a deputation of the Scottish Employment Council that the Prime Minister is resolved to tour the local authorities after his return from Paris, in order to urge upon them the greatest possible expedition in carrying out building improvement schemes.

He also stated that Mr. Bonar Law would this week meet representatives of the local authorities in England and urge upon them the importance of the housing question. The menace of unemployment, said the Labour Minister, is very sinister and it is as important to build houses to-day as it was to make shells in 1915. He appealed to all local authorities to expedite their schemes.

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CHEERY WAR PRISONERS.

AN OFFICER'S EXPERIENCES IN GERMANY.

Lt. Riley (King's Liverpool Regiment) gave a most interesting account of his treatment while a prisoner of war in Germany to a very large audience at the British Empire Leave Club on Friday.

He described how he was taken prisoner on Oct. 28th 1914 and treated with much indignity on the way to Crefeld, his final destination. Rather a curious coincidence is, that the place where he was subjected to the greatest insults was Cologne where, at present, the inhabitants are now so engratiating.

Lt. Riley had a great experience of German camps and the various types of prison commandants. The worst type of commandant he came across was a certain general, who was of the lowest type of coward and bully. Outwardly polite he would greet newly arrived officers with "Well, Gentlemen, if there is anything I can do for you, I shall be delighted." The next moment he would be stooping to unspeakable bullying.

Marvellous methods of escape were devised and it was heartrending to hear how on one occasion after nearly a whole year's work on digging on the "International Tunnel," the plan was given away by a spy, probably a Russian orderly. Another very clever way in which three English officers managed to escape was by getting suits of German uniform which curiously enough was kept at the top of the house. Dressed up in these they marched out and boldly ordered the guard to open the gate. The officer in charge of the party spoke most fluent German and gave the guard such a dressing down for hesitating that the second gate was open waiting for them! He himself managed to get out of the camp one day but was recaptured after 3 days liberty. In consequence of this he was put into solitary confinement for three months then tried and condemned to another three months.

A Little Leg-pulling.

It is marvellous to relate that through all the sufferings and deprivations the prisoners managed to preserve a tremendous sense of humour which must have often been the saving clause. On one occasion the Germans came to the conclusion that the English officers did not know how to drill, so an instructor, an exceedingly old captain was sent to teach them. The officers were drawn up in groups of four and told to copy exactly what their instructor did. "Achtung," cried he, but nothing happened as no-one knew that "Achtung" meant "Attention." Finally they copied his antics in an exaggerated way. One English officer appeared to him to be more clever than his companions at coming smartly to attention, so he was called out to perform alone. His instructor made him a glorious bow and a flourish, and the Englishman prompty took a leap frog over the old man's back. That meant a month's imprisonment.

After many more interesting stories Mr. Rifley ended his lecture by calling on his audience to remember that cases of maltreatment of officers were nothing to compare with what the men had been through. They were starved, bullied and very often done to death, but they had kept up their indomitable spirits throughout. What British lads went through in comparison with the treatment received by German prisoners in England, should not be forgotten.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

At Farnham yesterday the Duke of Westminster was fined £1 for driving a motor-car without side lights.

Children's fares on the tramcars of the London County Council will be again in operation by July 1. The minimum fare for the juvenile passengers will be 1d, and the maximum 2d.

The Home Secretary, after consultation with Mr. Justice Darling, who tried the case, has advised the commutation of the death sentence passed on Arthur Pank for the murder of Beatrice Downs, his sister-in-law, at Tottenham.

Three fresh cases of rabies were notified yesterday, two of them being at Cardiff and one at Hammersmith. The total number to date is 205, the greater number of these being from Wales.

The latest general to become a patron of the Comrades of the Great War is Sir Julian Byng. This is the fourth of the Army commanders on the Western Front to connect his name with this organisation of ex-Service men.

The new General War Medal will be officially issued next week.

Woolwich Arsenal is to be given the task of casting war medals.

A terrier which as a mascot of H.M.S. King George V, came through the battle of Jutland, was run over by a motor-car and killed in Golder's Green road.

The saving effected by the adoption of improved costing methods in the Ministry of Munitions is not less than £300,000,000, Mr. Hopes state in the Parliamentary papers.

Answers to Correspondents.

L. Reppas.—We are good and respectable, but we are not padres. Therefore, you must not expect a full answer to the difficulty you propound. One word, however. Does your perplexity not arise from your *materialistic* view of a future which is eminently spiritual?

Fly.—The decorations are The Distinguished Flying Cross, The Air Force Cross and the Distinguished Flying Medal.

Thespian.—Sir George Alexander died in 1918.

Railway.—The address is 302, Buchanan street, Glasgow.

Corpl. The race was won by Jerry M.

A. G. S.—It depends upon whether the bookmaker places a limit upon the odds.

Horsey.—Totalizator prices are certainly fair and the odds that result are not always shorts. 26 to 1, for instance, was paid out over a winner at the Southern Div. Meeting on Friday.

T.U.—Mr. J.W. Ogden, J.P. was the President last year.

NEW AMERICAN CABLE.

New York.— Officials of the Western Union Telegraph Co. state that arrangements are under way with the Western Telegraph Co. of Great Britain for a direct cable between the United States and Brazil, thence down the eastern coast of South America.

The new scheme involves the laying of 3,200 miles of new cable. The connection between North and South America will be from Miami (Florida) to Belem (Brazil) via Barbados. The work is expected to be completed in six months. *Reuter.*

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CINEMA NOTES.

An Air Raid Scene.

In "Forgive us our Trespasses", the first Marsh Allen production, there is a realistic representation of an air raid on London. The depiction of the searchlights sweeping the skies, the bursting of the anti-aircraft shells, and the final destruction of the Gotha is of extreme interest. The view around London taken from above showing the winding course of the Thames, the maze of streets and houses, with the objects of interest dotted here and there, are also good The picture is due shortly in Rhineland.

New Harma Players.

Miss Marjorie Villis and Bernard Dudley, whose acting in "A Romany Lass" evoked appreciative notice from American critics when the play was shown in New York, have signed contracts to become members of the Harma Stock Company.

Tommy on the Screen.

The Ideal Film Company have just issued a film entitled "Our Lads in Germany". It is an official film depicting the daily life of our soldiers in the Army of the Rhine. Not knowing exactly what ground it covers, one cannot dilate upon it, but it would be extremely interesting to see the film at one of the Army Cinemas here in Cologne.

Latest Releases.

Perhaps the most notable of the recent releases is "Inside the Lines", the film version of the Apollo Theatre success. It is a spy play, but it differs from most of the others in that it has no special reference to the war. There are many thrilling incidents and some fine pictures of the British Fleet off Gibraltar.

Another release, or rather, re-issue, is the "Broken Melody" by the Ideal Company. The success achieved by the acting of Martin Harvey as the violinist, and the general excellence of the production is sufficient justification for its revival.

"The Sawdust Ring", featuring Bessie Love as a bare-back circus rider, is the latest film released by the Triangle people.

Wallace Reid appears in the new famous Players-Lasky production, "Less than kin". He plays a dual role of completely opposite types, being both the hero and the villain of the same play.

Films Galore.

Owing to the relaxation of the war restrictions the market is being gradually swamped with films of all descriptions, good, bad and worse. It is quite possible that at the present rate of output two years may elapse between the completion of a play and its exhibition to the public. This is unsatisfactory, for it does away with the topical play, and in many ways films will be distinctly unfashionable.

Only one Rolls-Royce is included in the 59 motor-cars being used by Government Departments, said Mr. Kellaway, and it is to be sold and a cheaper type substituted.

It is hoped the public will again be admitted to the park and grounds of Alexandra Palace when it is used for the housing of Government staffs, states Sir Alfred Mond.

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BRITISH ACTIVITIES IN NORTH RUSSIA.

FINANCIAL GUARANTEES.

A telegram from Helsingfors states that the British have begun an advance along the Murman railway.

According to a telegram from Reval dated 7th June, via Stockholm, an Anglo-Esthonian agreement has been concluded. Under its provisions British troops will occupy the Island of Oesel as guarantee for British financial assistance to Esthonia. Fifty British warships will be stationed off Hangoe, Helsingfors and Reval.
Reuter.

SEVERITIES OF MARTIAL LAW AT PETROGRAD.

CITY'S DEFENCES.

Stockholm.—A telegram from Petrograd states that martial law is being most rigorously enforced. All cafés, theatres and cinemas are closed and espionage is rampant. Zinovieff in a recent speech exhorted all proletarians to watch not only the bourgeoisie but also their own ranks owing to the presence of a great uumber of counter-revolutionaries.

Part of the Bolshevist High Sea Fleet is stationed at the mouth of the Neva. It is believed that the Government intends to sink the ships in case of attack in order to block the seaward approach to the city. It seems as though the Bolshevists have now decided to defend Petrograd.
Reuter.

SERBS FORCE AUSTRIANS TO RETREAT.

MANY PRISONERS TAKEN.

Serbian headquarters state that in consequence of the failure of negotiations with the Austrians, arising out of the hostile Austrian advance into Corinthia, the Serbs started an offensive on the 29th May. They more than wiped out the Austrian advance and captured a number of men, together with a large quantity of equipment and munitions. The retreating enemy destroyed the bridges over the Drave towards Stryia.—*Reuter.*

OUR TOTAL RUSSIAN CASUALTIES

Since the Armistice there have been, in all parts of the Russian theatres of war, 13 British officers and 116 rank and file, killed, 14 British officers and 152 rank and file wounded, and two British officers and 26 rank and file missing.

This makes the total British casualties during the last six months in Russia—29 officers and 294 men. The number of killed is out of proportion to the number wounded, said Mr. Churchill in the course of a House of Commons debate, but that may be due to the ferocity with which the Bolsheviks are waging war.

MINE-SWEEPING IN THE BALTIC.

The Helsingfors minesweeping flotilla will on Thursday next begin to sweep the waters between Hangoe and Helsingfors and on the direct Southern route across the Baltic.—*Reuter.*

KRONSTADT RAID CONTRADICTED.

Reuter learns that a similarity of names led to a misunderstanding concerning the evacuation of Fort Alexandros by the Bolshevists. The Fort Alexandros which was evacuated is on the Caspian, where two vessels were sunk by British Naval Forces. There is no questions of an attack on Kronstadt harbour in the Baltic, pending the clearance of the minefields.

MOBILIZED RUSSIANS FORCED INTO ACTION.

An Omsk telegram says that an operation of some importance was attempted by four enemy detachments on the 27th May at the mouth of the Kalmez. Fierce fighting ensued in which the Siberian troops captured six hundred prisoners and a considerable amount of material. Prisoners stated that the mobilized troops can only be persuaded to go to battle under the menace of Communists behind them. General headquarters report that Koltchak has advanced to the North of the Kazan railway where further villages have been occupied. North and South of the Perm railway several villages have been recaptured. An attempted Bolshevist attack near Simbirsk was repulsed. *Reuter.*

NO REDUCTION IN SWEDISH MILITARY SERVICE.

Stockholm.—The first chamber of the Swedish Riksdag, after a considerable and heated debate, rejected the Bill for the reduction of compulsory military service. The Bill was strongly supported by the Liberal and Socialist parties.—*Reuter.*

Reuter learns that the French Government has selected about 140 famous sites along the whole front which will be preserved in their present state as monuments of the war.

WAR BETWEEN ESTHONIA AND GERMANY.

DUM DUM BULLETS.

Messages dated 5th June received by the Esthonia Legation run as follows:— "The German Landeswehr, supported by the German Government Iron Division, has destroyed the railway bridge between Wendon and Ramotsk, cutting off our troops acting in the direction of Kreuzburg. On our demanding them to retire southward the Landeswehr last evening opened rifle fire with dum-dum cartridges on our rearguards between Wendon and Ramotsk. They attempted to surround one of our armoured trains and commenced this morning an advance from the south of Wendon. Consequently we are compelled to begin war operations against Germany."
Reuter.

Copenhagen. 8th June. The Esthonians have reached the Dvina from East Lettland and have occupied the junction of Kreutzburg and Jacobstadt, on the river, after successful fighting. The Lithuanians are rapidly approaching Dvinsk from the south and the Bolshevists are fleeing. The northern corps on all sectors in Germanland have renewed the offensive and captured a considerable number of prisoners and a quantity of booty. Fighting in the Petrograd sector is taking place twenty miles west of Gatschina.

INDIAN RESPONSE TO APPEAL BY VICEROY.

MEN, MONEY, AND MUNITIONS.

The India Office has issued the following telegram from the Viceroy, dated June 4:

At the beginning of the Afghan trouble I wrote personally explaining the situation to all Ruling Princes and Chiefs. All important rulers have in their replies offered their resources to the Government, and have expressed unswerving loyalty to the Throne and detestation of the Amir's action. Necessary measures have been taken by the Nizam, the Begum of Bhopal, and other Rulers to ensure that the real circumstances of the Afghan attack are fully understood by their Mohammedan subjects, and the latter realise that no question of religion is involved. In placing his Imperial Service troops and resources at the Government of India's disposal, the Nizam of Hyderabad has specially asked me to convey to his Majesty the King his humble and respectful offer. The Rulers of Baria, Ratlam, Patiala, and Dholpur are among those who have offered personal service. Staff appointments in the field have been given to the Nawab of Loharu's two sons, including the Heir-Apparent. We are considering other offers.

Sir Partap Singh was eager to go, but in view of the importance of his duties as Regent of Jodhpur I discouraged him. Units have been offered by all Ruling Princes and Chiefs who maintain Imperial Service troops. These units have in some cases only just returned from the front. We have selected for active service or garrison duty in India contingents of infantry, cavalry, artillery, sappers, etc., from Gwalior, Faridkot, Jaipur, Indore, Khairpur, Kashmir, Patiala, Maler, Kotla, Sirmur, Theri, and Rampur. We are considering employment of Imperial Service troops of Bikaner, Nabha, and Kapurthala. We are receiving and accepting offers of camels, motor-cars, and money for providing comforts for the troops engaged in the campaign.

Assistance was offered by the Nepalese Government in February last on the death of the late Amir. I asked the Prime Minister for a Nepalese contingent at the outbreak of hostilities, and in spite of the great difficulties of moving troops through Terai in the hot weather he promptly agreed. Arrangements for their reception in India are being made. Chiefs and Governors of the Gilgit Agency, Khan of Kelat, and tribes in Baluchistan have also sent offers of assistance and loyal messages. Active assistance in repelling raiding parties has been given by the Mehtar of Chitral. The Nawab of Dir has expelled all Afghan agents who were in his country, and has offered his son's services.

FLIGHT OF AFGHAN CHIEF.

Simla 5th June.—The following news has been received from the frontier:

"Nadir Khan has hurriedly retired to Khost, abandoning tents, documents, hospitals, stores, two gun carriages, and a thousand live shells at the Yusuf Khel Camp. During his retreat much baggage and ammunition was dropped, which the villagers looted. A portion of the Kandahar force, which had been assembled at Dabrai under Abdul Qudu, is now withdrawing westwards."—*Reuter.*

EMPIRE DAY IN INDIA.

Empire Day celebrations at Bombay included a large meeting of the Hindu community, at which a resolution was passed expressing loyalty to British rule and wishing success to the British arms in Afghanistan.

A public meeting of Afghans and frontier tribesmen resident at Bombay was held in the purpose of expressing displeasure and hatred against the actions of the new Amir. The chairman dwelt on the benefits of British rule in India, particulary pointing out the religious freedom allowed and the facilities given to Kaj pilgrims.—*Reuter.*

ANTI-FOREIGN RIOTS IN SOUTH WALES.

BROKEN HEADS AND WINDOWS.

Serious racial disturbances occurred at Newport (Mon.) on Saturday morning. The trouble started overnight, when a coloured man is alleged to have made an offensive remark to a white woman. A large crowd congregated and after some altercation and exchange of blows the black men retired to two houses in George-street where a number of them live.

A little later some more black men appeared. This was the signal for stone-throwing at the windows. Eventually the hostile crowd swelled into a mob of about three thousand and the appearance of about thirty black men with sticks and pokers led to a general riot. The police drew their batons and in a few minutes there were a large number of broken heads. The police managed to convey twenty-four black men and three white men to the police station. During the rioting every window and door of every house in George-street was smashed. The crowd subsequently raided a Chinese laundry, a Greek boarding house and a coloured seamen's lodging house in other streets.

At a special court held on Saturday evening twenty-five coloured and three white men were charged with rioting and were remanded. Many of the coloured men had their heads swathed in bandages, while two of the whites were dressed in khaki, one of them wearing the Mons ribbon. The affair is attracting the more attention owing to the fact that it follows similar anti-negro disorders in the East-end of London. These were also due to the attentions of negroes to white women.

The disturbances were renewed late on Saturday night, large crowds again collecting in the vicinity of coloured seamen's boarding houses. They were dispersed by the police, who made a baton charge in which several were injured. A police sergeant was among those conveyed to hospital. Many more windows were smashed by stones and iron bolts.

STRONG COMMON-SENSE WORDS.

CENSURING THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

Among the questions raised at the resumed annual Council meeting of the National Transport Workers' Federation, held at Swansea, were the blockade, the release of "Conchies," Russia, and the attitude of the Triple Industrial Alliance on conscription.

There were some pronounced opinions, forcibly expressed. Colonel Will Thorne, who opened the debate on the report of the Executive Council, said:—

"As far as I am concerned, I am not much concerned about the raising of the blockade. I would remind delegates of the position in this country this time last year. It was not a question then of raising the blockade. The policy of the Germans was to sink every boat they could, with all the foodstuffs. The cry was sink at sight and without trace. I deliberately say the Germans are absolutely responsible for the shortage of foodstuffs in this country and their own. They were depriving our women and children of food during their submarine campaign. They were not concerned about the babies then. Now they are crying like great big babies about the effects of the blockade." He asked what authority Mr. Carmichael, London Trades Council, had for saying at the Hyde Park police meeting that when the police were called on by their union to strike they would know they had the Triple Alliance behind them.

Mr. Havelock Wilson said there were 1,000,000 men and women out of work, and the Government were blamed for it. He blamed Messrs. Williams and Company. (Laughter.) "It is not a matter for hilarity," said Mr. Wilson, "that there are all these people out of work. You are hilarious about it. All common-sense men are a little alarmed about this state of affairs. The capitalists would like to develop industry and make work, but they can't because there is no guarantee for the future. It is the stunts started by Williams and Company that are creating unemployment." The talk about conscription was all "flapdoodle." It was not the feeling of the rank and file. The "conscription racket" was only a dodge. He should be opposed to any form of conscription when the time came for it to be abolished. "Mr. Williams," said Mr. Wilson, "has declared that Lenin and Trotsky are decent fellows. I declare they are damned rogues, and I have more evidence of their rascality than Mr. Williams may have as to their being white angels." He moved a vote of censure on the executive of the federation for allowing the resolution on conscription to be tabled at Southport without any notice being given to the affiliated unions.

Mr. E. Cathery (Sailors' and Firemen's Union), in seconding, objected to the Triple Alliance being used to release a lot of cowards.

Mr. Ben Tillett moved a resolution instructing the executive, when in conference with the Triple Alliance, to refrain from committing the unions affiliated to the federation to strike action without a ballot vote being taken of the unions concerned.

TAY PAY'S OPINION.

Speaking at a demonstration of the United Irish League Convention at Leeds, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., said that some branches of the League in Great Britain had ceased to exist because most of their members voluntarily went, out to fight. This was the answer to the cowardly charge that the Irish race had not done its duty in the war.

There was a heated debate on the question of an alliance with the British Labour Party. Many delegates stated that they had been instructed by their branches absolutely to oppose such an alliance.

Mr. John Devlin, M.P., while favouring the complete independence of the league, said he failed to see why members, many of whom are active trade-unionists, should not hold office in the Labour Party if so desired. The Convention decided that the League shall retain its independence.

GRIM OUTRAGE ON UNIVERSITY STUDENT.

TARRED AND FEATHERED.

The existence of a domestic tragedy is suggested by an incident which occurred at Cambridge on Saturday. Early in the morning the police found a young man in Harvey road bound to a tree by heavy chains secured with two padlocks. He was naked and was coated with tar and feathers.

It was subsequently ascertained that he is a naval officer in residence at the University. The perpetrators of the outrage are said to be an army officer and his brother. The tree to which the victim was bound stands outside the Y.W.C.A., where the army officer's wife is living.

FEDERATION OF DEMOBILIZED MEN.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The annual conference of the National Federation of discharged and demobilized soldiers and sailors opened at Manchester on Sunday.

In reply to a communication regarding the employment of ex-Service men, the Minister of Labour wrote saying the Premier agreed that they were entitled to special consideration. The Employment Exchanges had been instructed to give preference to applications from ex-service men and a further scrutiny of Government offices was being undertaken with the view to ensuring that the largest possible number of suitable places be occupied by demobilized men. Consultations were being arranged with trade advisory committees for the purpose of setting up in various trades an arrangement whereby a certain proportion of partially disabled men shall be provided with employment, and if necessary Parliament will be asked to give special consideration to this project at an early date.

It is also announced by the Ministry of Labour that new conditions have been laid down to secure the State employment donation. Civilian applicants in general must satisfy the local employment committees that they were employed for not less than twenty weeks last year.

AUSTRALIAN GENERAL ASKING FOR TROUBLE.

"THE BEST STORM TROOPS"

A farewell dinner was given on Saturday night at the Piccadilly Hotel to the officers of the Fourth Australian Division.

General Rawlinson, responding to the toast of the visitors, referred to the heroic exploits of the Fourth Australian Division at Hamel in which engagement, tanks were used to such great advantage.

Lieut. General Cox, who founded the division in Egypt, described the men of the Fourth Division as "The best storm troops in the world."

General Monash said the division at one time had a great aversion to tanks but in the battle of Hamel he insisted on their going into action with the tanks because he knew that if they made a success with the new tanks the division would be successful in subsequent operations.

SUSPECTED SMALL-FOX ON INDIAN TROOPSHIP.

DEMOB.'S REFUSE ISOLATION.

The transport Katoomba arrived at Plymouth on Friday with two thousand troops from India and Egypt aboard, including fifteen hundred men who had served in the Balkans, Gallipoli, Mesopotamia and Palestine. These were the last to be repatriated of General Allenby's force. There were several suspected cases of smallpox during the voyage.

All the civilian passengers were landed at Plymouth on Friday night. The troops from Egypt were yesterday ordered to proceed to an isolation camp but they refused to go. Finally the military authorities permitted them to proceed to their respective dispersal centres.

THE VICTORY MEDAL.

The following Army order was issued on Saturday. "It has been brought to notice that in some cases officers and soldiers are wearing ribands of foreign commemorative war medals for service in connection with the present war. The Allied and Associated Powers have agreed to institute an Inter-Allied war medal, to be designated the Victory Medal. As this medal will obviate the interchange of Allied commemorative war medals, the wearing of such Allied ribands is prohibited.

CORNISH JURY UPHOLDS UNWRITTEN LAW.

Despite the judge's admonition as regards the "unwritten law" a Bodmin jury, without leaving the box, acquitted a miner indicted for the manslaughter of a Captain Schiff, who it was alleged, had had relations with the accused man's seventeen year old daughter. The accused met and fought Schiff, who succumbed to his injuries.

WAR MEMORIAL TO JEWS.

A memorial signed by Lord Swaythling, Major F. C. Stern and Mr. R. Waley Cohen has been addressed to Major Lionel de Rothschild respecting the erection of a permanent War Memorial to those Jews of the British Empire who have fallen in the war and as a thanks offering for those who were spared.

It is proposed that the memorial take the form of a British College of Jewish learning at Oxford or Cambridge, and the suggestion is that the Jews College at Bloomsbury be transferred to one of those seats of learning.

Major Rothschild has promised to support the effort.

R 34 TO FLY THE ATLANTIC NEXT WEEK.

GENERAL PERSHING A/M.

It is expected that the R.34 will start on the trans-Atlantic flight next week. Major Scott, R.A.F., who is in command, has drawn a screen around the airship while the final preparations are being made and no person can get past the vigilant naval sentries without a special permit.

General Pershing has asked permission to join as a member of the crew of R 34 and has offered to do any class of work aboard.

MANIFESTO BY ARMY CHAPLAINS.

THE TIME IS RIPE.

The direct result of their experiences among the troops is a manifesto signed by the leading chaplains of all denominations in the Aldershot Command. This appeal, which has just been issued, urges that "The time is ripe to reconsider how far ecclesiastical customs and usages should stand in the way of closer co-operation. Churches in each locality should be federated forthwith for united action in all departments of social service. In every locality representatives of the churches should systematically meet to survey the spiritual conditions prevailing around them."

The manifesto welcomes the coming of a world conference on faith and order and trusts that a generous agreement on fundamental principles may be reached in order to remove the stumbling blocks to interchange of pulpits and open communion.

WHY ENGLISH SHIPPING IS IN DANGER.

LABOUR TROUBLES.

The Shipping Controller, Sir Joseph Maclay, has given a very interesting interview on the subject of the disappointing position of British shipping, despite the Armistice and consequent diminution of transport required for military purposes. He said that while there were other contributory causes, the blame was largely due to labour troubles.

Ships employed on military work required extensive alterations before they were usable for mercantile purposes. Many others needed repairs, which were long overdue. At one time over 600 ships were held up owing to strikes at the big repairing yards. The threat of a coal strike had also diminished carrying capacity by compelling ships sailing from American ports to load enough coal to take them back. In that way we had lost 100,000 tons of cargo space in one month alone. A third cause was the inadequacy of dock labour, resulting in such delays that it now often takes a ship longer to perform a round journey than it did in war time with all the delays of the convoy system. Consequently the ships we have are not doing the work to be expected of them. It is unlikely that freights will ever be as low as before the war. A sailor who used to get £4 10s. per month before the war is now getting £14. Coal, formerly 13s. 6d. per ton, is now 50s. and the cost of repairs had doubled.

Sir Joseph defended the continuance of control, thereby enabling the Government to fix low freights for necessaries, as it threw the whole burden of increased freights on the less vital imports. He admitted nevertheless that the system made us more dependent on purely British shipping, to which alone Government control applies.

MILITARY TITLES OF CHAPLAINS.

Questions having arisen as to the proper designation of chaplains, the War Office states that chaplains rank with combatant officers as follows:,

Chaplain, 1st class, ranks as colonel; 2nd class, as lieut.-colonel; 3rd class, as major; 4th class as captain.

This ranking is, however, relative only, and a chaplain is not authorized to describe himself or to be described as "Captain," "Major," &c. The proper mode of address for a chaplain is "The Reverend ——, Chaplain to the Forces.

GERMAN DELEGATES' TIPS REFUSED.

Versailles.—In the hotels here occupied by the German representatives the staff have steadfastly refused to take any tips from the enemy delegates. As in the big hotels the employees are not paid and depend entirely on tips, the management of these hotels has now decided to raise the price of meals served to the Germans by 10 per cent., and to hand the yield from this addition to their employees.—*Reuter.*

M.P. SENT TO PRISON.

Mr. Ginnell M.P., was sentenced at Mullingar on Saturday to four months imprisonment for participating in an unlawful assembly at Westmeath on the 27th April and for inciting the people to boycott the police.

STOP YOUR WHEEDLING, JOCK.

A telegram from Syndey states that the Repatriation Committee has asked Sir Harry Lauder to discontinue for the present his appeals on behalf of Scottish soldiers as it is feared his great success may prejudice the Committee's scheme for Australian soldiers.— *Reuter.*

LADY VESTA TILLEY TO RETIRE.

Lady De Frece, otherwise Vesta Tilley, was interviewed on Saturday, and announced her intention of retiring from the stage. She will make her final appearance in London after a provincial tour.

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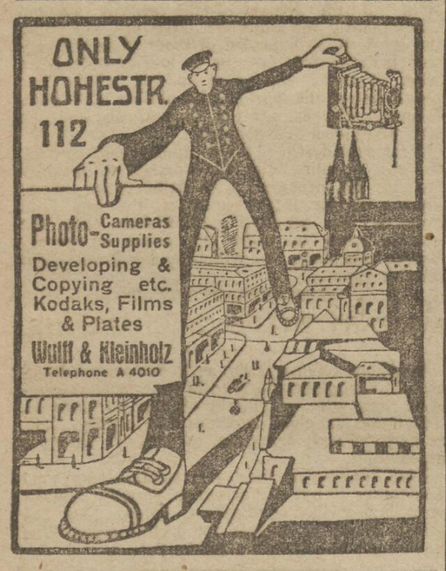

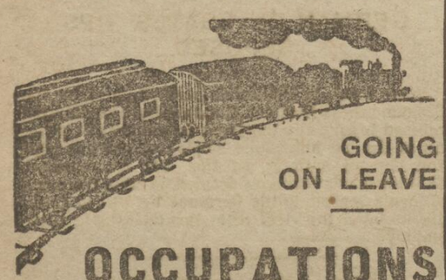

GOING ON LEAVE

OCCUPATIONS OF THE OCCUPATION ARMY
No. 4 ——— By The Ad. Man

GOING on leave is a more frequent occurrance now than in the old fighting days. Hundreds of troops pour into London daily from Rhineland . . . On leave they have money to spend—and they spend it—fitting out —buyng comforts to take back, visiting theatres and all places of amusement,
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Short Morning Prayers Daily at 9-15 a.m.

3.—THE ARMY CINEMA HALL
36, Komodien Strasse.
Sundays: Evening Service, 6 p.m.

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Sundays Holy Communion 8. a.m.
Evening Service, 6. p.m.

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Sundays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m.
Evening Service, 6-30 p.m.
Weekdays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and on Saints' Days.

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THE GREATEST CRIME OF ALL.

Germany has committed many crimes against the world, though she herself vigorously denies the fact. She has broken international law, violated the Hague convention and been guilty of innumerable breaches of the laws and customs of war. The special sub-commission charged with the examination of the official documents on the origin of the war has determined "that the responsibility for it lies wholly upon the Powers which declared war in pursuance of a policy of aggression, concealment of which gives to the origin of this war a character of a dark conspiracy against the peace of Europe.

Doubtless Germans would vehemently deny this accusation, and allege various reasons to the contrary. But we are not concerned this morning with this vexed question of responsibility, though we propose shortly, in the light of the official documents now to hand, to deal with this subject, including the Bavarian State papers known as the Lerchenfeld Revelations.

But to-day we will consider Germany's greatest crime, viz — that committed against herself and the whole world. For what was the position of the chief enemy country on the eve of the outbreak of the war? The German Empire was feared and respected throughout the world. Her army was the most gigantic and formidable instrument of power ever wielded by any monarch or republic. Her fleet stood second to Britain's only. Her mercantile flag was seen in ever increasing numbers all over the world. Her commercial interpenetration of all the countries in the world formed the theme of every commercial gathering where German competition was alike dreaded and admired.

Meanwhile the race in armaments went on apace, Germany leading by a long lap. When other countries suggested a reduction or a "naval holiday," Germany alone declined to accede to the idea.

Whilst Pan-Germans declaimed on the future of a Greater Germany which should extend from Switzerland to Holland, embracing all these smaller states within a customs union, the voice of reason was unheeded. Endeavours were made by the Liberal Government between 1911—14 to lessen the tension. In both countries societies were formed with the object of fostering friendly relations and soothing the animosity which prevailed.

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Suddenly an Austrian archduke is murdered and Germany backs Austria in issuing an ultimatum the like of which the world has never before seen addressed even to a minor independent state. The issue is widened and Russia, France, Belgium and Great Britain are successively involved.

When we now gaze upon the ruins of European civilization we find it difficult to frame words wherewith to measure the crime Germany has committed both against the world and herself. For in the great family of nations, better than in any concert of Europe there lay enshrined the idea of a common contribution to the European civilisation which we all share. France, Germany, and Britain—these were the three standard bearers, and each had certain qualities and national genius. The genius of France lay in her pallucid lucidity and clarity of thought, her artistic genius, her democratic republicanism.

The genius of Germany lay in her solid intellectual and scientific contribution to the knowledge of the world. Science and industry conjoined had brought German commerce to a pitch of perfection hitherto unrivalled. Material prosperity and scientific town-planning had reached their zenith.

Great Britain stood allied to both these two great main currents of European civilization.

Sharing many common characteristics in outlook on life with our Teutonic cousins, we yet owing to the Norman conquest, partook of the Latin civilization of France. It was our fair dream that these three great nations should have been the standard bearers of the progress of the world.

But Prussian militarism fell like a dark shadow athwart this fair dream. As Faust says, "Two souls do dwell, alas, within my breast." And so Germany yielded to the dark angel of militarist reaction, and with the violation of international agreements she set back the clock of European civilization.

And so the great veil of the temple is rent in twain. How long will this state of affairs continue? Until such time as inner reflection and repentance have brought the German nation to its senses. Then she will learn to see that the true greatness of a nation consists, not in captains nor in kings, but in that humility of spirit whereby alone nations are great. We too have had our fits of jingoism in the past and have recovered from them. And so we are looking, a trifle wistfully perhaps, to see some sign of the re-appearance of the former Germany we knew and loved. When that takes place, and she resumes once more her rightful place in the family of nations to which she belongs, then, and not till then, shall we be ready to hold out the hand of reconciliation, and to pass the sponge over the dark past.

WANTED—AN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE.

The upheaval caused by the great war has accentuated the need for a *lingua franca* or common medium of intercourse between the nations. At various stages of history, proposals have been made for adopting one language as the medium of intercourse. In the Middle Ages, Latin was such a medium between the learned, and indeed up to a recent time Latin was used as the vehicle of teaching in the Universities of Hungary, just as Latin addresses are given on Speech Days at Oxford and Cambridge. From the time of Louis XIV, *le Grand Monarque*, up to the time of Napoleon, French was the language of the *grande monde*, and remains still the language of diplomacy, of the Railway Union and of the Postal Union. It is significant, however, that French and English were both equally used at the Peace Conference.

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Admitting, then, the need for an international medium, what shall it be? There are, I think, three possible competitors, English, French and an artifical language like Esperanto. German, I think, no one outside the Fatherland will advocate. When Mark Twain, in the appendix to *"A Tramp Abroad"* called "The Awful German language," said that you can learn English in thirty hours, French in thirty days and German in thirty years, he was speaking epigrammatically but with a basis of fact. If you read that essay, as witty as true, you will see how impossible German is as an international medium, even if any non-German were so ill-advised as to advocate its use. Eliminating German and *a fortiori*, Russian, we are left with French and English among living tongues, and Esperanto, the artifical medium invented by Dr. Zamenhof, the Polish doctor of Warsaw. Esperanto, I admit, is a great improvement on any artifical language hitherto invented. It is easy to anyone that knows a Teutonic and a Latin language; but whether it is as easy as its advocates claim, may be doubted. The one great argument in its favour is that it is neutral, that it does not excite national jealousy. To this, it may be replied that no nation hitherto has felt it a reflection on its national *amour propre*, to use French. Esperanto is unnecessary, we have enough languages without Esperanto and two of the living tongues, English and French, are ready to hand.

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As regards French, everyone admits the admirable qualities of French as a medium of thought — its lucidity and precision. But is French an easy language? The popular English conception is that French is a language to be "picked up" in six months or even six weeks. But any serious student of that language will admit how delicate and subtle a tongue it is. It is perhaps the most idiomatic of all languages.

Let us consider now the merits of English as a World Language. These may be divided into two heads. First, it is the most widely distributed of tongues. It is pre-eminently the language of the Sea and of Commerce. Most seafaring men of all nations know something of it. It was a compulsory subject in the German Royal Navy. It is spoken by about 160,000,000 people as their mother tongue, and there must be from five to ten million people who speak it, more or less, as an acquired language. English is the language of the East. Naturally it is the language of India's *Intelligenzia* and in China and Japan, it is English first and the rest nowhere. Thus, in Japan, papers are printed half in English and half in Japanese.

Second, the structure of English is the simplest of all languages. Our grammar has been reduced to the lowest term of simplicity. We have no artificial (and therefore false) genders. We have no useless apparatus of declinations such as embarrass German, and serve only to obstruct the path of the learner.

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There is, however, one obstacle in English, its pronunciation. But it is not the pronunciation that is difficult. It is our idiotic spelling that makes the pronunciation difficult. Intrinsically difficult sound in English is perhaps the *th* combination which Latins find difficult. If we had an improved spelling such as the Simplified Spelling Society (44, Great Russell St.) advocates, our language would unquestionably be the most practical instrument of thought in the world, the real Esperanto of the future.

Oh! but you say, will other people like to have English thrust upon them? It is not, however, a question of forcing English upon other people. The world will accept the language that has most points in its favour, unconsciously English is making its way by peaceful penetration and the upshot of the great war which established the supremacy of the Anglo-Saxon race will also establish the Anglo-Saxon tongue as the World language. "French" said Walter Bagehot "is the *patois* of Europe, but English is the language of the World."

A.M.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

"THE MASTERSINGERS OF NÜRNBERG."

On Saturday evening we found ourselves in the romantic atmosphere of sixteenth century Nürnberg, among the worthy burghers equally devoted to business and music. We followed with admiring interest the fortunes of Walter von Stolzing, and a "perfect, gentle knight" did Herr Menzinsky make of him till he received the double prize of the singer and the lover.

As Hans Sachs, Herr Liszewsky surpassed himself, particularly in his discomfiture of the egregious Beckmesser, to the drollery of which role Herr Robert did ample justice. There is a fine ringing tone in Herr Liszewsky's voice which is very welcome. A word of praise is due to the admirable David of Herr Clemens and to Herr Höttges' Pogner. Sophie Wolf was a sweetly attractive Eva.

The mise-en-scène, as usual, was very effective, the church—scene in the first act and the grouping of the crowd in the last being highly picturesque. The principals were enthusiastically recalled, nor did the audience forget the conductor, to whose baton much of a brilliant performance was due.

A.M.

THE CONSCRIPTS.

Dinner is over, the last glass of canteen port has found its way to its appointed resting-place, and the Mess President has given the signal to rise.

What is this solemn hush which descends upon the mess, as the officers wend their way to the ante-room? Why do the subalterns herd together like sheep, casting startled glances over their shoulders?

Ah! The adjutant descends upon them, and in peremptory tones announces, "Jones and Smith — you are for Bridge with the Colonel to-night." Once more the buzz of conversation resumes its sway, as the shrinking victims are led to the scene of their humiliation! K.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

UNWELCOME ATTENTION.

Liverpool.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—Possibly the account of a rather embarrassing adventure which befel myself and a few other "demobbed" men recently may serve to prevent similar happenings to those of your readers who are "sweating" on getting home.

As is well known, the admiration in which the British Tommy is held by our gallant Allies in Belgium usually manifests itself in a desire to possess any old thing of his as a souvenir, and the man is indeed callous to whom the *chic* appearance of *"les demoiselles belge"* clad in wondrous garments fabricated with inimitable skill and artistry from G.S. blankets does not more than compensate for anything the quarter-bloke may say.

This craze for tangible reminders of *"les braves Tommies"* has broken out in a fresh direction.

Our train having halted — presumably for water and food during the small hours, we were visited by some inveterate souvenir-hunters of Charleroi. Considerately refraining from disturbing our slumbers, they collected about twenty pairs of boots, mine among the number.

Needless to say, all those who had been so honoured were charmed at this new evidence of popularity, one man regretting he was unacquainted with the gentleman who had singled him out, otherwise, he said, he would certainly, in addition to the boots, have given him "socks."

I think you will agree that all this is as it should be; still, as the trains halt at various places on the way to Dunkirk to enable the men to obtain meals, a few walks along the permanent way in stockinged feet are apt to make one inclined rather to deplore this great popularity.

Perhaps, if you would care to publish this for the benefit of those concerned, an alternative distribution of thick ears in lieu night be arranged.

A. H. TAYLOR
Late Sgt. No. 9. Cav. Fld. Amb. Cavalry Division.

RECKLESS MOTORISTS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—When driving a three-in-hand (unicorn) under Beuel Bridge, Bonn, last Sunday at 18.03 hrs., I had my team and my coach passengers' lives placed in imminent peril by the extremely reckless driving of the chauffeur of a covered car which contained two staff officers. May I crave sufficient space in your invaluable paper in which to express my heartfelt desire that, in future all chauffeurs, whether driving Army, Corps, Divisional or other cars, be instructed in the usual courtesies "et petits soins" of the road.

CAPT. R.F.A.

"BONN AMUSEMENTS."

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—I read, with interest, the letter signed "L.W.M." in to-day's *Cologne Post.*

What he says *re* the paucity of entertainments is right, and certainly has caused plenty of grumbling amongst troops, who are billeted in this area. Why only one cinema, with so many German halls in the place; why is only the Stadt Theater available (and then only on certain days) for our musical shows?

The hot weather, of course, makes Tommy somewhat disinterested in indoor amusement, but the dark nights and bad weather will come, and then he will surely look for an improvement — somewhere. How will he get it? More cinemas, more musical shows and better facilities for a feed when he visits the town? All of these things are certainly needed, and will be looked for.

H.N.

A SAD STORY.

THE LAST MAN IN—AND OUT.

Cuthbert Swingit was no hero. He had no unhealthy yearnings to end his life on the battle field facing about ten thousand foe. In fact the mere idea of such a calamity gave him mental paralysis. Therefore Cuthbert took up the unadventurous career of a purveyor of socks and hats, etc. Then a war bounced over the horizon and most of Cuthbert's customers went to a rival establishment where hats and hosiery, etc., were provided gratis. Cuthbert gave them a hearty send-off and went back and added khaki shirts and ties to his stock. This was in 1914.

Towards the end of 1915, certain uncharitable people began to tell him that it wasn't a private war; anyone could join in. So Cuthbert affected blue glasses and a really artistic "grave-yard" cough and carried on.

In 1916 the gentle chiding of his neighbours having become a menacing roar, he began to look for a really safe way of winning the war (at home). Once he nearly joined the special Constabulary, but luckily heard in time of a special being badly mauled by a Bolshevist buck navvy. At length, just as cruel conscription was going to crump him into khaki, Cuthbert crawled into a munition factory, where he won the war in leaps and bounds, by polishing nosecaps of shells with "Soldiers Friend" at 15 pounds a week and overtime.

Early in 1918 the blow fell. An unreasonable British Government intimated that they would like to win this war if possible and they simply couldn't do it without the aid of Cuthbert. So the nosecaps went unpolished and Cuthbert went to France where he speedily won promotion to the position of Battalion "Lead-swinger." For a time he prospered exceedingly, but one foggy day there came a "general mix up" and the "lead-swingers" got jumbled up with the "Pukka" soldiers and when next Cuthbert was able to think coherently he found himself on the Rhine, having exchanged two fingers for a small piece of gold tape. Then with commendable swiftness he grabbed the softest job going and sat down to wait for Peace and "Demob."

Many years rolled by. A familiar figure in the Hohenzollern-Strasse was an aged and decrepit man with venerable white hair and long jagged edged whiskers, dressed in frayed khaki, with broken boots. One day while standing on the side walk gazing with meditation at the busy traffic, a young soldier sighted him and dashed forward. "Cheer up, Dad", spake the 1936 recruit boisterously slapping the frail old man on the back, "Haven't you heard the news? Peace was signed yesterday and you are for Demob. on Monday." The white haired old man turned a glazed eye upon the youth and, adroitly twitching his whiskers from beneath a passing street-car sadly murmured, "Nix Fustien."

The young soldier turned aside and dashed away a tear. Alas, poor Cuthbert Swingit would never see home again. He had forgotten the English language.

E.M.F.

DAWN'S AWAKENING.

Slow lift the night-black lashes from before
Her eyes of myst'ry, sparkling with the dew:
The clouds unveil her; rosy blushes o'er
Her sweet face pass, — renew.

Soft sighs she, stirring; sleepy still, she slips
From out her misty raiment, rosy-white:
A moment in the bath of gold she dips, —
Then clothes herself with Light.

O.W.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Tuesday	6	Martha	Flotow
Wednesday	6	Der Widerspenstigen Zähmung The Taming of the shrew	Goetz
Thursday	5	Figaros Hochzeit	Mozart
Friday	6	Cavalleria Rusticana Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo
Saturday	4½	Tristan und Isolde	Wagner
Sunday	5	Faust und Margarete	Gounod
Monday	5½	Mignon	Thomas
Tuesday	6	Der fliegende Holländer The Flying Dutchman	Wagner

ONE-ACT PLAYS.

LENA ASHWELL'S TALENTED CONCERT PARTY AT MUNSTEREIFEL.

That the action of Mr. Albert de Sourville in taking a London theatre solely for the productions of one-act plays was justified was undisputably demonstrated on Wednesday evening at Munstereifel, where a crowded "house" gave a rousing reception to Miss Lena Ashwell's Concert Party. It has been the writer's privilege to witness many Lena Ashwell Concert Parties during the war, but the present company surpasses all, in their presentation of three one-act plays. One has an opportunity of seeing in the flesh Miss Cicely Hamilton, the authoress of "Diana of Dobsons," to mention only one of her many successful works, and the writer of a book which has been recently published in England, under the title of "William, an Englishman."

"Box 'B'."

The first play shown was the ever-popular "Box 'B'," a play as full of witty lines and pithy sayings as a pepper dredge is full of holes. The part of the charming, but very vain, young widow was played to perfection by Miss Hilda Davies, a talented young actress of whom we are likely to hear much in the future. The part of Capt. Bobby Stroud, the bold lover who has quite a unique way of making love, was taken by Mr. Julian D'Albi, and the difficult part of "The Programme Girl," was taken by Miss Lorrie Telford.

"Mrs. Armstrong's Admirer."

Gracefully attired in a fascinating pink dress, with gold lace trimmed sleeves, Miss Hilde Davies looked exceedingly pretty and quite captivated her audience in the one-act play "Mrs. Armstrong's Admirer," by Miss Hamilton. The play tells how a professional burglar visits Mr. Armstrong's flat, but is interrupted in his work by Mr. Armstrong's wife. He successfully makes love to her, but he seemed doomed to interruptions that evening, for in the middle of the love-making process Mr. Armstrong himself arrives on the scene. The burglar hides, and Mr. Armstrong accuses his pretty wife of faithlessness. The burglar, re-appearing, points out to the irate husband at the pistol's point the folly of the accusation, and by a clever ruse re-unites husband and wife, and then leaves the flat a much richer man than when he arrived. Miss Davies was eminently successful as "Mr. Armstrong." Mr. Robert Notte was not one whit the less successful as the professional burglar, and the irate husband was played to life by Mr. Wm. Fazan, who also staged-managed the whole entertainment.

"Postal Orders."

The third and last sketch was entitled "Postal Orders," and in it the audience were treated to a delightful piece of character acting by Miss Cicely Hamilton herself, as the suburban postmistress. Miss Hamilton's severity and her bitter tone of speech drew forth both howls of laughter and sounds of applause, and she was strongly supported by Miss Lorrie Telford and Miss Marie Ault, whose verbal duets were much enjoyed. Mr. Julian D'Albie proved his merit as the jilted lover, while Gladys Graham, his fickle fiancé, was played by Miss Hilda Davies.

During the intervals popular selections were given on the piano by Mr. H. Carlisle. After the performance had concluded the party were entertained to dinner by Col. Williams and the officers of the 53rd S.W.B's. During dinner an unrehearsed but nevertheless realistic exhibition of shellfire was given by Lieut W.H. Gild. Lieut L. Green is certainly to be congratulated on his admirable arrangements, and when the party appears at the Apollo Theatre, Cologne, next week, no opportunity should be missed of seeing them.

LAWN TENNIS FINALS.

Lawn tennis — Northern Championships, single, (Finals):—

Parke beat the South African Dodd 0—6; 6—3; 9—7; 6—0; Mrs. Lambert Chambers beat Mrs. Larcombe 7—5, 6—3; Mixed Doubles (final):— Riseley and Mrs. Lambert Chambers beat Parke and Mrs. Larcombe, the holders, 4—6; 6—3; 8—5.

Men's Doubles divided between Mavrogordato and Parke and Doust and Clements after each side had won a set.

Ladies' Doubles:— Mrs. Lambert Chambers and Mrs. Larcombe defeated Miss Ryan and Mrs. Satterthwaite 6—2, 8—6.

Cambridge University defeated the United States Army team by 9 matches to 0. Oxford were beaten by A.H. Lowe's team by 5 matches to 4.

North London Championships, Singles (finals):— Ingram beat Roper Barrett 4—6, 9—7, 6—0. Mrs. Beamish scratched owing to accident. Doubles:— Sir G. Thomas, and W. Ingram beat Roper Barrett and Gore 6—1, 9—7.

THE LAST LOOK ROUND.

Oxford beat Warner's XI by 30 runs. Warners 2nd Innings — 224 (Warner 53). In an Association football match at Amsterdam on Sunday the Royal Air Force beat All Holland by 3 goals to 2.

The Cavalry Corps beat the 2nd Life Guards by 10 goals to 5 in the Polo War-Cup Final at Ranelagh on Saturday.

At Vickers Crayford on Saturday on a fast track W. A. Hill, Surrey Athletic Club, sprinted from the 2 yards line in an open 100 yards handicap in 9 3/5 secs; Spencer, an Australian, from 13½ yards won the open furlong race in 21 2/5 secs; Johnson, Herne Hill Harriers, from 12 yards secured the quarter mile handicap in 50 2/5 secs; while C. N. Mawley, Herne Hill Harriers won the mile from 85 yards in 4 minutes 20 2/5 secs.

DEFEAT OF THE GREAT THREE.

VICTORY FOR YOUNGER GOLFING SCHOOL.

DUNCAN THE CHAMPION.

In the great Golf Professional final of 36 holes at Killermont near Glasgow, on Saturday, Duncan beat Taylor by 6 and 5.

A huge crowd witnessed the match in which Duncan, the leader of the younger school of professionals, met Taylor, the representative of the old school, whom Duncan had lately being challenging. Duncan halved the first, second and third, holing an eight yards putt at the second, and won the sevens and ninth turning four up and also finishing the round four up.

Scores, Out:—Duncan 35;
Taylor 39;
Home:—Duncan 37;
Taylor 39.

Rain fell heavily in the afternoon when 3,000 spectators accompanied the players. Duncan led by five at the turn taking 37 to Taylor's 39, and took 15 for four homeward holes against Taylor's 16.

In the match for third place Ray beat Braid by 8 and 7. Braid was completely out of form.

NEW GOLFING ERA.

Duncan and Alec Herd are to play Vardon and Taylor in an International 36 hole foresome at Bogside on Saturday next.

The defeat of the triumvirate, Braid, Vardon and Taylor at Killermont is commented upon as the opening of a new golfing era.

Mitchell won the Stroke competition with 145 to Vardon's 146, the younger school thus winning both events from the "monopolists."—*Reuter.*

TAYLOR ON RECENT CONTROVERSY.

Taylor, speaking after the finish of the professional tournament, referred to the recent controversy excited by his criticisms of Scottish golfing style. He said he relied on the good sense and sportsmanship of the Scottish public, and it would be base ingratitude if he should cast any reflection on the national game. His sole intention was to give golf a fillip.

TRAINING TRACKS OPEN FOR COLOGNE MEETING.

Training Tracks on the Race-Course for the forthcoming meeting on June 26th and 28th will be open on the following dates for gallops to horses running at the meeting only.

Wednesdays and Sundays commencing Wednesday June 11th.

Sand Track 7—0 am. to 10.0 am.
4.0 pm. to 6—0 pm.
Cross Track 7—0 am. to 10—0 am.

Two practice fences and one flight of hurdles will be available at the same times. A starting gate will probably be available for practice on the same days on application to the Clerk of the Course. Tickets giving admission to Training Tracks can be obtained from the Clark of the Course on the Race Course at the price of 10 marks per horse for the meeting. The prospectus will be posted to all units to-day and will be published in *The Cologne Post* to-morrow. Entries close. 12.00 hrs., June 18th. All information can be obtained from the Secretary, Cologne Races, Box 212, A.P.O. 9. R., British Army of the Rhine.

OPEN AIR BOXING.

BRIGADE TOURNAMENT AT BORNHEIM.

A fine exhibition of the noble art was given at a boxing tournament at Bornheim on Saturday by the 1st Western Infantry Brigade. The following were the officials:—

The referee, Lieut.-Col. J. Betts, D.S.O., M.V.O., Army Gymnastic School.

Judges:—Major G.H. Wright D.S.O., M.C. Major Delany, Army Gymnastic School.

Timekeeper:—Lieut. J. O. Ewart, M.C., R.E.

M.C.: — C.S.M. J. Johnson, Army Gymnastic School.

Major-General E. P. Strickland, C.B., G.M.G, D.S.O., Commanding the Western Division, was present.

The displays took place in a well appointed ring which was erected in the open.

Each display was an exhibition in itself, and the spectators were pleased with the clean show provided.

THE WINNERS.

The following were the winners:

Fly Weight: — Pte. Keegan, 1/4th Cheshires; Follower up:—Pte. Emery, 1/4th Cheshires.

Bantam Weight:—Pte. Curzon 1/4th Cheshires; Follower up disqualified.

Feather Weight:— Pte. Hanson, 9th Cheshires; Follower up:— Pte. Hyam, 1/4th Cheshires.

Light Weight:—Sergt. Lamb, 9th Cheshires.

Welter Weight:— Pte. Simpson, 9th Cheshires.

The two best losers were Pte. Panal and Pte. Tootle, both of the 52nd Cheshires. Undoubtedly the fight of the evening was the contest between Sergt. Pooley and Sergt. Lamb, two old exponents of the game. Their display was an exhibition of how boxing should be done.

Boxing at the Ring on Saturday night Jim Harriss, Birmingham, knocked out Jim Heathcote, Wigan, in the fifth round. Hailybury beat St. Pauls by 3 runs. At Kensington, Charterhouse beat Westminster by four wickets at Godalming.

Cambridge Rowing — Trinity retain their position as head of the river.

FROM COLONELS TO PRIVATES.

ALMOST ALL MOTORISTS FINISH LONDON TO EDINBURH RUN.

Of the 176 entries all except 18 finished in the motorcycle reliability run from London to Edinburgh. All ranks from colonels to privates were among the competitors. All three classes practically ran up to time and most of the competitors will probably receive an award.

A new feature was a motorscooter which was not a competitor but voluntarily accompanied the cycles a large part of the way.

WRAF'S v. RAF'S.

AIR FORCE MALES AND FEMALES TRY CONCLUSIONS AT CRICKET.

An exceedingly interesting, and for Rhineland, novel cricket match was played on Thursday last on the splendid Rear H.Q.R.A.F. pitch, between the male and female members of this unit. In fairness to the ladies the men stipulated to bat and bowl left-handed which tended to make the former confident of a win.

Batting first, the ladies made a very fine show, knocking up the splendid total of 73, the top scorers being Members Park, Curley, and Burnett. Assistant Administrator Wood, who was last to bat, was not out after making a couple of runs.

Not being ambi-dexterous, the airmen failed to snatch a victory and were defeated by just two runs, after aggregating 71. The airmen on the whole failed to play the ladies' bowling. Only three of the side appeared to get set, viz., the Captain Airman Watson, who knocked up 23, Symons with 12, and Smith 7.

The ladies, who were loudly applauded when the last wicket fell, entertained the losers to an excellent tea, and later in the evening to a whist drive and dance. Excellent music was discoursed by the band of the Royal Engineers.

"COLOGNE POST" MATCHES.

4th SUFFOLK (65) V. 15th LANCASHIRE FUS. (102) at Troisdorf on Saturday. For the winners Pte. Shore played a splendid innings of 33, Lieut.-Col. Spooner 11, and Lieut. Huver 13. Pte. Shore took 5 wickets for 25, and Pte. Dawson 5 for 20. For the losers Lieut. Hope scored 28 and L/Cpl. Kemp took 4 wickets for 6 runs.

52nd RIFLE BDE. (76) v. LIGHT DIVISION H.Q. "B" TEAM (35) at Harff on Friday. For the 52nd R.B. Lieut. Sims 27; Sergt. White 26; while the former also took 7 wickets for 14 runs. Kelland took 3 wickets for 4 runs and Rev. Bickerson 5 for 22 for the Light Division H.Q., and L/Cpl. Brittain carried his bat for 12.

62nd M.G. BATTERY (97) v. "O" BATTERY, ROCKET TROOP R.H.A. (27) at Arnoldsweiler. Major Gordon M.C. and Lieut. Vernon batted well for the M.G.'s, scoring 51 between them; Pte. Pratt bowled well, getting six wickets for 17 runs.

3rd K.O. HUSSARS (99) v. 10th A. AND S. HIGHLANDERS (79). Lieut. Huggin scored 18, Lieut. Williams 16, and Major Dupre 14. Captain McNeills for the Argylls took 3 wickets for 11, and Captain Turner 4 for 36. The Argylls started badly, losing 2 wickets for 7, but they soon pulled themselves together and Capt. McNeill and Lieut. Land, with a capital display, carried the total to 50 before they were separated. The rest of the wickets fell cheaply to Lieut. Cannon, who bowled the last 8 men. Lieut. Land's batting was the feature of the whole match, carrying out his bat for 48.

5th K.O.S.B. (139) v. 15th H.L.I. (23). At the Central Ground, Solingen on Friday. For 5th K.O.S.B. the chief scorers were:—

Lieut. Thomson 17; Capt. Gough 16; Lieut. Murray 15; Lieut. Payne 14; Lieut. Tompkinson 14.

15th H.L.I.: the top scorer was Pte. Cessar 11.

Bowling 5th K.O.S.B.:— Cpl. Sizer 6 wickets for 11; Pte. Blayden 4 wickets for 7.

15th H.L.I.: Lieut. Longely 3 for 14. Cpl. Johnstone 3 for 40.

"R" BATTERY ANTI-AIRCRAFT CRICKET CLUB (104) v. 51st AUXILIARY BUS COMPANY CRICKET CLUB (48) at Polo Wiesen Sports Ground on Saturday. For the former Bdr. Whitehouse had 3 for 13 and Gnr. Corbyn 1 for 19. For the latter Gnr. Haworth had 2 for 8; and S.M. Barber 3 for 5. For the winners Gnr. Corbyn played sound cricket for 22 (not out), Gnr. Melville also scored 22, Cpl. Jones 14, Bdr. Whitehouse 12, and Lieut. Hogbin 11. The outstanding feature of the match was the excellent fielding of the Battery. Pte. Westcott batted well (18 not out) for the losers, and Pte. Tomlinson added 10.

CAV. DIV. A.H.T. (29) v. CAV. DIV. H.Q. (91) at Horrem. For Heardquarters Cpl. Tolley (16) was top scorer, but Cpl. Harvey (15) and S.S.M. W. Ellis (14), ran very close to him. For A.H.T. Cpl. Warner (19) batted well but the last wicket fell at 29, so the Headquarters won by 62 runs. Cpl. Adams and Sergt. Keevil did the bowling, taking 6 for 15, and 4 for 14 respectively. The A.H.T. were all out in 35 minutes.

OTHER RESULTS

92nd Brigade R.G.A.	79;
London Division M.T.	73.
"F" A.A. Battery	51;
E. Corps Signal Coy	101.
76th Bde. R.F.A.	92;
H.Q. 9th Corps H.A.	34.
DCorps Signal Co R.A.	35;
15th K. Hussars	64.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Norman Brookes.

Norman Brookes is to be partnered by Patterson in the Doubles in the Beckenham Tournament this week.

Thanet Whitsun Golf.

An entry of 88 players was received for the Whitsuntide competitions of the North Foreland Golf Club.

Record Time.

Bayuda's time, 2min. 37 1-5sec., was a record for the Epsom Oaks. Altogether it was a memorable Oaks Day.

Their Fourth Victory.

Oxford University baseball team beat Manchester University at Oxford by 8 runs to 7, this making their fourth successive victory.

The America Cup.

Sir Thomas Lipton, interviewed on arrival at Liverpool aboard the Caronia, said he hoped to win the America Cup with Shamrock IV in September 1920.

Great Day For Anglers.

June 16 is a great day for anglers. It is the opening of another season with rod and line in the haunts of the roach, bream, perch, chub, barbel, dace, carp, and similar fresh-water fish.

Joy-Riding On The Sands.

Regulations drawn up for the control of joy-riding on the sands at east coast resorts prescribe that no donkey so employed shall begin work before 9 a.m. and must cease not later than 8 p.m.

Palace Custodian's Transfer.

Joseph Johnson, who kept goal for Crystal Palace during five or six seasons, and who took a £200 benefit in 1913, has joined Notts Forest. The Midland club has paid a substantial transfer fee.

P.M.G. and Epsom.

The Postmaster-General states, for the information of the public, that a telegraph office was not provided at Epsom Grand Stand because the racecourse authorities were unwilling to provide free accommodation for the office.

Paris Lawn Tennis.

A Reuter Paris message states that in a doubles match Matthey and Washburn (America) beat the brothers Kozeluh (Czecho-Slovaks) 6—4, 6—3, 6—2. O'Hara Wood and Lycett (Australia) beat Gobert and Decugis (France) 2—6, 2—6, 6—3, 10—8, 6—4.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

SEVEN WICKETS VICTORY.

WARWICKSHIER BEATEN BY ALL-PRO TEAM AT THE OVAL.

Warwickshire — 2nd Innings:—

Bates c Peach b W. Abel	35
Parsons b T. Abel	14
Charlesworth b T. Abel	82
Quaife c Strudwick b Heath	0
Ducat b T. Abel	4
Cowan l. b. w. b W. Abel	12
Smith l. b. w. b W. Abel	23
Hands not out	36
Luckin b Hitch	8
Howell c Strudwick b Hitch	0
Austin b Hitch	12
Extras	7
Total	233

Bowling Analysis:— Rushby 0 for 36; Hitch 4 for 77; T. Abel 3 for 40; W. Abel 3 for 42; Peach 0 for 31

Surrey — 2nd Innings:—

Hobbs l. b. w. b. Luckin	92
Sandham c. Austin b. Parsons	19
Ducat stpd. Smith b. Baker	51
Harrison not out	12
Peach not out	10
Extras	9
Total	193 for 3

Surrey won by seven wickets.

KEMPTON MEETING AT SANDOWN PARK.

RECORD ATTENDANCE.

The Kempton meeting was held in beautiful weather at Sandown Park on Saturday, when there was a record attendance.

St. Margaret's Plate:—1, Sunnygama (5—1); 2, The Clown (9—4); 3, Limehouse Lights (100—15). Six ran.

Kento Court Plate:—Athletic (9—4 on); beat Rock Ahoy. Two ran.

Windsor Castle Handicap—1, Fourfold (9—4); 2, Old Woman (6—1); 3, Irish King (5—2). Nine ran.

Redfern Plate:—1, Golden Guinea (6—4 on); 2, Marcia Blanche (11—4); 3, He Goes (8—1). Eight ran.

Addlestone Plate—1, Ardavon (9—2); 2, Furious (3—1 on); 3, Mintana (8—1). Three ran.

Kingston Handicap:—1, William Allenby (9—2); 2, Helion (9—4); 3, Dawn of Peace (10—1). Nine ran.

EPSOM ECHOES BY "JERRY M."

EXCLUSIVE TO "THE COLOGNE POST."

Never has the historic old town of Epsom had such multitudes, as assembled on the famous "Downs" for this year's summer meeting. The hotel proprietors and the tradesmen must indeed have made up for some of the "lean" war years. The racing has provided many thrills; some of the finishes were as exciting as they were unexpected.

Tuesday's card was not taken very seriously, everyone talking of the Great Victory Derby, the only item of real interest being the Woodcote Stakes which Roltara won in great style.

Much has already been written of Derby Day. The race resulted as I foreshadowed in my last article, with the defeat of the very hot favourite "The Panther" i have opposed Sir A. Black's colt ever since I saw him so narrowly win the Guineas. And in coupling Grand Parade with All Alone we hadevery reason to rejoice in the result.

On Thursday Lord Glanely completed a very nice double with HE in the Coronation Cup.

Oaks Day again attracted huge crowds in most glorious weather. Backers were quickly on good terms with themselves for the favourites all won in the first three races, Donoghue completing the "Hat Trick." Then came the "Ladies Classic" with Donoghue in such form and the Stable openly confident. "Roseway" was practically unbackable. The field got away well together, the favourite laying well up, and holding her position round Tattenham Corner, she then began to draw to the front. At the distance Bayuda made a very strong challenge, and, gradually overhauling the favourite, won amidst great excitement. Personally I saw Donoghue was a little over-confident and I look on Roseway as an unlucky loser.

The chief event this week will be the "Manchester Cup." At the time of writing I have received very strong tips for

HAPPY MAN and
SILVER BULLET.

And for the moment I leave the race at that until I get to Manchester.

THE 1st SIGNAL SQUADRON SPORTS MEETING.

The Sports Ground at Quadrath, on June the 19th and 26th, when the 1st Signal Squadron hold their Sports Meeting, promises to be the scene of much athletic prowess and keen competition.

Twenty events will be contested, among them being a number that cannot fail to be amusing, including an obstacle race, sack race, band race (when instruments must be played), slow cycle race, and mixed boot race.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

142 HEAVY BATTERY R.G.A. (HEAVIES) v. 185 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A. (REDS).

At Cuchenheim, on Thursday, the Heavies started off well, and it looked as if the rest were not going to get a look in, especially when a misunderstanding between the Reds' back and goalkeeper let in the Heavie's forwards, to score a good placed goal, by their inside right. This reverse set the Reds going, and after a fine solo run by Davies (who enticed the Heavies' goalkeeper to leave his charge), placed the ball well out of Blake's reach, and put the Reds on level terms. Half time arrived with the score:— 142 Heavy Battery, 1; 185 Siege Battery, 1.

With the wind in their favour, the Reds had the better of the play in the second half, and raided the Heavies' "goalie" time after time. During this time Downs at outside right was putting in some fine centres, which should have been accounted for, and from one of these he enabled Mills to score a fine goal off his head, which rather puzzled Blake.

The Reds were still trying to increase their lead, when the whistle blew for time, and eventually the Reds ran out winners of a very fast and exciting game by 2—1. Final Score:— 142 Heavy Battery R.G.A., 1; 185 Siege Battery, R.G.A., 2.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, June 10, 1919.

Moderate westerly breezes. Fine and warm day, visibility good.

CRICKET CUP MATCHES.

SECRETARIES AND REGISTRATION OF NAMES OF PLAYERS.

A further list of fixtures which should be played on Saturday, 14th June, are given below. Club secretaries are reminded that the ground is a matter for arrangement between the teams concerned. With regard do the registration of players, it is pointed out that it is not necessahr to send in the names of the team for each match. All secretaries need do is to forward a complete list of all the players they are likely to call upon, then if fresh talent is discovered later on, only the additional names need be forwarded for registration.

EUSKIRCHEN LEAGUE.

174th Siege Batty v. 1/5th S. Staff
11th Leicester v. 9th Corps Troops M.T.Co.
21st Bde. R.G.A. v. 145th Siege Batty
354th Siege Batty v. 509th Field Coy.
185th Siege Batty v. 16th Field Amb.
Mid. Div. Train H.Q. v. 18th Field Amb.
9th Corps H.A. v. 269th A.E. Comp.
42nd Stationary Hospital v. 52 Sherwoods.
No 1 Coy Highland Div. Train v. Mid. D.A.C.
Mid. Div. M.T. Co. v. "F." A.A. Bty. R.F.A.
488th Siege Batty v. 77th Siege Batty
E. Corps Sig. Coy. v. 1st Bn. M.G.C.
Other clubs — no match.

BONN LEAGUE.

52nd Manchester v. Eastern Div. Sig. Co.
91st Field Amb. v. 103rd Field Amb.
86th Siege Batty v. Lanc. Div. Sig. Co.
207th Sq. R.A.F. v. 1st T.M.B. (Western).
52nd Cheshire v. 15th Lancs. Fus.
92nd Field Amb. v. 10th R.W.Kent.
4th Suffolk v. 53rd Welsh.
No 3 Coy. Western Div. R.A.S.C. v. 303rd Heavy Batty.
Eastern Div. H.Q. v. 69th Siege Batty.
51st R. Sussex v. X. Corps Sig. Co.
5th Border v. 121st Heavy Bty.
Other clubs — no match.

COLOGNE TOWN LEAGUE.

51st Aux. Bus. Coy. v. 51st D.L.I.
"R" A.A.Batty R.A. v. Cav. Div. H.Q.
Army H.Q. Sig. Coy v. A.A. Searchlight Sec. R.E.
9th L.T.M.B. v. Adv. Supply Depot R.A.S.C.
Bakeries Sports Club, Kalk, v. No 2 Water Tank Coy, M.T. R.A.S.C.
17th Lancers v. 1/5th Devons.
70 Sq. R.A.F. v. "G" Battery R.H.A.
5th Hly. Teleg. Sig. Coy v. 53rd Northumb. Fus.
9th D.L.I. v. 3rd Cav. Field Amb.
2nd Sq. R.A.F. v. 24th Vet. Hosp.
47th C.C.S. v. 4th R. Sussex.
52nd Northumb. Fus. v. Cav. Div. A.C.
Other clubs — no matches.

COLOGNE NORTHERN LEAGUE.

1/5th W.Yorks v. 1/4th Yorks and Lancs.
92nd Bde. R.G.A. v. 13th Lancers.
London Div. M.T.Coy. v. 237th Field Coy.
53rd R. Warwick v. 88th Field Amb.
No. 14 G.H.Q., M.T. Coy v. 13th M.A.C.
420th Siege Batty v. "Maps" 4th F.S. Bn.
52nd R. Warwick v. 1/6th W. Yorks.
29th Bn. M.G.C. v. B. Corps Sig. Coy.
II Corps H.Q. v. 75th Bde, R.F.A.
51st R. Warwick v. C/113 Bde. R.F.A.
31st Labour Group v. 23rd. Middlesex.
Other clubs — no match.

COLOGNE SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

H.A.C. (c/o D.A.P.M., Deutz Kalk) v. 51st Devons.
52nd Bedfords v. 93rd Bde. R.G.A.
Rhine A.T., M.T.Coy v. 34 th M.G.C.
180th Labour Coy v. 23rd M.T.Coy.
Wahn Survey Det. v. 5th R. Irish.
170th Siege Batty v. 281st Siege Batty.
2nd Bn. M.G.C. v. VI Corps H.Q.
8th Field Amb. v. 5th K.O.Y.L.I.
VI Corps Sig. Coy v. 12th R. Irish Rifles.
3rd Northern Bde. v. 41st Bn. M.G.C.
11th R. Scots v. 161st Bde. R.F.A.
3rd Bn. M.G.C. v. D/190 Bde. R.F.A.
"G" A.A. Bty. R.G.A. v. Northern Div. R.E.
2nd M.G.Sq. Cav.Div. — no match.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

HOW IT WAS CELEBRATED AT MUNSTEREIFEL.

Nowhere was it celebrated with more enthusiasm than in Münstereifel. In the morning the various battalions of the South Wales Borderers that form the 3rd Western Brigade marched to a parade ground near Iversheim, where the Royal Salute was given, followed by three cheers for the King, and then to the strains of "Men of Harlech", the Brigade marched past its Commander, Brig.-General T. Aubitt. In the afternoon the 51st Bn. South Wales Borderers held a sports meeting, organized by Major Fraser, Lt. Cannon, and Sergt. Wright, and amongst those present were the Brigadier General and his staff. Unfortunately rain somewhat marred the proceedings, but nevertheless some excellent running was witnessed.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

The following were the results of the various events.

440 yards:—1. Pte. Leach; 2. Pte. Eaves; 3. Dr. Mjr. Holmes. Long Jump:—1. Capt. Wilson; 2. Lce/Cpl. Stevens; 3. Pte. Ashworth. Inter Coy. Relay Race:—1. "C." Coy.; 2nd Lt. Douglas, Sergt. Gordon, Lce./Cpl. Foy, Pte. Thomas; 2. "A" Coy.; (Lt. Cannon, Sergt. Cragg, Cpl. Roberts, Pte. Coombes).

100 yards:—1. Dr. Porter; 2. Sergt. Reynolds; 3. Pte. Hillier. Wheelbarrow Race:—1. Lce/Cpl. Foy; and Pte. Cooke. Pillow Fighting:—1. Pte. Dowell; 2. Pte. Dean. Obstacle Race:—1. Pte. Stilfall; 2. Pte. Pickles; 3. Pte. Harrison; 4. Sergt. Cragg.

1 Mile (Open). 1. Sergt. Gordon (51st. S.W. Bds.); 2. Pte. Wilson (51st S.W. Bds.); 3. Pte. Cheek (53rd. S.W. Bds.; 4, Cpl. Lathan (3rd T.M. Bs.)

Boat Race:—1. "D" Coy. (Cox, Lce./Cpl. Lloyd. team: Lce./Cpl. Forest, Lce./Cpl. Moore, Pte. Highton, Pte. Griffiths, Pte. Ellis.)

Band Race: 1. Lce./Cpl. Potter (big drummer); 2. Pte. Aldersley (side drummer); 3. Pte. Slater (bugler).

Wrestling on Mules:—1. The Transport. (Ptes. Walker, Priest, Sotterall, Stokes, Showell, and Gwythes.)

Potato Race:—1. Sergt. Reynolds; 2. Lce./Cpl. Socker; 3. Lce./Cpl. Foy.

120 yards Hurdles:—1. Sergt. Reynolds, 2. Lt. Cannon; 3. Capt. Wilson.

3. Mile:—1. Pte. Lindlay; 2. Lce./Cpl. Sandals; 3. Lce./Cpl. Foy. Tug of War: Final—"C" Coy. (2/Lt. Douglas, C.S.M. Bennet, Sergt. Stoell, Sergt. Andrews, Cpl. Gould, Cpl. Clayton, Lce./Cpl. Jones, and Ptes, Storer, Johns, and Ancliffe) decisively beat "B" Coy. by 2 pulls to nil.

High Jump: 1. Sergt. Reynolds; 2. Capt. Wilson; 3. Lce./Cpl. Hartley. Half Mile:—1. Sergt. Gordon; 2. Lt. Cannon; 3. Lce./Cpl. Leach.

The Battalion Cup was won by "B" Coy. At the conclusion of the events, Brig.-Gen. T. Cubitt distributed the prizes and congratulated the recipients.

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My War Service

I was in camp in the summer of 1914 when war was declared, and was mobilized right away. I've stuck it ever since—without leave or rest. But I never complain. Now I've signed on with the New Army. I shall keep on keeping on, and trust the man whose bosom companion I am to look after me. I am

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A WARNING TO TROOPS.

The Evening News disclosure concerning the wearing by Service and ex-Service men of an unauthorized silver rosette on the ribbon of the 1914 Star led a Staff officer to criticize forcibly manufacturers of "musical comedy decorations."

"Hundreds of soldiers and officers are getting into trouble," he declared, "simply because shops are flooded with these spurious ribbons and rosettes.

"The soldiers buy them in the belief that they are authorized.

"Scandalous profiteering is going on. Some shops in the West End are charging 1s. 6d for an inch of '1914' ribbon on a brooch. Two shillings is charged for one of the irregular rosettes.

"The Italian Independence Ribbon mentioned in *The Evening News* on Thursday— a decoration authorised by the Italian Government, but not allowed to be worn by British soldiers— is not the only ribbon now being irregularly used.

"There is a fictitious multi-coloured ribbon called 'The Allies' ribbon,' which many soldiers and civilians are wearing in error.

"The other day I pulled up a man who had a ribbon who said it was the 'French wounded ribbon' (blue and white stripes with an orange centre).

"With regard to the British General Service Medal, although the War Office may have approved of the colours, those who manufacture it and those who wear it are in the wrong".

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.

By kind permission of Lt. Col.-C. Fane, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 12th Lancers, the Band will give a concert on Tuesday, June 17th at 7. p. m. in the Theatre and "The Chevrons" concert party has kindly arranged to fill up Tuesday, June 10th from 7. p.m.

The boxing and wrestling championships, arranged for Friday, June 13th have been postponed until Friday, July 11th.

Dance Competition.

Gnr. E. Bradley, 74th D.A.C., kindly presented a prize of two sets of cake servers for the best of ten couples competing for the waltze and maxina competion. Nine of the ten couples competed for the maxina, the music for which was played by Signaller Thompson. The couple who won the most points in the waltz and the maxina were Ptes. Wheeler and Bastow. There was a packed audience in spite of very hot weather.

ENJOYABLE SUNDAY CONCERT.

The Band of the 1st Eastern Brigade, by kind permission of the G.O.C., gave an excellent concert at the British Empire Leave Club on Sunday evening. The band was of 60 performers, with strings and wind. The conductor, Lieut. Lewis, showed how much fascinating variety of light and shade can be obtained, and amongst other items, the band gave brilliant renderings of "Bubbly" and "Melodious Memories" by Fincke.

Miss Somers Cocks was encored for her cello solo, "Adagio" by Zenagkia, and so were the other two soloists. Pte. Moyse for his rendering of "Parted" by Zoote, and Corpl. Harold Walters for "Shipmates o' Mine" and the "Floral Dance."

'YE MERRIE MUFFINS" VISIT COLOGNE.

"Ye Merrie Muffins," the Highland Divisional Concert Party, opened a week's visit to Cologne, yesterday, at the Deutsches Theatre with the exceedingly amusing and entertaining comedy "Fair and Warmer." The party is under the charge of Lieut. R.C. Matthews, himself a very fine entertainer, and includes "Teddy" and "Davy," two gifted female impersonators.

Visitors to "The Muffins" performance yesterday found the fare served to them of a very high standard of excellence. The party's visit to Cologne bids fair to be as successful as its appearances in Düren and elsewhere have been.

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NON STOP FLIGHTS TO INDIA.

IDEAL FOR AVIATION.

An interesting paper on "Aviation affecting India" was read by Lord Montague of Beaulieu at a meeting in London yesterday. He said the East was more suitable for flying than the West and in the whole of the East there was no country so suitable as India. In respect of weather, facilities for making landing grounds and supplies of liquid fuel India was ideal for aviation. The present land and sea communications of India left much to be desired, so there was great incentive for the development of flying. The main difficulty as regards hill stations was the provision of suitable landing grounds but aeroplanes would soon be capable of landing on a space equal to the area of six tennis courts and the Government of India could easily make such where they were required.

He gave suggestions as to probable internal Indian air routes, of which the more important would be Bombay, via Delhi and Lahore, to Peshawar; Bombay to Calcutta; Bombay to Madras; Bombay, via Mysore, to Colombo and Calcutta, via Cawnpore, to Delhi.

There would also be a great development of aerial mail services between England and India. By means of photography letters could be carried in a very small compass. Typewritten letters could be photographed and reproduced on arrival so that ten thousand words would only take up an ounce in weight. The mail service, by a properly organised aeroplane route, would only require three days for the journey.

He also dealt with dirigibles and expressed his belief that in future airships will provide a non-stop passenger service between England and India.

DEPOPULATED FRENCH CANTONS.

ASTONISHING FIGURES.

In yesterday's *Daily Mail* is published a description of conditions in French territory which was occupied by the Germans, pointing out how the number of inhabitants of the Meuse district decreased during the war.

The article says "In many places where the armies of the Crown Prince camped, plundered and pillaged, no human being is to be found nor will be for years to come. The Montmedy district, which in 1914 had a population of 48,193, has been reduced to 13,389. But what is that compared with the Verdun district? Of a population of 67,171 only 6,165 remain. The Cantons of Charny, Etain, Fresnes-en-Woevre and Varennes, which numbered altogether 24,000 inhabitants, have not even one left.

"I remember during the heroic defence of Verdun, finding myself in the nearest town — Bar-le-Duc — I saw in the cemetery a great extent of freshly stirred up earth marked into lines of little graves surmounted by little crosses of white wood. I asked the grave-digger what it meant. He replied simply 'They are children of refugees from the Verdun region.' In all the cemeteries of France one finds children and old people from those devastated regions, where there remains not a man, not a house, not a tree, not even a blade of grass."

PRIZES FOR NAVY LEAGUE ESSAYS.

In order to encourage the scientific study of "Sea Power" and its uses in war and peace time, and to stimulate interest in the achievements of the Royal Navy and mercantile marine, the Navy League has decided to award a series of prizes for essays on naval subjects. Particulars can be obtained from the General Secretary of the League, 13, Victoria street, London, S.W. 1.

HONOURS TO WEST KENT HEROES.

Many present and past officers of the Royal West Kents, including General Sir Edmund Leach and General Sir E. A. H. Alderson, attended yesterday the memorial service at All Saints' Church, Maidstone, in honour of the men of the regiment who fell in the war. Canon Hardcastle, in his address, quoted Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, who told the remnant of the 1st Battalion of the regiment after its fighting at Neuve Chapelle, "Everyone is talking about you."

SOLDIER ENLISTS 4 TIMES.

A Birmingham man, Sergeant G. H. Tibbetts, has enlisted for the fourth time. He served in South African war as a despatch rider and was wounded. He re enlisted in 1914 and served in France, but was discharged as unfit after being wounded three times. He enlisted once more in 1918, being demobilized in February 1919, and yesterday he joined the Labour Corps. He wears the D.C.M., the Russian Order of St. George, the Queen's and King's South African Medals, the Long Service Medal, and the Mons Star.

WOMEN J.P.'S.

A Bill, one of the provisions of which is to enable women to be appointed J.P.'s, is at present in course of preparation.

"BON COMRADE."

EX-SERVICE MEN'S NEW MAGAZINE.

No 1 of a bright little publication, profusely illustrated with humorous and other drawings, reaches us from Hull.

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Bon Comrade will be entirely non-party-political, and its policy will be the same as that of the great organisation of ex-service men it represents. By adopting a reasonable attitude on controversial matters much unnecessary hostility and strife can be avoided, and it is our experience that when the ex-service man's views are put forward in a fair and impartial manner they receive a great deal more consideration than when a hostile tone is adopted."

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WHITSUN MONDAY.

PROCESSIONS, EXCURSIONS AND MERRIMENT IN RHINELAMD.

VISITS TO THE COUNTRY.

Bathed in brilliant sunshine, the whole of the occupied area gave itself over to real holiday-making yesterday. Scenes of gaiety were everywhere and all the favourite haunts of the excursionist were packed to overflowing.

The sweltering heat of Sunday, when the exercise of even the slightest physical effort produced beads of perspiration, was mercifully relieved yesterday by a gentle breeze.

From early in the morning there was a steady exodus of civilian pic-nic parties from all the large towns armed, almost without exception, with the wherewithal to satisfy the needs of the inner man.

CHURCH PROCESSIONS.

The cycle of events in Germany — ever a procession-loving country — brings with it at definite periods of the year religious demonstrations by various of the churches. Yesterday, apparently, was a more than usually popular day for such functions, and in many tiny villages as well as in the important towns, processions of children — all in their best "bib and tucker" — demonstrated on behalf of the particular church to which they belonged.

In Cologne, the distinction fell to the Gereons Church yesterday to produce what was undoubtedly an extraordinary achievement in juvenile organisation. Several hundred children, all dressed in fresh-looking white frocks, and carrying little trays of flowers, paraded the streets associated with their church, headed by a band and a large number of prominent German church dignitaries.

A BUSY RIVER DAY.

Many troops stationed in the neighbourhood of Düren visited, and marvelled, at the wonders of the scenery of Gemünd; Rodenkirchen and Königsforst received an uncomfortably liberal amount of patronage from Cologne while the beautiful surroundings of Bonn and Euskirchen came in for a great amount of attention.

There was not a single river-trip steamer that did not carry its full complement of passengers, the introduction of bands on some of these proving a popular innovation.

Despite the heat, all places of amusement were crowded to capacity in the evening.

JAPAN'S BROOM DUMP.

The huge increase in the imports of brooms and brushes from Japan is shown in the following table comparing this year with 1914, given by Sir A. Geddes yesterday:—

	1919.	1914.
	£	£
January	86,230 ...	4,094
February	106,360 ...	3,104
March	117,358 ...	3,341
April	86,084 ...	2,324
Total, 4 months...	396,032 ...	12,863

ALEXANDRA DAY INTENTIONS.

The aim of the Alexandra Day (June 25) Committee this year is to raise the fund to £1,000,000, the seven previous collections having totalled £700,000.

SEQUEL TO DERBY VISIT.

Mr. John Goodman, aged 60, of Harleyford-road, Vauxhall, was one of a party returning in wagonette from Epsom Downs yesterday. He was apparently asleep when the party reached Mitcham, but when some of the members tried to wake him up they found he was dead.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST MAGISTRATE.

James Jones, 69, a magistrate and local preacher, of Blaenavon, was remanded at Pontypool (Mon.) charged with a serious offence at Blaenavon between January 23 and May 13.

When charged he is alleged to have said: "I only did it in a jocular way—as a joke."

Superintendent Barry said he was instructed to oppose bail. It was for the protection of Jones. Bail was, however, granted.

ACROSS CANADA IN FOUR DAYS.

The new Canadian Pacific Trans-Continental de luxe train, the Trans-Canada Limited, left Montreal on Sunday on its first trip, with a heavy load of passengers, including numerous British travellers going to Vancouver and the Orient. The train makes the fastest connection between the Atlantic and Pacific, accomplishing the journey in less than four days. There are thirty-one stops on the 3,000 mile run.

THE QUEUE OF TO-DAY.

M.P.— Now then, what's the game —Bolshevism? The Weary Waiter: 's all right, Sergeant; the Canteen's got some "fags" in.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

This year's hay crop is not to be controlled.

The Law Courts rose on Saturday for the Whitsun recess, and resume on Tuesday, June 17.

There were 3,000 people yesterday at a memorial service in Exeter Cathedral for Devon men.

Aged 100, Mr. Joshua Rushbrooke, of Coddenham House, Sutton Coldfield, is a life-long abstainer and non-smoker.

Cape pears sold for 1s. 9d. each at Manchester yesterday.

The Y.M.C.A. was founded seventy-five years ago on Friday by the late Mr. George Williams.

Eton boys' war-time vegetable plots yielded £55 profit, which has been given to King Edward VII. Hospital, Windsor.

So strong was the sun yesterday that, focused from a glass sign, it set fire to the blind of a shop in West Green, Tottenham.

As a victory gift Sir Edward Tootal Broadhurst has given land, valued at £35,000, in Moston, Manchester, for a public park.

Of the 570 railway locomotives and 29,648 wagons sent on war service, 458 locomotives and 29,399 wagons are being brought home as rapidly as possible.

Built nearly 60 years ago, the old ironclad Egremont was yesterday at Chatham commissioned as a parent ship. She was built as the Achilles, renamed the Hibernia, Egmont, and Egremont, and is now to be called the Pembroke.

A tablet to the memory of the men of High Beech (Essex) who were killed on active service was unveiled in the Parish Church yesterday by Field-Marshall Sir Evelyn Wood.

Documents fixing the authorship of "D'ye ken John Peel" on John Woodcock Graves were sold at Sotheby's to Mr. H. Barnard for £150.

Chiefly owing to the wholesale closing down of factories as a result of the coal shortage, 30.000 workers, including thousands of women, are out of work in Melbourne alone. Some manufacturers have installed-oil-engines in their factories, and are thus enabled to continue work.

Answers to Correspondents.

D.S.:— (1 and 2) yes; (3) a soldier is not permitted to undertake any business transaction nor to act as agent to an English house as you suggest.

Anxious:— Ten per cent. of the amount subscribed was divided among all who drew a runner, apart from the prizes allotted to the first three.

Bookman:— (1) The book is published by Gale and Polden, Aldershot.

(2)— The address is quite sufficient.

Bonnite:— The record for 24 hours' walk is over 130 miles. The distance you mention has been covered by many pedestrians.

A.S.T.— The highest score stands to the credit of A.C. MacLaren, who scored 424 for Lancashire against Somerset in 1895.

Tom.— Bachelor's Button was favourite, the starting price being 5 to 4 against.

Ace.— A full house beats a flush.

2/5.— She is not her mother. Marie Lloyd, Alice Lloyd, Rosie Lloyd and Daisy Wood are all sisters.

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REVOCATION OF MARTIAL LAW IN INDIA.

NATIVE MURDERERS SENTENCED.

MASSACRE OF HUNGARIAN PEASANTS.

AFGHAN TROUBLE SUBSIDING.

MARTIAL LAW REVOKED IN INDIA.

AGITATORS IN PRISON.

An official communique states that Martial Law in India was discontinued on the 9th June in all areas except on the railways and at Lahore.

Simla, 8th June.— It is officially stated that the Government of India possesses ample evidence, in the shape of original letters, that Mohamed Ali and Shankat Ali, who were interned at Chandwera, have been openly inducing the Moslems to assist the Amir and inciting them to abandon their attitude of loyalty. The Government has decided to detain both of them in gaol. *Reuter.*

TRIAL OF EGYPTIAN MURDERERS.

Cairo.—The military courts have expeditiously dealt with a large number of ordinary cases of pillage, rioting, robbery, receipt of stolen property. The cases are very carefully sifted, as is evidenced by the discrimination in the sentences, which range from a few months of imprisonment to penal servitude for life. The accused invariably gets the benefit of the doubt. In seven cases the death penalty was pronounced, but was confirmed only in four cases, namely, the murderer of a British soldier at Galioub on March 15 the murderer of an Egyptian officer of police at Gharbia, and the native who attempted to wreck a military train. It is interesting to note that in many instances the condemned were notorious evildoers. One of those executed was a well-known chief of brigands. Four of his followers received life sentences. A great Cairo bully, known as "Black Ali," has been sentenced to seven years for extorting money by threats of death from shopkeepers. Another Cairene received a similar sentence for demanding money, for the "Black Hand." In a considerable percentage of the cases the accused were acquitted, and in many cases the General Commanding reduced the sentences.—*Reuter.*

PORTUGUESE ROYALISTS ESCAPE FROM PRISON.

FIVE DAYS IN OPEN BOAT.

Las Palmas.—Eight members and high officials of the Royalist Government at Oporto, who were arrested after the collapse of the Royalist rebellion and imprisoned in the fortress at Madeira, have arrived here in a small boat. They escaped by tying the bed linen to the bars of the windows and seized a boat lying on the beach. The voyage took five days and all the men suffered severely from lack of food and water.—*Reuter.*

STRIKE OF NAVAL STOKERS.

FIFTY ARRESTS AT SEA.

Adelaide, 8th June.—Prior to the departure of the cruiser Australia from Fremantle (West Australia) the men declared that the officers had not fully reciprocated the welcome accorded by the residents. The captain refused to delay his departure, being bound by schedule time. The men refused to raise steam in the boilers and the Petty Officers were therefore ordered to do so. When the cruiser reached the open sea the Captain read the King's Regulations covering mutiny and disobedience of orders and the men returned to their posts. Fifty of them were arrested.

Only a restricted number of privileged visitors were allowed aboard the cruiser at Adelaide and only a few sailors, mostly English, were permitted to go ashore. The Australia has left for Melbourne.—*Reuter.*

DOMINION TROOPS LEAVE FOR MURMANSK.

At noon yesterday seven hundred British Canadian and Australian troops left Leith for the Murmansk coast aboard the ex-German merchant vessel Steigerwald. The passengers included a Russian General and his Staff, French and Italian officers, and the band of the Scots Greys.

A local band played selections on the quay, where a great crowd had congregated. The Provost of Leith addressed the departing troops, and as the vessel left the dock "Auld Lang Syne" was heartily sung.

SINN FEIN M.P. EVADES AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWS.

New York.—The Sinn Fein member of Parliament, Mr. Jerry Boland, has arrived at New York and set himself up as the diplomatic representative of the "Irish Republican Government." He says he came without a passport, working his passage as a fireman on a freight steamer.—*Reuter.*

PEACE AMNESTY PETITION.

Melbourne.— When Peace is proclaimed the Returned Soldiers League proposes to petition H. M. the King to review the sentences of all Australian soldiers who may be undergoing terms of imprisonment.—*Reuter.*

MASSACRE OF PEASANTS IN HUNGARY.

ATTEMPTED COUP FAILS.

A telegram from Vienna states that about 4,000 armed peasants assembled on the 6th June near Odenburg (Western Hungary), between Zinkendorf and Kellerhof, with the object of effecting a counter-revolutionary coup against the Soviet Government at Oldenburg. They were, however, intercepted by the Odenburg garrison, comprising infantry with machine guns and artillery, near Zinkendorf, where a bloody battle ensued. The peasants were driven back surrounded in Kollerhof by the Red Guards. After a short siege, Kollerhof, which is now in flames, was taken by storm, and a terrible slaughter took place. The entire Odenburg county has been declared in a state of siege, and a military dictatorship has been proclaimed.—*Reuter.*

SEVENTY-FIVE STRIKERS SHOT.

Berlin. A serious outbreak is reported from Stein am Anger, in Hungary. The workmen there refused to accept the so-called "white" money issued by the Budapest Government, and riots occurred. Hundreds of people were arrested, and seventy-five of them, including many railwaymen, were shot. A strike was thereupon declared on all the Hungarian railways. A People's Commissary who was sent from Budapest to deal with the matter was forced to turn back, as he was told he would by lynched if he entered Stein.—*Reuter.*

AFGHAN TRIBES CALMER.

Simla 6th June (delayed).

General Nadir Khan's withdrawal at the Amir's request for the cessation of hostilities has had a good effect on the tribal situation on the Khost border. Laskhars composed of Orakzai and Zaimukht clans, which had collected in the East Kurram district, are now dispersing, and tribal enthusiasm in the Tochi Valley is waning.

The trouble in South Waziristan, which spread to the Zhob Valley, led to risings of the Sheranis at Mandu Khel. The withdrawal of our posts at Mognal Kot and Mirali Khel was carried out under great difficulties. The garrisons in these places have been concentrated at Fort Sandeman ready to deal effectively with local troubles, and also to prevent the Sheranni disorders from spreading any farther. With the assistance of local troops the Sherannis and Mahsuds twice attacked the Brabano-Derajat border, but failed. An attempt to capture Chaudhman was repulsed. —*Reuter.*

TWENTY DEATH SENTENCES.

Simla, 3nd June. The court-martial on those concerned in the murder of British bank officials at Amritsar has sentenced twenty of the accused to death.—*Reuter.*

SPY WHO BETRAYED MISS CAVELL.

FORTHCOMING TRIAL.

Next month the sixth court-martial will deal with the case of Gaston Quien, alias Luc, 40 years of age, who was released by the Germans from Saint Quentin prison, where he was undergoing imprisonment for a common law offence for which he was sentenced in 1914. After his release Quien became a German espionage agent, and denounced many of his compatriots to the Germans, including Princesse de Croy, who was arrested. He afterwards entered Belgium and obtained admittance into the nursing home of Miss Cavell, as the result of which she was arrested and shot. The Germans later repatriated Quien through Switzerland, on the ground of serious illness.

Some sixty witnesses have been summoned, including the Princesse de Croy and Madame Rovard, who was charged with Nurse Cavell by the Germans.—*Reuter.*

The British Minister at Brussels has sent to M. Hymans, the Foreign Minister, a letter from Nurse Cavell's family warmly thanking the Belgian King and Queen and the Belgian people for the tributes paid to the memory of Nurse Cavell.—*Reuter.*

PRESIDENT WILSON'S DEPARTURE.

Washington.— The report that President Wilson might return to the United States in a fortnight is declared to be at least probable, though no definite date has been set for his sailing.—*Reuter.*

DEPORTATION FOR CANADIAN AGITATORS.

Ottawa, 6th May.— The Bill authorizing the deportation of agitators against constituted authority having passed all its stages in the Senate and Commons has received the Royal Assent. The Bill applies to British subjects as well as aliens.—*Reuter.*

ANTI-NEGRO OUTBREAK IN LIVERPOOL.

KNIVES USED.

Fresh riots between white and coloured men occurred in Liverpool on Sunday night, as the result of which several negroes were badly injured and two white men were stabbed about the hands.

Since the previous disturbances, when four policemen were severely injured, a bitter feeling has set in against the negroes. There is a growing impression that unless they leave the city the whites will hunt them out.

One negro who is alleged to have brandished an iron bar and shouted continuously "Down with the white race," has been arrested.

CAPTAIN FRYATT'S REMAINS FOR ENGLAND.

PUBLIC FUNERAL.

According to a communication addressed to the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, the Government has decided to accord a public funeral to the body of Captain Fryatt. The remains will be conveyed from Bruges to Zeebrugge, thence by destroyer to Dover. When the body reaches London a procession from the station to St.Paul's Cathedral will be made. Afterwards the remains will go to Dovercourt for final interment.

WAR MEMORIAL REFERENDUM.

The referendum taken in the town of Newmarket on the question of the precise form of War Memorial to be adopted resulted in favour of cottages for disabled soldiers and their dependents. This scheme gained 625 votes.

Other suggestions were the acquisition of the Severalls as a cricket and football ground, 554 votes, the provision of a social club and free library 308 votes. About one-third of the electors voted.

APPOINTMENTS DEPARTMENT DETAILS.

Reuter has ascertained the following interesting details of the work of the Grants Committee of the Ministry of Labour in connection with the training of officers and men. This committee is working in connection with the Appointments Department. Hitherto over 700 recommendations for grants have been received. Of these 472 have been examined and 337 sanctioned, only twenty-five having been refused. Of the 472 applications dealt with 203 were from officers and 269 non-commissioned officers and men. Of those actually studying, 123 are in training as accountants, 99 as engineers, 58 as solicitors, 32 as architects and 32 as veterinary surgeons.

EAST ANTRIM ELECTION RESULT.

The result of the East Antrim by-election was as follows:—

Hanna, Independent Unionist...	8714
Moore, Unionist.....	7549
Legg, Liberal	1778
Majority	1165

The only change is that the constituency is now represented by an Independent instead of a Coalition Unionist.

AMERICAN AIR FORCE CASUALTIES.

According to figures published by the War Department of the United States it appears that of the Army Air service casualties during the war, fifty per cent were fatal compared with 36 per cent British, and 31 per cent French. Of the United States present air service personnel 27,084 are still in Europe, and 1,558 in the States. *Reuter.*

POSTHUMOUS V.C.'s.

The *London Gazette* notifies posthumous awards of the Victoria Cross to Lieut.-Colonel Elstob of the 16th Manchesters for bravery at Manchester Redoubt, near St. Quentin, and to Lce.-Cpl. Sayer, of the 8th West Surreys for bravery at Levergoier, both exploits being performed on the 21st March 1918.

The Gazette contains the following note: "A further list of awards for services in the Archangel and Murmansk commands will appear later." Recommendations for services with the Kut expeditions are still being considered, but owing to the inevitable delay due to the necessity for referring to the Indian Government, it is impossible to forecast the date of publication of the awards.

SHOT BY SENTRY IN IRELAND.

At the inquest at Dundalk yesterday on Matthew Murphy a young commercial traveller who was shot by a military sentry, Mr. Healy, K.C., suggested that an adjournment be granted for a fortnight. He said he believed that the inquiry would be a turning point in the present distracted state of affairs in Ireland.

The inquest was adjourned.

HOLIDAY RACE FATALITY.

Three people were killed and several injured in a motor smash at Hawick on Saturday afternoon. A motor charabanc was returning form the racecourse when the brakes failed to act. The vehicle ran down a series of steep inclines and overturned.

The number of German civil prisoners repatriated up to May 22 was 23,073, the number interned on May 23 was 3,634.

The Sopwith aeroplane undercarriage which Hawker dropped when passing the coast has been brought into Presque Harbour by a fishing vessel.

The London General Omnibus Company announces that it now has a thousand fewer women bus-conductors than a year ago.

OFFICER TARRED AND FEATHERED.

NAVAL INQUIRY ORDERED.

The name of the naval officer who was found tarred and feathered and chained to a tree at Cambridge is Sub-Lieut. Desmond B. Kinahan. The savage treatment to which he was subjected is alleged to have been in connection with his friendship with the wife of an Army Lieutenant.

Sub-Lieut. Kinahan has gone to Chatham to await a Naval inquiry.

It is stated that a young Army officer who came from abroad to join at the outbreak of war came to Cambridge on leave last December and married the daughter of a Cambridge doctor. He is himself a member of a well-known Cambridge family.

He returned to Salonica, and his wife joined the R.A.F. Subsequently he received information that a naval officer was paying attention to his wife, whereupon he returned to England and saw the officer, who shortly after the interview was given a few days' leave. At the same time the young lady was granted leave from the R.A.F., and both went away.

When they returned the husband requested the naval man to meet him in a garden in the suburbs of Cambridge, and the appointment was kept. With the assistance of his brother, he tarred and feathered the naval man, and took him in a motor car after dark, and chained him outside the Y.W.C.A., where the wife lives. Some hours later the police released him by breaking the padlocks and chains.

They took him to the police station, where he made a statement, and was subsequently taken to his rooms by friends. The police have the matter in hand.

The Army officer has twice been taken prisoner, has gained the M.C., and is now on the intelligence staff. After he and his brother had committed the act they distributed leaflets saying what they had done.

LABOUR M.P.'S. SCATHING WORDS.

THE APEX OF INSANITY.

Speaking in London at the annual conference of the National Democratic and Labour Party, Mr. J. A. Seddon, M.P., the president, said that the principle underlying their program was to recognize the people not as factions, however powerful but as all classes forming a nation. Revolution, as a democratic state, he said, was the apex of insanity and the instrument of intellectual self-seeking bullies. Mr. Seddon added: "We stand resolute and immovable against the Bolshevist madness of Russia or its would-be imitators here. The National Democratic Party will seek annihilation if it follows the so-called Labour party in trying to become the knight errant of the world, to the neglect of the Empire's Unity, social equality and industrial reorganisation. In conclusion Mr. Seddon dwelt on duty of the country to aid the widows and orphans of those who had fallen or become broken in the war.

STARTING THE VICTORY LOAN CAMPAIGN.

"SAFETY AND JOY."

Despite the Whitsun holidays great interest has already been aroused in connection with the Victory Loan which will be inaugurated with considerable ceremonial at the Guildhall on the 16th June.

According to one of the chief officials the Loan has two keynotes—safety and joy—and it has been happily suggested that it should be known as the "Joy Loan." It is a Loan with the Empire behind it and should appeal to every man and woman throughout the Empire.

Reuter learns that the Prime Minister hopes to be in London next Monday to take part in the civil and national inauguration. If possible he will leave Paris in time to speak at the meeting at the Guildhall, which commences at noon.

MEMORIAL TO LONDON TROOPS.

At the request of the Lord Mayor's Committee, Sir Aston Webb, president of the Royal Academy, has submitted a design and model of a memorial to the London troops for erection—if the Corporation agree—in front of the Royal Exchange. The memorial consists of two tall Venetian masts in copper, the top of each bearing a symbolical figure and the broad base an appropriate inscription. It will probably be unique of its kind in the Metropolis.

DARING DAYLIGHT ROBBERY.

An audacious robbery in broad daylight was successfully effected at Plaistow on Saturday. Four men entered some business premises and carried out a safe containing about three thousand pounds sterling in gold, silver and treasury notes, some bundles of securities and a quantity of jewellery.

Loading the safe on a motor van they drove away unchallenged.

NO ROYALTIES FOR ENGLISH OIL CONCESSIONS.

The Ministry of Munitions has granted a licence to bore for oil in an area near Newark to "Oilfield, of England, Limited."

No royalties will be payable to the land owners and the Ministry reserves the right to acquire the undertaking.

Among the improvements in the service of the Great Western Railway which will come into force on the 7th July is the reinstatement of the Cornish Riviera express, which was the pre-war record non-stop run in England.

PATHETIC DROWNING TRAGEDY IN SOLENT.

FATHER REFUSES RESCUE.

An exceedingly pathetic holiday tragedy occurred off the Isle of Wight on Sunday. Setting out from Portsmouth, a discharged soldier named Charles William Watts took his thirteen year old son and two other boys for a row to Ryde. Just off the shore in Stokes' bay the boat overturned in a squall.

Watts swam and dived repeatedly in search of his son but failed to find him. Although a rescue boat was on the spot, he refused to board it but persisted in his efforts. He eventually became exhausted and was himself drowned with his son. The other boys were rescued.

SALVING THE SOPWITH MAIL.

SHIRT AS DISTRESS SIGNAL.

Lieut.-Commander Milvers, U.S.N. Reserve, of the ss. Lake Charlottesville, of Toledo U.S.A., who found Hawker's aeroplane and the mail it contained, wrote Mr. Lloyd George the following letter, dated "At Sea, May 27":

Dear Sir—I am writing you these few lines to inform you that I am sending you a letter addressed to you which was found on the wreck of the Sopwith plane in which Mr. Harry Hawker and Commander Mackenzie-Grieve had attempted to fly across the Atlantic. This mail came into my possession under the following circumstances: While making passage between Montreal and Falmouth, and in latitude 49 degrees and 40 minutes north and long tude 29 degrees and 4 minutes west on May 23, I was called on the bridge by the officer on watch on account of some object visible on the starboard bow. We thought it was a shipwrecked crew out in a lifeboat, and headed immediately for it; as we drew nearer we saw that it was an abandoned aeroplane. When I saw the name Sopwith on it I immediately realised that it was Hawker's. It was floating in the sea tail up, and on top of the tail was a white shirt tied as a signal of distress. Near the top was also lashed a brown mail bag marked "Newfoundland." G.P.O. The mail in it was very much water-soaked and otherwise damaged. We dried it, and pasted the stamps back on them, and I trust that the letter will reach you safely and in good condition. It is believed from the conditions as enumerated above that the occupants remained for some time by the wreck, and the fact that the mail was found near the distress flag causes me at this time to entertain grave fears for their safety, but I sincerely hope that they are safe and well. In view of the sentiment attached to this first Transatlantic air mail, it is thought that you might be interested to know how it came to be delivered after having been wrecked in mid-Atlantic. Hoping the letter from Newfoundland reaches you in good condition, I am, sincerely yours.

A. C. MILVERS, Lieut.-Commander,
U.S.N. Reserve.

To this Mr. Lloyd George replied as follows:—

Dear Captain Milvers—Your very interesting letter has reached me in Paris to-day. It has afforded me the greatest pleasure. I desire to express my best thanks for your kindness in forwarding Sir William Lloyd's letter and for the dramatic account of the finding of the aeroplane. We are all rejoicing that the aviators were saved. Yours faithfully.

—*Reuter.* D. LLOYD GEORGE.

NEXT FOR THE ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

St. John's, 5th June. Captain Alcock, pilot of the Vickers machine, has given formal notice that he will start on the trans-Atlantic flight on the 11th June. The Handley-Page in also expected to start this week.

MORE FLYING PRIZES FOR AVIATORS.

San Francisco.—A Californian cinematograph magnate has offered a prize of ten thousand pounds for a flight from California to Australia, and another prize of seven thousand for a flight to Hawaii. In the event of no aviator reaching Hawaii by a given date, one thousand pounds will be paid to the aviator making the best show. *Reuter.*

MILITARY TOURNAMENT RECORD.

In a most admirable respect the Royal Naval, Military and Air Force Tournament which is due to open on the 26th is creating a record, bookings being made at the average rate of two thousand pounds daily. All profit goes to Service funds for those stricken in the war. Quantities of materials are constantly arriving from France. Entries for the skill at arms competitions embrace men from nearly all the armies of occupation abroad as well as from home commands. Special provision will be made for wounded men to see the tournament and it is hoped that facilities for some of the wounded soldiers of our Allies to be present will be provided.

AMERICAN DEMOCRATS RUSH FOR THE PRINCE.

A telegram from New York states that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will probably visit the United States at the conclusion of his tour in Canada.

It is reported that in New York the possibility of the visit is causing the greatest interest. There is much flustering among the social leaders as concerning who will entertain him. Mrs. Ogden Goelet, mother of the Duchess of Roxburghe, has already invited the Prince to be her guest at her Newport home, Ockre Court, which is one of the most magnificant summer villas in America.—*Reuter.*

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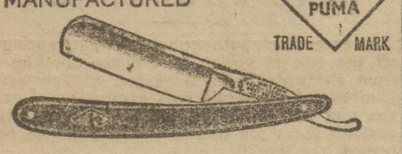

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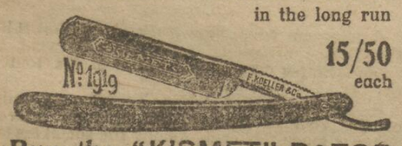

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All the above Rehearsals take place at 5.45 p.m. in the Lecture Room on the first Floor of the Church Army Soldiers Club. Antoniter Strasse Cologne.

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THE CINEMA IN EDUCATION.

There are in these days many signs that the claims of education have captured the imagination of England. New schemes and new ideals have been advanced, and the prospect is fair. Even in the occupied area of Germany the schoolmaster has come into his kingdom. Old-time conventions command decreasing respect, and every worthy agency is welcomed as a handmaiden of learning.

It is recognized that "half our knowledge we must snatch, not take," and accordingly men of prevision are pressing the Cinema into academic service. Till a few years ago moving pictures provided only relaxation from the stern tasks of life. Then in a vague fashion it was seen that in them recreation might be united to instruction, and attempts were made to give a didactic aspect to cinematograph entertainments. The last stage has been a serious and wise effort to provide education by swift-passing pictures, and the pleasure of the pursuit of knowledge has been placed second to the efficiency of the quest.

Undoubtedly the Cinema provides manifold opportunities for the educational reformer. During the years of war films have been produced which have made easier the work of army instructors in explaining to their pupils the intricate technicalities of gunnery and bombing, and it is inevitable that the cinematograph will soon become a recognized means of education. Already there are innumerable films which can be used for instruction in subjects of scientific, historical, literary, and religious interest. All that is needed is that these films shall be used in accordance with proper principles of teaching and shall not be shown in any uncorrelated, hap-hazard manner.

The Cinema does not represent the philosophy of the second-best; it need not be the despairing attempt of a teacher who has to cajole the attention and imagination of his scholars. It can furnish unrivalled help to experimental science, for the camera judiciously used at varied intervals of hours, days, or weeks can produce films which make plain in one continuous picture the successive evolutionary stages of ornithological or plant life—to take but two of many possible examples. No more need the troubled teacher break up into unsatisfactory serial parts his scientific story.

Any student of geography and history knows how barren of interest and imagination are the usual methods of instruction in his department. We can learn, for example, that Constantinople was captured in 1453, that it has a Church of S. Sophia, a population of one million, and an unwholesome canine collection; but with the help of well-chosen pictures we can have a real and living knowledge of the great city where meet the East and West. And worthy education is a matter of real and living knowledge. Is it not true, then, that the Cinema can help, that it can even provide "apples of gold in pictures of silver?"

In Cologne we have many cinemas and much education. May we suggest that in some places these should be united in a scientific manner? Much has already been done in the British Army of the Rhine to further healthy recreation and the advancement of learning — it is because so much has been done that we can confidently look for more. It may be that even in academic circles it will be said of our Lady Cinema: "to love her was a liberal education."

TRIUMPH OF YOUTH.

There have been several classic triumvirates in history — famous bands of three who have fought or ruled or written. There is something in the very word which prepares us for long tradition and heroic exploit. Even in the realm of sport there has been a triumvirate, for have not Vardon, Braid, and Taylor captured and held the imagination of all who love the royal and ancient game of golf?

War put a stop to the many efforts that were made to break the tradition of success so long and honourably held by these three masters, and it is only within the last few days that a beginning has been made in serious trials of golfing strength. Yet already, in the first tournament, each of the triumvirate has failed to prevent the victory of a younger rival, and some of the glory has departed from the trio. The coterie of masters must be enlarged, the triumvirate must admit at least one other to its ranks. The Atos, Aramis, and Porthos of golf have been joined by the dashing d'Artagnan.

George Duncan may yet be beaten many times by the older players, but their invincibility is no more. It is impossible to avoid the reflection that the years of war have told their tale—they are the years that the locust has eaten. There is many an athlete who could well have kept on playing cricket or football or tennis for many a day with marked ability who feels now that he will never regain the lost ardour and the verve necessary for supremacy. And there must be many who during almost five years of tragedy have had few opportunities for serious sport and now feel less able and willing to command success. The pluckiest fail in defiance of Time.

GREATNESS—BY CALMNESS.

Writing in "Die Zukunft" recently, Maximilian Harden first puts the question — To sign or not to sign? and then implores his countrymen to look at the matter calmly, judicially without prejudice or hysteria. "Let us leave shrieking and gesticulating to children," says he.

A nation which, in the same breath, beseeches assistance and vilifies the potential helper, is acting in a manner as silly as the man who would borrow money, and approaches the lender thus: "As I cannot go on further you must, you greatest scoundrel on earth, you greediest beast of the virgin forest, you must lend me 1000 Marks." Harden adds "Who dares to disgrace beautiful, immortal Germany by such meanness.?" In the succeeding pages Harden discusses the efforts made by the press to bring to life again the spirit of August 1914. He shows the futility of those who built their hopes on the protest of the labour party (as distinct from the powerful Trades Unions) and the French socialists against the Peace conditions.

Then Harden, speaking for himself says, "I ask every one of you and all together. The Independent Socialists and a few social Democrats of the Left would have protested, as did Bebel against the annexation of Alsace-Lorraine in 1871, but the remainder of Germany would have uttered a concerted shout of joy."

THE QUESTION OF TONGUES.
VI
WILLIAM R. PATTERSON F.R.G.S., etc.

When a young man commences to learn a profession or to serve an apprenticeship, his studies should include at least one modern foreign language. He himself will know best which one would be most suited to his requirements. He must ask himself—What is my employer engaged in; whence comes the raw material? The latter should give him a clue to the language which would prove of the greatest advantage to him. If his employer deals with South American merchants, he should acquire a sound knowledge of either Spanish or Portuguese—the latter for Brazil.

French is extremely useful in trading in wines, silks, laces, etc.; Italian for purposes of art. I do not profess to know all the material and manufactured goods that continually pass from one country to another, so that I cannot say decisively what tongue would be necessary in each individual case, but I know that there exists some language which would prove of great worth to members of most trades and professions. For general purposes one ought, I think, to possess a good knowledge of the language of the French, since they are our nearest neighbours and much trade in many branches will be done with France in the future—much more than many of us realize.

There is wealth to be made by the industrious trader, but let him learn languages for purposes of negotiation. It pleases the foreign trader when one can converse with him in his own idiom; he becomes ever so much more willing to do business, and affairs can thus be arranged in a much briefer space of time than if one were obliged to acquire the services of an interpreter. This is a most important point.

There is also the question of foreign correspondence. Let us not employ foreigners in our offices. Let us enhance our own worth by doing what the foreigner undertook in pre-war days! It will be better for us; it will be better for our country.

Then, there is the question of Russian. Far-seeing people understand clearly that Russia will not always remain in such a state of chaos as at present. They are learning the Russian tongue. In a few years' time, when order will have been restored, out trade with that vast land will develop enormously if we so desire, and provided that we are able to compete with the foreigner—the German above all. Remember that Germany borders on Russia and that the majority of German trade representatives know the Russian language well. But the Briton can compete successfully with anyone—if he will!

We desire their oils, minerals, woods, furs and a hundred other of their products. Certainly a good knowledge of Russian will prove invaluable in future years, not only for the needs of commercial correspondence but also to those British subjects—pioneers of industry—who will venture forth in order to discover possibilities of trade and enterprise. By a close scrutiny of the map of Europe and by comparing Russia with other European countries, you will at once realise how spacious it is. There is wonderful wealth in and upon its soil. Let us therefore endeavour to secure concessions—before any other competitor. And I would say to those who realise the quantity of latent wealth in this Slavonic land—learn Russian!

ANSWERS TO LANGUAGE QUERIES.

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G.B. (1).—See above (2) yes, Hindustani would be useful.

(The writer will be pleased to assist readers with reference to the selection of a language for any particular purpose. Communications should be addressed—c/o Editor, *The Cologne Post.*)

"C'EST LA GUERRE."
A TRAGEDY IN TWO ACTS BY O.O.

Act I, Scene 1.—A gaily beflagged road along which a celebrity is due to pass. Soldiers line the route. A few show signs of suppressed excitement, looking about with keen expectancy. The rest smoke silently; indifferent, abstracted like British workmen having a pipe after lunch. In the distance the noise of gunfire.

Officer (rushing on at hearing discharge of guns and trying to look enthusiastic): "When the celebrity's car comes level, cheer like hell."

Act I. Scene 2.—(The car is seen approaching. The great man is recognized.)

Soldiers (waving their caps, cheer like hell.): "Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!" (A soldier's cap badge is seen to fly out and drop into a culvert. Consternation on face of unfortunate.)

Act II, Scene 1.—(Interior of Q.M.S., sits at a little desk, a genuine choleric specimen. Time: next day.)

Soldier (entering timidly and shamefacedly, like a returning truant dog): "Please Quarter have you got another cap-badge? I lost mine—."

Q.M.S. "! ! ? — ? — ! ! !"

(Swears like hell.)

CURTAIN.

HARMONIUM RECITAL.
PAUL MANIA AT THE HOTEL DISCH.

An enthusiastic and grateful audience gathered on Tuesday evening to listen to Paul Mania's wonderful playing on the "Schiedmeyer Master Harmoniums Dominator." This magnificent instrument compared to the far more powerful concert organ, has not only the advantage of a finer colouring, but it gives the artist, especially one of Mania's disposition, heretofore unknown possibilities to bring out light and shade within one register. On the big organ however the tone remains immovable and a 'crescendo' can only be obtained by adding more registers, which of course has the result, that the individual "timbre" of the register chosen first has to give way to a more general character of tone.

It was simply wonderful to watch how Mania mastered this instrument, from the softest pianissimo to the grandioso fortissimo, so that one could imagine sometimes, that a whole orchestra was playing. This was mostly shown in Liszt's "Lorelei." The Praeludium by Bird was played with full registers and the introduction to the 3rd act of Kunihild was the most characteristic with regard to the use of the registers.

"Abendstille" by Rich. Strauss was very modern and "Schwanengesang" by Schartel was most effective in its tone-colouring. An "Etude d' Orchestre" by Paul Mania showed all the possible orchestral effects this instrument can produce, but the climax of Mania's incomparable technic was shown in the "Jagdnovelette" by S. Karg-Elert, which raised a storm of applause. The most beautiful floral gifts rewarded the favourite Cologne artist for his masterly performance.

The performance of J.S. Bach's cantata No. 56, by Julius Gless, of the Cologne Opera, was very well rendered. The sweetness and power of his voice was noticed in the cantata and even more so in the Arie from Serse by Händel, which is mostly known under the name "Largo." Rheinberger's "Ave Maria" also scored a great succes.

Ch.L.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

THE PEARL CHASE.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.— In your to-day's issue there are a few paragraphs relating to my Concert Party, the "Robin Hoods."

I should like to point out that in the last paragraph mention is made of my producing a revue called "The Pearl Chase." The writer of this paragraph is apparently under a misapprehension. He was merely informed in his interview that *we* were *reproducing* the "Pearl Chase," which is the original performance of the "Robin Hoods," staged and produced by Pte. Leonnard of the Cyclist Battalion prior to my taking over the Concert Party.

Any credit due for the success of the original "Pearl Chase" revue or the reproduction of the same revue, should go to Pte. Leonnard and his able supporters. CAPTAIN PAYNE.

MORE LONG DAYS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—With reference to R.E.R.'s letter in yesterday's issue of *The Cologne Post*, may I make a plea for another branch of the Armies of Occupation.

I refer to the Field Artillery. Reveille in our units is at 06 00 hours and parades last from that time until 17 00 hours with an hour each for breakfast and dinner. This would appear to be a full day's work, but it does not fill our day, for at 19 30 hours we have to water and feed 130 odd horses, which takes up the best part of an hour. Half holidays make no difference, for the animals have to be fed and someone has to feed them.

We should indeed count ourselves fortunate if we were free at 16.00 hours and R.E.R. would do well to take a leaf from the Artillerymen's book. We *don't* crib. P.

CYCLING FOR PLEASURE.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.— As many of the members of the Army of Occupation are keen exponents of the above mentioned art I think it would be beneficial to the aforesaid if you could bring to the notice of readers of your valuable paper the advisability of starting a Cycling Club.

Cycles could no doubt be procured from England if the proper authority were approached on the matter. A. CYCLIST.

CANTEEN PRICES.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir, — I was reading a few weeks back an article in *The Cologne Post* by a writer who protested against the high prices charged by German shop-people. On Saturday June 7th, I attended the races, and at the canteen on the grounds was charged 4½ marks for one packet of biscuits and 1 packet of chocolate. Chocolate of the same make is 1½ marks at Bornheim and biscuits 1 mark. "FAIR DEALINGS."

FIFTY-SECOND COMPANY OF CROSSBOWMEN.

THE PARABLE OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE

(The following relates to a very successful "Hunt for Hidden Treasure," organised recently by the Officer Commanding 52nd Battn. the Rifle Brigade.

The event was keenly entered into by the Battalion, and in addition to an excellent morning's outing, proved most interesting and instructive.

The winner was Rifleman Crofts, of "B" Company, who profited by the intelligent manner in which he had read the "Scripture" to the extent of the goodly treasure concealed within the chest in the cleft of a tree.)

(Continued.)

And they turned their left shoulders to the grinders and went forward along a way where few men passed by, and the Ruler spake saying "Take heed to my words, these be my commandments:

1.—Thou shalt not suffer thy pockets to be full to overflowing when thou goest forth to guard the city.

2.—Thou shalt not suffer thy hair to grow long even as them of the Ayesse.

3.—Thou shalt not go sick on the day appointed for route marches.

4.—Thou shalt not lounge with thy hands in thy pockets.

5.—Thou shalt not look upon the Hunesses for they be fair, albeit they be venomous even as the sting of an asp.

6.—Thou shalt not use thy sling as a razor strop.

7.—Thou shalt not shirk games, lest thy strength fail thee.

8.—Thou shalt not walk over the enemy crops.

9.—Remember the top button of thy overcoat — it is but a small one.

10.—Strive ever to be the cleanest man on guard.

11.—Strive ever to write to thy parents each week that passeth.

12.—Thou shalt get a move on when thou are commanded.

13.—When thou espiest an officer thou shalt salute with thy hand and not come to attention only.

These are my commandments and he that faileth to keep them shall surely perform many jankers.

And they came to a place where the path divided to the left hand and to the right hand, and they spurned that which went to the left, and so proceeded, and the path was like to the eel which lived in the waters, for it twisted hither and thither. And they came to even another pillar of divers colours which divided the land of the tribes of the Walleons from the armies of the Britons, and they passed it by and continued straight on till they came to the bottom of a small valley where they turned their faces towards the synagogue of Gustorf. And the Ruler spake again saying "Knowest thou the manner of the discharging of the crossbow?" and the Kleenman made answer "of a verity." And the Governor commanded "Unsling." And he unslung, and the Governor spake, "Draw back the knob of thy bolt, yea so slowly as may be compared with him that ariseth from his bed at Rouse" and the Governor spake again "What hearest thou?" and he answered and said "mine ears have heard three clicks", and the Governor spake "what mean these sounds"? and the Kleenman was sorrowful, for he had not heeded the councils of the captain of the Crossbowmen when he spake the traditions which had been written aforetimes in para. XXXV M.R. by one R.H.Brade, a chief of the War scribes of the King. And they passed by the side of a little hill where was a grove of poplar trees and on the left side within close bow shot was the habitation of a rich husbandman (withal a fair place), and they turned their backs upon it and journeyed on.

(To be continued.)

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Wednesday	6	Der Widerspenstigen Zähmung The Taming of the shrew	Goetz
Thursday	5	Figaros Hochzeit	Mozart
Friday	6	Cavalleria Rusticana Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo
Saturday	4	Die Walküre	Wagner
Sunday	5	Faust und Margarete	Gounod
Monday	5½	Mignon	Thomas
Tuesday	6	Der fliegende Holländer [The Flying Dutchman]	Wagner

52nd BATT. THE RIFLE BRIGADE.

SUCCESSFUL SPORTS MEETING.

On Whit Monday, favoured with brilliant sunshine, and the presence of a large number of our French Allies and military friends stationed in the district, the above-named Battalion held a most successful Athletic Meeting, on the Sports Ground at Konigshoven. Through the untiring efforts of the Sports Committee under the chairmanship of Lieut. Col. J. H. Tyte, M.S.V.R. and the Sports Officials, nothing that could contribute to a thoroughly enjoyable day's outing for the men was omitted. The prizes were a handsome and valuable collection.

An excellent programme of events produced a large entry, and the various items were well contested. In the flat races excellent times were recorded, and in the other events equally good skill was shown. The proceedings were enhanced considerably by the attendance of the Band of the 12th Royal Lancers (by kind permission of Lieut. Col. Fane, C.M.G., D.S.O.) and under (the efficient conductorship of Bandmaster J. F. Goodered a delightful programme of music was carried out.

Amongst the large number of Officers were Major General Sir R.D. Whigham, K.C.B., D.S.O Major General G.D. Jeffreys C.B., C.M.G., and many Officers of the 1/5th French Regt. (Infantry).

The officials were as follows:—

Judges:— Major M.G.N. Stopford, M.C., Lieut. Col. J.H. Tyte, Capt. F. Hawkins M.C. and Lieut. H. Clayton; Starters Capt. F.C. Harrison; Timekeeper Lieut. R.G. Heath-Brown; Clerk of the Course R.S.M.W. Goode, M.M.

Recorder:— 2nd Lieut. F.G. Freear; Lap scorers:— Sergt. F. Crocker and Sergt. G. Payne; Number Board Sergt. R. Hunt, Hon. Sec:— Sergt. F. Howell.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

Following are the results of the various events:—

100 yards Final:— 1, Sergt. G. White "A" Coy; 2, Corpl. Dowsett "C" Coy. 3, Rfn. Mountford "A" Coy.

Won by a yard time 10 3/5 secs.

Kicking Football:— 1, Rfn. Atkinson "B" Coy 2, Cpl. Sparrow "B" Coy. 3, Rfn. Lees "D" Coy.

Putting the Weight:—1, Sergt. White "A" Coy; 34 ft. 11 inch. 2, Rfn. Chandler, "D" Coy 28 ft. 6 inch; 3, Rfn. Waldock "B" Coy 27 ft. 10 inch.

220 yards:—1, Sergt. J. White 2, Rfn. Tilley; 3, Rfn. Mountford. A very close finish, time 26 3/5 secs.

1 Mile Flat:—1, Rfn. Page "A" Coy; 2, Rfn. Coller "C" Coy; 3, L/Cpl. Keen "A" Coy. Time 4 min. 50 4/5 secs.

High Jump:—1, L/Cpl. Wray "A" Coy; 4 ft. 5 inch; 2, Rfn. Cook "D" Coy 4 ft. 4 inch. 3, Cpl. Sparow "B" Coy 4 ft. 3 inch.

Half Mile:—1, Rfn. Mountford A Coy; 2, Cpl. Pales; D Coy; 3, Rfn. Houghton B Coy. Won by 6 yards.

Sack Race:—1, Rfn. Holford "C" Coy 2, Cpl. Keen A Coy; 3, Cpl. Sparrow B Coy.

Long Jump:—1, Sergt. White A Coy; 2, Rfn. Tilley C Coy; 3, Cpl. Pales D Coy.

Throwing The Cricket Ball:—1, Cpl. Dowsett; 2, Sergt. Barden; 3 Rfn. Atkinson.

220 yards:— 1, Sergt. J. White; 2, Rfn. Tilley; 3 Rfn. Mountford. Time 26 1/5 secs.

Tug-of War:— (final) 1, C. Coy.; 2, D. Coy.

Four Legged Race:— 1, L/Cpl. Keen, L/Cpl. Campbell, L Cpl. Wray. 2, Rfn. Ellis, Stone, Hawker; 3, Rfn. Boylett, Kember, Norman.

440 yards:— 1, Sergt. J. White; 2, Tilley; 3, Rfn. Ladyman. Won easily.

Sergts. Race (Handicap):— 200 yards:— 1, C.S.M.Birtwhistle; 2, C.Q.M.S. Cobalt; Time 26 secs. Relay Race:— 880 yards:— 1, C. Company; 2, D Company; 3, A Company.

Officers Race:— 220 yards:— 1, Lieut. Moore; 2, Lieut. M. A. Stapleton; 3, Lieut. Sims.

Consolation Race:— 220 yards: — 1, L/Cpl. Hill; 2, Cpl. Healey; 3, Sergt. Ansell.

The Silver Challenge Cup, engraved with the Battalion Badge and presented by the Commanding Officer to the Company procuring the highest aggregate of points was won by "A" Company.

BEST ALL-ROUND ATHLETE.

The Prize given by Lieut. Col. E.P.A. Riddell C.M.G., D.S.O., commanding 52nd Battalion The Rifle Brigade, for the best all-round athlete was won by Sergt. G. White of A Company, who is still on the right side of 20. He is equally at home on the football or cricket field.

At the conclusion of the sports the prizes were presented by Major General Sir R.D. Whigham K.C.B, D.S.O. Light refreshments and tea were served on the ground in marquees, and the arrangements generally were carried out most effectively. The proceedings terminated with the "Marseillaise" and the National Anthem.

FRENCH BOXING.

Tomorrow Georges Carpentier will re-enter the ring, after an absence of many years, when he takes part in the French Army championships at Joinville.

Last night at the Salle Marivaux, Paris, Papin and Ferrey, who recently boxed a draw, contested the French lightweight championship, and on June 27, at the Noveau Cirque, Tommy Noble and Eugene Cirquet will again meet in a 20 rds bout.

SPORTING FACTS AND FIGURES.

The distance of the Derby is 1 mile, 4 furlongs, 29 yards. In 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918 what was called the New Derby was decided over the Suffolk Stakes Course (1½ miles) at Newmarket.

Captain Matthew Webb swam from Dover to Calais in 21 hours 45 mins. on August 24th and 25th 1875.

At Stamford Bridge in May, 1914, E.C. Horton, Surrey Walking Club, broke all amateur walking records from 51 miles (8 hours 8 mins. 25 1/5 secs) upwards in a twelve hours walk. His total distance was 73 miles 145 yards.

RACING.

HOLIDAY SPORT.

MEETINGS AT HURST PARK, WOLVERHAMPTON, AND REDCAR.

Splendid weather favoured all three meetings and huge holiday crowds witnessed the racing.

Hurst Park Vener Plate:—1, Ardovon, (5—1 on); 2, Martinas (10—1); 3, Lucy Locket (6—1). Three ran.

Molesey Plate:—1, The Dwarf (5—4); 2, Romeo filly (4—1); 3, Overseas (9—4). Five ran.

Ferry Plate:—1, Athletic, (5—2); 2, Gavrellan (5—6); 3, Private Treaton (100—8). Five ran.

Whitsuntide Handicap:—1, Love Note (2—1); 2, Fussy (4—6); 3, Skyways (8—1). Three ran.

Hampton Court Plate:—1, Pelops (11—8); 2, Spion Kop (5—4); 3, Cutty Lark (7—1). Seven ran.

Walton Handicap:—1, Limpsfield, (2—1); 2, Sea Voyage (6—1); 3, King Frusquin (5—2). Six ran.

Holiday Handicap:—1, Rich Gilt (5—1); 2, White Heat (7—4); 3, Planet (6—1). Seven ran.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

June Plate:—1, Latour (4—1); 2, Sprig of Orange (4—9); 3, Princess Valica (100—7). Nine ran.

Town Handicap:—1, Northcourt (2—1); 2, Towyn (3—1); 3, Curie (5—4). Four ran.

Holiday Handicap:—1, Wally (9—4); 2, Longdon (5—4 on); 3, Nubian (10—1). Six ran.

Whitsuntide Handicap:—1, C.P. (11—2); 2, Verdun (7—1); Baymond (10—1). Eight ran.

Stanton Plate:—1, Prolific (4—1); 2, Chaplain (5—4); 3, Winfrith (9—4). Seven ran.

Apprentices Plate:—1, Greenwich (5—4); 2, Princess Miriam (4—1 on); 3, Walton Heath (3—1). Three ran.

REDCAR.

Eston Plate:—1, Arwin (5—4 on); 2, Lady Bayardo (7—1); 3, Houplines (6—1). Ten ran.

Yearby Plate:—1, Skookum Joe (evens); 2, Fewston (6—1); 3, Fairy Lantern (7—4). Four ran.

Saltburn Plate:—1, Corney Grain (2—1); 2, Royal Diamond (3—1); Rescue (2—1). Five ran.

All Aged Plate:—1, Caraway (7—4 on); 2, Vaulter (20—1); 3, Moaning Minnie (3—1). Seven ran.

Marske Plate:—1, Dyamo (11—8); 2, Buzancy (10—1); 3, Palmella (6—4). Eight ran.

Cleveland Plate:—1, Shenley Boy (3—1 on); 2, Sontina (10—1); 3, Matilda Crabtree (6—1). Four ran.

RACE FIXTURES.

JUNE.

Limerick June ..	11, 12	Auteuil	22
Manchester	11, 12, 13, 14	Saint Cloud	23
Paris	12	Thurles	23
Folkestone (at Lewes)..	12, 13	Birmingham	23, 24
		Brighton	23, 24
Saint Cloud	13	Paris	24
Auteuil	14	Curragh.....	24, 25, 26
Phoenix Park	14	Auteuil	25
Paris	15	Newbury	25, 26
Tuam.....	17	Newcastle...	25, 26, 27
Ascot ...	17, 18, 19, 20	Paris	26
Saint Cloud	18	Auteuil	27
Paris	19	Sandown Park	28
Gowran Park	19	Baldoyle	28
Maisons-Laffitte	20	Paris	28, 29
Windsor	21	Auteuil	30

BELGIAN ARMY RACE MEETING POSTPONED.

The race-meeting which was to be held by the 1st Regt. of Guides, Belgian Army, at Crefeld on the 17th June is postponed. The meeting will take place at the end of the month, the exact date not being yet fixed.

WOMEN MOTOR DRIVER'S "TURN."

NOVEL DISPLAY AT ROYAL NAVAL, MILITARY AND AIR FORCE TOURNAMENT.

The women who have done so much to produce peace and victory will have a part allotted to them in the Tournament at Olympia. Representatives of all the well-known corps and formations will be included, embracing the Q.M.A.A.C., W.R.A.F., W.R.N.S., Women's Legion, and others. A special "turn" will be given by expert women motor drivers, who will drive their cars between posts very much after the fashion of the artillery driving displays. In competition they will dismantle wheels and refit at express speed, thus showing what many of them had to do in France when shell fragments or bad roads broke the wheels or other parts.

The Womens' Corps will also give a Physical Drill Display throughout the run, each of the three Corps belonging to the three Services taking it in turn. These items will be novel and are of course the first appearance of ladies in the arena for team work. Apart from the arena, women of these excellent corps will be at work helping the administration of the Tournament.

The Dress Rehearsal is fixed for 25th June, and will be given before wounded men of the three Services, some of whom took part in the displays in 1914, and to school children. The opening performance for the public is fixed for the afternoon of 26th June. The Box Office has opened at 66, Victoria Street, and the telephone is 4,348 Victoria. A large number of seats have already been booked and Royal dates fixed, and the Tournament is evidently to be one of the popular social events of the season.

FOOTBALL.

IN A SWELTERING HEAT.

51st MAINTAIN RECORD AGAINST 5th GORDONS.

In a sweltering heat, teams from the 51st and the 5th Gordons engaged in a football encounter on aturday night at Düren. The play in the early stages favoured the 5th and some exciting incidents took place in front of the 51st goal, Gray having to dispose of difficult shots. The sting of the 5th Gordons attack lay in the left wing, where Lieut. Henderson showed remarkable cleverness, but the support he received was poor.

In the keenness of the struggle both sets of forwards had mighty tussles with the opposing backs. Not until with in a few minutes of the interval did one of the latter give way, Mallis scoring a good goal, after the 51st had applied an earnest pressure on the 5th's goal. Half time 51st, 1; 5th nil.

The opening play in the second period favoured the 5th's, but their forwards displayed a poor ability to shoot. The 51st only got into their proper stride when Mallis, assumed his regular position at outside right. By sheer speed and force he broke through Middleton's defence and scored the 51st's second goal. Outstanding for the 51st were Mallis, McGuire, Russell, Kidd and Gray, and for the 5th, Wilson, Middleton, Mitchell, Lieut. Henderson and Moir. Result:—51st Gordons 2; 5th Gordons 0.

KALK FOOTBALL.

4,000 Spectators Watch 57th S.B., R.G.A. v 23rd Royal Fusiliers.

On the 93rd Brigade ground on Saturday. Play proved fast and exciting from the start. Clissold was a tower of strength for 57. Play ruled up to half time slightly in favour of the Fusiliers, but ineffective forward play marred their scoring chance. Half time no scores.

The crowd had now risen to quite 4,000. The play was excellent, in fact it was quite the best final seen out here this season. Once the R.A goal had a marvellous escape, the Fusiliers forward having three attempts at goal blocked. Walton got away on the left and forced a corner. This was splendidly placed right on to Jones' head and he made no mistake. The Infantry played harder than ever and Beaver handled close on the goal mouth, and Marables scored from the penalty kick. With eight minutes to go it looked odds on a draw. But it was not to be. Another goal was scored. The Gunners managed to keep their goal intact until the finish and proved winners by 2 to 1, a splendid performance for a unit 200 strong, seeing they were meeting battalions in the competition.

/12th LOYAL NORTH LANCS. v. A. COY 53rd MANCHESTERS.

On Friday another exciting game took place at Menden when the Detachment of the 1/12th Loyal North Lancs played A Coy of the 53rd Manchesters. At half time the score was 2—0 for A. Coy.

A Coy again scored at the start of the second half, then the unexpected happened. The North Lancs by sheer perseverance scored 4 goals and the whistle blew with the score 4—3.

RICHMOND HORSE SHOW.

A RECORD MEETING ASSURED.

Preparations for the great Peace and Victory Horse Show at Richmond on July 4 and 5 are rapidly progressing. This will be no ordinary Royal Horse Show, but a great reunion of sportsmen and Society. Already an army of workmen is preparing the ground for the crowd of Royal and other visitors. The great range of stables is being erected, stands are being overhauled, the Royal and other boxes redecorated. Among outstanding events, the class for troop horses that have seen military service, and for which the King's Cup is the first prize, looks like filling to capacity. In connection with this class, the Dumb Friends' League is to award the equine order of merit in the ring to every horse qualified for the decoration. The driving Marathon for pairs is another event creating widespread interest among owners of harness horses. The costers' Marathon is being well supported. A fine show of hunters and hacks is coming along, while the officers' jumping class is rapidly filling up.

"VICTORY" GOLF TOURNAMENT.

An excellent entry has been received for the Professional "Victory" Tournament promoted by the St. Anne's Old Links Club, which will be played on June 20 and 21. Play each day will be devoted to stroke play, the competition being over 72 holes. Harry Vardon, is drawn to play with Rowland Jones, A. Herd with J. Paxton, A. Massey with George Duncan, James Braid with Abe Mitchell, Edward Ray with A.G. Kirby, J. H. Taylor with C. Johns, and Jack White with Tom Williamson. Play will be begun at 9 a.m. The first pair will be J. A. Steer and A. Kidd, and the last couple, F. Ball and P. E. Taylor, who will begin their first round at 1.5 p.m.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Athletes' Memorial.

A memorial service for England's athletes who fell in the war is being arranged.

The "First Claim."

A man cannot run in team races for his works' team, if he is "first claim" to a Harriers club, until he has been a member of the works' team fourteen months, or vice versa.

Turf History.

Grand Parade's Derby triumph is largely due to his trainer's personal veterinary skill. For some days before the race the horse's heels were giving trouble, and they had to be poulticed and treated.

"All Alone."

All Alone does not run for the Manchester Cup on Friday. He is in reserve for the Vase at Ascot, in which, however, he must encounter the Duke of Portlands' Silonyx, who is reported to be doing well on a special preparation, and will be hard for the best to beat.

Polytechnic Marathon.

The King has consented to start the Polytechnic Marathon race of 26 miles from the Home Park, Windsor Castle, in connection with the great sports meeting at Stamford Bridge on June 21, organised by the Eccentric Club, the Polytechnic Sports Club, and the London A.A.

Polo Pony Show.

If some of the exhibits were not quite of the pre-war class, the annual show of polo ponies which was revived at the Hurlingham Club on Saturday, after a lapse of four seasons, was on the whole very succesful.

Frank Goddard.

Frank Goddard is some 25 years of age, 6ft 3½ in. tall, round about 14 stone in weight, with a jaw that has been hammered and yet not hurt, a mighty fist, a tremendous reach, and a frame of mahogany.

Tournament at Olympia.

Booking for the Tournament at Olympia, which opens on June 26th, is creating records. About £15,000 worth of seats have been sold since the booking began last week, being at the rate of £2,000 a day.

Rugby v. Liverpool.

Rugby played a two-days' match against Liverpool, and the club batting first on a perfect wicket declared after making 539 for seven. R. A. Lloyd scored 245, an innings, considering its length, remarkably free from fault.

Week-end Yachting.

No fewer than twenty-three boats took part in the Westcliff Yacht Club's all-in handicap at Southend on Saturday. The leaders made an excellent race of it, a little over a minute covering the five placed boats.

CRICKET.

LAST WEEK'S CRICKET HONOURS LIST.

BATTING.

	Runs.	Mins.
Hobbs (Australian I. F. v. Surrey)	205*	270
Hon. C. N. Bruce (Lancs. v. Middlesex)	149	145
G. E. C. Wood (Cam. v. Free Foresters)	128	140
G. E. V. Crutchley (Free Foresters v. Cam. U.)	181	—
R. H. Twining (Free Forest. v. Camb. University).....	129	—
Tyldesley (E.) (Lancs. v. Northants)...	126	170
Hirst (Yorks v. Essex).....	120	200
Russell (Essex v. Yorks)	118	190
A. W. Lampard (Aus I. F. v. Surrey) .	112	195
R. H. Twining (Free Forest. v. Cam. U.)	112	—
Walden (Northants v. Lancs.)	111	—
C. E. Pellew (Aus I. F. v. Surrey)	106*	140

* Indicates not out.

BOWLING.

Flint (W.) Notts v. Derbyshire)	6 for 23
Hitch (Australian I. F. v. Surrey).....	6 for 71
A. W. Lampard (Australia I. F. v. M.C.C.)	5 for 40
M. Falcon (Ox. U. v. Warner's XI.) ...	5 for 67
Barratt (Notts v. Derbyshire)	4 for 32
Smith (Cambridge v. Yorkshire)	4 for 2
F. S. G. Calthorpe (Cam. U. v. Yorks) .	4 for 47
J. M. Gregory (Australia I. F. v. M. C. C.)	4 for 36
Abel (T.) (Australian I. F. v. Surrey)..	3 for 3
Stirling (Australian I. F. v. Surrey)...	3 for 22
Hearne (J. W.) (Lancs. v. Middlesex) ..	3 for 26
L. E. Holland (Northants v. Lancs.) ...	3 for 26
Stirling (Australian I. F. v. M. C. C.)..	3 for 28

THE OLD RIVALS.

SERGEANTS, 52nd D.L.I. v. SERGEANTS 51st D.L.I.

The return match between the above teams was played on Saturday and the 52nd this time managed to turn the tables. The 51st won the toss and batted first and reached the total of 42 mainly due to 17 obtained by Sergt. Rawnsley. Col.-Sergt. Prince dismissed 5 batsmen for 15 runs and Sergt. Reynolds 2 for 4.

The 52nd sergeants passed the winning mark with the loss of only 3 wickets, the third wicket partnership, Col.-Sergt. Prince and Sergt. Bacon, putting on 26 runs before the former was given "marching orders" when he had scored 17. Sergt. Bacon was not bowled until he had knocked up 37. Of the remaining batsmen only one failed to score, and the final total was 87 for 9 wickets, the 52nd thus winning by 45 runs.

93rd BRIGADE R.G.A. v. 23rd ROYAL FUSILIERS.

A friendly game was played on the former's ground at Kalk on Sunday. The 23rd batted first and made 64, Sergt. Taylor batting well for 33. To this the R. A. replied with 89. (Gr. Palliser 25; Gr. Rushton 18). For the Fusiliers Taylor had 3 for 28, McCormack 3 for 27, Marrables 2 for 1, and for the 93rd Bde. R.G.A. Bowden had 5 for 20, and Lord 5 for 42.

"THE COLOGNE POST" CUP.

"G" BATT. R.H.A. 141 for 8 wickets v. 53rd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS 114; for the winners Lieut. J. P. Whiteley (Capt.), Gnr. Marshall, and Gnr. Taylor each scored 23 runs, and Gnr. Butler 11 (not out). Dvr. Rallison took 4 wickets and Lieut. Hasetine took 3 wickets. For 53rd N. F's Crompton batted well, making 27 runs not out. Crompton also took 4 wickets and Stubbs 4 wickets.

D.190 BDE. R. F. A. v 12th BATTN. R. I. R. at Stommeln. The Gunners made 93, Sergt. Everett 20, Dvr. Butler 16, Capt. Fenn 15. The R.I.R. knocked up 48 for 3 wickets, but were eventually all out for 90. A gallant attempt by Davis failed by three runs to save the match. For the losers, Davis scored 17, Major McCallum 15, White 17. Bowling—Lieut. Baines 5 for 39, Dr. Butler 3 for 13. For R.I.R. Lieut. Gilmore took 6 wickets.

1st WESTERN T.M. BATTERY (155) v. 69th SIEGE BATTERY (37) at Hemmerich on Saturday. For the winners, chief scorers were:—B.Q.M.S. Osbaldiston (73), Pte. Moore (33), Pte. Robinson (16), L/Cpl. Taylor (12), Lieut. Masterton (10). For the Siege Battery the only player to reach double figures was Major Hire (10).

Cpl. Lomas bowled excellently for the winners being responsible for 8 wickets for small cost (including the hat-trick).

53rd SHERWOODS (102) v. 51st D.L.I. (83), on the ground of the former at Surth. For the Sherwoods Sergt. Morrell scored 25 and took 7 for 23; L./Cpl. Kirk for the Durhams took all 10 wickets for 37 runs.

LOWLAND D.A.C. v. SOUTHERN DIV. R.E. (101 for 4) at Hilden. D.A.C., batted first and were dismissed for 16. Bates took 7 wickets for 8 runs and Ewles 3 for 7. R.E. scored 101 for 4 wickets Sap. Smedley scored 39, Lieut. Carpenter 17, and Sergt. Roscoe 10.

OTHER RESULTS:—

4th Suffolk Regt..... 65;
15th Lancs. Fus ..... 101.

EASTERN DIVISION COMPETITION. 4th v. 51st R. SUSSEX.

This match in the first round of the Eastern Divisional Competition was played at Altenrath on Monday, the R. Sussex winning by 115 runs and in two hours running up a score of 148. 2nd Lieut. Shapland (27), Sergt. Stanford (23), Lieut. Boyan (22), Pte. Deuch (20) and C. S. H. Courtable (13) all batted very well. Pte. Edden bowled well without much luck for the 51st, taking four wickets.

51st R. Sussex batted very cautiously and were dismissed for 33. The bowling of the 4th was very good cricket, as can be seen from the fact that 25 overs were sent down for 33 runs. Pte. Deuch took 3 wickets for 4 runs, Pte. Brignell 2 for 0 and Pte. Dodd 2 for 9. They were backed up by excellent fielding. It was altogether a most enjoyable day, and the hospitality of the 51st R. Sussex was very much appreciated by the visitors.

PADRE PERFORMS "HAT TRICK."

H.Q., R.A.F. (102) v. No 1 A.D. (65) at Dormagen on Saturday. Padre Hitson performed the hat trick for H.Q., R.A.F., hitting the stumps on each occasion.

The story goes that when Nottinghamshire won the toss at Brighton in the eighties, Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 in the batting order used to go down to the sea to bathe, as they knew they would not be wanted that day! Arthur Shrewsbury and William Gunn were batting.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, June 11, 1919.

Surface Wind moderate North-Westerly. Fine, but some daytime cloud. Warm. Visibility fairly good.

IN SPORTIVE MOOD AT MECKENHEIM.

51st WELSH BATTALION SPORTS.

On Wednesday last the sports of the above named battalion were held on the playing fields at Meckenheim. Most of the items were keenly contested, the winners of the open tug-of-war especially having a very stiff fight. Lieut. Baldwin of the 52nd Welsh Regt. did a very good performance in winning the open 100 and 220 yards races. The Divisional Orchestra came and discoursed sweet music during the afternoon, and it was greatly appreciated. Brigadier-General T. O. Marden C.B., C.M.G, presented the prizes at the close and congratulated the winners upon their performances.

PRINCIPAL RESULTS:—

100 yards (under 20):— 1, Lieut Lloyd; 2, Pte. J. Kelly.

High Jump:— 1, Pte. Simpson; 2, Pte. Swindells.

Bomb Throwing 1, Sergt. Humpheys; 2, Pte. Burns.

Long Jump:— 1, Pte. Simpson; 2, Pte. Kelly.

One mile:— 1, Pte. Tramley; 2, Pte. F. Powell.

Open 100 yards:— 1, Lieut. Baldwin (52nd Welsh); 2, Lieut. Lloyd (51st Welsh).

Open Tug-of-War:— Final "B" Co. 52nd Welsh beat "A" Co. 51st Welsh.

440 yards:— 1, Sergt. Johnson; 2, Sergt. Humphreys.

Relay race:— 1, "D" Company.

Open 220 yards: 1, Lieut. Baldwin (52nd Welsh Regt.); 2, Pte. Williams (R.E.); 3, Pte. J. Kelly (51st Welsh).

Obstacle Race:— 1, L/C. Lord; 2, Pte. Simpson.

Half-Mile:— 1, Cpl. Darry; 2, Pte. Twamley.

Mule Race:— 1, Cpl. Davies; 2, Pte. Griffiths; 3, Pte. Pritt.

Transport Competitions:— 1, "B" Company.

Section Competition:— 1, "B" Company.

The Sergeants of the battalion beat the Officers in a tug-of-war contest.

MIDLAND D.A.C. SPORTS MEETING.

The above meeting took place at Neider Elvenich on Saturday in real tropical weather. The following are the results:—

100 yards flat:— 1, Gnr. Bedford (3); 2, Bdr. Barrett (2); 3, Dr. Dean (3).

Long Jump:— 1, Gnr. Young (2) 2, Gnr. Kirby 3, Teesdale (2).

440 yards: flat:— 1, Gnr. Young (2) 2nd S./S. Castleton (3); 3, Dr. Dean (3).

Boot and Puttee (Indians) 1, L/Naik; Gnr. Dayal (3); 2, Dr. Vinchhia (1).

1 mile flat:— 1, Dr. Warburton (2); 2nd Gnr. Porter (3); 3rd Dr. Ward (3).

Tug-of War (100 stone):— Winners, No. 2 Section.

Pillow fighting (Indians):— 1, Gnr. Jahman (1); 2, Gnr. Fateh Khan (2); 3, Gnr. Allah Diya (2).

Sack Race 80 yards:— 1, Dr. Warbuton (2); 2nd Gnr. Dean (3).

The figures in brackets indicate the No of the Section. It is hoped to hold a combined Gymkhana and Sports Meeting in the rear future.

TRIBUTE TO THE 1/4th CHESHIRES.

Shaking hands with the winners in the boxing tournament at Bornheim on Saturday when handing them their prizes, Lieut.-Col. Betts heartily congratulated them on the show they had put up. Speaking on the manifold benefits that are to be derived from participation in this particular line of sport, Lieut.-Col. Betts announced that arrangements are being made to hold a boxing tournament for the whole of the Rhine Army in which each battalion, battery or company would be represented by a team. Continuing, he praised the 1/4th Cheshires as a sporting battalion. The 1/4th alone took six of the ten honours of the tournament.

A SPORTING WHISPER.

It is whispered — but tell it not in Gath — that under the training of R.S.M. Martin, the tug-of-war team of the 1/4th Battalion Cheshire Regiment, is becoming hot stuff, and likely to prove equal, if not superior, to any other tug-of-war team in the Rhine Army.

Great things are expected of it at the Battalion Sports which take place shortly.

LIGHT BRIGADE COMPETITION.

2nd M.G. v. 9th LONDONS (Q.V.R.'s).

The above match was played on the ground of the former on Thursday and resulted in a draw. The 9th Londons batted first and knocked up 99, Rfn. Warner being responsible for a beautiful 47 not out. On going in, the 2nd M.G. Battery had made 79 for 8 wickets when stumps were drawn, Lieut. McMahon carrying his bat for 19, C.Q.M.S. Mitchell scoring 12 and Cpl. Evans 10.

Competition Match Results:

Runs		Runs	
483 Field Coy. R.E.	67;	Bde. H.Q. T.T.M.	68;
Bde. H.Q. T.T.M.	72;	9th London	64.

In the last mentioned match Spr. Craddock was the star performer, topping the score with 44. His bowling and fielding were also exceptionally good.

BOXING TOURNAMENT

A boxing tournament is being held at the National Sporting Club on July 4 next in aid of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers. The Prince of Wales has promised to attend and distribute the prizes. Mr. Eugene Corri has consented to referee, Lord Lonsdale has been requested to act as M.C., and the Rev. Everard Digby has been asked to act as timekeeper. The programme will consist of three international contests, two amateur contests open to federation members only, and one open amateur contest (10st 7lb), also some exhibition bouts by the present champions, including Sergeant Johnny Basham and others.

A PROFESSIONAL LAWN-TENNIS TOURNEY.

It is intended to hold a tournament upon handicap terms for lawn tennis professionals at Queen's Club, West Kensington. The dates suggested are June 30, July 1 and 2. The following members of the staff will take part: C. Hierons, C. Read, Read Jun., F. Andre, Cockhill, Jones, and J. Nash, the old Bristol City and Queen's Park footballer, who is showing great aptitude at lawn tennis.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSING SCHEME.

SOLDIER'S VIEWS EXPRESSED IN DEBATE.

As a result of the Government's recent appeal for the support and sympathy of the Rhine Army in connection with the proposed schemes to deal with the Housing Problems, a famous Corps School in Cologne arranged a debate on the subject.

Holofernes, speaking as one who had suffered much at the hands of various local authorities, had no difficulty in bringing forward an enormous mass of evidence to support his contention that any scheme depending for its execution on the self-interested, petty-fogging busybodies of such institutions was foredoomed to complete failure. He then detailed methods of procuring the necessary materials, labour and finances.

FOR OR AGAINST?

He received the vociferous applause of the House with a smile of contented indulgence, and settled himself confidently in his seat to await the coming attack.

This was led by Professor Wesley. His eloquence and the convincing logic of his contentions, were so fascinating that it was some time before his audience could realise how completely he was betraying his cause, and not only going over to the side of his opponent, but actually rendering the most valuable assistance in criticizing and exposing every weakness of the Government's scheme.

The Holofernian party immediately launched another attack upon the character and capabilities of all Boards and Councils—nay, rather a violent tirade against all existing forms of Government, and all established traditions of order and authority. But this was merely the introduction to a very practical and well defined constructive policy, containing a complete solution of all difficulties of the Housing Problem. Among other drastic measures were advocated the confiscation of all private property, the using of conscripted labour, and the financing of the whole scheme by imposing a larger indemnity upon the Central Powers.

ECONOMICS AND FINANCE.

Professor Wesley then suggested that a certain measure of dishonesty should be allowed to the members of all committees; and he maintained that only a very sentimental idealist could expect a higher morality than that which was to be found among English politicians at the present time.

He produced further the results of a few simple original researches in economics and finance (these by the way might well be published for the information of some of our popular orators) which showed some of the difficulties of "making Germany pay", both for the cost of the war and also for all the improvements which might have been made had there been no war.

The debate being now declared open, it soon became evident that neither unanswerable statistics, rhetorical power, nor passionate enthusiasm had any effect compared with the exertion of a little personal influence and a certain amount of judicious canvassing.

In fact it was evident that the House had been packed by the supporters of Professor Wesley.

Everything had gone to show that the motion before the House even in its amended form could not but be accepted almost unanimously.

GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGED.

But now from all sides came gentle suggestions that something might be said on behalf of the Government's proposals. An optimist ventured to hope that even the local authorities, "if at first they don't succeed, might try, try again", and perhaps eventually achieve some slight success.

After an admirable summing up of the case on both sides by the leaders of the debate, the chairman read out the original motion, adding thereto various suggested amendments, and a vote was taken.

The resolution, expressing dissatisfaction with the housing proposals of the present Government, was lost by two votes.

This after all was a very satisfactory conclusion, and should encourage the Government to put its housing proposals into execution without further delay.

THE SILVERY RHINE.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB STEAMER TRIP.

For several days previously, eager groups of men surged round the booking desk at the British Empire Leave Club, anxious to secure tickets for one of the popular Rhine excursions. Unfortunately the morning proved dull and cold, but their ardour could not be damped and 156 men answered to the roll call at the appointed hour of 8.40 a.m.

Rations having been distributed a start was made, and by 9.25 a.m. all were on board the special tram which was to take us to Bonn, where our steamer awaited us. The walk from Bonn Station to the river side was in itself of interest to many of us, as this was our first visit to this famous town, but there was not time to linger, and by 11 a.m. the whole party had embarked.

The Band of the East Surreys, which was kindly lent by Colonel Cameron, greatly added to the enjoyment of the trip. The fine scenery was much enjoyed by the men, some of whom were on leave from France and therefore especially anxious to see the famous river.

SANDWICHES AND LEMONADE.

Luncheon hour was called and the substantial sandwich lunch which the Club provides for men staying there, together with a plentiful supply of lemonade, was heartily enjoyed by everyone. After lunch, the town of Remagen having been reached, we disembarked and a very pleasant half hour was spent in this charming little village. From Remagen to Linz we passed through wonderful scenery, and it was with general regret that we had to turn at this point if Cologne were to be reached by six o' clock.

On the return journey hot tea was served and much appreciated, and the welcome sun made his appearance.

After the Bridge at Bonn was passed the Band struck up delightful dance music and soon everyone was dancing. Then a game of musical chairs was organised, causing much merriment, the band finding it a strenuous accomplishment to laugh and play at the same time!

The party arrived back at the Club at 6 o'clock, every one voting the outing a great success.

These trips take place every 5th day, and are open to all men serving with the British Forces, whether on leave or not; booking closes the day before.

CINEMA NOTES.

Despite the extreme heat and the counter-attraction of the countryside and the open-air, the cinemas are still attracting big houses. The Army Cinema receipts show no appreciable difference from the preceding weeks. The Empire Leave Club Cinema draws equally good audiences daily, while the Y.M.C.A. Cinema has lost none of its old attractiveness. All of which speaks well for the cinema as a popular form of amusement.

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"The Ware Case" which is showing at No. 1 Army Theatre is attracting quite a lot of attention. The leading parts are played by Matheson Lang and Violet Hopson. It would be unwise to divulge the plot, but it is admitted quite one of the best films we have had here for some time.

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Although the popularity of "The Voice on the Wire" film serial is undisputed, we have received quite a number of letters questioning the advisability of running serials at the cinemas here. It does not, contend our correspondents, give the newcomers a chance of enjoying the programme if the serial is drawing to a close. There is much to be said about this, but at the same time the general opinion is that serial pictures are as essential to a cinema as continued stories are to a magazine. Judging by the keeness of the audiences we should imagine the continuance of the serial feature quite satisfactory to the majority.

THE "ORANGE LILIES."

At the Y.M.C.A., Siegburg, on Tuesday, before a large and appreciative audience, the concert party of the 4th Bn. R. Sussex Regt. (by kind permission of Colonel Glasgow, D.S.O.), gave their first performance from the Battalion.

On the musical side, with its pretty concerted items and well-rendered songs, the performance was extremely pleasing, but despite the strenuous efforts of Pte. Hart—who quite excelled himself—it lacks somewhat in the humorous element.

As usual, the Irish songs of Pte. Redmond received great applause, and Pte. Hinkley received his well—answered encore. Mr. Chister in his "Sailor" songs and dance, and his duet with Nellie the fascinating "girl," provided very popular turns; while an extremely amusing sketch well acted by Ptes. Redmond, Hart and Evans, concluded a very creditable performance upon which the whole party deserved much congratulation.

"THE FRAGMENTS" AT HILGEN.

On Thursday last the 51st Devons, at Hilgen were entertained by the "Fragments Concert Party." The performance, which lasted two hours, was of the highest quality. All the numbers rendered were amusing and original and were very much appreciated by the large audience present.

Hearty thanks were accorded the "Fragments" for their musical treat, and they are assured of a sincere welcome from the 51st Devons whenever they visit them again.

"THE TELL TALES."

The recently formed "Tell Tales" Concert Party of the 130 Heavy Battery R.G.A. gave a capital programme on Friday evening at Roitzheim. Lt. Tidcombe, known as Tidely, made a great score with his character songs. Bdr. Roberts as Tabby also did exceedingly well; Bdr. Cunningham as Tommy, caused much amusement with his songs; Bdr. Brinson as Toby, made a capital pianist and entertainer, Sig. Shaw, as Trixie the female impersonate, had a tremendous reception with "her" fine renderings; while much praise is due to Cpl. Orrill, an artist of considerable ability who gained sounds of applause, with his songs patter and monologues, Gunner Pruce as Tony, Baritone and Violinist sang and played in fine style.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

The practice dance was well attended on Monday at the British Empire leave club, in spite of the great heat. A demonstration was given of a Valse invented by Cpl. Heater and dedicated to Miss Decima Moore, called the Decimore, which won instantaneos success and will be repeated at the club dances. There were many spectators who enjoyed the exhibitions, especially the Canadian three step danced by Sergeant Major Felgate and Bombardier Taylor.

"THE LIGHT FANTASTIC."

LONDON D.A.C.'s ENJOYABLE DANCE AT WESTHOVEN.

"There was a sound of revelry by night," not at Belgium's fair Capital, but at Westhoven near Cologne, when on Friday evening the officers of the London D.A.C. held a dance by permission of Lt.-Col. J.P.D. Wheatley, the Commanding Officer.

Miss Decima Moore kindly consented to act as hostess, and played her rôle in a most efficient manner. The guests included ladies from the British Empire Leave Club, and most of the other women's organizations stationed in Cologne, as well as officers of the Royal Navy, and many arms of the junior service.

Elaborate arrangements were made to transport the guests from Cologne, who arrived by special tramcar, motor cars, and tenders to find the front of the house prettily decorated with a large number of flags lent by the Navy.

Dancing took place from 8 p.m. to 12.30 a.m., an excellent programme of music being provided by the Divisional Orchestra under the direction of Lt. Knight.

REFRESHMENT DIFFICULTIES OVERCOME.

During the supper interval many of the guests sat about in the balcony and grounds at the back of the house which were illuminated with Chinese lanterns, the whole scene being of quite a fairylike nature. Mention of the supper interval naturally turns one's thoughts to the question of the provision made for the inner man. Everyone knows the difficulties of special catering in Cologne, but these were succesfully overcome. The effort of Lt. Palmer-Lee the Column Mess Secretary, were as well appreciated as they were deserved.

The whole affair was a big success and now that the London D.A.C. has shown what can be done in this direction many other units will doubtless be encouraged to follow their example.

The unit has several other schemes in hand for the enjoyment of both officers and other ranks.

WHERE WOMEN DO NOT SHINE.

Expressing his wiens on the unsuitability of women for driving in the congested London traffic, a police officer who is stationed at the busiest spot in London said: "We should be glad to see women back on their old jobs, for in pre-war days there were very few women drivers, and from a policeman's point of view they do not shine in that capacity.

"Our records show that women are reckless drivers and occasions a lot of confusion by disregarding our hand-signals. Women seem to have little 'sense' of the road.

"It is notorious that when they are summoned for breaches of the regulations they are let off with much lighter penalties than are inflicted on men.

"It would greatly help us if the many women now driving motor-cars and other vehicles would take up some other occupation."

SOLDIERS' APPEAL TO KING.

The disabled ex-soldiers who are on strike in Leeds to secure better rates of pay during training have sent the following telegram to the King:

"Your Majesty,—In 1914 and onwards we answered the call for King and Country. To-day we ask your gracious help to secure a living allowance for those who have been maimed in their King and Country's service."

The following reply was received:

"The King has received your message, and by his command I am referring the appeal it contains to the responsible authorities of his Majesty's Government.—(Signed) Stamfordham."

FIRE AT PEER'S MANSION.

A disastrous fire occurred on Sunday evening at Hainton Hall, Lincs, the residence of Lord Heneage, one wing of the building being partially destroyed. The hall is situated in the heart of the rural district of North Lincs, and by the time the fire brigade from Grimsby and Lincoln arrived the building was in flames.

SHOT BY A SENTRY.

Mr. Matthew Murphy, a young commercial traveller, belonging to Dundalk, died in that town on Saturday night as the result of a wound in the thigh inflicted by a military sentry who shot at him on Wednesday night, when he failed to answer the sentry's challenge. Mr. Murphy had been out on business, and was driving home in a motor-car, when he was wounded while passing New Inn, about two miles from Dundalk. The driver of the motor-car states that he did not hear the order to halt.

WHERE ARE THE BABIES?

"May I again ask, 'What has become of the babies?' There has not been a baptism in Christ Church now for more than a year," says the Rev. G. E. Wigram, vicar of Lea, Matlock (population 1,320), in the parish magazine.

CANADIAN CARS FOR SALE.

Following on the recent sales of British Army lorries, motor-cars and cycles, the Canadian authorities in England are advertizing big sales in the same classes of Canadian Army equipment. The first of these sales will take place on Wednesday and Thursday next.

S. E. RAILWAY SHOPS GUTTED.

The South Eastern Railway repairing sheds, shops and stores at Tonbridge, situated on the down side of the line, were completely destroyed by fire on Saturday night. The station was saved.

ORIGINAL AMERICAN ARCHANGELS.

Washington. — General March has announced that all the remaining members of the original American Archangel Expeditionary Force will sail for America within a fortnight.— *Reuter.*

TENTH DIVISION MASCOT.

Owing to the rabies order the mascot of the Tenth Division was unable to land at Dover on Sunday with troops from the East. Going out with the Tenth Division, the dog went through all the fighting in Egypt. He also went through the Serbian retreat in which his master was killed, and although wounded, he was found keeping watch over the grave.

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CONCERT-LECTURE AT LORELEY HALL.

An admirable recital of Elgar's works, preceded by a short sketch of the famous English composer's life and works was given at Loreley Hall on Monday evening last.

In his opening address Mr. A. F. Jones remarked the especial interest attached to the fact that Sir Edward Elgar was President of the Music Library and Corner. He commented upon the truth of he saying that since Purcell, no composer had risen to such heights of musical experience as Elgar, although we must acknowledge our indebtedness to Stanford and Parry. After giving a brief biography of the composer, Mr. Jones introduced Sgt. A.E. Jago, a pianist, who opened the recital with "Pomp and Circumstance.".

Sergt. Jago's execution and technique were good, although perhaps he did not avail himself in the dramatic parts of the march of more zest and physical power. But undoubtedly this reticence will disappear with experience, and it would, moreover, be unfair at this stage to criticise an artist of such promising ability as Sergt. Jago.

In his rendering of two songs from "Fringes of the Fleet,' Mr. Howe did extremely well. The two pieces being admirably suited to his voice and style.

THE VIOLIN SONATA.

For the interpretation of this work Mr. Jones is to be congratulated upon securing the services of Gunner Alfred Barker, who is undoubtedly a genius. His emminence as a violinist is indisputable. His technique and reading were perfect to the last degree; there was individuality and tone about his rendering. It was his individually in fact that endeared us to the consummate brilliance of the composition.

Mr. Jones at the piano rendered "Dream Children," Elgar's charming setting to Lamb's immortal essay, with much gracefulness; Pte. Brichell sang the "Damask Rose" in a very pleasing manner; and Sergt. Jago gave us the delightful "Variations" (Enigma), while Mr. Jones' rather good bass voice was heard to much advantage in "The Sweepers."

"Salut d'Amour," which Barker played as a violin solo had to be repeated before the audience was satisfied.

Dr. Francis in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Jones and the artistes, made an appeal to all vocalists in the Rhino Army to join the Choral Society under Mr. Jones, which meets every Tuesday evening in the music room. Thus ended an enjoyable evening.

THE PEDLAR'S RE-APPEARANCE.

SUCCESSFUL OPENING SHOW AT BONN.

On Monday evening, at the Stadt Theatre, Bonn, the "Pedlars" Concert Party (Lancashire Division) re-opened after several weeks non-appearance. The party has been practically re-organised and several new faces were seen, together with a few old favourites. A bright and breezy opening chorus put the large audience in a good humour at once. Bobby Macauley is a good light comedian and a neat dancer. Macauley and Joyce in their boy and girl dancing act were a decided hit. Bert Woring as a comedian is excellent, his drolleries and mannerisms causing roars of laughter and applause. Jack Walker is a fine baritone with a pleasing voice. Herbert Short, the tenor, has a rich quality in his voice which is very rare. In the duet "Down the Vale" the two voices blended gloriously. Norman Kiddie's number was very well received. Harold Roberts sang a very good character number "You can't do that with a woman," and his make-up was really excellent. George Haigh is a very gifted performer on the piano and took a well-deserved encore. Dolly Cole, the "leading lady," captivated the hearts of all "her" admirers and received a great ovation. A comedy sketch entitled "The Burglar and the Girl," featuring Frank Hartley, a most versatile performer, and Dolly Cole, wound up a most enjoyable and well produced entertainment. There is a change of programme on Sunday next.

MUSICAL MOMENTS AT MEINDORF

CONCERT FEVER MANIFESTS ITSELF WITH PLEASING RESULTS.

Although on detachment some few kilometres away from their gay Battalion, the Officers, N.C.O's. and men of "D" Company, 53rd Manchester Regt., are not allowing the grass to grow under their feet.

A few days ago the concert fever manifested itself and although more than half the Company have been detached in various directions, out of the remaining few much talent was discovered.

Under the energetic direction of 2/Lieut. Tucker an excellent concert took place in the dining hall on Wednesday evening, when everything went with a swing from start to finish. The fact of the costumes not arriving in time did not appear to dim the ardour of either audience or performers. Signaller Backhouse proved a most efficient accompanist and the commandeered piano proved to be of the very best. All the concerted items were excellently rendered and showed evidence of careful training. Perhaps the best of these was "Day after Day" in which 2nd Lt. Tucker, Sergt. Reed, and Ptes. Moran and Taylor took part.

Sergt. Reed excelled himself with the well-known songs "When the Great Red Dawn is Shining" and "Friend O' Mine." 2nd Lieut. Tucker was perhaps at his best in "It's Better Late than Never with the Girls."

Corpl. Kershaw, who is new to publicity, nevertheless nobly overcame his initial nervousness and sang his songs with great fervour.

The rather played-out Orderly Room scene was made the best of and Pte. Moran made a most efficient Sergt-Major.

Pte. Cooper and Moran gained well-deserved applause for their rendering of "Down Honolulu Way."

The writer ventures to prophesy that in a few weeks this concert party will be one of the best in the Division.

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FULL PEACE TREATY SMUGGLED TO AMERICA.

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BRITISH TANKS IN ACTION.

SMUGGLED DRAFT OF FULL PEACE TREATY.

AMERICAN OPPOSITION.

Washington.— The Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate is investigating the circumstances attending the leakage and unauthorised publication of the complete text of the peace treaty. Leading New York bankers are suspected in this connection. Several others have been subpoenaed and ordered to produce their correspondence with their London and Paris houses. Senator Borah produced in the Senate a copy which it was stated had been brought to the United States by a Chicago journalist.

The Senate by 47 to 24 votes ordered its publication despite President Wilson's earlier cabled disapprobation. Anwering the charge that his copy of the treaty was not authentic Senator Borah started reading the treaty. The Democrats attempted to stop him on a point of order, but the Senate, by 42 votes to 24, voted him permission to continue. Senator Borah read for one hour, at the end of which the opponents to publication capitulated and permitted a vote being taken on a motion to reconsider publication. This was defeated, however, by 41 votes to 26.—*Reuter.*

Washington.— The Republican leader of the Senate, Senator Knox, has introduced a resolution declaring it impossible for the Senate to concur in the provisions of the League of Nations as drafted and asking for the Covenant to be separated from the actual Peace treaty before it is submitted to the Senate for ratification. The resolution also proposes that the Peace treaty be varied in order to permit any nation to reserve the question of the League of Nations for further consideration. It is understood that the resolution, which will be referred to the Foreign Relations Committee, is intended as an official notice to the Peace Conference that the Senate will oppose American ratification of the Peace Treaty.—*Reuter.*

At the instance of Senator Lodge, Messrs. Morgan, Schiff and other financiers have been summoned to attend before the Foreign Committee on the 11th June to explain their receipt of copies of the Peace treaty.

Meanwhile all congressmen and newspapers have been supplied with copies.—*Reuter.*

POISON GAS AND EXPLOSIVE BULLETS.

GERMANS IN ESTHONIA.

Copenhagen. 10th June.—The Esthonian Press bureau records the most violent fighting South of Wendend, where the Germans are using explosive bullets and poison gas, and are diligently destroying bridges, roads and the railway. The Russian Northern corps East of Pskoff has cleared out the Bolshevists from a number of villages, capturing one thousand prisoners and a large quantity of arms.—*Reuter.*

WOUNDED FROM ARCHANGEL.

A hospital ship arrived at Leith yesterday with 650 sick and wounded from the White Sea. They were mostly walking cases, including numerous frostbites. The vessel has been at Archangel since October and while it was ice-bound during the winter it was used as a hospital.

ENTIRE POLICE FORCE DISMISSED.

Winnipeg. 10th June.—The entire police force has been discharged owing to the policemen refusing to sign a pledge not to participate in sympathetic strikes. The police commission announces that all policemen willing to sign the pledge may apply for positions. A number of ex-soldiers have already applied for engagement as policemen. The general strike in sympathy with the metal workers may be considered as broken, one-third of the sympathisers involved having returned to work.—*Reuter.*

GREAT TELEPHONE STRIKE.

Cleveland, Ohio. 10th June.—A nation-wide strike of telephone workers has been ordered to begin on the 16th June. A sympathetic strike of commercial telegraph operators is due to begin on the 11th. The telephone workers' demands are similar to those of the telegraph staff, namely, recognition of the principle of collective bargaining and abandonment of discrimination as regards discharged union men.—*Reuter.*

NAVAL STATION COMMANDS.

The Secretary of the Admiralty announces the following appointments:

Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander L. Duff, K.C.B., to be Commander-in-Chief, China, to date July 24.

Rear-Admiral Sir Hugh H. D. Tothill, K.C.M.G., C.B., to be Commander-in-Chief, East Indies, to date Aug. 1.

Captain Sir Alfred E. M. Chatfield, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.V.O., to be Fourth Sea Lord, to date June 17.

DENIKIN AND KOLTCHAK JOIN FORCES.

BRITISH TANKS AND PLANES.

Reuter learns that Denikin's Army, assisted by British tanks and aeroplanes, has advanced during the past few days a distance of fifty miles in order to link up with Koltchak's left. It is considered that the necessity for the Bolshevists to reinforce other fronts will soon lessen the pressure against Koltchak.

HUNGARIAN ONSLAUGHT NOT SERIOUS.

The offensive against the Czecho Slovaks was only undertaken with five thousand Hungarian regulars. General Pelle, however, has enough troops to meet the emergency, which the French military authorities do not regard seriously.—*Reuter.*

TURKISH MISSION TO PARIS.

Constantinople, 6th June.—The Turkish mission to Paris sailed to-day. Included in the party are the Grand Vizier, Damadferid Pasha; the Grand Vizier, Tewfik Pasha; President of the Counzil, Rizatewfik; Minister of Finance, Twefik Bay, and the Minister to Switzerland, Reshidhaliss. They are accompanied by military advisers and secretaries.—*Reuter.*

CANADIAN "KNOCK-OUT" STRIKE.

Winnipeg, 9th June.—Although the Board of Trade announced yesterday that hundreds of men and women would return to work to-day, the Union leaders still assert that the strikers are standing firm. The Citizens Committee has announced that the sympathetic strike phase of the situation will be fought to a "knockout."—*Reuter.*

SERIOUS AUSTRALIAN STRIKES.

Melbourne, 9th June.—The strike situation has now become most serious. The number of unemployed is increasing daily and additional thousands were thrown out of work on Saturday. It is not unlikely that application will be made for the de-registration of the Seamen's Union, but the president of the Union declares that the seamen will continue to flout the Federal Arbitration Court. Mr. Justice Higgins, President of the Commonwealth Board of Conciliation and Arbitration, attributes the main cause of the present trouble to "the teachings of overseas theorists."—*Reuter.*

JUGO-SLAVS AND ITALIANS.

Belgrade, 6th June.— It is officially announced that, according to information received from Spalato, the Italians have crossed "the demarcation line" and have occupied the villages of Blimfo, Mitlo, and Vonofao, in the direction of Trau. The statement goes on to dispute the assertions of the Italian newspapers that Zara and Sebenico have opted for Italy. The administrative district of Sebenico, it declares, has 57,000 inhabitants, of whom only 980 are Italians, and that of Zara 83,000, of whom, at the outside, 12,000 are Italians, and these populations have already expressed their wish to be included in the kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes by a plébiscite, the result of which has already been communicated to the Peace Conference.—*Reuter.*

AMERICAN GOLD FOR EXPORT.

On the recommendation of the Federal Reserve Board, President Wilson has removed the embargo on the importation and exportation of gold between America and all countries except Bolshevik Russia and enemy countries.—*Reuter.*

UNIONS EXPELLED FROM FEDERATION.

The American Federation of Labour Union has revoked the charters of the Winnipeg and Edmonton Unions of the Brotherhood of railroadmen on the ground of their action in appropriating Union money to organise "one big Union," the movement which led to the strikes in Western Canada, as it was a contravention of the Union Laws.—*Reuter.*

PRISONERS KILLED IN RAILWAY COLLISION.

Calais, Sunday, — A train conveying German prisoners from Dunkirk which had stopped at St. Pierre Halt was run into from behind by two British engines travelling at full speed. Ten coaches were completely wrecked. Three German prisoners and two British soldiers were killed and twenty-five German prisoners seriously injured. *Reuter.*

POLICE COMMISSIONER'S DOMESTIC CHAT.

LONDON FORCE SATISFIED.

The conference between the Chief Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, General McCready, and the members of the police force, at the Queen's Hall yesterday was strictly private. None but policemen in uniform and others bearing authorised passes were admitted. The Press, even, were excluded.

The meeting was in the nature of a purely domestic matter between the Commissioner and the members of the force.

Sir Nevil McCready spoke for nearly an hour and made a great impression. He is understood to have foreshadowed many reforms of an administrative character and assured the men that no spirit of militarism prevailed at Headquarters. He emphasised the impossibility of agreeing to any sort of union that undermined the discipline of the force.

After the meeting the police seemed very well satisfied and the general impression is that they will remain loyal to their Chief.

A member of the Police Union said that in view of what had taken place recently the declaration by the Government that eventually no member of the force would be allowed to belong to a union of the character of the present Police Union came as a great relief to many policemen, including those who were members of the union. The next date on which subscriptions fell due would have a tale to unfold, as this date would disclose accurately the feeling of the men towards the union. Not one-third of the subscriptions would be forthcoming, he declared, and the effect of this would be disastrous both in a moral and an actual way upon the union.

SEQUEL TO TAR AND FEATHER SENSATION.

ASSAILANT UNDER OPEN ARREST.

There was an unexpected sequel to the Cambridge tarring and feathering case yesterday. Lieut. Francis Wright, the injured husband, has been stopping during the week-end in the country. The Cambridge A.P.M. wired to the local police to arrest him, but they disclaimed authority. The A.P.M. thereupon sent an officer escort with whom Lieut. Wright agreed to travel to Cambridge. Lieut. Wright said he was unaware what the charge was going to be and did not consider himself as being under arrest. Nevertheless he said he would welcome a Court Martial.

Later it was ascertained that Lieut. Wright is under open arrest at Cambridge by order of the Eastern Command.

OXFORD ACCEPTS GOVERNMENT GRANTS.

The Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University has been authorised by Convocation to apply for the Government grant or grants on behalf of the University and to accept the same on the conditions as stated in the letter of the President of the Board of Education dated 16th April. This letter stipulates that the University shall co-operate with the Government in an enquiry into the whole resources of the University and the uses to which they are being applied.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS.

Several fatalities occurred during the Whitsun holidays. Two men and one woman were drowned in the Thames at Barnes through the capsizing of a single sculler outrigged gig caused by the wash of a passing steamer.

At Newport (Mon) two persons were drowned while bathing and a child was killed by a motor car.

A young woman died at Ilford as the result of a gnat bite on the nose.

Only one person came into conflict with the police at Hampstead on Bank Holiday, although the crowd on the Heath exceeded three-quarters of a million.

MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED HUSBAND'S BROTHER.

At Northampton yesterday two cases were heard in which women were indicted for making false declarations for the purpose of marriage. In each case the woman went through a form of marriage with a brother of her deceased husband, who had been killed in the war.

(Although a man may marry his deceased wife's sister it is still illegal for a woman to marry her deceased husband's brother.—Ed.)

ANOTHER UNWRITTEN LAW PLEA.

At Chertsey, James Ryan, a recently demobilized soldier, living at Weybridge, was charged with the attempted murder of a New Zealand soldier named Algernon Worger, by stabbing him with a knife. It was stated that prisoner, when arrested, said:

"How is the man? He stole my wife from four babies. He knows where she is. I don't."

Worger was too ill to attend the court, and Ryan was remanded in custody. He informed the Bench that his wife had now been found, and said she had sold up the home while he was away. The police undertook to look into matters.

OBJECTION TO WOODEN CROSS ON SOLDIER'S GRAVE.

The Council of Sandy, a Bedfordshire village, has protested against the erection over a soldier's grave in the local cemetery of the wooden cross as supplied by the Graves Commission. The objectors urge that such a cross is an inadequate expression of public sentiment and out of character with other memorials.

PRINCE OF WALES AND HIS TENANTS.

LABOUR SUGGESTIONS.

The Prince of Wales is personally making sure that there shall be no delay in the carrying out of improvements on his Duchy of Cornwall estate in South London. Schemes are being thought out, and the work will be shortly started of building on the south side of Courtney-square, and Sancroft-street.

Mr. G. W. Heron, of the Lambeth Labour Party, has handed to the Prince of Wales the following as being the minimum requirements of a family for 10s 3d a week rent:

1. Bath-room, fitted with bath and water taps.
2. Parlour or sitting-room, fitted with register stove, with tiled hearth; minimum floor space 12ft by 12ft 6in.
3. Scullery fitted with larder, cupboard with four shelves; size 7ft by 3ft 6in by 8in; water tap and sink, size 2ft by 18in.
4. Provision for gas stove.
5. Bed-room, fitted with wardrobe cupboard (size 7ft by 3ft 6in by 18in), with shelf and hooks inside, register stove; minimum floor space 12ft by 12ft 6in.
6. Kitchen, fitted with larder cupboard with four shelves (size 7ft by 3ft 6in by 18in); dresser, with two cupboards underneath, with shelves inside (size of dresser 7ft by 5ft by 18in); kitchener, closed range, minimum floor space 12ft by 12ft 6in.
7. Small bed-room, fitted with clothes cupboard and small register stove; minimum floor space 12ft by 8ft.
8. Minimum width of passage way and entrance 36in.
9. Minimum floor space for sitting-room, bedroom, and kitchen 12ft by 12ft 6in.
10. Provision for drying and airing clothes.
11. Provision for electric light or gas in every room and passage.
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14. A sound portable sanitary dustbin to be provided for each household.
15. A side or back entrance; shed for the storage of perambulator or bicycle.

Other suggestions are that there should be gardens for the children, and communal washhouses. All these proposals are being carefully considered.

R. A. F. DECORATIONS FOR CREW OF N. C. 4.

On behalf of the King, Major-General Seely on Monday, at the headquarters of the Royal Air Force, invested Commander Read and the officers of the American seaplane N. C. 4 with the Air Force Cross, and Chief Mechanic Rhodes with the Air Force Medal. General Seely said he had been specially charged by the King to perform that ceremony and to inform them that his Majesty was extremely proud of the fact that they had accomplished the flight. There were only two other recipients of the Air Force Cross—Mr. Hawker and Commander Grieve. The Cross was a new decoration, and at the moment none had been struck, so that all he had to do was to pin the ribbon of the decoration on the tunics of the airmen. As soon as the crosses were struck they would be sent to the officers in America.

In investing Chief Mechanic Rhodes, General Seely said: "The King has asked me especially to congratulate you upon the work which you have done. It was largely due to your work that the expedition was a success." After the ceremony the officers were introduced to General Trenchard, General Smythe Osborn, and General Swinton.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Rear-Admiral Sir Edward F. Inglefield, K.B.E., Provincial Grand Master of Buckinghamshire, presided at the hundred and twenty-first anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at the Connaught Rooms, last night. At present 776 boys are receiving the benefits of the institution, an increase of 456 in the last sixteen years. There are 400 boys in the Bushay schools, 363 out-educated until 10 years old, when they are admitted to Bushey without re-election, thirteen ex-pupils receiving grants for advancement. There have been admitted 813 without a poll within the last nine years, with immediate benefits of the institution, and 181 boys whose fathers have been killed on active service have been received without election, and an unlimited number will follow. The annual expenditure of the institution is £43,500 and the assured income is about £12,500, the balance being made up by voluntary contributions.

TEN SQUARE MILES ABLAZE IN YORKSHIRE.

In consequence of the drought the most serious moorland fires since many years are raging in North Yorkshire between Aysgarth and Masham.

Great crowds throng the hillsides watching the magnificent spectacle. The outbreak started four days ago and already ten square miles of moorland have been devastated. The worst feature hitherto has been the destruction of the herbage and the roasting of sheep and game.

ROUNDING UP SHIPS' MASCOTS.

Lieut. D. Kerr, of the paddle-mine-sweeper Cheltenham, who was fined £1 at Dover for allowing a dog to be on the quays unmuzzled and for not having a licence, disclaimed ownership of the dog, which he stated was the ship's mascot. He acknowledged being in command of the vessel. The chief constable said a representative of the Board of Agriculture had been on a special visit to Dover concerning the necessity for muzzling and licensing mascots kept in ships and in barracks.

NEGROES ANXIOUS TO LEAVE LIVERPOOL.

SIX INCENDIARY FIRES.

There were fresh developments of the bitter racial feeling at Liverpool yesterday. A deputation of coloured men sought to obtain shipping facilities to enable them to repatriate themselves. An official of the Ministry of Shipping stated that recently two hundred berths were offered, but only forty coloured men indicated their willingness to return. There are now two thousand unemployed West Indian and African negroes at Liverpool.

The fire brigade was called out six times during the day to extinguish incendiary fires. Black people are abandoning their homes and furniture and are seeking refuge in the police station. Three hundred have been housed in the main Bridewell.—*Reuter.*

VICKERS VIMY READY FOR ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

St. John's, 9th June.— The Vickers Vimy machine ascended for its trial flight at 8.17 p.m. Greenwich mean time. It descended after a spin of about forty minutes. The take off and return were most successful, and the plane cruised over the city and the surrounding country and flew about twenty miles out to sea. The airmen report that everything was working satisfactorily, especially the wireless equipment. The machine will now await suitable weather for the Atlantic flight.—*Reuter.*

KING AND QUEEN VISIT LEICESTER.

"OUR VICTORY IN PEACE."

On the occasion of the visit of the King and Queen to Leicester yesterday practically the whole of the population turned out and gave them a most enthusiastic welcome.

Replying to an address from the Corporation the King said: "By the blessing of God and the united heroic efforts of its people our country is safe and its cause victorious. Our task for the future must be to build upon the foundation of the past a new order for our common life. The difficulties before us are many, but the work is worthy of all the energies of our great nation. Only by unselfish co-operation of all classes can we win victory in peace as we had won victory in war."

The guard of honour was composed of a hundred local demobilized soldiers who were entitled to wear the Mons Star.

SOLDIERS' FEDERATION DECLARES FOR POLITICS.

The National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers, at their annual conference at Manchester, yesterday, defeated by an overwhelming majority a resolution declaring that: "seeing that we have definitely proclaimed ourselves a political body, we consider the question of allying ourselves to a real and live democratic body be now considered." The conference, also by an overwhelming majority, decided not to admit conscientious objectors to membership, and it was agreed to form a women's section for women who have served in the war.

COLOGNE POSTAL PLANE CRASHES IN BELGIUM.

TWO OFFICERS KILLED.

Brussels.— The *Nation Belge* states that a British aeroplane, engaged in the postal service between Cologne and Folkestone, and carrying Lieutenant Bannerman (pilot) and Lieutenant Wilson (observer), crashed at Floreffe, near Namur, on Sunday. The newspaper adds that both aviators were killed.

The *Soir* gives the following version of the accident: The machine crashed down yesterday at Soye, near Floreffe. It first made a spiral dive, and then turned completely over. The pilot, who was not fastened into his machine, was hurled to the ground 250 yards from the observer, who lay crushed beneath the engine. There were no mails on board.—*Reuter.*

VISCOUNT FRENCH AND SCOUTS.

After spending the week-end with the Archbishop of Armagh, the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland left yesterday for Castle Saunderson, county Cavan. Before his departure Viscount French addressed the Royal School Cadet Corps, Royal Irish Fusiliers, and the Boy Scouts. He said he believed that the splendid bravery, tenacity, and courage and the glorious behaviour of the soldiers in the ranks had been due to influences which had been at work during the last few years. No influence, in his opinion, had been greater than that exercised by the Boy Scouts' organisation. Let them remember that the good work which had been done must be kept up and passed on to those who came after them.

DERBYSHIRE OIL OVERFLOWS.

On Sunday evening the oil in the well at Hardstoft reached the top, and continued to overflow at the rate of about 400 gallons a day. This is from a depth of 3,075ft, and without any further boring since the first discovery was made last Tuesday week, when about 6in of oil sands were penetrated. Valve gates have been placed over the well, and other arrangements made to enable the drilling to be continued a little deeper.

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CHARLES KINGSLEY.

1819—1875.

To-day our thoughts turn back to the versatile Victorian, Charles Kingsley. One hundred years have passed since he was born and the complexion of England has changed time and again during the century, but the land which he loved so intensely has not yet forgotten him. We are certain that from pulpit, press, and platform centenary tributes will be paid.

If we ask why it is proper that the daily newspaper of the British Army of the Rhine should notice the life-work of Charles Kingsley we are not without a plausible answer. He stood for qualities of mind and soul that are typical of Englishmen. All that he gave to the Church, to letters, to social reform had the marks of honesty, manliness, and chivalry. In a word, he kept alive a tradition and he passed it on embellished with renewed lustre and glowing appeal.

The first twenty years of the nineteenth century were momentous in the literary history of England. The preceding age had added to literature the novel and the essay, but it was conventional if Augustan. Even in days when our country was drawn into the throes of warfare there was a campaign against conventionality, and the spirit of Romance was re-born. Men of letters emerged "out of the library and into the fields and woods." In poetry Wordsworth, Shelley, and Keats took the lead in the new movement; in fiction Sir Walter Scott drew the readers of *Waverley*—published in the year before Waterloo—to the romance of our national story, and Jane Austen heralded the advent of woman's craftmanship in her delicate delineation of society and her high tones of moral and literary expression; whilst in periodical literature the *Edinburgh Review*, the *Quarterly Review*, *Blackwood's Magazine*, and the *London Magazine* were founded but a few years after the *Morning Post* and *the Times* newspapers.

During these two decades of war and romanticism England produced a galaxy of literary men — Tennyson and the Brownings; Thackeray Dickens, Lytton, and George Eliot; Macaulay, Ruskin, and Kingsley. England, while she struggled with Napoleon, was caring for her sons. There was not one of these who did not in later days leave his country richer in tradition and worthier of its fame.

Charles Kingsley, therefore, did not stand alone, he was but one of a renowned circle. As a poet, a novelist, a teacher, or a reformer he was surpassed by his fellows. His genius was not brilliant, and one cannot wisely place him in the first rank of craftsmen. It is true that in *Westward Ho!* and *Hypatia* there are scenes depicted as vividly as a Scott could have written them, and some of his ballads have a charm that will always prevent neglect, but his restless versatility urged him into diverse realms and in none of these did he attain pre-eminence.

Charles Kingsley was too great an Englishman to be the greatest Englishman of his day. He felt as few did the call of social service, and his real life-work was that of reformation. Before he was twenty years old his interest in his fellows was quickened. *The People's Charter* of 1838 met with little approval, though almost all of its "Six Points" have now been granted, but the story of the labourers' misery which led to unavailing Chartism bore fruit in the unselfish and chivalrous devotion of men like Kingsley—a devotion which meant that the pulpit and the press were unsparingly used by Frederick Maurice, Charles Kingsley, and many a disciple on behalf of the poor and the oppressed. *Yeast* and even *Alton Locke* may not be great novels, but they were expressions of a great man's passionate hatred of evil conditions of life.

Charles Kingsley's picture of the typical Englishman portrays a young man of notable physique, direct manners, kindly spirit, and indomitable courage. One looks in vain for traits of the pietist and one has to look narrowly for traits of the ordinary Churchman, but one is always rewarded in a search for plain-dealing and chivalry. England has been happy that in her sore need she has found many of the Kingsley type in her young manhood. They have not been sentimentalists nor have they been wordy champions of national ideals, but they have played their parts and won their battle. Yes, Charles Kingsley has shaped a great tradition, uttered a high ideal, and inspired a true bravery of body and soul. We gladly pay our homage.

FIFTY-SECOND COMPANY OF CROSSBOWMEN.

THE PARABLE OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE

(The following relates to a very successful "Hunt for Hidden Treasure," organised recently by the Officer Commanding 52nd Battn. the Rifle Brigade.

The event was keenly entered into by the Battalion, and in addition to an excellent morning's outing, proved most interesting and instructive.

The winner was Rifleman Crofts, of "B" Company, who profited by the intelligent manner in which he had read the "Scripture" to the extent of the goodly treasure concealed within the chest in the cleft of a tree.)

(Continued.)

And they passed over unto a small valley wherein was a road leading to the synagogue aforesaid and the Ruler turned his face thitherwards and they journeyed until they came to the city where were the Gauls clad in a raiment of blue and withal a lusty people and strong. And the Governor turned his face and went towards a city where dwelt many strange folk, the Acac and Oemmag, even the Donaoionoquesses and the Donecree and the Aedonemmaesses, and verily the Donacdonoesses acacac. And they passed by the unlevel crossing of the rails of iron and drew nigh to a small clover field, and the Governor said, "I will even discover the manner of these iron rails for mine eyes are consumed of curiosity concerning them" and lo! a mighty sound, as of the trampling of many horsemen, and a strange caravan came nigh drawn by a leviathan from whose nostrils sprang smoke, and whose voice was like unto the noise of the slaughter of swine which the ungodly do kill for meat, and the Governor spake saying "Of a surety this be Bhemoth, up, let us get hence ere we be rent in twain." And they passed on apace marvelling greatly. And on their left hand was a row of tall poplars.

Now it chanced that they came to a place where was a quagmire wherein they sank to the uppers of their sandals, but not more, so they passed over with dry feet — more or less — being shod with G.S. sandals, and on their left was a thicket, and on their right was a tree and a tree and another tree in rows and in rows, and they presently came to the place where a man ploughed with a yoke of oxen, and there was a brook of water where some might leap across and some even fall in.

Now hard by was a fair highway where walked men and damsels (who tied their hair, and with their eyes they spake "look upon us for we be comely withal." And the Governor thought within his heart of the words of the book which read "Vanity of Vanity, all is vanity saith the preacher".

(To be continued.)

ERZBERGER WRITES TO FRIENDS.

BUT HIS EPISTLE GOES ASTRAY.

At the end of April last, Herr Erzberger sat down and wrote a letter to his friends. Since he had no idea he was writing for the French newspapers, he allowed his thoughts to run out freely and that makes his letter very interesting. If he continues to write in the same style he will have a chance of becoming a regular correspondent, only he must not write at such length because we are forced from lack of space to curtail even this most edifying epistle.

Herr Erzberger begins by evincing pleasure at the improvement in the position of affairs for Germany since the armistice. He finds that the Entente is not so united or so strong as it was in November 1918, and Wilsonian principles uniting with revolutionary Socialism tend to moderate the terms which are going to be offered to Germany. He proceeds,

All this works in the Armies of the Entente and has great influence. We learn from good and reliable sources that pacifist propaganda will be pushed in every possible way in Entente countries, especially among demobilised soldiers. It is done quite openly. Newspapers spread the ideas in question, pamphlets are printed, speeches made, and at meetings the tendency of the French War Cabinet will be fought. The simple return of Alsace-Lorraine to France will be criticized and a plébiscite set forth as the best solution of this problem. To-day, if the war should be resumed, anti-militarism would play quite a different rôle in Entente countries and Armies than it did before the armistice; this is certain. It may also be affirmed that the Entente is essentially weakened in fighting strength. We have, it is true, a powerful enemy force against us theoretically, but advocates have arisen for us in the heart of this overpowering force.

A FORTUNATE TURN.

There is no doubt that very hard and probably unacceptable peace terms will be given us We will not discuss here what the German people will do if the conditions are too severe. We will rather take the politics of the day, and make a standard by which to measure the worth and possibilities of various possible policies in regard to the future. For a war which has not been won, one must pay and suffer. With what and how? These are the main questions for us. A fortunate turn has come for us. Positive demands for territory have grown less, whereas damage done is taking a more prominent place. Alsace-Lorraine and a part of the province of Posen must be put down as lost, but Germany will not die in consequence. The other frontiers which were in danger are in a different position from that in which they were six months ago. Then the French dreamed of the annexation of the left bank of the Rhine, the Poles already looked upon West Prussia, the Masurian districts in Prussia, and the entire Government of Oppeln as part of their future kingdom. There were Germans, and unfortunately not a few, who considered this a possibility.

But all these horrible pictures have passed into the background. The French look wistfully at the Rhine and recall the old dream of the Western Empire of Charlemagne, but realize it is a dream. Yet there is a danger — a danger that the Entente may want a sure and quick reckoning and seize land by way of judgment instead of waiting for a payment which may never be enforced.

A FEW POSSIBILITIES.

We dare not openly make a difference between the territorial and economic claims of our enemies, or the spirit of the Entente might be influenced against us. Therefore we must consider the economic conditions with the Entente, at the time of signing, as not finally settled. If we to-day have before us an Entente which is so greatly weakened in comparison with last autumn, what will it be in a few years, or in ten years? Will the Entente then be anything more than a historical memory?

But the present war is only an episode in the struggle between the Anglo Saxons and the Germans, which is another Punic war and in which after many bouts the Continental power will once again vanquish the power from overseas. And taking the long view this war has not been all to the disadvantage of the Germans. The blood-letting of France, the bulwark of the Anglo Saxon powers in Europe, has been so complete that she has ceased to be dangerous. The one really dangerous factor is the possibility of the creation of a strong Poland. But against this, Germany has provided by stirring up the animosity of the Czech, Ukrainians and Lithuanians against the Poles. The results of this policy are already seen in the refusal of these countries to join with Poland. "But we must not forget that these young and promising plants must be well cared for and supported if they are to be further developed. Our propaganda must not stop for a single instant." On this last he insists again and again. "Publications of all kinds in various languages in regard to the Lithuanian and Ukrainian questions will through us be spread through neutral and enemy countries." And once more: "The main thing is propaganda for years to come. The signing of peace, which may be formally done, does not of course mean an end to our political aims."

THE QUESTION OF POLAND.

The letter draws to a fitting close with one of these aspirations towards the brotherhood of men and the League of Nations which are not uttered in the market-place:

If we succeed in hindering the building up of a strong Poland, then the future is quite clear for us. Then the Anglo-Saxons cannot close the road to Russia to us. We will undertake the restoration of Russia, and in possession of such support we will be ready, within ten or fifteen years, to bring France, without any difficulty, into our power. The march towards Paris will be easier then than in 1914. The last step but one towards the world dominion will then be reached. The Continent is ours. Afterwards will follow the last stage, the closing struggle, between the Continent and the "Overseas."

Herr Erzberger is a member of the Christliche Volkspartei. He has had a distinguished career. He was in 1897, delegate to the International conference of workmen. As Staatssekretär he went with a deputation to an interview with Marshal Foch and Admiral Wemyss on the 9th November in the Forest of Compiègne. He is now a minister in the German government. He has written a book upon the League of Nations which should be interesting reading, when read in the light of his letter. A still more interesting question is how large a section of German opinion does this sort of men represent, and when and how those Germans whom we know to be sincere in their desires to make a new spirit in Germany are to cut loose from this old gang and dissipate the miasma of falsehood and mis-representation with which they breathe daily.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

"MULES AND THEIR WAYS."

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir,—Apropos of the article in your paper dated 7th inst. under above heading, I have carefully read this article and cannot believe that the R.F.A. drivers referred to could be so ignorant of mules as to dub them as "turbulent pests;" certainly no man who has seen any appreciable amount of active warfare with them could question their great utility, and the magnificent part they have played in this war.

The idea that a mule is bad to handle is all nonsense. The natural shyness and suspicious mind of the mule yields to decent treatment in or out of the stable, and, properly handled, he will go anywhere or do anything.

I have always maintained that the mule is one of the most serviceable and satisfactory animals used in the war. Heavy mules for heavy artillery purposes in Eastern war theatres, light draught for transport purposes or pack mules. Hats off to our American cousins in Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Tennessee and elsewhere for the splendid supply month by month during the war.

The mule is practically immune from many of the diseases inherent in the horse — notably shipping fever. He has, generally speaking, sounder legs. He can certainly stand more hardship, eats less, and is less particular about his water. He thrives on work, and the machinery of his constitution does not run down so rapidly or so often as that of the average horse. He just wants to be understood and treated accordingly.

So of the animal with more eccentricities of character and unendeniable virtues than any other creature on God's earth, I still remain a lover after 23 years experience in handling the "Gallant Mule."

"CONFRÈRE."

AN E.F.C. SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir.—Every day an enormous queue of men wait patiently and orderly outside the E.F.C.

One wonders if there is not something radically wrong with a system that systematically wastes the troops' and the army's time in this way. Certainly it could hardly be allowed to continue were the canteen a private enterprise, and what is bad business for a shop is also necessarily bad business for a canteen.

The solution of the difficulty I think is here. Ninety per cent at least of these waiting men only wish to purchase cigarettes and chocolate. All the same, if one requires a tooth brush, or a tin of fruit, or to enquire if there is any smokable tobacco one must line up and wait just the same. Meanwhile, the toothbrush and tobacco attendants are standing idle waiting for customers to squeeze in.

Why not three, or at least two entrances? There would only be a queue at one — the cigarette door — and the tobacco and sundry men could be served right away.

I go without many things I should like to buy at the E.F.C. because I cannot afford the time to wait in the cigarette queue.

How many more do the same? No doubt on this account, many spend their money in German shops instead of investing it in what we understand is our own benevolent fund.

R.H.

SOLDIERS' WIVES IN RHINELAND.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir,—In one of your early issues there appeared a letter from an officer suggesting that British officers' wives should be permitted to join their husbands in Germany.

Until peace is actually signed, it would hardly appear desirable for wives to join their husbands on the Rhine, but as the signing of peace is now imminent, may I venture to suggest that this question should receive serious consideration.

If we are to be here for fifteen years the ordinary period of leave is not adequate for married people (officers or other ranks) to spend together. Why should we not have a British colony established out here? It would do a world of good in many ways.

Married people would be more contented, single men would be encouraged to marry, and the presence of British women here would have a refining influence on the Army in general.

Finally, we don't wish to see British soldiers marrying German women. This is perhaps what will happen if our men are not allowed to have the company of our women.

"INTERESTED."

CONCERNING CHEVRONS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir, — I wonder if the "Young Guard" who wrote about a "chevron" for the "Young Guards" of the Rhine, has any thought for the "Old Guards" who had to fight, and fight hard, to win *one* little red chevron in the year 1914. If he still thinks they ought to have one I think your paper would soon be full of nothing else but correspondence from men of every unit of the Rhine Army on the same subject. H.C.P.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir,—In reply to the suggestion of "Young Guard" for a special coloured chevron to be given to men of the Army of Occupation, I beg to appeal for this to be granted to the *original* Army of Occupation. These men had to endure the hardships of the march from France to Germany, while those who are coming up now get brought by train. A considerable number of the original Army have been demobilized, but there are still many of us left. Surely you will agree that we deserve a chevron.

"ONE WHO MARCHED IT."

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir,—*Re* the letter of your correspondent, "Young Guard" in to-day's issue of your valuable paper, suggesting a special chevron, why stop at that? Why not some special coloured plumes for the hat? Further, a special medal might be added, with, of course, some bright coloured ribbon. Why not a new chevron for each month's service in the "Army of Occupation"? Almost any colour could be used (excepting blue and red), though, of course, the brightest hues should be given preference!

AN OLD "DIEHARD."

BOTANICAL REQUISITES.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir, — Might I learn through your columns, or by any other means, whether or no there is a good shop in Cologne for the purchase of botanical and entomological requisites? Being a keen collector myself, and having little time at my disposal when in Cologne, I have been unable to find one so far. W.C.L.S.

Perhaps other readers can help our correspondent — Ed.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Thursday	5	Figaros Hochzeit	Mozart
Friday	6	Cavalleria Rusticana Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo
Saturday	4	Die Walküre	Wagner
Sunday	5	Faust und Margarete	Gounod
Monday	5½	Mignon	Thomas
Tuesday	6	Der fliegende Holländer (The Flying Dutchman)	Wagner

THE WAYWARD MULE.

C. COY., 52nd Bn. "THE KING'S" (LIVERPOOL) REGT. SPORTS.

Whether at home or in the Field, Tommy is always able to provide his own amusements. This was amply demonstrated by the very successful sports meeting held by "C" Company, 52nd. Bn. "The Kings" (Liverpool) Regt., on Saturday, at Romlinghoven, Obercassel, under the patronage of Lieut.-Col. C.E.R.G. Alban, D.S.O. A good and varied programme was presented.

A competition which caused much hilarity was the officers' mule race, won by Lieut. Baskett, our respected Sports Officer. Although Lieut. Davenport tried hard he evidently hadn't whispered the correct words of wisdom in the mule's ear as in the first lap he found himself admiring the heavens from a sitting position on Mother Earth.

The 220 yards flat race, which proved to be the tit-bit of the day was won by Sgt. Wood after a hard-run race, Capt. Foss, M.C., being a good second. The high jump was won by Pte. Lightfoot of 9 Platoon, the height being 5ft. 3 ins. Pte. Ashley of 11 Platoon gave us some fine exhibitions of sport by carrying off three events, winning the 100 yards flat race, the long jump, and the 440 yards flat race. The throwing of the cricket ball and the pillow fight etc., all helped to make a very pleasurable day.

Profits "Nicht Fustine."

The improvised canteen run by Cpl. Holmes and L/Cpl. Coolligan was a huge success, chocolates and cigarettes in abundance, profits "nicht fustine." Tea was served on the ground and no little praise is due to 2nd. Lt. Plumb, our Messing Officer, who provided us with some real pre-war cakes. Thanks, Mr. Plumb.

Great credit is reflected on our Company Sports Officer, namely, 2nd. Lt. A. E. Purchase, who, working in conjunction with the Battalion Sports Officer in arranging everything, achieved a notable success. It is also to be mentioned that 2nd. Lt. A. E. Purchase casually walked away with one or two first prizes, and last but not least, our talented comedian, by name Cpl. Wood, who kept up a running flow of mirth from start to finish, helped in no little measure by L/Cpl. Pickering and Pte. Hart.

The prizes at the end of the day were distributed by our Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. C.E.R.G. Alban, D.S.O., thereby closing a most enjoyable day by a few well chosen words. A.G.E.

SPORT IN RHINELAND.

53rd SOUTH WALES BORDERERS' MEETING AT MUNSTEREIFEL.

For innumerable years past it has always been the custom to hold sports meetings all over the country in England on Whit-Mondays, and this old custom was worthily upheld by the 53rd South Wales Borderers on Monday, though of necessity the meeting had to take place at Münstereifel instead of in England or Wales. Certainly it was one of the finest meetings held by the battalion and reflects great credit on Col. J. D. Williams, C.M.G., D.S.O., and his hard-working band of organizers. So numerous were the entries for the various events that the whole morning was spent in running off heats, and throughout the day, music was dispensed by the brass band of the 52nd South Wales Borderers. Ideal weather conditions prevailed, and two noticeable features were the very large number of German civilians of both sexes that were present, and the small army of camera fiends snapping everybody and everything. Special mention must be made of Major Long, the popular second-in-command of the battalion, who in event after event proved himself an athlete of the very first water.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

The following were the results of the various events:—

100 yards (under 20)—1, Pte. James; 2, Pte. Allyard; 3, Pte. Thomson.

Obstacle Race—1, Pte. Williams; 2, Pte. Evans; 3. Pte. Ward.

Three Legged Race—1, Ptes. Williams and Healy; 2, Sergt. Hill and Lce/Cpl. Thomas.

100 yards (open)—1, Pte. James; 2, Pte. Thomas; 3, Pte. Davis.

Tilting the Bucket—1, Ptes. Wilde and Williams;

440 yards (open) 1, Lce/Cpl. Thomas; 2, Pte. Devey; 3, Pte. Cleek.

Sack race—1, Pte. Williams; 2, Pte. Nanny; 3, Lce/Cpl. Jones.

High Jump—1, Cpl. Lonnon; 2, Pte. Freedenthall.

Tug-of-War—Final: "D" Coy. beat "B" Coy. after a strenuous pull lasting 1½ minutes.

Half mile—1, Pte. Nixon; 2, Pte. Henley.

Long Jump—1, Lce./Cpl. Thomas; 2, Pte. Harrison; 3, Pte. Williams. In this event Lieut. Temple did a jump of 16 feet 7 inches.

Pillow Fight—Pte. Crisp.

One Mile (Open to Brigade)—1, Sergt. Gordon (51st S.W.B's.); 2, Pte. Jones (T.M.B.); 3, Pte. Cleek. A good race on the part of the winner, who finished perfectly fresh, 100 yards ahead, 10 yards between second and third.

Blindfold Squad Drill—1, "A" Coy.

Relay Race—1, "B" Coy.

Veterans' Race—R.S.M. C. Diggins.

Tug-of-War, Officers and Sergts. The commissioned ranks won by two pulls to nil.

Wrestling on Mules—"C" Coy.

Band Race—1, Pte. Williams; 2, Cpl. Hasling; 3, Pte. Pry.

Consolation Race—1, Drummer Barking; 2, Pte. Corcoran; 3, Drummer Forster.

At the conclusion Brig.-Gen. T. Cubit, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., distributed the prizes, and in a happy little speech congratulated the Battalion on the success of the sports. The meeting ended with cheers for the General, the Colonel and the playing of the National Anthem.

Appended is the list of officials:—Starters, Lieut. F. C. Hull, and 2nd Lieut. H. Barnes, M. M. Judges: the Officers; Officer i/c. Amusements, Lieut. F. L. Rogers; Timekeeper, Lieut. R. Thomas; Scorer, Capt. W. J. Canton.

WHITSUNTIDE SPORTS & PASTIMES.

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

HUGE CROWDS GET GOOD VALUE FOR THEIR MONEY.

There was a plethora of county cricket matches in England on Whit Monday, most of which afforded attractive sport for the thousands of spectators that surrounded the picturesque enclosures. At Old Trafford, where Lancashire and Yorkshire played the first of their two annual meetings, 17,000 holiday-makers watched the cricket, and at the Notts v. Surrey match at Trent Bridge a crowd of 10,000 assembled.

SPORTSMEN "OUT THERE."

At Leyton a touching spectacle was witnessed ere the match between Essex and Kent began. When the Kentish men took the field led by Mr. Troughton, they together with the Rev. F. H. Gillingham and Russell, who had gone out to bat, and the umpires Marlow and Atfield bared their heads and stood at attention so that they might pay tribute to the memory of the cricketers of Kent who have made the great sacrifice (including Colin Blythe and Kenneth Hutchings). Tears trickled down many faces.

LEADING BATSMEN.

The following players topped the century:—

Name	County	Score
J. W. Hearne	Middlesex	218 (not out)
Hendron	Middlesex	201
G. Gunn	Notts	169
Major A.T. Sharp	Leicester	139
P. Perrin	Essex	126
Russell	Essex	122
Makepiece	Lancs	105

Among the best bowling performances were Woolley (Kent) 6 for 14; Rhodes (Yorks) 5 for 74; Collins (Australians) 5 for 45; and Stevens Middlesex) 7 for 104.

SCORES IN BRIEF.

The following are the scores in the various first-class matches:—

LANCASHIRE 1st inns., 319, 2nd inns., 206 (9 wkts.) declared.

YORKSHIRE 1st inns., 195 (6 wkts.), 2nd inns., 153. (Yks. defeated.)

NOTTS 1st inns., 390 (7 wkts.) (declared). 2nd inns., 338 (1 wkt.).

SURREY 1st inns., 355 (game drawn).

WARWICKSHIRE 1st inns., 302, 2nd inns., 155.

DERBYSHIRE 1st inns., 233, 2nd inns., 227 (3 wkts.)

LEICESTERSHIRE 1st inns., 297, 2nd inns., 218 (3 wkts.) declared.

NORTHANTS 1st inns., 248, 2nd inns., 154 (7 wkts.).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE 1st inns., 283.

SOMERSET 1st inns., 313, 2nd inns., 144 (3 wkts.).

ESSEX 1st inns., 349, 2nd inns., 258 (4 wkts.) declared.

KENT 1st inns., 382, 2nd inns., 39 for 3. Match drawn.

HAMPSHIRE 1st inns., 347, 2nd inns., 187.

MIDDLESEX 1st inns., 608 (7 wkts.) declared.

SUSSEX 249.

AUSTRALIANS 1st inns., 289, 2nd inns., 77 (8 wkts.). Drawn.

THE NAVY 1st inns., 179, 2nd inns., 214 (8 wkts.)

CAMBRIDGE 1st inns., 502.

THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

The following fixtures have been arranged for the Australian team:

June 30.—Glasgow v. Western Union.
July 2.—Edinburgh v. Scottish Union.
July 4.—Glasgow v. an Eleven of Scotland.
Sept. 4, 5, 6.—Portsmouth v. Hampshire.

EDUCATION STAFF v. "DOT-DASHERS."

In this match between the Education Staff v. Signallers of the 51st Manchesters played at Stieldorf on Friday there was plenty of amusement provided for the spectators if not much good football.

After some bustling in the first ten minutes Sigs managed, to score. This rather put the wind up the Education staff, and they could not settle down again, and about ten minutes from half time the Sigs. scored their second goal.

The Education Staff worked together much better in the second half; there was someo good passing down the field, and the Sigs goalkeeper was tested several times until he was beaten at last with a long shot from the left wing.

A few minutes after this the Education Staff got going again and after some passing there was a mix up in front of goal ending in the centre forward putting No. 2 to the Education's credit, and so it remained to the finish. Lieut. Heaton and Pte Mercer played a good game for the Signallers, whilst on the Educational side Sergts. Thornton and Holden, and L/Cpl. Hubbard were the pick of the team

1/9 D.L.I. v. 51st D.L.I. (Officers).

Batting first on a very fast wicket the 9th D.L.I., put up the useful score of 83, 46 of which were obtained by Lieut. Penrose (not out). For 51st D.L.I. Major Curton took 5 to 23, and Capt. Good 4 for 27. The Officers of 51st D.L.I. could do nothing against the deadly bowling of Capt. Gibson, whose average was 8 for 27.

The other 2 wickets fell to Sergt. Smith for 17 runs.

Scores:—1/9th D.L.I. 88; 51st. D.L.I. 51.

RACE MEETINGS.

HURST PARK, WOLVERHAMPTON AND REDCAR.

HURST PARK.

The following are the results of Tuesday's race meeting at Hurst Park:

Palace Handicap:—1, Rock Ahoy (7—1 on) beat Polismen. Two ran.

Richmond Plate: — 1, Drizzle (9—4 on); 2, Ipomea (100—8); 3, Herculean, filly (100—8). Ten ran.

Middlesex Handicap: — 1, Glammerin (2—0); 2, Japoo (7—1); 3, Linggisboy (6—1). Seven ran.

Hurst Park Plate: — 1, Gleneskaki (6—4); 2, Most Beautiful (13—8); Border Dance (3—1). Four ran.

Durham Handicap:—1, Helion (9—4); 2, Race Rock (11—10); 3, Skager Rack (3—1). Three ran.

Thames Plate: — 1, Footplate (100—9 on); beat Kaspar. Two ran.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

Dunstall Plate: — 1, Knight of Derry (9—4); 2, Cissy Browne, filly (4—5); 3, Grandmere filly (6—1). Three ran.

Shifnal Handicap: — Vania (5—2 on) beat General Picton. Two ran.

Bushbury Plate.—1, Clipstone (6—5); 2, Sensee (6—1); 3, Bravo (100—7). Nine ran.

Wolverhampton Handicap: — 1, Sandmoh (11—4); 2, Royal Welsh (5—2); 3, Our Stephen (2—1). Six ran.

Bradford Handicap:—1, Silver Doctor (5—2); 2, Ninon (8—1); 3, Sangelo (7—2). Six ran.

Dudley Plate: — Dark Magic first (100—6); Master Picton (10—1) and Good Game (8—1) dead heat, second. Six ran.

REDCAR.

Juvenile Plate:—Nursery Rhymes, colt (10—1); 2, Krone (6—1); 3, Kadine, colt (6—1). Eight ran.

Langbaugh Handicap: — 1, Romant (evens); 2, Summers Joy (5—2); 3, Eothen (100—8). Eleven ran.

Normanby Plate: — 1, Phantom Bold (5—4); 2, Hectoring Lass (2—1); 3, Oxcroft (100—7). Ten ran.

Guisborough Plate: — 1, Fairdale (7—4); 2 Good Day (4—1); 3, Vaucleroz (11—8). Seven ran.

Dunsdale Handicap:—1, Fairy Lantern (5—2 on); 2, Jassmania (8—1); 3, Willanga (7—2). Four ran.

Skelton Handicap: — 1, Berwick (11—10 on); 2, Lens (7—2); 3, Bea Beach (5—2). Five ran.

MANCHESTER SELECTIONS.

BY "JERRY M."

For the 3.15 race at Manchester on Friday (Manchester Cup) and the Salford Borough Handicap at Manchester on Saturday, "Jerry M.," our racing correspondent in England, telegraphs the following selections:—

Silver Bullet (Manchester Cup).
Miss Richard (Salford Handicap).

X CORPS CRICKET TOURNAMENT.

EASTERN DIVISION HEADQUARTERS v. 3rd (MANCHESTER) BRIGADE.

In a sweltering heat and on a very unreliable wicket at Hofgarten, Bonn, on Saturday, the 3rd (Manchester) Brigade opened disastrously, four wickets being dismissed for 22. The advent of General Solly Flood, however, stopped the rot, though after a short and spirited innings, characterised by fine judgment and forceful driving, he was unlucky to be dismissed by a fine catch near the boundary. Inspired by his example the tail "wagged" to some tune, and 98 runs were registered before the last wicket fell. Lieut. Alexander is deserving of mention for a steady innings of 21, in which he gave no chance.

The Eastern Division Headquarters commenced well, and quickly reached the half century for the loss of three wickets only, Capt. Groom being largely responsible with a stylish contribution of 22. The next four batsmen, however, failed to withstand the attack of General Solly Flood and Major Tillard and 7 wickets were down for 73, when a timely effort by Privates Walker and Lomas advanced the total to 102, the innings ultimately closing for 117.

DEFICIT WIPED OFF.

Commencing their second innings 19 in arrears the 3rd Manchester Brigade wiped off the deficit for the loss of two wickets, and with the score at 131 for 9, the innings was declared closed. The feature of the Manchester Brigade second knock was a sparkling 49 by Major Tillard, whose driving past cover and point was an object lesson; his innings included one 6 and seven 4's.

Left with 113 to get and 1½ hours in which to get them, the Eastern Division Headquarters not unnaturally forced the pace. Capt. Carro and Pte. James carried the score from 7 to 72 before the former was dismissed by a smart catch at cover after a masterly 34. Pte. James having compiled 36 by bright cricket, was despatched shortly afterwards, and with 6 wickets down for 91, and with a quarter of an hour to play, there was every prospect of an exciting finish. Actually the requisite total was obtained for the loss of 7 wickets, Col. Dobbie making the winning hit in the course of the last over of the match. Eastern Division Headquarters thus won an enjoyable and exciting game by 3 wickets.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Rugby Football.

At Colombes near Paris the French Army beat the American Army by 27—0.

Holland v. Sweden.

Thirty thousand spectators witnessed an association football match at Amsterdam on Monday, when Holland beat Sweden by 3—1.—*Reuter.*

McGoorty v. Rice.

Eddie McGoorty, America, knocked out Bandsman Rice in the first round at Blackpool on Tuesday evening.

100 Yds. Race.

H.F. Edwards, Polytechnic Harriers, won the 100 yds. by inches from W.A. Hill, Surrey Athletic Club at Stamford Bridge on Tuesday the time from the yard line being inside 10 second.

Serpentine Club.

A large crowd of spectators watched the 100 yards race in the Serpentine for the Earl of Lonsdale's prizes. The result was: Albert Lehmann (8sec, start), 1; J. E. Blundstone (10sec.) and C. M. Reed (43sec.), dead-heat; A. J. C. Williams (8sec.) 4. Won by a touch, and all the other starters close up. The winner is the holder of the half-mile land and water record.

N.Z. and Bisley.

The New Zealand Expeditionary Force team has arrived at Bisley. General Seely has entered for the King's Prize.

Cambridge v. All England.

Cambridge beat All England on Tuesday at lawn tennis by 5 matches to 4. C.M. Thompson and Max Woosnam beat Norman Brookes and G.W. Hillyard 5—7, 6—0, 6—4.

Tennis.

Australia won the Inter-allied tournament at St. Cloud. O' Hara Wood and Lycett beat the Americans, Washburn and Mathey, in the doubles, 6—4, 6—3, 6—2.

Polo Cup Tourney.

Ranelagh (handicap 35 points) beat Cowdray (handicap 21 points) by 7 goals to 6 in the 1st round of the Polo Cup Tournament at Ranelagh on Tuesday.

U.S. Open Golf Championship.

Play in the American open Golf Championship began at Breeburn, West Newton, Mass, on Monday. The best return was recorded by Hoffner, the professional of Atlantic City, whose figure, 72, created a new record for the course.

A BOXING BOOM.

GOOD MATCHES WITNESSED IN 20th. D.L.I. COMPETITION.

Some very good-boxing matches were witnessed last week by an enthusiastic audience when the 20th D.L.I. held a friendly competition in Riehl Barracks. The referee was Lt.-Col. Beaumon, D.S.O. Judges:— Capt. Waters, M.C., D.C.M., 2nd Lieut. McGuire. Time-keeper:— Lieut. J.H. Dodds, M.C.,:— C.S.M. Mowat.

The light weights final between Pte. Lawton, D. Coy., and Pte. Hickson, B. Coy., caused a great amount of excitement amongst the audience. The opponents were evenly matched and at the end of the third round the judges were unable to give a decision. An extra round was fought and Pte. Lawton was declared the winner, and received a silver medal, Pte. Hickson receiving the "runner's up" medal.

The bantam weights, Pte. Robinson J., B. Coy, and Pte. Ryan, B. Coy, gave a good display, and Pte. Robinson was declared the winner. Of the feather weights, Pte. Healey, C. Coy, and Pte. Bernstein, D. Coy., Pte. Healey won on points. Pte. Bernstein was the lighter man, and Pte. Healey was his third opponent that evening.

Pte. Barras, D. Coy, suffered very much from Pte. Hickson in the first round of the light weights, and received the "loser's" medal for the spirit in which he took his punishment. All through there was evidence of those inherently British qualities:— grit, courage and manliness. The winner of each final winning on points. Boxing threatens to become a serious rival to other forms of sport; the names of six entries were asked from each Coy. and the names of 25 desiring to box were forthcoming from B. Coy.

BONN LEAGUE FIXTURES.

The following are the fixtures in the Bonn League to be played on June 16th:—

52 Manchester v. 103 Field Ambulance.
91 Field Ambulance v. Lancs. Div. Sig. Coy.
86 Siege Bty. v. 207 Sq. R.A.F.
Eastern Div. Sig. Coy. v. 52 Cheshire.
92 Field Amb. v. 51 Bedfords.
4 Suffolk v. 10 R.W. Kent.
15 Lancs. Fus. v. 53 Welsh.
5 Border v. 10 Corps Sig. Coy.
Eastern Div. H.Q. v. Lancs. Div. H.Q.
51 K. Liverpool v. 13 K. Liverpool.
51 R. Sussex v. 1st T.M.B. (Western)
16 Lanc. Fus. v. 52 Welsh.
69th Siege Battery v. 23 R. Fus.
Other clubs — no match.

"CRICKET CUP" MATCHES.

WAHN SURVEY DETACHMENT (98) v. 170 SIEGE BATTERY (67). Lieut. Trotter and Sapper Claxton, with 18 and 15 runs respectively, were the chief scorers for the winning team. In the bowling for W.S.D., Cpl. Jones scored 7 wickets for 22 runs. For 170 Siege Battery Stones and Beddard made the largest contribution. Greenuff took 6 wickets for 25 runs.

53rd R. Warwicks R..... 57;
13th K.R.R.C..... 60 for 1 wicket.

13th King's Liverpool Regt. 69;
52nd Manchester Regt. ... 56.

ALL OUT FOR FOUR.

115 A.A. SECTION v. H.Q. R.A.A. BATTERY.

H.Q. batted first and were all out for 4 runs. The bowlers for 115 Section were Bdr. Dewey and Gunner Aldridge. The latter took 6 wickets for 1 run and the former 3 for 3.

Scores:—

1st Innings, H.Q. 4; 1st Innings 115 A.A. 43. 2nd Innings H.Q. 38, thus leaving 115 A.A. Section the victory by one innings and one run.

PLEASANT SATURDAY AFTERNOON

No. 6 FIELD AMBULANCE AT THE CREASE AND THE CARD TABLE.

Kaster, the naturally sleepy hollow inhabited by No 6 Field Ambulance, was on Saturday the scene of two enlivening diversions. In the afternoon there took place what purported to be a cricket match, Officers and N.C.O's v. Privates. The latter proved easy victors, principally "Owen" to the bowling of Humphries and Dean.

At 18.30 hours the attention of the other ranks was diverted from the crease to the card table when a whist drive was indulged in. The weather was such that ere long the room became as heated as the usual after-the-hand arguments, and the prospective winners sweated on the brow as well as on the top-line.

Sergt. Jacobs, by lifting first prize made up in a manner for the Stars and Stripes failure in the afternoon. Rfm. Cook upheld the honour of the attached men by running second, and Pte. Fraer lifted the third in a very "orderly manner." As regards the booby, the winner (or loser) could not have played "Worsely" had he tried. Sport in this unit promises to go strongly, having an excellent backer in the person of the C.O., Lieut.-Col. H.C.D. Rankin.

EXCITING FINISH AT BERGHEIM.

OFFICERS v. OTHER RANKS, AMMN. COL. R.H.A.

A fairly strong officers' team originally got together to play the R.A.F. Duren, was opposed to a team of the men of the Amm. Col. R.H.A. at Bergheim on Sunday.

Batting on a sticky, but drying wicket, the officers had 3 wickets down for 40 at the luncheon interval. On resuming, a rot set in, and they were all out for 59. However, owing to some good bowling by Mr. Niel, the men failed to reach this total, Price alone giving trouble.

The officers fared badly in their second innings, losing 5 for 24, but when Mr. Barsdorf joined Mr. Niel, who was playing faultless cricket, 32 were added in 15 mins. Declaring with 7 wickets down the officers left the men one hour and a quarter to get the necessary 70 runs. This they were unable to do, owing to good bowling by Lieut. Bingham, who took 7 wickets for 22 runs.

The finish was exciting, as there were nine minutes to play, when the last man came in, but the pair managed to play out.

Price took 13 wickets for 45 runs during the day.

2nd ARMY COMMERCIAL COLLEGE v. "C" COY 52nd MANCHESTERS.

Played at Cologne on Saturday. The home team batted first and knocked up 58 runs, thanks to the good fielding of "C" Coy. Maudsley was top scorer with 18 runs. Litt for the visitor's took 5 wickets for 11 runs. For the Manchesters Garner was chief scorer with 16 runs. The visitors knocked up 66 runs all out, thus beating the college by 8 runs.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Thursday, June 12, 1919.

Surface wind mainly light, southerly. Fine and warm. Perhaps increase in cloud amount. Visibility fair.

RHINELAND "JOCKEY CLUB."

FURTHER LIST OF REGISTERED HORSES.

A sub-committee, whose powers are similar to those of the Jockey Club and the National Hunt Committee in England has been appointed, as recently reported in *The Cologne Post*, to supervise horse-racing in the British occupied area.

Appended is a further list of registered horses:—

HORSES NAME.	OWNERS RANK & NAME.	UNIT.
Astronomer.	Major R. R. Copeland.	Rocket Troop, R. H. A.
Blaze.	Lt.-Col. E. F. T. Traill.	O. C. Northern Divl. Train.
Ballyhooley.	Lieut. W. F. Fennelly.	B/74 Bde. R. F. A.
Bill.	Capt. V. F. Browne.	H. Q. Southern Div. Arty.
Blue Devil.	Lt.-Col. F. B. Lord.	R. A. S. C., London Div.
Bobby.	Lieut. E. P. Dangerfield.	"O" Batty, The Rocket Troop, R. H. A.
Bellman.	Major H. M. Wright	18th Army Aux. Horse Coy.
Ballyboggan II.	Lieut. S. W. K. Crawford.	77th Bde. R. F. A.
Bruce.	Major B. Featfield.	6th London Regt.
Bulletin.	Lt.-Col. F. C. O'Rorke.	8th Veterinary Hospt.
Be Careful Baby.	Capt. G. Phipps Hornby.	9th Lancers.
Buzz Buzz.	Capt. G. Phipps Hornby.	9th Lancers.
Biscuit.	Lieut. O. L. Prior Palmer.	9th Lancers.
Bill II.	Major C. W. G. Mayne.	C/113 Bde. R.F.A.
Bumalong.	Major A. L. P. Griffith.	411 Batty. R.F.A.
Baby III.	Lieut. R. T. Oates.	411 Batty. R.F.A.
Baby Mine.	Lieut. R. E. Arnold.	S.A.A. Section, Lowland Div. Amm. Col.
Clutha.	Lieut. R. B. Watchorn.	245 (W.R.) Bde. R.F.A.
Charlie.	Capt. W. Campbell.	R.A.S.C. 1st Sthn. Bde.
Chance.	Major F. M. Arkle.	41st Bn. M.G.C.
Carmencita.	2/Lt. R. B. Murray.	1st. Bn. M.G. Sqdn.
Chief's Night.	Capt. G. Phipps Hornby.	9th Lancers.
Clare.	Major A. L. P. Griffith.	411 Batty. R.F.A.
Cecilia.	Lieut. H. K. F. Fairchild.	411 Batty. R.F.A.
Diadem.	2/Lt. W. Pilsworth.	A/245 (W.R.) Bde. R.F.A.
Dolly.	Lt.-Col. A.C. Elliott.	3rd Cav. Field Amb.
Do why-Not.	Lt.-Col. A.C. Elliott.	3rd Cav. Field Amb.
Dab.	Lt.-Col. Meiklejohn.	29th Bn. M.G.C.
Dark Ronald.	Major M. W. Holmes.	D/310 Bde. R.F.A.
Dante.	Major M. W. Holmes.	D/310 Bde. R.F.A.
Dancing Wave.	Capt. J. Hill.	c/o. D.A.D.V.S. Southern Div.
Doria.	Major A.B. Bowlby.	R.A.V.C. Southern Div.
Digby Grand.	Capt. G. Phipps Hornby.	9th Lancers.
Dolly Gray.	Lieut. C. Topham.	Eastern Div. Sig. Coy.
Donald.	Major A. L. P. Griffith.	411 Batty. R.F.A.
Daphne.	Major C. M. Simpson.	Southern & W. Sig. Coy.
Ears.	2/Lt. W. J. Tyler.	D/245 Bde. R.F.A.
Ebbing Tide.	Capt. J. Hill.	18th Mob. Vet. Sect.
Exit.	Capt. H. Mather Jackson.	9th Lancers.
Eau de Cologne.	Major J. W. Maxwell.	A/126 Bde. R.F.A.
Flyffe II.	Capt. C.S. Petherum.	51st Devon Regt.
Geebung.	Major G. J. Bather.	B/51 Bde. R.F.A.
Godsend.	Capt. G. Gray Barnard.	Southern Sig. Coy. R.E.
Gypsy.	Capt. B. A. Trotter.	411 Batty. R.F.A.
Hardefot.	Lt.-Col. C. E. Steel.	A.D.V.S. IX Corps.
Hydroplane.	Capt. J. C. Storie.	V. O. IX Corps Troops.
I Wonder.	Capt. J. M. Lucas.	H.Q. London Div.
Jonjure.	2/Lt. H. B. Barry.	C/168 Bde. R.F.A.
Jimcrack.	Lieut. T. J. D. Reid.	A.D.C. II Corps.
Jazz-Jazz.	Capt. J. H. Perry.	51st Hamps. Regt.
Jess.	Lt.-Col. R. M. Horsfield.	245 (W. R.) Bde. R.F.A.
Jolly Roger.	Lieut. A. D. Campbell.	9th Lancers.
Jester.	Major H. Hobday.	2/H. H.A.C. 128 Bde. R.F.A.
Kitty	Capt. H. Lingard	C/245 (W.R.) Bde. R.F.A.
Kate	2/Lt. C. Wilson	S.A.A. Sect. Sthn. D.A.C.
Kitty IV.	Major B. Knowles.	88th Fld. Amb.

(List Continued In Tomorrow's "Cologne Post".)

SPORTS REFLECTIONS.

The First Century.

The enthusiasm shown by all units in the Rhine Army has brought to light much talent in the cricketing sphere. I have been looking forward to the first century being scored. It has happened, and the honour lies with Capt. Dickinson, of the 1st King's Brigade. He scored 117, retired; but this is not all, he also achieved a bowling analysis of 8 wickets for 29 runs in the same match—altogether an excellent performance.

Summer Football.

The popularity of "soccer," despite the counter attraction of the recognised summer sports and the extreme heat, is undoubted. I was distinctly surprised to see a crowd of quite 4,000 at the 57 S.B., R.G.A. v. 23 R.F's match last Saturday. But how the contestants managed to keep up the pace in such sweltering weather is absolutely beyond me.

Boxing and Wrestling Tournament.

Next month there is to be held at the British Empire Leave Club, Cologne, a joint boxing and wrestling tournament. The competition is open to all N.C.O's and men of the Rhine Army. There promises to be an excellent entry, and some very keen games should be witnessed. All entries should be adressed:—The Secretary, British Empire Leave Club, A.P.O. 3/30, and marked "Boxing or Wrestling Entry."

Billiards.

Sergt. Gibbs tells me his challenge to play a match of 500 up has been accepted by Pte. Witherall, 1st Herts Regt., c/o D.A.P.M., Mulheim. The match is being fixed for 6 p.m. at the British Empire Leave Club on Wednesday 18th inst. Sergt. Gibbs has had numerous other acceptances, and will play them all as soon as possible.

THE RAMBLER.

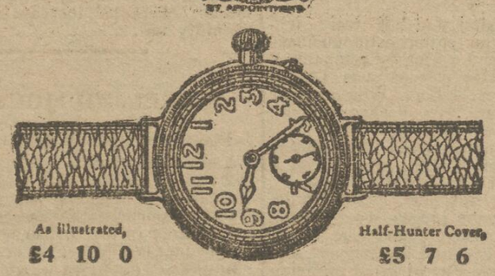

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THE EPISTLES OF PETER BIRSE, JUNIOR.

A FRATERNISING COMEDY.

Dear Maister Editor.

Wi' regaird t' the fraiterneesin' bizness oot here, gin aw can judge b' vaurious conversawshuns in billet an' mess, the Toamies apair t' be dividit intil three distinck clesses, veez:—

(1) Them 'at wid like t' fraiternees' holesale, richt an' left, but an' ben, wi' auld an' yung, bonnie an' plain.

(2) Them 'at dinna wint t' mix wi' the Jairmans on ony accoont, an' welcum the maist Draconick lejislawshun on the p'int.

(3) Them 'at are perfeckly indeeferent, nae carin' gin the rools an' regilawshuns are lax or strick.

In drawin' up this jaineral clessificawshun aw'm only thinkin' o' fraterneesin' wi the Jairman weemen, as that, aw'm inform'd, is the only bane o' contenshun. The majority o's dinna gie a doaken aboot the mennies—fraterneesin' t' the rank an' fyle only mains mixin' wi' the queans.

O' the three kategoaries, maister Editor, aw belang t' the third. Aw'v' never i' the past floon efter a Jairman paittycoat o' the maist entisin' sweesh, the maist captivawtin' freelery, or maist seducktiv' scint; aw dinna flee efter them noo, an' aw never wull. An' fan a Birse wulls a thing ye can nae mair mak' 'im ack t' the kontrary than ye can tak' the breeks aff a Hielandman. So there. But for a' that a relaxin' o' the rools widna fash m' puritawnikal sowl. "Live an' lat live" is the motty abune the front door o' the Printfield manshun-hoose at Kettybrowster; an' fat was gweed enooch for auld Peter 's gweed enooch for me.

A TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE.

Despite this ca' canny, hermless, non-commeetal attityude, handit doon for generawshuns i' the spoatless Birse faimly, a maist terrible catastruffy befel me on Pentycoast Sinda'. The bleesterin' rays o' the troapikal sin induc'd me in an idel meenit t' stap m' bawthin'-drawers intil a coapy o' yer estimawble jurnal, an' mak' for a safe an' secloodit pairt o' the Rhine, far every prospeck plaises an' only man is vile.

There aw strippit rale smert kin' afore a steer micht gaither, an' intil the watter aw plung 'd for some natawtory exersees. Nyod aw wasna lang in fan a corp cam' floatin' in aboot, the corp o' a luv'ly yung umman wi' gowden loaks, bonnie shell-like eers, a poutin' mooth, an' "snawy bosom sunward spread." In ordinar' cirkumstawnces aw tak' nae notis o' feemale blandeeshmen's, but this was a by-ordinar' occawshun an' her byouty was sumbleem. She'd a face 'at Romney wid hae loo'ed t' pint.

Thinks I t' masel', is she livin' or deid? Gin she's livin' aw maun save her, but fat if she's a "Jerry"! Weel, weel, aw cud jist throw her in again. Pit yersel' in m' place, maister Editor, wid you hae lat her alane t' sink like a stane or float like a littlin's bawbee balloon?

"Better than gold is a thinking mind," says the pote, but that depen's on fat yer thinkin'. Aw thocht ae thing an' syne anither in a predeeckamint o' a kin' 'at fortinately comes but aince or twice in oor braif airtly span, but eventwally, blushin' a' ower, tho there was naebody in sicht, aw grippit her gingerly b' the weist an' convoy'd her ashoar.

FIRST AID.

Syne m' sax months i' the Boy Scoots steed me in gweed staid. Tintin' nae time, an' without dryin' masel, aw prosaidit till apply first aid. T' m' delicht her bonnie fite boosum was gently haivin', her mooth begood t' queever, there was obviusly aye life i' the luv'ly carkiss.

In a fylie a crood, nae handy, begood t' gaither, first five stroang, syne fufty, an' laiterly five hunner, feenishin' up wi' a hale bataillyon. As aw fully expeckit, the polis cam' on the seen. That's the warst o' this life here below, as sune as aw begin till enjoy masel the polis interfeer. This airt wid be a haiven as far's aw 'm concern'd, if if wasna for the constaibulrry. Admeetedly they dae their dooty faithfully an' loyally, but aw'm michty unfortunat', an' aye wus.

In m' best Buchan doaric, an' poo'in up m' bawthin'-drawers, aw explawn'd the poseeshun a poseeshun 'at was admeetedly a wee bit compremeesin'. Did they unnerstan' me? Deil a wird. That's the warst o' th' Inglish — wi' a' respecks t' yersel' — they only unnerstan' bad langidge an' their ain unairtly tung.

"He's a Jerry" (meanin' masel'), said ae gypit-lookin' craiter i' the Fussileers.

"No, no," spak' up a serjint, "He's a Pork and Beans."

That was the verra leemit. Aw rush'd for m' tyunic, 'at the gapin' steer was makin' a mat o,' an' produc'd m' pey-buik. Ooot o'd, as aw jaloos'd a coarperel extrackit vaurious parteeklars, an' coapied them wi' a weety pinsel intil his noat-buik, infoarmin' th' ill-menner'd onlookers 'at aw was aither Scoatch or Irish. It's deeficult t' tell a man's naishanality fan he's dress'd in Adam's simmer shuit.

FRATERNEESIN' AN' FRATERSNEESIN'.

"Fat's the chairge?" says I, ankshus t' ken m' fate. Thro' the midyum o' a "Jerry" interrupter aw learnt it was fraterneesin'!

"Fratetneesin'," I exclaum'd fite at the moo wi' rage, "aw suppose gin aw snees aw'll be ta'en up for fratersneesin'?" That pairtin' shot

(Continued at foot of next column.)

NEWS IN BRIEF.

An explosion occurred on Sunday at Llanelly pit. It blew up the pithead, but all the entombed miners were rescued. One man was badly burnt.

Playing with matches was found to be responsible for the death of Doris Rose Ion, 4, daughter of a labourer, of Cardigan-Street, Islington.

Medals of honour were presented by the Archbishop of Canterbury at the annual meeting of delegates of the Church Benefit Society, at King's College, Strand, yesterday. The proceedings included a memorial service to members who have fallen during the war.

The Earl of Lonsdale, as principal guest, and other prominent sportsmen will be entertained to dinner at the Eccentric Club to-day in anticipation of the sports meeting at Stamford Bridge on Saturday, the 21st. The Marathon race, one of the features of the meeting, has not been run for fire years, and great interest centres in it.

Seventeen horses were endangered by an outbreak of five which occured in Upper Kennington-lane last evening, but they were all rescued, although five were more or less seriously burned.

Sir William Treloar has been invited by the City Council of Sheffield to visit the King Edward VII. Hospital for Crippled Children on June 23, and to give a short address relative to his work for crippled children.

A soldier charged at Bow-street Police-court with drunkenness was said to have been in possession of over £60 when arrested, at which time he was in the company of women of bad character. The accused was discharged, and upon the advice of Sir John Dickinson he agreed to accompany a constable to a post-office and deposit his money in the savings bank.

Charles Perrin, 54, dock labourer, and an old Army pensioner, of Grays, Essex, was crushed between the platform and footboard of a moving train which he was leaving at Emerson Park Halt, on the Midland Railway, and killed. At the inquest at London Hospital a verdict of "accidental death" was returned.

At Bow-street Police-court, Henry Dechamps, 33, a Belgian, was fined £20 and recommended for deportation for failing to register himself as an alien. It was stated that the prisoner was deported in December last, after conviction for keeping a disorderly house, and on Friday he was seen in the West-end by a police officer. He said he returned to this country a month ago to see his wife and child.

MODERN POETRY.

EUSKIRCHEN. Y.M.C.A. READING CIRCLE.

On Monday evening, Miss Aslin, the Librarian of the Y. M. C. A., entertained the Reading Circle with a most delightful half-hour chat on "Twentieth Century Poetry."

She dipped lightly into the history of poetry in general, describing its expansion through the various ages to the present day.

It was shown, by the quotation of a selection of modern poems, how modern poetry had assumed greater freedom of rhyme, metre and rhythm, thus permitting and encouraging the description of the more common scenes of life, and providing greater range in depicting nature generally.

Soldier poems, and an interesting instance of telepathy in poetry, were also touched upon in the course of the evening, to which, in the discussion following the paper, many contributed their views.

A very pleasant evening concluded with a vote of thanks to Miss Aslin, who leaves very shortly for England.

wasna even a magpie as th' interrupter cud mak' naething o'd. Jist at 'at meenit b' some Providenshal arrangemint the bonnie corp begood t' rally. She open'd her steekit een, an' starin' at the crood, saftly fusper'd, "Oh where am I?"

"Merciful' heavens," says I, "she's Breetish! Bring back the polis t' wash oot the chairge. Aw'm ennocen', aw'm eenocen'."

"Are ye a Waac or a Quack, or what are ye?" aw speer'd in m' best Inglish.

"I'm a British civilian clerkess," she fusper'd. "Where's my clothes, where am I, where have I been?"

"Ye've had a Pisgah vyou o' Pailestine m' leddy," aw replied. "Ye'd better nae try sic' like capers agin. If it hadna been for me, as shure's m' name's Peter Birse, ye wid noo be i' the airms o' the deil or in a gowden manshun." The craiter seem'd t' unnerstan' an' thank'd me kin'ly. Seein' her bits o' duds comin' in aboot, aw moadestly meltit awa', for it wasna a place for a jintleman brocht up on the paittern o' my Loard Chesterfield.

In a fyou meenits the mermaid, noo in her Sinda' braws approach'd me shyly an' teemidly. "Oh Peter," she fusper'd, "How can I ever repay you for your noble deed? You're a brave man, Peter!"

"Rubbitch," says I, "perfeck styte. Aw was comin' oot o' the watter at ony rate, an' aw jist took ye in m' oxter i' the by-gyaun. It wasna a bad sensawshun, conseederin' the watter was weety kin'."

"Peter," she fusper'd, "I'll send you a lock of my hair," an' wi' a richt aboot turn she was aff like a craw. 'At aw wid raither hae had a free pass t' Hagenbeck's Cirkus is the firm conveekshun o'.

Yours respeckfully
PETER BIRSE, JUNIOR.

STRONG LANGUAGE.

LEAGUE OF REFINEMENT TO COMBAT "CURSING HABIT."

Much anxiety is being displayed by certain members of the community in England for fear the "cursing habit," which prevailed in the Services during the war, enters into civilian life.

Such a state of affairs, in the opinion of Mr. F. Phillips, of Ilford, an ex-corporal in the R.A.F., calls for an addition to the already long list of existing Leagues, Societies, Associations, etc. Consequently, he has decided to form a League of Refinement, the aims of which are set out as follows:

This League is an attempt to multiply individual efforts and influence with a view of promoting self-respect and preventing the cursing habit becoming a custom among the men and women now returning to civil life and being further spread by them.

The cursing habit infects the Forces from the highest ranks, the effect on the lower ranks of being cursed at by a superior is debasing and destructive of moral fibre. The effect on the casual hearer is, that the ideas and expressions are semi-consciously absorbed, with the result that they are produced involuntarily. These effects are most apparent with the women who have come forward so splendidly to help in all branches of the Forces as well as the munition workers, the large majority of whom had not previously been in intimate contact with men and women accustomed to the use of profane language.

The League intends to work by public speaking and the distribution of leaflets, as well as by individual influence.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

USE IN NIGHT FLYING.

The extraordinary value of wireless telephony for directional purposes in connection with aircraft has been emphasized recently in its relation to night flying. It often happens, of course, that in daylight, intercommunication between planes or between wireless stations and aircraft is unnecessary, but in flying across country at night the use of the wireless 'phone will certainly become more and more efficacious. Some details are now available of a test carried out during a recent night flight from Kenley to to Paris in a Rolls-Royce-engined Handley Page. This in no way constitutes a record, but is nevertheless interesting as indicating what is being done as a matter of routine. Wireless telephony has now been definitely adopted as a means of ground-to-air communication and vice-versa on the London-Paris route, and the test in question was made with one of the first machines on this service fitted for the purpose.

Communication was opened as soon as the Handley Page had obtained height, and after speaking to the ground station the receiver was turned in and speech was very clearly heard from Kenley. The officer conducting the test emphasizes in his report, speech quality and strength, and states that he easily recognized the voice as that of an officer known to him. To a distance of about thirty-five miles the strength of signals was so great that speech from the machine could be clearly heard at Kenley with the receiver laid upon the table. At fifty miles it was still distinct and constant, and was heard until the aeroplane was crossing the Channel and was in touch with Marquise, the first ground station on the French side. On the return journey conversation between the machine and Marquise was again picked up at Kenley, and the latter station itself was in communication with the machine thirty minutes before it landed. One of the recent developments in this connection is the production of an aeroplane set which can be converted within a few moments for transmission of either voice or Morse signals.

U. S. BOMB PLOTS.

IMPORTANT ARREST.

John Johnson, the president of the local branch of the Industrial Workers of the World, who was arrested by the Pittsburg police after a struggle with revolvers, was, they state, the directing genius of the bomb plots which resulted in the explosions at the homes of Mr. W. H. Thompson, the Federal Judge, and of Mr. W. Sibray, the Chief Inspector of the Bureau of Immigration. Superintendent Alderdice, of the Pittsburg police, says that Johnson came to Pittsburg two weeks ago at the instance of "Number 1,001."

According to Superintendent Alderdice, William Haywood, the president of the National Union of the Industrial Workers of the World, bears that pass number. Johnson is said to have named a Cleveland man as the maker of the bombs. This man is believed to be in Chicago and is being sought for there.

It is learned by the Post Office Department officials that a secret meeting of Radicals from many parts of the country was held at Philadelphia on May 24, when it is believed that a nation-wide terrorist conspiracy was hatched.

ARMY CLOTHING.

Interesting details regarding the number of certain of the more important articles of clothing supplied to the Army during the war have been issued. Of the principal garments no fewer than 105,000,000 were furnished by the cloth ng industry to the War Office, this number including: 37,000,000 pairs trousers and pantaloons. 32,000,000 service dress jackets, 9,000,000 greatcoats, and 3,000,000 British Warms.

WAR SAVINGS — 20th DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY.

A War Savings Association was formed in the above Bn. on the 10th of last month, and up to the end of the month, 13,200 marks had been subscribed by 180 members, which gives a splendid average of 73 marks per member.

Answers to Correspondents.

F. S. K. — M. C. C. stands for Middlesex Cricket Club.

Runner.—The price was 100 to 1.

Corpl. G.—You should write to the firm you mention asking for a catalogue.

T.R.S., Pte. T., 1914, "Old un" and "Demob."—You are not eligible for demobilization on the grounds mentioned.

Trade.—The munition workers' strike at Coventry began in July 1918.

Ted.—The Blücher was sunk by gunfire in the North Sea on January 24th 1915 by the British Navy.

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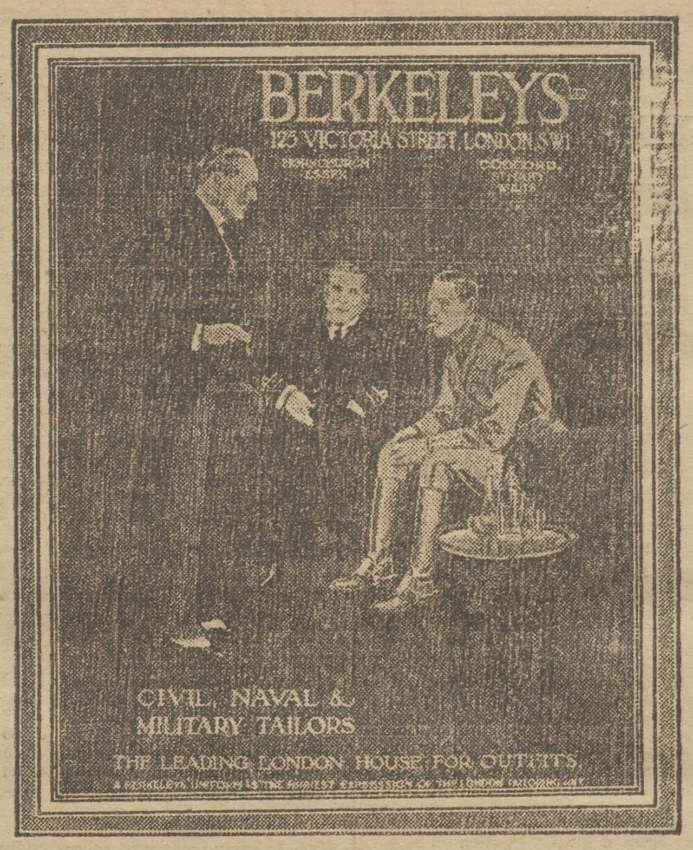

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PRIVATE MARSHALL HOWARTH, 133689, 50th Battalion, Machine Gun Corps, Section 8, B Com-Company, B.E.F., France. Reported missing 27th May 1918. Was in the Aisne Battle, May 26th, 1918, with the 50th Battalion at Craonne, between Sissions and Rheims. Information to Mrs. Howarth, 34, Gresly Road, Crewe, Cheshire.

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RIOTS IN MALTA.

BOLSHEVIST ARMY CUT OFF.

AMERICAN GANG OF ANARCHISTS.

HUNGARY REPLIES TO NOTE FROM ALLIES.

PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP.

A wireless message from Budapest reports that, in reply to the Note received from M. Clemenceau, Bela Kun, the Hungarian Commissary for Foreign Affairs, has instructed the Ambassador of the Hungarian Soviet Republic at Vienna to hand the following Note to the Chief of the French Mission, for transmission to M Clemenceau:

It is with satisfaction that the Government of the Hungarian Soviet Republic takes note of the intentions of the Allied and Associated Governments to invite Hungary to the Paris Peace Conference. The Hungarian Soviet Republic does not entertain any hostile feelings in regard to any nation, and desires to live in peace and friendship with the whole world.

As the Hungarian Soviet Government does not adopt the standpoint of territorial integrity, it had no desire to attack, and as a fact did not attack, the Czecho-Slovak Republic, with which it still desires to live in peace and friendship. It has always respected the demarcation lines fixed by the Allies, whereas the Czecho-Slovaks, in contravention of the Military Convention of Nov. 13, have made an incursion into territory of the Hungarian Soviet Republic, and were already menacing us with entanglement, when, compelled by supreme necessity, we took to arms.

We take note with satisfaction that the Allies have instructed the Czecho-Slovak Republic, as well as the Kingdoms of Jugo-Slavia and Roumania, to cease their attacks against us, but we are obliged to record the fact that the abovementioned States have not obeyed the orders of the Allies, and that their offensive has only been stopped by our counter-offensive; further, that their troops are at present still beyond the demarcation line fixed by the Convention of Nov. 13. In order to avoid the futile shedding of blood, the Government of the Hungarian Soviet Republic again declares its readiness immediately to cease hostilities against all these States.

In order that the Allies may be in a position to induce the Czecho-Slovak Republic and the Kingdoms of Jugo-Slavia and Roumania to comply with their instructions in regard to the cessation of hostilities, the carrying out of the clauses of the Military Convention of November 13, and the settlement of all questions connected therewith, it seems to us necessary that the States concerned should send delegates to Vienna, and that a commission should be appointed to assist in bringing about a just and equitable understanding.

(Signed), Bela Kun, Commissary for Foreign Affairs."—*Wireless Press.*

REQUIREMENTS OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The League of Nations organisation committee has adopted a resolution stating "that it will be essential for the League to be fully informed at the earliest moment of all political, economic, financial, social and other relevant considerations in all parts of the world. Every State, being a member of the League, should therefore undertake to supply the international secretariat with all appropriate information.—*British Wireless*

AMERICAN ANARCHIST GANG.

New York, 10th June.—Despatches from Washington declare that the Department of Justice expect to make wholesale arrests within a few hours which will completely solve the mystery of the recent bomb outrages and break up the most desperate gang of anarchists that ever operated in the United States. The department's information leads it to conclude that there is a governing board of the Bolshevik organisation whose members planned a reign of terror, international in character, with representatives in all important countries. It is said that the plotters are men of advanced learning, whose names will cause much surprise. If the arrests are deferred, it will be only because the movements of those suspected are expected to disclose other conspirators.—*Wireless Press.*

DOCTORING A DRY STATE.

Sydney.— An order was recently received from a "dry" district of Canada for forty thousand gallons of wine for manufacturing "medical preparations."—*Reuter.*

HOT AND DRY.

Washington.—Mr. Dyer, a member of the House of Representatives, has cabled to President Wilson requesting him to issue a proclamation declaring that war-time prohibition is at an end.—*Reuter.*

"YOUNGEST OF US ALL."

Rome.— In the course of an interview, Signor Orlando, referring to the peace delegates, said "We are all ageing rapidly. In a few months even Wilson has aged incredibly. The only one who has not changed is Lloyd George. He is the youngest of us all."—*Reuter.*

UNEMPLOYMENT TROUBLES IN MALTA.

NEW GOVERNOR ARRIVES.

Reuter learns that there has been some disturbance in Malta arising from unemployment and also owing to the circulation of an unfounded rumour that it was proposed to abolish the university of Malta. The Military were called out and there was some loss of life, but, it is believed that order has now been restored.

General Sir Herbert Plumer, the new Governor, arrived to-day and has taken over the administration of the colony. Latest telegrams dated Tuesday morning indicate that the situation is somewhat better. Marines have been landed to deal with looters. It is believed that four persons were killed and eight injured in the riots.

AMPLE MUNITIONS AND STORES FOR DENIKIN.

Reuter has interviewed a British Naval officer from the Black Sea, who is in closest touch with Denikin's administration. He described the huge quantities of munitions, guns, tanks and aeroplanes, valued at seventeen millions sterling, which have been accumulated at Okaterinodar. The hundreds of British officers there are mostly specialists. They state that Denikin's troops are showing the greatest aptitude for aviation and working the tanks. Several ships loaded with munitions arrive weekly. The greatest importance is attached locally to the efforts to effect a junction between the forces of Denikin and Koltchak, which it is generally believed has been accomplished.—*Reuter.*

BOLSHEVISTS WILL NOT FACE TANKS.

A few British tanks with Russian crews are now being used against the Bolshevists, four being with General Shuro. Wherever they have appeared the Bolshevists have fled, discarding their rifles and equipment.

The fury of the Don Cossacks at the Bolshevist atrocities in the upper Don region assures General Denikin welcome reserves in future.—*Wireless.*

BOLSHEVISTS ATTACKED FRONT AND REAR.

General Denikin's Cossack forces continue their successes on all sectors of the Southern front, states a *Reuter* telegram from Ekaterinodar. General Vinogradoff has retaken Marinpol and is pursuing the Bolshevists across the river Kalmius. General Shuro's force, after recapturing Hughesovka and other centres of the coal region, rode hard fifty miles to the North-West and cut the railway before wheeling North East behind the Bolshevist Thirteenth army, which was thus imperilled.

AFGHAN LACK OF DISCIPLINE.

Peshawur, Tuesday.

Numerous reports from Jelallabad indicate increasing unrest in the Afghan army and want of discipline among the troops. There is a growing lawlessness in some districts, which is certain to react on Kabul, where people are agreed that power rests in the hands of the soldiers. The Kabulis are afraid to discuss events, and it is impossible to discover what is happening at the Royal Palace.—*Reuter.*

COSSACKS CAPTURE VILLAGE.

The volunteer army and the Don Cossacks have advanced considerably all along the front. The villages of Jutovo, Tsritzin, Popovo, Salavyausk, Bakhmut and Berbansk have been captured.

CZARINA RUMOURED TO BE ALIVE.

Christiania. — A Russian general staff officer recently passed through Bergen on his way to the Murman Coast after having been a prisoner of war in Germany. He informed a Bergen newspaper that during a conversation with the Grand Duke of Hesse, the Czarina's brother, he ascertained that the Czarina is still alive, and a month ago sent a letter to her brother from her place of captivity. — *Reuter.*

V.C. HERO ASSAULTED BY STRIKERS.

Winnipeg, 11th June. — A demonstration of strike sympathisers against returned soldiers, who are acting as constables, resulted in considerable disorder yesterday.

The strikers assaulted and disarmed individual policemen, among them being Corporal Coppins, V.C., who is a special constable. He was dragged from his horse, kicked and severely beaten. He is not expected to recover from his injuries.

The fighting stopped suddenly on the appearance of 200 special constables.—*Reuter.*

REVIVAL OF UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE

NEW EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

Yesterday morning in the Gürzenich, which, had been beautifully decorated for the occasion, the old Cologne University, which died 120 years ago, was officially resuscitated. The municipal orchestra, under Herr Abendroth, opened the festival with Wagner's overture to the "Meistersingers of Nurnberg."

Oberbürgermeister Adenauer, in the name of the population of Cologne, wished good luck to the University which is born again in such a dark hour of German history. "Reconciliation," he said, "is the programme of Cologne University. *Vivat, crescat floreat alma mater Coloniensis.*"

Dr. Schulte, of the town council, touched in a humorous manner on the question of the modest finances of the new university, and of the different faculties which will be created in the future.

Professor Becker, in the name of the Prussian Minister for Science and Art, who was unable to attend, declared the University opened.

He read an address of Minister Haenisch which intimated that the new university will enjoy the protection of the Prussian Government and compared Prussia without the Rhineland to a silver fir without a crown.

Cologne, this commercial town, added Professor Becker, has shown by its decision to revive its university in spite of the distress of the present time, that only the spirit can save Germany. May the spirit of the Meistersingers reign over the university.

The orchestra, choir and organ rendered the Hallelujah chorus from the "Messiah."

"His Magnificence" Professor Eckert, the Rector of the new university, outlined the aims and intentions of the professors and students in a program of democratic co-operation. He compared this plan with the pre-war system of German university instruction and pointed out that the new university will not have to accommodate old methods to the new spirit, but merely to avoid the faults committed by her older sisters. He concluded by expressing the wish that Cologne may be a bridge-head in the spiritual sense, a pillar of reconciliation and a guardian of the endangered ideals of humanity.

A speech by Professor Dr. Dietrich of the medical faculty followed, and the festival was brought to a close with a brilliant orchestral rendering of Brahms' Academical Overture.

ARMS AND EDUCATION.

An Educational Conference for the purpose of discussing problems which have arisen in connection with the Imperial Education Scheme was opened at Australia House yesterday morning.

General Sir H. Wilson, who presided, said there were three problems: How to weave education into the life of the soldier, how to bring the profession of arms close up to education, modern thought and science, and how to secure that when the army handed back a man to civil life it would hand back not only a good soldier but a good citizen. Mr. Fisher, Minister of Education, said that although the war had been a war of science he believed the invention of education in the army was the most suprising event of all.

No man had more splendid opportunites of developing the intellectual capacity of his men than the military or naval commander. It was educational training which would forge the link between the Army or Navy and civil life.

THE MAN BEHIND THE COUNTER.

Testimony to the efficiency of men behind the shop counter, as compared with women, is expressed in the quarterly report of the South Suburban Co-operative Society. Referring to the return of the men staff from the forces, the report says: "It is found that in those trades peculiarly fitted for men the sales have shown considerable advance since their reinstatement. This is specially marked in the outfitting department, which has increased during the period under review by 114.5 per cent."

MARCH OF LONDON TROOPS.

About £12,000 has, so far, been received at the Mansion House by the Lord Mayor towards the expenses of the forthcoming march of the London troops and of the memorial to those who have fallen. As the rationing of the troops on the day will cost a considerable sum, and the provision of the certificate of thanks to each man who has served will be expensive, more money will have to be raised if the scheme is to be carried through successfully.

A HUSBAND'S "GIFT."

A woman complained at Tottenham Police-court yesterday that anonymous letters concerning her had been sent to her employers, who were the owners of an hotel at Wood-green.

Mr. Lewin (chairman of the Bench), after reading the letters, inquired of the woman what her husband was doing, and she replied, "He has given me up to another man."

Mr. Lewin: Did you consent?—Yes.

And did he really consent?—Oh, yes.

Is the other man married?—No; but he is an old sweetheart of mine.

The chairman remarked that he had heard of some funny cases, but he had never heard of a man giving up his wife to another man. He wondered what the country was coming to. He told the woman that under the circumstances he could do nothing for her.

BUNGALOWS FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS.

The Corporation of St. Albans contemplates spending £160,000 on a housing scheme which will include the erection of a score of bungalows for permanently disabled soldiers as a war memorial.

PREMIUM BONDS IN NEW VICTORY LOAN.

STATE LOTTERY.

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PRINCE OF WALES' TOUR.

In the course of his motor journey from Princetown to Truro yesterday morning the Prince of Wales stopped at Tavistock and inspected Kelly College, the Officers Training College. Girl guides, boy scouts, and a large crowd of residents enthusiastically cheered the Prince, who was received by the Headmaster of the College. After the inspection the Prince congratulated the corps on its smart appearance, saying they formed a fine training unit for the army.

Over 350 Kellians served in the great war. The names of sixty were inscribed on the roll of honour and upwards of twenty D.S.O.'s and 40 M.C.'s had been won.

At Truro the Prince of Wales was presented with an address by the Mayor and Corporation when he formally opened the new premises of the Royal Institution of Cornwall. There was a record attendance at the Royal Agricultural Show. At luncheon the Prince said that he would be pleased to accept the presidency of the Society next year.

CO-OPERATORS BIG DEMANDS.

The Co-operative Congress at Carlisle yesterday was quite busy with high politics. It declared for Scottish Home Rule, called for the nationalisation of coal mines, and condemned the Government's housing policy because it was designed to provide what should be left to private enterprise to do. A resolution favouring a capital levy, however, was defeated.

BELFAST GIRLS DRUGGED.

Two girls, aged seventeen and nineteen, were found during the night of Tuesday, lying drugged and unconcious by the road-side in West Belfast. It is alleged that they were brought there in a blue motor car. They were still unconscious yesterday and their condition is serious.

RUNAWAY WEDDING OF AMERICAN HEIRESS.

New York.—Miss Allice Cordon Drexel, one of the best known heiresses in America, and a most popular member of the young fashionable set in New York, was secretly married on the 5th June to Capt. William Barrett, of the American Air Force.

Miss Drexel left home at nine o'clock in the morning, saying she would be back to luncheon, but she did not return. Her parents have not yet had the pleasure of meeting their new son-in-law.

UNDER SECTION 40.

Interviewed by a representative of the *Evening Standard*, Lieut. Wright, of the Cambridge tarring case, said the charge on which he was arrested was "conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline."

LONDON IRISH HOME.

The cadre of the 1/18 Bn. The London Regiment (The London Irish) is to be officially welcomed at the Duke of York's School on the 14th of June by the Mayor of Chelsea.

At the battle of Loos in September 1915 the battalion went over the top with a football, which was kicked right across no-man's land to the German lines. They were among the first British troops to enter Lille on its evacuation by the Germans last October.

STEAM ENGINE INVENTION CENTENARY.

At a representative meeting at Glasgow, convened by the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Scotland, it was decided that immediate steps will be taken to raise a fund for the purpose of commemorating the centenary of the death of James Watt. This will be done by providing additional facilities for the training of engineers and by further endowing the engineering department of Glasgow University.

Of the fifty thousand sterling required, six thousand have already been subscribed.

CENTENARY OF FAMOUS HYMN.

The centenary of Bishop Heber's notable missionary hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," was celebrated at Wrexham on Whit Sunday by the singing of it in all the places of worship. The hymn was first sung in Wrexham parish church on Whit Sunday, 1819, having been composed on the previous Saturday by Bishop Heber at Wrexham Vicarage.

WORLD'S HEIGHT RECORD.

Paris, Sunday.—Flight-Lieutenant Cazale, who already holds the world's record for high flying, beat his own record to-day by ascending to a height of 9,500 metres (31,160 ft.).—*Reuter.*

FAMOUS BANDMASTER RETIRES.

LOSS TO THE SERVICE.

From Cardiff, where the band of the Coldstream Guards is playing, comes the announcement of the impending retirement of Major Mackenzie Rogan, the well-known bandmaster.

Major Rogan belongs to a fighting family. His grandfather served under Marlborough, and his son served in this war. Five generations of the family have been soldiers, and Major Rogan himself fought in the Burmah campaign, from 1885 to 1888.

Major Mackenzie Rogan has played a very conspicuous part in the improvement of military band music. To that end, for the first time in the history of the profession, he gave lectures on military bands and military music at the Royal Academy of Music and at the Royal United Services Institution. His work has been fully appreciated both in military and in musical circles. He was gazetted a captain in 1914, and promoted major in 1917. He is a member of the Royal Victorian Order, he has been given many British and Allied decorations, and the University of Toronto conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Music.

BETTING IN ARMY DEPOT.

Allegations of betting at the Government motor transport depôt at Chippenham was investigated at the police-court at Burnham, near Slough, yesterday, when William Henry Dodd, who was employed at the depôt, was charged with using a mess-room there for the purpose of betting. Dodd pleaded guilty. The Bench imposed a penalty of £10 on each of the four summonses, making a total of £40. Dodd asked the alternative, and was told two months' imprisonment. He paid the fines.

MUSIC HALL BURNT.

The Kingston Empire music hall was partially destroyed by fire yesterday morning, the damage being estimated at four thousand sterling.

POPULAR ACTOR'S CHANCE OF A FORTUNE.

The will of the late Captain Pryce, V.C., of the Grenadier Guards, has just been proved. By the provisions of this document nineteen thousand pounds sterling was to be placed in trust for his wife for life. On her death, if the testator left no children, the money was to go to Mr. Owen Nares, the actor, who was a schoolboy friend.

Capt. Pryce left three daughters.

SETTLING EX-SERVICE MEN.

Delegates from the Federation of discharged and demobilized sailors and soldiers and of the Trade Advisory Boards are to meet Sir Robert Horne to-day. They will discuss with him the question of settling discharged and disabled men in various industries.

LUNATICS LEFT FREE TO ESCAPE.

The Clonmel Asylum Committee, on receiving threats from attendants to strike if full rates of wages were not paid to juniors, said "let them strike." The attendants immediately began to leave. About fifty patients escaped. A few attendants remained to look after sick and suicidal patients. The committee has appealed for military police as they are powerless to prevent further patients trying to escape.

TIPPERARY ON CHURCH BELLS.

The vicar of Wellingborough, Northants, the Rev. R. G. Willes, in his parish magazine, writes:

"It has been suggested that the signing of peace should be acclaimed by the bells of the House of God playing in perpetuity 'It's a long, long way to Tipperary.' Why not also the 'Fox Trot' and 'Tommy make room for your uncle'?

"There is indeed no accounting for taste in music or anything else, but I hasten to assure all and sundry that while I am vicar of Wellingborough 'Tipperary' will never be played on the bells of the parish church".

AEROPLANE ABLAZE ON SANDS.

In the presence of a large number of holiday makers, a large aeroplane of 210 horse-power came down and burst into flames on the sands at Southport on Tuesday. The pilot and two passengers had remarkable escapes. The former sustained an injured shoulder, and the passengers, minor injuries.

RE-ISSUE OF ARMS FOR LONDON MARCH.

Metropolitan volunteers are to assist in the victory march of London fighting men by lining the streets for the procession after the King has taken their salute. There will be a re-issue of rifles and equipment for the occasion.

The Treasury announces that the total applications for National War Bonds (4th Series) up to 7th June amounted to nearly 80,000,000 pounds sterling.

Over five hundred men employed in Firth of Forth trawlers have struck for an increase of wages. Consequently about sixty trawlers are idle.

In consequence of the drought the strawberry season is likely to be extremely short, probably lasting only a fortnight. Raspberries, plums and apples are also suffering through lack of rain, but grain crops are in fine condition.

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THE HOUSING QUESTION.

The Prince of Wales has taken up in earnest the tasks that the Duchy of Cornwall has offered to a man of his spirit. Already schemes are being prepared for better housing in the part of South London which looks to him as its landlord, and he has been at pains to obviate any delay in the carrying out of these far-reaching schemes. The Prince's example is an inspiration, and we confidently hope that soon many will vie with him in his patriotic and high-souled enterprise.

The Housing Question demands immediate attention. It was only natural that during war the price of building materials should rise to an almost unprecedented figure and the supply of labour should come far short of ordinary requirements. The consequence was that the private contractor feared to tempt his fate and fortune in the housing of his fellows. Even before the tide of demobilization set in, it was well-nigh impossible for our fellow-citizens to rent new homes. But now that our soldiers have returned to England in large numbers, the shortage of houses has become increasingly manifest and perturbing. Money can buy much, but there are English towns where the possession of money fails to secure a dwelling-place. Once more the war-scarred veteran may exclaim in distraught tones — "A house! a house! My kingdom for a house!"

Such is the state of matters that even were our landlords to turn into philanthropists they could not cope with the situation satisfactorily. There are dangers and evils in governmental interference, but these must be risked; for an adequate solution of housing troubles can only be furnished by the State. Its command of wealth is greater, its control of waywardness is surer, its guarantee of uniformity is safer than those of any private groups of speculators or reformers. The fundamental duty of Government is the worthy habitation of its citizens. There need be no fear of a state scheme, if the state has due regard for beneficent prevision and proper avoidance of spendthrift finance.

Nationalization is the cry of many public-minded men, and it has in many quarters been hailed as an omnipotent panacea. But we argue for no bold scheme that would overturn our social fabric. Nationalization is neither an unmixed good nor an unmixed evil, and we leave to others the problem of its delimitation. The course of English history, whether in the department of politics or that of sociology, teaches us that our national genius is averse to violent changes in the shaping of civic well-being. It may not be heroic, but it is prudent to hasten slowly and to make use of what lies to our hands.

During the war we have learned that the Government in its need can take control of companies and institutions without buying them in the market-place or even without much interference in their economy. Now there are throughout Britain innumerable "building societies" which have served a useful purpose in that they have helped many a worker to secure a real interest and a fixed tenure in his home. Is it not possible and desirable that the state should use the scheme of these building societies? A Government Building Society would mean that the State aided its citizens in finding houses and that it would always have a "value" in the property erected. Men will always pay gladly if they know that they make a sure investment and if they are convinced that the investment will satisfy their clamant wants.

The Housing Question is fundamental, for it concerns the physical, intellectual, and moral improvement of mankind. No part of the evidence taken by the recent Coal Commission so impressed England — if we may judge from the press — as that which bore on the conditions of life in some mining villages. There is no man whose soul is so dead that he does not yearn for the days when Britain's sons and daughters shall have their full birthright of health and happiness. That birthright is denied to all who are born into homes which are unwholesome and degrading. Sturdy physique depends largely on environment.

It is one of the signs of the times that the workers are demanding more leisure. The blessing of leisure is bounded by the conditions of a man's domicile. If it is his lot to live with wife and family in some meagre, overcrowded hovel, then he is apt to spend his leisure far from his dependants. Hearth and home make decreasing call upon him. A worthy house need not be a rich man's house, but it should be so built that some measure of privacy is possible for man, woman, and children. Without privacy there can be no culture.

More must be said. The question of morality is bound up with that of housing. The public conscience must not be satisfied till men and women have homes where it is possible to observe the canons of decency. If conditions are such that children grow up without knowledge of moral propriety, then the time will come when the village, the city, and the State will be reft of their rarest flowers — chivalry, reverence, and purity.

It is, indeed, good news that our public men are bent upon a national policy of housing and that the Prince of Wales is leading the way.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

(VII)

WILLIAM R. PATTERSON, F.R.G.S.

The photographic exhibition in Bonn was quite interesting. There were four autochromes by Major Wyatt, three of which were excellent specimens; one seemed as though the yellow screen had been lacking.

Major Roe (29th C.C.S.) exhibited some beautifully soft nature studies over quarter-plate, and the interior of the 29th C.C.S. chapel at Venusberg. A portrait of a pierrot and a group of children by Ldg. A.C.M. Freeman was very pleasing, also a picture of a canal and another giving charming cloud effects.

For detail Capt. Moore's pictures were among the best. Lieut. Bennett exhibited a splendid photograph of the Hohenzollern bridge and Major Morris M.C., showed a most delightful portrait of a group of schoolboys.

Six excellent photographs, taken from an aeroplane, of General Foch's passage down the Rhine, were lent by the 5th Squadron R.A.F.

It is to be hoped that some of the photographers at Bonn will lend their pictures to our Cologne exhibition later on.

ANSWERS TO PHOTOGRAPHY QUERIES.

Pte. Keegan (113071): — Write to Messrs. Routledge, 68-74 Carter Lane, London E. C. for a book on photography.

Pioneer A. Dewhirst (157129): — M. Sound Ranging Section. At present the Cologne firms have not these lenses in stock but you will be able to obtain one shortly.

L. Cpl. A. Lofthouse. "E" Corps Signal Coy. R.E.:— You will have no difficulty in procuring the size you need. "Kodaks" can supply you.

Lieut. R. A. Pillam. O i/c Workshops. No. 1 Aux. Bus. Coy. Cologne:—If you read German buy David's Ratgeber in "Photographieren." (M. 2.40) If not, write to Messrs. Routledge, 68-74 Carter Lane, London, E. C. They can supply you at short notice.

Sapper J. D. Willis (471388): — The prices given were for development, printing and enlarging and not the cost of the films. Re-read the article and write me again.

WHAT HAVE YOU SALVED TO-DAY?

By O. WYNOTT.

Salving may be divided—like "all Gaul"—into three parts. One, the removal of that which is actively dangerous: two, the collection for use of that which is already fit for the same, but lies neglected: three, the gathering up of debris, apparent rubbish, from which new and valuable things may be made. That is so, is it not? Right!

Now then, comrades of the Rhine Army, what have we done to-day (and yesterday) about Number One of these? It has most certainly been in our power, unless we have been asleep, to use influence in removing or annulling danger from the paths of our fellows. And we are guilty if we have not done so. No need to specify the dangers. Each is intelligent enough to make out his own list.

Number Two. Endless! But above all, I think, the really extraordinary opportunities offered to us *and our pals* in the Army today:— the various instructional classes, giving knowledge (and hence power) and capability of being more valuable to one's community, one's family, and one's self; (for the Army will teach you anything, from mending the bath-tap to dealing with the Mexican in his own tongue); the manifold sports, for health, fun and improved physique, (and don't forget the swimming; you may need to save *lives* some day); the libraries, with their store of other men's concentrated experiences in every age and land; the habit of smartness and of discipline which makes you proud, as you see it, that you also are of the elect; these and many another advantage are there, lying ready for immediate use. Let each help to salve them for the sake of all; and do your own picking up.

Number Three we allotted to odds and ends —the apparently useless bits of time and occasion. "Apparently"; I emphasise the word: for there are no really useless moments. Some of you may have been privileged to see, as I have, the almost miraculous way in which, at the Bases, heads of scraps and fragments, that in civil life would have been consigned to the dust—bin or the ditch, were made to produce astonishing stores of valuable and reconstructed material. This is not the place to enlarge upon that wonderful work: but it was an unforgettable lesson.

The uncountable occasions in every day for a cheering word or smile, for a helping hand, for a directing influence, for the touch of sympathy,— how easily they are overlooked, how golden their outcome may be if they are seized! Their aggregate value, if only we all salved most of these odds and ends, would make our world infinitely wealthier in happiness and in fruitfulness.

And there is another big salvage question to be faced by us all — a task that we *must* accept if we are men. It is this.

At the present day, surges of unbridled, if sometimes justified, discontent are thundering on the dykes that protect our civilisation, that shield the cultivated fields of achievement and development gained for us by the slow, unbroken work of many generations. The world is waking to the recognition of new, as yet undisciplined forces which, if over hasty or ill-judged, may threaten the very foundations of peace and prosperity. There will be changes; there must be changes; there *should* be changes — changes in the direction of fairer sharing of both the amenities and the responsibilities of life. But it devolves upon us all for the sake of our own and the succeeding generations, to see and to insist that in passing to the new order of things, *we save* all that was of use, of beauty, of worth in the old — that we carry with us, saved and secure, in the midst of all the cry and the clamour, that respect for law and order, that sense of "England first and any individual Englishman afterwards," that sanity and playing-the-game which are our pride and have given us our place in the world. It is too late to salve when all is destroyed or flooded. Let us *first* decide for, hold to, and resolve to salve, against every outcry, all that Time and Trial have proved to be worthy. For destruction is quick and easy: but construction is painful and slow.

Well, what have you salved to-day? What will you salve for the morrow?

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THE PARABLE OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE

(The following relates to a very successful "Hunt for Hidden Treasure," organised recently by the Officer Commanding 52nd Battn. the Rifle Brigade.

The event was keenly entered into by the Battalion, and in addition to an excellent morning's outing, proved most interesting and instructive.

The winner was Rifleman Crofts, of "B" Company, who profited by the intelligent manner in which he had read the "Scripture" to the extent of the goodly treasure concealed within the chest in the cleft of a tree.)

(Continued.)

And there was a certain tumulus and it was guarded all the years by a river to the south and east and by a mount to the north and the west. And they set them down and ate the unconsumed portion of their day's rations. And the Governor saith "Here is a pleasant place; here will I hide my treasure for man may not remove the tumulus from the face of the ground." And the Governor looked and beheld the trees of the field, and beheld a lime towards the place of the going down of the sun, and he searched diligently, and the manner of his search was anticlockwise, and he beheld the fifth tree and beheld it was a goodly tree, and there was a cleft. And the Governor said "Avert thine eyes, Oh thou Kleenman, lest they become astigmatic for ever." So he set his treasure, even the iron chest of cunning workmanship in the cleft of the tree, and it was so.

And he that findeth it shall possess it.

On the twentieth day of the month called May the soldiers, less they that be set aside for other duties, shall assemble on the Battalion meeting place at the time called 0915 hours, and hear the words of the Governor. And they shall set forth each of his own mind, and shall search diligently, and he that hath a single eye shall come first to the place wherein the treasure be hidden.

Signed by he who is chief scribe to the Governor.

And certain centurions shall stand in appointed places to behold them that pass by and mark the manner of their doings that they do play the game, and each that passeth shall surely hand his token to the centurion that none shall sally forth unbeknown and come privately to the treasure.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

MUSIC IN COLOGNE.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,— Having discovered a good thing, it is one's duty to make it known. Last Friday evening at the Gurzenich Hall, Cologne, an orchestral concert of very unusual quality was given. The fine selections from Beethoven, Brahms, Strauss, and Wagner were magnificently rendered, and the orchestra merited the enthusiastic applause given by the crowd which filled the spacious hall.

The event, which appealed most, was the playing of the violinist, Frl. Maria Schmitz-Gohr, a young lady of Cologne who is being trained in Berlin. Remembering that this young lady is but half way through her teens, her performance was simply amazing. Her marvellous skill was shown in her interpretation of the Brahm's selection which occupied about 40 minutes. At the conclusion of her masterly playing she was recalled again and again. Great things are expected of his genius. One devotedly hopes that no touch of professionalism will ever spoil its beauty. But the point of my letter is really to make known that these concerts are open to soldiers and that seats cost one mark. Music lovers ought never to miss these opportunities. Another concert is arranged for June 20th.

THREE PIPS.

RATES OF EXCHANGE.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Dear Sir, — The Military rate of exchange is fixed at 61.50 Marks for the pound.

The commercial value of a pound sterling is however, over 68 Marks, and those Englishmen who are fortunate enough to be civilians in Cologne obtain the latter rate of exchange.

There is doubtless some sound reason why we have to pay over 6.50 Marks for every pound spent and if you would give publicity to this letter it is possible that it would elicit some authoritative reply.

At present, however, the Army considers it is suffering under a legitimate grievance, in that a tax of some 10 % is imposed on us, without some adequate reason being given.

"D"

DANCING CLASSES.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir. — Is anything being done about getting dancing teachers out here from England? I mentioned the matter to the Y.M.C.A. in March and since then nothing has been done.

Also why can't music be published in sheet form and distributed among the troops? In Coblenz this is done and they have girls who do nothing but dance with the men and officers every day. At Coblenz you can get a dance every day, but all we get is a Thursday night dance at the A.E.L. Club, where the allotment of tickets for Corps is 20 and G.H.Q. 8.

Jazz Bands are being formed at last and lots more English girls will be coming out soon, and it strikes me that these important subjects should be discussed.

AUGUSTUS.

WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,— With reference to Capt. Slim's letter on wrestling of about seven days ago, I should like heartily to endorse all he has to say about the revival of the grand old sport.

And I can't think of any better way than holding an Army of the Rhine Wrestling Championship. Could you do something in the matter? Personally, I would compete, as well as interest myself, if needs be, in the initial movement to bring such a championship meeting about.

Roll up all wrestlers, and see what can be done.

H. C. HARRIS, Lieut.

"SOME" ENGLISH.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

In a recent issue of *The Cologne Post*, a correspondent quoted some amusing examples of English as "writ" on a razor case. I have just discovered what, I suspect, must have been the authority consulted by the author of the "English" quoted by your correspondent. The discovery cost me a mark and a half, and was advertized as an easy, short, quick, and simple method of saying all that is necessary for soldiers to say in Cologne. A careful study of this publication causes me to regret one deficiency, in particular, namely, the absence of guidance as to the "shortest, quickest, easiest, and simplest" method of convincing the seller of this work, of my desire that he should return me my money.

In Blighty, we rather fancy our capacity to hold our own in a bookseller's shop (if in no other); but what result would follow an enquiry of a German bookseller in these terms:— "Have you a new book of rate?" I can scarcely conjecture. Presumably, this is intended to convey a desire for a book of outstanding merit; but in my present state of doubt, I do not propose to make an enquiry which may elicit a response for information as to whether it is a water-rate or gas-rate book required. Anyway, I don't feel that this particular guide will so aid anyone in the knowledge of German that he will feel quite at home among German literature.

Another enquiry at the booksellers is quoted, and refers apparently to a book, one is inclined to purchase. It runs thus:— "How long does it last?" This presumably, is German-English for "what is its length." I confess that when I read this, I wondered whether it was meant to refer to a visit to the drapers, and that the writer's aim was to help us to express an anxiety as to the durability of some article of lingerie — "How long does it last" being the nearest idiom to "Will it wear well?"

One other phrase puzzles me, "Can you help me to some fire?" We are by no means sure, but it occurs to me, that "Can you oblige me with a light?" is what the writer desired to express. Anyway, I am not disposed to risk asking any German "Can you help me to some fire?" The dish may be too unappetising to render the enquiry a safe one.

Although this Guide for the Soldier may save him from having to rely altogether on "deaf and dumb motions," I feel as I close it, that the only comment appropriate to the occasion is "Thank heaven we have got an Education Scheme." M.

OUR BOOK SHELF.

THE THIRD BOOK OF ARTEMAS.

Published by Messrs Westall and Co. Ltd., 8 Adam St., Adelphi St. W.C.

Opening with a "Song of Triumph", The Third book of Artemas differs slightly from its predecessors in that a more sanguine note prevails. This book is dedicated to "Eve" and largely deals with the female element. The war finishing with the abject capitulation and the flight of Willi, King of the Hu, in the first chapter, the book deals with the workers, Ireland, and other storm centres. For odd moments, when feeling "fed up" and wishing for a gleam of humour, we recommend it to our readers.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Friday	6	Cavalleria Rusticana Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo
Saturday	4	Die Walküre	Wagner
Sunday	5	Faust und Margarete	Gounod
Monday	5½	Mignon	Thomas
Tuesday	6	Der fliegende Holländer The Flying Dutchman	Wagner

G.H.Q. CLERKS' CONCERT.

THE "TABS" PARTY PROVIDE EXCELLENT PROGRAMME.

The G.H.Q. clerks held a very successful and enjoyable concert at the Hotel Baseler Hof on Tuesday evening, when the "Tabs," assisted by several of the G.H.Q. staff, provided the programme.

As an overture, Will Hartley played the "Prelude in C Minor." Alfred E. Hutchings sang "In an Old Fashioned Town" and "Eleanore" in a very pleasing manner. Ernie Roberts, an old favourite, kept the house in particularly good humour with selections from his repertoire. In "Do You Like Me," Maisie and Rex made a big hit. Will Benson, female impersonator, Rob Norrie and Ernest Franklin also appeared.

But the ovation of the evening went to Barnes and Knowles. Both as a double turn and individually those two artistes did extremely well. Huntley and Morgan created roars of laughter with their soldier sketch; Cpl. Perry sang "Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes"; J. T. Parkinson did well as an illusionist; and Gunner Alfred Barker gave two of his inimitable violin solos. The accompanist was Will Hartley.

THE "ORANGE LILIES" AT WAHN.

A successful concert was given at Wahn on Saturday by the concert party of the 4th Royal Sussex Regt.

Lieut. Chester, in a character sketch and dance, received great applause, and the solos of Pte. Redmond and Pte. Hinckley were, as always, highly appreciated. In the little sketch "Do I snow now," which concluded the first part, the antics of Pte. Hart, the comedian, and L/Cpl. Evans, his assistant, brought down the house.

A feature in part two was the novel concerted item "Wooden Military," and "Ideas of a Perfect Day," both of which caused great amusement; also a little sketch, "Jim's little Joke," in which "Nellie," the charming "girl," and Pte. Redmond quite distinguished themselves. Ptes. Acton, Oborne and McCarthy contributed popular songs, and the whole show went with a swing, which augurs considerable success for the party in the future.

BISCUIT EATING COMPETITION.

DIVERTING SPECTACLE AT BEDBURG Y.M.C.A. SPORTS.

At the Y.M.C.A. Bedburg, on Whit Monday afternoon, a successful programme of sports was carried through. Men from the 51st and 53rd Coys. of the 3rd Brigade, Light Division, turned out in large numbers, and it goes without saying that all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The events, which, in spite of the heat, were all keenly contested, were as follows:—

1, Egg and spoon race; 2, puttee race; 3 potato placing race; 4, cigarette lighting competition; 5, cock fighting; 6, blind obstacle race; 7, biscuit eating race; 8, bull board; 9, donkey's tail placing (blind folded); and 10, musical chairs.

Perhaps the most humorous items, from the spectators' point of view, were the biscuit eating and the potato placing competitions, and it did one good to see the smiling and eager faces of the competitors.

A Surprise.

The "Surprise," which was announced on the blackboard at the entrance and which provoked much guessing on the part of the men, took the form of free tea and lemonade *ad lib*, also biscuits, sandwiches and cigarettes, and these good things were taken full advantage of and much appreciated. The presentation of prizes was made by the lady-workers of the "Y.M.," at the conclusion of the sports. In the evening a cinema show and concert took place in the hall of the Y.M.C.A.

INTER-COMPANY MATCH.

After beating H.Q. team a week ago "C" Coy., 12 L.N.L., met "B" Coy on the Exerzier Platz. After losing 1 wicket for 2 runs, "C" put in some sound work, Cohen making 27 and Faraday 22, the all-out total being 96. "B" Coy were soon disposed of for 58 runs. On present form "C" Coy will be a team to be reckoned with.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

MANCHESTER MEETING.

A fairly large crowd witnessed the racing at Manchester on Wednesday, when the going was good. The following were the results:—

Stamford Handicap:— Sentry (6—1); 2, Cylgar (5—2); 3, Atrocity (7—1). Nine ran.

Wednesday Handicap:— 1, Indian Feast (11—4 on) beat Staples. Two ran.

Club Plate:— 1, White Simon (8—1); 2, Allan Water (7—2 on); 3, Whitmonday (20—1). Five ran.

Royal Standard Stakes:—1, Polygnotus (11—8); 2, Not much (13—8); Wilson (100—7). Five ran.

Whitsuntide Stakes:— 1, Spiral Spin (6—5 on); 2, Bound Over (4—1); 3, Maoona, filly (3—1). Four ran.

Broughton Handicap:— 1, London Pride (5—2); 2, Cheap Popularity (8—1); 3, Braida Garth (7—1). Eight ran.

Trial Handicap:— 1, Astern (5—4 on); 2, Maeldune (6—1); 3, Minstrel Park (7—1). Five ran.

BATH RACECOURSE SOLD.

Bath Racecourse was sold on Wednesday by auction for 12,750 pounds, the purchasers being the Newbury Race Syndicate.

LAWN TENNIS.

The Beckenham Lawn Tennis Tournament, at which the Kent Championships are decided, is being played this week and the entry includes Norman Brookes, Gerald Patterson, and the other famous Australians; A. W. Gore, A. R. F. Kingscote, M. J. C. Ritchie, C. P. Dixon, P. M. Davson, and Frank Riseley, a coterie of home players in whom, with J. C. Parke and Roper Barrett, the hopes of English lawn tennis are based in this very critical year.

A Great Pair.

Brookes is partnering Gerald Patterson in the doubles. What a pair! They represent the quintessence of brilliance (says "Regent" in *The Daily News*) and there is just the possibility that brilliance and stolidity would make a better blend, but against any opposition save the very strongest Brookes and Patterson will win very easily.

Davson's entry is particularly interesting. He handed out such a crushing beating to Gerald Patterson on the Queen's Club wood in the covered courts championships that it will be piquantly interesting to see how he plays on grass, and if his matchless steadiness stays with him. A. R. F. Kingscote's play will also be closely watched, for he was showing such extremely good lawn tennis, when he strained his leg in the Queen's tourney.

A Sensational Match.

Men's Singles (third round):—Turnbull beat Gore (retired). The Hon. Sir Fisher beat Clements 6—2, 7—5, 6—1; Ritchie beat Sir George Thomas 6—4, 6—4; Capt. Dash beat Riseley 8—6. The last mentioned was the most sensational match of the tournament. Dash is a young Surbiton player whose defeat of the famous English international shows the unexpected presence of young English talent. The feature of the match was the hard hitting on forehand by Dash preventing Riseley from coming to the net. Another unexpected result was that of Crawford a young Anglo-Indian, beating Donnisthorpe 6—0 4—6, 6—4. Norman Brookes, who partnered Patterson, made his first re-appearance in English Tournaments and defeated the Canadian pair Raymond and Baker, 6—2, 6—0, and English pair 6—0, 6—0. Brookes is at present not showing marked form and will be tested most severely.

HEAVY-WEIGHT BOXING MATCH.

A second heavy-weight match between boxers of note has been fixed up to support the British Heavy-weight Championship Contest at Olympia on June 17 between Joe Beckett, the holder of the title, and Frank Goddard, says "*Sporting Life*".

The new match is between Arthur Townley of Birkenhead, who was himself in the running—and may be still—for championship honours—and Harold Hardwick, the Australian boxer and champion swimmer, who are to box 15 rounds.

Hardwick won the heavy-weight competition at the Inter-Theatre of War Tournament, held at Aldershot on April 30 and May 1, and besides that, was singled out for unusual distinction in being chosen by ballot among the men themselves as the "ideal sportsman", and therefore the best entitled to a cup specially presented by Brig.-Gen. H. A. Jones, R.A.S.C., for the non-commissioned officer or man who should come nearest to the very stringent definition laid down by Col. R. B. Campbell of what constituted a "real good sportsman." Hardwick displayed capital form at the tournament refered to, and after beating Cpl. Harry Croxon in a bout which was an object lesson upon the way in which men may fight, and fight hard, and yet preserve intact their spirit and sense of fair play and good sportsmanship, there was keen disappointment that Dan Flynn, the Scottish heavy-weight, was unable to meet Hardwick in the final owing to an injury.

Townley was seen in the ring at the Holborn Stadium a few weeks ago, when he defeated that game boxer, Harry Curzon, and all the boxing world now knows the winner to be a really good man and a clean, clever boxer.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Champion Boxer Beaten.

In a boxing contest of ten three-minute rounds at Brest, Lassala, an American sailor, defeated Badoud, the champion of Europe.—*Reuter.*

An All-Round Sportsman.

Mr. W. Strutt Cavell, the well-known all-round sportsman, is a first cousin to Nurse Cavell, to whose memory the nation recently did honour.

Prince of Wales and Racing.

The Prince of Wales saw his first Derby race last week, but he will not be able to go to the St. Leger on Sept. 10 because of his forthcoming visit to Canada.

Cross-Channel Swim.

Jabez Wolffe, who has made twenty-one attempts to swim across the English Channel, and is now in his forty-second year, is getting into condition for still another try.

Baseball.

One of the most exciting games played in the Anglo-American League was seen at Stamford Bridge on Tuesday, when the Sunningdale nine defeated the Canadian Pay Office by 3 runs to 2.

The Two-Day Experiment.

There have not been many county cricket championship matches this season, but there is an almost unanimous opinion that, so far as judgment may be formed, the present experiment of limiting them to two days will not last beyond 1919.

Great Oarsman's Estate.

Col. William Alfred Littledale Fletcher, D.S.O., of Allerton House, Allerton, near Liverpool, the Oxford Rowing Blue and coach, one of the finest heavy-weight oarsman the world has produced, who died on February 14, has left property of the value of £113,254 7s 5d.

Braemar Gathering.

The announcement that King George is personally interesting himself in the revival of the Braemar gathering will give great satisfaction in the North of Scotland. Queen Victoria frequently attended the Braemar games, which are a picturesque survival of the old régime of the clans.

West Ham.

West Ham evidently mean to make a splash in the second division of the Football League. They had an excellent time financially last winter, and the directors in their report just to hand announce that they have entered into contracts amounting to £2,000 for ground improvements.

Billiards "Oversight."

A 16,000 up match between Tom Newman and Tom Carpenter, the champion of Wales, was begun at Thurston's this week. Owing to an "oversight," only one set of balls was available, this a practice set. These were not exactly true, and consequently did not respond to the finer touches of the players.

"COLOGNE POST" LEAGUE FIXTURES

LIST OF MATCHES TO BE PLAYED ON JUNE 18th.

The following matches wil be played on June 18th:—

COLOGNE TOWN LEAGUE.

A.P.O. Cologne v. 51 D.L.I.
51 Aux. Bus. Coy. v. Army H.Q. Sig. Coy.
"R" A.A. Bty. R.A. v. 9th I.T.M.B.
Adv. Supply Depot v. 70 Sq. R.A.F.
17 Lancers v. 2 Bde. R.A.F.
A.A. Searchlight Sec. R.E. v. 47 C.C.S.
No 2 Water Tank Coy R.A.S.C. v. 52 Northumberland Fus.
15 Devons v. 24 Vet Hosp.
"G" Battery R.H.A. v. Cav. Div. H.Q.
3rd Cav. Field Amb. v. 4th R. Sussex.
Bakeries Sports-Club v. 53rd Sherwood For.

COLOGNE NORTHERN LEAGUE.

92 Bde R.G.A. v. 237 Field Coy.
London Div. M.T. Coy. v. 53 R. Warwick.
14 York and Lancs v. 13 K.R.R.C.
No 14 G.H.Q., M.T. Coy. v. "Maps" 4 F.S. Bn.
420 Siege Battery v. 1/6 Yorks.
52 R. Warwick v. 51 R. Warwick.
29 Bn. M.G.C. v. 31 Labour Group.
88 Field Amb. v. C/113 Bde. R.F.A.
II Corps H.Q. v. 2/4 Hants.
13 M.A.C. v. 75 Bde. R.A.F.
B. Corps Sig. Coy. v. 23 Middlesex.
Other Clubs — no match.

COLOGNE SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

H.A.C. (c/o. D.A.P.M. Deutz Kalk) v. 93rd Bde. R.G.A.
52 Bedfords v. 31 Bn. M.G.C.
Rhine Army A.T., M.T. Coy. v. 180 Labour Coy.
51 Devon v. Wahn Survey Det.
170 Siege Battery v. 3rd Northern Bde.
2 Bn. M.G.C. v. 11th R. Scots.
23 M.T. Coy. v. "G" A.A. Bty. R.G.A.
5 R. Irish v. 41 Bn. M.G.C.
VI Corps Sig. Coy. v. Northern Div. R.E.
231 Siege Battery v. 12 R. Irish Rifles.
2 M.G. Sq. Cav. Div. v. 5 K.O.Y.L.I.
Other clubs — no match.

EUSKIRCHEN LEAGUE.

179 Siege Battery v. 21 Bde. R.G.A.
11 Leicester v. 15 S. Staffs.
104 Bde. R.F.A. v. 354 Siege Battry.
16 Field Amb. v. 73 (Army) Bde. R.F.A.
73 (Army) Bde. R.G.A. v. E. Corps Sig. Coy.
Mid. Div. M.T. Coy v. 488 Siege Bty.
Mid. Div. H.Q. v. 269 A.E. Coy.
18 F. Amb. v. "F." A.A. Bty. R.F.A.
52 Sherwoods v. Mid. D.A.C.
9th Corps H.A. v. 77 Siege Bty.
Other clubs — no match.

DUREN LEAGUE.

310 Bde R.F.A. v. 10 A. & S. Hdrs.
D Corps Siege Park v. 1/1 N. Mid. Heavy Bty.
6 Field Amb. v. 163 Siege Bty.
153 Siege Bty. v. 3 Kings Hussars.
527 Coy R.A.S.C. v. IV Corps Troops M.T. Coy.
52 Gordon Hdrs. v. 51 Sherwood Foresters.
"O" Bty. Rocket Troop R.H.A. v. Light Div. H.Q.
Other clubs — no match.

BONN LEAGUE.

52 Manchesters. v Lanc Div. Sig. Coy.
91 Field Amb. v 207 Sq. R.A.F.
86 Siege Bty. v 103 Field Amb.
Eastern Div.Sig.Coy. v 92 Field Amb.
52 Cheshire. v 51 Bedford.
4 Suffolk. v No. 3 Coy. Western Div. R.A.S.C.
53rd Welsh. v 2 London Inf. Bde.
5th Border. v 303 Siege Battery.
Eastern Div., H.Q. v 16th Lancs Fus.
51st K. Liverpool v 1st T.M.B. (Western).
51st Royal Sussex v 13th K. Liverpool.
121 Heavy Battery v 69th Siege Battery.
X Corps Signal Coy. v Lancs Div., H.Q.
53rd Welsh v 23rd Royal Fusiliers.
Other clubs—no match.

"CRICKET CUP" MATCHES.

"R" ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY (155) v. A.P.O. (73) at the volksgarten on wednesday. For the winners Gnr. Corbyn played excellent cricket for 43, before being bowled by Major Pidduck. Gnr. Dewey also batted well for 36, before being bowled by the same officer. Bdr. Whitehouse added 13, and Mr. Hogbin and Gnr. Bennet, 11 each. For the Post Office, Corpl. Parkinson and Major Pidduck were the only batsmen to reach double figures, scoring 17 and 13 respectively For the winners, Sergt-Major Barber took 3 wickets for 25, Bdr. Whitehouse, Gnr. Aldridge, and Corpl. Jones, 2 each, and Gnr. Melville the remaining wicket.

174 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A. (103) v. 11th BATTALION LEICESTER REGT. (28), at Flammersheim, on Monday. For the Gunners, Whittingham scored 27, Durly 22 against Smith 12. The Leicesters never really settled down and were dismissed for 28, Durly taking 5 for 17 and Saunders 3 for 6.

"D" SIEGE PARK (47) v. 6th FIELD AMBULANCE (32), at Duren, last week. Against the bowling of Sergt. Mumford and Pte. Lee the Ambulance were all dismissed for 32 runs, only Humphries reaching double figures. Sergt. Mumford took 6 wickets for 19 runs and Pte. Lee 3 wickets for 4 runrs. The Siege Park opened their innings in disastrous style, 7 wickets being down for only four runs. Dean, bowling with remarkable effect, took 5 wickets in 7 balls for Orunge. Sergt. Dickingson and Lee, however, soon settled the result, amid much excitement, and raised the score to 47 for the 9th wicket. The innings closed for 47, Sergt. Dickinson carrying out his bat for an invaluable innings of 18 not out, Lee contributing 19.

75th BRIGADE, R.F.A. (79) v. MAPS 4th F.S.Bn. (55) at Gross Konigsdorf on Wednesday. For the Gunners, Goodwin scored 24, and McFadyean 17, while Swaine scored 29 not out for "Maps." Mitchell took 4 wickets for 21, and Drake 4 for 7 for the winners, and Hudgetts 5 for 42, and Macaulay 5 for 31 for the losers.

OTHER RESULTS.

161 Bde. R.F.A.	95
23rd M.T. Coy., R.A.S.C.	24
75 Bde. R.F.A.	79
"Maps" 4th Field Survey Bn.	55
Lowland D.A.C.	32
51st Hants.	80
52nd Bedfords	58
51st Devons (for 8 wkts)	59
207 Squadron, R.A.F.	109
103 Field Ambulance	38

2nd LIGHT BRIGADE COMPETITION.

12th R. Irish Rifles (180 for 8) v. 6th London Regt. (40), at Stommeln, in the second Light Brigade Competition. For the Rifles, Major McCallut made a faultless 86, Lieut Thaymore taking 7 wickets for 8 runs for the Rifles. The top scorer for the Regt. was Major Sorrell, who made 13.

COLOGNE RACES.

TWO DAYS' CARD FOR FORTHCOMING MEETING.

Excellent sport is promised at the Cologne Races which are to be held on the Race Course, Cologne on June 26th and 28th. They will be run under the auspices of the Racing Sub-Committee, and the officials of the meetings are:—Stewards:— Brig.-General N. W. Haig, C.B. C.M.G.; Brig.-Gen. A.A. Kennedy C.M.G.; Brig.-Gen. J. G. Rotton, C.B., C.M.G.; Lieut.-Col. H.M. Milward, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Col. T.P. Melville, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Col. J.W. Jeffreys, D.S.O.; Major C.M. Longmore, D.S.O. The Secretary is Major T.H. Carlisle, D.S.O., M.C., and the Clerk of the Course, Capt. W.S.G. Bridger.

The events of the meeting are as follows:—

F RST DAY.

First Race:—GENERAL OFFICERS INTER-CORPS HURDLE RACE CUP. Open to teams of 3 Officers not below the rank of Brigadier-General per G.H.Q., Corps, Tanks, and R.A.F. Horses to be certified the bone-fide chargers of Officers of the same Corps not below the rank of Brigadier-General. Catch weights over 12.7 Stone. 2 miles. Entrance 60 Marks per team.

Second Race. MAIDEN PLATE. Of 1000 Marks to the winner, 200 to the 2nd and 100 to third. For horses of Infantry, R.E. and R.A.M.C. units that have never won a race of any description and to be ridden by Officers borne on the establishment of any of those units. Catch weights over 11.7 stone. 6 Furlongs. Entrance 25 Marks.

Third Race. RHINELAND STEEPLE-CHASE. Of 1500 Marks to the winner, 300 to the second and 200 to the third. For horses of the Allied Armies, and to be ridden by Officers of the same. The winner of a race of any description since 1st January 1919., once 7 lbs., twice 14 lbs., oftener 21 lbs., extra. Catch weights over 11.7 stone. 2 Miles. Entrance 50 Marks.

Fourth Race. ROBERTSON PLATE. Of 2000 Marks to the winner, 300 to the second, and 200 to the third. For horses of the Allied Armies, and to be ridden by Officers of the same. Catch weights over 11.7 stone. 1½ Miles. Entrance 50 Marks.

Fifth Race. WELTER STEEPLE-CHASE. Of 1000 Marks to the winner, 200 to the second, and 100 to the third. For horses of the Army of the Rhine. Catch Weights over 12.7 stone. Horses that have never won a race of any description allowed 7 lbs. About 2½ Miles. Entrance 25 Marks.

Sixth Race. MAIDEN RACE. Of 1000 Marks to the winner, 200 to the second, and 100 to the third. For horses of the Army of the Rhine, that have never won a race of any description. Officers who have never ridden a winner in any country allowed 7 lbs. Catch weights over 11 stone. 5 Furlongs straight. Entrance 25 Marks.

SECOND DAY.

First Race:—MAIDEN HURDLE RACE. Of 1000 Marks to the winner, 200 to the second, and 100 to the third. For horses of the Army of the Rhine, that have never won a race of any description in any country, and to be ridden by Officers who have never ridden the winner of a race in any country. Catch weights over 12 stone. About 2 miles. Entrance 25 Marks.

Second Race:—ALLIED STEEPLE-CHASE. Of 1500 Marks to the winner, 300 to the second, and 100 to the third. For Horses of the Allied Armies and to be ridden by Officers of the same. Winner of a race of any description since January 1st 1919., once 7 lbs., twice 14 lbs., oftener 21 lbs. Extra. Riders who have never won a race of any description allowed 7 lbs. Catch weights over 11—7. About 2½ miles. Entrace 50 Marks.

Third Race:—THE COLOGNE PLATE. Of 1000 Marks to the winner, 200 to the second, and 100 to the third. For horses of the Army of the Rhine and to be ridden by Officers of the same. A winner since January 1st 1919., once 7 lbs., twice 15 lbs., oftener 21 lbs. Extra. Riders who have never won a race in any country allowed 7 lbs. Catch weights over 11—7. 1 Mile. Entrance 25 Marks.

Fourth Race.—MAIDEN WELTER STEEPLE-CHASE. Of 1000 Marks to the winner, 200 to the second, and 100 to the third. For horses of the Army of the Rhine that have never won a race of any description and to be ridden by Officers of the same. Riders who have never won a race of any description allowed 7 lbs. Catch weights over 12—7 stone. 2 miles. Entrance 25 Marks.

Fifth Race: — VICTORY PLATE. Of 1500 Marks to the winner, 300 to the second, and 200 to the third. For horses of the Allied Armies and to be ridden by Officers of the same. Riders who have never won a race of any description allowed 7 lbs. Catch weights over 11—7 stone. 7 Furlongs. Entrance 50 Marks.

Sixth Race: — MAIDEN RACE. Of 1000 Marks to the winner, 200 to the second, and 100 to the third. For horses of Infantry, R.E., and R.A.M.C. Units, of the Army of the Rhine that have never won a race of any description and to be ridden by Officers borne on the strength of any of those units. Riders who have never won a race of any description allowed 7 lbs. Catch weights over 11 stone. 5 Furlongs straight.

Training tracks on the Race Course will be open for gallops to horses running at the Meeting only, on following dates: —

Wednesdays and Sundays, commencing Wednesday, June 11th.

Sand Track 07.00 hours to 10.00 hours.
16.00 hours to 1.00 hours.
Grass Track 07.50 hours to 10.00 hours.

Two practice fences and one flight of hurdles will be available at same times.

Starting Gate will probably be available for practice on same days on application to the Clerk of the Course.

Tickets giving admission to training tracks can be obtained from the Clerk of the Course at main entrance to the Race Course at price of 10.00 Marks per horse for the Meeting.

ENTRIES.

Entries, with the Entrance Fees enclosed, to be sent to:—Secretary, Cologne Races, Box No. 212., A.P.O—GR., British Army of the Rhine., at 12.00 hours on June 18th 1919.

Entries must be made on the Special Entry forms provided. These forms can be obtained from all Division and Corps Headquarters; French, American and Belgian G.H.Q. and from Secretary, Cologne Races.

52nd v. 53rd WELSH REGT.

The above match was played on the ground of the 53rd Welsh Regt., at Alfter and after an interesting afternoon's cricket the visiting side won by 26 runs. The home team, batting first, had a disastrous start, but Lieut. Swiss Young and Capt. Lewis stopped the rot and took the score to 45. The innings closed with the score at 52, Wallwork capturing 6 wickets for 20 and Lawson 3 for 21. The 52nd Welsh knocked up the required runs with the loss of four wickets, but were all dismissed with the score of 78. The chief scorers for the visitors were Capt. Wallwork 17, Lieut. Needham 15, and Sergt. Kay 15.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Friday, June 13, 1919.

Surface wind Westerly 10 to 15 m.p.h. Weather cloudy, occasional rain. Cool. Visibility fair.

RHINELAND "JOCKEY CLUB."

FURTHER LIST OF REGISTERED HORSES.

A sub-committee, whose powers are similar to those of the Jockey Club and the National Hunt Committee in England, has been appointed, as recently reported in *The Cologne Post*, to supervise horse-racing in the British occupied area.

Appended is a continuation of the list of registered horses which appeared in yesterday's issue:

Lucifer.	Capt. D. R. McNeil.	D/113 Bde. R.F.A.
Lady Diana.	Capt. G. E. Waral.	D.A.P.M. Lancs. Div.
Lady Evelyn.	Lieut. H. Lumsden.	"E" Batt. R.H.A
Lola Barba.	Major A. E. Williams.	2nd Sthn. Inf. Bde.
Lady VI.	Lt.-Col. Meiklejohn.	28th Bn. M.G.C.
Lobster.	Lt.-Col. O'Rorke.	8th Vet. Hopth.
Lopey.	2/Lt. V.S. Simcock.	B 51 Bde. R.F.A.
Lieut. Lurt.	Lt.-Col. L. T. Poole.	141st Field Amb.
Madelon.	Major E. H. W. Williams.	10th (P.W.O.) Hussars.
Maid Marion.	Lt.-Col. F. B. Lord.	R.A.S.C. London Div.
Marion.	Capt. F. W. Clarke.	51st Devon Regt.
Mary.	Brig.Gen. G. F. Boyd.	G.H.Q.
Misfortune.	Lieut. A. D. Campbell.	9th Lancers.
Mustard.	Lieut. G. H. S. Dixon.	2/1 Warwick R.H.A.
Molly.	Lieut. G. H. S. Dixon.	2/1 Warwick R.H.A.
Mount Royal.	Major R. H. Carrington.	
Mrs. Jock.	Lieut. J. A. Roch.	3rd Bn. M.G.C.
Mary II.	Lt.-Col. F. S. Stallard.	126 Bde. R.F.A.
Muriel.	Major A. L. F. Griffin.	411 Batty. R.F.A.
Monty.	Major H. M. Bryans.	411 Batty. R.F.A.

(List continued in tomorrow's "Cologne Post.")

2nd INFANTRY 3DE. BOXING TOURNAMENT.

PROSPECTIVE STAR CONTEST IN COLOGNE.

On Tuesday and Wednesday last, the rustic town of Hennef resounded to the sound of mighty blows, when the 2nd. Infantry Brigade Boxing Tournament was held with great eclat. On Tuesday, the preliminary rounds were fought, and the following qualified for Wednesday's finals:- Welterweights: Cooper and Bevis. Middleweights: Smith and Collins. Lightweights: Lewis and Brady. Featherweights: Fox and Knapp. Bantams: O'Brien, Palmer and Callan. The foregoing were classified "B", that is, those who have never before entered the ring at a Battalion or bigger tournament. Class C, consisting of those who have never before won in a Battalion or bigger tournament, gave the following winners in the preliminary bouts:- Welterweights: Larby and Laurie. Lightweights: Cpl. Laxton and Parsons. Featherweights: Hepworth and Welsh.

The finals were fought off on Wednesday, in addition to a number of special contests. The winners of the finals were:- Class B. Welterweight: Pte. Cooper (1.M.B.). Lightweight, Pte. Brady (53 Beds.). Featherweight: Pte. Knapp (T.M.B.). Bantams. Pte. O'Brien (51st. Beds). Class C. Welterweights: Pte. Laurie (52nd. Beds). Lightweights: Corpl. Laxton (52nd. Beds.). Featherweights: Pte. Welsh (51st. Beds). Special Contests:- Pte. Moor (51st, Beds.), L/Cpl. Adams (52nd. Beds), C.S.M. Seager (51st. Beds), and Drummer Walters (51st. Beds.) There were two entries for the Heavyweights: Ptes. Hardwick and Slometzki, both of the 51st. Bedfords, but owing to the absence on leave of the latter, no contest took place.

Distribution of Medals.

Silver medals were distributed to the winners by Brigadier General F.H. Jackson, C.B., D.S.O. Commanding Bedfordshire Brigade. The Hennef Y.M.C.A. was filled to its utmost capacity on both days, by a large and enthusiastic audience. The boxing was of a quite good-class order, there being no "duds" in the experienced classes, and most of the "novices" proved to have a very useful knowledge of the "noble art."

Among the special contests, Drummer Walters (51st. Beds) and Corpl. Laxton (52nd. Beds.) put up a really scientific exhibition, in which there was practically nothing either way till, in the third round, Corpl. Laxton injured his right hand, which handicapped him so severely as to preclude all chance of his winning. It is understood these two doughty fighters will meet later in Cologne, in a star contest with a gold medal as special prize.

The referee was Lieut.-Colonel Betts, D.S.O., Deputy Inspector of Gymnasia, whose decisions met with the warm appreciation of the audience. The Judges were Major Delaney, M.C., and Captain Brown, both of the Gymnasium Staff. Time Keeper, Captain F.A. Coward, M.C. 51st. Bedford Regt. C.S.M. H. Robins of the Army Gymnastic Staff earned the gratitude of all for his untiring and successful efforts, both in the preparation of the meeting and in the conducting of the exhibition.

269 A.E. COY. v. IX CORPS H.Q.

A cricket match was played at Euskirchen on Tuesday between 269 A.E. Coy., and IX Corps H.Q., which resulted in a narrow victory for the former by 7 runs. Scores:—269 A.E. Coy. 47 (Pte. Moorhouse 16; Pte. Wilson 7 for 20; Pte. Glover 2 for 18). IX Corps H.Q., 40 (Sergt. Crawley 23).

E. C. HORTON BEATEN.

T. Payne (Morpeth) won the Bradford Whitsuntide walk over a 32¾ miles course, his time, 5hr. 9min. 45secs., being a record for this event. E. C. Horton (Surrey Walking Club) was second in 5hr. 17min. 51sec., and J. S. Kershaw (Yorkshire Walking Club) third in 5hr. 30min. 45sec. Payne took the lead at the start, and was never approached.

"DOUGH BOYS" BILLIARD MATCH.

The R.A.S.C. Bakeries (Ehrenfeld) played R.A.S.C. Bakeries (Kalk) at the Y.M.C.A. Kalk on Wednesday, when the home team once again were the visitors. For the visitors mention should be made of Sergt. Fordham and Pte. Allwood, two great players, especially the latter, who is well known by the Kalk "Dough Boys" for his billiard skill. Results:—Kalk Bakeries, 582; Ehrenfeld Bakeries, 498.

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THE MERRY MUFFINS.

BURLESQUE AND FARCE AT THE DEUTSCHES THEATRE.

Undoubtedly one of the biggest attractions that has been staged at the Deutsches Theatre, Cologne, is "The Merry Muffins," the Highland Division concert party who are playing to crowded houses nightly.

The show is something unique, something in a class all on its own; its originality, vivacity and "go" stamp it as one of the best in Rhineland. Much can be said for the excellent producing of Mr. R.C. Matthews, the stage managing of Alex Factor, and the musical direction of E. Layne.

The first half of the progamme is devoted entirely to burlesque and song. The humour is distinctly fresh and extremely clever. Yesterday right from the opening chorus to the finale there was not a dull moment. "Muffin" Coates, late of Moody Manners, contributed "Neptune," his rich bass voice being used to much advantage. "Teddie" and "Davy", by the way, two excellent female impersonators, sang "All of an Ooh!" and "Dream Boat" respectively and were each loudly encored. Three songs, "Adam 'ad 'em" by Ernest Lonsdale, "Girl I left behind", Alex Factor, and "Gay Cavalier," Leslie Wilson, were received with great applause. "The Conductors we have seen," burlesque, by Max and Mr. R.C. Matthews, was quite a new study in silent humour, Max, with the big-drum, creating roars of laughter in conjunction with the finer subtleties of Mr. Matthews. The finale, comprising "Nuts in May," "Carry on the Good Work" and "Simple Melody," was particularly clever in its arrangement.

FAIR AND WARMER.

In "Fair and Warmer," "The Merry Muffins" have scored the biggest success since Leslie Henson's "Gaieties" production at Lille. As Mr. Bartlett (Billy), Mr. R. C. Matthews was inimitable. He has a style, which is entirely his own. "Teddy" as Mrs. Wheeler (Blanney) was so delightfully feminine — not to say risqué — that one wondered if he wasn't a girl. Ernest Lonsdale as Mr. Wheeler, Davy as Mrs. Bartlett, E. Layne Runacres as Tessie, and Bernard Dukes as Phil Evans were excellent in their respective parts.

The staging and production left nothing to be desired.

WAR SAVINGS.

The 1/5th Bn. West Yorkshire Regt. formed a War Savings Association under the chairmanship of Lieut.-Colonel W. Oddie, D.S.O. At the beginning of May, amounts so far invested by the men of the Bn. were 51,000 Marks or 1,058 certificates. In spite of the fact that over one hundred men of the Battalion have been transferred to other units, nearly 400 Officers, N.C.O.'s and men are members. Any man who is a War Saver is allowed to draw his full pay. Each Company has a clock or indication ladder, and great competition exists between them. The men are beginning to realize it is much better to save up their money to spend in England rather than waste it on cheap jewellery in German shops. Can any other Yorkshire Battalion beat this result?

OLD SCOUTS' CORNER.

CONDUCTED BY HAWK EYE.

Last Saturday afternoon, in ideal weather, thirty of us had a delightful ramble to Godesburg, under the able guidance of Mr. Silverwood. Tea was partaken of *en route*, and we are much indebted to the Y.M.C.A. at Bonn for their hospitality. From the ruins of the old castle, a magnificent view was obtained of the surrounding country, to give a fully descriptive account of which would take at least three columns. It was a field day for the camera fiends, and after a raid had been made on the picture postcard dealers and souvenir shops, we entrained for home, arriving at Cologne about 9.30 p.m. after a thoroughly enjoyable outing.

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At our last meeting on Wednesday evening, it was unanimously decided to run the Scoutmasters' "refresher" class as a troop on the patrol system, and this will be formed next week.

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At the "pow-wow" circle a paper was read on "The Future of Scouting," and this was followed by a lively and earnest discussion from which all must undoubtedly have derived considerable benefit.

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To-morrow (Saturday) we are going for a Rhine trip, by the kindness of the British Empire Leave Club, who are reserving a part of their boat for us. Will all those who intend coming please note that we are meeting by the tram terminus (Hohenzollern Bridge) at 9 a.m., so as to catch the special car which leaves for Bonn at 9.10 a.m. Each man must bring his own dinner rations, but tea will be provided, and the total expenses for the day will be 3.50 marks. We shall arrive back in Cologne at 7 p.m. So rally up, all old scouts, and let us have a good muster.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

Last evening a more than usually enjoyable dance took place at the British Empire Leave Club. Two most important factors led to its great success. The presence of some thirty Members of the W.R.A.F. made the dance go with a swing and the band of the 9th D.L.I. (by kind permission of the C.O.) supplied a most enjoyable programme of music. The non-dancers in the gallery were able to enjoy the music as much as those who took the floor, and it is to be hoped that this dance will be the forerunner of many others, to which members of the W.R.A.F. and other organisations will come in greater and greater numbers.

Answers to Correspondents.

F.S.K.— The letters M.C.C. stand for Maryle bone Cricket Club and not, as was inadvertantly stated yesterday, for Middlesex C.C.

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2nd EASTERN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brilliant summer weather favoured the 2nd Eastern Infantry Brigade's Horse Show, which was held in the beautiful Sieg valley, near Hennef, on Whit Monday. The turf was in excellent condition after the recent rain, and the beauty of the surrounding country lent great picturesqueness to the scene. By two o'clock a large number of the Brigade had assembled, and the special train from Siegburg brought more. Many welcome visitors also arrived in the course of the afternoon, including the Corps Commander, Sir Henry Morland, and daughter, and the Divisional Commander, Major-General Nicholson, the latter driving on to the ground in a very handsome four-in-hand. The Bedfordshire colours fluttered everywhere; floral decorations brightened the ground and enclosures, and even the traditional horse show clown (mounted on a frisky mule) was not wanting. The orchestras of the 51st, 52nd, and 53rd Battalions provided a musical programme, and well stocked refreshment tents catered for the needs of all.

The programme of 17 events began promptly at 2 p. m. The judging was ably performed in Ring 1 by Major Hodgins, R.A.V.C. and Lt. H. Docker, 5th Lancers, and in Ring 2 by Major E. F. Budden, R. A., and Major I. C. Perry-Knox Gore, R. A. The interest grew as the events proceeded, and the horse jumping (both the brigade and the open event) caused special enthusiasm amongst the spectators massed on the bank above. The last two events, a mule scurry and an officers' scurry of three to four furlongs, caused a happy climax of interest. A most delightful day closed with the presentation of prizes by Brigadier-General H. C. Jackson, commanding the Brigade, the Brigadier's cup for the winning Battalion going to the 51st Bedfordshires.

OLD RUGBEIAN DINNER.

On Tuesday evening twenty-eight old Rugby "boys" of the Rhine Army fore-gatnered at dinner at the VI Corps Club, at the instigation of the Rev. M.W. Shewell, C.F., X Corps. The chair was taken by Major FitzRoy Gardner, as the oldest "boy" present.

In proposing the toast of the evening — "The School" — the chairman confessed to having been at Rugby as far back as the headmastership of Dr. Temple. He read out the names of "old Rugs" who had entered the school between 1864 and 1911, and had held commissioned rank in the present war — twenty five in all, one of whom, Col. Muir, had entered in 1865 and in 1915 been appointed A.A. and Q.M.G. The toast was responded to by 2nd Lieut. A.B. Steel, the youngest "old Rug" present, who left the school only last year. Among the Senior officers present were Lt.-Col. T.H. Mousley (10 years junior to the Chairman), Lieut.-Col. E.C. Caldecott, Lieut.-Col. R.K.A. Macaulay, Lieut.-Col. M.N. MacLeod, Lieut.-Col. E. A. Bray, Major H. F. King, Major M.W.M. MacLeod and Major W.G. Michelmore. The arrangements were excellently carried out by the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. M.W. Shewell.

HAGENBECK'S CIRCUS.

To everyone who enjoys good circus turns we heartily recommend a visit to Hagenbeck's show in the Aachenerstrasse.

The weather is a bit warm for a circus, and even in a well ventilated tent the calories make themselves felt, but our feeling was that it was worth it.

Among those items especially enjoyed we would mention some really good jumping by Russian hounds; the Sylphids in a wonderful aerial performance where numerous evolutions are performed while the ladies doing them are literally hanging by their teeth alone, some 15 to 20 feet above the sawdust; the geese that do not do the goose-step but perform simpler military manoeuvres with precision, and some really effective lion-taming feats where Herr Aug. Molker shows that he has his seven feline assistants well in hand.

Very clever trick cycling was performed by the Four Margentas, who were followed by the Lorch Family of acrobats. How hot they must have been! The child members were rarely on their own feet but spent most of their time within the ring passing from one bootsole to another. An older member of the "family" turned somersaults so rapidly that the eye saw a continuous disc of colour instead of an human being. It was a thoroughly good turn and the enjoyment of it was by no means lessened by the wonderful *sang froid* of the most junior member. Clowns, elephants and ponies brought an enjoyable show to a conclusion.

A member of the audience, an A.S.C. man on half-a-day's leave in Cologne was, we noticed, taking a busman's holiday. The sight of E.A.H. Boswell, who managed the Glasgow H.Q. business of the famous circus, *watching* a circus performance was too funny for words.

51st Bn. BEDFORDSHIRE REGT. CONCERTS.

On Friday last, Miss Silvas gave her 647th "one-man" concert to the naval and military forces of the Crown—on this occasion to the 51st Bn. Bedfordshire Regiment at the Y.M.C.A., Hennef. The talented artiste was formerly a member of the "Lena Ashwell Concert Party," but was "commandeered" by the Y.M.C.A.

Besides singing old favourites such as "Angus McDonald," she introduced several new songs, among them being "The Stoker of the Lusitania" and the "Resurrection Packet," both of which, rendered with histrionic effect and dramatic charm, entnused a highly appreciative audience. A novel feature of the entertainment was the whistling of popular choruses in which the audience joined heartily. Among the songs which pleased most, "Joan of Arc" deserves special mention.

On Saturday, the "Wasps" repeated their programme of Thursday, and again scored a phenomenal success.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

A mosquito bite was responsible for the death of Miss Ashley, a young lady of Seven Kings, who was buried at Ilford last week. She was bitten on the nose by the insect, and four days afterwards she died. She was 21 years of age, and was an accomplished musician.

At Northants Assizes the judge ordered James Botten, 15 years and nine months, to be detained during the King's pleasure for the murder of George Herbert Watkins, of Gunthorpe, near Peterborough.

Sir Robert Horne, Minister of Labour, has invited both sides concerned in the Lancashire cotton dispute to a joint conference, the date of which remains to be fixed.

The Marquis of Lansdowne is now reported to be making satisfactory progress.

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PELMANISM IN THE OCCUPATION ARMY.

AN INVESTIGATION ON THE SPOT.

BY

ROY HARDY.

As a professional advertising man I was naturally very interested in the "propaganda" of Pelmanism, especially during these last few years of both intensive and extensive publicity campaigns. Knowing, as any good advertising man does know, that one of the elementary tenets of the profession, business, science, craft — call it what you will — of advertising is that you cannot advertise boldly in the public press for any considerable length of time with success unless you have, in the first place, a sound proposition, and in the second place, truth, I determined to find out, at the very first opportunity, something more about this contagious scientific brain control.

On referring to my records I found — I must acknowledge, to my surprise — that the Pelman Institute had been carrying on a system of mental training, even as far as *I* could trace, at least ten years. That decided it. I had come to London from Cologne on leave; I would call and investigate right away.

I immediately secured an interview with a Director of the Pelman Institute. He told me many things, he demonstrated many things, he showed me many irrefutable evidences, he proved many claims — claims of accomplishment and claims of results.

He told me they were greatly interested in the Rhine Army as they had many enthusiastic students there, and they had in fact just received authentic news that a General and his entire staff were Pelmanising for greater efficiency in the Army of Occupation.

MY MISSION.

I was asked if I would investigate the progress of Pelmanism among the troops in the occupation area. This I gladly undertook to do so far as time and opportunity permitted. What I have seen, what I have heard, what I have discovered since, have been to me far more convincing evidence than anything I had been shown in London, far more convincing even than the written evidences and eulogies of such eminent men as Sir John Foster Fraser, Sir Harry Johnston, Sir H. Rider Haggard, Sir Theodore Cook, Sir James Yoxall, Canon Hannay, Lieut.-Gen. Sir R. S. S. Baden-Powell, W. L. George, Max Pemberton, Sir A. Quiller-Couch, Admiral Lord Chas. Beresford, E. F. Benson, E. V. Lucas, Sir Wm. Robertson Nicoll, George R. Sims, Spencer Leigh Hughes, M. P., etc. etc.: all of which I had read in the papers.

I had no need to travel round as a missioner and advertise my main object and interest. On all hands soldiers were discussing "Pelmanism," whilst regularly, so many times a day, one was asked "What *is* this Pelmanism?" In these circumstances it was quite easy for me to glean all the information I wanted at first hand and without seeking or asking. Many would whisper confidentially and half apologetically in my ear that they thought they might "just out of curiosity" take up the Course .... "It would be interesting and fun anyway. It is difficult to get very much to read here — — it would perhaps while away a few half hours in the Stadtwald or on the banks of the Rhine."

Many spoke quite intelligently of Pelmanism and were obviously student beginners although they would not volunteer the information that they had taken up the study. Not so your finished Pelmanist however. The advanced student and those who had finished the Course had got over this early reticence and came boldly out into the open and were most informative and enthusiastic. I take it the Pelmanised mind must have made all the differences and removed many long-cherished, but entirely erroneous, impressions and preconceptions held by so many people regarding anything they do not understand — especially if it is widely advertised in good honest paid-for advertising space.

Mind you, I have been taking in all these impressions and spying into the whole thing, *not* as a Pelmanist, for I must confess I am not yet acquainted with the Pelman Course. I have constituted myself, on my own behalf and for the benefit of any who may read my impressions in print, a sort of personal one-man secret service.

I have penetrated into the ranks of Pelmanists in the Occupation Army, have found out to some extent what they are doing, what they are thinking, their theories, their opinions, their progress, their methods and all that is theirs; I imagined myself "up against" Pelmanism, as I might be employed by a Government against, say, Bolshevism, and have gone all out to secure first hand and valuable information from the 'enemy.'

I have succeeded — *and I have gone over to the side of the "enemy."*

THE SERGEANT WITH LEARNING DIABETES.

I talked to a Sergeant who is in charge of education for his unit, an Infantry Battalion. He is constantly being asked about Pelmanism by his students. He gives his reply by means of blackboard demonstrations and strongly advises all members of his classes, whatever specialistic subject they are studying, to take up the cult of Pelmanism in addition, as a help to a better and quicker learning of whatever they have chosen to learn in the Army classes. He points out that whether it is Languages, Mathematics, Shorthand, Geography, Literature, History, Mechanics, Farming, Art, or what not, the concurrent Pelmanising of the mind makes the brain retentive, more impressionable, more absorbent, whilst one's lessons learned and knowledge gained are so ordered and stored, methodically and systematically placed, that learning becomes a pleasure instead of a drudgery. This Sergeant certainly had what I should describe as learning diabetes. His appetite for learning was insatiable, his capacity for the acquisition of knowledge something to marvel at. He impressed me as a man with a card-indexed mind. He could place almost any fact or line of thought in a moment. The line of thought would seem to be his guide-card and from that he would immediately arrive at his card of "subject" or "branch of subject," thence alighting on his required fact.

Yes, Pelmanism is permeating the active service classes on the new front and is undoubtedly helping to turn what many felt would be wasted years of their life into years usefully spent in educational "finishing" and mental introspection that is resulting in the acquisition of new and brighter outlooks on life. This war has meant for many "going over the top" in more senses than one. They have been, in their pre-war civilian occupations, carrying on a sort of commercial trench warfare. Sitting in a trench however, never won a war, and never gained an objective. Sometimes they realised that, and now and then had made sanguinary raids in the hope of gaining some coveted prize or some better strategical position in the business world wherefrom to operate to a successful career. But the war pulled them out altogether, sent them "over the top." Now they are standing in no-man's land, at the parting of the ways, at a dead-end, and are tempted to say, "Now look how it has left me." If they only realised the position in it's true light they would know that they were really much better off than before and in a fair way to gaining their objective. I have spoken to many of these men, young Officers, N.C.O's, citizen soldiers of every rank, men from trades and professions, men who joined the Army straight from school and university with no clearly defined future at all. Yes, mercilessly out of their ruts, their trenches, standing in a mental no-man's land. I have spoken to men who are like this now and to others who *had been* in this depressing position. My talks eliminated the interesting fact that Pelmanism had come in many cases as a new arm, though not so much a reinforcement as a kind of necessary intelligence service. Just that 'something' required to point the way, to instruct, to open up a new outlook. It would seem to have provided the intelligence and staff work with[illegible] no campaign could succeed.

OUT OF THE RUT.

These over-the-top Pelmanists now [illegible] that the war, after all, has done a gree[illegible] for them. That whereas, in the ordinary peaceful course of things, they would even now be drudging out their days in some uninteresting and unprofitable capacity simply because they would not of their own strength have had the courage to come out and make a big push for success. The war brought them out in spite of themselves, Pelmanism pointed the way to progress, and gave them the right mentality to "get there." Many such, who, a few months ago, had no object in life, are now anxious to get on with things, and whilst some are looking forward to a brighter, more interesting and intelligent military career, others enjoy pleasant anticipations of the time when they will be demobilised and can go back to their pre-war or some new occupation with a new spirit altogether and a fresh viewpoint.

I read the published letter from a soldier in the A. of O. saying:—"You will be glad to hear that I have just been promoted. I attribute this entirely to the Pelman Course you enrolled me for last Christmas. It's the best present I have ever had. Lots of our fellows are Pelmanising out here. It's the best cure for that "fed-up feeling" we are all apt to get while waiting for the return to good old civvies." I found that was such an ordinary thing out here — that soldier's experience — that I did not trouble to collect individual testimony of that kind. I could quote scores of instances but the eulogistic strain is monotonous.

I notice C. 22094 writes, "I intend to master the German language, and I believe Pelmanism will be a help to that end." If what students of the German language here in Rhineland tell me is true, C. 22094 will master the language in a fraction of the time and much more pleasantly if he Pelmanises his brain at the same time.

And so, I would say, after my expedition into this overseas Pelman domain, that it has been amply and convincingly demonstrated to me that to the soldier, the student, the retained business or professional man, the man in search of a career and the man at a dead-end, Pelmanism has a message and an indefinable something that will effectually bridge the hiatus, whatever his own particular yawning gap may be.

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SOUTH AFRICA AND INDEPENDENCE.

PREMIER'S REPLY.

Mr. Lloyd George's reply to the Independence Deputation of the National Party of South Africa, which he received in Paris on June 5, is now published.

Mr. Hertzog, who was at the head of the deputation, said that their claim was for the restitution to the former South African Republic and Orange Free State of the national status obtaining before the war of 1899-1902.

Mr. Hertzog said:—

"Their solidarity of national feeling had sometimes been attributed to racial hatred. He said emphatically there was no racial feeling in South Africa, if by racial feeling was meant an antagonism due to race, between Dutch and English. The old population loved South Africa as the Englishman loved England. They felt far nearer akin to an Englishman when they came into contact with him than they did with anyone else, because of their education, their tradition, and those small things which could not be explained but in life went so far."

THE PRIME MINISTER'S REPLY.

In the course of his reply the Prime Minister said:—

"General Botha specially requested me to meet your deputation and to lay before you the point of view of the British Government, and I am very glad to do so.

It is quite clear that you do not claim to speak for the whole people of the Union, nor even for the whole people of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, nor even for the whole of the Dutch-speaking people of those provinces. You represent the wishes of a party whose adherents are almost entirely drawn from the older Dutch-speaking population of South Africa, and whose policy, as a recent vote in the Union Parliament showed, is supported only by the representatives of the Nationalist Party. Further, as you informed me, the native population of South Africa is definitely against independence, and wishes to remain within the British Empire.

You ask for the restitution of the national status of the Transvaal and Orange Free State as it was before the war of 1899 to 1902. You ask it, so I understand, not because of any interference with South African affairs by the Government, the Parliament, or the people of the United Kingdom. In reply to my questions on this point, you said that there was less interference than ever before.

The case which you make is based purely upon South African considerations. I cannot see how it is possible for the British Government to reopen a great settlement because of political issues which have arisen between different sections of the South African people themselves. If the British Government were to intervene it would, in my judgment, constitute an interference with those rights which we once for all conceded to South Africa when the Imperial Parliament ratified the Act of Union drawn up by a Convention of the South African people and approved by the freely elected Parliaments of the four South African Colonies.

BOTHA AND SMUTS.

You say that some of the South African Ministers have been weak men and too subject to outside influences. I can only say that every soldier I have consulted has told me that General Botha was one of the most formidable opponents against whom he has ever fought, and that Field-Marshal Lord French has publicly said that he never had against him a more skilful general than General Smuts. I can also confirm from my own experience the power and influence exerted by these two Dutchmen, both in the councils of the Empire and in the Peace Conference itself.

The Boer people, loyally supported by South Africans of British origin, have completely justified the confidence and trust so fully put in them by the British Government and people.

Instead of raising any claim which would serve to divide once more the people of South Africa and re-open the ancient quarrel, they took the other alternative and, on a basis of full discussion, free agreement, and unfettered consent, entered into a lasting and indissoluble union with the rest of British South Africa. The constitution of the new Union was the free act of the whole people of South Africa representing both white races and all the Colonies.

The view of the British Government is that the Union of South Africa rests on a fundamental understanding and agreement between the British and Dutch elements of the people of South Africa, in which both made sacrifices and surrenders for the attainment of a great common ideal, and that it cannot be dissolved by the one-sided action of either element without the consent of the other. The people of South Africa exercised a free, deliberate, final choice. The proclaimed principle of self-determination to which you refer has been given effect to by the people of South Africa in the fullest, freest, most solemn and deliberate manner. We could not agree to any action which means the disruption of the Union.

The South African people control their own national destiny in the fullest sense. In the greatest Conference in history South Africa is represented by two statesmen of indubitably Dutch origin who have won for South Africa an extraordinary influence in the affairs of the world. It is futile to believe that South Africa can ever return to that isolation which was possible a century ago. The world has become too knit together. In the future League of Nations South Africa will have the same membership and status as, and far more influence than, any of the other States which are outside the ranks of the few Great Powers.

GERMANY'S ESTHONIAN CAMPAIGN.

RAILWAY HELD.

Stockholm, 10th June.—The Esthonian *communiqué* issued on Sunday night states:—

In the direction of Porkhoff (on the railway east of Pskoff) we advanced. In the neighbourhood of the village of Saeve we took six machine-guns and 300 prisoners.

In the directions of Ramotskoe (on the Riga-Wolmar railway) violent fighting took place with the German Landwehr. The enemy has destroyed a great part of the railway, and repairs are made difficult by enemy fire preventing the advance of our armoured trains.

Kreutzburg and Jacobstadt (on the southern Dvina, above Riga), which were taken by our troops on June 5, will be defended by Lettish troops under our command.

The *communiqué* issued on Monday morning states:—

In the direction of Porkhoff a detachment of the Northern Corps occupied the line Vantsova-Lopatova, and continued its advance in the direction of the station of Maramoshava.

In the direction of Ramotskoe violent fights took place with the German Landwehr.

Monday night's *communiqué* says:—

An aeroplane landed near Narva on Sunday, and two others to-day, bearing German nationality marks. The passengers were German officers and soldiers and Baltic Germans who had flown from Riga, and have been arrested.

On the Ostroff front (South of Pskoff) our scouts near the village of Harpalovka took 63 prisoners and a machine-gun.

On the Ramotskoe front, near Venden (which is on the railway 15 miles south of Wolmar) violent fighting took place on Sunday. As most of our forces were elsewhere fighting against the Bolshevists, we were forced to retire north of Wenden.—*Reuter.*

APPALLING SITUATION AT RIGA.

STREWN WITH CORPSES.

Stockholm, June 10.—A Swedish engineer named Fränkel, acting on behalf of the Swedish Government and the Swedish Red Cross, recently crossed the Baltic to Riga in a 40ft. motor-boat with provisions for the Swedes there, and returned on the 7th inst., bringing back about a dozen Swedish and Danish subjects from that town. M. Fränkel says:—

The situation at Riga justifies the most lurid descriptions which have been given. The streets offer a terrible appearance. They are strewn with the corpses of murdered inhabitants, and a large number of buildings have been damaged by bombardment. The whole town is in despair. There is a terrible lack of provisions, and the inhabitants are even baking bread from coffee grounds.

Every day the Bolshevists carried out wholesale executions. The Lettish troops took the town by surprise in order to avoid the massacre which had been planned to take place in the Central Prison, but they came 10 minutes too late, for about a hundred of the Riga *bourgeois* had just been murdered by the Bolshevists.

There is rivalry and even open antagonism between the Ullmann Government, which is supported by the Allies, and the German Baltic barons. The existence of the Government headed by President Needra, who is supported by Germany, aggravates the situation, and justifies the fear that the town may soon be retaken by the Bolshevists.—*Reuter.*

BOLSHEVIST VESSELS BOMBED AND GUNNED.

Kem, June 8.—Our seaplanes on Lake Onega this morning attacked with bombs four Bolshevist craft. Though no direct hit was secured, the seaplanes raked the decks of the enemy craft with machine-gun fire and succeeded in silencing their anti-aircraft guns.

The Bolshevists fled in a zigzag course and were pursued for a great distance. One seaplane returned to its base, reloaded with bombs, and then rejoined the flight. All our machines returned safely.—*Reuter.*

FEARED LOSS OF SUBMARINE.

The Board of Admiralty announces that a British submarine, operating in the Baltic, is overdue since the 4th June and is presumed to be lost with all hands.

W. HOHENZOLLERN—ADSUM!

The *Vossische Zeitung* states that an official placard has been posted at Brussels which runs: General Hoppfer, the ex-commandant of Doornik, ex-Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria (domicile unknown) and Wilhelm von Hohenzollern, now without occupation, residing at Amerongen, are invited to present themselves on the 14th October 1919 at 9.a.m. before the 8th Chamber of the Tribunal of Brussels in the Palace of Justice, Place de Poularde, to justify themselves.

The accusation concerns crimes committed in the name of these persons during the German occupation of Belgium.

THE GREAT VICTORY WAR LOAN.

PHENOMENAL FIGURES.

With the overnight issue of the Government prospectus of the great "Victory" War Loan in readiness for business yesterday morning, Britain puts its hand to the completion of the mightiest monetary effort that any nation has ever undertaken. The financial history of the war demonstrates the fact that Great Britain has been shouldering that tremendous task since 1914 not only on behalf of herself but in the interests of her Allies and the different parts of the Empire scattered throughout the world.

Figures relating to the various British Loans would in themselves have seemed incredible in pre-war days. The following vast sums have been raised in connection with various British War Loans; — The 3½ per cent Loan of 1914 raised £331,738,000: the 4½ per cent Loan of 1915 produced £592,346,000: while the 5 and 4 per cent Loans of 1917 attracted £ 1,000,313,000. In addition to these totals must be considered the enormous amounts borrowed in connection with Treasury Bills, Exchequer Bonds, and by other means. There is also the great sum raised by means of continuous borrowing — a system by means of which the Chancellor of the Exchequer was able to obtain more than £1,120,000,000 of new money for war purposes in twelve months. Mr. Bonar Law asked for £25,000,000 each week and he practically secured it.

When the final figures of War Bond sales between October 1917, and January, 1919, were announced they were found to aggregate £ 1,645,337,734, which gave a weekly average over the entire period of sixty-eight weeks of £ 24,196,143. The recent completion of the fourth series of War Bond sales shows a total of £ 79,842,571. On top of these amounts the sales of War Savings Certificates have to be recorded. At the end of last month the aggregate stood at £ 325,144,419. By that means a steady income is assured to the Government and a good investment to the public.

No limit has been given to the amount to be raised by the Victory Loan during the ensuing month. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has stated frankly the obligations of the nation and in some quarters £ 1,500,000,000 is regarded as the amount the nation should receive.

BIG GERMAN SOCIALIST CONGRESS.

LEGITIMATE PEACE CONDITIONS.

Some very pretty ideals were unfolded by the German Prime Minister, Scheidemann, at the opening of the Socialist Congress at Weimar. He said: "I do not want to exaggerate the danger, but I warn you, be on your guard if the reaction dares to touch the rights of the people. We do not want to go back, but forward, towards liberty."

After considering questions of German interior policy he concluded with a few remarks on foreign policy. "Force is a passing thing," he said, "right remains. Even if our adversaries did not retain one soldier we would rebuild France and Belgium. We are ready to conclude a holy contract, which shall, as the first sincere Peace Covenant in history, put an end to the last war of the world. Down with the weapons. No more war! Equal rights to the nations and to the individual. All with one another: all for one another. So from the chaos will come the new world. We are beaten indeed. Well, now let us go upward and forward—forward to victory!"

Herr Bernstein also spoke about foreign policy. He described Count Brockdorff-Rantzau as being quite a sensible man but not an international socialist and therefore not the proper man. Bernstein disapproved strongly the policy of the 4th of August. He declares that in France there was in August 1914 a government of peace; Poincaré sent to the King of England a letter which made for peace; but this letter was not published in Germany. Bernstein declared that nine tenths of the Peace conditions are legitimate. He asserted that the French socialists would have prevented war if the Germans had not crossed the frontier. He claimed always to have advocated the policy of the Entente in the East and said that Poland has a historical right to reconstitution, and to the position it held before the first partition.

For the future he urged that the German republic should still alter her spirit and demanded that Germany should candidly admit that she alone is responsible for the war.

ABOUT THOSE 50-MARK NOTES.

"ALL CLEAR" SOUNDED.

Since we advised our readers to get rid of the 50 mark notes dated 20th October 1918, Field Cashiers and others have been inundated with inquiries.

The statement that these notes would shortly be recalled emanated from Berlin but has now been officially contradicted.

The notes, therefore, are perfectly legal tender.

EXTENDING CONGO RAILWAY.

A Brussels dispatch to the *African World* states that the railway from Cape Town to Katanga is to be extended northwards from Bukama to Kibombo along the Lualaba (Upper Congo), and that the construction of the Congo-Nile railway is expected to start shortly.

Yesterday a family of eight persons was admitted to hospital at Glasgow with smallpox.

The Board of Trade returns for May show an increase of 9,749,767 pounds sterling in imports and 19,377,321 in exports.

Thirty fighting tanks at Wool (Dorset) training centre are for sale and will be disposed of by tender.

GERMAN CLERK IN AIR MINISTRY.

SENT TO PRISON.

At the Westminster Police Court, yesterday, Elvin Blumenfeld, 38, a German subject, insurance agent, of Wandon-road, Fulham, was charged, as an alien, with failing to have in his possession on June 2 an identity book duly filled in and attested. He was also charged with failing to notify to the police his change of place of business and with assuming a surname other than that by which he was known before the war.

The defendant, it was stated, was registered in the name of Herman. Rather than be interned he undertook work in a quarry in Wales, returning to London in December. In January he obtained a situation as a clerk at the Air Ministry in the name of Bloomfield, and when asked where he was born he answered "Brighton." He gave up this appointment at the end of May. The police found that he had entered nothing in the identity book issued to him when he registered.

The defendant told the magistrate that Bloomfield was the English for Blumenfeld. He had been in this country 35 years, and his father was a Russian, but he himself was born in Germany. He had used the name of Herman because that was his late father's professional name.

Mr. Francis, the magistrate, sentenced the defendant to six months' imprisonment with hard labour and recommended him for deportation.

OLD SOLDIERS FOR CIVIL SERVICE.

LABOUR MINISTER'S PROMISE.

The letter from Sir Robert Horne, the Minister of Labour, which was read at the annual conference of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers, in which he indicated that a scrutiny of Government offices is being undertaken with a view to ensuring that as large a number as possible of suitable places shall be occupied by demobilized men, has caused a flutter in Whitehall. It has not, however, been taken too seriously by the heads of Government offices, who have heard so much in recent years of comb-outs, and who know that it is possible for them to make the teeth of the comb very wide.

The promised comb-out mentioned by the Minister of Labour is at present at a very early stage, and no immediate results are expected from the scrutiny. It is understood that the Government are still considering what would be the best procedure for combing out the Departments, and it has not yet been decided whether the Minister of Labour or some other Minister should undertake the work or whether each Department should be called upon to indicate the cases in which substitution can be carried out.

The policy indicated by the Minister of Labour, that priority should be given to ex Service men in connection with employment in Government offices, was established before the war, when, owing to the persistent pressure of outside organizations interested in the welfare of ex-Service men, the Government gave them a preference for posts of doorkeepers and messengers. The extension of that preference to the clerical staff, which it is understood the Government now propose, opens a much wider door, for there are a large number of temporary clerks, both male and female, still employed in Government offices, for whom efficient substitutes could no doubt be found among the men who have been and are being demobilized.

DEMOBILIZING IMMOBILE "W.R.A.F.'S."

WOMEN SERVING ABROAD.

A certain number of the immobile members of the Women's Royal Air Force are being demobilized. These women are less useful to the force than the mobile section; if one station closes they cannot be transferred to another, as they live in their own homes. Some of them are married women whose husbands have been demobilized; others are returning to their civilian occupations.

About a month ago a number of "Wrafs" were sent to France for the first time. There are also some with the Army of Occupation in Germany, these being mainly clerks, cooks, and mess orderlies. There are very few "Waacs" (Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps) in Germany. There are no "Wrens" (Women's Royal Naval Service) officially in that country, though two have been lent to the British Leave Club.

LIVERPOOL NEGROES TO BE INTERNED.

A representative of the Ministry of Labour arrived at Liverpool yesterday to deal with the situation created through the racial riots. The military authorities have undertaken to look after the demobilized blacks in the city. Efforts are being made to remove the remainder of the blacks who sought refuge in the Bridewell to an internment camp pending their repatriation.

BIGAMY ON THE INCREASE.

Seventeen bigamy cases were down for hearing at the Devon Assizes, which opened yesterday. Mr. Justice Lush said that notwithstanding the severity of the penalties inflicted the number of charges of bigamy showed a continual increase.

BOYCOTTING GERMAN SEAMEN.

A mass meeting of Cardiff seamen yesterday reaffirmed their former resolution not to sail with German seamen and to boycott Germans till they show repentance for the horrible crimes committed by the German military and naval forces against non-combatants on land and seafaring men following their lawful avocations.

THEFT OF ARMY PAY DRAFTS.

FURTHER REMAND.

Cecil Hall, the demobilized Army Pay Office clerk charged with stealing 50 Army postal drafts of the negotiable value of £700 from the Pay Department huts at Bucklands, Dover, was again remanded in custody at Tower Bridge yesterday. The drafts are alleged to form part of 5,000 missing from the huts.

At a former hearing it was stated that four blank drafts were left by Hall in a taxicab at Waterloo, and he was traced and arrested.

Major Cartwright, of the Army Pay Department at Dover, said each draft was negotiable at any post office on production of a demobilized soldier's protection certificate. Two of the five drafts received from the General Post Office as having been cashed in April were marked with a rubber stamp, "Special grant in lieu of gratuity." There was no such stamp in use at Dover pay office, and its effect might be to make drafts negotiable without the production of protection certificates. The four drafts found in the cab were stamped in the same way.

In January and February there was an extraordinary rush of work. Over 3,000 men were being demobilized daily, and a night staff had to be employed. The 5,000 drafts were handed to the office on January 21. Hall only acted as night watchman for two nights—January 26 and 27—and after he was demobilized on January 23, it was found that a cupboard had been forced open and the drafts and date stamp were missing.

FRENCH HONOURS FOR CHESHIRE BATTALION.

CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM

On Sunday, March 2, the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, British Salonika Force, on behalf of General Franchet d'Esperey, the G.O.C. in Command Allied Armies in the Orient, presented the 12th (Ser.) Battalion Cheshire Regiment with the Croix de Guerre with Palm, recognition of their gallant conduct and magnificent attack on September 18, 1918. The battalion was mentioned in a French Army Order as "a marvellous battalion, which has shown the finest qualities of courage, enthusiasm, and endurance."

The order continues:—"On September 18, 1918, gallantly led by Lieut.-Col. A.R.C. Legg-Hill in person, it rushed to the assault of a strongly fortified position, showing a magnificent spirit of self-sacrifice. In spite of a cross fire from artillery, trench mortar, and machine guns, and of the loss of its commanding officer, who fell mortally wounded, the battalion continued to advance, making light of its heavy casualties, and thereby giving a glorious example of heroism, and maintaining the loftiest traditions of the British Army."

In the December dispatch of General Sir G. Milne, G.O.C. in Command, British Salonika Force, the battalion is again mentioned for its attack on the "P" Ridge in September. "After severe fighting the 12th Battalion Cheshire Regiment successed in reaching the third line of trenches. At this point they came under a devastating machine gun fire, and, unable to make further progress, were eventually compelled to fall back to their original position. In their heroic attempt they had lost about 65 per cent. of their strength, including Lieut.-Col. the Hon. A.R.C. Legg-Hill, D.S.O., who fell at the head of the battalion."

GREAT LEAGUE OF NATIONS DEMONSTRATION.

THE BRITISH UNION.

Elaborate arrangements have been completed for the great demonstration on the League of Nations at the Albert Hall to-day.

Viscount Grey is to preside and Lord Robert Cecil is to make an important announcement in connection with the Peace Conference. Among those who will support the Chairman are the American and Spanish ambassadors, the Danish, Greek, Swiss, Norwegian, Colombian and Chilean ministers.

In connection with the meeting, President Wilson has sent the following letter to the League of Nations' Union. "The signing of the League of Nations' Covenant is the first formal step toward the establishment of an effective League of Nations.

It is obvious that both the present and future generations should understand and support it in the spirit even more than in the letter. Uninformed opinion among the nations signatory to the Covenant might be a standing menace to the peace of the world. The task of regenerating the minds and wills of associated peoples needs to be taken in hand and pursued without respite so that all may see how great is the potentiality of the League for the promotion of international concord, co-operation and progress. The present opportunity is without parallel in human history. I understand that the British League of Nations' union is striving to use it to the full among the people of the British Isles and Overseas Dominions. I trust that its labours may be fruitful in the desire to stimulate the zeal of sister states in all associated countries. Peace can only be ensured by constant work and constant support of righteous covenants freely entered into. No work is nobler and none more urgent.

British Wireless.

DERBYSHIRE OIL.

Drilling was continued at Hardstoft yesterday and revealed a glut of oil. The borehole overflowed and a thousand gallons of oil have been stored. Steps have been taken to prevent an excessive rush of oil.

Wednesday was the hottest day of the year in London, the temperature reaching seventy-eight degrees in the shade.

The drought in England is becoming serious. Prayers for rain will be offered in the churches on Sunday.

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THE WRONG LIGHT. (Comedy.)

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WANTED, A HUSBAND. (1 Part. Comedy.)
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All the above Rehearsals take place at 5.45 p.m. in the Lecture Room on the first Floor of the Church Army Soldiers Club. Antoniter Strasse Cologne.

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Short Morning Prayers Daily at 9-15 a.m.

3.—THE ARMY CINEMA HALL
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Sundays: Evening Service, 6 p.m.

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HEARTH AND HOME.

His Majesty, King George V, does not take lightly his role of sovereignty. Time and again during the war he has encouraged and inspired his subjects, and now that war seems to be over he is bent on paying ceremonial visits to his loyal lieges. This week he has honoured Leicester. It is almost three hundred years since a reigning monarch visited this Midland town, and there is a vast difference in the nature of the royal excursions. Charles I in days of civil war journeyed to Leicester to chide disloyalty, but George V in days of peace travelled to Leicester to bless allegiance.

We quote a notable sentence from our King's speech. He reminded the townsmen that "the character of English life is moulded in the home." That is a truth which every citizen of our Empire needs to learn, and it is meet that it should be uttered by our sovereign. England has always been a country which reverenced its homes, and throughout the world Englishmen have been guided and guarded by their devotion to the ideals which a happy home inspires.

It is now a truism that Britain's colonies rallied around her in the days of her sore need. We know full well the dangers of any particular inferences from this glorious pact of kinship, and we do not for a moment pretend that our colonial brothers-in-arms are so wedded to Britain that they see in her no failings. Indeed, they are often outspoken in their criticism of our national backwardness and narrow visions. Such criticism is all to the good, for it is the criticism of those who would win us for worthier enterprise. But what we do know is that most of our colonials use a metaphor that gladdens our hearts. To them England is "home." Even those who have never seen our country usually speak and write of it as Home.

It will be a sad day for Britain when her sons forget the lesson that King George has proclaimed. It is a lesson — and it is a warning. There are some signs that the authority, the kindly influences, and the ideals of home are not what they were. Even before the war youth became clamant for larger liberty, intensely opposed to any kind of repression, anxiously willing to pay its own price for life's experience. The home meant discipline, and discipline was irksome. And the years of war have not lessened the strivings and demands of youth.

There need be no room for pessimism. Youth is more terrible in its philosophy than in its practice. Freedom and joy have always been the attributes of youth, and most ages have been viewed as "very Heaven." In healthy youth there must be a spirit of rebellion rather than a cloak of stoicism. It is idle to expect that none will rapturously set out on the voyage of life with "Youth on the prow and Pleasure at the helm." The years bring their healing to the storm-tossed. If young men and women lost the sense of adventure the world would be poorer. Enthusiasm, idealism, independence are gifts of the gods, and the misuse of them should not make us belittle their worth.

But youth is not always to blame for the alleged decadence of English home-life. Many parents have forgotten their responsibilities, and have failed to make their homes attractive to their children. They have fluctuated between austerity and laxity, and have not bound to them the interests, pleasures, yearnings of their sons and daughters. These have soon discovered a lack of sympathy, and have gone from their homes to seek a more congenial atmosphere.

Further, the country's need has broken up many a home, and young women have had to nourish a spirit of independence whilst they engaged in the work of nursing, clerking, motoring, or munition-making. The times have been abnormal, and perhaps the very strangeness of the times will bring its own remedy. There must be many who miss the old pleasures of home and will gladly join the forsaken family-circle. Even in the British armies we hear of some who after years of service would not be averse to demobilization.

There is no reason why in the near future England should not recapture the privileges and inspiration of its old home-life. Many of us have gained a new outlook and have recovered a lost ideal. There comes a time when we do not weep with Alexander the Great that we have no more worlds to conquer, but are well content with the sights we have seen and the battles we have won. Our eyes turn homewards — "Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam, Be it ever so humble there's no place like home."

In *The Cologne Post* of yesterday the question of housing was discussed, and it is a vital question. But the housing problem might be solved, and yet we might be far from perfect in our national culture. A State can build houses for its citizens, but it can not build homes. Stone walls may make a prison in a sense other than that of Richard Lovelace. A man might be the proud possessor of a mansion and yet be homeless. The Housing Question is intimately allied with matters that are sentimental and spiritual.

In olden days the colonists who left England for the New World could find no better names for their adopted lands than the names that reminded them of the homes they had left. New Plymouth, New Hampshire, Nova Scotia are a tribute to the Englishman's love of his English home. The old spirit is not dead; it awaits a quickening.

MY RISE TO GREATNESS.

BY "ALPHA."

I, a full private, had been appointed by our discriminating Adjutant to the dizzy height of the returns clerk of the Umpth Bn., Chesfordshire Regt.

As soon as this greatness was thrust upon me, visions of my people addressing my letters to "Battalion Headquarters Staff" floated before my eyes and the prospect literally made me dance with ecstacy. The envy of my fellows was as nectar to me, for does not an Orderly Room genius escape the wrath of the gods and does not he leave fatigues, guards and all their miserable accompaniments behind him when he takes his seat in the House of Justice? What a sweet vista the future held forth! I pictured permanent late passes in abundance, "buckshee" days on leave, and, last but not least, erstwhile tyrants cringing before me for items of exclusive news, like beggars waiting for the unconsumed portions of the days rations to fall off the rich man's table.

I sallied forth to the Orderly Room on my first day, at the respectable hour of 09.00 hours, with dreams of the Colonel, second in Command, Adjutant and all their lesser satellites drawn up under the verandah awaiting my coming and the sentry presenting arms to me when I came into the offing.

Were these Lords of Creation there and did the sentry pay me tribute? No! My welcome was of the stony variety. At first when I was approaching I was quite pleased to see the sentry turn the guard out, I was also quite pleased at his good taste and was just preparing to acknowledge the compliment when looking round I discovered that the object of his kind attention was the Colonel who had majestically emerged from the Mess, over the way.

I was rather melancholy over this when at last I entered the busy hive and reported, in the same state, to the Orderly Room Sergeant, an asthmatical looking personage who refused to return my "Good morning" and who also ignored my felicitations as to the state of his health. He was like unto a Sphinx and disposed of me merely by beckoning to another individual, who was in all the glory of "staff" buttons and two stripes.

This autocrat conducted me to a seedy looking desk and curtly bade me carefully to study the list of returns. I commenced doing so but after wrestling with it for fully half-an-hour I murmured something uncomplimentary and gave it up. I wildly thought of wiring Datas and requesting his help but dismissed the idea as unbecoming to a soldier. I commenced counting them but lost count after passing 200. What could I do? I was in the throes of dispair and was beginning to think of a river near-by where one could die a nice, comfortable death, when the situation was saved by a bright "second pipper."

He discerned on my countenance signs of the intelligence, sadly lacking in those of the other denizens of the office. He rushed across and wildly beseeched me for an O. 1771. The other clerks looked round and pricked up their ears for a declaration of ignorance from their latest confrère. This, however, was not forthcoming for, happily, I possessed a cousin thrice removed, who was a "Lootie" in some third rate regiment and who had thoroughly primed me in the difficulties of these awesome forms, as he was fully convinced that I should be promoted to commissioned rank on the initial day of Army life.

I gave the agitated "second" half a dozen and also gave him minute instructions on how to fill them in. He departed in high glee, murmuring about life long gratitude etc.

The sequel to this came in two days time when his account was credited with the amount claimed. This marvellous happening was, needless to say, due to my teaching and upon the Colonel being notified of the circumstances, I was at once appointed Orderly Room Sergeant and awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

There my lightning-like career ends for the present, but who knows, I may become R.S.M. and the fruits of victory will be most sweet to my jaded palate.

A MONUMENT OF SHAME.

PROPOSED MONUMENT TO GERMANY'S LOSSES.

The *Vossische Zeitung*, while realising its impracticaibility, publishes an interesting suggestion from a correspondent in Upper Silesia. It is to the effect that Germany should erect a huge monument as a reminder to coming generations that the effects of war are not necessarily of a beneficial character. He adds, "Had we won the war, we would have held great festivals and erected a huge monument. But we have lost the war: ought we not to gather together for a festival of mourning and leave a tangible warning sign to all who shall come after us?"

He proposes to "erect" a huge heap of stones, easily obtainable near the capital, in the form of a pyramid and suggests that everyone who naturally speaks the German tongue; all who have suffered the privations and who mourn the loss of relatives and friends should add a few stones. Three stone tablets would commemorate the killed, the wounded, and the hungry respectively while a fourth might bear the word "Shame."

No architects would be necessary and if everyone did his bit it would take years—10 or 15—to complete the scheme thus keeping green in German minds the terrible possibilities of war.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

The Editor, in publishing letters from Correspondents, will use his own discretion, and if necessary limit the publishing of correspondence on any subject whatever. It must be understood, however that he is not responsible for the views stated.

All communications for this column should be brief and to the point, and preference will be given to those which bear the writers' signatures for publication. No letter will be published unless accompanied by rank name, and unit of sender, which are needed for the purpose of reference.

Many letters of a perverse nature have reached the office, and the Editor wishes to point out that these only cause waste of time both to the writer and the Editor himself. Letters of this nature will not be published.

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—If English should become the international language as your contributor "A. M." thinks it will, we shall feel greatly gratified and complimented; but if we wait till such is achieved, a good many generations will pass away. Meanwhile we have a perfect instrument ready to our hand in what your correspondent calls the "artificial" language of Zamenhof.

"Artificial" is not a fair term to apply to Esperanto, it is not more artificial than any other language. The human race has in the course of the ages devised articulate speech to communicate, as well as to formulate, its ideas, and this has become, by a process of local and racial development, sub-classified into a number of languages and families of languages. This has been done by the working of intelligence. Zamenhof examined these languages and, eliminating the non-essential parts, extracted from them all the precious essence of human speech and presented it to the world in a form so pure and simple that all persons, no matter how little learned, an use it, if they will, for world-wide intercommunication. This does not deserve to be called artificial. It is the stroke of genius, accomplishing in one lifetime what countless generations with slow steps had gradually been evolving. If the one is artificial, so is the other.

But, artificial or not, Esperanto, the "Language of Hope" for the world, enables us to do with the greatest ease what no language beside can enable us even to attempt. I have myself, for example, corresponded at length with an intelligent Russian, with not one word of whose language I am acquainted, and freely exchanged ideas. You can write Esperanto practically at once, with hardly any preparations. Speaking — like pianoforte playing — needs practice.

Beside this, the International Language is by far the best means of imparting the elements of language to young children, who, as the late Prof. John Mayer said, should begin with it at five years of age. This I cannot labour now. But the need of a common medium of intercourse so well put by your contributor, calls for our immediate attention; and here, unless some strange misconception or childish prejudice prevents us, we have the highest product of genius, the ore of human speech purified of accretions, refined in the melting-pot, and capable of employment by the man in the street, as well as by the philosopher, for brotherly intercourse, without delay and without difficulty, with those from whom the curse of Babel has hitherto shut him off.

A. C. DOWNER.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—*Re* your article "Wanted—an International Language," in June 10th issue, A.M. writes: "Whether it (Esperanto) is as easy as its advocates claim, may be doubted." The two enclosed booklets may convince him of its easiness. I have letters occasionally from a Belgian lad (to whom I only gave two lessons) which are written in good Esperanto. He studied one of these red booklets (10 centimes). Will you please forward these to A.M. with compliments from.

W.F.M.

THE SCIENCE OF WEALTH.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.— Many years ago, Adam Smith wrote a book, on the subject of political economy which he called "The Wealth of Nations." But, since that book was written, people have made a political economy of their own; they refuse to conform to the precepts set forth by Adam Smith. Workmen say among themselves: "We shall take care that we will not work hard enough to make the nation wealthy, and, we shall also take very good care that we will not make our employer wealthy; for the highest wages we shall do the least amount of work, and thus we make ourselves wealthy." This has been the condition of England for many years.

Knowing this to be the case, John Ruskin, the famous author of "Modern Painters," devoted the last years of his life to the study of political economy, the principles of which he gave to the world in the form of a volume of essays "Unto this Last."

To-day it seems that political economy is a dead science. People do not realise that it is only by a close study of the science that Nations can become prosperous.

I believe that all the discontent and unrest in the labour world is caused by ignorance of the *true* principles of political economy. In order to make ourselves happy and our nation prosperous we must make a close study of one of the most interesting of sciences, political economy, the science of wealth.

R.M.

CANTEEN PRICES.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—A rather interesting letter appears in today's issue of your excellent paper *re* Canteen prices.

It is about time, Sir, that those in authority took steps to prevent the overcharging in canteens—chiefly regimental.

A printed list of prices should be placed in every canteen—great or small—and this list should be the one approved and passed by the Officer i/c Rhine Army Canteens.

J.L.

[This is done in all E.F.C. canteens. Ed.]

GERMANY AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—If I were a wealthy man with nothing to do, I would spend every halfpenny of my money, every moment of my time, endeavouring to obtain signatures throughout the length and breadth of the British Empire, against Germany being admitted to the League of Nations. The very idea makes my blood boil with indignation when I think of what such an admission to this country means. One of the many things it means is this: that the lives of our gallant sailors and soldiers, Imperials, Auxiliaries, Colonials—officers and men, which have been sacrificed in the past awful five years, will have been more or less sacrificed for nothing. Those boys did not die for that.

A VOLUNTEER OF 1914.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Saturday	4	Die Walküre	Wagner
Sunday	5	Faust und Margarete	Gounod
Monday	5½	Mignon	Thomas
Tuesday	6	Der fliegende Holländer The Flying Dutchman	Wagner

EXCITING CRICKET AT ALTENRATH.

MATCH ENDS IN A "TIE."

A most successful friendly match took place at Altenrath last week between Lieut. Horst's team from "B." Company, 10th Royal West Kent, and an XI from "W." and "X." Companies of the 51st Royal Sussex Regt. The Royal Sussex led by 17 runs on the first innings, and were set to get 78 to win in the second innings. The 9th wicket fell with 14 still required for victory. Thirteen of these were obtained, when a catch in the slips disposed of the last man, as he made a great attempt to knock the cover of the ball. Thus another was added to the list of matches resulting in a "Tie" (Wisden's Almanack, please note!)

The R. West Kent team was very nearly disqualified at one period of the game through fielding twelve men, Charlie Chaplin having taken post beside R.S.M. Judge. The R. West Kent XI arrived overnight, which may account for the poor scoring in the first innings especially in the case of some well-known members. The refreshment arrangements on the ground were most capably carried out by "The Old Firm." Umpires:—Lieut. Collett and Pte. Chart. Scores:— 10th R.W. Kent Regt. 1st Innings 37. 2nd Innings 94. (Pte. Palmer 35.) 51st R. Sussex Regt. 1st. Innings 54 (Pte. Edden 24.) 2nd Innings 77. (C.S.M. Bell 21.) Bowling:— For 10th R.W. Kent Regt. L/Cpl. Wratten 5 for 23 and 2 for 28. Pte. Palmer 5 for 31 and 3 for 34.

For 51st R. Sussex Regt. Lieut. Lushington 6 for 23 and 5 for 29; C.S.M. Bell 3 for 18; Pte. Edden 4 for 14.

51st BATTN. MANCHESTER REGT.

OFFICERS v. REST OF THE BATTALION.

1st Innings: Rest of the Battalion 78. Officers 96. 2nd Innings: Rest of the Battalion 85. Officers 105 for 4 wickets. Played at Stieldorf on Whit Monday, this match was very interesting especially in the first innings, as the officers were only 59 when their last batsman Lieut.-Col. Watson C.M.G., D.S.O. went in, but he and his partner played well together and brought the score up to 96 and then declared.

In the second innings Lieut. Mulholland 35 and Lieut. Hunt 34 not out were the chief scorers, whilst Sergt. Thornton contributed 34 for the rest. Lieut. Thwaites was the most successful bowler taking 4 wickets for 15 runs.

UNRULY SPECTATORS.

"C" COY, 53rd MANCHESTERS v. L. N. LANCS.

The above teams played a football match on Tuesday. Great interest was aroused owing to the L.N.L. having beaten "A" and "B" Coys. of the Manchesters's; and at 6.15 p.m. the game commenced. The L.N.L. had plenty of supporters with them. After 20 minutes play the L.N.L. centre scored the first goal with a fine shot from fully 25 yards out. Five minutes from the interval the L.N.L. registered another point, again through their capable centre.

The second half opened in a spirited style, the "City" doing everything but score. From a free kick the lead was reduced through Sergt. Donley, who beat the L.N.L. custodian in fine fashion. The "Lancs" rallied and got the ball into the net, but not before the referee blew for offside. This caused the L.N.L. supporters to get unruly, and their attitude to some of the players was hardly sportsmanlike. The hard-fought game ended with L.N.L. the winners by 2 goals to 1.

CRICKET AT BONN.

5th BORDER REGT. WIN FOUR MATCHES IN SUCCESSION.

The 5th Battalion Border Regt. played four matches over Whitsuntide and were successful in each match.

Sunday:—5th Borders, 134; Major Hennessy's XI, 34. For the winners, Lieut. Smeeton scored 56. Lts. Slack and Machell bowled unchanged, capturing 7 for 8 and 4 for 14 respectively.

Monday:—Borders, 73; 15 Lancs Fusiliers, 36. Pte. Stevens scored 21, and Lts. Smeeton and Machell, bowling unchanged, took 4 for 22, and 6 for 11 respectively.

Tuesday:—Borders, 99; 12 L.N. Lancs, 35. Lieut. Smeeton scored 30 and took 4 wickets for 9 runs, Lieut. Machell capturing the other 6 for 15.

Wednesday (League Match):—Borders, 98; 51st King's Liverpool 58. Lieut. Smeeton scored 30 and took 5 wickets for 21 runs. For the winners, Lieut. Slack got 3 for 15. For the King's, Clegg batted well for 20.

13th v. 51st KINGS (LIVERPOOL) REGT. OFFICERS.

The above teams met on the former's ground at Beuel on Whit Monday. The 51st batted first, but owing to the deadly bowling of Lieuts. Baidley and Whittaker, only managed to compile 23 runs. The former took four wickets for 6 runs and the latter 6 wickets for 17 runs. In the second innings they showed better form, knocking up 68 before the last wicket fell. Result:—

13th Kings:— 1st innings, 65; 2nd innings, 51 (for 2 wickets).

51st Kings:— 1st innings, 23; 2nd innings, 68.

1/12th LOYAL N. LANCS DETACH. v. "C" COY., 53rd MANCHESTERS.

The North Lancs again kept up their record against the 53rd Manchesters by defeating "C" Coy. on Tuesday by 2—1.

At half time the N. Lancs led by 2—0, but "C" Coy monaged to score in the second half.

O'Dowd on Jimmy Wilde.

O'Dowd, in speaking of his European experiences to a New York interviewer, was full of praise for Jimmy Wilde, whom he described as "the greatest fighting machine he had ever seen."

RHINELAND "JESSOPIANS."

Century Exceeded By "Cologne Post" Cup Competitors.

Some notable achievements are recorded in today's reports of recent matches in "The Cologne Post" Cricket Competition; notably the brilliant batting performances of Pioneer House, Lancs Div. R. E. Co., and Gnr. Weight, 93rd Bde R. G. A. Pioneer House, in compiling 140, has made the highest score in the competition so far, while Gnr. Weight in scoring 138 (not out) comes second. Gnr Willan, 488th Siege Battery R. G. A., whose bowling analysis against the 269 A. E. Coy., reads 7 for 1 is another gifted cricketer.

FOR SECRETARIES TO NOTE.

"COLOGNE POST" LEAGUE TABLES ABOUT TO BE PUBLISHED.

Now that the various leagues are well started the publication of *The Cologne Post* League tables will be looked torward to with some interest. The tables cannot appear for a few days yet as a number of clubs have not yet played a match. In some instances secretaries have written explaining why the matches could not be played, but in other cases we have heard nothing, and this rather hampers the organisation of the competition. It is obvious that if arrears are allowed to pile up, there will be complications later on and secretaries are asked to make every endeavour to get and keep fixtures up to date.

As has been previously intimated the dates announced for fixtures are intended as a guide, not as a hard and fast rule, and matches can be played before the date given, just as happens to be most convenient. Nor does the first mentioned team necessarily indicate the home team. All clubs have not grounds and many who have made pitches have not informed us, and clubs are left to arrange between themselves where the matches shall take place.

The secretaries of the following clubs are requested to notify us of the location of their Units:— 52nd Manchester, 21st Bde. R.G.A. 15th K.O.S.B., 90th Field Coy., 10th A. & S. Highlanders, No. 1. Light Rly. Sig. Co., 24th Vet. Hospital, 13th M.A.C., 51st R. Warwick. "B" Corps Sig. Coy., and 31st Labour Group.

LANCASHIRE DIVISION SIGNAL COY. R.E. v. 15th BATTN. LANCASHIRE FUS.,

At Bonn on Wednesday. Lancs Signal Coy. 242 (Pioneer House 140, Pte, Fullwood 32). House played free cricket, scoring his 140 in 80 minutes. 15th Battn. Lanc. Fus. put together 74, the only stand being Lieut—Col. Spoener (21) and Pte Shore (27). For the Signal Coy., Fulwood took 5 wickets for 26.

M. T., A.S.C. (23) v. 52nd BEDFORDS (96), at Poll Wiesen on Tuesday. Batting first, the M.T., A.S.C., quickly collapsed for 23 runs before the bowling of Lieut. Knight (7 wickets for 9 runs) and Sergt. Blackwell (3 for 12); only Whitmore achieved double figures, with a score of 12. For the Bedfords, L/Cpl. Whiteman (32), L/Cpl. Gigl (22), and Pte. Goods (11) were the chief scorers in a total of 96 runs.

SOUTHERN DIVISION R.E. (37) v. 63rd FIELD COY. R.E. (71), on former's ground at Burscheid. The Southern Divisional R.E. batted first and opened in promising style, their first wicket falling ac 23. After that a rot set in, and they were dismissed for 37. The Field Coy opened well and passed the Divisional score with only four wickets down. Bowling for the Field Coy., Major Forsyth made 22 (not out) and Spr. Graham 13. For the Divisional R.E., Milnthorpe made 13.

52nd GORDON HDRS. (72) v. "D" CORPS SIG. COY. (56), at Lusenich on Wednesday. Chief scorers: Gordons, Pte. Stevens (10), Cpl. Mann (14), Bowling: Gordons, Capt. Renfrew, 5 for 23 runs; Sergt. Robinson, 2 for 9, Sig. Coy.—Hoyes, 4 for 38; Walkden 5 for 26.

93rd BRIGADE R.G.A. (256 for 4 wickets) v. 170 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A. (97) at Kalk on the former's ground. 93rd opened and made the splendid score of 256 for four wickets when they declared. Gnr. Wright batted brilliantly for 138 (not out). Going in first, he played right through. His total included 17 fours. Bmdr. Rushton also snowed good form, hitting 8 fours in a total of 58. 170 Siege Battery made a plucky effort but they failed to reach the century by three. Hayes scored 34 and Harrison 19.

Bowling, (93rd):— Bowden 3 for 48; Lord 3 for 37; Major McLeod 3 for 9.

488 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A. (68) v. 269 A.E. COY (12). The company batted first and made 12 runs, the low scoring being largely due to the good bowling of Gunner Willan, who accounted for 7 wickets for 1 run, his performance including the hat trick. The gunners replied by scoring 68; of which Stenton hit 15 runs, Lieut. Mills 13 and Gunner Cartwight 11 runs.

No 2 WATER TANK COY M.T. R.A.S.C. (107) v. 3rd CAV. DIV. F.A. (68) at Bickendorf on Wednesday. For the latter Grundy scored 14, and Willis 16, and for the former Pte. Knight scored 14, Sergt. Thomas 13, and Cpl. Tog 22. Bowlers for 3rd Cav. Div. F.A., Willis 1 for 20; Buckley 4 for 17; Watson 1 for 27; Sparkes 1 for 27; Lloyd 3 for 9. Bowlers for No 2 Water Tank Coy., Pte Archer 4 for 15, and Pte. Carden 5 for 18.

21st BDE. R.G.A. (70) v. 185 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A. (100) at Klein-Bullesheim. Green bowled 5 of the home team (21st Bde.) for 31 runs, and scored 33, of which 7 were 4's. For the 21st Bde. Gnr. Hall scored 13 and Gnr. Tarr 17.

For 185 Siege Battery Gnr. Green ran a total of 33; Gnr. Trotter 11; and Gnr. Cryer 21.

31st LABOUR GROUP (109) v. "B" CORPS SIGNAL COY. (22). For the winners, Pte. Spencer (43) and Cpl. Wilson (27) batted in great style, and Sergt. Kenyon was particularly deadly with the ball, taking 9 wickets for 10 runs.

91st FIELD AMBULANCE (62) v. EASTERN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COY (64) at Cologne Strasse, Bonn. Signaller Holsworth (21) was the highest scorer for the Signals, and Sergt. Laburn (20) the highest for the R. A. M. C. Spr. Herbert took 5 wickets for 10; and Sergt. Laburn also bowled well.

IX CORPS H.A., H.Q. (63) v. 16 FIELD AMBULANCE (55) at Zulpich on Wednesday. For the Ambulance, who batted first, Varley scored 13. For H.A. Lister (18) Lieut.-Col. Langhorne (17) and Capt. Hamilton Jones (13) all batted well. The collapse of the H.A. "tail" provided an exciting finish. Bowling for H.A., Lister had 5 for 12 and Capt. Hamilton Jones 5 for 31. For the Ambulance, Meakin with 3 for 2 and Varley 4 for 13 were most successful. The H.A. would like to record their thanks for the excellent tea provided.

LONDON DIVISIONAL M.T. COMPANY (189) v. 1/5 WEST YORKS (176)

On the Racecourse, Kalk, on Wednesday. For the winners 2nd Lieut. H.M. Howard and Lieut. R.H. Barlee batted well, the former playing nice cricket and did not get marching orders until he had made 81, Lieut. Barlee making a nice 40. The third wicket fell for 147, but afterwards wickets fell rather rapidly. For the 1/5 West Yorks, Pte. Illingworth batted exceedingly well and before being dismissed made 82. The second wicket well for 43. Pte. Gasgoine joining Pte. Illingworth, they soon passed the 100, but shortly afterwards Pte. Gasgoine was dismissed for 19. The remaining batsmen did not stand for long against the bowling of Beebee and Jacobs. Lieut Riley made a well-hit 17, the last wicket falling for 176.

13th M.A.C. (48) v. 420 S.B., R.G.A. (87) on the former's ground at Mulheim on Wednesday. For the winners Metcalf scored 23, Hubbard 13, and Barker 13. Against this the Medical Drivers could only raise 48, Pte. Hills with 17 runs being the only one to show serious opposition to the excellent bowling. Hubbard (3 for 18) Sulley (3 for 5). Greenhalgh (2 for 5), and Metcalf (2 for 13) made rungetting difficult.

CAVALRY DIVISION H.Q. met 51st AUX. BUS. COY. at Quadrath, and suceeded in securing their third successive victory in our Competition. The Bus. Coy. batted first, but started disastrously losing their first 5 wickets for 9 runs. Pte. Ward (13) and Pte. Ewens (10) improved matters somewhat, but the end came with 45. Lieut. Neil came out with a splendid analysis bowling 48 balls with which he took 9 wickets the cost only being 20 runs. The Cav. Div. passed their opponents score with only two wickets down. Lieut. Fox batted splendidly and made 47 before being out. The innings was declared closed at 119 runs for 8 wickets. The Bus. Coy. batted a second time, but could only muster 27. Nine of their wickets were down for 10 runs, but Ptes. Gray and Bean put on 17 for the last wicket. For the second innings the Cavalry put on Sergt. Keevil, D.C.M., and Cpl. Adams to bowl, the former taking 4 for 15, and the latter 5 for 10.

3rd NORTHERN BDE. (13 — game abandoned) v. "G" BATTERY ANTI-AIRCRAFT R.E. (109) at Lindenthal, Cologne, on Thursday. Chief scorers for "G" Battery A.A., R.A.:— Lieut. G.E. Sharpe (27); Bmdr. J. Collins (25); Lieut. B. Rowbotham (15); Gnr. H. Newbold 10. For 3rd Northern Bde. Brown took 3 wickets for 23; Harding 4 wickets for 14 and Prince 2 wickets for 10. The game was abandoned owing to bad light and rain.

2nd CORPS H.Q. (66) v. 13th BATTALION K.R.R.C. (29) on Wednesday. For the winners Major N.H.S. Fargus was run out for 19; Mr. Extras 17; being the highest scorer. For 13th K.R.R.C. Capt. Scott's total was 13. Major Yates and Q.M.S. Bowley bowled well for the former and Rfn. Chapmann and Sergt. Thorpe for the latter.

4th SUSSEX REGT. (88 for 4) v. G. BATTY. R.H.A. (87) at Cologne on Thursday on a very fiery wicket. Thanks to Gnr. Pauver (26) and Lieut. Whiteley (25) G Batt. made 87. Pte. Creasy bowled very well and took 5 wickets for 23 runs. 4th R. Sussex lost 3 wickets for 22 runs but a fine stand by 2nd Lieut. Shapland and Sergt. Stanford brought the score up to 83 and they eventually won by 6 wickets. 2nd Lieut. Shapland played a fine dashing innings of 38, and included among his hits were seven boundaries.

5th K.O.S.B. (68) v. 83rd (DUBLIN) GEN. HOSP. (52) played at 83rd (Dublin) Gen. Hosp. on Sunday. For the former, Pte. Bladen was run out for 12; Bladen took 3 wickets for 30 and Sizer 7 for 16. For 83rd Gen. Hosp. Lieut. Penstone scored 15, and Capt. Norman 13; while Robinson had two for 20; Robson 2 for 9; Penstone 1 for 18; and Norman 3 for 15.

13th BN. THE KINGS (LIVERPOOL REGT.) (59) v. 52nd. BN. MANCHESTER REGT. (56). The game was full of surprises, the 13th King's losing 9 wickets for 28 runs. The last two, however, saved the situation, and brought the score to 59. The 52nd Manchesters opened in fine style, 28 being recorded before the first man was out. The remainder of the wickets fell rather quickly, the last man going in with the score at 56, but his stay at the wicket was very short, he being bowled out the first ball. For the winners, Pte. Bampton made 11 (not out) and L/C. Underwood (13), and Lieut. Bailey took 7 wickets for 26 runs. For the Manchesters; Pte. Walley scored 21 runs, and Lieut. White took 3 wickets for 14 runs.

OTHER RESULTS.

153 Siege Battery	101
310 Bde. R.F.A.	16
354 Siege Battery	77
145 Siege Battery	70
E. Corps Sig. Coy	62
Midland Div. M.T. Coy	30
207 Squadron, R.A.F.	75
Lancs Div. Sigs.	60
52 Cheshire Regt. / 10th R.W. Kent	a draw

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Horses for Belgium.

Straight Shot, Platipus, and Over There have been sold out of Godfrey's Epsom stable to go to Belgium.

Burnley's Luck.

The Burnley Football Club reported yesterday a profit on the past season of £677. During the war the club lost £6,465, and there is a bank overdraft of £1,060.

Owner's First Winner.

Mr. N. Corbett, the business manager of "*The Times*," had his first winner when Sunnygama ran on very gamely to relegate The Clown to second place in the St. Margaret's Plate at Sandown Park last week.

Calcutta Derby "Sweep."

The result of the Calcutta Club Derby "sweep" has not yet been made known in England. If the details have come through they are being held up by the authorities.

Perrin's Wonderful Record.

In the match between Kent and Essex at Leyton, P. A. Perrin scored two separate hundreds for the fourth time. In accomplishing this exceptional performance he equals G. L. Jessop.

Gold Cup for Boxers.

The gold cup for the world's boxing championship is an "accomplished fact." Mr. Gant, the racehorse owner, is the donor, and has made it an indispensable condition that every contest for it shall be held in England.

DRUMS, BUGLES, AND RATTLES.

52nd LEICESTER REGT. v. 1/5th SOUTH STAFFS REGT.

The above teams met in the final for the 2nd Midland Brigade Inter-Company Cup Competition on Saturday at Ober Gartzen. Both battalions had made every effort to give moral support to their representatives by turning up in force armed with drums, bugles, rattles, jazz apparatus and other weapons whereby their lusty voices could be assisted. Many of the supporters were bedecked with ribbon displaying the colours of their champions. The paddock was filled with vehicles of every description, many having a very ancient appearance, and none of them being very "G.S." However, they had brought many people of note from Generals down to drummers. The G.O.C. 2nd Midland Brigade, Brig, General Craufurd, Col. Becher Commanding 52nd Leicesters, Col. Morgane, Commanding 1/5th South Staffs, together with the brigade staff and many officers from both regiments were present.

The game started promptly at 18.00 with the S. Staffs facing the sun. End to end was followed by a good effort by the B.E.F.'s right wing which resulted in Brooks scoring. This advantage was not long enjoyed by the Staffords, for an extremely clever goal was scored by Corpl. Sheard. About ten minutes from the interval a "scrum" near the Leicesters, goal enabled Taylor to put the Staffonds one up. The score therefore stood at half time at Staffords 2, Leicesters 1.

Pace Decidedly Slower.

Upon the opening of the second half it was obvious that the heat and the pace had told its tale on the players; for though it was severely contested and brimful of excitement yet the pace was decidedly slower.

The Leicester boys were playing a very persistent game and clever withal. The Staffords, though "groggy", were "triers" and put up a fine "ding dong" battle. The Staffords' goal was frequently in danger, but their backs and goalkeeper frustrated many onslaughts. The "youngsters", however, were finally rewarded, for an accurately centred ball from the right was headed out of the reach of the Staffords' goalkeeper about three minutes from time. This placed both teams with 2 goals each to their credit.

A draw represented the game, for on the one hand—Leicesters—there was cleverness, vim, and nippiness; whilst on the other—Staffords—solidarity, experience and weight.

BRIGHT SPORTS AT RIEHL ON WHIT MONDAY.

"B" COY. 52nd DURHAM L. I.

The sun shone on a hard-baked ground as the competitors, looking cool and fit in their running garb, streamed on to the field. The splendid running of Pte. N. S. Johnson is deserving of special mention and we are looking forward to his doing well in the near future. The one mile flat race was much more exciting than is usual for this distance and we compliment Sgt. Riley and Pte. Pheasant on the magificent race they gave us.

An excellent tea was provided on the field and as a grand finale the whole Coy. lined up for a sprint and as nearly everyone claimed a place the judges had their work set to spot the rightful winners. Everyone agreed that "B" Coy had kept up its reputation of being the leading Coy. at sports in the Battalion.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

100 yds. 1, Pte. N. S. Johnson; 2, Pte. Howells.
220 yds. 1, Pte. N. S. Johnson; 2, Pte. Winspeer.
1 Mile. 1, Sgt. Riley; 2, Pte. Pheasant.
Boot Race. 1, L/C Bean; 2, Pte. Whitehead.
3 Legged Race. 1, Sgt. Bolland and L/C Bean; 2, Cpl. Rogerson and L C Marshall.
High Jump. 1, Sgt. Bolland; 2, L/C Bosman.
Platoon Relay Race. 1, No. 6 Platoon; 2, No. 7 Platoon.
Wheelbarrow Race. 1, Sgt. Stephens and Pte. Pallett; 2, Sgt. Bolland and L/C Bean.
Long Jump. 1, Sgt. Bolland; 2, Sgt. Evans.
Tug-of-War. 1, No. 5 Platoon; 2, No. 7 Platoon.
V. C. Race. 1, Pte. Johnson and Pte. Herroneau; 2, L/C Marshall and Pte. Morgan.
Putting the Weight. 1, Sgt. Bolland; 2, L/C Machen.
Boat Race. 1, No. 7 Platoon; 2, No. 6 Platoon.
Company Race. 1, Sgt. Bolland; 2, Pte. Wynne; 3, Pte. Sykes.

SPORTS AT WERMELSKIRCHEN.

EVENTS AND COMPETITORS AT 15th HANT'S MEETING.

In glorious weather the 15th Bn. of the Hampshire Regt. (Lieut.-Col. the Hon. R. Brand, C.M.G. D.S.O.) held their sports on the Football Field, Wermelskirchen, on Monday last. There was a good attendance, and the interest taken by all ranks in the various events of the afternoon proved conclusively that sport is well to the fore with the Hants.

The following is the list of events and successful competitors:—

100 yards:—1, Lieut. Hart, M.C.; 2, Pte. Hitchens; 3, Pte. Hartgill.

Three Legged Race:—1, Pte. Lyon; 2, Cpl. Shepherd.

Sack Race:—1, Pte. Hagley; 2, Pte. Knight; 3, Pte. Small.

220 yards:—1, Cpl. Spencer; 2, Pte. Hartgill.

Throwing Cricket Ball:—1 Pte. Wise; 2, Cpl. Spencer.

440 yards:—1, Lieut. Hart, M.C.; 2, Cpl. Spencer; 3, Pte. Hartgill.

Boat Race:—"A" Coy. team (Cpl. Shepherd).

Long Jump:—1, Sergt. Duval; 2, Lieut. Hart, M.C.; 3, Lieut. Pursey; 4, Capt. Icke, M.C.

Mile:—1, Lieut. Hart, M.C.; 2, Pte. Hegley; 3, Pte. McNamee.

Officers' Race:—1 Lieut. Hart, M.C.; 2, Major Stoney, D.S.O.; 3, Lieut. Pursey; 4, Capt. Icke M.C.

Officers' Mule Race:—1, Lieut. George; 2, Lieut. Pursey; 3, Lieut. Boyd.

Cross Country Race:—1, Pte. Hegley; 2, Cpl. Spencer; 3, Pte. McNamee.

Reveille Race:—1, Pte. Shortman; 2, Pte. Smith.

Sergts'. Race:—1, Sergt. Loader.

Relay Race:—"A" Coy.

V C. Race:—1, Cpl. Spencer.

Pick-a-back Wrestling:—"A" Coy. "B" team (L/C Longhurst).

Mule Race:—Pte. Shortman, Pte. Smith, ties.

SPORTS OFFICIALS.

The starter was the M. O., Capt. Reynolds M.C., and the Judges, Lieut. McIlveon, 2nd Lieuts. Sherin, and Boyds. The Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. The Hon. R. Brand, C.M.G., D.S.O., distributed the prizes at the close of a most successful and enjoyable day.

SOLINGEN LEAGUE.

Matches to be played during the week ending 21st June.

1/5 K.O.S.B. v. 64 Field Coy.
15 H.L.I. v. 51 Hants.
83 (Dublin) Gen. Hosp. v. 63 Field Coy.
Southern Div. R.E. v. A Bty. 51 Bde R.F.A.
90 Field Coy. v. Lowland Div. M.T. Coy.
Lowland D.A.C. no match.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday, June 14, 1919.

Surface wind Westerly 10—15 m.p.h. Cool, cloudy; occasional rain probable. Visibility good.

RHINELAND "JOCKEY CLUB."

FURTHER LIST OF REGISTERED HORSES.

Appended is a continuation of the list of registered horses which appeared in yesterday's issue:

HORSES NAME.	OWNERS RANK & NAME.	UNIT.
Nellie R.	Lieut. R. M. Alcock.	D/113 Bde. R.F.A.
Niederembt Nellie.	Lieut. J. Roger.	245 (W.R.) Bde. R.F.A.
Nimrod.	Capt. H. Lingard.	245 (W.R.) Bde. R.F.A.
Nobby.	Capt. G. A. Pilleau.	3rd Sthn. Inf. Bde.
Niger.	Capt. T. Grahame.	R.A.V.C. Lowland Div.
Nolo.	Capt. H. Latham.	B/76 Bde. R.F.A.
Nigger X.	Major A. E. Williams.	2nd Sthn. Inf. Bde.
Naughty Wife.	2 Lt. R. B. Murray.	1st M.G. Sqdn.
Nobody's Child.	Col. D. Cogan.	D.M.S. Southern Div.
Neddy.	Lt.-Col. A. J. Blake.	88th Field Amb.
Nene.	Capt. L. J. V. Bathurst.	No. 2 Coy. Light Div. Train.
Nigger II.	Lieut. J. M. Hugo.	C/113 Bde. R.F.A.
Nutcracker	Lieut. S. R. F. Spicer.	XII R. Lancers.
Old King Cole.	Major R. K. Hewer	B/51st Bde. R.F.A.
Palmy Days.	Major H. M. Wright.	18th Army Aux. Horse Coy.
Princess.	Capt. G. E. Worall.	D.A.P.M. Lancs. Div.
Phyillis.	Capt. H. Latham.	B/76 Bde. R.F.A.
Polly.	Major A. E. G. Palmer.	G.H.Q.
Pirate Prince.	Capt. R. Marx.	Southern Div.
Peggy II.	Lieut. A. T. Jones.	C/113 Bde. R.F.A.
Peter.	Major A. L. P. Griffith.	411 Batty. R.F.A.
Queenie.	Lt.-Col. H. T. Dobbin.	51st. Devon Regt.
Remember Me.	Lieut. B. Campbell Russell	No 3 Coy. London Div. Train.
Rockdove.	Capt. W. R. Roberson.	No. 3 Coy. London Div. Train.
Robert.	Major A. Hodgins.	D.A.D.V.S. Eastern Div.
Rufus.	Capt. J. M. Lucas.	H.Q. London Div.
Royal Irish.	Lieut. A. D. Campbell.	9th Lancers.

(List continued in tomorrow's "Cologne Post.")

CAV. DIV. H.Q. SUCCESSES.

GOOD BOWLING BRINGS THREE VICTORIES IN THREE DAYS.

The Cavalry Divisional H.Q. cricket club have had a most successful holiday, especially from a playing standpoint. On Saturday last they met the Cav. Div. Aux. H.T. Coy. and won by 91 to 29, the match being played on the latter's ground.

On Whit Sunday they were at home in their return game with the Cav. Div. Anmunition Column (R.H.A.). The latter made 44, and although the H.Q. lost 5 wickets for 17 runs, Cpl. Harvey and Spr. Bennett took the score to 49 before being parted for the sixth wicket. The final score was 69 for 7 wickets, the thunderstorm putting the closure on the game.

On Whit Monday the Cav. Div. H.Q. entertained the R.A.S.C. from Horrem, and the latter were easily defeated, losing by an innings and 120 runs, so the H.Qrs. thus won their third successive victory in three days. The outstanding feature in these games was the bowling, as will be seen from the following figures:— Cpl. Adams, 11 wickets for 23 runs; Spr. Evans, 11 for 24; Sergt. Keevil, 13 for 47; Lieut. Neil, 5 for 8.

Against the above bowlers the R.A.S.C. on Whit Monday were only able to make 23 runs in the first innings and 22 in the second. On the other hand, the Cav. Div. H.Q. batted in merry style, rattling up 163 for 9 wickets. Spr. Dearnley (28), Spr. Bennett (25), Lieut. Neill (25), and Lieut. Jennings (24) being the top scorers.

EXCITING TUG-OF-WAR CONTEST

"A" COMPANY 16th BN. HIGHLAND LIGHT INFANTRY.

"A" Company 16th Bn. H.L.I. held a very successful sports meeting at Landwehr last week with the kind permission of their Commander, Lieut.-Col. Kyle, C.M.G., D.S.O.

A cross country race, of about two and a half miles, was the first event of the day, and as the track lay through the most thickly populated part of Landwehr, the harriers acted as a splendid advertisement to those who had not been warned of the sports. The first man home was Pte. McLean, who came in well ahead of the others.

The tug-of-war was a hard-fought battle, causing great excitement among the spectators.

The best dressed soldier was Pte. Bulloch, but Lieut.-Col. Kyle, who judged this, admitted having had an extremely difficult job, and had to call in the assistance of a neutral Company Commander.

After tea, Lieut.-Col. Kyle, C.M.G., D.S.O., very graciously presented the prizes to the victorious competitors, and kept all present in the best of humour by his witty stories and kindly remarks. After a speech by the Commanding Officer and one by our Padre, the Rev. Captain McHardie, M.C., the gathering dispersed to clear the hall for a "Jazz Concert." It was a very contented crowd which turned in that night.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

Cross Country Race— 1, Pte. McLean; 2, Pte. White; 3, Pte. Blair.

Sack Race— 1, Pte. Sinning; 2, Pte. Fisher; 3, Pte. Robertson.

Best Dressed Soldier— Pte. Bulloch.

High Jump— 1, Lce. Cpl. Mills; 2, Pte. Robertson.

100 yards Final— 1, Cpl. Porter; 2, Pte. Duncan; 3, Pte. Mevins.

Wrestling on Mules— Pte. King.

Tilting the Bucket— Ptes. Jenning and Campbell.

Pillow Fighting— Sergt. Douglas.

440 yards— 1, Cpl. Porter; 2, Pte. Duncan 3, Pte. Munro.

Tug-of-War— No 3 Platoon.

220 yards (Final)— 1, Cpl. Porter; 2, Pte. Duncan; 3, Pte. Proudfoot.

Gas Helmet Race— 1, Pte. Blake; 2, Pte. Munro.

Boot Race— 1, Pte. Proudfoot; 2, Pte. Allan.

Band Race— 1, Drummer Pasola; 2, L/Cpl. Clelland; 3, Piper McCallum.

Platoon Relay Race— No 1, Platoon.

Sergeant's Race— C.Q.M.S. Hemming.

Wheelbarrow Race— Ptes. Robertson and Noble.

Obstacle Race— 1, Pte. Munro; 2, L/Cpl. Mills; 3, Pte. Noble.

One Mile Race— 1, Pte. Richardson; 2, Pte. Munro; 3, Cpl. Herd.

Five-a-side Football— "The Derelicta."

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GLASGOW BATTALION ENTERTAINED.

A Glasgow contemporary states that a gathering of about 450 officers and men who have served with the 16th Highland Light Infantry (the Boys' Brigade Battalion) was held in the Trades House, Glassford Street, last week, when an entertainment was provided by the ladies of the Comforts Committee. In the course of the evening it was decided to form an association with a view to the promotion of social intercourse and the maintenance of the esprit de corps of the battalion. Lord Provost Stewart presented the medal ribbons to two members of the battalion who have been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal and to six who have been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. It may be mentioned that on the return of the cadre of the battalion from Germany, the Corporation propose giving the men a civic reception. Major W. D. Scott, D.S.O., M.C., second in command of the battalion, occupied the chair, and on the platform were other officers of the battalion, representatives of the Magistrates and Town Council, and Mrs. Kyle, wife of Colonel Kyle, C.M.G., D.S.O., colonel of the battalion. The Chairman, in his opening remarks, said that no doubt it had been noticed that Colonel Kyle had been honoured in the Kings' Birthday List by being awarded the C.M.G.

THE BATTALION'S HONOURS.

The Lord Provost recalled that the battalion was formed by the Corporation in September, 1914, the nucleus being ex-members of the Boys, Brigade. The battalion proceeded to France on November 23, 1915, and had taken part in some of the most important engagements. It was now stationed in the Cologne district as part of the British Army of the Rhine. The citizens had followed with keen interest and the greatest pride the battalion's victorious history in the field. They would endeavour as early as possible to find work for every man who required employment. The officers who had served in the battalion numbered 200, and of these there had been killed in action no fewer than 33. Three thousand men had served, and of these 838 had fallen in action. They rejoiced at the honours which had been bestowed on the battalion. In all there had been 5 Distinguished Service Orders, 16 Military Crosses, 11 Distinguished Conduct Medals, 13 Meritorious Service Medals, 100 Military Medals for bravery, and 6 foreign decorations. (Applause.) That was a record of which any battalion might be proud. The citizens were proud of the battalion, and the welcome they would get would be of the heartiest description.

Major Scott acknowledged the congratulations of the Lord Provost. In the course of the evening Major Hunter moved a resolution thanking Mrs. Kyle and the ladies of the Comforts Committee for the work they had done for the battalion during the war. Ex-Treasurer M'Millan replied for the ladies.

THE NORTHERN LIGHTS.

This significant and suggestive title is not meant to describe the celestial phenomenon known as the "Aurora Borealis," but it is the nomenclature which the brilliant and well-equipped Northern D.A.C. Concert Party have willingly appropriated. The party under the experienced and versatile leadership of Lieut. S.R. Markham appeared for the first time at Brauweiler on Saturday, and followed up a very successful evening with a concert at Klein-Königsdorf on Thursday. On both occasions they proved beyond doubt an A to Z troupe.

The programme included an opening chorus, "Marching with the Band", which went at the double; a song "Honolulu" by Bombardier Grey, which was funny; Comedy Quartete (Lieut. Markham, Bombardier Barry, Drivers Maynick and Smith): enjoyable dances by Gunner Hart; a sketch "See How the Snow Falls" — Lieut. S.R. Markham, Bombardier Barry and Gunner Hart, which was other than chilly; song "Nirvana," by Corporal Dykes, a rich baritone of great promise; and enjoyable violin solos by Bombardier Barry.

Lieut. H.B. Reid made a charming female impersonator and might be aptly described as a "model Parisienne" or a well veiled "Kirchner." The programme ended with a concerted piece "The Military Representative."

SUCCESS OF BRITISH TRADE IN COLOGNE.

We are pleased to learn from the representatives of Mr. Bernard Weatherill, the Conduit St. tailor, that success has attended their enterprise in coming to Cologne in order to get into direct touch with their past and prospective clients. They expect to have to return to London burdened with orders, in a few days, but will return here as soon as possible. Many would like to see more British firms trading directly with the Rhine Army. There is much business to be done and much profit to be made.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Asked if the Duke of Abercorn is selling his property and settling in South Africa or elsewhere abroad, the Dowager Duchess of Abercorn telegraphed to *The Daily Mail:* "Perfectly untrue."

Over 40 acres of moorland, including hundreds of trees, have been swept by a fire lasting two days at Stonehill Farm, Bagshot, on a charge of causing which, Ernest Alexander, R.A.F., was committed to the Assizes yesterday by the Chertsey Bench.

A further portion of the famous Huth Library is to be sold at Sotheby's next month.

Sir David Beatty has been admitted to the honorary freedom of the Skinners' Company.

Fourteen horses were burnt to death in a fire at Smethwick, near Birmingham, on Thursday.

The Crown Princess of Sweden will shortly spend some days with her father, the Duke of Connaught, at Clarence House.

Surviving campaigns in three theatres of war, a young soldier named Clogner, just demobilized, was cut to pieces by a train near his home at Athlone.

Although 85, George Cheney, Cublington, Bucks, cycles 12 miles every Sunday to Salvation Army meetings.

The Imperial Government is ready to give 100 aeroplanes to any Dominion requiring the machines for defence.

Permission given for the use of grey flannel trousers by naval officers in uniform landing for recreation does not apply to officers in London.

Lord Lansdowne and Mr. Dan Irving, M.P., are both improving.

On Whit Monday 1,215,552 passengers were carried on the Underground railways in London.

Archdeacon Cunningham, the historian, has died at Cambridge in his 70th year.

Pinner Fair, the charter of which dates from the fourteenth century, was held this week.

"Mons Robertson" were the names given to a baby at Finchley.

Mr. Hobart Hampden, at the wish of the parish of Hampden—historically connected with John Hampden—has written to the Wycombe Rural Council offering to make a new road by the common as a memorial of the war.

Answers to Correspondents.

W. P. W.—Signorinetta won the Derby and the Oaks in 1908.

Inquisitive.—Your suggestion is being considered.

Tump-Liner.—Carlisle is in England.

Gratuity.—It is payable to the next of kin.

M. G.—Cologne has a population of about 650,000, not so big as Liverpool or Manchester, but larger than Leeds.

P. T.—No gratuity is granted with the Military Medal.

Private A.—As you did not join for service until 1916 you are not eligible for demobilization.

W. R. S.—A goal should be awarded.

Trade.—As a soldier you are forbidden to trade.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND ART.

X CORPS' SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITION AT BONN.

The Exhibition, although a speculative enterprise, has proved a great success.

It has been the means of discovering much talent hidden away in remote corners of the 10th Corps, and has been an opportunity for the exhibitors to be ambitious to do their best work.

The Photographic Section contained 142 photos and the Art Section 130 pictures.

The Corps Commander, under whose patronage the Exhibition was organized, very kindly paid a visit of inspection on Sunday morning, and expressed his appreciation in a substantial manner.

The *chef-d'oeuvre* of the Exhibition was unquestionably the black and white study by Captain Robinson, 168th Brigade, R.F.A. It depicts a file of Tommies coming out of the line. It is full of that life and vigour, bold decision and sureness of purpose which characterize the master hand. It is worthy of a place among the best war pictures created.

Capt. Robinson also carries away the laurels in the water colour section, with his study of German prisoners of war in their cage. Though using a most delicate medium, he contrives to convey his ideas forcefully, each figure in the group being a delightful character study. It is scant praise to prophecy that Capt. Robinson will go very far in the world of Art.

The award in the Oil Painting Class of the Art Section has been given to Sapper Duffy, 219th Field Company, R. E., for his excellent landscape. He displays great skill in his work, and with a more striking subject should eventually make a name for himself.

Pictures which are highly commended by the judges are the two delightful studies of Dead Horse Corner and Zillebeke Lake, in the late lamented Ypres Salient. These two pictures are remarkable for their wealth of accurate detail and delicacy of outline. They are the contribution of Pte. C. H. Green, M.T., A.S.C.

The clever drawing of General Sir Herbert Plumer by Pte. G. B. Haslam, 13th King's Liverpools, has also been commended.

Cpl. Harris, 10th Corps Wireless Section, exhibited a picture of "Still Life" which earned much praise.

In the water colour section is an excellent group of landscapes and cartoons, also a couple of figure studies by Lieut. H. C. Williams, 4th Royal Sussex. His best is certainly "Silver Morn" which, with several other of his pictures, only just falls short of being very striking. His workmanship is excellent, and his cartoons, particularly his D.A.P.M., Cologne, are distinctly clever.

L/Cpl. Norman, 16th Lancs Fusrs., contributed an excellent landscape target, and L/Cpl. Davies, of the 10th Corps Topo Section, is highly commended for his wash and line drawing "Bruges."

Capt. Johnston, Xth Corps Cyclist Battalion, exhibited a very interesting collection of Army, Corps and Divisional signs. The series contains 100, and is redolent of that capacity for taking infinite pains, which is the sure sign of genius.

Capt. Willis has painted a very pretty "Kolam Rhein," which is reminiscent of the old fashioned blue Dutch tiles.

Pte. A. Thorn, of the 69th Siege Battery, shows his "Track thro' Lunnesdorf." This work is sound, but the subject matter is inconsequential.

ART OF THE ILLUSTRATOR.

A very interesting addition to the Exhibition was provided by Mr. Percy Bradshaw, of the Press Art School, Tudor Hall, Forest Hill, London, who very kindly sent six folios of his work the "Art of the Illustrator," showing the methods each in six stages, with an explanatory booklet, of Harry Rowntree, Bert Thomas, Warwick Reynolds, Bernard Partridge, Lawson Wood and F. H. Townsend, all men from whose method the embryo artist can learn much.

Much gratitude is due to the judges, Major Turner, M. C., R.A.M.C. The Rev. Hugh Farrie, C. F., Lieut. Morris, Royal Berks, and Lieut. Holmes, R.A.S.C. They very ably performed the difficult work of judging.

Also to Major Turner, M.C., R.A.M.C., Capt. Nevitt, M.C., King's Own, and to Lieut. Holmes, R.A.S.C., who represented the Eastern Division, Lancashire Division, and Corps Troops on the Executive Committee.

The Committee desire to thank all those who helped to make the enterprise a success, especially the 10th Corps Topo Section, who were responsible for a good deal of the advertising matter used, and also all those who so kindly sold tickets in advance. And they also wish to thank all the exhibitors, who by their work gave pleasure to the many visitors who came to see the pictures, and who expressed unbounded satisfaction.

Appropriate music was rendered throughout the afternoons by musicians kindly provided by Colonel Barron.

The prizes, in the form of silver and bronze medals, will be awarded in due course, as soon as the medals are completed.

Sapper Duffy, the winner of the Oil Painting Section has very kindly presented his picture to be sold for the benefit of the Red Cross. It is proposed to effect the sale by means of a raffle, and anyone willing to dispose of tickets should apply for a book to the Hon. Sec., Art and Photographic Exhibiton, Xth Corps, Bonn.

As soon as the balance sheet is completed, it is hoped to be able to hand over a substantial sum to the British Red Cross.

THE PRIZEWINNERS.

Art Section.

Class A. Oil Paintings: Sapper Duffy, 219th Field Company R.E.; highly Commended. Cpl. A. Harris, 10th Corps Wireless Section.

Class B. Water Colours and Pastels: Capt. Robinson, "B" Battery, 168th Brigade, R.F.A. Highly Commended. Lieut. H. C. Williams, 4th Royal Sussex; Capt. G. Willis, 209th Field Company, R.E.; Pte. A. Thorn, 69th Siege Battery, Ammn. Col.; L/Cpl. H. Norman, 16th Lancashire Fusiliers; L Cpl. A. E. Davies, 10th Corps Topo Section; Dvr. Jones, J.T., 160th Brigade, R.F.A.

Class C. Black and White: Capt. Robinson, "B" Battery, 168th Brigade, R.F.A. Highly Commended. Pte. C. H. Green, M.T.A.S.C. 29th C.C.S., Pte. J. B. Haslam, 13th King's Liverpool's.

Photographic Section.

Class A. Views under ½ plate: Lieut. Bennett, 12th Loyal North Lancs.

Class B. Views over ¼ plate: Major Roe, R.A.M.C., 29th C.C.S.; Highly Commended. Ldg. A. C. M. Freeman, 'M' Flight, R.A.F.; Lieut. Bennet, 12th Loyal North Lancs.; Capt. Chamberlain, 29th C.C.S.; L Cpl. Pitter, 29th C.C.S.

Class C. Portraits under ¼ plate: Major Morris, M.C., Xth Corps Cyclist Battalion.

Class D. Portraits over ¼ plate: Ldg. A. C. M. Freeman, 'M' Flight, R.A.F.

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AMUSEMENTS NOTES.

Following the continued success of the Rhine Army Dramatic Company it is announced that they will present Bernard Shaw's "Candida" on Monday next, June 16th at the Deutsches Theatre. It will be doubtlessly acclaimed with delight and our sense of humour tickled at the answer to the puerile criticisms of the English Press.

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Sergt. Ernest Franklin, better known in the theatrical world as Billy Barnes, is now with the "Tabs" (G.H.Q.) Concert Party at the Apollo Theatre. He is very versatile comedian, playing light and heavy comedy parts with equal success, and has considerable dramatic ability. For a time, before the war, Franklin was with Hepworth's the cinema people, but his real position is on the legitimate stage. He has played in "Peter Pan," "Girl behind the Counter," "Mid-summer Night's Dream," etc. Before leaving France for Cologne, Franklin completed his 738th performance, and has played with such companies as the A.B.C.'s, Yellow Birds, Washouts etc. on all parts of the Western Front. Incidentally he has the Military Medal, but doesn't know what he got it for—so he says. His chief recreation is going out with the hounds—to Cologne Cabarets!

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A man in his time plays many parts. Before the war Mr. R. C. Matthews, the principal comedian of "The Merry Muffins," the Highland Division Concert Party, was a mathematics master at Bath. As the army held no special scope for mathematicians, and also by way of a change, Mr. Matthews turned comedian. He has been a huge success ever since. After appearing at the Queen's Hall before Prince Albert on March 26th 1919 with "The Merry Muffins," Mr. Matthews was approached by Mr. Kingsley for concert party work, but although the offer was generous, he refused. Farce is undoubtedly his sphere, and one would imagine a similar proposal from another direction would not be answered in the negative. His success as 'Billy' in 'Fair and Warmer' augurs well for a future on the London stage.

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The "Oddities" (1/5 West York Regt.) concert party are, we notice, announced to appear at the Bürgergesellschaft, Cologne, next week. The performance begins at 6 p.m. each evening, commencing Monday.

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The fascinating leading lady of the "Tabs" concert Party, Clifford Mayston, popularly known as "Maysie" has had quite a versatile career. He has played the female parts in the "Merry What Nots" in England, and "The Gold Flakes," "Chocolate Creams" and "Stunts" in France. Before joing the "Tabs" he was with "The Game Cocks." (40th Division Concert Party). The biggest sketch successes were in "Man in the Street" and "Boatsman's Mate," but his crowning achievement was with Julian D'Albie in the love scene from "Romeo and Juliet." As "Maysie" in the "Tabs" he is a huge success and many will look forward to his performance in the forthcoming revue "Tankysnun and Bitashun."

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Owing to a printer's error we announced in our yesterday's report of "The Merry Muffins" performance at the Deutsches Theatre that E. Layne was musical director. The musical director is E. Layne Runacres.

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Rob Norrie, one of the oldest and most versatile members of the "Tabs", was a society entertainer before the war. He was with the 'Zeniths," the "Nobodies" and the "Imps" — all first rate parties. Apart from his concert party work he has had eighteen months in the line and has been wounded and gassed. He joined the original 'Tabs" in August 1918 and has shared in their successes ever since. As Mepnistopheles in the Deutsches Theatre pantomime he did exceedingly well.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC ON GERMAN STEAMER.

An outbreak of virulent influenza occured during the voyage of the transport Igoma, which arrived at Plymouth on Wednesday from South Africa. Several hundred repatriated German men and women were aboard. There were over 220 cases. Eleven deaths were reported and nineteen cases were removed to the military hospital at Plymouth.

51st MANCHESTER REGIMENT.

A COY. WHIST DRIVE.

A very enjoyable whist drive was held at Stieldorf on Saturday. At the close of play Capt. Walker distributed the prizes to the following successful competitors:—1st Prize:—Signaller Crowther; 2nd Prize, Pte. Johnson; 3rd prize (Hidden number) C.Q.M.S. Horrocks; 4th prize (Booby):—Pte Hallay. This was the fourth of a series held in the Battalion. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by C.S.M. Morris.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

WHIST DRIVE.

Owing to the rain, the whist drive which was to have been held in the garden, had to be hurriedly arranged for indoors. It was impossible at such short notice to accommodate all the men who wished to compete and unfortunately a great many were disappointed.

Twenty-six tables were arranged, however, and the evening proved quite a successful one.

The first ladies' prize was won by Pte. Hardman with a score of 149. The 2nd and 3rd by Cpl. Tramontine and Pte. Walmsley. The 1st Gentlemen's Prize was won by Pte Eley with a score of 156 and the 2nd and 3rd by Pte. Cooper and Pte. Haslam.

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RANTZAU'S LATEST DENUNCIATION.

GERMANS ARREST BRITISH OFFICERS.

DENIKIN'S ADVANCE CONTINUES.

GERMANS ARREST BRITISH OFFICERS.

FOCH DEMANDS APOLOGY.

Copenhagen. 12th June.— The Germans arrested five British naval officers at Libau on the 24th May and detained them five hours. Marshal Foch demanded on behalf of the Allies that an apology be offered to the British.

The Germans also mounted guns at Libau harbour and pointed them at a British destroyer. The Allies demanded the immediate removal of the guns and suspended all shipping to and from Libau until this order was carried out.—*Reuter.*

RANTZAU'S REPUTED ULTIMATUM.

NOBODY WILL RETREAT.

Berlin.—Interviewed by a correspondent of the Vienna newspaper, *Neue Freie Presse*, Count Brockdorff-Rantzau said, in reply to a question about the present situation in the peace negotiations:

"No oral discussions are taking place, either secret or open; I believe, however, that pure common sense and justice will lead the course of affairs into the channel of our proposals, and I may hope that our enemies will recognise this and enter into them. At the same time I am prepared in case my hope should not be fulfilled. A peace treaty such as was handed to me on May 7 I shall never sign. Small concessions I do not look upon as essential changes. We will neither sign our own death sentence nor a deprivation of our rights or our honour. Our national self-esteem will never permit us to abandon the German nation and its country for the sake of the material advantages of our enemies. On that point we are all agreed, both the delegation in Versailles and the Government in Berlin. Nobody will retreat. What will happen if our enemies do not show any understanding of our attitude I do not know. But one thing is certain: the decision will be taken by the delegation and the Government unanimously, and the German nation will stand behind them."— *Wireless Press.*

SEVERE DISTRESS IN INDIA.

The following telegram has been received at the India Office from the Viceroy:

"Distress spreading in Bankura district, Bengal, owing to high prices and contraction of credit and charity. Still acute in affected tracts of Etawah district, United Provinces, and fairly severe in Kallikota and Atagada estates in Ganjam district, Madras Presidency. Water becoming deficient in upland tracts of Mirzapur and Banda districts of United Provinces, and is insufficient in some districts of Berar and Nerbudda divisions of Central Provinces. The last month has seen a sharp rise in prices in Bengal and Bihar."

SIMLA, Tuesday.

It is officially forecasted that the monsoon will probably be unsteady in June and July, with the result that the total rainfall in India is expected to be below the normal. At the same time there is no indication of the probability of anything approaching a serious situation.—*Reuter.*

DENIKIN'S GOOD PROGRESS CONTINUES.

MANY CAPTURES.

Last night the War Office issued the following:

A report just received from Ekaterinodar, dated May 20, gives encouraging news of the progress of Denikin's troops.

On the Manitch front all the cavalry has been placed under the command of General Wrangel. He has crossed the Manitch River on a wide front, and is pressing forward on a broad front. At Grabbevskaya the 4th Bolshevist Cavalry Division was defeated. On the right flank a Bolshevist cavalry charge gained a temporary success, but the Volunteer Army pressed on undaunted.

Up to May 29 the Volunteer Army had captured 15,000 prisoners and sixty guns, and had inflicted other casualties on the Bolskevist 10th Army, thus reducing to skeletons two cavalry divisions (9th and 16th) and three infantry divisions (32nd, 37th, and 38th). As a result it is estimated that the Bolshevist 10th Army is reduced to 10,000 men. Many of the captured machine-guns are in very poor condition.

On the Donetz front the Don Guard Cavalry Division crossed the river and advanced north-eastwards to join hands with the Cossack forces who have risen against the Bolshevists in the Upper Don basin at Makyeevka.

Later news shows a considerable advance by the Volunteer Army and Don Cossacks all along the front. Jutovo (sixty miles south-west of Tsaritzin), Popova (forty miles north-east of Millerovo), Slavyansk, Bakhmut, and Berdiansk, have all been captured by Denikin.

Twenty-four working men were summoned at Leeds yesterday for non-payment of income tax. One went to goal rather than pay.

HOW AMERICA GOT TREATY TEXT.

SENATE INQUIRY.

Washington, 11th June. Senator Elihu Root, former Secretary of State, appearing before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, which is investigating the manner in which the Peace Treaty fell into the hands of private interests in New York, testified that for several weeks past he had had a copy, which was given to him by a Mr. Davison, of the Morgan firm. Senator Lodge then declared that the copy he had seen was shown him by Mr. Root, who defended Mr. Davison's being in possession of the treaty on the ground of the latter's official connection with the Red Cross, adding that since the German Government had published the text, it had become public property in any case.

Mr. Davison, who followed Mr. Root, admitted that he brought a copy of the treaty to America, but said it had never been read by anyone but himself and Mr. Root. At the beginning of the hearing a telegram from Mr. Schiff was read, in which he disclaimed any knowledge of the treaty. Mr. Morgan and Mr. Vanderlip followed Mr Davison, and both testified that they had not seen the treaty.—*Reuter.*

Senator Root said he considered President Wilson was within his constitutional rights in withholding the Treaty from the Senate, but on the other hand it was perfectly legitimate for the Senate to ask for it after it had been published by the German Government. On the conclusion of Mr. Morgan's examination, the Committee went into secret session.—*Reuter.*

AUSTRIA AND SERBIA.

ARMISTICE SIGNED.

Belgrade, 7th June. The following official communiqué was issued to-day by Serbian Army Headquarters:

"The Austrians not having accepted our conditions within the appointed time, our victorious troops entered Klagenfurth yesterday morning to re-establish order in the town, which the enemy had previously evacuated. Later in the day, however, the Austrian delegates signed the armistice, under the terms of which our zone comprises Klagenfurth, Voelkermarkt, Gospe-Sveta, and Sveti Pavje. To the north of our zone a neutral zone will be established. Hostilities ceased at seven o'clock on the evening of June 6. The Austrians are obliged to repair the damage caused by their offensive in the month of May last."—*Reuter.*

EX-CROWN PRINCE'S HOPES AND FEARS.

"ONE HAS ONE'S HONOUR."

The ex-Crown Prince has been interviewed by a correspondent of the *New York Times*. Among other opinions he delivered himself of the following:—

"Under present conditions there will be nothing but trouble and another big war inside ten years. The people of Eastern Prussia and Silesia will never agree with the Polish Government, Russia, Serbia, Czecho-Slovakia, Italy, Belgium, and Japan will all be furious over the settlement and the only countries that will be content are France, England, and America, which does not want much for herself out of the war."

When asked about the report that his father was returning to Germany, he said:

"I do not think that is correct; he will remain in Holland, where he is now, with Count Bentinck. As to the report that he would have to face a tribunal for bringing on the war, I am sure my father would never submit to such a proceeding; he would sooner die first; one has one's honour, you know. He has grown very white and old with all this worry, and I have been very anxious about his health; but he is better now, I hear. My mother has been suffering too, very much from heart disease, from the same cause. I was pleased to meet her the other day at Amersfoort and have a long talk."

"All I wish to do," the Crown Prince concluded, is to return to Germany. I have been treated very nicely in Holland, but I prefer Germany, naturally, as it is my country. I am fond of culture; I like good concerts, opera, theatres, the society of cultured people. All I can do here on this island is ride about on my motor-cycle, read, sketch, play tennis against my will in the garden and avoid visitors who come on Sundays and holidays to try to see me. I receive papers and occasionally have friends to stay with me, like the aide to my father who came to-day. It is slow living at Weeringen but the people are all kind, and the children like me. I am free to go where I like, and I prefer it to being shut up in a castle, as my father is at Amerongen."

GREAT MANCHESTER FIRE.

Enormous damage was done by fire on Friday night to warehouses at Trafford Park, Manchester, containing general merchandise, chemicals and timber. By nine o'clock ten warehouses had been destroyed and eleven seriously damaged. The losses amount to several hundred thousand pounds sterling.

INAUGURATING THE MONEY CAMPAIGN.

JOY BELLS FOR THE JOY LOAN.

The prospectus of the new British Loan was issued on Friday morning.

Remarkable scenes in the City followed the opening of the banks. Counters were piled high with prospectuses of the great Victory Loan and messengers staggered out of the buildings under huge bundles of loan documents.

Prospectuses are issued of two loans, both of unlimited amount, bearing four per cent. interest and exempt from all taxation if owned by persons not domiciled or not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom.

One issue consists of Victory Bonds at eighty-five sterling redeemable through annual drawings beginning on the 1st September 1920. The other is a Funding loan at eighty. The right is reserved of total redemption at par after 1st May 1960.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has been informed by the Prime Minister that he fears he will be prevented by pressure of business at Paris from attending Monday's meeting at the Guildhall to inaugurate the Victory Loan. In that event Mr. Bonar Law will address the meeting on his behalf.

Sir Robert Kindersley, of the War Savings Association, said the amount required is practically unlimited. Short date war debts to the amount of fifteen hundred million pounds will have to be paid off and the new loan will be used primarily for this purpose.

The general opinion in the City is that the loan is "too generous," which will not worry general investors.

POPULARISING THE LOAN.

London church bells will peal at noon on Monday to herald the inauguration of the Victory Loan campaign. At the Guildhall the meeting will be addressed by Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Austen Chamberlain. A house-to-house canvass will be undertaken. All investors will be entitled to place cards in their windows showing that they have subscribed. Cabinet Ministers will tour the country in decorated trains and will speak in numerous towns. Airships will drop leaflets advertising the loan. A golden ladder to the top of the Nelson Monument in Trafalgar Square and similar ladders in other cities will indicate the daily progress of the loan.

ODDFELLOWS' WAR MEMORIAL SCHEME.

AN ORPHAN FUND.

The Manchester Unity of Oddfellows Conference, which is being held in the Isle of Man, adopted the proposals for establishing an orphan gift fund as a permanent memorial of the service of 250,000 Oddfellows in the war, and decided to maintain it on the dual basis of a small annual payment by each member, supplemented by voluntary subscriptions.

The South London District raised an important question affecting industrial districts by seeking to delete the rule which compels new members to pay separate contribution for sickness benefit in cases of industrial accidents, but the conference refused to make any change.

Mr. Joseph Smith, Leamington, was unanimously elected Grand Master for the coming year, and will preside at the Leamington conference of 1920. This will be the first occasion for fifty years that a Grand Master will preside over a conference held in his own town. The incoming Grand Master is secretary of his district, a member of the Leamington Borough Council, and is actively associated with the Young Men's Christian Association movement. Mr. George L. Lingstrom, North London district, was unanimously elected Deputy Grand Master of the Order.

HEROIC CONDUCT NO EXCUSE.

ADVENTUROUS AIRMAN.

When Alfred Victor Blenkiron, aged 22, was charged at the Devon Assizes yesterday with obtaining credit while an undischarged bankrupt, his career during the war was mentioned. When war broke out he was travelling to Australia for the benefit of his health. In Australia he immediately joined the Australian Service, obtained a commission, and came to England at his own expense. Being ambitious, instead of taking a commission, he joined the Royal Air Force, and had won the Military Medal for repairing his bombing apparatus in mid-air while attacked by a German fighting squadron and anti-aircraft guns. He had been wounded three times, and once when severely wounded while flying he was attacked and brought his opponent down. Later, while flying, his machine was struck by lightning, and he fell into the sea near Cape Grisnez, and was much damaged by being dashed about the rocks. He had been neurotic all his life, and was invalided out of the Army. He got into the hands of gamblers, borrowed from moneylenders, and was declared bankrupt. The money he had obtained would be repaid.

Mr. Justice Lush said the country and the whole world owed much to such men, but it could not go forth that because a man had been heroic during the war he could commit wrong. This was an exceptional case, and he bound prisoner over for six months on promising to go back to a nursing home or obtaining proper medical advice.

TAR AND FEATHER CASE.

Lieutenant Francis Wright, who was concerned in the Cambridge tarring and feathering incident, was released from open arrest by the military authorities yesterday, but was told to remain in Cambridge pending further orders. He told a Press representative that he took this to mean that an inquiry will be held, either by the Army or Navy, and that he is to remain in England until a decision has been arrived at. There has been no notice as to the holding of a Court Martial up to the present.

FATAL RACIAL RIOTS AT CARDIFF.

SEVERAL KILLED.

On Thursday night the racial riots at Cardiff were even more serious than on Wednesday. The disorders culminated in an attack on a house in the quarter inhabited chiefly by Somalis. The crowd chased to his house a coloured man whom it was alleged had threatened a woman. The panic-stricken inmates started shooting and the mob retaliated by throwing stones and bottles. John Donovan, a discharged soldier who wore the Mons ribbon, was shot through the heart and killed. As the police entered the house one was shot through his helmet and another through his cape. They arrested all the occupants, one of whom is lying precariously injured in hospital.

A large force of police were employed in keeping order in the affected area. Crowds gathered in the evening and numerous windows in houses inhabited by Arabs and negroes were broken. Black men were chased off the streets whenever they appeared. A magistrate was present in case it became necessary to read the Riot Act, but the police were successful in quelling the disturbances and dispersing the crowds. At a late hour, however, affrays occurred in which two men, one white and one Arab, were killed, and several injured.

Another black and white affray occurred in the Docks region in the course of which a young Englishman had his throat cut and died. Afterwards fifteen casualties were treated at the Infirmary, one black man being detained with a knife wound in the abdomen, and a white man with stabs in the back.

The district in which the Arab and negro seamen's boarding houses are centred was in a state of riot and reinforcements of police had to be rushed up in motor-cars before quiet could be restored.

INTERNMENT FOR LIVERPOOL BLACKS.

As the result of a conference between the official of the Ministry of Labour, the Lord Mayor and Head Constable of Liverpool, it has been decided to intern demobilized blacks at Liverpool pending their repatriation.

MUNITION FACTORY CONVERTED INTO DWELLINGS.

Through the pressing demand for housing accommodation at Hammersmith, especially on the part of demobilized men, and pending the erection of houses, under the housing and reconstruction schemes, the Borough Council has resolved to accept the offer of Blake's Explosive Loading Company Ltd., to sell to the council the whole of the buildings comprising the company's factory in Wood-lane, to the north of the White City grounds, together with the heating, lighting, sanitary, and other fittings, drainage, gas mains, etc., at the price of £8,500. It is estimated that temporary accommodation will be found for 250 persons.

Upwards of one hundred applications for temporary houses have already been received from demobilized men, living in, or who prior to the war resided in the borough, and in accepting tenants preference is to be given to returned soldiers. Each of the filling huts is to be adapted for three residences or quarters, and by effecting alterations in existing buildings it will be possible to secure approximately fifty residences. Each residence will provide one large living room and two or three bed rooms, together with a scullery and larder. It is proposed to provide a central bath house and wash house. It is estimated that there will be a net annual loss on the scheme of £2,244.

WOMEN VOTERS IN GERMAN ELECTIONS.

Details showing how the votes were cast in the January elections for the German National Assembly reveal the interesting fact that the women were much keener on recording their votes than were the men.

It is also worth recording that this election provided the first occasion on which, in religious orders where vows of seclusion are compulsory, the rule was relaxed in order to allow nuns to exercise their vote.

In the Cologne-Mülheim district the Centre Party vote was distinctly feminine 6091 women giving their vote to the Centre, while only 3,556 men voted for this party.

At Hagen (Westphalia) 47,550 electors voted out of a register of 56,097. Of 27,100 men on the list 22,950 voted, but 24,800 women out of 28,607 exercised their privilege, a much higher percentage.

The votes were divided in the following manner: German party of the people, 7981 votes: (3,185 men, 4,796 women); Centre, 9,053 votes: (4,267 men, 4,796 women); Democrats, 10,068 votes: (4,788 men, 5,280 women); Majority Socialists, 9,876 votes: (5,377 men, 4,439 women); Independent Socialists 9,688 votes: (5,333 men, 4,355 women).

MESS COOK'S DISTINCTION.

THE FALL OF JERUSALEM.

The cadre of the 2nd 20th Battalion County of London Regiment, consisting of four officers and thirty men, returned home yesterday at Blackheath, and were welcomed by the Mayor of Lewisham at Catford Bridge Station. At a luncheon at the Town Hall, Lieut.-Colonel W. St. A. Warde-Aldam, D.S.O., said a company of the battalion took part in a charge which captured Jerusalem. To a mess cook, Private Church, belonged the distinction of being the first man in the Holy City. Church lost his way with his (the Colonel's) dinner, and landed about four a.m. at the gates of Jerusalem, to find there the mayor of the city with a white flag looking for a General to whom he could surrender.

HANDLEY-PAGE READY FOR ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

IN TOUCH ALL THE WAY.

The trial trip of the Handley-Page Atlantic machine on Tuesday was completely successful, and Major Herbert George Brackley, the first pilot, has decided to start at the first favourable moment. The giant Handley-Page machine is less likely to be influenced by adverse weather conditions than some of the smaller machines, and London is expecting to hear at any moment that a start has been made.

Mr. L. Cogni, one of the firm's managers, stated that Major Brackley proposes to fly direct from Newfoundland to the Handley-Page aerodrome at Cricklewood, where elaborate preparations are now being completed for keeping in close touch with the machine from the moment it starts, and to welcome it on its arrival. At the request of Mr. Handley-Page the Marconi Company are installing their latest and most powerful wireless set on the aerodrome. This will enable London to be notified of the start within a few seconds of the time which the machine leaves the ground at its jumping-off place in Newfoundland, and will make it possible for Cricklewood to learn direct from the crew full details of the progress of the flight, the position of the machine, the state of the engine, the weather met with, and the feelings of pilot and crew. Should the flight prove successful, as the Handley-Page people confidently expect it will be, other machines will leave Cricklewood as soon as the English coast is reached to meet the conqueror of the Atlantic and escort it home. Once the great adventure has commenced announcements as to its progress will be made hourly through a megaphone from stands in the aerodrome.

A *Reuter* message from St. John's timed nine o'clock on Friday morning stated that the weather was clear and bright and that the Vickers-Vimy machine would start on the trans-Atlantic flight in the afternoon.

A report has reached us that Captain Alcock has actually started but up to the time of going to press no confirmation has been received.

RATIONS FOR R. 34'S TRIP.

An interesting example of the calculations of the weight to be carried before a long airship flight is embarked upon is to be found in the estimate of the food which must be taken for each member of the party going to America in the R.34. Assuming that the average weight of a man in flying clothes is 180lb, it is found necessary, to guard against any shortage of supplies resulting from the flight being prolonged, to increase this estimate to 300lb per head, when food for the voyage is included. This means an aggregate increase of 1½ ton, which is no small item, when 29 tons only is available over and above the weight of the structure.

BRITAINS' NEXT CORN HARVEST.

MOST COSTLY ON RECORD.

The 1919 corn harvest will be the most costly in the history of British farming.

This is due to the great increase in wages and limitation of hours. Maximum wages vary in different counties, the highest being in the Oxfordshire area, where it is 73s. for a sixty hour week for men, with 1s. 8d. per hour overtime on weekdays and 2s. per hour on Sundays.

Cider and beer have in the past been provided as part payment of wages, but that is now illegal. It is still common for farmers to supply such beverages to their labourers as an allowance or perquisite. The question has arisen as to the farmers' position if they were to sell liquor to their men. To the Wages Board the Board of Customs and Excise has declared that there is no objection to the sale of cider by a farmer to the labourers subject to payment by him of the duty on all cider so sold.

YORKSHIRE SHOOTINGS RUINED.

Fires on the moorlands between Masham and Aysgath are raging with unabated fierceness. In twenty-four hours five thousand acres, consisting chiefly of shootings belonging to the Duke of Devonshire, over which King George has frequently shot, were utterly burnt and ruined. Other valuable shooting moors near Masham are burning furiously.

Adjacent to the centre of the fire is Colsterdale camp, where some thousand German officers are interned. A change in the direction of the wind might mean that the camp will have to be evacuated. All efforts to check the progress of the flames have proved unavailing and it is already certain that for some years to come shooting on the Yorkshire moors will be almost negligible.

AIRMAN'S ESCAPADE.

An air pilot's remarkable escapade was related yesterday at a general court-martial at Upton-by-Chester, when Lieutenant Edwin Arnold Clear, M.C., R.A.F., pleaded not guilty to a charge of low flying at Chester, and guilty to a charge of escaping while under arrest at Shotwick Aerodrome. With regard to the accused's escape it was stated that he got into a machine and flew to the Isle of Man.

Accused told the Court that the officer commanding the station had told several pilots that they had "got the wind up." "This got my goat," added accused, "so I went up."

The findings of the Court will be promulgated.

The *Daily Mail* offers a slipper of eighteen carat gold for the actress with the smallest foot in London or the provinces.

The disabled soldiers who went on strike at Leeds to secure more pension allowances while undergoing technical training have been given until Tuesday to resume their studies. After that date their places will be filled by others waiting to take up training.

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SUNDAY.

Of late there has been a wide-spread interest in our Sundays. We do not wish to suggest that the men and women of England are flocking to Church in imposing and unprecedented numbers or that soldiers have found a new joy in Church parades. The interest is born of a popular movement not a religious revival. Ecclesiastics, social reformers, and journalists are canvassing the question of a "continental Sunday." The Rhine army has its view on the matter, for military duties have ensured that many of us have now a knowledge of Sunday at home and Sunday abroad.

There are, naturally, diverse classes of people who propound their views. Some are quite frank in their admiration of the spirit of freedom and abandon that is associated with Sunday in most European countries. They believe that we who have lived in the area of occupied Germany or in Belgium or in some of the happier places of France will help them in what they deem to be a movement of emancipation. Others feel that some change must be made in the English observance of Sunday, and hope that a golden mean is possible between the old English Sunday and that of the continent. Others, again, hold that the gaiety that is freely encouraged by our neighbours despoils all that is good and reverent in the Sunday of our fathers.

But even in Britain there is considerable difference of opinion regarding the meaning and even the propriety of our English Sunday. To a Scot of some Highland glen—and the Scots have been blamed for keeping the Sabbath and most other things—the Sunday of South England is in very truth a "continental Sunday," and there are probably others in the more out-lying parts of England and Wales who would share his opinion. Yet it is true that the great mass of our countrymen have long since ceased to regard Sunday as did the Puritans of the seventeenth century. It is probable that many make a bogy of the dull, dismal Sabbath, and fail to see how the times have changed. In most parts of Britain a considerable amount of happiness is derived from our Sundays. The confusion of the Jewish Sabbath and the Christian Sunday, the somewhat morbid reverence for a particular day, the exaggerated asceticism of men who looked askance at joyfulness—these are largely things of the past.

It is not easy to evolve a sane policy of Sunday observance, and all we can do is to offer some general principles. To coerce the conscience of our fellow men is as futile as it is pharisaic. The arguments that might appeal to a Churchman are not those that can carry weight with a man who places little store upon Christianity. But whatever may be the opinions of any man he must in justice remind himself that Sunday has a tradition of almost nineteen hundred years, that its gifts come from Christianity, that it commemorates the lifework of a great man. Sunday has little meaning if one forgets it is a Christian festival.

The principles we lay down are two. Our English Sunday should be as far as possible a day of rest. It is a truism that each week has seven days, but if each day is to be a working day then physical endurance is taxed beyond measure. Recreation may be rest or it may be labour. Any recreations which involve labour either to ourselves or to others—for in some pastimes our fellows must work if we must play—should be narrowly scrutinized, for they ask too much from human physique. The leaders of English democracy have already agitated for more leisure from laborious toil, and in many ways they are wise in their policy. Few can view with equanimity any measures that will increase the working hours of our people.

The second principle is that Sunday should be a day of happiness, a full-orbed happiness in which physical, intellectual, social, and religious activities can find their best. Sunday must not be a day of gloom and sombre clothing. It is a commemoration of victory over evil. Opportunities should be given to men and women to cultivate their minds in leisured enjoyment of the best that art and letters and music can give. And what of games? Many find their greatest happiness in these, and they help in promoting comradeship, self control, and a sense of fair-play—graces that mould a people and prepare it for idealism. The test of a recreation that can be fittingly indulged in is its harmony with the spirit of Sunday, the spirit of worship, worthy aspiration, and kindly brotherhood.

"THE GLORIOUS SIXTEENTH."

BY MOORLANDER.

To the man who angles for coarse fish, the "Glorious Sixteenth" of June is an occasion that denotes a good time to come.

On Monday, in Blighty, the close season will have ended; roach, dace, chub, perch, tench, carp, and other so-called coarse fish may again be caught on rod and line. And, although thus early in the season the fish have hardly attained prime condition, the angler rejoices in the freedom to revisit his old haunts beside the winding river and looks forward to many pleasant days and heavy baskets in the near future.

The report echoes across the Channel that prospects for the opening day are "splendid." And, at the end of last month, the Thames Valley was a gem of silver and gold amid a setting of vivid green. The piscatorial horizon is decidedly roseate. During the war, rivers have been less fished, poaching has fallen off considerably, the various Preservation Societies have continued their good work, and now signs are present that, before long, unnecessary pollution will be stopped. News is also to hand that, a fortnight ago, the fish were seen very busily cleansing themselves on the shallows after spawning, seemingly eager, as it were, to give record sport on this "Victory" opening day.

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On the "sixteenth" many anglers will be wandering beside sedgy waters, enjoying the incomparable beauties of an English June day. Wild roses will be blooming in the lanes and the hayfields will be gay with flowering grasses. Many of the "boys" will don their old fishing jackets and hurry to the river, for hundreds of soldier anglers have already returned to Blighty.

This year will witness a great boom in angling. And it speaks well for the popularity of Walton's recreation that the Road Board is seeking aid and advice from angling authorities before embarking upon its gigantic scheme to improve the highways of Britain. It wishes to avoid damage to fish-life through poisonous road-washings entering the rivers.

To-morrow in the various districts and on the different types of waters, the "Nottingham," "Sheffield," "roach-pole" and suchlike experts will be specialising in their own particular styles of angling. And, during these sunny hours, the fly-fisherman should also meet with notable success. Dace, chub, and roach rise well to the fly, especially in the forenoon and after sundown, so that during the brilliant summer days the fly-fisherman is often rewarded with better sport than the bottom-angler.

This is the first opening day since hostilities ceased in the great war, so anglers who are able to celebrate the "Glorious Sixteenth" should spare a thought for the men who gave their all that the beautiful river-valleys of Britain might escape devastation.

A WORD TO CONCERT PARTIES.

BY AN AMUSEMENTS OFFICER.

It is a wholesome axiom, which—at this day in the history of the Army—no one will think of disputing, that the Corps, Divisional, Brigade, and Battalion concert party is a most necessary adjunct of military life. For the part played by such during the last five years we are all most deeply grateful. Many a man coming down from the line severely "rattled," has found aquipoise again through the kindly ministrations of the entertainment parties, who helped him, for the time, to forget. They "played" for him in any old place; barn, hut, tent, or in the open field, and notwithstanding the difficulties of the situation, they generally succeeded in giving a jolly good show.

So it is with many of the concert parties now catering for the entertainment of the Army of the Rhine. The writer has reason to be grateful for the very ready help he has received from many excellent troupes in his task of trying to relieve something of the monotony experienced by the men who are situated in the isolated villages of the occupied area. It is not, perhaps, too much to say that these villages, so full of our boys, who are out of reach of the opera, concerts, and cinemas of Cologne, Bonn, and other fairly large centres, are the very places where the work of the concert party is most urgently needed. After a good day's work there is nothing more heartily appreciated than the visit of a good entertainment.

Unfortunately, however, the Amusements Officer has sometimes had experience of troupes of another "ilk" altogether. Parties with "ambitions" and suffering over-much from enlarged heads, who are out simply to "out-do" other concert parties and whose purpose is to appear in the larger towns where there are well equipped halls and theatres. In place of a wise alternation of town and isolated village they confine their efforts entirely to places where—more often than not—they are least needed by reason of the competition of many such shows. One such party came along the other day. Let us for convenience sake call them "The Growlers." When they saw the hall in which they were asked to play—a place capable of seating some 500 persons, where first-class concert parties had shown with conspicuous success—they very disdainfully "turned it down" and declared that the show would be "off."

If parties are to fulfil the function for which they are organised, they must be ready and willing to help in the villages even more than in the towns. If they are not out for this end, then the sooner they are sent back to "duty," which has been largely excused them, the better. If their show is too elaborately staged for the smaller places then they must be told to simplify it until it can be presented everywhere it is wanted.

It is a fact, too, that troupes have refused to visit Y.M.C.A. and Church Army Huts, where men congregate largely, because they were not able to secure a good proportion of the takings, or were asked to give their entertainment free of charge. Now these things ought not to be. Ye of the "Amusement Fraternity" are not intended to be "out" for yourselves. Your job is not to please yourselves by "showing" in pleasant places where you can be much in the limelight.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

DANCING CLASS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—Your Correspondent "Augustus" is evidently unaware of the fact that three dances a week are given at the British Empire Leave Club for the men from 6.30 to 9 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays and that they are the most popular of all the Club's amusements. There are also two dancing classes arranged a week, on Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 5 to 6, and if Augustus would call at the Club the Controller of Entertainments would be very happy to show him the hall when the dances are in full swing.

About the allotment of tickets for the Thursday Dances Augustus has also been misinformed.

"Entertainments."

FAITH AND MYSTERY.

COMMONSENSE IN RELIGION.

(BY A CORRESPONDENT.)

Many attempts have been made, during the war and since, by chaplains and others who cared about religion, to estimate the effect which the war has had on religion as a whole. Such reports naturally vary according to the viewpoint and experience of each writer; but there appears to be a general agreement that the war has not drawn the great body of our soldiers to a fuller appreciation of the value of the Christian religion. It was discovered that every man had religion of a sort which he found difficult to explain. The great Christian doctrines — of God the Father Almighty, the Incarnation and Atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ, the gift of the Holy Spirit - appeared to be meaningless to him. What he had learnt by heart seemed to fail him in the test of experience.

During the war religious faith has undergone a severe trial. The simple believer, whose faith was merely a legacy to him from his parents, was forced to doubt the soundness of the doctrines which he had so automatically accepted. "If there is a God Who is Omnipotent why does He not stop the war?" "If He is a God of Love, why does He not put an end to this ghastly slaughter?" So he argued when faced with a hard and cruel fact that challenged his second-hand faith. The doubter was convinced in his doubt and the unbeliever confirmed in his unbelief. The most serious of believers, whose faith was based upon conviction and knowledge from actual experience, was even forced to be silent in the face of what appeared to him for the moment to be the complete collapse of his most cherished hopes. There is a growing demand for reality in every department of life. "Out here" wrote one man, "we have been up against serious things, real things, and commonsense" and for that reason, men will grow less and less content with an interpretation of religious doctrines, clouded in mysterious asssumptions, which they can never hope to understand. They rebel against the practice of accepting doctrines by the exercise of "faith" without understanding. It is a very hopeful sign to find men unwilling to live a life, built as it were upon the sands of untested assumptions. "Give us a practical commonsense religion" appealed a man recently, and he was merely endeavouring to give expression to a common thought amongst men to-day.

Now we do maintain, that in the Christian Gospel men can discover all that their religious instincts yearn for. The doctrines taught in that Christian Gospel are not only highly agreeable to commonsense, and easily understood, but are of absolutely vital practical importance. They have been handed down from the earliest days, not as mere arbitrary and mysterious revelation to be accepted with an irrational and incomprehending assent, but doctrines pregnant with vital meaning for life, and destined to revolutionize the whole outlook and character of the man who tries to understand and believe and apply them.

Jesus Christ does not shrink from a commonsense demonstration. We are not called on to believe in a God whom nobody has ever seen. Jesus Christ came and was incarnate in order that men might know not only that there was an invisible God, but that He could make Himself visible when He chose. Men say it is hard to believe there is a God. It is a great deal harder to believe there is no God. We cannot take the alphabet and just throw it down, and it makes a "Paradise Lost" Why? There must be a brain behind it. Do men think the universe came just by chance? Consider the working man's definition of God and compare it with the subtle vagueness of the theologian's. He said "God is He who made everything and keeps everything going." It is hard, some say, to believe in the existence of Incarnate God in Christ. It is infinitely harder to believe that God can exist without communicating with His people. It is harder not to believe in Christ than to believe in Him. Men say it is hard to believe in the forgiveness of sins. It is infinitely harder to believe that poor sinful man is going to be left to work out to all eternity to pay the price of all that he has ever done. It is hard to believe in a God and Father. It is harder to believe in a God Who is less than a Father. So we might proceed in dealing with the vital religious truths of Christianity and discover how agreeable they are to commonsense, though still retaining the fascinating element of mystery.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

LE NOZZE DI FIGARO.

Before we speak of the opera, we would like first to ask why unauthorized persons consider it necessary to alter the text of Mozart's wonderful work. Such "corrections" certainly give no pleasure to the followers of the great master. Mozart's works are international and the old text is universally beloved; there is no need for any change.

Thursday's performance took place under a lucky star; on the stage reigned an atmosphere really attuned to the spirit of the composer, an atmosphere which quickly pervaded a delighted and grateful public. The artistes, both in the chief and smaller roles, proved themselves worthy of their tasks, but we do not see why we should have been denied any of the overture in the first act; or the aria of Bartolo "Susse Racne"; and in the second act the aria of Graf Almarira. We would prefer Cherubin, during the rendering of the aria "Neue Freuden, Neue Schmerzen" to concentrate on the limitless musical possibilities of the melody, instead of adopting rather a restless stage attitude. The orchestra was worthy of the greatest praise. Perhaps the two Cherubin arien might have been played a little more *sotto voce* to allow the full value of the melody from the stage to be appreciated.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Sunday	5	Faust	Gounod
Monday	5½	Mignon	Thomas
Tuesday	6	The Flying Dutchman	Wagner
Wednesday	6	Der Waffenschmied von Worms	Lortzing
Thursday	4½	Lohengrin	Wagner
Friday	6	Das Glöckchen des Eremiten	Maillart
Saturday	6	Madame Butterfly	Puccini
Sunday	5½	Aïda	Verdi
Monday	6	Tales of Hoffmann	Offenbach
Tuesday	6	Rigoletto	Verdi

SPORTS AT WAHN.

1st EASTERN BRIGADE'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT WAHN.

The 1st Eastern Brigade held a most successful athletic meeting at Wahn on Wednesday. Favoured by ideal weather, the contest for the challenge cup presented by Brig.-General H. M. Tudor, C.B., C.M.G., aroused the greatest interest and not until the last flat race had been run at 6.30 p.m. was the issue definitely decided. The cup went to the 10th Bn (Queen's Own) Royal West Kent Regt. (33½ points). The 6th Battalion of the same Regt. came second with 32½ points and the 4th Battalion Royal Sussex Regt. third with 17 points.

The attendance included the Divisional Commander (Major-General Chas. L. Nicholson, C.B., C.M.G.,) and his staff. The warrant officers and sergeants of the 10th Royal West Kent Regt. caused much amusement by their jazz band, the instrumentalists being in fancy costume, mostly of a grotesque type. The massed bands of the Brigade (under Lieut. H. Lewis) played throughout the afternoon. At the prize-giving which followed the events, Brig.-General H.M. Tudor, C.B., C.M.G., congratulated the winners, and thanked all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. He particularly referred to the work of Sergt. Dale (of the 10th West Kent Regt.) in preparing the course. The Brigadier also took the opportunity of saying farewell to the Brigade in view of his impending departure to command a division. The proceedings terminated with three cheers for the Divisional Commander and the Brigade Commander.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

The results were as follows:

Sack Race Final:—1, Pte. Banham, R.W.K.; 2, Pte. Whitfield, 6th R.W.K.

220 yards Flat:—1, Lt. Godfray, 6th R.W.K.; 2, Sgt. March, 4th R.S.; 3, Lt. Bryan, 4th R.S.

Mile Flat (open to all ranks Wahn Garrison):—1, Lt. Shearing, 6th R.W.K.; 2, Pte. Odell 6th R.W.K. 3, Cpl. Turner, 4th R.S.

Long Jump:—1, Lt. Batty, 10th R.W.K.; 2, Lt. Newman, 6th R.W.K.; 3, L/Cpl. Johnson, 6th R.W.K.

High Jump:—1, Pte. Vines, 10th R.W.K.; 2, Lts. Batty and Newman, 6th R.S.

440 yards Flat:—1, Lt. Newman, 6th R.W.K. 2, Lt. Bryan, 4th R.S.; 3, Capt. James, 10th R.W.K.

Special Relay Race (One team per Battalion of C.O., Adjt., Q.M., T.O., R.S.M., and R.Q.M.S.):—1, 6th R.W.K.; 2, 10th R.W.K.; 3, 4th R.S.

Boat Race:—1, "C" Coy, R.W.K.; 2, "B" Coy, 10th R.W.K.; 3, "C" Coy, 4th R.S.

Band Race:—1, Pte. Gibbs, 4th R.S.; 2, Pte. Sedon, 6th R.W.K.; 3, Pte. Owers, 4th R.S.

120 yards Hurdles:—1, Sgt. March, 4th R.S.; 2, Lt. Batty, 10th R.W.K.; 3, Pte. Campling, 10th R.W.K.

Three-Legged Race:—1, Ptes. Johnson and Cadman, 6th R.W.K.; 2, Ptes. Mawell and Sheppard 10th R.W.K.

100 yards Flat:—1, Lt. Godfray, 6th R.W.K.; 2, Sgt. March, 4th R.S.; 3, Lt. Bryan, 4th R.S.

Obstacle Race: 1, Pte. Wright, 10th R.W.K.; 2, Pte. Haggar, 10th R.W.K., 3, Pte. Woodhouse, 10th R.W.K.

1 Mile Relay (one team per unit open to Wahn Garrison):—1, 6th R.W.K.; 2, 4th R.S.; 3, 10th R.W.K.

880 yards Flat:—1, Pte. Morton, 10th R.W.K.; 2, Pte. Haggar, 10th R.W.K.; 3, Pte. Gudleston, 4th R.S.

Pillow Fighting:—1, Pte. Clayton, 6th R.W.K.; 2, Pte. Parkes, 10th R.W.K.; 3, Cpl. Ford, 10th R.W.K.

Tug-of-War:—1, 6th R.W.K.; 2, 10th R.W.K.

THE £500 GOLF TOURNAMENT.

The prize money in the Professional Golfers Association tournament, to be played at St Andrews on June 25 and 26 will be allocated as follows:—

First £100, second £75, third £50, fourth £30, fifth and sixth £25 each, seventh to tenth £20 each, eleventh to sixteenth £15 each, seventeenth and eighteenth £7 10s. each, nineteenth and twentieth £5 each.

GATHERING O' THE CLANS.

An athletic meeting will be held by the 2nd Highland Brigade on Friday and Saturday 20th and 21st inst, in Duren. Finals and the following open events will be held on Saturday afternoon:—100 yards; 440 yards; 1 mile relay race; piping and dancing; and are open to all members of the Highland Division and troops stationed in Duren and the environs. On Saturday afternoon all ranks will be cordially welcome at the sports and special side shows.

3rd BRIGADE TUG-OF-WAR LEAGUE.

In connection with the 3rd Western Brigade Tug-of-War League the 51st South Wales Borderers journeyed to Arloff on Wednesday to meet their near rivals the 52nd South Wales Borderers. Both the heavy and light teams of the visitors were successful, the former winning by two pulls to nil, and the latter by the odd pull in three.

Prince Henry Plays Polo.

Prince Henry participated in two chukkers in a polo match between Wellington and Wellington A on Wednesday, and exhibited good form.

"BY JINGO" WINS THE MANCHESTER CUP.

RESULT OF £2,500 RACE.

MEETINGS AT LEWES AND MANCHESTER.

A large crowd witnessed the racing at Manchester on Friday, when the weather was fine and the going fairly good.

Friday-Handicap:—Killadeon (5—4); 2, Lady Alicia (6—1); 3, Dot's Surprise (10—1). Eight ran.

Lodge Plate:—1, Heart Scald (3—1); 2, Dilldeck (7—2); 3, Lampedo (7—2). Three ran.

Manchester Handicap:—1, By Jingo (7—2); 2, Aynsley (33—1); 3, Happy Man (8—1). Nine ran.

Athdara was ridden by Shetwell and All Alone by Donoghue. Sky Rocket led for a mile and a quarter, when By Jingo assumed command and won easily by four lengths. Three-quarters of a length separated the second and third; Tinspear was fourth and Palatina last.

Cotton Stakes:—1, Woodrow (5—4 on); 2, Eager Agnes colt (10—1); 3, Shakerley (5—1). Eight ran.

Brackley Handicap:—1, Sans Atouts (10—1); 2, Magic Prince (100—7); 3, Trespasser (9—4). Eight ran.

Charlton Plate:—Lama of Tibet had a walk over.

FOLKESTONE MEETING AT LEWES.

Castle Handicap:—Sensitive Symonds (6—5 on); 2, Gurkha (7—1); 3, Headland (6—1). Seven ran.

Juvenile Plate:—Red Flyer (6—4 on); 2, Mirobelle colt (100—8); 3, Princess Ziria (5—1). Six ran.

Chatham Handicap:—1, D.N.P. (5—2); 2, Vanitie (5—1); 3, Device (9—4). Seven ran. An objection to the winner was overruled.

Public Sales Stakes:—1, Plymouth Rock (5—6 on); 2, Charlies Smile (5—2); 3, A.T.N. (5—1). Nine ran.

Folkestone open Place:—1, Nubian (7—2); 2, Spirt (100—8); 2, Neilgnerry (4—1). Nine ran.

Walmer Handicap:—1, Raybarrow (9—4); 2, Sporting Parson (5—1); 3, Promoter (5—1). Six ran.

NOT SO "BALMY."

An inmate of Sunderland Lunatic Asylum tipped the first, second, and third horses in the Derby, and also won a large prize offered by a weekly newspaper.

"I tipped Grand Parade," he said to the medical superintendent, "because it was of good stock, Buchan because it had a good trainer, and Paper Money because it had the best jockey."

ASCOT WEEK.

ENTRIES FOR THE STAKES AND ROYAL HUNT CUP.

There seems every prospect of some excellent sport being witnessed at the Ascot Meeting next week. Appended are the entries for the principal events on Tuesday and Wednesday:—

ASCOT STAKES (Tuesday, June 17).

Langdon Hills (Powney)	East Cheshire (Coldbeck)
Haki (Taylor)	Greek Scholar (J.Rhodes)
Silver Bullet (Taylor)	Sheriff's Officer (J. Rhodes)
Attalus (T. Cannon)	Patrick's Day (J. Rhodes)
Golden Melody (Gore)	Sir Desmond (Pratt)
King Frusquin (Nugent)	Tom Pepper (J. Rogers)
Water Bed (Sievier)	Warwick (Tabor)
Control (Sievier)	Menu (Dodd)
Wildwood (Burns)	Dawn of Peace (Randall)
Kroo-Boy II (Dundas)	Lake van (Green)
Silver Bridge (Persse)	Sky-Rocket (Barling)
Evan (Caldicott)	Buckthorn (Colling)
Pitch and Toss (Lines)	Granchester (Colling)
Toluol (De Mestre)	Greek Star (Lines)
Race Rock (T. Cannon)	Morning Star (C. Leader)
Muscovite (Wootton)	

ROYAL HUNT CUP (Wednesday, June 18th).

Jutland (Marsh)	Brigand (Pratt)
Chaud (Mullen)	Biwa (T. Cannon)
Patlander (Mullen)	StrollingSaint Dewhurst
Royal Bucks (Sievier)	Bruff Bridge (Dewhurst)
Control (Siever)	Knight of Blyth (Leach)
Old Gold (A. B. Sadler)	Bay of Naples (Leach)
Pennant (Caldicott)	Offshoot (Leach)
Main Royal (Nugent)	Roideur (Persse)
Somerville (Hobbs)	Mintleaf (Hackett)
SquareMeasure J.Rogers	Clap Gate (Bell)
X-Ray (J. Rogers)	African Star (Lines)
Planet (Tabor)	Quadrille (Taylor)
Dorelus (De Mestre)	Ari n (Sadler jun.)
My Ronald (Sadler jun.)	Zinovia (Hunt)
Not much (Hogg)	Z.Z. (B. Jarvis)
Paper Money (T.Cannon)	Herself (R. Day)
Lady Farmer (Lines)	Gipsy Lad (R. Day)
Irish Elegance (Cottrill)	Afasnam (R. Day)
Elsinore (Taylor)	Wilson (R. Day)
King John (Gilpin)	Rivershore (Loates)
Church History H.Leader	Polyscope (Loates)
Dunsellon (Persse)	Polygnotus (Loates)
Carados (Pickering)	Daphne (Loates)
Grand Fleet (Barling)	Cyclist (Hugh Powney)
Scatwell (Barling)	

76th ARMY BRIGADE R.F.A. SPORTS.

CUP WON BY "C" BATTERY AT GROSS VERNICH.

The sports of the 76th Army Bde., R.F.A., Midland Div., held at Gross Vernich on Monday, were exceptionally well attended and the prowess displayed by the numerous competitors provided a most interesting day for the spectators. "C" Battery's representatives shone in almost every event and won the Brigade Cup with a total of 31 points.

Winners and Finals.

The winners of the finals were as follows:—
100 yards flat:— Lt. Peachy C/76, 11⅕ secs.
440 yards flat:— Sergt. Maddox A/76, 1 m. 6⅘ secs.
120 yards hurdles:— Lt. Laing D/76, 19⅗ secs.
440 yards open:— Spr. Murphey, 509 Field Coy., R.E. 1m. 12 secs.
Relay Race (1 Mile):— "C" Battery, 5 m. 28 secs.
Long Jump:— Lt. Peachey C/76, 17 ft. 4⅘ ins.
High Jump:— Lt. Laing D/76, 4 ft. 9 ins.
Band Race:— Cpl. Terry, 51st Leicesters.
Tug of War:— A/76.

Mounted Events:

Officer's Jumping:— Lt. Crawford, H.Q., 77 Bde. R.F.A.
N.C.O.'s Jumping:— Cpl. Yates D/76.
Led Horse Jumping:— Dvr. Wilman C/76.
Wrestling on Horseback:— A/76.
Back to Back Race:— Sergt. Piper C/76.
Alarm Race:— "C" Battery 3 m. 39 secs.
Lloyd Linsay Race:— "C" Battery 1 m, 54⅘ secs.
V.C. Race:— Sergt. Piper C/76.
Best Dummy:— Cpl. Mayor C/76.

Handsome prizes were distributed at the close of the day's sport by Brig.-General M. P. Monkhouse, C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., Commanding Midland Divisional Artillery.

The Band of the 51st Leicesters, Euskirchen, by the kind permission of their Commanding Officer, added greatly to the enjoyment of the day by providing an excellent musical programme

AMERICAN OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

A *Reuter's* New York telegram states that Walter Hagen of Rochester and M. J. Brady of Oakridge who tied with a score of 301 each from the American open Championship, replayed 18 holes on Thursday. Hagen with a score of 77 defeated Brady (78), thus securing the Championship a second time. His previous success was in 1914.

NOTABLE LAST WICKET STAND.

19th v. 23rd MIDDLESEX AT UNTER-ESCHBACH.

An interesting cricket match was played at Unter-Eschbach on Wednesday between the 19th and the 23rd Middlesex. Lieut. Potter, of the 23rd, made some brilliant hits, getting a total of 31 after being bowled by Sig. Taylor. It was largely due to the effective bowling of Lieut. Griffin and Signaller Tayler that the 23rd were dismissed for the total of 89 runs.

For the home team Cpl. Crisp and Lieut. Luchoff batted well, and the most exciting part of the match was when the 19th wanted 21 to win for the last wicket. Signaller Laythorpe and Sergt. Boston made a good last-wicket stand, the latter being finally bowled by Major Spence with the score at 87. The scores were:—

19th Middlesex	87
23rd Middlesex	89

LIGHT DIV. SIGNAL COY. v. 157 FIELD COY.

Played at Frimmersdorf on Thursday. Scorers:—Light Division Signals 127 (Lieut. Gow, 50; Gnr. Foster, 22 not out; Major Cobb, 15). 157 Field Coy. 73 (Tate 26, not out; Lake, 16).

L/Cpl. Harrison took 4 wickets for 9 runs, and Major Cobb 5 for 17. Evans and Smith bowled well for 157 Field Coy.

16th H.L.I's FAVOURITE GAME.

Despite the warm weather, "footer" is still the prevalent and most favoured game in the 16th Bn. H.L.I., and when "A" and "B" Coys met on the former's ground at Landwehr on Wednesday some very fine play was witnessed. From the start "B" Coy. forced the pace and Mason did some clever work, narrowly missing goal several times. Half-time came with no scoring.

On resuming, "B" Coy again took up the resuming, and as a result of a foul by Porter, they were awarded a "free" which Hirds made sure work of, giving the "goalie" no chance.

Play continued very fast and "B" Coy ran out winners of a good game. Result:—"B" Coy 1 goal; "A" Coy nil.

POLO MATCHES.

In the Ranelagh Open Polo Cup Semi-Final the Freebooters beat the Lambkins by 9 goals to 1.

At Roehampton the 2nd Life Guards beat the Fox Hunters by 6 goals to 3.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

His Only Resource.

Boy, fined at Willesden for street gambling: "Father's just dead, and mother's gone to a wedding."

The Eton Eight.

The Eton eight for Henley is being coached by E. W. Powell, who was captain of Eton boats in 1905. The crew were out in a new boat for the first time this week.

Sale of M.P.'s Hunter.

The sale last week of a large portion of noted hunter stud of Major David Davies, M.P., M.F.H., aroused keen interest, it being the first important stud sale since the armistice.

Goddard's Hands.

Destructiveness is the keynote of Goddard's activities. His great hands, almost six inches in width, with long, strong-jointed fingers, seem to be made for tearing things apart.

Oxford v. Cambridge.

Somewhat contrary to expectations, the Dark Blues won the singles by 6 matches to 3 at Cambridge on Wednesday. The Oxford captain, J. N. Radcliffe, was the only player to win all his matches.

A Calcutta Sweep Winner.

Private Read, in the Warwick Records Office, was lucky enough to draw Paper Money in the Calcutta Club Derby sweepstakes. Paper Money finished third. The prize is expected to run into several thousands of pounds.

Woman's 700 Betting Clients.

The statement that 700 persons visited a room hired by her for betting purposes in six days was made at the Thames Court, when Maude Drake, aged twenty-two, married, was fined £75 for keeping a betting house at Bygrove-street, Poplar.

Bookmakers' Ups and Downs.

"Bookmakers are rich one week and poor the next," said Supt. Pearce at Burnham (Bucks) Police Court, when Henry Dodd, of Herschel-street, Slough, was fined £40 for using a mess-room at the Mounted Transport Depot, Cippenham, for betting purposes.

1st Class Gunnery.

When Notts went in this week George Gunn and John Gunn just laughed at the Surrey bowlers. John got 111 before finding the wrong 'un, and George secured the trifle of 185 not out. His aggregate for the match was 354 for once out. Notts had one wicket down for 338.

Football Storm Brewing.

There is a storm brewing between the Football League and the Southern League that will have a tremendous effect on next season's football unless a calm follows within the next few weeks. The immediate cause of the trouble (says the *Daily Express*) is the expressed intention of the Southern League to claim all transfer fees paid in respect of players who are transferred by the West Ham United, Stoke, and Coventry City clubs.

AUSTRALIANS v. OXFORD.

COLONIALS RUN UP 310 FOR 6 WICKETS.

AUSTRALIANS.

Collins c. Hallows b. R. Tyldesley	103
Willis b. Heap	56
Taylor c. T. Tyldesley b. Marriott	6
Pellew b. R. Tyldesley	55
Lampard not out	31
Stirling b. Heap	3
Bull b. R. Tyldesley	15
Trennery not out	24
Extras	17
Total	310 for 6

OXFORD.

Howell lbw. b. Haslip	38
Knight c. Jane b. Jessop	108
Waldock c. Fane b. Hearne	25
Bell b. Jessop	9
Ward b. Jessop	0
Naumann run out	84
Skeet b. Haslip	9
Pearse c. Doll b. Lee	0
Neser c. Jessop b. Lee	1
Bower b. Lee	78
Price not out	28
Extras	20
Total	400

Bowling Analysis: — Lee 3 for 73; Jessop 3 for 64; Haslip 3 for 74.

HURRICANE HITTING AT DUISDORF.

52nd WELSH REGT. (169 FOR 6) v. No. 3 COY. WESTERN DIVISION R.A.S.C. (20) ON THE DUISDORF GROUND.

Batting first, the homesters suffered an immediate set back as they lost one of their "stars" (Sgt. Kay) with the first ball, but Mr. Hughes and Lieut. Yeedhorn took the score to 60 before the former was bowled. Lieut. Yeedhorn at this time was playing beautiful exhilarating cricket and two successive balls he lifted out of the ground for 6: caught behind the wicket with his score at 78, his innings included three 6s and eight 4s, his score being obtained in under 30 minutes. Lieut. Parry and Cpl. Wallwork also batted well, their respective scores being 23 and 28 (not out). The R.A.S.C. could not stand up to the bowling of Cpl. Wallwork and Pte. Lawton, who had the whole side out for 20, the former capturing 5 wickets for 14 and the latter 4 for 5. These two bowlers have remarkable averages in the C.P.C. competition Cpl. Wallwork having taken 16 wickets for 48 and Pte. Lawton 12 wickets for 47.

"D" SIEGE PARK (102) v. 10th ARGYLL AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS (33), at Düren on Wednesday. For the S.P. Sergts. Dickinson and Mumford commenced to score freely, until, with the score at 29, the former was caught. Lee (25), Williams (14), and Mumford (11) also contributed useful scores. The Highlanders opened their innings in disastrous style, and the whole side was dismissed for 33 runs. Mumford took 4 wickets for 8 runs, Lee 3 for 8, and Lieut. Thain 1 for 6.

51st HANTS (83) v. LOWLAND M.T. COY. (30), on the former's ground. The latter batted first, but were dismissed in just under an hour. Quite a feature of the innings was that only two men were bowled, while seven were caught, and one "run out." For the 51st Hants, Pte. Fulford took 5 wickets for 10 runs. The 51st Hants then batted with little interest until the excellent display of batting at the fourth wicket by Sergt. Sledge and Cpl. Leaman, who made 16 and 29 runs, respectively.

51st Bn. BEDFORDS REGT. (45) v. 51st Bn. R. SUSSEX REGT. (56) at Hennef on Wednesday. For the winners Sergt. Evans scored 18. Lieut. Thompson bowled exceedingly well and took 6 wickets for 24 runs. Lieut. Plum took 3 for 19. The 51st Bedfords started batting against what seemed to be a comparatively low total, but owing to excellent fielding and consistent bowling by Pte. Edden and 2nd Lieut. Cheeseman, they were dismissed for 45. Pte. Edden took 4 wickets for 16 runs and 2nd Lieut. Cheeseman 4 for 23.

15th HUSSARS (84 for 4 wickets) v. No. 1 LIGHT RLY. SIG. COY. (38) at Duren. Light Rly. Sigs. batted first and owing to the bowling of Lieut. Clerk (7 for 15) and Sergt. Durrant (2 for 9) were soon dismissed. 15th Hussars, by the free hitting of Mr. Straker (35, including 3 four, 7 threes) and Mr. Clerk 23 (not out) totalled 84 for 4 wickets when play was stopped by rain.

174 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A. (77) v. 9th CORPS H.Q.M.T. COY. R.A.S.C. (57) at Flamersheim on Wednesday. For 174 Siege Battery Sergt. Street scored 17 and Hill and Whittingham 14. The Mechanics, after a useful first wicket partnership, were dismissed for 51 (Frewin 12, Miles and White 10 each). For the Artillery, Darley took 5 wickets for 20, and Saunders 5 for 19, both keeping a beautiful length throughout. For the R.A.S.C., Leach, who bowled throughout the innings, continually puzzled the batsmen, and took 7 wickets for 33.

16th LANCS. FUS. (115) v. 1st T.M.B. (WEST DIV.) (44). At Bonn on Wednesday. The 16th Lancs. Fus. who were put in to bat by the visitors fared badly, 7 wickets being down for 51 runs, until 2/Lt. Mitchell and Pte. Bray became associated. While 2/Lt. Mitchell were down the bowling of Lomos (who bowled very well throughout and took 7 for 32), Pte. Bray went merrily along until he was beautifully taken — c. and b. by Lomos. Pte. Bray hit eleven fours in a stylish innings of 64. Lt. Mitchell's 29 was no less valuable.

Other leading scorers were Ptes. Camp and Broadshaw with 18 and 16 respectively. 1st T.M.B. could do nothing against bowling of Pte. Camp (who took 9 for 17). Pte. Moore, who made 16, was the only batsman who showed anything like style.

51st. D.L.I. (74) v. FIELD BAKERIES, Kalk (50) at Riehl. For the winners Major Kirton was top scorer with 15, and for the losers S. Sergt. Strickland with 25.

OTHER RESULTS.

10th Corps Signal Co.	88
2nd London Infantry Bde.	89 for 5 wickets
18th Field Ambulance	63
76 Bde. R.F.A.	59
207 Squadron R.A.F.	109
103rd Field Ambulance	38

AGAIN IN SCORING MOOD.

93rd. BRIGADE R.G.A. v. 4th. FIELD SURVEY BATTALION R.E.

At Kalk on Thursday. The R.G.A. batted first and made the good score of 217. Following 256 for four the previous day, this is splendid scoring. Cpl. Henchen made top score with 49, obtained in 18 minutes. He hit nine fours and one six, a beautiful drive of over 100 yards. Gr. Pallister included seven fours in his 43, and Bmdr. Ellis 24.

The Field Survey replied with 62, Spr. Cloxton making 16 not out.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Sunday, June 15, 1919.

Wind veering to NE, 10 to 15 m.p.h. Rather cool, misty morning; bright day. Visibility indifferent early, fair later.

RHINELAND "JOCKEY CLUB."

FURTHER LIST OF REGISTERED HORSES.

Appended is a continuation of the list of registered horses which appeared in yesterday's issue:

HORSES NAME.	OWNERS RANK & NAME.	UNIT.
Slippery Sam.	Lieut. E. Travers.	C/74th Bde. R.F.A.
Susan.	Lieut. F.J. Lawson.	B/161 Bde. R.F.A.
Starlight.	Lieut. E.P. Dangerfield.	"O" Batty, The Rocket Troops, R.H.A.
Savage.	Lieut. J. Whitaker.	D/113 Bde. R.F.A.
Sunshine.	Brig.-Gen. D. E. Cayley.	3rd. Sthn. Inf. Bde.
Sergeant Major.	Major R. Vernet.	A.P.M. X Corps.
Sir Roger.	Major C. Ball.	460th Batty. R.F.A.
Sea Foam.	Capt. J. Hill.	18th Mob. Vet. Sect.
Sticks.	Capt. Gray Barnard.	Southern Sig. Coy.
Swan Song.	Capt. L. J. V. Bathurst.	No. 2 Coy. Light Div. Train.
Sandy.	Lieut. J. M. Hugo.	C/113 Bde. R.F.A.
Shinfield.	Capt. B. R. Body.	No. 1 Mob. Vet. Sec.
Susan II.	Capt. R. G. Barkworth.	26th R.F.
Thornaby.	Lt.-Col. C. E. Steel.	A.D.V.S. IX Corps
Tommy.	Lieut. B. H. Alif.	9th Lancers.
Tiny II.	Lt.-Col. S. H. Eden.	A.A. & Q.M.G., Southern Div.
Tommy II.	Capt. W. P. Heath.	No. 2 Sec. Sthn. D.A.C.
Tich.	Lieut. A. T. Jones.	C/113 Bde. R.F.A.
Toss-Up.	Major A. L. P. Griffith.	411 Batty. R.F.A.
Uncle.	Lt.-Col. Meiklejohn.	29th Bn. M.G.C.
Violette.	Lt.-Col. A. B. Beauman.	20th D.L.I.
Very Light.	Capt. G. Phipps Hornby.	9th Lancers.
Wasp.	Lieut. H. Lumsden.	"E" Batty R.H.A.
Winamere.	Major H. Sinclair.	Adv. Remount Section.
What could be Nicer	2/Lt. F. E. Levi.	B/113 Bde. R.F.A.
Yes Uncle.	Capt. G. Phipps Hornby.	9th Lancers.
YellowPeril.	Lieut. R. K. MacFarlane.	9th Lancers.
Yellow Man	Lieut. R. K. MacFarlane.	9th Lancers.
Zam Buck.	Lieut. A. T. Terry.	Eastern Div. Sig. Coy.

SPRIGHTLY SPORTS AT SIEGBURG.

INTER-BATTERY COMPETITION, 152nd BRIGADE, R.F.A.

An exceedingly keenly contested Sports Meeting was held at Siegburg on Whit Monday when teams of four from "A" Battery and "C" Battery competed in a number of events.

The results were as follows:—

100 yards:—Capt. Scantlebury (C.F.) 1, "A" Bty. 2, Lieut. Sword 2, "A" Bty.; Lieut. Harris 3, "C" Bty.; Gunner Brierley 4, "C" Bty.

220 yards:—2/Lieut. Sword 1, "A" Bty.; Gunner Brierley 2, "C" Bty.; Capt. Scantlebury (C.F.) 3, "A" Bty.; Bombr. Little 4, "C" Bty.

440 yards:—2/Lieut. Sword 1, "A" Bty.; Lieut. Williams 2, "C" Bty.; Gunner Thwaites 3, "A" Bty.; Capt. Scantlebury 4, "A" Bty.

1 Mile:—Gunner Woodcock 1, "C" Bty.; Driver Berry 2, "C" Bty.; Corpl. Hatfield 3, "C" Bty.; 2/Lieut. Atkins 4, "A" Bty.

Long Jump:—Lieut. Harris 1, "C" Bty.; Capt. Yates 2, "A" Bty.; Bombr. Little 3, "C" Bty.; Lieut. Williams 4, "C" Bty.

High Jump:—Lieut. Williams 1, "C" Bty.; Gunner Brierley 2, "C" Bty.; Bombr. Grover 3, "A" Bty.; Gunner Thwaites 4, "A" Bty.

3 Standing Jumps: Bombr. Dines 1, "A" Bty.; Bombr. Little 2, "C" Bty.; Lieut. Williams 3, "C" Bty.; Gunner Beak 4, "A" Bty.

Box Jump:—Major Fraser 1, "C" Bty.; Gunner Miers 2, "A" Bty; Gunner Gillespie 3, "A" Bty.

Tug-of-War:—"A" Battery. 2 pulls to nil.

Relay Race. (110 yards each). "A" Battery.

Three-legged Race:—Capt. Ibbetson and Lieut. Harris 1, "C" Bty.; Bombr. Little and Gunner Lawson 2, "C" Bty.; Bombr. Grover and S/S Dawson 3, "A" Bty.; 2/Lieut. Sword and Capt. Yates 4, "A" Bty.

Result:—C/152nd Brigade. 49 Points.
A/152nd Brigade. 48 Points.

LIGHT WEIGHT CHAMPION OF FRANCE.

GEORGES PAPIN RETAINS THE TITLE.

Papin is still light weight champion of France. The challenger, Henry Ferrey, could not beat him on Thursday evening at the Marivaux Hall, Paris, in a 20 rounds contest.

Before the match a splendid exhibition bout was given by Carpentier and Marcel Thomas, and two Franco-American matches.

Dedieu defeated Kid Stanley on points; and Storcy beat Tirelli, who gave up in the 3rd round.

NARROW WIN IN BILLIARDS MATCH.

The 31st Labour Group were the visiting team on Thursday at the Bakeries, Y.M.C.A., Kalk. Very interesting play was the order of the evening.

Cpl. Barker, Pte. Phillips, and P. Workman for the visitors won their game respectively. Three games were won for the home team by Cpl. Green, Pte. Perkins and Pte. Hansell. Results:—R.A.S.C. Bakeries 517; 31st. Labour Group 503.

INTER-COMPANY MATCH.

180 LABOUR COY. (79) v. 29th LABOUR COY. (37) on the former's ground on Friday. For 180th Labour Coy. Pte. Smart scored 31, Pte. Fennell 10, while Pacey of the 29th took 5 wickets for 15 runs. Mum for the 180th took 5 wickets for 7 runs.

62nd Bn. M.G.C. v. H.Q. HIGHLAND DIVISION.

The result of a cricket match between the 62nd Bn. M.G.C. and Headquarter Highland Division was a win for the M.G.'s (56 for 8 wickets), the score for H.Q. Highland Division being 52. Sergt. Hemmingsley bowled well for the gunners, taking 7 wickets for 20 runs. Cpl. White, H.Q. H.D., batted well, making 17 runs.

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WESTERN DIVISION ORCHESTRA.

SUCCESSFUL AND VARIED PROGRAMME AT MUNSTEREIFEL.

Conducted by one who ranks amongst the foremost of his profession, The Western Division Orchestra showed in their concert at Munstereifel on Friday evening that they may well lay claim to be one of the finest Divisional Orchestras in the Rhine Army. Lt. J. Ainslie Murray, R.F.A., A.R.A.M., the conductor, possesses a, free, easy style, devoid of any suggestion of stiffness or forcing, and yet gets the very best out of those under him, as was demonstrated in the fascinating "Valse Trist" by Sibelius.

The entertainment opened with Coleridge Taylor's "Petit Suite de Concert." This was beautifully executed throughout, and a striking contrast was provided between the slow rhythm of the "Sonnet d'Amour" movement and the more sparkling music of the "Tarantella." This was followed by the singing of the "Kashmiri" song, from the Indian Love Lyrics, by Pte. F. Shaw, 53rd S.W.B., a light baritone of considerable power and range, and in response to unanimous demands for an encore, he rendered the time, honoured "Rosary." Three dances from "Nell Gwynne" evoked a considerable amount of applause, the light string passages from the "Pastoral Dance" being particularly brilliant.

Driver Young, 85th Brigade R.F.A., delighted the audience with his violin solo, "Berceuse," his exquisite tonal colouring and faultless technique surprising those who heard him for the first time. After Wagner's "Die Meistersinger" and Finke's "Gavette" by the Orchestra, Pte. Shaw was again heard to advantage in "When you come home" and "Roses of Picardy." As a change from the old masters the audience were then treated to a vigorous rendering of the modern Fox Trot, "Top Hole" (Hickey), and a most enjoyable evening concluded with a selection from Oscar Asche's musical tale of the East, "Chu Chin Chow."

Units desirous of hearing for themselves this talented orchestra should apply without delay to the conductor at Western Division Headquarters.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

Another programme of attractive events has been arranged by the ever-active officials of the British Empire Leave Club for the next seven days.

To-day, the Rev. Gower Rees will conduct one of his happy little chats, while to-morrow evening is to be devoted to dancing. A practice dance will commence at 6.30 in the theatre, in the course of which there will be demonstrations, including the new "Decimore" waltz. Practice dancing will again occupy the theatre on Tuesday evening from 5 to 6 and will be followed at 7 p. m. by a concert by the band of the 12th Lancers, interspersed by piano solos by Miss Barnard, Q.M.A.A.C., and songs by Lieut. Barley.

For Wednesday there is announced a dance at which the band of the 9th East Surrey's will attend, and on Thursday a whist drive and selections by the 11th Royal Scots Pipers should attract many. From 5 to 6 on Friday evening, there will be a beginners dancing class while Saturday evening will be devoted to a dance commencing at 6.30.

FRATERNIZATION.

TOC-EMMA DEBATE AND WHIST DRIVE.

The 3rd (Eastern) L.T.M.B. held a successful evening last Wednesday when a debate on the topical subject "Should fraternization be permitted" was argued at great length and with considerable force. The "Anti-fraternizers" won by an almost unanimous vote. Afterwards a sing-song rent the (otherwise) peaceful night air. On Thursday, the adherents of the green baize table held their weekly Whist-Drive.

HENNEF HORSE SHOW.

2nd EASTERN INFANTRY BRIGADE'S SUCCESSFUL EVENT.

The first Horse Show held under the auspices of the 2nd Eastern Infantry Brigade on Monday, was a brilliant success.

The following were the events and winners:—

Pack Mule (shown in hand, stripped); 1, Derby (51st); 2, Soldier (51st).

Water-cart and Pair:— 1, 51st; 2, 52nd; 3, 53rd.

Pair of Draught Mules (shown in hand, stripped):— 1, Love and Rose (51st); 2, Billy and Tommy (53rd); 3, Sammy and Panther (51st).

Mess Cart and Horse or Mule:— 1, 51st; 2, 52nd; 3, 53rd.

Pair of Heavy Draught Horses (shown in hand, stripped):— 1, Tubby and Jimmy (51st); 2, Tabby and Bumble (53rd); 3, Sharp and Nigger (51st).

G.S. Limbered Wagon and Pair of Mules:— 1, 51st; 2, 51st; 3, 52nd.

Heavy Weight Chargers.

Officers' Chargers, Heavy Weight, 14 stone and over (shown under saddle, review order):— 1, Brigadier-General Jackson's "Tiny"; 2, Lieut. Col. Allason's "Jack Straw" (51st); 3, Col. Oldman's "Mouse" (53rd).

Field Cooker and Pair H.D. Horses:— 1, 51st; 2, 53rd; 3, 52nd.

Officers' Chargers Light Weight, up to and under 13st 13lbs. (shown under saddle, review order):— 1, Brig.Gen. Jackson's "Napoleon"; 2, Major Shearman's "King William" (53rd); 3, Col. Oldman's "Grey Hen" (53rd).

Officers' Cobs, 14st. 21bs, and under (shown under saddle, review order):— 1, 2nd Lieut. Becke's "Wilde Jimmy" (53rd); Capt. Simpson's "Jick" (53rd).

G.S. Wagon and Pair H.D. Horses:— 1, Drivers Bailey and Brisbane (tie), No. 3 Coy. Div.Train; 2, Driver Stowe, No. 3 Coy. Div.Train.

N.C.O.'s Riders (under saddle, marching order):— 1, Sergeant Frainger's mount (Vet.Services); 2, Sergt. Hemmings' "Maggie" (53rd); 3, Sergt. Lazell's "Digger" (51st).

Team Event.

The team event, which was won by the 51st Bedfords, consisted of 1 Officer's Charger, 1 Pack Mule, 1 Limbered G. S. Wagon, 1 Field Cooker, 1 Water Cart, and 1 Maltese Cart.

Brig. Gen. Jackson, with "Napoleon," again triumphed in the jumping, Capt. Macalevey's "Teddy" ridden by Lieut. Conning (51st) being a good second.

In the Mule Scurry, the 51st Bedfords were again to the fore, with Corporal Starling's "Derby" first and Lce. Cpl. Brims' "Daily" second. The final event was the Officers' Scurry—a distance of from 3 to 4 furlongs, for which there were 15 entries. Lieut. Clay, after an exciting race, rode Lieut.-Col. Allason's "Jack Straw" to victory for the 51st Bedfords, beating Major Shearman's "King William" (53rd Bedfords) by 1½ lengths. Capt. Willet (51st) was third on "Bess," three lengths behind "King William," and leading from Major Rowe's "Ginger" (53rd) by a head.

The winners of first and second places in each event will compete in the Divisional Horse Show.

HOME FROM THE ARCHANGEL FRONT.

THE PRICE OF WHISKY.

When the former P. and O. liner Kalyan, now a hospital ship, arrived in Leith Docks yesterday with 650 soldiers and sailors from the Russian front, Red Cross motor-cars were waiting on the quay for the conveyance to hospitals in the district of about one-third of the soldiers, the remainder travelling south in two special trains.

Among the soldiers were about 50 members of the 2/10th Royal Scots, besides representatives of the R.A.M.C., R.A.S.C., Liverpool and Yorks Regiments, and a large number of Americans. There were both wounded and sick on board, but most of the cases were of men able to walk, and they looked well and in good spirits.

The weather in Russia was the chief cause of complaint and was responsible for most of the sickness, there being numerous cases of frostbite. The men said snow fell continually and lay deep, but they were well provided with suitable clothing.

Most of the men considered the Bolshevists nothing more than a rabble of thieves and cut-throats, and one British company, they claimed, could hold 1,000 of them. When anything like evenly matched they fled in disorder. They were well supplied with artillery and machine guns. There was no trench system, but the British built blockhouses, mostly of wood from the forests. The British soldier was now well received everywhere. Owing to the nature of the country, a great deal of wood fighting had to be carried on—a kind of operation in which the Bolshevist was especially at home.

In Archangel there were various sports and there were places of amusement and restaurants open. Prices were a great drawback, heavy demands being made upon the pockets of the soldiers. A bottle of whisky cost £6. Food was dear and lacked variety.

93rd BRIGADE R.G.A. SPORTS.

SUCCESSFUL TWO DAYS' MEETING AT KALK.

Perfect weather, a big crowd, and much enthusiasm attended the two day's sports meeting, organised by the 93rd Bde. R.G.A., which were held on the London Division Sports ground at Kalk, terminating yesterday.

From the actual competitor's point of view the weather was all that could be desired. It was not too warm, and the slight breeze was distinctly refreshing. Some excellent sport was witnessed. The band of the East Surrey Regt. (by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. E. A. Cameron, C.M.G., D.S.O.) played throughout the meeting. There were refreshments on the ground.

The officials were:—Referee: Capt. G. G. Ziegler, M.C., Sports Officer, London Division. Judges: Brig.-Gen. J.G. Rotton, C.B., C.M.G.; Brig.-Gen. A. Ellershaw, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.; Lieut.-Col. H.C. Moultrie, D.S.O.; Major A. Spence Hodgson; Lieut. J. N. Legassick. Starter: Major M. Bellamy, M.C.; Assistant:— B.S.M. Keys. Time-keeper: Major M. W. M. Macleod, D.S.O.; Assistant: Sergt. Jordan. Lap scorers: Lieut. A. E. Wyatt; Assistant: Sergt. Hall. Groundsmen: Lieut. J. N. Legassick and Lieut. H. Bedbrook, M. M. Marshal: Lieut. H. Bedbrook, M. M., Assistant: B. S. M. Cummins. Dressing room stewards: Sergt. Ivory and Gunner Kenyon. Recorder: Capt. and Adjutant W. D. Spicer. Judge's orderly: Bdr. Edwards. Blackboard Stewards: Lieut. C. K. Parker, R.A.S.C., and Sergt. Turner. The mounted events were arranged by Major R. S. Bunbury, D.S.O., B.S.M. Keys, and Sergt. Ivory. The sub-committee consisted of R. S. M. Osborne, Bde. Sergt. Major, and two other ranks from each battery and R.A.S.C

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

100 yards flat Race:— 1, Sgt. Lang; 2, Lt. Pinder; 3, Cpl. Wilson; 4, Gnr. Chance.

Tug-of-War:— 57 S.B. beat 124 S.B. after a pull of 14 mins.

Quarter Mile (flat) Race: 1, Sgt. Lang; 2, Cpl. Wilson; 3, Bdr. Green.

220 yards (flat) Race:— 1, Lt. Pinder, 2, Gnr. Chance; 3, Sergt. Lang; 4, Cpl. Grey.

Pillow Fight:— 1, Gnr. Headry; 2, Sergt. Denton.

120 yards Hurdle Race: 1, Cpl. Grey; 2, Sig. Davies, S.; 3, Gnr. Barlow.

Long Jump:— 1, Lt. Pinder (17ft.); 2, Gnr. Hendy; 3, Sgt. Fitch.

5 Furlongs Race (Mounted) Catch Weights:— 1, Dvr. Goss; 2, Sig. Ifr.; 3, Dvr. Taylor.

Three Legged Race:— 1, Sgt. Triscott and Sgt. Newman; 2, Sgt. Brown and Sgt. Denton.

1 Mile (flat) Race:— 1, Bdr. Green: 2, Gnr. Wilkinson; 3, Gnr. Harvey.

Jumping Competition (Mounted):— 1, Dvr. Goss; 2, Bdr. Murram; 3, Bdr. Tritt.

Half Mile Flat Race:— 1, Gnr. Hendry; 2, Gnr. Barlow; 3, Gnr. Harvey.

Brigade Officers Race:— (100 yards) 1, Lt. Pinder; 2, Lt. White.

London Division Officer's Race: 1, Lt. Connar;— 2, Lt. Kershove.

Relay Race:— 1, 124 S.B.; 2, 57 S.B.; 3, 226 S.B.

Obstacle Race:— 1, Gnr. Mugee; 2, Gnr. Baines: 3, Gnr. Barlow.

Other results had not reached us at the time of going to press.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Yarmouth Corporation have approved a scheme to which they are seeking the approval of the Local Government Board to erect 427 working-class dwellings.

Lady Muriel Paget is leaving London to-day for Pressberg to superintend the work of the Anglo-Czech Relief Fund, of which she is organising secretary.

An epidemic of influenza on the steamer Ingoma, which arrived at Plymouth yesterday, caused eleven deaths among German repatriated people from South Africa.

Florence Walker, an Acton girl, was fined £5 or a months imprisonment for defrauding the Ministry of Labour by giving a wrong age in order to draw out-of-work benefit.

DANCING CLASS.

The dancing class held on Friday at the British Empire Leave Club seemed larger than ever, nd there are signs of its popularity increasing. Applications for instruction are daily being received. It was wonderful how Cpl. Heather managed to instruct so many, and the fact that every one went away feeling satisfied that they really were making progress in the terpsicorian art was largely due to the tremendous keenness and aptness in picking up the steps which was shown by all the pupils, who entered into friendly rivalry for the honour of being the quickest to master the intricacies of the different dances.

Cpl. Heather was most ably assisted by Sergt. Major Felgate and Pte. Price while Pte. E. Collins played the violin and helped greathly to the success.

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Sixth Race:— MAIDEN RACE. For horses of the Army of the Rhine, that have never won a race of any description and to be ridden by Officers of the same. 5 Furlongs straight.

SECOND DAY.

First Race:— MAIDEN HURDLE RACE. For horses of the Army of the Rhine, that have never won a race of any description in any country, and to be ridden by Officers who have never ridden the winner of a race in any country. About 2 Miles.

Second Race:— ALLIED STEEPLE-CHASE. For horses of the Allied Armies and to be ridden by Officers of the same. About 2½ Miles.

Third Race:— THE COLOGNE PLATE. For horses of the Army of the Rhine and to be ridden by Officers of the same. 1 Mile.

Fourth Race:— MAIDEN WELTER STEEPLE-CHASE. For horses of the Army of the Rhine that have never won a race of any description and to be ridden by Officers of the same. 2 Miles.

Fifth Race:— VICTORY PLATE. For horses of the Allied Armies and to be ridden by Officers of the same.

Sixth Race:— MAIDEN RACE. For horses of Infantry, R.E. and R.A.M.C. units, of the Army of the Rhine that have never won a race of any description and to be ridden by Officers borne on the strength of any of those units. 5 Furlongs straight.

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18 LUNATICS ESCAPE.

Eighteen inmates, including one woman, have so far escaped from Clonmel Asylum, where 100 attendants and workmen are on strike. The doctors, clerk, and storekeeper are on duty, but the head attendants joined the strikers yesterday. Great difficulty is being experienced in trying to feed and care for 700 inmates. No instance of violence inside or outside the asylum is reported. A number of attendants remain on duty with the suicidal and other bad cases. A special meeting of the asylum committee has been called for to-day.

Answers to Correspondents.

Curious.— We advise you to have nothing to do with it.

Togo.— You would merely receive your money back.

H. J.— Sheffield Wednesday won the Association Cup in the season 1906—07.

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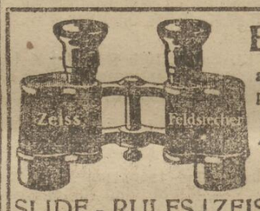

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REPLY TO COUNTER PROPOSALS TO-DAY.

GERMAN CABINET MEETS.

ANTI-JAPANESE TROUBLE IN CHINA.

MORE RAIDS ON NORTH WEST FRONTIER.

ANTI-JAPANESE OUTBREAKS IN CHINA.

RIGOROUS BOYCOTT.

A serious situation has arisen in China out of the decision of the Peace Conference that Japan shall take over all the rights formerly possessed by Germany in the province of Shantung. As soon as the decision became known a violent agitation arose, rioting occurred in Pekin, and the Chinese Government sent orders to its delegates in Paris not to sign the Peace Treaty. The troubles have now became acute, and are assuming an anti-Japanese and, to some extent also, anti-foreign movement. One of the features is a general and rigorous boycott of Japanese goods, etc., which is spreading to most parts of the Chinese Republic.

Reuter's Agency learns from an authoritative Japanese source that telegrams from the Tokio Foreign Office indicate that the Japanese Government does not consider the situation in China as serious. It is known, of course, that during the past few weeks, since the decision of the Paris Conference regarding Shantung was published in China, sporadic and isolated disturbances of an anti-Japanese, and, in a measure, anti-foreign character, have taken place in a number of towns in Central and Southern China. These are, however, the work of uninformed people, which the Chinese Government has taken vigorous measures to suppress. The real fact is that the Chinese and Japanese Governments are working in complete unison, and the exchange of views regarding the return of Kiao-Chau has already commenced. The Chinese Government has been informed that the moment peace is signed Japan will return to China all the territory formerly leased to Germany and taken by Japan during the war. The present disturbances are not only due to the decision of the Paris Conference, but largely result from the differences between North and South China.

INTERNAL CHINESE TROUBLE.

It should be observed that the present Japanese Government, under Mr. Hara, has throughout carefully abstained from assisting either the Northern or the Southern Chinese. This policy has already been carefully explained, not only to China, but to all the Allies. During the late Terauchi Cabinet and the Okuma Government, Japan was quite openly espousing the cause of these parties, the North in the case of the Terauchi Government, which regarded that portion of China as being the only strong Government, while the Okuma Government helped the South because they regarded the Constitutional movement there as rational and democratic. Up to the beginning of this year munitions and money were being supplied by Japan to the Northern cause.

GOVERNMENTS CO-OPERATING.

A new policy, however, was inaugurated by the present Government, which decided to cease absolutely from rendering help to either party. That is the position to-day, but still there is a certain amount of irritation in Northern China against the cessation of help from Japan, and also in the South against the new policy not to assist either side. This will explain the popular view in China, but, so far as the two Governments are concerned, there is a perfect understanding and closer co-operation than at any previous time, and the Japanese Government is quite convinced that these disturbances will cease with the signature of peace. Until peace is actually signed, however, Japan cannot return territory which, although she occupies it as a victor, is still in German possession.

The despatch of Japanese warships to Chinese ports must in no case be regarded as an action against China, but simply as a measure of precaution for the protection of the Japanese nationals. It is a fact that certain Chinese are dissatisfied with the decision of the Council of Four at Paris, inasmuch as Shantung is not handed back immediately to China instead of viâ Japan; but in regard to this it is to be observed that it was only the expenditure of Japanese blood and treasure that drove the Germans out of Kiao-Chau, and that China although one of the Allies did not enter the war until a late stage, and has not taken any active part in it. At the same time, it is repeated that Chino-Japanese relations are most cordial, and that Japan will carry out all her pledges the moment peace is signed.

MOLTKE'S WAR MEMOIRS SUPPRESSED.

The late Count Helmuth von Moltke, Germany's first Chief of the General Staff in the war, wrote during the war his reflections and recollections, which had been announced to appear very shortly. According to the *Buchhändler Börsenblatt*, they contain an absolute condemnation of German policy at the beginning of the war, a condemnation that could not be sharper, and which, the paper says, "points to quite other things than those generally supposed by friend and foe." Now, however, the paper announces that publication is impossible for urgent reasons.

The *Zwölfuhrblatt* learns from a diplomat who has seen part of Count Moltke's memoirs that these reasons are much the same as those which up to the present have prevented the publication of the result of Herr Kautsky's investigations at the Foreign Office, namely, that the Foreign Office archives, like the Count's memoirs, contain matter bearing on the question of responsibility for the war which are calculated to have an effect unfavourable to Germany. Herr Kautsky's report will, however, it is said, appear after the signature of the preliminary peace.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN CABINET AND THE ALLIES' REPLY.

FATEFUL MEETING.

Count Bernstorff and all the other members of the Berlin Cabinet left to-day for Weimar where the fateful decision is to be taken regarding the signing of the Peace Treaty. In Paris the Council of Four have appointed a committee of one representative of each power for the revision of the text of the Allies' reply to the German counter proposals. The reply is a document of nearly five thousand words.

As soon as the German delegates receive the reply, which will probably be to-day, they will leave Versailles for Weimar to take part in joint deliberations with the German Cabinet. According to a Zurich report, German Government circles consider the concessions made by the Allies as sufficient to permit the German delegates to sign the treaty, and refusal to sign "can no longer be thought of."—*Wireless.*

AMIR CONSIDERING TERMS OF ARMISTICE.

ANCIENT AFGHAN ARTILLERY.

Peshawar. 12th June.—According to latest advices the Amir is conferring with his generals regarding the best course to pursue in connection with the viceroy's letter detailing the terms on which an armistice will be granted.—*Reuter*

Peshawar. 14th June.—Arrivals from Kabul state that the Amir greatly favours peace, though a strong anti-British party exists. There is strong evidence that the Afghan regulars are unwilling to continue the war. They are greatly disappointed at the failure of their guns. They have 300 pieces, most of which are at least thirty years old.—*Reuter.*

RAIDS ON NORTH WEST FRONTIER.

Simla. 13th June.—Fifteen hundred Mohmands crossed the Kabul river on the 11th June and proceeded towards Bosewal with the intention of sniping and molesting our foraging parties. Raids are still reported in the Peshawar district which otherwise is quiet. Our aeroplanes have effectively bombed a number of points.—*Reuter.*

FOCH ORDERS GERMANS TO LEAVE ESTHONIA.

It was stated in an official quarter last night that the Germans are attacking the Esthonians, and, from the fact that they are concentrating armoured-cars and other war material on that front, they evidently intend to occupy all the Esthonian Baltic provinces.

Marshal Foch has issued a direction to the Germans, supplemented by an order from General Gough, instructing them to withdraw immediately to the south of the line already laid down.

ANGLO-AMERICAN PROTEST.

Pekin. 6th. June.—The influential Anglo-American Association to-day adopted a resolution declaring that while appreciating the lofty aim of establishing a new order in which the settlement of international disputes by war will not have a place, the association learns with the keenest disappointment of the decision of the Peace Conference to transfer the former German rights in Shantung to Japan. The resolution continues:

"We express the solemn conviction that this decision will create conditions which must inevitably bring about extreme discord between the Chinese and Japan, and raise serious hindrances to the development of the economic interests of China and other countries. The settlement which perpetuates the conditions created by German aggression in Shantung in 1898, conditions that led to similar action by other States, contributed to the disorders in North China in 1900, and made inevitable the Russo-Japanese war, cannot contribute to the peace of the Far East, the political stability of China, nor the development of trade and commerce equally open to all. Further, the evil consequences which will be not only subsubversive of the principle of national self-determination, but a denial of the policy of the open door, will be greatly accentuated if Japan, a near neighbour, is substituted for Germany, whose political and economic activities lay on the other side of the globe. We therefore resolve to make representations to the British and American Governments urging that the States taking part in the Peace Conference should devise and carry through a just settlement which will not endanger the safety of China and the peace of the world.—*Reuter.*

KURDISTAN BRITISH SAFE.

The War Office announces that a communication dated 7th June has been received from the British prisoners in South Kurdistan whose capture was reported on 30th May. The telegram states that while the officers and men are still in confinement they were all safe at the time of its despatch.

THE KING APPEALS TO HIS SUBJECTS.

SUPPORT THE VICTORY LOAN.

His Majesty the King has issued an appeal to the nation in connection with the Victory Loan. It runs as follows:

"Whereas throughout the war I appealed to my people to unite for victory, I now urge them to make another common effort in order to set peace upon a basis sure and sound. I ask them to co-operate in making the Victory Loan a national success. After years of conflict, peace is now, by the blessing of God, in prospect. The time of transition bears with it, problems calling for the same patriotic endeavour as before and a like spirit of sacrifice. The security of my realm and the prosperity of my people can only be maintained if the fabric of both rests upon solid financial foundations. To establish these foundations a great Victory Loan is now being launched and once again I call upon my people to give their unstinted support. It is thus that we who live may fitly meet the debt due to those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom, and it is thus, too, that we may render ourselves the faithful trustees of that future of peace and safety for which I earnestly pray."

According to Sir Robert Kindersley, Chairman of the War Savings Association, the Victory Loan is creating greater interest among the public than any previous loan. Postmasters and bank managers all over the country are being inundated with applications for prospectuses. Every effort is being made to secure publicity. Thirty thousand posters are already on view in London and by to-day a quarter of a million will be exhibited in all the provincial towns. Propaganda balloons will drop circulars in every town and village in the country.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

OWING to the general German cessation of work on Thursday THERE WILL BE NO ISSUE OF THE COLOGNE POST ON FRIDAY NEXT, JUNE 19.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The meeting at the Guildhall yesterday was followed by a luncheon to the organisers of the loan. This function took place in the parlour of the Bank of England and was the first occasion on which anybody but officials of the bank have been entertained there.

The Primitive Methodist Conference yesterday discussed a motion to invest in the Victory Loan a gift of ten thousand sterling made by Alderman Clapham, of Yarm (Yorkshire), to reduce the deficit on the Ministers' Friendly Society. Objections were raised to the investment of the money in premium bonds, which were denounced as a species of gambling. On the announcement that the donor wished the money to be invested in the Victory Loan the objections were not pressed. A resolution was adopted condemning the "growing practice" of gambling on football and horse-races.

SUICIDE BY IMPULSE.

At the inquest on James Bebbington, a well-known Mid-Cheshire confectioner and ex-Guardsman, who served in the Boer War, and was gassed in France, his wife stated that since demobilization he had brutally assaulted her and taunted her because she was a German's daughter. She fled, and obtained a summons. After its service, said the police, the deceased locked himself in an empty house, wrote a note, wrecked with a cleaver all the furniture and pictures except King Edward's portrait, wrapped himself in a quilt, placed his head on a pillow inside a gas oven, and asphyxiated himself.

The Coroner attributed the death to impulsive suicide, induced by gassing in France.

HUGE CATCHES OF HERRINGS.

Vast quantities of herrings were landed at Lerwick on Saturday. Average catches all the week have been abnormally high, but all records were eclipsed Saturday when fifty-two steam motor and sailing craft delivered nearly 5,000,0000 fish. Each boat averaged 90,000 to 100,000 herrings, but several had as many as 180,000 fish each. Prices dropped to 4s per 1,000 herrings, and a number of heavy catches were unsaleable.

Countess Markievicz, Sinn Fein M.P. for St. Patrick's Division of Dublin, has been arrested in Dublin and taken to Cork under escort.

GERMANY AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

"A CERTAIN NOVITIATE."

Viscount Grey occupied the chair at the Albert Hall meeting of the League of Nations Union. The object of this Union is to impress upon the country that the League is a working reality.

In the course of his speech, Lord Robert Cecil, who is one of the chief protagonists of the League, was interrupted several times when dealing with the question of Germany's admission to the League.

Lord Robert Cecil said:—

"I see a great deal of discussion about the admission of Germany into the League. I have never concealed my opinion that if the League of Nations is to be a reality, Germany, not less than Russia, must be included in it. I quite admit that we must in mere prudence insist on some guarantee that Germany comes into the League as a genuine friend of the League idea. We cannot forget that the whole basis of Prussian militarism was the very antithesis of international co-operation. We must be quite sure that the recent professions of Germany are sincere. We have a right to ask that the new Germany—if new it be—shall go through a certain novitiate; but, for my part, the shorter that novitiate can safely be made the better I shall be pleased, and as soon as we can feel reasonably secure that the German Government is a real thing and not a passing phantasm, and it has shown by its actions that Germany has done with her bad past—and I see no reason why that should take longer than a few months—then Germany should be admitted to the League."

Several women in the top tier here caused some diversion by shouting, "League of Nations is a League of Capitalists," and they unfolded a banner on which was inscribed, "Warships Fight Socialist Republics Flying League of Nations Flag." There were repeated interruptions from a man in khaki when Lord Robert referred to the admission of Germany into the League. "Do you mean before she has reformed?" asked the interrupter.

Lord Robert Cecil: If you would be kind enough to listen you would not ast such a silly question.

Later on there were cries of "Shame!" and "Rot!" A man from the upper tier shouted in a voice which could be heard all over the hall, "Lord Robert Cecil, you are a —— traitor!" There were angry cries of "Turn him out!" and for some minutes Lord Robert was unable to continue. The interrupter was eventually got out of the hall, struggling violently. The disturbance showed no signs of abating, and Lord Robert exclaimed. "Oh, be quiet!" The women with their banner disappeared almost at the same time as the man was ejected.

Continuing his speech, Lord R. Cecil said: "Though the circumstances are, of course, quite different, I would apply the same broad tests to Russia as well. The League of Nations, while conferring great advantages on its members, will also impose upon them certain obligations. The chief of these is that each member will be required to live peaceably with his fellows. (Laughter and "Hear, hear.") To exclude for any length of time a powerful nation, or group of nations, would be to drive them into intrigues against the League, to split up the world again into diverse, hostile camps, and to destroy the foundation upon which the League itself must rest." It must be a league of nations and no of Governments. That is a vital truth, and if it is to be of any significance it means this, that upon the peoples of the world is imposed a great responsibility. They will no longer have the right to dismiss from their minds international affairs; they will no longer have the right to treat foreign policy as the business of the Government; it was in truth the business of every one of us. Depend upon it, if we leave the League merely to the Governments, however well-meaning and however able they may be, it will very soon degenerate into the old diplomacy. If the League is to mean something more than that, and is to be the beginning of a new era, then it lies with the people, and particularly the British people, to make it a reality. (Cheers.)

ANTI-NEGRO RIOTS.

LONDON AGAIN.

Another anti-negro riot broke out in Cable-street in the East end of London on Saturday night, a hostile crowd storming a negro coffee shop and maltreating a coloured man whom the police rescued and conveyed to the police station.

The police afterwards rescued several other coloured men in the building. It took over an hour to restore order.

SUNDAY AT THE STRANDBAD.

To bathe or bask, mixed or otherwise, is a question which up to last week only concerned the frequenters of the Strandbad at Rodenkirchen. On Sunday, however, several thousand people made up their minds, ostensibly to bathe or bask, but more probably to watch sundry anticipated developments.

The municipal authorities had forbidden mixed bathing, but the "mixers" had broken down the partition a week earlier. On Sunday neither wooden boards nor wire entanglements could uphold the decision of authority.

After the barriers of convention had been demolished four thousand would be a rough estimate of the number of persons in the ladies' enclosure, the majority being men, while the men's enclosure was almost empty.

Some ladies returned to their homes. They considered that three enclosures should be provided: one for ladies, one for gentlemen and one for others. But then, these ladies were probably genuine bathers.

The Southampton-Cowes steamship service was resumed on Sunday.

The port of Zeebrugge was ceremoniously re-opened on Saturday.

During its second trial flight over the Firth of Forth last night the airship R 34 established wireless communication with the Azores.

ATLANTIC OCEAN ACTUALLY CONQUERED.

ALCOCK AND BROWN WIN.

Capt. Alcock (Pilot) and Lieut. Brown (Navigator) landed at Clifden, County Galway, Ireland, at 9.40 a.m. on Sunday morning, Britisa summer time. They landed in a bog with the result that the fuselage was buried at the nose and the machine slightly damaged. Captain Alcock was temporarily rendered rather deaf from the force of the landing. Lieut. Brown was somewhat dazed but both were in good spirits. While en route they were constantly in thick fog, mist and drizzling rain. At times they found themselves flying at a height of eleven thousand feet and at times upside down only about ten feet from the water. Their wireless propeller blew off soon after leaving Newfoundland.

At the start the Vickers machine climbed slowly owing to the heavy load. It left the coast at a height of a thousand feet and with a following breeze was out of sight in seven minutes. The airmen before leaving said they expected to make one hundred and forty miles an hour while the breeze lasted and hoped to land on the British coast in eighteen hours. No wireless message had been received from the aeroplane up to six hours after the start. The steamer Digby arrived during the evening and reported that nothing had been seen or heard of the aeroplane although the keenest look-out was kept.—*Reuter.*

The flight across the Atlantic occupied sixteen and a half hours.

Captain Alcock is a familiar figure in flying circles. He was an instructor and passenger carrier at Brooklands as far back as 1912. Never a showy pilot he inspired confidence rather than enthusiasm, being a man of the sturdy enduring type. He is a thoroughly expert mechanic. In the course of the war he was captured by the Turks while on a bombing expedition, engine failure compelling him to land in enemy territory.

TERRITORIAL NEW COMMANDS.

The following officers have been appointed to the command of divisions of the new Territorial Force:

Second London Division.— Major-General N. M. Smyth, V.C., K.C.M.G., formerly of the 6th Dragoon Guards.

South Midland Division.— Major-General H. B. Walker, K.C.B., D.S.O., K.C.M.G., formerly of the Border Regiment.

Major-General Smyth, who won his V.C. at the Battle of Khartoum, 1899, where he was severely wounded, held the following commands in the present war: 1st Australian Infantry Brigade in the Dardanelles, 1915-16; 2nd Australian Division, 1916-18; 58th Division, France, 1918; and 59th Division, France, 1918-19.

Major-General Walker was with the Burma Division, India, in 1914; served as brigadier-general on the Staff, Anzac Corps, 1914-15, and commanded the 1st Australian Division (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force), 1915; commanded the 1st Australian Division in France, 1916-18, the 48th Division, Italy, 1918-19, and is now commanding in Italy.

SHIP SAVED FROM GOODWINS.

A Nova Scotia schooner, the Innovation, while on her maiden voyage with syrup and sugar for London went ashore on the North Goodwin sands. The vessel was eventually saved by the lifeboatmen. The captain said that when he found himself on the Goodwins after previously getting into and out of a minefield, he burned a bowl of vaseline as a distress signal. The lifeboat men had to force their boats over the roughest part of the Goodwins in order to reach the Innovation, over which heavy seas were breaking. The lifeboats filled with water but they and a tug succeeded in towing the vessel off by daylight.

LIVERPOOL SHIPPING STRIKE.

Owing to the strike of flatmen in Liverpool great difficulty is being experienced in coaling Atlantic liners. The sailings of the Baltic, Belgic and Vedic of the White Star line, and Scandinavian and Canadian-Pacific boats have been indefinitely postponed. The shipowners offered to arbitrate but it was refused.

MOORLAND FIRES UNABATED.

Despite the rain which has fallen, the moorland fires in Yorkshire continue to spread. In many places the peat underneath the herbage is burning and a heavy rainfall is necessary to extinguish it. Braithwaite, Coldberg, Grafton and Colsterdale moors are practically all laid waste, while Conmire and Masham moors are now threatened.

BANK ROBBER SHOT.

A man entered the Belvedere (Kent) branch of the Capital and Counties Bank on Friday and presented a revolver at the manager, Mr. Robert Leslie. That gentleman at once closed with him, and the man struck him on the head with a parcel and made his escape.

Information was given to the Belvedere and Erith police, and a search was made of the locality. The man was found shortly afterwards in some woods, and on seeing the police he fired at them with a revolver. A bullet passed through the helmet of Police-constable Darke, 453 R, who, fortunately, was not himself injured. The police seized the man, and in the course of the struggle the revolver was again discharged, a bullet passing through the man's own wrist.

Two firemen and an electrician were gassed by the fumes of burning sulphur stored in one of the warehouses gutted in the great Manchester fire.

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2. THE VOCAL SOCIETY. For Mixed Voices. Rehearsals each Friday.
3. THE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY. For Instrumental players of both sexes. Rehearsals each Tuesday.

All the above Rehearsals take place at 5.45 p.m. in the Lecture Room on the first Floor of the Church Army Soldiers Club. Antoniter Strasse Cologne.

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Morning Service, 10.30 a.m.
Evening Service, 6.00 p.m.

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Evening Service, 6 p.m.
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Short Morning Prayers Daily at 9-15 a.m.

3.—THE ARMY CINEMA HALL
36, Komodien Strasse.
Sundays: Evening Service, 6 p.m.

4.—THE CHURCH ARMY CINEMA HALL.
95, Severin Strasse.
Sundays Holy Communion 8. a.m.
Evening Service, 6. p.m.

CHURCH UNION.

Addresses by
The Very Reverend A. Wallace Williamson, C.V.O., D.D. and the Reverend J.R.P. Sclater D.D., will be delivered in the Scottish Churches' Club, 81 Schildergasse
on Thursday, 19th June at 3 p.m.
All interested are cordially invited.

SCOTTISH CHURCHES' SOLDIERS CLUB Schildergasse. Every Wednesday and Friday at 6.30 p.m a Wesleyan Chaplain will be in attendance in Quiet Room (upstairs).

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THE KING'S APPEAL.

In her long history England has been blessed with many a wise and patriotic sovereign. There have been some, like Henry V, who captured the imagination of their subjects by indomitable courage; there have been some, like Elizabeth, who won respect by their strength of statecraft; there have been some, like William III, who drew from unwilling subjects admiration for their sturdy defiance of foreign power. But no king in British history has stood by his people more devotedly and whole-heartedly than George the Fifth.

His reign has been sorrowfully marked by almost five tragic years of bitter warfare. Throughout the campaign he has never spared himself, but has given time, energy, enthusiasm, and the spirit of hopefulness to the cause in which his country and Empire have been engaged. When days were dark and sore, he issued Royal appeals that quickened and illumined our national aspirations. His unselfishness and loyalty have been rewarded, and at last he is leading his people to peace as triumphantly as he led them in the travail of war.

Once more our sovereign has issued an appeal. He asks his people to make its Victory Loan a national success. The security of our realm and the prosperity of our citizens can only be maintained if "the fabric of both rests upon solid financial foundation." For this cause the new loan has been launched, and it calls insistently for the spirit of patriotic endeavour and the spirit of sacrifice that were so freely offered in the dark days of warfare. Only by a great contribution of national wealth can our country's debts be honourably paid—debts that are due to the kinspeople of those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom, debts that are due before we can be "faithful trustees of that future of peace and safety" for which our monarch prays.

It is a worthy and noble appeal and it will meet with a worthy and noble response. "The king's name is a tower of strength," and in the king's name we are asked to give all we can spare that victory shall be crowned with an honourable and enduring peace. Once more "England expects every man to do his duty." Our thanks-giving may fittingly be expressed in gifts to the country that has reared us and for which many have fallen. Let us see to it that we do not fail in performance of a plain and bounden duty.

THE ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

On Sunday last the Atlantic Ocean was defied by British aircraft. Captain Alcock and Lieutenant Brown, the pilot and the navigator of a Vickers "Vimy" Rolls Royce aeroplane, started from Newfoundland and in sixteen and a half hours they had landed on the Galway coast of Ireland. They have, therefore, the honour of first place amongst the brave band of trans-Atlantic airmen. They enjoyed no favours from Fortune, for they were "constantly in thick fog, mist, and drizzling rain." At times their craft was flying eleven thousand feet in height and at other times it was flying only a few feet above sea-level. An enterprise such as theirs must have been charged with hourly and deadly hazards, yet it was triumphantly accomplished. In one flight these heroic men encompassed an ocean,

"As if an angel dropp'd down from the clouds,
To turn and wind a fiery Pegasus,
And witch the world with noble horsemanship."

We pay our tribute to a gallant exploit. Alcock and Brown were undaunted by the magnificent failure of Hawker and Grieve. They have carried on a long and noble tradition of national daring. It is fitting that this triumph of the air should be won by England. Francis Drake and Martin Frobisher, "in the spacious times of Great Elizabeth," fearlessly set sail for the New World and prepared the way for England's proud mastery of the seas. Their spirit is not dead; it is alive in men like our intrepid voyagers. Britannia still rules the waves.

We are neither skilled scientists nor venturesome prophets, and we know not what the future holds for long-distance flights. It may be long before the passage of aeroplanes across the Atlantic can be safely and profitably exploited even for peaceful purposes, but we are proud that the pioneers are men of our race. The omens are auspicious, and we know that the miracles of the present are the commonplaces of the future.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

THE WALKYRIE.

Of all the "Ring" operas the Walkyrie, which was given on Saturday, contains some of the finest musical and dramatic episodes. It also includes many pages of score which require considerable patience duly to appreciate, but it is doubtful whether, without these long drawn-out conversations, Wagner would have been able to enlist our sympathy for Siegmund and Sieglinde in the way that he undoubtedly does by his consummate art. There is not really a single unsympathetic character in the whole drama, and Wagner's musical and dramatic expression of the divinely human mental sufferings of Wotan and Brünhilde is perhaps the finest example of the kind in all his works, with the exeption of "Isolde's Liebestod".

The opera was extremely well produced. The *ensemble* of orchestra and singers was excellent, the wonderful orchestral climaxes were well rendered, but some of the beautiful word passages in the last act were not done justice to, and the intonation was not entirely faultless. The "Ride of the Walkyries" had not enough fire in it, and the singers rather vulgarised their "ho—ja—to—ho's."

In listening to the music of this wonderful opening scene, one is especially struck by the extremely skilful way in which the intense vigour of the "Ride" is gradually vignetted off into the quiet music which follows. As to the individual interpreters, Herr Schorr made a convincing Wotan, and Herr Gless as Hunding was, as usual, delightful. His fight with Siegmund on the rocks was rather mechanical in its precision, but the acting throughout is extremely difficult to accomplish in anything but a conventional manner, and as such was very good. Frau Werhard-Poensgen made a very sympathetic Brünhilde, and gave a delightful rendering of the beautiful appeal to Wotan in the third act. The end of this act is indeed a masterpiece of sheer beauty. The scenery throughout was good, but Brünhilde's rocks in the last act might have been fashioned a little less like tanks negotiating a steep bank.

A. F. JONES.

A TRANSLATION BY O.R.S.

LA VIE.	LIFE.
Un juor de fête,	A day of joy,
Un jour de deuil,	A day of sorrow,
La vie est faite	And life is O'er
En un clin d'oeil.	Ere dawns tomorrow.

—(Méri.)

GET RICH QUICK.

WORDS OF ADVICE TO AMATEUR FINANCIERS.

I think a word of warning to amateur financiers on the Rhine at the present time would not be misplaced. Several people have spoken to me lately as to the advisability of buying up marks at their present price of about fourpence and holding on to them until they return to their pre-war value thus netting a handsome return of 200 per cent on their outlay.

The popular idea seems to be that soon after peace is signed the mark will return to its former value. Now it is possible that when peace is signed there may be a fractional rise in the mark, on the assumption that Germany is going to settle down in earnest to work off her obligations, but I doubt even that. The main factor which decides the value of a country's currency is its foreign debt, that is, the difference between what it owes and what it is owed by foreign countries.

By the terms of the peace Germany will have to pay anything between five and ten thousand million pounds. Each year she will have to buy pounds or francs to pay off the instalments until it is finished.

The law of supply and demand holds good in buying currency as in buying anything else. The Germans will have to buy enormous drafts on London and Paris each year, while drafts on Germany will only be required by people importing goods from Germany, a mere drop in the ocean compared with the indemnity. Therefore, the mark cannot rise in value untill that is paid.

Another point. Before Germany can export manufactured goods to any extent, she must import large quantities of raw materials, thus still further increasing her foreign debt.

We will suppose Germany, by intense industry succeeds in paying off the indemnity, and building up a large export trade in 20 years, a most improbable supposition. The financier, who had invested a hundred pounds in marks now, would then sell and realise possibly two hundred and fifty pounds. If he had invested 100 pounds in a safe 6 per cent investment in England, and re-invested the interest each year, his capital would in 20 years amount to about 320 pounds.

Another remark which one very often hears is, "Of course the mark is the same as a shilling to the Germans." This, so far as it means anything at all, must mean that the German can buy the same amount of goods for a mark, as an Englishman can at home for a shilling. One has only to look at the prices in the shopwindows to see the fallacy of this. The purchasing value of a mark is the same to the Germans as it is to us.

All this is very elementary, but it may interest many who have had but little experience of financial matters.

K. M.

DUREN BARRACKS.

A DREAM.

Two or three times since the Regiment came to the German cavalry barracks on the hill overlooking this town I have thought of the wonder and marvel of it all. With that thought has come a curiosity, a desire, for a sight of those barracks a year, or two years ago; a foolish curiosity you may say, for it can never be satisfied. Yet I like to try to picture it as it must have been, when, instead of our own men, wagons, and horses, the buildings and stables sheltered their rightful owners, the German soldiers. It is not difficult, if one allows the imagination free vein and unlimited scope to alter facts and figures, colours, things, time—and all that. About the two rooms, where my own troops live, I let myself dream a little as I walked past their doors yesterday. I sat on the window-sill in the passage and looked out over the square, where the limbers of a Scotch battalion are drawn up in a long line, wheel to wheel all the way round. Sounds of voices came from the room nearest me—voices unmistakably English, and I let my mind twist the sounds and words and I seemed to hear the clear tones become more guttural, heavy, ugly . . . German. Someone opened the door and I glanced up to see who would come out, and I knew, almost before he appeared, that it was no English soldier; no khaki figure that I should behold. No. Quite calmly I saw the German come out, field-grey tunic, short black field-boots, round cap and bullet-like head. No mistake about it. I must have slipped down the stairs of time a year or so! He said something over his shoulder and another man came out and they walked on down the passage. They did not notice me. And then it came suddenly to my eyes that all the figures in the passage had changed. Where five minutes before 3 sturdy cavalrymen had stood, reading the notices on the board at the other end of the passage, a fat German infantryman had appeared, hands in his pockets and with large round spectacles on. I glanced out of the window. Limber gone! Only a squad of young German soldiers practising the goosestep under a smart policeman like officer, and from the riding-school came the harsh commands of the instructor in German. I could see the heads of the recruits pass by the swing door as they went round the school. Germans everywhere—coming out of the cookhouses, going into the canteen, in and out of the long troop-stables everywhere—everywhere. The two lorries below me in front of the building had changed their white "W. D." for the imperial eagle, and the old R.A.S.C. driver had taken on an obviously Teutonic appearance.

The walls of the passages were decorated with patriotic German mottoes and just in front of me was a picture of the Crown Prince and the word "Hartmannsweilerkopf" within a laurel wreath painted underneath. Two men came down the passage with pails of water and mops, and they started to wash the walls. As the mop passed over the face of the Crown Prince, one man made a remark to the other and then both laughed.

The strains of a band caught my ear, coming from the square. I turned and gazed towards the open space and sure enough a band was playing some merry air from musical comedies. I watched them for some time when my eyes got blurred a little, and the figures became less clear, the arm of the conductor less quick and sharp and then — why they were not Germans at all! I looked again. No Germans there. What I saw was 20 small boys, English soldiers in miniature and some five or six men, playing a selection from "Chu Chin Chow!" It was our own band. And everything else became suddenly as it really was; I heard someone say in a loud voice in the room "Another fatigue again Jimmy" — as English as you like. The lorries were never more "W.D." than now — the limbers shone in the sun. From the riding-school a troop of chestnuts came out to water . . . and the band was now playing "God save the King." I got up just in time and stood to attention, dreaming again!

J.E.B.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

MORE OPERA HOUSE COMPLAINTS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.—Some allowance must be made for an exotic people who do not understand the customs of the aboriginals, so I was wondering if you could use your terrific influence to get a class of instruction started for the benefit of members of the Army of Occupation who would go to the opera.

As you are well aware there is a certain ritual to be observed by the true devotee of opera; a certain code of ethics which forbids, or at least discourages, the employment of nuts and oranges, the wearing of bonnets, the energetic use of the tongue, and late arrival. The accepted attitude is a dumb admiration, a mute devotion to the Goddess of Harmony—an attitude which the natives themselves strictly observe.

Our people don't seem to be wise to this or else I have been particularly unfortunate in my visits. I am generally surrounded by a light-hearted, gossipy mixture of Church Army workers, W.R.A.F.'s and our splendid Young Guards. On my last visit I had a Sgt.-Major and a Q.M.S. of Artillery on my right, who, between taking drinks from a bottle, were making audible and presumably funny comments on the people on the stage; eight W.R.A.F.s. sat in front of me who were eating buns and chatting and giggling all through the piece. My timid request to them to be silent was strongly resented as an attempt to undermine the freedom of the subject, and the barrage was increased. Behind me were two of our young soldiers who declared loudly through three acts that they couldn't see anything in the show and that the leading singer—who was really in excellent voice—was "rotten." Perhaps they ought to have been at a cinema or a gramophone concert.

A. M. RICHMOND.

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—I fully agree with your contributor "A. G. Downer", in advocating "Esperanto" as the best international medium.

In the past all languages have suffered corruption and distortionate usage, but in the main, only down to a certain period, viz., the world-wide adoption of the printing-press. The advent of this instrument, coupled with the expansion of trading relationships generally, have served to fix the development of language within very narrow limits. Therefore any pure language like Esperanto that might be adopted now, would not go the way of its predecessors. If an International language can be introduced, by all means have a pure one, since one is ready to hand, and all, modern languages are distorted and clumsy.

As to the best means of imparting the new language for general use in all countries, is not this a very suitable subject for the League of Nations to take up, after the more urgent matters have been dealt with? If through its instrumentality, the teaching of Esperanto could be made compulsory in the national schools of all countries, in the space of a generation, or less,—*nous verrons*—the International Language would be an accomplished fact.

Could the League of Nations be induced to consider this subject?

J. B. D.

THE YOUNG GUARDS!

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—"H.C.P." appears to be very indignant about "Young Guard's" letter suggesting a chevron for the Army of Occupation.

I am not going to champion "Young Guard's" cause as I think that 5/6th of the boys are not keen on any special distinction, but "H.C.P." might remember that it is not our fault we weren't fighting in 1914 or any other period of the war. It wasn't quite the thing, even in the anxious days of 1914-15, to ask a chap of 15 years and 3 months why he wasn't fighting for his King and Country.

If there is any "scrapping" to be done whilst we are here (and there is no guarantee yet that there won't be) I think we'll be able to give a good account of ourselves even if we haven't the 1914 experience of "H.C.P."

"ANOTHER YOUNG GUARD."

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—May I venture to say, that, "One who marched it" is hardly fair to some of those men who did *not* march into Germany. Does our friend forget that hundreds of men who have endured the hardships of war, as probably he has himself, have had to remain in devastated Belgium to do repairs, especially railway repairs. Now, while our friend has had to do the long weary march to Germany, other men have had to work equally hard in repairing the railways, to enable food trains to go from the base depot to Germany with food for them. After doing this, most of the men have had to go on the Rhine, but did not have to endure a march there as "One who marched it" puts it. I think, however, he will agree that in this case, "The men who did *not* march to the Rhine" are worthy of receiving the suggested "special chevron."

LIVERPOOL.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Ed.]

TRAM CAR ETIQUETTE.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—I was sitting opposite to two young German "bloods" in a car this morning, when two German women entered, and, the car being full, a Tommy, by no means young, and myself gave up our seats to them. Several other women entered, but still these young "gentlemen" preferred that the English stand rather than themselves. If they had won, would they have offered their seats to English women in London? However, we were right, were we not?

LONDONER.

ARMY EDUCATION.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—A doubt which exists amongst many of us. We did our education before the war started, our ages being from 30 upwards, and we think it rather too late to start again. Would it not be better to teach us a trade or profession, so that if ever we do get "demobbed", we will have something to our credit.

We want to earn our own livings and support our families.

J. M. AND OTHERS.

"PUT A STAMP ON IT."

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—I have just cleared the mail box at the E.F.C. Officers Rest House and Mess and find that there have been about twenty copies of *The Cologne Post* put in which do not bear a stamp. Will you please mention in your paper that they must be paid for so as to save disappointment to those who wish to send the papers.

D. W.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Tuesday	6	The Flying Dutchman	Wagner
Wednesday	6	Der Waffenschmied von Worms	Lortzing
Thursday	4½	Lohengrin	Wagner
Friday	6	Das Glöckchen des Eremiten	Maillart
Saturday	6	Madame Butterfly	Puccini
Sunday	5½	Aïda	Verdi
Monday	6	Tales of Hoffmann	Offenbach
Tuesday	6	Rigoletto	Verdi

1st (KING'S) BRIGADE RIFLE MEETING.

1,585 COMPETITORS FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS.

1st (King's) Infantry Brigade, Lancashire Division held a rifle meeting at the Ramersdorf Range on 12th and 13th June.

The meeting from beginning to end was a great success, which was enhanced by excellent weather on both days.

The competitions, consisting of team and individual events, were as follows:—

Team Events.

(a) Battalion Competition 5 rounds application 15 rapid — teams of 8. Won by 52nd King's. — Three teams competed. Highest individual score winning team C.Q.M.S. Caddick — 64.

(b) Company Competition — Conditions as above — won by "C" Coy. 52nd King's, 14 teams competed.

(c) Company Competition Falling Plates — won by "D" Coy. 52nd. Kings, 14 teams competed.

(d) Officers Revolver — teams of 4 — won by Brigade H.Q. — 6 teams competed.

(e) Officers Rifle — teams of 4 — conditions as for Battalion competition — won by 52nd King's — 6 teams competed.

(f) Figure No. 3 Company competition — teams of 8. Won by "B" Coy. 51st King's — 12 teams competed.

(g) Lewis Gun platoon competition. Won by No. 15 platoon 13th King's — 24 teams competed.

Individual Competitions.

Rapid (time 1 minute, rounds unlimited), pool shooting 200 yards at 4 inch invisible bull, grouping at 100 yards and revolver pool shooting were carried out during the competition. In all 1,585 competitors fired.

An amusing incident, which should encourage young soldiers, occurred during the second day's grouping, when the last man to fire, L/Cpl. G. Williams, 51st King's, scored a 2 inch group, thereby cutting out a large number of competitors with 4 inch groups who had been calculating what their share of the pool would amount to. His group was, in point of fact, nearly within 1 inch, and fully deserved to give him, as it did, a prize over 270 marks.

The meeting was brought to a close by the presentation of prizes by Brigadier General T.S. Lambert, C.B., C.M.G. who was in the unique position of having to present himself with one or two of them.

CAMERON HIGHLANDERS' SPORTS MEETING.

C. COY., 51st CAMERON HIGHLANDERS held a very successful Sports Meeting at Hausen last week under ideal weather conditions. During the afternoon music was provided by the regimental band. Great credit is due to our Company sports officer who, working in conjunction with the Battalion sports officer left nothing undone.

1st Prize Winners.

The winners of the various events were Capt. Grindall, 2nd Lieut. Wallace, L/Cpl. Donn, Pte. Calder, Pte. Machie, and Pte. McLennan. No. 10 Platoon won the 5-aside football, No. 12 Platoon the tug-of-war, and No. 10 Platoon the relay race.

At the conclusion, prizes were presented by the commanding Officer Lieut.-Col. R. Campbell, D.S.O., who congratulated the prize winners on their performances in a few, well-chosen words.

NO. 1 MESS AND AN A 1 TRIP.

Enthusiasm, very practical organization and brilliant weather form an unassailable triple alliance and this triumvirate ensured the success of a river trip to Coblenz of Headquarters No. 1 Sergeants Mess on Sunday. More than fifty W.R.A.F.'s braved the ordeal of a very early morning start, but by the time the steamer was boarded at Bonn everybody was properly at ease and the pleasure of the day was flowing full tide.

Ordinarily a prolonged steamer trip is a tedious affair, but this one was a notable exception. Making up parties for luncheon or tea: listening to the splendid band of the 9th East Surreys: a hand at cards: a dance or two: admiration of the scenery—all these helped to beguile the time, although we suspect that the presence of the ladies was the real making of the day.

To the President and Mess Committee, aided by a score of willing helpers, who did everything from washing up to weighing the anchor or splicing the main brace, belong the credit of a supremely successful day, brought to a happy ending, as regards the ladies, by an impromptu dance in the Hauptbahnhof, and as regards the Mess, by a hot supper eaten amid a chorus of appreciation of the day's delights.

THE LAST LOOK ROUND.

Polo Open Cup, Final. Thornby beat Freebooters by 8 goals to 5. At Ranelagh the 1st Life Guards beat the Coldstream Guards by 7 goals to 4. The Roehampton Junior Championship Tournament was won by Cowdray, who beat the 2nd Life Guards by 7—2.

Kent Lawn Tennis, Championship Finals, Beckenham (singles). Col. Kingscote beat the Hon Mr. Fisher 4—6; 6—4; 9—7; 3—6; 6—2. Miss Ryan beat Mrs. Lambert Chambers 2—6; 7—5; 6—4.

Richard Croker, otherwise "Boss" Croker, arrived at Liverpool from America on Saturday and said he was devoting himself to horse-racing.

Bernard Darwin won "The Golf Illustrated" Gold Vase on the Mid Surrey Course on Saturday with a score of 153. F.W.H. Scott was Second 154 and R. Harris third with 155.

NO. 2 SECTION v. S.A.A. SECTION, MIDLAND D.A.C.

The S.A.A. had their revenge in the return match with No. 2 Section on Saturday. Batting first, on a bowlers' wicket, they compiled a useful score of 45. No. 2 Section fared disastrously and broke down completely to the fine bowling of Crossley and Darvell, who dismissed them for 20. Now for the rubber!

ASCOT AND MANCHESTER MEETINGS.

TURF TOPICS.

ROYAL ASCOT SELECTIONS.

BY "JERRY M."

Ascot, under pre-war conditions, will bring huge crowds this week. Each day has its big race.

On Tuesday the Ascot Stakes engages attention. I am going for the nicely weighted "GRANCHESTER" here.

On Wednesday that popular sprint, the Royal Hunt Cup is down for decision.

FORM AND HINTS.

IRISH ELEGANCE, I understand, will not run.
DANSELLON is well and again fancied.
ZINOVIA is a doubtful runner.
GRAND FLEET is spoken well of, but I fancy he has quite enough weight.
NOT MUCH is in tip-top condition and will, I feel sure, go very close.
ROIDEUR. I am told on no account to leave this one out, but my best intelligence is for JUTLAND. This son of Marcovil-Princess Dagmar has been specially prepared for the race. He has given every satisfaction in his home gallops and will, I hope, carry the Royal colours to victory. What an ovation there would be! Donoghue will, I hear, have the mount.

Of the others, GIPSY LAD and CHURCH HISTORY appear best. But I take JUTLAND to win, and NOT MUCH and ROIDEUR may follow him home.

OTHER SELECTIONS.

My selections for the latter end of the week unless altered by wire are:—

Thursday, **Gold Cup** — GAINSBOROUGH, if absent, AIR RAID.

Friday:— **Wokingham Stakes** — GOLLY EYES, each way.

RACING CHAT.

The "Bookies" must have had a rare good time at Epsom this year. But I saw some very glum faces amongst the "pencillers" after "Ardova" had won on Saturday at Sandow. In a field of three, odds of 1 to 5 were asked on "Furious," with "Mameni" and "Ardova" freely on offer at 5 and 6 to 1. Many of the punters preferred to take a chance on the outsiders than "buy money" over "Furious." In fact, the majority of the smaller books did no business with the favourite at all, and so received a nasty jar when "Ardova" romped home an easy winner. One well-known man told me that this race quite spoiled an otherwise good week. But no one pleads poverty quite so eloquently as the Bookie!!!

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Look out for "Grey Abbey" when next running in a T.Y.O. seller. With a stronger jockey up he would undoubtedly have beaten "Law Divine" last week. It was the essence of bad luck for Mr. McElroy when he not only lost the race and his wagers, but his filly as well, the good looking grey being "claimed" by the owner of the third — Mr. Naughton. Mr. McElroy purchased the winner, but had to go to 500 guineas before the hammer fell.

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The Ascot executive are preparing to receive record crowds this week. But unless rain falls in the interval the meeting will lose half its interest. For many valuable horses will not be sent to compete on going that resembles a urnpike road.

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The French horse "Durbar II" won the last peace Derby at Epsom. It would be an appropriate "revenge" if "Manifardo" makes amends for the defeat of our horses by winning this year's French Derby. The Manton colt is being specially prepared to contest this, the most valuable race in the world, and it would be a grand consolation to his new owner for being unable to run him at Epsom.

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"Dick Wooton," the erstwhile Epsom trainer, has decided to return to Australia. He has booked his passage and leaves at the first opportunity. He and his family are immensely popular here, and a multitude of friends will wish him "Bon Voyage!"

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Although in nearly everything the arrangements at Epsom are about 50 years behind the times, they are now up to date in one thing. The brake that used to convey jockeys from the weighing room to the paddock was supplanted this year by taxi-cabs!!!

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"Mapledurham" in the popular Lord Roseberry's colours ran really well when finishing third in the Oaks. She stays well and was going "great guns" at the finish. Be well assured "Mapledurham" will be returned a winner in the very near future, and probably at a long price, too.

TENNIS CHAMPION OF PRUSSIA.

The Whitsuntide Tennis Tournament held by the Tennis Club of Grunewald ended on Thursday. In the Prussian Championship match between Froitzheim and Lüdtke, Froitzheim won by 6—2, 6—0, 6—2.

ENTRIES FOR THE GOLD CUP.

The following are the entries for the Ascot Gold Cup on Thursday:—

Furore (Tabor)
Bridaine (Private)
Romano (Private)
By Jingo (J. Rhodes)
Caraco (Private)
Sir Berkeley (W. Waugh)
He (Barling)
Marcoglass (Private)
Gainsborough (Taylor)
Callander (Lambton)
Mont Saint E oi (France)
Tracy le Val (Private)
Air Raid (Taylor)
Prince Chimay (Taylor)
Jutland (Marsh)
Chateau Lafite (Private)
Jack Point (H. Leader)
Silver Bullet (Taylor)
The Panther (Manser)
Cygnus (Manser)
Golden Orb (J. Dawson)
Rapidan (France)
Milton (Colling)
Alliance (Butters)
Coriolanus (Persse)
Silonyx (W. Waugh)
Galloper Light (Watson)
Knight of Blyth (Leach)
Bay of Naples (Leach)
Rowland (Lambton)
Sealed Nom. (Mr. F. G. Benson)
Sealed Nom. (Mr. C. W. Christenson)
Sealed Nom. (Mr. P. F. Heybourn)
Sealed Nom. (Mr. E. Hulton)
Sealed Nom. (Maj. J. A. de Rothschild)

MANCHESTER RACES.

Lytham Plate:— 1, Soranus (9-2); 2, Charlevale (6-5 on); 3, Jeanie Shiels (10-1).
Paddock Handicap:— 1, Indian Feast (9-4); 2, Magnolia (11-10); 3, Bedrest (5-2).
Cliff Handicap:— 1, Dartup (5-1); 2, Chelsho (evens); 3, Skookum Joe (100-8).
Salford Handicap:— 1, Irish Elegance (13-8 on); 2, Greenroom (8-1); 3, Freesia (6-1).
Red Rose Stakes:— 1, Racket (6-5); 2, Kings Idler (6-4); 3, Flying Squadron (5-1).
Rothschild Plate:— Safety Pin walked over.

"MOST DISGRACEFUL COURSE I HAVE EVER SEEN."

LORD LONSDALE CRITICISES EPSOM.

Lord Lonsdale was the principal guest at a dinner given at the Eccentric Club on Thursday evening. He said the most disgraceful racecourse he had ever seen was Epsom. Unless something definite was done, the Stewards of the Jockey Club would not hesitate to withdraw licenses for the Derby. He was speaking as a Steward at Epsom and not of the Jockey Club. For horses to run the risks they now did was entirely wrong. Epsom course should be taken over by a company in order to make Epsom the finest course in the world.

RHINE ARMY SPORTS CLUB. LINDENTHAL v. BONN.

The above teams played at tennis at Lindenthal on Saturday, and after some exciting sport proved the victors by 5 events to 4.

The Lindenthal Club was represented by Capt. Farquharson and Capt. Dunn; Rev. L.M. Andrews and Capt. Davidson; Lieut.-Col. Pleydell-Nott and Lieut. Kelly. The Bonn team consisted of Lieut. Hole and Lieut. Lote; Major Allen and Capt. Stewart; Major Rowntree and Lieut.-Col. Bradish.

Details.

For the home team Capts. Farquharson & Dunn lost to Lieuts. Hole & Lote 5—7, 1—6. To Major Allen and Capt. Stewart 6—8, 2—6 and beat Maj. Rowntree and Lt.-Col. Bradish 6—1, 6—8, 6—2. To the visitors, in the same order, Rev. L. M. Andrews and Capt. Davidson lost 6—8 and 2—6, won 6—1, 5—7 and 6—4 and won 2—6, 6—2, and 6—3 while Lt.-Col. Pleydell-Nott and Lieut. Kelly lost two games 5—7, 5—7 and won the last 4—6, 6—0 and 8—6.

ARMY ATHLETICS.

CHALLENGE SHIELD WON BY GYMNASTIC STAFF.

At the Aldershot Command Championships Athletic Meeting on Saturday the Army Gymnastic Staff won the challenge shield, the 3rd Manchesters being 2nd, and the 3rd. King's Liverpools third.

In the tug-of-war the 1st Border Regt. beat the R.A.S.C.

Broad Jump:— Cpl. Synge, A.G.S., 18 ft. 11½ in.

440 yards: Q.M.S. Usher A.G.S. 1; Cpl. Birtwistle, 3rd Manchesters 2; Sergt. Miller, 3rd Manchesters, 3; time 52 3/5 secs.

High Jump:— Q.M.S.I. Mills, A.G.S. 1st, 5 ft. 1 in.

220 yards:— Cpl. Hollies, 4th Dragoons, 1; Pte. Stickland, 3rd Manchesters, 2; C.S.M.I. J. Keeble, A.G.S. 3; time 23 3/5 secs.

120 yards hurdles:— Lieut. Smith, A.G.S. 1; Sergt Willis, 2nd Manchesters, 2; Cpl. Cook, 3rd Manchesters, 3; time 18 3/5 secs.

Three miles:— C.S.M. Evans, 2nd H.L.I., 1; Cpl. Taggart, 3rd Manchesters, 2; A. M. Reden, R.A.F., 3; time 16 mins, 11 2/5 secs.

41st LABOUR COY. v. D. BATTERY 116 R.F.A.

A friendly match between the above teams at Siegburg Muldorf on Saturday, resulted in a win for 41st Labour Coy., who scored 127 to the Artillery's 78. For the winners McDonald scored 41, and Turner took 5 wickets for 6 runs.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Pal Moore.

Pal Moore sailed on the Mauretania on Saturday to fight Jimmy Wilde.

Lawn Tennis "Tourney."

It is intended to hold a tournament on handicap lines for lawn tennis professionals at Queen's Club. The dates suggested are June 30, July 1 and 2.

Alfred Shrubb.

Alfred Shrub, the famous long-distance runner, expects to sail for this country from Montreal on June 25. It is expected that his first appearance will be on a London track.

The Isthmian League.

It was decided at a council meeting of the Isthmian League last week to run a second division consisting of the reserve teams of clubs already in the competition.

80 Runs Per Hour.

Sixty-one thousand spectators on Whit-Monday watched seven county matches, in which the average scoring was 508 runs, yielding about 80 runs per hour of actual play.

Burke and Boxing.

Mr. Tom Burke, the famous Covent Garden tenor, is so anxious to see Goddard and Beckett in the ring that he has made arrangements with his management to be released from his engagement to-night so that he can go to Olympia.

World's Best Lawn-Tennis Pair.

Norman Brookes and G. L. Patterson, by their victory by 6—3, 6—3 over Captain P. O'Hara Wood and R. V. Thomas at Beckenham, convinced most people present that they are easily the best doubles lawn tennis pair in the world.

Ladies 8-Oared Boat Race.

The first ladies eight-oared boat race ever decided on the Thames was rowed over a half mile course at Marlow on Saturday afternoon between Newnham College and the London School of Medicine. Newnham won by 1 3/4 lengths, time 3 mins. 23 secs.

U.S. Boxing Spectators.

So as not to interfere with the transport of returning soldiers, Mr. Hines, the American Director General of Railroads, has prohibited the use of 70 Pullman cars which were engaged to carry spectators to the Willard—Dempsey fight. —*Reuter.*

Tournament At Olympia.

His Majesty the King has graciously notified his intention to open the Royal Naval, Military and Air Force Tournament at Olympia on 26th June. His Majesty will be accompanied by Queen Mary, and famous Commanders in the Field will be present.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

G.H.Q. SIGNAL COY. (87 for 9.) A.A. DEFENCES (27)

On the Volksgarten Ground on Saturday. For the winners Wells and Fraser did well scoring 27 and 15 respectively, the latter also taking 4 wickets for 6 runs and Godfrey 4 for 19. For the A.A. Defences Hollman was responsible for 4 catches.

"G" BATTERY R.H.A. (41) v. No. 70. SQUADRON. R.A.F. (143) at Bickendorf on Saturday. For the Artillery, Gale was the chief scorer with 11. Bowling for the R.A.F. Capt. H.E. Turnley took 5 wickets for 32, when Maj. Huskinson and Wood were able to pass the R.H.A. total, bringing the score to 56 for 7. Capt. Turnley now joined Wood and a strong partnership produced 47 for the 8th wicket, when Wood was l.b.w. for 29, Capt. Turnley following shortly after for 36. The last wicket produced 14. The next highest scores for the R.A.F. were Milnes 15, Orris 14, and Maj. P.Huskinson 12. Bowling for the R.H.A. Huggan took 4 wickets for 30.

RHINE ARMY SIGNAL COMPANY (91) v. No. 5 RAILWAY TELEGRAPH COMPANY (107), on the ground of the former on Wednesday, the finish being exciting. For the winners L/Cpl. F. Blower bowled consistently well and scored 8 wickets for 33 runs; Lieut. G.A. Barlett (29). Spr. Blay V.C. (29) and Spr. H.C.R. Newman (13), shared the batting honours. For the Army Signal Company Frazer (27). Parter (13), and Harrison (10), with Godfrey who secured 5 wickets were the most prominent players.

9th C.T.M.T. COY. (38 for 3 wickets) v. 11th LEICESTER REGT. (31). at Euskirchen on Sunday. Bowling Analysis:—Ptes. Leach and Jones D.N. of the 9th C.T.M.T. Coy., took 3 wickets for 13 runs and 6 wickets for 15 runs respectively. Batting:-Ptes. Langham and Rawson were top scorers for the visitors.

145 SIEGE BATTERY v. 21st. BDE. R.G.A. at Klein Bullesheim on Saturday. 145 Siege Battery, 143 for 6 declared (Capt. Robson 59 not out, Gunner Lemons 29, GunnerDone 17). Bdr. Aylesbury took 3 wickets for 23 runs, Gunner Lemons 4 wickets for 34. 21st Bde. R.G.A. (135) Gunner Etchells 31, Gunner Smith 25, Gunner Knowles 19, Gunner Hail 18). Gunner Lee 4 wickets for 32 runs.

"BATTERY ROCKET TROOP R.H.A. (61) v. LIGHT DIVISION SIGNAL COMPANY (28). The feature of the match was the bowling of Cpl. Gibson for "O" Battery, who took 6 wickets for 10 runs. Burst for the losers took 5 wickets for 35 and Hartley 3 for 16. The chief scorers were Gnr. Wales (12) and Cpl. Gibson (12) for the Rocket Troop and Cobb (10) for the Signal Company.

EASTERN DIVISION H.Q. (161) v. 69th SIEGE BATTERY, R.G.A. (24) on Prison Ground, Siegburg, on Saturday. For the D.H.Q. Major Tempest played a splendid innings, being caught at 63. He was well supported by Major Brumwell (22) C.Sgt. Sandell (22). Lt.Col. Dobbie (16), Pte. Walker (13), and Capt. Carroll (10). Bowling:— Bdr. Mason took 6 for 44, Gnr. Massey 2 for 66 and Bye 2 for 11. The Siege Batty. opened their innings disastrously, 5 wickets being down for 10, Cpl. Gill being unplayable, performing the "hat-trick" in the first over. The final score reached 24, Smith being highest scorer with 7. Bowling:— Cpl. Gill 7 for 6 and Lt.-Col. Dobbie 2 for 14.

EASTERN DIV. SIGNALS 70 (Holdworth 29, Herbert 14; Herbert 5 for 24,) v. 52nd MANCHESTERS 68 (Lieut. Hardy 29; C.Q.M.S. Medlock 19).

64 FIELD COY. R.E. (94) v. 15 H.L.I. (52) on Saturday. For the F.C., C.S.M. Rimmer scored 18 runs, Spr. Hinchcliff 19 runs. Bowling:— Hinchcliff 6 wickets for 22 runs; Pratley 2 wickets for 10.

SEARCHLIGHT SECTION (90) v. ADVANCED SUPPLY DEPOT, R.A.S.C. on the latter's ground. For the former Lieut. White (not out) 35, Sergt. Niven 19, L/Cpl. McCollin 10; while Sergt. Hartley scored 19, Cmdr. Acheson 25, Major Morris 16, and Pte. Redfern 11 for the R.A.S.C.

52nd BEDFORDS v. 51st DEVONS at Baschoss. An exciting game ended in a victory for the 51 Devons by 2 wickets. 52nd Bedfords scored 58 (Lieut. Smith 6 for 18, Sergt. Morris 4 for 17). 51st Devons scored 59 for 8 (Capt. Mills 12; Major Sincore 11 not out).

1st M.G. CORPS (91) v. 73rd BDE. R.G.A. (82) at Flerzheim. For the former L/Cpl. Ashdown scored 41 (not out) and Major Helps 17, while Pte. Nicholas and L/Cpl. Ashdown took 4 for 29 respectively. For the 73rd Gnr. Whittaker was top scorer with 23, Gnr. Mackwell scoring 19, and Major Richards 11. Needham took 4 for 29, Hampson 3 for 23, and Foster 1 for 4.

90th FIELD COY. R.E. (97) v. A. BATTERY 51st BDE. R.F.A. (49) on Wednesday. For 90th Field Coy., Lieut. E.J. Jacob scored 49 (not out) and Sergt. Bridges 14; and for "A" Battery Lieut. Crook scored 14, Lieut. Cook and Hancock bowled well for "A" Battery, and Lieut. Jacob, Peters and Bridges for the 90th Field Coy.

EASTERN DIV. H.Q. (42 for 3) v. 23rd R. FUSILIERS (91) at Prison Ground, Siegburg on Thursday. For the Fusiliers Lieut. De Poos scored 12, Lieut. Abbot 23, and L/Cpl. Pursal 29, the feature of the innings being the 9th wicket stand which produced 50 runs. For E. Div. Col. Dobbi took 4 for 28, Cpl. Gill 5 for 38, and Pte. Walker 1 for 14. E. Div. opened their innings, but with the score at 42 for 3 rain stopped further play. Lieut. Shewen scored 19, Capt. Groom being 14 (not out).

H.A.C. (91) v. 51st DEVONS (94) on Saturday. For H.A.C. Mr. Ogle scored 53, Clarke took 4 for 42, and O'Sullivan 6 for 38. For 51 Devons:— Sergt. Morriss scored 21, Lieut. Smith 16, Capt. Mills 12, and Capt. Hunter 10. Lieut. Smith and Capt. Petheran bowled well for the 51st Devons.

185 SIEGE BATTERY (20) v. 16th FIELD AMBULANCE (119) at Weidesheim on Saturday. Bowling for the Battery, Green took 6 wickets for 7 runs, three being taken in four balls. Yudall had three wickets for 5 runs. Commencing to bat, the Battery lost a wicket at the third ball, but the next wicket carried the score to 56 before being broken.

NO. 2 WATER TANK COY., M.T., R.A.S.C. (56 for 6—declared) v. THE R.A.S.C. BAKERIES KALK (46) at Kalk on Saturday. The Bakeries batted first, but found the bowling of Ptes. Archer and Carden too good for much scoring. Archer took 6 wickets for 18, and Carden 4 for 18. The Water Tank passed the Bakeries score before the sixth wicket fell. Pte. Colson did well, making 22 not out. Sergt. Andrews was the best bowler for the Bakeries, taking 2 for 10 runs, and out of ten overs having six maiden overs.

420 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A., SCHLEBUSCH. The cricket match between the above team and "Maps" 4th F.S. Bn. resulted in a win for the latter by 29 runs. Scores:— 4th F.S. BN. 78 v. 420 SIEGE BATTERY 49 on Saturday. For the winners McCauley took 7 wickets for 34, while for the Gunners, Greenhalgh (3 for 8) and Hubbard (3 for 14) bowled well. Spr. Seaton (16) and Lieut. Cable (15) were the "Maps" chief scorers, and Signaller Greenhalgh (14 not out) was the only Battery man to reach double figures.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, June 17, 1919.

Wind light, Southerly at first, mainly Westerly later. At first fine, but thunderstorms probable later in the day. Very warm. Visibility fair.

ENGLISH COUNTY CRICKET.

RESULTS IN BRIEF.

Oxford (2nd Innings.) 353 for 7 (declared); M.C.C. (second innings) 185 for 3. Match drawn.

Lancashire (2nd innings) 136, The Australians won by an innings and 157 runs.

Surrey 126; Hants (1st Innings) 337; (second innings) 129 for 4. Hants won by 6 wickets.

Yorkshire beat Warwickshire by an innings and 63 runs. Scores:—Warwickshire (1st innings) 115; (2nd innings) 193.

Northants (1st innings) 88; (second innings) 222. Derby (2nd innings) 48 for 1, beat Northants by nine wickets.

Gloucestershire (2nd innings) 323. Leicester (2nd innings) 127 for 6, won by 4 wickets.

TONBRIDGE BOY MAKES 220.

Extraordinary cricket was witnessed on Tonbridge School ground last week in the match between Tonbridge and Lancing. Tonbridge batted all day, putting together the huge total of 520. Hedges, the captain, shared in a brilliant partnership with Knott, which realised 300 runs. Hedges batted faultlessly for 176, and Knott, by scoring 220, had the distinction of beating the school batting record of 205, established by K.L. Hutchings, the famous Kent batsman.

LAWN TENNIS.

FAMOUS PLAYER SUFFERING FROM HEART STRAIN.

In the third round of the Beckenham Tournament (double) R. Thomas and O'Hara Wood beat Doust and Gregg, all Australians, 6—3, 6—4.

The International Lawn Tennis player Major J.C. Parke will be unable to play for a long time as he is suffering from heartstrain as a result of playing at Manchester. He was the chief hope of the British Isles for the Davis Cup Competition.

4th ROUND OF BECKENHAM TOURNAMENT.

The following are the results of Friday's play in the Beckenham Lawn Tennis tournament.

Men's Singles:— The Hon. Mr. Fisher beat O.G.N. Turnbull 6—3, 5—7, 6—3. Ritchie beat Capt. Dash 6—2, 6—2, Col. Kingscourt beat Dowson 6—2, 6—2. Men's Doubles:— (3rd round) Norman Brookes and Patterson beat Lycett and Heath 7—5, 6—1, a match that was notable for the severity of the service and the powerful smashing of the winners and the fact that Brookes so quickly found his form. Kingscote and Turnbull beat Riseley and Dixon 6—4, 6—4.

CHAMPION CUP ENTRIES.

During the present week the Champion Cup tournament, which is the principal competition of the polo season, will be played at Hurlingham. The following sides have entered:

Freebooters.—Mr. Ivor Buxton, Lord Wodehouse, Mr. W. S. Buckmaster, and the Earl of Rocksavage (back).

Thornby.—Captain A. S. Wills, Major F. B. Hurndall, Major F. W. Barrett, and Major V. N. Lockett (back).

Roehampton.—Sir Cecil Graham, Colonel E. D. Miller, Major A. L. Tate, and Major P. Magor (back).

Magpies.—Major E. W. T. Miles, Brig.-General P. D. Fitzgerald, Lieut.-Colonel G. M. Mort, and Captain J. F. Harrison (back).

"COLOGNE POST" CUP.

LEAGUE FIXTURES TO BE PLAYED ON JUNE 21st.

The following are the fixtures in the Bonn League to be played on June 21st:—

BONN LEAGUE.

52nd Manchesters v 207th Sq., R.A.F.
91st Field Amb. v 62nd Cheshire.
86th Siege Bty. v 92nd Field Amb.
Eastern Div., Sig. Coy. v 4th Suffolk.
103rd Field Amb. v 15th Lancs Fus.
Lancs Div. Sig. Coy. v 10th R.W. Kent.
51st Bedford v 2nd London Inf. Bde.
53rd Welsh v 51st R. Sussex.
No. 3 Coy., Western Div., R.A.S.C. v 1st T.M.B. (Western).
Eastern Div. H.Q. v 52nd Welsh.
51st Kings Liverpool v 303 Siege Bty.
121st Heavy Bty. v 16th Lancs Fus.
X Corps Sig. Coy. v. 69th Siege Bty.
Other clubs — no match.

OTHER RESULTS.

23rd Royal Fusiliers	91;
Eastern Division H.Q. (for 3 wickets)	41.
75th Bde. R.F.A.	75;
2nd Corps H.Q.	64.
41st M.G. Battn.	230;
3rd Northern Bde.	99.
153 Siege Battery R.G.A. (for 5 wickets) (declared);	123
183 Siege Battery R.G.A.	59.
5th R. Irish Regt.	55;
Wahn Det. 4th Field Survey Bn.	33.
R. West Kents	42;
92nd Field Ambulance	8.
354 Siege Battery	89;
509 R.E. Coy.	40.
1/5 W. Yorks	88;
1/4 York and Lancs	59.
23rd Middlesex	125;
1/5th W. Yorks	129 for 6 wickets.

IX CORPS H.A., H.Q. (47) v. 269 A.E. COY (28) at Euskirchen on Saturday. For the Heavies: Lister (not out) 14, and Capt. Hamilton Jones 10 were top scorers. The same players shared the bowling honours, Lister 5 for 12 and Capt. Hamilton Jones 5 for 16. For 269 A.E. Coy. Glover scored 13 (not out) and bowled very well, taking 4 wickets for 0.

LONDON DIVISION M.T. COY. (203) v. 237 FIELD COY. R.E. (49). Batting first, the M.T. Coy. scored rapidly, taking only 1 3/4 hours to reach their total of 203. Cpl. Wright gave a good exhibition of free hitting, scoring 67 not out. The R.E's failed to put up a fight against the bowling of Pte. Spearman, who captured 7 wickets for 12 runs.

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CHURCH UNION.

Two well-known Scottish Churchmen, the Very Rev. Dr. Wallace Williamson and the Rev Dr. Sclater have come to the Area of Occupation and are visiting the Highland and Lowland Divisions. They are announced to speak on "Church Union" at the Scottish Churches' Club in the Schildergasse on Thursday of this week at 3 p.m. The subject has been much discussed of late and many will be interested to hear the views of these ecclesiastical dignitaries.

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Mr. Wile's theme is that the days of American political isolation have gone for ever. "Now we (the United States) have taken unto ourselves, thanks to the war, something like three-quarters of all the gold in existence," he said, "we cannot snugly hug it to our bosoms and say the affairs of other peoples are no concern of ours. We have to think and act internationally. We have to assume our full share of the bitters as well as the sweets of the universe. The English-speaking race have a special mandate to act together in order that the world shall be kept safe for democracy."

"Among the people of Britain there is the sincerest, most eager desire to that end. I have come here to assure you of that and to remind you of Britain's mighty contribution to the Allied victory. A man in New York said to me last week that the U.S. had a bigger army in the field than Britain when the armistice was signed. "Yes," I said, "but Britain had bigger cemeteries.' I have come here to remind you that long before we made up our minds to do liberty's work the British were doing it uncomplainingly and unreservedly. Remember that before we had 1,000,000 men in France, Britain had 1,000,000 men and women in their graves."

"It was British sea-power first and last, all the time, that ensured the Allied victory and without it German tyranny might have been to-day established on this very soil of ours."

HEARTS OF OAK.

STATE HELP ASKED.

Mr. G. H. Elkington, of Penarth, the new president, said, in his opening address at the annual delegate conference of the Hearts of Oak Benefit Society, 20,000 of their members were killed in the war. The executive council were trying to obtain from the Government some assistance towards meeting the heavy liabilities forced on the society by the war—liabilities which the society's scale of contributions was not framed to meet. Funeral benefits, he thought, they should reasonably expect to be met from the National Exchequer.

Old age pensions should be increased, and there should be legislation prohibiting sick pay received from a friendly society from being accounted as income for the purposes of the Act. No fewer than 19,987 adult members and 12,858 junior members had been admitted, the president said, while £178,711 had been added to the reserve fund, making the total reserve over 5¼ millions.

The delegates having attended a memorial service at St. Pancras Church for members who fell in the war, Mr. T. Lewis, chairman of the executive council, presented the annual statement, which showed that during the year sicknses claims from men averaged 305 a day and women 53 a day. Maternity claims paid numbered 28,408. There was a loss of 63,000 members, many of whom had passed the insurance limit and had not been disposed to become voluntary emmbers.

SELLING OFF WAR STORES.

The progress made in the sale of surplus Government property under the direction of the Disposal Board, Ministry of Munitions, is indicated by the fact that the value of the stores sold up to date amount to upwards of £107,000,000. Among the interesting figures gleaned from official sources, the following items are noteworthy:

Horses and animals, £3,701,654 in the United Kingdom, and £10,451,719 abroad.

Ferrous metals, £2,118,806, and non-ferrous £8,557,218.

Chemicals and explosives, £13,949,051.

Sales to contractors, £3,220,711.

A feature of the sales of mechanical transport, including agricultural machinery, in various parts of the country is that the prices obtained rule uniformly high, that at Winchester realising £2,000 more than the inventory value of the machinery.

It is interesting to note that the Controller of Telephones, Telegraphs, and Electrical Instruments has visited Belgium, with the result that sales will be considerably accelerated. Of the several sales authorised by him, one includes that of 150,000 lamps.

BRITISH OLD HEIDELBERGERS' ASSOCIATION.

"Little did the boys of Heidelberg College think that the German language which they learnt on the banks of the Neckar would be spoken by them in British occupied Germany". Such was the remark passed by one of them at an enjoyable little reunion dinner which took place at the Officers' Club on the 12th inst. A short notice in the "Cologne Post" recently has been the means of eight "old boys" of Heidelberg College being found in Cologne — "Intelligence", "Topography", "Circulation", Inter-Allied Railway Commission, Rhine Navigation were strongly represented. A civilian "old boy" also materialised and as he has had the misfortune to have been interned in Ruhleben Camp for four years he had plenty of questions to answer. The evening was so enjoyable that arrangements are being made for fortnightly gatherings. If this catches the eye of any other "Alt Heidelberger" in the neighbourhood, will he please communicate with Capt. C.H. Montgomery, R.E. Inter-Allied Railway Sub Commission when he will hear of "something to his advantage". By the way the old rowing prowess begun on the Neckar is now going strong on the Rhine, and the Old Heidelbergers Association "four" is hot stuff and willing to challenge any other four that will take them on. Any offers?

WAR SAVINGS.

The following is a record of money invested in War Savings' Certificates by the 51st Welsh Regt. Is this a record?

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MR. WEEDON GROSSMITH.

Mr. Weedon Grossmith, who has been seriously ill at a nursing home in Manchester-street, has returned to his home. His condition showed no improvement on Thursday night.

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CHURCH IN WALES.

PROPOSED NEW PROVINCE.

A proposal for the creation of a new Province of Wales came before a special meeting of the governing body of the Church in Wales at Llandrindod Wells, and a letter was read from the Archbishop of Canterbury, who expressed himself in favour of such a step if, unhappily, Welsh Disestablishment was, as now semed to be the case, to be regarded as a *fait accompli*. A resolution in favour of the proposal was carried with one dissentient.

DANGER OF CONFUSION.

The Bishop of St. Asaph, who presided, said he had received a letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury in response to a Welsh Province. The Archbishop wrote testifying to the value of the presence of the bishops of the Welsh diocese in Convocation, and proceeded:

"If, as seems now to be the case, the disestablishment of the four dioceses must unhappily be regarded as a *fait accompli*, to take effect after the war, we have to consider what ought in future to be the position of your four dioceses. I have taken counsel on the subject with most of our English bishops, as well as with all the Welsh bishops, and I am prepared to say that I have the support of, at the very least, the great majority of them in expressing my deliberate opinion that it will conduce to the happy and orderly working of the whole Church in England and Wales if, by our own joint action, a separate province be formed for Wales. Indeed I cannot help fearing that unless this be done there is some danger of confusion, and even chaos, in the arrangements for the future. We shall hope in eveny possible way to retain the close friendship in thought and action wh ch has subsisted between the bishops in the English and Welsh dioceses, but constitutionally the formation of a new province will, as I believe, be essential to the orderliness and smoothness of working."

Chancellor Joyce Lampeter moved that the governing body should respectfully request the president to invite the Archbishop of Canterbury so take such steps as might be necessary to constitute the four dioceses of Wales into an Ecclesiastical Province.

The resolution was supported by the Bishop of Llandaff, of St. Davids, and St. Asaph, and was adopted.

On the proposition of Lord Justice Atkin the matter was referred to the constitutional committee to deal with.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mr. W. M. Hughes, the Prime Minister of Australia, accompanied by his private secretary, Mr. P. Deane, arrived in London from Paris by aeroplane.

Mr. J. B. Hyslop, chief usher at Greenwich Police Court, retires under the age limit in July. He will be succeeded by Mr. Sayce, usher at Old-street. Mr. Peter Weir, usher at Greenwich, is promoted to the position of chief usher at Bow-street in succession to Mr. Way, who retires under the age limit.

In place of Bishop King, who has been called home for other work, the Ven. George Kestell Kestell-Cornish, M.A., Archdeacon of Madagascar, has been appointed Anglican Bishop of Madagascar.

Because his mother pinched his arm rather hard, R. E. Pearson, of 64, Lettroad, Stratford, E., who had been dumb for 14 months, called out "Oh, don't," and can now speak quite clearly.

Closed for purposes of economy since March 1916, Bethnal Green Museum was reopened to the public yesterday.

Haymaking has begun in Essex.

Of 37 charges at Devon Assizes 22 are bigamy cases.

"Flannel Dances" are being held at Highgate every Saturday.

Dr. George Wilks, of Ashford, one of the best-known medical practitioners in Kent, died on Thursday.

Sir Charles Hanson, M.P., who was knocked down by a motor-lorry in London last week, is recovering.

Marriages in Hungary this spring were four times as numerous as during the corresponding months of last year.

Surplus Government property of the value of £107,000,000 has so far been sold by the Disposal Board.

Old St. Pancras Church (Pancras-road), erected in 1350, and formerly on the left bank of the Fleet, is to be restored at a cost of £3,000.

Eustace Ridley Lane, solicitor, of Kettering, was sentenced at Northamptonshire Assizes yesterday to three years' penal servitude for fraudulently converting clients' money to his own use. There were four indictments, and the total sum concerned was £1,120.

Falling from a tree over the high Wye Valley cliffs at Tintern, Harry Roy McBride, 14, was killed.

In connection with Hurst Park races on Monday the Kingston Police netted £60 in fines for illegal gaming.

The Bishop of Winchester has dedicated a memorial chapel at Ranmore Church to the memory of the three sons of Lord Ashcombe who were killed in the war.

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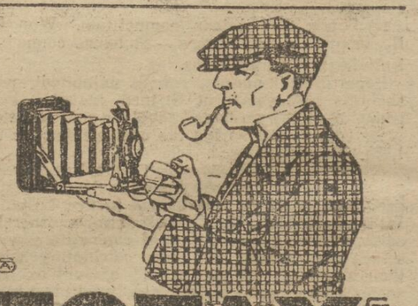

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REPLY TO COUNTER-PROPOSALS.

ARMISTICE TO TERMINATE THIS WEEK.

GOVERNMENT MEETS AT WEIMAR.

GERMANY'S OBSERVATION ON THE PEACE TERMS.

ALLIES ULTIMATUM.

A summary of Germany's observations on the Peace Treaty was issued on Sunday. It should be clearly understood that the German delegation alone is responsible for the facts which it cites. Many of these are disputable if not absolutely mis-stated. The following are the chief points taken from the summary:

Germany states that as the basis of peace she expressly accepted Wilson's fourteen points and nothing else. Alleged contradictions between the draft treaty and this basis are pointed out and then follow the German proposals.

Germany agrees to the basic idea of reduction of armaments, but requires a period of transition.

Germany will surrender not only her surface warships but all ships of the line. Oral negotiations are proposed to settle the details.

The terms regarding Luxemburg are declared to be one-sided and inadmissible.

Regarding the Saar district Germany asserts that she cannot even admit to discussion of the question of the mining district.

Germany admits that injustice was done in Alsace in 1871 but, instead of complete restoration, requires that a vote be taken allowing Alsace and Lorraine a choice between union with France, union with Germany, or remaining as a free state with complete independence.

As concerns her Colonies the German delegates maintain that the seizure contradicts the fourteen points, and although such seizure was justified, demands their restoration. Germany expresses her readiness to administer them according to the principles of the League of Nations if she can enter the League at once with equal rights and privileges.

Germany accepts the obligation to pay damages to the civilian population in occupied Belgium and France, but is opposed to payment of reparation to other occupied territories.

Germany agrees to issue, a week after the peace is signed, bonds for twenty billion marks in gold payable without interest, beginning on May 1st 1927, the total not to exceed one hundred billion marks, including all concessions.

Germany refuses ton for ton replacement of shipping, but will construct an even greater tonnage and over longer period than stipulated

Surrender of the fishing fleet is refused, also the whole of the merchant over-sea fleet.

Germany agrees to export coal to France of a maximum of twenty million tons for the first five years and five million tons annually thereafter, but she asks permission to expedite the reconstruction of the French mines.

Germany insists on immediate admission to the League of nations and the mutual benefit of the most favored Nation treatment for a term of years as well as full freedom as to tariffs for all nations.

She cannot admit of Germans being placed before a foreign tribunal, but is prepared to see that all violations of international law are punshed with full severity. She suggests an international tribunal of neutrals, in the formation of which she will have a share.

Germany demands that territory occupied under the armistice be evacuated not later than six months after the signing of peace.

THE ALLIES' REJOINDER.

The Allies' reply to the German counter-proposals was presented to Count Brockdorff-Rantzau on Monday afternoon.

The document includes a notice conditionally denouncing the armistice and giving Germany five days in which to sign the treaty as revised.

Failing compliance, Saturday next will see a resumption of hostilities.

The following is a brief summary of the terms of the reply.

War criminals. The Allies cannot permit those who planned the war and committed barbarities being tried by their own accomplices. The trial of the ex-Kaiser by an Allied tribunal would represent the deliberate judgment of the greater part of the civilised world. He is arraigned as a matter of high international policy.

League of Nations. The Allies see no reasons, provided the acts of Germany give promise of fulfilling the necessary conditions, why Germany should not become a member at an early date.

Saar valley. The Allies stand by the decision as laid down in the treaty.

Alsace and Lorraine. The Allies cannot accept a plebiscite for these provinces.

Eastern frontier. Some changes in detail have been made to eliminate any possible injustice. In particular the historical frontier between Pomerania and Western Prussia has been respected, and no part of Germany outside the former Kingdom of Poland is included in restored Poland. East Prussia is not original German land. Dantzig is to be a free city. A plebescite under Allies control will be taken in upper Silesia.

Colonies. The loss of the German colonies need not hinder her normal development.

Reduction of Army. Germany will be allowed to reduce her army more gradually than at present stipulated.

Reparation. The Allies welcome the proposal for a German Commission to co-operate with the Entente commission, and to submit proposals. Any such proposals to be submitted within four months. Within two months later the Allies will reply to any proposals made.

Commercial facilities. These will be granted to Germany.

Meanwhile the draft treaty must be accepted as definit and it must be signed.

The covering letter presented with the Allies reply to the German note forms a reasoned defence of the terms as now finally presented:

The concluding portion of the letter states "The Allied and Associated Powers must make it clear that this letter and the memorandum attached constitute their last word. They have examined the German observations and counter-proposals and have in consequence made important modifications in the draft of the treaty, but in its fundamental outlines they stand by the treaty. It represents a sincere and deliberate attempt to establish a reign of law based upon consent of the governed and sustained by the organised opinion of mankind, which was the agreed basis of peace.

As such the treaty in its present form must be accepted or rejected.

The Allied and Associated Powers therefore require a declaration from the German delegation within five days that they are prepared to sign the treaty as now amended. If they declare within that period that they are prepared to sign arrangements will be made for the immediate signature of peace at Versailles. In default of such declaration this communication constitutes the notification provided for by the convention of February 1919, prolonging the armistice signed on November 11th 1918. The said armistice will at once terminate and the Allies will take such steps as they think needful to enforce the terms

GERMAN GOVERNMENT DISAPPOINTED.

A telegram from Weimar states that the expectations of the German Goverment are not fulfilled in the least. The contents and the tone of the Allies' reply is not at all in accordance with what was considered as possible. The final decision cannot be taken before the arrival of Count Brockdorff-Rantzau, who was due last night. The decisive cabinet sitting will take place this (Wednesday) morning.

Count Brockdorff-Rantzau and his suite passed through Cologne yesterday at 11.30 a. m.

SIGNATURE—5 TO 3 ON (T AND O)

In Paris the belief is daily growing stronger that the Germans will sign the treaty. Optimism is such that wagers of three to two and five to three are being made that peace will be signed next week. It is thought, however, that Brockdorff-Rantzau will decline to accept personal responsibility for signing, but that he will request the Weimar Government to pass a resolution directing signature.

Mr. Lloyd George has decided not to return to England this week. He left last night for Verdun to revisit the scenes of the fighting. He is expected back at Paris to-morrow.

THE CAMPAIGN IN NORTH RUSSIA.

RELIEF ALMOST COMPLETE.

The *Times* correspondent, telegraphing from Archangel, states that before July opens all our old troops will have been relieved by new troops, who will then be in a position to co-operate with the loyal Russian army. Bolshevism in North Russia may be dealt a blow which may determine its existence. The intention is to evacuate the country as soon as Koltchak is able to hold his own, but we cannot recede without being satisfied that our opponents are unable to follow. General Ironside, by means of propaganda and discriminate selection, has collected roughly 23,000 Russians under his command. It should therefore be possible for him not only to evacuate his troops but to relinquish Archangel as a base.

FOOD RELIEF TO POLAND WITHHELD.

Copenhagen.—The railway authorities at Dahzig have stopped the transport of American Relief Food Supplies to Poland in consequence of the Poles not keeping to the agreement for the return of the railway wagons which carry the supplies.

ITALY OCCUPIES STRATEGIC RAILWAY.

Rome.—Following on an agreement among the Allies the Italian Government has ordered the occupation of the railway between Villach and Saint Veit on the right bank of the Drave and of St. Ratigiz, a town of strategic importance on the frontier.

FIUME CREATES ITS OWN ARMY.

Rome.—According to the *Agenzia Nationale* the National Council at Fiume has promulgated a law creating a national army for which the sum of one hundred million lire has been voted. The new army already consists of 40,000 men.

MARSHAL JOFFRE FOR ENGLAND.

Marshal Joffre leaves Paris for England on June 23 to take the honorary degree of D.C.L. at Oxford on June 25. His last visit to England was in 1916, when he was still Commander-in-Chief of the French Armies.

SERIOUS CANADIAN RIOT AT WITLEY CAMP.

TOWN SET ON FIRE.

Rioting took place among Canadian troops at Witley Camp, Surrey, late on Saturday night. The trouble grew from a small disturbance in one part of the camp until at 10 p.m. 3,000 men were out of control. Great damage was done to Government and civilian property. The garrison theatre, a Salvation Army hut, a local branch bank, and 15 small shops were destroyed by fire.

As in the case of the Strand riot, the game of Crown and Anchor, a popular but forbidden form of Army gambling, was the immediate, though not the principal, cause of the riot. The camp has a floating strength of 10,000 Canadian troops awaiting demobilization. The labour trouble at Liverpool temporarily stopped demobilization. This created a bitter feeling among the men, and also caused the camp to be uncomfortably overcrowded.

On Saturday morning several men were arrested for playing Crown and Anchor. At 8 p.m., when the social side of camp life was in full swing, some aggrieved men held an indignation meeting in regard to the arrests. Some one shouted, "Let's get them out of 'clink'." This shout was taken up all round.

PRISONERS RELEASED.

The original band, now largely reinforced, overpowered the guard and the prisoners were freed. From there, the mob, gaining in strength every minute, proceeded from guard-room to guard-room until all the prisoners in the camp had been liberated. The camp pickets were turned out and all available officers summoned, but this had little effect.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

OWING TO THURSDAY being a general holiday THERE WILL BE NO ISSUE OF THE COLOGNE POST ON FRIDAY NEXT JUNE 19.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

As soon as the disturbances were ended by persuasion in one part of the camp they broke out in another. At 10 p.m. the rioters, now numbering 3,000, collected outside Tin Town, the part of the camp on the main road from Witley to Godalming, where are such Army institutions as the Garrison Theatre, the Y.M.C.A. and Salvation Army huts and a few shops.

A fancy goods shop was first wrecked. The men broke in through the windows, scattered the contents of the shop on the road, and then set fire to them. All Tin Town, built of corrugated iron on wood frames, was soon in flames. The blazing articles from the fancy goods shop were thrown into the Garrison Theatre, and the stage and scenery caught fire. The fire brigades from Godalming and Guildford were called by telephone and the local camp fire brigade turned out, but owing to lack of water, little headway could be made.

The big blaze appeared to calm the rioters. Once the fire had started they made frantic efforts to put it out. Some men, with a shot from a rifle, blew the lock from the door of a garage near the theatre, and many gave a hand in pushing six motor-cars out of the garage and down the road to safety. By three o'clock yesterday morning the fire was well in hand and the camp quiet.

PRISONER EARNS REMISSION.

Soldiers who had been released from the guard-rooms took part in putting out the fire. One did such excellent work that an officer who saw it has recommended him for remission of sentence. Nearly all the men set free reported themselves voluntarily yesterday.

The military authorities are taking steps to deal with the ringleaders.

Yesterday General Sir E. Turner addressed the men in the camp. He said they were all anxious to go back to Canada, but they must exercise a little patience. There was sufficient shipping to take them all back in a fortnight, but other things had to be considered. Strikes at Southampton had held up shipping, and this, the authorities could not help.

To go round the camp and see the destruction which had taken place was almost heartbreaking. Around him were men who had won fame in France, but disgrace was being brought on the name of Canada by the conduct of a few among them.

The rioting was renewed last night although it was less serious than on the previous evening. A conflict took place between the rioters and an armed guard. A number of men were injured and taken in ambulances to Bramshott hospital.

LAUNCHING THE GREAT JOY LOAN.

FACTS—NOT TREATIES.

The great "Joy Loan" campaign was launched at the Guildhall, London, yesterday, when a monster meeting was addressed by Mr. Austin Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Bonar Law, Leader of the House of Commons, representing the Prime Minister, who was unavoidably detained in Paris.

In his speech Mr. Bonar Law said that the lesson to be drawn from the events of the last five years was that we must make sure of the reward for our sacrifices. There is too much inclination in Paris and elsewhere, he said, to think and act as if the war were all over. We must be on our guard. There is not much change of heart in Germany. There is a different Government in Germany to-day, but it is a change of Government which did not come without compulsion from inside. What guarantee have we, if pressure is removed, that there will not be a return to the former Government which has been the scourge of the world? Therefore unless we are to lose the very object for which we entered the war there must be a just peace. A just peace must be a stern peace: a peace which makes sure, not by words and treaties but by facts, that the crime which was committed five years ago can never again be committed in the world.

"DRUMMED OUT" OF HER HOME.

VILLAGE VENGEANCE.

The military authorities have opened an enquiry at Standon, Herts, into the events leading up to the "tin kettling" of a woman and her family. It had been ascertained by the villagers that she had been on friendly terms with a German prisoner in the lower parts of the house while her husband, a discharged soldier and an invalid, was ill in bed upstairs. On discovering this, the villagers made a demonstration outside her house by beating pots and pans, pails, kettles,—a vindictive jazz band in front. As the result of this "drumming" the family left the village. The result of the investigation will probably determine what action the police take regarding the woman.

SOCIETY DIVORCE CASES PENDING.

Amongst the matrimonial suits down for hearing during the sittings which recommence to-day is one by the Duchess of Westminster, who is petitioning for a divorce from the Duke of Westminster. The Marchioness of Conyngham has entered a suit for restitution of conjugal rights against the Marquis of Conyngham; Baroness Kenyon is bringing a similar action against Baron Kenyon; Lady Clifton is suing for divorce against Lord Clifton, and Miss Madge Titheradge, the actress, is asking for a *decree nisi* against her husband, Mr. Charles George Quartermaine.

S.L.I. COLONEL'S REGIMENTAL BEQUESTS.

Lieut.-Col. Hugh Carey Dickinson, Somerset Light Infantry, Kingwestern, Taunton, died December 18, in East Africa, whose estate has just been proved at twenty thousand pounds, left £63 to buy three silver bugles for the 1st Somerset Light Infantry. He also directed that should he be killed in action or die from wounds in German East Africa, then he gave £100 to each officer commanding a company in the battalion on the day he was killed or fatally wounded, and £100 to the adjutant for the day.

ECHO OF CORNISH TRAGEDY.

Captain E. F. Wilton Schiff, of the Grey House, Carbis Bay, Cornwall, who died on March 24, left £ 5,404.

Capt. E. F. W. Schiff, was the officer who died from injuries received in a fight with the father of a young Cornish village girl. The father, a miner, was charged with manslaughter and acquitted. One of the witnesses at the trial was Miss Selina Moxon, who acted as Capt. Schiff's housekeeper at Carbis Bay. To her he has bequeathed all his property and estate, which has been admitted for Probate at £ 5,404.

WHY PEOPLE SWEAR.

Addressing the members of the Civic and Moral Education League on Saturday afternoon, Professor Gilbert Murray said that tobacco was a slight narcotic poison. The use of bad language he took to be due to the slight nervous convulsion momentarily destroying self-control and releasing sub-conscious interests which are normally suppressed.

FOOD MINISTRY ACTIVITIES.

A Government White Paper issued on Saturday gives a review of the activities of the Food Ministry for the year ending 31st March 1918, that period coinciding with the successful launching of the national system of rationing and the fixing of food prices. On the trading account there was a gross profit of 1,543,027 pounds sterling on the total turnover of 46,278,571 pounds sterling. Administrative expenses totalled 1,415,664 pounds sterling.

It is expected that the figures for the year ending 31st March last will show a large increase in the turnover. By the middle of 1918 eighty-five per cent. of the total food of the country was bought and sold according to Government prices.

Since the inauguration of the Board of Agriculture scheme for placing ex-officers on farms in various parts of the country to "try their luck," five hundred have been so placed, of which only three have left their farms.

HOW ALCOCK AND BROWN WON THROUGH.

SUPERB ACHIEVEMENT.

Breaking records all the way and all the time, the sixteen hours Atlantic passage of Capt. J. Alcock D.S.C., and Lieut. A. W. Brown stands out as a phenomenal performance. The marvellous skill of the navigator, who set so straight a course that he reached within ten miles of a pre-determined spot was matched by the intrepid daring and coolness of the pilot who safely snatched the Vickers Vimy-Rolls-Royce aeroplane from an inverted position only ten feet above the sea.

The world will acclaim the cool courage and flying skill of Alcock and the wonderful navigation of Brown, which alone could bring the machine to its landing on the west coast of Ireland after such a perilous passage of the trackless waste.

The landing was made in a bog close to the great Marconi wireless station at Clifden, in Galway. At this point the airmen were only 10 miles out of the course they had planned and some 60 miles from the town of Galway, where they had intended to alight. Lieut. Brown's first words were: "That's the best way to cross the Atlantic."

THE KING'S MESSAGE.

The King received the news as he was leaving church service at Windsor, and through General Sykes, Controller of Civil Aviation, he at once sent the following message of congratulation to Capt. Alcock and Lieut. Brown:—

"The King was delighted to receive your welcome announcement that Capt. Alcock and Lieut. Brown have safely landed in Ireland after their trans-Atlantic flight. His Majesty wishes you to communicate at once with these officers and to convey to them the King's warmest congratulations on the success of their splendid achievement."

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE.

Major Mayo, representing the Royal Aero Club, accompanied by the Irish correspondent of *The Daily Mail*, arrived in Galway by aeroplane from Dublin on Sunday evening and proceeded to Clifden by motor car.

Major Mayo inspected the Vickers "Vimy" machine and found the seals and marked parts in order. He also received a letter from the official starter at St. John's.

CAPT. ALCOCK'S STORY.

To the representative of the *Daily Mail* Capt. Alcock said:

"We have had a terrible journey.

"The wonder is we are here at all. We scarcely saw the sun or the moon or the stars. For hours we saw none of them. The fog was very dense, and at times we had to descend to within 300 feet of the sea.

"For four hours the machine was covered in a sheet of ice caused by frozen sleet; at another time the sleet was so dense that my speed indicator did not work, and for a few seconds it was very alarming.

We looped the loop, I do believe, and did a very steep spiral. We did some very comic "stunts" for I have had no sense of horizon.

"The winds were favourable all the way:

"We encountered no unforeseen conditions. We did not suffer from cold or exhaustion except when looking over the side; then the sleet chewed bits out of our faces. We drank coffee and ale and ate sandwiches and chocolate.

"The flight has shown that the Atlantic flight is practicable, but I think it should be done not with an aeroplane or seaplane, but with a flying boat. We had plenty of reserve fuel left, using only two thirds of our supply.

"The only thing that upset me was to see the machine at the end get damaged. From above, the bog looked like a lovely field, but the machine sank into it up to the axle and fell over on to her nose."

On landing Lieut. Brown said to Capt. Alcock: "What do you think of that for fancy navigating?"

"Very good," was the reply, and they both shook hands.

Certain other facts concerning the flight are well worth remembering.

Alcock and Brown eclipsed all the records made by Hawker and Grieve and by Commander Read.

The £10,000 prize given by the *Daily Mail* brings the aggregate amount given by our great contemporary in encouragement of aviation up to £33,970, of which £6,305 was awarded as consolations for gallant but unsuccessful attempts at stipulated tasks.

Two other prizes go to the winners: 2,000 guineas from Mr. Albert Levy, Ardath Tobacco Co., and £1,000 from Mr. Laurence R. Phillips, brother of Lord St. Davids, for the first British subjects to fly the Atlantic.

U.S. PLANS FOR TRANS-PACIFIC FLIGHT.

NewYork.—Mr. Joseph Daniels, Secretary to the Navy, has indicated that the Navy Department is considering plans for a trans-Pacific flight. The Navy Department announces that when the R.34 crosses the Atlantic it will land at Long Island, and that arrangements are being made whereby American crews will prepare the airship for its return journey.

INDEPENDENT AIR FORCE

Prince Albert attended the dinner of the Independent Air Force, of which he is a member. Major General Trenchard gave the following interesting statistics of the achievements of the Independent Force subsequent to its formation on 11th October 1917, his figures being additional to what had been done prior to that date by the Eighth Brigade, R.A.F., which was the nucleus of the Independent Force.

The latter dropped over 12,000 bombs, totalling 553 tons, in the course of 205 day and 373 night raids. Of these raids 325 were over fifty miles, 142 over a hundred, 70 over one hundred and fifty, and nine of 200. He said it was intended that eventually the Air Force should be controlled by Air Force officers taught from the earliest age in the Air Force Colleges. He was of opinion that officers would be able to live on their pay in the new Air Force. As soon as circumstances permitted permanent stations would be established.

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Addresses by
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WATERLOO.

The 18th of June 1815 is one of the memorable days of English history. It was then that Wellington won victory over Napoleon Bonaparte and delivered our country from the fear of military despotism.

Students of history have a way of selecting particular battles and labelling them "decisive." It is many years since Creasy, for example, declared that there are fifteen battles that merit this prominence. One may quarrel with all who are too dogmatic in their historical generalizations, and within some limits battle-lists may vary considerably; but it is undoubted that there are some campaigns which have altered the world's story in a manner that other and more picturesque campaigns have failed to do. The battle of Hastings in 1066, the failure of the Armada in 1588, the victory of Marlborough at Blenheim in 1704 — these have been decisive in our annals. And Waterloo is admitted by all to a place amongst the great battles. No man of any vision can fail to see that in 1815 England was on its trial — and she was not found wanting.

We need not pause to go over once more the great campaign of the Hundred Days, though it will always be interesting to recall the personalities and the tactics of those memorable times. There was Wellington with his "countenance strongly patrician, and an appearance remarkable and distinguished, with something penetrating in his clear light eye;" there was "the Little Corporal," the greatest military genius of the modern world, restless, daring, romantic; there was Blücher, the impetuous cavalry officer who loved to cry *Forward;* and there was Gneisenau, the strategist who knew all that military science could teach. The feats of the British infantry, formed into squares and "rooted to the earth," and the gallantry of Marshal Ney and his cavalry are immortal. Bonaparte's tactics were magnificent, but he failed when all seemed in his favour. Yes, Waterloo was a famous victory.

No one who has read the story of the Napoleonic war can forget how England was stirred to its very soul by the spectre of a menacing dominion. In Lockhart's *Life of Sir Walter Scott* we see how even in the north of Britain invasion of our coasts was regarded as imminent and every precaution was taken that patriotism could devise. Those were the days of "volunteers" who pictured the coming of the hated French, and vowed that never should they land on our country's soil. Yet what a difference from the campaign that is almost over! Wellington had not more than about 67,000 men, and Napoleon's soldiers numbered only five thousand more. Such numbers tempt us to belittle the significance of a world-stirring battle, for they seem feeble and mean in the light of Ypres and the Somme.

Yet there is a comparison between 1815 and 1914. In each year there has been a deliberate bid for world dominion; in each case there has been reliance on the "big battalion"; in each century there has been a betrayal of Right in favour of Might. Napoleon Bonaparte failed, and Kaiser Wilhelm has failed. Providence has not favoured the enterprise of domination. In the ancient world empire after empire rose, declined, and fell, until the mind of man could build up a theory of dominion's evolution and decay. Providence may be as nothing to the being who is content with materialism, it may be ignored or scoffed at; but there is some guiding Fate in this world which so arranges the destinies of men and nations that the people who rely on the sword shall perish by the sword.

War has come to an end. It is good to pay heed to its lesson. If our Empire is diverted from the path of liberty and righteousness, then our empire will totter and fall. We need not imagine that ancient tradition and indomitable bravery will save us if we are lured to the gospel of hate and materialism. Peace and good-will have glorified the pages of our island story, and as a people we do not love dominion over our fellows. Never in our history have we bred a Napoleon or a Wilhelm, and not even in victory shall we tempt the Fate that frowns upon the arrogant.

GERMANY AND WAR INDEMNITIES.

Now that the Germans are raising so much outcry about the impossibility of paying the war indemnities exacted by the Allies, it is instructive to turn up past records of claims adduced by the Germans themselves in case they won the war. This is all the more instructive as the Germans are apt to assert, (1) that the terms imposed upon them are impossible and (2) that never, never would they have dreamed of imposing such terms upon their foes.

So that it is all the more interesting to read a scheme of terms to be imposed on the Allies which was drawn up on Sept. 2, 1914. It ran as follows:

"The capacity to pay, of each of our adversaries must not be taken as the only standard for the amount of the indemnity to be exacted. To the main and immediate payments must be added tributes to extend over a long term of years. The money saved on their armies and navies will enable the vanquished to pay heavy indemnities to Germany over an extended period. In estimating the amount of these indemnities we must take into considertaion the following necessities.

(1) The payment of all damage caused by the war, especially in E. Prussia, which can only be estimated approximately.

The payment of all our State debts, more than 80% of which are due to expenditure on our army, fleet and colonial enterprises: by this means we shall accumulate a reserve in our Treasury of 250 millions, to be employed in the relief of taxation and in the development of industry.

(3) The creation of a pension fund of 5,000 millions.

(4) The creation of a fund for new cables, new wireless stations, and of an imperial fund for rewarding victorious generals."

Of course it will be protested that Erzberger and the Majority Socialists have altered their views on their own Peace terms considerably since September 1914. Nevertheless—*litera scripta manit.* Those who enunciated such views must not complain now that the tables are turned.

Germany had ample money for making war not only on her adversaries but also on neutrals. Even now she has vast assets. Her territories are intact, whilst those of Belgium and France are devastated. Her factories continue working, whilst those of the invaded territories are ruined. Nevertheless, she insists, in face of the treaty with its just indemnities, on her poverty, misery and ruin.

THE QUESTION OF TONGUES.
(VII)
BY WILLIAM R. PATTERSON
F.R.G.S., M.R.A.S., etc.

We have read much recently in *The Cologne Post* with reference to the subject of an international language. I believe it to be inadvisable that we should concern ourselves for a long time yet with such a problem, especially those of us who trade with foreign lands, for we are, I presume, first and foremost a business nation.

We must acquire as good a knowledge as possible of the language of the land whence comes our raw material and to which we export our manufactured goods, for the reason that we have no time to lose if we are to compete with other nations.

That an international tongue might be adopted by the world would need that it be taught in all schools in every land. I hardly think that scientists or politicians or artists or writers will ever advocate the adoption of such a medium of intercommunication because those of them who have most intercourse with other countries are usually well-educated men and therefore possess already a good knowledge of one or more foreign idioms. Speaking of the British, I suggest that they would be the last to agree to such a proposition.

For my own part I prefer that the progress of our land should be slow and sure rather than that Great Britain should become an example of the maxim "more haste, less speed." I believe that our greatness is due to an appreciation of this condition. In war, our enemies have, in their reasonable moments, said of us that we are "slow in most things." Let us also be slow, then, in the adoption of an international tongue for many years to come. Indeed, the present generation ought not to concern itself with the idea, if it will continue the constructive work of our forebears. We must learn either French, German, Spanish, or Russian, or even two of these important idioms if we are to cope with the rivalry in trade that is already making itself manifest. Those who learn languages are the pioneers of Britain's trade. The choice of another language depends upon the trade in which one is engaged. Each trader, each merchant, each traveller, each representative,—all must use their own discretion they themselves should know best which tongue would prove most useful.

ANSWERS TO LANGUAGE QUERIES.

Capt. A. Campbell. — Yours is a difficult question to answer. In the south of the country you may find mostly the Persian tongue. In the north you will find Greek, Turkish and Armenian. In certain spots you will find a bastard Arabic. For the purpose you need, I strongly advise you to study modern Greek and Persian. Messrs. Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner and Co. will send you any book on almost any language by return. Their address is 63—74 Carter Lane, London E.C. 4.

Sig. S.A.V. Hawkins. — Yes, by all means, continue with Russian. But why not spend some time also over French and German, by way of practice. If you are ambitious you will find time to do this. Note that some Civil Service aspirants have often a dozen subjects to study.

A.K. (Cologne). — (1) In your case, certainly concentrate on Spanish. (2) Yes, Portuguese would be necessary for Brazil. (3) The firm is Messrs. Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner and Co. 68—74 Carter Lane, London E.C. 4.

"BY FAIRY FICTION DRESS."

"Do you believe in fairies? If you do clap your hands as loudly as ever you can."

Nobody who has been to the immortal "Peter Pan" will ever forget those words and the perfect storm of clapping that followed them. Big hands, little hands, fat hands—all going fast and furious to restore poor Tinker-Bell to health. I remember, when I saw the play at the Duke of York's Theatre in London, thinking how splendid it was that all those "grown-ups" believed in fairies. And now—I have my doubts. I don't think that fat man in the box there really cared very much about fairies; he did not look the sort of man who would, somehow. He was large and florid and his little boy was pasty faced and full of ice cream and chocolates and he was only clapping to get the stickiness off his hands; I am sure of it.

But the little girl in the front row of the stalls—she was a fairy-worshipper, if ever there was one. She was quite small and had a neat round head and a pretty little face. Her dark hair fell straightly down her back and a band of brown ribbon ran across her forehead. You know the sort of little girl I mean—like Shepperson draws in "Punch." I never saw her standing up but I feel sure she had long thin legs, in black stockings, and small feet with a little silver buckle on each black shoe.

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How she clapped! To watch her you might think that the fate of Empires hung on the amount of applause she gave. Her whole being, her very soul, went into each clap. Her face was a study. Eyes wide with excitement, mouth slightly open and her breath coming in quick short gasps. Anxiety for the fairy so near death was expressed in every blink of those long-lashed eyes, every backward toss of that trim little head.

And her look of complete radiant joy when the victory was won, would have been reward enough for Sir James Barrie, had he been watching her.

Yes, that theatre is witness to many thousands of love for and belief in fairies, and yet I don't suppose anybody will answer "yes" if you ask them, "Do you believe in fairies"?

Only children are supposed to believe in them, and some of the present day children don't believe at all.

Have you ever sat down in a wood carpeted with bluebells, with the sun breaking through the trees overhead? Have you ever stood under a pergola in a rose-garden, on a quiet summer evening? Have you ever sat inside a big old-fashioned fire place, with the wind outside, and the wood fire crackling away on the iron "dogs," and watched the flames dance up the side of the blackened brick chimney?

Haven't you seen those bluebells nod their heads to you and heard one rose whisper softly to another "I love you," or seen that little brown devil, just where the flame turns into smoke? Aren't those fairies?

Perhaps they are, perhaps not. There is *something* odd about them don't you think so?

J.E.B.

THE C.O. AND THE SUB.

A C.O., who rather fancies himself with the revolver, was practicing last week in the neighbourhood of Solingen, when one of his subs. was inclined to make very commendatory remarks about his fine shooting. On getting a perfectly central hit on the 1st. class miniature target, the Sub., exclaimed, "Well done, Sir, you could not have done better although you had tried."

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.— May I be allowed a few lines of your excellent paper to reply to one who signs himself "A Volunteer of 1914," on the subject of Germany and the "League of Nations." To say I read with disgust his outburst against Germany entering the League would be to put it mildly and I believe I am right in saying that the vast majority of those who have served or are still doing so, will endorese my view. We were led to believe that we fought the war to crush military domination and establish freedom and government according to the wish of the peoples. If your correspondent thinks any good can come of keeping the German people under the heel he is mistaken. Having killed the power of militarism would it not be better to support the German people now against the reactionary bodies seeking to re-establish militarism in Germany? By keeping the people down and out we shall inevitably drive them back against their wishes into the toils of the militarist party. War will never be done away with by trying to keep a nation in subjection. Let your correspondent draw his line between the German people and and German militarist party and I will be with him. Keep out the militarist certainly but unless we unite with the people of all nations, both enemy and friendly, in doing so we shall fail in our object. If war is to be prevented in the future it must be by the co-operation of the peoples and not boycott of one country by another. The splendid lads we have lost died freely to establish freedom and free civilization from the curse of war. Let us then have a clean, peoples Peace and not betray our honoured dead by preparing for a deadlier conflict a generation hence.

E.E.R.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.— In to-day's issue of *The Cologne Post* I noticed a letter from a "Volunteer of 1914," re Germany and the League of Nations," on which I should like to comment. To my way of thinking, your correspondent does not take a right view of the case. Our comrades have sacrificed their lives in this war to crush militarism, and all its attendant evils for ever and if we were to do as he suggests we should only be carrying the spirit of hatred against one nation by another, which is an outstanding feature of militarism, to a useless end. Make Germany pay the penalty of her crime against civilisation by all means, but do not let us foster the same spirit that inspired the author of the "Hymn of Hate," or we shall only be sowing the seeds of future strife, and then our comrades blood will have been shed in vain.

"SAPPER."

RATES OF EXCHANGE.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Dear Sir.— With reference to the letter concerning the military and civil rates of exchange, from "D" published in your issue of the 13th instant, I would like to draw the attention of "D" to one or two points, which it would appear, have not occurred to him.

With the majority of soldiers in the Army of the Rhine, when they have occasion to change money, it is usually a case of changing marks into sterling, and, as your correspondent states, they have to pay 61.50 marks (at present) for each pound sterling.

Now supposing that we had the civilian rate, according to "D", £1 equals 68.00 marks, then the soldier would have to pay an extra 6.50 marks for each pound he wished to purchase.

Again, as each soldier's account at the various fixed centre pay offices is debited with his payments, converted into sterling at the rate of exchange in force at the time of the payment, I cannot see exactly what difference it would make whether the equivalent value in marks of the £1 sterling is fixed at 61.50 marks, or 68.00 marks.

In any case we cannot have the benefit of the rate of exchange both ways.

H. S. PEACOCK.

EGOTISTICAL ENTERTAINERS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—Speaking for a unit, one of many in this division, situated miles away from anywhere in a country village, may I point out that some concert parties, having rightly or wrongly in their own opinion reached such a pitch of excellence, are not content with performing to such as to us, and are becoming more and more inclined to cater for larger audiences in larger places, e.g., Cologne, instead of being content with smaller audiences in out of the way places. Every unit cannot furnish them with grand concert halls, complete with all the latest shades of light and diversities of colour.

A certain well-known concert party left this village in a huff the other day after their first performance (two being previously arranged for). The reasons given were they did not consider their reception (the very best I can swear we could manage) good enough. In fact I may say their brusqueness still smarts as we enjoyed their first performance immensely.

A FIELD GUNNER.

CANTEEN REFORMS.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,—You will be doing great service to the troops on the Rhine, if you can rouse the responsible authorities to the crying need for reforms in the sales department of the Expeditionary Force Canteen. There is a serious shortage of all necessary comforts, especially cigarettes, tinned-fruits, summer drinks, etc. and the supplies issued to Divisional canteens are absurdly inadequate to the needs of the men. The Sports Department is badly equipped and such items as cricket bats and balls, tennis balls and rackets are unobtainable. Those who urgently require these things are obliged to go to German shops and pay inflated prices for inferior articles. Tennis balls at 14 marks 50 each is an example. I would suggest that it is time that units, through their division, should be allowed an opportunity of controlling the great shopping interests of their men.

E.G.

BEST INTELLECTUAL GAME.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir.— The men of the Rhine Army have at the present time a splendid opportunity for learning more about that best of all intellectual games—Chess. Why not devote half a column to Chess say once a week through which games, tournaments, and problems could be arranged. I am sure it would be appreciated by many. L.A.

(We would be glad to have the views of other readers. Ed.)

DATE OF PEACE.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post.*

Sir,— In a very amusing article which recently appeared in *The Cologne Post*, the probable date for the signing of "Peace" was given as 1936.

I protest against this fatuous optimism.

A.G. VERE.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Wednesday	6	Der Waffenschmied von Worms	Lortzing
Thursday	4½	Lohengrin	Wagner
Friday	6	Das Glöckchen des Eremiten	Maillart
Saturday	6	Madame Butterfly	Puccini
Sunday	5½	Aïda	Verdi
Monday	6	Tales of Hoffmann	Offenbach
Tuesday	6	Rigoletto	Verdi

53rd GORDONS.

SUCCESSFUL SPORTS AT MERODE.

The encouragement given to sport in the Army of the Rhine is appreciated by none, more than by the young soldiers of the Highland Division, and the enthusiasm which characterizes their interest in athletics has been manifested recently at numerous sports meetings within the divisional area. Further evidence of the fact was forthcoming on Saturday afternoon on the occasion of the regimental sports of the 53rd Battalion Gordon Highlanders held under happy auspices at Merode, near Duren. Amongst the visitors were: Lieut.-General Sir A. T. Godley, K.C.B., and Brig.-General A. B. Ritchie, C.B., C.M.G. In the course of the afternoon music was pleasingly discoursed by the brass, band of the 52nd Battalion Gordon Highlanders (by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. A. B. Robertson, C.M.G. D.S.O.), and by the pipe band of the 1/4th Battalion Gordon Highlanders (through the kindness of Lieut.-Col. P. W. Brown, C.M.G., D.S.O.)

The judges and officials were:—Lt.-Col. P. W. Brown; Lt.-Col. W. M. Stewart, D.S.O. (Highland Division); Lt.-Col. A. Craufurd (53rd Gordons), Major G. R. V. Hume-Gore, M.C.; Capt. S. K. Fraser, M.C.; Capt. A. Kelly, M.C.; Capt. W. K. Churchhouse, M.C.; Lieuts. W. Balleny and D. H. B. Smith; 2 Lieuts. D. W. Gordon and A. G. Fairrie; starter, Sgt. W. Anderson; Ring stewards Sgt. Brunton; clerks of course — Sgt. H. K. Ogden and Sgt. F. Gillespie. At the conclusion of the sports, the prizes which were of a valuable character, were presented by Brig.-General G. S. G. Craufurd, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

EVENTS AND PRIZE-WINNERS.

The following was the list of events and prizewinners:—

Guard mounting:—1, "A" Coy; 2, "D" Coy; 3, "B" Coy.

Half-Mile. (confined to Bn.):—1, 2nd Lieut. Cavers; 2, C.S.M. Dinwoodie; 3, Sgt. McCrone.

Long jump:—1, Sgt. Fenwick; 2, Sgt. Anderson; 3, Sgt. McInness.

Three-legged race:—1 Pte. Riley and L/Cpl. Brown; 2, Sgt. McInnes, Sgt. Fenwick; 3, Ptes. Annand and Dunbar.

100 yds. (confined to Bn.):—1, Pte. Wilkie; 2, Cpl. Mackay; 3, L Cpl. Brown.

1 Mile (open to Div.):—1, 2nd Lieut. Cavers; 2, Pte. Provan; 3, C.S.M. Dinwoodie.

Piping competition. (under 21).—open:—1, Piper Hay, 5th Cam. Hrs.; 2, Piper Munro, 4th Seaf. Hrs.; 3, Pipe Maj. Chalmers, 52nd Gor. Hrs.

High jump:—1, Sgt. Fenwick; 2, 2nd Lieut. Gordon; 3, L/Cpl. Mathieson.

Putting the shot:—1, 2nd Lieut. Gordon; 2, Sgt. Fenwick; 3, Sgt. McInness.

440 yards (open to Bn):—1, Sgt. Mann; 2, C.S.M. Dinwoodie; 3, Cpl. Mackay.

Mule race. (transport):—1, Pte. Sneddon.

Mule race. (officers):—1, 2nd Lt. Masson, 4th Seaf. Hrs.

100 yds. (open to Div.)—1, Capt. Grindell, 5th Cam. Hrs.; 2, 2nd Lieut. Gordon, 53rd G. H.; 3, Sgt. Anderson, 53rd G. H.

Pillow fighting:—1, Pte. Angus.

220 yds. (confined to Div.):—1, Pte. Wilkie. "B" Coy; 2, L Cpl. Brown. "D" Coy; 3, Pte. Annand. H.Q.

Hop step and leap:—1, Sgt. Fenwick. "B" Coy; 2, Sgt. Condie. H.Q.; 3, Sgt. Aderson. H.Q.

Piping. (open to young pipers of Bn.):—1, Piper Davidson; 2, Piper McArthur; 3, Piper Ogg.

Inter-Coy. relay race:—1, Headquarters; 2, "B" Company; 3, "D" Company.

Dancing. (Highland fling):—1, Pte. Cuthbertson. 4th Gor. Hrs.

Dancing. (Sword dance):—1, Pte. Cuthbertson. 4th Gor. Hrs.

Sack race:—1, L/Cpl. Stewart; 2, L/Cpl. High; 3, Pte. Sutherland.

Tug-of-war:—1, "A" Company; 2, Headquarters.

Relay race (open to Div.):—1, 5th Cameron Hrs.; 2, 53rd Gordons; 3, 51st Gordons.

Band race:—1, Pte. Boddie; 2, Pte. Stewart; 3, L Cpl. Morrison.

Ladies race:—2, Nurse Pulteney.

5.-a-side football:—1, "C" Company; 2, Headquarters.

Company championship:—1, "B" Coy; 2, Headquarters; 3, "A" Coy.

Div. championship:—1. L/Cpl. Brown. "D" Coy.

3rd. BATTN. M.G.C. CRICKET AT RIEHL.

A good game was witnessed when the Battalion team played "The Rest" of the Battalion. The former winning the toss, elected to put in their opponents first, and managed to dismiss them all for the poor total of 39. Eade took 5 wickets for 9 runs, and Falkingham 4 for 12, whilst they were ably assisted by L/Cpl. Wilkinson behind the stumps.

The Battalion team then went in to bat, and passed their opponents' total with only one wicket down. Four wickets were down for 70 — and the innings eventually realized 145 — Major Hodgson quickly knocking up 20 (including 4 fours) before the last wicket fell.

B. COY. v. C. COY.

These two companies met in the inter-coy. competition on Thursday afternoon. "B" Coy. won the toss and decided to bat. Owing chiefly to an excellent contribution of 32 (including 5 and 3 fours) by Major Hodgson, and a very useful 22 (not out) by Pte Greenhalgh, 87 runs were knocked up for 7 wickets. At this point "B" Coy. made a very sporting declaration, as stumps were to be drawn at 4.15, so "C" Coy. then went in, and after scoring 54 for 5 wickets, Lieut. Beaumont and Cpl. Connely collared the bowling, and advanced the total to 102 without further loss — thus terminating a very exciting and sporting match.

BILLIARD MATCH.

The visitors to the R.A.S.C. Bakeries Billiard Club (Kalk) in their latest match were the No. 1 Light Railway Signal Coy (Duren). At the close the scores were Bakeries 540; No. 1 Light Railway Signal Coy 456. Cpl. Handley and Cpl. Durnford, for the visitors, won their game for the home team. Cpl. Chamberlain and Pte. Hunsell, for the home team, also won their games.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

Excellent Progress Made In Various Leagues.

Excellent progress is now being made in the various "Cologne Post" Leagues, and the League Tables will be published at the end of the week. Some clubs are still in arrear with matches, due to various difficulties, but club Secretaries are showing a desire to get up to date, and there is every reason to anticipate that the bulk of the arrears will be wiped off in the near future. In the few cases where this will not be possible, opportunities will occur later in the season to play off the outstanding games.

MACHINE GUNNERS' EXCELLENT BATTING.

41st BN. M.G.C. (230) v. 3rd NORTHERN BDE. (99) at Heumar on Saturday. The former made a poor start, but thanks to some excellent batting by Major A. G. Barry (62), Lieut. T. E. Andrews (20), Dvr. Gorrard (48), and Lieut. M. J. Hanson (30 not out) the good score of 230 was reached. Lieut. Brown (5 wickets for 68), was the most successful bowler. The 3rd Northern Brigade, thanks to Col. Beaumont (19) and Pte. Ashworth (29), had 52 runs on the board before the second wicket fell, but the remainder, with the exception of Capt. Palethorpe (18), could do little against Dvr. Gorrard (6 wickets for 46), who kept a fine length, and were all out for 99.

ADVANCED SUPPLY DEPOT R.A.S.C. (129) v. FRENCH MORTAR BATTERY (35) at Eifel on Saturday. Batting first on a good wicket the Supply boys score had reached 129 when the last wicket fell. To this total the "Mortars" replied rather feebly, for against Captain Hinsley they collapsed, his swerve no doubt accounting for his many victims. The fielding on both sides was of a high standard, while the work of Sergt. Coombs behind the sticks left nothing to be desired. Captain Hinsley's analysis, — nine "Mortars" for 11 runs. For the winners the leading batsmen were Cpl. Stephens (22), S.S.M. Boutall (23), Capt. Hinsley (17), Pte. Taylor (13), Sergt. Hartley (13) and Sub. Lieut. Jones (11).

52nd BN. NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS (58) v. AMM. COLUMN R.H.A. (49) on the former's ground at Sulz on Saturday. The visitors batted first and were evidently handicapped by the state of the pitch, and their wickets fell very quickly. Lieut. Bower and Gnr. Whiddet, made a stand, however, and succeeded in raising the total to 49, before the former was caught out. The home team opened badly, but a brilliant last wicket stand was made. Well-earned applause was given when Sgt. Heap, and Pte. Goldie, who scored 18 and 15 respectively, succeeded in passing the visitors' total. For the Fusiliers, L C Wilsher took 7 wickets for 10 runs, and for the R.H.A. Saddler Price took 6 wickets for 23 runs.

MIDLAND DIV. M. T. DEPOT (96) v. "F" A. A. BATTERY (117) on Monday at Bruhl. For the winners, Lieut. D. J. Smith made 38, Gunner Chapman 16, and Gunner Ryder 14. Cpl. Oscroft scored 53 for the losers. Gunner Ryder and Saint both bowled well for the Gunners, taking 5 for 33, and 4 for 32 respectively.

93rd BRIGADE R.G.A. (116 for 2), v. 52nd BEDFORDS (58) at Kalk on Sunday. The Bedfords opened with 21 for the first wicket, but the total only reached 58. For the R.A. Major McLeod took 4 for 15, Sergt. Barker 3 for 11, and Gnr. Weight 3 for 21. Wright opened, for the 93rd, with Ellis, and was early caught with nine on the board, for 5. However, on Rushton joining Ellis the runs were obtained without further loss. Stumps were drawn with the score 116 for 2. (Bmdr. Ellis 61; Bmdr. Rushton 45 not out).

51st BN. R. SUSSEX R GT. (92) v. X. CORPS SIGNALS (41) at Altenrath on Saturday. The X. Corps Signals batted first and lost 8 of their wickets for 24 runs, but a useful innings of 14 by Mortimer brought the total up to 41 before the side were dismissed. Pte. Edden took 5 wickets for 17 runs. The 51st R. Sussex passed their opponents, total for the loss of 4 wickets and compiled a total of 92 (C.S.M. Wills 19). The visitors were entertained to tea after the game.

D/190 BRIGADE R.F.A. (105) v. VI CORPS HEADQUARTERS 86 at Lindenthal on Saturday. The homesters went in first, Gnr. Woodmansee batting well for 24. Captain Makinson made a good stand compiling 21 runs. For the winners Captain Fenn batted in fine style, making a score of 34 (not out). Lieut. Turner and Gnr. Barlow also batted well making a score of 13 each. S.S.M. Airey bowled well for the Corps taking 8 wickets for 40 runs, whilst Dvr. Bingham took 4 wickets for 32 runs for the visitors.

103rd FIELD AMBULANCE (51) v. 91st FIELD AMBULANCE (64) on Cölner Strasse, Bonn, on Saturday. For the winners Sergt. Laoand bowled in deadly fashion, capturing 7 wickets for 12 runs, and also scored 19 without being beaten

2nd CORPS H.Q. (64) v. 75th BDE. R.F.A. (75) at 2nd Corps H.Q.'s Ground on Saturday. For the former Pte. Needham scored 27, and for the latter Gunner Drake contributed 21, Driver Evans 19, and Bombdr. Griffiths (not out) 10. Mitchell, Drake and Durbar bowled well for the 75th, and Major Yates and Capt. Mitchell for the 2nd Corps.

In a friendly match at Lindenthal on Sunday between the 6th Corps and the 2nd Corps, the former ran up a total of 225 to 130 secured by the 2nd Corps. The chief scorers were:— 6th Corps, Lieut. Twenlow (46), Lieut.-Col. Montgomery (44), "Mr. Extras" (41), Lieut. Carter (36), Lieut. Arkwright (27), and Pte. Gracomelli (14). For the 2nd Corps:— Major Fargus (38), Lieut.-Col. Lamour (22), Major Yates (20) Q.M.S. Bowley (not out 16) and Pte. Needham (14).

BIG SCORING AT ALFTER.

53rd WELSH FUSILIERS 150 v. 4th SUFFOLK REGT. (152 for 6 wickets) at Alfter on Saturday. For the 53rd Welsh Capt. Price carried his bat for a well played 74 (not out). They had every reason to anticipate victory, but after the early fall of the first Suffolk wicket the second wicket made a good stand, contributing 118, putting the side well on the way to victory, which was obtained for the loss of 6 wickets. Lieut. Hoyland and Lieut. Kinley batted remarkably well for 64 and 59 respectively.

1/9 D.L.I. (93 for 8 wickets) v. 3rd. CAV. FIELD AMB. (31) at Riehl on Saturday. On a very poor pitch the Durhams batted very well. Cpl. Rand scored 19, Cpl. Gustard 16, Pte. Archer 16 (not out), and Lieut. Parson 16. For 3rd Field Amb. Pte. Lloyd scored 12. For the Durhams Cpl. Ramsden bowled very well indeed, taking 6 wickets for 12 runs. Cpl. Mourry took 4 wickets for 16 runs.

51st D.L.I. v. R.A.S.C., BAKERIES on the former's ground at Riehl on Thursday. The D.L.I. batted first and scored 74, Major Kirton (15) and 2nd Lieut. Colbeck (11) being best scorers. The Bakeries made a bid, but fell short by 20 runs. Staff Sergt. Stricknine making 25. For the D.L.I. L/Cpl. Kirk (6 for 16) and Pte. Powell (4 for 7) were the best bowlers. Cpl. Andrews for the visitors took 6 for 29.

51st BEDFORDS (46) v. 51st SUSSEX (56) at Hennef on Wednesday. 51st. R. Sussex batted first and were dismissed for 56, Lieut. Thomson 6 for 24. 51st Bedfords were very unfortunate in having two men run out by misunderstanding and failed to win, being dismissed for 46.

51st BUS. COY., (55) v. 51st D.L.I. (102) on the ground of the former at Klettenberg on Sunday For the visitors, Sergt. Pattinson (21), L/Cpl. Kirk (26 not out), Pte. Powell (19), were the chief scorers. The homesters best scorers were:— Pte. Garlick (12) and Pte. Gray (11). The D.L.I. bowlers were Major Kirton (5 for 25) and Pte. Powell (4 for 17).

A.S.C., M.T. (32) v. 180th LABOUR COY. (81) on the latter's ground on Saturday. For the Labour Coy., Pte. Smart scored 23, and Pte. Fennell 27 For 23rd Bde., Hynd took 5 wickets for 11 runs and for the Labour Coy., Smart took 6 wickets for 14 runs, including the hat trick, and Mair 4 for 11.

1/1st N.M. BTY. v. 3rd HUSSARS on Saturday at Gressenich. The North Midland's batted first and succeeded in compiling the respectable total of 168. Chief honours went to Lieut. Simonds who played a sound and forceful innings of 75 and to Cpl. P. W. Mayston who obtained 62 mainly by powerful strokes to leg side. The visitors, being all out for 20 runs, batted a second time against the other bowlers with slightly better success, but were all out for 33, in several cases no score being made, the N. Midlands winning by an innings and 112 runs.

Bowling average:—N.Mid's:—1st innings:—Bmdr McGuire 6 wickets for 7; Sergt. Simms 3 for 16. 2nd innings:—Cpl. Mayston 7 for 13. Lieut. Simonds 3 for 18.

75th BRIGADE, R.F.A. (75) v 2nd CORPS H.Q (64) on the latter's ground on Saturday. For the Gunners, Gnr. Drake made 21 and Dvr. Evans 15 The losers made 64, Pte. Needham playing a steady game and making 27 runs. For the winners Gnr. Drake took 3 wickets for 14 runs; Bdr. Mitchell 3 for 28, and Padre Doorbar 3 for 15 For the 2nd Corps H.Q., Major Yates took 5 for 58 and Captain McNeil, 5 for 19.

D/190 BDE. (105) v. VI CORPS H.Q. (86) on the Lindenthal ground. H.Q. batted first, Woodmassey compiling 24 before being caught. A stand was then made by Burton (13) and Makinson (21), the side being all out for 86. "D" commenced rather disastrously, six wickets falling, to S.M. Airey chiefly, for 36 runs. Owing to the steady play of Capt. Fenn, however, who scored 34 not out, and the desperate efforts of the "tail", of which Lieut. Turner and Bmdr. Barlow were the livelier portions, the opposing score was passed. S. M. Airy bowled very well for the losing side, taking 8 wickets. For the winners, Lieut Baines took 4 for 41, and Dvr. Bingham 4 for 30.

OTHER RESULTS.

3rd Battalion M.G.C.	72
D/190 Bde., R.F.A.	38
14th G.H.Q. M.T. Coy.	53
13th M.A.C.	41
13th King's Liverpool Rgt.	147
51st King's Liverpool Rgt	57
10th R. W. Kents (L/Cpl. Wratten 42)	96
4th Suffolk Rgt.	46
5th Border Rgt.	104
121st Heavy Battery R.G.A	64

In the match 31 Labour Group versus C/113. Bde R.F.A., the Battery won by 6 wickets.

(*A list of league matches for June 23rd appears on Page 4.*)

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Inter-Allied Golf Tournament.

An inter-Allied golf tournament will open on June 24 at La Boulie, near Versailles.

Eddie McGoorty.

A prominent Irish sportsman is prepared to back Eddie McGoorty against the winner of the Beckett-Goddard contest.

Demobbed Motor Cycles.

An auction sale of "demobilized" Government motor cycles and sidecars was held at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Friday.

The next Olympic Games.

We have good authority for stating (says "*Sporting Life*") that British rowing will not be represented at the Antwerp Olympic Games next year.

Glasgow Charity Cup.

The Glasgow Charity Cup was presented last week to the Rangers Club, the winners. It was stated that the sum realised this season was £4,000, a record for the competition.

Beatty and Haig.

Sir David Beatty is a fearless rider to hounds and an ex-M.F.H.; Sir Douglas Haig is a polo player of skill and a golfer of some ability, though he does occasionally tell a tale against himself on the subject.

Preston North End.

Preston North End have secured the signature of George Daniels, who has an excellent record of wartime service with Bury in the Lancashire Section of the League. He is one of the smallest forwards in League football.

Richmond's Victory Show.

The coming Horse Show at Richmond will easily eclipse every record of the past. The entries, 650 in number, have never been approached with the same number of classes. Saddle Horses and Jumpers are an easy record.

Peter Fusco.

The London boxer Peter Fusco gave a good display of clever boxing in a 15-round contest with Billy Armstrong, of Manchester, at Hyde, near Manchester, last week, and, outpointing his fighting opponent, Fusco well earned the decision.

Versatile Sportsmen.

Wembley Cricket Club are having much assistance this summer from four prominent footballers, W. A. Mitchell (Q.P.R.), E. Grimsdell (Fulham), A. Grimsdell (Spurs), and H. Butterworth (Q.P.R. and Millwall), all of whom bat and bowl well.

BOXING IN THE OPEN.

53rd Bn. RIFLE BRIGADE HOLDS TWO DAYS TOURNAMENT.

At Bedburg last week the 53rd R. Bde. worthily upheld the past reputation of their regiment for boxing. A very large attendance on both dates assembled from a radius of within 25 miles to witness a big programme of event, The officials were as follows:— Referee:— Major Delaney, A.G.S.; Judges:— Capt. Sedgewick (Supt. P. and R.T. IV Corps), Lieut. Ritchie, R.F.A. (D.A.C.); Timekeeper:— Lieut. Greig, 53rd R.B.; M.C., Lieut. Pidsley, M.C.

Great interest was taken in the four special six-round contests in which the best men at their weights of the 53rd Battn. were matched against the pick of the other two Battalions in the 3rd Light Brigade, bantam weight 6 rounds contest.

Rfn. Vaughan, M.M., (53rd R.B.), v. L/Cpl. Harling (52nd R.B.)— A very exciting contest, in which some very clever boxing was witnessed. Rfn. Vaughan, who was easily leading on points, was rather unfortunate in receiving the K.O. in the third round.

Exciting Contests.

Cpl. Dowdin (53rd R.B.) v. L/Cpl. Reeks (52nd R.B.)— This was a very exciting contest, going the full distance. Cpl. Dowdin, a promising young boxer, won on points.

Sergt. Lawford (53rd R.B.) v. Cpl. Sanders (51st R.B.). After two exciting rounds, in which some very clever boxing was witnessed, Sergt Lawford received some heavy lefts to the jaw and body, and declared himself beaten.

Cpl. Westropp (53rd R.B.) v. Cpl. Trott (52nd R.B.). This was undoubtedly the fight of the evening Cpl. Westropp, who possesses a wonderful punch in both hands, kept his left going at regular intervals to his opponent's chin, with one or two powerful right hooks to the face and body, and in the fourth round a powerful right hook to the chin put Cpl. Trott to the boards for the full count.

Novices' Competition.

The following are the winners of the novice competition and battalion championships.

Fly Weight:— Rfn. Hudson, No. 1 Coy. Bantam Weights:— Rfn. Cove, No. 1 Coy. Feather Weights:— Sergt Hall, No. 3 Coy. Welter Weight:— Cpl. Scaofield, H.Q. Coy. Fly Weights:— Rfn Vincent, No 2 Coy. Feather Weights:— Rfn Moore, No. 2 Coy. Light Weights:— Rfn. Myall. No. 2 Coy. Welter Weights:— Sergt. Tayne No. 1 Coy.

The special prize presented by the commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. Seymour, for the best "loser" of the two evenings was won by Rfn. Elve, No. 2 Coy., who put up two very game fights.

2nd LIGHT BRIGADE CRICKET COMPETITION.

LATEST MATCHES.

Bde. H.Q. and T.M. Battery 59; 6th London Regt. 46.

Bde. H.Q. and T.M. Battery 88; 2nd M.G. Battalion 47.

In the latter match Cpl. Richardson, Bde. H.Q. bowled brilliantly, taking 6 wickets for 6 runs and Sergt. Rees topped the batting with a score of 31; Lieut. Taylor came next with 17.

TENNIS MATCH AT LEVERKUSEN.

The results of a tennis match played at Leverkusen (2nd Corps H.Q.) on Saturday were as follows:—

Cpl. Bollard and Spr. Wrightson beat Q.M.S. Sanders and Sergt. Cooper 6—1; beat Q.M.S. Bellamy and Sergt. Morris 6—1. Lost to Sergt Middleton and Staff-Sergt. Rose 2—6.

Pte. Baily and Pte. Rosenburg beat Q.M.S. Sanders v. Sergt. Cooper 6—1; beat Q.M.S. Bellamy and Sergt. Morris 6—3; beat Sergt. Middleton and Staff Sergt. Rose 8—6.

Spr. Jappin and Pte. Smith lost to Q.M.S. Sanders and Sergt. Cooper 6—8; lost to. Sergt. Middleton and Staff-Sergt. Rose 4—6.

Result:— O.R's..... 5 sets, 47 games.
Sergts. ..... 4 sets, 38 games.

D/ 187 BDE. R.F.A. SPORTS.

HIGH ATHLETIC STANDARD AT EXERZIER PLATZ MEETING.

The first monthly meeting took place on the Exerzier Platz on Thursday. Entries were sufficiently numerous to necessitate preliminary heats being run off on two previous days. The finals produced some very interesting contests, and the standard reached in several cases—for example, long jumb 16 ft. 5 1-4 inch, and the Lloyd Lindsay in 1 min 15 secs.—was quite creditable.

"A" Subsection collected the highest number of points, 125, winning all three named events, while "B" Sub. won the majority of the dismounted events and made a good second with 90 points.

DETAILED RESULTS.

100 yards flat race:—1, Dvr. George; 2, Gnr. Grimes.
Sack Race:—1, Bmdr Parfitt; 2, Sig. Gould.
1/4 mile flat race:—1, Dvr. George; 2, Gnr. Grimes.
Half mile relay race:—1, "B" Sub; 2, "A" Sub.
Three legged race:—Bmdr. Burrell and Gnr. Crompton.
Tilting the bucket:—Sig. Gould and Sig. Rose.
Wheelbarrow race:—Bmdr. Parfitt and Gnr. Benson.
High Jump:—1, Bmdr. Clarke; 2, Sig. McEwing.
Long jump:—1, Gnr. Grimes 2, Sig. McEwing.
Boot race:—1, Pte. Welch; 2, Bmdr. Parfitt.
Pillow fighting, blindfolded:—1, Sig. Nellis; 2, Gnr. Smart.
Tug-of-War, (mounted):—1, "A" Sub.; 2. "D" Sub.
Wrestling, (mounted):—1, "A" Sub. 2, "C" Sub.
Lloyd Lindsay race:—1. "A" Sub. 2, "B" Sub.

CRICKET FOR CHARITY.

Royal patronage is promised for the meeting of Surrey and Middlesex at the Oval on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 17, 18, 19, when the entire profits will be devoted to King Edward's Hospital Fund and St. Dunstan's in equal proportions.

FRIENDLY MATCH.

41st Labour Coy.,	92
49th Labour Coy.,	63

157 FIELD COY. R. E. v. LIGHT D.A.C.

At Kirchtroisdorf on Saturday Scores:— 157 Field Coy. R.E. 122 (Major Revell 39, Spr. Evans 21). Light D.A.C. 18. For the winners Spr. Evans took 7 wickets for 9 runs, and Driver Smith 3 for 6.

BONN LEAGUE FIXTURE.

In the Bonn League fixtures for 21 June published yesterday:— 91 Field Ambulance v. 62 Cheshire should have read 91st Field Ambulance v. 52 Cheshire.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, June 18, 1919.

Light Southerly or Southwesterly surface wind. Fine, but perhaps some afternoon cloud. Very warm. Visibility fair.

BY JINGO.

OBJECT ON RAISED AGAINST WINNER BY MR. BOTTOMLEY.

It is understood that an objection has been lodged by Mr. Horatio Bottomley against By Jingo the winner of the Manchester Cup on the ground that De Pledge is neither the real nor assumed name of the owner.

ASCOT WEEK.

ROYAL PROCESSION DAILY.

The Royal procession to Ascot this year will be more imposing than on any previous occasion. There will be four days on which the King and Queen will drive in semi-state to and from the course. The first part of the forward journey will be by motor-car, afterwards in eight open carriages, in which the whole of the return journey will be made.

TCHAD WINS THE FRENCH DERBY.

The following is the result of the French Derby, decided on Sunday at Longchamps:

TCHAD (M. Vanderbilt) ..... MacGee 1
HALLEBARD ER (M. Lazard) ..... M. Barat 2
MASTER GOOD (M. Eknayan) ..... Garner 3

Also ran: Mackinley (O'Neill), Insensible (G. Stern), Hermon (Stokes), Zimzizimi (de Ihouse), Prior (Thomas), Bambino (Lane), Bassan (Jennings), Desaire (Corb), Observateur (Sharpel), Dabourg (Cockel).—*Reuter.*

WINNING JOCKEYS.	NR. OF RACES.		NR. OF RACES.
DONOGHUE, S.	59	THWAITES	5
CARSLAKE, B.	35	DAVIES, F.	5
SMYTH, V.	23	ROBERTSON, K.	5
WHALLEY	17	PARKER	5
COLLING, G.	17	SALMON	4
HULME	17	LANCASTER	4
COY, C.	16	SAXBY, W.	4
CLARK J.	14	RHODES	4
BLADE	14	WESTON	4
WHEATLEY, E.	11	LEDSON	4
BALDING, W.	11	LEADER, T.	4
TEMPLEMAN, F.	10	MARTIN	4
SHAPWELL	10	PIGGOTT	3
COOPER, R.	9	LEACH, J.	3
COX, F.	9	LANE	3
CRISP	9	RILEY	3
BRIGGS, Wm.	9	RINGSTEAD	3
SMITH, A.	8	COLLING, R.	2
CHILDS, J.	8	MCGUIGAN	2
ELSOPP	7	BURNS, J.	2
BENNAN	6	RUIZ	2
FLANAGAN	6	SMART, B.	2
KING, M.	6	ASHWORTH, H.	2
PIPER	6	DAY, J.	2
ROBBINS, H.	5	WOODLAND, P.	2

FOOTBALL THE FAVOURITE GAME.

LOWLAND D.H.Q. v. C.Coy., 9th Batt. M.G.C.

This game on Sunday opened fast and mostly in favour of C. Coy but fine work by Wilson and Doyle baffled the C. Coy forwards. Once the spectators held their breath when Wren was presented with an open goal, but Reid saved the situation by dashing up and relieving him of the ball. Later Wren scored and half-time arrived with C.Coy leading by 1 goal to nil.

On resuming C.Coy were soon in the offensive, but continual offside spoiled their play. Good runs by their winger were a source of danger to the Mess defence, and from one of his centres Wilson had the misfortune to put through his own goal. Directly afterwards they added another, the goalie having no chance whatever. Just on time C. Coy broke away again and Snandler scored the fourth. This ended the scoring and the final whistle blew with the result.

C. Coy. 4; Lowland D.H.Q., 0.

A DING-DONG STRUGGLE.

A. COY. 16th H.L.I. v. 6th K.O.S.B.

The above match was played at Landwehr on Sunday and was a hard contested game fought out in regular cup-tie fashion. The Highlanders were two goals up 15 minutes after the kick off, L/Cpl. Murphy and Lieut. Malnee being the scorers. Before the interval the Borderers got on level terms through Poole, the centre half.

The second half started in ding-dong fashion, but the H.L.I. got through twice in succession, Lieut. Young and L/Cpl. Murphy being the scorers.

Determined efforts by the K.O.S.B. were beaten off by Gallagher, Porter and Bain. A break away by the H.L.I. resulted in a foul inside the final area, and Cpl. Porter made no mistake with the resultant kick. An excellent contest finished with the following results:—"A" Company 16th H.L.I. 5 goals. 6th K.O.S.B. 3 goals.

HOCKEY MATCH.

The 4th Suffolk Regt. played the 15th Lancashire Fus. at Hockey at Troisdorf on Friday. The Suffolks continued their sequence of victories by defeating the Lancs 6—1. Capt. Redding played a dashing game at inside right, scoring three of the goals. He was ably supported by the C.O., Lieut.-Col. Stubbs D.S.O., at centre forward. Other goalgetters were Lieut. Kirby (2) and Lieut. Mason (1).

A "PUKKA" VICTORY.

"G" Battery, R.H.A. sustained a nasty defeat on their own ground at Cologne on Sunday at the hands of Headquarters, 5th Brigade, R.H.A., the game finishing in a victory for the latter by 6 wickets and 77 runs. Headquarters batted first and scored 119 for 4 wickets, Lt. Pridham (30), Lt. Fowlie (24) and Gunner Harris (23), upholding the reputation of their team. "G" Battery, however, fared badly against the bowling of Gnr. Harris (6 wkts. for 11) and Gnr. Busfield (3 wkts. for 14), only being able to make a total score of 42 runs, their best batsman being Lt. Gordon (9).

443 SIEGE BATTERY v. 2nd CORPS H.A. H.Q.

An interesting match was played at Schlebusch on Saturday between the 443rd Siege Battery R.G.A. and the 2nd Corps Heavy Artillery Headquarters on the former's ground. The Siege Battery were the winners with a score of 83 (highest score 19) whilst the H.A., H.Q. obtained 48 (Major Fry 15).

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In Mulheim, on June 7th, big white sheep dog. On collar, WAR DOG No. 132. Answers to RIX, Reward, D.A.P.M., Mulheim.

DOG, in the vicinity of Dermagen. French Deerhound, chocolate coloured, white mottled chest, white tip on tail. Finder please communicate with M.G.O., H.Q., XI Wing, R.A.F., Cologne.

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"THE WEAVERS" Cricket XI (Officers) medium. Require fixtures. Away matches preferred. Reply to Lt. H. V. G. Gould, R.A.S.C. Cricket Hon. Secy. 18th Army Auxiliary (Horse) Coy.

SOUTHERN DIV. RACE MEETING.

Lt. Harvie, 3rd place in the "Goodwood Maiden Plate" 1st Division. Capt. J. Logan-Bell, R.A S.C. 3rd "International Pony Stakes". Lt. Wynn, 2nd place in the "Grand Military Steeplechase". Would above Officers send their address to Hon: Secretary Southern Divisional Race Committee, Sand.

INNS OF COURT O.T.C. DINNER

The Inns of Court O.T.C. Dinner, for ex-members serving during the War, will be held on the 17th July. Applications to Colonel Errington, Lincoln's Inn, enclosing 23 6, and stating period of service, squadron or company, before 7th July.

Sir William P. Treloar, Alderman of Farringdon Without Ward, announces that a wardmote will be held on June 19 at the New Session House, Old Bailey, for the purpose of considering the question of decorating the ward on the occasion of the peace celebrations.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

The following are the fixtures in the Cologne and Euskirchen Leagues to be played on June 23:—

COLOGNE SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

H.A.C. (c/o D.A.P.M. Deutz Kalk) v. 34th Bn.M.G.C.
52nd Bedford v. 180 Labour Coy.
51st Devon v. 170 Siege Bty.
2nd Bn. M.G.C. v. 281 Siege Bty.
23rd M.T. Bde. R.A.S.C. v. 5th K.O.Y.L.I.
D/190 Bde. R.F.A. v. VI Corps Sig. Coy.
3rd Northern Bde. v Northern Div. R.E.
VI Corps H. Q. v. 3rd Bn. M.G.C.
161st Bde. R.F.A. v. 12th R. Irish Rifles.
Other clubs — no match.

COLOGNE NORTHERN LEAGUE.

1/5th W. Yorks v. 237th Field Coy.
92nd Bde. R.G.A. v. 53rd Royal Warwick.
London Div. M.T.Coy. v. 13th K.R.R.C.
1/4th York and Lancs v. No. 14 G.H.Q., M.T.Coy.
29th Bn. M.G.C. v. C/113th Bde. R.F.A.
88th Field Amb. v. 75th Bde. R.F.A.
II Corps H.Q. v. Southern Div., M.T.Coy.
13th M.A.C. v. 24 Hants.
1/6th W Yorks v. 31st Labour Group.
Other clubs — no match.

COLOGNE TOWN LEAGUE.

A.P.O., Cologne v. Army H.Q., Sig. Coy.
51st Aux. Bus. Coy. v. 9th L.T.M.B.
"R" A.A. Bty. R.A. v. Bakeries Sports Club, Kalk.
53rd Sherwood For. v. Adv. Supply Depot.
51st D.L.I. v. 17th Lancers.
A.A. Searchlight Sec. R.E. v. "G" Bty., R.H.A.
70th Sq., R.A.F. v. 53rd Northumb. Fus.
5th Rly. Teleg. Sig. Coy. v. 52nd Northumb. Fus.
Cav. Div. A.C. R.H.A. v. 51st Northumb. Fus.
9th D.L.I. v. 4th R. Sussex.
1/5th Devon v. Cav. Div., H.Q.
Other clubs — no match.

EUSKIRCHEN LEAGUE.

174th Siege Bty. v. 354th Siege Bty.
11th Leicester v. 21st Bde. R.G.A.
104th Bde. R.F.A. v. 185th Siege Bty.
9th Corps Troops M.T. Coy. v. 145th Siege Bty.
1/5th S. Staffs v. 509th Field Coy.
16th F.Amb. v. 18th F.Amb.
76th (Army) Bde. R.F.A. v. "F" A.A.Bty, R.F.A.
9th Corps H.A. v. Midland D.A.C.
73rd Bde. R.G.A. v. 269th A.E.Coy.
Midland Div. H.Q. v. 77th Siege Bty.
E. Corps Sig. Coy. v. 4 8th Siege Bty.
Other clubs — no match.

WITH THE NEW ARMY.

"What station was that, Bill?"
"Verboten."

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING.

FREE GIFTS OF INDOOR GAMES FOR SOLDIERS OF THE RHINE ARMY.

A consignment of free gifts, in the form of miscellaneous indoor games, has just arrived from England. Applications for allotments of these for recreation rooms, or hospitals, should be made to: A/Superintendent, Physical and Recreational Training, Excelsior Hotel, Cologne. Early application should be made.

1/5 WEST YORKS ENTERTAINED.

The 1/5th West York Regt. had a rare treat on Friday last when a visit was paid by a Lena Ashwell concert party. It certainly was the best show the boys yet enjoyed, and each artist was encored at least three times. Lieut.-Col. Oddie, D.S.O., in his concluding speech felt compelled to apologise for trespassing so much upon the kindness of the artists.

The concert ended with musical honours and three cheers for the ladies, who afterwards honoured the officers by dining with them. A pleasant evening terminated with a jolly impromptu dance.

CITIZEN ARMY.

The Lord Mayor of Norwich, commenting on Sir Douglas Haig's suggestion for a citizen army, said he thought a strong citizen army on territorial lines was a proposal that should commend itself to all who love their country and are anxious that it should never again pass through the terrible ordeal of the last few years. "We do not," he said, "want England to be a second Germany; but we want trained citizens to help our country in time of danger."

LIFETIME'S SAVINGS STOLEN.

Chiefly in notes, £1,000 was stolen in broad daylight from a cash-box in the bed-room of Harry Tipper, of 44, Park-road, Hockley, Birmingham. Tipper and his wife were out on Friday morning, and when Mrs. Tipper returned the door had been forced and the lock on a trunk containing the cash-box broken with a poker. Mr. Tipper said the money was a lifetime's savings. He had intended to take it to the bank this week.

Answers to Correspondents.

113495:—In 1915, Sheffield United beat Chelsea 3-0.

Rhine:—T.W. Burgess took the longer time. On the 5th and 6th September 1911, he swam from Dover to Calais in 22 hours 35 minutes. Capt. Webb, in August 1875, did it in 21 hours 45 minutes.

Queensland:—The executive authority is vested in a Governor (appointed by the Crown) aided by an Executive Council of nine members.

E.M.:—The county known as "The garden of England" is Kent.

Cymro:—It matters not what unit you go to. In case this has been overlooked it would be wise to ask your Quartermaster-Sergeant to make enquiries.

A.D.:—We have no record of any such cycling achievement performed under the conditions you mention.

FETE AT BENRATH.

3rd LOWLAND BRIGADE'S ENJOYABLE TWO-DAY FUNCTION.

A garden fete was given by the 3rd Lowland Infantry Brigade (Brigadier General E. S. Girdwood, C. B., C.M.G.) in the schloss gardens, Benrath, on Saturday and Sunday. The band of the 17th Lancers, by kind permission of Major M. G. Nicholls and officers, the American jazz band of 41 performers, by kind permission of the C-in-C. American Army of the Rhine, and a string orchestra, played during the afternoon and evening. An open-air Concert was given by Miss Lena Ashwell's concert party in the schloss garden. Sports, games, competitions, mule races, and tennis tournaments were arranged. Teas and dinners were served to officers on one of the lawns at the side of the schloss, and the marquee of the 8th. Scottish Rifles adjoining also entertained many of the brigade's guests. Refreshments were served under the trees to all ranks, at popular prices.

The weather, which had been somewhat threatening, turned out to be fine, and the whole scene in the gardens of the schloss was one of beauty, and seemed to inspire the vast numbers attending with a spirit of cheerfulness.

It was interesting to reflect that the rendezvous had been visited by Napoleon the First and the late German Kaiser.

A Distinguished Gathering.

Amongst those present were Major-Gen. Butler, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Lowland Division, who is about to take over the 1st. Division at Aldershot; Major-Gen. Tudor, C.B., C.M.G., who is to take over the Lowland Division; Brig.Gen. Girdwood, C.B., C.M.G., Brig.-Gen. Loch, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Col. Findlay and officers of 8th. Scottish Rifles, Col. Lumsden and officers of 9th. Scottish Rifles; officers of 14th. R.S.F.; Col. Thackeray, Col. Thorburn and Officers of H.L.I.; Col. Connel and officers of K.O.S.B.; Col. Nash and officers of Royal Scots; Col. MacKenzie, G.S.O. 1, of the Lowland Division; Col. Bingham, Tanks corps; Major Black, G.S.O. 2; the Rev. W. White Anderson, S.C.F.; and the chaplains of the battalions; the Rev. Dr. Wallace Williamson, of St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, Dean of the Chapel Royal and of the Order of the Thistle, Rev. Dr. A. C. Downer, Rector of Selham, and Miss Mathieson, of the Scottish churches huts.

Captain Stavers, R.S.F., was organizer of the arrangements of the day, in which he showed great ability and energy.

The Sports Programme was as follows:—"Ascot Gold Cup," unit team mule race; "Lincoln Handicap," open mule race; Tug-of-war competition; 100 yards race (open); "Grand National" mule race; "Benrath Derby" mule race.

The day was concluded by a concert given by Miss Lena Ashwell's concert party. The music was first rate, and the humour elicited loud laughter. During the last violin solo a nightingale, which had perched on the highest point of the schloss, attracted by the music, added some beautiful strains to those of the performer. At the close of the concert Brig.-Gen. Girdwood proposed a vote of thanks to the able performers, and this was unanimously accorded. The proceedings terminated with the singing of the national anthem.

STONES AND KILOGRAMS.

We have received several communications pointing out that while weights for racing, boxing etc. are always published in avoirdupois, the available scales are graduated in kilograms only. To circumvent this difficulty we give below a comprehensive table of weights showing the equivalent in both British and continental systems.

Stones.	Kilos.	Stones.	Kilos.	Stones.	Kilos.
8.	50.80	10.	63.49	12.	76.17
8.1	51.25	10.1	63.94	12.1	76.62
8.2	51.71	10.2	64.39	12.2	77.08
8.3	52.16	10.3	64.84	12.3	77.53
8.4	52.61	10.4	65.30	12.4	77.98
8.5	53.07	10.5	65.75	12.5	78.53
8.6	53.52	10.6	66.20	12 6	78.99
8.7	53.97	10.7	66.66	12 7	79.44
8.8	54.43	10.8	67.11	12.8	79.89
8.9	54.88	10.9	67.56	12.9	80.35
8.10	55.33	10.10	68.02	12.10	80.80
8.11	55.78	10.11	68.47	12.11	81.25
8.12	56.24	10.12	68.92	12.12	81.70
8.13	56.69	10.13	69.37	12.13	82.16
9.	57.14	11.	69.83	13.	82.61
9.1	57.60	11.1	70.28	13.1	63.06
9.2	58.05	11.2	70.73	13.2	83.52
9.3	58.50	11.3	71.19	13.3	83.97
9.4	58.96	11.4	71.64	13.4	84.42
9.5	59.40	11.5	72.09	13.5	84.88
9.6	59.86	11.6	72.55	13.6	85.33
9.7	60.31	11.7	73.00	13.7	85.78
9.8	60.77	11.8	73.45		
9.9	61.22	11.9	73.90		
9.10	61.67	11.10	74.36		
9.11	62.13	11.11	74.81		
9.12	62.58	11 12	75.26		
9.13	63.03	11.13	75.72		

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Large numbers of young Irishmen are passing through Dublin on their way to harvest work in England.

For smuggling women's hair nets a Dutch ship's steward named Brink was fined £50 at Mansion House Court.

Lord Harrington is selling his extensive estates at Gawsworth, Bosley, and other places, consisting of over 100 farms.

Yorkshire trade unions at Bradford passed a resolution against conscription.

The Rev. Herbert Ellington Bicknell, rector of Birlsmorten, Tewkesbury, from 1904-1918, and a former vicar of Harwich, fell dead on the croquet lawn of the Dovercourt Sports Club on Saturday afternoon.

About 160 men stationed at Brocton Camp, near Stafford, aggrieved at being placed under orders to go to India, marched to Stafford last night to interview a civic authority. Many of the men have been wounded.

Joseph Lawless, the son of Mr. Francis Lawless, the Sinn Fein M.P. for North Dublin County, was arrested on Saturday. His shop was searched by police and some articles taken away in a sack. The shops of two other Dublin Sinn Feiners were also searched.

Business correspondence with the parts of Germany not in Allied occupation, on matters covered by the Board of Trade general licence for the supply of foodstuffs to Germany, should be sent through an intermediary in a neutral country, says the Board of Trade.

Lieut.-Colonel F. Jenkins, C.M.G. (Coldstream Guards and Nigeria Regiment, West African Frontier Force), is to be Colonial Secretary of the Island of Barbados.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tyson, found shot at Cambridge ten days ago, are doing well.

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"THE ROBIN HOODS."

SUCCESSFUL OPENING OF THREE WEEKS TOUR AT WERMELSKIRCHEN.

The above party commenced a three week's tour of the Southern Division with a most successful show before a crowded house at Wermelskirchen.

It was an excellent programme and was most enthusiastically received. Two of the artistes, Bert Lennard and Fred Cannon, were quite a show on their own, the former being a light comedian of much talent, and Cannon a natural comedian (a rarity nowadays), who kept the audience convulsed all the time he occupied the stage. In burlesque these two artistes were extremely clever; their dramatic skit, "East Lynne," being screamingly funny.

Jack Walker, a baritone of richness and power, was loudly applauded for his songs. R. Dommett in his duet with "Cynthia" (Victor Burr), the clever female impersonator, did very well, his pleasing voice being used to great advantage. Cpl. Davis (Dora), another charming "girl," is an exceptionally neat dancer and excelled in his double-turns with Lennard.

Cynthia, who wears some gorgeous gowns, sang "Look in her eyes" in a very dainty manner. Aubrey Ford, the conductor of an excellent orchestra, rendered one of his inimitable violin solos, while Dick Olver sang "Absent" with great charm.

Great credit is due to Bert S. Lennard, the producer, who, by the way, is about to introduce a second edition of "The Pearl Chase." Capt. Payne, the officer in charge of the party, has just acquired some new costumes and properties which together with the extensive wardrobe the "Robin Hoods" already possess, should make "some" show when it comes to Cologne.

CINEMA NOTES.

An Innovation.

The "Q" Film Company have produced a serial comedy entitled "Till our Ship Comes In," by Mr. Kenelm Foss. In form it is a series of one-reel comedies, which in contrast to the melodramic serials now being exhibited, is something entirely new. Many will welcome the inclusion of these novel films in the programmes of the Army of the Rhine Cinemas.

New Cinema Club.

Apropos the Cinema as an educational factor a club, known as the Quality Cinema Club, has been formed in England, its object being the promulgation of educational or instructional films for children. It is to provide special matinées in co-operation with schoolmasters and educational authorities. Surely, by arrangement with the Army Educational authorities, the Club could extend its activities to Rhineland. The pictures would certainly form a fascinating supplement to books and lectures.

Flickerless Screens.

The three Army Cinemas in Cologne have inaugurated quite a new idea—the aluminium screen. The aluminium screen, so we are told, does away with flickering, besides giving a delightful effect of light and shade that cannot be reproduced on the old-style screen. The other evening, when the new screens were introduced the audiences were amazed, so perfect were the pictures, but few knew the real reason of the excellence. Obviously, these screens fulfil all the functions that are claimed for them.

Some New Releases.

"Less than the Dust," a Famous Players' production, featuring Mary Pickford, is one of the principal among the latest. The famous film actress plays the part of a little Indian girl, who proves to be the daughter of an Englishman and eventually marries a British officer who has befriended her. Comedy and tragedy are skilfully mingled, and the play provides Mary Pickford with another chance of showing her remarkable versatility. Constance Talmadge is featured in "Good Night, Paul," released by Gaumont's, and Peggy Hyland appears in a Fox picture called "Bonnie Annie Laurie." It deals with an old superstition supposed to have been prevalent on the British coast that, sooner or later, a traveller rescued from the sea will bring disaster to his rescuers. The Triangle drama, "The Love Brokers," concerns American crooks in a quasi-Bohemian setting. Alma Rubens is the "star." "A nine o'clock town," including Charles Ray, recounts the amusing experiences of a breezy youth, who returns to his birthplace with modern ideas and gives the dormant little town an entirely new conception of commercial enterprise. All these pictures will shortly in their turn, be coming to the cinemas here in the Occupied Area.

ARE YOU A MUSICIAN?

OPPORTUNITY FOR RHINE ARMY N.C.O.'s AND MEN.

On Friday, 27th June, at 7 p.m. in the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A.' there will be an interesting competition in pianoforte, violin, 'cello, and chamber music (string instruments or piano and strings), and in singing. Each competitor must render a test piece selected by the committee, and a piece of his own choice except in the case of chamber music where a free selection is allowed (one movement only). The test pieces are:—

Pianoforte: Mendelssohn's Lieder ohne Worte (No. 4 in A major).
Violin or 'Cello: Schumann's "Träumerei."
Song: "Annie Laurie."

Intending competitors may practise in the Central Y.M.C.A. (44 Friesenstrasse) on instruments provided there, on application to Mr. Arnold Jones. Valuable prizes are offered.

SCOTTISH CHURCHES' CLUBS.

The last of the Scottish Churches' Clubs to be opened in Germany was at Benrath, 18 miles from Cologne, and where the Lowland Division is stationed. The formal opening took place on June 13th by General Sir Richard Butler. Brigadier General Girdwood, several staff officers and many officers and men were present.

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TROUBLE BREWING IN BERLIN.

BOLSHEVIST FLEET SAILS TO SURRENDER.

COMMUNISTS MOWN DOWN IN VIENNA.

FURTHER DELAY GRANTED TO GERMANY.

DECISION BY MONDAY.

Paris. An additional forty-eight hours delay has been granted to the Germans to decide whether or no they will sign the Treaty. The time of expiry is now seven o'clock on Monday evening.

TO SIGN IN THE HALL OF MIRRORS.

If the Germans signify their intention of signing the peace terms the ceremony will take place in the Hall of Mirrors, Versailles, in the presence of all the plenipotentiaries of Allied and Associated Powers.

GERMANS CEASE HOSTILITIES IN ESTHONIA.

The Esthonian Press agency says it is reported from Weimar that the German Government has ordered the German Commander in Livonia to cease hostilities against the Esthonians. This report is confirmed by an official telegram from Reval.

SUPPRESSION OF VIENNA REVOLT.

MACHINE GUN PERSUASION.

A Copenhagen telegram from Vienna states that many persons were killed and wounded on Sunday as a sequel to a demonstration by Communists, who demanded the release of certain political prisoners. The police attempted to disperse the crowd, which made some show of resistance. Upon this a murderous fire was opened from machine guns which had been placed on the roofs of surrounding buildings by the Public Defence Force. The demonstrators fled panic-stricken. Quiet was restored by midday when, according to the authorities, the Communists' attempt to obtain the power to establish a Soviet Republic had been frustrated.

EAST PRUSSIA OBDURATE.

The State Commissioner at Königsberg has published a proclamation in which it is stated that the population may rely upon the Government signing no peace treaty which decrees the loss of the Eastern provinces. Any Polish advance will be prevented by force.

OMINOUS SIGNS IN BERLIN.

A telegram from Berlin via Copenhagen states that no newspapers appeared in the capital on Monday and the Communists, as in the case of former revolts, evidently wish to prevent public learning of their plans through the medium of the Press. Those who have witnessed previous disturbances say that the present signs are unmistakable. The Government, however, is fully prepared for developments at any time and Noske's troops are ready to meet all eventualities.

MORE TROUBLE BREWING IN MUNICH.

According to Munich messages a new Spartacist movement has started, aiming at the downfall of the Government and the establishment of an independent republic in West Germany. The formation of Red Guards is in progress. The general commanding at Munich has issued a proclamation announcing strong military measures and defending his own action in the matter.

LONDON SPECIAL CONSTABLES DISBANDED.

The Metropolitan Special Constabulary ceased to exist on Monday. The order which released the force was issued by Sir Edward Ward some days ago in the following terms: "By authority and direction of the Chief Commissioner of Police, all ranks of the Metropolitan Special Constabulary are released from continuous service from twelve noon on Monday, June 16."

In connection with the parade of the Special Constabulary of London last Saturday, Colonel Vickers Dunfee, Commandant of the City of London Police Reserve, has received the following letter:

"Windsor Castle, June 15, 1919.

"Dear Colonel Dunfee—The King desires me to assure you how glad his Majesty was to be able to inspect the City of London Police Reserve yesterday, and thus to show his appreciation of their valuable and public-spirited services.

"His Majesty was greatly pleased with the excellence of all the arrangements connected with this inspection, and I am to thank you and your officers for the success that attended the day's ceremonial.—Yours sincerely, CROMER.

BOLSHEVIST FLEET HOISTS WHITE FLAG.

CRONSTADT BURNING.

The Helsingfors correspondent of the *Times*, telegraphing on the 15th June, says that Cronstadt is burning. The news came via Reval direct from the general staff of the North Russia Corps operating towards Petrograd.

Seven Bolshevist war ships, having hoisted the white flag, have left the island fortress and are steaming west towards a British squadron. Several of the forts have also hoisted the white flag. The surrender of fort Krasnaya Gorka on the coast nearly opposite Cronstadt yesterday made it possible for the Russian Northern Corps to strike rapidly towards Peterhof on the coast between Krasnaya Gorka and Petrograd. The advance is developing with complete success on a big front.

Bolshevist troops near Krasnoe Selo, fifteen miles south-west of Petrograd, have mutinied and joined the attacking army. Up till yesterday the Russian Northern Corps had captured 22,000 prisoners, 327 machine guns, 87 guns and six armoured trains, besides the booty taken at Krasnaya Gorka, which has not yet been counted.

OPERATIONS IN NORTH RUSSIA.

BRITISH ATTACK.

The War Office announces:

A wire from Murmansk states that on June 13 British and Russian troops carried out a minor operation eight miles south of Medvega Gora in order to improve our line. The attack was entirely successful, and the situation has been greatly improved.

KOLTCHAK'S ARMY STEADILY INCREASING.

ADVANCE DIFFICULT.

Copenhagen. It is reported from Omsk that Koltchak's Army is steadily growing in numbers. The mobilisation of five yearly classes from among the population nearest the front has supplied 60,000 men, all of whom are fitted out with uniforms and equipment. Mobilisation at Perm has similarly given satisfactory results, the men called up being mainly trained soldiers. Koltchak's Forces are meeting with great difficulties in the advance, the Bolshevists having destroyed the railway line and roads.

SHIP LOADS OF FUGITIVES.

A Copenhagen telegram from Helsingfors says that at least five ships loaded with fugitives left Cronstadt for Petrograd on Friday night. The white flag was repeatedly hoisted at Cronstadt on Saturday but after flying for a little time was always hauled down. The Bolshevist paper, the *Krasnaya Gazeta*, states that Bolshevist troops on the Gatchina front are deserting in great numbers and Moscow and Petrograd papers now admit that the situation is hopeless.

KOLTCHAK'S PROGRESS.

According to telegrams from Omsk up to June 9, General Headquarters report that in the Viatka direction, Admiral Koltchak's offensive continues. North of the Perm railway his troops have wiped out several Red battalions. Skirmishes have taken place on the Belaya River. On June 9 there were no great modifications in the general situation. In the Sarapul direction a victory was obtained near the station of Aoryz over twelve Red regiments, 500 prisoners being taken. The Ural Cossacks have had a victory over the Reds, of whom about 1,000 were captured.—*Reuter.*

AMIR'S REPLY TO VICEROY.

Peshawur, 15. June:—A senior Afghan official, escorted by a couple of troopers, entered our lines at Dakka yesterday with the Amir's reply to the recent British ultimatum. The contents of the Afghan reply have, however, not yet been announced.—*Reuter.*

FOREIGN AGITATORS INCITE SWISS WORKMEN.

Geneva.—A meeting of workers at Zurich on Friday organised for an expression of sympathy with Rosa Luxemburg, was incited to violence by foreign influence. When the workers learned that the secretary of the Workers Union had been arrested at the frontier for having in his possession a mass of Bolshevist propaganda the prison was stormed. The police opened fire, killing two and wounding twenty, but eventually the secretary was released.

The Local Government Board weekly return shows that the total number of housing schemes submitted is now 2,088, of which 579 have been approved, covering over ten thousand acres.

DUCHESS OF WESTMINSTER OBTAINS DIVORCE.

NAME WITHHELD.

Great public interest was shown in the Duchess of Westminster's petition for divorce from her husband which was heard before Mr. Justice Coleridge yesterday.

The suit was undefended and a *decree nisi* granted to the Duchess.

Sir Ellis Hume Williams appeared for the Duchess and in opening the case said there were three children of the marriage, which took place in 1902. The estrangement commenced in 1909 and in January 1913 the Duke wrote enclosing a deed of separation and offering to make the Duchess an allowance of £11,500 a year. He stated that he was determined not to live with her again.

The Duchess replied through her solicitors refusing the offer and declining to do anything which would derogate from her position as the Duke's wife and the mother of his children.

In February the Duke's solicitors forbade the Duchess to occupy either Eaton Hall or Grosvenor House. In April 1913 a deed of separation was signed. In June 1917 the Duke met a lady at Brighton station, took her to his hotel and stayed there with her.

The Duchess went in to the witness box and told how the estrangement arose in her married life out of the Duke's habitual absence from her. She also described her visit to Egypt and her vain search for her husband, who left when she arrived.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

OWING TO TO-DAY being a general holiday THERE WILL BE NO ISSUE OF THE COLOGNE POST TOMORROW JUNE 20.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

A letter was read from the Duke in which he stated that their mode of living was impossible and that he would no longer make any pretence of living in the same house with her.

Evidence was given by the manager of the Grand Hotel, Brighton, to the effect that on the 4th June 1917 the Duke took a suite of rooms at the hotel. He arrived about 10 o'clock at night, went out and returned about 1.30 in the morning with a lady, with whom he remained at the hotel for the night. He signed the usual registration forms.

The name of the lady was handed to counsel in court but was not disclosed to the public.

THREE NEW V.C.'s.

The King held an open-air investiture at Buckingham Palace on Saturday and personally bestowed 320 decorations. Among these were three Victoria Crosses. Lieut.-Colonel Dudley Johnson, South Wales Borderers, received the V.C., a bar to the D.S.O., and the M.C. The other two V.C.'s were Lieut. Robert Gurls, R.F.A., and 2nd Lieut. James Johnson, Northumberland Fusiliers.

Major General Geoffrey Feilding, Commanding the London District, was knighted and invested with the K.C.B., Military Division.

FUTURE OF ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Presiding at the Royal Air Force dinner at the Savoy Hotel on Saturday, Major-General Trenchard said that new conditions of service of officers and men are necessary. The number of officers holding permanent commissions must be limited and they should be offered a permanent and paying career. Officers given temporary commissions will be drawn from civil life to serve three and four years, inclusive of training, and on completion of service they will pass to reserve.

COMMISSIONAIRES' CORPS FULL.

The report of the Corps of Commissionaires states that up to the 1st January 1919 over three thousand candidates for the corps had applied in London alone. Scarcely three hundred of these could be taken as so many members of the corps had returned from service. Fortunately the revival of race meetings has provided a great deal of temporary work. The total strength of the corps is 4,800, of whom seven hundred are still with the colours. The Duke of Connaught inspected the corps yesterday.

CANADIAN RIOTS AT WITLEY CAMP.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

With reference to the disturbance among the Canadian troops at Witley, Headquarters of the Overseas Military Forces of Canada issued last night the following statement:

"Conditions at Witley Camp were entirely normal throughout the day. The statements that there had been shooting on the Sunday night and that a number of men had been wounded by bayonets and conveyed to hospital at Brumshott are quite untrue. Throughout the entire incident only three men have required hospital treatment. The first case has already been reported, the second sustained a fractured wrist, and the third a lacerated lip."

The total amount of damage done at the camp is very great. Thousands of men assembled at Tin Town, but only a few hundreds were actually concerned in the riotous proceedings, and the crowds were eventually broken up by an armed motor-lorry. Many ringleaders have been arrested.

LONDON'S OPEN SPACES SCANDAL.

BOGUS NURSES.

The Bishop of London, speaking at a meeting of the Diocesan Preventive Council, at Church House, Westminster, said the war had awakened us to what the Bible called "the corruption that is in the world, through lust." About the middle of the war he was rather ashamed to preside at a London meeting at which the head of the police and the General Officer Commanding the London District were present, because that meeting took a very "whitewashing" view of this question. But even at that very "whitewashing" meeting, they all admitted that the state of our open spaces in London was a scandal. A verified list of actual things which had been seen in the parks and open spaces was now before the London County Council. An official was recently scandalized to see women in the uniform of nurses lying about with soldiers in one of our open spaces. It was unfortunately true that it was one of the commonest pretences for women to assume nurses' uniform. The reason they had failed to deal effectively with the whole evil, up to the present, was the double responsibility between the police and the County Council.

The Diocesan Preventive Council was ceaselessly at work, and people must not imagine that they did not realise that the state of our open spaces and our want of control over them was a disgrace to London. The great spectre they had to face was the belief that regulation of vice was the only cure, and that the best thing was just to fight disease as disease, quite apart from the moral aspect of the question. He agreed with one of the greatest statesmen who said that if once we went in for regulation this nation was doomed.

LONDON CHINA TOWN RIOT.

A serious disturbance occurred on Monday in Northumberland-street, Poplar, which forms a part of the district known as China Town, as the outcome of the resentment displayed by the people living in the street when it became known that a Chinaman named Lucksing was moving into a house at No. 56. The people allowed the furniture to be taken in and then, in the absence of Lucksing, assailed the premises. The wife of Lucksing, an Englishwoman, and a friend were badly mauled by the infuriated crowd, and the few police who were able to collect had to send for strong reinforcements in order to remove them to a place of safety.

The mob threw all the furniture out of the house, and wrecked the building in which the terrified women had been hiding. In the street the furniture was piled in a heap and set on fire, and this caused an alarm to be sent to the brigade, and from several of the East-end stations firemen proceeded to the scene. They were allowed to set to work without hindrance by the crowd, and with one hydrant in use the fire was got under. Excited multitudes gathered in the neighbourhood, and the police authorities drafted in additional men to cope with any recurrence of the trouble.

RACIAL RIOT CHARGES.

A special court was held at Liverpool to deal with cases arising out of the racial riots. There were altogether sixty-five persons in custody charged with various offences. Fourteen blacks charged with attempting to murder three policemen and with rioting were remanded. Joseph Ankru, a coloured man, who, it was alleged, stood in front of a large crowd wielding an iron bar and shouting, "Down with the white race," was fined £2. James Coffey, another coloured man, was fined £2 for insulting behaviour, and sentenced to three months for attempting to stab a policeman. George Lawson, another coloured man, was sentenced to three months for assaulting the police, and Charlie Brown, also a negro, to a month for a similar offence. A fine was imposed in the other cases.

29th DIVISION FIRST REUNION.

At the Piccadilly Hotel on Monday night the first reunion dinner of officers of the 29th Division took place.

General Hunter Weston presided and suggested that at future reunions other officers who had succeeded him in the command of the division should preside. Each should then deal with a particular incident with which he was personally acquainted.

He set the example himself by dealing with the division's baptismal fire at Gallipoli, which he watched from the deck of the Euryalus. Before it was attempted, the enterprise of landing, would have been deemed as impossible, but after it was actually done, could only be described as magnificent.

The total wastage of the division was nearly 90,000. Over 34,000 casualties occurred in Gallipoli and over 55,000 in France.

ATLANTIC FLIERS REACH LONDON.

GREAT RECEPTION.

Captain Alcock and Lieut. Brown arrived in London yesterday evening and were given a tremendous reception. The journey from Ireland was marked by enthusiastic scenes wherever the train stopped. Miss Kennedy, Lieut. Brown's fiancee, met the train at Rugby. From a point outside London the train was escorted by aeroplanes piloted by Capt. Chamberlayne, Major Carr and Major Prodger.

An enthusiastic crowd of several thousands gathered outside Euston station but elaborate police arrangements prevented a repetition of the disorganization which marked Hawker's recent reception. On alighting from the train the airmen were greeted by the Mayor and Corporation of St. Pancras. Brigadier-General Sir Capel Holden welcomed them on behalf of the Royal Aero Club and General Seely and Major-General Trenchard.

On emerging from the station the aviators were greeted with deafening cheers from the crowd, which were taken up and re-echoed all along the route to the Aero Club, where the first congratulator of Alcock was Hawker, who shook him warmly by the hand and asked him how he enjoyed the trip.

Alcock replied that he didn't enjoy it all, to which Hawker observed "You had better luck than I did."

Capt. Alcock and Lieut. Brown are being well-nigh overwhelmed with congratulations on the success of their wonderful flight. Among the many messages they have received are the following:

From President Wilson:— "Please accept for yourself and Brown my warmest congratulations on your splendid feat."

From Mr. Lloyd George:— "Heartiest congratulations to you and Brown on your auspicious and successful flight. It is a splendid achievement. I am especially delighted that two British officers who fought in the war should have been the first to link Europe and America in a single non-stop flight."

From Commander Towers:— "Heartiest congratulations from N.K. aeroplane division."

A resolution is before the U.S. Congress to award the Congressional medal of honour to the aviators.—*British Wireless.*

The Rolls-Royce factory at Derby was closed for a day in recognition of the part which the workers took in making these now historical engines.

It has been calculated that if the Atlantic crossing were completed in twenty hours by one Rolls-Royce engine running at an average of 1,800 revolutions per minute, its performances would be as follows (in a two-engined plane such as the Vickers' Vimy the operations would naturally be doubled). Each engine will make 2,160,000 revolutions, and each piston will travel up and down the interior of its cyclinder a total distance of 440 miles. As the Rolls-Royce engine has twelve pistons, they will in all travel 5,280 miles. The valves will be operated some 25,920,000 times in each engine, the magnetos and sparking plugs having to deliver the same number of sparks for the ignition of each engine.

Recent history of the Rolls-Royce aero engines discloses one or two astonishing facts—thus:

On Nov. 11. 1918, when the armistice was declared, there were in possession of the Royal Air Force, Rolls-Royce aero engines of a total horse-power of over 1,000,000, which far exceeded that of any other make of aero engine in use.

Previous to Armistice Day (Nov. 11. 1918) there had been constructed 122 Handley-Page bombers, of which no less than 113 were fitted with Rolls-Royce engines. Prior to the same date 1,524 complete "Bristol Fighters" had been delivered, of which number 1,304 were also equipped with Rolls-Royce engines.

GREAT DOCK FIRE AT LIVERPOOL.

MILLION POUNDS DAMAGE.

One of the most serious fires that have occurred in Liverpool for some years broke out on Monday night at the Alexandra Dock. It is estimated that over one million sterling damage has been done by the conflagration, which originated among some hundreds of barrels of turpentine that had been landed on the Hartley Dock Estate.

A breeze from the river caused the flames to spread to two huge warehouse sheds, each about 400ft. long. In these were stored timber, cotton oil, and general merchandize, and the efforts of the fire brigade to stem the advance of the flames were hopeless from the outset.

Fortunately the efforts of the firemen prevented the outbreak extending to a neighbouring shed, which belongs to the Cunard Company, but it will be some time before the fire is completely subdued.

Even if the fire does not spread, it may burn for days. Burning oil and bursting casks poured into the river, throwing off great flames until they burnt themselves out.

HIGH SKIRTS AND HIGH WAGES.

A largely-attended meeting of women civil servants was held at Central Hall, Westminster, when resolutions were carried condemning the recommendation of the Gladstone Committee's report, and supporting the principles of equal pay and equal work, and of equal opportunities of advancement for women and men in the service.

"You still believe in high skirts and high wages," said Mr. Jack Jones, M.P., who supported the resolution. "Evidently the Government have taken you at your own valuation, and fixed the salaries in direct relation to the length of the skirts." It was the pin-money people, he said, who helped to keep salaries down.

It is announced that, at the personal request of the Prime Minister, Lord Ernle, the President of the Board of Agriculture, has agreed to continue in office until the Prime Minister returns to London.

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CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION on Sunday June 22nd at 6 p.m. in Umorten Kirche.

EHRENFELD. Church at the Junction of Mechteren Strasse and Vogelsanger Strasse:—
Mass on Sundays 9.15 a.m. Confessions on Saturdays 5 p.m.

LINDENTHAL. Chapel of the Hospital in Josef Stelzmann Strasse — continuation of Giebel Strasse:—
Mass on Sundays 10.30 a.m. Confessions on Saturdays 5 p.m.

SCOTTISH CHURCHES' SOLDIERS CLUB Schildergasse. Every Wednesday and Friday at 6.30 p.m a Wesleyan Chaplain will be in attendance in Quiet Room (upstairs).

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THE EVOLUTION OF STATECRAFT.

Viscount Bolingbroke, that brilliant and unpractical man of letters and affairs, rescued from the past a notable saying which like many another illumines his treatise *On the Study and Use of History*. History, he recalls, is Philosophy teaching by examples. Despite the excellent educational facilities in our Rhine Army we cannot pretend that "philosophy" is a popular subject, and it is notorious that "example" has seldom played the part expected of it; but it is fitting at times to seek help from the pages of our world-story. Any aid that we can bring from by-gone policy and episodes is welcome in these critical hours. The peace of Europe is trembling on the scales, and every consideration is worth while which can in any manner weigh against the strife and turmoil of earthly passions.

History has its lesson and it is drawn from the evolution of statecraft. In the Middle Ages of Europe, states had this curious anomaly that while they were linked together as parts of Christendom and paid homage to one Emperor or one Pope they were politically detached the one from the other. Their unity was apparent, not real. When one went to war against another it did so because of an alleged travesty of its *rights*, and the ordeal of battle was the means by which a state sought the judgment of God upon its claims. There was a profound mediaeval faith that war tested the value of a kingdom's ideals. But Christendom was secularized in the sixteenth century, and the spirit of nationality grew apace. States became independent and cast off the swaddling clothes of a Holy Roman Empire. The system of rights gave way, and the issues between states became a matter of diplomacy.

When diplomacy became the inspiration of foreign politics it was only a short time before the modern conception of a "balance of power" was evolved. It is the custom in our text-books of history to give to Cardinal Wolsey the credit of this conception. In our opinion it is wise to note that diplomatic balancing of powers savours of later days than those of the astute statesman of the first Tudor, but it is undoubted that in a vague manner he anticipated foreign policy. In the end of the fifteenth century royal power was manifest in the kingdoms of Western Europe. Louis XI of France, Henry VII of England, Ferdinand and Isabella in Spain, the Emperor Maximilian — these were monarchs who raised their countries to greatness. Naturally leagues were formed which weakened the power of any one country that was a menace to its neighbours. A good example of the machinations of diplomacy based on a balance of power may be found in the Grand Alliance by which William III saved not merely England and the United Provinces but Western Europe from the domination of Louis XIV. It is little wonder, then, that Ranke believed that the idea of a balance of power was necessary to the existence of the States of Europe.

Now this conception of foreign diplomacy has its merits as well as its failings. It is built on the assumption that no state can live unto itself, that the ties between states are so interwoven that what affects one affects all. The consequence has always been that in face of attempted dominance a league of interested kingdoms has striven to curb unworthy aspiration. In other words, when Might raises its head it is met with the combined Might of the less mighty. That may not be a lofty ideal of diplomacy, but it serves a useful purpose; and, after all, it is not very unlike the machinery of party government in England.

But the balance of power has two grave disadvantages. In the first place it is a creature of opposing forces. Were there a unity of interest and ideal amongst the nations of Europe, there would be no place for delicate balancing and intricate manoeuvre. The second disadvantage is that even the most perfect equilibrium can never be long maintained; and, when it fails, war is the inevitable resort of nations.

It would not be fair to say that the conception of a balance of power fully defines British foreign policy. Britain at her best has used that conception as a means to an end and not an end in itself. Along with it our country has placed other principles—regard for the liberty of the smaller nations, regard for the honour of Britain. But the student of history as he turns back its pages sees most clearly a definite policy of "balance" from the days of the Reformation to these of the Draft Treaty of Peace.

The evolution of statecraft has not ceased. In the Draft Treaty there is a nobler principle of diplomacy than that of balance of power—there is the conception of a League of Nations. No longer are the nations of the world to be viewed as units that can be arrayed against each other in adjusted leagues. They are to be viewed as one family inspired with a common interest and ideal. The hope of Europe and the hope of the whole world are bound up in that League. Only in it can there be peace and good will on earth.

May we say this word to the people of Germany? The Treaty that lies before their delegates for signature is a Treaty which has in its forefront a glorious emblem of Peace. The Covenant is the biggest matter of all. Germany has now been assured that before long, if she finds her soul, she shall have her place in the League. Refusal to sign the terms of peace will bring sorrow and shame to a country that has had a notable past, and will make her an outcast amongst the nations of the world. The League of Nations is not a bauble, not an accidental item of peace, not a machination of diplomacy. It is a saving grace and a herald of a worthier morrow. Nations to whom honour means much are pledged in allegiance to its faith.

THE ENCIRCLEMENT BOGEY.

A tombstone in an American graveyard is said to bear the following inscription:— "To the memory of Y. Abel Watson supposed to be buried here. No one knew him living."

The geographical position of Germany, with Russia on one side of her and France on the other, has often presented to German minds the thought of what would happen if both of them fell on her at the same time. The policy of Bismarck was directed to keeping in with Russia since France was then naturally irreconcilable. The fall of Bismarck was followed by a Franco-Russian alliance, and the possibility of their making a concertina of Germany reappeared. It was, however, a remote contingency, because France was democratic and Russia was ruled by a peaceful Czar. The Russo-Japanese War rendered even the possibility problematical. Germany, with Austria and Italy, was strong enough to make France and Russia think many times, even if they had been inclined for war, before they provoked it. Under the circumstances a straightforward and unprovocative policy which would maintain the balance as it was, appeared to be the line indicated for all the powers concerned. But Germany would not rest satisfied. She could not cease to lick her chops over the fat morsels she had swallowed in 1871. Appetite grew by what it had fed on. Prussia supplanted the old and more kindly feeling of Germany with the rigid materialism of the Empire makers and Marx, and for the old ideals, substituted the heady tipuor of Clausewitz, Treitschke, Bernhardi and *hoc genus omne*. The German people lived amid the fumes of Weltpolitik and Machtpolitik, and, while pleading necessities of defence, accumulated armaments destined for offence.

There was one power of Europe which stood outside the European groups. She had just been involved in a distant war which had taught her that the policy of "splendid isolation" implied more danger than splendour, and that, as she was, she could not count on friendship from any European power, least of all from Prussia. France was a democratic country, and if not too friendly, had at least substantial causes of difference on which to found subsisting grudges and ultimate agreement. She was more open, more akin, and a closer neighbour. Hence grew up the Entente between Great Britain and France. Through France, Britain was put in touch with Russia, and in a manner reconciled to her. Germany having begun in 1897 a quite moderate naval programme, proceeded, with variations between disclaimers of any hostile intent and "A could an if a would" ejaculations, to accelerate naval construction. When it became apparent that this procedure was only drawing France, Russia and Great Britain together, she began to protest and swear that she was being encircled.

It was all a bogey. King Edward of England was neither by temperament nor by his constitutional position adapted to weave the network which the German publicists feigned to believe was being woven round them, and attributed to that monarch's activities. As far as it was not an utter figment, it was the evident result of the umbrageous policy of the Prussian rulers, distrust of which formed a common ground of understanding.

The powers of the Entente sought peace and pursued it. In 1899, before the Hague Conference, Lord Goschen for the British Admiralty declared: "If other great naval powers are prepared to diminish the programme of shipbuilding we on our side should be prepared to modify ours." At the subsequent conference, Germany of all the powers alone rejected with scorn the idea of limitation of armaments and held this senseless extravagance to be no burden to the German people, but a boon. More than once since then, has Great Britain diminished her expenditure on the fleet with an overt view to influence the Germanic Government in the same direction, only to find that in spite of protestations that Government was increasing theirs. Finally, in 1912 came the incident of Lord Haldane's visit. The Kaiser, in the midst of the controversies arising out of the competition of armaments invited this philo-German minister to visit him in order to discuss misunderstandings between his country and England. Two little days before his visit a proposal for a great increase in the German Navy was submitted to the Reichstag.

Not encirclement, but security, was the object of the Entente. As a matter of fact the encircled one knew well enough that she had only to settle down to a pacific and straightforward policy to form part of the circle. She preferred to suscitate the bogey of encirclement in order to add a grievance to her armoury, and a further inducement to the German people to pay and sweat for the policy of bloated armaments; but it will no more stand the light of facts than will the analogies of an ingenuous Teuton journalist who would write to Mr. Lloyd George imploring "the great lion England" not to swallow "the little rabbit Germany."

The mentality of these people is too curious to be penetrable, but we have thought it worth while to refer to the history of the non-existent deceased since a few days ago a Berlin journal attempted his exhumation. It would be more interesting if some earnest seekers could unearth one genuine effort by Germany towards limitation of armaments in the last twenty years.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

OPERA HOUSE AUDIENCES.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir:— Your correspondent 'A. M. Richmond' suppresses some important facts bearing on his complaint regarding the etiquette of certain sections of the audience at the opera.

Presumably he is one of those fortunate individuals who understand German so thoroughly that he can follow the text as sung from the stage; the majority of us cannot, and go therefore chiefly to hear the music, and to see the acting, which surely does not require absolute silence.

The performance on the night in question was the 'Rosen Kavalier', and I, for one, cannot admit that the attitude of dumb adoration recommended by your critic is any tribute to the excellent acting of this essentially *comic* opera. Possibly the girls, Young Guards, and I did show our appreciation by a little subdued mirth.

Do you not think, Sir, that fully to appreciate comic opera, a sense of humour is as essential as a sense of music?

Further, it was the first time that I had visited the Opera House, and I had been told that refreshments could not be obtained there. Do you, Sir, blame a girl for taking a sandwich, or a sergeant-major for taking a drink, to sustain them through a performance lasting four or five hours?

With regard to the sneer contained in the last paragraph of his letter, who shall say who is the best judge of a good voice—your correspondent or the Young Guards who have so incurred his displeasure? *MENS CONSCIA RECTI'.

BEST INTELLECTUAL GAME.

To the Editor of *The Cologne Post*.

Sir,—You would, I think, add to the obligations under which you have already laid the Rhine Army if you acted on the suggestion regarding chess made by "L.A." in your issue of to-day.

At the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A., we have weekly Chess Tournaments and as I have been handsomely beaten more than once, I am disposed to consider that there are players in the Army who are not to be despised. It would be a service to our Club, and doubtless to others, if we had the use of your columns for the arrangement of Tournaments and for the other purposes stated by "L.A." ALEX FRANCIS.

THE OPERA HOUSE.

A very fine performance of Gounod's "Faust" took place on Sunday last. The success was specially due to Mademoiselle Angèle Vidron, one of the favourite ex-leading ladies of the Opera House, who is actually engaged at the Chemnitz Theatre, and who played, as a guest, the part of Marguerite. This was the first time she played since she left Cologne, a year ago. We admired above all the refined style of her voice and her acting. We should like to hear Mademoiselle Vidron in an opera hailing from the sunny land of Italy or Spain.

The jewel song, the scene in the church and the jail-scene were really very fine. The public showed itself more grateful than ever, and heaps of flowers and bouquets proved that the opera-lovers of Cologne regret very much to have lost such an artist. We noticed also that the Frenchmen were specially enthusiastic. H. O.

WINGED VOTARIES.

BIRDS OF DIFFERENT FEATHER FLOCK TO THE DOM.

A *Times* correspondent gives to the world the noteworthy fact that a pair of kestrels have nested in the tower of a London Church. We are sorry not to be there. Meantime let us content ourselves with our little side show at Cologne. The famous Dom has its feathered votaries. But they pay scant respect to the marvel of its architecture, except insomuch as it affords them a refuge and observation.

Let us start at the foot or even in the street. The most obvious birds are the homely pigeons. Though their numbers are small they range in colour from black, through blue rock, almond tumbles, etc., to white. They are the sole domesticated species in our search and have their funkholes amongst the tracery at the head of the lower window.

Now for the wild. The first of these which attracts notice is the blackbird. Digging his toes in, he strains his neck to wrest a receding worm from the lately watered turf. Then the ubiquitous house sparrow. Daring and saucy, he hops leisurely away from the front of the vehicles, or flies to the nearest ledge of the Cathedral. Let us leave him to his gutter.

Looking higher small schools of tireless and erratic swifts claim our attention. Swifts have a weakness for church towers. Hour after hour they circle round uttering their screech of exhilaration, hawking for flies. They have little use for legs. Indeed, left to these ill-endowed members, they exhibit the helplessness of the sea lion out of water. Their feeding, and even courting is done on the wing. Mingled with them here and there is the dainty, silent swallow, flitting in all directions after his evening meal.

These latter disappear as the sun sinks, while the swifts circle higher and higher, vanishing at last in the twilight. It is a debated point where they roost. Higher still up the huge edifice we happen on some very ordinary looking birds amongst the flying buttressess. One whose business it is to climb daily their giddy height says they are crows. Certainly they are not hoodies; and what has carrion to do with Dom spires? Descendants of the famous Rheims jackdaw? It is possible. However, we plump for the common bare-faced rook until someone with good field glasses contradicts us. This little colony fly to and from their feeding grounds in the half lights.

But to the *pièce de résistance*. Almost any time two pairs of sparrow hawks can be seen twisting and scudding among the pinnacles. The hover of the kestrel has little part in their movements. They are in constant antagonism with the rooks, but the honours of battle appear easy. The spires of the Dom serve the hawks in the office of a cliff or crag. Occasionally their high-pitched rapacious scream calls to mind their dark deeds in country haunts. From their point of vantage it is not a far cry to the forests and hills in the district whither they repair to satisfy their predatory tastes. So we gaze at our winged friends and sigh for easy-going and hospitable London. "RUS IN URBE."

Y.M.C.A. READING CIRCLE, EUSKIRCHEN.

A meeting was held on Monday to hear Lt. Cowper speak on "Shakespeare and France."

The speaker dealt mostly with the similarity in route and the difference in detail between the armies of the earlier kings and those of the great war. He brought out the intimate knowledge which Shakespeare showed concerning France; his acquaintance with French characteristics of life and character in comparison with the German.

An interesting meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the speaker.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Thursday	4½	Lohengrin	Wagner
Friday	6	Das Glöckchen des Eremiten	Maillart
Saturday	6	Madame Butterfly	Puccini
Sunday	5½	Aida	Verdi
Monday	6	Tales of Hoffmann	Offenbach
Tuesday	6	Rigoletto	Verdi

INDIAN WRESTLING.

NO. 1 SECTION-DIVISIONAL AMMN. COLUMN'S SPORTS.

Ideal weather and exceptionally keen competition provided the large gathering of spectators at Meiternich with a very interesting and most amusing afternoon's sports. The events that aroused the keenest interest were Mule Racing, Obstacle Race, and Indian Wrestling. The prizes were distributed by Lt. Col. R.W.L. Dunlop. C.I.E., D.S.O. who congratulated the winners and thanked Capt. E. A. Meredith and all those who had contributed to the very successful meeting, especially mentioning B.S.M. Foster. M.M. Free refreshments were provided on the ground for all ranks.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

HORSE JUMPING:—(1) Dvr. Remington; (2) Cpl. Howarth.

SACK RACE;—(1) Sig Byrne; (2) Gnr. Hill.

THREE LEGGED RACE:—(1) Cpl. George and Sig. Taylor; (2) Bmdr. Bitten and Gnr. Walker.

V.C. RACE:—(1) Sgt. Blackeby; (2) Dvr. Curran.

OBSTACLE RACE (British):—(1) Staff Farr. Sgt. Muggeridge; (2) Gnr. Goodheart; (3) Bmdr. Bitten.

OBSTACLE RACE (Indians):—(1) Bigli Khan; (2) Kale Khan; (3) Desnandan Singh.

TUG OF WAR:—"C" Sub Section.

HALF SECTION JUMPING (British):—St. Sgt. Farr. Muggeridge and Sgt. Blackeby.

HALF SECTION JUMPING (Indians):—Havildar Hussain Khan and Kale Khan (L Naik).

PILLOW FIGHTING:—(1) Gnr. Petit.

100 YDS. FLAT RACE (British):—(1) St. Sgt. Farr. Muggeridge; (2) Bmdr. Bitten.

100 YDS. FLAT RACE (Indians):—(1) Mohd Mahanga; (2) Mohd Hussain; (3) Bigli Khan.

WRESTLING ON MULES:—Bmdr. Bitten, Dvr. Joblin, Gnr. Street, Gnr. Petit.

CANOE RACE:—"A" Sub Section.

HIGH JUMP (Horses):—(1) Dvr. Remington; (2) Dvr. Moore.

HIGH JUMP (Mules):—(1) Dvr. Begg; (2) Gnr. Goodheart.

EVENTS OPEN TO THE COLUMN.

MULE FLAT RACE (British):—(1) Sgt. Blackeby (No. 1 Section); (2) Cpl. Howarth (No. 1 Section).

MULE FLAT RACE (Indian):—Bigli Khan (No. 1 Section); (2) Kanahya (No. 2 Section).

MULE FLAT RACE (Havildars & Naiks):—(1) Naik Sherra (No. 3 Section); (2) Hav. Hussain Khan (No. 1 Section).

MULE HURDLE RACE (British):—(1) Dvr. Begg (No. 1 Section); (2) St. Sgt. Farr. Muggeridge (No. 1 Section).

MULE HURDLE RACE (Indians):—(1) Rupchand (No. 2 Section); (2) Kale Khan (No. 1 Section).

OFFICERS MULE RACE:—(1) Lt. Daniels (No. 1 Section); Capt. Wales (Hd. Qtrs.).

INDIAN WRESTLING:—(1) Mohd Hussain (No. 1 Section); (2) Naik Sorupa (No. 3 Section); (3) Deosharm Singh (No. 1 Section).

ATHLETIC SPORTS AT WERMELSKIRCHEN.

PRIZE AWARDED TO BEST CLOWN.

"C" Coy. of the 15th Bn. Humpshire Rgt. held a very successful sports meeting on the Football Field, Wermelskirchen on Sunday afternoon, when the numerous events were keenly contested. There was a large crowd present, and the C.O. (Lt.-Col. The Hon. R. Brand, C.M.G., D.S.O.) in distributing the prizes at the close, complimented Capt. Oxborrow M.C. and the other officers of the Coy., for the excellent programme provided and for the way in which the numerous contestants were marshalled for the various events.

The Judges were Capt. Fowler M.C.; Capt. Reynolds M.C.; Lt. Speed, Lt. McIlveon and Lt. Hart M.C.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

The following is a list of events and successes:

100 yards—(open):— 1. Pte. Sherwood; 2. Pte. Humble.

Throwing Cricket Ball:— 1. Lt. Usher. 2. Pte. Sherwood.

440 yards:— 1. Pte. Hewish. 2. Pte. Sherwood.

Sack Race:— 1. Pte. Hawkins. 2. Pte. Gannichfft.

Tug-of-war:— 1. No. 12 Platoon. 2. No. 3 Platoon.

Tilting the Bucket:— 1. Ptes. Carey and Joliffe 2. Ptes. Perkins and Hawkins.

880 yards (open):— 1. Pte. Hewish 2. Pte. Porter.

High Jump (open):— 1. Pte. Holland 2. Lt. Usher.

Long Jump (open):— 1. C.S.M. Cotton 2. Pte. Sherwood.

440 yards Handicap:— 1. Pte. Hewish 2. C.S.M. Cotton.

The Best Clown:— 1. Pte. Somner.

Inter-platoon Relay Race:— 1. No. 12. Platoon.

Three-legged Race:— 1. Ptes. Hewish and Porter 2. Ptes. Moyce and Gannicliffi.

150 yds. Handicap:— 1. Pte. Childs 2. C.S.M. Cotton.

Obstacle Race:— 1. Pte. Mc. Donald. 2. Pte. Snook.

CHESHIRE'S SPORTS.

C. COY'S MEETING AT HEMMERICH.

C. Coy., 8th Cheshire Regt., held a most successful ataletic meeting at Hemmerich on Sunday, by kind permission of the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. H.S. Osborn, D.S.O.

The winners of the finals were as follows:—

100 yards Flat (Heats):— 1. Sergt. Coakley time 11 secs.; 2. Pte. Haslam; 3. Pte. Evans.

Long Jump:— 1. Cpl. Clare (15ft. 3 ins.)

Bombing:— 1. Pte. Moore (40 yds. distance).

Relay Race (1 mile):— No. 10 Platoon. Sgt. Coakley, Cpl. Wilkins, Pte. Jones and Pte. Davies.

Pillow Fighting:— 1. Pte. Taylor; 2. Pte. McTear.

High Jump:— 1. L/Cpl. Knobbs (4ft. 5 ins.)

Potato Relay Race (50 yds.):— 1. Sgt. Steele.

Hopping Race (100 yds.):— 1. Sgt. Coakley; 2. Pte. Hall.

Gas Helmet Race (300 yds.):— 1. L/Cpl. Knobbs; 2. Pte. Knott.

Tug of War:— 1. No. 9 Platoon.

Climbing greasy pole:— 1. L/Cpl. Briscoe.

Obstacle Race (300 yds.):— 1. Pte. Shaw; 2. Cpl. Wilkins.

Sack Race (100 yds.):— 1. Pte. Moore.

Three legged race (100 yds.):— 1. Sergt. Coakley and Sgt. Steele.

220 yds. Flat:— 1. Pte. Evans; 2. Pte. Ashworth.

2 Miles Flat:— 1. Pte. Swain; 2. Cpl. Wilkins; 3. Pte. Knott.

SILONYX WINS THE GOLD VASE.

RECORD CROWD AT ASCOT.

PRE-WAR LUSTRE REVIVED AT FAMOUS MEETING.

With the presence of the King and Queen and royal party there was a revival of pre-war lustre at Ascot on Tuesday. The weather was glorious, and the crowd, the largest on record, waved a welcome as the royal party drove in an open carriage on to the course. The following were the results of the various events:—

Trial Stakes:—1, Ciceronetta (9—4); 2, Planet (8—1); 3, Chuud (7—1).

Ascot Stakes:—1, Haki (9—1); 2, Silver Bridge (100—6); 3, Langdon Hills (10—1).

Coventry Stakes:—1, Sarchedon (8—5); 2, Poltava (5—2); 3, Marshal Neil (10—1).

Gold Vase:—1, Silonyx (2—12); Royal Welsh (10—1); 3, Kaboodles (20—7).

Prince of Wales Stakes:—1, Dominion (2—1); 2, Splendid Spur (10—1); 3, Coriolanus (5—1).

Bessborough Stakes:—1, He Goes (20—1); 2, Tetrameter (7—1); 3, Plunkette (20—1).

COUNTY CRICKET SCORES.

Surrey beat Sussey by an innings and 189 runs. Scores:— Sussex (1st innings) 115; (2n innings) 228; Surrey 532 for 6 wickets (declared)

Notts v. Middlesex — Notts 301; Middlesex 190 (for 6 wickets).

PRESENT WEIGHTS OF JOCKEYS.

*Allsop, H	7	0	Lancaster, E	7	10
*Balding, A	5	9	Langford, W	8	6
*Balding, W	6	5	*Leader, T. E	7	5
Bezant, G. H	7	8	Ledson, James	7	9
*Blades, H	8	1	*Lester, G	7	3
Brennan, J	7	5	Martin, J	7	7
*Burns, J	6	7	Painter, E	7	1
Carslake, B	8	5	*Piggot, K	6	4
Chaloner, H	7	4	Piper, G	7	10
Childs, J	8	5	Plant, J	6	11
Clark, J	7	12	Ringstead, C	6	4
*Claxton, P	6	4	Robbins, H	7	4
Cockeram, J	8	3	Roberts, K	6	9
*Colling, G	6	9	Saxby, W	8	8
Cooper, R	7	4	Scarse, F	8	8
Crisp, R	8	0	Shatwell, J	7	4
Davies, F	7	10	Smyth, V	7	5
Day, J	7	13	Spear, Nathan	7	6
Donoghue, S	7	8	Slade, F	7	7
Earl, W	8	1	Stokes, Henry	7	10
Flanegan, A	6	7	Thwaites, J	7	9
Fox, F	7	6	Trigg, O	8	3
Foy, C	7	9	Turner, Peter	8	2
*Garnett, A	6	1	Warne, W	7	11
Griggs, W	7	12	Whally, Albert	7	10
Jaime, G	7	5	Wheatly, Elijah	7	9
Jellies, H	8	4	Winter, F	8	9
Jones, H	8	6	Wing, M	7	9

*Entitled to 5lb. apprentice allowance.

INTER-WING CRICKET.

COLOGNE v. BONN AIRMEN AT LINDENTHAL.

An interesting cricket match was played at Lindenthal on Monday between the 11th. Wing (Cologne) and 2nd Wing (Bonn) of the 2nd Brigade Royal Air Force. The 2nd Wing lost their first 2 wickets for 20, when Col. Blount and Lt. Wallington brought the score up to 56 for the third wicket, the latter unfortunately being run out. Lt. Deane, joining the Col., played good cricket, the pair putting on 33 for the 4th wicket, when Col. Blount who had played a fine innings was well caught at point. He just missed his half century by 2 runs. After Lt. Deane was dismissed for 21, the team went to rot, being finished off easily for 123, largely owing to the fine bowling of Lieut. Hallett who took 5 wickets for 13.

140 FOR 8 WICKETS.

The 11th Wing team started carefully but had 4 wickets down for 36 before Sergt. H. Spencer and Maj. P. Huskinson made a fine stand, putting on 45 for the fifth wicket, when the latter was caught having scored 33 in good style. Sergt. Welch, joining Sergt. Spencer at the fall of the sixth wicket, played in a forceful style and the pair passed the 2nd Wing's total with 4 wickets in hand. The final score for the 11th Wing was 140 for 8 wickets (innings declared), Sergt. Spencer carrying his bat right through the innings for 50. Other scores:— Sergt. Welch 19, and Lt. Hallet 13. Bowling for the 2nd Wing Lieut. Deane took 3 for 45 and Sergt. Sayers 3 for 46.

A NOTABLE RECORD.

It is interesting to note that 7 players of the 11th Wing team are from No. 70 Squdn. and are at present playing for the 70 Squadron league team for *The Cologne Post* Competition. This Squadron, it may be added, have played and won three matches in the competition, leading A.C. Bolton having taken 20 wickets for 44 runs — a very fine record.

TRANSPORT SEC. Q.V.R. v. TRENCH MORTARS.

The meeting of these teams caused much excitement and it was not surprising to see a fairly good crowd on Saturday at Niederaussem. Play was somewhat even for the first fifteen minutes when the Mortars opened the scoring but it was not long after, that Hayward, from a fine centre from Grenn, put the home team level, the same player giving them the lead five minutes later.

The Mortars started the second half well and were rather unlucky in not drawing level, Hamley saving a fine shot but try as they did, they could not pass the strong defence of the Transport, Pamsh at centre-half being in fine form. Just before time the Transport made many attacks at their opponents goal, and Howe and Winward were both unlucky in not scoring. The game ended with the Transport good winners by 2 to 1.

85 OUT OF 100,

ROYAL MARINES RIFLE ASSOCIATION MEETING.

Sergt. W. A. Westcott R.M.L.I., Portsmouth, won the Prince of Wales Cup for ten shots each at 300 and 600 yards at the revived Royal Marines Rifle Association Meeting at Gosport on Tuesday. He scored 85 out of a possible 100.

JOHNNY DUNDEE DEFEATED.

Benny Leonard beat Johnny Dundee on points in a six-rounds boxing contest at Philadelphia

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Urging a meeting of London waiters and hotel and restaurant workers to organize, Mr. Charles Duncan, the general secretary of the Workers' Union, said that one of the chief restaurants in London, he was told, paid its workers no wages at all.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

'R' BATTERY A.A. (129) v. CAVALRY DIVISION H.Q. (76) on Sunday. Lieut. R.L. Leman contributed a very useful 37, while Bmdr. Whitehouse gave a stylish 27 towards the Battery's total. Bmdr. Chadderton, batting ninth, hit five fours and three singles. For the visitors, Lieut. Jennings (26), Cpl. Adams (13) and Lieut. Fox (11), were the principal scorers. Bmdr. Whitehouse bowled magnificently, taking nine of the Cavalry's wickets for 18 runs.

239 A.E. COY (30) v. 77 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A. (59). For the winners Cpl. Fenton took 6 wickets for 13 runs, and Sergt. Garmonsay 3 for 12. Wilson took 7 wickets for 26. The only one to reach double figures for the losers was Moorhouse 11, and for the winners Bmdr. Harling (16) and Gnr. Bull (14).

LANCS. DIV. H.Q. (153) v. EASTERN DIV. H.Q. (113). Batting for the former, Lieut. Almond scored 40; Major Rowntree 38; Major Shaughnessy 20; Lieut. Broadbent 11, and Pte. Willoughby (not out) 12. Lieut. J. H. Almond took 5 wickets for 45 runs and L/Cpl. J. J. Edwards 2 for 38. For the Eastern Div., Pte. Walker scored 38; Pte. Lowner 18; Pte. Sanford 18; and Pte. Sanders 14.

OTHER RESULTS.

103 Field Ambulance	145
52 Manchesters	41
C/113 Bde. R.F.A.	69
51 R. Warwicks	57

52nd R. WARWICK REGT. v. 1/6 W. YORKS REGT.

On Saturday the 1/6th West Yorkshire Regt. had a most enjoyable game against the 52nd Royal Warwicks Regt., at Gladbach resulting in a win for the former team. Pte. Carr and L/Cpl. Gibbons contributed a faultless 52 and 28 respectively; the former also showing excellent bowling form, taking 5 wickets for 7 runs. The score at the end of the play was:—

1/6 W. Yorkshire Regt. 141 for 5 wickets

52nd Royal Warwickshire Regt. 22 all out.

SPORTING REFLECTIONS.

Cricket v. Football.

Acknowledging the popularity of cricket, there are some who acclaim football as their favourite game and even go so far as to pursue the sport all the year round. Cricket is known as the National Game, but football makes a bigger appeal to the masses. Although ideally suited to the summer, cricket is criticised as "slow" by quite a number of sportsmen. Scotsmen, generally, prefer football to cricket even as a summer game. While having much admiration for the shrewdness of the Scot in many things I wouldn't like to regard his predilection in this case as characteristic of the major ty of sportsmen.

R.A.F. Cricket Week.

I see the R.A.F. are holding a cricket week in the form of a knock-out competition commencing on 21st June. The function is to be held daily at 11.00 hours on the Rhine Army Officers' Cricket Ground at Stadtwald, Lindenthal, Cologne. Keen competition is anticipated. The final match takes place on Friday 27th June.

Inhumane Horse Racing.

The other afternoon, while walking along the Rhine bank I saw two officers and two O.R.'s engaging in impromptu horse racing. It was sweltering hot and the horses, streaming and panting, were being urged on to what seemed a never-ending chase. As soon as one objective was reached they would about turn and gallop back, only to repeat the same performance. One horse was terribly broken-winded. Surely this sort of thing should be avoided.

THE RAMBLER.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Sunderland F.C.

Mordue has been re-engaged by Sunderland for next season, but Holley has not been invited to resign.

Aston Villa.

Aston Villa's annual report states that during the season £1,597 was raised for charity. There was a loss on the year of £397.

American Rowing Eight.

The American eight in training for the King's Cup at Henley Regatta rowed the full Henley course on Saturday in 7 mins. 23 secs.

460 for 6.

Blackheath's fine all-round cricket against the Incogniti at the Rectory Field was reminiscent of old times. Blackheath registered 460 for 6.

French Girl Champion.

Mlle. Suzanne Lengien, the French girl lawn tennis champion, who will compete in the All-England Championships, is now practising at Wimbledon.

Celtic Forward For Chelsea.

Johnnie Browning, the clever outside-left of Celtic F.C., has been signed on by Chelsea. He has been one of the leading lights in the Celtic team for half a dozen years.

Smart Youngsters.

Taylor, conforming to Manton traditions, is expected to produce one or two smart youngsters, one talked about being Lady James Douglas's colt Manton in the New Stakes to-day.

South Africans Win.

Lawn tennis is booming at Oxford and Cambridge, and following upon the inter-University contest, the South Africans visited Oxford on Saturday, and won by 8 matches to 3.

Johnny Summers in Training.

Johnny Summers is training at the Grand Hotel, Leigh-on-Sea, under the care of Harry Stokes, for his contest with Bob Marriott for the light-weight championship at the National Sporting Club next Monday.

U.S. Athletes.

Ten American swimmers and six wrestlers have arrived in France for the Inter-Allied athletic meet at Paris. Among the swimmers is the famous Norman Ross, who holds all the Pacific records from 100 yds. to 3 miles.

"LADY GODIVA" — REVISED VERSION.

"A" BTY. 190 BDE. R.F.A., SPORTS ON POLA WIESEN GROUND.

MUSICAL CHAIRS ON MULES.

The above Battery held a sports meeting under ideal conditions on the Pola-Wiesen sports ground on Saturday.

The 100 yards provided some very close finishes, the final winner being Dvr. S. Loomes with Bmdr. C. Maddy a good second. The 220 yards, a three-legged race, and a sack race were then duly run off, the two last mentioned causing much merriment amongst the spectators.

Arrival of Clown.

About this time a clown arrived leading "Molly" the mule, on which was mounted a rather well developed "Lady Godiva", clothed, we beg to report, in more than her hair. The clown who was exceedingly droll and caused screams of laughter by his antics, especially his fights with Nanny — the Battery's pet goat — was Sergt. Herbert, who was ably assisted by the somewhat boisterous "Lady Godiva" (Dvr. Reeves), and Molly, who was suitably attired in tights for the occasion.

The horse jumping proved of great interest. The competition for W.O. and N.C.O's was easily won by Sergt. Maj. Dale. The drivers showed wonderful keenness in the jumping with lead horses, and the laurels went to Dvr. Clarkston B/190.

MOLLY WITH LADY GODIVA UP.

Perhaps the most amusing event of the day was the musical chairs with the competitors mounted on mules. There were a good dozen and a half entries, and amidst yells of applause the spectators were rewarded by seeing their old favourite "Molly" with "Lady Godiva" up, win the event.

Other events were won by the following:— The mule race Dvr. Muir A/190; Throwing the Cricket Ball, Dvr. Muir A/190; High Jump, Gnr. Veiten, A 190; 100 yards open; 1, Bmdr. Maddy, A/190; 2, Dvr. Racher C/190.

By the kind permission of the Commanding Officer, the Band of the 23rd R.F's rendered an excellent programme of music throughout the afternoon. The Battery Commander, Capt. Kilpatrick, ably assisted by his brother officers, is to be highly congratulated on the unqualified success of his efforts.

BOXING AT ORLOFF.

EXCELLENT DISPLAY IN COMPETITION.

At Arloff on Saturday, the 52nd Batt. S.W.B. held a boxing competition as a prelude to the forthcoming divisional tournament, which, judging by the excellent display on Saturday, they look like winning. This battalion, likewise the whole division, was recruited from the country that gave the world such masters as Jimmy Driscoll, Fred Welsh, and Jimmy Wilde, in view of which a great deal of interest is bound to be centred in the above-mentioned tournament.

The entries in each weight, especially the Lightweight, were so numerous that series were arranged, the results of which are as follow:—

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

Bantam Weight:— The preliminaries of this had been decided previously, and Pte. McDonough, ("C" Coy), and Pte. Williams, ("C" Coy), met in the final. Williams threw up the sponge in the first round after putting up a game show against heavy odds.

Featherweight:— Pte. Horrocks, ("B" Coy), outpointed Pte. Poste, ("A" Coy). Pte. Roach, ("A" Coy), defeated Pte. Wilkinson, ("D" Coy) on points. In the semi-final Horrocks easily outpointed Hull, who had drawn a bye, and he so badly hammered Roach in the final that the latter retired in the first round.

Light Weight:— Pte. Moran, ("C" Coy), defeated Pte. Hewins of the same Coy, by a small margin of points; Cpl. Voce, ("D" Coy), vanquished Pte. Coles, ("D" Coy); Cpl. Edwards ("B" Coy) in a bad punching bout, outpointed Pte. Tennant; Pte. Meake, ("A" Coy), knocked out Pte. Wilson, ("D" Coy) in the second round, and later beat Meake on points. Cpl. Edwards met Moran in the semi-final, and forced him to retire in the second round, and in the final he punished Meake so severely that the referee stopped the fight. Cpl. Edwards is a real fighter, and has a punch worthy of a middle-weight.

Welter-Weight:— Pte. Peake, ("A" Coy), who believes in hard hitting, outpointed Pte. Smart, ("C" Coy); Pte. Walton, ("D" Coy), knocked out Pte. Runmore ("D" Coy) in the second round.

In the semi-final Peake met Fisher, ("C" Coy), and the latter was disqualified for too great a liking for the outside of the ropes. The final saw some spirited fighting between Peake and Walton, but the latter took the count in the first round.

Middle Weight:— Pte. Dennison, ("A" Coy), defeated Cpl. Hampton, ("B" Coy), on points. Hampton was awarded the prize for the best loser. Pte. Evans, ("C" Coy), who had drawn a bye, encountered Dennison in the final, and allowed himself to be knocked out in the first round.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

At the close of the competition, Major-Gen. T. Cubitt, C.M.G., D.S.O., commanding 3rd Bde., awarded the prizes, and in a short address, complimented the contestants for their fighting qualities, and expressed his pleasure at the total absence of holding and clinching. He said that Bmdr. Wells was probably the best boxer of the age, but his failure was due to his inability to fight, and if they (the participants in the competition) desired to be boxers, they must first of all learn how to deliver and take punches—in short, to fight.

Lieut. A. R. P. Cannon, (51st S.W.B.) was an efficient referee. 2nd Lieuts. T. W. Thomas (51st S.W.B.), and D.A. Seddon were the judges, and 2nd Lieut. T. J. Treble, the timekeeper.

R.F.A. SPORTS, 51st BRIGADE.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT HAUS HORST NEAR BENRATH.

A very successful sports meeting was held on Sunday at Haus Horst near Benrath by the 51st Bde. R.F.A. Among those present were Brig.-Gen. W. Sandys, C.B., C.M.G.; Lt. Col. G. L. Walker R.F.A.; Major C. R. Rickeard, R.F.A.; Major E. J. Bather, D.S.O., R.F.A.; Major W. Sworder, M.C., R.F.A.; Major D. E. Logan, M.C., R.F.A. Lieut. W. W. Brown, M.C., R.F.A. performed the duties of Hon. Sec. and Recorder.

At the close of sports Brig.-Gen. Sandys kindly presented the prizes and a very enjoyable afternoon was finished by giving three cheers for the General.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Thursday, June 19, 1919.

Surface wind light, Westerly. Cloudy, with perhaps occasional slight rain. Visibility indifferent.

"METEOR."

ENGLISH COUNTY CRICKET TABLE.

DERBYSHIRE LEADING.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.	Per Cent.
Derbyshire	5	3	2	0	3	60 00
Yorkshire	4	2	1	1	2	50 00
Somerset	3	1	1	0	1½	50 00
Hampshire	2	1	1	0	1	50 00
Surrey	5	2	1	2	2	40 00
Notts	5	2	0	3	2	40 00
Essex	5	2	0	3	2	40 00
Lancashire	5	2	1	2	2	40 00
Middlesex	3	1	0	2	1	33.00
Gloucester	4	1	3	0	1	25 00
Leicester	4	1	1	2	1	25.00
Sussex	4	0	3	0	½	16 66
Northants	3	0	1	2	0	—
Warwick	3	0	3	0	0	—
Kent	1	0	0	1	0	—

HENDREN LEADING BATSMAN.

Good as were E. Hendren's batting average figures last week, the Middlesex man has improved on them, for from 114.8 he has jumped to 123 71. George Gunn has gone up to second place, Hirst being now third. In bowling premier position is held by Parkin, of Lancashire. Bestwick's figures, considering his long retirement from the game, are wonderful.

BATTING.

	Innings.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Times Not out	Aver.
E. Hendren	10	838	214	3	133.71
G. Gunn	8	678	185*	2	113 00
Hirst	8	586	180*	1	83.71
Hobbs	11	706	3.5*	1	70.60
P. Perrin	10	426	126	3	60 85
J. W. Hearne	12	587	218	2	58.70
Russel	10	527	122	1	58.55
Mead	6	280	72	1	56.00
A. T. Sharp	8	328	139	2	54.66

* Not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Parkin	98.2	30	236	21	10.76
Bestwick	214.5	33	627	44	14.25
W. A. Flint	131.5	33	348	23	15.13
King	133	30	304	19	16.00
Rhodes	217	54	531	33	16.09
F. E. Woolley	107.5	28	232	13	17.84
Ellis	1.2	17	393	22	17.85
V. R. Price	127.1	17	475	26	18.26
Robson	131	24	398	21	18.95

NO ENGLISH CRICKET TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA.

On Monday afternoon at a M.C.C. committee meeting at Lord's it was decided that it was not advisable to send a cricket team to Australia next autumn.

TAYLOR IN FINE FORM.

MID-SURREY GOLF PRO' WINS IRVINE "TOURNEY."

Eight famous professionals took part in the golf tournament promoted by the Irvine Club at Bogside, Ayrshire. J. H. Taylor (Mid-Surrey), was in fine form all day, and as well as being on the winning side in his morning foursome, won the stroke competition in the afternoon with a score of 77.

The morning results were:—

J. H. Taylor (Mid-Surrey) and Abe Mitchell (Sonning) beat James Braid (Walton Heath) and Arnaud Massy (Nivelle) by 1 hole.

Harry Vardon (South Herts) and Edward Ray (Oxhey) beat George Duncan (Hanger Hill) and Alex Herd (Coombe Hill) by 2 up and 1 to play.

The result of the stroke competition was:

J. H. Taylor, Mid-Surrey	77
James Braid, Walton Heath	78
Abe Mitchell, Sonning	79
Harry Vardon, South Herts	79
Edward Ray, Oxhey	80
Alec Herd, Coombe Hill	80
George Duncan, Hanger Hill	80
Arnaud Massy, Nivelle	81

BASHAM v. RATNER.

MATCH ENDS IN DRAW AT NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB.

Great interest was taken in the 20 round boxing contest at the National Sporting Club on Monday night between Sergeant Johnny Basham, British welter weight champion, and Augie Ratner of America for a purse of £1,200. The contest went the full distance. The referee's verdict was a draw.

Both men started off at a very fast pace and in the early rounds Ratner showed up as a wonderfully strong and crafty boxer, but Basham held him in check throughout until the sixth round, when he was shaken with a hard left hook on the jaw.

Basham scored in the seventh round with several quick leads to the face and, using his left cleverly, Basham won the eighth and ninth by a fair margin. In the tenth Ratner got his left to his opponent's jaw, immediately following with a smashing left hook flush on the jaw. Basham, however, fought him off and the pace never diminished to any extent in the second half of the contest.

Ratner often appeared dangerous but Basham was always too quick in getting clear for the American to follow up his punches. The verdict came as a surprise for the majority were of opinion that Basham had done enough to entitle him to the verdict.

RECORD ENDURANCE PERFORMANCE.

Jabez Wolffe, who is training for his 22nd attempt to swim the channel put up a record endurance performance at Putney on Monday by swimming, walking, cycling, and sculling five miles each in the total time of 3 hours, 54 minutes, 12 seconds.

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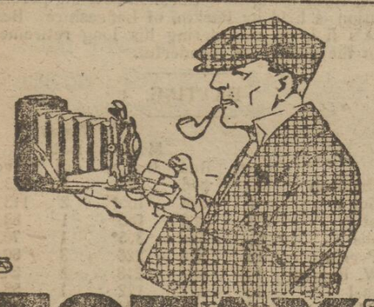

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COLOGNE TOWN LEAGUE.

A.P.O. Cologne v. 9 L.T.M.B.
51 Aux Bus Coy. v. Bakeries Sports Club, Kalk.
"R."A.A. Bty. R.A. v. Adv. Supply Depot.
Army H.Q. Sig. Coy. v. 53 Sherwoods.
51 D.L.I. v. A.A. Searchlight Sec. R.E.
70 Sq. R.A.F. v. 3 Cav. Field Amb.
No. 2 Water Tank Coy. M.T. R.A.S.C. v. 51 Northumb. Fus.
Cav. Div. A.C. R.H.A. v. 4 R. Sussex.
9 D.L.I. v. 24 Vet. Hospital.
1/5 Devons v. 53 Northumberl. Fus.
2 Bde R.A.F. v. "G." Bty. R.H.A.
Other clubs — no match.

DÜREN LEAGUE.

1/1 N. Mid. Heavy Bty. v. 310 Bde. R.F.A.
183 Siege Bty. v. D. Corps Siege Park.
527 Coy. R.A.S.C. v. 6 Field Amb.
52 Gordon Hdrs. v. 10 A. & S. Hrs.
IV Corps Troops M.T. Coy. v. 153 Siege Bty.
1 Light Rly. Sig. Coy. v. "O" Bty. Rocket Troop R.H.A.
15 Hussars v. 62 Bn. M.G.C.
"D" Corps Sig. Coy. v. Light Div. Sig. Coy.
Light Div. H.Q. v. 51 Sherwoods.
Other clubs — no match.

COLOGNE SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

H.A.C. (C/O D.A.P.M. Deutz Kalk) v. 180 Labour Coy.
52 Bedford v. Wahn Survey Det.
93 Bde R.G.A. v. 2 Bn. M.G.C.
23 Bde R.A.S.C. M.T. v. 3 Bn. M.G.C.
5 R. Irish v. "G" A.A. Bty. R.G.A.
VI Corps Sig. Coy. v. 161 Bde R.F.A.
3 Northern Bde. v. 12 R. Irish Rifles.
281 Siege Bty. v. D/190 Bde. R.F.A.
11 R. Scots v. Northern Div. R.E.
VI Corps H.Q. v. 5 K.O.Y.L.I.
2 M.G. Sq. Cav. Div. v. 41 Bn. M.G.C.

COLOGNE NORTHERN LEAGUE.

1 5 W. Yorks v. 53 R. Warwick.
92 Bde. R.G.A. v. 13 K.R.R.C.
London Div. M.T. Coy. v. No. 14 G.H.Q.M.T. Coy.
1/4 York & Lancs. v. 420 Siege Bty.
237 Field Coy. v. 29 Bn. M.G.C.
II Corps H.Q. v. 23 Middlesex.
1/6 W. Yorks v. C/113 Bde. R.F.A.
51 R. Warwick v. 31 Labour Group.

EUSKIRCHEN LEAGUE.

174 Siege Bty. v. 185 Siege Bty.
11 Leicester v. 354 Siege Bty.
104 Bde. R.F.A. v. 145 Siege Bty.
9 Corps Troops M.T. Coy. v. 509 Field Coy.
1 5 S. Staffs v. 16 Field Amb.
76 (Army) Bde. R.F.A. v. Mid. Div. M.T. Coy.
9 Corps H.A. v. Mid. Div. H.Q.
18 Field Amb. v. "E." Corps Sig. Coy.
42 Stay. Hospital v. 269 A.E. Corp.
"F" A.A. Bty. R.F.A. v. Mid. D.A.C.
488 Siege Bty. v. 1 Bn. M.G.C.

BONN LEAGUE.

52 Manchester v. 52 Cheshire.
91 F.A. v. 92 F.A.
86 Siege Bty. v. 4 Suffolk
Eastern Div. Sig. Coy. v. 15 Lancs. Fus.
103 F.A. v. 10 R.W. Kent.
Lancs. Div. Sig. Coy. v. 51 Bedford.
207 Sq. R.A.F. v. 53 Welsh.
No. 3 Coy. Western Div. R.A.S.C. v. 23 R. Fus.
5 Border v. 2 London Inf. Bde.
Eastern Div. H.Q. v. 1st T.M.B. (Western)
51 K. Liverpool v. X Corps Sig. Coy.
303 Siege Bty. v. 69 Siege Bty.
16 Lancs. Fus. v. 13 K. Liverpool.
Other Clubs — no match.

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FOLK DANCING.

INTERESTING DEMONSTRATIONS IN COLOGNE.

There has been, recently, a revival of interest in old English Folk Dances in the British Army; and, recently, public demonstrations on a large scale have been given in England. But the largest and most varied display that, up to the present, has ever been given anywhere, was seen in the Great Hall of the Central Y.M.C.A., Cologne, on Tuesday, by a large number of spectators, both officers and men, who were not merely interested in, but fascinated by every item of the long programme.

It was a British Army of the Rhine demonstration, the dancers being the representatives of the several Army Corps. These had been trained by Y.M.C.A. folk dance lady-teachers in their several localities and sent in to Cologne, along with their teachers, by their Corps.

At times a Corps team gave a dance that had not been learnt by the other Corps. At other times, all the Corps united in a common dance with their teachers; and then about 100 dancers were on the floor, wearing costumes appropriate to the dances.

Votes of thanks were enthusiastically accorded to Mr. W. Ashley (the general Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in the British Occupied Area) for the encouragement and help that he had given to the Corps teachers; to Miss Daking and her capable staff of teachers; to the men, for their splendid exhibition; and especially to the Corps Commanders for their co-operation without which the extraordinary success could not have been achieved.

The teachers and their teams were hospitably entertained by the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. Folk-Dance Team which also took part in the demonstration.

FAREWELL CONCERT.

73rd ARMY BRIGADE R.G.A.

On Saturday, a farewell concert and party was given to the personnel of the 73rd Army Bde. R.G.A., in consequence of the Bde. being reduced to cadre strength, prior to proceeding to England. After an excellent tea had been partaken of, the staff adjourned to the garden of the St. Joseph's Haus, Brühl, were they are billeted, to participate in a whist drive. L/Cpl. Gibson won the first prize for gentlemen, a handsome cigarette case. Sapper F.Peat successfully carried off the ladies prize, which was a razor. Gunner G. H. Draper was awarded the consolation prize, and Sapper Fletcher, the booby prize.

An adjournment was next made to the spacious hall in the building, where the concert took place. Songs were rendered by L/Cpl. Gibson, Pte. Chapman, Gunners Butterworth, Palmer, and Casey. Bmdr. Hodge gave a fine rendering of "Little Grey Home" and was warmly applauded. Corporal Featherstone recited "Some kid" and "His only hair"; Gunner Butterworth was the able accompanist. A one act sketch entitled "A Wife's Dilemma" was a very popular item. Pioneer Meedham making a very efficient and good-looking "lady."

After the concert, liquid refreshments were served and dancing was indulged in. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

The Bde. arrived in France during the latter part of 1916 and has seen service on practically every sector of the western front. The disbanding of the Bde. will sever many happy friendships and associations, especially to the small percentage of men who have seen service with the Bde. since it was first formed.

"THE OWLERS" AT STOTZHEIM.

"The Owlers", the concert party of the 79th Brigade R.G.A., who have been showing at the Casino, Euskirchen, commenced their "tour" round the outlying villages on Saturday night when they went to Stotzheim for the benefit of the men of the 14th and 174th Siege Batteries. An attractive and varied programme, well staged, was given before a crowded and appreciative house.

The "girls" of the party were impersonated by Lt. Palin and Dvr. Fulton and their presence went a long way towards relieving the performance of anything of the "military aspect". The "star" turn of the evening was the ventriloquial act by Bmdr. W. Pawson, which was distinguished by some very smart and witty patter.

Bmdr. Pawson and Dvr. Fulton are both well-known as members of the "Banebooks" the III Corps H.A. concert party which scored such a hit at the "Gaiety" Theatre, Brussels, in February. The other members of the party were Lt. Oxbury, Bmdr. Walker, Bmdr. Bromme, Spr. Corer, Gnr. Thatcher and Spr. Evans.

"The Owlers" are assisting to raise funds for recreational and sports purposes for the 79th Brigade.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

June 18th. 1919.

The concert given by the band of the 12th Lancers on Tuesday at the B.E.L.C. was in everyway excellent, and the audience seemed to find the evening one of the most enjoyable they had experienced. The programme opened with a selection from "The Gondoliers" which can never be heard too often, and which was delightfully played. The second item was the suite "Ballet Egyptien" by Luigini. The familiar Barcarolle from the Tales of Hoffmann was also much enjoyed, the two soloists, A.Stollard and T.Dunnboth, acquitting themselves admirably. The rest of the programme included the "Sicilian Vesper" overture by Verdi, "Two Parisian Sketches" by Fletcher, a "Fantasia" on well-known songs by Douglas and "The Parting" by Smith. The soloists were Lieut. Barley, whose songs "The Little Irish Girl" and "The Great Red Dawn" were both much appreciated and Miss Barnard who also gave much pleasure by her playing of Greig, giving as an encore "Frühlings Rauschen." Major Greenlees thoroughly delighted the audience. He gave "Myself when young" and "Mother o' Mine," and kindly sang two encores "O! Flower of all the World" and "King Charles."

The 5 to 6 dancing class took place as usual and in spite of the great heat. It was more than ever successful.

Answers to Correspondents.

A. B.:— There should not be any difficulty about the matter.

Acc.:— (1) There should be a fresh deal. (2) If he declared, he should not change his mind afterwards.

Doubtful:— It rests entirely with your C. O.

T. A. C.:— They were made by John Player and Son, Nottingham.

Reader:— Fleet Street, London, is sufficient address.

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THE EPISTLES OF PETER BIRSE, JUNIOR.

THE PRETTIEST WOMAN IN COLOGNE.

Dear Maister Editor,

Efter m' last ouk's mortifeein' expairience wi' the mermaid i' the Rhine, aw micht weel hae waush'd m' han's o' weemen for a' time, an' turn'd a reglar Schopenhauer. Accoardin' t' Pope, admeetedly an ill-natter'd kin' o' a vratch, maist weemen hae nae karacters at a', tho' the majoarity o' the kitchie-deems we've had at Printfield, had a' hantle owre mony karacters, in fac' a nayou ane ilka sax month. Some o' them tae are badly adeekit' t' gyaun thro' yer breeks pooches i' the loanly watches o' the nicht, tho here agin aw canna substanshiate the statemint as the result o' m' ain expairience. Aw've worn the kilt this fower eer an' mair.

But be the weemen fat they may—paragoans o' virtyou or moniments o' vice—it ill-shuitet me th' ither nicht in a company o' conveevyal drooths weel oil'd an' soos'd t' sit an' hassen till a discushan on "Fa's the bonniest umman in Coloan?" For an oor an' mair the wirdy battel conteenit, noo this ane extoalin' the byouties o' an Inglish queen, an' noo that ane waxin' eloquint on the luv'ly faityures o' some parteeklar "Jerry." Ane o' the foremist as weel as maist beebulus o' th' orators was m' frien' Chairlie Doddles, fa's a bit o' a gay Lothairio on the quate, an' accordin' t' him, there was an umman near the Monopol hottel in Coloan, fa's byouty was by-ordinar, in fac' the speak o' the toon. As aw'm offen roon' that wye masel', maister Editor, aw naitrally begood t' get interestit. "Lat's hear something aboot her," aw quately remaurk'd.

"Weel, jintlemen," said Chairlie, "she's maist awfu' bonnie; Muggie Ann at the Mains or Maidgie Jean o' Nethermulls is simply noat in it wi' this veeshan o' luvliness, this priceless embodimint o' majeestick grace an' raivishin' byouty." (cheers).

A FAMOUS PARALLEL.

"Some o' ye," conteenit Chairlie, warmin' till is subjeck, "'ll maybe hae haird the jinglin' lines i' the Sassenach tung:—

"Now the Graces are four, and the Venuses two,
And ten is the number of Muses,
For a Grace and a Muse and a Venus are you,
My dear little Molly Trefusis."

(Loud and proloang'd cheers, an' cries o' "Go it, Chairlie" etc.) "Jintlemen," concludit the spaiker, "the first three lines are truly awpplickabel t' the bonniest umman in Coloan." (Renewed cheers, durin' which the spaiker resoom'd his sait on the coonter.) Gyaun hame thegither i' the gloamin', Chairlie promis'd t' meet me fower days later, an' intradyuce me t' this bewitchin' craiter.

On th' appointed day aw was up betimes wi' the laverock, poalishin' m' beets an' buttons, scrubbin' m' gweetikins, an' poshin' up ginerawlly, for it's nae ilka day 'at yer introdyuc'd tae "the bonniest umman in Coloan." True t' time, as the Caley Railwye Company says, Chairlie cam' shaughlin' alang t' the trystin' place, the coarner o' the Hoho Strassy, an' thegither we set oot for th' abode o' this misteeryus byouty 'at had turn'd Chairlie's napper, an' was showin, traijic signs o' turnin mine!

In less nor a meenit we were ackwally landit, an' nyod, aw got the surprise as weel as the disgust o' m' life. It was a musaim he took me till, an' this goaddess o' byouty was oaly a pickter!

"Look here, Doddles," says I, rale het kin', "fat dae ye mean b' haulin' me oot o' m' buid at half-sax i' the mornin, t' look at a daub o' vauruish in a rubbitchy frame? Ye're naething but a gaikit, toom-pated, eeseless, doited, ill-cleckit, feckless, cratty-bram'd, bletherin' galoot."

"Haud a wee," entraitit Doddles, rale sheepishly, "an' fan ye're feenish'd fuffin' an' rantin', ye'll maybe condisend t' tak' a keek at the leddy. Sairiously speakin' noo Peter, isn't she rale pritty?"

A PRUSSIAN QUEEN.

"She's nae sae bad," I admeetit, "but fa is she?"

"The Königin Louise," Chairlie promptly replied, "hae ye ever heard tell o' her i' the coors' o' yer misellanyus an' promeeskus readin'?"

"Aw hev that," said I. "A hunner eer syne, fan her kwintra was in muckle the same predeeckament as it's in i' the noo, she was Queen o' Prooshia. I' the middle o' the negoshiasnuns at Tilsit in auchteen hunner an' seeven she presentit hersel' i' the toon t' gie Nap. the gled-'ee, an' thereby induce 'im t' mak' his terms a hantle aisier. An' mon, he hurried on the signin' o' peace. It's a peety in that sense 'at her marra's nae livin' the day t' wheedle Doc. Wulson an' Maister Lloyd George. A year later at Erfurt, she was at her auld tricks agin, an' this time the man o' destiny sent her an auchteen carrot gowd chaun wi' a gowden hert attach'd, nae a bad tribyute till her bonnie looks an' grayshus chairm.

Accoardin' t' *"The Third Book of Artemus"* 'at ye review'd th' ither day i' the coalums o' yer estimawbel jurnal, "a beautiful woman is as a thorn in the side of all the world. For her sisters, they are eaten up with envy; and there is great dissension amongst the men because she is but one and not enough. And many do seek her in marriage, but only one is chosen, a little man and bald, having a wonky eye and also many talents of gold." Baith sexes, maister Editor, can took upo' the luvly Königin Louise withoot envy or disseasion. My purtin' wirds t' Chairlie may be repeatit here wi' apoalojies t' Joolius Ceesar — "aw came, aw saw, *she* conker'd."

Yours respeckfully,
PETER BIRSE, JUNIOR.

AL FRESCO CAMP CONCERT.

"KOYLIES" STRIKE NEW LINE AT WEILERSWIST.

On Saturday evening the 24th Battalion K.O.Y.L.I., by kind permission of Major Brooke M.C. commanding, gave, at the Weilerswist Musketry camp, a concert on original and picturesque lines.

The "setting" was a piece of pasture, land adjoining the Camp and the main road. For a background there was a piece of woodland country which was most effective.

A huge bonfire had been prepared and gave the proceedings that extra spice of novelty which makes and keeps one interested. The stage was a G. S. wagon. Several would-be music hall stars and a real "strum at sight" pianist made up the show.

The band opened up the evening by rendering in good style a popular selection under the able direction of "New Mown Hay" Then followed a real orgy of talent. Baritones vied with light comedians to gain the approbation of the audience. Amongst others who shone must be mentioned Ptes. Watson, Wilkinson, and Bandsman Rickard. In fact every item given was of the best.

It was past eleven o'clock when the concert was concluded with the "King" most heartily sung, and each one hied to his tent feeling happy, contented and ready for "On the Back Down."

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ACUTE POLITICAL CRISIS IN GERMANY.

RESIGNATION OF THE PREMIER.

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CLEMENCEAU'S REGRETS TO RANTZAU.

SCHEIDEMANN'S CABINET RESIGNS.

CLEARING THE AIR.

The most important development with regard to the question which is on everybody's mind as to whether or no Germany will sign the Peace Treaty next week occurred on Thursday night. Scheidemann, the German premier, and the entire cabinet has resigned.

Viewed in the light of his previous utterances, his action can only be taken to indicate that Germany intends that the treaty shall be signed and that if Scheidemann's Cabinet will not so decide, a Cabinet must be formed that will.

The immediate cause of the resignation was the refusal of the Democrats to accept a proposition made by the Centre party. The members of this section suggested, by a four to one majority, that the Treaty be signed except those articles declaring that Germany is alone responsible for the war, that the ex-Kaiser and others will be tried by Allied tribunals and that Germany will not be allowed to possess colonies.

This provided a pretext for the resignation as it is perfectly well known that such modified acceptance would be refused by the Allies.

The situation is confused as it is not possible to forecast the composition of the new Cabinet. Among the names mentioned are those of Erzberger, (who belongs to the Centre party and is no stranger to the formulation of severe "take them or leave them" peace terms), Noske (Majority Socialist) the present Minister for National Defence, von Richthofen, (Democrat) and Müller, (Majority Socialist).

The Chief of the General Staff, Groener, with the Bavarian and Württemberg premier have been summoned to Weimar to participate in the deliberations.

In any case, the new Cabinet will have a very short life. Its only object is to direct the German plenipotentiaries to go to Versailles, willingly or unwillingly, and sign a document which will save and conserve what Prussian wreckers have left after nearly five years spoliation of their own Fatherland.

There is also a Cabinet crisis in Prussia and the resignation of the Prime Minister, Heine, is considered imminent.

The latest information from Weimar is to the effect that Herman Muller is trying to form a Cabinet without giving undue prominence to his own Party (Majority Socialists).

REVISIONS IN THE TREATY.

The revised official text of the Peace treaty reached London on Thursday by aeroplane from Paris. It appears in French and English and extends to 100,000 words. The most important modifications have already been published in summary form.

The financial clauses provide that up to May 21st, 1921, the German Government shall not export or dispose of, and shall forbid the export and disposal of gold without the previous approval of the Allies.

The Allies publicly arraign the ex-Kaiser for supreme offences against international morality and the sanctity of treaties. A special tribunal will be constituted to try the Kaiser, composed of five judges, one appointed by each Ally, whose duty it will be to fix punishment.

The German Government shall recognise the right of the Allies to bring before military tribunals certain officials whose names are known, who, if found guilty of the alleged offences will be punished.

Compensation may be claimed from Germany in respect of damage to civilians and their dependents, to prisoners of war by maltreatment, to naval and military victims; capitalized cost of pensions and compensation; cost of assistance to prisoners of war and their dependents; allowances to families of mobilized persons; damage in respect of property carried off, seized, injured or destroyed by Germany; damage in form of levies, and fines or exactions imposed on civilian populations.

RHINELAND HIGH COMMISSION.

The text of the draft agreement concerning the future of occupied territory which was handed to the German delegation with the Allied note, has been officially issued.

It sets forth that no German troops, except prisoners of war in course of repatriation will be admitted to occupied territories. Police forces, of a strength to be determined by the Allies, may be maintained in these territories. There shall be constituted a civilian body, styled the "Inter-Allied Rhineland High Commission," which shall be the supreme representatives of the Allies. It will consist of four members representing Great Britain, America, France and Belgium. The ordinances of the High Commission shall have force of Law and its members shall enjoy diplomatic privileges and immunities. The Armies of Occupation are to have the right to requisition the German Government to maintain in a good state of repair all military establishments repuired for troops. Private soldiers and N.C.O.'s are to be accommodated in barracks and not billeted on the inhabitants except in exceptional cases. The High Commission shall have power to declare a state of siege in any part of occupied territory.

DELEGATION'S DENUNCIATION.

The Weimar correspondent of the *Temps* states that the memorandum addressed to the German Government by the delegation returned from Versailles consists of two parts.

The first deals with political aspects and seeks to show that Germany would be reduced to a state of slavery if she signed the peace terms. The second part deals with the economic side and the delegation maintains that by accepting the terms the situation in Germany would be as terrible as if she refused. The memorandum further stated that the delegation, including the experts, would refuse to adhere to a Government which would sign the treaty.

It is necessary, however, to emphasize the important fact that in the Centre party, on whom the decision depends, a feeling favourable to accepting the terms has assumed considerable proportions. All the leaders of this party are in favour of signing, and even in the Nationalist and Right parties, voices are being raised for acceptance.

INDEPENDENTS MANIFESTO.

A manifesto has been published in Berlin by the Independent Party Committee which, while protesting against the "Imperialistic" peace terms, candidly admits that the German people have now no alternative to taking the consequences of the misdeeds of the old regime which caused the war, and in the end brought about a catastrophe.

"The German people" runs the manifesto, "have got no choice now, for refusal to sign will mean the occupation of our most important industrial districts, the paralysing of industry, stoppage of food imports, unemployment and eventual famine. But still the Government hesitates. It still represents capital and militarism. We warn it not to continue its policy of provocation and force the people to acts of desperation by rejecting the treaty."

AN AMERICAN PROPHECY.

The attitude of Paris to-day is one of calm anticipation. "It was hardly to be expected", said a member of the American delegation, "that the proud and haughty Prussians would accept this bitter pill without making wry faces, but they will swallow it alright, never fear. After all is said and done the punishment which an outraged world is inflicting on criminal Germany is mercy itself compared with the barbarian brutality and ferocity with which Germany sought to impose her will on the world. Any other criminal guilty of half the fearsome crimes proved against Germany would accept the terms gratefully."

FATAL MISCALCULATIONS.

In Peace Conference circles at Paris the conviction grows stronger that Germany will not commit the fatal blunder of refusing to sign the Treaty, thus deliberately bringing upon herself far greater suffering than if she accepts the eminently just punishment imposed by the Allies' conditions.

In the words of a member of the British delegation, "If the Germans are still harbouring the hope of reaping benefits out of the Allies dissensions they are only adding another to the long list of their fatal miscalculations of the past five years. Germany will get no better terms than those handed to her on Monday. If she proves recalcitrant, her fate will be far worse. Nothing could stiffen the back of the world more effectually than Clemenceau's stern and timely reminder of Germany's iniquities."

ALL PRECAUTIONS TAKEN.

The *Evening News* learns on the best authority that every preparation, both naval and military, necessary to meet any possible situation is absolutely complete.

If the Germans say "No" on Monday, Allied troops will be moving at dawn on Tuesday towards Berlin and if the Germans persist in their refusal to sign it is expected that Berlin will be occupied in a week. The lines to be reached, the towns to be occupied, and the limits of each day's march have been fixed by Marshal Foch. Regulations for the conduct of the troops and instructions in the event of any hostile reception are ready to be issued.

APOLOGIES TO RANTZAU.

It is officially notified that M. Clemenceau has written to Count Brockdorf-Rantzau expressing regret for the incidents at Versailles and Noisy le Roi, when several members ot the departing German delegation were struck by stones thrown by the crowd. It is believed that the incidents were part of a spontaneous demonstration which was only rendered possible by laxity on the part of the French police authorities, some of whom have been dismissed.

OPERATIONS IN NORTH RUSSIA.

The War Office has issued the following communiqués:

A wire from General Ironside (Archangel front), dated June 16 reports that the situation on the Dvina front during the past few days has been quiet, only one small patrol encounter having taken place. As a result of a Bolshevist order mobilizing all men up to 45 years of age in the neutral zone on the Dvina, about eighty men and several women and children entered our lines. On the railway front, Polish troops carried out a small raid successfully, capturing one prisoner.

On the Murmansk side General Maynard reports, in a wire dated June 17, that patrols of the Russian volunteer force have pushed forward on the east side of Lake Onega to the shores of Lake Voldozero (thirty miles east-south-east of Povienetz). In an encounter with the enemy on June 14 they captured thirty-six prisoners and two machine guns. Similar patrols have got in touch with partisans belonging to the Archangel force north-east of Lake Voldozero. On the west of Lake Onega the enemy is being followed up by Russian troops backed by the Allies, along the railway and road running along the side of the lake.

CANADIANS RAID POLICE STATION.

SERGEANT KILLED BY MOB.

Kinmel, Witley, Guildford, Ripon and now Epsom! There seems no end to the disregard for law and order shown by Canadian troops awaiting demobilization in England.

The latest riotous outbreak occurred at Epsom on Tuesday night and culminated in a tragedy, a police sergeant, doing his duty in the face of overwhelming odds, being beaten to death by a horde of infuriated ruffians.

Woodcote Park Camp, less than two miles from the town, contains about 2,000 Canadian soldiers. A large number of these broke camp and went to the Epsom Town police station to release two of their comrades who were under arrest for a civil offence.

The town police station was wrecked, a police-sergeant killed, and a number of constabulary officers seriously injured.

Less than twenty members of the force endeavoured to keep 400 soldiers at bay. They failed against overwhelming numbers. The rioters, after smashing every window in the building facing the main thoroughfare, as well as the front door, gained an entrance to the cells and released one of their comrades. In view of the critical situation, the police allowed another Canadian, who was in custody, to go free. Both would have been handed over to a military escort in the morning, and it was the arrest of them that is considered to be the direct cause of the riot.

The small garrison endeavoured to prevent the soldiers entering the cells. They had their truncheons drawn, but they were powerless to cope with the numbers against them. Inspector Pawley received a blow on the head, and injuries were inflicted on other officers, several of whom were forced to return to the station.

TRAGEDY OF THE FIGHT.

It was at this period of the riot that Station Sergeant Green was so severely beaten that he lost consciousness. He accompanied the inspector, and was knocked down by blows on the head. He was conveyed to a house on the other side of the street, and afterwards in an ambulance to the infirmary hospital, where he died, shortly after seven this morning, without regaining consciousness.

Station-Sergeant Green leaves a widow, who is an invalid, and two daughters. He was an old and popular member of the force, and had put in over 24 years' service. He would have retired in another nine months. His body now lies at the infirmary hospital.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Canadian Headquarters, Overseas Military Forces of Canada, issued yesterday the following statement in respect to the raid on the police station.

The incident preceding the disturbance at Epsom, which is deeply deplored by the Canadian authorities, appears to have been due to the feeling of hostility which has been steadily growing between the Canadians and demobilized Imperial soldiers, which recently came to a head at Guildford. Since civilians were fined as the consequence of that affair, a number of Canadians have complained at different times that when out alone, or in small parties of two or three, they have been attacked by a gang of civilians. Is has not been possible as yet to ascertain the reason for last night's occurrence, but according to some of the men, a Canadian soldier, who was walking with his wife, was insulted by a gang of civilians. A disturbance ensued, and several Canadians were placed in the police-station.

Several Canadians returned to the camp with this news, and a large number of men, resenting this treatment of their comrades, went down to Epsom with the idea of securing the release of the prisoners. The officer of the day, having failed to prevent the men leaving the camp, went down to the town with them, in the hope of averting a disturbance. This officer entered the police-station to make inquiries, and as he did not appear for some time, the Canadian soldiers, being under the impression that this officer had also been arrested, rushed the police-station. Considerable damage was done to the premises. One policeman was so seriously hurt that he subsequently succumbed. Several other policemen were injured and five or six Canadian soldiers, one of the latter severely. After the affair at the police-station the men returned in groups to camp, and went quietly to bed. Complete order prevails at the camp, but the Canadian authorities have taken the most drastic measures to prevent any recurrence of the disturbance.

All public houses and clubs in the parishes of Epsom and Ewell have been closed until next Monday.

The chairman of the Epsom Urban Council sent the following telegram to the War Office and the Canadian military headquarters:

"Serious riot of Canadian convalescent soldiers stationed at Woodcote Park Camp, Epsom, occurred last night, resulting in murder of police sergeant, injury to several police, and wrecking of police station. Strong action should be taken at once, as inhabitants have no security at night. Owing to its position the camp is difficult to control effectively, except with large guard. All licensed houses and clubs should be at once made out of bounds and the camp evacuated as soon as possible. There are no military police in the district. Immediate action necessary for safety of inhabitants."

Speaking at Epsom on Wednesday afternoon, the Bishop of Winchester deplored the tragic incident. "We shall be far removed," he said "from attributing this to anything like the soldierly conduct or the average character of our Canadian brothers. We know what splendid heroism they have shown, and we regret that their unit in the greater trials of peace should have been led into this affair, no doubt under trying circumstances."

Two Canadians detained in connection with the fatality were brought up at Bow street police station on Thursday evening and remanded. No charge has yet been preferred.

At the inquest which was opened at Epsom on Thursday on Station-Sergeant Green, a letter was read from Mr. Churchill stating that the whole matter will be the subject of a searching investigation and inquiry.

The inquest was adjourned for a week.

47th (LONDON) DIVISION REUNION.

OUTSPOKEN GENERAL.

Recently returned from France, the 47th Division (London Territorials) this week held a commemoration dinner at the Café Monico, Brigadier General Lewis (142nd Brigade) presiding. Among the guests was Lieutenant-General Sir Charles St. L. Barter, who, in the course of his response to the toast of the evening, made a personal statement with reference to his leadership of the Division, which he commanded from 1914 to 1916.

Sir Charles Barter said:—

I was charged with wanton waste of the men entrusted to my command at the battle of the Somme. I repudiate that charge with indignation. (Hear, hear.) The measures taken which led to this loss were either in opposition to my representations, or I was not responsible for them. I was dismissed at an hour's notice with disgrace from my Division; a Division which I had trained, and which I had been so proud to lead in every success. I was dismissed at an hour of the most brilliant achievement of the Division, the capture of High Wood, which several other divisions had made futile attempts to take.

"I think it is unexampled in military history that a military commander should be disgraced in the hour of the success of the troops under his command without any attempt at investigation. The charge of having been responsible for the useless sacrifice of lives of those under me was, I maintain, a cruel and unjust accusation. My immediate appeal for investigation was totally ignored. Successive protests at home have met with the same fate. I have been even refused official information relating to superior orders and material facts connected with the operations in question which are necessary to the prosecution of my case, which it is possible will be brought before the public at an early date. I am determined that my military career shall be vindicated, and that I shall be absolved from the cruel accusation of having squandered the lives of those entrusted to my command. I am very glad that I am able to tell the truth to you all, and especially to the good and trusted comrades of those days, which, notwithstanding the disgrace and ruin to my career which they brought, I look back to with intense and sympathetic pride."

A brief but pointed statement was made to a Press representative by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Charles Barter concerning his sensational speech.

Sir Charles declined to go into further details, concerning the points raised in his speech. "The only thing I will authorise you to say" he stated "is that I regret very much that it should be necessary for me to provoke a public scandal. My case, however, is worthy of official inquiry and I shall leave no stone unturned in order to get an investigation."

UNLAWFUL WEARING OF UNIFORM.

EX-OFFICERS FINED.

Two ex-officers, Sidney Priest and W. W. Lyall, were fined ten pounds each at Kingston yesterday for unlawfully wearing His Majesty's uniform.

Major Cornwallis West, A.P.M., stated that whilst near the members' enclosure at Sandown Park races he saw Priest wearing the uniform of an officer of the Buffs and Lyall that of a Major. Both men had been demobilized for some months.

The right to continue the wearing of uniform except on stated occasions, is contrary to recent regulations.

CIVIC OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH FRAUD.

Thomas Hampson, Deputy Mayor of Southampton was charged on Thursday with fraudulently applying to his own use £22,000 worth of property belonging to the Vulcan Motor Company, of which he was managing director.

Peter Gaskel, David Purvis and John Hamer, three other directors, were charged with aiding and abetting him. It is alleged that Hampson issued instructions that separate invoices were to be kept for the sales of scrap brass and took the proceeds of such sales to himself. It is further alleged that the other defendants agreed to Hampson's suggestion that he should receive a bonus on the proceeds of the sales of gun-metal borings, Purvis reveiving £1000 and Hamer and Geskel £500 each.

The hearing was adjourned.

MAKE A WILL WITHOUT DELAY.

Prebendary Webb Peploe, speaking at the South of England Convention at Hove on Thursday, predicted that the present year will see the end of this world. The great change might be as near as any night or day. The gloomy Prebendary counselled his hearers not to be frightened but to be ready.

WELSH MINERS PURCHASE A BREWERY.

In consequence of shortage in quantity, and poverty in quality of present day beer, South Wales miners have decided to brew their own. With this serious object in view they have devoted £20,000 of their money to the purchase of a local brewery. They are already proceeding to carry out their plan, with the object of supplying their own clubs.

FORTY MILLION YARDS OF LINEN, PLEASE.

Mr. Leonard Martin, a city merchant, has just effected a record one-man deal by purchasing from the Government forty million yards of aeroplane linen. He hopes to dispose of this at a price which will undersell the Belfast manufacturers. The deal was carried through by tender and the purchase price is stated to be about four million sterling.

HOW DEMOBILIZATION IS PROGRESSING.

PROSPECTS OF DERBY MEN.

The War Office has issued an interesting communication explaining the rate at which the demobilization of the British Army is progressing, and indicating the course which will be pursued after Peace has been declared.

"The War Office announces that the present average number of men being demobilized is about 40,000 a week, and if Peace is signed, this number, of course, will gradually be increased.

"It will then be possible, e.g., to reduce almost immediately the Rhine army from ten to six divisions and as soon as there is evidence that Peace is being carried out effectively, this army can be reduced still further. Moreover, the 40,000 to 50,000 men who are guarding German prisoners will be released from this duty when these prisoners have been sent back to their own country, and this will further simplify the problem of demobilization.

"On the assumption that Peace is signed this month, it is still hoped that all men who joined in 1914 and 1915 will be sent home for release by the end of July, except those who are serving in India. The release of these latter cannot be dealt with till the autumn.

"So far as the 300,000 Derby men now serving are concerned, it is hoped to release them according to the month in which they joined up—first those who joined up in January, and next those who joined in February, 1916, and so on. There is no ground whatever for the impression which has gained currency in certain quarters that if men who are demobilizable under Army Order 55 are sent abroad this year they will be retained for two or three years beyond the period for which they enlisted.

"No man who has not rejoined the Army on a normal attestation or for a period of two, three, or four years can be retained for more than three months after the Naval, Military, and Air Force Act comes to an end on April 30, 1920."

HITCHIN MURDER TRIAL.

EX-SOLDIER ACQUITTED.

The ex-Munster Fusilier, John Healy, who was accused at Hertfordshire Assizes of the murder of Mrs. Ridgeley, a widow, at Hitchin, gave an account to Mr. Justice Darling and the Jury of his movements on 25th January, the night of the crime.

He attempted to prove an alibi, explaining his possession of bloodstained clothing by the fact that a man lodging at the same house as himself came home drunk with a cut head. Prisoner put him to bed and in doing so got his clothes spattered with blood.

The Jury, after only a few minutes, absence, returned a verdict of not guilty, and the prisoner was acquitted.

DESTROYING SURPLUS STORES.

A despatch from Lille to *Le Matin* states that the British military authorities have commenced the destruction of war material which it would be too expensive to convey back to England. Already four thousand motor cars have been burned at a dump near Wissant.

The same journal's correspondent at Chateau Roux telegraphs that the Americans have burned a number of automobiles and a great quantity of tarpaulin and bedding which cannot be taken back to America. Inhabitants of the districts were not allowed to purchase any of the material.

A DEMONSTRATIVE TEST.

The airship R 34, intended for the Atlantic flight, is for the moment diverted from that undertaking. It appeared off Copenhagen last evening steering along the coast and making a series of evolutions which displayed to great advantage its capacity for manoeuvring and proved how perfectly it is under the control of its navigators.

After half an hour of these evolutions the airship turned North and followed the line of the Elsinore coast and eventually proceeded across to the Cattegat. In the course of the day the airship passed right over the country of Denmark. The trip was ordered as a demonstation in more senses than one.

8th EAST SURREYS HOME.

The Cadre of the 8th East Surrey Regiment, the battalion which made a famous football charge into the German trenches at Montaban, was given an enthusiastic public welcome at Kingston on Wednesday night on its return from France. Only twenty-two of the original battalion remain.

ALLEGED MURDERER DECLARED INSANE.

At Lincoln Assizes yesterday, Joseph Woodhall, a miner, was accused of the murder of Sarah Ann Robinson, a lady member of the Cleethorpes Board of Guardians.

Accused was found unfit to plead and was ordered to be detained during His Majesty's pleasure.

NEW TERRITORIAL COMMAND.

The War Office announces that General Sir P. S. Wilkinson, who commanded the Northumbrian Territorial Division in Force from 1915 to 1918, has been appointed to the command of the same Division when it is reconstructed.

FRENCH'S REPLY DEFERRED.

It is understood that Lord French's rejoinder to Mr. Asquith's recent speech will be given in an appendix to his book "1914." This will be published after Sir George Arthur's "Life of Lord Kitchener" has made its appearance.

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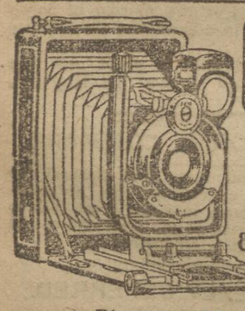
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SURROUNDINGS.

How they influence us.

Much of human life becomes plain when a man takes into account its surroundings. One need not be a Herbert Spencer to see that life is largely a matter of adaptation to its environment. The place in which we settle, the climate which we suffer, the men amongst whom we live are the traditions which our country has moulded for us, the virtues or vices of our ancestry—these have a paramount influence upon the texture of our life's fabric.

It is true that a man's surroundings do not spell a man's fate, but they make very real to him the inspiration of harmony or reaction. Essayists, like Philip G. Hamerton, have often discoursed on the influence of life's circumstances; and even yet we can gather lessons from their tale.

The philosophy of environment is alluring, but we select only a small part of it. There can be no question that the locality of human life is vastly important. It has often been said that the development of genius is most favourably furthered by the stir and excitement of a great city.

Samuel Johnson loved the streets of London so intensely that he felt himself an exile when he travelled in provincial places; and Charles Dickens owed much of his fame to his knowledge of and sympathy with the people of London. Cowper's abhorrence of town-life was in all probability a consequence of his morbid temperament.

What would John Ruskin have been without his Venice or Heinrich Heine without his sorrowful attic in the heart of Paris? A great city cannot fail to influence the interest, ambitions, and artistic ideals of great men.

But the influence of town-life upon genius can easily be exaggerated. The quiet restfulness of the country has often stirred to its depths the soul of the poet. Wordsworth and the Lake School found a new-born joy in Nature, and their sympathy with the simple happiness of country folk and the wondrous beauty of sylvan scenes rescued English letters for a romantic revival which put to shame the measured and prosaic perfections of the eighteenth century.

Thomas Hardy's Wessex stories reveal for us the call of woodland, meadow, and moor upon human strivings and joys and passions. The artist cannot hold his Muse aloof from the appeal of his domicile. A man's abode must largely determine a man's outlook and labour.

"We are" says Philip Hamerton, "like blank paper that takes a tint by reflection from what is nearest, and changes it as its surroundings change." Perhaps this is too drastic in its philosophy, and Hamerton admits that a man with an occupied mind may be largely indifferent to his life's circumstances.

Goethe was present at the bombardment of Verdun—for Verdun has been an oft-bombarded city—and it is curious that he was so untouched by the tragedy of war that in the midst of it he set his mind to scientific observations of colour phenomena. Goethe was less influenced than most men of genius by the events and politics of his day. He never visited either Paris or London.

But there was one place which did influence Goethe, and that was Weimar. In it he had his quiet resting-place, and in it he found true inspiration. The German poet and philosopher was happy in his peaceful habitation. One of his biographers, in speaking of Weimar, gives us a picture of Goethe's home. "The solitude is absolute, broken only by the occasional sound of the church clock, the music from the barracks, and the screaming of the peacocks spreading their superb beauty in the park." It is a delightful picture of peace and tranquility. Who can say how much Goethe was beholden to Weimar?

To-day our eyes are once more turned to Weimar. Is its influence to be for weal or woe? The National Assembly is in session in the city beloved by Goethe. The days are critical, and they are pregnant of a world's future.

Men long for honourable and enduring peace, and they believe that a Treaty which puts in foremost place a League of Nations is a Treaty that should be signed, for it bespeaks an era in which national jealousies and unholy aspirations shall not claim the ordeal of battle but ensure the more auspicious and Christian arbitrament of united counsel.

THE CONSCRIPT.

A Tale of Disappointment.

The other day my Battery Commander called me up and spoke seriously to me on the subject of sport. "I suppose you have seen that order," said he, "saying that all officers should take up some form of sport. What have you done about it?"

I indignantly referred him to my prowess at ping-pong. I could give any member of the mess 10 points in 20 and beat him hollow. In pre-war days my American back-hand service was the talk of Tooting.

"Yes, but what we want," he said, "is something which you can join in with the men, such as . . . ."

I hastily offered to start a chess club, or write home for my Crown and Anchor board, which I still keep as a souvenir of my sojourn in the ranks, but it was of no use.

"What I mean," he continued, "is field sports. Take football, for instance. A fine, healthy game — — do you all the good in the world. Take some of the superfluous fat off you," he added, looking disparagingly at my somewhat well nourished frame.

For the Army on the Rhine irses superior to little things like climate and temperature, and carries on its winter amusements right through the sunniest months of the year.

Protests were unavailing, and the following Saturday I found myself clad in borrowed plumes, an unassuming member of the Left section team versus the Right.

The one bright spot in the outlook was the fact that I had insisted on taking the post of goal-keeper, and as our backs were exceptionally brilliant, I had hopes that my afternoon's exercise would merely consist of a gentle stroll from one goal to the other at half time.

Alas, I was doomed to disappointment. Since their last match the Right Section had been reinforced by a dark horse.

This was a shockheaded individual, who appeared to my jaundiced eyes to be about six feet square, and thick in proportion. I was afterwards told that he was a professional footballer, and had been the shining light of some north country team before he joined up. Anyhow he made havoc of our defence.

My recollection of that afternoon consists of a series of visions of that terrifying figure bearing down upon me, the while a bloodthirsty crowd on the touchline urged him on to deeds of violence against my unoffending person.

Not content with scoring the goals, he seemed to take a savage joy in hushing me into the corner of the net at the same time.

After bearing the brunt of his assaults for several times in succession, I took refuge in strategy. As soon as he got within shooting distance I ostentatiously dropped my pince-nez, and went down on my hands and knees in the farthest corner of the net to look for them.

The remarks of our supporters were bitter and to the point. I heard one driver, whom I had had occasion to reprimand that morning for having dirty buttons, say to a friend "Wat's 'e doing, Bill? Looking for mushrooms?" To which his friend replied with withering scorn "Nah, can't yer see 'e's practising physical jerks for the orficers' sports next week." Even the Brigade Interpreter, a devoted follower of all our sporting events, so far forsook his usual air of detached politeness as to shake his head sadly, and remark "nix goot."

This was the last straw. Filled with a savage determination to get out of it by fair means or foul, I fell to the ground and gave a realistic imitation of a man suffering from a violent attack of cramp. The whistle blew, and I was assisted off the field amidst the sarcastic cheers of an unsympathetic crowd.

My C.O. has now released me from any further sports duties, and has appointed me Education Officer, but I cannot live down the memory of that day. My authority as a Section Commander is gone. I have a horrible suspicion that I am known to the rank and file by the euphonious name of "Mushrooms." I have been seriously thinking of applying for a transfer to the Chinese Labour Corps, but even that is denied me, as I see in the paper that the Oriental races have lately been devoting themselves to open air sports with the greatest enthusiasm. I fear there is nothing left for me but a speedy release from the Army, and retirement to the obscurity of civil life.

O.F.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

TWO SPORTS SUGGESTIONS.

Sir,— (1) It is noticed that when the results of sports meetings are published, the times, distances jumped, etc., are in many cases wanting. I suggest to sports officers that this is the most interesting part to people on side their own unit.

(2) Great difficulty is experienced in getting sports kit repaired, especially cricket bats. Would it not be well worth while to have a repair depôt in Cologne where bats could be bound etc.? Two or three experienced men would be sufficient. At present bats which split are useless, and if sent to England take a considerable time to return.

A SPORTS OFFICER.

A WORD FOR THE AIRSHIP.

Sir,—I dare say I shall be hounded down as a heretic for saying it, but as one who has been trained in handling and navigating "Lighter than air" craft I must protest against the prominence always given to any feat accomplished by the aeroplane. Few people have any conception of the wonderful progress made by the airship in the past two years or what marvellous work it did — without any blowing of trumpets — in winning the war.

If the cross-Atlantic trip were attempted by an airship I know the eyes of the public would be opened to the possibilities of this type of aircraft.

"LIGHTER THAN AIR."

BYRON AND THE RHINE.

Sir,—It may interest some of your readers who have the privilege of taking trips on the Rhine, to know that the poet Byron, during his travels in Germany, paid to the Drachenfels and its Feudal Tower, a poetical tribute which will die only with the English language.

It is not possible, owing to lack of space, to give lengthy quotations from the poem; suffice it to say that the opening verse begins:—

"The Castled crag of Drachenfels
Frowns o'er the wide and winding Rhine,"

and that the poem is one of the best known by this great genius.

R.M.

THE OPERA HOUSE COMPLAINTS.

Sir.— The W.R.A.F. is very jealous of the reputation for good conduct and reliability which has gained for it the privilege of being the only Women's Force (so far) serving with the Army of Occupation.

We therefore strongly resent the facetious and untruthful statements in A. M. Richmond's letter in yesterday's *Cologne Post*, with reference to the behaviour of W.R.A.F.'s, Church Army workers, and "Young Guards" at the opera.

Personally speaking, I have assisted at eleven operas within the last four weeks and on no occasion has there been any sign of "W.R.A.F.'s eating buns, chatting and giggling all through the piece."

On the contrary, I have been especially struck by the remarkable silence and attention given, during the lengthy and—to the uninitiated—somewhat dreary stretches of "recitation" which occur in such operas as "Der Rosenkavalier" and "Die Walküre." On such occasions, to use a well-worn expression—"you could hear a pin drop."

I will admit that late arrivals are a nuisance—but unfortunately an unavoidable occurrence when duty prevents us arriving in time. I think it will be agreed, however, that the W.R.A.F.'s and others always endeavour to create the least disturbance possible in gaining their seats.

To adopt the "humorous" tone of your correspondent—the W.R.A.F.'s will be deeply grateful to Mr. Richmond if he could enlighten them as to where "buns" are procurable in Cologne. We are afraid they must be merely the product of a fevered imagination!

Thanking you in advance in the event of your publishing this letter.

ONE OF THE W.R.A.F.s.

CONCERT PARTIES.

Sir, — As a member of that long suffering fraternity, the Army Concert Party, I venture to reply to "Amusement Officer." Usually this gentleman is of the square peg in the round hole variety. He has not the faintest idea of what a concert party requires in the way of accommodation; he lacks the initiative to form a concert party in his own area, and has therefore to depend largely upon other Brigades to entertain his men. He is surprised, indeed even rude when you point out that some lighting is required, and dressing facilities in addition to a few nailed planks doing duty as a stage. At times the latter is of such small dimensions, that to give an item with movement would be an impossibility. On a recent occasion in addition to these difficulties, 40 per cent of my takings was demanded for recreational purposes for the Brigade. I wonder if your correspondent is aware that the members of these parties have to work very hard, make their own properties, and in many cases, buy their own costumes, grease paints and music. Many of us, especially the officers, are not free from Army duties, as Amusement Officer would have us think, but in our spare time travel many miles, fit up stages, show in the evening, and return at a very late hour, tired and usually hungry, and carry on duties the following morning. We are out to amuse the boys, but we naturally expect a little consideration ourselves. Put your house in order Mr. Amusement Officer and you will not lack concert parties.

A.G.

CAUSES OF THE GREAT WAR.—1.

A review has recently appeared in the *Berliner Tageblatt* of von Jagow's book on the war and its causes. It appears at an opportune moment. From the White Book published by the British Government and from other sources we are now gradually accumulating a collection of evidence which goes far to bear out the general opinion entertained as to the causes of the immediate outbreak of the war. We propose therefore in a series of articles to examine these causes in the light of the accumulated evidence.

Whilst not attempting to cover the whole ground of the gigantic conflict and its deeper causes, we intend to subject the evidence to a searching analysis, in order, if possible, to lay the guilt at the door of the right parties. In order to do this we must briefly recall the facts of the European crisis in July 1914.

The conflict between Austria and Serbia caused by the assassination of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand on June 28th, threatened to widen into a European conflict during the critical weeks of July. Herr von Jagow admits that the terms of the ultimatum addressed to Serbia were "very sharp" and seemed to go beyond its purpose. Everything depended upon the attitude adopted by the German Government at this crisis. It is therefore significant that its representative at the Hofburg, Herr von Tschirsky, adopted an attitude the reverse of conciliatory. In fact his truculence and uncompromising bearing went far to stiffen the Austrian resistance. He stated emphatically that the relations between Austria and Serbia must be bad and that nothing could mend them. In short, Herr von Tschirsky, in his conversation with Sir Maurice de Bunsen, the British ambassador at Vienna, fully justified the common view held among Vienna diplomatists, that he was always ready to act as a firebrand in the way of encouraging the war party in Vienna to go forward recklessly, because there was no means but violent action by which the Serbian question could be brought to an end. In the article we propose examining in closer detail the various phases of the diplomatic conflict which widened into the European war.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Saturday	6	Madame Butterfly	Puccini
Sunday	5½	Aida	Verdi
Monday	6	Tales of Hoffmann	Offenbach
Tuesday	6	Rigoletto	Verdi

FROM EVERYWHERE.

EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY.

Urged to go.—The Viennese Press is asking for the expulsion of all Hungarians assisting in Bolshevist propaganda.

Grows fast.—The comrades of the "Great War" now have 1,310 units in the United Kingdom, and fifty-two overseas.

Warm work.—The present tropical weather does not constitute a close time for billiards in London where a 15,000 match is in progress.

Franco-American.—About 5,000 Americans married French girls during the war. The authorities are said to be doing their best to prevent marriages with negroes.

War Memorials.—Following the lead of the Royal Artillery, which is raising funds for a war memorial, the R.A.S.C. is endeavouring to collect £100,000 for a similar object.

Many but dear.—Strawberries seem just as plentiful in England as in Rhineland. Hampshire alone is sending forty to fifty thousand baskets a day to Covent Garden Market, but prices rule high.

Where we fought.—The roads traversing the former battlefields of France to-day swarm with motors bringing parties of sightseers to visit the scenes of fighting.

A Royal Horse.—The King has, for the first time, entered a horse at the forthcoming Richmond Show. This annual event suffered by the war, but this year it is likely to be brilliantly successful.

Seniors roll in.—Although the Senior Officers Club has only just been formed, over two-hundred and forty admirals and generals have already joined.

No Safeguard.—The fortifications of Paris are at last being destroyed. Nobody believed in their utility before 1914, but since then their utter uselessness has been adequately demonstrated.

Getting Busy.—The reality of the League of Nations is being brought home to Londoners by the arrival of a posse of League clerks at Sunderland House, Mayfair, where work is already being started.

Still Wild.—It is surprising to hear that there still exists one wild herd of fallow deer in England. It holds its own in the forests between Horsham and Tunbridge Wells.

Slum Killing.—The Government's new housing scheme provides that nothing shall be paid for slum property which has been condemned when the site is acquired for rebuilding.

A Money Bringer.—Mr. Herman Darewski, who has written countless popular songs is composing one to assist in booming the Victory Loan. He hopes it will be sung at every music-hall and cinema during this month.

Only British.—No German prisoners are to be employed on the sacred work of recovering and re-interring the vast host of British warriors who were buried in out-of-the-way places in France and Flanders.

Mostly Successes.—Miss Violet Loraine, the heroine of many stage successes, the most notable of which have perhaps been as "The Bing Girl" in the two editions of "The Bin Boys," is at present busy writing her stage history and experiences.

The Top Hat.—At the Peace Conferences it was noticed that the top-hat and frock coat were worn by all the Austrian delegates as if they were uniform. The British representatives, however, appeared in every kind of summer garment and every kind of headgear—bowlers, soft felts, and even caps.

Flies — not Talks.—When Lieut. Whitten Brown was asked for a speech on his return from the Atlantic aeroplane trip, he replied: "It is impossible. I can only quote what Wilbur Wright said after his first flight, "You call us bird men; the only bird that talks is the parrot, and that cannot fly."

Can you guess?—A big London store is offering £20,000 in cash prizes to applicants for £100 of Victory Loan who guess nearest to the total amount of the loan subscribed between June 12 and July 12.

No Prophet.—A phrenologist, who was fined the other day for fortune telling, told an airman, "You will have two offers of marriage when you are 29." The airman replied, "I have been married seven years." To a soldier the professor of "bumps" said, "You will do well to adopt the Army as a profession."

Mimic War.—Nearly £20,000 worth of seats are already sold for the Royal Naval, Military and A.F. Tournament which opens at Olympia on the 26th inst. All profit goes to the war-stricken.

Realistic.—Sergeant G. H. Ward has designed a telling cover for the Scottish Church Lowland Divisional Magazine. It depicts an actual scene in the cemetery at St. Venant in May last year, of a Crucifix under shellfire.

Unfounded.—There is no foundation for the report that Mr. Asquith has intimated his willingness to consider an invitation from East Swansea to be Liberal candidate at the forthcoming by-election.

Unused.—No fewer than 1,500 unused motor lorries are being placed on the market. All of them are by the best makers, and as surplus war stock, will be sold by private treaty by direction of the Disposal Board of the Ministry of Munitions.

Coins Only.—The Roman villa near Brading, Isle of Wight, one of the most important remains of the kind in the kingdom, has been broken into and the collection of Roman coins stolen. A drawer containing the cash in the office was opened but nothing appears to have been taken, excepting the collection of coins.

Trained Cripples.—Sir William Treloar entertained at dinner, at Anderton's Hotel Old Boys of the Lord Mayor Treloar Crippels' College who, though seriously handicapped, have been trained at the college to earn a livelihood.

Blown up.—An explosion of gas in the yard at the porter's lodge at Victoria-gate, injured three men. They were at work fixing a gas meter when the explosion occurred.

A Mistake.—Three thousand Llwynypia colliers, who struck because two workers were arrested for non-payment of income-tax, resumed work at night on discovering that the tax was due for the last September quarter, and did not come under the miners' refusal to pay income-tax after April this year.

GOLD CUP AND ROYAL HUNT CUP RESULTS.

"BY JINGO" AGAIN A WINNER.

THREE HORSES BROUGHT DOWN IN CORONATION STAKES RACE.

The King and Queen were again present at Ascot on Thursday when the results were as follows:—

Rous Memorial Stakes:—1, Diadem (2—1); 2, Swinley (8—1); 3, Pranet (3—1).

Granville Stakes:—1, Lady Juliet (11—4); 2, The Sphinx (6—1); 3, Iron Hand (7—4 on).

Gold Cup:—1, By Jingo (3—1); 2, Air Raid (6—5 on); 3, Roamer (20—1).

St. James Palace Stakes:—1, Grand Parade (4—1); 2, Clanmerin.

New Stakes:—1, Orpheus (7—1); 2, Cinna (7—4 on); 3, Sakuntala (20—1) and Marcia Blanche (10—1) dead heat.

All aged Stakes:—1, Freesia (7—4); 2, Wilton (11—8 on); 3, Fast and Furious (8—1).

Ribblesdale Stakes:—1, Milton (evens); 2, Santa Cruz (6—5); 3 Monoghan (100—8).

WEDNESDAY'S MEETING.

Royal Hunt Cup:—1, Irish Elegance (7—1); 2, Arion (100—8); 3, Dansellon (20—1).

Ascot Derby Stakes:—1, Old Bill (5—1); 2, Pesaro (100—7); 3, Dromio (7—2).

Coronation Stakes:—1, Flying Spear (4—1); 2, Lady Baba (6—1); 3, Geladine (20—1).

A mile and a quarter from home Mons Star crossed her legs and brought down Britannia and Mapledurham.

THE JOCKEY'S EXPLANATION.

After the race for the Coronation Stakes the stewards held an inquiry into the cause of the fall of Mapledurham, Britannia, and Mons Star. Carslake, the rider of Mons Star, stated that his mare crossed her legs and fell, bringing down Mapledurham and Britannia. Fox and Hulme confirmed this statement.

BY JINGO! OBJECTION QUASHED.

The objection to By Jingo, winner of the Manchester Cup, was overruled, and the £5 deposited was ordered to be forfeited.

CRICKET AT BONN.

5th BORDER REGT., CONTINUE THEIR VICTORIOUS CAREER.

During the week-end the Border Regt. has played four matches and won all of them, the first being a league match on Saturday with the 121st H.B., R.G.A. a report of which has already appeared.

On Sunday the Borderers (151), played the 15th Lancs. Fusiliers (8 and 85). The visitors batted first. Lieuts. Slack and Smeeton being unplayable on the fast wicket handled the Fusiliers out for 8 runs. Slake had 6 for 5 and Smeeton 2 for 2.

At lunch time the home sides' score was 64 for 4 (Lieut. Scotter 27). Carrying on again, Lieut. Slake hit hard for 43 but was very lucky. The innings closed for 151. Facing a defeat of 143 runs the Fusiliers made a much better show. Playing carefully they were 36 for 7 at tea time, and the innings closed for 85 leaving the Borders victors by an innings and 58 runs.

LEAGUE MATCH.

On Monday the Borders beat the X Corps. A summary of the match appears under the "*Cologne Post*" Cup matches.

On Tuesday the Borders (36 and 89 for 7) played the 4th Suffolk (59 and 37). This wholeday match at Bonn resulted in a win for the Borders by 3 wickets, after a strenuous uphill battle. Going in first, the visitors started well, 20 being up before the first wicket fell. The scoring was consistent, Lieuts. Hoyland (13), Sills (14) and Baily (10) being the chief contributors. On the home side going in, wickets fell fast to the bowling of Lieut. Baily and Pte. Prither, 5 being down for 21 at lunch time. On continuing, the winners closed for 36. Lieut. Baily (6 for 11) and Pte. Prither (3 for 20) bowled well. Holding a lead of 33 the Suffolks went in again, but this time they found Lieut. Smecton (5 for 10) in his best form and the side were all out for 37, Pte. Prither (14 not out) and Lieut. Baily (10) alone reaching double figures.

Left with 71 to get to save the game, the Borders lost 3 for 7 and half the side were out for 32, but Lieut. Slake, 32 (not out) and Lieut. Russer (20) set about them and at 5 o'clock the winning hit was made, leaving the home side victors by three wickets.

CRICKET AT WESSELING.

1/4th Cheshire Regt. (102) v. Western Divisional H.Q. (9.) on the latter's ground on Sunday. The former made a good start with 31 before the first wicket fell a victim to Capt. Davies who bowled exceedingly well through the innings. The Division replied very tamely, Pte. Denning bowling a beautiful length and capturing 3 wickets for no runs in his first over. Capt. Davies gave a splendid exhibition of perfect batting making 23, when he was smartly caught by the long stop. Pte. Denning secured 6 wickets for 13 runs, and Lieut. Woodcock 4 for 33.

FOOTBALL AT LANGERWEHE.

83rd BRIGADE LEAGUE COMPETITION.

At Langerwehe on Monday, before a very large and enthusiastic crowd the 2/1 Lancs. Heavy Batty. met 13 Siege Batty. in the 83rd Brigade League Competition. Up to half time, play on both sides was very keen, but 13 Siege pressed the harder and caused some anxiety before the goal. At half time neither side had scored. The second half opened with even more keenness, and from two beautiful centres by Palmer, Tyrre and Thom respectively scored the first two goals for 13 Siege. A little later Henzell added the third goal from a good centre by Thorpe. 13 (S) Batty. ran out winners by 3 goals to nil.

R.F.A. SPORTS, 51st BRIGADE.

LIST OF WINNERS.

The 51st Bde. R.F.A., as briefly reported on Thursday, held a very successful sports meeting at Haus Horst near Benrath, on Sunday. The following were the results:—

100 yds. Flat: 1. Cpl. Hancock (A/51); 2. Gnr. Patchings (C/51); 3. Cpl. Crowley (D 51).
220 yds. Flat: 1. Cpl. Hancock (A/51); 2. Gnr. Patchings (C/51); 3. Gnr. Marsh (H.Q./51).
440 yds. Flat: 1. Cpl. Hancock (A/51); 2. Dvr. Graham (C 51); 3. Gnr. Naylor (B/51).
880 yds. Flat: 1. Gnr. Loosen (A/51); 2. Dvr. Graham (C 51); 3. Gnr. Stew (B 51).
1 Mile Flat: 1. Gnr. Loosen (A 51); 2. Sig. Broadley (D 51); 3. Gnr. Eggington (D/51).
High Jump 1. Ftr. Smith (C/51; 2. Sig. Hodkins (D/51); 3. Gnr. Overdon (D/51).
Long Jump: 1. Ftr. Smith (C/51); 2. Gnr. Emmet (D/51); 3. Gnr. Craig (D/51).
120 Yds. Hurdles: 1. Gnr. Patchings (C 51); 2. Pnr. Holt (H.Q./51); 3. Bmdr. Bannister (D/51).
1 Mile Relay: 1. "A" Bty.; 2. H.Q.
Tug-of-War: 1. "A" Bty.; 2. "D" Bty.
Wrestling on Horseback: 1. "A" Bty.; 2. "C" Bty.
Obstacle Race: 1. Dvr. Smith F. (C/51); 2. Pnr. Smith (H.Q./51); 3. Gnr. Triggs (D 51).
Male Potato Race: 1. Dvr. Bell (B/51); 2. Dvr. Wright (D/51); 3. Dvr. Pullen (B 51).
3 Legged Race: 1. Dvr. Graham and Nolan (C/51); 2. Sig. Dyer and Gnr. Emmet (D/51); 3. Pnr. Holt and Marsh (H.Q./51).
Sack Race: 1. Bmdr. Hopkins (B/51); 2. Gnr. Eggington (D 51); 3. Spr. Marsh (H.Q. 51).

Team Placings (on standard events Nos. 1—9:) "A" Bty., 36 Pts; "C" Bty., 24 Pts; "D" Bty., 19 Pts; H.Q. 17; "B" Bty. 4 Pts.

"COLOGNE POST" LEAGUE FIXTURES.

EXCELLENT FIRST WICKET PARTNERSHIP.

52nd WELSH. REGT. (203 for 8 declared) v. 16 LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS (132 for 6) on the ground of the L.F's at Bonn and after a interesting afternoon's cricket the match had to be left drawn. The visitors won the toss and elected to bat, Lieut. Needham and Sergt. Kay being the opening batsmen. The score rose steadily to 112 before Sergt. Kay was given out l.b.w. with his score at 24.

Second man out at 123. Lieut. Needham's innings of 84 included a 6 and 14 four's. This first wicket partnership of 112, if we mistake not, constitutes a record for the competition.

Three wickets fell rapidly at this juncture until Lieut. Harper joined Mr. Hughes and the score was taken to 197 before the latter was bowled for 23. The innings was declared closed at 203, Lieut. Harper being 32 (not out) which included six four's.

The visitors started disastrously and five wickets were down for 54 runs but on Lieut. Veitch joining Pte. Camp the score mounted steadily, and with only ten minutes to go the former was out l.b.w. His score of 38 proved invaluable to his side. Pte. Camp was undefeated when stumps were drawn with the score at 132 for 6 wickets. His innings of 55 included ten 4's.

LANCS. DIV. H.Q. (193 for 8) v. X CORPS SIGNALS (22 for 10). For the former the leading batsmen were Pte. Boothroyd (53), Major Rowntree (40), L Cpl. Smith H.B. (32), Lieut. Broadbent (13) Pte. Marsden (17) not out. Lieut. Broadbent took 3 wickets for 9 runs, and Lieut. Amond J. H. 4 for 11. Lancs. Div. H.Q. won by 171 runs and 2 wickets.

9 WICKETS FOR 18 RUNS.

"R" A.A. BATTERY R.H.A. (129) v. CAVALRY DIV. H.Q. (76) at Volksgarten. The Cav. Div. H.Q's., received their first defeat, the other three cup matches having been won. Lieut. Leman 37, Gnr. Whitehouse 27 and Gnr. Aldridge were the top scorers for the Battery. Spr. Evans came out with the best bowling figures taking 5 for 20. On going in to bat the Cav. Div. H.Q. found the "pitch" not to their liking, grass being conspicuous by its absence. This and also the splendid bowling of Gnr. Whitehouse rendered the losers "groggy", all being dismissed for 76. Lieut. Jennings for the first wicket make a capital 23, and Cpl. Adams was once gain caught when stuck at that unlucky No. 13. Whitehouse bowled 78 balls and took 9 wickets for 18 runs. It is hoped that a return game will be fixed up later on.

13th KING'S (LIVERPOOL) REGT. (157) v. 51st KING'S (LIVERPOOL) REGT. (61), on the latters ground at Beuel on Monday. The feature of the match was the excellent fielding of the 13th King's. For the winners Lieut. Baily took 6 wickets for 28 runs and Lieut. Whittaker 4 for 28. Batting, Pte. Hoyle (27), and 2nd Lieut. Walker (24) were the top scorers. For the 51st King's, Sergt. Hamilton (20) was the only one to reach double figures.

"B" v. "C" COY. 1/12 L.N.L. at Bonn. Batting first "C" Company suffered an immediate set-back, losing their two best batsmen for 12 runs, and in an hour they were all dismissed for 36. "B" Company opened out with a good hit for 4 by C.S.M. Daive, and eventually won by four wickets. Top scorers of "B" were Ptes. Whalley and Arnitagh with 14 and 9 respectively. Whalley and Birkett, the bowlers, took 5 wickets each. Exceptional catches were made by Cearman, Smith and Arnitagh.

153 BATTERY v. 3rd KING'S OWN HUSSARS on the Hussars ground at Duren on Tuesday. Scores: — 3rd K.O. Hussars 65; (Hatherly 18, Lieut. Cannon 15), 153 S Battery 80 (or 4 wickets). Sergt. Manley (23), Lieut. Wilkinson (15), Lieut. Barrett (not out) 18 being the leading batsmen. For the Hussars, Lieut. Cannon captured 3 wickets for 25, and for 153 S. Battery, Signaler Burnley 4 for 8 and Lieut. Wilkinson 3 for 13.

3rd M.G.C. (72) v. D/190 Bde. R.F.A. (38) at Poll. For the M.G.C. Pes. May and Greenhalgh reached double figures before being dismissed, and the next on the list, Eede was top scorer with 15, but after that very little scoring took place. Five wickets were down for 51 and the score only reached 72, "all out." Lieut. Baines and Bingham decided the wickets between them. The R.F.A. then went in, but none of the teams seemed happy with the bowling of Barr and Hubbert — Barr's being apparently unplayable. Taylor was top-scorer with 10, (not out), while Barr had the excellent analysis of 6 for 16. Hubbert took 3 for 20, and Eede and Falkingham each made a couple of catches.

"MAPS," 4th FIELD SURVEY BN. R.E. (72) v. 14th G.H.Q. M.T. (32) at Mulheim on Thursday. The highest scorers for "Maps" were Lieut. Cable (18) and Spr. Swain (13) while Sergt McCauley took 7 of the M.G's wickets for 14 Pte. Cathorpe was top scorer for the M.G. with 9 while Cpl. Thompson took 4 of "Maps' wickets for 13.

OTHER RESULTS.

Eastern Div. Signal Coy... 25
52nd Cheshires..... 61 (for 6 wickets)

73 Bde. R.G.A.... 58
"E" Corps Signal Coy ... 43

(*Other "Cologne Post" matches reported on Page 4.*)

BOMB THROWING COMPETITION.

51st MANCHESTER REGT. v. 52nd KING'S (LIVERPOOL) REGT.

INTER-UNIT SPORTS MEETING.

A very interesting inter-sports competition took place last weekend between the 51st Manchesters Regt. and 52nd King's (Liverpool) Regt. Competitions were held and points awarded for boxing, shooting, running, jumping and bomb throwing and a very close finish resulted in the 52nd winning by one point, the scores on points being 52nd King's (Liverpool) Regt., 23 points. 51st Manchester Regt., 22 points. A detailed list of events and winners follows:—

BOXING AT RAUSCHENDORF.

Under 8st:— Sergt. Hope. 51st Manchesters.
8st to 8st 8lbs:— Pte. Gent, 52nd King's (Liverpool) Regt.
8st 8lbs to 9st 6lbs:— L/Cpl. Jones, 51st Manchesters.
9st 6lbs to 10st 4lbs:— Cpl. James, 52nd King's.
10st 4lbs to 11st 6lbs:— Cpl. Holyhead, 52nd King's.

The officials for the above events were:— Referee:— Lieut. Brown, 3rd Manchester Brigade School; Judges:— Lieut. Col. C. E. Alban D.S.O., Commanding 52nd King's, Lieut. G.C.P. Grennan, 51st Manchesters; Time-keeper:— Lieut. O. Hamilton, 51st Manchesters; M.C:— Lieut. J. E. Pearson, 51st Manchesters.

Major General Solly Flood C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and Lieut. Col. H. F. Watson, C.M.G., D.S.O., were in attendance and thoroughly enjoyed the fine sportsmanship exhibited by the competitors.

Shooting Competition.

The firing took place on Sunday on the new range recently built at Dambroich beetween teams of six.

1. Application at 200 yards, 5 rounds lying, as in Practice 1, part 11.
2. Rapid at 200 yards, 10 rounds in magazine. Time limit one minute. No limit to number of rounds fired.
3. Snap Shooting. Five rounds as in Practice 19, part 111.

The 52 King's were successful in all 3 events, the scoring being as follows:—

	Application.	Rapid.	Snap.
51st Manchesters.	85	192	60
52nd King's.	104	284	69

Lieut. Hick, 52nd King's, made the highest score, obtaining 19 out of a possible 20 on application and firing 21 shots in rapid fire and getting 19 balls, 1 magpie and 1 outer and scoring 60 points.

Running at Birlinghoven.

The running took place at Birlinghoven and was as follows:—

100 yards:—1, Sergt. Woods, 52nd Kings, 11 seconds; 2, Sergt. Madden, 52nd King's.
220 yards:—1, Sergt. Woods, 52nd King's; 2, Sergt. Earley, 51st Manchesters.
440 yards:—1, Sergt. Wainwright, 51st Manchesters. 51½ secs; 2, Lieut. Purcnase, 52 King's.
One mile: — L Cpl. Maleney, 51st Manchesters, 4 min. 15½ secs; 2. Cpl. Baily, 52nd King's.
Long Jump: — 1. Sergt. Earley, 51st Manchesters, 17ft. 5 ins; 2. Pte. Lightfoot, 52nd King's.
Cross Country: (Teams of 10; not more than two officers in each team). Distance, 3 miles: — 1, 51st Manchester Regt. 101 points; 2, 52nd King's, 70 points.
Bomb throwing: — 1, Lieut. G.C.P. Grennan, 51st Manchesters, 59 yards 2ft; 2, Lieut Brown, 51st Manchesters, 54 yards.

The officials for the above events were: — Referee: Lieut.-Col. H.F. Watson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 51st Manchesters. Judges: Major M. Wood, M.C., Lieut. J.R. Penswick, 51st Manchester, Lieut. Baskett, Lieut. Hall, 52nd Kings. Timekeeper: Capt. C.D. Walker, 51st Manchesters. Starter: Lieut. O. Hamilton, Brigade School.

After the events, prizes were given away to the successful competitors by Major General Solly-Flood, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

C COY. CHESHIRE REGT. SPORTS.

The funny antics of a clown in the person of Pte. Moore afforded great amusement to the numerous spectators at the sports meeting held by C Coy, 9th Cheshire Regt. at Hemmerich on Sunday. Thanks to the kind efforts of the Quartermaster, Lieut. G. Cooper, refreshments and beer were issued free during the interval, these being greatly appreciated by all present. Prizes were distributed (in the unavoidable absence of the commanding officer) by Capt. A.M. Preston.

LATEST SPORT IN A NUTSHELL.

Cricket Results:—Australians beat Yorks by one wicket. Cambridge University 203; Surrey 186 for 5 wickets.

At Liverpool Stadium on Thursday night Driver Fred Houtsego, R.F.A. beat Jim Lewis of Liverpool on points in a 15 round boxing contest.

The R.A.F. football team touring Holland won their second match against Holland by 3 goals to 2.

A football match between Vienna and Berlin was played on Sunday last in Vienna before 20,000 spectators. The Viennese team won by 5 goals to 1.

Joe Beckett was accorded a great reception on returning to Southampton on Thursday night. He was met by large and cheering crowds and welcomed by the Mayor and American Consul.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday, June 21, 1919.

Wind between S.W. and W. 5 to 10 m.p.h. increasing temporarily. Weather; cloudy, humid air. Slight rain probable later. Very warm. Visibility indifferent.

KNOCKED OUT IN SECOND ROUND.

GODDARD LAID LOW WITH TERRIFIC LEFT HOOK.

The much-boomed heavy-weight boxing contest at Olympia, London, between J. Beckett, of Southampton, and F. Goddard, late of the Queen's Bays, ended sensationally. Goddard was knocked out in the second round after one and a half rounds of actual fighting. Goddard was favourite, odds of 6 to 4 being laid on him.

Goddard opened with a left to the face and then followed a succession of clinches in which both men did some very hard punching. Beckett uppercut his man time after time, and then, breaking clear, flung the left hard to the chin. Further clinches followed and Beckett finished the round in fine style, getting his man on the ropes and hitting very hard on the face and body. The round was Beckett's.

The second round opened with a clinch in which both men again punched hard at close quarters. Then they broke away, and, like lightning, Beckett dashed in. Feinting with the right he got close and with a terrific left hook sent Goddard sprawling to the floor. Goddard was down for eight seconds and it was perfectly obvious that he had been pretty badly shaken up.

Upon his opponent getting to his feet again, Beckett, realising that now or never was his chance, at once dashed in again with left and right. He gave Goddard no rest, and this further punishment caused Goddard to drop his guard entirely.

He was knocked out with a terrific left hook.

GOLF.

VARDON AND BRAID.

James Braid and Harry Vardon visited Llandrindod Wells this week. In the morning they played a four-ball foursome, Vardon being partnered by George Humble, the local professional, and Braid by Harry Owen, the assistant professional. Vardon and Humble won by 3 up and 2 to play.

In the afternoon Vardon opposed Braid in a medal round. They kept well together to the turn, where Vardon led by 1 stroke, with 35 to 36. Coming home Braid played great golf. He was level at the eleventh, and then gradually forged ahead, taking only 35 for the last nine holes, against Vardon's 41. Their totals were: Braid, 71; Vardon, 76. Braid's score is 6 under bogey for the course.

OVERATH CRICKET WEEK.

ENJOYABLE "FESTIVAL" BY 190th BRIGADE R.F.A.

Overath, among the hills and the woods, was last week the scene of an enjoyable cricket "festival". At the invitation of "C" battery, the forward unit of the 190 Bde. R.F.A., the three sister batteries from the Cologne area sent down teams and spectators, and one day was also set apart for a game with the 26th Royal Fusiliers, situated near by. Though the organisers failed to win a single victory they had the satisfaction of knowing that they provided good sport.

When "A" Battery visited on Wednesday, they went in first and knocked up a total of 61. Gunner Tilley took 7 of the visitors' wickets and himself was top scorer for his side with 12; only 34 runs, however, was the home eleven's aggregate.

Bowling too much.

Next evening when the "Gunners" went to play the Fusiliers, the bowling of Sergt. Armstrong and C. Q. M. S. Johnston proved too much for them, and 37 runs was the extent of their scoring. Out of the Infantry's response with 61, Sergt. Davis himself provided 27 before hitting his own wicket.

Much more closely contested was the match with "B" Battery on Saturday, With 24 by Gunner Watson and 20 by Gunner Tilley, the home team had some hopes of winning when they closed their innings with the score standing at 90. Their opponents, however, soon showed that they meant business, and with Cpl. Hunt carrying his bat out for 28, followed by 29 by Lieut. Wimen, they emerged victorious with a total of 111. For "C" Battery, Gunner Tilley took 9 wickets for 36.

Only running up a total of 37 on Sunday, the home team set "D" Battery an easy task, all the easier because Gunner Tilley was away. The visitors declared with the score at 63 for 4 wickets.

Gothenburg is again to be the home of the Swedish Industries Fair, which this year will be held during the week commencing July 7.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Versatile Captain.

Captain C. H. Pillman, the famous English international and Blackheath Rugby football wing forward, is a plus 1 man at golf.

Veteran In Fine Form.

The veteran M. J. G. Ritchie, who defeated Major R. W. Heath by three sets to one, in the London championships at the Queen's Club, played one of his finest games this season.

Inter-Theatre Challenge Shield.

Owing to the death of Mr. Weedon Grossmith, the golf match between The Playhouse and the Winter Garden, in the Inter-Theatre Challenge Shield Competition, was postponed.

Season's First Hat Trick.

S. M. Haslip, the young amateur who plays for Middlesex performed the hat-trick in the match against Notts this week. This is the first of the season in the championship.

Boxing Contest Casualties.

A number of American soldiers at Pontanezen Camp near Brest climbed on to the roof of a barracks to watch a boxing contest when the roof collapsed, 30 soldiers being injured, some seriously.

Vardon and Golfers' Incomes.

Many people are under the impression that the average golf professional makes a good income, but Vardon says this is not so, and he was actually out of pocket when he won the championship in 1914.

Marlow Victory Regatta.

A fine list of entries has been received for the first of the victory regattas to be held over the fine stretch of the Thames at Marlow today. Australia and New Zealand will be seen in the Allied eights, and for the open coxswainless fours the entries include Australia, New Zealand, United States (two crews), Thames, and Third Trinity and Granta, Cambridge.

Polo Player Seriously Injured.

A serious accident to one of the players spoilt the polo match between Roehampton and 8th Hussars at Roehampton this week. In the third period, when Roehampton led by 4 goals to 2, the Hussars lost Lieut. Colonel Mort, whose pony fell, and the officer had to be carried off suffering from concussion.

Fishing Record.

Mr. Alexander Frisken, of Glasgow, caught five salmon with fly on Loch Lomond this week. The fish, which weighed six y pounds, were all caught inside an hour and a half. This is the largest catch ever made by a single angler on Loch Lomond.

A Derby Winner.

"I backed the winner of the Derby, and pawned the rings to raise money to back more winners," said Edgar Henry Sky, aged fifty-five, a stoker, who was remanded at Westminster Police Court on a charge of stealing two rings, valued at £2 10s.

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5th BORDERS (76) v. X. CORPS SIG. COY. (22) at Bonn on Monday. The feature of the match was the bowling of Lieut. Smeeton for the winners. His bowling analysis reads:—Overs 8; Maidens 8; Wickets 7.

23rd ROYAL FUSILIERS (183) v. 69th SIEGE BATTERY (21). The features of the Fusiliers innings were Sergt. Taylor's 73 (not out), and Lieut. Mc. Cormick's 37. The total of 183 was made in 1½ hours.

ADVANCE SUPPLY DEPOT R.A.S.C. (59) v. No 70 Sqdn. R.A.F. (148 for 9) at Bickendorf. For the winners, Orris and Cpl. Philpott scored 26 and 21 respectively. Later in the innings, Feakins did some good work scoring 21. Bowling for the A.S.D., Paymstr. Tyler took 4 for 26 and Barker 4 for 42. Only two men of the A.S.D. reached double figures, Tombs and Hughes making 12 and 10 respectively. Bowling for the R.A.F. Capt. Turnley took 3 for 15, Bolton 4 for 27 and Milnes 2 for 13.

93rd BDE. R.G.A. (35 for 1 wicket) v. H.A.C. (25). The 93rd Bde., won by 10 wickets, Gnr. Weight taking 6 wickets for 7 runs.

52nd WELSH (203 for 8 wickets, Innings declared closed) v. 16th LANCS FUS. (132 for 6) at Bonn. The chief scorers for the winners were Lieut. Needham 84; Lieut. Harper 32; Sergt. Kay 24; and Mr. Hughes 23.

The display by Lieut. Needham was brilliant to watch and he was ably assisted by Kay in the first wicket stand which produced 112 runs. Wickets fell pretty easy until Lieut. Harper arrived and carried the score for six wickets to 187.

For the 16th Lancs. Fus., the leading scorers were:— Pte. Camp (not out 55) and Lieut. Veitch (38). The match had to be left drawn.

LOWLAND DIVISION M. T. COY. (189). 90th FIELD COY. R. E. (67) on the ground of the first named at Ohligs on Wednesday. The visitors batted first, Capt. Reid making a long stand for 30 runs. The bowling of the home team was exceptionally good, Cpl. F. Biles performing the hat trick. Great improvement was made in batting, and the following contributed the scores shown against their names:— Pte. Collett (37); Lt. Oakley-Evans (34); Cpl. Biles (29); Pte. Cater (24); Pte. Robinson (19).

IX CORPS H.A. (67) v. 77 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A. (194) at Euskirchen. 77 Siege Battery batted first and after losing 6 wickets for 31, Bmdr. Telling and Sergt. Garmousway made a great stand, taking the score to 173 before being parted. For the winners Cpl. Fenton took 7 wickets for 28, and Sergt. Garmousway 2 for 30. Capt. Hamilton Jones (20) and Munns (21) batted well for the losing side and Lister took 6 wickets for 85, Capt. Hamilton-Jones 2 for 45, and Capt. Warburton 2 for 23.

29th MACHINE GUN BN. (142) v. 53rd BN. ROYAL WARWICKS (45) at Dabringhausen. The Warwicks batted first but were quickly dismissed by Cpl. Sadler, who captured 6 wickets for 8 runs, and Lieut. Astill, who took 4 wickets for 19 runs. The Machine Gunners topped the century for the loss of only four wickets. To their total, Pte. Durant (39), Capt. Morris (30), Lieut. Astill (23), and Sergt. Knight (14) were the chief contributors. For the Warwicks, Pte. Burgell bowled well, securing 5 wickets for 9 runs.

91st FIELD AMB. (187) v. LANCS DIV. SIG. COY. (80) on Monday on Cölnstrasse, Bonn. The feature of the game was a brilliantly compiled 64 by Howarth. Major Bidelle (21), Sgt. Laband (21), Sgt.-Major Dent (25), and Bashford with 13 (not out) also helped to augment the score. For the Signals Fulwood (13), Capt. Luck (11), House (11), and Lovegrove (10) batted well.

MATCHES TO BE PLAYED ON 28th JUNE.

COLOGNE TOWN LEAGUE.

A.P.O., Cologne v. Bakeries Sports Club, Kalk.
51st Aux. Bus. Coy. v. Adv. Supply Depot.
51st D.L.I. v. "R" A.A. Bty. R.A.
17th Lancers v. 53rd Sherwoods.
70th Sq., R.A.F. v. Army H.Q. Sig. Coy.
5th Rly. Teleg. Coy. v. 51st Northumb. Fus.
No. 2 Water Tank Coy. M.T., R.A.S.C., v. 4th R. Sussex.
24th Vet. Hospital v. Cav. Div. A.C. R.H.A.
Cav. Div., H.Q. v. 9th D.L.I.
2nd Bde. R.A.F.V. 52th Northumb. Fus.
"G" Bty., R.H.A. v. 3rd Cav. Field Amb.
Other clubs — no match.

DÜREN LEAGUE.

183 Siege Bty. v. 310 Bde. R.F.A.
527 Coy. R.A.S.C. v. "D" Corps Siege Park.
52th Gordon Hdrs. v. 6th Field Amb.
10th A. & S. Hdrs. v. IV Corps Troops M.T. Coy
1/1 N. Mid. Hvy. Bty. v. "O" Bty. Rocket Troop R.H.A.
Light Div. Sig. Coy. v. 3rd K.O. Hussars.
62nd Bn. M.G.C. v. D. Corps Sig. Coy.
No. 1 Lt. Rly. Sig. Coy. v. Light Div. H. Q.
15th K. Hussars v. 51st Sherwoods.
Other clubs — no match.

EUSKIRCHEN LEAGUE.

174 Siege Bty. v. 145 Siege Bty.
11 Leicester v. 185 Siege Bty.
9 Corps Troops M.T. Coy. v. 16 Field Amb.
354 Siege Bty. v. 76th (Army) Bde. R.F.A.
9th Corps H.A. v. 73rd Bde. R.G.A.
18th Field Amb. v. 488 Siege Bty.
42 Stat. Hospital v. 77th Siege Bty.
Mid. Div. M.T. Coy. v. 269 A.E. Coy.
Mid. Div. H.Q. v. Mid. D.A.C.

BONN LEAGUE.

52nd Manchester v. 92nd Field Amb.
91st Field Amb. v. 4 Suffolk.
Eastern Div. Sig. Coy. v. 10 R.W. Kent.
103 Field Amb. v. 51st Bedford.
Lancs. Div. Sig. Coy. v. 53rd Welsh.
52nd Cheshire v. No. 3 Coy. Western Div. R.A.S.C.
5th Border v. 1st T.M.B. (Western)
51st K. Liverpool v. 69th Siege Bty.
51st R. Sussex v. 16th Lancs. Fus.
121 Heavy Bty. v. 23 R. Fus.
52nd Welsh v. Lancs. Div. M.T. Coy.
303 Siege Bty. v. 2nd London Inf. Bde.

COLOGNE SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

H.A.C. (c/o D.A.P.M. Deutz Kalk) v. Wahn Survey Det.
52 Bedford v. 170 Siege Bty.
51 Devons. v. 2 Bn. M.G.C.
34 Bn. M.G.C. v. 23 Bde. R.A.S.C.M.T.
180 Labour Coy. v. 5 R. Irish.
VI Corps Sig. Coy. v. "G", A.A. Bty. R.G.A.
3 Northern Bde. v. D/190 Bde. R.F.A.
281 Siege Bty. v. Northern Div. R.E.
11 R. Scots v. 12 R. Irish Rifles.
VI Corps H.Q. v. 41 Bn. M.G.C.
2 M.G. Sq. Cav. Div. v. 161 Bde R.F.A.

COLOGNE NORTHERN LEAGUE.

1/5 W. Yorks v. 13 K.R.R.C.
92 Bde. R.G.A. v. No. 14 G.H.Q.M.T. Coy.
London Div. M.T. Coy. v. 420 Siege Bty.
1/4 York & Lancs. v. 52 R. Warwick.
237 Field Coy. R.E. v. 88 Field Amb.
53 R. Warwick v. II. Corps H.Q.
13 M.A.C. v. 23 Middlesex.
"Maps" 4 F.S. Bn. v. Southern Div. M.T. Coy.
1/6 W. Yorks v. 2/4 Hants.
51 R. Warwick v. 75 Bde. R.F.A.

SOLINGEN LEAGUE.

51 Hants v. 1/5 K.O.S.B.
Lowland D.A.C. v. 15 H.L.I.
Southern Div. R.E. v. 83rd (Dublin) Gen. Hosp.
90 Field Coy. v. 64 Field Coy.
Lowland Div. M.T. Coy. v. "A" Bty. 5/1 Bde. R.F.A.
63 Field Coy. v. 11 R. Scots.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

A Daily Causerie.

Full Houses for G.B.S.

From all points of view, the policy of the Rhine Army Dramatic Company in tackling the works of Bernard Shaw has been freely criticised. Considering the enormous success which attended this talented Company's presentation of "Man and Superman" some weeks ago, however, there is little ground for surprise in the fact that its members felt encouraged to submit other of the same writer's plays. Consequently, the Deutsches Theatre, Cologne, has this week been the home of two of these in "Candida" and "How he lied to Her Husband" and full houses have been the rule nightly. To-day will provide the last opportunity of witnessing a combination which provides a thoroughly enjoyable entertainment.

"Candida" Criticised.

Whether one is becoming fastidious as a result of the very high standard of excellence attained in the previous efforts of the Dramatic Company, it is difficult to say, but the performance of "Candida" yesterday evening did not seem to achieve such a full measure of success as "Man and Superman." For instance, the natural ease and fluency with which patrons of the Deutsches Theatre have come to associate the acting of Lieut. S. E. Percy was slightly lacking, in his interpretation of Eugen Marchbanks, poet and dreamer. The part calls for considerable emotional acting, but at times there was an unnatural ring in Mr. Percy's voice. Any slight disappointment that may have been experienced in this direction, however, was fully counterbalanced by the admirable portrayal Mr. Percy gave of "Her Husband" in "How he lied to Her Husband."

Back From Leave.

It is very agreeable to find the ladies of the erstwhile Women's Theatre Company have returned from leave with apparently just as keen an appetite for hard work as ever. Miss Inez Bensusan, Miss Gabrielle Paul and Miss Shirley King have been delighting Deutsches Theatre audiences during the current week and it is probable that these ladies, as well as others who have appeared on German soil recently, will find a permanent place with the Rhine Army Dramatic Company.

"The Dollar Princess."

Those who remember the performances of the "Dollar Princess" in London, and feel themselves inclined to renew its acquaintance, may be rather disappointed at the rendering of the piece now to be seen at the Reichshallen Theatre. But it must not be taken from this remark that a very pleasant evening cannot be spent there. On the contrary, the acting and singing are excellent, though naturally the general production does not bear the same high stamp which one is accustomed to see on the London stage. Frl. Marthy Frey, who played the part of Daisy Gray with remarkable talent, is a young actress with a future.

A New Revue.

In producing their new revue at the Apollo Theatre, Schildergasse on Monday, the "Tabs" are confident of success. There is an exceptionally good caste. Here you see Ernie Roberts — all complete with his monocle and middle parting — who made such a hit as Sir All But in the last revue. He will play the part of Dankyshun, a dectective, which, by the bye, is a creation of his own. So look out for "Well I'm!—!!" — which is the name of the revue — at the Schildergasse theatre on Monday next, June 24th.

SIR ALL-BUT—

Dancing at the B.E.L.C.

Last Wednesday I went to a very enjoyable dance at the British Empire Leave Club. Every one decided that it was one of the very best dances that have been given so far. The music was provided by the band of the 9th East Surrey Regt. by kind permission of Lt.Col. Cameron. At the conclusion of the Dance Miss Decima Moore called for three cheers for the band, which were most heartily given.

Pipers and Whist.

On Thursday evening drums and pipes of the 11th Royal Scots, (by kind permission of Lt.Col. Nash, Commanding Officer) gave a splendid selection to a delighted audience in the garden.

As the weather was beautifully fine the weekly Whist Drive took place in the garden. The men are getting to know of this most enjoyable entertainment; and are always keen to get a table. Lt. Halley again gave his most valuable assistance with the Whist Drive, and Pte. Price proved a most able M.C.

Not so very quiet.

Four English ladies stationed in Cologne, Misses Hanbury Williams, Kemp, Trimble and Tilnay, gave a concert this week to the men of the London A.O.C. It was held in the open-air under the shade of the trees by the river-side. An amusing incident in an enjoyable afternoon was that song "It's quiet down here", which was drowned by a German band on a pleasure steamer from which about two hundred trippers were disgorged a few yards away. Lt.Col. Wheatley the Commanding Officer recited the well-known "Kissing Cup's Race."

CAMERA TALKS.

(VIII)

BY WILLIAM R. PATTERSON, F.R.G.S. etc.

I have recently been asked several questions with reference to lenses. Many novices seem to imagine that a camera is of inferior quality if the light-strength of its lens is anything other than 4.5. This is altogether a mistaken idea, for one seldom employs this power. For general work 6.3. or 6.8. are excellent. Now, there is the question of "anastigmat" lenses. An anastigmat lens corrects the faults made in the simple "aplarat." The lines in a photograph taken with the latter are often distorted; also the projected picture may not be wholly in the same plane, as demonstrated in the following diagram.

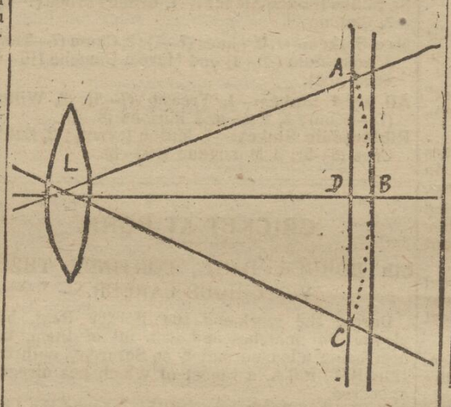

The letter L represents the lens and the line A D C the plate. Rays projected through the lens towards A and C would appear sharp upon the developed plate, but those towards D would not, since their sharpness would be manifest only at B. Similarly, if B were sharp, both A and C would not be in focus. An "anastigmat" lens rectifies this fault; it also enables one to work at higher speed and to take better photographs on dull days. One should be careful always to keep one's lens clean and free from dust. Very fine tissue-paper or a small piece of chamois leather should be used for this porpose.

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Amateur (Solingen):—Am pleased to hear you are improving. Yes, it is all a question of practice in judging the power of light.

The writer will always be willing to assist *The Cologne Post* readers with advice upon matters referring to prices, faults etc.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

PROGRAMME FOR NEXT WEEK.

On Sunday, June 22nd, the Rev. Gower Rees, D.A.C.G. VI Corps, will talk to the men in the Writing Room and there will be continuous cinema performance throughout the afternoon and evening in the theatre.

There will be a practice dance in the theatre at 6.30 p.m. on Monday, 23rd inst. at which demonstrations of the Canadian Three Step and the "Decimore" will be given.

On Tuesday, 24th, there will be a dancing class in the Theatre at 5. p.m. followed by a concert by the Western Divisional String Band Orchestra (by kind permission of the O.C.) at 7 p.m.

The Pedlars Jazz Band have kindly consented to play for the dance to be held in the Theatre on Wednesday, June 25th at 6.30 p.m.

On Thursday, 26th, the Pipers of the 11th Bn. Royal Scots will play in the garden at 5. p.m. (by kind permission the O.C.) A whist drive will also take place at 6.30 p.m. in the garden, weather permitting.

A dancing class will be held in the Music Room on Friday, 27th at 5 p.m. followed by a concert by the British Army Choral Society at 7 p.m. A violin solo will be given by Alfred Barker and a cello solo by Miss Somers Cocks. The Ladies Club Orchestra will also perform a quartette.

On Saturday, June 28th, there will be a dance in the theatre at 6.30 p.m.

Impromptu concerts are held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays in the garden whenever possible. There is also a daily cinema performance from 2.30 p.m.

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GERMANY DECIDES TO SIGN THE TREATY.

PEACE NEXT WEEK.

COMPOSITION OF NEW MINISTRY.

RESIGNATION OF ITALIAN PREMIER.

NEW GERMAN CABINET FORMED.

PEACE WILL BE SIGNED.

With time regulating the inexorable finger of Fate, events are moving quickly in Germany. The old Prussian regime has gone—the world hopes, for ever; the late regime, which for the past six weeks has railed against the terms imposed by the Allies, professing to speak for the German nation, has gone. It could not act the lie any longer. Germany wants peace and must have peace.

The Scheidemann Cabinet resigned in order that it might continue the *pas ar* attitude, but it does not—it never did—represent disillusioned Germany.

It is as certain as anything can be certain that the Peace Treaty will be signed next week at Versailles. Probably not on Monday evening, in view of the almost necessity of allowing the new Cabinet time to shake down. If the Council of Four are convinced that the new Cabinet really has the authority, and from its composition there is no reason to doubt this, then in all probability they will grant a further extension of time. By next Wednesday at latest, however, the new German plenipotentiaries should be at Versailles.

The choice of President of the Council Ebert did not fall on Erzberger, Noske, von Richthofen or Müller. The last named was at one time probable, but Herr Bauer (a significant name), was eventually asked to form a Ministry.

The new Cabinet was accordingly constituted on Saturday afternoon. It comprises eight Socialists and four members of the Centre.

Its composition is as follows:

SOCIALISTS (8):

Prime Minister	Herr Bauer
Foreign Affairs	Herr Müller
Interior	Dr. David
Economy	Herr Wissell
Labour	Herr Schlicke
National Defence	Herr Noske
Food	Herr Schmidt
Justice	Dr. Sinzheimer

CENTRE PARTY (4):

Finance	Herr Erzberger
Treasury	Herr Mayer
Post	Herr Giesberts
Railways and Liquidation of Colonies	Herr Bell

Of these Noske, Schmidt, Wissell, Erzberger, Giesberts and Bell were in Scheidemann's Cabinet, but Erzberger was without portfolio.

News received in Paris and London on Friday was greatly at variance with the above. It was definitely asserted in official circles that Erzberger had formed a Cabinet, while in another quarter it was announced that the choice had fallen on Noske.

It is unlikely, however, that Germany's decision has been definitely pronounced, although there is no doubt whatever that the Peace Terms will be signed.

In short, the mere fact that the Cabinet has been changed has automatically dispelled all doubt that may have existed on the point.

It is significant that the Berlin Stock Exchange has maintained comparative firmness on the strength of confidential assertions that the final decision at Weimar would favour acceptance.

FIRST STEP TOWARDS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

A telegram received by the *Daily Telegraph* yesterday morning from its Paris correspondent says that the news was officially telegraphed through from Berlin to Paris at noon on Friday that Germany had decided to sign the Peace Treaty.

Assuming that the decision to sign is true, the *Daily Telegraph* says "there will be but one feeling thoughout the world when the news is known, a feeling of intense thankfulness that at last the end of the great war is actually in sight and that there is a prospect of actual peace within the course of two or three more days. If the National Assembly ratifies the decision it will be about the first step Germany has taken for five years which may count to her for righteousness in the eyes of the rest of the world."

SCENE AT DELEGATES' DEPARTURE.

After considering the police reports, the Procurator has decided that it is unnecessary to open a judicial inquiry into the unseemly incidents which occurred on Monday when the German delegates were mobbed and pelted with stones as they were leaving Versailles.

VIENNA COMMUNIST PLAN.

In the Vienna fighting this week fourteen persons were killed and over one hundred wounded. The Communists intended to take possession of the banks in order to give monetary support to the Hungarian Soviet Government, which has advanced millions to the Austrian Communists. According to the *Arbeiter Zeitung* the Communists intended to occupy the Imperial Buildings and to set up a dictatorship there.

DOWNFALL OF ITALIAN MINISTRY.

ORLANDO RESIGNS.

As the result of a vote in the chamber on the question of a secret session, Signor Orlando's Ministry has been defeated. The Premier has placed his resignation in the hands of the King.

Signor Orlando delivered a short speech in which he dealt with the attitude of the Italian delegates in Paris and the gravity of the internal economic situation in Italy. He said that the Italian delegates to the Peace Conference had sought from the first to maintain firmly the principal points of the Italian claims to remain faithful to her alliances and to avoid all appearances of being irreconcilable. He recalled how the delegates had obtained the systematization of the Northern frontier, while as to the Eastern frontier he said that Italy is still prepared to consider a compromise. Failing that, she stands immovably by the Treaty of London.

President Wilson and Mr. Lloyd George are now back in Paris and it is understood that they have discussed with M. Clemenceau the awkward situation created by the resignation of the Orlando Cabinet. It is sincerely hoped that Signor Orlando and Baron Sonnino will continue to be the Italian plenipotentiaries until peace is signed.

French newspapers attach much importance to the Italian crisis.

The *Figaro* considers that the fall of the Ministry signifies dissatisfaction with the insufficient positive results obtained by Italian diplomacy at the Peace Conference.

The *Journal* says that the first error was in giving to the Italian demands at the conference such publicity that all roads of retreat were cut in advance.

OPERATIONS IN NORTH RUSSIA.

MONASTERY RECAPTURED.

General Ironside, says an official communiqué, telegraphs that on June 17, troops of the Russian National Army captured Kojazerski Monastery. The only approach to the monastery, which is on an island in Lake Kojozero (60 miles S. of Onega) is a narrow causeway 800 yards long. This monastery has been held by the Bolshevists since last September, when they murdered the abbot and evicted the monks. On the Vaga on June 16 a patrol advanced against a hostile post a mile N. of Kitsa (unidentified), and the Bolshevists who attempted to vacate the post were killed.

RISING OF DON COSSACKS.

On April 6, a rising broke out amongst the Don Cossacks in the area Popov-Beryaznyagi-Ust Khoperskaya-Gorbatov, roughly 120 miles to the N.E. of Lugansk. These Cossacks had originally been fighting in the ranks of the Volunteer Army, but in February they went over to the Bolshevists. After a few months under the Bolshevist rule they decided to throw off the Bolshevist yoke and attempt to rejoin General Denikin. The first definite news of this rising was received at the beginning of May from an aviator who was sent over to General Denikin by the commander of the insurgents. He gave their numbers to be five divisions each, 4,000 strong, and one independent brigade, 500 strong. Their morale was excellent, and so far they had resisted all efforts of the Bolshevist troops, whose morale was bad, to suppress them, and had furthermore cut the Bolshevist lines of communication in that area. There seems little doubt now that General Denikin's intention to join up with the insurgents has been accomplished.

BOLSHEVIST CRUISER TORPEDOED.

A Bolshevist wireless Press message states that a British submarine on Wednesday sank the cruiser Oleg near the Tolboukin lighthouse. This is off the Western coast of the island containing the fortress of Cronstadt.

GERMAN DESIGNS ON BALTIC PROVINCES.

Information received from official sources exposes Germany's machinations to make up for her losses in the West by annexation of the Russian Baltic Provinces. From proofs in possession of the Allies there is no doubt that Germany is now deliberately intending such annexation. The Baltic German Barons have offered one-third of their land for distribution among German colonists.

On 24th May German and Baltic forces took Riga, which had been abandoned by the Bolshevists, and they took the opportunity of carrying out wholesale executions of Letts, many of whom were shot without court-martial on the unfounded charge of being Bolshevists.

he German forces, far from being of any assistance in the defence of the Baltic provinces against Bolshevism, have now proved a greater danger than Bolshevism itself. They are endeavouring to plunge the whole of the Baltic provinces into a state of anarchy in order that they may have the pretext of intervening with a view to the Germanisation of these provinces.

MANSLAUGHTER OF EPSOM POLICE OFFICER.

EIGHT CANADIANS CHARGED.

Eight Canadian soldiers, who were arrested by the civil police on Thursday for alleged participation in the riot at Epsom and the death of Police-sergeant Green, were taken before Mr. Garrett at Bow-street Police-court yesterday afternoon. The authorities were not legally represented, and only formal evidence sufficient to justify a remand was given. The accused were:—

Allen McMaster, 30, private, 3rd Canadians.
Frank Harold Wilkie, 23, private, 102nd Canadians.
Herbert Tait, 29, 11th Division Canadians.
Gervas Porier, 24, C.A.M.C.
David Yerex, 32, private, Canadian Forestry Company.
Alphonse Masse, 27, C.A.M.C.
Robert Alexander McAllan, 45, C.A.M.C.
James Connors, 19, private, 13th Canadian Highlanders.

In each case the charge was one of being concerned in the manslaughter of Thomas Green, station sergeant, at Ashton-grove, Epsom, on June 17. With the exception of Connors, who wore khaki and was apparently uninjured, all the prisoners were in hospital blue, and six of them had their heads bandaged, whilst the seventh showed a contused wound on the forehead.

Divisional Detective-inspector Ferrier, of the V Division, Metropolitan Police, deposed as follows:—At 12.15 p.m. yesterday I saw the prisoner Connors at Woodcote Park Camp, Epsom, and told him I was a police officer making inquiries in connection with the riot at Epsom police-station on the night of the 17th, when considerable damage was done and a number of officers were injured, one of whom subsequently died as the result of injuries inflicted by Canadian soldiers. I said I had reason to believe that he was one of the soldiers, and that I should arrest him for being concerned with others in the manslaughter of Police-sergeant Thomas Green. He made no reply, and I conveyed him to Epsom police-station, and he was subsequently brought to Bow-street. Later in the afternoon I went to the Canadian Military Hospital at Orpington, and in the presence of military officers saw the other seven prisoners individually. I told them I was investigating the riot at Epsom police-station, and that I had reason to believe they had been sent from Epsom to Orpington on the previous day. I cautioned them and asked if they would care to give an explanation as to how they came by their injuries. Tait, McAllan, Porier, Wilkie, and Yerex made statements, which I reduced to writing.

The written statements were produced, but the magistrate said they need not be read at that stage of the case.

Continuing, witness stated that McMaster said "I could not tell you how I came by my injuries I don't know anything about it at all." In the evening the prisoners were collected together from various parts of the hospital and were told that they would be charged with being concerned in the manslaughter of Sergeant Green. MacMaster said: "We want to get fair play. We are not the ringleaders. We don't want to be manslaughterers." While at Orpington railway station Porier said: "It is only the fellows who got hit that are taken. There were others. It is not fair." They were brought to Bow-street, and upon being formally charged that morning none of them made any reply except Masse, who was a French Canadian and only spoke French. On the charge being interpreted to him he said, "I know nothing about it."

Prisoners were remanded until next Friday, and were removed in custody.

AMERICAN EMBASSY FOR BRUSSELS.

President Wilson, addressing the Belgian Chamber of Deputies at Brussels, said that the League of Nations was the inevitable consequence of the war, the child of this great war for right. Any nation which declined to adhere to this covenant deliberately turned away from the most telling appeal ever made to its conscience and manhood. Any nation that wants to use the League for its own selfish purposes and not for the rest of the world deliberately turns back to the bad days of selfish contest.

President Wilson announced that to welcome Belgium into her new status of complete independence, he would propose to raise the United States Mission to Belgium to the rank of an Embassy and to send an ambassador to the capital.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY.

To-day is Hospital Sunday, when the forty-seventh annual collection on behalf of the Metropolitan Hospitals will be made. Its predecessors have resulted in £2,000,000 being raised. This money provides 10 per cent. of the charitable income of 250 hospitals, dispensaries, convalescent homes, and nursing associations, and, in addition, enables 7,000 surgical appliances to be supplied to maimed poor folk. There are no fewer than 10,000 patients daily occupying the beds of the London hospitals, and an average daily attendance of out-patients of 20,000.

It is hoped that to-day's collections will total at least £150,000.

AIRMEN'S WONDERFUL ESCAPE.

While an Avro machine was being flown at Northold Aerodrome on Wednesday at a height of 1,000 feet, a seam of the petrol tank burst and the aeroplane caught fire. The pilot, Lt. Startup, and his mechanic, Carpenter, crawled out on to the wing, and, although severely burned, the pilot managed to land the machine, which burst into flames immediately it touched the ground. Both men were burned and are now in hospital, but are progressing favourably.

Rear Admiral Sir William Nicholson, K.C.B., has been appointed Third Sea Lord of the Admiralty, and Controller, vice Rear Admiral Charles M. de Bartolome, K.C.M.G., C.B., to date July 1.

OFFICERS KILLED BY DIVING AEROPLANE.

R.A.F. CADET ACQUITTED.

Considerable interest was manifested in an important case at the Lincoln Assizes yesterday, Trevor Walter Chater, 19, flight cadet, was charged with the manslaughter of Captain Robin Dunn and Lieutenant John Pegg, when they were returning from the meet of the Belvoir Hounds on March 18. The case for the prosecution was that defendant caused the death of the two officers by swooping down on them with an aeroplane. Chater, it was alleged, swooped so low that he caught the heads of the occupants of a trap, killing the officers and stunning the coachman. Such action would be a contravention of the rules which had been drawn up for the guidance of pilots.

Evidence was given by Captain Richardson, adjutant at Cranwell Camp, where the accused was stationed. He stated that in reply to questions Chater admitted diving on the trap. Edward Labraham, who was driving the trap at the time of the tragedy, said he saw the machine coming towards them. It hit him on the back of the head. "All went dark and all went away from me," added witness. When I came to, I was still in the trap, and the two officers dead. Giving evidence on his own account, Chater said he was practising diving on the afternoon of occurrence. He dived at a haystack, the road appearing clear. He was travelling about ninety miles an hour. He was stunned by the knowledge of what had happened, when informed by Captain Richardson.

In the summing up, the judge said that beginning from now we shall probably see in the air flights of commercial machines, and the question as to what constitutes criminal negligence is likely to be important in the future. In the present case the crucial point was whether the carelessness displayed by the accused amounted to criminal negligence. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty and the accused was discharged.

MARRIAGE OF THE UNFIT.

BREACH OF PROMISE CASE.

Mr. Justice McCardie and a special jury in the King's Bench Division commenced yesterday the re-trial of an action for breach of promise of marriage brought by Mabel Beatrice Porter, of Barnes, against Gerald Osmond Barnard, an ex-naval officer, of Monmouth.

Defendant admitted the promise and also that it was rescinded. He pleaded that he was justified in breaking off the engagement because at the time the marriage was to have taken place the plaintiff was suffering from tuberculosis. At the former trial in April the jury, after a three days' hearing, disagreed. The case is proceeding.

PERSONAL WAR MEMORIALS.

The issue of memorial scrolls to the next of kin of all who fell in the war has been begun by the War Office. The scroll is of thick paper in the form of a rectangle, approximately 11 5/16 in. long by 7 1/16 in. wide. It bears the following inscription:

He whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardships, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom. Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten.

This is followed by an inscription of the soldier's name and regiment. The whole inscription is surmounted by a device, including the Royal Arms in colour, with the initials of his Majesty the King. The scrolls will be accompanied by the following letter from Buckingham Palace over the King's signature:

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The scrolls will be distributed as they become ready, and no special application for them should be made, as, in view of the large number involved, it is impossible to say when their issue in individual cases may be expected.

TWO IDEAS OF MARRIAGE.

"There are in England two conceptions of marriage," said the Bishop of Lichfield to the Mothers' Union in St. Paul's Cathedral.

According to one, when the sexual impulse, which they called love, ceased, the union was to be dissolved. The other idea was that of the Mother's Union: that marriage created the home, which was the best sphere for mutual service. He condemned artificial expedients, but this did not mean that every home should have the largest possible family.

HUGE COTTON STRIKE IN LANCASHIRE.

As it is proved impossible to arrive at a satisfactory agreement in the Lancashire cotton dispute, strike notices affecting 287,000 workers become operative on Saturday. All the mills are closing down.

SOCIETY IN THE DIVORCE COURT.

Another cause célèbré was heard in the Divorce Court yesterday afternoon when the Marchioness of Conygham was granted a decree of restitution of conjugal rights against the Marquis. The suit was undefended.

Petitioner, giving evidence, said that she last lived with her husband in January 1918. In December last the Marquis wrote "I am living with someone else and nothing will ever part us."

KNIGHTHOODS BESTOWED ON ATLANTIC FLIERS.

PRIZE PRESENTED.

Capt. Alcock and Lieut. Brown were received by the King at Windsor on Friday. His Majesty bestowed upon both the world famed aviators Knighthoods of the Order of the British Empire.

Later in the day a luncheon was given at the Savoy Hotel at which the *Daily Mail's* cheque for £10,000 was handed to the victorious airmen. Mr. Winston Churchill, who made the presentation, characterized the event as one which showed that while we have become more powerfully equipped in all that concerns apparatus, we have also preserved as a race the audacity, courage and physical qualities of the old heroic bygone times.

TERRITORIAL AIR FORCE.

The first of the aircraft instruction wings in connection with the Territorial Air Force movement was opened at St. Pancras yesterday afternoon by General Sir Hugh Trenchard. After making a thorough inspection of the workshops and lecture rooms he said he was so satisfied with the organization of the scheme that he could promise that much greater assistance will be given by the Air Ministry.

R. 34's TRIP TO THE BALTIC.

The airship R. 34 returned to its base at East Fortune early yesterday morning after a continuous voyage of sixty-six hours without landing.

Officially it was stated that the airship had been on a Continental air tour but unofficially it is understood to have been to Dantzig. The return home was made against a heavy rainstorm over the North sea. The officers have expressed themselves as extremely pleased with her performance.

The distance travelled by the R. 34 was upwards of 2,000 miles, thus removing all doubts as to the Atlantic crossing.

TEST MOBILIZATION IN NEW YORK.

In New York yesterday eight thousand troops were affected by a sudden mobilization order. The National Guard was suddenly called up to man power-houses, bridges, water works and other strategic points. The troops took fifty-five minutes to get posted at their stations.

Much publicity has been given to this practice manoeuvre for dealing with civil disturbances. Its main purpose is to serve as a warning to anarchist agents who have been sending anonymous threats to Government officials.

CLEARING THE NORTH SEA.

Mine-sweepers of the British Navy and the American Navy are now engaged in making a final grand sweep of the North Sea. The work is being shared equally between the two fleets, and the completion of the task may be expected some time about the end of November.

There are over 400 British mine-sweepers in the North Sea at the present time, and their business is to gather up what are left of the 100,000 mines that were laid down during the war. British moored mines still exist off the Belgian, Danish, Dutch, German, and Norwegian coasts.

The American mine-sweepers, which have just got to work, are stationed up by the Orkneys. The Americans laid the large minefield belt which practically stretches from the Orkneys to the coast of Norway, and the removal of this lengthy chain of death now falls to their share.

The British Mine-sweepers Service is composed entirely of volunteers, and consists of some 600 officers and 14,000 men.

BORROWED FROM GERMAN PRISONER.

A court-martial was opened at Cardiff yesterday to deal with allegations against Lieut. Frank Godder. He is charged with borrowing money from a German prisoner named Landszuis and with neglecting to pay another prisoner an amount of one guinea. The hearing was adjourned until 30th June.

RAID ON M.P's HOUSES.

Yesterday the Dublin police raided a number of houses, including those of Sinn Fein members of Parliament. They made a thorough search of the interiors, looking under beds and inside pianos, etc. So far as is known, nothing of importance was discovered.

R.A.S.C. DRIVER CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

John Harrison, a transport motor driver in the R.A.S.C., stationed at Wimbledon Camp, was yesterday committed for trial on a Coroner's warrant on a charge of manslaughter.

He was driving a lorry which knocked down Hector Smith, aged 14. Two soldiers who were in the lorry said that when Harrison was told that the boy had been knocked down he told them to sit still and then drove away at a fast speed.

DON'T RUSH TO CELEBRATE.

The Home Office states that the date of the national celebrations which are contemplated on the conclusion of peace will be announced as soon as the treaty is signed. In the meantime the Government expresses a hope that everyone will wait for these celebrations and will not immediately upon the signature of the treaty indulge in premature action which might prejudice a collective celebration on a single date.

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Thursday, 26th.—PIPERS of 11th. ROYAL SCOTS in the Garden. WHIST DRIVE.
Friday, 27th.—Dancing Class, 5—6. CONCERT by RHINE ARMY CHORAL SOCIETY. Solo Violin, ALFRED BARKER. Cello Solo. Miss Somers Cocks. Quartette by LEAVE CLUB LADIES ORCHESTRA.
Saturday, 28th.—DANCE.

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Admission 1 and 2 Mks.

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57, Schildergasse, (Turning off Hohe Strasse).
Holy Comm. 7 and 8 a.m., 11-15 a.m., 6-45 p.m.
Morning Service, 10.30 a.m.
Evening Service, 6.00 p.m.

2.—THE CHURCH ARMY CHAPEL
Hotel du Nord.
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Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Weekdays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saints' Days.
Short Morning Prayers Daily at 9-15 a.m.

3.—THE ARMY CINEMA HALL
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Sundays: Evening Service, 6 p.m.

4.—THE CHURCH ARMY CINEMA HALL
95, Severin Strasse.
Sundays Holy Communion 8. a.m.
Evening Service, 6. p.m.

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High Mass in Cathedral at 9-15 a.m.
Parade Mass in Minoritenkirche (Minoritenstr.), 2 minutes from Cathedral at 10 a.m.
Rosary and Benediction in Minoritenkirche at 7 p.m. Confessions in Cathedral on Saturdays from 5—7 p.m.

BONN, MÜNSTER CHURCH, Münster Platz.
Mass (Military) 10 a.m. Benediction 6-30 p.m.
Confessions Saturday 3—4 p.m. and 5-30—7-30 p.m. in the Crypt.

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Mass on Sundays 9.15 a.m. Confessions on Saturdays 5 p.m.

LINDENTHAL. Chapel of the Hospital in Josef Stelzmann Strasse — continuation of Giebel Strasse:—
Mass on Sundays 10.30 a.m. Confessions on Saturdays 5 p.m.

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THE FINAL ISSUE.

WHAT WILL GERMANY DECIDE?

The German people are now face to face with the realities of the war and its consequences. The situation as we go to press is still somewhat confused. The resignation of the Scheidemann Cabinet is followed by the statement that a Government will probably be formed; under Bauer, the Minister of Labour and which will include Erzberger, with Bernstorff as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The Independent Socialists appear to be taking up an equivocal attitude, probably owing to the fact that they wish to await the trend of events before formulating their demands for accepting office. It seems however that there is a clear majority in the National Assembly for accepting the Peace terms.

Although the Democrats are taking up a negative attitude, yet signs are not wanting that the conviction is gradually being forced upon the various parties, including the majority socialists, that any further hesitation or delay in accepting the Peace terms is impossible. We believe that this conviction is gaining ground, and trust that sense and reason will prevent the German people from committing political suicide.

The Entente have spoken their last word. The weighty and impressive covering note to the Allied rejoinder to the German counter proposals reviews the whole of the ground in dispute. The Allies remain adamant upon the Peace terms as a whole. Slight concessions have been made at various points: the Germans have been granted a plebiscite in Upper Silesia.

The Allies have also stated that they will consider the six points of honour put forward by the German Government in order to save the *amour propre* of the people.

All that is now required from the German Government from whatsoever fractions or parties it may ultimately be formed, is sufficient courage and a firm hand to set their signatures to the Peace Treaty. The time for hesitation, prevarication and delay is now past.

What the Allies and indeed the whole civilized world have a right to expect from those who claim to speak in the name of the German people is a firm determination to show the world that they have faced the consequences of their wrong doing, and intend to lay the foundation of that new and repentant Germany which alone can gain entrance to the League of Nations. That door will always be open to a non-militarized and repentant people which seeks to prove by newness of life that it has for ever abjured its evil ways and is resolved to tread the path of peaceful progress and legitimate expansion amongst its neighbour states.

The issue is plain—the conditions have been set forth. It is for the German people to decide.

THE FATEFUL HOUR.

HOW THE BRITISH MIND FACES A CRISIS.

Imperturbability is an undeniable characteristic of Englishmen, and we have an illustration of it in these critical days when the Treaty of Peace lies before the perplexed delegates of a fallen empire.

An American writer recently made an attempt to sum up the vagaries of English character. She called to her aid a daring figure of speech, for she likened "the average, unadulterated English person" to the Rock of Gibraltar which has "many admirable qualities, but lacks elasticity."

It is easy to point out that elasticity is not a quality which many of us would like to see either in the sentinel of the Mediterranean Sea or in the human guardians of English traditions But the opinions of our critic are worthy of more than a retort, for she has laid bare some secrets of our race.

The circumstances of these fateful days would lead a spectator of national character to expect evidence of anxiety and tension in England and her armies. A Peace conference which had to deal with an unparalleled plight of war-stricken peoples has but lately come to an end after sessions that recall the tedious Congress of Vienna. The aspirations of new-born nations have been satisfied and the proud ambitions of a mighty power have been checked. The world is waiting for a decision of its fate. Peace and war vie with each other for dominion.

Yet England's soldiers keep the even tenor of their way, ready, watchful, but imperturbable. There is no fevered strain, no hurried project, no dramatic spectacle. Our men have a stolidity which in adversity became dour indomitable courage and in victory is unruffled calm.

In England itself there is little evidence of nervous foreboding. Men and women have donned perplexing masks of gay frivolity, and have bidden dull melancholy a long farewell. In truth, the spirit of joyful abandon has spread over the homeland so quickly that not a few of its soldier sons are wondering if the sacrifice of their comrades has already been forgotten. It is not fitting that the sorrows of tragic years should be danced away in the paltry gaiety of a jazzing Terpsichore.

In these fateful hours England demands the imperturbable courage of her soldiers, and it is hers. She also demands the glad and dignified bearing of her citizens, and that also will be rendered. It is thus that we await a world's Peace.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

What would Jesus do?

(BY A CORRESPONDENT.)

We are living in an age that applies a social test to the claims of spiritual power. No religion that does not satisfy that test, will be seriously considered as worthy of acceptance.

Just now, when so much is in the melting-pot, the Christian claims that the thing to be greatly desired is that the pot should be heavily salted with the Christian salt.

Faced to-day with the world-wide unrest that seems to threaten civilization itself, we are not astonished to find even Christians questioning the social efficacy of their faith.

We cannot help seeing that there are branches of human action which have been tacitly reserved from the full operation of Christian principles, and we cannot rest in any such reservations.

We reckon that a faith should be true, and if true, should be consistently applicable, if in differing ways, to the whole of human experience.

Unity of Fellowship.

It seemed as if the fellowship of man with men and man with God are so dependent upon each other, that a breach in one involves a breach in the other.

Christ shows how the social structure can be permeated with real unity and real love.

If it is not possible for master and man, employer and employed, landlord and tenant, to be united in Christ's fellowship of love, Christianity is unpractical and impracticable; but Christianity does give us a point of view from which it is possible to recognize both distinctions and the brotherhood of man and how this double recognition can be effected. Here is the Christian basis of sound democracy—sane mutual respect.

We cannot all be managers, foremen, officers, masters. The master without the man is as useless as the man without the master.

At the very start it is neccessary that they must respect each other, and recognize that the other's function is a necessary and therefore an honourable one.

Above all, they should not forget that they are sons of one Father, servants of one Master, temples of one Spirit, Members of one Body, and that each is necessary to the other in the building up of that Body.

Love to all Men.

In our world to-day we find the human family divided into classes, with one class blaming another for injustice and inhumanity, and another retorting with charges of laziness or lack of thrift.

Labour is at strife with capital, and capital, with Labour.

Broadly speaking these classes have no true fellowship with one another, no sense of common bond. Society is not yet a brotherhood.

Now Christians acknowledge a law of life which is both exacting and far reaching. The law is to love all men without exception, and we are bold enough to assert with confidence, that if the law of Christ were more generally admitted in carrying on the business of the world, much of the present pain and discord of society would be removed.

In this, our day we are called upon to decide whether our Christian religion is to be a single, separate, specialized activity in which we engage from time to time, or is to be the driving force and guiding principle of all our activities.

For guidance in this matter, it is well for us to note that the social aspects of our Lord's teaching are indisseverable from his religious thought. To Him the love of God, and the love of our neighbour form the twin foundations of the religious and social life.

From Him, the Apostle John learned to teach, that "if a man say he love God, and love not his brother, he is a liar."

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

OPPOSED TO AIRSHIPS.

Sir,—Surely "Lighter than Air" cannot seriously compare the airship with the aeroplane either for its usefulness and adaptability or its speed.

The airship so far has proved a cumbrous, vulnerable weapon of war. The Zeppelin was a marvellous example of ingenuity. The greatest hopes were built on its possibilities.

They came to nought. The Zeppelin had its brief day and was used no more.

It seems to me that only a reactionary who is blind to the marvellous progress in aeroplane development could possibly see any future in the airship.

HEAVIER THAN AIR.

WANTED—SALMON.

Sir,—It is generally assumed that salmon fishing is a sport for millionaires and the "upper ten thousand", and this is no doubt in proper keeping with the established order, whereat we grouse not at all.

But apparently a new application of the idea of preservation has arisen in the land. Crab, pilchards, sardines are all to be obtained from the Divisional Canteen by Other Ranks, but salmon is reserved for Officers.

Does this mean that the E.F.C. has called a "close time" for this particular delicacy so far as O.R.'s are concerned, or is there some nearer but sternly guarded secret cause?

Perhaps someone "in the know" will be so good as to solve the mystery through your valuable columns, if you will kindly publish the query.

SOME LANCASHIRE O.R.s.

CONCERT PARTIES.

Sir,—I endorse the views of "Amusements Officer." It is a most regrettable fact that many concert parties adopt this view of an easy life and are far too ambitious in desiring enthusiastic receptions from crowded audiences, quite neglecting units not so fortunately placed, in isolated villages.

The same thing, however, cannot be said of "The Owlers," of the 79th Brigade R.G.A. who gave a most excellent show in the village of Stotzheim recently.

No party had visited this village before, and the reception afforded to this party quite bears out what "Amusements Officer" has already said. Lieut. Oxberry, the officer in charge of the troupe told me afterwards, that he would be only too glad to give the show to any unit in the neighbourhood, provided that the staging accommodation is in any way adequate.

EDMUND D.M. BATTY.
CAPT, R.G.A.

THE OPERA HOUSE COMPLAINTS.

Sir,—It was inevitable that the behaviour of a certain type of the troops in the public places of entertainment of Rhineland should find an echo in your columns.

"A.M. Richmond's" letter was a general complaint with a quoted example, and is in no way disposed of by "Mens Conscia's" futile reply.

"Mens Conscia" seems to think that the fact of his never having taken the trouble to learn German, excuses his spoiling the pleasure of those who have.

It makes one blush to hear any Englishman trying to excuse himself for drinking in the auditorium of such a place as the Opera.

There is a growing display in many places of entertainment in Rhineland of an aggressive behaviour by certain Britishers which is a source of disgust and annoyance to the majority.

It is an unfortunate peculiarity with some, that when they find themselves in surroundings of a higher class than those to which their pre-war life accustomed them, they feel impelled to impress upon everyone within earshot how very much at home they really feel.

To them, as to the gentleman who justifies drinking out of a bottle during the show, I would say: "If the occupants of the fourth seat to your right or left are anything more than vaguely aware of your presence, there is something wrong with your deportment. Don't, however, squeal when another Britisher pillories you in the "*Post*."

T.W.P.

LEARN A LANGUAGE.

Sir.—It has often struck me that out of the many thousands of our boys who have occupied France and now Germany, very few indeed have ever taken the trouble to gain even a working knowledge of the languages of the two countries.

Never had the young men of Great Britain a finer opportunity of becoming at least passably acquainted with one or other of these tongues, useful not only in business and the ordinary affairs of life and valuable because of their richness in literature.

The great advantage of being in a foreign country is to learn all one can and the only way to understand intelligently a nation's life and customs is to know its language.

I appeal to every officer and man in the Army of Occupation to take up the study of French and German according to which country he is stationed in. Don't go home knowing no more than your own native tongue. That is the advice of

AMATEUR LINGUIST.

CAUSES OF THE GREAT WAR.—II.

A good deal has been written about the alleged "Crown Council" meeting said to have taken place at Potsdam on 5th July. The Kaiser and the Archduke Frederick together with representatives of the German and Austrian General Staffs and Foreign officers including Herr von Stumm, General von Falkenhayn, Counts Berchtold and Tisza, General von Hötzendorf and Admiral Tirpitz are said to have been present.

It was stated that they there discussed the situation, resolved on an active policy and drew up the outline of the fatal ultimatum delivered by the Austria-Hungarian Government nearly three weeks later.

Considerable doubts have since been expressed as to whether this meeting ever really took place.

Sir H. Rumbold, the British representative at Berlin at the time, and Sir Maurice de Bunsen, the Ambassador at Vienna, were both sceptical as to this alleged conference.

On the other hand, Prince Lichnowsky in his memorandum speaks of it as a matter of common knowledge, and this is confirmed by the American minister at Constantinople, to whom Baron Wangenheim, the German ambassador stated that he was present at the meeting, and mentioned some of the points settled.

Be that as it may, it is plainly apparent that the Austrian Government thought it might go very far in imposing terms on Serbia, and count on German support.

It was clear that there might be a limit after which Serbia and possibly Russia might refuse to yield to pressure, but before reaching that limit, much might be claimed and gained.

Some political personages at Vienna thought that no bounds need be set to their demands at all, an end might be made of Serbian independence, and Russia could not, or would not fight for it.

Others thought that Serbia and Russia would end by refusing further concessions, and that they might then be attacked with Germain aid. If France gave Russia assistance, she would be crushed also. Great Britain would be sure to stand out of the game.

Both of these views gave encouragement for vigorous and peremptory action: those who thought that Russia would never fight under any provocation, and those who wanted her to fight and be crushed, could agree in their decision to fall upon Serbia with ruthless truculence.

The Serbian minister at Vienna summed the matter up very well as follows: "Austria-Hungary has to choose between one of the following courses. Either they can regard the Serajevo outrage as a national misfortune, and a crime which ought to be dealt with on the evidence obtained at the trial, in which case Serbia's co-operation in the work will be requested in order to prevent the perpetrators from escaping the extreme penalty. Or they can treat the Serajevo outrage as a Pan-Serbian, and Pan Slav conspiracy with every manifestation of their hatred, hitherto concealed, against Slavdom. There are indications that influential circles are being urged to adopt the latter course: it is therefore advisable to be ready for self defence. Should the former and milder course be adopted, we ought to do all we can to meet Austrian wishes in this respect."

Unfortunately for the peace of the world, it was the latter course which was adopted.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE

LAST WEEK OF THE SEASON.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Sunday	5½	Aida	Verdi
Monday	6	Tales of Hoffmann	Offenbach
Tuesday	6	Rigoletto	Verdi
Wednesday	5½	Carmen	Bizet
Thursday	6	Königskinder	Humperdinck
Friday	6	The Gipsybaron	Strauss
Saturday	5½	Freischütz	Weber
Sunday	3	Mastersingers of Nuremberg	Wagner

AT THE OPERA.

"Das Glöckchen des Eremiten."

At the Opera House the other night, it was a real pleasure to listen to the lovely melodies of Aimé Maillart's Comic Opera which calls to life again the grace and sentimentality of a past period of the French school of music.

A detailed description of this work, so well known in every opera house and so welcomed by every lover of music, is here unnecessary; it need only be said that the performance was worthy of a full house.

Johanna Klemperer was in excellent voice and her rendering of the aria "O schweige still" brought justly forth a storm of applause.

In the rôle of Bellany, Karl Renner used his voice to its fullest advantage, receiving, as did Kaspar Koch as Silvain, well merited appreciation.

The other roles were well filled. The orchestra under the truly artistic control of Franz Weissleder gave of its very best; but in the Nozze di Figaro, the particularly soft passages might, it is thought, be rendered a little more *sotto voce*.

The audience showed an enthusiastic appreciation of the singers' art and of Maillart's delicate genius by covering the stage with a wealth of flowers.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Revival of "The Crumps."

That bright combination of talent, the original "Crumps," the concert party of the London Division, won fame and fortune by reason of their undoubted ability to amuse. Then circumstances made it necessary for the party temporarily to suspend their activities and its members have been "resting" for some time. "The Crumps" have now, however, awakened to life again with a personnel that bids fair to maintain the high reputation originally achieved. At Kalk a capital performance was given to a crowded audience and if the show lacked that perfect finish that characterized the party of old, there was plenty of brightness that promises well for the future.

Weak sketch well performed.

Lieut. J. W. Knight is the guiding spirit of "The Crumps" and he has a capable stage manager and working partner in W. H. Coole. These two worked a somewhat weak sketch at the end of the programme with considerable success assisted by W. Lamb and H. Harris. Their abilities might, however, be bestowed upon a sketch containing more movement and less verbiage in the dialogue. The same pair also appeared successfully in another humorous act while in addition, W. H. Coole contributed a lively song and dance. F. Fryer gave a couple of excellent monologues while T. Whelton, female impersonator, made the most of a wretchedly poor song entitled "Kidnap Me." In "Firelight Glow," I. Walsh revealed the possession of a rich and thoroughly pleasing voice and a bright rendering of "Li'l Old Home," was given by T. Moody. Other members of the party were Lamb, T. Watkins, and F. Tollemarche, while a spirited little orchestra added greatly to the enjoyment of the performance. The "Crumps" are due for a week's engagement at the Deutsches Theatre, Cologne, — commencing to-morrow, Monday.

The Mountebanks at Kalk.

Under the skilful direction of Capt. R. Awdry "The Mountebanks" gave their opening performance at the R.A.S.C. Hall at Kalk. Undoubtedly the most ambitious itemwas the "Coster Concerted" in which a real "Moke" and coster-cart appear on the stage, with Messrs. Awdry and Peel as "Arriets" to the rest of the party's "Arrys." C. Gosling's "Cobbler's Song" (with appropriate "get up" and surroundings) from "Chu Chin Chow," Griffiths's humorous songs (with monoclé) and A Downing's sermon based on the text "Mary had a little lamb" are but a few of the turns that received an enthusiastic reception from the audience. The programme concluded with a sketch entitled "The Night Watchman"—excellently acted by Messrs R. Awdry, L. Vigar, Frehearn and F. Coombs.

Leaving.

By the way, I hear that Billy Hayward, the popular manager at the Deutsches Theatre, is leaving for "demob" on Tuesday. He is one of the most competent managers in town and his departure will be a big loss to the "Deutsches." However, he goes with our best wishes for every success in his new occupation.

In Few Words.

"The Merry Muffins" have gone to England on leave. All the party, I hear, are enjoying a fortnight's sojourn in Blighty.

On Monday, July 1st., the Rhine Army Dramatic Company are to produce Oscar Wilde's masterpiece, "The importance of being earnest".

It is also whispered that Lieut. S. E. Percy is to produce "Julius Caesar" at an early date. The stupendousness of the enterprise leaves one gasping. "Damaged Goods" is also on the card—but more of this anon.

Mr. W. D. Fazan, of the Lena Ashwell Dramatic Company, tells me that they are returning to Cologne in a few weeks time with a three-act play entitled "The Duke of Killiecrankie".

By featuring W. W. Jacobs' well-known story "The Changeling" as a one-act comedy, "The Pedlars" have introduced something new. And, judging by the applause awarded the artistes at Bonn last week, this style of entertainment has the augury of being very popular.

"The Robin Hoods", the 9th Corps Concert Party are, I believe, another party due in Cologne after they have completed their tour.

Incidentally, after their numerous local successes, the "Tiger Pips" (11th Leicester's Concert Party) are now seeking fresh fields to conquer.

JACQUES.

ASCOT'S SUMMER GLORIES DIMMED.

50 DAYS' DROUGHT BROKEN.

LAST DAY'S RACING SPOILT BY STEADY DOWNPOUR.

A fifty days' drought was broken on Friday when a steady downpour spoilt the spectacular side of the last day at Ascot. Results:—

Ascot High Weight Stakes:—1, Helion (7 to 1); 2, Baalgad (4 to 1); 3, Bridgewater (7 to 2); Six ran.

Hardwicke Stakes: — Sir Douglas (5 to 2 on); London Pride. Two ran.

Windsor Castle Stakes: — 1, Bright Folly, (5 to 1); 2, Sunnymoya (100 to 30); Woodrow (10 to 1); Twelve ran.

Wokingham Stakes: — 1, Scatwell (4 to 1); 2, Vivians (100 to 9,; Gollyeyes (9 to 2); Eleven ran.

Jersey Stakes: — 1, Knight of the Air (6 to 1); 2, Viceroy (6 to 5); Sardis (6 to 4). Three ran.

Alexandra Stakes: — 1, St. Eloi (6 to 1); 2, Jack Point (6 to 5); 3, Greek Scholar (6 to 4). Three ran.

King's Stand Stakes: — 1, Diadem (6 to 4); 2, Bestborn (9 to 2); 3, Syndrean (6 to 5). Six ran.

PERFECT GALLOPING MACHINE.

IRISH ELEGANCE "UNEQUALLED UP TO A MILE."

It is an age of records, and the horses are taking their share in the game. No Derby winner could have brought the house down like Irish Elegance did that vast Ascot throng when he achieved the impossible by annexing the Hunt Cup under 9st. 11lbs., writes the Scout in *The Daily Express*.

Away back in the forties of last century a horse won under 9st. 7lbs., but race-running was not the speedy affair it is now. Peter's modern record easily went by the board yesterday, and even Victor Wild's bold effort under 9st. 12lbs. against Knight of the Thistle was overshadowed by this amazing equine machine that carries the colours of Mr. James White—a Rochdale millionaire, who has dabbled in everything financial from promoting boxing to buying ready-made mills. He never made a better bargain than when he gave Mr. R. B. Thorburn £2,000 for the ready-made Irish Elegance last year.

Irish Elegance is a second Victor Wild already with the public. They fairly mobbed him as he was unsaddled. Then you realised what a great horse he is. The enthusiastic Cottrill, his trainer, vows that there never was his equal up to a mile.

The horse has filled out, and is now a massive specimen of the weight-carrying thoroughbred. A galloping machine to perfection.

BUN EATING CONTEST.

1/4 CHESHIRE'S SUCCESSFUL SPORTS AT HERSEL.

The 1/4 Bn. Cheshire Regt., held a most successful sports meeting at Hersel last Saturday. The proceedings were favoured by ideal weather and the prowess displayed by the numerous competitors provided a most interest ng afternoon for the many spectators. The event which caused much amusement was the "Bun-Eating Competition" the competitors being very keen and were quite a spectacle munching at their jammy buns. At the prizegiving which followed the events Lieut.-Col. Pemberton congratulated the winners and thanked all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. The proceedings terminated with three cheers for the Colonel and three cheers for Capt. G. H. Gadsdon, commanding "C" Company.

EVENTS AND WINNERS:

100 yds.: (Final):—1, Lieut. Woodcock; 2, Pte. Hepplestone; 3, Pte. Roberts.

440 yds. (flat):— 1, Lieut. Willis; 2, L/Cpl. Richards; 3, Cpl. Mound.

880 yds. (flat):— 1, Lieut. Willis; 2, L/Cpl. Richards; 3, Pte. Badcock.

1 Mile (flat):— 1, Lieut. B. J. Willis; 2, Pte. Davies; 3, L/Cpl. Richards.

Long Jump:— 1, Lieut. Woodcock; 2, Cpl. Mound; 3, Pte. Roberts.

High Jump:— 1, Lieut. Bryant; 2, Lieut. Woodcock; 3, Pte. Roberts.

Sack Race:— 1, Cpl. Mound; 2, Cpl. Wolstenholm; 3, Pte. Anderson.

Boat Race:— 1, No. 9 Platoon.

Bun-eating Competition:— 1, Pte. Anderson; 2, Pte. Owen; 3, Pte. Mellor.

Throwing the Cricket Ball:— 1, Lt. Woodcock; 2, L/Cpl. Hallsworth; 3, L/Cpl. Hall.

Hurdle Race:— 1, Lieut. Woodcock; 2, Cpl. Mound; 3, Pte. Roberts.

Officers, W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s Race:— 1, Cpl. Mound; 2, C.S.M Clarke.

Boot Race:— 1, Pte. Denning; 2, Pte. Owen; 3, Pte. Anderson.

Cooks Race:— 1, Pte. Lewis; 2, Pte. Hobbs; 3, Pte. Jones.

REGIMENTAL SPORTS.

52nd CHESHIRES' SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT BORNHEIM.

A very successful sports meeting was held by the 52nd Cheshires at Bornheim on Monday last. The glorious weather attracted a large crowd of visitors and an excellent programme was carried through without a hitch. Interest in the events was heightened by a keen competition between companies for the battalion shield, which was won by "A" Company.

LIST OF WINNERS.

100 yards (flat):— 1, Lieut. Galbridge; 2, C.S.M. Roberts; 3, Pte. Abbott.

Long Jump:— 1, Cpl. Flunder, M.C.; 2, Sgt. Spencer; 3, Sgt. Allen.

880 yards (flat).— 1, Cpt. Ryalls, D.S.O.; 2, Pte. Abbott; 3, Pte. Barton.

Football Doubling Race:— 1, Pte. Fisher; 2, Pte. Simms; 3, Pte. Abbott.

120 yards Hurdle Race:— 1, Lt. Pollock; 2, Sgt. Spencer; 3, Cpl. Price.

Putting the Shot:— 1, Sgt. Claridge; 2, Lt. Ellison; 3, Sgt. Allen.

Obstacle Race:— 1, Cpl. Hinton; 2, Sgt. Williams; 3, Sgt. Spencer.

220 yards (flat):— 1, Lt. Galbridge; 2, Pte. Baillie; 3, L/Cpl. Haigh.

Tug-of-War:— "A" Coy.

High Jump:— 1, Lt. Galbridge; 2, Lt. Pollock; 3, Pte. Moulton.

440 yards (flat):— 1, Cpt. Ryalls, D.S.O.; 2, Lt. Pollock; 3, Pte. Gibbons.

Throwing the Cricket Ball:— 1, Pte. Battaghan; 2, Sgt. Spencer; 3, Cpl. Hinton.

Ginger Beer and Bun Race:— 1, Sgt. Sullivan; 2, Sgt. Allen; 3, Sgt. Hunter.

Dispatch Race:— "A" Coy.

Officers' Race:— 1, Capt. Loakman, M.C.; 2, Lt. Ellison; 3, Capt. Morgan.

Band Race:— 1, Driver Young; 2, Pte. Cashew; 3, Pte. Poole.

Relay Race (all ranks):— "D" Coy.

Basket Ball:— "D" Coy.

One Mile: (flat):— 1, Cpt. Ryalls, D.S.O.; 2, Cpl. Price; 3, Pte. Roberts.

Cycle Race (Box Respirators): 1, Pte. Owens; 2, Pte. Hilsden; 3, L/Cpl. Jones.

440 yards (open to Brigade):— 1, Cpt. Ryalls, D.S.O.; 2, Lt. Woodcock (1/4 Cheshires); 3, Sgt. Allen.

One Mile Relay Race:— "A" Coy.

100 yards (open to Brigade):— Lt. Galbridge; C.S.M. Roberts; 3, L/Cpl. Williams (1/4th Cheshires).

Consolation Race:— 1, Pte, Caw; 2, Cpl. Bowen; 3, Pte. Willett.

BOXING AND WRESTLING.

PROPOSED COLOGNE TOURNAMENT ABANDONED.

Circumstances have arisen which have rendered it necessary to abandon the boxing and wrestling tournament which was announced recently to have been arranged to take place at the British Empire Leave Club Cologne, on 11th July.

This will prove a big disappointment to many Army exponents of these forms of sports, but intending competitors would be well advised not to relinquish their training programmes since it is anticipated that the Supt. of Physical and Recreational Training will shortly make an announcement that will give intending champions their opportunity.

SPORT AT HOFFNUNGSTAL.

CUP WON BY "D" COY., 26th (S) BN. ROYAL FUSILIERS.

The 26th (S) Bn. Royal Fusiliers arranged a very good sports meeting and all ranks enjoyed the day to the full. The band played selections during the afternoon and tea was served on the ground. Much interest was added to the athletic programme by an inter-company competition for a cup to be given to the company winning most points in the events. This was eventually won by "D" Company with 38 points, "B" Coy. being second with 33 points.

At the conclusion of the sports the Battalion's new concert party gave an excellent entertainment, the show being staged and arranged by Lieut. H. R. Sprunt. During the interval prizes to winners were distributed by Lieut.-Col. C. J. Hickie, C.M.G., commanding the Battalion.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

The following is a list of the events and winners:—

Inter-Company Cross Country Race: — (about 3½ miles), run off on the previous Friday; winning team "D" Company. Places: — 1. 2nd Lieut. A. V. Todd, "B" Coy., 2. Lieut. J. Y. Walker M.C., "D" Coy; 3. Sergt. Hendry, "B" Coy.

Inter-Company Boat Race: — "B" Company.

100 yards open: — 1 L/Cpl. Casburn, "A" Company; 2. Lieut. J. Y. Walker M.C.; "D" Company; 3. Pte. Cradley, Headquarters Coy.

Potato Race: — 1. Pte. Frankham, "B" Company; 2. L/Cpl. Webb, "D" Coy. 3. Pte. Matthews, "B" Coy.

100 yards Officers Race:—1. Lieut. J. Y. Walker, M.C.; 2. Lieut. Baker.

Inter-Coy. Three-Legged Relay Race:—Headquarters Coy.

High Jump:—1. Lieut. J. Y. Walker, M.C., "D" Coy.; 2. Pte. Turner, Headquarters Coy.; 3. Sergt. Griggs, "A" Coy.

½ Mile Open:—1. 2nd Lieut. Todd, "B" Coy.; 2. Cpl. Pratt, "C" Coy.; 3. Sergt Hendry, "B" Coy.

Obstacle Race:—1. 2nd Lieut. Pearce, "D" Coy.; 2. Pte. Fry, "D" Coy.; 3. Pte. Matthews, "B" Coy.

Sack Race:—1. Pte. Frankham, "B" Coy.; 2. Pte. Allen, Headquarters Coy.; 3. Pte. Cull, "D" Coy.

Inter-Coy. Relay Race:—1. "B" Coy.; 2nd Lieut. A. E. Palmer, Sergt. Hendry, L/Cpl. Lake, Pte. Parsons.

Pillow Fighting on greasy pole:—Pte. Bird, "D" Coy.

1 Mile Open:—1. 2nd Lieut. Todd, "B" Coy; 2. 2nd Lieut. Ditchfield, "D" Coy.; 3. Pte. Wisdish, "C" Coy.

Inter-Coy. Tug-of-War:—"C" Coy.

220 yards Open:—1. Lieut. J. Y. Walker, M.C., "D" Coy.; 2. L/Cpl. Casburn, "A" Coy.; 3. Lieut. Baker, "D" Coy.

Mounted Apple Race (Officers):—1. Lieut. Vander Weyden, M.C., "A" Coy.; 2. Capt. J. T. Smellie, M.C., "A" Coy.

Wrestling on Horseback:—Sergt. Griggs, "A" Coy.

Mule Race—Transport only:—1. Pte. Seymour; 2. Pte. Such.

CRICKET AND SPORTS.

No 1 SECTION MIDLAND D.A.C. MATCHES AT NIEDER ELVENICH.

The No 1 Section Midland D.A.C. played "D" Battery 76 Bde R.F.A. at cricket at Klein Vernich last week. The battery batted first and were dismissed for 68 (Dvr. Trotter 19 not out, Lieut. Duffet 15 and Sergt. Wild 12). Bowling for No 1 Section 2nd. Lieut. Corrie had 4 for 14, Reynolds 3 for 29, Bradley 2 for 13. The Section innings realised 63 (Lieut. Morphew 18, Sig. Thompson 11). Bowling for the Battery Far-Sergt. Russell had 5 for 20.

On Sunday last the Section met No 2 Section at Nieder Elvenich. The latter batted first and scored 64 Gnr. Keeble being top-scorer with 16 not out. 2nd Lieut. Corrie had 5 for 19, Reynolds 3 for 23. No 1 Section just passed their opponent's score and won by 3 wickets, the whole side being out for 69. Hitchins played good cricket (24) and Reynolds contributed a useful 17. Lieut. Rich bowled very well for No 2 Section and had 9 wickets for 17 runs.

SPORTS RESULTS.

The Section Sports were held at Mulheim on Wednesday in good weather. Results:—

100 yds. Flat Race:— 1, Sig. Bond; 2, Sergt. Morris.

Sack Race (Indians):— 1, Dvr. Vinchia; 2, Dvr. Nagabur.

Three-legged Race:— 1, Sig. Galt and Dvr. Rendall; 2, Dvr. Florio and Dvr. Bradley.

Mounted Tug-of-War:— Won by "D" Sub. Section (Sergt. Morris).

V.C. Race:— 1, Sergt. Clark; 2, Cpl. Connor.

Musical Pegs:— 1, Sgt. Morris; 2, Sig. Galt; 3, Gnr. Beale.

Tent-Pegging (Open to D.A.C.): 1, R.S.M. Doolan, M.B.E. (H.Q.); 2, Sergt. Clark.

Boot Race:— 1, Sergt. Morris; 2, Dvr. Charlton.

Wrestling on Mules:— Won by "A" Sub-Section.

Relay Race:— (teams of 4 per sub-section). Won by "D" Sub.

Pillow Fighting (Indians):— 1, Lance-Naik Rissald Singh; 2, Lance-Naik Buakha.

Mule Race:— 1, Dvr. Bradley; 2, Gnr. Williams.

Boat Race:— (teams of 5 per sub-section) 1, Crew from "D" Sub.; 2, Crew from "A" Sub.

Consolation Race:— 1, Dvr. Bailey; 2, Dvr. Florio.

The prizes were afterwards presented to the successful competitors by Capt. A. W. McQueen R.F.A., O.C., No 1 Section Midland D.A.C.

BALACLAVA MELÉE.

"C" COY., 1st BN. M.G.C. SPORTS AT MUTTINGHOVEN.

Favoured by glorious weather, "C" Coy. held a most successful athletic meeting on Sunday. There were over 90 prizes, which the officers generously provided, and the "running up" was fast.

The C. O. of the Battalion, Lieut.-Col. J. M. Hope, D.S.O., kindly presented the many prizes at the close, and was given three hearty cheers. The Colonel scored "a hit" in the mule race for officers; his masterly handling of his mule brought him in first amid great applause.

The band of the 52nd S.W.B's. was in attendance and played a great part in making the show a success.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

Best double set of harness (on animals):—1, Pte. Abbott; 2, Pte. Freeman.

Best section limber complete:— 1, L/Cpl. Wills; 2, Pte. Gill.

Best turned out officer's charger:— 1, Pte. Spridgeon; 2, Pte. Kelsey.

Driving competition:— 1, Pte. Gill; 2, Cpl. Wills.

Potato and boot race: 1, Cpl. Pearl; 2, Sergt. Newell; 3, Pte. Broadbent.

High jump:— 1, L/Cpl. Stonier; 2 and 3, draw between Sergt. Mathias and Pte. Bradshaw.

440 yds. flat (open): 1, Sgt. Mathias; 2, Cpl. Owen; 3, L/Cpl. Mc Intyre (A Coy.).

Three-legged race:— 1, Ptes. Tattersall and Williams; 2, Sergt. Newell and Pte. McSporran; 3, Cpl. Snell and Pte. Acton.

Tilting the bucket:—1, Ptes. Oldbury and Smith; 2, Jewell and Hall; 3. Ptes. Willacy and Wingfield.

100 yds. final:— 1, Cpl. Owen, 2, Sgt. Mathias; 3, Pte. Wingfield.

Egg and spoon race:— 1, Cpl. Pearl; 2, 2nd Lieut. Maclaine; 3, Pte. Tostdevine.

100 yds. race for officers:— 1, 2nd Lieut. Maclaine; 2, Lieut. Balls; 3, 2nd Lieut. Delmore.

Long jump:— 1, Cpl. Hill; 2, Sergt. Mathias; 3, Cpl. Owen.

Alarm race:— 1, Sgt. Reffell; 2, Pte. Williams; 3, Pte. Day.

1 Mile flat:— 1, Pte. Tattersall; 2, Cpl. Hill.

Tug of war (final):— No. 11 section.

Pillow fight:— 1, Pte. Carr; 2, Pte. Oldbury.

Boat race: No. 12 section.

Cross country run (2½ miles open):— L/C. McIntyre (A Coy.); 2, Pte. Tattersall; 3, Pte. Daggesbey.

Mule race for section men:— 1, Sgt. Saul; 2, Pte. Hamblin; 3, Pte. Peach.

V.C. race on mules:— 1, Pte. Mort; 2, Pte. Virr; 3, Pte. Brown.

Mule race for transport:— 1, Pte. Spridgeon; 2, Pte. Jefferies; 3, Sgt. Neale.

Musical chairs on mules:— 1, Pte. Mort; 2, Pte. Hamblin; 3, Sgt. Neale.

Mule race for officers:— 1, Lieut.-Col. Hope; 2, Lt. and Q.M. Combs; 3, Lieut. Laughland.

Balaclava Melée:— "Red Rosette" (transport).

Band race:— 1, Pte. Pye; 2, L/Cpl. Heene; 3, Cpl. Hesling.

Fancy dress:— 1, Sgt. Laws (A. Coy.); 2, Cpl. Coffey.

Silver cup for winners of most points:— Sgt. Mathias.

ST. ANDREWS TOURNAMENT.

The draw for the 72 holes' tournament, which will be held over the old course, St. Andrews, on June 25 and 26, has been made in London.

A remarkable feature of the draw is the fact that W. L. Ritchie is drawn on both days to play round with James Braid. Ritchie used to be Braid's assistant at Walton Heath.

ARRIVAL OF PAL MOORE.

Pal Moore the American boxer who is meeting Wilde next month, arrived at Southampton on the Mauretania on Friday.

BASKET BALL COME TO STAY.

Basket ball teams from the P. and R. T. Schools at Headquarters and the 9th Corps met on Thursday afternoon and divided the honours, each school winning a victory. The first game played between students at the school was won by 9th Corps, 12 to 7. Both teams played well considering their short time at the game. The line-ups were:

P. and R. T. School Canaries.— Cpl. Edwards; Sgt. Gardner; Sgt. Cheyne; Cpl. Clifford; Cpl. Strachan.

9th Corps.— Lt. Webster; Lt. Palmer; Bdr. Wilson; Sgt. Rushby; Mr. Rowe.

The second game between the staffs of the two schools was won by H. Q. 28 to 4. The game was featured by the close guarding of the victors and by the excellent scoring from penalties by Lieut Col. Betts, D.S.O.

H. Q. Staff.— C. S. M. Harper; C. S. M. Tyler; S. M. C. Stubbs; Lieut. Col. Betts, D. S. O.; Major Colvin V.C.

9th Corps Staff.— Lt. Davis, CSM May; Captain Pocock, Lt. Rathbone, Lt. Harding.

Apparently basket ball has come into the British Army to stay, and soon will become one of the major sports.

The lowest score in an innings in first-class cricket is 12 by Oxford University (one man absent) v. M.C.C. and Ground, at Oxford, May 1877.

The first French-bred horse to win the Derby was Gladiateur.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Sunday, June 22, 1919.

Wind West to North west, 10-15 m.p.h., and squally. Cloudy, some showers, improving later. Cool. Visibility fair.

"THE COLOGNE POST" CUP.

BONN LEAGUE TABLE.

In future a table of each League in the "Cologne Post" Cricket Cup Competition will be published daily, and below is given the Bonn League Table. Clubs will now be able to see how they stand in comparison with others, and those who are behind with fixtures should find the Tables an incentive to make a strong effort to improve their figures.

BONN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
52 Manchesters	4	0	4	2§
91 Field Amb.	5	4	1	8
East. Div. Sig. Co.	4	2	2	4
103 Field Amb.	4	2	2	6§
Lancs Div. Sig. Co.	4	1	3	4§
207 Sq. R.A.F.	2	2	0	6§
52 Cheshire	3	3	0	6
92 Field Amb.	3	1	2	2
4 Suffolk	4	1	3	2
15 Lancs Fus.	2	1	1	2
10 R.W. Kent	4	2	2	4
51 Bedford	3	2	1	4
53 Welsh	2	0	2	2§
3 Co. West. Div. R.A.S.C.	1	0	1	0
5 Border	4	3	1	6
East. Div. H.Q.	5	3	2	6
51 K. Liverpool	3	0	3	0
51 R. Sussex	3	3	0	6
121 Heavy Bty.	2	0	2	0
X. Corps Sig. Co.	5	0	5	0
52 Welsh	4	3	1	6
303 Siege Bty.	2	1	1	2
16 Lancs Fus.	3	2	1	4
Lancs Div. M.T. Co.	2	2	0	4
2 London Inf. Bde.	2	2	0	4
23 R. Fus.	4	3	1	6
1 T.M.B. (West.)	3	1	2	2
69 Siege Bty.	3	0	3	0
13 K. Liverpool	2	2	0	4

§ 2 Points awarded for scratched match.

NORTHERN DIVISIONAL R.E. (125) v. "G" A.A. BATTERY (22) at Lindenthal on Tuesday. For the winners the chief batsmen were Staff Sergt. Styles (37), Sapper Thorpe (21) and Major Villa (20). The bowling of Lieut. Sams and Cpl. Cooper was responsible for the early dismissal of the Gunners. For the losers Sergt. Armstrong made a big effort to put up a stand but found no one to keep his end up with the result that he came out bat in hand.

OTHER RESULTS.

Northern Div. R.E.	79
12th R.I.R.	74
1/5 Staffords	32
174 Siege Battery R.G.A.	38 for 6 (declared)
174 Siege Battery R.G.A.	53
21st Bde. R.G.A.	33

LANCASHIRE DIV. TRAIN V. "A" COY. 32nd. Bn., M.G.C.

The above teams played at Niederpleis; the Machine Gunners batting first. The first wicket fell in the second over for 6 runs. The second fell as hurriedly for 8 in the second over. The batsmen, Major Harrison and Sgt. Pollard, then settled down to a steady game, the bowling being favourable to the batsmen once they became accustomed to it. The third wicket fell for 34 after Major Harrison with some good hits had scored 19. During this wicket the batsmen scored 14 runs in one over, Major Harrison making 11 of them. Sgt. Pollard was bowled with 39 runs to his credit after holding out for 5 wickets; Corporal Goldring scored a good 16 before being caught. Sgt. Bloom took 6 wickets for 35.

After tea the "Train" commenced batting and immediately fell victims to the deadly bowling and excellent fielding of the Machine Gunners. The bowling of Major Harrison and Sgt. Pollard soon accounted for the wickets for the total score of 19 in 55 minutes. Major Harrison took 4 wickets for 7 runs, and Sgt. Pollard took 5 wickets for 8 runs, taking 3 wickets in one over on 2 occasions. Extras numbered only 4, owing to the dexterity of the wicket keeper, Cpl. Akehurst.

Total scores:—"A" Company, 32nd. Bn. M.G.C. 109. H.Q. Lancs. Div. Train 19.

LATEST SPORT IN A NUTSHELL.

London Tennis Championship: Ladies' doubles (semi finals):—Mrs. Larcombe and Mrs. Satterthwaite beat Mrs. Lamlough and Mrs. Geen (6-1, 6-2), Miss Ryan and Mrs. Lambert Chambers beat Mrs. Craddock and Mrs. Greville (6-3, 6-2).

Rain interfered with the cricket in England on Friday. Scores:—Lancs. 177; Leicester 180 for 5 wickets. Derbyshire 74 and 85 for 5; Yorks, 221.

Thirty-six holes were played in 72 hole stroke tournament, which opened at St. Annes on Friday. The opening stages resulted in the temporary eclipse of the triumvirate Vardon, Taylor, and Braid. Abe Mitchell and Mayo returned the lowest cards (146 each). Taylor went round in 149, Ray 151, Herd 152, Braid 153 and Vardon 154.

The Freebooters defeated Cowdray (9 goals to 1) in the Champion Cup semi-finals at Hurlingham. Thornby defeated Major Tate's, Swynford Lodge by 7 goals to 5.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

The Panther.

The Panther will be ridden in the Irish Derby by S. Donoghue.

Rugby Footballer's Estate.

Mr. Alick Guy B. F. Hunter, of Netherland, Horncastle, who played Rugby football for Rugby and Manchester, left £8,037 16s. 6d.

Jockey Club Members.

Lord Carnarvon, Mr. F. Bibby, and Captain H. G. R. Homfray were elected members at the annual meeting of the Jockey Club.

Liverpool's Profit.

The annual report of the Liverpool F.C., shows a profit balance on the year's working of £1,666. The directors recommend no dividend.

Stone to Retire.

Stone, the professional wicket-keeper, who officiated for Hampshire prior to the war, stated at the Oval last week that he had decided to retire from first-class cricket.

A.A.A. Championships.

Thanks to the kindness of the Baseball Federation, arrangements have been made on very favourable terms for the holding of the Amateur Athletic Association's championships at Stamford Bridge, Chelsea, on Saturday, July 5.

Oval and Tea Interval.

Except in the case of an innings terminating after half-past three, there will always in County Championship matches at the Oval, be a tea interval at a quarter to five, unless at that time nine wickets have fallen.

Australian Champion's Fine Swim.

W. J. Hobbs, who has held the British Naval Swimming Championship for 14 years, swam the championship course from the Anglian Boathouse, Kew, to Putney Pier, on Saturday, in an hour and twenty minutes.

Racing at Compiègne.

Although parts of Compiègne were destroyed during the German advance of 1918 and many of the inhabitants have not yet returned, the Compiègne Racing Society has decided that conditions warrant the re-opening of the racecourse.

International Quoits.

Quoits is a popular game in Wales. The last international with England was played at Cefn Coed, Merthyr Tydfil, and during the progress of the match, news of the outbreak of war was brought to the field. A game will be played in London with England on August Bank Holiday.

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EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY.

Roses Galore.—Huge supplies of pink roses for Alexandra Day next Wednesday have been dispatched to the Army of the Rhine. There are 14 millions still available for purchasers at home.

The First.—The Rev. Frank H. F. Williams, M.C., a Welsh Army chaplain, has the distinction of holding the first service in Jerusalem, after its occupation by British troops.

Saved Forty.—Mr. J. Phelps, one of the King's oarsmen, has the gallant record of having saved about 40 persons from drowning. He holds the Royal Humane Society's bronze medal.

For Training.—Buckhurst Manor, the estate generously placed at the disposal of the British County Homestead Association, has been opened as a training centre for ex-service men by Lieut.-Colonel Sir Arthur Griffith Boscawen, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Agriculture.

Everyone's Depot.—It is said that the ultimate purpose of the much discussed Slough depôt, after dealing with the many war surplus motors now awaiting repair, will be the maintenance of the whole of the motor vehicles required by the Army, Air Force, and other public services.

German Silver.—"There must have been some good Germans about somewhere at some time," remarked a lover of old silver at Christie's, when in the Earl of Home's sale, a 1550 Augsburg silver-gilt tankard and cover (with a central medallion of St. George and the Dragon) fetched £900.

The Red Cross.—The League of Red Cross societies is holding a conference at Geneva. The British representative is Sir David Henderson.

East gives to West.—The Maharajah of Kapurthala has given a considerable sum to be expended in the devastated regions of France for purchasing necessities for the homeless populace.

A huge terminus.—Waterloo Station, London, which has taken some years to rebuild, is to be completed next year, and it will then be one of the finest railway termini in the world.

Their new Enemy.—Disease appears to be a more tangible enemy than the Bolsheviks in North Russia. Scurvy, the romantic disease of the pirates and adventurers of our boyhood reading, has spread to five hundred Russians, though it is being kept back from our troops.

The Difference.—You can learn from a four page pamphlet just issued, how to obtain "Permanent Universal Peace," but a mere Peace Treaty fills a huge volume.

Foch Souvenirs.—At a charity Bazaar which took place in Paris an American bought one of Marshal Foch's pipes for 2700 francs; another gave 2000 francs for his pen. Buttons from his tunic fetched 300 francs each.

If!—Germany does not sign the Peace Treaty, measures have been taken for the Allies to move forward at the rate of 35 kilometres a day.

Mined.—The German ship "Mainz" with a load of 1300 tons rice for Germany was sunk by a mine. The crew was saved by a French Torpedo boat.

Non-committal.—Not much progress can be made with the examination of Landru, the French "Bluebeard." To all questions put to him he replies: "I have nothing to say. It is for you to prove your accusations."

Mary Jane's Pay.—The wages of general domestic servants have risen enormously since the war began. Mrs. W. J. Barton speaking at a meeting of the Royal Statistical Society estimated the rise to average 70 per cent.

Linking up.—It is proposed to amalgamate three important Trades Unions, the Boilermakers and Iron and Steel Shipbuilders, the Shipwrights and Ship Contractors and the Associated Blacksmiths and Ironworkers' societies with a total membership of nearly 200,000.

Tropical Days.—However torrid the weather, swift racing, hard-hitting cricket, keen tennis, and grand opera continue to attract great audiences at home.

Swimming Cures.—Hundreds of soldiers in the principal military hospitals and clinics in Great Britain are now undergoing a course of swimming as a cure for shell-shock paralysis.

Full Chimes.—The full "peace" peal of bells will be rung at Westminster Abbey to-day for the first time.

Ready.—The British Navy is once more on a war footing.

Out of Work.—There are 4,000 domestic servants on the unemployed books of the Domestic Servants' Union.

Will keep up.—No reduction in the cost of living is possible, Sir Robert Kindersley says, until the finances of Great Britain are placed on a sound financial basis.

A welcome return.—The production of "Kissing Time" at the Winter Garden once the "Old Mogul", Drury Lane, brings back to the stage Mr. George Grossmith and Miss Phyllis Dare, who have not appeared for some time.

Gas for Rats.—The old method of ferreting rats has been superseded. To-day these enemies to health are being assailed with poison gas.

War and Peace.—The strength of the Belgian Army has been fixed at 350,000 maximum for war time and 100,000 men in peace time.

His hope.—Hindenburg ended a speech of thanks after having received the freedom of the city of Kolberg by these words: "I shall go to the grave with faith in a better future."

War Stamps Boom.—Just now there is a decided "boom" in the scarce and historic stamp issues of the great war, due to the anxiety of many philatelists to complete their collections before the signing of peace brings Continental competitors into the market.

A big Deal.—A remarkable deal in linen has just been completed. Forty million yards of linen, made for covering aeroplane wings and sufficient to make a wide body-belt for the earth, have been bought for £4,000,000 from the Aircraft Dispersal Department.

Mostly Canadians.—More than 30,000 wounded soldiers have been treated during the war at the Military Hospital at Orpington, Kent. These included 16,402 Canadians and 12,592 Imperial troops.

Eased his Mind.—Peter Lee, a shipyard labourer, upon being committed for a month's imprisonment at Sunderland, yawned and languidly asked if it carried hard labour. "No," replied the chairman and Peter yawned again.

A girl Stowaway.—A girl who was attired in blue overalls, was charged at Liverpool with being a stowaway on an American transport, and was placed under probation for 12 months. She was discovered in the hold of the vessel.

Who will buy?—Two islands in the Shetlands and a number of picturesque lochs in the far North of Scotland are for sale.

Happier Days.—For the first time since August, 1914, the London and South Western Railway Company did not require to run a single special ambulance train last week.

Vests Scarce.—A remarkable feature in connection with the clothing industry is the great shortage of vests. This is because the efforts of the trade have been mainly devoted to the production of the more important garments supplied to the Army.

Asked to Resign.—The Rev. A. S. Le Mare has been officially asked to resign his position as an assistant master at Rugby Lower School because he sat down during the singing of the National Anthem.

Their own Ale.—The Crown Brewery, Llantrisant, has been purchased for £20,000 by the South Wales Clubs, Union, to which there are sixty-nine working men's clubs affiliated.

Not Good.—Industrial conditions in South Wales are very unsatisfactory, due to the lack of demand for iron, steel, and tinplates, the high costs of production keeping off buyers and discouraging enterprise.

Lloyd George Ill.—Mr. Lloyd George has been confined to his bed in consequence of a very severe chill contracted during his recent visit to the Verdun battlefields.

No Tax.—Guernsey States rejected, by 22 votes to 9, the proposal for State-aid to workers with large families, and a bachelor's tax of 5 per cent. on income to pay for such aid.

Opinions of the Moment.

OUR CHEMICAL PROGRESS.

By Professor Henry Lewis, President of the Society of Chemical Industry.

The state of scientific teaching in this country is far ahead of what it is in Germany or anywhere else, especially in scientific technology. I have maintained that view for many years, and this war has proved its correctness.

We have applied our science and knowledge to war work for not quite five years, and in that short time we have outstripped the Germans at every point.

FORGETFULNESS.

By Bruce Bairnsfather.

The last people to wish us a lugubrious Peace would be the millions who have died and suffered for it." I feel, that they would have a sense of disappointment if they knew that our appreciation mainly took the form of balls, jazz and other.

If I were Almighty for one night, I'd choose a ball night, just at the moment when forgetfulness was at its height, when those raceless parasites, the jazzband artists were jazzing their jazziest, when the heartless, canary brained women had induced their partners to become as superficial as themselves, when the night was far spent, I would, I say, by magic dim the lights and over against the wall I would have written by a giant hand in great fiery letters:

"What about those millions dead and what about the rest who live and suffer?"

CHURCH AND THE LOAN.

By the Archbishop of Canterbury.

It is, I am afraid, certain that thousands of people who were readily helpful in war time are failing to recognise the continuous responsibility which belongs to us all in meeting the intense difficulties of these post-war days.

Apart from higher and deeper considerations, the healthiness of our national life largely depends, as you say, upon the soundness of our credit, and in my judgment it would be altogether right that the clergy generally, in what they have to say during the next few weeks, should give a lead to those right thoughts, and should urge upon the loyal men and women of England the duty of responding promptly and effectively to your clear call.

The relaxing of the war-time strain is natural, and in its due measure, wholesome, but the peril of a thoughtless relapse into easy expenditure and even extravagance is very real.

A POOR BARGAIN.

By Keble Howard ("Chicot").

The ex-Kaiser continues to saw wood every day. Since the publication of the Peace Treaty he has become very nervous and works with feverish energy.

Here is a good example of the man who decided to have a little flutter in the Soul Market. Two thousand years ago the question was put: "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul"? The Kaiser thought he would answer that question once for all. He settled with himself to be the man. He plumped for a sporting chance.

But the sporting chance failed. The Kaiser lost both ways. He thought his soul, being a monarchical soul was a fair exchange for the whole world; the world was not taking him at her own terms. So he saws wood with feverish energy.

He is a true example of the silly soul-seller. He points a moral for all time.

KEEPING TOGETHER.

By Lord Reading (Lord Chief Justice).

During the war there has been a common sacrifice, a common suffering, which linked them all together, and which made them share the same thoughts and the same feelings.

After war there was a tendency for men to separate and to revert to old associations; but nevertheless there was just the same need for keeping our oversea people together with us, and for keeping burning as fiercely as ever the patriotic torch which had enabled us to weather the terrific storm which we had passed through.

Men were not likely to forget in this country what our oversea Dominions and possessions did for the Mother Country.

It was not because he feared that the memories of the sacrifices that these oversea British people made, would fade; it was not because one imagined for a moment that the recollection of the death of the noble soldiers who came from oversea to fight for us would be lost in oblivion; there was no fear of that, so long as we lived, and so long as the history of the British Empire was read; but it was necessary that we should continue to grip as closely as we possibly could, that foundation which made the British Empire what it was, which made us all proud of it, which made us one and all think when we looked back on the last five years that truly indeed the British people, with their genius for what they regarded as Empire, had built up an aggregation of nations, a congregation of men and women, which had never been equalled in the world's history, and which they could stand by, which was moulded together for one common purpose with the same ideas, and the same objects, devoted to the same ideals, which really made the Empire under one flag and under one King.

SUNBEAM PERILS.

By Dr. Haxthausen.

Dr. Finsen's discovery of the healing effects of sunshine in cases of lupus, and Dr. Reyn's statements concerning its surprising effects in tuberculosis treatment, have created a widespread popular belief in the curative power of sunlight acting on the bare skin. In consequence all Danish bathing places are filled with people who, after a short dip, doze for hours in the sun, but sunlight has bad effects in many cases, and is often the original cause of skin disease, especially epithelial cancer. Protection against light, should be part of the treatment in this disease.

OUR TRADE POLICY.

By Mr. W.M. Hughes, Prime Minister of Australia.

Some credulous persons, and some very dangerous ones, tell us that all is changed in Germany!

That the thrones of the mighty have been overturned, that where but yesterday the proud and despotic Hohenzollerns reigned unchallenged and seemingly unchallengeable, Ebert, the saddler, a man of the people, a Socialist, now rules.

But even if this change were permanent, even if it were a change of the heart and not from the lips outward, even if the spirit of the people of Germany were for the moment purged of militarism—which no one but dwellers in the clouds believe—how will that profit us if Germany regains her economic hold of the resources and trade of the Empire and of the world?

For the welfare of the great mass of the people depends mainly not upon political but economic conditions. British manufacturers, if they are to hold their own under the crushing burden of war debt, the increased cost of material and labour, must have a settled policy to which they can adapt themselves. They must know where they are.

THEORY v. PRACTICE.

By Sir Ian Hamilton.

I was the guest at the German Army manoeuvres at Frankfurt-on-Oder in September 1902. The tenth German Division were advancing to assault a position held by the Prussian Guards. The German Emperor asked me if I had any criticism to make. I at once replied "It is very fine, but I venture to think that they would never have got so far; their formations were too thick and dense." The German Emperor replied "You should think before you speak. If two out of every three had been killed the remainder would have taken the position."

"He being an Emperor," "I could not make the obvious retort that if two out of every three had been killed, the remainder would in all probability have run away."

FLIGHTY CORRESPONDENCE.

O. C. Flies.' Nth Field Coy R. E.:
Senders No: A. B. 438. 2/6/19

Sir,—I have the honour to report that I killed one fly to-day at 1024 hrs. I enclose it herewith for burial:

I have the honour to be, Sir
Your obedient servant
X. Y. Z.
2nd Lt. R. E.

To Expert Fly Smasher.
Senders No: O. C. F. 1 3/6/19

Sir,—Ref. your A. B. 438 of the 2/6/19 I beg to report that the fly killed by you (Regt. no. 1010101010) was buried with full military honours at 3/6/19 hrs. to-day at Sheet No. 45b S 14 d 0678:

Please inform me if his next-of-kin have been informed and his kit sent home.

The O. C. wishes you to forward your A. B. 439 in order that this brave deed may be entered therein to your credit. He also wishes me to inform you that he is recommending you for a D. F. S. O. (Distinguished Fly Smashing Order).

A. B. C.
2nd Lt. R. E.
O. C. Flies Nth. Fld. Coy. R.E.

To O. C. Flies.
Senders No E. F. S 3/4 5 8 3/4/6/19

Sir, Ref. your O.C.F. 1 of to-day's date I beg to report that some mistake has evidently been made, as No. 1010101010 answered his number on the 0800 hours parade this morning. He was not on the 1300 hours parade yesterday, as on his return from work in the morning he made a forced landing owing to a blister forming on the underside of his left wing, hence probably the mistake.

No 9876/4321 has been definitely reported as missing, believed killed. His next-of-kin have not been informed as he left no permanent address—his earliest recollections being of his emerging from an egg laid in a civilian stable. As he had nothing else to do he joined up in the Nth. R.E. Officers Mess Coy. Fly. Corps.

His kit cannot be traced and is presumed to have been destroyed at the same time as himself.

The whole incident seems to show that the republication of General Fly. Corps Order 1 of B. C. 2067—ref. flies always proceeding at least in pairs—is clearly indicated.

X. Y. Z.
2nd Lt. R. E.
Expert Fly Smasher.

N.B. At this stage O.C. Flies went on leave.

A MUCH-LIKED OFFICER.

It is interesting to record that at the funeral of the late Capt. Francis Repan, R.F.A., the officer commanding No. 2 Section London D.A.C., a very beautiful wreath was sent by the German civilians in Westhoven. At the graveside the last rites were performed by Fathers Longstaff C.F. and Langdale C.F. A number of Indian drivers from Capt. Repan's section were present at their express wish. His sterling qualities endeared him to all.

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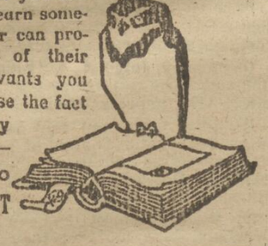

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SURRENDERED GERMAN FLEET SCUTTLED.

LAST ACTS OF TREACHERY.

GERMANY'S ELEVENTH HOUR PLEA.

BIG THREE INEXORABLE.

The Germans delivered a note to the Allies on Saturday afternoon intimating that they were prepared to sign the Peace Treaty with the exception of the clause admitting responsibility for the war and without undertaking the obligation to deliver up the persons named in Article 227.

Subsequently M. Clemenceau, President Wilson and Mr. Lloyd George met at the residence of the British Premier and drew up a reply pointing out that less than twenty-four hours now remained for the Germans to make up their mind about signing the Treaty and that the present note contained no arguments or consideration which has not already been examined. The Allies therefore feel constrained to say that the time for discussion is past. They can accept or acknowledge no qualification or reservation and must require of the German delegates an unequivocal decision either to accept or to reject the Treaty as finally formulated, and reaffirming that after the signature, the Allies will hold Germany responsible for the proper execution of every stipulation of the Treaty.

In Paris Conference circles, it is thought possible that Germany will ask for a few further days of grace on the ground that the new Government is in process of formation and that the request will be accompanied by a definite promise to send new plenipotentiaries to Paris with instructions to sign the Peace Treaty. The Allies will insist on acceptance of the Treaty within the stipulated time, but it is not improbable that the actual signing will be postponed till the end of the week to enable the new delegates to be selected. The general impression is that the signing will take place at Versailles on Friday or Saturday.

GERMANY WILL SIGN UNCONDITIONALLY.

Scheidemann had to go because he would not sign. Bauer took his place and endeavoured to secure conditions. The stern reply of the Council of Three, however, speedily disillusioned all the eleventh hour optimists and, forced to choose between two little words "Yes" and "No," Germany has decided to say "Yes."

The word to "stand down" has been passed to the nations.

During the week-end there has been more than one crisis in the German Cabinet and National Assembly. At first the National Assembly decided for signature by 237 votes to 138, five not voting. Then by 235 to 89 (the Democrats abstaining) a vote of confidence in the Government was passed.

The Centre Party held another meeting, however, and by 64 to 14 voted for refusing to sign. The Majority Socialists decided for unconditional signature.

The receipt of the Allies' final warning note, however, removed whatever hopes that may have been felt that the Allies would concede the two points, and at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the National Assembly at Weimar the Government decided to sign unconditionally.

EX-KAISER WILLING TO BE TRIED.

The ex-Kaiser is reported to have sent a special emissary from Amerongen urging the German Government to accept the Peace Treaty. He points out that refusal to sign would entail the complete downfall and disruption of Germany whereas acceptance would leave some hope of rehabilitation. It is understood that the ex-Kaiser counselled unconditional acceptance, including the clauses providing for the trial of himself and others.

GERMANY VIOLATES THE ARMISTICE.

WARSHIPS SCUTTLED.

Germany has violated the armistice in a startling manner by the scuttling of all the surrendered warships which have been lying at Scapa Flow, in the Orkney Islands, for the past seven months. It is a deliberate act of war on the very eve of the signing of the Peace terms!

There was a time when the British nation in general and the British navy in particular would have rejoiced to see the German Navy act up to the true naval spirit. The naval spirit is "never surrender," but the German Navy, which was afraid to come out and fight, crept across the North Sea and ignominiously surrendered. Had the ships then been scuttled the act would have been accounted to them for righteousness and the Germany navy would have retained a few shreds of honour.

They again chose, however, the craven path, and be it noted that Admiral Reuter, far from having the spirit to go down with the ships he was "saving from dishonour," was the first man ashore!

Of course Germany will disclaim the responsibility, otherwise the war would automatically resume. As for the sinking of the ships, it is an unorthodox start towards limitation of armaments.

What action will be taken by the Allies remains to be seen. Already there is an outburst of satisfaction in Germany which later will probably be tempered by an addition to the indemnity of a few hundred million pounds sterling; while as for Admiral Reuter, there is a certain clause, No. 227, in the Peace Terms which appears to cover his case.

HOW THE FLEET WAS SCUTTLED.

BRITISH SHIPS ABSENT.

A profound sensation was caused on Saturday by the news that all but twenty-six ships of the German fleet which in November last, to their eternal dishonour, ignominiously surrendered without striking a blow and has since been lying in Scapa Flow, had been scuttled by the skeleton crews.

The Admiralty announced late on Saturday night that on Saturday afternoon certain of the interned German ships had been sunk and abandoned by their crews, who had been detained in safe custody.

A later statement says that according to the latest reports received from Scapa Flow all the interned battleships and battle cruisers have been sunk except the battleship Baden, which is still afloat. Five light cruisers were sunk, but three others were beached. Eighteen destroyers were also beached by local tugs and four destroyers are still afloat. The remainder of the destroyers are sunk.

The German Rear Admiral and most of the Germans from the ships are in custody on British warships.

Some boats from some of the ships refused to stop when ordered. They were consequently fired on and a small number of Germans were killed and wounded.

In accordance with the terms of the armistice the surrendered German ships were interned with skeleton crews as caretakers and without British guards aboard.

According to unofficial reports practically the whole fleet is sunk, only twenty-six out of seventy-three vessels remaining afloat, viz. one battleship, three light cruisers and twenty-two destroyers. Witnesses in the vicinity of the anchorage state that the German flag was hoisted as the crews proceeded to sink the vessels. A message from Thurso says the fleet was scuttled by the crews opening the seacocks, after which the men swam ashore.

A Kirkwall correspondent says that the Naval authorities have refused all information, but it is understood that all the Germans were rescued and taken aboard British warships now lying at Scapa. It is stated that arrangements had been made to board the German fleet on Monday night should the Peace terms be accepted. The ships would then have passed automatically to the Allies, but the Germans anticipated matters. The scuttling was carried out while the British ships were at sea for exercises.

The following were the battleships and armoured cruisers interned at Scapa Flow:—Bayern, König, Grosser Kurfürst, Markgraf, Kronprinz Wilhelm, Kaiserin Friedrich der Grosse, König Albert, Prinzregent, Luitpold, Mackensen, Hindenburg, Derfflinger, Seydlitz, Moltke, von der Thann, Brummer, Bremse, Emden, Köln, Mainz, Karlsruhe, Bremen and Dresden.

The hoisting of the German imperial flag gave the signal to the crew to scuttle the ships. The first ship sank shortly after midday and the last at 4.30 p.m.

LOOKED AFTER No. 1.

An eye-witness of the event states that the German Admiral was the first to get ashore. He then asked the men at the aviation station to go out and rescue some German sailors who were in difficulties. Early yesterday morning violent explosions occurred at the spot where one German warship sank.

FRENCH INDIGNATION.

In Paris the news of the sinking of the warships at Scapa produced great astonishment and fierce indignation amongst the Allied Peace Delegates, especially rousing French anger. The French had counted on receiving a number of vessels to rehabilitate their own fleet. A member of the British Delegation said that the scuttling was obviously the result of a deliberately concerted plot. It demonstrates once again that the German spirit is as evil, treacherous and untrustworthy as ever. The sinking at this critical juncture is one of the worst blunders the Germans have committed and it will only make the Allies more implacable than ever.

American Naval circles regard the scuttling as a striking illustration of German treachery.

It is announced that Admiral Reuter has stated that he understood that the armistice had been terminated and that he personally accepts full responsibility for the sinkings, which were done in accordance with orders given at the beginning of the war that no German warship should be surrendered!

KURDISTAN CUTTING OUT EXPEDITION.

BRITISH PRISONERS RESCUED.

The War Office announces that a force under General Fraser, detached from the Army of Occupation in Mesopotamia, defeated the Kurdish Levies in the Bazayn Pass on June 18th, taking one hundred prisoners and three machine guns. The British losses were slight. Our cavalry occupied Sheikh Mahmuds the same evening, rescuing the British officers and men who were captured by Kurds last month.

Martial Law was proclaimed in Winnipeg on Saturday night after a fight between the police and a mob numbering ten thousand. During the encounters one man was killed and many injured.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF A W.A.A.C.

GUNSHOT WOUNDS.

News has been received at Luton of the death under mysterious circumstances of Miss Annie Smith, daughter of a Luton hat manufacturer. The girl was serving in Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps at Dieppe. Her body was found under the cliffs on June 13th.

The first news was received from the Unit Administrator, who stated that it was supposed the girl had fallen over the cliffs. The next message, however, was from the Records Officer who stated that death was due to gunshot wounds.

The conflicting reports have caused great alarm to the parents, who have gone to Dieppe. On the body was found a note from the girl's parents granting permission to their daughter to marry a Canadian staff-sergeant who intended bringing the girl to London for the wedding. Subsequently a comrade of the deceased wrote, "I know that she placed every trust in the man she was going to marry, but she is being most wickedly deceived."

ANOTHER ARMISTICE VIOLATION IN BERLIN.

FRENCH FLAGS BURNT.

It will be remembered that by one of the clauses in the Peace Treaty Germany undertokes to return to France certain flags and banners captured from the French in the war of 1870.

Yesterday five persons, who up to the present *are unknown*, entered the Zeughaus at Berlin and removed a number of the flags as stipulated in the Peace Treaty. They carried them to a space in front of the monument to Frederick the Great and there burned them.

AMIR'S REPLY TO ARMISTICE TERMS.

The India Office announces that the Amir's reply to the Vice roy's terms for an armistice, while affording a basis for peace negotiations, raises points requiring consideration by the Government. The Viceroy has been authorized to address a further communication to the Amir agreeing to receive Afghan delegates at Rawal Pindi as soon as the Fast of Ramazan is over.

NORTH RUSSIAN SUCCESS.

General Maynard has telegraphed that on June 19th a bold flanking movement was carried out and the town of Kartashi was captured. The Bolshevists suffered severely, their losses including fifty prisoners and twenty killed. The remainder of the garrison fled in confusion. Four machine guns were captured. We had only one casualty.

TRANSPORT CREWS STRIKE.

The crews of the Belgian Mail packets, Princess Henrietta and Princess Clementine, which were used as hospital ships during the war, struck at Dover on Saturday for higher wages. In consequence 1,600 troops which were taken aboard the latter vessel at Folkestone had to disembark. During the war the crews worked under the British Government and received a bonus, but now, under their own Government, the bonus has been discontinued.

EMDEN'S CAPTAIN MOBBED.

Captain Müller, who commanded the original cruiser Emden, which did so much damage in the Indian ocean before being captured by the Australian Cruiser Sydney, addressed a meeting organised by Pan-Germanists at Frankfurt on Saturday. His remarks displeased the audience, which assumed a hostile attitude. Müller had to be protected by soldiers, who conveyed him for safety to the police station.

SOVIET CONSPIRACY IN U.S.A.

The New York police raided the Communist International World workers and Socialist Headquarters on Saturday and seized a quantity of literature. Documents advocating Soviet rule were discovered, many of them being regarded by the authorities as most important.

FRENCH AERODROME BURNT OUT.

A fire broke out at St Cyr aerodrome on Saturday, destroying eighteen hangars, in which were housed over one hundred machines and a considerable quantity of spare parts. The damage exceeds a quarter of a million francs. No cause is assigned for the outbreak.

R.A.F. LUNCHEON CLUB.

Owing to the increase of membership of the Ex-Royal Air Force Officers' City Lucheon Club, removal of the club to more commodious quarters has been necessary. These have been found over the Mansion House Station, where a large luncheon-room, with a smoking and reading-room attached, has been secured. All ex-R.A.F. officers are eligible for membership, and all serving officers and members of the R.A.F. Club, Brutonstreet, are invited to use the club premises when in the City. The hon. secretary is Mr. E. W. Roberts, 1, Royal Exchange-avenue, London, E.C. 3.

A bill has been passed by the French Chamber of Deputies giving complete satisfaction to the miners. Work has been resumed throughout the Department du Nord and the Pas de Calais.

NATIONALISATION OF COAL MINES.

COMMISSION REPORTS.

The Coal Commission has acted up to its promises and delivered its report on time. Chief interest attaches to Mr. Justice Sankey's report which recommends Parliament to pass legislation enabling the Government immediately to acquire all Royalties for the State and paying compensation to the owners. It recommends that the value of each individual's interest be assessed by Government valuers with the right of appeal to a specially constituted tribunal.

The miners' representatives substantially agree with the Sankey Report but suggest that it is necessary to provide fuller representation for workers on district and national concils. The owners disagree with Nationalisation in any form as being detrimental to development. They recommend, however, that State ownership should give compensation to owners on the basis of fifteen years' purchase of the amounts received for rents and royalties, calculated on the average for the last five pre-war years.

CAPTAIN FRYATT'S FUNERAL.

PUBLIC CEREMONY.

The Great Eastern Railway Company, working on behalf of and in conjunction with the Admiralty, the Foreign Office, and the Board of Trade, have in hand arrangements for the public funeral of Captain Fryatt which, it is hoped, will make the occasion one worthy of the gallant mercantile captain who suffered death at the hands of the Germans as the penalty of patriotism. Details of the arrangements are not yet completed, but the following is an outline:

The coffin will be brought on a destroyer from Antwerp to Dover on July 7, and a procession will be formed, and will move from the Naval Pier to the Marine Station, where the coffin will remain during the night. On the following day it will be placed in a black-draped coach, attached to a special train, which will convey it to Charing Cross.

At the London terminus another procession will escort it to St. Paul's Cathedral, where the first portion of the funeral service will be conducted by the Dean at noon. Representatives of the Royal family and the Lord Mayor will attend. At the conclusion of the service the procession will re-form, and proceed to Liverpool-street Station, where a second special train will be waiting to convey the coffin to Captain Fryatt's home at Dovercourt. On arrival it will be borne from the station to the Upper Dovercourt Churchyard for interment.

Further details of the arrangements will be published as soon as they are completed.

CANADIANS ENDEAVOUR TO ATONE.

On behalf of the Canadian Red Cross Society, the chairman of the Epsom Urban Council on Saturday handed a cheque for £200 to the family of the late Police-sergeant Green. The letter received by the chairman from the Chief Commissioner of the Society contained the following: "May I express to you the regret we feel for the cowardly attack made on your police-station last Tuesday night, and how deeply we all resent the disgrace that this handful of men have brought on Canadians overseas."

OFFICERS PENSIONS.

The Air Ministry announces that demobilised officers who claim to be suffering from a disability due to, or aggravated by, war service, may, notwithstanding their original statement to the contrary, on Army Form Z22, submit a claim for pension. Such claims should be forwarded to the Officers' Pension Branch, New North-street, Theobalds-road, W.C. 1, in order that a medical board may be arranged. All claims should be accompanied by details of rank, medical category on joining, and last unit.

ORIGINAL "SHINY SEVENTH" HOME.

London gave a hearty welcome to the 7th Battalion London Regiment, "the Shiny Seventh," whose cadre arrived at London Bridge Station from Belgium on Saturday. The cadre, commanded by Major W. R. Bootnby, and composed of thirty other ranks, who had gone to France in March, 1915, as part of the 47th Division, marched through the City with bayonets fixed and colours unfurled. At the Mansion House the salute was taken by the Lord Mayor, while the regimental band played their own march past. Afterwards they proceeded to Finsbury-square, some 200 former members of the battalion, now demobilised, marching with them.

UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP FOR BRITISH WOMEN.

The London Press announces with evidence of sincere gratification that a "Rose Sedgwick" memorial fellowship for graduate study in art has been founded by an American university for women in memory of Miss Sedgwick, one of two women members of the British educational mission which last year visited the United States. Miss Sedgwick died of pneumonia on the eve of her return to England.

The fellowship is to be awarded annually to a British woman for one year of graduate research work at an American college or university, with the definite object of drawing closer the bonds of friendship and understanding between England and America and of commemorating the services of one who gave her life in the cause.

The fellowship has been subscribed for by every college and university visited by Miss Sedgwick.

ATLANTIC FLIERS' RECEPTION AT WINDSOR.

ETON BOYS' WELCOME.

Windsor has witnessed many popular receptions of distinguished personages who have visited the Castle from time to time, but no more enthusiastic demonstration than that accorded by the Eton boys to the Atlantic airmen, Captain Alcock and Lieutenant Brown. As soon as the airmen were seated in the Royal carriage which was to take them to the Castle, the Eton boys practically surrounded the carriage, and ran with it out of the station yard, along the High-street and up Castle Hill, cheering vociferously all the while. They accompanied the carriage until it entered the Grand Quadrangle, when they gave the occupants a final cheer.

On arrival at the Castle the airmen were presented to the Prince of Wales, who shook hands and congratulated the airmen on the splendid success which attended their Atlantic flight. In one of the drawing-rooms they were presented to the King, who conferred upon them the Knight Commandership of the Order of the British Empire. The usual ceremony was observed, the airmen bending before his Majesty, who touched each recipient on the shoulder with his sword as he knighted them, remarking that it was at his own suggestion the Order had been conferred on them. The King then chatted with the new knights about their experiences on the historic flight, and expressed the pleasure it had given him to know that British airmen had been the first to fly direct across the Atlantic. The Queen also shook hands with the airmen, and congratulated them on their successful flight.

After having luncheon with Lord Avondale and Lady Minto, Sir John Alcock and Sir Whitten Brown left the Castle in a Royal carriage, and proceeded to the station, where a special train was in readiness to convey them to Paddington.

TROUBLE AT A LABOUR CENTRE.

MILITARY MEASURES.

In consequence of disturbances at the Eastern command labour centre at Sutton, Surrey, which culminated in the men refusing to obey orders, a battalion of the Cheshire Regt. and a battalion of Welsh Guards were sent there yesterday. The camp was placed under armed guard and this morning the men were marched under escort to the station and entrained for Canterbury, Dover and elsewhere. Nearly four hundred ringleaders were placed under military arrest.

The men's alleged grievance is that they have not been demobilized, but the authorities largely attribute the agitation and disturbance to men who, having previously worked on munitions and never been out of the country, now object to going to France to relieve those who have been there for some time.

MASKED MEN AT A HOSPITAL.

Mr. W. J. Curry, an accountant at Guys' Hospital, was the victim of a dastardly attack by two masked men, whose object is presumed to have been robbery. The incident occurred between five and six o'clock. At the time Mr. Curry was in the counting-house of the hospital. The door opened suddenly, and two men, carrying revolvers and wearing masks over their faces, entered the room. They pointed their revolvers at the accountant, who at once dashed at the intruders, and a struggle ensued. Apparently the men had hoped to frighten Mr. Curry by the display of firearms for they did not make any effort to use the weapons when they were tackled. Instead, one of them seized a fire-shovel and the other used a bar of some heavy material. With these weapons they struck Mr. Curry repeatedly about the head, inflicting injuries which later needed medical attention. In the struggle Mr. Curry succeded in tearing the masks from the faces of the men before they escaped from the room. He called for help during the encounter, but the men got away before assistance arrived.

FURTHER APPEAL TO EMPLOYERS.

The War Office is again appealing to employers to promise to keep open the situations of men in India so as to relieve their minds of anxiety as to their future. Demobilizable men are not being kept in India for the Army of Occupation. Their services are necessary only while the present situation continues and will be dispensed with at the earliest possible moment.

NOVEL PEACE CELEBRATION.

The Rev. J. Cartmel-Robinson, vicar of St. Michael's, Bedford Park. W., is arranging a novel peace celebration. He is inviting his parishioners, and anybody else who cares to come, to an all-night dance outside his parish hall on August Bank Holiday. He will provide a band and illuminations, and in the hall refreshments will be served.

Mr. Cartmel-Robinson says he has no patience with people who go about with a tear-bottle in one hand and a Bible in the other.

"What is wrong with dancing? It is a great mistake to think that dancing is immoral. David danced, you know. Why shouldn't people be happy? If the dances prove a success on Bank Holiday night, I shall repeat the entertainment on the following night."

RESUMPTION OF TRADE RELATIONS.

At a meeting of the Supreme Economic Council at Paris it was decided that the question as to whether they would permit their nationals to resume trade relations with Germany within the limits laid down by the blockade was one for the competent authority of each Allied and Associated Country.

In the event of any country granting such permission it was deemed desirable that all other countes should ribe so informed.

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Thursday, 26th.—PIPERS of 11th. ROYAL SCOTS in the Garden. WHIST DRIVE.

Friday, 27th.—Dancing Class, 5—6.
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THE SUNKEN FLEET.

We seem as far as ever from an understanding of the German mind. From the beginning till the end of this campaign our foes have sprung surprises upon us.

Their latest exploit is dramatic. The German navy was surrendered to our keeping and lay in Scapa Flow — an emblem of the Allies' triumph. Battleships, cruisers, destroyers, they had failed in heroism and now were safe in Britain's haven. They were "like painted ships upon a painted sea."

Then suddenly they were no more. The crews that manned them vented their spite on the poor inglorious craft and doomed it to the sure keeping of Davy Jones.

What can we say? Our admiration for all kinds of people is so great that we are always tempted to think kindly of the wildest caprices of desperate men. Yet somehow we cannot call this exploit plucky, for it breaks the rules of the game. And that is what Englishman cannot stand.

The destruction of the German navy is a flagrant violation of the terms of the Armistice. Germany claimed a cessation of hostilities for she could not keep up the pace, and she was given her request. She was spared shame and desolation by an armistice, and now she has broken the armistice that spared her. Even Germany cannot have it both ways.

Again, it is an inopportune and cowardly business, for it was perpetrated at the very moment when the armistice was blossoming into Peace. It is, indeed, a futile exhibition of ill-nature and spleen. The German navy could not help the Fatherland in time of war and it would not help in paying the price of peace.

Lastly, it is a symptom that real, hearty "pluck" is not known in Germany as it should be known. There was a time for pluck, and had it been shown at the right time every Jack Tar would have cheered it. That time was marked by two dates—August 4th 1914 and November 11th 1918.

The German navy is covered, but it is not covered with glory. "Willing to wound, and yet afraid to strike"— that has been its motto. And history is inexorable in its epithets.

GERMANY'S GUILT.

In endeavouring to put up a good case for themselves, the Germans make a great to-do about the documents which they state they discovered amongst the state archives at Brussels.

These documents, it is declared, prove that Great Britain and France had made all the necessary plans to invade or pass through Belgium, in order to forestall the German advance. Belgium was a consenting partner to the crime, and therefore the whole Allied case against the German violation of Belgian neutrality falls to the ground.

This briefly is the German argument. Probably, when the time comes, the Belgian Government will have some rather cogent comment to make upon this wonderful story.

What is so far certain is, that the German Government, when they published these documents, deliberately altered the text, so as to make Belgium appear as a guilty participant in the world plot against a peace-loving and undefended Germany.

It is therefore all the more instructive that, just at this juncture, there should have appeared Herr von Bethmann Hollweg's "Considerations on the World War." He makes the following striking admission in reply to the criticism of the language which he used regarding the wrong done to Belgium.

He remarks: "Even if the documents found in the Belgian archives were much more compromising to the Entente than they actually were, they would only have absolved Germany from her obligation of respecting the neutrality guarantees of 1839, but we should still have been unjustified in invading Belgium."

Incidentally Bethmann Hollweg refers to the ineffectiveness of these documents as a weapon in Germany's propaganda armoury, and remarks, "We published these documents as soon as we found them in Brussels, but I have not noticed that enemy propaganda suffered on that account to any extent worth noting."

So that the Chancellor's admission made at the outbreak of the war still remains as a standing proof of Germany's guilt: "The wrong which we are now committing will be made good later on. Necessity knows no law."

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES.

A letter appeared in our last issue strongly urging all ranks of the Rhine Army to avail themselves of the opportunity while living in a foreign land to acquire its language.

This is sound sane advice. How many will profit by it?

The bulk of our personnel in the Army of Occupation is very young. Nearly everyone is acquainted — and that often imperfectly — with his Mother tongue and no other.

Lacking all knowledge of French in France or German in Germany makes it is impossible to get the most out of one's stay in either country.

One misses the significance of what is going on around one. There is a certain feeling of strangeness and isolation.

To learn a foreign language at home is not easy, and Britishers are perhaps the worst linguists in the world. There are reasons for this, besides the national disinclination to study.

When we go abroad we find that shopkeepers, hotel and railway servants — especially in the big places — possess at least a smattering of English. Thus we are saved the trouble of acquiring any other language.

But once get away from the regular run of tourist-frequented districts with a knowledge of merely one's native tongue one is often in a sad dilemma.

Then again, without some knowledge of the language, all the literature of the country, including even its newspapers, is a sealed book.

In a word, unless while on the Rhine, German is learnt, one is wasting one's time and all the golden opportunities pertaining to foreign residence.

Before the War there were very many who would have given much to have been assured a sojourn of months abroad. Thousands never dreamt that they would ever have the luck to travel anywhere out of England.

Now that the chances of war have brought this good fortune to them they do not seem to realise what it means from the educational point of view. The unique opportunity is within their grasp. Do they realise it?

To go back with a working knowledge of German or French may prove an asset that should be helpful to every young soldier in the Rhine Army.

Life is not all sport or concert parties. It is a grim struggle for most of us, and those best equipped mentally will prove the victors.

POINTS OF HONOUR.

It is reported that the German National Assembly at Weimar has voted by a majority of 99 in favour of signing the treaty. It is said, almost in the same breath, that the new Ministry cannot recognize the responsibility of Germany and her allies for the war, nor for handing over persons accused of violations of the Law of Nations to be tried.

It depends upon what form this repudiation of responsibility is to take whether the signature of the treaty will be a compliance with the Allied Powers' demands. If the German National Assembly has authorized the signature of the document with the reservation of the clauses referring to these matters, and does not intend to fulfil them, that is not a signature of the treaty as it stands.

If on the other hand all that is meant is that Germany will add a protest against these clauses, that is to be expected, and is immaterial, as long as she binds herself by the signature of the treaty to do all that is required of her to carry these clauses into execution. She cannot be heard, having signed the treaty as it stands, to say that she is not bound by clauses against which she merely protests.

We take it that the latest report is true and the Assembly voted for the Treaty to be signed unconditionally. Truly, this point of honour is a little empty now. The time for scruples about collective German honour was long ago, before she set greedy and irreverent hands to tear it to tatters before the world.

Honour went by the board when, in spite of the report of von Wiesner to the Austrian Foreign Minister that no proofs could be discovered that Serbia had any part or share in the murder of the Austrian archduke, "but on the contrary grounds which weaken such a supposition," Vienna and Berlin made Serbia's refusal to submit to everyone of the unheard of terms imposed upon her, a pretext for war.

Honour had fled, when Belgium was violated under pretences acknowledged now to have been false. Honour's face was veiled when to violation was added outrage and rapine in that unfortunate land, and Belgian civilians were made to march in front of German troops against their own countrymen. Where was there room for honour in the men who carried out the "U boat" war against hospital ships and traders? What honour had or could ever have, the men who murdered Captain Fryatt, who deported more than a thousand civilians — women among them — from Lille? No, to speak of honour in regard to Germany's conduct of the war is to bastardize a fine word. To attempt to repudiate the parentage of the war after its miscarriage is futile in the face of the evidence of their own state documents and the consensus of the world which had the liberty and material to judge these things when they were done. It is merely the antics and cross-gartering of a Malvolio. True honour for Germany lies in keeping the pact to which she is putting her hand.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

WHY DO WE TIP?

Sir,—Are we never to be delivered from the curse of tipping?

Englishmen appear to think it necessary always to pay for any services rendered, however small, and one might add, however bad.

Whatever may be said for the habit at home under normal conditions, can be very little, I think.

But here in an occupied country surrounded by enemies! Here we are, giving our own money to our opponents, to help them pay the costs of the war. The situation is ludicrous.

What is the reason?

It is that the Englishman feels uncomfortable unless he bestows a tip on the waiter—even in the clubs, where tips are supposed to be prohibited—because he is afraid that the waiter will be disappointed if he receives nothing!

Or does he consider it bad form not to tip, and that such an offence will smirch his respectability?

But nobody likes it. Then why do it?

SEACOCK.

THE OPERA HOUSE—A LAST WORD.

Sir,—Like A. W. Richmond, your latest correspondent wilfully misses the whole point of the argument in order to make disparaging comments on those who so annoyed him by possessing a sense of humour.

The point that concerns me personally is that you cannot logically expect absolute silence during the performance of comic opera.

I have lately seen two performances at the Opera House, 'Die Walkure' and 'Lohengrin', and that portion of the audience near me paid them both the respect they so richly deserved. But I shall always hope that both of your correspondents will be surrounded by a 'Light-hearted crowd of both sexes' if they ever again attend a performance of say, 'Rigolette' or 'Figaro'.

Different Operas attract different audiences, and I recommend that your correspondents leave comic opera severely alone until they can cultivate a stronger sense of humour than they appear to possess at present.

MENS CONSCIA RECTI.

A POINT FOR THE E.F.C.

Sir,—It would be interesting for hundreds of troops, who can only get to Cologne on week-ends for purchasing articles at the British Expeditionary Force Canteen, to know why Saturday has been chosen for stocktaking.

I was there on Saturday last, with scores of others, who had travelled from different parts to make purchases because they were unable to obtain more than small quantities in their own canteens.

Could not more convenient arrangements be made?

W.H.F.

LINKED BY THE AIR.

Sir,—By the wonderful achievement of our airmen in crossing the Atlantic, the cousins, England and America are in closer touch with each other now by both sea and air, than ever before.

Whatever may have been the little squabbles between us in the past, we now shake hands, as it were, across the vast Atlantic.

The Americans are as good sportsmen as we are; we both love fair play, whether it be a question of sport or war. If one beats the other, the victors never fail to cheer the vanquished. And that is the spirit of true sportsmanship.

But the American eagle has claws that are quite as ready to scratch as those of the British lion. I imagine that our foes would be the first to acknowledge this.

We must remember, both of us, that a "League of Nations" cannot prevent future wars. Man has quarrelsome moods which are inexplicable, and fighting is Nature's safety valve.

The Americans are, indeed, worthy of our esteem and there is blood-relationship between us.

W.R.P.

WHY NOT COMIC OPERA?

Sir,—May I say a few words as to the type of theatrical fare provided in Cologne?

We have been treated to drama, farce, revue, and last, but not least, grand opera.

So far, however, two popular forms of entertainment appear to have been neglected.—I refer to comic opera and musical comedy.

There must be hundreds of music lovers who find grand opera just a little too "heavy" especially when given in German. Why not strike the happy medium by introducing the above types of entertainment.

As regards comic opera, I think Gilbert and Sullivan would be particularly welcome and evidence of this was forthcoming at a recent concert at the British Empire Leave Club when a selection from "The Gondoliers" was enthusiastically received.

A SULLIVANITE.

ANOTHER PLEA FOR AIRSHIPS.

Sir,—'Heavier than Air' is wrong. 'Lighter than Air' is right. Airships are certainly for most purposes superior to aeroplanes.

For naval work airships have done more useful work than seaplanes and flying boats, and even for army work airships for a long time did useful night bombing work, and with helium they will continue to do so.

As 'Lighter than Air' points out, people have no idea of the enormous strides made in airship development during the war. Speed has risen from 50 knots to 75. Useful lift from about 5 tons to 30, duration from 30 hours up to 5 days in the air, and height of climb from 10,000 feet to 22,000 while aeroplanes have not improved in anything like the same degree.

As for the Zeppelins, they were one of the greatest successes in the war, and our own naval airships have done just as fine work over the North Sea, — to name only one theatre of their operations — as the aeroplanes in France, and without any booming from the Press.

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COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE

LAST WEEK OF THE SEASON.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Tuesday	6	Rigoletto	Verdi
Wednesday	5½	Carmen	Bizet
Thursday	6	Königskinder	Humperdinck
Friday	6	The Gipsybaron	Strauss
Saturday	5½	Freischütz	Weber
Sunday	3	Mastersingers of Nuremberg	Wagner

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

"The Owlers" at Cuchenheim.

Quite the most unique thing in dances was the new Salome dance which Lieut. Palin (Esme) and Dr Fulton (Maggie) gave at Cuchenheim the other evening. I was very pleased with the performance, especially the cinema drama burlesque. Pte. Corner as the "Producer" and Pioneer Evans as "Props" were exceedingly funny. Bomdr. Pawson, as usual, was a big attraction with his blue-clad "friend." Last evening "The Owlers" gave another successful show at Odendorf, introducing several new numbers from the latest London revues.

Dancing.

Another excellent dancing class was held at the B.E.L.C., on Friday last, several new pupils presenting themselves for tuition. Thanks to Cpl. Heather, who is an excellent teacher, Sergt.-Major Flegate, Pte. Price, and Ptes. Tolson and Collins, who render the music, the classes are a great success. Two N.C.O.s called, by the way, who were anxious to learn the best methods of teaching the art to soldiers of their battalion who wished to attend the real dances at the B.E.L.C.

Too Funny for Words.

This little "Cliche" is an impression of "Bert Warning, the popular comedian, in one of his latest numbers. Late of "The Balmorals," he is a great acquisition to "The Pedlars," scoring an instantaneous success on his first appearance with them, as a comedy parson. Now an established favourite with the troops, from the moment he makes his appearance on the stage until he leaves it he keeps them in convulsions of mirth. His humour is clean and bright, while his facial expressions and mannerisms are remarkable, and we fear the day when "demob" may come and rob us of such a fount of amusement.

The Tell Tales.

The concert Party of the 21st Bde., "The Tell Tales," are becoming quite well known. They added another success to their long list of achievements on Friday last at Roilzheim. Lieut. Tidecombe as Teddy, Cpl. Onch (late of Fred Allandale's concert party), Bdr. Cunningham, a comedian, and Gunner Robinson, a tenor are four really clever artistes. Sig. Snow plays "Marjorie"—an adorable flapper, while Bdr. Bunson is the accompanist. For a provincial party, I thought the staging and effects very good.

Something New.

When the colonel forms an orchestra and also plays a prominent part, be sure there's something doing. Lieut.-Col. R. T. Telly, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., has formed an orchestra with the 12th Loyal North Lancs, and a successful start was made the other evening for a series of impromptu orchestra and vocal concerts arranged by Capt. W. Harkess. In the vocal sphere the second-in-command, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Murphey, D.S.O., sang "Mandalay" exceedingly well, 2/Lt. C. H. Donnellan gave us "Somewhere in Somerset," while Ptes. Burrows and Stoughton are two singers of much talent. Ptes. Hands, Spink, and Webster also contributed. By-the-bye, Shiel Anderson, Jack Streets, and Billy French (three of the old "Chequers"), in addition, helped in the success of the show. One hopes to see more of "The Loyals."

"Q"—A Story.

Last evening at the Deutsches Theatre "The Crumps" began their week's show with a particularly successful 'first night! I say particularly successful advisedly, because they are up against a big proposition in the counter-attraction of the "Apollo" revue. "Q"—described as a psychic p'story of the p'supernatural—was the main feature of the performance.

One of the O.R'S.

Wilhelm Backhaus, the world-renowned pianist, now in Cologne, was, I believe, just an ordinary soldier in the German army. He was eventually promoted to Unteroffizier and placed in charge of a permanent guard over some horses. A man, truly, in his time plays many parts—especially in a military sphere.

Anti-Ragtime.

A correspondent writes me thus: "I have often felt that I would like to give vent to an expression of resentment with regard to the attitude of some of the 'Rag' specialists who frequent places where real, good, solid music is produced.

I must say that I am very pleased to know that someone has put a word in, for real good music. Now what is finer than the outpourings of those real passionate strains which are the reproduction of nature itself? Nothing.

The real reason for my writing is to appeal to the common sense of the aforementioned 'Rag' specialists, to just consider that there are places where their stuff can be had, and on the few occasions when music may be listened to, I would ask them to act with decency, bearing in mind that all good music is sacred."

In few Words.

To-morrow evening at 7 p.m., Dr. Francis is to give his third "Travel in all Continents" Talk at the Loreley Hall, Y.M.C.A., (Central).

That well-known violinist, Gunner Alfred Barker is assisting, I see, the Rhine Army Choral Society Concert on Friday in addition to his activities as a member of "The Tabs" Concert Party.

Owing to movement of troops it is announced that most of the fixtures in the Big Hall (Central Y.M.C.A.) are cancelled and replaced by cinema.

JACQUES.

SERVICES' GREAT MARATHON RACE.

WON BY MACHINE GUNNER.

PREVIOUS HOLDER COLLAPSES IN WINDSOR—LONDON CONTEST.

At the Sports Meeting at Stamford Bridge on Saturday the great event was the Marathon race from Windsor to London. The previous holder, Djebelia, an African, hailing from Tunis failed to finish, in consequence of cramp at Ealing. The winner, Woolston, came from the M.G.C. team and ran with fine judgment, not appearing with the leaders until 20 miles had been run. The Australian, Hewitt, was second, and the Canadian, Lieut. Dynes, third. This year's competition, it may be noted, was by special arrangement confined to members of H.M. and Allied Forces who have served during the great war. For this reason it was not confined to amateurs according to A.A.A. Laws, but was open as other Service events, to serving and demobilized soldiers irrespective of status. The distance was about 26 miles.

WINNERS AND TIMES.

1, Woolston, 2 hrs. 52 mins. 30⅕ Secs.;
2, Hewitt, 2 hrs. 55 mins.;
3, Dynes, R.A.F., 2 hrs. 55 mins. 53 secs.;
4, Sergt. Croucher, R.E. 3 hrs. 25 secs.;
5, Houlden, R.F.A., 3 hrs. 4 mins.;
6, Price, R.G.A., 3 hrs. 4 mins, 59 secs.

OTHER RESULTS.

100 yds., 1, Sergt. Mears, R.A.S.C.; 2, Lieut. Andrews, Tanks; 3, Capt. McCrostie, Tanks. Time 10⅘ secs.

High Jump:—1, Major Symond, Tanks; 4 ft. 11⅕ ins.; 2, Sergt. Mears 4 ft. 9⅕ ins.; 3, Sergt. Major Roper M.G.C.

440 yds.:—1, Mears; 2, Major Dudd, Tanks; 3 Sergt. Fox R.A.S.C. Time 30⅘ secs.

One Mile; 1, Cpl. Blewett M.G.C.; 2, Pte. Hodge R.A.S.C.; 3, Sergt. Byre, Tanks; 4 mins. 35⅕ secs.

120 yds. Hurdles:—1, Mears; 2, Andrews, Tanks; 3, Lieut. Sadler, R.A.S.C.; Time 25⅘ Secs.

880 yds.—1, Pte. Hodge; 2, Sergt. Fox; 3, Capt. Grover, Tanks; Time 2 mins. 6 secs.

Long Jump:—1, Capt. Doyle, Tanks, 20 ft. 8 ins.; 2, Major Thain; 3, Lieut. Andrews.

Tug-of-war:—Kite Balloon Section beat R.G.A.

Mule Relay Race:—1, R.A.F.; 2, Tanks; 3, Irish Guards.

Three Mile:—1, Pte. Thomas, R.A.S.C.; 2, Cpl. Glewett; 3, Pte. Holden, M.G.C.; 15 min. 3⅘ secs.

Putting the shot:—1, Lieut. Hamilton, R.A.S.C., 33 ft. 11 ins.; 2, Capt. Doyle; 3, Capt. Struther, Tanks.

100 yds. Handicap (for demobilized men):—1, Croal, Belgrave Harriers; 2, Nevill, Polytechnic Harriers; 3, Carter, Polytechnic 10⅘ secs.

880 yds. for Demobilized men:—1, Price, High Gate; 2, Wetton, Thames Valley; 3, Wall, Polytechnic Harriers.

Inter-unit Contest:—R.A.S.C., 41 points; Tanks 36; Machine Gun Corps 11.

Boxing:—Dick Heasman, R.A.S.C. beat Ralph in the fourth round. Laygam beat Garrard on points in ten rounds; Dvr. Harrison beat Ovenden on points in six rounds.

RHINELAND "JOCKEY CLUB."

FURTHER LIST OF REGISTERED HORSES.

The sub-committee, whose functions are similar to those of the Jockey Club and the National Hunt Committee in England, has drawn up a further list of horses eligible for racing in the British occupied area. The following is the latest addition to previous lists:—

Horse's Name.	Owner's Rank and Name.	Unit.
Anthony.	Lt. W. J. Rogers.	10th R. W. Kents.
Alphonse.	Capt. R. C. Matthews.	H. Q. 1st London Inf. Brigade.
Ada.	Lt. L. J. G. Souchon.	15th Hussars.
Bob.	Major T. C. Chilton.	505 Battery R.F.A.
Barney.	Capt. T. A. B. Cocksedge.	O.C., No. 2 V. E.S., II Corps.
Bubbles.	Capt. E. H. Beauchamp Nobbs.	9th E. Surrey Regt.
Baubee.	Capt. T. A. B. Cocksedge.	O.C., No. 2 V. E.S., II Corps.
Black Jester.	2/Lt. J. H. C. Wilson.	15th Hussars.
Barbara.	Lt.-Col. Sir G. Armytage.	13th K.R.R.C.
Beauty.	Brig.-Gen. J. G. Rotton.	G.O.C., R.A., II Corps.
Blue Beard.	Capt. C. L. Greig.	D/246 Batty. R.F.A.
Belinda.	Major H. W. T. Framer.	1st Field Sqdn. R.E.
Brown Line, The.	2/Lt. H. W. Forrester.	17th Lancers.
Bowman.	Capt. H. F. Eckstein.	17th Lancers.
Big, 'Oss.	Major R. A. Gooderidge	R. V.C. Western Div.
Bibi.	2/Lt. J. H. C. Wilson.	15th Hussars.
Bob II.	Lt.-Col. B. J. Curling.	51st D.L.I.
Billy.	Major E. J. Bather.	B/51 Bde. R.F.A.
Baby IV.	Lieut. Stoats.	Light Div. Signal Coy.
Christian, The.	Lieut. R. R. Eykyn.	R.A.S.C. Cav. Div.
Cat, The.	Major T. C. Chilton.	505 Battery R.F.A.
Clonbarron.	Capt. C. C. Bell.	No. 1 Coy. London Div. Train.
Cadet.	Major W. G. Michelmore.	Lancs. Div. Sig. Coy.
Coquette.	Major T. Bagshaw.	No. 24 Vet. Hosptl.
Civvie.	Lieut. Lord Killeen.	"C" Sqdn. 17th Lancers.
Cissie.	Lt. L. J. G. Souchon.	15th Hussars.
Concord.	Lt. E. Claydon.	P.R.O., No. 3 Sub-Area Western Div.

(List continued in to-morrow's "Cologne Post.")

RACING FACTS AND FANCIES.

BY "JERRY M."

It is stated that Mr. Bottomley backed his horse "Aynesley" to win a small fortune in the "Manchester Cup" won by "By Jingo."

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Quite a sensation was caused on settling day, when the news of the objection to "By Jingo" flashed round.

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Sir A. Black, I am pleased to hear, is out again Though naturally disappointed at "The Panther' display in the Derby, he took the defeat in a sporting spirit, and, in a letter to his trainer, said, "It is the fortune of war." The "Panther's" next outing will be in the Irish Derby on June 25th.

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"All Alone" we fear is over-rated, for although backed down to favourite he made no show against "By Jingo." But although sympathizing with his fair owner, one feels sure that, after a rest, he can be placed to win a nice race. It was asking perhaps a little too much of the horse to run him at Manchester just a week after his gruelling race over the "iron Bound" Epsom course.

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The match "Irish Elegance" versus "Syndrian" Trainers up catch weights, over five and a half furlongs ought to prove an interesting affair, Loates will be able to give "Syndrian" professional assistance, and will doubtless have an advantage in weight. But if Cottril "sticks on" I think "His Elegance" will do the rest.

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Dont be surprised if "Bright News" wins a sprint race very soon. I noticed him well up with the leaders in "Irish Elegance's" race on Saturday. He raced wide on the stand side, and may not have been generally noticed.

41st M.G.C's 100 RUNS VICTORY.

41st Battalion M.G.C. and 208th Sqdn. R.A.F. played a friendly game of cricket at Heumar. The M.G.C. were in excellent form, and, thanks to the batting by Major Boumphrey (54), Major A.G. Barry (31), Lieut. T.E. Andrews (25), and Lieut. M.J. Hanson (18 not out) the good score of 164 was made. Lieut. Russel Rigby (3 wickets for 25) was the most successful bowler. The 208th Sqdrn. R.A.F. put up a fair show, but could do little against the bowling of Driver Gorrard (6 wickets for 31) and were all out for 63. The outstanding batter of the R.A.F. was Lieut. Russel Rigby (27 not out).

BATTALION SPORTS.

51st LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT.

With the kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Dumbell, D.S.O., the 51st Bn. Leicestershire Regt. carried out their annual Regimental Sports at Euskirchen last week. "C" Coy. were well to the fore, though "D", despite their failure in the opening events, pulled up remarkably, well finishing only 11 points behind "C."

The regimental band was in attendance and played a number of very appreciative selections. The whole proceedings were carried out in a very efficient manner and reflected great credit on the part of the sports president and committee. Our thanks are due to the ladies of the Y.M.C.A. who so ably assisted in their work of catering, also to Brigadier General Craufurd C.B., C.M.G., who took a keen interest in the sports and presented prizes to the following:—

SUCCESSFUL COMPETITORS.

440 yds.:— 1, 2nd Lieut. F.W. Fryer, "C" Coy. 2, Dmr. Fleetwood "C" Coy.; 3, Sergt. Grocott "D" Coy.

Throwing the Cricket Ball:— 1, Pte. Bryan "D" Coy.; 2, Sergt. Quincey "C" Coy.

Boat Race:— "D" Company.

100 yds:— 1, Lieut. E.N. Carter; 2, L/Cpl. Newcombe "B" Coy.; 3, Pte. Hartley "B" Coy.

120 yds. Hurdle Race:— 1, Lieut. J.W. Shooter "D" Coy.; 2, L/Cpl. Fletcher "D" Coy.; 3, Cpl. Shelton "D" Coy.

Bolster Bar:— Sergt. Bradley "C" Coy.

Long Jump:— 1, Lieut. W.H. Perry "B" Coy.; 2, L/Cpl. Pepper "A" Coy.

Mile Relay:— "C" Company.

220 yds.: 1, Lieut. E.N. Carter "D" Coy.; Lieut. A.E. Ratcliffe "A" Coy.; 3, L/Cpl. Newcombe "B" Coy.

One Mile:— 1, L/Cpl. Townsend 52nd Leicesters. 2, Lieut. Marrot, 52nd Leicesters. 3, L/Cpl. Odey, 52nd Leicesters.

High Jump:— 1, Cpl. Johnson "D" Coy.; 2, Pte. Gray "B" Coy.

Musical Chairs:— 1, Pte. Hardy "D" Coy.

Tug-of-War:— "A" Company.

Cross-country Race:— Won by "C" Coy. 1, Lieut. F.W. Fryer "C" Coy.; 2. S. Buxton "A" Coy.; 3, Capt. G.B. Williams "C" Coy.

POINTS FOR CHALLENGE CUP.

1, "C" Company 43 points; 2, "D" Company 32 points; 3, "A" Company 20 points; 4, "B" Company 13 points.

The Commanding Officer wishes to congratulate all officers who took part in the sports, on their excellent performance and the fine example set by them to the N.C.O's and men of the Battalion.

WEEK-END SPORT IN A NUTSHELL.

The golf professional stroke tournament at St. Annes which concluded on Saturday was won by Taylor, Mid-Surrey (301), who played a great game in the last round. Other money prizewinners were Mitchell, 302; Gadd, 303; Ray, 303; Vardon, 304; Braid only managed 308.

London Tennis Championships. Final round, mixed doubles (semi-final):— Doust and Mrs. James beat Eltringham and Mrs. Hall 6—2, 6—0. Ladies doubles (final), Miss Ryan and Mrs. Lambert Chambers beat Mrs. Larcombe and Mrs. Satterthwaite 4—6, 6—4, 7—5.

Gents. Singles (final):— O'Hara Wood beat Raymond 6—4, 6—0, 2—6, 7—5. Ladies Singles (final):— Mrs. Larcombe beat Mrs. Holmar 6 4, 8—6. Mixed Doubles (finals):— Thomas and Mrs. Larcombe beat Doust and Mrs. James 2—6, 6—2, 8—6.

The great Paris steeplechase at Auteuil on Sunday resulted in a victory for the Irish horse Froyton, the owner of which is Major Gerrard Albanais was second and Gonfolon third.

A telegram from New York states that Governor. Cox has refused to stop the Willard-Dempsey contest.

A Paris telegram announces that a match between Carpentier and Dick Smith has been fixed for July 20th at Paris for the middle-heavies championship of Europe.

The Pershing stadium near Paris which the United States has offered as a present to France was officially opened on Sunday before M. Poincaré and 30,000 spectators. Fifteen hundred French and Allied athletes were reviewed by the President of the French Republic and General Pershing.

Marlow Regatta Result. Senior Eights:—Marlow beat Thames eight. Senior Fours:—Thames boat U.S.A. Services; Senior Sculls:—Pte. Hadfield, New Zealand beat Major Withington U.S.A.; Junior Sculls:— Beresford Thomas beat Lieut. Walden, Middlesex; Allied Forces eights:—New Zealand beat Australia by ½ length.

The Freebooters won the Polo Champion Cup at Hurlingham on Saturday. They defeated Thornby by 5 goals to 3.

The greatest distance run in one hour is 11 miles, 1,286 yds. by H. Watkins, Sept. 16, 1899 at Rochdale.

J. W. Burgess swam from Dover to Calais on Sept. 5 and 6, 1911, in 22 hours 35 mins.

On April 14, 1900, in a football match between Sunderland and Manchester City, at Sunderland, Charles Williams (M.C.) kicked a ball from goal to goal and scored.

THE AIR DERBY.

14 COMPETITORS IN FLYING RACE ROUND LONDON.

There were 14 starters for the Aerial Derby round London on Saturday—a distance of 190 miles—and the results were as follows:—

1, Capt. Gathergood, A.F.C., Airco; time 1 hr. 27 mins. 32 secs; 2, Lieut. Nisbet, Martynside, 1 hr. 31 mins. 30 2.5 secs; 3, Major Draper, B.A.T., 1 hr. 33 mins. 11 4.5 secs., Marcus D. Manton, Airco, Capt. Saint, Airco; Capt. Chamberlayne, Grahame White Bantam; and Capt. Hammersley, Avro Baby.

WINDSOR MEETING.

A race meeting was held on Saturday at Windsor when the results were:—

Nimble Tyo Plate:—1, Princess Valica (9—4); 2, Adorna (5—1); 3, Princess Stephanie (100—8).

Park Selling Handicap:—1, B.W.T. (6—1); 2, Bath (5—2); 3, St. Mary (3—1).

Royal June Handicap:—1, Maeldune (100—8); 2, Equinox (3—1); 3, Jappool (7—2).

Castle Selling Plate:—1, Hardbake (5—4 on); 2, Gallivant (10—1); 3, Sunny Gama (4—1).

Clewer Handicap:—1, Cutaway (7—2); 2, Arwin (2—1); 3, Atrocity (4—1).

Mill House Plate:—1, Coriolanus (11—10); 2, Stormwitch (9—2); 3, Helion (2—1).

COUNTY CRICKET RESULTS.

Yorkshire beat Derbyshire by an innings. Scores: Derbyshire 74 and 172; Yorkshire 221 and 26 for no wickets.

Kent beat Sussex by an innings and 123 runs. Scores: Sussex 60 and 78; Kent 261 for 6 (declared).

Hampshire 191; Australians 136 (drawn).

Northants 251; Warwickshire 302 (declared) and 104 for two wickets (drawn).

Cambridge University 203, and 227 for 6 wickets (declared);

Surrey 261 and 158 for eight wickets (drawn);

Leicestershire 330; Lancashire 117 and 27 for seven wickets (drawn).

JUMPING AND TENT-PEGGING.

152 BRIGADE R.F.A. SPORTS MEETING AT HENNIF.

The 152 Brigade R.F.A., Eastern Division, who are temporarily camped at Hennif, held the first of a series of sports on Friday. Jumping and tent-pegging were the items, and these were watched with keen interest by a large crowd of spectators.

In the jumping there were several "jibbers," especially amongst the horses ridden by N.C.O's and men. Some fine jumping, however, was shown by the officers' mounts, and, in this class, Major Tanner carried off the first prize, his horse showing very pretty action and clearing the obstacles with apparently little effort. Lieut. Cowley made a good second. In the items for N.C.O's and men the results were:—1, B.S.M. Smith; 2, Signaller Sefton; 3, tie between R.S.M. Worsfold and S.M. Sumner.

A fine display.

The tent-pegging created a great amount of interest and enthusiasm. Lieut. Gilbert gave a fine display, and, altough unlucky in the first run, he secured two perfect pegs and took premier place amid loud applause. Capt. Wilson came in a good second. A run in pairs between Lieuts. Gilbert and Chaldecott resulted in the peg being carried by the first-named officer. An amusing bit of friendly rivalry was shown between Lieut. Graver and R.S.M. Worsfold, and the latter ultimately won the points amid enthusiasm.

BOXING FIXTURES.

JUNE.

23.—Johnny Summers v. Bob Marriott, 20 rnds, for light-weight championship and belt, &c. National Sporting Club, 7.

23.—George Clark v. Mike Blake, 20 3-min rnds at 8st 8lb for £50 a side; Sid Turner v. Fred Archer, 15 rnds, &c. The Ring, 2.30.

27.—Tom Noble v. Eugene Criqui, 20 3-min. rnds, Ernie Rice v. Marcel Denis, 10 rnds, &c. Nouveau Cirque, Paris.

30.—Tom Noble v. Walter Ross, 20 rnds, for bantam championship and belt, &c. National Sporting Club, 7.

JULY.

1.—George Langham v. Billy Garrard, 10 rnds, c., at Central Finsbury Radical Club, 7.30.

4.—National Federation Tourney, National Sporting Club, 7.30.

4.—Jess Willard v. Jack Dempsey, 12 rnds, Toledo, Ohio, U.S.A.

17.—Jimmy Wilde v. Pal Moore, 20 3-min. rnds, Olympia, London.

25.—Charles Ledoux v. Tom Noble or Eugene Criqui, 20 3-min. rnds, Paris.

SEPTEMBER.

2.—Georges Carpentier v. Joe Beckett or Frank Goddard, for heavy-weight championship of Europe. Olympia, London.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, June 24, 1919.

Surface wind fresh, Westerly, veering towards North West, increasing and becoming rather squally. Dull. Intermittent moderate rain. Cool. Visibility mainly indifferent, but some clear intervals.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

FOUR WICKETS WITH FOUR CONSECUTIVE BALLS.

The match between Mid. Div. H.Q. and 269 A.E Coy. (IX Corps H.Q.,) resulted in a win for the former by 6 wickets. The Coy. batted first and compiled only 35, thanks to the remarkably good bowling by Pte. Ashmore, who captured 8 wickets for 10 runs. Besides achieving the "hat trick," he secured four wickets with as many balls, and five with 6 balls. The Mid. Div. side had no difficulty in making runs, surpassing the Coy.'s effort without the loss of any wickets, and scoring in all 112 for four, thus winning easily by 6 wickets. Chief scorers for the winners were Wheatley (39), Ashmore (20) and Best (19).

"D" CORPS SIEGE PARK (93 for 5 wickets) v. 1/1 NORTH MIDLAND H.B. R.G.A. (90). On the latter's ground in the 4th round of the C.P.C.C The 1/1 North Midland H.B. put up 90 runs principally due to the excellent batting of Sergt. Simms and Lieut. Simmons, who scored 24 and 35 respectively. Sergt. Mumford, Lieut. Graves, and Pte. Stubbs bowled well for the Siege Park team. After enjoying an excellent tea provided by the homesters, the Siege Park XI opened with Sergts. Dickinson and Payne, who carried the score to 45 before Dickinson was bowled by McGuire for 23, compiled by excellent strikes. Pte. Williams gave most of the assistance to Pte. Payne in carrying the score to 93 for 5 wickets, leaving "D" Siege Park winners by 5 wickets for 3 runs. Payne scored a well-played 38. Lieut. Simmons and Bmdr. McGuire bowled consistently well for 1/1 North Midland H.B.

145 SIEGE BATTERY v. IX CORPS TROOPS M.T. COY., on the latter's ground at Euskirchen on Saturday. For the M.T.'s, Major Dyer (15) and Privates Cox and Frewin (11 each) were the principal scorers. Gnr. Lemons (31), Capt. Robson (20), and Gnr. Robinson (10) were the leading batsmen for the gunners. Gnr. Lemons took 8 wickets for 20 runs.

29th MACHINE GUN BN. (135 for 6 wickets) v. 31st LABOUR GROUP (53). Only Pte. Withington (24) and Pte. Piper (14) made anything like a stand for the 31st Labour Group, against the bowling of Cpl. Sadler, who took five wickets for 22 runs, and Lieut. Astill, four for 27. For the M.G.'s, Pte. Durant hit fourteen 4's out of his total of 62. Pte. James (32) and Lieut. Archibald (14 not out) also played splendid cricket.

77 SIEGE BATTERY (81) v. 488 SIEGE BATTERY (12) at Godesburg on Saturday. For 77 Siege Battery Cpl. Fenton (22) and Signaller Mills (27) batted very well. 488 Siege Battery, on going to the wicket, could do very little against the bowling of Sergt. Garmousway and Cpl. Fenton, the whole side being out for 12 runs, Fenton taking 4 wickets for 3 runs and Garmousway 4 wickets for 8 runs. The fielding of both sides was very smart. For the losers, Timms took 4 wickets for 18; William 4 for 32; and Lieut. Mills 1 for 5.

OTHER RESULTS.

10 R. W. Kents	78
Lancs. Div. Signals	76.

COLOGNE NORTHERN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
75 Bde. R.F.A.	4	4	0	8
29 Bn. M.G.C.	2	2	0	8§
"Maps" 4 F.S. Bn.	5	3	2	6
1/6 W. Yorks	3	3	0	6
1/5 W. Yorks	4	3	1	6
London Div. M.T. Co.	4	3	1	6
C/113 Bde. R.F.A.	3	2	1	4
II Corps H.Q.	3	2	1	4
53 R. Warwick	3	1	2	2
31 Labour Group	3	1	2	2
92 Bde. R.G.A.	2	1	1	2
14 G.H.Q., M.T. Coy.	2	1	1	2
420 Siege Bty.	2	1	1	2
Sthern. Div. M.T. Coy.	1	1	0	2
13 M.A.C.	3	0	3	0
14 York & Lancs.	2	0	2	0
237 Field Coy.	2	0	2	0
51 R. Warwick	2	0	2	0
24 Hants	2	0	2	0
23 Middlesex	1	0	1	0
88 Field Amb.	1	0	1	0
52 R. Warwick	1	0	1	0

§ points awarded for scratched matches.

The printing of the season's fixtures for each league is now well in hand, and a copy will be forwarded to each secretary this week. This will enable secretaries to make match arrangements well ahead, and those who have games in arrear will be able to arrange for them to be played on the vacant dates, of which each club has three or four.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Capt. G. H. Patching.

Capt. G. H. Patching, the South African sprinter at the last Olympic Games, has arrived in London.

N.Z. Army Rugby Team.

The New Zealand Army Rugby team, winners of the King's Cup last season, sailed from Plymouth on Friday for South Africa.

Light-Weight Champion Retiring.

Benny Leonard, light-weight champion of the world, intends to retire from the ring and give up his title—possibly within the next eight or ten months.

Question of Heredity.

It is interesting to recall that Clorane, the sire of Irish Elegance's dam, won the Royal Hunt Cup in 1895, so that the question of heredity enters into last week's result.

Varsity Swimming.

Neither Oxford nor Cambridge yet boast up-to-date regulation swimming baths, which is a big handicap. Not until the teams go on tour can they hope to acquire that polish so necessary to perfected style.

Proper Road for Horses.

Governor Smith of New York has signed a Bill, which now becomes law in the State of New York. It is called the "Brush Bill," and provides for proper roads for horses on either side of the highway; the centre is to be used for motors, and paved.

Brighton Strolls and Races.

Surrey Walking Club—always keen in their efforts to popularise road walking—have arranged a series of strolls and races to Brighton. The strolls start on Saturdays, June 21, July 19, and August 30, at 6 p.m., from the Clock Tower, Westminster.

Richmond Horse Show.

For the first time in the history of the Royal Horse Show, the King will be an exhibitor. His Majesty has entered a five-year-old bay gelding, Scagglethorpe, in four of the harness classes, including that for horses undocked, and driven without bearing reins, and the ever popular class for pace and action.

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West Bromwich Albion.

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Have you ever noticed that the orchestras in the cafés of Rhineland when they attempt to play ragtime airs seldom catch the spirit of syncopated melody. Their execution bears more or less a family likeness to that of grand opera? It takes a fullbloodad negro band to play ragtime with the real "snap" required but most British bandsmen come somewhere near the idea. The Germans scarcely ever.

Wayside Altars.

One of the most picturesque features of the recent Corpus Christi celebrations and processions, and one never seen in England was the erection of wayside altars in the country villages. These shrines were draped and decked with reverential care. Candles were burning and flowers and foliage strewn before each as the procession with the laity chanting litanies and the clergy carrying the Host under its silken canopy approached. Then a short impressive ceremony was held before the altar, and the procession reformed to make its way to the next altar on the route. One could not fail to notice that many of our own troops who profess to the Catholic faith saluted, as the Host passed by them.

A Quaint Ceremony.

An amusing incident was seen in a restaurant not a thousand miles from the railway station at Bonn the other day. Two young Germans attired in all their best, sat down at a table for lunch. Before giving their order to the "Kellner" they created mild consternation among the British officers present by divesting themselves almost ceremoniously of their white linen cuffs and depositing these most carefully on the floor beneath their chairs!

Sunday Troubadors.

Have you noticed the large numbers of young fellows who go out into the country on Sundays dressed in some semblance of troubador garb, with guitars slung over their shoulders? They take the early morning trains or tramcars for some miles out of town and then start on an all-day tramp along the rural roads through the forests. Their day's food they carry in packs, and as often as not are accompanied by girl friends, who also bear packs similarly filled. For miles and miles these merry parties tramp singing to the accompaniment of the guitar, returning at night tired but invigorated.

A Strange Deficiency.

A corporal in the Bedfords was saying the other day that he could not quite understand why a city of the importance of Cologne possessed no equivalent of the large variety houses we have in Great Britain. He and his comrades, since their arrival, had searched in vain for any place of amusement akin to the fine Hippodromes or Empire Palaces they have been accustomed to frequent at home. In their place there seem to be only comparatively small, low pitched cabarets where vaudeville turns are given, and where in addition to a charge for entrance one is expected to buy wine not too reasonable in price and very often not sold in less quantity than a bottle. It does seem strange that the modern British Variety Theatre has no counterpart here, though cinemas are plentiful enough.

The Popular "Eis".

There is one item in the way of refreshment in these hot days that the German appears to excel in and that is the preparation of delectable icecreams. All over the towns of Rhineland the tempting word "Eis" meets the eye. The variety of these ices also is amazing. Not just the usual vanilla and raspberry flavours but plenty of others and all attractively served up. In one resort yesterday, at least a dozen different varieties of "Eis' were on the menu card. Usually, too, one can sit in a bright clean airy cafe enjoying the tasty cool confection while listening to the strains of an orchestra. To accustomed to live in an average British town, even one as large as Cologne, the number of refreshment rooms and cafes specialising in ices and music is astonishing

Caters for Camera men.

There are plenty of photographers in the Rhine Army, and they will be glad to know that at the Kingsley Library and Camera Club in the Church House, 79 Johannis Strasse, Cologne, they can now find dark rooms for developing their films. The Club is also starting next Monday a series of lectures on elementary science, combined with outdoor Nature study with cameras, which should attract the more serious minded photographers. The Rev. W.R. Lawson C.F. is the moving spirit and would like to enrol members.

The Cheap Cigar.

One of the things that is cheap and quite excellent in Cologne and other German places in Rhineland is the native-made cigar. Numbers of our boys who seldom indulge in such a luxury at home have in consequence become regular cigar smokers. Some of them, however, have a grievance which they give voice to very often in their letters to this paper. It is that throughout the whole of Sunday there is not a single cigar shop open for business. Coming from England where the tobacconist is one of the few tradesmen not amenable to Sunday observance, they complain. There seems only one remedy, and that is to laze in your stock of cigars for Sunday consumption some time on Saturday.

The Reason Why.

It was in a Cologne restaurant the other day that this was heard. A British officer had ordered a salad and when it was brought to him he noticed that it did not appear to be over-clean. Calling the waiter to him, he asked in his most impressive style "Why don't you wash the lettuces?" "Vell, sir," replied the Teuton servitor in all seriousness, "it is like dis. Der Soap is so very dear just now. It vas not possible!"

Hatless Frauleins.

As one walks the streets of the Rhine towns in the present spell of warm, sunny weather, it is impossible not to remark how many of the girls and women go about hatless. It is a common sight abroad to see womankind of the working classes wearing no headgear, but here in Germany the custom extends to the better classes as well, and thousands of smartly or lightly dressed damsels flit about the town with only Nature's head covering to protect them from the sun. But the hair is invariably dressed with taste and neatness, and the custom has good sense on its side, one must admit.

Where are they?

What has Germany done with their wounded? Talking recently with a Gunner officer who has been in Rhineland for three months, he said that in that period the number of men he had seen who bore marks of having been wounded in the war could not have exceeded the number he could count on his fingers. It is certainly a fact that cannot fail to have impressed many of us. It would be interesting to know what has become of all the maimed and crippled enemy soldiers. One sees abundant evidences of the havoc wrought on our manhood at home, but very few here. It is strange. Up to now there seems to be no valid explanation of the phenomenon. Yesterday a German who had lost both legs was seen wheeling himself along the Hohenzollernring on a miniature wheeled vehicle; but this was a notable exception.

Will you Contribute?

The Editor of "*The Cologne Post*" wants to encourage all ranks of the Rhine Army to make use of their powers of observation and whenever any phase of life in the occupied territory strikes any of his reader or whenever they come across any unusual incident he would like to have a short paragraph about it. Every day there must be scores of interesting incidents witnessed by individual officers and men worth recording, and many customs that are different from our own that must strike everyone and could be noted down with advantage.

A prize for the best.

Those who use their eyes intelligently are the most likely to benefit by their sojourn in a strange land. So will all who read these lines jot down what they think will make an interesting paragraph and send it to the Editor without delay? Such items should never exceed 150 words, and even shorter notes will be acceptable. Every day the sum of 10 marks will be given for the best sent in, and it should be borne in mind that in awarding the prize, more credit will be given to the subject than to the style of writing, so that lack of literary ability will be no deterrent to anyone. The envelope should have the word "Echoes" in the top left hand corner.

OUR BOOK SHELF.

FARMING FOR NOVICES.

Five years of open-air life, at times not of the "healthiest" we must admit, have caused many temporary members of H.M. Forces to think seriously about the possibility of ever returning contentedly to the lecture room, the study or the office.

Freedom from walls and furniture has developed that love of the open air instinctive to the unfettered animal within us; and hundreds, thousands of us have pondered over the possibilities of small holdings, fruit and chicken farms, and other occupations where this love could be given free play.

War has brought us to endure fatigue, to take risks, to need the free air. We want really to live.

As a member of the Advisory Committee of the National Agricultural Committee, Mr. Green has encountered this want and in his small, but pregnant, book he points out the best paths to follow in order to acquire our several ideals in the simplest manner.

It is not an idyllic picture, a prose poem of farming, the author gives us, nor is it an exhaustive treatise on agriculture or horticulture, it is just a plain statement to enable the ex-service man, or woman, to see "the way to go about it."

Mr. Green gives actual figures of small holdings balance sheets, indicates the best paths for gaining knowledge, tells us what has been done and what left undone, officially in the matter of helping men on to the land; gives practical hints as to the method of testing land to find its suitability for any certain line of culture or production.

In fact, he gives the reader just those hints, which the ex-service man, with little or no knowledge of farming, etc., and more likely than not, mighty little capital, must have ere he finally decides to live a man's life, in wresting a living for himself and family from mother earth.

("First Advice to would-be Farmers" by F.E Green, crown 8vo, pp 192, Price 5/-net, by post 5/6. Published by the "Country Life" Library, 20 Tavistock Street, Covent Garden, London W.C.)

Confessed.—"Yes, I did that. I stabbed him three times. He asked me to do it." This statement was made to a constable by a lad of seventeen, charged at Sutton with being concerned with a man not in custody in the murder of a painter.

IN RUINED RHEIMS CATHEDRAL.

There have been many and such conflicting reports of the state of Rheims Cathedral as it was when the Germans were finally driven back, but these are the correct details. The western façade and portal are severely battered, while the greater number of the pinnacles of the southern front have been shot away; the roof has several gaping holes in it, the high altar is a formless mass of debris, and the choir as such has ceased to exist.

The glass has entirely disappeared—some, indeed, has been preserved, but most has been totally destroyed. All that really remains is the core of the fabric—probably considerably shaken and weakened—and the remarkable series of statues within the west wall.

Nothing in the way of restoration has yet been begun, and the public are shown the church by a guardian, who tells them that it will take a generation to repair it.

It is hard to conceive any better reminder of the German than this pathetic sight of this monument of Gothic art, which the vandals of the twentieth century have left a shattered shell.

EDUCATION.

The Education Officer of the 2nd Brigade R.A.F. informs us that at the Wing School, Bickendorf Aerodrome, reading, writing, arithmetic, mathematics, and German, French and shorthand are now being taught by expert instructors, including members of the W.R.A.F. and that any troops in proximity to the aerodrome are invited to attend. The time-table arranged is as follows:—

	14.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs.	15.00 hrs. to 16.00 hrs.
Monday:	Arithmetic and Mathematics	Reading and Writing.
Tuesday:	German	French and Shorthand.
Thursday:	German	French and Shorthand.
Friday:	Arithmetic and Mathematics	Reading and Writing.

Very Young.—Mr. Malcolm C. Boyle has been appointed organist and choirmaster of Holy Trinity Garrison Church, Windsor. Mr. Boyle is 17 years old, and was recently elected Goss Scholar at the Royal Academy of Music.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY.

A big bonfire.—Four thousand damaged motor-cars were recently burned in a bonfire near Wissant.

Friendly.—The inhabitants of the neutral zone seem to be anxious for the British troops to bring them within the occupied territory, and there is no reason to expect a hostile demonstration in the event of an advance.

Ready for Action.—All elements of an army in the field have assembled in the narrow strip of Rhineland between Cologne and the bridgehead outposts.

Bobby's Peop'e.—London policemen have unanimously pledged themselves to "decline to resign either from the union or the service if called upon to do so by the authorities.

Talking in Yards.—"It is very difficult to talk in yards, I know," said Judge Sir Alfred Tobin at Westminster County Court when the plaintiff in a case said a vehicle was a quarter of a mile away.

Torrid Toronto.—Not in 80 years, which is as far back as Toronto weather records go, has there been so hot a June as this one. There has been no single cool day since May 24. Most days have registered a temperature around 90deg., with 94 as the maximum.

By Air.—Instituted on March 1, the Folkestone-Cologne air mail service has reached a total of 2,276 outward and 386 inward bags for the three months ending May.

Dust Ahoy!—The Birmingham City Council are likely to place with the Edison Electric Company an order for electric dust vans at a cost of £32,000. The American company is about to start a factory in Birmingham.

Riots at Mannheim.—Food riots gave birth to Spartacist riots at Mannheim with serious consequences.

Railwaymen Out.—A railway strike has broken out in the district of Erfurt.—Traffic is impossible on the lines to Gotha, Jena and Gera.

Aeroplanes Burnt. - A fire broke out by accident at the aerodrome of Saint-Cyr near Paris. Eighteen shelters and about 100 aeroplanes were destroyed. Damages are estimated at four millions of francs.

A Question of Tongues.—We see on the walls in Cologne in English and French two placards announcing certain sports. The French translation of "Flying Corps" is "corps des voleurs" — the robber corps!

Religious Guards.—For the first time in history, the Irish Guards celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi with an outdoor procession of the Blessed Sacrament at Warley Barracks.

Quickly Burnt.—The pier pavilion at Parguton near Torquay, has been totally destroyed by fire in less than an hour. The charred ruins collapsed and fell into the sea.

To Wed.—The Hon. Pamela Bruce, youngest daughter of Lord and Lady Aberdare, is to be married on July 1st to Major the Hon. Edward Kenelm Digby, who is Lord Digby's heir and a Coldstreamer. He has been once wounded, won the M.C., with bar and the Croix de Guerre.

Twenty-five.—Yesterday the Prince of Wales attained his quarter century in years. Our soldier prince carries his age most youthfully.

For the War Museum.—There is to be a big photographic section of the Imperial War Museum, and since the armistice a number of panoramic photographs have been taken of groups of all branches of the services to adorn its walls.

Disarmed.—The disarming of the Turkish Army has been completed. In accordance with the agreement between England and France, all the equipment will be taken to France.

Bombed a Procession.—At the termination of the Corpus Christi procession at Valencia a bomb was thrown. Several persons were injured.

A Biography.—A Life of Sir Stanley Maude is being written by Major-General Sir C.E. Caldwell, K.C.M.G., and will be published in the autumn.

Cinema Tragedy.—One hundred and fifty persons, including many children, are reported to have been killed or injured in a fire at a cinema theatre at Mayguez, West Indies.

Good Rye.—The rye crop in Germany is said to be above the average.

The King at Zeebrugge.—The King is expected to visit Zeebrugge at an early date. At the point where the Vindictive was alongside the Mole a commemoration tablet is to be placed.

A Sad Day.—July 8 is the probable date of the public funeral at Dover court of the late Captain Fryatt, who was shot by the Huns for defending his ship against a U-boat.

Donkey Somersaults.—A labourer, who was awarded £30 in an action against the L.C.C. stated that he hired a three-year-old donkey and barrow and a tramcar came up behind and ran into the vehicle. The shafts were broken, he was thrown out, and the donkey turned a somersault into the gutter.

As Colonel-in-Chief.—The Prince of Wales is in South Wales in his new capacity as Colonel-in-Chief of the Welsh Guards, and the band of the Guards and a guard of honour supplied by the regiment has been sent to participate in the ceremonies.

The Limit.—"Our telephone system is undoubtedly the worst in the world," said Lord Joicey at Newcastle recently.

Monsoon Wagering.—The Indian monsoon has burst, and doubtless large sums have changed hands over the precise time of the event. The natives gamble tremendously on the "burst," and as the bookmakers are generally also schroffs (moneylenders), if they don't get the punter by the neck the one way they usually catch him the other.

Docks for Giants.—The Port of London is busy on an extension scheme at Tilbury to enable huge liners to be docked in the Thames, and passengers to be landed even from the Leviathan, the monster ship of 54,282 tons.

That Ribbon.—It is believed that the ribbon for the general war medal which has been exhibited in military outfitters' windows for the past two months will be released for issue this week.

Our Prophet.—Mr. H. G. Wells wrote a short story prophesying the use of tanks in war, nearly sixteen years ago. The Tank Corps journal has recently reprinted this remarkable story.

For Farmers.—The Board of Agriculture has appointed a departmental committee to further the development of agricultural machinery in this country.

Clothes Dearer.—Autumn will bring no relief in regard to the price of clothes. It is prophesied that men's suits and overcoats will cost more than twice as much as they did before the war.

A Loss to Corfu.—Many merchants of Corfu, are bewailing the prospect of the departure of Allied soldiers and sailors from their picturesque and snake-infested island. It is estimated that the money left in the merchant's tills by officers and men of the two services amounts to the tidy little sum of £1,000,000

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TEXT OF GERMAN LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE.

DELEGATES START FOR PARIS.

COURT MARTIAL FOR THE SCUTTLER.

DENIKIN'S ENORMOUS CAPTURES.

GERMANY'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS.

MENTAL RESERVATIONS.

The following is the text of the note sent to M. Clemenceau by Herr von Haniel stating that the Germans agree to sign the Peace Treaty.

"Sir,—The Minister of Foreign Affairs has instructed me to communicate to your Excellency the following.

"The Government of the German Republic has seen with consternation from the last communication of the Allied and Associated Governments that the latter are resolved to wrest from Germany, by sheer force even, the acceptance of those conditions of peace which, though devoid of material significance, pursue the object of taking away honour from the German people.

"The honour of the German people will remain untouched by any act of violence. The German people, after frightful suffering during the last few years, lacks all means of defending their honour by external action. Yielding to overwhelming force, but without on that account abandoning their views with regard to the unheard of injustice of the conditions of peace, the Government of the German Republic therefore declares that it is ready to accept and sign the conditions of peace imposed by the Allied and Associated Governments."

DELEGATES START FOR PARIS.

Germany at the last moment sent a note to the Big Three asking for an extension of forty-eight hours owing to the developments at Weimar, but their request was refused by the Allies. According to unofficial information received on Monday morning, Herr Bauer, the Prime Minister, had already selected the new peace delegation. They left Weimar almost simultaneously with the telegram announcing Germany's willingness to sign unconditionally, and were due to reach Versailles on Tuesday morning.

In Paris, it is considered probable that the Treaty will be signed on Thursday. Neither the Germans nor the Italians have yet appointed delegates. The Treaty has to be printed on parchment. It will also be necessary to examine the credentials of the plenipotentiaries who will have to sign the Treaty.

SOUTH GERMANY'S WARNING.

The Berlin correspondent of the *National Tidende* (Copenhagen) learns that the German Government was finally induced to consent to the signing of the Peace Treaty by a statement made in the State Council by the South German representatives. They told the Cabinet that in the event of any advance of the Allies they would be unable to guarantee the maintenance of the unity of the Empire. The new Cabinet, says the correspondent, is regarded in Berlin merely as a stop-gap whose duty it is to make peace.

CHEERFUL GERMANS.

Telegraphing from Weimar, the correspondent of the *International News Service* says that the National Assembly hall was thronged with a laughing and cheerful crowd when the German Assembly voted their decision to sign the peace terms. The balconies were all filled, chiefly with women. The crowds, who were anxiously waiting, received the news of the decision without cheers.

LONDON WAITING FOR SIGNATURE.

The news that Germany has decided to sign was received quietly in London. There were no demonstrations, the general feeling being that it is much more seemly to wait until after the actual signatures have been appended. The news will then be universally made known. At Woolwich it is to be announced by the firing of a salute from the barracks.

DENIKIN'S GREAT SUCCESS ON WIDE FRONT.

ENORMOUS CAPTURES.

It was officially announced yesterday that the advance of the Russian Volunteer forces continues with success along the whole front from the Caspian to the Sea of Azor, towards Tsaritsin. The Bolshevists have suffered a severe defeat and have lost seventy-five per cent. of their effectives in the area of the middle Don. Bolshevist Divisions were dispersed into small [illegible] thus cutting the Bolshevist 9th Army in two. Contact was obtained with the Cossacks, giving Denikin 22,500 reinforcements.

Towards Khartov the 13th Army is in full retreat. The whole of the valuable coal and ironfields in the vicinity have been captured. The Volunteer forces are advancing towards Yokoterinoslav and as their communications are threatened the Bolshevists are reported to be evacuating the Crimea.

Since the beginning of June Denikin has captured 32,000 prisoners, 348 guns, 550 machine guns, 11 armoured trains and an enormous quantity of ammunition and war material, and has besides liberated 90,000 square miles of territory.

Vienna.—A Polish military communiqué from the Galician front dated June 16th states that the agreement signed by delegates of the Polish and Ukranian armies to cease fighting on June 21st. is provisional on the line of demarcation being fixed.

SCUTTLING OF THE GERMAN FLEET.

COURT-MARTIAL FOR ADMIRAL.

Admiral von Reuter is to be court-martialled for breaking the armistice conditions. He will be taken to Nigg, near Inverness, under arrest. The place, time and other details of the trial will be arranged by the Allied Council in Paris.

Another statement in official circles is to the effect that Admiral von Reuter will be tried on the charge of breaking his parole.

It is understood that certain official information has been received which makes it practically certain that there was collusion between Berlin and the Admiral of the interned fleet which resulted in the scuttling of the German warships at Scapa. It is admitted that communication between Berlin and the crews first left on the ships has been extremely difficult, if not impossible, but the arrival of new crews from Germany gave the Germans their chance. The men probably came with definite instructions to sink the ships.

In conflict with the above report, which emanated from a very high source it is stated that the Admiralty has reports showing that the scuttling of the Fleet at Scapa was entirely the work of the German Admiral and was not carried out as the result of instructions from Berlin.

The German casualties are stated to have been six killed and ten wounded. A Thurso correspondent states, however, that over one hundred are believed to have been drowned. A number of bodies have been washed ashore.

GERMAN REJOICING.

Our Paris correspondent, describing the demeanour of the secretaries attached to the German delegation at Versailles, says that when they received the news through wireless cypher they did not attempt to disguise their joy. The sinkings are commented upon at great length in the Parisian newspapers. Much dissatisfaction is expressed and many papers deeply deplore the "negligence" on the part of the British authorities which allowed the plot to be so easily accomplished. General Nudant has sent several notes to von Lenner at Versailles with reference to the sinkings.

FRENCH INTERESTS.

A Copenhagen message from Berlin states that the sinkings at Scapa are characterized as "heroic." All the Berlin newspapers assert that no seafaring nation could have acted otherwise.

The Budget Commission has decided to send a delegate to M. Clemenceau to ask if the Government is in a position to give information regarding the conditions under which the German fleet was sunk, and whether measures will be taken to make good the injury which French interests have suffered.

GERMAN CREWS SENT TO WALES.

Over 800 German prisoners left Nigg this afternoon by special train for Wales. Among the prisoners was the Admiral and his staff. The rank and file of the German sailors seemed to be in high spirits. As they marched a distance of three miles to Nigg railway station they sang German songs, and one of the party played a musical instrument. The prisoners looked a motley lot, especially those belonging to the smaller craft. Those belonging to the Kaiser, Kaiserin, Hindenburg, Emden, and other bigger vessels were more sailorlike. The men were carrying all sorts of kitbags, and some had small wooden trunks. The officers had leather bags, and one had a handsome leather hatcase. The Admiral and his flag lieutenant were taken to the station in a motorcar. Before the prisoners were entrained corned meat and biscuits were served to them. The prisoners were under charge of armed Seaforth Highlanders.

M.P.'S DEMAND FOR INQUIRY.

Speaking at Arbroath last night, Mr. J. Long Sturrock, M. P. for Montrose Burghs, referred to the Scapa Flow affair. He sincerely trusted that the strictest possible inquiry would be made into the why and wherefore of the proceeding. It appeared to him to be a perfect outrage that, after those ships were gathered in, no precautions should have been taken to prevent the nefarious German from playing exactly the sort of dirty trick we might have expected from him. He trusted that not only an inquiry would take place, but that the Government would take its courage in both hands and make such an example of the leading German officers responsible for the outrage as would let the Germans know that we had at last come to the conclusion that there was no use any longer our beating about the bush with them. It was a treacherous trick, a most nefarious trick, just the sort of thing that characterized their conduct through the whole progress of the war, and it was now up to the Government to make sure that we got adequate compensation for the ships that had been put to the bottom of the sea.

BRITISH TROOPS TO OCCUPY DANTZIG.

The *Daily Telegraph* states that the Council of Three has decided to send British troops to occupy Dantzig until the Government of that city is completely organised. President Wilson has intimated that American troops would maintain order in upper Silesia.

CHARGE AGAINST FAMOUS ARTIST.

ASSISTING THE ENEMY.

The charges against De Lazlo, the famous Hungarian portrait painter, who was naturalized soon after the outbreak of war and was interned in September 1917, was mentioned to the Certificates of Naturalization Revocation Committee, sitting at the Law Courts yesterday.

Three specific allegations were made:—1, that he supplied an escaped Austrian officer with money and failed to notify the police until twenty-four hours later; 2, that he sent and received letters otherwise than through the post, namely through the Dutch diplomatic bag; 3, that in December 1914 and January 1915 he attempted to persuade Mr. Wimborne Bone to send letters for him from New York to Hungary.

The Committee, of which Mr. Justice Salter is chairman, has to decide whether De Lazlo's naturalization should be revoked and the Home Secretary has decided to act on the recommendations of the Committee.

In opening the case for the Crown the Attorney General said that the questions for consideration of the tribunal were whether it is desirable for the certificate to be revoked; whether De Lazlo has shown himself by act or speech to be disaffected or disloyal to his Majesty; whether during the war he unlawfully traded with the enemy and whether the continuance of his certificate of naturalization is conducive to the public good.

Counsel stated that when De Lazlo became naturalized he had as sponsors Mr. Balfour, Lord Lee, Lord Devonport and Mr. Guinness.

Extracts from letters which had been intercepted were quoted by counsel. Writing on the subject of his naturalization De Lazlo said "It caused me severe mental conflict, but because of my five sons I had to do it." Continuing, counsel said that De Lazlo transmitted some letters in secret through the Dutch Embassy bag and several of these letters indicated that to some extent the Dutch Embassy was being made use of for the purpose of conveying letters and pictures.

Evidence was given by Mr. Austen Chamberlain, who said that he found de Lazlo to be absolutely candid, strictly scrupulous and a man of honour. It was not conceivable to him that de Lazlo would wilfully betray us.

The hearing was adjourned.

THE "UNFIT" BREACH OF PROMISE CASE.

PLAINTIFF WINS.

The re-trial of the action for breach of promise of marriage brought by Mabel Beatrice Porter, of Barnes, against Gerald Bernard, an ex-Naval officer, was concluded yesterday.

The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff and awarded £250 damages with costs.

At both the trials the jury found that plaintiff was not at any time suffering from tuberculosis, which was the case for the defendant, but the jury at the first hearing were not unanimous.

RECEPTIONS TO OVERSEAS TROOPS.

The War Office announces that owing to a new system having come into force, the dispatch of the cadres of units from overseas to this country has been greatly accelerated. It is, therefore, necessary to cancel the previous instructions regarding the notification by civil authorities of intended civic receptions; and it is now requested that any civil authority wishing to extend a reception to any returning cadre will at once notify the War Office (telegraphic address "Seemliness 4," London) of its intention. Unless such notification is received at the War Office by Saturday next, no guarantee can be given that the request will be complied with, owing to the fact that the cadre may already have been dispersed overseas.

HIGH PRICES FOR OLD STORES.

At a sale just conducted at the Anzac Factory, Glasgow, by the Disposal Board of the Ministry of Munitions, a sum of £91 was paid for a one-ton electric overhead runway hoist, which cost when new £44. A one-ton suspension electric hoist which cost £57 was sold for £64. For a 10-h.p. shunt wound d.c. electric motor, 240 volts, 790 revs., £75 was paid, a profit of £24; and for a similar motor with double the power, which cost £73 10s., the sum of £122 was paid.

REFORMS IN MALTA.

The Governor of Malta, Sir Herbert Plumer, has written to each member of the Council of Government, and also to the President of the National Assembly asking them to submit proposals for constitutional reforms tending to give the people a greater share in the government of the island, consistently with Imperial interests and in conformity with instructions from his Mayesty's Government.

NAVAL MUTINEERS SENTENCED.

At the court-martial held at Sydney, N.S.W., in connection with the recent mutiny on board the flagship Australia at Fremantle, the accused pleaded guilty. Two of the mutineers were sentenced to two years hard labour and one to eighteen month's hard labour and dismissal from the service. Two others were each sentenced to one year's hard labour.

The Air Ministry announces that Leysdown Aerodrome will shortly be vacated by the R.A.F.

Many well-known artists will appear at the Royal Army Service Corps £100,000 Memorial Fund matinee at the Palladium on July 4.

IRISH POLICE INSPECTOR MURDERED.

RACE COURSE TRAGEDY.

The latest agrarian outrage in Ireland occurred on Monday, when a high police officer was murdered in full view of a crowd of racegoers.

District Inspector Hunt, of the Royal Irish Constabulary, at Thurles (Tipperary), was shot dead immediately after the conclusion of the race meeting.

The inspector was standing in the centre of the roadway, which was thronged with people, when three shots rang out and he fell mortally wounded.

No arrest has yet been made.

CO-OPERATION, WORK AND DUTY.

THE LABOUR GOSPEL.

The Australian Premier, Mr. Hughes, replying to the toast of his health at a dinner given in his honour by Trade Unionists last night, said that the industrial heavens are overcast. It is foolish to deny, he asserted, that the outlook is grave but if the world is to be saved, force must give way to reason. Labour might learn from the fate of Germany what would befall if it resorted to similar methods.

A solution of the present troubles of England or any other country could be found only through the gospel of work, duty and co-operation between all classes. The foundation of the new England depends upon the production of more wealth. Those preaching and advocating restriction of output were the enemies of labour, whose counsel, if followed, will inevitably lead to destruction. Only by a supreme effort of all classes could Britain hope to bear the burdens of the war and hold its own in the markets of the world.

POLICE FIRE ON CANADIAN STRIKERS.

There was a serious development of the Winnipeg strikes on Saturday afternoon when as the result of disorderly conduct on the part of the strikers the mounted police were ordered out. They came to blows with the mob, the strength of which was estimated at 20,000, and ultimately used their rifles, one striker being killed and fifty others wounded. The trouble arose out of an attempt to hold a parade which had been forbidden by the Mayor.

Ninety arrests were made the following day.

The president of the Council at Ottawa has informed the Dominion House of Commons that the mounted police fired at the Winnipeg strikers in selfdefence after they had been fired on by the mob. The police displayed the utmost patience and did not fire until compelled to do so. Complete order now reigns.

The Minister regretted the loss of life and expressed the hope that the incident will convince everyone of the Government's determination to maintain law and order at all costs.

DISGUSTED DERBYSHIRE SOLDIERS.

Discharged soldiers at Alfreton, Derbyshire, have decided not to be entertained at the Peace celebrations at the expense of the district ratepayers as proposed. Strong feeling is expressed at the lack of recognition of returned soldiers and prisoners of war and men who have gained military honours.

FARM TRAINING FOR EX-SERVICE MEN.

Of the candidates who will benefit by the farm training and scholarship scheme of the Board of Agriculture, open to ex-officers and men, over one-third are below commissioned rank. Five hundred candidates have already been placed on farms in forty-four different counties, and thirty-two scholarships at Universities and agricultural colleges have been granted.

KING ALBERT TO VISIT AMERICA.

President Wilson, before leaving Belgium, officially invited the King and Queen of the Belgians to visit America. The invitation was accepted, and their Majesties will probably make the visit next September.

NOTTS SOLDIERS ATTACK PICKET.

There was disturbance in the town of Mansfield by soldiers from Clipstone Camp on Sunday night. A picket 100 strong was broken up by the soldiers, and four of them were so badly injured that they had to be taken to the hospital. A bank window in the Market-place was smashed, and the civil police force, which was augmented, had to draw their batons.

SEASIDE HOTELS RELEASED.

The Grand Hotel, Broadstairs, and the Hotel Metropole, Folkestone, have been released from Government occupation, and the Grand Hotel, Broadstairs, is now open for the reception of visitors. The Hotel Metropole, Folkestone, is being re-decorated, and, it is expected, will be completed and ready for opening about the end of July.

The American Y.M.C.A. has completed this week the construction of the "Pershing Stadium" at Vincennes, the largest in the world, seating 27,500 people, and presented it to the French nation for international championships, where, no doubt, the British athletes will claim their big share of laurels.

PUBLICAN FINED FOR ATTEMPTED BRIBERY.

WHISKY TEARS.

For persistent attempts to bribe two staff inspectors of the Ministry of Food, Alfred Parker, sixty-three, late licensee of the "Harrow," Sandy-lane, Beddington, was fined £25 at Croydon yesterday.

It was stated that the inspectors called at Parker's house on March 27 and took whisky samples, ascertaining the prices charged. They met with considerable difficulty in doing so.

After much pressure from the defendant they went into the bar-parlour, where he offered them £1 each if they would take no action. The offer was increased to £2 each, defendant saying that proceedings would ruin him.

One of the inspectors remarked, "We don't do our business in that manner," but Parker went on to say, "Don't take any notice this time. I will give you any sum you like to mention if you leave the samples here and call for them another day."

He followed the inspectors out of the house, imploring them all the time to take the money. He broke down and cried.

In mitigation it was pleaded that defendant had an invalid wife, and a son subject to fits, with whom he had been sitting up the greater part of the night before the inspectors called, and he was in a nervous and overwrought condition.

It was added that he had already been fined £40 and ten guineas costs in relation to the sale of the whisky and had been compelled to give up his license.

FOURFOLD MURDERER'S APPEAL.

FRESH EVIDENCE.

The appeal of Henry Perry, the ex-soldier who was recently at the Old Bailey sentenced to death for the murder of an entire family named Cornish at Forest Gate on April 28th, was heard in the Court of Appeal.

Counsel for the appellant is endeavouring to prove that the verdict was against the weight of the medical evidence, which was of opinion that Perry was insane.

Further evidence was now called.

Dr. Theophilus Hyslop, a specialist in mental diseases, after a long examination of the prisoner came to the conclusion that he is of unsound mind and understanding. He was subject to hallucinations, which he not only believed in but which pervaded his mentality.

The case stands adjourned.

DRILL HALL DESTROYED.

Fire completely destroyed the Drill Hall of the 20th Battalion the London Regiment London Territorial Force Association at Hollyhedge House, Blackheath-hill, yesterday. The structure, of corrugated iron and wood, 110ft by 45ft, burned very quickly, and before all the fire engines arrived on the scene it had collapsed. Fortunately, it wasisolated, and the brigade, with two motor pumps at work, had no anxiety as to the safety of other property.

COLONIALS RIOT IN STRAND.

A strenuous conflict between Colonial troops and Metropolitan police occurred in the Strand on Monday night. The police were obliged to use their batons and a number of men on both sides were hurt.

The trouble arose through the police endeavouring to arrest two Australian soldiers. A disturbance followed and the crowd, which soon collected, assisted the prisoners to escape.

NEW ITALIAN DELEGATES POLICY.

Rome.—Signor Nitts, the new Premier, addressing the Italians of Dalmatia said that the new Italian delegation to Paris would firmly uphold Italian rights in the Adriatic.

The general opinion is that the new Government will seek to efface the bad impression created by Italy's attitude. It will show itself in Paris even more energetic than its predecessor.

DESTRUCTIVE TORNADO.

It is estimated that in a tornado which devastated Fregus Falls, Minnesota, on Sunday, sixty-five persons were killed and several hundred injured. The damage to property is calculated to exceed five million dollars.

MEMORIAL TO AIR RAID VICTIMS.

Yesterday afternoon General Ashmore, who was in charge of the air defences of London, unveiled a memorial in Poplar Recreation Ground. It was erected by public subscription to eighteen children who were killed at an L.C.C. school on June 13th, 1917, by the explosion of a bomb dropped from a German aeroplane.

COTTON STRIKE SETTLED.

The strike of Lancashire cotton operatives was settled at a conference at Manchester yesterday on the basis of a forty-eight hour week and an increase of thirty per cent. in wages.

G.O.C. MESOPOTAMIA HONOURED

The honorary freedom of Durham has been conferred upon Lieut.-General Sir William Raine Marshall, General Officer Commanding the Mesopotamian Forces, and upon Mrs. Duncombe Shafto, who inaugurated and successfully carried through the Durham Light Infantry Prisoners of War Fund, which provided for the necessities of nearly 5,000 prisoners in Germany.

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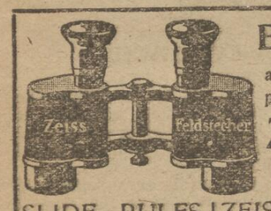

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HASTEN SLOWLY.

A few days ago the British Government urged that no Peace celebrations should be indulged in before a specific date, which will be determined officially and in due course. This policy is opportune.

There have been so many excursions and alarums of late that the coming of Peace is fraught with perplexity.

The dove with its olive branch has been hovering over a stricken world, and even yet she has not alighted. It is wise to wait in patience for the day of historic signature.

Even then a great celebration is premature. The passions of the world have been bitterly stirred, and time must pass before mankind is assured that peace is a reality.

From the beginning of days there have been short-sighted people who cried "Peace, peace when there is no peace." A celebration does not make a Peace.

But we give way to no pessimism of heart. The events of long-drawn-out years make us chary of haste and anticipation, yet the omens are good.

At last we stand on the threshold of the temple of peace. Nothing but the direst ill-fortune can now rob us of the fruits of victory or the blessings of security.

It was John Milton who told Oliver Cromwell that peace has victories no less renowned than war. In truth, peace is the greatest of all victories. When the time comes for celebration, there should be in our high festival, distinct and notable features.

It should be a thanksgiving—a deep-souled tribute to the valour of comrades who gave to their country unmeasured heroism and sacrifice. No worthy rejoicing will miss the note of homage to the men that are no more.

It should be a joyous celebration. The close of the greatest war in the history of the world, lifts a sore burden of woe from humanity. For almost five years men have groaned under the the heavy hand of Mars, and they must mark their release with triumphant rejoicing. But a worthy rejoicing is not frenzied Saturnalia.

It should be a united celebration. The Empire that lent its sons from every land should on one day unite in common and thankful joy.

It should be, lastly, a festival of optimism This war was to end War. This peace must ensure Peace.

THE "STARS AND STRIPES."

Last week saw the final issue of "Stars and Stripes." Its valedictory address is a Victory edition with a pictorial supplement illustrating the activities of various branches of the American E.F. since the United States entered the war.

Especially interesting to the British is the account which it contains of the doings of a section of the II Corps which worked and fought on our front, and in admirable union with us in the decisive months of September and October last year.

"Stars and Stripes" when it first put its head out of doors was an inconsiderable bud which had germinated at Neufchateau and was grafted, for printing purposes, on "The Daily Mail" at Paris. It blossomed into a flower which shed half a million petals weekly for the delight of the Dough Boys.

It meant a lot to them, for it brought news from home and carried news thither—three thousand miles away and more. It did its work well.

It claims modestly that it did not win the war. No! but it helped. Can anyone of the millions employed in the job say more? We can only call goodbye after its vanishing form.

We cannot quite wish for a new war to bring it back. We are sure however that the united effort of the Anglo Saxon race which it chronicled will live for ever.

That race has shrines and homes of its common spirit and common tongue throughout the tight little realm of England and the broad plains of America.

The common battlefield of France constitutes another later shrine and consecrates again the old.

THE TWO COURSES.

The sinking of the German warships at Scapa Flow and the mobbing of Captain Müller by Pan Germans at Frankfurt, dot the "i" and cross the "t" in German points of honour.

Twice with honour could the German fleet have gone to the bottom. First before the armistice, if it had come out into the open, and in one last desperate bid for victory, disappeared in a blaze of glory, which would have burnt up the soiled records of the preceding years. Next, on the declaration of the armistice, if it had preferred self-annihilation to surrender, Britain would have understood.

Neither course did it take. The ships were handed over under the armistice conditions, and in pursuance of them, skeleton crews of Germans were put on board to hold those ships on trust until such time as their fate had been decided.

The Admiral, his officers, and his crew, knew that they held those ships on trust. The British fleet relied on the Admiral's sense of honour.

When the moment to hand over their trust arrives, the German sense of honour permits a German officer to scuttle his ships at sea — and himself ashore.

And Captain Müller of the Emden is mobbed by Pan-Germans at Frankfurt. The British could understand Müller. Britain did not need the ships. Germany did need certificates of true honour.

If she kept her ships to the end for the purpose of having something with which to bargain, her people are the poorer by the act of those Pan-German officers.

It is they — the people — who pay in the end for these pranks of perverted patriotism and cheap "Heldentat."

When will they purge themselves of these gentlemen? For we believe there are Germans who understand what Britain understands.

THE "B.P."

A product of peace conditions.

He is not the seedy individual with the shabby overcoat who hangs around the Billets prepared to "take" anything from the Sanitary Squad to the Batman, complete with breeches and spurs (borrowed from the transport driver), mounted on his officer's charger.

Not at all! Our battalion photographer is a dynamic force born under the gentle influence of Peace. He has sprung into existence since the cessation of hostilities

During the war, he probably was one of the many Pte. Lightfoots who transformed themselves into a beast of burden at short notice, who tossed up for the odd ration, sang songs about the Sergeant Major on the march and whose only claim to distinction occurred on the days when the C.O. held orderly room. His ability to produce finished prints of our special pals and the inevitable German bullock harnessed to the plough, was not dreamed of.

With the coming of the armistice and the boom of the pocket camera, however, he came into his own.

A notice in Battalion orders one day acquainted all and sundry of his installation at B.H.Q., where for trifling sums of a few pfennigs, he would develop and print photographs for any rank in the Battalion.

This relieved Pte. E.C. Going of a problem he had long turned over in his mind. If he purchased a camera, should he send the films to "Blighty," or entrust them to a professional in Cologne or excavate a dark room for himself in the back garden of his billet?

He was not quite sure if the latter proceeding was covered by the terms of the armistice. The probability of the promulgation of a Court Martial in which Pte. E.C. Going was no longer entitled even to the rank of Private, but was referred to merely as "The accused" was removed.

How Pte. E.C. Going prevailed upon the company officer to part with 100 Marks by such magic as "I'm well in credit, Sir" and "haven't had an advance for a month Sir," and how he subsequently toured the camera shops of Cologne does not concern this chronicle of the coming of the B.P.

The next evidence of the works of the B.P. were displays of prints in the canteen. Football matches, the regimental band, the R.S.M. taken unawares in the middle of a "posh" salute.

All these and more the Alfs and Erbs of the Battalion, who preferred the more intense excitements of "Pontoon" to the milder one of photography, could purchase cheaply as souveneirs of their stay on the Rhine.

When, soon after his installation, the B.P., owing to pressure of work, closed his sanctum until further notice, his position became assured and the popular fallacy which the Company man cherishes regarding "the scrounge at B.H.Q." was exploded.

So long as we remain an Army of Occupation under more or less peace time conditions, we hope that under the camouflage of "Machine Gunner," "Transport Driver," or "Cook," we may retain our B.P., and some day, who knows, a kind Army Council may re-write the worn out parchment whereon is written "Establishment," finding room therein for him who has become an irremovable institution!

S.J.G.

THE LONELY SOLDIER.

Oh God, if Love is the key of Life,
And loveless Life is Death,
Then better had I be dead than live
In the blight of his icy breath.
Friendless am I as the cold, cold moon,
Alone in the pitiless sky,
Watching the world's great tragedy
As the drama of life rolls by.
Oft, when in billets we've rested,
And we've sat by the flickering fire,
The boys have talked of their loved ones
And the homes of their hearts' desire.
And the world to me has seemed as bleak
As the wastes of the fighting zone,
For it's made me think of the times that I
Have gone on leave — alone!
I've no joyous girl to meet me,
With welcome in her eyes;
I've no happy wife to greet me,
Whose love might harmonize.
And I've sat and thought by the firelight,
As it gleamed on the beams above,
That, God, this might be a different world
If you gave me a girl to love.

CORITED.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

DORMANT TALENT.

Sir,—As the Art and Photographic Exhibition, held at Bonn recently, showed that there is such talent in the Xth Army Corps, surely there must be unlimited artistic and photographic talent hidden away in the whole of the Rhine Army.

Why not a great art and photographic exhibition for the whole of the British Army on the Rhine, to be held in aid of the Red Cross?

E. D.

LEARN A LANGUAGE.

Sir,—How can we learn a language without a master or an opportunity of attending classes, which I "hear" are arranged for those in the army of occupation?

I suggested to the O.C. of the unit that I would pay a civilian a remuneration for lessons in French and German, if he could not tell me of any classes being held around or in Cologne, but owing to that being a case of fraternizing with the enemy it was turned down.

How can I obtain the benefits which "Amateur Linguist" puts forth in his letter?

"IRIS."

ANOTHER CANTEEN COMPLAINT.

Sir,—May I be allowed to say a word or two in support of E.G.'s recent letter? In addition to the short supply of such necessaries as cigarettes etc. for our troops at the E.F.C. canteen, which may be unavoidable, there is absolutely inadequate accommodation for the sale of same.

There are many men who often only require to buy one packet of cigarettes, but have to stand in a long queue of any number up to a hundred for perhaps one whole hour. This spectacle has often been seen in pouring rain.

Surely use of one of the numerous arcades or large buildings could be made by conversion and thus protect our men from getting soaked.

Is one small counter sufficient to serve all the troops who are continuously passing through Cologne?

M.G.C.

DEBATING SOCIETIES.

Sir,—I should like to know why the O.C.s. of more units do not encourage their men to form debating societies.

I know of course that there are already a certain number of these in the Rhine Army and they are most valuable in ventilating all sorts of opinions.

They give men the opportunity of expressing what they think and of hearing the views of the other side.

Debating Societies are in the highest degree educational and yet the knowledge imparted comes in an interesting way.

Of course this is summertime, and the temptation is to be out of doors, yet, in spite of this, thousands attend indoor entertainments, so really the time of year is no excuse for not starting a debating society.

It would be interesting to hear the experiences of those who have organized them in the Rhine Army.

A.H.T.

GERMANY'S COLOURS.

The old flog revived.

During the last few days the Commission which is examining, at the rate of one Article a week, Dr. Preuss's draft of the new German Constitution, has dealt with the Article which concerns the national colours. By a narrow majority it was decided to discard the black-white-red — "from darkness to light, through blood" — and revert to the colours which were adopted after Germany was liberated from Napoleonic domination in 1815. On the point of seniority this would appear to dispose of Belgium's objections, as that waspish nation only dates, as a separate kingdom, from 1830.

The "colours" of Germany have been suppressed and revived several times. Originally (1815) they were represented by a black one-headed eagle on a gold (heraldic) field, a banner borne on a gold stick being presented by a young girl named Amalie Nitschke to the students at Jena and adopted by them as their standard. In 1832 colours were decentralised and the various States ordered to choose their own. The year of the revolution, 1848, saw them restored and again suppressed. In 1866 they were adopted for the third time and were carried into battle by the 8th Army Corps in the Federal struggle against Prussia.

Prussia, however, happened to win, and became the dominant power in the Federation of German states. Its colours, black and white, with the addition of the Brandenburg red, were forced upon the others and ratified at the formal constitution of the German Empire in 1871.

Now it is decided to revert to the old Revolutionary colours, or, as some prefer to describe them, the colours attributed to the old Holy Roman Empire. There is this distinction, however, between the German and Belgian arrangement The German device is three horizontal, bands—black, red gold, counting downward—the Belgian being in three vertical stripes—black, yellow, red, counting from the flag staff.

Victor Hugo, was it not, who extolled the Rhine as being "rapid as the Rhone, broad as the Loire, confined as the Meuse, sinuous as the Seine, limpid and green as the Somme, historic as the Tiber, royal as the Danube, mysterious as the Nile, spangled with gold like an American river, covered with fables and ghosts like a river of Asia." He might have added, with a near approach to the truth, "beautiful as the Thames."

Of all the famous rivers which have inspired poets and musicians none can challenge the Rhine in lyrical output. Perhaps after Peace is made the steamer trips up the river will be resumed, coal supply permitting, and we shall hear "Loreley" and similar melodies as we used to hear them in the dear old days before the war. Doubtless also our hearing will be assailed with horrible syncopated tunes and jazz bands. Thank Heaven nobody has perpetrated "Ragging on the Rhine" or a similar outrage.

Payment of Contributors.

General articles on any subject of interest to the Armies of the Rhine will be paid for on publication.

In submitting such articles, contributors should always enclose an addressed envelope for return in case we are unable to use them.

Articles must always be concise and to the point, and never exceed 500 words.

They should be addressed to the Editor of *The Cologne Post*, A.P.O., S. 40 Rhine Army, with the word "Literary" in the top left hand corner of the envelope.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE

LAST WEEK OF THE SEASON.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Wednesday	5½	Carmen	Bizet
Thursday	6	Königskinder	Humperdinck
Friday	6	The Gipsybaron	Strauss
Saturday	5½	Freischütz	Weber
Sunday	3	Mastersingers of Nuremberg	Wagner

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Well I'm!—!!

Last evening I paid a visit to the Apollo Theatre where "The Tabs" presented a new musical revue entitled "Well I'm!—!!" It is the best thing "The Tabs" have given us and certainly the best show seen at the Schildergasse Theatre. The staging, dresses, and general effects leave nothing to be desired. The music is catchy; the humour, bright; the dancing, clever; and the caste is of all-round excellence. Moreover, it is original, and encompasses all the finer subtleties of everything from opera and Elgar to burlesque and jazz, and has a plot!

Tankyshun and Bitashun.

The story centres round the efforts of two detectives Tankyshun and Bitashun (Ernie Roberts and Jack Knowles) to guard some jewels. Sir Robert Tanner (Rob. Norrie) has the jewels and also a pretty daughter Myrtle (Cliff Mayston) whose hand is sought by Silas K. Jeffries (Bert Rex), and we have a delicious combination of love, conspiracy and comedy. Miss Gladys Narcott plays Jeanette, an accomplice of Baffles, a cracksman (Geo. Baines), while Miss Hilda Potts plays Lady Marion, a guest of Sir Robert. There are all sorts of interesting people. Alf Barker is the violinist, the inimitable Geo. Huntley plays Spud the gardener, and Will Benson makes an adorable maid. The other members of the caste fill their parts admirably. I strongly advise anyone wishing to see a good show to pay a visit to "Well I'm!—!!"

On Tour.

"The Robin Hoods" are, I hear, breaking all records on their Southern Division tour, playing to packed houses everywhere. Many return dates have been offered, but previous bookings prevent them accepting any at present. They have a new show in rehearsal, which, with the addition of new artistes, will worthily uphold the reputation "The Robin Hoods" have always had of presenting a first-class entertainment.

Monsieur, le comédien.

This is an impression of Ernest Franklin, a versatile light comedian with a big army reputation, as the Frenchman in "Get Busy" the recent "Tabs" (G.H.Q. Party) revue at the Apollo Theatre. He was extremely popular with the audiences here in Cologne, and although the exigencies of the service have demanded his being recalled for military duties elsewhere, we hope to see more of him in the near future. Franklin, apart from his theatrical activities, is a sergeant in the R.A.M.C.

A Backhaus Recital.

Wilhelm Backhaus is giving his second recital to-night (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. in the Bürgergesellschaft. The change of venue is commendable, the Dischsaal being hopelessly inadequate on the last occasion. The majority of the audience were English, who are much better acquainted with Willie Backhaus than are the Kölner, while as for the world-famous artiste, he is much more familiar with Queen's Hall, where we were wont to hear him before the war.

An Old Favourite.

Numerous admirers of Bert Errol, doyen of all female impersonators, will be interested to have news of him since his departure from "The Gaieties" at Lille. He writes me from Glasgow, where, by-the-way, he is booked to appear in pantomime next Christmas. He tells me that since leaving the Army he has been suffering from neurasthenia, and, at first, had to considerably curtail his professional engagements. I hear his gowns are more gorgeous and his voice more "Tetrazzini" than ever. It is not generally known that he took top "C" nightly while on tour in France. Incidentally he is is to produce Amy Woodford Finden's "Indian Love Lyrics" in Manchester prior to taking it to the Coliseum, London. Ewart Noble, who played with him in "The Gaieties," is to resume his old part.

On the Screen.

Speaking of film plays, I notice that the three Army Cinemas have some excellent films for the first part of the week. No. 1 Cinema is showing an excellent four-part drama entitled "Betty to the Rescue," featuring Fanny Ward. Charles Ray is the star in "Country-Boy," a four-parts production at the No. 2 Cinema. "Storm and Sunshine," a Blue Bird five-part drama takes precedence at No. 3 Cinema. The additional pictures are also of a very fine standard.

A 5th Division Dinner.

By the way, the 5th Division are holding a dinner, open to all officers who have served in the 5th Division during the war, at Oddinino's Restaurant, Regent Street, at 8 p.m., on Saturday the 28th inst. Owing to the special circumstances of the last few days the time limit for applying for tickets as regards officers from the Rhine Army has been extended. Officers proposing to attend who have not already sent in their names should notify the Hon. Sec., J. L. Fryers Esq., M.C., Merchant Taylors School, London, L.C., as soon as possible. Names can also be sent to Lieut.-Col. S. Gore-Browne, General Staff, G.H.Q., British Army of the Rhine. Memoership of Club 5/-, dinner tickets 15/- extra (exclusive of wine).

Cecily Hamilton's Repertory Company.

The plays which were to have been given on Monday in the Big Hall, Central Y.M.C.A., 44, Friesenstrasse, will, I hear, be presented there this evening (Wednesday) at 7 p.m., by the Cecily Hamilton Repertory Company, which has been sent out under the Lena Ashwell direction.

JACQUES.

PROBABLES FOR THE IRISH DERBY.

EVENT OF THE WEEK.

DONOGHUE RIDING THE PANTHER TO-DAY AT THE CURRAGH.

Irishmen, I have no doubt, (writes "Hotspur" in "*The Daily Telegraph*") will regret the absence from their Derby of Grand Parade but a wise discretion has been shown in not asking him for this effort so soon after his Ascot race.

It is not possible to suppose that he showed his true form with Glanmerin, who was given 17 lb. and an absurdly easy beating at Chester by Rich Gift. It may be, of course, that Glanmerin has come on a lot lately and his trainer certainly thinks he has a good chance at winning the Irish Derby.

The running of The Panther for this valuable race will certainly be the outstanding event of the week, and with Donoghue riding him I look forward to his rehabilitation. He need be no better than he was on Two Thousand Guineas Day to win, and I fully expect him to do so. So far as I know the Irish form I imagine that Snow Maiden, winner of the Baldoyle Derby, is supposed to have the best chance. In that case the spoils are once again likely to leave Ireland.

4,000 SOVEREIGNS RACE.

The race is one of 4,000 sovs., being 3,400 sovs. to the owner of the winner, 200 sovs. to the breeder of the winner, 100 sovs. to the breeder of 2nd, 200 sovs. to owner of 2nd, and 100 sovs. to owner of 3rd, by subscription of 50 sovs. each, 30 sovs. for those struck out on Jan. 1, 1919, but 10 sovs. only for those struck out on June 5, 1918, for three-year-olds.

LIST OF ENTRIES.

Polygnotus (Mr. Sol. Joel)	9	5
Bruff Bridge (Sir. G. Noble)	9	5
Confey (Mr. J. J. Maher)	9	5
The Panther (Sir A. Black)	9	5
The Regiment (Col. Blacker)	8	12
Sir William (Mr. P. Cullinan)	8	12
Young Brian (Mr. W. T. de Pledge)	8	12
St. Flora (Mr. F. Hartigan)	8	12
Dromio (Mr. C. Burn)	8	12
St. Cole (Mr. E. Kennedey)	8	12
Fitz Clarence (Capt. Giles Loder)	8	12
Dorsed (Ld. Londonderry)	8	12
Arch-Gift (Major D. McCalmont)	8	12
Skyrakers (Sir G. Murray)	8	12
Coriolanus (Sir G. Murray)	8	12
Black Cherry (Mr. B. Cunliffe-Owen)	8	12
Burnt Almond (Mr. L. Winans)	8	12
Light of Asia (Mr. L. Robinson)	8	12
Mosquito (Mr. J. J. Parkinson)	8	12
Detection (Mr. W. Raphael)	8	12
Irresistible (Mr. J. Reid Walker)	8	12
Berwick (Mr. T. Pipps)	8	9
Loch Lomond (Miss Cowhy)	8	9
Liberty Bond (Mr. R. Croker)	8	9
Just for Luck (Mr. Thomas Dixon)	8	9
San Rafael (Mr. Holmes)	8	9
Glanmerin (Ld. H. Vane-Tempest)	8	9
Ballyeaston (Sir T. Dixon)	8	9
Corn Suck (Capt. G. Loder)	8	9
Cheap Popularity (Mr. A. Lowry)	8	9
Tangiers (Sir W. Nelson)	8	9
King Eber (Mr. J. H. H. Peard)	8	9
Kilkerley (Capt. Wyndham Quin)	8	9
Iron Hand (Capt. Whitworth)	8	9
Dinah Dear (Ld. Lonsdale)	8	8
Shieling (Mr. D. Wallace)	8	8
Snow Maiden (Mr. J. J. Maher)	8	8
Tiberia (Mr. R. Swanwick)	8	8
Dolly Strong (Mr. W. A. Higgs)	8	5

RACING AT BRIGHTON AND BIRMINGHAM.

BRIGHTON RESULTS.

Meetings were held on Monday at Brighton and Birmingham. The following were the results at Brighton:—

Brighthelmstone Plate:—1, Cylerius (6—1); 2, Proud (10—1); 3, Uintor (7—4).

Portslade Plate:—1, Longerline (8—1); 2, Holborn (5—4 on); 3, Well Run (8—1).

Shoreham Plate:—1, Claudette (6—4 on); 2, Turbulent (20—1); 3, Nurse Bobs (9—4).

Southoven Plate:—1, Sonning (7—2); 2, Twin Cat (5—1); 3, Pourboire (6—4).

Town Selling Plate:—1, Minstrell Park (2—1); 2, Haw (10—1); 3, Gurkha (10—1).

Balcombe Handicap:—1, Marcopolis (5—1); 2, Sir Asnoy (7—4); 3, Rescue (4—1).

BIRMINGHAM RESULTS.

Croft Selling Plate:—1, Herculean, filly (evens); 2, Amistris (11—10); 3, Bill-leck (20—1).

Trial Selling Plate:—1, Duncan (6—4 on); 2, Jupiter (6—1); 3, Gage (7—1).

Warwick Plate:—1, Speanbridge, filly (6—1); 2, Longstop (3—1); 3, Marie Terese (100—7).

Birmingham Handicap:—1, Linggi's Boy (100—30); 2, Vice Versa (4—1); 3, Alderton (100—8).

Coomoe Plate:—1, Vivat Rex (11—4); 2, Safety Pin (100—8); 3, Sensee (2—1).

Ruckley Plate:—1, Lady Llama (4—1); 2, Clarity (10—1); 3, Good Game (5—4).

JOHNNY SUMMERS DISQUALIFIED.

BOB MARIOTT DECLARED WINNER OF LIGHT-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

At the National Sporting Club on Monday night Johnny Summers was disqualified in the tenth round of the contest for the light-weight championship. Bob Mariott was declared the winner.

The contest was disappointing, the men continually clinching early on. Both were warned not to hold, and later Summers was repeatedly warned. Summers made a great effort to get in close for in-fighting, but Mariott's defence was too strong.

FOOTBALL AT OHLIGS.

LOWLAND DIVISION H.Q. v. 212 EMPLOYMENT COMPANY.

Lowland Division H.Q. were due to play the 5/8th Royal Scots in a return match, but owing to most of the latter team being indisposed, the game had to be posponed, and a match with the D.H.Q.'s old rivals, the 212 Employment Company, was quickly arranged. The first half was evenly contested, and at half time D.H.Q. led by one goal to nil, Brown being the successful player. The second half opened decidedly in favour of D.H.Q., though determined efforts were repeatedly made by the 212 to equalise. One fine shot in particular was only just saved by Strachan throwing himself full length at the ball. Towards the end D.H.Q. had the upper hand, and goals in quick succession were added by McCallum (3 and McCafferty (1). The game ended:—Lowland D.H.Q.....5; 212 Employment Company.....0.

FRIENDLY CRICKET MATCH.

41st LABOUR COY (120) v. 231 DIVISIONAL EMPLOYMENT COY (18). For the winners Pte. Mc. Donald took 8 wickets for 11 runs.

41st LABOUR COY (73 FOR 7 WICKETS) v. B COY. 12th LOYAL NORTH LANCS (48). For the Labour Coy Pte. Saunderson scored 41. Sergt. Ellis took 7 wickets for 31.

WALKING RACE TO BRIGHTON.

The Surrey Walking Club, which carried out one of its periodical "strolls" from Westminster to Brighton on Saturday evening, is arranging an open walking race from London to Brighton for amateurs, which will take place on Saturday, Sept. 13. A number of promises of entries have been received, and an effort will be made to beat the record set up ten years ago by H. V. L. Ross, who did the journey from Big Ben to the Aquarium in 8 hours 11 minutes 14 seconds. All men who have served in the Forces are specially invited to take part in the club's events.

LOWLAND DIVISION H.Q. TEAM.

A representative of the General Mess football team writes to state that as the Clerks' Mess has ceased to play and the General Mess is the only team in G.H.Q., the General Mess has assumed the title of Lowland Division H.Q. Team.

RHINELAND "JOCKEY CLUB."

REGISTERED HORSES.

Appended is a continuation of the latest list of registered horses drawn up by the Rhineland "Jockey Club": —

Diamond Lady.	Capt. P. R. Margetson.	1/4th R. Scots Fus.
Duhallow.	Brig.-Gen. W. P. Monkhouse.	C.R.A. Midland Div.
Dublin Bay.	Lt. W. A. Shell.	5th Bde. R.H.A.
Dublin Bay II.	Lt. W. Mitchell.	1/1 Essex H.Bty. R.G.A.
Firefly.	Major A. O. Robinson.	2nd M.G.Bn. Light Div.
Fearnot.	Major H. Sinclair.	RemountSec.Rhine Army.
Flight of Ages.	Lt. L. H. Harris.	9th Lancers.
Fantasy.	Major J.S.Forsyth.	63rd Field Coy. R.E.
Fox Trot.	Major J.S.Forsyth.	63rd Field Coy. R.E.
Forbidden Fruit.	Lt. Hon. J. H. P. Verney.	17th Lancers.
Flick.	Lt. J. G. J. Christie.	2nd M.G.Sqdn.
Faublas II.	Capitaine Oudard.	Etat Major du 13 C.A. Francais.
Furlong.	Capt. A.W. Cowler.	139 Field Ambulance.
Golden Sunset.	2/Lt. R. S. Usher.	6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons.
GeneralPost.	Capt. M. Elrington.	1/4th Y. & L. Regt.
Gold Dust.	Major A. Lord.	D.246 Bty. R.F.A.
Gordelphus.	Capt. F. G. Stapley.	G.S., G.H.Q.
Godolphus.	Lt. P. L. Wilson.	Royal Dragoons.
Golden Syrup.	Lt. R. Bulteel.	17th Lancers.
Golden Valley.	2 Lt. R. B. McCreery.	"C" Sqdn. 17th Lancers.
Glutton.	Capt. R. T. Stanyforth.	17th Lancers.
Gold Fish.	Capt. R. T. Stanyforth.	17th Lancers.
Gadfly.	Lt. Col. J. D. Belgrave.	H.Q., Midland Div.

(*List continued in tomorrow's "Cologne Post"*)

"REVENGE IS SWEET."

ANOTHER EXCITING FINISH IN CAVALRY DIVISION CRICKET MATCH.

Just over a month ago the H.Q., R.H.A. 5th Bde. visited the Cavalry Division H. Q. at Quadratn, and the "right of the line," after a most exciting finish, won by one run. The Cavalry Division have now had their revenge and have wiped out their defeat. The R.H.A. batted first and compiled a total of 68 runs.

The Cavalry started disastrously, losing their first five wickets for 18 runs. Spr. Deanley and Cpl. Adams played very steadily, and carried the score to 45 before the latter was caught after making 11. Spr. Deanley was the ninth man out with the score standing at 58, after having made a most valuable 18 runs. S.S.M. Ellis and L/Cpl. Irskine, the last wicket pair, thus found themselves in a most exciting position, but they did the needful, amidst plenty of excitement, S.S.M. Ellis being caught with the final score 71, so the Cavalry won by 3 runs. Both games have thus provided most thrilling finishes, and a "wag" has suggested a "Rubber."

A.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS.

R. BRIDGE TO DEFEND TITLE IN TWO MILES WALK.

An international entry is already assured for the Amateur Athletic Association Championships to be held at Stamford Bridge Grounds on Saturday, July 5. The Northern European nations will be well represented, Sweden having entered champions.

Norway has entered three record-holders, and the U.S.A. Army and New Zealand Headquarters have also put in fine teams.

R. Bridge has intimated his intention of defending his title in the two miles walk, and S. Frost is expected to do likewise in the steeplechase. R. S. Woods, the Light Blue weight-putter, will make a welcome re-appearance on the athletic field in that event, while a notable entrant in the hurdles is Major E. G. W. W. Harrison, M.C., winner of almost all the Eastern Command Championships in 1914, and regarded then as a likely hurdles champion in the future.

LATEST SPORT IN A NUTSHELL.

Cricket closing scores:—Warwick 189; Surrey 68 for two.

Worcester 201; Gloucester 235 for four.

Oxford 171; Sussex 3 for two.

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In the champion cup polo tournament at Hurlingham on Monday Northants Yeomanry beat Hurlingham by 8 goals to 5.

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Gentlemen of England (378 for 6 wkts.) v. Australians.

Leveson-Grower XI (1st Innings, 157;) Cambridge University (1st Innings 179.)

ENGLISH COUNTY CRICKET TABLE.

YORKSHIRE NOW LEADING.

During the past week Derbyshire has dropped from the premier place in the County Championship to the fifth place. The table now reads:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.	P'c'nt'ge
Yorkshire	5	3	1	1	3	60.00
Hampshire	2	1	1	0	1	50.00
Kent	2	1	0	1	1	50.00
Surrey	6	3	1	2	3	50.00
Derbyshire	7	3	4	0	3	42.85
Lancashire	7	3	1	3	3	42.85
Essex	5	2	0	3	2	40.00
Somerset	3	1	1	0	1	33.33
Notts	6	2	0	4	2	33.33
Middlesex	4	1	0	3	1	25.00
Gloucestershire	4	1	3	0	1	25.00
Leicestershire	5	1	1	3	1	20.00
Sussex	6	0	5	0	0	—
Northamptonshire	4	0	1	3	0	—
Warwickshire	4	0	1	3	0	—

The match between Somerset and Sussex at Taunton ended in a tie. According to the system adopted to determine the championship this season, only wins count, first honours going to the county having the largest percentage of wins to matches played.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Inns.	Runs.	Most in an Inns.	Times not out.	Aver.
E. Hendren	12	894	214	4	111.73
G. Gunn	10	854	185*	2	106.75
Hirst	11	704	180*	1	70.40
Hobbs	14	771	205*	1	64.25
P. Perrin	10	426	126	3	60.82
J. W. Hearne	14	662	218*	3	60.01
T. Russell	10	527	122	2	58.55
J. Gunn	10	463	111*	2	57.87
J. T. Tyldesley	13	651	272	0	50.07
G. Lee (Notts)	10	447	158	0	44.70
Makepeace	15	553	106	2	42.53
Freeman (Essex)	11	374	109*	2	41.55
Holmes	13	439	99	2	39.90
Kilner	11	423	120	0	38.45
F. H. Gillingham	12	419	125	1	38.09
Ducat	10	376	190	0	37.60
Harrison	14	488	83	1	37.53
Cox	12	312	68*	3	34.66

* Not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Average
Parkin	98.2	30	226	21	10.76
F. E. Woolley	141	39	293	25	11.72
Rhodes	280.5	75	665	42	15.83
Bestwick	286.4	44	890	53	16.79
King	167	43	356	21	16.95
Ellis	112	17	393	23	17.08
V. R. Price	127.1	17	482	26	18.53
W. A. Flint	148.5	39	390	21	18.57
Robson	131	24	398	21	18.95
G. M. Louden	152.4	23	516	27	19.11
J. C. White	149.5	26	363	18	20.16
R. Tyldesley	96	20	257	13	21.41

DOWNFALL OF CHAMPIONS.

16th H.L.I. COMPANY FOOTBALL AT HAAN.

To-day "B" Coy. sit in sackcloth and ashes. Their cry. is "Woe unto the day when we met "C Coy." The mighty are indeed fallen! The glory has departed! "B" Coy., hitherto undefeated, have met their Waterloo at the hands (or shall we say feet) of their rivals of "C." The match was played at Haan and aroused great interest in the Battalion, there being a large attendance of onlookers.

Five minutes from the start Capt. Lean opened the scoring for "C" Coy. Play continued in favour of "C" and when McKee scored a second goal that sounded the death kneil of "B" Coy., hopes of victory. Until the end of the game "C" Coy., were easily the superior side and during the last 10 minutes "B" Coys.', goal underwent a heavy bombardment. That the final score was only 2—0 is a fine tribute to the "B" Coy.

For the winners all played a sound game, Richardson at outside right showing a remarkable turn of speed and Semple at half-back displaying splendid judgment. Great credit is due to the referee, Lieut. Young, for the able way in which he handled the game. On the losing side the goalkeeper and centre-half (Cpl. Herd) were outstanding, but the forwards were weak. The story that "B" Coy. intend to take up Ludo as a sport instead of football is perhaps only an idle rumour.

LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

OPENING DAY'S PLAY AT WIMBLEDON.

At the All-England Club last week the draw was made for the lawn tennis championships, which began on Monday at Wimbledon. As expected, each of the three events closed with a record number of entries. For the gentlemen's singles 128 names were received. The following were the results of Monday's play:—

Gent's singles:—Raymond beat Walker by 3 sets to love; O'Hara Wood beat Sir G. A. Thomas (3—2); Beningfield beat Haviland 3—0; Tindell Green beat West 3—0; Riseley beat McIlquham 3—0; Brown beat Wiswell 3—1; Thompson beat Deed 3—2; Dixon beat Ingram 3—0; Bisseker beat Lindop 3—0; Doust beat Chesterman, retired; Decugis beat Thol 3—0; Washburn beat Mellett (3—1).

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, June 25, 1919.

Surface wind fresh between West and North-west. Mostly dull, with periods of rain. Cool.

A FAMOUS CRICKET ELEVEN.

CAPT. BOND'S TEAM v. 2/4th BN. DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S REGT.

A very interesting cricket match was played at Merzenich on Sunday between the all-famous Capt. Bond's eleven and the officers of the 2/4th Battn. Duke of Wellington's Regt., which ended in a win by the former by 4 wickets. The officers batted first, making a total of 65, the only officer attaining double figures being Lt. Rawson with 18. There was some bright cricket to be seen when Cpl. Albone and Pte. Brewis faced the bowling of Lt. Lawes and Lt. Rawson, the former running up a total of 22 in quick time before being neatly bowled by Lt. Lawes. The next 3 wickets fell without an additional run being scored, but L/Cpl. Boyes soon knocked up the few remaining runs that were required, and Capt. Bond's Eleven declared their innings with 4 wickets in hand, after scoring 76.

Several teams have opposed this eleven, but only on three occasions have they been defeated, their average being, played 16, won 13, and lost 3. Cpl. Albone is the crack player of the team, and his absence at any time would be a great loss, for he is a good all-round cricketer, and a well-known ex-member of the Halifax Eleven.

"C.P.C.C." COMPETITION

THE SEASON'S LEAGUE FIXTURES.

Some inconvenience is being experienced by teams taking part in the *Cologne Post* Cricket Cup Competition as a result of their inability to discover the whereabouts of their opponents. This difficulty would be entirely overcome if both teams in each fixture would get into communication with each other, giving as much information concerning the prospective match as will be of assistance sufficiently early to allow arrangements to be completed. If each secretary concerned would without delay after the publication of the fixture lists write to the opposing team stating the situation of his ground, whether a home or away match, and any other information he considers of value, all—including ourselves—would be spared a great amount of trouble and unnecessary anxiety.

174 SIEGE BATTERY v. 354 SIEGE BATTERY.

This cricket match was played on the latter's ground on Saturday. 174 won the toss and elected to bat first, compiling 91, Cpl. Frost 16, and Sergt. Hill 15. After tea 354 started merrily, obtaining 48 for 5 wickets in 30 minutes (Bdr. Beresford 14). The remaining batsmen, however, never got settled down, and the side was dismissed for 61, leaving 174 the victors by 30 runs. For 354 Gnr. Wilson took 4 for 24, and Bdr. Beresford 3 for 24. For 174 Cpl. Frost, who bowled throughout the innings, took 4 for 23.

COLOGNE TOWN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
70 Sq. R.A.F.	4	4	0	8
"R" A.A.Bty.	4	3	1	6
51 D.L.I.	4	3	1	6
Cav. Div H.Q.	4	3	1	6
53 Sherwood	2	2	0	6§
Army H.Q. Sig. Co.	4	2	2	4
Adv. Supply Depot	4	2	2	4
2 Water Tank Co.	4	2	2	4
5 Rly. Tel. Sig. Co.	3	2	1	4
Cav. Div. A.C.	3	2	1	4
9 D.L.I.	3	2	1	4
17 Lancers	2	2	0	4
52 North. Fus.	2	2	0	4
4 R. Sussex	2	2	0	4
51 Aux. Bus Co.	4	1	3	2
Bakeries Sports Club	3	1	2	2
"G" Bty. R.H.A.	3	1	2	2
A.A. Searchlight Sec.	4	0	4	0
A.P.O. Cologne	3	0	3	0
9 L.T.M.B.	3	0	3	0
3 Cav. F. Amb.	3	0	3	0
15 Devons	1	0	1	0
53 North. Fus	1	0	1	0
51 North. Fus	1	0	1	0
24 Vet. Hosp.	1	0	1	0
2 Bde. R.A.F.	0	0	0	0

§ points awarded for scratched match.

R.A.F. CRICKET WEEK AT LINDENTHAL.

The R.A.F. cricket week at Lindenthal is proving a notable success; many good matches played between brigades and units stationed in and around Cologne will be published in *The Cologne Post* as soon as they have been collated. The competition has been run on the knock-out system.

The Land's End to John o' Groats cycling (safety) record (about 900 miles) is held by H. Green. His time was 2 days, 19 hrs. 50 mins. (in 1908).

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Eddie McGoorty.

Eddie McGoorty is to meet the French heavy-weight Lurie in a contest in Paris early next month.

Swedish Athletes.

A visit to England by a party of Swedish athletes this summer has now been assured by a generous contribution of money for the purpose.

Preston North End.

Preston North End have signed on Ralph Goodwin, captain and right-full back of Stockport County. The transfer has been secured at a substantial fee.

National Pony Society Show.

The summer show of the National Pony Society is to be held in conjunction with that of the Roehampton Club, on Friday, July 11, the week following the big affair at Richmond.

West Bromwich Albion.

Three old players, Morris, Swift, and Wood, are expected home from the Army before the opening of the season, and several promising amateurs have joined the club.

John Tyldesley.

John Tyldesley, on Saturday at Leicester, followed up his great score of 272 against Derbyshire at Chesterfield in the middle of the week, with an innings of 107.

Bermondsey Billy Wells.

Bermondsey Billy Wells, now grown into a middleweight, will be seen in the chief event at the Liverpool Stadium to-morrow night, having been matched for a 15 three minute round contest with Jim Davie, the Scottish "discovery."

Likely Challengers of Brookes.

It is rather remarkable that, despite the present popularity of the game, and Wimbledon's big entry, only Gobert and G. L. Patterson should come seriously into the reckoning as likely challengers of Norman Brookes.

Northern Union.

At the annual meeting of Northern Rugby Union clubs in Manchester the St. Helens Recreation Club was admitted to membership. Ninepence was agreed upon as the minimum price of admission to matches, clubs to fix the charge for boys.

Manchester City Players.

The players who have signed the necessary forms for Manchester City next season include Smith, Goodchild, and Olleranshaw (goalkeepers); Henry, Sugden, and Cookson (backs); Hughes, Bottomley, Henderson, Scott, Tyler, and P. Fairclough (half-backs); T. Broad, Cumming, Barnes, Taylor, Wynn, Browell, A. Fairclough, Holmes, Lievesley, Cartwright, and Murphy.

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Echoes from Rhineland.

Lilies of the Valley.

On Sunday most of us in Rhineland must have noticed hundreds of German cyclists of both sexes returning from the countryside, their machines laden with huge bunches of wild flowers. Of course the same thing is to be seen in any British town, though not to anything like the same extent. The Germans would seem to be even greater lovers of wild flowers than we are ourselves. But our boys have not been slow either, in capturing floral souvenirs from the woods and forests near the Rhine. While the extensive carpets of lilies of the valley were blooming many a British soldier gathered posies of the dainty flower, and hundred of boxes containing lilies found their way through the army post office to relations, friends and lovers in Blighty.

An Urgent Despatch.

Rather an amusing incident occurred recently at a certain battery stationed "somewhere in Rhineland." At about 01.00 in the morning, when the O.C. was indulging in the ecstasy of his "beauty sleep," he was rudely awakened by the arrival of a D.R. bearing a foolscap official envelope. The cyclist had come miles and miles from a distant headquarters, and the O.C. battery, scenting important secret instructions in the event of an advance, breathlessly tore open the envelope. Half dazed, owing to the abrupt awakening, but keenly eager to comply with orders, he hastened to read the document it contained. As he read it he gasped in amazement. From it he learned that a jazz band would be performing on the morrow at a certain dance some fifty kilometres distant!

"Wassersport."

During the warm weather it would appear that the larger part of the Army made daily pilgrimage to the river beach at Rodenkirchen, which is one of the chief spots where bathers of both sexes congregate. Here might be seen frauleins, frauen and herren of Cologne, in all their war paint or lack of it, and mixed bathing is the great attraction. It has been remarked that the female form divine shows no traces of the hunger which the starving Teuton population were said to have suffered in war days — quite the reverse.

Locks, Bolts and Bars.

A soldier in one of the Scottish regiments on the Rhine was remarking the other day on the number of locks, bolts and bars to be found in most German houses. He cited the case of his own billet. To obtain admission, he said, he has first to kick at the yard gate and alarm the frau. She then unlocks the door of the kitchen, where she sits, goes to the bedroom, unlocks that door and removes the key of the sidedoor, relocks the bedroom door, shoots back the various bolts and bars of the side-door and finally unlocks it. It now only remains to unlock the yard gate. But stay.—

Key after Key.

He is not yet in. She now discovers that she has not got that key with her and so has to work her way back through the various anti-thug devices back to the kitchen. She then hunts for the key of the dresser drawer, secreted under the fender, and unlocks the table drawer. Rummaging in it, she finds the key of the gate, and starts afresh. All she has to do now is to unbolt her way through to the yard, remove the barricade of wood from the gate, pull back the farm wagon which is backed up against it, slide back the two bolts, turn the key, push down the springlatch and — how simple! — "Open sesame."

Rantzau's Ancestor.

Rather an interesting fact came to light yesterday in regard to Count Brockdorff Rantzau. It seems that one of his ancestors was a certain Josias von Rantzau who was made a Marshal of France. His portrait, strangely enough, hangs in the Palace of Versailles where the present Rantzau has been so active in connection with the terms of Peace. It is known of Josias Rantzau that he lost one arm, one leg, one eye and one ear in the wars of his time—that is to say, one of each pair of members, and therefore his epitaph is quite correct, which says: "Only one half of the great Rantzau is lying here: the other half is resting on the battlefields."

Swimming Dangers.

The sparkling wavelets of the historic Rhine are as tempting to swimming enthusiasts as those of any other stretch of water. That a morning dip without the exercise of the greatest possible care, however, is full of dangers, has more than once been emphasized recently. The several drowning cases that have been reported, one of which, at Bonn, was caused by the overturning of a small boat, have supplied ample evidence of the treachery of the fast running water. Even the little side streams, where strong currents appear to be absent, have many dangers lurking under the surface and swimmers should not attempt to enjoy their cooling influence without the most careful investigation.

German Road Repairs.

The system of road repairing in the large towns of Germany, although not entirely free from defects, is certainly scientific and the results are usually thoroughly satisfactory from the point of view of traffic comfort. Further, the system of renewing small patches of the road surface at a time, enables the improvement to be made without seriously holding up the thoroughfare. The absolute lack of consideration for night motorists by the German authorities, however, has caused the utterance of many strong words in the solitude of a dark night. Small holes of perhaps a foot square and three or four inches deep sometimes occupy the middle of a main road without the slightest signal of warning and it is surprising that many a motor-cyclist has not come to grief on account of them.

Prizes for "Echoes."

The Editor of "*The Cologne Post*" wants to encourage all ranks of the Rhine Army to make use of their powers of observation and whenever any phase of life in the occupied territory strikes any of his readers or whenever they come across any unusual incident he would like to have a short paragraph about it. Such items should never exceed 150 words, and even shorter notes will be acceptable. Every day the sum of 10 marks will be given for the best sent in, and it should be borne in mind that in awarding the prize, more credit will be given to the subject than to the style of writing, so that lack of literary ability will be no deterrent to anyone. The envelope should have the word "Echoes" in the top left hand corner.

To-day's prize of 10 marks is awarded to Saddler W. H. Clift, 1st Section R.F.A., Light D.A.C., Army of the Rhine.

Notes from London Town.

"ALL THE KING'S HORSES—"

The King is having his stables renewed by some fresh and more youthful horses. At the present time most of the Royal horses in the stables are getting decidedly long in the tooth. The King's two special mounts, the chargers Delhi and Sultan, one or other of which he invariably uses at reviews, are far from being in their first youth. His Majesty is a great favourite with both of them, however; they answer to his voice and are as tame as cats. He would certainly never consent to discard either of them. But two splendid pure Arabs are expected at Buckingham Palace shortly. These are a present from the King of the Hedjaz, and their arrival is being eagerly awaited by the Royal grooms, fine horseman all, with a fine horseman's keen sense for a fine horse. They will have to be very carefully trained, however, before being used on public and ceremonial occasions.

SNARING THE ENEMY

Not many country cousins, though many of them know London better than most Londoners, have ever been in Portugal-street. It is a quiet, discreet backwater of the Strand, and, like Caesar's lean men, looks fit for treasons, strategems, and plots. There, was appropriately located during the war — it is about to shut down — the expert postal censorship department. The general impression was, I fancy, that German espionage and secret service had things all their own way. The phospherescent gleam of stage melodramatics encompassed the popular conception of the Enemy. But actually, especially where he encountered civilian brains, that was not so. At this unobtrusive office off the homely Strand, within sound of the tooting busman's call, some amazingly elaborate German plots were unravelled and foiled. There were experts who deciphered secret codes in 60 different languages or dialects. Others worked out countless hieroglyphic messages. Others worked with smelling chemicals which revealed all sorts of invisible writing. More than one sequel to the scientific investigations in that back street off the Strand took the dramatic denouement of a rifle volley in the Tower moat and another German spy dismissed on his larger quest. One dangerous artist was pounced on and shot, as the result of the enlargement of a code message giving his whereabouts microscopically marked in dot and dash along the tramway lines on a picture postcard photo of Amsterdam.

POPULAR CRICKET

Some of the great amateur cricketers who play the game for its own sake, and regard the public spectacular side of big cricket as merely a subsidiary feature, are rather sore — and perhaps a little wrath — over the very existence of such a controversy as, "How to brighten cricket!" And cricketers, being as a rule greatly conservative, are by no means pleased with recent innovations. A friend of ours, who set out to obtain prominent player's views on. "How to popularise cricket," received one reply — on a firmly-written postcard, of which he has made no use for publication. The writer is one of the most famous — and incidentally, "popular" — of English amateurs, and what he wrote was: "Regarding the brightening of cricket I can conceive nothing more likely to induce the spectators to view the game in a more rosy hue than — free drinks and plenty of 'em!"

"BISHOP OF THE FRONT."

A pleasant compliment is being paid this week to Bishop Gwynne. A cheery gathering of padres will assemble at the Cannon Street Hotel to dine with the bishop in honour of his work as the Chaplain-General's Deputy in France—the "Bishop of the Front".

Like most bishops, but more so, he is very jolly company and the most convivial group at the feast will be that in his immediate neighbourhood. He used to be a great footballer and once preached at a football service from the text "Then Elisha said, 'Shoot', and he shot."

One of the saddest blows of the war to him was the death of his great friend, Kitchener, whom he first met in the Soudan. Bishop Gwynne is the best exemplification of the Church Militant.

BE WARY!

Take care that this doesn't happen to you when you go on leave.

Some weeks ago a soldier arrived at a London terminus and fell into conversation with an enterprising individual correctly equipped with the very latest in silk hats and modest grey spats. This man suddenly rushed off in the direction of the booking office but returned almost immediately with a crisp note fluttering in his fingers. "Have you change for a fiver, old man?" he asked, "the booking clerk says he hasn't change."

The simple soldier handed over five one pound treasury notes, receiving in exchange for them the fresh white paper. With a hurried expression of thanks the gorgeous stranger rushed off again—and was seen no more.

On presenting the five pound note an hour later at a neighbouring tobacconist, our soldier friend had it politely returned to him with the intimation that "Bank Engravings" were not accepted at that establishment in payment for goods.

He looked more closely at the paper in his hand to find that instead of being a Bank of England note as he imagined it to be, it styled itself a "Bank of Engraving," issued on the authority of oen John Bradlaw, and otherwise printed in exact imitation of a bona fide five pound note.

COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS.

The extreme compassionate grounds on which a soldier may claim release from service are defined in a recent Army Order. The provisions do not apply to men serving on regular engagements whose period of service is unexpired, or to those who have volunteered for the Army of Occupation.

Release may be claimed under the Order by the following:—

Son who has a widowed mother with two or more children dependent upon her, the mother and children being incapable of earning.

Grandson who has a grandparent with two or more great-grandchildren or grandchildren dependents all of whom are incapable of earning.

Husband whose wife is a chronic invalid and wholly dependent on the soldier, either without children or with no children capable of earning.

Widower with two or more children under fourteen years of age and no near relation to look after them. The expression "near relation" is interpreted as parent, grandparent, brother or sister.

Like Olden Days.—Dancing and crowning of a May Queen has just taken place in the churchyard of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, the occasion being a belated May festival.

FROM EVERYWHERE,
EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY.

Portuguese Striking.—A general strike has broken out in Portugal.

Quicker.—The dispatch of the cadres of units from overseas has been greatly accelerated.

Malta Riots.—Several persons have been arrested in Malta on a charge of causing riots or looting.

Joy.—More whisky will be available for the British public in a few days.

For Food.—Dutch Banks have granted a credit of eighty millions of florins to provide food for Germany.

Not on Sunday.—The Bishop of Liverpool is protesting against the proposed review of 40,000 troops by Sir Douglas Haig on July 6.

Cheap Living.—Only five of 300 tenants of the Dudley Corporation have paid rent since the "no rent" strike was declared.

The Mines.—Mr. Frank Hodges, Secretary to the Miners' Federation, says "Nationalization of the coal mining industry is within our grasp."

For the Disabled.—The Lord Roberts' Memorial Committee paid out in wages during 1918 the sum of £44,199 to disabled men.

Rapid Transit.—Eight years ago a postcard was posted. It has just been delivered at Yarmouth! There was no surcharge for its ½d. stamp.

Monsters.—A Beccles Corporation allotment holder has grown strawberries 7¼ inches in circumference, ten of which weighed 1lb.

The Unlucky Number.—Thirteen bigamy cases will come before Mr. Justice Darling for trial at the Kent Assizes this week.

Fido not Exempt.—The Aldershot magistrates have decided that the fact that a lady was carrying a dog in her arms was no excuse for non-compliance with the muzzling order.

Will be Dry.—The United States has refused to repeal the wartime prohibition on light wine and beer, which was to have become effective on July 1.

Land Goes Up.—Jerusalem property is undergoing the greatest boom in its history. Land in the vicinity is commanding as high as £ 240 an acre.

At the Last.—Immediately before two Chinamen were shot at Orleans for murdering another "Chink" they shouted to other Chinese present, "Don't forget to send our bodies back to China."

Prince of Wales, L.L.D.—When the Prince of Wales visits Edinburgh he will receive the University's honorary LL.D. degree and the city's freedom.

To America.—R. 34, the giant British airship which made a 52 hours' flight of 2,000 miles over Germany and back, is to set out to cross the Atlantic this week.

Burnt by Sun's Rays.—The heat of the sun's rays on some lenses in a laboratory is said to be the origin of a fire which destroyed the Marist Brother's College at Upstreet, Kent.

Aged Bellringer.—At the age of ninety-two, Mr. William Gosling, who had been a bellringer at Eansfield Parish Church for nearly eighty years, has died.

Dainties.—A Hamburg crowd stormed a factory where dead dogs, cats and rats were converted into preserved meats. The manager was very much maltreated.

Don't Scratch.—Sir Ronald Ross, the authority on tropical diseases, says that most deaths after mosquito bites are due to the entry of some poison into the system, possibly by scratching.

New Crimes.—A woman asked the magistrate at Thames Police Court for a summons for "inflammation" of character. The next female applicant asked for a process for "desolation" of character.

A Film Paradise.—Torquay is developing into a Los Angeles for film artists. Already many well-known novels have been filmed there, as well as historical scenes.

A Samson.—The strongest man in Grimsby — George Williams — has just died, aged 75. He could carry with ease a trawl beam, a task usually performed by four labourers.

With the Milk.—The Bishop of Coventry's motor having broken down several miles from Coventry, his lordship accepted a milkman's offer of a lift for the remainder of his journey, in a milk float.

A Weighty Cargo.—The complete text of the Peace terms, in French and English, was brought from Paris to London by aeroplane. It forms an unstitched volume of 418 pages, weighing 2lb. 5oz.

Fighting Reptonians.—At Repton School speech day it was stated that the school has a very fine war record in the war, 338 old boys having fallen. As a memorial fund £ 25,000 is being raised.

Safer Outside.—A man smoked in Southwark County Court. "Bring him here," ordered Judge Granger, "and I'll make it a dear smoke for him." But he wasn't brought. Being discreet, he promptly disappeared.

Couldn't Wait.—The congestion of the docks at Liverpool is serious. The delay in discharging her cargo was so long that a large Atlantic liner has taken her load of grain back across the Atlantic.

Decimals Needed.—English children cannot learn languages like foreign children because their brains are worn out learning our complicated weights and measures, says Mr. E. C. Barton, of the Decimal Association.

Snakes.—A Dorset farm employee saw a large number of adders come out of an old heap of manure. He succeeded in killing seven of the snakes, which varied in length from twenty to forty inches.

A Clean Sweep.—Four German mine sweepers and two auxiliary ships have arrived in the Cattegat to remove mines. Further ships are expected, and it is hoped to clear the Sound in one month.

Coal for All.—Free coal was available at Nottingham the other day, when a wall at the Army Pay Corps central offices collapsed. This exposed 400 tons of coal, which had been hoarded in the event of another local strike.

A true Fish Story.—A Glasgow angler has made the biggest catch ever recorded by one individual on Loch Lomond. Within an hour and a half he landed one salmon at 13 lbs., two at 12 lbs., one at 12½ lbs., and one at 10½ lbs. The total weight was 60 lbs.

For Planes.—During the war investigations were assiduously carried on to discover a fuel which should prove ideal for aeroplane motors. The most satisfactory proved to be gasoline refined from the crude petroleum of certain producing fields.

Still in Force.—In view of the fact that the registration for certain foodstuffs may be necessary after June 30 next an Army Council instruction states that leave or duty ration books must be provided until further notice for officers and other ranks on leave, or on extended leave, or temporarily sent from their unit on duty.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIGNING THE TREATY.

PRECAUTIONS AT VERSAILLES.

BRITISH ADMIRAL AND THE SCUTTLER.

ADMIRALTY EXPLANATIONS.

THE SIGNING OF THE PEACE TREATY.

HOW IT WILL BE DONE.

It is intimated in French official sources that the signing of the Treaty certainly cannot take place before Friday and possibly not until Saturday. Up to late on Tuesday afternoon the Germans at Versailles had received no information regarding the names of the new delegation or the time of their arrival. It is supposed that Herr Müller, the new Foreign Minister, will be the principal delegate.

All arrangements for the signature are now complete. M. Clemenceau, President Wilson and Mr. Lloyd George will sign first, the Treaty being carried to them by the Master of the Ceremonies. The Big Three will sign as they sit. The other plenipotentiaries will sign at a special table and the Germans will sign last.

After the Treaty has been signed the delegates will be conducted to the Terrace at Versailles where they will see the famous fountains in full play. Four hundred French and Allied journalists will be admitted to the ceremony and a portion of the park will be opened to the public. The actual signing will probably take place on Friday at three o'clock.

There will be no special military display, the only troops present being those necessary to maintain order. These comprise seven regiments of cavalry and four of infantry, totalling about 16,000. Gendarmes and police agents will be stationed along the route to Versailles.

CLEMENCEAU TO RESIGN.

The *Echo de Paris* announces that M. Clemenceau intends to resign immediately the Treaty has been promulgated as he considers that the task for which he took office has now been accomplished.

President Wilson will leave Paris on the evening of the day of signature.

"WE HAVE WAITED FORTY-NINE YEARS."

When M. Clemenceau was informed of the German decision to sign the Treaty unconditionally he turned to the other Ministers present and said: "This is the moment for which we have waited forty-nine years." The Premier then conferred with Mr. Lloyd George and President Wilson, and subsequently was present at Les Invalides, where a salvo of 101 guns was fired.

As the evening wore on signs of rejoicing increased. Flags appeared in the streets and cafés, and American, French and British soldiers linked arms and sang Le Marseillaise.

VOTING IN THE GERMAN ASSEMBLY.

MILITARY ULTIMATUM.

The method of voting in the National Assembly was by members rising from their seats. The question put was: "Is the German Government authorised to sign an unconditional peace?" Only the Conservatives remained seated.

The speakers for the National and People's parties made a last frantic effort to persuade the Assembly to insist on attaching conditions. Before the session Noske visited the Centre party caucus and exhibited the ultimatum of the German Generals to resign if the Government surrendered Germany to the Entente. The indirect reply to this was a manifesto adopted by the leaders of all parties expressing the gratitude of the German nation for the services of the German armed forces.

RANTZAU ON THE DELEGATES' WORK.

A GAME BUT NOT A GAMBLE.

Correspondence which passed between Count Brockdorff-Rantzau and President Ebert has just been published.

The former explains his reasons for refusing to sign the Peace Treaty, saying: "I confidently hoped for the success of my policy if only the German people had backed me up. The negotiations at Weimar show, however, that for reasons of internal policy it appeared impossible for the Government to risk the stake without which I could not win a game which was no wild gamble. I only pre-supposed firmness and self reliance."

Ebert replied, thanking Rantzau for his efforts on behalf of the "unhappy Fatherland."

PROGRESS ON ARCHANGEL FRONT.

A War Office despatch from Archangel states that the enemy, after three fruitless counter attacks on the night of June 20/21 on our new positions on the Dvina, withdrew from Treitskii. He is now holding positions in and around Gordosk with advanced troops along the banks of the Solmenga river. Our troops are holding Chestako village. On the left bank the enemy vacated Yakovlevskoe and is holding Seletskoe. The enemy's retreat was very hurried and he left behind many rifles, ammunition and engineering stores.

WHY THE SCUTTLING WAS POSSIBLE.

EXPERT ADVICE REFUSED.

The House of Commons re-assembled yesterday afternoon after the Whitsun recess and recent events caused a great number of questions.

Mr. George Lambert asked the First Lord of the Admiralty why precautions were not taken to prevent the Germans from scuttling the warships at Scapa.

Mr. Long's reply was to the effect that complete reports of the circumstances attending the sinkings had not yet been received. It was known, however, that Admiral von Reuter had said verbally that he had personally given orders for the sinkings, being under the impression that the armistice had ceased on the Saturday.

The question of reparation for this act is now under consideration by the Allies in Paris.

The statement that the crews were changed periodically is incorrect. Sick men only have been changed as circumstances arose. Precautions were not taken by the Admiralty to prevent the possibility of scuttling the ships because such precautions were impossible. The ships were interned, not surrendered, and the Admiralty therefore had no power to place crews on board. It is not correct that the Admiralty Naval advisers had recommended internment of the ships. Their views were clearly and definitely expressed at the time of the surrender but the decision of the heads of the Allied Governments favoured internment.

This decision has controlled the situation ever since and made prevention of scuttling impossible. He strongly deprecated the unjustified attacks made on Admiral Wemyss.

The effect of the adoption of a policy of internment instead of absolute surrender was that the Admiralty had no right of access and no right to place armed guards aboard. Consequently the act of sinking the ships was simple.

Mr. Lambert: Did this internment take place contrary to the advice of the naval experts at the time of the armistice.

Mr. Long: The naval experts recommended as strongly as they could that the ships should be surrendered, not interned. The advice of the Admiral was not taken.

VON REUTER UNREPENTANT.

The following official information has been issued by the Admiralty. On Sunday afternoon the German officers were formed up on the deck of the Revenge under an armed guard, with Admiral von Reuter and his staff in front.

Admiral Fremantle then addressed Admiral von Reuter and told him he must consider himself a prisoner of war for having violated the terms of the armistice. Admiral Fremantle added that this traitorous act was not the first occasion on which the Germans had violated the civilized laws of the high seas. This speech was translated into German by a British officer.

Admiral von Reuter replied that he accepted the responsibility for what he had done. He felt that any British officer would have done the same and he also would do it again under the same circumstances. The prisoners were then marched off.

WATCH THE GERMANS.

Speaking at a dinner at the Carlton Hotel last night, Mr. Long, First Lord of the Admiralty, referred to the Scapa incident. It showed, he said, that we must be very wary of placing confidence in those who had been defeated and we should have to see to it that they carried out the conditions of peace. The Germans are not to be trusted and care will have to be taken to see that they do not again disturb the peace of the world or cause a repetition of the suffering they had caused by the war. We must realise that we are dealing with a people who are out particular about the way in which they carry out conditions they have accepted.

SALVAGE TOO EXPENSIVE.

The Admiralty reported yesterday that if tugs arrive in time it will be possible to salve the Baden, Emden, Frankfort and Nurnberg. The Admiralty discredit a report emanating from Paris that the Germans have sunk the remainder of their warships in German harbours. There is no prospect of salving the other ships without elaborate preparations. Meanwhile all necessary measures have been taken to secure the ships which are still afloat and to prevent further damage.

MIDDY SAVES FOUR DESTROYERS.

It was owing to the gallantry of a young midshipman whose name has not yet transpired that four German destroyers were saved from sinking. Armed with a rifle he boarded the nearest destroyer and compelled the crew to close the seacocks. In this way the vessel was kept afloat until it could be beached. Following up this success he coerced the crews of three other vessels in similar manner.

MARTIAL LAW AT SINGAPORE.

An official statement by the War Office says that disturbances broke out at Singapore on June 19th, owing to the anti-Japanese boycott. Chinese rioters caused considerable damage during the day and night.

H.M.S. Sidney, of the Australian Navy, remained in the harbour instead of leaving as intended, and sent landing parties to assist in keeping order. Three Chinese and one Japanese were killed and a number wounded. The city is now reported quiet, and business has been resumed.

FORTHCOMING SCENE AT VERSAILLES.

FRANCE TO KEEP THE TREATY.

The signing of the Peace Treaty, when Germany has finally been brought to see the handwriting on the wall, will be the occasion of solemn and impressive procedure.

Never in the history of the world, says the *Sunday Times*, have so many nations participated in the signing of a treaty. Never has a treaty been signed which so vitally affected the welfare of the whole world. Never has a treaty been signed which so changed the geographical contour of Continental Europe, and never has a treaty been signed which attempted not only to conclude with peace existing states of war, but to put all warfare to an everlasting end.

Never has history recorded an incident more dramatic than that which will transpire as the first of the German delegates dips his pen in the ink of despair to sign away once and for ever the much-vaunted hopes of German imperialistic sway over a conquered world.

International conventions are usually signed in one original by plenipotentiaries of all the contracting nations. This original is usually deposited with the Foreign Office of the nation in whose territory the conference is held. The world Peace Treaty in the original will, therefore, be deposited in the French Foreign Office at Paris.

Copies of this original will be sent to the Foreign Office of each of the contracting nations. After the actual signing the Treaty will be ratified by each of the twenty-seven nations according to its own method of procedure.

LONGEST TREATY ON RECORD.

The Treaty, written on heavy white paper, of a distinct weight and quality, known as "treaty paper," is the longest document of its kind ever written, consisting of 80,000 words, making a fair-sized volume of average size.

It consists of fifteen sections, which indexed read as follows:—

1. Covenant of the League of Nations.
2. Western frontiers of Germany.
3. Other frontiers of Germany.
4. German rights and privileges outside of Europe.
5. Military, naval, and air provisions.
6. Repatriation of prisoners of war.
7. Responsibility for the war.
8. Reparation and restoration.
9. Financial requirements.
10. Economic clauses.
11. Aerial navigation.
12. Freedom of transit.
13. International traffic regulation.
14. Guarantees required.
15. Miscellaneous provisions.

THE ORDER OF SIGNATURE.

The [illegible] and the Austrians will probably sign in the same column as the Germans, directly beneath the signatures of the latter delegates.

France will be the first of the Allied Powers to sign, followed in all probability by the United States, Great Britain, then by Italy and Japan. The signatures of the associated Powers will follow those of the Allied Powers, probably in the following alphabetical order:—

Belgium, Brazil, Bolivia, China, Cuba, Ecuador, Greece, Guatemala, Hayti, the Hedjaz, Honduras, Liberia, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Siam, Czecho-Slovakia, Uruguay.

In the Treaty, Germany is referred to as the party of the second part.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT APPEALS TO GERMANY.

THREE OBLIGATIONS.

Following their acceptance of the Peace Terms, President Ebert and the German Government are issuing an appeal to the German people, the text of which runs as follows:—

In accordance with the National Assembly the Government has signed the Peace treaty. We signed with a heavy heart, thinking only of saving our people from further war sacrifices and from the pains of famine.

Peace is concluded.

Now guard and secure Peace!

The first necessity is the fulfilling of the contract! All efforts must be made for the fulfilling of this contract. As far as it is realisable, it must be realised. We shall never forget those who in all probability will be separated from us. They are flesh of our flesh. We shall stand for them wherever we can, as for ourselves. They may be separated from Germany, but not from our hearts.

The second necessitay is Work!

The burden of this peace can only be borne if not one hand is idle. For every term not fulfilled our adversaries can answer with advance, occupation or blockade. Who works, defends his country.

The third necessity is Duty!

As we remained at our posts in spite of all distress of our conscience, everybody must do it. Soldiers, officials and civilians, every one must keep true to his duty for the sake of all, in these worst of all bad days. We are compelled to deliver Germans to enemy tribunals. We have defended ourselves against it to the utmost. But if officers and men do not help us to maintain interior discipline, not only a few hundreds but millions of our compatriots will be delivered to occupation, annexation and terror.

Germany must remain able to live. Without interior order there can be no work; without work no fulfilling of the covenant; without fulfilment no Peace, but war breaking out again. If do not all help, the signature on the Treaty is without value. Then alterations or revisions of the terrible burdens are impossible. The days we now lose can cost our children years of enslavement. Government and people must set to work at once. There must be no pause, no standing aside. There is only one outlet from the darkness of this contract, the preservation of our country and people through unity and work. Help us to this, men and women!—

President Ebert,
Bauer, Erzberger, Noske etc.

FOURFOLD MURDERER MUST HANG.

APPEAL DISMISSED.

The Court of Criminal Appeal, yesterday afternoon, dismissed the appeal of Henry Beckett, who was convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of the entire Cornish family, at Forest Gate.

Lord Reading, in giving judgment, said the murders were committed with great deliberation and the acts were consistent with the acts of a sane man of criminal and brutish disposition. There was not sufficient evidence, even with the addition of the new evidence taken, to justify the Court in disturbing the verdict of the Jury.

EX-SOLDIERS AND EMPLOYMENT.

CO-ORDINATION OF EFFORTS.

A proposal for a union of societies dealing with the needs of the ex-soldier was announced at the thirty-fourth annual meeting of the National Association for Employment of Ex-Soldiers, held at the head office, Victoria-street.

Lord George Hamilton, the Chairman, said an amalgamation with societies of kindreds objects would render the organisation more powerful, and such an amalgamation would be proposed on the 27th of the month. The report showed that during the year 6,157 men had been placed in permanent employment, and the numbers had been gradually increasing to the pre-war figure of over 10,000.

Sir Samuel J. Waring said unfortunately there were to-day a great number of soldiers out of employment. One reason for this was the paralysis which existed at an outcome of the war, and which would probably continue until peace was settled, and another—greater and more difficult to remedy—was the lack of a distinct and definite economic policy on the part of the Government. Sir Samuel thought more attention should be given to the deserving claims of the long-service man. Employers did not realise that there were numerous position, which the soldier was qualified to fill because of his professional training. People had been eloquent in their expressions of admiration for those men while they were fighting their country's battles. They made promises as to the fair treatment they would get, and it was to be hoped that those promises would be translated into action.

MINISTRY OF MUNITIONS STATISTICS.

MARCH 1918 LOSSES.

Ministry of Munitions, Mr. Kellaway gave some astounding figures to the House of Commons yesterday. Incidentally he revealed the British losses in material during the German offensive in the Spring of 1918. These included 1,000 guns, 70,000 tons of ammunition, 4,000 machine guns, 200,000 rifles, 700 trench mortars and 200 tanks, yet within a fortnight all these had been more than replaced.

On the day the Hindenburg line was broken through, British guns fired 243,000 shells more than were fired during the whole of the South African war. Fifteen thousand tons of poison gas were supplied during 1918 alone and Mr. Kellaway claimed that while the offensive powers of British gas were equal to German gas our anti-gas apparatus and appliances were far ahead of any other.

The Disposals Department had realised to date 130 millions sterling. The Kempton Park Depot is being rapidly cleared but Slough is indispensable. The Government could do with thousands more lorries than are on order just to enable them to clear the congested ports.

SUPREME ECONOMIC COUNCIL TO BE DISSOLVED.

The American Government has rejected the British proposal to perpetuate the Supreme Economic Council, which will, therefore, cease to exist after peace has been restored. The paper says that the British representatives on the Council recently approached the American members, including Mr. Hoover, with a scheme for the continuance of the Council, with headquarters in London. It is urged by the British that the Council would be a stabilizing force throughout Europe, more especially amongst the new nations, which have been largely dependent on the Council for supplies of food and raw materials, as well as financial support.

Whilst admitting the soundness of the argument, the Americans objected on the ground that in such a permanent Council there would be danger of building up a bureaucratic power, thus exposing to pointed criticism the democracy of any country participating in the scheme. In American circles it is pointed out that a permanent food council could easily be made the most powerful body in the world, controlling both Governments and peoples. The refusal is in accord with American financial policy, which is not to enter into any scheme for pooling the war debts of Allied and Associated Powers. The United States is quite willing to give all possible help in steadying economic conditions in Europe, but not to be bound by any formal obligations.

R.A.F. OFFICERS SENT TO PRISON.

The hearing was concluded at Middlesex Sessions yesterday of the charges against Lieut. Hankey and Lieut. Young, of the Royal Air Force. They were accused of stealing stores from the Hurst Park Depot of the Royal Air Force, and it was alleged that the officers, instead of removing to other depots, goods of which they had charge, sold them and pocketed the proceeds.

The jury found both prisoners guilty. Lieut. Hankey was sentenced to twelve months and Lieut. Young to nine months imprisonment in the second division. It was stated that as the result of the conviction both officers would lose a considerable gratuity.

THE CHARGE AGAINST SOCIETY ARTIST.

INNOCENT CORRESPONDENCE.

The investigation into the naturalization of M. Philip Laszlo, the well known Hungarian portrait painter, and allegations against his loyalty, was resumed at the Law Courts yesterday by the Certificates of Naturalization Revocation Committee, consisting of Mr. Justice Salter, Viscount Hambleden, and his Honour Judge Radcliffe, K.C. This is a tribunal to whom the Home Secretary has power to refer inquiry when the question of the revocation of a certificate of naturalization arises, and on whose recommendations he acts. Ordinarily its proceedings take place in camera, but a public hearing may be granted on the application of the Crown or of the naturalized person concerned, if the circumstances are considered sufficiently important. Laszlo applied for naturalization on August 15th 1914—eleven days after hostilities began—and the certificate was granted on August 29 of that year. After being interrogated by the authorities of Scotland Yard, he was interned, in September, 1917, and it was in consequence of suspicions as to his attitude and of certain acts he had committed which it was supposed indicated disaffection and disloyalty that the question of the revocation of his certificate arose.

The Attorney-General made general allegations of disaffection and disloyalty, and of communicating with the enemy during the war, but added three specific charges—that he supplied money to an escaped Austrian officer named Horn, that he sent letters to, and received letters from Hungary, not through the ordinary medium of the post, but through the Dutch diplomatic bag, and that he had attempted to send letters to Hungary viâ New York.

The case for the Crown being concluded, Earl Selborne gave evidence.

He said he had known Laszlo since 1910 and regarded him as incapable of doing anything dishonourable or treacherous.

Sir John Simon, K.C., in opening Laszlo's case said that the sister of the Foreign Minister in Holland had come to England to give evidence as to the innocent nature of the correspondence between Laszlo and her brother in Buda-Pesth, for whom she acted as intermediary.

Laszlo, said Counsel, had never wilfully transgressed the regulations. Directly he heard that it was wrong to send relations money and letters he ceased to do so.

The hearing was again adjourned.

TOTAL PROHIBITION IN THE UNITED STATES.

Unless a miracle intervenes, the United States goes "bone dry" from coast to coast on the 1st July. There is just time for those with plenty [illegible] prices of spirits, wines, and liquors [illegible]. The favourite midday occupation in big American cities to-day is to attend auctions, where you may buy cases of drink at three times the usual price. There is brisk bidding everywhere, and almost every house with a cellar is stocking up for a long siege. The most depressing sight to brewers is the spectacle of tens of thousands of public-houses and gin palaces already deserted. The Salvation Army will take as many as possible for tea-rooms.

In every city, people are booking seats in the restaurants for a glorious farewell to the demon rum, which will last well into the small hours of July 1, when prohibition becomes effective. As a compensation for what is to be lost, there is a movement afoot called "Buttermilk Day." The only fly in the ointment is the extraordinary demand for drugs, such as heroin and opium, which will apparently be substituted by some strong drink.

OFFICER'S TRIBUTE TO HIS WIFE.

In the will left by Major Baird, one of the first American army officers from New York to be killed in France, a remarkably affectionate tribute is paid to Mrs. Baird, to whom he leaves his entire estate, valued at £4,000.

The eulogy, which forms a considerable part of the will, says in part: "I want to say to the world that my wife, in my estimation, is the most perfect woman I ever saw, heard or knew of. She is endowed with marvellous courage, a very strong will, and an intensely high ideal of honour. Her love has never at any time diminished, but grown always, until I feel it has reached the point that can reasonably be considered the acme of perfect love. I am the richest of men in that I am plessed with the truest and most honourable, loving wife in the world."

Major Baird said he had never broken a promise or pledge to his wife nor ever deceived or told her a falsehood, "except as necessary to buy her presents and pleasantly surprise and cheer her."

COTTON STRIKE NOT SETTLED.

It is officially announced that in the dispute between the Lancashire employers and workers the operative cotton spinners have rejected the terms of the proposed settlement which was reported to have been effected at a joint conference held at Manchester on Monday. The decision for rejection was reached at a meeting held at Southport but it was agreed to call a meeting for tomorrow to discuss the whole question.

DERBY MEN'S PROSPECTS.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons Captain Guest said he could add nothing further to the previous statements regarding the release of the men enlisted under the Derby scheme. They numbered about 300,000 and it was obvious that the whole of them could not be released immediately after Peace has been signed.

He hoped, however that, it would be possible gradually to diminish the forces which are now being kept at the disposal of the War Office.

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TOMMY'S DOG.

What is to be the fate of Tommy's pet? This is a question which is exercising the minds of many who during their enforced absence from home have become attached to and found a pal in the best sense of that much abused term in a member of the canine breed.

We are all familiar with this type of pets, of mascots, he is perhaps the most popular. There is the big cumbersome mastiff, the noisy terrier and now to the collection has been added a diverse variety of Teuton breed, yet responsive as their fellows.

One recalls their comradeship, their share in the discomforts now happily past, the feeling of fellowship which their presence gave in moments of danger, their devotion at all times. In lighter vein one calls to mind their distaste of anything not associated with things military, their adaptability, one might almost say their mimicry of Tommy's characteristics as a scrounger and now with increasing demobilization arises the question of what is to become of him.

Reluctantly perhaps he will be handed over to a comrade. There is a strong case for official action. To many a man the cost of quarantine is prohibitive, apart from the separation involved and so it comes about that this class of pet is cast adrift or eagerly adopted by a resident who is quick to appreciate the good points of dogs of the British strain trained and bred as many of our war dogs have been. One realises the difficulties in the way and we leave it at that, but it is a problem which calls we believe for some notice if not sympathetic action.

LANGUAGE STUDY.

In connection with the letters that have been reaching us advocating that all ranks in the Rhine Army should lose no time in acquiring the knowledge of another tongue, many people have conceived the idea that we British are incapable of learning foreign languages well.

It is true that, compared with our own, the grammars of most other tongues are more complicated in structure, but surely this should not deter the Briton from studying another language or even more than one.

It has been said over and over again that the man who knows two languages is worth two men, and, with regard to trade, there was never a truer saying.

We must exhibit, in the future, much more enterprise with reference to languages, just as the traders of foreign countries before the war, and just as they have already begun to do, now that hostilities have ceased.

German prisoners in England were always allowed ample leisure for purposes of study and one of their principal subjects was Spanish. This, in itself, indicates an intention of extensive trade with South America. They were also acquiring a no mean knowledge of English. In short, they were thinking of the future.

It is true that English is spoken almost everywhere. Travellers have been known to have met with English-speaking natives in most outlandish places, but such occurrences are extremely rare.

We must not expect English to be spoken wherever we may wish to trade or with whichever country we desire to correspond; we must, in the future, acquire a sound knowledge of the language of the folk with whom we deal. By this means we waste no time and our transactions become much more profitable.

At the present time the study of foreign tongues is much more necessary to the British race than ever it was before, since many of our young men, having lived an outdoor life for a year or so, will no longer be content with the routine of the usual business office.

They have developed that peculiar sense, the Wanderlust. Their hearts are larger, their lungs have expanded, their limbs are stronger; they desire to spread across the world—in the interests of Great Britain and their own.

Many will, of course, proceed to the colonies, but by no means all, because there will be innumerable openings for enterprising travellers, business men in other lands — to name a few, all the countries of South and Central America, both the West and East Indies, Russia, and other European powers.

And if we are to compete with other nations we must of necessity acquire as sound a knowledge as possible of the idiom of the land with which we deal.

In the most important countries of the world, the education authorities are impressing the need for language study upon the people; in some cases it is being enforced. Intelligent parents are doing the same.

Hitherto the British have not taken kindly to this branch of learning. There remains no doubt, however, that those young men who have the will and energy to plod along with their grammar books and excercises, and whose work is supported by ambition, have a bright future before them.

Upon these depend Britain's prestige, and her power to lead the world in every branch of commercial enterprise.

THE EPISTLES OF PETER BIRSE, JUNIOR.

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA.

Dear Maister Editor,

For a lang time back, the aw'in in nae sinse meesickal, aw've been contemplawtin' a veesit t' th' Opery in Coloan t' see fat manner o' an intellectyual an' speerityual hankwit th' high-broos feast on i' their leesher 'oors.

Seein' th' Opery Hoose 's closin' for th' sisson on Sinda nicht, aw hookit a suit th' ither day for the performance o' a fawer-ack bizness they cal' "Aida".

The seen o' the story, as ye're weel aware, is laid amo' the Jippos, an' aw cudna help thinkin' aince or twice, on glowerin' at the bannie Rickety-blue sky an' raidyant sinsheen 'at aw was mighty unlucky nae t' click for th' Ejeepshan draft 'at aw miss'd b' inches i' th' airly stage o' th' war. Man, it's a grand kwintra, tho i' the time o' the Pharoas, fan the story was enackit, the fowk had appawrently mighty queer hawbits. Aw'm maybe droll enouch masel' i' some respecks, but aw'm simply noat in it wi' th' Jippos o' aulden times.

T' lat ye unnerstan', fat was th' meanin' o' gyaun aboot spare wi' firemen's helmits an' skin-tichts on? Aw can unnerstan' their wearin' the tin contrapshuns on their heids i' th' middel o' a war, but they were them jist th' same fan paice broke oot. An' fat think ye was the meanin' o' singin' a'thing they had to say in fat aw tak' t' be the Jairman tung? Fan a bit warrie did brak' oot —— as brak' oot they wull i' th' best regulatit o' kwintras —— th' serjeet-major didna bawther shoutin' "Fall in!" but it was maybe jist as weel, fan ye'll wonder fiseever he wid hae taen o' foreneen t' sing something like "Fa—Fa—Fa—Fall in, Fall in, Fall in, Fall Fall Fall, Fall in!" It was sma oonner tae, fan ye sub dyou'd yer ennimies t' be brocht hame in a contrapshun like an Icecraim barra.

A Land of Maud Allans.

As for the men, espeeshally th' heid billies aboot th' coort, they shaughl'd aboot dress'd up like weemen, an' haips o' th' weemen didna bawther dressin' ava or at lust nacthing t' speek o'. It's aisy t' jaloos fa pey'd th' biggest lan'ry bills. Of coors', livin' i' this refin'd an' highly civilees'd age, aw'm maybe owre partecklar. An' be the faults fat they may there were sindry faityures o' the opery 'at plais'd me by-ordaer week.

First o' a' aw reelly did enjoy the sicht o' th' Keeng's trumpiters dress'd in fat aw took t' be Munro tartan hilts, 'at shows 'at that ainshint clan 's mair venerawbel nor loats o' Scootchmen think. The seenery t' was gran', espeeshaily th' banks o' th' Nile on "a braw bricht mune-licht nicht," an' ilka bit as bonnie was the seductiv dancin' o' Ejeepshan queans in Maud Allan outfits 'at even a cura the High Priest had t' stan' an admeer. Nyod, aw winner at 'im.

Wi regard t' the meesik aw'm nae kwalifee'd t' speek. Aw miss'd the bag-pipes but aw'm tell't in circles weel entit'l'd t' pass an opeenyun 'at bag-pipes wid hae been fairly oot of place. So aw'm weel content t' let it pass at that.

On anither sma' p'int aw was slightly oot o' m' reck'nin'. It was the auld-fashion'd treeangler story, ye'll maybe min' — two weemen an' a man. He was a sodger, an' at first aw was inclin'd t' jump t' the natural concloosbun 'at, follow'n' the time-onner'd custom as weel as preevilidge o' the sodger, he'd been sendin' field poast-cairds t' the pair o' them simultawnieously. That was a grooss lechel, hoocver, for fan he was at the wars ane o' the weemen lool'd him withoot him coorespondin' wi' her, or ha'in' ony uptak' o ony descreepshun.

An I-ta-lyen ca'd Verdi, aw'm tell't, wrote the opery t' celibrawt th' openin' o' the Sewage Canal, but there's naething muddy aboot the prodackshun in m' hum'le speenyun excep' till an unsofeesticawtit but strickly oanest byeucellick like

Yours respeckfully
PETER BIRSE, JUNIOR.

THE PRICE.

Sweet are the fruits of Victory; we shall see
Gay coloured bunting floating in the breeze.
Once more the conquerors, once again proud, free,
But who has paid?
Not we, the few that now remain and strive
To put behind those awful days gone past.
Not any soul that now is still alive,
But those who died.
Yes: Our Dear Dead—and those they left behind,
Who watched and waited, waited all in vain
With broken hearts, and faces pale and lined:
They too have paid.
But surely God as made a special care,
Of those who waited, waited all in vain,
Of those who lost their loved ones, way out there
Of those who paid.
REX.

(From the 3rd Battalion Machine Gun Corps Magazine.)

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

DEBATING SOCIETIES.

Sir,—I am in entire agreement with A.H.T who, in his letter in to-day's issue, emphasizes the educational value of debating societies.

Apart from the considerable knowledge which the process of discussion imparts, there is no finer means of achieving fluency of speech and thought than by taking part in public debate.

Mr. Asquith, among many of our most successful public speakers, makes no secret about his early experience being gained as a result of frequent participation in the discussions of a humble debating society.

T.U.G.

LEARN A LANGUAGE.

Sir,—Perhaps "Iris" will be interested to know the outcome of an effort made early in the year to start a language class, such as he suggests in your issue of yesterday.

With the consent of the Commanding Officer of my Battalion, who, by the way, was never more valuable than when on the subject of fraternization, a class was started and the services of the local schoolmaster were engaged.

A charge of one mark a lesson was made—a small one considering the present rate of exchange. Officers and men attended, and the experiment met with a certain amount of success, spoiled only by demobilization and eventual breaking-up of the Battalion.

Let "Iris," if he is billetted outside Cologne, as I presume he is, get into touch with a local educational dignitary and all will be plain sailing if there is a real desire to master languages.

ATKINS.

ABOUT CHURCH SERVICES.

Sir,—In the units stationed some distance from the big centres such as Cologne, Bonn or Aachen, there is generally provision made to hold services in their camps on most Sundays for the Church of England officers and men, but little seems to be done for the Roman Catholics. They often appear to be quite forgotten when arrangements are made for other denominations. As one of them, I think this is a grievance worth ventilating.

FIDELIS.

THE CANTEEN GROUSE.

Sir,—May I be permitted to support "M.G.C." in what we may now regard as the daily "canteen grouse?" The complaints are not without reason.

Week by week the regimental canteen allotment is quickly swallowed up, and with the appearance of the familiar "No cigarettes," the men are obliged to make use of the E.F.C. canteen in Cologne. Those who have seen the queue outside these premises will realise what this means. Often enough the greater part of an afternoon is spent in an endeavour to reach the counter, and many men rather than waste their time prefer to return, less the much-favoured solace.

Now it seems to me that much of the difficulty can be overcome, if regimental allotments are increased. Failing this the canteen should be re-organized.

A "change" counter should be set up, and another set apart for the exclusive sale of cigarettes. Much time is wasted in the giving of change and argument as to the validity of certain paper money.

The exercise of a "system" would, I am sure, relieve congestion and incidentally improve one's temper.

R.H.A.

CAUSES OF THE GREAT WAR.—III.

In our last article we saw that Austria was confronted with the alternative of localising the dispute with Serbia or of widening it into a European question.

What we have to realise is that behind the attempt to humiliate Serbia was the intention of challenging Russia, and with Russia, France. Before we proceed to examine minutely the nature of the demands formulated by Austria with German support, we must carry our minds back to the state of affairs in July 1914 in England, France and Russia. To take England first—on July 24th, the Irish crisis was at its height.

The Buckingham Palace Conference of 21-24th July had just failed to bring about a solution of the Ulster question by consent. Ulster was armed, and openly defying the Government of Mr. Asquith to apply force; the Nationalist Volunteers had begun to arm also.

Anyone who consults the file of a London newspaper for July 1914, will there find thrice as much matter on the Irish deadlock as on the European crisis. It was prospective civil war within the United Kingdom, and not a general European war—which all but a few diplomatists thought preventable by negotiation—that was occupying the minds of the Ministry and the nation.

In France, politicians of Paris were wholly preoccupied with the Caillaux political scandal. The Caillaux trial occupied an equally important place in the newspaper columns with the Irish question, whilst the Serbian-Austrian question was relegated to a very subsidiary position.

Meanwhile Russia had her own troubles in the shape of strike-riots. These had begun on May Day, and had been continuing intermittently ever since.

The Caillaux trial being then due, the President of the Republic, accompanied by M. Viviani, the new Premier, and the Foreign Minister, arrived on 20th of July to pay a ceremonial visit to the Czar of Russia at Cronstadt.

On the day when the Austrian Minister at Paris served the ultimatum document upon the Quai d'Orsay, there was no Premier or Foreign Minister to receive it, and no President to be consulted.

Putting together the Irish crisis, the Caillaux trial, and the long continued Petrograd riots, some observers said that the precise moment for the launching of the Austrian ultimatum had been skilfully chosen.

The three Entente Powers were each so engrossed with their own internal troubles that their Foreign Ministers would find it hard to concentrate their attention on the new crisis.

To face the possibility of war abroad during a desperate home crisis, requires a strong mind. Nevertheless, if the Government at Vienna was counting on the possibility of disunion among the Entente statesmen, or of their shrinking from dealing with the question from fear of a reopening of the whole Eastern question, it was doomed to disappointment. In each of the three capitals where the Austrian note was most unwelcome, the Government took up the question at once, thrusting aside the urgent domestic troubles as matters of minor importance. How this raised the question to wider issues will form the subject of our next article.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE

LAST WEEK OF THE SEASON.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Thursday	6	Königskinder	Humperdinck
Friday	6	The Gipsybaron	Strauss
Saturday	5½	Freischütz	Weber
Sunday	3	Mastersingers of Nuremberg	Wagner

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Theatre and Opera House.

The new theatrical and operatic season commences on August 31st. At the theatre (Schauspielhaus) "Torquato Tasso" by Goethe will be played. Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" will be staged the week following.

"Tristan and Isolde" will be produced on the opening night at the Opera House. The orchestra will be under the direction of Herr Otto Klemperer. On Sept. 6th Puccinis "Tosca" is announced, while Mozart's "Cosi fan Tutte" will follow on Sept. 27th.

The Tiger Pips.

All who appreciate a bright and breezy evening's amusement should make a point of seeing the show staged by the "Tiger Pips" the talented combination associated with the Pioneer Battalion of the Leicestershire Regt., stationed for a short time in the Zülpich area. Their talent has been much remarked upon in the Brühl district where the Battn., was in training up to a few weeks ago. The O.C. Party, Lieut. Steijes writes to say that he has several vacant dates, and, having seen the entertainment, we say that units requiring a visit would do well to get into touch with him. The show has been revised in its entirety and much new business introduced, while the stage properties and dressing have been completely overhauled.

At Warderburg

Performing at Warderburg, which by the way, has an admirable concert hall, the "Tiger Pips" led by the two comedians, Messrs. Whitebread and Whitehead, were in great vein. The show gave evidence of careful rehearsal and Col. Lambton, D.S.O., officers and men of the Battalion had every reason to congratulate themselves upon the success of the evening.

A B.E.L.C. Concert.

A very delightful concert was given by the Western Divisional String Orchestra at the British Empire Leave Club on Wednesday evening, under the able conductorship of Lieut. J. Ainslie Murray, A.R.A.M. It was hard to believe that the band had only been in existence for two months, so excellent was the *ensemble*. The programme opened with the "Poet and Peasant" overture by Suppé, followed by Sibelius' "Valse Triste." Other items which were much appreciated were Fincke's "Gavotte" and "The March of the Giants." Pte. J. F. Shaw, 53rd South Wales Borderers, sang "Kashmiri Love Song," his fine voice filling the hall, and thoroughly delighting the audience. The violin solo by Dr. Young was received with great enthusiasm. He played a serenade by Deula and the audience would not be satisfied until he had played two encores.

New Dances.

Another very successful dance was held the other evening at the B.E.L.C. As the weather was a little cooler it made the evening all the more enjoyable. Exhibitions of the "Decimore Waltz" and the "On Leave Fox-Trot" were given and afterwards practised and thoroughly enjoyed.

The regular attendants of the B.E.L.C., Wanst Drives I am sure will be sorry to hear that Pte. Price has been demobilized. He has always undertaken the duties of M.C. and will be very much missed both on Thursday evenings and also at the dances and dancing classes where he has been of very great assistance.

Ford the Fiddler.

When you see "The Robin Hoods," look out for Aubrey Ford. I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting the other members of the Company, but I knew Aubrey in civilian days. He is quite "The big shakes" in violinists and is making audiences sit up. I believe I am right in saying he is a Professor at the London College of Music. He will be already familiar to London concert goers.

Stotzheim Amusements.

Incidently I have received the following from a member of "The Robin Hoods" party: "Re Capt. Batty's remarks about no other party having appeared in Stotzheim before, I might say "The Robin Hoods" gave a show last February to the 8th Brigade, and so successfully that they had to pay two return visits."

"King's" Make Merry.

Quite an enjoyable little concert was given by the 13th King's Liverpool Regt., at Lieburg-Mulden the other evening. 2 Lt. Russell was responsible for the arrangements. There was a galaxy of talent, including Capt. Heckerhill, M.C., Lieut. White, L/Cpl. Warnock, Ptes Cowre, Horton, Hughes, Walters, Walsch and Dmr. Woodcock. After a very pleasant evening Col. Potter, C.M.G., D.S.O., moved a vote of thanks, which was taken up by all present in good style.

Y.M.C.A. Activities.

The following are a few of the fixtures arranged by the Y.M.C.A. at Loreley Hall. This evening Capt. G.N. Cooper will lecture on "Engineering Marvels" (with lantern illustrations). To-morrow the grand music competition, organised by Mr. Arnold Jones, takes place. On Saturday Capt. R. S. Gwatkin Williams is to give his interesting lecture, "In the hands of the Senussi." They are announced to start at 7 p.m. each evening.

Another Recital.

The famous association of Austrian chamber musicians, Prof. Rosé and his partners, will give a recital in the Grand Hall of the Burgergesellschaft on Sunday next the 29th June. Quartettes of Haydn, Beethoven and Schubert will be played. The concert begins at 6 o'clock.

In Few Words.

After their run at the Apollo Theatre, "The Tabs," I hear, are to make a lengthy tour of the Divisional areas.

Apropos of the Rhine Army Musical Societies, an interesting announcement will appear in this column to-morrow.

This evening there is a whist drive at the B.E.L.C. The Pipers of the 11th Royal Scots will be in attendance.

The Kristall Palast, a well-known Cologne cabaret, announce that commencing July 1st they will stage "the finest boxers in the world." Does Mr. C.B. Cochran know of this?

JACQUES.

ENGLAND'S BEST AMATEUR SIDE.

THREE-DAY MATCH AT LORD'S.

GREAT GAME BETWEEN AUSTRALIANS AND GENTLEMEN'S XI.

"I advise all cricketers who can spare the time—especially those interested in amateur cricket—to get to Lord's to see the three-day match which begins there to-day. The title of it is "A Gentlemen of England XI. v. The Australians."—Col. Philip Trevor, C.B.E.

Thus wrote Col. Philip Trevor on Monday, who, after seeing the majority of the first-class counties perform this season, expresses the opinion that in point of all-round excellence the Australians have a better side that any English county can put in the field. Their fielding and running between wickets is alone believed to be worth, roughly, 70 or 80 runs a day to them. If they beat the Gentlemen's XI they may be said to have defeated our best amateur team.

At Lord's on Monday the home team opened very well, scoring 378 for six wickets, as the result of sheer good batting. This was compiled in rather more than 4½ hours of actual play. At this stage of the match the weather presented signs of being unsettled, and the touring team were obliged to bat on a sticky wicket which is not exactly to their liking. P. F. Warner captained the Gentlemen's XI.

Scores:—

GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND.

Rev. F. H. Gillingham c Gregory, b Lampard	83
D. J. Knight, l b w, b Winning	42
A. J. Evans, c Pellew, b Stirling	68
P. F. Warner, b Gregory	43
Hon. C. N. Bruce b Gregory	1
J. W. H. T. Douglas, not out	5
A. W. Carr, st Long, b Collins	3
Capt. D. C. Robinson, not out	10
Extras	16
Total (6 wkts.)	378

M. Falcon, J. C. White, and C. S. Marriott to bat

Australian I. F.—H. L. Collins, C. B. Willis, J. M. Taylor, C. E. Pellew, W. S. Stirling, A. W. Lampard, E. Bull, W. L. Trenerry, J. M. Gregory, C. Winning, and E. J. Long.

On Tuesday night the scores were:—

Gentlemen of England	40
Australians ..... 1st inns 85; 2nd inns 149 for 8.	

SUSSEX v. OXFORD.

HEAVY DEFEAT FOR UNIVERSITY AT BRIGHTON.

Oxford University 1st inns 171; sec. innings 140.
Sussex ..... 436.

A poor batting display was given by Oxford University against Sussex at Brighton in the first of the former's out matches. Sussex won by an innings and 125 runs.

M. Howell, b Vidler	57
P. M. Hall, b Roberts	2
F. A. Waldock, b Cox	11
H. P. Ward, l b w, b Vidler	57
F. J. Naumann, c Miller, b Vidler	0
R. G. de Uphaugh, b Cox	4
F. W. Gilligan, b Tate	5
C. H. L. Skeet, l b w, b Vidler	0
P. S. Bower, b Tate	0
G. V. Pearse, not out	22
A. M. Pritchard, b Vidler	6
Extras	7
Total	171

In the second innings, Oxford scored 140.

HITCH IN FORM.

Warwickshire 1st innings 189; sec. innings 185.
Surrey ..... 1st innings 158; sec. innings 90.

Hitch took 6 wickets for 73 runs in this match at Birmingham, the scores being as follows:—

WARWICKSHIRE.

W. H. Harris, c Strudwick, b Hitch	20
Bates, c Strudwick, b Hitch	5
Charlesworth, c and b W. J. Abel	18
Quaife, b Hitch	0
G. W. Stephens, c Strudwick, b Rushby	53
Smith, b Hitch	59
A. F. Lane, b Hitch	12
C. A. F. Hastilow, l b w, b Hitch	0
Luckin, c Harrison, b Rushby	6
Howell, not out	6
Field, b Rushby	1
Extras	7
Total	189

In the second innings, Warwickshire scored 185.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

NOTABLE BOWLING.

MIDLAND D.A.C. (64) v. 9th CORPS H.A. (26) on the former's ground on Monday, when the D.A.C. won their first match in The Cologne Post Cup. The visitors batted first, but did not survive very long before the splendid bowling of Capt. Brewin O.B.E. (5 for 14) and 2nd Lieut. Jeffries (4 for 3), and were dismissed for a total of 26.

The D.A.C. commenced badly and only managed to draw ahead after the fall of the sixth wicket. The last wicket, however, was the feature of the day's play. 2nd Lieut. Jeffries, getting in some powerful hits, made 23 (not out), and Capt. Brewin O.B.E. 12 before he was run out. Gunner Crossley (16), also batted well for the home team, who compiled in all 64.

BEST IS BEST.

77 SIEGE BATTERY (183) v. MIDLAND DIV. H.Q. (62) at Brühl on Monday. 77 Siege Battery batted first and knocked up the score of 183, the feature of the innings being the fine batting of Mills, who, going in at the fall of the first wicket, carried out his bat for 93, and Cpl. Fenton batted well for 42. Wheatley, of the Midland Division team, batted well for 33, the rest doing very little against the bowling of Cpl. Fenton, who had 6 wickets for 26 runs, and Sergt. Garmousway 3 for 25. The Div. team tried six bowlers, the most successful being Best (5 wickets for 45) and Triston (3 for 38). The fielding of the winners was a notable feature of the game.

92nd FIELD AMBULANCE (84) v. 91st FIELD AMBULANCE (27), on the 92nd F.A. ground on Monday. The visitors batted first but could only produce 27 runs against the bowling of Cpl. Langford and Pte. Richardson, the former taking 7 wickets for 18 runs, and the latter 2 for 7. The leading scorers for the home team were Cpl. Langford (28), Pte. Bancroft (22), and Pte. Roach (16).

COLOGNE SOUTHERN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
93 Bde. R.G.A.	5	4	1	—	8
180 Labour Coy.	3	3	0	—	8*
Northern Div. H.E.	4	3	0	1	7
D 190 Bde. R.F.A.	4	3	1	—	6
51 Devon	3	3	0	—	6
Wahn Survey Det.	3	1	2	—	6*
5 R. Irish	2	1	0	1	5*
52 Bedford	4	2	2	—	4
H.A.C.	4	0	4	—	2*
VI. Corps H.Q.	2	1	1	—	2
"G" A.A. Btry.	2	1	1	—	2
161 Bde. R.F.A.	2	1	1	—	2
41 Bn. M.G.C.	1	1	0	—	2
3 Bn. M.G.C.	1	1	0	—	2
34 Bn. M.G.C.	1	0	1	—	2*
170 Siege Btry.	3	0	2	1	1
2 Bn. M.G.C.	1	0	0	1	1
23 Bde. R.A.S.C.	2	0	2	—	0
1 R. Irish Rifles	2	0	2	—	0
2 M.G.Sq. Cav. Div.	1	0	1	—	0
VI. Corps Sig. Coy.	1	0	1	—	0
3 Northern Bde.	1	0	1	—	0
5 K.O.Y.L.I.	0	0	0	—	0

* points awarded for scratched matches.

BILLIARD MATCH AT KALK.

The Water Tank Coy. of Ehrenfeld brought an excellent team to play the Kalk "Dough Boys" in a friendly game of billiards on Monday. The visitors won the first three games, giving the Bakers a severe shaking. However the Bakers pulled up wonderfully in the remaining three games. Results:—

R.A.S.C. Water Tanks 535;
"Dough Boys" 511.

The Bakeries have no further fixtures and invite any team in friendly rivalry. Teams 6 a side, game 100 up.

1st SIGNAL SQUADRON SPORTS MEETING.

It has been decided to hold the above meeting on July 5th, at Quadrath. The eliminating heats will be run off on Saturday next, 28th inst. Amongst the events, the mile race open to the Cavalry Division, promises to be a great tussle. All entries with fees must be sent in at once, and without delay, to the O.C. Sports, 1st Signal Squadron R.E., Cavalry Division.

WORCESTER v. GLOUCESTER.

Worcestershire 1st inns., 251; 2nd inns., 282 for 9 (declared).
Gloucestershire ..... 1st inns., 334.

At Worcester. The following were the details:-

WORCESTERSHIRE.

J. W. Turner, c Dipper, b Ellis	3
A. T. Cliff, b Parker	0
Bowley, b Parker	5
M. F. S. Jewell, c Gange, b Parker	35
F. Harry, run out	0
Capt. Sheppard, b Ellis	11
L. Tipper, c Rowlands, b Ellis	42
T. Aldchurch, st Smith, b Dipper	51
W. H. Taylor, c Dipper, b Ellis	32
Hunt, b Dipper	17
Bale, not out	0
Extras	3
Total	201

In the second innings Worcestershire scored 282 for the loss of 8 wickets, when they declared.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Dipper, c Cliff, b Tipper	15
Huggins, b Cliff	92
W. H. Rowlands, b Tipper	0
P. F. Williams, c Cliff, b Hunt	89
Smith, not out	54
Lt.-Col. A. K. G. White, not out	3
Extras	12
Total (4 wkts.)	235

The total score for the 1st inns. was 334.

SPORTING REFLECTIONS.

"Dough Boys" Sports.

Travelling back to town on the 6.39 from Coblenz the other afternoon, I noticed little groups of American soldiers get in and out at various wayside stations, carrying the implements of sport. Cricket does not seem to be at all popular with them, probably owing to the slowness of the game. It was baseball, baseball, all the way. A Senegalese soldier, whom Thomas Fuller, the eminent mediaeval divine, might have termed "a saint in ebony" eyed the dangerous-looking bat very suspiciously. Perhaps he thought the war had broken out again.

What of Quoits?

Few genuine games of quoits were played by British "Tommies" in France or Belgium during the war, and in Rhineland the devotees of this ancient pastime seem to be equally few and far between. What is the reason? It is a hefty game of skill for old and young, which can be played on the poorest ground, and within an area of comparatively small dimensions. It is, moreover, not too strenuous for the tropical sort of weather with which, until the arrival of Jupiter Pluvius, we were somewhat embarrassingly endowed.

A Land of Bowlers.

The voice of the grouser is heard in the land of our birth, here, there, and everywhere. In the cricket arena he is not satisfied with the speed with which the great national game is played. Out here there is no such cause for "jibbing," it being no uncommon spectacle for a side to be out without a single batsman reaching double figures. A Rhineland team the other day ran up a dozen runs in a match. This is a veritable land of bowlers. Can it be the result of throwing hand-grenades?

The Rhineland "Jockey Club."

Not the least interesting feature of the lists of registered horses, which the Rhineland "Jockey Club" has issued, and which appear in serial form in the columns of *The Cologne Post*, is the names of the "gee-gees," and one wonders how some of these appellations came to be selected. That must, I fear, remain a secret locked up in the bosom of each equine owner. One of my lady friends is strongly of opinion that it must be a case of "thereby hangs a tale". I wonder.

THE RAMBLER.

The highest number of cricket runs in a year in England is T. Hayward's 3,518 in 1906, which he compiled in 61 innings (8 times not out), average 66.37. The previous best was 3,309 by Abel in 1901, in 68 innings (8 not outs), average 55.15.

H. Green at Stamford Bridge on May 12, 1913, ran 20 miles, 952 yds. in 2 hours.

The longest time for remaining under water is Georges Pouliquen's 6 mins 29 4-5 secs, at the Piscine de la Gare, Paris, Nov. 2nd, 1912.

C. Rowell ran 100 miles in America in 1882 in 13 hrs. 26 mins. 30 secs.

RACE MEETINGS AT BRIGHTON AND BIRMINGHAM.

BRIGHTON RESULTS.

Sussex Plate:— 1, Sundon (100—30); 2, Lady Smythe (7—2); 3, Rassode (100—8).

Steyning Plate:— 1, Palmelia (2—1); 2, Throsca, colt (3—1); 3, Pourville (6—4).

Highweight Handicap:— 1, Clapgate (5—1); 2, Knight of Peace (7—2); 3, Sanctissima (10—1).

Ditchling Plate:— 1, Gift of Gab (6—4 on); 2, Eaudevie (5—2); 3, The Wreck (100—6).

Patcham Plate:— 1, Headland (2—1); 2, Policman (20—1); 3, Quari (7—1).

Egremont Plate:— 1, Polichinella (9—2); 2, Furin (evens); 3, Master Picton (6—1).

BIRMINGHAM RESULTS.

Jamworth Plate:— 1, Fewston (evens); 2, Cenbiol Picton (100—8); 3, Facsimili (5—1).

Packington Plate:— 1, Eager Agnes (10—11); 2, Fretwork (6—1); 3, Agreta (7—1).

Bromford Handicap:— 1, Magic Prince (3—1); 2, Tomfool (4—1); 3, Indian Feast (20—1).

Midland Breeders Plate:— 1, Selix (10—1); 2, Coat Tor (11—8); 3, Maeldune (5—4).

Guernsey Stakes:— 1, Minganie (100—8); 2, Prince Orb (7—4 on); 3, Alentown (3—1).

Bull Ring Stakes:— 1, Sea Voyage (5—4); 2, Sangelo (3—1); 3, Heir at Law (5—2).

LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

PATTERSON AND BROOKES IN FINE FORM AT WIMBLEDON.

The lawn tennis championships competitions were continued at Wimbledon on Tuesday, when brilliant form was displayed by a number of players, particularly G.L. Patterson and Norman Brookes. Results:—

Gent's singles:—Roper Barrett beat Nypels 6—3, 6—4, 6—3; Martin beat Crawshaw 6—4; 6—2, 3—6; 6—1; Dash beat Jabbush 6—2, 6—1, 6—0; Fisher beat Black 6—2, 6—2, 6—4; Zorah beat White 6—4, 6—2, 6—1; Garland beat E. Barrett 6—0, 6—0, 6—1; Griffin beat Ward 6—2, 6—1, 6—0; Davis beat Dawson 6—2, 5—7, 2—6, 6—2, 6—2; Teall beat Harris 6—1, 6—4, 6—0; Crawley beat Dudley 6—1, 6—1, 6—3; Seale beat Seriere 6—0, 8—6, 6—4; Parton beat Mcarvity 6—3, 6—4, 6—4; Col. Kingscott beat Laurenty 7—5, 6—3, 6—1.

Second Round:—Beningfield beat Thomson 7—5, 6—1, 6—3; Dixon beat Field, 6—1, 6—1, 6—2; Mathey beat Raymond, 3—6, 6—2, 6—4, 6—1; Sharp beat Addison, 6—4, 6—3, 6—3, Gobert beat Lovibond, 6—2, 6—2, 6—4; Patterson beat Roper Barret, 7—5, 6—2, 7—5; Bisseker beat Asthalter, 9—7, 6—4, 6—4; Hunter beat Lindap 6—2, 6—2, 6—4; Ritchie beat Tindell Green, 7—5, 6—8, 6—2, 6—2; Norton beat Birties, 6—2, 6—0, 6—0; Mavrogordato beat Lowe 7—5, 9—11, 6—2, 6—1, 6—3;

Gent's Doubles:— Patterson and Brookes beat Schemleer and Seriere, 6—1, 6—2, 6—1.

Ladies Singles:— Mlle. Lenghen beat Mrs Cobb, 6—0, 6—1.

INTER-ALLIED SPORTS.

BRITISH AND AMERICAN ATHLETES IN PARIS.

The crowd at the Pershing Stadium in Paris on Monday to witness the first day's competitions in the Inter-Allied games was not nearly as great as at Sunday's opening of the Stadium. Monday not being a holiday, but the east end of the great tiers of benches was crowded with Americans and Canadians watching the baseball. Results:

100 Metres.—First Round (first two in each heat to compete in final)—Heat 1: 1, Teschner (America) 2. Heurin (France) 3, Valiamats (Roumania), Heat 2: 1, Lindsay (New Zealand) 2, Hahburtin (Canada) 3, Carter (Australia) Heat 3: 1, Butler (America) 2, Hume (Australia) 3, Zoellin (Canada) Heat 4: 1, Howard (Canada).

1,500 Metres.—Heat 1: 1, Mason (New Zealand) 2, Shields (America) 3, Arnaud (France).

BOXING AND WRESTLING.

In the boxing competition for Bantams on Tuesday McGrath, Canada, beat Pain, Belgium, on points; Digger Evans, Australia, beat Johnny Ather, America, on points;

In the wrestling contest Colles, Belgium, beat Polk, America.

CUP FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

At a dinner to foreign and oversea players, given by the Lawn Tennis Association, at the Imperial Restaurant Mr. Norman Brookes, the champion, offered to present a cup for an annual public school competition, which he suggested should be played at Wimbledon during the championships.

WOMEN'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Mr. George W. Wigman has won the Women's National Tennis Championship at Philadelphia by defeating Miss Marrion Zinderstein, the scores being 6—1, 6—2.

DERBY COUNTY TRAINER.

Sergt Harry Curzon, the boxer, has been appointed trainer to Derby County Football team.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Thursday, June 26, 1919.

Surface wind moderate Westerly. Mainly dull and showery. Cool. Fair visibility.

RHINELAND "JOCKEY CLUB."

REGISTERED HORSES.

Appended is a continuation of the latest list of registered horses drawn up by the Rhineland "Jockey Club": —

Jimmy.	Major A. Glen.	1st Lowland Bde.
Josephine.	Lt. F. R. Gaskell.	10th R. Hussars.
Jimmy II.	Major E. J. Bather	B/51 Bde. R.F.A.
Joey.	Lt.-Col. J. D. Belgrave.	H.Q., Midland Div.
Kitty II.	Major H. Hobday.	2/B H.A.C. 126 Bde R.F.A.
Killbay.	2/Lt. R.B. McCreery.	"C" Sqdn. 17th Lancers.
Khaki Joe.	2/Lt. H. McPherson.	62nd Bn. M.G.C.
Kitty V.	Capt. C. Smith.	9th Cheshires.
Kavanagh.	Lt. Col. W. Shannon.	12th Tank Bn.
Lady Betty.	Lieut. R. H. Elliot.	6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons.
Long Tom.	Lt. S. W. K. Crawford.	77th Bde. R.F.A.
Lamb, the.	Major J. W. O'Kelly.	D.A.D.V.S. Northern Div.
Lily.	Capt. R. V. C. Cavendish.	G.H.Q.
Lady Edith.	Capt. H. J. Mortimer.	129 Hvy. Batt. R.G.A.
Ledour.	Major A. Lord.	D/246 Batty. R.F.A.
Lucky Jim.	Capt. G. Babington.	Dragoon Bde.
Lady Haig.	Capt. A. H. Clarke.	M.O. the 17th Lancers.
Late Report.	Lt. R. Bulteel.	17th Lancers.
Lady Bird.	Lt. N. A. Birley.	"C" Sqdn. 17th Lancers
Lady Violet.	2/Lt. H.F. Bingham.	"E" Batty R.H.A.
Lady Minn.	Lt. G. C. Hewitt.	B/76 Bde. R.F.A.
Lady II.	Lt. G. Vidall.	D/77 Bde. R.F.A.
Mascot.	Capt. W. A. Waterman.	10th R. W. Kents
Mad Hatter.	Lt. T. M.M. Hilder.	6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons.
Mona.	Major J. W. O'Kelly.	D.A.D.V.S. Northern Div.
Mike.	Capt. C. L. Greig.	D/246 Bty. R.F.A.
Maud.	Lt. Lord Killeen.	"C" Sqdn. 17th Lancers.
Melton.	Capt. R. St. L. Fowler.	"D" Sqdn. 17th Lancers
Mabel.	Maj.-Gen. G.F. Bedy.	Midland Division.
Miss Cheek.	Lt. F. R. Gaskell.	10th R. Hussars.
Marise.	Lt. L. Lithgow.	15th Lancers.
Mike II.	Capt. H.F. Eckstein.	17th Lancers.
Mary II.	Lieut. Thorne.	Light Div. Sig. Coy
Nancy.	Major F.W. Parish.	13th K.R.R.C.
Naboth.	Lt. S. R. F. Spicer.	12th R. Hussars.
No End.	Lt. Lord Killeen.	17th Lancers.
O'Nobby.	Major K. B. Wood.	2nd M.G.C.
Old Joe.	Lt. N. A. Birley.	"C" Sqdn. 17th Lancers.
Oh Joy.	Major G. Phipps Hornby.	9th Lancers
Pousse L'amour.	Lt. R. R. Eykyn.	R.A.S.C. Cav. Div.
Peter II.	Lt. J. P. Appleby.	G.H.Q. Sig. Coy.
Paddy.	Capt. S. H. D. Chamier	H.Q. 2nd Mid. Bde
Perhaps.	2/Lt. L. Wicks.	1/4 Y. & L. Regt.
Parrott, the.	Lt. H. C. Parsons.	Lancs. Div. Sig. Coy.
Pongo.	Lt. C. A. Shirley.	159th (Devon) Hy Batty R.G.A.
Patsy.	Lt. J. A. Roch.	3rd Bn. M.G.C.
Patricia.	Lt. S. C. Metge.	D/190 R.F.A.
Pop.	Major G. Phipps Hornby	9th Lancers.
Peggy III.	Lt. G. W. M. Lees.	"C" Sqdn. 17th Lancers.
Polly II.	Lt. Lord Killeen.	"C" Sqdn. 17th Lancers.
Perhaps II.	Capt F. G. Buxton.	17th Lancers.
Polly Perkins.	Capt. C. Smith.	17th Cheshires.

(*List continued in tomorrow's "Cologne Post"*)

"THE MOTOR OWNER."

One of the most sumptuous puplications ever produced in England has just come to hand, namely No. 1 of "The Motor Owner," printed by W. H. Smith & Son, and issued by the Periodical Publishing Co., Ltd. The magazine, which will be published monthly at a shilling, is printed in four colours and a more artistic *opus* one can hardly imagine. Its object is to assist the man who owns a car as well as he who wishes to buy, and the proprietary, it should be noted, are completely independent both of motor manufacturing interests, and of large publishing houses. It has been launched by a group of private motorists who believe that the car-owner deserves more consideration than he has hitherto received. Among several highly informative articles may be mentioned "Cars in Prospect: Details of New Models for 1919"; "How the Motor Car Helps the Aeroplane"; "Car-Owners And The War;" "Is Car Design All Wrong?" "A Revolution In Steering"; and "Petrol v. Benzol: Points In Favour of the Home-Produced Fuel."

By means of the now abolished cradle cannon W. Cook in July, 1907, scored 42,746.

The pole-jumping record is held by an American amateur, Mark S. Wright, who cleared 13 ft. 2 1/4 ins. in America in 1912.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Novice Competition at The Ring.

It has been decided to restart novice competitions at The Ring, and the first, for 8st. lads, will be held on Saturday.

Army Football Association.

The annual general meeting of the Army Football Association will take place at the Union Jack Club, Waterloo-road, London at 4 p.m., on Aug. 6.

One Day County Match.

In beating Sussex at Tonbridge on Saturday by an innings and 123 runs, Kent provided the first instance of a county match being finished in one day since 1909.

Inter-Theatre Golf Shield.

Another heat for the Inter-Theatre Golf Shield was played yesterday at Bushey, when the Ambassadors Theatre met the Royalty, the former winning by 2 to 1. Mr. C. Michael Hunter beat Mr. Martin Lewis 6 up and 5 to.

Death of Noted Athlete.

Ben Winchurch, the one-time famous long-distance racing cyclist, died last week at Birmingham. He was in his forty-sixth year. In August, 1895, he won the 24 hours' race at Aston, and later on the same track covered 420 miles 380 yards in 24 hours.

Prix du Conseil Municipal.

Dansellon, Makepeace, Lady Farmer, Callander, Sir Desmond, and Rowland are the English horses that have been entered for the Prix du Conseil Municipal to be run at the Paris autumn meeting.

How's That!

It is interesting to note that of the thirty wickets which fell in the Yorkshire-Derbyshire match last week twelve were to catches by the wicket-keepers, Dolphin making eight and Beet four.

Royal Whip For Donoghue.

After the race for the Gold Cup at Ascot S. Donoghue was taken to the Royal Box, and in the presence of the King, the Queen, and Princess Mary, he was presented with a gold-mounted whip.

Croquet Championships.

The Championship meeting of the Croquet Association was begun at the Roehampton Club this week. P. D. Mathews, the holder of the championship, won his tie, but Lord Tollemache, the runner-up in 1914, was beaten by the Rev. R. du F Bryans.

G. L. Patterson To Play In U.S.A.

Mr. G. L. Patterson is to visit America on his way home to Australia, and will compete both in the singles and doubles championships of the United States.

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Echoes from Rhineland.

Labelled Villages.

The system of painting in large letters the name of a village on a conspicuous wall near its entrance is one that might with advantage be adopted in England. The idea has many points in its favour which the authorities of practically all continental parts do not fail to recognise. In the thri ling days of war, the Germans as they moved through France and Belgium made good any deficiency there may have been in this respect, and many of us were saved much time, map reading and irritation in consequence.

After his Bath.

The other day a soldier was seen to emerge from the Kaiser Wilhelm Baths. A fine upstanding fellow he was with the real military spring about him. But what detracted from his dignity was, that adhering to the seat of his F. S. trousers was a tablet of brilliantly tinted scented soap, which twinkled with every oscillation of his legs. No doubt he had sought for it high and low in the sanctity of the unrobing chamber. But it must be confessed that the sight of it so ostentatiously affixed to the seat of his slacks caused everyone in the street — Germans and Britishers — to smile broadly.

Arts and Crafts.

It will be welcome news to many that an arts and crafts exhibition of the work of officers and other ranks of the Rhine Army is to be held about the beginning of October. The exhibition is to last four days and will include a photographic section and a display of the work done by students of the Army Technical College recently opened at Siegburg. It is proposed to classify exhibits under three groups: (a) Art, (b) Engineering and Woodwork, and (c) Arts and Crafts, while each group is to be divided into numerous sections and sub-sections. A miscellaneous section will comprise exhibits not coming under any of the other fifteen defined sections, but, in the opinion of the judges, of sufficient merit to warrant exhibition. The photographic section will prove a very popular feature if one may judge from the numbers of soldiers who may be seen about with cameras. It is obvious that the net is so widely spread that no one who is handy with his fingers and ideas need be left out.

The Penalties of Peace.

Some excitement was caused in Cologne on Monday night owing to a rumour having got abroad that Peace had been signed. A small crowd had gathered in the Hohe Strasse round a vendor of "Extra Blatts." Strangely enough the chief purchasers were Tommies, who stood in the rain complacently gazing at the small "Specials" — which they obviously couldn't read. A soldier was seen to ask another what the paper said, and on this man replying "Peace is signed mate," the first Tommy ejaculated. "Bl— is it? Well I'd better go and have a couple of 'wets' before we're confined to billet."

Tommy As a Glutton.

There are certain billeting areas in Rhineland which just now are very much favoured by the young soldier. I refer to the districts in which fields of luscious strawberries are to be seen and which form a happy hunting ground for Tommy. The buxom maidens, whose task it is to collect the fruit, are after all very susceptible to the wiles of our young friends, and while "schokolade" has often played a major part in the transaction, gift strawberries have figured in the daily dietary, so plentiful is the fruit for which we in Cologne are asked four marks a pound. Cherries, too, are to be had for the asking, or rather raking. Travelling in the direction of Bonn, a company were seen putting the regulation ten minutes rest to good purpose. After all, the cherries were anyone's property. Why worry?

Springed Cycle Wheels.

Contrary to the opinion of many people, the adoption of metal, spring tyres on bicycle wheels is by no means a brilliant and original inspiration prompted by the shortage of rubber in Germany during the war. The idea is as old as the hills, as a matter of fact. In the British Museum to-day there are to be seen bicycles of a very early pattern, the wheels of which are tyred very similarly to the cycle one sees in large numbers in Cologne to-day. Springed cycle wheels showed signs of coming into general usage in succession to the solid rubber tyres of the "bone-shaker" days but happily our nerves were spared the noise and rattle for which these are responsible by some ingenious person introducing the pneumatic idea.

On a War Basis.

The recent movement of troops, although anticipated, was not without its humorous side and we are afraid that many a portly regimental quartermaster who disappeared with the institution of the regimental cadre, would have been reduced to despair. One reason was the immense accumulation of stores and kit. How many officer's valises will turn the scale at the regulation weight with British "Warms", white flannels, sports kit and photographic apparatus figuring amongst other things in one's possession nowadays? Very few we should imagine! Full use was made of the "dumps," but even there the transport carried its full loads. Transport officers had much to blaspheme about. Staffs lacking experience did not help things and for once the men who made their nightly journey with the rations to the line and guided the pack ponies in the direction of the Rhine came in for compliments.

Going Astray.

However, the normal has been reached and we can breathe again, but at least one mess will chuckle from time to time at the recollection of how its mess kit went astray on a lorry which did a full journey in one day, and dumped stores at the ultimate destination of the battalion. To requisition crockery was an easy matter, but the half loaf which was borrowed from another company mess seemed more important alongside a pile of plates and dishes with the remains of the whisky allotment twenty kilometres further on.

Tramcar Gallantry.

One sees some interesting incidents sometimes on the crowded trams of Cologne. The other day for instance the wife of an English officer boarded one, but there was no seat vacant. The conductor with some chivalry called for a volunteer to give up a seat. There was no response. Then he demanded that a stolid individual reading a German newspaper should do so, and with a snort of disgust he proceeded to rise. The English woman was no sooner seated in his place than a solidly built hausfrau carrying a market basket, got up and suggested that the displaced man should take her seat. Without a second's hesitation this gallant individual did so.

Using Paper.

During the war we were often told that the German people were reduced to wearing paper clothes owing to the scarcity of cotton and woollen materials. This may have been a fact though it is doubtful if anyone in the Rhine Army has come across any of this paper clothing in actual use. But in the advance of last autumn a good deal of ingeniously made paper cloth and canvas was picked up. It was used for camouflage and also for palliases among other things. The most notable use for paper in Rhineland appears to be for table-cloths and the custom has much to recommend it. A paper table covering costs scarcely anything and immediately it becomes stained it can be simply thrown away. While linen cloths are perfect when spotlessly clean but when dirty as they too often are, they are an abomination.

Prizes for "Echoes."

The Editor of "*The Cologne Post*" wants to encourage all ranks of the Rhine Army to make use of their powers of observation and whenever any phase of life in the occupied territory strikes any of his readers or whenever they come across any unusual incident he would like to have a short paragraph about it. Such items should never exceed 150 words, and even shorter notes will be acceptable. Every day the sum of 10 marks will be given for the best sent in, and it should be borne in mind that in awarding the prize, more credit will be given to the subject than to the style of writing, so that lack of literary ability will be no deterrent to anyone. The envelope should have the word "Echoes" in the top left hand corner.

To-day's prize of 10 marks is awarded to Corpe E. Fisher, G.H.Q., Rhine Army.

GETTING BACK MACHINERY.

While the pundits at Paris have been talking about indemnities, the men on the spot, in the French and Belgian spheres of occupation, have been taking quiet steps to secure them. Their very practical *modus operandi* is as follows:

They arrive in swift motors at a German factory, and proceed to inspect the machinery. The manufacturers' secret marks enable them, in spite of all camouflage, to identify machines of French or Belgian origin. Having identified them, they send for the firm's books in order to ascertain how, when, and from whom the said machines were acquired. Some of them may have been duly bought and paid for in peace time; but others are found to be "war booty" purchased at a nominal price from a German Government department during the war. That point established, the further procedure is sharp and summary.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF UNITS.

The War Museum authorities are very anxious to have group photographs of units and Mr. Nicholson, of Panora Ltd. is at present with the Rhine Army for the express purpose of taking "Panorams" of units etc.

Officers commanding units of which panorams have not yet been taken, should communicate with Mr. Nicholson c/o British Press in order to arrange for time and date.

The taking of the panoram involves no liability: a proof is submitted to the officer in charge and copies may be ordered or not as desired.

It should be noted that horses or troops on parade cannot be taken. As there is a possibility of units being disbanded or troops changed about all those O.'s C. who wish to have these photographic souvenirs of their units taken should communicate with Mr. Nicholson as soon as possible as his dates are likely to be booked up quickly for some time to come.

RENAMING HUN LANDS.

How shall we designate the German colonies that have been rent from her by the war, and some of which, at all events, will almost certainly remain in our possession?

Probably the Bismarck Archipelago will become New Britain, which was the name it bore before we ceded the islands to Germany in 1884.

The Australian Commonwealth Government claims the privilege of re-christening Kaiser Wilhelm's Land, in New Guinea, but what name it shall hereafter be known by has not yet been decided.

Only one thing is sure. These, and other similar German titles, will have to go.

THIRST.

What is the best "quencher" for hot weather? George Steevens, writing of his experiences of thirst on the road to Khartoum, answered unhesitatingly, "Abu Hamed," compounded of gin, vermouth, angostura, lime juice, and soda —especially soda. Of its effects he grew lyrical: "It spreads through body and spirit—not swirling through like the Atbara, but irrigating, like the Nile. It is the soil in the sand, substance in the wind, life in death. Your sap runs again, your biltong muscles take an elasticity, your mummy bones toughen. Your self has sprung up alive, and you almost think you know how it feels to rise from the dead." But I doubt how the mixture would work in London—even if it were obtainable.

ANKLE ONSLAUGHTS.

Insect pests are worrying women who wear open-work stockings. The prolonged drought produced a prolific host of insects, and certain species of gnats are developing a disconcerting interest in dainty ankles. Some women are wearing linen bandages as a protection against these unchivalrous pests.

An official at the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, states that the chief offender is a tiny insect bearing the long name of *Ochlerotatus Dorsalis*, which breeds in estuaries and explores inland. It is to be found all round London, especially on the Surrey Downs.

Another bloodthirsty gnat is the *Pulicaris*, which is labelled at the museum as "particularly troublesome in the evening. Its bite is severe, and with many people causes bad sores."

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From Everywhere.

Jubilation.—Paris is already giving itself up to "joy" celebrations because of Peace.

Doubtful.—Will the sunken German warships be salved?

Selling Roses.—On Alexandra day in London 14,000 girls and women sold roses in the streets.

To be busy.—Fresh Spartacist disturbances are expected in Berlin very shortly.

Chester's New Bishop.—The Rev. Dr. Henry Luke Paget, Suffragan of Stepney, succeeds Dr. Francis J. Jayne, resigned.

Wanted Overseas.—War Office and Red Cross want 100 women for overseas ambulance drivers; pay 4ls. a week.

Cavalry Charge Mob.—Demonstrations by 25,000 Winnipeg strikers caused a cavalry charge. Martial law is upheld by armoured cars.

Rioting.—Food riots are taking place all over Germany, especially in Berlin and Hamburg.

For Sale.—The Edith Cavell Projectile Factory, at Glasgow, which was named in honour of the heroic nurse, is to be sold by the Disposal Board of the Ministry of Munitions.

An Unwanted War Relic.—The Gotha war relic presented to Ramsgate is not exhibited to the public, but hidden out of sight in a corporation works yard.

Blankets Free.—The Ministry of Munitions removed control over standard blanket manufacturers on Saturday, and will releaseti retailers on July 21.

A School Record—The roll of honour in connection with Wellington College includes 600 killed and 800 wounded. Of 20 masters serving, seven were killed.

Rat Destruction—To introduce a Bill into Parliament for national rat destruction will be one of the first tasks of the Society for the Destruction of Agricultural Pests.

A Negro's Taste—A negro seen in London was wearing a straw hat, frock coat, light trousers, white buckskin boots with brown spats, and smoking a briar pipe.

Unpopular.—As the German Government troops, fearing to be interned by the Allies, left Mannheim recently, they were insulted and even attacked by the mob.

America's Share.—The American War Office expects that the United States will have 225,000 men in their Army of Occupation on the Rhineland after Peace is signed.

High Fares—Mr. Horatio Bottomley's view is that high railway fares at home are not only injuring the health of the nation, but also handicapping its commerce.

Hands Over—Admiral Phillimore, who commanded the flying squadron of the Navy, has struck his flag, and his successor is Capt. W. S. Nicholson.

Street Mystery.—Two soldiers are in custody at Stafford in connection with the death of Arthur Bates, who was found in the street with bayonet wounds in the chest and abdomen.

R.A.F. Cadets.—Honorary commissions will be granted to R.A.F. cadets who were under training at the date of the armistice and have since been demobilized or returned to the Army.

Food Control.—Mr. G. H. Roberts, M.P., Food Controller, considers it is in the best interest of the public to retain control through the coming winter. The Government is prepared to back that view.

Naval Bases—The main base of the Atlantic Fleet will be Rosyth, and that of the Home Fleet, Portland.

"Doctor" Wilson.—During his visit to Louvain, President Wilson was made Doctor of Laws of the university.

Hindenburg, Author.—It is announced by a Berlin firm that Hindenburg will publish in October the story of his life.

Favour the Soviet.—Welsh miners are supporting the Soviet Government of Russia and demanding the withdrawal of British forces from that country.

The Result.—One of the German journalists, who went to Versailles with the Peace delegation, increased his weight by nearly two stone during his stay in France.

Brains Scarce.—Mr. Ben Tillett declares that the shortage of ships is not as serious as is made out. Where the shortage exists is in brains and organizing ability.

Dislike Flying.—The residents of Llandudno stigmatise flying from the town and shore as a nuisance, and vigorously protest against flying rights being granted to any private company.

A new Strike!—Italian priests went on strike at Notre-Dame de Lorette near Ancona, as prottes against their low salaries. The bishop had to intervene.

To the Fatherland.—A big concentration camp for German prisoners of war coming from France is being organised at Dellbrück, near Cologne. Over 300,000 men will have to pass through it.

A Fanatical Rising.—In middle and north Russia a religious movement has broken out. The peasants say that the "Day of Wrath" has come and that Lenin is Anti-Christ.

A Mighty Hunter.—The collection of big game and other trophies of the late Mr. F. C. Selous is to be sent to the Natural History Museum, South Kensington.

Heroes on Tour.—A picked body of men who took part in the Zeebrügge, Ostend, Jutland, and other engagements are touring Great Britain to boom the Victory Loan and tell the people the story of these fights.

Much Timber Sold—At the great aerodrome at Mousehold Heath, Norwich, the Disposal Board are selling a huge collection of stores, including 400,000 ft run of timber and various huts.

Ships Expensive—The steamer Lady Charlotte, of Cardiff, 7,000 tons dead weight, has changed hands for £165,000, and the Cardiff steamer Stellina, of 58,000 tons, has fetched £120,000, more than double the price paid for her in 1915.

Sex Equality—Women are to be admitted to all grades in the Civil Service on the same terms and subject to the same conditions as men, with equal opportunities of promotion and an equal scale of pay.

Finished.—The London Battalion of the Women's Volunteer Reserve have doffed their khaki and paraded for the last time. After the trooping of the colours the flag was deposited in Brompton Parish Church.

Serious yet Comic.—George Robey says: "I hate funny books. A friend recently found me reading a copy of 'The Scientific Basis of Morality,' by Bishop Gore. It is a dear old copy. I have had it for years."

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FURTHER OMINOUS DELAY BY GERMANY.

FLOUTING THE ALLIES.

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REPARATION FOR SCAPA SINKINGS.

GERMANY'S DANGEROUS PROCRASTINATION.

PROBABLE ULTIMATUM.

Up to late yesterday afternoon the names of the German plenipotentiaries who are to proceed to Versailles to sign the Peace Treaty had not been received by the secretarial staff of the Peace Conference. Although there is little doubt that Germany is finding some difficulty in forming their corps of plenipotentiaries, official circles in London are inclined to think that the delay in naming the delegates is not altogether unintentional. It is probable that the Allies will present an Ultimatum to Germany allowing them a few hours only in which to appoint delegates.

Saturday is now definitely fixed as the day for signature. Preparations for the final ceremony are complete in every detail, having been carefully arranged. The Germans will be received at the Trianon Palace at Versailles without military honours, but military honours will be rendered them when they depart. No protests or German speeches will be allowed by M. Clemenceau, who will preside.

FLOUTING THE ALLIES.

Later.—There is still no news of the departure of German delegates and the questions are being asked: Are the Germans trying to flout the Allies or are they unable to find proper persons to undertake the signature? In authoritative circles the first hypothesis is the most favoured. The attitude of the Germans is declared to be intolerable, and a well-known diplomat told a Press correspondent that certain measures will be taken if the present situation is not resolved within a few hours.

Marshal Foch and the Allied commanders on the Rhine have been advised that the Germans are showing the greatest incivility and truculence and all troops have been told to keep their eyes open for hostile demonstrations.

REACTIONARY UNREST IN GERMANY.

SERIOUS TROUBLE FEARED.

Messages from Berlin state that all things seem to indicate impending disturbances. The political situation is confused and the position of the Government is threatened from all quarters. It is uncertain, if the need arose, whether they would get the support of the troops. *Vorwärts* says that an attempt will undoubtedly be made to prevail upon the army to carry through a reactionary *coup d'état* and utters a warning that this will mean the ruin of the German people. The Conservative organ *Die Post* states that all communication with the Eastern provinces is interrupted and that surprises may be expected from that quarter.

General Daimling, former Governor of Strasburg, writes to the Press energetically defending the action of the Government in agreeing to sign unconditionally. He points out the dire consequence of refusal and concludes by saying that the true national honour consists in Germany again endeavouring to rise and not in heroic attitudes and great words.

TREACHERY ON POLISH FRONT.

News was received yesterday afternoon of a conspiracy by reactionaries to overturn the Government and wreck the peace. East Germany is in a state of tumult and is cut off from communication with Berlin. To-day, just before the Germans are to sign the peace, material proof has been obtained by the Poles that a German plan to attack them has been devised and is ready to be put into execution.

Concentration of troops and even skirmishes are reported from the frontier and it is stated authoritatively that the Allies will take the most energetic measures if the Germans attempt to carry out their plan.

LUDENDORFF'S CHAMPIONS.

The *Deutsche Tageszeitung* states that a large number of officers sent a telegram to Noske declaring that those who try to arrest Ludendorff in order to surrender him to the Allies will do so over their dead bodies. A number of prominent Germans are talking about resigning when the Peace Treaty is signed. The general staff of the voluntary Landjaeger Corps now stationed at Weimar have handed their resignations to Noske, who again tendered his own resignation but this was refused by the Social Democratic party. Ebert's resignation has also been retracted.

TURKEY'S AMAZING DEMANDS.

A second memorandum was handed in from the Turkish delegation at Paris yesterday. It is understood that the Allies are drafting a general reply which will be confined to Turkish responsibility in the war and will not attempt to solve the question of peace in the East.

The *New York Herald* (Paris) states that the note handed in by the Turks is an amazing document containing a statement that Turkey insists on the complete unity and independence of the Turkish Empire as it existed before the war! The note admits the independence of Armenia, but proposes that Palestine be given only partial independence; that the Governor be appointed by Turkey and that justice be administered in the name of the Sultan.

SCAPA GERMANS INTERNED IN WORCESTERSHIRE.

DEFIANT AND ARROGANT.

The German Admiral von Reuter and his comrade scuttlers of the German High Seas Fleet arrived from Scapa Flow to-day, and detrained at Gobowen, two miles from Oswestry. There were two trains, each carrying a load of thirty officers and 400 men, closely guarded by a strong escort of Gordon Highlanders. Admiral von Reuter travelled in the first train, and as he stepped out on to the platform the bitterly cold wind made him look the picture of health. He got into a car which was waiting, and was motored to Park Hall, where he is under close arrest. He was accompanied by two officers as escort. The men were marched through the village to Henlle Camp, adjoining Park Hall Camp, ten minutes' walk from Gobowen, still led by their officers and under strong local guards of the Royal Defence Corps, which reinforced the Highlanders' guard. Their attitude was proud, defiant and arrogant, and they marched like haughty victors, singing and whistling till brought to their senses by the women of Gobowen, who hooted and booed and shook their fists at the insolent German prisoners.

BIG THREE DISCUSS SCAPA.

REPARATION CLAIMED.

The Council of Three, having received the official reports, discussed the Scapa Flow affair yesterday regarding suggestions which have been made, that the British authorities were responsible for the occurrence. The following facts have transpired. When the armistice was negotiated the British Naval and other representatives on the Supreme War Council strongly urged their demand for the surrender of the German fleet. The French military authorities, however, particularly desired a speedy conclusion of the armistice on account of the serious daily loss of life on the Western front. They put forward the view that surrender was not essential for purposes of the armistice and if insisted upon might occasion delay. They therefore suggested internment in neutral ports.

This view was supported by Admiral Benson of the United States and a compromise was ultimately effected whereby internment in a British port was decided upon.

From this it is obvious that responsibility does not rest on Great Britain from an international standpoint. In saying that, however, it is important to observe that the British authorities, do not suggest that the decision arrived at was not the best under the circumstances. One must endeavour to reconstitute the atmosphere which existed when the armistice was prepared. All the Allies were anxious to end as soon as possible the terrible loss of life.

ACT OF GROSS BAD FAITH.

The Allied and Associated Powers have addressed a note to Germany on the sinking of the fleet at Scapa. It states that the sinking of the ships constituted at once a violation of the Armistice, a destruction of the pledge handed over, and an act of gross bad faith. The Admiral in charge attempted to justify his action by alleging that the armistice was ended. By virtue of a communication addressed to the German delegation on June 16th, the armistice could only terminate on Germany's refusal to sign; or, according to international law, if no answer was returned, any violation of an armistice by individuals acting on their own initiative only confirms the right of demanding punishment of the offenders and an indemnity for losses sustained. Therefore it is open to the Allies to bring before a military tribunal the persons responsible. Furthermore the incident gives the Allies the right to reparation.

The incident is not an isolated one. The burning of French flags constitutes another deliberate breach of the Peace conditions accepted by Germany. In consequence the Allies declare that they will exact the necessary reparation.

ESTHONIANS DEFEAT GERMAN MILITIA.

ZEPPELIN SHOT DOWN.

The Esthonian Legation has received a telegram stating that the Esthonian troops in the direction of Roop and Venden have defeated the German Baltic Militia, put them to flight, and recaptured Roop and Venden, which were recently taken by the German Baltic troops. The Esthonians are now advancing quickly to the south in the direction of the Dvina. It is confirmed that the German Baltic Militia includes a great number of German occupation troops. The Esthonians shot down at Venden a big armed German airship.

ITALY'S NEW DELEGATES.

The new Italian delegation to the Peace Conference in Paris will probably consist of the Marchese Imperiali, the Ambassador in London; Signor Tittoni, the new Minister for Foreign Affairs! and Signori Scialoja, Marconi, and Maggiorino Ferraris. Signor Salandra, the ex-Premier, declined to join the delegation.

SPARTACIST OUTBREAK AT HAMBURG.

MARTIAL LAW.

Martial Law has been proclaimed at Hamburg and its suburbs, Altona and Wandsbeck. On Tuesday evening the Spartacists, who had entrenched themselves behind the Kaiser Wilhelm Hotel, unsuccessfully attacked the Town Hall, which was defended by Government troops. They then tried to burn the Stock Exchange. After capturing the railway station they again attacked the Town Hall. Ten dead and fifty wounded were counted.

On Wednesday morning the Government troops recaptured the railway station after hard fighting. At midday the troops asked for an armistice to remove the wounded, but this armistice was violated by the Spartacists, who succeeded at last in storming and occupying the Town Hall.

Prisons also were stormed and prisoners liberated. The building of the tribunal has been looted and all municipal records and documents burnt. The police took no part in the fighting, which was very severe and extensive, artillery being used on both sides.

By the evening all official buildings had been occupied by the revolutionaries.

A provisory commission of twelve has been formed, which is negotiating with the former Senate and the Commandatur.

The cabinet has ordered General von Lettow-Vorbeck to march against Hamburg.

Noske has issued a proclamation in which he says that riots have to be suppressed by unrestrained force of arms if necessary, and that similar measures will be used in the event of strikes, to ensure protection of workers whose work is essential to the community.

BEDFORD CAMP W.A.A.C. TRAGEDY.

SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

The mystery attending the murder of Miss Nellie Rault, the young W.A.A.C. who was stabbed to death at Haynes Park Camp on May 12th, took a new and sensational turn yesterday, when the Director of Public Prosecutions instructed Scotland Yard to re-open enquiries.

Chief Inspector Wensley is in charge of the case and went to Bedford to confer with the local police. Important developments are expected.

It will be remembered that the coroner's jury returned an open verdict.

CANADIAN RIOT AT EPSOM.

BATTLE IN DARKNESS.

The inquest on Station-Sergeant Thomas Green, the victim of the riot at Epsom on the 17th inst., was resumed yesterday. Two Canadian soldiers named Frank Harold Wilkie and James Connors, who were remanded at Bow-street, were present in custody.

Inspector Pawley, who was on duty at the police station on June 17, said a crowd of soldiers followed two of their comrades who had been arrested, and he heard one of them say outside the station: "Come on, boys; let's go in and fetch them out." This crowd was dispersed.

About 11.30 p.m. a large crowd of soldiers arrived at the station armed with sticks and pieces of wood fencing. Stones began to fly about, and a rush was made on the station.

The police were only twelve in number, and were overp wered. Witness ordered a retreat. Station-Sergeant Green suggested that they should charge the soldiers from the rear, and they succeeded in clearing the men off that part. The battle went on in total darkness.

Witness received a blow on the head, and did not see anything more of Green until he saw him in a house opposite lying unconscious.

The camp authorities related the ineffectual attempts made to prevent soldiers going to the station. The camp was disorganised and half the men were out.

The inquiry was again adjourned.

BELGIUM AND PRIORITY OF REPARATION.

The Council of Four yesterday signed a document giving formal approval of and granting priority to Belgium, in the matter of reparation to be paid by Germany, to the amount of one hundred million sterling. The Council also confirmed, says *Reuter*, a plan to wipe out Belgium's war debt through substitution of German funds for Belgian obligations, the four great powers, subject to approval by their Parliaments, taking over German bonds.

The bonds which the Powers propose to take over are a special issue which the Peace terms require the Germans to make to reimburse Belgium for all sums which Belgium has been forced to expend as the result of the violation of the Treaty of 1839.—*British Wireless Service.*

BELGIUM'S INDUSTRIAL LOSSES.

The Central Industrial Committee of Belgium, says *Reuter*, which is formed of delegates from all the co-operative associations of Belgian manufacturers, has collected figures relating to the injury suffered during the war by Belgian industries. The principal losses are: Mines, £26,320,000; iron and steel, £44,300,000; machinery, bridges, framework, and rolling stock, £65,080,000; textiles, £87,940,000; leather and skins, £28,720,000; tramways, water, gas, and electricity, £11,430,000; the total being £391,480,000 up to April, 1919. The figures include the expense of upkeep, losses from lack of work during the war or immediately after, and the help accorded either to the workmen who remained in Belgium or those who were taken prisoner and carried into slavery. The accounts do not include the losses arising from sequestration by the German military authorities, as no figures are as yet available.

Turkey has expressed its readiness to negotiate with Great Britain about the fate of Egypt and Cyprus!

MINISTRY OF MUNITIONS ACTIVITES.

GIGANTIC TRADING.

The Minister of Munitions, Mr. Kellaway, in the House of Commons warmly defended the Ministry against many of its critics, especially those who sought to make the public believe that it was the home of "waste and muddle," because of certain strictures in the Auditor-General's report. Most of these cases were concerned with experimental supplies, where the Ministry had cancelled contracts, and Mr. Kellaway producing a tobacco box from his pocket containing some half a dozen bullets, proceeded with much spirit to point the moral of his tale. He held up two bullets in turn, practically indistinguishable one from the other to the casual eye. Yet while the German air-raiders had scoffed at the one, a single experience of the other had terrified the Gothas so effectually that they never returned. The Whitsuntide raid of 1918 was the last German raid of the war. Yet the enemy had planned another and still larger raid for the following night. What kept them back was their terror of the new British bullet. The Ministry, therefore, was bound to go on ordering big supplies of the best available material at the moment, though pretty sure that it would soon be superseded by the invention of something better.

Other specially interesting statements of Mr. Kelleway included the following:

The introduction of the system of costings has saved the country 300 millions in the Ministry of Munitions alone.

7,344 contracts, involving £102,000,000, are still running.

The Disposals Department has realised £130,000,000 to date. It is getting such good prices for the State that it is now accused of profiteering.

£650,000 was realised from the sale of motor transport in the last three weeks.

DISABLED SOLDIERS AND CIVIL SERVICE.

The Minister of Labour, under instructions from the War Cabinet, has convened a committee to inquire: (1) Into the possibility of the more extensive employment of disabled soldiers in Government departments; (2) Into the question of substituting ex-service men for temporary women clerks in Government departments.

Sir Malcolm G. Ramsay, K.C.B., Assistant Secretary to the Treasury, is chairman. The secretary is Major W. H. Lowe-Watson, D.S.O., D.C.M., St. Ermin's Hotel, London, S.W. 1.

GIANT AEROPLANE CRASH INQUEST.

The inquest on Captain Rawlings and Captain Dunn, the two officers who were killed at Farnborough by the giant Tarrant triplane when starting on its trial flight, was resumed yesterday at Aldershot.

Mr. Tarrant, the designer and builder, giving evidence, described the accident. He said the six engines were started up and when the lower four were accelerated the machine taxied five hundred yards and then turned on its nose. The accident occurred after the top engines were accelerated. In his opinion they were accelerated too suddenly, with the result that the tail pulled up.

A verdict of accidental death was returned.

PRIVATE MOTOR-CYCLES ALLOWED.

An Army Council instruction states that serving officers may import their own private motor-cars and motor-bicycles into France, Flanders, and the territory occupied by the Rhine Army. Transport arrangements must be made and the expense borne by the owners. Petrol, tyres, etc., may be issued from local Army stocks on repayment.

SPEED THE PARTING GUESTS.

Labour troubles at Liverpool having been settled, Canadian Headquarters are resuming the interrupted repatriation of Canadian troops. On Saturday last the Scandinavian sailed with 375 married men and their dependents, and on Monday the Belgic sailed from Liverpool to Halifax with 3,230, mostly made up of Eastern Ontario units. On the same day the Grampian sailed with 300 married men and their wives and families for Quebec. Various other sailings have been arranged for the rest of the month, so that by the beginning of July the number of Canadian troops still in this country should be substantially reduced.

EX-MAYOR COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

At Southport to-day Mr. Hampson, ex-mayor of the borough, was committed for trial to Liverpool assizes, on charge of fraudulently converting to his own use £22,500 belonging to the Vulcan Manufacturing Company.

Purvis and Hamer two co-directors, were also committed for trial, charged with aiding and abetting.

SERVICE REVOLVERS WANTED.

Anyone with Army revolvers and pistols for disposal will find the Ministry of Munitions willing to purchase them. Suitable weapons are .45" and .455" of service pattern made by Messrs. Webley and Scott. Colt. and Smith and Wessen. and should be sent by parcel post to the Chief Inspector of Small Arms, Enfield Lock, Middlesex, for valuation. The sender may fix his own price for the pistol, and if not will be offered the price of the valuation.

The mail service between Ostend and Dover has been suspended as the result of a seamen's strike.

THE DIEPPE MYSTERY DEEPENS.

SERGEANT'S BODY FOUND.

The mysterious death of Miss Annie Smith, of Luton, a member of Q.M.A.A.C., whose body was found on the shore at Dieppe with a bullet wound, has been followed by dramatic discoveries.

Close to the beach where her body was found a second body has been washed ashore, that of the sergeant to whom she was engaged. He too had died as the result of a bullet wound which had been inflicted by a shot fired from a German revolver. The authorities are offering a reward for the discovery of the revolver.

Miss Smith, it is stated, met the sergeant at Dieppe. He said he was a widower and they became engaged. Then he was ordered to Cologne. It is understood that the hitch in the marriage arrangements was due to the fact that he was unable to prove that he was a widower.

"IMPROPERLY DRESSED" LIBEL ACTION.

In the King's Bench Division yesterday Mr. Gavin Knox Gilchrist, formerly A.P.M. at Southport, sued the *Daily Mail* for damages for alleged libel, contained in a letter which appeared in that paper reflecting on the conduct of plaintiff as A.P.M. It purported to be written by a subaltern. In consequence of its publication he claims that he lost his appointment.

The letter alleged that plaintiff had pulled up the writer because he was wearing a collar of too light a khaki hue.

Defendants admitted publication and pleaded fair comment on a matter of public importance.

The hearing was adjourned.

THEFT OF ARMY PAY DRAFTS.

At Tower Bridge, Cecil Hall, 35, accountant, of Trinity-road, Wandsworth, was charged on remand before Mr. Bingley with stealing from the Army Pay Office, Buckland Huts, Dover, fifty demobilization postal drafts of the negotiable value of £700, the property of the Secretary of State for War.

The evidence for the prosecution in this case was completed at the last hearing, and was to the effect that the prisoner was alone for two nights in the hut in which the drafts were kept in a locked cupboard. After he was demobilized these drafts were missed. He was arrested by Detective-inspector Cornish in consequence of having left four of the stolen drafts in a taxi-cab at Waterloo Station. In the meantime forty-two of the postal drafts had been cashed at various post-offices.

Prisoner was now further charged with stealing and receiving from the same office at Dover 200 Army money-orders of the negotiable value of £8,000.

A clerk from Lloyds Bank, St. James'-street, S. W., produced a certified copy of the prisoner's banking account. From June, 1918, until the end of February last the account was practically dormant, with a balance of between £2 and £3. Since the prisoner's arrest he had withdrawn £450, and there was now a balance of £41.

Prisoner was again remanded in custody.

MUNITION WORKER'S £24 A WEEK.

Giving evidence at the Old Bailey yesterday in a case of bigamy, Sergeant Dennison said the prisoner, Charles John Young, 27, a mechanic, had earned from £15 to £20 a week, and one week £24, as a munition worker. He was an acetylene welder, and had been employed by a company on piece work. His real wife was in the workhouse at Southampton.

The Recorder: So all this money was being squandered in some way or another?

Witness: Yes. He added that afterwards prisoner and his second "wife," who was also a munition worker, both drew out-of-work pay.

The Recorder, in sentencing prisoner to nine months hard labour, said: "You were demoralised by the preposterous wages you were paid as a munition worker. It did not do you any good. The whole of the money was squandered without being of any use to you or your class, and with infinite damage to many of the community, for it was the payment of these preposterous wages throughout the country which has led to the present exorbitant price of provisions. Had a reasonable wage been paid instead of these fancy wages there would not have been this enormous increase in the price of food."

AMBULANCE TRAIN RECORDS.

For the first time since the war there were no ambulance trains on the lines of the L. and S.W. Railway last week. It is stated that there were no complete ambulance trains in existence when war broke out, but so quickly were they constructed that fully equipped travelling hospitals were ready waiting when the first convoy of wounded "contemptibles" landed at Southampton Docks on August 28, 1914.

Since July, 1916, the L. and S. W. Railway has run from Southampton alone 5,485 special ambulance trains, conveying 883,537 officers and men. On several occasions notably after the fall of Antwerp and the Battle of the Somme, the staff had to work night and day.

On the heaviest day, July 7, 1916, no fewer than thirty trains were loaded and despatched with their human burden in twenty-four hours. Among the hospital ships dealt with were the "Britannic," Aquitania," and "Mauretania."

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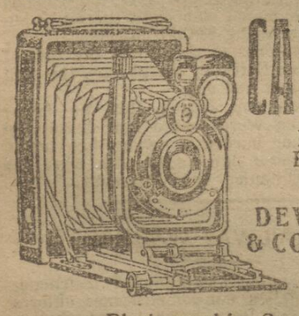

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THE NATION'S HEALTH.

This week a new department of State has come into being and the era of reconstruction has begun. Its inauguration is propitious, for the Ministry of Health must command the interest and sympathy of all who care for their country's welfare.

The popular notions of health have of late undergone a change. Not long ago the man who showed any outward qualms regarding his physical well-being was reckoned a morbid faddist to whom more pity than sympathy was given.

Health was only a matter of concern when a man had one foot in the grave. In less dire circumstances it was never a subject of conversation or worry.

Then the great war altered our perspective. The army needed healthy men, therefore the army trained men for health. Health meant hardihood, good spirits, and efficiency.

Sanity of body nurtured discipline of soul, and bred heroism on the field of battle. The haphazard policy of the past was repudiated and in the first years of war there was a race of strong, resolute men, who, in robust health and cheery hopefulness set out on the great enterprise.

But warfare brought its own sorrows. The grim mechanism of battle shattered the strength of many a soldier, and the sick and maimed as they returned to the land for which they fought made an unspoken appeal to the conscience of their countrymen. Once more, there was a problem. England had to pay a debt of honour to the stricken, and had to set about the task of healing and comforting and stablishing her sons.

The matter of health is insistent even amongst the civilian population. The times are out of joint. Production is the watch-word of the worker, and production means human concentration in urban areas. Such concentration demands a constant regard for the physical welfare of men and women. Prosperity cannot be bought at the expense of healthy body and contented soul.

Until now the health of Britain has been the concern of several departments of State—the Local Government Board, the Home Office, the Education Department, the National Insurance Commission. It is only natural that its problems have not so far been solved in a statesmanlike fashion.

But now the Ministry of Health takes over from these various bodies every matter which affects the physical welfare of the nation. It is the latest department of State but it must not be the least important. The eyes of Britain are fixed upon the new Health Ministry.

OUR CUP.

The Cologne Post Cricket Cup Competition was hailed with marked enthusiasm on all hands by the Army of Occupation.

It promised the incentive without which the competitive spirit is likely to flag somewhat, and entries poured in. The little T.M.B. threw down the gauntlet to Battalions and other larger units — in all some 170 teams representing all arms and branches of the service announced their desire to compete for the handsome silver cup, and the 12 miniature cups for the members of the winning team, and without any unavoidable loss of time Leagues were formed for the different areas and fixtures published.

The first matches were played at the end of May, and until the recent movements of troops, the competition was on the whole, progressing satisfactorily.

But there were exceptions, — and regretfully we have to assume that in the case of a few certain clubs, the initial enthusiasm was not maintained — with the result that fixtures were allowed to get into arrear.

Difficulties there are admittedly, but effort and determination on the part of cricket secretaries will work wonders, and in the few cases referred to, this effort and determination appears to have been lacking.

The enforced postponements resulting from the concentration of troops has piled up arrears of 3 or 4 matches against each club with the result that those who were behind before are astonished at the leeway they now have to make up. Unfortunately a few defaulting teams hold back the whole competition and perhaps if cricket secretaries realise this, they will make stronger effort to keep pace with the fixture list.

Now that units are resuming normal routine again the fixture lists must be studied, and the rules also. Rule 7 particularly. It provides that teams failing to keep an engagement without good reason forfeit 2 points to their opponents. And if we are not notified of the good reason we can only take it that none exists, and award the points to the other team.

The complete season's fixture lists will be sent to each competing club this week and meanwhile every effort should be made to play off the matches already published. In cases where this is impossible, secretaries will, when they have the whole fixtures before them, be able to fit in the arrears to the vacant dates, and so the progress of the competition will be assured. Pushfulness on the part of the cricket secretaries will carry the competition through to a successful finish, and with units once more settled, we confidently look for the encouraging progress which marked the opening of the various leagues.

NO CHANGE YET.

The proclamation that has been issued to the population of Cologne by the British Military Governor announcing that when the signature of Germany to the Peace treaty at Versailles occurs this will not mean the definite conclusion of peace, is a timely warning to everybody in Rhineland.

The Peace which has been so long in coming, and is even now, at the eleventh hour, held up by further delay, will not become a reality until the conditions are formally ratified by all the Powers who are parties to it.

Until that happy day arrives therefore it has to be impressed on everyone, whether belonging to the Rhine forces or not, that the military administration of the occupied territory has to be maintained as at present.

All orders that have hitherto been promulgated remain in force and it must be clearly understood that if Germany's representatives face the music as it is hoped they will before this week closes, the existing conditions of our occupation continue unchanged.

ANOTHER WAR TRAGEDY.

It was looking at the dictionary with an expression of intelligent interest, while the "hausfrau" pointed out the words.

This was no attempt at fraternization — perish the thought — but we were endeavouring to provide ourselves with a working knowledge of each others' language through the medium of the dictionary.

"My" she said in German, pointing to the word with her forefinger — "husband" (so she was married then) — "fought — in — the — war" — she went on, becoming somewhat agitated. "And" — she continued — "now" — (pulled out my handkerchief ready for emergencies) — "walks" (I breathed again) — "with — a" (here I waved my hand proudly to indicate I was already familiar with the word) "Bienenstock" she concluded, pointing to it on the page.

I stared incredulously.

"A beehive?," I said, reading the English translation against the German word.

"Ja, ja," she replied, nodding her head vigorously, obviously pleased at having made me understand her harrowing tale.

I sank into a chair and mopped my forehead. Taking my action for a mark of respect for the terrible calamity which had befallen her husband, she turned and left me.

Later I walked into the mess, still pondering the matter in my mind. The mystery was unfathomable, I thought.

At the first suitable opportunity, I unburdened myself to the other members of the mess. They listened in silence.

"Yes", I said, with tears in my eyes and a lump in my throat; "and now he walks with a beehive."

They stared at me without speaking.

"It's true", I assented. "She said so twice."

A and B flatly declined to believe it.

C was more cautious. "Something is wrong somewhere", he murmured.

"It might be an idiom", D suggested. D is our billeting officer and speaks German. "I haven't quite got hold of the patois yet."

"Well, I think she's been pulling your leg, if you ask me. Ridiculous." This from E, who can never bring himself to believe anything unless he has proof. You know the kind.

Suddenly D got up excitedly. "That's it, that's it "he exclaimed wildly, waving his arms about.

"What's what?" I said.

"Why, leg, of course. She must have said "Beinenstock," and then pointed to the wrong word.'

Well, perhaps so, since according to the dictionary it means "wooden leg."

Yet, she was very certain about the other.

SEACOCK.

THE BELLS OF PEACE.

The bells of peace are ringing
Across the war worn world,
The souls of men are singing,
The battle flag is furled:
Deep, deep, has been the darkness
Of this long, hellish night,
But now the morn is breaking
We hail the growing light.

The bells of peace are ringing
Our brothers hear the strain,
And nation unto nation
Re-echoes it again;
In all God's holy mountain
No more shall men destroy,
But build a new creation
Of love, and peace and joy. ANON.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

GALLANTRY.

Sir,—I read the note on this subject in yesterday's "Post."

While our men are courteous to all women and readily give up their seats I don't notice that there is much willingness on the part of German male passengers.

If we can learn much from the German nation in many directions I think it will be agreed that our attitude towards women is superior. And this applies to all classes in Great Britain.

CHIVALRY.

A COMPARISON.

Sir,—I was rather interested in the observations of your corresdondent as to "Tramcar Gallantry" appearing under the heading of "Echoes from Rhineland," which I regard as one of the most attractive features of your paper.

Since my stay in and around Cologne, I have been struck by the deference shown by what we regard at home as the weaker sex for the males. The action of the hausfrau is typical of this attitude, but I hardly know which I most admire.

I have just returned from leave and I was astounded at the callous indifference shown by the so-called weaker sex for a man who has lost a leg in this war. I refer to the disorderly rush which generally precedes the departure of a train, fight for seats on an omnibus and the many incidents of every day life. I have seen many a seat accepted without so much as a word of thanks, and an utter disregard of the courtesy of a favour.

It may be due to the entry of woman into the sphere of labour or her desire to assert herself, but it leaves one thinking.

"BILL."

TENNIS FOR "O.R.s"

Sir,— I am sorry to admit that my only contributions to your bright and breezy paper so far have consisted of two "grouses" which you have kindly published.

Here is just one more. When are definite facilities to be provided for other ranks in the way of tennis?

Possibly I am badly informed but I understand that there is now no court available for Tommy in Cologne. Is this because there is insufficient demand for the game or is lack of accommodation responsible?

"RACKET."

DEBATING SOCIETIES.

Sir,—"A.H.T." asks why the O.C.'s of more units do not encourage their men to form debating societies.

Much, I imagine, will be done in this direction with the approach of the winter, when we of necessity will have to forego evening outdoor sport.

It is next to impossible to arouse interest in any indoor gathering just now. But that problem will solve itself.

I know that there is a real desire to give expression to views upon the hundred and one problems of reconstructione with which we are faced. It fell to my lot to preside over a debate (held during parade hours), the subject being that of "Housing."

Some very interesting news was forthcoming which showed that much thought is being given by certain men of the Rhine Army to such matters and that very often a dullard at drill thrives in debate.

I trust O.C.'s will be encouraged to furnish news on similar lines.

Only by such interchange of views can the education officer furnish his division with a correct estimate of the young soldier's opinion upon any subject.

W. D.

CAUSES OF THE GREAT WAR.—IV.

We saw in the last article that Austria, with Germany backing her, selected the time of internal embarrassment in each of the Entente countries in order to launch an ultimatum to Serbia unparalelled in severity. Reasons of space forbid us from going into every clause and article. It was not merely an indictment of the Serbian Government for complicity in the Serajevo murders, but an endeavour to humiliate Serbia to the position of a vassal state of the Duoi Monarchy. Not only did Austria claim the right to appoint magistrates in Serbia in order to suppress certain propaganda; she also demanded the right to exclude from civil and military office all such persons as she might from time to time designate as hostile to herself. Other clauses were inserted no less provocative to Serbian patriotism — e.g., the right to expel from Government employment University teachers or schoolmasters whom the Austrian Government chose to designate as actively or potentially hostile. All these three clauses strike at the essential element of sovereignty, and if King Peter had conceded them, he might have been directed to dismiss every conceivable holder of authority from the Prime Minister to the humblest schoolmaster.

Article 10 was the most sinister part of the whole document. It required that the notification of the execution of all the Austrian demands must be made without delay, the answer having to be returned within 48 hours. It was a physical impossibility to comply with this demand. The ultimatum was given in to Dr. Patchon, Serbian Minister of Finance, in the absence of the Prime Minister, at 6 p.m. on 23rd July; Baron Giesl, the Austro-Hungarian Minister, announced that he and his suite would leave Belgrade at 6 o'clock on Saturday the 25th unless the ultimatum had been accepted without a word of alteration.

The intention was obvious. It was a deliberate attempt to infringe the authority and independence of a small Slav nation in such a provocative fashion as to compel Russia to take up the challenge in her capacity as head of the Slav peoples. The Serbian Premier hastily sent for the British and Russian Charge's d'Affaires, and informed them, that, whilst willing to give way on minor points, there were others which it were quite impossible to concede.

What makes the whole thing even more mysterious is the conversation which took place on July 27th between Herr von Jagow and M. Jules Cambon, the French ambassador, and which is reported in the French Yellow Book. When M. Cambon asked whether Germany must follow the Austrians everywhere with closed eyes, and whether the secretary of state had taken cognisance of the Serbian reply handed in two days ago in which most of the demands had been complied with, Herr v. Jagow is said to have answered: "I have not yet had time for it." It is precisely these details which Herr v. Jagow should have treated and which he has ignored in his book. It is now evident that the German Foreign Office had not seen or revised the Austrian ultimatum. It had given *carte blanche* to the Vienna Ministry, and had no more than a general knowledge of what the document contained. Yet, when it was published, Berlin considered the demand which struck terror into every European capital as "equitable and moderate."

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BACKHAUS' PIANO RECITAL.

Backhaus has already earned a great reputation in England, and his recital on Wednesday evening gave further evidence of his great genius and established further his portion as a pianist of the first rank.

His performance of Brahm's beautiful rhapsody in G minor with its perfunctory ending was masterful. His "*sotto voce*" playing was perfectly delightful, and his playing of the Schubert-Lizt "Soiree de Vienna" was perhaps the most entrancing item in the whole concert. His playing of the beautiful melody of Schubert's "Impromptu" in C minor was not treated quite so lovingly, and there was a certain element of mechanical unpoetic precision in the rendering.

In exact contrast to this the little G flat study of Chopin was thrown off in a delightfully airy way.

Schubert's long Improvisation on his own tunes in the "fantasia" is an unsatisfactory piece in a concert hall, although it must have been delightful to recline on a sofa and listen to the composer himself playing it. The rendering of the beautiful middle section of the Scherzo in the Chopin Sonata was a wonderful example of the pianist's art.

One fancied either hand was controlled by an independent player. This was also to be felt in other works performed. The unconventional "piano" at the end of the Funeral March was also very effective. Perfection is impossible in any march of art and the playing of Backhaus is really great. He has an extraordinary command over his instrument, and his touch and clarity of reading are delightful.

A. F. JONES.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

A New Party.

Although on trek and minus their stage "props" the new concert party of the 1/6 West Yorks gave a splendid entertainment to a crowded house at Hilgen the other evening. The regimental band played selections throughout. "B" Coy's Jazz Band, under "Drum-major Jazzer" Metcalfe brought down the house. Pte. Moyse, exceptionally clever female impersonator, Cpl. Archer, comedian, and Pte. Gooch, light comedian, were all in great form. Sergt. Sutcliffe sang "The Admiral's Broom," Lieut. W. H. de Voil surpassed himself as an elocutionist; while Pte. Dalton, a concertina expert, and Pte. Moss, a dancer, did well. Rev. George Kendall, who organised the party, and Lieut. Wilkinson also contributed to the programme. Lieut. Dobson and Bandsman Brooks were accompanists. At the close, Col. Howard, D.S.O., thanked the artistes.

Who Bitashun Is.

There is a comedian in Cologne with a future. His name is Jack Knowles (this is him). To style him as the "Languorous Lancashire Laughter-maker" about sums him up. His methods are unique—inimitable. He stands alone; follows form but not Formby; and—well is perhaps more versatile. Like most burlesque comedians he has had a varied career. First he was with Ohmy's Circus, then in drama, was complimented on his dancing by Lauri de Freece, but avoided musical comedy—his ambition was to be a music-hall comedian. Knowles played with Charlie Chaplin in the Casey's Court Juveniles. In 1913 he won the £20 prize for dancing and introduced the "Turkey Hop" on the leading music-halls, but that is not his main forte. His quaint style, mannerisms, and facial expressions, are a positive scream. He is making a big hit as Bitashun in "Well I'm—! !" at the Apollo Theatre.

Ladies Too!

On Wednesday evening the weekly dance took place at the British Empire Leave Club. Perhaps the fact that there were forty-three ladies from the W.R.A.F. present accounted for a more than usually big crowd. The "Pedlars" Jazz Band proved a great attraction and made the dance a tremendous success.

A Peace Dinner.

An enjoyable dinner was held on Wednesday evening by the clerks of the Military Governor at the Hotel Monopol in celebration of Peace. Some wit had previously summarized the proceedings as follows: "Come and see the lions feed. Circus at 7.0.p.m. Great caste of performers, including the Military Governor's penpushers and rough riding typists. Also the learned literary fiends of the newspaper *The Cologne Post*, and those who indulge in patience with poor Tommy's mail, the perpetually perspiring post performers." As an afterthought it was stated that "if Jazz is desired, application should be made to the President, in order that all breakable articles may be removed." No casualties were reported.

Now Demobbed.

Always interested in the movements of our "front-line stars" after their return to England, the countless admirers of Sydney Rosenbloom, the classical pianist, late of "The Goods" Concert Party, 58th (London) Division, will be glad to know that his big re-appearance concert at Wigmore Hall was an enormous success and secured an extraordinarily good "press." The concert was entirely of works of his own composition and he was assisted by the famous Benno Moiseiwitsch and Miss Daisy Kennedy. At the front he was always "Rosie" to everybody, and we wish him every success now that he has come into his own again.

JACQUES.

LOCH LOMOND WINS THE IRISH DERBY.

PANTHER UNPLACED.

FAVOURITE FAILS TO REHABILITATE HIMSELF AT THE CURRAGH.

An exceptionally interesting meeting opened at the Curragh on Tuesday, when several English horses entered into competition with the best of Irish horses, most of the latter being trained at the Curragh.

On Wednesday the premier event was the Irish Derby, when hopes were entertained that the Panther would be able to rehabilitate himself to some extent, especially as Donoghue was riding him. This, however, was not to be, the Panther being unplaced. Snow Maiden was third.

Results:—**Irish Derby**:—1, Loch Lomond (3-1); 2, Cheap Popularity (25-1); 3, Snow Maiden (4-1).

WON BY SIX LENGTHS.

Loch Lomond won the Irish Derby by six lengths, half a length separating the second and third.

Also ran:—The Panther, Sir William, Glanmerin, Ballyeaston, and King Eber.

RACE FIXTURES.

JULY.

Claremorris	1	Alexandra Park	5
Newmarket First July	1, 2, 3, 4	Phoenix Park	5
		Nottingham	7, 8
Carlisle	1, 2	Bibury Club (Salisbury)	8, 9, 10
Bellewstown	2, 3		
Worcester	3, 4	Limerick Junc	9, 10

THE "PITMEN'S DERBY."

CHUETTE WINS THE NORTH DERBY STAKES AT NEWCASTLE.

Race meetings were held at Newbury and Newcastle on Wednesday. At the latter Cauette, which was generally fancied, won the North Derby Stakes.

NEWBURY RESULTS.

Juvenile Selling Plate:— 1, Hoho (4—1); 2, Fifty by Romeo (8—1); 3, Navaho Filly (3—1).

Berks Selling Handicap:— 1. Lady Aggie (4—1); 2, Laugn (10—1); 3, Ouadastle (11—10).

Royal Stakes: 1, Milton (11—10); 2, Polygnotus. Two ran.

Empire Stakes: 1, Roideur (7—1); 2, Best Boon (6—1); 3, Irish Elegance (7—4).

Kennet Plate:— 1, Charles Surface (7—4); 2, Spend Pin (9—4); 3, Tantara (20—1).

Mecherava Handicap:— 1, Pay Lord (7—4); 2, Mona (10—1); 3, Splutter (10—1).

NEWCASTLE RESULTS.

Ascot Plate:— 1, Fairy Lantern (3—1); 2, Moaning Minnie (6—5); 3, Scotch Duke (100—7).

St. Oswald Plate:— 1, Friar Denis (4—1); 2, Sontana (8—1); 3, Sesostris (8—11).

Park Maiden Plate:— 1, Jasper (11—2); 2, Lady Ina, Filly (11—8); 3, Saintly Sinner (6—4 on).

North Derby Stakes: 1, Chuette (7—4 on); 2, Laurentian (—2); 3, Pomme de Terre (20—1).

Blagdon Juvenile Plate:— 1, Ebchester (5—2 on); 2, Quartz (4—2); 3, Kestrel (10—1).

GALA DAY AT HENNEF.

FINE DISPLAY OF HORSEMANSHIP BY INDIAN DRIVER.

Colonel Kinnear's Column of the Eastern Division held a gala day of sporting events at the racecourse, Hennef, on Monday, when some splendid jumping, tent-pegging, and racing items were witnessed by a large and enthusiastic crowd of spectators. Amongst these present were Major General C. O. Nicholson, K.C.B., C.B., C.M.G., Brigadier General W. H. Kay, C.B., D.S.O., and Brigadier General H. C. Jackson, C.B., D.S.O. The bulk of the prizes were carried off by No. 1 Section D.A.C. and the Royal West Kents.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

Officers Jumping:—Major Tanner, A/152;

Half section jumping (other ranks):—1, second team, B 152 Brigade; 2, Royal West Kents; 3, first team, B/152 Brigade.

Wrestling (other ranks on mules) one team per unit:—D.A.C.

Mule scurry, 4 furlongs:—1, Stanley; R. W. Kents; 2, Benson, R.W.K.; 3, Hall, R.W.K.

Tent-pegging:—1, B S.M. Taylor, A/152; 2, R.S.M Worsfold, 152 Brigade H.Q.

V.C. Race:—1, Bmdr. Hitch, B/152; 2, Sergeant Ingall, No. 1 D.A.C.; 3, Driver Wharton, No. 1 D.A.C.

Dispatch Riding (horse, foot or cycle):—1, Driver Benson, R.W.K.; 2, Dvr. Howard, No. 1 D.A.C.

Relay Race for Indian drivers:—Havildar, Isar Singh's Team, No. 1 D.A.C.

Mule Auction Race:—In this event the highest bidder for a mule rides the animal for 75 per cent. of the prize paid:—1, Shoeing Smith, G. Stubbs No. 1 D.A.C.; 2, Dvr. Welsh.

Wrestling on Mules (Indians);—No. 1 D.A.C.

Tug of War on horseback:—B/152 Brigade.

Band Race. (This was a most amusing item and the result was:—1 Bandsman Seddon; 2, Bandsman Dropper.

CLEVER EXHIBITION.

A. Havildar from No. 1 Section D.A.C. gave a clever and daring exhibition of horsemanship which won great applause. Much credit is due to the adjutant of Col. Kinnear's Column and his assistants for the arranging of the course, the obstacles and the programme.

The brass band of the Royal West Kents discoursed music throughout the afternoon and evening in tuneful fashion.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

A/51 BTY. R.F.A. v. LOWLAND DIV, M.T. COY.

On Wednesday 25th June at Ohligs a league match was played between A/51 Battery R.F.A. and the Lowland Division. M.T. Coy resulting in a win for the latter. Rain made the wicket very treacherous and the game looked like a win for the Gunners, but Lt. Whatmore pulled the M.T.'s out of the fire by making a splendid score of 30 (not out.) The bowling on both sides was very good. Result:—Lowland Division M.T. Coy 63 runs, for 9 wickets...A/51 Battery R.F.A. 0. 38.

OTHER RESULTS.

10th ROYAL WEST KENTS.....57 for 4;
103rd FIELD AMBULANCE.....10.

15th K.R.R. C. . . . . 148 for wickets.
London Div. M.T. Coy . . . . 88.

EUSKIRCHEN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
174 Siege Bty.	5	5	0	10
145 Siege Bty.	5	4	1	8
77 Siege Bty.	4	4	0	8
IX Corps H.A.	6	3	3	6
354 Siege Bty.	5	3	2	6
E. Corps Sig. Coy	4	3	1	6
1 Bn. M.G.C.	3	3	0	6
42 Stat. Hosp.	2	2	0	6§
21 Bde. R.G.A.	5	2	3	4
Mid. Div. H.Q.	4	2	2	4
488 Siege Bty.	4	2	2	4
Mid. Div. M.T. Coy.	4	1	3	4§
F.A.A. Bty.	3	2	1	4
Mid. D.A.C.	3	1	2	4§
180 Siege Bty.	4	1	3	2
1/5 S. Staffs	4	1	3	2
IX Corps Troops M.T.	4	1	3	2
539 Field Coy.	3	1	2	2
16 Field Amb.	3	1	2	2
73 Army Bde. R.G.A.	3	1	2	2
18 Field Amb.	3	1	2	2
76 (Army) Bde. R.F.A.	2	1	1	2
104 Bde. H.Q., R.F.A.	2	1	1	2
11 Leicesters	1	0	1	2§
269 A.E. Comp.	4	0	4	0

§ points awarded for scratched matches.

C BATTERY, 246 BDE. R.F.A v. D BATTERY 245 BDE. R.F.A.

The above teams met on the ground of the former at Kircherten on Sunday, in the first round of the Divisional Cup, and the result was an easy win for C,246. For the winners, Spencer and Standsfeild bowled exceedingly well, the former taking 5 wickets for 4 runs, and the latter 4 for 20. For C Bty. the chief scorers were Cooper (54), and Ancell (13), the former carrying his bat through. The final scores were:— C,246 Bde. (117); D,245 Bde. (33).

"AUSSIES" OUTPLAYED.

SURPRISE RESULT OF 3-DAY MATCH AT LORD'S.

Australians.....1st innings; 85; 2nd innings 184
Gentlemen .....1st innings; 402

So ineffectively did the Australians bat at Lord's on the second day of the match against the Gentlemen of England XI that they only compiled 234 runs at the expense of 18 wickets. The batsmen, practically without exception, were powerless against the fast bowling of M. Falcon and J.W.H.T. Douglas, the former taking six wickets for 41 runs, and the latter four for 34.

On Wednesday, the last day of the match, the Australians only scored 184 in their second innings, and were thus defeated by an innings and 133 runs. This is the first defeat of the touring team.

Scores:

GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND.

Rev. F. H. Gillingham, c Gregory, b Lampard	87		
D. J. Knight, l b w, b Winning	42		
A. J. Evans, c Pellew, b Stirling	68		
P. F. Warner, b Gregory	43		
Hon. C. N. Bruce, b Gregory	11		
J. W. H. T. Douglas, c Sterling, b Collins	56		
A. W. Carr, st Long, b Collins	51		
Capt. D. C. Robinson, c Pellew, b Stirling	14		
M. Falcon, c Lampard, b Collins	11		
J. C. White, st Long, b Stirling	5		
C. S. Marriot, not out	1		
Extras	17		
Total	402		

AUSTRALIAN I.F.

L. L. Collins, c Carr, b Douglas	11	c Evans, b Douglas	1
W. L. Trenerry, l b w, b Douglas	1	c Carr, b Evans	40
C. B. Willis, c Gillingham, b Falcon	6	b Douglas	6
J. M. Taylor, c Carr, b Falcon	9	c Bruce, b Falcon	36
A. W. Lampard, b Falcon	9	c Gillingham, b Douglas	23
C. E. Pellew, c Knight, b Douglas	14	c Douglas, b White	15
E. Bull, c Gillingham, b Falcon	5	b White	14
J. M. Gregory, c Robinson, b Falcon	16	c Robinson, b Douglas	12
W. S. Stirling, b Falcon	2	c Gillingham, b White	1
C. Winning, not out	3	c Evans, b White	17
C. J. Long, c Carr, b Douglas	4	not out	6
Extras	5	Extras	14
Total	85	Total	184

Bowling.—White, 4 wkts for 38, Douglas 4 for 40, Evans 1 for 29, Falcon 1 for 33.

OLD RUGBEIANS v. RUGBY SCHOOL.

CRICKET TEAM CAPTAINED BY P. F. WARNER.

At Rugby, P. F. Warner captained a team of Old Rugbeians that met Rugby School in a two days match, the side also including R. A. Boddington, the Lancashire wicket-keeper.

In the first innings Old Rugbeians scored 221 and Rugby School 257. Old Rugbeians declared in their second innings with 233 for five wickets, leaving the present generation of schoolboys two hours in which to get the 198 runs necessary to win. L. B. Wimole (68), E. Whittall (45 not out), and C. F. Johnson (42 not out) batted so vigorously that the School passed the required total at 199 for four wickets with a quarter of an hour in hand.

In the first Old Rugbeians' innings G. J. Straker took five wickets for 60 runs, and H. W. Standring three for 52. In the first School innings T. C. Ashwell took seven wickets for 113 runs.

TRICKY LEG-BREAKS.

5th K.O.S.B. v. A BATTERY, 50th BRIGADE R.F.A.

Two very pleasant games between teams of these units have recently been played. With the aid of William Cook, the Lancashire's stalwart, the gunners won the first match by 25 runs.

Cook mixed some tricky leg-breaks with his expresses, but a thoroughly sporting side stood up to him very confidently. Sizer bowled a consistently good length for the losers and was well worth his 8 for 27. Cook got 6 for 17. For A Battery Gr. Cook scored 12; 2nd Lieut. Griffiths 23; Sergt. Pateman (not out) 11; and Shoeing-smith Bird 10. For 5th K.O.S.B. Lieut. Payne (10) and Lieut. Thomson (10) were the leading batsmen.

FRIENDLY MATCH.

41st Labour Coy.	86
12th Battalion N. Lancs.	45

E. RAY LEADING.

GREAT TRIUMVIRATE OUTPLAYED IN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

The tournament which takes place for the Golf Championship opened at St. Andrews' on Wednesday, when the big three, Taylor, Vardon, and Braid, were hopelessly outplayed. The following were the leading scores for the first and second rounds:—

	Round. 1st.	2nd.	Total.
E. Ray (Oxhey)	75	75	150
Abe Mitchell (Sonning)	75	76	151
W. L. Ritchie (Worplesdon)	77	76	153
F. Leach (Northwood)	75	78	153
A. Massy (St. Jean del Luz)	79	74	153
J. B. Bailey (Dunstable)	79	75	154
G. Duncan (Hanger Hill)	81	77	158
J. Sidey (Bramshot)	79	79	158
Fred Robson (Cooden Beach)	81	77	158
J. Ockenden (Raynes Park)	80	79	159
J. H. Taylor (Mid-Surrey)	80	79	159
G. Gadd (Rochampton)	84	75	159
A. W. Butchart (Kilmarnock)	78	81	159
H. Vardon (West Herts)	80	80	160
L. Ayton (St. Andrews)	82	79	161
W. Hambledon (Anson)	81	80	161
J. W. Gaudin (Alwoodley)	81	80	161
R. G. Wilson (Croham Hurst)	81	81	162
T. Williamson (Notts)	83	79	162
C. H. Mayo (Burhill)	82	80	162
P. O'Hare (Dundalk)	82	81	163
Alec Herd (Coombe Hill)	79	84	163
J. Braid (Walton Heath)	80	83	163
S. Whiting (Ilkley)	79	84	163
A. Seymour (Molesey Hurst)	81	83	164
C. Hughes (Chester)	88	77	165
G. Oke (Honor Oak)	85	80	165
L. Holland (Church Brampton)	84	81	165
J. Ross (Addington)	85	80	165

JACKDAW KILLED.

TERRIFIC DRIVING AT ST. ANDREW'S ON EVE OF "TOURNEY."

Many of the competitors in the £500 Professional Golfers' Association tournament, were practising this week on the old course at St. Andrew's on the eve of the competition. The weather was boisterous, a strong easterly wind being especially troublesome on the outward journey.

The ex-champion, Arnaud Massy, who had a round with L. Holland, whom he beat by 2 and 1, and who took 42 to the turn, came home in 37, having killed a jackdaw with an iron shot in the course of his round of 79.

Jean Gassiat, A. J. Miles, and J. Oke had a free-and-easy three-ball, without keeping a score. Abe Mitchell and Cyril Hughes opposed F. Robson and C. Ralph Smith, and a large number of spectators watched an exciting game.

Mitchell and Hughes were dormy one, and at the last hole Smith sliced into the garden of one of the Gibson Place houses, the others being quite forty yards over the road. Mitchell's terrific driving was a feature all through.

INTER-THEATRE GOLF SHIELD.

The first round of the Stage Golfing Society's tournament for the Inter-Theatre Shield was completed at Huntercombe this week, with the match between the Playhouse and the Winter Garden, which went to the Playhouse by 3 points to 0. The results were:—

PLAYHOUSE.	Pts.	WINTER GARDEN.	Pts.
Charles Hawtrey (h'cap 12), 8 and 6	1	Leslie Henson (18)	0
Cyril Halliward (9), 6 and 5	1	M. Edmund (11)	0
Ernest Graham (7), 4 and 8	1	Eustace Ponsonby (5)	0
	3		0

RIFLE AND REVOLVER MATCHES

800 ENTRIES FOR THE KING'S PRIZE AT BISLEY.

Many riflemen, including members of prominent rifle clubs, overseas troops, and Public Schoolboys, are shooting in the contests for practice on the National Rifle Association ranges at Bisley.

A recent contest was a match between teams representing H.M.S. Excellent and the Stock Exchange Rifle and Revolver Club, eight a side, 10 shots each at 200, 500, and 600 yards. H.M.S. Excellent team won by seven points with an aggregate of 840 points, against 833 scored by their opponents. In a revolver match, also between teams representing H.M.S. Excellent and the Stock Exchange Club, the sailors again won.

THE KING'S PRIZE.

Up to Monday morning there were 800 entries for the King's Prize for rifle shooting, to be competed for at the forthcoming Bisley meeting. This is exclusive of overseas entries, which are expected to number at least 100, and the number will probably be considerably increased in the next few days. Several ladies have entered. It is expected that the Prince of Wales will distribute the prizes at the close of the Bisley meeting, which lasts from July 9 to July 16 next.

Entries include Major Munday, Hon. Artillery Company, aged 72, and Col. Seely, M.P.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Friday, June 27, 1919.

Surface wind fresh between West and North-West. Cloudy. Showery but some bright intervals. Good visibility.

RHINELAND "JOCKEY CLUB."

REGISTERED HORSES.

Appended is a continuation of the latest list of registered horses drawn up by the Rhineland "Jockey Club": —

QuickMarch.	2/Lt. A. F. Holland.	6th Dragoon Guards.
Queenie II.	Major W. E. Hicks.	152 H.B., R.G.A.
Ruby.	Lt.-C. J. Bloodworth.	No. 1 Coy. London Div. Train.
RightThere.	Lt. P. V. Harris.	"B" Sqdn. 17th Lancers.
Rufus II.	MajorM.G.Douglas.	G.H.Q.
Reginal.	Lt. W. E. Coles.	B.54 Bde. R.F.A.
Spinster.	Major L. W. D. Wathen.	2nd M.G.Sqdn.
Squilver.	Major P. H. Puckle.	34th Bn. M.G.C.
Sloazelle.	Brig.-Gen. W. P. Monkhouse.	C.R.A. Midland Div.
Sprint.	Lt. J. M. Miss.	17th Lancers.
Shylock.	Major A. Lord.	D 246 Bty. R.F.A.
Spider.	Lt. G. A. Cuttley.	6th Dragoon Guards.
Sir Richard.	Lt. J. Dunlop.	D.245 Bde. R.F.A.
Sunny Jim.	2/Lt. N. O. R. Serjeant.	D.245 Bde. R.F.A.
Snow Man.	Lt.-Col. Bingham.	15th Hussars.
Sahib.	Major T. Bagshaw.	No. 24 Vet. Hosp' l.
Sylvia.	Lt. R. H. W. Henderson.	Royal Dragoons.
So Long.	Capt. R. T. Stanyforth.	17th Lancers.
Sedlitz Powder.	Lt. D. H. Cheadle.	2nd M.G.Sqdn.
Shamrock.	Lt. W. A. Shell.	5th Bde. R.H.A.
Tabasco.	Capt. C. C. Court.	No. 1 Cav. Fd. Amb.
Tim.	2/Lt. H. W. Forrester.	17th Lancers.
Tim II.	Lt. E. B. Woodrow.	D 77 Bde. R.F.A.
Tango II.	Lt. E. B. Neville.	D.246 Bty. R.F.A.
Ugly.	Lt. A. Anderton.	S.A.A.Section, Lowland D.A.C.
Virgin, The.	Capt. A. H. Clarke.	M.O. i/c 17th Lancers.
Velociter.	Major G. Phipps Hornby.	9th Lancers.
Warrior.	Lt. D. H. H. Clerke.	15th Hussars.
Windmill.	Lt. T. J. D. Reid.	A.D.C. II Corps.
Why Not.	Lt. J. F. S. Bullen.	R.A. VI Corps.
Woolstan.	Capt. A. W. Cowler.	139 Field Ambulance.
Yeoman.	Lt.-Col. V. M. C. Napier.	G.H.Q.

MIKE BLAKE OUTPOINTED.

GEORGE CLARK'S SUCCESS IN CLOSE BOUT AT THE RING.

The money match for £50 a side and the Ring purse between George Clark, of Bermondsey, and Mike Blake, of Notting Hill, who met in a 20 3-min. round contest, was a big draw at The Ring this week. It resulted in a win on points for Clark after a close bout. Both men weighed in the same morning, and were within the scheduled weight of 8st 8lb.

Although the first few rounds were inclined to be rather tame, the bout gradually developed into a hard contest. Clark, who was very quick and clever with his feet and head, did most of the leading. He used his snappy left in good style and varied his punches and tactics well. Blake occasionally left himself open to take blows on the face, but he scored with much harder punches than his opponent. Clark thoroughly deserved his victory.

Joe Beckett was received with loud cheers when he was introduced in the ring prior to the big contest.

WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIPS.

SPLENDID PLAY IN 2nd ROUND MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Some splendid play was seen at Wimbledon on Wednesday in the second round of the men's singles championship. The men's doubles competition entered upon its first round. Results:—

Singles.—Second Round: F. S. Cannon beat V. E. Henty (7—5, 6—1, 1—6, 6—1); P. O'Hara Wood beat S. G. Walker (6—1, 6—0, 6—2); F. W. Donisthorpe beat M. D. Dick (3—6, 7—5, 7—5, 6—3); R. W. Heath beat M. Woosnam (6—4, 6—3, 7—5); A. R. F. Kingscote beat O. G. Turnbull (6—0, 6—3, 6—1); W. M. Washburn beat H. Aitken (8—6, 6—8, 6—0, 6—4); W. Davis beat F. H. Teall (6—0, 5—7, 6—4, 6—0).

R. V. Thomas beat C. J. Griffin (5—7, 2—6, 6—4, 7—5, 7—5). Max Decugis beat F. R. L. Crawford (6—2, 4—6, 5—7, 10—8, 6—1). C. S. Grace beat R. James (6—3, 6—4, 6—2). R. Dash beat H. R. C. Martin (6—1, 6—4, 6—3). W. C. Crawley beat G. H. M. Cartwright (6—2, 6—4, 6—1). L. Craves beat C. B. Smith-Bingham (6—4, 6—4, 6—0). C. N. Thompson beat E. Seale 6—2, 6—1, 7—5). G. H. Dodd beat H. S. Owen (6—1, 6—4, 6—2).

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

No Racing at Hamburg.

On account of Spartacist disturbances the races which were to have taken place at Hamburg this week were cancelled.

London Amateur Foresomes.

As Captain Jobson is unable to obtain leave, St ke Poges is being represented in the London amateur foursomes by Mr. O. C. Bristowe and Captain W. E. Gilbey.

Galloper Light.

To the general disappointment Manilardo may now be considered a very doubtful starter for Sunday's Grand Prix de Paris, but there are great hopes that Galloper Light will be too good for the French three-year-olds.

Favourite Strokes.

A. F. Wilding won fame by his whip-up forehand drive. Bereft of it he would have become commonplace. In even more marked degree, S. H. Smith owed his greatness to one shot—a terrific forehand punch.

Polo at Deauville.

Polo is to be revided at Deauville, Normandy, this summer, and a number of English players are going over to take part in the August season. There will also probably be a contingent from our Army of Occupation, in addition to the French players, and the Spaniards are also expected to compete in that month's Deauville tournaments.

Lord Lonsdale and Betting.

"I have never had a bet since I was twenty-one years old," Lord Lonsdale said to a man who once congratulated the new Jockey Club Steward on an all too infrequent racing success.

Anglo-French Boxing.

Articles were signed this week by Charlie Lane, late 16th Hussars, whereby he agrees to meet Louis de Pontnieu at the Noveau Cirque on July 14.

New Outside Left for Arsenal.

The Arsenal have signed on Alfred Baker, a young outside left, who assisted Huddersfield last season and helped them to get into the final of the Yorkshire Victory Cup. He was one of the most-sought-after juniors of the season.

Continuous Service Record.

The record for exclusive continued playing service to a first-class football club is believed to be held by R. Crompton, of Blackburn Rovers, who first played for that club in October, 1896, and did not play for any other club until after the war broke out.

The Belgian Crew.

Owing to the clashing of dates of the Henley Regatta and Olympic Regatta in Paris, the crew from the Ghent Rowing Club will be unable to take part in the Thames event, for the Belgian military authorities have decided that the club must compete in the French affair.

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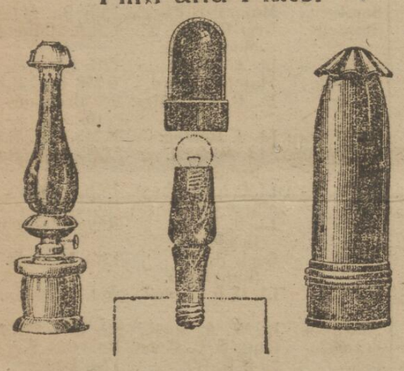

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PHOTOGRAPHY.

(IX.)

William R. Patterson F.R.G.S. etc.

I have seen so many faulty negatives of late that I deem it advisable to suggest the cause and origin of failure. In some instances the plate showed nothing on development; in this case, it may never have been placed in the camera, or the sheath which covered it may not have been withdrawn.

With the instruments we are buying nowaday, there are so many knobs to turn and other things to do, that one may be excused, at the beginning, for forgetting them.

Then, I have seen blurred negatives. By careful scrutiny one may often descry two outlines quite close to one another; if the object remained still, the operator must have shaken the camera; this often occurs when one exerts too much force in pressing the button or in otherwise manipulating the shutter.

Also, the exposure may have been too brief, in which case both camera and object may have moved, or the camera may have been set quite fast, but the object may have swayed slightly, thus producing a blurred outline.

It is always wise to consider these points beforehand. In photography, it is also wise not to attempt impossibilities.

I have known people who attempted snapshots at sunset; this, of course, was through a false understanding of the power of light.

It is quite excusable, since, although distant objects stand out clearl/ silhouetted, the light is not strong enough to warrant a fact exposure, at eventide. One must learn to judge.

Another fault that I have discovered among both officers and men is the omission to set the diaphragm which allows more or less light to pass through the lens. To-day one takes a photograph with a long exposure at, perhaps, 9 or 12,5 and then to-morrow another at quicker speed — omitting to enlarge the diameter of the diaphragm.

Before taking any picture one must remember always:—

(1) To set the shutter at proper speed.
(2) To arrange the aperture.
(3) To focus.
(4) To remove the slide from the plate-holder or film-pack holder.

To forget any one of these manipulations means a bad result.

Now, on a stormy day in spring and summer, one may have all strength of light within the space of five minutes. Heavy black clouds may obscure most of the sun's light, and the clouds may pass away suddenly, leaving a most dazzling brilliancy.

In each instance both shutter and aperture will need to be re-arranged. With photography, as with everything else, practice makes perfect. With regard to the use of pocket exposure-measurers, it is better by far to leave them alone, and to rely absolutely upon one's own judgment.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

Lieut. Loffe C. Coy. 2nd Bn. M. G. Corps.—Your Kodak is 8 x 14 in size. You should obtain a Goetz "anastigmat." Get a 4.5 if you can afford it; you can always diminish the diameter of your diaphram. The Address is being sent to you by post. Mention *The Cologne Post.* Exact prices will then be given to you. Write to Messrs. Routledge of 68—74 Cather Lane London E.C. 4, for a book.

Pte. R. E. H. Barker, c/o Camp Commandant VI Corps H.Q.:—

(1) The date of durability ought to be pointed on all boxes of plates etc. Do not purchase any that are without the date.

(2) By "flexo" release I presume you mean what the Germans call "Spiegel Reflex." If this is so, your whole apparatus would need to be altered. If not, please give further details.

Sgt. Edmonds, "D" Coy, 51st Bedfords:— The address is being forwarded to you.

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Captain X, Cologne:—Yes, autochrome plates require a much longer exposure than others. Your fault, of course, lies in your not using the yellow screen.

Curious (Bonn):—Please give more details. How can I advise you when you mention nothing with reference to the time of day, the aperture of your diaphram, the strength of light and the speed of exposure. You must really study these things.

Some correspondence arrived too late for the publication of replies.

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The writer is at all times willing to assist readers of "The Cologne Post" .a matters connected with photography. These articles appear regularly every Friday.

Learning German.—The French Government is encouraging the learning of German by Army officers and N.C.O.'s.

A Cycle Comedy.—Thefts of bicycles have been prevalent lately in Kingston. A young woman complained to the police that hers had disappeared. Giving her a caution that people were very careless in leaving cycles unprotected, a policeman cycled to the shop to make inquiries. He left his own against the kerb, and when he came out it had gone.

Echoes from Rhineland.

No Ill Feeling.

Sir H. H. Johnston G.C.M.C., who has recently spent three weeks in Rhineland, says that Cologne, Bonn, Brühl, Solingen, Düren — all the large and small towns of the British occupied area—seemed full of life and happiness; and nowhere in the country districts, where a tremendous agricultural effort towards food production is being made, nor in the industrial region nor in the magnificent towns along the Rhine, the tidy villages, the old walled cities, the trams, trains, theatres, shops, parks, restaurants, and museums, did he notice any ill-feeling whatever aroused by the omnipresence of the soldier. Nowhere did he hear a complaint from a German householder, tram conductor, cleric, shopkeeper, policeman, or peasant directed against the British army of to-day.

The Teuton Type.

A vast amount of rubbish was generated in this war about the anthropology of the Germans, says Sir H. H. Johnston. They were held to be a race apart from British and French, a brutal type of square-built, graceless women, of stocky, big-bellied men with a straight up-and-down back to the head and a considerable infusion of the ruthless, ugly Mongol. There *is* a type like this to be found among the Slavs and the German-speaking people in Prussia, in parts of north, central and east Germany. But the Rhineland people and the South-west-Germans, the Westfalians and Holsteiners, might easily pass muster as English or French, for the reason that they are long-headed, and correspond to the mixed types of modern England and lowland Scotland, of northern and eastern France. They are as good-looking as we are, or as characteristically ugly. "Why, them people in the trams is just like us," said a soldier with whom I talked. "'Cept for their dress, you wouldn't know they was Boshes."

How do you stick your beans?

Look at the German vegetable garden and notice the manner in which the runner bean is trained. Instead of the crossed-stick system we are familiar with in England you will see rows of single poles. These poles, which are usually about 1½ inches in diameter at the bottom and anything from 8 to 18 feet in length, are firmly planted in the ground before the beans are sown, and resemble Kentish hop poles in appearance. Perhaps the Rhinelanders consider it advantageous to give their beans a good "place in the sun," and it would be interesting to know which is the better method, English or German.

An Amusing Notice.

It is said that the German is a better master of the English language than we are of German. One is lead to disbelieve this after reading a notice in a certain Cologne hair dresser's shop.—"MAKE SHARP SHAVEKNIVES." The professional advertiser would tell you that this is a good advertisement, as it certainly draws attraction.

Literature in the Country.

Literary rambles are quite a feature just now with some of the troops in Rhineland. The Y.M.C.A. Reading Circle at Euskirchen is one of the societies that indulge in them and this week went out into the country to listen to a paper by the president Pte. J. K. Douglas on "George Eliot and her work." After the paper had been read Lance Corporal J. W. Lambert showed an intimate acquaintanceship with "The Mill on the Floss," and described in some detail the scenes laid round and about Gainsborough, which figure in this work of George Eliot.

The Cult of Theosophy.

It would seem that a considerable number of efforts to organise societies for serious study are being made to-day in the Army of Occupation. The Army as we know it is composed of many thoughtful studious men who in peace days would, of course, never have been in the fighting services. They are making their influence felt. Apropos of this a letter has reached this office from R.S.M. H. Main, 53rd Royal Warwicks, Rhine Army, saying he would like to meet any fellows of the Theosophical Society with a view to forming a study circle for young students of the cult of Theosophy. He wishes also for anyone interested, who may not yet belong to the Society, to communicate with him.

The Friseur's Cousin.

Company Commander:—Is there a hairdresser in this place?

Quartermaster:—Yes, sir. Just up the street. His name is Friseur. There is another of the same name round the corner. I believe they are cousins.

Rhineland Tram Ways.

About one of the first things a Londoner notices in the bigger Rhineland towns is the system of tram cars. In this at lest Germany has the old Country beaten "to a frazzle." Can any Englishman hope to compare the cars of his native town with those, say on the Cologne-Bonn route or Bonn-Siegburg service. Then again the system of confining the rails to one side of the road and leaving the rest clear for other traffic is miles in front of the British method which uses the greater part of the road, i. e. the centre, thus causing endless confusion and delay. What, however, astonishes the average Englishman above anything is the sight of a tram-car drawing a loaded railway truck through the streets of the town. This system of using universal guages for tram rails and locomotive ways is too obviously advantageous to require explanation, and is one that our own authorities might do well to study.

In the Clover Fields.

The Germans have a different way from the English of cocking their clover. Large rude wooden tripods are erected about the field, and staddles made to each about a foot from the ground of a few crossed rails nailed to the legs. On these staddles large cocks are built, about a third of a load in each. If a period of rain sets in and the clover has to stand, it has a dry base and comparatively little surface and so retains its sweetness. The size of the cocks makes it possible for the sun to scorch through and dry it unduldy, and a moist but not dangerous heat is generated internally — a heat necessary for a rich stack of fodder, which after standing a few months should cut as crisp, and smell as sweet as a gingerbread, to use a simile of an old farmer friend of mine.

GUNNER OLIVER O.

Soldierly Types.

One frequently hears in Cologne comments on the remarkably fine type of man in the prime of life who is usually to be found employed as a policeman, tramconductor, postmen, fireman or hall-porter in a government building. The soldierlike bearing is particularly noticed. The reason for this is that when a German N.C.O. has served his twelve or more years in the army, he is promised definite employment in the government service, should his conduct during his army service have been exemplary. It is to be feared, however, that the German government was not only swayed by a desire to reward the soldiers who had passed out of the service. These men also formed a strong and numerous reserve of disciplined men, on whom the country could rely in time of war, and they also helped to keep in his place the humble civilian, who, in a country where a man without some sort of uniform is looked upon as an inferior being, existed for the convenience of the government officials, instead of the reverse being the case, as in England.

Rhine Army Musical Societies.

The summer weather is causing some changes in the plans of those responsible for the musical societies in the Rhine Army. For instance, it has been decided to suspend the rehearsals of the Orchestral Society and also of the Mixed Voices Vocal Society, until the autumn, when probably there will be a large accession of new members. The rehearsals of the Male Voice Choral Society, however, will continue to be held each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 17.45 in the Lecture Room at the Church Army Club, Antoniter-Strasse, Cologne. The Friday rehearsal each week is to be devoted in the main to music of a sacred character, which will be sung at the Military Church services. All past and present members of the Male Voice Society and Church Choir are asked to attend the rehearsal on Monday evening next in order that arrangements for the proposed series of concerts may be completed. These arrangements were unfortunately somewhat upset by the recent advance of troops to "the Front," but it is confidently hoped that by Monday next normal conditions will have been resumed.

On the Eve of Peace.

Probably the last man to be shot as an act of war was a civilian who was shot shortly after 1900 hrs on peace night. He was attempting ad smuggling "coup" but being observed ran away. The sentry aimed at his feet but hit him in the head killing him instantaneously. The report that the battalion to which the sentry belongs has been warned for a musketry course at Delbrück at present lacks confirmation.

Prizes for "Echoes."

The Editor of "*The Cologne Post*" wants to encourage all ranks of the Rhine Army to make use of their powers of observation and whenever any phase of life in the occupied territory strikes any of his readers or whenever they come across any unusual incident he would like to have a short paragraph about it. Such items should never exceed 150 words, and even shorter notes will be acceptable. Every day the sum of 10 marks will be given for the best sent in, and it should be borne in mind that in awarding the prize, more credit will be given to the subject than to the style of writing, so that lack of literary ability will be no deterrent to anyone. The envelope should have the word "Echoes" in the top left hand corner.

To-day's prize of 10 marks is awarded to Lieut. W. Kerr-Morgan, Advanced Supply Depot, RASC, Army of the Rhine.

Answers to Correspondents.

"F.B.M."— Mr. H. B. Duryea's DURBAR II, ridden by Mr. Macqee and trained by T. Marphy, won the Derby in the year 1914.

"Transport Driver."—Judging by the number of caravans one meets it is evident that hawking goods in this way is at least a paying proposition.

"The Terrible Three."—The war gratuity is payable on both acting and substantive rank.

"Pte. Robert Barclon," "Pte. Splinter," "H.B.W." "Chas E. Browne," "A.E.F.," "A.L.H.," S.C.W." and many others.—Questions regarding demobilization should be addressed to your respective orderly rooms. We have not the space necessary to deal with the many queries which reach us on this subject.

Rfm. E.T. Bozell.—The ribbon of the V.C. is deep crimson in colour and is worn with a miniature bronze cross in the centre.

"Wilfred."—The Naval General Service Medal was established in 1915 for service in minor naval operations. It will have a distinctive ribbon, white with crimson borders, and a clasp with appropriate wording.

"P.E P."—Consult our advertisement columns daily. There are many people willing to give lessons in the French and German languages.

"Wag."—General Sir William R. Robertson, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.B., succeeded General Sir Herbert Plumer, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., in the command of the Army of the Rhine.

"A.L."—Your service counts from date of actual re-enlistment.

Sergt. W. Straban.—We regard the branch of the services you mention as non-combatant.

The Wanderer.—You did not send your address. Please do so.

"Texo" and "Potassium."—Your query should be addressed to your Education Officer.

"WE.N.F."—Our offer with regard to contributions is not retrospective. It started on June 24th.

"Welsh."—The majority of the Public Schools had O.T.C's prior to the war. The purchase of commissions was abolished many years ago.

Other queries will be dealt with in to-morrow's issue.—Ed.

44 Hour Week.—The American Federation of Labour has passed a resolution in favour of a 44 hour week.

Casualties.—American Army casualties are now announced at 293,487, including 33,131 killed in action and 13,557 died of wounds.

FROM EVERYWHERE,

EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY.

Warlike.—Fighting with hand-grenades has been taking place in the streets of Hamburg.

Lower Bids.—In the London auction rooms furniture prices are falling fast.

Bagmen here.—Commercial travellers of many nations are in Cologne.

Where de Valera is.—De Valera, the Sinn Fein leader has landed in America.

A Penny Rate.—Chiswick proposes to spend a 1d rate on Peace Celebrations.

Trade Unionism.—Many big trade union amalgamations are on foot.

Police Pay.—The minimum pay for Birmingham police has been fixed at £ 3. 10. 0.

Strike.—A strike throughout the building and allied trades in Carlisle is in progress.

Healthy London.—Typhus fever has entirely disappeared from London and typhoid fever is very rare.

Investing Well.—The Victory Loan is being well subscribed by all ranks in the Rhine Army, it is said.

Another Combine.—Railway clerks in England have formed themselves into a National Industrial Council.

Queues for Clothes.—A daily feature of Oxford-street is the queue system in operation in connection with the sales.

Sunday Closing.—Hairdressers of the United Kingdom favour compulsory Sunday closing throughout the country.

Fatal Walk.—While sleepwalking, Trooper Holliday, 1st Life Guards, fell from a window at Knightsbridge Barracks, and died of his injuries.

High Prices.—St. Pancras Borough Council have asked the Government to institute an inquiry into the present high prices.

An "Agony."—An agony culled from the Personal Column of "The Times" reads: "Anon. Game for anything . . . Army on Rhine. Ardent."

Widow's Pension.—The widow of Staff Sergeant Green killed in the riot at Epsom, has been granted a full pension of £67 a year.

Kiralfy's Will.—The late Mr. Imre Kiralfy, the originator of the White City Exhibition, who died recently has left £136,680.

For King and Prince.—The thoroughbred horses which the King of the Hedjaz presented to the King and the Prince of Wales have arrived.

Masked Robbers. Mr. W. J. Curry, the accountant at Guy's Hospital, has been attacked by two masked men, with the object, presumably, of robbery.

Training Disabled Men.—The Ministry of Labour is opening instructional centres for the training of disabled men for the building trade. Maintenance grants will be provided.

Farm Strike.—About 1,000 farm labourers in the Tarpoley district of Cheshire are on strike because some farmers refuse to pay 50 s. for a 50 hours' week and overtime.

Cadres.—The cadres of the 6th Bn. Lincoln Regiment, 7th Bn. S. Staffs Regt., 2nd Bn. Leicester Regt. and the 11th Div. Sig. Company, have reached Dover.

Encouraging Recruiting.—All soldiers who rejoin for service with the infantry will now be sent direct to Regular battalions of the regiments into which they have been enlisted.

Labour Lord Mayor.—Mr. Walter Barber, secretary of the local Trades and Labour Council, has been nominated for the position of Lord Mayor of Bradford.

Police Raid.—The police, while raiding for arms, a contractors' premises in Cork, discovered two live bombs, fused and ready for use, a revolver, and a quantity of cartridges.

Decorations.—The British Ambassador in Madrid has handed decorations to Spanish naval officers who served on British hospital ships during the war.

Anglers' Paradise.—Mr. Alfred Norton, fishing at Deal, made the record haul of 824 fish in sixteen hours with one rod. The fish were captured in fives, fours, and threes at a time.

Absent Minded.—When fined for an obstruction with his motor car in Holborn Viaduct, a London business man said that in the pressure of work at his office he forgot all about the car and went home without it.

A Major's Will—Major Gower, Artists Rifles, one time Captain of the Sussex County Rugby team and Middlesex Wanderers, and a well-known shot at Bisley, has left an estate of gross value of £24,643.

Civil Aviation.—A Standing Advisory Committee on civil aviation has been set up, with Lord Weir as chairman, to advise and report on the best method of organising Imperial air routes and on other subjects relating to civil aviation.

Taxicab Autocrats.—Scotland-yard has issued a statement warning taxicab drivers who charge excessive fares, and calling attention to a fear that "collusion exists between the cabmen and the attendants calling cabs."

Manned by French.—French seamen have been sent to Cardiff to man the German merchant ships Christian Horn and Hollandia, which are making their first voyage under the Allied flag to Montevideo.

Sabbatarians Win.—Following the protest by the Bishop of Liverpool against a proposed review of Liverpool troops by Sir Douglas Haig on Sunday, July 6th, it has been decided to hold the review on July 5th.

Training the Disabled.—Among applications for training from disabled soldiers to North Wales Committee is one to become a Wesleyan minister, another as a kinema operator, and a third as a French polisher.

A Peace Effort.—"The only bad beating I ever got in my life was when I tried to prevent a woman from being beaten by her husband—they both went for me," said the magistrate at Thames Police Court.

For the King's Prize.—Entries for the King's Prize at Bisley next month number 800. Several women who have qualified to compete as "serving in his Majesty's Force," will compete at the meeting.

Charwoman's Maid!—The Metropolitan Asylums Board were discussing a payment of £25 to a charwoman as compensation. "The sum was suggested by the woman herself," explained the clerk. "She is not a poor woman, for she keeps a maid."

Astonished the Turks.—Miss Helen J. Kirtland, an American photographer, is now taking Peace Conference pictures after visiting many fronts with her camera during the war. She was an object of astonished interest to the Turkish Peace Delegates when she arrived to photograph.

All the Time.—Major-General Ellies has been in command of the Tank Corps in France since Tanks first went into action on the Somme up to the end. He personally led the Tank Corps into action in the great Tank Battle at Cambrai on 20th Nov., 1917.

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PLENIPOTENTIARIES PASS THROUGH COLOGNE.

THE HOUR APPROACHES.

The main station at Cologne presented its usual scene of hurry-scurry shortly after nine o'clock yesterday morning, but few of the many civilians hurrying from the trains on their way to business recognized in the contingent of very ordinary-looking men who moved across the platform to the office of the R.T.O., thirteen of the most important Germans at present alive.

Observed by but comparatively few people, the German plenipotentiaries broke their journey from Berlin to Versailles to devote a couple of hours or so at Cologne to partake of a meal. The circumstance revealed yet another phase in the closing chapters of the greatest war in history for, this afternoon, two of these men will append their signature to the historic peace terms admitting the guilt and the defeat of the German nation.

They were Herr Müller, the German Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Herr Bell, Minister for Colonies, the only similarity in whose appearance being that each wore a black tie. Müller, a tall, thin individual with pointed features and piercing grey eyes presented a striking contrast to his fellow delegate, who is short, rather rotund, and surveys his surroundings through a pair of black-rimmed glasses.

The delegates left Berlin at 9 o'clock on Friday night and arrived in Cologne at 9.23 a.m. They were met by Capt. Schwink, of the German General Staff, Bridgehead, Cologne, and his Adjutant, Capt. von Lossnitzer, of the German S.W. African Forces and were conducted by Lt.-Col. S. I. Leslie Ditnus, R.T.O., Cologne, to the palatial apartment that was formerly the ex-Kaiser's waiting room.

The superstitious omen of sitting thirteen at the breakfast table was avoided by the presence of a young female secretary, who appeared to take not the slightest interest in her surroundings.

Shortly after ten o'clock, the special train was re-boarded, and after a brief delay for the purpose of attaching a dining car, the plenipotentiaries proceeded on their mission of world-wide importance, with Capt. Hinchley-Cooke, British General Staff, in charge of the train.

Among the members of the party were Herr Autzen, Herr Heurer, Legationsrat Dr. Schmidt, Herr von Kamphöven and Fräulein Stegemann.

GERMANY'S ELEVENTH HOUR DECISION.

DELEGATES START.

It was officially announced in Paris yesterday, that Germany had notified that the following three delegates are being sent, viz: Herr Müller (Foreign Minister), Herr Giesberts (Post and Telegraphs) and Herr Leinert. They were expected to arrive at seven o'clock on Saturday morning. It is still hoped therefore that the Treaty will be signed on Saturday afternoon. The ceremony of signing is expected to last three hours.

HARA-KIRI IS HONOURABLE.

Various rumours are afloat in Paris Conference circles regarding possible last minute trickery on the part of the German delegates. One amazing suggestion comes from an American source that the enemy delegates will commit suicide immediately after signing!

Such heroic measures after the fashion of Japan hardly seem in keeping with the character of the present day German.

REPORTED FLIGHT OF THE EX-CROWN PRINCE.

An *Exchange* message from Paris states that the ex-Crown Prince has escaped from Holland accompanied by a staff officer and has reached Germany. The news caused great excitement in Paris, but the Foreign Office in London had received no information.

Up to the time of going to press, there is neither confirmation nor denial of the report.

A former American Ambassador at Berlin was interviewed regarding the occurrence. He said that although it might cause serious trouble in Germany any movement to restore the Hohenzollerns to power must inevitably fail. He was in no way surprised at the escape of the ex-Crown Prince.

CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES IN HUNGARY.

Information from Vienna states that Hungary, at the request of General Poels, has ceased hostilities on the Czech and Roumanian fronts. The Hungarian Army has withdrawn behind the line of demarcation under the surveillance of British, French and American officers. A neutral zone fifteen kilometres deep will be established between the opposing forces.

The Finnish Parliament has accepted the proposal declaring Finland a republic and it is generally supposed that General Mannerheim will be the first President.

OPEN REBELLION AT HAMBURG.

HUNDREDS OF CASUALTIES.

Messages from Berlin state that the disturbances at Hamburg developed during the night into open rebellion. The fighting has become much more severe, the losses already reported being estimated at one hundred and eighty-five killed and several hundred wounded. A considerable amount of artillery was brought into action. General von Lettow-Vorbeck is now advancing on Hamburg at the head of a strong force of reliable troops.

The Berlin outbreak is subsiding. Traffic has been resumed everywhere, except at the Goerlitzer railway station, which is the headquarters of the strikers. The majority of railway employées who struck have returned to work.

CAUSE OF THE OUTBREAK.

The violent outbreaks at Hamburg, which have resulted in the capture of the whole town by the proletarians, were the direct sequel to a hunger revolt directed against a man named Heil, a manufacturer of preserved meat. It was discovered that he was utilising the flesh of dogs, cats and rats in his trade. The crowd stormed his house, maltreated him and forced him to eat raw cat-flesh. Afterwards they wanted to hang him, but as no cord was at hand he was thrown into the Alster.

MACKENSEN COMMANDING ON POLISH FRONTIER.

HINDENBURG RESIGNS.

News has reached Berlin from Cracow that Mackensen has assumed command of the armies near the Polish frontier. This contradicts an earlier message to the effect that Mackensen had made an agreement with the Hungarian Government to march through Silesia with 100,000 men in order to enter Germany.

Hindenburg has now resigned the supreme command. Groener, his Chief of Staff, has also resigned but has offered to remain at his post during the present crisis.

Hindenburg's farewell address to his troops, states:—

Soldiers,—I informed the Government that I, as a soldier, preferred perishing with honour than submitting to a shameful peace.

At this moment of parting I think with emotion of the long years during which I served three royal and imperial War Lords. The times of quiet and indefatigable peace work; the glorious succession of great victories; tenacious resistance; all these things are before my eyes, but with deep pain I also contemplate the days of the collapse of our Fatherland.

The possibility of maintaining order and fruitful work depends mainly on the solidarity of our defensive power. It is therefore our first duty to preserve a solid defence.—*Wireless Press.*

How discreet! But what about that Hindenburg line?

TALES OF HOFFMAN.

General Hoffman of Brest Litovsk fame, authorizes the German press to state that he and the troops under him on the Polish frontier will not abandon one inch of German territory, even at the command of the Government, but will defend the old frontier by force of arms. He absolutely refuses to recognise the Treaty. On the other hand the Presidents of the three East German states have issued a joint proclamation stating that in consideration of the rest of the German people it is the duty of the people of the Eastern provinces to submit to the conditions of the Treaty.

ALLIES AND THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE.

The Paris Council of Ten has replied to the statement of the Turkish case submitted by Ferid Pasha. They do not doubt that the present government of Turkey profoundly disapproves of the policy followed by its predecessors but speaking generally a nation must be judged by the Government which rules it.

Regarding the appeal for complete territorial restoration the Council says it cannot admit that among the qualities of the Turks are to be counted a capacity to rule over alien races. Neither among the christians of Europe nor the Moslems of Smyrna, Arabia and Africa has the Turk done otherwise than to destroy wherever he conquered. Never has he shown himself able to develop in peace what he won by war.

The Council declares that there is no justification for the argument that the maintenance of the Turkish Empire, now demanded by religious sentiment, was an issue raised by a struggle in which Protestant Germany, Roman Catholic Austria, orthodox Bulgaria and Moslem Turkey banded themselves together to plunder their neighbours. The only flavour of deliberate fanaticism perceptible in these transactions was the massacre of christian Armenians by order of the Turkish government. The idea that diminution of the territories of the historic Moslem State would injure the Moslem cause is not acceptable to the Council. The modern history of the governments enthroned at Constantinople can be no source of pride to thinking Moslems throughout the world.

"IMPROPERLY DRESSED" LIBEL CASE.

SHADES OF KHAKI.

There were several amusing passages yesterday during the hearing of a libel action brought by Captain Gilchrist, formerly an Assistant Provost Marshal, against the proprietors of the *Daily Mail.*

Captain Gilchrist asserts that owing to the publication of a letter of complaint he lost his post.

Major Coltart, who gave evidence in support of plaintiff's case, was much surprised when Mr. Rigby Swift, K.C., said: "Do you think that you will be stopped by an A.P.M. when you leave the court?"

The Lord Chief Justice inquired the reason for the question, and Mr. Swift said: "Well, look at the button of your left hand pocket." The major looked and found it unbuttoned, amid the loud laughter of the court.

There was further hilarity when Captain Gilchrist assured the judge that he was so anxious that officers should wear the right shade of khaki collar that he sent twenty-six samples to the War Office.

GERMAN DISCIPLINE AT SCAPA.

OFFICERS MURDERED.

Sensational allegations are made regarding the behaviour of the Germans at Scapa, during the past few weeks. At least two German officers were murdered by the crews under them. One a Lieutenant, was stabbed in the back and the other, a Commander, after being bound up and weighted, was thrown overboard to drown.

It is said that Admiral von Reuter appealed to the British authorities but they declined to interfere in disciplinary matters. Hardly a British officer or man boarded any German ship subsequent to the initial inspection last November. The Germans generally were treated as lepers.

RUMOURED ATTEMPT TO SHOOT. ERZBERGER.

It is reported that as Erzberger, Minister of Finance in the Bauer Cabinet was proceeding along the streets of Weimar, on Wednesday evening, he was shot at by an unknown assailant. The Minister escaped unhurt. Details of the attempt have not yet leaked out.

DENIKIN'S VICTORIOUS SWEEP.

The volunteer Army of Denikin has now fairly launched its great offensive and everywhere is sweeping back the enemy. In Southern Russia the evacuation of Sebastopol and the Crimea by the Bolshevists is considered imminent.

The Ukranian Press Service reports that Petljura's Army is advancing successfully along a line in the general direction of Kieff. Ukranian troops have taken several villages only thirty miles from that town, while Gregorieff's Army is marching to occupy Odessa, Nikolaiev and Kherson in order to move against the Bolshevist Army on the Dniester and to effect a junction with Petljura's troops.

MOVE TOWARDS SOLUTION OF IRISH QUESTION.

An important new movement, known as the Irish Dominion League, is being started in Irish politics. It is being organised by Sir Horace Plunket, who has already received great encouragement. He is shortly issuing a manifesto.

The chief objects of the movement are to secure a settlement of the Irish question along the lines of Dominion Home Rule and to create a representative body of Irishmen, both Ulstermen and Nationalists, who are genuinely anxious for a settlement and whom the Government may consult.

NO PREMATURE CELEBRATIONS

The War Cabinet Committee on peace celebrations last evening issued the following:

"It has already been stated that immediately following the signature of the Peace Treaty at Versailles, an announcement will be made by the Government of the celebrations which it is proposed to hold at an early date, and the public have been requested to postpone their rejoicings until that date. It is hoped, therefore, that premature festivities will not be arranged, particularly those such as the lighting of bonfires, which would involve a considerable and wasteful expenditure of money.

"It is from every point of view desirable that the national rejoicings should be organised simultaneously, and kept within reasonable bounds both as regards scale and outlay."

CLOSING TIME EXTENDED.

The military Governor has issued a proclamation to the civil population which orders that from the day on which Peace is signed, cafés and restaurants will be allowed to remain open until 10 p.m., and traffic will be allowed in the streets up to 11 p.m.

GRANTS FOR TRAINING.

During the week ended June 24 the Grants Committee of the Ministry of Labour sanctioned 178 grants for training ex-Service men, whether officers or men from the ranks of similar educational qualifications, in civil careers. The total of grants made up to date is 803, and of these 376 are for officers and 427 for other ranks. Accountancy, engineering, the law, and commerce are the occupations for which by far the greater number of these 803 successful applicants wish to train.

HARD LABOUR FOR RIOTOUS CANADIAN.

SAVAGE ASSAULT.

Appearing in court with his head bandaged, Shelby Bowen, a Canadian soldier, was charged on remand with assaulting police constable Mills during the fracas in the Strand on June 18th.

The constable said that defendant struck him in the mouth, causing him to fall. As he got up he received another blow. Attempting to close with the man he was again knocked down and kicked on the head.

Prisoner, on being arrested by other policemen shouted, "Come on Canadians, give them another Epsom."

Sentence of four months' hard labour was passed.

CANADIANS' LATEST RIOT.

WOKING THIS TIME.

One loses count of the number of times Canadian troops have wantonly run riot in England during the last few months. They may be good fighters, but they are sadly lacking in good manners.

The latest disturbances in which Canadian soldiers were concerned, have just occurred at Woking and before order could be restored the local police had to call for reinforcements from the military authorities.

In consequence of recent disturbances, the town of Guildford had been placed out of bounds. This caused the Canadians to visit Woking in large numbers. The latest conflict arose out of disputes between Canadians on the one side and British discharged soldiers and New Zealanders on the other. One of the latter was seriously injured and one Canadian was arrested. Quiet was not restored until after midnight.

MEDICAL OFFICERS WANTED.

The War Office is prepared to accept the services of medical practitioners, including those who have already served, who are desirous of undertaking duty with the Army.

The terms of service are as follows: Candidates who have served before will be commissioned in their previous rank; those who have not served will be commissioned as lieutenants. The period of engagement to be for one year or until no longer required, whichever shall first happen.

Pay to be at the rate of £550 a year, inclusive of all allowances (except travelling allowance and rations or the allowance in lieu thereof.—Outfit and kit allowance will be issued to candidates who have not received them for previous service.

Demobilized officers, whether Temporary, Special Reserve, or Territorial, are eligible to re-engage under these terms. All candidates must be fit for general service at home and abroad. Applications should be addressed to the Secretary, War Office, Adastral House, E.C. 4.

EX-OFFICERS' CHEQUE FRAUDS.

Donald Walker, formerly an army officer, was sentenced to nine months, hard labour for a series of frauds on the Army and Navy Stores and Civil Service Supply Association. Prisoner adopted various form of cheating, including the use of forged cheques, and personation of officers and ticket holders.

He went to the stores in the uniform of the London Scottish and walked from department to department ordering clothes, boots and other goods to be sent to an hotel address. He paid for the foods by means of fictitious cheques on blank paper.

Prisoner pleaded that the business methods at the stores left them open to that kind of fraud, particularly when a man was hard up.

AN IRISH VERDICT.

After a three-days' inquest at Dundalk, a coroner's jury found that Mathew Murphy, a commercial traveller, motoring from the North of Ireland, was shot by the military at midnight on June 5. The jury added that reasonable precautions were not taken by the authorities to safeguard the general public, and more effective and less dangerous measures should have been adopted. Soldiers stationed at Dundalk had been called out on a report from a police-sergeant at Carlingford that a Sinn Fein raid was contemplated. The contention of the Crown was that deceased had been challenged three times before a shot was fired. The shot was aimed at the engine, but went through Murphy's thigh, and he died two days later.

MEMORIAL TO LONDON TROOPS.

London City Corporation yesterday declined unanimously to grant the site in front of the Royal Exchange for the erection of a memorial to the London regiments. The memorial, designed by Sir Aston Webb, was to consist of two Venetian masts of copper 75ft. high.

Mr. H. P. Monckton raised an objection to the selection of so splendid a site for a memorial which he considered unworthy of the occasion.

It would be impossible, he said, to guarantee that the masts would maintain a perpendicular position; moreover, the memorial would dwarf the wonderful frontage of the Royal Exchange.

MISHAP TO LEAVE TRAIN.

When entering Charleroi station, during Wednesday night, two coaches of the Calais-Cologne leave train fouled the points and were derailed. Fortunately no one was injured, and the journey was resumed after the coaches had been detached.

DIRECT VERSUS POLITICAL ACTION.

LABOUR CONFERENCE.

At the annual conference of the British Labour Party which is being held at Southport the discussion yesterday was opened on the important matter of direct and political strike action.

The presidential address of Mr. McGurk, who is the Lancashire miners' representative, was eminently broad and sensible and the meeting followed his lead on the question of "direct" versus political action which has been given such prominence lately within the labour movement.

Direct action, he said, means that the strikers aim not for industrial, but for political ends and such strikes are necessarily generally on a very large scale. A few extremists who advocate this policy have been very active in pushing it to the front during the last few months and the matter has more than once come to a definite issue between them and the supporters of political—that is parliamentary—action.

The present conference is the latest and most formal trial of strength and the constitutional party has so far won.

WHEN THE NEXT CALL COMES.

UNIVERSAL TRAINING.

General Sir Henry Horne, who on the Western Front, commanded the First Army, speaking at a dinner held last night to welcome ex-service men, strongly advocated the formation of a National army on territorial lines.

He said he did not want this army to go fighting abroad, but he did want army training for the manhood of the nation so that we shall not be found wanting when the call next comes.

RE-ENLISTMENT OF N.C.O.'s.

The Army Council announce that ex-warrant officers and non-commissioned officers who re-enlist with the Regular Army for short periods on condition of immediate promotion to the substantive rank they previously held can only be accepted for promotion to that rank provided a vacancy exists. The re-enlistment is with the branch of the service in which the man last served.

A man who was not last serving on a normal engagement in the Regular Army cannot be accepted in a rank above that of sergeant, while a man re-enlisting into the R.E., R.A.M.C., R.A.S.C., and Military Police, or into an arm other than that in which he last served, can only be accepted in the rank of private.

PREFERRED DEATH TO DEMOBILIZATION.

A verdict of suicide while temporarily insane was returned at a Stafford inquest yesterday on 2nd Lieut. Thomas William Stanley Cusack, 20, Royal Irish Rifles, who was found shot at Rugeley Camp.

It was said he was about to be demobilized and was disappointed at leaving the Army. A brother officer said Cusack told him that in an aeroplane accident in which his pilot was killed, he (Cusack) jumped from the machine on nearing the ground, but was unaffected by the experience.

He left a letter asking that his kit-bag might be sent to his mother, whose stage name was Miss Lily Iris, at Warrington crescent, Maida Vale, London.

SOLDIER M.P.'s CONTEMPT FOR CONCHIES.

"As a soldier who has been fighting for our country and Empire since the commencement of the war I have no sympathy whatsoever with concientious objectors, whom I consider to be unworthy members of our Empire, and for whom I have the greatest contempt," wrote Brigadier-General J. T. Wigan, D.S.O., M.P., replying to a Presbyterian minister who asked him to help secure the release of a number of conscientious objectors.

START OF JOY LOAN CAMPAIGN.

Trafalgar square was gaily decorated yesterday for the grand fête which marked the opening of the Joy Loan Campaign in London.

As a result of the days's efforts over one million pounds was subscribed in the Square alone.

An Army Order just issued announces that investments in Victory Bonds and Funding Loan may be made by soldiers by means of Army Form W. 3,273. The amount invested must be £4-£5 or a multiple thereof for Victory Bonds, and £4 or a multiple thereof for Funding Loan, Officers who wish to invest in these securities will make their own arrangements with their agents or bankers.

MANCHESTER WAREHOUSE FIRE.

Thousands of bales of cotton and large quantities of rum and sugar stored in warehouses of the Ship Canal Company at Manchester were destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The outbreak, the cause of which is unknown, occurred in the cotton section of the warehouse.

AIRMEN AND TOWER BRIDGE.

The Air Ministry states for the information of all pilots that the practice of flying through the Tower Bridge between the high-level footways and the bascules must cease. Any such cases reported in future will be severely dealt with.

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Short Morning Prayers Daily at 9-15 a.m.

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Sundays: Evening Service, 6 p.m.

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WHY DOES GERMANY DELAY?

There is no doubt of the delay, though there may be differing opinions of its motives. The world is wearily watching the reluctance of Germany to pay the price of her defeat. At times it seems as if her will was set against the signature of her delegates. One Cabinet falls because it will not seal the Peace; another rises because it is prepared to endorse the decision of Versailles.

Yet the Treaty is unsigned. Even when representatives were appointed by the German Government to proceed to the Hall of Mirrors, there has been delay—Herr Müller has found scruples, and will not do what once he dared. So time is stolen by Procrastination, the robber.

If the world is waiting, it is waiting with growing irritation. Peace deferred maketh the heart of the world sick. Travesties of patriotism such as the Scapa Flow fiasco and the Berlin holocaust of French flags do not mend matters within or without Germany. They arouse the passions of men who would gladly view the passing of strife and tragedy.

Mankind longs for the close of an era of war and is looking through the mist of wide-spread disorder to a better epoch. Any policy of friend or foe which hinders the coming of that age is resented with increasing vehemence. A stern hand must limit the days of unsettlement.

It is difficult to measure German mentality, but it seems fair to judge that the German Government is even yet trusting that tortuous delay will bring some strange chance to their rescue. Like Micawber they are "waiting for something to turn up."

Such a hope is vain. The Allies have fought shoulder to shoulder in the evil days of war, and they will not forsake each other in the happier times of victory. They believe that they did not begin the war and they know that they ended the war—and the ending is to be fitly consummated.

Delay in the signing of the Peace terms is grievous to the Allies, but it is more than grievous to Germany—it is dangerous. Her only hope is in submission, and even to her, Peace will bring its fruits.

WAR SAVINGS.

We have frequently commented upon the extreme popularity of war savings institutions, a fact borne out by figures which we have been able to publish in connection which certain units.

There can be no two minds as to the value of such institutions.

The fact that one has accumulated a few pounds in this way gives a capital sense of security for the days to come; and the additional satisfaction that German shopkeepers did not take all the money which finds its way from the pay table.

The method is simple. An officer should be present at the pay parade and as each man leaves he should be invited to subscribe a few marks.

The total eventually reaches the required amount and Tommy becomes the proud possessor of a certificate, often enough ante-dated, a fact which carries with it increased interest. We heard recently of a case where the certificate issued was two years old.

All that is required is a little intelligent co-operation, not that spirit which led one Company Commander to report "Nothing doing."

Taking a man at random, he asked, "Want to put any money in the War Savings?" "No, thanks, sir," was the reply. "Didn't I tell you so?" was his triumphant observation.

Whereas a little persuasion would have done everything and the man would have thanked him in a year or so for his interest.

To the uninitiated the method is very simple. A responsible officer should undertake the secretarial work for a battalion, backed by representative officers from each company. The benefit of thrift should be persistently brought before the men, and the literature which is easily obtainable displayed, instead of, as is often the case, consigned to a corner. Some very striking posters are to be had.

All that is required is the good will of officers. They should give a popular lead and the men will surely follow, a fact borne out by the letters we receive asking where War Savings certificates are to be bought. Each man should be encouraged to take a book, and it should be explained that while money can be paid in, it can also be withdrawn.

No qualms on this score need be felt. Tommy is only human, and when he has secured one certificate, he will not rest until he has a second and so on. It is only human nature.

Once there is the inspiration, the desire to spend will be overcome by the desire to save, and the war gratuity accruing will be permitted to remain intact on the return to civil life, because of the lead which it is possible for those in authority to give to the rank and file in this matter.

GEORGE.

To say that George had "fallen" out of the window wouldn't be quite true. I don't think George could "fall". He certainly could tumble in, out, up, through, across, upon, away, among, back over, and off. A clever exponent!

He had tumbled out of the window and broken his wrist and everybody in the Battery laughed.

"Callous brutes!" you will say. "Malicious devils!" But then you didn't know George, and so you don't know why they laughed. That is my story.

A little scandal first, low in your ear. George was very fond of whisky, and that whisky had an extraordinary effect.

He never reeled or staggered, or became amorous or violent—that would be a low story. But those whisky fumes did get into his extremities and play him some strange tricks.

Perspective became his evil genius and direction a lost sense. He could never descend to a dug-out without bumping his head, he would insist upon trying to stand upright in a cellar no higher than his ears, he was always getting lost.

There are some people who will never accept a principle until it has been demonstrated in a violent manner. Here was a very obstinate case.

In a shell-pocked, barbed-wired land George was in his element. You saw him at his best there, you recognised the inexhaustibility of his art. The one rule in life, as in writing, is to be infinitely various — the secret of George's popularity. The light railway running by the guns brought him down every time, his chin must have been as scarred as a professional footballer's. The unexpected is supposed to be the essence of a joke; if so then here was the exception that proves the rule.

This perversity was not confined to obstinacy towards fixed principles and old established truths taught us by the scientists, but manifested itself in his attitude towards the poets dictum that "East is East and West is West" which he would not accept.

Perhaps he inclined unduly towards the doctrine of Galileo that East could be reached by going West

But I, who have accompanied him on many expeditions think this was his rule — "To find a place, walk about in the probability zone until you come to it".

It is not without its merits; there is no strain on the mathematical faculty, it leads to all sorts of romantic situations — the spice of life.

If George would record his experiences he would add a very interesting and valuable chapter to "The Probabilities of Chance". For maps, George had no use whatever. A "1 in 100,000" just represented his chances of finding a place by using one.

One day we were saddened by the news that George was leaving us, he was going to a Kite Balloon Section. Poor George!

Of course he didn't mind; he had never tumbled out of a basket 5,000 feet up.

But we knew he would, or float gracefully some day when the wind was contrary, in a parachute to the enemy's line. We already saw his name in the casualty lists. Poor George! it was all up with him.

The sentence however, was never carried out, George was reprieved. Foch wanted us, and wanted us all, and we limbered up and went.

And the night before we went into the line for the battle that was to be the beginning of the end, George fell out of the window.

If ignorance of the law is no excuse, then George was guilty of violating the laws of the point of balance, and should have been charged with self inflicting wounds. Instead of this, three months at Brighton and then "demobbed".

For the demobilization scheme was after George's own heart—chance was the basic principle, and he was lucky.

OWEN OLIVER.

THE TIDINGS.

A word went out of Weimar,
To all the world from Weimar,
That the age of war is done.
And there is joy that once again
Life will be normal and free and sane
And know not bomb nor gun.

And this is the talk of men who meet
In café and billet, field and street:—
"You will go back to your job, brother,
And I shall go back to mine;
Sergeant will take up his pen once more,
The corporal open his cycle store,
And the private milk his kine."

Hard things are thawing,
Like the frosts withdrawing,
At the spring wind from Weimar,
For Germany will sign.

The word went out of Weimar,
To Rhineland out of Weimar,
And it thrilled every soul;
And faces are pale and hearts are sore
In the Hotel Excelsior
And in the Monopol.

And this is the way they talk and think
Beneath the palms when the tea-cups clink:
"What will become of your job, brother,
And what will become of mine?
The Major reverts to second Loot,
And the G.S.O. drills the raw recruit
In a regiment of the Line."

Red tabs are falling
Like leaves at the calling
Of the autumn wind from Weimar,
For Germany will sign.

AGRIPPA.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

LEARN A LANGUAGE.

Sir,—There are many, I have no doubt, like "Iris" and myself, who have not the opportunity of learning German and bettering our French.

Could not teaching be run on the same lines as our technical schools at home, i.e., a qualified teacher visit remote villages like ours, say once a week, for the purpose of teaching French or German, preferably both.

I feel sure none of us would mind paying a weekly contribution or a certain figure per lesson, if we could enjoy the privileges of learning even our enemy language.

Many of us are grateful to „Amateur Linguist" for bringing the matter forward, and also to you Mr. Editor, for your sound comments under "Golden Opportunities."

TY CENDL.

THE ENEMY WOUNDED.

Sir,—In your "Echoes from Rhineland" a contributor remarks that he has very seldom seen a German who bears the marks of wounds received in battle. In Cologne, I admit, I have not often met one, but here, near the outpost line, I have met a good many. There are two men in this village who have lost an arm, and several who look very much the worse for wear.

The correspondent wonders where the thousands of German wounded have gone to. The wounded men he sees at home now are mostly convalescent, and attached to some home or hospital, and still under the control of the army. Would a beaten enemy allow his victors to see that his country is full of maimed men? There is more of Germany than is occupied by the Allies. There are other towns than Cologne in Germany.

R.B.

ABOUT CHURCH SERVICES.

Sir,—I am interested in the letter of "Fidelis". I feel certain that he does not speak for many Catholic soldiers.

All I can say is that my experience is different. I don't think many of us have been forgotten on Sundays, and I'm sure our "padres" aren't to blame.

It's up to "Fidelis" to get hold of a Catholic padre, and he will soon put matters right.

R.C.

OUR CRICKET CUP.

Sir,—I was glad to read your gentle strafe of those cricket secretaries whose teams have not been pushing along in the competition.

One would have thought that after the astonishing rush to enter, everyone would have been eager to play fixtures as announced and I was surprised to observe from the League Tables how little a number of teams had done.

The lapse during the past few days has been unavoidable, but previously I imagine that only in a few cases was it impossible to keep up to date with matches. In the case of my Battery, we were away at practise camp when the competition started and were consequently unable to play during the first fortnight.

But you considerately postponed our opening matches and since our return we were able to play four games before the moving forward orders came along — a better record than can be shown by some teams who have had no such difficulty.

"SECRETARY BIRD".

THE G. S. RIBBON.

Sir,—I am tired of seeing announcements that the General Service Ribbon is "nearly ready for issue". Months ago I read this, but where is it? I see a firm advertises in the Post urging all ranks to wear it, but how can they, when it cannot be procured, and even if it could be, it is not authorised yet.

By the time it does come along I rather suspect there won't be a huge number left in the Army who served in the Great War.

I believe the ribbon has been in the English shops for a month or two and a lot of men have bought it. Most of us would like to sport it while still in the Army. When are we likely to be able to do so?

"1916 MAN."

"STANDS SCOTLAND WHERE IT DID!"

Sir,—Once a week there appears an article in your columns in the homely Doric of the North of Scotland, dear to readers of "Johnny Gibb of Gushetneuk" and "Life among my Ain Folk." These articles are welcomed weekly by many Scotsmen and several Germans, the former perusing them for sentimental, and the latter for linguistic reasons.

When the feature first appeared it was a column in length, then it dwindled to three-quarters, and now I see with some emotion that it has been cut down to half its original size.

Are your English vandals at work? "Stands Scotland where it did"? Or has Peter, the author of the Epistles, turned indolent in his old age? Before the merciless attenuating process is continued farther, I hope some modern Jeffrey will take either Peter or the vandals in hand.

SCOTIA.

PAINT AND POWDER.

Sir,—When I was last on leave I could not help seeing the change that has come over our British girls. Almost all were painted and powdered and to me the sight was abhorrent.

I know it used to be considered the sign of a lady that she never descended to "making-up" and by that sign you knew she was a lady.

But to-day it is impossible to say if the girls and women you meet in the streets are really ladies, or are merely third-rate chorus girls or even demi-mondaines, for all are equally assiduous in colouring their cheeks and lips, powdering their noses and darkening their eyebrows.

I think it is up to every soldier going home on leave to "rub it in" to all his female relations and friends that this modern freak is intensely disliked by all clean-minded sane men.

ANTI-PAINT.

PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTORS.

General articles on any subject of interest to the Armies of the Rhine will be paid for on publication.

In submitting such articles, contributors should always enclose an addressed envelope for return in case we are unable to use them.

Articles must always be concise and to the point, and never exceed 500 words.

They should be addressed to the Editor of *The Cologne Post*, A.P.O., S. 40 Rhine Army, with the word "Literary" in the top left hand corner of the envelope.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE

LAST WEEK OF THE SEASON.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Saturday	5½	Freischütz	Weber
Sunday	3	Mastersingers of Nuremberg	Wagner

AT THE OPERA.

"Rigoletto."

Whether you regard "Rigoletto" as mere garish melodrama or as a genuine tragedy, it provides a rich display of dramatic situations. It breathes the very atmosphere of mediaeval passion in the Duke's lawless love and the father's revenge of his daughter's honour, through the assassin's stiletto. The outstanding figure is the deformed dwarf and a highly convincing rendering was that of Herr Liszewski this week. Equally admirable was Käte Herwig as Gilda in her duets with her father or with her fickle lover. Herr Krauss as the handsome duke, sang his way into Gilda's and Maddalena's heart very seductively and the ever popular "La donna è mobile", so beloved of tenors, was a rare treat. The audience followed with keen appreciation the development of the drama up to the final climax, almost painful in its tragic intensity. While the honours fell deservedly to the principals, a word of praise is due to Herr Lindlar's Monterone, the sinister Sparafucile of Herr Höttges, and Katharina Rohr's Maddalena.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

"The Chequers" Unchequered.

"The Chequers" have suffered severely, like many others, from demobilization, four only of the old party remaining, but the process of reorganization, I am delighted to hear, has now been completed and the new "Chequers" have been giving performances for a month past at Siegburg and Troisdorf. Judging from the size of the audiences and their applause, I am told, these have been thoroughly appreciated. "The Chequers" reopen at Siegburg on or about Saturday next, going to Wahn about the 7th July. On July 29th they appear at the British Empire Leave Club, Cologne.

B.E.L.C. Doings.

I hear that Baron d'Erlanger is coming to Cologne next week to speak to the members of the British Empire Leave Club on the subject of The Channel Tunnel. Other B.E.L.C. news is that the Whist Drive on Thursday had to be held indoors owing to the weather. Forty-five tables were filled and it was another success.

The first Ladies Prize was won by Pte. Hall with a score of 157 and the first gentlemen's prize by Pte. Ramsden with a score of 153. The 2nd and 3rd Ladies Prizes went to Pte. Bissell and Pte. Morrison.

Pte. Price having been demobbed L/Cpl. Taylor officiated as M.C. Once again the pipers of the 11th Bn. Royal Scots (by kind permission of Lt. Col. Nash) delighted the men of the B.E.L.C. by a splendid programme of music. Owing to the bad weather the music ended earlier than usual.

Baffles.

Talking of "straight" men. Quite a well-known figure in pre-war and Army theatrical circles is George Baines, who plays with Jack Knowles in clever double acts. In "The Darktown Strutters Ball" he was a huge success. Coming of an old theatrical stock, he started his thespian career at the early age of seven. Whilst still in his teens his success as a juvenile lead in revue was cut short and he signed the Big Contract. In France Baines has played many parts from the Ugly Sister in "Cinderella" to the Mesmerist in "The Bells." For two years he was producer for the "Jesmond Jesters," the 50th Divisional Party. He is an exceptionally clever, neat, and conscientious worker—and says his hardest work is prompting "comedians." At present with "The Tabs" at the Apollo Theatre, he is playing Baffles, a cracksman, with distinct success. The above is an impression by Roy.

"The Owlers."

The 79th Brigade Concert Party, "The Owlers", paid a flying visit to the Casino, Euskirchen, on Wednesday night, and received a splendid reception. They are fortunate in possessing two clever vocalists in Bdrs. Broome and Walker, and their rendering of the "Battle Eve" duet was admirable. Bdr. Pawson in his ventriloquial sketch is always assured a hearty welcome. Foremost amongst the comedians is Pioneer Evans with his items at the piano, and as "Props" in a farcical sketch, "Producing a Cinema Drama." The "girls," Lieut. Palin and Dvr. Fulton, are *chic* and dainty in their speciality dances; while Pioneer Corner, monologist, Lieut. Oxberry, baritone, Gnr. Litchfield, comedian, and Gunners Panter and Brown, pianists, make up a varied and well-balanced show.

JACQUES.

THE OLD SCOUTS' CORNER.

Last Saturday we had a very pleasant ramble to Königsforst, and in spite of the somewhat inclement weather, a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. After a stroll through the forest, tea was partaken of, and we arrived back in Cologne about 7 p.m.

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On Wednesday evening owing to rain, we were unable to follow our usual custom, and have the circle in the garden. However, the music room in the Lindenthal Y.M.C.A. proved an admirable substitute.

A most interesting paper on the 3rd Scout Law was read by Corporal Sands, and this was followed by a very heated discussion. A real "scouty sing-song" brought a delightful evening to a close.

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To-day, we are going to ascend to the top of the Cathedral, and will all our members please note that we are meeting outside the Dom Hotel at 2.45 p.m. We shall go to Lindenthal for tea and attend the performance to be given by the Lena Ashwell Dramatic Company is the evening. So rally up, all old scouts, and let us have a record attendance.

HAWKEYE.

FIGHTING THEIR BATTLES OVER AGAIN.

"OVER THE TOP" AT OLYMPIA.

AMAZING REALISM AT NAVAL, MILITARY AND R.A.F. TOURNAMENT.

The Naval, Military and Royal Air Force tournament was opened at Olympia, London, on Thursday afternoon. The King and Queen, who were in the Royal Box, as also was Marshal Joffre, were given a rousing welcome. The interior of the building has been camouflaged this year to represent Flanders, and a typical French village with a river and mill has been constructed, barriers being painted to represent sandbags.

TUG OF WAR.

The competitors' section of the Tournament opened with a Tug-of-War, of which the following were the results:—

1st Round: 3rd East Surreys beat Royal Marine, Deal.

Railway Construction Troops R.E. beat No. 2 A.R.D.

R.A. Barracks Devonport beat 3rd Buffs.

Hqrs, R.A.F. beat R.A. Barracks, Chatham.

3rd Leinsters beat 1st Gordons.

3rd Group, R.A.F. beat British Troops, France.

No. 1 A.R.D. beat 3rd W. Yorks.

1st Irish Guards beat H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth.

In the Inter-Port Field Gun competition H.M.S. Victory was first; and the Royal Marine Artillery second; the time being 7 mins. 18 4/5 secs.

The Tournament season continues for a fortnight.

A SURPRISE "ATTACK."

At the dress rehearsal which preceded the tournament the representation of warlike conditions in the battle zone was a very interesting as well as skilful pretence. The moving story is thus described by an observer:—

A surprise attack has carried the British troops to a position where two lines of German trenches defend a walled farm. It is dawn.

A Véry light soars into the sky; there is the pan, pan, pan of a few shots, and then silence. . . . Suddenly the barrage bursts over the enemy lines. For a minute the shells shriek and crash into the German first line, and as the barrage lifts on to the second line the tanks move forward over the wire entanglements.

The bayonet charge, the bombing of the communication trench, the attempted counter-attack by the Germans, the prisoners, the last dash for the farmhouse as it bursts into flames—all are studied from the life.

As the attackers make their triumphant advance, a man falls here and there.

One staggers back to the first-aid station, he sinks and falls, showing all the symptoms of the man badly hit and out of the last struggle for good and all. Red Cross men run forward; for a moment he is a centre of hurry and confusion, and then, most natural of touches, somebody gives him the all-conquering Woodbine, and he smiles just as he did in France.

25 IN ONE OVER.

DUCAT 306 NOT OUT AT THE OVAL.

Surrey's total at the Oval on Thursday reached 523, to which Ducat contributed 306 (not out). In a wonderful over he hit 25. Scores:—

SURREY.—First Innings.

Hobbs, c Naumann, b Price	14
Sandham, c Pearse, b Rucker	14
Ducat, not out	306
Harrison, b Rucker	13
Mr. E. G. Hayes, b Bower	40
Mr. F. C. W. Newman, lbw. b Rucker	19
Mr. W. H. G. Heath, b Rucker	0
Abel (W. J.) c Price. b Naumann	48
Abel (T.), b Pearse	9
Hitch, c Pearse, b Price	15
Rushby, b Bower	23
Extras	24
Total	523

Bowling.—Mr. Price 2 for 143, Mr. Rucker 4 for 107, Mr. Bower 2 for 64, Mr. Pearse 1 for 95, Mr. Naumann 1 for 90.

SUSSEX V. CAMBRIDGE U.

SUSSEX. First Innings.

Mr. H. L. Wilson, c Johnstone, b Gilligan	3
Mr. M. F. S. Jewell, lbw., b Gilligan	6
Jenner, c Morrison, b Calthorpe	28
Mr. J. L. S. Vidler, c Naumann, b Calthorpe	22
Mr. W. G. M. Sarel, c Fairbairn, b Calthorpe	26
Cox, not out	37
Tate, c Ashton, b Naumann	30
Stannard, lbw., b Gilligan	2
Mr. E. C. Baker, b Gilligan	1
Roberts, run out	0
Burchell, b Calthorpe	2
Extras	15
Total	172

Bowling.—Mr. Gilligan 4 for 51, Mr. Naumann 1 for 42, Mr. Calthorpe 4 for 17, Mr. Johnstone 0 for 15, Mr. Fairbairn 0 for 31, Mr. Rotherham 0 for 1.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

Mr. G. E. C. Wood, c Vidler, b Cox	42
Mr. C. P. Johnstone, lbw., b Baker	58
Mr. G. Wilson, b Vidler	26
Mr. J. S. F. Morrison, not out	49
Mr. G. Ashton, not out	9
Extras	0
Total (3 wkts.)	184

TURF WINNINGS.

LORD GLANELY EASILY TOPS THE OWNERS' LIST.

With the racing season thus far advanced, turf statistics begin to present an interesting appearance. At the head of the winning owners' list—a long way ahead—is Lord Glanely, Mr. Sol Joel being second, and Sir E. Hulton, third. The list is as follows:—

OWNERS.

	No. of horses.	Races won.	£
Glanely, Lord	9	15	18,355
Joel, Mr S B	13	22	7,513
Hulton Sir E	6	6	6,957
De Pledge, Mr W	5	8	5,861
Black, Sir A	2	2	5,838
Douglas, Lady James	1	1	4,950
Jersey, Lord	5	9	4,906
White, Mr J	8	12	4,597
Durham, Lord	5	8	3,005
Derby, Lord	6	10	2,848
Cunliffe-Owen, Mr H	5	8	2,847
Cazalet Mr. W	2	2	2,810

POLO AT HURLINGHAM.

In the second round of the Military Cup Tournament the 18th Hussars beat the 1st Life Guards by 4 goals to 3.

In a friendly match the 15th Hussars beat the Rovers 6—5.

In the Wellington Tournament (semi-final), Crawley beat the 2nd Life Guards by 5 goals to 3 and Dinorbin beat Combermere by 5—3.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CUP.

At the opening of the Public schools polo cup competition played at Roehampton on Thursday, the Old Etonians A, beat the Old Etonians B., by 5 goals to 0.

ALDERSHOT COMMAND HORSE SHOW.

Aldershot Command Horse Show, so tremendous a success last year, is to be held under the patronage of the King and the presidency of Lieut.-General Sir Archibald J. Murray, on August 13 and 14 next. The Show, held on the picturesque, tree-encircled Army Athletic Ground, will be on the same attractive lines as last year, increased by classes open to civilians for hunters, polo ponies, and harness horses. It is hoped also to include various spectacular events. The King is presenting a valuable prize cup again, and many influential people, including the Duke of Connaught, are interesting themselves in the event.

AUSTRALIANS v. NORTHANTS.

At Northampton on Thursday the Australians ran up a total of 297, (Mr. J. M. Gregory 115). Scores:—

AUSTRALIAN I.F.—First Innings.

Mr. J. M. Taylor, run out	17
Mr. J. M. Gregory, c Beasley, b Woolley	115
Mr. J. T. Murray, c Seymour b Wright	42
Mr. J. W. L. Trennery, run out	1
Mr. H. L. Collins, c Hawes, b Holland.	1
Mr. A. W. Lampard, b Woolley	11
Mr. C. E. Pellew, b Wright	70
Mr. C. B. Willis, c Wright, b Seymour	12
Mr. E. A. Bull, b Woolley	0
Mr. C. T. Docker, b Woolley	0
Mr. E. J. Long, not out	13
Extras	15
Total	297

Bowling.—Woolley 4 for 51, Thomas 0 for 31, Seymour 1 for 93, Hawes 0 for 23, Wright 2 for 38, Holland 1 for 39, Beasley 0 for 7.

NORTHANTS.—First Innings.

Mr. Holland, retired, hurt	41
Davies, c Lampard	20
Haywood, c Long, b Gregory	3
Seymour, not out	31
Woolley, not out	10
Extras	4
Total (2 wkts.)	109

MILITARY MATCH AT THE OVAL.

The Royal Fusiliers at the Oval this week made a good draw of the game with the Household Brigade, who, declaring at 317 for five, left the Royals two and a half hours in which to get the runs. A seventh-wicket stand of 113 brought them within measurable distance of achieving their purpose when stumps were drawn at 7 o'clock. Major G. V. Goodliffe hit no fewer than twenty 4's and was batting an hour and a half. Scores:—

Household Brigade	5 (wkts, dec.) 317
Royal Fusiliers	(7 wkts) 258

GENTLEMEN V. PLAYERS.

The following team will represent the Gentlemen against the Players at the Oval on July 3, 4, 5: P. F. Warner (captain), J. W. H. T. Douglas, Rev. F. H. Gillingham, Hon. C. N. Bruce, M. Falcon, N. Haig, J. N. Crawford, J. C. White, D. J. Knight, D. C. Robinson, and G. M. Louden.

LANCERS V. GUNNERS.

2nd LONDON BRIGADE GROUP SPORTS MEETING AT ENGELSKIRCHEN.

Much interest was taken in the sports meeting of the units attached to the 2nd London Brigade Group, held at Engelskirchen on Monday. The rivalry was that of units, and not individuals, for all were out to win the cup presented to the unit which scored most points. The team events particularly were stubbornly fought out, the excitement culminating in the closing event when Lancers met Gunners in the final tug-of-war. The cup depended on it. For eight minutes the strain was terrific. At last, amid tremendous applause, the excellent coaching of the Lancer team told, and they won.

And this was not the only notable achievement. Capt. Bald, of the 113th Siege Battery, threw the cricket ball 102 yards, and Gunner Owens, of the same unit, was almost equally successful.

The band of the 10th Queen's played during the afternoon, and added much to the enjoyment of the occasion. The prizes were presented by Brigadier General F.A. Gudgeon, C. B., who congratulated the committee on the organisation, and especially commended the Lancer Squadron for their fine exhibition. Three cheers were given for the General, and for Major Pratt, M.C., M.G.C., who organised the meeting.

PRIZE LIST.

100 yards:— 1, Pte. McKinnel, 51st Aux. Bus. Coy.; 2, Dvr. George, "D" Bty., 187 Bde. R.F.A.

220 yards:— 1, Pte. Baldock, 12th Lancers; 2, Sergt. Rees, B Coy., 41st M.G. Bn.

440 yards:— 1, Pte. Baldock, 12th Lancers; 2, Dvr. Wareham, D Bty., 187 Bde. R.F.A.

1 Mile:— 1, Lieut. Slade, B Coy., 41st M.G. Batt.; 2, Pte. Sweeting, No. 1 Bus. Coy.

Relay Race:— Winning Team, 51st Aux. Bus. Coy.

Throwing Cricket Ball:— 1, Capt. Bald, 113th Siege Bty. R.G.A.; 2, Gnr. Owens, 113th Siege Bty. R.G.A.; 3, Sgt. Rees, B Coy., 41st M.G. Batt.

Sack Race:— 1, L/Cpl. Barlow, 12th Lancers; 2, Sergt. Deedman, 12th Lancers.

Wrestling on Horseback:— Winning Team, D Bty., 187 Bde. R.F.A.; 2, B Coy., 41st M.G. Batt.

Slow Bicycle Race:— 1, Dvr. Jolly, A Bty., 187 Bde. R.F.A.; 2, Cpl. Duffie, 51st Aux. Bus. Coy.

Tug-of-war:— Winning team, Composite Lancer Squadron.

The cup was won by the Composite Lancer Squadron.

H. Holmer ran 21 miles and about 1000 yards in two hours at Edinburgh, Jan. 3rd 1911.

T. Haywood in 1906 equalled C. B. Fry's record of 13 centuries in one season.

MITCHELL AND DUNCAN TIE.

BRILLIANT RECOVERY OF VARDON IN ST. ANDREW'S "TOURNEY".

There was a close finish in the golf tournament at St. Andrew's on Thursday, Vardon by suberb play extricated himself from the position which the previous day left him, namely ten strokes down, and finished only one stroke behind the winners, Mitchell and Duncan, who tied 312 each. Vardon's morning round was 76, both Ray and Mitchell who led overnight taking 80.

Vardon maintained a consistently good name in the afternoon again, returning 76. Ray went to pieces, while playing the last eighteen holes, taking 85. Duncan played a fine 78 in the morning, following with 76 in the afternoon. The leading scores were:

Mitchell and Duncan	312	Leech, Massy and Butchard	320
Vardon	313	Sidey	321
Ray	315	Robson	322
Bailey and Herd	316	O'Hara	323
Ockensen, Williamson, Taylor and Ritchie	318.	Braid	324.

RACING NEWS.

MEETINGS AT NEWBURY AND NEWCASTLE.

Meetings were held at Newbury and Newcastle on Thursday, when quite a number of events were decided.

NEWBURY RESULTS.

Wiltshire Handicap:— 1, St. Arida (7—4 on); 2, Winfrith (5—1); 3, Dots Surprise (5—1).

All Aged Selling Plate:— 1, Needlecraft (9—2); 2, Nachuedorne (5—1); 3, Tin Coit (8—1).

Newbury Cup:— 1, Arion (5—2); 2, Lake Van (100—8); 3, Jutland (2—1).

Berkshire Stakes:— 1, Orpheus (13—8 on); 2, Sprig of Orange (5—1); 3, Double Bed (5—1).

Ogbourne Handicap:— 1, Newloy (100—8); 2, Quadrille (7—1); 3, Verdun (7—2).

Apprentices Plate:— 1, Oberto (5—4); 2, Orsan (100—8); 3, Landorf (100—8).

NEWCASTLE RESULTS.

Brandling Handicap:— 1, Chicken Pie (2—1); 2, Sovet (5—4); 3, Yew (5—1).

Gateshead Handicap:— 1, Starflower (2—1); 2, Fairy Lantern (10—1); 3, Bedrest (6—4).

Monkchester Stakes:— 1, Wife of Bath (3—1); 2, Waterwitch (100—30); 3, Duchess of Sparta (4—1).

Northumberland Plate:— 1, Nestle (6—1); 2, Tom Pepper (7—4); 3, Romda (7—4).

Perkins Memorial Plate:— 1, Danegelt (7—4); 2, Wilson (5—2); 3, Corso (7—2).

Gibside Plate:— 1, Wrecker (6—4 on); 2, Lothian Lad (100—8); 3, Bonnie Nun (100—7).

5.15 Race:— 1, Lady Gravesairs (7—4); 2, Allensomre (100—8); 3, Canterbury Tales (5—1).

MLLE. LENGLEN.

LADY TENNIS CHAMPION IN HIGH FORM AT WIMBLEDON.

At Wimbledon interest increases as the play progresses. In the ladies section an eagerly awaited match between the wonderful French girl, Mlle. Lenglen, and Mrs. Larcombe gave the former a comparatively easy victory, and judging from high form displayed she should go far. Results:—Gents' Singles (third round) Patterson beat Mavrogordato 3—1, Dixon beat Beningfield 3—0; Thomas beat Thompson 3—0; Mathey beat Brown 3—0; Ritchie beat Cannan 3—0; Washburn beat Parton 3—1; Graves beat Crawley 3—0.

Ladies' Singles (third round):—Miss Ryan beat Miss McKane; Mrs. Satterthwaite beat Mrs. Lamplough; Miss Edgington beat Mrs. Greville; Mlle. Lenglen beat Mrs. Larcombe; Mrs. Sterry beat Mrs. O'Veill; Mrs. Craddock beat Mrs. Beck; Mrs. Beamish beat Mrs. Wolfson; Mrs. Winch beat Miss Palmer, all at 2—0.

Gent's doubles:—Patterson and Brookes beat Stowe and Davis 3—0; Crawford and Tindell Green beat W.C. and G.B. Youll 3—0; Donisthorpe and Grace beat Bisseker and Birtless 3—1.

Mixed doubles:—Miss Tighe and Dudley beat Miss Ransome and Handbury; Mrs. McNair and Doust beat C. G. M. and Mrs. Plumer; Miss Addison and Decusis beat Miss Manser and Dash all at 2—0.

THE LEATHER PILL.

10th A. AND S. HIGHLANDERS v. 2/1 W. R. FIELD AMBULANCE.

A match was played between the 10th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and the 2/1st West Riding Field Ambulance on the Argyll's ground at Leichlingen, resulting in a win for the visitors by 30 runs. Corporal Sucksmith, acting wardmaster for the "medics", was as successful in dealing out medicine to the Argylls with the leather pill, as he is when handing out the sugar-coated ones, taking six wickets for twelve runs, five being clean bowled. For the 10th Argylls, L/Cpl. Brown, (16, not out), was the only batsman to reach double figures, and for the 2/1st W.R.F.A., Pte. King, (15), Pte. Walkling, (13), and Rev. Wood, C.F., (12, not out), were the principal scorers.

A FORCEFUL CENTURY.

11th Queens (R.W.S. Regt.) played the 17th R. Fusiliers at Ober Vilkerat on Sunday. For the 11th Queens, Captain Williams scored 17; Sergt. Wilson, 11; and Lieut. Ward, 10. For 17th R. Fusiliers C.Q.M.S. Eccles, (52); C.Q.M.S. Johnson, (19) and Sergt. Darrah, (11) were the leading batsmen.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday, June 28, 1919.

Surface wind between West and North West, 10—15 m.p.h. Cloudy, occasional showers, but rather brighter. Visibility good.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

7 WICKETS FOR 21 RUNS.

2nd CORPS H.Q. (62) v. 23rd BN. MIDDLESEX REGT. (51) on Wednesday, at Leverkusen. For the winners, the only batsman to reach double figures was Capt. McNeil, who carried his bat for 28. For 23rd Bn. Middlesex Regt. Sergt. Redgraves scored 14, and Pte. Mackennot 12. Bowling, 2nd Corps H.Q.:—Lieut. Huile, 4 for 22; Major Spence, 5 for 24. 23rd Middlesex:—Major Yates, 7 for 21; Q.M.S. Bowley, 2 for 6; Pte. Holmes, 1 for 12.

D/190 BDE. R.F.A. (59 for 7) v. VI CORPS SIGS. 58), at Poll. The visitors went in to bat on a hard wicket, but except for Lieut. Winterbotham 15 and Sergt. Wakeford 10, few runs were scored off the Battery bowling. The Battery made a score of 59 for 7 wickets, thus winning by three wickets, Capt. Fenn scoring 15, Dvr. Bingham 10. For the winners, Dvr. Bingham took 5 wickets, and Lieut. Baines 4. For the losers, Lieut. Payne bowled very well, taking 5 wickets out of 7.

No. 70 SQUADRON R.A.F. (114 for 4, declared) v. 3rd CAVALRY FIELD AMBULANCE (22) at Bickendorf on Wednesday. The R.A.F. batted first and obtained 114 runs for the loss of only 4 wickets, (Major Huskinson 54, including 6 fours and Sergt. Welsh 28 not out). The innings was then declared closed. None of the Field Ambulance reached double figures owing to the excellent bowling of Captain Turnerly, who took 6 wickets for 12 runs, including the hat-trick and Bolton 4 wickets for 10 runs, they were easily dismissed for 22.

HEADQUARTERS LIGHT DIV. CRICKET CLUB v. O BATTERY R.H.A. at Norvenich on Tuesday. This match resulted in a win for Headquarters by 36 runs. Sheehan, Fitzpatrick and Neville batted well for their respective scores, and Major Bickerson bowled exceedingly well for his 5 wickets, at a cost of only 16 runs.

21st BRIGADE R.G.A., (110) v. 11th LEICESTERS (76) at Klein Bullesheim on Saturday (110). For 21st Brigade the chief scorers were:—Col. Handcastle, 19; Gnr. Tarr, 17; Major Goldney, 14; Gnr. Littlewood, 14; Dvr. Etchells, 13. Bowling:—Rev. Burrow, 5 for 13; Dvr. Etchells, 3 for 22.

SOUTHERN DIVISIONAL M.T. COY (63) v. 13th M.A.C. (32) at Mülheim on Thursday. Major Drysdale (not out) 22, and Pte. C. Jones, 11, were the top scorers for the winners. Bowling Southern Div. M. T. Coy):—Sergt. Alberty 7 for 7; Major Drysdale 2 for 11; Bowling (13th M.A.C.):— Padre Thomas 4 for 27; Pte. Tebay 5 for 28.

63rd FIELD COY R.E. (30 for 1) v. 11TH BATTALION ROYAL SCOTS (27). Bowling for the R.E's. opened well and passed the Royal Scots total for the loss of one wicket, thereby winning the match by 9 wickets. For the R.E's., Driver Thornton scored 19, (not out), Sapper Spencer, 11.

OTHER RESULTS.

No. 42 Stationary Hospital	42
282 Area Employment Coy	37
51st Battalion M.G.C. (for 5 wickets)	167
2nd M.G. Squadron, Cav. Div.	40.

DUREN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	Pts.
D Corps Siege Park	4	4	0	8
153 Siege Bty.	4	4	0	8
3 Hussars	4	2	2	4
52 Gordon Hdrs.	3	2	1	4
62 Bn. M.G.C.	3	2	1	4
Light Div. Sig. Coy.	3	2	1	4
15 Hussars	2	2	0	4
Light Div. H.Q.	3	1	2	4§
1/1 N. Mid. Heavy Bty.	3	1	2	2
"O" Bty., Rocket Troop	4	1	3	2
D Corps Sig Coy.	3	1	2	2
1 Lt. Rly. Sig. Coy.	3	1	2	2
IV. Corps Tps. M.T. Coy.	2	1	1	2
183 Siege Bty.	2	1	1	2
10 A. & S. Hdrs.	2	0	2	0
527 Coy. R.A.S.C.	2	0	2	0
310 Bde. R.F.A.	2	0	2	0
6 Field Amb.	1	0	1	0
51 Sherwood	0	0	0	0

SOLINGEN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	Pts.
64 Field Coy.	3	3	0	6
Lowland Div. M.T.	3	3	0	6
51 Hants	3	2	1	4
1/5 K.O.S.B.	2	2	0	4
South. Div. R.E.	2	1	1	4§
63 Field Coy.	3	1	2	2
90 Field Coy.	2	1	1	2
45 H.L.I.	2	0	2	0
83 General Hosp.	2	0	2	0
Lowland D.A.C.	2	0	2	0
A/51 Bde R.F.A.	2	0	2	0
11 Royal Scots	0	0	0	0

§ 2 points awarded for scratched matches.

At Lord's the Clergy defeated the Royal Artillery by three wickets the scores being Artillery 247; Clergy 251, (for 7 wickets).

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Motor Scooters.

A motor scooter industry is about to be started near Cowes, Isle of Wight.

Chelsea Signature.

John Brodie, the ex-Celtic forward, has signed on for Chelsea.

Jess Willard.

Jess Willard is 6ft. 7ins., weighs about 18st. and his reach is 83ins. Dempsey is 6ft. 1in., weighs 13st. 13 lbs., and his reach is 78ins.

Dempsey Injured.

Dempsey has had to take a few days' rest from the gloves, his eye having been badly demaged by one of his sparring partners. He has several negro boxers in his training camp.

Major Sarel.

The Sussex secretary, Major Sarel, who signalised his first appearance for the county by making a century, has the distinction of having played also for Surrey and Kent.

Yale Beats Harvard.

Yale defeated Harvard in the 4 miles inter-'varsity eight-oared boat race by a length and a half. The respective times were as follows:—Yale, 21min. 42sec, Harvard, 21min. 47sec.

Mlle. Lenglen.

Already Mlle. Lenglen's remarkable personality has captured the fancy of the Wimbledon crowd. She is so good that she only plays with men on the Continent, as there are no women who can give her a real game.

A.A.A. Championships.

It seems practically certain that the entries for the Amateur Athletic Association's championship meeting at Stamford Bridge on Saturday, July 5, will, both in point of numbers and quality beat all records for the meeting.

The Peace Regatta.

A really splendid entry has been received for the Royal Henley Peace Regatta, so much so that it has been found necessary to extend the fixture to four days. Racing will accordingly start on Wednesday, July 2, and finish on Saturday, July 5.

Hendren "Guessing."

Hearne and Hendren were batting recently when Hearne, who had made 56, appealed against the light. Hendren, who had rattled up 21 in very short time, also told the umpire that he "couldn't see them very well." "Well," said the umpire, "if you can't see them, you're guessing at them all right!"

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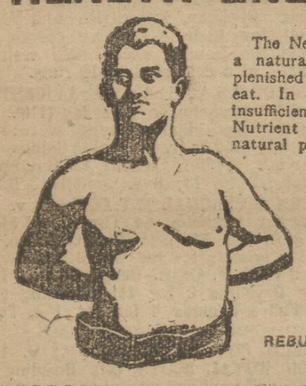

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Echoes from Rhineland.

The Tramcar Driver.

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A Fruitful Idea.

One of the most interesting features of the highways leading to the various parts of the bridgeheads, and one not seen in England is the rows of fruit trees flanking either side and making a most picturesque avenue, and a very paying one too. These fruit trees are well cared for, belong to the public and consist mostly of cherries, apples and pears. When the fruit is ripe the trees are stripped and it is sold, the proceeds being used to assist in the upkeep and maintenance of the roads. It is a greater crime to rob these public trees than those of the private owners in the orchards by the wayside.

Not Genuine.

The practice of sending home to one's women folk, souvenirs of "foreign countries abroad" is not confined to the English Army, although masculine choice of feminine apparel invariably causes lovely woman to prove that "speech was given us to conceal our thoughts." Frequently one sees a German girl wearing a white smock blouse with a sort of embroidered brassard on each arm and a similar patch back and front. Such blouses are from Bulgaria, Roumania, and thereabouts, brought or sent home by German soldiers serving on those fronts. The genuine ones — for they seem to have set a fashion — are of rather coarse material and the colours are crude, red, and blue.

Candour in a Café.

It frequently happens that our foreign contemporaries, particularly the lower classes, in expressing themselves in English, do so with a delicious strain of unconscious and unintentional humour. The following should serve as an amusing example:

The other day a Rhine Army Tommy in need of refreshment looked rather circumspectly at a few cafés with a view to obtaining it. Finally he came to one barely a stone's throw from the famous Dom, which appeared to suit him. His preference being for coffee, his attention was naturally drawn to a price-list in the window, in which coffee figured, amongst other things. The tariff started thus: Coffee 20 pfgs.—Genuine Coffee 50 pfgs.

A very candid confession as to the composition of the cheaper variety, he thought.

Tours Through Stricken Areas.

The Belgian State Railways are quick to realise the commercial value of a tour of the places round which the fate of the Allies centred through long and bitter hours. They have organised a three days' tour from London during which the visitor will travel first class throughout at an inclusive charge of £12.12.0. It is guaranteed that this sum includes not only railway fare but also hotel accommodation and food, from the time of leaving London until the return. Visitors are taken to Belgium via Dover and Ostend. Zeebrügge is visited, and a whole day is devoted to a tour of the battlefields. The itinerary includes Ypres, the Yser, the "Big Bertha" at Leugenboom, Dixmude, Poelcapelle, Zillebeke, St. Julien, Forest of Houthulst, Pervyse, and Furnes.

The Ruins of Ypres.

"This is holy ground. No stone of this fabric may be taken away. It is a heritage for all civilized peoples."

So runs the legend displayed before the ruined market place at Ypres, and King Albert, on his recent visit, expressed his gratitude to the British Town Major for this appeal to the often unscrupulous souvenir hunter. "I am glad that has been done," said the King. "It is sacred ground indeed," but if this can be said of Ypres, the tomb of many a warm-hearted British Tommy, equally insistent are the claims of other sites which bring to mind incidents of the past four years. We should tread dangerous ground were we to suggest the superior claims of one site over another — divisions are pardonably jealous of their achievements — but an official pronouncement on the lines of that made recently with regard to Menin Gate would be welcome. At the Menin Gate the ground over which the Canadians fought has been presented to Canada by the Belgian Government for the erection of a memorial building, a fact which led the President of the United States to eulogise the idea and to further the impression that the work of American pilgrims will be commemorated in the same way.

Prizes for "Echoes."

The Editor of "*The Cologne Post*" wants to encourage all ranks of the Rhine Army to make use of their powers of observation and whenever any phase of life in the occupied territory strikes any of his readers or whenever they come across any unusual incident he would like to have a short paragraph about it. Such items should never exceed 150 words, and even shorter notes will be acceptable. Every day the sum of 10 marks will be given for the best sent in, and it should be borne in mind that in awarding the prize, more credit will be given to the subject than to the style of writing, so that lack of literary ability will be no deterrent to anyone. The envelope should have the word "Echoes" in the top left hand corner.

To-day's prize of 10 marks is awarded to Pte. M. Freedmann 257th A.E. Coy. Labour Corps, Rhine Army.

From Everywhere.

More Trouble.—A new revolutionary force is causing uneasiness in the South of Ireland.

Downed.—A German airship operating on the Baltic front has been shot down.

Finland a Republic.—The Finnish Parliament has voted a republic by 164 votes to 22.

The Vote.—The Swiss Government is considering whether to give women the vote.

Initiative.—A large motor scooter factory is about to be started near Cowes, Isle of Wight.

Policewomen.—Glasgow Corporation is to consider a proposal to appoint policewomen.

Scheidemann.—Scheidemann is about to undertake a rest cure in Switzerland.

A Race Feature.—At the recent races at Paris periscopes were used by some of the spectators.

A Freak.—A Harrold farmer has a lamb with a second mouth near the right ear.

Another City.—The Borough of Southwark has ambitions. It is agitating to be made a city.

Election.—An election is necessitated by the death of Mr. D.H. Macdonald, Coalition Unionist member for the Rothwell Division of Lanark.

Useful Still.—Service box respirators were used with most satisfactory results at the recent big fire which occurred in Trafford Park, Manchester.

A Gunner.—The Royal Artillery have a new commandant. He is Sir Alexander Hamilton-Gordon, who served all through the war.

R.E.'s Protest.—Men of the Royal Engineers stationed at Bedford recently demonstrated upon a question of demobilization.

Big Wages.—Charles Grover, a glass-blower charged with drunkenness at North London Court, was said to have earned £18 in nine days.

Cinema Dispute.—A dispute has arisen between the British and American elements of the cinema trade.

Bodley's Librarian.—Dr. A. S. Cowley, a renowned Semitic scholar, has been appointed, Librarian of the Bodleian Library.

Washing again.—After one day's strike, 700 laundry workers have resumed work in Bristol on condition that the dispute goes to arbitration.

Demobilization.—Army Demobilization figures since the armistice are: Officers, 112,101; other ranks, 2,816,964.

War Savings.—War Savings Certificates sold during the week ended June 14 numbered 1,450,616, bringing the total to 328,348,756.

Old Chophouse goes.—Bakers' the well-known London "chop-house" will close its doors shortly, the premises having been acquired by a Bank.

Canadian Riots.—The action of the Canadian rioters is not endorsed anywhere in the Dominion. Indeed there is general regret throughout Canada.

Log of the "Iris."—The log of the late Commander Gibbs of the Iris is to be auctioned in aid of the Zeebrügge Memorial Fund.

Reform in Malta.—General Plumer has asked the National Assembly to draft a scheme for the reform of the Constitution.

Urgent!—"Closed to-day, getting married," was the notice posted on the door of a Fleetstreet tobacconist's shop.

Sent per Rail.—A child of three arrived in a train at Rugby consigned "To Rugby Station, to be called for."

What War Has Cost.—Latest figures of the industrial assurance offices show that they have paid over 9½ million pounds for war claims.

Naval Sale.—Several obsolete torpedo-boats, together with the destroyer Albatross, lying at Devonport and Pembroke Dock, are to be sold out of the Navy.

Against Conchies.—Eighty men and women Monmouthshire teachers have gone on strike because a conscientious objector was given preference over an ex-service man.

The Joy Loan.—To-day is women's day for the Victory Loan. There is to be a big demonstration in London including a massed choir of 3,000 women.

Dear House-boats.—Henley seems to be a bigger scramble for the profiteers even than usual. Some of the prices charged and paid for houseboats and things are said to be preposterous.

A Loss.—Camberley Borough Council is advised by the Food Control Committee to sell its National Kitchen, which shows a loss of £8 weekly.

A Great Canadian.—Dr. Ryle, the dean, will next Tuesday, Dominion Day, dedicate a magnificent new window in Westminster Abbey to the memory of Lord Strathcona.

"Some Rush."—"I heard of a man who had just died, and I immediately went after his house and found I was only one of fifty applicants," said a man at Preston County Court.

Dangerous Practice.—Three boys were at Slough ordered to be birched for throwing stones at a passing train, breaking a window, and blinding the engine-driver.

The King and Health.—The King has given a donation, and the Prince of Wales an endowment fund, to the Royal Institute of Public Health.

Bolshevism Active.—The Home Secretary says the police are in possession of evidence of recent Bolshevist activity in Great Britain. Firm action will be taken if necessary.

In a Brewer's Lorry.—The Bishop of Peterborough, after a motor accident, recently completed a journey by travelling ten miles in a brewer's motor-lorry.

Their "Honour."—The German War Office authorises its generals that they may resign, as the conditions of Peace are not compatible with their honour.

Flyers Feted.—Sir John Alcock, with Sir Arthur Whitton Brown—the Atlantic flyers—were the heroes of Messrs. Vickers' garden party at Elstree, where 3,000 were present.

Survey of the Seas.—In anticipation of the resumption of the survey of the seas when peace is declared, a new surveying vessel has been built on the Clyde.

Retrieving a Failure.—Devon farmers and allotment holders are trying to raise a second crop of potatoes this year, the earlier plantings having failed owing to the drought.

Standard Clothing.—The Wool Council has appointed a committee to consider the desirability of reviving and extending the standard clothing scheme.

American Demobbins.—A total of 2,5000,810 officers and men of the American Army have been discharged. The total number of men who have sailed from Europe since the Armistice is 1,448,444.

Nurse Cavell.—The site in St. Martin's-place, opposite the National Portrait Gallery, on which the Nurse Cavell Monument is to be erected, has been taken over by the contractors, who are about to put in the foundations.

Captured Stores.—The Ministry of Munitions is offering for sale a quantity of German stores. These include buckets, coffee, grinding and meat mincing machines, straining funnels and iron coppers.

Old but Ready.—Mr. Joel Hern, of South Shields, who is aged 70, and is stated to be the oldest bellringer in the kingdom, is ready to ring out the Peace bells as soon as the Germans sign.

Recovered Souvenirs.—The aeroplane in which Alcock and Brown flew the Atlantic has been removed from the bog near Clifden, Galway, and many fragments taken as souvenirs have been recovered.

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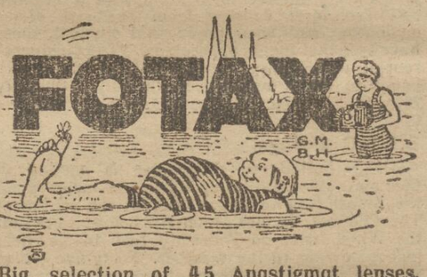

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CAUSES OF THE DELAY.

FIERCE FIGHTING IN POLAND.

GERMAN DELEGATES SIGN THE TREATY.

PEACE.

The treaty of Peace was signed by the German delegates at 15.50 yesterday.—*Havas Agency*

The German delegates were the first to sign. On receipt of the news a salute of 101 guns was fired at Cologne.

Thus, at ten minutes to four on Saturday the 28th June 1919, officially ended the greatest and most terrible war the world has ever known.

Five years and a day have passed since the Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife were murdered at Serajevo, a little town in Serbia, this habit of the Habsburg house for tragedy being the event which furnished the pretext for the war.

The German delegates who signed the Peace Treaty were Herr Müller and Herr Bell, members of the new Bauer Cabinet. Throughout the week there has been great apprehension of eleventh hour trouble. That this feeling was not unwarranted is shown by the revelation of a military conspiracy which is printed below. Happily for Germany and happily for all the Allies, the plot failed.

To say that there is Peace, is foolish. There is only the making of Peace. Only if Germany makes an honest endeavour to "play the man" and take its proportion of the general atonement for the suffering and misery entailed by the war, can there be a lasting Peace.

WHY GERMANY DELAYED SENDING DELEGATES.

NEVER INTENDED TO SIGN.

The Dantzig correspondent of the *Berliner Tageblatt* states that at a meeting attended by about fifteen hundred non-commissioned officers, a member of the Eastern Provinces United Peoples Council named Wittmeyer declared that the councils had planned to establish a republic and to offer armed assistance when the Peace treaty was signed.

In this North East Republic one Winnig was to have ruled as Imperial Commissioner, with Batocki, Schnarckenburg and von Below as Ministers.

Everything was ready and food and money had been secured for the men, but at a conference of Generals at Weimar, the whole plan broke down, as the Government were afraid that the troops, instead of fighting Poland, would march on Berlin and re-instate the ex-Kaiser.

Wittmeyer stated that the Government had intended to refuse to sign the Treaty and then let the enemy advance to the Elbe, where resistance would have been offered. This plan, however, was also given up owing to the distrust between the Government and the Generals. Finally an attempt was made to form an Eastern State with Poland but the Poles refused to consider the scheme.

BLOCKADE TO CONTINUE FOR AWHILE.

AWAITING RATIFICATION.

The Prime Minister, (Mr. Lloyd George), and Mr. Bonar Law will leave Paris on Sunday and will be in their places in the House of Commons on Tuesday.

Although the Peace Treaty has been signed at Paris, the blockade of Germany will not be lifted immediately. Trade with Germany cannot be resumed until the Treaty is ratified by the Parliaments of all the powers concerned. This will probably take three weeks or a month.

The present war measures will therefore continue between the signing and the ratification of the Treaty.

MORE PEACE PROBLEMS.

JAPAN AND AUSTRIA.

At a meeting of the Council of Three yesterday morning the Chinese delegates to the Peace Conference stated that they were prepared to sign the Treaty without reserve, Japan having promised to restore Shantung on a date to be fixed by the Conference. The Council afterwards discussed the question of reparations as affecting Austria, which are complicated by the splitting up of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Considerable difficulty is being experienced in determining what proportion of the Austrian national obligations should be undertaken by the new Czecho-Slovakian state. It is hoped, however, to reach an agreement on general lines before President Wilson and Mr. Lloyd George leave.

COUNTER-REVOLUTION IN HUNGARY.

QUICK RETRIBUTION.

On Tuesday in Budapest an attempt was made at a counter-revolution by officers, who seized a Danube monitor and occupied an artillery barracks. The monitor fired three shells at the Soviet building. A large number of people hastened to the river bank, waving white cloths and calling for cheers for the King and the White Guard. Shots were also fired from the windows of many houses, as a result of which some soldiers and passers-by were hit.

The working population of Budapest, however, united in support of the Government, and comparatively soon after, the outbreak was suppressed. The ringleaders have already been executed. The town is quiet, and bodies of armed workers are patrolling the streets.

PORTABLE GALLOWS.

The Austrian Foreign Office has announced that Marshal Foch has sent an ultimatum to the Communist Government at Buda-Pesth that Allied troops are en route to the Hungarian frontier. The rule of the Hungarian Soviet Government is daily becoming more terrorist. Commissary Szamuellis in particular is distinguishing himself by travelling the country in a special train equipped with an execution party of Red Guards and a portable gallows and is passing numerous death sentences.

GERMAN ADVANCE IN POLAND.

Warsaw, 25th June (delayed). The papers of Vilna announce that Marshal Hindenburg stayed recently at Kovno in order to persuade the Government of the province to adopt hostile measures towards Poland.

He promised in case of war with Poland, the collaboration of the voluntary corps of Russian Lithuanians. The Polish population of some villages of the Kozle district, exasperated by the provocations of the Grenzschutz, took arms and bloody fighting ensued.

On the 26th June two German battalions arrived at Herby. A German aeroplane was brought down near Herby and the two aviators were killed. An insurrection has broken out in the provinces given to Poland by the Treaty of Versailles. The insurgents refuse to recognize either the new German Government or the Peace Treaty.

German aeroplanes have machine gunned Alexandrow, Lubicz, Slupca and Konin.

25th June (delayed.)—On the night of the 22nd June, German artillery opened fire in the sectors of Czenstochowa and Lublinice.

Six companies of infantry attacked Wieruszow and the town is in flames. The attack was repulsed by Polish troops.

In upper Silesia, sanguinary reprisals against the Polish population are reported.

THREAT OF MARTIAL LAW.

Noske, Minister of National Defence, in a proclamation referring to the recent disturbances, says that any attempt against public order and safety will be suppressed by every means at the disposal of the Government. If necessary the whole of the Empire will be placed under Martial Law.

In Noske's opinion the disturbances are no longer a question of ordinary economic working class movements, but of well-prepared political action which it is intended should spread over the whole country.

REPORT ON SCAPA SINKINGS.

Admiral Freemantle's report concerning the sinking of the German fleet at Scapa was received yesterday afternoon by the Board of Admiralty. It contains nothing more of general interest than has already been published.

Steps are being taken to salve such ships as can be salved, but it is not considered possible to salve more than four vessels.

As to the reported sinking of the German ships at Wilhelmshaven and Kiel, there is stated to be no truth in the rumour.

LYING BOLSHEVIST REPORTS.

The Bolshevist leaders are egregious liars. In a report sent out yesterday by Wireless they stated that mutiny had broken out on a number of British warships and that the crews had hoisted the red flag.

The British Admiralty, in describing the report as a tissue of lies, says that it has at length decided to give an official denial of the Bolshevist communiqués which are being extensively circulated in other countries.

NEW HOME RULE SCHEME FOR IRELAND.

IMPORTANT MANIFESTO.

An important manifesto was issued by the Irish Dominion League last night. It outlines a scheme to promote the immediate establishment of self-Government for Ireland within the Empire, recognising it as a distinctive nationality and claiming the same place within the League of Nations as is possessed by the over-seas Dominions.

The manifesto is against the settling up of a republic which would only divide Irishmen at the time when every effort should be made to unite them. The scheme embraces the creation of an Irish Parliament which would control all internal Government, fix, levy and collect all taxes, including customs and excise duties, and making an agreed contribution for naval, military and diplomatic services in money or kind, or both. The defence of the island would remain as now under a single central control, but no authority other than the Irish Parliament would have power to impose compulsory service upon Irishmen.

The manifesto states that under the scheme now put forward on the lines of the Dominion Governments the rights of Ulster would be respected and it appeals to Ulster Unionists to state what special safeguards they demand.

Sir Horace Plunkett has drafted the manifesto, the signatures to which comprise chiefly men and women who have not hitherto been engaged in active politics but who feel that the situation demands an expression of opinion other than that of Sinn Feiners and Ulster Unionists. It is put forward as the only possible remedy for the disorder and unrest which disturb the present and darken the future of the country.

Lord Mounteagle, Lord Ashbourne, Lord French, Sir Thomas Esmond, Colonel Pope Hennessy, D.S.O., Captain Gwynn and Serjeant Sullivan, K.C., have already signed.

LABOUR CONFERENCE RUNS AMOK.

THE STRIKE WEAPON.

After a heated debate the Labour Conference at Southport voted yesterday on the question that the Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress be consulted with a view to effective action being taken to stop the operations in Russia by an unreserved use of political and industrial powers—in other words, in favour of the policy of the general strike as a political weapon.

The decision was taken amid a scene of very great tension, the card vote resulting in a victory for the extremists by a majority of 958,000.

Mr. Henderson subsequently announced that a general demonstration against Allied intervention in Russia will be held in Great Britain, France and Russia on July 20th and 21st.

Mr. Ben Tillett delivered a strong indictment of the extremists' policy, declaring that those who are the most blatant for bloodshed would be the first to skulk away if the soldiers turned out.

CARD LOSSES IN A TRAIN.

At the Court of Bankruptcy yesterday, John Edmund Lord, described as a member of a well-known club in Pall Mall, sought discharge from bankruptcy. The Official Receiver estimated the total indebtedness at £5,439, and expected that complete realisation of the debtor's estate would yield £206.

He said that soon after the outbreak of war debtor obtained a commission in the army, but was invalided out of the service in May last as the result of wounds.

The debtor attributed his insolvency to losses at gambling on racehorses and at cards. Last year, while travelling between London and Manchester, he lost £1,000 while playing auction bridge with three other men.

His discharge was suspended for two and a half years.

PENSIONS, GRATUITIES AND CANTEEN FUNDS.

The Executive of the Army Committee has discussed numerous subjects which should be brought up in the House of Commons in the debate on Army estimates.

Among the points on which members are urged to concentrate are the following:—That service with the forces be taken into consideration when reckoning pensions in the civil service; that an early decision should be arrived at as to the disposal of canteen funds, and that gratuities to non-commissioned officers and men should be granted on the same scale as to officers.

Over seventeen million pounds was invested in the Joy Loan in Trafalgar Square yesterday.

An official communiqué issued at the Hague makes it clear that the ex-Crown Prince is still at Wieringen.

A fire broke out in the hutments occupied by American troops near Pleyel St. Denis, entirely destroying the camp. The flames were only mastered after two hours strenuous effort.

R 34, the British super-airship, will start on her Trans-atlantic trip at two o'clock next Wednesday morning, whether peace is signed or not. The only possible alteration in this arrangement will be due to the weather.

WELL-KNOWN WOMAN CHARGED.

FAMILY TEMPER.

Having been arrested on a magistrate's warrant at Euston Station, Mrs. Velma Isaacs, aged 24, of 9, Rodney-court, Maida-vale, was brought before Mr. Biron at Marylebone, charged with obtaining goods to the value of £318 17s from Messrs. Debenham and Freebody, of Wigmore-street, by false and fraudulent pretences, on June 18 and divers other dates.

Accused was represented by Mr. Harry Baker.

She was the divorced wife—the decree nisi had not been made absolute—of Mr. Godfrey Isaacs' son, and the prosecution had ascertained that she was about to leave London for America in the company of the co-respondent in the divorce proceedings, Mr. Cox, when she was arrested. Only evidence of arrest was now offered.

Detective-sergeant Askew, D division, stated that about eight o'clock that morning he saw the accused at Euston Station waiting to leave by a train for Liverpool. He explained who he was, and told her he held a warrant for her arrest. She accompanied him to the railway police office, where he read the warrant to her. She replied:

"Cannot I pay for the things now? I did not do it to defraud Debenhams, but to make Godfrey Isaacs pay something for me. I did not intend to defraud them at all."

Later she handed him two trunks, packed wih goods, which had been brought from the cloak-room. She also gave him an article from a dressing-case and a gold wrist-watch.

Mr. Freke Palmer: Is the property she handed you the subject of the charge?

The sergeant said it was, and added that when formally charged the accused repeated that she did not intend to cheat the firm, and said she was going to America with Mr. Cox to-morrow.

Mr. Harry Baker said he was not in a position to cross-examine, bout he had investigated the matter, and had come to the conclusion that it was not a case where the accused intended to defraud.

The magistrate replied that that was a question for him.

Mr. Baker: The whole matter has arisen because of temper on the part of members of the family. Will you grant bail?

Mr. Biron: No, I shall not grant bail. There is evidence that she was leaving the country with a very large quantity of property, which she is alleged to have obtained in this way.

Accused was remanded in custody.

EXTRAORDINARY BIGAMY STORY.

THREE HUSBANDS.

Remarkable evidence was given at Grays yesterday, when Constance Emily Benson, the wife of a soldier, of the village of Bulphan, near Purfleet, was charged with bigamously marrying two men named Morris and Phillips.

Joseph Benson, the accused's husband, said they had five children. Whilst he was in the Army his wife wrote that she was going to marry Morris, and the two actually cohabited when he came home on leave. Witness knew nothing of this until Morris subsequently told him that he had married her.

Alfred Phillips, a Plumstead ex-soldier, said he met the accused last May as a consequence of an advertisement in a London paper for someone to adopt a soldier's widow's child. After a week's acquaintance he proposed to her, and they were married the following week. On going to her home at Bulphan he found not one but six children, five of whom, she said, belonged to her brother-in-law. Benson was introduced to him as the brother-in-law.

Other evidence was given that the accused drew two separation allowances. She was committed for trial on the bigamy charges and on a charge of drawing a separation allowance on false pretences.

"IMPROPERLY DRESSED" LIBEL ACTION.

EX-A.P.M. WINS.

The action for libel brought by Captain Gilchrist, formerly A.P.M. at Southport, against the *Daily Mail* for publishing a letter reflecting on the manner in which he carried out his duties, resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff, who was awarded £650 damages.

FOR THE NEXT WAR.

Major-General Sir H. T. Lukin, D.S.O., who commanded the South Africans at Delville Wood, and later commanded the 9th Division, addressing the City of London School Officers Training Corps yesterday, said: "I hope there is not going to be another war, but I am afraid the probability is that during the lifetime of the young men I see before me now there will be another great war, in the event of which a request will be made for you to come forward and do your best, which I know you will do."

EXTENSION OF HOURS.

We learn that no proclamation extending the hours of opening for restaurants and the free circulation in the streets of German civilians has been issued. The paragraphs in the local press are therefore premature until an official proclamation has been published.

POLICE OFFICER FATALITY AT EPSOM.

EIGHT CANADIANS CHARGED.

The eight Canadian soldiers who were arrested in connection nith the recent riots at Epsom in which Station-Sergt. Green was killed, appeared in the dock at Bow-street yesterday. They were charged with being concerned together in the manslaughter of that officer.

Sir Richard Muir, who prosecuted, asked that, in the event of the evidence being sufficient, the defendants should be committed for trial to the Surrey Assizes on the charge of manslaughter and rioting.

Dr. Thornley, who attended Station Sergeant Green, said the deceased had received at least three separate wounds on the head. The skull was fractured, the fracture extending from the wound right over the left eyebrow.

Evidence was given by a number of witnesses to the effect that the defendants, on the morning after the disturbance, appeared in camp bearing newly inflicted injuries.

The hearing was adjourned.

FAMOUS ALIEN ARTIST'S NATURALIZATION.

CASE CONCLUDED.

The Certificates of Naturalization (Revocation) Committee concluded the hearing, yesterday, of Mr. Philip de Laszlo's case, which had been referred to it by the Home Secretary under the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1918. Mr. de Laszlo was cross-examined by the Attorney-General.

The question to be decided by the Committee is whether a certificate of naturalization granted to Mr. de Laszlo de Lombos (generally known as Mr. de Laszlo), on August 29, 1914, should be revoked on the grounds that he was disaffected or disloyal to the King, that he had traded with the enemy, that he had committed offences against the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and that the continuance of the certificate was not conducive to the public good.

The members of the Committee are Mr. Justice Salter, Lord Hambleden, and Judge Radcliffe, K.C.

After fifteen minutes retirement, the Committee gave their decision, Mr. Justice Salter stating that the committee had decided to report to the Home Secretary in favour of continuing Mr. de Laszlo's certificate of naturalization on the general question of loyalty.

They were of opinion that Mr. de Laszlo had not shown himself by act or speech disaffected or disloyal. He had broken the law with regard to trading with the enemy, which was not denied. The sending of money and the use of the Dutch diplomatic bag, however, was not an evasion of international law in their opinion, but was merely inadvertent. Mr. de Laszlo had made complete reparation in the matter of the incident of the escaped officer. It was impossible to imagine anything more innocent then the whole bulk of the correspondence which had been placed before them.

PROTECTING THE POLICE.

Mr. Bingley, at Greenwich, referred with regret to an increasing tendency on the part of people to interfere with the police in the execution of their duty, and said that the practice must be stopped. The remarks arose out of a charge against Charles Day, 32, private in the North Lancaster Regiment, who admitted being drunk and disorderly, and who was shown to have kicked four constables while "mad drunk." Having served eleven years in the Army, he was let off with a fine of £10. Charles Maybee, 31, of Walpole-road, who caught hold of the ambulance on which Day was being taken into the police-station and shouted, "Don't let them take him in," was fined £5, and Leonard Victor Hardy, 20, of Hunsden road, New-cross, who was also said to have incited a large and hostile crowd to rescue Day, was fined £3.

ABBEY SERVICE FOR CHAPLAINS.

Speaking at a memorial service for members of the Royal Army Chaplains' Department at Westminster Abbey yesterday, the Archbishop of Canterbury said they were thanking God specially for the work—faithful, if need arose, until death—of those whose ministry was wrought among the thousands of our lads in the camps and battlefields abroad, or at the teeming ports and bases, or out upon the sea. In the Church of England more than 7,000 clergy offered themselves for whole-time service with the troops. Commissions were given to 3,060. One hundred of these laid down their lives, 178 were wounded or disabled, and our annals were enriched for Church and people by the recorded heroism of not a few. "The other churches of our land," said the archbishop, "have of course, in proportion, their corresponding facts. With them our link has grown closer as, in face of the great issues of life and death, we have worked together. Let that cementing bond grow ever stronger." The Church's living hold on English manhood, terribly as it still fell short, had grown stronger.

WRENS AND WRAFS.

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WHAT OF THE EAST?

So far as the West is concerned. Peace has been signed.

Nobody with any sincerity can say that in spite of this, Western Europe has not to face many troubles.

But what of the East? It is seething with strife, and probably will be for many a long day

Quite apart from the Yellow Peril, which will sooner or later be a menacing cloud on the horizon of the future, the struggle of antagonistic races is going on with bewildering activity.

Russia, torn assunder by conflicting interests, with a mushroom Bolshevik government menaced on all sides, is a pitiable object lesson to-day.

In those portions of Russia not comprised in the South-Eastern area, there are the forces of the Siberian government from Omsk, the British-led army of Archangel, the Finns operating north of Petrograd, the Karelians, the Esthonians, the Ukrainians, the Poles and finally the Germans all operating in this sphere, so that to follow the various struggles with any degree of comprehension, one needs a map always before one, and a clear notion besides, of the diverse aims of the belligerents.

It is all a sad and bloodthirsty tangle.

Then we come to the extreme of South Russia. Here we find there are four Anti-Bolshevik armies fighting—General Denikin's volunteer forces, the Cossacks of the Don and of the Ural, and General Semenov's Astrachan Corps. Altogether in Russia the Bolshevik armies are said to comprise quite a million men.

Unfortunate Roumania is carrying on two wars. One in the east against the Ukrainian Bolsheviks; the other in the north against the Hungarian Bolsheviks and the government of Bela Kun. The Hungarian Bolsheviks again, are facing the Tcheco-Slovaks.

Our own forces have still plenty of work on hand in the near and far East. In Egypt, in Syria, in Mesopotamia, in Afghanistan and on the Indian frontier they continue to be actively employed.

FRATERNIZATION.

If one may gauge opinion aright so far as the rank and file are concerned there appears to be a hazy idea as to the line of conduct to be adopted with regard to this much-debated subject.

There can be no doubt that less is heard of it than was the case when the British Armies made their appearance on the Rhine, and if with the coming of peace the the existing relationship is to continue, then we think it might be made the subject of talks with the men. Opportunity for this is offered through the various educational efforts up and down the occupied area.

The subject has been relegated to the background, and already there is a fast growing belief — for which we know of no official authority — that before many moons, the restrictions will be relaxed in favour of an open display of that friendliness which the man in the ranks cannot help leaving behind him as part of his sunny nature wherever he goes.

The appeal for the exercise of a sense of dignity is as necessary to-day, if not more so, than it was in the early days of the year, bearing in mind the number of young troops to be found in the billeting areas.

Their attitude is in some degree to be excused. They have not seen the things their demobilized brothers have, they have not tasted of the horrors with which the older man is familiar, but this makes all the more necessary, utterance of the appeals which have been wods.

We know the temptations in and out of billets, to fraternize. Kindness, perhaps is not forced, but in the background is that inheritance handed on by the men whose bones are rotting on the battlefields of France and Belgium and by whose effort, in part, our presence on the Rhine was made possible.

The young soldier should keep this before him and he will not then go astray.

THE RECRUITING BOOM.

On all hands an extraordinary boom in recruiting for the Army is reported. This is not confined to the Metropolis, but is spread throughout Great Britain. The figures are estimated by those best able to judge at between 30,000 and 40,000 a week, figures which we venture to think bear out the optimism expressed by the Secretary for War some time ago.

The recruiting, we learn, is not confined to any particular section of the male population. Men and boys of all classes of life are joining the Colours, some without any previous experience of the Army.

Curiously enough, the Northern Command is credited with the biggest rush, there being 7,000 in one week, due no doubt to a partial cessation of work on the withdrawal of war contracts.

These figures give much food for thought. Is the call of the Army making itself felt? We all know of the comradeship to be found in all ranks, of the lifelong friendships which have been struck up between individuals of entirely different schools of thought. These remain.

With the return to civil life then, there will to a great many come the call. It is impossible to share the company of a man over four eventful years, to live and sleep with him, often under the most primitive conditions, without forming an attachment which cannot be thrown off easily.

But there is another side of the question, that is so often advanced by the men on their return from leave. Is it that men are accepting the life which the Army offers rather than face unemployment? That there is unemployment, there can be no doubt, for many of these new recruits are old munition workers who now find themselves without the work necessary to existence.

Whatever the economic causes, however, and our inability to appreciate the point of view of the man, who refusing to re-enlist is demobilized and thus loses claim to the bounty and furlough incidental to his action, we fail to find any of that humour in the boom in recruiting which one writer sees. We are told that the re-enlistments include men who shouted for demobilization, only to find there was no work for them.

The work of reconstruction which the authorities are facing in no half-hearted fashion, must involve the displacement of men, but there is little humour in our minds in, an old soldier being unable to resume his old job. Rather is it one for extreme regret,

THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

MORAL BASIS OF SOCIAL ORDER.

(BY A CORRESPONDENT.)

The PeaceTreaty has at last been signed. The nations of the world hope be relieved from the anxiety imposed upon them by war. The plenipotentiaries of the nations, are agreed that men want a new world established, that shall be a place of security, wherein can be fostered and developed the ideals and activities which make for the betterment of human life and the nobility of the race.

Now what influence has the Prince of Peace exerted in the deliberations of those upon whom the task was laid, to meet these demands?

Christ's teaching is pre-eminently opposed to warfare, and though it may be objected that up to this time it has produced little effect on professing Christian nations, yet the fact cannot be denied, that we have lived to see the day when those nations have arrived at the conclusion that war is a most illegitimate means of settling their differences.

The time has been long, but we see now, in the underlying principle of the establishment of the League of Nations, clear indications that the Christian leaven is gradually leavening the whole lump of humanity.

Can the nations make permanent peace without the co-operation of the Prince of Peace?

We cannot, though we dared, have a world remodelled on old lines to commit old sins in a new kind of way — the nations arming to the teeth, defying each other to try a bout of arms; a soulless system of industrial competition, manifesting its unholiness in the slum and in the plutocrat?

"Better far," as someone said the other day, "a planet, on which human life is rendered impossible than a revival of the old antipathies which destroy all beauty and nobility, and can but make for the moral suicide of the race."

The whole basis of life must be readjusted to the moral standard sanctioned by the Prince of Peace. That which is morally right must be economically right in industrial relations.

Among great nations less desire for expansion at the expense of others less powerful; rather a dealing with each other in a spirit of goodwill and forbearance. And in individual life, less selfish demand for rights, and a higher conception of social duty.

Though this may sound so splendidly utopian, disregarding the essential thing called human nature, yet upright industrial conditions cannot be maintained without recognising the golden rule announced by the working Carpenter of Nazareth.

In the Prince of Peace, Christ Jesus, we find a redemptive agency, a re-creative power, to remake men, remould society, and re-establish the world in righteousness and peace.

REQUIEM.

Couched in thy soil, oh, France!
Sleeps my beloved;
Daffodils and Fleur de Lys,
Dandelions guard him!
Not shell, not nor ploughshare
Shall e'er disturb him,
Not roll of drum, noblare
Of bugle arouse him
Only the passing wind,
Trill of the soaring lark,
Murmur of crystalline brook,
Effulgent summer suns —
Night and her golden stars
Shall weave his gossamer dreams,
Whisper the message of Peace!

LIONEL VERNEY.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

REMEMBER THE BLIND.

Sir,—May I suggest that the first Sunday after the signing of Peace may be used as a day of practical thanksgiving by all the religious denominations in making a grand collection in aid of our more unfortunate comrades who have lost nature's greatest gift.

I am certain that our "old boys" at St. Dunstans Home for the Blind would be glad to think that they were not forgotten by the Rhine Army.

"ONCE BLIND."

TENNIS FOR "O.R.s".

Sir,—Like "Racket", I too should be glad to know if facilities are likely to be provided for other ranks in the way of tennis, only whereas "Racket" pleads for Cologne, I do likewise for Bonn.

I know for a fact that there are several enthusiasts of the game here, and the news that courts were being allotted to us, would I feel sure, be received with delight.

"ANOTHER RACKET"

MAKE THEM SALUTE.

Sir,—It has been rather noticeable lately that the uniformed Germans are not saluting British Officers with the alacrity that was customary when we first entered the occupied area.

Yesterday one of these officials gave me a most slip-shod salute with a cigarette in his mouth. Naturally I pulled him up and gave him a bit of my mind. I think it is up to every officer in the Army of Occupation to enforce personally the order as to saluting.

If everyone saw that there was no slackness in this respect it would be a good thing for us all.

MAJOR B.

A BELATED RIVER TRIP.

Sir,—Having anticipated for several months the pleasure of seeing the beauty of the Rhine, we got up betimes last Sunday in the endeavour to arrive punctually at Bonn, whence it was stated, according to time table, we should leave at 9.30 a.m.

We got on board S.S. Lohengrin in good time. However, in spite of our haste and effort to be punctual, the time of departure was postponed until 10.30 a.m. and it might have been later, had not several ladies (I am sorry to have to mention it, but once more they were "W.R.A.F's") decided that it was time for them to come along.

It is very much regretted by the writer to have to labour discussions on "W.R.A.F's" but it is thought some effort might be made by these ladies to assist the excellent organisation in condescending to do one of two things viz:— to be punctual or to book for the trip when they know they can be in time.

"BITTE SEHR".

A QUESTION OF CLASS.

Sir,—In a recent issue the following remark attracted my attention: "It is a common sight abroad to see womankind of the working classes wearing no headgear, but here in Germany the custom extends to the better classes as well."

As regards the non-wearing of headgear, I am in no way concerned, but I do take exception to the oft-repeated suggestion that those who are not workers are of the "better class," or even that those who work with their wits are necessarily of a better class than those who work with their hands.

In England we are slaves to class distinction. We have our so-called upper class, middle class, and working class, and we regard them in the order in which I have placed them. I recognise that these classes do exist in the social world, but what I want to see is the working class naturally taking pride of place in our thoughts.

The world is run from day to day by those who work, and by those only. The others are merely parasites.

WILLIAM C. REES.

A CHANCE FOR SWIMMERS.

Sir,—Seeing the enthusiasm shown by every branch of the Rhine Army for all kinds of sport, could not some of our swimmers bring this art to a place in the sun along with football, cricket, etc. Certainly there is a lack in our units as a whole for swimming.

It would tend to give a fillip to inter-unit rivalry for laurels in this branch of sport and nothing is more exciting than a good "swimming gala," many of which could be arranged by the kind help of our sports officer.

A. FISH.

"RIGOLETTO"—A PROTEST.

Sir,—May I lodge a mild protest against the people running the Grand Opera shows at the Cologne Opera House for their outrageous treatment of "Rigoletto."

As a great lover of Italian opera, I would suggest that unless the German artistes can sing through an opera without leaving out several very fine (and also very difficult) parts, it would be better for them to restrict themselves to light operas more within the scope of their vocal qualifications.

The fact that they actually ventured to omit whole songs from so well-known an opera as "Rigoletto" struck me as being a very insolent expression of their assessment of our knowledge of grand opera.

I travelled a very considerable distance in very dirty weather for the pleasure of hearing that opera, and I was very annoyed to hear the tenor sing the introduction *only* of his famous song in the second act, the baritone omitting a difficult piece of his duet with the soprano quietly dying in her sack without singing herself to death as Verdi laid down she should.

W.P.

AN OFFICER'S GROWL.

Sir,—Much has been heard of the inconvenience experienced be N.C.O's and men of the Rhine Army in getting their wants satisfied at the E.F.C. canteen.

If the queue I saw last evening is a daily feature of that particular thoroughfare then the complaint is well justified, but the officers have their own particular little grouse.

So far as the canteen is concerned I am not aware of any dissatisfaction, but anyone who has endeavoured to repair a deteriorated wardrobe at the Officers' Clothing Depot will have a different tale to tell.

There seems to be not much organisation. Customers are served out of their turn, long waits are the rule, the service is in the hands of individuals with little adaptability. Indeed the muddle is apparent to anyone.

May I suggest that a little more ginger should be put into this department. It is aggravating to stand at the counter for an hour and a half to be told that the particular article required is not in stock.

"SKIPPER."

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE

LAST WEEK OF THE SEASON.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Sunday	3	Mastersingers of Nuremberg	Wagner

AT THE OPERA.

"Der Z geunerbaron."

The popular and sprightly melodies of the "Zigeunerbaron" succeeded in filling the Opera House on Friday, and many were turned back being enable to secure a place. We will refrain from entering into an extensive criticism of the music, as the opera has already been rendered a good many times during this and last season, and has been previously described. It simply remains to state that Friday night's performance was a very excellent one.

The two first acts of the Opera are certainly the best, and the artistes did their utmost to give full effect to the popular numbers. Of course "Wer uns getraut" always gains the lion's share of the applause, and certainly Hans Clemens as Sandor had not to complain of his reception. He had his "beau jour." Mimi Werhard-Poensgen as Saffi excelled in voice and acting, and was also greatly fêted, with her partner Hans Clemens. Hans Robert as Kalman Zampan contributed greatly to the success of the evening by his natural gift for comedy.

The other parts were also in good hands and the ballet earned a great applause. The orchestra under Franz Weissleder's experienced direction was as excellent as ever, in rendering the fiery rhythm of the great Viennese master's music.

Ch. L.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Army Discoveries.

George Grossmith says that the Army Concert Parties will undoubtedly discover many useful small-part men, who have, during their experience in this kind of work, learned how to wear clothes and walk a stage. Personally I think some big part men may also be found. Several members of the "Kissing Time" Company at the new Winter Garden Theatre, Drury Lane, were members of concert parties in France, including Peter Shannon, the dusky dancer, Stanley Brightman, stage manager, Frank Stepe, box office manager, Tim O'Connor, dancer, Rob. Currie, comedian, Stanley Holloway, and Alan Dale.

Spud the Gardener.

The cliché you see here is an impression of George Huntley the comedian, who plays the part of Spud the gardener in the new "Tabs" revue, "Well I'm!—!!" at the Apollo Theatre, Cologne. He is, as I think I've mentioned before, an old hand at the game, and is certainly an acquisition as a heavy comedian to the G.H.Q. Party. His burlesque of East Lynne with Iona the maid, is quite one of the best features of the first scene in the present revue. Although a little out of his sphere, Huntley was also a big success as the waiter in the last "Tabs" revue, "Get Busy."

The Leave Club Programme.

To-day the Rev. Gower Rees is to talk to the men in the writing room at 5. p.m. and at 6.30, the Royal Dragoons will give a concert by their string band in the Theatre (by kind permission of Maj. Tomkinson D.S.O., On Monday, Miss Sara Silvers is going to give her delightful "Songs at the Piano" in the music room at 5. p.m. and at 6.30 there will be a practice dance in the ball room. On Tuesday, there is to be a very full day. There will be a dancing class in the theatre at 5. p.m. and an impromptu concert in the music room at the same time. Amongst many other interesting items Baron d'Erlanger will speak on the "Channel Tunnel" at 6 p.m. and at 7.5 the "Tiger Pips Concert Party" will perform. On Wednesday, the band of the 10th Royal Hussars, (by kind permission of the C.O.) will play for the dance held in the theatre at 6.30 p.m. The pipers of the 11th Royal Scots will play in the garden at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, and a whist drive will take place at 6.30 the same evening. On Friday, there will be an impromptu concert in the music room at 5 p.m. and a dancing class in the theatre at the same hour. These will be followed by a Lena Ashwell concert party, kindly presented by the Y.M.C.A., at 7. p.m. in the Theatre. Another of the B.E.L.C. popular dances will be held in the theatre on Saturday, July 5th at 6.30 p.m.

A Fine Concert.

Owing to the exigencies of war, Capt. Sykes' famous Rhine Army Choir Society was unable to perform at the concert at the B.E.L.C. on Friday evening. It was a great disappointment. Miss Lavie's solos on the violin gave great pleasure. She played Godard's "Berceuse de Jocelyn" and later in the progamme "Canzonetta" by d'Ambrosio. Miss Una Stone kindly sang "My Flower of Dreams" and "Melisande in the Wood." Miss Somers Cocks played a 'cello solo with her usual success. A string quartette consisting of four members of the B.E.L.C., Miss Smyth, Miss Lavie, Miss Clark and Miss Somers Cocks, played; two of German's Henry VIII Dances and "Molly on the Shore" by Percy Granger with great spirit and excellent rhythm. Major Greenless sang beautifully and his songs included "The Pipers of Pan," and "Loves Coronation" with a cello obligato. Later in the evening he gave "Mary my Girl" and "Let us forget" by Maud Valery White. He was most ably accompanied throughout the evening by Miss Clarke, whose excellent musicianship is well known at the Leave Club. One of the features of the evening, however, was the violin playing of Alfred Barker, whose beautiful tone and expression roused the greatest enthusiasm among the audience. He was recalled time after time, after his solos by Hubay, and played Dvoraks "Humoresque" and an arrangement of one of Chopin's Nocturnes as encores. The comic element was provided by Jock Liminal who sang "Mary Arry" and the "Ladies who fought and won," causing much mirth and laughter.

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ENGLAND VERSUS SCOTLAND.

GOLF INTERNATIONAL.

BRAID AND DUNCAN BEAT MITCHELL AND VARDON.

On Friday the great attraction in the golfing world was the international at St. Andrews.

In the stroke competition, which began at 9-30 a.m. the pairs were:—

England	Scotland
J. H. Taylor.	L. Ayton.
Abe Mitchell.	James Braid.
Harry Vardon.	George Duncan.
Edward Ray.	Alex Herd.

In the four-ball matches which started at 2 p.m. the two lowest English scorers opposed to lowest Scottish scorers and the others made up another match.

In the four-ball match Ray and Taylor beat Ayton and Herd by one hole.

Braid and Duncan beat Mitchell and Vardon by 3 and 2.

THE STROKE COMPETITION.

England won the stroke competition on Friday morning by three matches to one and in the aggregate the English players were better by 12.

Details:—

ENGLAND.

J. H. Taylor (Mid-Surrey)	76
Abe Mitchell (Sonning)	77
H. Vardon (West Herts)	81
E. Ray (Oxhey)	71
Total	305

SCOTLAND.

L. Ayton (St. Andrews)	78
J. Braid (Walton Heath)	83
G. Duncan (Hanger Hill)	79
Alec Herd (Coombe Hill)	77
Total	317

LONDON AMATEUR FOURSOMES.

RESULTS OF THIRD AND SEMI-FINAL ROUNDS AT SUNNINGDALE.

Harewood Downs, the last winners of the trophy in 1914, who were again represented by the same couple, were beaten in the third stage by Merton Park. The match was all square at the turn, but Merton Park took the lead at the thirteenth, won the fourteenth and fifteenth, and halving the sixteenth, gained a surprise victory by 3 and 2. Mid-Surrey, although starting badly, being 3 down at the fourth and 1 down at the ninth, eventually beat Leatherhead by 2 up and 1. The third round results were:

Merton Park (Mr. R. B. Barton and Mr. F. H. Wethered) beat Harewood Downs (Mr. R. Harris and Lieut.-Col. A. E. Williams) by 3 and 2.

Mid-Surrey (Mr. S. H. Fry and Mr. "E. H. Royalat") beat Leatherhead (Mr. H. H. Archer and Mr. S. A. Harding) by 2 and 1.

Romford (Capt. W. A. Murray and Mr. J. J. Murray) beat Royal Wimbledon (Mr. F. S. Bond and Mr. P. Carr) by one hole.

Addington (Mr. A. C. M. Croome and Mr. G. L. Mellin) beat Walton Heath (Mr. Angus Hambro and Mr. P. C. Gaulter) by 2 and 1.

SEM.-FINALS.

Mid-Surrey beat Merton Park by 4 and 2.

Addington beat Romford by 1 hole.

The final will take place to-day over 36 holes.

LADY GOLFERS' CLUB.

The Lady Golfers' Club held their spring meeting at Barnehurst, Kent, on Thursday. Miss Cecil Leitch, the lady champion, won the scratch prize with 81; Mrs. Kellie, 99 less 18—81, the handicap; Miss G. L. Kennedy and Mrs. Stanley Stubbs the foursomes against bogey; and Mrs Kellie the sealed holes competition.

RUMANIANS DEFEATED.

INTER-ALLIED ATHLETIC GAMES AT THE PERSHING STADIUM, PARIS.

In the Inter-Allied athletic games at the Pershing Stadium the final of the throwing the Javelin competition resulted as follows: — Bronder (America), 55.818 metres, 1; Liversedge (America), 53.87 metres, 2; Butler (America), 48.639 metres, 3.

In the fencing contests, Italy won 19 matches to Rumania's 17 and will meet France in the final tie for the Allied championship.

The Italian Association football team beat the Rumanian team by seven goals to one.

MOTOR CAR IMPROVEMENTS.

Among the special tendencies which characterise the new models may be mentioned an increased adoption of overhead valves, detachable heads, cantilever suspension, the spiral bevel drive central change-speed control, the reduction of lubricated parts, the elimination of grease cups and the driving of the speedometer from the constant mesh pinions of the gear box.

Dazzle and Jazz.

Those fortunate individuals who have not to sit down in order to arrive at a conclusion as to when the next leave is likely to come along, will learn with interest that at present London is all Dazzle and Jazz modes. Customers are spending their money lavishly and getting in return audacious colour schemes and riotous hues. The East End is no more the hunting ground for feathers and violent plush. These have been forgotten, regarded as pre-war. In the Mile End-road "Dazzle" jumpers and "Jazz" stockings are to be seen and the fashion grows.

There is the absence of any price-tickets from the gowns and hats displayed, which gives the proprietors such scope in the joyous game of "weighing up" the customer.

Small millinery establishments exist by the score, and they exhibit just the same characteristics as those of the West End. Only a few models are displayed; the names given to them are usually diminutions of feminine Christian names, and they lean to conspicuous colourings, transparent brims or crowns, with small flowers or fancy ornaments in unusual positions.

One of the Muffins.

Everybody knows Max, the talented comedian of "The Merry Muffins," the Highland Division Concert Party. But few know that he is an artiste of renown in the variety world and recognise in the soldier-comedian, Edgar Max, of Max and Lily, the well-known music-hall pair. For two years he was the outstanding comedian with "The Game Cocks" (40th Divisional Party.) When the Germans advanced in 1918, "The Game Cocks" had a particularly rough passage. All the "props," etc., being blown to pieces. But the indomitable Max set to work and in a short time produced Fred Karno's "Mumming Birds." It was a huge success, and he was complimented by Lieut. Sandy, R.A.F., late manager to Fred Karno, for the excellence of the show. His big drum burlesque with "The Merry Muffins" is one of the best things I have seen for a long time.

Within Monastery Walls.

The other evening, the walls of the historic monastery at Siegberg resounded with music and song, the occasion being a concert given by "C" Company, the 12th Loyal North Lancs. Rgt. The Padre, Capt. the Rev. J. W. Hope proved the most versatile contributor to the entertainment, singing "Two eyes of grey" and "The Sweepers", besides reciting "The Hell Gate of Soissons", and "His only hair." Others who helped to make the evening go with a swing were 2nd Lieut. Case, 2nd. Lieut. Donellan, Ptes. Cohn, Harwood, Barrows, Webster, Challoner, and Pte. H. Furser, a most accomplished pianist. Altogether it was a splendid evening.

JACQUES.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

THIRD AND FOURTH ROUND RESULTS AT WIMBLEDON.

Mlle. Lengsen was again the centre of attraction at Wimbledon on Friday. After her sensational victory over Mrs. Larcombe on the previous day she was not called on for supreme effort against Mrs. Craddock, who was beaten by all-round merit. Results:—

Mlle. Lengsen beat Mrs. Craddock; Miss Ryan beat Miss Holman; Miss McNair beat Miss Addison; Mrs. Winch beat Miss Dransfield, all at 2—0.

Gents' Singles (third round):—Gobert beat Donnisthorpe 3—1; Ritchie beat Jarvis 3—1; Garland beat Dash; Decugis beat Grace; Davis beat Stoddard; Doust beat Bisseker, all at 3—0.

Doubles (third round):—Mavrogordato and Davson beat Field and Teall 3—1; Griffin and Davis beat Graves and Brown 3—0; Mishu and Dudley beat Bingham and Hotham, and Aitkin and Dodd beat McAulty and Wiswell 3—0; Washburn and Mathey beat Turnbull and Turnbull 3—2.

TURF STATISTICS.

BARLING TOPS THE TRAINERS AND DONOGHUE THE JOCKEYS.

Yesterday we published a list of winning racehorse owners. Appended is a list of the leading trainers and jockeys:—

TRAINERS.

	No. of horses.	Races won	£
Barling, F B	9	15	18,108
Taylor, A	9	9	12,016
Coates, S	13	22	7,513
Manser, G	6	6	7,198
Hartigan, F	11	14	6,880
Lambton, Hon G	11	19	6,370
Rhodes, J	7	10	6,151
Sadler, jun. A	6	10	5,013
Persse, H S	9	15	4,745
Tabor, C V	14	21	4,192
Lines, H	11	19	4,168
Gilpin, P	4	5	3,581

JOCKEYS.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unp.	Titl.
Donoghue, S	65	49	33	87	234
Carslake B	41	25	21	40	127
Smyth, V	29	29	21	71	150
Colling, G	25	33	21	71	141
Huitme, G	24	11	8	33	76
Foy, C	21	18	21	66	126
Whalley, A	20	21	13	64	118
Slade, F	17	8	5	42	72
Shatwell, J	16	12	12	52	92
Clark J J	16	11	8	35	69
Smith, A	14	3	4	14	35
Sempleman P	24	9	14	26	63

RACING AT NEWCASTLE.

The following were the results at Newcastle on Friday:

Seghill Plate:— 1, Double or Quits (3—1); 2, Thermogene (7—4 on); 3, Sesostris (10—1).

Clayton Stakes:— 1, Rivetter (6—5); 2, Canterbury Tales (evens); 3, Little Flower (100—8).

Gosforth Park Cup:— 1, Vanitie (7—1); 2, Forest Guard (100—8); 3, The President (6—4 on).

Seaton Delaval Plate:— 1, Prince Herod (3—1); 2, Maxwell (5—2); 3, Slovene (33—1).

Camperdown Handicap:— 1, Lady Changeful (100—8); 2, Lady Craigel (11—8); 3, Moaning Minnie (4—1).

Newcastle Handicap:— 1, Ben Beoch (6—4); 2, Sublime Princess (3—1); 3, Off the White (7—4).

LASTEST ENGLISH CRICKET RESULTS.

Yorks 112, and 81 for 0; Notts 336.
Kent 234, and 72 for 0; Lancs. 73.
Surrey 523; Oxford 126, and 208 for five.
Cambridge 611; Sussex 172, and 146 for four.
Northants 246; Australians 297, and 177 for six.
Gloster 329; Hampshire 199 for three.
Sandhurst 153, and 12 for 0; Woolwich 144.

BAYONET ASSAULT WINNERS.

At Olympia, on Friday, the Cup for the Bayonet Assault was won by the R.M.L.I., the winners up being the 3rd Reserve Hussars.

COLOGNE RACES.

The entries and order of running for the first day (July 10th) of Cologne Races, which were unavoidably postponed, will be published in *The Cologne Post* on Tuesday or Wednesday next. On the following Friday or Saturday the entries for the second day (July 12th) will appear. Free admission tickets for owners and riders are being posted. Official race cards will be on sale in the main entrance to the Excelsior Hotel, Cologne, from 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. on July 9th and 11th, the price being one mark

Fifty-two England v. Australia matches have been played in Australia, and 42 in England. England has won 40, Australia 35, and 19 have been drawn.

R. Shirley cycled from Edinburgh to London, unpaced, in 23 hours 43 minutes on Oct. 14, 1905.

The first Oxford-Cambridge boat-race (1846) was rowed in outriggers, Cambridge winning by two lengths, time 21 mins. 5 secs.

WILLARD v. DEMPSEY.

THE 12 ROUNDS FIGHT AT TOLEDO ON JULY 4.

Jess Willard, the heavy-weight champion, meets Jack Dempsey at Toledo, U.S.A. at 3 p.m. on July 4th, when the Heavy-weight championship of the world will be decided.

Willard receives the large purse of £20,000, Dempsey's share being £5,500. In addition to this the pugilists are each to get one-third of the proceeds from the cinema rights, which are of substantial value. The gate receipts it is anticipated will beat all records.

As the fight is limited to 12 rounds, it may be safely predicted that a ding-dong struggle will ensue. To obviate a decision on technical points both men will make herculean efforts to bestow the Order of the K.O.

The following is a comparison of their physical records:—

COMPARATIVE TABLE.

WILLARD.		DEMPSEY.
35	Age	23
258lb	Weight	192lb
6ft. 6in.	Height	6ft. ¼in.
83in.	Reach	78in.
43in.	Chest, normal	42in.
49½in.	Chest, expanded	46in.
17½in.	Neck	17in.
38in.	Waist	32in.
25in.	Thigh	23in.
15½in.	Calf	15in.
9in.	Ankle	9in.
11in.	Biceps	14in.
14in.	Forearm	14in.
8¼in	Wrist	8in.

REFEREE AND JUDGES.

Ollie Pecord, official referee, Toledo boxing commission, has been selected to referee the Willard-Dempsey contest.

The judges are Drexel, Biddle, and Tex Rickard.

FIGHT OBJECTED TO.

A Washington message states that a resolution has been introduced into the House of Representatives urging the governor of Ohio to prevent the Willard-Dempsey fight at Toledo on July 4, because such an event would be a desecration of the nation's birthday, and would dishonour the nation throughout the world.

WILDE'S MEETING WITH PAL MOORE.

BY EUGENE CORRI.

There has been quite a lot of discussion as to whether Wilde has been wise in fighting Pal Moore, the American bantam, next month, many people are asking what can be the value of such a match. Wilde may win; we think he will, but if victory does come his way it will tell us nothing more than that which we already know—that Wilde is a marvel.

There is no doubt that after Wilde's contest whith Lynch a feeling came that the wonderful Welshman runs a great risk in giving heaps of weight away to men who in the opinion of sound judges are numbered among the best boxers in the world. However, the point of view taken by Wilde is this: "The judges said that Pal Moore beat me at the Albert Hall; everybody else declared that I won. I certainly do believe that I beat him and I am confident that I can do so again. I want to prove this."

Very Shrewd.

Wilde is a very shrewd young man and his manager, Ted Lewis, is also very shrewd, and it may be that in stipulating that Moore must do 8 stone 4 lbs at the ringside they have made a good match. Whether it will be a match that will capture all London remains to be seen. We did say that Wilde had only to take the ring and everybody would flock to see him, but you will remember that in a recent match when he met Alf Mansfield, the crowd at the ringside was not an unusually large one. However, Wilde is still a vogue, and I shall be surprised if Olympia is not full when he appears against Pal Moore on the 17th of next month.

The American has arrived and has, I believe, gone to Brighton to train. He is more than "quietly confident," of course.

FRENCH BOXING.

At the Continental Sporting Club in Paris the following were the results of boxing contests:—Lemery beat Chevauchée on points in a 6 rounds contest. Lebois beat Deligny who gave up in the 5th round; Henri Veme beat Billy Kleck on points in a 10 rounds match; while Nilles, the champion of France, beat the American Jameson on points in a 12 rounds contest.

NOBLE v. CRIQUI.

The boxing match at the Nouveau-Cirque, Paris, on Friday evening between Tommy Noble and the Frenchman, Eugène Criqui, resulted in a draw.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, BELFAST.

A dinner for old students of Q.U.B. will be held in the Belgischer Hof, Cologne, on 11th July, 1919, at 19.20 hours. All old Queensmen who wish to attend are requested to send their names, not later than 10th July, to:—Lieut.-Col. W. Tyrrell, D.S.O., M.C., R.A.M.C., R.A.F., Headquarters, Marienburg, or Major J. D. M. McCallum, D.S.O., 12th (S) Battn. The Royal Irish Rifles.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Sunday, June 29, 1919.

Surface wind South-West to West 10-15 m.p.h. Overcast or cloudy. Perhaps occasional showers. Fair or indifferent visibility.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

5 WICKETS FOR 9 RUNS.

5th K.O.Y.L.I. (140 runs for 4 wickets, innings declared closed) v. VI CORPS H.Q. (37), on VI Corp's ground at Cologne, on Wednesday. The Y.L.I. batted first, scoring 140 runs in 75 minutes. Lieut. Scott batted brilliantly, scoring 77 runs before being caught in slips and Lieut. Keates contributed 38. Sergt. Bunting, for the winners, took 5 wickets for 9 runs, all bowled. The VI Corps played only 10 men.

52nd BN. MANCHESTER REGT. (58) v. LANCS. DIV. SIG. COMPANY (42) at Geistingen on Wednesday. 2nd Lieut. W. G. Hardy, 52nd Manchesters, is worthy of mention for a well contributed innings of 22. The visitors had to bat for the most part of their innings in the rain. C.Q.M.S. Medcock and Pte. Thorpe shared the bowling honours for the winners, and the keenness shown by the team in the field gave them their victory.

41st BATTALION M.G.C. (167 for 5 declared) v. 2nd SQ. M.G. CAV. DIV. (40) at Heumar on Thursday. The Cavalry batted first, but owing to the bowling of Driver Gorrad (6 wickets for 14) and Major D. Boumphrey (4 wickets for 19), were all out with the total of 49. The M.G.C's then went in to bat, and passed their opponents total with only two wickets down. On the fall of the fifth wicket, the total stood at 132, when Major Boumphrey, who was batting, was joined by Capt. Backrath, who, between them brought the score up to 167. Unfortunately, a heavy downpour of rain prevented the game being carried on, so the "Gunners" declared, leaving the last two mentioned "Not Out", and the total as above. Particularly good was the batting of Lieut. Andrews (37), Pte. Wood (2), Major D. Boumphrey (40 not out), Sergt. Briggs (24) and Captain Backrath (16 not out).

2nd CORPS H.Q. (62) v. 23rd MIDDLESEX REGT. (51) at Leverkusen on Wednesday. For 2nd Corps H. Q. Capt. Mc. Neil (28 not out), was the only batsman to reach double figures. Sergt. Redgrave (14) and Pte. Mackenroth (12), were the leading scorers for the losers. Major Spence and Lieut. Hurle bowled well for the 23rd Middlesex, and Major Yates for the 2nd Corps H.Q.

488 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A. (72) v. "E" CORPS SIG. COY. (38). This match resulted in another win for the Battery by a margin of 34 runs. For the Gunners, Naylor (15), Timms and Cartwright did the best batting, while Willan (4 for 12) and Timms (4 for 24) were the best bowlers.

OTHER RESULTS.

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BONN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
52 Cheshire	4	4	0		10§
91 Field Amb.	6	4	2		8
10 R. W. Kent	6	4	2		8
51 R. Sussex	3	3	0		8§
92 Field Amb.	5	3	2		6§
5 Border	4	3	1		6
Eastern Div. H. Q.	4	3	1		6
103 Field Amb.	4	2	2		6§
Lancs Div. M.T.Coy.	3	3	0		6
207 Squad. R.A.F.	3	2	1		6§
23 R. Fus.	3	2	1		6§
52 Welsh	4	2	1	1	5
16 Lancs Fus.	3	2	0	1	5
Lancs Div. Sig. Coy.	5	1	4		4§
Eastern Div. Sig. Coy.	4	2	2		4
4 Suffolk	4	1	3		4
51 Bedford	3	2	1		4
2 London Inf. Bde.	3	2	1		4
53 Welsh	3	1	2		4§
13 K. Liverpool	2	2	0		4
52 Manchester	4	0	4		2§
1 T.M.B.	3	1	2		2
15 Lancs Fus.	2	1	1		2
303 Siege Baty.	2	1	1		2
X Corps Sig. Coy.	5	0	5		0
69 Siege Bty.	3	0	3		0
51 K. Liverpool	3	0	3		0
121 Heavy Bty.	2	0	2		0
3 Coy. West Div. R.A.S.C.	1	0	1		0

§ 2 points awarded for scratched matches.

DERBY COUNTY F.C.

In addition to nine old professionals comprising all who were available, Derby County F.C. have signed on nine others for next season. The former are Lawrence, Atkin, Barbour, Bagshaw, Walker, Moore, Leonard, Baker, and Quantrill.

The newcomers are Wightman and Noah Buxton (from Nottingham Forest), T. H. Burton (the younger brother of Noah), G. W. Needham (nephew of Ernest), and R. Moore, a local lad, with Boxley, Martin, Thornewell, and Howard, who played for Derby in the Midlands Victory League.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Swimming at Harrow.

Harrow beat Rugby, at Harrow on Thursday in a series of swimming events by 16 points to 4.

Cambridge in Favour.

The inter-Varsity match is near at hand, and the trials so far seem to favour the chances of the Light Blues.

An Unusual Capture.

Fishing from a boat off Littlehampton, Mr. Morris (Dreadnought Sea Angling Society) has taken an angel fish of 62lb— an unusual capture with rod and line.

Army Riders, 70 Guineas.

At a sale of Army horses at Banbury heavy drafts made up to 90 guineas, light drafts 77 guineas, and riders, for which there was great demand, 70 guineas.

Plumped For Dempsey.

I lunched with Moore and Mr. Lewis yesterday, and naturally discussed the Willard and Dempsey fight. Both of them plumped solidly for Dempsey to win.—"The Old Guard" in *The Daily Express.*

"Bobbies'" Tug-of-War.

The Metropolitan Police beat the Brighton Police in a one-pull competition at Olympia. The King afterwards presented the winning team with a silver Challenge Cup.

A "Dishonest Horse."

The King's colt Jutland, who capped his exhibition at Ascot by another disappointing show in the Newbury Cup, is described as a "dishonest horse." He gives his proper form or otherwise as the mood possesses him.

Father As Caddie.

Laurence Ayton, the local favourite, had his father carrying for him in the recent "Tourney" at St. Andrews. When Wm. Greig, another notable St. Andrews golfer, played in a big competition some years ago, his daughter acted as caddie.

Clapton Orient's Goalkeeper.

James Hugall, who was Clapton Orient's regular first team goalkeeper before the war, has again been signed on. After joining the Footballers' Battalion, Hugall gained a commission in the Durham Light Infantry, and was twice wounded while serving with the latter regiment.

In Memory of Mr. C. E. Green.

To perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. C. E. Green, the Essex county cricket Club has resolved to make an effort to raise a sufficient sum of money to pay off the mortgage now existing on the county ground. The Lord-Lieutenant of Essex is appealing to all lovers of sport to assist in this object.

FROM EVERYWHERE,

EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY.

Costly Raspberries.—Raspberries are 2s. 6d. a pound at Manchester.

Irish Harvesters.—Some 2,000 Irish harvesters have arrived in Great Britain.

Naval Officers Finish.—All temporary officers of the Royal Navy will be demobilized next Tuesday.

Peace-week Pay.—Hotel servants are demanding more pay during peace week.

More Militiamen.—The permanent force of the Canadian Militia has been increased from 5,000 to 50,000 men.

Field Marshal Ill.—Field-Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., is suffering from a heart attack at his residence, Millhurst, Harlow.

Suicide.—A collier awaiting trial at Nottingham for the murder of his young son, has hanged himself in his prison cell.

Not too old at 70.—The Labour Minister states that persons over 70 are not necessarily ineligible for out-of-work donation.

A Gay Day.—The French are to celebrate Victory on the day of their National Fête—July 14.

A Big Rise.—A pearl necklace which was bought for £100 in 1824 fetched £10,000 the other day.

Fallen Low.—King Constantine of Greece is said to be in great financial straits and has sold all his wife's jewels.

Easier to Lie.—"How can you expect to get the truth when it is so much easier to lie?" asked a man at the Bow County Court.

Fathers' Day.—"Fathers' day" is to be held in the United States every year on the third Sunday in June by a display of flags and the wearing of a rose. There is already a "Mothers' day."

A Request.—"God send you back to me" was written on a well-worn Treasury note received in the day's takings yesterday by a business establishment in a western suburb of London.

Empty Houses.—The Housing Bill contains provision enabling local authorities to acquire large empty houses for conversion into flats, Dr. Addison says.

Salaries Refused.—Six M.P.'s, apart from the Sinn Fein M.P.'s who have not taken the oath of allegiance, have declined to accept their salaries.

Looping at 88.—A Crimean naval veteran, who holds the record of being the oldest aerial passenger, his age being 88, has just experienced the thrill of loopin the loop.

Mr. Lloyd George.—It is widely believed in political circles that the reports of Mr. Lloyd George's intended visit to America have more in them than meets the eye.

Unpaid Tax.—About 200 summonses against boiler-makers and dock workers who had neglected to pay their income tax were heard at West Ham.

Future Wars.—Lieut.-Gen. Sir Edward Hutton says he feels convinced that before many years have passed, the Red Cross movement will be called into activity again.

Disabled Men.—The Prefect of Paris Police has issued an order giving priority to wounded and disabled soldiers in using public conveyances on presenting a special card to the driver.

Not true.—The statement that the State intended to use some of the national factories for the manufacture and assembling of low-priced motor-cars is unfounded.

Discs from the Air.—To assist the progress of the Victory Loan, the Air Ministry will allow aeroplanes, flying over the British Isles, to drop small discs of paper advertising the loan.

The Advance.—Mr. Winston Churchill, speaking at Ipswich, said that for 48 hours the British Army on the Rhine stood waiting for the signal to advance.

Dearer Milk.—An order to allow an increase of 4d. per gallon on the maximum price of milk procured in England and Wales during July has been issued.

Loves Gaol.—"This man always grumbles because he is not given sufficient punishment at the London Sessions," said a police officer at Lambeth.

Across the Himalayas.—Major Harley Alec Tweedie, who made the first flight across the Himalayas, is an Englishman, the son of Mrs. Alec Tweedie, the writer.

Acres for Ex-Army Men.—Since December last 35,055 acres have been acquired by the county councils, for the settlement of Service and ex-Service men.

Changes at Harrow.—Mr. E. Graham, senior master at Harrow, who is retiring this term, has been at Harrow 37 years as master, and was educated in the school.

Prince's Victory Bond.—The Prince of Wales bought a Victory Bond to show his appreciation of the work of the Cardiff show and to help the campaign.

Gas Explosion.—Six people have been injured two somewhat seriously, in a gas explosion which occurred at the Britannia public-house, Nottinghill.

V.A.D.'s Fate.—Fear of a nervous breakdown was stated at the inquest at Tottenham to be the cause of the suicide of a V.A.D. nurse named Winifred Eliza Garrick. Miss Garrick served in France.

Home of Warriors.—A German field gun with carriage has been awarded to the village of Shillingstone, Dorset, which holds the record for the number of men in proportion to population who voluntarily enlisted for service in the war

Gunners' Mistake.—To celebrate the rumoured signing of the Peace Treaty a number of Grantham machine gunners got into a brewery cellar. The cask they opened contained a solution of potash, used for cleaning floors — not stout as they thought.

Housing Scheme.—A scheme for building 2,200 houses under the house-planning proposals of the Government to accommodate about 11,000 persons at a total cost of £2,000,000 has been approved by the City Corporation.

Opinions of the Moment.

WINDOWS THAT OPEN.

Dr. Addison, who is chief of the new Ministry of Health, says: "If we could only prevail on a large number of our citizens to sleep with their windows open we should do a great deal to improve the health of the people. I intend that the houses which are erected under the aegis of the Housing Department shall have windows that will open, and I will hang Sir James Carmichael if he provides houses with windows that won't.

LONDON'S AIR DEFENCES.

Major-General E. B. Ashmore, speaking as the officer who was entrusted with the duty of organizing London's air defences, says: "When the Armistice came on November 11th last year the defences of London were at least four times as strong as they were in the preceding May.

So far as night raids were concerned, it looked at one time as though I might be hanged, but the Government spared nothing in the way of guns and searchlights. London, however, owed its defence more particularly to the gallant boys who flew by night.

As to the future it cannot be said with certainty that London will never be raided again, as it is easy for aircraft to find, owing to the river, but if the defences are adequate it will probably never more be attacked.

THE MODERN GIRL.

The Bishop of Edinburgh has been giving his views on modern girls' morals. He says: The most experienced worker who could remember twenty-five and thirty years ago, would at once agree that the present outlook of girls has changed in a remarkable degree.

Every avenue of knowledge, both for bad as well as good, is open to girls almost from their infancy. Their natural curiosity is unduly stimulated even in tender years by what they see and hear.

Their modesty is coarsened as they grow up by what they read in suggestive stories, and cinemas complete the mischief that had been begun even before girls were 10 years of age.

Crowded together as they are in large schools. evil is readily communicated one to the other, and virtue is honeycombed with vice, even before it is known.

BOLSHEVISM DENOUNCED.

Mr. W. M. Hughes, Premier of Australia, spoke some strong words the other day on labour unrest and Bolshevism. He says: If the world is to saved — if the dreadful sacrifice of blood and treasure expended in the war is not to be in vain — force must give way to reason, might to right.

Labour might learn from the fate of Germany, which sought dominion over the earth by force at the expense of right and justice, what will befall it, if it resorted to similar methods. As it is with Germany, so will it be with Bolshevism, which rests on force and not on justice.

Out of the ashes of military despotism has sprung Bolshevism, that dark menacing and hopeless creed which set out to save the world by first destroying it, whose watchwords are murder, rapine and chaos. Both in its methods and in the goal to which it points, Bolshevism, under whatever name it masquerades, is a false and fatal doctrine.

THE JUDGES' WAR WORK.

Lord Birkenhead, the Lord Chancellor, speaking on the part our judges had played in the war, says: From the very first day of the struggle, Lord Moulton made a contribution to the work of the Ministry of Munitions which cannot be exaggerated.

Lord Sumner, on the special committee dealing with the complex problems arising out of the peace proposals has contributed so much, that if no other contribution had been made by the Bench it would have entitled it to say it had done a very great deal to settle post-war problems.

Viscount Finlay has sat on every single day, either in the House of Lords or on the judicial Committee. Lord Wrenbury, who had completed his service, and was entitled to lead a leisurely life, has done similar duty.

Two others have made contributions which received very little gratitude — Lord Haldane and Lord Buckmaster. When I hear attacks in the Press on their pensions, I feel that those who make them, have not informed themselves of the facts.

SUPERSTITION RIFE.

Captain H. G. S. Tuite says: Was superstition ever more rife than to-day?

The hundreds of varying charms and mascots would not be in the shop windows unless there were a ready sale for them, and they would not be bought in such numbers without some belief in their efficacy as bringers of good luck, warders-off of evil fortune.

The majority of flying men have their mascots, and many are openly disturbed should their tokens be lost or mislaid. Mascots by the hundred thousand were in the trenches; perhaps danger makes them more precious.

But peril does not account for the vogue of the palmist and every other kind of soothsayer.

Just before the Derby, a girl—she does statistical work in a Government office, so she must be fairly practical—confessed her disappointment at not drawing a horse out of several tickets in her office lottery.

She felt tricked by Fate, because on the very morning of the draw she met a chimney-sweep and surprised him by bidding him "Good morning," which implies impending good luck; she passed a coloured gentleman, which, of course, means a pleasant surprise.

Above all, in the tube lift she was near enough to a hunchback to touch his hump, which we all know to be a certain bringer of immediate fortune.

Pay of V.A.D.'s—It is notified that full rates will be paid as from May 17, to all women enrolled in the Voluntary Aid Detachment, General Service Section, on a 12 months' basis, who were serving on that date, and from the date of enrolment to women enrolled after that date.

RECKLESS SPENDING.

Sir Auckland Geddes, deploring our national spendthrift habits and pointing out the danger of them, says: The money that is being squandered on things that are of no value, is colossal. The people who have the cash, are following courses which threaten to destroy our victory.

By sending overseas for drinks, silk for stockings, feathers for hats, we are increasing our debts overseas for things that do not matter. What we have to get is food, raw material, cotton, rubber, iron and steel, zinc, copper, oil, wool, jute.

The more money we send away for things that do not matter, the more we pay for the things that do matter. The price of foods next winter will climb to a level none dream of.

There will be no money to pay wages because it will have to go overseas for food. Money for wages means nothing when there is no real value behind it. The country has forgotten the value behind money. You cannot live like millionares when you are as poor as church mice. That is what we are to-day.

THE NEW PUBLIC HOUSE.

Lord Lytton, who has devoted his life to the improvement of the British public house, says: In any Continental town and throughout the length of the two Americas, the indoor café is to be found. Here one can spend a pleasant time chatting over a cup of good coffee, or, if required, a pack of cards will be provided. In a great number, also, there is good music to listen to.

They are places to which it is pleasant for a man to take his wife and children, and, what is more important, to which his wife likes to go. This can hardly be said of the British public-house. Indeed, the British pub, as it exists to-day, is an atrocity confined almost exclusively to these islands.

The important question is how our present drink-shops can be developed and transformed into real houses of refreshment for the public, supplying food and drink of all kinds, music and all lawful entertainment. Such a house ought to be spotlessly clean, attractively furnished, one where the man who behaves himself, pays for what he gets and acts as a sensible man should do — will always find a welcome.

THE RETURNED SOLDIER.

Philip Gibbs, who made such a mark as a war correspondent throughout the great struggle says:—

The discharged soldier is not much of a hero in the countryside. "The return of the native" is not the cause of village celebrations. There are too many, all heroes as a matter of course. There is no swanking in the village inn. One man has done no more than another in courage and endurance.

"When I was at Gheluvelt — — —"

"Oh, cut it out!" says a lad who got his Blighty at Poelcapelle.

They are sick of all that, and presently, to many of them, the village itself seems a cramped place, limited in its prospects, dull beyond all words. There is a restlessness in the heart of the soldier who comes back. He has seen new countries, new peoples. He has come back with new ideas, new desires—what, he does not know—new passions. Peace! Somehow there is no peace in his soul, though God alone knows why. It is, perhaps, the heritage of the war.

Answers to Correspondents.

"FOR THE Y.M.":—We welcome your championship of the Y.M.C.A. You can rest assured that the profits do not go into private pockets.

J. DALTON:—We question whether Dispersal Centres at home would be prepared to exchange sheepskin coats for the summer variety. It seems a matter for your Q.M.S.

"TEMPORARILY RETAINED":— As a man who has been retained you are eligible for the bonus.

"HANTS":—Nearly all units—at least all progressive units—have associations fromwhich War Savings Certificates can be had. They can be purchased at any Army Post Office. Service qualifying you for a gratuity terminates on July 31st.

"MTG.":—If you were serving as a naval rating, yes.

PTE. J. GATES:— We are not aware of any authority to wear the ribbon you mention.

"L.N.L.:— It is usual to caution a player before sending him off the field.

"J.L.R.":—A sentry pays compliments to any officer in civilian dress if he recognises him.

"C. W. SHARP":—Proficiency pay is still awarded. Consult your orderly room on the point you raise regarding demobilization.

LIEUT. S. A. MALLESON:—The wearing of uniform for the journey is perfectly in order.

L/CPL. J.S. MAYWOOD:—If a man attested under the Derby scheme, then he may regard himself as a Derby man. Whether it is likely to help him in the matter of demobilization is another matter.

"V.P.":—We have not the information you ask for. Sufficient, we should imagine, is the fact that Mr. Lloyd George was born in Manchester.

"L.C.2":—We should regard you as a volunteer. There are many men in the same category.

A.H. BYRON:—We agree that the inscription is a little out of place at present, but, after all, it does not matter.

"PIPS":—Try Keldenich. We have no knowledge of the whereabouts of the second unit you mention.

PTE. R. GARIOD:—The regulations with regard to quarantine must be observed. They are more stringent because of the prevalence of rabies at home.

"PERPLEXITAMUS":—No.

"MATRIMONIAL":—It is doubtful whether you could get leave to U.K. for the purpose you mention.

"R.E.":—Consult your education officer.

"BY DAUD":—Sorry we cannot supply the information.

"REGULAR READER":—An official pronouncement on the subject will doubtless be made.

Other queries will be dealt with to-morrow.—Ed.

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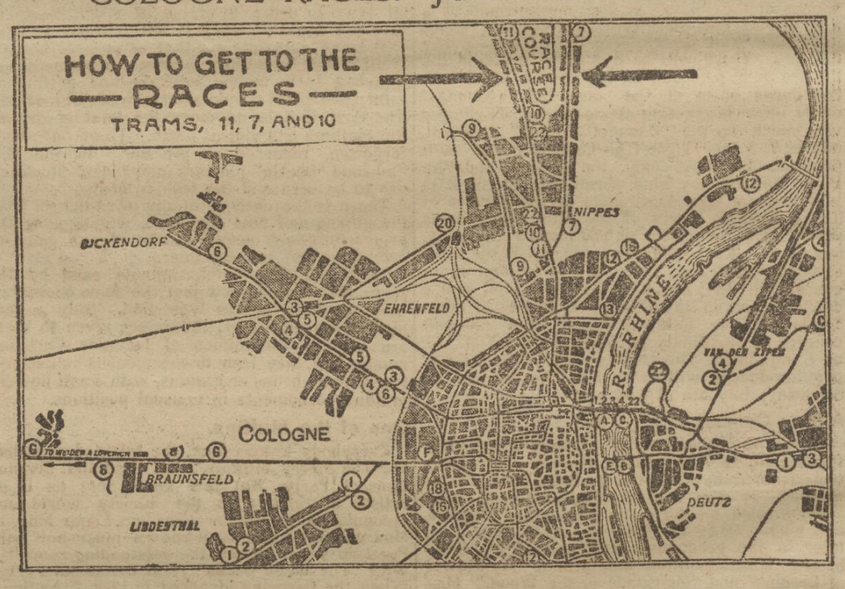

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KING GEORGE SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE.

SIGNING THE PEACE TREATY AT VERSAILLES.

PROCLAIMING THE NEWS.

On Saturday afternoon at twelve minutes past three o'clock, Herr Hermann Müller and Herr Bell, the German delegates, signed the peace treaty at Versailles, bringing to a formal end the world war which started on August 1st 1914. On that date Germany declared war on Russia and followed it up on the 3rd by declaring war on France. On the 4th, Great Britain declared war on Germany, and one by one the nations of the world either declared war on, or severed diplomatic relations with the powers which had thrown down the gauge.

When all the Allied delegates had taken their seats, the guard of honour outside the palace withdrew and the order was given to call the German representatives, who entered unannounced.

ORDER OF SIGNATURE.

M. Clemenceau, the French Premier, in opening the proceedings, said:

"The Allied and Associated Governments have come to an agreement on the conditions of Peace. The text has been written and the President of the Conference has stated in writing that this text which is now to be signed, is identical with the text of two hundred copies which have been distributed to the German delegation. Signatures will now be affixed. They signify a solemn undertaking to abide loyally and faithfully by the conditions of Peace. I now call upon the German plenipotentiaries to sign the treaty."

Herr Müller was the first to sign, then Herr Bell. Immediately their signatures had been appended, guns announced the news to the crowds outside.

The first of the Allied delegates to sign were the Americans, headed by President Wilson. Next came the British, comprising Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. A. J. Balfour, Lord Milner and Mr. G. N. Barnes. The French, Italian and Japanese delegates followed in that order and then the remaining Allied powers.

UNIMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

The actual ceremony of signing was singularly unimpressive, but as soon as the signatures were made, the famous fountains gushed out in wonderful display and guns barked salvos from the fort giving the cue to the warning syrens, which shrieked the news far and wide.

When the protracted ceremony was complete M. Clemenceau rose again and said:

"The conditions of peace between the Allies and Germany are now an accomplished fact. Peace is concluded. I declare the sitting over."

The German delegates left the room first, passing between two lines of troops, who rendered honours. The celebrated band of the Republican Guard was playing on the terrace guns were firing and fountains playing as the Germans entered their carriages. When the Big Three emerged from the Hall of Mirrors cheers rent the air and the huge concourse of people gave a remarkable demonstration of enthusiasm.

MESSAGE TO KING GEORGE.

A special messenger conveyed by aeroplane the following message from Mr. Lloyd George to his Majesty the King at Buckingham Palace:

"The Hall of Mirrors, Palace at Versailles.—Mr. Lloyd George, with his humble duty to your Majesty, has the honour to announce that the long and terrible war in which the British Empire has been engaged with the German Empire for more than four years and which has caused such suffering to mankind, has been brought to an end this afternoon by the Treaty of Peace just signed in this hall. He desires on behalf of all the plenipotentiaries of your Majesty's Empire to render their heartfelt congratulations to your Majesty on the signature of a treaty that marks the victorious end of the terrible struggle which has lasted for so long, and in which your Majesty's subjects from all parts of the Empire have played so glorious a part."

King George immediately issued the following message:

"The signing of the Treaty of Peace will be received with deep thankfulness throughout the British Empire. This formal act brings to its conclusion the state of terrible war which has devastated Europe and distracted the world. This manifests the victory of ideals of freedom and liberty for which we have made untold sacrifices. I share my people's joy and thanksgiving and earnestly pray that the coming years of peace may bring to them ever increasing happiness and prosperity."

KING CONGRATULATES ALLIES.

The King also sent messages of congratulation and friendship to the rulers of Allied and Associated States. To the French President he described it as "the consummation of the greatest triumph in history," and he added: "Our arduous task has been gloriously accomplished, but still there remains much work before us. Upon the ruins of this mighty conflict a new and better Europe must arise. I am confident that France and my Empire will work hand in hand in this great regeneration, and I doubt not that, mindful of their common sacrifices and their common triumph, the mutual love and respect of our two countries, resting on the sure foundation of strenuous comradeship of war, will grow even stronger in the benign fellowship of peace. In all sincerity, Britain thanks France and wishes her Godspeed."

To President Wilson his Majesty said: "It is on this day one of our happiest thoughts that the American and British peoples, brothers in arms, will continue for ever to be brothers in peace. United before, by language, tradition, kinship and ideals, there has now been set upon our fellowship the sacred seal of common sacrifice."

To the King of Italy his Majesty said that Italy's share in the final triumph was worthy of the highest traditions of the heroes of their ancient race, and to the King of Belgium his Majesty expressed the "feelings of profound gratitude and admiration with which the British peoples will ever think of that glorious and gallant country."—*British Wireless.*

DECLARATION BY GERMAN DELEGATES.

NO MENTAL RESERVATION.

A joint statement was made by the German delegates to the Press. They said: "We are signing without mental reservation and what we are signing, we will carry out. The German people will use every means in the attempt to meet the terms of the treaty. We believe the Entente will in their own interests find it necessary to change some of the terms which they will come to see, are impossible of execution. The Central Government will not assist any attack on Poland. Germany will make every effort to prove herself worthy of entry into the League of Nations."

HOW LONDON CELEBRATED PEACE.

KING AND PEOPLE.

Although the announcement that Peace had at last been signed reached London earlier than was expected, a huge crowd gathered in Trafalgar Square and gave vent to their long-pent-up feelings by mighty roars of cheering which completely drowned the din of the traffic. There was a rush for flags and decorations and within a few minutes the streets were ablaze with colour. Processions of vehicles were formed and traversed slowly the chief central and West-end thoroughfares.

Shortly before five o'clock, tens of thousands of people moved down the Mall towards Buckingham Palace. A few minutes before six, admidst the roar of guns and the plaudits of their subjects, the King and Queen stepped out on the balcony to witness the spectacle of London rendering homage in the hour of victory. Accompanying their Majesties were the Prince of Wales, Princess Mary and Prince Albert. When the guns ceased, the band of the Coldstream Guards struck up the National Anthem, the multitude joining in.

Then the King answered the insistent cries for a speech. Stepping forward and raising his voice so that it could be heard some distance down the Mall, he said:

"Peace has been signed! So ends the greatest war in history. I join you all in thanking God." This was followed by a prolonged roar of cheering and the singing of "O God, our help in ages past." The band continued its programme of popular and national songs, including "God bless the Prince of Wales" the "Marseillaise" and the Star Spangled Banner."

After further cheers the National Anthem was again sung, and the Royal Family, waving a farewell to the enormous crowd, retired to the interior of the palace. Later in the evening their Majesties were compelled to make another appearance on the balcony, when the demonstration was even more fervid.

Meanwhile thousands of people were flocking from the suburbs to swell the joyous throng. Street vendors did a phenomenal and lucrative trade with Union Jacks, tricolours and flags of the Allies. By seven o'clock all streets converging on Trafalgar Square were quite impassable for wheeled traffic, but the utmost order prevailed and there was no repetition of the extravagant scenes which marred the armistice celebrations. The crowds contented themselves with parading, singing, and letting off fireworks, while on a few open spaces dancing was indulged in to the music of extemporised bands. Great enthusiasm naturally prevailed in all theatres and places of entertainment, and at night numerous Peace dinners and dances were held.

JEWELS THROWN TO THE CROWD.

Late on Saturday, several guests standing at the upper windows of a well-known West-end restaurant commenced to throw roses down to the immense crowds packed in the street below. A lady in evening dress, after throwing out numbers of roses, took a bracelet from her arm and tossed it out to the people, following this with a ring from her finger. Then, after throwing out more roses, she took the ornaments from her hair and threw these also into the struggling mass of people below.

An elderly gentleman at an adjoining window threw out several spoons and forks, and, finding nothing else at hand, shied an apple, which was deftly caught and promptly returned, striking the window close by, fortunately without breaking the glass. The lady then began to throw out Treasury notes, screwing them into small balls and flinging them one by one to the excited concourse, which scrambled desperately to obtain the valuable "souvenirs" dropping amongst them. After getting rid of seven or eight Treasury notes the lady expressively spread out her hands to indicate that she had nothing more, and was loudly cheered.

On Sunday, Peace was celebrated in more serious fashion, and there were unusually crowded congregations in all churches for the solemn Te Deum which had been ordered by the Bishop of London. The coming of evening, however, seemed to produce a fresh outburst of patriotic enthusiasm. There was no attempt at anything in the nature of organised rejoicing, the throngs of pedestrians being apparently satisfied to parade the principal streets singing popular songs in the aimless fashion typical of London crowds.

THE PREMIER'S WELCOME.

MET BY HIS MAJESTY.

The arrival of Mr. Lloyd George, the Prime Minister, from Paris in the evening afforded opportunities for further exuberance. The Premier was met at Victoria Station by his Majesty the King, the Prince of Wales, and Prince Albert, and subsequently drove to Buckingham Palace with the Royal party. The thoroughfares through which he passed constituted literally a triumphal way. Tremendous crowds assembled at the station to give him a welcome. On the platform was Mrs. Lloyd George with a large number of the Premier's personal friends.

As soon as the train came to a standstill the King personally escorted Mrs. Lloyd George to the Premier's saloon. After affectionately greeting his wife, the Premier shook hands with the King. Emerging from the station the party was greeted with torrents of cheering led by some 500 Australian soldiers.

Enthusiasm was in no whit abated when the Premier left Buckingham Palace and drove to Downing Street. In response to calls for a speech, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd George appeared at a window and the Premier said:

"A just peace has been concluded by the labours and sacrifices of men of all classes and all races in our great Empire. Let us rejoice in the great victory, not in a boastful spirit over Germany's downfall but in a spirit of reverence worthy of the noble sacrifices made."

Yesterday the Prime Minister attended the House of Commons to announce that on Thursday he will make a statement concerning the peace, when the necessary steps will at once be taken to secure the assent of the House to the ratification of the treaty.

STUDIED INDIFFERENCE AT BERLIN.

BETHMANN-HOLLWEG'S POSE.

The news of the signing of the Peace Treaty was received by the public in Berlin with apparent indifference. All the newspapers had agreed beforehand to make as little as possible of the affair and only short accounts of the ceremony were published, editorial comment also being very brief.

The *Deutsche Zeitung* alone rushed into large type with a call for revenge, in consequence of which the paper has been suspended. A Berlin telegram states that ex-Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg has applied to the Allies to be allowed to take the place of the Kaiser regarding the charges pending against the ex-Monarch.

BLOCKADE TO BE RAISED.

M. Clemenceau has addressed a letter to the German delegation declaring the Allied Powers are ready to raise the blockade as soon as they are officially advised of the regular and complete ratification of the treaty by the German republic, instead of waiting for ratification by all the Allied and Associated Governments.

WILSON'S HOME MESSAGE.

In a message to the American people President Wilson says: "The treaty imposes nothing that Germany cannot do and she can regain her rightful standing in the world by the honourable fulfilment of the terms. The treaty ends once and for all the old intolerable order under which small groups of selfish men could use the power of peoples and empires to serve their own ambition for power and domination."

CHINA REFUSES TO SIGN.

The Chinese delegates were not present at the signature. They were informed four days ago that it was not possible for any delegates to sign the treaty with reservations. They therefore abstained, and have issued a statement protesting against the articles in the treaty which deal with the Shantung question. Their manifesto ends: "The Peace Conference having denied China justice, and having in effect prevented the Chinese delegates from signing the Treaty, to-day, without sacrificing their sense of right, justice, and patriotic duty, the latter submit their case to the impartial judgment of the world."

MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED AT FRANKFORT.

Martial Law has been proclaimed at Frankfort and Imperial troops have occupied the town in order to prevent the strikers from interfering with the food supplies on incoming steamers.

The strikers at Breslau have been ordered by the Military Commander to resume work immediately, otherwise Martial Law will be proclaimed.

In Hannover rioting occurred on Saturday and was followed by the plundering of the shops.

A later message states that the troops left Hamburg after reaching an agreement with the Workmen's Councils. These have undertaken to maintain peace and order.

BRINGING THE EX-KAISER TO TRIAL.

FORM OF PROCEDURE.

The Paris correspondent of the *Telegraaf* learns that the Associated Powers will not request Holland to extradite the ex-Kaiser, but will confine themselves to asking the Dutch Government, in the name of the League of Nations, to lend its assistance to the end that the ex-Kaiser shall not escape from "moral consequences." It is expected that Holland, as a member of the League of Nations, will not refuse this assistance, which merely consists in informing the ex-Kaiser that he must appear before an international court or else leave the country.

In an interview with a high French authority on international law, the correspondent was informed that the proceedings against the ex-Kaiser would be carried on on moral grounds. For that reason, the sentence of the court before which the ex-Kaiser will be tried will be of an exclusively moral character, and there can be no question of a sentence of death or imprisonment. Probably only the crimes of the ex-Kaiser against international morality in starting the war and violating Belgian neutrality will be severely condemned. Then the Hohenzollerns will be declared forever deposed from the throne, and finally it will be made impossible for the ex-Kaiser to do further harm by allotting him a place of residence which he may not leave.

GERMAN COMMUNIST PLOT.

A conference was held at Berlin on Saturday between the Government and the railway workers. The Government declared that it will be prepared, in the course of the next three months, to supply food at considerably lower prices, not only for the railwaymen but for the entire population. The strikers thereupon agreed to resume work on Sunday. The executive of the railway union has been against the strike from the beginning, and is again urging the members to resume work.

It has now been established that the strike was directly due to Communist agitation, the intention being to force the overthrow of the present Government and to set up a Republican Council in its place.

Despite the offer of the Government to devote one and a half milliards of marks towards the immediate reduction of food prices, work has not been resumed at Berlin.

SEARCHLIGHT STATION BURNT.

The searchlight station on the summit of Parliament-hill, Hampstead, was at midnight on Saturday totally destroyed by fire. Parliament-hill is one of the highest points round London, and the flames from the burning structure could be seen for many miles. Four fire-engines were promptly on the scene, but yesterday the place was a complete wreck. Peace celebrators ignited a fire too close to the outer wooden fence, which rapidly became involved, with disastrous results to the adjoining buildings.

VERY IRISH CELEBRATION.

Members of the Norfolk Regiment, which is stationed at Dundalk, celebrated the signing of peace by parading the streets on Saturday and waving Union Jacks. A crowd of young Irishmen seized and burnt the flags, and isolated groups of soldiers were given a rough handling. Detachments of police with rifles and bayonets had to clear the streets, and strong military pickets remained on duty throughout the night.

GENTLE HINT TO TURKISH DELEGATES.

M. Clemenceau has addressed a letter to the Turkish delegation at Paris pointing out that an exhaustive survey of the situation has convinced the Allied Council that some delay in the final settlement is inevitable. In the circumstances, he adds, nothing could be gained by a longer stay in Paris at present of the Turkish delegates

SHOCKING FAMILY TRAGEDY IN THE MIDLANDS.

THREE VICTIMS.

A desperate tragedy, obviously the work of a maniac, occurred at Hanley (Staffordshire) on Sunday morning. It is alleged that Arthur Lotham, a potter, first murdered two of his children named John and Lottie, and seriously wounded two other daughters. He then set fire to the house and cut his own throat.

Neighbours put out the fire and found the bodies of the two young children and the father.

Another daughter, Evelyn, jumped from a bedroom window and was caught in a blanket. The two wounded girls are in a critical condition.

SINN FEIN HEADQUARTERS RAIDED.

Police raided the Sinn Fein Headquarters on Saturday and made a thorough search of the premises. Every document was examined and a large quantity of written and printed matter taken away. Immediately the search party had left the premises, a blackboard was displayed bearing the words "Peace with England? Never!!!"

U.S.A. BAN ON ALCOHOL.

President Wilson has cabled to the White House that he cannot suspend the wartime ban on alcoholic liquor. With a million men still under arms, he says that it would not be in accordance with the law. When demobilization is terminated, however, he will take action in the matter.

EPSOM RIOTERS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

TWO DISCHARGED.

At Bow-street Police-court, on Saturday, six Canadian soldiers were committed to take their trial at the Surrey Assizes this week, on charges of rioting and being concerned in the manslaughter of Sergeant Thomas Green, of the V Division, Metropolitan Police, who was killed during the attack on Epsom Police-station on the night of June 17. Two other men who had been arrested were discharged. The prisoners were:

James Conners, 19, private, 13th Canadian Highlanders.

Robert Alexander McAllan, 45, C.A.M.C.

Allen McMaster, 30, private, 3rd Canadians.

Alphonse Masse, 27, C.A.M.C.

Gervase Porier, 24, C.A.M.C.

Herbert Tait, 29, gunner, 11th Div. Canadian.

Frank Harold Wilkie, 21, private, 102nd Batt. Canadians.

David Yerex, 32, private, Canadian Forestry Corps.

Medical evidence was given as to the nature of the injuries from which the prisoners were found to be suffering on the early morning of June 18. Captain Stanley Gordon Mills, C.A.M.C., stated that he attended to Masse, who had a recent wound over the right eye. When asked how he got it he said he didn't know; he was knocked out. Witness did not recollect anything being said about a policeman.

Sir Richard Muir: You have got a bad memory, captain. You made a statement only yesterday.

Witness: I don't remember anything else.

Sir Richard Muir: May I put it to him, Sir John?

Sir John Dickinson: No, I think not. Apparently he is doing his best, but being in the witness-box he forgets.

Captain Leonard Matthews said he dressed a small wound on the top of McAllan's head. McAllan complained that his body was more bruised than his head, but witness remarked that Scotchmen were hard to kill. (Laughter).

Sir Richard Muir: That is the result of your medical experience, I suppose?— Witness: Yes.

At the close of the case for the prosecution, Sir Richard Muir asked for the committal of all the prisoners on charges of manslaughter, rioting, and damaging the police-station.

Mr. Abinger submitted that there was no evidence against Porier and Tait, whom he proposed to put into the witness-box. As far as the other prisoners were concerned they would reserve their defence.

Porier, giving evidence, said that before enlisting in 1916 he was a deep-sea diver. He had been blown up by a shell at Ypres. On the night of June 17 he heard a bugle blowing and saw a crowd leaving the camp. He followed, and when near the park he was hit on the head by a brick. He had no weapon and took no part in the attack on the police-station.

In cross-examination, Porier said that when he heard the bugle he thought there was a fire in the town, and that was why he went out.

Tait was also sworn, and deposed that on the evening in question he had been to Clapham Junction, and returned by the eleven o'clock train. On his way from the station to the camp he passed a crowd of soldiers and received a severe blow on the head, which dazed him, and two soldiers assisted him to the camp. Witness produced his railway ticket.

Sir John Dickinson said he would accept the statements of Porier and Tait, and they would be discharged.

The other six prisoners were committed for trial.

FOUR-FOLD MURDERER'S LAST CHANCE.

The solicitor for Beckett, the man whose appeal on the grounds of insanity was dismissed last week and who now lies under sentence of death in connection with the Forest Gate murders, has received a letter from the Home Secretary.

It states that he has ordered a special enquiry under the Criminal Lunatics' Act of 1884, regarding the prisoner's mental condition, and assuring the solicitor for Beckett's defence that the case in all its aspects is receiving the most careful and anxious consideration.

DEMOBILIZATION SPURT.

An Army Order issued on Saturday makes new provision, contingent on the signing of Peace, for the release of warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men who are eligible for demobilization.

Except in the cases of personnel serving in India and detachments for North Russia and Siberia, all those who are eligible for demobilization under Army Order 55 and all who have not volunteered for the Armies of Occupation will be released with all possible despatch, and it is hoped to complete demobilization within three months of the signing of Peace.

DEATH OF SOUTH AFRICAN HIGH COMMISSIONER.

The death occurred in London on Saturday of the Right Hon. W. P. Schreiner, K.C., C.M.G., the High Commissioner in England for the Union of South Africa.

The deceased statesman, who was born in 1857, was a member of Cecil Rhodes' second Ministry and twice held the office of Attorney General. Prior to that he was Prime Minister of Cape Colony from 1898 to 1900.

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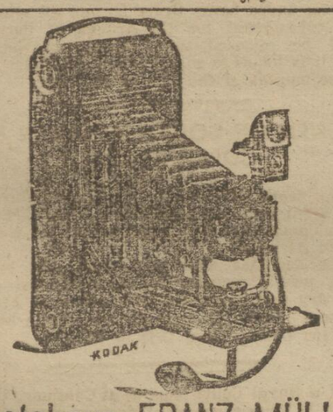

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DOMINION DAY.

To-day is observed in Canada as Dominion Day. It is meet that the British Army of the Rhine should pay its tribute to the loyalty and sacrifice of a country which has in these years of war woven a new and unbreakable bond between the Motherland and its Dominion in the West.

During the first half of the nineteenth century Canada had an untoward history. In it there were two races, two provinces, and many sore grievances. The union of 1840 was a failure of many hopes; but the spirit of independence, born in that year, grew apace and made possible a happier era.

After the American Civil War of 1861 Canadians of every caste saw the hopelessness of their divisions, and set about negotiations for a unity of their scattered colonies. These were completed in 1867, and much of the credit of this notable enterprise was due to Sir John Macdonald, pioneer, statesman, and imperialist.

The Dominion of Canada was formed under a Governor-General appointed by the Crown and with a constitution similar to that of England, whilst the acceptance of a federal principle, akin to that of the United States, gave a large measure of Home Rule to the various provinces of the country.

Since 1867 Canada has prospered, and gradually the respective ideals of Quebec and Ontario have lost their antagonism. A wise policy has opened up a new vista to men who see the opportunity of their country and will not fail to grasp it.

Canada has suffered sorely in the years of war, but Canada's chivalry and whole-heartedness are omens of a bright and prosperous future.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT?

From time to time considerable criticism has been levelled at the Army scheme of education, but the difficulties have been great, and the willingness to take advantage of it has not always been too apparent.

The period since the Armistice has been a difficult one in which to inaugurate and work successfully a proper system of education for the British troops in occupation.

Everything has been unsettled, the personnel of units has been constantly changing, through demobilization, continually dwindling.

Now, however, practically all demobilisible men have gone home, and with the influx of young soldiers and those who have re-enlisted we have a more or less stable personnel.

We know better how we stand, and the educational programme should advance steadily and satisfactorily, if all ranks will realise its importance.

One often hears from the older soldier when tackled about education, "Oh, it's all very well for the boys, but I left school years ago. What's the use of my trying to learn?"

As a matter of fact there is every reason for studying some subject or subjects. One is never too old to learn, and, depend upon it, no one acquired too much knowledge when at school in the past.

By taking up further education the wheels of your brain, probably rusted from misuse, will be quickened into action again. New ideas and fresh knowledge will be a help to you.

Probably the industry to which you hope to return when your Army service ceases has been revolutionised since the war.

Are you going back unprepared to pick up the new threads, or will you be content to let things slide, and be passed over by someone who has "learned to learn?"

For the young soldier who is in the majority in our army to-day, the advantages of education are too obvious to discuss.

Much responsibility will devolve upon him as the citizen of to-morrow. In the future a much higher standard of education will be required to keep Britain in her proud premier position.

In the days to come, clear-sighted, level-headed, well-informed citizens will be needed more than ever before.

The Army offers opportunities for education which should be grasped by all. Has every young soldier thought of it, and in the interests of himself and his country will he accept all the instruction he can obtain?

WHICH CAME FIRST?

Military Collapse or Revolution.

An article has recently appeared in the German press which is of interest at the present moment when the Germans are trying to assign the blame for their failure. According to the writer of this article, the forces of reaction are constantly endeavouring to make the revolution responsible for the military collapse of November 1918. Even the leader of the Democratic party stated not so long ago, "Had our armies and our workpeople known on November 5th and 6th what course Peace would have taken they would never have laid down their arms."

There are many people apparently who are of opinion that a successful resistance could still have been organised. The outbreak of the revolution at an unfortunate moment, and the Socialist agitation completely broke up the army, thus rendering Germany defenceless. Thus endeavours are made to ascribe the blame for the military collapse to the Socialists, so making them responsible for the harsh terms of the Treaty of Peace.

The author of this article goes on to subject this claim to a searching investigation. He asks, "Was it true that the revolution preceded the military collapse, or vice versâ?" Ludendorff had played his last cards with the March offensive. Although the Americans were not in force on the Western front, and the German army had the advantage of numbers, the offensive failed. The British and French made up for the superiority in numbers by a superiority in technical means of transport.

The Allied Divisions which were taking part in the fight round Arras were rapidly transferred in motor lorries to the Ypres salient, and when the German attack increased in intensity at that point, the German Armies found before them the same troops whom they met a few days previously at Arras.

Foch's Army of Manoeuvre lying to the East and West of Paris was untouched, in order that use might only be made of it at the moment of greatest danger. There was no need for this, for the German troops were soon exhausted by the continuous attacks.

German G.H.Q. had precise information that the great French strategic reserve was intact; it appears, however, that Ludendorff preferred to rely upon the official lies circulated by his Press Bureau, rather than upon his reliable intelligence reports. What remains the inexcusable factor in the whole German conduct of the war was this ostrich-like policy of failing to recognise the fearful catastrophe which was imminent.

(To be continued.)

THE EXPERT.

"Ho! ho!" exclaimed the Colonel, glancing round the dinner table, "Who is going to be Brigade representative for the *Cologne Post?* We certainly must have one of our own."

"Yes," said Jimmy, the Adjutant, a quick-witted youth who saw, in agreement, the position of a selector rather than the selected. "I propose Denmark," he added. Now Denmark is our horse expert and authority on hay seeds. He also knows why they put little holes in biscuits, and has a store of other information on equally important subjects.

"The very man," said the rest of the mess, forgetting, for the moment, its great grouse that the mess cook had been demobilized.

But Denmark shook his head, though obviously appreciating the offer.

"When I was at Rugeley—," he commenced, but was suddenly interrupted by Warden, the combined orderly officer, canteen officer and mess secretary.

"You mean Namur," he said.

"Well," went on Denmark, "I'm a modest, retiring sort of chap—correct me if I'm wrong—but I think Warden, with his knowledge of life, to say nothing of his commercial opportunities in the Bank of Canada, is just the man to write for the paper."

"Umph! Financial articles on the depreciation in the value of the mark," said the Colonel, whose advance book is continually being sent to the Field Cashier to satisfy the claims of Warden as mess secretary.

"With regard to the mark—" began Warden, mounting the only horse he cares about riding, "I would like to say—"

Flannagan, the Irish Vet. interrupted. "Shure and you're just the man for it, Warden. Not that I'd not be after doin' it myself if I were not waiting for that special leave—."

"The fifth in twelve months," remarked Jimmy."

The Colonel intervened. "We must find someone. What about you, Roe?"

"Well", drawled our American Ally. "I'm not much hand at writing, 'sides you can't produce no paper here like the *Chattanooga Times*, but the *Cologne Post* is some rag, and I'll be pleased to contribute any medical articles they may require.

The Colonel chuckled, then groaned, as the alleged sweet — the new cook's latest effort, was placed before him. "Well," he said, resignedly, "We'll keep the doctor in mind for medical —"

"Compots" said Warden, rudely, evidently knowing something about such things.

"—articles" continued the Colonel, "but we must have a business and literary representative".

"There's Jerry," said the Adjutant, in a voice of quiet resignation "only he's so busy all day counting the signallers."

All eyes turned on the wretched Signal Officer, seated lamblike, next to Warden. All his attention had, for some time past, been concentrated in getting what he required to eat past the orderly officer's barrage. He had not paid much attention to the conversation.

"I know nothing about writing," he said.

"Oh! Jerry," said someone," didn't you say you once got a man the M.M.—in an Army Brigade too?"

"Is that right?" asked the Colonel.

"Well" said Jerry, meekly. "I did once write a recommendation sir, and—"

"The man got it?"

"Yes, sir, but—"

"That decides it," said the Colonel. "You are Brigade representative of the *Cologne Post*."

"WONOHFORZ."

THE CHILD OF PEACE.

All hail to thee sweet Liberty;
Fair child of Peace, we bow to thee!
Hail, though thy war-spun gown be red
And marred by many a broken thread —
The lives of men who fought and bled
In dark obscurity.
Hail, though thy crown of bronze be wrought
From guns whose roar Death's message brought.
Give us thy smile, which we have sought,
For all fraternity.
And use thy power, like as the steel
Whose clash made mighty nations reel,
For God, for man, for common weal
For all eternity.

RASCOR.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

TENNIS FOR "O.R's."

Sir,—As a keen enthusiast of tennis, I should very much like to see more facilities provided for the other ranks.

The Officers Sports Club has been a great success, and if something can be run on similar lines for the "O.R's" it will be a most welcome attraction to the many lovers of the game, who are at present only able to watch the officers at play.

Although this season is now well advanced, there is still time to do something. A. J. R.

DEBATING SOCIETIES — AN OFFER.

Sir,—I have been much interested in the existing demand for Debating Societies as evidenced in your correspondence column; and I do not agree with W.D. as to the impossibility of interesting the requisite quorum.

If your correspondent A.H.T. will communicate with me, I shall be only too pleased to meet him and share the preliminary spade work with him.

T. W. PEARCE
M.T. Depot, Coln-Ehrenfeld.

WERE THE TREES UPSIDE DOWN?

Sir,—Not having been there before, I went to the Opera on Saturday evening.

I was just in the right mood to enjoy the singing, and must admit it was "tophole," but what marred my pleasure and made me very cross, was to see that in one of the scenes the stage-hands had planted two large trees upside down!

My friend who was with me, said I was mistaken, but I am sure that the trunks were pointing skywards.

I wonder if the news of Peace which had just been circulated, upset the equilibrium of the sceneshifters and caused them to make this ludicrous mistake!

"OBSERVER."

A DEED OF GALLANTRY.

Sir:—Now that the Orders forbidding fraternisation have been cancelled, many subtle points are likely to arise as to the precise attitude which should be maintained. Perfect courtesy to Colognians of the opposite sex has, of course, always been demanded by the authorities and, I believe, has been invariably shown. Nevertheless we cannot help thinking that the artilleryman who on Peace Night raised his cap so gallantly and so gravely to some wax models decorating the windows of a shop in Hohe Strasse was straining such courtesy a little too far. By all means let us be polite to the frauleins: personally I would draw the line at a shopkeeper's shameless window models. A.D.R.

COMIC OPERA ASKED FOR.

Sir,—I herald with delight a correspondent's plea for comic opera.

We are well catered for with the concert parties and dramatic society, but Musical Comedy, and Gilbert and Sullivan's Mikado, Iolanthe, Yeoman of the Guard, etc., are sadly lacking, and at the same time hold to the majority of theatre goers the premier position.

"GONDOLIER."

FISHING EXPERIENCES.

Sir,—While fishing in the Ruhr near Arbenden yesterday, two of us were astonished to find a real swallow hanging by a fishing cast from a tree on the side of the river. The unfortunate bird had taken the centre of three flies (a March Brown) and appeared to have been dead some days.

By an extraordinary chance another officer who was fishing on the same day near Weingarten village, also caught a swallow. Luckily he was able to disengage it from the hook.

Apart from the coincidence of the above two events on a single day, some of your sporting readers might feel inclined to say if similar incidents have come to their notice.

The freedom with which wagtails, chaffinches and other small birds devour the natural mayfly for example, must no doubt expose them to mistakes with regard to artificial flies.

EUSKIRCHEN.

WANTED EXAMS.

Sir,—I do not believe that there is anything unique in a wish that the scheme of education at present obtaining in the Army achieves the purpose for which it was propagated.

What reader, however, will deny that arrangements for examinations at certain centres similar to those made for Oxford and Cambridge Local Examinations at most English secondary schools, would be greatly welcomed by those many younger soldiers whose enlistment prevented them from taking these examinations in civil life.

As an instance I know several students who failed to secure Honours in Oxford or Cambridge Senior Local Examination, high enough to procure for them exemption from London Matriculation, which to many professions is an essential examination.

The certainty that such provision is at hand would be the very necessary incentive to not a few of the younger men of the Rhine Army, that they might take practical advantage of the instruction, which the scheme has already secured for them.

STUDENT.

MARRIAGES WITH GERMANS.

Sir,—Quite recently there appeared in a German paper, announcements of the betrothal of two British officers to two German ladies.

Apart altogether from the question of fraternization, there are some very serious aspects which call for an authoritative ruling on policy. One knows very well that love, being a product of the emotions and not of pure reason, cannot be "controlled." The bulk of the Army of the Rhine is of the impressionable age and many of them—willy nilly—will "fall in love" with German girls. Intentions will be perfectly honourable and there will be talk of marriage. What then?

Are mixed marriages between Englishmen and German women desirable from a national point of view?

There are many German men here whose English wives are in England. They have not seen each other since August 1914, nor is there any prospect of their doing so.

Would an English soldier who marries out here be allowed to take his wife home or to send her home?

At one time mixed marriages did stand a chance of being "successful," but numerous cases have occurred of families being for ever estranged because of the irreconcilable claims of love and duty.

Thousands of marriages have been made by members of the Allied forces and French and Belgian women, but that is outside the scope of this letter, although cogent to the argument.

The chief point is: Should not the British Government add to the Table of Affinity "A man may not marry a German woman"?

CONCORDIA VICTRIX.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Hagenbeck's Circus.

It is agreeable to find that the real old-fashioned circus is not quite dead. The performances in the time-honoured sawdust ring continue to attract. The Hagenbeck Circus by the Aachener Gate, Cologne, has its full quota of spectators at each show. Mr. Bostock, of Bostock and Wombwell, whose fame as amusement caterers is world-wide, has paid several visits to the great marquee, since Herr Hagenbeck arrived, with all his contraptions, a fortnight or so ago.

R.A.D.C.

The Rhine Army Dramatic Company is forging ahead with refreshing vigour. It seems only a few days ago since the project was first suggested as an agreeable change from the concert party form of entertainment. The subsequent achievements of the Company have been sufficient indication of the popularity of the fare they provide. Last evening, "The Importance of Being Earnest," was played before a large and appreciative audience at the Deutsches Theatre, Cologne.

The Robin Hoods Pianist.

The "Robin Hoods" ought to be congratulated on possessing such a clever pianist and accompanist as Ernest Anderson, who in spite of his undoubted abilities is very modest and retiring.

Anderson is well known in Yorkshire musical circles and has had considerable experience out here with Army shows. Previous to joining the Robin Hoods, he was with "The Pelicans" and has had many exciting experiences, showing under shell fire.

Dragoon Band Scores.

A splendid concert was given by the string orchestra of the Royal Dragoons (by kind permission of Major H. A. Tomkinson D.S.O.) on Sunday at the British Empire Leave Club. Never has the hall been so full. There were rows of men sitting in every available space. The Bandmaster S. S. Smith conducted with great skill, and obtained wonderful effects from his orchestra. Perhaps the most successful orchestral items on the programme were "The Gladiator's Farewell," "Chu Chin Chow", "If you look in her eyes" and "Baby's Sweetheart". There were many encores. The soloists were Miss Elsa West who played Raff's Cavatina's on the violin and got two encores. She played beautifully. Sergeant Hallmark, 51st Durham Light Infantry delighted everybody with his banjo solos, especially as this is the first occasion that this instrument has been played at the club, though we hope it will not be the last. L.Bdr. G. Mason was the third soloist and sang the "Bells of St. Mary's". The hall rang with loud applause, and he had to perform again. The concert certainly was one of the most popular ever held at the British Empire Leave Club.

A Violin Virtuoso.

This is a small impression of Alfred Barker, the gunner violinist, who is so well-known in Rhine Army musical circles. His abilities and technique have created so much comment that a brief outline of his career will, I think, be interesting to our readers. He studied at the Royal College of Music, Manchester under Brodsky, was five years with the Halle orchestra and Royal Opera, Covent Garden, and afterwards leader and solo violin at the Spa, Scarboro. He, however, made his name in Russia, playing with Ziloti. After a big tour Barker was commanded to appear before the Tsar and his family (and was the last English violinist to play at the Russian Court). He was a member of the Dons Concert Party (57th Division) as leader of the Orchestra. Barker played by special invitation before Lord Derby and Sir George Keppel on New Year's Day. He has not appeared in England for many years, but many eminent musicians predict a golden future.

"The Buzzers."

Under the name of "The Buzzers" the Light Divisional Signal Coy. Concert Party gave a very successful performance at their Headquarters last week. The parts were well sustained by Sappers Unwin, Evans, Wells, Nairn, Gallow; Goddinian, Pte. Kellam and Sergt. Cornwall, while Sapper Midgeley was an able accompanist. Anyone desirous of fixing up a good all-round entertainment might get into touch with the musical members of the "dot dashers" of the Light Division Signal Coy.

The "Chequers"

The "Chequers," I am delighted to hear, are going strong at Siegburg, where full houses are the order of the day — or rather night. Their miniature musical comedy "Fatima" is proving a great attraction. The four old Chequers, Shiel Anderson, Jack Streets, Ted Lacey, and Billy French, are popular favourites, while the new members of the cast, Dan George, Larry Kingston, and Bob Wears, are entertainers of real merit and are quite up to the old "Chequers" standard. The result is a first-class entertainment.

Pedlars' New Show.

Last Saturday evening I went down to Bonn to see "The Pedlars" at the Stadt Theatre. I enjoyed myself immensely. The concluding absurdity, "Would-be Actors," is a positive scream. You should see Erb as the Manager, He is as funny as ever. Performances are announced for this evening (Tuesday), and Thursday commencing at 6 p.m. But it is advisable to book beforehand.

"Merry Micks" at Farewell Dinner.

On Saturday evening at Bickendorf a splendid farewell dinner was given by No. 2 Aircraft Park, which is under orders to disband. It was formed in 1915 and its popular Major Burnett in his farewell speech spoke highly of its efficiency and position. Dinner was followed by speeches and then, by special request, the "Merry Micks," the popular Royal Irish Troupe gave one of their finished performances. Great applause greeted the doings of H. E. Stafford, whose card tricks were worthy of a greater stage. He is the well-known south country artist, my readers will be interested to learn, who received a watch from a certain foreign royalty as an appreciation of the latters' mystification. Staff-Sergt. Stribbling and Cpl. Livingstone and Howarth were warm favourites, while L/Cpl. Jarner with Pte. Armes shared the applause of an amused audience. Lieut. McCrocken, who is the head of the show made the hit of the evening with his "Jazz Band" song. Major Burnett, it may be added, leaves to take over a new command, and the disbanding unit gave him a hearty send off.

JACQUES.

SELECTIONS FOR NEWMARKET MEETINGS.

PROSPECTS THIS WEEK.

BY CENTAUR.

This week there is the first of the meetings on the July course at Newmarket, and I venture to make the following selections:—

Tuesday.

Bolbisham Plate:	Chaud.
Trial Selling Plate:	Reconstruction.
Hare Park Handicap:	Dawn of Peace.
Maiden Selling Plate:	Aerolite.
July Stakes:	Sarchedon.

Wednesday.

Soham Plate:	Love Hole.
Duke of Cambridge H'cap:	Quadrille.
Stetchworth Plate:	Makepeace.
Plantation Plate:	Fair Simone.

Thursday.

July Cup:	Diadem.
Prince of Wales' Stakes:	Taylor's selected.
Exeter Stakes:	Ciana.

Friday.

Milton Handicap:	Main Royal.
Waterbeach Handicap:	Vain Dream.
Princess's Plate:	Longstop.
Ellesmere Stakes:	By Jingo.

RACING IN ENGLAND.

SANDOWN RESULTS.

The following were the results at the Sandown Meeting on Saturday:—

Alington Plate:—1, Bathurst (100—7); 2, White Simon (11—10); 3, Box of Tricks (5—2).

Wadham Plate:—1, Casie (5—2); 2, Duncan (9—2); 3, Sensitive Simon (5—1).

Chevrons Cup:—1, Waltz (evens); 2, A Sitter (3—1); 3, Neurotic (8—1).

British Dominion Plate:—1, Felice (5—1); 2, Tetricus (8—1); 3, Avengoli (9—4).

Wellington Handicap:—1, Kings Idler (7—1); 2, Talkative (7—2); 3, Fourfold (9—2).

Atlanta Stakes:—1, Double Note (6—4); 2, Ninon (4—1); 3, Royal Jewel (3—1).

LE GRAND PRIX DE PARIS.

RACE WON BY GALLOPER LIGHT AT LONGCHAMPS.

The Grand Prix de Paris was run at Longchamps on Sunday. M. Poincaré, M. Clemenceau, and an immense crowd were present.

The race was won by Lord Rothschild's Galloper Light, Master Good being second, Insensible third, and Rapidan fourth.

FINE JUMPING DISPLAY.

R.F.A.'s TWO DAYS' SPORTS MEETING AT HOHKEPPEL.

A very successful two-days sports meeting was held last week by D. Batty. 70th Brigade, at Hohkeppel. Despite adverse weather conditions the sports were well attended, and "the bill of fare" provided was thoroughly appreciated by all. The following is the list of events and winners:—

100 Yds:—1, Sig. Banford; 2, Dvr. Swain; 3, Sdlr. Taylor. A great race, Banford was well off the mark and won by two yards. Inches separated the 2nd and 3rd. Time 10 4/5 secs

Tug-of-War (dismounted). Final:— "A" Subsection beat "B". Won 1st pull in 7 min. 30 secs, and 2nd in 10 min. 5 secs.

"V.C." Race:—1, Dvrs. Leveridge and Spittal; 2, Gr. Elford, and Dvr. Connell; 3, Dvr. Payne and Dvr. Done. One length between 1st and 2nd, 3rd half length in rear.

Drivers' Jumping (two horses):—1, Dvr. Cutting; 2, Dvr. Tudor; 3, Dvr. Day.

220 Yards:—1, Sig. Banford; 2, Sadlr. Taylor; 3, Gnr. Elford. Won by 5 yards, 2 yards 2nd and 3rd.

Jumping, N.C.O's and Men:—1, Dvr. Tudor; 2, B.Q.M.S. Burford; 3, Bdr. Grayney.

MOUNTED TUG-OF-WAR.

Tug-of-War, Mounted, Final:— "B" Subsection beat "A". After a good pull of 15½ mins. "B" just got home.

Officers' Jumping (open to 75th Bde.):— 1, Lieut. Douglas ("C" Bty); 2, Capt. Pritchard ("D" Bty); 3, Lieut. White (A.A.C.). Nothing to chose between 1st and 2nd. A difficult task for the judges.

Wrestling on Horseback (Final): "D" beat "A"

440 Yds. (open to 75th Bde.):— 1, Sadlr. Taylor ("D" Bty); 2, Gunner Elford ("D" Bty); 3, Dvr. Coatsworth ("C" Bty).

Half Section Jumping (open to 75th Bde.) officers:— 1, Capt. Birch, Capt. Pritchard ("D" Bty); 2, Capt. Emerton, Lieut. Douglas ("C" Bty) Little to choose between 1st and 2nd.—N.C.O.'s and men:— 1, Bdr. Huggin, Dvr. Haynes ("C" Bty); 2, B.S.M. Gilson, Dvr. Hall ("C" Bty). Little to choose between 1st and second.

880 Yds. (open to 75th Bde):— 1, Gnr. Elford ("D" Bty); 2 and 3, tie, Sadlr. Taylor ("D" Bty) and Gnr. Cook ("D" Bty). Won by 5 yards. Cook put up a great struggle.

Musical Chairs on Mules:— 1, Bdr. Graney; 2, Dvr. Mullichap; 3, Sig. Middlemiss.

Musical Chairs, on Horses:— 1, L Bdr. Broadman; 2, Dvr. Millichap; 3, Gnr. Elford.

WINNERS OF RELAY RACE.

Relay Race:—1, "B" Sub-section; 2, "A" Sub-section.

Mule Race:—1, Gr. Burton's; 2, Gr. Done; 3, L Bdr. Boardman. Won by a neck, head between 2nd and 3rd.

At the conclusion of "D" Battery's programme a jumping competition open to Northern Divisional Artillery and train was held consisting of two events. Results:—

Officers:—1, Lieut. Col. Ashwanden, D.S.O., 75th Brigade R.F.A., H.Q.; 2, Capt. Birch M.C. (D/75); 3, Lieut. White, D.A.C. A grand display of jumping, with little to choose between winners.

W.O's and N.C.O's:—1, Sergt. Harding, C/75; 2, B.S.M. Gilson, C/75. Another good display, especially by winner.

At the conclusion of the sports Lieut.-Col. Ashgunden, D.S.O., who kindly presented the prizes, met with a very enthusiastic reception. Major Jones, M.C., O.C. "D" Battery was also awarded a great ovation.

GERMAN RACES.

The races which could not take place at Hamburg on account of the Spartacist disturbances will be run at Grunewald, Berlin.

LATEST CRICKET RESULTS.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RUN UP HUGE TOTAL OF 611.

The crowd at Brighton saw Cambridge University treat the Sussex bowling very roughly indeed. The Light Blues batted five and a half hours, and in this period they put together the tremendous score of 611. Three men topped the hundred - Morrison, Naumann and Gilligan—and there was a last-wicket sensation, Naumann and Gilligan—both of whom reached three figures—adding 177.

Cambridge beat Sussex by an innings and 245 runs; Sussex 172 and 194; Cambridge 611.

Kent beat Lancs by ten wickets; Kent 234 and 4 for no wickets; Lancs 73 and 164.

Surrey beat Oxford by an innings and 47 runs; Surrey 523; Oxford 126 and 350.

Notts beat Yorks by six wickets; Yorks 112 and 238; Notts 236 and 117 for four.

Hampshire drew with Gloucester.

Australians beat Northants by 196 runs; Australians 297 and 314. Northants 216 and 169.

Woolwich beat Sandhurst by 8 wickets; Woolwich 144 and 170 for two, Sandhurst 166 and 114.

"FORLORN HOPE" RACE.

HIGHLAND DIVISION COMPOSITE FIELD COY'S GYMKHANA AT HILDEN.

The Highland Division Composite Field Coy. R.E. located at Hilden held a hastily arranged but very successful gymkhana on the sports ground on Thursday. All the mounted events had good fields and produced excellent sport. The results were as follows:—

Driving (2 pairs, 4 wheeled wagon):—1, 461 team; 2, 460 team.

Wrestling on Horseback:—1, 460 team.

Mule Race, 5 furlongs:—1, Lowther (461); 2, Sipson (431).

100 yds Flat Race:—1, Risley (457); 2, Swift (460).

Horse Race, 5 furlongs:—1, Biggs (451); 2, Jenkins (457).

Half Mile Flat Relay Race:—1, 457 team; 2, 460 team.

Officers Forlorn Hope Race:—1, Capt. M.R. Graham. M.C. (457); 2, Lieut. G. Halton (460).

MOUNTED TUG-OF-WAR.

1, 457 team.

440 yds Flat Race:—1, Swift (460); 2, Risley 457).

N.C.O's Mounted Race 5 furlongs:—1, Sgt. Stratton (461); 2, Sgt. Payne (460).

The prizes were presented at a smoking concert held the same evening, at which some good vocal and instrumental talent was revealed. Major P. Sharpe, M.C., R.E., the O.C. Composite Co., presided at the concert and presented the prizes. A vote of thanks was passed to Lieut. Griffin of the 460th, who had so quickly organised the successful afternoon's and evenings entertainment.

POLO MATCHES.

At Ranelagh the 1st Life Guards beat the Ramblers 12—1; the Foxhunters beat the Wanderers.

At Hurlingham in the second round of the Military Cup, the 15th Hussars beat the 2nd Life Guards 10—1.

In a friendly game the Northamptonshire Yeomanry beat the Pilgrims 10—4.

WELLS AND GODDARD.

Efforts are being made to fix up a match between Wells and Goddard.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Joe Beckett.

Joe Beckett commenced a tour of the music-halls at Blackpool yesterday.

W. G.'s Biography.

It is hoped that the memorial biography of W. G. Grace will be out this month. Printing for this began in January.

Longest Hitter.

Abe Mitchell is the longest hitter in the professional ranks, and he frequently gets home with an iron club where other men have to use the wood.

Georges Carpentier.

The news that Georges Carpentier will be unable to box at the Inter-Allied sports now being held in Paris will sadden the hearts of Eddie McGoorty and his supporters.

Second-Class Billiards.

Joe Brady, the Irish champion, is a favourite in some quarters for the second-class tournament at Thurstons, although his public form is somewhat obscure.

Two-Year-old for Cologne.

Sir Edward Lucas is sending Hector's Flame out to his son at Cologne. The two-year-old ran moderately in the Shoreham Plate at Brighton last week.

Bristol City F.C.

Bristol City F.C., made £264 4s. 10d. profit last season. The club's indebtedness at present is set down at £6,940 15s. 6d. Bristol City have twenty-three players so far signed on for next season.

Middlesbrough Club.

The Middlesbrough Club's gate receipts in the Northern Victory League, the championship of which they won, exceeded £5,000. A profit of £1,636 was made, and £1,205 paid for entertainment tax in the season. The club now have a balance of assets over liabilities of £10,570.

"Inside" Golf.

Francis Ouimet, the famous American golfer, has been writing in a New York paper on what he describes as "inside" golf. Neither Ouimet nor any one else can define the term in a nutshell, but practically it means the application of skill, experience, and tactics, with a modicum of artfulness.

The Weight-Lifters' Return.

The devotees of the barbell are getting back to their pre-war form. Recently J. Hayes, the 8-stone British amateur champion added to his laurels by putting up the following:—Two dumb-bells, clean and jerk, 70½lbs., left, 71lbs. right; total, 141½lbs. Two dumb-bells, Continental jerk, 78lbs. left, 78lbs. right; total, 156lbs. Pull over on back with bridge 121½lbs.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

EIGHT WICKETS FOR EIGHT RUNS.

LANCER MACHINE GUN SQUADRON (64) v 161 BRIGADE R.F.A. (33) at Deutz, Cologne, on Saturday. For Lancer Machine Gun Squadron Pte. Marsh scored 25, Gunner Lewry took 6 wickets for 19, and Lieut. Allen 3 wickets for 12. For 161 Brigade R.F.A. Lieut. Allen not out 12 was the leading batsman. Pte. Kenworthy bowled very well indeed, taking 8 wickets for 8 runs.

4 CORPS TROOPS M.T. COY (90) v. 153 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A. (54) at Haskurath on Friday. For the losers Cockcroft and Thorpe batted well, while the former was also their most successful bowler, keeping a good length throughout. For the IV Corps Troops Cpl. Wildgoose did well with both bat and ball and was ably assisted by Capt. Kempe and Pte. Scaift.

LIGHT DIVISIONAL SIGNALS (116) v. 3rd KING'S OWN HUSSARS (49). The chief scorers were Lieut. Gow (36), Spr. Cordery (20), Major Cobb (17) for Signals; and Lt. Barton (19) and Pte. Phillips (11) for the Hussars. Spr. Tupper took 7 wickets for 23 runs for Signals, and Major Dupre bowled well for the Hussars.

103 NOT OUT.

6th ARMY CORPS H.Q. (51 for 10 wickets) v. 41st BATTALION M.G.C. (247 for 6 wickets) (declared) on the latter's ground at Heumar. M.G.C. batted first, and some magnificent play was witnessed, especially that of Major A.G. Barry, who made the splendid score of 103 not out. Special mention must also be made of the batting of Major D. Boumphrey (66) and Pte. Blurion (32), both of whom made some good strokes. Pte. Hasler contributed 14. The 6th Army Corps H.Q., on going in to bat, made a good start, but, owing to the splendid fielding of the opposing team, and the two bowlers Driver Gorrard (7 wickets for 21) and Major Boumphrey (3 wickets for 24), could make little headway, and were all out for a total of 51.

RHINE ARMY H.Q. SIGNALS (47) v. 70 SQUADRON R.A.F. (21), at Bickendorf on Saturday. The Signals celebrated the signing of Peace with a brilliant victory over the hitherto unbeaten 70 Squadron. In flying parlance the Squadron badly "crashed". The R.A.F., winning the toss, decided to put their opponents in to bat. Godfrey (13) and Fraser (11) were the highest scorers for the Signals. With only 48 runs to win the R.A.F. thought they had a cake walk, in view of their previous performances; but they soon found they were up against some good stuff. Fraser and Godfrey again carried off the honours in the bowling department, Fraser securing 5 wickets for 5 runs and Godfrey 4 for 9, while Lieut. Melhuish secured the remaining wicket for 1 run.

135 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A. (40) v. 11 LEICESTERSHIRE REGT. (38) at Flamersheim on Saturday. Gnr. Trotter went in to bat when seven of the Battery team were out for 7 runs. He finished up with 22 (not out). For the Battery team Gnr. Green took 3 for 20, and Bdr. Yewdall 4 for 14 and for the Leicesters. Pte. Langham compiled 19 (not out) and took 3 wickets for 15. He was ably assisted by Sergt. Lester and had 6 wickets for 18 runs.

174 SIEGE BATTERY (61) v. 145 SIEGE BATTERY (40), at Odendorf on Saturday. For the winners, who have not yet been beaten, Rysell scored 13, Varley 12, and Captain Batty 10. For 145, Lemons took 6 for 21. 145 started merrily; but after the first wicket played very carefully, taking over an hour to score 41 (Robinson 10; Major Ward 10); Bdr. Graham took 5 for 12. The fielding was good on both sides, especially that of 145, who seldom gave away a run. Bdr. Graham of 174 is a bowler of great promise, his average for the season up to date being 2.2.

D.A.C. CAV. DIV. (155 for 4) v. 29th VET. HOSP. (20) at Marienburg on Saturday. For D.A.C. R.H.A. Cav. Div. the chief scorers were:— Bdr. Cook 69; Gnr. Marshall 28; Sad. Price 23; Dvr. Bush 14; and Lieut. Bowr 10. The Vet Hosp., owing to the good bowling of Bush and Price, were all out for 20, Price taking 4 wickets for 5 runs and Bush 5 for 11.

LONDON DIV. M.T. COY. (152) v. 420 SIEGE BATTERY (58). For the former Lieut. Barlee showed good form and played an excellent innings for 52, the first wicket putting on 60. Other scores were: Lieut. Howerd (19), Pte. Pollard (24) and C.S.M. Halford (13). The 420 Siege Battery did not seem to get used to the bowling at all. Lieut. Wright took 6 wickets for 12 runs.

76th BDE. R.F.A. (49) v. 354 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A. (28) at the Romerhof. Dvr. Luty, for the winners, batted well for 20, and Sergt. Richardson took 5 wickets for 13 runs; for the losers, Le Feaux took 8 wickets for 29.

CAVALRY DIVISION H.Q. (89) v. CAVALRY DIVISION A. C. (R.H.A.) (80) at Quadrath. The R.H.A. batted first, losing Cook and Price with only 6 runs registered. Dvr. Bush, however, decided to stop the rot and with Marshall carried the score to 34 before the latter was well caught by Bearsley off Lieut. Neil. Cpl. Adams and Spr. Evans then took a turn with the ball and somewhat altered the state of affairs, the last 6 wickets going down for 20 runs. Cpl. Adams took 4 for 14, and Spr. Evans 2 for 5. The Headquarters start appeared to be all right, but at 17 Lieut. Jennings was run out and he was quickly followed by Lieut. Fox, who received the same fate. At 55, Spr. Evans made "one mighty swipe" for a five, which made the scores level, and the next hit was by Spr. Smith, a boundary for four, which won the game. Spr. Smith and Cpl. Tolley hit out in merry style for the last wicket, making 35 before Tolley was bowled at 83, Spr. Smith making 25 (not out), and giving a splendid display.

COLOGNE NORTHERN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	Pts.
"Maps" 8 F. S. Bn.	6	4	2	10§
23 Bn. M.G.C.	2	2	0	10§
70 2de. R.F.A	4	4	0	8
Southern Div. M. T. Coy.	3	2	1	8§
London Div. M.T. Coy.	5	3	2	6
1/5 West Yorks	4	3	1	6
II Corps M.Q.	4	3	1	6
1/6 West Yorks	3	3	0	6
C/113 2de. R.F.A.	3	2	1	6
13 K.R.R.C.	3	2	1	4
53 R. Warwick	3	1	2	2
31 Labour Group	3	1	2	2
23 Middlesex	2	0	2	2§
420 Siege Bty.	2	1	1	2
14 G.M.Q., M.T. Coy.	3	1	1	2
92 Bde R.G.A	2	1	1	2
13 M.A.C.	4	0	4	0
51 R. Warwick	2	0	2	0
2/4 Hants	2	0	2	0
1/4 Zotk & Lancs	2	0	2	0
237 Field Coy.	2	0	2	0
68 Field Amb.	1	0	1	0
52 R. Warwick	1	0	1	0

§ points awarded for unfinished matches.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, July 2, 1919.

Surface Wind fresh and squally between S.W. and West. Mostly cloudy and perhaps some showers. Cool. Good visibility.

WILLARD V. DEMPSEY.

BOXING CRITICS DISCUSS DEMPSEY TACTICS.

An American boxing critic, writing on the Willard-Dempsey fight, says: "Dempsey will have to adopt rushing tactics as Johnson did, and keep inside Willard's arms as long as possible."

This has provoked the following rejoinder from "The Old Guard" in the *Daily Express*—A man who never saw Johnson in action might be forgiven for saying this, as the black's list of knock-outs, reads formidably, so I can only think that the writer must be mistaken in asserting that he has seen most of Johnson's fights.

The big black was renowned for his superb defence. In the ring he was patience personified. The fetish that attack is the best defence cut little ice with him, and he never, or very seldom, carried the fight to an opponent. Indeed, he boasted of his ability to make any man in the world lead to him.

If he could not succeed in doing so by feinting and fiddling his antagonist into action with his hands he used to fall back on his tongue, and literally talk his man into a fight.

CHAMPION AND MOORE-WILDE WINNER.

Mr. C. B. Cochran has cabled Herman that he is prepared to offer a purse of £5,000 for the champion to meet the Moore-Wilde winner. The Holborn Stadium will be reconstructed to hold 13,000 people, and this contest will be staged if Herman agrees to the terms.

TWO-DAY MATCH AT MERZENICH.

CAPT. BOND'S XI DEFEATED BY H.Q. 2/4 D. OF W. REGT.

This match on Thursday and Friday took place at Merzenich and resulted in the sensational defeat of Capt. Bond's XI, who have a very fine record. Captain Bond's eleven, winning the toss, chose to let Headquarters have the first knock. Lieut. Rawson proved to be in great form with the bat, the express deliveries of Stead and the leg breaks of Albone being treated with scant respect, and the 100 being hoisted in 65 minutes. Almost immediately afterwards this officer's wicket was captured, Brewis effecting a fine catch. The only other batsman to reach double figures was Pte. Binns with a lively 18. The innings closed for a total of 142 runs, Mr. Extras being responsible for 30 runs.

Capt. Bond's eleven opened the batting on Friday, the first pair being Ptes. Brewis and Wild, to the bowling of Lieut. Rawson and Sergt. Cox. The first wicket yielded 7 runs, when Cpl. Albone (the Halifax pro) came in to bat. Playing finely, he quickly ran up a total of 27 runs, before succumbing to a catch behind the wickets. The only other batsmen to reach double figures were Cpl. Eastwood with 12 and Pte. Webster with 17, the innings closing for a total of 82 runs, leaving Headquarters the victors by 60 runs. Bowling analysis:— For Capt. Bond's XI, C.Q.M.S. Stead 4 for 42; Cpl. Albone 2 for 36; Pte. Sharp 3 for 27. For the winners:— Lieut. Rawson 7 for 42.

BASKET BALL.

TWO FAST GAMES PLAYED AT RIEHL.

Two fast games of basket ball were played at the P. & R. T. School at Riehl on Saturday afternoon. The 9th Cyclists Battalion from Euskirchen came to town with two fast teams and managed to divide honours with the Headquarters School.

The first game was won by the Headquarters players by 20 to 13. The fine work of the Riehl guards was a large factor in keeping the score down, while C.S.M. Harper and C.S.M. Stubbs seemed able to find the basket from every angle. For the visitors, the fast work of Captain Fraser and Sergt. Frame kept their opponents busy all the time. The line-ups were:—

P. & R. T. School.——Lieut. Col. Betts, D.S.O. (L.G.), Major Colvin, V.C. (R.G.), C.S.M. Harper (C), C.S.M. Stubbs, (L.F.) C.S.M. Ware (R.F.).

9th Cyclists Batt.—Major Swaine, M.C. (L.G.) Sergt. Collier R.G.), C.S.M. Tyrell (C), Sergt. Frame (L.F.), Captain Fraser (R.F.).

VICTORY FOR CYCLISTS.

The game between the second teams was won by the Cyclists, 19 to 13. The Riehl forwards had some difficulty in finding the baskets, while Lamont seemed to have an uncanny idea of its location, scoring some wonderfully lucky shots. The fine work of the Riehl guards was all that kept the score from being much larger, Captain MacSween and C. S. M. Starkey being all over the field. The line-ups were:—

9th Cyclists Battalion.— Corpl. McKend (L. G.), Lieut. Bostock (R.G.), Pte. Lamont (C.), Pte. Forward (L.F.), Lieut. Binns (R.F.).

Riehl P. & R.T. School.— Captain MacSween (R.G.), C.S.M. Starkey (L.G.), R.S.M. Stevenson (C), Q.M.S. Hammond (L.F.), L. Cpl. Padget (R.F.).

Both games were about the fastest that have been seen so far in Army circles, and were fine examples of the speed with which this excellent game can be played. With such development we shall see some keen contests in basket ball during the coming Army Championships.

C.P.C. RESULTS.

Maps 4th F.-S.-B. 70;
S. Div. M.T. 49;

180 Labour Coy. 33;
5 Royal Irish Regt., 33; for 5 wickets.

41 Bn M.G.C. .... 247; for 6 wickets, declared.
6 Corps Headquarters 51.

Lawn Tennis Tournament.

For Members of the Officers Sports Club only.

Commences at Lindenthal Tennis Club on July 7th.

Entries with entrance fees must reach the Secretary, attd. 6th Corps H.Q. by July 3rd.

Open events (Ladies, gentlemen or mixed) 20 marks each player, handicap ditto 15 marks each player.

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3	1919	25	Talbot	Curtis 4 str. coupé	Sept.	1300	complete car
4	1919	25	"	"	Aug.	1300	"
5	1919	25	Vauxhall	4 str. touring	June		privately owned
6	1919	25	"	Kington 4 str. tor.	Sept.	1125	complete car
7	1919	40	Lanchester (new type)		June	1920	chassis only
8	1919	15.9	Bentley	Vercus	End of year	850	about. Chassis several
9	1919	14 20	Augus Sanderson	4 seater	Dec.	450	
10	1919	20	Ford 1-ton truck	Van body	Aug.		
11	1919	17.9	W.&G. DuCros	30 cwt. lorry	Sept.	650	chassis only
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3	1919	10	A. C.	2 seated coupé	July 1919	"	
4	1919	12	Any good make	2 seated body	Early as possible	"	Will take 12 or more
5	1919	12	"	2 seated coupé	"	"	"

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1	1914	35	Lancia	4 seated torpedo	June	1450	New Body
2	1915	35	"	" " "	July	1550	" "
3	1913	20—30	Renault	Limousine	2 weeks	1050	very fine car
4	1913	16—20	Wolseley	4 str. all weather	"	950	Equal to new
5	1914	15.9	Delage	Coupé	"	975	6 cylinder
6	1914	15.9	Hispano Suiza	2 seater	"	1000	Newly painted
7	1911	24	Panhard 6 cyl.	Double saloon	Imm.	800	Div. behind driver
8	1911	24	" Knight	Cabriolet	"	700	very fine condition
9	1914	16—20	Wolseley	Lim. Land	"	950	C.A.V. good cond.
10	1916	32	Selden Lorry	Small or large	"	700—750	3-ton
11	1915	38	Peerless	Medium	"	850	chain drive 3 ton
12	1915	38	Commer	"	"	900	chain drive 6 ton
13	1915	38	Feden	Tilt van	"	850	iron tyres
14	1914	16—20	Hupmobile	4 seater	"	175	condition moderate

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4	1917/18	10-12	" or A.C.	"	"	400	"
5	1916/18	12-16	Fiat or Dion or Bianchi	4 str. touring	June	400 500	" if poss.
6	1914	16-20	Wolseley	3/4 Landaulette	Imm.	750	
7	1913-15	20-30	Lancia	Any type	"	Various	
8	1914-18	25	Studebaker	Landaulette	"	300 450	
9	1914	20-30	Any make	Coupé or all weather	"	700 800	
10	1916-18	16 20	Overland	Landaulette	"	300 450	
11	1916-18	16 20	"	Touring	"	300-400	
12	1916-18	16 20	"	2 seater	"	300 350	
13	1915-18	10	Light car	2 seater coupé	"	350 400	submit make
14	1915-18	12	"	Sporting 2 str.	"	350 400	"
15	1913	20 30	F.I.A.T.	4 seated touring	"	650	dynamo lighting
16	1914	20-30	Any good make	4 seated coupé	"	300	"

CAVALRY DIV. HORSE SHOW AND RACE MEETING.

Prospectus of Cavalry Division, British Army of the Rhine, Race Meeting, Horse Show, Athletic Meeting and Polo Tournaments to be held at COLOGNE, 1st to 5th August inclusive, were posted on to all Units of the British Army and to the French, Belgian, American and Italian Liaison Officers, G. H. Q. (British).

Entries close at 13.00 hours on 20th July (except for Polo Tournaments, which close on 12th July).

Further entry forms can be obtained from G.H.Q., Corps and Divisional Headquarters, French, Belgian and American G.H.Q., and from the Hon. Sec. Lt.-Colonel H. C. L. HOWARD, C.M.G., D.S.O., H. Qrs. Cavalry Division.

Weights for Handicaps will be published in the "COLOGNE POST" on or about 24th July.

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Echoes from Rhineland.

Scenes of Revelry.

The centre of Cologne was given over to revelry on Saturday night. It was boat race night of pre-war days, perhaps in a lesser degree, but not lacking in youthful boisterousness. Khaki held the sway. So far as we were able to judge the civilian section of the population did not exhibit more than the customary exuberance. Perhaps it is foreign to their nature, to do so. "Thank God," was one German's comment and the old man held up his hands as if expressive of thankfulness. Then he became silent as he appeared to meditate over his country's sunken state. Tommy let himself go in no half hearted fashion. The fact that the signing of the Peace Treaty clashed with the week-end was a happy circumstance. Music was heard in the cabarets well on to 22.00 hours, a thing not possible during the past six months. Artistes, many having doffed their stage dresses for mufti, filled the bill again and there was a current of joyfulness running through the impromptu performances. There were many amusing side-lights. In one cabaret, officers mounted the stage, and the orchestra rose to the occasion with British patriotic airs. It was a remarkable scene.

In the Streets.

In the streets, khaki linked hands with wearers of French blue, and American confrères. A dense procession was formed, the men marching eight abreast, and cheering rent the air. Tommy's long promised "bust" was impressive and at times amusing. Dress was a trifle mixed. Headgear was exchanged, and there was a general demonstration of friendliness amongst the Allied troops. A gathering resembling a mass meeting was to be seen in front of the Dom. Tommy's dancing lessons stood him in good stead. Two were seen "jazzing" in a style which threatened to rip trouser buttons from their settings, while others were content to cake-walk and give expressions in general abandon. However, London signalised an historic day, the men of the Army of Occupation made things "hum" in their endeavour to give expression to their delight.

Ankles.

There are standard types of caricature in the humorous papers of at least two countries. Nobody could fail to recognise as French or German, as the case might be, the artist's caricature of an Englishman for instance. That is purely caricature. But when German comic artists draw the German female form, it is amazing how true to life they get. How many shapely ankles are there in Cologne? Very few! and for these the shortage of food is largely responsible. When beauty is appraised, not by form, but by avoirdupois it is not to be wondered at, that between the top of the boot and the edge of the skirt can be seen a roll of unbeautiful fat, be it ever so covered by an Ersatz silk stocking. There may be "a divinity which shapes our ends" but just look (discreetly, of course) at the first dozen pairs of ankles, or if too modest, at a German comic paper.

Keep the lid closed.

A sapper of the Rhine Army asks why the Germans have lids on their beer mugs. The other day, he says, he visited a cafe on the outskirts of Bonn, where the beermugs had lids. In order to quench his thirst he tipped the lid back with his thumb and left it at the open position. He did not empty the mug at one gulp, as thirst quenching he explains, is a matter of leisure with him. At the same table were two Germans. The more benevolent looking of the two explained to him that in pre-war times he might have had a pile of mugs placed on top of his—also with open lids. The Germans were right. The sapper would have had to pay for a fresh round of drinks as a penalty for his action.

Diabolo.

Do you remember the passing craze there was some years ago at home for Diabolo? The game swept through Europe, and as far as Great Britain is concerned, it came and went. But here in the Rhine and it is still in full swing, and the children are adepts at it. It seems a pity we discarded it so quickly at home, for it is a recreation that cultivates quickness of eye and limb. Some of the youngsters in Germany seem to be very skilful in making "tosses" without letting the double cone drop to earth. A sergeant of Dragoons was saying the other day, that his topscore used to be about 225, but records of 400 to 500 are freely spoken of by the boys and girls of Rhineland.

The Channel Tunnel.

At the British Empire Leave Club we are to have a great opportunity of welcoming Baron d'Erlanger at Cologne next Tuesday, when he has kindly consented to tell us something about the Channel Tunnel. Who hasn't heard of the great Channel Tunnel? But few people realize that it was started in the early eighties Sir Edward Watkin (of the South Eastern Railway Company) originally started the idea. Baron d'Erlanger formed a company in England, and the French did the same in their country. The tunnel was commenced in France at a place called Sangatte, near Cap Blanc Nez, and in England between Dover and Folkestone. The advantages of the tunnel will be fully explained by our illustrious guest. We feel that many people, soldiers of the Rhine Army, will avail themselves of this interesting opportunity of hearing all about it. The chair will be taken by Maj. Gen. Sir S. T. B. Lawford, K.C.B.

Troops Help at a Fire.

There was some excitement at the village of Hilgen the other night; just after the buglers had sounded the "Last Post" strange blasts on a horn resounded. Everyone thought it was a signal that peace had been signed. All the villagers rushed out, and most of the troops. The Adjutant mounted his bike and chased the energetic horn-blower. Collaring that individual, he asked in his best German "What's your game my lad?" Before he could answer "fire", the sky was lighted up by a great glare, so he just pointed to it, and continued his blasts. The hills and valleys re-echoed with the sound for at least an hour after, and meanwhile help began to arrive to put out the blaze. An antiquated fire brigade, which took eighty minutes to get the hose pipe in action, came on the scene and the men of the 2nd Northern Brigade gave all the assistance possible, but a considerable part of the huge building was gutted. Next day the German papers reported how the major portion of the building was saved by the aid of our troops.

Doubtless an Oversight.

One recalls the practices of adherents of various lost causes or forlorn hopes, to keep alive their pledges and to stimulate their faith. Many such are observed to this day, although they have become merely a custom, chiefly in the rendering of toasts, of which very few could explain the origin.

In English chivalry, for instance, no banner may fly higher than the King's. It is doubtful whether a Royal Standard can be seen in Cologne but is there any reason for the Military Governor daily to walk beneath coat of arms? Look at the balcony over the entrance to the Monopol.

Universal Electricity.

How general is the use of electricity in Rhineland! In the country villages and smaller towns of England one might search in vain for a power station, while here, every house, small or large is fitted with electric light and electricity is used in a variety of utilitarian ways. In most parts of Belgium you will notice this also. When the promised reconstruction schemes at home begin, possibly some move may be made to supersede the gas and oil lamps of our smaller towns. At present, the Continent has much to teach Great Britain in this direction.

Where Workpeople Live.

What seems to have impressed a great many of our men on the Rhine, is the admirable housing arrangements for working people. They fail to find anything at all approaching the foul slums too often found in our great industrial centres, but in place of them well built blocks of flats, on the most modern hygienic lines. The general opinion seems to be that this is the type of dwelling, best suited to our needs at home in cities and towns. For the country, of course, nothing equals the cosy cottage.

Prizes for "Echoes."

The Editor of "*The Cologne Post*" wants to encourage all ranks of the Rhine Army to make use of their powers of observation and whenever any phase of life in the occupied territory strikes any of his readers or whenever they come across any unusual incident he would like to have a short paragraph about it. Such items should never exceed 150 words, and even shorter notes will be acceptable. Every day the sum of 10 marks will be given for the best sent in, and it should be borne in mind that in awarding the prize, more credit will be given to the subject than to the style of writing, so that lack of literary ability will be no deterrent to anyone. The envelope should have the word "Echoes" in the top left hand corner.

To-day's winner of the prize of 10 marks is Pte. G.V. Gilliard, Oxfords, Train Headquarters, Eastern Division, Rhine Army.

Answers to Correspondents.

"R.H.A.15"—You are entitled to fourteen days leave — not a month.

"154.51 GUNNER J. S."—We make it a point not to answer questions re demobilization. If we did we should exceed available space on these alone.

"PERPLEXED":—The fluctuation in the value of the Mark gives rise to a good deal of misunderstanding. The sum of 72 Marks 75 Pfennigs asked for a 20s Postal order is correct, and doubtless you will be debited at the same rate by your Pay office.

"YORKIE":—Dantzig is in West Prussia.

"R.H.A.":—Captain Guest, Under-secretary for War, has stated that the claims of 1914 and 1915 men for release will not be forgotten.

"A.W.S.":—We assume that gratuities will become payable on July 31st and officers will then have the opportunity of drawing on such amounts. Nothing official has appeared on the subject.

"F. FLINDERS":—This correspondent asks for the record attendance at a football match in the British Isles. Can any reader oblige? Our last essay on this point drew several contradictions.

"GUNNER R.G.A.":—We are not aware of any A. C. authorizing the payment of the Army of Occupation bonus with the separation allowance, but there is nothing to prevent you making a remittance.

"T.L.":—N.C.O.'s and men when in mourning, may wear a band of black material 3½ inches wide, round the left arm above the elbow.

"JACK":—You are right in your assumption. Dogs are not allowed on the Boulogne-Cologne express.

"ITALIAN RIBBON":—The only ribbons for this war are the 1914 and the 1914-15 Stars. Other decorations are unauthorized at present. You are not entitled to wear any Italian service ribbon.

"K.E.H.":—The General Service and Allied ribbons are at present not authorized decorations and should not be worn. No official notice with regard to the G. S. medal has appeared, so we are unable to state who is eligible to wear it.

"V.R. 73":—Roughly 72 Marks to the English pound sterling.

S. PRATT:— Send an application for transfer through your orderly room.

"REGULAR READER." 136034:— There are many guide books which will give you the required information. We have not the space.

"CHESHIRE":— It is roughly 600 miles from Cologne to Manchester. We are unable to state the time taken to fly from London to Cologne, but the journey is made in two stages.

Other queries will be dealt with to-morrow—Ed.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY.

Unrest.—In all big towns of unoccupied Germany disturbances are taking place every day.

A Habit.—"Perjury in this court has become a habit" said the Merthyr County Court judge.

Fewer Cars.—The number of motor-cars used by the Air Ministry has been considerably reduced.

Base Silver Coin.—It is stated that there is a very large amount of base silver coin in circulation.

Electric Power.—Sheffield and Coventry have shown the biggest war-time development of electric power.

Victory Loan.—The Victory Loan now promises to be a great success. Capital is pouring in from unexpected sources.

Employed in London.—An escaped German prisoner of war has been found employed as a porter at a Bloomsbury hotel.

A Good Yield.—This year's United States wheat crop is estimated at 662,160,000 cwt., 34.8 per cent above the 1918 yield.

Useless To-day.—The Hilsea arches, the historic portions of the fortifications at the entrance to Portsmouth, are to be demolished.

Unwelcome.—Several tear shells have been found on land in the Walthamstow district. The gas has affected the health of the residents.

Crowds by the Sea.—Fifty thousand Bolton cotton operatives are on holiday at Blackpool, Southport, Morecambe, and other resorts.

Marines' Caps.—The men of the Royal Marines have expressed dissatisfaction with their caps as being of German design.

Running Again Opens.—The Dover-Ostend service of the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway has been resumed.

Nuns Returning.—Relays of French Benedictine nuns are leaving their homes in the Isle of Wight and returning to France.

Hull Strike.—The stoppage of Hull trawlers by the strike of engineers has thrown thousands idle. Over 100 trawlers are now laid up.

Expensive Lovemaking.—Couples love-making in clover fields outside Sunderland resulted in each delinquent being fined for damaging the crops.

V.C.'s Mother.—An annuity certificate for £744, has been presented at Edinburgh to the mother of the late Corporal McPhie, V.C., Edinburgh.

No Memory.—When arrested on a charge of bigamy, a sergeant in the R.A.S.C. said: "I don't know how it happened. I forgot all about the first marriage. I am quite at a loss."

French Brides.—The New York Y.W.C.A. is teaching 10,000 French brides of American soldiers, English, geography, American laws and customs, and cooking.

Acquitted.—An electrician, who was charged with attempting to murder his wife at Blackpool by endeavouring to cut her throat with a razor, has been found not guilty.

Naval Officers.—The report to the Admiralty on Naval officers' pay is being delayed by the Cabinet, and cannot now be expected before the end of this week.

No Memorial There.—The City Corporation declines to grant a site in front of the Royal Exchange for the proposed memorial to London regiments.

Surprised.—"I don't allow a servant to summon me," said a Dutchman at Marylebone County Court, and looked surprised when told the servant was within his rights.

Alien Club to go.—The Board of Trade have made an order requiring the International Geneva Association of Hotel and Restaurant Employees to close down.

Liquor Control.—"Our immediate objective is to get rid of the Liquor Control Board," said Sir Herbert Muckworth-Praed at a conference of Conservative clubs.

No Houses.—"I have walked about, not for weeks, but for months and months, but cannot get a house," said a married woman with six children at Clerkenwell County Court.

No Results.—"The fashion of society 'slumming' some years ago has not replaced a single hovel by a decent sanitary cottage," says Prof. E.W. Hope medicial officer of health, Liverpool.

More Posts.—A speeding-up notice has been sent from the G.P.O. to all departments in the provinces to re-establish the pre-war number of deliveries and collections.

A Correction.—Lt. Col. F. L. Leslie Ditmus, President of the Inter-Allied Railway Commission, was inadvertently described as R.T.O., Cologne Main, in our report of the German Plenipotentiaries' arrival at Cologne on their way to Versailles.

Now, Employers!—The Mayor of Rochester has appealed to employers to give preference to discharged soldiers and sailors, of whom there are 700 within the area out of work; another 700 are disabled.

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PRACTICAL HELP WANTED.

BELGIANS DISSATISFIED WITH TREATY.

WORK FOR COUNCIL OF TEN.

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DREADFUL AFTERMATH.

The British Treasury has sanctioned, within certain limits, a proposal to provide one pound for every pound raised and spent by charitable organisations in the United Kingdom for the relief of distress abroad. By this measure it is hoped that voluntary efforts towards alleviation of the suffering which has followed on war will be stimulated and that the sum already voted by Parliament for the purpose will be substantially augmented. The Government is sending great quantities of supplies but the problem is so vast that charitable effort is required in addition.

This grant will be provided out of monies voted by Parliament for such relief. It will therefore only be available for countries entitled to benefit under that appropriation, namely:—Poland, Yugo-Slavia, Rumania, Czecho-Slovakia, German-Austria, Armenia, the Baltic Provinces of Esthonia, Latvia and Lithuania, Hungary, Turkey, Bulgaria and such districts of Russia or other European territories as the Supreme Economic Council may decide.

Lord Robert Cecil, as head of the British department of the Supreme Economic Council, expresses the earnest hope that this proposal will receive such a response as will bring to some millions of children and many thousands of desolate homes, a message of practical sympathy of the British public.

PITIFUL CONDITIONS.

Lord Curzon has written a letter emphasising the urgent necessity of increasing the relief of distress in Europe and Western Asia. He says: "No effort should be spared for this end, not only in order to alleviate physical tortures of unhappy victims, but because of the effect that continuance of these conditions cannot fail to produce upon the welfare of succeeding generations of the human race.

Our first thought will naturally be for our Allies. Of these Poland, Czecho-Slovakia and parts of the new kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes have endured most cruel privations in many cases, especially in the large towns, distress is appalling. Not only grown-up men and women, but hundreds and thousands of small children are in daily want of many of the necessities of life. The effects of such a state of affairs are visible in a scale of mortality that can hardly be measured in the shocking increase of crime and in progressive enfeeblement and deterioration of those who ought to provide the population of the future. The need is as great elsewhere. Christian populations of Middle-East Asia Minor, Syria, Armenia and Caucasia are in similar plight and plead for similar relief.

Nor can we ignore the condition of Germany and Austria, where the same problems exist and where post-war conditions are in some cases even more terrible than those of war itself. The moment has indeed now come to repair the ravages of the conflict and obliterate the scars of savage strife. Europe cannot be restored to political or social health except by a combined effort of philanthropy of civilised and Christian mankind."

OPERATIONS IN LIVONIA.

GERMAN RETREAT CUT.

The Esthonian Press Agency states that severe fighting between the Esthonian and the German Baltic Militia has occurred in North West Livonia and developed favourably for the Esthonians, who have reached Rodenpois, twenty kilometres from Riga. A quantity of war material, including eight guns, was captured at Reval. The correspondent of the *National Tidende* states that Lettish troops have captured Riga and seized the bridge over the Dvina, thereby cutting off the retreat of the German Baltic troops.

REVERSE TO FINNISH TROOPS.

Official news is to hand to-day, stating that Bolshevist troops landed on the Western shore of Lake Ladoga, North of Petrograd, and made an attack on the Finnish troops, who were forced to retreat. Large quantities of supplies were lost.

The move is said to be the beginning of a plan for a great invasion of Finland, in which 25,000 troops will take part.

A Helsingfors message says the Finnish General Staff reports that a Bolshevist Squadron appeared off Vitell, near Ladaga, on Thursday and opened fire on the village, destroying the hospital and other buildings, afterwards landing troops who were engaged by the Finns.

The situation on the Russian frontier is said to be serious. The Bolshevists have concentrated considerable forces and are preparing an attack on a large scale against Viberg.

ITALIANS SCEPTICAL.

In Rome, apart from flags on Government buildings, there was no display of enthusiasm to mark the signing of the Peace Treaty. The majority of the newspapers express scepticism regarding the settlement.

BRITISH PREMIER CHEERED IN COMMONS.

GREAT OVATION.

Mr. Lloyd George, Chief Prime Minister of the British Empire, was given a great ovation on entering the House of Commons, yesterday afternoon. The entire House rose and cheered again and again, the demonstration lasting several minutes.

Sir Donald Maclean expressed the hearty congratulations of the House on the Premier's return, after fulfilment of duties as arduous and responsible as have ever been undertaken by any British Minister.

The Premier, returning thanks for his welcome, said it had been indeed a very anxious time because of the gigantic character of the interests concerned. He thought it would better suit the convenience of the House if he deferred making a statement regarding the Treaty until Thursday. "The document signed last Saturday" he said, "is probably the most comprehensive and far reaching ever concluded. It may alter the whole affairs of the world and give a new turn to the destiny of mankind." He added that he hoped to lay an authentic copy on the table on Thursday and at the same time introduce a Bill to enable the Government to give effect to its provisions.

Replying to Sir Donald Macleon, the Premier said there would be an opportunity for discussion of the Treaty.

The House then rose again and sang the National Anthem.

CLEMENCEAU TO THE FRENCH SENATE.

SORROWFUL HEROISM.

In the Chamber of Deputies yesterday afternoon, M. Clemenceau presented the Peace Treaty together with a treaty of alliance with Great Britain and America.

He described the Peace Treaty as a work of renovation and that the preservation of the world has been accomplished.

"Humanity" said the venerable statesman, "may arise and live its own life. The peace of the world can only be won by a continued effort for which humble, restrained and sorrowful heroism is necessary. That is the programme of France now. For the accomplishment of the duties of tomorrow, let us be inspired by the tasks of yesterday.

All the Deputies, except the Socialists, stood and cheered Clemenceau.

CLEARING UP THE DETAILS.

COUNCIL OF TEN BUSY.

A considerable amount of work remains to be done before the military and reparation clauses of the Austrian Treaty are settled and it is improbable that the treaty will be ready for signature before the end of July. Dr. Renner, the chief Austrian delegate, has sent a number of notes, the majority of which have not been published, but are, it is understood, couched in reasonable terms. This shows an evident desire for amicable arrangement and on this account it is probable that dealings with the Austrians will be more in the nature of negotiations than was the case with the Germans.

The immediate occupation of the Council of Ten, is the arrangement of details of mandates for the former German colonies. Discussions are also taking place regarding other matters of detail arising out of the Treaty, notably the disposal of German warships.

Broadly speaking, the position is that Great Britain and America absolutely, and Italy and Japan with certain reservations, are in favour of breaking up the ships which will come into the possession of the Allies. France, on the other hand, urges a distribution of the ships and submarines.

No definite action has been taken regarding the Scapa Flow affair but the matter will become acute if the Germans follow a similar course in the case of other ships to be handed over within sixty days of the signing of peace.

BELGIAN DISSATISFACTION WITH TREATY.

There is understood to be grave dissatisfaction in Belgium with the Peace Treaty. The allegation is being put forward that it keeps none of the promises made to Belgium. The Belgians say that the question of Luxemburg has been kept in the background, and that no satisfaction has been accorded in the matter of the left bank of the Scheldt. Strong complaint is also made against the preference given to Rotterdam, as the Inter-Allied provisioning base.

FIRST PEACE BUDGET IN GERMANY.

The *Boersen-Zeitung* states that the Government will shortly introduce a budget to raise between seventy and eighty milliards (eighty thousand million) of marks, the burden of which will fall on the capitalists.

EPSOM POLICE FATALITY INQUEST.

SEVENTH DEFENDANT.

The coroner's jury, enquiring into the circumstances attending the death of Station-Sergeant Green, who died from injuries received in the Canadian raid on Epsom police station, returned a verdict of manslaughter, against the six men who had already been committed for trial.

Another man, Robert Todd, bugler at the Canadian camp, was included in the charge and a similar verdict found against him.

The jury added the following riders:

"The police acted with discretion and great valour.

"Sergt. Green's ready response in plain clothes to the call of duty deprived him of some measure of protection."

APPEAL TO A QUEEN.

THE KAISER'S SURRENDER.

Officers of the old Prussian Army and the late German Navy have addressed a request to the Queen of Holland begging her to refuse to surrender the ex-Kaiser to the Allies. The *Deutsche Zeitung* publishes the text of this appeal to the Queen and Parliament of Holland.

It expresses loyalty to the ex-Kaiser, "who has been forced by treasonable designs in his own country to place himself under Holland's protection" and continues: "Our enemies, lacking in every chivalrous sense, have, besides other oppressive peace conditions, made a humiliating and dishonourable demand of the German people that it shall surrender to their jurisdiction our Kaiser and King—a man who, every educated person in the world knows is, in his deep religiousness, pure in heart and free of all guilt for war. Only pitiable anxiety for their lives and goods and chattels has driven part of our countrymen to agree to the enemy's demands that are dictated by thirst for revenge."

In conclusion the petitioners request Holland to refuse to permit any "arrogant interference of our enemies in the question of extradition of our Kaiser and King."

CONCERNING THE EX-KAISER.

Replying to questions in the House of Commons' Mr. Harmsworth said that no negotiations for the extradition of the ex-Kaiser had yet takeu place. Representations had been made to the Netherlands Government concerning the necessity of taking adequate steps to prevent his departure from Holland.

Mr. Bottomley then asked, "Is the honourable gentleman aware that according to newspaper reports the ex-Kaiser threatened to commit suicide rather than face his trial, and will the Government do its best to hasten this expeditious and inexpensive solution?"

There was much laughter, but no answer.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY.

VILLAGES DESTROYED.

Severe earthquake shocks occurred on Sunday over a wide area in the region of Mugello. Reports coming in show there has been considerable loss of life and enormous damage to property, entire villages having been destroyed. At Vicchio, twenty persons were killed, while it is estimated that there is a much greater number of casualties at Covello. Churches and railway stations are reported as destroyed in many parts of the stricken area.

GALLOWS IN PUBLIC GARDEN.

River monitors bombarded the Soviet Government Headquarters at Buda-Pesth on Saturday last. Gallows have been erected in the public gardens for the execution of the revolutionary leaders. The fate of a hundred cadets arrested after a fight at the military academy is unknown.

RESTORATION OF YPRES.

A joint Commission of British and Belgian architects will shortly be appointed to formulate plans for the restoration of Ypres. The present proposal is that the city be rebuilt on its original site and that most of the new buildings shall be practically reproductions of those destroyed.

In deference to the wishes of many British families whose relatives fell at Ypres, some of the ruins will be left, including those of the ancient Cloth Hall.

AMERICANS ACQUIRE KRUPP FACTORY.

According to a Munich report in the South German papers, the Krupp works in Munich have been sold to an American group. In the Rhine districts several industrial concerns have already passed into American hands.

The Krupp works at Munich were built in 1916, because the head works at Essen were cramped and the neighbourhood was a hotbed of anti-Krupp Socialists. The Munich site cost £350,000.

Charlie Chaplin has cabled a £5,000 investment in the Victory War Loan.

The ex-Emperor of Austria, who is staying in Switzerland, is seriously ill. The latest report says his condition is grave.

During the six months ended March last, 136,000 deaths occurred in England and Wales from influenza.

LADIES CLUB OPENED IN COLOGNE.

WOMEN'S HELP IN THE WAR.

An important addition to the amenities in the life of the British lady-worker in the British Occupied Zone was inaugurated yesterday afternoon by the Commander- in- Chief, Sir William Robertson, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O. It consists of a beautiful club house situated at 89 Sachsen Ring and is known as the H.R.H. Princess Victoria's Club for Nurses. It was at the instigation of Lady Algernon Gordon Lennox, D.B.E. (who was unfortunately unable to be present) that the first club was started in France early in the war. Eventuallly twelve were established and run under her direct supervision. The new club is the only one now in existence, the necessity for the others having happily passed away.

The new premises comprise the ordinary appurtenances of club life and in addition hot and cold baths and alimited number of bedrooms are available. Meals are served at reasonable prices.

After inspecting the parade of nurses on the lawn the Commander in Chief made a happy little speech in dedicating the club. He said that one of the most wonderful things in this war was the way in which women had helped to win it. Not only in France and elsewhere had women nobly shared the trials, hardships and dangers of the campaign, but also at home they had slaved at munitions, nursed and helped the wounded and had assisted considerably in recruiting. Lord Kitchener—although a bachelor—said, when more men were wanted, "Get the women to help; they'll do it," and they did.

The Army of the Rhine, he continued, has reason to be very thankful to the lady helpers. They not only worked hard at nursing and kindred duties during the day but by dancing and similar distractions they helped to beguile many an otherwise tedious evening.

During the afternoon the band of the 52nd Durham Light Infantry (by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Frizzell, D.S.O., M.C., in command) played agreeable selections under Bandmaster Etherington.

Membership of the club is extended to all British ladies in the occupied area who hold officer rank.

STABBED WITH A BAYONET.

Two non-commissioned officers of the Lancashire Fusiliers, Sergeant Albert Hince and Sergeant Harry Clough, were charged at Stafford, yesterday with causing the death of Arthur William Bates by stabbing him with a bayonet during a street affray on June 21st.

Clough was discharged but Hince, who admitted that he drew a bayonet in self-protection, was committed for trial on a charge of manslaughter.

AT A FLAT IN MAYFAIR.

Lieut.-Colonel Thomas George Sowerby, of Manor House, Luton, was granted a decree nisi yesterday. He alleged misconduct between his wife, Ellen Catherine and Captain William Rathbone, and evidence was given to the effect that Sowerby and the corespondent had stayed together in a Mayfair flat.

The petition was undefended.

LONDON VICTORY MARCH.

Times of the London troops' victory march next Saturday morning from Hyde Park to the Tower have been fixed. Starting at 11.23, the head of the procession will reach Buckingham Palace at 11.30, where the King will take the salute. The route then is: Admiralty Arch 11.45, Fleet-street 12, Ludgate Hill 12.7, Queen Victoria-street 12.20.

Afterwards by way of King William-street, Eastcheap, Great Tower-street, and Byward-street to the Tower.

Nurses, after leaving the park, are to fall out at the Admiralty Arch, and the troops will pass by them on either side through the outer arches. The procession will be three miles long, and 50,000 troops are to take part.

FEMALE LABOUR IN A.P.C.

Between fifty and sixty ex-soldiers were discharged yesterday morning without notice from the Army Pay Office in Upper Thames-street where they were employed as temporary clerks. The discharged men have been employed on night work and on Friday were told that night duty being abolished, they were to call on Monday and apply for day work. When they put in an appearance on Monday, they were told to come again the next morning for their money.

The men's complaint is that while ex-soldiers are being discharged, the Army Pay Office is retaining female labour.

COLONIALS IN THE STRAND.

Traffic was completely held up in the Strand on Monday evening by a small band of noisy Australian and Canadian soldiers near Charing Cross. They refused to go away and rounded on the police, calling on their comrades for assistance. Police reinforcements were sent for, and several men were arrested. Mounted police assisted in moving the crowd which had quickly collected.

REDUCED ECONOMIC COUNCIL.

Before the Conference finally dispersed, the Council of Three met at Versailles and reached decisions on the financial and economic clauses in the Austrain Peace Treaty. The Council decided that the Supreme Economic Council shall continue in a modified form in order to maintain the organisation and act as the liaison body between the various Allies.

SOUTHAMPTON'S FINE RECORD.

OFFICERS HONOURED.

A public banquet was held at Southampton on Monday in honour of Brigadier-General Balfour, chief embarkation officer, and Commodore Wray, principal naval transport officer at that port.

Brigadier-General Balfour said that Southampton had been throughout the war the main artery of communication. They had handled 8,150,000 personnel, 860,000 horses and mules, 15,260 guns and limbers, 180,000 vehicles, 3,453,663 tons of ammunition and stores, 7,700,000 bags of mails, and 17,186 ships. He predicted a brilliant future for the port, which had achieved this stupendous aggregate with ease, and he hoped to see Southampton the premier port of Western Europe.

Both officers were recipients of handsome presents in token of public appreciation of their valuable services.

SALUTARY FINE FOR CRUELTY TO A DOG.

At Middleton (Lancashire) police court on Monday, Lord Rochdale, who commanded the 6th Lancashire Fusiliers at Gallipoli, was fined five pounds and ten guineas costs for cruelty to a dog on the links of the Manchester Golf Club.

It is alleged that defendant hit a retriever dog with an iron headed putter about a dozen times and that when a golfer sought to restrain him by seizing his wrists, Lord Rochdale kicked him on the shins.

Defendant, giving evidence, asserted that he was perfectly entitled to chastise a disobedient dog and that, as the animal, being a sporting dog, was being trained for a special purpose, it must be made to obey.

INTIMIDATION OF PARLIAMENT.

"As a protest against the policy adopted by certain leaders of the Triple Alliance (miners, railwaymen, and transport workers) for the intimidation of Parliament," the executive council of the Sailors' and Firemen's Union declare that they will take no part in a conference proposed by the alliance, and that the members of the union will not be bound by any of the conference resolutions.

The council state that as part of the alliance they never understood that the influence of the alliance was to be used in political directions.

The Minister of Ways and Communications states that he does not think that the carrying of passengers on the carriers of motor bicycles is a matter upon which legislation can be proposed at present.

LONDON T.O.T. CELEBRATION.

Filling the flag-bedecked Albert Hall from arena to gallery, the employees of London's great traffic organisation—from tube, omnibus, and tramway-car—assembled last evening at the invitation of the Underground Railways to celebrate peace, and honour with song, music, and speech their 16,000 comrades who had gone out to fight.

Two hundred and fifty had won decorations, and to these General Sir Julian Byng, described by the chairman, Lord George Hamilton, as "the leader of an unbeaten army, whose record was without flaw or set-back," gave special souvenirs, shaking each man by the hand as they marched, cheered to the echo, across the platform.

PROFITABLE SALVAGE FEAT.

A remarkable salvage feat has been performed at Hunts Bay, near Swansea. Last November the French steamship Tours ran on the rocks in a dense fog. Valued afloat at £130,000, she was sold to a salvage company for £7,000.

The purchasers have since been diligently at work dynamiting the rocks round the vessel and constructing slipways.

Last night the ship was successfully refloated, and it is calculated that the salvors will net £80,000.

NELSON'S LOG BOOK SAVED FOR NATION.

The original log book of the Victory covering the period including the battle of Trafalgar up to the death of Nelson, was sold at Sotheby's yesterday for £5,000.

It was afterwards announced that the historic document had been purchased on behalf of Mr. James Buchanan, who intends to present it to the nation in recognition of the part played by the Navy in this war.

VICTORIA FREE BUFFET CLOSED.

Major-Gen. Feilding, commanding the London district, was the last of over 12,000,000 soldiers and sailors to receive from Mrs. Kenward Matthews and her volunteer staff, tea and cakes at the free buffet at Victoria Station, which was closed yesterday, after being open night and day since February 1915.

Mrs. Matthews was presented by her staff with a diamond ring and gold chain.

ROCHESTER BRIDGE BURNT.

The South Eastern Railway Bridge over the Medway between Strood and Rochester was burned out from end to end yesterday.

It is supposed to have been caused by an engine dropping live coals on the permanent way. All railway traffic is diverted to the main line.

Those of you who have used a

"SWAN" FOUNTPEN

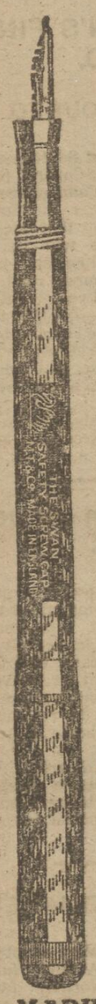

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THE NEW ALLIANCE.

An event scarcely less important to the future security of Europe against the horrors of another war, but which has been almost overshadowed by the signing of the Peace Treaty, took place a few days ago at Versailles.

This was the formal agreement to a compact between the two great English speaking nations, Great Britain and the United States linking themselves in an alliance to defend their Latin ally, France, against any unprovoked attack from any future enemy.

This mutual agreement for defence, although the exact terms have not yet been made public, cannot be considered as of much less importance than the Peace Treaty which has taken so long to complete.

It may be recalled that early in May, on the eve of the Allies' conditions being submitted to the Germans, a note announced that Great Britian and America had decided to guarantee France against any German aggression.

It was this understanding which has been set down in exact terms and signed by Mr. Lloyd George on our behalf, President Wilson for the States, and M. Clemenceau for France.

This act sets the seal formally on the new alliance of the new Triple Entente. It forms the basis of an immensely strong combination of forces which, though it may be in thorough harmony with and will take its proper share in the operations of the League of Nations, will be able to act independently of it, if the unfortunate necessity arises.

The pact now completed between the three great allies should have a salutary effect in Germany. To know that in the event of any future violation of her pledges she will be face to face with three united nations may cause her to hesitate, before again venturing to provoke hostilities, which may have more dire consequences for her than even the recent struggle has had.

CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

We see that Mr. Hastings Pimbury, after eulogising the splendid unselfishnes and ability of those who have fought, points out in "The Ex-Service Man" that there yet remains a great deal to be done before the temporary soldiers can be properly and profitably absorbed into the civil life of the Empire. He also hints at a scheme which would help considerably in the direction.

Learning that he was in Cologne we sought further details from him personally, as the matter is obviously one of immediate interest to many of our readers. This is the scheme he has outlined briefly.

"We propose" he told us, "to form an association of demobilized officers in London for the purpose of representing British firms on the continent and in other parts of the world.

Arrangements would be made with certain hotels in all the principal towns of Europe for stockrooms, interpreters, etc. to be at the disposal of members.

Every member of the Association would wear a distinctive badge so that all would be mutually recognizable and all would be sworn to help each other in every way possible.

Thus the camaraderie born on the battlefield would be fostered to the benefit of British commerce.

At the present moment British firms are giving their agencies to French, Dutch and Belgians, and this seems all wrong while we have thousands of demobilized officers, highly educated men of splendid address, who would make the very finest type of ambassadors of commerce.

Again, when we start trading with Germany instead of allowing Germans to come to trade in England. they should be obliged to give their agencies to the 'Boys of the old Brigade.'

With thirty years experience of Continental trading I am in a position to realise what an asset this would be for Great. Britain."

"In this manner I am convinced," continued the author of this scheme, "that thousands of those demobilized, would find most profitable and congenial employment.

Many ex-fighting men have no desire to go back to offices and other pre-war vocations. They are a national asset, of which England has not yet been clever enough to avail herself.

Once manufacturers and merchants know that the plan is properly organised, they should be only too pleased to give their representations to men who freely offered their lives to their country, to men who in a few short months learned an entirely new business, in which they displayed extraordinary adaptability, keenness and vigour, and in which they were generally very successful.

Such a scheme as the one I am advocating would enable many of them to marry comfortably and so help to ensure succeeding generations of intelligent, vigorous Britons.

I hope soon to be called to London to lay my scheme before the British public, and shall only be too happy if I can do anything to assist those who so nobly stepped forward to save our homes and country."

Mr. Hastings Pimbury's scheme seems to be quite a feasible one, provided British firms will support it patriotically as they should. All depends on this, and we hope to hear of its success.

WHICH CAME FIRST?

Military Collapse or Revolution.

From the beginning of the war those in authority allowed themselves to be led astray by the wildest delusions. In 1914 it was England's neutrality; in 1915-16 it was France which was supposed to be bleeding to death; in 1917 England was said to be at the point of famine; in 1918 it was the inferiority of America.

Through all these fables, hopes of final victory were entertained, whilst revolutions were counted upon in France, England, further India, etc. Those who were responsible at G.H.Q. either ignored the actual facts or else did not, choose to recognise them, whilst Ludendorff would not believe in the monthly drafts 150,000 strong of well-equipped, fresh American troops, though his information upon this point was perfectly reliable. He had become a blind fool.

Whilst the German dead were lying in heaps in the trenches from Arras to Ypres, great victories were being celebrated in Germany amid the ringing of bells and the fluttering of flags. Those who were acquainted with the few facts of the March offensive were filled with dismay.

The actions which followed the March offensive were merely indications of the desperate military condition. Anyone could see that the collapse was unceasing; only G.H.Q., indulged in hopes of victory. The Supreme Command rallied the scattering remnants of the armies to fresh attack. The German guns were heard for the last time on July 14th.

Meanwhile, Foch was collecting the greatest army ever known in history in the Forest of Compiegne. Nevertheless, the German Supreme Command with criminal carelessness made light of the fate threatening to overwhelm it. It might have been possible to withdraw the German army in close formation to fresh defensive positons on July 14th, if the mad attempt of an offensive on the Marne had been given up.

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Meanwhile, in Germany, flags were hung out and the fruits of the March victories were expected daily. The people began to grow impatient. How could the front be shortened now in the full floodtide of victory? A last final attempt was made to rally the weary troops and advance on the French trenches.

The French Army, with cunning strategy, parried the blow and proceeded to deal overwhelming flank and counter attacks in the woods of Compiegne. Breaches were rapidly made in the German front, and very soon their resistance gave way.

The German rampart from the North Sea to the Vosges began to yield, with the enemy pressing with all their force upon them, granting the German troops no respite.

And so the pround army of Wilhelm II. crumbled utterly. After a series of victories they were now shattered, and in full dissolution retreated upon the Rhine. Vainly was the attempt made to parry the staggering blows dealt by the oncoming foe. Proud divisions melted as ice in the sun. Who could number or reckon the guns, the ammunition and all the material which had to be abandoned to the pursuer.

The German troops could save nothing but their own lives and the collapse was complete. Those who formerly had been blind now recovered their sight, and Ludendorff urged on the completion of an immediate armistice.

This was necessary for Germany for the retreating masses could no longer be restrained. They had long been weary of fighting—now they only longed to return home. Of what possible advantage could even a successful resistance be?

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It was then only that the revolution broke out in Germany. It was the natural consequence of the military collapse, for with it the power and authority of the political system also collapsed. Any attempt to represent the sequence of events as inverted is a mere impertinent lie and transparent demagogy. Fears were even entertained that the Field Army was wholly ignorant of the course of events and might be employed by reactionary officers against the revolution at home. Thus, on November 18, regiments were met with, which either knew nothing of what had happened at home or else had very extraordinary ideas upon the subject. The troops on the lines of communication were better-informed as to the course of events. They hailed the revolution.

Fearing lest the troops from the front might be misled by the officers, they proceeded to disarm many regiments as they passed through. They were not without justification for their fears, for the Supreme Command was not able to premeditate capitulation before a Government had been established by the Revolution.

Far-reaching measures had been adopted some time past to protect the Emperor, who had taken refuge at G.H.Q., as well as members of the General Staff, these, however, declared at a meeting held on November 8th, against the use of arms against their fellow-countrymen.

That sanguinary conflict between the revolutionary working classes at home and the field army were avoided is to be ascribed to the credit of the Soldiers' Councils. This is clearly proved by the congress of the Soldiers' Councils held at Bad Ems on the 1st and 2nd December, 1918. The representatives of the army took their stand upon the ground of the revolution and raised no political claims.

The opponents of the revolution carried on their work by specious arguments devoid of all truth. This is not to be wondered at. They cannot shake themselves free of lies for their whole world is one of mendacity and deceit. They are only able to maintain their hold owing to the blind confidence of the German Michel, who has not changed his character despite the world-war and the revolution.

REMEMBRANCE.

A sweet voice singing! Straightway the dim day
Melts into gold before my spell-bound eyes;
I see again the radiant sun of May,
The cloudless blue of summer skies.

Oh! Summer time, enchanted days of bliss!
Cool, cloistered garden where red poppies grew—
What matter the starved years, since memory holds this;
Mid-summer skies, love's thrill, and—you?

LIONEL VERNEY.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

PAINT AND POWDER.

Sir,—I also was on leave recently, as well as "Anti-Paint", and must contradict his statement. If the painting and powdering is to be found anywhere it is in the vicinity of London, and I found no difference in the girls' appearance from what it was two years ago.

Anyhow, why should "Anti-Paint" interfere? If he wanted to grease his hair or wear a monocle I suppose he would do so. Whether English girls look like "third-rate chorus girls," or not, they have done their bit during the past four years. "KINGSTON."

OFFICER'S CLUB SUGGESTIONS.

Sir,—My last visit to Cologne was during the recent hot weather, when one needed a plentiful supply of iced drinks, but I learned to my surprise that they were unobtainable at the officers' club from 14.30 to 19.00.

Therefore it was necessary to repair to some authorised German café, where not less than 20 marks was demanded for anything at all fit to drink. Cannot the management make provision for the sale of "soft drinks" at all hours between the opening and closing of the club?

Another point. Although the sale of intoxicants ceases at 22.00; is it not possible to serve non-alcoholic drinks and coffee after that hour?

"OUTPOST."

ACHTUNG!

Sir,—In several shops in the Hohestrasse and Schildergasse are exhibited what, at first glance, appear to be genuine American-made "Gillette" blades. The familiar trade-mark and usual words and numbers are all stencilled on the blade, and it is only when one comes to shave that the fraud is discovered.

But the correct price, which happens to be twice that of the usual German-made blades, is charged. SAPPER J. C. C.

A TRAIN SUGGESTION.

Sir,—The Express trains between Bonn and Cologne at present stop at Marienburg; this halting place is seldom used except by golfers.

If the trains could stop at Rodenkirchen Station, it would be of the greatest advantage to the golfers of Bonn, by saving them a walk of half a mile, and I am sure would cause no inconvenience to the general public.

Perhaps someone in authority may be able to do something in this matter. "BOGEY."

DEBATING SOCIETIES—AND OTHERS.

Sir,—Your correspondent W.D., mentions that "much will be done in this direction with the approach of winter," also that "it is next to impossible to arouse interest in any indoor gathering just now."

But I want to suggest another society which will not mean indoor discussion. The open fields, hills, stone quarries, and the running streams are the objects which interest members of geological societies.

May I suggest that, in almost every unit of the Rhine Army may be found men who are willing to devote both time and brains to the study of geology.

Could not geological societies be formed and instructed under the guidance of competent teachers? If these latter could not be found why not establish a special department in each divisional college which would furnish units with instructors? R.M.

CLUB HOURS.

Sir,—If I could be sure that the many British ladies in Cologne do not read "The Cologne Post" I would make a suggestion about the hours for the club they so excellently manage for us.

But the probability is that they read each line of every number printed. This even though there is no column devoted to fashion plates and crocheting; no paragraphed wrinkles for the kitchen and the housenold.

The suggestion I would make is that they extend the hours during which the clubs are open in the evening. The majority, I believe, close down between 7.30 and 8.30; after then the soldier must hie him to his barracks, or saunter around the streets and perhaps call at another kind of refreshment house a together.

But I would not have the ladies think that we do not appreciate their tedious work on our behalf. We know that their husbands and fathers are also needing them at home, and proudly we shall remember their dilligence and patience. W.

CARS FOR O.R's.

Sir,—I saw an announcement that officers may now have their motor-cars and motor-cycles imported into the country in which they are serving.

But there are many N.C.O's and men in possession of motor-cycles (and quite a few with cars!) who would like the privilege extended to them also.

The writer, for one, would be delighted to have his motor-cycle and side-car with him, and gladly pay all expenses entailed by such a privilege. PRIVATE X.

TRAMWAYS—A CRITICISM.

Sir,—Your correspondent in "Echoes from Rhineland" is full of admiration for Rhineland tramways.

In my opinion, Cologne-Bonn and Bonn-Siegburg "half hour services" correspond more to our electric suburban trains than to our exellent "eight or 10 minute local tramway services."

An inspection of the up-to-date methods employed at Bradford, Yorkshire, would perhaps surprise him—especially the patent "Trackless Tram"!

And you know how cosy the tops of our tramcars are. J.P.K.

TENNIS FOR O.R's—GOOD NEWS.

Sir,—With reference to "Racket's" letter in your issue of Friday re tennis for other ranks in Cologne, tennis courts have been secured for G.H.Q. troops and a club formed.

Will "Racket" please communicate with Cpl J. H. Williams, office of D.G.T., Room 326, at the Excelsior Hotel.

T. H. FRAME
Corporal,
Secretary, G.H.Q., Troops Tennis Club.

THE VICTORY LOAN.

Sir,—I hope all ranks of the Rhine Army are taking up the Victory Loan.

With the present increased pay and the bonus, everybody ought to be able to buy at least one bond.

If that were done the Rhine Army might easily have the honour of helping our country to the tune of two million pounds sterling.

"JOY."

THE BANTAM-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

TOMMY NOBLE DEFEATED.

W. ROSS INFLICTS HEAVY PUNISHMENT AT N.S.C.

At the National Sporting Club on Monday evening, Walter Ross, Glasgow, beat Tommy Noble, Bermondsey, in the tenth round in the contest for the Bantam-Weight championship of Great Britain and the Lonsdale belt.

Ross beat Noble in speed and generalship and from the second round was the only one in it. Ross repeatedly penetrated Noble's defence, and the end came half-way through the tenth round when the seconds threw in the towel. Noble never seemed able to get going and when he made an effort, more often than not, missed. H was repeatedly forced on the rope, where Ross inflicted a severe punishment.

BOXING AT THE RING.

Boxing at the ring on Monday evening, Johnny Sheppard knocked out Driver Fred Housego, R.F.A., in the second of a 20 round contest. Pte. Hughes, West Kents, beat Bill Lee, Camberwell, in two rounds.

JOHNNY BASHAM KNOCKED DOWN.

Johnny Basham has been knocked down and injured by a motor cycle at Newport, Mon.

SWORD v. LANCE.

CUPS AND MEDALS PRESENTED AT MILITARY "TOURNEY."

The Prince of Wales was present at the Naval, Military and Royal Air Force Tournament at Olympia on Monday and presented cups and medals in the following competitions:—

Sword v. Lance (officers):— Lieut. Eibler, 5th Lancers; Lieut. Airey, East Lancs.

Sword v. Sword championship:— Lieut. Reid, 20th Hussars; Lieut. Sturt, 20th Hussars; S.C.M. Rateliff, 1st Life Guards.

Dummy Thrusting:— Lieut. Brill, 5th Lancers; Capt. Joslin, 11th Hussars.

Charging (officers):— Lieut. Sturt; Lieut. Reid.

Tug-of-War:— 1, Irish Guards beat No. 1 A.R.D., R.A.

THE HEAVY-WEIGHT TITLE.

LATEST WILLARD-DEMPSEY CONTEST GOSSIP.

The American papers are pretty full of the Jess Willard and Jack Dempsey contest, to be decided at Toledo on Friday afternoon, for the title of world's heavy-weight champion, which Willard gained by beating down Jack Johnson at Havana in the spring of 1915. It is a "big" event in every sense of the world, for Willard is the most massive specimen of manhood who has ever held the championship—he stands 6ft 6in high and weighs 18st or more—and his opponent is small, only by comparison, for Dempsey also tops 6ft and scales about 14st; the purse money totals the record sum of £30,000, and it is expected that the attendance will surpass all previous figures for a boxing contest.

Short Fight Anticipated.

It is not considered probable that Dempsey will allow it to be a long-drawn-out affair like that at Havana, for he is far more impetuous and less calculating that Johnson, and as it is regarded as certain that he will go in to "have a fight," his victory or defeat in a few rounds is looked for.

Twelve months ago (writes "Straight Left" in "Sporting Life"), it was predicted that Willard would never box again, because he was putting on weight to such an extent as to make training an impossibility. He was then said to weigh well over 20st. But from American exchanges we learn that Jess was far from being the fat and unweildy man Bat Masterson and others had painted him, and that, after a fairly severe course of training, which is now nearing its close, he will scale about 18st. Even so, he is a huge man, and it is only because of Dempsey's youth and aggressiveness, and speed and power of hitting, that the challenger is considered to have a chance of becoming champion. There is no gainsaying Dempsey's punch, which has laid his opponents low, one after the other, during the last two years—with the exception of Billy Miske, of St. Paul, who boxed no-decision bouts with him of 10 and 6 rounds respectively. But Dempsey's opponents were not supermen like Willard.

EXCITING SOCCER.

5/6 ROYAL SCOTS v 1/4 SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS.

The above match took place on Sunday at Ohligs, the match being the result of a challenge. The teams had met twice before, and on each occasion the result had been 3—2, in favour of the Royal Scots. A great deal of interest was aroused by the match, which attracted a large crowd, and before the finish, excitement rose to fever-heat. The game ended with the same score as on the two previous occasions.

Gold opened the scoring for the 5/6th from a corner kick, Handon bringing the sc re to 2—0 with a beautifully timed header which gave the Seaforth goal-keeper no chance. Walker scored for the Seaforth with a lovely shot, following some good combination by the Highlanders. Half time came with the score 2—1.

Hanton the 5/6 centre-forward, scored again shortly after the second half started, getting his head on a good cross from Euman the Royal Scots outside left. About seven minutes before time, the Seaforth scored again, reducing the lead to 3—2, and the match finished amid great excitement, with the Highlanders pressing.

"GUNS" v. "HOWS."

"CATCH OF THE SEASON" AT GEISINGEN.

Bright cricket was witnessed at Geisingen on Saturday, when 195 Siege Battery entertained 121 Heavy Battery. The visitors batted first upon winning the toss, this being the fifth time in succession the coin had fallen in their favour. The first wicket yielded 25 runs, Major J. P. Jordan, M. C., and Sig.-Sergt. Banks playing steady cricket. The dismissal of Major J. P. Jordan, M. C., is worthy of note. The ball, being cut hard to point, rebounded from the fielder, and was eventually held by the home wicket-keeper, thus perhaps making the "catch" of the season.

The "Hows" took advantage of the many chances given in the field, and were able to compile 74. For the home team Gr Leach took 5 wickets for 32 runs, and Gr. Holt 2 wickets for 0 runs. The "Hows" found the deliveries of Sig.-Sergt. Banks and Bdr. Hartfield very difficult to deal with. The former obtained 7 wickets for 5 runs, and the later 2 wickets for 18 runs.

RUSH FOR BLUE JERSEYS.

14 SIEGE BATTERY v. 142 HEAVY BATTERY AT STOTZHEIM.

A football match was playded between 14 Siege Battery and 142 Heavy Battery on the former's ground at Stotzheim on Friday night. Some delay was caused in starting owing to both teams turning out in blue jersies. As the Siege had a reserve stock in the Q.M. stores, however, this was soon remedied. The "Siege" broke away, and after some fine combination Evans opened the score. 14 took the ball from the kick-off up to the "Heavies" goal and in less than three minutes Cpl. Ritchie again scored for the "Siege." The "Heavies" broke away and made a rush for the "Siege" goal and a good shot was saved by Bdr. Tenner, the "Siege" goalie, but he was not quick enough in clearing it, several of the "Heavies" falling on him and Tenner lying on the ball till the referee intervened and gave a goal-kick. At half time the "Siege" led 2—0.

In the second half the play was chiefly in the "Siege" half. The "Heavies" were very erratic in their shooting using too much elevation. On one occasion the "Heavies" goalie used the same tactics as Tenner did in the first half. About 16 minutes before time 14 again broke away and Capt. Harris scored the third goal for the "Siege." A clean fast game ended in a win for 14 Siege Battery by 3 goals to 0.

No. 6 RAILWAY TELEGRAPH COY. (282 for 7) v. 18th A.A.H.T. COY. (31), at Mülheim on Sunday. The 6th R.T.C. scored 282 for seven wickets in 2½ hours. Lieut. H. M. Chrystall, R.E., 138 (not out), and L/Cpl. T. Hoper 44, were the chief scorers, and the bowling of Cpl. Fish (5 wkts. for 13) and L Cpl. Hooper (4 wkts. for 18), proved very troublesome to the A.A.H.T.

GENTS v. PLAYERS.

PROFESSIONAL SIDE SELECTED FOR THE OVAL MATCH.

On Saturday we published the names of the amateurs chosen for the Gentlemen v. Players match at Kennington Oval on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The team to represent the professionals has now been selected, one place being left open.

The ten certainties are:

J. T. Tyldesley (Lancashire).
J. W. Hearne (Middlesex).
E. Hendren (Middlesex).
J. W. Hobbs (Surrey).
F. E. Woolley (Kent).
W. Hitch (Surrey).
H. Strudwick (Surrey).
A. Kennedy (Hampshire).
P. Mead (Hampshire).
G. Brown (Hampshire).

POLO MATCHES.

At Ranelagh, on Monday in the opening tie in the Handicap tournament for military teams, the 2nd Life Guards beat the Royal Horse Guards by 6 goals to 5.

Afterwards there was a game between the Wanderers and Ranelagh, when the former won by 6 goals to 5. At Hurlingham the Northamptonshire Yeomanry beat the Scouts by 4—1.

FOOTBALL SUSPENSIONS.

The Football Association calls attention to the fact that the following resolution has been passed by the Council:—

"The suspension of all suspended persons formerly connected with the game who have sacrificed their lives for their country shall be removed, and the record expunged. The secretary shall on being informed of the address of the widow or near relative of any such person notify them of the pleasure of the Council in being able to remove the suspension and clear the record."

OFFICERS v. SERGEANTS.

The 16th Lancashire Fusiliers played an interesting match at Nieder Menden on Saturday, between officers and sergeants. The officers batted first and scored 112. Capts. Boden and Potts each scored 23, the latter not out. Lieut.-Col. Woodcock, the C. O., contributed a polished 16, and was a tower of strength behind the stumps. The sergeants were saved by C.Q.M.S. Bewicke, who, going in 1st wicket, was not out for 46. Their total was 76.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

UNBEATEN RECORD.

52nd CHESHIRES (170 for 7 wickets) v. 3 COY., WESTERN DIV. TRAIN, R.A.S.C. (32) at Bornheim on Saturday. For the winners Lieut. Pollock ran up the fine total of 76, and Sergt. Allen 46. Pte. Gould took 5 wickets for 8 runs, and Lieut. Gatheridge 5 for 14. Bowling for the losers Pte. Archer took 3 for 19. The 52nd Cheshires have thus preserved their unbeaten record in the competition.

64th FIELD COY. R.E. (59) v. 90th FIELD COY. R.E. (41). For the 64th, Sapper Whelbrand made 19, and L/Cpl. Gulleward 16. Sapper Pratley bowled 6 for 23. Capt. Read scored 17 for the 90th, and Lieut. Jacobs bowled 6 for 21.

OTHER RESULTS.

52nd Manchesters	64
52nd Cheshires	56
83rd Army Bde. R.G.A.	53
9th Corps H.A.	24
161 Bde. R.F.A.	102
6th Corps Signals Coy	50

COLOGNE TOWN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
70 Squad. R.A.F.	6	5	1	10
Cav. Div. H.Q.	4	3	1	8§
53 Sherwoods	4	2	2	8§
Army H.Q. Sig. Coy.	5	3	2	6
Adv. Supply Depot.	5	3	2	6
Cav. Div. A.C.	5	3	2	6
2 Water Tank Coy.	4	3	1	6
51 D.L.I.	4	3	1	6
"R" A.A. Bty.	4	3	1	6
17 Lancers	3	3	0	6
52 Northumberland Fus.	3	3	0	6
9 D.L.I.	3	2	1	4
4 R. Sussex	2	2	0	4
51 Aux. Bus Coy.	4	1	3	2
Bakeries Sports Club	3	1	2	2
5 Railway Teleg. Coy.	3	1	2	2
"G" Bty. R.H.A.	3	1	2	2
3 Cav. Field Amb.	4	0	4	0
A.A. Searchlight Section	4	0	4	0
A.P.O. Cologne	3	0	3	0
9 L.T.M.B.	3	0	3	0
51 Northumberland Fus.	2	0	2	0
24 Vet. Hospital	1	0	1	0
53 Northumberland Fus.	1	0	1	0
1/5 Devons	1	0	1	0
2 Bde. R.A.F.	0	0	0	0

§ points awarded for scratched matches.

LATEST CRICKET RESULTS.

BRACE OF CENURIES AT THE OVAL.

In the match between Lancashire and Surrey, at the Oval on Monday, the Lancs wickets were falling fairly fast when Norbury (fifth man in) ran up 100 in fine style. Few balls passed him unpunished. To Surrey's total, Hobbs contributed 106.

At Leyton, Hendon kept his position as the season's leading batsman, making 128 in a couple of hours and reaching his 1000 runs for the season.

For Kent, in the match with Yorkshire at Leeds, Hardinge 79, (not out) was the only batsman to exceed a score of runs.

Scores:—

Middlesex, 579, drew with Essex, 349 and 170 for five.

Kent 169; Yorkshire 54 for five.

Lancashire, 243; Surrey 234 for five.

M.C.C., 285; Oxford University 103 for two.

WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIPS.

RESULTS OF QUALIFYING ROUNDS FOR GENTS' SINGLES.

At Wimbledon on Monday the qualifying rounds for the gents' singles concluded, the following being the results:—

Kingscote beat O'Hara Wood 3—2; Garland beat Thomas 3—0; Ritchie beat Dixon 3—1; Patterson beat Gobert.

Ladies' singles:— Mrs. Satterthwaite beat Mrs. Winch; Mlle. Lenglen beat Miss McKade; Miss Ryan beat Mrs. Parton; all at 2—0. Mrs. Beamish beat Mrs. Edgington 2—1.

Ladies' doubles:— Mrs. Armstrong and Miss Manser beat Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Lamb 2—0; Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Holman beat Mrs. Silver and Mrs. O'Neill 2—1.

Gents' Singles:—Patterson beat Doust 3—0; Kingscote beat Decugis 3—2; Dixon beat Mathex 3—1; Thomas beat Davis 3—1; Gobert beat Heath 3—1;

Mixed Doubles:— Mrs. Greville and Woosnam beat Miss Foster and McIlguham 2—0; Miss Ryan and Lycett beat Mrs. Cobb and Thompson 2—0; Mrs. Parton and Mavrogordato beat Miss McKane and Tindell Green 2—0; Mrs. Beamish and Wett beat Mrs. Walker and Fisher 2—0;

Ladies' Doubles:—Mrs. Sterry and Mrs. Beamish beat Miss Hadeglia and Miss Dransfield 2—0; Mrs. Hall and Miss Homan beat Mrs. Edginton and Mrs. Hextall 2—0.

Gents' Doubles:—Donisthorpe and Grace beat Wilford and Hick 3—0.

SERVICE MEN DEBARRED.

N.A.R.A. CREW REJECTED BY HENLEY STEWARDS.

APPEAL TO THE KING.

Much dissatisfaction has been caused in Service circles with the decision of the Henley Stewards who rejected the entry of the crew, composed of Service men, entered by the National Amateur Rowing Association for the Allied eight oared race for the King's Cup.

The reason is said to be because the men are not amateurs in the eyes of the Stewards. The following telegram has been sent to the King by the executive of the N.A.R.A.:—

Eight British soldiers who have fought for their country, members of the N.A.R.A., who are amateurs under every rule recognised in British sport, appeal to your Majesty to see justice done them by being allowed to compete in your cup race for the Allied Eights at Henley. They have reason to believe the entry was rejected for class distinctions, when entries from Overseas and Allied Forces are accepted, whose qualifications are similar to those of the appellants. Unless the N.A.R.A. entry is accepted we appeal to your Majesty to withdraw the Cup.

VERY FAST RUNNING.

OLYMPIC GAMES RECORD EQUALLED AT INTER-ALLIED SPORTS.

The inter-Allied sports were continued on Monday in Paris. Very fast running was witnessed in the first two heats of the 800 metres relay race, both of which were won in 1 min. 33 1-5 sec. America won the first heat from Australia, and in the second Canada beat France for first place.

The final of the 110 metres hurdles was won by the American crack, Simpson, who equalled the Stockholm Olympic games record of 15 1-5 sec. In the 200 metres race Lindsay (New Zealand) and Haliburton (Canada), prominent performers at recent English meetings, qualified for the final, winning their heats in 22 2-5 sec. and 22 3-5 sec. respectively, the former's heat being the fastest at the meeting. One only Englishman, Tittle, competed, and he ran third in a slow heat (53 1-5 sec.) of the 400 metres race.

RACING FIXTURES.

JULY.

Claremorris	1	Lingfield	11, 12
Newmarket	1, 2, 3, 4	Haydock Park	11, 12
Carlisle	1, 2	Down Royal	14, 15
Bellewstown	2, 3	Newmarket Second July	15, 16, 17
Worcester	3, 4	Limerick	17
Alexandra Park	5	Gort	18
Phoenix Park	5	Sandown Park	18, 19
Nottingham	7, 8	Ayr	19, 21
Bibury Club (Salisbury)	8, 9, 10	Leicester	21, 22
Limerick Junc	9, 10	Curragh	22, 23, 24
Pontefract	9, 10		

FOOTBALL MATCHES.

B COMPANY v. A COMPANY 41st M.G.C.

Saturday afternoon saw these two companies contesting a fine sporting game. The feature of the opening stages was an attack on A Company's goal, Marsden saving cleverly from Jackson. A Company beat off the home side's strong attacks, and after a clever piece of work by their left wing the centre failed with the final shot. B Company got to work again and this time were rewarded. Sergt. Stoney let in Wright who made no mistake with a low drive after twenty minutes play. A Company then strove hard to get the equalising goal, but their forwards were weak in front of goal. Midfield play followed, and when the whistle blew for half time B Company were leading by 1—0.

The second half found A Company's goal once more in trouble, Marsden tipping a hot drive from Wright over the bar, the corner-kick being fruitless. The visitors' forwards strove hard to get on level terms, but Randall and Gorrord proved too good for them. Another attack on A Company's goal was made by Jackson, who passed inside to McCoy for the last named to put B Company further ahead after fifty minutes play. Plenty of midfield play followed, but there was no further scoring, B Company thus running out winners by 2—0.

"STARS" AND "STRIPES" AT HAAN.

This game between the "Stars" and "Stripes" of the 16th H.L.I. was played at Haan last week and created great interest. Play in the opening stages was very even. The officers scored first, through their centre-forward, Capt. Dean, and almost immediately the sergeants equalised. At half-time the offcers led by 3 goals to 2.

The second period was even more hotly contested. Capt. Lean and Lieut. Mathie scored for the officers, but, try as they might, the sergeants could only add one to their total. The end came with the officers victorious by 5 goals to 3. Capt. Lean scoring 4 out of the 5. Thus ended a most enjoyable game, and those present, who included the C.O., Lieut.-Col. Kyle, C.M.G., D.S.O., were delighted with the good-natured rivalry shown by both teams.

16th H.L.I. v. 11th ROYAL SCOTS.

The above teams met at Haan on Saturday before a very large turnout of onlookers. At the start, the Royals, who were the heavier team, pressed, but could make no impression on the rock-like defence of the H.L.I. At half-time neither team had scored.

The second half opened with a burst-away by the H.L.I., who, although playing against the wind, immediately took the game in hand. After several narrow escapes, the Scots goal fell to a splendid drive by Cpl. Wilson. Tombin, at inside right, was prominent for the Scots with some pretty play. With no further scoring, an exciting game ended in a win for the 16th H.L.I. by one goal to nil.

THE STEWARDS CUP.

INTERESTING SWEEP ARRANGED.

We understand that the Motor Transport Depot are organising a sweep for the Stewards Cup on July 29th. The prizes will be given in War Bonds. Units desiring tickets should apply to 2nd Lieut E. S. Morgan, Motor Transport Depot, Army of the Rhine.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, July 2, 1919.

Wind mainly South to South-west 10-15 m.p.h. Cloudy, occasional rain. Slightly milder. Fair visibility.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Drama in Cologne.

In a G.R.O. of recent date, Commanding Officers are asked to provide all facilities possible to all ranks to take part in the Rhine Army Dramatic Company's activities. The order proceeds to announce that the Company has been formed to produce three-act plays every other week at the Deutsches Theatre, Cologne, from which it may be supposed that the original idea of arranging tours throughout the whole area has been altered.

"The Importance of being Earnest."

The unravelling of the most extraordinary and persistent complications through the agency of bright aphorisms, pointed dialogue and brilliant satire forms the basis of Oscar Wilde's comedy, "The Importance of being Earnest." The play is full of possibilities in the hands of talented performers, but the acting must be first rate, if justice is to be done to them. The British Rhine Army Dramatic Society embraces the necessary talent. From the ever increasing influx of members, Lieut. S. E. Percy, H.L.I., who produced the play at the Deutsches Theatre, Cologne, on Monday, selected a caste of such excellence as to delight a crowded house by their presentation. From start to finish, the theatre, echoed with ripples of merriment produced by the ludicrous situation and the bright humour of the book.

Players who Scored.

Major A. J. C. Pollock R.G.A., and Lieut. Percy were fully occupied throughout the whole evening as John Worthing, G. C. and Algernon Moncrieff respectively and each performed his task skilfully and with agreeable ease of movement. Miss Shirley King as Fairfax and Miss Gaorielle Paul as Cecily Cardew submitted charming impersonations of two girls very much in love, while Miss Inez Bensusan made a wonderfully successful Lady Brocknell, the iron-willed lady of society. Lieut. J. H. Hope, R.E. already having appeared in a similar role previously, was allotted the part of the Rev. Canon Chasable, D.D., which was in every way satisfactory. Miss Beale made a prim Miss Prism (the governess) while Lieut. H. L. Farwell R. F., was duly impressive as Lane, Moncrieff's servant. "S. O. S." was apparently brought along at the last minute to perform as Merriman (a butler) and he will improve as he loses his self-consciousness. The Dramatic Company will submit "The Title," by Arnold Bennett on July 14th.

25th General Hospital.

Being in hospital is always a wearisome business, and anything that helps to break the monotony comes as a Godsend. Any concert parties, therefore, who would care to cheer up their less fortunate comrades would greatly oblige by communicating with Capt. the Rev. Thomas, or 2/Lt. A. O. Priston, 25th General Hospital, Wiesdorf.

Individual Concert at Wiesdorf.

To give an entertainment off one's own bat for an hour and a half without pause is by no means a small achievement, and this is what Miss Sara Silvers, the brilliant mezzo-soprano, does nightly to units of the Rhine Army. Miss Silvers, who has been three years in France, on Saturday appeared at the 25th General Hospital at Wiesdorf, and gave her performance before several hundred patients. Possessing a voice of great power and range, she opened with a couple of light songs, and then, passing quickly to the more serious side, she gave in fitting fashion "The Stoker of the Lusitania," an item which evoked rounds of applause. This was followed by "Roses of Picardy," and "Joan of Arc," and, after other numbers, Miss Silvers concluded her entertainment with a new version of the National Anthem.

A Belated Programme.

An officer of dignified rank visited one of the Cologne places of entertainment recently and it was not until the performance was concluded that he realized that he had been referring to a programme three weeks old!

"House Full."

The ability of the "Tabs" Concert Party to attract audiences has been conclusively proved by the announcement of the business department at the Apollo Theatre, Cologne, in connection with last week's performances of the new revue "Well I'm —." Even standing room was at a premium on most evenings, but from Monday to Saturday there was not a single seat available quarter of an hour after the curtain rose. This is a record at the Apollo since the Army of Occupation took possession, and the "Tabs" are to be congratuled on the success they deservidly achieved.

"The Chevrons".

The Chevrons Concert Party after their successful tour of the Cologne area are at present rehearsing new programmes at Hastenrath. This battery concert party, I am informed, has been taken over by the 41st Brigade, R.G.A., and with the aid of a new comedian and female impersonator from the disbanded Brigade party it is anticipated that the show will be better than ever. The "Chevrons" are due to appear at the Orphanage Theatre, Düren this week.

"The Owlers" at Brühl.

The 29th Bde. Concert Party, "The Owlers", visited Brühl on Thursday night and gave a very entertaining show. Brisk and bright and splendidly staged, it is difficult to pick out any specially outstanding feature in the programme. Comedy bubbles throughout the performance, and Bdr. Davidson, Pioneer Evans, and Gunner Liebfield were very successful in that line. Bdr. Broome and Bdr. Walker are vocalists of ability; Bdr. Pawson ventriloquist, was responsible for much mirth; Pioneer Corner in the "Shooting of Dan McGrew" was seen to advantage; and Lieut. Palin and Driver Tulton in songs and dances were also a big success. A very amusing sketch "Producing a Cinema Drama", wound up a very delightful show.

JACQUES.

Lawn Tennis Tournament.

For Members of the Officers Sports Club only.

Commences at Lindenthal Tennis Club on July 7th.

Entries with entrance fees must reach the Secretary, attd. 6th Corps H.Q. by July 3rd.

Open events (Ladies, gentlemen or mixed) 20 marks each player, handicap ditto 15 marks each player.

Players will not be required to play matches unless they wish to do so on July 10th or 12th, the dates fixed for the race meeting.

The draw will take place on July 4th and will be posted at the Club house on that day.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Auteuil Receipts.

The receipts on Grand Steeplechase day at Auteuil totalled about £18,000.

Swansea Town.

Swansea Town have signed on J. Denoon, the ex-Chelsea and Norwich City goalkeeper.

Scottish XI v. Australians.

A team has been selected to represent Scotland against the Australians, at Edinburgh to-day and to-morrow. J. Kerr, Greenock, captains the Scottish XI.

Public School Cricket.

It has to be confessed thus far through the season that the Public School cricket sides are once more being carried on the shoulders of their captains.

Two-Day Matches.

This is the first, and I do not hesitate to assert that it will be the last, season of confining first-class championship matches to two days. — "Cover Point" in *Sporting Life.*

Midlands Record.

At a meeting of the Birmingham Police Sports Committee it was announced that the profits from the recent sports at Villa Park amounted to £1 £1,107 8s 11d a record for any meeting ever held in the Midlands.

Bob Marriott's Titles.

The new light-weight champion of England, Bob Marriott, won the A.B.A. title on two occasions, in 1912 and 1914, but it is not so well known that he also won the amateur championships of Denmark and Austria.

London Flying Club.

One of the principal social events of this month will be the formal opening of the new social and sporting club at Hendon, which has been launched under the title of the London Flying Club. The president is Lord Lonsdale.

Joe Lynch.

Joe Lynch, the American bantam-weight who gave Wilde such a tremendous fight when they met at the National Sporting Club, is going back to England, and will be a spectator of the Welshman's contest with Moore and a challenger of the winner.

Liverpool F.C.

In the list of players signed on for Liverpool appear the names of Pursell, Sheldon, Tom Miller (formerly suspended) Harry Lowe, Elisha Scott (Ireland's goalkeeper), John Miller (Hamilton) W. Lacey (back from Ireland), Pagnam, and Lucas (formerly Manchester United).

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COLOGNE RACES

1st DAY'S ENTRIES

2.00 p.m. MAIDEN RACE. (FIRST DIVISION.

Capt. Bathurst	Nene	Lieut. Lithgow	Marise
Capt. Lucas	I Wonder	Capt. Flynn	Billet Deux
Major Bagshaw	Coquette	Lieut. Paton	Coeur de Lion
Capt. Smith	Kitty	Lieut. Neill	Maid of the Mountains
Major Holmes	Dante	Maj.-Gen. Boyd	Mabel
Capt. Leahy	Shannon Lass	Lieut. Gaskell	Miss Cheek
Major Wright	Bellman	Lieut. Shirley	Pongo
Lieut. Lumsden	The Wasp	2/Lieut. Sergeant	Sunny Jim
Leut. Eykyn	Pousse l'Amour	Lieut. Douglas	Long Dog
Lieut. Matthews	Red Dawn	Lieut. Woods	The Spiff
Lieut. Arnold	Baby Mine	Lt.-Col. Lord	Maid Marion
Capt. Cavendish	Lily		

2.45 p.m. RHINELAND STEEPLE-CHASE.

Lt.-Col. Sir G. Armytage	Barbara	Lieut. Claydon	Concord
Capt. Montgomery	Iron Gate	2 Lieut. Rogers	Anthony
Capt. Cocksedge	Barney	Capt. Grahame	N[illegible]er
Brig.-Gen. Harman	George	2/Lieut. Forester	Tim
Lieut. Kelly	Buzz Buzz	Lieut. Elliott	Lady Betty
Major Sinclair	Winamere	Lieut. Hilder	Mad Hatter
Major Bather	Jimmy	Lieut. Usher	Golden Sunset

3.30 p.m. MAIDEN PLATE.

/Lieut. Wicks	Perhaps	Major Puckle	Squilver
Capt. Elrington	General Post	Capt. A. Beauchamp-Nobbs	Bubbles
Capt. Chamier	Paddy	Lieut. Neill	Maid of the Mountains
Lieut. Appleby	Peter II	Major Peatfield	Bruge
Major Parish	Nancy	Major Forsyth	Fantasy
Lieut. Parsons	The Parrott	Capt. Margeston	Diamond Lady
Major Glen	Jimmy	Capt. Clarke	The Virgin
Capt. Court	Tabaso	Major Cobb	Roy
Lt.-Col. Blake	Neddy	Major Keyser	Queen Anne
Lieut. Topham	Dolly Gray	Capt. Comber	Furlong
Capt. Birtles	Bobby	Lt.-Col. Elliott	De Why Not
Lieut. Roch	Mrs. Jock	Lt.-Col. Elliott	Dolly
Lt.-Col. Poole	Liancourt		

4.10 p.m. ROBERTSON PLATE.

Capt. Bathurst	Swan Song	Capt. Babington	Lucky Jim
Lt.-Col. Gill	Esmeralda	Capt. Adair	John Cording
Capt. Welham	Tommy G	Lieut. Straker	Ruby Light
Major Holmes	Dark Ronald	Maj. Phipps-Hornby	Digby Grand
Major Langley	Prince	Lieut. Roch	Patsy
Lieut. Docker	Duchess	Major Smith	Mystery
Lt.-Col. Harrison	Brigade Major	Lt.-Col. Steel	Thornaby
Capt. Body	Farmers Glory	Capt. Latham	Nolo
Capt. Cocksedge	Baubec	Lieut. Mitchell	Dublin Bay II
Lt.-Col. Shannon	Cavanagh		

4.55 p.m. MAIDEN RACE. (SECOND DIVISION.)

Lieut. Cheadle	Seidlitz Powder	Lieut. Robertson	Starlight
Major Hicks	Queenie	Brig.-Gen. Rotton	Beauty
Lieut. Tanner	Aeneas	Capt. Richardson	Nut
Lieut. Nicholson	Molly	Capt. Moore	Searchlight
Lieut. Bullen	Why not	Lieut. Ellerbeck	Polly
Major Heydeman	Johnny Walker	Major Greenlees	Flying Dutchman
Major Douglas	Rufus	Lieut. Wilson	Fourteen Points
Major Carruthers	B.O.S.	Lieut. Woodrow	Tim
Capt. Stapeley	Gordelphus	Lieut. Vidall	Lady
Lieut. Prior-Palmer	Biscuits	Capt. Storie	Hydroplane
Major Lord	Shylock		

5.35 p.m. WELTER STEEPLE-CHASE.

Major Vernet	Sergeant Major	Lieut. Terry	Zambuck
Capt. Hodgins	Paddy	Major Sin lair	Winamere
Lieut. Metge	Patricia	Major Smith	Captain
Major Needham	Polish Banker	Major Bather	Jimmy
Lt.-Col. Lord	Blue Devil	Lieut. Birley	Old Joe
Major Wood	O'Nobby	Lieut. McCreery	Kilbay
Brig.-Gen. Harman	George	Lieut. Lord Killeen	No End
Lieut. McFarlane	Yellow Peril	Lieut. Harris	Right There
Capt. Richardson	Bunty	2/Lieut. Wilson	Kate

6.15 p m. Maiden Race. (Third Division.)

Major Harman	Dolly	Lieut. Clerke	Warrior)
Lt.-Col. Irwin	Red Hackle	Capt. Latham	Phyllis
Capt. Mortimer	Lady Edith	Capt. Corrall	Princess
Lieut. Reid	Windmill	Lieut. Bulteel	Golden Syrup
Capt. Angler	Hielan Laddie	Capt. Staniforth	So Long
Capt. Roberson	Rock Dove	Lieut. Lees	Peggy
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Echoes from Rhineland.

Missed the Point.

In a Rhineland officers' mess the other day a new servant had been engaged. While serving the soup at dinner, the Mess President discovered that the new man had his thumb in the liquid, so the fact was pointed out. "Oh, it's all right, Sir," was his reply, "it's not at all hot!"

English as she is Wrote.

While no doubt, the German educational system is a splendid one, and the Germans are thorough in their undertakings, even "Homer nods" at times. The following examples of German drowsiness are culled from the card in a chemist's shop window, giving a list of articles for officers and soldiers:— "Hands-cream, loocking-glasses, bath-balts, tooth-picker, hair-card (we wonder what this is), broshes, talk-powder, shampoon, and boracic-sourness." To most troops stationed in Cologne the card in the photographer's window worded "Photography on post-card immediate to take," will be familiar. But, painted in large black lettering over a hairdressser's shop in a street not very far from the Officer's Club is the legend:— "Barber-Chop." A choice example of the humorous possibilities of a "little knowledge," and its attendant dangers, it somehow makes one think of Chinese executions, and many have avoided the place, going elsewhere for a shave.

Our Cinemas Best.

No doubt the German film trade suffered much by the war, but that can scarcely account altogether for the poor quality of the pictures to be seen in German cinemas. It would seem that Germany fails to possess a Mary Pickford or a Charlie Chaplain, and the comedy films mostly displayed are a combination of rough vulgarity and poor acting. Of course one great disadvantage to our men at German picture palaces is that the wording descriptive of the plots is not understood by the majority, and more enjoyment will generally be had by patronising our own Army cinemas.

The "Dom-Birds."

In a recent issue, reference was made to the birdlife on the Cathedral towers. A correspondent point out, that what were described as hawks are actually kestrels, and that there are two pairs of them. In April, he says, he went up the Cathedral with a pair of powerful Zeiss glasses on purpose to observe them. He adds that the birds described as rooks, are, as a matter of fact, jackdaws. Kestrels frequently nest on lofty buildings on the Continent, and the jackdaw is of course, wellk-nown to be a bird which makes its home on cathedrals and other high structures.

Name-Days.

A very pretty custom among the Roman Catholic Germans is that of holding a "Namenstag" or name-day. Each Christian name has a certain day of the year attached to it, as for instance Margareta, 13th July, Arnold, 18th July. On these days the Margaretas, and Arnolds, hold parties at which there is great rejoicing, singing, dancing, and drinking of healths. The majority of the German Protestants, however, celebrate birthdays, after our own custom.

Photography Expensive.

Not a few of our photographic readers are comparatively beginners, and perhaps they will be interested to learn how expenses worked out in pre-war days. Prices are sure to drop from their present abnormal height, both on the Continent and at home; perhaps competition will force them as low as they ever were, so that those who practise the hobby in these times need hardly fear it will become too expensive for them. Indeed, as experience lengthens, expenses often disappear and a credit balance comes instead.

Pre-War Costs.

Before the war it was possible to buy a quarter plate folding pocket camera for 28s; a similar one could not be had to-day in Cologne for less than 300 marks. Taking quarter-plates as a standard, the general price was 1s., a dozen and "backed" plates sold at 1s, 4d. Self-toning P.O.P., gaslight or bromide papers, were as a rule ten pieces for 6d; ordinary pieces running often to sixteen pieces the "tanner" packet. The developing expenses were also down considerably, a carton of metol-hydroquinone to make 8oz of fullstrength solution costing only 2½d; pyro-soda was little dearer; whilst it was possible to make nearly half a gallon of pyro-ammonia for 1s. 8d. Hypo was so cheap that one nearly lost respect for it, being about 2½d. a pound. These were the prices from retailers, and professionals generally managed things cheaper still.

Too Many "Cooks."

It has been noticed by many of our readers that the Rhineland system of street cleaning seems to be without that methodic means to an end with which the German nation is credited. In Bonn, for instance, from 06.30 to 08.00 all manner of folk can be seen sweeping a certain portion of the pavement. One morning this week, we hear, a tradesman's delivery van stopped outside a house and the man busied himself sweeping the path for some distance. Then a woman appeared, who also made an attack on the dirt. Some twenty boys next turned up armed with brooms, pails and other sanitary impedimenta and took their turn. Finally the dust collector's van arrived, into which was shovelled the accumulated result of these various activities.

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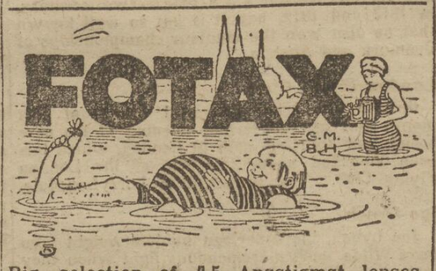

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The Daily Round.

One of the minor tragedies of the war is the fact that so many of our former pleasures have been converted into unpleasant duties by constant repetition. When once a thing becomes part of our ordinary day's work it at once loses its attraction for most of us. The disgust of a demobbed R.F.A. driver, who had just paid a joyous farewell to a couple of particularly stubborn mules, on being implored to spend one of his hard-earned tanners on a donkey-ride at the seaside — "'e won't 'urt you, sir, 'e's as quiet as a lamb" — would only be equalled by the lofty scorn of an ex-bombing instructor who was asked to try his hand at the cocoa-nut shies. What infantry-man will in future pay for the pleasure of smashing bottles in a shooting gallery, after four years of smashing Germans in Flanders? If you suggested a walking tour to an infantry officer, he would probably murmur something about the heat, and ring up the nearest brain specialist.

Alarmed at the Move.

Recently orders came through for one of our battalions to move closer to the Rhine, and the preparations for the mens' departure caused considerable excitement in the villages where they were quartered. One enterprising German stationer in a certain place, who specialized in souvenirs for the troops, ranging from Picket-haube helmets to miniature models of Cologne cathedral, hearing the news of an early move became greatly alarmed. It seemed that he had laid in a larger stock than usual, a few days before and not wishing this to become baddstock, he relieved his feelings by displaying this notice in his window in large red letters: "Selling Out at considerable determinated prices." The placard had the desired effect and by the evening none of his stock remained on his hands. The soldiers had bought every scrap of it.

Prizes for "Echoes."

The Editor of "*The Cologne Post*" wants to encourage all ranks of the Rhine Army to make use of their powers of observation and whenever any phase of life in the occupied territory strikes any of his readers or whenever they come across any unusual incident he would like to have a short paragraph about it. Such items should never exceed 150 words, and even shorter notes will be acceptable. Every day the sum of 10 marks will be given for the best sent in, and it should be borne in mind that in awarding the prize, more credit will be given to the subject than to the style of writing, so that lack of literary ability will be no deterrent to anyone. The envelope should have the word "Echoes" in the top left hand corner.

The daily prize of 10 marks is awarded to Lieut. K. Moore, D/50 Brigade R.F.A., Lowland Division, Rhine Army.

Answers to Correspondents.

2nd LT. H.L. CROWTHER:—The silver rosette is being worn at home, but we were not aware that it had appeared on the Rhine. Regret we cannot quote you anything but a newspaper authority.

"B.G.":—On discharge from the Army a man is given a certificate of character.

"R.E.":—Under the latest regulations men who served with the colours for seven or more consecutive days and were discharged as medically unfit, are eligible for the silver badge.

"ANXIOUS":—No space for demobilization queries.

"CAUGHT":—Any payment made is debited at the current rate of exchange.

"RE-ENLISTED":—We take it that you are receiving the ordinary leave. As to the special furlough it is a matter for your Commanding Officer, but you cannot claim it as a right at present, unless you are embarking for service overseas.

"NOBBY":—Writing offhand, we plump for the Yorkshire side as that which has held the most cricket championships for the past 20 years.

"J.B.M.":—Durbar II won the Derby in 1914.

H. A. HOUSE AND E. C. MERCER:—We cannot quote you the A.C.I. The paragraph was culled from an item of news. Apply to the Air Ministry.

THOMAS BLAKELY:—You are not qualified for demobilization, but there are many courses open to you. Consult your Education Officer, or get into touch with an Army College.

"POMPY":—We know that unauthorized decorations are being worn. The General Service and Allied ribbons are not yet authorised. We have not heard of the "Re-engagement Occupation ribbon."

L/CPL. HILL:—If you drew a horse which was scratched then you stand to lose your money unless there was a special rule governing this. Make enquiries at the Empire Leave Club.

"W.W.":—We think not. Your age and shortness of service would make you eligible for further service.

"GUNNER":—Your gratuity dates from enlistment. Our contention is that you are not entitled to the red chevron.

"2nd LIEUT.":—On demobilization, uniform may only be worn at gatherings of a military character.

Other queries will be dealt with in our next issue.—Ed.

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Amazing.—Tin has reached the fabulous price of £ 232 a ton.

Dea h Penalties.—The revolutionary tribunals at Odessa have ordered hundreds of executions.

False "Bradburys."—A large number of counterfeit Treasury notes are in circulation of la

Peace.— The troubles of most European countries are about to begin. Peace problems overshadow those of war.

Her Livery Stables.— A girl who drove a mail van in the war has now taken up the profession of a jobmaster.

High Death Rate.— Mortality among the French children is thirty per cent higher than before the war.

Comrades All.—Admiral Sir David Beatty has been urging the need for comradeship in facing the troubles and trials ahead.

Historic Message.—An aeroplane carried the Prime Minister's message to the King announcing the signature of the Peace Treaty.

Destroyed.—The searchlight station on the summit of Parliament Hill has been totally destroyed by fire.

For a Key.—A defendant told the Newport County Court judge that he had paid £40 for the key of a house.

Court News.—The King and Queen will not visit Goodwood this year, but it is possible that the Prince of Wales may.

Strike Pay.—Over £30.000have been disbursed in strike pay to cotton factory workers in Manchester and the immediate districts.

Gold Discovery.—Gold has been discovered along the line of the Algoma Central Railway, West Ontario.

Six Months.—Convicted of gross impropriety, a Presbyterian minister has been sentenced at the Old Bailey to six months' imprisonment.

Dublin Fights.—The signing of the Peace Treaty was marked in Dublin by conflicts between soldiers and civilians.

Prince of Wales.—The Prince of Wales is to be admitted a Bencher of the Middle Temple to-morrow.

Fertilisers.—Bomb detonators have been buried and exploded to fertilize the ground at Edmonton. A fine crop of oats resulted.

Aviation.—Mr. Gordon Selfridge recently did the journey from Hendon to Dublin and back by air in 6¾ hrs.

Peace Postcards.—It is estimated that 1,500,000 postcards were stamped on Saturday at the special Peace Conference post office at Versailles.

State Help.—The Treasury has agreed to provide £1 for every £1 raised and spent by charitable organizations at home for the relief of distress in Europe.

Consecration.—The consecration of the colours of the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 20th County of London Regt. has been performed by the Bishop of Woolwich.

New Robes.—Judge Parry on donning his new robes as a County court judge, remarked:—"Looks as if I had got my new sporting colours on."

Big Blaze.—Damage estimated at £100,000 was done at a fire which broke out on premises of the North British Railway Company at Springburn, Glasgow.

For the Disabled.—The L.C.C. in conjunction with the Ministries of Pensions and Labour, is responsible for handicraft classes for disabled service men.

Joffre's Simple Way.—Marshal Joffre's simple tastes on his visit to England were generally remarked upon. He did not wear the full-dress uniform he took with him.

Victory Gifts.—Subscription lists have been opened at Liége for the purpose of presenting to M.Clemenceau a victory statuette in gold, and to Marshal Foch, a sword with ivory hilt.

Quite Possible.—A pair of silk stockings was said to have led to the trouble which resulted in a Tottenham man and woman being legally separated.

Counterfeit Notes.—Over 500 counterfeit 10s. Treasury notes, an engraving stone, and metal discs were discovered by the police when a raid was made on a London house.

Reprisals.—Athlone Urban Council have decided not to allow the military to hold dances in the courthouse, "as a protest against the regime of militarism to which the town has been subjected."

War Service.—More than 7,000 clergy offered themselves for whole-time service with the troops. Commissions were given to 3,060, one hundred were killed and 178 wounded.

Bullet into School.—A headmaster told the Tottenham magistrate that a youth of 18 had fired a rifle from his bedroom window overlooking his school, sent a bullet through the school window, alarmed the children, and stopped work for 40 minutes.

State Sales.—The turnover of the Disposal Board, which is selling surplus Government property, has reached £200,000 a week. At a sale at Halifax, the sum of £1,050 was paid for a 6-ton Sentinel steam wagon which originally cost £750.

MISCELLANEOUS

SOUTHERN DIVISION RACE MEETING. Will Lieut. Harvie (?) owner of "Sulky" placed 3rd in The Goodwood Plate (1st Division) please notify the Hon. Secy., of his address and unit, in order that Stake Money may be orwarded. Final application.

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CHAOS OF SPARTACISM.

DATE OF PEACE CELEBRATIONS.

TERRIBLE BOLSHEVIST ATROCITIES IN RUSSIA.

CHAOS AT HAMBURG.

ARMY TAKES POSSESSION OF THE CITY.

The latest news from Hamburg is that the population is awaiting the entry of Government troops. General Vorbeck, with 30,000 men, numerous armoured cars and tanks, is ready to enter the town, and will undoubtedly do so, for Hamburg, besides being Germany's most important town, is also the depot for despatch of goods into the interior, and the authorities dare not allow it to be surrendered to Spartacist chaos.

It is reported from one source that Vorbeck's troops actually occupied the city at five o'clock on Monday morning, entering from three sides. There was no fighting. American food ships en route to Hamburg were ordered by wireless to change their course. No ships therefore have arrived during the past few days. It is reported that the number killed in street fighting before the military occupation was 545.

BOLSHEVISM!

TWO THOUSAND MURDERS IN ONE DISTRICT.

The American Consul at Omsk has forwarded to Washington, a startling report with regard to Bolshevist crimes in that area. It affirms that thousands of unoffending citizens have been slain and women outraged, and states that the melting snow has revealed two thousand corpses of people who were murdered in one single district.

The report is accompanied by hundreds of photographs in proof of the statements.

BELA KUN'S ATROCITIES.

Reports of atrocities are being published in Berlin with reference to Bela Kun's merciless methods. In Budapest the Bolshevists are completely masters of the situation, except for the revolt of peasants. These are well supplied with arms, but are always defeated in fighting owing to their lack of leaders. Famine must soon set in, and catastrophe is expected for the council and Government.

IN 1917.

GERMANY'S OFFER TO JAPAN.

Details of an offer made by Germany to Japan in 1917 have been published in Paris. The offer was that if the Eastern Empire would break faith with the Allies and throw in their lot with the Central Powers, the Kaiser undertook that she should be rewarded by the acquisition of the Dutch Colonies in Asia.

Japan immediately reported the offer to the Allies, who in turn did not allow the Dutch Government to remain in ignorance of the incident.

GERMANY AND ITALY.

A message from Amsterdam says that reports emanating from Berlin state that an alliance between Germany and Italy will shortly be ratified.

FRACAS AT BREST.

AMERICAN AND FRENCH SAILORS DISAGREE.

Serious collisions have occurred at Brest between French marines and American sailors. Several marines were wounded by the American military police, who were attacked and stoned by a mob. The Americans at first fired their revolvers in the air.

The military commandant ordered out several companies of infantry and the situation appears to be well in hand.

It has leaked out that several men were killed on both sides and many seriously injured. The authorities have been obliged to establish the strictest martial control. The disturbances originated in consequence of objectionable conduct and riotous behaviour of American soldiers and sailors awaiting departure for home. The censor has forbidden any reference in the French Press.

GENERAL SMITH-DORRIEN MUST WAIT.

In the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, Mr. Winston Churchill stated, in reply to a question, that General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien had asked permission to reply to the attack made by Lord French in his book "1914." The Army Council, however, felt that such a course would be undesirable.

Mr. J. S. Holmes (L. Derbyshire, N. E.): Can you state the reasons why the Army Council arrived at that decision?

Mr. Churchill: General Smith-Dorrien is a serving soldier at the present time.

Mr. Holmes said he would raise the matter on the adjournment of the House.

A republican officers union has been formed at Berlin in opposition to the monarchist officers.

BERLIN STRIKE.

NATIONAL FOOD SUPPLY IN DANGER.

The railway and tram workers strike at Berlin is said to be engineered by Communists with funds supplied by the Hungarian Soviet Republic.

Tramway employees in other cities announce their immediate intention of striking. Meetings which have taken place between the authorities and the men's leaders led to nothing but angry recriminations.

The consequences to the community are incalculable. All imports into Berlin have ceased and 9,000 wagons are awaiting entry. Valuable foodstuffs have perished and cattle have died of starvation. The food providing of the capital and of the whole nation is thus threatened.

Oeser, Minister of Transport, has ordered that workmen who do not resume work before Thursday 3rd July will be dismissed.

COUNCIL OF FIVE.

SPEEDING UP OUTSTANDING PEACE MATTERS.

The Council of Five, which now constitutes the supreme council of the Peace Conference, holds its first formal meeting next Wednesday. Plans for expediting the work have been discussed, and it has been decided that important notes, instead of being referred to the supreme council, which method of procedure might entail several days delay, shall go direct to the proper expert commission for examination and report. It is stated that treaties similar to that concluded with Poland, of which the main object is to safeguard the rights of minorities, will be entered into with Roumania and Szecho-Slovakia.

INDIA AND RUSSIA.

ALLEGED VIOLATION OF OFFICIAL PLEDGES.

So long as the position in India remains unsatisfactory, said Captain Guest to Mr. P.A. Hurd (Co. U., Frome) no troops could be withdrawn until reliefs took their place. He added that no short service men are being sent to India.

Mr. A. E. Waterson (Ind., Kettering), in questions to the Secretary for War about troops sent to North Russia, declared that during the last two months, despite pledges to the contrary, men had been sent there who were not volunteers, but were conscripted.

Mr. Churchill asked for details of cases, adding that in principle no one was sent to Russia against his will.

ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE.

POPULATION OF FLORENCE CAMPING OUT.

Latest reports from Tuscany state that the victims of the earthquake are numbered by hundreds. In Florence almost the entire population has taken up quarters in the open fields. The shocks were felt in Rome and Venice. In all there were eighty-four concussions.

OFFICIAL PEACE DAY.

It was announced by Mr. Bonar Law in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon that the 19th July will be the official date for the peace celebrations in London and the country.

A procession will be held in London in which the Navy, Army, Royal Air Force and Mercantile Marine will take part. Contingents of the United States troops will also participate.

GERMANS FROM TURKEY.

The steamer Gul Djeman has arrived at Bremen from Constantinople with troops of General Kress from the Caucasus and the remaining members of the German colony in Turkey. Of the troops under Admiral Hopmann 6,500 still remain at Salonica but are expected shortly to return to Germany.

INTERRUPTED FLIGHT.

The machine of Lieut. Le Maire, who attempted to effect a flight from Paris to Dakar (French West Africa) capsized at Port Etienne in Mauritania about 1,400 kilometers from Dakar, after having traversed 4,000 kilometres. Pilot and passenger were unhurt, but the machine was so damaged that the flight cannot be continued.

SPEECHES PREFERRED.

The German delegation at Paris has presented a note requesting that oral negotiations may be opened respecting the method of carrying out the occupation of Rhine territories.

According to Ukranian reports Ukranian troops have prevented any possible junction of Russian and Hungarian Bolshevists.

R. 34's FLIGHT.

NAVIGATION AND OTHER DIFFICULTIES OF THE TRIP.

Permission was given by the Air Ministry for the R 34 to start last night on the Atlantic flight, subject to present weather conditions remaining unchanged. Preparations for departure from the East Fortune aerodrome were completed yesterday afternoon and officers and crew were in the highest spirits.

Two battle cruisers, the Tiger and the Renown, are already on station in the Atlantic for the purpose of transmitting weather conditions at various points by wireless to the captain of the R 34. An effort will be made to arrive in America on Friday, which is Independence Day.

SIXTY TONS DEADWEIGHT.

From the following details of the problems and difficulties inseparable from the trans-Atlantic crossing it will be seen what a stupendous task the journey is. At a cruising speed of forty knots, which is attained by running three of the engines, the petrol consumption is slightly over one gallon per mile, a remarkably low consumption with each engine rated at 275 horsepower and the loaded airship weighing close upon sixty tons. At the commencement of the outward and homecoming journeys the total weights will be adjusted to allow of rise aerostatically to about one thousand feet. During the voyages variations in temperature and barometric pressure of the atmosphere, notably those which occur between day and night, will have the effect of altering the equilibrium and height of the airship, and as petrol and oil are consumed it will have a tendency to rise. Long Island will probably be approached at an altitude of two thousand feet.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION.

Navigation of the airship admits of more precise methods than are possible in the case of aeroplanes. It is more closely allied to navigation on the sea, though far more complicated, because the swiftly blowing and variously directed winds with which an air navigator has to reckon are without parallel in sea navigation. It therefore demands a higher degree of skill. On the accuracy of the navigator will depend the larger success of the flight. The navigator of R 34 will attempt to follow a "Circle" course from the North of Ireland to St. Johns, Newfoundland (that is roughly the curved line which appears upon Mercator's chart). Thence he will steer for Long Island via Halifax. The airship will thus pass to the North of the shipping lane to New York, but close to the track of ships bound to or from the St. Laurence. One advantage possessed by the air navigator over the seaman is his ability to determine the course he is "making good." Apart from methods of navigation by dead reckoning, the position of the airship can be determined with fair accuracy either by celestial observation by sextant or by wireless direction-finding apparatus. With this instrument it is possible to determine the direction of signals received. The point of interception of such bearings from known points on the chart gives the approximate position of the airship. Both celestial observations and wireless direction-finding are liable to error but the mean of several observations should give a close approximation of the true position.

WONDERFUL NEW DEVICES.

Weather conditions must obviously be the first consideration of captain and navigator. The Air Ministry has already in existence extensive organization for weather reporting created for the benefit of competitors in the trans-Atlantic flight competition. Meteorological officers from the Air Ministry will be on board to test the wind at different altitudes by means of kites and pilot balloons. The meteorological officer accompanying R. 34 will compile his own weather charts from reports transmitted to him by wireless. The latter will comprise observations from the battle cruisers, from the United States Navy, Canada, Newfoundland, Ireland, Bermuda, Scandinavia, the Azores and ships in the Atlantic, as well as synoptic reports from the British Isles and official bulletins of conditions in Atlantic compiled by the Air Ministry.

Observations carried out from the airship itself will also be of value, and in this connection two methods have been proposed by which the meteorologist will be able to determine roughly the barometric pressure at the surface of sea. One which constitutes an innovation of unproved efficiency has for its object the determination of the exact height of the aircraft above the sea. Barometric pressure below can be calculated from the reading in the car. It consists of firing a gun and calculating the height from the time taken to hear the echo of the report from the surface of the water. Fog or low clouds detract from the reliability of this system. Alternatively a maximum reading barometer which indicates and records the highest atmospheric pressure into which it has descended may be lowered from the airship to near the surface of the sea.

"ARE YOU THERE?"

Apart from naval craft very few vessels are equipped with a wireless telegraphy installation comparable in range and utility with that of R. 34. A combination of instruments has been devised to enable the airship to communicate with any wireless station or warship within one thousand miles. A wireless telephone attachment will also be carried which will permit speech to all types of wireless receivers up to a radius of fifty miles. All possible means for maintaining wireless communication with the airship have been organized, and it is hoped that communication will be maintained throughout the whole period of the voyage.

REPAIRS EN ROUTE.

One advantage possessed by airships over aeroplanes is the possibility of executing engine repairs during the flight, and for this purpose a number of spare parts are carried on board R. 34.

On arrival in the United States the airship will be moored in the open and will probably not remain longer than is absolutely necessary for taking in gas, fuel and stores, and for adjustment of the engines. This may be completed in ten hours or at most twenty-four hours.

The return journey will present fewer difficulties; winds will probably be considerably more favourable, so that the duration of the flight and strain on personnel and engines will be less. Also there will be advantage in flying to the southward of the disturbed weather zone.

INADEQUATE PENSIONS.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG SPEAKS HIS MIND.

Sir Douglas Haig gave evidence before the Select Committee on Pensions at the House of Commons yesterday. His evidence constituted the most outspoken criticism of the system of pensions and gratuities, and he was particularly vehement over the case of officers, many of whom he said were left penniless on discharge.

He protested against the lack of cohesion between the War Office, the Pensions Ministry and the Labour Ministry. Alluding to medical boards, he said that some were lacking in sympathy and generosity and treated every wretched individual who came before them as a malingerer. The Field Marshal advocated more generous provision for all ranks in order that they might be able to give proper education to their children. He declared the disability rates for officers and men to be completely inadequate. Some of the men were in absolute poverty. The 27/6 per week with twenty per cent. bonus was not enough. He thought the weekly allowance should be forty shillings, and should also be granted to men suffering from tuberculosis, and there should be more generous treatment of men suffering from gas poisoning, shell shock and neurasthenia. The action of the War Office in putting officers on insufficient half-pay could only be described as inhuman.

Sir Douglas Haig also sharply criticised the action of the Trades Union in preventing trained but disabled men from obtaining employment. Describing as scandalous the treatment of men who had earned pre-war pensions, many of whom had served in the present war, he said that the wretched pittance received for lifelong service was a disgrace to a civilized state.

Concluding his evidence, Sir Douglas, remarking that the nation is expecting soon to celebrate Peace, asked: "How can the nation be asked to rejoice when those who have given their all in the struggle are in such a state of want? No man should suffer because he has served his country. My desire is to get the best possible terms for every man. You surely do not want to pauperise any man. On the contrary you want to be generous."

The Chairman said that the most fruitful source of irritation was the protracted delay in dealing with cases. Could Sir Douglas Haig suggest how such delays could be avoided?

Sir Douglas Haig said there should be a co-ordinating authority, and an officer should have full pay until a pension was awarded.

At close of the session the Chairman said that the Field Marshal's evidence had been of the greatest possible assistance to the Committee.

NEVER LOST A SHIP.

PROUD RECORD OF GREAT ATLANTIC CAPTAIN.

Commander D. Dow, who saved the Lusitania from capture by a German warship and the Mauretania from being torpedoed, retired yesterday from the Cunard service after 43 years in the Mercantile Marine and the Navy.

Commander Dow sailed from New York in charge of the Lusitania at midnight on August 4, 1914, and next day, by heading into a fog bank and changing course, eluded an enemy warship which tried to intercept him. While commanding the Mauretania as a troopship in the Mediterranean in 1915 he saw the wake of a torpedo and flung the helm hard over. The torpedo missed the ship by barely 5 feet.

Commander Dow was on sick leave when the loss of the Lusitania was announced.

Among other exploits Commander Dow crossed the Atlantic three times in 22 days, and on one of these voyages broke the record by driving the Mauretania across in 4 days 10 hours 41 min. In a long career he never lost a ship.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

MURDER AND SUICIDE WITH A SHOT-GUN.

A terrible double tragedy occurred at the residence of Mr. F.H. Mowatt at Stoke Pogis yesterday. The servants, alarmed by the report of fire-arms, rushed to a bedroom and upon entering saw a ghastly sight. Mrs. Mowatt had been shot while lying in bed and the side of her head was blown away, while Mr. Mowatt was lying on the floor dead with a wound in his head. A double barrelled shot-gun was between his legs.

It is believed that Mowatt, who had been very depressed lately and suffered greatly through sleeplessness, first shot his wife and then turned the weapon on himself.

Mrs. Mowatt was a daughter of Colonel Ward Bennett.

TOO MUCH MARRIED.

UNFORTUNATE ADVENTURES IN MATRIMONY.

Recently, in the Divorce Court, Captain Alfred Raphael Campbell was defendant in two actions on the same day. One was an application for divorce by his wife and the other was a suit for nullity of marriage brought by Miss Hanne.

This second action led to his arrest and appearance before the Marylebone Court yesterday, when he was charged with bigamously marrying Miss Hanne on Christmas Day 1915 at Alexandria, Egypt, his wife, to whom he was married in June 1913 at the Chapel Royal, Savoy, being alive.

Defendant pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence.

He was committed for trial.

BACK TO THE ARMY AGAIN.

The number of recruits for the post-war army from May 28th to June 25th was 15,434. Of these 6,512 enlisted for two, three or four years, and there were 6,156 re-enlistments.

BEDFORD W.A.A.C. MYSTERY.

WAS SHE MURDERED BY A JEALOUS WOMAN?

The startling new theory that Miss Nellie Rault, the member of the Q.M.A.A.C., who was murdered at Haynes Park Camp, near Bedford, on May 12, may have met her fate at the hands of a revengeful woman, came to light on Saturday.

It is argued that most of the wounds on Miss Rault's body were of a superficial character, that they were inflicted in the course of a sudden quarrel, during which she made an attempt to run away and was pursued by her assailant.

This, of course, gives a still more dramatic complexion to the affair, but the theory has yet to be submitted to the examination of the Scotland-yard experts.

There are now no fewer than ten experienced detectives engaged in unravelling the mystery under the direction of Chief Inspector Wensley.

Mr. Wensley has now been hard at work for nearly a week, and has interrogated between thirty and forty persons at Haynes Park Camp. The scene of the murder has been photographed, and, as far as possible, Mr. Wensley and his assistants have reconstructed the crime.

A puzzling aspect of the drama is the discovery some distance from the body of a novel Miss Rault was reading, while the finding of an Army table knife near the body is another matter that baffles the police.

This knife, it should be remarked, was not the weapon which, in the opinion of the doctor, caused death.

A sharp instrument was used, and whether the assassin threw it away or still has it in his, or her, possession is problematical. A diligent search of the woods has not helped Scotland-yard.

CHANNEL TUNNEL.

LECTURE AT THE LEAVE CLUB.

For over a hundred years the idea of a tunnel between England and France has been a subject of controversy and enterprise. The story was unfolded to a large audience at the Leave Club on Tuesday evening by Baron d'Erlanger, Chairman of the London Committee of the Club. He spoke with expert knowledge, as it was he who formed the Channel Tunnel Company in England.

The Chair was taken by Major General Sir S. Lawford, K.C.B. and among the distinguished audience were Lieut.-General Sir C. W. Jacob, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Lieut.-General Sir A. Godley, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Lieut.-General Sir A. Haldane, K.C.B., D.S.O. Major-General Sir W. Heneker, K.C.B., Major-General Chichester, C.M.G., Brig. General Fuller, C.M.G., and many others.

The lecture said that the idea of the tunnel originated in France at the time of Napoleon I, after the signing of the Peace of Amiens, but as the peace did not continue for long the project was dropped until about fifty years later. A company was formed in 1869 and all arrangements were made. The protocol between the two countries was signed but the Franco-German War broke out and once more the matter had to be postponed: In 1876 a fresh start was made and the protocol was again signed. Companies were started on both sides of the channel and two thousand yards of tunnel were made from each coast, when the Board of Trade ordered the cessation of the work owing to the opposition which was being raised. At present however, there is a great movement on foot for resuming the work.

The Baron claimed that if the Channel Tunnel had been in existence in 1914 the war would not have taken place, and that in the event of another war the tunnel would be of immense value, and could easily be destroyed if necessary.

After this interesting lecture Sir S. Lawford thanked Baron d'Erlanger and Miss Decima Moore on behalf of the audience and in a short but stirring speech, called for three cheers for the Baron, who had done so much for the Leave Clubs in Paris and Cologne.

The response left no doubt as to the popularity of the Club.

RIVAL REGIMENTS.

CIVILIANS SUFFER THROUGH SOLDIERS' DISPUTE.

Several officers and men were seriously injured during a riot at Pembroke Dock on Monday night, when a free fight lasting an hour and a half occurred between the Welsh Regiment and the Duke of Wellington's Regiment. It appears that men belonging to the latter regiment left the camp at 9.30 and met members of the Welsh Regiment in the main street. Stones were thrown and several civilians were struck by heavy missiles, one receiving a nasty wound on the head. Two officers were badly wounded and the scene looked ugly for a long time. Eventually the men were persuaded to return to their respective camps.

CANADIANS SENTENCED.

Two Canadian soldiers arrested in connection with the Strand trouble on Monday night were sentenced to fourteen days imprisonment for assault on constables.

At Tower Bridge police court, another Canadian private was sentenced to ten weeks hard labour for being drunk and disorderly and assaulting constables.

EXPERT DESERTER.

Private James Smith, of the South Staffordshire Regiment, who was remanded at Grimsby on Saturday to await an escort, was said to have been arrested six times for desertion, and on each occasion, before the military could punish him, to have escaped from escorts or broken arrest.

Detective Inspector Dixon described Smith as being able to run like a hare. A house had to be surrounded before he was captured on this occasion.

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WOMEN AND THE WAR.

The war has been hard to win, but it would have been infinitely harder to win if our womankind had not played their noble and heroic part.

The Commander-in-Chief of the British Army of the Rhine, when he formally opened the Princess Victoria's Club for Nurses, a much-needed and desirable institution in the Sachsen Ring, paid a hearty tribute to the patriotic labours of women who have fully shared the trials, hardships, and dangers of a bitter and tedious campaign. Such a tribute is as opportune as it is merited. As the newspaper of the British soldier in Germany, we add our tribute to the unrivalled work which the women of Britain achieved during almost five years of tragic warfare.

It is impossible to exaggerate the extent, the devotion, and the inspiration of that work.

Even yet it surprises the soldier. Tenderness, unselfishness, cheerfulness, he looked for and found in happy abundance. But few expected the versatility, efficiency, and daring that have so notably marked the services of our sisters.

"Woman's at best a contradiction still." We are still as perplexed as Pope, but our perplexity savours of admiration — and our admiration has had in this war a natural history.

If there was one class which more than any other might have been pacifist, it was our women. Yet it was not from them that pacifism recruited its imaginative and unheroic ranks. Women took an early and strong stand on behalf of liberty and righteousness of national life.

But they did more than show the pathway of honour. They did man's work when men were needed on the battlefield, and it is a truism that they have made good in almost every profession that men used to adopt.

Even more than that — they made the arms and shells that speeded victory; they enlisted as auxiliaries and took their place on the soil of France and Belgium, long before it was delivered from our enemies.

But the most characteristic work of women has been that of comforting and healing. Many have come to work in institutes that have made the lot of the soldier easier to bear, and from the earliest days numbers have come out to tend the wounded and nurse the sick.

It is only a few days ago since our Army was visited by the Matrons-in-Chief of the Nursing Services. Dame E. H. Becher, G.B.E., and Dame E. M. McCarthy, G.B.E., were received by Sir William Robertson, by General Mangin, the French Commander-in-Chief, and by representatives of the American and Belgian armies. They can have no doubt of the warm appreciation which their efficient and whole-hearted work has drawn from the soldiers of the Allied countries. In ancient days the women of Sparta with grim heroism incited their sons to deeds of daring, but in these days the women of England have outshone the stoicism of Greece. They have themselves been our comrades in the fight, and many have given up their lives in Britain's cause.

TO CLEAR UP DOUBTS.

The other day a summary was given in our columns of an Army Order recently issued in regard to demobilization, which, owing to the exigencies of space, was somewhat too brief to be clearly understood by all.

In order therefore, that nobody in the Rhine Army should be misled or disappointed by any premature anticipations being unfulfilled, we think it well to give more fully the new provisions of this new Order.

It provides that, except in the case of personnel serving in India, and the detachment of the Far North and of Siberia, all who are eligible for demobilization under Army Order 55, and who have not volunteered for service with the Armies of Occupation, but have been temporarily retained for the military machinery of demobilization or in over-seas garrisons, will be released with all possible despatch.

These classes include:—

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Those whose release on compassionate grounds or whose claims to return to their pre-war home or business over-seas have been approved by the War Office.

Subject to the necessary transport being available, the despatch for release will be completed within from one to three months.

"WHICH CAME FIRST?"

"Military Collapse or Revolution."

III

The article in yesterday's issue under this title was a continuation of the quotation contained in Thursday's issue, from the "Bergische Arbeiterstimme."

At the present moment the struggle of the parties really responsible for the outbreak and carrying on of the war in a greater or less degree — the Majority Socialists, the Zentrum, and the extreme right, are struggling to make the people forget their responsibility under these heads by attacking the Independent Socialists as the cause of Germany's request for an armistice and of the débacle of the German army.

"The army," they say, "would have been able to resist, and we should have been able to hold out for better terms, if it had not been for the Independents who stirred up the revolution."

The Independents reply — "The army was as a matter of fact unable to resist further — it had yielded up ground, guns, munitions, men, to such an extent that its morale was undermined long before the revolution, and the revolution was the result of continuous defeat and of despair."

Viewed from our side of "No man's land," the contention of the Independents appears correct. By the beginning of September we had droves of German prisoners, we had bitten deep into their line, we had found their counter-attacks enfeebled. Their only hope lay in retreat, and their means of retreat were inadequate. The end was coming into view.

By the end of October it had become apparent that though an armistice might avoid more waste of life, it must be at the cost of surrendering, an overwhelming and inevitable military triumph for the Allies.

The judgment of the German military authorities at the time, whatever they may say now, confirms the argument of the Independents. Ludendorff's exhortation to the authorities at home in the beginning of October, to make peace while the army still stood, we have quoted recently.

Hindenburg's statement in November, that "since the 17th October the recognition of defeat had worked the complete disintegration of the army," emphasizes the same view.

We were constantly hearing not long ago that the majority of Germans were panting for the blessings of a Wilson peace. We learn now that as far as the parties in power are concerned they would have continued doing their best to avoid it, but for the duress of defeat or revolution. This is our view also.

THE EPISTLES OF PETER BIRSE, JUNIOR.

A VISIT TO UNCLE SAM.

Dear Maister Editor,

Ane o' the maist saipyent peeses o' advice auld Peter gyau me afore ne left this dreary vale o' teers, was t' strick up an ackwantanship far ever aw gaed wi' jurnaleestik screeblers, espeeshally them 'at kerried passes for entertainmin's or gaed in t' shows o' that discreepshun "on the nod." Ever sin syne aw've freely mix'd wi' Scribes and Fairisees wi' the result 'at aw'm finanshally soon', but morally bankrup!

In Coloan aw've kerried oot the patairnal instruckshuns t' the letter; moarnin', neen, an nicht aw'm wi' mair or less hummel mimbers o' the fourth estawt. The ither day ane o' m' noospaper frien's was gyaun t' Coablents, an' wi' karacktereestic kin'ness, he coardyally extendit an invitawshun t' ackompany 'im.

Laivin' Coloan at saxteen meenits past ane, we reach'd Coablents at the back o' fower o'clock, efter a jurney 'at micht hae been alang the pickteresk banks o' Loch Tay. If it hadna been for the coothy gaird smoakin' a ceegar an' stickin' in his vaun like a leetch, the meelitary lookin' aspeck o' the stayshun-maisters, the ping-pong rackets instid o' flags, an' the exeestance o' wyin'-masheens in gweed workin' oarder, aw wid ackwally hae thocht aw was i' the Scoattish Hielan's on a bonnie simmer's day.

At Coablents we begood the efterneen by-ordnar weel —— we'd a cup o' coaffy an' a sandwitch *for naething* in a Jews' refreshmint buffit. They positiv'ly refyous'd t' hae onything t' dee wi' the gweed Jairman siller 'at m' frien' tender'd at the coonter, so lat it never be said 'at the chosen race are avareeshyus.

Oor first an' in fac' oor only objectiv' was the offish o' "*The Amaroc News*", the Doughboys' "*Cologne Post*". T' be perfeckly candit, aw fully expeckit the Yanks t' be dowie an' glum, for acroass fat President Wulson ca's "3000 miles of cool and silent ocean," dirty wark was bein' transackit i' their absens.

THE GREAT DROUGHT.

"Banned are the Cocktails With Gin with a basis;
Highballs and Rickeys and Slings are accursed;
Life is a Desert without an Oasis;
Man is an Island surrounded by Thirst."

T' m' surprees they were winnerfu' speeritit, nae allooin' their min's t' dwall on a fyoutur' dreary an' dry.

"Come right in gents," said the breezy editor in rich Ammurican acksents, an' immidiately, tho in an editor's sanctum, a veritawble holy o' holies, aw felt as muckle at aise as in m' leeterary den i' the Printfield manshun-hoose. Here is recoardit daily, b' the sons o' Geordie Washington, the events o' "yesterday," tho the sub-editors, fan dailin' wi' Time are sae mony Omar Kayyams, an' kronologickal statemints mauna be teen owre leetera ly.

The bizness manager informs a gypit warld in a conspeekyus noatis on 'is front door, "This is the busiest office in Germany," — he hasna een oor Coampany offish at 9 ack emma on the moarnin' efter the nicht afore — an' he poseetiv'ly declines t' waist mair nor ten meenits wi' ony mon, even wi' the ex-Keezer 'imsel.' He spoke t' me for half an oor.

The nicht 'at aw was there was the nicht o' the weekly denner, à la maister Punch, fan a' ranks on the peyper meet t' excheenge vyous an' offer sujeestyuns. Like m' frien', aw was inveetit t' acksep' their hoaspitawlity, but unfortinawtely the time at oor dispoasel widna permeet o' this protrackit stay, an' so aw loast a Lucullan libawshun 'at promis'd t' be as free as it was leeberal. Nae rose, ye see, withoot a thorn; nae nyou tyunic withoot a quartermaister.

On m' neist veesit t' Coablents aw maun aither laive i' the moarnin' even tho aw rise at half-fower, or bide a' nicht, as in m' expairyens o' "uncles" — an' aw' ve had transackshuns wi' a fyou — Uncle Sam is a lang wye m' fauvrit'. An' as every Yankee worth 'is saut claims 'at he has an uncle or an anty, a gran'father or a gran'mither livin' in Scotlan' that further endairs them t'

PETER BIRSE, JUNIOR.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

PAINT AND POWDER.

Sir, — I agree with "Anti-Paint." Even if, as "Kingston" thinks, the girls at home are not more painted and powdered than they were two years ago, wasn't it bad enough then?

What "Kingston" ought to do is to carry his mind back ten years or so, and then he would see what a change for the worse has happened to England's girlhood. But perhaps at that period "Kingston" was too young to notice anything but his toys.

It isn't the girls who have done their bit either, who are the worst offenders, and to drag in that remark of his is beside the point.

W.E.C.

MORE ABOUT RAZORS.

Sir,—I was glad to see that someone has referred to the palming off of bogus "Gillette" blades on the British soldier.

I know of other cases of trying to sell inferior articles at the price of high-class. In Bonn, the other day, I was shown a lot of German razors evidently put on the market especially to tempt the Britisher.

One was priced 16 marks and the directions were printed in English, but in spite of liberal stropping it refused to shave satisfactorily, whereas I know men who bought others at the same shop with German names at 10 marks each, that were quite "O.K."

Soldiers should take warning and avoid goods labelled with English names and directions.

PARD.

LATE COFFEE WANTED.

Sir, — I endorse "Outpost's" letter as to the inconvenience of not being able to have such innocuous beverage as lemonade or coffee after ten o'clock in the Officers' Club.

I can well understand that it may be necessary to limit the hours for stronger drinks, but when one arrives at the club, perhaps after a long journey just after ten, and finds that a refreshing cup of coffee is denied to you, it seems hard.

I.H.P.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT?

Sir,—With reference to your article entitled "Have you thought?" I quite agree that more men should take advantage of the facilities offered through the medium of the army schools for improving their educational capacities.

But what I wish to point out is, the fact that very few men get any encouragement or opportunity of taking an educational course, especially if one happens to be billeted a few kilometres from Cologne.

As regards myself, I was employed as a clerk prior to enlistment, and would much appreciate a three month's commercial course to fit me for the time when again I assume civilian duties.

"SIGNALLER NED."

THE G.S. RIBBON.

Sir,—In reply to "1916 Man" concerning the General Service ribbon, I won't believe his wishes are shared by many more in the Army of the Rhine. Evidently he has had a cushy job during the war and doesn't object to share the honours earned by other men.

I can assure your correspondent that there are not many 1916 men in this unit who are keen to sport it whenever it is issued, seeing that everybody is to have it. Surely a 1916 man should have more pride than that.

"NOT A BASE WALLAH."

ON AMERICAN Y.M.C.A's.

Sir,—Last Sunday I passed the entire day at Coblenz, and a point that struck me very particularly was the arrangements made for the comfort of their troops.

On alighting from the train at Coblenz station I noticed a canteen, and on going in I was provided with a most welcome and refreshing snack of splended coffee and sandwiches. When I tendered payment in the usual way of things they informed me that these were provided free of all charge for the benefit of the troops.

Another feature I noted was the American Y.M.C.A., where most appetising meals and hot baths (hot and cold showers), could be had at all times at very reasonable charges.

Whilst not wishing to detract in any way from the great credit due to our own Y.M.C.A. and other voluntary organisations carried on for the benefit of our own troops, I suggest that much might be learned in regard to additional comforts for the men by a short study of the American system prevailing at Coblenz.

H.S. S., SERGT., R.A.F.

INTERCHANGE OF CONCERT PARTIES.

Sir,—The unit to which I belong regards its concert party as second to none, but, as you will realise, it is very difficult to furnish new business which will amuse.

The performers are, after all, amateurs, and it is next to impossible to introduce new songs and the like with each performance if the party is not to suffer in the eyes of the men.

Hence I advocate an interchange of such parties. Every unit which can lay claim to being progressive has a concert party, so that all that is necessary is a medium through which officers in charge can be put into touch with one another.

I respectfully suggest that the Amusements Officer in Cologne provides a register stating the strength of the party, its terms and whereabouts, so that we may consult it and provide an evening's entertainmemt for the men, where otherwise they would be left to their own resources. Perhaps battalion amusement officers will subscribe their views.

"TIGER."

TRAMWAY CRITICISMS.

Sir,—Apropos the alleged "superiority" of the German over the British tramway systems, I may say that the wide guage track is not altogether unknown in England. My own little Lancashire town of 23,000 inhabitants is connected to the larger town of Rochdale by such a track, which I believe is used throughout the Rochdale system.

Also when we get four large coaches with bogey wheels, such as the Cöln-Bonn service, I think it has passed beyond the stage of "tram." I have often been surprised at the number of people who refer to them as trams.

There is a practically similar service between Manchester and Bury (with the same overhead distribution) to which we proudly refer as electric trains.

I do not profess any great acquaintance with the Cologne tramway system, but I have always found that where a track is laid close to the side of the road, as in Severin Strasse (much to the inconvenience of users of the pavement), it is because the narrowness of the street has permitted of no alternative.

No, I do not agree that the "old country is beaten to a frazzle" in this respect. T. H.

HENLEY PEACE REGATTA.

ROWING FESTIVAL.

RHINE ARMY OFFICERS R.C. SCRATCHED FOR KING'S CUP.

The Henley Peace Regatta opened yesterday, when an extensive programme of events was carried out. The draw for heats and stations was made by the Committee of Management as follows:—

KINGS CUP (eight oars).

Heat A: Australian Army No. 2 Crew v. Australian Army No. 1 Crew. Heat B: New Zealand Army Crew v. Cambridge University Service Crew. Heat C: French Army Crew v. American Army Crew. Heat D: Canadian Army Crew (Overseas Military Forces of Canada) v. Oxford University Service Crew. Second Round—Heat E: Winner of A v. B. Heat F: Winner of C. v. D. Final: Winner of E. v. F.

Rhine Army Officers' R.C., Thames R.C. Service Crew, and Wattle Club (A.I.F.) were scratched, and the entry of the National Amateur Rowing Association was rejected.

In Heat C: For the Fawley Cup (eight oars) the Rhine Army Officers R.C. has been drawn against Christ Church, Oxford. The winners of Heat C. row against the winners of Heat A., the draw for the latter being R.M.C. (Sandhurst) v. Cambridge University Second Crew.

THE KING'S CUP.

SIX OF EIGHT CREWS FROM OVERSEAS.

The King's Cup takes the chief place of interest and it could hardly be otherwise, seeing that six of the eight crews competing are from overseas, the Service crews from each "Varsity" being the English representatives.

The draw unfortunately was unkind, for the first two crews drawn were the Australian first and second crews, and one regretted at the moment that the conditions prevailing when the draw for the Olympic Regatta in 1908 was made in the same historic room at the Henley Town Hall, that if two crews from any country were drawn together the second crew drawn should go into the next heat, were not now in force.

On the form shown this race will doubtless be a great one. If the two home crews should prove successful in their heats the draw has been kind to them that they should not meet before the final, but whichever crew reaches this stage, it will only be after a desperate struggle.

The scratchings reduced the number of heats and finals necessary to complete the card to 33—24 on Wednesday, 27 on Thursday, 20 on Friday, and 10 on Saturday, with the two University races, which will be rowed probably on Friday and Saturday.

OLYMPIA CONTESTS.

SWORD, LANCE AND REVOLVER COMPETITIONS.

The results of the competition at Olympia on Tuesday were as follows:—

Dummy Thrusting Championship: Lieut. Kibler, 5th Lancers; Lieut. Brill, 5th Lancers; Lieut. Sturt, 20th Hussars.

Sword, v. Lance:—Lieut. Carnegie; Lieut. Kibler; S.S.M., Moore, 7th Drag. Gds.

Sword, Lance and Revolver:—S. S. Clisby, A.S.C.; S. S. Vesey, 5th Cav. Reserve.

Sword Lance and Revolver (officers):— Lieut. Rea, 29th Hussars; Lieut. Kibler.

Charging:—S.S.M. Butcher, 4th Dragoon Gds.; S. S. Gooding, A.S.C.;

Tug-of-War:—(110 stone):— 3rd East Surreys beat R. N. Barracks, Devonport; (130 stone) Royal Marine Arty. Portsmouth beat R.M.L.I. Portsmouth.

ENGLISH CRICKET RESULTS.

Surrey 317; Lancs 243 and 89 for 5. Match drawn.

Kent v. Yorks—match drawn owing to the rain. M.C.C. 285 and 6 for nowkt, Oxford 364.

C.P.C. COMPETITION.

COLOGNE SOUTHERN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
51st Devons	5	5	0		10
D 190th Bde R.F.A.	5	4	1		10§
180th Labour Coy.	4	3	1		8§
Northern Div. R.E.	4	3	0	1	7
5th R. Irish	3	2	0	1	7§
41st Bn. M.G.C.	3	3	0		6
Wahn Survey Det.	4	2	2		6 §
161st Bde R.F.A.	4	2	2		4
52nd Bedfords	4	2	2		4
93rd Bde R.G.A.	3	2	1		4
170th Siege Battery	3	0	2	1	3§
VI Corps H.Q.	4	1	3		2
H.A.C.	4	0	4		2§
Lancer M.G. Sq.	3	1	2		2
G.A.A. Bty.	2	1	1		2
3rd Bn. M.G.C.	1	1	0		2
5th K.O.Y.L.I.	1	1	0		2
34th Bn. M.G.C.	1	0	1		2§
2nd Bn. M.G.C.	1	0	0	1	1
VI Corps Sig. Coy.	4	0	4		0
23rd Bde R.A.S.C., M.T.	2	0	2		0
12th R. Irish Rifles	2	0	2		0
3rd Northern Bde	1	0	1		0

§ points awarded for scratched matches.

SPORTING REFLECTIONS

Quoits Challenge.

My note last week recommending the ancient game of quoits as being a suitable pastime for Rhineland has brought me the following welcome remarks from a reader:—"I was very pleased indeed to see your little note in the "Post" to-day about quoits. Yes, why not take this game up, and see if a little league could be organised. We have just had our quoits sent out from England and we are making a start now. We shall be very pleased to give any team a game, either on our ground or on theirs." My correspondent is the Sports Officer of the Cavalry Division H.Q., Quadrath. So roll up, my merry quoiters.

1st Signal Squadron Sports.

Mentioning the Cavalry Division reminds me that on Saturday the pretty village of Quadrath will be the venue of the 1st Signal Squadron Sports, the eliminating heats for which were run last Saturday. Of the many events, the mile race, open to the Cavalry Division, promises to be one of the keenest and most exciting of tussles. In the band race, I observe, a handicap is considerately given according to size of instrument, which is only equitable. At an army sports meeting I once attended, such a handicap was not permitted, and the result was as amusing as it was manifestly unfair.

Sports for Ladies.

In American lawn-tennis circles it is customary to write and speak of "women's doubles," but in less democratic England such events, as everybody knows, are known as "ladies' doubles." Following the English custom, naturally, we have adopted the latter nomenclature "out here." Can Rhineland with some practice ever produce a Mlle. Lenglen or Mrs. Lambert Chambers? Time and the lawn-tennis "tourney" which opens at the Lindenthal Tennis Club on Monday will tell.

Rowing at Henley.

This year's Peace Regatta at Henley is likely to be long remembered, if only because of the unfortunate incident of the turning down of the crew of Service men who were entered for the King's Cup by the National Amateur Rowing Association. In the eyes of the Stewards the men comprising the crew are not amateurs, and I presume the rule which has been applied is the following:— "No person shall be considered an amateur oarsman . . . . who is or has been by trade or employment for wages a mechanic, artisan, or labourer, or engaged in any menial duty." This rule is as antiquated as it is mischievous, and ought to be expunged. The Rhineland Officers' Rowing Club, I observe, have scratched for the King's Cup, but are drawn to compete against Christ Church, Oxford, for the Fawley Cup. Good luck to them.

THE RAMBLER.

BATTALION SPORTS,

8TH. BATT. THE CAMERONIANS (SCOTTISH RIFLES).

The sports of the 8th. Batt. The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) took place at Hilden on Sunday before a large concourse of spectators.

The flat races attracted large entries, and the two open events, the mile and the 440 yards, drew good fields and furnished some excellent running.

A feature of the short distance races was the attractive sprinting of Capt. E.R. Saltonstall, late Adjt. of the Battalion. The miscellaneous races were a source of much amusement, the boat race, three-legged and palliasse races especially, appealing to the large German spectatorate round the ropes. At intervals during the afternoon the pipers of the 11th. Royal Scots played selections, and a local instrumental band also played tasteful airs.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

Tea and refreshments were served and at the conclusion of the sports the prizes were presented by Brig. General E.S. Girdwood C.B., C.M.G., 3rd. Lowland Inf. Bde., who afterwards, on the motion of Lt. Col. Findlay D.S.O., comdg. the 8th Cameronians, was heartily cheered. Among other spectators were Lt. Col. McKenzie, 3rd. Lowland Division, Lt. Col. Green, 6th. Royal Highlanders, and numerous officers and men from both Lowland and Highland Divisions.

A proposed camp fire concert had to be abandoned owing to a heavy shower of rain, but this was no loss, for a great audience gathered in the well equipped Recreation Hall of the Battalion and listened with rapt attention to a splendid recital of song and story. C.S.M. Searles as a comedian made a great hit, and the singing of Pte. Ward was much appreciated, while Pte. Thomson in the "Yukon Trail" impressed everyone by a wonderful dramatic display. After a speech by the Colonel, the proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne."

Much of the success of the sports was due to the splendid organisation of the Sports Committee and to the energetic fashion in which they did their work.

EVENTS AND RESULTS.

Mules Scurry:—1. Wilson; 2. Aitken; 3, Agnew.
100 yards:— 1. Nicol; 2. McKelvie; 3. Lowie.
Wheelbarrow Race:—1. Kay and Anderson; 2. McMillan and Ramsay; 3. Whitehill and Campbell.
1 Mile (Open):1. Thirwall (R.E.); 2. Grabham (M.G.C.); 3. Plummer (M.G.C.).
Best Turn-out:—1. Clark; 2. and 3. divided Marshall and Smith.
Boat Race:—"Y" Company.
Tug of War:—1. Transport; 2. "Z" Company.
V.C. Race:—1. Ross; 2. Renwick; 3. Aitken.
Three-legged Race:—1 Anderson and Kay; 2. Thompson and Neville.
100 yards Old Soldier's Race:—1. Matthews; 2. Searles; 3. Ryan.
440 yards (Open):1. Plummer (M.G.C.); 2. Salvona; 3. Cassels.
Slow Cycle Race:—1. Taylor.
Best Comic Turn-out:—1. (divided) Searles and Coffield; 2. Carmichael.
Wrestling on mules:—1. Cruikshanks; 2. Wilson.
220 yards:—1. Warburton; 2. Salvona; 3. Badger.
Wooden Spoon (Officer's mule race):—Capt. Brook.
Paliassed Race:—1. Darlison; 2. Anderson.
Alarm Race:—1. Ross; 2. Agnew; 3. Devaney.
Driving Competition:—1. Gibson.
Singing Competition:—1 Thomson; 2. Ward.
Best Company Aggregate: "Y" Company.
23 points; 2. "X" Coy. 18 points'
Total prize money value of 3,000 Marks.

84th BRIGADE R.G.A. CRICKET LEAGUE.

The first of a series of matches between Batteries in the above Bde. took place on Sunday at Mehlem, viz:—77 Siege Battery v. 69 Siege Battery. The latter batted first, but owing to good bowling by Cpl. Fenton and Sergt. Garmousway were all out for 19. Fenton took 6 wickets for 7 runs, and Garmousway 4 for 6. 77 Siege Battery passed their opponents' score with four wickets down, but continuing the game, were all out for 61. Mills (15) and Cpl. Fenton (10) were the only two to reach double figures. Brookes took 3 for 6 and Mason 3 for 18. Totals:—77 Siege Battery ... 61; 69 Siege Battery 19

FRIENDLY MATCH AT BRUHL.

A friendly cricket match took place at Bruhl on Sunday, between the Midland Divisional H.Q., and Signals Midland Division, in which the Signals again won in easy style. H.Q. going in to bat first, only succeeded in scoring 39, owing to remarkably good bowling by Walton and Bailey. The Signals replied with 60, runs. Lieut. Taylor batted well for 13. After tea the H.Q. team again batted and this time were more successful, scoring 67, Ashmore claiming 40 of these (not out), but he had several "lives". Good bowling by Best, Bailey and Walton, who took 3 wickets each, was a notable feature of this innings.

The Signals replied in the second innings with the same score, 67, thus running out winners by 21 runs. Best batted well for 14 and Blackwell as wicket-keeper did remarkably well, making several smart catches.

Mr. Edward Robbins, secretary of the Football Association of Wales, has received a letter from Sir Sidney Greville, stating that the Prince of Wales will have much pleasure in complying with the request recently made through Lord Kenyon that he should become Patron of the Association.

733 FOR 6 WICKETS.

"AUSSIES" HEAVY SCORING AGAINST SCOTTISH XI.

The touring Australians are visiting Scotland this week, where they have opened in hefty fashion against a team representing the West of Scotland. This match was played on the ground of the Pollok C.C. at Shawholm, Glasgow, and no less than three centuries were obtained by the Colonials. Scores:

AUSTRALIANS.

H. L. Collins, c Linton, b Sandiford	94
J. M. Taylor, b Cullen	75
W. L. Trenerry b. Sheppard	118
E. A. Bull, c Kerr, b Sandiford	103
C. E. Pellow, c McKay, b Sandiford	18
J. M. Gregory, c Stevenson, b Sandiford	10
J. T. Murray, not out	57
W. S. Stirling, not out	131
Byes 27. l—b 5	22
Total (6 wkts)	638

C. T. Docker, W. A. Oldfield, and C. O'Connor to bat.

SCOTTISH WESTERN XI.: J. Kerr (Greenrock), W. Linton (Pollok), D. C. Stevenson (Kilmarnock), J. M. Tennent (West of Scotland), A. C. Cullen (Uddingston), D. McKay (Clydesdale), T. C. Dunlop (Ayr), A. F. M. Morton (Ayr), Merson (Ferguslie), Sandiford (Pollok), and H. H. Sheppard (Pollok).

FINAL SCORE.

On Tuesday the Australians won by an innings and 560 runs. Scores:— Australians, 733 for 6 (declared).

Scotland, 1st innings 85; 2nd innings 88.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

7 WICKETS FOR ONE RUN.

121 HEAVY BATTERY R.G.A., (107), v. 303 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A., (11). For the winners Bdr. Whitely and Dvr. Thomas were top scorers with 37 and 34 respectively, and Sergt. Banks was in great form with the ball. His seven wickets for one run is equal to the record in *The Cologne Post* Cup matches. On the previous day he had taken seven wickets for five runs against another Battery but this was not a Cup match.

EASTERN DIVISIONAL H.Q. (73 for 6) v. 52nd WELSH Regt. (111) on Siegburg Prison Ground on Saturday. For the Welsh Regt. top scorers were Sgt. Kay 43, Lieut. Needham 20, Mr. Hughes 13, and Capt. Worlock 13. Bowling:— Cpl. Gill 2 for 42, Capt. Morgan 1 for 16, Spr. Thompson 1 for 14, and Capt. Carroll 2 for 0. Eastern Division top scorers were C/Sgt. Sandell 29, and the Revd. P. W. Brumwell not out 19. Bowling:—Pte. Lawton 3 for 24, Lt. Needham 2 for 18, Major Montgomery 1 for 19. The above match was abandoned through rain, and will be replayed at the first opportunity.

LANCS DIV. H.Q. (163 for 10) v. 52nd WELSH REGIMENT (94 for 10). Batting for the former, Lieut. Almond scored 53; Major Rountree 36; Major Collier, 31; and Cpl. Smith, 12. Lieut. Almond also took 5 for 34; and Cpl. Smith 2 for 3.

174 SIEGE BATTERY (59 for 1) v. 509 FIELD COY. R.E. (56) at Weilerswist, on Monday. The Sappers started disastrously, losing 5 wickets for 4 runs. With the advent, however, of Sapper Prince, things began to look rosier. Prince hit merrily, eventually being caught in the country at 34. Bdr. Graham took 8 for 19. On resumption the Gunners scored 54 without loss, when Whittingham was caught in the slips, his score being 37. Gunner Rysell contributed 16 (not out). As the weather was a bit doubtful, stumps were drawn, with the score at 59 for 1 wicket, leaving 174 the victors by 9 wickets.

83rd FIELD COY. R.E. (56) v. 83rd (DUBLIN) GENERAL HOSPITAL (28). For the R.E's, Sapper McDonna took 5 wickets for 10 runs, and Lieut. Keane 5 for 16. Sapper McDonna, with 15 runs, headed the batting.

LONDON D. M. T. COY. v. 14 G. H. Q. RESERVE. M. T. COY. at Merheim on Monday. The G. H. Q. Coy. won the toss, and decided to put the London D.M.T. Coy in first. The first five wickets fell rapidly, the score only standing at 30, until Pte. Spearman came in, who showed brilliant style and, aided by Pte. Hawkins, scored a very creditable 45, the final score being 88. The G. H. Q. Coy. failed to make any stand at all, the only man to make double figures being Cpl. Whiting, who made 17. For the winners, Lieut. Wright took 9 wickets for 27.

180th LABOUR COY. (74) v. H.A.C. (42) at Kalk on Tuesday. Bowling for the winners, Smart took 4 for 18, and Main 4 for 14. For the H.A.C. Freeman took 6 for 14, and Key 3 for 29.

17th LANCERS v. 53rd SHERWOOD FORESTERS.

On Saturday the 17th Lancers played the 53rd Sherwood Foresters on a tricky wicket at Liblar, and won by 11 runs in a very low-scoring game. Scores:—53rd Sherwood Foresters, 21 (Lieut. Murchie, 10; Capt. Fowler, 5 wickets for 10 runs; Capt. Boles, 4 for 11. 17th Lancers, 32 (Capt. Boles, 11; Capt. Frith, 7 wickets for 9 runs; L.Cpl. Bull, 2 wickets for 7 runs).

DEMPSEY v. CARPENTIER.

TEX RICKARD OFFERS 50,000 DOLLARS FOR A MATCH.

Francois Descamps, manager of Georges Carpentier, received a telegram from Tex Rickard, organiser of the world's heavy-weight boxing championship match between Jess Willard and Jack Dempsey, at Toledo this week, offering Carpentier 45,000 dollars plus 5 000 dollars expenses, for a match with Dempsey at the National Sporting Club, New York, during January next.

Before replying definitely, Descamps has asked as to the conditions of the match and the number of rounds.

CORBETT ON WILLARD.

Jim Corbett, now a strikingly successful screen star, has a good deal of respect for Jess Willard, the champion, but he names James J. Jeffries as the greatest fighter he has ever seen. "Jess Willard," Corbett gives as his opinion, "would have been great at any time, no matter who the heavy-weights were, not because of his natural fighting ability, though he has that, but because of his great size. And he combines that with remarkable agility and speed for a big man. But the greatest fighter I have ever seen was Jeffries—when he was Jeffries. Barring Willard, he was the biggest champion we ever had. He weighed 230lb stripped, and was hard as nails."

OTHER OPINIONS.

Asked by the "*World*" to give their views on the forthcoming fight for the heavy-weight championship, Mike Gibbons, contender for the middle-weight crown, says: "Willard's experience, punch, and great strength will be too much for Dempsey to surmount. It takes more than gameness to whip Willard. Ask Frank Moran." Sam Langford, once a challenger for the title, says: "Willard's weight and all-round ability will win for him. It is asking too much of Dempsey to beat that big fellow. I feel sorry for him, for he seems to be a nice little fellow."

WILDE-MOORE FIGHT.

ARTICLES SIGNED FOR COMING CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH.

Articles were signed on Tuesday for the championship match between Jimmy Wilde and Pal Moore, who meet at Olympia on July 18th in a 20 rounds contest for a purse of £5,000 and side stakes amounting to £500.

ENGLISH RACING.

MEETINGS AT NEWMARKET AND CARLISLE.

The King paid his first visit since 1914 to Newmarket on Tuesday. The following were the results at the meeting:—

Trial Plate:—1, Troutsdale (11—8); 2, Reconstruction (11—8); 3, Sam Browne (10—1).

Hare Park Handicap:—1, Bridge of Marne (4—1); 2, Droysos (3—1); 3, Bridgend (6—1).

Maiden Selling Plate:—1, Necken filly (4—1); 2, Marostica (6—1); 3, Fairy Footstep (100—8).

July Stakes:—1, Sarchedow (7—2 on); 2, He Goes (9—2); 3, Dayspring (20—1).

Baltisham Plate:—1, Mountaineer (4—1); 2, O'Berto (5—1); 3, Patlander (5—2).

Visitors' Plate:—1, Exford (6—1); 2, Devonport (100—8); 3, Polichinelle (2—1).

CARLISLE RESULTS.

Solway Handicap:—1, Midton (9—4); 2, Bedrest (7—2); 3, Lord Glencairn (7—2).

Carlisle Plate:—1, Princess Ila (11—4); 2, Monchy (6—1); 3, Burnt Sugar (10—1).

Cumberland Handicap:—1, Neutral (5—1); 2, Radiacy (4—1); 3, Queen of Ballet (3—1).

Trial Plate:—1, Septonville (6—4 on); 2, Blue Steel (100—8); 3, Musk Beer (5—2).

Holmshall Plate:—1, Damage (5—1); 2, Lothian Lad (2—1); 3, Lochan (100—8).

Lowther Plate:—1, Hectoring Lass (2—1); 2, Panthom Bold (2—1 on); 3, Dancroft (100—8).

ENGLAND'S TENNIS HOPE.

PATTERSON v. KINGSCOTE IN FINAL AT WIMBLEDON.

The Gents' singles (semi-finals) were played on Tuesday when Kingscote beat Garland 6—1, 6—4 2—6, 5—7, 6—4; and Patterson beat Ritchie 6—1, 7—5, 1—6, 6—3.

The final with Kingscote as England's hope will be played to-day.

Ladies' singles (semi-finals):—Mrs. Satterthwaite beat Mrs Beamish 6—4, 10—8, Mlle. Lenglen beat Miss Ryan 6—4.

BAKERS BILLIARD MATCH.

On Monday evening the R.A.S.C., attached to the 93rd Brigade, paid a visit to the "Dough Boys" at Kalk. The visitors gave the Bakers a good evening's sport and an early return match is already fixed for the 14th of July. Cpl. Robinson, Cpl. Frehearn, Cpl. Coles were the three best players for the visitors. The home team has had to pick a new team owing to the "demobbing" of their old players. Pte. Hunter and Pte. Swaby two new players, each won his game.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

£200 A Day.

An ex-policeman is said to have made £200 a day at Ascot races by hiring a meadow and storing motor-cars at £1 each.

Noted Hockey Player.

To the memory of Lt. C. D. Sneath, Middlesex Regt., a well-known Middlesex hockey player, a window has been erected in Hendon Parish Church.

Well-known Yacht Refloated.

The well-known yacht Naida, owned by Mr. McCalline, which stranded on Varden Ledge, Totland Bay, Isle of Wight, was succesfully refloated early on Sunday by the Cowes tug and brought to Cowes.

Athletic Sport Boom.

Entries all round for Saturday's meetings were so good as to justify the opinion that there is a real boom in athletic sport. This is to be expected after the encouragement given to athletics in the Army.

Mlle. Lenglen.

"Why are you watching this match," said a stranger to a man at the court side when Ritchie and Dixon were for the time being in the throes of "ping-pong." "Because Mlle. Lenglen plays here next," was the reply.

London Football.

At a meeting of the London Business Houses Association football section it was decided to run a league competition, also a cup competition, instead of two competitions on the knock-out principle during next season.

No French Racing on Fete Day.

There will be no racing in France on July 14, the date of the Fete of the Republic, the French racing authorities having decided to postpone all meetings on that day. July 14 is to be devoted solely to the victory celebration and fetes.

Recreational Facilities.

Other cities might easily follow the example of Leeds, whose park superintendent has been instructed to make such arrangements as are practical for the provision of suitable cricket pitches in the parks and recreation grounds for the school children.

Australian Rowers.

The Oxonian, American, and Australian crews have covered the half course, at Henley, in identically the same time, 3 min. 25 sec., but the Australian performance was the best, as they continued over the full course, which they did in the excellent time of 7 min. 9 sec.

Golf Sloggers.

Mitchell and Ray are probably the longest drivers in golf—at any rate, when they let themselves go. Duncan is not so obviously a slogger, but he hits the ball considerably harder than most, and in something like the way in which Harry Vardon used to "punch" the solid gutta-percha ball.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Thursday, July 3, 1919.

Surface wind, moderate, between South-West and West. Fair, but some likelihood of occasional showers. Good visibility.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

A Merry Peace Ball.

On Monday night the Continental Hotel was the scene of a most enjoyable Peace ball given by the officials of the Y.M.C.A. in Cologne. A first class programme was eagerly danced through, and bridge, billiards, etc. helped to make the party go with a swing. The large number of officers — of both sexes — who attended, kept the fun going until an early hour and everyone voted the whole of the proceedings a huge success.

Peace Night at Lowland D.H.Q.

A supper and dance were held at the General Mess, Ohligs, a night or two ago night to celebrate the signing of peace. Though rather of an impromptu nature both the supper and dance reflected great credit on the Mess President, Tom Strachen, and the cook, "The Gunner." The supper, laid out in fine style by the competent waiters was greatly appreciated, and the end of an excellent repast left the men in good humour for the concert and dance following.

"The Castles."

The other evening "The Castles" Concert Party (354 Siege Battery R.G.A.), gave their second performance before a crowded and enthusiastic audience in their hall at Wuschheim. Their costumes, stage effects, selections and executions reflect very great credit upon the organizers. The programme ranged from farce to melodrama. Gnr. Bramley's female impersonations were excellent. Bdr. Denley proved himself quite a versatile artist, being as successful as a dude, as a heavy villain. These two artists' impressions of every day life were quite a feature of the entertainment. The comedy parts were well sustained by Gnrs. Fuller and Hambin, as also were the concerted and solo items by Sgt. Rushton, Cpl. Whyman and Gnr. Butler. Gnr. Buckin proved an able accompanist.

"The Prongs."

I have received a letter from an Amusements Officer, who waxes very enthusiastic over a performance of "The Prongs" at Gladbach. Now I have seen "The Prongs," and heartily endorse all he has said. They are undoubtedly a fine all-round party. But he has set me thinking. Who is the new leading lady? What is his — or should it be, her name? The Amusements Officer cannot tell me, but he says this delightful lady's rendering of Marie Lloyd's "A little bit of what you fancy," was quite the best thing he had heard or seen. Really, with this new prodigy and old members like Sig. Batey and Jimmy Robinson, I should think "The Prongs" brighter than ever. The Rhine Army Amusements Officer must book them for a week in Cologne.

Concert and "Hop."

At the Leave Club the entertainment given on Tuesday, by Miss Sara Silvers, who has spent the last three years in giving concerts to our troops in France, was much appreciated. It was quite informal, but she must be congratulated on the successful way in which she kept her audience continuously amused and interested for over an hour. The men thoroughly enjoyed every item, particularly her songs "Maire my Girl," "The Stoker of the Lusitania" and "Hunting Submarines — A Grimsby Boat." They also seemed to find singing and whistling choruses under her direction very entertaining. A remarkable dance was given in the theatre at 6.30. Among other demonstrations given were "How not to dance the One Step and the Valse." The only criticism it is possible to make is that Cpl. Heather and Sergeant-Major Felgate both dance so beautifully that it was very difficult for them to dance as badly as the people they were trying to imitate.

Shakespearean Evening.

A record number assembled at the weekly Meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Reading Circle, Euskirchen, to hear the Rev. Mansfield give his second Shakespearean evening.

His exposition of the great dramatist's "As You Like it," given a month ago, was a great success, but the "Merchant of Venice," the subject of this week's discourse, even eclipsed that masterly effort.

The Rev. Mansfield is by no means a novice in the study of Shakespeare, and his portrayals of Portia, Antonio and Shylock assumed breath in the masterly handling of the play, from which he extracted the essentials of the plot, leaving the less important details as a shadow throwing these principals into a relief at once rich and prominent.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Mansfield for such an instructive and entertaining hour brought a most most successful meeting to a conclusion.

"Tiger Pips" Score.

The Tiger Pips are much to be congratulated on the fine programme which they gave at the British Empire Leave Club, despite the fact that one of their best comedians had met with an accident, and was unable to perform. The lighting effects were charming, and the costumes of the troupe looked most picturesque. Pte. Whithead got very much applauded for his songs, "Bully Beef and Biscuits", and Pte. Senior's "It's the Drums" was much appreciated.

The violin solo by L/Cpl. Senicle (52nd. Notts and Derbys) was a real musical treat, and the audience insisted upon an encore from him.

A wrong Impression.

A paragraph yesterday may have given the impression that the British Rhine Army Dramatic Company had been formed to produce three-act plays every other week at the Deutsches Theatre Cologne, but I want to make it clear that the original idea of arranging tours throughout the whole area has not been changed. It is the intention of the Rhine Army Dramatic Company to visit Duren, Bonn, Euskirchen and 2nd Corps Area.

Their first visit outside Cologne will be at Bonn on Friday 11th July, when "The Mollusc" will be performed.

A Peace Night Concert.

Recently the 51st. Battn., Royal Sussex Regt., gave a highly successful impromptu concert at Seelscheid. The primary object was to choose talent for a costume concert-party; its secondary object—to give vent to the high spirits generated by the numerous rumours of peace which had filtered through, and by the official announcement made at the commencement of the concert by its organiser, the Adjutant.

The concert opened with a pianoforte solo by Pte. Topp, of 'X' Company followed by 'X' Company's minstrel troup in a medley of popular songs; the Padre took the crowded house with him in the chorus of that fine old favourite "Clementine," followed by 2 Lt. O'Brien in an amusing monologue. The artistes included C.S.M. Bell, C.S.M. Wells, Sergt. Cogger, Corpl. Southcott, L.Cpl. Missen and Ptes. Pollard, Price, and Fletcher. The last item was a sketch, by a 'W' Company party, stage-managed by Corpl. Hankin, entitled "Guard-mounting in Ragtime", which was a great success.

JACQUES.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY.

Bone Dry.—On Peace night, Manchester public houses were "bone dry" by 8 p.m.

Boys, Silly Act.—Boys caused a fire in a Hull hairdresser's shop by throwing in fireworks.

More Beer.—An increased output of beer in Great Britain is promised after the harvest.

Any Suggestions?—The Royal Yacht Club does not know what to do with the Kaiser's Cup.

Strawberries "Off."— This week sees the end of the strawberry season.

Good Money.— A boot cleaner at the Beaver Hut in the Strand has been earning £2 a day.

Novel Review.— Armoured cars have been reviewed in Hyde Park by Princess Marie Louise.

Unarmed Now.— The trawlers of Grimsby have shed the guns which they used during the war.

Smoking a Luxury.—There is every probability of tobacco going up in price again.

Back at Work.—Paris metal workers are back at work, and the strike in the building trade has been averted.

Silly Practice.—Injured while riding on the carrier of a motor-cycle, Elsie Curtis, a Birmingham girl, has died.

Freedom for Beatty.—Yarmouth, which made Nelson a freeman in 1800, has conferred the same honour upon Admiral Sir D. Beatty.

Mitcham Thefts.—Eight extensive robberies of vegetables from market gardens took place in sixteen days at Mitcham.

Overcome by Fumes.—Overcome by fumes from a hot-water geyser while in the bath, a girl, aged 13, died at Bath.

Dinna Forget.—A torn scrap of paper, under the words "Lest we forget," was put up in the Country Club, Datchet.

Through the Window.—During the progress of a sale at Merthyr, a runaway horse attached to a coal cart dashed through a window.

No Change.— In one department of the War Office, work is still going on night and day as in wartime.

Blacks sent Home.— Following the riots at Liverpool and Cardiff, one hundred and fifty negroes have been shipped back to West Africa.

War Consumptives.—Deaths from tuberculosis in England and Wales increased during the war from 50,298 in 1914 to 58,073 in 1918.

Muzzling.—The Kennel Club urges a general muzzling of dogs as the only effectual means of stamping out rabies.

Disbandment.—By an Army Council instruction, it has been decided to proceed with the disbandment of transport workers' battalions.

Burnley Strike.—Disturbances have taken place at Burnley in connection with the unofficial strike of weavers.

Bridge Fire.—The South-Eastern Railway bridge crossing the Medway from Rochester to Strood has been destroyed by fire.

Railway Thieves.—The Cambrian Railway Company has lost a cash box containing £600 which was being conveyed from Forden to Oswestry.

In a Tram.—A landlord told the Feltham Bench the other day, that owing to the housing difficulty he had been obliged to live in a tramcar.

Intra Dig.—For placing their arms round the waists of girls in Trafalgar-square, two negroes were fined at Bow-street.

Dismissed.—For stealing registered letters, a corporal of Marines, has been sentenced to six months' hard labour and dismissed the Service.

Peace Incident.—A boat was taken from the river at Gravesend, set alight, and dragged along the streets through cheering crowds.

Woman's Good Shooting.—A woman shot, Mrs. Irvine, beat 65 other competitors with a score of 91 points under King's Prize first-stage conditions at Bisley.

The Peace Treaty.—Four "other ranks" of the British Army, two from home, and two from France, were present at the signing of the Peace Treaty.

At the King's Hands.— Investitures continue to be held at Buckingham Palace. At the most recent, over three hundred decorations were presented by the King.

The Only One.— Probably the only man present at Versailles when the German Empire was proclaimed in 1871 and also at the signing of the Peace Treaty in 1919 was Lord Dunraven.

Profit.—The interesting fact is revealed by the Ministry of Munitions that 24,000 old pairs of stockings have been sold at an increase of 30 to 40 per cent. over the average purchase price.

Ex-Clergyman Divorced.—The wife of John Henry David Creighton, formerly rector of Foulsham, Norfolk, has been granted a decree nisi because of his cruelty and misconduct.

No Slums.—In the colliery village of Ashington, Northumberland, there is said to be no slum property and no underfeeding, except what are directly due to war conditions.

Caravans in War.—It has transpired that Sir Douglas Haig specially asked for caravans to be sent to France for the use of the General Staff in following up the German retreat.

Unfit for Food.—Cheese, butter, and meat unfit for food were alleged by the Miners' Union to have been sent to Lanarkshire for sale in the stores.

Ideal Cottages.—Each block of municipal dwellings to be erected at Hammersmith will have its own steam laundry, municipal kitchen, bowling green, and allotments.

Victory Loan.— The total received for the Victory Loan in three days at Trafalgar-square, London, on Saturday, reached £39,000,000. The amount received in the 1918 campaign in one week was £35,000,000.

Unwanted.—Six ex-Army officers employed at engineering works at West Hartlepool have withdrawn their services, owing to the strike of 300 members of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, who objected to their presence.

Not von Reuter.— The Oswestry military authorities state that the reports of Admiral von Reuter having been assaulted in that town are false. The Admiral was at the time in the compound smoking a cigar.

Amassed a Fortune.—Mr. A. E. Clegg, who, eighteen years ago, was a clerk in a Liverpool shipping office, has returned to his native city a millionaire. He was shipping adviser to the American delegation at the Peace Conference.

Echoes from Rhineland.

A Wedding Incident.

It was at Buisdorf where German roadmenders were at work with a British built steam-roller. A triple wedding had taken place and the whole party was happily proceeding on foot to whatever it is that they call the wedding breakfast. Down from the roller and up the road hurried the labourers, and across the pathway they slung a strong rope barrier. Mein Herr the roller-driver then produced from his capacious pocket a shoe-brush with which he flicked imaginary mud from everyone's boots, afterwards passing his hat round to the men of the procession who tipped him with various notes and shook his brawny hand. He then saluted them as they continued their happy stroll.

A Mystery Solved.

Inch by inch, foot by foot, very cautiously he crawled along on the roof of one of the large houses at Lindenthal. No town-cat with all his experience could have used more judgment. No boots, no stockings camouflaged his dainty feet. Steady now, steady, one can see him standing on the chimney-top with rope in hand, a living statue. Ye Gods, he cannot hang himself there surely. The mystery is revealed. At the end of the rope a ball of iron, another foot of rope and one sees a circular brush. Down the chimney it disappears, to re-appear in a few seconds. He is the German chimney sweep.

Preparing for the Tourist.

Signs are not lacking that the Rhinelander is getting ready for the civilian tourist invasion. In the vicinity of the little village of Küdinghoven, for instance, the natural beauty of the countryside has been greatly enhanced by the addition of rustic-work fences and conveniently placed steps etc. Shady arbours have been fitted up with seats and rockeries built; while in one delightful spot a fine specimen of the beautiful dog-rose has been carefully preserved to form the centre of an artistic rustic scheme, in which figures a miniature waterfall contrived from a hill-side streamlet. From this particular point of vantage a splendid view of the picturesque Rhine may be obtained.

Sawdust and Sand for Food.

The release for sale in Rhineland of the Brötchen, — the German equivalent of the English breakfast roll, — which has till recently been "verboten," marks another step towards peace conditions, and away from the food substitutes of war. However, justified were the old folks at home in their outcry against war commodities, surely the bread they ate could not compare for vileness with the stuff inflicted upon the German civilians during the war and since. The constituents of "Kriegsbrot" at one time was flour 50%, sawdust 30%, and straw-flour 20%. The unscrupulous profiteer frequently added a proportion of silver-sand for the purpose of increasing the weight.

Motorist Troubles.

Driving a motor-car through the streets of a busy town is, at the best of times, rather a nerve-racking occupation. In Germany, the proceeding is made increasingly difficult by reason of the extraordinary disregard by pedestrians of the customs of the road. It frequently happens that one has to pull up with considerably more suddenness than is good for the car, what time someone ambles cheerfully across the road without looking either to the right or left. It is indeed surprising that accidents are not a good deal more frequent than they are, and the explanation can only be the skill of motor drivers generally-both English and German.

Our National Anthem.

Comments have often been made lately of the attitude of our troops when the National Anthem is played. A correspondent says that the other night in one of the cinemas the orchestra composed of German musicians concluded the show by playing. "God Save the King," but according to him, only one young soldier stood at attention. The remainder ignored it and walked out. "Surely," he says, "this is not true British sentiment in regard to our National Anthem? Have we forgotten our dead comrades. Do we disregard the glorious traditions of our country and all that they stand for?" It is to be hoped that the instance cited is an isolated one, for, especially in an occupied country, everyone should be scrupulously, careful to do honour to the King, as head of the Empire we are all so proud of.

A Sultan's Skull.

One of the articles, No. 246, in the "Particular Settlements" of the Peace Treaty, stipulates that within six months the skull of the Sultan of Makowa must be handed over to the British Government. The German Colonial Office (retired now from the business) professes to know nothing about it. Who was Makowa? In the early nineties of the last century, the Germans were prosecuting colonial acquisition in East Africa, the persuasion used against the Ulche tribe being a Captain Prinz, and an armed force. During a little argument, which happened at Zelewski, the chief nigger lost his life and his life head, which was of particular anatomical interest. The German authorities says that a warrant officer "souvenirred" the skull, and that as it is not in any museum or institution in Germany, it is probably buried in East Africa. Captain Prinz, who might have thrown some light on the matter, is dead.

Few Cats.

One of the things many of our soldiers seem to have noticed in Rhineland is the scarcity of cats. In a day's walk the number seen may be easily counted on the fingers of one hand. Where are they? The explanation given by a correspondent may or may not be the correct one, but he says that in the backyards of the houses in the village he is billeted in, he has seen feline skins hanging on the walls. He suggests that it was "pussie" — roasted or boiled or made into "delicatessen" — that helped to keep the Rhinelanders from starvation in the latter days of the war. We wonder.

Closing a Popular Buffet.

It is announced that the buffet at Victoria station, London, has just to closed after four years continuous activity. There must be a great number of members of the Rhine Army who will ever cherish the happiest recollections of moments spent in the cheery precincts of the buffet. The ladies who ministered to the needs of Tommy's "inner man" worked under trying conditions and for long hours. Many a man arriving at the station late at night or in the "wee sma' hours" of the morning, returning from leave, will ever remember how the sunny influence of these ladies coupled with delightful sandwiches and steaming hot coffee, all supplied free of cost, speedily disposed of his feelings of "fed-uppishness."

"Walking out" Etiquette.

A certain custom in Germany has been generally noticed. When one watches the young couples (and old ones too) walking arm in arm along the pavement, it will be seen that the lady, or "Fräulein" in Germany whilst "spazieren" with her "Herr" does not always walk on the inside of the pavement — as is the custom in England, according to our laws of etiquette. From enquiries made concerning "Deutsche Etiquette" it appears that in Germany, it is correct for an unmarried woman to always walk on the gentleman's left, whilst a married woman should always walk on her husband's right.

Homes from Home.

Judging by the cheery faces and the persistent inclination to burst forth into song, the thousands of troops who have passed through Cologne during the past few days are pleased with the prospect of returning to their former billets.

To the older soldiers the advance immediately preceding the signing of Peace was reminiscent of the march from France into Germany in December of last year. The wearing of steel helmets and the temporary one night billets *en route* brought back vivid recollections of the none too enjoyable occupation of taking up positions in the occupied area.

Prizes for "Echoes."

The Editor of *"The Cologne Post"* wants to encourage all ranks of the Rhine Army to make use of their powers of observation and whenever any phase of life in the occupied territory strikes any of his readers or whenever they come across any unusual incident he would like to have a short paragraph about it. Such items should never exceed 150 words, and even shorter notes will be acceptable. Every day the sum of 10 marks will be given for the best sent in, and it should be borne in mind that in awarding the prize, more credit will be given to the subject than to the style of writing, so that lack of literary ability will be no deterrent to anyone. The envelope should have the word "Echoes" in the top left hand corner.

To-day's winner of the prize of 10 marks is Sgt B.G. Blades, 52nd King's Liverpool Regt., Rhine Army.

Answers to Correspondents.

"W.H.":—You can get a War Loan Savings book and certificates at any Army Post Office. With regard to your question on demobilization, we are sorry but we are unable to answer such queries in this column.

"H.E.":—Which are precious birth stones for the months of April and July. Can a reader oblige?

"ANXIOUS":—Have no knowledge of any impending visit by Mr. Winston Churchill to the Rhine Army.

"A.C.":—If you were serving at Gallipoli then you are entitled to the 1914-15 star. Apply to the unit with which you were serving.

"THE GUNNERS.":—If a child is born in France then he or she is of French nationality but of English parents.

"FLEDGLING":—Our information with regard to Honorary Commissions for R.A.F. cadets is based on a newspaper cutting from a contemporary.

PTE. J. BURKE:—You are entitled to wear a diamond shaped badge bearing the initials "B.L.A.V."

DRUMMER TETLEY:—The armistice came into operation at 11.00 hours on November 11th. It was actually signed the previous night.

"SIM":—Yes you are entitled to a gratuity for your service.

O.C., R.A.S.C.:—Sorry we cannot supply the No. of the Army Order referred to. Our information was supplied by a News Agency.

"ALF":—Yes, if a man is "mentioned" in military despatches he is under A.O. 166 of 1919, given a certificate.

"R.W.R.":—The order of finishing in the Scottish League was Glasgow Rangers, first; Celtic, second; Greenock Morton, third.

"J.J.":—In the report of the 1st (King's) Brigade Rifle meeting we were not furnished with the name of the man who fired the winning gun.

L/CPL. MARTIN CAMERON:—There is no harm in applying. It is a matter for your commanding officer.

Other queries will be dealt with to-morrow.—Ed.

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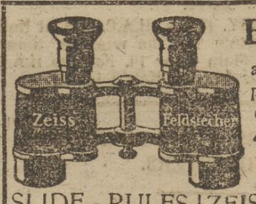

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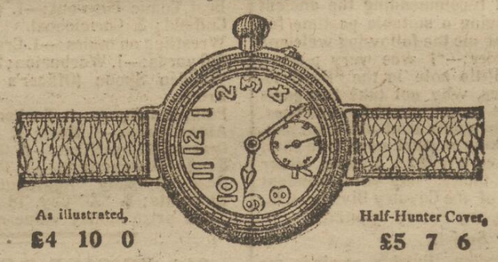

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QUESTION OF FRONTIERS.

PLOT TO DESTROY RELIEF STORES.

MINOR SUCCESSES IN NORTH RUSSIA.

RATIFYING PEACE

SLIGHT DELAY AT BERLIN PROBABLE.

It is learned from an authoritative quarter that no decision has yet been reached at Berlin as to when the Peace Treaty will be ratified, the reasons being that a number of important questions must be settled in advance. One of these concerns the new frontier lines in the territories to be ceded.

Unrest still continues in East Germany, but the danger of concerted action against the terms of the Peace Treaty seems to have disappeared.

Despite the disturbed state of German industry, dealings on the Berlin Stock Exchange continue. Rates of exchange have improved on increased buying by neutrals and by the Germans themselves.

BELL'S BELIEF.

THAT THE ALLIES WILL NOT ENFORCE PEACE TERMS.

According to the latest information, the Dutch Government does not intend to hand over the ex-Kaiser to the Allies.

Herr Bell, one of the signatories of the Treaty, in an interview given to an American journalist said that he hoped the Allies would reconsider the Peace Terms. He thought them impossible of fulfilment.

He also expressed his belief that the Allies would not insist on the extradition of the ex-Kaiser and other high personages.

BERLIN STRIKE.

FOOD AND COAL SUPPLIES GIVING OUT.

Latest messages from Berlin state that the traffic strike is likely to be of long duration. A very limited amount of goods traffic is being maintained, but if the strike continues, food and coal supplies will soon run out.

It has been definitely ascertained that the strike is due to the work of agitators. Quantities of literature have come from Bolshevists in Budapesth, while the arms possessed by many have been proved in some cases to have reached Hamburg by sea, hidden in coal cargoes.

A bank strike has not yet been declared, though the leader, Emouts, remains in custody. It is officially declared that he was arrested for carrying on Bolshevist propaganda on an extensive scale and for participation in the Communist movement aiming at the overthrow of the present regime.

HAMBURG'S PLIGHT.

DASTARDLY PLOT TO DESTROY RELIEF FOOD.

The Berlin correspondent of *Politiken* reports an attempt made at Hamburg to destroy by explosion the immense stocks of American foodstuffs stored there. The food depots had been watched by special guards, but the men deserted their posts. A number of prisoners who escaped last week joined with members of the Sailors Union in a plot to destroy the stores.

News of the affair leaked out and the police were able at the last moment to frustrate the plan. All the railway stations and most of the public buildings in Hamburg have been occupied by Government troops, who met with no resistance except in the suburb of St. Pauli, where a few shots were fired.

The town resembles an armed camp, the streets being full of ammunition wagons. Guns have been placed in position on the Town Hall Square, and machine guns cover all important points.

ESTHONIAN CAMPAIGN.

RIGA STILL OCCUPIED BY GERMANS.

The Lettish Press Agency states that the report of the Lettish troops having taken Riga is premature. The Germans on Saturday last repulsed an attack by Esthonian and Lettish forces on the Gogel river front.

General von der Goltz has now completely thrown off the mask and is openly carrying on war against Livonia and Esthonia. He has proclaimed himself Governor General at Riga and placed the town under Martial Law.

GOEBEN'S FUTURE.

Dr. Macnamara informed Viscount Curzon in the House of Commons yesterday, that so far, no definite decision has been taken regarding the final disposition of the battleship Goeben. It is assumed that the question will be dealt with in the Turkish Peace terms.

Tipsy French soldiers at Fiume demonstrated in favour of the Jugo-Slavs. In consequence General Svie confined all French troops to barracks.

MURMANSK FRONT.

GOOD SHOOTING BY ENEMY ARCHIES.

General Maynard reports from the Murmansk front that Italian troops have captured an enemy position on the Shunga Peninsula. Their casualties were only five wounded against the enemy's five hundred. On June 28th a mixed force of Russians and Serbians, backed by British artillery and aeroplanes and a small Canadian detachment, captured the village of Diahovi Gory, inflicting heavy losses.

Enemy anti-aircraft guns have been active against our aeroplanes, some of which have been hit. Several successful encounters are reported from the Archangel front. On the right bank of the Dvina the front has been pushed forward to the river Selmenga, and on the left bank we hold Yakevlevsko.

During the night of June 29th forest fires broke out on the railway and the front had to be temporarily evacuated. The enemy attack on Kleshevo on June 28th was broken up by artillery fire.

GREEKS v. TURKS.

PROGRESS OF WAR IN ASIA MINOR.

The following official communiqué has been issued from the headquarters of the Greek army operating in Asia Minor:

SMYRNA, June 28.

"Fifteen thousand Turkish troops, with guns and machine guns, under the command of Turkish officers, are concentrated at Belikesser, Soma, and Thyatira-Akhis-Sar. Three classes of reservists have been called under the colours. This army is commanded by Jejets (?) Pasha and Nureddin Pasha. The advanced posts of the enemy are at Michil. Five thousand to six thousand more Turks are concentrated at Salihli, and they pushed towards Ahmedli. The enemy was attacked on June 23 by our troops at the latter place, and completely dispersed. Some casualties are reported.

"On June 25 our outposts on the east of Kinik were attacked by Turkish troops. The enemy was repulsed. Two machine-guns have been taken. On the same day one Turkish battalion appeared at Gounous (Gomej), on the north of Pergame. Our troops attacked and pursued it as far as Baykey (on the river Madaras). The latter place was occupied by the Greek troops. On the same day Turkish bands, numbering 100 men, appeared on the south of Aidin. Attacked by our troops, they have been compelled to cross the river Meander. Forty men of the band are reported as killed.

"The Turkish forces, numbering about 40,000, are distributed as follows: Ten thousand at Belikesser, 3,000 at Soma, 3,000 at Salihli, 5,000 at Akhissar, 3 000 east of Pergame, 3,000 on the range of Bosdag, 10,000 at Denizli, and 3,000 at Aidin. An unknown number of troops are also reported at Adramytti, equipped with forty-seven guns, numerous machine-guns, and considerable cavalry.

"The action of Turkish forces started on June 19, when they attacked and have taken Pergame. (N.B.—This place has been recaptured since then by Greek troops). On June 19 the Turkish forces at Denizli surrounded and took Nazily. At the same time, two columns, numbering 6,000 men, were advancing, one from Salihili against Kassaba.

TRUCULENT GERMAN PRISONERS.

Two thousand German prisoners in West Camp, Park Hall Camp, Oswestry, threatened to riot yesterday.

Having had breakfast, but seeing no rations for dinner, they refused to parade. In a body they came with sticks to the barbed wire, threatening their guards.

Reinforcements were sent for and 250 soldiers with fixed bayonets quelled the disturbance.

The dinner rations arrived during the morning.

THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

The French public is deeply interested in the Convention between France, Great Britain and America. The attitude observed by the greater part of the British Press has made the best impression, and ratification by America is considered certain.

FRENCH BOY SPY SHOT.

The execution took place on Tuesday at Rouen of Georges Duval, an agricultural labourer, aged seventeen, who was recently condemned to death by court martial for having communication with the enemy.

In October, 1914, Duval betrayed to the German authorities two English soldiers who were lying hidden in his district, in consequence of which the two Englishmen were immediately shot.

It is suggested that the large military camps at Ripon, as soon as they are evacuated, should be utilized for commercial purposes. The idea is viewed with favour by the War Office and other Government Departments concerned.

OFF TO AMERICA.

BRITISH AIRSHIP STARTS HER RECORD VOYAGE.

The British airship R. 34 left East Fortune aerodrome Scotland at 2.48 p. m. on Wednesday (British Summer time) en route for America.

The weather was dull and foggy when she left East Fortune. The airship made a beautiful ascent amid the cheers of the aerodrome contingent. Previous to their departure the staff of the aerodrome, under the presidency of Major Hunt, gave a dinner to the crew of the R. 34.

She has kept in wireless touch with this side so far, and several messages reporting satisfactory progress have been received.

At 5.30 the airship reported that she was passing over Rathlin, North Ireland, bearing West and going well. At 8 p. m. she reported her position as 50 degrees 20 minutes North, 10 degrees 40 minutes West. Shortly after ten came the report that the R. 34 was passing through fog and that everything was going well.

Latest messages show that the airship is still going well and is in wireless touch with the Azores, St. John's and Clifden, Ireland. It is flying at two thousand feet at thirty knots. The reliability of the wireless installation is demonstrated by the regularity with which messages have been received every hour since the start. The position of the airship at midnight was 54 degrees 5 minutes North, 24 degrees 15 minutes West.

As a wish has been expressed that R. 34 should mark her arrival over Canada, it has been arranged that, if weather and other conditions permit, she will pass at a low altitude over Halifax and drop a message. A bag of mails is being carried to the United States. The actual distance of the course to be followed in each direction is 3,100 nautical miles, the speed it is proposed to maintain being 40 knots, equivalent to 46 miles per hour (air speed), but so much depends on the weather that to attempt a definite estimate of the duration of the flights is not possible. For the outward journey the time required may be upwards of 100 hours, or more if the speed is reduced, whilst that for the return flight may be considerably less, perhaps about fifty hours, owing to the assistance that will probably be afforded by the westerly winds prevailing over the course.

SHIP AND CREW.

R 34 was designed by the Admiralty and constructed by Sir William Beardmore and Co. Ltd., Inchinnan, near Glasgow. The gas-containing hull of the airship comprises a skeleton streamline framework of polygonal cross section, built of light metallic girders. This framework is divided into chambers, in which drum-shaped gas-bags are enclosed. The whole is covered with sheets of doped linen stretched tightly over the framework. The length of R 34 is 643ft. with a maximum diameter of 78ft 9in. Four gondolas are attached to the underside of the hull, the navigating compartment being situated in the leading portion of the forward gondola. All the controls of the airship are centred in this compartment, or cabin, which is connected by telephones, telegraphs, and voice-pipes with the other gondolas and the various stations of the crew. In it also is the wireless cabin. Five Sun-beam engines of the "Maori" type, of 275 horse-power, drive the airship. The sternmost gondola contains two engines geared to drive one large propeller. There are thus five engines and four propellers. Its actual weight is slightly over thirty tons, and in favourable conditions it can carry nearly twenty-nine tons of useful load, including crew, petrol, oil, and ballast. Six officers and twenty N.C.O.'s and airmen of the Royal Air Force, under the Command of Major G. H. Scott, A.F.C., form the navigating crew of the R. 34, and, in addition, three officers, one an officer of the U.S. Navy, are being carried to America as passengers, whose services can be called upon if necessary.

CANADIAN CASH.

REMORSEFUL ACTION BY EPSOM RIOTERS.

Colonel Guest, commanding at Woodcote Camp, Epsom, has handed over a cheque for £172 which was subscribed among the staff and patients at the camp, for the widow of Station-Sergeant Green, who died from injuries sustained in the recent riots.

RESULT OF WAR STRAIN.

An inquest was held at Turnditch, near Derby, on Wednesday on the Rev. Arthur Cyril Hornby Hall, 33, vicar of the parish and formerly curate at Fleetwood, who shot himself with a German revolver on Sunday morning. Telling his wife he was going to look over his sermons, he went downstairs in his pyjamas, and hearing a report some time later, Mrs. Hall entered the study and found him dead, with a bullet wound in the forehead. Deceased was at one time chaplain on the training-ship Cornwall, and in 1916 he became a Chaplain to the Forces in France. During the Somme battles he had several narrow escapes, and on one occasion at night he fell into a shell hole, seriously injuring his knee. He was afterwards in hospital at Sheffield for three months, and following this he had a severe attack of influenza, which left him very depressed. He had also worried over a dispute in his parish concerning the form the peace celebrations should take, and whether he should participate therein.

The widow stated that they removed from London to Derbyshire mainly in the interests of her health.

A verdict of suicide during temporary insanity was returned.

PRINCE OF WALES MOVES.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales ceased yesterday to occupy rooms at Buckingham Palace and took up his residence in apartments prepared for him at St. James' Palace. On Tuesday night for the first time an addition was made to the Court Circular, dated from St. James, and recording the movements of the Prince.

DIVORCE.

COLONEL WEDGWOOD, M. P., STATES HIS CASE.

It was announced on Tuesday, that Colonel Josiah Clement Wedgwood, M. P. for Newcastle-under-Lyme, was re-married on Wednesday last at Chelsea Registry Office, to Florence Ethel Willet, of 14, Kingsmead-road, Streatham, described as a spinster, 41 years of age, and the daughter of Edward Guy Willet, deceased.

Colonel Wedgwood, whose age was given in the marriage register as 47 years, was described as the divorced husband of Ethel Kate Wedgwood, formerly Bowen, spinster. The ceremony took place very quietly, only two other people being present. The two witnesses were Rosamund Wedgwood and F. R. Willet. After the marriage the newly-wedded pair left to spend their honeymoon at some unknown destination.

Colonel Wedgwood was divorced on Dec. 10, 1918, and the decree nisi was made absolute on June 23 last. In a letter to the "Staffordshire Sentinel" dealing with his divorce, he says:

"My married life was a very happy one until in 1913 my wife ceased to love me. She is one of those who believe that to live with a man you do not love is prostitution, and we separated for many years. I kept hoping that she would change, for after twenty years the break always seems inconceivable. I offered to start again in a new country where no one would know us. It was all useless, and when I came back from Africa in 1916 and failed again I, at last realised that plans had to be made to reconstruct my life and home.

CHURCH AND STATE.

"I consulted a colleague, a leading K.C. in the House. He told me that there were only two ways for me to get free and re-establish a home. I could acquire a Scottish domicile and then divorce my wife for desertion, or I could let myself be divorced by her under English law. It takes (I think) three years to acquire the rights and privileges of a Scotsman, and it would have meant uprooting myself from Staffordshire, so I finally chose the second alternative.

"The law, which the Church will not allow us politicians to change, insists that a wife shall only be able to divorce her husband if he has been found guilty of desertion and adultery. More merciful than the Church, the laws allows desertion to be assumed if a writ for the restitution of conjugal rights is obtained, and not complied with, so letters were exchanged and I was duly found guilty of desertion.

"All the world read in the papers that I had deserted a wife and seven children after twenty years' married life. Such a thing, if true, strikes me as being more blackguardly than adultery.

There was no protest from Mr. Sinker (vicar of St. George's, Newcastle), but I am not likely to forget that day in the House of Commons. I spoke six times that day on the Education Bill to a perfectly silent House, feeling that every man was saying, "That is the man who has deserted his wife and seven children!"

"The next stage was to get myself proved guilty of adultery. I chose the simplest way, took a suite of rooms at the Charing Cross Hotel and took a lady there who was not my wife. As a matter of fact, there was no adultery there. It is not exactly a festive occasion when you are carefully providing evidence to end a happy married life.

OUR DIVORCE LAWS.

"I cannot imagine what sensible people should expect me to be doing with a sitting room at a London hotel except to sleep in, or why anyone who has a comfortable flat in London should go to the Charing Cross Hotel at all, but people who knew that my children were at Moddershall with me and saw that the 'desertion' conviction must be formal, immediately jumped to the conclusion that the member for Newcastle was a thoroughly bad lot, and smacked their lips over 'guilty of adultery.'

"I think Mr. Sinker might have been more reticent in the matter, as had I committed this rightful sin it would only have been to satisfy the insistence of his Church. Even this avenue to freedom is barred to all but the rich. It has cost me several hundred pounds. Our divorce laws constitute the grossest case of one law for the rich and another for the poor, for which again Mr. Sinker and his kind are resposible.

"Throughout I have done what I conceive to be the most honourable thing in the most honourable way, and I have had good friends to back me up, but I ask you to observe what happens to a public man who tries to act honourably. Out of 900 similar cases last year, mine was the only one reported three times; my portrait was in the picture papers three times. I was deluged in anonymous abuse three times. An honourable name was dragged in the mud, and foremost in the hunt is a minister of the Church of England."

The letter concludes: "Before these lines are read I shall have exercised my right of remarriage, and in that I believe I shall have the good wishes of all that is best in the county of my birth."

BETTER BEER.

UNLIMITED QUANTITY BUT RESTRICTED QUALITY.

It was announced yesterday by Mr. Bonar Law that the Government has decided to remove all restrictions as to the quantity of beer brewed. The restrictions on gravity will be continued but the gravity in each grade will be increased by four degrees. Beer of the specific gravity of 1,020 will be sold at two pence a pint. It is the intention of the Government to terminate the existence of the Central Control Board and replace it by a commission.

GUN-SHOT TRAGEDY.

A verdict of "Murder" against Mr. Francis Herbert Mowatt, who shot his wife and afterwards shot himself on Tuesday morning, was returned at the inquest held at Stoke Lodge, Stoke Poges, yesterday. The finding in the case of Mr. Mowatt himself was that he committed suicide while temporarily insane.

Witnesses were unable to throw any further light on the cause of the tragedy.

The "River Clyde" transport, of Gallipoli fame, has been salved and it is expected that it will shortly be taken to the Thames for inspection.

ALIENS TO GO.

ONLY VERY EXCEPTIONAL CASES EXEMPT.

The House of Commons Standing Committee on the Aliens' Restriction Bill passed yesterday, by fourteen votes to twelve, a clause making it a statutory obligation to deport within one month of the passing of the Act all enemy aliens except those granted licences after due inquiry. The Government opposed the clause in favour of their own proposal for an Order in Council to effect the same purpose.

Sir John Butcher, a member of the advisory committee, in submitting the clause, said that in November 1918 there were in this country 21,000 enemy aliens uninterned, and in April last there were 5,000 uninterned Germans.

"The country is sick and tired of government by Orders in Council," he declared. "Only great pressure on the Home Office resulted in the internment of aliens during the war, and now we are faced with the stern duty of seeing that none but very exceptional cases are exempt. The country demands it, and the Government have promised it.'

Sir H. Nield said that the Prime Minister and others had pledged themselves that every interned German should be repatriated, and the country was asking for the fulfilment of that promise.

The Home Secretary claimed that the Secret Service of this country was the most effective in the world, and said that the spy danger during the war had been greatly exaggerated, although the number of spies had not been exaggerated.

AMAZING CAREER.

CHAPLAIN, STOCKBROKER, AND THEN A COMMON SOLDIER.

The varied career of an ex-Army chaplain was described in the Divorce Division yesterday, in a petition in which Mrs. Hilda Johnson asked to have her marriage dissolved on the ground of the desertion and misconduct of her husband, Noel Hugh Johnson.

It was stated that Mrs. Johnson was formerly married to a major.

Mr. J. H. Murphy (to Mrs. Johnson): I think that your husband was the co-respondent in the Hawkes divorce case, and that you were married afterwards? — Yes. My husband was formerly a chaplain in the Army, and when the war broke out he enlisted as a private. Afterwards he obtained a commission.

Mr. Justice Horridge: How is it he is described as a stockbroker's clerk?

Mr. Murphy: He was a chaplain before his marriage.

Mr. Justice Horridge: First a chaplain, then a stockbroker's clerk, and then a common soldier!

Mr. Murphy: He had to leave the Church after the divorce proceedings, and he went into the City.

A decree nisi was pronounced.

HONOURABLY ACQUITTED.

DID NOT BORROW FROM GERMAN PRISONER.

The General Court-martial which has been investigating the charges against Lieut. Frank Godker, interpreter specialist attached to the German prisoners' camp at Penarth, concluded its sittings yesterday.

The charges were that Lieut. Godker had borrowed money from, and neglected to pay it back to a German prisoner.

The accused's answer to the charges was a complete denial. He proceeded to say that the German, Randzis, from whom he was alleged to have borrowed the money, had given a lot of trouble by his conduct towards the women clerks and had been spoken to about it.

The Court found Lieut. Godker not guilty on all charges and he was honourably acquitted.

BEST GUARANTEE FOR PEACE.

Replying to the toast of his health at a farewell dinner last night, Mr. Hughes, the Australian Premier, said we had got the best peace possible under the circumstances. Whether as good a treaty would have been signed in November last or early this year is more than doubtful. The treaty is condemned by some as unjust, but with that he disagreed. It is easier to ask if the world is safeguarded against future German aggression than to answer.

He did not believe that Prussian Militarism is dead. The German to-day is as he was yesterday, and in this generation there will be no repentance. The treaty would prevent them from becoming a deadly menace to the world for a season, and afterwards we must look to the League of Nations. The best guarantee for peace, however, is the new triple alliance of Great Britain, America and France.

PARISH SCANDAL.

A clergyman whose conduct was stated to be a scandal to the parish, was divorced yesterday. He was the Rev. John Henry David Creighton, formerly rector of Foulsham, Norfolk. The woman in the case was a governess named Dorothy Knight.

Mrs. Creighton said there were four children of the marriage. Her husband met Dorothy Knight while he was rector of King's Somborne, Southampton. He used to stay out late. Her husband had £800 a year at King's Somborne and nearly £1,000 at Foulsham, but he was so extravagant that she had to earn money to keep the home going.

While she was on munition work at Norwich her husband lived with Dorothy Knight, and he had to leave his parish.

Mr. Asquith arrived in Cologne yesterday.

President Poincaré will review American troops on the Place de la Concorde to-day, American Independence Day.

COLOGNE RACE

2nd DAY'S ENTRIES July 12.

2.00 p.m. The Cologne Plate. (1st Div.)

Capt. Bathurst	Swan Song
Capt. Lucas	I Wonder
Major Bagshaw	Sahib
Lt.-Col. Gill	Esmeralda
Major Holmes	Dark Ronald
Major Langley	Prince
Major Carlisle	Mount Royal
Lieut. Goldthorpe	Kaffir Girla
2 Lt. Wilson	Black Jester
Major Davidson	Charlie
Lieut. Eykyn	The Christian
Lieut. Matthews	Red Dawn
Lieut. Arnold	Baby Mine
Capt. Bell	Clon Barron
Capt. Stapley	Gordelphus
Lt.-Col. Harrison	Brigade-Major
Lieut. Gaskell	Josephine
Lieut. Wilson	Pol Roger
Capt. Cocksedge	Baubec
Lt.-Col. Shannon	Cavanagh

2.30 p.m. Maiden Welter Steeple-Chase. (1st Div.)

Major Hewer	Old King Cole
Major Michelmore	Cadet
2/Lieut. Bingham	Lady Violet
Lieut. Henderson	Sylvia
Lieut. Livingstone-Learmonth	En Plein
Lt.-Col. Hon. D. Bingham	Snowman
Capt. Matthews	Alphonse
Major Goderidge	B g O s
Major Forsyth	Fox Trot
Lieut. Dangerfields	Bobby
Lt.-Col. Napier	Yeoman
Lieut. McFarlane	Yell w Peril
Major Lord	Gold Dust
Capt. Richardson	Bunty

3.00 p.m. The Cologne Plate. (2nd Div.)

Lieut. Tanner	Aeneas
Capt. Babington	Lucky Jim
Major Heydeman	Johnnie Walker
Capt. Richardson	Nut
Capt. Adair	John Cording
Lieut. Misa	Sprint
Capt. Mortimer	Lady Edith
Lieut. Reid	Jimcrack
Capt. Anglers	Hielan Laddie
Major Bather	Billy
Lieut. Durnford	Velociter
Major Phipps-Hornby	Chief's Right
Lt.-Col. Steel	Thornaby
Lieut. Claydon	Concord
Lt.-Col. Poole	Liancourt
Lieut. Clerke	Reynards Comet
Capt. Latham	Noio
Lieut. Mitchell	Dublin Bay II

3.30 p.m. Maiden Race.

2/Lieut. Wick	Perhaps
Lieut. Appleby	Peter II
Lieut. Parsons	The Parrott
Capt. Smith	Kitty
Capt. A. Beauchamp-Nobbs	Bubbles
Lieut. Neill	Maid of the Mountains
Lieut. Wood	The Spiff
2/Lieut. Mac Pherson	Khaki Joe
Major Palmer	Belinda
Major Forsyth	Fantasy
Capt. Margeston	Diamond Lady
Major Glen	Jimmy
Capt. Court	Tabasco
Lt.-Col. Blake	Neddy
Lieut. Topham	Dolly Gray
Lieut. Roch	Mrs. Jock
Lt.-Col. Poole	Liancourt
Capt. Waterman	Mascot
Major Cobb	Roy
Lieut. Stoat	Baby
Lieut. Thorne	Mary
Major Keyser	Queen Anne
Capt. Comber	Woolstan
Capt. Comber	Furlong
Lt.-Col. Elliott	De Why Not
Lt.-Col. Elliott	Dolly

4.00 p.m. Allied Steeple-Chase.

Major Hewer	Old King Cole
Capt. Erlington	General Post
Major Vernet	Sergeant Major
Lt.-Col. Sir G. Armytage	Barbara
Capt. Montgomery	Iron Gate
Capt. Hodgins	Paddy
Lt.-Col. Harrison	Brigade Major
Capt. Cocksedge	Barney
Capt. Moore	George II
2 Lt. Simpson	Peggy
Capt. Oudard	Faubias II
Lieut. Terry	Zambuck
Major Sinclair	Winamere
Major Smith	Mystery
Major Bather	Jimmy
Lieut. Claydon	Concord
Lieut. Harris	Right There
Lieut. Elliot	Lady Betty
Lieut. Hilder	Mad Hatter
Lieut. Uhser	Golden Sunset

4.30 p.m. Victory Plate.

Capt. Bathurst	Nene
Capt. Welnam	Tommy G
Major Holmes	Dante
Lieut. Bloodworth	Ruby
Capt. Flynns	Billet Deux
Capt. Porrett	Honey
Capt. Cocksedge	Baubec
Capt. Babington	Lucky Jim
Capt. Storie	Hydroplane
Lieut. Misa	Sprint
Lieut. Russell	Remember Me
Lieut. Roch	Mrs. Jock
Lieut. Fennelly	Ballyhooley
Major Smith	May Gift
Major Smith	Tom Brown
Major Bather	Billy
Major Bather	Geebung
Lieut. Durafords	Velociter
Major Phipps-Hornby	Chief's Right
Lieut. Lord Killeens	Civie

4.30 p.m. Maiden Welter Streeple-Chase. (2nd Div.

Lieut. Ellerbeck	Mrs. McKay
Capt. Anglers	Ferndale
Lieut. Shell	Shamrock
Major O'Kelly	The Lamb
Lieut. Kelly	Buzz Buzz
Lieut. Kelly	Yes Uncle
2 Lieut. Roger	Anthony
Lieut. Shea	Christine
Lieut. Bulteel	Late Report
Lieut. Birley	Lady Bird
Capt. Stanyforth	Glutton
2 Lieut. McCreery	Kilbay
Lieut. Lord Killeens	No End
2 Lieut. Wilson	Kate
2 Lieut. Slade	Havildar

5.00 p.m. Maiden Hurdle Race.

Capt. Chamier	Paddy
Capt. Smith	Polly Perkins
Lieut. Anderton	Ugly
Major Robinson	Firefly
Major Needham	Polish Banker
Lieut. Dunlop	Sir Richard
Lieut. Cattley	Spider
Lieut. Holland	Quick March
Lt.-Col. Curling	Bob
Major Copeland	Astronomer
Lieut. Probert	Daisy
Lieut. Dangerfield	Starlight
Lieut. Spicer	Naboth
Lieut. Wilson	Pol Roger
Lieut. Crawford	Long Tom
Major Harman	Bill
Lt.-Col. Irwin	Red Hackle
Lieut. McDonnell	Be Careful Baby
Lieut. Roch	Patsy
Lieut. Clerke	Warrior
Capt. Corrall	Lady Diana
Roddich	Mischief
Lieut. Hon. J. Vernoy	Forbidden Fruit
Capt. Clarke	Lady Haig
Lieut. Hewitt	Lady Mine

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HOW WE CAN HELP.

Now that Peace has been signed, the great necessity of the British nation is to maintain its business reputation, to put its finances on a secure basis, to foster a greater feeling of confidence in the commercial world, clearing the way for the development of its industries and export trade, and thus creating employment for the demobilized. And while doing all these things it is essential that the cost of living shall be lowered.

The Victory Loan, which is now offered for subscription, and is available for everyone — even those who possess a few pounds only — is the surest and safest road by which to return to the more normal conditions which will enable us to reap the fruits of victory.

These fruits cannot be fully enjoyed while our existence is still governed by the temporary expedients of war necessity.

We have to stop the system of State borrowing for short periods, which was a necessary evil during the war, but which constitutes an encumbrance and source of weakness to our whole financial fabric and has been the root cause of the high prices from which we all suffer.

The present abnormally costly rate of living is the greatest of our national handicaps. Prices are high to-day, mainly because there is a great demand for a limited number of commodities. We must release money for industry that at present goes into short loans for the government. This can be used for increasing our output of goods.

We have to replace the mass of these short term loans by others for a long term to be provided by the savings of the nation. The Victory Loan will ensure that this is done, and all of us are invited to take our part in laying the foundations of a sound economic future.

To make the financial situation safe and sure, we can all help by devoting all our available savings to national ends. By so doing we reap a good reward in better interest than is possible from any other investment, with equal security and in remarkably liberal terms of redemption.

Yet, after all, the fact that the return we reap from our investment is good, should be a secondary consideration.

The first purpose of patriotism is to serve one's country, and the country's need does not end with the war.

Our soldiers, by offering their services to fight Germany, have already, we know, shown the highest form of patriotism. Its value to the Empire can never be repaid adequately.

And now, if they are called upon to show a further proof of their patriotism by taking up the Victory Loan as far as they are able, we know they will not fail.

INDEPENDENCE DAY.

The Fourth of July is a day of festival in the United States of America, for on that date in the year 1776, the Declaration of Independence was proclaimed.

The American colonists endured the ordeal of battle for seven years, but they won their freedom and inaugurated a noble history of democracy in the western world. It was the Peace of Versailles, 1783, that sealed their victorious campaign.

Once more the United States of America have fought in a war of independence. This time they have battled not against Britain and not for any national ambition, but against Germany and against the false ideal of a militarist State.

Great as was the eighteenth century war of independence this war is greater. It has been a campaign against the oppression of the sword and the dominance of autocracy.

Versailles is again the scene of peace. As it was a happy auspice for American democracy, so may it now be a propitious omen for a new world in which the League of Nations and not proud despotism shall be supreme.

DEMOBILIZATION.

From the number of letters received, it is evident that our recent note an demobilization aroused considerable interest.

Yesterday we published under the caption "To Clear up Doubts", the chief provisions of a recent Army Order on the matter, but there are still one or two points obviously requiring further elucidation.

In the first place the Army Order from which we quoted was only issued to prepare the several administrative branches for action on certain events taking place and will only become operative on the issue of a future order. Until this is issued no action can be taken.

Further, there was a serious omission. A sentence having an important bearing on the subject was omitted from the report from which we took our information.

The words "on A.F.Z. 32 or A.F.Z. 56 were not given" and the full paragraph should read "Those who before February 1, 1919 were certified for release by the Ministry of Labour on A.F.Z. 32" or A.F.Z. 56. No other Army Forms operate under this clause—only the two named.

So, for the time being, the process of demobilization of men from the Rhine Army will proceed as heretofore.

CONCERNING CHEVRONS.

He was seated at my right-hand side in the large Y.M.C.A. concert hall "Somewhere in Deutschland." He looked about twenty-eight years of age, perhaps more. I am just twenty-one, and my pals constantly affirm that I appear younger. I am often referred to as the Babe.

The concert — as are most entertainments for soldiers — was late in commencing. My neighbour turned to me, determined to pass the time in conversation.

"Got a match, chum?" he asked, as a means of introduction. As I produced a box, I noticed him studying my brand-new uniform, conspicuous by the absence of long service stripe, chevrons, and war ribbons.

"Been in Germany long?" he queried, as he lit his pipe.

"About two months," was my truthful response.

"Ah! You're one of the young guards, I presume. It's a grand thing for you lads to be able to play even the comparatively minor rôle of occupying Germany. But thank your stars you weren't in France when the fighting was on. Ever seen a shell-hole?"

"One or two," I answered in a humble, noncommital tone of voice.

"Oh! So you noticed a little of the devastation the war has caused. I suppose you passed through Bailleul on your way up to Germany. Now if you had been at Nieuport in '17, ——"

Here he broke off into a discursive history of the various fronts; spoke of the March retreat, with bated breath; mentioned Ypres and Shrapnel Corner as "hot shops"; gave a brief account of the battle of Messines; named "Bully Court" and Hohenzollern Redoubt with the authoritative air of a participant in those actions; emphatically condemned the strategy of our leading generals as puerile; compared the German artillery to ours, with distinct disadvantage to the latter; then ended with a brief summary of the progress of the last, victorious push all along the line.

"Then came the grand finale at Mons," he concluded, "A fitting place to end the war where first the conflict waged. Ever been at Mons?"

"Yes," I said, then noticed with amazement a single blue chevron adorning his right cuff.

"Do you happen to have an active service chevron you could sell me?" I asked politely.

"I've got a spare one," he replied, "though its hardly fair to put one up until you've been out over nine months. Anyhow, you can have it."

"I'm sorry, but that's no use," I remarked sweetly, as he produced a blue chevron. "It's the wrong colour. I've got four of those, but I want a red one. You see, I was at Mons in '14."

Moral — Don't mislead others by not wearing your decorations, and don't let chevron-less men mislead you! C.M.B.

IN THE SUBURBS OF COLOGNE.

Coleridge, the poet, had nothing better to say of Cologne than that it was "the abode of ugly wenches and nasty stenches." Would he say the same to-day?

One need not be an admirer of Cologne and her suburbs to note the general cleanliness of the streets.

This was probably the cause of Coleridge's complaint, although it may have been the evil-smelling factories he was referring to.

But after all Cologne does produce chocolate and scents, the smell of which he could not have condemned.

In casual strolls one still comes across unaccountable piles of tins and rubbish, but not in the main thoroughfares.

A stranger looking for the home of the working man would not readily observe it. In England one may recognise it by those rows and rows of red-brick houses of monotonous similarity, whereas the houses occupied by the German working class differ from one another enormously.

Architects in the Army tell me they are going home full of ideas.

These houses present a perfectly amazing exterior, and inside, the rooms are high and in every way fit to accommodate the large families that are so invariably the rule.

One notices how little slate is used for the roofs and if one examined these buildings more closely one would discover many points that make for economy and a low rental.

As far back as 1890 an Englishman wrote: "People at home have but a faint idea of the sort of houses inhabited by the working classes in Berlin. A visitor from London would not believe his eyes on being shown the enormous palatial-looking residences, and the wide spacious streets, open to fresh air, provided for the workmen in this Capital."

As in Berlin, so the houses here and around, though not perhaps justifying the above description, compel the attention of the stranger.

Perhaps it is because of these advantages that children in Germany seem to develop, physically and mentally, more rapidly than in England and especially does this seem true of the fairer sex.

Doubtless however the explanation of the buxom women can be traced back to the days when the Germans fought the Roman legions under Marius. Then, if the Roman invader proved victorious and routed the Hun, the women defended the camp.

The children in the suburbs are able to play all day owing to numerous public-gardens, which take off so much of the drabness of the streets and provide places of rest and gentle exercise for the aged and in firm.

Perhaps Coleridge might have been persuaded that there are other than "ugly wenches" in Cologne. Cologne is chiefly Roman Catholic in its religion, and should still show something French in its taste.

However the bulk of German femininity in its environs dress inartistically and are far from chic in appearance.

Tennis and dancing, which help so much towards the trim ankle and figure are by no means prominent, but swimming is fairly popular.

Perhaps one day the Germans will realise that more good can be done on the play ground of democracy than on the parade ground of militarism. H.C.W.

O THAT 'TWERE POSSIBLE.

O that 'twere possible
After long grief and pain
To find the arms of my true love
Round me once again! . . . .

A shadow flits before me,
Not thou, but like to thee:
Ah, Christ! That it were possible
For one short hour to see
The souls we loved, that they might
tell us
What and where they be!

TENNYSON.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

TO CELEBRATE PEACE.
A Torchlight "Tattoo" Suggested.

Sir,—

Doubtless there will be a ceremony of some sort to mark the official celebration of the conclusion of Peace. Do you think the Commander-in-Chief would direct that a torchlight tattoo be included among the observances to be held at Cologne?

Such an event would serve many purposes. It would enable the civilians to see something of the purely spectacular side of the British Army and enable us to renew acquaintance with a very popular feature of pre-war Army life.

I venture to suggest, that the Neumarkt, if cleared of the vehicles, would be a very convenient and commodious venue. There are numerous streets from which the bands and torchbearers could march on to the ground in proper tattoo manner and there is ample accommodation for sightseers in a picturesque setting.

I should be pleased, if so desired, to submit general details of the proposal. This might save valuable time, as the official celebrations at home are due a fortnight from now.

Yours truly
J.W.N.

A TRAIN SUGGESTION.

Sir,—

Re letter in to-day's issue by "Bogey" in regard to express trains between Bonn and Cologne stopping at Marienburg.

If "Bogey" has used his eyes, though it is quite evident he has not, he will have noticed that the conductor has to signal from the telephone box at Marienburg to the last block cabin on the railway stretch that he has entered the tramway portion at Marienburg, consequently the stopping of the train.

I should advise "Bogey", in future, to use his eyes, or perhaps see an optician, before committing his hasty thoughts to "cold" print. T.O.C.

WHEREABOUTS OF UNITS.

Sir,—With the reshuffling of units during the past few weeks officers and men returning from leave have found themselves in a quandary as to their destination.

A stroke of good fortune enables one to run across an old friend and the problem is solved, but many men have returned to their former billeting area to find that the battalion has quitted, and strange faces are to be seen in the old billets.

At least one unit notified its move through the notice board at the Officers' Club. Whoever was responsible for it showed creditable initiative, and it is surprising it was not more widely followed. "LUTE."

THE G. S. RIBBON.

Sir,—Some of the "Young Guards" appear to be very keen on chevrons and ribbons for what they have done, but I think the boys of sixteen to nineteen who came out and fought in the trenches in the dark hours of the war are those who need more recognition. The "young guards" I admit are mostly splendid fellows, but they didn't win the war, all the same.

OLD GUARD.

A BELATED RIVER TRIP.

Sir,—Evidently "Bitte Sehr" has little experience of the fair sex or he would know that unpunctuality in a lady is after all only one of her virtues to which we mere males pay homage.

The weakness is admirably satirised in an advertisement well-known to most smokers of cigarettes.

Does your correspondent appreciate the inequality of the tasks? I do not know the time of the early morning parade with our esteemed friends, but with man on the horizon and a river trip in prospect; well, the finishing touches to the toilette require much more consideration than is usually the case.

If "Bitte Sehr" contemplates courtship, let him fix his theatre appointment for an hour well in advance of the beginning of the show and then roll up at the time he intended to meet the lady. It is big odds that he will then have to wait. After all W.R.A.F's are only women.

"HAD SOME"

PAINT AND POWDER.

Sir,—Being somewhat interested in the correspondence of "Anti-Paint" and "Kingston," I would like to mention that whilst on leave last week, I was myself very much struck by the large percentage of British girls who are indulging in artificial colouring of their features (an indulgence rarely to be found amongst the German feminine sex). It is noticeable in small country towns, besides London.

I fail to see what is gained by those who indulge in this art. Do highly coloured cheeks and lips tend to attract the fellow? For my part I should think it would more likely turn anyone against them.

"H.J.W.W."

ASKED AND ANSWERED.

"PERCY VERE":—You will be entitled to one year's gratuity as a 2nd Lieut.

"W.T.P.":—The Military Cross was instituted in 1915 and is awarded to captains, lieutenants and warrant officers. A bar is added for any additional act of service.

"PIONEER.":—We are unable to supply you with information as to the whereabouts of the 271st Siege Battery R.G.A

"WOULD BE MUDLARK":—There is no doubt that the Royal Engineers would be prepared to take men to be trained as telegraphists on a long service basis.

"EARNEST CHURCHMAN":—We have no knowledge of a bishop of the Church of England riding in the Grand National or any other classic steeplechase.

PTE. H. PRATT:—The most casualties were caused by the raid on London in July 1917 when 60 were killed and 192 injured. The Gretna works was about the biggest of its kind.

"R.H.A.":—If you landed in France you would be entitled to a chevron.

"LONG SET":—If you get into touch with Corporal J.H. Williams—Room 326, Hotel Excelsior—he will be able to tell you about tennis courts for the troops.

"POPHAM".—You appear to be entitled to the 1914-15 Star.

E. CHRESESON:—So many claims have been made to the distinction that we hesitate to express an opinion.

"R.A.":—Apply to your Record Office.

"STRANDED":—Ask to see your Commanding Officer. It is a simple matter.

"W.B.":—A man in debt may be asked to refund the money even after demobilization.

"N.D." and "ENQUIRER":—Enquiries re graves should be directed to the Director of Graves Registration and Inquiries, War Office, Winchester House, St. James' Square, London S.W.1.

PTE. H.C. WADE:—You had better wait for an official pronouncement on the subject of medals.

"ESS CEE" —Your problem overwhelms us, particularly when you request mileage instead of kilometres.

HOPEFUL:—In asking for a wet canteen at which English beer is obtainable you are re-echoing the request of thousands.

"C.H.":—Yes, it is possible to swim across the Rhine. We are not trying it though.

"W.D.P.H.":—The Prime Minister as First Lord of the Treasury receives £5,000 a year.

"J.S.N.":—The existing record is 6 in. for the high jump.

PTE. F. HALL:—German notes are not changed at English post offices.

"YOUNG SOLDIER":—Your presence here entitles you to wear a chevron.

"T.A.":—G.R.O. 6137 deals with the question of the embarkation of dogs.

Other queries will be dealt with to-morrow. Demobilization questions cannot be replied to: we have not space.—Ed.

HENLEY STEWARDS AND N.A.R.C.

THE KING'S REGRET.

RHINELAND OFFICERS BEATEN IN FAWLEY CUP RACE.

Henley Regatta opened on Wednesday in poor weather. Intermittent showers fell, despite which, however, there was a large attendance as fashionable as ever.

A message has been sent by the King to the N.A.R.A. crew regretting that it is impossible to interfere in the decision of the Henley Stewards Committee in the matter of the King's Cup.

FAWLEY CUP.

Cambridge 2nd beat Sandhurst; Oxford 2nd beat Lond n R.C.; Christ Church beat Rhine Army Officers; Kingston beat Tank Corps.

ELSENHAM CUP.

The winners of the first six heats were:—Magdalen, Lady Margaret B.C. Cambridge, Bedford School, Shrewsbury School, St. Paul's School, and Trinity College.

AMERICANS BEAT COLDSTREAMS.

LEANDER CUP.

Heat 1:—American Army beat 1st Coldstream Guards.

Rewenham Cup Eights:—Trinity Hall v. Jesus were a dead heat; on re-rowing the heat Trinity won.

Heat 2:—Cambridge Naval Students beat 1st Trinity.

Heat 3:—Caius College beat Thames R.C.

WINNERS OF HEATS.

The following are the winners of the first eight heats:—

Kingswood Sculls:—Major Pattison, Capt. The Hon. Master of Gray, G. O. Nickalls, Lieut. Nussey, 17th Lancers, Major Withington, U.S. Army, W. D. Kinnear, Pte. Hatfield, New Zealand, Lieut.-Col. Salier, Tanks.

Heat 9:—Major Pattison beat Capt. Aldham, Jesus Coll.

Heat 10:—Lieut.-Col. Powell, R.A.F., beat Master of Gray.

Heat 11:—D. Fitte, Vesta, beat Nickalls.

BOXING COMPETITION.

52nd BATTN. CHESHIRE REGT.

On Monday the 52nd Cheshires held a very well attended boxing competition in the large hall adjoining the Schwadorf Hotel, Bornheim. The majority of the fights were keenly contested, perhaps the most exciting being that between Pte. Waters and L cpl Osmond.

NOVICES COMPETITION.

Fly-Weight:—L/cpl Lee beat Pte. Flaterty on points after a very good fight. L/cpl Osmond beat Pte. Waters on points. In the first round Waters put Osmond down for about 8 seconds, but though in a dazed condition, he continued to fight and eventually won.

Bantam Weights:—Pte. Ryan put up a good show, but Pte. Richardson was the better man and earned a well deserved win on points. Pte. Polombo, though continually knocked down, continued to fight pluckily but Pte. Lane won easily.

Light Weights:—Pte. Brown beat Pte. Lloyd on points. In the final of the Novices Competition Pte. Lane stuck the 4 rounds with Pte. Richardson but lost on points. The winner was presented with a clock by Mr. Holland of the Y.M.C.A.

"OLD HANDS".

Besides the Novices Competition several of the "old hands" had a show.

Feather Weights:—Cpl. Jarvis beat Pte. Charters. Jarvis had a great advantage in height and reach but Charters put up a great show and almost won.

Light Weights:—Pte. Pennill was much too good for Pte. Sinkinson, who had to give up the fight in the 2nd round.

Bantam Weights:—Pte. Tootell beat Pte. Cockshoot on points.

Middle Weights:—Cpl. Harrison knocked out Cpl. Shelmerdine in the second round.

All the winners were presented with medals by Lieut. Col. Crookenden, D.S.O. The R feree was Major Wright D.S.O., M.C.; the Timekeeper Lieut. Gatheridge; and the Judges, Lieut. Evans and C.S.M. Pigott.

50th BRIGADE R.F.A. SPORTS.

GAS ALARM COMPETITION ON OPENING DAY.

The Gluder ground, pleasantly situated on the north bank of the Wupper, was numerously attended by officers and men on Wednesday, the occasion being the mounted events of the two days' sports programme promoted by the 50th Brigade R.F.A. The judging was done by Major-General Tudor and Brigadier-General Sandys; and Lieut.-General Sir C. Jacobs and Brigadier-General Kirby were also present.

The band of the 51st H.L.I. contributed to the general pleasure of the afternoon. The sport was excellent, and in a keen competition for the battery challenge cup, A Battery were leading at the end of the day. The prizes were distributed by General Tudor. Details:

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

Best Sub-Section turn-out:—1, C. Battery; 2, D. Battery.

Gas Alarm Competition:—1, D. Battery; 2, A. Battery.

Pair of L.D. Horses:—Leaders—1, D. Battery; 2, C. Battery; Wheelers 1, C. Battery; 2, H.Q.; 3, A. Battery.

Pair of Mules:—1, A. Battery; 2, D. Battery.

O.R's Tentpegging:—1, B.S.M. Berryman, A. Battery; 2, Sergt. Blair, A.Bty.; 3, Dvr. Bounds, D. Battery.

Officers Tentpegging:—1, Major Hoggart, C. Battery; 2, Capt. Browning, D. Battery.

Officers Open Jumping:—1, Lieut. Sheath, D.A., 2, Major Mostyn, D. Battery.

O.R's Jumping:—1, Staff Sergt. Speary; 2, Sergt. Pateman. A. Battery; 3, Bdr. Brown, C. Battery.

Section Driving:—1, A. Battery; 2, B. Battery.

Mule Race:—1, Dvr. Andrews H.Q.; 2. Dvr. Morgan, C. Battery.

V.C. Race:—1, Cpl. Smith, A. Battery; 2, Gunner Heaton, H.Q.; 3. Dvr. Blackwell, C. Battery.

Lloyd Lindsay:—1, A. Battery.

Relay Race:—1, C. Battery; 2, A. Battery.

Wrestling on Horseback:—1, D. Battery; 2, B. Battery.

EUSKIRCHEN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
174 Siege Batty.	7	7	0	14
9 Corps H. A.	8	4	4	8
145 Siege Bty.	6	4	2	8
E. Corps Sig. Coy.	6	4	2	8 §
77 Siege Bty.	4	4	0	8
42 Stat. Hosp.	4	4	0	8 §
21 Bde. R.G.A.	6	3	3	6
354 Siege Bty.	6	3	3	6
Mid. Div. H. Q.	6	3	3	6§
9 Corps Tps M.T. Coy.	6	3	3	6
185 Siege Bty.	5	3	2	6
488 Siege Bty.	5	3	2	6
73 (Army) Bde R.G.A.	5	3	2	6 §
1 Battn. M.G.C.	3	3	0	6
Mid. Div. M.T. Coy.	5	2	3	4 §
Mid. D.A.C.	4	2	2	4 §
"F" A. A. Bty.	3	2	1	4
76 (Army) Bde. R.F.A.	3	2	1	4
269 A. E. Coy.	6	1	5	2 §
509 Field Coy.	5	1	4	2
11 Leicesters	5	1	4	2 §
1/5 S. Staffs	4	1	3	2
104 Bde. H.Q., R.F.A.	3	1	2	2 †
18 Field Amb.	3	1	2	2
16 Field Amb.	3	0	3	0

§ points awarded for scratched matches and in respect of 52 Sherwoods withdrawn.
† points forfeited for scratched match.

INTER-BATTALION CRICKET.

10th V. 11th. BN. ("THE QUEEN'S") R.W.S. REGT.

This match was played at Ehreshoven on Saturday, when a most enjoyable and exciting game ended in a narrow victory for the 11th Battalion. For the winners Captain Evans, M.C. gave a fine display of hitting for his 47. O'her scorers for the winners were Lieut. Duggan (23), Drummer Morris (17 Not out) and L/C Heron (13). Capt. Evans took 7 wkts for 23 runs, and L/C Hallet 5 for 6. For the losers, Captain Jordan (18, and C.Q.M.S. Millard (16), were the principal scorers, and Captain Jordon proved their most successful bowler. Scorers:—

10th Battalion 1st Innings 82; 2nd Innings 75.
11th Battalion 1st Innings 80; 2nd Innings 67.

BOXING AT B.E.L. CLUB.

COMPETITION FOR FEATHER AND WELTER WEIGHTS.

A boxing competition, open to army troops only, will be held at the B.E.L. Club on 15th and 16th August. As this is in the way of an experiment, the following weights can only be included:—

Feather Weight 9 St. & under = 57 Kilos.
Welter Weight 10 st. 7 lbs & under = 67 Kilos.

It is hoped that on later dates, competitions for other weights will also be arranged. Entries should be forwarded to the A.I. of P. & R.T., G.H.Q., not later than Saturday August 2nd., after which date no entry will be accepted.

FOUR TWO-YEAR OLDS FOR BELGIUM.

Capt. Lucas, A.D.C., London Division, is bringing out to Belgium this week, four two-year olds namely Hector's Flame, Krone, Ponteland, (colt), and Roeleaf. The first-named, it was inadvertently stated on Tuesday, was being sent to Cologne. They are to race in Belgium.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

FIVE WICKETS FOR ONE.

LIGHT DIV. H.Q. (35) v. NO 1 LIGHT RLY. SIG. COY. (25). Low scoring on both sides prevailed during this very exciting match. Cpl. White, L/Cpl. Neville, L/Cpl. Brittain and Dvr. Jupp for Light Division and Sapper Lewis for Signals batted well. The chief feature of the game however was the splendid bowling of Cpl. White for H Q., who going in a second time at a critical period, secured 5 wickets for 1 run. The fielding on both sides was exceptionally good.

WAHN SURVEY DET. (75) v. VI CORPS SIG. COY. (34). For W.S.D., Lieut. Crease was top scorer with 37, and Lieut. Jones carried out his bat for 16. None of the losing team reached double figures, Lieut. Payne being chief scorer with 9. For the winners, Sapper Dewhirst captured 7 wickets for 15.

92nd FIELD AMBULANCE (72) v. EASTERN DIVISION SIGNAL COY. (46), on the ground of the former on Tuesday. For the 92nd Field Ambulance the chief scorers were Cpl. Langford 17, Pte. Buncroft 15, Pte. Ball 14. The Signals could only put together the score of 46, Cpl. Langford and Pte. Ball bowling through the innings, the former taking 6 wickets for 17 runs, and the latter 3 for 27.

EASTERN DIVISION H.Q. (180) v. 23rd R. FUSILIERS (127) on Prison Ground, Siegburg, on Monday. For the Fusilrs, Lieut. Hodgson scored 58, Lieut. Wolstonholme 39 and L/Cpl. Simonds 10. Cpl. Gill took 5 for 43, Capt. Morgan 3 for 11, and Col. Dobbie 1 for 21. The feature of the E. Divl. H.Q. innings was the splendid batting of Capt. Carroll who scored 99, including one six, and 16 fours. He was well assisted by Major Tempest (27) and Pte. Walker (20). Bowling:—Lt. McCormick 2 for 64, Capt. Nelson 3 for 41, Lt. Murrable 2 for 36, Pte. Dotson 3 for 10 and Pte. Simonds 1 for 1.

R. BATTERY, (116) v. A.A. SEARCHLIGHTS (43) on the Pola-Wiesen ground. For the winners who won their fourth successive match, Lieut. Hogbin, M.C. scored a very useful 30, Lieut. Leman 20, and Cpl. Slade 23. Bdr. Whitehouse bowled up to his usual form, taking 6 wickets for 20 runs. For Searchlights the top-scorer was Sergt. Holloway with 12. Sergt. Nevin took 6 of the Battery wickets for 33.

17th LANCERS (226 FOR 9) v. 51st AUX. BUS. COY. R.A.S.C., (58) on Kalk Racecourse on Tuesday. For 51st Aux. Bus. Coy. R.A.S.C. Pte. Tudor (14) and Pte., Beaumont (14), were the leading batsmen. Capt. Fowler took 6 wickets for 26, and Capt. Boles 3 wickets for 27. For 17th Lancers Sgt. Payne scored 75 not out; Capt. Fowler 60 (retired) and S.S.M. Simpson 23; Pte. Tudor took 4 wickets for 45, and Pte. Beaumont 2 wickets for 13.

LONDON D.M.T. COY (79) v. 52 R.W. WARWICK REGT. (25) at Merheim on Wednesday. The Warwicks won the toss and decided to put the London D.M.T. Coy in first. The scoring was slow at first, (37 for 5 wickets). The lost wicket made a good stand putting on 23 runs. The highest scores being Pte. Pollard 12, L Cpl Haynes 11, Lieut. Wright 10, and Pte. Jacobs. 10. The Warwicks did not make any stand against the bowling of Lieut. Wright and Pte. Jacobs and the whole side was out for 25. Lieut. Wright taking 7 wickets for 19, and Pte. Jacobs 3 for 5.

EASTERN DIV., (53) v. 16th LANCS. FUS. (122) at Siegburg on Monday. The victory for the Fusiliers was decisive and was due to the deadly bowling of Ptes. Camp and Poray supported by the keenest of fielders. Capt. Boden's 31 and Lieut. Thompson's 25 (not out), were the leading scorers for the winners. Capt. Carrol with 14 led the H.Q., scorers.

9th CORPS H.A. (109 for 5 wickets) v. MIDLAND DIV. H.Q. (73) at Bruhl on Tuesday. H.A. batted first and quickly lost a wicket, but Lieut.-Col. Langhorne (55) and Nunns (33) by very fine cricket, took the score to 85. H.A declared, with 5 wickets down for 109. H.Q. replied with 73; Dowson (18) and Lieut Taylor (11), being the only ones to reach double figures. The bowling honours were carried of by Ashmore, (5 for 26) for Midland, and Lister, (5 for 27) and Field, (4 for 12) for H.A.

OTHER RESULTS.

Lancs Div. M.T. Coy. .....131.
69 Siege Battery R.G.A. .....127.

41 Bn. M.G.C. .....128.
161 Bde. R.F.A. ..... 32.

51st N. F's 93
Cavalry Div. D.A.C. 52

52 Cheshire. 80
51 Kings Liverpool 63

14 Yorks and Lancs. 111
88 Field Amb. 109

£25,000 PURSE.

WILLARD-DEMPSEY WINNER v. CARPENTIER-BECKETT WINNER.

Mr. Cochran offers a purse of £25,000 for the winner of the Willard-Dempsey match to meet the winner of the Carpentier-Beckett match which is taking place at Olympia on Sept. 2nd.

The match, if arranged, will take place in London at the end of the year or the beginning of 1920.

ENGLISH RACING.

MEETINGS AT NEWMARKET AND CARLISLE.

Race meetings were held at Newmarket and Carlisle on Wednesday, the following being the results:—

NEWMARKET RESULTS.

Plantation Plate:—1, Lampetia (11—2); 2, Adorna (100—7); 3, Longstop (5—4).

Maiden Plate:—1, Fitzclarenac (6—1); 2, Loveglass (8—1); 3, Eastern Valley (2—1).

Duke of Cambridge Handicap:—1, Quadrille (2—1); 2, Knight of Blyth (3—1); 3, Jutland (5—2).

Stud Produce Stakes:—1, Spean Bridge (2—1); 2, Golden Guinea (6—5); 3, St. Begoe (20—1).

Soham Plate:—1, Woorali (10—1); 2, Verdun (—1); 3, On Leave (20—1).

Stetchworth Plate:—1, Pasaro (6—5 on); 2, Mademoiselle Foch (2—1), 3, Holbeach (100—6).

CARLISLE RESULTS.

Beactive Plate:—1, Scotch Duke (3—1); 2, Feretor (9—2); 3, Bedrest (10—1).

City Plate:—1, Glass Ball (9—4 on); 2, Cairtown (100—20); 3, Muskdeer (10—1).

Corby Castle Plate:—1, Throsga, colt (6—4); 2, Fairdale (5—1); 3, Theatin (5—2).

Devonshire Plate:—1, Simon Grab (5—4 on); 2, Midton (10—1); 3, Chelso (5—1).

Blacknall Handicap:—1, Diamade (5—2); 2, Lothian Lad (10—1); 3, Queen of the Hunt (2—1).

Muncaster Plate:—1, Lens (2—1); 2, Radiacy (9—4); 3, Friar Denis (3—4).

TURF TOPICS.

BY "JERRY M."

A remarkable week's racing wound up at Sandown Park on Saturday. Huge crowds were again the order, and all records were broken at Newbury, on Wednesday and Thursday.

We had quite an interesting afternoon on Saturday, when the "Chevron's Cup" was a great success. Confined to Officers of His Majesty's Services who had served overseas, quite an excellent entry was obtained, and no less than 14 went to the post.

There was some interesting wagering when the books opened; 3 to 1 the field was on offer, with "A Sitter," "Waltz," "Spirt" and "Crown Again" the chief fancies. Those in the "know" about "Waltz" jumped in at 3, and there was such a big commission for "Waltz" that in a few minutes "evens" had to be accepted. "A Sitter" receded to 6 to 1, and "Spirt," "Crown Again," and "Neurotic" at 7's and 8's; while 33 to 1 bar 5 was vainly offered.

A False Start.

After a false start the field got well away. "Crown Again" dashed to the front, but was finished, at the entrance to the straight. Mr. Brown rode a well judged race on "Waltz" and coming to the front a quarter of a mile from home, won amidst ringing cheers.

In the Wellington Handicap, "Kings Idler" whom we waited for since Wednesday, completed a nice double at the useful price of seven to one.

In the last race "Double Note" only just landed the odds laid on him by a short lead after a very scrambling finish.

ENGLISH CRICKET TABLE.

THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.	Percent.
Kent.....	3	2	0	1	2	66.66
Yorkshire	6	3	2	1	3	50.00
Nottinghamshire .	7	3	0	4	3	42.85
Surrey	7	3	1	3	3	42.85
Derbyshire.....	7	3	4	0	3	42.85
Essex.....	5	2	0	3	2	40.00
Lancashire.....	8	3	2	3	3	37.50
Somerset	3	1	1	0	1	33.33
Hampshire	3	1	1	1	1	33.33
Middlesex	4	1	0	3	1	25.00
Leicestershire....	5	1	1	3	1	20.00
Gloucestershire...	5	1	3	1	1	20.00
Northamptonshire	4	0	1	3	0	—
Warwickshire ...	5	0	2	3	0	—
Sussex	6	0	5	0	0	—

The match between Sommerset and Sussex at Taunton ended in a tie. According to the system adopted to determine the Championship this season only wins count, first honours going to the county having the largest percentage of wins to matches played.

AQUATIC SPORTS.

10th BATTALION THE "QUEEN'S" R.W.S. REGIMENT.

The preliminary heats in connection with the above were decided on Thursday, June 26, but owing to the unkind attentions of Jupiter Pluvius together with a shortage of water in the river at Engelskirchen owing to the opening of the floodgates, the finals were not decided until the following Monday. Lieut. Gunn, the Sports Officer, had prepared an interesting programme and as a result the numerous spectators witnessed some very keen and exciting racing. At the conclusion the prizes were presented to the winners by the commanding officer, Col. R. O'H. Livesay, C.M.G., D.S.O.

It is interesting to note that the Educational Staff was well represented, the 1st and 2nd prices in the principal events being secured by two of its members. The following is a programme of the events with the winners:—

LIST OF WINNERS.

100 yds. (Under 20):—1, Pte. Boulter, "B" Coy; 2, Pte. Windle, "B" Coy; 3, Pte. Hughesdon, "C" Coy.

100 yds. (Over 20):—1, Sgt. Mathews, "A" Coy 2, Pte. Hoskins, "B" Coy; 3, Pte. Hodgson, "B" Coy;

Greasy Pole:—1, L/C Mayes, "A" Coy; 2, Cpl. Jenkins "C" Coy; 3, L/C Shorten, "A" Coy; 4. Pte. Edwards, "C" Coy.

Inter-Platoon Relay Race:—1, 7 Platoon; 2, 9 Platoon.

Bladder Race:—1, L/C Shorten, "A" Coy; 2, Pte. Hutten, "A" Coy; 3, L/C Bloe, "D" Coy.

Half-Mile Race:—1, Sgt. Timmins, "B" Coy; 2, Sgt. Mathews, "A" Coy; 3, Pte. Hoskins, "B" Coy; 4, Pte. Griffiths, "C" Coy; 5, Pte. Eaglestone, "C" Coy.

OLYMPIA RESULTS.

The results at Olympia on Wednesday were as follows:—

Foils (Officers):—1 Capt. Bond, Inns of Court; 2, Capt. Daglish, Royal Navy.

Wheel Changing and Driving (women):—1, Women's Legion; 2, W.R.A.F.; 3, W.A.A.C.; 4, V.A.D.; 5, W.R.E.N.'s.

Lieut. Read, 20th Hussars, was champion at arms with 74 points.

MILITARY CUP POLO.

Hurlingham Military Cup (semi-final):—Northants Yeo, beat 15th Hussars by 6—2.

Ranelagh-Military Cup (second round):—2nd Life Guards beat 1st Life Guards by 9-7.

At Sherborne Blackmore Vale beat 5th Cavalry Res. by 5-3.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Friday, July 4, 1919.

Surface wind light or moderate between S.W., and West. Fair with some cloud and tendency to thunder disturbances. Warm. Visibility not good.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Better than the "Jazz".

The other evening I saw a number of young men and women in old English costumes trooping into Rhine Army G.H.Q. Curious to know what the occasion was I entered the swing doors and found that the pupils of Miss Daking, who has been fostering the cult of Old-English Folk Dances among the troops in France since early 1917, were giving an exhibition of these under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A., to the officers of the Staff in the entrance hall of the Excelsior. She has appointed three assistants to teach these wholesome and pretty old world dances in each Corps in the Rhine Army. The youths and maidens danced delightfully the old measures that have been seen on village greens for hundreds of years. The quaintest was a Yorkshire sword dance with dramatic ending, performed by six males. Altogether it was a most interesting display.

"The Robin Hoods" at Wiesdorf.

"Robin Hoods" continued their successful tour of the Southern Division by packing a spacious hall to overflowing the other evening. Bert Lennard still remained the life and soul of the party. Undoubtedly clever and very versatile, he played with unflagging energy. Another outstanding feature was a screamingly funny turn by Pte. Valenski and Capt. Payre. The party is extremely fortunate on the vocal side. Jack Walker did very well in his song "The Compy. Sergt. Major," and is the possessor of a fine baritone voice. Dick Oliver displayed a voice of extraordinary sweetness and power in his song "Land of long ago," while Bob Dommett in addition to singing ballads in an agreeable manner, joined Lennard in a comedy duo very successfully. Victor Barr (Cynthia) the charming girl sang her numbers with point and expression, her dresses being extremely pretty. Aubrey Ford, the fiddler, as usual played the violin with masterly air. Ernest Anderson was a capable accompanist, while the excellent orchestra did full justice to some fine selections during the evening.

A Future Arthur Prince.

The ever popular form of entertainment dispensed by the ventriloquist is undoubtedly very scarce in Rhineland. I was very pleased to have the opportunity yesterday, therefore of witnessing a private rehearsal given by an exponent of the art who is likely to remedy this deficiency, as far as one man is able, by performing with skill and with a dummy that alone should create plenty of merriment by its appearance. The individual referred to is quite a past master in the art of voice throwing and, with well written patter, he should turn out to be a valuable acquisition to one of our best concert parties.

Good Dramas Coming.

The Lena-Ashwell Dramatic Company, whose three one act plays, "Box B", "Mrs. Armstrong's Admirer", and "Postal Orders" have proved such a success, are now embarking on an even more ambitious programme, for after a trial run at Ohligs they are opening at the Apollo Theatre, Cologne on Monday with "The Duke of Killiecrankie," Capt. Robert Marshall's clever three-act-play. This it will be remembered, was first produced about ten years ago, but was recently revived by Mr. Weedon Grossmith at the Criterion.

A Strong Caste.

The caste is certainly formidable, and there is no doubt that the characters are in very capable hands. Mr. Robert Nolle, who has so ably played the part of the gentleman burglar in "Mrs. Armstrong's Admirer" is in the role, while "Henry Pitt-Webby" will be portrayed by dashing Julian D'Albie. Miss Morce Ault will undertake the difficult work of playing a double part, Lady Ponghouse and Mrs. McBayne, and the others in the caste are the Misses Hilda Sims, and Sylvia Oakley, and Henry Carlisle and Wm. Fagan. The play is being produced by Miss Cicely Hamilton. It is advisable to book early, as the house is sure to be full each night.

A New Concert Party.

"The Darts" made their debut recently at Euskirchen and are to be congratulated on their performance. The show, I hear, was well supported by the troops of the district. Standing out among the foremost turns were "The girl in the Park" in which Ptes. Sheridan and Kendall kept the house rocking with laughter. A sketch entitled "Demob" was well staged, and Capt. Shaw as the soldier to be "demobbed" caused endless amusement. Pte. Bell, as the female impersonator was greatly admired, and a good many left the hall under the impression that he was not a mere male at all. I wish all success to "The Darts".

In a few Lines.

There are rumours that a skating rink that has been unused during the war is to re-open at Bonn.

At a performance of "The Importance of being Earnest" at the Deutsches Theatre this week, the sound of a ringing bell occurred while the would-be ringer was still several yards away from the bell-push. Trifles of this nature detract from the effectiveness of a play.

JACQUES.

OLD SCOUTS' CORNER.

Last Saturday we had a very pleasant jaunt to the top of the cathedral, ascending in the process (according to our official recorder) 493 steps. Although it was not ideal, the weather was good enough to permit of a splendid view of the surrounding country being obtained. Tea at Lindenthal, and a visit to the performance given by the Lena Ashwell Dramatic Company completed the day's proceedings.

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At Wednesday's meeting, five new members were enrolled, and a paper on "How to run a successful scout camp" contributed by Signallers Woods and Curling, provoked an interesting discussion. A sing-song, in which Corporal Sands presided at the piano in his usual admirable manner, terminated an interesting evening.

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To-morrow (Saturday) we are rambling to Godesburg. Meet at the tram terminus (by the Hohenzollern Bridge) at 2.45 p.m., so as to catch the 3 p.m. car to Bonn. Bring your own grub, and roll up, old scouts— the more, the merrier.

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On Saturday week, July 12th, we are having our Peace celebration, at which we shall be honoured with the presence of Captain Hydeman, a former London Commissioner. Full details will be given next week, but in the meantime, don't forget to keep the date open.

HAWKEYE.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

New Blood For Brentford.

"Billy" Brawn, the old international, Aston Villa, and Chelsea player, has joined the management of the Brentford Football Club. He has just signed on E. Taylor, the Chelsea half-back, and Thompson, of the Arsenal.

Retirement Of "Judy" Stevens.

W. Stevens, of Harrow, known to all the racket world as "Judy" Stevens, is retiring from the position of instructor at Westminster this term.

The Calcutta Sweep.

Inquiries made in usually well-informed circles have failed to unearth the slightest shred of evidence that the result of the draw has yet reached England.

Newspaper Cricket.

A cricket match played this week between the "Daily Mail" and the "Daily Express" resulted in a win for the latter, the scores being: "Daily Mail," 60; "Daily Express," 125 for 7.

French Racing Strangled.

The horse shortage in England is nothing to what it is in France, French racing having been strangled by the war. It was in a spirit of sporting resignation that the French decided to carry out their rich programme at Auteuil and Longchamp.

English v. Scottish Bowlers.

The annual English v. Scots match of the Bellingham B.C., six rinks aside, resulted in a win for the English by 121 to 101.

Inter-Theatre Golf.

The golf match between the Playhouse and the Adelphi Theatre, in the Inter-Theatre Shield Competition, was played on the Wimbledon Parks Club's course yesterday, and resulted in a win for the Playhouse by two matches to one.

Midland A.A.A. Championships.

Two Midland Counties A.A.A. championships recently were held at Coventry. L. Blewitt (Birchfield H.) won the four miles in 19 min. 58 2-5 sec., and the Birchfield Harriers' "B" team won the mile relay race in 3 min. 45 sec.

Gent's Team Complete.

F. T. Mann, Middlesex, will fill the vacant place in the Gentlemen's team against the Players at the Oval this week. D. J. Knight was originally selected, but a strain prevents him playing.

Award Of Blues.

At Lord's this week Mr. Miles Howell the Oxford captain, awarded Blues to Mr. H. P. Ward (Shrewsbury), Mr. F. W. Gilligan (Dulwich College) and Mr. G. F. Pearse, the Australian, a right-hand leg break bowler.

MLLE. LENGDEN CHALLENGER.

In the final of the Ladies' singles at Wimbledon Mlle Lenglen, who easily defeated Mrs. Satterthwaite 6—1, 6—1, now challenges Mrs. Lambert Chambers for the title.

In the Gent's doubles Lycett and Heath beat Cannon and Garland 6—1, 7—6, 6—4; O'Hara Wood and Thomas beat Garland and Davis 7—5, 7—3, 4—6, 6—3; Patterson and Brookes beat Riseley and Dixon 6—3, 6—2, 6—1.

Mixed doubles: Miss Addison and Decugis beat Mrs. Beamish and Watt 6—3, 6—1; Mrs. Larcombe and Thomas beat Mrs. McNair and Doust 6—1, 6—1.

VICTORY LOAN SWEEP.

B.E.L.C's. ENTERPRISING PROJECT.

Evidently encouraged by the enormous success of the Derby Sweepstake, the authorities of the British Empire Leave Club, Cologne, have hit upon the happy idea of organizing a similar project in connection with the Victory Loan.

Ten marks is a trifling amount when regarded in the light of the present rate of exchange. It certainly is not sufficiently large to buy a Victory bond complete, nor is it even sufficient for a war savings certificate. In view of this, the natural inclination is to decide—provided that ten marks is the limit of one's resources—that one cannot participate in the great project that is to help to make the winning of the war worth while.

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In other words, the whole of the proceeds of the sweep will be devoted to the purchase of Victory Bonds. Then the draw will be made and 50 per cent. of the value of the amount subscribed will go to the lucky winner; there will be a second prize of 20 per cent. and a third of 10 per cent. The balance of 20 per cent. will be equally divided among the next twenty numbers drawn.

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Echoes from Rhineland.

Death of a Brave Officer.

His many friends will learn with regret of the death from pneumonia at the 36th C.C.S., Cologne of Lieut. G. S. Dennis, of the 11th Durham Light Infantry, and latterly of the Intelligence Corps. On the outbreak of war he was one of the earliest volunteers, enlisting as a private. In October 1915 he went to France with the Royal Fusiliers. He was in most of the fighting during that memorable winter, and distinguished himself by his steadiness in action and general soldierly qualities. In July 1916 he received his commission in the D.L.I., and continued in the fighting line throughout the remainder of the war. Lieut. Dennis was 38 years of age and was very popular with all ranks. The funeral takes place to-day (Friday) in Südfriedhof Cemetery, the cortege leaving 36th C.C.S. at 14.30. Those wishing to attend the burial service should be at the cemetery by 14.55. No. 10 tram should be taken.

Yesterday's Peace Holiday.

To anyone in the large occupied towns yesterday, it was impossible not to observe that there was a holiday spirit abroad. A general cessation of military parades and, when possible, all duty, gave all ranks stationed in isolated parts an opportunity to visit the more important centres. Consequently from an early hour, trams, trains, and all other available means of conveyance emptied ample quantities of khaki freight into Cologne, Bonn, Düren, Euskirchen, and other places of interest. All the clubs, hotels and cafés were, throughout the day, kept fully occupied, and in the evening every place of entertainment was filled to overflowing. There was a general atmosphere of happiness and jollification noticeable even in the villages where troops, desiring to spend a quiet and less strenuous holiday arranged various forms of sport, impromptu entertainments, and, in some cases, marked the occasion by lighting bonfires and firing Verey lights after darkness had fallen.

A Musical Drive.

The other week a rather unusual sight was noticed in a town some kilometres from Cologne. A carriage, not unlike a Victoria, drawn by one horse, was proceeding slowly through the streets. The occupants of the carriage were a man and a woman of apparently middle age, and before them on a small table a hornless gramophone was discoursing music, to their evident delight. The outside of the carriage was gaily decorated with ivy and evergreens. Perhaps the people were celebrating some special occasion, but at any rate they were blending the delights of a summer outing with the musical charm of the gramophone.

Partners Advertised For.

The many marriage advertisements to be found in German newspapers are amusing. This method of seeking a partner for life strikes the average Briton as unromantic and too business-like altogether. These advertisements are very small but are easily recognisable by the word "Heirat" (marriage) which is always printed in bold type. The following is a specimen of what one may read in any German newspaper: "Young man in his thirties, of independent means, good-looking seeks the acquaintance of a young lady of means. Widows not excluded. Photograph and letter to be sent to so-and-so." This, of course, is only a sample specimen. Some are very confidential indeed. There are at least as many ladies who send such advertisements as men.

Snowed Under.

So many enquiries reach this office about demobilization that it has been found absolutely impossible to deal with them in the columns of the paper. With the very best intention in the world to be helpful to every soldier in the Rhine Army, we did, at the outset, answer as many as possible, but latterly the number of queries has been so overwhelming as to render such a service quite impossible. To do justice to such replies would occupy the whole time of a least one member of our staff and at least a column a day. So, reluctantly we have to refer all applicants for advice on "demobbing" to the special officer in each unit detailed for such work.

Cheers for the British.

The popularity of the 2/4th Hampshires is, we hear, firmly established in the hearts of the children of the small village of Hunger. The recent sudden orders for concentration necessitated a school being taken over. When the billeting party arrived, the classes were in full progress and the officer in charge dismissed them from their studies. The children were very quickly outside and at once raised three hearty cheers for the British. Until the Hants moved back to their old billets the children enjoyed a holiday.

Fritz the Improver.

To say that the German is eminently thorough is to state a very obvious fact, and although we proudly claim the honour of evolving the "push-truck" from a soap or sugar box and a pair of perambulator wheels we are forced to recognise the superiority of the useful little hand-wagon constructed by the native of this country. This vehicle is built on the lines of the British farm wagon, with rails and pillars, four substantial wheels and forecarriage, the whole measuring about 4 ½ feet by 2 ½ feet by 1½ feet inside, and capable of taking quite a good load. One can see these hand-wagons used for a variety of purposes, from transporting a Tommy's kit from the station to the Rest-Camp, to moving bit by bit, the larger portion of a house-full of furniture.

The Bogey-Men.

An amusing incident happened to some soldiers of the Rhine Army, when visiting the Cologne Zoological Gardens a few days ago. While standing near the lion and tiger cages, a well-dressed lady with a little child approached and stood a few yards off. The youngster suddenly darted away from his mother and went in between the outer protecting rail and the tiger's cage. The lady, in consternation, cried in German: "Oh, do come away, dear, or those terrible Englishmen will take you away." The humour of the incident is evident when one considers that the Tommies were cited as "bogies," in preference to man-eating tigers, which, at that moment were the nearest living creatures to the child. The soldiers' ruffled feelings were, however, soothed on seeing the good lady's embarrassment when she realised, by their hearty laugh, that her remark had been understood.

Prizes for "Echoes."

The Editor of "The Cologne Post" offers every day the sum of 10 marks for the best paragraph descriptive of any phase of life or interesting incident in Rhinelond, not exceeding 150 words in length. The envelope should have the word "Echoes" in the top left hand corner.

To-day's winner of the prize of 10 marks is Signaller W. McCleary, R.G.A., att'd 2nd Midland Inf. Bde. H.Q. Sigs R.E., Rhine Army.

From Everywhere.

Peace.—Camberwell has refused to sanction a grant of £1000 in aid of Peace festivities.

New Reichstag.—The elections for the new Reichstag will take place next January.

A Valuable Calf.—A fat calf realised over £30 at Darlington.

Business G.H.Q.—The Board of Trade is to fulfil the functions of a Ministry of Commerce.

"Bully" Bull.—A bull at Cardiff Royal Show fetched the record price of £10,500.

Heroic Zoo Keepers.—A monument is to be erected at the Zoo in memory of fallen keepers.

Enterprise.—A British provision firm has opened branches at Jerusalem, Jaffa, and Hyffa, in Syria.

Flags for Peace.—Constantinople was decorated with Allied flags on Peace Day.

Jutland.—Admiral Beatty was offered £20,000 for his book on the battle of Jutland. A bank cheque was subsequently returned.

Huge Icebergs.—Icebergs of enormous dimensions have been seen near where the Titanic sank. All ships were warned by wireless.

Schoolboy's Damages.—A Watford schoolboy has been awarded £75 damages for the loss of the top of a finger.

Sad Homecoming.—A Grimsby sailor returned after a nine months' voyage to find his wife and four children dead.

Returns Home.—Used as a hospital during the war the Bishop of London is resuming residence at Fulham Palace.

Girls in a Bishop's Palace.—It is recommended that the residence of the Bishop of St. Albans be converted into a secondary school for girls.

Prize Money.—Officers and crew of H.M.S. Melampus have been awarded £130 for the destruction of the German submarine U C.16 in 1917.

"More" at the Workhouse.—By order of the St. Pancras Guardians, meat rations to the inmates and officers of the workhouse are to be increased.

Germans Assist Bolshevists.—The Bolshevist troops fighting against Admiral Koltschak include 40,000 Germans.

Fed Up Already.—In paying a fine at Kingston, the defendant said it would do to feed the Kaiser with.

"Wrens."—While we are disbanding our "Wrens", the United States are organising on a large scale a similar Corps for their Navy.

Whiter Locks.—The Prime Minister's shock of hair is said to be a little whiter, but his eyes are as bright as ever.

German Help.—German prisoners helped at extinguish a fire which caused great damaget o Lord Tredegar's stud farm in Monmouthshire.

Priory For Sale.—Reigate Priory, which stands on the site of the priory founded in 1240 by William de Warenne, is shortly to be sold.

Fleet for London.—According to present arrangements the fleet will arrive in the Thames in the last week in July.

"Wanted."—It is stated on high authority that the German government is willing to surrender the men "wanted" by the Allies for trial.

Evolution.—The latest honeymoon mode is for the newly married pair to go straight to stay with friends.

Chamberlain's Friend.—Sir Edward Parkes, a close friend of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain and a leader of the Midland iron trade has died.

Munitions for Poland.—Three trains laden with Italian munitions have arrived at Warsaw. These trains will return with coal.

Offenbach.—It is a hundred years ago since the famous composer, Offenbach, was born at Cologne.

Prince Becomes Jesuit.—Prince Georges of Bavaria, nephew of the late Kaiser Francis-Joseph, has become a Jesuit priest.

Guns in River.—Four German guns were taken from Durham market place and pushed into the river. They have been regarded as an eyesore.

Government Ale.—A Tottenham man asked for a summons against a publican for supplying him with a teetotal drink instead of ale. The drink was Government ale.

Hindenburg's Declaration.—Hindenburg declared to a delegation of students: "If the enemy want me, they may have me; I have only done my duty."

Money from Berlin.—It is reported that the Communists of Vienna have received 67 millions of marks from the Berlin Spartacists, who are supported with money by the Russian Bolshevists.

To Remain Prussians.—The Rector of the University of Bonn has declared that his students want to remain Prussians, and do not forget that the ex-Crown Prince studied in Bonn.

Domestic Training.—The Ministry of Labour has arranged for free training for approved candidates among registered unemployed women for work for which there is a demand.

League of Nations.—Sir Eric Drummond, secretary of the League of Nations, has asked the Dutch Professor von Hamel to lead the section of jurisprudence of the League.

Reconciliation.—At Bow street where a discharged soldier was charged with wounding his wife, the couple embraced and left the Court arm in arm.

Saner Conditions.—Propaganda warning the people that they must get back to normal conditions if the Empire is to be preserved, is suggested by Lord Morris.

Captain's Suicide.—Captain Hicks, a retired officer of the Lancers, who was discharged from the Army in 1899 owing to neurasthenia, has cut his throat with a safety razor.

Overdraft and Suicide.—Lieutenant Greves, of the Hampshire Regiment, shot himself in a Derby hotel after he had received a banker's letter reminding him that his account was over-drawn.

Ideal.—Brighton is to have a model village. It will include nine-hundred artistic houses with gardens, streets planted with fruit-trees and recreation grounds.

Hatch, Match, Despatch.—According to statistics there were in the week commencing June 15th, 195 births, 117 marriages and 163 deaths in Cologne. It is a long time since there were more births than deaths.

The National Anthem.—The only two occasions on record on which the National Anthem was sung in the House of Commons were the night of the declaration of war and after the recent signing of Peace.

Husband's Ordeal.—While sitting before the fire, a Chichester woman set her clothes alight, and her husband, an invalid, was unable to bring assistance until she had been injured beyond recovery.

Nineteen Charges.—Nineteen charges of fraudulent conversion of money extending over 11 years and involving a total sum of £51,973 have been preferred against John Scot Heron, a London solicitor.

Ex-Service Men.—The number of ex-service men who have been placed in their first civil employment by the exchanges from June 8, 1918, to June 6, 1919, was 113,899. Disabled men provided with work numbered 30,263.

A Policeman's Task.—The sight of a policeman on all fours gingerly stalking a young woman along the roof of the Y.M.C.A. shelter in Trafalgar-square entertained the Peace crowd. The girl's white-stockinged legs waved in the air, and she landed on top of the crowd.

"Jazz" on the Wane.—That "Jazz" is on the wane is the opinion of the manager of the Savoy Hotel, where a "Jazz" band has been performing since the outbreak of the craze. The "Jazz" artists have been replaced by a Hawaiian orchestra.

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2	1919	35	"	"	Nov.	1175	"
3	1919	25	Talbot	Curtis 4 str. coupé	Sept.	1300	complete car
4	1919	25	"	"	Aug.	1300	"
5	1919	25	Vauxhall	4 str. touring	June		privately owned
6	1919	25	"	Kington 4 str. tor.	Sept.	1125	complete car
7	1919	40	Lanchester (new type)		June	1920	chassis only
8	1919	15.9	Bentley	Vercus	End of year	850	about. Chassis several
9	1919	14 20	Augus Sanderson	4 seater	Dec.	950	
10	1919	20	Ford 1-ton truck	Van body	Aug.		
11	1919	17.9	W.&G. DuCros	30 cwt. lorry	Sept.	650	chassis only
12	1919		Cadillac	To choice	After Sept. 1918	1100 appr.	chassis only

Second Hand Cars.

Index No.	Year of Make	H.P.	Name of Car	Body	Approx. Delivery	Price £	Remarks
1	1914	35	Lancia	4 seated torpedo	June	1450	New Body
2	1915	35	"	" " "	July	1550	" "
3	1913	20—30	Renault	Limousine	2 weeks	1050	very fine car
4	1913	16—20	Wolseley	4 str. all weather	"	950	Equal to new
5	1914	15.9	Delage	Coupé	"	975	6 cylinder
6	1914	15.9	Hispano Suiza	2 seater	"	1000	Newly painted
7	1911	24	Panhard 6 cyl.	Double saloon	Imm.	800	Div. behind driver
8	1911	24	" Knight	Cabriolet	"	700	very fine condition
9	1914	16—20	Wolseley	Lim. Land	"	950	C.A.V. good cond.
10	1916	32	Selden Lorry	Small or large	"	700—750	3-ton
11	1915	38	Peerless	Medium	"	850	chain drive 3 ton
12	1915	38	Commer	"	"	900	chain drive 6 ton
13	1915	38	Feden	Tilt van	"	850	iron tyres
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2	1919	12-16	F.I.A.T. De Dion or Bianchi	4 seated tor.	June	"	
3	1919	10	A. C.	2 seated coupé	July 1919	"	
4	1919	12	Any good make	2 seated body	Early as possible	"	Will take 12 or more
5	1919	12	"	2 seated coupé	"	"	"

ALL TYPES.

Second Hand.

Index No.	Year of Make	H.P.	Name of Car	Body	Delivery required	Price £	Remarks
1	1911	40 50	Rolls Royce	Chassis only	Imm.	900	
2	1911	40 50	"	Cabriolet	"	1300	
3	1916	10	Hillman (Bianchi)	2 seater coupé	July	450	self starter
4	1917/18	10-12	" or A.C.	"	"	400	"
5	1916/18	12-16	Fiat or Dion or Bianchi	4 str. touring	June	400 500	" if poss
6	1914	16 20	Wolseley	3/4 Landaulette	Imm.	750	
7	1913-15	20-30	Lancia	Any type	"	Various	
8	1914-18	25	Studebaker	Landaulette	"	300 450	
9	1914	20-30	Any make	Coupé or all weather	"	700 800	
10	1916-18	16 20	Overland	Landaulette	"	300 450	
11	1916-18	16 20	"	Touring	"	300-400	
12	1916-18	16 20	"	2 seater	"	300 350	
13	1915-18	10	Light car	2 seater coupé	"	350 400	submit make
14	1915-18	12	"	Sporting 2 str.	"	350 400	"
15	1913	20 30	F.I.A.T.	4 seated touring	"	650	dynamo lighting
16	1914	20-30	Any good make	4 seated coupé	"	300	"

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PRIME MINISTER'S PEACE SPEECH.

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PREMIER'S SPEECH.

WHAT THE PEACE TREATY HAS ACCOMPLISHED.

In anticipation of the Prime Minister's speech yesterday afternoon on the subject of the Peace Treaty, the House of Commons was crowded. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales occupied his seat over the clock and the American Ambassador was with many other diplomats in the distinguished strangers gallery.

The Premier on rising to make his statement asked leave to introduce two Bills to enforce the most momentous document to which the seal of the British Empire had ever been affixed. The first was designed to carry into effect the Peace Treaty and the second was for approving the new treaty between the British Government and the Government of the French Republic. Europe had trembled, said the Premier, at the tramp of Germany's military machine, but her army is now inadequate to disturb the peace of even the feeblest of her neighbours. The terms of peace are in many respects terrible, but terrible were the deeds which justified it and still more terrible would have been the consequences had Germany succeeded. Colonies measuring one and a half million square miles had been torn from her side. By the treaty, territories which ought never to have belonged to Germany had been restored to France, while over Poland flies the flag of a free and independent people. Nobody, thought the Premier, can claim that the reparation terms are unjust, unless they believe that the justice of the war was on the side of Germany.

HISTORIC GERMAN BLUNDER.

Was it unjust that we should in our economic terms make it clear that Germany was not to take advantage of her wanton destruction of the trade machinery of her rivals in Belgium and France in order to get ahead in the competitive race. That was one of the things that money did not put right. We had put in a clause for the protection of those countries. He asked anybody to point out in the main conditions a single act of injustice or anything which a perfectly impartial court would not have adjudicated upon in exactly the sense as the council which had sat at Paris for six months scrupulously examining all conditions decided upon. The war cost millions of lives. It cost actually in expenditure for all lands thirty thousand million, with all that that sum represented in possible happiness for the human race. "That is what happened when they failed. What would have happened if they had succeeded? The world is rocking and reeling under the blow—the blow that failed." The Premier said there were three ways of dealing with the crime. One was to say to Germany "You tried and failed, so sin no more". Let them go across the Rhine. There one saw no devastated cities, no scorched plains. Factories were there, machinery was there — their own and other people's. If they had taken that course Germany would have been better off than the people she victimised. To have done so would have been putting a premium on militarism.

The second course was to get to the other extreme and treat Germany as Rome treated Carthage or, might he say, as Prussia treated Poland — to destroy her national existence; tear her to pieces; fling one piece to one country, another to another and a third to another. That was the way Prussia treated Poland. That was not merely a crime, it was a blunder, and after a century and a half Poland reappeared as a formidable foe. He was glad they had not soiled their hands with Prussian methods in dealing with Prussia. What was their method? To compel Germany, as much as was in her power, to restore, to repair and to redress, to take every possible precaution against the recurrence of such another crime, and to make such an example as would discourage ambitious rulers — yea, and ambitious peoples — from ever again attempting to repeat this infamy. That was not vengeance, it was discouragement. Every delegate felt in his heart the supreme need for imposing terms that would make not merely rulers but nations shrink from attempting a crime of that kind.

GERMANY'S PEACE ARMY.

Regarding guarantees, the first was the disarmament of Germany. The reduction of the German Army to a hundred thousand was quite adequate for the maintenance of peace in Germany. Then came the question as to whether it should be a voluntary or conscript army. The British delegation had no hesitation in pressing that it should be a voluntary army with long term of service. The first proposal was that there should be a conscripted army of two hundred thousand. That would have meant that in ten years we might have had one and a half million trained men in Germany and in twenty years three millions, and, as everybody knew, that was more or less the method by which Germany created the army with overthrew Napoleon. "We did not think that was disarming Germany and we advocated a long service army which would leave the mass of the population untrained and make it impossible for Germany to raise a large army. We regard the disarmament of Germany, the destruction of her armaments and arsenals and the taking away of her guns, as one of the firmest guarantees of peace which you can exact."

FRANCE APPREHENSIVE.

Then came another guarantee.. It has been entered into with the approval of the League of Nations. "France has within living memory been invaded twice by Germany. She has a population of forty millions facing a hostile population of sixty or seventy millions. France has legitimate reason for a feeling of nervous apprehension when Britian has gone home, when America has left three thousand miles between her and the coast of France and when the gallant men of British overseas Dominions who fought so bravely on French soil have departed and France sees herself then, with only the Rhine between her and this foe, which has trampled on her flesh twice within living memory.

So France says 'we would like to know if you Britons and Americans who helped to emancipate our soul are still behind us. If there is any wanton aggression will you help us?'

I invite the British Parliament to say 'yes' (loud and prolonged cheers). The League of Nations, he continued, would be valueless unless it had just sanction behind it and all the strength of the nations prepared at a moment's notice to stop aggression. Otherwise it would be a 'scrap of paper'! The Bill which he had foreshadowed only engaged us if there was wanton provocation on the part of Germany. One of their guarantees was the Army of Occupation, but he was perfectly certain that France did not wish to keep an Army there for a single day beyond absolute necessity. If Germany showed good will and gave the necessary guarantees for the execution of the treaty, France was quite prepared to reconsider at the proper moment the question of occupation. "We have an understanding with France that the moment the German Government carry out their undertaking regarding disarmament the cost of the Army of Occupation shall not exceed two hundred and forty million marks yearly."

THE SPIRIT OF PATRIOTISM.

He now came to the League of Nations. That great and hopeful experiment was only rendered possible by the other conditions. Without disarmament, without indications which the war had given that the nations of the world were determined at all costs to enforce respect of treaties, the League of Nations would be just like other conventions of the past, — some thing that would be blown away by the first gust of war or by any fierce dispute between nations During the last two years of war, concluded the Premier, the heaviest fighting, judged by casualties, was undertaken by the British Empire. Without the British Navy and Mercantile Marine, the war would have been over in six months.

The Premier concluded a fine speech with a fervid peroration. "The victory has been a tremendous one" he said, "let us rejoice as men rejoice, not under the delusion that all troubles are over but rather as men who feel the spirit of courage and resolution which enabled us to overcome and will enable us cheerfully to face what lies ahead. The losses of war will take a deal of repairing. What have we got? Output decreased and cost of production increased. That is the opposite road to the one which lead to prosperity. Let us cling together, act together, work together. Don't let us demobilize the spirit of patriotism too soon. Keep it in the ranks till the Empire has won through to the real and glorious victory."

The Premier was loudly cheered on resuming his seat.

GERMAN POLITICS.

LARGE FORTUNES TO BE HEAVILY TAXED.

The senior Committee of the National Assembly sitting at Berlin yesterday, discussed the provisions of a Bill for the taxation of large fortunes. The Bill demands careful preparation and cannot be submitted to Parliament until Autumn. It is understood that the proceeds of the tax will as far as possible be paid into the War Loans Constitution Bill, which will probably be ready by the middle of July.

The National Assembly will be dissolved in December and new elections will take place in January next. The *Vossische* Weimar correspondent reports that the National Assembly will on Saturday deal with the Peace Treaty. A majority for ratification is already assured.

AUSTRIA'S INDEMNITY.

ADJUSTING THE PROPORTION OF PAYMENT.

From Vienna it is reported that German Austria's future army, in accordance with the peace conditions, will be two-thirds less the Slav armies.

The proportion of war debt falling on German Austria will be 25 per cent higher than the proportion alloted to the Slav states, but it is hoped that these conditions may be alleviated.

Compensation for damage done in Italy will be at the rate of exchange of thirty to forty lire, against one hundred Austria kronen.

CANADIANS GOING HOME.

About 5,200 troops, 168 officers, and 61 nurses, returning to Canada after their war service in Europe, in addition to 290 civilian passengers and 734 bags of mails, were conveyed on the White Star transport Olympic this week, from Southampton to Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Mayor of Southampton (Alderman Kimber) addressed words of farewell to the departing soldiers and nurses before the ship left port.

Great Britain's naval construction programme for 1920 has been considerably reduced.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

TO PROTECT FRANCE FROM UNPROVOKED AGGRESSION.

The following Treaties have been concluded between Great Britain, France and the United States.

The text of the pact between the United States and France runs:

Considering the fact that the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic are equally animated by the wish to maintain the peace of the world which has been so happily restored by the Peace treaty signed at Versailles the 28th of June 1919 which put an end to the war commenced by the aggression of the German Empire and ended by the defeat of this power,

Considering that the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic are fully convinced that an act of unprovoked aggression directed by Germany against France would violate the letter and the spirit of the treaty of Versailles thus exposing France again to the intolerable charges of an unprovoked war and that a similar aggression on the part of Germany would constitute a hostile act against all powers who have signed that treaty, an act calculated to trouble the peace of the world by dragging into war directly the states of Europe and indirectly the whole world,

Considering that the United States and the Government of the French Republic fear that the stipulations concerning the left bank of the Rhine and contained in the Treaty of Versailles, may not assure immediately to France on one side, and to the United States on the other security and appropriate protection.

Consequently the United States of America and the Government of the French Republic have agreed on the following:—

If the stipulations concerning the left bank of the Rhine contained in the peace treaty with Germany signed at Versailles 28th of June 1919 (articles 42, 43, and 44) would not guarantee immediately to France the appropriate security and protection the United States of America will be bound to come immediately to her help in the case of an act of non-provoked aggression directed against her by Germany.

The present will have to be submitted to the Council of the League of Nations and will have to be recognised by the Council, if necessary by majority, as an agreement conforming to the covenant of the League. It will remain in force until on the demand of one party of this treaty the council decides, if necessary by majority, that the League of Nations itself guarantees a sufficient protection. The present treaty will be submitted to the French Chambers for approbation, and to the Senate of the United States at the same time as the treaty of Versailles.

Signed:—Clémenceau, Pichon, Woodrow Wilson, Robert Lansing.

The agreement between Great Britain and France is concluded in identical terms. The present treaty before ratification by His Britannic Majesty will be submitted to Parliament for approbation; before ratification by the President of the French Republic it will be submitted to the French Chamber for approbation.

Article 5 of the present treaty does not impose any obligation on any of the dominions of the British Empire unless and until it is approved by the Parliament of the interested Dominion.

Made in double at Versailles at the 28th of June 1919.

Signed: Clemenceau, Pichon,
Lloyd George, A.J. Balfour.

SCENE IN THE HOUSE.

WOMEN EJECTED FROM THE GALLERY.

Late yesterday evening, during the discussion on the Insurance Bill in the House of Commons, a woman in the public gallery rose and shouted "I protest against our sons being sent to Russia to fight the Russians."

An attendant caught hold of the woman, who repeated her protest several times before she could be removed. A man sitting just behind sprang to his feet and struck the attendant as he was removing the woman.

A second woman then rose and shouted "Why don't you dissolve? We want a Soviet." The speaker ordered the gallery to be cleared. The man who struck the attendant, speaking with a marked foreign accent, shouted "Your wickedness and shamelessness is appalling!" He got no further, being hustled out. The remainder of the gallery was speedily cleared.

The business of the house was interrupted for over three minutes.

THE LAST TROOPS FOR RUSSIA.

The transport Czar sailed from Southampton last evening with some 1,600 officers and men, under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Cross, for Russia. In wishing them God speed the Mayor said: "We are assured that you are the last contingent of British soldiers who are likely to be sent to Russia."

ROYAL ENGINEER HONOURS.

The following are the British honours gained by the Corps of Royal Engineers during the war:

OFFICERS. V.C., 11; D.S.O., 465; D.S.O. and bar, 17; D.S.O. and two bars, 2; M.C., 1,876; M.C. and bar, 120; M.C. and two bars, 5; Order of St. John of Jerusalem, 1, K.C.B., 6, C.B., 86; K.C.M.G., 10; C.M.G., 199; C.V.O., 2; K.C.I.E., 2; C.I.E., 15; C.S.I. 3, K.B.E., 8; C.B.E., 75; O.B.E., 108; M.B.E., 109.

OTHER RANKS. V.C., 5; D.C.M., 1,500; D.C.M. and bar, 17; M.M., 5,873; M.M. and bar, 323; M.M. and two bars, 4; M.S.M., 2,004; M.B.E., 6; O.B.E., 9.

PARIS VICTORY GALA.

Fabulous prices are being asked for windows and balconies in the Champs Elysées from which to view the Victory procession on July 14. First floor windows are being offered for £240 apiece, while a balcony with a view along the whole avenue is on offer at £4,000.

BELGIAN DECORATIONS.

PRESENTATION BY GENERAL MICHEL AT COLOGNE.

In February of this year, the King of Belgium graciously conferred decorations upon a large number of British soldiers of the 2nd Army. They ranged in rank from major-generals to privates and since the awards were announced, the honoured ones have moved to all parts of the world.

As a considerable number of these were accessible in Cologne and its environs, however, yesterday was considered an opportune time to make the presentations, and arrangements were exceedingly well completed by the 2nd Army Headquarters Staff.

The imposing square in front of the Excelsior Hotel was the scene of the particularly happy ceremony and in brilliant sunshine a very large crowd of soldiers and civilians watched the proceedings.

The presentations were made by Lieut.-General Michel, General Officer commanding the Belgian Army of Occupation, who was accompanied by his chief of staff and A.D.C. He was received by the Commander in Chief.

The guard of honour, furnished by the 9th D.L.I., having been inspected, those concerned proceeded to the court-yard at the rear of the Hotel and decorations were then presented in accordance with the appended list, the band of the 17th Lancers playing enjoyable selections meanwhile.

Among those who witnessed the ceremony were Major-General Sir A. A. Montgomery, C.G.S., G.H.Q., Lieut.-General Sir C. Jacob (2nd Corps); Lieut.-Gen. Haldane (6th Corps), and Lieut.-Gen. Morland (X Corps).

At the conclusion of the ceremony, representatives of the French, American and Italian Missions were presented to General Michel and the C. in C. led three cheers for the King of Belgium which were heartily accorded.

THE AWARDS.

The recipients of the decorations were as under:

Commandeurs de l'Ordre de Leopold and Croix de Guerre: Major General Sir C. L. Nicholson, K.C.B., C.M.G.; Major General C. R. Buckle, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.; Brigadier-General J. S. J. Percy, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Commandeur de l'Ordre de la Couronne and Croix de Guerre: Brigadier-General D. E. Cayley, C.B., C.M.G.; Brigadier General C. Coffin, V.C., C.B., D.S.O.; Brigadier-General A. H. Marindin, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Officier de l'Ordre de Leopold and Croix de Guerre: Brigadier-General A. D. Kirby, C.B., C.M.G.; Brigadier-General C. Godby, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.; Bt. Lieut.-Colonel R. F. C. Foster, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel R. K. A. Macaulay, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Colonel C. M. L. Becher, D.S.O., Officer Commanding 52nd Bn Leicester Regt.

Officier de l'Ordre de la Couronne and Croix de Guerre: Major J. C. MacSwiney, O.B.E.; Major M. G. Douglas, D.S.O., M.C.; Bt. Major J. P. Duke, M.C.

Chevalier de l'Ordre de Leopold and Croix de Guerre: Lieut.-Colonel A. C. Thomson; Captain P. B. Cuddon, M.C.; Captain L. S. Duncan, M.C.; Captain A. Guthrie, Royal Scots Fusrs.

Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Couronne and Croix de Guerre: Major R. E. Saul, Major R. Gurney, Lieut. A. L. Milroy, M.C.; 2nd Lieut. J. R. Case, 2nd Lieut. R. Hunter.

Chevalier de l'Ordre de Leopold II. and Croix de Guerre: SS/6564 S.S.M. H. A. Cruxton, 15328 R.S.M. A. E. Sabine, 24188 Sergt. E. Baxter.

Decorations Militaire and Croix de Guerre: Mech. Sgt.-Major J. G. Belt, Sgt.-Major R. A. Artherton, Sgt. C. T. Lilley, Cpl. H. A. Horne, Cpl. H. Wildman, L.Cpl. A. J. Talbutt, Pte. J. Wright, Sgt. D. G. Macintyre M.M., Sgt. J. Smith.

Croix de Guerre (Ordre de l'Armee): Major F. Ryan, M.C., Lieut. G. M. W. Park.

PEACE DRINKS.

CANADA NOT TO REMAIN DRY.

The Dominion Senate has rejected the Canadian Government's prohibition Bill for a second time and amended the measure so that the prohibitory provisions expire with the proclamation of peace instead of twelve months afterwards.

IMPRESSIVE MILITARY FUNERAL.

"Some corner of a foreign field, that is for ever England." In the tastefully laid out and well kept cemetery at Sudfriedhof the remains of Lieutenant G. S. Dennis, Intelligence Corps (late of the D.L.I.), were laid to rest yesterday in the special part reserved for the British and their allies.

Numerous officers and other ranks from the Intelligence Corps and the D.L.I. were present at the graveside. The cortege proceeded on foot from No. 36 C.C.S., the coffin resting on a gun carriage. The following acted as pallbearers:—Lieut Gibson, and 2nd Lieut. Saville.

Among other officers who attended were: Lieut.-Col. A. A. Fenn, D.S.O., (Commanding Intelligence Corps), Major Quarry, Capt. Barmby, Capt. Willison, Lieut. Patterson, Lieut. Hemming.

The Durham Light Infantry furnished the firing party and the band of the same regiment played impressively the Dead March ("Saul").

LONDON RACE RIOTS.

Stories of the feud in the West Ham district between black and white seamen were heard at the Old Bailey yesterday, when John Martin, 29, a coloured seaman, was charged with wounding James Hanrahn, ship's fireman, with intent to do him grievous bodily harm.

Mr. Percival Clark, for the prosecution, said the case arose out of the disturbances in the East-end, which were said to be due to the attitude of black men towards white women. On May 27 a serious disturbance occurred at West Ham. Prisoner was in a lodging-house with a number of other coloured men and a crowd of white people assembled outside. According to the evidence of the police, prisoner was seen to rush out of the lodging-house with a pistol in his hand, which he fired at the crowd, Hanrahn receiving a bullet in his arm. Prisoner was struck on the head by a police truncheon, and was arrested.

In the witness-box prisoner said, "Me no shoot. The crowd knock me down with large sticks."

Martin was found not guilty, and discharged.

R. 34's PROGRESS.

AERIAL FLEET TO WELCOME AND ESCORT HER.

Latest reports about the British airship "R 34," which left Scotland on Wednesday morning for New York, indicate that she is continuing her voyage westward, and is expected to arrive at Long Island this morning. Messages were fewer yesterday than on the previous day, no direct news being received between ten o'clock in the morning and eight o'clock at night.

The following are the wireless messages received from the airship during yesterday:

4.0 a.m. The Air Ministry states this morning that the British Airship "R 34" wirelessed at 3 a.m. G.M.T. position 52.50 N., 28.10 W.

7.11 a.m. "R 34" reported her position at 6.11 a.m. G.M.T., 52.30 N., 30 W. (Just more than half-way.)

10.0 a.m. A wireless message radiated by the "R 34" at ten o'clock (British summer time) indicates that her position at that hour was approximately 52deg. 50min. North and 34deg. 30 min. West. The airship was then cruising above the fog.

1.14 p.m. The Air Ministry announces: The Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic and Home Fleet has communicated the following message by wireless to the Air Ministry: H.M.S. Renown heard "R 34" wireless signals strength 7 (that is, fairly loud and readable signals) at 12.14 G.M.T."

7.30 p.m. A wireless station on this side of the Atlantic reports having heard H.M.S. Tiger speaking with the "R 34" in the position 54.20 North, 40 West. All apparently O.K. at 6.30 p.m. Greenwich mean time.

The "R 34" will be met off the coast by a welcoming fleet of United States naval aircraft, including several seaplanes and the dirigible "C 3." The latter is housed at Montauk Point, ready to start. If no wireless from the "R 34" is received by Friday morning she will go to search for the distinguished visitor. The officials here in charge of the wireless telegraphs expect to get into communication with the "R 34" tomorrow night. A wireless telephone has also been installed. On the aviation field there are 8,000 containers, holding 1,500,000 cubic feet of hydrogen, much more than enough for her replenishment.

RAILWAY DISPUTE.

AGREEMENTS NOT KEPT IN THE SPIRIT.

A dispute has arisen between the National Union of Railwaymen and the Great Northern Railway Company over the interpretation of the recent agreement made between the Union and the Railway Executive Committee. The Union Executive has informed the Board of Trade and the Railway Executive that unless the Great Northern is compelled to interpret agreements in the spirit as well as in the letter the Union will take immediate steps to force them to do so.

THE SUTTON MURDER.

YOUTH SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Mr. Justice Darling, at Surrey Assizes yesterday, passed sentence of death on William Nelson Adams, seventeen, for the murder of George Jones, aged sixty, at Sutton.

It was stated that the prisoner met Jones on the Embankment and went with him to Sutton on the night of June 10. Next morning Jones was found with wounds, from which he died in hospital. Prisoner was arrested with Jones clothing and watch and chain in his possession. He stated: "I stabbed him three times. He asked me to do it. Jones was worrying about an income-tax demand, and that was why he asked me to kill him."

The defence set up the plea that the prisoner was of such a defective mind that he did not know he was doing wrong. The jury recommended him to mercy.

TRAITOROUS EX-M. P.

Ignatius Timothy Tribich Lincoln, formerly Liberal M.P. for Darlington, was discharged from Pentonville Prison yesterday after serving a sentence of three years' penal servitude passed on him in July, 1916, at the Old Bailey.

On his discharge Lincoln was met by two officers from Scotland Yard and taken in a taxicab to Liverpool-street Station. He was afterwards escorted on the train to Harwich, bound for Rotterdam in accordance with the expulsion order made against him by the Home Secretary. He was, hower, subsequently brought back to London again and lodged in Brixton prison.

In December, 1918, the Home Secretary made an Order revoking Lincoln's certificate of naturalization. It was then stated that the Home Secretary was satisfied that Lincoln had "shown himself by act to be disloyal to his Majesty."

TRAGIC PEACE SALUTE.

Two deaths have followed in the wake of the peace celebrations at Torry Battery, Aberdeen.

While the salute was being fired on Saturday evening Lieut.-Colonel W. Minto, R.G.A., and Gunner Shepherd were both injured—the latter having an arm blown off by a misfire. Shepherd died shortly after the accident, and Colonel Minto died yesterday morning.

The colonel was a solicitor in civil life, a son of the late Professor Minto, of Aberdeen. He had been on garrison duty at Aberdeen for some time.

"I am quite prepared to be run down for his sake," said a pretty Belgian governess to Mr. Justice Darling at the Surrey Assizes yesterday, when he sentenced Corporal Arthur Low, of the Canadian Army, to three months' hard labour for committing bigamy with her.

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WHAT NEXT?

In the past few years, many milestones have been passed so far as aerial travel is concerned. One marvellous feat follows another so rapidly that we are disposed to become almost indifferent, and not to realise their significance and true value.

It is little more than fifteen years since Orville Wright made the first flight in an aeroplane. He flew in the air for a mere two hundred yards; yet that was amazing then.

Not ten years ago Bleriot crossed the English channel after many others had failed. That feat has long ceased to be considered remarkable. Then greater distancese were essayed. Paulhan piloted a machine from London to Manchester, Beaumont circled Great Britain, Audemar went from Paris to Berlin.

The war came, and great strides in the wonders of aerial flight were made. Long distance bombing trips into Germany were of daily occurrence.

Since the Armistice there have been many air journeys of prodigious length. Commander Savory has flown from London to Constantinople—2,000 miles—Major General Salmond has crossed from Cairo to Delhi, and Major McLaren has flown from England to India. More recently Lieut. Roget on a flight from France to Tangier covered 1,375 miles without a stop.

All were great performances, but even these were overshadowed by the daring of the Atlantic passage successfully accomplished only a week or two ago.

To-day we are awaiting news of the anticipated arrival on the American shore of the British airship, which is voyaging across the Atlantic Ocean. All the previous noteworthy feats in the air have been accomplished by "heavier than air" craft.

This is the first serious attempt of the "lighter than air" type to emulate what has been done by the plane. Everyone is watching the result expectantly.

But in a very short time even the Atlantic flight will cease to be acclaimed as anything out of the ordinary. The progress in aerial travel is so swift.

Naturally one is tempted to ask now: "What next will be attempted?"

If a super-daring airman makes up his mind to encircle the globe, will anyone be staggered at the news?

BEST OF ALL.

Demobilization is what a large number of soldiers are looking forward to, but are you looking to the future — the future that is all unknown to us? Yesterday we spoke of the need for subscribing liberally to the Victory Loan. To-day we want to say something about War Saving Certificates.

Why help our late enemy to pay the War Indemnity by spending all your pay in his cafés and on worthless souvenirs, when you can invest it at a high rate of interest in these Saving Certificates? No man who has suffered in the conflict wants anything to remind him of it, so be wise, and take care of your money.

Remember, your future prosperity depends on your individual effort.

Everything possible is being done to make this easy for Tommy, so that he can buy War Savings Certificates on the instalment system — amounts, however small, are gladly received, and everyone can be supplied with a subscription book free of charge.

If you are in doubt, or desire information on any point, consult the Secretary of any of the Army War Savings Associations, who is only too willing to explain everything. A Certificate only costs 15.6d., and in five years you can get £1 for it. In ten years £1.6s.

Should unforeseen circumstances arise, and you need your money, you can draw it out any time, with the accrued interest to date, so what better investment can be made?

THEN AND NOW.

We have all, in some degree, I suppose, the blood of adventurers in our veins, and the noise of battle coming through our office windows in those memorable August days five years ago, filled us with nausea for our desks.

We felt the rooms were stifling us; we loathed the bricks and mortar and yearned for open spaces where the four winds blew, we despised the miserable artificial life of cities; there was life before us—and death, the risk that made it worth the while.

We snapped the bonds of quiet lives and left the sordid strife of men; we armed and prepared for a sterner and more glorious struggle.

And one cold morning in April 1915 we might have been seen stamping up and down the quay at Havre, our spurs jingling lively in the frosty air, in tune with our spirits, the keen air as exhilarating as wine. We should have pitied, had we thought of them, those people in England who were yet abed. Life had begun.

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Four years have passed and we are veteran soldiers now—one soon grows old on the battlefield. When we look back upon those years it is not without considerable emotion.

We see the salient animate with battle, the air tremulous with the boom of guns; cavalry in action, infantry advancing to the attack. The pageantry and the romance of the years parade and march past like pictures on a screen.

The Guards sweep over the slopes at Loos, the Somme is fought again; Vimy Ridge disappears in a blizzard of snow, Hill 70 becomes obscured in a cloud of dust and smoke, our horses plunge and flounder in the mud of Passchendaele. Wytschaete Ridge is lost and Foch's reserves come up, veterans of Verdun, stepping to a tune, their rifles swinging to the song. And then one sees the soul of France again, the 75's at Scherpenberg and at the shambles of Westoutre.

The deafening and triumphant fire at Villers Bretonneux comes to our ears, and the Canadians leap over into the mist. Through Caix, Rosières, Chaulnes, right across the Somme we go; smash through the Hindenburg Line; through Bohain and Le Cateau and across the Sambre—Oise Canal, till the bugles sound "Cease Fire."

There was something to do in those days, there was a movement; early mornings in the saddle when the air was cool and sweet; gipsy life of chaege and travel — one felt the joy of being.

But the life of the roads is gone now, and the days begin to Pall. Sometimes when more than usualy impatient of the insipidity of life and memory tantalises us with the crowded and picturesque days of adventure that have passed, we half wish the guns would take the road again.

OWEN OLIVER.

OUR BATTALION CINEMA.

A FIRST NIGHT SHOW!

On the face of it, it seemed a comparatively easy matter. Everyone in mess was very impressed. Tommy must be amused presumably to prevent the boredom attached to the life of the Army of Occupation. Hence our cinema.

Some took a mercenary point of view and talked of profits, others of the relaxation such a show would afford. Few took account of the difficulties. Advice was freely given, suggestions rolled up unasked for; of practical help there was none.

True, there was a capital hall, electrically lighted, good staging and all the accessories. Really things looked promising. The pace at which they moved overwhelmed one. We awoke one morning to find the weekly change of pictures advertised from every available yard and stable door in the area.

The German printer had obviously turned the midnight oil to good account, while the regimental billposter, with a hundred and one stations offered without payment, had painted the town blue. Blue placards were to be seen on all hands.

The machine, as all machines do until they are run, seemed all that could be desired. At any rate all the parts were there. He was an optimist who persuaded us to forego a trial run. Army blankets obliterated all daylight; forms were requisitioned and a piano installed. We surpassed ourselves.

Tommy was there in great force. Half an hour before the show was timed to commence it was impossible to approach the entrance. The queue wound its way through the yard into the street. Money rolled into the exchequer and our visions of profit became more roseate.

The Brigade staff from the neighbouring schloss were visibly impressed, and the amusement officer primed himself upon the congratulation which seemed likely to come his way.

The virtue of punctuality went by the board. The preliminaries embraced a series of flickers which conveyed very little even to an individual with the wildest imagination. Tommy watched our early efforts with admirable patience. The machine was clearly failing to live up to its guarantee.

The Army blankets which had been commandeered to keep out the light of day were not exactly proof, but the bugbear was the entrance to the hall. Late comers were clearly amazed at their reception. Their entry drew lusty protests, each more emphatic and forcible than the last. Nothing but the nailing up of the door would satisfy some parts of the house.

As the pianist struggled bravely with his repertoire, three antiquated compositions borrowed from a neighbouring mess, Tommy became more sarcastic. Somehow those films would not come right.

It was difficult to know where the exclusive three part comedy which figured in our programme began and finished. Another essay saw "The End" inscribed on the sheet followed by the fag-end of a thrilling episode.

Tommy's sarcasm knew no bounds. From the darkness came pointed advice on the running of a cinema show, and the amusements officer grew very sad of countenance. The rot started when a party made tracks for the doors. The tickets guaranteeing a free entry the following evening were turned down in disgust, and the promoters of the show wended their way to billets sadder but wiser men. As a "first night" it was very disappointing, but, then, things have improved since.

BLUE BOTTLE.

GIFTS.

Give a man a horse he can ride,
Give a man a boat he can sail;
And his rank and wealth, his strength and health,
On sea nor shore shall fail.

Give a man a pipe he can smoke,
Give a man a book he can read:
And his home is bright with a calm delight,
Though the room be poor indeed.

Give a man a girl he can love,
As I, O my love, love thee;
And his heart is great with the pulse of fate,
At home, on land, on sea.

JAMES THOMSON.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.

TO CELEBRATE PEACE.

A further suggestion.

Sir,—The suggestion of J.W.N. is most opportune, and speaking for most men in my battalion, I hope it will be carried out.

It would be a most impressive spectacle to have a military tattoo in the heart of Cologne and would do much to maintain our prestige as the Army of Occupation.

Such a ceremony would buck up the morale of the troops wonderfully, and I am sure I voice the view of the majority of the Rhine "boys."

One more word. Why not also a display in the afternoon, of gun mounting, musical rides, physical drill, etc. — a sort of open-air military tournament in fact — also, in the Neumarkt, if there is time to arrange it.

"DURHAM."

ARMY EXPRESSIONS.

Sir,—When are the coined words of the war going to be demobilized? The English newspapers, and particularly the periodicals, continue to persist in using such expressions as "camouflage", "stunt", "opened fire", "over the top", "burst of fire", etc., in reports of various civilian happenings with irritating frequency.

Even as recently as a fortnight ago, a comedian in London adopted the hackneyed gag of referring to the orchestra as the men in the trench.

Surely we have had enough of this sort of thing, and I for one shall be glad to be able to read a newspaper that is entirely free from such weak humour.

F.C.R.

CLASS DISTINCTIONS.

Sir,—A few days ago a letter appeared concerning the distinction of class, and the slaves we are to such. The writer said that the world is run from day to day by those who work and by those only. The others are merely parasites.

I admit that the working classes form a powerful support of the commercial fabric, but I venture to suggest that the principal foundation of the country is formed by the middle classes.

To take a worn-out topic — the war. During the five years of strife the working classes contributed men, but enjoyed better positions and emoluments than ever before; the upper classes contributed money, but were not familiar with war's ghastly hand upon their shoulder; the middle classes gave of both, and, in consequence, were the most impoverished.

Also, I hold the view, that wit or brains are the things that matter above everything else in the present world of commerce, politics, and science.

"LYRIC."

FORM OF ADDRESSES.

Sir,—As a new and very youthful observer of Continental customs and one aware of the value of comparison I have been struck by the value of the German method of addressing an envelope, an arrangement which I think must help the postal authorities considerably.

How much better is the method which places the City or town before the street and the number of the house. Naturally in the sorting, the ultimate destination is of first import. Then arises the question of the street and lastly the number.

If I remember rightly the introduction of a similar method was openly advocated at home, but there the matter rested. Its adoption is a suggestion thrown out by

G.B.

TRIPS TO THE BATTLEFIELD.

Sir,—I hear that parties of the "Young Guards" are to be taken to see the battlefields of France. While I quite agree that this will be an object lesson they should profit by, in showing them where the "Old Guards" suffered and fell, I would submit that we of the old brigade who went through the horrors of the struggle should also be given the chance of going back to the scenes of carnage to look at the sacred ground on which our pals paid the great penalty. Could this be arranged?

ONE OF THE "WAR WORN."

THE CIVIL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME.

Sir,—Reading your leader on "Civil Employment," it struck me that there should be no class distinction between officers and O.R.s in a scheme such as was described.

For officers, as officers there can be no two opinions, good luck to them I say; in the military machine they are as necessary as capital is to labour in ordinary industry.

But when the job of war is over, it should be remembered that in the army as it is made up to-day, there are men with brains — and money, too, among "other ranks".

I hope Mr. Hastings Pimbury will remember this and modify his scheme accordingly.

AN "O. R."

CABARETS FOR THE TROOPS.

Sir,—Has the time not arrived when cabarets should be allowed to stage English turns and an all-English programme? It has been a long standing grouse with the troops that much of the business staged at these places of amusement is unintelligible to 75 per cent of the audience.

Quick to recognise this, a least one manager made representations on the subject, but his application was promptly turned down. Much headway has however been made since the dog-days of last year. Musical repertoires have been overhauled and the nightly programmes contain a fair sprinkling of familiar compositions while undue prominence is given to dancing and other turns which at least have the merit of being intelligible. What we now require are English turns.

I know it will be argued that there are many concert parties to be seen, but these shows lack the cabaret atmosphere. Why not take over a few of such places and thus keep the profits out of German pockets.

"BUFF."

THE QUESTION OF LANGUAGES.

Sir,—Many correspondents have already examined this question in your most valuable paper from different points of view. May I advocate the study of foreign languages for another reason.

Human language is an instrument for thinking. Thought is the highest function of man. Therefore we may say, with the French writer, La Bruyère, that a man who knows two languages is worth two men. Indeed, he has at his disposal two different instruments to exercise his thought.

We shall never understand the way Germany thinks unless we learn German. I even venture to say that if all the Germans could have spoken English or French, they would have understood the spirit which fired the Allies, and it may be that war could have been prevented. May be — may be not! Not an international language, but the study of foreign languages will be a good support for the League of Nations.

Saint Thomas Aquinas said "Timeo hominem unius libri," I fear the man of one book; he meant probably that the man of one book is the man of one opinion, intolerant and uncompromising.

H. O.

Australia Foul New Zealand.

FINE ROWING AT HENLEY.

SUCCESS OF RHINE ARMY OFFICER IN KINGSWOOD SCULLS.

There was no improvement in the weather at Henley on Thursday, but large crowds attended notwithstanding. Considerable interest was taken in the King's Cup competition, in which excellent rowing was witnessed.

Both the University crews came through their heats in the King's Cup. Results:

KING'S CUP.

Australians 1st beat Australians 2nd; Oxford beat Canada; American Army beat French Army; Cambridge beat New Zealand.

FAWLEY CUP.

The heats were won by Thames, Kingston, Oxford 2nd, and Christ Church.

ELSENHAM CUP.

The heats were won by Lady Margaret B.C., Shrewsbury School, Bedford School, New College.

REMENHAM CUP.

Heat winners:—Caius College Cambridge, Clare College, Cambridge, Naval Officers and Tanks.

KINGSWOOD SCULLS.

Hadfield beat Major Pattinson; Major Withington beat Col. Salier; Lieut. Nussey, Rhine Army, beat Col. Powell; Kinnear beat Fitte.

UNFORTUNATE FOUL.

INTERESTING RACE SPOILED BY DEFECTIVE STEERING.

An unfortunate foul stopped what would have been a very interesting race between Australia and New Zealand, for the Leander Cup, fourth heat. Just after the start, Australia, whose steering was not good, came right across and fouled their opponents in the latter's water. As the New Zealanders claimed the foul, the umpire had no option but to give them the race.

LEANDER CUP.

Leander beat America; 2nd Canada beat Cambridge. The fourth heat was won by New Zealand. The Australians were disqualified for fouling.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CUP.

Monkton Combe beat Westminster.

Wargrave Manor Cup.:—London beat 1st Coldstreams.

Temple Cup.:—Caius beat Edinburgh.

JUNIOR SCULLING AT ETON.

The finalists for the Junior Sculling were C. E. Pilman, R. I. Burn, and T. A Mason. The former won easily in 15 min 15 sec, with Burn second. Mr. R. Fothergill officiated as starter, timekeeper, and judge.

SPORTS AT HEMMERICH.

B COMPANY 9th BATTN. CHESHIRE REGT.

These sports were held at Hemmerich on Sunday afternoon. The weather turned out fine, and some splendid running was witnessed. There were two excellent races, the 220 yards and the mile open, which provided very exciting finishes. Captain R.S.F. Cooper, M.C., presented the prizes.

RESULTS.

Throwing the Cricket Ball:—1, Cpl. Abel; 2, L/Cpl. Pedlay; 3, Pte. Evans. Three-Legged Race:—1, Cpl. Abel and Pte. Futchett; 2, Ptes. Rogers and Laughton. High Jump:—1, Lt. Hickey (4 ft. 7); 2, Cpl. Abel. Greasy Pole:—1, Pte. Hallows. One Mile (open),—1, Pte. Pennance, B Coy.; 2, Cpl. Wilkins, C Coy.; 3. Lt. Robinson, B Coy. Long Jump:—1, Cpl. Abel (16 ft 1½ in); 2, Sergt. Smallwood; 3, Sergt. Cooper. 220 yards:—Dead Heat, Sergt. Smallwood and Cpl. Abel; 3, Pte. Escott. Wheelbarrow Race:—1, Pte. Haken and Pte. Hallows; 2, Sergt. Harrison and Pte. Cleave. 440 yards (open):—1. Lt. Facer, C Coy.; 2, Pte. Evans, B Coy.; 3, Sergt. Harrison, B Coy. Sack Race:—1, Pte. Knowles; 2, Pte. Pennance.

BLIND-FOLD SQUAD DRILL.

Squad Drill (Blindfold):—1, No. 7 Platoon; 2, No. 8 Platoon. 100 yards:—1, Sergt. Smallwood; 2, Cpl. Abel; 3, Pte. Evans. Tug-of-War:—1, No. 6 Platoon; 2, No. 7 Platoon. Obstacle Race:—1, Pte. Pennance; 2, Pte. Dorson. Relay Race:—1, No. 5 Platoon; 2, No. 7 Platoon; 3, No. 8 Platoon. Tilting the Bucket:—1, Pte. Gledhill and Pte. Greenhalgh. Consolation Race (open):—1, L/Cpl. Knobbs, C Coy.; 2, Pte. Knott, C Coy.; 3. Pte. Smith, B Coy. Cross Country Race:—1, No 8 Platoon (Lt. Robinson, Ptes. Formstone, Boston and Brough); 2, No. 5 Platoon (Ptes. Evans, Collis, Waterhouse, and Rogers.—Individual:—1, Pte. Evans (No. 5); 2, Lt. Robinson (No. 8); 3, Pte. Russell (No. 6).

The inter-platoon challenge cup was won easily by No. 5 Platoon with 81½ points, No. 7 Platoon being second with 52½.

WIMBLEDON FINAL.

PATTERSON BEATS KINGSCOTE IN ALL-COMERS SINGLES.

On Thursday in the final of the all-comers singles at Wimbledon, G. L. Patterson (Australia) beat Lieut.-Col. A.R.F. Kingscote 6—2, 6—1, 6—[illegible].

Gents doubles:— Fisher and Richie beat Crawford and Tindell Green 3—6, 6—3, 9—7, 6—3.

Ladies' doubles:— Mrs. Parton and Mrs. McNair beat Mrs. Armstrong and Miss Manser (retired).

Mixed doubles: Miss Ryan and Lycett beat Mlle. Lengien and Laurentz 2—6, 6—4, 6—2.

DAVIS CUP TEAMS.

The British Isles team for the preliminary tie against South Africa in the Davis tennis cup competition will be Roper Barrett, Col. Kingscote, Lowe, and Mavrogorduto. South African team:—Aitken, Dodd, Norton, and Raymond. The tie will be played at Eastbourne on July 25.

443 SIEGE BATTERY, R.G.A. v. 289 R.T. COY., R.E.

An interesting and exciting match took place on Tuesday between 443 Siege Battery R.G.A and 289 R.T.Coy, R.E. on the former's ground at Schiesbusch. The R.E.'s batted first, being all out for 33, and when the last man came in for the gunners, five runs were wanted to win. These were obtained, the wicket falling the next ball, leaving the gunners winners by one run. For the R.E.'s, Lt. Myer was good with the bat and ball, while Gunner Morgan bowled well for the Battery, taking 4 wickets for 2 runs.

CRICKET FRIENDLIES.

The 3rd L.I.B., L.T.M.B. played the 3rd L.I.B., H.Q., on Sunday, when the following was the result:—T.M.B's 1st innings 24; 2nd innings 95; Lieut. Cooper 29, Cpl. Harwood 24 (not out). H.Q's 1st innings 48, Pte. Partridge 21; 2nd innings 16; Capt. White 5 for 5; Lieut. Cooper 5 for 9.

On Sunday the T.M.B's played B. Coy 26th R.F's. Scores:—B. Coy 36. Pte. Stone 10; Lieut Jackson 6 for 12; Pte. Cook 3 for 9; T.M.B's 99; Lieut. Cooper 39; Cpl. Holtham 26.

A SPORTING CHANCE.

VICTORY BOND SWEEP'S PROMISING START.

They're off! The British Empire Leave Club Victory Bond Sweep has been launched, and already there are indications that enormous success is to attend the scheme.

Forms of applications for tickets have been so ingeniously circulated that there is no excuse for every man in the British Army of the Rhine not being in possession of one.

All you have to do is to extract that spare ten marks note from your wallet, fill up the form, and send them both—by any means you like—to Lieut.-Col. J. A. Levey, O.B.E., D.S.O., British Empire Leave Club, Cologne, and then wait to see what happens.

You may be one of the fortunate twenty-three who are to receive substantial returns for the small outlay, and even if you are among the "also rans", you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you contributed a little to the thousands of pounds that it is hoped the members of the Rhine Army are going to subscribe to the great Victory Loan.

It is important that no time should be wasted in buying tickets, for no entries can be accepted after 9 o'clock on Friday evening July 11th.

A WORLD'S RECORD BROKEN.

WILD ENTHUSIASM AT INTER-ALLIED SPORTS IN PARIS.

The first two heats of the 800 metres relay race at the Inter-Allied Sports in Paris, briefly reported in our issue of Wednesday, proved the sensation of the meeting, provoking wild enthusiasm on the part of the crowd. The world's record of 1min 33sec was beaten by both heats by 2 4-5sec. Finer running and picking up has probably never been seen on any racecourse. America gained the first heat, with Australia close up, while Canada won the second heat, with France a good second. Time for both heats, 1min 33 1-5sec. The final of the broad jump was gained by Butler (America), with 24 ft 9½ in, being well over the French record, but slightly behind the Olympic record. In the final of the foils Nadi (Italy) was first, and Piquemal (France) second. Other results:

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.—Greece 3, Roumania 2; Belgium 7, America 0.

200 METRES SPRINT (Semi finals: first two in each heat to qualify for the finals).—First Heat: Howard (Canada), 1: Tescher (America), 2. Time, 22 3-5 sec. Second Heat: Lindsay (New Zealand), 1: Haddock (America), 2. Time, 22 2-5sec. Third Heat: Haliburton (Canada), 1: Paddock (America), 2. Time, 22 3-5 sec. The French record for this distance, namely 22 3-5 sec., was thus equalled twice and beaten once.

WELTER-WEIGHT BOXING.—Salvan (Roumania) beat Martonni (Italy) in the third round on points.

1,500 METRES FINAL.—Stout (America), 1: Armand (France), 2: Lapierre (Canada), 3. Time, 4 min 5 3-5sec.

INTER-ALLIED GOLF.

As the result of play in the Allied Military Championship, confined to military who have fought on the side of the Allies during the war, America qualified at La Boulie to meet France by virtue of a win over England.

50th BRIGADE R.F.A. SPORTS.

DISMOUNTED EVENTS IN TWO DAYS' MEETING AT SOLINGEN.

The concluding day of these sports at Solingen was reserved for dismounted events and the programme was again of the most interesting description, for the possession of the Major Andrew Challenge Cup was not finally decided until C. Battery won the Tug-of-War and with it, the coveted trophy, which at one time appeared certain to go to A. Battery.

Brigadier General Sandys was again present and distributed the prizes. Major G.R.S. Patterson and Capt. W. Carter were the judges. The band of the 1/5 K.O.S.B. gave selections of music!

DETAILS.

Long Jump:—1, Lt. Furness, "B" Bty., 17 ft 5 ins; 2, Cpl. Sears, "B" Bty.; 3, Lt. Priston "C" Bty.

Putting the Shot:—1, Lt. Lee, "C" Bty.; 2, Sig. Thompson, "C" Bty.; 3, S.S Pye, "A" Bty.

100 yards Flat Race:—1, Lt. Furness, "B" Bty., Time 11½ secs.; 2, Lt. Lee, "C" Bty.; 3, Lt. Preston, "C" Bty.

Three-legged Race:—1, Sergt. Pateman and Gnr. Bodenham, "A" Bty.; 2, Gnr. Hudson and Gnr. Green, "C" Bty.

Tug-of-War:—"C" Bty.

Hurdle Race:—1, Cpl. Sears "B" Bty.; 2, Lt. Preston "C" Bty.; 3, Lt. Ash, "A" Bty.

1 Mile Flat Race (open):—1, Q.M.S. Tinkler 1/5 K.O.S.B.; 2, Lt. Furness, "B" Bty.; 3, Sig. Munsie, "A" Bty.

440 yards:—1, Lt. Lee, "C" Bty., Time 1-51; 2, Cpl. Sears, "B" Bty.; 3, Sig. Thompson, "C" Bty.

Wheel Race:—1, Sig. Thompson, "C" Bty.; 2, Bdr. Whitton, "C" Bty.; 3, Staff Sergt. Spilier, "A" Bty.

Marathon Race (three miles):—1, Dr. Brown, "D" Bty.; Time 21-29; 2, Dr. Cubitt, "A" Bty.; 3, Sig. Jones, "B" Bty.

Obstacle Race:—1, Lt. Preston, "C" Bty.; 2, McGill "C" Bty.; 3, Lt. Lee, "C" Bty.

High Jump:—1, Lt. Furness, "B" Bty.; 2, Lt. Ash, "A" Bty.

Sack Race:—1, Gnr. Lewis, "A" Bty.; 2, Bdr. Lawson, "C" Bty.; 3, Dr. Clarke, "B" Bty.

Relay Race:—1, "B" Bty.; 2, "C" Bty.; 3, "A" Bty.

Band Race:—1, Piper McAlister; 2, Piper Gordon; 3, Piper Hook.

Major Andrew Challenge Cup:—1, "C" Bty.; 2, "A" Bty.; 3, "D" Bty.

WEAVENS C. C. V RHINE RAILWAY TELEGRAPHS.

At Mulheim on Tuesday, this fixture provided an excellent day's sport despite the Arctic weather. Batting first, the officers of Railway Telegraphs hit up 240 for 5 wkts. (Lt. Teesdale, R.E. 124 not out. Capt. Evans, R.E. 31.) The "Weavens" were not able to top this score, and the result was, Rhine Rly. Teles. 240 for 5. Weavens C.C. 104.

1st. CAV. DIV. SIGNALS v 6th. RLY. TELE. COY.

This friendly match was played on Wednesday at Mulheim, and provided a most exciting finish. 6 R.T.C., batting first, made 126. Lt. H.M. Chrystall, R.E. 42 runs. The Cav. Signals found the bowling of Cpl. Fish rather difficult, and nine wkts were down for 90 runs, but thanks to the Jessopian tactics of Squad. S. M. Ellis, the total was carried to 126 before he was bowled. Result a tie, 126 runs each.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

STILL UNBEATEN.

77 SIEGE BATTERY (114) v. MID. DIV. D.A.C. (24) at Nieder Elvernich on Wednesday. For 77, Hirst (26 not out) and Hays (19) batted very well. Harkers (12) and Garmonsway (10) also reached double figures, whilst Extras (28) helped considerably in the total score. The D.A.C. team found runs very difficult to get, the whole side being out for 24, Fenton taking 5 wickets for 9 runs and Garmonsway 4 for 10. In the six matches played these two are the only bowlers, their team have had to call upon. Fenton has taken 33 wickets for 91 runs, an average of about 2.7.

9th CORPS TROOPS M. T. Coy. (129) v. 16th FIELD AMBULANCE (14) at Euskirchen. Pte. Mills (26) and pl. Parrett (25) were the top scorers for the home team, while Ptes. D. N. Jones and Leach shone as bowlers, taking 5 wickets for 5 and 3 for 7 respectively. For the visitors, Ptes. Hoole and Varley were the most successful bowlers taking 3 for 16 and 3 for 10 runs respectively. This is the fourth win out of seven matches for the 9th Corps Troops M.T. Coy.

LONDON D.M.T. COY (71) v. 53rd R. WARWICK'S (38) at Merheim on Thursday. For the London D.M.T. Coy the best scorers were C.Q.M.S. Hedges (16), Pte. Pollard (13), and Pte. Hawkins (12). The Warwicks did not succeed in scoring many runs, their first five wickets falling for 23. The remaining five only putting on 5 runs. For the London D.M.T. Coy, Lieut. Wright took 7 wickets for 13, and Pte. Jacobs 3 for 10.

CAV. AMM. COL. R.H.A. (117 for 7 declared) v. 9th T.M. BTY. (12) on Thursday. Before the latter went in to bat, a heavy storm prevented play for 20 minutes, rendering the wicket extremely difficult. They suffered disaster at the hands of Bush and Rice. For the R.H.A. Bush played excellent cricket, scoring 33 and taking 5 wickets.

4th CORPS TROOPS M.T. COY (107) v. 6th FIELD AMB. (67) at Düren on Wednesday. For the losers Owen and Fawcett batted well, whilst Col. Rankin and Harris were the most successful bowlers. For the winners, Cpl. Windgoose again did well with bat and ball, and was unlucky in being bowled, off his pads. He was ably assisted on the good work by Lt. Adams, and Ptes. Watson, Whitehouse and Brisley.

77th SIEGE BATTERY (85) v. 42nd STAT. HOSPITAL (29) at Godesberg on Monday. Sergt Garmonsway 29 and Harker 10 (not out) were the only two to reach double figures for the 77th S.B., all the side being out for 85. Sergt Stansfield 5 for 31 and Pte. Evans 4 for 47 shared the bowling. 42nd Stat. Hospital team fared very badly on going in to bat, losing 3 wickets for 3 runs the whole side only making 29. Cpl. Fenton 5 for 12 and Sergt. Garmonsway 4 for 12, carried off the bowling honours.

OTHER RESULTS.

41st Battn. M.G.C.	136
5th K.O.Y.L.I.	74
10th R.W.Kents (Capt. Elliot 68).	151
52nd Manchesters	16
"D" Corps Sig Coy. R.E.	55 for 7
Light Div. Sig. Coy. R.E.	36
18th Field Amb.	32
488th Siege Battery R.G.A.	28

DUREN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
153 Siege Batty.	5	4	1	8
D Corps Siege Park	4	4	0	8
Light Div. Sig. Coy.	5	3	2	6
Light Div. H.Q.	5	3	2	6§
3rd K.O. Hussars	5	2	3	4
D. Corps Sig. Coy.	4	2	2	4
15 K. Hussars	3	2	1	4*
62 Battn. M.G.C.	3	2	1	4
IV Corps Tps M.T. Coy.	3	2	1	4
52 Gordon Hdrs.	3	2	1	4
"O" Bty. Rocket Troop	4	1	3	2
1 Light Rly. Sig. Coy.	4	1	3	2
1/1 N. Mid. Heavy Bty.	3	1	2	2
183 Siege Bty.	2	1	1	2
527 Coy. R.A.S.C.	2	0	2	0
10 A. and S. Hdrs.	2	0	2	0
310 Bde. R.F.A.	2	0	2	0
6 Field Amb.	1	0	1	0
51 Sherwoods	0	0	0	0

SOLINGEN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Lowland Div. M.T. Coy.	5	5	0	10
64 Field Coy.	4	4	0	8
63 Field Coy.	4	2	2	4
51 Hants	3	2	1	4
Southern Div. R. E.	3	2	1	4§
1/5 K.O.S.B.	2	2	0	4
90 Field Coy.	4	1	3	2*
A/51 Bde. R.F.A.	3	0	3	0
83 (Dub.) Gen. Hosp.	3	0	3	0
15 H.L.I.	2	0	2	0
Lowland D.A.C.	2	0	2	0
11 R. Scots	1	0	1	0

§ Points awarded for scratched match.
* Points forfeited for scratched match.

STEWARDS CUP SWEEPSTAKE.

The tickets for this sweepstake will, we understand, be ready for dispatch to-day. The price of the tickets is five marks — in books of 25 — and early application should be made to 2 Lt. E. S. Morgan, Mechanical Transport Depôt. The prizes will be given in War Saving Certificates.

ENGLISH RACING.

MEETINGS AT NEWMARKET AND WORCESTER.

Race meetings were held at Newmarket and Worcester on Thursday, the following being the results:—

Royston Plate:— 1, Pregador (5—2); 2, Young Lover (6—1); 3, Lucky (8—1).

Exeter Stakes:— 1, Light Hearted (8—1); 2, Celestial (11—10); 3, Pontelan (10—1).

Prince of Wales Stakes:— 1, Buchan (10—1); 2, Leandros (33—1); 3, Cattegat (33—1).

Two Year Old Selling Plate:— 1, Idyl (9—4); 2, Hardbake (9—4); 3, Aprille (9—2).

July Cup:— Diadem (100—9). Iron Hand. Two ran.

Girton Handicap:— 1, Tetrarchia (8—1); 2, Equinox (10—1); 3, Calypso (10—1).

WORCESTER RESULTS.

Stanton Plate:— 1, Nubian (5—2); 2, Sesostris (11—8); 3, Princess Miriam (6—1).

Severn Plate:— 1, Nachdedorne (11—8); 2, Happy Gleam (7—2); 3, Wistow (3—1);

Midsummer Plate:— 1, Jeanie Shiels (7—2); 2, Inlet (3—1); 3, Piraeus (100—8).

Birkfield Plate:— 1, Laugh (11—8); 2, Towyn (7—4); 3, Gen. Picton (100—8).

Coventry Handicap:— 1, Watergruel (5—4); 2, Misleading Lady (2—1); 3, Princess Miriam (6—1).

Gheluvelt Plate:— 1, King Irdsquin (evens); 2, Greenwich (4—1); 3, Eclaireur (10—1).

THE CALCUTTA "SWEEP."

LUCKY 13 OWNER OF WINNING TICKET.

The result of the Royal Calcutta Club Derby Sweepstake, drawn on May 31, has reached England at last.

Assuming that the total subscription is £120,000, the owner of ticket Q 327 (which drew the winner, Grand Parade) will receive £48,000; the owner of ticket R 4590 (which drew the second, Buchan) will receive £24,000; and the owner of ticket F 20 8 (which drew the third, Paper Money) will receive £12,000.

Next come the holders of the 117 tickets that drew horses. Between them they will receive 20 per cent. of the funds—£24,000. This works out at £205 each. The remaining 10 per cent. (£12,000) is shared between the expenses and the race fund.

The superstition surrounding the number 13 may now be considered to have received its knock-out blow, as the holder of the winning ticket deliberately chose 13 as his nom-de-plume.

The price of a ticket was 10 rupees or 16s 8d.

ENGLISH CRICKET TABLES.

The leading averages are given below:—

BATTING.

	Inns.	Runs.	Most in innings.	Times not out.	Aver.
G. Gunn	12	916	115*	2	91.60
Ducat	13	822	306*	1	68.50
Hirst	13	738	180*	1	61.50
J. Gunn	12	528	111*	3	58.66
Hobbs	17	794	205*	1	49.62
J. T. Tyldesley	15	677	272	0	45.13
Makepeace	17	605	105	2	40.33
Holmes	15	500	99	2	38.46
Cox	15	421	68*	4	38.27
Lee (Notts.)	12	459	158	0	38.25

* Not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Aver.
F. E. Woolley.	181.5	47	422	37	11.40
Bestwick	286.4	44	390	53	16.79
Rhodes	316.4	86	779	50	17.58
Mr. J. C. White	170.5	33	406	22	18.45
The Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe	135.3	25	394	21	18.76
Barratt	260.3	49	671	34	19.73

WILLARD INJURED.

DAMAGED EYE A TARGET EOR DEMPSEY'S BLOWS.

In a wireless message sent off from America before the great Dempsey-Willard fight yesterday, a New York correspondent telegraphs as follows:—

Jess Willard's partisans are much alarmed over an accident which has occurred to him.

During a training bout with Walter Monaghan, his sparring partner, Willard received a cut about an inch long over the left eye. They say this cannot heal properly before the fight, and that it will serve as a target for Dempsey's blows.

Sporting critics declare that the rules favour Dempsey, since the Ohio regulations bar the kidney punch and similar blows, and require the fighters to "break clean" from clinches. This will prevent Willard from off-setting his opponent's speed by putting superior weight on him in frequent clinches.

The match was timed to take place in Toledo, Ohio, at 3 p.m. yesterday (about 9 p.m. London time) but the result had not come to hand when we went to press.

POLO MATCHES.

Aldershot Infantry Cup:— After beating Coldstream Guards B team by 2—1 a composite team of four officers of Foot Guards contested the final with the Grenadier Guards who won by 2—0.

Military Cup (semi-final) at Hurlingham:— 15th Hussars beat Coldstreams by 10—3.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Horses for Belgium.

Mr. Grundy, the trainer, is about to return to Belgium with some 20 horses.

A Blazing Error.

Too many mistakes were made by the linesmen in the Gobert and Patterson lawn-tennis match. The Australian displayed justifiable resentment at one blazing error.

Lawn Tennis Tragedy.

A contributor to an English newspaper suggests that lawn tennis is in need of as much briskening as cricket. He refers to the postponement of a match for hours because a lady left her tennis things at home.

International Bowls.

Held in abeyance for four years, the international bowling matches are to be resumed this year. They will be decided on the green of the Edenside Bowling Club, Carlisle, on July 9, 10, and 11. Fourteen players are receiving caps for the first time.

Remarkable Girl Swimmer.

At the age of 17 years, Miss Constance Hopwood, of 101, West Green, Tottenham, has won the diploma of the Royal Life Saving Society with honours, she being the youngest holder in the world of this distinction. She has always been a remarkable swimmer, and at the age of 11 won a mile championship.

The King at Newmarket.

The King has been residing privately for a few day's holiday at Newmarket this week, staying as usual at the Jockey Club Rooms.

Novice Sculling at Eton.

There was a record entry of 183 competitors for Novice Sculling at Eton. The final was easily won by J. S. Herbert, G. L. Billson being second, and J. V. Wrigley third. Time, 10 min. 40 sec.

Boxing at the Ring.

A welter-weight contest for £50 aside between W. Farrell (Southwark) and Kid Carter (America) is the outstanding bout at the Ring, Blackfriars, on Monday afternoon. Two bouts over ten rounds will also be included in the programme.

"That Bloke."

"That bloke plays like an Australian!" "The bloke" was Kingscote—a trooper of Anzac cavalry spoke. The tribute—the highest in his vocabulary—was drawn almost unwillingly because the favourite of the "diggers," Pat O'Hara Wood, was going under.

Century Earns A "Blue."

R. L. Holdsworth, of Repton, has been given his place in the Oxford cricket eleven to play Cambridge at Lord's. Early last month he scored 47 for Warwickshire against Derbyshire, and his innings of 102 against the M.C.C. this week earned him his "blue."

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday, July 5, 1919.

Wind mainly South easterly 10-15 m.p.h. Cloudy. Some thunder likely. Warmer. Fair visibility.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Difficulties Overcome.

Despite the loss, by demobilization of several of their members, particularly the chief comedian, the C.X L.I. Concert Party (141st Field Ambulance) under the supervision of Capt. Crawhall, is still going strong, and possesses sufficient talent to enable it to retain its position as a first class concert Party. Their recent show at the "Meeanee" Cinema, Hersel, was very good indeed, and the individual turns well merited the vociferous applause which greeted them. I believe that the female impersonator—who by the way is one of the very best I have seen—changes "her" dress no less than seven times during the show. With their chorus strengthened, I can see this party enjoying a long run at one of the big theatres in the near future.

At the Apollo.

There are several striking features in the performance, of the revue, "Well, I'm —!" by "The Tabs" Concert party at the Apollo this by week. There is the wonderful agility of Jack Knowles, whose limbs are as flexible as steel springs; the wonderful, pure soprano voice of Miss Hilda Potts, of whom more frequent appearance would be agreeable, and there is the finished and artistic violin playing of Alfred Barker. Mention has already been made in this column of the complete performance, but these points — to say nothing of the excellent stage management, the pretty scenery and the sympathetic — though sometimes a trifle loud — accompaniments of the orchestra, appealed to one more forcibly than ever, on the occasion of a second visit.

A Popular Burlesque.

Mention of "The Tabs," by the way, reminds me that their "East Lynne" burlesque seems familiar. I traced the cause of the familiarity to "The Robin Hoods" and in a chat with Bert Leonard, the producer of a similar show, he remarked that "The Robin Hoods" had been running an "East Lynne" skit since January and intended to perform it in Cologne during their forthcoming visit. It is questionable whether "Jane Shore" or "East Lynne" has formed the more popular basis for this type of entertainment. At any rate they have both had an extraordinary amount of attention bestowed upon them by concert parties for years.

Splendid Progress.

A recent visit to the Y.M.C.A. at Euskirchen shows what splendid work is being done there. The difficulties that the organisers have had to contend with, have been great but an energetic, hard-working staff have overcome all these. The hall in which they operate was opened early in the year by Brigadier General J. C. Harding Newman, C.B., C.M.G. Formerly a German dancing saloon, it has been transformed, and now forms a rendezvous at which all ranks gather, and where the comforts of all are ministered to. Billiards is a great feature and a full programme of concerts is well supported. A good library is in evidence and other rooms are devoted to German classes, a reading circle, and a camera club. Altogether one finds the Y.M.C.A. at Euskirchen to be a place of life, of pleasure and gaiety in all its cleanest forms, and one realises what this splendid organisation for our troops is doing not only here but everywhere in Rhineland.

Crowded Out.

The B.E.L.C. whist drive was again held indoors on account of the weather. These events seem to grow more and more popular and although forty-five tables were arranged many would-be players were again disappointed. The first gentleman's prize was won by Pte. J. Brown with a score of 150, and the first ladies' by Pte. R.A.Rance with 156. The second and third gentlemen's prizes went to Sgt. Slaughter and Pte. Read with scores of 146 each, and the second and third ladies' prizes to Pte. W.H. Ward and Bombardier Sharp with scores of 153 and 148 respectively. Mr. Halley again kindly took charge of the proceedings and Cpt. Taylor proved a most efficient M.C.

Drama and Education.

There are many in Germany who have not the time, the inclination or the facilities for reading the great masterpieces of drama. But among them there are not a few who are ambitious to become familiar with the more important plays. If only from an educational point of view, therefore, the advent of the British Rhine Army Dramatic Company is a valuable adjunct to the soldier's social life. The Company immediately established itself a warm favourite when, on May 8th "The Mokuscs" (Hubert Henry Davies) was produced. Since then a wide and enterprising field has been conquered by the presentation of such diversified plays as "Man and Superman" (G. B. Shaw); "The New Sin" (B. Macdonald Hastings); "Candida" and "How he lied to her Husband" (G. B. Shaw) and "The Importance of being Earnest" (Oscar Wilde) The concluding performance of the last named play will be given to-night at the Deutsches Theatre, Cologne.

In a few lines.

"The Chevrons" concert party gave a successful performance to a crowded audience at Duren yesterday evening.

An officer who had recently returned to Düren from leave in Paris says, that although the entertainments available there are varied and many, there is probably not one that is of the pre-war standard.

The first "provincial" performance of the Army Dramatic Society will be at Bruhl on Wednesday next.

It is possible that Jenny Hasselquist, the famous Swedish dancer who made a big name in London, will pay a visit to Cologne.

Another likely future engagement includes the Tolmar Concert Party, run by two French ladies who entertained thousands of troops in France during the war.

"The Title," Arnold Bennett's latest play, which is to be given at the Deutsches Theatre in a fortnight, will be preceded by "The Ghost of Jerry Bundler," by W. W. Jacobs.

JACQUES.

LATEST SPORT IN A NUTSHELL.

There was very little cricket on Thursday owing to rain.

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The Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden have announced their intention of attending the amateur athletic championships at Stamford Bridge to-day in which a team of Swedes are competing.

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The initial contest between Tom Rose (Bolton) and Joe Daley (Standish) for £100 and the British welterweight wrestling championship, is taking place to-day at Springfield Park, Wigan.

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Echoes from Rhineland.

Peace Thanksgiving.

To-morrow is to be observed as Peace Sunday in the Army Churches, Cologne. There will be a United Thanksgiving Service at 10.30 a.m. in the Church of England Military Church, Schildergasse, which will be for all branches of the Protestant Church, and it is expected that it will be largely attended by all ranks. There will accordingly be no morning service in the Military Church for Scots and English Free Churches.

A Famous Preacher.

The Rev. Hugh Black D.D., Professor of Practical Theology in the Union Seminary, New York, arrives in Cologne to-day. Before he went to the United States, Dr. Black was a member of the celebrated ministerial partnership of White and Black in St. George's U. F. Church, Edinburgh. He is the author of a number of thoughtful works, including "Friendship" and "The Practice of Self-Culture." We understand that Professor Black will preach in the Military Church, Filzengraben, on Sunday at 6 p.m., and then in the Central Y.M.C.A. Hall, Friesenstrasse, at 7 p.m. On Monday night at 6.30 he will lecture in the Scottish Churches' Club, Schildergasse.

Zigarren Stores.

It has been rather astonishing to many members of the Rhine Army when inspecting the interiors of the numerous "Zigarren" stores in the occupied area, to find the shelves so well filled with that excellent commodity. Taking into consideration the length of the war, and the fact of the blockade, it was quite expected to find cigar stocks in an impoverished state. The contrary, however, seems to be the case. One or two reasons for this may be advanced. The Germans — that is to say, the male element — were always great cigar smokers, and on the outbreak of war there were probably large stocks of raw leaf and the finished article in the country. In addition, it is possible that supplies were obtained from Holland, which possesses a vast cigar-making industry; Belgium too, contained a large number of cigar factories and these probably were forced to produce "smokes" for German consumption. The major portion of the cigars from these latter doubtless found its way into Germany.

Something for Nothing.

A little while ago, an announcement was made in a few lines in this journal that the Physical and Recreational Training Superintendent was in possession of a small quantity of indoor games, and applications for these, as free gifts, were invited. On the morning of the appearance of this paragraph, hundreds of letters were delivered at G.H.Q. They arrived from all quarters by aeroplane, Royal mail, motor lorry, cycle and by every other known means. From that time onward, the headquarter office of the P. and R. T. Staff has had a busy time dealing with the inundation of correspondence and telephonic enquiries. It is stated that about the only conceivable article that has not been asked for is a church organ, but in the meantime, all available supplies of games are exhausted.

The Staking of Beans.

We published a note recently in regard to the use of stout poles for training runner beans in Rhineland. Commenting on this, a correspondent says that in the village where his unit is stationed the method employed is different. The beans, to the number of ten or twelve, are sown in clumps or rings and when the runners are beginning to shoot up, the pole is placed in the centre of them. This, of course, is done in England occasionally, but not often. Another plan adopted in Rhineland is to grow beans without any sticks just as the market gardeners do at home, pinching the tops of the runners when they start to flower. But the chief method seems to be the one noted in our previous paragraph.

The Village Crier.

The town crier is a personage to be met with in many towns at home, a survivor of days gone before, but in many of the villages on the Rhine he is a very important individual whose daily round is looked for. Hard on the ringing of his bell, doors and casement windows are thrown open and due deference is paid to his intimations. One could not fail to be struck by the authority which he excercised, only excelled perhaps by the village policeman, whose services in requisitioning goods were so very necessary and so very effective. The writer recalls how chairs were required for the use of men in the village schoolroom. Two were asked for from each house and the mere repeatal of the demand accounted for their ready production. Many of the owners did not care to enquire where they were going and whether they would get them back. Such is the respect for authority.

Wine Tasting de Luxe.

Anyone who frequents public drinking places or has watched a German in the society of his home will have been interested by the care which he exercises in the opening and tasting of a bottle of wine. It has become a fetish with him. He opens the bottle with extreme care, using the cork to wipe away any material at the extreme neck of the bottle. Next comes the sampling. The smallest quantity is run into a glass and is passed under the tongue. He then proceeds to "eat" the wine, masticating it as he would solid food and having satisfied himself on this point he helps himself to a full glass. The tasting of wine is conveyed in a well-known German picture to be seen in many places. Tasting has been reduced to a fine art.

Street Cleaning.

Attention has already been directed to the rather crude method of street cleansing in vogue up and down the Rhinelands. It appears to be the general rule that the householder is responsible for the causeway in front of his residence, an admirable arrangement which might well be adopted in areas at home where the Council authorities hesitate to make such a duty compulsory with the result that the pedestrian on a fall of snow spends a very unhappy time. In the villages, however, it seems that from time to time the road gulleys are flushed, a signal for the appearance of housewives and others who proceed with the aid of the switch broom to cleanse the pathway in front of the house. Little fault is to be found with this except that it strikes one as absurd that they should brush away at the gulley, when the flow of water is likely to bring down the residue of filth from a neighbour's front higher up the hill.

Prizes for "Echoes."

The Editor of "The Cologne Post" offers every day the sum of 10 marks for the best paragraph descriptive of any phase of life or interesting incident in Rhineland, not exceeding 150 words in length. The envelope should have the word "Echoes" in the top left hand corner.

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Notes from London Town.

WORKING FORWARD.

Quickly—almost hurriedly—the London season is working out its course. In a short time Goodwood will be here, and the Duke of Richmond's "best paying farm" may once more be visited by thousands of people long denied a trip to the charming pleasaunce. The opera will have come to a close; the Russian Ballet will have folded its wings and "properties", and scenery, and dresses, and silently stolen away. We are going back to the normal, and the almost mechanical happenings of the Capital's holiday year progress as usual. Much will depend upon the time and the place of the Peace celebrations, but even these will not keep in town, those citizens who have long resolved to leave it for a real vacation. Theatrical managers are, accordingly, "playing for safety," and one need not be surprised to find some production he thought was doing well, being suddenly switched off "in consequence of previous arrangements," or on some other equally idiotic excuse. The summer-time is once again a real summer-time in town, and people wander about in the parks and the open spaces, unhampered by the fear of dreaded police whistles, the booming of cannon and a stampede for life. Considering the risks ever present last year, the multitude scarcely appreciates the golden and happy colours of the new time they are enjoying.

CHERRIES OVER THE WALL.

An amusing dispute has been brought about by nature in a Surbiton garden. The fruit of certain pear and cherry trees, planted by an industrious amateur gardener, has taken the wrong turning—all the fruit-bearing branches project well over the neighbour's wall.

The cherries, now turning a tempting red with plenty of flesh, on Saturday brought matters to a climax. The neighbour was surveying them with satisfaction after the rain and sunshine.

Suddenly a voice interrupted him. The man whose cherries had taken the wrong turning was heard to remark, "Our cherries are beginning to get nice and ripe."

"I beg your pardon," said the neighbour, "but I think you mean *my* cherries."

"Certainly not; I repeat *our* cherries. The law distinctly states that while I cannot come into your garden to pick the cherries you most certainly are not entitled to them."

"Oh! The law says that, does it? That's very interesting," and he slowly and carefully proceeded to select one of the most luscious-looking cherries'

"They are very good," he remarked. "Can you tell me their name and history? I must get a tree like that."

The neighbour has the law on his side.

WHAT HE FEARED.

In the witness-box of a London police court a big policeman was giving evidence. It was a commonplace case, and his story would seem to have been simple enough. Yet he trembled visibly, and presently became hopelessly entangled.

The magistrate, without being impatient, appeared surprised and a little put out. The clerk, perhaps himself given to attacks of self-consciousness, evidently understood, for he prompted the constable from time to time with little suggestions, at which the officer clutched gratefully.

As he left the box, his ordeal over, I saw on his breast the ribbons of the Military Medal and the Mons Star; on his fore-arm many foreign service chevrons.

Smilingly the clerk pointed them out to the magistrate, and I overheard his remark:—

"Not much afraid of the Germans, apparently, sir; but desperately afraid of you."

ARMY HUTS AS HOMES.

The conversion of the Army hut to civilian needs, offers a way out of the troublesome crisis in the housing problem. At present there is a general shortage of the material required for building houses—stones, concrete or bricks—whilst on the other hand, there is an abundance of Army huts, which are standing idle and unused. Why not demobilize these Army huts and use them as bungalows in connection with the Land Settlement Scheme? The work of dismantling and re-erection would absorb a fair percentage of the unemployed, many of whom, being ex-soldiers, are familiar with the construction and erection of these huts; such skilled labour may not be easily obtained in the future, and now is the time to commence, with the fair weather ahead. The building would encourage the settler to commence cultivating his land, because he would be certain of warmth and shelter when the bad weather comes.

TORPEDO PROOF SHIPS.

It seems that the Admiralty was repeatedly asked why torpedo proof ships were not built. The answer, if it could have been published, was that such ships were being built. The Admiralty built a whole class of warships which could not be sunk by torpedoes and were fitted with what was known as a "blister" or "bulge." Our newest battleships are thus constructed and can defy existing torpedoes.

Another wonder of the war was our 18in. gun, the most powerful ever made. It fired a shell of 3,300lb., 7ft. long, to a distance of 20 miles, where it would pierce a foot of the hardest steel. It was actually used in the attack on Zeebrugge with excellent effect.

FROM EVERYWHERE, EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY.

Toll of Influenza.—In 6 months, 136,000 persons died of influenza in England and Wales alone.

Houses Destroyed.—More than 750,000 houses were destroyed in Poland and Galicia.

Homeless.—As a result of the recent Italian earthquake 8,000 persons are homeless.

Telephones.—It is now stated that the increased telephone charges are not to be general.

Peace March.—American troops will be seen in the London Peace pageant on July 19.

Anzac Brides.—Hundreds of Weymouth girls have married Australian soldiers.

National Shipyards.—Negotiations for the disposal of the National Shipyards are in progress.

Big Strike.—The Hull fishing industry is paralysed by a strike of trawler engineers, and 50,000 people are affected.

Munitions Staff.—Of the presend male staff of 6,710 at the headquarters of the Ministry of Munitions over 2,000 are ex-Service men.

Meant for Weeds.—Miss Poxton, sister of the Vicar of St. Saviour's, Retford, has committed suicide by drinking weed killer.

Shot on a Stile.—While getting over a stile the daugther of the stationmaster of Higham, Leicestershire, was accidentally shot dead.

The Goeben.—The disposal of the Goeben is to be dealt with in the peace terms with Turkey.

Water Nymphs.— Barry Council have ordered that women bathers without clothes are to be "snapped" by a photographer.

Ex-Kaiser's Taxes.—The Ex-Kaiser paid last week 12,000 florins for taxes to the Dutch tax-collectors.

Recognition of Poland.—The Danish government have officially recognised the sovereignty of Poland.

"Omnibus to Everywhere."— A general omnibus on No. 28 service with religious tendencies tried to enter the City Temple on a recent morning.

Mr. Lloyd George.—Mr. Lloyd George will go to Criccieth to-day, for the best part of a fortnight to recuperate.

Decimal Coinage.—It is denied by the Royal Mint that dies for a decimal coinage are being made.

Still Burning.—A fire, which broke out in 1917 in the naphtha wells of Grosnyi is not ended yet. It causes a damage of two million roubles a day.

Soldiers' Free Fight.—Men of the Welsh and the Duke of Wellington's Regiments came into conflict, at Pembroke Dock. A free fight lasted for nearly two hours.

Judge Resigns.—Judge Rentoul, who has been absent from the bench since February through illness, has resigned his office of judge of the City of London Court.

Sir J. Brunner.—Sir John Brunner, founder with Dr. Ludwig Mond of Messrs. Brunner, Mond, and Co., the largest firm of alkali manufacturers in the world, has died.

The Test.—Kitchener's Army underwent its first great test as a "storming" force three years ago, when the first Somme offensive was launched.

Unemployed.—"I am not much of a speaker, and never was a preacher. I'm only a politician out of work," said Mr. Walter Runciman at East Ham.

Shroud of Lilies.—"I die among the lilies which I love," was the farewell message left on the bank of the lake at Ellesmere, Shropshire, by a retired tradesman, who committed suicide.

Death of Lord Rayleigh.—Lord Rayleigh, the famous scientist, whose hobbies ranged from pig-breeding to spiritualism, has died at the age of seventy-seven.

Fortune-Teller's Forecast.—An Ipswich woman who committed suicide by taking poison was said to have been told by a fortune-teller that she would not die a natural death.

From One Production.—Before the war Germany produced 35 million tons of iron ore and France 22 millions. In the future, France will produce 43 millions and Germany six.

Tax on Bachelors.—The Serbian authorities have introduced a tax on bachelors. Marriages are increasing considerably.

"Three Weeks."—A wife who applied at Acton for process against her husband for threats, said that during the three weeks they had been married he had four times threatened to take her life.

German Ships.—The Shipping Controller announces that the German ships in South America, due to be delivered under the armistice arrangements, are to be dealt with by the British Government and not by that of the United States.

ASKED AND ANSWERED.

"W.A.":—The Ministry of Munitions is still in existence.

F.E. STEELE:—You are not entitled to wear any Italian medal ribbon at present.

F. FLINDERS:—L/Cpl. J.T. Clark informs us that the record attendance at a football match in the British Isles is 127.347 on the occasion of the Scotland v. England international match played at Hampden Park, Glasgow on April 5, 1914. "Gunner" and Pte. G. Crawford plump for the game on the same ground and between the same teams in 1912 when 127.354 saw the match.

"R.F.B.":— You say your Commanding Officer cannot supply you with information as to your gratuity. Try your Record office.

H. MASTIN:—The Derby Recruiting campaign closed on December 15, 1915. If a man was rejected under the scheme then we fail to see how he can regard himself as a "Derby man." If a man attested under it and joined up when called upon, then he comes under that category.

"INQUISITIVE" asks who is "The Voice on the Wire," a feature of many cinema programmes.

"G.D.":—A man placed under open arrest can be confined to camp. Time awaiting trial is often taken into consideration in passing sentence.

PTE. J.E. CLARK:—The cigarette and tobacco issue varies. Usually it amounts weekly to a box of matches and five packets of cigarettes or tobacco in lieu of cigarettes. You must not expect a classic brand.

"GEORGE":—We are not aware of an alteration in the regulation which provides that a soldier serving on a 21 years engagement can be discharged at his own request on completion of 18 years service with a view to a modified pension.

ROYAL FUSILIER:—Sergeant-majors, not Sergeants-major, Courts-Martial, not Court-Martials.

"G.H.H.":—A soldier serving in India in 1915 would be entitled to the 1914-15 star.

Other queries will be dealt with to-morrow. Demobilization questions cannot be replied to: we have not space.—Ed.

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£50 REWARD to anyone who can find, and place in British hands, Private Allan John Tennant, 510354, 13 Pln. D Coy., 1st Battn. London Scottish. Missing Nov. 24th, 1917, near Bapaume — Cambrai Road. Previously reported as a prisoner in Germany and wounded. Apply Mrs. Tennant, Heath View, Heston Henslow, England.

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QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, BELFAST.

A dinner for old students of Q.U.B. will be held in the Belgischer Hof, Cologne, on 11th July, 1919, at 19.20 hours. All old Queensmen who wish to attend are requested to send their names, not later than 10th July, to:—Lieut.-Col. W. Tyrrell, D.S.O., M.C., R.A.M.C., R.A.F., Headquarters, Marienburg, or Major J. D. M. McCallum, D.S.O., 12th (S) Battn. The Royal Irish Rifles.

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POLAND CALLS FOR ROUMANIAN HELP.

EX-KAISER'S TRIAL.

TO AFFORD AN OBJECT LESSON TO THE WORLD.

The Allies decision to try the ex-Kaiser was obtained by Mr. Lloyd George and M. Clemenceau, says a news agency, against the opposition of the American delegates, who thought the ex-Kaiser had been punished enough. The American delegates only consented to his being brought to trial on condition that the death penalty was not enforced, and that the trial should take place in London, where justice could be administered fairly.

It is suggested that a British cruiser with other vessels will be sent to Holland to receive the ex-Kaiser, and that if found guilty he will be exiled to some remote spot and kept under guard by the League of Nations. It is not believed that Holland will raise prolonged opposition to the handing over of the gentleman concerned and a request for his surrender will be made a most immediately. The trial cannot begin for at least two months. It will be carried out with all the impressive and majestic dignity of British justice and as it is intended to be an object lesson to the whole world, full publicity will be given to the proceedings.

U-BOAT COMMANDERS.

SURRENDER SOON TO BE DEMANDED.

Among those to be tried by the Allied tribunal for grave breaches of International Law and crimes of especially brutal character are some seventy German officers. They are mostly submarine commanders, whose names and whereabouts are known. The demand will shortly be made for their surrender. Trial and punishment will follow in due course.

EBERT TO CLEMENCEAU.

Herr Ebert, President of the German National Assembly, has written to M. Clemenceau acknowledging receipt of the note handed to Herr Bell at Versailles last Saturday.

He expresses a hope for the early liberation of German prisoners of war and declares that he will do everything possible to hasten the ratification of the Peace Treaty.

GERMAN POLITICS.

DISMANTLING THE MILITARY MACHINE.

A Berlin message says it is reported from Kolberg that the German High Command has been dissolved and that Field Marshal Hindenburg has left the town. Before his departure, he received a telegram from Herr Bauer, the new Premier, thanking him in the name of the Fatherland for the services he had rendered, both during the war and after the armistice. A similar message of appreciation was sent to Noske.

The resumption of diplomatic relations between Germany and Russia is being hurried forward and nominations to the diplomatic posts are being made. Count Kessler's name is associated with the post of Minister at Moscow and Professor Hollman is thought to be likely candidate for Kieff.

AUSTRIA'S DEMAND.

ENTRY TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS POSTPONED.

The League of Nations Commission considered yesterday afternoon a demand by Austria for admission to the League of Nations immediately on the signing of peace. There is no doubt as to the reply. Austria will not be granted immediate entry, but will be informed that she will be admitted after a relatively short space of time.

It is probable that the conditions laid down will be similar to those for Germany. The Austrian demand is regarded in Paris as originating in the desire to discuss on a position of equality the indemnity to be imposed on the former Danubian Empire and thus seek to avoid a portion of the cost.

ADMIRAL VON REUTER.

Admiral Von Reuter was on Friday removed from Park Hall Camp, Oswestry, to Donington Hall. He was accompanied by the Commandant of the German officers' internment camp and the German servants who have been attending him at Park Hall Camp. This is the first time, since the scuttling of the German fleet at Scapa Flow, that he has been separated from his staff, who still remain at Oswestry.

The King has approved of the appointment of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to be Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Canadian Leinster Regiment.

RUSSIA.

BRIGHTER PROSPECTS IN ALL QUARTERS.

According to the latest information in the possession of the Government the situation has greatly improved in the Archangel region, although the Bolshevists have been joined by Communists and their morale thereby proportionately increased.

On the other hand the Crimea is now clear of Bolshevists. The inhabitants show unrestrained joy at their release from the tyrannic red troops.

In the Murmansk region our seaplanes have bombarded the station of Kyapeselga and secured a direct hit on a moving train. One of our machines was brought down, but the pilot and observer reached our lines.

In the Baltic provinces the Germans have retired to a distance of seven miles from Libau and Lettish troops have arrived. Russian troops are in partial occupation and are asking for allied control.

From the Southern region the report that Denikin captured Tsaritsa on June 26th with 10,000 prisoners is confirmed.

POLAND AND ROUMANIA.

SECRET AGREEMENT FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

The Ukranian Press Agency reports that for the past two weeks the Ukranian Army under General Grekoff has been fighting against the Polish Army of invasion East of Lemburg.

The Polish Press now demands the assistance of Roumania which was promised, it is said, under the terms of a secret Polish-Roumanian agreement. Poland is expecting the Roumanians to advance from the Buckovina and Kolomea.

TROOPS IN RUSSIA.

BY AUTUMN ONLY VOLUNTEERS WILL REMAIN.

From official sources we gather that British troops will shortly be withdrawn from the Caucasus and that by the time the ice forms, there will be no British troops left in North Russia except only volunteers and official missions. Evacuation of troops from that region has already begun. This implies no change of policy on the part of the Government as it was always the intention to evacuate the Caucasus and extricate the troops from the North.

ROUMANIAN BLUFF.

The departure of Signor Bratiano from the Peace Conference is not generally considered as conclusive. It is not believed that Roumania will finally refuse to sign. The probability is that a Ministry of officials will be constituted who will undertake the responsibility of signing.

FIUME DISTURBANCES.

A message from Fiume to Rome states that the disturbances between the French and Italians have been renewed.

Several French soldiers were wounded by citizens in a brawl which occurred because one of the soldiers took away the Italian colours from a young Italian lady.

HABSBURG MORALS.

REVOLTING AMOURS OF AUSTRIAN PRINCESS.

Prince Otto Windischgraetz has filed a Separation Bill in the Vienna Divorce Court against his wife, the former Archduchess Elizabeth, daughter of the late Crown Prince Rudolph and grand-daughter of the Emperor Francis Joseph, charging her with adultery and immoral conduct. It was originally a love match, but the relations between the pair afterwards turned to undisguised hatred on the part of the Princess, who, according to the petition, formed improper relations with the captain of a submarine boat named Lerch, who became distinguished for his deeds of valour, and later was killed in the course of a submarine raid on the Venetian coast. Lerch, it is alleged, had many successors, all naval officers, with the Princess, whose behaviour became quite notorious. The publication of further particulars in regard to the petition is prohibited owing to their revolting character. The Princess has filed a counter-bill, alleging adultery on the part of the Prince.

BERLIN TRANSPORT STRIKE.

The traffic strike at Berlin continues, but the transport of food is being carried on by volunteers on the train service.

A railway strike has now broken out at Frankfort. Marked unrest also continues to prevail at Munich, where another attempted attack on the barracks has been frustrated.

TECHNICAL WIFE.

TWELVE-GUINEA NIGHTIES FOR ELOPEMENT TROUSSEAU.

At Marylebone Police Court yesterday Mrs. Velma Isaacs, of Rodney Court, Maida Vale, the divorced wife of Mr. Marcel Godfrey Isaacs, was again charged with obtaining goods to the value of £318 17s. by false and fraudulent pretences from Messrs. Debenham and Freebody, Wigmore-street.

The prisoner was arrested at Euston Station as she was about to leave London for America in the company of the co-respondent in the recent divorce proceedings. She asked if she could not pay for the things then, and added, "I did not do it to defraud Debenham's, but to make Godfrey Isaacs pay something for me." The greater part of the property was in her trunks.

Mr. F. Freke Palmer, for Messrs. Debenham and Freebody, preferred a further charge of obtaining credit to the extent of £334 17s by fraud other than false pretences. He detailed the circumstances of the prisoner's visit to Messrs. Debenham and Freebody, when on opening an account she said she was the wife of Mr Godfrey Isaacs, a son of Mr. Godfrey Isaacs, of Marconi House, and a niece of Lord Reading. She gave an address in Lauderdale-mansions. In view of her statement she was trusted with goods on various occasions. The firm began to be suspicious, and on making inquiries ascertained that she did not reside at Lauderdale mansions and that she was not the wife—except technically—of Mr. Marcel Godfrey Isaacs in the sense that he was the person responsible for her debts. When arrested she made the statement that she "did it to make Godfrey Isaacs pay something for her and not to defraud." It was rather a startling proposition, said counsel, that such a wife should expect her husband or father-in-law to pay for the linen she was going to wear while living with a co-respondent and with whom she was about to elope.

Hilda Kemp, an assistant at Messrs. Debenham and Freebody's, created some amusement by her assertion that nightdresses at £6 to £12 each were not very expensive. The bill included:—Nightdresses £35 3s. 6d., linen £67 14s. 6d., dressing-gown £11, petticoats £20 43s. 6d., bags £22, bag and puff £15 10s., stockings £8 13s. 6d.

The magistrate asked Miss Kemp if Mr. Cox saw all these things. "Yes," was the reply, "he was quite close when Mrs. Isaacs was giving particulars about herself, but he did not seem to mind."

A further remand was ordered, bail being refused.

HAIG'S CRUSADE.

JUSTICE WITHOUT POLITICAL FLAVOUR.

Speaking at Chester yesterday, after being made a Freeman of the City, Sir Douglas Haig said that the honour was intended not for him only but for the army which he had been so proud to command.

The thought ever present in his mind was "How could he be faithful to them?" He could at least do his best to see that those who came back, and above all those who had suffered, were fairly and justly treated. He intended to do that to the best of his ability and he would regard it as a calamity if the various movements now on foot for the benefit of service men developed a political flavour. He wanted the same justice for all. It was not really a difficult task, for he was convinced that the country was behind them.

TAKING THE SHILLING.

OLD ARMY RAPIDLY DISAPPEARING.

Recruiting is progressing very satisfactorily. During the last five or six weeks an average of between four and five thousand men have enlisted in the regular army and over 20,000 old regulars have re-engaged. Among the new recruits the bulk of the new men have enlisted for terms of seven or four years, and in addition 25,000 men in the Armies of Occupation who were entitled to release have volunteered to remain for another year.

From these figures it will be seen that a volunteer force of considerable proportions now exists and if recruiting progresses at the same rate and there are no untoward developments abroad there is reasonable ground for hoping that all men who fought in the war will be released before the expiration of the Military Service Act.

The first obligation of the authorities is to send twenty battalions to India to relieve the garrisons there.

FARMERS' GIFT TO FRANCE.

British farmers have just sent, through the medium of the Agricultural Relief of Allies Committee, a further important consignment of livestock to the peasants returning to their farms in France in the neighbourhood of the battle zone. The gift comprised 37 pedigree dairy shorthorn bulls, 286 heifers, and 1,000 head of live poultry which are to be distributed in the Department of the Somme. Later on it is intended to send sheep and pigs of suitable English breeds.

PENSIONS FOR FORMER WARS.

Mr. Washington Evans announced in the House of Commons yesterday, that the Government has decided to increase the scale of pensions to officers and men wounded in former wars and to their widows.

The scale will be altered so as to bring the pensions up to the level of those given for disablements in the present war. The concessions date from April 1st.

GOVERNMENT DEFEATED.

SEX EQUALITY FOR FRANCHISE AND POSITIONS.

Last night in the House of Commons the Government was defeated by 100 votes to 85 on the third reading of the Women's Emancipation Bill. This Bill was brought in by Mr. Spoor, the Labour member for Bishop Auckland. Its object is to remove certain legal restraints and disabilities at present entailed upon women to which men are not liable; to enact that women shall not be disqualified by sex or marriage from holding any civil or judicial office of profit or trust; that women shall exercise the same franchise privileges as men and that Peeresses in their own right shall not be disqualified from sitting in the House of Lords.

Major Astor, on behalf of the Government, moved the rejection of the Bill, promising to introduce next week a Government measure in its stead. He failed, however, to carry the House, and the vote went against the Government amidst much good humoured chaff and cries of "Resign."

WAR MEDAL RIBBONS.

ILLEGAL UNTIL OFFICIALLY SANCTIONED.

Although we have seen both officers and men in Cologne wearing the General Service War Ribbon it is well for everybody to know that the time for wearing the British war medal ribbon is not yet, and any one so doing before the issue of an authorising order, shortly to be made by the Secretary for War, is acting illegally.

No person is at present authorised to sell the ribbon and to work under the registered design, or deal in it, without the sanction of the Secretary of State.

These facts were elicited in the Chancery Division yesterday when Mr. Justice Astbury granted a temporary injunction restraining a trading company from selling any ribbon of a design which is the same as, or is a fraudulent or obvious imitation of, the design registered by the Secretary for War, who sought the injunction.

It was pleaded for the trading company that a Government announcement amounted to a licence to use the design in question, and that it might be when the case came before the court again that an application would be made to have the design taken off the register.

ONE MAN BUSINESS.

INCLUDED AMONG "EXTREME COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS."

An Army Council Instruction issued on Friday adds to the list of soldiers who may be released from the Army on "extreme compassionate grounds", the proprietor of a one man business as defined below:

"A soldier shall be deemed to be the proprietor of a one man business if, for a consecutive period of at least 12 calendar months immediately previous to the date when he first joined the colours for immediate service he was the sole owner of, and carried on, on his own account, any profession, calling, or business for gain, other than that of clergyman, dentist, doctor, physician, or surgeon. No such proprietor of a one man business shall be released unless he joined the colours for immediate service on or before 1st January, 1917, and is over 30 years of age at the date of his application for release, and unless the resumption or continuance of his business is jeopardised owing to his absence."

W.A.A.C. MURDER.

DETECTIVES MAKE FRESH DISCOVERIES.

Just as the public were about to despair of a solution to the baffling murder of Miss Nellie Rault, who was stabbed to death at Haynes Park Camp on May 12, Chief Inspector Weasley of New Scotland-yard hit on a discovery last evening which may prove the turning point in the investigation of the crime.

Unconsidered trifles have sent murderers to the scaffold before now, and Nellie Rault's assassin may yet find that he was guilty of a fatal mistake in his attempt to defeat justice.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL FINED.

Mr. A. H. Illingworth, M.P., the Postmaster-General, was fined £3 at Otley yesterday for keeping four dogs without licences.

A policeman visited Mr. Illingworth's Yorkshire residence, Denton Hall, Wharfedale, with reference to a dog, and found two retrievers and two Aberdeen terriers. Mr. Illingworth produced an out-of-date licence.

Mr. Illingworth wrote stating that the licence had been overlooked owing to the pressure of public business in London.

TO ASSIST EMIGRATION.

A Committee is now sitting to consider the best use to which the balance of two and a half million pounds in the Prince of Wales' fund can be put. It is probable that a large portion of the money will be devoted to assisting ex-service men who desire to emigrate.

RECORD PRICE FOR A PICTURE.

A record price for art auction room sales was realised yesterday afternoon when Sir Joshua Reynolds' portrait of Mrs. Siddons as "The Tragic Muse" was sold at Christie's to Mr. Marshall for £54,600.

In authoritative circles at Paris it is expected that Germany will ratify the Peace Treaty about July 15th.

BRITISH AIRSHIP ACROSS ATLANTIC.

R. 34 PASSES NEWFOUNDLAND IN A DENSE FOG.

For the third time the Atlantic crossing has been accomplished in the air, and of the three, the two most creditable, because of their greater length and difficulty, have been made by Great Britain.

Before these lines are in print, the R.34 will have reached Long Island and received an uproarious greeting from the multitude assembled there to witness her arrival.

She made land on Friday morning, striking Newfoundland off the south arm of Notre Dame Bay, near Fogo Island. She then swung south. Between Bonavista Bay and Trinity Bay she met dense fog, and was not only lost to view, but unable to reach Cape Race station, the extreme southern point of Newfoundland, with her wireless.

The Air Ministry made the following announcement at 1.15 on Saturday morning:—

The following wireless message from R.34 to Cape Race has been received from the Western Union Cable Company:—"To Air Ministry, London. Passed over coast near Trinity Bay and proceeding to New York. Passing out from Fortune Bay. Signed, Scott, R.34."

General Seely, Under-Secretary of State to the Air Ministry, has wirelessed to the R.34's commander, Major Scott:—

"Warmest congratulations to yourself and General Maitland and all your gallant comrades, on your magnificent achievement and best wishes for completion of voyage."

Sir Charles Harris, the Govenor of Newfoundland, has also sent the following wireless greeting from St. Johns:—

"Officers and crew of the R.34, on behalf of Newfoundland I greet you as you pass us on your enterprising journey."

DANGEROUS POLICY.

DIRECT ACTION DENOUNCED BY LABOUR LEADERS.

At the annual council meeting of the General Federation of Trade Unions which was opened at Scarborough, motions expressing disagreement with the decision of the Labour Party's Conference at Southport last week were discussed.

Mr. T. Mallalieu, vice-chairman, presided at the meeting and stated that the Federation had an aggregate membership of one million two hundred and fifteen thousand.

Speaking of the resolution on "direct action" carried by the Labour Party at Southport last week, Mr. Mallalieu said: "Direct action, if it comes about, may involve this Federation in very serious liabilities, possibly in liabilities which cannot be met. Direct action for political ends seems to me to be an exploitation of Trade Union methods and funds for purposes for which they have not been contributed. It may give a death blow to Trade Unions, and I hope they will consider well their position and the risks which they will run before they decide to adopt direct action for political purposes.

It seems to me that the suggestions for such action arise largely from disappointed politicians. The General Election brought us many disappointments. We have only to perfect our action and activity at the polls to get the right men in the right place and to redress our political grievances. To talk of downing tools in such circumstances and on such issues is to prove to the world that we are not only bad losers, but men of mean intellectual stature and unworthy of the power to rule.

DEATH SENTENCE.

MINER MUTILATES HIS VICTIM'S CORPSE.

At the Stafford Assizes yesterday, Henry Thomas Taskin, a miner, was sentenced to death for the murder of his wife at Hednesford under exceptionally brutal circumstances. After killing his wife the prisoner mutilated the body and dropped various parts of the corpse into the well of a gasholder.

For the defence it was urged that he was suffering from insanity at the time, but the medical evidence disproved this.

MODEST HEROES.

A special parade was ordered on Thursday of Australians at Westham Camp, Weymouth, to discover the names of the two men who jumped from Weymouth Bridge into the Harbour and rescued a girl who was being swept away in a strong current. The unknown heroes, who had refused their names and were taken back to camp in a state of collapse, were Corporal McCraw and Lance-Corporal P. Costello, both 30th Battalion and New South Wales men. They sailed for Australia yesterday.

BLIND OFFICER DIVORCED.

In the Divorce Court recently Mrs. Cecilia Lowry was granted a decree nisi against her husband, Captain Gerald Lowry, who lost his sight in the war as the result of a gunshot wound.

Nothwithstanding his infirmity, the parties were married in 1915, but afterwards, either through the effect of his wound or the loss of his sight, the respondent became a most violent man. He knocked his wife about, and in September 1918 left her altogether.

GRAVES AND MEMORIALS.

Supplementary estimates tabled at the Ottawa Parliament include a vote for half a million dollars for war memorials in France and Flanders and another half million for the War Graves Commission.

The Executive of the National Union of Railwaymen has decided to postpone action as concerns the Great Northern Railway until Tuesday next.

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CLEARING THE AIR.

Few homes have escaped the terror of the conflict now happily closed by Peace. Families, rich and poor, have willingly contributed their quota; many have to mourn the loss of one of the circle, but, looking at the matter from a wider standpoint, what is to be the outcome of this sacrifice?

Will it bring a new national atmosphere which will enable ideals of the time to bear fruit? Can we hope for a better understanding between classes, a more amicable relationship between capital and labour, a sweetening of the life of the nation? If so, then our efforts will not have been in vain.

We have seen a distinct welding together of interests. Classes have come to understand each other anew.

Political dissension has largely been swept by the board and jealousies and petty strife sunk in a common national aim.

We have had a remarkable demonstration of loyalty throughout the Empire. No one doubted the affection off all British peoples to the Empire, but few amongst us dreamed that the Empire would present such a united force in combating a common peril.

The Empire can justly claim to have given of its best, and, having satisfied itself on that point, will be fortified by it in an effort to reconstruct the past and give a lead to a better understanding amongst mankind.

If the war has done nothing else than to clear the air which nations breathe, then at least the toll will not have been in vain.

MEN FOR MEN'S WORK.

Most of us foresaw that one of the after-war problems would be the attitude of employers towards the women who came forward to fill the business and industrial ranks, when they were depleted by the departure of men for the fighting line. Would these employers want to retain these women who showed themselves suited to the work entrusted to them, and would these women in their turn elect to retain their positions?

During the war, women generally declared that they were only holding the mens' place till they returned, but now war is over and men are seeking their old employment, they find numbers of the other sex clinging to their jobs, with the assent of the employers.

It is obvious that the aptitude of woman for many branches of work will cause this state of things to continue to a great extent, especially if she is content to accept lower wages than the man. Women are in a large majority and it is not possible for all to marry or find household employment, even if they wish.

It was prophesied that after the war men would prefer to take up what are more properly mens' vocations than the office or the shop; to go on the land, either at home or in the Colonies, to work at the bench. But experience shows that this dream has not come true.

Great Britain is not yet sufficiently organised to effect such an adjustment of tasks. But it seems the only final remedy, and it will have to be applied. Men must do men's work. Meanwhile, industrial sex-trouble seems inevitable.

JUSTICE FIRST.

The current rumour is that Sir Douglas Haig has refused to accept any customary recognition of his distinguished services until the grievances of the gallant men who fought under his command have been remedied. And the very earnest tone in which the Field Marshal spoke this week before the Pensions Committee, as well as the strong indictment he brought against the existing system, or the deplorable want of it, certainly lends some colour, to the theory.

One gets the impression of a warm-hearted comrade who feels that some of the men who did great work for the nation during the worst days of the war are being now treated with scant consideration by an ungrateful country, or at all events by the country's representatives.

Sir Douglas was most emphatic in his expressions, and his evidence must have great weight. "No man should suffer," said he, "because he has served his country."

No one will quarrel with that dictum by our greatest soldier. But the difficulty is to reconcile sentiment and reality. Not all the gallant fellows who did well as soldiers can be made equally successful as civilians. Some are quite unsuited for ordinary life.

But it is equally certain that many good men are not receiving the consideration and encouragement they ought. A new spirit needs to be breathed into some of our public departments.

THE VILLAGE PASTOR.

A Contrast.

The village pastor is a fine big man, and does not wear the orthodox attire which you see at home.

He has a splendid manse near to his church which outwardly looks in excellent condition, but on looking inside you find it in a bad state of repair, and very dirty. The floor is rotten, the ceiling down, the pews dusty, and the organ sadly out of tune.

The State pay his stipend, and are supposed to keep his church in repair, but whilst the cottages of the worshippers are in a splendid condition, their church is wretched and uninviting.

The pastor's wife acts as caretaker, and their little son tolls the bell each day at 12 o'clock, not for a service, but to tell the people of the village that it is lunch time.

I wanted the church for my parade service, so went in search of the pastor. I found him in his fields in shirt sleeves, mowing his grass and smoking a huge pipe.

He is a fortunate man in many respects, for he owns two splendid cows, and several acres, and I must confess that whilst his church is neglected, his fields and garden are in a splendid condition. His three children are chubby and the picture of health, and the mother said: "It is the milk of our cows which makes them so."

His pastoral duties are very light for he has but one service per week.

On Sunday evening I saw him in a field still smoking his big pipe and playing a game of croquet with his children.

His arduous task of one service in the morning was finished, and he needed some recreation to refresh his jaded spirits.

He proudly surveyed his land and cast his eye over the results of his week's labour—a fine rick of hay. Near by, his two cows were munching the cud, the birds were singing and the evening sun shedding its soft radiance over the peaceful manse and meadowland, and his soul was at rest.

In the days before the war I remember a party of German pastors who toured England. We gave them a great reception and I was present at one. Over the pulpit, the Union Jack and German Eagle were entwined, and many brilliant speeches were made. At a dinner held in the school-room, we drank their health, called them jolly good fellows, and pledged them in eternal friendship.

We were all cousins, brothers, comrades in a great cause. "War!" "Impossible!" "Never should we fight each other."

That was in the spring of 1914. What a lot they must have seen and duly noted as they visited our towns and enjoyed our hospitality.

In 1919 I meet one of these pastors once more and preached to a congregation of British Tommies in his dilapidated church, where prayers have been made for over four years for our defeat, and the curses of Heaven called down upon us.

We sung our hymns to the accompaniment of his wheezy organ, and after a terrific struggle we have signed the peace Treaty. What a strange irony! What an awakening!

I found no warmth of welcome in my greeting with the pastor; he was frigid. We did not fraternise; neither of us wanted to.

Between 1914, with its reception of our brother pastors in England, and 1919, with its return visit in the shape of an Army of Occupation there is a great gulf fixed, a gulf of bloody combat, of fierce hatred. Will it ever be bridged? Time will show.

So I leave the spiritual guide of this village congregation with his pipe, his cows and fields, to meditate on the fact that in his church have worshipped those true sons of Britain, who have saved the world from the Huns who would have ruthlessly destroyed it, blessed in their task too by the prayers of those pastors who enjoyed the warmth of our hospitality and betrayed it.

G.K.

THE TICKET AND THE TALE.

From Pte. JOSEPH BRILTON. "X" Branch, H.Q 21st. Army, to: Cpl. F. J. THRILTON, Camp Commandant's Office, H.Q., 14th Army.

Dear Thril,—Yes; Pivvyjoint has got his ticket. A queer story, and though none of us have all the facts, here it is, as complete as possible having regard to the scanty material available.

It started a month ago, on Parade. We had almost finished numbering off, when Pivvyjoint arrived, looking as conscious of time as a messenger boy at a Punch-and-Judy show. The S.M. looked surprised, but said nothing. Probably, he decided that discretion was the better part of discipline where personnel clerks were concerned, his own knowledge of personnel work being about as extensive as Germany's colonial possessions. But to continue. Tompkins, having just shouted his number—21 — Pivvyjoint, to everybody's amazement ejaculated:

"Araminta's age."

"What's wrong with you?" shouted the S.M.

With an obvious effort, Pivvyjoint pulled himself together:

"Sorry, Major.....22.....Of course,.....22."

The incident closed, and the Parade dismissed.

Some hours later, Love asked Pivvyjoint for his demobilization papers, and, it seems, was greeted thus:

"Thou art a soldier of the King — a right noble calling, by my halidom. Gladly would I serve thee, oh! brightest of thy kind. What seekest thou?"

The bright one answered briefly: "Blighty forms, rations and pay."

"Thou art going to a far country?" — began Pivvyjoint.

"Bet yer rum-ration I am, once I get outer this issue. Gotter get to the Base, fust, though."

"Thou art a base knave, but promise me they shall not injure my Araminta."

"Cut it out, Pivvy. Serves her right if she is injured. Don't hold with gurls out here, and she's simply askin' fur trouble, with that name.

"Listen! She's in danger: her reputation's at stake. Come, let us rescue her from that villain Stoneheart."

"Orl right fur you, ole' man. You're single, but wot 'ud my ole' woman say ter me, chasing rahnd after a gurl. I should be in worse danger than your Arryminter's ever likely to be. Yer knew my ole' Dutch, yer'd find some other digger to put it acrost ole Stoney-yard."

But Pivvyjoint had gone, leaving Love convinced that he was "clean off 'is rocker: no one at 'ome upstairs at all." Pivvy was found later, wandering in the streets. Taken before the M.O. he accused that respectable husband and father of designs on his Araminta. The M.O. was so far impressed that he marked him for Blighty. Meanwhile, we are all wondering whether to regret a shattered intellect or to admire a calculating mind. What's your opinion?

J. BRILTON.

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Dear Bril,—Um! So much for the ticket. Attached gives the story. F. J. THRILTON.

(PARAGRAPH IN "DAILY WIRE.")

"Araminta," the winning story in the Y.M.C.A. Short Story Competition for the Rhine Army, is the work of Mr. Thorvald Pivvyjoint, written prior to his recent demobilization. It will appear in the August "Flighty"; also an article by the author entitled: "How I got my Ticket."

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

THAT LATE COFFEE.

Sir,—The complaints that have been made as to not being able to obtain coffee and mineral waters after ten at the Officers' Club, do not apply to the Annexe No. 2 Club. There we have always served both coffee and soda water to anyone who requires either, up to midnight.

THE N.C.O. IN CHARGE.

CARS AND WIVES.

Sir,—Private X may be a wealthy motoring enthusiast, and if so I would not wish to deprive him of his Rolls Royce if he can get it out here.

Personally I think most O.R.'s—and officers as well—if they are married, would prefer to have their wives with them in Rhineland to any car or cycle.

I hope the authorities will soon be able to arrange this. I know it has been under consideration, and now peace is signed, perhaps it will not be long before this is possible.

"LONELY."

PAINT, POWDER AND MARRIAGE.

Sir,—I find the "Paint and Powder" correspondence very interesting, appearing as it does at a time when such a subject as English-German marriages is being so much discussed.

Our soldiers certainly compare the girls they meet out here with those at home. It is quite natural that they should do so.

Whatever conclusions they may come to, however, none can deny that there are still many splendid girls at home who are worthy of the very best we can give them, even if they do make up their faces.

Your recent article "Women and the War" points out the noble part many of them took in it, and surely they ought to call forth our love and admiration now, more than ever they did.

I think any British soldier in Germany who has thoughts of marriage, would be well advised to consider first the girls at home, whether painted or not, and if he waits till he returns to England, I do not fancy he will ever have cause to repent it.

"PATRIOT."

FRATERNIZATION RUN RIOT.

Sir,—I am aware that the views of a correspondent are not necessarily those of the Editor. Hence I am endeavouring to put into my own words by way of a letter my views on the subject of fraternization, already treated in your columns.

I must confess my mild surprise at the manner in which all reserve is being thrown to the winds in a display of open friendship in cabaret and café.

I am quite willing to admit that fraternization is bound to come, but let it be dignified and restrained and above all free from criticism. This cannot be said of much of the displays of exuberant friendship to be seen in cabaret and café.

There is a danger of making oneself too cheap and by such thoughtless conduct one is not only unfair to other wearers of the uniform, but in danger of losing prestige. This should be borne in mind on all occassions.

"OLD GUARD."

BIRD ACCIDENTS.

Sir,—Your correspondent "Euskirchen" informs us of swallows having been caught by rod and line.

Although it is not altogether a common occurrence yet it is by no means rare, and seldom if ever does the season pass without some paper which devotes a column to "Natural History" recording similar catches.

There are other ways in which our feathered friends come to an untimely end.

Partridges rising from a field dash against telegraph wires in crossing the road; blackbirds and thrushes passing through a hedge get spiked to barbed wire, both with fatal results.

I remember once finding a small bird (common blue tit) which had alighted on a dead thistle and in the attempt to free itself had made matters worse and would certainly have perished a prisoner had I not found it in such a curious predicament just in time.

A.E.

ANOTHER FISHING EXPERIENCE.

Sir,—After reading what "Euskirchen" experienced while fishing in the Rhine, may I relate what happened when I was fishing in the Euphrates near Hit last year?

I made a careless cast, and my leader fly fell in the long grass on the opposite bank; the other fly falling in the water was immediately taken by a large Tigris salmon.

In striking at the fish I found my leader had caught in the ear of a hare which was dragged into the water and drowned.

In hauling my double catch ashore I slipped on a log, sitting down violently on a covey of nine sand grouse.

I forget the name of the fly used, but the breeches that got the grouse were "khaki drill, officers," as supplied from Ordnance.

It is now Euskirchen's move!

ANA NIAS.

WHOSE NATIONAL ANTHEM?

Sir,—A recent paragraph under "Echoes from Rhineland" drew attention to the behaviour of certain soldiers while the tune of "God save the King" was being played. The point is, however, is this tune not purely a German song — either one of their numerous national anthems, or a super-patriotic song equivalent to our "Rule Brittania?"

The fact that in any "Gastwirtschaft" in Rhineland that is provided with an orchestra or automatic piano, the music of the alleged "God save the King" is invariably played at the end of a selection of German music — the civilians lustily singing words to it, seems to lend considerable colour to the supposition that this anthem was "made in Germany." So perhaps after all Tommy may be excused for not rendering homage to such a doubtful "British Subject."

Is it not possible to have a new national anthem for our Empire; purely British, with a more stirring and better refrain and, most certainly, finer words? I think we need one badly.

"RHINO."

CHERRY-RIPE.

There is a garden in her face
Where roses and white lilies blow;
A heavenly paradise is that place,
Wherein all pleasant fruits do flow:
There cherries grow which none may buy
Till "Cherry-ripe" themselves do cry.

Those cherries fairly do enclose
Of orient pearl a double row,
Which when her lovely laughter shows,
They look like rose-buds fill'd with snow;
Yet them nor peer nor prince can buy
Till "Cherry-ripe" themselves do cry.

THOMAS CAMPION.

Dempsey The Wor'd's Champion.

TERRIFIC BATTLE.

WILLARD BEATEN TO A FRAZZLE IN THE 3rd ROUND.

The great Willard-Dempsey fight for the world's heavy-weight boxing champion hip was fought at Toledo, Ohio, on Friday afternoon.

Dempsey won in the third round, after a terrific battle, Willard receiving a gruelling unparalleled in the history of heavy-weight fights.

INTENSE HEAT.

The temperature in the sun was in the neighbourhood o 100 degrees and so great was the heat, that the participants in the preliminary contests were quickly reduced to a state of exhaution. It is estimated that sometning like 80,000 witnessed the principal contest.

DETAILS OF B TTLE.

1st Round:— Willard had the advantage in height, weight, and reach, but Dempsey's supporters relied on the youth and speed of the champion who has established a reputation as a quick knocker-out, a reputation he justified by flooring Willard twice in the first round. Willard was helpless, and had to be assisted to the corner at the end of the round.

2nd Round:— He clinched repeatedly to save himself in the second round.

3rd Round:— In the third round, Dempsey sent an awful left to the jaw, knocking out the champion's teeth, and followed with a terrible smash to the ear. Willard collapsed in his seat at the end of the third round and his seconds threw in the towel when time was called Dempsey was therefore announced the winner.

UNPARALLELED BEATING.

WILLARD'S FACE RESEMBLES A BEEFSTEAK.

Willard received the worst beating in the history of heavy weight fights. He was unable to leave the ring or move from his chair for 10 minutes after he gave up and was seized with a fit of nausea in his dressing-room after he left the ring, necessitating a doctor attending him.

Willard did not land a single solid blow. His face resembled a beefsteak; his right eye was closed, his left eye gashed, his lips were bleeding and his stomach was scarlet.

WHO'S WHO.

Jack Dempsey, from Salt Lake City, Utah, was not even regarded as a possible contender for the title little more than a year ago. He was born on a farm in Colorado 23 years ago and is the eighth of a family of eleven. His father was Irish, and his mother part Indian and part Scottish. He neither drinks nor smokes.

Jess Willard came into possession of the world's heavy-weight title by defeating Jack Johnson in 26 rounds at Havana in April 1915. He spent his early life on a ranch and for years rode broncbos and herded cattle. He has also run a circus. Until Friday's sanguinary debacle, he had fought 46 times, never been knocked down, and never had a black eye or a bloody nose. "I have only had two decisions against me," he recently declared, "one unjust and one fair; at least people say so."

Over 400 newspaper men were at the ringside describing the fight, and arrangements were made for handling 500,000 words of copy.

BRIGADE TUG-OF-WAR.

ELIMINATING CONTEST FOR COMING DIVISIONAL SPORTS.

In order to find out its best all-round sporting battalion, to represent it at the divisional sports which are to take place shortly, the 1st Western Infantry Brigade is arranging a series of tournaments; boxing, running, tug-of-war, etc. The battalion which holds the most points is to be chosen as representative.

The first of these series took place at Bornheim on Friday, when the tug-of-war contests were fought. The competitors were:—1/4 Battn., 52nd Battn., and 9th Battn., Cheshire Regt. Brigade H.Q. had previously decided not to pull. each Battalion was represented by two teams, a "light" and a "heavy," and as usual the two best pulls out of three was the order of the day. Bde.-Maj. G.M.H. Wright, D.S.O., M.C., kindly officiated as judge.

LIGHTS v. HEAVIES.

Ably coached by R.S.M. Martin, who trained them, both the "lights" and the "heavies" of the 1/4th Cheshires put up a splendid show and did not lose a single pull.

In this contest, the 1/4th Cheshires amassed the maximum number of points, 56, and have thus established a good lead. The 52nd Cheshires came next with 28 points.

Awarding the medals to the victorious teams, Lieut.-Col. Crookenden, D.S.O., of the 52nd Cheshires, congratulated R.S.M. Martin on having brought the teams to such a pitch of perfection, and hoped that they would do equally as well in the divisional sports as they had done in the brigade tournament.

The brigade boxing tournament takes place at Bornheim on Monday, while the brigade sports are billed to take place on July 14th.

5th LABOUR COY. SPORTS.

LARGELY ATTENDED ATHLETIC MEETING

A successful sports meeting was held by this Company at Merheim on Friday, there being a large attendance of all ranks. Details:—100 yds.:—1, Pte. McComb; 2, Sergt. Mackison; 3, Pte. Ewen. 220 yds.:—1, Pte. McComb; 2, Pte. McNan; 3, Pte. Pace. 440 yds.:—1, Pte. Donaldson; 2, Pte. Baxter; 3, Cpl. Pogmore. 100 yds.:—(W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s):—1, Cpl. Swan; 2, Cpl. Pogmore; 3 Sergt. Mackison. 100 yds. (R.A.S.C., M.T. attd.):—1, Pte. Beasly; 2, Pte. Felstead; 3, Pte. Morris.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.

1, Pte. Jones (F); 2, Cpl. Pape; 3, Cpl. Herridge Long Jump:—1, Pte. Ewen; 2, C.S.M. Wynton; 3, Sergt. Mackison. High Jump:—1, Pte. McComb; 2, Pte. Ewen; 3, C.S.M. Wynton. Inter-Platoon Tug-of-War.:—Final "A" Platoon beat "B" Platoon by 2 pulls to 1. Inter-Platoon Relay Race:—Won by "D" Platoon. Championship (C.O.'s Prize):—Pte. McComb.

At the conclusion, the prizes were presented by the C.O., Major H. Stocken.

2nd HIGHLAND BDE. SPORTS.

The 2nd Highland Bde. Sports, which were to have been held at Düren at the 20th and 21st of June, but were postponed, will now take place next Wednesday and Friday, 9th and 11th July.

31st LABOUR GROUP LEAGUE.

17th Lab. Coy. played 180.h Lab Coy. on the ground of the latter at Zollstock, Cologne, on Friday. Scores:— 180 Labour Coy 80; (Pte. Smart (31) Pte Fennel (13); 17 Labour Coy. 28; (Cpl. Tranter 14; Cpl. Wilson 10, Bowling for 180 Coy. Pte. Main took 7 wickets for 7 runs, and Pte. Smart took 3 for 19. The losers' best bowler was Cpl. Tranter with 7 wickets for 29 runs.

FIVE MORE DAYS.

VICTORY BOND SWEEP GOING STRONG.

The great Victory Bond Sweep which is being organised by the British Empire Leave Club is to be a short and swift affair. Only five more days remain for the purchase of tickets, so do not neglect the present opportunity and then regret you were too late.

Enquiries at the club yesterday revealed the staff who are looking after the "hard work" part of the sweep, occupied at top speed in dealing with the enormous number of applications that have already been received.

It is unnecessary here to recapitulate the importance of everyone subscribing all his available cash to the Victory Loan; everyone is, or ought to be, familiar with this.

In addition to the ordinary purchase of Bonds, however, if every soldier in the Rhine Army were to purchase a ten mark ticket in the Leave Club Sweep, the result would be that a substantial amount would in this way be lent to the country and twenty-three ticket-holders would be the richer by quite a considerable amount.

It should be remembered that every ten marks subscribed means so much more for the lucky winners and ten marks more at Britain's disposal.

Application for tickets should be made on the proper form to Lieut.-Col. J. A Levey, O.B.E., D.S.O., British Empire Leave Club, Cologne, and should reach him before 9 p.m. on Friday next.

WESTERN D.A.C. SPORTS.

KEEN INTER-SECTION RIVALRY IN TEAM EVENTS.

A very enjoyable and well attended sports meeting was held by the Western Divisional Ammunition Column (Lieut.-Colonel R.W.L. Dunlop D.S.O. R.F.A. Commanding.) at Metternich on Saturday and Sunday. The various events were keenly contested, rivalry amongst the sections being most evident in the team events. Lieut.-Col. J.F.R. Hope. D.S.O., M.G. Corps, and Major W.R. Shilstone. M.B.E., R.F.A. kindly acted as judges. The committee are indebted to the Y.M.C.A. for loan of bunting to decorate the ground.

PRIZE LIST.

440 yds.—1. Staff. Sgt. Farr. Muggeridge, No. 1. Section; 2. B.S.M. Harvey, M.M., No. 2 Section; 3. Driver Campbell, No. 3. Section. Officers Jumping.— Capt. Kerridge R.F.A., No. 3 Section. O.Rs. Jumping. — 1. B.Q.M.S. Williams, No. 1. Section; 2. Sgt. Crilly, No. 2. Section; 3. Staff. Sgt. Farr. Muggeridge, 1. Section. Section Jumping, No. 2. Section Driving, No. 2.

100 yds.—1. Driver Campbell, No. 2; 2. Corpl. Nolan, No. 1; 3. Sadd. Holloway, No. 3. Wrestling on Mules:—No. 3. Section. Wrestling on Mules (Indians):—No. 3. Section.

1 Mile: — 1. S Sgt. Farr. Muggeridge, No. 1; 2. Driver Campbell, No. 2; 3. Driver Prichard, Headquarters Mule Flat Race:—1. Sgt. Howarth, No. 1; 2. Gnr. North, No. 3; 3. Dvr. Meek, Headquarters. Mule Flat Race (Indians):—1. Naik. Shera, No. 3; 2. Ahsan, No. 1; 3. Nanda, No. 2. Relay Race: — No. 1. Section. Lloyd Lindsay, No. 2. Section. Tug-of-War:—No. 1. Section.

Sack Race:—1. Gunner Jackson, Headquarters; 2. Driver Bale, No. 2; 3. Gunner Bridgeman, No. 3. Obstacle Race:—1. S Sgt. Farr. Muggeridge, No. 1; 2. Gunner Jackson, Headquarters; 3. Cpl. Bramley, No. 2. N.C.Os. Horse Race. (Indians):—1. Havildar Farzandali, No. 3; 2. Naik. Shera, No. 3; 3. Havildar. Nur. Hassin. No. 2.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE WINNERS.

No. 2 SECTION, WESTERN D.A.C.

The keenly contested matches in this League were concluded last week, and No. 2 Section, Capt. C. Spencer, R.F.A.) were the winners. The team winning the medals presented by the C. O. for this competition were:—

Cpl. Bramley, Gnr. T. Roberts, Gnr. J. Marles, Dvr. L. Dixon, Gnr. Greenwell, Dvr. Kerr, Dvr. Woods, Dvr. Campbell, Gnr. Fielding, Gnr. E. R. Taylor, and Gnr. Turber.

7th FIELD AMBULANCE v. 2 COY. "N" DIVISIONAL TRAIN.

This match was played on the ground of the former on Thursday and resulted in a win for 7th Field Ambulance by 102 runs. For the winners, Capt. Montgomery and Sergt. Fenwick opened the innings and made a good first wicket stand, carrying the score to 72 before Sergt. Fenwick was run out, his share being 32. Capt. Montgomery continued to bat in fine style and contributed 14 before being caught at mid off. None of the other batsmen reached double figures and the innings closed for 139.

No. 2 Coy. opened their innings with Lt. Luscombe and Sergt. Holmes and lost 4 wickets without a run being scored. Then Q.M.S. Harries and Dvr. Dent made a good stand the former making 18 and the latter 11. Pte. Caldwell for the winners bowled extremely well, taking 5 wickets for 10, the first three wickets falling in his first over.

1/6th W. YORKSHIRE REGT. SPORTS.

The 1/6th Battn. West Yorkshire Regt. will hold their sports meeting at Blücher Park, Ehrenfeld on Wednesday, July 9th, commencing 14.45 hours.

BASKET BALL AT RIEHL.

The 9th Cyclists Battalion evened up for their defeat of a week ago, by defeating the Army P. and R.T. School on Friday at Riehl, by a 20 to 10 score. The Cyclists showed a complete reversal of form, while the Headquarters team was somewhat broken up on account of two of the members being on leave, making their team work somewhat ragged. The visitors worked together beautifully, most of their chances at the basket being a result of their wonderfully rapid passing down the floor. Sergeant Frame was the principal score-winner for the Cyclists, though the rest of the team also showed that they could hit the basket on occasion.

The Headquarters team guarded excellently, but could not seem to get their machine working, and seemed to have difficulty in locating the basket. The game was scheduled as a demonstration for the officers and N.C.O.'s attending the school, and was a fine example of the speed with which this excellent game, which is taking such a hold with the Army, can be played.

In the Aympia results, Lieut. Kibler, 5th Lancers, won the championship at arms, not Reed as reported.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

HEAVY SCORING.

EASTERN DIVISION H.Q. (231 for 5 decl.) v. 92nd FIELD AMBULANCE (35 and 23.) on Siegburg Prison Ground, on Thursday. E. Div. H. Q. batted first and the feature of the innings was the splendid partnership for the fifth wicket by Sapper Thompson (68) and Major Tempest (75 not out) which realised 132 runs. The next highest score was 15 by Cpl. Gill. Bowling:—Pte. Hopkinson took 1 for 12. The Fld. Amb. were dimissed for 35, Col. Dobbie having the wonderful analysis of 8 for 8, Cpl. Gill 1 for 21. They batted again, but were again dismissed for 23, Mr. Extras scoring 12. Bowling:— Capt. Morgan 4 for 6, Lt. Shewen 4 for 1. Pte. Walker 1 for 2.

52nd Bn. NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS (153) v. 2nd BRIGADE R.A.F. (37) on the former's ground at Sülz, on Friday. For the 52nd N.F., Capt. Byrne (23) and Pte. Taylor (34) opened the innings, and were not parted until the score reached 60. They were well backed up by Lt. Emery (42 not out), Major Thompson (16) and Sgt. Heap (13). The R.A.F. made 42, of which Austin was responsible for 16 (not out), having batted right through the innings. For the winners, L/Cpl. Wilsher took 5 wickets for 10 runs and Lt.-Col. Hartley, D.S.O. 5 wickets for 22. For the losers Jackson took 6 wickets for 65 runs.

161 R.F.A. BRIGADE (32) v. 41st M.G.C. (128) at Heumar on Wednesday. The only M.G.C. batsmen making any success were Col. Barry 30, Major Boumphrey (23), and Lieut. Andrews (22). The fielding of the opposing team was splendid, and the bowling very good, Lieut. Allen having 7 wickets for 48 runs. The R.F.A's first wickets fell on the second ball from the hands of Driver Gorrard (6 wickets for 18), who, it may be mentioned, has recently made a name for himself as a bowler, and of whom we hope to hear more as the season progresses. Major D. Boumphrey also bowled well, and had 4 wickets for 10 runs to his credit.

D/190 Bde. R.F.A. (51) v. 3rd NORTHERN BDE. (41) on the Battery's ground at Pulh. The game was chiefly noticeable for the effective bowling on each side. No one in the 3rd Northern Brigade, and only one in the Battery team, reached double figures. Driver Bingham bowled extremely well for the winners, taking six wickets for 17 runs, and Lieut. Baines 4 wickets. For the losers, Capt. Montgomery took 4 wickets, Lieut. Harding 3, and Lieut. Brown 2. The Brigade score was passed with three wickets in hand, but the remaining wickets fell quickly, and the total Battery score reached 51.

52nd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS (86) v. 70th SQUADRON R.A.F. (50) on the latter's ground at Bickendorf on Wednesday. The Fusiliers batted first and wickets fell very quickly, 5 falling for 5 runs. Lieut. Col. Hartley and Sergt. Heap made an excellent stand, however, and succeeded in raising the score to 59 before the latter was bowled. A further stand was made by Lieut. Hargreaves, after which the tail fell quickly. To a total of 86, Lieut.-Col. Hartley contributed 39, Sergt. Heap 21, and Lieut. Hargreaves 19 (not out). For the R.A.F., Feakings scored 12. Col. Hartley, for the Fusiliers, took 4 wickets for 17 runs and L.Cpl. Wilsher took 4 for 23.

52nd MANCHESTERS (98) v. 207th SQUADRON R.A.F. (91) at Hangelar on Wednesday. The 52nd Manchesters batted first and their wickets fell very quickly to the efforts of Champ and Pughe, 8 wickets being down for 39. The last wicket, however, made a splendid stand, Thorpe playing exceedingly well for his 41, when he was accidently hit on the chin by a rising ball and stepped on his wicket. Lieut. Alexander compiled a useful 16 (not out). The home side where dismissed for 91 (Champ 24, Kaye 22). Thorpe took 5 wickets for 52, and Reeves 2 for 20. Each side only batted 10 men.

269 A.E. Coy. (41) v. 73rd ARMY BDE. (29) at Euskirchen on Thursday. For the A.E. Coy. Pte. Lord going in first, carried his bat for 30 runs. Pte. Wilson took 7 wickets for 18 runs, and Pte. Radford 3 for 10. For the 73rd Army Bde. Gunner Hardwick carried his bat through the innings for 10 runs. Lockwood took 6 wickets for 16 runs.

LANCS DIV. M.T. COY. (82) v. 303 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A. (59). For the former, Lieut. Deighton batted well for 21; Lieut. Almond 11, and Cpl. Smith 10. Lieut. Almond took 7 wickets for 14 runs.

4th ROYAL SUSSEX (150 for 9 declared) v. 5th RLY. TELEGR.-COY. at Hennef on Friday. Thanks to fine cricket by 2nd Lieut. Kerley and Pte. Crick—31 and 48 respectively—the Royal Sussex declared at 150 for 9. Ptes. Smith and Creasey also hit successfully. The 5th Rly. Teleg. with a fading light, were dismissed for 70. Bryant bowling well took 4 for 10. C.S.M. Constable was exceptionally smart "Keeping" for the Sussex.

OTHER RESULTS.

London Div. M.T. Coy.	70
52nd R. Warwick	25
41st Bn. M.G.C. (for 5)	168
3rd M.G.C.	59
X Corps Signal Coy	92
1st Western T.M.B.	76
Northern Div R.E.	122
VI. Corps H.Q.	56
Advanced Supply Depot	142
A.P.O., Cologne	100

BONN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
52 Cheshire	9	7	1	1	15§
Lanc. Div. M.T. Coy.	7	7	0		14§
Eastern Div. H.Q.	9	7	2		14§
10 R. W. Kent	8	6	1	1	13§
51 R. Sussex	5	5	0		10§
16 Lancs. Fus.	5	4	0	1	9§
52 Manchester	9	4	5		8§
91 Field Amb.	7	4	3		8
92 Field Amb.	8	4	4		8§
23 R. Fus.	6	4	2		8*
5 Border	5	4	1		8§
52 Welsh	6	3	2	1	7§
103 Field Amb.	7	3	4		6§*
1st T.M.B. Western	7	3	4		6§*
2nd London Inf. Bde.	5	3	2		6§*
53 Welsh	5	3	2		6§
207 Sq. R.A.F.	5	3	2		6§
51 Beaford	4	3	1		6§
13 K. Liverpool	3	3	0		6§
Lancs. Div. Sig. Coy	7	2	5		4§
X Corps Sig. Coy	7	2	5		4§
Eastern Div. Sig. Coy.	5	2	3		4
4th Suffolk	5	2	3		4§
303 Siege Battery	5	2	3		4§
121 Heavy Battery	4	2	2		4§
15 Lancs. Fus.	3	2	1		4§
51 K. Liverpool	5	1	4		2§
3 Coy. West. Div. R.A.S.C.	5	1	4		2§*
69 Siege Battery	5	1	4		2§

§ Game awarded for scratched matches and in respect of 86 Siege Battery withdrawn.
* Game lost by default.

In the Royal Engineers' athletic meeting at Aldershot the winners of the open events were:—120 Yards Hurdles; Lieut. Parks, Engineers; High Jump: Driver Adams; Mile Relay: 3rd Manchester Regt.; Mile: Driver Jarry; Quarter-mile: Army Schoolmaster Stock; 100 Yards Officers: Lieut.-Col. Carpenter.

LT. NUSSEY SURVIVES.

RHINE ARMY OFFICER'S SUCCESS AT HENLEY.

CAMBRIDGE BEATEN BY "AUSSIES."

The spectacular side of Henley was spoiled on Friday owing to rain but this notwithstanding, the racing was excellent. Results:—Kings Cup (semi-final):—Australian No. 1 beat Cambridge; Oxford beat American Army.

Leander Cup:—Leander beat Canadian Army; American Army No. 1 beat New Zealand.

Fawley Cup:—Thames beat Kingston; Christ Church beat Oxford.

Kingswood Sculls:—Lieut. Nussey, Rhine Army, beat Major Withington; Pte. Hadfield beat W. D. Kinnear.

Hemenham Cup:—Clare beat Tanks; Caius beat Cambridge Naval Officers.

Public Schools Cup:—Tonbridge beat Monkton Combe; Winchester beat Kings School, Canterbury.

Temple Cup:— Kings College London beat Auriol; Cains beat Courtenay Lodge.

Elsenham Cup:—Bedford School beat New College, Oxford; Shrewsbury School beat Lady Margaret B.C.

Wargrave Manor Cup:—Leander beat Thames; Jesus College beat London R.C.

Hambledon Pairs:—Third Trinity beat Thames R.C.; Wattle Club beat Trinity Hall.

LIEUT. NUSSEY.

Lieut. Nussey of the Rhine Army Officers R.C. formerly rowed in the Eton Eight. Commenting on his style "The Sportsman" says:—Nussey's remarkable style does not win him many friends for beauty, and the wonder is, how does he do it? Withington found that Nussey could scull much faster than himself, but whether the Old Etonian can beat Pte. Hadfield (New Zealand) is quite another proposition.

ENGLISH RACING.

MEETINGS AT NEWMARKET AND WORCESTER.

Race meetings were held at Newmarket and Worcester on Friday, the following being the results:—

NEWMARKET RESULTS.

All Aged Selling Plate:—1, Primrose (6—4); 2, Jameson (9—2); 3, Romani (100—8).

Fulbourne Stakes:—1, Orpheus (6—4); 2, Spion Kop (5—2); 3, Sunny Moya (7—2).

Waterbeach Handicap:—1, Scatwell (11—8); 2, Vain Dream (5—2); 3, Trespasser (10—1).

Princess Plate:—1, Datimo (7—2); 2, Skyface (4—1); 3, Merryden (7—2).

Ellesmere Stakes:—1, Perion (5—2); 2, Jack Point (10—1); 3, Oberto (2—1).

Milton Handicap:—1, Bridge Water (7—4); 2, Fairy Thorn (100—8); 3, Baalgad (2—1).

WORCESTER RESULTS.

Hindlep Plate:—1, Lady Grave Airs (5—4); 2 Jaunting Car (13—7); 3, Bepant (20—1).

Elmley Plate:—1, General Picton (5—4); 2, Landowner (7—2); 3, Pelopia (5—2).

Greswolde Handicap:—1, Svendune (11—2); 2, Be Wise (5—1); 3, Wild Flower (20—1).

Pitchcroft Handicap:—1, Pte Trenton (11—4); 2, Towyn (3—1); 3, Wallflower (6—5).

Worcester Plate:—1, Chaud (7—4); 2, Double Note (3—1); 3, Chinchin (6—1).

City Handicap:—1, Golden Square (100—8); 2, Finisner (3—2); 3, Sanctissima (100—8).

FOIL v. FOIL.

ROYAL NAVAL, MILITARY AND AIR FORCE TOURNAMENT.

The results of the various competitions decided at Olympia on Friday are appended:—

FOIL v. FOIL CHAMPIONSHIP.—Capt. W. Palmer, M.C., K.R.R., 1; Maj. G. G. S. Cooke, 8th Batt. Essex Regt., 2; Commander F. E. B. Foilman, R.N., 3; Maj. R. P. Willoughby, 9th London (Queen Victoria's) Rifles, 4; Sergt.-Maj. H. Grainger, R.A.F., 5; Capt. R. J. Ryan, 7th (..O.M.) Liverpool Regt., 6.

EPEE v. EPEE.—Other ranks: S.M.I. F. Eggleton, A.G.S., 1; R.Q. Corpl.-Maj. C. M. Dawes, 1st Life Guards, 2; Sergt.-Maj. H. Grainger, R.A.F., 3; C.P.O. W. Stamper, R.N., 4.

EPEE v. EPEE (Officers).—Capt. C. B. Broston, New Zealand Rifle Brigade, 1; Col. R. B. Campbell, D.S.O., Gordon Highlrs, 2; Capt. F. Smith, A.G.S.; Maj. R. M. Willoughby, 9th London Regt.; Lt.-Comdr. R. L. Burnett, R.N.

ROYAL NAVAL AND MARINE INTER-PORT FIELD GUN COMPETITION.—Pembroke "B" (time. 7min 2sec) beat Vivid "A" (7min 19sec); Pembroke "A" (6min 55 3-5sec) beat R.M.L.I. (8min 50sec).

TUG-OF-WAR (130 stone) by Navy, Army, and Air Force Teams.—Royal Marine Depot, Deal, beat No. 320 Quarry Co., R.E., by 2 pulls to nil.

WHEEL CHANGING AND DRIVING COMPETITION BY WOMEN MOTOR-DRIVERS.—Q.M.A.A. Corps, 1; Women's Legion; W.R.A. Force; V.A.D. (General Service Section), H.W.R.N. Service, 5.

LATEST SPORT IN A NUTSHELL.

Rain prevented tennis at Wimbledon on Friday.

Notts 194; Yorks 143 for four.

Leicester 197; Warwicks 274 for five.

Gentlemen v. Players:—Gentlemen 141 (all out)

Australians v. A Scottish XI:—Australians 178 (for 7 wkts).

Other matches stopped by rain.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Sunday, July 6, 1919.

Wind light, between North-east and North-Weather fair and very warm. Morning mist and some afternoon cloud. Fair or good visibility.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Amateur Actors.

The fact that, up to date, seventeen officers have taken part in the performances given by the Rhine Army Dramatic Company, is not necessarily an indication that the organisation is exclusively for officer members. This is far from actual fact. One other rank had an important part in a recent play and others are likely to appear in future productions. In the meantime, however, the appearance of so large a proportion of officers in the castes is explained by the fact that other ranks are "backward in coming forward." Lieut. S. E. Percy is always glad to see anyone, who even *thinks* he can act, at the Amusements Office, Cologne.

Forthcoming Engagements.

As briefly announced yesterday, among the prospective visitors to Cologne is The Tolmar concert party. This happy little band of entertainers keeps well clear of the familiar groove, and music and refinement are the keynotes of their performances. The Misses Tolmar are two thoroughly accomplished artistes who play a remarkably large number of musical instruments in addition to singing, dancing and acting. The party also includes Pte Frost, professionally known as Charles Armand, who was the principal bass in Moody Manners and Castellano's Italian opera companies.

The Lights that failed.

Lena Ashwell's Concert Party delighted all and sundry at Sulz, the other evening when they performed at the Gymnasium before a large audience. The artistes included Miss Anita Powell (soprano), Miss Alice A. E. Coppin (contralto), Miss Dorothy F. Horne (violinist), Miss Paul Desborough (soubrette), Miss Grace Iville (accompanist) and Mr. Hubert Hayden (entertainer). Unfortunately the lights failed to function when there was still quarter of an hour to go and the merry proceedings had to be wound up rather hurriedly in consequence. Anyway, in the words of one of the officers present "the show was remarkably good and worth going a long way to see." After the show, the ladies were the guests of the 52nd Bn. N. F. Officers' Mess where a jolly evening was spent.

Inter-changing.

A few days ago there appeared in this journal, an epistle suggesting the interchange of concert parties with the idea of providing more varied entertainment for the soldier inhabitants of the small towns and villages. The suggestion has been anticipated by Capt. Haygarth, Army Amusement Officer, who has already completed a scheme providing adequate visits by various entertainers to all units. Briefly, the idea is that every Division in the Rhine Army will be asked to organise the best concert party possible. For three weeks each party will perform in the area of its own formation and then go on tour in the Army area, extending over eleven weeks. The scheme, which will come in to operation on the 14th July, should do much to brighten the evenings of those troops stationed in benighted villages, miles from anywhere.

Leave Club Concert.

A very enjoyable concert was given at the Leave Club on Friday by the Lena Ashwell Concert Party. The large hall was filled by an enthusiastic audience and each performer had to give encores.

Miss Majory Verel played the slow movement from the Mendelssohn Concerto and as encores an arrangement of Scotch airs, Pierne's Serenade, and a Beethoven Minuet. Miss Adelaide Rind gave the Jewel Song from "Faust" as her principal solo and as encores some charming old English Folk Songs and "Comin thro' the Rye."

Miss Winifred Clark sang some delightful contralto songs, "Mate o' Mine" with violin obligato, and "Come to the Fair," being especially appreciated.

Miss Peggy Skelton's songs at the piano kept the audience delighted. Her songs "Men", "In a Fish Sauce Shop" "Hullo! Too Too," and "Woolla-walloo", in which the audience joined, made quite a hit.

Miss Kate Coates accompanied with great skill and is to be congratulated on the success of her excellent concert party, which provided one of the best entertainments ever held at the Leave Club.

Future Events.

Another full programme is announced for next week at the British Empire Leave Club. At 5 p.m. to-day the Rev. Gower Rees will conduct one of his happy talks in the writing room and this will be followed by a concert by the band of the 17th Lancers at 6.30. For Monday an impromptu concert and practice dances are announced to commence at 5 and 6.30 p.m. respectively, while two concerts and a dancing class will occupy Tuesday evening. On Wednesday, the band of the 6th Dragoon Guards will play at a dance in the theatre commencing at 6.30 p.m.

In few Words.

"The Duke of Killiecrankie" will be given at the Deutsches Theatre on Monday next and during the remainder of the week.

Troops at Duren complain of a scarcity of entertainment.

JACQUES.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Swansea Town Trainer.

E. S. Edwards, of Burnley, has been appointed trainer to the Swansea Town F.C.

Manton Training Establishment in Market.

It is announced that the famous Manton training establishment is in the market. According to present arrangements the freehold will be submitted at Marlborough early in September.

"Pal" Moore's Sparring Partners.

"Pal" Moore has settled down in his training quarters at the Royal Abercorn Hotel, Stanmore, and commenced preparations for his match with Jimmy Wilde at Olympia on July 17. His sparring partners are Sam Kellar and George Nolan.

Marine Motoring.

The British Motor Boat Club has, with the return of peace, arranged a very good programme for the coming season. There will be a race from London to Cowes for sea-going motor cabin cruisers on July 16, followed by a meeting at Southampton on July 26, and another at Poole on Aug. 2 and 4.

Yearlings Sale.

Amongst the yearlings sold at Newmarket this week were: Colt by Tredennis—Golden Lily, 1,400 guineas; filly by Fugleman—Rappel, 1,050 guineas; filly by White Eagle—Laudatory, 2,200 guineas. Two colts of Lord Dalmeny's, one by Tracery and one by Cicero, fetched 1,200 guineas each. The total realised for 34 lots was 12,180 guineas.

A Previous Defeat.

Mrs. Satterthwaite has been defeated before by Mlle. Lenglen. It was in 1914 in Paris, when the French girl won the World's Hard Court Championship.

Professional Lawn-Tennis Champion.

The challenge of C. Hierons, the Queen's Club coach, which remained open to July 1, not having been accepted, he is now officially recognised by the L.T.A. as the professional lawn tennis champion of the British Isles.

Middlesex Cricketer For Rishton.

Rishton, a Lancashire League club, have secured Mignon the Middlesex cricketer, recently demobilised from Egypt, as successor to Vogler. Yesterday, against East Lancs, they also played Sydney Barnes, who was formerly their professional.

Deadly Left-hander.

It was a left-hander, the old and well-tried Heap, with his swinging flight in towards the batsmen, who caused the discomfiture of Gloucestershire at Bristol this week. The side went down before Lancashire for 109, and Heap took seven wickets for 27.

Tattersall's and Milton Apprentice Plate.

At a meeting at Newmarked Rooms on Thursday the committee of Tattersall's decided that with reference to bets made on the Milton Apprentice Plate at Doncaster on May 30 last the backers of Grey Cloak are entitled to receive and the backers of Periscope to pay.

Opinions of the Moment.

MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND.

Charles Garvice, whose novels make so wide a popular appeal that their sale easily beats all records, says: A great deal of amusement was caused lately by the repetition of the word "love" in the letter of a young woman read in court. The amusement was misplaced. There is no more beautiful word in the English language, and I have a suspicion that nowadays it is used not too often, but too infrequently. After all, love is the most important thing in the world. An extravagant statement? Consider it, and you will admit that I am right.

MAKING A SHOW OF WEALTH.

W. B. Maxwell, the novelist, a writer who is gifted with great powers of observation, says: Why do we still act as if we are ashamed of being poor? So much of the old snobbishness is dead, and yet this queer weakness lingers. Only once a year does one really master it, and like a man, expose the bare facts and demand any relief that they render desirable—that is, when making out one's return for the income tax people. Very rich men are never ashamed of bargaining. I have been astounded by hearing them do it. We make it too ridiculously easy for the profiteers, who, of course, see through us and well know our weakness. If we could band together and once overcome the absurd weakness to appear rich, I believe that we should be able to knock the impudence out of them and soon bring down the cost of living.

DEFENDERS OF BRITAIN.

Admiral Sir David Beatty has been speaking of the prowess of Britain's fisherfolk. He says: The fishermen of Britain in peace were the defenders of Britain during the late war. Those fishermen proved to be a magnificent addition to the naval personnel. Without them it would not have been possible for the Navy to achieve that rapid expansion which was necessary to deal with the outrageous submarine campaign of the enemy and the equally outrageous mining policy. They fished for mines instead of fish, and kept the paths of the sea clear for the ships under my command. In honouring them you honour one of the most splendid and loyal bodies of men, whose endeavours have been, and always will be, to live up to the dictum of Nelson, which can be expressed in three simple words, "Do your duty."

THE TEACHING CRAZE.

George Sampson, the literary critic, says: There seems to be an epidemic of instructiveness raging in the modern world. Everybody appears resolved to teach somebody something. There is no escaping the instructor. If you turn to the newspapers, that column with the seductive title is merely an advertisement urging you to become an admiral or a general or both, that sensational headline merely introduces you to another advertisement promising to make you bulbous with biceps, and that pleasing picture is still another advertisement imploring you to become an artist.

WOMAN IN INDUSTRY.

Lady Rhondda, herself a keen and capable business women and the head of more than one commercial enterprise, says: We are told by certain of our legislators that there are processes in industry that they cannot bear to think of women performing. Shall we find when we look into the matter that the processes which cause them this emotion are the well-paid processes? Are women to be forced back into the sweated trades? Or is the bigger, broader view to prevail, and are they to be allowed their fair chance in the industrial and commercial world? Only the future can tell.

PERILS OF VICTORY.

Dr. J. H. Jowett, the famous scholar and divine, says: There is a universal recognition that the pre-war world is practically centuries away, and we can no more get back to it than we can go back to ancient feudalism. What are the disquieting features in the situation? There is a certain spirit of independence which is asserting itself in an almost fierce aggressiveness. It reveals itself in lack of reverence and common courtesy. There is a wide movement towards secularity, which manifests itself in a heedless disregard of venerable sanctities. A further disquieting factor is that in the popular visions and programmes of a reconstructed England a moral and spiritual re-creation is given a subordinate position or is disregarded altogether. In addition to all these ominous things, there is the drink traffic; and there is a most evident increase of drinking among women. All these are among the perils of our victorious day.

From Everywhere.

Want to Buy?—The Burra Islands in the Shetlands are for sale.

No Cheap Ale.—The Brewery Trade say that decent beer at twopence a pint is impossible.

"Out".—Refusal to pay a minimum wage has led to a strike of 9,000 miners in South Wales.

William's Judges.—The tribunal to try the ex-Kaiser will consist of five judges.

Stare Trained.—A course in restaurant waiting for women is being provided at Nottingham.

A Drop.—The population of Petrograd has been reduced from 3,000,000 to 500,000.

Nothing Stops Them.—The cotton trade dispute in Lancashire is not interfering with the annual "wakes".

Double Escape.—Surviving a fall of 300 feet over a cliff, a Dover boy was rescued from the rising tide.

More Ink.—When forty witnesses entered Bow County Court the judge left the Bench to fill his fountain pen.

Helping the Blind.—Parliament will shortly be invited to make provision of approximately £125,000 to help the blind.

To Cologne.—The International Armistice Commission is to be transferred from Spa to Cologne.

Best at Languages.—Russians are considered the greatest linguists in the world. The Dutch are a good second.

Swan Breeding.—The swanneries of England are expected to be in full swing again shortly. Lord Ilchester owns the largest.

Costly Gas.—It costs £1,000 a week to keep an airship of the R 34 type afloat with hydrogen gas.

Cosmopolitan.—Mr. J. W. Davis, the new American ambassador in London, has English, Scotch, Irish and Welsh blood in his veins.

From War to Peace.—To ward off spring frosts smoke bombs are to be used by fruit growers.

Clearing Up.—The Alexandra Palace, which has been used for interning Germans, will not be ready for the public use for several months.

How Did They Die?—Ten head of cattle have died in a mysterious manner on a Leighton Buzzard farm.

Workless.—Because a Kensington ex-soldier could not find employment he jumped in front of a train on the Tube and was killed.

Why Not?—Free passes on all the omnibus, tramway and Tube companies systems for disabled men are being asked for.

More Trains.—The Great Eastern Railway Company are running 3,894 more trains than at the signing of the armistice.

Blown Off.—A gust of wind blew a Garstang man from his bicycle. He sustained fatal injuries.

Generous Farmers.—British farmers have sent 37 shorthorn bulls, 266 heifers and 1,000 head of poultry to peasants who are returning to their farms in the battle zone.

Idle Looms.—There are 730,000 looms idle in Lancashire.

More Tonnage.—Tyne shipowners are about to construct a new shipyard at Hebburn.

Treasury Obdurate.—Contributions to local authorities toward the cost of dismantling air raid shelters are being refused by the Treasury.

League of Tanks.—General Sir Ivor Maxse, G.O.C., Northern Command, says a League of Tanks is preferable to a League of Nations.

Committed for trial.—Charged with embezzling funds for use in case of invasion, an ammunition inspector has been committed for trial at Lincoln.

For the "Kids."—Bethnal Green Borough Council suggests a juvenile library as a war memorial.

Without Teachers.—Peterborough elementary schools have had to be closed, owing to the absence of teachers.

The Censorship.—Rome has abolished the censorship, and Paris is expected to do the same before the 14th.

Saved.—Descending a disused pit shaft at High Spen, Co. Durham, a scout rescued a lad who was unconscious.

No Entente.—The French Government have decided not to resume diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

Moving.—The Prime Minister will go to his new house at Cobham on his return from his holiday. He has given up that at Walton Heath.

Blacksmith to Jeweller.—A disabled soldier, who was former y a blacksmith, exhibited some delicate jewellery at the L.C.C. Central School of Arts and Crafts.

Double Grievance.—Mr. Bottomley contends that many are withholding subscriptions from the new War Loan because of the shortage of beer and high railway fares.

Apology for Suicide.—"Please forgive me what I am going to do—I am growing quite ugly; I am not worthy the name of mother," was the last message of a suicide.

"Retire, Please!"—Prospective buyers at a sale in Derbyshire resented the presence of Mr. E. T. Hooley, the financier, and he was obliged to leave.

Pensions: — Good News.—The pensions to widows of officers and men killed in previous wars, and disablement pensions are to be increased.

Stage-Managed Suicide.—A gunner on the cruiser Concord, left a revolver, with a piece of paper attached to it, on the edge of a cliff, to convey the idea that he had committed suicide.

Raised the Roof.—The victory shout of the French cavalry after their charge at the London Military Tournament was something to remember.

Added Verses.—Two new verses of the National Anthem are being sung at the Thanksgiving Service for Peace held at St. Paul's Cathedral to-day.

THE NEW TEMPLE OF LIFE.

Christ the only Foundation.

(BY A CORRESPONDENT.)

Many great truths be hidden for want of expression, and human beings were never more in need of the help and guidance of great truths adequately expressed, than they are at present.

We are on the threshold of a new epoch in the history of man and everything in the future depends upon the wisdom, and foresight, of those who are now laying the foundations.

Humanity has passed through the labour and travail of a new birth — and this newborn thing which we call the New Age must be "trained in the way it should go".

There are rivals system by which it can be educated, but there is a danger that old prejudices, old antipathies, old jealousies, may cure right judgment in the choice.

These are days of grave responsibilities which every individual man must recognise for the sake of posterity as well as for the present generation.

"A Time like this demands high thoughts, great minds, and ready hands,
Men whom the lust of office will not kill,
Men whom the spoils of office will not buy,
Men who have opinions, and a will,
Men who have honour, men who will not lie."

John Oxenham was inspired when he wrote his foreword to his little book of verse "All Clear", and we may be forgiven, if we repeat his message here.

"Four years of the most hideous warfare the world has ever known — or, we may now hope, is ever likely to know — have razed the Old House of Life to the ground.

The world is still sore cumbered with the ruins, but surely and slowly they are being cleared away and cast on the scrap-heap. Crowns and kingdoms have fallen to the dust.

Those who took the sword, and forced a reluctant world to do the same have fallen by the sword, and for the most part they are powerless for further active ill. For which we are devoutly thankful.

But after the clearance must come the rebuilding, and unless that is done on righteous lines all this horror will have been futile the losses we have suffered both by war and pestilence, will be as nothing compared with the thrown-away future the loss of that which might and ought to be.

The old order can never be renewed. We are grateful, for it was full of evil.

The New Temple of Life must be built on surer foundations, and in all ways builded better. The only foundation is Christ. The only builder is God, through his servants. Anything less is worldloss that may never be retrieved.

Man's refusal of God's proferred way 1900 years ago, was the sorest rebuff He ever received, and the greatest blow. Yet His great offer has never been withdrawn. It still holds good.

Until the world turns from its own ways to His and from the depths of its soul desires Christ back into its life, all its strivings are in vain, blind and futile beatings of the wind and ploughings of the sand.

That is the simple fundamental truth and fact which there is no gainsaying or shirking. We are face to face with it and it means world-life or world-death.

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L/CPL. HOLLOWAY:—There has been no order authorizing the use of a General Service ribbon. Why worry?

"VADIS":—The London address of the magazine "Today" is 29, Bedford street, Strand, W.C.2.

"AMATEUR":—Everything forwarded through the post is liable to be censored.

"W.T.B":—Curtices' Press-Cutting and Information Agency, 4, Ludgate Circus Building, E.C.4.

"FAIRPLAY":—A mistake has been made. Your wife should draw the attention of the Local Employment Exchange to the fact.

"P.A.F.F.":—The order of the British Empire (Classes I, II. and III) is worn before the D.S.O., and the C.M.G is senior to the C.B.E.

"M.M."—The Military Medal is awarded to N.C.O's and men for acts of bravery in the field. In exceptional circumstances it may be awarded to women and foreign persons.

J.Y. IRWIN:—Over the journey from Darlington to York a North-Eastern Railway engine covered 44½ miles at a speed of 67.7 miles per hour. A Great Western railway engine travelling from Paddington to Box (18.35 miles) set up an average of 59.1 miles per hour We have no other records.

"No. 9 SQUADRON":—Waterloo is we think the largest station in the British Isles Any other claims?

L.N.:—The separation allowance of the childless wife of a sergeant is 15/—a week. If for any reason she is unable to work, an addition of 6/6 a week is made by the Local Pension Committee to the flat rate.

"NAVAL":—The Prussian was mined off the Irish coast on October 2.. 1914. The fact was withheld from the general public until the end of last year.

"O.R.":—The full terms of the Army Order regarding demobilization appeared in our issues of July 3rd and 4th.

P.D. REID:—The population of London in 1911 was 7,251,353 and that of Scotland in 1915, 4,785,548

"ROSTER":—The point is when did you join up for service? We know of cases where a matter of two years elapsed between attestation and actual enlistment.

"J.S.N.":—The existing record for the high jump in England is 6 ft 4.38 ins. and for the professional 6ft, 0½ ins

"LUCK":—Special leave over seven days is regarded as an ordinary leave.

"X.Y.Z.":—The Lancashire Fusiliers claim the most V.C.'s with seventeen.

DRIVER J. BAKER:—You are entitled to the bonus from the day of volunteering not from Feb. 1.

Other queries will be dealt with to-morrow. Demobilization questions cannot be replied to: we have no space.—ed.

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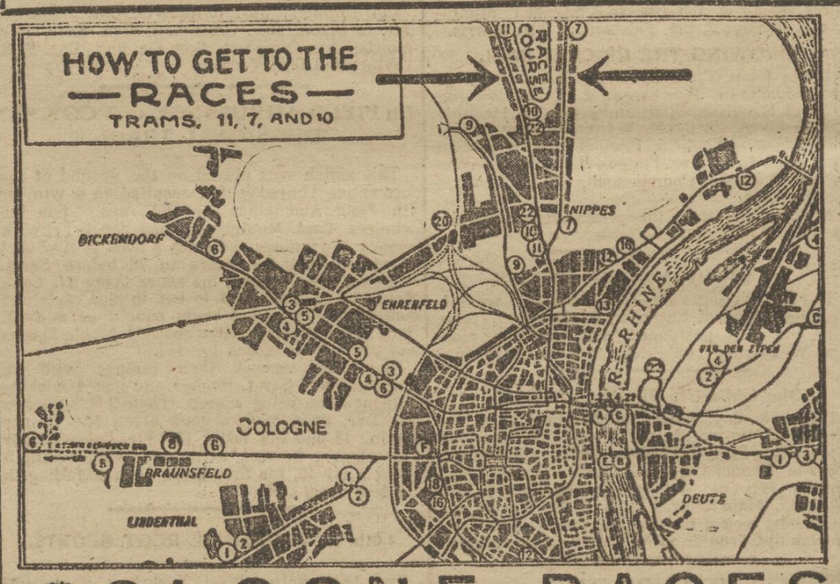

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KEYNOTE OF R.34's TRIUMPH.

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"WE ARE STICKING IT."

WORLD'S RECORD.

R. 34's TOUCH AND GO FINISH TO ATLANTIC CROSSING.

An Air Ministry communique says that the R. 34 safely landed at Mineola, Long Island, at 2 p.m. on Saturday. She has thus accomplished a voyage of over 3,100 nautical miles to the United States — the longest flight ever made by any aircraft — in one hundred and eight hours twelve minutes. She completed the flight under her own power. The destroyers which the American Navy despatched to her assistance as a precautionary measure, in view of the airship's petrol being nearly exhausted, were not utilized. Early this (Saturday) morning a message was sent out from the airship stating that she would make a temporary landing at Montaux Point in order to take aboard more petrol, but it is understood that the British officials at Montaux communicated their opinion to Major Scott, commander of the R. 34, that it would be better if possible for the airship to continue its journey without making a halt. The commander acted on the suggestion and happily found that he had just enough petrol to complete the journey.

CALL FOR HELP.

After a remarkable voyage across the Atlantic, which included detours to avoid bad weather patches and the traversing of a thick fog bank, the R. 34 was compelled to call for assistance on Friday afternoon when she was still some five hundred miles short of New York. At the time of the call Major Scott, the commander, was merely anxious about his petrol supply. His messages gave no indication of mechanical trouble. Towards the end of the journey strong head winds were encountered which probably compelled the expenditure of greater power.

On receipt of the call for help two destroyers were immediately sent from Machasy Bay main. The airship was informed accordingly and she acknowledged the signal. Great trouble was experienced in locating the exact position of the airship owing to the difficulty of communicating with Bar Harbour.

"WE ARE STICKING IT."

At four o'clock on Saturday morning the naval authorities picked up a message from the airship which gave the exact position and said:

"Flying 1,500 feet. Come and meet us. Making for Boston. Very short petrol."

At 5.10 a.m. a further message was received which ran:

"Now approaching Marchas Vineyard. We are sticking it. Think we will be O.K. This position is 150 miles from Long Island."

Then followed a further message timed 5.3.

"Will land at Montauk and take on petrol. This is about 80 miles from Long Island."

ROYAL CONGRATULATIONS.

As soon as the news of the airship's arrival at its destination was received in London, H.M. the King sent the following telegram to the officer commanding. "Heartiest congratulations to yourself and crew on your splendid achievement and best wishes for a safe return. Your flight marks the beginning of a new era in which the English speaking peoples, already drawn together in war, will be even more closely united in peace."

Other congratulatory messages were sent by Mr. Winston Churchill, Secretary of State for War and General Sykes, of the Air Council and Chief of Air Staff.

When the R. 34 was at a height of 1000 feet, just prior to landing, Major Pritchard leapt from one of the gondolas with a parachute and landed safely in the centre of the field exclaiming "Golly, but I'm glad to get ashore. I feel fine but a trifle stiff."

Major Scott said briefly:

"We took longer than we expected, but there was never any doubt at any time but we would get here. We are very proud to have connected Britain and America, and to have returned the call of Commander Read."

Cheers from thousands of throats greeted the arrival of the airship, which descended very gracefully. Two hundred bluejackets and soldiers assisted the crew in mooring the giant dirigible and making all fast. Simultaneously a military band which was stationed in the reviewing stand, played the British National Anthem, all standing to attention.

The American Press and leading aeronauts acclaim the arrival of the R. 34 as the harbinger of a fleet of passenger carrying airships which, within the next five years, will negotiate the Atlantic passage with the regularity of the steamship services.

LIVING IN THE KEEL.

General Maitland, the official British observer on the airship, has written the log history of the trip, and as the result of the voyage much other invaluable data has been collected.

"Life in the keel of the large airship" he says, "is by no means unpleasant. There is very little noise and vibration, except directly over the engines, also a total absence of wind, and, except at the early hours of dawn, greater warmth than in the surrounding atmosphere. Getting into one's hammock is rather an acrobatic feat, especially if the hammock is slung high, but this becomes easy with practice.

"Preventing oneself from falling out is the thing one must be careful about. In a service airship like the R 34 there is only a thin outer cover of fabric on the underside of the keel on each side of the walking way, and the luckless individual who tips out of his hammock would in all probability break right through this and soon find himself in the Atlantic.

"It is surprising the amount of exercise one can get on board an aiship of this size. The keel is about 600 feet long, and one is constantly running about from one end to the other. There are also the steps in the vertical ladder to the top of the ship for those who feel energetic or have any duty up there. By the time it comes to one's turn to go to bed one generally finds that one is very sleepy, and the warmth of the sleeping-bag and the hum of the engines soon bring sleep."

N.C.4 COMMANDER'S VIEWS.

Commander Read, who took the N.C. 4 across the Atlantic, was among those who greeted the officers of the R 34.

He made the following statement:

"Since the N. C. 4 crossed the Atlantic there have been two other successful attempts. The most important of these three flights was that of R 34. A delay of a day or two meant nothing to her, but to us it would have been fatal.

"The rigid airship has a great future, and it is my deepest hope that British and Americans will push the development of aircraft to the utmost. If we in America do not, we hope that the British will, both for the sake of the art itself, and also to provide a buffer between us and our next enemy, in the same way as during the late war the British Navy stood between us and Germany."

General Maitland said it was intended that the R 34 should start for home at the earliest possible moment, but that she might be unable to leave before 2 a.m. on Tuesday.

In his log he describes the daily routine in addition to recording the events and incidents of the voyage.

HOHENZOLLERNS.

KAISER'S YOUNGER SONS APPEAL TO KING GEORGE.

According to a Berlin message received on Saturday, the ex-Kaiser's younger sons have addressed a telegram to King George, offering to surrender themselves in their father's place, should he be extradited in order to save him from the ignominy of a public trial.

The telegram was couched in the following terms:— "Fulfilling my natural duty as son and officer I put myself with my four younger brothers at the disposal of your Majesty in the place of my royal father in the event of an extradition in order to spare him the sacrifice of a dishonourable step.

In the names of the Princes Adalbert, August Wilhelm, Oskar, Joachim of Prussia.

(Signed) Eitel Friedrich.

The Crown-Prince does not show such filial solicitude, being greatly concerned on his own account. According to a Dutch message he declares that he will never fall alive into the hands of the Allies. Speaking to a Dutch functionary he said "The Allies can only have my dead body. I will myself decide on my life or death."

TRIBUNAL UNRESTRICTED.

The tribunal which will try the Kaiser, "The Daily Chronicle" declares, will be absolutely free to inflict on him any penalty which they think fit, even death. There is no truth in the statement so widely circulated that the consent of the representatives of the United States was only obtained to the trial of Wilhelm the Second on the condition that a death sentence was not to be passed.

The demand for the surrender of the Kaiser has been made to the Dutch government jointly by all the Powers of the Entente. The attitude of the Dutch government is understood to be that while protesting as a sovereign power against what is felt in Holland to be a breach of the right of asylum, it does not feel itself in a position to resist the demand of the Powers. There seems to be no doubt that the Imperial criminal will be handed over to the British authorities, Holland making clear her position in the matter.

At Amsterdam it is now regarded as certain that the question of the extradition of the ex-Kaiser will be decided by a court of justice at Utrecht. A prominent Dutch lawyer declared yesterday that the laws of the country do not provide for an extradition warrant, except in the case of certain crimes, with none of which the ex-Kaiser can be charged.

ITALIAN PROFITEERS.

PILLAGERS FORCE REDUCTION OF PRICES.

The pillaging of food shops at Florence continued on Saturday, with the result that many tradesmen resorted to selling their goods at pre-war prices. Soldiers have occupied the town.

Similar steps were taken at Palermo, where people started pillaging the shops in the main streets. Rome merchants have decided to reduce the price of all goods except luxuries by fifty per cent.

GERMAN RAILWAY STRIKE SPREADS.

The railway strike in Germany has now extended to that portion of the district of Mainz, which is not in the occupied zone of the Allies. Negotiations between the men's leaders and the Hesse Government failed to reach a satisfactory conclusion.

At Hamm, near Muenster, and at Essen fresh rioting has occurred and there has been a recrudescence of the disturbances at Munich.

BATTERED TO DEATH.

ATROCIOUS MURDER IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.

On Friday afternoon Mr. John Thomas Gregory, manager of the Collindale Wine Stores, Collindale-avenue, Hendon, was battered to death with a poker in a room adjoining his shop by an unknown man. People assembled outside heard the blows and saw blood wiped off the windows. Some of them saw a man rush for the backway and escape.

Some time after the murder a man covered with mud, with bloodstained clothes, was in the Burroughs, Hendon (about 1½ mile from the house where the tragedy occurred) inquiring the way to the tube station. It was noticed that his clothing was torn, and it is significant that in some barbed wire at the back of the wine stores pieces of clothing have been found. That is one of the few clues that the police have.

Mr. Gregory, who was between fifty and sixty years of age, had been manager of the premises for about two years, and was last seen alive about three o'clock on Friday afternoon, when the premises had been closed in accordance with the licensing regulations. The sound of a struggle and the breaking of glass were heard by passers-by, and as an entrance was made at the front of the premises a man, described as about twenty-five to thirty years of age, was seen to leave by the back door.

In a room behind the shop, Mr. Gregory was found lying at full length across the fireplace with his head battered almost beyond recognition. On every hand there were signs of a determined struggle. There were pools of blood all over the floor, blood splashes on the walls, the window, and the ceiling, while a pair of tongs, broken in the struggle, a heavy poker, bent nearly double, and a broken wine bottle were lying on the floor. The presence of two wine glasses on the table suggests that the murderer must have been known to Mr. Gregory, and been drinking with him on friendly terms before the crime was committed.

The motive for the murder is uncertain. There was a considerable amount of money in the house, all of which was left untouched, but as the murderer was disturbed this does not prove that Mr. Gregory's assailant was not actuated by a desire to rob him. The wife of the former manager lives in the house, but was not at home on the day of the tragedy.

The police description of the missing man states that he is 25 to 30 years of age, height 5ft. 8in. to 5ft. 10in., of medium build, dressed in a blue suit, light trilby hat, and black shoes. A glimpse of him was obtained by a woman as he appeared at the window, caught hold of the curtains, and drew them close, at the same time rubbing off blood marks on the pane. He was later seen by a young man who lodged in the next house—at the time unaware of the crime—to get over the fence from the garden at the rear of the wine shop and disappear into a passage.

The police theory is that he may be hiding near the scene of the crime, as he could not have proceeded far without attracting attention. It was stated last evening that an important clue had been found which it was hoped would lead to an early arrest.

The inquest, which is to be opened on Tuesday, is not expected to shed much light on the mystery.

MORE CANADIANS FINED.

At Bow-street Police Court on Saturday, Norman Harlingshead, Harry McKay, and Vincent Griffin, Canadian soldiers, were each fined 20s. for being drunk and riotous. Griffin was also ordered to pay £4 for assaulting the police.

On Friday night a policeman spoke to the prisoners and a number of other Canadian soldiers, who were drunk and fighting among themselves in Leicester-square. They refused to go away, and on McKay being arrested an attempt was made to rescue him from custody. Griffin struck Police-constable Miles on the head with a stick, and also punched another constable in the stomach. To protect himself, Miles had to strike Griffin on the head with his truncheon.

MOB-LAW.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO STORM A POLICE STATION.

Two soldiers and two sailors appeared in the dock at Edinburgh police court on Saturday, and were remanded for enquiries in connection with a disturbance at Leith-street the previous night.

Following an arrest which had been made by a military policeman, a hostile crowd of civilians, soldiers and sailors made vigorous attempts at rescue. The city police took the prisoner into their custody, and in order to get him to the station, had to draw their batons and charge the crowd several times.

The mob thereupon armed themselves with stones and bottles, and proceeded to besiege the police station. They were finally dispersed by baton charges after the police had been reinforced from other parts of the city. Five members of the police were injured, two of them seriously.

After the affray, three hundredweight of broken bottles and stones were swept up in the vicinity of the station.

HANDLEY PAGE CRASHES.

The British Handley Page machine, which was proceeding to New York having abandoned the Atlantic flight, landed in the streets of Parrsborough (Nova Scotia) at 5.30 this morning.

She was forced to descend owing to an oil tube bursting. Her crew are injured. Her undercarriage is badly damaged.

She is now standing on end with the pilot house smashed and the right wing slightly damaged.

Herr Adolf Weissler, author of a history of jurisprudence, having left instructions that on his grave, "One who did not wish to survive Germany's dishonour" should be inscribed, has committed suicide.

PEACE.

CHURCHES COMBINE IN NATIONAL THANKSGIVING.

Sunday was by Royal Proclamation set apart for peace thanksgiving. A united service for all branches of the Protestant Church was held in the Church of England Military Church, Schildergasse, in the morning. The Commander-in-Chief, Sir William Robertson, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., and the Military Governor, Sir Charles Fergusson, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., were present with many members of their staffs. The Right Hon. H. H. Asquith was also in attendance.

The service was conducted by the Assistant Chaplain General, the Rev. F. J. Anderson, C.M.G. The Assistant Principal Chaplain, the Rev. F. W. Stewart, C.B.E., preached a sermon on a text taken from Jeremiah: "Ye that have escaped the sword, go ye, stand not still; remember the Lord from afar, and let Jerusalem come into your mind."

The Military church was filled to its utmost capacity and the service was appropriate to a great national occasion.

THE KING AT ST PAUL'S.

His Majesty King George V., Queen Mary and other members of the Royal family were present on Sunday morning at the National Thanksgiving for the restoration of peace held at St Paul's Cathedral.

Long before the service was timed to commence the Cathedral was crowded with worshippers, and thousands of others were unable to gain admission. Before entering the Cathedral the King stood on the steps while the Archbishop of Canterbury conducted a short open air service. The massed bands of the Brigade of Guards, attired in their gorgeous peace-time uniforms were present and played the "Old Hundredth" which was fervently taken up by the many thousands gathered around the Cathedral.

After the special prayers had been offered the procession was reformed and entered the Cathedral, where the service was most impressive. The nave was occupied by soldiers and sailors who had served overseas, together with detachments of the various women's corps.

The sermon was preached by the Archbishop, who, in striking phrases, dwelt on the vicissitudes of the war through which they had gone, and said that though the pathway of peace might be rugged we could go forward in thankfulness and hope. The service lasted for one hour, and at the close the National Anthem was sung and a great fanfare of trumpets sounded.

On emerging from the Cathedral the Royal party waited on the steps while the Guards' Band again played the National Anthem. The crowd sang heartily the two new verses which were written with the idea of widening the scope of the words.

HUGE OPEN AIR SERVICE.

There was an impressive scene in Trafalgar Square on Sunday afternoon when representatives of all religious denominations combined in a special thanksgiving service for peace.

The Square was more than filled with worshippers. They overflowed the walls and terraces until the Square presented a veritable sea of faces. Addresses were given by the Bishop of London, Dr. Scott Lidgett, Canon Fleming and Mrs. Booth, wife of General Booth. Led by bands, the whole-hearted singing of the vast concourse of people was profoundly moving and impressive.

CAPTAIN FRYATT.

MILITARY HONOURS AS THE BODY LEAVES FOR ENGLAND.

The body of Captain Fryatt was on Saturday evening conveyed with all due honour to the station at Bruges for removal to England.

It had been dis-interred on Friday from the spot which the Belgians had marked with jealous care, and was at once identified by his brother William Fryatt. A company of eight sergeants of the Liverpool Scottish bore the body to the Seat of the Provincial Government, where, draped in the Red Ensign and surrounded by British and Belgian national flags, it lay in state. On Saturday morning many thousands of the citizens of Bruges and other cities passed before the catafalque.

At 12.15 p.m. a procession was formed outside the Provincial Government building, and when the coffin was carried out into the square, the troops presented arms, a military band played the British National Anthem, and the bells tolled. At the head of the procession rode mounted gendarmes, followed by the banners of the town guilds, a military band, and a detachment of troops. Following the coffin, which was covered with a Union Jack, were Captain Fryatt's brother, the British Minister, General Lyons, the Belgian Minister, M. Ruzette, the Governor of the Province, the General Commanding the Garrison, Captain Hartnell, the Senior British Officer in Brussels, the representatives of the Great Eastern Railway Company, the Burgomaster and Aldermen, the Magistrates, the Provincial Council, the Officers of the Communal Council, and the Consular Body. All along the route, an enormous crowd watched the procession in respectful and sympathetic silence.

At the station the body was placed in a special train which left at 12.20 p.m. for Antwerp. Captain Fryatt's brother, the British Minister, General Lyons, and the representatives of the Great Eastern Railway Company travelled by the same train. As it left, the troops again presented arms and the band played the British National Anthem.

The body of Captain Fryatt was landed at Dover about four o'clock yesterday afternoon. It was taken across from Antwerp by the destroyer Orpheus, which had two other destroyers of the Dover patrol as an escort.

The coffin will be taken to London to-day. Flags flying from buildings on the route to be traversed by the funeral procession will be lowered to half-mast during the passing of the cortège.

HONOURING THEIR OWN.

LONDON'S GREAT WELCOME TO LONDON REGIMENTS.

On Saturday detachments of City and County of London troops marched past the King at Buckingham Palace and thence through the City. Large crowds welcomed these 15,000 or 20,000 London Territorial soldiers.

The troops dispersed at Tower-hill after an impressive march. The weather, dull at the beginning, improved later, gleams of sunshine fortunately coming instead of the downpour which the heavy clouds had portended.

Just before 11.30 the King came to the saluting-point. With him were the Queen, Queen Alexandra, the Prince of Wales, Prince Albert, Princess Mary, the Princess Royal, Princess Maud, Princess Helena Victoria and others. His Majesty wore field-marshal's uniform. Below the dais in the middle of a row of generals stood Mr. Winston Churchill.

The bands played "God Save the King," and the march immediately began. First marched 100 nurses who had rendered service in the war. Next, after an imposing display of laurelled colours, came the senior London regiment of Royal Fusiliers; then the Honourable Artillery Company, infantry and artillery; afterwards other regiments of Fusiliers, the Surreys, the London Scottish, the Rifle Brigade, the City of London Yeomanry (Rough Riders) on black chargers lent them by the Life Guards, the Engineers, and, at the rear, the Transport and Supply, the Field Ambulance, Brigade, and the Territorial Veterinary Corps.

To describe them all would be a long task; but so that the spectators should know who they were, each detachment carried a pennon, on which was inscribed the name and number.

It was a most imposing march throughout. Afterwards various luncheons and celebrations were held. To the Lord Mayor, the King sent the following telegram:

"It gave me great pleasure to review this morning, representative units of the City and County of London, and I congratulate all concerned on the excellent arrangements. I was much struck by the smart appearance of all ranks, and I was especially glad to see on parade so many demobilized men. London may well be proud of her citizens, who in every theatre of war have nobly upheld the honour of the Capital of the Empire."

LOYAL NORTH LANCS.

PRESENTATION OF COLOURS TO THE 12th BATTALION.

The consecration and presentation of the Union flag to the 12th Bn. The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment took place on the Hofgarten, Bonn on Saturday, 5th July.

After being inspected by Lieut. General Sir T.L.N. Morland, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding the Tenth Corps, the battalion formed hollow square, and the impressive consecration service was conducted by Rev. Hope. The commanding officer, Lieut.-Colonel R. T. Pelly, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., delivered a short address on the history of the battalion since its formation by Lord Derby in 1915.

The Colours were then presented by Lieut. General Sir T.L.N., Morland, who described the regiment as unique in that it was the only regiment in the Army bearing the title of "Loyal." It was a record of which they ought to be proud, and the honours emblazoned on the colours of the regular battalions testify to sacrifices made and to duty nobly done. In Canada the regiment earned the title of "Wolfe's Own" at the storming of Quebec, and in the Penisular war, the Crimea, the Indian mutiny and Afghanistan it had borne itself with great distinction.

Colours, he said, are a symbol of duty towards our King and country, and he felt sure that nothing would ever be done to bespoil or dishonour the flag itself or the memory of those whose sacrifice in the cause had been the greatest.

The battalion then re-formed and marched past with the colours flying.

At the luncheon which was held after the ceremony, the old regimental motto "Loyauté m'oblige" was adopted by the battalion.

CANADIAN WHEAT.

HARVEST PROSPECTS RUINED BY DROUGHT.

Canadian members of Parliament who represent Western districts are receiving from their constituents alarming reports about the condition of the crops in Alberta and Saskatchewan, the great wheat growing lands.

It is estimated that the yield will be reduced by fifty per cent. in consequence of prolonged drought. The outlook in Manitoba, however, is excellent.

EXTENSION OF SERVICE.

The Army Council have decided that any soldier who re-enlisted under Army Order 4 of 1919 for approximately two years, or under Army Order 124 or 125 of 1919 for two years and three months, may, if he so desires, be permitted to extend that period to March 31, 1922, or March 31, 1923, but that he will receive no additional furlough or bounty on that account.

PROPELLERS AS SOUVENIRS.

Anybody who wants an aeroplane propeller as a souvenir can buy one for a few shillings at the showrooms of the Aircraft Disposal Department, York House, Kingsway, W.C.2.

The propellers, which are quite new, are made of the finest walnut and mahogany, and can be used for a variety of purposes such as hat stands with a clock or barometer inserted in the boss, and can also be made into picture frames, jewel and clock cases. The four-bladed ones are being sold at 30s. and the two-bladed at 25s.

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WAR AND LEARNING.

At last the university is winning its rightful place in society. Never before has it bulked so largely in the vision of the populace, never before has its claims and ideals received so much sympathetic attention.

It is one of history's ironies that war which has so often been the foe of letters has now helped the cause of learning. One of the few blessings of five years' tragedy has been the discovery that a soldier's training is incomplete when it does not include the study of books.

It is auspicious that Sir Henry Wilson, Chief of the Imperial Staff, welcomed the conference on Imperial education which was held in England a short time ago—a conference arranged by a committee representing not the Board of Education, but the War Office.

This change in the military tradition of England gives point to Mr. Herbert Fisher's declaration that "the invention of education in the Army is an invention hardly second in importance to the invention of fire-arms." The outcome of the invention, should be that when a man has served his country as a soldier he should resume his civil occupation without handicap.

The new view and new ideal of education demand alteration of academic perspective and recasting of ancient institutions. In days when each army has its secondary school and its university it is impossible to give to such foundations their old place and meaning.

A university need not now be a temple of letters, hoary in fame and tradition, which consecrates the banks of an Isis or a Cam. It may adorn the Hansa Ring of Cologne, the training-fields of Aldershot, the busy streets of an industrial English town, or even the shell factory of Siegburg.

The sweep of democracy is wide, and no longer can even ancient homes of learning keep strait gates before an awakened populace. It is a sign of the times that Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch has already proposed drastic changes for his own university. He would have a Cambridge that welcomes the working-man.

RHINE SHOTS AT BISLEY.

The best wishes for the success of all men serving with the Army of the Rhine will go with those who have been selected to try their skill on the classic ranges at Bisley.

We understand that there are three hundred entries from the Army of the Rhine, and that the twenty that picked shots from these will compete for the coveted and greatest honour of all — the King's Prize.

Of one thing we may be sure. It will be a vastly different Bisley meeting from that of pre-war days. For the first time, women, as becomes the times in which we live, will pit their skill with the rifle against mere man, while representatives of the newest of our militant forces — the R.A.F. will make their debut as expert rifleshots.

Apart from these progressive features we look for a highly successful meeting. The importance of accurate and good shooting cannot be gainsaid It never had a higher value than at the present time and it is only by such meetings as that at Bisley, can we find inspiration and the desire to excel in this essentially national sport.

The doings of the officers and men of the Rhine Army will be closely followed and we wish them all the success they deserve.

THE "COMMON" SOLDIER.

The use by a very learned judge of the term "common soldier", has drawn forth many protests. To which we would like to add our own. With every good intention in the world we suggest that many public men either through lack of tact or inability to appreciate the working of the mind of others in different walks of life, make use of terms which should be relegated to the scrap heap.

The term "common soldier," if it ever had any meaning, has even less to-day, and its use from the Bench might well be avoided.

"First a chaplain, then a stockbroker's clerk and then a common soldier," Mr. Justice Horridge is reported to have said anent the varied career of an ex-Army chaplain, thus, unwittingly perhaps giving offence to many officers and men of the Army of the Rhine.

"Two officers of the old 29th Division", who doubtless recall with pride their days spent as a "common soldier" have taken up the cudgels on behalf of that much maligned individual, and remind Mr. Justice Horridge, that he, in common with the rest of the population of the Empire, was very thankful to accept the protection of the man who quitted the domestic hearth to go and fight.

There is to our minds very little in it, but with so many prepared to take such a term at its literal value we suggest that it be regarded as obsolete.

In no manner of means can the wearer of khaki be regarded as "common". Rather is he an individual whose standing should be a passport to the best which our social fabric has to offer.

A FRUIT WARNING.

Is there anyone in the British Rhine Army who has not noticed the great number of fruit trees in the orchards and along the sides of nearly all the roads in the country districts?

Is there anyone who has not thought to himself what a good time he will have when the fruit is ripe, or wondered how much longer it will be before the fruit is ready to be eaten?

"Prevention is better than cure," is an old maxim, but in recent years it has become more than ever true, and a word of warning about unripe fruit, may not be out of place at the present time.

Since the beginning of the war there has been a large increase in the amount of dysentery in the Rhine area, and although the war is now at an end, the germs of dysentery are still in their old haunts.

It is therefore urgent that every member of the British Rhine Army should be on his guard against dysentery, so after a consultation with a well-known medical officer, we are able to give a few tips which will help to ward off this unpleasant and dangerous disease.

Don't eat food unless your hands are clean. Don't eat fruit or salad unless it has been cooked or rinsed well in clean water. Don't eat unripe fruit or other indigestible food. Don't let flies, dust, etc., carry the germs on to your food. Don't lose any time in reporting sick to your medical officer, if you have a severe attack of colic with diarrhoea. Then, if you take these precautions, you should be able to ward of dysentery.

SALIENT SHADOWS.

Some said that she had a magnetic attraction for him. It may have been so. At any rate from the day he first saw her coming along the road he was filled with admiration, and did not in any way attempt to conceal it from us.

The result of their meeting had rather the opposite effect on him. Hitherto he had been silent, sometimes even morose. But now the world, more especially his world, seemed to hold illimitable possibilities. With her what could he not do!

At the breaking of dawn he was at her side and when the lines of daylight gave way to the darkness nothing less than a direct order would tempt him to depart from her.

Well, I remember his first words on making her acquaintance,. "Ain't she a beauty, lads!" But we didn't respond to his enthusiasm.

"Just look at her carriage." And of course being mere men, we did.

"Lads I would like to hear her speak."

Well that night she spoke not, but in the morning he had his wish. His admiration knew no bounds—not so us. But then we didn't come under her captivating charm. For us the very sight of her was enough.

We thought she was a haughty piece and looked upon her as a bore. And thus she remained in our estimation whilst some uneventful days passed, until we discovered there was another after her. Somehow this knowledge led us to be more respectful towards her, more tender in our remarks to him.

Alas, her life with us was to be a short one. And as at the grey dawn she came swiftly to us, so when the morning mists were rising she departed.

Only then did we realise what her absence would mean.

He was inconsolable. Yes, Jerry had found, her with an "Armour-piercer." Some high explosive.

She—she was a six inch howitzer. And he—why, he was the limber-gunner.

"WIRDYKNOWL."

OUR NEW CHARGERS.

Excitement and hilarity reigned supreme when the Quartermaster announced after dinner that four new chargers were to shortly arrive in the Battalion, for the respective use of the Padre, Education Officer, Signalling Officer and the Officer i/c Outposts.

The excitement was shared by the four would-be recipients of such handsome presents, for they had visions, and such mixed ones too, of highly-polished field boots and sparkling spurs, such as are only worn by the most immaculate R.T.O. or Divisional Gas Officer.

The hilarity was of course shared by the remaining members of our H.Q. Mess, who foresaw Little Tich, our signalling officer, precariously balanced on the back of some enormous beast, fearful lest it should suddenly call to mind the day when it ran first in the Lincoln Handicap.

The Padre was not so disquieted. He assured everybody that he was never so much at home as when steering the very fleetest of horses towards the winning post. He even promised to instruct the other less fortunate beings in the art of "pumbing" and on the following day despatched his batman to Cologne to purchase a pair of the most ornamental spurs procurable.

The Education Officer related his riding class experiences at Canterbury and appeared to satisfy the very sceptical transport officer that at least one of the four could be trusted to get there if occasion arose.

But inwardly the E.O. was not other confident; the whole picture of his riding class days came before him, and he could hear the unkind remarks of the cavalry sergeant still ringing in his ears, "Don't throttle him, Sir"; "When you goes over his head Sir, drop on your feet, Sir."

The Outpost merchant declared that he would never again mount such a ferocious beast, a, only six weeks ago he had nearly got a "Blighty," only his trusty charger was considerate and deposited his load in six feet of water.

Upon the C.O. insisting that he would have to attend riding classes, he thereupon repaired him to his room and compiled an application for immediate demobilization on compassionate grounds.

It has since come to light that he has an affair of the heart and intends to run no risks, as his turn for leave is not very far distant.

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The beasts have arrived and there are two officers who pass very sleepless nights, planning how to escape from the merciless Transport Sergeant the following morning. The Padre has let fall a secret and has been requested to alter a certain page in his A.B. 439. The Outpost officer has gone to England via Rotterdam and has reported his safe arrival at the Abode of Love.

C.C.I.

TIPPERARY.

In those earlier days how the strains of "Tipperary" thrilled us. It was the marching song of the old "Contemptibles" and, for ever its lilt will bring to our minds those wonderful men who smote, and stayed the greatest war machine the world has ever seen.

Its tune may not be the acme of musical art, its words not the best of verse, but we confess to a feeling of regret that such a friend should be so neglected as it is in these more prosperous days.

Neglected! did we say? yea, but not forgotten. This fact was brought home to us by a remarkable scene to be seen in Marzellen Strasse. The actors were two German girls, with guitars, and the audience was made up of British soldiers from the neighbouring hostels.

As we approached within hearing distance, the memorable strains reached our ears. The sight that met our eyes, however, was astounding, for, of a verity, those two frauleins were playing and singing "Tipperary." We gasped, so did our men for an instant, and then there rolled out the familiar and well-loved chorus from scores of throats. In fact the whole street became "Tipperaryised."

What visions it conjured up! The old sixth Division route marches o'er the flats of Cambridgeshire, seasoned warriors soon to play their glorious part; the blue-coated New Army born before its clothes had been prepared; the earlier batches of cadets, thrilled with the patriotism that helped to save our country; and all bound together in a common brotherhood by the strains of a not otherwise remarkable song. And once more, through the glare of Victory, we saw the tears rolling down the cheeks of the mothers and wives and sweethearts as they listened to the marching song which might mean farewell.

Its not so far to Tipperary now. Many have travelled far beyond its borders, down to the end of the "Long, Long Trail," but we shall regret the day when "Tipperary," and all it connoted in those early days has become forgotten.

"OLD GUARD."

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX

Our Readers' Varied Views.

WANTS ROLLER SKATING.

Sir,—I notice that there is a rumour of a Skating ring being opened at Bonn.

Is there any hope of a similar amusement starting in Cologne? I should very much like to see one opened, and I am sure there must be quite a number of rinking enthusiasts here.

"H.J.W.W."

BRITISH v. GERMAN TRAMS.

Sir, — I agree with "T.H." that English electric trains are in no way inferior to the German.

Personally, I think the Cologne and Bonn trains are too heavily constructed, and therefore a greater amount of power is consumed than there should be.

If "J.H." would ponder a few minutes on the subject of the Manchester to Bury lines, he will probably remember that those trains are fed by a live rail, running alongside the track.

"C.S."

MARRYING GERMAN GIRLS.

Sir,—I notice with great satisfaction the letter from "Concordia Victrix" as to "Marriage with Germans." The point therein quoted, "A man shall not marry a German woman," must surely be every true Englishman's law.

It seems impossible to me that any man who has ever been in the firing line, could ever dream of it.

Besides what about the thousands of nice unmarried girls at home; are not they entitled to a little consideration?

AN ENGLISHMAN.

WHY "COMMON"?

Sir,—I notice that Mr. Justice Horridge referred to a man who had been a chaplain and appeared in a divorce suit, as a "common" soldier. I should very much like a definition of that opprobrious term which should never be used in these days.

Does Mr. Justice Horridge know, that it was men whom he stigmatises as "common" soldiers who saved him from the same fate as hundreds of French and Belgian civilians. Men who perished for England at Mons, the Marne, the Somme, Ypres, deserve a better name than this.

X.Y.Z.

STOPPING EXPRESS TRAINS.

Sir — With regard to T.O.C's letter as to express-trains between Bonn and Cologne stopping at Marienburg.

If he had used his brain, though it is quite evident he did not, he would have seen that the point at issue is, that the trains should stop at Rodenkirchen Station. By all means let them stop at Marienburg as well, if the conductor wishes to telephone. I humbly apologise to T.O.C. for not using my eyes!

I do not know anything about the technical working of the train system, and of course there may be some electrical impossibility, which prevents the trains stopping at Rodenkirchen Station. Is there?

"BOGEY."

THE WORKERS' SURROUNDINGS.

Sir,—I could not help thinking as I reviewed from a height the district around Ohligs, and realised that this district is the centre of Germany's great steel industry, how its cleanliness and beauty of surroundings contrast with the unwholesome atmosphere and miserable dwellings of many of our great industrial centres at home.

All around this district the mass of factories shows the extent of its industry. Yet, when strolling the neighbourhood many will comment on the beautiful gardens, well built houses and clean streets.

There, hardly a stone's throw from the factory gates, its workers find peace and pleasure amid pleasant lanes and beautiful woods. Gardens around a factory; except in one or two attempts at "garden cities" in England, rarely did our imagination ever conceive of such Utopian ideas.

"LOWLAND."

SERVICE MEN AT HENLEY.

Sir,—The action of the Henley Stewards in debarring the ex-service men's eight from competing at Henley must have disgusted all fair-minded Britishers.

To my mind, it is an act of snobbery almost without parallel, and a direct insult to these men, who although good enough to fight for their country, are not good enough to compete in a branch of its sport with men, who may be their social, but are certainly not their manly superiors.

A. G. VERE L/Cpl.
No. 1 Light Rly. Sig. Coy.

MORE ABOUT ENGLISH GIRLS.

Sir,—I would like to know if any of our readers can fathom why we are treated with cold disdain by many of our own girls when on leave at home.

They seem to prefer the company of men from the overseas Dominions. Why is it? Can it be a question of money?

I was quite in sympathy with the officer who wrote you a few days ago and said he was disgusted with the goings on of the girls at home.

To me it does not seem a wonder that so many of our Tommies prefer French, Belgian or — may I say it? — even German girls; after the way that the English girls have grown towards those who have been out here for their sakes and the homeland for four weary years?

"A MUSICIAN."

OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Sir,—Soon after I read the letter about our National Anthem I heard the band of a battalion of Durhams marching through Cologne playing "Land of Hope and Glory."

It struck me at once that here we have ready to hand, a magnificent rousing air that would be ideal for the National Anthem of the British Empire.

It is almost as inspiring as the unsurpassed "Marseillaise" and infinitely superior to the Hanoverian dirge with antiquated and rather puerile words we have to put up with. It is a tune not calculated to arouse patriotic enthusiasm and I think should be "scrapped."

THOROUGHBRED.

ABSENCE.

Here, ever since you went abroad
If there be change, no change I see:
I only walk our wonted road,
The road is only walked by me.

Yes; I forgot; A change there is —
Was it of that you bade me tell?
I catch at times, at times I miss
The sight, the tone I know so well.

Only two months since you stood here?
Two shortest months? Then tell me why
Voices are harsher than they were
And tears are longer ere they dry.

WALTER SAVAGE LANDOR.

Amateur Athletic Championships.

REMARKABLE RESULTS.

COLONIALS AND SWEDES IN FINE FORM AT STAMFORD BRIDGE.

A very successful meeting was held by the Amateur Athletic Association at Stamford Bridge on Saturday, when there was a remarkable entry from various parts of the world. The following were the results:—

100 Yards:—Hill, Surrey; Lindsay, New Zealand; D'Arcy Poly. Ten secs.

120 Yards Hurdles:—Wilson, New Zealand; Gray Salford; Kidnell, New Zealand. 15 4/5 secs.

Half Mile:—Hill, Poly; Bolin, Swedish A.A.; Sweet, Surrey. 1. min 55 1/5 secs.

220 yards:—Hill, Poly; Edwards, Poly; Lindsay, N.Z. 22 3/5 secs.

Two Mile Steeple-chase:—Hodge, Surrey; Cummings, Surrey; Crusia, Birchfield H; 11 mins. 53 3/5 secs.

Pole Jump:—Hogstrom, Norwegian A.A. 11 feet; Petersen, Danish A.A. 10 feet 9 inches.

MILE RUN IN 4 MIN. 21 1/5 secs.

UNIVERSITY ATHLETES GIVE GOOD ACCOUNT OF THEMSELVES.

Mile:—Hill; Lundgren, Swedish A.A.; Gunn, Birchfield. 4 min. 21 1/5 secs.

Two Miles Walk:—Bridge, Lancashire, 1[illegible] mins. 8 2/5 secs; Rasmussen, Danish A.A.; Dowse, Uxbridge.

Quarter Mile:—Butler C.U.A.C.; Engdahl, Swedish A.A.; Griffith, Surrey 49 4/5 secs.

Throwing the Hammer:—Midtguard 144 feet 4 in; Capt. Freeborn, C.U.A.C.

High Jump:—Baker, Liverpool, 5 feet. 11 ins; Hogstrom, Poly; Carroll, Poly.

Putting the Weight:—Jansen, Swedish A.A. 42 feet 7 ins. Woods, C.U.A.C; Lieut. Hamilton R.A.S.C.

Long Jump:—Peterson, Swedish A.A. 23 feet 6 3/4 ins. Halliburton, Surrey; Southee C.U.A.C.

Four Miles:—Blackman, Swedish A.A.; Glover, Hallamshire; Rogers, Sefton, 19 min. 55 2/5 secs.

Mile Relay:—Poly Harriers; Surrey A.C.; Kings College, 3 min. 37 4/5 secs.

AN ALL-ROUND ATHLETE.

481 SIEGE BATTERY'S SUCCESSFUL SPORTS AT RÖTTGEN.

An exceedingly interesting and successful sports meeting, organised by 481 Siege Battery, R.G.A., was concluded at Röttgen on Wednesday. There was a big attendance, keen contests were witnessed, and the band of the Lancashire Fusiliers from Bonn, kindly lent their presence, and discoursed sweet music.

From an athletic point of view the outstanding feature of the meeting was the brilliant performance of Gunner R. Burrows, a fine all-round man, who gained premier honours in no less than six events, besides participating in others. He was first in the 100 yards, high jump, long jump, putting the weight, and, with Gunner Meakin, was first in the three-legged race. He cleared 4 ft. 11 ins in the high jump, but was not really extended, for in an exhibition jump, at the end of a long day, and just after negotiating a stiff obstacle race, he made light of 5 ft. 3 ins. Nor is 19 ft. 9 ins., his long jump distance, the best of which he is capable.

Plenty of diversion was created by such events as the sack race, pillow fight, blind fold boxing, obstacle race etc., the latter especially making considerable demands upon the competitors. The general arrangements for the meeting were in the capable hands of B.S.M. Russell, and the following officials ably carried out their duties:—Umpires, Major C.V.S. Skrimshire, M.C.; Lt. Booth, A.S.C.; Timekeeper, Lieut. Hodge, Assistant timekeeper, Lt. Watts; judges, Lt. Mackenzie and Lt. Rathbone,; Starter, Capt. Bingham; stewards, S/Sergt. Shaw, Sergt. Jezard, Bmdr. Yardley, and Gunner Meakin.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

Appended are the results:—

Marathon Race (about 13½ kilos.):—1. Bdr. Jones; 2. Gnr. Clegg; 3. Bdr. Robinson. Time 1 hour. 100 yards flat Race.—1. Gnr. Burrows; 2. Gnr. Smith; 3. Sig. Ormiston; 4. Gnr. Wilde. Time 11 1/5 secs. Putting the Weight:—1. Gnr. Burrows; Gnr. Power; 3. Sig. Ormiston; 4. Pte Julian (A.S.C.) Distance 30 ft. 2 ins. Long Jump:—1. Gnr. Burrows; 2. Gnr. Meakin; 3. Gnr. Cross Distance 19 ft. 9 ins. Three-Legged Race:—1. Gnr Burrows and Meakin; 2. Gnr. Bartlett and Nicholl; 3. Sigs Ledbrooke and Duckworth; 4. Gnrs Green and Sutcliffe. 440 yards Flat Race:—1. Gnr. Burrows; 2. Gnr. Smith; 3. Sergt. Searle; 4. Sig. Ormiston. Time 67 1/5 secs. Sack Race:—1. Bdr. Robinson; 2. Sig. Ledbrooke; 3. Bdr. Brennan. 4. Gnr. Carney.

High Jump:—1. Gnr. Burrows; 2. Gnr. Meakin; 3. Sig. Ormiston; 4. Gnr. Smith. Height 4 ft. 10 ins. Bumping Race:—1. Gnrs. Power and Gilson; 2. Gnr. Meakin and Bdr. Hartley; 3. Gnrs. Holmes and Holford; 4. Gnrs. Blackwood and Walters.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.

1. Gnr. Powell; 2. Gnr. Cross; 3. Gnr. J.D. Jones. 4. Gnr. Sutcliffe. Distance 89½ yards. Tilting the Bucket:—1. Gnrs. Bartlett and Nicholl; 2. Gnrs. Swaine, and Sturdy; 3. Sigs. Clark and Wesson; 4. Bdr. Jones and Sergt. Searle. 1 Mile Flat (open to 32nd Bde.):—1. Bdr. Jones; 2. Sergt. Searle; 3. Gnr. Harrington (all 481 Siege Battery). Time 6 min. 6 2/5 secs. Officer's 100 yards Handicap:—1. Major Skrimshire; 2. Lt. Mackenzie; 3. Lt. Booth (Column); 4. 2 Lt. Hogben. Sergeant's 100 yards Race.—1. Sergt. Sutherland; 2. Sergt Searle; 3. Sergt. Jezard. Tug-of-War-Final:—Left Section, 481 Siege Battery, beat 481 Siege Battery Column. A.S.C. Wheelbarrow Race:—1. Gnr. Brown and Fishbourne; 2. Gnrs. Bartlett and Nicholl; 3. Gnrs. Dyer and Walters; 4. Sigs. Worth and Vorley. Band Race:—1. Pte. Hughes; 2. Pte. Cox; 3. Pte. Hearson. Sub Section Relay Race:—1. B.C. Staff (Bdr. Hartley, Sigs. Ormiston, Meakin and Berry); 2. "C" Sub Section (Sergt. Searle, Gnrs. Holford, Harrington, and Wilde); 3. "A" Sub Section (Gnrs. Smith, Burrows, Cpl. Bell and Gnr. Sutcliffe). "A" Sub Section finished easily first, but was disqualified through one member of the team wearing spiked shoes, contrary to the rules for this event.

Boat Race:—1. "A" Sub Section; 2. "D" Sub Section; 3. "B" Sub Section; 4. B.C. Staff. Battery Commanders Relay Race:—1. 481 Siege Battery; 2. 498 Siege Battery; 3. 488 Siege Battery; 4. 32nd Brigade. Pillow Fight:—1. Gnr. Jones J.D.; 2. Lt. E.T.N. Hogben; 3. Sergt. Searle; 4. Gnr. Power. Obstacle Race:—1. Gnr. Bartlett; 2. Bdr. Myers; 3. Gnr. Carney; 4. Cpl. Daley. Blind fold Boxing:—1. Gnr. J.H. Brown; 2. Gnr. Fishbourne; 3. Gnr. Blackwood; 4. Gnr. Harrington. Prize for the best fancy costume:—Sig. Worth.

60,000 MARKS.

SUCCESS OF VICTORY BOND SWEEP ASSURED.

The great Victory Bond Sweep, organised by the British Empire Leave Club, Cologne, is progressing satisfactorily. Although the scheme is but a couple of days old, roughly six thousand tickets had been sold up to yesterday, representing 60,000 marks. In case there should be any doubt on the point, the purchase of tickets is open to all ranks and there is no limit placed upon the number of shares that may be held by any one person.

Every officer, N.C.O. and man in the Rhine Army should make it his business to buy at least one ticket, in the first place to ensure the success of the Victory Loan, and incidentally to participate in the substantial prizes that will go to twentythree of the ticket holders.

No entries will be received after 9 p-m. on Friday next, so there is no time to waste. Applications for tickets should be made to Lieut. Col. J.A. Levey O.B.E., D.S.O. British Empire Club, Cologne.

"DOUGH BOYS" v. 113 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A.

A billiard match was played in the Y.M.C.A. at Kalk on Friday, when the "Dough Boys" upheld their reputation by defeating the R.G.A. by 74 points. The Bakers still invite friendly matches to be played at home or away.

PEACE CELEBRATIONS

2nd CORPS' SUCCESSFUL SPORTS AND CABARET ENTERTAINMENT.

2nd Corps H.Q. was "en fete" on Friday afternoon when peace celebrations took the form of sports (by kind permission of Lieutenant-General Sir C. W. Jacob, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., commanding 2nd Corps), followed by tea served in the Casino for men on 2nd Corps Headquarters and 2nd Corps Troops, the proceedings being wound up by a cabaret entertainment in the large central hall of the casino in the evening, which was organised by Lieut. M. Eldridge, 2nd Corps Amusements Officer. The whole proceedings passed off most successfully, and this in spite of a very short time for preparation, reflecting the greatest credit upon the hard working sub-committee of the 2nd Corps Games Club, which comprised:—Lt. Col. R. M. Powell, D.S.O., Capt. T. E. Murray, Lieut. T. R. Armstrong, C. S. M. Thane, A.G.S., and Cpl. H. Day, R.E. with, Lieut. H. T. S. King, R.E. (Hon. Sec.).

Excellent music was supplied by the band of the 9th (Queen's Royal) Lancers, by kind permission of Col. R. H. R. Brocklebank. Amusing diversions were caused by two resourceful clowns.

EVENTS AND RESULTS.

The results were as follows:—

Throwing Cricket Ball:—1. Q.M.S. Bowley, R.E.; 2, Gunner Hill, R.G.A. **High Jump:**—1, Cpl Day, R.E. Sigs; 2, Sig. Ankerman, R.G.A. **Officers 100 Yards:**—1, Lieut. Jones; 2, Capt. Murray; 3, Lieut. Foster. **Tug-of-war:**—Final—83rd. M.A.L. Signal Section. **3-Legged Race:**—1, 2/Cpl. Hardie & Spr. Hepburn; 2, Gnr. Martin & L/Cpl. Day.

220 Yards:—1, Cpl. Callow (signals); 2, Cpl Garner (signals); 3, Cpl. Skinner (signals). **Wheelbarrow Race:**—1, Spr. Buck & Spr. Farrenden, R.E's; 2, Pte. Barrington & Pte Booth, R.E's. **Long Jump:**—1, Cpl. Greengrass, H. Q. clerks; 2, Gnr. Hill, R.G.A. **100 Yards:**—1, Cpl. Callow; 2, Sgt. Sharp, 8th Cyclists Battn.; 3, Sgt. Cairns, H. Q. clerks. **Pillow Fight:**—1, Q.M.S. Bowley, R.E.; 2, Pte Andrews, 8th. Cyclists.

Sack Race:—1, Spr. Couser, Signals; 2, R.S.M. Bellamy, "G" clerks; 3, Spr. Buck, Signals. **880 Yards Relay Race:**—1, Royal Warwicks Detachment; 2, H.Q. Sgts. Mess; 3, H.Q. Sect. Sig. Coy. **Tilting the Bucket:**—1, Pte. Rowsell & Pte. Peskett, H.Q. clerks; 2, Sgt. Roberts & Spr. Horsfield, Signals. **Land Boat Race:**—1, W/T Section, R.E. **Band Race:**—1, Blackett; 2, Hind; 3, Normand. **Obstacle Race:**—1, Sgt. Tayler, 53rd. Royal Warwicks; 2, Pte. Young, (8th Cyclists Battn.); 3, Sig. Ankermann, R.G.A.

A SUMPTUOUS TEA.

Over 1,000 men sat down to a sumptuous tea at the Casino subsequently.

Prior to presenting the prizes the Corps Commander said the demobilization of a large army took a long time, and delay caused a great deal of discontent, but he was compelled to say that the men at the 2nd Corps waited their turn and "played the game" all through. He wanted to thank them for all they had done.

In conclusion he referred to the excellent work of the committee in organising the sports, so successfully held that afternoon.

A pleasing programme was contributed by:—Capt. Oxley, Lieut. M. Eldridge, Sgt. H. Story, Q.M.S. B. Welch-Smith (ventriloquist), Pte. Rothery and Pte. Benfield, with Cpl. A. Gray at the piano. Free drinks were served to the large audience as the concert was in progress.

TEAM-JAZZING.

51st ROYAL SUSSEX SPORTS AT NEUNKIRCHEN.

A successful sports meeting was held at Neunkirchen on Thursday, with some interesting innovations. One of these was team jazzing, in which six men per company, encased in sacks, were placed in a ring, two companies at a time, the object of each six being to compel the other six gently but firmly to leave the ring.

The orchestra throughout rendered graceful airs, conducted by R.S.M. Blake; and tea, served on the ground, put the finishing touch to an enjoyable afternoon.

RESULTS.

The results were as follows:—

Potato Race:—W. Company; Wrestling on Mules:—X. Company Drivers; Mule Scurry:—Pte. Fitch, H.Q. Coy. Veteran's Race:—1, C.S.M. Bell (o/R.S.M.) W. Coy. 2, Lieut. Col. C.E. Bond C.M.G., D.S.O. 3, Sergt. Braithwaite W. Coy. Boat Race:—X. Coy. 2, W. Coy. Relay Race: 1, W. Coy. 2, X. Coy. Obstacle Race:—L.-Cpl. Taylor W. Coy. 2, Pte. Hallard, H.Q. Coy. 3, Cpl. Buss, W. Coy. Officers' Race:—1, Lieut. Col. C.E. Bond C.M.G., D.S.O. 2, Capt. A. Wheeler. 3, Major C.P. Atkinson, D.S.O., M.C. Band Race:—1, Pte. Knight. Team Jazzing:—W. Coy. Tug-of-War:—1, H.Q. Coy. 2, X. Coy. Japanese Flag Race:—Officers beat W.O's and Sergeants.

RHINE OFFICERS CRICKET CLUB.

It has been found necessary to alter the dates of the cricket week, which will now be as follows:—

13th and 14th Free Foresters v. Rhine Army; 15th and 16th 1 Zingari v. Rhine Army; 17th and 18th Infantry v. The Rest.

MENACE TO SPORTS GROUNDS.

Sports grounds, public and private, are again endangered by the present constitution of the Land Settlement (Facilites) Bill, the report stage of which may be taken at an early date. The Bill as it at present stands, taken in conjunction with the proposed Government amendments, enables any local authority, with the consent of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, to appropriate and permanently alienate any cricket or recreation ground in the country.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

LATEST RESULTS.

Owing to extreme pressure on space, we regret we are unable to give more than the scores, and in some cases the venue of the latest C.P.C. matches.

51st King's Liverpools (80) v. 1st Western T. Battery (97) at Bevel on Thursday.

52nd Cheshires (140) v. 69th Siege Battery, R.G.A. (68), at Bornheim.

237th Field Coy., R.E. (50) v. 13th M.A.C. (45) at Forsbach.

Eastern Div. H.Q. (121) v. Lancs. Div. Sig. Coy (35).

52nd Gordons (67) v. 51st Sherwoods (25).

4th Suffolk Regt. (193) v. Eastern Div. Sigs. (72) at Troisdorf.

6th Corps H.Q. (96) v. 170th Siege Battery R.G.A. (75) at Lindenthal.

76th (Army) Bde R.F.A. (27) v. 9th Corps Troops M.T. Coy (65) at Romanshoff.

London Div. M.T. Coy. (92) v. 88th Field Amb. (36) at Merheim.

2nd Corps H.Q. (95) v. 1/4th York and Lanc. Regt. (100 for 6 wickets.)

3rd Battn. M.G.C. (59) v. 41st Battn. M.G.C. (168 for 5 declared) at Heumar.

23rd Royal Fusiliers (116) v. 10th Corps Signals (51).

13th M.A.C. (45) v. 237 Field Coy., (50) at Forsbach.

15th K.O.S.B. (45) v. 51st Hants (59 for 6) at Wermelskirchen.

5th K.O.Y.L.I. (39) v. 41st M.G.C. (136) at Heumar.

16th Lancs. Fus. (141) v. 121 (Heavy) R.G.A. (15) at Bonn.

10th Argylls (97) v. 52nd Gordons (57) at Hausen.

51st Beds Regt. (99) v. 92nd Field Amb. (34) at Troisdorf.

4th Royal Sussex (53 for 5) v. 24th Vet. Hospital (51).

14th G.H.Q., M.T. Coy., (57) v. 1/6th West Yorks Regt. (66 for 2 declared.)

180 Labour Co. (100) v. 3rd Northern Bde (43) at Zollstock.

23rd Bde R.A.S.C., M.T. (115) v. 5th K.O.Y.L.I. (46) at Kalscheuren.

Advanced Supply Depot (142) v. A.P.O. Cologne, (98) on A.S.D. ground.

93rd Bde R.G.A. (94) v. 6th Corps Sigs (28) at Kalk.

Light Division H.Q. (53) v. 183rd S.B. (45) at Harff.

R. Bty., A.A. (216) v. Bakeries Sports Club (61.)

R. Bty., A.A. (75 for 7) v. 70th Squadron R.A.F. (53) at Bickendorf Aerodrome.

Cav. Div. H.Q. (56) v. 3rd Cav. Field Ambulance (0) at Quadrath.

3rd M.G.C. (97) v. 5th K.O.Y.L.I. (45).

5th Border Regt. (117 for 8) v. 303 S.B. (41).

10 R.W. Kents (173) v. Eastern Div. Sig. Coy R.E. (45) at Siegburg.

53rd Welsh Regt. (72) v. 51st R. Sussex Regt. (119 for 4) at Neunkirchen.

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	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
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Maps 4 F.S. Battn.	7	5	2	10§
29 Battn. M.G.C.	5	5	0	10§
1/6 West Yorks	5	5	0	10§
75 Bde R.F.A.	5	5	0	10§
B Corps H.Q.	6	4	2	8§
13 K.R.R.C.	5	4	1	8§
1/5 West Yorks	5	4	1	8
Southern Div. M.T. Coy.	5	4	1	8§
1/4 York and Lancs	5	3	2	6§
C 113 Bde R.F.A.	4	3	1	6§
14 G.H.Q., M.T. Coy.	5	2	3	4§
52 R. Warwick	5	2	3	4§*
420 Siege Battery	4	2	2	4§
53 R. Warwick	4	2	2	4§
237 Field Coy.	4	2	2	4§
92 Bde R.G.A.	4	2	2	4§*
13 M.A.C.	6	1	5	2§
88 Field Amb.	5	1	4	2§*
23 Middlesex	4	1	3	2§
2/4 Hants	3	1	2	2§
31 Labour Group	3	1	2	2
51 R. Warwick	3	1	2	2§

§ Games awarded for scratched matches and in respect of B Corps Sig. Coy. withdrawn.
* Games lost by default.

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

2/1 W. Riding Field Amb. (64) v. A Coy 5th Cameron Highlanders (25) at Heimbach.

16th Lancs Fus. Officers (75 and 68) v O.R.'s (78 and 94).

Midland D.A.C. (84 for 8) v 2nd Bde Signals (45) at Nieder Elvenich.

77 Siege Battery R.G.A. (123) v R.A.F. (15) at Godesberg.

113th Bde R.F.A., H.Q. (53) v A Bty. (37).

2nd LIGHT BDE. LEAGUE.

9th London Regt. (111) v 6th London Regt. (36 at Niederaussem.

INTER-PLATOON SPORTS.

KEENLY CONTESTED EVENTS AT WERMELSKIRCHEN MEETING.

A very successful inter-platoon sports meeting was held on the football field, Wermelskirchen, on Wednesday by the 15th Bn., The Hampshire Regt. (Lieut.-Col. The Hon. R. Brand, C.M.G., D.S.O.). There was a good crowd present and the various events were keenly contested. Brig.-Gen. Cayley, C.M.G., D.S.O., in presenting the cup to the successful platoon—No. 9 platoon—complimented them on the excellence of their performance, and remarked that the other platoons, which ran them very closely in the number of points gained—Nos. 3, 12, 19, platoons—deserved great praise also. He hoped that they would continue to do well in the Bde., Div., and Army competitions.

The Judges were:—Lieut.-Col. The Hon. R. Brand, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Major H. H. Stoney D.S.O.; Capt. J. P. Fowler M.C.; Lieut. C. V. Hart M.C.; Lieut. B. Speed. Starters:—Lieut. W. A. McIlveon, and Lieut. H. D. M. Gunnell.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

The following is the list of events and successes:—100 yards (11 3/5 secs.) 1, Capt. J. P. Fowler M.C.; 2, Cpl. Sherwood; 3, Sergt. Cotton. 220 yards (28 1/5 secs.):—1. Sergt. Duval; 2, Pte. Humble; 3, Pte. Hitchens. Long Jump (17 ft. 4 in.):—1, Cpl. Sherwood; 2, Capt. Icke M.C.; 3, Pte. Chields. Putting the shot:—1, Lieut. F. C. Elliot; 2, C. S. M. Holbrook; 3, Cpl. Sherwood.

880 yards:—1, L/Cpl. Stevens; 2, Pte. Lyons; 3, R. Q. M. S. Green. High Jump (56 ¼ ins.):—1, Capt. L. L. Spencer M.C.; 2, 2 Lt. G. A. Pursey and 2/Lt. H. N. Usher M.C. tied. 440 yards:—1, Cpl. Hewish; 2, Sergt. Hedges; 3, Lt. Speed. 1 Mile:—1, Lt. C. V. Hart M.C.; 2, Pte. Higley; 3, Pte. Sempsey.

Throwing the cricket ball:—1, Capt. C. C. Oxborrow M.C.; 2, 2/Lt. H. N. Usher M.C.; 3. Pte. Serby. Hurdles:—1, Capt. H. T. G. Icke M.C.; 2, Capt. C. C. Oxborrow M.C.; 3, 2/Lt. H. N. Usher M.C. Relay Race:—1, No. 2 Platoon; 2, No. 15 Platoon; 3, No. 3 Platoon. Two miles:—1, L/Cpl. Porter; 2, Pte. McNamee; 3, Pte. Shook; 4, Pte. Saunders.

Great credit is due to the promoters of the sports meeting, for the excellent programme provided, Major H. H. Stoney, D.S.O., and Lieut. C. V. Hart, M.C. working particularly hard. R.S.M. Donoghue and Sergt. Trake also rendered yeoman service and contributed in no small [illegible]

SATURDAY'S CHAMPIONS.

WINNERS OF FINALS IN VARIETY OF SPORTING EVENTS.

VICTORY FOR MLLE LENGLEN.

Rowing:—The Australians won the King's Cup easily, leading from the start. Pte. Hadfield, New Zealand, beat Lieut. Nussey, Rhine Army by three lengths in the Kingswood Sculls though the latter put up a good show. Leander Cup—Leander beat American Service crew by 1½ lengths; University Eights — Cambridge beat Oxford by a length. Thames R.C. won the Fawley Cup, and Caius the Temple Cup.

Cricket:— All first-class matches on Saturday were drawn.

Lawn-Tennis:—In the final at Wimbledon Mlle. Lenglen beat Mrs. Lambert Chambers 10—8, 4—6, 9—7, in the best match ever played in Ladies' singles. Gent's doubles (semi finals):—O'Hara Wood and Thomas beat Brookes and Patterson 6—4, 6—4, 3—6, 6—3; Lycett and Heath beat Fisher and Ritchie 12—10, 8—6, 6—3.

Golf.—Braid and White (Scotland) beat Taylor and Vardon (England) by 9 up and 8 to play at Sunningdale.

Polo:—In the final for the military Cup at Hurlingham, Northamptonshire Yeomanry beat 15th Hussars 4—1.

Motor-Racing:—At Long Island Chevrolet won the miles-motor race in the record time of 5[illegible] mins, 17½ secs.

QUEEN OF THE LAWN.

BY EUSTACE E. WHITE.

Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen is dark and twenty. She is a little under medium height and has a graceful, athletic figure. She affects very short skirts and sleeveless blouses, low in the neck, which show a brown skin of health and strength. She wears a bewitching little hat, sometimes yellow, crushed over her dark curls, and smiles on her opponent engagingly and often.

Quick-footed and supple, she can get to almost any ball and take it in any position.

To preserve her suppleness, she goes in for physical culture and all manner of games. During the season at Nice she swims a mile each day in the sea. She is a beautiful dancer. Her mascot is a little Belgian griffon which, owing to English law, must work its spell from distant Paris.

ENGLISH RACING.

MEETINGS AT ALEXANDRA PARK AND PHOENIX PARK.

Race meetings were held at Alexandra Park and Phoenix Park on Saturday. The following were the results at Alexandra Park:—

Hornsey Handicap:— 1, Soviet (4—1); 2, Charley's Uncle (7—2); 3, Abiad (100—6).

Tottenham Plate:— 1, Winnie Helton (10—1); 2, Duncan (10—11); 3, John Chinaman (4—1).

Juvenile Plate:— 1, Goblin (2—1); 2, Eau-de-vie (9—2); 3, Monody 7—1).

Public Sales Plate:— 1, Lady Meave (7—4 on); 2, Lahogue (9—2); 3, Jasper (5—1).

London Cup:— 1, Double or Quits (100—7); 2, Grandcourt (100—7); 3, A. Sitter (33—1).

July Handicap:— 1, Claris (4—1); 2, Wooral (6—1); 3, Double Dew (9—4).

July Maiden Plate:— 1, Old Bill (11—8 on); 2, Sabian. Two ran.

PHOENIX PARK RESULTS:

Open Mile Handicap:— 1, Lover True (4—1); 2, Shrewsbury (8—1); 3, Late Edition (8—1).

Nursery Handicap:— 1, Greenchesters (6—1); 2, Magical Mike (6—4 on); 3, Miss Brianbru 8—1)

Arnott Plate:— 1, Blue Dun (5—4); 2, Orp (6—4); 3, Louvois Lass (8—1).

Irish Breeders Stakes:— 1, Sir Lancelot (3—1); 2, Orlinda (8—1); 3, Lady Orp (evens).

Selling Nursery Plate:— 1, Sweet Bee (3—1 on); 3, Lottie (100—12); 3, Madrigal (5—1).

Welter for Age Plate:— 1, Good Health (evens); 2, Frank Webber (10—1); Galley Law (20—1) Dead heat.

BOWLING CHAMPION IN FORM.

The Border Regt. have returned to Bonn, and commenced their cricket matches again on Thursday. The A.P.M.'s staff, Bonn, brought a team and a very enjoyable game resulted:—5th Borders, 120 for 5 wickets—innings declared (L/Cpl. Astin 30; Pte. Stevens, 30.); A.P.M. staff 24 and 22 (Lieut. Slack 14 wickets for 16 runs in both innings; Lieut. Smeeton 4 wickets for 20). The Borders thus won by an innings and 74 runs. Lieut. Smeeton, it may be added, holds the bowling record in C.P.C. matches, namely 7 wickets for 0 runs.

'SPURS FOOTBALL TEAM.

IGNORE AUSTRIAN REQUEST FOR PHOTOGRAPH.

Tottenham Hotspur Football Club have received a letter from the First Vienna Football Club, saying that the latter recall with pleasure the time when the 'Spurs played Everton on their ground. The Vienna Club add that they are now celebrating their jubilee, and desire a photograph of the "Spurs" team to include in a book to be published in connection with the celebration. The directors of the Tottenham Club have decided to take no action in the matter.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, July 8, 1919.

Surface wind light and variable, but mainly North-westerly. Misty morning. Fair and warmer later. Visibility poor at first, becoming fair.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

A Backhaus Recital.

None will, nor even can, quarrel with music for being the link that brought together on one platform two artists, one British the other German. Happier still that one of the parties to the rapprochement was one of London's prime favourites, Wilhelm Backhaus. The storm of applause which greeted him at the Deutsches Theatre on Sunday evening was undeniable. It was as much a welcome as a tribute to his genius. Many of the audience had last heard him play, together with Kreisler, at the Albert Hall a few weeks before the war, and be it said that many are confidently hoping to hear him there again. Music is above politics and passions. England was represented by Alfred Barker who, before he donned khaki, (in which he appeared) created a furore in Russia. The neutral ground selected was a Grieg Sonata for Piano and Violin and it was played with all the delicacy, charm and perfect accord with which virtuosi alone can interpret great compositions.

"Lance-Jack" in the War.

We do not intend to criticise the playing of Backhaus, but merely record the fact that one can detect the searing effect of the war, especially in his playing of Beethoven. The wistful sadness in the Adagio movement of the "Moonlight" Sonata was undeniable. The remainder of his programme comprised four Schumann and Chopin excerpts and studies, Liszt's brilliant paraphrase of "Rigoletto" and Rachmaninoff's Prelude, while as an extra he gave Chopin's "Minuten" Valse. It will interest our home readers, for (as Mrs. Backhaus, speaking of art and artists, observed to us) "English audiences are so faithful," to know that Wilhelm Backhaus had to serve throughout the war as a cog in the war machine, his duties varying between office work in Berlin, transport duties in the second line and the ordinary life of an infantryman, his military efficiency winning for him the exalted rank of Lance-Corporal. The enterprise of the Powers that be, especially the Amusements Officer, was greatly appreciated by the audience.

Sergt. Herbert Short.

Sergt. Herbert Short, tenor and producer of the Pedlars concert party, is a native of Leeds, and is well known in Yorkshire. He has performed at over 700 concerts in France, Belgium, and Germany under some of the most trying conditions. He is now an established favourite at the Stadt Theatre, Bonn, and is much appreciated by the troops. He is shortly to be demobilized, and will be a great loss to "The Pedlars" when he goes. He has done much good work out here, and we all join in wishing him success in his future life.

A Division Dines.

I hear that the annual dinner of the 5th Division was held recently in London, on the anniversary of the Oppy Wood and Plaate Becque operations. There was a large attendance of old members of the division, between 150 and 200 being present, while nearly 100 more applied for tickets at the last moment. The toast of the 5th Division was proposed by Major-General Sir R. B. Stephens. After saying that any honours or advancements which had come to him personally were entirely due to the fighting spirit of the troops in the division, he spoke of the almost unvarying success which had attended the division in its many battles. He said that at this time it was impossible for them not to be thinking of the dead companions who had given up everything, and to whom the division and the country owed so much, and amongst them the memory of General Jones must ever stand out as one of the finest, and the most beloved of commanders. They had met together on the anniversary of two of the most marked successes which the division had achieved, nearly single-handed.

An Old Show Revived.

Hypnotism, as a form of entertainment in England has long since had its day. Familiar names of exponents of the art have one by one been removed from the popular variety programmes, so that now, unless he is occasionally included in the bill of a travelling booth show, he of the mystic signs is not seen in England. A correspondent stationed at Bruhl writes to say that he has several times, in that town, witnessed performances of one Herr Ignot who wields his hypnotic power over female subjects invited from the audience. After a few mysterious passes in front of her face, the "victim" is induced to perform the most absurd antics. She will sometimes awaken to find she is in the act of conducting an imaginary band, or she will eat raw potatoes in the belief that they are apples. Naturally, the troops form a fair percentage of the audience that witness these performances.

JACQUES.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

200 Ladies Present.

There were about 200 ladies present at the Willard-Dempsey boxing contest at Toledo.

Jack Hearne.

Jack Hearne has for several weeks been suffering from a bad finger on his bowling hand, and it is a wonder that he has been able to be of any service in the attack.

Trophy For Motor-Scooters.

The Auto-Cycle Union has been presented with a trophy, to be won outright, for the first official motor-scooter competition, but the matter has not yet been considered by the competitions committee.

Only Fit For Girls.

The man who wrote to the Editor claiming that lawn tennis is only fit for girls should be compelled to stand up to Patterson's service—but those who attack other people's enthusiasm seldom stand up to or for anything.—"The Sportsman."

Jockey Demobb'd.

The well-known jockey, G. Gibson, who in the days of his early apprenticeship achieved fame by steering the long-priced D'Donovan Rossa to victory in the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood, has just been demobilized after four and a half years' service abroad in the Army. He will be able to go to scale at the nice racing weights [illegible]

Exams For Umpires.

Football referees have to pass a certain test—and some real posers are asked in examination. Why not the same for the cricket official?

Ex-Kaiser's Riding Master.

George Parr, a retired Balham veterinary surgeon and riding master, who has died at the age of 91, served under Garibaldi and taught the ex-Kaiser to ride.

D.A.A. and Q.M.G.

Maj. B. S. Moss-Blundell, O.B.E., D.S.O., the old Yorkshire county footballer, has been appointed a Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General. He served with distinction in the war where he was wounded.

A.A. and Hotels.

The A.A. is taking up the hotel question in the interests of motorists, and the warning is given that unless proprietors of unprogressive hotels take immediate steps to improve their establishments, new hotels, conducted on ideal lines, may be expected.

£5000 To His Trainer.

Mr. Alfred William Cox, of 30, St. James's-st, S.W., who died on May 4, has left estate of the value of £334,927 7s. 2d. The testator gives his thoroughbred stud to his brother Alexander, and among other bequests is one of £5000 to Alexander Taylor, his trainer, and £2000 to his stud [illegible]

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Echoes from Rhineland.

Asquithian Activity.

It is not often that the hum of a motor is heard in the outpost line. The other morning one was heard in the area occupied by a Hampshire battalion. The officer in charge of the post arrived in time to see a grey-haired old man, clad in a grey rainproof coat, step out of his car. His flowing grey locks and general build suggested our Prime Minister. But as he turned round no one could mistake the profile—it was Mr. Asquith. The one-time Pemier looked far older than anyone out here imagined but seemed delighted with everything round him and was apparently enjoying good health. He was introduced and men flocked round him from all directions. He asked how the sentries performed their duties, what kind of materials were smuggled and last but not least what the German beer was like. What seemed to interest him most was the barrier for the protection of the sentry. He was very interested to hear that this post had, the very night before, captured a smuggler. He then joined the group in a photograph which was taken by a member of the Corps Staff and finally departed radiating smiles and thanks for an interesting quarter of an hour.

When to Scrub a Floor.

The majority of German houses are scrubbed out last thing at night instead of in the early morning. This fact must have struck every observant Britisher, and the soundness of this practice is at once apparent. The floors are left the whole night long to dry, the maids work uninterrupted by people walking about, and last but not least, the owners of the house are spared "paddling" on wet floors and maid-dodging.

A Lovely Shave.

In a certain battalion of the Rhine Army the story is told of a rifleman who caused much amusement to his comrades while shaving for the morning inspection parade. He had previously been complaining that his razor was a failure and had bought a brand-new one of the "safety" variety, though, sad to relate, its birthplace was Solingen. After a liberal lathering he got to work on his chin, and, the operation of shaving over, he gazed admiringly at the result in the mirror. "Look, boys," he cried "What a ripping shave I've had this time; thi new razor is a treat!" His friends looked and agreed. Suddenly, while the satisfied rifleman was unscrewing the parts of the razor for cleaning, he exclaimed in amazement and horror: "Well, I'm—I never put a blade in the blinking thing!"

"Shine, Sir?"

The street boot polishing industry in Germany appears to be a concern of far greater importance than it is in either England or France. Enterprise in Coblenz is particularly emphasised in this respect, where, in the busy part of the town, one has rarely to proceed more than a couple of hundred yards before coming across a boot-black. Compared with the individuals who in London invite one to "Have a shine, Sir," the paraphernalia of his Teuton c counterpart is far more pretentious. An enterprising "shiner" has just opened up business opposite the railway station at Cologne with a brand-new stock in trade. This includes one of the familiar huge sunshades of alarming colours, and the customer climbs up to a comfortable chair six feet or so above ground level to rest his feet for the necessary operation upon a well upholstered foot rest.

Singing While At Work.

German women are admittedly hard workers. Everyone in Rhineland must have noticed how they almost invariably sing at work and the amount they accomplish may equally well be said to be the subject of comment.

Early morning singing, a spontaneous outburst as a result of happiness, can be heard in nearly every English home; but one must admit that the type of song selected for such an impromptu concert does not always call for much individuality in the rendering. But in this country good songs well sung are the rule. Where as in England the male is usually the songster at work, in Germany we find the female predominant in this respect. Often girls, usually house or kitchenmaids, can be heard singing as they work, and very creditable and harmonious are some of the duets one may hear.

Novel Souvenirs.

Many inventive brains in Germany are at present occupied in the concoction of original souvenirs. Iron Crosses, helmets and medal ribbons have already had their day, to say nothing of the elaborately decorated glass paper weights, in the composition of which mother-of-pearl plays an important part, and of which there must have been many a hundred sold. Among the latest novelties at present offered to the troops in the various large occupied towns as mementoes of the "watch on the Rhine" are cheap white metal rings each decorated with a miniature iron cross; bone cigarette tubes inlaid with rainbow-coloured portraits of German military "big-wigs," tiny replicas of the Prussian guard helmet and pocket-size reproductions of Cologne Cathedral. One of the best of these at present to be seen in the shops, however, is a neat little metal pencil case which resembles a German tank bullet and which is rendered ready for action by pressure on a small button.

Military Spirit in Boys.

Those who have found themselves billeted in a house overlooking a school yard, will have been struck by the military character of the boys' drill, under the instruction of the Schoolmaster. First, one can see them "Fall in", in two ranks, hear them "Number off", and on a command, make a movement similar to the "Form Fours". They then march off, bringing down the right foot with a "snap", which sounds well, and also helps in the keeping of the step. Outside school hours, these boys show this military keenness. A group of boys the other day, all came "to attention" on the approach of an officer, bringing their heels together, and saluting in real British fashion. To watch them at play, you will find that they are never so happy as when they are drilling, using broomsticks as rifles. Some of them bring off a perfect "slope", "order", and "present" and give the necessary words of command. To play "sentries" is the most popular game with the younger generation of the Rhineland.

Rhine Troops in Paris.

The troops who are to represent the British Army of the Rhine at the peace celebrations in Paris on the 14th will be representative of all branches of the service. With so many battalions claiming representatives it is obvious that the number from each will be very small. In the selection length of service will of course be taken into account, but whoever is fortunate enough to be selected to represent his fellows, he will not, of course, take it as a personal honour, but as one conferred upon his comrades as a whole. To take part in such a parade will, we feel sure, be an honour which will be eagerly sought after.

Large German Families.

Large families are the rule, particularly in the rural parts of Rhineland, a fact borne in upon any officer who has been entrusted with the billeting of a party of men. Hunger, however, holds the record pending further revelations. Here the billeting officer rapped sharply on the door and in response to his summons the "Hausfrau" appeared. His demand for billets for twenty men was received with hands upraised in supplication. There were already forty-one inmates, representatives of four families.

Water Power.

Anyone who goes out into the country of Rhineland must be impressed with the ingenuity of the natives in utilizing the mountain torrents and streams for their own purposes. By means of a series of locks and gates, they bring a wide meandering rivulet, into a narrow, rushing and poverful stream; with which they drive their machinery, generate their electricity, and provide water for domestic use. For the latter purpose, strong automatic pumps are used in addition to the locks. In wandering over the hills or through the woods, one can often come across concrete boxes, which, containing these pumps and the regular "gug-gug" one hears, clearly signifies their use.

Dangerous Tram Lines.

In a country where town-planning and road construction have reached such a high standard of efficiency, it is remarkable that the authorities in Cologne pay such little heed to the state of repair of the tram lines. There are, in places, curves in the lines of such acuteness as to cause frequent raising of eyebrows among British engineers who see them, and it is because of these curves that the outside metal of the rail becomes so badly worn. In many places, where bends are numerous, there is a gap of a couple of inches, and anything from an inch to two and half inches deep—just, in other words, about the size to grip the rear wheel of a Motor Bicycle as in a vice. It is also not unknown to come across a distance of an inch between the top of the metal and the road level; a very dangerous state of things for light cars and bicycles.

Prizes for "Echoes."

The Editor of "The Cologne Post" offers every day the sum of 10 marks for the best paragraph descriptive of any phase of life or interesting incident in Rhineland, not exceeding 150 words in length. The envelope should have the word "Echoes" in the top left hand corner.

To-day's prize of 10 marks is awarded to Major H. C. Westmorland D.S.O, 2/4 Hampshire Regt., Rhine Army.

ASKED AND ANSWERED.

When in Doubt Write to Us.

"W.P B.":—Men are drawing the bonus. It is quite open to you to make an allotment providing you have a credit.

"B.T." PORTSMOUTH:—The conveyance of German arms to England by soldiers going on leave is prohibited. Read the instructions attached to your leave warrant.

W. BRASSEY:—We take it you desire a course in motor lorry driving. Why not apply for a transfer to the M.T. section of the R.A.S.C.

G. NAYLOR:—Whether the ratification of Peace will be accompanied by free pardon for military offenders is a matter for H.M. The King. Wait and see.

"SAM":—The 1914 star was awarded to all who took part in the war from the beginning up to midnight Nov 22—23rd 1914.

A.R. STEWART:—In our opinion the bonus should not be made liable to income tax, but pay in the aggregate is liable, judging from a passbook examined quite recently.

"W.V.D.":—Quote the order and we will express an opinion.

GUNNER JOHN WATT.—We regard you as a Derby man. If a man enlisted voluntarily in April 1916, several months before attaining military age, we regard his as an independent enlistment, but on a par with a Derby man.

"TWO GROUSERS":—If you served in India then you were on foreign service.

PTE. A.P. CLIFFORD:—If you have read our recent issues you will see that the matter has been cleared up.

R.N.B. and A.E. RONEY:—We are obliged for your answers to the query put by F. Flinders.

"CONSCIOUS":—He is asking for trouble if he marries a German girl.

"MANCHESTER":—We agree that men who were rejected in 1914-15 are entitled to consideration.

"COMMISSIONAIRE":—The headquarters of the Corps of Commissionaires is at Exchange Court 419, Strand W.C. 0. The Commanding officer is Major F.E. Walter, M.V.C. Write to that address.

R.G.T.:—If you landed in France in March of this year why worry about chevrons? There is no special chevron for the Rhine Army.

"G.W.C.":—We realise the difficulty of your position and had the military police been aware of it they no doubt would have shared our view.

SAPPER HEPBURN:—The record crowd at a Cup final at Crystal Palace may be that of April 1913, when Aston Villa were tied with Sunderland, but as a record crowd it falls short of the figures published by us, in this column.

"R.E.":—The withdrawal from Anzac and Suvla Bay took place on December 19, 1915.

SIGNALLER A. HINGLEY:—The very fact that an entry was made by an officer in your pay book in February establishes your right to the bonus from that date. We presume you were marked as "retained." Had you not been and had not been demobilized on May 1st you automatically became entitled to half the rate from that date.

"FUSILIER," BONN:—You cannot expect more for your postal order than the equivalent in operation on the date of issue. The rate you mention was good exchange for May 1917.

"POMPY":—Re your enquiry as to a ribbon for the Army of Occupation, "The Buds" suggest if you feel cold that you should report to the nearest Q.M. Stores and ask for an extra blanket.

Other queries will be dealt with to-morrow. Demobilization questions cannot be replied to: we have not space.—Ed.

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Not Useless.—It is hoped to utilize a number of aeroplane engines for commercial purposes.

A Royal Yacht.—King Alfonso has sold his yacht 'Hispania' to a Norwegian buyer.

Scent and Colour.—Carnations have been the feature of Cologne's street flower stalls this week.

Films nearly Top.—In America the cinema industry ranks as the third largest.

Women Go on.—Both Waacs and Wrafs are to be permanently employed.

Good for Investors.—Financiers think that Victory Bonds will rise to a substantial premium.

Prodigality.—Gipsies sent flowers to a gipsy funeral in Kent that cost £1,500.

A Change.—Germany is buying quantities of British hats.

Unique.—The trial of the ex-Kaiser is the first of its kind in history.

Rolling Up.—Twenty five thousand men of the Rhine Army who were eligible to go home, have volunteered for a further year.

Not as Civvies.—Demobilised officers and soldiers competing at Bisley may wear Army uniform.

Oil in Plenty.—The oil wells in Huntingdonshire are yielding more freely. Since starting last year, 3000 gallons have been pumped.

A Peer's Refusal.—Lord Midleton refuses to sell his Wollaton estate to provide a garden city for Nottingham workers.

Anticipated.—The first serious proposal of an Atlantic airflight was made in 1785 by Blanchard, a French balloonist.

New Atlases.—The makers of maps are busy just now preparing new atlases to conform to the changes made by war.

Independent.—Owing to the transport strikes in Berlin thousands of people are travelling on roller-skates.

Still Running.—Chirgwin, the "White Eyed Kaffir" has sung his famous song "The Blind Boy" over 20,000 times in forty years.

More Airy Too.—"Women's dress to-day is more hygienic than it has ever been," says Mrs. Eustace Miles.

Where are They?—Only half of the Brighton railwaymen who enlisted have returned to their employment.

Eager for it.—An enquiry for one under-gardener in Surrey brought fifty replies from demobilized soldiers and sailors.

Australia's Share.—Lord Jellicoe thinks that Australia should contribute to the Navy in proportion to her population.

Short-Sighted Surely!—Farmers in England are reducing their staffs and letting their land lie fallow sooner than pay the present high wages.

Savages Delighted.—Some of the Albert Hall fancy dress balls have been financial failures but the Savage Club made £2000 on theirs.

Going Slower.—There has been a great slackening of production in England since the Armistice.

Open-Necked.—A decollete style of dress is favoured by the Cologne "aut" for his Sunday excursions into the country.

It All Helps.—Don't think your investment in the Victory Loan would be too small too matter. "Many a mickle," you know.

Using up Shells.—Large shellcases are being made into shafting couplings, and containers from shrapnel shells make good lamps.

Divided Counsels.—The Commons are sorely divided on Nationalising Coal Mines, the Fiscal question, Ireland and Conscription.

Not Excessive.—The Officers' Families Fund distributed £125,629 last year. Its expenses were only £3,291.

New Sweet Peas.—Despite the war, sweet pea specialists have produced many new varieties of the popular flower.

One Result.—The "going dry" of America has caused the price of coffee to leap up. It has never been dearer for thirty years.

Splendid!—The 47th Division (London Territorials) won two V.C.'s, 101 D.S.O.'s, 328 D.C.M.'s, 472 M.C.'s, and 1,929 Military Medals.

Blazing Britain.—The greatest pyrotechnic display on record will be the chain of fire from Lands End to John o' Groats on Peace Day.

Books Very Dear.—The rising prices of books is causing lending libraries to be started in Paris. Hitherto these have been few.

Airship Travel.—The Atlantic feat is the forerunner of airship routes for travel and transport over every country in the world.

Women like Debates.—There are four galleries in the House of Commons for women and they visit the house in greater numbers than man.

Washing a Luxury.—Soap is going to be much dearer. It has already risen from 1/4 to 2/- a pound.

What About It?—"There must be no more dumping," is the declaration of a deputation of British manufacturers to meet the Premier. A firm policy is demanded.

For Peace Use.—Ambulances that have rendered war service are now being distributed for use in the county towns and districts of Great Britain.

Active if Aged.—Although seventy years old Mr. A.F. Bird M.P. for West Wolverhampton, cycles every day. He did 103 miles in a day last week.

Not to Be One-Sided.—Mr. Arthur Henderson, M.P. says employers must see that the whole burden of unemployment does not fall on the worker.

The Most Popular.—The best selling book this year has been Lord French's "1914." There is a human note running through it that the public likes.

Commercial Degrees.—Economics, banking, geography, and one foreign language are the compulsary subjects for the degree of commerce at London University.

Going Down Under.—"I am quite sure I've seen some of your diggers over there," said the Prince of Wales to Anzac troops in London. "I look forward to seeing you in Australia very soon."

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PLOT TO RESTORE THE KAISER.

R. 34's PERIL.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM BREAKING ADRIFT.

At Mincola aerodrome on Monday a violent wind unmoored the R. 34. A cross girder, to which one of the mooring ropes was attached, broke, ripping a hole twenty feet long in one of the gas ballonets. Three hundred guards and watchers saved the airship from being blown away by seizing the ropes hanging to the sides of the ship. Additional hawsers were attached and a force of four hundred men succeeded, with the aid of the mechanical moorings, in preventing a disaster. They had to be changed hourly on account of the enormous strain.

The repairs necessitated by the mishap were immediately put in hand. The damage is not sufficient to preclude an early start on the return flight and the War Department at Washington has been notified that the R. 34 will leave at eight o'clock on Wednesday morning for Washington.

TO FLY OVER LONDON.

It is officially announced that the R. 34 will pass over London on its return journey if the weather is good. The homeward route will be different from the outward cruise. From New York the airship will fly due East. Passing to the North of the Azores she will first touch England probably over Cornwall.

According to her set programme the airship was due to fly yesterday from Long Island over New York and Washington and back. Then she is to replenish her tanks and start for East Fortune where she is due late on Friday night or early on Saturday. A mail bag will be dropped by parachute over London containing letters and films of her arrival at Long Island.

A STOWAWAY ABOARD.

On the outward voyage of the great dirigible, when she was over Ireland, a stowaway was found on board. His name is Ballantine, an air mechanic at East Fortune, who, disappointed at not being included in the crew, hid himself aboard. He was made to work his passage and when he returns he will be dealt with by the naval authorities.

PEACE CONFERENCE.

The attention of the Peace Conference at Paris is at present directed more particularly to two urgent questions. The first has reference to Turkish affairs, it being generally agreed that a serious situation arises out of the violation of earlier decisions of the conference by the continuation of the Turkish offensive in Asia Minor.

The second question has reference to the first sitting at Versailles of the Allied Commission on reparations, in which the German delegates will take part. It would appear that the question of the occupation of the left bank of the Rhine may be raised.

The French view is that no discussion can be admitted regarding the occupation. It constitutes a guarantee which cannot be modified as it is already insufficient.

BRITISH GOVERNOR FOR RIGA.

The Lettish Press Agency says that the Allied Mission has appointed Colonel Tallents, a British officer, as provisional Governor of Riga pending the arrival of Ulmanis, the Premier.

Major Dawley, an American officer, has been appointed military commandant of the town, where order is being maintained by Lettish troops.

NAPOLEONIC GENERAL DISINTERRED.

The bones of the French General Hoche, who died in 1797 were to-day pompously removed from the fortress of Franz, near Coblenz, to Weissenturm, and placed in the interior of the monument to the general.

An entire regiment gave the military salute. British and American troops were also represented. A large number of French officers, including General Mangin and General Goureau, travelled by boat from Mayence.

Honours were also rendered at the tomb of General Marseau, who is buried at Coblenz.

CHINESE DELEGATES ORDERED TO SIGN THE TREATY.

The Chinese delegation to the Peace Conference has been ordered by telegram from Pekin to sign the Peace Treaty. This will be followed by China's immediate admission to the League of Nations.

VOLUNTEERS FOR INDIA.

Mr. Churchill states that special arrangements have been made to send volunteer troops to India at once, in spite of the hot weather, to relieve the battalions serving there, but whether the battalions to be relieved could be brought home immediately, must depend on the military situation there. The first troops to be brought back would be those from Mesopotamia.

General Mangin is about to transfer his Headquarters from Mayence to Königstein, where he will occupy the villa of Baroness Rothschild.

EXTRADITION.

NO FORMAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH HOLLAND.

In the House of Commons, yesterday, Sir Henry Dalziel asked whether any communication had yet taken place between the Allies and the Dutch Government regarding the extradition of the ex-Kaiser. Mr. Bonar Law, in reply, said that no formal representation had yet been made, but the necessary steps were being taken in the matter.

Sir Henry Dalziel: Have any unofficial communications passed?

Mr. Bonar Law: I would rather not say.

Colonel Murray: May I ask whether anyone particularly wishes the ex-Kaiser to be brought over here? (Cheers)

ON THE WAITING LIST.

According to the *Düsseldorfer Zeitung* the list of 167 persons whose extradition is demanded includes the following: Field Marshals Hindenburg, Ludendorff and Falkenhayn; Generals von Einem, Heringen, von Kluck, Mackensen, Beseler, Liman von Sanders, Falkenhausen, von Heinrich; Tirpitz, Capelle, Hipper, Scheer, Mücke, Dohna, Betamann-Hollweg, von Jagow, Zimmermann, Helfferich, Nérnst (who introduced poison gas warfare), and fifty-three U-boat commanders.

HOHENZOLLERN DYNASTY.

CONSPIRACY TO RESTORE EX-KAISER TO THE THRONE.

It has been discovered that an active organisation has been formed in Germany comprising the leaders of the reactionary conservatives and the royalists with the object of setting the ex-Kaiser again on the Throne. The "Leipziger Volkszeitung," among other papers, asserts that German Ministry at the Hague is the intermediary between the Royalists and Amerongen castle.

In connection with the signing of peace special prayers for restoration of the German Empire were offered on Sunday in some churches in Germany and in many of these cases the pastors added prayers for the ex-Kaiser.

MARTIAL LAW FOR STRIKERS.

The transport strike in Germany continues to spread. The Government announces that if the men fail to return to work by Monday next martial law will be proclaimed. At Berlin the authorities seem disposed to take drastic measures to break the strike. The railway companies, however, declare that an early resumption of work is improbable.

Much pillaging is reported and heavy food losses have been sustained, owing to the deterioration of truck loads of perishable foodstuffs.

ANARCHIST PLOT IN ROME.

The Italian police have discovered the existence in Rome of an anarchist plot to take possession by force of the markets and principal points. Police raided a shop where the leaders of the conspiracy were holding a meeting and placed them under arrest.

In spite of this setback, a number of other conspirators endeavoured to persuade a battalion of Arditi to join them and bring bombs. The Arditi, however, opened fire on them. In all twenty-nine plotters were arrested.

BOMBS AT FIUME.

The Fiume correspondent of the "Giornale d'Italia" telegraphs that there has been more fighting between French and Italian soldiers. An Italian officer, two French soldiers and two civilians were injured by the explosions of two bombs thrown by an unknown person. Fortunately there were no fatalities. The mob attacked and completely wrecked a café frequented by French soldiers.

SUCCESSFUL ARCHANGEL RAID.

The officer commanding at Archangel, in a wire dated July 4th, reports that our position on the left bank of the Dvina has been slightly advanced to the South of Jakovlevskoe.

Early on the morning of July 3rd, the enemy attacked our position, but was repulsed with heavy loss. On the night of July 2/3 a party of Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry raided an enemy position on the Vaga, killing eight and capturing a machine gun.

AVIATORS SINK BOLSHEVIST SHIP.

A Helsingfors message states that the retreat of the Russian volunteers from East Kurelin continues towards the Finnish frontier.

British forces have sunk two Bolshevist ships on Lake Onega, one of them by aeroplane attack. The crew of one ship were taken prisoner but in the other vessel everyone perished.

Contrary to earlier statements it is now improbable that the complementary clauses of the Austrian treaty will be ready to hand over before the end of the week.

EX-OFFICERS.

DECIDE TO FORM A PROTECTION SOCIETY.

A meeting of ex-officers was held at Cannon-street hotel on Monday to consider what steps shall be taken to bring to the notice of the country the claim that something should be done to find suitable employment for those who have been unable to secure positions since leaving the army.

It was decided to form an association of ex-officers on lines similar to that of the Discharged Soldiers and Sailors Association, and a committee was appointed to formulate the arrangements.

In supporting the proposal that a deputation should wait upon the Premier and that a mass demonstration should be held in London, one of the speakers asked the meeting to express its loyalty to the King. He said that if any two men had saved the country from revolution during the war it was his Majesty the King and the Prince of Wales. He was sure both King and Prince had every sympathy with the plight of all ex-officers who are without employment and would receive them if it became necessary to ask for their support.

MARCH THROUGH PARIS.

RHINE ARMY CONTINGENT'S DEPARTURE.

The contingent of troops representing the Army of the Rhine who are to take part in the great triumphal march of the Allies through Paris on Monday, left Cologne late last night amid much bustle and enthusiasm. Eighty-three officers and 920 other ranks comprised the contingent, and 19 sets of colours were carried by officers.

There were three bands and three cavalry standards. Brig.-Gen. T. S. Lambert, C.B.C.M.G., who is commanding the party, inspected the troops at Riehl Barracks.

Every branch of the service was represented, and a smarter and better developed body of men than that presented by the parade prior to moving off, it would be difficult to equal.

On arrival at Paris, the contingent will be joined by detachments from France and England and on the appointed day, the spectacle of thousands of men marching twelve abreast through the principal thoroughfares of the gay French capital should be one to remember for many a year by those privileged to witness it.

SICK OF THE STRIKE.

LANCASHIRE COTTON WORKERS WISH TO RESUME.

The operatives employed at many mills in Manchester and the surrounding localities have announced their intention of returning to work, saying they are sick of the strike. Over 20,000 operatives are affected in Manchester, Salford, Pendleton, Eccles, Patricroft, Swinton, and Pendlebury districts.

Trade union strike pay, they declare, does not come up to the wages they have been earning.

Fifty thousand Bolton and district operatives should have started work yesterday after a week's holiday, but their holiday will have to be prolonged owing to the continuation of the strike. It was announced yesterday that, apart from results to cotton stoppage, there are now, roughly, eight thousand persons unemployed in Bolton, a decrease of 50 per cent. compared with six or eight weeks ago.

RAVAGED FRANCE.

REPLACEMENT OF PRISONERS' LABOUR.

Speaking at St. Quentin yesterday at the conclusion of a visit to the devastated areas, M. Clemenceau said it must not be thought that the Peace Treaty is a contract putting an end to all difficulties. No country can escape the law of work, although Germany will pay the whole bill for the reparation of the ruined areas—three thousand million pounds.

He also indicated that on Monday next the Allies will begin negotiating with Germany regarding the supply of materials and of labour to replace that of the prisoners when the latter are authorised to return to Germany.

It is stated that a committee will be appointed in every commune to determine what money advances shall be made to inhabitants to purchase indispensable furniture. These advances will be distributed without any formalities by officials to be appointed by the Prefects.

NEW ZEALAND PREMIER IN TRAIN ACCIDENT.

Returning to the Antipodes via Canada after the signature of the Peace terms, Mr. Massey, Premier of New Zealand was involved in a train accident. Having disembarked from the Mauretania, he was travelling from Halifax to Montreal when the train was derailed owing to the breakaway of a bogey truck. Fortunately nobody was seriously hurt.

VICKERS' WAR RECORD.

Yesterday Messrs. Vickers handed over to the Admiralty the light cruiser Calcutta, she being the sixty-seventh warship delivered from Vickers Yard at Barrow since the outbreak of the war. The list includes every type of vessel in the fighting Navy.

Other war work of this famous yard included nearly seventeen million shells, seventeen thousand field guns and many gun carriages.

Lord Rochdale, who was fined £5 and £10 10s costs, at Middleton, Lancs, for cruelty to his dog on the golf links, has given notice of appeal against the decision.

SLOUGH DEPOT.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON SCANDALOUS PUBLIC WASTE.

The report of the committee appointed to enquire into the administration of the Slough Motor Depot was issued yesterday. It strongly denounces the delay which occurred in developing the Slough depot as a repair works during the war.

The report states that thousands of vehicles were left to rot at Kempton Park and other places while waiting for the repair shop which never came into being. The committee are satisfied that the delays which occurred are mainly responsible for the lamentable waste of public money and for the failure to have the works available during the war.

The decision to continue the works after the signature of the armistice was taken without sufficient consideration of the altered conditions and without any trustworthy estimate of the financial side. There appears to be no good reason why the procedure in the War Office should not have been expedited.

At present it is obviously too late to turn back, says the committee, which recommends the payment of a general manager for the works and that he be given a free hand. At the end of two or three years the Government should again go into the question of the future of such depots as it is considered impossible to make a right decision until fuller knowledge of the requirements of the public services is available.

THEIR LAST SHOT.

CANADIANS HAVE FINISHED WITH ACTIVE SERVICE.

There has just arrived at the Canadian Camp at Ripon, en route for Canada, the last unit of Canadian troops actually to be engaged in fighting. This body comprises the 16th Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery, which for the last six months has been assisting General Ironside's force fighting against the Bolshevists in Northern Russia, and the only troops from any of the British Dominions to be serving in this expedition. They will sail for Canada in a very few days, and will carry with them the shell-case of the last shot to be fired on behalf of Canada in the great war.

This brigade was mobilized at Witley last autumn, its members all volunteering for this service, 75 per cent. of them having been wounded while previously serving with the Canadian Artillery in France, and about 10 per cent. of them having come over with the First Canadian Division in the autumn of 1914. The brigade arrived at Archangel on October 1, and within three days was engaged against the Bolshevists.

CASUALTIES AND HONOURS.

The brigade numbered twenty-two officers and 500 men, and their casualties during the whole period of their service were one officer and six other ranks killed, and twenty wounded.

Colonel Sharman has received the C.M.G. for his services, and Major Arnoldi has been awarded the bar to the D.S.O. Seven officers received the Military Cross, and nearly sixty decorations were given to members of other ranks.

OFFICERS' PENSIONS.

PENSIONS MINISTER AND SIR DOUGLAS HAIG.

Sir L. Worthington Evans, the Pensions Minister, has issued a statement dealing with Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's evidence before the Select Committee on Pensions, in the course of which he says:—

"Sir Douglas Haig stated the case of a married second lieutenant in a sanatorium, that the officer was entitled to £175 a year minus 4s. 6d. a day, and that therefore he had only £93 left for his wife and family.

"The facts are that a second lieutenant is entitled to £210 a year, not £175 (the difference, £35, is the 20 per cent. bonus I announced in March last); moreover, his wife is entitled to a separation allowance of £50, so that instead of a balance of £93, there is now a balance of £178 a year.

"In special cases of necessity there is a maintenance allowance of £24 for each child, and if the children are over nine a special grant for education is available, up to £50 for each child.

"The officer also receives maintenance and treatment in a sanatorium costing the State over £234 per annum, for which he is charged 4s. 6d. a day, say, £82 a year. So that the total compensation payable to this officer costs the State £412 a year without counting the children's benefits."

RECORD IN SCOTTISH DIVORCE.

During the latter years of the war, divorce actions in Scottish courts increased very considerably, and there is no sign of diminution to-day. A record was established when thirty-three cases came before the courts during last week. About fifty cases have been heard, and with one or two exceptions these actions were all undefended, and each occupied but a few minutes. In many cases husbands who had been on service were the petitioners.

OFFICER'S TRAGIC END.

The body of an officer was recovered from Langston Harbour, Portsmouth, yesterday. On being removed to the mortuary his identification disc was found to be stamped: "Lieut. Naturin, R.F.A., Church of England." A revolver was also found. The body had evidently been in the water some days.

Some sailors discharged from the German Navy at Hamburg tried on Sunday to sink two mine-sweepers at Wilhelmshaven. The failed in their attempt, however, and have been placed under arrest.

COLONIALS AGAIN.

PRISONERS RELEASED TO PACIFY RIOTOUS MOB.

It looks as though it will soon be necessary for police stations to be sandbagged and loopholed.

An ugly incident which developed into an attack on a police station (the fourth similar outrage) occurred at Salisbury on Sunday night. A soldier had been arrested and taken to the station pending the arrival of a car to take him back to camp. One of his friends went inside and demanded his release, the crowd backing him up. When the military police arrived in a car, they tried to persuade the crowd to be reasonable, but a large number of soldiers, led by Colonials, would not allow the prisoners to be put in the vehicle, which suffered much damage at the hands of the rioters.

Australian soldiers took a prominent part in the disturbance and pickaxes were used to break into the station, the doors and windows of which were smashed. One constable was hit by a broken bottle.

The authorities, in order to avoid further trouble, released the prisoners and later the whole available force of "redcaps" from the Southern Command Headquarters came on the scene and cleared away the crowd.

FRAUD ON COX'S.

EX-OFFICIAL AND HIS BROTHER'S ACCOUNT.

"There is no doubt he suffers from religious mania and alcoholic poisoning," said counsel at Bow-street, on Saturday, when Arthur William Brazel, 32, traveller, of Hearson-street, Swansea, was sentenced to six months' in the second division for obtaining money by false pretences from Messrs. Cox and Co., the bankers.

It was stated that accused applied to the bankers in the name of his brother, Major Claud Hamilton Brazel, R.E., for money to be telegraphed to him, with the result that sums of £30, £40, and £50 were sent.

Next he asked for £100 to be wired to Dorchester. After Major Brazel's account had been debited with the previous amounts it was found to be overdrawn, and inquiries were made, resulting in prisoner's arrest.

Major Brazel had since written informing Messrs. Cox and Co. that his brother had held a responsible position at the Ministry of Labour and gained a very high reputation for his organising and administrative ability. But for three or four years he had been drinking heavily, and ultimately he returned to his father's house a moral and physical wreck, quite irresponsible concerning money and drink.

It was added that he corresponded with several persons on religious subjects. He had a wife and three children.

NO ARREST IN HENDON MURDER MYSTERY.

Although detectives are diligently investigating the Hendon wineshop murder they have not yet made any arrest. Important new evidence has been gathered, however, and yesterday the police were hoping that by the evening the enquiries they had in hand would lead to an early arrest.

It is believed that Mr. Gregory, who was so brutally done to death, succeeded in marking his assailant in the course of the struggle.

PEDLAR PALMER STABBED.

The story of how Pedlar Palmer, a former boxing champion, was stabbed on Saturday night was told at Thames Court yesterday when Harry Saunders, another old boxer, was charged with malicious wounding.

Palmer's daughter Rose said that while her father and mother were standing outside a public house in Bow Road the prisoner rushed out with a knife in his hand. A struggle took place and Palmer fell down. He was taken home and collapsed in the kitchen. It was then found that he had a wound in his thigh. He was taken to the hospital at Bromley by Bow, where he will be detained for at least a week. Saunders was remanded until Palmer is well enough to give evidence.

RECEIVING FROM OFFICERS.

Four months' imprisonment in the second division was passed at Middlesex Sessions on William John Twigg and Thomas Oswin, motor engineers, of Hampton, for receiving property stolen from Hurst Park by two R.A.F. officers who are now undergoing imprisonment for the thefts.

One of the officers was left in charge of Hurst Park to superintend the transfer of surplus stores to other depots, and he sold a quantity of Government property to Twigg and Oswin. The prisoners declared the officers told them that they had full authority to sell the property.

FINEST ARMY IN THE WORLD.

Addressing the Marlborough College Officers Training Corps yesterday, General Wilson, chief of the General Staff, said that although it was not his business to say there would be no more war, it was good for young fellows to know how to defend themselves, their country and their honour. We had passed through the bloodiest war the world had ever known and emerged from it with the finest army in the world.

EX-GERMAN COLONIES.

The Commission of Colonial Mandates held its first sitting in London on Monday, Lord Milner presiding. Mr. Henry Simon, Minister of Colonies, represented France and Senator Marconi, Italy. The two latter went from Boulogne to London by aeroplane.

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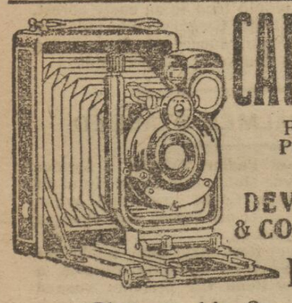

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THE NEW WEAPON.

We must not look for political and industrial peace at home for many a long day. It was clearly foreseen that with the close of fighting in the field, the scene of conflict would be transferred to the workshops, the market places and the council chambers of England.

And so it has happened. War has changed the whole perspective of the nation.

The strike has come to be regarded as the one effective offensive weapon. It has been used with substantial and almost consistent success during the years of war.

It is realised that huge combinations of interests can rapidly bring about desired industrial changes, that years of discussion never seem to produce. The organised workers, seeing such tangible results from the power of combination are bent on extending the principle so that it covers the political field.

They seem determined to take action with the powerful weapon of the strike to combat any political measure they are opposed to or to support any movement they favour.

Government by strike is undoubtedly the danger ahead and there will be a big fight over the principle in the very near future. It is only in its initial stages but it may be expected to develop speedily.

There is at present a "triple alliance" of three of the largest and most influential trades unions, pledged by a majority of votes to use the power of their numbers in the political arena. It is not unlikely that an attempt will soon be made by the movement to embrace all the great unions of labour throughout the country.

The first great fight, will of course, be over the nationalisation of the mines, but there are other issues of scarcely less importance mapped out for direct action.

The whole political atmosphere at home is charged with electricity. These new forces which are coming into play are transforming the whole political outlook.

Weapons are coming into use which hitherto have been limited in their action but may now alter our whole social fabric.

The situation is fraught with immense possibilities and many dangers. Its careful study is encumbent on all who have the future of Britain at heart.

THE SOLDIERS' FRIEND.

Not content with his great services in leading the forces of the Empire to victory, Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig is every day earning fresh gratitude from the men who served under him by his unswerving advocacy of their cause. We have already referred to his unselfish attitude and his great solicitude in regard to the pension of the ex-soldier.

Now, Sir Douglas Haig has come forward as the advocate of one all-powerful organisation for all ex-service men. To weld all existing organisations together and thus assist them on their return to civil life, is an object he has closely at heart, and it is of such vital national importance that he considers the efforts of the two or three organisations now working separately should be welded into one powerful whole.

Up to now these have not agreed to fusion, but it is to be hoped that they will without delay see the necessity for uniting.

There must be no rivalry or antagonism in such a work as the welfare of everyone who served in the great war.

Comradeship and mutual help are essential to success. We hope the great general's views will prevail. We know he will have the loyal support of the majority of service men, both in the army or out of it. With their backing, Sir Douglas Haig can do much as "the soldiers' friend".

"WE ARE STICKING IT."

A message that will become historic was sent by the crew of the British airship when there was some doubt, owing to petrol shortage, whether she would be able to reach her goal without a descent en route — "We are sticking it!"

"Sticking it" is a British characteristic which has pulled our country out of many a desperate fight, and will, we have no doubt, extricate us from many more in the days to come.

When not much more than a year ago everything looked as black as could be on the British front in France and Flanders, it was this quality of "sticking it" that eventually helped us to turn the tables on our adversary and sees us on the Rhine to-day.

As a nation we have the reputation of lacking foresight and organisation, and this is notoriously true, we fear. We attain our ends generally at enormous cost and by a singular lack of method not because of skilful, scientific planning but just perhaps because of our inherent lack of imagination we fail to realise the risks we run.

We compensate for all this, however, by our natural aptitude for "sticking it."

SOUVENIRS TO TAKE HOME.

Collecting souvenirs has been a most interesting pastime with most of us since we have been in the war. We have sent home or intend to take home something we value very highly. The intrinsic value of our keepsakes is not very much, but because of association we greatly treasure them.

In the mind of some, the question arises, when I go home, what can I get to take to the one I love?

No matter what we take home, unless we go with a consciousness of a task well done, we shall not enjoy what we take, knowing that we have not done our best on the job that was assigned us.

The remaining days may be tedious in some respects, but let us keep our records clean.

Very few men realize what a large part we are playing while making history as the Army of Occupation.

But the older we grow the more thankful we shall be that we were in the A of O, and that we were among those who moved up to the edge of the Neutral Zone and helped make Germany sign.

Hardships we have undergone will be a subject for boasting.

For the sake of our own comfort and self-respect, for the sake of our loved ones, for the sake of our Regiment, our Army and our country, let the last days of our service be days full of faithful work.

The best things we can take home are the clean bodies and pure minds of soldiers faithful to their trust.

We have adapted the above sound sense from a recent issue of the "9th Infantry Cootie" published in Coblenz by the A.E.F. and hope members of the British Rhine Army will take the advice to heart.

WITHIN THE LIMIT.

"Don't forget," I said, "We do this act by numbers. Five hundred words, and not a comma over, so reads the dictum from the Editor of the "Cologne Post." Two-fifty words each. So let's have the Blue-black in the middle, and no cheating! Your move."

The Ink Prodigal commenced: "It was in the year of our Lord 1918"— —

"Pass to me for necessary action, please" I interrupted peremptorily. "You're simply chucking words away; eight of the very best gone to the very west" I groaned rhythmically.

"My words, aren't they?" complained my collaborator—I can do as I like with my own, I suppose. Besides, I've still 242 left.

"No, my poor foolish word-waster. They're not yours: they're *ours*, each with a duty to perform, which is, to tell a story of surpassing interest, and to persuade the Editor that we are the goods. What the readers want is a good thrilling "hair raiser," and the Editor a good "circulation raiser", and if only I can persuade you to ink economy, between us, we can provide both these requirements. My move now. In this style — guaranteed to tell the longest story in the fewest words. Listen!

"Jones jumped out of bed. Fire! Fire!" —

"My turn again" interrupted the Ink Prodigal.

"What do you mean?" I remonstrated, "interrupting in that fashion. I give you a dramatic situation at the very start. Whilst you are hanging on by your ink-drops to the Year of your Lord 1918, I've got poor old Jones up at the window shouting "Fire! Fire! My story moves in 7 words — yours stands to attention over 8. Ink pot, again, please!"

"Tell me," the Ink Prodigal pleaded, "Was there one fire or two?"

"Why, one, of course, silly."

"Then why did you make Jones shout "Fire!" twice?"

I began to fear that my collaborator was going to prove useless. However, it was something that my lesson had apparently gone home. So, with a surly "Carry on, then" I subsided.

"The clock struck a quarter past eight—" he commenced.

"There you go again," I thundered, "why can't the clock strike eight—and save us three words, which we shall badly need before we're through. Besides a clock can't strike a quarter past eight. It can strike the quarters between every hour, but nothing to show the hour."

At this stage, the Ink Prodigal brought our collaboration to an end, without giving the notice usual between gentlemen in such partnerships. He did so in a particularly mean manner, overturning the ink (of which he had already imbibed far too freely) laughing as it trickled down my trousers, leaving them in a condition suggesting that I had recently emerged from a cook-house fatigue.

"Didn't waste any words that time. You've a fine situation for a story now. Make the best of it yourself—I've finished. Cheerio."

"Blackguard!" I answered: "I'll tell the whole story in "The Cologne Post" as a warning to others. And I'll do it in 499 words, too, you profligate.

But he was out of earshot.

E. G. TELLUM.

OUR FUTURE CIVIL LIFE.

BY AN EX-SOLDIER.

One of the most urgent and important problems that must be faced at the present time is that of employment for the ex-soldier. This question of a future career in civil life is of equal concern for both officers and other ranks, and, if it is to be solved in a satisfactory manner, the whole British Empire must be prepared to devote itself to a close and careful study of facts.

It need hardly be stated that facts are frequently extremely unpleasant to acknowledge, but if the war has done any good whatsoever, it has at least succeeded in teaching us to look things squarely in the face.

Most of us, who have already been demobilized, have discovered that, no matter how brilliant our military career may have been, we are up against a proposition, fraught with difficulties and anxious moments.

We have experienced, some of us at any rate, that it is not easy to secure a billet in the world of civil competition; and it may have proved a hard awakening to the fact that we have still to strive in order to win our spurs.

Let those, therefore, who yet await the formal intimation in the Gazette that their military work has now come to a close, consider for a moment, how they may best equip themselves for the struggle that is to come, not upon the field of battle, but in the arena of commerce and civil employment in general.

It should, above all, be realised that, although a solder has completed a distinguished career, he must not assume that a plum is going to fall to him, without a struggle. The airing of a just grievance, that of unemployment, may be a natural outcome of bitter experience, but it must be carried out in such a fashion as not to prejudice the chance of him who airs it. Every man who has or has not a billet awaiting him on his return to England must learn to see both sides of the question.

The employer, who is taking back an employee, can rightly say that four years of war has not furthered one tittle, that employee's experience in his pre-war profession. He may go so far as to say that the ex-soldier has forgotten what he had already learned.

Again, the employer, when considering a new man who, when war broke out, was but a school boy, can stipulate that a year or more must elapse before his new employee is able to earn a salary commensurate with his army pay at the time of demobilization. All these and similar facts must be faced.

Then there is the undoubted prejudice in the eyes of business men, which exists where the army, as a profession, is concerned. This prejudice must be overcome, and this rests largely with the ex-soldier. The business man may be inclined to overlook the fact that a very large proportion of our army is composed of business men, and we, who are ex-soldiers, either with or without pre-war business experience, must be reasonable when we take up our stand to defend ourselves.

The employer on a large scale must assimilate the fact that a year or two spent in teaching a man his work at a possible loss from a financial viewpoint, is going to repay him in the long run.

There must be "give and take" on both sides in order that we, as members of a great empire, may avoid a menace which is seriously threatening the very foundations of human progress and civilisation.

It is up to the soldier to earn the esteem of his employer, and it is likewise up to the employer to place every facility in the way of the ex-soldier to accomplish this end.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

THE CROWDED-OUT SUBALTERN.

Sir,—No one holds in higher esteem the ladies who have come from England to help in the work of our Rhine Army. They have helped us greatly, for they have brought out to us a bit of home-life.

But it is becoming somewhat difficult for the ordinary person to see much of England's fair damsels.

The other night I tried hard to get my initials — quite ordinary initials — on the dance programmes of a few ladies, but I failed.

What is the ordinary fellow to do, Sir, when he is not a Brigadier, or a "redtab" but just a

SUBALTERN.

OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Sir,—Your correspondent "Rhino" is mistaken. "God save the King" is an entirely British effort, though not a particularl happy one.

It is generally supposed to have been written by Henry Carey, and first performed in a tavern in Cornhill in 1740. Some historians, however, attribute it to John Bull. The tune was appropriated by the Germans years ago, and adapted to the words "Hail to thee in Thy crown of Victory."

A.F.Y.

A CALL FOR ART CLASSES.

Sir,—Before joining the Army I used to study art in my spare time. I have since had no opportunity to continue this work.

I am told that there is no art staff at the Rhine University, If this is so, it would help many like myself if something could be arranged in this direction. I am sure it would be popular as well as very useful.

Another class I have heard Lancashire men express a wish to join if there were one of technical instruction is the Cotton industry.

"QUEENS."

R.A.F. COMMISSIONS.

Sir,—I read that there are only a small number of permanent commissions for about twenty thousand temporary R.A.F. officers.

The Air Force authorities rightly insist on a high standard for all candidates, but are they not carrying their exclusiveness to an alarming degree?

We learn that only officers holding regular pre-war commissions in the Army or Navy, or who have been educated at recognised public schools, or who hold war decorations, are likely to be considered.

One can sympathise with them in a desire to weed out the twenty thousand, but what of the individual who is capable and qualified in every way except that he cannot claim a public school education. Again are war decorations a proof of ability or fitness in the case of every wearer.

"DEMOCRAT."

MORE TIME FOR STUDY.

Sir,—I beg to emphasise my opinion that the opportunities given to men who earnestly desire to take advantage of whatever the Rhine Army can offer in the shape of educational facilities beyond the mere elementary stage, are not sufficient at present.

What militates against the full success of any Army educational scheme so far is that at every turn, scholars are confronted by interruption to their studies caused by military duties, so that the daily hour or so devoted to "Education" loses its value and makes progress slow.

There are many of us who desire to catch up some of the ground we have lost during the past five years but with military duties constantly interfering, find it impossible to settle down to study properly.

"SCRIBBLER."

MILITARY OCCASIONS.

Sir,—What are "military occasions" within the meaning of King's Regulations and the Dress regulations laid down by the powers that be?

Many of us are faced with the prospect of demobilization, and are hard put to it to know when we may wear the old uniform without running the risk of fine.

There are many occasions in the life of the man when he should be allowed to wear the dress which he has worn with distinction in the interests of his countrymen.

Outstanding amongst these are the peace celebrations. Thousands have passed out of the service without a distinguishing mark, badge or medallion which would distinguish them from the most blatant conscientious objector.

Not every man is prepared to wear his service chevrons on the sleeves of his lounge suits. The wearing of a decoration on the lapel after the continental fashion is not officially countenanced, then why not permit the wearing of the uniform, incidentally making a public example of those individuals who may be tempted to masquerade in it.

"FORESTER."

DRAMA AND EDUCATION.

Sir,—Your paragraph headed "Drama and Education" has brought down on me the thunderbolt of some stern educationalists, who state that I can hardly claim on behalf of the British Rhine Army Dramatic Company the honour of combining Education with entertainments, since up to now I have produced none of the greatest dramatic master pieces of the world.

I do not consider that I need in any way be on my defence since those plays which have been produced can justly claim to be masterpieces of their particular kind and are certainly examples of the best dramatic literature of the modern British drama.

As soon as possible I hope to struggle with such giants as Shakespeare and Euripides, but I should like to point out that our choice of plays is greatly determined by the number of people, the local scenery and the available time that such works demand. Now that the Army of Occupation has a School of Art the help of this institution would be of the greatest value in the production of decorative as well as literary plays.

In the meanwhile I truly think that a company who in less than two months has offered to the troops in Cologne, plays by: Bernard Shaw, Macdonald Hastings, Oscar Wilde, Henry Davies, and Arnold Bennett is entitled to the honour bestowed on us in the column of to-day's "Cologne Post."

Julius Caesar will be produced as soon as possible.

S. E. PERCY,
Lieut., Asst. Amusements Officer.

MEETING AT NIGHT.

The gray sea and the long black land;
And the yellow half-moon large and low;
And the startled little waves that leap
In fiery ringlets from their sleep,
As I gain the cove with pushing prow,
And quench its speed i' the slushy sand.

Then a mile of warm sea-scented beach;
Three fields to cross till a farm appears;
A tap at the pane, the quick sharp scratch
And blue spurt of a lighted match,
And a voice less loud, thro' its joy and fears,
Than the two hearts beating each to each!

ROBERT BROWNING.

Norman Brookes Dethroned.

G. L. PATTERSON VICTORIOUS.

WORLD'S TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP WON IN BRILLIANT STYLE.

Mr. Gerald Patterson, Australia, Norman Brookes's youthful challenger, has won the title of the world's tennis champion.

He defeated the holder at Wimbledon on Monday in brilliant style, thus firmly establishing himself as one of the greatest players the game has produced.

DEADLY SERVICE.

At Wimbledon on Monday in the challenge round of the men's singles, Norman Brookes, the holder, was beaten by Patterson 6—3, 7—5, 6—2. Patterson, played a brilliant game, his service being particularly deadly, and the pace of his play had the champion in trouble all the time.

Brookes did not display nearly such good form as when he won the title in 1914 by defeating the late Anthony Wilding, while in the matter of age he was giving away close on ten years.

OTHER RESULTS.

INTERESTING FINAL IN LADIES' DOUBLES.

Mixed Doubles (semi-finals), Mrs. Lambert Chambers' and Prebble beat Miss Addison and Decugis 6—1, 6—0; and Miss Ryan and Lycett beat Mrs. Larcombe and Thomas 6—2, 6—3.

Ladies' Doubles:— Mrs. Larcombe and Mrs. Chambers beat Mrs. Satterthwaite and Miss K. McKane 6—0, 6—0, Mlle Lenglen and Miss Ryan beat Mrs. Cobb and Miss McKane 6—2, 6—1.

Semi-final:— Mlle Lenglen and Miss Ryan beat Mrs. Parton and McNair 6—2, 6—1; Mrs. Larcombe and Mrs. Chambers beat Mrs. Hall and Miss Holman 6—1, 6—2.

All England Plate (semi-finals):— F.R.L. Crawford beat N. Willford 6—4, 6—1; Max Woosnam beat H. A. Davis 6—4, 6—2.

THE CHAMPION.

Gerald Patterson, the new champion, is the master of a service which resembles a thunderbolt, and among those he has defeated this year are H.J. Gilbert, H. Roper Barrett, J.M. Mavrogordato, S.N. Doust, A.H.Gobert, M.J.G. Ritchie, and Lieut.-Col. A.R.F. Kingscote, M.C. In the process he only lost one set, to the veteran Ritchie. Like Brookes, Patterson is an Australian.

LATEST SPORT IN BRIEF.

Roehampton Cup Polo Tournament:—Scouts beat Pilgrims 4—3; Thornby beat Cowley Manor 7—3.

Cricket (close of play):—University Match—Oxford 387 all out. Yorks 241; Essex 106; Somerse 172; Worcester 203; Australians 354; Durham 102.

In the race for clinker built boats on the Thames between the crews representing Edinburgh University and King's College, London, the former won.

LAWN TENNIS "TOURNEY."

RHINE ARMY SPORTS CLUB'S FIRST DAY RESULTS.

The Lawn Tennis Tournament of the Rhine Army Officers Sports Club was commenced at the Club Grounds, Lindenthal on Monday. The Tournament Committee are: Lieut.-Col. Pleydell Nott, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. McAllister D.S.O., Major the Hon. P. Bowes-Lyon, Rev. L. M. Andrews, M. C. and Capt. H. A. Wardle. Lieut.-Col. Pleydell-Nott is acting as referee. The following are the results of the first day's play:—

GENTLEMEN'S OPEN SINGLES.

First Round:—Major Aune beat Major McCallum, 6—2, 7—5; Capt. Dunn beat Lieut. Robinson, 6—1, 6—2; Capt. G. W. Tarleton beat Major Villa, 6—0, 6—4; Major H. Ward beat Lieut. Armstrong, 6—0, 6—2; Major C. O. Hezlet beat Capt. Davidson, 6—3, 4—6, 6—4; Capt. Sherring beat Major B. L. Montgomery, 4—6, 7—5, 7—5; Lieut. Chrystall beat Major Capell, 6—1, 6—1; Lieut.-Col. Owen beat Lieut. Faure, 6—1, 6—0; Lieut.-Col. Budgen beat Major C. Walsh, 4—6, 9—7, 10—8; Capt. H. A. Wardle beat Lieut. Wimbush.

Second Round:—Major Allin beat Major Jackson 6—1, 6—1; Lieut. Hudson beat Lieut. A. P. Roberts 4—6, 6—1, 6—2; Lieut. Greene-Kelly beat Major Gartlan 6—0, 6—3; Lieut.-Col. Owen beat Lieut. Chrystall 7—5, 6—2; Rev. L. M. Andrews beat Lieut. Dart 6—0, 6—0; Major Saul beat Capt. R. Ritchie 6—2, 6—2; Major S. G. Wheatley beat Lieut. Wiseman 6—0, 6—2.

LADIES' OPEN SINGLES.

Miss Drew beat Miss Hewlitt 6—1, 6—3; Miss Benskin beat Miss Smith 6—2, 1—6, 6—4; Miss Hookey beat Christian 6—1, 6—1; Mrs. Woodcock W. O Miss Valentine scratched; Miss Mc. Master beat Miss M. Campbell 2—6, 6—4, 6—3; Mrs. Woodcock beat Miss Watson 6—1, 6—0.

LADIES' OPEN DOUBLES.

Miss Douglas and Miss McMaster beat Miss E. West and Miss E. A. Brigge 6—2, 6—4; Miss Hookey and Miss Drew beat Miss W. Campbell and Miss M. Hewlitt 9—7, 6—2.

GENTLEMEN'S OPEN DOUBLES.

Major S. G. Wheatley and Lieut.-Col. Gemmill beat Major Capel and Capt. Whistler 6—2, 6—0; Major Hezlet and Major Ward beat Capt. Dunn and Capt. Faure 6—0, 6—2; Lieut.-Col. Budgen and Lieut. King beat Major N. Rountree and Capt. Butler 6—0, 4—6, 7—5; Lieut.-Col. Owen and Major Montgomery W.O. Major L. Gurney and Capt. Farr scratched; Lieut. Greene-Kelly and Lieut. Chrystall beat Capt. Robinson and Capt. H.O. Spicer 6—1, 6—3; Capt. Brooke Pike and Capt. Ritchie beat Capt. Inglis and Capt. Hodson 8—6, 7—5; Lieut.-Col. Pleydell-Nott and Capt G.W. Tarleton beat Major C. Walsh and Capt Sanderson 6—3, 6—2.

MIXED DOUBLES OPEN.

Major C. Harland and Miss Christian W. O. Capt. Hodson and Miss Valentine scratched; Capt. Davidson and Mrs. Woodcock beat Lieut.-Col. McAllister and Miss Verrall 6—0, 6—2; Major Ward and Miss Douglas beat Brig.-Gen. Stockley and Miss Smith 6—0, 6—0; Lieut.-Col. Pleydell-Nott and Miss M. Hewlitt W. O. Lieut.-Col. Spicer and Miss Curlett scratched. Lieut. Kelly and Miss Drew beat Capt. Brooke-Pike and Miss Roddick 6—4, 6—1; Capt. G. Tarleton and Miss M. Campbell beat Rev. L. M. Andrews and Miss Hookey 6—4, 6—0.

"THE ORDER OF THE BATH."

1st SIGNAL SQUADRON'S SUCCESSFUL SPORTS AT QUADRATH.

As was predicted, the 1st Signal Squadron sports meeting on Saturday last at Quadrath was a marked success. The sports field, decorated with the blue and white bunting, reminded one of the meetings at home before the war. The officials were as follows: — Judges: Major J. B. Wheeler, M.C.; Lieut. J. Crowley, M.C.; Capt. J. H. Hewes; Capt. J. N. Fox, M.C., R.E.; Lieut. J. N. Dart; Lieut. Batten. Starter:—Lieut. J. C. W. Jennings, D.C.M., R.E. M.C.: S.S.M. W. J. Lambourne.

By kind permission of Major P. H. Compton, M.C., the band of the "Carabiniers" under the conductorship of Bandmaster H. W. Simpson, played during the afternoon and rendered some excellent musical items. Tilting the bucket with the coloured wash caused plenty of amusement, and also wet shirts and "baths" for several of the competitors. Dvrs. Kennard and Little received the most of the water, Dvr. Kennard thoroughly "doing the dirty" on his comrade, and turning him into a "blue boy" from head to foot and very quickly too.

In the high jump, Pnr. K. Ross won, clearing 4 ft. 7ins. In settling for the second and third positions, Spr. C. Stuart cleared 4 ft 9 ins., and Spr. Babbage, 4 ft 8 ins, although they had previously failed below that, when giving Pnr. Ross the victory.

PRIZE WINNERS.

100 yards:—1, Sig. V. Darley. (Vis); 2, Spr. Babbage. (W/T); 3, L/Cpl. Bachop. (W/T).

440 yards:—1, Spr. H. Babbage. (W/T); 2, Spr. Smith. (Fld. Sqdn).

Mile relay:—Wireless section — L/Cpl Bachop, Sprs. Vick, Babbage and Gaffney.

Mile (open):—1, Spr. Howard. C.E. (R.E.); 2, Cpl. Notyze. (9th Lancers); 3, Spr Madgwick. (Fld. Sqdn.)

Obstacle race:—1, Sig. Darley. (Vis); 2, Spr. P. Evans. (Dismt); 3, L/Cpl. Bachop. (W/T).

Sack race:—1, Spr. Rothery. J. (Vis); 2, Spr. Austin. (W/T); 3, Dvr Kennard. (W/T).

High jump:—1, Pnr Ross. K. (Vis); 2, Spr. Stuart. C. (Dismt); 3, Spr. Babbage (W/T).

Band race:—1, Pte. Chiddington; 2, T.Major Frape. (Carabiniers); 3, Cpl. Penfold.

Tug-of-war (Final):—Wireless section beat visual section.

Slow cycle race:—1, Spr. Brown. (Dismt); 2, Spr. Fairclough (W/T); 3, Dvr Bickham (Vis).

Mixed boot race:—1, Spr. Howard (Vis); 2, Spr. Vick (W/T); 3, Spr. Harrington (W/T).

Throw-the-bucket:—1, Sprs. Harrington and Vick. (W/T)

Sack bumping (Final):—1, Cable section—Sgt. Keevil, Cpl. Cutten, Dvr. Duggan, Pte. Tumber.

Boat race:—Dismounted section (Cox, L/Cpl. D. Clarke.)

Wrestling on horseback (Final):—Cable section beat Visual section.

Tug-of-war (mounted) Final:—Cable section beat Visual section.

Victoria cross race:—1, Sgt. J. Grigg and Cpl. W.H. Tolley. (W/T); 2, Dvrs. Donahue and Woods (W/T).

At the conclusion of the races, Lieut.-Col. C. A. Organ, D.S.O., kindly presented the prizes, and also congratulated the winners.

STEWARDS CUP SWEEPSTAKE.

We are asked to state that the sweepstake which has been organised by the Mechanical Transport Depot is not confined to the Mechanical Transport Section, but is open to all arms of the Service. There is no limit to the numbers of tickets that can be taken. The whole of the prizes will be given in War Savings Certificates. By the number of applications that have been received for tickets, it is evident the sweepstake is going to be a gigantic success and early application to Lieut. E. S. Morgan, Mechanical Transport Depot is advised. Tickets can either be purchased singly — at 5 marks — or in books of 25. Books of tickets will be sent to anyone undertaking the sale, but cash and counterfoils must be returned by July 26th.

75 PRIZES.

7th MIDDLESEX REGT. ATHLETIC SPORTS MEETING.

"Peace Day" was celebrated on Saturday by the 7th Battalion, Middlesex Regt., at Frankenforst, where a first-class meeting was arranged by the Sports Committee. Remarkable keenness was displayed by competitors and spectators alike, and the 75 prizes, which were presented by the Commanding Officer after the meeting, were very well earned.

RESULTS.

100 yards:—1st, C.Q.M.S. Baker; 2nd, Sergt. Clarke; 3rd, L/Cpl. Wickenden.

220 yards:—1st, Sergt. Clarke; 2nd, Corpl. Field; 3rd, Sergt. West.

440 yards:—1st, Sergt. West; 2nd, Corpl. White; 3rd, Pte. Brown.

Cross-Country Run:—1st, Corpl. Field; 2nd, Pte. Fensome; 3rd, 2/Lieut. Fairclough.

Obstacle Race:—1st, Pte. Meredith; 2nd, Pte. Ben; 3rd, Pte. Shepperson.

Tug of War:—Winners: "B" Coy.

Long Jump:—1st, Pte. Purvey; 2nd, Sergt. West; 3rd, Pte. Shepperson.

Pole Pillow Fight:—1st, Corpl. Mason; 2nd, Pte. Horner.

Fancy Dress Race:—1st, L/Cpl. Duggan; 2nd, Pte. West; (Best costume) Pte. Macon.

Wheelbarrow Race:—1st, Sergt. Craske and Pte. Samuels; 2nd, Pte. Warren and Pte. Purvey.

Boot Race:—1st, Pte. Deacon; 2nd, Pte. Wise; 3rd, Sergt. Douglas.

Throwing the Cricket Ball:—1st, Pte. Purvey; 2nd, Pte. Hopkins.

Band Race (for members of the Band of the 9th East Surrey Regt):—1st, Dr. Hughes; 2nd, Dr. Pollard; 3rd, L/Cpl. Wood

Boat Race:—Winners: "H.Q."

Mule Race:—1st, Pte. Jeffries; 2nd, Pte. Pilkington; 3rd, Pte. Petchley.

Sack Race:—1st, Corpl. Bennett; 2nd, Pte. Kilner; 3rd, Pte. King.

Potato Race:—1st, L/Corpl. Thaine; 2nd, Sergt. Court; 3rd, Pte. David.

Blindfold Boxing:—1st, L/Corpl. Tarling; 2nd, Pte. Coulson.

Mop Fight:—1st, Pte. Rose and Pte. Samuel; 2nd, Pte. Brown and Pte. Coulson.

The Company Championship was won by "B" Coy., "H.Q." Details being placed second.

The "Prongs" Concert Party provided a magnificent entertainment in the evening and wound up what was, in every respect, a most successful day.

GALA DAY AT WESTHAUSEN.

"B" Coy., 5th (P.O.W.) Battalion, Devon Regt., had a "day out" on Friday. In the morning a "footer" match was arranged by Lieut. Gillmore, 5 Platoon v. 7 Platoon, which ended in a runaway victory for the latter by 5 goals to 2—Biggs (2), Ford and Thomas putting through for the victors, and Brookes and Brown for the losers. The most prominent player on the losers' side was Lieut. Brooks.

Following the football match, a company athletic sports meeting was held, and most of the prizes fell to No. 8 Platoon, who won 4 firsts, 3 seconds, 4 thirds, and one fourth. Following are the results:—

100 yards:— Ptes. Attril, Trerise and Ford. 220 yards:— Ptes. Attril, Sparkes, and Brown. Boot Race:— Ptes. Shrapnell, Young and Vicarage. Relay Race.— No. 7 Platoon and No. 8 Platoon. Three Legged Race: Pte. Shrapnell, Pte. Barrett and Sergt. Essery. Wheelbarrow Race:— Ptes. Barrett, Bubb and Stones. ½ Mile Ptes. Ford, Bleasdale, and Sergt. Stewart. Consolation Prize:— 1, Ptes. Sylvester, Brooks, and Edmunds.

Look out for another inter-sex match between some famous lady and professional golfers. I am not allowed to give names or place, (writes Eustace E. White) and cannot, if I would, give date. All I can say is, that the match, nothing more than prospective at present, is of the kind to make an irresistible appeal to the public.

THE BISLEY MEETING.

CRACK SHOTS FROM THE RHINE ARMY.

This year's Bisley meeting should prove to be even more interesting than ever. It is safe to predict that some hitherto unknown marksmen will come into prominence as a result of military training during the war. At least one competitor for the King's Cup in 1915 had not the remotest idea that he possessed the keenness of vision and the steadiness of nerve to place him in the front rank of rifle shots. Then he joined the Army, and his extraordinary prowess quite startled the musketry instructors.

As already announced, the Rhine Army will be fully represented this year. A large number of battalions have sent teams across the water, and among those who are to compete in the individual competitions, are:—

Capt. E. B. King, M.G.C.; Capt. A. M. McVay, M.G.C.; R.S.M. A.E. Sabine, R.E.; S.Q.M.S. G.H. Butler, 17th Lancers; Lieut. J. Russell, 4th Seaforths; Lieut. McD. Sturton, 4th Seaforths; C.S.M. Morren, IV Corps; 2nd Lieut. D. Bissett, 5th R.I. Regt.; 2nd Lieut. F. J. S. Rybot, R.G.A.; 5th R.I. Regt.; Lieut. E. J. James, 52nd Welsh; Lieut. K. Anderson, R.G.A.; Signaller G. May, R.G.A., Capt. H. N. Fryer, 4th Lancs Fus., Capt. D. H. Bond, R.A.S.C., and 2nd Lieut. E. D. Kimber, 6th London.

Captain Fryer is a well known Bisley shot, and much is expected of him in the various events for which he has entered.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

A WORD TO SECRETARIES.

Now that units have settled down to normal routine once more, "The Cologne Post" Cricket Cup Competition progresses again. Fixture lists for the season have been sent to all clubs and secretaries are now able to arrange to wipe off the arrears which accrued during the moves. Already quite an appreciable number of back matches have been played and this week's league tables will show a marked increase in games decided.

The keenness of the teams is very apparent and in the case of one club arrears were cleared off at the rate of four matches in four days.

The location difficulty has made itself felt again owing to some units not having moved back to their previous positions and secretaries are requested to let us know of their present whereabouts, so that our location list may be amended.

LATEST RESULTS.

174 Siege Battery (82) v. 16th Field Ambulance (16) at Flamersheim (174 S.B. still top the Euskirchen league thanks largely to the magnificent bowling of Bdr. Graham, Gnr. Saunders, Cpl. Frost, Bdr. Hale, and Gnr. Darley).

"Maps", 4th F.S. Bn. (113) v. 53rd R. Warwicks, (60), at the Volksgarten.

"R" Bty. Anti-Aircraft, (193 for 8) v. 5th Rly. Telegraph Coy. (36).

No. 2 Water Tank Coy. R.A.S.C., M.T. (92) v. 51st D.L.I. (29) at Bickendorf.

31st Labour Group (83 for 8) v. 75 Bde, R.F.A. (75).

Adv. Supply Depot, R.A.S.C. (50) v. 2nd Bde. R.A.F. 33.

51st N.F. (127 for 6) v. "G" Battery R.H.A. (111 all out).

509 Field Coy. R.E. (29 for 2) v. Mid. Div. M.T. Coy. (29 all out),

10th R.W. Kents (141) v. 303 Siege Battery (95).

24th Vet. Hosp. 83 v. 2nd Bde. R.A.F., 56.

2nd Bde. R.A.F. (160 for 5) v. Bakeries sports club (25).

16th L.F. (159) v. 10th R.W. Kents (125) at Bonn.

Southern Div. M.T. Coy. (26) v. C/113 Brigade, R.F.A. (69), at Delbruck.

Wahn Survey Detachment (106) v. H.A.C. (29) at Wahn.

Lancs. Div. M.T. Coy. (163) v. 1st W.T.M. Battery (89).

31st Lab. Group (35) v. Southern Div. M.T. Coy. (27) at Pola Wiessen.

Army H.Q. Sigs. (94) v. 9th D.L.I. (23) Klettenberg Park.

34th M.G. Bn. (138) v. 3rd Northern Bde. (124) at Troisdorf.

6th Corps Sig. Coy. (37) v. 12th Bn. R.I.R. (120) at Stommeln.

438 Siege Battery, R.G.A. (56) v. 1st Bn. M.G.C. (27).

Army H.Q. Signals (58) v. 53rd Sherwood Foresters (24) at Schmidtheim.

2nd Bde. R.A.F. (32) v. 52 Northumberland Fus. (153).

2nd Bde. R.A.F. (33) v. Adv. Supply Depot A.S.C. (50).

52 Bedfords (37) v. 180 Labour Coy. (total for 5 wickets 68, Innings declared) at Zollstock, Cologne.

3rd M.G.C. (97) v. 5th K.O.Y.L.I. (45) at Riehl.

1/6 West Yorks Regt. (102 for 7 wickets declared v. 13th K.R.R. (21 all out) at Dormagen.

52nd Manchester (58) v. 92nd Field Ambulance (44) at Frederick Wilhelm Hutte.

Cav. Div. A.C. R.H.A. (60) v. Army H.Q. Signal Coy. (43) at Bergheim.

CHANGE OF PROGRAMME AT BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

The Ladies Leave Club orchestra will give their plays and orchestral selections on Friday, 18th July, at 7 p.m. instead of Friday, 11th, when there will be a continuous cinema from 2.30 in the afternoon.

ENGLISH RACES.

NOTTINGHAM MEETING RESULTS.

A race meeting was held at Nottingham on Monday, the following being the results:—

Arnold Plate:—1, Liberty (5-4 on); 2, Black Archer (100-8); 3, Amastris (6-4).

Savile Plate:—1, Prince Herod (6-4 on); 2, Abdicate (3-1); 3, Featherstone (100-8).

Ratcliffe Handicap:—1, Soixante Quinze (7-4); 2, Tresidella (7-2); 3, Ivington (2-1).

Bolsover Handicap:—1, Linggis Boy (8-1); 2, Sunny Rhyme (100-8); 3, Sesostris (100-8).

Bramvote Handicap:—1, Longdon (11-4); 2, Wilkin (5-1); 3, Snooze (7-2).

Elvaston Plate:—Double Chance beat Lady Llama (5-4). Two ran.

COUNTY CRICKET TABLE.

RELATIVE POSITIONS TO DATE.

	Plyd.	Won.	Drn.	Lost	Percentage.*
Kent	4	2	2	0	50.00
Lancashire	10	4	4	2	40.00
Notts	8	3	5	0	37.50
Surrey	8	3	4	1	37.50
Derbyshire	8	3	1	4	37.50
Essex	6	2	4	0	33.33
Somerset	3	1	1	1	33.33
Hampshire	3	1	1	1	33.33
Yorkshire	9	3	4	2	33.33
Middlesex	5	1	4	0	20.00

* Of wins to matches played.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Inns.	Not out.	Runs.	Most in Inns.	Aver.
Hendren (E.)	13	4	1022	214	113.55
Mead (C. P.)	9	3	533	98	88.83
Gunn (G.)	14	2	981	185*	81.75
Ducat	14	1	826	306*	63.53
Hobbs	19	2	1020	205*	60.00
C. Kelleway	9	0	505	158	56.11

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Parkin	126.1	36	276	25	11.04
Woolley	252.5	70	563	50	11.26
Fairservice	138	38	315	23	13.69
Heap	205.5	50	485	35	13.97
Rhodes	410.4	117	921	62	14.85
H. L. Collins.	275.4	68	607	37	16.40

"MR. EXTRAS" AND HIS AVERAGE.

The value of "Mr. Extras," the twelfth man to the (other) side, is shown in the following table, which records the number of runs given away by the respective sides:—

	Innings	Runs	Average
Kent	8	56	7.00
Yorkshire	22	169	7.68
Essex	11	99	9.00
Gloucestershire	13	122	9.38
Leicestershire	12	109	9.08
Notts	14	137	9.78

COLOGNE TOWN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
"R." A.A. Bty.	8	7	1	14
Army H.Q. Sig. Coy.	10	7	3	14§
Cav. Div. H.Q.	7	6	1	12§
70 Squadron R.A.F.	8	5	3	10
Advanced Supply Depo	7	5	2	10
52 Northumb. Fus.	5	5	0	10
17 Lancers	5	5	0	10§
Cav. Div. A.C.	8	5	3	10
53 Sherwood For.	7	4	3	8§
2 Water Tank Coy.	6	4	2	8*
4 R. Sussex	4	4	0	8
51 D.L.I.	5	3	2	6
5 Rly Tel. Sig. Coy.	6	2	4	4§
9 D.L.I.	4	2	2	4
51 Northumb. Fus.	4	2	2	4
Bakeries Sports Club	6	1	5	2*
51 Aux. Bus. Coy.	5	1	4	2
2 Bde R.A.F.	4	1	3	2
"G" Bty R.H.A.	4	1	3	2
3 Cav. F.A.	6	0	6	0*
A.P.O., Cologne	6	0	6	0*
A.A. Searchlight Section	5	0	5	0
9 L.T.M.B.	4	0	4	0
15 Devons	2	0	2	0*
53 Northumberland Fus.	2	0	2	0*

§ Games awarded for scratched matches.
* Games lost by default.

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

B. Battery 152nd Bde., R.F.A. (115) v. The Rest of Bde. (47) at Siegburg. B Battery have won all the matches they have played, with an average of one hundred runs per innings, and would welcome challenges either at home or away, whole day or half day matches. First available date, 16th July.

25th Gen. Hosp. (51) v. 8th Cyclist battalion (59 for 4) at Wiesdorf.

29th Machine Gun Bn. Officers (116) v. The Rest (39).

7th Field Amb. (79) v. 44 C.C.S. (63) on former's ground.

RIOT AT BERLIN "DERBY."

According to a telegram received from Berlin a riot occurred at Sunday's "Derby" at the "Grunewald" racecourse, Berlin, owing to some riders missing the steeplechase after the "Old Hamburg Hunting Race" had taken place. Some of the spectators rioted, possibly hoping to get back the money they had lost. But this being without success, some especially daring people made an attempt to assail the weighing-house with the result that the soldiers who were present to maintain order were obliged to fire a few shots into the open air, thus making the rioters take to flight.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Carpenter v. Tothill.

The third heat of the second-class American tournament at Thurston's resulted in an easy victory for Carpenter, who defeated Tothill by 1,583 points.

"Up Apple!"

Since the holding of the previous A.A. championships W. R. Applegarth, who used to raise the thrilling cries of "Up, Apple!; up, Apple!" in the sprint and furlong, has joined the professional ranks.

Wilde and the "Movies."

In the event of Wilde winning the contest with Moore at Olympia on Thursday, July 17, Mr. Charles B. Cochran will feature Jimmy in a film, a scenario for which is being prepared by a most famous novelist with a love of the ring.

Some "Sport."

The ungenerous fallacy about women not being good sportsmen ought to be finally buried, never to be disinterred. Mrs. Lambert Chambers at the most crucial point in the championship final insisted that a serve of the French girl was "good" after it had been given "fault.

Thames Race For Ladies.

No event in the history of swimming has aroused such keen interest as the river swim for ladies, which is being promoted by the Hammersmith Ladies' S.C., to take place Saturday afternoon over the A.S.A. Championship Course from Kew to Putney, a distance of 5 miles 60 yards.

Cyclists Memorial.

It is suggested that the memorial to cyclists who fell in the war should be erected on the village green at Meriden, which claims to be the centre of England.

Not at Home.

Dempsey went about unmarked on Saturday as the result of the previous day's fight, but Willard, who was badly battered, remained indoors and saw no visitors. It is reported his jaw has been broken.

Newcomer to the Turf.

Mr. G. Watkin Williams, an extensive purchaser of bloodstock at the sales last week, is a newcomer to the Turf, and hails from Cardiff, and is a well-known shipowner. One of his purchases is the Chester Cup winner, Tom Pepper.

A Royal Sturgeon.

A Royal sturgeon, an extremely rare fish, which was caught off Barra Head, has been sent by Mr. Hunter, fishmonger, of Oban, to the King in accordance with ancient custom. The last Royal sturgeon was caught off Stornoway about thirty years ago.

£100 Wrestling Match.

A wrestling match for £100 and the welterweight championship in the Lancashire style was decided at Wigan on Saturday, when Joe Daley (Wigan) beat Tom Rose (Bolton) in two straight falls. He won the first in 20 min., and the second in 13 min.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, July 9, 1919.

Wind light, Northerly. Weather mainly cloudy. Perhaps occasional slight rain. Moderate Temperature. Fair Visibility.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

British Empire Leave Club.

The Pipers of the 11th Bn. Royal Scots will play in the garden at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 10th and a whist drive will be held at 6.30 p.m. also in the garden, if fine.

On Friday, July 11th the Ladies Club orchestra will give a concert at 7 p.m. following a dancing class at 5 p.m. The concert will be held in the theatre and will include violin solos, songs, quartettes and two plays, "Between the Soup and the Savoury" and "Miss Honey's Treasure."

There will be another popular dance on Saturday, July 12th in the theatre at 6.30 p.m.

Another Leave Club Success.

A splendid concert was given on Sunday evening at the B.E.L.C. by the Band of the 17th Lancers (by kind permission of Lt. Col. T. P. Melville. D.S.O.) The Hall has never been so crowded. At the beginning of the concert there was only standing room, and the audience increased as the concert proceeded. Miss Hanbury Williams sang "O lovely night" and as an encore she gave "My Desert Flower". A selection by the Band from "H.M.S. Pinafore" followed and then two transcriptions of well known part songs, "Sweet and Low" and "When evening twilight". Pte. Albert Buckley played Violin Solos, accompanied by Pte. Shackleton, two Spanish Dances by Moskowski being the gems. The Band then played a "Hungarian Overtüre" by Kela Bell and a "Bohemian Suite" by Orde Hume. Pte. Alfred Moyse sang, "For ever and for ever" and for an encore "Vale". The programme concluded by the "Outpost" by Mackenzie and a Popular Fantasia, "The Dawn of Victory" by Pether.

A. Perfect Day.

By the kind permission and organization of Col. Kinnear, D.S.O., over 130 officers, N.C.O. s., and men of C/152 Bde. R.F.A. held a joyday in celebration of peace. After an appetising breakfast the men proceeded to Bonn and embarked for a trip on the Rhine to Coblenz. Light refreshments were provided on board and music was rendered by a well-known Siegburg orchestra. Returning to Siegburg at 7.30, the men proceeded "au grand salon," where after an eloquent speech by Major Fraser M.C. commanding C/152, the men sat down to a magnificent dinner, the officers and N.C.O.,s acting as waiters. Music was again provided by a German civilian orchestra for the whole of the evening. Great credit is due to Capt Ibbetson M.C. for the elaborate decorations and successful catering arrangements. Some very humorous items were rendered by Lts. Harris, Swallow, and Williams, and dancing was kept up from midnight to 2 a.m.

A Popular Comedian.

This little picture is an impression of "Erb", Fred Weedon or Sergt. Trim (whichever name you like) who, with "The Pedlars" is nightly provoking considerable laughter at Bonn. "Erb" has recently returned from leave after having undergone an operation and when he made his reappearance at the Stadt Theatre last week. As the Manager in that farcial absurdity "Would Be Actors" I thought him a positive scream. "The Pedlars" are to be congratulated upon having such an acquisition in their party.

Farewell to Popular C.S.M.

The Warrant Officers and Sergeants of the 1st Manchester Regt. will long remember the Peace holiday accorded to the troops on Thursday by reason of the jolly little gathering by which the occasion was marked. The event had a two-fold object. The signing of Peace was celebrated in right royal manner and, in addition, the opportunity was taken to wish future success to C.S.M. Birdwhistle, who is shortly to be demobilized. R.S.M. T. Moore presided over the gathering and referred in eulogistic terms to C.S.M Birdwistle's personal qualities. During the evening, excellent songs were rendered by Capt. and Adjutant Twigg, C.S.M. Ellis, C.Q.M.S. Clegg, C.S.M. Morgan, and a recitation by C.S.M. Birdwhistle. Sergts. Butler and Bore were the accompanists.

Rhine Trips and Excursions.

Vast improvements have been made in the organisation of the Rhine Trips. The available steamers have been re-organised, canteens are provided by the N.A.C.B. on each of them, and in the majority of cases an orchestra will add to the enjoyment of the cruises. Another innovation is the arrangement of excursion trains to all parts of Germany. There are sixteen distinct routes and accommodation on the trains is sufficient to provide for large parties "doing" the many places of interest included in the tours.

The New Bing Boys.

The "New Bing Boys," at the 25th General Hospital in Wiessdorff, on Thursday evening, completely captivated their audience. Uniquely attired in hospital blues, relieved with red sashes and head covers, the party followed up their opening chorus with "Indian Rag" by Pte. Taylor and then Pte. Grines rendered in his fine baritone voice "Will 'o the Wisp" Pte. Hunt made an ideal London "cabby" and Sergts. Nott and Carlisle kept the large audience in high spirits with their clever patter and songs "We are, yes, we are" written by the latter. Clever chorus work was quite a feature of Pte. Phiff's "Joan of Arc", and then shrieks of laughter marked the appearance of Donn, the sad comedian, while the conjurer, Gunner Smith, gave a baffling exhibition of "spoofism" assisted by Donn. The features of the second half were "On the Staff," done in good style by Pte. Robinson, and a pleasant, little interlude by Sergt. Carlisle and his harp. The entertainment concluded with a sketch "The Poisoned Milk", in which all the characters won much praise. Mention must be made of Pte. Bianchi and his orchestra, Capt. thet Rev. C. P. Thomas, Sergt. Astill, the producer, and 2nd Lieut. A. V. Priston, the stage manager.

High Jinks at Seiglar.

Full advantage was taken by "C" Coy, of the 32nd Battalion Machine Gun Corps of the holiday given to the troops on July 3rd, to celebrate the signing of Peace.

The celebrations commenced with an excellent dinner, a German orchestra providing music. The whole company then retired to the village hall, where the dancing enthusiasts quickly fell victims to the dreamy music of the sons of Germania.

The dancing was followed by an impromptu concert, arranged by Lieut. C. K. Moseley. Songs of all descriptions were rendered, and the programme wound up with a sketch "The Disorderly Room".

Dancing was again indulged in after the concert, and the company broke up about midnight.

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Echoes from Rhineland.

War Savings Record.

What can be done in the matter of War Savings Certificates, when the matter is approached with enthusiasm is well illustrated in the case of the 12th R.I.R. On Thursday the men of the battalion were practically ignorant of the certificates. On Friday morning they were lectured on the subject and the advantages explained and at 22.00 hours on Friday 51,420 marks had been subscribed for their purchase. Surely a record, and one which reflects great credit upon officers and men.

Unfortunate and Untrue.

This is no criticism of the Army cinemas, which are the brightest halls in Cologne and show some really excellent, pictures. Sometimes, however, in displaying the title and ownership of the film put on the screen, the effect is apt to be peculiar. For example, quite recently an appreciative audience of Tommies waiting for the star picture were somewhat astonished when the following was flashed on the screen: "The Great Impostor; Expeditionary Force Canteen."

A Pictorial Record.

Mr. F. L. Wilson was an official cinematographer during the war and did excellent and untiring work, the result of which has been seen in many exhibitions of war pictures, at the front and in the hinterland for Kineto Limited, of London. This firm, it is understood, will give an opportunity to the troops of the occupied area, who have supplied the material and the army which has given the facilities for Mr. Wilson's work of seeing what they look like in the films. These will include pictures of the R.A.F., the Tanks, the artillery and the infantry, scenes on the banks, among the flotilla and in the waters of the Rhine, parades and sports. They will not only be of immense interest to the Army of Occupation of to-day, but will form an historic record which cannot be surpassed.

No "Housemaid's Knee."

"Housemaid's Knee", so prevalent in England is practically unknown in Germany for the very fact that while all cleaning is done in a kneeling position at home, the German hausfrau avoids the complaint and incidentally back-ache by the use of a broom handle and floor cloth. Another practice is to take a big floor cloth and thoroughly souse the stone floor and then having cinsed the cloth to pass it over the surface; a matter of a few moments, saving the hands and causing less fatigue. The gardener works on similar lines. He uses a shovel with a long handle thus doing away with that bending of the back which is so painful to the amateur gardener. The long shovel, by the way, is not a German idea, for it is in use in France and Belgium.

Fruit Sellers in Cologne.

The army of men, women, and children who stand about the streets in Cologne, with barrows and stalls, retailing fruit and flowers, seem to be ever increasing. We wonder how long they will be before they adopt that persistent and obstructive attitude which is so typical of the Brussels street seller. Probably never, unless the competition between them becomes much more keen. One, however, must give these people credit for being straightforward and honest in their dealings with the soldier. Whether it is from fear, or respect of him, we do not know but the fruit sold seems cheap and of good sound quality. Some of the fruit stalls at home would do well to copy their example and show what they intend to sell. Many of them are guilty of showing fine picked fruit on the stall and palming inferior quality stuff on to unwary purchasers.

Hardly English.

He was old, but not too old to acquire knowledge. Troops had been billeted in his house and he was proud of the smattering of English he had obtained thereby. No opportunity to exercise it passed unheeded. He wanted to tell his new visitors that it was a matter of indifference to him whether the German delegates signed the Peace Terms or not. He said so several times in German and he was understood perfectly. He was told so, but to his mind it was not sufficient. Here was too good an opportunity to lose. In a dramatic voice and with a sweeping movement of the hand he cried, "In English, san fairy ann!"

Egg and Beer.

A common drink in Germany and one which could be obtained at the rate of 15 pfg. per glass in any restaurant before the war was "egg and beer." The prevailing scarcity of eggs prohibits for the present any great indulgence in this somewhat queer mixture which, we are told, is in the same class as "stout and oysters." While on the subject of beer, we wonder how many endorse the opinion of a certain member of the R.A.S.C. who, after several unsuccessful attempts to obtain a meal in Cologne, volunteered to supply a party with food within five minutes. With his four friends he marched into the nearest restaurant and uttered two words — "Fünf Bier."

Reduction in Billeting Rates.

It would be difficult to reduce the rate nominally payable to householders for the privilege of housing officers and men, for so far as we can ascertain, no payment has been made by the German authorities, but a reduction is to be made and our official announcement may be expected shortly. In some cases local authorities have shouldered the responsibilities of the Imperial exchequer and have paid at the rate of three marks a day for one officer and one mark for a private with 75 Pfg. for a second man and 50 Pfg. for additional men. The rate for horses is 25 Pfg. a day. These payments are subject to a reduction of 30 per cent from May 15 to Sept. 30.

No Hedges in Rhineland.

A feature of the countryside which is very noticeable when comparing the Rhineland with "Blighty", is the absence of hedges or fences. One can go for miles and never see hedges or fences of any description, either along the roadway or as divisions of land or estates. It may be on account of all the land being used for the production of crops, with very little grazing ground, that fences are not used, but it is usual to have boundaries fenced off. With regard to the hedges, which are usually used for dividing land, these may be left out on economic grounds, as taking up much valuable land which can be more profitably utilised. When you consider that a farm of say 300 acres has something like eight miles of hedges, varying in width from six to ten feet, the farmer loses the use of land half a mile long and from forty to fifty yards wide, a considerable item.

Prizes for "Echoes."

The Editor of "The Cologne Post" offers every day the sum of 10 marks for the best paragraph descriptive of any phase of life or interesting incident in Rhineland, not exceeding 150 words in length. The envelope should have the word "Echoes" in the top left hand corner.

To-day's prize of 10 marks is awarded to Cpl. E. Fisher, D. of S. and T. G.H.Q. Rhine Army.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY.

The Fashion.—Paris postmen threaten a strike.

State Sales.—Unused government motor-bicycles are realising from 68 to 72 guineas each.

Unity.—Lack of unity amongst ex-service men is causing the government much difficulty.

French unrest.—A general strike throughout France on July 21 is threatened.

Manx Laws.—The old ceremony of promulgating Manx laws from Tywold Hill is still observed.

Food Control.—The control of certain foods at home is to continue.

After the cash.—Bolshevists have seized the Russian branches of the Credit Lyonnais.

Pensions.—At present 700,000 pensions are being paid to ex-service men.

Penny Oranges.—Oranges have come down to their pre-war price in London.

A New Way—Service chevrons are being worn on the bands of straw hats in London.

An Historic Film.—Cinema films will be taken of the ex-Kaiser's trial.

Russians.—Quite a number of Russian troops have been in Cologne during the past weeks.

No Mother.—In Gloucestershire a litter of nine pigs are being brought up on the feeding bottle.

Staggering Price.—At Penryn, a young bull has been sold for 4750 guineas.

Japan Sceptical.—Japan is sceptical as to the usefulness of the League of Nations.

Fruit Prices.—Strawberries have been selling in Worcestershire at 1/- to 1/6 a pound.

No Newspapers—The printers being on strike in Sweden, no newspapers are being published.

Dentists Wanted.—The Air Council asks for qualified men for appointment as dental officers

Missing.—A Walthamstow soldier returned home to find his wife and furniture missing.

"Called."—Mr. Hughes, the Australian Prime Minister, has been appointed a King's Counsel.

"Pedlar" Wounded.—"Pedlar" Palmer the boxer has been wounded in an East-End public house.

London Scottish Colonelcy.—Sir Douglas Haig has become Hon-Colonel of the London Scottish.

Not a bed.—Manchester was so full during the cotton troubles that not a bed was to be had.

Off to Paris.—Belgium is to be represented by 1,200 soldiers at the Paris Victory festival.

The Fallen.—An altar frontal worked by wounded soldiers, in honour of the fallen, is in use at St. Paul's Cathedral.

The Prince.—Australia is asking for a definite announcement as to the visit of the Prince of Wales.

"Same" Lottery.—An inter-Allied lottery of £4,000,000 is the idea of the French Chamber of Deputies.

Huge Wheat Deal.—Gratification is expressed in Australia at the fact that 1,000,000 tons of wheat have been sold to the Mother Country.

Selfish—Trade unions at home are hostile towards the ex-soldier who seeks a training in a skilled craft.

Quick Demobilization.—In all 42 per cent of the Naval officers employed last year have been demobilized.

Mourning—Services of mourning for the Peace Treaty were held in the Protestant churches of Germany on Sunday.

Mountaineering King.—The King of the Belgians contemplates excursions in the Alpine peaks around Mont Blanc.

Four-Language-Notes.—The new Hungarian bank notes bear four languages, Hungarian, German, Slovakian and Ruthenian.

Foolish Practice.—Scrambling for coins from a motor car has been responsible for the death of an Essex boy.

A Big Job.—The French Chamber has appointed a special commission to study the origin, causes and development of Bolshevism.

Wanted a Word.—It is suggested that the word "mafficking" should be succeeded by one more expressive of national rejoicing.

Bread and Milk.—A visitor to a south coast hotel was presented with a bill for 14/- for four basins of bread and milk.

The French "Four."—M. Poincaré who will visit Antwerp on July 23rd will be accompanied by Foch, Pétain, and Mangin.

Funnier Than Ever.—Mr. Punch has surpassed himself in his summer number. It is one long scream.

Ware Pit Falls.—The Colonial Office has issued some significant warnings to would-be settlers in East Africa.

Her Recreation.—Miss Julia Bruns, leading lady at the Savoy Theatre flies every Sunday at Hendon.

Our Contemporary.—"The Orient News" a newspaper for our forces in the East is appearing daily in Constantinople.

Air Post.—A company with a capital of 15 million marks has beeen formed at Frankfurt for the organisaton of six air-post lines which will start from Cologne.

Is He Insane?—A French barrister who was asked what he would do, if he had to defend the Kaiser, answered: "There in only one way, to plead guilty and to prove that he is a lunatic."

The Eternal Feminine.—The "Paint and Powder" controversy has brought us more correspondence than any subject discussed in "The Editor's Letter Box."

At the Altar Steps.—The marriage of Mr. Marquis, stage-manager of Dover Hippodrome was dramatically stopped by a wire falsely stating that he already had a wife.

Increase in Fines.—The fines imposed on people found at night in the streets without a pass was formerly five or ten marks. Now that the time has been extended the fine has been increased to 30 marks.

"Missing" Composer.—Five violoncello pieces composed by Francis P. Warren, a soldier student of the Royal College of Music reported "Missing" in the Somme battle have just been played at the Aeolian Hall.

The Triple Alliance.—Miners, Transport-workers, and Railway men hold a conference on July 23 to compel the government to comply with their demands concerning Conscription the Raising of the Blockade and intervention in Russia.

CAUSES OF THE GREAT WAR.—V.

SIR E. GREY PROPOSES MEDIATION.

In our last article we saw how Austria forced the pace and insisted upon the acceptance by Serbia of impossible terms within 48 hours.

The Kerchenfeld revelations published by the Bavarian Government of Kurt Eisner in November 1918, fully and finally confirm the guilty complicity of the Berlin Court. Count Lerchenfeld, Bavarian Minister at Berlin, wrote to his Chief, Count Hertling as follows:—"The step which the cabinet in Vienna has resolved to take in Belgrade viz:—the delivery of the note, will take place on 25th July. Action has been postponed until this juncture because of the desire to await M. Poincare's and M. Viviani's departure from St. Petersburg in order to make it difficult for the Entente to arrive at an understanding and to counteract. In Vienna, until then, a show of peaceful disposition is to be made, and the Minister of War and the Chief of the General Staff are to have furlough for some time."

After giving his Government some account of the general contents of the note, Count von Lerchenfeld went on to say that it was obvious that Serbia could not accept such conditions which were inconsistent with her dignity as an independent State. The consequence must therefore be war.

The general opinion in Berlin was that this was Austria's hour of fate. For this reason, in reply to enquiry from Vienna, the declaration was immediately made at the former capital, that any line of action which Austria might resolve upon, would be agreed to, even at the risk of war with Russia. Action should not be postponed so long that the Serbian Government should have time to offer satisfaction on its own account, under pressure from the Franco-Russian side.

Sir E. Grey now turned to the Austrian and German Ambassadors with proposals for mediation. The only chance he could see of improving the situation was that the four other great Powers—Germany, Italy, France and Great Britain—should bring influence to bear simultaneously at Vienna and St. Petersburg in favour of moderation.

It would be very desirable to get Austria not to precipitate military action; but this could only be done, if Germany would propose, and participate in, such advice to the Cabinet of Vienna. To this, Prince Lichnowsky replied that Austria would no doubt take military measures if Serbia refused to accept the ultimatum; but that as a piece of private advice he would suggest that Serbia should be told to send in a reply containing enough concessions to give Austria an excuse for not taking action at once.

This eminently wise and reasonable suggestion, which did not find favour with the Berlin Foreign Office only strengthens the conviction that the Prince, who, throughout acted the part of an honest diplomat who wished to avert war, was merely used as a cat's paw by the Military party at Berlin who were intent on war at all costs.

Serbia having practically yielded to all the Austrian demands, and being told that the reply was unsatisfactory, Baron Giesl and the Austrian Staff left the Legation. On July 25th war between Austria and Serbia was merely a matter of hours, unless Sir E. Grey succeeded in his plan for international mediation. In the next article we shall see how this plan was received by the Central Powers.

ASKED AND ANSWERED.

When in Doubt Write to Us.

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"N. W. DRUMS":—The regulation is that on landing in France you are entitled to wear a chevron.

"JOHN":—You can claim the 1914 star, but not the 1914-15 star in addition.

"W.A.R.":—The Derby Recruiting compaign was closed in February 1916, and the first Military Service Bill received Royal Assent on Jan. 27th, 1916.

"INQUISITIVE":—We shall publish the entries for the Goodwood Meeting in due course.

"CURIOUS":—The wearing of the rosette on the 1914 ribbon is official. All who took part in the war from the beginning up to midnight Nov. 22.–23. 1914 are entitled to wear it.

"R.G.A.":—The regulations are clearly set forth and should be intelligible to all.

"F.G.":—The official declaration of peace will follow the ratification of the Treaty.

"H. S. BRIGHTWELL":—The particulars you ask for can be obtained quite easily. Write New Scotland Yard, S.W.1.

CYCLIST P. W. LETT:—Mr. Justice McCardie found for the defendant on the facts of the case, but he dissented from the reading of the law submitted by the defence as to the superiority of military tribunals over the civil courts.

C.S.M. EDWARDES:—The separation allowance of a Company Sergt. Major with one child is 32/6 a week.

Other queries will be dealt with to-morrow. Demobilization questions cannot be replied to: we have not space.—Ed.

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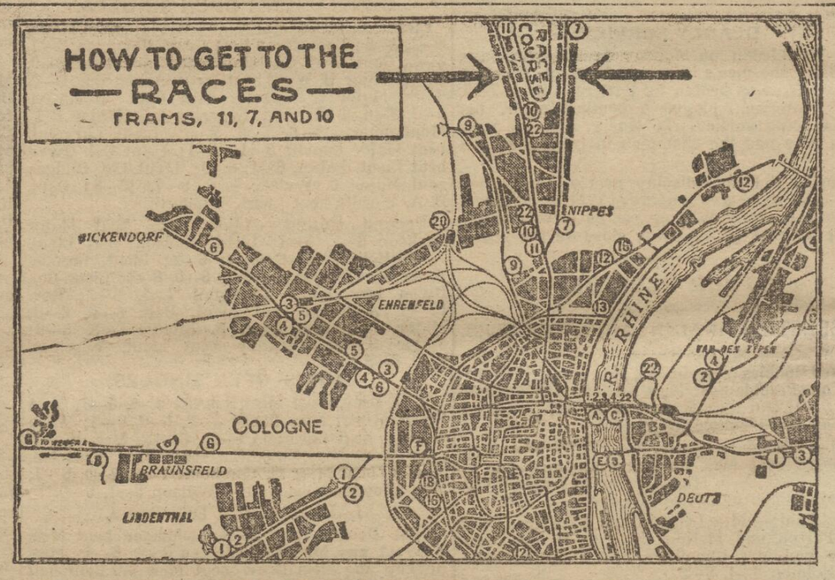

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Major Scott hopes to make the return journey on the Southern circle sweep via the Azores and with the usually favourable winds on this route expects to complete the trip in about seventy hours.

Some idea of the anxiety caused by the eppenditure of petrol, necessitated by the detours made to avoid storms, and the constant pressure of headwinds is revealed by the last few entries in the log.

GENERAL MAITLAND'S LOG.

The following extracts from the log kept by General Maitland reveal the tense anxiety which prevailed when the petrol began to run short.

July 5, 12.30 p.m. — Lunch. The petrol question has become distinctly serious. Shotter has been totalling up the available petrol resources with anxious care. We have 500 miles to go to New York, and, if we do not get any wind or bad weather against us, we will do it all right with two engines, assisted occasionally by the third engine. We can't afford to run all five at once owing to the petrol consumption. Lieut.-Commander Lansdowne, of the United States Naval Airship Service, sends a signal on behalf of R. 34 to the United States authorities at Washington and Boston to send destroyer to take us in tow in case we should run out of petrol during the night.

The idea is that we could then be towed by a destroyer during the hours of darkness and at dawn cast off and fly to Long Island under our own power. Let us hope that this won't be necessary. It is now rainy and foggy, which is the kind of weather that suits us now, as rain generally means no wind.

3.0 p.m. — Passed Haute Island in the Bay of Fundy.

STORM DODGING.

3.30 p.m. — For some little while past there have been distinct evidences of electrical disturbances. Atmospherics are very bad. A severe thunderstorm was seen over the Canadian coast moving south down the coast. Major Scott turned east off his course to dodge the storm, putting on all engines. In this, fortunately for us, he was successful, and we passed through the outer edge of the storm. We had a very bad time indeed, and it is quite the worst experience from the weather point of view that any of us has yet experienced in the air. During the storm some wonderful specimens of cumulostratus were seen and photographed. These clouds always indicate a very highly perturbed state of the atmosphere, and look rather like a bunch of grapes.

7.30 p.m. — We are now in clear weather again, and have left Nova Scotia well behind, heading straight for New York. A particularly fine electrical disturbance at time of sunset.

WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD.

9.30 p.m. — Another thunderstorm. Again we have to change our course to avoid it, and every gallon of petrol worth its weight in gold. It almost breaks our hearts to have to lengthen the distance to get clear of these storms.

July 6, 4 a.m. — Sighted American coast at Chatham.

4.25 a.m. — Are over the south end of Mahoney Island. Scott wondering whether petrol will allow him to go to New York or whether it would not be more prudent to land at Montauk.

5.30 a.m. — Passing Martha's Vineyard, a lovely island, beautifully wooded. Scott decided he could just get through to the landing a Hazelhurst Field, but that there would not be enough petrol to fly over New York. Very sad, but there is no alternative. We will fly over New York on the start of our return journey on Tuesday night, weather and circumstances permitting.

Landing 1.54 p.m., Greenwich mean time, or 9.54 a.m. United States summer time, at Hazelhurst Field, Long Island.

Total time entire voyage 108 hours 12 minutes.

THE STOWAWAY'S STORY.

Ballantine, the stowaway, who was a prize fighter before he enlisted, is a rigger by trade, and says he was once numbered amongst the crew of the R 34, but was told a few days before the dirigible hopped off that he would not be taken on the flight. He went to the head coxswain and learned that it was necessary to lighten the crew by three men, and he was one of the unlucky ones. The way he changed his luck was told in this way by the stowaway to a special correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."

I'd worked hard, I had, —hard, on the bally blimp, but that didn't matter so much. You see, I'd never been in America, and I had my heart placed on it, and mind, too, so I sneaks out a bit before midnight, and about two hours before the R 34 left Scotland I hides in the rigging. No one saw me, and we were off. When the balloon was about 200ft up I changes my position to a more comfortable one. I hid between the gas-bags 6 and 7 at the stern of the ship. I foraged for some food and water, and intended to remain there until the end of the trip unobserved, but I was out of luck, and I took sick. I guess I was the only man on board who was sick on the trip.

I remained stowed away until I was on the point of becoming delirious from fever, and when we were about sixty miles out Sergeant Watson stumbles over my head, and, of course, he takes me to the head coxswain. The officers couldn't do nothing then, and I saw one of 'em smile, so I knowed I'd see the land where they pay 100,000 dollars for a man to get in the ring for three rounds. I wish you'd tell the American Press that I'd like to take on someone at 126lb. There is a little house in England what could use the winning end of a purse. I'm only going to be here a day or two, but maybe some American could fix it for me.

"IT'S COMING, I KNOW".

Ballantine lay for twenty hours in his hammock with a high fever. After being treated by the doctor he took his place and worked his way across. He added:

I certainly did more work than any other two, but that was nothing. I made the trip and here I am. I don't know what they intend to do with me. That's up to Major Scott, and he hasn't said a word to me as yet, but it's coming, I know. I am not worrying about the punishment they are planning for me. The big thing for me is I made that trip, and here I am.

His wish to "take on someone" was soon gratified, a three round "no decision" contest was fixed up in the aerodrome, much to Ballantine's financial benefit.

RATIFIED.

GERMAN ASSEMBLY SIGNS THE PEACE TREATY.

Germany has ratified the Peace Treaty and the war is thus definitely and finally finished.

At Weimar yesterday the National Assembly decided by 208 votes to 105 to honour the signatures of Herr Müller and Herr Bell which were appended in their names.

An unpleasant note was sounded, however, the National party again putting forward a proposal to attach reservations to the ratification.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs replied that the time for reservations had passed and the only possible decision was "yes" or "no".

Excited arguments and recriminations took place but the proposal of the Nationalists was refused by a big majority and the deciding vote resulted as above stated.

The document of ratification will be signed by Herr Ebert, President of the National Assembly, who will apprise Herr Lersner at Versailles of the fact by telegram for the information of M. Clemenceau. At the same time the document itself will be despatched by special courier.

EXTRADITING THE EX-KAISER.

The statement that a small committee of Ministers has been set up to report to the Government on the arrangements which should be made for the extradition and trial of the ex-Kaiser is emphatically denied in official quarters.

Various matters calling for decision are, however, engaging the close attention of the Attorney General and Solicitor General. It can be stated on the highest authority that while the Government is not yet in a position to make a public announcement, the steps necessary to give effect to the decision of the Allied Governments are being carefully thought out and there is reason to believe that at no distant date the Premier will be in a position to make a further interesting communication to Parliament.

FOOD RIOTS IN ITALY.

PROFITEERS TO BE HEAVILY PUNISHED.

The continued rise in the price of food, and clothing, is creating much public feeling and disorders in Italy, where the disturbances show no sign of abating. The people, suffering under the burden of excessive and unwarrantable charges, have lent a ready ear to agitators and looting is general. In all large towns both in Italy and France measures are now being taken to protect the consumers. Two persons were killed and seventy injured during food riots at Genoa. The reduction of prices not appearing sufficient they made another attack on the shops and pillaged all kinds of food and wearing apparel.

A Royal decree issued at Rome last night contains new penalties. Profiteers caught selling goods at prices other than those fixed are to be punished with a fine of £400 or from three months to three years imprisonment and confiscation of their goods.

Measures are also being considered by the French Government, which proposes to draft a bill providing severe penalties against speculation and profiteering.

President Wilson landed at New York on Tuesday afternoon. Foreign Secretary Lansing has been recalled from Paris to give the Senate details regarding the Peace Treaty and other matters discussed at Paris.

PRINCE OF WALES ILL.

CHILL PREVENTS FULFILMENT OF ENGAGEMENTS.

In consequence of a severe chill contracted on Sunday the Prince of Wales has been obliged to cancel all his public engagements for this week.

It is added on official authority that there is nothing in the Prince's indisposition to justify alarm. The trouble is nothing more than a chill, which in the opinion of his medical attendant makes it desirable that he should keep quiet.

There are no signs of any complications, and if the chill continues to respond to treatment there is no intention, as there is no need, to issue anything in the way of official bulletin. There is little doubt that the Prince has been attempting too much, and was a little run down and susceptible to chill in consequence.

ROYAL MOTOR ACCIDENT.

While motoring through Mitcham yesterday Prince Albert's car knocked down and seriously injured a boy named John Emmott who ran out in front of the car. The Prince conveyed the boy to the hospital where he lies in a critical condition.

DESPERATE CRIMINALS.

ALIENS CHARGED WITH ROBBERY AND VIOLENCE.

Alleged to have been concerned in two sensational crimes—the masked robbery at the Elysée Restaurant, Coventry-street, and the attack on Mr. Curry, at Guy's Hospital—and also in a highway robbery at Hampstead, two men were taken before Mr. Garrett, at Bow-street Police-court yesterday, and remanded until this morning. The prisoners were described as Peter Albert Vincent, 20, motor mechanic, of Ellingham-road, Shepherd's-bush, and Natale Anda, 18, waiter, of Drury-lane. Both were well dressed, particularly Vincent who is a man of powerful build. The charges formally preferred against them were: Stealing on May 18 from the Elysee Restaurant, Coventry-street, £435, in notes and silver, and stealing on June 24 a watch and a portion of a chain from the person of Horace Byard, a clerk of Constantine-road, Hampstead.

Both the prisoners are apparently Italians, Vincent's proper name being Gaida.

The circumstances of the Elysée and Guy's Hospital outrages have been fully reported in these columns. The third charge to be preferred is one of highway robbery with violence at Hampstead.

A remand was ordered.

INFIRMARY RAG.

NURSE'S SUCCESSFUL APPEAL.

There was a sequel yesterday to the recent "ragging" of a nurse at Bermondsey Infirmary, at London Sessions, where Mabel Bootman, a probationary nurse, successfully appealed against a fine of 40s, and 10s costs, inflicted by Mr. A. E. Gill, at Tower Bridge Police-court, for having assaulted Emily Russell, a probationary nurse at the same institution.

Miss Russell explained that she had occasion to report two of the nurses, and this led to the "ragging" incident. On the morning of April 29, without any warning, some six nurses burst into her bedroom, dragged her from her bed, and carried her to the bathroom, where, after being put on the floor, she was placed into the bath and ducked, her head being held under water.

Apellant went into the witness-box and denied on oath that she took any part in the "ragging," for which the nurses responsible had been fined. They had not appealed, and she was the only one to do so. She had had no quarrel with Miss Russell. His worship, Mr. Lawrie, remarking that the bench had heard quite enough of the matter, allowed the appeal, but made no order as to costs.

FIGHTING AT HANOVER.

Serious fighting occurred at Hanover on Monday night. Before the arrival of Government troops the Spartacists stormed the military prisons and police station and released all the prisoners. When the troops reached the scene the Spartacists were trying to rush the civil prison. They were driven off after hard fighting in which many persons were wounded. Railway employés at Hanover have decided to resume work.

ARCHANGEL STRATEGY.

General Maynard reports that at midnight on July 6th, our troops captured the village of Kapeselga on the railway eighteen miles South West of Medvyejyagora. The position was one of considerable strength and the enemy were supported by five guns.

In order to allow our guns to register the position a feint attack was carried out on July 5th. This was entirely successful and when the main attack started our guns brought such a heavy and accurate fire to bear on the main point of attack as enabled us, with threats from both flanks, to capture the village without a single casualty.

O.T.C. ANNUAL CAMPS.

Army Council Instructions state that there will be no volunteer training for officers of the Special Reserve of Officers during the present year. Annual camps will be held on a compulsory basis for contingents of the Junior Division, O.T.C., from July 29 to August 8.

WINE SHOP MURDER.

SUSPECT ARRESTED IN NORTH LONDON.

Yesterday morning Mr. George Cohen, Coroner for Central Middlesex, opened at the Hendon Town Hall an inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Mr. John Thomas Gregory, the aged manager of a wine store in Colindale-avenue, Hendon, who on Friday evening was beaten to death with fireirons in a room at the rear of the shop.

In the early hours of yesterday morning detective officers engaged in the case called at a house off King's-cross-road, and took a man found there to Albany-street Police Station. It is understood that the police have strong grounds for suspecting that he had been engaged in a crime of violence. At present he is being detained pending inquiries, although he does not answer the description of the man circulated by the police in connection with the Hendon murder.

TWELVE HOURS START.

A man, presumably the man guilty of the dastardly attack, was seen by a neighbour leaving the scene of the crime, but unfortunately he was unaware that anything unusual had happened, and made no attempt to intercept him. Despite this narrow escape and the fact that the police were very quickly on his trail, the murderer got clear away.

After he left the wine shop the only indication as to the direction of the wanted man's flight was provided by a 'bus conductor, who reported that a man answering the police description, dishevelled and with torn, blood-stained clothing, boarded his 'bus, which was bound for Golders-green Station, in Station-road, Hendon, on Friday evening. At the time no particular attention was paid. It was only when the accounts of the crime appeared in the newspapers that this important clue was communicated, with the result that the man had a clear start of over twelve hours.

INQUEST ON VICTIM.

There were many dramatic incidents yesterday at the inquest at Hendon on the body of the victim, and the jury, after a lengthy hearing, returned a verdict of wilful murder against some person unknown.

Women who passed almost at the moment of the crime told how, after hearing the smashing of glass, they saw blood splashes on the window and saw a man whom they would not be able to identify draw a curtain across the window, which he first wiped.

Another witness described how on looking through the letterbox he saw a foot disappearing along the passage, and a neighbouring lodger recalled that at the time of the murder he saw a man hurriedly cross the lawn, open the gate and hasten towards the passage.

There was also grim and silent evidence in the shape of photographs of the room where the crime was committed showing the dead man lying where he had fallen amid the disordered surroundings.

A sensational development occurred late in the hearing when the coroner, in order not to hamper the work of the police, cleared the court and heard some evidence in camera.

THE SIXTH CORPS DANCE.

Wonderful scenes of gaiety and animation were witnessed in the precincts of the 6th Corps club, Cologne, on Wednesday night when a ball, on thorough British lines was held. Six hundred lancers, or thereabouts, swayed and glided about the huge hall to the strains of irresistible music dispensed by two orchestras. The cheery gathering included the Commander-in-Chief and Lady Robertson, Lady Gatacre and a large number of other distinguished British visitors as well as many American, French and Belgian Officers. The organisation of the function was admirable and in this connection the results achieved reflected the untiring energy which the genial secretary of the club, Major F. W. Frayles and the Committee must have bestowed upon the work.

In point of brilliance, it is doubtful whether any function has ever equalled the ball in Cologne.

Red flowers, palms and fairy lights formed the basis of the interior decorations and these were utilized in sufficient profusion and with a taste that produced an effect particularly agreeable to the eye. In the whirl of frivolity and the atmosphere of romance that permeated the whole proceedings, the more mundane matter of food was not overlooked. On the contrary, the repast provided on the supper table was, by reason of its variety and substance, of a kind "fit to set before a king" while the light refreshments were sufficiently cool and refreshing to appeal even to the most fastidious palate. French confections and chocolates specially prepared in England were imported to this cheery rendezvous in liberal quantities.

"Sitting out" facilities took various forms but most patronized was a large marquee, transformed by the skill of the decorator, in the Club garden. The whole affair was well conceived and admirably carried out so that the enjoyment of all present was absolutely complete.

BRITISH RENEGADES.

In the House of Commons yesterday Brigadier-General Colvin (C.U., Epping) asked the Home Secretary whether naturalised British subjects who were known to have served with the enemy's forces were freely readmitted into Great Britain and why they should not be interned pending the investigation of their cases.

Mr. Dudley Ward replied that there was no power to exclude British subjects whatever their past history, but in all other such cases all appropriate measures would be taken.

BOGUS V.C.

Fred K. Miller, (an ex-soldier) clerk in the Nottingham Record Office, was sentenced to six months imprisonment for defrauding a draughtsman of £100. Prisoner, who posed as a V.C. and as the son of a wealthy Nottingham magistrate, told the prosecutor an amazing story of university and musical successes.

CAPTAIN FRYATT.

IMPRESSIVE MEMORIAL SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S.

The body of Captain Fryatt was brought to Dover on Monday afternoon on board the destroyer Orpheus, two other destroyers acting as escort. The Orpheus flew the Red Ensign half-mast at the main mast and the White Ensign at the stern. Those accompanying the body included Major-General Sir Henry Thornton, manager of the Great Eastern Railway; Mr. Fryatt, brother of the dead captain; and Mr. Hartnell, the chief officer of the Brussels, who was taken prisoner with Captain Fryatt, Rear-Admiral Dampier, Major-General Sir Colin Mackenzie, and their staffs, received the coffin at the naval pier.

On Tuesday London paid its tribute to the memory of the gallant master of the ss. Brussels, who was shot by the Germans at Bruges after the capture of his vessel. At noon a memorial service was held in St. Paul's Cathedral, the body being conveyed thither with naval honours. His Majesty was represented by a naval aide-de-camp, and there were also present representatives of the Admiralty, War Office, the Great Eastern Railway, the Seafarers' Joint Council, the Board of Trade, Anglo-Belgian Union, Imperial Merchant Service Guild, and the London Society of East Anglians. The orchestra of the G.E.R. Musical Society played appropriate music in the Cathedral before the commencement of the service. The gun-carriage bearing the coffin was drawn from Charing-cross by bluejackets. A naval escort will form part of the procession.

The body was subsequently taken to its last resting place in Old Dovercourt Churchyard.

CRIME IN IRELAND.

APPALLING STATE OF TERRORISM.

Three savage and unprovoked assaults were made on members of the police force at Kilfenora, County Clare, on Monday. Two constables were shot from an ambush and another was so terribly beaten by a crowd of football spectators that his life is in danger.

An official memorandum issued by the Chief Secretary for Ireland regarding crime in Tipperary, and the operations of Sinn Fein in the island generally, reveals an appalling state of affairs.

Owing to the number of serious crimes—murders, violent assaults, injuries to property, attacks on dwelling-houses at night, and many other grave offences, and the impossibility of getting jurors to act fearlessly in some parts of the country, it became necessary, in June 1918, to proclaim fourteen counties and two county boroughs under the Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act, 1887, in order in some measure to meet the situation.

It is impossible to resist the conclusion, says the memorandum, that Sinn Fein, with its kindred associations, is an organization formed for the overthrow of constitutional government in Ireland, and for carrying out acts of terrorism and violence against the officers and servants of the Executive Government.

WOOLWICH ARSENAL.

WILL IT BE EMPLOYED IN CIVIL MANUFACTURE?

The Committee of Inquiry into the functions and administration of the Royal Ordnance factories at Woolwich, has issued its final report. The arguments in favour of retention of this Government arsenal for munition manufacture in peace time are overwhelming, states the report, which urges that the best location is at Woolwich.

Mr. Adamson and Mr. Will Thorne signed the report subject to reservations in which they explain that they are strongly of opinion that the machinery at Woolwich is not only capable of being used for production and repair of army and navy requirements but should also be used for the production and repair of railway rolling stock, transport requisites, articles and appliances required in connection with municipal and electrical undertakings.

WAR GRAVES MEMORIALS.

Mr. Winston Churchill has consented to receive at the War Office at 3.30 on Wednesday representatives of the petitions signed by members of both Houses of Parliament and by a large number of all classes of the general public in favour of a right of choice in the memorial to be placed over the graves of the fallen abroad. He will also receive representatives of the Trades Union Congress petition in favour of the Graves Commissions proposals. The Commissioners will be present to meet these deputations, under Mr. Churchill's chairmanship.

FREE EMIGRATION PASSAGES.

The intention of the Government is to grant free passages to all honourably discharged Service men and women and their dependents, who wish to migrate to any part of the Empire, provided they are approved under one or other of the Dominion agricultural settlement schemes, or have definite work to go to. A leaflet setting out the full details of the scheme has now been prepared by the Oversea Settlement Office, and may be obtained on application there, or at any Employment Exchange or District Office of the Appointments Department.

ARMY POSTERS.

The Army has adopted an entirely new style of poster for the purpose of influencing recruiting. Posters exhibited on hoardings in London yesterday, set out in one column the advantages of life in the Army and in the other the "disadvantages" of civil life. The coloured poster depicts a mounted cavalryman in a sylvan glade with the caption, "Not a care in the world."

Lieut. Bider, the first aviator to cross the Alps and the Pyrenees, was killed on Monday as the result of a crash.

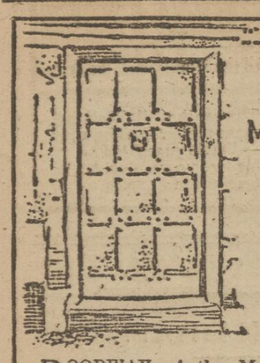

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THE RHINE ARMY'S SHARE.

In the national interest we are obliged to refer again to the Victory Loan. There is a feeling that it is already an assured success, and that being the case, the individual investment in it, which in many instances can neccessarily be only a small one, makes no difference one way or the other, and therefore can be passed over.

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That was so in the old days of Government loans when they were accessible only to the rich, but to-day when the opportunity to finance one's country is brought within the reach of even the schoolboy or girl and every facility is given for everybody to subscribe, it should be borne in mind that each individual's share, however small, counts.

Although there is little doubt that the Victory Loan is being taken up well, nobody can pronounce it as a great success until every possible subscriber, large and small, has been roped in.

It was a common practice in the old Army, we know, for a soldier to give a day's pay occasionally towards any deserving cause, such as to benefit the widow of a deceased comrade, and the suggestion has been put forward, which we support, that every officer and man of the British Army of the Rhine should voluntarily contribute one day's pay to the Victory Loan, and the certificates be handed over to the nation. It would mean very little sacrifice to the individual and would contribute a great deal towards the building up of this big loan and the credit of the country.

As the majority of the men now serving will be in civil life in the course of a year or less, the contribution would only be an instalment towards the rapid reconstruction of the country, and would ensure their being more quickly absorbed in the industrial life of the nation on being demobilized.

It would be necessary to take the opinion of all ranks as to the advisability of taking such a step, and when this had been done a conference of senior officers might be convened to arrange the necessary details.

We think, that there is a great deal to be said for such a scheme and we do not see any serious obstacle to its being carried out.

THE SOLDIER'S EDUCATION.

It is a matter of much satisfaction that the break in the education of thousands of men is being repaired by the educational effort which is being made throughout the British Army of the Rhine.

The authorities early awoke to their obligations and the value of education in the work of reconstruction found a real need for instruction on the part of the men so that last month 75,000 officers and other ranks of the army were undergoing courses of instruction, while there is a large waiting list.

The scheme could have no better tribute than the strong desire of the men to take advantage of the benefits it affords, both from a professional and manual point of view. They include excellent classical, scientific, commercial and technical education,

The education is graded to suit varying intellects. In each unit there is a daily school. Nothing is done to suggest that a man's early education has been neglected, but, instead there is put before him the one idea of the benefit such instruction will be to him when he returns to civil employment. The students are quick to see this and the teachers find a ready response. This instruction paves the way to the army school certificate and the jump to the brigade divisional and corps schools and the army colleges.

The latter provide training of a professional nature in collegiate classes, and of a skilled trades nature through a trades refresher school and polytechnic. Engineering in all its branches, naval architecture, surveying, architecture, cabinet-making, bulding construction are among the subjects in the syllabus and the tuition is essentially practical. The students handle actual apparatus, much of it installed by themselves, as part of their training, and there is in the air a real confidence that the experience they are gaining will be of the highest value on demobilization. The preparations are thorough, and we look for great results from the scheme.

MORE FRUIT WARNINGS.

The warning we gave the other day, not to indulge too freely in unripe fruit was intended for the benefit of the corporeal organs interested in its assimilation. Perhaps a word of admonition should be addressed also to the prehensile capabilities which come into play first.

Because there is no "verboten" on each tree it does not follow that anyone can pick at will, subject only to the pains and penalties which grip the greedy.

The fruit trees have owners — either individuals or the commune — and they are the persons entitled to the crop.

If every wayfarer in a populous district took his toll, it is obvious that the owners would not have much look in at dysentery or profit, according to their taste, from the fruit.

The law is of course on the side of the owner, but on the open road-side that is of little avail.

Custom, however, often will, and in this case has implanted a sense of honour in a particular direction, so that in countries where fruit is grown by the wayside, it is rarely that it suffers from depredations.

Scrounging in emergency is one thing, but robbing a tree and its owner who trust to your honour is another.

SHAKESPEARE IN GERMANY.

It is a wonderful thing to see how firmly established in Germany is the reputation of England's greatest poet—Shakespeare. We would not venture to say that his works are more appreciated here than at home, but it is a fact that he is largely studied and his works played very often indeed. For instance, in the first six months of this year we find that Hamlet has been played in Germany 183 times; Othello 121; The Merchant of Venice, 117; The Twelfth Night, 110; A Midsummer Night's Dream, 89; Romeo and Juliet, 78; As You Like It, 77; Measure for Measure, 56; The Taming of the Shrew, 35; King Lear, 34; A Winter's Tale, 44; Much Ado About Nothing, 21; Macbeth 16; Coriolan, 6; King Richard III, 3; King Richard II and Julius Ceasar twice each. Berlin heads the list with 177 Shakespeare performances, and Hamburg is next with 83, but strangely enough there have been none in Cologne since its occupation by the British Army. It would be interesting to know why.

TORN SHIRTS.

It was changing day at the Quarter's. My nerves were edged, I being the next supplicant for exchanges. How was I to face the ordeal? . . .

"Next!" and in walked my preceding prospector with an armful of miscellaneous garments. Here I moved right up to the door which, being open, gave me the opportunity of examining the interior. Surrounding the Quarter was the weirdest miscellaneous collection of everything that is useless that ever I had seen; shelves stocked with every necessity of clothing, shirts, neatly piled, coils of wire, rows of old boots, plates, tin mugs, pieces of candle, scores of matchstalks, a tobacco factory of fag ends, and dozens of empty bottles.

During this interval the over-worked judge (all Quarters are fearfully overworked), had been very carefully filling his pipe with that air of Sherlock Holmes in deep thought which, as every private knows, only quartermasters dare assume.

"Had these socks two years?" he slyly enquired of the mendicant before him. Thoughts of furnaces, toasting forks and devils chased through my brain. I could feel my heart's pulsations; my courage was rapidly ebbing.

"Mick, let him see your socks," and the ever obedient atom of activity quickly removed a pair of canvas shoes revealing two dirty feet covered with what rather resembled pieces of sandbags.

"How long have you had those, Mick?"

"Three years, sir," was the ready reply.

"D'you see that, me lad, I cannot even give my assistant a new pair. Another thing, I've seen your face too often round about these stores." (All Quarters try to find shelter under a deviation from the true point at issue.)

These were the last words I remembered, the sweat poured from my brow. I imagined the pleading victim slowly sizzling on a prong before a mighty furnace. The blast of bugles reached my ears and I remembered that I was due on stick picquet.

Pulling myself together I reached the parade, feeling like an escaped fugitive from a Spanish Inquisition, with a gnawing hunger in my lower regions which I knew would remain unappeased this side of reveille.

Five minutes later, whilst lined up for inspection, the reason why Mick, the Quarter's assistant was so disreputably clad, flashed across my mind. Mick's function in the Stores was to act as a sort of tailor's dummy, on which the quarter could hang, not clothes, but excuses for his failure to provide them for the troops. He stood, giving silent testimony to the difficulties under which the quartermaster worked. This once apparent, I realised the futility of hope so far as the Q.M. stores was concerned, and concluded that a quicker and more direct route to the acquisition of a new shirt was by getting my ticket—an easier task than would be involved in trying to extract an article of clothing apparently regarded as pivotal to the Q.M. stores.

I once heard of a man who succeeded by some miracle in obtaining a shirt from a quartermaster, but before I had an opportunity of making enquiries as to how he succeeded where all others had failed, he mysteriously disappeared. Probably by now, he is a quartermaster himself with some strange unit, dealing death and destruction.

CICERONE.

THE EPISTLES OF PETER BIRSE JUNIOR.

A FROLICSOME CAMERA.

Dear Maister Editor,

"You ought to see the medals that I have not won." So sang an apockrafel karacter, Major-General Worthington, fa's impersonawtors cees'd t' move up an' doon the back o' the Hulloch an' ther fronts. Wi' regaird t' m' latest craze — pottygraffy — aw'm inclin'd t' emyoulat th' illustrus general, an' tell ye aboot the foaties 'at aw hevna teen. Gin onybody speers gin a pottygraffer can tak' yer foaty weel the anser maun be i' the *negative* nae maitter hoo skeely he is so fat chance hev I, a fushionless amyture', o' projoosin' a picter o' arteestick consepshun' or even presentabel quality? It's simply noat possibel.

It's a hermless spoart for the wealthy clawsses but lat the puir mon, espeeshially the puir ignoran' mon, but abune a' the Scootchman, think twice afore he purchisses a kamera. Fat wi' hypo sulfit o' soda, pyro soda, metol quinol, collodion beyper, an' ither seentific meesteries 'at brak' yer jaw as weel as yer purse this hoabby's nae a pastime for babs an' sucklins, for him wi' little gear or little payshuns.

As a gin'ral rool aw'm in nae hurry t' hae onything t' dee wi' a popular craze, for like Tam Carlyle, aw'm o' oppeenyun 'at maist men are feels. But comin' hame t' m' billit at a' 'oors an' findin' m' ain an' m' neebers' apairtmints as mirky as a meenless nicht in Janewar', an' th' outside o' m' house battered a' ower wi' pottygraffic plates aw cudna help takin' at luist a shoshyal interest in fat was appawrently an unco fasinawtin' hoabby. An' this soshyal develop'd in t' a practeecal interest wi' the result 'at like the lave aw bocht a Jairman kamera, a rale nait contrapshun, an' winnerfu' chaip.

UNEXPECTED RESULTS.

Aince ye've a kamera ye micht as weel try 't, an' so aw startit tn' ither day in a fyou idel meenits t' tak' a pickter or twa. Like m' first game o' gowf m' first pottygraf mair by acksident nor desine, was an amazin' sucksess. It was a dust-storm aw took, aboot sax oclock at nicht, an' mon, the feenish'd result was winnerfu' lifelike. Aw'm nae ackwally positiv' which is the cap an' which is the boddam o' th' pickter but fatever wye ye look at it its a dust-storm richt enouch, in fac' a reglar storm o' fleein' drift an' furlin' dirt.

M' subsikint attemts, hooever, coo a' thing. Daun'erin' along the bank o' the Rhine ae bonnie day, aw snappit a passinjer steamer in midstraim, an' half-an-oor later aw took a pickter o' the Hoho Strassy. Wid ye belaive it, sir, fan aw feenish'd the preent the steamer was sailin' majeestically up the Hoho Strassy! It's as shure as m' name's Peter Birse, an' aw was perfeeckly sober on this parteeklar nicht.

A Sassenach wag aince describit Noah as a great feenansyar becaus' he floatit a leemitit leeability company fan the rest o' the warld was in leequadashun. M' warld, maister Editor, pottygraffically speakin', is in leequadashun — watter, watter ilka gate. For exemple aw took a snapshoat o' m' croanies drinkin' sparklin' Moselle i' the "Cheshire Cheese." Fan the foatty was feenish'd it micht hae been mair appropriawtely entitl'd "The Scuttlin' o' the Jairman Fleet." Next day it was mair like "Foosiyama in Erupshun," but turnin't upside doon aw eventually made up m' min' t' ca'd "The Cobbler At His Last." M' frien Sandy McFlummocks swears it's "The Daith O' Nelson." Verra seen it'll be the daith o' me.

M' latest an' aw doot m' final attemt was the result o' a peese o' grattyoutus advice on the pairt o' ane o' the cognoskenty. Says he, "the less the licht the mair the exposhure." As aw was tryin' t' tak' the meen i the souwastern lift aw alloo'd fower 'oors exposhure jist t' mak' siccar. Result: The airship R 34! Gin onybody wints a kamera chaip lat him or her apply t'

PETER BIRSE, JUNIOR.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

CROWDED OUT SUBALTERNS.

Sir,—I suppose I'm one of the girls that "Subaltern" is trying to have a hit at. I go to most of the dances in Cologne but don't intend to be dictated to as to the partners I choose, nor will any girl in Rhineland I'm sure.

Those who are nice men and good dancers whether they are generals or privates will always get plenty of dances.

The fact is the older men who probably have earned higher rank than "Subaltern," mostly can dance well and have good courteous manners, and that is why they get the lion's share.

If a man can't dance properly and doesn't know how to treat a girl nicely—and I expect these are "Subaltern's" failings, he is likely to remain a "wallflower."

AGNES.

SERVICE MEN AT HENLEY.

Sir,—Your correspondent A.G. Vere has probably read only one side of the case. The other side is given in a letter to the "Times" by W. Pi man, from which it would appear that the stewards did not "debar the ex-service men's eight from competing at Henley," but rather that it debarred itself, by wilfully refusing to comply with one of the rules framed months in advance for the King's Cup, although it could perfectly well have done so.

In no sports meeting of any sort can the stewards alter the rules *after* the entries have come in.

This puts rather a different complexion on the case and probably explains why the King, who has never been accused of snobbery, declined to intervene.

"FAIR PLAY FOR THE STEWARDS."

THE SCENTLESS COUNTRYSIDE.

Sir,— I have been in Rhineland since the middle of December and have listened to the Germans expatiating on its beauties, and agree that certainly it is beautiful in many respects. But England and more especially the north of England, has it "beat to a frazzle" in one way and that is, in the sweet scent of the countryside.

No part of Rhineland has such a delicious smell as a Lancashire or Cheshire lane. Even when passing a garden filled with roses the North country man can tell at once that he is far from home, just by this fact I wonder if others of your readers have noticed this lack of the "scents of summer."

GUNNER M.

OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Sir,— I should like to say something about our National Anthem, if space in your excellent paper permits.

I venture to say that there is not a single man serving in the British Rhine Army who is not a staunch royalist. In our present National Anthem, we have a specimen of bad German music and some extravagant but meaningless doggerel for the words.

We have proved that England can turn out goods of a better quality than Germany; why then, I ask, is it necessary to go to Germany, for the national anthem? There are plenty of good composers in England who would feel honoured and would do their best if the music for a new national anthem was required.

Then, where is the Poet Laureate? Let him write us a new antnem, one that is all British and one of which we shall not be ashamed.

LOYAL A. IV.

A CRY FROM HOLLAND.

Sir,—Could anything be arranged for the amusement of the troops in Rotterdam? We hear a great deal about the excellent concert parties in Cologne, but I am sorry to say that Rotterdam seems to be overlooked in matters of similar interest.

Could not the Amusements Officer arrange to let one of his many parties give us a visit. I am sure the troops here would appreciate a move in this direction as there is nothing to do here only lie dormant and hear of your happy times at Cologne.

There is ample accommodation here for entertainments, and the Y.M.C.A. has a suitable stage for concert work.

I am sure that our comrades in Cologne could spare a party, say, for a week's duration.

"LAMPS OPEN."

CLASS DISTINCTION.

Sir,—Your correspondent "Lyric" appears to have missed my point.

There are only two main classes in the world, those who work and those who don't. Who are these "middle classes"? If they form, as he states, the principal foundation of the country," then surely they must be workers.

My object in writing was to challenge narrow-minded custom, so prevalent, that the a person described as of the "working class," down in the social scale. I fail to see any argument in "Lyric's" letter to support this absurd idea.

If all those who could do so claimed the honour of belonging to this class they would raise it to its proper level.

Instead of that society tells them that to belong to the "working classes," isn't "the thing," so they dub them selves "middle class," "better class," or if they have enough money, the "upper class."

The more money they have the higher they are "up." It is only their snobbishness which makes them fail to see the ludicrous humour of it.

W.C.R.

DREAM-PEDLARY.

If there were dreams to sell,
What would you buy?
Some cost a passing bell;
Some a light sigh,
That shakes from Life's fresh crown
Only a rose-leaf down.

If there were dreams to sell,
Merry and sad to tell,
And the crier rang the bell,
What would you buy?

A cottage lone and still,
With bowers nigh,
Shadowy, my woes to still,
Until I die.
Such pearl from Life's fresh crown
Fain would I shake me down.
Were dreams to have at will,
This would best heal my ill,
This would I buy.

THOMAS LOVELL BEDDOES.

Three "Hat Trick" Exponents.

FINE BOWLING DISPLAYS.

LATEST MATCHES IN "COLOGNE POST" CUP COMPETITION.

The feature of the "Cologne Post" matches reported to-day is the accomplishment of the "hat trick" in three different games.

Previous fixtures have produced some very fine bowling displays, the record for the Cup Competition being held by Lieut. Smeeton of the 5th Border Regt. with 7 wickets for 6 runs, while honours for second place are shared by Gnr. Willow, 488 Siege Bty. R.G.A., and Sgt. Banks, 121 Heavy Bty. R.G.A. who have each taken 7 wickets for one run.

The best performance recorded below was by L/C Hodgetts, of "Maps," who took 5 wickets in 7 balls, and 7 wickets for 5 runs, and the other "hat trick" exponents were Gunner Lemons, 145 Siege Bty., and Pte. Greaves, "D" Corps Siege Park.

M.G.C. (59) v. VI CORPS HEADQUARTERS (44) at Lindenthal on Monday. The VI Corps H.Q. went in first but only Ellis (41) and Wordsmanee (10) were able to do any thing with the bowling of Barr and Eede, the former taking 8 wickets for 19. For the Gunners L/Cpl. Wilkinson made 10, but other wickets were falling rapidly, and when only three wickets were left 15 runs were still required to avert defeat. However, Barr, the bowler, again came to the rescue, and with Barr hitting out victory was achieved, these two batsmen making 12 each. Airey and Gricomelli took 4 wickets for 19 and 25 respectively.

VI CORPS SIG. COY (30) v. 180 LABOUR COY (70) L/Cpl. Hoppe 24 not out, and Cpl. Stevenson 12) at Zollstock, Cologne, on Tuesday. Things did not look very bright for 180 at the start of their batting, for the first four wickets fell for 16, but the tail wagged vigorously. The performance of L/Cpl Hoppe was all the more creditable, because when he had made 6 he received a rising ball in the face, and he carried his bat with blood flowing freely from his nose and his eye rapidly swelling. "Sigs" best bowler was Houghton with 6 wickets for 26. For 180 Labour Coy, Smart had again the best average with 4 wickets for 9 runs.

E. CORPS SIGS (89) v. 18th FIELD AMBULANCE COY (31) at Blissim on Sunday. For the Signals Spr. Mc Donald scored 34 (not out) and Lieut. Kemplin 15. On going in to bat the Field Ambulance men could do nothing against Spr. McDonald and Dvr Boddy and only totalled 31 runs, Pte. Exton (13) being top scorer.

E. CORPS SIGS (115) v. 269 AREA EMPLOYMENT COY (49) on the former's ground on Monday. Winning the toss 269 Area Empt. Coy elected to bat and totalled 49 runs, Pte. Glover (20) being the only man to reach double figures. Spr. McDonald and Dvr Boddy were again at their best with the ball. For the Sigs Cpl. Hills was top scorer with 46, Sgnr. Tinney scored 12, and Spr. Hicks 11 (not out). Spr. McDonald has in six "Cologne Post" matches bowled unchanged with Dvr. Boddy, the former having taken 33 wickets for 114 runs, and Boddy 21 for 101 runs.

No. 70 SQUADRON R.A.F. (69) 51st AUX. BUS COMPANY (63) at Bickendorf on Monday. The Bus. Coy batted first and owing to the bright batting of Tudor (22) and Driskell (23 not out) they secured the useful total of 63. Milnes bowled well for the R.A.F. taking 5 wickets for 15 runs. With the exception of Orris, who compiled a breezy 19, the R.A.F. put up a very poor show, 5 wickets being down for 48.

At this juncture, however, Milnes and Wood made a stand and increased the score to 63 when the latter was well held in the slips. The last wicket fell with the total at 69, Milnes being caught when he had scored 11. Tudor bowled consistently for the Bus. Coy., and secured 5 wickets for 13 runs.

D/190 BDE. R.F.A. (56) v. G. A.A. BTY. (23) on the former's ground. G Battery A.A. batted first, on a greasy wicket. The bowling of D Battery was so deadly, however, that at one time 9 wickets fell for 12 runs. D Battery 190 Bde. then went in, and started off even more disastrously, four wickets falling for one run. Sgt. Downes and Sgt. Tams, however, having determined to die bravely, hit out at the fall of the sixth wicket, and the opposing score was passed with three wickets in hand. With the aid of Dvr. Morphew, the score was carried to 56, Sgt. Downes scored 25, and Dvr. Morphew 16 not out. For the winners, Lieut. Baines took seven wickets for seven runs, Dvr. Bingham 3 for 14. McGabe and Newbold bowled very well for the A. A. Battery.

488 SIEGE BATTERY (36) v. MID. D.A.C. (29) at Nieder-Elvenich on Monday. Bowling for Midland D.A.C., Lieut. Jeffreys took 7 for 1[illegible]. For 488 Siege Battery, Wilhan took 4 for 12 and Timms 4 for 14.

No. 5 RAILWAY TELEGRAPH COMPANY (119) v. 53rd SHERWOOD FORESTERS (38) at Mülheim on Saturday. Spr. Ainscow (21), the Bolton amateur, and L/Cpl. Newman (15), the Cambridge batsman, opened strongly for the Company and further useful scores were made by Lieut. T. Wheeler (21), Spr. E. Shaw (10) Pte. Morris (14), Pte. McDonell (12) and Sergt. F. B. Fysh (10). The Foresters collapsed before Pte. F. Blower who secured 7 wickets for 19 runs, 3 wickets falling in his first over. Lieut. Alcock (16) and Trafford (6 wickets for 38 runs) were the most prominent players for the Foresters.

WIZARDS WITH THE BALL.

10 WICKETS VICTORY.

"MAPS" 4 F. S. BATTN. (27 for 0) v. 237 FIELD COY. R. E. (24) at Forsbach on Monday. "Maps" won by 10 wickets. For the winners L/Cpl. Hodgetts, besides performing the "hat trick" and taking 5 wickets in seven balls (four consecutively), had the fine analysis of 7 wickets for 5 runs (6 bowled).

145 SIEGE BATTERY (31) v. MID. DIV. M. T. COY. (26) at Odendorf on Monday. For 145 S. B., Lemons took 6 wickets for 9 runs, including the "hat trick." For Mid. Div. M.T., Capt. Shepp took 7 wickets for 20 runs.

5th BORDER REGT. (124 for 5 declared) v. No. 3 COY. WESTERN DIV. R.A.S.C. (39) at Bonn on Sunday. The home side batted first, and found runs easy to get. L/Cpl. Astin (63) and Capt. Rosser (23) were top scorers. The A.S.C. had 20 up for 1 wicket, but were all out for 39, Lieut. Smeeton taking 8 wickets for 20 runs. This bowler has now taken 35 wickets for 92 runs in league matches.

5th BORDER REGT. (86) v. EAST DIV. COY. (31) at Bonn on Monday. For the Borders, L/Cpl. Astin (26) and Lieut. Smeeton (20) were top scorers. Lieut. Slack was in great form and took 6 of the Sigs' wickets for 12 runs.

"D" CORPS SIEGE PARK (133) v. CORPS TROOPS M.T. COY. (83) on IV Corps Troops ground on Saturday. Corps troops batted first and had 8 wickets down for 56, but the last two wickets carried the total to 83, Cpl. Wildgroose (15), Pte. Whitehouse (10) taking seven boundary hits in two overs. Lieut. Warner (14) and Lieut. Witherall (12) played good and careful cricket. "D" Siege Park opened badly, losing 4 wickets for 32 runs, but on Pte. Lee (32) joining Sgt. Mumford (18), runs came freely, the partnership adding 32 runs. Sgt. Mumford and Cpl. Sawyer (17) carried the score to 86 before the former was bowled. Capt. Bowman (27) helped Cpl. Sawyer to carry the total to 125 for 8 wickets, the innings closing for 133. Pte. Greaves performed the "hat trick" and took 4 wickets for 12 runs, and Sgt. Mumford and Pte. Lee bowled consistently. For IV Corps troops Lieut. Witheral (5 for 29) gave the batsman much trouble. Scaife and Watson also bowled well.

93rd BRIGADE R.G.A. (183 for 6) v. 3rd NORTHERN BRIGADE (46) at Kalk, on Monday. Ashworth and Waters opened for the visitors and played steadily, putting on 14 before Wright bowled Ashworth. No batsman played with confidence and the innings closed for 46. It took Palliser and Ellis 25 minutes to pass this total. On restarting, after tea, the score was carried to 88, before Palliser was bowled for 46. Runs came at a fast rate, until 6 o'clock, when stumps were drawn with the score 183 (for 1), Ellis and Weight both made 49 and Major Phillips carried out his bat for 17.

62nd BATTALION M.G.C. (139 for 6 wickets) v. 15th HUSSARS (69) at Arnoldsweiler on Saturday. For the Machine Gunners, Major McKelvey and Lieut. Vernon batted well for 33 and 41 respectively. For the Hussars, Sgt. Danot took 3 wickets for 16 runs and Lieut. Stracey 2 for 21. Sgt. Danobkt (23) and Lieut. Pegram (15) were the top-scorers in the Hussars innings. Colonel Birkett and Sgt. Peters bowled very well for the M.G's, taking 3 wickets for 14 runs, and 5 wickets for 16 runs respectively.

9th CORPS TROOPS M.T. COY. (72 for 6) v. 9th CORPS H.Q. 35 (all out) at Euskirchen on Monday. Pte. Leach took 7 wickets for 17 for the M.T., while Major Dyer (19) and Pte. Frewin (25) were top scorers for that side. For the artillery, Lieut.-Col. Langtorne and Capt. K. Hamilton-Jones were the top scorers.

153 SIEGE BATTERY (141) v. "O" BATTERY ROCKET TROOPS (37), at Hauserath on Monday. Batting for 153 S.B., Sgt. Cockcroft made 56, Sgt. Hawes 37 not out, and Gnr. Thorpe 17; bowling for 153 S.B., Cockcroft took 5 for 15 and Burnley 5 or 20.

29th MACHINE GUN BATTALION (254 for 8 wickets) v. 61st BRIGADE R.F.A. (69) at Dabringhausen. The R.F.A. batted first, and the wickets quickly fell for 5 runs. Bdr. Hughes (17) and Major Mayne (12) attempted a stand, but the bowling of the machine gunners proved too good, Lieut. Astill taking 6 wickets for 14 runs and Cpl. Sadler disposing of the remainder for 43. A storm prevented play until the evening, when the machine gunners went to the wicket, scoring 254 for 8 wickets before stumps were drawn. Lieut. Astill made some brilliant stroke in amassing his 71. Capt. Morris (54 no out), Cpl. Sadler (53), and Pte. Durant (25) played splendidly.

4th SUFFOLK REGT. (65) v 121 HEAVY BTY. R.G.A. (42) at Troisdorf on Saturday. The 121st Batt. batted first and thanks to the bowling of Lieut. Bailey (5 for 15) and Pte. Pither (3 for 21) were soon out for 42. The Suffolks started badly, losing 3 wickets for 12. The 4th wicket however, put on 33, and the Suffolks eventually ran out winners by 23 runs. Lieut. Bailey scored 19 and Lieut. Kirby 12. Hardield and Sergt. Banks bowled extremely well, the former taking 6 wickets for 21, and the latter 4 for 25.

4th SUFFOLK REGT. (142) v. 10th CORPS SIGNAL COY (17) at Troisdorf on Monday. Lieut. Bailey for the Suffolks took 4 wickets for 7 runs and Lieut. Kirby 6 wickets for 8. Lieut. Sills scored 58 in splendid style, cutting, driving, and pulling to leg with remarkable accuracy. Pte. Pither scored 25, Lieut. Kirby 17 and Pte. Albon 14 (not out).

Lancs Div Sig. Coy. (85) v. 51st K. Liverpool (78).
D. Corps Sig. Coy. (137) v. 62 Bn. M.G.C. (133).

ATTEMPTING TO BRIBE PLAYERS.

IMPRISONMENT REMITTED AND £50 FINE IMPOSED.

At London Sessions on Tuesday the sentence of three months imprisonment which was passed on Henry Thatcher for attempting to bribe certain players of Millwall Football Club in December last was reduced to a fine of £50 and £100 costs.

Sir Robert Wallace in dismissing the appeal remarked that he thought justice would be met if imprisonment was remitted and a fine imposed.

COUNTY CRICKET RESULTS.

Oxford 38 and 98 for three; Cambridge 230. Yorks defeated Essex by an innings and 53 runs. Yorks 241, Essex 106 and 77.

Worcester 203 and 149 for eight; Somerset 112 and 240—match drawn. Hampshire 345 v. Surrey 242 for two.

Australians 354 and 336 for eight; Durham 269.

POLO MATCH.

Cowdray Park beat Lillybrook by 8 goals to 4 in the Polo Cup Tournament at Roehampton on Tuesday.

YOUR LAST CHANCE.

GREAT SUCCESS OF VICTORY BOND SWEEP.

To-morrow at 9 p.m., the British Empire Leave Club will close the doors of its sweepstake department. Those who at that time, have failed to buy a ticket, will have no further opportunity of participating in the great scheme that is to make a few lucky ones rich, and add considerably to Britain's financial resources.

No time should be wasted therefore in paying a visit to No. 6 Langgasse, Cologne, to part with your spare cash, or, at all events, ten marks of it, in the purchase of Victory Bond sweep tickets. The thrill of anticipation is alone worth the trifle expended, even supposing you draw nothing more exciting than a blank.

All applications for tickets should be made to Lt.-Col. J. A. Levey, O.B.E., D.S.O., British Empire Leave Club, Cologne. Yesterday there was a steady influx of purchasers and the mail bag was much greater than normal, as a result of postal applications.

THE LOYALS.

GALAXY OF TALENT AT SPORTS MEETING ON EXERCIERPLATZ, BONN.

A most successful impromptu sports meeting to commemorate the presentation of the colours to the 12th Battalion, the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment was held on the Exercierplatz, Bonn, on Monday. The highest points were won by 'B' Company with 36 points; 'A' Company followed with 19 points; 'C' Company with 17 points, and Headquarters 2 points.

The best athlete of the day was Pte. R.D. Reilly of 'B' Company, who accomplished some very fine performances, and incidentally raised his company's total considerably. The mile race was won by Lieut. Tasker, 'B' Company and the 3 mile race by Lieut. Slack, 'B' Company who in turn proved the next two all-round best athletes of the day. It is, however, very difficult to distinguish between the competitors — the galaxy of talent was too great. Lieut. B.A. MacGowan acquitted himself well as clerk of the course, and he was ably assisted by 2 Lieut. H. Mewha, and 2/Lieut. J. Wilkinson, M.M., who performed the onerous duties of judges. R.S.M. H.W. Bretton made a splendid marshal of the course.

The prizes were presented to the winners by Lieut. General T.L.N. Morland, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., the Corps Commander, who was accompanied by Major General A. Solly-Flood, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., our Divisional Commander. Three bumper cheers for the Corps Commander brought a most successful day to a close.

The results were as follows:—

Long Jump:— 1. L/C. Sumner, 'C' Coy.; 2. Pte. Reilly, 'B' Coy.; 3. Pte. Ballard, Headquarters.

Sack Race:— 1. Pte. Jones, 'C' Coy.; 2. Pte. Martin, 'A' Coy.

100 yards:— 1. Pte. Reilly, 'B' Coy.; 2. Pte. Danby, 'C' Coy.; 3. Pte. Banks, 'A' Coy.

High Jump:— 1. Lieut. Gleave; 2. Pte. Reilly, 'B' Coy.; 3. Pte. Page, Headquarters.

440 yards:— 1. Lieut. Tasker, 'B' Coy.; 2. Pte. Reilly, 'B' Coy.; 3. C.S.M. Dawe, 'B' Coy.

Putting the Weight:— 1. Sgt. Swayles, 'A' Coy.; 2. Pte. Watters, 'C' Coy.; 3. Lieut. Williams, 'B' Coy.

880 yards:— 1. Pte. Westbrook, 'B' Coy.; 2. Lieut. Slack, 'B' Coy.; 3. Pte. Reilly, 'B' Coy.

Veterans' Race:— 1. Pte. Pickup, 'C' Coy.; 2. Sgt. Swayles, 'A' Coy.; 3. Pte. Smith, 'B' Coy.

The Mile:— 1. Lieut. Tasker, 'B' Coy; 2. Pte. Fowley, 'B' Coy.; 3. Pte. Errington, 'A' Coy.

Final Tug-of-War:— 1. 'A' Coy.; 2. 'B' Coy.

3 Miles:— 1. Lieut. Slack, 'B' Coy.; 2. Pte. Banks, 'A' Coy.; 3. Lieut. Latham, 'C' Coy.

Boat Race:— 1. 'A' Coy.

Inter-Company Relay Race:— 'B' Coy.

Transport Alarm Competition:— 'C' Coy.; 'H.Q.' Coy.

Band Race:— 1. Pte. Grayson; 2. Pte. Greenhalgh; 3. Pte. Blackburn.

Officers' Race — 1. Lieut. Gleave.

Consolation Race:— 1. Pte. Wararopper, 'B' Coy.

LAWN TENNIS.

SECOND DAY'S RESULTS IN "TOURNEY" AT LINDENTHAL.

The Lawn Tennis Tournament of the Rhine Army Officers Sports Club was continued at the Club Grounds, Lindenthal on Tuesday, when the following were the results:—

First Round. Capt. Bright Holmes W.O; Lt. Pierson scratched; Major Harland W.O.; Capt. Williams scratched; Capt. Brooke-Pike beat Major Douglas Jones 6—3, 6—4; Lt.-Col. Bradish W.O.; Capt. Doragh scratched.

Second Round: Lt. Daly beat Capt. Whistler 6—0, 6—1; Capt. Dunn beat Capt. Tarleton 6—3, 6—3; Major Ward beat Lt. Harris 6—1, 6—0; Major Heylet beat Capt. Sherring 6—2, 6—3; Capt. Brooke-Pike beat Major Harland 6—1, 6—0; Major Wheatley beat Capt Wardle 3—6, 6—3, 6—2; Brig.-Gen. Currie beat Capt. Nisbet 6—2, 6—2.

Third Round: Lt. Daly beat Lt. Hudson 8—6 7—5; Lt. Green Kelly W.O.; Major Bruce scratched.

GENTLEMEN'S OPEN DOUBLES.

Major Gartlan and Capt. Elrington W.O.; Capt. Holmes and Major Mallinson scratched. Major Bruce and Capt. Phipps beat Lt.-Col. Bradish and Major Allin 4—6, 6—0, 6—1; Lt. Harris and Lt. Daly beat R. v. L. M. Andrews and Major Bowes-Lyon 6—2, 6—8, 6—4; Major Heziet and Major Ward W.O.; Major Gartlan and Major Elrington scratched.

LADIES HANDICAP DOUBLES.

Miss Hookey and Miss Drew scratch beat Miss Roddick and Miss Rawson + 15, 6—4, 6—1; Miss E. West and Miss Briggs W.O.; Miss Valentine and Miss Wood scratched.

LADIES HANDICAP SINGLES.

Mrs. Woodcock scratch beat Miss E. West + 15.2, 6—1, 6—1; Miss Drew W.O.; Miss Word scratched.

Mixed Doubles Open.

1st Round:—Capt. Sherring and Miss Van der Weyden beat Lt. C. Winbush and Miss McMaster 6—2, 6—3; Capt. R. Ritchie and Miss Briggs W.O. Major Hazlett and Miss Main scratched.

2nd Round:—Major Ward and Miss Douglas beat Capt. Ritchie and Miss Briggs, 6—1, 6—1; Lt. Kelly and Miss Drew beat Lt.-Col. Pleydell — Nott and Miss Howlett 6—2, 7—5; Major Saul and Miss Ram on beat Capt. Wardle and Miss Roddick 6—4, 6—1; Major Bruce and Miss Richmond W. O.; Major Montgomery and Miss Binskin scratched.

3rd Round:— Capt. Tarleton and Miss M. Campbell beat Major Bruce and Miss Richmond 6—1, 6—0.

Gentlemen's Handicap Doubles.

1st Round:—Major Walsh and Capt. Saunderson + 2/6 beat Major Quinell and Lt. Ainbrock + 4/6, 9—7, 6—2; Lt.-Col. Gethin and Major Stenicher + 3/6 W. O.; Major L. Gurnay and Major Martin scratched; Capt. Brooke-Pike and Capt. Ritchie + 2/6 beat Major Wheatley and Major Jackson 6—2, 6—2; Lt.-Col. Pleydell — Nott and Capt. Tarleton — 15 beat Col. McCarthy and Col. O'Grady scratched 6—2, 3—6, 6—2.

2nd Round:— Major Bowes-Lyon and Rev. L. M. Andrews — 15 3 beat Major Capel and Capt. Whistler + 3/6, 6—1, 6—1; Rev. Hill and Lt. Robinson + 15 W. O.; Capt. Williams and Lt. Winbusch scratched. Major Gartlan and Capt. Elrington scr. beat Lt.-Col. McAllister and Capt. H. A. Wardle scr., 5—7, 10—8, 12—10; Major Rountree and Capt. Butler scr. beat Cap. Hancock and Lt. Holmes + 3/6 6—0, 6—2.

MIXED HANDICAP DOUBLES.

1st Round:— Lt.-Col. Pleydell-Nott and Miss Hewlitt — 15 beat Lt. Mocatta and Miss Connold + 15, 6—2, 6—0; Capt. Wardle and Miss Roddick Scr. W. O., Lt. Harris and Miss Waterhouse scratched; Capt. Davidson and Miss Woodcock — 15 3 beat Major Villa and Miss Watson + 3 6, 6—2, 6—3; Capt. Brocke Pike and Miss E. West scr. W.O.; Capt. Hudson and Miss Valentine scratched.

GENTS HANDICAP SINGLES.

1st Round:—Lt. Petrie + 3/6 beat Capt. Whistler + 15, 6—3, 3—6, 6—3; Lt. Armstrong scr. beat Lt. Holmes + 3 6, 6—1, 6—1; Major Hazlet — 30 W.O.; Capt. Daragh scr.; Capt. Dunn — 30 beat Major Gaine scr. 6—1, 6—1; Lt. Lees scr. W. O.; Capt. Williams scr.; Major Saul — 15.3 beat Major W. F. Bruce — 15 3, 4—6, 6—4, 6—3; Col. McCarthy scr. beat Lt. King scr. 6—1, 6—2; Major Walsh scr. beat Major Jackson scr. 6—0, 6—0; Major Capel + 4/6 W. O.; Major Mallinson scr.; Lt.-Col. McAllister scr. beat Major Pearson + 15, 6—1, 6—0; Lt. Walter scr. beat Capt. G. Hancock + 1/6, 6—4, 6—1; Major H. Ward — 30 beat Major Watson + 15.3, 6—2, 6—3; Major Harland + 4/6 beat Major Douglas Jones — 15, 6—2, 6—2; Major Villa scr. beat Major Harland + 4 6, 6—0, 6—0; Major Montgomery — 15 2 beat Major McCallum — 2 6, 6—1, 6—3; Capt. Bristoll + 15 W. O. Lt. Col. Spicer scr.; Major Allin — 15 beat Maj. Quinnell + 15, 8—6, 6—4; Capt. Wardle scr. beat Lt. Robinson, 6—2, 6—4; Brig.-Gen. Currie —3/6 beat Major Gartlan scr. 6—1, 7—5; Lt.-Cl. Owen — 30 beat Lt. Roberts scr. 6—3 7—5; Major Anne — 15 beat Major Lindeman + 15, 6—3, 6—4; Capt. Hudson — 3/6 beat Capt. Nisbet scr. 6—3, 5—7, 6—1.

MOUNTED SPORTS.

245 (W.R.) BRIGADE ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY, LIGHT DIVISION.

These sports were held on Saturday at Klein Troisdorf, when the keenest interest was displayed in the events. In the Alarm Stakes an unlimbered gun with horses unharnessed and tethered, the gunners and drivers partially undressed and in a position of sleep, is, on the alarm being given, limbered up; team harnessed and hooked in, men properly dressed, and then galloped to the place of action, the whole being done against time. About this there is all the glamour of old fashioned war, and naturally the most fervent interest was evinced.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

The following were the results:—

Section-Driving:— 1, C Bty. team; 2, O. Bty. team.

Section-driving-(Officers):— 1, C Bty. team; 2, H.Q. R.A. team.

Potato race:— 1, Dvr. Hodgson, C. Bty.; 2, Dvr. Hartley, A. Bty.

Wrestling on horseback:— 1, B.Bty. team; 2, C.Bty. team.

Men's jumping:— 1, Dvr. Ford, C. Bty.; 2, Dvr. Brantock, A. Bty.; 3, Dvr. Ferris, H.Q.

N.C.O's jumping:— 1, Sgt. Hook A.V.C., B. Bty.; 2, Cpl. Maulkin, A. Bty.; 3, Bdr. Morrison, D. Bty.

V. C. race:— 1, Dvr. Hodgson, C. Bty.; 2, Sgt. Stubbs, A. Bty.

Boat race:— 1, D. Bty. team; 2, A. Bty. team.

Tug-of-war on horseback:— 1, A. Bty. team; 2, B. Bty. team.

Limber gunners race with gun wheel:— 1, Gnr. Wakeman, A. Bty.; 2, Gnr. Gladwin, A. Bty.; 3, Gnr. Wright, A. Bty.

Half-section jumping:— 1, Dvrs. Ford and Hodgson, C. Bty.; 2, Dvr. Robertson and S. S. Ward, D. Bty.

Led horse jumping:— Dvr. Hodgson, C. Bty.; 2, Dvr. Levin, C. Bty.; 3, Dvr. Ford, D. Bty.

Officers jumping (open to Light Division):— 1, Capt. H.L. Timperley, B/245 Bde. on Dick; 2, Lt. H. C. D'aubus, C 245 Bde., on Silver Tail; 3, Major F.R. Roche-Kelly, D.A.D.V.S., on Robin Hood.

Mule Jumping:— 1, Dvr. Bowes, A. Bty.; 2, S. S. Ward, D. Bty.

Alarm stakes:— 1, B. Bty., A. sub team 1min 35secs, 2, D. Bty. C. sub team.

The proceedings were greatly enlivened by the attendance of the band of the 12th Lancers, who produced excellent music, and the catering for officers and men was of marked excellence, the only thing lacking to a most enjoyable and attractive sports meeting was the presence of more members of the Nursing Service, the Waac's, the Wrafs, and any of the Women's Auxiliary Services.

Don't Forget Cologne Races To-day.

MERHEIM THE MECCA.

OPENING DAY'S PROGRAMME OF RHINELAND RACES.

This afternoon all roads lead to Merheim, where the Cologne Races are the paramount attraction. A number of notable events with capital entries are down for decision on the opening day, including the Maiden Race (1st Divn.) Rhineland Steeplechase, Maiden Plate (25 runners), Robertson Plate, Maiden Race (2nd Divn.) Welter Steeplechase, and Maiden Race (3rd Division). The second day of the races is on Saturday, and on both occasions "Deutsches Publikum ist zugelassen."

WIMBLEDON FINALS.

VICTORY FOR MLLE. LENGLEN AND MISS RYAN.

The King and Queen were again present at Wimbledon on Tuesday when the Tournament was brought to a close. The following were the results:

Mixed Doubles (final):—Miss Ryan and Lycett beat Mrs. Lambert Chambers and Prebesley 6—0, 6—0.

All England Plate (Final):—Crawford beat Woosnam 6—3, 5—7, 7—5.

Ladies Doubles (Final):—Mlle. Lenglen and Miss Ryan beat Mrs. Larcombe and Mrs. Lambert Chambers 4—6, 7—5, 6—3.

Gent's Doubles (Final):—O'Hara Wood and Thomas beat Lycett and Heath 6—4, 6—2, 4—6, 6—2.

WESTERN DIVISIONAL CUP.

CLOSE AND EXCITING FINISH AT HERSEL.

The cricketing powers that be in the 1/4th Bn. Cheshire Regt. received a rude shock on Sunday when they played the first round in the Western Divisional Cup Competition, their opponents being the 1st Western T.M.B. The latter batted first on a wicket certainly not adapted for tall scoring, and could only muster a total of 27. Naturally the Battalion went to the wickets with confidence. However, it was soon apparent that the struggle was to be a keen one. Wickets fell rapidly, an occasional single helping on the score. One batter raised the hopes of his side by hitting three (all run). The T.M.B.'s, however, fought gamely on, with the result that when the last batsmen came to the wickets 4 run were still required to win. A single was obtained and in attempting a second the last wickets fell—run out—leaving the T.M.'s victors by three runs.

MONEY IN SPORT.

HUGE SUMS RECEIVED BY FRENCH AIRMEN AND TURFITES.

In the years 1909 and 1910 Paulham and Bleriot earned more than half a million francs. Beaumont earned in 3 months in 1911 500,000 francs.

Garros received 75,000 f. for flying 6 times at Angers. Bleriot asked for and received 90,000 francs for a short flight at Constantinople. Johnson, the boxer, received 1 million francs at Reno, while Carpentier was paid 50,000 for a match at Dieppe.

A first class French jockey never signs a contract under 125,000 francs a year, in addition to which he receives a special sum each time he runs. It is in France that horses get the greatest sums — the horse "Maintenon" brought to its proprietor the sum of 908,000 francs, Samorgo 877,000 francs, and Sea Sick 610,000 francs. The stables of C. Blanc won in 1905 1,469,000 francs, and Vanderbilt's stables in 1906 1,349,000 francs.

COLOGNE SOUTHERN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
180 Labour Coy.	9	8	1		16§
D 190 Bde R.G.A.	8	7	1		14§
93 Bde R.G.A.	7	7	0		14§
41 Bn. M.G.C.	7	7	0		14§
Northern Div. R.E.	6	5	0	1	11§
3 Bn. M.G.C.	5	4	1		8§
5 R. Irish	5	4	0	1	9§
Wahn Survey Det.	6	4	2		8§
51 Devons	4	3	1		8§
VI Corps H.Q.	8	3	5		6§
161 Bde R.F.A.	6	3	3		6§
52 Hertford	5	2	3		4§
23 Bde R.A.S.C.	5	2	3		4§*
5 K.O.Y.L.I.	5	2	3		4§
12 R. Irish Rifles	4	2	2		4§
"G" A.A. Bty.	4	2	2		4§
Lancer M.G. Squad.	4	2	2		4§
34 Bn. M.G.C.	4	2	2		4§*
170 Siege Bty.	5	1	3	1	3§
2 Bn. M.G.C.	2	1	0	1	3§
H.A.C.	7	1	6		2§
VI Corps Sig. Coy.	8	1	7		2§*
3 Northern Bde	5	1	4		2§

§ Games awarded for scratched matches and in respect of Rhine A.T., M.T. Coy. withdrawn.
* Games lost by default.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Thursday, July 10, 1919.

Wind variable. Overcast. Some Rain. Moderate Temperature. Visibility fair.

ENGLISH RACING.

MEETINGS AT SALISBURY AND NOTTINGHAM.

SALISBURY RESULTS:

Open Selling Plate:—1, Laugh (5—1); Prevoyan. Two ran.

July Welter handicap:—1, Burly (3—1); 2, Silver Doctor (5—2); 3, Vice Versa (6—4).

Wiltshire Stakes—1, Sir Douglas (5—2); 2, All Alone (9—4); 3, Flying Spear (5—2).

Allies Cup;—1, Manrico (4—1); 2, Greenwich (6—1); Zuider Zee (8—1).

Wilton Handicap:—1, Pandion (9—2); 2, Fourfold (10—1); 3, Sundial (8—1).

Dunbridge Plate:—1, Stargantes (100—8); 2, Minorite (Evens); 3, Avezzano (8—1).

Salisbury Maiden Plate:—1, Tetrameter (1—5); 2, Black Domino (3—1); 3, Love Better (33—1).

NOTTINGHAM RESULTS:

Netherfield Selling Plate:—1, Sibyllone (5—4); 2, Navaho (7—1); 3, Lhassa (4—2).

Clumber Plate:—1, Galante (5—2); 2, Marceline (100—8); 3, Zoppy (100—8).

St. Alban's Handicap—1, Cyclist (7—2); 2, Dandmole (6—1); 3, Roker (7—2).

Newark Handicap:—1, Nora Elsie (6—1); 2, Ella (5—1); Darley (4—1).

Newstead Abbey Plate:—Daniel (5—4 on); Dark Magic. Two ran.

Holme Pierpoint Plate: Declared void through no horses being on the spot to run.

BOXING CONTEST.

A very exciting boxing contest was recently held in the School-room, Bring, near Bornheim, between Pte. Mansfield and Cpl. Locket, the latter being knocked out in the seventh round. Pte. Mansfield, the winner, will be awarded a fountain pen and Cpl. Locket a beautiful picture of Cologne.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

The "Tonics."

An exceptionally good performance was given by the "Tonics" concert party (by kind permission of the G.O.C. 3rd. Northern Brigade) at the British Empire Leave Club on Tuesday evening. Lt. Hodgson, 51st. D.L.I., is to be warmly congratulated on the fine party which he has organized. It is undoubtedly one of the best concert parties of the Army of the Rhine. Quite a new feature on the programme was the excellent dancing of Finlay and Sangar, who were loudly encored and called back again and again. The general appearance of the dancing was greatly aided by the excellent lighting effects. Lieut. Ramsay, N. T. Dodds, Fred Holmans, E. Messmer and W. Ryder were the chief performers. Sergeant Hadmark, with his "Riehl" jazz band gave the very greatest pleasure by their excellent selections, and everyone voted the evening one of the very best, yet held.

"San Fairy Ann".

"The Maxims" a capable party of 29th M.G.C. entertainers, appeared before a large audience at Duoringhausen on Friday, when a musical revue "San Fairy Ann" was presented. Among the artistes who contributed to the success of the performance were A. W. Warner, A. Coombies, K. Methan, R. Drew and J. Cross. The Maxims are shortly to go on tour.

An accomplished Artiste.

L/Cpl. A. J. Weeks the accomplished entertainer appearing with the "Merry Micks", (who are shortly going on tour) is well known in West of England musical circles. At 15 years of age he was the youngest official organist in the United Kingdom. He held this responsible position at the Wesley Memorial church, Bristol, and his musical services were even then in great demand. He has a splendid voice and as a pianist has few equals this side of the Rhine.

The Indian Rope Trick.

Judging by recent introductions into their programmes, concert parties are all on the lookout for originality. Many of them have succeeded in freshening up their shows in consequence, but credit must be given to the Eastern Division D.A.C. for striking the unbeaten track. At a recent concert the programme included an exhibition of oriental magic given by two members of the Indian section. In a series of remarkably clever illusions, the famous rope trick thoroughly bewildered the audience.

Entertainment at Lulsdorf.

All ranks stationed in and about Lulsdorf hied them to Broni Hall on Saturday to listen to an excellent concert provided by a party of No. 1 Section, D.A.C. Eastern Division. The opening item was orignal and enjoyable, a setting entitled "Round the Camp Fire" forming a capital background for the rendering of various songs.

A well varied programme was contributed to by Gnr. Hughes, Lieut. Chaldicott, Dvr. Hughes, Gnr. Tann, Dvrs. Petro and George; Lieut. Couchman and others.

At the conclusion Capt. G. McEwen, D.C.M., R.F.A. congratulated the party on the excellence of their performance and expressed the hope that it would be the forerunner of many similar future events.

In few words.

"The Merry Micks" are due to appear at the Central Y.M.C.A., Cologne, to-morrow evening.

British Rhine Army Musical Society rehearsals are going strong.

"The Tabs," at the conclusion of their present run, are to go on leave. JACQUES.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

A Great Match Suggested.

A little bird whispers that the opening match for Holland Park Rink will be Jim Driscoll v. Charles Ledoux. The Rink is under the control of the N.S.C. authorities.

Royalty and Tennis.

The King and Queen, accompanied by Princess Mary, were at Wimbledon on Saturday witnessing the tennis. Play was stopped for a few minutes, while the spectators rose and heartily cheered the royal party.

Holing in One.

James Braid is evidently recovering his short game again. He did the second hole on the new course at Walton Heath this week in one. This is the eleventh occasion on which the ex-champion has holed out in one.

£80,000 Gift.

£80,000 has been presented to the French Aero Club as a gift to put it on a sound financial basis by M. Henry Deutsch de la Meurthe, whose interest from the first in aviation has been continuously maintained.

Kissed the Winner.

An American general dispensing medals to pretty nurses recently regretted that all armies did not adopt the French custom. A lot of people felt like this on Saturday when Max Decugis kissed the winner of the ladies' final.

English v. Scots.

The revival of the English v. Scots bowling match of the London and Southern Counties B.A. at Westcliff produced a victory for the former by 252 to 219.

Familiar Faces Missing.

Many familiar faces, such as those of Ommundsen and Tippings, are missing at Bisley this week, for they have made the great sacrifice.

Ball-Punching Stunt.

Sergt. R. Pernott, 3rd City of London Royal Fusiliers, at ten o'clock on Monday morning, at the London Scottish Drill Hall, Buckingham Gate, began a fifty hour non-stop ball-punching stunt.

Racing Pigeons.

It was in 1899 that the Sandringham lofts first made a fine reputation, racing the North route, the Prince of Wales (afterwards King Edward), on the 27th June, 1899, winning first prize Lerwick, 510 miles,

Echoes from Rhineland.

Arrival of the G. S. Ribbon.

Yesterday afternoon when the S. S. Barbarossa steamed up the Rhine it included in its cargo eighteen thousand yards of the much discussed active service medal ribbon. When this will be issued, it is difficult to say, but in the meantime it reposes in the Cologne Ordnance store. Assuming that the issue will be two inches per man, there will be sufficient ribbon to provide for 324,000 troops.

More Cinema "Screams."

It is not to be supposed that the firm responsible for a certain war film, now showing not a hundred miles from Cologne, knew that it would be screened before a hypercritical audience of "Tommies," or they would have paid more attention to detail. As it is, a would-be pathetic two-part film becomes a screaming farce. "For example the officer-hero departs to fight his country's battles amidst tears, and we next see him at Mons single handedly holding up the German hordes, and sporting the badge of a non-combatant battalion. Wounded and left behind, he gets through the German lines by "doing in" a sentry with a small pen-knife and arrives home in England in a peasant's disguise and with a healthy growth of whiskers. This mirth-provoking picture ends by the officer donning his uniform which the Germans have apparently forwarded, and his wife stating that as he has been badly wounded he won't have to go back. Needless to say, all the while this picture was being shown the house echoed with the laughter of a military audience.

New Field of Activity.

Comment has already been made upon the large number and quaint wording of matrimonial advertisements which appear in the German daily press, but the following from a Hanover newspaper is nothing if not original:—"Engineer of the Navy whose future has been destroyed by the end of the war, wishes to create a new one, if possible by marriage. He was lately U boat engineer, up to now single; he hopes in this manner to get a new field of activity."

Replacing the Brass.

Many will have noticed what may be termed the standardization of door handles and window fasteners in Germany. These are practically indentical in every household. They are straight and about 5 inches long, the door being opened by downward pressure on the handle. The use of these handles is, we believe, due to the almost entire disappearance of brass handles, a war exigency.

An Array of Lectures.

The troops in Rhineland will be well off for lectures during this month and next, a splendid programme having been arranged for them. Particulars as to dates, times, and places can be had from Major K. L. Bowen, Room 125, Excelsior Hotel. The Rev. James Burns will lecture on "Great Pictures" and "The work of G. F. Watts," Mr. H. S. Keighwin on "Rhodesia," Capt. Cherry Kearton on "Photographing Wild Life" and "Across Central Africa." Mr. N. Dubery's subject will be "Industrial Reconstruction," Col. Lynden-Bell will speak of "Russia and the Caucasus," Mr. E. B. Denham taking the "The Far East," "India," "British possessions in Asia" and "Sport in Asia" as his topics. The Rev. Dr. Rosedale will talk on "Bohemia," "Turkey" and "Trade guilds," Prof. A. Findlay on "Nitric Acid and Fertilizers from the Air" as well as "The Romance of Cellulose." Capt. H. de Windt will describe a journey "Through the Balkans" and "From Paris to New York by land;" the Rev. W. R. Harvey will tell "How a modern newspaper is made" and talk of "The wonders of modern Science;" while Mr. Allen Upward is to lecture on his "Adventures in Nigeria" and "Self-Determination." This is decidedly an attractive list about which we shall have more to say.

Disparity in Ages.

A correspondent comments upon the disparity of ages between the sexes in Germany and asks whether it may be regarded as the rule that the male should be older than the fräulein. This is explained in part by the fact that the man does not entertain serious courtship until he has a "settled" position. This is opposed to our English custom. There in the mating of the sexes, equality of age is more or less aimed at and generally approved, while the settlement of position is treated as of secondary importance.

To Counteract Temperature.

Many people will wonder how it is, in view of the principle "that heat expands and cold contracts," that bridges such as the Hohenzollern Bridge, with its huge masses of steel, are not severely damaged by frost. An examination of the bridge will show how this difficulty is overcome. Each span of the bridge is totally distinct from the other, and the ends are merely laid on the stone piers, not being fixed to the masonry in any way. Between each span is left a space, thus giving room for expansion. Coinciding with the ends of the spans on the mid-stream piers, will be seen an arrangement similar to a set of points.

How The Points Work.

The ends of the rails coming from the river bank are prolonged and taper off to a point. The rails approaching from the centre span turn gradually outwards as the pointed ends become thicker, and where the latter again become the full-sized rail, the ends are turned abruptly. The two rail ends therefore slide to and from, while providing for continuity in all weathers of the line. The junction of the sections of roadway is effected by means of comb-like gratings projecting from each span, which fit into each other, minutely enough to allow any vehicle to pass across in safety but at the same time providing several inches of "elbow room" for the expansion and contraction of each section of the bridge.

Billeting Rates.

The rates paid by the German authorities for billeting are now available and provide for a payment of six marks a day in the case of a General, four marks for a staff officer and three marks for an officer. For other ranks 1.50 marks is payable; three marks for a motor-car and 25 pfg. for a horse. The expenses for heating and light are not included, but the rate for the winter is increased a mark in every case. Payments for casinos, messes and guards rooms have yet to be fixed.

Remarkable Achievement.

During the month of June, the 2nd Northern Light Trench Mortar Battery claim to have beaten all records for membership in the Army branch of the National War Savings Association. There have been only 61 all ranks in the Battery at different times during the month, and of these 52 have become members of the Association. The total subscribed was £83-3-3. The average daily ration strength of the Battery was 50.68 so that they shew the extraordinary figure of 102.6 per cent. of the average ration strength! Can any unit beat this?

Well Meant.

A few examples have appeared of German flounderings in English when advertising wares and services, but some choice plums of humour as below will yet be of good digestion. Starting with the cafés there is a shop near this office which offers "2 Coiled eggs etc" for 5.50 mks. Elsewhere in the town the tariff is shown thus-wise: "Coffee: dish 30 pfg; chokolate, a cup 1 mk., tea, 1mk black tea —,50 pfg." A jewellery shop has at least three amusing items: "Gents' watch-chains, latest and nobel patterns," etc. "cigarette cases in large sortments" and "safety razors with 1a quality." A certain barber's shop offers "Hair-cutting and *singing*." Close to the jeweller's is a fancy-goods shop advertising "leatherstropp for watch." Another barber's shop declares its bayrum to be excellent against heatache. A boot-shop two doors farther up displays "first-class booth polishes—brown and black."

A Good Plan.

A capital plan is in vogue at a cinema in the Brühl district. In between each act those who have seen the performance leave their seats and pass down the right side of the hall to the exits. Their seats are taken by those who were sitting next to them, each one passing along the row. This plan does away with the uncomfortable experience of people either making one stand up, or else squeezing their way past and incidentally stepping on the toes of those who are seated. A first aid box hangs on the wall, a useful thing in cases of faintness which very often occur in such places of amusement.

Monuments of the War.

Amid all the controversy associated with war memorials, their structure and character, we welcome the decision of the French Government to preserve in their present condition selected sites along the Western front. Already a decree prohibiting any alteration has gone forth. It is not difficult to imagine what would be the effect if these sites sacred to many of us, passed into the disfiguring and mercenary hands of the café proprietors, the souvenir sellers, the restaurateurs, and the hotel keepers. Historical spots would be obliterated in their effort to provide attractions for the coming throngs of tourists who will shortly be let loose over areas which to many of us are best forgotten. Among the places already to be preserved are the forts of Verdun, the trenches of Soissons, the underground mazes at Mouquet Farm, the ruins of Bapaume, and the mangled remains of Pozieres.

Prizes for "Echoes."

The Editor of "The Cologne Post" offers every day the sum of 10 marks for the best paragraph descriptive of any phase of life or interesting incident in Rhineland, not exceeding 150 words in length. The envelope should have the word "Echoes" in the top left hand corner.

To-day's prize of 10 marks is awarded to Sergt. G. Mc. Wille, 3rd Coy., 4th. Seaforth Highlanders, Rhine Army.

GIANT RHINE BARGES.

The Rhine barges are mammoths of their type. They combine the breadth of the Thames barge with the length of those used on the English canals. Multiply by five, and add the accommodation of a decent cottage to the stern. Roughly 250 feet long and a beam of 25 feet, they have a carrying capacity up to more than 1,500 tons.

Nevertheless these monsters would come under Hilaire Belloc's classification of "little ships." Four or five linked together, and towed by a tug to the work which in more commodious waters would be undertaken by a fair sized tramp. As many as a dozen "empties" are pulled up stream by one tug. About 90 per cent. of the cargo trade of Germany's great river is done by barge.

Wood, potatoes and land produce generally are floated from the upper Rhine to the great industrial towns around Dusseldorf. Sheet iron, chemical salts and Westphalian coals are shipped from the towns to the agricultural districts up stream.

These lands and towns bordering the Rhine are interdependent and in the river have a wonderfully handy and cheap highway of commerce. No wonder the Rhinelanders wished to form a republic of their own!

The immense barges we see to-day have been evolved as the system of transport most suited to the river and class of cargo.

Some of us remember the squat, tubby, screw-driven barges of the Somme. But they were in keeping with the size and trade of the river. They were invaluable to us during the Somme struggle, tranquilly bearing their thirty "neat" or "spine" cases from Corbie and Amiens to Abbeville.

Amiens recalls another boat peculiar to its environment, the bateau d'hortillon, that picturesque gondola-shaped boat of the water gardens.

How easily and gracefully the old dames of the "hortillonage" piloted their salad-laden barques to the waterside market on the quay, their only means of propulsion a short shovel-like paddle worked from the stern.

Contrast this with the panting tug of the Rhine, pulling a bunch of bull-nosed leviathans against the stream at less than walking pace. Yet the ponderous boats have their pleasing aspects. Massed at their moorings by the wharves, they give a picture of tranquility. Caught in the right smoky haze of indistinctness, they present a fine study for some budding Turner. Only the racing river washing their prows mars the peaceful inertia which we associate with the Norfolk wherry.

Some of the barges have masts, but sails are a minus quantity. One is surprised at the singular absence of sails on so great a river. Even the pleasure sail in this reach is limited to some half dozen small yachts at Rodenkirchen.

FROM EVERYWHERE,
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Gone "Nap."—General Seely says he has put his whole fortune into the Victory Loan.

Peace Pay.—The steel workers of South Wales are to be paid on Peace Celebration Day.

Finish.—The Maple Leaf clubs in London are being closed.

Shells.—At Barrow 16,000,000 shells of all sizes were produced.

For a Tree.—At a Red Cross Gift Tree Sale at Stamford £1,300 was paid for a tree.

A 'Stumer'.—At Düsseldorf the Reichsbank paid out 300,000 Marks on a "dud" cheque.

Kerensky's Brother.—The brother of Kerensky has been shot by the Bolshevists.

Restoration.—Nottingham Castle is to be restored.

Price Up.—Four guineas an hour is being asked for Punch and Judy shows.

Peace Bells.—Women rang the peace bells at Edmonton.

Bill Sikes Busy.—The number of daring burglaries in the London district is growing apace.

Getting Away—Austrians in large numbers are seeking permission to emigrate to South America.

Fastidious.—Thieves selected only the best jewels in an Oxford-street robbery.

Everybody Doing It.—Clemenceau is to be the leading figure in a new cinema film.

So was Harry Lauder.—Tom Burke, the latest operatic star, was once a miner.

Saint Joan.—Joan of Arc has now been canonized by the Church of Rome.

Fine Old "Scotch"?—America is beginning to send large shipments of whisky to England.

Police Scoop.—A forgery outfit and 5000 forged notes have been found by the Paddington police.

Going Up.—German postal rates are to be increased and telephone rates doubled.

The French Way.—The French police have arrested two Marseilles war profiteers.

Ups and Downs.—An officer's foreman in a London garage was his staff sergeant in France.

Opium Evil.—A Canadian soldier called for a drink in a London public house and then collapsed from opium poisoning.

Bottles and Stones.—Bottles and stones were thrown in an Edinburgh riot caused by the arrest of a soldier.

Worth Reading.—Of all the war-books coming from Germany that of Ludendorff is said to be the best.

Italian Honours.—Many British flying officers have been awarded Italian silver and bronze medals.

Their Way.—"In this neigbourhood the only manner in which peace is celebrated is by getting drunk," says a Thames magistrate.

Matches Again.—There is a scarcity of matches in London. Calls at ten shops failed to produce any.

Fetching Milk.—Eastbourne residents are fetching their own milk because of a strike of dairy hands.

Correction.—Through a misprint yesterday it was stated that a rosette on the 1914 ribbon is official. This of course is not the case.

Troops for Paris.—The British troops at the Paris Peace festival are camping in the Bois de Boulogne.

No Cheap Labour.—An attempt by the Japanese to learn the trade of puddling and thus introduce cheap labour has been defeated.

A Belgian Trip.—The Lord Chancellor and several other distinguished British personages are due to arrive in Belgium on July 14.

Free Flights.—Purchasers of £5,000 or over of the Victory Loan become entitled to a free aeroplane flight.

Redemption of Bonds.—The redemption of the entire issue of Victory Bonds will be effected in about fifty-six years.

Open Arms.—Mr. Hughes declared to a French journalist: "Say to your compatriots that we are waiting for them with open arms."

Scrap Heap Guns.—"The machine-guns we had in Mesopotamia were fit only for the scrap heap," says General Townshend.

Those Rats.—In twenty weeks 125,223 rats have been killed in Leicestershire, the cost being £1,525.

Smoke-Bombs New Use.—London thieves in a motor-car are using small smoke bombs to cover their retreat.

To Shame Them.—The Bishop of Woolwich says that owners of slums should have their names affixed to their property.

Women Insistent.—The women of Paris have been holding street demonstrations in favour of emancipation.

Bluebeard Goes Sick.—Landru, the French "Bluebeard," is not taking kindly to prison confinement. He is suffering from bad health.

To the Fatherland.—German sailors who have been in Rio de Janeiro during the war are to be sent home.

Storm Havoc.—The railway was undermined in the Ascot district as a result of a seven hours storm.

Wearing Fortunes.—Skirts made of ostrich feathers are now the rage with the nouveaux riches in London.

Until.—The Victory Loan is not an assured success until you have weighed in with your share.

Treasure Hunting.—The salvage operations on the Armada treasure ship sunk off Tobermory suspended in 1912 are re-commencing.

A Floral Fray.—There is to be a battle of flowers at the London Hippodrome on peace night.

Mr. H.G. Wells, whose pen never seems to rest, is bringing to a close his colossal work on the history of mankind.

Not Enough.—A pantechnicon with four men and a foreman and a driver, were engaged to move a Government writing desk and small table from one office in London to another.

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PEACE DAY.

GREAT LONDON PAGEANT OF ALLIED TROOPS.

Plans have been practically completed for London's peace celebrations on Saturday 19th July.

The principal feature will be a great military pageant, which will include representatives of the various British fighting services, and detachments from our Dominion forces and the armies of our Allies. It is expected that the men and women participating in the march will total approximately 18,700.

The King, with other members of the Royal family, and representatives of the Army, Navy, and both Houses of Parliament, will stand on the steps of the Victoria Memorial, in front of Buckingham Palace, and his Majesty will take the salute.

In honour of the gallant dead, a temporary memorial is to be erected in Whitehall, almost exactly opposite Downing-street. As they approach the memorial, the troops will open out, and will march on either side of it, giving the salute as they pass.

WARSHIPS ON THE RIVER.

A large number of warships and small craft will be assembled in the Thames, between the mouth of the river at Southend and the Houses of Parliament at Westminster. They will remain for about a week, and be open to the inspection of visitors during the entire period.

Special celebrations for school children are to be held in the London parks. It is hoped that the King and Queen will be able to visit Greenwich Park on July 22, when 22,000 Deptford children are to be entertained.

Mr. Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons yesterday that it is proposed to declare Saturday, July 19, a Bank Holiday.

NATIONS PARTICIPATING.

The committee, which, under the presidency of Earl Curzon, is responsible for the official side of the celebration of peace on Saturday, July 19, has now completed its arrangements and although slight modifications may be necessary, the following statement can be taken as substantially correct:

The pricipal item will be a great military pageant, which will include representatives of the various British fighting services and detachments from our Dominion forces and the armies of our Allies.

Detachments representing the military forces of the Powers associated with England in the war will be in Paris for the great march of the Allied armies on July 14, and they have been invited to cross to England for our march on the 19th.

The Government of India has agreed to send a force, but owing to the fact that the chosen date has been altered from Aug. 4 to July 19, it is doubtful whether all of them will arrive in time. It is certain, however, that a considerable detachment will be seen in the procession.

The total of 18,700 will be made up as follows:—Representatives of the British and Dominion Military Forces, including the Army, Air Force, and the various women's corps associated with them 5,000; naval ratings, 4,000; officers and men of Mercantile Marine, 1,000; American Army, 3,000; Belgian, 1,000; Italian, 1,000; French, 1,000; Japanese, 1,000; Serbian, 150; Roumanian, 150; Czecho-Slovakian, 150; Portuguese, 150; Polish, 150; Greek, 150; Siamese, 150; Chinese, 150.

Kensington Gardens have been selected as the assembly ground for this huge force, and the majority of the units composing it will camp on the ground the previous night. The remainder will be accommodated in huts and hostels as near to the gardens as possible, and will march down early in the morning. The march is timed to start at eleven o'clock, and will probably occupy about two hours.

CHILDREN'S FESTIVALS.

In the afternoon the general public will be left to amuse itself in any way it sees fit, but the children will be the special care of the Committee. Arrangements have been made in every available part of the metropolitan area to organize children's festivals, games, and general rejoicing.

Features of the evening will be general illuminations, a grand firework display in Hyde Park, and singing by the Imperial Choir of 10,000 voices. Many other festivities, such as gala theatrical performances and the great procession of boats on the Thames will be held on subsequent dates owing to the impossibility of crowding everything into one day.

SIGNIFICANT MONUMENT.

The memorial to the gallant dead which is to be erected in Whitehall, and on either side of which the saluting troops will pass, is not to be a tribute of sorrow but of glory. Architecturally the structure will be a simple pylon consisting of a shell of stone substitute. It will be 30ft high, and the other dimensions, which have not yet been decided upon, will be proportionately great.

The top will be covered with a great Union Jack, surmounted by a laurel wreath. Two laurel wreaths will adorn each of the longer sides of the oblong, and one will be hung at each end. There will be floral decoration, but along the sides will be draped three flags—the Red Ensign, for the Mercantile Marine; the White Ensign, for the Navy; and the Union Jack, for the Army.

No special medal will be struck for officers and men who have been mentioned in despatches, but a certificate will be issued.

EXTRADITIONS.

EX-KAISER'S BROTHER OFFERS TO EXPLAIN.

Every possible step is being taken, stated Mr. Bonar Law in Parliament yesterday, to prevent the escape of the ex-Kaiser from Holland, but he could add nothing to the Premier's statement regarding the trial.

In Paris it is announced that the conference will shortly discuss two solutions regarding the extradition. Either the powers represented at the conference will send a collective note to the Dutch Government, or Great Britain will receive a mandate in the name of the Allies to demand the extradition of the ex-Kaiser.

Prince Henry of Prussia (the ex-Kaiser's brother) has telegraphed to King George asking him to desist from extradition proceedings. He says he is ready to refute the calumnies regarding the Kaiser which have been spread about for years in contradiction of all truth.

Berlin papers publish declarations of German military and naval officers stating that they will all formally refuse to appear before an Allied Tribunal should they be called upon to do so, nor will any submarine commander present himself. Several have taken refuge in neutral countries and others say that they will commit suicide rather than surrender.

CROWN PRINCE'S CHAMPION.

Capt. Arnhold Rechberg, the former adjutant to the ex-Crown Prince, has written to M. Clemenceau declaring that the Crown-Prince supported all efforts to prevent a war; that in the autumn of 1914 he advocated negotiations with France and in 1917 formulated plans of a general peace through the intermediacy of Great Britain.

ON THE LIST.

The offences for which some of the officers will be brought to trial are as follows:—

Albrecht von Württemberg: Massacres on the Somme and at Ypres.

General von Kluck: Forced women and children to go before his army.

Liman von Sanders: Massacres in Armenia.

General Stenger: Gave the order on the 26th August 1914 not to make any prisoners.

General von Ostrowsky: Looting of Deinze, 103 civilians shot.

General von Teny: 111 civilians shot.

General von Oltzen: Commandant of Döberitz Camp.

Lieut. Rydiges: Commandant of the Ruhleben Internment Camp.

Major von Goertz: Commandant of Magdeburg Camp.

Niemeyer (two brothers): Commandants of Minden and Klausthal Camps.

Crown-Prince of Bavaria: Deportations in Northern France.

General von Mackensen: Burning and looting in Roumania.

General von Bülow: Burning of Andenne.

Baron von Laucken: Nurse Cavell.

Admiral von Capelle: U boat warfare.

Lieut. Werner, Lieut. Valentiner, and Lieut. Forstner: Sinking of hospital ships.

von Manteuffel: Burning of Louvain.

Major von Bülow: Destruction of Aershot, execution of 150 prisoners.

PREPARING TO PAY.

GERMANY'S FORTHCOMING HEAVY TAXATION.

At Wednesday's meeting of the German National Assembly, Herr Erzberger, in submitting the Government's financial programme, said that bankruptcy would not save Germany, but would deprive them of the credit which they wanted and must have. The drafting of two important new taxes was almost completed. One was a large single levy on property and the other a large tax on business turnover. Even if these are passed, he said, it will not be sufficient for the payment of the instalment of the indemnity due in the autumn. New bills will be introduced with the object of covering the deficit and the burdens of taxation will reach a terrible height.

He declared it to be the duty of propertied people not only to bow to state compulsion but to achieve the inward conviction of the necessity for giving up all superfluous riches. Erzberger accused his predecessor Helfferich of having carried on a most wanton financial policy. A just taxation he maintained, would mean a quickly acting and excellent socialisation and would save Germany from collapse.

BERLIN TRAFFIC TROUBLES.

In Berlin the strike situation is unchanged. The railway authorities refuse to enter into negotiations until traffic is resumed and the railwaymen admit a breach of contract.

At Dortmund there have been many arrests on account of disturbances and the Communists are agitating for a general strike if the Government troops are not withdrawn.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is making good progress.

MASKED BURGLARS.

ONE GUARDS VICTIMS WHILE THE OTHER RIFLES SAFE.

At Bow-street Police Court yesterday the hearing was resumed of the case in which two young Italians, Peter Albert Gaida, otherwise Vincent, motor mechanic, and Natale Auda, waiter, are charged with robbery and assault at the Elisée Restaurant, Coventry-street; with wounding Mr. Curry, clerk to the governors of Guy's Hospital; and with stealing a watch from Mr. Horace Byard, clerk, in Belsize-lane, Hampstead.

Mr. Muskett said the prosecution proposed to proceed first with the Elisée Restaurant case, in regard to which there was no direct evidence identifying Auda as one of the robbers, although there were various circumstances pointing in that direction. Up to within two days of the robbery he had, for a period of nearly four years, been employed at the restaurant. On Sunday, May 18, the regular manager of the restaurant was away, and Mr. O'Flaherty, assistant manager, was in charge. After the place had been closed and the staff had left, he locked up £435 in the safe, and was about to leave the premises when he was seized by a man, alleged to be Gaida, who said: "I am a policeman. Not a word! There is a man in the cellar." At that moment Mr. O'Flaherty was joined by the porter, and they suddenly had a torchlight turned on to them, and found themselves faced by two masked men, each pointing a revolver at them. These men demanded the keys from Mr. O'Flaherty.

When he first realised that there was danger, Mr. O'Flaherty had thrown the keys among a pile of empty bottles. Owing to the persistent threats of violence on the part of the masked men he revealed where the keys were, and Vincent, taking possession of them, proceeded to the office. Mr. O'Flaherty and the porter meanwhile had been forced down into the dark stokehole, where the second robber kept guard over them. Gaida returned with the securities from the safe. The robbers had some dispute, seemingly about the division of the spoil, but they eventually arranged matters. Then they made Mr. O'Flaherty and the porter stand back to back and tied them up with cords. Very soon after the robbers had departed the victims were able to release themselves and give the alarm. The prisoners had been associating for some time.

The hearing was adjourned.

AFGHANISTAN.

OUR CASUALTIES ON THE FRONTIER.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Montague, replying to Capt. Brown, stated that the total casualties to the end of June among British Units along the Afghan frontier were: killed and died of wounds, three officers and forty-three other ranks; wounded, nine officers and one hundred and nine other ranks. The Government of India, for military reasons, considered it undesirable at present to publish the names of units engaged.

OFFICIAL DOG STORY.

In the House of Commons the following story of a motor car and two dogs was told on Wednesday. It will appeal to those who believe that "speech was given us to conceal our thoughts." The story opens with a question by Commander Viscount Curzon, who inquired upon what duties was a certain Government motor-car being employed at 1.12 p.m. in Pall-mall, on Wednesday, July 2; whether or no two large dogs were in occupation of the car, and for what purposes they were there.

The answer was that the motor-car was detailed for duty with headquarters of the Women's Legion (laughter,—on the occasion referred to. The headquarters are at 15, Pall-mall East. The commandant ordinarily uses a motor-cycle and side-car, and invariably takes her dogs with her for the purpose of guarding the machine—(laughter)—which would otherwise be left unattended. On this occasion the motor-cycle was under repair and a car had to be used. There is no regulation forbidding the presence of dogs in military motor-cars. Nor any reason why this woman officer, if she is accustomed, in the discharge of her duties, to use a motor-cycle, should not, in emergency, be granted the use of a motor-car; and as to whether the dogs were or were not in the car it was surprising that the House of Commons troubles about it.

Mr. Jerry McVeagh's pertinent comment on the last point was that if the dogs were unmuzzled they were breaking the regulations, and if they were muzzled how could they guard the car?

BUYING GERMAN BUSINESSES.

In reply to Mr. Arnold, who asked the President of the Board of Trade in the House of Commons whether he has any official information that American firms are acquiring German businesses, Sir Auckland Geddes replied: "I have no official information, but I am inclined to regard the action suggested as by no means improbable, not only as regards American, but also British firms, and, indeed, firms of all Allied nationalities."

SLOUGH DEPOT.

How the Committee of Inquiry were handicapped in their investigations into the Slough Motor Depot, is illustrated by the following extract from their report.

"The Committee have not been supplied with the War Office files carrying the history beyond the summer of 1917. It is stated that these files cannot be found. It has therefore been impossible to follow up responsibility for delay in that department."

RAILWAY STRIKE.

ULTIMATUM TO THE GREAT NORTHERN COMPANY.

Serious developments have taken place in the trouble on the Great Northern and Caledonian Railways. The executive of the National Union of Railwaymen decided on Tuesday night that unless their demands regarding hours and the working of the latest agreement were met by three o'clock on Thursday, a strike on both systems would be authorised.

The reply from the Great Northern Company to the Executive's request, that men who voluntarily joined the colours shall be treated in the same way as men released by the Company, is regarded by the Railwaymen's executive as a direct refusal.

The dispute on the Caledonian Railway relates to the surfacemen's hours of labour, and the Railway Company's Executive Committee is asked to give a definite ruling.

CAFÉ CASHIER.

AWARDED DAMAGES AGAINST R.A.F. OFFICER.

Miss Dorothy Gent, formerly a cashier in a café at Chester, was awarded £300 damages at Chester Assizes in a breach of promise action against Captain Bertram Ankers, D.C.M., R.A.F. of Tattenham, near Chester.

Miss Gent stated that she met Captain Ankers when she was a cashier in the café, and became engaged to him in February 1915, after he had joined the Air Force as a mechanic, the arrangement being that the marriage should take place when the war was over. They were on most affectionate terms till July 1918, when suddenly he failed to answer her letters. The next she heard or saw of him was when he visited his home last September, and he then told her she could consider the engagement broken off.

"In one of his letters to me," Miss Gent said, "he wrote: 'You are absolutely all I have and want in this world, and goodness knows what I would do without you.'"

Captain Ankers said that he considered the engagement was mutually broken of at the interview, and a month afterwards he married a woman in the South of England.

WILSON ON THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE.

Major Scott and General Maitland of the R. 34 were presented to President Wilson just before he began his speech at Carnegie Hall on Tuesday. He heartily congratulated them and they were enthusiastically cheered by the audience.

The President, in the course of his speech, said that the peace was a just one, which, if it can be preserved, will save the world from bloodshed in the future. The great task now was to preserve. He had come back with a heart full of enthusiasm and he intended throwing everything he could by way of influence or action into the preservation of peace, so that men looking back on this generation of Americans could say it was true to the vision which it saw at the birth of the League of Nations.

DEMOBILIZED OFFICERS' UNIFORMS.

An Army Order issued yesterday decided that officers who have relinquished their commissions, and who have been permitted to retain rank, and also officers who have been demobilized, may wear uniform on special occasions when attending ceremonials and entertainments of a military nature, and on other appropriate occasions.

It is expressly stated that uniforms may not be worn at political meetings, and that the order is not to be interpreted as granting permission for the wearing of uniform generally.

SOUTHEND ON STRIKE.

The whole of the Corporation employees at Southend struck work on Wednesday, the men asking for the same rates of pay as received by London municipal workers.

This demand if granted would cost Southend something like £60,000 yearly. The strike has caused a complete stoppage of lighting, tramways, sewage works, swimming baths and piers.

BRITISH GRAVES IN GERMANY.

Under Article 225 of the Treaty of Peace the German Government has agreed to respect and maintain the graves of our soldiers and sailors who died as prisoners of war and were buried in Germany. Also in order to meet the wishes of those who did not wish that the bodies of their relatives should rest in German soil, it had further been agreed that in such cases every reasonable facility should be afforded for the removal of the bodies to their own country. Detailed arrangements, which must in any case take some time to complete, apply to men in Germany and on German soil.

"TO BUCK THEM UP."

Sir Douglas Haig, speaking at Newcastle said that people talk a great deal about our Allies and it was necessary and right that we should do so "to buck them up" during the fighting.

"But don't forget", he said, "that it was the British Empire which won the war. One doesn't want to particularise but you *know*. Russia let us down and the Italians didn't do a great deal. For the last two years Old England bore the brunt of the fighting and I hope everyone will realise that and stick to the fellows who fought and suffered and to their dependents.

The National War Savings Committee state that the number of War Savings Certificates sold during the week ended June 28 was 1,974,756 bringing the total to that date up to 332,086,149

MAYFAIR TRAGEDY.

SUICIDE OF WELL-KNOWN SOCIETY WOMAN.

A tragedy in high life occurred in the West End of London on Wednesday. Mrs. Arthur Eliot, better known as Mrs. Atherton, the society celebrity, being found shot at her house in Curzon-street, Mayfair at an early hour of the morning. Shots had entered her head from a gun lying by her side. The circumstances are said to support the theory of suicide and it is stated that the deceased left one letter adressed to the Coroner and another to a personal friend.

Deceased was living alone in the house with a maid. The latter heard shots and rushed to Mrs. Eliot's room, into which she had to force an entry. She discovered deceased sitting in a chair with terrible injuries to the head having evidently pressed the trigger of the gun with her foot.

The motive for the desperate act is at present unknown but will probably be disclosed at the inquest.

Mrs. Eliot was married last April to Capt. Eliot, the well-known dramatist and grandson of the late Earl of St. Germans. As Mrs. Atherton she figured in several notable lawsuits and her tragic end has created a great sensation in London.

PRICE OF COAL.

GOVERNMENT RAISE COST TO CONSUMER.

Sir Eric Geddes announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the Government concede that the price of coal to the consumer must be raised by six shillings a ton from July 16th, and stated that this step must be taken in order to meet the increased cost due to the recommendations of the Sankey report. He regarded the probable effect as very serious.

Mr. Stanton accused the Government of pandering to the miners against the best interest of the miners themselves and said that an enquiry should be made immediately into the causes of the serious deficiency of output.

Mr. Bonar Law said this was not a hasty decision but agreed to a debate on the question. This will take place on Monday next.

IRISH PEACE NIGHT.

W.R.A.F.'S COMPENSATION CLAIM.

The scenes in Dublin on peace night were recalled yesterday by a prosecution in the Police Courts and by numerous applications to the North Dublin Rural Council for compensation for malicious injury. It will be remembered that crowds of men attacked soldiers and others who celebrating the signing of the peace treaty, overturned and burnt a military motor lorry in Sackville-street, and assaulted several members of the Women's Royal Air Force.

Eleven members of the Women's Royal Air Force stationed at Gormanstown notified their intention to apply for £20 compensation apiece for malicious injuries received in Sackville-street on peace night, while in the execution of their duty. The applications are made under the new Criminal Injuries Act, and will be heard before the Recorder of Dublin.

A preliminary notice was served from the President of the Royal Air Council claiming £167 for damage to the motor lorry which was set on fire.

A VIOLENT AMERICAN.

At North London Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Rooth, Daniel Hupp, 26, a sapper in the Royal Engineers, was charged on remand with a series of assaults. Hupp, who was said to be an American who had joined the British Army soon after the outbreak of war, attempted to leave a tramway car by the driver's end. He was told to go the other way, but he said he was a "Yank" and did not take orders from an Englishman. He struck the driver and the conductor, and also assaulted a policeman.

Mr. Rooth said that soldiers must be taught that they must not act with violence towards police-constables. He sentenced Hupp to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

STATE INSURANCE PROFIT.

Mr. Houston asked the President of the Board of Trade yesterday, if it was not a fact that the British Government had made a profit of over £16,000,000 out of the premiums paid by British shipowners, and if losses had been incurred upon the insurance of cargoes and neutral vessels.

Sir A. Geddes replied, that so far as the preliminary figures were available, they showed a state of affairs closely approximating to those stated.

He added, in reply to Mr. A. Shaw, that the fact that the Government has made a profit would disabuse the public mind of the idea that sea insurance was granted free of charge.

SEAMAN AVENGES INSULT.

To avenge insolent remarks made concerning his naval uniform, a young seaman, John Morgan, knocked down David Thomas Price, a Welsh miner, and fractured his jaw.

Price sued the seaman for assault at Merthyr but the magistrate, refusing to convict, told the miner: "You got what you asked for, and thoroughly well deserved."

"This seaman," he added, "belongs to a fighting Service, and, like his race, he is proud of the uniform he wears."

The Home Secretary having carefully considered all circumstances and having caused special medical enquiry as to the mental condition of Beckett, the Forest Gate murderer, regrets that he has failed to find any reasons which would justify him in advising the King to interfere with the due course of the law.

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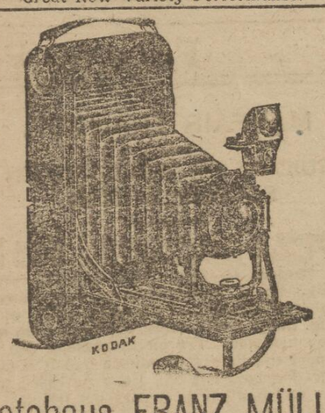

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THE POWER OF MUSIC.

The other evening we sat enjoying a perfect banquet of melody produced at the magic command of two great artistes, Wilhelm Backhaus and Alfred Barker, the former being the world-famed pianist and erstwhile lance-corporal in the German army, the other an English artilleryman and late Russian Court violinist.

We could not help marvelling at the wondrous power of music which had brought these two together, and we reflected on its influence on the lives of men.

Music, as we know, is one of the grandest elements in religion, and is as necessary to the soul as is food to the body. It is the medium through which every human emotion may be expressed, and a ladder to a higher sphere.

It constitutes the most perfect language for the exchange of thoughts in an ideal League of Nations, and, as a weapon for peace, can never be excelled.

What a melancholy world it would be without music! How drab and dreary it would seem if Nature withdrew her melody and the song-birds lost their trill and the waterbrooks meandered dumbly on their course!

Then, as we noted the rapt attention of the large audience of British soldiers held in the spell created by two men, who, a few short months before, were soldiers in the opposing armies of nations engaged in deadly combat, we wondered how the British people could be accused of being unmusical.

As a race we are proverbially shy of exhibiting any form of emotion, and it may be due to this fact that we are considered incapable of expressing our feelings musically and that the native born musician has not been encouraged to the extent that foreign talent has.

Actually, Britain is one of the most musical of nations.

We remember in the dark days of war, how the heart of the British Tommy hungered for music! "Curse the noise of those infernal guns" we heard one say, "what would I give to hear some decent music!"

The war has altered many things, and a full realization of the necessity of music in the life of the nation is bound to produce such a revival as has never before been witnessed.

Now that peace is again with us, perhaps Old England will astonish the world, for we are musically awake, and who shall gainsay us the right of musical expression and appreciation?

WHAT IS WRONG?

One of the things that has to be got going with the utmost speed possible is the revival and expansion of Britain's overseas trade.

It is on this, that our commercial future mainly depends. It is vital. Yet progress seems to be very slow, and the resignation of Sir Arthur Steel Maitland, who has been head of the Department of Overseas Trade, which was specially formed to foster business abroad is significant.

He claims that he is unable to continue the work of re-establishing international trade, finding it impossible to make headway against the apathy of the Government. He states that his efforts have been constantly hung up by official obstruction and the delays in re-organizing our consular services overseas.

This is a lamentable condition of affairs. Now that the war has been won on the field, the war of commerce has begun and organization that should have been ready to face the new conditions is non-existent, while efforts to bring it into being, are thwarted in the way Sir Arthur Steel Maitland describes.

British trade abroad has not only to regain its old position, but to increase by leaps and bounds, now that as the result of war, we are no longer a wealthy nation.

Our house should have been set in order long before this. A definite trade policy ought already to have been formulated, otherwise we risk drifting back into the old fatal grooves.

The importance of our foreign trade is supreme and no halting methods should be tolerated by a business people.

THE APPEAL OF RACING.

Wherever the Englishman finds himself, the race course makes its appeal, and never was this better exemplified than at what we may regard as the peace meeting on the Cologne course. All roads led in the direction of Merheim; from midday onwards] there was a procession of vehicles of every description.

Staff officers turned their cars to good purpose, junior officers competed for places on hired conveyances, while Tommy, intent upon a taste of the fun to be had, reached the course by the more democratic tramcar.

The meeting might have been run off on an English course, for there were most of the reminders and features of one at home.

The action of the authorities in throwing open the gates to residents led to a curious blending of nationalities. English officers and men rubbed shoulders in the crowd with Germans, a fact which led one to speculate between the task of spotting winners, upon the change which peace has brought in its train. The sport was good. There were large fields and some close finishes and we join heartily in the congratulations which will be showered upon those responsible.

Such attractions bring us a taste of home just at a time when routine begins to pall, and incidentally help to bring about a better understanding between military and residents, if that is possible.

INTO OCCUPIED COUNTRY.

By CICELY HAMILTON.
(Author of "Diana of Dobsons.")

From the Gare du Nord, Brussels, at seven in the morning; passing prosaically and comfortably by Louvain and Liege with their memories of five years ago — but with an odd conviction at back of your mind that in spite of the assurance of the railway time-table, in spite of the permit tucked away in your pocket-book, you cannot be travelling into Germany.

For four years and more the thing was impossible — and it is difficult to forget those four years. This time a twelvemonth the German borders were in Picardy; you saw them at night as a flare in the sky and heard them—a never-ceasing thunder ... and now at Brussels the clerk gives a glance at your permit and hands you out change for the price of a ticket to the frontier.

You take your seat without ceremony, as if travelling to Birmingham or Bournemouth; but, for all the long months since the armistice was signed, there is a sense of adventure in your soul.

At the last Belgian station, without leaving the train, you give up your ticket to the collector — who inquires politely if you are travelling further, and, receiving an answer in the affirmative, leaves you ticketless and bound for the frontier.

Nearing Germany.

Ten minutes wait or so and the train starts to crawl out of Belgium; the distance to the next halt is too short to justify the getting up of speed and we had barely left Wolkenraedt when we steam into Herbesthal and stop. Herbesthal where we change — and which is Germany. Less than four hours from Brussels — and last year a million miles away. Many thousands of men have died in the attempt to set foot where I set it this morning.

There are swarming soldiers on the platforms where once you descended for the customs. British soldiers and Belgian in fairly equal numbers; upon whom the civilians in a local train look down from their windows — with what thoughts?

Gone are the customs officials with their uniforms and pieces of chalk; the doors where you passed them in procession are closed and in their place is established the R.T.O. — who, after the usual glance at your permit, provides the necessary slip of paper that entitles you to travel further.

Armed with this, but still ticketless, you board the incoming express from Paris to Cologne; which sometaing over two hours later will land you on the banks of the Rhine.

The German porters bestow your baggage in the crowded corridor and receive the reward of their assistance as cheerfully as in days gone by; and, civilian travellers being fewer than of yore, there is a willingness to handle your traps that contrasts not unpleasantly with the state of things at Euston or Victoria.

For all I know there may be Germans travelling somewhere on the lengthy train; but if so there is no sign of them in the restaurant car where a couple of French civilians strike a note of contrast to the uniforms, khaki and blue.

Once Forbidden Ground.

We of this Paris-Cologne express are an alien community bound for the banks of the Rhine; a fact which does not deter a group of tow-headed children from waving their hands and shouting from a gate at the side of the track.

Some of us, it may be, are thinking strange thoughts, but outwardly we concern ourselves only with the lunch and the landscape. The land we are travelling through is Germany, which yesterday no man might enter; but the waiter is handing round the vegetables and my neighbour on the opposite side of the table is contemplating the towers of Aix-la-Chapelle with as great an indifference as the chimneys of Brixton or Camberwell.

Here and there along the route is a reminder that the Rhineland is held by an army; at every railway arch a couple of sentries in khaki — near Düren the sentries in kilts. And on every station directions writ largely in English and a sight of the familiar British soldier, on duty or taking his ease.

Of German uniform no trace save on railway officials; in the streets you look down on as the train slides by there is nothing but civilian attire. If Prussian militarism still exists here, it is hidden in the hearts of men; so far as its outward tokens are concerned it has vanished from the face of the earth.

SLEEPING OUT.

Second Lieutenant "Jock" has to put up with a good deal. He alone in the Battalion wears the kilt, and the inhabitants — especially the Frauen, are surprised and amused! Crowds assemble when Jock is on parade. The good news circulates and children come running, dragging baby brothers to see the glad sight. All this is now accepted as part of the daily routine and Jock flatters himself justly that he is of far more interest than the R.S.M., the C.O., or the Adjutant.

But popularity can be overdone, and Jock considers the limit was reached and more. Just before peace was signed, we were extremely hot and halted in a clean little German village where we got into billets, and sat down to recuperate.

The weather was glorious, but perhaps a trifle too sultry, so Jock looked askance at his stuffy little room and had his bed made up in the garden.

The startled hausfrau, already upset by the kilt, whispered the news to her neighbours and in five minutes a select party was in the garden inspecting the bed and appointments. Jock is a precise and orderly person and has his alarm clock on a table by the head of his bed.

During the evening two-thirds of the village passed through the garden and we saw the local policeman, glorious in blue and gold, being bowed in obsequiously.

Jock delights in the "early to bed and early to rise" stunt and retired, as usual, at 9.15 pip-emma. — beg pardon 21.15 hrs.

He returned swearing distressingly at 21.16 hrs.; his appearance had been received with general rejoicings and a large crowd had assembled in the garden, front seats at a premium.

At 22.00 hrs. the local inhabitants must be indoors; until one minute to the hour those persistent theatre-goers waited for the rise of the curtain, and every ten minutes Jock ventures forth hopefully, returning in haste and profanity to an unsympathetic and delighted Mess.

At last the fatal hour struck and the disappointed audience fled. Jock sought his downy couch and the more serious-minded members of the Mess settled down to bridge.

SNUFFY.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

THE CROWDED-OUT SUBALTERN.

Sir,—The only remedy for the state of affairs to which "Subaltern" gives publicity is to promote a series of dances for subalterns exclusively.

We can quite understand the inability of the fair sex to resist the charm of the wearer of tabs and brassards in the dance room, or the field boots and spurs which are essential to office work, but, after all, these do not make the expert dancer.

I am sure that many of our charming V.A.D.'s would rally to the support of a dance club for junior officers, and if after all we cannot place a staff car at their disposal, we could promise a good breezy evening.

"JAZZ."

Sir,—I add to "Subaltern" my appreciation of the ladies from England, who are so splendid in their work for men of the Rhine Army.

Socially, however, it is difficult, as he intimates, to meet them. As a field officer of six years' standing (16 years commissioned service) I had the temerity to ask a dance of a lady who at the moment had no partner.

In the ordinary way I should have expected perhaps a polite refusal, but the terse negative and icy look sent me home.

The Hon. Secretary had intimated that officers might ask for dances without an introduction, so I am forced to think that the lady I asked only danced with very senior officers. I can dance.

"MAJORITY."

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Sir,—I am in accord with the suggestion of "Thoroughbred," viz, that our National Anthem should be "scrapped." Possibly it served its purpose in past generations, but it fails beyond doubt to serve the present, either in wording, music, or inspiration.

Who cannot but feel inspired when hearing the martial strains of the "Marseillaise," "Men of Harlech," "Land of Hope and Glory" and others. Alas, it is the contrary when our National Anthem is played.

The people of our Empire deserve a rousing, live national hymn, one that will be a source of much comfort, strength and true conviction.

Likewise his Majesty deserves an anthem more befitting to his exalted position, for no man has worked harder for, and loves his Empire and people more, than H.M. King George.

"LOYAL."

THE GIRLS AT HOME.

Sir,—"Musician" speaks the truth. I was home on leave during the period of the Armistice celebrations, and the preference the girls entertained for all but their own menfolk was painfully obvious to me.

I was home again a month ago, and fully expected to see less of this sort of thing, but, to my disgust, no!

Personally, I think, as "Musician" opines, that money is the chief attraction, and in some cases, possibly, the journey to a distant land.

I live in London, and now, of course, there is a considerably larger percentage of women than men, and a Tommy should have no difficulty in forming many fair friends, but they seem to have been all monopolised. I hope to see a change next time.

A.E.L.

AN ECHO OF THE WAR.

Sir,— Outside the door of the Church at Heimbach in the Eifel district there is to be seen a printed notice which may be regarded as a curio.

It is addressed to women and girls, and after a preamble about the serious times we live in and the heavy loss in life which the war has caused, the notice proceeds to condemn the modern fashions in feminine dress. Tightly fitting clothes, diaphanous stockings and open work blouses are singled out for special mention.

The notice was evidently published some time ago while the war was still on. One wonders how fiery the language of such a notice would have to be, if some of the latest fashions with which we are made familiar through our picture papers penetrated to that peaceful village amid the hills.

"MAC".

WHERE DID THEY GO?

Sir,—There have been plenty of "grouses" lately about cigarettes, but here is another.

Last night I joined the queue at the E.F.C. canteen, and, after patience, eventually obtained a single packet of Americans. Printed in gold was the legend "20 Cigarettes," and I spent the next few moments calculating how long 20 cigarettes would last me.

Having decided that I could afford to smoke one immediately, I opened the packet. Something was wrong. With my heart in my mouth I counted them several times.

There was no mistake, alas! My packet of "20 Cigarettes" contained sixteen only. Were they all like that I wonder, or was mine an exception.

The legend on the packet was in very truth a legend only, for there was no truth in it. I leave the matter with the E.F.C.

"H.A.D."

RHINELAND COINAGE.

Sir,— One often sees from time to time in battalion and other orders that money other than certain kinds will not be accepted at the regimental institutions.

Personally I am not in a unit which has had the good fortune to be billeted in a large town for longer than a week, and often, although in possession of money, find myself unable to purchase such things as may be necessary, either because it is not accepted in the canteen or for a district other than that in which the battalion is billeted.

Can any reader tell me why "Stadt-Geld" is in the least necessary or what good purpose it fulfils? The decimal system of coinage may be better than the English, but for the soldier or the civilian who has to travel any distance the system used in the occupied area, and I believe all over Germany, is, in military parlance, a "wash out".

The question is, does the one advantage outweigh the disadvantage?

PTE. R. R.

HOW SLEEP THE BRAVE.

How sleep the brave, who sink to rest
By all their country's wishes blest!
When spring, with dewy fingers cold,
Returns to deck their hallow'd mould,
She there shall dress a sweeter sod
Than Fancy's feet have ever trod.

By fairy hands their knell is rung;
By forms unseen their dirge is sung;
There Honour comes, a pilgrim grey,
To bless the turf that wraps their clay;
And Freedom shall awhile repair
To dwell, a weeping hermit, there!

WILLIAM COLLINS.

Cologne Races: All the Winners.

EXCELLENT GOING AND HUGE CROWD ON OPENING DAY AT MERHEIM.

There was a huge crowd of spectators at the opening day of the Cologne Races yeste day afternoon, despite threatening weather. German civilians were strongly represented, but were, perhaps, not so numerous as might have been expected, considering the meagre facilities they have had for horse racing during the past few years.

The going was all that could be desired, entries, numerically, were satisfactory and in the majority of cases the racing was keen and exciting.

For some unexplained reason there was a delay of forty minutes in the start of the first race, and this naturally threw the whole programme back considerably.

The course on the whole is an admirable one and is laid out on thoroughly scientific lines. Unfortunately, however, the start of the five furlong race was quite hidden from the view of those on the grandstand or account of overhanging trees.

As usual, past performances of the horse engaged provided no assistance in spotting winners, although the fact that several of the winners were strongly fancied was indicated by the totalizator prices.

LIST OF OFFICIALS.

The officials were:—Stewards:— Major Gen. A. A. Kennedy, C.M.G.; Brig. Gen. N. W. Haig C.B., C.M.G.; Brig. Gen. J. G. Rolton C.B., C.M.G.; Lieut. Col. T. P. Melvill D.S.O.; Lieut. Col. J. W. Jeffreys, D.S.O.; Major C. M. Longmoore, D.S.O. Judges:—Major Gen. Sir W. E. Peyton, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O.; Major. Gen. Sir S.T.B. Lawford K.C.B. Starters:— Brig. Gen. W. P. Monkhouse C.B., C.M.G. M.V.O.; Brig. Gen. H.B.P.L. Kennedy C.M.G., D.S.O. Clerk of the Course:— Capt. W. S. G. Bridger, R. Sussex Regt. Clerks of the Scales:—Capt. G. Babington N.S.Y.; Lieut. W. Domone, 12th Lancers. Secretary:— Major T.H. Carlisle, D.S.O., M.C. R.H.A.

A NECK-AND-NECK RACE.

APPARENT EASY WINNER LEAVES THE COURSE.

Maiden Race: (five furlongs) for horses and riders who have never won a race:—1, I Wonder (Capt. J. Lucas, London Div.); 2, Miss Cheek (Lieut. F. Gaskell, 10th Hussars); 3, Mabel (Maj. Gen. C. Boyd), Winner 44 to 10.

Rhineland Steeple Chase (2 miles) for horses and officers of Allied Armies):—1, Golden Sunset (Lieut. R. Usher, Inniskilling Dgns.); 2, Winamere (Major H. Sinclair, R.A.V.C.); 3, Barney (Capt. D. Cocksedge, R.A.V.C.)

A neck-and-neck race for the last 200 yards, when the winner drew forward. Barney left the course when apparently an easy winner.

The winner drew away slightly and won by half a length (winner 75 to 10).

Maiden Plate, 6 furlongs (for horses and officers who have never won a race):—1, General Post (Capt. Elrington, Y. and L. Regt.); 2, Maid of the Mountains (Lieut. C. Neill, R.H.R.); 3, Jimmy (Major A. Glen, R.E.). Won easily (winner 17 to 1).

Robertson Plate (for horses and officers of the Allied armies):— 1, Digby Grand (Major G. Phipps-Hornby); 2, John Cording (Capt. J. Adair, 12th Lancers); 3, Ruby Light (Lieut. Straker). Winner 25 to 10.

Maiden Race, 2nd Division: 1, Johnnie Walker (Major C. Haydeman); 2, Why Not (Lieut. J. Bullen, R.F.A.); 3, Hydroplane (Capt. J. Storie, R.A.M.C.). Winner 36 to 10.

Welter Steeplechase (for horses and officers of Army of the Rhine) 2½ miles:— 1, Jimmy (Major E. Bather, R.F.A.); 2, Kilbay (Lieut. R. McCreery, 17th Lancers); 3, Winamere (Major R. Sinclair). An exciting finish by a head. Three lengths between second and third. Two horses fell. Winner 11 to 10.

Maiden Race, 3rd Div.:— 1, Peggy (Lt. G. Lees, 17th Lancers); 2, Ballyhooley, Lt. W. Fenelly, R.A.V.C.); 3, Princess (Capt. G. Corrall, Lancs. Div.). Winner 7 to 1.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

A CONTEST OF WITS

I have been asked for humorous military anecdotes and quips that can be used by a producer of concert party "shows." Amusing things that have happened in the trenches, in billets or on parade, smart repartee and clever bon mots — funny mistakes, made by would-be linguists — all will be eligible. There are probably many of our readers who can contribute tit-bits that would help enliven any entertainments for the troops and I am authorised to offer money prizes of FIFTY, TWENTY-FIVE, FIFTEEN and TEN Marks respectively for the four best humorous gems sent in.

The Editor of "The Cologne Post" will be the judge and his decision will be final. The competition will be open to all readers and the closing date will be July 31st. Brevity and "snap" are the points to aim at. Envelopes must be marked "QUIPS."

Theatre Programmes.

The programme adopted by the Dramatic Company in connection with their performance of "The Importance of Being Earnest" last week contained bright little extracts from the dialogue of the play. The innovation was a happy one, and will be repeated in the programme of "The Title" which is to be given at the Deutsches Theatre on Monday. Here are a few samples of the extracts: "Examine the honours list and you will instantly tell how the government feels in its inside," "Until the nature of man is completely altered, good cooking is the chief thing a woman ought to understand," "Titles are supposed to be such a terrific honour and yet the people who deal them out scarcely ever keep any for themselves."

Stupid Interruptions.

It is impossible for the great majority of us to understand the state of mind of a man who goes out of his way to interrupt an entertainment provided for the general public. If such an individual finds himself present at a show which turns out to be distasteful to him, the easiest way to escape boredom is to leave the hall. A correspondent writes to say that the audience at the Apollo Theatre, Cologne, a few evenings ago were irritated beyond measure by the interruptions of one of its members. This went on until one of the comedians by means of a cutting comment, quietened the offender.

The Deutsches Theatre.

"The Duke Of Killicrankie" by Robert Marshall, a bright three act play, is entertaining large audiences nightly at the Deutsches Theatre, Cologne. The presentation is by Miss Cicely Hamilton's Company, the members of which do full justice to the cleverly written book.

In a Few Lines.

The Agrippina Theatre, Cologne (No. 2 Cinema) will cease to be an Army Institution on Saturday, but the Modern Theatre, Breitestrasse, has been taken over in its place and will open on Monday.

The Rhine Army Choral Society will give a concert at the Y.M.C.A. Central, Cologne, towards the end of next week.

JACQUES.

OLD SCOUTS' CORNER.

As intimated last week, to-morrow (Saturday) is the day fixed for our Peace Celebration, which will take place in the Y.M.C.A. grounds at Lindenthal. From three to four o'clock a short whist drive will be held, for which handsome prizes are to be given. At four o'clock tea will be served, after which Captain H. Heydeman M.C. a former London Commissioner, has very kindly consented to give us a "scouty" talk.

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Captain Heydeman has had considerable experience in London scouting circles, and it is to be hoped that *all* our members will make an extra special effort to be present in order to hear him. In the evening, we shall attend the performance to be given in the Star Theatre by a Lena Ashwell Concert Party—this by special arrangement. Given fine weather and a good muster of old scouts, we ought to have a great time.

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Space is precious, so a brief note must suffice about our weekly doings. Last Saturday we had a delightful ramble to Godesburg, and on Wednesday, a glorious evening (splendid attendance) was spent—the chief features being an admirable demonstration of Elementary Electricity by Sapper B.C. Robinson, and a most enjoyable paper on the 8th Scout Law by Private T.F. Meall.

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Once again, don't forget to-morrow—3 p. m. Prompt—Come.

HAWKEYE.

RACING IN ENGLAND.

MEETINGS AT SALISBURY AND PONTEFRACT.

The following were the results at Salisbury on Wednesday:—

Juvenile Selling Plate:— 1, Glassland (7—2); 2, Glimpse (6—1); 3, Cricken Hazard (9—1).

City Selling Plate:— 1, Needlecraft (5—2 on); Oldcastle (6—1); 3, St. Yves (100—8).

Bibury Cup:— 1, Avartur (3—1); 2, Chat Tor (4—1); 3, Laurentian (3—1).

Bibury Stakes:— 1, Hurry Along (2—1); 2, Charley's Uncle (3—1); 3, Spirit (3—1).

Hurstbourne Stakes:— 1, Plunkette (3—1); 2, Brome Daisy (6—1); 3, Longstop (9—4).

Pembroke Plate:— 1, Clarity (10—1); 2, Oberto (9—4 on); 3, Little Charlie (20—1).

All Aged Maiden Plate:— 1, Golden Quiver (9—4); 2, Astafieva (9—4); 3, Sea Imp (3—1).

PONTEFRACT RESULTS.

St. Oswald Plate:— 1, Adopter (evens); 2, Lady Graveairs (7—2); 3, War Claim (8—1).

Yorkshire Welter Handicap:— 1, Fairy Lantern (5—2 on); 2, Skookum Joe. Two ran.

Pontefract Handicap:— 1, Bridgend (4—1); 2, Marcato (100—8); 3, Speen (7—2).

West Riding Stakes:— 1, Spean Bridge (3—1); 2, Outlook (7—2); 3, Menina (25—1).

Speculation Handicap:— Mountain Love w.o.

Castle Plate:— 1, Theodosius (3—1 on); 2, Lady Minto (5—1); 3, Bachelors Port (7—1).

LINDENTHAL "TOURNEY."

SEMI-FINAL RESULTS ON THIRD DAY'S PLAY.

The following were the results of the various events in the Lawn Tennis Tournament at Lindenthal on Wednesday:—

Second round (continued):—Lieut.Col. Bradish beat Lieut.-Col. Budgen 6—3, 6—1.

Third Round:—Rev. L.M. Andrews beat Brig. Gen. Currie 6—2, 6—3.

Gents Open Doubles.

Second round:—Major W.F. Bruce and Capt Phipps beat Lieut.-Col. Budgen and Lieut. King 6—0 6—2; Capt. Sherring and Capt. Davidson beat Major Douglas Jones and Major Anne 4—6, 8—6, 7—5.

Third Round:—Lieut. Harris and Lieut. Daly beat Major Wheatley and Lieut. Col. Gemmill 8—6, 6—1

Mixed Open Doubles: Second Round:—Lieut. King and Miss Trimble beat Capt. Sherring and Miss Van der Weyden 6—1, 6—1.

Third Round:—Miss Drew beat Major Saul and Miss Rawson 5—7, 6—3, 6—0.

Ladies Singles Open.

Semi Final:—Miss McMaster beat Mrs. Woodcock 6—4, 0—6, 7—5.

Ladies Handicap Singles.

Semi Final:—Miss Hookey beat Mrs. Woodcock 8—6, 6—4.

Mixed Doubles Handicap.

1st Round:—Lieut Wimbush and Miss McMaster—3—6, beat Major Bruce and Miss Richmond—3 6, 6—2, 6—0; Lieut. King and Miss Trimble scr. beat Major Ward and Miss Douglas—30, 6—4, 6—4.

Second Round:—Lieut.-Col. McAllister and Miss Verral scr. beat Major Saul and Miss Rawson — 3 6t 6—3, 6—3. Lieut.-Col. Pleydell—Nott and Miss Hewlit. — 15 beat Capt. Ritchie and Miss Briggs + 4/6, 6—3, 6—0.

Third Round:—Rev. L. M. Andrews and Miss Hookey — 15 beat Capt. Tarleton and Miss Campbell — 15.3. 7—5, 6—4.

GENTS HANDICAP DOUBLES.

1st Rounds:—Major Villa and Capt. Hancock scr. beat Capt. Farr and Lieut. Stoll + 15. 6—3, 7—5.

Second Round:—Lieut.-Col. Owen and Major Montgomery — 15.3 beat Capt. Robinson and Capt. Spicer + 2/6, 6—0, 7—5; Lieut. Col. Howell and Col. Burrows — 5.6 beat Major Pearson and Capt. Francis + 15, 0—3, 6—2; Major Ward and Major Hazlet — 30.5 beat Lieut.-Col. Pleydell Nott and Capt. Tarleton — 15. 6—2, 7—5; Lieut.-Col. Bradish and Major Allin — 15 beat Major Anne and Major Douglas Jones 6—0. 6—0. Lieut.-Col. Hutchinson and Major Watson + 15.2 beat Lieut. Jillings and Lieut. Herald + 15. 6—0, 6—2.

GENTS HANDICAP SINGLES.

1st Round:—Lieut.-Col. Gethin + 15.1 beat Capt. Rithi — 4 5, 6—4, 6—1; Major Ward — 30 beat Lieut Wimbash + 3/6. 6—3, 6—1. Lieut. Williams + 15. beat Capt. Robb + 15. 3—6, 6—3, 6—4. Capt Bright Holmes + 3 6 beat Capt. H. Spicer + 3/6, 6—1, 1—6. 6—3: Capt Faure + 15 beat Capt. Robinson + 3/5, 6—4, 6—0. Lieut. Greene Kelly — 15.3 beat Capt. Francis + 15, 6—0, 6—2; Capt. Brooke Pike — 2.6 beat Capt. Phipps — 15, 6—1, 6—0.

Second Round:—Capt. Brooke Pike — 2/6 beat Major Wheatly — 15.3, 6—4, 7—5; Lieut. Armstrong scr. beat Lieut. Petris + 3 6, 6—3, 5—7, 10—8; Major Hezlet — 30 beat Lieut. Allsebrook + 15, 6—3, 6—2; Lieut. Lees scr. beat Capt. Dun — 30, 6—2, 6—4; Col. McCarthy scr. beat Major Walsh scr. 2—6, 6—3, 7—5; Lieut.-Col. McAllister scr. beat Major Capel + 4/6, 5—7, 6—0, 6—4; Major Villa scr. beat Major Montgomery — 15 2, 6—4, 7—5; Major Allin — 15 beat Capt. Bristoll + 15, 6—2, 8—6; Lieut.-Col. Budgen scr. beat Lieut. Williams + 15.1, 6—2, 6—3; Brig.-Gen. Currie — 3/6 beat Capt. Wardle scr. 6—3, 6—2.

THE UNIVERSITY MATCH.

OXFORD WINS BY 45 RUNS AT LORD'S.

OXFORD . . 1st inns., 387; 2nd inns., 98 (3 wkts.)
CAMBRIDGE 1st inns., 280.

Oxford on Wednesday morning were in a very strong position in the University match at Lord's when the scores were as follows:—

OXFORD.—First Innings.

M. Howell (capt.), st. Wood, b. Rotherham	170
D. J. Knight, c Naumann, b Rotherham	35
F. A. Waldock, b Fairbairn	2
F. C. G. Naumann, c Calthorpe, b Fairbairn	15
R. L. Holdsworth, c Naumann, b Rotherham	40
H. P. Ward, c Naumann, b Rotherham	6
G. F Bell, b Calthorpe	10
F. W. Gilligan, c B. Taylor, b Johnstone	70
G. V. Pease, c Gilligan, b Fairbairn	12
V. R. Price, not out	9
P. W. Rucker, c and b Fairbairn	0
Extras	18
Total	387

Second Innings.

M. Howell, c Wood, b Gilligan	11
D. J. Knight, not out	58
F. A. Waldock, c Morrison, b Fairbairn	3
R. L Holdsworth, b Fairbairn	11
G. F. Bell, not out	2
Extras	13
Total (3 wkts.)	98

CAMBRIDGE.

G. E. G. Wood, c Waldock, b Naumann	62
C. P. Johnstone, c Gilligan, b Pearse	78
J. H. Naumann, run out	5
G. Wilson, b Naumann	2
J. S. F. Morrison, (capt.), c Bell, b Pearse	18
G. P. Brooke-Taylor, c Knight, b Naumann	6
G. Ashton, lbw. b Naumann	7
G A. Fairbairn, not out	47
Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe, b Naumann	13
G. A. Rotherham, b Pearse	36
A. E. R. Gilligan, st Gilligan, b Pearse	3
Extras	3
Total	280

At the close of the match on Wednesday evening Oxford won by 45 runs. Scores:—Oxford 387 and 168; Cambridge 280 and 230.

BOXING TOURNAMENT.

KEENLY CONTESTED ROUNDS AT BORNHEIM.

The second of the series of tournaments which are to decide which is the best all-round sporting battalion, worthy of representing the 1st Western Infantry Brigade in the coming Divisional sports, took place at Bornheim on Monday. Boxing was the only feature of the programme and three two-minute rounds was the time allowed for each bout. The participants were:—The 1/4th, 52nd, and 9th Battalions of the Cheshire Regiment. Major Deloney of the Army Gymnastic School kindly officiated as judge.

Throughout the tournament, the fighting was as good as it was clean, and every round was fiercely contested. Particularly good was the fighting between Pte. Keegan of the 1/4th Cheshires, and Cpl. Ward of the 9th Cheshires. I was Keegan's beautifully clean fighting which subsequently earned him the verdict as winner. Sgt. Pooley, also of the 1/4th Cheshires, put up the kind of show one expects from such an exponent of the noble art.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

The winners were:—Bantam weights:—Pte. Keegan, 1/4th Cheshires; Feather-weights:—Pte. Ryan, 52nd Cheshires.

Light-weights:—Sgt. Pooley, 1/4th Cheshires. Welter-weight (officers):—2/Lt. Huxum, 52nd Cheshires;

Welter-weight:—Pte. Pennell, 52nd Cheshires.

Middle-weight (officers):—2/Lt. Owen, 52nd Cheshires; Middle-weight:—Sgt. Cole, 1/4th Cheshires;

Heavy-weight:—Sgt. Ellis, 9th Cheshires.

Sgt. Barry of the 1/4th Cheshires was voted best loser.

The victory of the tournament was to go to the team which amassed the most points, and the 1/4th Cheshires having done this, were awarded the verdict.

This success, together with that in the Brigade tug-of-war, places the 1/4th Cheshires well ahead in the amassing of points. Considerable excitement prevails as to the subsequent result of the Brigade sports, which take place on July 14th.

LONDON D.A.C. SPORTS.

LARGELY ATTENDED MEETING AT WESTHOVEN.

By permission of Lieut.Col. J. D. P. Wheatley, the commanding officer, the London D.A.C. held their dismounted sports on Wednesday afternoon at Westhoven. These sports were in accordance with a programme that is being carried out by all units in the London Division, and it is intended that the most successful competitors in these events shall represent the Column in the Divisional Sports which will be held shortly.

There was a large attendance of spectators, including Major Gen. Sir S. T. B. Lawford, the Divisional Commander, and Brig.-Gen. L. C. L. Oldfield, the C.R.A. of the Division, many officers from other units, and a number of ladies representative of the various organisations of British women in Cologne.

A notable feature of the gathering was the excellent catering arrangements made, not only for officers, but for other ranks as well. The ground was gaily decorated with flags, and the sports were enlivened with musical selections by the band of the 9th E. Surrey Regt., by kind permission of the Commanding Officer of the Battalion. A highly successful meeting concluded with the distribution of prizes by Miss G. Mumby of Q.M.A.A.C.

RESULTS:

100 Yards (open):—1. Fitter Elliot (No 3 Sec.); 2. Capt. Taylor (No 1); 3. Spr. Sonster (1 and 2).

440 Yards:— 1. Ftr. Elliot (No 3); 2. Bdr. Partridge (No 3); 3. Bdr. Binnie (No 3).

880 Yards:—1. Lieut. Palmer (No 2); 2. Bdr. Gardiner (No 1); 3. Gnr. Steele (No 2).

1 Mile:—1. Lt. Palmer (No 2); 2. Sergt. Othet (No 1); 3. Dvr. Hall (No. 2).

Section Relay Race:— No 2 Section. Lieut. Palmer, Bdr. Griffiths, Gnr. Steel and Dvr. V. S. Smith.

Tug-of-War:—No. 2 Section.

High Jump:— 1. Capt. Taylor (No 1); 2. Lt. Higham (No 3); 3. Sergt. Roberts (No 1).

Long Jump:— 1. Capt. Taylor (No 1); 2. Ftr. Elliott (No 3): 3. Bdr. Gardiner (No 1).

Hurdle Race:— 1. Capt. Taylor (No 1); 2. Lt. Higham (No 3); 3. Sergt. Roberts (No 1).

Putting the Weight:—1. Dvr. Schofield (No 2); 2. Capt. Taylor (No 1); 3. Ftr. Garlick (No 1).

Three Miles Race:— 1. Gnr. Edwards (187th Bde); 2. Sergt. Othet (No 1); 3. Gnr. Steel (No 2). This was a magnificent three mile race, and Sergt Otnet by securing 2nd place, decided the contest for the Colonel's Cup for the most successful section in favour of No 1 Section.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Friday, July 11, 1919.

Surface wind, between NW and W, 5-10 m.p.h. Cloudy. Occasional rain, but perhaps some improvement towards night: cool. Fair visibility.

"Cologne Post" Cup Centurions

TRIO OF GIFTED BATSMEN RUN UP THREE-FIGURE SCORES.

Following the striking bowling achievements in yesterday's Cup Competition eports, some rexcellent batting performances are recorded in the matches reported below. Gnr. Weight, of the 93rd Bde. R.G.A. has for the second time topped the century 138 not out, and 101 not out; Lieut. Col. Hartbey, D.S.O., 52nd N.F.'s scored a brilliant 102 not out; while Pte. Clegg of the 51st King's Liverpool Regt. had 107 to his credit in the match with X Corps Sig. Coy. Gnr. Weight is the well-known Durham County and Burnmoor professional. In seven "Cologne Post" Cup matches he has the excellent average of 77 runs per innings, while for bowling he has an average of 3 for a total of 29 wickets—without doubt a record in our Competition.

102 NOT OUT.

LIEUT.-COL. HARTLEY IN BRILLIANT FORM AT LINDENTHAL.

52nd BN. NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS (189 for 6) v. 9th BN. DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY (93), at Lindenthal on Tuesday. The outstanding feature of the match was a brilliant century by Lieut.-Colonel Hartley, D.S.O., who scored 102, (not out), including 15 fours. Other scores were Capt. Byrne (25). Major Thompson (17), Pte. Taylor (15), and Cpl. Chadwick (10 not out). The 9th D.L.I. replied with 93 of which Ptes. Kay and Glendinning and Sgt. Dickens were responsible for 28, 20, and 17 respectively. Col. Hartley followed up his fine century by taking 5 wickets for 38 runs, the remaining wickets falling to Lt. Emery for 52 runs.

4th ROYAL SUSSEX REGT. (222 for 7) v. 53rd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS (51) at Hennef on Monday. Batting first on a good wicket the Sussex declared at 222 for 7. Lieut. Kenderdine (75) and Sgt. Stamford (70 not out) were responsible for good free cricket. Against the bowling of L/Cpl. Bryant the Fusiliers could do little, and were dismissed for 51. Lieut. Worthington played soundly for his 30 and also bowled well.

MID. DIV. M.T. COY. (29) v. 509 FIELD COY., R.E. (33 for 2), at Weiterswist on Saturday. The R.E.'s bowled very deadly and averaged 6 wickets for 14 runs. North of the M.T.'s was the only batsman to make a stand for 15.

51st HANTS. (30) v. 15th H.L.I., (38). The victory of the 15th H.L.I. was largely due to the bowling efforts of Lieut. Whitfield, who took 9 wickets for 6 runs.

13th M.A.C. (46 for 1 wicket) v. 53 ROYAL WARWICK REGT., (38), at Mulheim. Capt. Thomas took 6 wickets for 13 runs and Sgt. Collingham 3 for 11. The home team soon wiped out their opponent for the loss of 1 wicket. The not outs were Hills, 30, and Sgt. Collingham, 7.

51st R. SUSSEX REGT. (48) v. 2nd LONDON INF. BRIGADE (25). Played at Neunkirchen on Monday, and constituted the eighth consecutive win for the Sussex team. For the winners, Captain Lawson scored 19 not out. The bowling of the Sussex was again excellent, Lieut.-Colonel Bond taking two wickets for eleven, and Pte. Edden performed the hat trick, and took 7 for 12.

16th LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS (59) v. 51st ROYAL SUSSEX REGT., (68), at Neunkirchen on Sunday. For the Fusiliers Pte. Bray knocked up 21. For the Sussex side, runs came slowly, and wickets fell fast, Lieut.-Col. Bond being the only one who obtained a grip of the bowling. When the last man, Pte. Edden, went in, there were still five runs wanted for a win, and excitement ran high. A single was sneaked, another single, and three overthrows brought the Sussex level, and Edden hit the winning three. The score was taken to 68 before Capt. Lawson was run out.

5th BORDER REGT. (108 for 9) v. LANCS. DIV. COY R.E. (95). Played at Bonn on Tuesday. After the visitors had compiled 95, the home side had a struggle to get runs, but with the last man in, the winning hit was made by Captain Dove. Chief scorers for the winners, Captain Dove, 36 not out, Lieut. Smeeton 26, L.-Cpl. Astin 24.

1/5th SOUTH STAFFS (47) v. 15th F.A. (25), at Blessem. The home team took the willow first and thanks to the bowling of Davies, who took 7 for 9, only totalled 25, 10 of which were credited to Mr. Extras The "knots" responded with 47, L.-Cpl. Barrett making 10. R.S.M. Green claimed 7 for 13.

"R" BATTERY A.A. (102) v. NO. 2 WATER TANK COY. (16). For the winners, Cpl. Bennet played an excellent innings of 48; Bmdr. Dewey 20, and Cpl. Slape 13. Bmdr. Whitehouse took 4 wickets for 4 runs, and Cpl. Slape 4 for 7. Mr. Extras was top scorer for the Tank Coy., with 5.

153 SIEGE BATTERY (54) v. 62nd BATTALION M.G.C. (25), at Hastenrath on Tuesday. For 153 S.B., Bmdr. Witty played a very useful innings of 13, not out, and Sig. Cockcroft was very deadly with the ball, capturing 8 wickets for 9 runs, (5 being clean bowled).

51st KINGS LIVERPOOL REGT. (184) v. 10th CORPS SIG. COY., R.E. (54), on former's ground on Tuesday. The Sig. Coy., batted first and made 54 (Lieut. E. Wiltshire, 5 wickets for 4 runs). The 51st K.L.R. ran up a total of 184 in 80 minutes. Pte. F. Clegg, going in first, was last man out, having made 107.

VI CORPS H.Q. (79) v. 180 LABOUR GROUP 90). At Lindenthal on Tuesday, the Labour Coy continued a successful run, pulling off their third win in three days, Smart knocking up 59. For H.Q. the best scorer was Griconell, 52. Bowling for the Labour Coy., Stevenson took 3 for 8.

A "NOT OUT" CENTURY.

93rd Bde. R.G.A. (202 for 3) v. 23rd Bde. R.A.S.C., M.T. (28).

The 93rd were in splendid form against 23d Bde. R.A.S.C., M.T. at Kalk on Tuesday. All the batsmen reached double figures. Of course, Gnr. Weight's century outshone the remainder. He was still undefeated with 101 to his credit. Palliser 20; Ellis 22; Rushton 25 (caught brilliantly at deep square leg by Frost), and Major Phillips 24 not out gave him good support. The R.A.S.C. made a sorry show against Weight and Bowden, the former following his batting performance with 6 wickets for 14. Bowden took 4 for 12. Mention must be made of Gnr. Norton's wicketkeeping. The manner in which he took Bowden's fast bowling was fine. The 93rd have the good record of played 8 won 8; their score being 177 for 9; 213 for 5; 256 for 4; 112 for 2; 89 for 7; 94; 183 for 6; 202 for 3.

23rd ROYAL FUSILIERS (115) v. LANCS DIV. M.T. COY. (51). For the winners Lieut. Abbott 28, not out, Lieut. McCormack 28, and Sgt. Howlett, 18, were the chief scorers. Bowling analysis: 2nd Lieut. Marrable, 16 overs, 27 runs, 6 wickets; Lieut. McCormack, 16 overs, 16 runs, 3 wickets.

II CORPS H.Q., (79), LONDON DIV. M.T.COY., (25) at Leverkusen on Monday. Chief scorers for the winners, Pte. Holmes, (15), Pte. Brian, (15) Captain Williams (13)

29th MACHINE GUN. BN. (134 for 7 wickets) v. 14th YORK AND LANC. (28), at Dabringhausen. The York and Lanc. team batted first and after Pte. Paine, (10) had been dismissed, the side collapsed. Lieut. Astill account'd for 5 wickets for 9 runs, and Cpl. Sadler 2 for 14. Three men being run out proves the keenness of the M.G's fielding. The Machine gunners passed their opponents score before the first wicket fell, and out of their total, Lieut. Astill again made top score with 54 before being caught out.

77 SIEGE BATTERY (95) v. 1st BATTALION M.G.C. (92) at Flerzheim. The M.G's chief scorers were Cpl. Colden 15; L. Cpl. Ashdon, 11; Pte. Haworth 19; Sgt. Lord 13. The S.B. looked like suffering their first defeat when they had lost 8 wickets for 65, but Bmdr. Harling 18 and Lieut. Graham, 10, pulled the game out of the fire, and provided a very exciting finish.

1/5th K.O.S.B. (59) v. 64th Field Coy. R.E. (48).
64th Field Coy. R.E. (48) v. 75 Bde R.F.A. (39).
52 Bedfords (96) v. 34 Bn. M.G.C. (69.)
"D" Corps Siege Park (37) v. 52 Cordons (49).
3. K.O. Hussars (52) v. "D" Corps Sig. Coy. (51).
Mid. Div. H.Q (24) v. 488 Siege Battery (22).
Cav. Div. A.G. (25 for 4) v. 51 D.L.I. (21).
51st Devon (61 for 4) v. VI Corps Sig. Coy. (31).
13th K. Liverpool (70 for 6) v. No. 3 Coy. Western Div. R.A.S.C. (25).

EASTERN DIVISION H.Q. (162) v. 52nd CHESHIRE REGT. (80 for 8). For the E. Div. H.Q. Major Tempest played another bright innings of 44, and was well supported by C/Sgt. Sandell 29, Pte. Walker 23, Spr. Thompson 20 and Capt Morgan 13 Bowling: Lt. Cannell 8 for 31 and Pte. Gould 2 for 44. The Cheshires score stood at 80 for 8, when stumps were drawn, Pte. Gould being top scorer with 33, Lt. Beard next with 13. Bowling: Lt. Col. Dobbie 5 for 37, Capt. Morgan 1 for 19 and Spr. Thompson 1 for 2. Result a draw.

EUSKIRCHEN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
174 Bty. R.G.A.	9	9	0	18§
77 Siege Bty.	9	9	0	18§
IX Corps Tps. M.T. Coy.	10	7	3	14§
145 Siege Bty.	9	7	2	14§
E. Corps Sig. Coy.	9	7	2	14§
9 Corps H.A.	11	6	5	12§
42 Stat. Hosp.	7	6	1	12§
488 Siege Bty.	10	6	4	10§
Mid. Div. H.Q.	8	5	3	10§
354 Siege Bty.	8	5	3	10§
21 Bde R.G.A.	7	5	2	10§
509 Field Coy.	8	4	4	8§
18 Field Amb.	8	4	4	8§
1/5 S. Staffs	7	4	3	8§
73 Bde R.G.A.	7	4	3	8§
185 Siege Bty.	6	4	2	8§
1 Bn. M.G.C.	6	4	2	8§
"P" A.A. Bty.	5	4	1	8§
269 A.E. Coy.	9	3	6	6§
Mid. Div. M.T. Coy.	8	3	5	6§
Mid. D.A.C.	7	3	4	6§
76 Army Bde R.F.A.	5	3	2	6§
104 Bde R.F.A.	4	3	1	6§
16 Field Amb.	7	2	5	4§

§ Games awarded for scratched matches and in respect of teams withdrawn.

VICTORY BISLEY.

LARGE NUMBER OF COLONIAL MARKSMEN.

Bisley Meeting opened in glorious weather on Wednesday, when the ranges rapidly assumed a pre-war aspect. The feature of the meeting is the number of Canadians, Australians, and New Zealanders.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES.

By June 24 the entries for the principal competitions were:

	1914	1919
King's Prize	886	893
Queen Mary's	777	579
Prince of Wales's	250	173
St. George's	846	814
Alexandra	725	651
"Daily Telegraph"	684	661
Stock Exchange	770	644
"Daily Graphic"	673	693
"Graphic"	677	676
Wimbledon Cup	157	375
Duke of Cambridge	380	338
Corpn. of the City of London	371	315
Donegal Cup	371	226
Conan Doyle	153	242
Grand Aggregate	498	498
King's Range Prizes	546	692
Bass	46	37
Halford Memorial	45	36
Wimbledon Cup	44	35
Albert Cup	45	36
Edge	45	36
Hopton Aggregate	42	34
Revolver Medals	34	52
Revolver Gold Badge	16	39
Granet Cup	—	39

Scotland, which always figured well in the prize list, is sending comparatively few of her shooting men, the sole reason being that instead of the facilities of travelling at the reduced rate formerly granted to competitors, no concession from the war-increased fares has been granted.

An exciting match took place at Euskirchen on Wednesday, the latter team winning by a narrow margin of 4 runs.

Scores:—78 Labour Coy..... 23,
49 Labour Coy..... 27.

5th v. 715th LABOUR COY.

The above teams met at Klettenberg on Wednesday in the Labour Group League. 715 had first knock and amassed the creditable score of 129 by the aid of Ptes Howard (57) and Haig (21). 5th started badly, but recovered and with contributions of (L/Cpl Eccles) 22 (Pte Mullins) 17 and (Lieut. Wilkinson) 15, overtopped their opponents' score by 3 runs, the last wicket falling immediately afterwards. Pte. Ewen for 5th took 3 wickets for 14, and Pte Turner for 715 had 4 for 46.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN TRAINER.

The well-known trainer James Cunnington has just died at Vichy. The most famous horses he trained are — Idalie, Dacis, Crillon, Romarin, Salambo, Cherbourg, Kerlaz, and Holbein.

LAST FEW HOURS.

VICTORY LOAN SWEEP—FINAL OPPORTUNITY.

Over 80,000 marks had been subscribed to the British Empire Leave Club Victory Loan sweepstake up to yesterday morning and there are indications that there is going to be a great rush of "eleventh hour" ticket purchasers to-day. Only a few more hours remain in which to participate in the scheme, the conditions of which are perfectly simple.

Tickets may be purchased at the British Empire Leave Club, Cologne for 10 marks each. The total amount subscribed will be devoted to the purchase of War Bonds and the prizes will be allotted thus:— 50 % to the winner, 20 % to the holder of the second ticket drawn, 10 % to the third, and the remaining 20 % will be divided among the next 20 numbers drawn.

Letters should be addressed to Lieut.-Col. Levey, O.B.E., D.S.O., British Empire Leave Club, Cologne. No applications may be received after 9 p.m. to-night.

COLOGNE RACES
SATURDAY, JULY 12th
1st. RACE 1 p.m.

Echoes from Rhineland

NO MORE REPLIES.

The other day we had to explain why it had become absolutely necessary to abandon the idea of answering any queries on demobilisation. Now, with regret, we are forced to say that our feature of "Answers to Correspondents" has to go by the board altogether as well. We can neither afford the space nor the considerable time it takes to handle such a feature. In a daily newspaper such as ours, to attempt to reply to the overwhelming number of enquiries, many of them entailing close and long research among records, reference works, and Orrny Arders, has now become quite beyond the powers of our necessarily limited staff of officers and other ranks.

This we are sure will be understood by all. We would help every one if we could, but we cannot.

So in future it is hoped that nobody will expect "Answers to Correspondents.'

On Telephones.

Lord Joice has denounced the English system of telephones as the worst in the world; but it is doubtful if they are worse than those of Germany. Experience of the German system does not in any way endear one to it. You pick up the receiver and after the exercise of much patience hear a faint spasmodical, just-woke-up sort of voice, which volunteers the information that it is "Amt" in a long drawn-out sight like "Aa-am-t." On hearing this magic word, you ask in German for the required number, for example A 3537, and after an interval not exceeding fifteen minutes, you hear a voice asking "Wer ist dort?" (Who is there?)

Asking for "Amy."

You give the desired information and repeat the question. Then follows a spluttering at the other end apparently intended to convey some name to you, and you take it for granted it is the name you are wanting. You then ask if Amy, or whatever her name is, is at home, and you receive in a very suspicious tone the question "Wer ist dort." Again you give the required information, and then, growing uneasy, you ask them their telephone number, and find that you are connected with A 3730 instead of A 3537. You then politely request them to ring off and start all over again.

Hope Deferred.

After further argument with "Amt," whom you may manage to stir up within twenty minutes or so, you manage to convince her that it is really A 3537 you want, punctuating it with a rolling of "r's" which leaves your tongue in a state of torn and twisted collapse. After another wait you succeed in obtaining connection with the correct number, and again you ask for Amy. The voice at the other end asks you to wait a moment while she fetches Amy and again all is quiet. Time passes and you are just about to give up hope, when you hear Amy's voice and everything German goes up in your estimation. In the middle of your conversation the girl at "Amt" once more breaks in. Then once more comes silence and you throw down the receiver in disgust, wishing you had only had the chance to make the Peace terms all over again.

More Journals Soon.

Several Units in the Rhine Army are producing their own periodicals and one of these, the 3rd Battn. Machine Gun Corps Magazine, has recently issued its second number. It is a neat production, and the Hon. Editor, Lt. Col. Cranston D.S.O., has written an apt introductory on "playing the game." Perhaps the gem of the number is a poem on "Fear" contributed by "Rex." Rumours are afloat, that other journals are making their debut shortly. It is said that the literary and artistic talent of the Wrafs on the Rhine will soon possess an outlet for their energies.

Not so many V.C.s.

Apropos medal ribbons, we heard a story yesterday of an officer who called at the E.F.C. some months ago for a piece of the 1914 ribbon. The Ordnance corporal behind the counter politely told him the stock was sold out, but fresh supplies were expected daily. "We have hundreds of yards of V.C. ribbon now, however, if that would do," he was told. It wouldn't, so he returned a week later and made a similar request, only to be told once more, that the 1914 ribbon was sold out. "But, surely the demand hasn't been so great as that, has it?" the officer queried. "Well, you see we were only able to get ten inches of it, sir!" "Then, what about your V.C. ribbon?" "Oh, that's gone too!" The officer left in amazement. But when he learned afterwards that the V.C ribbon had been returned to the Base as unsaleable he began to see daylight.

Fireflies.

Returning to billets at about 21.30 to 22.00 hours during the recent hot weather, the writer recently saw fireflies. They appeared to like to be among the trees, and, given these, the constant presence of traffic did not seem to disconcert them at all. The greatest number seen at one time was five and these were under some trees in a street which is a tramway route, and where, during the evening, hundreds of people were passing up and down.

Form a Queue.

The old trouble of an absence of queues is as apparent in Cologne as in many places we wot of at home. So far we have been unable to discover a barrier on the lines of those to be seen in our busy northern cities, with the result that there is a wild scramble for seats and much pushing and shoving. Both sexes join in the scrimmage, and unless one is prepared to take a part there is a danger of being left behind. It is an old grievance and one for which only the shortsightedness of the tramway authorities is to blame. There are queues for theatres and other places of amusement and barriers to stem the way of the crowds at the railway termini. Why not queues for trams?

Turned Bolshevik.

A waggish contributor questions the accuracy of the statement that many German cats found their way into the stew pot during the war, in view of the number to be seen courting in the fields near his billet. "There are plenty of wild cats and a few tame ones," he writes. "Perhaps they are merely the latter variety turned Bolshevik."

Pointing.

Doubtless many resident for the first time in Germany will have remarked on the singular lack of finish about the walls of most German buildings, especially those in villages. What is known in builders, parlance as "pointing" seems to have been forgotten. The purpose of this is, of course, to drain off the wet from the outer walls in order to prevent permeation of the moisture to the inner face of the wall, and to give it a more finished appearance. Quite a large proportion of modern, well designed houses are lacking in this respect. One can easily imagine what an ill effect this omission would have on one's wallpaper during the wet winter months. In England, even a single wall is rarely seen unpointed. Where "pointing" has been attempted, and this but rarely, the mortar has a square front, leaving a recess between the bricks, where the wet may lodge, a method of finish practically unknown in England.

Black Diamonds.

There were five of them, laughing, jabbering and toiling as though life depended on it, each happy as a king, black as a coal-heaver fresh from the pit. Their hands, faces and bare legs showed signs of arduous toil, but they maintained an air of dignity, befitting their duty. Around and about, in piles, stood the results of those labours. One of the toilers, of smaller stature and with fewer years pertaining to him than had the other four, struggled from a sitting posture—that position so instinctively a part and parcel of the beings whose lives are spent in the bowels of the earth—and strained to place still one more piece upon the highest pile. But the effort was tragically unsuccessful, and, losing his equilibrium, he overbalanced against the structure. Pile and toiler toppled over. Disappointment and temper broke their bounds, then a scream. But a door opened near to hand, and five pairs of legs carried off five German youngsters as fast as they possibly could, leaving the cart load of briquettes strewn where they had fallen, ruined monuments of labour lost.

Prizes for "Echoes."

The Editor of "The Cologne Post" offers every day the sum of 10 marks for the best paragraph descriptive of any phase of life or interesting incident in Rhineland, not exceeding 150 words in length. The envelope should have the word "Echoes" in the top left hand corner.

To-day's prize of 10 marks is awarded to Signaller H. Frobwen, A.P.M's office, Cologne.

PHOTOGRAPHY

XI

By William R. Patterson, F.R.G.S.

When one develops one's own plates and films one should be careful always to preserve the utmost cleanliness. This is not so important with porcelain dishes, as with those of celluloid and "papier-mâché." The former need but to be rinsed out, but the latter require a good washing.

Papier-mâché dishes need drying after usage, otherwise they split in all four corners. One must remember that they are made of compressed paperpulp, lightly glazed. They are cheap and economical, since they may be dropped without damage; they are light and easily portable. The same may be said of celluloid dishes, with the single disadvantage that some are highly inflammable. Now, an unclean dish will often spoil what otherwise might have been a good result. Some crystals of "hypo" may cling to the bottom and sides of a dish, which later will contain a developing solution and vice versa.

It is an excellent plan always to employ the same dishes for the same purpose. A small mark or label might be attached to each to distinguish the one from the other. The crystals are usually apparent when the dish is perfectly dry, and should act as an indication that the dish needs a thorough washing. Another point to be observed in developing is that concerning the red light. You will always obtain a better negative if your plate or film is shielded from all light at the beginning, since even an over-bright red glare may affect the sensitive surface. Therefore, cover your dish with a sheet of paper at the beginning and gently rock your bath. After perhaps a minute, you may remove the paper and continue the process with the ruby lamp or red electric bulb.

Let it be noted that the prices given in a previous issue of the "Cologne Post" still remain the same. They will be published again in the next article.

PHOTOGRAPHIC DIFFICULTIES SOLVED.

W. J. (Cologne): You are right in persevering. Your camera is not a toy; therefore you must study it patiently. I am glad to learn that your last picture was so full of detail.

Sgt. G. A. Scott (W. Coy. 51st Royal Sussex):—Yes, the price you state is reasonable. For 405 marks (less 10% for the British) you can obtain an excellent camera with 4.5 Zeiss Tessar, Compound Shutter, 15 c-m. focal distance. If you wish name of the firm in Cologne let me know.

Sgt. E. Edmonds (D. Coy, 51st. Bedfords):—The address is being sent to you.

N. Flower (10 Platoon, C. Coy, 51st Bedfords):—The name of the firm is being forwarded. You can obtain a Goetz Syntor, 6.8, quarter plate for 480 marks (less 10% for the British).

Rfm. S. A. Parkes (19581, D.R.'s Light Division Sig.) I am sending you the name. Yes, you will be able to exchange.

Dr. C. W. Way (T. 311710, 1st Cav. Field Ambulance):—You should get a Zeiss Tessar 4.5—13 c.m. focal distance. The name of the firm is being sent to you.

A. Anderson (284'5) **(No 4 Coy., 13 Platoon 4th Seaforth Hars.)**:—Get a camera for plates and pack-films; say, an Ica, 9 × 12. Write to Messrs. Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner, 68—74 Carter Lane, London, E.C. 4 for a book on photography.

R. H. P. (2nd Lieut. R. E.) **237 Field Coy. R. E.**:—Yes, send both film and print, and enclose stamped envelope in case of refusal.

Sapper J. Willis (471388) **459 Field Coy. Rld. Div.**:—The address is being forwarded.

Anastigmat:—For the price you mention you may purchase an excellent apparatus. The name of a reliable firm is being sent to you.

Sapper E. E. Dopson (2nd Northern Bde. Wireless:—Yes, get a German camera. The name of a reliable firm is being forwarded to you. For the price you mention you can secure an admirable machine.

Pte. L. S. H.:—Get an Ica or Goertz, for your purpose. The name of a firm is being sent to you.

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Rabies.—Three more cases of rabies in dogs have been confirmed.

Motor Mishap.—Prince Albert's car knocked a Mitchan lad down and caused serious injury.

Lusitania Inquiry.—The evidence given on the loss of the Lusitania is to be published.

For Vienna.—Count Brockdorff-Rantzau will probably be sent as German Ambassador to Vienna.

Costly Strike.—The transport-strike in Berlin cost the country about 20 million marks.

Troops in Ireland.—There are nearly 60,000 troops in Ireland, including 1,789 men of the R.A.F.

Left Out.—Luton women have not been invited to the town's peace banquet.

Salving German Ships.—Two of the scuttled German cruisers are being raised.

The "P.M."—The health of the Prime Minister is improving.

Indian Joy.—There is widespread joy in India at the signing of the Peace.

Surplus War Stores.—Sales of surplus war stores have realised £26,000,000.

Meat Days.—Imported meat is to be reduced by 1d. per lb. as from Monday next.

Costlier Cherries.—Cherries on sale in the Cologne streets are up in price.

The Mark.—There is a tendency for the mark to rise in value.

Without Trial.—After July 21 executions may take place in Petrograd without trial.

On Strike.—Southend-on-sea municipal employees are out on strike.

London Joyous.—There is plenty of dancing to be had in London just now.

All Gone.—The Marquis of Bute has sold the last of his remaining coalpits in South Wales.

Peril of the Deep.—Belgian fishing smacks have been lost through contact with mines.

"Near Beer."—"Near Beer" containing 2.75 per cent alcohol is being sold in New York.

Peace Tournament.—The Royal Military Tournament at Olympia produced £8,000 by way of entertainment tax.

Not Enough.—Mr. Caillaux, who has had two barristers to defend him, has now chosen a third one.

All night.—On the July 12 and 13th the Paris cafés and restaurants will remain open until 2 a.m.

General Mangin.—General Mangin has been decorated with the Grand Croix de la Légion d'honneur.

Offer to Work.—The French miners have decided to begin to work on the condition that the strikers are not punished.

Eager for Trade.—A German commission which has returned from Russia urges that commercial relations should be taken up at once.

Impudence.—The Bolshevists have threatened the United States because of the arrest of their Ambassador in New York.

With Heavies.—It is alleged that for nine months before the collapse the German army was without heavy artillery.

Germany Shipping.—It is calculated that even with the loss of Flensborg and Danzig, Germany can still produce half a million tons of shipping per annum.

Our Prince.—The Prince of Wales, who has been promoted captain in the Navy, is much better in health.

School of Art.—A School of Art organized by G.H.Q. has been opened at 23, Kaiser Wilhelm Ring. Lieut. Temmett, R.F.A. has charge.

One Organisation.—Major General Sir Frederick Maurice is interesting himself in the idea of one organization to all ex-service men.

The Peace Army.—Mr. Winston Churchill reports that the response, to recruiting for the Army is good, and is still improving.

Imprisonment.—To stop profiteering it is suggested that imprisonment be substituted for fines.

Wearing of Uniform.—Ex-officers are to be allowed to wear their uniforms at the forthcoming peace celebrations.

German Proposal.—It is proposed by Germany that for every two prisoners returned a civilian workman from Germany shall take their place.

At Peace.—Belgium is seriously considering the question of the resumption of diplomatic relations with Germany.

Chamberlain Statue.—A statue to the late Mr. Joseph Chamberlain is to be erected in the House of Commons.

A Reward.—A reward of 30,000 marks will be given to the person who informs the authorities where the famous Communist Lewien is staying.

Taxi-Cab Earnings.—A taxi-cab owned by a M.P. earned £12 a week apart from his own requirements.

Private Buses.—Seventy London buses which are marked "Private" are engaged for training discharged soldiers.

Not Westminster Hall.—The repairs to Westminster Hall will not be completed by next year, so that the trial of the Kaiser cannot take place there.

Armistice Commissions.—The German commission of armistice has moved from Spa to Düsseldorf; the French commission from Spa to Cologne.

Which Sex?—A member of the French Academy of Sciences has discovered a way to determine the sex of hen's eggs. The heavier ones are generally male.

The Penalty.—A German merchant has been fined 5,500 Marks for trying to smuggle five packets of soap and some rubber tyres into the unoccupied zone.

Frau or Fräulein?—According to the German minister of the Interior a Fräulein may call herself Frau if she likes to, the term Frau not being a title reserved to married women.

Herrings for a Palace.—Negotiations are taking place between the Norwegian and the German governments for the acquisition of a big house to be used as an embassy. The cost will be paid in herrings.

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SOCIETY TRAGEDY AND SCANDALS.

RHINELAND.

AGREEMENT REGARDING THE OCCUPATION.

The text of the agreement between Great Britain, United States, France, Belgium and Germany, regarding the military occupation of territories of the Rhineland is officially issued.

The articles state that there shall be constituted a civilian body, styled the Inter-Allied Rhineland High Commission, which shall be the supreme representative of the Allied and Associated Powers, within the occupied territory.

This High Commission shall have power to issue ordinances so far as may be necessary for securing the maintenance, safety and requirements of the Allied forces. German courts shall continue to exercise civilian and criminal jurisdiction subject to certain exceptions. Any person committing an offence against the Allied forces may be made amenable to the Allied military jurisdiction.

Civil administration remains in the hands of the German authorities. No German direct taxes or duties will be payable by the High Commission, Allied Armies or their personnel. Personnel employed on all means of communication shall obey any orders given on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Armies for military purposes. Transport on the railways of soldiers or officers will be effected without payment. The Armies of Occupation may continue to use for military purposes, all existing telegraphic and telephonic installations, and may continue to instal military telegraph and telephonic lines and wireless stations.

The High Commission shall have power, whenever it thinks necessary, to declare a state of siege in the whole or any part of the occupied territory.

The above agreement was signed at Versailles at the same time as the Peace Treaty.—*British Wireless.*

AFGHANISTAN.

AMIR'S EVASIVE REPLY TO VICEROY'S LETTER.

The following official communiqué was issued at Simla on July 9th.

A letter from the Amir of Afghanistan, dated June 29, was received at Simla yesterday, in which he enters into a long dissertation on the one-sided character of the armistice terms and the impossibility of their literal observance. Thus, in response to our demand for the withdrawal of his regular troops, the Amir considers advisable the withdrawal of British troops from Spin Baldak and Dakka. He also considers it advisable that we should forgo the free movement of aeroplanes over Afghan territory, which, he states, will inevitably provoke the Afghans to fire upon them, in spite of strict prohibition, which would result in our retaliation and a breach of the armistice. The Amir affirms it to be his earnest endeavour that friendship and unity be established as strongly as ever for the honour of both Governments. The letter concludes, "I hope the Viceroy will now fix a date for the arrival of the Afghan delegates, who are ready to start."

A GRAVE AFFRONT.

The Viceroy's reply, which left Simla to-day, states that, while he is glad to learn that the Amir is sincerely anxious for peace, the tone of the letter compels the conclusion that he does not appreciate the true position. The Amir, he observes, appears to forget that the Afghan Government began the war and is now suing for peace, nor does the Amir realize that his Majesty's Government is gravely affronted by what has occurred, also that the British people are indignant at the fact of a great Power being wantonly attacked. This is the reason why his Majesty's Government could not allow any modification of the Armistice terms.

As no advantage could accrue by prolonging the correspondence, the Viceroy invites the Amir to direct the delegates to present themselves before 10 a.m. on July 22 at the British lines, whence they will be conducted to Rawalpindi. The British delegates will consist of Sir Alfred Hamilton Grant, K.C.I.E., as chief of the delegation, Mr. J. L. Maffey, C.I.E., General Moberly, Nawab Sir Snams Shah, and Sir Gurbaksh Singh Bedi.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

FIRST LABOUR CONFERENCE.

The first annual meeting of the Labour Conference which is provided for in the Peace Treaty will commence at Washington on October 1st. The Conference will be opened by President Wilson. British delegates have not yet been chosen but it is thought probable they may include Mr. George Barnes, Mr. Arthur Henderson and Sir Robert Horne.

WAX KAISER.

The Kaiser's effigy at Madame Tussaud's still arouses a considerable amount of hostility on the part of visitors. A few weeks ago an infuriated sailor smashed the effigy. Yesterday morning one of a party of Canadian soldiers drew from its scabbard the sword of the late Emperor of Austria, whose model is adjacent, and stabbed the restored figure of the Kaiser in the face.

SOCIETY TRAGEDY.

NOTABLE DIVORCE CASES RECALLED.

The inquest into the circumstances surrounding the tragic death of Mrs. Arthur Eliot, better known as Mrs. Atherton, was opened at the Westminster Coroner's Court yesterday morning.

Mrs. Eliot, who was by many accounted one of the most beautiful women of her day, will probably be best remembered through the notable law cases in which she figured. She was a daughter of Sir Edward John Dean Paul, the fourth baronet, by his second marriage with a daughter of Major-General James Ramsay, brother of the twelfth Earl of Dalhousie. In 1892 she married Colonel Thomas James Atherton, of the 12th Lancers, a son of Sir W. Atherton, M.P., Attorney-General. There was one son. Colonel Atherton obtained a divorce in 1906, when the co-respondent was Captain the Hon. Reginald Lopes Yarde-Buller, of the Scots Guards, now Lord Churston.

"SELFISH, IDLE PEOPLE."

In the following year Mrs. Atherton brought an action for breach of promise of marriage against Captain Yarde-Buller. At that time the decree nisi in the divorce suit had not been made absolute, and Mr. Justice Darling said that it was a question whether the promise had been made while the plaintiff was still married. Mrs. Atherton waived her claim for £20,000 damages, stating that her sole object was to establish that the promise had been made, and judgment was entered for her, with costs. In that suit, Sir Edward Carson, K.C., and Mr. Lush, K.C. (now Mr. Justice Lush), appeared for Mrs. Atherton, and Mr. Isaacs, K.C. (the present Lord Chief Justice) for Captain Yarde-Buller. In the same year Captain Yarde-Buller had married Miss Denise Orme, the actress.

Mrs. Atherton's name was again brought before the public in 1909 in cross-actions for divorce which came before Lord Guthrie in the Court of Session, Edinburgh. In the action by Mrs. Clara Elizabeth Stirling it was alleged that her husband had been unfaithful with Mrs. Atherton. In Mr. Stirling's action allegations were made that Mrs. Stirling had committed adultery with Lord Northland (eldest son of the Earl of Ranfurly), who was killed in action while serving with the Coldstream Guards in 1915. Lord Guthrie found in favour of Mr. Stirling and Mrs. Atherton in a judgment which was marked by a good deal of mordant criticism of certain phases of social life and of "selfish, idle people."

FARTHING DAMAGES.

Once more, in 1911, Mrs. Atherton appeared in Court. She then brought a slander action against her brother Sir Aubrey Dean Paul and his wife. Mrs. Atherton alleged that Lady Paul had stated of her that she had been turned out of a hotel in Cairo, and that she was a disreputable woman. The jury awarded one farthing damages but Sir Aubrey was made a defendant only for the reason that he was liable for alleged wrongs done by his wife. In that action Sir Edward Carson, K.C., and Mr. Rowlatt (now Mr. Justice Rowlatt) appeared for Mrs. Atherton; and Mr. Duke, K.C. (now Lord Justice Duke), and Mr. McCardie (now Mr. Justice McCardie) for the defendants. Towards the end of 1917 Mrs. Atherton obtained £322 damages for personal injuries which she received through being knocked down by a motorcar in Regent-street.

Mrs. Atherton was married in April last to Captain Arthur Ernest Henry Eliot, son of the late Colonel the Hon. Charles Eliot, brother of the fifth Earl of St. Germans. This was Captain Eliot's third marriage. His first wife was Florence Maude Parks-Smith, from whom he obtained a divorce in 1902. In 1911 he married Elizabeth, widow of Mr. William A. C. Cornell. She died in 1913.

Captain Eliot served in the South African War as a lieutenant in Kitchener's Horse. Afterwards he was on the staff of the *Daily Mirror* for a time. He served in the early days of the European War, and was engaged later on recruiting duties in the City of London. He produced, as joint author with Captain Bairnsfather, *The Better 'Ole* at the Oxford Theatre.

DARDANELLES.

FULL STORY TO BE REVEALED.

At a fête yesterday at Malpas Court, Newport (Monmouth), the residence of Sir Leonard Llewellyn, General Sir Ian Hamilton said they wanted, with reference to the Dardanelles, the actual documents, cables, and orders written by the military chiefs, and, most of all, the orders of the enemy. These had been secured by the Royal Commission during the past few days, and the story of the Dardanelles, at any rate, so far as troops were concerned, will be one of our proudest if, perhaps, saddest memories.

FRANCE AT FIUME.

The measures taken by the supreme Allied Council relating to the incidents at Fiume are generally well received in French circles. A commission of four Allied Generals will settle the grievances and find a way to re-establish harmony.

Arrangements are being made to publish the evidence which was heard in camera at the inquiry into the sinking of the Lusitania.

COST OF COAL.

GOVERNMENT WILL TACKLE TRADES UNIONS.

Yesterday's announcement that the retail price of coal is being increased by six shillings a ton next week in order to meet the miners' demand as contained in the Sankey report of the Coal Commission's findings has caused absolute consternation.

In political, commercial, industrial and social circles a general feeling is rampant against the unfairness of the men's demand, which forces up the price while the output is decreasing enomously, owing to the shortening of hours and limiting of production.

Monday's debate in the House of Commons is expected to strengthen the determination of the Government to come to grips with the wages problem in the great essential industries.

It is not unlikely that Parliament will declare itself in favour of accepting the risks of rejecting the extravagant demands of powerfully organised industries and will seek some means of adjusting wages and profits on an economic basis.

TOTTENHAM TRAGEDY.

DEAF AND DUMB TRIO WOUNDED.

On Wednesday afternoon, Miss Daisy Kenwood, aged 23, was seen to rush into the back garden of her home, 29, Rostyn-road, West-green, Tottenham, pointing to her head, which was smothered in blood. Neighbours sent for the police, who found the mother of Daisy Kenwood, with gashes in her head and face, being supported in the roadway by friends. In the back garden the girl had collapsed. A trail of blood led to her bedroom, where a young man, believed to be John Whiteman, was lying on the bed with his throat cut. Near him was a hatchet and a razor, blood-stained. The injured three, who are all deaf and dumb, were taken to Eumonton Infirmary in a critical condition. Whiteman, who has been in the habit of visiting the Kenwoods, is said to be married, his wife residing in Brading-road, Brixton.

No motive has yet been assigned for the tragedy.

THE SOLDIER'S VOTE.

HOW TO GET ON THE REGISTER.

An Army Council Instruction just issued, states that so far as military voters are concerned, the basis of the third half-yearly register of electors will be similar to that adopted for the preparation of the second register.

The following officers and soldiers should notify the registration officers (in the case of soldiers through Officers i.c. Records) of their qualifications for registration:—

(*a*) Those who have joined the Army since the end of the qualifying period for the registers now in force (January 15, 1919), and whose names have not been placed on the registers, and absent voters' lists.

(*b*) Those who have reached the age of 19 years since January 15, 1919.

(*c*) Those who, having reached 19 years of age by June 15, 1919, believe that their names are not recorded on the present registers and lists, but who are able to furnish a qualifying address.

The six month's qualifying period ends on June 15, 1919. The new registers come into force on October 15, 1919.

R. 34 HOMEWARD BOUND.

Telegrams received from New York announce that the R. 34 left Roosevelt Field at 11.57 p.m. (New York time).

Major Scott estimated that the homeward journey would take seventy-eight hours. If his estimate works out correctly the airship may be over London on Sunday forenoon.

A wireless message of her position shows the airship to be off the Nova Scotia coast, which indicates that she has gone on the Northern course. A later message received via Barrington passage gives her position at 2.12 as 63 degrees 30 minutes West, 41. degrees 15 minutes North, her course being East (magnetic) and making good a speed of 48 knots, but in her position she has apparently averaged 53 knots.

The decision to depart on Wednesday was reached after the receipt of a favourable weather report. She had a great send-off, all traffic being stopped as the people watched her departure.

MILITARY POSTAL AEROPLANE CRASHES.

A fatal accident to a British postal aeroplane took place yesterday morning in the neighbourhood of Pourrières, a small village of the Var department, near the mouth of the Rhone.

The aeroplane, No. 4591, was manned by four British aviators. It burst in flames and falling out of control was smashed, the impact causing the petrol tanks to explode.

All four occupants were completely carbonised. The names of three of the victims were:—Lieut. Hall, Lieut. Summers and Corporal Jaffe, the fourth being as yet unknown.

The remains have been interred in the British churchyard of Nazargues near Marseilles.

A WRETCHED IMPOSTOR.

An ex-private named James Parkins, who was arrested in London, was charged before the Atherstone Bench on Thursday with wearing decorations to which he was not entitled.

The double row of ribbons worn by this detestable impostor comprised the D.C.M. and M.M., the French, Russian and Belgian Croix de Guerre and the French, Italian and Serbian military medals.

He had been presented by the townspeople with eighty war savings' Certificates for his supposedly unique record.

He was remanded for a week for further inquiries.

GERMAN PRISONERS.

CIVIL PAY FOR WORKING ON THE LAND.

In answer to questions concerning the employment of German prisoners in England, Sir Robert Horne, Minister of Labour, stated in the House of Commons that on July 1st there were 31,595 prisoners employed.

Of this number 22,141 were engaged in agriculture, 8,821 on trench filling and other military work and 628 were employed by a Buxton firm of lime burners under an arrangement with the Trade Union concerned.

In every case when civilian labour became available the prisoners were automatically withdrawn, and it is proposed to send these prisoners back to Germany as soon as possible.

The absence of skilled agricultural labour made their service on the land indispensable at the present time, but every prisoner employed is receiving the same rate of pay as civilian labour.

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SMITHFIELD BUTCHERS DECLINE GERMAN OFFER.

The salesmen of Smithfield Markets have received a circular letter from a German firm in Frankfurt applying for appointment as German agents. The writers say:—"For more than 28 years we do act here as substantial importers of meat, slaugatered cattle, and fats, so we can assure you to be able to take your interests at heart." The letters are stamped with the name of a well known hotel in Rotterdam and were posted in Holland. All the salesmen have refused the offer, and one of the letters has been forwarded to the Home Secretary.

SANDBAGGED.

R.A.F. OFFICER'S HEAVY SENTENCE FOR ASSAULT.

At the Sussex Assizes on Thursday, Leslie Holland, Lieutenant in the Royal Air Force, was sentenced to five years penal servitude for assaulting William Farrow, manager of the Shoreham branch of Farrow's Bank.

It was stated in evidence that the prisoner entered the bank, struck the manager on the head with a sandbag and then threatened him with a revolver. A fierce struggle ensued and when assistance came from outside Holland was secured. He was then found to be wearing civilian clothes over his khaki uniform.

For the defence it was urged that prisoner's war service rendered him unanswerable for his conduct.

FUTURE OF R.A.F. OFFICERS.

An unfortunate misconception has arisen on the future of the temporary officers whom it is proposed to take into the new R.A.F. on a four years' agreement.

It has been stated that these officers, young men of about 24 years of age, will, having given some of the best of their life to the public service, be then sent away with a gratuity of £300 irrespective of rank, and with little chance of obtaining a good start in a business career.

This is entirely a wrong view point, says "Wing Adjutant." In four years' time the aircraft industry will have settled down, aerial post, goods, and passenger services will have started, and posts will be available for men with special knowledge. The temporary R.A.F. officer, having received a thorough technical training at the expense of the country, and after four years' practical flying and work on aeroplanes, will in all probability find that there is a long waiting list of firms anxious to obtain skilled airmen, aero engineers, and air administrative men, all of whom will be included in the temporary R.A.F.

"TAR AND FEATHER HIM".

In connection with the recent strike of Rhondda operative bakers a case was heard at Porth yesterday, when four of the strikers were charged with violent intimidation of an alleged backleg baker. It was stated that at six o'clock in the morning the prosecutor was marched to the top of Rhondda mountain, where he was stripped naked and told that a resolution had been passed at a court-martial of the strikers to tar and feather him. Prosecutor was compelled to walk two miles to his home clad only in his overcoat. For the defence it was urged that the affair was only a huge joke as regards the tarring and feathering, and that prosecutor voluntarily stripped himself nude, no violence whatever having been used Fines ranging from £6 to £10 were imposed.

OFFICER'S SUICIDE.

An inquest was held at Portsmouth on Saturday on Lieut. William Maturin R.A.F. When the body of deceased was recovered on Saturday last from Langstone Harbour it was found to have a bullet wound in the head.

Lieut. Maturin early in the war came from America to join the British Army and did good work with the Royal Air Force in France. Eventually he was invalided out of the service on account of wounds. Since his recovery he had been greatly worried over his inability to get employment.

A verdict of suicide whilst temporarily insane was returned.

RAILWAY STRIKE AVERTED.

At the request of the Board of Trade, the Great Northern Railway Company has reinstated three firemen over whom the recent dispute arose. This decision followed a settlement of the Caledonian Railway dispute earlier in the day. The sudden railway crisis is thus ended.

CANTEEN BURGLARY.

THIEVES MAKE A MEAL AND STEAL THE SAFE.

A safe, weighing two hundredweight, which burglars had carrried off from the premises of the Army and Navy canteen at Cardiff, was discovered on Thursday among some bushes on one of the banks of the river.

It is supposed that the burglars, after depositing the safe in the bushes, went back to the canteen for a meal. They helped themselves freely from the beer barrels, partook of cold meat, and smoked canteen cigarettes.

After the repast they went back to the river near by with the intention of forcing open the safe. A constable who was passing thought their conduct suspicious and asked them their business, and they replied that they were looking for a "nigger." The story did not impress the constable, and he arrested them. Subsequently the burglary at the canteen was discovered, and a search led to the finding of the safe.

BECKETT HANGED.

SPENT PRACTICALLY ALL HIS LIFE IN PRISON.

Alfred Beckett, who finished a lifelong career of crime by murdering in a most callous and brutal manner the four members of the Cornish family at Forest Gate, was hanged at Pentonville on Thursday morning, Ellis being the executioner.

At the formal inquest which followed, Major Davies, Governor of the prison, said that the dead man did not leave any written statement.

Detective Inspector Hall said the deceased was thirty-six years of age. He joined the Suffolk Regiment in 1916, previous to which he had spent practically all his life in prison. He had been convicted nineteen times and was thrice sentenced to terms of penal servitude. He was well-known to the police all over England.

POLICING THE WORLD.

A survey of the present disposition of British troops as given by a high military authority yesterday, reveals Great Britain in the old role of policeman of the world. There is general unrest all over the world, says the authority, and it is necessary for us to have sufficient overseas forces to keep order.

Apart from the Army of the Rhine, for which reserves are available in case of emergency, there are 214,000 men in France and Belgium engaged in clearing up the battlefields and salving large quantities of war material. The British share of the garrison of Fiume is 11,000 and there are some 44,000 men, including Indian troops, keeping order in the Black Sea areas. Recent troubles in Egypt being not yet settled it is also necessary to keep a garrison there and the same applies to Palestine, where there are 96,000 troops, including 10,000 Anzacs. In Mesopotamia 21,000 men are being maintained for the present, in view of the unrest on the lower Euphrates and in Central Arabia. The actual garrison of India to day is probably smaller than ever it was in peace time. Garrison duties at Hong Kong, Singapore, Bermuda, Malta and Gibraltar are employing 6,000 troops.

WINESHOP MURDER.

The funeral of Mr. John Thomas Gregory, the victim of the Hendon murder, took place yesterday at Ealing. The coffin was borne from his residence in Warwick-road to St. Mary's Church, where a brief service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. S. A. Gray. Large numbers of people followed the cortège from the church, and there were many sympathizers at the cemetery. The coffin and hearse were covered with wreaths, among which were two sent by Duncombe Mark Lodge of Freemasons, Plymouth, and the Duncombe Craft Lodge of Freemasons, Kingsbridge, of both of which Mr. Gregory was Past Master. He was also a Senior Grand Deacon of Mark Masters in Devonshire. The lodges were represented at the funeral by Mr. W. G. Beaumont.

WAR SURPLUS MILLIONS.

The sales organized by the Disposal Board of the Ministry of Munitions of surplus Government property have now realized over £126,000,000. The main items are £1,037,613, plant and machinery; £3,912,854, horses and animals in the United Kingdom; £2,032,481, textiles, leather, and equipment; £2,587,875, food; £2,305,725, ferrous; and £10,791,312, non-ferrous metals; £14,339,421, chemicals and explosives; £12,297,768, sales abroad; £3,220,771, sales to contractors.

FERDINAND PAYS FORFEIT.

At the Royal Courts of Justice yesterday a commission sat by direction of H.M. the King to enquire as to English securities to the value of £400,000 standing in the name of ex-King Ferdinend of Bulgaria.

The commission held that at the outbreak of war the securities were the property of Ferdinand and the Chief Commissioner declared them to be forfeit to the Crown.

BRITISH SUBMARINE AGROUND.

The British submarine H 29 stationed at Copenhagen ran aground yesterday when leaving the port. The mishap was due to its proceeding down the shallow channel used by fishing boats.

It is however expected that the vessel will be refloated with the assistance of a Danish salvage steamer which is in attendance.

Miss Blanche Beatrice Read, of New Milton, Hampshire, at the London Sheriff's Court yesterday, was awarded £350 damages in an action for breach of promise of marriage against Ernest Thomas Spencer, motor engineer and chauffeur, Cheltenham.

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WHICH WAS WORSE?

Fatuous journalists wish fatuous things and readers are beguiled by the written word into belief in folly. Not many days ago in an article in a certain British journal, there appeared many perversions of fact on which were founded perverted reasonings.

Among the glaring mis-statements was the stock allegation of the Germans, thrown out quite as a matter of fact, that the peace which they have signed at Versailles is many times worse than the peace of Brest Litovsk.

What was the peace of Brest Litovsk? Russia was disarmed and powerless, not through the might of the forces arraigned, against her but her own abandonment in Bolshevism of all defensive preparation and her credulous reliance upon the promises of German agents.

Her enemies did not demand, as the Allies do, reparation for wrongs and outrages done by the act of war, they outlined no peace of nations, they merely tore and dismembered with greedy hands the body incapable of resistance of a people bemused, it is true, by the drugs which the Bolsheviks had mixed with the wine of license but instinct with 200 years of national consciousness.

They prescribed terms which would have rivetted a Teutonic domination for all time upon Russia to the confines of India and the Pacific ocean. Russia was deprived of the provinces of the Ukraine, Bessarabia, the Crimea, Georgia, a part of the Caucasus, Lithuania, the Baltic provinces, Finland.

The superficial area of these lost provinces (not including Finland was 707,000 square versts. (a verst is about half a mile). But the superficial area was as nothing compared with the fact, that in it was contained the most populous and the most thriving districts of the Moscovite empire.

The population contained in this area was over one fourth of the population of the whole country. These provinces produced a third of the grain of Russia, three quarters of its immense output of oil and one third of its manufactured articles.

In them the railway system had developed with prosperity and constituted one third of the mileage of this huge empire. Germany has lost some six millions of inhabitants by the treaty of Versailles but they were mainly the people of Alsace-Lorraine and Poland, neither an original part of the Prussia-German empire, nor friendly to it.

The extent of territory which she lost is of very subsidiary matter, but here again there is no comparison between it and the huge tract which Russia was to give up, and these tracts remember, were not outlying portions but integral parts of Russia, while Germany has retained all that which is purely German, intact.

There were many other and oppressive conditions involved in the treaty, but these are enough to show which in fact was the many times worse—Versailles or Brest Litovsk.

UNCERTAINTY.

Apart from the undercurrent of restlessness and dissatisfaction that is affecting certain classes to-day, the world generally, is seeking some rest from the bitter turmoil of the past few years and snatching at what happiness it can obtain before the burdens of the coming social and industrial struggle are shouldered.

After passing through the severest test that humanity has had to endure since the history of the race began, is this to be wondered at?

We live in an extraordinary time. Few of us can foresee with any hope of exactness what will happen in the next few years. We know of course that we can never return to the days before the war, but what the new days will be like we scarcely dare predict. We are all living on borrowed money but the rustle of paper notes sounds pleasant enough.

Crowds are thronging the pleasure resorts, living in a fool's Paradise perhaps, but at any rate it is some sort of a Paradise.

The average man is not disposed to worry too much about an uncertain future.

He is tired of peace talk and the significance of the signing of peace does not excite him greatly.

Peace celebrations give him the chance of a good time. In pageantry and hilarity he can be quite happy. They are tangible things. The future is intangible. Let it take care of itself, says he.

HOBBIES.

"What hobby can I take up while I am out here on the Rhine?" is a question many men are asking.

There are many hobbies, in fact, which can worthily claim the leisure of soldiers in the Occupied Area of Germany. Some of these give enjoyment to the man who prefers indoor life; and some take him into the streets and country.

Amongst the hobbies of the former class we mention stamp collecting. It is a pastime which invests history and geography with a novel interest, and it can be followed easily by the man of moderate means, as well as by the man who is dissatisfied until he finds in his collection the pearl of great price.

Then there is coin collecting. To most of us it is a serious art of life, but there is pleasure to be gained from the quest of very modest tokens of a nation's currency. The range of interest is widened in these days of paper money, and a collection of notes which bring nothing out pity or rebuke from canteens or field-canteens has a real interest for those who have an eye to the picturesque vagaries of scattered municipalities.

Again, there are always some men who are ill at ease till they can master the language of the people amongst whom they are living. For them the best of all hobbies is the learning of German.

Books, too, have their appeal to many soldiers. In the quiet of a man's billet he may learn the strange story of the nations, their struggles, aims, conquests, their inventions and ideals, their art and letters.

In The Open Air.

But in hobbies of out-door life most men find their chief enjoyment. It is not given to all to play games so well that sport becomes the only pastime. What of those who have not the necessary skill or physique or youth for the playing field?

Many find pleasure in photography, and in the land of lens s they have full scope for their activities. In after days much enjoyment will come to the man who has a collection of views that represents his personal interest in the Rhineland. It may be that he can buy cheaper and even better pictures of the recognised places of interest, but he can have photographic mementoes of scenes, friends, incidents in which the professional photographer is uninterested.

Even without the aid of a camera many find pleasure in visiting and inspecting some of the architectural beauties of this country. There are wonderful churches in Cologne that well repay the soldier whose hobby is the study of ecclesiastical art. There are, too, some ancient houses that have written on them the legends and traditions of olden days. There are statues that recall hoary annals, institutions, foundations, and museums that express a people's interest in philanthropy, love of learning, and cultivation of the arts.

Nature-Human and Otherwise.

The man who is interested in science can also follow his bent. There is a wonderful profusion of flowers in the by-ways of our neighbourhood that must make a direct appeal to the botanist, and the rich variety of the Rhineland's trees will lead him into the shady woods where he can in peace make the classifications that are dear to the scientist's heart.

Already some have begun geological study in the surrounding country, and some have made notes of the bird-life to be found in field, marsh and hill. There are few branches of science that cannot be studied by the man whose hobby lies in that direction.

One must not forget the greatest of all hobbies—the study of human nature. That can be followed everywhere and at all times. The streets of Cologne or Bonn or many another town will provide human interest to the soldier who is interested in the physiognomy and mentality of his fellows. He need not break even the spirit of the Army's recommendation regarding fraternization in his quest of psychology.

These are some of the hobbies that are open to us. The man with a hobby need fear no dull times, for his mind and will are pleasurably exercised.

"THREES."

"Eft, 'ight, 'eft, 'ight, 'eft, 'eft — Squad 'alt!! Tite Dress! Back number four, a little forward Six, Seven and Eight. No not too much. Steady Eyeees Front! Stondet easse! Stend easy!"

The squad of batmen half recognized these fairly familiar words of command, because, well they obeyed, after a style.

You see our batmen don't parade as a rule. Nevertheless they were on orders for the route march on the morrow anyway. B.R.O. 's were: "All batmen *will* attend".

As they don't usually parade they had not explored as yet the mysteries and wonders of forming threes.

The cockney N. C. O. was looking a bit dubious as he proceeded to unearth something in his pockets. "It" came at last. Two sheets of crumpled foolscap that absolutely shouted B.R.O. Then he started:

"You've orl 'eard abatt the noo roote marching order of column of threes. Well you've got to pick that there up in an nour. See!! Nah then, Wow! wait a bit. Squad shun!! — — In threes number. One! two! three! four! five! — As you were, as yer were! — In threes number. One! two! three! one!"

"Nah then. listen ere. On the word of command number one of the front rank, will *not* move. See. — Clear that, ain't it. From rear rank. Number two of the front rank will tike a pice backwards of 14½ inches with 'is left foot, no a pice to 'is left of 14 inches wide is right; I mean 'is left foot. Thats abaht orl yer do git in the Army, yer full plice in the ranks!"

"There's abaht umpteen different things yet. Number three of the front rank will tike a full pice of 27 inches to 'is right, no 'is rear, and a pice of 27 inches to 'is right. Got that clear."

"Nah abaht the rear rank."

"Pay attention there. At the same word of command, number one of the rear rank won't move at all." Number ones look relieved.

"Number two will! — corks wot does number two do? Ah 'ere we 'ave it. Number two will tike a pice forward with 'is left foot of 14 inches, and a pice to 'is left, no, 'is right with 'is left foot, no 'is left foot of 14 inches. Got that all clear. W'ats up with number two's of rear rank? Number 3 of the rear rank will tike a pice to 'is rear, no, 'is left, wide is right, left foot. Got that. *Did* they get it? Wait."

"Nah then lets see 'ow yer shipe. Squad! shun! Move to the right in threes!! A scuffle as of many feets and chaos reigns on the parade ground. As yer were, Asyerwere! Come on wike up. I made it clear didn't I? Form threes! Not so bad this time."

"Third section of threes is wrong. So 'is fourth fifth and sixth sections."

"Half a minute sergeant. There's two blank files here and I'm one. What do I do?"

"Yer dense idgit didn't I explain it once. Numbers three of the front rank, no rear, no I mean, number two tikes a pice to — oh 'ang it fall out for a smoke for ten minutes."

B.R.O.'s revised. "Batmen will *not* parade tomorrow." Authority. Para. 1. Page 66, section 44, signed as per parade states.

SIGNALLER.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

A GROWING PRACTICE.

Sir,— In the interest of members of the Army of Occupation and also to maintain the dignity of the British Army I would suggest that in places of public entertainment, seats should not be reserved indefinitely.

I was in a cabaret in Cologne last evening where all the best seats were either occupied or reserved for Germans, several of whom did not appear for an hour or more after the performance began.

Parties of British officers were turned away from unoccupied seats.

If a notice: "No seats reserved for more than 15 minutes after the performance has started", was put up we should be saved the exhibition of British officers being supplanted by Germans in public places.

"BIRD OF PASSAGE".

STILL MORE ABOUT OUR GIRLS.

Sir,—With reference to "Musician's" views re English girls, I think it is very unfair for Englishmen to refer to their own flesh and blood in such a way.

Not only are they insulting English girls, but including their own sisters.

For my part I prefer the English girls to either French, Belgian—or German. Give us the English girl every time.

"YPRES."

Sir,— "An Englishman's" letter in a recent issue is interesting. Although I have no intention of marrying a German girl, I can only say that, in my opinion, the German girl suffers little by comparison with others.

As to the thousands of nice young girls at home, and incidentally out here, it is obvious to most of us, that many of them hold the views of Mr. Justice Horridge.

"ONE OF THE COMMON ONES."

SCENTLESS COUNTRYSIDE.

Sir,—"Gunner M." in his letter, comments on the scentless countryside of Rhineland, as compared to that of England, but offers no explanation for the difference.

It is due mainly to the difference in humidity. New-mown hay, for instance, has here less sweetness than the English grown, yet it was the usual sweet clover.

In dry countries, such as Western Canada, the country has practically no smell, except in springtime, when all the land is moist.

Moisture in the air seems to carry scents much as wires do electric current.

C. C. S.

DR. BLACK'S LECTURE.

Sir,— Dr. Black in his lecture on "English speaking nations" at the Loreley Hall, said that he was not sure that we, the Rhine Army, were in so much need of his efforts as our American brothers.

We too, assisted by some sections of our press, are apt to forget our ties to America and to magnify our differences. All assistance to counteract this tendency is earnestly desired.

I am sure that I am expressing the feelings of many who were present when I say that I hope Dr. Black will grace us again very soon with his presence and that many more of our comrades will be there to hear his soul-stirring words.

J. W.

ART CLASSES.

Sir,—Referring to your correspondent "Queen's" on the subject of Art Classes, I for one can fully endorse the fact that such classes would be very popular.

As long ago as February last I had my name put down as desirous of taking up art studies but up to the present nothing has materialized. Apparently the educational scheme does not include art in its curriculum.

In view of the fact that an Arts and Crafts Exhibition is to be held in Cologne early in October there must be many would-be artists in the Rhine Army who would appreciate these classes to enable them to put forward their best efforts.

A.F.B.

We not fied in yesterday's issue that G.H.Q. had arranged an art class for the Rhine Army at 23 Kaiser Wilhelm Ring, Cologne.—Ed.

THE VALUE OF DISCIPLINE.

Sir,—The value of discipline is often urged upon us, but its salutary effects are not apparent in the ordinary audiences of British soldiers.

In such entertainment parties as those of Miss Lena Ashwell, much talent is displayed, but the attention of appreciative listeners is too often distracted by the noise and vulgar comments of many in the audience, who are devoid of good taste.

If strict discipline were enforced, this could be averted. It should not be allowable for music and art to be spoilt by people who have no soul for it.

"A PRIVATE."

GERMAN UNDER-CUTTING.

Sir,—Will you allow me a few lines in your paper to ask how it is that chocolate can be bought 20 pfgs. cheaper per small packet in the German shops in Cologne than the price charged by the E.F.C. I don't think it ought to be.

"STUNG."

IMPROVING OUR TRANSPORT.

Sir,—One phase of German organisation itself very evident, is worthy of comment in view of the transport difficulties exercising the minds of the people at home.

It would be useful if even only the third point mentioned were adopted.

First, it is a common sight to see the tram road used for transport—coal, for one thing.

Again, where circumstances justify it, trams use the same road as the trams, e.g. Cologne to Bonn, part way.

Lastly, but most important, is the system allowing factories to have private lines or "spurs" directly connected with the railways. The saving of time, inconvenience and expense is apparent both to consigner and consignee.

Can we hope for our railways to adopt this idea?

W.C. LANGLANDS.

CROWDED-OUT SUBALTERNS.

Letters on this subject are so numerous that a special column is devoted to them on page. 4.-Ed.

VICTORY.

Not thro' the clash of arms,
Through fierce encounter,
Man pitted against man
Has victory come:
But in that hour of reckoning
When mind surmounting mind
Checkmated force,
Re-sate fair reason on its throne.

LIONEL VERNEY.

"Zambuck's" Ride To Death.

AFTER THOUGHTS AND FORE THOUGHTS ON COLOGNE RACE MEETING.

One of the best races in Thursday's programme was undoubtedly the Welter steeplechase but the regrettable accident involving the death of the horse "Zambuck" diverted much of the attention that so exciting a finish would ordinarily have provoked. The animal left the course and dashed straight for the railings. Lieut. A. Terry, R.E. endeavoured with his mount to jump the obstacles, but the leap came too late so that the horse crashed into the top rail and, turning a complete somersault, broke his back. The rider was thrown many yards and was extremely lucky to escape injury.

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The liberal admixture of German civilians in the spectators present on the first day gave evidence of their being shrewd judges of racers After each race there was always a large crowd at the "paying out" department of the "Totalizator" from which it would seem that in the majority of cases the Germans enjoyed a profitable afternoon's sport.

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If the members of the Rhine Army Dramatic Company, and all who are familiar with their activities, did not benefit by the win of "General Post" they ought to have done. Those who go a-racing are notoriously as superstitions as sailors and many wierd reasons are advanced for supporting a particular horse. The fact that the Dramatic Company is already preparing for the production of "General Post" at the Deutsches Theatre the week after next, was surely sufficient excuse for having a totalizator ticket for this 17 to 1 winner.

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TO-DAY's FORM.

In several of to-day's races — the first of which is timed for 1 o'clock, by the way — "spotting the winner" will present difficult problems. There are 20 entries in the Cologne Plate, of which "Brigade Major" will carry 12 st. 7 lbs. as a penalty for having won two races this year. Esmeralda, in the same race, ran second in the Goodwood Maiden Plate at Kalk last month, while "I Wonder" won the five furlong race on Thursday. "Charlie" won the great Metropolitan at Kalk in April.

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In the second race, the Maiden Welter Steeplechas, "Old King Cole" ran third to "Barney" and "Sticks" at the last meeting, while "Yellow Peril" was place third over the same distance.

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"John Cording", "Billy", "Chief Right" and "Nolo" are all carrying 12 st. in the Cologne Plate. The first-named won the Goodwood Maiden Plate (1st Division) on June 7th; "Billy" won the Cologne Derby in April, while at the same meeting Velociter ran second to "Boys o' Boys" in the Allied Stakes over 6 furlongs. "Nolo" ran well in the Goodwood Maiden Plate and was beaten for third place by a very narrow margin.

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"Bubbles" is expected to make a good performance in the Maiden Race. In April he was close to "Rugby" and "Inilong" when placed third. "Mary" in the same race finished second to "Golden Boy" over a mile course.

In the last race, "Paddy", who was extremely unfortunate on Thursday, will attract plenty of attention. He beat "Iron Gate" in a similar race on April 29th and on the previous day, in a two-mile chase ran second, after stumbling, to "Right There". "Naboth" is also to be considered having run third in the Goodwood Plate, in a close finish at the last meeting at Kalk.

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Several other horses engaged to-day have won smaller races in the past, but of these no record is available.

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A good field in the Allied Steeple-Chase includes "Old King Cole", "Iron Gate", who was third to "Charlie" and "Elsie" over six furlongs in April, "Right There", who won the International Chase with "Paddy" a couple of Lengths away, second, "Barney", first in a two-and-a-half mile jump race at the last meeting; "Peggy" winner of a six furlong race; George II winner of the 2½ mile grand military steeplechase, and "General Post" who romped home in a six furlong flat race on Thursday.

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In the Victory Plate, "Ruby" will come in for plenty of attention, having won the Kalk Scurry (7 furlongs) in April, as also will "Chief's Right" who defeated a useful field in the Goodwood Plate (1st Division). "Tommy G" was twice placed in his two races this year, while "Ballynooley" was not far behind in "Chief's Right's" race. "Bully" and "Vetociter" are also entered in this race.

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"Kilbay" will have many supporters in the Maiden Welter Steeplechase after his capital performance on Thursday, when he was beaten by a short margin by "Jimmy" over 2½ miles. "Jimmy" and "Kate", in this race have also performed well previously both gaining second place in the June meeting in steeplechases of similar distance.

CUP AND SHIELD.

PRESENTATION TO C. COY, 24th BN., DUKE OF WELLINGTON REGT.

A concert given by the above Coy., at Dirmerzheim on Monday evening, was thoroughly appreciated by everyone present. By the kind permission of Col. S. G. Francis, D.S.O., selections were rendered by the Battalion band under the able leadership of L/Cpl. Lee. The following artistes also contributed to a very interesting programme:—Pte. Longdridge, pianist, Sgt. Melvin, Sgt. Carr, Sgt. Wyatt, Cpl. Jones, L Cpls. Aldridge, Charnock and Bond, Ptes. Badger, Lofthouse and Leybourne.

During the interval, Col. S. G. Francis, D.S.O., presented the cup and shield, and said it was a great pleasure for him to be able to present the trophies, especially as they were awarded for high honours gained in a branch of sport which was good and clean. It proved that when men combined well in play they could always come out on top, and those who could do that in any game were always to be depended upon, whenever called upon in times of need. He trusted that in the future they would keep up their splendid record.

The second half of the programme was wound up by a comedy sketch, entitled: — "The adventures of Chewed-up Bones," the celebrated detective. Sgt. Wyatt, Cpl. Schofield, L/Cpls. Shelton, Bond, Charnock and Pte. Leybourne created great amusement.

CRICKET FRIENDLIES.

CAV. DIV. A.C.'s REVENGE.

Cav. Div. Amm. Col., R.H.A. (51) v. 5th Bde. R.H.A., H.Q. (21), played at Bergheim on Tuesday, and won by the Amm. Col. by 30 runs. They thereby revenged their defeat by H.Q. by 4 runs earlier in the season. Bushfield and Harris each took 5 wickets for H.Q., but, bowling down wind for the Amm. Col., Bush took 6 wickets in 8 overs for 9 runs. Bush has now taken 47 wickets this season for 185 runs, or 3.93 apiece, while Price has secured 66 wickets for 257, or 3 apiece.

19th MIDDLESEX (138 FOR 5 DECD.) v. 187 BTY., R.F.A. (45).

A very interesting match was played at Unter Eschbach on Sunday, ending in a win for the 19th Middlesex. The 19th batted first, declaring with 5 wickets down for 138 runs. The R.F.A.'s total was 45. The chief scorers for the 19th were Sgt. Gass 43, and Sig. Taylor 38. Lieut. Luckhoff and Sig. Lathorpe bowled extremely well for the home team, the former taking 4 wickets for 26 and the latter 5 for 13.

TREMENDOUS BODY BLOW.

20 ROUND BOXING MATCH AT STOTZHEIM.

Great interest was manifested in and around Stotzheim in a 20 round fight, which took place in the village on Wednesday evening, between Gunner H. Gills and Sig. Smith, both of 174 Siege Bty, R.G.A. Gills had the advantage of reach and made very good use of it. The opening round was evenly contested, but in the second round, though both men were floored, Gills certainly had the best of matters.

In the subsequent fighting, Smith took a great deal of punishment and was only able to make an ineffective return. The end came in the tenth round, and was surprising, because it was unexpected. At the outset of the round, Gills drove his man hard. Suddenly, however, Smith slipped under his opponent's guard and landed him beneath the ropes with a tremendous body blow. Gills was counted out and Sergt. Gabe declared Smith the winner.

In the semi-final for the Roehampton Cup the Scouts beat Cowdray Park by 3 goals to 2.

Ranelagh County Cup semi-finals:—Wellington beat Rugby by 8—2, Wellington A. beat Aldershot by 8—7.

ENGLISH RACING.

MEETINGS AT SALISBURY AND PONTEFRACT.

Race meetings were held at Salisbury and Pontefract on Thursday, the following being the results at Salisbury:—

Tisbury Plate.— 1, Paraffin Lass (7-2); 2, Anthony (5-4); 3, Roho (5-2).

Champagne Stakes:— 1, Lady Peg (9-4); 2, Spiral Spin (5-2); 3, Felice (5-2).

Alington Plate:— 1, Chalow (7-4); 2, Doublet (7-2); 3, Court Beddyn (6-1).

Members Plate:— 1, Creslay (13-8); 2, Procurator (7-4); 3, Avezzano (11-4).

Downton Handicap:— 1, Western Wave (6-1); 2, Doubleview (4-1); 3, Clarice (5-1).

PONTEFRACT RESULTS.

Alexandra Handicap:— 1, Birdsnest (11-2); 2, Irish Lace (4-1); 3, Southbutwell (6-2).

Innkeepers Handicap:— 1, Fewston (9-2); 2, Skookum (5-1); 3, Jalalpao (20-1).

Great West Riding Handicap:— 1, Bridge of Marne (4-1); 2, Cranchester (11-8); 3, Dawn of Peace (3-1).

Borough Selling Plate:— 1, Varia (7-4); 2, Slurbowe (4-1); 3, Nursery Rhymes (7-2).

Park Hill Plate:— 1, Pop the Question (7-1), 2, Buzany (7-1); 3, Parisian Diamond (5-4).

Badsworth Plate:— 1, Sublime Princess (9-2); 2, Leus (2-1); 3, Black Lamb (9-2).

MOUNTED SPORTS.

LOWLAND DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

The Lowland Divisional Artillery Mounted Sports were held on the Haus Horst Grounds on Tuesday, there being a large attendance. Amongst those present were Generals Buckle, Reed, and Tudor, and Brigadier-Generals Kirby, Godby, Knapp, and Kirwan. The judging was carried out by Major-General Tudor and Brigadier Generals Kirby, Kirwan, and Sandys, assisted by other officers. The Band of the 15th H.L.I. played throughout the afternoon, and contributed largely to the enjoyment of the day.

EVENTS and WINNERS.

Officers Tentpegging: — 1, Captain Harvey, D.A. Hd. Qrs.

Wrestling on Horseback: — 1, D/50th Bde. R.F.A.; 2, No. 1 Section Lowland D.A.C.

Alarm Stakes:—1, D/50th Bde. R.F.A.; 2, No. 1 Section Lowland D.A.C.

Wheel Race: — 1, Bdr. Whetton, C 50th Bde. R.F.A.; 2, Sigdr. Thompson, C/50th Bde. R.F.A.; 3. Bdr. Mosdell, No. 1 Section, D.A.C.

Tug-of-War:— 1, A 51st Bde. R.F.A.; 2, No. 1 Section D.A.C.

440 yards open to Lowland Division:—1. Gnr. Patching, C/51st Bde. R.F.A.; 2. Sigdr. Mansie A.50th Bde. R.F.A.; 3, Dr. Ball, C 50th Bde. R.F.A.

Indian Tentpegging: — 1, Halidar Major Mana Cran; 2, Halidar Khabier Khan; Halidar Gobie, Lowland, D.A.C.

Section Driving: — 1, D.51st Bde. R.F.A.; 2, A.51st Bde. R.F.A.

O.R's Tentpegging: — 1, Sergt. Taylor, C 51st Bde. R.F.A.; 2, S. S. Hennessey, B/50th Bde. R.F.A.; 3, Corpl. Jones, B/51st Bde. R.F.A.

D.A.C. Section Driving:—No. 1 Section Lowland D.A.C.; 2, No. 2 Section Lowland D.A.C.

Officers' Jumping: — 1, Lieut. Arnold, S.A.A. Section D.A.C. Tied for; 2, Major Mostyn, D 50th Bde. R.F.A.; 3, Captain Parkes, H.Q.51st. Bde. R.F.A.

N.C.O's Half Section Jumping: — 1, B.S.M. Law, and Bombr. Brown, C/50th Bde. R.F.A.; 2, Bdr. Lloyd, and Bradley, D/51st Bde. R.F.A.; 3, B.S.M. Newman, and Sergt. Tylor, C/51st Bde. R.F.A.

Drivers Led Horse Jumping: — 1, Driver Mills, B/51st Bde. R.F.A.; 2, Driver Nolan, C/51st Bde. R.F.A.; 3 Driver Blackhall, C.50th Bde. R.F.A.

Mule Race:—1, Driver Norton, No. 2 Section D.A.C.; 2, Driver Sharp, No. 2 Section D.A.C.; 3, Driver Jones, C/50th Brigade R.F.A.

Band Race: — 1, L.ce. Cpl. Stephenson, 15th H.L.I.; 2, Piper Macalister, 15th H.L.I.; 3, Drummer England, 15th H.L.I.

The day was concluded by the distribution of prizes by Brig. Gen. Sandys, commanding Lowland Div. Arty

R.A.F. v. ARMY.

A match between the R.A.F. and the Army has been arranged to take place at the Oval on Aug. 15 and 16.

EIGHT CENTRAL BULLS.

COLONEL MELLISH CREATES A RECORD AT BISLEY.

Owing to the peace celebrations the King's Prize final at Bisley will now be shot for on July 18th and the Empire match on 22nd and 23rd July. The winner of the Bass competition was Lieut. Martin, R.A.S.C. Other prize winners were:—

Henry, Ulster, R.C. 96; Major Rankin, 8th Royal Scots 94; Mark 92; Malcom 91; Jones and Ashdown 90; Col. Perkins, 5th Queens 89; Capt. Robinson, R.F.C. 85; Lieut. Woodrow 1st V.B. Wilts 87.

The Halford Memorial Cup was won by Mr. Blood. Other winners: Major Whitehead, R.A.F. 143; Lieut Martin 142; Jones 141; Col. Perkins 139; Lieut. Blood R.F.A. 137; Col. Hopton 136; Major Ranken 135; Major Donaldson 135; Major Hardcastle 134; Major Pixley 134; Captain Robinson 134; and Major Sykes 130.

The Wimbledon Cup Competition was won by Col. Mellish who created a record with eight central bulls, scoring 79 out of a possible 90. He was the winner in 1913 and 1891.

The Public Schools Snapshooting Competition was won by Marlborough 46

WINNER OF THE ALBERT.

Mr. Blood, the Irish champion, won the Albert, one of the most important small-bore competitions of the meeting which is shot for at 900, 1000, and 1100 yards. His score was 76—75—77. Total 229.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

C/113 BDE. R.F.A. (57) v. 88 FIELD AMBULANCE (8) at Berg. Gladbach on Tuesday. The gunners won by 74 runs.

C/113 BDE. R.F.A. (141) v. 52 R. WARWICK (33) on Monday at Berg. Gladbach. The R.F.A. won comfortably by 108 runs.

5th RLY. TELEG. COY. (40) v. 51 AUX. BUS. (74), at Kalk on Wednesday.

17th LANCERS (96) for 2) v. 53rd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS (94). On Kalk racecourse on Tuesday; the Lancers won by 8 wickets.

CAV. DIV. H.Q. (134) v. 51st NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS (113) Some good scoring took place in this match which, after a most exciting finish was won by the Cav. by 21 runs. The Fusiliers started well, 18 runs being put on for the first wicket. Major Arkwright played splendid cricket, making 38 before being bowled by Lieut. Neil. Cpl. Spencer (26) and Lieut. Veitch (19) also did well. The Cavalry quite had the "wind up" against the bowling of Major Arkwright and Lieut. Veitch, losing their first four wickets for only 7 runs, a most disastrous start. Lieut. Fox (29) and Cpl. Harvey (22), however, stemmed the tide, taking the score to 56 before the latter was caught. Eight wickets were down for 102 when Lieut. C. R. Jennings was joined by Capt. Tolley, and both rose to the occasion splendidly, and pulled the game out of the fire, 128 being reached when Cpl. Tolley was bowled. He made one 6 and 2 fours in his 18. Lieut. C. R. Jennings carried his bat with a well-played 21.

1st WEST T.M.B. (66) v. 207 SQUADRON R.A.F. This postponed league match was played at Hermülheim on Monday. The T.M.'s batted first and apart from the first four batters (who all obtained double figure), did not too well, the whole side being out for 66. The R.A.F. started badly, Kaye alone showing anything like form. This player gave a vigorous display and scored 27, in which were four fours. He was also successful with the ball, taking 8 wickets at small cost. With this player's departure a close finish was in prospect, and with the last men together 3 runs were still required to win. Faulty fielding allowed two runs to be scored, but in attempting a "cheeky" one the last man was run out, leaving the game a tie—66 runs all.

LANCER M.G. SQUADRON (104) v. WAHN SURVEY DET (51).

II CORPS H.Q. (13) v. 92nd BDE. R.G.A. (31).

15th LANC. FUS. (60) v. EASTERN DIV. SIGS (58). On the latters ground after an exciting finish the Fusiliers won by two runs.

15th LANCS. FUS. (178) v. 52nd MANCHESTER 8). On 52nd Manchester's ground.

21st BRIGADE R.G.A. (199) v. IX CORPS H.A. (59). At Klein Bulles ground on Saturday. For 21st Brigade the Rev. Burrow made 95 runs and took 3 for 19.

E CORPS SIG. COY. (72) v. 77 SIEGE BATTERY (30). At Eschkirchen on Wednesday the Gunners met with their first reverse in the "Cologne Post" Cup Competition.

170 SIEGE BATTERY (41) v. 3rd. BATTALION M.G.C. (32). At Frechen on Wednesday.

No. 70 SQUADRON R.A.F. (152 for 8) v. A.P.O. COLOGNE (148). For the A.P.O. S.M. Sherman contributed a brilliant 55 and Major Pidduck played a nice innings for 36. With 4 wickets down for 45, things looked doubtful for the R.A.F., but Orris by hitting a bright 32 made a cheerful difference. The 8th wicket fell with 2 runs still required to win, but these were obtained without further loss.

207 SQUADRON R.A.F. (59) v. LANCS. DIV. M.T. COY. (47). For the losers, Lieut. Almond bowled extraordinarily well, taking 5 wickets for the loss of only 2 runs.

1/6th W. YORKS. (53 for 0) v. 53 R. WARWICK (50). At Blücher Park on Wednesday. The Yorks. won by 10 wickets.

OTHER RESULTS.

Cav. Div. A.C. R.H.A. (45) v. 53rd Sherwood Foresters (25).
354 Siege Battery (45) v. 73 Bde. R.G.A. (29).
52nd R. Warwick (69) v. 31 Lancour Group.
185 Siege Battery (55) v. 73rd. Bd. R.G.A. (16).
IX Corps Troops M.T. Coy. (38) v 18 Field Ambulance (25).

DÜREN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
153 Siege Bty.	8	7	1	14§
D Corps Siege Park	6	6	0	12
Light Div H.Q.	7	5	2	10§
D Corps Sig. Coy.	7	4	3	8§
3 K.O. Hussars	7	4	3	8§
52 Gordon Hdrs.	7	4	3	8§
62 Bn. M.G.C.	7	4	3	8§
Light Div. Sig. Coy.	6	4	2	8§
4 Corps Troops M.T. Coy.	5	3	2	6
15 K. Hussars	5	3	2	6§*
1/1 N. Mid. Heavy Bty.	5	3	2	6§
O. Bty. R. Corps Troops	6	2	4	4§
1 Light Railway Sig. Coy.	5	2	3	4§
10 A. and S. Hdrs.	4	2	2	4§
183 Siege Bty.	5	2	3	4§*
527 Coy. R.A.S.C.	3	1	2	2§
310 Bde. R.F.A.	3	1	2	2§
51 Sherwood Foresters	2	1	1	2§

SOLINGEN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
63 Field Coy.	5	5	0	10
64 Field Coy.	5	4	1	8
51 Hdrs	5	3	2	6
15 K.O.S.B.	4	3	1	6
Lowland Div. M.T. Coy.	4	2	2	4
Southern Div. R.E.	3	2	1	4§
90 Field Coy.	4	1	3	2*
15 H.L.I.	3	1	2	2
83 Dub. Gen. Hosp.	3	0	3	0
A/51 Bde R.F.A.	3	0	3	0
Lowland D.A.C.	2	0	2	0
11 Royal Scots	1	0	1	0

§ Games awarded for scratched matches.
* Games lost by default.

DEMPSEY'S CHALLENGER.

Mr. Cochran who has just returned from Paris says that Carpentier has agreed, if he wins at Olympia on September 2nd, to meet Dempsey for the world's title. Beckett has made the same agreement in the event of his winning at Olymia Dempsey's manager authorizes the statement that the present champion will only agree to the match if it is fought on American soil.

VICTORY SPORTS.

1/6th BATTALION THE PRINCE OF WALES' OWN (WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT).

Blucher Park, Cologne, was gay with bunting and the flags of the Allies on Wednesday, the occasion being the Victory Sports of the 1/6th Battalion The Prince of Wales' Own (West Yorkshire Regiment). There was a large assemblage of spectators. The regimental band conducted by Sergeant T. Raistrick rendered splendid selections, and Miss Phyllis (Pte. W. Moyse) an incomparable female impersonator, moved gracefully about the ground and by her charms won the hearts of many gallant subalterns who were not in the "know". The Jazz Band under Drm.-Major "Jazzer" Hume in their Chinese nigger, and other weird costumes caused great amusement and roars of laughter. Never were mouth organs and whistles blown more vigorously and Juanita, the Spanish dancer, excelled herself in her graceful motions, so much so that the General requested a special performance.

Lieut. W.H. de Vol conducted an interesting Pin Guessing Competition. The catering arrangements were in the capable hands of Lieut. R.A. Russell and the men's canteen had large stocks of fruit, ice-cream and other good things. It is interesting to note that the German police who assisted our regimental police to keep order were given, much to their surprise, an excellent tea and by this act of courtesy they were deeply impressed. Captain Hill was in charge of the "Charlie Chaplin" booth.

THE BEST ATHLETE.

The best athlete of the day was Lieut. W. Rumney, the sports officer, who was first in no less than six events. In the mile, half mile and flat races he far outstripped every other competitor. L/Cpl. Mercer of "D" Coy. also secured six prizes and was the best individual O.R. The officials were under the presidency of Bt.-Col. F.N.S.M. Howard, D.S.O. Lieut. Snoesmith acquitted himself well as clerk of the course, and he was ably assisted by Capts. Peberdy D.S.O. Bisatt, Sinclair, M.C. M.M., and Lieuts. Price, and Lancaster, M.C who performed the onerous duties of judges. The referee was Lieut. Richardson and the starters Capt. Rees, M.C., and 2/Lieut. Burnard. R.S.M. Cudworth made a splendid marshal of the course. Rev. G. Kendal, C.F. had charge of amusements and the other officials were; Recorders, Capt. Illingworth; 2/Lieut. Walker; Lap. Scorer: Lieut. Norton; Prizes: Lieut. Wilkinson; Groundsman: Pte. Driver; Blackboard; Sgts. Cook and Carruthers.

The Battalion Sports Cup was won by "B" Coy. and the announcement was made amid scenes of great enthusiasm. The prizes were presented to the winners by Brigadier-General H.C. Potter C.M.G. D.S.O. who said the sports were the best he had ever attended. He was accompanied by Brigade-Major G.S. Gartlan, D.S.O., M.C., and Staff Captain F.W. Paley, M.C., D.C.M., M.M.; also Col. H.H. Headlam C.M.G., D.S.O., 4th York and Lancs. Three bumper cheers for General Potter, Col. Howard and "B" Company brought a most successful day to a close.

RESULTS OF SPORTS:

The results were as follows:—

Throwing the Cricket Ball:—1, Cpl Smith, "C" Coy.; 2, Pte. Ashton, "A" Coy.; 3, Pte. France, "C" Coy.

220 yards (Other Ranks) Open to Northern Division:—1. L/Cpl. Mercer, 1/6th Bn. West York Reg.; 2, L/Cpl. Howarth, 1/5th Bn. West York Regt.; 3, Pte. Caristen-on. Northern D.A.C.

High Jump:—1, Capt. Rees, M.C., "B" Coy; 2, Pte. Wilkinson, "D" Coy.; 3, Pte. Gibbons, "D" Coy.

Mile (Flat):—1, Lieut. Rumney, "A" Coy.; 2, Lieut. Wilkinson, "C" Coy.; 3, Pte. Redmead, "D" Coy.

Tilting the Bucket:—1, Ptes. Ratcliffe and Palmer; 2. Ptes. Naylor and Wilbourne.

120 yard Hurdles:—1, Sgt. Robinson, "C" Coy.; 2, L/Cpl. Mercer, "D" Coy.; 3, Capt. Rees, M.C., "B" Coy.

Pillow fight on Pole:—1, Pte. Walker, "C" Coy.; 2. Pte. Eadkins, "A" Coy.

220 yards Flat (Officers) open to Northern Division:—1, Capt. Tittle, 52nd Northumberland Fusiliers; 2, Lieut. Sams, R.F.A.; 3, 2 Lieut. Hunter, 1/6th Bn. West Yorkshire Regt.

440 yards Flat:—1, Lieut. Rumney, "A" Coy.; 2. L/Cpl. Mercer, "D" Coy.; 3, Pte. James, "B" Coy.

100 yards Flat:—1, Lieut. Rumney, "A" Coy.; 2, L/Cpl. Mercer, "D" Coy.; 3, L Cpl. Chamberlain, "A" Coy.

Putting the Weight:—1. Lieut. Rumney, "A" Coy.; 2, C. S. M. Hubbard, "A" Coy.; 3, Pte. Wrigglesworth, "B" Coy.

Long Jump:—1, Lieut. Hunter, "A" Coy.; 2, Sgt. Donald, "C" Coy.; 3, Cpt. Rees M.C., "B" Coy.

Mile Relay Race (Teams of Four); 1, "A" Coy; 2, "C" Coy.; 3, "D" Coy.

Half Mile Flat:—1, Lieut. Rumney, "A" Coy.; 2, Lieut. Wilkinson, "C" Coy.; 3, L/Cpl. Wood, "A" Coy.

220 yards Flat:—1. L/Cpl. Mercer, "D" Coy.; 2, Lieut. Hunter, "A" Coy.; 3, C.Q.M.S. Thane, "A" Coy.

Consolation Race 220 yards:—1, L/Cpl. Chamberlain; 2, Pte. Redmead; 3, L Cpl. Stainton.

Tug-of-War:—1, "B" Coy.; 2, "C" Coy.; 3, "A" Coy.

Mule Race:—1, Pte. Gladen; 2, Pte. Line; 3, Pte. Leach.

Band Race:—1, Pte. Pig..in; 2. Pte. Howarth; 3, Pte. Woodward.

Cross Country Team Race:—1, "B" Coy.; 2. "C" Coy.; 3, "A" Coy. First runner home:—Lieut. Rumney, "A" Coy.; Second runner home:—R.Q.M.S Franks, "B" Coy.; Third runner home:—Capt. Rees M.C., "B" Coy.

Battalion Sports Cup was won by "B" Coy.

Best Individual (Other Ranks), L/Cpl. Mercer, "D" Coy.

COUNTY CRICKET RESULTS.

Hampshire 315 and 289; Surrey 579 for four declared. Match drawn.

Derbyshire 115, Somerset 126 for seven.

Lancashire 408; Essex 194 for three.

Northants 410; Sussex 125.

LINDENTHAL "TOURNAY."

Owing to rain few matches could be played in the Lawn Tennis Tournament at Lindenthal on Thursday. Details of these matches will appear in our issue of tomorrow.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday, July 12, 1919.

Wind between west and Nord-west, 5—10 m.p.h. Weather rather cloudy; some bright intervals. Moderate temperature. Fair visibility.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

"The Mollusc" at Bruhl.

The first performance of the Rhine Army Dramatic Company outside Cologne was in every way a success. The Company visited Bruhl on Wednesday and submitted "The Mollusc" to a packed house. The caste was exactly the same as that which produced the play at Cologne.

The Merry Muffins.

"The Merry Muffins" gave an enjoyable entertainment at Düren Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday before a large audience. A good deal of new "business" was introduced and the items were varied and excellent throughout. The artistes were Lt. McCracken, Cpls. Haworth and Livingstone, S.S. Stribbling, Lce Cpl. Turner, Ptes. Armes and H.E. Stafford. The Irish Jazz Band was original and laughable.

East Lynne Burlesque.

My recent note concerning the performance of an East Lynne burlesque by "The Tabs" and the "Robin Hoods" has brought forth a letter from an individual who signs himself "Informant," and who claims that the "Diamonds" was the first Army Concert Party to work this act. Does no one else claim the distinction?

A Droll Comedian.

"The New Bing Boys," a concert party of quite recent origin, possesses an exceedingly droll and humorous comedian in Pte. Donn, of the Scotch Cyclists. Donn is very reminiscent of Sam Mayo, and his "Pilgrims of the Night," and "My Wife's First Husband" numbers never fail to cause roars of laughter. Before the war Donn saw much service with touring revues, and the name Phil Donn is well-known to hundreds of frequenters of the Northern theatres On Friday, Donn is appearing at the Church Army Cinema, Mülheim, and all should make a special point of seeing him.

A Juvenile Lead.

Frank Hartley (Sgt. Large) of whom this is an impression is the popular juvenile lead of the "Pedlars" concert party. He is also part producer of the sketches which are such a big feature in the "Pedlars" programmes. He is well known all over England and is a remarkably fine actor, some of his character parts being wonderfully good. He recently took up concerted item work in place of a member of the party who was ill, with such success, that he is now an essential member in the concerted numbers.

Jazz Band.

2nd Lieut. A.H. Bryan's (G.H.Q.) Jazz Band has had an active six weeks, tour in various parts of Rhineland. A few days ago immense enjoyment was provided for a large audience at the Excelsior Hotel, while to-morrow, Sunday, the talented combination of instrumentalists will play for the G.H.Q. midnight river dance in connection with the Remagen trip.

Euskirchen Y.M.C.A. Reading Circle.

At the weekly meeting on Monday evening, a good gathering heard Pte. A. Boreham's maiden effort, an ably arranged paper on "Dr. Johnson's Tour to the Hebrides." A brief resume of the life of the lexicographer, with an account of his tour, interspersed with well-chosen extracts from the book by Boswell, was very much enjoyed by those present, and a good deal of discussion followed, several members expressing their opinions upon the life and work of Johnson.

"The Darts" Concert Party.

The above party made their appearance at Stotzheim recently, and were well received by a packed house. They are to be congratulated on a very successful show. Pte. Conway sang "Jealous of me" (with clarionet accompaniment), Pte. Bell, as the "girl impersonator," sang his songs very tastefully and was very much to the fore, while Pte. Kendall, as the comedian, was a great favourite with the audience. The party also gave a very creditable show at Freisheim, and are to visit Euckenheim, Munstereifel, Gr. Vernich and Ludendorf, in search of fresh triumphs.

In a few words.

Another of the popular whist drives was held at the B.E.L.C. on Thursday night. Ptes. Beals and Munro tied for the first ladies' prize.

At the Saturday dance to be held to-day at the British Empire Leave Club, there will be an exhibition of the Highland reel by the men of the 4th Bn. Gordon Highlanders accompanied by a piper.

JACQUES.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Athletic "Bobbies."

At Olympia the Metropolitan Police beat the 3rd Leinsters in the 100 stone tug-of-war.

British Isles out of it.

The Wimbledon lawn tennis meeting concluded on Tuesday evening without a solitary one of the five championships falling to the British Isles.

Weighing Nicely.

It is only a little under a week to go before he meets Jimmy Wilde at Olympia, and already Pal Moore, the American boxer, is within pounds of the necessary 8st. 4lb. required by his contract.

Football Transfer.

The Preston North End directors have transferred J. L. Macauley, the Irish international inside-left, whom they secured from Huddersfield Town five years ago, to Leicester Fosse.

Galloper Light.

Galloper Light has returned safely from Paris, and is little the worse for his journey. I gather from those who saw the race that he showed marked superiority to all the French horses, and the result was assured a long way from home.

Middle Stump Smashed.

The ball that bowled Mead at Southampton on Tuesday broke the middle stump in two.

First Defeat.

Essex were beaten for the first time this season as the result of their visit to Yorkshire.

An Officer's Charger.

Prevoyant, who ran at Salisbury this week, has seen service as an officer's charger on the Western front.

Ladies' Long Swim.

The Surrey Ladies' Swimming Club long-distance race in the Thames was won yesterday by Miss Ivy Hawkes, who swam from Raven's Ait, Surbiton, to Chiswick Church, 11¾ miles, in six hours and a half.

Players Signed.

The players signed by Luton Town F.C. for their Southern League eleven next season include:— P. Summers, goalkeeper (from Grimsby Town and Sheffield Wednesday); J. Dunn, J. R. Elvery and F. Bates, backs; T. Urwin (Sheffield United and Scotswood), J. Rutherford and T. Bowler (both Tottenham Hotspur), half-backs; and E. Simms and W. F. Farr (Leicester Fosse), forwards.

COLOGNE RACES: TO-DAY— 1st. RACE 1 p.m.

Look ahead!

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A HEATED DISCUSSION ENDS.

The letter from "Subaltern" complaining that junior officers are spurned by the fair sex in favour of seniors and staff officers at dances in Rhineland, and the indignant reply from "Agnes," have raised a storm among all ranks of the Rhine Army. The number of letters received on the subject has been so overwhelming that it is impossible to find space for them in the ordinary "Letterbox" column. As they are of such general interest, we devote to-day this special column to them.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Sir,— I met "Agnes" at the VI Corps Ball. I'm afraid her head has been rather turned by a long series of unexpected successes amongst red tabs, decorations, and men generally. I think I know "Subaltern" too, and although not good looking, he is at least very courteous, (not nice, that's a horrid word to use about anyone). I'm very much inclined to agree with him about Agnes, whose conscience appears to be pricking her.

"RED TAB".

FROM A REGIMENTAL OFFICER.

Don't be silly Agnes; I assure you that I am generally supposed to have quite nice manners. You really must not give yourself airs because you happen to be spoilt by Brigadiers and red-tabbed officers! but I know you really don't mean what you say.

I am sure you will agree that there are far too many Staff Officers at these balls and that the Regimental Officer does not get a "look in" even though he be a grey haired regimental subaltern with the most perfect manners, and can dance like an angel.

I heard a girl address one of her sister V.A.D.'s as "Agnes" at a dance the other night. I wonder if she is the writer, I don't think she can be, she looked far too nice and sensible.

ARCHIBALD.

WAS "SUBALTERN" SHY?

Sir,—I would much rather dance with a young officer or "other rank" because I am young myself, but at one of the big dances in Cologne recently I found most of the partners I should have liked, booked girls up for the whole evening.

Now that sort of thing doesn't suit me. I like a change of partners, and so I was obliged to dance with men much older than I am. Some of them were very old and some had red tabs.

If "Subaltern" had asked me for a dance or two I would have jumped at his offer. Perhaps, though he was too shy to ask.

"SEVENTEEN."

ADVICE OF THE POET.

Sir,—"Subaltern" has evidently a grievance. Some fair maiden has given him the "go-by" in order to dance with some one whom she preferred to dance with.

Surely "Subaltern" would not be so selfish as to usurp pleasure to himself, irrespective of the lady's feelings in the matter. Apart from that, is it quite soldierly to whimper over these things in the public press?

Why not view the matter from the standpoint of the poet:—

If she be not fair to me,
What care I, how fair she be?

After all, we have all had to do without the society of the fair sex during the war, and I would advise "Subaltern" to do what we who are not subalterns will have to do, i.e. wait till we are demobbed.

TOMMY.

ARE JUNIOR OFFICERS DIFFIDENT?

Sir,—I have little patience with "Agnes" and would welcome the idea of a subalterns' dance club if one could be arranged.

Many of us are young, and would be very glad to meet officers of the same age. It has struck me that junior officers show too much diffidence where their seniors are concerned and do not press their claims.

Let them try their chances, and I for one, will never risk the claim to be a snob as "Majority's" friend must be. Personally the claims of the junior officer always appeal to

V.A.D.

MORE DISCRIMINATING.

Sir,- One of the reasons why Subalterns find it hard to obtain partners at dances etc. may be because being younger they are more particular as to the looks of the lady they dance with.

I think perhaps "Agnes" may have missed this point.

A. A.

TWAS EVER THUS.

Sir,—I must say that I fail to understand the grumble of "Subaltern" and others of that ilk for it was ever thus that the resplendent glory of tabs and rank made their appeal to the fair sex.

My mind wanders back to the days spent in hospital when one was able to get a few hours chat with our V.A.D. 's and I am mindful of many kindnesses, but even then I recall my envy of the wearer of a crown a few beds away Somehow "The Major" got all the attention.

"ROUEN."

THE MANNERS OF "AGNES."

Sir,—I suppose other ranks should have nothing to say on this question. Notwithstanding I should like to reply to "Agnes."

The letter freezes one as effectually as the gaze O.R.s so frequently receive from British ladies of Agnes's type in Cologne. Heaps of N.C.O's and men I know would like to spend an afternoon or evening occasionally with a British girl.

Association with a nice girl lifts Tommy out of his present self into his old self. Such associations apart from the enjoyment side, add to our good manners, but after reading the last paragraph of Agnes's letter I am of opinion that much could not be gained in manners from any association with her, although apparently she can dance.

W.J.X.

This correspondence is now closed.—Ed.

Echoes from Rhineland.

NO MORE REPLIES.

The other day we had to explain why it had become absolutely necessary to abandon the idea of answering any queries on demobilization. Now, with regret, we are forced to say that our feature of "Answers to Correspondents" has to go by the board altogether as well. We can neither afford the space nor the considerable time it takes to handle such a feature. In a daily newspaper such as ours, to attempt to reply to the overwhelming number of enquiries, many of them entailing close and long research among records, reference works, and Army Orders, has now become quite beyond the powers of our necessarily limited staff of officers and other ranks. This we are sure will be understood by all. We would help every one if we could, but we cannot. So in future it is hoped that nobody will expect "Answers to Correspondents."

Teaching Them to Play.

Happening to be in Neuwied on the Rhine the other day, we were shown a copy of "The Indian," a bright periodical issued by the second Division of the United States troops. It is full of American "vim," and some really laughable sketches adorn its pages. One of its articles tells how the German children have learned to play games since the "Doughboys" came on the scene. The writer remarks: American soldiers simply cannot leave little children alone. Everywhere they go they play with the kiddies and teach them American games. Great big hulking doughboys, artillerymen, marines, ammunition handlers or truck drivers may be seen about the streets tossing balls to little boys and girls, teaching them games, and then entering heartily into the fun of the thing themselves. If these children had a bit more of the same sort of training, the future Germany would be a different place from that which the Americans found when they arrived here.

Hose Pipes.

In a public house just outside Cologne, a British Tommy and a German were conversing on the war. The Tommy took from his pocket his tobacco pouch and handed it to the German, who had a modern German pipe. His face beamed with satisfaction as he filled his pipe and returned the pouch with a smile and profuse thanks. After looking hard at the pouch and then at the German he was heard to exclaim to his pal standing close by "Blimey, Bill, drink up and let's get out of here, before some one else asks, 'Have you nix pipe of English tobacco for me?'"

A Midnight Marauder.

It was nearly midnight. Not a sound came from the deserted village outside. The writer was seated at the table, putting the finishing touches to his work, when a stealthy sound of scratching and breathing reached his ears. The room was on the gound floor, and the open window looked out on the main street; across the front of the windows were drawn some thin lace curtains. The noise continued. What could it be? Thoughts flew back to recent rumours which brought a chilly sensation to the spine. What could be done? The sound of breathing was audible in the stillness. But all was dark and black beyond the curtain. The sound remained, but nothing could be discerned. The curtain was swaying—unnaturally. There was something there; a black and white body was distinguishable. Fists after all might be useful, when there bounded into the room—a stray cat, one of the few left in Germany.

Have You Tasted Whorts?

Whorts, or as the native calls them, "Waldbeeren," are now being gathered in fairly large quantities in Rhineland. This delicious little fruit is as common in the South of England as here, though, strange to say, it is greatly neglected as an article of food, some even regarding it as a kind of poison berry. The whort bush is much like a garden box shrub in appearance and attains a height of about 18 inches. The fruit possesses the colouring and bloom of the hot-house black grape, is about the size of the currant and has a very delicate and distinctive flower. It is very appetizing in a tart, and being practically seedless and juicy, makes good jam and a rich wine.

Passing of an Army Daily.

We very much regret the passing of the "Amaroc News," the American Army daily newspaper printed at Coblence, which is to close down on July 15. The officers and men who have produced our contemporary are proceeding to Brest in order to embark for the United States. The News had a short but successful career. It is only ten weeks old, but had a circulation of 50,000 copies and to date has made a very considerable profit. We congratulate the staff upon the success which has attended their enterprize, and while we shall miss their daily musings, we wish them bon voyage and all the success we would wish ourselves in the future.

The Value of Gestures.

A humorous incident worthy of record occurred in Cologne. One of the young guards, being deficient of a tooth-brush, set out to purchase the necessary article. Upon referring to his German conversation guide he, of course, found no translation for the words toothbrush; so perforce entered a likely looking little fancy shop and asked the frau very distinctly for a toothbrush. This effort was greeted by shrugged shoulders and "nicht verstehn." So our friend was hit by an idea. Very carefully he went through the motions of cleaning his teeth. At once the good lady woke up and with a bright "jah, jah" "Versten ich", produced a mouth-organ.

Street Sales.

Not far from the centre of Cologne may be seen a small vegetable market the wares of which are distinctly good to look upon. The convenience of such a market is apparent at first sight. It is in the centre of a residential district and here under the trees morning after morning are set out many baskets containing the freshest of produce from the market gardens. To these sellers come mistress and maid and a wide selection awaits them. It is not so much the contents of the baskets as their fresh and cleanly appearance which attracts one. By 10.00 hours the vegetables have changes hands and after a sweep up, the square resumes its wanted calm. Such impromptu markets, if one may call them such, would be welcomed in many suburbs of our cities at home.

Prizes for "Echoes."

The Editor of "The Cologne Post" offers every day the sum of 10 marks for the best paragraph descriptive of any phase of life or interesting incident in Rhineland, not exceeding 150 words in length. The envelope should have the word "Echoes" in the top left hand corner.

To-day's prize of 10 marks is awarded to Pte. W. Moore, C. Coy 1/5th Border Regt. Rhine Army.

From Everywhere.

Cheap.—Peace at the cost of a halfpenny rate is thought cheap by a Broadstairs councillor.

Not yet.—There is no truth in the rumour that the Prince of Wales is engaged to be married.

On the Sands.—A schoolmistress in South Wales is giving dancing lessons on the sands.

Still Useful.—U.S.A. gasmasks are being used as a guard against ammonia fumes.

Bisley.—The entries for the King's Prize at Bisley include two women.

Coffins up.—Parish coffins, which cost 9s.6d. are £3 10s. now.

Whortleberries.—There is every prospect of a bumper whortleberry crop in Devon.

The British Navy.—Bruges will present a flag to the British Navy next Wednesday.

More Records.—General Seely is the first Minister to fly to Ireland.

Instead of Barmaids.—Jarrow workmen urge that ex-service men should replace barmaids.

Chelsea Vases.—A pair of Chelsea vases have fetched nearly £ 5,000.

Closed.—The R.A.F. aerodromes at Yatesbury and Wyton have been closed.

Enterprize.—Americans have already rented many warehouses in Danzig for the storage of goods.

Going Up.—At the beginning of the week nearly 3,000,000 officers and men had been demobilised.

"Some" List.—Mentions of officers and men of the Artillery and Engineers filled 41 pages of the Gazette.

Coincidence.—At 7 a.m. on the seventh day of the seventh month, a Dulwich woman gave birth to her seventh child.

Cologne Races.—About 25 per cent of the crowd at Cologne Races were Germans.

War Bonus.—County Court Judges are to get a war bonus of £ 300 a year.

No Extension.—There will be no extension of time for the Victory Loan.

New Bombing.—Bombing aeroplanes are to be used to exterminate "rogue" elephants in the African Bush.

Brussels Strikes.—Brussels hotel and restaurant keepers, being unable to meet the demands of strikers, have decided to close down.

Profiteering de Luxe.—Certain French hotels announce their intention to raise prices by as much as 500 per cent during peace celebrations.

Woman's Dislike.—A Bedfordshire ratcatcher stipulates that tails must be delivered to him personally. He says his wife would faint at the sight of them.

Trial of Generals.—The trial of the German generals will take place in Paris in December.

Cheaper Wires.—Reduced cable rates are promised.

Best Seats.—Disfigured French soldiers are to have the best seats at the French Victory March.

On Tour.—The machine flown across the Atlantic is to go on tour.

Grabbing.—A sum of £20 a seat is being asked to view the London Victory march.

Telephone Secrets.—A device to make telephone conversations secret has been invented.

Adamless Eden.—An exclusive colony for girls has been set up near London, Ontario.

American Food-Stuffs.—Seventeen American food-ships are at Danzig ready to be unloaded.

Fleet at London.—The Fleet will assemble in the Thames on July 17 and remain until July 23.

Postponed.—Bexley Heath in view of industrial unrest has postponed peace celebrations for six months.

Plaster.—The well-known statue of George III at Weymouth has been found to be made of hollow plaster.

French Military Service.—It is considered that the new period of French military service will probably range between 12 and 15 months.

Dilly Dally.—Sir Arthur Steel Maitland M.P. has resigned his Government appointment as a protest against dilly-dallying.

Nothing Doing.—Flushed by success the Anti-Saloon League of North America is to attempt to manoeuvre Britain into voting itself "dry."

Greeting the Heroes.—The employment of discharged soldiers at a Wakefield wagon works has led to a strike.

Boots for V.T.C.—The V.T.C. at home are to be allowed purchase a pair of Army boots at 26/6 a pair.

No Interview.—Prince Eitel Friedrich has declined to be interviewed upon his letter addressed to King George.

Deserve it.—A proposal has been made in the French Chamber that war profiteers and speculators be sentenced to death.

Statement Promised.—Next week the War Office will publish a memorandum setting forth the steps to be taken to reduce the forces consequent on the ratification of the Treaty of Peace.

Victory Loan.—"Arrangements have been made by which officers may invest the gratuities which are to be paid them both in the Victory Loan and the Funding Bonds," said Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons.

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(a) The export and import of arms, munitions and articles specially prepared for war are forbidden.

This does not refer to sporting arms and ammunition.

(b) The movement of coal and coke remains subject to the regulations now in force.

(c) The export of deystuffs and chemical products, platinum, gold and silver, coin and bullion, and foreign securities, is forbidden except under special licence which is to be applied for under the arrangements now in force.

All restrictions imposed by the Economic Committee, Luxembourg, or the Inter-Allied Rhineland Commission, on imports into and exports from Luxembourg, are cancelled.

These instructions do not prejudice in any way the Import and Export Regulations which may be in force in any allied or neutral country.

With the above exceptions all previous instructions relative to the import and export of goods are hereby cancelled.

The present regulations regarding the circulation of individuals remain in force.

FOCH INSISTS.

GERMANY'S RAPID EVACUATION OF ESTHONIA.

As the result of demands made by Marshal Foch to the German Government, General von der Goltz and the forces under him are now under orders completely to evacuate the Baltic provinces without further delay.

According to the latest information, Libau is already evacuated, while Riga and the towns to the East of the Dwina are almost cleared of Germans. The withdrawal on the Western bank is also proceeding satisfactorily.

The Lettish provisional Government has been transferred to Libau and Riga, where it has taken control of administration.

PLAYED OUT KAISER.

DUTCH OPINION ON RIGHT OF ASYLUM.

An article in the "Niewe Rotterdamsche Courant" expresses astonishment that the British people should wish such a sensational event as the trial of the ex-Kaiser to take place on English territory. Napoleon, it says, was a genius who might have been dangerous, but Wilhelm is irrevocably played out. The paper adds that it is impossible to separate the two questions of the ex-Kaiser's guilt and his responsibility for the war. However, if it is intended to examine the question of his guilt in an absolutely objective way, it would be unworthy of Holland to attempt to prevent this by refusing his extradition on the obsolete grounds of right of asylum. The Dutch legislature might therefore approve the extradition if guarantees are given and Dutch neutrality is strictly observed.

HUNGARIAN BOLSHEVISTS.

ALLIED INTERVENTION POSSIBLE.

The inter-Allied military staff at Versailles has been instructed to consider the question of possible measures which could be taken against the aggressive tendencies of Hungarian Bolshevists. The Supreme Allied Council was occupied with the question yesterday and will consider the advisability of affording armed assistance against the Hungarian Bolshevists of neighbouring states.

ITALY'S WAR DEBTS.

Signor Nitti, speaking in the Italian Chamber on the subject of Italy's foreign policy, declared that Italy had recognised and supported all just demands and rights of her Allies, but the rights demanded by Italy were not yet recognised.

Italy's financial situation was exceedingly complicated. She had a foreign debt of twenty thousand million lire and an internal debt of fifty-eight thousand millions. The paper currency was four times as great as before the war and expenditure amounted to eight thousand million lire. Signor Nitti announced that he would have to obtain 21,500,000,000 lire by means of death duties and other taxes.

NO FRESH ITALIAN RIOTS.

Rome was quiet yesterday after the previous day's outbreak of pillaging, and the shops which have unanimously reduced their prices by fifty per cent., have re-opened. A better situation also prevails in the provinces and no strikes or disorders are reported.

The Dutch Second Chamber has received three telegrams from various military associations at Perleburg and Dusseldorf requesting that the extradition of the ex-Kaiser be refused.

SOCIETY SUICIDE.

SENSATIONAL REVELATIONS AT THE INQUEST.

There were many dramatic passages at the inquest this afternoon on the body of Mrs. Arthur Eliot, better known as Mrs. Atherton, who shot herself with a double barrelled sporting gun at her flat in Curzon-street, Mayfair, shortly after midnight on Tuesday.

Colonel Eliot, her brother-in-law, told of a visit she paid Mrs. Eliot at her request on Tuesday. In a letter to him Mrs. Eliot spoke of being very miserable. At the interview it was disclosed that there had been trouble about Mrs. Eliot and her step-children, reference being made to an unmarried girl of twenty-four. Captain and Mrs. Eliot were living apart and Colonel Eliot told of his efforts to bring about a meeting. Mrs. Eliot was troubled as to whether she had been unkind to her husband. He approached Captain Eliot, who expressed a desire not to meet his wife. He was living in a flat with his daughter.

Mrs. Eliot's maid told of a visit to Eversleigh, where Captain Eliot told them to leave at once. On Tuesday, the day of her death, Mrs. Eliot was with witness for three-quarters of an hour, during which time the conversation was upon the impending interview with Captain Eliot. She said: "My whole life depends upon this interview with Captain Eliot," and she was very much upset.

The maid then told the story of the tragedy.

SCANDALOUS SUGGESTION.

The Earl of March was an unexpected witness. He came into court in an invalid's chair. He stated that he had known Mrs. Eliot for two or three years. Last Saturday he met her in Hyde Park and she told him then she was extremely miserable because her husband was living with her step-daughter. She made an allegation as to their conduct at Eversleigh and asked him for his advice. He told her that the obvious thing to do was to divorce her husband and also advised her to get hold of her husband's brother and talk the matter over with him. She wanted to see him and he wrote telling her what he thought of her husband. She wanted him to be present at the interview between herself and her husband, but he was unable to leave the house.

Miss Nellie Cornell, Captain Eliot's step-daughter, was called and gave an absolute denial to the allegations made respecting herself and Captain Eliot. Their conduct had never been anything but what one would expect between father and daughter.

Captain Eliot also gave evidence denying the suggestion made against him.

A verdict of suicide whilst of unsound mind was returned.

R. 34 MAKING WONDERFUL PROGRESS.

The R. 34 is making such good progress on her return flight from New York that in the opinion of experts at the Air Ministry the vessel was expected to be over London between noon and two o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The latest report gave her position at 4 a.m. on Friday morning as 43 degrees 30 minutes North, 46 degrees West. This means that she is more than half way across the Atlantic. She has the advantage of a following wind and she maintained average speed of sixty miles per hour for the first fifteen hours of flight, at times attaining seventy-five to eighty miles per hour.

ONE ENGINE BREAKS DOWN.

Later messages from the R 34 report that one engine has completely broken down, but if the wind continues favourable no trouble is expected, nor will her arrival in England be delayed.

The airship is making for Pulham, Norfolk, as the weather conditions over Scotland are unfavourable for landing.

RHINELAND.

ONLY DISCUSSION ON DETAIL PERMITTED.

Two German Commissions reached Versailles yesterday. The first, headed by Herr von Lowald, Secretary of the Interior, will confer on the convention relative to the Rhineland. The second, under State Secretary Schroeder, will deal with the question of reparations. Joint meetings of the German and Allied reparations commissions will commence immediately.

It is common knowledge that Germany intends to raise questions affecting the occupied territories, but while it is considered probable that the Allied delegates will admit discussion on the subject of the occupation, it is certain that they will not allow the negotiations to go beyond matters of detail and the putting into force of the peace terms.

The signed conditions of peace will be rigorously enforced.

A NEW MERSEY TUNNEL

Owing to the ever increasing congestion and consequent delays to goods traffic on the Mersey ferries, the Liverpool Corporation has instructed its chief engineer to report on the practicability of another tube or tunnel from Liverpool to the Cheshire side of the river.

FICKLE GROCER.

AMOROUS LETTERS FROM CAPTIVITY.

In the London Sheriff's Court yesterday, an amusing action was brought to recover damages for breach of promise of marriage. The proceedings had been remitted from the High Court for the assessment of damages, judgment having been allowed to go by default. There was no appearance for the defendant.

Counsel for the plaintiff, said his client, Miss Florence Baker, lived at Battersea, and the defendant, Walter John Reynolds, resided at Raynes Park. The plaintiff met the young man in 1910. In July, 1914, he asked her to marry him, and she agreed to do so. Reynolds joined the Army a month later, and he promised to marry her when the war was over. Counsel held in his hand bundles of letters written by the young man to the girl, but if he read them the jury would be there until next day. (Laughter.) Some of them were too affectionate to be read in court. In some, the defendant referred to the plaintiff as his wife; in fact, he was always talking of "my dear wife," and in one letter he quoted the well-known proverb, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," and wrote, "I have 'I hear you calling me' on the brain," and "When I go to bed I pray for you. Good-bye, my darling, good-bye."

"I HEAR YOU CALLING ME."

Subsequently the defendant was taken prisoner in Kut, and in an affectionate letter written from that place in July, 1918, he wrote, "By the bye, my banking account is getting pretty large now." It was evident from the tone of the letter that he was being well treated at Kut, as he said, "I am continually singing the song 'I hear you calling me' before the officers, who tell me that I have a very fine voice. I have sung it a good many times near Constantinople, where the English officers and others have congratulated me upon my voice. I also sing 'Until,' which commences 'No rose in all the world until you came.' "The letters went on until Nov. 23, 1918, when he was released, and he returned to England in January, 1919. All the way through the letters had been of a most affectionate nature, but early in February the defendant called upon the plaintiff and said he could not marry her.

CALLED FOR THE COLLARS.

Plaintiff, a tall girl, gave evidence beating out her counsel's opening. Even after defendant's return from Kut he was still as affectionate as he was when he went away. On Feb. 1, 1919, he seemed very nervous when he came to her, and simply said he had called for the collars. She told him that she did not know he wanted them so soon, and he replied, "I did not come for them, but to tell you I cannot marry you." He also said he was going abroad, and might not be back for some years, adding that witness would not like to go abroad. As a fact, she would have gone abroad if he had carried out his promise.

The Under-Sheriff said it was delightful to hear that the defendant was so well treated in Kut, and that he obtained his release. He now wanted the plaintiff to release him, but her counsel thought he should not be released without suffering pecuniarily.

The jury awarded the plaintiff £300 damages, and judgment was given accordingly, with costs.

BRAVERY AT WIZERNES FIRE.

ALBERT MEDALS FOR RESCUE PARTY.

The King has awarded the Albert Medal to Lieutenant (acting Major) William Revell Smith, M.C., R.F.A., Sergeant Alexander Gibson, R.E., and Corporal James Smith, Military Mounted Police, in recognition of their gallantry in endeavouring to save life at Wizernes.

On January 17, a fire occurred at the brewery at Wizernes. In the engine room a Frenchman whose cries for help could be heard, had been entombed by a fall of masonry which completely blocked the entrance. The upper part of the building was blazing fiercely, and the only entrance to the engine room was by a small hole in the wall which carried the machinery belting. Major Smith, Sergeant Gibson, and Corporal Smith succeeded in making their way through this hole into the room, and worked for three-quarters of an hour before they exposed the head and shoulders of the entombed man, who was found to be dead. They risked their lives, for a further collapse of masonry (which appeared imminent) would have completely cut off their exit.

PARIS VICTORY MARCH.

The first detachment of British troops who are taking part in the Victory March on July 14th arrived in Paris on Friday. To-day Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig and General Sir William Robertson, Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the Rhine, are due. Other British Generals taking part in the march are Lord Cavan, Sir Julian Byng, Mayor-General Sir W. R. Marshall, General Sir Henry Rawlinson, General Sir H. S. Horne, Major-General Sir H. A. Lawrence, Lieut.-General Sir G. H. Fowke, Major-General Sir J. Birch and Major-General Heath.

POLICE HOURS AND WAGES.

It is understood that the report of Lord Desborough's committee, which has been dealing with police wages and conditions of service, is completed, and has been finally approved. It is expected to be issued early next week.

The statement that the report would recommend a minimum wage of £3 10s a week for every police force in the country is "correct as far as it goes," said a Home Office official. The effect of the report generally will be greatly to improve police conditions, and render the service more attractive.

Mr. Bonar Law announced yesterday that arrangements are being made whereby extensive leave will be granted to troops to enable them to see the peace celebrations.

WINESHOP MURDER.

EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD SUSPECT ARRESTED.

A man has been detained at Sheffield in connection with the Hendon wineshop murder. He has been brought to London and will be charged at the Hendon Petty Sessions. He gives his name as Arthur John Biggin and his age as eighteen.

The police had been closely following the clue which led to the detention of the man, but were greatly handicapped by the publicity given to certain features of the case.

WAR MUSEUM.

TEMPORARY HOME AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

The Crystal Palace, which during the war was the training centre of the R.N.V.R., has been hired for four years by the Government to house the collection of war relics and material ultimately intended for the war museum. It is hoped that eventually the huge collection will be housed in a permanent building to be erected on the South side of the Thames.

Sir Alfred Mond, in explaining the scheme, says that the name of every man who lost his life in the war will be inscribed on the walls. In the front of the building could be moored the Vindictive or a similar vessel. It is also intended to make the museum a great university of modern warfare from the time of Marlborough to the present.

COAL PROBLEM.

MINERS SAY INCREASED PRICE IS NOT JUSTIFIED.

The keenest interest is being taken in Monday's forthcoming important debate in the House of Commons on the coal problem. The Executive of the Miners Federation is expected to present a report to the delegates meeting at Keswick on Tuesday. They contend that nothing like an increased price of six shillings a ton is justified or necessary to cover the cost of the concessions to the miners. A very determined attitude is expected to be taken by them on nationalization.

The Premier is expected to make an important speech on the outlook immediately on his return to the House.

WILSON'S CRITICS.

BILL TO LIMIT FREEDOM OF FUTURE PRESIDENTS.

President Wilson was cordially welcomed by the Senate on Thursday. In the course of a brief address, he said that the League of Nations had become a practical necessity. He asked the Senate if it dared reject the League and so break the heart of the world. He did not touch the Franco-American-British alliance except to state that he is reserving his comments for a future occasion.

Senator Philipp Campbell of Kansas has introduced in the House of Representatives at Washington, a bill denying to future presidents of the United States the right of leaving the jurisdiction of the country. In a satirical statement he declared that no country could with safety permit its chief of executive to intrude in the domestic affairs of another country.

President Wilson, he said, had mistaken the receptions accorded him in England, France and Italy for an invitation to become their political master, the result being that he had lost prestige which would take years to restore. He declared that President Wilson has fallen a victim to the wiles of foreign diplomats.

HAIG AND BEATTY FOR THE PEACE PROCESSION.

It is now certain that in the great Peace celebration procession on July 19th, the leaders of the Army and Navy will personally be at the head of the men, who served under them. Field Marshal Haig with his staff, and all army and divisional commanders will figure in the march. Sir David Beatty will march at the head of his men with his second in command, Admiral Madden, and all the Admirals who held active command during the war.

TRAINING FOR EX-SERVICE MEN

During the week ended July 8th the Grants Committee of the Ministry of Labour has sanctioned the giving of 286 grants under the Government Scheme for training ex-Service men in civil careers, whether officers or men from the ranks of similar educational qualifications. The total of grants made up to date is 1,297, and of these 608 are for officers, and 689 are for other ranks.

SHOT AT POLICEMEN.

The Highgate magistrates committed for trial Frank Long, 29, described as a hairdresser, on charges of attempting at Finchley to murder P.C.s Wright and Ost, and of having in his possession housebreaking implements.

The two constables produced bullets which were found in their clothing, and stated that Long, while evading arrest at midnight on June 28, fired three revolver shots at Ost and one at Wright. Both had a remarkable escape, bullets penetrating their uniform and grazing the skin.

The Committee which is organizing the movement for a general strike in France on July 21st met yesterday. It has transpired that there is vigorous opposition to the strike on the part of the printers, railway workers and workers in the building trades.

LIGHTLESS LONDON.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS' STRIKE IMPERILS ILLUMINATIONS.

A strike of members of the electrical Trades Unions is likely to upset all the elaborate plans for the illumination of London for the celebration of peace. The men, who have been dissatisfied for some time past, have been instructed not to undertake any illuminating work in connection with the peace celebrations and up to the present no solution of the deadlock between masters and men has been found. One result of the strike was that Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square was not illuminated on Friday night as it had been for the past week in connection with the Victory Loan Campaign.

ILLUMINATIONS CANCELLED.

A telegram received as we go to press states that the Office of Works officially announces that it is unable to proceed with the proposed official illuminations owing to the action of the Electrical Trades Union.

The men demanded to be paid 2s 6d per hour plus 120½ per cent, bonus, which, in default of an agreement between employers and workmen, the Office of Works is unable to grant.

ANTICIPATING CRIME.

NAPOLEONIC WARS TAKEN AS A PRECEDENT.

On the House of Commons Committee for Civil service estimates, a vote of £473,000 for prisons in England and Wales and the Colonies was submitted. Sir H. Greenwood, replying to questions, said that there had been a steady decrease in crime since 1913-14. In that year the number of prisoners was 18,236, while in 1918-19 it was only 9,199. The vote for the current year estimated for a great increase, because they had the precedent that after the Napoleonic wars there was a great growth in the numbers convicted. Up to the present, however, he was glad to say there had been no increase, and he hoped that the increase would not arise. Among the reasons for the decrease were the operation of the First Offenders Act and of the Act allowing time for the payment of fines. War bonuses were one of the reasons for the increase in the present estimate, and besides that there was an advance in the cost of labour and materials. As to the question of women police-constables, that was now in the experimental stage. If it justified itself, there might be some increase, though he hoped not very great.

The vote was agreed to, as were also votes of £285,332 for reformatories and industrial schools, and of £46,875 for criminal lunatics asylums.

LINER'S NARROW ESCAPE.

The Allan Liner Grampian, Montreal for Liverpool, collided with an iceberg on Wednesday night, and returned to St. John's Newfoundland, for repairs. Two persons were killed and two injured in the collision.

The liner, which had her bows stove in by the collision, was carrying 750 passengers and 850 crew.

The killed and injured members of the crew of the Grampian were asleep in the bow of the ship when she struck. Practically all the passengers, among whom were 500 women and children, were awake at the time of the collision. There was no panic. It is believed that the quick decision of the captain to change his course caused the vessel to hit the iceberg head on, instead of receiving a glancing blow, and thus saved the Grampian from the fate of the Titanic.

MINERS' SIX HOUR SHIFT.

The Yorkshire miners council at Barnsley has rejected the owner's proposal for a seven hour shift system which becomes due next Wednesday. They decided to demand a six hour Saturday shift for all workers.

Unless an agreement is reached the men announce that they will cease work on Monday.

LINEN COUNTER OPEN.

A statement has been issued by Mr. L.J.Martin the man who purchased the entire Government stock of forty-two million yards of linen. He announces that five million yards have been allotted to the home market.

The supplies will reach the drapers in about a week's time, when the public will be able to buy the material by the yard up to any quantity, at prices substantially below those at which the inferior article of commerce is obtainable.

The remainder of linen goes to allied and neutral countries.

HAIG PROPHESIES.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, speaking at Aberdeen University, where he received the honorary degree of L.L.D., said he could not think the people of Great Britain believed they were never going to fight a great battle again. If they did believe it he was sure they were wrong. At all costs and whatever the future might bring we had to be prepared. Then when the next great trial comes, as one day it surely will, we should be found a nation in arms, ready and prepared to meet it.

GIRL TELEGRAPH MESSENGERS.

Mr. Illingworth, Postmaster-General, states that it is the intention during the next four years gradually to replace, by boys, the girl telegraph messengers who were engaged as a temporary war measure. Approximately 6,500 girls are at present employed. No prospects of permanent employment can be held out, but girls who are suitable will be considered, if they so desire, for appointment as telephonists, so far as vacancies allow.

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A NEW WORLD.

Social reconstruction affects us all. We see the necessity to-day of making the world anew. But how to accomplish it? The task is gigantic, almost appalling.

Sound reconstruction means hard thinking. There is no short cut to Utopia. It cannot be obtained by changing one form of government for another. Reconstruction that is to be permanent and satisfactory is mainly a question of efficiency.

At present in the British Isles we have some forty-five millions of people, for whom is produced at home only about half the necessaries they need for existence, or at any rate for an ample life.

Can we speed up production by greater efficiency so that we are able to supply the other half, or at least most of it?

Side by side with the cry for more and better housing, for ships, for coal and any amount of manufactured goods as well as the hands to do labour at these vital industries, there is the bitter cry of thousands of unemployed.

Our present social system is chaotic; it lacks efficiency.

By putting our brains into the war, with the aid of our Allies, we won it. Now we have to use our brains to the utmost of our power to re-model our country so that it can accommodate itself to the new order of things.

Everybody demands higher recompense for his work and we make no complaint against the natural aspiration for better wages.

But unless production is vastly increased and every scientific means adopted to that end, no power of Trade Union or government can maintain those rates. State doles and class legislation only aggravate the problems of to-day. The question is too big to handle piecemeal.

We spoke the other day of the necessity for a definite policy as to foreign trade. At present we have none.

We need even more, a thorough system of social and industrial reconstruction, but it may take long in evolving it.

Do not let us lose the harvest of Victory by drifting on. Every available brain in the country should be working towards the goal of a New World.

Are we showing the same united determined front in Peace as we did in war?

COUNTING CHICKENS.

A Cricket Match Fiasco.

"William," said the Adjutant, severely, "as a Sports' officer you're not exactly a success."

Being unprepared for this thrust, I made no comment, but allowed him to continue.

"Here is the report of our last League match," quoth he. "It is four days late, for a start, and of all the bald, uninteresting statements ever printed, I think this takes the proverbial bun. Why, you haven't even mentioned my 55, not out!"

"It wasn't altogether my fault the report was late," I protested warmly. "I'm not one of your literary fellows who can turn out copy by the yard. I did manage to finish the thing the day after the match, and gave it to the D.R. but I suppose he forgot to post it for a couple of days. As for your score, 55 not out, isn't so much to crow about for an ex-county bat."

"You've admitted your incapability to compose a proper report, anyway," rejoined the Adjutant. "That's the reason I've come to give you a helping hand. We've got another League match to-morrow, as you know, against some A.S.C. wallahs. Now, as we've won our last four matches hands down, I confidently expect a victory on this occasion. My idea, therefore, is to draft out a skeleton report, leaving blanks for the actual details. Now the Colonel, Bdr. Spinks, and myself have each scored double figures in all our matches to date. What is more natural than for us to do likewise in this one. Similarly, Jones and I, with all due modesty, should succeed in O.K.ing the wickets as before. Now what do you think of this for a skeleton report?"

He produced a folded sheet of foolscap, and I read as follows:—

"X" Bde, R.G.A. ( ) v. "Z" Col. A.S.C. ( ).

This match was played under ideal weather conditions, and ended in a win for the Gunners. For the victors, Col. J scored ( ) without giving a chance, while the Adj. (Capt. D.) compiled an irreproachable ( ). Bdr. Spinks also succeeded in reaching double figures ( ).

In bowling, Lieut. Jones, that wizard with the leather, succeeded in taking ( ) wkts. for ( ) runs; while Capt. D's performance was hardly less noteworthy, with ( ) wickets for ( ) runs. Altogether an enjoyable match, and a well-deserved win for the Brigade.

"Seems pretty cock-sure," I commented, "I know you're hot-stuff, but don't you think you're counting your ——"

"Stuff!" roared the Adjutant, slamming the door behind him.

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The next day the match was played, while the sun shone from a clear blue sky. I filled in the skeleton report, and took it to the Adjutant. It now read, "X" Bde. R.G.A. (49) v. "Z" Col. A.S.C. (110 for 2 wkts.).

This match was played under ideal weather conditions, and ended in a lose (?) for the Gunners. For the losers Col. J scored 3 without giving a chance, while the Adj. (Capt. D) compiled an irreproachable 1. Bdr. Spinks succeeded in reaching double figures (41 not out.).

In bowling, Lieut. Jones that wizard with the leather, succeeded in taking 1 wkt. for 42 runs, while Capt. D's performance was hardly less noteworthy, with 1 wkt. for 68 runs. A together an enjoyable match, and a well-deserved loss for the Brigade.

"Will that do?" I inquired meekly. "I've made the necessary additions and alterations."

But the Adjutant seemed cross. "As I said before," he said with asperity, as a Sports officer you're not exactly a success. You ought to know that when a match is played in the 'Cologne Post" Cup League, a report of it should only be sent by the winning team!"

C. M. B.

GREAT MEN.

Impress of Environment.

BY A CORRESPONDENT.

It has been asked "Why is it that Jesus Christ is the only catholic man?" What we mean by a catholic man is a man free from the impress of the environment in the midst of which he has been born and educated, and is free from the impress of the peculiarities of race and nation.

What are the facts with respect to all ordinary men? They invariably bear upon them the impress of that moral and spiritual atmosphere which they have habitually breathed.

This is the cause of those peculiarities of national character which are handed down from generation to generation. Even great men, very great men, have been unable to free themselves from their influence.

Thus Oriental philosophies and Oriental habits of thought, however much they may differ from one another, bear on them the impress of a type of thought widely different from that of the Occidental nations. So it has been with their great men.

Who founded Brahminism we know not; but certain it is that this system never could have attained a hold on the nations of the West. The same is true with Sakya Muni and Buddhism. This system bears the deep impress of that moral and spiritual atmosphere under the influence of which it was born and grew.

For Certain Environments.

Mahomet, however much he may have improved on the order of things as he found them, utterly failed to transcend the environments in which he was born and educated. His religion is fitted only for certain aspects of the Oriental mind, and among Western nations it can take no hold.

So it has been with Greece, her philosophy and civilisation. Of her great men (and she has produced many) not one of them has succeeded in exhibiting a character which is catholic. The same is true of Roman great men; the same is true of the great men of the modern world.

However much they may have risen above the average level of their countrymen, they all bear on them the unmistakable impress of that moral and spiritual atmosphere in the midst of which they were born and educated.

But to this universal rule Jesus Christ is the one solitary exception. He was born and educated in a remote village of a nation pre-eminently distinguished for exclusiveness.

For All Ages and All Men.

The intensity of this exclusiveness is an unquestionable fact; for we not only learn it from the writings which compose the Christian scriptures, but it is charged on the Jewish race by every heathen writer who has had occasion to refer to them.

Yet out of the bosom of such a nation has emerged the one only catholic man who has shown Himself capable of speaking to the heart of the civilized man and the savage, to the philosopher and the uneducated, and who, in the words of Mr. Lecky the historian, has shown Himself "capable of acting on all ages, nations and temperaments and conditions," and in those of Mr. Mill is such that a modern sceptic could not do better than so frame his life that it might meet with the approbation of Jesus Christ. He alone of men could ask "Which of you convinceth Me of sin?."

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

WAS HE A HERO?

Sir,—Having read your article, the "H.34's Stowaway," one wonders whether one ought not to took on him as a hero, rather than a defaulter.

According to his own story, he was promised to be one of the crew, and at the last minute was turned down. In his own words he says, "I am not worrying about the punishment, they are planning for me." I, for one, wish him the best of luck and a free pardon.

FAIR PLAY.

FACE FUNGUS.

Sir,—The cultivation of face fungus by army officers has inspired those people who so cheerfully undertake to compile our regulations to frequent literary effort.

The wearing of a beard has always been considered an unnecessary facial decoration while the compulsory growth of a moustache had to be abandoned.

To get to the point, however, what absurd nation is it that some officers have how got to bring the wearning of side-whiskers into fashion again? In ever growing numbers one sees young officers thus disfigured in the streets of Bonn, and I suppose, other towns.

If these fellows would only realise that not more than one face in a thousand can stand such adornment they would surely wield the razor well in the neighbourhood of the top of the ear.

"TATCHO."

THE GIRLS AT HOME.

Sir,—In answer to "Musican's" letter regarding the English girls' preference for Overseas Dominions troops. Personally I do not think it is altogether a matter of money, although I grant him it is an attraction in some cases.

And then I think it applies chiefly to the "Young Flapper" and not to the sensible girl who looks before she leaps.

With regard to one reader's statement in connection with the French and Belgian girls' I have not yet met a case where an honourable English Tommy has actually preferred either the French or Belgian to the English girl. As for the German girl I should think that would be his last hope.

S. S.

OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Sir,— I notice that "Thoroughbred" refers to our National Anthem as a "Hanoverian Dirge," whilst "A.F.Y.", although he corrects that unfortunate and all too common error, remarks that it is "not a particularly happy effort."

With its grand simplicity it makes a far deeper appeal to most men than the somewhat superficial work referred to by "Thoroughbred," and is entirely worthy of our great Empire.

Beethoven himself derived inspiration from it, notably in the magnificent Andante movement of his Sonata in G Sharp, Op. 14, No. 2.

R.S.

Sir,—I have read with surprise the letters about our National Anthem. Now, why all this talk about a Poet Laureate and composer to write a good National Anthem when Britain has the best of all.

"God save the King" was only introduced in quite recent times and from a musical point of view "Rule Brit ania" our real national song, is surely a grand one.

A.R.A.M.

Sir,—I agree with "A.F.Y." that the Germans borrowed the tune of "God save the King" from us, and not we who adopted it from the German.

Very many attempts have been made to rewrite it in recent years and to add verses to extend its application to the whole Empire, but there is not a single verse that has come to be regarded as anything like permanent beside the original three verses.

They stand like a rock in our literature, as firmly as ever. Whence this remarkable stability? It is that they express the central force, the driving spirit of the British ideal, conscious of its ultimate righteousness such as no other song can do?

What other way can that ideal live than by the answer to the prayer of "O Lord our God arise, scatter his enemies, and make them fall."?

The spirit of these lines is on a level with Shakespeare when one of his characters exclaims in Henry IV, "This England never did, nor never shall, lie at the proud foot of a conqueror!" There is more than mere jingoism in both these quotations.

"COLOGNE BIRD."

Correspondence on this subject is now closed-Ed.

THE REPLY SARCASTIC.

Sir,—I wish to thank you for your kindness in publishing my letter concerning the swallows and the flies; and also, if I may, to congratulate Ananias on his reply thereto.

Dear old Ananias! How nice it was to hear from him again: it would be delightful to have the views of his brethren "Paterfamilias," "Fair Play," and other valued contributors.

However "Et ego in Arcadia vixi," and I am astounded at anyone being able to sit down on a covey of nine sandgrouse simultaneously. Truly one cannot wonder that the trousers worn by Ananias in performing this feat could only be supplied as a government contract. (I wonder where Ananias gets his saddles?.)

As a man of parts and a student of nature, Ananias will be interested to learn that an officer fishing in the Ahr is now confined to a sofa with a nasty lacerated wound involving the patella and the quadriceps extensor of his right leg, a misfortune generally attributed to an underwater attack by a member of the species Trutta, subspecies Ferox.

If Ananias cares to send his name and address together with 25 marks or so to cover postage and packing expenses, I shall be glad to send him the cake to which his letter entitles him.

My friend Piscator informs me that there can be no doubt that the fly with which Ananias hooked and landed the hare (and of which he has forgotten the name) was a hare's lug.

EUSKIRCHEN.

THE BARGAIN.

My true love hath my heart, and I have his,
By just exchange one for another given:
I hold his dear, and mine he cannot miss,
There never was a better bargain driven:
My true love hath my heart, and I have his.

His heart in me keeps him and me in one,
My heart in him his thoughts and senses guides:
He loves my heart, for once it was his own,
I cherish his because in me it bides:
My true love hath my heart, and I have his.

SIR PHILIP SIDNEY.

Thrilling Neck and Neck Racing.

CLOSE FINISHES ON SECOND DAY OF COLOGNE JULY MEETING.

At Merheim, yesterday, when the Cologne July Meeting was resumed, the sport was again of a first rate order, fields were large, and the going excellent. There was a comparatively small crowd present for the first race, but as time went on spectators streamed along in large numbers. The overcast sky that prevailed during the morning cleared after mid-day, and bright sunshine gladdened the proceedings.

INTERESTING MATCH.

"STICKS" WINS EXCITING UNOFFICIAL RACE BY A HEAD.

An interesting match preceded the official programme, "Sticks" (Capt. Barnard, Southern Div. Sigs) and Suzanne (Capt. Harris, R.A.S.C.) running a thrillingly close six furlong race. The animals ran neck and neck throughout the distance, "Sticks" winning by a head.

The meeting, which was run under the auspices of the Racing Sub-Committee of the Rhine Army, commenced punctually to time.

THE WINNERS.

Cologne Plate (1st Division), for horses and officers of the Rhine Army. 1 mile.

1, Mount Royal (Major T. Carlisle); 2, Sahib (Major T. Bagshaw, R.A.V.C., R.H.A.); 3, Sivan Song (Capt. L. Bathurst, R.A.S.C.).

The running was made by the three placed horses and Esmeralda, the last named leaving the course.

Maiden Welter Steeplechase (1st Division), for horses of the Rhine Army that have never won a race and officers of the same. 2 miles.

1, Gold Dust (Major A. Lord R.F.A.); 2, Old King Cole (Major R. Hewer, R.F.A.); 3, Yellow Peril (Lieut. R. McFarlane 9th Lancers).

The first mile was covered in a bunch when Yeoman refused a jump and was left well in the rear. The first three then gradually drew away and fought a close finish, half a length and a length separating the horses. Lady Violet, a hundred yards behind, was fourth.

Allied Steeplechase, for horses and officers of the Allied Armies. 2½ miles.

Results:—1, Golden Sunset (Lieut. R. Usher, Innis D.); 2, Barney (Capt. T. Cocksedge, R.A.V.C.); 3, Winamere (Major R. Sinclair). Winner 35 to 10.

The French horse led the way for five furlongs and then at the first jump became lame. Paddy, who was well supported, did not get going and came along last until the second jump, which he refused to take. The field was reduced by five, the riders being thrown at the high jump. The first and second made a keen finish, Golden Sunset winning an exciting race for the second time during the meeting by a length. Two lengths between second and third.

FIVE FURLONGS RACE.

MASCOT RUNS HOME EASY WINNER BY 15 LENGTHS.

Maiden Race, for horses of Infantry, R.E. and R.A.M.C., units of the Rhine Army that have never won a race, to be ridden by officers borne on the strength of any of those units. Five furlongs straight.

Results:—1, Mascot (Capt. W. Waterman, R.W.K.); 2, Maid of the Mountains (Lieut. C. Neill, R.E.); 3, The Parrott (Lieut. H. Parsons, R.E.) Winner 8 to 10. Mascot got away well and romped home an easy winner by 15 lengths, half a length between second and third.

Cologne Plate (2nd Division), for horses and officers of the Rhine Army. 1 mile.

The result was as follows:—1, Velociter (Lieut. Durnford, 9th Lancers); 2, Johnnie Walker (Major C. Hydeman Q.B.); 3, Nolo (Capt. H. Latham, R.F.A.). Winner 75 to 30.

For the last half mile, John Cording, Johnny Walker, and Nolo led with the field close up. Velociter then crept forward and won by a head. Half a length separated the second and third.

Victory Plate, for horses and officers of the Allied Amies. Seven furlongs.

1, Billy (Major E. Batther, R.F.A.); 2, Ballyhooley (Lieut. W. Fennell); 3, Remember Me (Lieut. E. Russell, R.A.S.C.). Ten ran. Winner 44 to 10.

Maiden Welter Steeplechase, for horses of the Army of the Rhine that have never won a race, to be ridden by officers of the same. 2 miles.

1, Yes Uncle (Lieut. Kelly, 9th Lancers.); 2 Late Report (Lieut. R. Bulteel, 17th Lancers.); 3, Lady Bird (Lieut. L. Birley, 17th Lancers.). Eight ran. Winner 18 to 10. Anthony, (2nd Lieut. W. Rogers, R.W.K.) was first past the post, but an objection for crossing was sustained and the race awarded as above.)

Maiden Hurdle Race, for horses of the Rhine Army that have never won a race and officers who have never ridden the winner of any race. 2 miles.

1, Naboth (Lieut. S. Spicer, 12th Lancers.); 2, Polish Banker (Major A. Needham); 3, Lady Diana (Capt. G. Corrall, Lancs. Div.) Furteen ran. Winner 24 to 10.

BRIGADE BOXING.

WELL CONTESTED MATCHES IN 1st KING'S COMPETITION.

The 1st King's Brigade Boxing Competition was held in the Recreational Hall, 51st Kings Liverpool Regt., Beuel, and was witnessed by a large and enthusiastic audience. The fighting throughout was excellent, as was also the spirit of the whole meeting. This competition forms part of a series of competitions for the Championship Shield, presented by the Brigade Commander (Brig.-Gen. Lambert, C.B. C.M.G.).

RESULTS.

8 Stones. 0 Lbs. . . . 13th K.L.R. (Pte. Gallacher. W.)
8 Stones. 6 Lbs. . . . 52nd K.L.R. (Pte. Gent. H.)
9 Stones. 0 Lbs. . . . 51st K.L.R. (Pte. Colshaw J.)
9 Stones. 9 Lbs. . . . 13th K.L.R. (Pte. Bradley. T)
10 Stones. 7 Lbs. . . . 52nd K.L.R. (Cpl. James. A.)
11 Stones. 6 Lbs. . . . 52nd K.L.R. (Cpl. Holyneaux. B.)

The 8 stones. 9 lbs. contest deserves special mention, the loser (Pte. Rushden, 51st K.L.R.) displaying great pluck and receiving personal congratulation on his performance from the Referee. The 9 Stone. 9 lbs. contest between Private Bradley, 13th K.L.R., and Private Dean. 52nd K.L.R., was also particularly good.

Much of the success of the meeting was due to the able refereeing of Major Delany, O.B.E. A.G.S. and the very fair judging of Capt. Herbert M.C. and Capt. McSweeney, both of the A.G.S. all of whom came from Cologne to officiate. The boxing competition, as will be seen from the results, was won by the 52nd K.L.R., and the Brigade Championship now stands as follows:—

13th Kings. . . . . 8 points.
52nd Kings. . . . . 7 points.
51st Kings. . . . . 3 points.

A RIOT OF LAUGHTER.

The 52nd Battalion South Wales Borderers held their Sports at Arloff on Thursday in congenial weather. Brig.-Gen. F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who has lately assumed the command of the 3rd Brigade was present together with representatives of the Corps and Divisional Staffs. Lady members of some of the British Services graced the proceedings with their presence, while many friends arrived from neighbouring units.

The Battalion had an al fresco tea on the Sports ground and the visitors were well entertained, excellent arrangements having been made by Lieut. T. W. Stevens. The Band of the Battalion played throughout the afternoon.

Chief Events.

Hurdles:—1. Rohmin; 2. L/Cpl. Bereton; 3. Jones. P.

1 Mile (Open):— Williams E., of the home Battalion secured a good race from Sergt. Gordon (51st S.W.B.), Thomas. H.C.P. being third.

Long Jump:—1. L/Cpl. Davies; 2. L/Cpl. Barlow; 3. L/Cpl. Manifould.

High Jump:—1. Sergt. Smith; 2. L/Cpl. Smith; 3. L/Cpl. Davies.

100 yards:—1. Sheldon; 2. Williams S. J.; 3. L/Cpl. Barlow.

100 yards (Officers, Handicap):—This event was won by Lieut.-Colonel L. I. G. Morgan-Owen, C.M.G., D.S.O. 2/Lieut. Gray; 3. Lieut. M. G. Jones

2-100 yards (Sergts. Handicap):—1. R. S. M. Biddis; 2. Sgt Smith; 3. C.S.M. Raftery.

3 Mile Race:—1. Cpl. Edwards won a great race; 2. Hanks; 3. Watson; 4. Brennan.

1 Mile Relay:—Winners "A" Company.

¾ Mile:—1. Sheldon; 2. L/Cpl. Bader; 3. L/Cpl. Barlow (an excellent race).

Tug-of-War (Heavies):—"B" Company achieved a surprising but well merited victory over "D" Company.

Tug-of-War (Light):—"A" Company b at "B" Company.

Half Mile:—Williams E. won another excellent race; 2. Edwards; 3. Williams S. J.

Mule Race:—This event produced a riot of laughter, the animals being anxious to travel in any direction but the particular one ordained by the Sports Committee. Out of about a dozen starters only 3 Mules (having Jockeys remaining) finished, 1. Tennant; 2. Jones; 3. Williams.

At the close of the programme the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel L. I. G. Morgan-Owen, C.M.G., D.S.O., presented prizes to the successful competitors. The immense success of the Meeting was due to the arrangements of 2/Lieut. Tudge, the work of the Committee and the admirable co-operation of all ranks.

BILLIARD SCORES.

R.A.S.C. Bakeries, Kalk 497
H.Q., Royal Air Force . 459
Bakeries won by 38

RHINELAND TENNIS.

THIRD ROUND RESULTS IN TOURNAMENT AT LINDENTHAL.

The following were the results of Thursday's matches in the Lawn Tennis tournament at Lindenthal:—

GENT'S OPEN DOUBLES.

Third Round:—Lieut.-Col. McAllister and Capt. Wardle beat Capt. Sherring and Capt. Davidson, 4—6, 10—8, 6—0.

OPEN MIXED DOUBLES.

Semi Final:—Capt. Tarleton and Miss M. Campbell beat Lieut. Greene-Kelly and Miss Drew, 6—1, 6—1

LADIES OPEN DOUBLES.

Semi Final:—Miss Hookey and Miss Drew beat Miss Smith and Miss Watson, 6—3, 6—0.

GENT'S HANDICAP SINGLES.

2nd Round:—Major Saul—15.3 beat Lt.-Col. Bratish—15, 6—4, 6—8, 6—2; Lt. Bright Holmes + 3.6 beat Capt. Faure+15, 6—2, 6—4.

3rd Round:—Major Villa, scr. beat Major Allin —15, 6—4, 6—4.

GENT'S HANDICAP DOUBLES.

2nd Round:—Major R. Mallinson and Lieut. Bright Holmes+5.6, b at Major Bell and Lieut. King+1.6. 4—6, 6—4, 7—5; Lt.-Col. Budder and Lt. Petrie scr. beat Major Walsh and Capt. Saunderson+2—6, 7—5, 8—6; Capt. Brooke Pike and Capt. R. Ritchie+2.6. beat Major Wheatley and Major Jackson—15, 5—7, 6—3, 6—4

3rd Round:—Capt. Brooke Pike and Capt. Ritchie+2/6. b at Lieut.-Col. Budgen and Lieut. Petrie scr. 6—4, 7—5.

4th SEAFORTH'S FINAL.

The final of the 4th Seaforth's inter-Coy. football competition was played between No. 3 and 4 Coys. at Zerkall on Tuesday evening. The large attendance of spectators was accounted for by the intense excitement which had been aroused in the Battalion and neighbouring units. From the commencement, No. 4 Coy. pressed and amidst great excitement, to the musical strains of gas rattles and other instruments, Rourke scored a great goal after 20 minutes play. Play continued in No. 4 's favour to the end of the first half.

The second half was more evenly contested and the play was of a very high standard. No. 3 came more into the game and Butcher No. 4 Coy's genial goal-keeper, was called upon several times to maintain his reputation of being "as steady as the rock of Gibraltar." As he himself predicted, "nothing but wind passed through his goal." The game ended in a win for No. 4 by 1 goal, deservedly won on the run of play.

FLAT RACES "HAT TRICK."

"A" COY, 9th CHESHIRE REGIMENTAL SPORTS AT HEMMERICH.

A very successful Sports Meeting was held at Hemmerich on Sunday. Sgt. Burgess succeeded in performing the "Hat Trick" in the Flat Races, and Pte. Penaance's running in the mile was excellent. The following are some of the results:—

RESULTS.

100 Yds. Flat:—1, Sgt. Burgess; 2, Pte. Pile; 3. Pte. Nowell.

440 Yds. Flat:—1, Sgt. Burgess; 2, Pte. Challenor; 3, Lieut. Taylor.

High Jump:—1, L/C. Kenwright; 2, Pte. Hobbs.

220 Yds. Flat (open):—1, Sgt. Burgess; 2, Sgt. Smallwood (B Coy); 3, Pte. Pile.

Inter-Platoon Relay Race:—1, No. 2 Platoon; 2, No. 1 Platoon.

880 Yds. Flat (open):—1, Capt. Williams (Bde. Hd. Qrs.); 2, Sgt. Burgess; 3, Pte. Blackman.

Inter-Platoon Tug of war:—1, No. 3 Platoon; 2, No. 1 Platoon

1 Mile. Flat (open):—1, Pte. Pennance (B. Coy); 2, Capt. Williams (Bde. Hd. Qrs.); 3, Pte. Blackman.

Best Individual:—Sgt. Burgess.

Best Platoon:—1, No. 2; 2, No. 3.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Sunday, July 13, 1919.

Surface wind light, variable, becoming North-Westerly. Cloudy. Occasional rain. Moderate temperature. Fair visibility.

MEDALS FOR CHARGERS.

JUMPING COMPETITION AND BAYONET FIGHTING AT OLYMPIA.

In the officers jumping competition at Olympia the winners were placed in the following order on points:—

Major Viscount Ebrington, Scots Greys; Major Sinfield, R.A.S.C.; Captain Dann, R.H.A.; Capt. Lyon, Gunners School, Netheravon; Capt. Hance, R.H.A.; Major Watwyn R.H.A.; Lieut. Gilbey, 15th Hussars; Capt. Briggs, 5th Lancers.

Bayonet Fighting:—Gnr. Penfold, R.M.A.; C.S.M. Reid, A.G.S.

Army Team Jumping:—R.H.A., Weedon, 1st; M.G.C. Uckfield, 2nd; 4th Res. Cavalry, Aldershot, 3rd.

Tug of war:—9th Brigade R.G.A., Catterick, beat Royal Marines Deal.

In addition to Tournament prizes, Blue Cross Fund Medals and Diploma were presented for the two chargers. "Ozone" and "Surprise" belonging to Lieut. Col. McTaggart, 5th Lancers, in recognition of their services throughout the war.

ENGLISH RACING RESULTS.

MEETING AT LINGFIELD AND HAYDOCK PARK.

The following were the results at Lingfield and Haydock Park on Friday.

LINGFIELD DETAILS.

Waterside Handicap:— 1, Mustapha (13—8) 2, Walpole (6—1); 3, Billericay (8—1).

Oak Tree Plate:— 1, Rossade (7—1); 2, Sunny Rhyme (7—1); On Leave (4—1).

Batnors Plate:— 1, Treasury (6—1); 2, Mirobelle (6—1); 3, Pax (events).

Lingfield Park Stakes:— 1, Roseway (6—4 on); 2, Milton. Two ran.

Club Welter Handicap:— 1, Neurotic (6—1); 2, Ivanhoe (6—4); 3, Walton Heath (100—8).

Jacks Bridge Plate:— 1, Comtessine (evens); 2, Brace Lodge (10—1); 3, Damar (100—6).

Summer Handicap: 1, Nansan (8—1); 2, Rusher (7—4); 3, Polichinelle (7—2).

HAYDOCK PARK RESULTS.

Lowton Handicap:— 1, Crosstree (9—4); 2, Kings Pleasure (3—1); Filigrane (10—1).

White Lodge Plate:— 1, Damaged Goods (13—2); 2, Indian Feast (6—1); 3, Bayodee (6—4).

Friday Selling Handicap:— 1, Tomfool (evens); 2, Dots Surprise (13—2); Fewston (100—8).

Great Central Handicap:— 1, Rich Gift (11—10); 2, Sandmole (5—1); 3, Rockdrill (100—8).

July Plate:— 1, Eager Agnes (5—4 on); 2, Wife of Bath (5—4); 3, Lady Palatine (25—1).

Makerfield Handicap: 1, Calypso (5—2); 2, Clipstone (11—10); 3, My Bombardier (9—1).

Blackbrook Plate: 1, Jack Point (9—4 on); 2, Rossini (9—4); 3, Waterpower (33—1).

"COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

BOUNDARY HITTING AT KALK.

The 93rd Bde. R.G.A. are still going strong, and at Kalk on Thursday won their tenth league match—their colours have yet to be lowered. Gnr. Weight was again in form, while B.S.M. Ford distinguished himself by compiling 62 not out, of which 52 came from boundary hits. In their last three matches the 93rd have scored 589 runs for the loss of 15 wickets.

No. 2 Water Tank Coy (55) v 52 Northumberland Fus. (46).
93 Bde R.G.A. (204 for 6) v 34 Bn. M.G.C. (22).
145 Siege Bty. (45) v Mud. Div. H.Q. (40).
62 Bn. M.G.C. (63 for 3) v 1 Lt. Bly. Sig. Coy. (46).
73 Bde. R.G.A. (41) v 488 Siege Bty (34).
3 K.O. Hussars (101) (Lt. Cannon 69) v Light Div. H.Q. (101).
51 Bedfords (90) v 52 Manchester (19).
51 Bedfords (195 for 6) v E. Div. Sig. Coy. (83).

BONN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Eastern Div. H.Q.	12	9	2	1	19§
52 Cheshire	11	9	1	1	19§
10 R. W. Kents	12	9	3		18§
Lancs Div. M.T. Coy.	11	9	2		18§
51 R. Sussex	10	9	1		18§
5th Border	10	9	1		18§
16 Lancs Fus.	9	7	1	1	15§
23 R. Fus.	9	7	2		14§
51 Bedford	8	7	1		14§
4th Suffolk	9	6	3		12§
15 Lancs Fus.	7	6	1		12§
207 Sqd. R.A.F.	8	5	2	1	11§
52 Manchester	12	5	7		10§
1 (West) T.M.B.	11	5	6		10§+
13 K. Liverpool	5	5	0		10§
52 Welsh	7	4	2	1	9§
92 Field Ambulance	10	4	6		8§
53 Welsh	7	4	3		8§
2 London Inf. Bde.	7	4	3		8§+
X Corps Sig. Coy.	11	3	8		6§
Lancs Div. Sig. Coy.	10	3	7		6§
51 K. Liverpool	9	3	6		6§
103 Field Ambulance	7	3	4		6§+
303 Siege Battery	8	3	5		6§
121 Heavy Battery	7	3	4		6§
East Div. Sig. Coy.	10	2	8		4
3 Coy. West Div. R.A.S.C.	8	2	6		4§+
69 Siege Battery	7	2	5		4§

§ Games awarded for scratched matches and in respect of teams withdrawn.
+ Games lost by default.

WESTERN DIV. CRICKET CUP.

9th Bn. Cheshire Regt. (117) v. 52nd Bn. Cheshire Regt. (136) at Bornheim on Wednesday. For the latter Lieut. Gatheridge scored 40, and for the winners Col. Osborne contributed 59 in 1 3/4 hours, and Ray, 35.

CRICKET FRIENDLY.

IX. Corps H.Q. (29) v. 49 Labour Coy (46).

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

10th BATTALION ("THE QUEENS") R.W.S. REGIMENTAL MEETING.

The above Battalion held their annual Regimental Sports on Monday and Tuesday at Engelskirchen in fine weather. Thanks to herculean efforts on the part of their Company Commander, "B" Company proved their supremacy after a very close run with "D" Company, only 3 points separating them. L/C Mills of "D" Company showed fine form, securing 3 first and 2 second prizes.

The Band of the 11th Battalion discoursed sweet music during the afternoon of the finals and the drums and fifes of the 10th Battalion played popular airs during the afternoon of the first day. The feature of the racing was the finish of the Three Mile Race, no fewer than five competitors entering the last lap practically abreast. This event was eventually secured by Capt. Evans M.C. from Sgt. Hobbs after a great sprint over the last 100 yds. The Prizes were distributed by the Brigade Commander, Brigadier-General F.A. Dudgeon. C.B.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

100 yds:—1, L/C Mills; 2, Lt. Lewin; 3, Lt. Bates and Lt. Clarke.

440 yds:—1, L/C Mills; 2, Lt. Bates; 3, Pte. Ayling.

880 yds:—1, Capt. Evans M.C.; 2, L/C Mills; 3, L/C Cox.

1 Mile:—1, Capt. Evans M C; 2, L/C Mills; 3, Lt. Bates.

1 Mile (Relay):—1, "D" Company; 2, "D" Company.

Long Jump:—1, L/C Mills; 2, L/C Hallett; 3, Lt. Bates.

High Jump:—1, Pte. Ayling; 2, Pte. Brickle; 3, Sgt. Campion.

3 Miles:—1, Capt. Evans M.C.; 2, Sgt. Hobbs; 3, Sgt. Timmins; 4, Pte. Hand.

Putting the Weight:—1, L/C Hardwick; 2, Capt. Evans M.C.; 3, Sgt. Cowling.

120 yds Hurdles:—1, Pte. Stephans; 2, Lt. Lewin; 3, Pte. Ayling.

Tug of War:—1, 16 Platoon "D" Coy; 2, 6 Platoon "B" Coy.

Youthful Marksmen at Bisley.

BOY SHOTS IN GREAT FORCE: ASHBURTON SHIELD WON BY WINCHESTER.

School boy marksmen have attended the Bisley victory meeting in large numbers and the Ashburton Shield was won by Winchester with a score of 649.

Charterhouse was only one point behind, other scores being Felstead 641, Rugby 635, Repton 630, Marlboro 626, and Eton 625.

The best individual record was by Parmiter of the Rugby team, who scored 90 out of a possible 100:

200 yds. . . . . 4 5 4 4 5 4 5 5 5 5—46
500 yds. . . . . 2 5 4 5 4 4 5 5 5 5—44

Cadets Challenge Trophy:—This trophy was won by Wellington (Salop) with a score of 154, Clifton returning 153.

Spencer Cup:—Cadet Rose, Harrow, tied with C.S.M. Beal, Winchester. When the tie was fired off Rose won.

THE ROSS RIFLE BARRED.

As a result of protests by the Canadians and Australians, the Ross rifle is now debarred for competitions under Service conditions. The objection was grounded on the assertion that the Ross rifle, having been superseded during the war does not come within the conditions.

WITH A SERVICE RIFLE.

MEMBER OF NORTH LONDON CLUB GIVES INTERESTING DEMONSTRATION.

One of the most interesting features of the day's practice was the good shooting of Dr. F. H. Kelly, of the North London Rifle Club, who at 900 yards put up a score of 81 out of a possible 90, using the long pattern service rifle with peep-sight. Though firing against competitors with match rifles and telescopic sights, he came out top at this range with a score of

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Unlike all the other competitors, who fired lying on the back, he adopted the service prone position. His achievement was an interesting demonstration of what can be done with a service rifle against the .303 match rifles which are now being used.

INTERNATIONAL DAY.

Friday was International day, teams firing for the Elcho Shield. Final result:—England 1664; Scotland 1623; Ireland 1609.

SPORTS AT CUCHENHEIM.

1/1st ESSEX HEAVY BTY. R.G.A. HOLD SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

The 1/1 Essex Heavy Battery, R.G.A., held a very successful sports meeting at Cuchenheim recently. By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Dumbell, D.S.O., the band of the 51st Leicesters played during the afternoon and rendered some excellent items. Many English ladies were present and a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon was spent.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Brig.-Gen. Mackenzie, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., R.A., kindly distributed the prizes and congratulated the winners.

LIST OF WINNERS.

Among the winners were the following:—

100 yards flat:—1, Dvr Hale; 2, Dvr. Higgins and Dvr. Arnold (dead-heat).

Relay race:—Ammunition column.

220 yards:—1, Dvr. Hale; 2, Dvr. Arnold; 3, Gnr. Watt

Long jump:—1, Dvr. Bowyer, 14 ft 9 in.; 2, Gnr. Watt, 14 ft 1½ in.

440 yards flat:—1, Dvr. Hale; 2, Sgt. Humphreys; 3, Dvr Maddock

High jump:—1, Sig. Beeston; 2, Dvr Hale.

Half-mile (open):—1, Gnr. Wilcox; 2, Sig. Crake; 3 Dvr. Maddock.

100 yards flat (men over 30 years):—1, (dead-heat) Sig. Richardson and Gnr. Harris; 3, Cpl. Bates.

Section tug-of-war:—Right section.

SUB-SECTION RIVALRY.

SPORTS MEETING AT OBERSTEEG.

A very successful sports meeting was held by B 187 Bde. R.F.A. at Obersteeg on Saturday. Great keenness was shown by all ranks, and there was great competition for the sub-section prize, which was eventually won by D sub section after a hard fight with B sub-section, by 67 points to 61.

During the afternoon Brig.-Gen. J. S. J. Percy C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., was present, and in the evening an open-air concert was held.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

Peg Driving Competition:—D Sub.
Alarm Race:—D Sub.
Wrestling on Horseback:—C Sub.
Dismounted Tug-of-War:—B Sub.
Relay Race:—D Sub.
Three-legged Race:—Dvr. Roll and Dvr. Davis, B Sub.
Throwing the Cricket Ball:—Dvr. Smith, D Sub.
High Jump:—Bdr. Quarrel.
Rifle Shooting:—A Sub.
Officer's and N.C.O.'s Jumping:—Capt. J. Arnold, M.C., D Sub.
O.R.'s Half-Section Jumping:—Bdr. Taylor and Bdr. Quarrel, D Sub.
Drivers and Gunners' Individual Jumping:—Dvr. Addison, A Sub.
O. C. Race:—Bdr. Quarrel, D Sub.
Musical Chairs (Mounted):—Sig. Millburn, B Sub.
Cross Country Race:—Dvr. Smith, B Sub.
Long Jump:—Bdr. Dean, B Sub.
Sack Race:—Dvr. Roll, B Sub.
440 yards Flat Race:—Dvr. Jeffeuth, D Sub.
100 yards Flat Race:—Dvr. Smith, D Sub.
Boot Races:—Dvr. Herbert, D Sub.

R.A.F. RHINE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The undermentioned events at the R.A.F. of the Rhine Athletic Championship meeting to be held on the Polo Weisen Sports ground, Cologne, on August 9th 1919, are open to all ranks of the Imperial and Allied Forces:—

100 yards.
440 yards.
1 mile Inter-Regt. or unit Relay Race. 220, 440, 880 yards.

Entrance Fees:—Individual events, 3 marks; team events, 15 marks. Entries should reach Rhine Headquarters, R.A.F. not later than August 2nd 1919.

WORLD'S RECORD BROKEN.

Sgt. R. Perriott, 3rd City of London (Royal Fusiliers), who undertook to punch a ball ceaselessly for 50 hours, successfully completed his self-imposed task, thereby creating a worlds' record. At the finish he collapsed and was carried off insensible.

He carries 20 shrapnel wounds received in Gallipoli in 1916, and after being invalided out of the Army rejoined for a second period of service.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

An informal Visit.

The "Braganzas," the concert party of the 11th. Btn. Queen's only came on an informal visit to the 2/4th Queens at Lindlar, on Monday, but the result constituted a red letter day. The "Ragtime" enthusiasts were absolutely great, and got the whole house "swaying" in less than no time. One of the finest "turns" was given by the "man" and the "girl" in the song entitled "The bells of Saint Marie." There was not a dull moment in the whole show. It was a huge rollicking success, and although the names of the artists were not known, it was noticeable how admirably everyone worked together.

Q.U.B. Dinner.

On Friday evening a number of old members of Queen's University, Belfast, met at dinner—the fifth on active service—in the Officers' Club, Cologne (Belgischer Hof). The toasts were "The King" and "Queen," followed by those of Lieut.-Col. Frank McCammond D.S.O. (R.A.M.C.) and of Major J.D.M. McCallum D.S.O., Croix de Guerre (12th R. Irish Rifles). Major McCallum—who made the arrangements—said that such meetings fostered and maintained esprit de corps. Lieut.-Col. W. Tyrell, O.C., D.S.O. (R.A.M.C.), the popular Irish rugger forward, was unfortunately unable to be present owing to duty in Paris in connection with the "14me".

Leave Club Events.

To-morrow, I hear the Rev. Gower Rees will speak in the writing room. This is the last time he will give one of his Sunday talks—as he is shortly to be demobilized. At 6.30 there will be a concert by the band of the 9th East Surrey Regiment (by kind permission of the O.C.) at which Miss West will play one of her delightful violin solos and Cpl. Walters will sing. An impromptu concert will be given in the music room from 5—6 on Monday July 14th, followed by a practice dance in the theatre at 6.30 p.m. On Tuesday, there will be a dancing class in the theatre from 5—6 and an impromptu concert in the music room at the same hour. A concert will take place at 7. p.m. details of which will be announced later.

The "Spare Parts."

As a fitting conclusion to the regimental sports, the concert party of the 10th "Queen's" performed before a crowded house at Engelskirchen on Wednesday. Although of recent formation, the "Spare Parts" have made great strides towards becoming one of the foremost concert parties on the Rhine, and the applause awarded them was in all cases well merited. Pte. Alford possesses a tenor voice of high quality and Cpl. Walton proved that he ranks among first-class baritone singers. The duet, "Watchman, what of the night," continues to be well received upon every occasion that it is rendered by these two vocalists. The comic side is successfully represented by Lieut. Harwood, and Pte. Hudson and Ptes. Mitchell and Coles make really first-class "girls." The manager, Lieut. Harwood, is to be congratulated upon the creditable "show" which was given to the battalion.

In a few Lines.

The programme of music at the N.A.C.B. Club, Cologne, recently contained the item "The wonderful whistle." When the piece was played it turned out to be "The Magic Flute."

"The Limits" will be the attraction at the Apollo Theatre, Cologne, next week.

The Dramatic Company is becoming famous. Yesterday a newspaper from California was delivered at the Amusements Office addressed to the Rhine Army Repertory Company.

JACQUES.

A BOXING CHALLENGE.

Pte. Jack Worman, 12th Platoon, "C" Coy., 17th Royal Fusiliers, Army of the Rhine writes as follows:—"Would you mind inserting a challenge to all-comers to box them at 10 stone, 4 lbs, 10, 15 or 20 rounds, with or without a side stake? No one barred. If no one comes forward, may I claim the championship (lightweight) among the boys in the Army of Occupation? I should very much like to meet all those at my weight, who think they have a chance."

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

For Belgium.

Four thoroughbred yearlings and three brood mares have left Mr. Coleman's place at Epsom for Belgium. Others are following shortly.

For Army Horses.

There will probably be a race each day at Deauville for army horses, one over hurdles, the other a steeple-chase.

A Record Tournament.

The Royal Military Tournament at Olympia has been the most successful on record. £8,000 will be paid by the committee to the Government in entertainment tax alone.

Leicester's International.

The Preston North End directors have transferred J. L. Macauley, the Irish international inside left, whom they secured from Huddersfield Town five years ago, to Leicester Town.

Crossing The Pond.

The Australian lawn tennis teams have had some difficulty in securing an early passage for America, but the whole U.S.A. Army now has the matter in hand, so probably it will be arranged.

Record Hauls.

Further record hauls of monster tope have been caught near the Goodwins, off Deal. Some anglers, with specially strong tackle, took over 12cwts. some of the fish scaling 40lb apiece.

"Gowf" Feat.

Lawrence Auchterlonie, playing in the July medal competition of the St. Andrews Golf Club over the Old Course, accomplished the round in the brilliant score of 71, which is a record for a medal competition.

"Wolves" for Newport County.

Pat Collins and Alf Brooks, of Wolverhampton Wanderers, have been signed on by Newport County. Collins has been in the "Wolves" since 1906, and Brooks (who came from Rotherham) has had two seasons with the club. Both are capable backs.

"Pal" Moore—A Bet.

Confident as are the supporters of Jimmy Wilde, "Pal" Moore has equally staunch followers, and at the Cafe de Paris last Monday night Mr. Ephraim Hoover, jun., of Chicago, bet £500 to £400 on the American. The odds were taken by a very well-known gentleman hailing from Cardiff.

Echoes from Rhineland.

Big Prizes to be won.

The winner of the Leave Club Victory "Sweep" will be a happy individual, for we hear that the first prize will amount to the very substantial sum of £850 in Victory Bonds. The second will be £340 and the third £170. Those who are lucky enough to gain either of these fine prizes will be in a fortunate position on demobilization. The draw takes place on Tuesday next at 20.00 hours, and will be looked forward to with great interest.

Early harvesting.

A farmer was noticed recently taking the first cut of harvest; quite a month in advance of harvesting at home. The difference of cultivation is interesting. Instead of planting his corn in square plots, as is done at home, the German farmer plants in long narrow strips. He does not waste time in weeding, but just leaves the corn to look after itself. Throughout the different seasons his lack of modern implements has been apparent, and his method of reaping brings this into prominence once more. Instead of the useful "binder" used at home, two men are employed. One has a stout staff which he holds across the corn, to keep it from bending under the powerful sweep of the other's scythe. The contrast is interesting, and makes one inquisitive to see how they will thresh it.

"Bisley" Engaged.

Three hundred officers and men of the Army of the Rhine are participating in the Victory Meeting of the National Rifle Association at Bisley, which opened this week, and 23 of them we understand, will compete in the King's Prize competition. So for the present, to employ that hoary jest which even the war could not kill, this contingent of shots from Rhineland will be "Bisley" engaged. This year a record number of entries has been received for the King's Prize, and at the various ranges where crack snipers congregate many a war experience will be retold.

M.G.C.'s Achievement.

A waggish correspondent camouflages a happy achievement by "C" Company of the 32nd Battalion M.G.C. in the way of war savings, behind allusions to the effect of great financial transactions upon the money market. He writes: "It is to avoid any such upsetting of the Stock Exchange by strange and unfounded rumours that I beg to inform you of a recent large transaction in specie and bullion," and proceeds to record the fact that a company of 150 men purchased, between June 28th and July 5th, 485 War Savings Certificates, an average of £2-10-0 per head. "It is denied," he says, that "either George Robey or a tank was sent from London to promote enthusiasm. At the present moment this celebrated Joint Stock Company is finding a difficulty in obtaining a sufficiency of cigarettes and they express a hope that the canteen allotments may increase in the same proportion as their share allotments in the British Empire. We must not forget the soothing effect of tobacco, especially in matters requiring great financial deliberation."

For American Friends.

Considering the comparatively few American troops to be seen in Cologne, it is a source of surprise that at least one establishment is making a feature of goods which bear American divisional and other signs. There is the familiar "A" on cigarette-cases, rings, match-box covers, distinguishing marks, the meaning of which are known to the troops only, all very nice in their way, but it is doubtful if they will make an appeal to the bodies of khaki-clad troops of this particular zone.

An Act of Bravery.

A British civilian employee was seen the other day in Cologne wearing a small Union Jack in his button hole. Always nail your colours to the mast.

Lindenthal "Tourney".

As Mr. P. A. Vaile, the author of "Modern Lawn Tennis," remarks, the general standard of the English game of tennis is not high, this being largely attributed to the defective hold of the racket most in vogue in England. I dropped into the picturesquely situated courts at Lindenthal on the opening day of the Tourney, and as it happened I witnessed several sets which revealed the national weakness. On the second day, however, when the mens' handicap doubles were in progress, I was more fortunate and witnessed an exhibition of really excellent strokes. Lawn-tennis, by the way, is a popular game with the Germans of both sexes.

Ex-Kaiser at Dovercourt.

It seems quite a curious coincidence that Dovercourt Church, where Captain Fryatt has been buried, is closely connected with the ex-Kaiser. The old Norman tower contains a richly decorated stained glass window, which was designed and presented by the royal fugitive some twenty years ago. The lych gate at the main entrance to the churchyard was at the same time erected at the expense of Queen Victoria. Both gifts are memorials of the ill-fated Walcheren expedition in 1809, when British and Prussian troops landed on that island in the mouth of the Scheldt.

An Ill-Fated Expedition.

The intention of Castlereagh, the English War Minister, was to help Wellesley in the Spanish Peninsula, by creating a diversion in an attempt to capture Antwerp. The troops, however, never reached their goal, being delayed for months before Flushing, and finally being almost decimated by fever on this unhospitable island. Returning to England, some forty odd died at Harwich and were buried in the churchyard of Dovercourt, about a mile away. The window contains some highly coloured glass, blue and red predominating, in which the inevitable German eagle appears above the figure of a soldier, the whole design being quite in contrast with the quiet subdued tones of the window in the east end, or indeed of the quaint yet dignified appearance of the lych gate.

A Mothers Thought.

Recently a Tommy returned from England following leave. This being his first from overseas, his parents eagerly anticipated his arrival, and the recital of his adventures. Three days after he arrived back, the post corporal handed him a parcel. Being that it was rather larger than usual, and thinking it would contain a few sweet cakes etc. he promised his comrades a share. To his surprise and to the amusement of his fellows the parcel was found to contain a sock, a pull through and his iron rations, also a note which read: "Hope they arrive before kit inspection: Mother." The roar of laughter brought in the Captain, who on hearing the joke shared the amusement caused.

Prizes for "Echoes."

The Editor of "The Cologne Post" offers every day the sum of 10 marks for the best paragraph descriptive of any phase of life or interesting incident in Rhineland, not exceeding 150 words in length. The envelope should have the word "Echoes" in the top left hand corner.

To-day's prize of 10 marks is awarded to Sergt. Davies, 52nd Bedford Regt. Rhine Army.

Opinions of the Moment.

THE FUTURE AIRSHIP.

Sir Charles Parsons, inventor of the turbine engine that bears his name, says: For long distances the airship will cut out the aeroplane. If we are to cross the Atlantic by air in the future it will be by airship. I agree there is a great future for the flying boat, the chances of which over land in a forced landing are greater than those of an aeroplane over the sea.

SOUND HEARTS — NOT HEADS.

Sir John D McClure, Headmaster of Mill Hill School says: Now that the war is over we must all work hard and live pluinly, which is what most of us now seem firmly resolved not to do. The old cry "the right to work" has given place to a new one, "the right to be idle." Many of the nation are proving at this instant that they were not worth fighting for. It may be that the heart of the nation is sound, but the head is not.

EMPIRE CO-PARTNERSHIP.

Lord Milner, late Secretary for War, who has just returned from a mission to Egypt, says: The only possibility of the continuance of the Empire is on the basis of out-and-out equal partnership between the United Kingdom and the Dominions. The working out of it in practice will be one of the most complicated tasks which statesmanship will have to face, without bringing about the severance of relations between ourselves and the Dominions.

OXFORD'S DEBT TO PARIS.

The Lord Chancellor, speaking on the bond between Great Britain and France, says: I suppose every Englishman will admit that the greatest university in the world must be pronounced to be the University of Paris. It is not as well known as it should be, that while those of Oxford rightly hold high language when they converse with their friends of Cambridge upon the antiquity of their institutions and the mushroom growth of others, that the very first germ and conception of academic institutions was derived by the University of Oxford from the University of Paris.

THE PERIL OF DRIFTING.

Lord Lee of Farnham, dealing with the lessons of the War says: If trade and commerce are to flourish we must have a definite policy given to us by the Government. We must have an understanding with Labour. The period of uncertainty and suspicion has been too unduly prolonged for trade and commerce to flourish. There is one certain way to disaster and that is to let the trade policy of the country drift—to have no policy at perhaps the most critical time in the history of the country.

THE STATE AND THE DISABLED.

Sir L. Worthington Evans, Minister of Pensions says:—Though it is the special duty of the State to look after disabled men, its work is often mechanical, since it deals with the average rather than the special case. The State, however does much more in special cases than it gets credit for. Thirty-three shillings a week is not the most the State allows, and though 7s. a week is subtracted from a man's pay where he is being maintained, the cost of each man is nearer 70s. than 7s.

CRIMINAL PROFITEERS.

C. A. McCurdy, K.C., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, says: The law requires to be strengthened against the profiteer. If profiteering is to be stopped, not only in foodstuffs, but also in all essential commodities, it is first necessary to find out the fair cost of the commodity in question. When that is done, Parliament must be prepared to make regulations limiting the profit which may be made by producers and distributors to what is fair. Anyone who charges more must be dealt with as a criminal.

THE CONTRAST.

Sidney Walton, director of the Victory Loan campaign, says: Let those who complain of our position, or who object to the comparatively trifling restrictions that war has enforced, pause for a moment to think of what their plight would have been if British blood and British valour had not been given without stint to destroy the German menace. In Germany there will be a capital levy and taxation that will reach an absolutely terrible height; in England we find a taxation that must in all the circumstances be deemed moderate, no capital levy, merely an unlimited Loan, bringing in 5 per cent., with Government security behind it, and with bonuses.

LOVELY MRS. ATHERTON.

Langford North, writing on "Women who held the hearts of men," says: Mrs. Atherton's death seems like the passing of a dynasty. Her name will be remembered when those of better women are forgotten. A hundred years hence in books of memoirs, "the beautiful Mrs. Atherton" will figure, not because she governed a king, but because she stood to multitudes of people as a woman so imperial in her charm that every convention crumbled before her. Her life was an adventure illuminated by notoriety. Like Helen of Troy, her beauty brought disaster. Like the Pompadour, her fan was a sceptre fluttered by a capricious and audacious hand.

She was, at the height of her brilliant beauty, the most fascinating woman in England—and, in some circles, the most hated.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY.

As Text Book.—It is proposed to issue the Peace Treaty as a text book in schools.

No Rent.—In a case at Lambeth County Court the landlady had not drawn rent since 1914.

Cost of Airships.—The cost of six rigid airships of an improved type will be £2,200,000.

Boys for Girls.—Girl telegraph messengers are gradually to be replaced by boys.

No Flying.—Flying over Paris is prohibited on July 13th and 14th.

No Strikes.—In Soviet Russia strikes are prohibited.

Not Satisfied.—The German people are not satisfied with the new postage stamps.

Disability-Pensions.—Approximately 7,000 pre-war disability pensions are peing paid.

Under Martial Law.—Hanover has been placed under martial law.

Foreign Cattle.—The Belgian Senate has authorised the admission of foreign cattle.

No Bonfires.—It is ruled that the making of peace bonfires in the streets is an unlawful act.

Another Year.—D.O.R.A. is to continue in operation for another year.

Mining Crisis.—A general stoppage of the Yorkshire pits is threatened for Tuesday.

Real Estate.—Real estate has been accepted in payment of death duties.

For the Public.—Five million yards of the linen recently sold by the Government will be available for the public through the drapers.

Victory March in Dublin.—The troops of the Dublin garrison had a Victory march through Dublin.

Took the Ledgers.—When the clerks of the Pearl Assurance Campany struck, they took the ledgers with them.

Debates in Churches.—It is suggested that churches should be used for prayer meetings and instruction other than the regular services.

Victory Day March.—No demobilized officers and men are to take part in the Victory Day march.

Refused.—Count Brockdorff-Rantzau is said to have refused the Ambassadorship to Great Britain.

Italy's Prisoners.—The repatriation of 68,000 German prisoners from Italy will begin on July 25th.

Not Wanted.—The Turkish delegation which the Entente sent home as not wanted has arrived at Geneva.

National Kitchens.—It is the desire of the Ministry of Food that National Kitchens should continue during the winter.

Nine in a Room.—At the Lambeth County Court it was said that there were nine sleeping in one room.

Expensive.—A Cheltenham engineer who had written 200 letters to a girl has had to pay £350 damages for breach of promise.

After Separation.—In the Palatinate there is a strong movement in favour of a separation from the German Empire.

An Expensive Promenade.—Two girls were fined 50 marks each for promenading along the Rhine bank after 11 p.m. without a night pass.

Effect of Blockade.—Colonel Pollock is visiting the industrial districts of Rhineland and Westphalia to study the effects of the blockade.

Wives for America.—Over a thousand French girls have left Bordeaux for America to join their husbands.

Officers to Resign.—If the Peace conditions are fulfilled 16,000 German officers will have to resign this month.

Bisley Strike.—The register keepers at Bisley went on strike, the grievance being one of pay and food.

Risky.—An actress charged with shoplifting at Harrod's pleaded that she had a bet she "would get some stuff without being seen."

Lucky Baby.—An omnibus smashed a perambulator and crashed through a window. The baby in the perambulator was only cut.

Bluebell.—"Bluebell Begbie" was the name of a young women charged with being drunk in the Regent's Park.

Gone.—It is said that the Army absorbed the destitute men on the Thames Embankment. There is doubt as to what became of the women.

Closing Down.—Our American contemporary in Coblence closes down on July 15 because of demobilization.

Demobilisation. — Queries on demobilisation continue to reach this office by the score. We are unable to cope with them.

Colonists Wanted.—A deputation is being sent to England by British Guiana to emphasize the need of further colonists for that colony.

Sharp-Shooters.—It is said that 2,000 Birmingham street lamps have been broken during the past four months by the use of catapults.

New Occupation.—American soldiers are on the way from France to Upper Silesia, which they will occupy according to the Treaty.

Austrian Loan.—Negotiations are taking place between America and Austria for a loan of three milliards of francs.

Quiting.—The Swiss legation in Berlin received 70,000 applications for passports from persons who want to go to Switzerland.

Honour for Foch.—To-day in the Palace of Versailles, Mr. Poincaré will present Marshal Foch with a golden laurel.

Labour Protest.—The Labour Party have called upon the Government either to reduce the cost of living or resign.

Making Sure.—To ensure a full supply of beer a South Bucks Peace Celebration committee has approached four brewery companies.

Alsace Lorraine.—The incorporation of Alsace-Lorraine will be celebrated at Strasburg in the Palace of the ex-Kaiser, on the day France ratifies the Treaty.

Tea in Boots.—A Cologne bootmaker sent a box of boots to Hamburg. The British found that the boots were full of tea, coffee, cigarettes and chocolate.

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R. 34 COMPLETES THE ROUND TRIP.

The Air Ministry announced that the British airship, the R. 34, landed safely at Pulham, Norfolk, on Sunday morning at 6.56, exactly one hour after being first sighted from the air station. When she was sighted at 5.56 she was about fifteen miles away, steering a course almost due East. Turning South towards the airship station. she circled over Pulham at about 6.22 a.m., flying at 800 feet. A guy-rope was dropped which was promptly seized by an enthusiast who jumped several feet into the air in order to be the first. In a moment, hundreds of willing hands stretched out and grasped the ropes and the great vessel was quickly brought to the ground. The Royal Air Force band meanwhile played "See the conquering hero comes." Major Scott, the commanding officer, looked out of the window of his gondola, his face wreathed in broad smiles, and waved to the crowd, while Engineer Lieut. Shott r, in reply to a question, shouted "We have had a darned fine trip."

The crew was most enthusiastic, everyone agreeing that the round trip outward and homeward was an unqualified success. They speak in warm praise of the excellence of the arrangements made and of the warmth of the reception given them by the American authorities.

HIS MAJESTY'S TELEGRAM.

The King was the first to send a congratulatory telegram, which ran as follows: "I heartily congratulate you all on your safe return home after the completion of a memorable and indeed unique trans-Atlantic air voyage."

According to General Maitland's log the engine trouble was caused on Friday by a fracture of the connecting rod in one of the engines in the aft car, with the result that the crank case was badly notched and the engine damaged quite beyond repair.

AIRMEN'S STORY.

The following is part of the official log of the voyage up to midnight on July loth. It was issued by the Air Ministry one hour after the airship landed.

"it is a dark night and a gusty wind is blowing from the South West, strength about thirty miles per hour. Headed straight for New York, as promised, to fly over the city before heading out into the Atlantic. It was an extremely good "get away" considering the gusty wind and weather conditions generally. We have 4,600 gallons of petrol for the return journey.

NEW YORK FROM ABOVE.

New York at midnight looks wonderful from above, miles and miles of tiny bright twinkling lights — a veritable fairyland. The searchlights at first made a very unsuccessful search for us, but they usually get us fair and square. We are over Fifth Avenue. Times Square and Broadway present remarkable sights. We distinctly see thousands of upturned faces in spite of the early hour (one o'clock in the morning) and the whole scene is lighted by gigantic electrical signs which seem to concentrate about this point. One in particular over a land tower illustrates the enormous power of aerial advertisement. From 2,000 feet above we see its wheel revolving and the mist rising in a cloud beneath it, presumably an illustration of its speed. The air over New York feels very disturbed, partly oning to the approaching cyclones of which we have already had warnings aed partly also to the heat rising upwards from the city itself. The airship, however, rides out very steadily under the circumstances.

LETTERS FOR THE KING.

July 10th, Thursday.

1.10., morning. We head for home with 3,000 miles of sea between us and our Scottish base. Speed is estimated at 65 knots (or nearly 74 miles) per hour. The weather at the time of starting is decidely favourable for the flight from America to England.

2.17, morning. We are crossing the American coast with four out of five engines running, the fifth engine resting. Some hot coffee from a Thermos flask presented us by our kind American friends is very nice and warming.

9.15, morning. We have already covered 430 miles from New York and are going strong Our mails are now sorted and that took us ome time. We find we have quite a large collection of parcels and letters of all descriptions including some for his Majesty the King, the War Office, Admiralty, Postmaster General and a large number of copies of "Public Ledgers" for the editor of "The Times." This journey we hope will prove the fastest newspaper delivery between New York and London, yet accomplished and will be the forerunner of a regular interchange of mails between East and West — the old world and the new. —

10.45 morning. We are now making a good seventy-two knots, or eighty-three miles, per hour on four engines. Forward engine stopped. If all goes well Major Scott will go straight for London; across Atlantic from Broadway New York to Piccadilly Circus London from the heart of one capital to the heart of another.

10.45, morning. Cook asleep under dining room table.

TOTS OF RUM.

12 noon. Lunch: Mash, cold Bologna sausage pickles and stewed pineapple and a ration of rum". This latter was much appreciated as the weather had turned much colder. Conversation turned on the subject of obtaining secondary meteorological information in the Atlantic. Scott, Greenland, Luck and Harris thought one good method of getting information at a small cost would be to equip all cable repair ships with observers and a suitable outfit of kites and instruments. These ships would be in all parts of the world and are often at sea for days at a time, moreover the cable routes are ready in every case on the shortest and most direct route between the countries they link up.

1.5 afternoon.— We have averaged 5,6·3 knots per hour ever since leaving Broadway. Weather fine, wind 40 knots, South South-West, sea very rough. It is difficult from above to measure the height of the waves but it is easy to see that in a very heavy sea like this, surface ships would be having an extreme bad time. Up here we are as steady as a rock, and unless one looks out of the windows one would hardly realize one was travelling at all. Lieut.-Colonel Hemsley. United States Army Aviation Department, is steering and is taking opposite watch with Pritchard, while Luck has relieved Greenland in the forecar, Corporal Burgess being on the elevator. We are in very good wireless communication with Sable Island, and many messages wishing us success are received from America and Canada. We send our grateful thanks to the United States Naval and Military authorities for their very efficient and kind assistance, in looking after the airship at Mineola during four days of difficult and unpleasant weather conditions.

4.50., afternoon.—Position 42 degrees 15 minutes North, 45 degrees 5 minutes West. We have covered 900 miles from New York in sixteen hours and are 1,850 miles from the South coast of Ireland, exactly one third of the distance between the two countries. Our petrol consumption works out at about one gallon. Cooke determined his position by observation on the sun and using a sea horizon. There were only two occasions, on which he was able to do this on the outward journey owing to clouds and fog.

UNDER THE TABLE.

6,15., afternoon.—A five masted schooner under full sail on the starboard beam about five miles away was an interesting contrast between the old and the new sailing ship and airship. We are now over the main Eastward bound Summer route of steamers from New York to Queenstown. The steamship Adriatic, due at New York on the 13th, should be somewhere near us, and we are on the lookout for her on the wireless. Getting much colder.

8,0., night. — Position 42 degrees 40 minutes North, 50 degrees 30 minutes West making, a good fifty-five knots. It is now time for supper. We all discussed at great length our impressions of American men and American women. I wish our newly made American friends could have heard the delight ful things that were said about them. Pritchard goes to sleep under the dining room table while the second watch come in for their supper. This position under the dining room table seems to be the most sought after point of vantage in the ship.

RHINELAND.

PERIOD OF THE ALLIED OCCUPATION.

Following the publication of the agreement between the Allies and Germany with regard to the occupation of the Rhine Provinces, there was issued yesterday the text of the declaration made by the Governments of the United States, Great Britain, and France, setting forth their intentions relative to the length of the period of occupation. The document, which is dated June 16 last, and is signed by President Wilson, M. Clemenceau, and Mr. Lloyd George, is in the following terms:

The Allied and Associated Powers did not insist on making the period of occupation last until the reparation clauses were completely executed, because they assumed that Germany would be obliged to give every proof of her goodwill and every necessary guarantee before the end of the fifteen years' time.

As the cost of occupation involves an equivalent reduction of the amount available for reparations, the Allied and Associated Powers stipulated, by Article 431 of the Treaty, that if before the end of the fifteen years' period Germany had fulfilled all her obligations under the Treaty, the troops of occupation should be immediately withdrawn.

If Germany, at an earlier date, has given proofs of her goodwill and satisfactory guarantees to assure the fulfilment of her obligations the Allied and Associated Powers concerned will be ready to come to an agreement between themselves for the earlier termination of the period of occupation.

Now and henceforward, in order to alleviate the burden of the Reparations Bill, they agree that as soon as the Allied and Associated Powers concerned are convinced that the conditions of disarmament by Germany are being satisfactorily fulfilled, the annual amount of the sums to be paid by Germany to cover the cost of occupation shall not exceed 240 million marks (gold). This provision can be modified it the Allied and Associated Powers agree as to the necessity of such modification.

DISABLEMENT PENSIONS.

Sir R. Horne states in a written reply to Mr. L. Lyle, that the number of men in receipt of disablement pensions on July 1 was 770 000. The number registered as unemployed at employment exchanges in the United Kingdom on June 6 was 43,501. Of the remainder it is estimated that rougly 50 per cent, have returned to their previous employers. The balance (with the exception of those undergoing training) must be supposed to have found new employment.

VICTORY LOAN.

CAMPAIGN CROWNED WITH OVER £1,000,000,000.

A wonderful eleventh-hour rush signalised the closing of the Victory Loan on Saturday. The approximate estimate of the result of the result of the appeal will be given to the House of Commons by the Chancellor of the Exchequer tomorrow although the full total subscribed will not be known for at least a fortnight.

Quite 500 millions of new money had been subscribed, and according to reports from all part of the country, anything up to another 200 millions was possible in view of the late applications.

As the conversions are believed to total another 500 millions, there is a possible total of from 1,200 to 1,500 millions.

In all the London boroughs special arrangements were made to enable the public to purchase bonds after the closing of the banks. apart from the post-offices, which- of coure, were open as usual.

PARIS CELEBRATES.

GREAT NATIONAL AND VICTORY FETE.

The victory celebrations at Paris began on Sunday evening with a torchlight procession and the sounding of a military tattoo at the monument to the "Glorious Dead" at the Arc de Triomphe. At 9 o'clock the Municipal Council met in the Avenue de Champs Elyées, and, accompanied by detachments of the Republican Guard and torch carriers, proceeded to the cenotaph at the Arc de Triomphe where M. Evain, President of the Council, deposited a wreath in memory of those killed in the war.

Yesterday, at 7.40 a.m., the reception of the troops by the Municipal Council took place at the Maillot Gate. When President Poincaré arrived at the place de l'Etoile, the Marseillaise was be played.

President Poincaré, M. Clemenceau, a French poilu, a French sailor, and an Alsace-Lorrainian in turn placed wreaths at the foot of the monument.

The triumphal march of the armies of the Allies was led by a thousand wounded men.

Large military andvaral contingenits from all the Allies took part.

Paris has probably never before been so beautifully or strikingly decorated.

The Paris Prefect of Police estimates that six million people from the country travelled to Paris for the Victory Fête.

IRELAND.

CARSON DENOUNCES "CAMOUFLAGED IRISH REPUBLIC."

Addressing a vast assembly of Orangemen in Belfast yesterday on the occasion of the celebration of the "Victory Twelfth," Sir Edward Carson denounced Dominion Government as a "camouflaged Irish Republic". He said he did not want them to under estimate the forces that were working against them, or merely to talk. Let them be prepared for all and every emergency.

He told the British Government that if there was any attempt made to take away one jot or tittle of the rights of Ulster Unionists as British citizens he would call out the Ulster Volunteers.

NO INTERFERENCE.

He wanted good feeling between America and this country. He believed the whole future of the world probably depended upon the relations between the United States and themselves, but he was not going to submit to this kind of campaign, whether for friendship or any other purpose.

He said seriously to America: "You attend to your own affairs, and we will attend to ours; but we will not brook interference in our affairs by any country, however powerful."

Sir E. Carson concluded by declaring that if any attempt were made to revive and put into force the Home Rule Act he would summon the Provisional Government. "I will move," he declared, "that we repeal the Home Rule Act if nobody else does, and I will have behind me every loyal man and every loyal woman in Ulster."

DENIKIN'S VICTORY.

BOLSHEVIST COMMUNICATIONS SEVERED.

The War Office announces that in Southern Russia General Denikin's forces have inflicted a heavy defeat on the Bolshevists. His Cossacks crossed the Don, advancing towards the East at Tsaritsin. This move cuts the line of communication Northwards for the Bolshevist 11th and 12th armies lying between Tsaritsin and the Caspian sea.

An immense area in Southern Russia has now been cleared and is free from Bolshevists. Denikin's advance tends to complete encirclement as his progress Eastward brings him nearer to Kolchak's extreme left. Denikin's captures include four armoured trains, nineteen guns and thirty machine guns.

LANSING'S FAREWELL TO FRANCE

The United States Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Lansing, left Paris on Saturday evening. He was seen off by M. Clemenceau, M. Pichon, and M. Dutasta.

Before his departure Mr. Lansing addressed, through the medium of the Press, an affecting farewell to the French nation, expressing his profound gratitude for all the courtesies shown him during his stay in France.

His message concluded "I am returning to my country with a true perception of what France has suffered during the war and with a most profound conviction that the courage which allowed her to march to victory will assist her during the hard days of her reconstruction."

A MAJOR'S DIVORCE.

WHEN THE AIR WARNING SOUNDED.

A decree of divorce was granted by Lord Anderson to Frances Mary Walter, or Farie, Waverley Cottage, Camberley, Surrey, against Allan James Crawford Farie (major in the Royal Army Service Corps), of Farme, Lanarkshire, now residing at South Kensington.

The action was undefended.

The petitioner, aged 33, stated that she was married in St. George's, Hanover-quare, London, in January 1910. Her husband was a Scotsman and was the heir to estates in Lanarkshire. They lived in Birkhill, Lesnmahagow, and afterwards in London. There were two children born of the marriage.

In 1917 she learned that her husband had become acquainted with a Mrs. Edith Quick in London—in fact made his home with her. For some time her husband had ceased to reside with her altogether. In consequence of her husband's association with Mrs. Quick she regarded him as unsuitable to have the custody of the children.

Her husbands's income from the Lanarkshire estates was roughly about £2,000.

Miss Doreen Willis said that from July 1917 to January 1918 she shared a flat in Fulham with Mrs. Quick. Major Farie was a frequent visitor to Mrs. Quick, spending the night with her.

Wm. Mitchell, chauffeur, said that in 1917 he frequently drove Major Farie either in his own or in a Government car to Mrs. Quick's residence. This was practically every night. Major Farie had to go on duty during air raids, and he gave witness instructions to call at Mrs. Quick's House for him on those occasions.

Counsel stated that an arrangement had been come to between the parties in regard to the children. The defender was to pay aliment at the rate of £150 a year for each and was to have access for fourteen days each year, in charge of a person nominated by the petitioner and at a time to be fixed by her.

TAXI EXTORTIONS.

SERGEANTS PROTEST IN THE WRONG WAY.

The wrecking of a taxicab because it was alleged the driver wanted to overcharge his fares was described at North London Police Court yesterday, when three Royal Air Force sergeants —Sam Straight (23), William Dixon Fotheringham (21), and William Cook (22), all qualified flying men who have served through the war— were charged with having wilfully damaged a motor-cab to the extent of £30, the property of William Moriarity.

For the defence a plea of guilty was entered, and it was stated that the men were prepared to pay the damage and were anxious to avoid a conviction.

On the night of July 4, it was stated, they visited the Palladium, and as Fotheringham was taken ill they left before the show was over.

Outside they asked the driver of the cab to take them as far as Pinsbury Park, but at first he refused, saying that when the house closed he could get £2 for that distance.

Ultimately he agreed to take them for £1 if paid in advance, to which the soldiers assented; out on the way they came to the conclusion that the man shoutd be taught a lesson for extorting £1 for a 4s. fare, and they wrecked the inside of the cab.

The magistrate said they should not have taken the law into their own hands. He ordered each to pay a fine of 5s. and £10 for the damage done.

W.A.A.C. MYSTERY.

The mystery surrounding the murder of Miss Rault, whose body was found in the road adjoining Haynes Park Camp, near Bedford, on May 12, was referred to at a meeting of the Bedfordshire Standing Joint Committee.

The chief constable, Col. Stevens reported that he had received a letter from Sir Charles Mathews, the Director of Public Prosecutions, dated July 4, in which he said he had learned that Inspector Wensley had completed his inquiries and had returned to Scotland Yard.

Sir Charles trusted that as a result of his association with the Bedfordshire police they would soon hear that the murderer of Miss Rault would be brought to justice.

"The Weekly Dispatch" offers a reward of £100 for information which will lead to the discovery of the murderer of Miss Rault.

WAR AMBULANCE OVERTURNS.

A light military ambulance bringing soldier patients from Addington Park Hospital overturned yesterday in Wellesley-road, Croydon, through skidding and striking the kerb.

Mabel Williams, 18, the driver, was rendered unconscious and three of the soldiers were also injured.

A German prisoner on the ambulance escaped with slight cuts.

CHEAPER AND BETTER BEER.

Beer is not only to be cheaper but stronger By a new Order of the Food Controller, a pint of beer in a public bar below 1020 specific gravity will be sold at twopence instead of threepence per pint as now.

Beer of any price, however, must be of a greater strength than previously.

These regulations are in accordance with the decision of the cabinet that brewers must give better quality for the same money, instead of further taxation being imposed on them. August 1st is given as the "Joy Day" when the new Order takes effect.

Some 350,000 persons have witnessed the military tournament at Olympia, the takings being £50,000.

WINESHOP MURDER.

SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED.

A new light is thrown on the mystery of the Hendon wineshop murder by the arrest at Sheffield of the young man named Biggin. The motive for the crime will be found to have been not robbery but a drama of passion in which the younger of two men battling for their lives survived.

The allegation is that the deceased man Gregory met Biggin and asked him to his house where he gave him drink and dinner. After the meal Biggin reclined on the couch. The actions of the older man then became peculiar and angry words arose between the pair. Deceased, it is suggested, became over wrought with passion and adopted such a menacing attitude towards the younger man as forced him to take measures necessary to defend himself and in doing so caused the injuries which proved fatal.

DAISY DORMER.

ROBBED OF HER SIX-GUINEA HANDBAG.

Mrs. Beatrice Gee, better known as Daisy Dormer, the music-hall artist, who resides at Caldecot-road, Denmark Hill, attended Marylebone police-court to prosecute Elizabeth Mann, a dressmaker, of Macklin-street, Drury-lane, for stealing her handbag and contents, value nine guineas. While making a purchase at Marshall and Snelgrove's, prosecutrix placed her handbag on the counter, and it disappeared. The bag cost six guineas.

The Clerk: Do you say the bag (a fancy Dorothy bag) cost six guineas. Mrs. Gee: Yes.

"Really," exclaimed the Clerk.

"Yes," said Mrs. Gee, with a merry smile, "and before the war, too."

The prisoner, a powerfully-built woman, admitted the theft.

Miss Blanch Bolton, lady detective at the shop, a little woman, saw the prisoner snatch the purse from the counter, and arrested her after a somewhat violent struggle. "Don't lock me up," begged the prisoner. "For God's sake, let me go."

A detective asked a remand on the ground that a number of other purses had been found in the prisoner's possession.

WHITE LILIES.

POLICEWOMEN UNNECESSARY AT LLANELLY.

Llanelly, in South Wales, prides itself on absolute immunity from immorality of the professional kind. According to the Chief Constable of Carmarthenshire, the morality of the town has reached such a high plane that the people would not tolerate the unfortunate class.

Such a rara avis, he declared, in a report to the Standing Joint Committee, would attract the immediate attention and close supervision of every constable in the locality! On this account he recommended that the proposed employment of policewomen was unnecessary.

He added that the youth of the town were "not quite the type who would be overawed by a policewoman." They came from a good fighting stock and he doubted whether a woman in nice uniform would inspire fear, if even respect. The committee agreed with the Chief Constable's suggestion that policewomen should not be employed.

COTTON STRIKE ENDED.

The employers in the cotton trade decided that they were willing to reopen the mills on Monday on the terms arranged last Wednesday. They also decided to recommend all employers in the cotton trade to close the mills on Peace Day, and to pay full wages to their workpeople.

The Operative Cotton Spinners also held a meeting, and decided by 130 votes to 22 to agree to the terms of settlement which were arranged on Wednesday. The vote being decisive, no ballot of the general body of members was necessary, and the operatives were at the mills ready for work on Monday morning.

Preston operative spinners unanimously decided to support the acceptance of the terms of settlement, and a similar decision was arrived at by a meeting of the general council of the Northern Counties Weavers' Amalgamation.

PRISON FOR EX-MAYOR.

Thomas Hampson, aged fifty one, ex-Mayor of Southport, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment in the second division at Liverpool Assizes yesterday for fraudulently applying to his own use £22,585 belonging to the Vulcan Motor and Engineering Company, of which he was managing director.

It was stated that the money was obtained by selling scrap brass which had accumulated in the works.

For aiding and abetting, Davis Purves, aged seventy-five, received five months in the second division, and John Hamar, aged forty-eight, six months.

Purves and Hamar were co-directors of the Vulcan company.

SOUTHEND STRIKES SETTLED.

The strike of porters and carmen engaged in coal distribution at Southend is over. The corporation and their employees have come to a satisfactory arrangement as regards hours and wages, and work will be resumed immediately.

The strike at the gasworks has alsended, and some of the men have already gone back to work.

When fined 5s. at the Kingston police court yesterday for the irregular attendance of her children at school, a woman pleaded that she was the mother of twenty children. The statement was corroborated by a court official, whereupon the magistrate reduced the fine to 2s. 6d.

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PRIX DE CRAWHEZ. — A Cup offered by Baron Jean de Crawhez to the winning rider; a souvenir, value 1,000 Mks. to the winner; a souvenir, value 200 Mks. to the second; a souvenir, value 50 Mks. to the third. — A flat race, distance 2,400 M. (about 1 1,2 mile), for Army-horses belonging to the Allied and Associated Armies. — Weight 76 kilos. Winners to carry 1 kilos extra for each race won. These penalties not to exceed 12 kilos.

PRIX JOORIS. — A Cup offered by Colonel Jooris, Commander of the First Guides Regiment to the winning rider; a souvenir, value 800 Mks to the winner; a souvenir, value 100 Mks. to the second; a souvenir, value 50 Mks. to the third, — A steeple-chase. — Distance: 3,000 M (about 1 mile and 4 furlongs) (Easy course.) For Army horses belonging to the Allied and Associated Armies which have not won a race (over hurdles or a steeple-chase) in 1919. — Weight: 78 kilos. Horses which have never taken part in any race over hurdles or steeple-chase 2 kilos allowed.

PRIX BURKELL. — A Cup offered by the officers of the First Guides Regiment to the winning-rider; a souvenir, value 1,000 Mks. to the winner; a souvenir, value 200 Mks to the second; a souvenir, value 50 Mks to the third. — A steeple-chase, distance 3,200 M. (about 2 miles) for Army horses belonging to the Allied and Associated Armies (thoroughbred horses and winners of three races (hurdle-races or steeple chases not qualified). — Weight: 74 kilos Winners to carry 4 kilos extra for each race won (over hurdles or a steeple-chase).

A certificate signed by the Corps-Commander stating that the horse is considered as non thoroughbred to be transmitted with the letter of entry.

PRIX DE LA SOCIÉTÉ DE SPORT DE BELGIQUE — A Cup offered by the Comte d'Oultremont to the winning-rider; a cup offered by the Société de Sport de Belgique and a souvenir, value 2,000 Mks. to the winner; a souvenir, value 400 Mks to the second; a souvenir value 100 Mks to the third. — A steeple-chase, distance: 4,000 m (about 2 miles) for Army horses, belonging to the Allied and Associated Armies. — Weight: 74 kilos. Winners to carry 4 kilos extra per race won. These penalties not to exceed 12 kilos.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Starters to pay an entrance fee of 20 mks for each race.

Horses taking part in these races must have been placed on the control of the Allied and Associated Armies.

The races will be run under the Rules of the Société de Sport de Belgique.

Officers engaging horses are supposed to be acquainted with these rules and to submit without reserve to their dispositions.

Officers who have never ridden a winner of a public race will be allowed 4 kilos, those not having ridden five winners, 3 kilos.

Mares to be allowed 2 kilos in the flat-races.

Entries to be sent to

A) The Secretary of the Société d'Encouragement, 1, rue Guimard, Brussels. Telegraphic address "Encouragement" Brussels before July 5th, at 17.00 hours.

B) The Belgian Mission to Cologne.

N.B. — The description of each horse: name, age, sex, colour and pedegree must be mentioned in entry.

President: Colonel Jooris.
Stewards: Captain Count Edouard d'Oultremont.
Captain Count H. d'Oultremont.
Lieut. Prince De Croy-Solre.

A special train will leave Cologne for Crefeld at 10.00 hours on July 20th.

There will be a totalizator.

Amusements, Recreation, etc.

Deutsches Theatre, Bismarckstrasse
This Week. Nightly at 6 p.m.
BRITISH RHINE ARMY DRAMATIC COMPANY present
"THE TITLE"
A Comedy in 3 Acts by Arnold Bennett.
Seats booked by 'phone must be claimed by 5.50 p.m., otherwise they are likely to be sold.
The next Production of the British Rhine Army Dramatic Company is:
"GENERAL POST"
London's great success on July 21st 1919.

Apollo Theatre. Schildergasse
The 6th City of London Regt.
present
"THE LIMITS"
In a vaudeville Entertainment.
Nightly at 6 p. m.

No: 1 Army Cinema.
32 Komödienstrasse
Change of Programme on Monday.

No: 2 Army Cinema.
Moderne Theatre, Breite Strasse
Change of Programme on Monday.

No: 3 Army Cinema.
Germania Theatre, Hohe Strasse
Change of Programme on Monday.

The Army Gymnasium.
Recreation and Amusement can be had at the Army Gymnasium Kreuzgasse (Off Schildergasse) Open Daily. Officers 2 to 3. All ranks 3 to 5. Admission and Instruction Free.

Watch this column for coming events.

British-Rhine-Army-Musical Societies.

The British Rhine Army Male Voice Choral Society and Church Choir.

Rehearsals are held each Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 5.45 p.m. in the Lecture Room (first floor) Church Army Soldiers' Club, Antoniter Strasse, Cologne.

British Empire LEAVE CLUB CINEMA
Every day at 2.30 Admission 1 and 2 Mk.
Continuous Performance Fridays and Sundays.

Church of England Services in Cologne.

1.—THE MILITARY CHURCH
57 Schildergasse, (Turning off Hohe Strasse).
Holy Comm. 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 11-15 a.m., 6-45 p.m.
Parade Service, 10.30 a.m.
Confirmation Service, 2.30 p.m.
Evening Service, 6.00 p.m.

2.—THE CHURCH ARMY CHAPEL
Hotel du Nord.
Sundays: Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m., 6.45 p.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Weekdays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saints' Days.
Short Morning Prayers Daily at 9-15 a.m.

3.—THE ARMY CINEMA HALL
36, Komodien Strasse
Sundays: Evening Service, 6 p.m.

4.—THE CHURCH ARMY CINEMA HALL
55, Severin Strasse.
Sundays Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.
Evening Service, 6. p.m.

SCOTTISH CHURCHES' SOLDIERS CLUB Schildergasse. Every Wednesday and Friday at 6.30 p.m. a Wesleyan Champlain will be in attendance in Quiet Room (upstairs).

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Tuesday, July 15, 1919.

REVOLUTION OR—?

In the past when communication between individuals, cities and nations was tedious and uncertain; when only one man in ten in England, for example, could transmit an idea except by speech; in the days before newspapers, telephone and R3f's idea had little chance of survival.

It could not permeate. It was perhaps nourished by a few enthusiasts only to be blasted by the rage of bigotry, the scorn of ignorance or the frown of kings.

How different things are to-day. The world is a buzz of ideas bandied about by modern methods of transmission, acting and reacting on individual and national physiology.

Unfortunately this freedom of exchange has not run hand in hand with the actual survival of the best. Mankind has just emerged from five years of agony, borne to suppress the idea that might is right. Now the world chorus is singing the clear song of victory.

Already, however, the discords can be heard. It is useless to blink the fact that in men's minds is the idea of revolution, or more generally the urgent wish to see the immediate materialization of their idea of the brighter and better world which would justify the sufferings and sacrifices of its recent travail.

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new." The problem of the moment is—Will it change and merge into the new, or will order cease to exist before the new scheme of things is organised?

We are living in an artificial atmosphere, created by capital expenditure, which is approaching exhaustion. Already the weaker are gasping and efforts are being made to improve the ventilation.

If these temporary expedients are not quickly replaced by real fresh air, the fabric of society will be rent. Some are satisfied with things as they were; others desire anarchy. Both are wrong. The future happines of the world will be forged by those who are now actuated by the highest ideas of citizenship which can be summed up in the words Thought and Service.

It is the duty of each one of us to set them in opposition to the world-idea of revolution.

THE UNADVERTISED HEROINE.

With the horrors of war daily becoming only memories, we can all look back with pride or remorse at the part played by the individual in the great struggle.

The deeds of the soldier, the nursing sisterhood and the women who helped in so many other ways in active service naturally take the foremost place when the records of the war are in our minds. Nobody will begrudge an atom of the praise these deserved.

But there is a war heroine who has never donned uniform, has seldom been photographed for the illustrated press, but unobtrusively has carried on, whose sole satisfaction for faithful duty has been an absent husband and perhaps sons as well, with an allowance, which, owing to the rapid rise in the cost of living, was for the most part barely adequate to keep the home going.

This heroine, whose praises have been sung but little, is the soldier's wife.

Full of anxiety for her dear ones at the front, struggling to make ends meet, especially when the mother of a young family, she has kept a cheerful face, often slandered, but patiently enduring for the sake of home and country.

She deserves more appreciation than she has so far received. She has in most cases been a real heroine, and no one will be more willing to concede this than the married soldier who has gone through the hell of war.

She asks for no reward, but she is sure to obtain it in the increased devotion of her soldier husband on his return from Army life.

Through cloud and sunshine, her value has been felt even in the firing line and many a Tommy can bear testimony to a dull or dreadful day being brightened by a ray of sunshine through a few loving lines from the faithful little woman in Blighty — the soldier's wife.

YOUNG BLOOD.

It wasn't his fault that he wasn't out here before. Failure to arrange one's initial appearance on this interesting planet till 1889, though, perhaps, unfortunate, isn't culpable.

Nevertheless, Private Barton regretted his youth keenly, and bore the burden of adolescence impatiently, as was natural in a youth whose efforts to assert his manhood had, so far, failed. Granted, he did his best.

He assimilated all the best examples of the adjective in khaki, and invested the whole collection, one day, in our mess, in a demand to the Mess Orderly to get a lurid move on with the sanguinary rissoles.

But the effect was scarcely encouraging. The nouns couldn't keep step with the adjectives, and even the best of the latter, or, if you prefer it, the worst, grow war-weary if used injudiciously.

There were, in the Mess, seasoned veterans of adjectivity, artists, whose sensitive ears were offended, not by the adjectives (which, indeed, were good or bad enough), but by Cyril's deplorable waste of promising material.

The Mess Orderly alone took note of the outburst, but as his appreciation involved Cyril in an unusually long wait for his breakfast, he can scarcely be said to have 'clicked' on this occasion.

His quite impromptu second attempt at profanity when he realised the Orderly's intention, was infinitely more artistic, but as it was *solo* once it passed unnoticed.

Having failed the "language test," Cyril next attempted to impress us with the redness of his blood by alcoholic indulgence. "A little wine maketh glad the heart of man," so the Scripture hath it.

Cyril did not find it so. The wine he took was little enough, in all conscience, but it decidedly deplorable effect on his legs followed so closely its glad effect on his heart, and endured for so much longer, that he awoke the next morning a complete sceptic on one portion of the Scriptures.

Entering the Mess, as most of us were leaving it, he made a feeble effort to look the desperate fellow he was far from feeling, but a head is no respecter of "heroes," and the effort left us flat as Cyril himself had fallen some ten hours earlier.

Doubtless by now most of you are smiling at our innocence in seeking to create a "hero" out of such unpromising material as Cyril. But wait.

After his last adventure, Cyril decided the rôle of "Man of the World" was beyond his histrionic powers. Still determined, however, to cut some sort of figure in our world, he sought, and after a little manoeuvring secured the post of demobilization clerk, and here he found salvation.

His English now is as pure as that to be found in the Army Orders, of which he possesses a knowledge almost uncanny. From being a nonentity, he has become, in the eyes of all of us, a man of light and learning.

His status having been recognized, he is quite happy, and wields his power wisely. Every hour he emerge from his room, smiling and sometimes even singing "Wait a Little While."

If there's any moral in all this (which, perhaps, is doubtful) it's simply this: You can never be sure of the redness of your blood, so make the most of your grey matter, or, take care of your grey matter and the red blood will take care of you both.

E. J. TELLUM.

THE ANSWERED PRAYER

It is rather interesting in these days to recall the introduction of Dr. Wilhelm Rolandi's English edition of "Legends of the Rhine," written in May 1906, and now being sold to our troops.

He describes a journey that he made between Mainz and Bonn on the Rhine steamers, and sitting in his deck chair in the test of spirits he hears the sound of a melodious female voice speaking the English language. On looking round he sees a girl bending over his English translation and entertaining her father and mother by reading something of special interest and beauty.

He enters into conversation with the traveller and compliments them on the fact that during the last century the Rhine had become for the English people that home of romance which the Germans sought to find in Italy.

The girl smiles, and remarks that he must pay great compliment to her mother in particular, as she was by birth an Englishwoman. The father is an American, adds that they all can speak with enthusiasm of the beauties of the Rhine. The Doctor, commenting on this, says, "These two nations which are bound by so many ties to each other, and also to ourselves, were thus represented before me. The English people undoubtedly form by far the largest contingent of our Rhine travellers." As he hears the compliments paid to the grand old Rhine, he is deeply touched and his thoughts travel back to the days of "long, long ago" when as a little chap in his native Bonn he had first listened with interest to the melodious voices of the golden-haired daughters of old Albion who came in large numbers to reside in the famous University town.

He separates from these friends at the foot of the Drachenfels and gives to them a small present to keep as a memento of the Rhine and one of its poets.

In a state of exaltation and thrilled with joy unspeakable, he concludes.

And to the God who planted the desire to wander in the human breast, I addressed this prayer: "Send us many such from over the North Sea, and from beyond the great water to our beloved Rhineland."

Thus the prayer of 1906 has been answered in 1919, but not in the way the doctor would have wished.

Many more thousands have come from over the North Sea and beyond the great water than ever he imagined in his wildest dreams. They contemplate the beauties of the Rhine, but not always in a state of exaltation; the old Thames appeals more to them. The melodious voices of the sons of Albion can be heard everywhere. I wonder if it has the same charm as in the old tourist days? How they must love to hear the picquet after 11 p.m. requesting them in tones soft and low that he would like to see their passes. Melodious too, is the sound of the sentry's challenge upon the midnight air.

The Doctor is also a prophet, for in the last paragraph he rises to sublime heights "So long as they love our native stream with, its castle-crowned steeps, they will preserve a warm corner in their hearts for their Teutonic kinsmen." Our hearts are strangely warmed and our bodies too in these melting days as we keep our watch on the old Rhine.

G. K.

HEART'S DESIRE.

Alas, that Spring should vanish with the Rose!
That youth's sweet-scented manuscript should close!
The nightingale that in the branches sang,
Ah, whence and whither flown again, who knows!

Ah Love! could thou and I with Fate conspire
To grasp this sorry scheme of things entire,
Would not we shatter it to bits—and then
Re-mould it nearer to the heart's desire?

OMAR KHAYYAM.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

FACE FUNGUS.

Sir, — Although personally I am not one of those people who offend your correspondent "Tatcho" by wearing "sideboards," I do not consider he is justified in criticising those people who adopt this form of adornment.

I do not like parting my hair on the right side, I detest the idea of growing a moustache, and I abhor red neckties.

But these facts do not entitle me to dictate to those who are partial to these things.

In the great majority of cases "those men who made England what she is" wore side whiskers, and that mythical individual who is representative of Britain, "John Bull", is invariably pictured with a goodly growth of fungus about the ears.

Is it jealousy on the part of "Tatcho" at his inability to develop this decoration that makes him write such "Tommy rot"?

F.O.R.

RACING SUGCESTIONS.

Sir,— Splendid as were the arrangements made by the Racing Sub-Committee for the excellent day's racing provided by them at Cologne on Thursday and Saturday, future events would, in my opinion, be greatly improved if the following three suggestions (which I hope the Clerk of the Course will forgive me for making) were carried out:

1. Lopping of the trees which at present obstruct the views of the start for the five furlong races from the Grand Stand.
2. Showing the "raw" on the number board.
3. Disallowing different horses to bear the same name.

This latter point with regard to the duplication of names led to a good deal of confusion on Thursday. When registering a horse, if the name required has already been taken, could not a numeral be attached or another name selected as is done under Jockey Club Rules?

"KINGSCLERE."

WHY NOT BE PUNCTUAL?

Sir,— Punctuality is an important item in everyday work. Why should it not be the same with pleasure?

Last Sunday, one of the Rhine river trip boats was to have left Bonn for Coblenz at 09.30 hours, according to programme.

At the appointed time 300 officers and men were on the boat waiting to depart.

Two members of the party, however, were yet to come, and for these two the boat was delayed one hour and a half, it being after 11.00 before we left Bonn Pier.

It seemed to me to be extremely unfair that 300 pleasure seekers should lose some of their pleasure owing to the tardiness of two individuals.

DISSATISFIED.

SWEEPSTAKES.

Sir,—There is no doubt that the Victory Loan sweepstake organised by the British Empire Leave Club has been a huge success.

It means that there are eight or nine thousand men willing to take a sporting chance of winning a substantial prize in Victory Loan.

I would suggest that there should be more of these sweeps. Every man would stand a sporting chance, and the state would benefit considerably.

The Leave Club has given a lead, so why should not each individual unit have its own sweep.

At the present rate of exchange a War Savings certificate costs about 55 mks. At two marks a ticket, it would take twenty-seven members to buy one certificate, and this could be increased ten-fold, in any average sized unit.

"VICTORY."

IN QUEST OF A HOBBY.

Sir, — I was greatly interested in your article on "Hobbies". Every young soldier out here ought to take up something of the kind, I think.

Now, there were two hobbies that were not mentioned and they are two of the best.

Meteorology, or the observation of the weather, with its "infinite variety", or astronomy, the science of the stars. Neither costs much to follow, and above all, if we do the practical observations, it takes us out in the air.

"ASTER".

ARE WE FORGOTTEN?

Sir,— What must strike everyone who goes on leave now is that the man in civvies appears to be thought more of than the soldier in khaki.

What a contrast! During the war nobody could do too much for the fighting man; he was honoured everywhere. He was doing his best to save England from the horror of a German victory. He was enabling the factory and office to keep going and the profiteers to acquire a fortune.

Now, so short is the public memory, he is thought of no account. People ask "what, are you doing in khaki?" They seem to think one is almost a slacker for wearing the King's uniform. It really makes one despair of the attitude of mind of one's countrymen.

SERVING SOLDIER.

"NO-CIGARETTE" GROUSE.

Sir,—I must confess that I was surprised when I saw the N.A.C.B. Canteen at the Cologne Rhine supplying German civilians with two packets of cigarettes, while there are British Tommies who have to go without for days.

A.E. ZURNER.

NONE "BY REQUEST."

Sir,— To-night at the Officers' Club we have been informed that no "requests" are to be submitted to the Orchestra.

Does this mean we have to sit and listen to German music all through dinner without being able to listen to our own?

I think this is a little hard on those who like to hear a little other than "sob stuff" played by the orchestra at the Officers' Club.

W. S. M.

WHERE DID THEY GO TO?

Sir, — H.A.D.'s interesting communication on the mystery of the cigarettes purchased at the E.F.C. calls to mind a similar experience of my own.

Some weeks ago I purchased five packets of cigarettes in a certain canteen in Cologne. Each packet "pledged" itself to contain ten cigarettes, but on opening one some time after I had left the vicinity of the Canteen, I discovered nine cigarettes only.

My curiosity being aroused, I examined the remaining packets, and to my surprise, and disgust, found two others out of the five containing only nine cigarettes each.

I make no further comment but such things provide food for thought!

"BITTEN".

Field, Course, and Range.

ENGLISH WEEK-END SPORTS AND PASTIMES IN A NUTSHELL.

There was another splendid array of sporting attractions in England on Saturday, Lingfield, Haydock Park, Lord's, Roehampton, Kingston and Bisley among other popular resorts bidding for popular favour. The weather in the early part of the day was miserable, rain pouring in torrents, but later on the conditions greatly improved. The Eton-Harrow Cricket match — the 90th of the series — was won by the former, by 202 runs.

LINGFIELD AND HAYDOCK PARK.

Big Victory For Eton Against Harrow at Lord's.

Racing:—LINGFIELD—BRAMLETE HANDICAP.—1, Little Mischief (11-2); 2, Haligonde (100-7); 3, Primrose (11-4).
STARBORN PLATE:— 1. Djamo (10-1); 2, Box o' Tricks (3-1 on); 3, Lucomedia (10-1).
LINGFIELD CORINTHIAN PLATE:— 1. Confessor (100-7); 2, Gay Lord (13-8); 3, Furia (100-7).
TANDRIDGE COURT HANDICAP:— 1, Ninon (11-4); 2, Cupgate (10-1); 3, Pickny (5-2).
GREAT FOAL PLATE:—1, Maxwell (11-10); 2, Joskin (100-30); 3, Latour (10-1).
IMBERHORNE HANDICAP:—Memphian's Plumes (100-8); 2, Twineat (100-8); 3, High Society (6-1).
BLACKWELL HOLLOW PLATE:—1, Goodname (5-1); 2, Girvan (9-4); 3, Wilkin (3-1).

HAYDOCK PARK RESULTS.—

PADDOCK PLATE:—1, Rosemary Fane (7-4); 2, Gilded Spurs (7-2); 3, Trung (20-1).
ASHTON PLATE:—1, Lady Dibs (5-2); 2, Billbeck (6-1); 3, Flying Foe (5-1).
OLD NEWTON CUP:—1, Loaf Sugar (11-4); 2, Evan (3-1); 3, East Cheshire (6-1).
SATURDAY SELLING HANDICAP:— My Patsey (6-5); Bayodee. Two ran.
WILLOWS HANDICAP:—Noualtwell (2-1); 2, Angels Kiss (5-2); 3, Nunnacus (2-1).
WINWICK PLATE:—1, Kasmir (7-2); 2, Alligan (100-7); 3, Red Michael (20-1).

Cricket:—Eton won by 202 runs. Eton 176 and 143 for nine declared; Harrow 76 and 41. Leicester 224; Australians 551 for five declared and 28 for 0 drawn. Sussex 228 and 172 for four; Surrey 333 drawn. Yorks won by an innings and 143 runs. Yorks 401; Hampshire 82 and 176. Warwickshire 224 and 203 for nine, declared; Lancs 211 drawn.

Athletics:—At the Civil Service Sports the mile relay was won by the M.G.C. Grantham, the 1st Scots Guards being 2nd, and H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth third.

KINGSTON REGATTA.

Gent's Single Finals In Roehampton Tournament.

Rowing:—Kingston Regatta Results: Ravens Court Challenge Cup-Thames R.C. beat Kingston Junior Fours:—Molesey beat Kennington. Junior Sculls—Walker of Vesta beat Lieut. Walker, Tanks. Senior Sculls—Lieut. Col. Salter, Tanks, beat Muller, Maidenhead, Kingston Grand Challenge Cup—Thames beat Kempton. Coronation Cup—Marlow beat Thames Ditton. Challenge Cup—Auriol beat Kingston, Junior Senior Sculls—Beresford, Thames, beat Major Jacob D.S.O. Pairs—Fairbairn and Logan, Thames, beat Sharp and Rogers A.I.F.
Tennis:—Roehampton Tournament Finals (Gent's singles)—Fisher and Ritchie divided. Ladies Singles—Miss Ryan and Mrs. Larcombe divided. Gent's doubles—Thomas and Lycett beat Norton and Raymond 13-11; 6-3; Ladies' doubles—Mrs. Larcombe and Miss Ryan beat Miss Holman and Miss McKane 6-3; 6-4. Mixed doubles—Lycett and Miss Ryan beat Thomas and Mrs. Larcombe 6-4; 8-6.
Boxing:—At the Ring on Saturday night Alf Craig, Aldgate, beat Will Brooks, Aberavon, who retired in the ninth round with a cut eye.
Shooting:—It was pouring in torrents for the shooting competition for the "Daily Graphic" Cup at Bisley on Saturday but the conditions gradually improved. The two best scores returned were Capt. McKenzie, 8th Black Watch and Capt. Martin, Canadians, 47 each. Pte. Drew, 6th Manchesters, and Lieut Goddin scored 46, and Mrs. Irvine 43. These competitors shoot off for the first four places to-day. The Wimbledon Cup was won by Air Mechanic Bell, Australians, and the "Daily Telegraph" Cup by Lieut. Smeslar, Canada. Mr. Arkell and Cpl. Cope, South Africans, tied with 34 each.

SPIRITED RACING.

13th KING'S LIVERPOOL REGIMENT ATHLETIC SPORTS MEETING.

Some very fine and spirited racing was seen at the 13th Bn. King's Liverpool Regt. Sports meeting-Lieut.-Col. V.B.Thurston, D.S.O., commanding—which were held on Monday on the Regimental Sports ground, Beuel. The spectators included Major-General A. Solly Flood. C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., the Divisional Commander; Brigadier-General H. C. Potter, C.M.G., D.S.O., commanding 2nd Northern Brigade, recently commanding the 13th King's; Lieut.-Col. W. J. Cranston, D.S.O., M.G.C. at one time commander of the Battalion in France, and Major Takeman M.C., C.F.

The Battalion band under the able conductorship of Bandmaster Rogers, rendered some very fine items, which were greatly appreciated. The sports proved an unqualified success from every point of view.

SOME OF THE WINNERS.

Long jump:—1, L/Cpl. Brooks, "C" Coy., 17 feet; 2 2Lt Christian, "A"; 3, Pte. Hagne, "C".
High jump:—1, Lieut. Galley, H.Q., 5ft. 2 in.; 2, Capt Carson, "A"; 3, Pte. Paterson, "C".
100 yds. (O.R.s):—1, L.Cpl. Walsh, H.Q.; 2, L.Cp Brookes, "C": 3, Pte. Jacobs, "D".
440 yds. (O.R.s):—1, L.Cpl. Walsh, H.Q.; 2, Pte. Colley, "B": 3, Sgt. Jones, "D".
100 yds. (officers):—1, 2Lt. Christian, "A"; 2, 2Lt. Clegg, "C".
Coy. relay race:—1, "C" Coy.; 2, "D" Coy.
Hurdles:—1, L/Cp. Balderston, "B"; 2, L.Cpl. Brookes, "C"; 3, Capt. Richards, "C".
Best Turned-out Soldiers:—1, Pte. Bickerstaffe, "C"; 2, Cpl. Wharton, "D".
880 yds:—1, 2 Lt. Jones, "C"; 2, Sgt. Jenkins, "B" 3, 2Lt. Brealy, "A".
440 yds. (officers):—1, 2Lt. Brealy, "A"; 2, Capt Redhead, "C".
Tug-of-War:—"A" Coy.
1 Mile race (open to Bde.):—1, Cpl. Bailey, 52nd K.L.R. 2, Pte. Snookes, 52nd; 3, 2Lt. Horn, "C", 13th Kings.
Points awarded to Coys. as follows:—"C" Coy., 3 points; "A" Coy., 19 pts.; H.Q., 9 pts.; "B" Coy., 8 pts. "D" Coy., 6 pts.
Cup awarded to:—"C" Coy.

A word of appreciation is due to 2 Lt. J Costello for his untiring work and energy, in the management and organization of the sports, without which they could scarcely have been the success they were. At the conclusion Brigadier General H. C. Potter, C.M.G., D.S.O. kindly presented the prizes, and congratulated the winners upon their success.

BATTALION SPORTS.

2/4 DUKE OF WELLINGTONS MEETING AT GYMNICH.

The above Battalion held their annual sports at Gymnich on Wednesday, under the patronage of Brigadier-General Gwyan, C. B. (Acting Divisional-General) and Colonel S. G. Francis, D.S.O (Acting Brigadier-General) who were accompanied by their Staffs.

The following is a list of the officials:—Colonel Francis, D.S.O.; Major J. C. Furnell, D.S.O. Judges for dismounted events:—Rev C. F. Rack, M.C.C.F.; Capt. R Green; Lieut C. G. J. Rayner, R.A.M.C. Stewards:—Capt. D. Barber; Capt. G. V. Serocyn, M.C.; Lieut. J. H. Lawes; Lieut. C. E. Barr; C.S.M. Mann. Starter:—R.S.M. Smith. Starter for mounted events:— Lieut. R. Gates. Judges for horse events:—Divisional General; Brigadier-General; Capt. Benyon. Clerk of the course and recorder:—Lieut. W. Rawson. Time-keeper: Sergt. Melvin.

ATHLETIC RESULTS.

Among the athletic results were the following:
½ mile:—Cpl. Dutton; Sergt. Taylor; Pte. Deakin.
Long jump: Capt. E. V. Bernays, M.C. (13 ft. 6 ins.); Capt. Green; L/Cpl. Marriss.
100 yards:—Capt. E. V. Bernays, M.C.; Capt. Green; L Cpl. Marriss.
High jump:—L Cpl. Stokes; L Cpl. Marriss; Sergt. Taylor.
220 yards:—L.Cpl. Hodgson; Sergt. Taylor; Pte. Duggan.
440 yards;—Pte. Deakin; Lieut. Sheppard; Sergt. Taylor.
One mile:—Cpl. Dutton; Pte. Azar; Cpl. Smith.
Relay race:—"A" Coy; "D" Coy.
Tug-of-war:—"D" 2 Coy. (Lieut. Shepherd, coach).
Championship cup won by "D" 2 Coy., for highest number of points gained.
Individual prize. L.Cpl. Marriss.
At the conclusion of the events, the Acting Divisional General presented the prizes and was accorded a great reception.

NEXT COLOGNE RACE MEETING.

The next race meeting in Cologne under the auspices of the Racing Sub-Committee will be on the 2nd and 5th of August. No subsequent meetings have yet been arranged.

52nd ROYAL SUSSEX SPORTS.

B. COY WINNERS OF INTER-COMPANY CHALLENGE CUP.

A successful sports meeting was held by the 52nd Battn., Royal Sussex Regt. on the football ground, Lind Barracks, on Wednesday. Little from Bonn braved somewhat unpropitious weather to grace the proceedings with their presence and Major-General Nicholson, C.C.B., C.M.G., commanding the Eastern Division was also present.

The inter-Company Challenge Cup was wrested by "B" Coy from "D" Company, the Companies scores being as follows:—"B" Coy. 15 points "D" Coy. 12, "C" Coy. 11, "A" Coy. 10, "H.Q" Coy. 8. Cpl. Dean had the distinction of scoring all the points for H.Q. Coy. with three firsts.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS.

The following were the results of the principal events
Throwing the cricket ball:—1, Sgt. Harris, A. Coy 2, Pte. Anderson, D. Coy.
Putting the shot:—1, Sgt. Page, B. Coy; 2, Sgt. Stafford C. Coy; 3, L.Cpl. Birdick, D. Coy.
440 yds. race:—1, Pte. Heath, A. Coy; 2, Pte. McKenzie A. Coy; 3 Pte. Bolls, C. Coy.
Long Jump:—1, Cpl. Dean, H.Q. Coy; 2, L.Cpl. Lamma C. Coy; 3, Sgt. Harris, A. Coy.
Relay Race:—1, D. Coy; 2. B. Coy; 3, C. Coy.
One Mile:—1, Pte Heath, A. Coy; 2, Pte. Bolls, C. Coy. Pte. Nobes, B. Coy.
120 yds. hurdle race:—1, Cpl. Dean, H.Q. Coy; 2, L.Cpl. Martin, D. Coy; 3, Cpl. Mummack, B. Coy.
Tug-of-war:—C. Company.
100 yds:—1, Cpl. Dean; 2. Lt. Robinson, B. Coy; 3. Pte. Anderson, D. Coy
220 yds:—1. Lt. Robinson; 2, Pte. Anderson; 3, Lt Cherry, D. Coy
Officials: President: Lt. Col. E. H. C. P. Relli C.M.G., D.S.O.; vice-president, Major N. de P. Ma Roberts D.S.O., M.C; judges, Capt. H. S. Wellington, Capt. C. I Young, M.C., and Capt J. Cartland, M.C.; ringmaster Capt. A. W. MacDermott; starter, Capt. W. F. Richmond, M.C.; time-keeper, Capt. the Rev. H. Cullinson C.F., marshal, R. S. M. Larner; scorer, R. S. W. Key.

PEACE DAY CELEBRATIONS.

3/312th BATTERY'S SPORTS AT GEMUND.

Peace Day was celebrated on Tuesday by 3/312th Battery R.F.A., at Gemund, where an excellent mounted and athletic sports meeting was arranged by the committee. The officials were as follows:—Major C. E. F. Guitskell, President; Lieut. White R. E., and Lieut. Webb R.F.A., Judges; Lieut. Edwards, starter; Lieut. Durand, clerk of the course. Committee, Cpl. Sellr. Ramage Dvr. E. Harris, Dvr. White, Gnr. Duckworth, Gnr Bell, and Lieut. G.A. Ellis, M.C. R.F.A., Hon. Sec.

A. Sub gained the most honours, with C. Sub a very close 2nd. The Jazz Band, conducted by Driver E Smith, gave selections during the afternoon and rendered some very amusing items during the Musical Chair. Gnr. Vallr took the 1st prize for the best fancy costume. After the sports the officers, N.C.O.'s and men dined together at the Bungart Hotel and enjoyed a short musical programme.

ATHLETIC RESULTS.

100 yds. flat (scratch) heat 1:—Dvr. Hathrill 1st; Cpl. Hart 2nd.
Final 100 yds.:—Dvr. Hathrill 1st; Dvr. Hutson 2nd; Cpl. Hart 3rd.
High jump:—Vet. Sgt. Greenhalgh 4ft 6 ins.
440 yards scratch:—Dvr. Hathrill 1st; Gnr. Redhead 2nd; Bdr. Bruce 3rd.
Tug-of-War dismounted:—Heat 1. A subsection, Gnr Leith, Bdr. Nursall, Bdr. Bruce, Cpl. Marl, Gnr. Ford, Gnr. Hardy. Heat 2 D subsection, Dvr. Blackford, Sgt. Allison, Gnr. Bell, Gnr. Stokes, Dvr. Morris, Dvr. Hutson.
Relay race:—A subsection 1st, Bdr. Nursall, Tpr. Brown, Dvr. Hathrill, Bdr. Bruce.
Officers race:—Lt. Durand 1st, Lt. Webb 2nd.
Half mile scratch:—1st Dvr. Hathrill; 2nd Dvr. Harris; 3rd Bdr. Bruce.
Final tug-of-war dismounted:—1st, A subsection.
Vet runs race:—1st, Cpl. Marl; 2nd, Bdr. Nursall, 3rd, Gnr. Dugdale.

X CORPS CRICKET TOURNEY.

29th Bde. R.G.A. (93+37 for 8) v. 3rd Eastern Inf. Bde. (81+73 for 6 decl.). On Wednesday, at Bonn, this match resulted in a win for the Gunners at the first innings, in which Major Jordan (19) and Bdr. Hopewell (18) were top scorers for the R.G.A.; and Sergt. Evans (33) and Lieut. Rea (27 not out) for the Infantry. Bdr. Harfield (4 for 25) and C.S.M. Hudson (4 for 14) were in good form with the ball.

"B" COY. 52nd WELSH REGT. (95) v. T.M.B. XI. (44).

LINDENTHAL "TOURNEY."

4th ROUND REACHED IN GENT'S HANDICAP SINGLES.

The Lawn Tennis tournament was continued at Lindenthal on Friday, when the following were the results:—

Gents Open Singles.

3rd Round:— Lieut. Doley beat Lieut. Greene-Kelley 6—1, 4—6, 8 6. Major Anne, W.O., Capt. Dunn scratched; Lieut.-Col. Owen beat Capt. Brooke-Pike 6—3, 6—2; Major Wheatly, W.O., Lieut.-Col. Bradish scratched; Major Saul, W.O., Major Allin scratched; Major Saul beat Rev. L.M. Andrews 6—4, 6—4.

Open Mixed Doubles.

3rd Round:— Major Ward and Miss Douglas beat Lieut. King and Miss Trimble 6—2, 6—1.
Semi Final:— Capt. Davidson and Mrs. Woodcock beat Major Ward and Miss Douglas 3—6, 6—4, 7—5.

Ladies Open Singles.

Semi Final:— Miss Hookey beat Miss Benskin 6—2, 6—0.

Ladies Open Doubles.

Semi Final:— Miss Douglas and Miss McMaster beat Miss Tremewen and Miss Chauncey 6—0, 6—0.

Gent's Handicap Singles.

2nd Round:— Rev. L.M. Andrews—30 beat Lieut. Col. Getkin+15—1, 6—3, 6—2. Lieut. Col. Owen—30 beat Major Ann—15, 6—1, 6—4.
3rd Round:— Lieut. Bright Holmes+3 6, beat. Lieut.-Col. Owen—30, 6—4, 6—4. Brig.-Gen. Currie—3 6 beat Lieut.-Col. Budgen scr., 6 1, 6—1.
4th Round:— Brig.-Gen. Currie—3,6 beat Major Villa, scr., 6—4, 1—6, 7—5.

Gent's Open Doubles.

2nd Round:— Lieut.-Col. Owen and Major Montgomery beat Lieut. Kelley and Lieut. Chrystal 6—1, 6—3. Lieut.-Col. Peydell-Nott and Capt. Tarleton beat Capt Brooke-Pike and Capt. Ritchie 7—5, 6—3.
3rd Round:— Major Hiztet and Major Wards beat Major W.P. Bruce and Capt. Phipp 6—2, 6—2.

Mixed Handicap Doubles.

2nd Round:— Lieut. Kelley and Miss Trimble scr. beat Lieut. Wimbush and Miss McMaster—15, 5—7, 6—3. 6—2.
3rd Round:— Lieut-Col. McAllister and Miss Verrall scr., beat Capt. Brooke-Pike and Miss L West 6—2, 6—3.

Gent's Handicap Doubles.

1st Round: Lieut. Lees and Lieut. Cooke scr. beat Gen. Currie and Major McCallum 3 6, 6—2, 6—3.
2nd Round:— Lieut. Lees and Lieut. Cooke scr. beat Lieut. Stockley and Capt. Buckley+3/6, 6—2, 6—1. Capt. Davidson and Capt Sherring—15 beat Capt. Inglis and Capt. Hudson+2 6, 6—3, 6—2.
3rd Round:— Lieut. Less and Lieut. Cooke scr. at Lieut. Col. Howell and Col Barrows+5 6, 1—6, 6—4 6—4; Major Ward and Major Hislett—30/3, beat Rev. Hall and Lieut. Robinson+15, 6—1, 6—3; Lieut.-Col. Hutchinson and Major Watson+15.2, beat Lieut.-Col. Graham and Major Allin—15, 6—4, 4—6, 6—2; Capt. Davidson and Capt. Sherring—15 beat Lieut. Armstrong and Lieut. Cupple+3/6, 6—1, 6—4.

Ladies Handicap Doubles.

Miss Trimble and Miss Wet+15.2 beat Miss Christian and Miss Buskin+15.2, 6—3, 7—9, 1—9.

GOODWOOD MEETING.

ENTRIES FOR STEWARDS' CUP, TUESDAY, JULY 29.

The following 23 horses have been entered for the Stewards' Cup at the forthcoming Goodwood Meeting:—

Magic Prince (Mr. W. Hartell)	J. Wood	3
Lady Juliet (Ld. Glanely)	Baker	3
Scatwell (Ld. Glanely)	Bartling	4
Irish Elegance (Mr. J. White)	Cottrill	4
Goldy-Eyes (Mr. Michalinos)	Hunt	5
The Sphinx (Mr. W. Cazalet)	Taylor	3
C.P. (Mr. W. de Pledge)	J. Rhodes	5
Brigand (Mr. J. A. de Rothschild	Pratt	5
Pourboire (Mme. Varipati)	Butchers	3
Quintus (Mr. C. H. House)	A Day	3
Little Vic (Mr. F. Cuonelli)	Brame	4
King Sol (Mr. Cunliffe-Owen)	Batho	5
Best Born (D. of Portland)	W. Waugh	4
Roideur (Major McCalmont)	Persse	4
Monte Faro (Major Holliday)	Lines	3
Rocket (Mr. Sol. Joel)	Loates	3
Polyscope (Mr. Sol. Joel)	Loates	4
Twineat (Mr. W. H. Dixon)	Lines	5
D.N.P. (Mr. W. H. Dixon)	Lines	—
Curados (Mr. W. H. Savill)	Pickering	4
Wilton (Ld. Anglesey)	Leach	4
Knight of Blyth (Mr. F. Willey)	Leach	3
Gipsy Lad (Sir A Bailey)	R. Day	3
Iron Hand (Mrs. Withworth)	Butters	3
Greenroom (Mr. T. Davidson)	Butters	5
Knight of the Air (Mr. Barton)	Munser	3

SPORTS AT HEIMBACH.

In connection with the peace festivities the 21 West-Riding Field Ambulance held a sports day at Heimbach on Friday. Lieut.-Col. A. G. Hepplethwaite, D.S.O., acted as starter, and Sergt. Drake and Cpl. Luzenby as umpires. Sergt. Hounisett proved an ideal organiser and worked hard to make the day a success.

The winners and runners up were as follows:—
100 yards:— 1. Rev. W. H. S. Wood, C.F.; 2 Pte. Logan.
Cigarette Race:— 1. Cpl. Sucksmith; 2, Sergt. Hounisett.
Potato Race:— 1. Pte. Walksing; 2. Pte. Miller.
Pillow Fight:— 1. Pte. Bell; 2. Pte Brodie.
Three Legged Race:— 1. Rev. W. H. S. Wood and Lt. Souter; 2 Ptes. Leggett and Webster.
Sack Race:— 1. Pte. Reith; 2. Pte. Waterson.
Tug-of-War:— Infantry attd. R.A.M.C.; 2. Horse Transport R.A.S.C.

In the evening a good supper was provided, after which the Commanding Officer presented the prizes. An enjoyable day was concluded with a dance.

POLO AT RANELAGH.

Kings Coronation Cup match Freebooters beat Thornby by 3-1.

"Cologne Post" Cup Matches.

R.G.A. TEAM'S EXCELLENT PROGRESS: TWELVE MATCHES AND UNBEATEN.

Our Cricket Cup competition is forging ahead now and match reports are so numerous that owing to pressure of space only the briefest descriptions can be given. The Eastern Div.H.Q. team at present leads the way with a record of 14 fixtures accounted for in the Bonn League, while the 93rd Bde. R.G.A, in Cologne N. League have played twelve and have yet to be beaten.

122 FOR 1

Deadly First Ball at Kalk.

93rd BRIGADE R.G.A. v. D/130 BDE R.F.A. at Kalk on Friday. Ogden and Bingham opened to Wright and Smythe. With his first ball Smythe bowled Ogden. Wright and Smythe bowled well, but they were badly backed by the field, several catches being dropped. The board showed 48 for 5. A double change was then effected. Ellis and Rushton disposed of the remainder for 67. Ellis and Pallisr started confidently for the 93rd, and 34 was raised before Pallisr was caught behind the sticks. Weight joined Ellis and they got the runs with ease. The score was carried to 122 for 1 when stumps were drawn, with Ellis 59 not out and Weight 50 not out.

31st LABOUR GROUP (78) v. 420 SIEGE BATTERY (25) on the Pola Wiesen ground, Cologne, on Saturday. For the winners, L/Cpl. Walker made 31 and Pte. Spencer 28. Sgt. Kenyon took 4 wickets for 10 runs, and Pte. Trendle 4 for 12.

15th LANCS FUS. (97) v. 51st R. SUSSEX REGT. (12). Pte Kerbaw was top scorer for the Fus. with 41; Lieut.-Col. Bond, for the R. Sussex, took the last three wickets in a "hat trick."

15th LANCS. FUS. (92 FOR 8) v. 52nd WELSH REGT. (89). Having dismissed the Welsh, the Fus. started badly, but recovered, and, having passed their opponents' total, stumps were drawn.

51st KING'S LIVERPOOL (150) v. 303 SIEGE BATTERY (29). at Beuel on Friday. The King's passed the Battery score for the loss of only 1 wicket. Pte. Clegg made 43, including 8 fours, and 6 other batsmen reached double figures.

ARMY H.Q. SIGNALS (115) v. 51st AUX. BUS COY. (36), at Kettenberg Park on Friday, Hampton (35) and Leyland (30) were the chief scorers for the Signals. The Bus. Coy. soon found themselves in difficulty with the bowling of Godfrey and Fraser, the former taking 5 wickets for 14.

52nd BEDFORDS (69) v. 170 SIEGE BATTERY (112), on the former's ground at Wahn on Friday.

D/190 BDE. R.F.A. (42 for 5) v. 161 BDE. R.F.A. (39), on the 161 Bde. ground at Siegburg Muhdorf, on Wednesday. Dvr. Bingham, for D/190 Bde., took 8 wickets for 10 runs, of which one hit accounted for 6

C/113 BRIGADE R.F.A. (65) v. 53 ROYAL WARWICK REGT. (26), at Berg Gladbach. Bdr. Leonard, of C/113, was again in form with the ball, taking 6 wickets for 10 runs.

15 S. STAFFS (96) v. IX CORPS H.A. (35), at Commern on Saturday. C.S.M. Norman accounted for 31 of the "Knots" total. Burton took 9 of the Artillery's wickets for 14, and performed the "hat trick." In five matches he has taken 23 wickets for 78 runs, and has also made 90 with the willow.

EAST DIV. SIGNAL COY. (134 for 6) 3 COY. WESTERN DIV. R.A.S.C. (20 for 1). The match had to be abandoned owing to heavy rain, and was declared drawn.

34th BN. M.G.C. (214) v. VI CORPS H.Q. (36), at Froisdorf on Saturday.

UNUSUAL INCIDENT.

Unwary Batsman Out Of His Ground: Wicket Broken.

2/4 HANTS (108) v. 88 FIELD AMBULANCE (41). Bowling for the Hants on Sunday, Captain Clarke secured 7 wickets in 30 balls at the small cost of 4 runs. The batting of the Hampshires was excellent throughout, Major Westmorland being top scorer with 24. A rare incident happened during the match; the bowler swung his arm to deliver the ball, but instead of delivering it, broke the wicket, catching the unwary batsman out of his ground.

"D" CORPS SIGNAL COY. (54) v. IVth CORPS TROOPS M.T. COY. (58) at Duren. An interesting game with an exciting finish. For the winners, who went in first, Pte. Seaife (20) batted excellently against the good bowling of Lieut. Barry (6 for 23) and Lieut. Davies (4 for 30) the only other man to reach double figures being Capt. Kempe (12). For Signals, L.Cpl. Lees (30) played sound cricket and was unlucky in not carrying out his bat being last man out. Lieut. Wittmell (5 for 20) shared the bowling honours with Pte. Seaife (1 for 9) for the M.T. Coy.

29th MACHINE GUN BN. (156 for 9 wickets) v. 75th BRIGADE R.F.A. (57). at Gross Konigsdorf on Saturday. Lieut. Astill, bowling for the M.G., was very deadly, 6 wickets falling for 12 runs. The first four wickets of the Machine Gunners fell cheaply, but Lieut. Astill batted beautifully for 52, and the M.G.'s unbeaten record was preserved.

LONDON D.M.T. COY. (130) v. 13 M.A.C. (47), at Merheim on Saturday. After the M.T. Coy. had lost the first 2 wickets for 10, the batting improved, the next 4 wickets putting on 72. Lieut. Wright played an excellent innings for 47. The M.A.C. could make no headway against the bowling of Pte. Jacobs, who took 6 wickets for 10 runs.

4th R. SUSSEX (156) v. 52nd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS (75), on Saturday. The R. Sussex, thanks to a splendid partnership of 88 for the 2nd wicket by L/Cpl. Bryant and Pte. Crick, had 100 on the board for one wicket. After this the batting failed before the bowling of Lieut. Hargreaves, and the whole side was out for 156.

269 A.E. COY. (53) v. 18th FIELD AMBULANCE (51) on the A.E. Coy.'s ground at Euskirchen on Saturday.

1/4th YORK AND LANCS (55 for 5) v. 420 SIEGE BATTERY (23). 2/Lt. Fishpool took 6 wickets for 13 runs, and Capt. Dixon 3 for 9.

29th MACHINE GUN BN. (9 for 2 wickets) 237 FIELD COY. R.E. (8) at Forsbach. Lieut. Astill took four wickets for our runs, and Cpl. Sadler disposed of five for four runs. The R.E. innings closed for the extraordinarily small score of 8 runs. In the six "Cologne Post" Cup games in which Lieut. Astill, the well known Leicestershire county player, has taken part, he has taken 29 wickets for 85 runs, and his batting average is exactly 50.

COLOGNE TOWN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Army H.Q. Sig. Coy.	13	10	3	20§
"R" A.A. Battery	10	9	1	18§
17 Lancers	9	9	0	18§
70 Sq. R.A.F.	11	8	3	16§
Cav. Div. A.C.	11	8	3	16§
52 Nort. Fus.	9	7	2	14§
Cav. Div. H.Q.	8	7	1	14§
4 R. Sussex	7	7	0	14
2 Water Tank Coy.	9	6	3	12§+
Adv. Supply Depot	8	6	2	12§
53rd Sherwood For.	10	5	5	10§
5 Rly. Sig. Co.	9	4	5	8§
51 D.L.I.	8	4	4	8§
9 D.L.I.	7	4	3	8
51 Aux. Bus. Coy.	9	3	6	6§
51 North. Fus.	6	3	3	6§
Bakeries Sports Club	7	2	5	4§
G. Battery R.H.A.	6	2	4	4 +
2nd Bde. R.A.F.	6	2	4	4§
24 Vet. Hosp.	5	2	3	4§
A.P.O. Cologne	9	1	8	2§+
3 Cav. F.A.	7	1	6	2§+
A.A. Searchlight Sec.	6	1	5	2§
2 Northern T. B.	6	1	5	2§
53rd Northumberl. Fus.	5	1	4	2§+

§ Games awarded for scratched matches.
+ Games lost by default.

OTHER RESULTS.

9th D.L.I. (56) v. 51 D.L.I. (28).
93rd. Bde. R.G.A. (139 for 5) v. VI Corps H.Q. (61).
92nd Field Ambulance (35) v. X Corps Sig. Coy. (30).
3 Bn. M.G.C. (47) v. Wahn Survey Det. (35).
53rd Welsh (95) v. E Div. Sig. Coy (55).
53rd R. Warwick (52) v. 51 R. Warwick (36).
F.A.A. Battery (35) v. 269 A.E. Coy. (27)
1/6 W. Yorks (42 for 5) v. 237 Field Coy. (21).
1/4th Yorks and Lancs (61) v. 14 G.H.Q. M.T. Coy. (45).
51st King's Liverpool (89) v. 69 Siege Battery (23); Lieut. Hayward (34).
Army H.Q. Sig. Coy. (49) v. 2 Bde. R.A.F. (44); Howarth 4 wickets for 2.
15 Field Ambulance (31) v. 21 Bde. R.F.A. (28).

84th BDE. CRICKET COMPETITION.

77 S. Bty. met 276 S Bty. in the above competition at Menheim on Friday. 276 batted first and knocked up a score of 52. Gnr. Brougney 15 and Gnr. Sidney 12 were chief scorers. 77 S. Battry. passed their opponents' total without the loss of a wicket, finally declaring with 2 wickets down for 76 runs. For the winners Harker took 6 wickets for 20 runs.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, July 15, 1919.

Surface Wind Westerly, moderate. Mainly overcast. Some showers. Moderate temperature. Fair visibility.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Music and Dancing.

The 8th East Surrey Band, under the conductorship of Bandmaster J. Cooney, gave a splendid concert at the Leave Club on Sunday evening. The hall was packed, and there was hardly any standing room. Perhaps the most attractive items were the overture, "Morning, Noon and Night," by Suppé, and the characteristic "War Whoop Rag." Miss Elsie West played Sibelius' "Valse Triste" with great brilliance and delicacy, and was loudly encored. The other soloist was Cpl. Walters, who is also well known at the Club. He sang "The Watchman," by Squire, and "The Trumpeter," and was encored. He has a beautiful deep voice and every word can be heard at the back of the hall, which is a rare accomplishment. On Saturday a delightful exhibition of Highland dancing was given by the Reel Team of the 4th Gordons to the largest audience ever gathered together in the hall.

A Busy Week.

There will be an impromptu concert in the Music Room of the Leave Club on Wednesday, from 5-6 followed by a dance in the Theatre at 6.30 p.m. The Band of the 9th Durham Light Infantry will play for this dance. The Pipers of the 4th Bn. Gordon Highlanders will play in the garden from 5-6 on Thursday and there will be a whist Drive at 6.30 p.m. On Friday, there will be a dancing class in the Theatre at 5 p.m. and an impromptu concert at the same time in the Music Room. There will be a continuous cinema performance from 2.30 onwards. On Saturday, an impromptu concert will take place at 5 p.m. and dance in the Theatre at 6.30, at which exhibition of various dances will be given.

A Popular Warrant Officer.

A very pleasing ceremony took place on Wednesday evening at the Sergeants' Mess of the 51st Battalion Manchester Regt., when all the W.O.'s and Sergeants available met together to bid farewell to Sergeant-Major Birtwistle upon his leaving the Battalion to proceed to England for demobilization. R.S.M. J. Moore was chairman of the proceedings. He said C.S.M. Birtwistle had been with the Battalion for over three years as C.S.M. and R.S.M. and had taken a keen interest in the welfare of the men. He was a keen footballer and cross country runner. Sergt. Birtwistle was presented with a case of cutlery by Major Murphy on behalf of the sergeants. During the evening an enjoyable programme was contributed to by C.S.M. Ellis, Sergts. Greenwood, Boor, Kirkland, Thornton and Butler. C.S.M. Birtwistle acknowledged the gift in a brief happily-worded speech. The presentation was accompanied by a sketch of the recipient by Lieut. Fryer.

In a Few Lines.

"The Title" by Arnold Bennett was produced at the Deutsches Theatre by the, Rhine Army Dramatic Company yesterday evening.

At each of the 18 performances of the revue "Well I'm—!" by "The Tabs" the Apollo Theatre, Cologne, was filled to its utmost capacity.

"The Limits," the 6th London's concert party commenced a week's engagement at the Apollo Theatre yesterday evening.

The Agrippina Theatre has been handed over to the Germans, and the Modern Theatre taken over in its place as Army Cinema No. 2.

Another change is under consideration, and in the near future a move will probably be made from the Apollo to the Palace Theatre.

The Rhine Army Dramatic Company received a very enthusiastic ovation when they gave a performance of "The Mollusc" at Bonn last week.

"The Tabs" went on leave to England on Sunday and when they return, they will be joined by Pte. Hosking, the well known light baritone of the original "Crumps".

There will be another Backhaus recital at the Deutsches Theatre, Cologne, on Sunday next.

JACQUES.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Golf Links Threatened.

The Acton Golf Club is likely to lose its links, the ground being required for building purposes.

J. W. H. T. D.

Maj. J. W. H. T. Douglas has been appointed superintendent of physical and bayonet training.

S. N. Doust.

S. N. Doust, of Australia, will be invited to be the first president of the Lawn Tennis Players' Union.

Lords v. Commons.

Owing to the peace celebrations, the contest between the two Houses of Parliament at Bisley, fixed for July 19, may have to be abandoned.

Next Year's Olympic Games.

There is some talk of holding the Olympic Games at Antwerp next year, presumably with a view of encouraging the flow of visitors and tourists to Holland and Belgium.

Rising Better.

Trout are rising better on the streams, and lake fishing has improved, not only in England but in Scotland, a 6lb trout being among the captures effected on Loch Rannoch.

Inter-Service Championship.

The Inter-Services Championship between teams representing the Royal Navy, the Army, and the Royal Air Force have been fixed to take place at Stamford Bridge, Chelsea, on Thursday, Sept. 4.

Sleeping with their "Gee-gees."

Complaints were heard last week respecting the lack of accommodation at Wilton for lads in charge of horses sent to the Bibury Meeting. Twelve of them were compelled to spend the night in the box with their horses.

"W. G's" Biography.

Issued under the auspices of the Marylebone Cricket Club, and edited by Lord Hawke, Lord Harris, and Sir Home Gordon, the Memorial Biography of Dr. W. G. Grace, the king of cricketers, has now been published.

A Cosmopolitan Game.

The cosmopolitan character of lawn tennis was emphasized by a doubles match in the "Tourney" at Roehampton. A Rumanian and a South African beat a pair of Chinamen, who had studied the game in America, and "played with the California accent."

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Echoes from Rhineland.

The Cologne Races.

We were returning from the races. There had been a good day's sport, but we could not refrain from unconsciously comparing this race day with those we had experienced in England in those happy days before the war. The arrangements were excellent, but one or two familiar scenes of the English racecourse were absent. We were wending our way home when in the distance a familiar sound fell upon our ears. We halted, and round a bend in the road we saw a sight which brought memories of good old England vividly to our mind — a "four-in-hand" drawn by four spirited horses with a crowd of officers sitting on the top blowing horns. We were strangely thrilled by this sight. Memories of the good old Ascot days came back to us, but instead of the usual top hats and frock coats the occupants of the coach wore the khaki uniform which had been worn during the last five years by those who had been playing "the greater game." It was strange how the fortune of war had brought this old English custom into unaccustomed surroundings.

Encouraging Sport.

Major General Sir D. Campbell, K. C. B. commanding the Highland Division of the Rhine Army is one of those who encourage the troops to occupy themselves during their leisure hours in an active participation in games of all kinds Addressing a huge gathering of all ranks at the close of the 2nd Highland Brigade Groups athletic meeting at Düren recently, he expressed his pleasure at witnessing a long and interesting series of competitions contested in the keen, sportsmanlike British fashion. He confessed to having seen nothing finer than the dead-heat finish of the three miles foot race. It was their power to "stick it" as revealed in sport, and their desire always to play the game which found them in the happy position to-day of having won the war. He wished to see everyone engage in the games they loved and not merely to follow them as onlookers.

Strange Boxing.

Boxing, it would seem in Germany is not quite in accordance with the traditions familiar to the English mind, and the referee at the Cologne Crystal Palace seemed to have great difficulty in pleasing the crowd. After pushing over one of the combatants in a heroic effort to separate them, amidst the cheering and catcalls of the soldier element, an American dashed on to the stage and into the ring, and by taking off his coat and his general behaviour intended to fight someone. Whom we could not say, as before any damage could be done, he was joined by a lady, who with more speed than dignity got into the ring and proceeding to embrace him, plainly showed her desire to act as peacemaker. In her efforts, she was ably seconded by the manager, who attired in a frock coat and top hat, had entered the ring in such haste that he adorned the floor with the unfortunate boxer who was the cause of the disturbance, thus affording an effective curtain.

No Cigarettes.

It is a striking commentary upon the system of distribution in operation that while men of the Rhine Army are met at the canteens by the notice "No Cigarettes," the inhabitants of the occupied area, male and female smokers, seem to specialize in English cigarettes. These are easily recognizable and a glance round any cabaret will convince one of the justice of Tommy's grouse. The bartering of cigarettes calls for stringent punishment and we believe it is being meted out, but even more severe penalties seem to be needed.

No Sanitary Arrangements.

All who have been billeted in the smaller villages of Rhineland will have been struck by the bad sanitary conditions under which the peasants live. Bad as are those at home, the evil is not so noticeable as here where the adage of "Waste not, want not" is lived up to, in an amazing degree. Excreta is used on all hand for the manuring of pasture land, and when this process is being carried out it requires something more than a pipe of strong tobacco to make life liveable. Many are familiar with accumulated culinary smells, but the palm goes to the houses in which the animal stalls are often only just removed from the living compartments by a flimsy partition.

Somewhat Smelly.

Here is an example. In one house there were living a woman, her daughter, two sons, and three cows. One room of the house was used as a stable for the cows, and all that separated this room from the kitchen was a thin wall, connected by a door, nearly always open! The room directly above was a bedroom, and here one received the full force of the stench from the stable, and no part of the house was free from this unpleasant smell. A slight examination of the other houses in the village showed that among the peasants it is the rule, rather than the exception, for their cows to live under the same roof as themselves.

Labour Saving Electricity.

The motor for driving the washing apparatus was out of order; the charwoman was neither young nor fascinating yet how could one bear to see her toil, hour after hour, in an atmosphere reeking with vapour, when all that was required to relieve her of her wearsome backaching work was to set her motor buzzing again. Human sympathy won. The misery, one witnessed, caused by her kin for the moment, was blotted out. But what was brought forcibly to ones notice was the way in which electricity is used, both for lighting and power, and the vast amount of comfort and labour saving its use entails, this even in the country districts of Rhineland. Besides washing, milk-separating, buttermaking, corngrinding, and pumping are all carried out, in the one farm, by three phase motors, which as motors go, require a minimum of attention.

Lesser Echoes.

There has been a marked increase in the number of French troops in Cologne during the past day or two.

Cherries having almost had their day, gooseberries are taking their place on the street stalls.

Many German girls are imitating the style of headgear worn by our Wrafs.

The troops at Euskirchen are asking for dancing lessons to be arranged there.

Besides the big prizes there are to be twenty "consolers" in the Leave Club Victory "Sweep."

"I am delighted to hear that the men in France are taking so keen an interest in housing," writes the Minister of Health, in reply to an army lecturer addressing troops on the Rhine on this subject.

Mr. Asquith is at Brussels, and on Saturday visited Louvain and Malines, where he conversed with Cardinal Mercier.

It is expected that the interests of ex-Service men will be fully represented on the new Committee, which is advising the Army Council as to the disposal of the profits earned by the canteens during the war.

Many parties of Germans were celebrating the raising of the blockade in the restaurants the night the news was circulated.

Photographic classes and dancing classes are suggested by a correspondent as a welcome change to compulsory games.

Some extraordinary breeds of dog have been noticed in Bonn. Someone asks if these canine monstrosities are the "Jazz" species.

The draw for the Leave Club Victory Loan Sweep is postponed until Wednesday at 20.00 hours, when Lady Gatacre will conduct it.

At Euskirchen a camera club has been formed at the Y.M.C.A. and classes in photography are being held at the VI Corps school, Lindenthal.

Sgt. O. Hauff, attached Lowland Division, Dormagen, has written an interesting booklet on Zons and its historic fortifications, photographically illustrated.

Prizes for "Echoes."

The Editor of "The Cologne Post" offers every day the sum of 10 marks for the best paragraph descriptive of any phase of life or interesting incident in Rhineland, not exceeding 150 words in length. The envelope should have the word "Echoes" in the top left hand corner.

To-day's prize of 10 marks is awarded to Pte. Eric Tolson, No 37 C.C.S. Army of Rhine.

SH!!!!!!!

With extra care I wrapped it up in thick brown paper, but ah! people might guess what precious thing I was carrying. Yes, I would camouflage it with ordinary newspaper. Hurriedly drawing a "Cologne Post" from my pocket, I carefully re-wrapped it, keeping at the same time a sharp look out in case any one was watching me.

Gingerly I peeped round the door and looked up the street. Yes there were some M.P's. farther up, so I was forced to wait until they had disappeared. Considering it much safer to carry it out of sight, I pushed it under my tunic, not being able to get it in my pocket. How it bulged and seemed to increase. I felt I should surely be accosted and asked as to what I was carrying and then all would be up. I broke out into a cold sweat at the thought of someone's hand gripping my neck.

Again I peeped round the door. The Red Caps had vanished. Swiftly I raced up the road; turning the corner, horrors, a M.P. was coming towards me. He was raising his hand; I had lost — but, no — thank goodness he only saluted an officer.

At last my goal was in sight, what a relief; but what was that crowd of fellows standing in front of my door, and, horrors, another Red Cap with them. They knew, then, and were waiting for me.

Swiftly I turned down a by-road, and reached the back door of my billet, jerking open the door, I rushed upstairs; removing a loose floor board I placed my precious parcel in the cavity and carefully replaced the board. Thank goodness it was now safe from prying eyes.

The Officers' Mess waiter had managed to supply me with a box of cigarettes.

H.J.W.W.

CHOOSING BINOCULARS.

Several queries have reached me with reference to the power and price of binoculars. The British are buying them everywhere and are occasionally dissatisfied later with their purchase. Those who have never before possessed a pair are often confused over the dimension mentioned by the shopkeeper. I venture to give a few explanations and approximately what are fair prices. The latter must be adhered to strictly, and over-charging should not be submitted to.

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Now with reference to the figures given above, the lefthand side (6, 8, 10, 18) represent the field of vision, and the right-hand side, the diameter of the largest lens — the lens farthest from one's eyes — in millimeters. For my own part I prefer the Zeiss lenses. The last two of those I have given — i. e., 10 50 and 18×50, are only suitable for long-range work; they are exceedingly powerful. The best of all, for all-round work, is undoubtedly the 6×30 (Zeiss) at 375 marks, as has been proved by experience.

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W.R.P.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY.

Wool.—Wool prices are triple those of 1914.

Sent for.—The Bulgarian delegation has been summoned by the Peace Conference.

Jewel Robbery.—There has been a £3,000 jewel robbery at Claridge's Hotel.

Charlie the Second.—A son born to Mrs. Charlie Chaplin has died, having lived 70 hours.

When?—Correspondents are asking when war ribands are to be released.

Flying fashions.—Flying fashions are being inflicted upon the public at home.

The latest queues.—The latest thing in queues is that to buy fireworks for the peace celebrations.

"Ace" Killed.—The French aviator, Navarre, has been killed.

Anti-Profiteering.—The Cabinet promise dire penalties for "vultures" of trade.

Echo of Verdun.—A ceremony has taken place at Mort-Homme in honour of the heroes of Verdun.

Germans Joyful.—Germans are overjoyed at the raising of the blockade.

Crop Prospects.—The Canadian crop prospects are extremely bright.

Rationing Coal.—A new and drastic rationing system for coal is promised.

Reconstruction.—Barcelona has decided to reconstruct a French village.

Too Cheap.—Newsagents are opposed to the idea of there-introduction of halfpenny newspapers.

Beer Revenue.—The estimated beer revenue works out at £250,000 a day.

German Naval Losses.—The losses of the German navy were 490 ships and 23,685 men.

Trading Open.—Economical relations between France and Germany are now officially allowed.

Favoured.—The Government favour the Sunday closing of barbers' shops.

Surprised.—Expert cracksmen were surprised at Lord Pirrie's London house, but got away.

Honour for Pershing.—General Pershing is to receive an address and sword of honour.

Permanent Pensions.— In all, 25,000 permanent pensions have been granted for partial disability.

For Widows.—At the request of the Queen, seats to view the Victory march are to be reserved for the widows and orphans of officers.

To be Returned.—The Lambeth County Court judge has ordered the return of an engagement ring.

War Twins.— During the war there has been a remarkable increase in the number of twins born in Italy.

Refresher.—The Ministry of Labour is arranging to give refresher courses in their trades to demobilized men.

"Hush-Hush".—The Prince of Wales is to travel to Canada in the Renown, one of the "hush-hush" ships.

Beatty's Jacket.—A old uniform jacket belonging to Admiral Beatty fetched £10 for the Women's Legion.

As it should be.—There is now hardly any medicine or chemical of importance that is not being made in Britain.

Dole Scorned.—An ex-soldier, summoned for peddling without a license, said he would not lower himself to take out-of-work pay.

Queer Taste.—A Derbyshire war worker earning £25 a week has been living in a house at 3/4 a week.

Trouble ahead.—There is prospect of a strike of miners in August to enforce nationalization of the mines.

A Vain Plea.—Various German organizations have addressed a request to Holland not to deliver the Kaiser.

Body Disinterred.—As a sequel to the sale of Earl Howe's estate, the body of Countess Howe has been disinterred.

His Opinion.—President Wilson says the peace is not quite the peace the States would have made.

A New Holiday.—The Belgian Government have set aside August 4 as the day on which a national fete will be held.

Workhouse Home.—Ejected from his home, a Mons man and his family have taken refuge in Chelmsford Workhouse.

A Boon.—The American Waiters, Union is opposed to tipping and intends to replace it by appropriating 10 per cent. of the bill.

Berlin prices.—Ham is being sold in Berlin at 25 marks a pound, coffee at 17 marks and cocoa at 30 marks a pound.

Plenty of Houses.—The Broadstairs Council considers that there is no need for a housing scheme in the district.

Another Freedom.—Portsmouth has invited Mr. Lloyd George to accept the freedom of the borough.

Miner Candidate.—Nuneaton Labour Party are submitting the name of a working miner as prospective Labour canditate.

Good Investment.—An Upper Basildon woman has raised 100 goslings from three geese and a gander.

Grenades as Money Boxes.—Fifteen million hand grenades have been converted into money boxes for distribution to American children.

Unexpected.—A Chichester man, who volunteered in 1914 has arrived home to find that £1 a week has been put to his credit by his employer.

No Influenza.—Only one person died from influenza in London last week against an average of 45 in the corresponding week for the past five years.

Perpetuating their works.—The municipal authorities of Paris have decided to give the name of Poincaré and Clemenceau to two streets of the capital.

British and German Police.—At a review of German police, Brigadier-General Rogers, Provost Marshal, thanked them for their work during the period of the armistice.

Amply Decorated.—An ex-soldier has been caught at Atherstone wearing the D.C.M., the M.M., French, Russian, Belgian, Italian and Serbian decorations.

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CARSON'S "BOLSHEVIST" SPEECH.

PARIS CELEBRATES.

UNPARALLELED SCENES OF REJOICING.

Enthusiastic scenes were witnessed at Paris throughout Sunday night in anticipation of Monday's victory pageant. The crowds spent the night singing and dancing and in searching for resting places. As a last resort many camped out in the branches of trees. The busses and trams ran continuously.

At six o'clock on Monday morning the line of route for the triumphal march was closed. The procession began at 8.45 a.m. Victorious troops of all the Allies, including a strong British Naval and Military contingent, passed through the Arc de Triomphe, the chains of which were removed for the first time since 1870, and down the Champs Elisées which was packed with people. One thousand wounded men, some of whom were carried on stretchers, headed the procession. Marshal Foch and Marshal Joffre rode side by side and General Pershing led the American troops. Bluejackets and marines headed the British contingent preceding Sir Douglas Haig and his staff with the colours of the 17th Lancers. His escort comprised generals of armies and army corps, staff and ordnance officers. The Guards Band headed the contingents of many regiments with their colours, the thousand strong representatives of the Army of the Rhine and the Seaforth Highlanders with their band.

Field Marshal Haig was very warmly cheered. The people threw money and souvenirs to the soldiers of all the Allies and offered them chocolate and wine.

After the procession the crowd scattered in all directions, giving themselves over to more dancing and singing. It was, as one correspondent describes it, the greatest day in the history of France and the scenes may be regarded as a foretaste of what London may expect on Saturday next.

YOUNG TURKS.

MISSING LEADERS SENTENCED TO DEATH.

The Turkish court-martial has finally pronounced its sentences in the trial of the principal members of the late Unionist régime and has submitted them for the imperial sanction.

Talaat, Enver, and Djemal, who sought safety by flight, have been condemned to death in contumaciam, while the ex-Sheikh-ul-Islam, Alusa Metssa Kiazim, and Djavid Bey, ex-Minister of Finance, were sentenced to 15 years' hard labour. Rifaat Bey, ex-President of the Senate, and Hachim Bey, ex-Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, were acquitted.

The trial of the officials accused of the massacre of Armenians at Trebizond was resumed to-day.

TRADE WITH GERMANY.

PRE-WAR TRANSACTIONS: IMPORTANT RESERVATION.

The general license issued by the Board of Trade, under the trading with the enemy enactments, authorizes, with certain reservations, the resumption of trade with Germany and German-Austria. The licenses, however, do not remove the still existing restrictions upon payment of debts and return of property due or deliverable to persons in Germany in respect to pre-war transactions.

EX-KAISER'S HOST.

REJOICINGS AT AMERONGEN.

The ex-Kaiser's present host, Count Bentinck, celebrated on Saturday the fortieth anniversary of the day on which he settled at Amerongen. The entire populace turned out to serenade him. A great banquet was given in honour of the event, Count Bentinck himself subscribing ten thousand guilders towards the expenses of the rejoicings and the ex-Kaiser and Kaiserin providing the floral decorations.

PLOTS AGAINST FINLAND.

The Finnish police authorities have discovered a plot to explode the large stocks of ammunition at Helsingfors and Wiborg and to murder General Mannerheim by blowing up his residence. Several of the ringleaders have been arrested.

The police have also secured possession of numerous maps and reports from spies, thus frustrating the intention of sending them to Russia to facilitate an attack on Finland.

SNUB FOR BELA KUN.

The Allied and Associated Powers have sent a wireless message to Bela Kun informing him that as he will not carry out the conditions of the Armistice, they cannot enter into any discussions with him.

The Secretary of the Admiralty announces that it has been decided that from July 21 naval officers are to resume the wearing of plain clothes to the same extent as before the war.

CARSON CRITICISED.

INFLAMMATORY SPEECH STRONGLY DENOUNCED.

Sir Edward Carson has had a "bad press" for his speech delivered at the Orange Celebrations at Belfast on July 12th. Demanding the repeal of the Home Rule Act, he threatened resistance if any attempt were made to change the status of Ulster, delivered an attack on Sir Horace Plunkett and described his scheme of Dominion Rule for Ireland as being merely a mask for an Irish republic, and passionately declared that Ulstermen would acknowledge no flag but the Union Jack.

The leading party organs have so far refrained from comment on the speech, but other papers strongly deprecate the tone of defiance adopted by the Ulster leader.

On Sunday Mr. J. L. Garvin in the "Observer" said: "It is no longer enough for the Ulster Covenanters to say 'we won't have it.' That pre-war formula is as dead as King William. By itself it is Bolshevist dogma of minority fanaticism . . ."

The "Times" is no less emphatic, and after remarking on "the perilous likeness" of Carson's threats to the direct action of Bolshevists, says: "He chose to speak as a provincial chieftain, seeming to aim above all at securing his own position in the leadership of Ulster. If he is more than a provincial chieftain he will henceforth eschew threats which if taken seriously might place him and his followers in a very false position, and he will seek to qualify for admission into the ranks of constructive and therefore truly patriotic British and Irish statesmen."

The "Daily Mail" heads its leader "Carson's Bolshevism" and asks if there is one law for him and another for Mr. Smillie. Carson's sabre rattling, it considers, can only be intended to rouse passion against quiet and just consideration of the Irish problem. "British policy in Ireland is an important factor in the good feeling between this country and our Dominions and we should satisfy all those freedom-loving peoples that we are honestly desirous of burying this old feud and setting up free national government in Ireland."

NATIONALIZATION.

RUSSIAN SOVIETS STEAL SWEDISH GOODS.

According to information received from the Commercial Committee of the Swedish Association in Petrograd, the Russian Soviet Government has nationalized all commerce with foreign countries and has established a very strict supervision over the transactions of all private firms. In many cases they have confiscated stocks of goods.

The report states that large Swedish stocks have been seized without compensation to the owners.

TROOPS FOR BUDA-PESTH.

As a consequence of the continued terrorism exercised by Bela Kun, the Italian Government has intervened on behalf of the Entente, demanding all political prisoners to be placed under the protection of the Allied powers. The Soviet Government at once took prompt action and put a stop to the prevalent executions. It is reported that several thousand Entente troops are being sent to Buda-Pesth as a policing force.

GERMAN LEVY ON PROPERTY.

The official text of the bill relative to the levy on property confirms, according to a Berlin telegram, that the levy amounts to 10 per cent. on fortunes of from 5,000 to 50,000 marks, but the subsequent rate of progression differs from the earlier versions. The amount of the levy reaches 24.6 per cent. on fortunes of 1,000,000 marks, 54.2 per cent. on those of 10,000,000 marks, and 63.9 per cent. on those of 100,000,000 marks.

PRINCE'S VISIT TO CANADA.

The following members of the Prince of Wales' Household will be in attendance during his visit to Canada:—Private secretary: Sir Godfrey Thomas. Equerries: Capt. Lord Claud Hamilton and Capt. the Hon. P.W. Legh.

The King has also approved of the special appointments for the tour:—Chief of the Staff: Rear-Admiral Sir Lionel Holsey. Naval A.D.C.: Commander Dudley North. Military secretary: Lieut.-Col. E. W. M. Grigg.

NAVAL SERVICE SECRETS.

The Admiralty desires to call the attention of all persons who have served, but are no longer serving, in the Naval Service, or in any capacity in the naval experimental research or other establishments, to the fact that whereas in many cases their technical knowledge of various subjects has been considerably increased during their period of service, no information gained through their acquaintance with the details of Service technical apparatus or in any other way consequent upon their serving under the Admiralty must be divulged without the consent in writing of the Admiralty. Such divulgation may be in contravention of the Official Secrets Act.

COAL PRICES.

STERN WARNING BY THE GOVERNMENT.

The highly important debate on the coal crisis which has arisen in consequence of the prospective six shillings per ton increase in the cost of coal, was opened by Sir Auckland Geddes in the House of Commons yesterday.

He emphasised, among others, the following points. The issues at stake were as grave as any raised during the period of the war. The proposed increase was not based on any political consideration, but only on the serious position which the Government realised that the country has got to face owing to the serious reduction of output. The shortage was not all due to the industry itself; the shortage of wagons, for instance, strangled the flow from the collieries and the eight hour day on the railways had led to delay in clearing. Less work had been done on the railways despite higher wages, and less work in one industry reacted on another. The work of the country was for one reason or another not being done.

DOCTRINE OF LIMITATION.

There is a most pernicious doctrine being preached that if a man does less work it leads to more work for others to do. The present is not the time for any section of the community to say that their interests are separate from the interests of the whole community. Workers must get back to the spirit they had in the war. He urged the leaders of the miners to tell the men that this is no time for doing anything less than their maximum. If the output is increased the Government is prepared to meet that increase by a falling price. The final key to the problem rests with the miners.

A voice: "Carry out the Sankey report."

Sir Auckland Geddes: "This question does not rest on any report but on work."

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

In the debate which followed, the miners' representatives sought to show that it was the Government and not the men which was responsible for the diminished output, owing to the lack of necessary materials which had kept some of the mines idle for days together.

Mr. Brace said the miners quite realised the seriousness of the position and urged the Government to appoint a committee of enquiry into the questions of increased price and falling output.

BONAR LAW'S PROMISE.

Mr. Hartshorn promised that if the Government organised the supply of the necessary materials required to work the mines, the miners' leaders would stake their very existence upon it that without threats the men would produce as much coal per man per year as would make it unnecessary to add a single penny to the price.

Mr. Bonar Law said that if the miners would give a valid undertaking that for three months they would put their backs into it to increase the output and would neither strike nor cause any stoppage in that period, he would be inclined to defer putting on the increased price.

After further discussion the decision to increase the price was deferred until Monday next.

AEROPLANE COLLISION.

THREE FATALITIES.

A distressing mishap occurred at Farnboro on Monday afternoon in which three lives were lost. An Avro two-seater collided in mid-air with another machine and both planes crashed, the Avro falling into the grounds of Farnboro Court.

The pilot, Lieut. Herbert, attached R.A.F., and the air mechanic passenger named Hiley were killed. The other machine fell 500 yards away, the pilot, Lieut. Bizion, being also killed.

GERMAN'S GALLANT RESCUE.

A very gallant rescue was effected by a German civilian named Fritz Foster of 9 Kirchstrasse, Rodenkirchen, yesterday. While loading a barge near Benrath, a Royal Engineer slipped off the gangway plank. Foster jumped into the river and sustained the man until picked up by a boat. But for the pluck and promptitude shown by Foster, who lost his wrist watch in the water, the R.E. would undoubtedly have been drowned.

GLASGOW TRAM COLLISION.

Twenty persons were treated at Glasgow Royal Infirmary on Monday night for injuries sustained in a tram car collision in the High-street. The brakes of one car failed to act and the vehicle dashed down a steep incline into the rear of another car. Both cars kept the rails, but each was badly smashed.

Passengers, drivers and conductors were thrown in all directions, but fortunately the injuries sustained were mostly superficial, only two persons having to be detained in hospital.

FLYING RESTRICTIONS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

Pending a definite agreement in accordance with the Air Convention, and in order to enable French and British aircraft firms to send machines to London and Paris during the forthcoming peace celebrations this week, arrangements have been made with the French Government for the opening of civil communication by air between London and Paris. This permission is only granted up to and including the 20th July.

RAYNHAM'S RUN OF BAD LUCK.

All arrangements had been made by Raynham to start for the Atlantic flight on the Martynside machine on Monday. As the machine was being wheeled from the hangar one of the tyres burst, and immediate repair being impossible, the flight was again postponed.

WINESHOP MURDER.

ACCUSED MAN TELLS HIS DRAMATIC STORY.

There was an intensely dramatic solution yesterday of the mysterious wineshop murder at Hendon on July 4th when John Thomas Gregory the manager was found battered to death. The young man named Arthur John Biggin, who was found in a wood near Sheffield on Friday suffering from poison, appeared before the magistrate at Hendon Petty Sessions charged with the murder.

The only evidence apart from the fact of the arrest consisted of a sensational statement made by Biggin to the police.

In this voluntary statement prisoner described how he first met Gregory three weeks ago and had a drink with him in a room behind the shop. Gregory invited him to call again and he did so, when Gregory again gave him wine and offered to supply him with a few bottles. On July 4th, the day of the tragedy, Biggin called at the shop with a suitcase initialled J. W. B. in which to take away the wine. He said he drank a good deal of wine which Gregory pressed on him. After drinking a reddish yellow mixture he felt heavy and dizzy.

Then Gregory made certain overtures to him which he repulsed; Gregory, saying "You young viper, you won't? Then I'll make you," appeared to go mad. He went to the fireplace, got the poker and made as if to strike prisoner, actually aiming a blow which Biggin managed to escape. Biggin then picked up a bottle of wine and struck him on the head with it, cutting his head. Deceased again attacked him with the poker.

Prisoner alleges that he then picked up the tongs and guarded himself. Closing with Gregory he dispossessed him of the poker and struck him with it. After that he remembers nothing of what took place. The statement then described how Biggin got away, and concluded "at the time I felt that if I didn't do him in he would do me in."

Inspector Neil said the whole statement was a voluntary one.

Biggin was remanded till Thursday.

W.A.A.C.'s. INJURED.

MOTOR FIRE ESCAPE AND LORRY COLLIDE.

A motor fire escape collided with an army lorry in Wandsworth yesterday. The driver of the fire escape and seven W.A.A.C.s. who were in the lorry were injured, but with the exception of one girl the injuries were slight. The injured girl was conveyed to the W.A.A.C.s.' special hospital.

MAD MULLINGAR

SOLDIERS' AND SINN FEINERS' PITCHED BATTLE.

An encounter between a party of soldiers of the East Yorks Regiment numbering about one hundred and a party of Sinn Feiners to about the same number occurred at Mullingar on Saturday night. Eventually the fight was broken up by the arrival of an armoured car.

Before this appeared on the scene, however, a pitched battle was fought for two hours with varying fortunes. The Sinn Feiners used bottles and other missiles as weapons, while the soldiers attacked with bayonets and entrenching tools. The impartial police charged with batons.

Several persons received serious injuries and one policeman is in hospital in a precarious condition. Two Sinn Feiners were arrested.

NEW SCALE OF POLICE PAY.

The report of the committee on the Metropolitan Police service was issued last night. It recommends for all constables a minimum weekly wage of seventy shillings, rising by annual increments of two shillings per week to ninety shillings. Houses or quarters are to be provided rent free for all ranks or allowances given in lieu. Boot allowances are to be standardized at a flat rate of 1s. 6d. per week for all ranks, and a normal eight hour day is to be adopted throughout the police service.

ECHO OF DRUMMING-OUT CASE.

One of the German prisoners at the camp at Standon, Hertfordshire, was last week sentenced by a court-martial to 28 days' solitary confinement for breaking camp.

At midnight a special constable saw a man in uniform leave the camp and make his way towards a house in the neighbouring hamlet of Hare-street. Inquiring at the camp the constable discovered that a German was missing, and he then returned to the house, which was occupied by a discharged and paralysed soldier and his wife and two children.

Next day the woman was "drummed out" of the village by her neighbours, the drumming being performed with pots and pans.

DOG GIVES EVIDENCE.

At Wandsworth County Court yesterday, when Mrs. Clara Leybourne, of Selincourt-road, Tooting, sued Frank Richardson, the caretaker of an L.C.C. school at Tooting, for the return of a lurcher dog, Judge Hartington ordered the dog to be unmuzzled and brought into court. It immediately ran to the plaintiff and licked her face. His Honour gave judgment for its return, with costs.

CAPTAIN CHARGED WITH BIGAMY.

John Robert Lamp (43), captain in the Army Pay Corps, was remanded at Highgate on a charge of bigamy. Evidence of arrest only was given, the prisoner having admitted the charge.

THE ATHERTON CASE.

MORBID CROWD DEMONSTRATES AT THE FUNERAL.

The ashes of Mrs. Arthur Eliot ("Mrs. Atherton") were interred in the Paul family tomb at Kensal Green cemetery yesterday. Crowds flocked to the cemetery.

When the hearse arrived at the church there was an unseemly rush on the part of the onlookers, and some difficulty was experienced in making way for the casket.

The service, conducted in the church by the Rev. B. C. H. Andrews, was private, only sixteen persons being admitted. Captain Eliot was not present.

When the casket was removed from the church to the family tomb after the service there was unpleasant behaviour on the part of the crowd. People rushed for a place close to the tomb and struggled for vantage points on and between the surrounding graves.

After the interment one of the women mourners was followed and hooted by the crowd, and only escaped by driving away in a motor car.

In order to refute the suggestions made at the Atherton inquest, Miss Cornell, Captain Eliot's stepdaughter, has undergone independent examination by three specialists. A statement is being prepared which completely disproves the allegations which Mrs. Eliot was stated in evidence to have made.

MURDER EPIDEMIC.

THREE TRAGEDIES OF PASSION.

Crimes of violence grow daily more frequent, one of the most distressing results of the war in which passions are blunted and familiarity to suffering develops into callousness. Three cases of murder and attempted murder transpired yesterday.

At Coventry. Edward Tutten, a discharged soldier, was committed for trial for attempting to murder his wife. They had been separated and it is alleged that prisoner went to the house where his wife was living and attacked her with a razor. Prisoner said he had heard complaints about his wife and attacked her in a fit of passion.

HATCHET MURDER.

Another ex-soldier, Fred Carter, formerly in the seventh Lincolns, confessed at Nottingham yesterday to the murder of his landlady by striking her on the head with a hatchet while she was reading a paper.

It is understood that prisoner was gassed in France and he appeared dazed in court. He was remanded.

SGT.-MAJOR SHOOTS HIS WIFE.

Shots and screams and a young woman running into the street calling "Police" and "Murder," attracted attention to a house in Holland-road, Felixstowe, on Saturday evening. The police on arrival found Sergeant-Major Matheson, better known as Murray, R.G.A., and his young wife lying dead on the floor. Near the man's body was a service revolver with six chambers discharged.

Murray had been in the Army since 1901, and had seen service in Egypt and France.

GERMAN OFFICER ARRESTED IN LONDON.

A dashing young German officer, belonging to one of the ex-Kaiser's crack regiments, was arrested on Monday night in the Strand. When apprehended he offered various excuses, and insisted that he was a South African bred and born.

He gave his name as Rudolph Lewis and admitted that he had fought in some of the most famous battles on the western front. He does not appear to have been taken a prisoner of war, and his presence in London has caused much uneasiness.

He is now lodged at Brixton Prison and it is possible that a grave charge may be preferred against him.

ALLEGED BURGLARIES BY POLICE OFFICERS.

Thomas Maxwell, a sergeant, and Alfred Shaw, a constable in the Metropolitan Police, who were found asleep in a house at Netherhall Gardens, Hampstead, were charged at Marylebone Police Court yesterday with burglary. The goods taken consisted chiefly of household linen.

Police-constable Green, who was instrumental in finding the men owing to a mark he had put on the front door having been tampered with, told how he found the prisoners asleep in a room on the second floor.

Asked if the prisoners were sober, the constable said he thought both were suffering from the effects of drink.

Prisoners were remanded, bail being refused.

FACTORIES BURNT OUT.

Two serious fires occurred on Sunday. One at Dundee, which caused damage to the extent of £20,000, occurred in a building owned by Cunningham Ltd., in which a quantity of jute bags were stored.

The second outbreak was at Lincoln where a fire which started in a congested area quickly spread to the factory belonging to Clarke's Blood Mixture Co. The factory was completely destroyed, many hundreds of workers being thrown out of employment in consequence.

America had a record birth-rate last year, despite the war. Statistics just compiled show that there were 270,000 births in the United States in 1918, or 27,000 in excess of the previous year.

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Wednesday, July 16, 1919.

FRANCE'S DAY.

The fourteenth of July is a notable day in the annals of France. One hundred and thirty years ago the populace of Paris rose in the exuberance of their might and struck a resounding blow against the dominance of an ancient and oppressive regime. The portals of the Bastille gave way before the eager champions of Liberty.

The Bastille is a symbol for France, and it was fitting that on the anniversary of its fall our allies should celebrate victory over their enemies. For more than four years they fought a stern and sorrowful campaign against the principalities and powers of the Bastille—against the thraldom of boastful dominion and vaunted culture.

France's Day has been gloriously celebrated. With the pomp and dignity of martial procession the people have witnessed the passing of war. The tension and poignancy of battle are no more. Sorrow remains as a mist through which eyes view the splendour of victory, and it is a mist which widens the halo of triumph.

On the fourteenth of July 1870 France and Prussia were standing on the brink of war. It was a war which brought defeat and disaster to our ally, and there are many who still remember the dark days of their country. Almost fifty years have passed before the fortunes of battle have turned against Prussia's might. These have too glibly been called the years of *revanche* for men must remember that a great country cannot forget the shame that once was cast upon it.

But France's pilgrimage in the wilderness is over. "Peace with honour," has come to her land and she rejoices in a new liberty and a new vision. France knows fully the inspiration of Beaconsfield's classic words.

The British Army of the Rhine had its representatives in Paris, but no delegation can adequately express the feelings of British soldiers. We were the comrades of the French in many a hard-fought battle, and we shall always pay our respectful tribute to the gallantry and chivalry and endurance of our comrades.

France, Italy, Britain—all had their dark days, when victory eluded their grasp, when misfortune and tragedy hovered over them. No one of us can boast over the other. Each played its gallant part in a common and glorious triumph. United they stood; united they conquered; united they call for an era of peace, brotherhood and prosperity.

WHAT DEAR COAL MEANS.

Undoubtedly the most serious event of the moment is the great increase in the price of coal, which is threatened in Great Britain.

It affects, directly or indirectly, everyone in the Rhine Army and particularly the married soldier whose family at home will be faced with higher costs of living. For, coal being the foundation of nearly all our industries, any rise in its price is reflected upon every kind of manufactured article we produce.

Some idea of what will happen will be gained when we state that 6/- a ton advance in coal will add at least £2 a ton to the cost of producing steel. Even at the present moment British steel is being undersold by the Continental and American producers.

It has been pointed out, coal ought not to cost anything like even the that present figure, but the time has gone past, unfortunately, for warnings to deaf ears.

The miners are not alone in pursuing short-sighted and self-destructive tactics, but the case against them is the most unanswerable, for it is not the capitalist now, who demands the further heavy advance in coal prices, but the Government, who are still in control of the coal mines, and who find that the present cost of production leaves no other alternative.

High pay has unhappily only produced a great decrease in production, and the two influences combined lead to destruction.

It is a belief, now widely entertained, and we have previously referred to it, that Great Britain is rapidly approaching a great industrial convulsion. We are living in a highly artificial condition of unsound and illusive prosperity, and we fear that it will only be through severe suffering that the great mass of the people will get back to sanity.

The process of killing the goose that lays the golden eggs is in full sway.

The profiteers, who belong to all classes engaged in the commercial and industrial life of this country, are with feverish energy feathering their nests while the good time lasts.

There are preparations for war on a large and complete scale on both sides of industrial life, and we fear that the clash has now become inevitable, and that it will be prolonged and bitter in the extreme.

VICTORY MARCHES.

For months we have read of them; the preparations, the route, the march itself, with reports of the wonderful ovation with which the empire greeted her sons, then there follows, in regular sequence, an appreciation of the glorious debt she owes the fine fellows, who have sacrificed so much for her.

A victory march originates very quietly in the correspondence column of some London paper.

There is a letter to the editor, signed by the head of some well-known city firm, modestly suggesting that a chance should be given for "the city to show it's appreciation," etc., etc.

Thus a victory march originates, is organised, the day arrives, and, with your permission, we shall watch the gentleman who started the ball rolling.

His office building is on one of the main thoroughfares (quite a coincidence), so the troops will pass that way, and as the patriot arrives at his office this morning he is pleased to note that preparations are already in hand and that his own building is second to none in the matter of bunting.

His morning is much the same as other mornings, but at 12.30 p.m. an unnecessary reference to his diary shows that he is entertaining a few business friends to lunch — in honour of the march.

At 2.30 p.m. he returns with the friends he has lunched with, the window is opened wide and the seats arranged.

In the street below the crowds are already dense, and soon the sound of cheering, carried on the breeze, becomes louder, and louder. The head of the column is now directly beneath, and, for thirty minutes, the street is a pandemonium of cheers.

Our business-man is half out of the window, gesticulating wildly and cheering, cheering, cheering; but gradually quietness returns, the window is closed. "Splendid fellows," he murmurs "but cheering is dry work: say when?"

* * *

A few days later in the "Situations Vacant" column of the same paper there is an announcement by the same man, and there is no lack of applicants for the appointment.

He sits scanning the applications and his expression becomes harder and harder, as, one by one, he puts them aside:—

"Enlisted in '14, released '19," he reads, then musingly:—

"Five years lost: it would be suicide to mix sentiment with business," and a glance at the window reminds him of that Victory March.

Had he not cheered himself hoarse for them? was it not his idea? What presumption the fellows had.

So to the next application:—

"Throughout the war I have held the post of deputy assistant, etc, at the Ministry of - - - -"

Our friend has no faith in any ministry clerks, but anything is better than a man who has been "wasting time" for five years or so, and the letter of acceptance is written.

The victory march, then, is really a declaration of bankruptcy; the country acknowledges a tremendous debt and by cheeping she pays a farthing in the pound.

Sir Douglas Haig still tours the country begging for justice for his men. RAS.

OUR GUEST NIGHT.

It begins with due solemnity and ends with appropriate hilarity. I would not for the world libel our mess by suggesting that this is the result of too many "spots" and wine which maketh glad the heart of man.

Oh! No! It is wonderful how a delightful dinner and good fellowship melts the ice and banishes the awe inspired by the presence of the Divisional Commander or the Brigadier.

Our mess secretary is a gem and full of enthusiasm to make each weekly guest night eclipse the former. He dances here, there and everywhere: full of good spirits, and a contagious zeal which passes to the mess sergeant and his staff.

Let it not be thought, however, that in the midst of all his activities our mess bills are forgotten. Oh! No! They are increased in due proportion.

"Guests may come and guests may go
But mess bills run for ever."

"To-night's the night," and so our panelled dining room with its brilliant electric lights is of greater importance even than the Hall of Mirrors. The long table with its two wings is covered by a snow-white cloth. It is resplendent in glass—four to each officer—flowers, cutlery, and sports trophies.

Our regimental and Battalion colours are entwined in the place of honour on the wall at the back of the Colonel's chair. The Mess President has a wonderfully carved throne becoming his dignity.

At 8 o'clock all the guests and members of the Mess are assembled in the ante-room. The buglers give the dinner call, and our regimental band, which is always in attendance, strikes up some soul-thrilling selection as we take our places around the tables.

For the next hour the room presents an animated sight as course succeeds course. Do not think that we are extravagant, the courses are made up from rations with a few other luxuries purchased from the canteen or locally.

Perhaps for a few moments the conversation lags, but by the time the incomparable army beef has been disposed of, interesting stories and experiences are trotted out and there is more freedom.

Above the hum of the conversation you can hear the band and the shouts of the admiring German children who gather in crowds from all the neighbouring streets.

The last course is finished and the port wine passed round and then the President sings out:—

"Mr. Vice, the King!" The Vice-President responds:—

"Gentlemen, the King!" The band strikes up the National Anthem as the officers all standing raise their glasses and drink the time honoured toast:—

"The King! God bless Him!"

So ends the dinner which is typical of the Messes in the Rhine Army.

The rest of the evening is spent in good fellowship, songs and dances, ping-pong and bridge, and hilarity. G.K.

EN AVANT.

Pick up your burden of mistakes,
The road of life's a long one.
What matter though the path one takes
To "cut off" is the wrong one?

There's many another just beyond;
The future has surprises.
A stone may prove a diamond;
'Tis fortune gives the prizes.

Strap on your load of fears and cares,
And face Miss Fortune bravely.
She loves the man who laughs and dares—
Not him who woos her gravely.

TOM HALL.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

FACE FUNGUS.

Sir,—I quite agree with "Tatcho" as to "face fungus." I know our great grandfathers were side adornments on their cheeks, but to-day the fashion seems to smack of effeminacy. I don't know why.

Most of the decadent artists who throng the cafés of the Latin quarter in Paris and a certain resort in London affect the fashion, and for British officers or men to do so is unthinkable.

Personally, I have not come across an example, though "Tatcho" seems to have seen many.
"MOUSTACHE."

AIRMEN AND SALUTING.

Sir,—Lately I have had to pull up several airmen for not saluting. In each case they have said "I'm not a soldier, and don't have to salute any officers not of the Air Force'

I do not know where they get this notion from, but it seems very prevalent.

All men in each service—Army, Navy or Air Force—must salute all officers in either.

I know sailors are very slack in saluting army officers, but that is no reason why airmen should be. MAJOR B.

THE GIRLS AT HOME.

Sir,— In answer to the sweeping statement of "S. S." wherein he states that he has not met an honourable Tommy who has actually preferred a Belgian or French girl, may I say, speaking on my own behalf, that I do not think that I have lost my honour by the mere fact that I intend making one of Belgium's daughters my future wife.

I have been out here since 1914 and have another year to do, and trust that should my hopes regarding the lady in question materialize, I shall not have stained an honourable career.
HONI SOIT QUI MAL Y PENSE.

Sir,—May I reply to "S.S." regarding the statement that he has not yet met a case where an honourable English Tommy has actually preferred the French or Belgian girl. Well, I have.

Two cases I have in mind. The first has been married to a French lady for over twelve months, and things are still going swimmingly, and likely to continue so.

Case number two, a Scotsman, by the way. Although he had thoughts of the "life sublime" before the war, the right girl had not turned up. It was in France that he found her, and I was a guest at "le Diner des Fiancailles".

I also take exception to his use of the word "honourable", which implies, consciously or unconsciously, that the French or Belgian girl is only worth the consideration of the "other-than-honourable" English Tommy, which is certainly not the case. A French or Belgian girl can be just as good in every sense of the word as the English girl. "DING DONG."

DOGS IN CHURCH.

Sir,— May I voice a protest against the habit of taking dogs to church? All men are animal lovers, but this is carrying it too far.

On several occasions dogs have accompanied parades and individuals to the Military Church, and it is getting quite a common thing to see a dog hunt there.

The climax was reached on Sunday morning, when the owner, a sergeant, caused an altercation in the entrance, after his dog had already been twice expelled. The sergeant actually wanted to take it in with him.

Surely it's up to everyone to show respect for God's house and play the game in a matter of this kind. It would not hurt a dog to leave it at a billet. "GUNNER."

TOMMY'S CONDUCT.

Sir,— I do not know how many shows "A Private" has seen since his arrival in Germany, but I have been to several entertainments and must certainly repudiate his statement with regard to the conduct of the "ordinary audience of British soldiers!"

My experience has been otherwise, and, in my opinion, Tommy does know how to conduct himself, and forms a very appreciative audience.
K. A.

THE BISLEY MEETING.

Sir,— I read of the progress of Bisley shooting, but think many good shots from the Rhine could have competed if they had been given the opportunity.

I see that Dr. F. J. Kelly, in a demonstration, scored 81 out of a possible 90, which is an exceptionally good score, but I know there are some shots in my battalion who could have distinguished themselves, provided they had been given the chance. I myself in 1917 scored 152 out of a possible 170 under bad weather conditions.

My score was made on a difficult course, including 10 rounds rapid at 200 yards, also 15 rounds rapid at 300 yards. In these I scored 10 bulls and 13 bulls and two inners respectively. I think good shots should have been given a chance. Why not a meeting for the Rhine Army? C. S. M.

CYCLES ON HIRE.

Sir,—Tommy has a number of varied amusements, but, I think, there is room for another. A pleasant afternoon could be spent if we could hire a bicycle.

It does not seem the custom in Germany to get a cycle on hire, but I think it would be possible to make battalion arrangements, each user paying for the hire of the machine and any damage which might be caused. P. S. K.

WHY ONLY THE MARRIED?

Sir,—It is rumoured that wives may soon be allowed into the Army area, but there is no word of permission being extended to unmarried relations.

Before any official pronouncement is made on the subject, may I enquire if no unmarried girl is allowed out, how is the unmarried man to get married?

We are likely to be here many years. Marriages based on the brief acquaintances made in a fourteen days' leave almost invariably end in disaster, as is shown by a record in the divorce courts, unparalleled in the history of English home-life.

We men are but human. Is the unmarried soldier to be left to form one of those Anglo-German alliances which your correspondents "Concordia Victrix" and "An Englishman" so rightly deplore? The married man deserves no especial consideration; he has got his wife all right, keeping the home fires burning against his return.

But the single man has no home fire; and as the years fly by, he sees all hope disappear of ever founding a happy home and breeding sturdy little Britons, to carry on the great tradition of our Empire.

Surely on grounds of justice and of patriotism it is not the already appropriated wife who should be brought out, but rather the unmarried sister and cousin. "GOING ON FOR THIRTY."

Eight Consecutive Bulls At Bisley.

MARKERS DISSATISFIED: BOLTS ORDERED TO BE REMOVED FROM ALL RIFLES.

Some excellent shooting was witnessed at Bisley on Monday, Captain Stewart, firing at 200 yards, registering eight consecutive bulls.

Among the competitors were Sergt. Finch of the Royal Marines — a Zeebrugge V. C. — and Pte. Kydd, late 2nd Black Watch, who was in the Queen's final 41 years ago.

On Monday evening the markers, dissatisfied with their terms of service, threatened an ominous move, as a result of which the bolts were ordered to be removed from all rifles in the camp.

Three ties were shot off at Bisley on Monday. The first was the "Daily Telegraph Cup," three rounds being fired at 600 yards. The weather again was bad, fine rain falling, and a wind of varying strength blew across the ranges. The tie resulted: — Corpl. Cope, South Africa, 12; Lieut. Smelder, Canada, 11; Mr. Arkill, City Rifle Club, 8.

The second tie was fired at 500 yards for the "Graphic" Cup. Lieut. Vincent, Toronto, Cpl. Noyon, Guernsey, and Pte. Ford, 5th City of London, again tied, all scoring 13. Each fired another round. Vincent made a bull, the other two inners, so Vincent was declared the winner.

The tie for the "Daily Graphic Cup," fired at 200 yards, was won by Captain Martin, Canada, 14, Capt. Mackenzie, 8th Black Watch, scoring 11.

A ZEEBRUGGE V.C.

Results of Alexandria and Prince of Wales Competitions.

Shooting for the Alexandra prize, was Sergt. Finch of the Royal Marines, a Zeebrugge V.C. The best score at 200 was made by Capt. Stewart, R.E., who registered eight consecutive bulls, the last two shots being inners. There were several scores of 46, and Pte. Kydd, late 2nd Black Watch, who was in the Queen's final 41 years ago, made 40. The competition was won by Air Mechanic Bell, Australia, with 79 points.

The Prince of Wales' prize was won by C.J. Smith, N.R.A. School of Musketry, with 93.

KING'S PRIZE COMPETITION IN PERIL.

It was reported late on Monday night that the markers intend to make a determined effort to prevent shooting for the King's Prize on Tuesday. It has been known for the past week that the markers were dissatisfied with the conditions of pay and the hours of work. A serious move is threatened by the men and steps have been taken should an outbreak occur. The N.R.A., fearing this might happen, on Monday night ordered the bolts to be removed from all rifles in the camp.

"PAL" MOORE.

Score of Pressmen Witness Boxer In Training.

Thursday evening's meeting of the world's fly-weight champion (Jimmy Wilde) and the American bantam, ("Pal" Moore) is a distinctly "popular" event. The rush for seats has been tremendous.

About a score of Pressmen, at the invitation of Mr. C. B. Cochran, journeyed out to Stanmore Middlesex, the other day, to watch the American at work, and found him all ready to commence.

"Pal" is undoubtedly strong and can stay. At times he seemed inclined to crouch, but when he stood upright he appeared to possess a most useful reach. He is just the height a bantamweight should be—5ft 5½in. Perhaps he was not all out for he did not appear to punch as accurately as he might do, and at times left himself rather too open, but the book indicates that, no matter what opinions was formed of his last meeting with Jimmy Wilde at the Albert Hall, he is a really good man, his record including a referee's decision against Johnny Ertle over fifteen rounds.

A Memorable Battle.

A more accurate line to his form is gained through his meeting with Joe Lynch, who met Jimmy Wilde in a memorable battle at the National Sporting Club not long ago. Moore and Lynch have met three times. On the first occasion they boxed a ten-round no-decision bout in New York; at Providence (Rhode Island) Lynch was given a referee's decision after twelve hard-fought rounds, while at the same place three weeks later Moore won the decision, also after twelve rounds. On returning to New York after obtaining the decision over Wilde last December Moore had no idea of remaining idle, and from the last day of January to the first day of June took part in fourteen contests, in some cases travelling thousands of miles within a few days to fulfil engagements.

Jimmy Wilde is also vigorously in training.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE.

Kent Still Leading.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	P.cent.
Kent	4	2	2	0	2	50.00
Somerset	4	2	1	1	2	50.00
Yorkshire	11	5	4	2	5	45.45
Notts	8	3	5	0	3	37.50
Lancashire	12	4	6	2	4	33.33
Derbyshire	9	3	1	5	3	33.33

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Parkin	126.1	36	276	15	11.04
Woolley (F. E.)	252.5	70	563	50	11.26
Fairservice	138	37	315	23	13.69
Rhodes	455.1	133	1017	73	13.93
Heap	205.5	50	489	35	13.97
H. L. Collins	108.2	78	671	40	16.77

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Inns.	Not out.	Runs.	Most. in Inns.	Aver.
Hendren (E.)	13	4	1022	214	113.55
Gunn (G.)	14	2	871	185*	81.75
Ducat	16	1	1113	306*	74.2
Mead (C. P.)	13	3	648	98	64.8
Russell	15	2	749	125	57.61
Hobbs	21	2	1081	205*	56.89

* Signifies not out

THE SEASON'S CENTURIONS.

Gunn (G.) (4).—116, 169, 123, 185.
Hendren (E.) (4).—214, 135, 201, 124.
Ducat (3).—190, 306*, 271.
Hobbs (3).—205*, 120, 106.
Hirst (3).—180*, 120, 120.
Russell (3).—122, 118, 125.

* Signifies not out.

SPORTS AT UNTER ESCHBACH.

19th Middlesex Regiment's Athletic Meeting.

Despite indifferent weather a successful sports meeting was held by the 19th (S.) Batt. Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex) (Pioneers) at Unter-Eschbach on Wednesday. C. Coy., largely due to splendid all-round work by its Sports Officer, Lt. G.F. Griffin, headed the competition with 34 points; H.Q. Coy came second with 25; B. Coy. third, with 15; and A. Coy fourth with 9.

LIST OF WINNERS.

The events and winners were as follows:

440 Yards:— Pte. Perret, H.Q.; Pte. Thomas, C; Pte. Wegg, C.

Half mile:— Sgt. Muncer, B; L/C. Clarke, A; Lieut. Reed, C.

Tug-of-War: Lightweights, H.Q. Coy; Catchweights, H.Q. Coy.

High Jump:— Lieut. Griffin, C. (4ft 7ins); Sgt. Bennett, A (4ft 6ins); Pte. Rabbich, C (4ft 5ins).

Long Jump:— Lieut. Griffin, C (18ft 10ins); Pte. Perrett, H.Q. (17ft 2ins); Sgt. Bennett, A (16ft 1ins).

Mile:— Sgt. Muncer, B; Cpl. Saddington, C; Lieut. Reed, C.

Relay Race:— "C" Coy.

Putting the Weight:— Cpl. Saddington, C; Pte. Sheffield; Sgt. Curtis, C.

100 Yards:— Lieut. Griffin, C; Pte. Perret, H.Q.; Sgt. Bennett, A.

Six-a-side Football:— H.Q.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, July 16, 1919.

Surface wind between North-West and North, 5-10 m.p.h., increasing somewhat. Mainly cloudy and cool. Some showers are still likely. Good visibility.

THE BOWEN CUP.

1/6th Welsh Regimental Sports at Sechten.

The above sports and competition for the "Bowen" Cup, i.e., the best all round company in the Battalion, were brought to a sucessful conclusion at Sechten on Wednesday. The outstanding feature of the day was the splendid performance of Captain M. S. Morgan "B" Coy, who took 4 firsts and one second prize. The Divisional orchestra, by kind permission of Major General T.O. Marden, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., played selections during the afternoon. R.S.M. Probert, D.C.M. proved an excellent Master of Ceremonies and Sergt. Molineux, assisted by a donkey, an excellent clown of the course. The points for the "Bowen" Cup were:—1, C Coy 94; 2, A Coy 75; 3, B Coy 60.

Major General T.O. Marden C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. presented the prizes and made a complimentary speech on the athletic prowess of the 6th Welsh.

RESULTS AND WINNERS.

Soccer:—1, C. Coy; 2, A. Coy.
Cricket:—1, A. Coy; 2, C. Coy.
Basket Ball:—1, C. Coy; 2. A. Coy.
Team Shooting Rapid:—1, A. Coy; 2, C. Coy.
Team Shooting, Deliberate:—1, B. Coy; 2, A. Coy.
Cross Country Run:—B. Coy.
100 Yds.:—1, Capt. Morgan, B; 2, Capt. Palmer, C; 3, Pte. Blackburn, A.
100 Yds. Open:—1, C.S.M. Lloyd, 6th Welsh; 2, Cpl. Marsh.
220 Yds.:—1, Capt. Palmer, C; 2. C.S.M. Lloyd, B; 3, Pte. Blackburn, A.
440 Yds.:—1, Capt. Palmer, C; 2, Capt. Duncan, A.
440 Yds. Open:—1, Mr. Davies, Y.M.C.A., 9th Corps; 2, Pte. Giles, 6th Welsh.
Half Mile:—1, Pte. Bright, B; 2, Pte. R.J. Jones, B; 3, Lieut. Grand, A.
Long Jump:—1, Pte. D. Jones, C; 2, Capt. Morgan, B; 3, C.S.M. Lloyd, B.
High Jump:—1, Capt. Morgan, B; 2, Pte. D. Jones, C.
Hurdles:—1, Capt. Morgan, B; 2, Pte. Edge, A; 3, Pte. Jones, (93) C.
Relay Race:—1, B. Coy; 2, C. Coy; 3, A. Coy.
One Mile:—1, Pte. Jones, B; 2, Pte. Farrie, A; 3, Pte. Blow, B.
Tug-of-War:—B. Coy beat C. Coy (final).
Swimming, 100 Yds.:— Pte. Parker, C. Coy.
Diving:—Pte. Baines, C. Coy.
Relay Race:—C Company.
Best Shot Application: — Pte. Parker, C; Rapid, Sgt. Molineux, C.
Boxing:—Heavies—Pte. Lewis, C. Coy. Middles—C.S.M. Lloyd, C; Welter—Cpl. Sladen, B; 3, Light—Pte. Nixon, C; Bantam—L/Cpl. Palfrey, C, Feather—Pte. Bowers, B.

SPLENDID MILE RACE.

IV Corps Cyclist Battalion Sports at Roisdorf.

A full day's sports was organized and enjoyed last week by the above unit at Roisdorf, Düren "C" Company finished up with the greatest number of points, for which they had very largely to thank Sergt. Cameron, who was indefatigable in organising his various company teams, and who also had time to win the most individual prizes. The mile was the finest race of the day, and was won by Pte. Hartley in splendid style. Lieut. Armstrong was deserving of everyone's thanks for the very efficient manner in which the programme was carried out.

In the evening a smoking concert was arranged by Lieut. Wynyard, which was thoroughly enjoyed, and at which prizes were distributed for the sports, making an admirable finish to a good day.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

100 yards Flat:—1, Sergt. Cameron; 2, Pte. McAloman; 3, Pte. Constantine

High Jump:—1, Sergt. Cameron; 2, Cpl. Messer, 3, L/Cpl. Nightingale.

Long Jump.—1. No. 3 Platoon "A" Coy.

Sprint Race:—1, No. 7 Platoon "C" Coy.

One Mile:—1, Pte. Hartley; 2, Pte. Henry; 3, Pte. Savage.

Inter Platoon Relay Race (6 men):—1. No. 9 Platoon "C" Coy.

400 yards Flat: 1, Pte. Yearsley; 2, Pte. Hartley, 3, Sergt. Cameron.

Tug-of-War (8 men):—"C" Coy.

Inter Coy. Relay Race (open):—1, "C" Coy.

Officers' Handicap Race, 150 yards:—1, Capt. Grant; 2, 2/Lieut. Nelson; 3, 2/Lieut. Bilton.

Sergeants' Handicap Race, 150 yards:—1, R.Q.M.S. Lovett; 2, Sergt. Robertson; 3, Sergt. Langford.

Mile Race. Employed Men. Men actually employed on the day: 1, Pte. Gregory; 2, Pte. Smith, 3, Pte. Griffin.

BOXING CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

Pte. Jack Worman, 12th Platoon, "C" Coy, 17th Royal Fusiliers, Army of the Rhine, has not had long to wait for acceptance of his challenge. The following has been received for publication:—

"C.Q.M.S. J. French of H.Q., 2nd London Inf. Bde. London Division, British Army of the Rhine, will box Pte. J. Worman, 17th R.F., any number of rounds at 10st. 7lbs., next month, if a match can be arranged in Cologne district."

SOUTHERN DIVISION TOURNAMENT.

The Southern Division tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 8th and 9th, at the race course, Kalk. The events open to the British Army of the Rhine are as follows:—Dismounted events — 100 yards; 440 yards; 1 mile; 3 miles; 120 yards hurdles. Mounted events:—Tent-pegging, officers; officers chargers; jumping competition; best R.F.A. gun team; best G.S. wagon, pair H. D. (stripped). There will also be a musical ride; M. G. display; tank display; Aeroplane and display. Entrance to the tournament ground will be free; massed bands will discourse music, and teas will also be provided free.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

100 for First Wicket.

93 BDE. R.G.A. (139 for 5) v. VI CORPS H.Q. (61). Ellis and Weight opened for the 93rd, and compiled 108 before Ellis was caught for 46. Weight carried his bat for 64.

MID. DIV. H.Q. (105) v. 73 BDE. R.G.A. (75). After the Artillery's innings, H.Q. started disastrously, losing 6 wickets for 12. Bailey (49), and Ashmore (29), how ver, made a fine stand and put the issue beyond doubt.

OTHER RESULTS.

"P" A.A. Bty. (30) v. 354 Siege Bty. (11).
77 Siege Bty. (82) v. 145 Siege Bty. (42).
185 Siege Bty. (107) (Yewdell 54) v. 1 Bn. M.G.C. (34).
51 R. Sussex (112) v. 69 Siege Bty. (43); Lieut.-Col. Bond (42).
E Corps Sig. Coy. (37) v. IX Corps Troops M.T. Coy. (35).
1 (West) T.M.B. (41) v. 13 K. Liverpool (28).
121 Heavy Bty. (41) v. 52 Cheshire (37).
121 Heavy Bty. (71) v. 23 R. Fus. (54).
Cav. Div. H.Q. (105) v. A.A. Searchlight Section (43).
52 Cheshire (174 for 6) v. 1 (West) T.M.B. (112).

COLOGNE NORTHERN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
London Div. M.T.Co.	14	11	3	22§
29 Bn. M.G.C.	10	10	0	20§
"Maps" 4 F.S.Bn.	10	8	2	16§
C 113 Bde. R.F.A.	10	8	2	16§
1/6 W. Yorks	8	8	0	16§
75 Bde. R.F.A.	10	7	3	14§
1/4 York & Lancs.	9	6	3	12§
31 Labour Group	8	5	3	10§
II Corps H.Q.	8	5	3	10§
13 K.R.R.C.	7	5	2	10§
1/5 W. Yorks.	6	5	1	10§
53 R. Warwick	10	4	6	8§
13 M.A.C.	10	4	6	8§
52 R. Warwick	8	4	4	8§+
South. Div. M.T.Co.	7	4	3	8§
92 Bde. R.G.A	7	4	3	8§+
237 Field Coy.	8	3	5	6§
14 G.H.Q., M.T.Co.	7	3	4	6§
420 Siege Bty.	7	3	4	6§
2/4 Hants	5	3	2	6§
88 Field Amb.	9	2	7	4§+
51 R. Warwick	5	2	3	4§

§ Games awarded for scratched matches and in respect of teams withdrawn.
+ Games lost by default.

"B" COY. 52nd WELSH REGT. (95) v. T.M.B. XI. (44).

At Duisdorf on Saturday, for "B" Coy., L/Cpl. Jones batted well for 30. The T.M.B. XI. failed in the task allotted them, this to a great extent being due to the very excellent fielding of the home side, no fewer than five batsmen being dismissed by catches. The 52nd Battalion team must look to its laurels now that "B" Coy. has entered the arena.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUN.

In connection with the forthcoming sports of the 32nd. Battalion Machine Gun Corps, a very successful cross-country run was held on Saturday. There were about 72 entrants. The course was through Vilich and Geislar, along the banks of the river Sieg, across country to the outskirts of Schwarz Rheindorf, finishing at Vilich. Pte. Buck was first home, and was followed at a distance of about 250 yards by Sgt. Cahill. Pte. Sear was third. 2/Lt. J. S. Lee, who was responsible for the organization of the event, acted as time-keeper and starter.

COLOGNE CRICKET WEEK.

The following will represent the Rest against the Infantry in the second match of the week at Lindenthal on July 15th and 16th:—Capt. Fowler; Capt. Boles; Capt. Stanyforth; Lieut. Gobson, Cavalry; Lt.-Col. Gibes; Major Perkins; Lieut. Chrystall; Lt. Lyster, R.E.; Major Douglas-Jones; Lt. Deighton; Lt. Bingham, R.A.

The following will play for I.Z. in the concluding match of the week on July 17th and 18th against the Rhine Army:—Major-General Solly Flood; Lt.-Col. Clarke; Lt.-Col. Hartley; Major Phipps-Nomby; Major Perkins; Capt. Boles; Capt. Norman; Capt. Fowler; Capt. Stanyforth; Lt. Gibson and another.

APPLEGARTHS AT 40.

The 1st Signal Squadron R.E., were unable to finish their sports on July 5th, so the three remaining events were decided on Sunday at Quadrath. The veterans race was a very keen one, S.S.M. W.J. Lambourne, (scratch), winning, but only by a narrow margin, Q.M.S. Murphy, and Dvr. Mayor being second and third respectively. It is a pity that the times were not booked, as they were evidently thinking of the new leave train rate. Spr. Babbage won the throwing of the cricket ball, and in the 880 yards Spr. Gaffney was the winner, with Spr. Babbage and Spr. Howard second and third respectively. Lt. C. R. Jennings and Lt. J. N. Dart, were the judges.

WEIGHT-LIFTING CHALLENGE.

The following weight-lifting challenge has been received for publication from 2/Lt. Vickers, 8th Black Watch, British Army of the Rhine:—

1. 2/Lt. Will Vickers would like to lift weigsty against any 10 stone officer in the Armn of Occupation, for title.
2. Against any 10 stone officer in the British Army, for title.
3. Against any 10 stone officer in the Allied Armies, for title.

Lifts as laid down by the British Weight Lifters Association.

HIGHLAND GATHERING.

2nd Bde. Group's Athletic Meeting at Düren.

The spectacle of a real highland athletic gathering, in which several thousand young Scotsmen belonging to the kilted units of the 2nd Highland Brigade Group took part, was witnessed at the Germania Sport Club grounds, Düren, on Friday. A lengthy programme of events contested by keen competitors for valuable prizes, brought out the best qualities and powers of the young sportsmen. In the evening "The Merry Muffins" concert party gave an open-air performance under pleasant auspices, while a successful torchlight procession brought to a close an enjoyable and interesting day of sport. Side-shows were run in connection with the sports, Captain Loewe, education officer of the 51st Gordons, was responsible for the management, and an energetic staff rendered him able assistance.

SPORTS OFFICIALS.

Among a large staff of officials who worked strenously to ensure a successful gathering were Major-General A. B. Ritchie, C.B., C.M.G., the president of the committee, Lieut.-Col. Dudgeon, D.S.O., M.C., 51st Gordon Hdrs. Major J. N. McJ. Gordon, M.C., 4th Gordons; Capt. J. E. Snell, M.C., Brigade-Major Capt. A. Drummond, Brigade H. Q.; Capt. C. N. Horswell, 51st Gordon Hdrs; Lieuts. Hirst, Fairrie, Ewing and Painter; R. S. M. Watt 4th Gordon Hdrs; C.S.M. Hatch and Sergt. Wainwright, of Brigade Headquarters Staff.

The judges included Maj.-Gen. Sir D. Campbell, K.C.B., who presented the prizes at the close of the meeting. Brig.-Gen. J. Campbell, C.B.; Brig.-Gen. H. Marindin, C.B.; Brig.-Gen Crauturd, C.B., C.M.G.; Major F. L. Fraser, M.C.; Major Wolfe Murray, D.S.O., M.C.; Major Hume-Gore, D.S.O., and Capt. Smith.

During the day the massed pipe bands of the four Gordon Battalions and the band of the 3rd K. O. Hussars, submitted excellent programmes of music.

PRIZE WINNERS.

The following were the events and the prize winners:

Long Jump:—1, Sergt. Fenwick, 53rd Gordons, 18ft 11½ in.; 2, Sergt. Condie 53rd; 3, Pte. Middleton, 5th Gordons.

100 yards Race (open):—1, Cpl. Looker, 10th A. and S.H.; 2, Pte. Wilkie, 53rd; 3, Sergt. Cameron, 4th Corps Cyclists.

100 yards Race (Brigade Units):—1, Lieut. Gordon, 53rd; 2, Sergt. Fenwick; 3, Lieut. McCullock, 4th Gordons.

Mile Relay Race (Brigade Units):—1, 53rd; 2, 4th; 3, 51st Gordons.

Mile Relay Race (open):—1, 10th A. and S.H.; 2, 5th Camerons; 3, 4th Corps Cyclists.

High Jump:—1, Pte. Middleton, 5th; 2, Captain Wright, 5th; 3, 2/Lt. Murdoch, 4th Gordons.

Piping (open):—1, L/Cpl. Morrison, 4th; 2, Pipe Major McDonald, 5th Camerons; 3, Piper Fulton, 53rd.

120 yards hurdles:—1, Sergt. Gordon, 4th; 2, Cpl Quinney, 51st; 3, Capt. Wright, 5th.

Veterans Race:—1, Pipe-Major McCallum, 53rd; 2, R.S.M. Ewing, 5th; 3, C.S.M. Hatch, A.G.S., (Brigade, Staff).

Putting the Shot:—1, Capt. Watt, 5th, 34ft, 9ins; 2 Sergt. Fenwick; 3, Lieut. Gordon.

440 yards (open) —1, Cpl. Looker; 2, Cpl. Graham, 4th Corps Cyclists; 3, L/Cpl. Don, 5th Camerons.

880 yards:—1, Lieut. Cavers, 53rd; 2, C.S.M. Dinwoodie, 53rd; 3, Sergt. Wallace, 4th.

One Mile:—1. Pte. Provence, 53rd; 2, Sergt. Cowie, 53rd; 3, L/Cpl. Swan, 4th Gordons.

Dancing Highland Fling:—1, Pte. Cuthbertson, 4th; 2, Pte. McInnes, 53rd; 3, L/Cpl. Morrison 4th.

Sword Dance:—1, Pte Cuthbertson; 2, Pipe-Major McCallum; 3, Pte. Pirie, 4th Gordons.

220 yards:—1, Lieut. Gordon 2, Pte. Hutchison, 51st, 3, Lt. McCulloch, 4th.

Dancing reels:—1, 53rd; 2, 4th Gordons.

440 yards:—1, Lieut. McCullock; 2, Sergt Mann 53rd; 3, Lieut. Millar, 4th Gordons.

Three Mile Race:—1, (dead heat) Lieut. C d C.S.M. Dinwoodie, 53rd; 3, Pte. Stronach, 51st.

Unit Relay Race (mixed):—1, Brigade H.Q., 2, 53rd Gordons.

Unit Points Championship:—53rd (33 points); runner-up 4th (13 points).

EIGHT FOR THIRTY-FIVE.

English County Cricket Results.

Rain curtailed play in the Gent's v. Players cricket match. Scores:—Gents 138 for five.

Yorks 85 and 189 for six; Northants 140. Wells for Northants in the Yorks first innings took eight wickets for 35 runs.

Derbyshire 181; Australians 118 for nine.

Military Handicap Tournament Final:— 2nd Life Guards beat Coldstreams by 8 to 5.

GOODWOOD CUP ENTRIES.

The following are entries for the race for the Goodwood Cup, which will be run on Thursday, July 31st.

MY DEAR (Mr A R Cox)	Taylor	4	9	10
GAINSBOROUGH (Lady J Douglas)	Taylor	4	9	10
AIR RAID (Mr W Cazalet)	Taylor	4	9	3
HE (Ld Glanely)	Barling	4	9	3
FURORE (Mr C Hatry)	Tabor	6	9	2
KING FRUSQUIN (Str W Nelson)	Mulhen	5	9	2
QUEEN'S SQUARE (Mr A R Cox)	Taylor	4	9	0
MORNING STAR (Mr R Tilley)	Leader	4	8	12
MISS NIGHTCAP (Mr W Dixon)	Lines	4	7	11
OUR STEPHEN (Mr F Curzon)	Hobbs	3	7	7
WHITE HEAT (Capt. L Montagu)	Blackwell	3	7	7
SKYRAKER (Sir G Murray)	Persse	3	7	7
PERION (Ld Penryn)	Green	3	7	7
ALL ALONE (Lady Torrington)	Faulkner	3	7	7
ROWLAND (Ld Wolverton)	Lampton	3	7	7
WILSON (Sir A Bailey)	R Day	3	7	2
SPLUTTER (Mr J de Rothschild)	Pratt	3	7	2
BAY OF NAPLES (Mr. F. Willey)	Leach	3	7	2
KNIGHT OF BLYTH (Mr F Willey)	Leach	3	7	2
MONAGHAN (Sir A Bailey)	R Day	3	6	15
LAKE VAN (Ld Sefton)	R Day	3	6	13

83rd BDE. R.G.A. FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

The 13th S.B. met the 135th S.B. at Langerwehe on Saturday, the result being a win for the latter by 3 goals to nil.

NEWMARKET MEETING.

Selections for July and Bury Handicaps.

The second July meeting, at Newmarket opened yesterday. To-day the July Handicap and to-morrow the Bury Handicap will be run. For these races "Jerry M." telegraphs the following selections from England:—

July Handicap . . . . Vain Dream.
Bury Handicap. . . . Love Note.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

At the Gurzenich.

Last Sunday I went to a concert organised by the new Kölner Koncertdirektion—the first concert in fact that they have given—at the Gurzenich Saal. An excellent Programme was arranged. Fräulein Bertha Grimm-Mittelmann, of the Cologne Opera, with her pleasing contralto voice, was heard to great advantage in five delightful songs by Weber. Her rendering of "Der kleine Fritz an seine jungen Freunde" was particularly charming. Arnold Földesy, a brilliant celloist, rendered the Sonata of Locatelli with great delicacy, but I was more happily impressed by "The Dance of the Fairies" a whimsical little item by Popper.

Backhaus Again.

Backhaus, one of Germany's greatest living pianists, was also there; I need not say more. His rendering of Beethoven's "Appassionata" certainly deserved more applause. The execution of the three Chopin pieces which terminated the performance showed the celebrated pianist at his best, the Nocturne in "D" major being especially fine. The Kölner Koncertdirektion are to be congratulated on the success of their first concert.

"Fledermaus" at Düren.

There was, I hear, a very successful performance of the opera "Fledermaus" at the Stadt-Theatre, Düren, last Saturday evening attended by many of our troops. Frau Rosalind von Eisenstein who was more sinned against than sinning, was admirably played by Fräulein Beike, whilst that of the somewhat frisky husband who finished by dining too well was realistically portrayed by Herr Nicolini. Herr Poerner as the pusnful lover who was slightly addicted to drink was almost true to life, whilst Fräulein Wolf gave an excellent performance as a chambermaid, of the type often heard about but very seldom found, who flirts artistically with her master.

Touring Concert Parties.

In connection with the forthcoming arrangement for Army concert parties to go on tour, a correspondent sends along this scheme:—Representatives from the Army Amusements Office should visit all the concert parties on tour and place them in a category, according to their merits. The various halls would also be visited and classified according to their conveniences and holding capacity. The question of remuneration would be worked out as follows:—If an "A" Concert party visited an "A" hall, they would claim the usal 50% of the takings, but if an "A" party visited a "B" hall 70% would be their share of the takings. Thus a table would be arranged as follows:—

PARTY	HALL	TAKINGS
"A" visits	"A" takes	50%
"A" visits	"B" takes	60%
"A" visits	"C" takes	70%
"B" visits	"A" takes	40%
"B" visits	"B" takes	50%
"B" visits	"C" takes	60%
"C" visits	"A" takes	30%
"C" visits	"B" takes	40%
"C" visits	"C" takes	50%

"The Title" at Cologne.

The wonderful ability of Arnold Bennett to weave fascinating stories out of every possible kind of material is undiminished in his latest three act comedy, "The Title." A certain Mr. Culvert, who, "in the fourth year of the greatest war that the world" . . . etcetera, etcetera, is engaged in the accounts department at Whitehall. The whole point of the play gravitates round the question as to whether this individual shall or shall not accept a baronetcy that is offered to him. He and his son and his daughter have an extraordinary contempt for such honours and are all in favour of refusing the title. The wife, however, has the greatest ambition to hear herself addressed as "My Lady." There are other side issues in the plot and, of course, a "love interest." The action is swift and continuous and is crammed full of breezy and clever dialogue. In their treatment of the play at the Deutsches Theatre, Cologne, on Monday, members of the British Rhine Army Dramatic Company added to their already excellent reputation.

People in the Caste.

Some misgiving was felt by those familiar with the Company's previous work on account of the absence from the caste of Lieut. S. E. Percy, R.L.I., who has hitherto carried the whole business along. Notwithstanding his absence, however, the performance "went" splendidly. Miss Inez Bensusan acted with brilliance the part of Mrs. Culver, the charming, strong-willed and persuasive wife of the prospective baronet. She failed not in the slightest degree to make the very most of a difficult character, and the result was generally acknowledged to be thoroughly accomplished. Mr. Culver was given a successful interpretation by Lieut. J. H. Hope, R.E. He presented in an ideal manner the affectionate and tolerant husband and father. Lieut D. A. Onions, 2nd Monmouth, jumped in one bound from a comparatively small part in a previous production to the important role of John Culver. The character suits him admirably and there is little doubt that he will be given prominence in subsequent castes. Miss Shirley King made a particularly charming Hildegarde Culver, and Lt. H. L. Farnell, Bedford Regt, was a satisfactory Tranto. Miss Gabrielle Paul, as Miss Stackey, Capt. Gordon Blight, Berks Rgt., as Samson Straight, and Lt. S. H. Mocatto, West Yorks, as a manservant, completed a caste of all-round exellence.

In Few Words.

The Rhine Army Choral Society, and Alfred Barker, the well-known violinist, will give a private performance before the C.-in-C. on Thursday.

Writers as well as actors are being "discovered" by the Dramatic Company. A one-act play written by an officer in the Rhine Army will shortly be produced at Cologne.

The first night of the new Army Cinema, the Modernes Theatre, Cologne, provided capital and well-scened pictures and enjoyable orchestral music for a full house.

Divisional concert parties in all parts of Rhineland have started the new touring scheme. After three weeks in its own area, each party will commence an eleven weeks tour.

At the conclusion of the performance of "The Title" on Monday, Lieut. S. E. Percy, the producer, thanked the audience for its generous and sympathetic reception of the play.

It appears that the cinema performance at the Leave Club on Fridays is not continuous.

JACQUES

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

A Semi-Marathon.

The Marathon, full distance, will not, after all, take place on August Bank Holiday at Stamford Bridge, the semi-marathon, as last year, being substituted.

Swansea's New Players.

Swansea Town have signed on Harris, of Notts Forest, centre-forward and outside-left, and Wm. Ogley, of Rotherham, as centre-forward. The latter had been with the Footballers' Batn.

Effect of Wasting.

Cecil Young wasted hard to ride 8st 13lb in the City Selling Plate at Salisbury, and he subsequently became so ill that he was unable to steer Chicago in the Pembroke Maiden Plate.

Champion Bowling Country.

For the ninth time Scotland is the champion bowling country of the United Kingdom, and retains her hold of the "News of the World" Cup. The three matches she played were all well won, and in the final her men beat England by 105 to 86.

Fine Running.

W. B. Ross, Edinburgh Northern H., the Scottish mile and ten miles champion, ran a fine mile at the sports meeting promoted by the Heart of Midlothian Football Club, at Edinburgh, winning off scratch in 4min 36sec on a 5-lap grass track, which had been made heavy by rain.

Public School Cricket.

Of the series of Eton-Harrow cricket matches Eton has won 37, Harrow 35, and 18 have been drawn.

Arnaud Massy.

In the final of the Inter-Allied Tournament at La Boulie, Arnaud Massy (France) beat Dauge (France) by 5 and 4.

Notts Forest.

Nottingham Forest have secured the signature of J. Lythgoe, of Bury, a forward with a fine reputation.

Boxing Anthems.

Jimmy Wilde will be accompanied to London by a Welsh choir, who will sing "Land of my Fathers" as he enters the ring at Olympid to-morron night, while a contingent from General Pershing's Army will be present to sing encouragement to "Pal" Moore. "A good man is hard to find" is to be the American anthem on this occasion.

Ladies' Swimming Race.

The 5 miles scratch swimming race promoted by the Hammersmith Ladies' Swimming Club took place on Saturday, the course being from Kew to Putney, over a distance of 5 miles. There were 32 entrants and the winner was Miss Constance Jeans, the Midland champion, who led all the way, using a powerful overarm stroke.

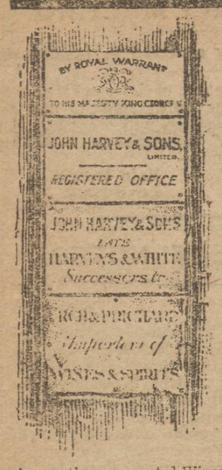

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Wont Smoke.—Croydon smokers have threatened to streke if tobacco goes up in price.

Opposition.—The socialists of France have decides against ratifying the peace treaty.

Eau de Ramsgate.—A new curative water has been discovered at Ramsgate.

Shocking End.—A West Hartlepool apprentice fell into seven feet of scalding water.

No Luxuries.—The import of all articles of luxury is to be prohibited in Germany.

A Woman to Swim.—Mrs. Arthur Hamilton is training to attempt the Channel swim.

Not Dead Yet.—More cases of rabies continue to be reported.

Doctor's Hoard.—A sum of £470 has been found in the bedroom of a London doctor recluse.

Pershing's Honour.—General Pershing is due in London this week as the guest of the nation.

Strike Menace.—Strikes are paralysing 200 American ports just now.

French Toys.—A French exhibition of toys is taking place in London just now.

Extra Work.—London tram men will receive double pay on peace day.

Not Popular.—Warwickshire miners ask for the abandonment of the Daylight Saving Bill.

Victory Loan.—Manchester subscribed thirty millions to the Victory Loan.

Nurses' Pensions.—A scheme of higher salaries and pensions for nurses has been adopted.

No Excursions.—No cheap excursion trains are to be run this year.

Barracks as Houses.—Yarmouth has proposed that the local barracks shall be converted into houses.

House, Hut or Barn.—A Peterborough soldier advertises for a house, hut or barn to shelter his family.

Embarrassing.—Producing a doll in court, a South Shields girl handed it to the chief constable remarking "That's the baby I promised you."

Done her War Job.—The Aquitania, having carried a quarter of a million of troops, is being overhauled for peace sevice.

Peace Conversion.—Ammunition boxes are being used as the basis of a London Victory day grand stand.

Mill-Puff.—Mill puff, which was used in the war for camouflage purposes, has a high value as manure.

Earned Honours.— "Will the architect and builder of R. 34 receive knighthoods?" is being asked.

Restricted Travel.—Though there is no ban on genuine commercial travellers, there are still restrictions on travel in Germany.

Up She Goes!—A Handley Page machine with eighteen persons on board rose to a height of 1,500 feet.

His reward.—It is rumoured that the German journalist Maximilian Harden will become Ambassador to Washington.

Train Smash.—The train from Brussels to Mons ran off the rails at Lembeck. Ten were killed and 35 injured.

No Reminder Wanted.—Stibbington has declined a war memorial cross, owing to the fact that it would continually remind relatives of their loss.

On the Land.—There is a continued deman by soldiers to take up land under the Canadian Soldier Settlement scheme.

Dutch opinion.—"The presence of the Kaiser in Holland is a danger to the peace of the world," says the Dutch paper "Het Volk."

A New Germany.—It is announced that five million Germans are prepared to settle in Argentina.

Grant for French.—In addition to the grants to Haig and Beatty, Viscount French will get a monetary reward.

As Field Marshal.—King Albert of the Belgians is likely soon to become a Field Marshal of the British Army.

Entrenched.—A bull took up a position behind a sideboard in a Waltham furniture shop and was only dislodged with difficulty.

Cynicism-Unwatered.—"There are other ways of wasting water besides adding it to whisky or milk," said a Metropolitan Water Board inspector.

Three Times "Up."—As furniture is three times its pre-war price, the London Education Committee has bought £10,000 worth of "second-hand."

British Coal.—The first ships carrying British coal have arrived at Bale. They have come via Rotterdam.

White Feathers.—Women in Manchester engineering works have received white feathers. Some have taken the hint and made way for ex-soldiers.

For Scrap Iron.— The scrapping of warships by the Admiralty is steadily proceeding. The Severn and Mersey launched only six years ago are to broken up.

Gratitude!—An Ascot woman, who ran through a thunderstorm and prevented a railway accident, has received a cheque for two guineas from the railway company.

Pershing's Goodbye.—General Pershing has taken leave of the municipal authorities of Chaumont, where the American Headquarters were established for two years.

Under Arrest.—Lieutenant von Simons, who burned the French flags at, Berlin has been arrested as he tried to murder the Russian Bolshevist propagandist Radek.

Poincaré at Amiens.—M. Poincaré and Madame Poincaré have just visited Amiens. They went to the churchyard where British and French heroes of the Somme are buried.

Intensive Tailoring.—A Leeds manufacturer has invented a mechanical process which will produce eight suits of clothes in the time formerly taken to make one.

Heroes' Graves.—The German Government have agreed to respect all the graves of soldiers who died while prisoners of war and were buried in Germany.

More Trouble.—In a few weeks the Bill to amend the Insurance Act will be law, and the income for exemption will be raised from £160 to £250.

Haig's Horse Home.—Among a shipment of military horses which has arrived at Dover were chargers belonging to Sir Douglas Haig and other British generals.

A Priest's Vow.—A French priest vowed to Joan d'Arc to walk from Paris to Orléans if the Allies won the war. He is now performing his vow.

Resignation.—The Secretary of the Air Ministry announces that Sir John Hunter, Administrator of Works and Buildings in the Air Ministry, has tended his resignation, and that it has been accepted.

The Old Story.—Summoned for allowing his unmuzzled dog to be at large, a Weybridge engineer said that the blame was due to three attractive ladydogs, which had demoralized all the dogs in the district.

Echoes from Rhineland.

Peace Celebrations.

The celebration of peace on Monday was not altogether confined to Paris. The many French soldiers who are at present in Rhineland in connection with various duties could not resist "enthusing" a little on their own account. In Cologne, although no official programme had been drawn up, there were many scenes of jollification. Various messes were amalgamated for impromptu peace dinners and later in the evening a sufficient number of our Allies foregathered to form an imposing procession. Headed by a soldier carrying a large French flag, the main streets were paraded, the walls echoing and re-echoing with the strains, lustily sung, of French patriotic songs.

The Victory Spirit.

In other large Rhineland towns where there are French troops in any considerable numbers, similar scenes were witnessed. Everywhere there was the same atmosphere of rejoicing, prompted by the knowledge that at last the great war has actually joined the category of things that have happened. Speeches were not infrequent in all places where the French were gathered together and they seem to have been characterized by dignity and a spirit of thankfulness at the conclusion of hostilities and not indicative of feelings of animosity.

A French Tattoo.

The ratification of the peace and the French national fete day were so nearly coincident as naturally to cause the dual rejoicings to be amalgamated. One of the most effective displays took place at Bad Kreuznach, in the form of a military tattoo, hundreds of paper lanterns being substituted for torches. A "La Marseillaise" at the finish roused the French troops to a frenzy of enthusiasm. Although the function was marred by heavy rain, almost the entire population of the town cheerfully got wet through. Is Cologne ever going to have a British torchlight tattoo?

German Commemorative Stamp.

Souvenir-hunters will be interested in the German National Assembly Commemorative Stamp, of which only a limited number of copies have been printed and very few samples have found their way to the Rhineland. The colouring is red on a white background. Scrolls above and below carry the words "Deutsche Nationalversammlung." Between is a very cubist representation of a tree with its branches lopped off, but with new sprouts showing. The explanation is simple. The red colouring is the apotheosis of the Social Democratic Majority, the tree is the old German oak, the lopped-off branches symbolize the lost provinces, while the new sprouts suggest the hope of future developments on new lines from Germany's persistent strength and vitality. The style of art is reminiscent of the cubist orgy, which, with other phenomena, heralded the birth of the German Republic.

Letters by Aeroplane.

The gingering up of the postal services brought about by aeroplane is borne out by the experience of Pte. S. Hyom, 12th Loyal North Lancs Regt. who, having completed a course at the Army College at Cologne, returned to his unit. Not knowing this, his parents addressed a letter to him at the college, the postmark on the envelope bearing the name of a district office in Liverpool and dated 9.45 a.m. July 2nd 1919. That letter was returned home marked "Gone back to unit," and was delivered at his home on the afternoon of the same day. The letter, unopened was put in another envelope and reposted addressed to the unit, this second envelope bearing date stamp of the same district in Liverpool, dated 7 p.m. July 2nd, 1919. This seems incredible, but the envelopes bear testimony to the accuracy of this feat. It can only be attributable to our splendid aeroplane postal service.

The Language Difficulty.

Amusing situations produced by the language difficulty are endless. These are not infrequently the outcome of a self-possessed opinion of knowledge of the German language. Here is a case in point. A chum had just made a purchase, and was experiencing great difficulty in making the German understand that he wanted his change. "Leave it to me," said he, who could "Sprechen nur ruhig Deutsch." "Guten Tag," spoke up our interpreter. "Guten Tag," answered the German. "Sprechen Sie Deutsch," continued the soldier. "Yah, Yah," said the shopkeeper, whereupon the self-appointed interpreter burst forth: "Why the devil don't you give my mate his blinking change." Collapse of friend and shopkeeper.

Victory Bond Sweep.

The Lancashire Divisional Artillery have held a successful Victory Bond Sweep. Nearly 20,000 marks were subscribed, tickets being 10 marks each. The prizes were £50 and £5 Victory Bonds and several officers who won these presented them to the members of their battery who purchased the largest number of tickets. This induced one driver to buy 24 and another 21 tickets. Each of them obtained a prize. Encouraged by the success of this sweep, it is now hoped to get up similar periodical sweeps for War Savings Certificates.

The Frau's Fruit Store.

Anyone who takes the trouble to explore the average German household will be struck by the large stocks of bottled fruit, etc. which are to be seen. This preserving is in full swing just now in preparation for the coming of winter. It is a very simple operation because of the simplicity of the vessels which are employed. Surprisingly large quantities of sugar are used in the operation. In one case which came under the writer's notice anything from 30 to 40 pounds of sugar were employed. Yet at home the greatest difficulty is experienced in obtaining sugar.

Minor Comparisons.

We see evidence of sound ideas all around us. Bridges were built for use, if not as objects of art, and everywhere practicability seems to claim priority. There is an effort at production of art on the exteriors of houses, but inside one is inclined to criticize things here and there, joyless stoves for instance, which certainly yield all the heat, but at the expense of that welcome cheeriness beloved by the Englishman. And who of us can appreciate the ungainly appearance of the door-handles? At home the unobtrusive knob looks far preferable, but here neatness is a secondary matter. Can we open the usual English door with the little finger? We have only to observe the frauen carrying trays from the room to grasp the idea. The elbow both opens and pulls.

Rhineland Light Railways.

The trucks used for carrying stones on the narrow gauge railways of Rhineland are very ingeniously constructed. The sides of these trucks, which are built of steel, are fitted with two doors hinged at the top and fastened at the bottom by means of a strong steel bar. The floors, instead of being level, are built on a "shed" principle, that is, like the roof of a house, so that when the door bar is released the stones force open the doors and are automatically unloaded. Obviously the saving in time and labour is considerable.

Echo Answers.

In this column, where a comparison exists, it is very often to the disadvantage of the British. This is a good fault. It shows that we observe and appreciate what is better done here, with some idea of its application in our own country. But we must not slip into the notion that we are hopelessly behind at home. To pick the worst of a few faults, some of the public conveniences would disgrace a much smaller town than Cologne. Dark, evil-smelling, and inadequate, they have no pretension to sanitation. Lesser towns in England have vastly better places underground. If cleanliness counts at all, the Germans are not many rungs up the golden ladder. Again, they fail to make the best of their fine river. If the population of Cologne were supplanted by the British, the municipal heads would provide seats along the stretches of embankment at either end of the town. We should prefer the river breeze and open view to the pent- up heat of the Hohestrasse cabarets.

Unsightly Advertisement Pillars.

Nor do we decorate our show towns with advertisement pillars, veritable eyesores in otherwise pleasant spots. It is doubtful if any great town at home would tolerate in such a prominent position the batch of hovels which lie between the Rhein Hotel and the Suspension Bridge. Fronting the river, the very eye of Cologne, these dens retain the vice and dilapidation of years without acquiring that aspect of mellow veneration which age often bestows. True, such habitations are a feature of every shipping town, but Cologne has enough to be ashamed of behind the Hansa wharf and museum, without polluting the fine river front. It is admitted the Rhine bridges are structures to be proud of, but why the civilians suffer the nuisance of paying a paltry toll at each crossing is beyond us. British towns would buy the bridges and throw them open, paying for upkeep out of the rates.

The German Navy.

Can some historian say when the German navy came into existence? The query is prompted by the sight of a large model which we saw in a shipbroker's office. It was a three masted ship with a very high poop, square rigged except for the mainsail on the mizzen, and carried a broadside of twenty one guns, twelve of which were on the main deck, six on the upper deck and three on the poop deck. The model was undoubtedly of the Armada period but it carried the Prussian ensign. Did Prussia possess a navy in the "spacious days of good Queen Bess"?

Army Phrases.

Much has been written about the catch-phrases brought into common use by the war. Many are in daily use by everybody. We speak of a man being "unlucky" or having "some hope", an acquaintance of having "Gone West" and England is "Blighty." These phrases and many others live, but it is interesting to note how many have already fallen into disuse. It was natural that with the finish of fighting such sayings as "Fritz is up" and "Where did that one go? were "washed out" but why has "got the wind up" declined in popularity?

Dropped out.

The most conspicuous example, however, of a once common saying having outlived its usefulness is "before you came up." It is seldom heard now, but there was a time when it was in every soldier's mouth. Nothing has taken its place. By the way it is older than is generally supposed. Shakespeare uses it in "Julius Caesar." Thus Cassius in his quarrel with Brutus says:—"I am a soldier, I, older in practice, abler than yourself." What is that, but a poetical rendering of Tommy's expression "before you came up"?

A Premium on Discomfort.

Not long ago we referred to the system of seating in operation at a Brühl cinema, and commended it as worthy of adoption. There is one matter, however, in which we think the German has something to learn from the English trade and that is to place the better seats at the back of the hall. The reason is obvious. A better view of the pictures is obtainable and the patron is spared the flicker and glare so noticeable from the front seats. In Germany, however, the method is to arrange the higher priced seats at the front and further to increase the discomfort of their patrons by having their screen about eight feet above the ordinary level which leaves their best customers with a stiff neck and a bad headache after each performance.

Land-Lovers.

A thing which does not escape notice is the interest Germans take in and the importance they attach to their land. There is cultivation on all sides and an entire absence of waste land such as one sees in many parts of England. At Stürzelburg for several miles around, every field is showing signs of an excellent harvest, many local farmers having already obtained a good crop of hay. The spare ground immediately in and around the village is devoted to the cultivation of table vegetables and every inch is put to good purpose, an example which has been forced upon us at home by the war.

Lesser Echoes.

It is suggested that a rifle meeting on Bisley lines be arranged for the Army of the Rhine.

Walnuts have displaced cherries on the hawkers' barrows in Cologne.

Yesterday morning the Cathedral spires were invisible from the ground owing to thick mist.

Repatriated German prisoners are now returning to Cologne in large numbers from France and Belgium prior to moving to their homes.

To-night the draw for the Leave Club Victory Loan "Sweep" takes place. The lucky winner ought to be pleased with himself.

Boots and shoes with "patchwork" wooden soles are still being made in large quantities in Germany.

Whether or not they were encouraged by our recent note, the authorities in Cologne are levelling the roads and the tram lines to the satisfaction of motor cyclists.

Discussing the subject of Prohibition, an American officer in the club yesterday was heard to remark, "A bone-dry nation means a life full of sorrows without a chance to drown them."

The streets of Cologne resounded with the air of the "Marseillaise" sung both by French and British soldiers on the night of France's Peace Day.

A correspondent asks who was the officer who mistook a "one pip" naval officer of the Rhine Flotilla, travelling on the Cologne-Boulogne express, for a car attendant and asked the said naval officer to make his bed up for him?

Prizes for "Echoes."

The Editor of "The Cologne Post" offers every day the sum of 10 marks for the best paragraph descriptive of any phase of life or interesting incident in Rhineland, not exceeding 150 words in length. The envelope should have the word "Echoes" in the top left hand corner.

To-day's prize of 10 Marks is awarded to Pte. G. V. Stilliard (Oxfords) Train Headquarters, Eastern Division.

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SERIOUS CHARGES OF GROSS CRUELTY TO SICK AND WOUNDED FELLOW-PRISONERS OF WAR.

DISASTER TO BRITISH AIRSHIP.

HORRORS OF KUT.

REVOLTING CONDUCT ALLEGED AGAINST "BRITISH" M.O.

An amazing story of the revolting conditions suffered by British prisoners of war in Turkish hands after the fall of Kut was told at a Court-martial held at Middlesex Guildhall on Tuesday during the hearing of serious charges against a warrant officer, a Eurasian named Williat Pratal, who was British medical officer at the hospital at Bagtsche.

In all there were nineteen charges, which alleged:—that accused failed to admit to hospital certain British prisoners of war or took any steps to alleviate their condition; that he refused the request of a dying man for medicine, declaring that advantage was being taken of the goodwill of the Turks; that he did not visit the camps of British prisoners as was his duty; that he neglected to take proper steps to ensure that British dead were properly respected and that he did not use his best endeavours to ensure proper accommodation or medical aid or to administer medical comforts supplied on the occasion of the removal of the hospital at which he was medical officer.

Accused pleaded "not guilty" to all charges.

The President of the Court-Martial is Colonel McSteele of the Coldstream Guards, Captain Eastwood is Prosecutor and Mr. Sutherland Graeme Judge-Advocate. Accused is represented by Mr. Bartlett.

Captain Eastwood in opening the case said that the facts from which the charges arose constituted in all probability some of the greatest tragedies of the whole war, concerning, as they did, the fate of British prisoners in the hands of the Turks.

Accused was at Kut as medical officer to a Battery of artillery. After the fall of Kut he joined a party of prisoners at Baghdad and eventually went to Bagtsche. He was the only medical officer at the hospital who could speak English.

The men were in a most terrible state. They had marched across the desert and were absolutely worn out and sick. In one case a man named Penny who was suffering from dysentry and malaria was taken to hospital by two soldiers. Accused refused him admittance and sent Penny back to camp, where he died next morning.

Another man, Gunner Neve, who was too ill to walk, was ordered back to camp by accused, who called him a "white livered—" and literally kicked him out of his way. Neve was taken back to camp and died there.

Other similar cases were instanced and Captain Eastwood said he was going to ask the Court to infer that accused thought the British Army was beaten and that he would get a feather in his cap and ingratiate himself with the Turks.

Another case mentioned was where bodies were buried so near the surface that they were dug up by jackals and gnawed.

No evidence was called and the case was adjourned, at the request of accused, to August 6th.

HIDEOUS CHARGE.

ALLEGED GROSS CRUELTY TO FELLOW PRISONERS OF WAR.

A series of very serious charges, happily very rare, engaged the attention of a Court Martial at Sutton (Surrey) yesterday. The accused was Private Percival Frome Inder of the 8th Reserve (Cyclist) Battalion, The Essex Regiment. He was charged with being guilty of disgraceful conduct of a cruel kind to sick and wounded fellow prisoners of war at Bouchain and Queant Prisoners of War Camps and with using insubordinate language to a superior officer.

Private Evans, Durham Light Infantry, deposed that when he was ill and in bed at Queant the accused, who acted as interpreter, entered the room with a German, and after pulling the blankets from his bed seized him by the neck and punched him on the mouth. Later he saw the two drinking together.

Private Derby, Shropshire Light Infantry, said that while suffering from wounds and confined in a cell at Bouchain in 1917, accused entered, struck him in the face and kicked him in the stomach. He suffered great pain for fourteen months and afterwards underwent an operation at the hospital. He attributed his sufferings to the kick.

Sergeant Blundell said that in consequence of complaints that food intended for prisoners had been sent elsewhere, he spoke to accused who replied "Shut up! Who do you think you are? You're a prisoner the same as myself. Rank doesn't count here."

Accused denied the charged brought against him and attributed the allegations to prejudice because he could speak German.

For the defence Sergeant Boon said he had never seen anyone ilitreated by the accused. The decision of the court will be promulgated in due course.

LUSITANIA CLAIMS.

Federal Judge Mayer has issued at New York an important final decree regarding numerous claims lodged against the Cunard Steamship Company arising out of the loss of the Lusitania in May 1915.

The decree grants complete immunity to the Cunard Company in respect of claims for damages and states that the claimants must look to Germany for reimbursement.

AIRSHIP DISASTER.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING AND LOST WITH ALL HANDS.

It is feared that disaster has overtaken the British airship N. S. 11, which left the air station at Pulham, Norfolk, on Monday night. Residents on the coast saw a tremendous flare in the sky shortly after midnight and watched a blazing mass drop into the sea. A portion of wreckage, believed to be from the airship, was washed up at Sheringham on Tuesday morning. There is no news as to the fate of the crew, which consisted of five or six men.

When news of the disaster reached Cromer, an exhaustive search was organised but no information is at present available. Many people in the neighbourhood heard the airship about midnight. Abour an hour later there was a terrible thunderstorm at the height of which a big explosion occured which was heard for miles around. Ther the mass of flame appeared in the sky and the quick descent of the burning object was plainly observed.

The Sheringham lifeboat put off immediately in addition to two motor boats. They scoured the sea for hours but did not find anything. The one piece of wreckage washed ashore consists of some strips of aluminium and the burnt remains of an airman's rubber suit.

At the Air Ministry the theory is put forward that while the vessel was engaged in mine locating in the early morning she was struck by lightning during the heavy storm. An official statement will shortly be issued.

HUNGARY.

ALLIES PROTEST AGAINST THEFT OF SECURITIES.

Authoritative information has been received in Paris that the Communist Government at Buda-Pesth has ordered all banks in Hungarian territory to hand over to it bonds and other securities held on deposit and it appears that steps have been taken to carry out this order.

The Allied Powers have despatched to Bela Kun a sharp protest declaring that they consider as aggravated theft the seizure of bonds and securities belonging to their nationals and warning the Communist Government that they will regard as null and void all measures of confiscation and will hold the Government responsible for all losses resulting therefrom.

It is rumoured that General Franchet d'Esperey, the Allies representative at Buda-Pesth, has requested the Hungarian Government immediately to resign and make place for a Government freely elected by the people. In the event of refusal military action is threatened.

A Vienna telegram says that operations are to be begun directly by Roumanian and French troops under General d'Esperey. French Colonial troops passed through Vienna on Sunday.

DENIKIN'S CAPTURES.

TWELVE MONTH'S OPERATIONS IN RUSSIA.

Mr. Churchill announced that the report of the Chief of the British Mission in Russia records that in the last twelve months Denikin had captured 200,000 prisoners, the majority of whom are now fighting for Denikin or working loyally with him as free men.

The only prisoners who were ever shot were persons against whom criminal acts had been proved and then only after fair trial by court martial. These were usually Chinese, Letts or other mercenaries.

The Government, said the War Secretary, is supporting Denikin by every means in its power short of the despatch of large units from Great Britain.

THE EX-KAISER.

HOLLAND UNABLE TO REFUSE EXTRADITION.

Dutch newspapers are still discussing the question of the ex-Kaiser's extradition. "Het Volk" holds that it is a political and not a legal question, as a prolonged stay of the ex-Kaiser in Holland will certainly have political consequences at some early date, and Holland will then be held responsible if Great Britain insists on the extradition. A refusal by Holland, which is only a weak opponent, could never be final.

The Deutsche "Allgemeine Zeitung" claims to learn from Dutch official circles that in the course of semi-official negotiations with the Allied powers the Dutch Government has signified its willingness for proceedings in connection with the extradition to take place at the Hague.

CANTEEN PROFITS.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Hogge asked the Secretary for War if he could make a statement regarding the control and distribution of canteen profits.

Mr. Forster said he hoped to be able to make an announcement at an early date and agreed that the question be repeated on Thursday.

V. C.'s LIBEL ACTION.

HEAVY CLAIM AGAINST SCOTTISH PAPER.

In the Court of Session at Edinburgh the trial was commenced of an action brought by Colonel William Gordon, a Boer War V. C., against Messrs. John Leng and Co. proprietors of "The People's Journal."

Colonel Gordon who is claiming £5,000 damages for alleged slander, said he had held a commission in the Gordon Highlanders for thirty-three years and won the Victoria Cross in South Africa. He alleges that in an article which appeared in December 1917, purporting to give an account of the battle of Mons, the statement was made that he said to his men "It's no use fighting any longer" and that it would be better to lay down arms and surrender.

The Colonel said that the article represented him as being responsible for the surrender and as having failed in his duty as an officer. In describing what actually occurred during the operations in question, Colonel Gordon described how on an occasion during the retreat from Mons firing unexpectedly broke out in the darkness. He gave the order to fix bayonets and said, "We will fight to the death or get through". He did not receive an immediate response.

In reply to a question by Counsel why that was so, Colonel Gordon said that an officer shouted "I order you to disobey the Colonel's orders. I call this bloody massacre. It is an unnecessary waste of life."

Counsel: "Who was this officer?"

Colonel Gordon: Lieut.-Colonel Neish, who at that time was subordinate

The Judge was asked to disallow the last question as it was not in order for Colonel Gordon to reflect on the military character of a fellow-officer who had no opportunity of defending himself.

The Judge (Lord Ormidale) however allowed the question and answer to stand.

A few minutes afterwards he saw men of the column with their hands up. Success would have been a certainty if his brave and gallant men had not been taken out of his hands. His objection to the article was that it put in his mouth an order given by a fellow-officer who was one of the proprietors of the paper.

Captain A. D. Stewart said Colonel Gordon was a very brave man and was dead against surrender. If Colonel Neish had kept his mouth shut the column under Colonel Gordon would have broken through and got back.

The case stands adjourned.

HUNDREDS OF VESSELS SUNK BY HURRICANE.

At least eighty-seven and probably many more lives were lost as the result of a terrific hurricane which swept over the port of Valparaiso on Saturday and Sunday last. Fourteen large medium sized vessels were sunk and upwards of a hundred small craft destroyed. Enormous quantities of merchandise were lost. The damage to property alone is estimated at 200 million pesos (about forty million sterling).

The German steamers, including the Gotha and Westfalen, which were interned there sank and ten sailors were drowned.

PERSHING IN LONDON.

Preparations for Saturday's great pageant are practically complete. Kensington Gardens are closed to the public until Monday next on account of its being used as a camp by the troops taking part in the Victory march. Accommodation along the line of route will be taxed to the utmost. Generous provision has been made for discharged and wounded soldiers and sailors and war widows. Three thousand windows along the route have been given to St Dunstan's Hospital for sale on behalf of its funds.

The most impressive moment in the march will be in Whitehall where the procession will divide on either side of the great memorial to the glorious dead which has been specially designed. The march will start an hour earlier than has been announced in order to finish before the children's festivities in the afternoon.

PARIS EN FÊTE.

The peace celebrations at Paris continue night and day amid scenes of unparalleled enthusiasm The spirit of the occasion is reflected in all the newspapers, including even those possessing extreme socialist and pacifist views. The entire press dwells on the splendid appearance of the British troops with their regimental colours. The "Figaro" describes our contingent as one great outburst of colour, music, youth and strength; the health and vigour of a simple, powerful and cordial nation.

Throughout the afternoons and evenings the boulevards were crowded, illuminated and fire-work displays were given and huge bonfires in Montmartre, the Bastille Column and Place de la Nation. Free performances were given at the theatres. At the Opera Comique M. Clemenceau was present at the singing of a triumphial hymn founded on sentences from his speeches.

BIRKENFELD PROCLAIMS A REPUBLIC.

The principality of Birkenfeld in the extreme South of the Rhineland has renounced its allegiance to the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg in North Rhineland. It has proclaimed itself as a separate republic and set up a Government.

Oldenburg, which has thus lost 192 square miles of territory which it acquired by the Congress of Vienna, has a total area smaller than Devonshire. It has nevertheless given new dynasties to Denmark, Russia and Sweden.

Over one thousand sheep and many hundreds of cattle have been drowned by floods in the Southern part of Buenos Ayres province.

BLOWN MAST HIGH.

APPALLING EXPLOSION ON OIL SHIP.

A frightful disaster occured on Tuesday afternoon on board the oil ship Roseleaf in Cardiff dry dock, where the ship was undergoing repairs. Work was proceeding as usual when suddenly there was a terrific explosion and debris was sent flying in all directions. For a long time it was very difficult to get near the scene of the diaster. It was soon established however that ats least twelve men had perished and some of the bodies have been recovered in a terribly mutilated condition. All the victims are natives of Cardiff. The severely injured number more than a dozen.

The explosion took place in the forepeak, where a gang of rivetters was at work. Several men were hurled into the air higher than the mast head, others were blown from the deck clean over the shed at the dockside while another man was blown up from the hold into the dry dock.

The cause of the explosion is a mystery but the theory is advanced that gas pumping operations being in progress a spark from one of the rivetting forges ignited the gas escaping from underneath one of the partitions. Unfortunately the only persons who could throw light on it are among the dead.

Some daring rescue work was done. Parties of volunteers descended into the hold despite the suffocating fumes and a crane was employed to hoist some of the bodies.

An eyewitness says the blast of the explosion was simply terrible, eimbs, bodies, tools and material being scattered about everywhere.

The Roseleaf is an oil-tank three-masted screw steamer of about 6,000 tons, built in 1916 and registered at the Port of London.

LABOUR CORPS.

COURT-MARTIAL IN BATCHES OF FORTY.

The Court-martial was opened at Sutton yesterday of men charged as the result of trouble at Belmont Labour Corps Camp on June 22nd in connection with which 360 men were placed under arrest.

The men were dealt with in batches of forty, the charge being one of insubordination and mutiny and of not using the utmost endeavours to suppress mutiny. The evidence showed that the men were ordered to parade at 6.30, but refused. They were then given until 7.25 to make up their minds. Officers and non-commissioned officers went through the camp and met with some success. The recalcitrants were then rounded up by detachments of the Welsh and Cheshire Regiments and marched off.

For the defence it was claimed that some of the accused were not men who refused to parade that some were not in camp on the day in question and that others did not hear the call to parade.

The court was adjourned.

UNEMPLOYED SCOUNDREL.

Benjamin Waite, 27, of Rose Cottage, South-street, Greenwich, was charged before Mr. Hay Halkett at Greenwich with obtaining 35s, moneys of the Ministry of Labour, by false pretences.

Police-constable 921 R. said he arrested prisoner that morning in Adolphus-street. Deptford, where he was on a ladder cleaning windows. He said, "You drew 35s from the Labour Exchange yesterday, and signed the out-of-work book this morning. Now you're working." Prisoner replied. "I'm very sorry. I'm doing a little bit." He had 42s on him ond a book containing names of people whose windows he cleaned.

Prisoner: I can't keep a wife and two children on the out-of-work pay.

Mr. Hay Halkett: The book shows that you earned 15s yesterday.

Detective Horrell said prisoner had been following this practice since March last, and said he had earned about £2 10s a week, and was keeping the out-of-work donation in case he should fall out of employment.

Mr. Hay Halkett said this was a gross fraud on the community, and prisoner was cutting at the root of the principle which underlay the out-of-work donation. He had been consistently working for many weeks while drawing the donation. He did not know how many thousands were doing the same. He committed prisoner for three months' hard labour.

"DEMOBBING" THE AQUITANIA.

The Cunard leviathan "Aquitania" is on her last trip prior to being "demobilized."

In the first days of August, 1914, the "Aquitania," in less than a week, was transformed into an armed merchant cruiser. About 3,000 men were employed in stripping off her luxurious passenger accommodation, and over 1,200 wagons of fittings were taken into store.

Subsequently she made several voyages to the Dardanelles, carrying in all some 60,000 troops. Later as a hospital ship she carried some 25,000 wounded soldiers.

Last year, refitted as a transport, she brought over 60,000 American troops. Since the Armistice she has carried back 50,000 American and Canadian soldiers.

DEFINITION OF "DRUNK."

In a case at the London Sessions yesterday a sergeant, giving evidence against a soldier, said that in the Army a man was either drunk or sober, and in a military sense the prisoner was not drunk.

Counsel.—What was the prisoner's condition in a civilian sense?

The witness.—I should say he was highly intoxicated.

Raisuli, the famous Moroccan insurgent has attacked the Spanish troops with great violence between Larache and Tetonan. The Spanish troops have suffered considerably.

THE BLOCKADE.

FACTS WHICH REFUTE GERMAN COMPLAINTS.

The German Government wireless message of July 13th marks the lifting of the blockade by one of its usual tirades against the "whole ghastly inexcusable policy of our opponents in the use of this fearful weapon," It gives extracts from the "Localanzeiger" and concludes "the other newspapers, while making no comments, yet show by their headlines the bitterness caused by a wrong so long endured."

It is well to recall the facts about the Blockade. It was not a voluntary measure on the part of the Allies but was an act of reprisal after the Germans had definitely announced their determination to embark on the policy of piracy which they believed would force the British Empire — receiving in ships four out of every five of its loaves — to sue for peace. They avowedly set out to starve Britain, which did not then institute an economic blockade.

On the contrary Germany continued to receive vast quantities of foods through neighbouring neutral states. But in the Autumn of 1914 the indiscriminate sinking of our merchant ships was begun and early in the following February it was officially announced from Berlin that the "waters around Britain and Ireland, including the entire English Channel" were a "military area" and warning was given out that after February 7th "every hostile merchant ship in these waters will be destroyed even if it is not always possible to avoid the resulting dangers which threaten crews and passengers."

By this declaration Great Britain was brought face to face with starvation and the whole German nation exulted at the grim prospect. It was Germany's descent to common piracy, directed finally against all ships both Allied and neutral and carried out with ruthless brutality, that led to the blockade by the British Fleet and it was not until the following month that our measures of reprisal were announced. Germany intensified her submarine campaign and it proved her undoing. The British Navy beat the submarines.

Germany ignores all the facts and endeavours to trade on sentiment by talking of the "fearful weapon" and of "wrong so long endured."

LONDON PREPARING.

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED FOR PEACE DAY.

General Pershing arrived at Dover yesterday morning, crossing the channel in the destroyer Orpheus. He was received on the Admiralty pier by General Horne of the Eastern Command, Admiral Dampier and others.

On his arrival in London he met with an enthusiastic reception at Victoria where he was officially welcomed by Mr. Winston Churchill, Secretary for War, and many representative officers. Carriages were sent from Buckingham Palace. General Pershing drove off to the Carlton where he was entertained to luncheon.

At the American Embassy in the evening he was entertained to dinner by the heads of the American Contingent which is taking part in Saturday's Peace Celebration.

HAIG'S CRITICISM.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Major Christopher Lowther asked the Secretaryfor War, whether his attention had been called to a speech by Field Marshal Haig at Newcastle on July 8th in which he made critical remarks as to the efforts of our Allies in the war, and whether he could see his way to advise officers on the active list to refrain from making public derogatory statements.

Mr. Churchill said he had not seen a full report of the speech in question, but he was sure there was no intention on Sir Douglas Haig's part to deprecate the efforts of our Allies. Indeed it appeared from a summary of his speech that his object was simply to show how heavy was the burden borne by the British Army.

It was quite unnecessary to issue any general instructions to officers not to make speeches derogatory to our Allies.

COMMERCIAL CENSORSHIP TO GO.

The Supreme Allied Council is considering the question of raising the blockade against Russia.

It is announced that the Council recommends the abolition of the commercial censorship which formed part of the measures constituting the blockade of Germany.

Negotiations are now proceeding with neutral countries in order to obtain their consent to the immediate rescision of all blockade agreements.

MUZZLING ORDER EXTENDED.

An extension of the London, Middlesex, and District Muzzling and Control of Dogs Order came into force yesterday. The new order, which includes the requirement of leading, extends the inner control area, so as to include Old Windsor and Slough, linking it up with the existing area. It is due to the confirmation of a case of rabies in a dog at Old Windsor, Berkshire, ast Friday.

MORALITY IN THE PARKS.

Putting a question at the London County Council meeting in regard to the number of trained women employed in the parks "in the interests of morals and decency," the Rev. H. H. Carlisle remarked that the holiday season was approaching, and there was undoubtedly a lapse of morals. The Chairman of the Parks Committee said that steps were being taken in conjunction with the Metropolitan Police for the appointment of a number of trained women.

The number of War Savings Certificates sold during the week ended July 5 was 2,469,595, bringing the total to that date up to 334,555,744.

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August 2nd: Races 1st Day. 1st Race 13.45 hours. Cologne Race Course.

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TO THE MEN AT HOME.

In time of war the soldier has but one purpose in life—the defeat of his country's enemies. That purpose is his passion. Every thought, interest, and ambition are devoted to the achievement of triumph. He cannot pay heed to the vagaries of England's home-life, whilst he is abroad fighting for its welfare.

But when war gives way to peace the soldier's tension relaxes, and he cannot avoid interest in the affairs of his country. He is not unmoved by the joys and sorrows, the hopes and fears of England, for the soldier is a patriot.

For him there are no party politics, and his profession teaches him that patriotismis above all politics. He can look at civil life from afar and ponder its problems with more impartiality than his fellow countrymen can assume. He may have some things to learn, but he has some things to teach.

England is on the eve of victory celebration. The allied chiefs will take their places in London's pageant of Peace, and in the paean of triumph all men will banish sorrow and welcome joyfulness. Yet there are signs that peace has still victories to win.

Even now there are alarums and excursions in the commercial and industrial life of Britain. The soldier hears voices which speak of "triple alliances," of commissions and conferences, of profiteers and strikers; and he is perplexed.

His part was to win the war, and he expects his countrymen to do their part—to win the peace. It is not for the soldier to make comparisons between the difficulties involved in each of these tasks. But he can remind the men of England that the army learned two lessons in its campaign. and these he can pass on, in the hope that they will be marked, read, and inwardly digested.

One was the lesson of discipline and the other was the lesson of loyalty, of *esprit de corps*. Were these learned in the homeland, its future would be assured.

There is no room in the British army for the profiteer or the striker, and there should be no place in England for these foes of society. The vision of a fair and prosperous country comes only to men and women who put the call of patriotism before the lure of selfishness.

England was worth the sacrifice of her sons, and England's traditions must not be sullied when her victory has been won.

COAL AND EVERYMAN.

Almost everyone, nowadays, knows the part played by energy in industry and the whole scheme of human welfare, but many neglect to make the obvious application of this knowledge to themselves. Those who see in the railway train nothing but a rapid and convenient method of transportation, are missing its greatest significance.

The sunlight locked up ages ago is being released to perform work formerly done by horses and slaves. Watt shares with Wilberforce the honour of Abolition.

If coal becomes so costly that its application in the transmutation of energy is economically impossible for certain industries, a substitute must be found, if human affairs are to continue as at present organised. Unfortunately none yet exists outside the imagination of the speculative scientist.

Until those dreams of machines worked directly by solar rays materialise, or until every cottage has its own oil well in the back-garden, the life of everyone is vitally bound up with the necessity for cheap and plentiful coal.

The proposed large increase in the price of coal to which we referred yesterday, will necessitate a review of all those activities which make life easier for the majority; besides handicapping at the outset the whole process of rebuilding for which the world is now crying out and the weaving of the mantle to cover the nakedness left by war.

Not only is it proposed that the price of coal be raised but it is alleged that the output is being deliberately restricted. If that is the case it is a political move designed to confront the community with the necessity of making an immediate redistribution of the available supplies of energy.

It is a questionable and dangerous method of forcing social reform; better indeed than the red flag and Soviet, but appearing too much like a juggling trick, with the well-being of the commonwealth for apparatus.

CORRESPONDENTS WANTED.

The Editor of the "Cologne Post" wishes to appoint a representative in every unit of the Rhine Army who will act as correspondent, furnishing the paper with news of the latest happenings as they occur. Literary ability will be a secondary consideration. It is facts briefly stated that are needed. Given these, the Editorial staff will do the rest. Who will volunteer?

WHAT I SAW IN PARIS

Impressions of the Great Victory Day.

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

'Gay' is the adjective applied to Paris always, but for Monday last, it would indeed be difficult to find a word adequately to express the spirit that had gripped the entire French capital. It was France's Victory day, the day of rejoicing for a victory bought by countless lives and by endless agony, by the unselfish surrender of all that life holds dear — sad hearts there must have been on Monday, but even they must have been thrilled by the pomp and dignity of the Allied Armies' Victory March, a spectacle that has not and probably will not be equalled in the history of the world.

The first thing that must have struck a would-be-spectator of this historic pageant, was of course, the immense number of people lining not only the route, but also the side streets. The artifices and devices adopted by ingenious sightseers to secure a point of vantage provided much amusement, as well as effecting at times a display of silken hose and lingerie that would astonish even a modern review producer.

One girl had clambered up on to an advertisement sign fixed on a lamp post, a poetic justice had seated her on the announcement of a theatre whose review was entitled "Shocking."

Trees, chairs, window blind supports, ladders and steps were all pressed into service. There were also a number of seats suspended from the cross arms of lamp posts. Those who had no point of vantage forgot all the dictates of courtesy, and stopped at nothing to secure a better position.

One gunner officer was occupying an exalted (but not dignified), position on a crazy pair of steps, together with a French lady. It was fairly obvious that the erection would not stand any more weight, and a lady who tried to clamber up was requested by both parties to desist. She however was deaf to their entreaties, and the gunner threatened to step on one of her hands. She retaliated by pinching his companion's leg. This caused the disappearance of the party — steps and all.

The Spirit of Carnival.

The route was lined by French soldiers, into whom the spirit of carnival had thoroughly entered. The crowd, during the long wait scattered coins — pennies, half francs and francs — and the poilus had no hesitation in breaking ranks and scrambling for these coins.

Much laughter was caused by this diversion, and its undulating roar was like the sound of the sea, breaking on a rocky shore. One poilu, chasing a half franc was knocked down by an automobile. Even the fates seemed inclined to jest, for it was a motor ambulance with which he tried conclusions. A sudden silence. A great roar from five thousand throats, the trumpets of the Garde Republicain are heard, we see their scarlet plumes and the glint of the sun on the trumpets. Behind them comes Marshal Foch and with him Joffre, the former looking every inch the soldier he is.

Loud acclamations greet General Pershing and his men, whose soldierly bearing brought forth favourable comment on all sides. Here the khaki is relieved by the brave display of colours. Proud to lead the Victory march, the doughboys were proud too of 'Old Glory.'

Led by General Gillian, the Belgians received an ovation all along the route. Soldier subjects of a soldier King. We were reminded by the laurel crowned tri-colour of the valiant efforts made by brave little Belgium in the early and later stages of the war.

A familiar melody is heard — "Tipperary" played by the band of the Royal Marines, who headed the British contingent. Sir Douglas Haig, mounted on a beautiful horse follows, then our famous generals, including Sir William Robertson and, conspicuous by his 'wideawake', General Birdwood.

Our Boys Acclaimed.

Next our 'Tommies', who were cheered and cheered again, marching strictly to attention, creating that sense of irresistibility and strength, of unyielding force that a marching body of English troops always do. Our colours too, carried proudly erect, made a brave display.

Next come the Italians whose picturesque dress and colouring are welcome after the khaki of the troops who have already passed. Some of them have a red handkerchief over their heart. They are volunteers of Garibaldi. All the Italians carry their arms at the trail.

Mounted we have the Japanese, small and extremely smart. Then the Greeks in varied costumes, but marching in a manner worthy of the Guards. Following we have representative bodies of all the smaller nations, with their colours. The Serbians call for special comment by their appearance and splendid marching.

Then the French, headed by the band of the Garde Republicaine. Because they are clad in their overcoats, the fickle sun streams down on them, but their step is light and their faces smile.

Is it not their day of Victory. Have they not once again marched under the Arc de Triomphe after it has been so long closed for such a sad reason?. And their flags, torn and soiled and old, the colours of many battles. Most of them adorned with the Croix de Guerre, the Military Medal or the Leigion of Honour—in some cases with the three. Most rifles were adorned with flowers, and many people who were near enough, threw flowers in front of the Poilus.

The Glory of France.

Quite justly the French soldiers came in for the most demonstrations, and steel helmet, overcoat and marching order notwithstanding, the poilus bore the happy smile of victors.

Crowds, bent on pleasure turned the main streets into gigantic confetti carnivals. Practically every side street had its bandstand and an al fresco dance. All Paris is in a good humour, woe betide one who frowns at the harmless fun.

One girl rather resented being kissed by an absolute stranger, and said so. She was immediately surrounded by a ring of youths and girls who danced round her and pelted her with confetti until she smiled — then she joined the merry throng in rounding up someone else.

By nine o'clock, movement became possible in one direction only—towards the Place de la Concorde, where there was to be a wonderful display of illuminations, and of course everyone wanted to see the Champs-Elysees.

From the Place de la Concorde to the Arc de Triomphe and as far as the eye could see, stretched festoons of ruby lamps. The Arc itself and the temporary pillars were outlined in the same manner. The Place de la Concorde was a riot of little lamps, and in the distance the Eifel Tower showed varying coloured lights. A searchlight with ever changing colours played on the fountain.

Everywhere laughter, everywhere lights — some of the larger stores had excelled all previous efforts even Paris has known in illumination. At ten o'clock the sky became lurid with fireworks from all parts of Paris, at eleven more so. When would it finish? Who knew? Who cared? It was Victory Day, and Paris was en fete.

H. V. WALLACE KING.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

FACE FUNGUS.

Sir,— It surprises me to read "Tatcho's" prattle against face fungus.

Personally I think "sideboards" make the wearer look dignified and intelligent. Perhaps "Tatcho's" intelligence beams without the aid of facial adornment.

FREDDY.

DIRTY RAILWAY CARRIAGES.

Sir,— I wonder if your readers can tell me why the accommodation provided for officers in the German civilian trains is allowed to get into such a disgusting condition.

It is well-known that the German authorities always provided their officers with clean first-class accomodation, yet British officers are only given second-class carriages, which are seldom if ever cleaned out.

Surely this matter ought to be rectified, if only in order to uphold the dignity of the British Army.

C. C. G., Lieut.

AIRMEN AND SALUTING.

Sir,—As one who resents "Major B's" letter Airmen and Saluting, I wish to point out a thing which is becoming more obvious every day. I refer to the antipathy shown towards the R.A.F. (even the W.R.A.F. are not immune from it). Take for instance, the attitude of the Military Police who are only too ready to correct airmen while soldiers carry on in their own sweet way.

Many of us are proud of our good name, and people who find fault with the exceptional instances are so prone to make the majority suffer — if they can!

And should not "Major B," who should know the correct way to air his little worries, have complained direct to H.Q. R.A.F?

"PRESIDENT".

HAVE THEY FORGOTTEN?

Sir,—I have returned from leave and can bear out "Serving Soldier's" statement, about the way Tommy is treated in Blighty. The people at home do not want to remember.

Those who used to greet you with "When are you going back?' when the war was on, do not condescend to notice you now. I met a lad in London who had served three years in the Navy and had been trying to get a job for over two months without success. He was only 18 and alone in the world and said no one seemed to care now the war is over. He did the only thing left open for him and joined the service again.

VOLUNTEER.

THE UNADVERTISED HEROINE.

Sir, — I for one, tender to you thanks for the tribute which you paid under the above heading to the part played by the wives of England through four years of war.

I hesitate to add a word to the praise which you bestow, not because I think anything which you may have written can in any wise fully recognise their part, but because try how I would, I could not give expression to my thoughts on the subject.

I would remind you, however, that apart from the soldier's wife there is his old mother. She too has done her "bit." Please accept the thanks of

"MARRIED MAN."

WHY ONLY THE MARRIED?

Sir,—I and many comrades read with astonishment and indignation, the disgraceful perpetration signed "Going on for Thirty".

His whole "argument" is so preposterous that I find it difficult to answer such unmitigated balderdash (indeed it is scarce worthy of a reply), but I feel it due to the many married men out here and tho the credit of the British Army of the Rhine, not to let it pass unanswered.

Does "Going on for Thirty" seriously pretend that a philandering young whippersnapper of a bachelor has more right to consideration than a man who has done his bit in founding a home, and bringing up children?

Are a thousand happy English homes to be broken up in order to turn the British Army of the Rhine into an Institute for the propagation of flirtation?

But I suppose that it is useless to look for either common sense or common decency in "Going on for Thirty".

DISGUSTED.

CHEWING GUM FOR TOMMY.

Sir,— When will the E.F.C. realize that Tommy is a man, not a baby? Their latest stunt — it's been in operation several days now — is to give two packets of an American cigarette and some chewing gum for two marks.

In a more remote canteen in Cologne to which, by the way, a notice at the E. F. C. advises you to go, you can, so I'm told, get three packets of good English cigarettes for two marks, ten pfg.

Unfortunately one's working hours do not permit promenades to the top of Hohestrasse; so we have to smile like "good ickle children" and imagine that we *do* like chewing gum.

"FED UP."

A POINT IN CRICKET LAW.

Sir,—I was greatly interested to read in the report of a cricket match between 2/4 Hants and 88 Field Ambulence that "the bowler swung his arm to deliver the ball, but instead of delivering it, broke the wicket, catching, the unwary batsman out of his ground."

From this, I presume that the batsman was given "Out". Surely this was a wrong decision, or perhaps my knowledge of the game is very limited. I am under the impression that the ball is not in play until it has left the bowler's hand, otherwise, what is to prevent the batsman running before the bowler has delivered the ball, or even running when a boundary has been scored, as it appears from the above decision that the ball is never "dead." Perhaps some authority will advise me.

A.R.H.

LAW 35 reads "After the ball shall have finally settled in the wicket-keeper's or bowler's hand, it shall become dead; but when the bowler is about to deliver the ball, if the batsman at his wicket be out of his ground before actual delivery, the said bowler may run him out."—Ed.

WOULD YOU?

If you were a zephyr and I were a rose
Beside some cottage door,
Would you know me while in thick hedgerows
Grew a thousand roses more?

If I were a daisy and you were the sun,
Unfurling the dawn's sweet light,
Would you kiss me, and me alone,
When my sisters were all in sight?

If I were a clover and you were a bee,
Out seeking for honey dew,
Would you seek me when over the lea
Myriads beckoned to you?

J. W. WALSH.

To-night's the Night. Wilde v. Moore.

PRINCE OF WALES TO OCCUPY THE ROYAL BOX AT OLYMPIA.

The Prince of Wales, Prince Albert, and General Pershing will occupy the Royal box at Olympia to-night for the Wilde - Moore boxing contest. Among the "also theres" will be a large contingent of Welshmen, and a repetition of the stirring episodes which marked the Fred Welsh and Willie Ritchie contest in the same place in 1914 is anticipated. In an equally vociferous manner a large number of General Pershing's army will encourage "Pal" Moore.

WELSHMAN VERY FIT.

Majority Of His Sparring Partners Bantam-Weights.

Jimmy Wilde is doing plenty of work with a corps of partners at his home, Tylorstown, and latest reports speak of him as being as well as he has ever been of late years.

Most of his sparring partners are bantamweights, the one exception being Young Chips. He and Wilde have some rare mills. Harold Jones, Sammy Jones, Young Colecombe, and Ned Copp also give Jimmy plenty of practice, so that his boxing eye is in. Wilde is very confident of receiving the big end of Mr. Cochran's purse. This is how he sums it up: "If Moore cannot box any better than he did at the Albert Hall, I shall win." The seats for the big clash are selling very freely, and only a few of the best now remain on hand.

CONTESTS IN COLOGNE.

Numerous Entries For Leave Club Events.

The boxing competition, for Army troops only, which is to take place at the British Empire Leave Club, Cologne, on the 15th and 16th August, is attracting many competitors. Only two weights will be included in the contests. These will be:—

Feather Weight 9st and under = 57 kilos.
Welter Weight 10st 7 and under = 67 kilos.

Entries should be sent to A.I., P. and R. T., G.H.Q., Cologne, to reach there by Saturday, 2nd August. No entries will be accepted after that date.

FUTURE BOXING.

Amusing Hints for the Use of Promoters of Big Fights.

The singing of "Land of my Fathers" by a Welsh choir as Wilde enters the ring, and the encouragement of Moore by his Yankee supporters with the singing of "A Good Man is Hard to Fight"—both of which items appear on tonight's programme at Olympia—has provoked a certain amount of adverse criticism in boxing circles. Treating the subject facetiously "Orion" in the "Daily Express" suggests the following developments for the use of big fight promoters:—

PROGRAMME.

Overture, Descriptive piece. "Recollections of Boxing-days," by the fighting Fifth's Regimental Band.

Mr. Harry Preston will tell how he came to make his Xmas vow to swim every morning (winter included) in the sea at Brighton, following up the explanation with a "dumbbell" exhibition with two Royal York hams.

The Welshmen in the audience will sing "Land of my Fathers."

The Scotsmen present will sing "Annie Laurie."

The Irishmen present will sing "I'll take you home again, Kathleen."

The Englishmen present will sing small.

A procession of the Losing Favourites of the year will be headed by Frank Goddard, the Human Dynamo with the Iron Jaw, The Panther bringing up the rear, as usual.

Mrs. B. Ruiser will say how it feels to be the wife of a champion boxer, and show in the ring how she prepares the omelettes that make her husband so fierce and terrible in combat. (Stove, kitchen utensils, and ingredients kindly supplied by Blank and Co.)

The children of the rival champion boxers will be introduced to the audience by Mr. C. B. Cochran. Each child will be presented with a chocolate cauliflower-ear before leaving the ring.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

FIVE WEEKS MORE FOR LEAGUES.

Time is going apace and but five weeks now remain in which to complete the fixtures in the various leagues, for this must be done before the end of August in order that the final competition to decide the destination of the Cup may be arranged, and played before September is out. Delay is most inadvisable as demobilization is making itself felt to an appreciable extent and this week six clubs have had to withdraw, principally owing to disbandment. A few clubs still have much leeway to make up and in some cases, it is to be feared they will find it impossible to avoid forfeiting points. This is regrettable but only fair to those clubs which were prepared to play on the appointed date.

3rd HUSSARS (51) V. 15th HUSSARS, (74 runs for 8). For the 3rd. Hussars, B.M. Hatherly scored 19 runs and also accomplished the "hat trick." For the winners, Lieut. Clerk and Lieut. Straker bowled well, the former taking 6 wickets for 25, and the latter 4 wickets for 14.

D.190 BDE. R.F.A. (50 FOR 6) V. LANCER M.G. SQUADRON (47) at Poll on Sunday. The bowling of Battery was as effective as ever (always excepting the match versus the famous 93rd Bde. R.G.A., when it was smitten violently all over the field), and Dr. Bingham took 8 wickets for 18, Lieut. Baines accounting for the remainder. The Battery's batsmen were at first greatly disturbed by the tricky bowling of Major Humphries, but recovered, and passed their opponents' score before the sixth wicket fell. D/190 has won eight matches out of ten played in the League.

31st LABOUR GROUP (40) v. NO. 14 G.H.Q. M.T. COY. (24) on the Pola Wiesen ground on Monday. For the winners, L/Cpl. Walker batted through the innings for 22 not out, and Sergt. Kenyon took 5 wickets for 3 runs and Pte. Trendle 4 for 11. Cpl. Whiting, for the losers, batted well for 11 before being run out.

MIDLAND D.A.C. (29 for 3) v. 269 A.E. COY. (10). At Nieder Elvenich, on Monday, in very unsettled weather. The Company batted first, but were unable to stand up to the bowling of Lieuts. Rich and Taylor (4 wickets for 2 runs, and 4 wickets for 7 runs respectively (2 being run out). It was undoubtedly a bowlers wicket and the Company only just reached double figures (10) before all were dismissed. The D.A.C. commenced on a sodden wicket after a heavy shower, but managed to score 29 for the loss of 3 wickets (Hutton 13 not out) before another heavy shower made it necessary to conclude the game.

BAKERIES SPORTS CLUB (62) v. 53rd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS (38). On the Bakeries ground Pte. Lines did well for the home team, taking 5 wickets for 17, and also compiling 41 with the bat.

ADV. SUPPLY DEPOT R.A.S.C. (43) v. 51 AUX. BUS. COY. (40), at Zollstock on Monday.

II CORPS H.Q. (104) v. 1/5 WEST YORKS (41) at Leverkusen on Saturday. Sergt. Middleton (34), Pte. Briar (19), and Pte. Lindley (17 not out) batted excellently for the H.Q., while Major Yates took 4 for 14 and Capt. McNeil 5 for 17. Only three of the West Yorks batsmen reached double figures.

OTHER RESULTS.

41 Bn. M.G.C. (127) v. Northern Div. R.E. (53).
52 Royal Warwick (54) v. 75 Bde. R.F.A. (29).
73 Bde., R.G.A. (33) v. 21 Bde. R.G.A. (25).

31st LABOUR GROUP LEAGUE.

29th Labour Coy. (28) v. 180th Labour Coy. (41) at Zollstock on Tuesday. This match was played on a wicket that suited the bowlers, the result being some good averages. Christian was best for 29th Coy. with 3 wickets for 4 runs, Senior coming second with 4 wickets for 19 runs. Cpl. Stevenson was on top for 180 Coy with 6 wickets for 12 runs.

COLOGNE SOUTHERN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
93 Bde. R.G.A.	12	12	0		24§
D/190 Bde. R.F.A.	12	10	2		20§
180 Labour Coy.	10	9	1		18§
41 Bn. M.G.C.	9	9	0		18§
Wahn Survey Det.	11	7	4		14§
North. Div. R.E.	8	6	1	1	13§
3 Bn. M.G.C.	8	6	2		12§
51 Devon	7	5	2		10§+
170 Siege Bty.	8	4	3	1	9§
5 R. Irish	6	4	1	1	9§+
VI Corps H.Q.	12	4	8		8§
52 Bedford	9	4	5		8§+
34 Bn. M.G.C.	8	4	4		8§+
Lancer M.G.Sq.	7	4	3		8§
161 Bde. R.F.A.	7	3	4		6§
"G" A.A. Bty.	5	3	2		6§
12 R. Irish Rifles	5	3	2		6§
2 Bn. M.G.C.	3	2	0	1	5§
VI Corps Sig. Coy.	10	2	8		4§+
H.A.C.	8	2	6		4§
3 Northern Bde.	7	2	5		4§
5 K.O.Y.L.I.	5	2	3		4§

§ Games awarded for scratched matches and in respect of teams withdrawn.
+ Games lost by default.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Thursday, July 17, 1919.

Wind light, Westerly. Cloudy at first, more showers still likely but improving later. Fair visibility. Warmer.

COLOGNE CRICKET WEEK.

Free Foresters v. Rhine Army Officers Club.

At Lindenthal on Sunday and Monday. The match was unfortunately greatly interrupted by heavy rain and the result was a draw.

FREE FORESTERS C.C.

1st Innings			2nd Innings	
Lt.-Col. A. C. Johnston	run out	1		
Maj. G. G. M. Bennet	b. Neil	67		
Capt. K. L. Gibson	b. Arkwright	28		
Capt. D. C. Boles	l.b.w., b. "	0	b. Andrews	63
Capt. R. St. L. Fowler	b. Dickenson	17		
Capt. A. E. Q. Perkins	b. Neil	4	not out	9
Lt. C. W. Norman	b. Neil	1	c. Frizell, b. Dickenson	14
Major H. Yates	b. Neil	11	c. Andrews, b. Dickenson	73
Major E. R. Morres	not out	20		
Lt.-Col. Langhorne	b. Neil	1		
Lt.-Col. J. C. Hartley	c. Fox, b. Neil	2		
Extras		2		
Total		154	(3 wkts.)	159

RHINE OFFICERS CLUB.

1st Innings		
Lt.-Col. A. H. Spooner	b. Fowler	4
Capt. Dickenson	b. Boles	7
Major Fargus	b. Boles	1
Lt.-Col. Beauman	c. and b. Yates	11
Major Arkwright	b. Boles	50
Lt.-Col. Frizell	b. Fowler	10
Capt. Andrews	st. Gibson, b. Hartley	26
Capt. Chrystall	b. Hartley	10
Major Carpenter	c. Norman, b. Yates	0
Lt. Fox	b. Hartley	3
Lt. Neil	not out	20
Extras		19
Total		161

INFANTRY v. THE REST.

Interesting cricket at Lindenthal.

A two innings match between Officers of the Infantry and those representative of The Rest of the Rhine Army was continued yesterday afternoon when the scoring was fast and invigorating. The match, which was played in connection with the Rhine Army Officers Sports Club, was played on the delightful Lindenthal ground, the wicket being on the sticky side on both days. The Infantry batted first on Tuesday and reached a total of 89, The Rest replying with 241.

Details:

Infantry—1st Innings.

Maj. G.G.M. Bennett c Lyster b Fowler	7
Maj. N.H.S. Fargis run out	0
Lieut. L.A. McCormack b Bowles	0
Lt. Col. A.H. Spooner c Gibson b Rowles	9
Capt. W.V.D. Dickinson c Chrystall b Bowles	5
Maj. Arkwright c Childs b Bowles	4
Maj. H. Yates b Bingham	33
Lt. Col. J. C. Hartley c Deighton b Bingham	21
Lieut. Frizell c Bowles b Bingham	2
Maj. Carpenter c Childs b Bingham	0
Capt. Andrews not out	3
Extras	5
Total	89

The Rest—1st Innings.

Maj. S.D. Douglas-Jones b Dickinson	2
Capt. D.C. Boles b Dickinson	26
Lieut. K.L. Gibson c Arkwright b Andrews	6
Lieut. H. F. Bingham b Andrews	56
Maj. A. E. F. Q. Perkins b Dickinson	0
Capt. R. St. L. Fowler c Spooner b Andrews	47
Capt. R.T. Stanyforth c Spooner b Andrews	17
Lt. Col. Giles c Frizel b Andrews	42
Lieut. H. M. Chrystall b Hartley	28
Lieut. C.H.J. Deighton c Arkwright b Dickinson	10
Lieut. O. R. Lyster not out	3
Extras	4
Total	241

Infantry—2nd Innings.

Bennet, c and b Boles 8; Fargis run out 24; McCormack b Bingham 11; Spooner c Lister b Boles 14; Dickinson lbw b Fowler 25; Arkwright c and b Deighton 70; Yates c Fowler b Deighton 65; Hartley c Douglas-Jones b Boles 27; Frizell c Gibson b Fowler 7; Carpenter b Perkins 11; Andrews not out 3; Extras 19; Total 284.

INTERNATIONAL FIXTURES.

The following are the dates of the Association International matches next season:

Oct. 4, England v. Wales, in England (Victory Match.)
Oct. 11, Wales v. England, in Wales (Victory match).
Oct. 25, Ireland v. England, in Ireland.
Nov. 15, England v. Ireland, in England (Amateur).
Feb. 14, Ireland v. Wales, in Ireland.
Feb. 23, Wales v. Scotland, in Wales.
March 15, England v. Wales, in England.
March 20, Scotland v. Ireland, in Scotland.
April 10, England v. Scotland, in England.

Victory Loan Sweep.

Result of British Empire Leave Club Draw.

The first prize, £850, was won by a Private in the M.G.C. and the 2nd and 3rd prizes by two Lieut.-Colonels. The winning numbers were:

1st Prize 3579 (£850)
2nd " 5619 (£340)
3rd " 11083 (£170)

Consolation Prizes (£17—1—0):— 7420—2570—6687—7616—9005—11969—11461—6571—3844—9377 9441—5766—10251—4705—10706—11342—6643—5724—10822—5164.

SPORTING FIXTURES.

Calendar of Prospective Events in Rhineland.

JULY.

21st:— R. A. F. 51st Wing and 2. A. P. Athletic Sports.
22nd:— R. A. F. 9th Wing. Athletic Sports.
23rd and 24th:— R. A. F. 2nd Wing. Athletic Sports.
24th:— Midland Division Horse Show, Romerhof.
25th and 26th:— 3rd Western Brigade Athletic Sports, Münstereifel.
27th:— X Corps Athletic Sports (Elimination Competition).

AUGUST.

1st—5th:— Cavalry Division Week.
1st:— R. A. F. 1 A.S.D. and 1 A.D. Athletic Sports.
2nd:— 2nd Bde. R. A. F. Athletic Sports.
3rd:— *Luxembourg* Sporting Club Olympiad.
3rd:— R. A. F. 9th Brigade. Athletic Sports.
4th:— VI Corps Torchlight Tattoo.
6th:— R. A. F. 2nd Bde. Athletic Sports.
6th and 7th:— VI Corps Horse Show.
7th:— Athletic Meeting P. & R. T. School (to select competitors for Aldershot).
8th and 9th:— Southern Division Tournament.
Second week in August:—IV Corps Torchlight Tattoo.
9th:— R. A. F. Athletic Sports.
11th to 15th:— Midland Divisional Cricket, Sports and Gymkhana Week.
12th and 13th:— Army Horse Show.
Week ending August 16th:— R. A. F. Cricket Week, Lindenthal.
20th:— Army Aquatic Sports (near P. and R. T. School).
20th and 21st:— London Division Boxing (Eliminating Competitions).

SEPTEMBER.

4th:— London Division Cross-country run.
8th to 13th:— Army Rifle Meeting, Drove.
17th and 18th:— Army Athletic Championships, P. and R. T. School.
End of Sept. or beginning of October:— Royal Naval, Military and Air Force Tournament.
Week ending 4th Oct.:— Industrial and Arts and Crafts Exhibition.

NEWMARKET RACING.

OPENING DAY RESULTS AT SECOND JULY MEETING.

The following were the results on the opening day (Tuesday) of the second July meeting at Newmarket —

Trial Selling Plate:—1, New Guinea (5—4 on); 2, The Minorite (6—4); 3, Little Charlie (100—8).

Soltykoff Stakes:—1, Bright Folly (2—1); 2, Datine (100—8); 3, Envoy (7—1).

Dullingham Plate:—1, Paper Money, a walk over.

Beaufort Stakes:—1, Starshot (5—4); 2, Earna (7—2); 3, Shon Maclean (9—2).

Spring Hall Optional Plate:—1, Monaghan (evens); 2, Taichos (5—1); 3, Lucan (5—1).

Saxham Plate:—1, Lampeta (6—4); 2, Paragon (8—1); 3, Carborundum (6—1).

SELECTIONS FOR NEWMARKET AND SANDOWN.

By Centaur.

Appended are a few suggestions for Newmarket and Sandown Park this week:—

NEWMARKET, THURSDAY.

Summer Handicap ..... Bridge of Marne.
Three Year Old Handicap ... Tetrarchia.
Midsummer Stakes ..... Paper Money.

SANDOWN PARK, FRIDAY.

Eclipse Stakes ..... Buchan.
Kingston Plate ..... Lampetia.
Surbiton Handicap ..... Charmarin.
Victoria Handicap ..... Grandcourt.

ENGLISH CRICKET.

DERBYSHIRE BEAT "AUSSIES."

Gents 215 and 74 for one; Players 165.

Yorkshire (85 and 273) beat Northants (149 and 175).

Derbyshire (181 and 112) beat Australians (125 and 132). Derbyshire is the first county team to beat the Australian's eleven.

Details:—

DERBYSHIRE.

L Oliver c Oldfield b Lampard	19	c Oldfield b Gregory	8
Cadman b Gregory	8	b Gregory	8
Beet b Gregory	0	Stirling b Collins	18
Malthouse c Winning b Collins	30	b Gregory	9
Morton b Lampard	36	b Gregory	1
J D Southern c Oldfield b Gregory	7	c Lampard b Gregory	43
Revill b Winning	16	c Winning b Collins	0
Sovern not out	21	c Gregory b Collins	10
Wild st Oldfield b Trennery	31	c Gregory b Collins	2
Horsley st Oldfield b Stirling	0	lbw b Gregory	0
Ratcliffe st Oldfield b Trennery	3	not out	5
B 5 lb 1 nb 4	10	B 2 lb 3 nb 3	8
Total	181	Tital	112

BOWLING.—First Innings: Gregory 3 for 75, Trennery 2 for 5, Lampard 2 for 47, Stirling 1 for 6, Winning 1 for 15, Collins 1 for 23.

Second Innings: Gregory 6 for 65, Collins 4 for 39

AUSTRALIAN XI.

H. L. Collins c Ratcliffe b Horsley	0	c Ratcliffe b Horsley	16
W.L Trennery b Horsley	69	c Beet b Horsley	9
E. A. Bull c Malthouse b Morton	2	lbw b Morton	5
C. E. Pellew b Morton	15	b Horsley	1
C. B. Willis c Horsley b Morton	0	b Horsley	1
J. T. Murray b Horsley	0	b Morton	54
A. W. Lampard lbw b Horsley	0	b Horsley	0
W. S. Stirling lbw b Horsley	0	b Morton	0
J. M. Gregory b Horsley	28	c Wild b Horsley	5
W. A. Oldfield not out	2	not out	26
C. S. Winning lbw b Morton	5	st Beet b Ratcliffe	10
Lb 2 nb 2	4	B 2 lb 2 nb 2	6
Total	125	Total	132

Bowling.— First Innings: Horsley 6 for 55, Morton 4 for 66.

Second Innings: Horsley 6 for 62, Morton 3 for 54, Ratcliffe 1 for 10.

Bull's Eyes While You Wait.

GILBERTIAN MARKING AT BISLEY: INNERS AND MAGPIES TABOO.

Shooting in the first stage for the King's Prize commenced at Bisley, on Tuesday morning, the conditions being perfect. There are 1098 entries.

Twenty-three members of the contingent from the Army of the Rhine are competing in the competition.

Overnight it was feared that the markers contemplated ominous action, and precautions were taken. It is now stated they may attempt to interfere with the final on Friday.

On Tuesday morning an incident occurred, as tending to show the reprisals the markers may carry out. C.S.M.I. Brooks, Exeter, had a possible signalled at 200, but examination of the target showed only inners and magpies. The markers concerned were relieved of their duties, and an inquiry into the matter is being held.

ALARMING ACCIDENT.

An alarming incident occurred when Armourer-Sergt. Lee of Australia was shooting. His rifle burst, the barrel being blown to bits. Happily no one was injured.

Mrs. Irvine's entry has been definitely refused.

HIGHEST SCORES.

THE KING'S PRIZE: RESULTS OF 1st STAGE OF COMPETITION.

The following are some of the highest scores at 200 and 500 yards in the first stage of the King's Prize at Bisley:—

Capt. Marriott late N.R.A.S. of M., Lieut. Vincent, Canada ... 87

C.S.M.I. Corrie 1st H.L.I., Sergt. Darter, R.M.A. ... 86.

Lieut. Balfour, Canada, Sergt. Howe, 4th Berks, C.Q.M.S. Freeman, Suffolks, Pte. Coleman, late Queen Victoria's, Rifles C.S.M.I. Thompson, Hythe Staff, ... 85.

Major Hutchinson, Canada; Lt-Col. Garrod; H.Q., R.A.F. Corps, Bardell, R.M.L.I., M.S. Jarvis, R.M.L.I., ... 84.

R.S.M. Goodwin, 5th K.R.R., Sergt. Carr, School of M.A.G., Fulton, late 16th Londons, Sergt. Fitz, late 5th H.L.I., C.S.M. Kerr, late N.R.A.S. of M., C.P.O. Oram, R.N.D., Major Prescott, R.M.L.I. ..83.

Capt. Robertson, London Scottish, R.S.M. Cross, Scots Guards, Sergt. Clark, school of M; C.S.M. Bacchus, late N.R.A.S. of M; C.S.M. Glaney, 3rd Lincolns, S.S.I.M., Anderson 19th Hussars, Major Richardson, Canada ..... 82.

IRISH RIFLES SPORTS.

Successful Meeting at Stommeln to Celebrate Peace Day.

Despite the fact that the 12th (S.) Bn. the Royal Irish Rifles was due to move to another area on the following day, an exceedingly successful sports meeting was held at Stommeln last week to celebrate "Peace Day". Favoured with good weather, the events were witnessed with interest and amusement by a large attendance. Between the events, the regimental band gave many and varied selections, which were highly appreciated.

The following acted as officials for the day:— Judges: Major McCallum, D.S.O.; Major J.C.S.W. Samman; and Capt. J. Searle, M.C. Recorders: Lt. Gilmore and Lt. Robinson. Timekeeper: Lt. Rourke, M. C. Starter: Lt. R. C. Scott, M. C. Stewards: Lt. H. C. Hughes; Lt. J. S. McMaster; Lt. F. R. G. Fennell; C. S. M. Turner, A. G. S; Sergt. Hammond, and Sergt. Turner.

RESULTS.

After running up the different heats the results of the day's events were:—

Three legged race:—1, Rfm. Honeyford and Rfm. Collins; 2, "The Padre" and Lt. Hughes; 3, L/Cpl. Wright and Rfm. Harper.

220 yards (W. O.'s and Sgts.):—1, Sergt. Robinson; 2, Sergt. Clemo. Time 31 secs.

100 yards (open to Bn.):—1, Lt. Hughes; 2, L/Cpl. Wright; 3, Rfm. Caselton. Time 11 2-5 secs.

High Jump:—1, Lt. Hughes; 2, Sergt. Clemo; 3, Rfm. Bell and Rfm. Wilson a tie. Jump:—4 ft. 8 in.

Long Jump:—1, Lt. Hughes; 2, Rfm. Byers; 3, Rfm. Hunt. Jump 15 ft. 9."

Wheelbarrow Race:—1, Rfm. Mannis and Rfm. Havie; 2, Rfm. Walker and Rfm. Parsons.

440 yards (open to Bn.):—1, Rfm. Smith; 2, Rfm Honeyford; 3, Cpl. Geary. Time 68 4-5 secs.

1 Mile Relay:—Won by "D" Coy. Team:—Sergt. Robinson; L/Cpl. O'Doherty; L/Cpl. Smith; Rfm. F.V. Cock.

Throwing the Cricket Ball:—1, Rfm. Clarke; 2, Rfm. Cunningham, Distance: 234 feet.

1 Mile (open to Bn.)—1, L/Cpl. Colmore; 2, Rfm. F.V. Cock; 3, Rfm. Walker. Time: 5 mins. 26 1-5 secs.

Sack Race:—1, Rfm. Honeyford; 2, Rfm. Byers.

220 yards (officers):—1, Lt. Gelmore; 2, Lt. Cullen; 3, "The Padre."

V. C. Race:—1, Rfm. Bowers and Rfm. Havie; 2, Rfm. Walker and Rfm. Williams; 3, Cpl. Davis and Sergt. Williams.

Tug-of-War:—"B" Coy. beat "A."

BAKERIES BILLIARD MATCH AT KALK.

R.A.S.C. Bakeries, Kalk	600
9 East Surreys, Kalk	475
Bakeries won by	125

COLOGNE RACES — A CORRECTION.

The next races on the Cologne Course will take place on 2nd and 5th of August, when the meeting will be under the auspices of the Cavalry Division in conjunction with the Racing Sub-Committee. The event will form part of the programme of the Cavalry Division Week, of which an announcement appears on page 2.

AMERICAN BOXING.

Boxing in America in a six rounds contest, Lew Tendler beat Joe Welling on points, and Lewis gained a decision over Latso.

Harry Grebb and Battling Levinsky fought a draw in a six rounds contest. Frankie Burns won on points against Charlie White in an eight-rounds bout.

POLO AT RANELAGH.

At Ranelagh on Saturday the final of the County Cup was played, Willington A. team beating Willington by 6 to 5 after a keen struggle.

The "Full House" board was exhibited at the Deutsches Theatre ten minutes before the performance commenced on Monday ievenng.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Whist and Song.

"B" Company, 13th Bn. King's Liverpool Regt., hidden away among the hills of Neidorholtorf, spent an enjoyable evening at whist last week. The drive was promoted by the officers, who spared no pains to make it a success. The proceedings were judiciously relieved by songs and refreshment intervals. At the conclusion, Capt. Whittle and Capt. Hickenhall were accorded enthusiastic cheers for their efforts.

On Reading.

In spite of the heavy rain which fell on Monday, a good attendance gathered at the Y.M.C.A. Circle to hear Sapper C.W. Fieldhouse, who leaves during the week for England, give an evening on "General reading." Sapper Fieldhouse planned out the matter and method of the general reader regarding selection and reading with the primary object of securing the maximum of pleasure, interest and benefit. A bright discussion, led by L/Cpl. Seaton, followed.

Weak Features of "The Limits."

In "The Limits," the 6th City of London Regt. have a concert party, whose show is bright, well varied and in many ways original. All who have visited the Apollo Theatre, Cologne, this week will probably agree. Nevertheless the programme is capable of being improved. For instance there is a hackneyed chestnut about beer going down, the humour (if any) of which lies in its coarseness. This might well be omitted. Then, "The Night Watchman," excellently performed, loses considerable interest by being rather too long drawn out and by the inebriated gentleman who assists in the sketch emphasizing his condition too persistently. The lightning sketch artiste would improve his turn by developing a more fluent flow of patter, and the performance of the juggler would be more effective were he to cut out his almost inaudible side talk.

And Many Good Points.

Everybody knows that it is the easiest thing in the world to criticise, but I merely wish to point out a few glaring faults with the suggestion that the performance of "The Limits" would be greatly improved by attention to these small details. The good points of the entertainment are many, as the enthusiastic reception of the items accorded each might testify. Alf Barnard sings delightfully and chooses his numbers with skill. Harry King is a capital comedian of the Wilkie Bard type; Harry Edwards, as well as being an agreeable female impersonator, is a smart step dancer, while Naito brings back happy memories of circus days by his clever manipulation of a barrel. Extraordinary things are done with pencils and paint by Frank Backham, who produces pictures with incredible speed and Billy Johns, vocalist, and W.J. Brown are also included in the programme. 2/Lt. E. Morris conducts a capable little orchestra.

JACQUES.

COLOGNE RACES.

WINNING TOTALIZATOR TICKETS.

Holders of winning totalizator tickets may still cash them, by applying with tickets to the Race-Club, 8—10, Budengasse, Cologne, between the hours of 10 and 12 up to Wednesday next, 23rd inst.

"PEACE" FOOTBALL MATCHES.

The Emergency Committee of the F. A. have decided that "Peace" matches may be played on July 19 and any day during the following week, including July 26.

Fulham and Chelsea have arranged to play at Fulham on Saturday.

An officer who wore R.A.F. "blue" in Cologne has been so often pestered with questions by members of the travelling public who mistook him for a tramway official that he has gone back to khaki.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Facetious.

The seating capacity of Olympia is 20,000 and there is room for Moore in the ring.

Plymouth Argyle.

An old Plymouth Argyle half-back, W. Davis, has again been signed on. He joined the Footballer's Battalion at the outbreak of hostilities and rose to the rank of captain. He recently retired from the Army.

Famous Pedestrian Dead.

Information has been received at Preston of the death in Glasgow Cancer Hospital of William Cummings, for many years England's champion long-distance pedestrian. Cummings, who was sixty years old, was a native of Paisley.

"Shot, sir."

The most sincere tribute that lawn tennis has earned was uttered at Roehampton. "I am afraid the dinner will spoil," said a quiet feminine voice. "Dinner—who can think of dinner with such play in progress." "Shot, sir," replied an elderly masculine voice.

Running in Blinkers.

It is never a pleasant sight to see a good colt—on form the best of his age—run in blinkers, but Mr. Gilpin will try the experiment of putting the badge on Sarchedon in his engagement to-day. It is hoped to stop his rearing propensities that way, for he will not know when he is in front.

Darling "Demobb'd."

Fred Darling having been demobilized is back again training at Beckhampton. He has 11 horses under his charge at present.

Jockey for Bhopal.

Jose Ruiz, who rode Noutbutweel to victory at Haydock on Saturday, returns to India this week to resume his riding engagement with the ruler of Bhopal.

Joy-night Weight-lifters.

Peace-day among the weight-lifters will be celebrated on Monday, Jule 21, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, with an important heavy-weight weight lifting match between two well-known lifters, Leonard Burner, of Hampshire, and J. H. Hatliffe, of Lincoln.

Grand Prix d'Ostende.

Fifty-one horses remain in the Grand Prix d'Ostende, which will be run on Sunday, August 24. It promises to be a real international affair, English, French, and Franco-American owners, and, of course, Belgians having horses engaged.

Rangers' Capture.

The Glasgow Rangers have made a distinct capture in securing the transfer from Portsmouth of James Walls, a left half-back, who came into prominence as a dour defender and artistic purveyor of passes in pre-war Southern League football.

BY APPOINTMENT.

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OPEN EVENTS:

One Mile: Open to the Army of the Rhine.
1st prize: Silver Cup.
2nd „ „ „
3rd „ Fountain Pen.
4th „ Gymnasium Shoes.

440 yards: Open to all ranks of the K.O.Y.L.I. in the Army of the Rhine.
1st prize: Camera.
2nd „ Silver Medal } engraved.
3rd „ Bronze Medal }

Relay Race: Teams of Four: Open to the 1st Midland Bde. Group.
1st prize: War Saving Certificates and placquettes suitably inscribed.

Entries to reach the Secretary, 2/Lt. H.E. Bunting, not later than July 22nd.

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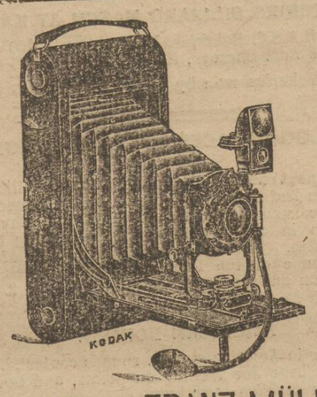

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The Young Guard.—Nine battalions of American troops have left Washington for Europe.

Wise Men.—Three thousand German prisoners are still remaining in Switzerland.

As at Home.—The coal crisis is very acute in Italy.

Back Home.—Seven trains of repatriated German prisoners have arrived in the Palatinate.

Foch Happy.—"I have never been so happy," declared Marshal Foch after the Victory Day.

General Muzzling.—General muzzling of dogs is being urged at home.

More Buses.—More motor omnibuses are being put on the streets of London.

Peace March.—The troops will march in alphabetical order in the London Peace March.

No Ticklers.—Ticklers and squirts are banned from the peace celebrations.

Opera Boom.—There is an opera boom in London.

R. 34.—The R. 34 is to fly over London during the peace celebrations.

Food Prices.—A select committee of the Government is to examine food prices.

Fed Up.—A German stowaway, landed at Hull did not want to return to the Fatherland.

Still In.—There are said to be 40,000 builders still in the Army.

Not present.—The King and Queen are not likely to be seen at Goodwood or Cowes regatta.

Never There.—The complaint is made that many peers never go to the House of Lords at all.

Germany To Pay.—Lusitania claims will have to be paid by Germany.

Jazz band Profit.—A jazz band performer told County Court judge that he was earning £6-10-0 a week.

Sir Julian Byng.—Owing to a chill, General Sir Julian Byng was prevented from attending the Paris Peace March.

Schoolboys Jubilant.—In commemoration of peace, extension of the summer holidays in all schools will be granted by the authorities.

Back to Pleasure.—The pleasure steamboats used for minesweeping are back at their old work in the Bristol channel.

Reclaimed.—Land reclaimed from Weymouth Harbour is now being laid out as ornamental gardens, tennis courts, and bowling-greens.

Exeter Indignant.—Exeter is indignant at the decision of the council to have no public celebrations on Peace Day.

The Final Effort.—Twelve months ago the Germans launched what proved to be their final effort.

How it Began.—The first woman to popularise the habit of covering the ears with the hair was Pauline Bonaparte, the sister of Napoleon.

Welcome.—Eight thousand dozen bottles of champagne have been landed at Dover from France.

Conditions Reversed.—The trial of allied statesmen was contained in a draft of peace conditions made by the Germans in 1917.

Napoleon's Sword.—Napoleon's sword which had been presented by Blucher to the military school of Lichtenfeld has disappeared.

A Fair Exchange.—France wants 500,000 German workmen in exchange for the prisoners repatriated.

Toll of Strike.—During disturbances caused by a strike at Lucerne, six persons were killed and 27 wounded.

Storm Damage.—A terrible storm devastated the Slovachia. Damage amounts to several millions.

Busy Rhineland.—Good reports have been furnished by British trade missions to the Rhineland.

Cheap Coal.—The United States is prepared to export a hundred million tons of coal at 22/= a ton.

Keen Undergrads.—Never before have the lecture halls at Oxford been so crowded as at present.

American Honours.—In all, 95 British officers have had the American Distinguished Service medal conferred upon them.

Shot.—A private on guard at Park Hall camp shot a German who threw stones at him and used bad language.

Without Newspapers.—Switzerland is practically without any news, owing to a strike of typographers.

Rebuilding France.—German workers who are not anxious to return are to remain in France as civilian workers.

Discontented.—In Japan food prices are producing dangerous discontent and the growth of Socialism is feared.

Peace Bonfires.—Mrs. Asquith writing to the Press suggested in view of the price of coal that peace bonfires be dispensed with.

The Flying Dutchman.—The first Dutch ship since the blockade, has arrived at Hamburg with foodstuffs.

Courtesy Gone.—"There is no courtesy nowaday in omnibuses. People seem to fight like wild beasts," says the Greenwich magistrate.

No Houses.—Having despaired of getting houses or flats, many people are looking for unfurnished rooms.

Unwelcome.—So far as the general public of America is concerned, De Valera has now worn out his welcome.

Using Lorries.—A scheme for the employment of fleets of Government motor lorries on spec al trade routes between large towns is under consideration.

Busy Piermaster.—Medway trade unionists have sent a vigorous protest to Chatham Council because the piermaster is himself painting the corporation pier.

Dear Clothes.—No longer ashamed to be economical, men and women are patronizing the mending and renovation business that sprang up during the war.

Earl as Corporal.—The Earl of Crawford has made application, as Corporal Crawford, for membership of the Wigan branch of the Comrades of the Great War. He was Corporal in the R.A.M.C.

German Levy.—The German levy on property begins with fortunes of 5,000 marks, and rises to 10 per cent, up to 50,000 marks, reaching gradually 45 per cent for fortunes of between half a million and a million marks, and 65 per cent for fortunes over three millions.

Nasty!—Residents of Bulpham complained o the peculiar taste of the water in the village well, and an analysis disclosed 475 grains of magnesium sulphate (1oz. of Epsom salts) per gallon. The inhabitants are at present relying on rain-water for drinking purposes.

Echoes from Rhineland.

Repatriated German Prisoners.

Repatriated German prisoners continue to arrive in large numbers, and as is only natural meet with a very warm welcome from their compatriots. Converted hospital trains are being used to convey these parties from the coast, the trains carrying a full nursing staff. The men for the most part seem overjoyed to get back and indulge in much handkerchief waving while they freely garland their trains. Two of these repatriated prisoners held quite a reception in Severinstrasse the other night. They were surrounded by a large crowd and gifts of cherries, eatables and smokes were showered upon them.

Bathing de Luxe.

There are many good points about the construction of the Swimming Bath near the Opera House which could with advantage be copied. The method of entering the bath through the dressing boxes from side corridors obviates the necessity of people wandering along the sides of the bath in search of vacant boxes and at the same time assists the attendants to keep the sides clean. Draughts are almost eliminated and the maximum number of bathers at any one time is established since admission can only be obtained through a box. As the boxes can be locked, the swimmer need not worry about the safety of his property. The spacious accommodation for washing and the numerous sprays with unlimited quantities of hot water are worthy of praise. Many an accident through slipping must also be saved by the cocoanut fibre mats.

Times Are Changed.

In the Cologne office of the Norddeutsche Lloyd the other day we picked up a copy of their "Ocean Pleasure Trips, 1914;" it was truly a large and most attractive list of tours extending over the seven seas. Asking for their 1919 edition, we were given a tiny pamphlet advertising trips by river steamer from Bremen to the islands off the German coast — they do not now propose to enter even the "German Ocean." Their larger boats have all literally gone West, some as far as England and France and the remainder across the Atlantic.

Careless Children.

It is a peculiar trait of human nature that we treasure a thing most, after it has been taken from us. If this applies to the women of Germany as strongly as it does to those at home, it is surprising to observe the freedom the Teutonic mother allows her offspring. Yesterday afternoon an interval of only a couple of hours elapsed between two accidents that might easily have been attended with very serious consequences. They both happened in the vicinity of the cathedral. They both involved motor cars and the victims were young boys. In the first case, a lad rushed across the road, heedless of the busy traffic, and pulled up to find himself in front of a fast travelling motor car. With considerable presence of mind he jumped upon the radiator to which he clung until the chaffeur was able to pull up ten yards or so further on. A little later, another boy darted from behind the vehicles in front of the cathedral and collided with a car that knocked him down and bruised him rather badly. In the latter case, the writer happens to know that the driver of the car is probably the most experienced and capable German chaffeur in British employ at the present time.

THE ENGLISH GIRL.

A Final batch of Letters on an Engrossing Subject.

To the Editor, "Cologne Post."

Sir,—I agree with "Musician", especially after my experience, whilst on leave.

During my stay, I saw girls drinking and dancing with "Aussies." I was looked upon as dirt, and from several of my "demobbed" chums came the same story.

One cannot relish the idea of returning home to make one of these "left off's" his wife. Amongst them were some very respectable girls and not flappers. "ZUMMERZET."

Sir,— It is not only the girls at home who seem to be forgetting what the boys did for Old England in the dark days of war when they did their best — many at the cost of life — to prevent a German victory, but nearly everyone adopts the same attitude.

It makes one wonder if Napoleon wasn't right when he called us "a nation of shopkeepers." The profiteer and munition worker earning big money in safety, seem, as much thought of as the soldier, now that the dirty work has been done. This may be human nature but it is unpleasant to think about. H. H. P.

Sir, — I also have not met an honourable British Tommy who has preferred a French or Belgian girl to an English one, although I doubt not, there are some as good.

A large majority of French girls I have met haven't a leg to stand on when compared with the average English girl.

I cannot agree with "S.S." that the German girl would be an Englishman's last hope. I think, judged fairly, the German girl is better, on the average, than Belgian or French, although not up to the average English. EX-INFANTRY.

Sir,—We have heard a deal as to the merits of the English girl over her French and Belgian sisters, but are males not tempted to view the matter from a selfish point of view, no matter the nationality of the girl!

There is a standard set by mere man both as regards disposition, accomplishments and morals, yet how short of that standard does he fall?

To take the duties of the wifely slave, how about duties for the prospective husband. How many of them, for instance, know how to carve an ordinary meat joint, let alone a chicken?

This is but a sideline, yet in others there is always the complaint of man. Let him put his house in order. "ENGLISH GIRL."

Sir,—I have read with interest the paragraphs on the morals and standards of our English girls, and if you will allow me I would like to add my view to those already received.

I read with disgust the letter by "Musician". In my opinion the English girls of to-day are far superior both in beauty and charm to all foreign damsels, and no sane-minded soldier would dream of taking unto himself any French or Belgian girl, unless of course he has not seen the many beautiful girls to be found in Blighty.

I have had plenty of experience with English, French and Belgian girls and a fair amount with fräuleins, but I can safely say that the English girl is superior to the others. As for their preferring Colonials to our own boys, that is all rot.

Each man for his own nationality is a good motto. "Musician" wants to open his eyes before he writes in such a tune. R. A. P.

War Savings Achievement.

The appeal which the Government system of war savings makes to officers and men is borne out by particulars of achievements, which continue to reach us. We gladly give publicity to that of the 1st Battalion Machine Gun Corps which subscribed in War Savings in one day, July 2nd, the sum of 42,430 Marks; of this total: B Company subscribed 21,150.55 Marks, and D Company subscribed 13,687 Marks. Such figures should stimulate interest and competition in other Battalions. We congratulate the Machine Gun Corps.

Yet Another.

Huge figures have also been reached by the 53rd Bn. Royal Sussex Regiment War Savings Association during the first month of its existence. Between June 13th and July 13th, the total amount subscribed was 187,988 marks, representing £1841/15/9 in English money, and 2377 certificates, while the highest haul of marks for one day was 57,628. Lieut. L. A. Malleson the Hon. Sec. of the Association has been complimented by the Brigade Commander upon the results obtained.

Taking No Risks.

A motor lorry having been overhauled in a M. T. Workshop, was taken on test by a mechanics staff sergeant, prior to its being returned to its unit; when just clear of the gates trouble was experienced and suddenly a fire broke out. The Pyrene extinguisher was called for and promptly produced, but was found to be empty. The M.S.S. at once detailed a man to double back to the shops and obtain another Pyrene, while he, ably assisted by willing hands, succeeded in extinguishing the flames by other means. A few minutes afterwards the messenger returned, practically on his knees, with a large German Feuerlöscher nine litre extinguisher on his shoulder, saying he had been made to bring it. At mess the following dialogue was heard: "Why did you send me that large Bosch extinguisher?" "Well, I didn't know what size fire you were having, did I?"

White Bread.

One has heard so much of the German peasants' black bread that it comes as a surprise to find that white bread is not unknown amongst the same class even under the present very abnormal conditions. In a farm house visited recently, white bread was frequently seen. This was explained by the fact that the farmer had his own private mill in a portion of the house buildings, where his cereals were ground, the driving power being supplied by a horse gear arrangement so common to English farmhouses. A boon at all times, it must have proved itself a valuable asset when food was far more scarce than it is at present in the occupied zone.

The enterprising Yankee.

During the past week, a wonderful change has come over the shops in Cologne, particularly those of the confectionery, grocery and delikatessen types. A short while back the windows were graced by pretty paper flowers in vases and china dishes containing fearsome looking cakes. Then came the peace, and "Presto" in a flash there appears, real solid food and delicious. One sees in the windows of the Colonial Waren, juicy bacon, prime butter, cereals of all description and a large variety of tinned goods, while the confectioners have a brave show of appetising sweets and chocolate galore, all at a reasonable figure. If one cares to look carefully at this huge dump of "goodies" they will be struck by one amazing fact—i.e. all of the tins or packets bear the name of American manufacturers.

And ourselves.

It is interesting to see that the "M.P." can purchase a souvenir bearing his regimental lettering, the men of the R.A.M.C. their colours and familiar cross, while in other respects British regimental signs have been copied. How long are we to wait before we may have the selection of the whole run of regimental badges? We must say that we tire of the Dom and certainly do not fancy it on soap-box, razor, and ash tray. The regimental badge might appeal, but the other is overdone.

"Why Learn German?"

One of ourreaders says: "The homely hausfrau at our first billet in the Rhineland was not a linguist. When I came to Germany I knew at least six words of German pronounced more or less correctly. I foolishly allowed this knowledge to escape me, with the result that I was at once marked out for the voluble conversation of our hostess. I know considerably more German now but the good woman little knows that she was the incentive to my study of Deutsch. I was driven despairingly to wrestle with verbs, declensions and vocabularies in order to get some faint idea as to what she was talking to me about. My knowledge increased gradually. At first I could recognise about one word in twenty, then one in ten and after a time was able to understand anything from 25 to 60 per cent. of her conversation. Moreover, I had to increase my local knowledge, as I found I was expected to know every person in the village, their characters and shortcomings in order to appreciate to a nicety the scandalous revelations of my hostess."

German Easy.

"In my absence she would sometimes address a few remarks to one of my companions, and I would return to the billet to find him facing blankly a guttural bombardment. The reply to my question as to the subject of conversation was invariably, God knows, I once asked the good lady why she expected us to know German whereas she knew not one word of English. The answer was, Oh, German is easy, Why don't you learn English? I asked. Oh, that is too hard, was the reply. I am still trying to solve this peculiar argument. One fact was mercifully veiled from me in those early days, for I know that not only is our hostess an inexhaustible conversationalist but also an exponent of how German should not be spoken according to the best professors."

Biting.

An amusing passage of words occurred between a Cockney Sergeant and the gunner of a certain battery. The gunner thought he was a cut above the sergeant and lost no opportunity of trying to score off him, but he met his match the other morning, when he turned up late on parade. The sergeant spotted him coming into the lines and said, "Good morning, Mister Jones," (with the accent on the Mr.) "Have you missed your train this morning? Never mind, just put your silk hat and walking stick away, and we will commence business. You can groom those two ruddy horses for a start."

Prizes for "Echoes."

The Editor of "The Cologne Post" offers every day the sum of 10 marks for the best paragraph descriptive of any phase of life or interesting incident in Rhineland, not exceeding 150 words in length. The envelope should have the word "Echoes" in the top left hand corner.

To-day's prize of 10 marks is awarded to Cpl. E. Fisher, D.o.S. & T., G.H.Q., Cologne.

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It is officially stated that on Sunday morning British picketing troops moving into position East of Girdhil, Afghanistan, met with strong opposition from the tribesmen.

The enemy, estimated at 800 strong, made an attempt against the left flank which was frustrated by subsidiary pickets, the tribesmen being driven off after heavy fighting at close quarters.

British guns obtained favourable targets and the enemy suffered severely.

THE AMIR'S THRONE.

In the House of Commons yesterday Viscount Curzon asked if it is the intention of the Government to allow the present ruler of Afghanistan to retain his throne in view of his recent unprovoked attack upon British territory.

Mr. Montague, in reply, said he hoped that Peace negotiations would shortly be opened. Our object was to secure the frontier against the recurrence of such unprovoked attacks. It was not our present intention to express any opinion as to who should rule over Afghanistan.

THREE TURKS HEADS.

REFUGE IN GERMANY IS NO ASYLUM.

It is announced that the Turkish Government has consented to negotiate with the Entente about the extradition of Talaat Pasha, Enver Pasha, and Djemal Bey whom the recent Court-martial condemned to death *in contumaciam*.

The three Ministers are actually in Germany

BACK TO WORK.

SUPREME COUNCIL RESUMES PEACE BUSINESS.

After the elaborate celebrations in Paris over the week-end the attention of Peace Conference circles is again turned towards the settling of outstanding questions. The Supreme Allied Council are at present considering the situation which arises in regard to Russia in consequence of the removal of the blockade on Germany. The question is one of great importance and it will be interesting to know the means adopted by the council to prevent the Russian Bolshevists from benefiting by the raising of the blockade.

It is also expected that the treaty regulating the situation in regard to Bulgaria will be finished shortly, but no date has yet been fixed for drawing up the Turkish settlement.

The *Matin* declares that the Council has agreed that to continue the blockade of Russia would be futile as the re-export of goods from Germany to Russia could not be controlled. It was also agreed that to prohibit Entente countries from doing trade direct with Russia would result in an economic rapprochement between Germany and Russia.

No definite decision on these points has been announced.

BALKAN INDEPENDENCE.

According to reports received from Agram (emanating from Berlin) negotiations are in progress between the South Slav, Bulgarian and Greek Cabinets with reference to the establishment of the political and economic independence of the Balkans.

The German report suggestively remarks that these States wish the Allies to renounce their ceremonial predominance in favour of the native population.

MODERN MUNCHAUSEN.

A Deal mariner, who has just arrived home after a journey from Amsterdam on a Dutch liner bound for Mexico, states that among some fifty Germans on the boat was Dr. Denner, a notorious German, who spoke English fluently and volubly. Sporting two Iron Crosses and other German decorations, Dr. Denner declared openly that he had made five different voyages to Mexico in a German submarine, and was now on his way there to "raise hell." He had been in charge of a German internment camp at the Isle of Man, and had been detained in the Tower for five days as a spy and condemned to be shot, and that he was even now wanted in England. He had been educated in America and France, had married an Irish girl, and swore by Ireland. The Germans, he said, had no further use for the All-Highest War Lord.

ALLIED WARSHIPS AT FIUME.

Three Allied warships from Great Britain, France and America have arrived at Fiume. Quiet prevails everywhere. Some modifications in prices have been introduced because obviously the recognised reduction of fifty per cent, cannot be maintained on all productions.

PEN AND INK WARFARE.

UNCONVINCING GERMAN RECRIMINATIONS.

Germany seems to find great difficulty in making up its mind regarding the prime facts of the war. The accounts of their apologists vary from day to day. Writers, professional and amateur, declare one day that Germany was not responsible for the war and the next day they are quarrelling among themselves as to which particular German was to blame. Statesmen blame militarists, and militarists accuse statesmen. Hindenburg speaks of "Germany's crushing defeat," and Hindenburg's officers send him an overpowering testimonial as "a victor unconquered in East or West." Admiral Scheer declares he won the battle of Jutland, and the German Government unconsciously smashes this amusing claim by its explosive anger at the success of the blockade, which could hardly have been attained by a defeated British Navy. The German Army, according to German apologists, was undefeated, and the German navy won the decisive battle of the war. This "victory" was signalised by the surrender of the German fleet and the urgent appeal for an armistice to to save the "victorious" army from utter annihilation!

FLIGHTS OF IMAGINATION.

Many of these German protestations scattered to a sceptical world by wireless are little flights of imagination of Major Moraht, Germany's famous military critic, who at one advanced period of the war claimed such progressive slaughter and capture of British troops that his mathematical calculation showed that Britain, on his basis of computation, could not possibly have one soldier left. Each of the Allied nations in turn is blamed for the war. The indisputable proofs of German Prince Lichnowsk's famous memorandum and Bavarian revelations, which leave no doubt of Germany's guilt, are conveniently ignored.

Even Admiral von Tirpitz, in the preface to to his book which will appear this month, emphasises Germany's responsibility. Having declared that Lord Grey's proposal at the end of July 1914 was calculated to prevent war, he adds: "As I have since learned with a shock, it was known in Berlin as early as July 11th that the Entente had advised Belgrade to yield. Bethmann-Hollweg thereby had the means peacefully to unravel the knot in his hands. From the fact that the Entente did not want war, however, Bethmann-Hollweg drew the conclusion that Germany could take any liberties and force an invasion of Serbia without regard to the Entente. The Austrian ultimatum was to be so highly peppered that, as the Foreign under-secretary expressed it, 'Serbia would be unable to swallow it.'"

FINLAND ANXIOUS.

SEEKS PROTECTION OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The Finnish press urges the necessity of Finland's joining the League of Nations as soon as possible as a protection against the probable inclination for expansion on the part of a re-established Russia, and also against a possible Russian-German combination. The *Hafvudstadbiad* points out that Finland's independence is of special interest to Scandinavia, as any attempt by Russia to regain her hold on Finland would be a menace to Scandinavia.

HUNGARY.

CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IMMINENT.

A change of Government is imminent in Hungary as the result of the pressure exercised by the Entente Powers. Count Albert Apponyi is to become Foreign Minister. It is stated the dispute between Hungary and Austria regarding official Hungarian propaganda in Vienna has been settled.

MESOPOTAMIA POLICY.

Mr. Churchill states that our future policy with regard to the policing of Mesopotamia could not be laid down until we had received a mandate to administer the country. The army of occupation would be as small as possible, and would contain as large a proportion as was feasible of Indian and native troops. It was hoped to make a considerable use of the air service with a view to economising troops.

SOUTH AFRICAN AGITATORS.

Johannesburg Nationalist stalwarts are continuing with undiminished energy their campaign in favour of the establishment of a republican form of Government for South Africa. One of the strongest planks in their programme is a demand for the repatriation of Indians born in India and the segregation of those born in Africa. Supporters of republicanism advocate the accomplishment of their aims by what they term constitutional means and deprecate any resort to force.

Mackensen and the German soldiers who were interned in Hungary are on their way home.

"SURRENDER" LIBEL CASE

MONS CORPORAL'S STORY OF THE INCIDENT.

The action for slander brought by Colonel W. Gordon, of the Gordon Highlanders, against Sir John Leng and Company, proprietors of the "People's Journal," was continued at the Court of Session, Edinburgh, yesterday.

Corporal George Mutch, 1st Bn, Gordon Highlanders, said that he heard the order to put up hands and surrender, but it was not Colonel Gordon who gave it. Colonel Gordon gave the order to fix bayonets.

Witness said he escaped from Sennelager internment camp and when he reached home the "People's Journal" reporter asked him for the story of his experiences in Germany. Ultimately he agreed to give them, but he never told the reporter anything about Colonel Gordon's ordering the surrender, nor was Lieut.-Colonel Neish's name mentioned.

Cross-examined, witness said he supposed the order to surrender was given in order to avoid the useless sacrifice of men.

The hearing was again adjourned.

PEACE DAY.

ORDER OF PROCESSION IN LONDON.

The chief feature of the celebrations in London on Saturday will be the great peace pageant. The contingents representing the mighty forces of the Allies will march in alphabetical order. First will come the American forces, headed by General Pershing. They will consist of a large band and three battalions, each comprising thirty-three officers and 1,100 men. Next will come forty officers and 400 men of the Belgian Army headed by General Gillain. There will be ninety French officers and 900 men, who, it is officially announced, will be led by Marshal Foch. Lieut. General Montnouri will lead the Italian contingent of thirty-five officers and 800 men. Japan will be represented by a number of officers. Poland, Portugal, Roumania, Serbia, Siam and Slovakia will each have five officers and fifty men in the procession.

The Allied contingents will be followed by representatives of the forces of the British Empire. The Naval contingent will be headed by Admiral Sir David Beatty and that of the Army by Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig and his Generals.

COST OF COAL.

MINERS DELIBERATING ON THEIR ACTION.

There has been some talk that the Miners Federation might call a strike early in August, on the question of Nationalisation in view of their anger over the proposed increase of 6/- perton in the retail price of coal.

Yesterday, however, such extremists met with a rebuff, when the Federation resumed its conference at Keswick. A resolution to authorise either the Executive or a National Conference to call members out on strike without first taking a ballot vote "if necessity arose" was defeated by a large majority.

It is evident therefore that a democratic form of administration is to be pursued in the society. Mr. Brace arrived at Keswick on Wednesday night and attended the conference yesterday morning. He is prepared it is understood, to make a statement for the information of the delegates regarding the debate in the House of Commons on the subject of the 6/- increase.

IRELAND AND CARSON.

Irish affairs again furnished the bulk of the questions in Parliament yesterday. In reply to various points raised, Mr. Bonar Law said he had consulted the Law Officers to the Crown and was advised that there was no ground for Government action against Sir Edward Carson for his recent speech at Belfast.

KARACHI TROOP TRAIN.

Lieut. Colonel Walter Guinness asked the Secretary of State for India if he would state in what particulars General Shaw failed to act up to his responsibility in connection with the Karachi troop train incident.

Mr. Montagu said in reply that eighteen months ago an offer of a new enquiry was made to General Shaw. That offer, however, had never had been accepted, but he was now prepared to keep it open for another week. If General Shaw did not accept within that time he would advise the Hon. Member to let the matter drop.

U.S. RELIEF FOR TORPEDOED SEAMEN.

Mr. Davis, American Ambassador in London, has written approving the proposal to raise funds in the United States to endow a convalescent home at Limpsfield (Surrey), and otherwise to relieve British seamen who have been crippled through German submarine attacks. Admiral Sims is honorary chairman of the American Committee.

ALIENS IN BUSINESS.

The number of business names registered to the end of April 1910 in respect of businesses in which an unnaturalized alien is sole proprietor, or in which such alien is partner, is 8,312, states Mr. Bridgeman.

This number is in excess of the actual number of aliens on the register, as in some cases an alien is concerned in more than one business.

A Paris train containing a large number of French soldiers on leave, was in collision at Gray Station, twenty-five miles from Besancon on Tuesday. Five men were killed and twenty injured.

PERSHING IN LONDON.

OUT OF SIGHT IS NOT OUT OF MIND.

One of the largest gatherings of Americans ever held in London assembled to entertain General Pershing at the Savoy yesterday. The American Ambassador, Mr. Davis, presided.

General Pershing, speaking of the American Army, said the world would recall that when their first division entered the battle line and fought a small though brilliant battle—their first as an independent command—at Catigny the success they attained not only set an example for future American divisions but had an electrical effect throughout the Allied lines.

Following the course of their efforts they would recall the counter-offensive in which their best divisions took part, the combined effort depriving the Germans of the initiative for ever. He concluded his speech with a warning:—"Now that the end is come let us first of all insist that our late enemy completely fulfils the obligations that have been forced upon him. It must not be understood, because America has not left in Europe a large army, that they on their part will not insist on the fulfilment of those obligations."

MONROE DOCTRINE.

U. S. SENATE DOUBTFUL ABOUT THE PEACE TREATY.

The Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate has unanimously adopted a resolution requesting the President, if it be not incompatable with puplic interest, to furnish all the documents considered by the United States Commission in its work of framing the Peace Treaty.

Senator Morris attacked the League of Nations, declaring the Shantung clause to be indefensible and so wicked that it alone would be sufficient cause for the rejection of the treaty. He charged Japan with secretly obtaining pledges from Great Britain, France, Italy and Russia early in 1917 that Shantung, in consideration for certain concessions, should be assigned to Japan in the Peace settlement.

Senator Underwood announced that he would vote for the League of Nations without any reservations.

Mr. Hays, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, in a statement on behalf of the Republican party in respect of the League of Nations, declares that there must be an effective reservation safeguarding the sovereignty of the United States, in every particular and that the maintenance of the Monroe doctrine must be placed beyond any shadow of doubt.

REPARATION FOR THE MURDER OF A FRENCH SOLDIER.

The French Government has deliberated on the murder of a French sergeant at Berlin, a short time ago and has decided that France will demand the punishment of the guilty person and the payment of one hundred thousand francs to the parents of the victim, in addition to a fine of one million francs.

In this connection Baron von Lersner has expressed the regret of the Weimar Government and declares that it is ready to make all necessary reparations.

The murder of this sergeant was a sequel to a dispute between French and German soldiers in Berlin. French interests in unoccupied Germany, pending the appointment of a French ambassador, are being watched over by the Spanish ambassador, to whom Herr von Haniel expressed the official regrets for the outrage. A reward of 10,000 marks is offered for the arrest of the murderer.

NEW GERMAN SILENT MOTOR FOR AEROPLANES.

It is stated that several great German manufacturers, including Krupp's at Essen, have been making trials in the greatest secrecy with new motors for aeroplanes. They are said to be much superior to any explosive motor in use up to now. The chief secret of the invention is a gas turbine which makes for almost silent working. Giant aeroplanes are reputed to have been constructed with a capacity of 64 persons.

The Zeppelin works at Friedrichshafen are also said to be building new airships and Gothas.

BIRKENFELD REPUBLIC.

Behind the proclamation of the Birkenfeld Republic separating itself from the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg, there seems to be a movement towards uniting the principality to the Saar district, which as is well known, is to be placed under the Administration of the League of Nations.

The German Government announces that it will take measures against anybody connected with sucha movement.

KING RECEIVES R. 34 OFFICERS.

General Maitland and Major Scott were received by H. M. the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday morning. The King congratulated both officers upon their great achievement in the R. 34 and asked many questions concerning the voyage. The two officers were heartily cheered by a large crowd assembled outside the Palace.

LOSSES ON LORRIBUSES.

The non-stop runs of the lorribuses have been discontinued, and these vehicles, of which there are 168 in the service, now halt at all ordinary 'bus points. With these additions the London 'buses now reach a total of 2,457, as compared with 1,758 on Armistice Day. The lorribuses are said to involve a loss of £1 10s. each per day.

TREASURY WINDFALL.

ECCENTRIC CONDITIONS IN A WILL.

Mr. Justice Eve, in the Chancery Division gave judgment in the action concerning the will of the late Mr. C. W. Wallace, a member of the firm of Shaw, Wallace, and Co., Indian merchants, who directed that the residue of his estate, valued at £250,000, should go to the British and Indian Treasuries unless either of his two sons secured at least a baronetcy. He did this, he explained in his will, "becuse I hold the view that, subject to the right to make adequate provision for his children, all possessions, great or small, if acquired by the testator through the people, as mine were, should return to the people."

Captain Wallace, of Ashley-gardens, the testator's surviving son, not having obtained a title, it was sought by the parties to set aside this provision of the will on the ground that it was against public policy, as it embarrassed the Crown officers in the distribution of honours and induced the persons concerned to adopt improper means to obtain titles.

Mr. Justice Eve said that he could not appreciate that this condition in the will, which was calculated to induce a man to devote his services to the public good, was against public policy. It was urged that he might be induced to adopt sordid means to obtain a title, and he did not deny that possibility. But as the will did not necessarily involve anything against the welfare of society, it was valid. Assuming that honours were in the majority of cases conferred as rewards for meritorious services to the community, it followed that the will was likely to be fulfilled by methods to the benefit of society. He could not therefore hold that the will was invalid.

TRAIN SMASH.

SKIDS INTO BUFFERS THROUGH BRAKES FAILING TO ACT.

Owing, it is believed, to the skidding of the wheels when the brakes were applied, the Dartford train due at Cannon-street Station at 8.45 yesterday morning crashed heavily into the stop buffers at the end of the platform. All the passengers, many of whom were standing by open doors ready to leave the train, were thrown violently against the sides of the carriages or were heavily precipitated on to each other.

Most of the windows in the train were smashed by the concussion of the impact and a number of persons sustained injuries from splintered glass. Over a score were injured, the more serious being taken to St. Bartholomew's hospital. The majority were able to leave after receiving surgical treatment.

HOME POLITICS.

FORMATION OF A NEW GROUP IN PARLIAMENT.

The much discussed proposal for the formation of a "Centre" party in the House of Commons which will absorb and preserve the coalition in a permanet form is now taking definite shape. Fresh significance was given to the idea last night, by the presence at a parliamentary dinner of Mr. Winston Churchill, who made a carefully prepared speech, after a visit to the Premier. He is reported to have expounded the idea of a Centre party, which would combine all the moderate men of the old Liberal and Conservative parties and would preserve the results of the victory in the war by means of a national progressive and patriotic policy.

Members who were present at the dinner expressed the belief that in future the only two important parties will be Centre and Labour.

SCOTCHED.

BLAZING WHISKY DESTROYS BLOCK OF HOUSES.

A destructive fire broke out at Perth last night, resulting in damage to the extent of many hundred thousand pounds. It originated in a four-storied whisky bond belonging to Messrs. Arthur Bell and Sons, situated in a very congested area.

Burning spirit gushed into the street and converted the thoroughfare into a huge lake of fire. The flames spread to a large block of tenement dwelling houses, completely gutting them. Many families were rendered homeless.

BRUSSELS FINANCES.

Some interesting features of the effect of German occupation on the finances of the city of Brussels have just been made public. The cost of the German occupation, Reuter's Agency learns, was exactly £12,680,000. This sum included an expenditure of £1,020,000 on communal soup, £680,000 in out-of-work donations, £1,400,000 on purchase of goods, £6,000 on Brussels men kept as prisoners in Germany, £21,600 on French and Belgian refugees, and £140,000 on various aids for the middle classes. The debt of the city had risen by May last to £5,566,000. It is proposed to raise a loan to cover the deficit.

PENAL SERVITUDE FOR RIOTOUS NEGROES.

As an outcome of a recent affray at Cardiff, when coloured men attacked American seamen, two negroes, John Davies and Robert Wilson, at Swansea Assizes were sentenced to three and five years' penal servitude respectively for shooting with intent.

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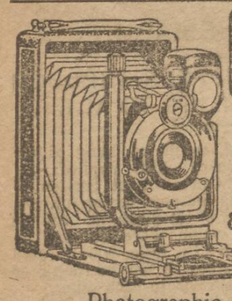

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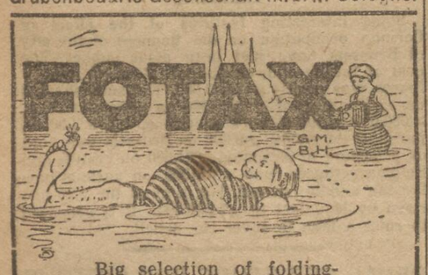

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SLINGING MUD.

Why, oh why do some individuals, an Army chaplain least of all, find it necessary to sling mud?

Not many weeks ago, a tactless expression which fell from the lips of a learned judge aroused the ire of many officers and men, who quite naturally resented the employment of a term which at first sight gave the impression that Tommy was an inferior being. That opinion is of course unshared by any thinking man or woman.

Now we have the crusade against immorality, which some will have us believe, is to be part and parcel of our Victory celebrations. In other words, there are individuals who are unable to separate an honest expression of joy at victory from connection with vice. It was ever thus.

One has only to cast the mind back over the past four years to be reminded of the "Mrs. Grundy" scares, the product of imaginations run run riot.

Now when the lie direct has been given to these charges against the much maligned soldier, we find an Army chaplain, who has apparently been employed in the censoring of correspondence, relieving himself of the opinion that hopes very few letters written by English soldiers fell into German hands, because they were so illiterate.

This opinion will not be shared by many officers, who often at the expense of much needed rest in dug-out and trench, have censored the letters of the men under their command.

"Mostly humorous, sometimes sad, always well phrased, they become a recreation instead of an irksome duty to me during a long spell 'in'," is one censor's opinion. Often enough it was an irksome duty to wade through the formidable pile of letters which came along in the early days of the spell "out", yet there was always the hand ready to help and speed the departure of the epistles, which a chaplain would not have had fall into German hands.

They were not all billets-doux of scholarly finish. Sufficient that they breathed sentiments which, put into practice, now permit even a chaplain to give free expression to his views. Without that effort we should have been lost. Let Tommy's critics and those who would sling mud, remember that.

THE MOTOR "RUSH."

Thousands of demobilized soldiers are to-day entering the market in quest of the motor-car or cycle they dreamed of acquiring, when their days of active service in the fighting forces were finished.

Back in civil life they seek for the object of their ambition, but, unfortunately, far too many have been severely stung through ignorance of the qualities of a car or cycle and of the methods of the motor trade. It is to sound a note of warning to those likely to be demobilized shortly, that these lines are written.

In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, the price demanded in England is far above the running value of a second-hand car. Profiteering in this branch of trade as in many others is rife, and to those with little knowledge of motors the pitfalls are great.

Patience is above all things needed just now. Do not be in a hurry to snatch at any offer which on the face of it seems a bargain. Bargains are practically non-existent to-day in the motor world.

Eighty pounds, for instance, is an absurd figure to pay for a second-hand motor bicycle, or with a side-car £150 to £180. They are not worth it. Neither is a light car, for which £400 to £600 is asked. Yet such prices are being foolishly parted with, by those desperately eager to possess cars or cycles.

The wise course is to wait another six months or more, when there is a possibility of the new post-war models being available. Then you stand a chance of obtaining a new light car for about half the money demanded to-day for the second hand machine.

Motor manufacturers have been heavily handicapped during the war owing to many of their workshops being commandeered by the Government for making army motor vehicles or for the production of munitions.

Consequently the supply of cars to the civilian public has been almost nil. Much valuable knowledge has, however, been gained in motor construction and by designers of engines during the war.

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THE HORRORS OF PEACE.

We have a real orderly room now that the war is over, and, moreover, it is quite a good one too. In fact, in the Belgian village in which we are billetted we have in one of the houses a room, exclusively set apart for that purpose, complete with tables, chairs, elderly bewhiskered pens, defunct blotting paper, and even a small room adjoining with a bed for the pay sergeant to sleep in and keep a watchful eye on the cash box during the night; while finally there are various stage properties in the shape of madame, five children, and a dog, named Adèle.

Alas! No longer now can I weigh off men by eights on the sandbag steps of "Rosemary Villa" and sign papers while eating breakfast! No! G.H.Q. has decided that the war is over, and the C.S.M. that peace-time ritual must be observed.

Punctually therefore at nine, I run hurriedly over my forty-five pockets, doing up the buttons, and set out with a firm tread and a sinking heart to the orderly room.

A stentorian bellow of "Party, Cherrrmmm!", a flash of buttons, semi-quaver salutes, bristling red moustache, and medal ribbons, as I near the office, warns me that the C.S.M. is afloat and in action; and bowing my head, I bashfully run through the barrage of waiting men into the pavilion. A series of pistol-like reports as the orderly room staff come to attention greets me on entry, and I sit down at my table, where in a minute the C.S.M. is at my side:

"Will you see the prisoners now, sir?"

I reply in the affirmative, and he exits right centre, followed by "voices off":

"Prisnernescort——Why the 'ell don't yer wipe yer ruddy nose, Mulligan, afore yer comes 'ere——And stand up straight when I'm talking, yer jelly-backed concertina a 'anging round the escort like threepennorth of wet dishcloth——Prisnernescort! Cherrrmmm! Quickmarchright-wheelmarktimealtrightturn! Sapper Mulligan, sir!"

I hastily glance at the charge sheet.

"Sapper Mulligan, you are charged with being unshaven on parade. Corporal Hemsworth!"

A young corporal enters, salutes, and on being asked for his evidence, clears his throat noisily, fixes his eyes on a lithograph in three colours of "Le Roi Albert" hanging on the wall opposite, and reels off the following without tone or punctuation.

"Sir, on the morning of the tenth instant I was inspecting Number Three Section on the eight-thirty parade I see Spr. Mulligan not shaved I say you ain't shaved he say no I ain't shaved I say why ain't you shaved you're for office termorrer." His mouth shuts with a snap, and, forcibly detaching himself from "Le Roi Albert," he leaves the room.

In answer to my enquiry, Spr. Mulligan admits he was not shaved, and states he has no razor; further examination elicits the fact that he "lorst it on the Somme." I gaze sternly at the culprit, but it is generally at this most impressive point that madame enters, to ask how the pay sergeant slept and if he liked his bed, or to retrieve some children, or Adèle, or bath, from awesome contemplation of the escort's bayonetted glory.

Indeed, on one terrible occasion, out of the kindness of her heart, she brought in a chair in order that the prisoner might sit down, as he looked (after a two days "drunk") si fatigué.

I overcome any little obstacles of this sort, my motto being "business as usual," and after a few more confidences, Spr. Mulligan departs, or rather, owing to the C.S.M., "is departed," leaving the Government richer by three days pay.

Then I take a firm grasp on my pen, wipe the sweat from my brow, and seize the papers in the "In" tray.

Wading through these, I sign my name everywhere, including three "outers" on the office blotter, and throw them into the "Out" tray. Then, seizing my hat, I take an affectionate farewell of the pay sergeant, and fly to the obscurity of the Mess and the new number of "La Vie Parisienne," so that I can for a moment turn to the lighter side of peace. UBIQUE.

PARADE SERVICE.

A hum of voices, an occasional subdued laugh, a shuffling of feet, all echo through the crowded building, which on weekdays is a cinema or small theatre, but for to-day is a church. Every row of seats is filled to its utmost capacity. In front are the officers of the battalion, self-consciously twisting prayer books about in their hands and wishing the men would not make so much noise; while behind is Thomas Atkins in force, audibly expressing his opinion of compulsory services in general and this one in particular.

A sudden hush falls on the assembly, as a figure in surplice and cassock emerges from the wings of the tiny stage—the Padre. He advances to the centre and, book in hand, tries to make his voice carry above the renewed murmuring. He does not, in his wisdom, ask them to stop their talking, and thereby annoy them at once. No, he knows a trick worth two of that.

Hymn No. 84, "Fight the good fight," swells out in a few minutes from several hundred lusty throats, and a large part of the discontent, impatience, and general sense of inattention, which always accompanies a compulsory church parade, disappears, as the notes die away, out of the small windows into the hot summer air. Tommy is always put in a good temper by a sing-song, be it a hymn or the latest revue melody.

The organist at the one battered piano crashes out the "Amen," and seats are resumed with a shuffle and a clatter. Again the under-current of murmuring breaks out, though this time more subdued, while the Padre says a few prayers and announces another hymn. This is sung with energy, and then every man half-unconsciously comes to attention for the Creed, the "God save The King" of religion, after which a few more prayers follow, with a short lesson. The general air of indifference has now gradually vanished, as the Padre knew it would. Both those who have come to the service because they had to, and those who have come because they like it, are alike quiet and attentive.

"There is a green hill far away" follows with vigour, and the sermon is begun. A few words, a joke or two, at which the men laugh heartily, and the speaker has his congregation hanging on his lips. The ground is ready to sow the seed.

Follow some brief sentences, a new idea made plain, a new point of view driven home and backed with a quotation; a short address, preached by a man to men, all in pithy, terse utterances and slang of the day; no fine trappings, just plain rock-bottom speech straight from the heart. Not a man is there, as they all rise for the final hymn, but feels he has learnt a little something, has made a good resolution, has seen things in another light, perhaps only just thinks the Padre is a good old sort. But even that last is something; for a good old sort can do more than most with the men.

The seed has been planted. Who can tell, behind the nonchalant, unemotional exterior of the British soldier, who affects to despise religion, whether it has taken firm root?

The last "Amen" sounds from the piano; there is a sudden click; and the notes of "God save the King" rise into the heated air. Then a tramping and shuffling of feet, a bellowing outside of "Fall in, the markers!" and it is over.
UBIQUE.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

THAT LEAVE.

Sir,—May I suggest that the railway companies running trains out of the principal London termini between 16.00 hours and 18.00 hours daily set aside accommodation for officers and men bound for the provinces?

It is particularly disconcerting to find after a chase from Victoria station that one's endeavour to get to the North of England the same night and thus take full advantage of leave, is frustrated by the selfishness of individuals who not content with annexing a seat for themselves display bags and coats on those vacant for late arriving friends.

That was my experience at King's Cross. A "choice piece" evidently the property of a war profiteer judging by her manners had annexed three seats and looked quite surprised when I told her that I intended to occupy one.

There is too much straphanging by men but for whose efforts travel in England to-day would be very difficult. "FED UP."

FACE FUNGUS.

Sir,—There are lots of men in the commissioned and other ranks now who have not any idea of the soldier instinct. They are civilians camouflaged by khaki and they can't forget that they are civvies.

They kick at the soldier spirit and can't leave their old habits behind them when in the Army.

That is why one sees freaks wearing side-whiskers masquerading in the King's uniform. Thank goodness though, they won't long be with us. Steadily these temporary folk are being demobilized.

I don't think the regular officer who remains will go in for "face fungus" or other unauthorized decorations. B. C. H.

AIRMEN AND SALUTING.

Sir,—"President" evades the charge made by Major B and makes some irrelevant remarks as to "antipathy to the R.A.F."

If anything of the kind exists it is due to many airmen not behaving in a soldierly way. It is up to them to salute smartly like other troops, and until they do they will not regain the status that they held.

When they were part of the Army as the R.F.C. I think it will be agreed they were smarter than now. One sees airmen strolling in the streets with hands in pockets and generally not acting as member of H.M. Forces should.

I have a brother in the R.A.F., so am sorry to have to say this. J.H.V.

Sir,—With regard to Major B.'s letter, it certainly is distressing that these "Adastrians" should display so lamentable a lack of knowledge of correct procedure and an equal want of tact in their methods of admitting it.

Yet, is it really necessary that Officers of Field Rank should display identical deficiencies while other and more proper means are still open to them?

Can it be that the omission of a salute has been taken as a personal affront instead of as a failure to admit in ceremonious fashion the recognition of his Majesty's uniform under a varied guise? REGULAR SUBSCRIBER.

WHY ONLY THE MARRIED?

Sir,—I don't see why "Disgusted" should be disgusted as he tries to make out he is.

"Going on for Thirty" may have youth on his side, but he has sense as well. His views may be unconventional, but they are sound enough, even if his plan is somewhat impracticable.

The British soldier out here is differently placed to the French or Belgian who has no gap of water between him and his home friends and can see them oftener. They will be able to visit him, too.

The British can only get to Blighty once in a while for a week or two, and, as "Going on for Thirty" says, the time is too short to get to know a girl, and engagements as the result of leave are mostly failures. Most of us want to marry nice girls in Blighty and I agree that it is the unmarried who ought to come out here.
W.W.A.

HAVE THEY FORGOTTEN?

Sir—As a serving soldier, I was interested in "Serving Soldier's" letter. Surely he must realise that the snobbishness which is again becoming prevalent is only what it was before the war?

A few years ago an officer took his brother (a private), to a London theatre. The former was in evening dress and the latter in uniform. The seats which they were to occupy were stalls. Did they occupy them? Not a bit of it. They were informed that men in uniform were not allowed in the stalls, that only evening dress was de rigeur, and that the soldier must either have his seat transferred to some other part of the house, where soldiers were permitted, or have his money refunded.

This was a deliberate insult, not only to the soldier who was a member of a good family, but also to the King's uniform. Needless to say neither the officer nor his brother witnessed the performance.

Another instance which I would like to quote but the truth of which I cannot vouch for, is this. A certain park in London at one time exhibited a notice to the effect that "Dogs and soldiers were not admitted". C.R.H.

A CRICKET POINT.

Sir,—In reference to your "Unusual Incident" reported in to-day's "Post," I consider it unfair to give a batsman out under such circumstances, and I certainly do not think such a decision could be found in the "Rules of Cricket."

When bowling, the bowler is supposed to deliver the ball in the manner required in the rules. Should he not do so the ball immediately becomes a "no ball," from which it is not possible to get a batsman out.

When standing out of the popping crease the batsman risks two chances of being run out: (1) by the other batsman playing the ball on to his wicket, and (2) by the bowler getting a sharp return from the wicket-keeper. The point, however, seems debatable. "BUZZ."

[Law 35, which was reproduced in this column yesterday, covers the point at issue.—Ed.]

PLAIN JOHN.

I heard them talking after "post" had come,
And from their speech I fancied with what ease
Their little circles I could call to mind:
Edgar spoke often of his "people" and their ways,
Their preferences and the things they never did;
Of how he should be pleased when his release
Would let him "mix" with his own set again.

Ernest talked loudly of "our residence,"
The lawn, the summerhouse, the "bathroom" up-to-date,
The girl-friends of his sisters and his chums.
But John — John simply said that he had had a line,
Not from his pater, or his mater, or "the Guv.";
Not from the office — but from Home!

KEVIN.

Lindenthal Lawn Tennis "Tourney".

FINALS TOMORROW AFTERNOON: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF TO PRESENT THE PRIZES.

THIRD AND FOURTH ROUNDS.

Semi-Final Stage Reached In Mixed Handicap Doubles.

The Tournament at Lindenthal which has been greatly handicapped by the bad weather was continued on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Finals will be played to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, when the Commander-in-Chief, Sir William Robertson, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., has kindly consented to present the prizes.

There will be a band, and Major-General Sir. S. Lawford, K.C.B., and the Committee of the Rhine Army Officers Sports Club will entertain members and their friends to tea. The order of play for Saturday is given below.

2 o'clock. Final-Open Singles:—Major Saul v. Major Ward or Lt. Daly.

Final-Ladies' Open Singles:—Miss McMaster v. Miss Drew or Miss Hookey.

Final-Gents' Hcp. Singles:—Winner of Major Saul v. Major Hezlet v. Winner of Gen. Currie v. Lt. Holmes.

Final-Hcp. Mixed Doubles:—Lt.-Col. McAllister and Miss Verrall v. Capt. Davidson and Mrs. Woodcock.

Final-Open Doubles:—3 o'clock. Major Hezlet and Major Ward v. Lt.-Col. McAllister and Capt. Wardle.

Final-Open Ladies' Doubles:—Miss M Master and Miss Douglas v. Miss Hookey and Miss Drew.

Final-Mixed Open Doubles:—4.30 o'clock. Capt. Tarleton and Miss M. Campbell v. Capt. Davidson and Mrs. Woodcock.

Final-Mens' Hcp. Doubles:—Major Ward and Major Hezlet v. Major Bowes-Lyon and Rev. L. M. Andrews.

Final-Ladies' Hcp. Singles:—Miss Drew v. Miss Hookey.

Friday's Finals and Semi-Finals.

The Finals and Semi-Finals to-day (Friday) will be:—3 o'clock, Miss Hookey and Miss Drew .... Ladies Open Singles.

5 o'clock, Major Ward v. Lt. Daly; Major Saul v. Major Hezlet ... Hcp Singles.

Miss McMaster and Miss Douglas v. Miss Hookey and Miss Drew .... Final Ladies Hcp. Doubles.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS—GENT'S OPEN DOUBLES.

3rd Round:—Lt.-Col. Pleydell-Nott and Capt. Tarleton beat Lt.-Col. Owen and Major Montgomery 4—6, 6—4, 6—4.

Semi-Final:—Major Ward and Major Hezlet beat Lt. Harris and Lt. Daly 6—1, 6—3.

Open Singles

3rd Round:—Major Ward beat Major Hezlet 6—3, 3—2, retired.

4th Round:—Lt.-Col. Owen beat Major Wheatley 6—1, 6—2.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

3rd Round:—Rev. L. M. Andrews — 30 beat Lt. Armstrong scr. 6—2, 6—1; Major Hezlet — 30 beat Lt. Lees scr. 6—3, 6—4; Major Saul — 15.3 beat Lt.-Col. McCarthy scr. 6—2, 6—3; Lt. Holmes + 3/6 beat Lt.-Col. Owen — 30, 6—4, 6—4; Lieut. Greene-Kelly — 15.3 beat Capt. Brooke Pike — 2/6 6—4, 4—6, 6—4.

4th Round:—Brig.-Gen. Currie — 3/6 beat Major Villa scr. 6—4, 1—6, 7—5, Major Saul — 15.3 beat Lt.-Col McAllister scr. 7—5, 6—3.

Mixed Hcp. Doubles.

3rd Round:—Lt. Greene-Kelly and Miss Drew — 15 W.O.; Lt.-Col. Pleydell—Nott and Miss Hewlett — 16 scratched; Capt. Davidson and Mrs. Woodcock — 15.3 beat Lt. King and Miss Trimble scr. 6—2, 6—3.

Semi—Finals: — Lt.-Col. McAllister and Miss Verrall scr. beat Lt. Kelly and Miss Drew — 15, 7—5, 6—1; Capt. Davidson and Mrs. Woodcock — 15.3 beat Rev. L. M. Andrews and Miss Hookey — 15, 8—6, 6—2.

Gent's Hcp. Doubles.

3rd Round:—Major Mallinson and Lieut. Holmes + 5/6 beat Lt.-Col. Owen and Major Montgomery—15.5, 6—3. 6—2; Major Bowes—Lyon and Rev. L. M. Andrews W.O.; Major Gaine and Lieut.-Col. McLeod scratched; Major Gartlan and Capt. Elvington scr. beat Major Rountree and Capt. Butler scr., 6—3, 3—6, 6—2.

4th Round:—Major Mallinson and Lt. Holmes + 5/6 beat Capt. Sherring and Capt. Davidson—15, 6—2, 7—5; Major Bowes Lyon and Rev. L. M. Andrews—15.3 beat Lt. Lees and Lieut. Cooke scr. 6—4, 6—1; Major Ward and Major Hezlet—30.3 beat Capt. Brooke Pike and Capt. Ritchie + 2/6, 6—0, 8—6; Major Gartlan and Capt. Elvington scr. beat Lt.-Col. Hutchinson and Major Watson + 15.2, 6—2, 3—6, 8—6.

Ladies Hcp. Doubles.

Semi-Finals:—Miss Hookey and Miss Drew scr beat Miss Trimble and Miss West + 15.2, 6—3, 6—0. Miss Douglas and Miss McMaster—15 beat Miss E. West and Miss E.A. Briggs + 15.3, 6—3, 6—2.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS.

Open Singles.

Semi-Final:—Major Saul beat Lt.-Col. Owen 7—5, 6—1.

Hcp. Singles.

4th Round:—Major Hezlet—30 beat Rev. L.M. Andrews—30, 2—6, 10—8, 6—1; Lt. Holmes + 3/6 beat Lt. Kelly—15.3, 6—2, 2—6, 7—5.

Open Doubles.

Lt.-Col. McAllister and Capt. Wardle beat Lt.-Col. Pleydell-Nott and Capt. Tarleton 2—6, 6—3, 8—6

Hcp. Doubles.

Major Ward and Major Hezlet—30.3 beat Major Gartlan and Capt. Elvington scr 6—1, 6—1; Major Bowes Lyon and Rev. L.M. Andrews—15.3 beat Major Mallinson and Lt. Bright Holmes + 5/6, 2—6, 6—3, 6—4.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUN.

Midland Brigade Event at Gymnich.

The Midland Brigade of the Midland Division held their cross-country run at Gymnich on Sunday in the presence of a large number of spectators drawn from the Brigade. The event was under the patronage of the Acting-Divisional Commander (Brigadier-General Gwynne, C.B., D.S.O.), the Acting-Brigadier-General (Colonel S.F. Francis, D.S.O.) and their Staffs. The arrangements on the course were in the capable hands of Major J. C. Burnett D.S.O. (Acting C.O. of the 2/4 Duke of Wellingtons). General Gwynne acted as Starter.

About 195 competitors started on the three-mile run and much interest was displayed in the respective chances of "B" Coy., of the 5th K.O.Y.L.I., and "C" Coy., of the 2/4 Duke of Wellingtons who have battled with one another for the supremacy in the first phase of the Brigade Sports Competition, in which "C" Coy., of the Dukes are leading. "C" Coy of the Dukes started at a disadvantage, being minus their O.C. Coy., (Captain E. V. Burneys M.C. the Battalion's crack sportsman) who is suffering from a sprain as the result of his efforts in the Battalion Sports.

TEAM RESULTS.

1. "B" Coy. 5th K.O.Y.L.I.
2. "C" Coy. 2/4 Duke of Wellingtons.
3. "D" Coy. 2/4 Duke of Wellingtons.
4. "C" Coy. 2/4 K.O.Y.L.I.
5. "A" Coy. 2/4 K.O.Y.L.I.
6. "C" Coy. 5th K.O.Y.L.I.
7. "D" Coy. 5th K.O.Y.L.I.
8. "A" Coy. 2/4 Duke of Wellingtons,
9. "A" Coy. 5th K.O.Y.L.I.
10. T.M. Battery.
11. "B" Coy., 2/4 Duke of Wellingtons.
12. "D" Coy. 2/4 K.O.Y.L.I.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS.

1. Cpl., Dutton "A" Coy., 2/4 Duke of Wellingtons.
2. Cpl., Jarvis. "D" Coy., 5th K.O.Y.L.I.
3. 2/Lt. J. Hogan M.C., 2/4 Duke of Wellingtons.
4. Private Hill. "D" Coy., 2/4 Duke of Wellingtons.

GENTLEMEN v. PLAYERS.

GENTLEMEN.

Rev F H Gillingham lbw b Parkin	10	lbw b Parkin	29
D J Knight c Kennedy b Parkin	71	not out	31
A J Evans c Woolley b Parkin	0	not out	12
P F Warner (capt) c Wooley b Parkin	34		
Hon C N Bruce b Parkin	9		
J W Douglas c Gunn b Kennedy	30		
M Falcon lbw b Kennedy	11		
A W Carr c Woolley b Kennedy	2		
D C Robinson c Woolley b Kennedy	9		
G T Stevens c Hearne b Parkin	24		
G M Louden not out	4		
B 4 lb 6	10	Extras	2
Total	214	Total (1 wkt.)	74

Bowling.—Parkin 6 for 85, Kennndy 4 for 36.

PLAYERS.

Hobbs c and b Douglas	2
Gunn (G) c Louden b Douglas	1
Hearne b Douglas	5
Mead c Bruce b Falcon	9
Hendren c Gillingham b Douglas	42
Woolley (F) b Douglas	22
Hirst (capt) not out	50
Kennedy lbw b Stevens	12
Parkin b Douglas	9
Dolphin c Louden b Douglas	2
Bestwick b Douglas	0
B 6 lb 3 nb 2	11
Total	165

Bowling.—Douglas 8 for 49, Stevens 1 for 28, Falcon 1 for 44.

Final Scores.

Gentlemen .... 1st inns., 214; 2nd inns., 322 (8 wkts.).
Players ..... 1st inns., 165; 2nd inns., 215 (3 wkts.).
Result — a draw.

POLO CUP FINAL.

The Freebooters beat the Northamptonshire Yeomanry by 8—6 in the King's Coronation Cup Final at Ranelagh on Wednesday.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Friday, July 18, 1919.

Surface wind light or moderate, between South West and West. Fine, although there will be some cloud. Warm. Good visibility.

SPORTING FIXTURES.

Venue of Prospective Events.

Yesterday we published a list of prospective sporting events in Rhineland for the months of July, August, and September. All these fixtures will be held at Cologne with the exception of those shown otherwise in yesterday's calendar and the following:—

27th July:—X Corps Athletic Sports (Eliminating Competition) Bonn (Lancashire Div. Ground).

Second week in August:—IV Corps Torchlight Tattoo. Nideggen.

11th to 15th August:—Midland Divisional Cricket, Sports and Gymkhana week, Romerhof.

The Cavalry Division week will be from 31st July to 6th Aug., and not as shown on yesterday's list, viz., 1st—5th August.

NEWMARKET RESULTS.

Freesin Wins the July Handicap.

Apprentices Handicap:—1. Sonning (7 to 2); 2. Well Run (100 to 8); 3. Devonport (3 to 1).

Two Year Old Plate:—1. Estelle (6 to 5 on); 2. Enchanter (8 to 1); 3. Ebchester (10 to 1).

Zealand Plate:—1. Coriolanus (2 to 1); 2. Palatina (2 to 1); 3. Tourville (13 to 8).

July Handicap:—1. Freesin (3 to 1); 2. Wovrall (6 to 1); 3. Brigand (6 to 1).

44th T.Y.O. Stakes:—1. Comrade (5 to 4); 2. Blackwater (3 to 1); 3. Parisian Diamond (100 to 7).

Falmouth Stakes:—1. Tomatina (4 to 1); 2. Monaghan (20 to 1); 3. Rothesay Bay (6 to 1).

Swaffaham Handicap:—1. Vice Versa (10 to 1); 2. Makepeace (100 to 8); 3. Zulanda (7 to 1).

MESS V. MESS.

H.Q. Sergeants' Six-a-Side Billiards Contest.

The two Messes of H.Q. Sergeants met on Wednesday evening in a six-a-side billiards contest, and although the match followed the challenge and invitation of No 1 Mess, the hosts "handed it" to the visitors by 600 points to 359. The match was decided on the aggregate, the visitors failing to win a single game. Scores (100 up):—

No 1 Mess: S/Sergt. Covey, S.M. Brown, S.M. Luker, S.M. Satterford, Sergt. Vaughan and Sergt. Gibb, 100 each.

No 2 Mess:—S.M. Carr, 98; S.Q.M.S. Smith, 41; S.Q.M.S. Russell, 69; S.Q.M.S. Wilson, 88; S.M. Watson, 38; SS. Vinson, 25.

SAVED BY A V.A.D.

Alarming Incident at Blinded Soldiers' Regatta at Putney.

The blinded soldiers of St. Dunstan's held a regatta at Putney on Tuesday. The weather was very bleak, but, in spite of this, the soldiers carried through their programme of racing with remarkable zest. In the event for one-armed men, the winners, Rose and Killingbeck, offered to row again as the second pair had broken an oar, and this excellent spirit prevailed throughout the day.

The water conditions became so bad with the turn of the tide—the wind being dead against it—that an abandonment of racing was seriously considered. An attempt was made, however, to bring off two four-oared races.

In the first, the three boats engaged collided, and in the second one of the boats became waterlogged. Miss Stein, a V.A.D. nurse, who was acting as coxswain, swam about the boat, encouraging her blinded crew, and guiding them back to the boat, where they held on until the police launch arrived. All were rescued, largely owing to Miss Stein's calm and courageous behaviour in a very dangerous situation.

COLOGNE CRICKET WEEK.

Conclusion of Infantry v. The Rest Match at Lindenthal.

The match between the Infantry officers and those of "The Rest" of the Rhine Army, played in connection with the Cologne Cricket week, provided interesting sport at Lintenthal.

The Infantry opened the game and scored 89 in the first innings, "The Rest" compiling the useful total of 241. The second day's play brought interest to a high level when the Infantry knocked up 284, Major Arkwright (70) and Major H. Yates (65) being the chief contributors in this total.

With an hour and a quarter to play, The Rest went in with the idea of making a bold bid for victory by scoring about two runs a minute. They accomplished this by half, stumps being drawn with the score 64 for 2. Details of three innings were given yesterday, the scores in "The Rest" 2nd innings being as follows:—

Major S. D. Douglas-Jones b Yates	39
Capt. D. C. Boles c Frizell b Andrews	8
Lieut. K. L. Gibson, not out	15
Extras	2
Total (2 wkts.)	64

RHINE ARMY OFFICERS v. I. ZINGARI.

Close First Innings in Third Match of the Series.

The third match of the week opened yesterday in delightful weather at Lindenthal, between the Rhine Army Officers and I. Zingari. At the end of the first innings there was a difference of 19 runs. Details. —

Rhine Army Officers—1st Innings.

Lt. Col. F. L. Giles lbw b Fowler	1
Lt. H. M. Chrystall b Phipps-Hornby	52
Lt. W. E. Astill c Perkins b Fowler	7
Maj. G. G. M. Bennet c Boles b Hornby	30
Lt. H. F. Bingham run out	29
Maj. H. W. Yates c Curry b Phipys-Hornby	12
Maj. C. M. Yates lbw b Phipps-Hornby	0
Lt. Col. J. A. D. Langham c Hartley b Norman	2
Lt. C. H. S. Deighton st Stanyforth b Boles	7
Lt. W. H. E. Neil c Hartley b Phipps-Hornby	4
Capt. Williams not out	1
Extras	15
Total	160

I. Zingari—1st Innings.

Lt. Col. J.C. Hartley b Neil	61
Capt. D.C. Boles b Astill	25
Lt. K.L. Gibson b Astill	0
Maj. A.E.F.Q. Perkins b Astill	1
Capt. R.St L. Fowler b Astill	0
Capt. R.T. Stanyforth b Astill	0
Maj. Gen. A. Solly-Flood b Bingham	6
Capt. C. W. Norman b Astill	11
Maj. G. Phipps-Hornby not out	12
Brig. Gen. R. A. Curry b Neil	0
Lt. Col. W. E. Clark	4
Extras	20
Total	141

SPORTS AT RAUSCHENDORF.

Capital Running in 100 and 200 Yards Races.

A merry little sports meeting was held at Rauschendorf by "D" Coy, 53rd Manchester Regt., on Sunday afternoon. The chief feature of the meeting was the capital running of Berry in the 100 yards and 200 yards. At the close of the sports, the prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Major A. K. D. Tillard, who in a few well-chosen words congratulated the company upon having so many promising athletes.

CHIEF EVENTS.

100 yards:—1, Berry (No. 13 Platoon); 2, C. Q. M. S. Lawrence.

220 yards:—1, Berry; 2, Bendmore (No. 13 Platoon).

Long jump:—1, Sergt. Fothergill (No. 15 Platoon); 2, Berry.

440 yards:—1, Jarvis (No. 16 Platoon); 2, Taylor (No. 15 Platoon).

Mile:—1, Reeves (No. 15 Platoon); 2, Sergt. Trickett No. 16 Platoon); 3, Keddie (No. 15 Platoon).

Inter-platoon relay race:—1, No. 15 Platoon; 2, No. 13 Platoon

Wheelbarrow race:—1, C.Q.M.S. Lawrence and Sergt. Fothergill; 2, Jones and Taylor.

Three-legged race:—1, Stewart and Pollitt; 2, Sergt. Fothergill and C. Q. M. S. Lawrence.

Relay Race (officers and sergts.):—Officers won.

31st LABOUR GROUP LEAGUE.

41st LABOUR COY., (51), Turner 11, Sanderson 10, Shackleton 10 (v. 180 LABOUR COY., (52) (Cpl. Stevenson 23), at Zolstock on Wednesday. Bowling for 41st Coy., Sgt. Ellis took 9 wickets for 11 runs, while for 180 Coy., Main took 5 for 24 and Cpl. Stevenson 3 for 17.

FRIENDLY CRICKET.

"C" BTY., v. "D" BTY., 187 BDE. R.F.A on Saturday. "D" Bty. went in first and raised a total of 102, Winnington (27), Headland (24), and Parfitt (28 not out) being the chief scorers. "C" Bty. could do little against the bowling of Parfitt (6 for 25) and Taylor (3 for 12), and with the help of Marsh (15) and Johnson (9) only scored a total of 42.

WESTERN DIVN. CRICKET CUP.

1/6th WELSH (116) v. WESTERN DIV. R.E. (74). For the Welsh Colour Sgt. Homells made 31, Capt. Duncan 23 and Lieut. Price 22. For the losers, Purcell made highest score of 30.

Rhineland Cricket Matches.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP COMPETITION: KEEN RIVALRY AMONG LEADERS.

The Cricket Cup Competition has arrived at the stage when probable League winners are being looked for and at present this is no easy matter. Competition amongst the more successful clubs is becoming keener as each match is played, and as each league has several clubs well in the running, interest increases as each table is published. Below will be found the latest relative positions of the clubs in the Euskirchen League.

WELL HELD.

Excellent Fielding By 83rd General Hospital at Langenfeld.

83 (DUBLIN) GEN. HOSP. (72) v. SOUTHERN DIV. R.E. (37) at Langenfeld on Saturday. Capt. Norman's slow bowling accounted for 7 of the R.E.'s wicket at a cost of 13 runs. The 83rd fielding was good, six catches being held. Capt. Norman (25) and Capt. Robinson (14), batted steadily for the Hospital.

EASTERN DIV. H.Q. (176) v. 207 SQUAD R.A.F. (63). The R.A.F. made a good start, 39 being scored before the first wicket fell, but the remainder put up a poor show and were dismissed for 63, chief scorers being Sgt. Flowers 17 and Billingsby 18. Bowling:—Col. Dobbie 6 for 24 and Cpl. Gill 4 for 9. The Eastern Division opened their innings well and passed the R.A.F. total with the loss of two wickets. The chief scorers were Spr. Thompson 45, Rev. Brumwell 40 (not out), Pte. Walker 31 and Col.-Sgt. Sandell 25. Bowling: Lieut. Champ 5 for 83, Sgt. Flowers 2 for 46 and Sidler 3 for 32.

"MAPS," 4 F.S. BN. (71) v. 1/4 YORK AND LANC (42) at Blücher Park, Nippes, on Tuesday. L/C Saunders was top scorer for Maps with 20, while Pte. Payne with 19 was the Hallamshire's most successful bat.

EASTERN DIV. SIG. COY., (61) v. 51 K. LIVERPOOL, (43) at Bonn. The bowling on both sides was exceptionally good and the Sigs., had 8 wickets down for 16 but Sig. Holsworth with a well played 33 pulled the game out of the fire for his side.

2nd BN. M.G.C. (103 for 2 decd.) v. "G" A.A. BTY. (70 for 8) at Bonn on Sunday. C.Q.M.S. Mitchell with 49 not out was chief scorer for the M.G. while the Archies most successful batsman was Gnr. Newbold (21). The result was a draw.

CAVALRY DIVISION H.Q. (87) v 52nd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS (38) at Quadrath. The Cavalry found runs difficult to get against the bowling of Lieut. Hargreaves and Lieut. Emery. Five wickets were down for 38, but thanks to Lieut. Neil (18) Spr. Smith (17), and Cpl. Adams (15), 87 was reached when the last wicket fell. The Northumberlands started in a very bad way, their first three wickets falling for 10 runs, Lieut. Neil bringing off two excellent catches in the slips. Lieut. Hargreaves batted splendidly and when he was smartly caught by Lieut. Fox behind the wickets, he had 20 to his credit, out of the 29 scored for the 6th wicket. The remaining batsmen were quickly disposed of. A word of praise must be given to Cpl. Adams of the Cav. Div., who in seven overs, two of which were maidens, claimed 8 wickets for 16 runs.

88th FIELD AMBULANCE (43) v 31st LABOUR GROUP (45 for 5 wickets) on Pola Wiesen ground on Wednesday. For the winners, Pte Spencer made 23 runs, and Pte Trendle took 4 wickets for 9 runs; for the Ambulance, Rostren made the highest score with 14 to his credit.

51st AUXILIARY BUS. COY. 85) v. 9th D.L.I. (62) at Reid Barracks sports ground on Wednesday. For the 9th D.L.I. who batted first, the highest score was made by Cpt. Gibson, and later on a "hat trick" was accomplished by Sgt. Smith. For the winners good scores were made by Pte. Kimber, who played an excellent innings and carried his bat for twenty-four, and Pte. Ewens, who gave a very fine exhibition of free hitting all round the wicket, and compiled the top score of the team, 29. Ptes. Tudor and Thomas bowled well for the Bus Company.

"SIGS" BOWLER IN FORM.

7 Wickets For 12 Runs Against 53rd N.F's.

ARMY H. Q. SIGNALS, (111), v. 53rd NORTHUMBERLAND FUS. (27) at Klettenberg on Wednesday Howarth and Leyland opened the Signals innings and soon mastered the bowling and carried the score to 67 before Leyland was dismissed. Howarth and Fraser soon rattled the score along to 96. Fraser scoring 18 in merry style including a six. Howarth was eventually dismissed for a well played 56. The Fusiliers opened against Fraser and Wilson, and the batsmen soon found themselves in difficulties, especially against the deliveries of Wilson who took 7 wickets for 12 runs.

"E" CORPS SIGNAL COY. (34) v 185 SIEGE BTY. R.G.A. (25) at Flamersheim on Tuesday. Boddy of the Signal Coy performed the hat trick, taking 6 wickets for 4 runs.

16 LANCS FUS. (172) v. 13 K. LIVERPOOL (69) at Bonn on Tuesday. Capt. Boden scored 65 and Pte. Bradshaw, 27 for the Fusiliers.

LONDON DIV, M.T. COY. (110) v. 29th BN. M.G.C. (94) at Stumpf on Tuesday. The M.T. Coy.'s first four wickets fell very cheaply, the score only being 4, thanks to the excellent bowling of Lieut. Astill. Lieut. Howard and Lieut. Wright then got together and made an excellent stand putting on 45 runs before the former was bowled, after making a well played 28. Other scores were, Pte. Goddard, not out, 19, Pte. Lewis, 12. Lieut. Wright played an excellent innings and made the top score of 34. The M.G.C.'s first three wickets fell for 24 but Lieut. Astill put the score up to 69 before he was caught in the slips by Lieut. Wright, after hitting a rapid and well played 41. Other scores were Cpl Sadler 17 and Major Harding 10. For the winners Pte. Jacobs bowled very well, getting 8 wickets for 30. This was the M.G.C.'s first loss.

OTHER RESULTS.

Northern Div. R.E. (43) v. 161 Bde. R.F.A. (9).
34 Bn. M.G.C. (58 for 0) v. Lancer M.G. Squad (51).
Northern Div. R.E. (66) v. 3rd North'n Bde. (65).

EUSKIRCHEN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
"E" Corps Sig. Coy.	13	11	2	22§
77 Siege Bty.	11	10	1	20§
174 Siege Bty.	10	10	0	20§
IX Corps Troops M.T. Co.	13	9	4	18§
145 Siege Bty.	12	9	3	18§
IX Corps H.A.	14	7	7	14§
73 Bde. R.G.A.	13	7	6	14§
488 Siege Bty.	12	7	5	14§
Mid. Div. H.Q.	11	7	4	14§
185 Siege Bty.	11	7	4	14§+
354 Siege Bty.	11	7	4	14§
21 Bde. R.G.A.	11	7	4	14§
"F" A.A. Bty.	8	7	1	14§
1/5 S. Staffs	9	6	3	12§
18 Field Amb.	11	5	6	10§
Mid. Div. M.T. Co.	10	5	5	10§
509 Field Coy.	9	5	4	10§
1 Bn. M.G.C.	8	5	3	10§
269 A.E. Comp.	12	4	8	8§
Mid. D.A.C.	8	4	4	8§
76 (Army) Bde. R.F.A.	6	4	2	8§
104 Bde. R.F.A.	5	4	1	8§
16 Field Amb.	8	2	6	4§

§ Games awarded for scratched matches.
+ Games lost by default.

VICTORY BISLEY.

King's Prize—Bronze Medallist.

When firing ceased in the first stage of the competition for the King's Prize on Tuesday, Captain N. Y. Marriott. late N.R.A. School of Musketry, and Lieutenant J. H. Vincent tied for the N. R. A bronze medal and badge, awarded to the competitor making the highest aggregate score both totaling 87. On Wednesday evening they fired three tie shots, with the result:

Captain Mariott	4 4 5—13
Lieut. Vincent	2 2 3— 7

ST. GEORGE'S VASE.

The first stage of the St. George's Vase was shot on Wednesday morning, ten shots being fired at 300 yards. The competition is restricted to present and past members of the Forces. With a possible of fifty, the following were the leading scores:

Lieut. A. B. Lewis, R.A.F.	45
A.-Cpl. R. O. Niell-Danut, Victoria, Canada	44
Gnr. G. H. Goodridge, R.M.A.	44
A.-Sergt. J. K. King, R.M.A., Eastney	44
Cpl. R. W. Belk. N. Zealand E.F.	43

In the final heat of the Cheylesmore Cup, Machine Gun Corps, Grantham, beat Royal Marine Light Infantry, Plymouth.

BUCHAN AND THE ST. LEGER.

BY CENTAUR.

The concluding half of the Newmarket Meeting was marked by the victory of Buchan in the Prince of Wales' Stakes. Once upon a time this was a ten thousand pound race, but it has declined in value steadily until now it is worth little more than £1,000. Buchan gave a delightfully smooth show, and as he proved that he is well and improving he certainly looks like having the St. Leger at his mercy. Major Astor's horse had a very poor opposition to account for, but he did his task most gallantly, and his trainer now informs me that his next race will be the Eclipse Stankes at Sadown Park on the 19th inst.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

"Le Jockey Du Jockey".

The death is announced at the age of 58 of M. Albert Bernier, for many years editor of the leading French sporting paper, "Le Jockey."

All-England championship.

The National Federation of Anglers has revived the All-England Championship match this year, and it will be fished in the Ancholme, at Brigg (Lincolnshire), in September.

With the Aga Khan.

J. H. Taylor (Mid-Surrey) will leave England on July 29 for a month's tour of the Continent in company with the Aga Khan. Switzerland and France will be visited, among other places, but only private play is expected to take place.

Fate of a Pike.

A large pike of 32lb. has been found dead with a flight of hooks in its throat in a lake near Stony Stratford, Buckinghamshire. It had evidently been hooked and broken away from some angler, who had thus lost a very fine specimen fish.

Stage Golfing Society.

Thirty members of the Stage Golfing Society competed at Ashford Manor in the 36 holes competition for the gold cigarette case presented by Mr. Percy Hutchison. The winner was Mr. Thorpe Bates (handicap 4) with a score of 80 and 81—161 net.

Broke His Thumb.

Bullough, in trying to make a catch off Stephens, in the Warwickshire v. Lancashire match broke the thumb of his left hand and had to retire from the game.

F. C. Transfer.

A. W. Smith, centre forward of Birmingham F.C. has been transferred to West Bromwich Albion. Morries, who has been attached to the R.A.F., has once again signed up for the Throstles.

From the "Wolves."

The Newport County A.F.C. have signed on Pat Collins and A Brooks, the Wolverhampton full backs, and R. Barnacle, of Coventry City. An effort is being made to raise £4,000 by 5s shares.

Jimmy Wilde as Golfer.

At golf Jimmy Wilde's handicap is four, and it is quite clear that the noble art has not spoiled his proficiency in other games where accuracy of touch, judgment of distance, and steady nerves are just as important as in boxing.

Appeal to Breeders.

The stock of brood mares in Belgium has been so depleted through the war that an appeal has been made to French breeders to sell them some mares in foal. It is also intended to buy a number in England, and sell them at auction in Belgium.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

More Drama For Rhineland.

The Havre Repertory Company will arrive in Cologne on Monday to add their popular quota to the entertainments in Rhineland. The artistes include Messrs Henry Oscar, D. J. Williams, A. Field, J. Nugent, B. O'Brien; Misses Adah Dick, Edith Ryland, Shelly Carlton, and Yvette Pienne. Performances will be given in connection with Y.M.C.A. amusements by arrangement with Miss Lena Ashwell.

Another Lady Artiste.

Additional talent is shortly to be infused into the British Rhine Army Dramatic Company by the arrival of Miss Frances Chisholm. In the past, this artiste has been associated with many successful theatrical performances, while during the greater part of the war she was engaged in the V.A.D. work in France. She will make her debut with the Rhine Army Dramatic Company in "Helen with the High Hand," by Arnold Bennett, which will be produced in a few weeks.

In few Words.

In many small villages, the troops are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the touring concert parties.

A very enjoyable dance was held on Wednesday night at the Leave Club; the excellent playing of the Band of the 52nd. Durham Light Infantry made the dancers keener than ever.

JACQUES.

OLD SCOUTS' CORNER.

Last Saturday was a red letter day in the short history of our Old Scouts' Circle for it was the occasion of our Peace Celebration which was held in the tastefully decorated grounds of the Y.M.C.A. at Lindenthal.

After a short whist-drive in which nearly all participated, tea was served and this was done ample justice to.

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The guest of honour was Captain H. Heydemann, M.C. a former London Commissioner, who gave us a most interesting talk. The secretary pointed out that the expenses of the tea and entertainment given by the Lena Ashwell Concert Party in the evening, and greatly appreciated by all, were provided by the Scoutmaster and boys of the 163rd North London Troop, and the Liverpool Commissioner (Lieut. A.H. Noble).

Mrs. Jarvis, who supervised the catering, is deserving of our praise, for the success of the proceedings was due in no small measure to her ceaseless and untiring efforts.

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On Wednesday evening a demonstration of first aid, arranged by Pte. Butler, was given by Corporal Sands, and in a subsequent sing-song, Pte. Creamer sang a song extolling the virtues of Yorkshire "pudden."

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To-morrow (Saturday) we are going to Brühl, and will meet outside the station at 2.40 p.m. so as to catch the 2.55 p.m. train. There will be no necessity to bring food.

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This is the last occasion that the undersigned will have the privilege of writing these notes, as he is returning to England. 2nd Lieut. W.J. Paine has kindly consented to act as Hon. Organising Secretary and he will be assisted by a committee.

That the circle may continue to grow and enjoy an increasingly successful time is the sincere and farewell wish of the original

HAWKEYE.

Crefeld Races

organised by 1st Regiment of Guides, Belgian Army will take place on July 20th at 14.30 hours.

The following entries have been received:—

(1) Prix de Belgique (Flat Race).—3200mètr.

Lieut. Chr. de Schoutherte	Vitrine
Capt. Chr. Ed. de Selliers	Mon Rat
Lieut. Ec. B de Brabandire	Seventeen
Comt. Leclereg	Sylvine
Lieut. Van de Werve	Nedda
	Dandy
Lieut. Servais	Paulette
	Inquiete
Lieut. Demeure	Destiny
Lieut. Cte du Chastel	Musique
Capt. Ct. de Jonghe	Monstique
Lieut. Good	Onoto
	Bamber
Lieut. Jean du Ray de Bliequy	Monna Vala
Lieut. Baron Snoy	Surprisa
	Medovals

(2) Prix de Crawkez (Flat Race).2400mètr.

Major Phipps-Hornby	Digby Grand
Lieutenant Demante	Cecilio
Major C. A. Heydeman	Johnnie Walker
Capt. Chr. Ed. de Selliers	Mon Rat
Lieut. Ec. B. de Brabandere	Seven Teen
Lieut. Logelin	Le Monnageur
Capt. Marchal	Cap Vert
Major Gillet	Djim le Majestueux
Lieut. A. Van Derton	Flut
Lieut. A. Van Derton	Mary
Major Ournell	Sipido
Lieut. Cte. G. de Liedekerke	Marmor
Lieut. van de Werve	Dandy
	Fileuse
Capt. G. V. Adain	John Carding
Major Hodgin	Boys o'Boys
Capt. Bambridge	Robert
Capt. Tole	Feri fly
Capt. Ct. Cte. H. d'Oultremont	Króónland
Capt. Ct. Termotte	Servilla
Col. G. H. Geiles	Esmeralda
Capt. A. de Jonghe	Manoir
Lieut. Good	Onoto
	Bamber
Lieut Cte. B. de Borcherave	Jazz Band
Lieut. Col. C. Black	Ruby Light
Lieut. Spicer	Naboth
Major W. R. Slykes	Winkle
Major C. H. Mallius	Patsy
Lieut. Campbell Russel	Remember Me
Capt. Corralt	Lady Diana
Capt. B. R. Body	Farmer's Glory
Major J. Bagshaw	Sahib
Capt. Bambridge	Robert
Lieut. N. Doerer	Duchesse

(3) Prix Jooris (steeplechase).—3000 mètres.

Major Phipps Hornby	Diby Grand
Major Bather	Rednal
Lieut. McParlasse	Yellow Peril
Lieut. Demante	Heldette
Lieut. Chr. de Schoutherte	Vitrine
Lieut. Logelin	Le Monnayeur
Lieut. de la V'lle Baugé	Fligaty
Capt. Palegrey	Navette
Lieut. de Baune	Schillelagh
Capt. Marchal	Cap Vert
Lieut. A. Van Derton	Plut
Lieut. Campbell Russell	Remember Me.
Major A. K. Herver	Old King Cale
Major H. A. Tomkenson	Waterfern
Lieut. R. Bulterl	Late Report
Capt. Bambridge	Robert
Lieut. van de Werve	Fileuse
Lieut. Cte. G. de Liedekerke	Malo
Capt. Babington	Lucky Jim
Capt. G. E. Corall	Lady Diana
Capt. Jole	Ferifly
Capt. G. V. Adair	John Cording
Liet. Servais	Inquiete.
Capt. Ct. Cte. H. d'Oultremont	Radins
Lieut. Cte. B. de Borchgrave	Jazz Band
Lieut. Col. C. Black	Ruby Light
Major W. R. Stykes	Winkle
Lieut. J. A. Roch	Mrs Jock
Capt. C. C. Bell	Clonbarron

(4) Prix Burkell (steeplechase).-3200 mètres.

Lieut. Kelly	Yes Uncle
Lieut. Kelly	Buzz Buzz
Commandant Leclercy	Sylvine
Capt. Hodgin	Taddy
Capt. Joli	Ferifly
Lieut. Peytour	Le Reve
Capt. Babington	Lucky Jim
Lieut. Servais	Inquiete
Ct. Cte. H. d'Oultremont	Radius
Lieut. Cte. B. de Borchgrave	Jazz Band
Lieut. R. Straker	Rollston
Capt. R. Moore	George
Lieut. Col. J. B. Lord	Blue Devil
Lieut. P. V. Harris	Right There
Capt. A. J. Stangforth	Glutton
Lieut. R. Bubles	Late Report

(5) Prix de la Société de Sport de Belgique (steeplechase). — 400 mètres.

Lieut. Kelly	Yes Uncle
Capt. J. A. McMenamin	War Loan
Lieut. Logelir	Le Monnagene
Lt. de la Ville Baugé	Flighty
Capt. Palegref	Navette
Lieut. de Braune	Schillelagh
Compt. Leclercy	Calydon
Lieut. A. Van Derton	Mary
Lieut. P. V. Harris	Right There
Capt. R. T. Stangforth	Glutton
Lieut. C. Byrley	Lady Bird
Lieut. R. Spicer	Naboth
Capt. Hodgin	Paddy
Lieut. Cte. B. de Borchgrave	Jazz Band
Capt. Cte. Cte. H. d'Oultremont	Radius
Capt. Hodgin	Major Save
Major A. O. Needham	Polish Banker

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FROM EVERYWHERE.

EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY.

House Collapses.—A house at Antwerp collapsed killing eleven and injuring fifteen.

"Wind Up."—It is reported that the Kaiser is ill.

German Census.—A census of the German population will take place in October.

Who?—Britain's new ambassador to Washington will be announced next week.

Turning to Commerce.—Sir A. Steel Maitland, M.P. has become a director of a commercial firm.

Robert's Rise.—The new scale of pay for police is to be introduced at once.

Real Control.—The Food Controller promises that the control of food shall be real and vital.

Almost Human.—A skeleton found at Kingston was found to be that of a monkey.

The Old Way.—Croydon tradesmen played cricket yesterday in top hats.

Luxury Mushrooms.—The record price of 3/6 a pound is being paid for mushrooms in Manchester.

Enough, too.—Twenty-five pounds is asked for a window to view the London Peace procession.

Figures to Date.—The Army demobilization figures to Monday were: — Officers, 121,615; other ranks, 2,897,029.

More for Teaching.—It is proposed to increase the salaries of London school teachers by £629,000.

Carr es Weight.—Mr. Robert Smillie, the miners' leader, is described as "the heavy howitzer of the Labour movement."

Latest in Controllers.—A controller of fashions to popularize economical modes is the latest suggestion.

Not Allowed.—Mrs. Irvine, the famous woman shot, was not allowed to take part in the first stage for the King's Prize at Bisley.

Assisting.—Mr. Smillie talks of a strike to "assist the government," to bring about nationalization.

Dock Scandal.—The dock scandal, brought about by choked warehouses and decreased working hours, is somewhat easier.

Princes and Boxing.—The Prince of Wales and Prince Albert are keen on boxing and saw the Wilde-Moore fight.

Going North.—The royal visit to Balmoral will take place early in August, after the Thames pageant.

More Rabies.—Three new cases of rabies have been confirmed, one at Monmouth, and two at Glamorgan.

Fairy Godmother.—A seaman, who had invested his savings in a doubtful horse, has been given another by Lady Beatty.

Look Out.—Crooks of all types, masquerading in a variety of disguises, are pouring into London for the Victory celebrations.

The Wrong Way.—"The inevitable reward of the British hero" was written on a card attached to a piano-organ playing in the Strand.

Popular Clay.—The scarcity and dearness of good briars are causing an increased demand for clay pipes.

Will He Accept?—There is some expectation that when Mr. Balfour leaves the Foreign Office he will receive the offer of a peerage.

Spithead Naval Display.—The prospect of a naval display at Spithead this summer is being canvassed in the Service clubs.

A Joke!—The "Neue Berliner" reports that a music hall will be opened at Berlin called: Folies Erzbergères.

Jewish Elections.—It is announced from Jerusalem that the elections for the first Jewish constituencies will take place in October.

Dear Living.—According to official calculations living is 157 per cent, more expensive than in 1914 in Stockholm.

Bristol for Hindenburg.—At Gnesen the restaurant called the "Marshal Hindenburg" has been renamed "Bristol Café."

Death Penalty.—The death penalty has been retained in the German Constitution in spite of Socialistic protests.

"Green Guard" Leader.—General Gregorien, the leader of the "green guard" against the Soviets has been murdered at Odessa by Bolshevists.

Remittances To Germany.—No further license is required for remittances for maintenance purposes to persons in Germany.

As You Were.—From Monday next naval officers are to resume the wearing of plain clothes to the same extent as before the war.

Will Fish Object?—The sinking in mid-Atlantic of the American surplus stock of ammunition that is still in France is the suggestion of General Bliss.

Firework Warning.—There is always a big crop of tetanus and blood poisoning cases after the firework displays of Independence Day in America.

Country of the Future.—Sir Arthur Steel Maitland, M.P., in a speech points out that central and southern Russia are countries with the greatest commercial future.

The Penalty.—The French troops have punished several German youths in Höchst for cropping the hair of girls considered by them to be too friendly to the occupying troops.

Lord French.—There is much comment on the omission of Lord French from the list of those who are to participate in the great Victory March.

Pay of the Services.—The Government are about to issue an important announcement regarding the pay of Army, Navy, and Air Force officers.

Last National Display.—The last national display of fireworks was on the occasion of the peace celebrations after the Crimean war. There were displays in Hyde, the Green, and Regent's parks.

Indian Camp.—The Indian troops who are to take part in the Peace celebrations are camped at Hampton Court, on the site occupied by troops who came to England for the last two Coronations.

Echoes from Rhineland.

Sunshine Back Again.

Animals trees and plants took a new lease of life yesterday, when the summer came into its own again. One could not resist the temptation to walk abroad and enjoy to the full the charm of the sunlight. The weaker sex cast off the gloomy apparel of the uncertain days of the past week and appeared in dresses of shimmering colourings, looking so delightfully cool that wearers of the sombre khaki cast envious eyes in their direction. There is no mistaking the fact that sunshine gives an added zest to life, a fact noticeable by reason of the cheerliness of one's friends. The clubs and places where men congregate in these days were singularly deserted about midday onwards. Was it that the usual loungers were tempted to hie themselves Rodenkirchen way and enjoy the pleasures and sights of unrestricted mixed bathing?

About Motor Driving.

The absurdity of treating motor cars as playthings was exemplified on Tuesday at Merheim when the crashing of a tender into a tree is alleged to have been caused by the driver of a lorry in front, in endeavouring to avoid being overtaken, swerved from one side of the road to the other. There seems, one cannot but notice, to be a growing tendency on the part of chauffeurs to drive far too quickly through the busy streets of the big towns and the screeching and hooting of an extraordinary variety of warning contraptions, while clearing the way effectively, are calculated to cause great irritation to pedestrians.

Tiger's as War Savers.

The 51st Battalion Leicestershire Regt. made its first effort as a War Savings Association last week, when on one day a sum of over 41,000 marks was subscribed, 534 certificates being bought outright. It is some time since the men of this unit drew their credits, so that a total of 100,000 marks is expected by the end of the month.

No Old Wine.

A discussion on music in Cologne was recently taking place in a well-known R. A. Mess, when the naval officer present asked an enthusiastic young sub if he had been to "Old Vienna" at the — — Theatre. Very interested, the young man replied that he had not. The last time he visited that particular theatre "Alt Wien" was being played. He said "but that is Old Vienna in German." "It is Alt Wien, not Alter Wein (Old Wine)" replied the surprised naval man. Amidst much laughter the sub was heard to remark: "Well, I said at the time that I did not see much old wine about the piece."

Laying the dust.

There have been many interesting comparisons between British customs, habits and methods and those of Germany. In the matter of dust laying by watering the streets, it must be generally admitted that the German is very far advanced. The many uses to which the electrical power of the tramway system is put includes the spraying of the roads and this in done so efficiently that pedestrians are rarely troubled with dust clouds. The tank attached to an ordinary tram car having been filled with water, practically the whole width of the street operated upon is sprayed at the rate of about eight to ten miles an hour. The system is one that might well be adopted in England and elsewhere with advantage.

For the Prospective Colonist.

A great many soldiers are thinking of making their homes after demobilization in the colonies. Any information on these lands across the sea is therefore acceptable, and the Year Book and Guide to South and East Africa, which has recently been issued by the Union Castle Mail Steamship Co. Ltd. 3 & 4 Fenchurch Street, London E.C. will be found most informative. It contains over 700 pages of useful facts about these important African colonies, so that anyone intending to settle in either of them will have everything at his fingers' ends if he consults the book. It is most complete and accurate and its value is enhanced by many coloured maps, plans and diagrams. The book only costs half a crown, and ought to be in the hands of all prospective colonists in South and East Africa.

"Dinner up."

It is remarkable how the juvenile element in our villages have come to know the time of regimental meals. With the opening notes of "Come to the Cookhouse" there comes a rush of German youngsters armed with utensils, and they line up queue fashion to await the generosity of the cook. The appearance of the orderly officer is a signal for a general camouflage of cans and jugs, while a word from that individual will send the party scampering away. At the conclusion of the meal, liberal donations of stew and "duff" are eagerly snatched up and carried away to their homes. One wonders how often these little stomachs went short in the days before Tommy was seen on the Rhine. Every scrap is devoured, but appetite is renewed with next day's meal.

Oh, Those Fags.

"Have you ever felt sad, yet glad, elated yet depressed?" writes a correspondent. "It's a funny sort of feeling, but that is just how I feel. I have a black eye, a thick ear, a piece off my nose, and the state of my tunic means a rough quarter of an hour with the quartermaster. Still I am pleased, for I won, not the fight, because I did not fight anyone in particular. It was this way. Everything was going smoothly, when a sort of wireless message went round the battery. If you have been on leave, you know what I mean, when everybody jumps up at the same time and shoulders his kit without a word or order being spoken. Work ceased at once, and everyone made for the office. I was well to the front, being a Derby man, for I concluded that nothing short of demobilization would cause such a commotion. After a ten minutes struggle, in which blows were given and taken, I got to the front, paybook and all particulars ready, to get my forms filled in, and mentally disposing of my surplus kit. Well, was it demob? you ask. No, but nearly as good. Two packets of cigarettes a man for nix, and we haven't seen a fag for a month, except the issue."

The Musical German.

Few will not admit the fact that the Germans are a very musical nation; but there is one phase of the country's musical activities which must strike all who have the good luck to be in Rhineland, now the summer is upon us. One has only to journey to Wermelskirchen on a fine Sunday and spend the day in the neighbouring woods. Music will be heard all the day long, for it seems to be an established custom of the inhabitants to spend holidays in the woods, picnicing and singing, and music-making generally. Vocal four-part harmony is the usual thing, and favourite songs seem to be those of the kind which compare most in style to that of old English songs. They can hardly be termed "folk-songs," and to call them popular would immediately cause our English minds to class the songs with what *we* call "popular" in England, a very different thing.

Cobbled Highways.

It will be noticed in Rhineland that, except where tram lines are, cobbles are only half the size of those used in England and are laid half moon fashion in semi circular shape instead of end on end, horizontally or brickwork style as is the method in England. It would be interesting to know which way stands the most wear and tear. The German style certainly entails more labour in the making of the road, though it may prove worth while if the German method is more serviceable.

Lesser Echoes.

We want a regular correspondent in every unit of the Rhine Army. Don't all speak at once.

Everyone is asking "How will Peace Day be celebrated in Cologne?"

The Café Germania in Cologne was called the Piccadilly Café before the war.

A request has been circulated to units asking for "a return of wives in bulk."

We are promised a heat wave in Germany. In this event, we should have more open air concerts.

Mrs. Wormley, Mountsorrel, Leicestershire, would be grateful for news of Pte. W. G. Wormley, 41383, No. 10 Platoon, C. Company, 9th Norfolk Regt. reported missing.

Tommy should not be pestered for "shokolade" in these days judging by the window displays. German, American, Swiss and French chocolate compete for favour, but at what a price?

What are English manufacturers doing? Seventy-five per cent. of the articles one sees in the shops bear the U.S.A. stamp. American boot polish is the latest in window displays.

The endeavours of a swain to get a fräulein to ignore an admirer in uniform was one of the amusing sights of Hohestrasse last evening.

Prizes for "Echoes."

The Editor of "The Cologne Post" offers every day the sum of 10 marks for the best paragraph descriptive of any phase of life or interesting incident in Rhineland, not exceeding 150 words in length. The envelope should have the word "Echoes" in the top left hand corner.

To-day's prize of 10 marks is awarded to Sgt. W. A. Hilton, H.Q., Staff 63rd. H.A.B. Rhine Army.

AN ALPHABET OF THE RHINE ARMY.

A is for Army, the B.A.O.R.;
You see it in crowds everywhere near and far.
B for Berlin where we started of late,
But returned as we were after June 28.
C the Cashier where advances are got,
And three times a month you can draw quite a lot.
D for the Dances where generals abound,
And subaltern wall flowers in dozens are found.
E for the Empire — the Leave Club, I mean,
The jolliest place in Cologne that I've seen.
F is for Fräulein and also for frat — —
Perhaps we had better just leave it at that.
G for the German I speak with such care
To the Fritzes, who put on a blank puzzled stare.
H — Hohestrasse. — Keep to the right
And walk up and down till late in the night.
I is for Indent, filled in with care;
To-morrow (I don't think) the things will be there
J for the Jerries now homeward boun ;
We shall soon meet some friends of ours walking around.
K is for Kaffee like nothing on earth;
It costs but a mark, which is more than it's worth.
L for the Leave we are hoping to get;
We apply every week, but have not got it yet.
M for the Marks that we treasure with care,
In the hope they will soon be worth more than dead.
N for the Navy that lives on the Rhine
They dance and play bridge and keep jolly good wine.
O for the Opera — I went home to bed
After six hours of Wagner and wished I were dead.
P for the Post Office, where you're allowed
To spend half a day with the rest of the crowd.
Q for the Queue at the E.F.C. door;
Which seems to consist of a million or more.
R for the Rhine — we watch it with care,
But it never gives trouble and always is there.
S for the Staff, resplendent in red,
Who bag all the partners at dances it's said.
T for the Trams that tear down the street,
And try hard to kill all the people they meet.
U for the Uferbahn running to Bonn;
If you have any luck you may just get on.
V for the Victory Loan — my little lot
Was a 10 mark sweep ticket, and that's all I've got.
W for Wire, where the outpost is kept,
At spotting the smugglers we soon grow adept.
X for Xcelsior, now G.H.Q.;
Far too exalted for me or for you.
Y for the Y.M.C.A. where one gets
Tea or a lecture or else cigarettes.
Z for the Zoo where I went every day
Till they very unreasonably asked me to pay.

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FUTURE OF THE RHINE ARMY.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF ORDER AND PROBABLE DATES OF DEMOBILIZATION.

LONDON DRESSED FOR PEACE.

ARMY OF THE RHINE,

OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON DEMOBILIZATION.

The Secretary for War has issued a memorandum explaining the present position with regard to demobilization, and outlining the steps which have been decided upon for expediting the release of men still with the colours. Mr. Churchill states that the re-creation of the Regular Army is proceeding satisfactorily and that if the present rate of enlistment is maintained the probability is that all men who actually fought in the war will be released before the Military Service Act expires on April 30th next.

The memorandum says:

. . . Volunteering on the whole has been well maintained, and has lately improved. The average weekly intake of recruits and re-enlisted men is more than four times what the usual rate was before the war.

If this goes on it is likely that all men who actually fought in the field in the war will be released before the new Military Service Act expires, and it is hoped that a very large proportion will have been released before the end of the present year. Thus we should be able to provide for the defence of the British Empire in 1820 entirely by volunteers for the Regular Army and young recruits who did not join in time to share in the fighting.

The above is not a pledge in any sense of the word, because no one can foresee what will happen, and Parliament must remain supreme to take whatever steps are necessary for the common safety. It is, however, a very clear indication of what we believe is likely to happen, and what we are trying to bring about.

The Army of the Rhine, which now consists of ten divisions, is to be reduced to two divisions by the late autumn. This will effect a saving of about 150,000 men. The clearing-up in France and Flanders is also proceeding well, and as soon as the German prisoners have been sent home the men who are guarding them will become available. Altogether, by Nov. 1, it is hoped that the force in France and Flanders will have been reduced by more than 100,000 men.

By the end of the year the British Army will be reduced to about half its present strength.

INDIA AND THE MIDDLE EAST,

There are two parts of the world, however, where we cannot at present reduce our armies at all. In the Middle East, including Egypt, and in India, where the Afghans and Bolshevist agents are making trouble, we must maintain our force at full strength. But these are also the very places where there is the largest proportion of men who have been away from their homes for the longest time. As we cannot reduce these men, we have to replace them. Before we can bring them home, according to the promise which has been made, we must find men to relieve them. In these distant theatres there are also the difficulties of making the necessary shipping arrangements; but it is expected that the regular troops who are to form the permanent garrison of India will all be despatched by the end of this year to release the present temporary garrison.

These regular units are now being sent out, two or three battalions every week, and they will relieve an equal number of demobilizable men whom we have hitherto been forced to retain in India. First among those to come home from India will be those who were already on their way from Mesopotamia and who were stopped in India on account of the outbreak there.

We have not yet, however, got enough volunteer regular units ready to be able to provide reliefs. The following, therefore, are the rules on which we shall preceed:

1. (a) Definite orders have been issued that all 1914 men, except those in India and any there may be in Russia, shall begin their journey home within one month of the signature of peace namely, July 28.

(b) That all 1915 men and men over 37 years of age, except those in India and Russia, shall start for home within two months of the signature of peace, namely, by Aug. 28.

(c) That all other men who are now desirous and eligible for demobilization under existing regulations will start for home within three months of the signature of peace, namely by Sept. 28.

The above programme of releases will apply equally to men who, although demobilizable, have hitherto been retained for essential purposes usually described as "machinery of demobilization," but will not, of course, apply to men who, although eligible for demobilization, have volunteered to stay on for a period with the Armies of Occupation.

2. All Derby men who joined the colours for service before July 1, 1916, excepting those in India and Russia, will have begun their journey home by Nov. 1.

3. All 1914, 1915 men and all Derby men who joined the Colours before July 1, 1916, who are in India will similarly have started for home by Dec. 1, if not released earlier, provided always that no unexpected trouble occurs in that country.

4. All troops in Russia, who have not volunteered to join the missions, will have started for home before the winter, as already explained.

5. As from July 1, no conscript soldier will be sent to India or Mesopotamia, and no Derby men will be sent further from home than the Army of the Rhine.

Finally, it is hoped that it may be found possible to release in the early spring of next year all the remaining men of all classes who fought in the war, that is to say, embarked for any theatre of war or garrison abroad before the armistice was signed, excepting always such as may have volunteered to continue serving. It is impossible, however, at this distance of time to make any definite plans in this respect.

Moreover, it must be clearly understood that if peace is not ratified or if the ratification is delayed or if the Germans break out again, or if there are risings in India and Egypt, or serious trouble to Turkey, the above programme will have to be modified, and, here and there, there may be shipping delays. But assuming all goes well, we have every hope and intention of being able to give effect to it.

LONDON READY.

FINISHING TOUCHES TO RECORD DECORATIONS.

London yesterday was busily engaged in putting the completing touches to the preparations for to-day's peace carnival. The streets are gay with decorations, which are more elaborate than for any occasion since Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee. At many churches London school children yesterday offered thanks for peace, and something like 750,000 were present at services in St. Paul's Cathedral. The Fleet is now at anchor off Southend and a time-table has been issued showing when people may visit certain ships.

Discharged and disabled men in hospital have been sent to their homes. Their fares were paid and they were given ten shillings each for travelling incidentals.

The contingent of United States troops from the Army of Occupation which will form part of the procession will number 136 officers and 3,260 men, under command of Lieut.-Colonel Babcock. Two companies have been chosen from each of the first six divisions of the American Expeditionary Force. The are all infantry. The contingent was inspected yesterday morning in Hyde Park by the Prince of Wales, who was also present at the subsequent investiture parade at which General Pershing presented the American Distinguished Service Medal to eighty British officers.

GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL.

RIBBON TO BE WORN FOR ONE DAY ONLY.

The King has given directions that the ribbon of the British war medal shall be worn by all officers and men of the Navy and Army taking part in the march through London. It was officially stated last night that every effort is being made to issue the general service medal in time for the procession.

The qualifications entitling to the medal have not yet been finally decided and the issue of ribbon on the occasion of the celebration of the signing of Peace is not necessarily to be taken as establishing a title to the medal.

MURMANSK OPERATIONS.

ENEMY BEATEN OFF AND OUR CASUALTIES NIL.

The War Office yesterday issued the following communiqué:

On June 14th, 500 Bolshevists attacked our garrison at Zivdiya (11 miles south-east of Kyapeseiga and west of Lake Onega). The attack was beaten off after it had lasted for one and a half hours with considerable loss to the enemy, who retreated south, burning bridges; 22 dead and large numbers of wounded have been picked up by our pursuing force. We suffered no casualties.

Partisans on the western shore of Lake Onega attacked the Bolshevist troops who had landed on the Shunga Peninsula, capturing six prisoners and killing a considerable number of the enemy.

GERMANS EVADING TAXATION.

During the last six months, in spite of all surveillance of the German Government, enormous sums of money in German securities have been sent to neutral countries by rich German people seeking to evade the heavy taxes which will be imposed on fortunes.

A law to prevent this fraud is in course of preparation, which provides that all securities which do not bear a new official stamp will be of no value.

SCIENTIFIC DUEL

Two American practitioners, Dr. Zettel, of St. Paul, and Dr. Hill, of Minnesota, have decided to engage in what is virtually a duel between ordinary health and the latest methods of inoculating against disease. Zettel holds that the viciousness of germs has been greatly exaggerated. He relies upon healthy food and drink for protection. Hill will go through the preliminaries of inoculation and vaccination. Both undertake to expose themselves to the germs of typhoid fever, small-pox, bubonic plague, and other maladies in a duel to the death.

THE "SURRENDER" CASE.

EX-COMMANDING OFFICER'S FLAT DENIAL.

Hearing was continued in the court of Session, Edinburgh, yesterday of the action in which Colonel W. E. Gordon, V.C., sued the proprietors of the "People's Journal", Dundee, for £5,000 damages for alleged slander, in respect of a statement that he ordered the Gordon Highlanders to surrender in the retreat from Mons.

"THE KA'SER'S BODYGUARD."

Sergeant-Major W. B. Anderson, Aberdeen, said that he heard derogatory remarks about the 1st Gordon Highlanders in reference to the retreat from Mons. They were supposed to have given up without good cause. A man of the Cameron Highlanders once said to the witness that he had no cause to congratulate himself, as the Gordons were the Kaiser's bodyguard.

On another occasion, in a mess in Aberdeen, an Irishman in the A.S.C., who was somewhat inebriated, said the Gordons had lost more men at Mons than the A.S.C. had lost during the whole war. (Laughter.) He resented that, and the result was that the mess had to be cleared. (Renewed laughter.)

In his evidence, Colonel Neish said he commanded the 1st Gordons from 1911 until last April, when he was gazetted out on account of ill-health contracted on active service. He went to France with his battalion in August, 1914, and was taken prisoner on August 27, being transferred to Switzerland in 1916.

COLONEL NEISH'S DENIAL.

Counsel—It is suggested that you inspired the article complained of by Colonel Gordon? It is absolutely untrue. I had no knowledge whatsoever of its publication.

Cross-examined, witness said—He did not write to Colonel Gordon expressing regret that such an article had appeared, for a very good reason.

Counsel—Why?—Because the last time I had a word with Colonel Gordon, which was in October, 1914, when I addressed him by name, he said: "I shall not speak to you again; I will ruin you." Therefore I did not write to Colonel Gordon.

At the conclusion of his evidence, Colonel Neish said: I desire to make a remark in open Court as regards my situation in this case. I was cited as a witness for the defendants, and I am not a party in the case. Evidence has been led against me which I had no opportunity of refuting, but I am perfectly willing to have an inquiry in the proper quarter, where I shall be a party to the case and where I shall have an opportunity of calling witnesses. The last remark I wish to make under the circumstances is that I take this opportunity of most emphatically denying that I ever gave the order to the mixed column to surrender.

The jury, after deliberation, returned a verdict for Colonel Gordon and fixed the damages at five hundred pounds.

"KIND HEARTS . . ."

GERMANY ABOLISHES TITLES AND DECORATIONS.

The National Assembly discussed on Tuesday those paragraphs of the new constitutional law regarding the proposed abolition of the German nobility and of decorations. The Social Democrats' proposal was for complete abolition of all titles, but this was rejected. It was nevertheless agreed that all Germans must be held to be equal according to law with equal rights for men and women.

No titles are to be bestowed except upon persons holding high office in the state. No orders or decorations whatever are to be bestowed, nor is any German to be permitted to accept titles or decorations from a foreign Government.

CAPTAIN'S BIGAMY.

Captain John Robert Lamb, Army Pay Corps, was charged at Highgate Police Court with bigamy.

Mrs. Lamb, who lives at Sutton, said the marriage took place at Dalston Junction Baptist Chapel in 1907. They had known each other sixteen months before they married, and Captain Lamb did not tell her that he had been previously married.

Winifred Muriel Hales said she went through a form of marriage with Captain Lamb at the Hammersmith Registry Office in September 1918. She had known him since June 1917.

The defending solicitor asked for a remand. He said that when Captain Lamb married the first wife who appeared in this case he was already married, and the wife of that first marriage was living when he contracted the second marriage. He submitted that if he proved that to be the case Captain Lamb was entitled to be discharged.

The clerk said he could be further proceeded against for bigamously marrying the Mrs. Lamb who had come forward.

The magistrate said it was a curious point which had been raised.

The Solicitor: We are living in curious times, and we are having curious cases.

The magistrate granted a remand, and accepted bail in £200.

LOSSES OF GERMAN REGIMENTS.

Publication has commenced at Basle of the losses sustained by some of the Prussian regiments during the war. The Guard-Fusiliers lost 140 officers and 4,607 other ranks, the fifth Foot Guards 85 officers and 4,525 other ranks, while the Crown Prince's Grenadiers lost 114 officers and 5,292 other ranks.

MEDITERRANEAN COMMAND.

The Secretary of the Admiralty announces that Vice-Admiral Sir John M. de Robeck succeed- Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir Somerset A. Gough-Calthorpe as Commander-in-Chief in the Mediterranean, to date from July 26.

MASKED ROBBERS.

RESTAURANT MANAGER'S STORY OF THE CRIME.

Further evidence was given at Bow street in connection with the charges against two men of being concerned in the robbery at the Elysee Restaurant, Coventry-street, when about £430 in Treasury notes was stolen, and in entering an office at Guy's Hospital and attacking Mr. Curry on June 20. A further charge was of highway robbery on June 24 in Belsize-lane. The accused are two Italians—Peter Albert Vincent, whose real name is believed to be Gaida, aged 20; and Natali Anda, 18, a waiter.

Edmond O'Flaherty, assistant manager at the restaurant, said that as he was leaving at night by a dark passage a hand was placed on his neck, and a voice said, "Stop, I am a policeman. Not a word; there's a man in the cellar." He was pushed along the passage, and the hall porter coming up with an electric torch he saw two masked men each presenting an automatic pistol at their heads. Vincent said, "We've come for money, and we want the keys. If you move hand or foot we will shoot you both dead."

VICTIM'S COURAGE PRAISED.

The two men threatened to shoot, and said they had been soldiers, adding, "It is the fault of your Government. We have no work or money, and have to get some."

Witness proceeded to describe how he was taken upstairs, still covered by the revolver, and after arguing to delay the men, eventually handed over the keys. Witness and his comrade were then taken to the stokehold, placed back to back, and bound with cord round the arms, legs and waist. Vincent on leaving remarked to witness. "You are the most courageous man I have ever met. I have never seen anyone act so calmly under such circumstances. When we tackle them they usually squeal."

The prisoners were remanded until Tuesday next.

CARSON'S SPEECH.

GOVERNMENT TO TAKE ACTION.

Amid cheers the adjournment of the House of Commons was moved by Mr. Clynes yesterday in order to call attention to the speeches made by Sir Edward Carson at Belfast. He contended that it was the duty of the Government to see that the law is equitably enforced, and he claimed that serious harm is done to the whole cause of law and order by Sir Edward Carson's utterances.

The Attorney General, in reply, said that if he had been satisfied that an offence had been committed or that there was any case to be tried, his advice would have been different. Mr. Maclean regretted the reply as it would give the impression that a distinction had been made between rich and poor. After further discussion a division was challenged, when the motion was defeated by 217 votes to 73.

BROWBEATING ULSTER.

Sir Edward Carson left the House before the debate, but to friends in the Lobby he gave his reasons for his recent declaration.

"Consider," said he, "this de Valera campaign in America, which is being conducted against the integrity of the British Empire by people who were our enemies all through the war. It is being utilized both on the other side of the Atlantic and this, with the obvious aim of browbeating Ulster and forcing her under some sort of Dublin Parliament. Now remember that throughout the war the Ulster men and women were among the foremost of the King's subjects in devoting themselves and their substance to the support of the Empire, and to the fight for liberty and justice.

"I know well how bitterly they feel the suggestion that their reward should be to be handed over to their enemies; and I spoke as I did in order to let it be clearly known that Ulster will not stand it."

AEROPLANE COLLISION.

INQUEST ON VICTIMS.

The Aldershot Coroner yesterday recorded a verdict of accidental death in the case of Lieutenant Herbert and Lieutenant Biziou, R.A.F., and Charles Hiley, fitter at the Royal Aircraft Factory, who were killed after a collision between two aeroplanes at Farnborough.

Major Hill, Royal Air Force, said that both pilots were on test flights and were not doing stunts. The weather was indifferent for flying, but not dangerous. The storm, however, would have an adverse effect on visibility.

OIL IN NORFOLK.

Drilling operations in the Norfolk shale fields, South of Kings Lynn, have revealed the presence of much larger quantities of oil shale than were formerly known to exist. During the present week strong pressures of gas, accompanied by showers of liquid oil, have been met with in two new experimental bores which are being drilled almost on the limits of the old proven areas.

Dr. Forbes Leslie, who is in charge of the geological work, estimates that the quantity of petroleum-producing shale already in sight exceeds 200,000,000 tons.

FATAL CLUMSINESS.

A disastrous explosion occurred on Tuesday at Wiborg as the result of the dropping of a box of explosives by two soldiers who were engaged in loading a wagon. The entire load was blown up. Both soldiers were killed and fourteen other persons injured, some of them fatally, while several buildings in the neighbourhood were destroyed.

There will not be a Naval Review at Spithead this year.

MRS. ISAACS IN COURT.

STORY OF INTRIGUE AND ELOPEMENT.

Driving up to the Sessions House, Clerkenwell, in a taxi-cab, Mrs. Vilma Isaacs, 24, the divorced wife of Mr. Marcel Godfrey Isaacs, son of Mr. Godfrey Isaacs, surrendered to her bail, her two sureties, one in £1,000 and the other in £500, having been a brigadier-general and a colonel. She was accused of having obtained goods by false pretences from Debenham's, Ltd., and also of having incurred a debt of £334 17s to that firm by fraud and other false pretences.

ANOTHER YOUNG GENTLEMAN.

"It is quite a plain, straightforward case," continued Sir Archibald Bodkin, prosecuting counsel, "of a woman desiring to adorn herself and to be possessed of a large quantity of expensive and luxurious articles without having to pay for them. She got them under a system of conduct in the course of which she told falsehoods, and never paid, or could pay, anything for them." The jury, counsel went on, would hear that the defendant was married in November, 1914, to a young gentleman named Marcel Godfrey Isaacs, the son of Mr. Godfrey Isaacs, whose name is familiar as being largely responsible for the great Marconi Company. Her maiden name was Williams. On Oct. 25 of last year she left her husband, her child, and her flat in Lauderdale-mansions, Maida-vale, and "went to consort and live together with another young gentleman named Louis Cox. "It is not necessary," said Sir Archibald, "to mention the particular branch of the Service in which he was engaged, but he was an officer in the Forces of the Crown."

EN ROUTE FOR AMERICA.

Divorce proceedings were commenced, and on April 10 a suit that was undefended by the wife was followed by a decree nisi dissolving the marriage, the ground being her misconduct with Mr. Cox. Towards the end of May she had clearly formed an intention to proceed to Canada viâ America, with Mr. Cox, and then began her relations with the prosecuting firm. She was allowed credit, and obtained goods, valued at £334 17s. A warrant was obtained for defendant's arrest, and she was eventually found at Euston Station en route for Liverpool. On being told she would be arrested, she said: "Cannot I pay for the things now? I did not do it to defraud Debenham's Ltd., but to make Godfrey Isaacs—by which, counsel interpolated, I understand her to mean her husband—pay something for me. I did not intend to defraud at all." She added: "I did not intend to cheat Debenham's Ltd. I was going to America with Mr. Cox to-morrow."

Prisoner was found guilty of incurring debt by fraud. The Recorder thought, however, that she was not actuated by any intention to defraud but by a desire to revenge herself upon her husband. He accordingly bound her over for two years and ordered her to pay fifty pounds towards the cost of the prosecution.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

SEQUEL TO AN ALLEGATION OF JOKING.

The action brought by Lord Newton against the "Daily Mail" for an alleged libel was opened before the Lord Chief Justice and a special jury in the King's Bench.

At the time the alleged libel was published Lord Newton was in charge of the Prisoners of War Department of the Foreign Office. The words complained of appeared on June 4, 1918, and were:

"We, not having the war and its horrors in our own towns, mines and fields, permit Lord Newton to treat our suffering prisoners in Germany as an opportunity for self advertisement, accompanied by pitiless jokes and sneers."

On December 2, 1918, these words were published:

"Lord Newton . . . . in a debate found occasion for a joke on the tragic sufferings of our prisoners."

Defendants denied that the words bore any meaning defamatory of Lord Newton, and said they were fair comment on a matter of public interest.

The case was adjourned.

WORK OF THE NAVY.

Some interesting details of the work of the navy during the war were given by Lieutenant-Commander Hughes, late R.N.V.R. and Admiralty official speaker, in an address on "The British Navy in the war," delivered on Thursday afternoon, before members of the Rotary Club. He said that of 915 German merchant vessels at sea at the opening of the war, only fifty-six got back home, and at the end of five months not a single German merchant vessel was at sea in any part of the world. At one time there were 3,200 British vessels, with 25,000 men, sweeping up German mines, and up to the end of 1917 they had destroyed 3,000 mines; but there were some 20,000 floating mines yet to be accounted for in the North Sea.

Perhaps it would never be realised how near this country was to "touch and go" when the submarine campaign of "frightfulness" was in operation, with its destruction of millions of tons of shipping and foodstuffs, and the murdering of 18,000 men, women, and children. The beginning of the end of the menace must be dated from the attack on Zeebrugge, which bottled up seventeen of Germany's largest submarines and some twenty-three German destroyers.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will embark in H.M.S. Renown on August 5th at Portsmouth for his tour in Canada.

In the House of Lords yesterday Lord Newton informed Viscount Pryce that the Austrian Peace delegates have been informed that it was intended to annex to Italy large parts of the Southern Tyrol.

Baron and Baroness W. H. Schröder are desirous of relinquishing the use of their title granted to them by Royal Licence in 1912, and wish in future to be known and addressed as Captain and Mrs. W. H. Schroder.

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CAVALRY DIVISION WEEK

HORSE SHOW : RACES : POLO & ATHLETICS

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS:

July 31st: Semi-Finals: Polo Tournament on Kalk Ground 15.00 hours.

August 1st: Horse Show and Athletic Sports: 10.00 hours. Cologne Race Course.

August 2nd: Races 1st Day. 1st Race 13.45 hours. Cologne Race Course.

August 4th: Horse Show 2rd Day. 10.00 hours. Cologne Race Course.

August 5th: Races 2nd Day. 1st Race 13.45 hours. Cologne Race Course.

August 6th: Finals: Polo Tournament 15.30 hours. Ground to be notified later.

Admission to Horse Show, Polo, and Athletic Sports, Free, except to civilians to whom price of admission will be 20 marks. **Admission to Races:** Boxes 100 marks for the whole Meeting; Grand Stand 20 marks; Second 10 marks; Third 5 marks; General Stand 2 marks.

Officers, Ladies in Uniform, and Soldiers half-price.

Application for Boxes to Hon., Secretary, Cavalry Division.

Envelopes to be marked "Boxes". Money should not be enclosed with applications for boxes, but will be charged for when boxes have been allotted.

Amusements, Recreation, etc.

Deutsches Theatre, Bismarckstrasse
This Week. Nightly at 6 p.m.
BRITISH RHINE ARMY DRAMATIC COMPANY
present
"THE TITLE"
A Comedy in 3 Acts by Arnold Bennett.

Seats may be booked at the Deutsches Theatre, and at the Amusements Office, 26, Komödien Strasse.
Seats booked by 'phone must be claimed by 5.50 p.m., otherwise they are likely to be sold.
The next Production of the British Rhine Army Dramatic Company is:
"GENERAL POST"
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Apollo Theatre. Schildergasse
The 6th City of London Regt.
present
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Nightly at 6 p. m.

No: 1 Army Cinema.
32 Komödienstrasse
Complete Change of Programme.

No: 2 Army Cinema.
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Complete Change of Programme.

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Complete Change of Programme.

Deutsches Theatre. Bismarckstrasse
Sunday next
At 6 p.m.
BACKHAUS
assisted by
ALFRED BARKER
English Violinist.
Preceded by The Rhine Army Choral Society.

The Army Gymnasium.
Recreation and Amusement can be had at the Army Gymnasium Kreuzgasse (Off Schildergasse) Open Daily. Officers 2 to 3. All ranks 3 to 8. Admission and Instruction Free.

British-Rhine-Army-Musical Societies.

The British Rhine Army Male Voice Choral Society and Church Choir.

Rehearsals are held each Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 5.45 p.m. in the Lecture Room (first Floor) Church Army Soldiers' Club, Antoniter Strasse, Cologne.

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Church of England Services in Cologne.

1.—THE MILITARY CHURCH
57 Schildergasse, (Turning off Hohe Strasse).
Holy Comm. 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 11-15 a.m., 6-45 p.m.
Evening Service, 6.00 p.m.

2.—THE CHURCH ARMY CHAPEL
Hotel du Nord.
Sundays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m., 6.45 p.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Weekdays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saints' Days.
Short Morning Prayer Daily at 9-15 a.m.

3.—THE ARMY CINEMA HALL
36, Komodien Strasse
Sundays: Evening Service, 6 p.m.

4.—THE CHURCH ARMY CINEMA HALL
95, Severin Strasse.
Sundays Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.

Church of England Services in Bonn and neighbourhood.

GARRISON CHURCH, AM HOF, BONN.
SUNDAYS: Holy Communion 7-30 a.m., 8 a.m., 11-45 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Morning Service 10 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
WEEK-DAYS: Holy Communion Daily 7-45 a.m.
Evening Service Daily (except THURSDAY) 6.

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Morning Service 10 a.m.
Evening Service 6-30 p.m.

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EVENING SERVICE 6.0 p.m.

HOLY COMMUNION Wed. and Frids. 8.0 a.m.

Catholic Services in Cologne and Bonn on Sundays.

COLOGNE, CATHEDRAL
Mass in Cathedral at 8 a.m. (north Transept)
High Mass in Cathedral at 9-15 a.m.
Parade Mass in Minoritenkirche (Minoritenstr.), 2 minutes from Cathedral at 10 a.m.
Rosary and Benediction in Minoritenkirche at 7 p.m. Confessions in Cathedral on Saturdays from 5—7 p.m.

BONN, MÜNSTER CHURCH, Münster Platz.
Mass (Military) 10 a.m. Benediction 6-30 p.m.
Confessions Saturday 3—4 p.m. and 5-30—7-30 p.m. in the Crypt.

EHRENFELD. Church at the Junction of Mechteren Strasse and Vogelsanger Strasse:—
Mass on Sundays 9.15 a.m. Confessions on Saturdays 5 p.m.

LINDENTHAL. Chapel of the Hospital in Josef Stelzmann Strasse — continuation of Giebel Strasse:—
Mass on Sundays 10.30 a.m. Confessions on Saturdays 5 p.m.

Scottish Churches and English Free Churches.

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Sunday, 13th July.
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Saturday, July 19, 1919.

THE VICTORY OF PEACE.

To-day London holds its high festival of Peace. In all the dignity and pomp of military pageantry the citizens of England's metropolis will witness the passing of War. The celebration is national, and throughout all the provinces of Britain men and women will joyously acclaim the advent of a new and better order.

The Englishman takes his joys sadly, we are told, and it is true that our countrymen lack the spontaneity and abandon which make for perfect carnival. We cannot emulate the natural gaiety of the Latin peoples, and as a nation we are not given to spectacle. Our self-consciousness is to blame, and self-conscious mankind cannot rejoice at the bidding of authority.

But the history of England lends itself to symbolism. In a grave and dignified fashion the traditions of our race can be worthily embodied in the trappings of "insubstantial pageant." Thus the genius of our people will express itself fitly in the majestic ceremonies of the nineteenth of July.

It is a paradox that the celebrations of peace are invariably accompanied by the panoply of war. Mars is foremost in the festival which proclaims his discomfiture; he is alive even in his obsequies. England's peace will be heralded by an unexampled display of England's martial might. Yet the paradox has its meaning and its lesson.

To-day there will be no vain display of overbearing power. The soldiers represent the men who fought and the men who died in her campaign against the symbolism of the sword. Their march will speak of heroism and sacrifice and freedom.

It is good to know that in Whitehall a memorial to the dead has been erected, a monument which will bear a Union Jack, a White Ensign, and a Red Ensign; and as the troops pass this simple, majestic pylon they will pay their tribute to the men who have fallen for their country. Our celebration would not have been worthily held without this solemn rite.

But the festival of Peace is a festival of Hope. Men rejoice that war is no more, and their joy is inspired by the spirit of optimism. The morrow will have its victories, but the victories of the morrow must be the victories of Peace.

OUR ADVERTISEMENTS.

We have received one or two letters of late from earnest correspondents in regard to the German advertisements which appear in these columns.

We stated soon after this paper started that there are certain categories of German advertisements which we should accept. Now that the blockade is raised, British merchants should have opportunities of trade with germany equal to those enjoyed by other allied and neutral nations.

There is a great market in Germany for goods which England produces, and which, if they cannot come by direct routes, arrive n evertheless by devious paths; England is thereby robbed of her legitimate earnings, while foreign houses acquire, as customers, German firms who would prefer to deal direct with us.

It would be contrary, therefore, to British interests to refuse to our firms the advantage of advertisements paid for by Germans who seek, either as agents or as direct purchasers, to import British commodities, and we should only drive British advertisers to have recourse to German papers — as has happened.

Further, Germany has to pay very big indemnities. If those indemnities are to be paid, Germany must produce and sell goods. When these goods do not compete with British staple industries there is no reason why they should not be advertised for export.

Lastly, the main circulation of the "Cologne Post" is in the occupied area. Advertisements of commodities which are useful to the army of occupation or to English traders coming out here in the interests of their firms will be accepted.

THE FIGHTERS.

The grey cat glided slowly up to the third step and limped along to the sunny end. The Persian from next door dozing there got up and sat on the step above. She always resented the matter of fact way the Parfitt's beast took things. The Persian decided to ignore the affront and said,

"I see he's home."

"What?" drawled the grey. "Oh yes. Came home yesterday." She settled herself camfortably in the corner closing her eyes in the enjoyment of the sun.

"Nasty mark you've got by your ear, dear," said the Persian in her sweetest purr.

The grey seemed to have fallen asleep.

"I heard he threw a boot at you, though of course I denied the rumour at once. I said I believed yours to be quite a respoctable family even though you did keep a dog."

The grey opened her eyelids ever so little and took a gentle grip of the step with her claws.

"It must be very trying for you to have a man in the house again; but the Master said only this mornirg that he thought Mr. Parfitt had done quite right in going off to the War."

The grey cat shot up, placed her fore paws on the step above and glared into the face of the shrinking Persian.

"Stop that!" she hissed. "When a man comes back with the D.S.O. and M.C. I don't care the skin of a sausage whether he throws a boot at me or not. I daresay I deserved it for clawing the baby when he pulled my tail. But I won't have *you* running him down. You just say another word against him and I'll have those pretty ears of yours in ribbons. "Respectable family" are we? You pap-fed profiteer! We've had to fight for our living these last four years. I've had to scrounge mice and rats in sheds and drains, or else starve; while you've been suffering indigestion on a pale mauve cushion with gold tassels. Bah!

"The Master says Mr. Parfitt has done his duty" does he? Captain Parfitt to you please, and don't forget it."

The grey cat's jade eyes burned within an inch of the Persian's quivering nostrils.

"And I don't care if he does keep a dog. I'll put up with it if he likes the brute. But I hope Towser will skake the life out of you, you pretty darling!"

A fierce bark of delight and a ruh of teeth and hair sent the Persian bounding along the pavement in desperate flight. The grey straightened out her arched back and settled down to a dignified lounge.

"I'm rather sorry now," she said to herself as she watched a little cloud of dust at the end of the street, "that Towser has to wear a muzzle."

SOLVING A PROBLEM.

The Demobilization Officer sighed wearily, a frown darkening his usually even-tempered countenance. His ruffled feelings were to some extent excusable, as the new Army Order affecting his department had entailed a considerable amount of work. "All men enlisting on and after February, 28th 1919, and whose fathers possess black-handled pocket knives, and who could be spared by their commanding officers, were to be demobilized forthwith, providing they were engaged upon work of military importance and were considered indispensable."

This straightforward statement although perfectly understood by those responsible for its draft, had caused many sleepless nights to the company quarter-master-sergeants who were called upon to produce nominal rolls of the "above mentioned."

The immediate result of the "necessary action" was the appearance of two privates standing outside the door of the demobilization office that morning.

Helping himself to one of his clerk's "Ruby Queens", with a motion of the hand, the officer signified his readiness to hear the claims of the two applicants.

"Well my man, What is it?" he enquired.

"Sir, I have been detailed to report to you this morning under Army Order No. 765920/A/53 GMB."

The lieutenant mentally noted the ease with which the applicant mastered the technicalities of the situation.

"What is your job?" he enquired curiously.

"Clerk to the Education Officer, Sir!"

"H'm, obviously work of military importance," he mused.

"Did you enlist after February the 28th of this year?"

"Yes Sir! on March the 1st. My father also possesses three pocket knives of which two are black "handled."

"Excellent! the only thing now is to find out if you can be spared."

At this juncture, the commandingofficer entered the room. The case was duly set before him.

After consideration, the latter decided that the applicant was engaged upon work of military importance, but as he could not be replaced, did not come under the provisions of the new order.

The man much crest-fallen, retired, and made way for the next aspirant for civil honours.

"Has your father a black-handled pocket-knife?" asked the lieutenant with careful deliberation.

"Yes Sir!" answered the other. "He owns a cutlery factory." The two officers exchanged looks; this was obviously not a man to be trifled with.

"How are you employed in the battalion?" was the next question. "I am the Commanding Officer's batman."

The two officers exchanged glances again, whilst between them passed some telepathic communication.

"I am very sorry," began the lieutenant, "Although the commanding officer would be willing to release you, but you understand the work of a batman is not considered of military importance within the meaning of the new order."

With the assurance of having handled a delicate situation with tact and masterful resource, he lit another "Ruby Queen", and strolled out with his chief to lunch.

Thus ended another episode in the process of Demobilization.

E.B.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

FACE FUNGUS.

Sir,— I agree with your correspondents who deplore the fashion of side-whiskers.

It is unsoldierly, but how about the freakish wearing of long hair? Were those who favour lengthy locks, in musical comedy, or have they artistic leanings?

After all there are plenty of hairdressing shops about. MAGGIE.

Sir,— I am not going to concern myself with the merits of face fungus as aids to beauty.

If one turned critic then it would be possible for me to write for a day and a night anent the unsoldierly dressiness of many to be seen in uniform on the Rhine, but what I do take exception to is the snobbery of "B.C.H."

I have heard the expression "temporary folk" before. It savours of that snobbery which happily got it in the back of the neck when the "temporary" people, camouflaged civilians, came along and set out to win the war.

I am reminded of the "dug-out" who remarked to another of the cease-fire variety "I say old chap, I shall be glad to get back to real soldiering shan't you?" His "real soldiering" so far as the war was concerned was of the Base variety. "B.C.H." and others of his kidney make me sick. "TEMPORARY ONE."

PARIS FOR LEAVE.

Sir,—Many men going on leave are, I am certain, very often tempted to spend it in Paris, leaving "Blighty" until they go home once and for all.

Could not arrangements be made whereby men could spend the first seven days of their leave in Paris, and then proceed to England from there for the other seven days?

I am certain that no man would mind paying the single fare from Cologne to Paris, knowing full well that on arrival there, the time spent would well repay him. TOURIST.

WHY ONLY THE MARRIED?

Sir,— I think "Going on for Thirty" must have a perverted sense of humour to voice such an opinion of the rights of wives, as compared with those of the unmarried.

Any reasonable person will agree that in the event of any English women coming to Rhineland, the soldiers wives should be first.

Personally I was married three years ago, while on leave, and since, I have spent thirty-four days at home, and I am only one of many who have done the same.

I think that your correspondent's letter may be passed over as gush, but if he cannot manage without contracting an Anglo-German alliance, it is time he was sent home.

Altogether, I was surprised to see his nom de plume, as it reads more like the effusion of one "Getting on for twenty." BENEDICT.

Sir,— "Going on for Thirty" suggests allowing only single girls to come to Germany to give soldiers a chance of getting married and says it is not necessary for a married woman to come out here.

Under the circumstances should the suggestion be adopted, a wife would have to return after the ceremony.

He is afraid of his comrades marrying German girls. Is he afraid of himself? His nom de plume almost suggests it.

I wonder if he has made headway in the "Engagement Stakes" and wants his fiancee or German girl in order to finish the job. If not may I suggest that he proposes on his next leave and marries on the leave after. By that time he will be over thirty and nearly demobbed. LET 'EM ALL COME.

ADVERTISEMENT PILLARS.

Sir,—A correspondent rails against the advertisement pillars to be seen in Cologne and describes them as eyesores.

Apparently he lacks artistic sense, or he would realise the superiority of the German system. Would he prefer to see noble buildings plastered with unsightly advertisements or great hoardings disfiguring parts of otherwise beautiful thoroughfares and hiding architectural masterpieces?

Apparently, too, he has omitted to notice the fact that these pillars have in themselves a certain beauty of form. P. D. B.

DOGS IN CHURCH.

Sir,—Re "Gunner's" letter, I am, I presume, the sergeant in question. The climax he mentions, was caused, not because it was desired to have the dog in Church, but by the doorkeeper's ill-treatment of the animal.

I may further state that I am not the owner of the dog and had no knowledge of its presence in church until I saw it undergoing punishment. If "Gunner" is a lover of animals, he has a funny way of showing it.

A LOVER OF ANIMALS.

RACING IN OCCUPIED GERMANY.

Sir,—Much discussion is taking place regarding the merits and demerits of the Totalizator, and the opinion of Tommy in his own language—is that it's a "washout". I have talked the question over with other ranks from Private to R.S.M. and have found no one who has a good word for it.

At the Cologne Race Meeting, one heard complaints on every hand as regards prices paid by the Tote, for, with the exception of three races, all the winners were odds on chances, and after backing for a place in a field from 12 to 16 horses and being successful in spotting one of the first three, it is rather heartrending to pick up 21 marks for an outlay of 20, which was my experience in two races.

There would be no betting at such odds if one knew them, and it is a matter of mystery to all, why Tommy should not be allowed to shout the odds if he be so minded.

There would be much more enjoyment for the punter if bookmakers were allowed, and also the excessive crowding at the Tote would be done away with.

One is also curious to know what the total percentage deducted is. Perhaps other readers may have views on the question. W.R.B.

SOLITUDE.

There is the loneliness of peopled places;
Streets roaring with their human flood; the crowd
That fills bright rooms with billowing sounds and faces,
Like foreign music, overshrill and loud.
There is the loneliness of one who stands
Fronting the waste under the cold sealight
A wisp of flesh against the endless sands,
Like a lost gull in solitary flight.
Single is all uprising and downlying;
Struggle or fear or silence none may share;
Each is alone in bearing, and in dying;
Conquest is uncompanioned as despair,
But I have known no loneliness like this,
Locked in your arms and bent beneath your kiss.

BABETTE DEUTSCH

International Boxing Match Result.

WILDE WINS ON POINTS AT OLYMPIA: DING-DONG 20 ROUNDS.

All sporting London made its way to Olympia on Thursday night to witness the Wilde—Moore boxing contest for £5000 (60 per cent for the winner, 40 per cent for the loser) and £500 a side.

Among those present were the Prince of Wales, Prince Albert, Prince Henry, and General Pershing.

The fight ran the whole 20 rounds, Wilde winning on points.

Wilde had much the best of the first round and came up very confident for the second meeting. Moore adopted a crouching attitude with his head well forward. At the outset he made free use of hitting with an open glove, the majority of his blows being in the nature of swinging slaps which did not seem to hurt Wilde in the least.

On the other hand Wilde fought splendidly and at the end of ten rounds held a great lead.

Things went well for the Welshman for another two rounds but thence onwards Moore made a great effort. He flung himself at his opponent and slashed wildly with both hands and for a time Wilde was unable to stem his persistent rushes.

In the fifteenth round Wilde re-asserted his superiority, Moore being badly punished and seeming groggy when he went to his corner.

The American made a surprising recovery in the sixteenth round, in which he fought Wilde all the way. Realising that his only chance of winning stood in administering a knockout he tried hard for it and at one time came perilously near achieving it.

Moore continued to show better during the next three rounds only to find, however, that Wilde still had a bit in hand.

In the last round the Welshman let himself go "all out" and completely nonplussed the American, beating him all ends up from start to finish.

Wilde's display was electrical and the last round was witnessed by the twenty thousand present all standing and cheering at the uncanny brilliance of the performance.

Mr. Eugene Corri announced Wilde as the winner on points.

THE "RANJI" OF MODERN PUGILISM.

An English sporting writer says:—"Wilde is the "Ranji" of modern pugilism, and can do things which no other living boxer dare attempt. If not such a classic model of a sound style, orthodox in defence as well as in offence, as Jim Driscoll was in his prime, his pace, precision, and power have never been surpassed.

JIMMY WILDE'S RECORD.

Thursday's Conqueror The Winner Of Three Championships.

Born May, 1892, Tylorstown, Wales. Height, 5ft 3½in. Weight, 7st 4lb. Winner of three championships. Won Lord Lonsdale Belt outright by defeating in turn Joe Symonds 12 rnds, Tancy Lee 11 rnds, and George Clark 4 rnds. Beat Young Zulu Kid in 11 rnds at the Holborn Stadium for the World's Fly-Weight Championship, and defeated Pte Dick Heasman in the second rnd at the N.S.C. for the 7st 4lb championship.

CHIEF BOUTS SINCE 1916.

Jan. 8.—Billy Rowlands	W. Swansea	7
Jan. 24.—Tom Noble	W. New Cross	11
Jan. 27.—Jimmy Morton	K.O., Liverpool	2
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March 9.—Sam Keller	W. W.L. Stadium	3
March 27.—Sid Smith	K.O., Hoxton	3
April 24.—Johnny Rosner	W. Liverpool	11
April 29.—Benny Thomas	W. Cardiff	20
May 13.—Darkey Saunders and Joe Magnus	W. Woolwich	5
May 29.—Tommy Harrison	W. Oxford Music-Hall	8
June 26.—Tancy Lee	W. N.S.C.	11
July 31.—Johnny Hughes	W. Kensal Rise	10
Nov. 9.—Tommy Noble	W. Liverpool	15
Dec. 18.—Zulu Kid	W. H. Stadium	11
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March 12.—G. Clark	W. N.S.C.	4
1918.		
April 29.—Pte Dick Heasman	W. N.S.C.	2
Aug. 31.—Joe Conn	W. Stamford Bridge	12
1919.		
March 31.—Joe Lynch	W. N.S.C.	20
April 21.—Jimmy Buck	W. Liverpool	5
May 16.—Alf Mansfield	W. Holborn Stadium	13

RECORD OF PAL MOORE.

Born July 28, 1893, Memphis, Tenn. Weight, 116-118 b Nationality, American.

1919.			
Jan. 31—Young McGovern	W	Baltimore	12
Feb. 5—Joe Leonard	W	Philadelphia	6
Feb. 3—Dick Loadman	W	Buffalo	10
Feb. 10—Earl Puryear	W	Philadelphia	10
Feb. 14—Jimmy Walsh	W	Tennessee	8
Feb. 17—Johnny Ritchie	W	New Jersey	8
Mar. 3—Johnny Regan	W	St. Louis	12

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

A CONTEST OF WITS.

I have been asked for humorous military anecdotes and quips that can be used by a producer of concert party "shows." Amusing things that have happened in the trenches, in billets or on parade, smart repartee and clever bon mots — funny mistakes, made by would-be linguists — all will be eligible. There are probably many of our readers who can contribute tit-bits that would help enliven any entertainments for the troops, and I am authorised to offer money prizes of FIFTY, TWENTY-FIVE, FIFTEEN and TEN Marks respectively for the four best humorous gems sent in.

The Editor of "The Cologne Post" will be the judge and his decision will be final. The competition will be open to all readers and the closing date will be July 31st. Brevity and "snap" are the points to aim at. Envelopes must be marked "QUIPS."

A New Party.

A concert party organised by the Adjutant of the 51st Royal Sussex Regt. gave its first performance at Neunkirchen on Tuesday, when the songs, costumes, and effects combined to make up a cheery show. Enjoyable items were contributed by Pte Thorpe, Sergt. Cogger, L/Cpl. Missen, Pte. Cook, Cpl. Newman, Pte. Fletcher, C.S.M. Wells, L/Cpl. Chessom, C.S.M. Bell, and Cpl. Southcott. The orchestra, under Cpl. Gardiner, did good work throughout the evening.

A la Harry Lauder.

The old failing of choristers generally, to pay rather more attention to their copies than to the conductor's baton was happily absent, save in one part-song, when for a few moments a slight confusion was present. This, I thought, was due to an error on the part of the conductor (Capt. G. E. Sykes, R.G.A.) who indicated a tempo rather in excess of that demanded by the piece in question, and a few unhappy moments elapsed before he was able to obtain the "proper swing" of the part-song. Otherwise, the singing was most effective, the light and shade obtained in "As Torrents," and a "The Comrades' Song of Hope," being most pronounced. Cpl. Walters possesses a deep bass voice of unusual clearness and power, and sang "The Trumpeter," "The Watchman" and "Sombre Woods," with marked success. "Jock" Limond provided the light aspect of the programme, singing two songs *à la* Harry Lauder.

Mixed Audiences.

Backhaus tells me he is very annoyed at the reference to his recital at the "Deutsches" with Barker, contained in a Berlin paper. He, they said, played to an audience of soldiers, and the German public were forbidden to attend. This, contends Backhaus, was not the case, as there were civilians in the audience. Moreover, being a musical occasion, it was open to all the musical fraternity.

Again at his recitals at the Disch Saal, the Bürgergesellschaft, and the Gürzenich Saal (organised by civilian musical societies) quite forty per cent of the audiences were British soldiers.

Coming Events.

On Sunday, the Rev. C. P. Wheeler will speak in the writing room of the Leave Club and at 6.30 there will be a concert in the theatre by the Band of the 3rd Hussars. Lieut. Ramsay and Pte. Hill will also give solos. An impromptu concert will be held in the music room at 5 p.m. on Monday, followed by a practice dance in the theatre at 6.30. On Tuesday, there will be a dancing class in the theatre at 5 p.m. and an impromptu concert in the music room at the same hour. At 7 p.m. the Starlight Concert Party have kindly promised to give a performance

In few Words.

I met "Bobby," the mascot of the old "Crumps," the other evening. He is an Airedale entitled to three wound bars — and anxiously awaiting demob.

JACQUES.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday, July 19, 1919.

Surface wind light Westerly. Fair but perhaps rather cloudy weather, with a possibility of thunderstorms. Moderately warm, fair visibility

FIRST DIVISION FIXTURES.

League Matches for August.

Below are the fixtures of the first League clubs for August.

30—Arsenal v. Newcastle United.
30—Blackburn Rovers v. Preston N.E.
30—Bolton Wanderers v. Bradford.
30—Bradford City v. Liverpool.
30—Derby County v. Manchester United.
30—Everton v. Chelsea.
30—Manchester City v. Sheffield United.
30—Notts County v. Burnley.
30—Sheffield Wednesday v. Middlesbrough.
30—Sunderland v. Aston Villa.
30—West Bromwich Albion v. Oldham Athletic.

ARMY RUGBY.

The Army next season will indulge in a regular series of Rugby football matches, and have already arranged a first-class progamme. They play home-and-home matches with Oxford University, Cambridge University, Richmond, London Scottish, Blackheath, Leicester, and Northampton, and also meet United Services (Chatham), Yorkshire, United Hospitals, Harlequins, the Royal Navy, the Royal Air Force, and a combined fifteen of Woolwich and Sandhurst. Their home matches will be decided at the Queen's Club, West Kensington, and the Navy will be opposed at Twickenham at the end of February.

Under the auspices of the Army Rugby Union it is also proposed to run an Army Commands Rugby Championship, the Commands to take part in it being Aldershot, Southern, London District, Eastern, Northern, Scottish, Western, and Irish.

LUCKY PUNTERS.

Gaze on this picture and on that. Newmarket, July 3, two-year-old seller: Estelle colt down the course; S.P., 20 to 1. July 16, two-year-old seller: Estelle colt down the course; S.P., 20 to 1. July 16, two-year-old seller: Estelle colt won; S.P., 6 to 5 on. Some of those lucky punters in the know about Sir William Cooke's plater got 7 to 2 to their money. Evidently a constant change in stables has done the colt good, for he won comfortably in more moderate company after swerving across his field a good deal.

WON A LOVE RUBBER.

R. C. E. Dickinson and E. Lambert played the first of home-and-home tennis matches at Princes Club, Knightsbridge, this week. Lambert, who hit tremendously hard with a heavy cut, won a love rubber. The return match will be played on a date to be fixed in Lambert's home court at Jesmond Dene, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

ENTERTAMMENT ITEMS.

In view of the Northern Division being stationed in Cologne where adequate amusements are available, they will not be visited by other concert parties concerned in the touring scheme.

Four Lena Ashwell concert parties are now touring the occupied areas.

Asked yesterday if he was going to hear the Beethoven recital, an officer of the R.A.F. replied, "No, it will be in German so I should ut understand it!"

Why, in the "bill matter" of the artistes in "The Limits," is one singer described as "vocalist" and another as "baritone"?

Negotiations are being made to secure a visit to occupied Germany by the S.O.S.'s one of the strongest concert parties at present in England.

All who have been charmed by the singing of Miss Hilda Potts will be glad to learn that this accomplished artiste has practically recovered from her illness.

Another successful Whist Drive was held at the Leave Club on Thursday evening. As the weather was beautifully fine the tournament was held in the garden. The Commanding Officer of the 7th Gordon Higlanders very kindly allowed his Pipers and Drummers to give a performance from 5 to 6.

"General Post," by J. E. Harold Terry, will be given at the Deutsches Theatre, Cologne, by the British Rhine Army Dramatic Company each evening next week.

COLOGNE CRICKET WEEK.

EX-LEICESTERSHIRE BOWLER SCORES 97 FOR RHINE OFFICERS.

The match was continued yesterday, in beautiful weather and on a good wicket, between Rhine Army Officers and I. Zingari at the Stadwaldt, Lindenthal. In the first innings on Thursday, the Rhine Army Officers scored 160, I. Z. replying with 141.

Yesterday's details are appended.

Rhine Army Officers — 2nd Innings.

Lt. Col. F. L. Giles lbw b Phipps-Hornby	14
Lt. H. M. Chrystall c and b Fowler	38
Lt. W. E. Astill c Fowler b Hartley	97
Maj. G. G. M. Bennett st. Stanyforth b Boles	32
Lt. H. F. Bingham c Stanyforth b Boles	20
Maj. H. W. M. Yates c Clark b Boles	34
Maj. C. M. Yates c. and b. Gibson	19
Lt. Col. J. A. D. Langhorne not out	4
Lt. C. H. S. Deighton c. Fowler, b. Boles	2
Extras	8
Total	263

I, Zingari—2nd Innings.

Lt. Col. J. C. Hartley lbw. b Astill	8
Lt. K. L. Gibson c Neil b Astill	4
Capt. C. W. Norman c Neil b Astill	4
Capt. E. C. Boles c Langhorne b H. W. Yates	2
Capt. R. St. L. Fowler c Neil b C. M. Yates	52
Capt. R. T. Stanyforth c Langhorne b Astill	12
Maj. Gen. A. Solly-Flood b Bingham	7
Maj. A. E. F. Q. Perkins b Bingham	6
Maj. G. Phipps-Hornby not out	13
Lt. Col. W. E. Clark b Bingham	3
Brig. Gen. R. A. Curry b Bingham	2
Extras	8
Total	121

THE LIVERPOOL CUP.

30 Entries For Race On Friday July 25th.

The following are the entries for the Liverpool Cup race, which will be run on Friday, 25th July:—

By Jingo (Mr. W. T. de Piedge)	J. Rhodes	5	9 7
Roseacre (Ld. Derby)	Lambton	4	8 11
Arion (Ld. Jersey)	Sadler, jun.	4	8 7
Grand Fleet (Ld. Glanely)	Barling	5	8 5
Planet (Mr. G. Barclay)	Taber	5	8 5
King John (Capt. Giles Loder)	Gilpin	4	7 13
Golden Fleece (Mr. W. Parrish)	J. Rhodes	a	7 13
Not Much (Mr. F. Hardy)	Hogg	4	7 13
Royal Bucks (Lady Queensberry)	Sievier	6	7 12
Wildwood (Col. Hall Walker)	McGuigan	5	7 7
Chuette (Capt. G. C. H. Davy)	Beatty	3	7 6
Tom Pepper (Mr. W. H. Williams)	Private	4	7 5
Dionysos (Ld. D'Abernon)	Lambton	4	7 1
Tangiers (Sir W. Nelson)	Mullen	3	7 0
Patrick's Day (Mr. P. Broome)	J. Rhodes	a	6 11
Sir Desmond (Mr. James A. de Rothschild)	Pratt	5	6 1
Glanmerin (Ld. Herbert Vane-Tempest)	Pickering	3	6 10
Square Measure (Mr. Reid Walker)	Rogers	4	6 9
Beresina (Ld. Derby)	Lambton	3	6 8
John Jackett (Mr. G. W. Smith)	McCormack	6	6 7
Off the white (Mr. Edward Clark)	Burns	4	6 6
Roamer (Mr. James A. de Rothschild)	Pratt	3	6 6
Glaciale (Ld. Derby)	Lambton	3	6 5
Santa Cruz (Ld. Derby)	Lambton	3	6 4
Dorelus (Mr. E. G. de Mestre)	De Mestre	3	6 2
Our Stephen (Mr. F. Curzon)	Hobbs	3	6 2
Control (Lady Queensberry)	Sievier	3	6 0
Footpate (Mr. R. J. Farquharson)	Farquharson	3	6 0
Palatina (Mr. W. M. Cazalet)	Taylor	3	6 0
Odalisque (Mr. P. Nolke)	Pickering	3	6 0

THE JOCKEY CLUB.

The Stewards of the Jockey Club, at Newmarket, inquired into the riding of Old Castle in the City Selling Plate at the Bibury Club Meeting last week. They considered that Scourse's riding was most unsatisfactory, and open to grave suspicion, but in view of further information which the local Stewards had received, and which they now submitted, that the horse was ungenerous and would not do his best, they felt unable to take further action.

WESTMINSTER WETBOBS.

The annual four-oared race between the King's Scholars and Town Boys of Westminster School was decided at Putney this week and was won by King's Scholars by a length and a half, after a good race.

Three heats of the Colquhoun Sculls were also decided. In the first W. T. Lord beat C. Willoughby and J. Dobbie; the second went to Jacob-Hood, who defeated J. Dauber and G. Shaw, and the third was won by R. Sage, his opponent being J. Evans.

RACING ALL DAY !

The St. Dunstan's regatta, which was interrupted by the capsizing of a boat on Tuesday, was concluded on Wednesday, no fewer than thirty-four races being decided. Among these were four contests with Worcester College for the Blind, in all of which St. Dunstan's were successful.

Chief honours went to McLurg in the sculls, Captain Pereth and Lieutenant Hitchen in the pairs. Captain Baker in the old boys' sculls, and to the Bungalow crew, Carter, Craigie, Ham, and Glendinning, in the fours. This crew was racing all day, and did wonderfully well.

OFFICERS' SPORTS CLUB.

Lawn Tennis Tournament Finals at Lindenthal.

Major-General Sir Sydney Lawford, K.C.B. and the Committee of the Officers' Sports Club, invite all ladies and all officers, whether members or not, to view the matches and to tea at Lindenthal Lawn Tennis Club this afternoon.

Play commences at 2 p.m. with the final of the Gentlemen's open singles.

Prizes will be presented by General Sir Wm. R. Robertson, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., A.D.C., Commander in Chief, on the conclusion of the tournament.

A Band will be playing on the ground.

VICTORY BISLEY.

King's Silver Medal.

Corporal Samways, Dorsets, and Pte. Lockwood, 7th Essex, tied with aggregates of 129 for the King's Silver Medal at Bisley on Thursday.

The Kolapore Cup was won by the Mother Country with 1,009, Australia being second with 1,054, Canada, 1,009, South Africa 995, NewZealand, 985.

CONCERT AT BONN.

The Rhine Army Choral Society, assisted by Cpl. Harold Walters, (Bass), and "Jock" Limmond (humourist) gave an excellent concert in the Beethoven Hall, Bonn, on Wednesday evening, on the invitation of the Church Army. The part-songs "Beware," (Halton); "The Song of the Pedlar," (Lee Williams); "The Three Chafers," (Thrum); "A Catastrophe" (Spragne); "A Medley of old English Songs," (Bales); "As torrents in Summer" (Elgar); "In Absence" (Back); and "The Comrades' Song of Hope" (Adam), were sung with admirable precision. The tone of the choir and the balance of the parts are excellent, and their clear enunciation was especially not eeable.

"Father Time" v. Club Secretaries!

EXEMPLARY KEENNESS IN "COLOGNE POST" CRICKET COMPETITION.

Club Secretaries are again reminded that time is so short that pace must be kept with the fixture list, and that Rule 7 will be applied in all cases of default, unless good reason is given for postponing matches. One club has set an example of keenness by already playing two of its August matches besides bringing its fixture list right up to date.

TIE AT OPLADEN.

92rd Bde. R.G.A. Gunner Takes 8 Wickets for 19.

"MAPS" 4 F.S.BN. (52) v. 92 BDE R.G.A. (52). At Opladen on Wednesday a tie resulted. For "Maps", Major Gaine batted splendidly for 20, while Gnr. Charlton for the Brigade, besides making 17, took eight of "Maps" wickets for 19.

LONDON D.M.T. COY. (71 for 3 declared) v. F.S. BTN. MAPS (59) at Merheim on Thursday. The Maps won the toss and decided to bat first. At first the batting was very slow, 4 wickets falling for 43. The D.M.T. Coy did not start well, 3 wickets falling for 36, but Lieut. Howard and Lieut. Wright changed the aspect and put the score up to 71 without any further loss, and the innings was declared closed. For the winners Lieut. Howard played a good innings for 34 not out, other scores being Lieut. Wright not out 12, Cpl. Wright 19. Pte. Jacobs took 4 wickets for 17 and Lieut. Wright 5 for 25. For the losers Spr. Ward made the top score of 12.

MIDLAND D.A.C. (48) v. "E" CORPS SIGNALS (48) at Nieder Elvenich on 16th inst. After some exciting cricket the match ended in a draw. Lieut. Rich, for the home team, scored 6 wickets for 21.

MID. DIV. H. Q. (115) v. 354 SIEGE BATTERY (47) at Brühl on Wednesday. Pte Walton was top scorer with 18 for the H.Q. team. Against the bowling of Lawes (4 for 24) and Bailey (5 for 17) the Battery could make no headway, and were beaten by 68 runs.

No. 2 WATER TANK COY (43) v. 51 AUX BUS COY (11) at Bickendorf on Thursday. For the winners Pte Carden took 4 wickets for 1 and Pte Archer 5 for 7.

9th D.L.I. (49) v. BAKERIES SPORTS CLUB (37) at Kalk. Bowling for D.L.I., Sgt. Smith took 6 wickets for 22 and Capt. Gibson 1 wicket for 6.

183 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A. (43) v. "D" CORPS SIGNAL COY. R.E. (37) at Düren, on R.E.'s ground on Wednesday.

77 S. BTY. R.G.A. (98 for 5) v. 76th ARMY BDE. R.F.A. (61) on the R.F.A. ground at Romerhof on Wednesday. The R.F.A. batted first and were all out for 62. Capt. Burstone was the only one to reach double figures. On going to the wicket, 77 S. Bty. soon knocked off the runs, finally declaring with 98 on the board for the loss of 5 wickets, Cpl. Fenton (51) being chief scorer. He also carried off the bowling honours, taking 6 wickets for 24 runs. Taylor took 3 wickets for 17.

41st M.G.C. (127) v. NORTHERN DIV. R.E. (53). The Engineers made a poor start, only having 9 runs to their credit on the fall of the fourth wicket. Capt. Simms (17 not out) and Cpl. Cooper (14), however, batted well, and appreciably added to the score. Particularly good was the bowling of Dvr. Gorrad (8 wickets for 32 runs), who has for 7 League Matches played, 42 wickets to his credit, at an average of 4 runs per wicket. The Gunners were not in their usual form, being all out with a total of 127 runs. The only batsmen making any stand were Major D. Boumphrey (61) and Lieut. T. E. Andrews (28).

VI CORPS H.Q. (137) v. 12th BN. ROYAL IRISH RIFLES (31) at Lindenthal. For the winners, Pte. Eaton made 22 and took 3 wickets for 16 runs; and Cpl. Ellis (21) took 4 for 11.

THE "HAT TRICK."

Excellent Bowling at Troisdorf: Suffolks Lead By 95.

4th SUFFOLK REGT. (158) v. 51st BEDFORD REGT. (63) at Troisdorf on Tuesday. Lieut. Bailey took 5 for 21, including the "Hat trick", and Pither 3 for 28. Dvr. Dodman scored 13; Sergt. Edwards 11, and Bennett not out 12, for the Bedfords. For the Suffolks Lt. Hoyland 14, Lt. Kirby 36, Pither 20, Lt. Bailey 21, Albon 35, and L/Cpl Pair 17 were the chief scores.

LANCS. DIV. SIG. COY. (163) v. No. 3 COY. WEST DIV. R.A.S.C. (76) at Venusberg on Tuesday. 2/Cpl. Baker and Spr. Falwood played excellent cricket, contributing 45 and 44 runs respectively. Pte. Rowe also made a very useful 23.

121st HEAVY BTY. R.G.A. (65) v. LANCS. DIV. SIG. COY. (88) on the Gunners ground on Wednesday. Capt. Mathew scored 30 in an excellent innings, and 2/Cpl. Baker 22. For the Gunners, Sergt. Banks scored 31 runs and took 6 wickets.

OTHER RESULTS.

93 Bde. R.G.A. (142) v. 2 Bn. M.G.C. (73).
"R" A.A. Bty. (85) v. Cav. Div. A.C. (67).
2 Water Tank Coy. (88) v. 2 Northern T.M.B. (52).
53rd Bn. The Welsh Regt; (122) v. X Corps Signal Coy. (106.)
53rd Bn. The Welsh Regt; (93) v. Eastern Division Signal Coy. (52).
53rd Bn. The Welsh Regt; (114) v. Lancashire Division Signal Coy. (113).

DUREN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
D Corps Siege Park	8	8	0	16§
153 Siege Bty.	8	7	1	14§
Light. Div. H.Q.	9	6	3	12§
3 K.O. Hussars	9	5	4	10§
62 Bn. M.G.C.	8	5	3	10§
D Corps Sig. Coy.	9	4	5	8§
52 Gordon Hdrs.	7	4	3	8§
15 Kings Hussars	6	4	2	8§+
Light Div. Sig. Coy.	6	4	2	8§
IV Corps Troops M.T. Coy.	6	4	2	8
183 Siege Bty.	7	3	4	6§+
0 Bty. Rocket Troops	6	2	4	4§
1 Light Railway Sig. Coy.	6	2	4	4§
1/1 N.Mid. Heavy Bty.	5	2	4	6§
10th A. & S. Hdrs.	4	2	2	4§
527 Coy. R.A.S.C.	4	1	3	2§+
310 Bde. R.F.A.	3	1	2	2§
51 Sherwood Forresters	3	1	2	2§+

SOLINGEN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
63 Field Coy.	5	5	0	10
64 Field Coy.	5	4	1	8
51 Hants Regt.	5	3	2	6
1/5 K.O.S.B.	4	3	1	6
Lowland Div. M.T. Coy.	4	2	2	4
Southern Div. R.E.	4	2	2	4§
90 Field Coy.	4	1	3	2+
83 Gen. Hosp.	4	1	3	2
15 H.L.I.	3	1	2	2
A/51 Bde. R.F.A.	3	0	3	0
Lowland D.A.C.	2	0	2	0
11 R. Scots	1	0	1	0

§ points awarded for scratched matches.
+ points deducted for scratched matches.

LANCASHIRE V. LEICESTER.

John Tyldesley in Brilliant Batting Form at Manchester.

Nothing stood out more prominently at Manchester in the opening of the return match between Lancashire and Leicestershire than the batting display given by John Tyldesley, whose cricket in the closing stages of his innings was dazzling. Details:—

LANCASHIRE.

Makepeace, c Whitehead, b Curtis	39
Hallows, c Curtis, b Skelding	38
Tyldesley (J. T.), c Sharp, b Curtis	91
Norbury, c Whitehead, b Geary	3
Tyldesley (E.), c King, b Skelding	41
Tyldesley (J.), c Sidwell, b Geary	29
J. C. H. Hollins, c and b Curtis	6
R. A. Boddington, b Geary	5
Tyldesley, (R.), b Skelding	41
M. Kenyon, c Sidwell, b Skelding	13
Dean, not out	1
Extras	19
Total	326

LEICESTERSHIRE.

C. J. B. Wood, b Dean	17
Whitehead, c J. Tyldesley, b Norbury	45
Mounteney, b Norbury	21
King, c Boddington, b Norbury	8
G. B. F. Radd, c E. Tyldesley, b R. Tyldesley	
A. T. Sharp, not out	32
Geary, not out	4
Extras	6
Total (5 wkts)	134

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Lancashire.—First Innings: Skelding 4 for 100, Geary 3 for 57, King 0 for 63, Curtis 3 for 88, Wood 0 for 4.

Final Scores.

Lancashire 326 and 38; Leicestershire 204 and 314 for 6.

Finished.—The printers' strike in Switzerland is ended.

Fall in Food Prizes.—In Berlin there is a fall of fifty percent in all food prices.

Michelham Millions.—A settlement has been arrived at in the Michelham will case.

THE BOXING CHALLENGE.

Two Bombardiers Willing to Meet Pte. Worman.

Two more boxing enthusiasts have expressed a desire to enter the ring in response to Pte. Jack Worman's challenge which appeared in the columns of "The Cologne Post," namely Bdr. Smith, R.A., 281st Siege Bty, R.G.A., and Bdr. W.H. Boon, R.H.A., No. 1 Coy, R.A.S.C., Southern Division, Gladbach.

The former writes:—

"I shall be pleased to meet him any time next month at 10 st 4 lbs., the bout to be held somewhere in the Cologne-Düren district."

Bdr. Boon says:—

"I am willing to box Pte. Worman or anyone about 10 stone any number of rounds."

EASTERN DIVISION CRICKET COMPETITION.

52nd Sussex (54) v. D.A.C. (Zündorf) (42) at Zündorf on Monday in bad weather. Capt. Wellington for 52nd took 5 wickets for 15; R.Q.M.S. Newstead 3 for 19, and Sergt. Harris 2 for 1. Lieut. Bull was top scorer for D.A.C., 8 (not out). Clothier for D.A.C. took 7 wickets for 29 and Carter 3 for 14. Sergt. Crossman was top scorer for 52nd Sussex with 16. Both sides fielded well.

How Cheerful news.—Sir Eric Geddes promises a rise in railway freights.

Raining Herrings.—A waterspout spread a shower of herrings over Tobermory.

In the Gutter.—An old member of the Bavarian Cabinet is selling newspapers in the streets of Munich.

Not Present.—General Seely, the Air Minister, entered for the King's Prize at Bisley, but was not there to fire in the first stage.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Inter-Allied Regatta.

The inter-Allied regatta began on Thursday on the Seine over a course between the Pont de St. Cloud and the Pont de Suresnes.

Reading's New Forward.

Reading consider they have made a good capture in signing on John Haslie, a centre-forward, whom they have induced St. Mirren to part with.

Lancashire's Recruit.

J. R. Barnes, the brilliant young Ormskirk batsman, has accepted an invitation to play for Lancashire against Nottingham at Trent Bridge. Barnes, who is only twenty-one, has an average of 45 for ten innings with Ormskirk.

New M. C. C. Rule.

F. W. Gilligan, the Oxford wicketkeeper, plays for Essex under the new M. C. C. rule that allows service men to assist a county to which their regiment belongs. He is a captain in the Essex Regiment.

Player's Escape.

Lieut. C. A. McConchie, R.A.F., who is playing in the Norwood Lawn Tennis Tournament this week, is the sole survivor of the crew of the ill-fated airship N.S. 11. Lieut. McConchie was granted leave a few weeks ago, and he has spent it in playing at the various lawn tennis tournaments around London.

Candies Verboten.

Like most Americans, Moore is very fond of sweets, but candies are forbidden to a boxer who has got to get weight off.

Weight-Lifters' Carnival.

Great interest is being taken by weight-lifters in the carnival of mixed sports arranged by the British Amateur Weight-Lifters' Association, to take place at the Surrey Masonic Hall on Monday.

Victory For Horatio.

Last week at Stockel (Belgium) Mr. Bottomley's My Memo won the Prix du Prince, a handicap (gentlemen up) of £80, over a mile. My Memo was ridden by Mr. Owen, and beat seven opponents.

Jockey Thrown.

Whalley was thrown from Seamstress at the start of the race for the Two-Year-Old Selling Plate on Wednesday afternoon and then kicked. For some time he appeared to be badly hurt, but the injury happily did not turn out to be serious.

Turned Professional.

West Bromwich Albion have signed on as a professional. Fred Lea, the clever inside forward of the Austin Motor Club. He played for the Albion as an amateur before the war, but joined up in the City Battalion, and has just been demobilized.

Your Savings

YOUR weekly savings will grow into a small fortune if you invest them regularly in Savings Certificates. Not only will your savings increase as week by week you add to them, but the money itself will grow.

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FROM EVERYWHERE.

EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY.

Back Again.—Mr. Asquith who was the guest of Sir William Robertson, has returned to London.

Prince's Voyage.—The Prince of Wales will embark for Canada on August 5.

Pipe of Peace.—All tobacconists throughout the United Kingdom will close to-day.

No Furniture.—The furniture workers' strike has assumed national importance.

Foch to Come.—Marshal Foch has accepted the invitation to attend the London Peace celebrations.

No Flying.—No flying over London will be permitted to-day.

Flight to Eton.—King Albert flew from Brussels to Eton this week to see his son.

Their First Flight.—Two of the crew of the ill-starred N.S. 11. were making their first voyage.

Profiteer Mobbed.—Housewives mobbed an alleged profiteer at Carlisle market.

For Women as Well.—The silver medal for war services overseas is to be granted to women as well as men.

Beer Shortage.—The War Cabinet has not yet reached a decision regarding the continuance of the restrictions on the output of beer.

Lorries for Sale.—Fifteen hundred unused motor-lorries are being placed on the market by the Disposal Board of the Ministry of Munitions.

Elaborate Decorations.—London streets are gay with decorations more elaborate than any since Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

Good-bye.—The Government has decided on the abolition of the Censorship as from midnight on Wednesday next.

R.A.F.—The R.A.F. contingent in the Peace Procession to-day will consist of 60 officers and 600 men headed by Major-Gen. Sir J. Salmond.

Against it.—A memorial got up in the House of Commons against coal nationalisation has been signed by 300 members.

Convenient.—A Motherwell coalman has converted his lorry into a caravan, saving his family the trouble of finding a holiday home.

The Government.—Nothing in the nature of a reconstruction or reshuffle of the Ministry will take place until after the recess.

Cost of a Freedom.—The cost to the London Corporation of admitting the Prince of Wales to the Freedom of the City was £344.

Making Officers.—Over 5,000 cadets received Army commissions through Sandhurst, between the outbreak of war and December last.

Nix for Creditors.—A London financier examined in bankruptcy had liabilities of £178,000 and no assets.

Brought No Luck.—An unofficial member of the crew of N.S. 11 was a black cat, the airship's mascot.

Typewriter Shortage.—There is a shortage of typewriters and a new machine to-day costs anything from £30 to £50.

Geopolis.—An international city in Belgium, to be called Geopolis, is suggested as an Inter-Allied war memorial.

Warrior's Fate.—Having served for four years in the Army, a Shoreditch ex-sergeant and his family ejected from their home are faced with the workhouse.

Tommy's Huge Club.—The Union Jack Club, which is already the largest club in the world, is to be extended. There is at present sleeping accommodation for 900.

Peace Time 'Zepps'.—A Zeppelin freight and passenger service between New York and Hamburg is to be started.

In Seven Hours.—Private J. Hardy, an Australian soldier, who learnt to fly in seven hours, has taken the first civilian flying certificate issued by the Royal Aero Club since the Armistice.

"Our Only Enemy."—"Our only enemy remains the British Empire. Friendship with England will always be impossible." — Count Westarp, the German Conservative leader.

Before the Day.—A purchaser of fireworks accidentally dropped a lighted match into a box of crackers at a shop. Damage estimated at £1,000 followed.

Disabled Men Celebrate.—Discharged and disabled men in hospital were sent to their homes yesterday until Monday. They were given 10s each for expenses.

"Take Cover."—Competitors were just about to shoot in one of the competitions at Bisley when a great swarm of bees came zig-zagging down the range.

Watches for Blinded.—To each of sixty Belgian soldiers blinded in the war the Queen of the Belgians has presented a watch striking the hours and the half-hours.

Furniture for France.—The French Red Cross Society has bought furniture from the Ministry of Munitions for the devastated areas of France and Belgium.

Their Award.—The medal in bronze will be granted to British subjects who were in native Labour Corps units and who served in theatres of war.

A Baronet Film Actor.—One of the first titled recruits to the cinema screen is Sir Simeon Stuart. He has worked his way up by playing "walking-on" parts.

Free Pardon.—The War Museum wants forbidden snapshots of the war—ones that were taken against orders. Those who offer their efforts will be forgiven.

The Belgian Parliament.—During his stay in Belgium M. Poincaré will be invited to be present at a sitting of the Belgian Parliament on July 22.

Flowers for Poincaré.—The young Alsatian girls who were in Paris for the Victory celebrations called in the afternoon on M. Poincaré to offer him flowers.

The Right to Celebrate.—Demobilized soldiers summoned at Grimsby said they had earned the right to celebrate Peace, and the magistrates, taking this view, dismissed summonses for discharging fireworks.

Echoes from Rhineland.

MORE MONEY FOR ECHOES.

So successful has our offer of a daily prize to contributors of "Echoes" been, that we have decided to extend our offer by giving three prizes very day of ten marks each. This increase in the number of awards will, it is hoped lead to an even greater response than hitherto from readers. All who keep their eyes and ears open must see and hear many incidents in Rhineland that are informative or amusing. Lack of literary style need debar no one from competing. It is the facts however, crudely expressed, that counts. Our Editorial staff will put the items in presentable form. So remember that henceforth there will be three prizes daily.

Possibilities of the Rhine.

Years ago the word "Rhine" would have meant to most of us a European river to be read about and studied with a heap of other, at that time, uninteresting geographical matter. Little did we dream that we should find ourselves so closely associated with the river. Some of us find it a misfortune that restrictions have to be observed. Had we this glorious waterway in other and freer circumstances what possibilities! Who ever sees a yacht here? Obviously the native has no use for such things nowadays, but if he ever had we should have found the craft somewhere. And as for rowing! What would our "Varsities" give for these chances! The rowing seen here makes one want to creep into forests and weep: and we could pull better on the stream of our tears.

The Barber's "Bowl."

All are familiar with the barber's sign in Rhineland, a brass bowl usually about the size of a dinner plate, which hangs outside the door of the shop, and which serves the same purpose as the barber's pole. It may not be generally known that the bowl is the ancient sign of "barber-surgery" which was formerly practised in practically all civilized countries, including England. In those days the barber performed operations of quite a different nature to those of the "tonsorial" artist of to-day. The operation generally consisted of "cupping" or blood-letting," which was performed by the barber, whose assistant held the bowl to catch the blood from the patient's veins. Different veins were opened according to the nature of the disease from which the patient suffered, the quantity of "blood-letting" varying with the severity or otherwise of the disease.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

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By Lieut. William R. Patterson, F.R.G.S.

Many amateurs of photography here are restricting themselves to occasional snapshots in town and to portraits of chums and acquaintances. Some of them have taken the same photograph several times over.

This is rather a pity since the environs of Cologne present much scope for artistic work. Within walking distance of the town we have both the Zoo and the beautiful botanical park called the Flora.

The former provides us with charming animal studies, the latter with exquisitely arranged alleys and avenues.

Now is the time to visit the Flora for she is so gaily bedecked and therefore affords excellent opportunities for landscape photography.

There are groves and flowers and trees most picturesque; there are lawns and statues; indeed it is an ideal study and one of the best also for the beginner. For the latter it is advisable to take two photographs of the same object at different speeds in order to learn something of the power of light. Only by practice can one hope to be successful. Otherwise, one may become disheartened.

I append again the list of prices which I mentioned in last week's article:—

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10—16, 13—13	1.75 Mark

For a roll of a dozen exposures the rate will be less in proportion; this refers also to large quantities of plates, etc.

PACKFILMS.

Size.	Single exposure	dozen exposures
4½—6, 6—9	20 Pfennig	2.— Marks
8—10½, 9—12	25 "	2.50 "
10—15	30 "	3.— "
13—18	40 "	4.— "

PRINTS.

Size	Single prints	Per dozen
4—6½, 6—6, 6—9, 4.5—10.7	25 Pfennig	2.50 Marks
6½—11, 9—9, 8—10½, 9—12	35 "	3.50 "
8—14, 10—12½, 10—15	40 "	4.— "
13—18	60 "	6.— "
18—24	90 "	6.— "
24—30	1.50 Marks	15.— "

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13—18	
18—24	3.50 Marks
24—30	5.50 Marks
30—40	9.00 Marks
40—50	12.00 Marks
50—60	15.00 Marks

POSITIVES.

Size	Prize
4.5—10.7	70 Pfennig
8½—8½	1.10 Marks
8—10½	1.15 Marks
9—12	1.30 Marks
13—13	2.50 Marks

Heads Out.

What makes the travelling German public hug the railway carriage windows so much? On only main lines, when the train happens to stop between stations, take a look out of the window and you will see a long string of carriages from the sides of which faces, hats, hands and shoulders seem to grow in profusion. Take another peep out, when the train is doing its 40 or 50 miles an hour. Hands and hat brims and even an occasional face are still visible, along the train. Perhaps the travellers cannot resist gazing upon the beauties of the Fatherland, or it may be the spirit of the "Wandervögel," a craving for fresh air, which always seems to be emphasized in an ordinary travelling crowd, by the number of rucksacks which the people carry. Or it may simply be that the carriages are overcrowded. Judging by the overcrowded nature of the trains, we should imagine that this is the real reason.

A Fact.

He was a very downy one pip and rather deaf too — doing his first duty at a forward O. P. The day had been fairly quiet with only a few 'pip squeaks' buzzing about; but as darkness came on "Jerry" began to mix 'em up a bit and make things rather interesting. Needless to say our hero grew rather windy. No reports having been received at H.Q., in spite of the fact that batteries had sent through numerous flash lamp lights etc. the "Oldman" (not the mildest on the Western front) thought it about time to make enquiries at O.P. "Hallo Mudlark Hallo!— What, speak up? Dem it man I'm yelling blue now. Have you nothing to report?" Downy Pip's reply "Nothing much Sir." "What's nothing much? Why the whole place is alight, and you've seen nothing special in lights. Do you know what the Hades you are up there for?" Utter collapse of Lt. Col. Black and fusing of all lines on receiving Downy Pip's final effort: "Yes, Sir, for twenty-four hours. I'm off at 9 a.m."

A Tip for Builders.

British builders—that is repairing builders—might well take a tip from German workmen in the matter of scaffolding. Instead of the clumsy scaffold poles embedded in barrels of earth, the knocking out of bricks for the insertion of tie beams and the lashing of other poles to attain height, the Germans have a system of standardized scaffolding which is a marvel of speed and efficiency. Bolted end and intermediate ladders and planks are quickly put together, security being made absolute by a system of screw tie rods and clamps which fit into the window embrasures. Recently in Cologne I saw a washing down of the wall of an hotel courtyard. It was at least ninety feet high by forty wide. The whole of the operation, including erecting and dismounting the scaffold, was done in one day!

The Silhouette Vogue.

One of the things that cannot fail to have been noticed by those who study the shopwindows of Cologne is the craze that exists for silhouette pictures. These can be seen in great variety and the skill in producing these dainty outlines cut out entirely by hand is considerable. The subjects are mostly of the fantastic kind, sylvan scenes, weird dances, and sporting subjects. It is a pretty vogue and we hear that it is spreading to London.

A Club for Wrafs.

Strolling through the arcades of the Hohestrasse yesterday we came across a new institution just opening. It is the Wraf club and library and we were shown over the extensive premises by one of the lady staff. When it is completed there will be ample accommodation for reading and writing and the shelves are being well stocked with books. Much of the literature provided seemed to be of quite a serious type and plenty of technical and educational publications are there to be read or consulted. The club will be a valuable addition to the organization of the Wrafs in Cologne and district.

Heard in Billets.

In a certain Signalling Company where there is a linesman named Charles Dickens, an amusing incident occured. A certain sapper arrived at the billet feeling very pleased with himself, after a jovial evening and entering, uttered in dramatic manner "Curse you Copperfield, Curse you!" when the following dialogue occurred. Corporal: "If you say that again I will shove you in clink. Sapper: "Shove me in clink. What for?" Corporal: "What for! Why shouting, curse you Corporal." Third Party: "Haven't you ever heard of Charles Dickens." Corporal: "Yes, of course, I know him. Charles Dickens the linesman!"

Lesser Echoes.

There was a crowd reminiscent of sale day in Regent-street. One fought for a place, only to find that the enterprising German shopkeeper was exhibiting his latest consignment of cocoa and fondants.

A German, who was unwise enough to have two bags of issue cigarettes in his possession the other night, is to-day a sad but wiser man. He scarcely bargained for the questioning of an astute M.P. Let others take warning.

The result of delay in the preparation of the Lindenthal cricket ground is now apparent in the roughness of the pitch.

The practice of using electric bells to give warnings on the opening of shop doors is very prevalent in Rhineland. It is also in use in England, but, while in England some type of primary battery is invariably used to supply the necessary energy to the bell, in this country the supply is taken from the shop lighting circuit. This latter plan hds undoubted advantages.

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KING'S MESSAGE TO WOUNDED.

PRINCE OF WALES CHEERED FOR CHARMING INCIDENT AT AMERICAN REVIEW.

PEACE DAY REJOICINGS.

PEACE PAGEANT.

EXCITING AND PRINCELY INCIDENT.

There was a fever of excitement over the Peace pageant in London yesterday. Immense crowds parading the streets were swelled by the influx from the suburbs and provinces for preliminary inspections of the lavish scheme of decorations. Foreign troops, in uniforms unknown to London, mixed freely with the crowds and aroused great curiosity and interest.

"THE GLORIOUS DEAD."

The imposing memorial to the dead in Whitehall was unveiled on Friday. It is a simple stone monolith 32 feet high, striking and significant without being lavish. On its Northern and Southern faces are the simple words "The glorious dead." This and the Victoria memorial in front of Buckingham Palace are the two saluting points in the great march.

Marshal Foch arrived on Friday and was accorded a great popular ovation. He was met at Victoria by Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, General Seely, Admiral Wemyss and many other distinguished soldiers and sailors.

The contingent of officers and men of the fleet, now lying off Southend, reached London on Friday afternoon, their march through the streets to their quarters being watched by thousands of sightseers.

SOLDIER'S WIFE PETITIONS PRINCE OF WALES.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in the morning witnessed the march past of the American troops.

At the end of the parade there was a dramatic little scene in Hyde Park, when the Prince was petitioned by a poor woman. The Prince had just finished addressing the American officers. Immediately they had received the order to fall out, the big crowd of spectators was surprised and alarmed to see a young woman, neatly dressed in black, walk sharply towards the Prince.

"Your Highness," she said, "I've come to see if you can do anything regarding the pension awarded to my husband."

OUTBURST OF CHEERS.

Having enlisted his attention, she explained that no pension had yet been received although it had been granted.

The Prince listened sympathetically and looked at the documents she produced.

"I will see that the matter is looked into," he said.

Mr. Winston Churchill made a similar promise, and the woman, obviously gratified, expressed her thanks to the Prince.

He bade her "good morning" and shook hands with her, a spontaneous action which was greeted with an outburst of cheering.

KING'S MESSAGE TO SICK AND WOUNDED.

His Majesty the King sent the following message to the sick and wounded on Peace Day.

"We are celebrating a victorious peace and amidst the national rejoicings my thoughts and those of Her Majesty the Queen go out to the men who in their gallant part taken to secure that victory suffered and are yet suffering from the cruel hand of war. To those sick and wounded who cannot take an active part in the festival of victories we send our greetings and bid them be of good cheer, assuring them that the wounds and scars so honourable to themselves, inspire in the hearts of their fellow countrymen the warmest feelings of gratitude and respect."

FREEDOM OF THE CITY FOR PERSHING.

General Pershing received the freedom of the City of London at the Guildhall on Friday morning, the ceremony being conducted with all the customary civic dignity. A great demonstration was accorded the distinguished guest, while Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig and his wife were even more demonstratively welcomed.

Replying to the toast of his health, General Pershing said that the history of the Anglo-Saxon race was the history of human progress. Our common ancestors had ever fought for human rights, and the liberties of mankind had always been their goal. It is our hope that these two great nations may now act in common in achieving new successes during the years of peace that are to be ours and in the enjoyment of those blessings which common sacrifices have won for us.

TRAITOR IN SAFE KEEPING.

Lieut.-Col. Sir F. Hall asked the Home Secretary in the House of Commons if an order had been made for the deportation of Trebitsch Lincoln, the Hungarian spy and ex-M.P.; if arrangements were made for the order to be carried out on July 2nd and if the deported man was recalled on his way to the port of embarkation.

Mr. Shortt said the facts as cited were correctly stated. The deportation was suspended on receipt of information which made it appear undesirable in the present circumstances to allow Lincoln to return to his own country.

The Supreme Economic Council has considered the Austrian note asking that the reprovisioning of the country by the Allies may be continued till November. It is stated that in view of the state of that country, the note appears to contain a fair demand.

"ORIENTAL KAISER."

U.S. SENATOR URGES CHINA'S MILITARY DEVELOPMENT.

President Wilson devoted most of his time on Thursday to engagements with republican Senators who desired to hear at first hand the President's views concerning the Shantung problem.

Speaking on this question in the Senate, Senator Shearman protested against what he called the dismemberment of China, and warned the chamber against the "Oriental Kaiser who would menace the world."

This threat, he claimed, could be checked by the United States expressing its emphatic disapproval of the Shantung clause or by the awakening of China, from its dream of pacifism and urging her to develop some military strength. The question is being considered by the Foreign Relations Committee.

FOCH'S PRECAUTION.

ANXIOUS NOT TO DENUDE OCCUPIED AREA.

The French Press yesterday commented with surprise on Marshal Foch's presence at the last sitting of the Supreme Economic Council and regards the incident as of much importance.

All the big problems occupying the Council at present are concerned with the mode of carrying out the provisions of the Peace Treaty.

The presence of Marshal Foch is therefore probably connected with the question of the withdrawal of British and American troops from the left bank of the Rhine.

M. Clemenceau made a statement to the Peace Committee of the Senate last night, in which he declared that Marshal Foch had recommended the establishment of bridgeheads on the Rhine guarded by Entente troops. He preferred that protection to the suggested bridgeheads, which French soldiers alone would guard, which might lead to political difficulties.

The German Army, reduced to a hundred thousand men, could not make movements which might be considered provocative at a distance of fifty kilometres from the frontier. French security being certain, the Government would be able to consider the possibility of a change in the conditions of military service.

CAPE TO CAIRO.

EXCHANGE OF TERRITORIES ENSURES ALL RED ROUTE.

The Committee charged with fixing the mandates for the colonies met at Paris on Friday. In the course of the discussion Belgium was prevailed upon to cede to Britain a fairly considerable portion of the old Belgian Congo possessions in the region of the lake Tanganyika. She will receive in exchange a large part of German East Africa.

By this advantageous combination for the two countries Great Britain is assured of the Cape to Cairo communication and Belgium receives seven millions of subjects and rich territories. She abandons only three million native inhabitants.

The Supreme Council has to ratify these agreements.

FRENCH BOLSHEVIST'S HEAVY SENTENCE.

A French Naval Court-martial has sentenced to twenty years hard labour a naval artificer named Marty who was one of the crew of the French destroyer Protest.

He plotted to seize the warship while it was lying at anchor in the Black Sea and deliver it over to the Bolshevists. The plot was fortunately discovered in time.

LATEST KAISER RUMOUR.

The very latest rumour concerning the ex-Kaiser Wilhelm emanates from Italy.

The "Populo Italia," a Milan newspaper, states that he has obtained permission from the Republican German Government to return to Germany and live on one of his estates under police surveillance.

TROOPS LEAVING HAMBURG.

The greater part of the Imperial troops who were sent to Hamburg to quell the recent distubances are leaving during the week-end. Six thousand are remaining behind to protect the town against further outbreaks.

LULL AT ARCHANGEL.

The War Office announces that little activity is being shown by either side on the Archangel front owing to the exceptionally low level of the river Dvina.

On July 11th Russian troops carried out a successful raid along the banks of the Solemenga river, capturing prisoners and setting fire to some enemy blockhouses. Many floating mines are being picked up daily in the Dvina.

WINESHOP MURDER.

DISCREPANCIES IN PRISONER'S VOLUNTARY STATEMENT.

Hendon Petty Sessions Court was crowded to its utmost capacity on Friday, when Arthur John Biggin, the eighteen year old youth who was arrested at Sheffield, made his second appearance on the charge of having murdered John Gregory, the elderly manager of a local wine store.

At the first hearing a sensational confession volunteered by the prisoner was read, in which he alleged that he struck deceased in self-defence in consequence of the menacing attitude he adopted when his improper overtures were rejected.

At the present hearing, Prosecuting Counsel, speaking of the fight in the room behind the shop, suggested that the decisive and fatal blow was struck with a bottle.

Dealing with the allegation contained in prisoner's statement, Counsel said that if the statement were true, the prisoner was aware on July 3rd of the sort of person he alleged Gregory to be, and therefore for what purpose he was being invited to the shop. He must have known quite well when he went there the next time the purpose for which he was asked to go and either consented or was prepared to pretend to consent, for the purpose of getting wine.

The number of blows delivered was quite unnecessary to protect accused from assault, declared counsel.

New evidence was given by Mr. John Dawe, who knew Gregory. He recalled how on the day before the tragedy, Gregory and a companion, whom he could not identify, had boarded an omnibus on which he was travelling. Dawe remembered Gregory saying to the other man "I'll see you to-morrow."

Accused was remanded till next Friday.

POLICE UNION.

COMMONS' IRREVOCABLE DECISION.

Yesterday the second reading of the Police Bill was moved in the House of Commons by Mr. Shortt. It gives new rates of pay throughout the country and sets up a new police federation.

Having dealt with the minor provisions of the Bill, Mr. Shortt said the Government were resolved, after full consideration of the matter, that nothing in the nature of an industrial Trade Union could be permitted in connection with the police force and that no man could belong to a Trade Union and remain in the force.

That decision might be right or it might be wrong, but it was one they intended to adhere to absolutely and entirely.

The new Police Union would be an organisation within the force itself and be entirely separated from outside bodies.

Labour members strongly criticised the Union clauses but the Bill was read a second time.

CHURCHILL'S WARNING.

SINISTER MENACE OF RUSSIAN BOLSHEVISM.

Speaking at a dinner held at the British Russia Club on Thursday, Mr. Winston Churchill dealt with the trend of affairs in Russia. He said that if Koltchak and Denikin were to be destroyed and the whole of Russia were to fall into the hands of Lenin and Trotsky, the whole power of Bolshevism would be thrown against the tottering little surrounding states.

While all the victorious nations are disarming, the Bolshevists are increasing their armaments and developing into a military power which would be able to work with Germany.

He held it to be his duty to deliver this serious warning, so that in future years, it will be on record that the facts of the situation were not withheld from the British people. Russia, he said, is the decisive factor in the destiny of the world at the present time. Her uplifting is the first duty of the League of Nations. If the League could not save Russia, then Russia in her agony would destroy the League.

COWARDLY V.C.

THRASHED AND KICKED HIS WIFE.

At Hull yesterday, John Cunningham, formerly of the East Yorks Regt., who wears the Victoria Cross, was summoned for persistent cruelty to his young wife.

It was alleged that two days before her child was born, he gave her a black eye and kicked her and that he generally ill-treated her.

Cunningham, who was wearing the V.C., denied the allegations and said that since he left hospital his wife had left him three times in one week.

The magistrates, telling Cunningham that he had treated his wife like a dog, issued a separation order and ordered him to pay twenty-five shillings per week maintenance.

QUESTION OF AMBASSADORS.

The Allied Governments are not reserving any powers, so Mr. Cecil Harmsworth informed Mr. Bottomley yesterday to supervise the appointment of German Ministers to the United States and elsewhere. So far as he was aware none of the Allies had raised the question and so far as Great Britain is concerned the Sovereign, acting on the advice of his Ministers, could refuse his acceptance of any individual proposed as a representative of a foreign state at the Court of St. James.

The German National Assembly has rejected, by 154 votes to 129, the Socialist proposal for the abolition of capital punishment.

COAL OUTPUT.

MINERS REFUSE TO PROMISE NOT TO STRIKE.

On Friday the Miners Federation discussed the Government's offer to postpone the 6s. per ton increase in the price of coal, if the miners pledged themselves to increase their output and not to strike for three months. Instead, the Federation passed a resolution agreeing to co-operate with the Government if it is prepared to put into operation the economies suggested in the first Sankey report and to introduce legislation for the nationalization of mines.

By an overwhelming majority the conference decided not to give the pledge asked for by Mr. Bonar Law, that there shall be no stoppages for three months. The essence of Mr. Smillie's attitude was that the men should not pledge themselves in any way until the Government's attitude on the Sankey report and on nationalization is made known. A feature of the discussion was an appeal made by Mr. Brace to accept the Government offer and realise the gravity of the nation's position in view of the decreasing output.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law announced that he had received official information to the effect that the Miners Federation had rejected the Government's offer regarding stoppages and accelerated output and that under the circumstances the addition of six shillings per ton to the retail price of coal would take effect on Monday.

VICTORY LOAN.

CHANCELLOR AGAIN REFUSES PREMIUM BONDS.

The approximate result of the Victory Loan was announced in the House of Commons on Friday afternoon by Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer. The total, including conversions, is roughly 708 millions and of this the new money amounts to about 537 millions. The Chancellor said that in view of all the circumstances, the result must be considered very satisfactory.

The House would not fail to recognise that the financial situation still presented difficulties and great caution will be required both in national finance and in private expenditure.

Replying to Mr. Bottomley the Chancellor said he is not prepared to make an early issue of premium bonds.

HEROIC GERMAN.

GOVERNMENT REWARDS FOR GALLANT RESCUE.

A British aeroplane crashed and caught fire yesterday at a Wiltshire aerodrome where some German prisoners of war were employed. The pilot was entrapped in the burning wreckage and was in imminent danger of being burnt to death when one of the prisoners, Gemeiner Bruckman, 99th Infantry (Reserve) Regiment of the German Army, went to the officer's assistance and effected a very gallant rescue at great personal risk.

The Air Ministry announces that it has been decided that Bruckman shall be forthwith released from captivity and granted a free passage to his destination in Germany. It has also been decided to present him with a sum of money and a silver watch suitably inscribed in recognition of his gallant and chivalrous act.

REASONABLENESS IN WAR.

EX-KAISER'S SPECIOUS LETTER.

The Berlin periodical "Deutsche Politik" has published a number of documents, purporting to be official, dealing with the events of 1914.

Included in these is a letter written by the Kaiser to Bethmann-Hollweg under date July 28th 1914, following the receipt of the Serbian reply to the Austrian ultimatum.

In the letter the Kaiser describes the Serbian reply as satisfactory and in consequence there was no reason for war. In order, however, to give Austria full satisfaction it would be reasonable to allow her to occupy Belgrade until all the promises of the Serbian Government were fulfilled.

MENACING MINERS.

At an evening conference of the Miners Federation at Keswick yesterday it was privately decided to submit to the London Trade Conference due next week certain questions. One concerns the taking of direct action regarding conscription; another is military intervention in Russia and a third is military intervention in Trade Union disputes.

The constituent sections of the London conference will be asked to vote thereon.

WHOLESALE COURT-MARTIAL.

The Court-martial was resumed at Sutton (Surrey) on Thursday afternoon, on men charged with mutiny at Belmont Camp on June 22nd.

The clerk of the Court stated, in the case of a batch of forty men, that the defence set up was that they were not the men intended to be arrested. They had three witnesses to prove that they were at home on the day in question. Thereupon the forty men were found not guilty, and were released.

An adjournment, limited to two or three days, was allowed at the request of the prosecution to enable them to get further evidence in similar cases.

It is confirmed that Baron von Lersner will be appointed German Charge d'Affairs at Paris.

The Argentine Minister in Paris has received instructions to take part in the League of Nations without reservations of any kind.

HEAVY DAMAGES.

LORD NEWTON WINS HIS LIBEL ACTION.

The action for libel brought by Lord Newton against the "Daily Mail" was concluded yesterday. No witnesses were called for the defence, the defendants relying on a plea of fair comment.

Sir John Simon, for the defence, submitted that the reason for not calling any evidence was that now that Lord Newton had given evidence the jury had really got before them, largely by the admissions of Lord Newton himself, the matters it was necessary for them to consider.

He contended that Lord Newton had made unseemly and improper use of his opportunities of addressing the House of Lords, with a result calculated to lacerate the hearts of people, who were watching for words of comfort to be spoken by representatives of the Government.

The Jury, after deliberating for thirty minutes, returned a verdict for Lord Newton and awarded him £5,000 damages, judgment being entered accordingly.

RAYNHAM AGAIN CRASHES.

AIRMAN THIRD DISASTER AT ST JOHN'S.

Raynham has experienced nothing but ill luck in his attempts to leave Newfoundland by air. His first accident occurred when he attempted to follow Hawker and Grieve. On that occasion the wind tilted the machine and a wing caught the ground, wrecking the Martinsyde and injuring both pilot and observer. Last week a tyre on the undercarriage burst and caused another delay. Yesterday, a third serious accident again dashed his hopes to the ground and for the time being put an end to his trans-Atlantic attempt.

All preparations were complete and the machine was actually crossing the aerodrome when the disaster occurred, owing to the excessive wind. The machine crashed and was totally wrecked. Fortunately Raynham and his navigator escaped uninjured.

AVIATORS CALCINED.

TRIPLE CATASTROPHE AT HENDON.

A terrible aeroplane accident occurred at Hendon aerodrome, on Friday afternoon, by which three airmen lost their lives.

Lieutenant Cain, accompanied by Corporal Gammie and Air-Mechanic Griffiths, had just ascended in a new machine, which they were taking to another aerodrome.

In making a turn the machine suddenly nose-dived and on crushing to the ground, burst into flames.

All three of the occupants were burned to death before they could be rescued.

NAVY PAY.

RATES NEARLY DOUBLED FOR OFFICERS.

An important statement has been issued by the Admiralty, effecting considerable improvements in rates of pay for officers. Full, half and retired pay for all officer ranks up to Captain is approximately double the scale in force prior to February 1st.

The new daily rates of pay of the executive branch (exclusive of allowance) are Lieutenant, 17s. to 24s., Lieutenant-Commander, 30s. to 34s., Commander, 40s. to 52s., Captain, 60s. to 75s., Rear-Admiral, £5. Vice-Admiral, £6., Admiral, £7., and Admiral-of-the-Fleet, £8.

SHOTS IN CAMP.

ONE RECRUIT KILLED AND ANOTHER WOUNDED.

At Clipstone Training Camp on Thursday a mysterious tragedy occurred. The men were in their huts when the camp was startled by the sound of the discharge of fire-arms. In one of the huts, two privates in the East Surrey Regt. were found seriously wounded. One of them named Bell died, while the other, named Alexander, was so badly wounded that his leg had to be amputated.

An immediate enquiry will be held.

RAILWAY STRIKE SPREADING.

The strike on the North Eastern Railway system is spreading rapidly. The men at York and the Tyne dock stations are also out. The Teeside and North Yorkshire iron and steel industry and business is becoming alarmingly disorganised.

The position is greatly complicated by the attitude of the Strike Committee, which declines to meet its own executive. It was thought that the executive might make a tentative settlement with the company on behalf of the men during the course of yesterday but so far no announcement has been made.

DEMONSTRATION AGAINST LORD FRENCH.

After formally opening at Dublin the Irish Central branch of the "Comrades of the Great War" on Friday afternoon, Lord French had a hostile reception outside the building.

Hissing and booing greeted his appearance. One silver badge man mounted the railings and shouted "There is no justice for a soldier. Justice in Ireland is dead." The police rushed to the scene and pulled him down.

Lord French entered his car, which rapidly drove away.

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TRADE REORGANISATION.

The raising of the blockade has brought to the fore all those problems of re-organisation of trade which, until the issuing of the order, were in some degree unsolvable.

The industrial machinery ceased to function between England and Germany four years ago and the problems that arise in getting that huge organisation into motion once again, require an effort compared with which even the spectacular activities of the war itself, take almost a secondary place.

To watch the slowly gathering momentum of industry will in the next few months be a fascinating study, and the opening phases of what will prove to be a huge trade boom are now to be seen at the offices of the Cologne Chamber of Commerce.

Consequently the offices of that body, which recently has been incorporated with the British Chambers of Commerce, are a hive of industry and a revelation as to the amount and difficulty of the work necessary for the re-opening of trade with Germany.

At the present moment, No 133 Hohe Strasse is the brain centre for the propagation of British trade, not only in the occupied areas, but throughout Germany.

In those offices there is no more hard working official than the secretary, Mr. C. Knott, ever anxious to give courteous and expert assistance on the most important or trivial matters affecting British commerce with Germany.

This week there has been an important development in the Cologne work, for offices have been opened in Berlin, Hamburg and Bremen.

They, like the offices in Cologne, are for the supply of information on such varied matters as railway rates and conditions, all those complicated regulations respecting tariffs, the opening of trade, the appointment of agents and other important questions.

In addition, these offices will deal with certificates of origin, verification of samples, identity certificates for commercial travellers connected with the Chamber, and much besides.

The Cologne Chamber is particularly anxious to impress upon British trade representatives that they should be in the three important industrial centres mentioned above as quickly as possible and every means will be taken by the Chamber to expedite their visits.

As to the work in Cologne, the offices now open, are at the disposal of all members. In addition to the usual facilities, writing and reading rooms are being provided whilst of special interest will be the departments for the textile, chemical and leather trades.

As various committees are formed, other equally important sections will be opened.

LOOKING BACKWARD.

The educated German of the upper and middle classes to-day regrets the strong rule of the Empire. There is no doubt about it, and it is not unnatural. He looks back across five years of agony and sees the old state of things enchanted by distance.

Around him are the discord, the hardship, the losses, before him the uncertainty, the struggle, the changed outlook.

He cannot yet accommodate his vision to the ugly features of the past, and realize that in this cherished background were moving and predominating the forces, ideas, and figures which induced the disaster of to-day.

Prussia and the traditions of Prussia really dominated his past. Since the days of Frederick William the 1st she has been a military and a bureaucratic power. Frederick the Great startled even the Europe of the XVIIIth century by his disregard of international rights and treaties.

He aggrandised Prussia by putting into use the weapons of military power which Frederick William the 1st had made ready, and joined with Russia and Austria in the dismemberment of Poland. Within he continued to rule the subjects of his kingdom as serfs.

His successor, within a few scanty weeks of signing a treaty with Russia against Napoleon accepted from his hands the province of Hanover, to which neither had any shred of title exept force. It was a policy of the extension of Prussia at the expense of honour and German interests. A year later and Jena and Auerstadt avenged the betrayal. Germany shook itself free from the grip of Napoleon, but it was no thanks to the Prussian dynasty. As a final result of the great movement for political freedom of 1848, Prussia set up an electoral system by classification which secured the real power to the Crown, the bureaucracy and the Junkers.

Shortly after the failure of forty-eight came the era of Bismarck and the education of the countries subject to Prussia in systematized militarism. Might is right. With a subsidized press, a huge army, an efficient secret police, docile professors and a vicegerent of the Deity for whom to act as Vizier—this is a simple policy to carry out when a certain view of right has for years been inculcated into a people, and might crowns that view with victory. First Austria was subdued, then France was crushed. Success, without, consolidated order within, and the masses who had drilled and fought to order, worked to order, also.

With Bismarck's disappearance, the policy of the limited objection—a Germany united under Prussia—gave place to the unlimited World Empire. More advanced classes from the same agents, press and pulpit and professional chair, were needed to teach that the righteous mission of the German people, which had reached its second stage at Sedan, must at some not distant date, achieve its ultimate or penultimate success in Teutonic domination from the English Channel to Constantinople at least. For this ideal the German was called on to submit in blind obedience to the orders of his superiors and to give up the ambition of sharing in the Government of the State and some degree of civil liberty. Such things as strikes and political demonstrations were rigorously put down. Repression, perversion of right and wrong, a certain brutality were the concomitants of Prussian rule, but in return the subject provinces enjoyed an ordered life from which material prosperity resulted.

Just as to Prussia must be attributed her share in the order and prosperity of the German Empire, so to her direction must be attributed the war propaganda and the catastrophe, disorder and misery which ensued. The years since August 1914 are not a separable period—they, just as much as the years of prosperity, and even more so, are the outcome of the old regime.

DISILLUSION.

It had come at last. "The Cologne Post", after holding out bravely against fifty attempts made by Private Ferdinand Jones, to enter its columns, had succumbed to the fiftyfirst.

Jones' writing had long been a joke with every one of us, albeit serious enough to Jones. Withdrawing from all society, save his own, which he might well have avoided, he had made, in the practice of his hobby, no inconsiderable hole in our stock of A.Bs. 152.

Some of our brighter spirits had, purely in the cause of literary success, offered to introduce Jones to sundry Frauleins, whilst others advocated a coure of red wine as most calculated to produce a robust literary style.

To all these suggestions, and to many others of a like frivolous nature, Jones turned a dry pen.

"Literature," he explained, sadly, tenderly fingering Reject No. 50, "isn't Life", and remembering his previous fortynine failures, we were bound to agree that, as far as Jones was concerned. Literature was far more likely to be death than life.

When, therefore, Jones, opening his "Post", saw his penetrating psychological study, "The Futurist in Love", in print, he felt that now, at last, was merit receiving its just reward.

Entering the Mess, with a look compared with which that of Longfellow's Blacksmith might be described as shifty, he received, without annoyance, the tribute of ill suppressed laughter which his arrival invariably produced.

Nevertheless, he was puzzled, for, he noticed that many of the men were reading "The Post", and, surely, must have seen the article, and would, in that case, have the good sense to restrain their contempt in face of his newly acquired dignity.

From scraps of their conversation, however, he gathered that they were interested only in the pending races.

"What know they of Literature who only Horses know?" he muttered, sardonically.

Meanwhile, he would re-read his article with, so he assured himself, the unbiassed mind of an outsider. But his chief feeling, as he read, was one of elation that he, Ferdinand Jones, an author by predestination, and an A.S.C. clerk by simple rotten luck, had done this thing.... But. dash it, the wretched printer had omitted his name. Shameful! He would write and protest.....

But, what was this? An Editorial comment! He read:

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Jones understood, then, why mirth still greeted his appearance in our Mess.

E. J. TELLUM.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

THE GERMAN NAVY.

Sir,— I notice that one of your correspondents seems to doubt the existence of a German navy during the sixteenth century.

About two centuries previous to this period about forty towns in Northern Prussia became united under the name of the Hanseatic League who, in return for certain trading privileges, had to provide warships for the protection of the commerce of the state much in the same way as the Cinque Ports provided warships for the defence of the English coast during times of stress.

The model to which your correspondent refers is undoubtedly quite justified in flying the German colours as at the time of Queen Elizabeth the Hanseatic League was at the zenith of its power.

To-day only three towns remain, Hamburg, Danzig and Lubeck, and they like the Cinque Ports of England, only retain in name, what they once were in reality. A. HAMMOND.

WHY ONLY THE MARRIED?

Sir,—What does a single man want his relations out here for, unless it is for the purpose of sight seeing? Even in the case of a mother no good purpose would be served by bringing her here.

Now for the case of a married man. If "Man of Thirty" understood nature better and could see further than the end of his nose he would be convinced that a married man is entitled to preference, with regard to having his wife here.

I have seen my wife for thirty four days in Salonica, France and Germany. It seems that a vulgar argument, instead of a good concientious "think" is the only way to give "Man of Thirty" satisfaction. MAN OF THIRTY-FIVE.

THE THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE.

Sir, —The cultivation of the land in France, Belgium, and now Germany, is a subject of great interest to many soldiers.

We notice the absence of pasture land, the amount of root crops grown, the number of people supported by the land, the full utilisation of every square yard. Even the grass by the roadsides, is cut and collected. There are a hundred points that interest and arouse our curiosity.

Germany, like England, is an industrial country. How is it then, that she can support a big agricultural population, while in England the men from the villages migrate to the towns? What are the agricultural methods out here? What is the system of tenure? Is it peasant proprietorship, or is the land state-owned? How does the lot of the German farm labourer compare with that of the English one? The land problem in England still awaits solution. Here is an opportunity for us to study the conditions in another country, and so gain knowledge which will help us to a right decision. I suggest that someone in the Rhine Army can give us the information.

I see that visits are being arranged to factories, and that officers in charge are to submit reports. May we hope that these reports will be published cheaply in book form? NOMAD.

SARCASTIC!

Sir,—I was rather amused at the statement made by "Aster," who says "every soldier ought to take up a hobby."

Speaking for myself and a few friends we have one—horses. CAVALRYMAN.

SHORTAGE OF CIGARETTES.

Sir,—No doubt you have noticed the shortage of cigarettes in the canteens, and I wonder if you have noticed also that the German tobacconist is selling British tobacco and cigarettes. Of course, we can buy from a German, but the price charged is beyond our means.

Who I wonder can afford to pay 3 marks 50 Pfg. for ten Gold Flake cigarettes? Surely something can be done to alter this state of affairs. DRUMMER J. W.

RACING SUGGESTIONS.

Sir,—I fully agree with "Kingsclere," but why not allow outside betting, for I am sure that the majority of the British Tommies would sooner have a few marks on his favourite with the layer of odds, knowing that he was going to receive something in return. Under the present system because of the wait to be paid out, the next race is missed while the backer is often rewarded with his stake money only.

Why not put a charge of a few hundred marks on the layer of odds and allow him to put up a stand? A LOVER OF SPORT.

THE GROWING OF BEANS.

Sir,— As an old amateur gardener I was interested in your note about bean sticks which appeared in "The Cologne Post" some days ago. Many years ago I employed a tramp to help me in the garden and instructed him to stake the runner beans.

The stakes had been carefully kept in bundles from the previous season. The tramp asked whether I could not get new "green" sticks, and he propounded the theory that they would help to produce a far heavier crop.

As an experiment I sent him to cut some fresh sticks, and I staked the four rows of beans as follows: Row 1, old sticks; 2, new sticks; 3, old sticks; 4, new sticks; the result was remarkable. Rows 2 and 4 ran right ahead of rows 1 and 3, and produced a 40 per cent better crop. What is the explanation? I suggest that the green stick, being full of sap, draws up moisture from the ground, which is conveyed to the plant.

By the way, why does the runner bean always climb anti-clockwise — against the sun? C. E. L.

WIVES AT HOME.

Sir,— I think it about time the Government did something as regards increasing the separation allowance.

We all know what the pound is worth at the present. I quite agree with your article on the unadvertised heroine. Tommy's wife calls for the best treatment one can give her. H.R.C.

SONG.

For her gait, if she be walking;
Be she sitting, I desire her
For her state's sake; and admire her
For her wit if she be talking;
Gait and state and wit approve her;
For which all and each I love her.

Be she sullen, I commend her
For a modest. Be she merry,
For a kind one her prefer I.
Briefly, everything doth lend her
So much grace, and so approve her,
That for everything I love her.

WILLIAM BROWNE.

Battle-Scarred Warrior's Fame.

WILDE RECEIVED AT SANDOWN PARK LIKE VICTORIOUS GENERAL.

A brilliant scene was witnessed at Sandown Park on Friday, when the King and Queen, who were present, accompanied by Princess Mary and Prince Henry, received a splendid reception.

A remarkable scene was witnessed when Jimmy Wilde appeared after his splendid victory over Pal Moore on the previous night. One would have imagined some victorious general had arrived from the war judging by the enthusiastic reception the little Welshman had in the paddock. Crowds gathered round and begged for his autograph.

Wilde bore striking evidence of having been in a severe battle. His face, badly discoloured, had a cut on the forehead, and he wore sticking plaster on the bridge of his nose.

Notwithstanding, he was cheery and unconcerned as usual. He was cheered by the crowd in Tattersall's, everybody being seemingly wishful of shaking hands. Such is fame.

RACING RESULTS.

Buchan Wins The Eclipse States At Sandown Park.

Milburn Plate:—1. Spirit (13 to 8); 2. Athletic (11 to 8); 3. Mustapha (5 to 1).

Ditton Plate:—1. Goblin (5 to 4); 2. Box of Tricks (11 to 10); 3. Mariquita Gelding (20 to 1).

Eclipse Stakes:—1. Buchan (7 to 2 on); 2. Cygnus (100 to 8); 3. Splendid Spur (100 to 7).

Great Kingston Plate:—1. Merry Din (7 to 2); 2. Charles Surface (2 to 1); 3. Spearwort (7 to 2).

Surbiton Handicap:—1. Little Vic (8 to 1); 2. Birdsnest (10 to 1); 3. Synai (4 to 1).

Victoria Welter Handicap:—1. Bridgend (4 to 1); 2. Badged (5 to 2); 3. Loxley (100 to 7).

BUMPING AND BORING.

Owner Seriously Injured By Horse at Newmarket Meeting.

The following were the results at Newmarket on Thursday:—

Midsummer Stakes:—1, Paper Money (8 to 1); 2, Flying Spear (8 to 1); Lady Farmer (4 to 1).

Reach Selling Plate:—1, Airspite (10 to 1); 2, Necken Filly (7 to 2); 3, Le Vergjier (11 to 2).

Summer Handicap:—1, Sheriff's Officer (6 to 1); 2, Bridge of Marne (6 to 4); 3, Morning Star (9 to 2).

In this race Silvester finished first, but an objection was sustained for bumping and boring in the paddock. Silvester kicked its owner, Garland, who was removed to the hospital with a broken leg.

Tyo Handicap:—1, Wilson (5 to 2); 2, Knight of Blyth (5 to 2); 3, Alliance (100 to 8).

Chesterfield Stakes:—1, He Goes (3 to 1); 2, Southern (100 to 7); 3, Floreal (100 to 7).

Bury Handicap:1, Talkative (5 to 1); 2, Merville (10 to 1); 3, Sun D'or (3 to 1).

TO-DAY'S BERLIN RACES.

The Cologne Race Committee's meeting at the Grunewald Race Course, Berlin to-day, is expected to be a huge success, as there are many interesting events on the programme.

The Rhine Prize (30,000 marks—2000 metres) will be the most important event of the day, bringing together a series of excellent horses, the best of which is thought to be "Laurel", which has defeated Scarabae and Persicus.

ARMY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Title Events At Aldershot Athletic Ground Next Month.

A further addition has been made to the programme of the Army Championship meeting to be held at Aldershot on August 28 and 29, in the shape of two events open to the police, viz., a catch-weight tug-of-war and a relay race at standard distances—880, 220, 220, and 440 yards. Further details are being arranged by a sub-committee.

The meeting will be held on the Aldershot Command Athletic Ground, Queen's Parade, where a splendid grass track is available with a quarter-mile lap 20 yds wide, a straight start for the quarter, and a 220 yds on a tangent with one slight bend only. The complete list of championships is as follows:

100yds	120yds Hurdles (3ft 6in)
220yds	High jump
440yds	Long jump
Half-mile	Putting 16lb weight
Mile	Mile Relay (220, 220 440, and 880yds).
3 miles	

Entries to the extent of three competitors for each event except the relay, and one relay team, will be accepted from each Home Command, including the London District, and from each Theatre of War. Invitations have also been sent to India and the Colonies inviting them to send representatives on the same scale from the Imperial Forces actually serving there. Colonials still serving in any Home Command or Theatre of War will have to qualify through their Command, &c.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS.

The following are the additional events:—

Tug-of-war (10 men, 11st); open to Home Commands and London District; one team from each Command.

Veterans' Handicap (120 yds), 40 years and over; three entries from each Home Command and London District.

Enlisted Boys' Relay Race (½ mile) (4 to run 220yds); one team from each Home Command and London District.

Officer Cadets' Relay Race, ¾ mile (440, 220, 220, 440 yds), open to R.M.A., R.M.C., and Officer Cadet Battalion.

O.T.C. Relay Race, ½ mile (4 to run 220yds); open to any School O.T.C. recognised by the War Office.

Territorial Relay Race, 1 mile (220, 220, 440, 880yds); one team from each Territorial Division (Home Forces).

Entries to the above events can only be made through the unit or formation in which intending competitors are serving, and it is up to all who wish to compete to see that their qualifications are made known to the officer in charge of sport in their unit. Each Command and the London District and each Garrison abroad will be holding trials, and only those who qualify in these tests will be eligible. In addition there are the following events:—

220 yds and 880 yds level races, open to any demobilised or discharged soldier who has served during the war.

Catch weight Tug-of-War, open to Police.

Relay Race (220, 220, 440, and 880yds), open to Police.

SPORTS AT WAHN.

Successful Athletic Meeting Held by 52nd Bedford Regiment.

A very successful sports meeting was held by the 52 Bedfords at Wahn on Tuesday. The following were the results of the day's events:—

100 yards:—1, Sergt. Sharman; 2, L/Cpl. Emmans; 3, L/Cpl. Merry.

220 yards:—1, Sergt. Blackwell; 2, Sergt. Sharman; 3, Pte. Cross.

440 yards:—1, Sergt. Sharman; 2, L/Cpl. Emmans: 3, Sergt. Daley.

880 yards:—1, Lieut. Grey; 2, Pte. Myhill; 3, Sergt. Woolgar.

1 Mile:—1, Lieut. Grey; 2, Pte. Myhill; 3, Sergt. Woolgar.

120 yards Hurdles:—1, Sergt. Blackwell; 2, Pte. Csow; 3, L/Cpl. Merry.

Coy. Relay Race:—1, "C" Coy.; 2, Sergt. Blackwell, Sergt. Sharman, Sergt. Woolgar, and Pte. Crow.

Putting the Shot:—1, Lieut. Holmes; 2, Cpl. Neal; 3, Cpl. Hewitt.

High Jump;—1, Sergt. Blackwell; 2, Sergt. Sharman; 3, Pte. Crow.

Long Jump:—1, Sergt. Rochester; 2, Sergt. Blackwell; 3, Lieut. Bridewell.

Tug-of-War:—"C" Coy.

Pillow Fight:—Cpl. Hewitt.

Bludgeon Boxing:—L/Cpl. Adams.

Mile Scurry:—1, "Snowba l", Livisley up; 2, "Padre", Humphries up.

Wrestling on Horseback:—1, Pte. Myhill; 2, Pte. Humphries.

Officers' 100 yards:—1, Lieut. Grey; 2, Lieut. Hughes; 3, Lieut. Noke.

Open Mile:—1, Lieut. Scolding, 53rd Bedfords; 2, Lieut. Gilbert, 53rd Bedfords; 3, Sergt. Woolgar, 52nd Bedfords.

Open Relay:—1, 52nd Bedfords (Sergts. Blackwell, Sharman, Woolgar, and Rochester).

The following contributed materially to the successful and pleasant afternoon spent by the numerous spectators:—Starters: Lieuts. Tully and Altham. Judges: Capt. Jenks, Lieuts. Jarvis and Hull. Timekeeper: Lieut. Noke. Referee: Lieut. Col. Dann, D.S.O. Clerks of Course: C.S.M. Surridge, and C.Q.M.S. Veasey.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Sunday, July 20, 1919.

Fine generally. Warm. Cloudy. Occasional thunder showers.

CREFELD RACES.

Well-Known Horses Engaged in Today's Meeting.

The races organized by the 1st Regiment of Guides, Belgian Army, which take place at Crefeld to-day, are exciting considerable interest and a large crowd is assured.

Among the entries, there are many horses whose names are familiar to the members of the Rhine Army, by reason of their performance in the recent Cologne Meeting.

In the second race to-day Digby Grand, who defeated John Cording, Ruby Light, and others, should have a chance, although in the same event there are Johnny Walker, John Cording, Boys o' Boys, and Naboth, who have won races this year and Mary, Esmeralda, and Remember, who have been placed.

OLD KING COLE.

Several of the same horses are entered for the third race, the list for which also includes Yellow Peril, who disappointed many at the last meeting. In addition there is Old King Cole, who ran well at Cologne.

The third race includes among the entries Yes Uncle, awarded the Maiden Welter Steeplechase this month through Anthony being disqualified for taking the wrong course, Rollston a winner earlier in the year, Right There and Late Report who came in first and second in their respective races.

Paddy in the last race has won previously and was unlucky at Cologne at which meeting Polish Banker, another runner to-day, ran second to Naboth.

ETON v. HARROW.

Proposed Match In Germany Between The Two Great Schools.

Efforts are being made to arrange a match between the old boys of Eton and Harrow to be played in Germany. If estimates are correct there should be an ample number of old boys to form a representative team of each school and the match, if it materialises, will provoke considerable interest.

At the "Old Harrovian" Dinner that was given some time ago at the 6th Corps Club, no fewer than eight former members of the College elevens were included among the guests, and it is surmised that this number has by now been added to.

Several Etonians are also known to be present with the "Occupiers" and it only remains to bring them together.

Old boys of Eton and Harrow are asked to write to The Editor, "The Cologne Post," Cologne, stating their whereabouts in order that the proposed cricket match may be arranged without delay.

MILITARY SPORT.

Trials for Army Championships at Stamford Bridge.

The London District trials for the Army Championships will be held at Stamford Bridge, on Thursday, August 14, when the full programme of championship events will be run through, and there will also be two non-championship events—an Inter-Unit Tug-of-War (10 men, catch-weight), 220 Yards (Boys under 18), and 120 Yards Veterans. There will be an Open Mile (A.A.A. Laws) and a Relay Race open to civilian clubs, business house and Services units.

ALDERSHOT COMMAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The athletic championships of the Aldershot Command A.A. will be held on the Queen's Parade Ground, on Friday and Saturday, July 25 and 26. The programme will consist of the championships at the standard Army distances. The additional events included at the Army meeting in August, are three events open to H.M. and Allied Forces (220 and 880 flat and ¾-mile unit relay, 440, 220, 220, 440), a tug-of-war (catch-weight), open to H.M. and Allied Forces and the Police, and an 880 yards race open to demobilized and discharged men.

Football Result.

13 S.B. 3 goals; 135 H.B., nil.

Five-a-Side Final.

No. 3 and 4 Coys, of the 4th Seaforth Highlanders played the five-a-side final this week, the game ending in the defeat of No. 4. Coy by 2 goals to 1.

Cricket Friendly.

15th Batt. H.L.I. (76) v. 51st Batt. H.L.I. (26). A friendly game at Dormagen on Wednesday resulted in a win for 15th Batt. H.L.I.

THE KING'S PRIZE.

Sergt. Loveday, New Zealand, Wins Chief Event At Bisley.

REMARKABLE INCIDENT.

The N.R.A. Meeting at Bisley had nearly run its course on Friday, when the finals for the King's Prize and the St. George's Vase were contested. The former was won after an exciting contest by Sergt. Loveday, New Zealand, with a total of 253 points.

There was a remarkable occurrence in connection with the Queen Mary's Prize. Sergt. Beard, Coldstreams, made a possible in both series and was acclaimed the winner. Later, however, when the cards were checked, C.S.M. Strickland, Hythe, was found to have made a similar score and the tie was shot on Friday, when Strickland won with the fine total of 51 points, Beard being second with 27.

The St. George's Vase final ended in a win for C.S. Newman, Canada, with 84 after a tie shot with Sergt. Pitts, Herts Yeomanry, and Sergt. Westcott, R.M.L.I.

THE KING'S SILVER MEDAL.

The King's Silver Medal for the best aggregate at the end of the second stage in the King's Prize was won on Friday by Pte. Lockwood, 7th Essex, after a tie shot with Sergt. Samways Dorsets.

The Belgian Cup was won by the 4th Cheshires with 548 points; and the Aldershot Cup by the R.M.L.I. Portsmouth with 1283 points the R.M.A. scoring 1274 and H.M.S. Excellent 1146.

The Bystander Cup was won by Major Etches, Hythe, with 32; the Martin's Cup by No. 4 Military District, Australia, with 833 points; and the Grand Championship Aggregate by P. O. Morton, H.M.S. Pembroke.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

Excellent Bowling.

93rd BDE. R.G.A. (142) v. 2nd M.G.C. (73) at Kalk on Thursday. The R.A. started, and it looked as though their usual habit of a big total was not to be. Three wickets were down for 42—wickets that included Gnr. Weight for 2 and Rochton for 4. But Ellis was batting confidently at the other end. Cpl. Wilson and Smyth gave him good assistance, with 13 and 25 respectively However, eight wickets were down for 113. Howden gave Ellis a good help along to 136 and then ran himself out, as did Major McLeod. The innings closed for 142. Ellis was last man out for a splendidly played 50. The Machine Gunners never looked like obtaining the runs. Weight bowled splendidly, taking 4 wickets for 16 runs. Pte. Pickles batted well for 18 for the M.G.C.

170 SIEGE BTY. (93) v. H.AC. (21) at Deutz, on the latter's ground, on Wednesday. The H.A.C. batted first, but were dismissed by Bdr. Greenhaugh and Gnr Hollings for 21, four men being run out. For the Gunners Hollings made 14 and Bartlett a well hit 20, while Mr "Extras" amassed 16.

WAHN SURVEY DET. (42 for 3) v. 52nd BEDFORDS (38), at Wahn on Thursday. For the Bedfords Lieut. Holmes scored 23, and for W.S.D., Lieut. Davis made 14 and Poole 15 not out. Bowling for W.S.D. Holt took 4 wickets for 12 runs and Jones 3 wickets for 1

121st HEAVY BTY. R.G.A. (51) v. 1st WESTERN T.M.B. (31), at Hommerich on Thursday. Bdr. Hopewell made 17, the only batsman in the game to reach double figures. Bdr. Hartfield was again in brilliant form with the ball, capturing 7 wickets for 12 runs. For the losers Cpl. Lomas took 5 wickets for 15.

303 SIEGE BTY. (30) v. 92 FIELD AMBULANCE (27). On Wednesday the Gunners won by the narrow margin of three runs.

2nd BN. M.G.C. (53) v. H.A.C. (24). At Kalk on Tuesday. Cpl. Walnut of the M.G.C. performed the "hat trick," taking 7 wickets for 6 runs.

E CORPS SIGNAL COY. (31) v. 145 SIEGE BATTERY (29) at Odendorf on Thursday.

"R" A.A. BATTERY (154) v. 2nd BDE. R.A.F (37). For the Battery, Bdr. Whitehouse scored a faultless 56, and followed up this performance by taking 6 wickets for 11 runs. Bdr. Dewey scored 48, and caught 2 behind the wickets. Regan of the R.A.F. made a pretty 22.

OTHER RESULTS.

310 Bde. R.F.A. (59) v. 10 A. and S. Hdrs. (51).
13 King's Liverpool (72) v. 69 Siege Battery (66).
10 R.W. Kent (130 for 5) v. Lan s. Div. M.T. Coy. (112).
Northern Div. R.E. (30) v. Lancer M.G.Squ. (60).
5 R. Irish Regt. (149) v. "G" A.A. Bty. (25).

FRENCH BOXING.

Ledoux Victorious In Bantam-Weight Championship Match in Paris.

Durocher has been severely defeated by Ledoux. The latter knocked out the mulatto in one round at Wagram Hall, Paris on Thursday night. He threw him to the ground four or five times and proved to be of overwhelming superiority.

On the same day Dévos beat Berger on points; and Julliard knocked out Coindet in the fifth round.

Lindenthal Tennis Finals.

BRILLIANT CONCLUSION OF MATCHES IN SPORTS CLUB TOURNAMENT.

Yesterday, under weeping skies, the final sets in the Tournament organised by the Rhine Army Officers Sports Club were played at Lindenthal. First rate tennis was witnessed amid surroundings that were bright and animated. Bathed at times in sunshine, the delightful, sylvan precincts of the Saatwald made a picturesque setting, and Nature was aided to charm the eyes of the many spectators by the judicious arrangement of green and red chairs and tables. From these were served dainty and tempting refreshments.

Among those present were many distinguished officers, including General Sir Wm. R. Robertson, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., A.D.C., Commander-in-Chief (who subsequently presented the prizes), and a large number of representatives of the various Ladies' organizations.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS.

The competitions were brought up to the final stages on Friday when the following semi-final decisions were arrived at;—

Ladies' Singles Handicap:
Miss Brew (scratch) beat Miss Hookey (scratch) 6—3, 4—6, 6—3.

Gentlemen's Open Singles.
Major H. S. Ward beat Lieut. Daly, 6—2. 6—1.

Gentlemen's Handicap Singles.
Major Saul (—15. 3) beat Major Hazlet (—30) 6—1, 2—6, 6—3.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS:

The ladies doubles final was particularly keen and interesting, the score standing at three games all in the third set before the winners, by virtue of more steady play, secured the verdict.

Ladies Doubles (open).
Miss Hookey and Miss Drew beat Miss Douglas and Miss McMaster, 6—4, 5—7, 6—3.

Mixed Handicap Doubles (Semi-Final).
Davidson and Mrs. Woodcock beat McAlister and Miss Verrall, 8—6, 6—2.

Ladies Singles (open).
Miss McMaster beat Miss Drew, 6—4, 6—3.

Gentlemen's Singles (open).
Major Saul beat Major Ward 3—6, 8—6, 6—0.

Men's Handicap Doubles.
Maj. Hazlet and Maj Ward beat Maj. Bowes-Lyon and Rev. L.M.Andrews 6—4, 6—2.

Men's Open Doubles.
Maj. Ward and Maj. Hazlet beat Lt.Col. McAllister and Capt. Wardle 6—4, 6—3.

Mixed Open Doubles.
Miss Campbell and Capt. Tarleton beat Mrs Woodcock and Capt. Davidson 6—4, 7—5.

Ladies Singles Handicap:
Miss Drew (scratch) beat Miss Hookey (scratch) 3—6, 6—1, 6—3.

Gentlemen's Singles Handicap:
Maj. Saul (—15.3) beat Capt. Bright-Holmes (+3.6) 6—4, 7—5.

SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT.

The tournament was really in the nature of an experiment—a "feeler" as it were—for a much more extensive function to be organised in September for all members of the Allied Armies. That the experiment was a great success is freely acknowledged by all, nowithstanding the many troubles that beset the committee. There was, for instance bad weather to be contended with; competitors were not infrequently unable to play off their sets. Then the races, being postponed for unavoidable reasons, clashed with the event and proved to be a cause of delay in the progress of the tournament, while cricket week was still another counter attraction. All these things notwithstanding, the tournament has not been unduly drawn out and interest has been maintained throughout.

Among the more prominent players who took part were Major Ward, Major Hazlet and Major Tarleton. Even the very busy secretary of the Club Major Bowes-Lyon, found time to take part in the competition.

BECKETT-CARPENTIER FIGHT.

Dempsey's conditional agreement to box the winner.

Mr. C. B. Cochran has received a cable from his representative in New York stating that subject to certain conditions embodied in a letter now on its way, Dempsey will box under Mr. Cochran's direction, the winner of the Beckett-Carpentier fight scheduled for September 2nd.

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES FOR 1919-20.

The following official list of international matches for 1919-20 has been issued by the Football Association:—

Oct. 4—England v. Wales, in England (Victory match).
Oct. 11—Wales v. England, in Wales (Victory match).
Oct. 25—Ireland v. England, in Ireland.
Nov. 15—England v. Ireland, in England (Amateur).
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Feb. 14—Ireland v. Wales, in Ireland.
Feb. 23—Wales v. Scotland, in Wales.
March 13—Scotland v. Ireland, in Scotland
March 15—England v. Wales, in England.
March 20—Scotland v. Ireland, in Scotland.
April 10—England v. Scotland, in England.

BONN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Eastern Div. H.Q.	16	13	3	1	27§
5 Border	13	12	1		24§
52 Cheshire	14	11	2	1	23§
10 R. W. Kent.	14	11	3		22§
51 R. Suss x	11	10	1		20§
16 Lancs Fus.	11	9	1	1	19§
Lancs Div. M. T. Coy.	12	9	3		18§
4 Suffolk	12	9	3		18§
51 Bedford	10	8	2		16§
15 Lancs Fus.	9	8	1		16§
1 (West) T.M.B.	17	7	9	1	15½+
121 Heavy Bty.	12	7	5		14§
53 Welsh	11	7	4		14§
23 R. Fus.	10	7	3		14§
13 K. Liverpool	9	7	2		14§
207 Sq. R.A.F.	10	6	3	1	13§
52 Manchester	15	6	9		12§+
Lancs Div. Sig. Coy.	14	6	8		12§
92 Field Amb.	12	5	7		10§
51 K. Liverpool	12	5	7		10§
303 Siege Bty.	11	5	6		10§
52 Welsh	9	5	3	1	10§
Eastern Div. Sig. Coy.	15	4	10	1	9½+
3 Coy. West. Div. R.A.S.C.	12	4	7	1	9½+
X Corps. Sig. Coy.	14	4	10		8§
103 Field Amb.	8	4	4		8§
69 Siege Bty.	12	3	9		6§

§ Games awarded for scratched matches.
+ Games lost by default.

PROSPEROUS CHELSEA.

The prosperous position of the Chelsea Football was revealed this week at the fifteenth general meeting of the shareholders, held at Stamford Bridge, when it was unanimously agreed to pay a dividend of 25 per cent. less tax, to cover 5 per cent. per annum for the five years since 1914-15.

BOXING CHALLENGE.

On behalf of Pte. Gent, 52nd Batt. K.L.R., a challenge is issued to anyone in the Army of the Rhine at 8 stone, give or take 2 lbs, no one barred, 6, 10, or 15 rounds of two minutes duration. Any letters in answer to this challenge should be addressed to Pte. White, 113375, "C" Coy, 52nd Batt., K.L.R., Obercassel, Army of the Rhine.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

A CONTEST OF WITS.

I have been asked for humorous military anecdotes and quips that can be used by a producer of concert party "shows." Amusing things that have happened in the trenches, in billets or on parade, smart repartee and clever bon mots — funny mistakes, made by would-be linguists — all will be eligible. There are probably many of our readers who can contribute tit-bits that would help to enliven any entertainments for the troops, and I am authorised to offer money prizes of FIFTY, TWENTY-FIVE, FIFTEEN and TEN Marks respectively for the four best humorous gems sent in. The Editor of "The Cologne Post" will be the judge and his decision will be final. The competition will be open to all readers and the closing date will be July 31st. Brevity and "snap" are the points to aim at. Envelopes must be marked "QUIPS."

A Ladies Concert.

A successful entertainment was given on Friday at the British Empire Leave Club, the programme being entirely provided by the members of the Service Unit. Piano solos (including the Roger Quilter Country Dances) and a Franc Bridge Miniature Trio were played. Miss Smyth delighted the audience with her violin solos, while Miss Somers Cocks' cello playing gave great pleasure as usual. "Land of the long ago" and "If you look in her eyes" from "Going up" sung by Miss Bell were delightful. Walter Davies attractive three-part song "The Shepherd" was sung by Miss Christian, Miss Clark, and Miss Hanbury Williams, accompanied by Miss Richmond. "Miss Honey's Treasure" acted by Miss Maxtone Grahan and Miss Hanbury Williams was a great success. Miss Maxtone Graham was inimitable as the Scotch slavey, while "Between the soup and the savoury" acted by Miss West, Miss Littleton and Miss Buxton went with great éclat Perhaps the success of the play was largely due to the clever acting of Miss Buxton in the part of scullery maid.

Deutsches Theatre.

I have received several letters lately that complain, among other things, of the late arrival of several members of the audience at the Bismarckstrase theatre. Apparently it is a practice that is becoming too common, and consequently causing annoyance to all present. One correspondent suggests that our "Opera House Maxims" should be re-applied to the Deutsches Theatre. Another correspondent (a Tommy) complains that when trying to book seats at the Amusements Office, he was informed that there were no bookings for other ranks during the whole run of "The Title". This, if I am not mistaken, is clearly a case of misunderstanding; the box office at the Deutsches Theatre is besieged daily by O.R.'s booking seats.

In Few Words.

A knock-about comedian appearing at a well-known cabaret in Cologne made it known that before the war he was a member of the English V.A.F., and a frequent exponent of the noble art at Blackfriars Ring.

Harri Perkis, late of the original "Crumps", has now joined the Tabs Concert Party.

The "Tabs" (G.H.Q. Concert Party) are to commence a lengthy tour when they return from leave. "Well I'm!—!" is the revue they will present.

The band of the 3rd Hussars will give a concert to-day at the British Empire Leave Club at 6.30.

JACQUES.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

London Welsh R.F.C.

The London Welsh Rugby Football Club have secured an excellent ground for the coming season.

N. Z. Bowlers.

The International Bowling Board has decided to invite New Zealand to send a team of bowlers to tour the United Kingdom during the season of 1921.

Welsh Boxer's Challenge.

Mick Birch, of Ynysddr, who claims the Heavyweight Championship of Wales, had issued a challenge to George Webb (Crumlin) and George Partridge (Abertillery).

Carpentier v. Smith.

The boxing match which was originally fixed to take place at Strassburg between Carpentier and Smith was due to be decided last night at the Cirque de Paris.

A Bargain.

Mr. W. D. Chamberlain, of Plaistow, hit upon a great bargain when he gave a "fiver" for Sagitta, at the Newmarket sales, for he resold the mare to Mr F. Walters, of Liverpool, for £300.

Getting Ready for the Ring.

The Stepney boxer who is known as Jack Hart is still in the Army (as Lce-Cpl. M. Solomons), and stationed at Worcester, but expects to be demobilized shortly, when he will again try to make a name for himself in the ring.

"W. G's" Record.

It was in 1865 that "W. G." made his debut in first-class cricket, and it was in 1908 that he played his last game against a first-class side. In those 44 seasons he compiled 54,896 runs, with an average of 39.55 per innings, and he dismissed 2,876 batsmen at an average cost of less than 18 runs.

Brigade of Guards.

The Brigade of Guards' annual athletic meeting will be held at Stamford Bridge on Thursday, July 31, 1919.

Queen Mary's Prize.

Queen Mary's prize was won by Drill-Sergt. Beard, 2nd Grenadiers, with a possible of 60 at Bisley on Thursday.

25 Miles Cycling Championship.

The 25 miles National Cycling Championship will be run off this year at the Victory sports to be held at Liverpool on August Bank Holiday and the one mile at the meeting of champions on Saturday, September 6.

Increased Stakes in France.

The committee of the Societe d'Encouragement which governs the racing at Paris and Chantilly has agreed to large increases in the value of the stakes for its autumn programme and for next year.

Fast Times at Newmarket.

A strong wind blowing straight down the course at Newmarket on Tuesday caused very fast times to be recorded. Lampetia, for instance, galloped the five furlongs of the Saxham Plate in 60 4-5 sec.

No Longer Skipper.

Mr Kelleway is no longer captain of the Australian Imperial Force Touring XI team, and will not play again as he is returning to Australia. H. L. Collins is now captain and C. E. Pellew vice-captain.

Alfred Shrubb's Return.

Alfred Shrubb is on his way from Canada, having left there on July 6 on board the Grampian, C.P.R. liner. He hopes to compete in various matches while on this side of the water, and despite increasing years is hopeful of putting up a good show.

Echoes from Rhineland.

MORE MONEY FOR ECHOES.

So successful has our offer of a daily prize to contributors of "Echoes" been, that we have decided to extend our offer by giving three prizes very day of tea marks each. This increase in the number of awards will, it is hoped lead to an even greater response than hitherto from readers All who keep their eyes and ears open must see and hear many incidents in Rhineland that are informative or amusing. Lack of literary style needn ot debar no one from competing. It is the facts, however crudely expressed, that count. Our editorial staff will put the items in presentable form. So remember that henceforth there will be three prizes daily.

Tommy on Holiday.

With the Army of the Rhine on holiday the crowd of khaki visitors to Cologne was even larger than is usual for a Saturday. Particularly was this noticeable during the morning, before the heat and the incidental discomfort produced by sudden return to tropical conditions drove one from the streets in search of cool and shady places.

"Show me the Way."

The Stadtwaldt, Lindenthal, is a large rambling place and its footpaths are numerous and confusing in their similarity. Yesterday, the writer was strolling towards the cricket ground and encountered one General, one major, two captains and a sergeant in charge of a regimental brass band. They were all vainly searching for either the tennis courts or the cricket pavilion. Returning, two English ladies and three subalterns made enquiries as to the whereabouts of the same place. Such circumstances indicate the need for direction boards pointing to the various places of interest, which might be fixed to the trees in liberal numbers. They need not necessarily be large and offensively ugly.

Letters by Aeroplane.

Apropos the paragraph under the above heading, a correspondent argues that assuming that the letter in question was sent by the postman through a pneumatic tube up to an aeroplane, presumably on the district office roof in Liverpool punctually at 9.45 a.m., that the plane left immediately, flew straight to Cologne, let the letter down on a piece of string through the college office window for endorsement "Gone back to unit," flew straight back for another envelope and on to the post office for the 7 p.m. stamp, the average speed of travelling would be about a hundred miles an hour. Taking into consideration the delays in collection, sorting, railway journey via London to Folkestone, loading on to aeroplane, unloading, sorting, delivery to the college and the whole duplicated on the return journey, he questions the possibility of the task.

Beethoven and Potatoes.

We have heard much of the music loving propensities of the German people, but are their critical audiences so engrossed in their study as we have been led to believe? What an impression there is of the high plane of the discussions between the performances of the various artistes! Alas, on Friday evening at the Beethoven recital given to an almost exclusively German audience at the Konservatorium, we received a rude shock. Not the music of Beethoven, but potatoes, was the topic of conversation near us. One good frau was bemoaning the fact that potatoes are rather dear, in fact, she hardly knew where to purchase a supply. Another was heard to be commenting upon the quality of this year's strawberries, whilst another held a dissertation on the Cologne milk supply.

Good Wine.

In a café two Tommies, after examining the winecard, asked for sherry. The waiter politely informed them that only German wines were available for British troops. Now, owing to the enormous consumption of Rhein and Moselwein, much of the commodity sold is of inferior quality. Why cannot delectable and better class wines be served to the troops?

Peculiar Souvenirs.

Apart from the glut of cigarette-cases, tobacco boxes and various ornaments bearing the embossed "Dom," has anyone noticed the extraordinary postcards sold in some shops, apparently for the benefit of Tommy? One frequently sees photographs of the British entering Cologne and kindred pictures, but in some establishments one is shown sets of photographs depicting the damage done in Cologne by British air raids, marked "Good souvenirs." Even these are eclipsed by perfectly genuine photographs of portions of the Western Battle Front, clearly showing dead bodies. Evidently the German shopkeepers think that Tommy will purchase these ghastly mementoes for the purpose of sending them home, but if he is wise, he will not.

British, Please!

The periodical correction applied by Scot and Irishman when his Saxon comrade falls back too often on the use of the term English instead of British, is administered to correspondents who have fallen into the error. We seem to have heard it before and recall the acrimonious correspondence which marked the early part of the war. "Is it fair to Auld Scotia and Ould Oireland?" asks a correspondent. We agree it is not.

The Lion and the Lamb.

How many of our readers have noticed the sparrow-hawks of Cologne Cathedral? St. Paul's and the Royal Exchange have their pigeons; so have St. Mark's at Venice, and Wall Street, New York; but has anyone previously heard of hawks living in a town? They have been there from time beyond memory and it is the more surprising as their natural prey — the pigeons — live in the same tower with them. Does nature's example justify the hope that in future the Prussian hawk may so far tame its nature, as no longer to disturb the existence of its European neighbours? So often in the past has it ravaged the peaceful dovecots around it, that our French and Belgian friends are entitled to some assurance that it has learned to coo in all *bona fides* before it can justly claim admittance to the concert of Europe and the League of Nations.

Those Church Bells.

It is doubtful if there is any remedy to be obtained for the bell-ringing nuisance in the early hours of the morning in Cologne, but it must be confessed that continual tolling of bells with monotonous regularity is apt to upset one's peace of mind, in addition to robbing one of an hour's extra rest. Those who are billeted in the town will by this time have become acquainted with the fact that the customary Sunday morning's excess is out of the question because the German requires such early and emphatic calls to Divine worship. Whether yesterday morning's companology had anything to do with the bell ringing in London we do not know, but it started at an early hour and continued with such regularity that one was forced to stuff one's ears to escape the "gladsome" sounds. It is a nuisance which calls for drastic action.

M. G. C. Camera and Arts Club.

A camera and arts club has, we hear, been formed in connection with the 6th Battalion Machine Gun Corps, and at a meeting held recently a lecture was given by Lieut. C. V. Hancock on "How to judge exposure correctly." As a result of this lecture, it has been arranged to distribute monthly exposure tables to all members. Forthcoming events include a demonstration of methods of development, a photographic excursion, and a competition and exhibition. The work of the club in providing periodical displays at the cinema of lantern slides illustrating topical events is meeting with general appreciation.

Cleaning the Street Drains.

To make comparisons that do not reflect to the credit of one's own country may not be patriotic, but one cannot help contrasting the German system of cleaning out the street drains with our own. "In my own town many times larger than Euskirchen, where I am now stationed", writes one our readers, "a man goes round with an open cart and endeavours to remove the solid matter from the water with a round ladle fixed on a long handle. How much simpler and more efficient is the method which is in vogue here. A crane is swung out from the cart, and the inner receptacle of the drain, containing the solid matter, is hauled up by a winch. By turning another handle, it is emptied into the cart, which is provided with a lid. The interior is then lowered by the winch into the drain."

A Philosophic Pastime.

One of the most interesting as well as instructive recreations of the sojourner in Rhineland, provided he has a tolerably good knowledge of German, is to ramble through the pages of Teutonic newspapers published during the war. There in cold print lies a fascinating study for the student of German psychology—national and individual—and with the passing of the vital, never-to-be-forgotten months the changing mind and temperament present themselves. Most philosophers, happily, have an admirable knowledge of the German tongue, and this fount of richly laden and profoundly suggestive revelations can be tapped with little exertion in one or other of the quiet, academic backwaters of life, with which Cologne is happily and pleasantly provided.

Not a Slacker.

The determination of some individuals not to be taken for slackers, has produced some amusing results. In the first place we had the regimental badge worn by all and sundry next the discharged man's badge, which at least had some claim to respect and in latter days the chevron and wounded bar, both incidentally to be purchased without restriction. The latest token of service as seen on the Rhine is a small regimental crest over enamel chevrons worn on the lapel, while another wore the 1914—15 riband on a safety pin. We sympathize with the desire not to be regarded as a slacker, but would prefer to see the issue of some official token rather than seeing those which are to be had by all and sundry who may be tempted to masquerade as ex-soldiers though they have never worn the uniform.

Lesser Echoes.

Small green apples are now being sold by vendors in the streets.

The Beer-garden, run under the auspices of the N.A.C.B. on the riverside, adjoining the Hohenzollern Bridge, is now in full swing.

The "bare-leg" fashion for women, which started in Paris, has now caught on in Germany. Several examples were to be seen in Cologne yesterday.

Do the three-ply electric trams in Cologne carry more passengers than the less pretentious two-decker English tram? We wonder.

A correspondent complains of the difficulty he experienced in transferring from one seat to another at No 2 Army Cinema. There should be no trouble in regard to this.

Parties of repatriated Russian prisoners of war continue to pass through Cologne. One is struck by the high standard of their physique and the varied uniforms they wear.

A driver in the R.F.A. instead of writing Saturday on a letter home used the German equivalent, Samstag. Back came a reply addressed "Army of the Rhine, Samstag, Germany."

Apropos of learning German, every Sunday at 11.30 a.m. in the Dom, Pater Dyonisius preaches to a crowded congregation, ten per cent. of whom it is said is Protestant. He is a brilliant orator and students of German would do well to attend Mass if only to study his rhetoric.

Yesterday in a mean street of Cologne a chimney-sweep was to be seen. A grotesque figure he looked in black skull-cap, short pea-jacket, baggy trousers tied at the bottoms with string, no hose, and black sandals. Truly romantic, had it not been for the irregular smudginess of his face.

Prizes for "Echoes."

The Editor of "The Cologne Post" offers every day the sum of 10 marks for the best paragraph descriptive of any phase of life or interesting incident in Rhineland, not exceeding 150 words in length. The envelope should have the word "Echoes" in the top left hand corner.

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Gooseberry Prick.—A Rugby man has died from poisoning brought on by a gooseberry prick.

Keep It Away!—Lord Harris deplores the fact that betting is beginning to edge its way into cricket.

No Executive Powers.—There will be no strike of miners without reference to the rank and file.

Hounds for Tank Corps.—Lord Tredegar has given a pack of Basset hounds to the Tank Corps at Bovington Camp.

Rates on Houseboats.—Hampton overseers are to levy rates on Thames housebouts hitherto exempt.

To fight prohibition.—A new league has been formed in London to fight the prohibition enthusiasts.

Lord French's Coach.—Col. Coghill, from whom Lord French received his early military training, has died.

Saving Box Hill.—A lover of Box Hill, near Dorking, has given a peace gift of £1,000 for further land to be added to the estate.

A Strike Forecast.—The French Press think that the general strike on Monday will meet with little success.

French Loss.—An ammunition depot exploded near the aviation field of le Bourget. Twenty aeroplanes were destroyed, two soldiers killed.

Belgian Parliament.—The elections for the Belgian Parliament will take place on November 10th.

Wise Precaution.—By order of the military authorities in Cologne nobody in allowed to manufacture badges marked M.P.

The Lesson.—A French flag having been burned at Ems, the French authorities had another one put up and imposed a fine of of 100,000 Marks.

Unwanted.—The Turkish peace delegation which was not wanted at Versailles has arrived at Constantinople.

Avoiding the Penalty.—Thirty German millionaires who want to evade taxation have arrived at Alsing island.

Enjoying their Earnings.—Over four thousand Italian munition workers have left America for Italy.

Doubtful.—The increase in the number of mysterious heavily curtained teashops in the West End is causing comment.

Huge Forest Fire.—Near Toulon a fire in a forest is spreading and destroying millions of trees.

Policeman's Rise.—With the "rise" given to the policeman he will better off than some Civil servants.

Wonderful!—A second Lieutenant of the Hampshire Regt. applied for and received his gratuity in four days.

The "Twelfth."—Grouse prospects for the "Twelfth" are unfavourable in Derbyshire owing to moorland fires.

The "Curranty."—Brig. Gen. Travers says that during the war the Irish Guards "took the cake" in fighting discipline, and everything else.

"Victor Haig."—"Victor Haig" MacDonald is the name of a Liverpool peace baby born a few minutes after the signing of peace.

Cards To Go.—It is not proposed to extend the National Registration Act, 1915. The date of expiry will be notified.

A Club Theft.—An ex-Army officer, has been sentenced to six months' hard labour for stealing a coat from the United Services Club.

The Scuttled Ships.—Successful results are anticipated regarding the saving of the German fleet at Scapa Flow.

The Prince's Joke.—During his recent visit to Cardiff the Prince of Wales visited a stall and bought a toy duck.

Army Huts as Houses.—Army huts have been converted into dwellings for working men at Southampton.

Jeered at.—An Abergavenny discharged soldier with service in France, who was jeered at by a German prisoner replied by smashing a plate-glass window.

English papers.—Quite a number of English periodicals are now on sale here in Cologne. At the Dom Hotel bookstall are to be seen publications ranging from "The New Illustrated" to "Answers".

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(Jubilation!)

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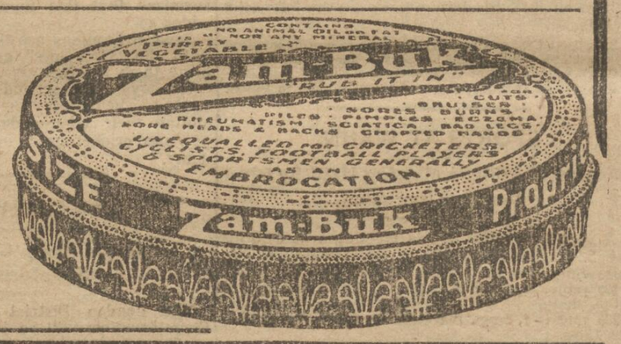

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Happily the weather remained good during the early part of the day and although towards the evening a fine rain began to fail, this did not in any way damp either enthusiasm or ardour.

COMPLIMENT TO THE FRENCH.

One of the most spectacular points on the Southern side of the Thames was opposite St Thomas hospital, at Westminster Bridge, where the Southern route terminated. Nurses dressed in their hospital grey uniform with white caps and aprons occupied the whole of the roof and balcony, filled all the windows and the raised stand over the entrance porch. On the opposite side of the road, the scaffolding in front of the new County Hall was seized upon by thousands of adventurous sightseers.

A short halt was made in the procession while the French soldiers happened to be passing this building and immediately a shower of cigarettes descended on them. Then a few of the spectators started to sing La Marseillaise, immediately taken up by thousands of voices. The poilus looked up in pleased surprise and at the conclusion clapped their hands in appreciation of the compliment.

Not a house on the route was without decorations of some sort and the chief centre of interest was the memorial to the glorious dead in Whitehall.

It wanted but a few minutes to ten when General Pershing led the procession through the Albert Gate of Hyde Park and started the great Victory March. Roars of cheering went up such as London has never before heard and there can be no doubt but that the Americans were greatly impressed. General Dourremans with the Belgian Contingent came next, succeeded by a number of Chinese officers.

FOCH'S SUSTAINED WELCOME.

Enthusiasm knew no bounds when Marshal Foch, riding a splendid charger, came into view. The famous Generalissimo repeatedly acknowledged the sustained cheers as with General Debeney and suite he rode at the head of the French troops.

Generals and officers of all the Allied Armies had passed before the first representatives of the British forces came swinging through the gates. Then Admiral Sir David Beatty came and the deafening cheers were intensified when men of the Queen Elizabeth passed with their mascot, a massive bulldog, which looked happy and proud despite its muzzle.

Following the senior service came Field Marshal Sir Douglas Staig and his Generals, place of honour being accorded to officers and men of the original 1914 Expeditionary Force led by General Pulteney. Then came the massed colours of the Guards and their bands.

There was no branch of the Imperial Army which was not represented in the procession. Guns, tanks, cavalry, infantry, engineers, ordnance, Army Service corps and airmen all had their representatives, as did every colony and dependency in all parts of the Empire.

The scene in Whitehall as the ranks opened out in order to pass on either side of and salute the cenotaph erected to the memory of the glorious dead was impressive in the extreme. Scarcely a cheer was raised during the three hours that men and women marched past this point in mute and reverent homage. At the foot of the memorial stood Guardsmen in full dress with arms reversed. General Pershing halted on reaching the cenotaph to give his salute.

KING AND PREMIER TAKE THE SALUTE.

Passing on up Whitehall and turning into the Mall, the cheers thundered forth again. At the end of the Mall, standing on the steps of the Queen Victoria Memorial were His Majesty the King and Queen and a distinguished gathering.

Standing slightly in advance of the other members of the party the King, with whom was Mr. Lloyd George, took the salute.

It was a truly great pageant, worthy of the victory and worthy of the splendid efforts which the men and women of the Allied nations had made in the cause of freedom and justice.

CARNIVAL OF PLEASURE

SIGNAL FOR AN EMPIRE CHAIN OF BONFIRES.

London's streets were packed with merry dancing crowds until far into the night but it was more sober hilarity than that which marked the demonstrations on Armistice night.

In the provinces similar enthusiastic scenes were witnessed, the feature in most towns being festivities for children, who were entertained on a most lavish scale.

In spite of wet weather the vast crowds continued the celebrations far into the night. Soon after the great Victory March was completed the rain began falling steadily. Nevertheless the crowds in the parks, where old English revels had been arranged with performances of "A Midsummer Nights Dream", folk-dances and singing, were out to enjoy themselves and did so thoroughly.

The King and Queen, accompanied by Prince Albert and Princess Mary paid an unexpected visit to Hyde Park in the afternoon, much to the delight of the people.

In the evening after a concert by a massed choir of ten thousand voices, assisted by the massed bands of the Guards there was in Hyde Park one of the most remarkable firework displays ever given, which lasted until 11 o'clock. At that hour the low hanging clouds blazed with patches of red as far as the eye could see, for a chain of bonfires had been lit on the hills round London and extended throughout the length of the country from Lands End to John o Groats.

Some of the fireworks had become so sodden during the bad weather that they would not respond to the electric fuse, so the crowds seized them and they were flung into a Niagara of flame, and finally demolished in a huge bonfire, upon which the excited throngs hurled everything to which they could lay their hands, including the wooden seats.

A strong force of police cleared the mafficking area.

Hundreds slept in the parks all night rather than walk the long distances home to the suburbs. Merry-making continued until shortly before dawn.

THE KING'S TOAST.

"I drink to the health of the troops of our gallant Allies whose representatives and leaders I am proud to welcome here today."

This was the toast proposed by His Majesty the King at a luncheon given at Buckingham Palace to representatives of all the Allied troops, British Naval and Military leaders, the premier and other visitors.

When the King and Queen returned to Buckingham Palace after visiting Hyde Park they found thousands of people around the Victoria Memorial who began to chant "We want our King". Their Majesties, responding to the call, went out on to the balcony over the centre gates and amid tumultuous cheers bowed in acknowledgment.

IRELAND REJOICES.

Peace celebrations were conducted with great enthusiasm in Dublin all the principal thoroughfares of the city being aglow with colours, the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes being generally associated. The troops taking part in the procession marched from their respective barracks to Duke-street and there the procession for the march past was formed. The saluting base was in College Green where in an enclosed area in front of the Bank of Ireland a platform had been erected for the accommodation of the Lord Lieutenant and his staff and a distinguished party.

Another platform for wounded soldiers was erected within the front railing of Trinity College.

Heading the procession were demobilized soldiers and sailors; following them came the pipers band of the Irish Guards, who marched with demobilized men of that regiment.

The Lord Lieutenant was received with great enthusiasm, the crowd cheering repeatedly.

At Limerick the celebrations were marked by a special military display and a procession headed by the troops in garrison, marched through the principal thoroughfares.

RAYNHAM SAILING HOME.

St. John's, Saturday.—Mr. Raynham, the pilot of the Martinsyde aeroplane, has received instructions to abandon the Trans-Atlantic flight, and is packing up the machine with a view to sailing for England by the steamer Grampian.—Reuter.

PEACE RIOT.

TOWN HALL BURNT AND ARCHIVES DESTROYED.

Saturday's rejoicings at Luton were sadly and disgracefully marred by a mob of infuriated rioters.

As a protest against the refusal of the Civic authorities to grant permission for the holding of a memorial service to the fallen in the public park some rioters broke into the Town Hall and proceeded to wreck the interior. The huge crowd assembled became excited and got completely out of hand. The police who were quickly on the scene succeeded in dispersing the crowd, but the trouble was only delayed.

In the evening there was a fresh outburst. An enormous crowd reassembled and commenced by throwing missiles at the windows of the Town Hall. For a time the police managed to keep them away from the actual building but force of numbers told and eventually the police were overpowered. An entrance to the building was forced and deliberate efforts were made to set it on fire. A detachment of special constables arrived and the intruders were ejected but the police were again overpowered. The mob broke into the Town clerk's office, piled up all the papers and documents and set the place alight. The fire brigade was summoned but the mob took possession of the fire engines, preventing the firemen from getting to work. A body of rioters raided a neighbouring garage for petrol which they flung into the burning building.

When at last the firemen got into position it was found that large sections of the hose had been cut, rendering it useless. The police charged the mob with their batons only to be met with a shower of bottles and other missiles. Eventually the firemen succeeded in turning an undamaged hose on the mob and drove them away from the burning Town Hall. The effort was too late and the building was gutted.

After leaving the Town Hall the crowd made their way to a piano warehouse and dragged out a piano which was used to accompany impromptu songs. A bootmaker's shop and a confectionery store were also broken open and looted, damage also being done to a hairdresser's premises, the owner of which is stated to be of foreign extraction. Some hours later a body of soldiers arrived and dispersed the crowd and later still a detachment of Royal Engineers from Bedford arrived. The town is now occupied by the military.

The damage by the loss of the Town Hall and damage to neighbouring property is estimated at a quarter of a million.

FOCH ATTENDS MASS.

Marshal Foch attended high Mass at Westminister Catholic Cathedral on Sunday morning. He was received at the main door by Cardinal Bourne, who was attended by Monsignor Jackson. The Marshal was accommodated in a seat by himself, facing the high altar. On his left were members of the diplomatic corps and on his right a large number of British, French and Belgian officers. Among those present were the French Ambassador, the Argentine and Bolivian Ministers and representatives of the Siamese Legation.

A RIGHT SPIRIT.

Referring to the gallant exploit of Gemeine (Private) Bruckmann, who gallantly rescued an officer from a blazing aeroplane and is being repatriated in addition to being rewarded the "Daily Chronicle" voices many thoughts by saying that "he will return home with the consciousness that few of his countrymen have done more than he towards restoring between them and us the bond of common humanity."

WOMAN AVIATOR KILLED.

Baroness de Laroche was killed in an aeroplane accident yesterday afternoon.

Details of the accident show that the machine, which was piloted by an airman namend Barrault, overturned during a trial flight at Le Crotoy, Somme. The Baroness was killed on the spot and the pilot died soon after.

Baroness de Laroche, who was formerly an actress, first flew in 1909. At the Rheims meeting in 1910 she sustained terrible injuries in an accident, from which she only recovered just before the war. During the war she tried several times to enlist in the French Air Force, but without success. A few weeks ago she created a new height record for women.

BELGIAN HONOUR FOR NURSE CAVELL.

On the occasion of the National Fêtes, the list of appointments to the Order of Leopold has been issued at Brussels. Amongst the names are those of Miss Cavell and Mr. Brand Whitlock, the United States Minister to Belgium, upon whom is conferred the Civic Cross of the First Class, 1914-18, for acts of notable courage and devotion to humanity.

Increase of Bigamy.—Seventy cases in the calendar of the Central Criminal Court include fifteen of bigamy.

Timely Warnings.—Further revelations with regard to the menace of the American trade invasion of England are made.

INDIAN FRONTIER.

CONVOY AND TWO GUNS CAPTURED BY AFGHANS.

The following official communiqué was issued at Simla on Saturday:—

A lashkar which had concentrated in the Bagar Valley attacked our Khyber posts (in spite of protests of the Zakka Khel, who resented this trespass).

The enemy attacked a hill south of Fort Maude on Friday and compelled our piquet to fall back. We had 40 casualties. The hill was recaptured afterwards.

Details of the attack, on July 16, on our convoy from Lakaband to Fort Sandeman show that 700 tribesmen attacked the convoy, which was forced to retire to Babar. The officer commanding the escort was killed, but the majority of the escort eventually safely reached Lakaband.

On July 15 escorts started for Fort Sandeman, and reached Kapip without trouble. Fighting ensued, in which our road piquets were pushed back.

The overwhelming strength of the enemy made further progress impossible, in spite of the support of our guns.

The advanced guards were surrounded and the escort suffered heavy casualties, most of the British officers being killed.

Many of the transport drivers bolted, and the convoy and both guns were captured—the latter being first rendered unserviceable.

The survivors estimate the enemy strength at 4,000, including Wazirs, Bhittanis, Sherannis, and Sulaiman Khel.

Four British officers are reported to have been killed and two wounded, while there were 100 casualties in the Indian ranks.

The loss of many carts and transport animals—including 33 battery mules—is also reported.

The enemy, with his wounded, proceeded to Haripal, a large camp ten miles north of Kapip.

CAPTURE OF MINSK.

POLES EJECT BOLSHEVISTS FROM THE TOWN.

A message from Warsaw states that Polish troops have forced an entrance to Minsk, which is being obstinately defended by the Bolshevists. The latter have carried off all railway material from the town and also sent part of the Polish population to Smolensk.

A report from Luck says that a peasant revolt of considerable dimensions has broken out behind the Bolshevist front. For a short time the peasants even occupied Novno but were driven out by the Bolshevists after a sharp fight. Part of the population of the town, which consists largely of Jews, is being murdered.

CARE OF RUSSIAN PRISONERS.

The Allied Council has recommended to the Council of Five that the military authorities of the principal Allied and Associated Powers shall assume all responsibility for the revictualling and support of odd Russian prisoners of war retained in Germany, until such time as the Council can take steps to repatriate them.

U.S. AND THE LEAGUE.

Leaders of the United States Senate who are fighting against the League of Nations project announce that if the changes they demand are not conceded the entire Peace Treaty will be rejected by the Senate.

They claim to have thirty-five votes on their side whereas only thirty-three are required to defeat the ratification of the Treaty.

BULGARIAN TREATY.

A Paris telegram states that the various committees are actively engaged in preparing the Peace Treaty with Bulgaria. It is hoped the treaty will be handed to the Bulgarian delegates during the week following their arrival at Paris.

WHEAT FOR GERMANY.

The Supreme Economic Council have instructed the Allied Maritime Transport Executive to arrange for the use of Antwerp as one of the ports of discharge for wheat from the river Plate destined for Germany.

RECTOR SHOT DEAD.

The Rev. Dr. W. Owen Jenkins, rector of Bagendon, near Cirencester, was on Saturday morning found shot dead in his orchard. He had been in ill-health for some time. He was formerly principal of the Diocesan College, Cape Town, and Canon of Cape Town Cathedral.

Le Matin states that the French General Headquarters at Chantilly will be dissolved on August 4th.

AUSTRIAN TREATY.

SUMMARY OF THE CHIEF POINTS.

The whole of the remaining clauses of the Peace Treaty with Austria were handed to the Austrian delegation at St. Germains on Sunday, together with a covering letter from M. Clemenceau, granting a delay of ten days within which to intimate acceptance of the treaty as a whole.

The following is a brief summary of the new clauses:—

The frontiers between Austria and Czecho-Slovakia have been modified so as to include within the limits of Austria territories inhabited by German speaking populations.

A bridgehead has been established to the South of Pressburg on the right bank of the Danube and a slight rectification of the frontier made in the region of Gmuend.

Under the military clauses it is stipulated that the Austrian Army shall not exceed 30,000 men, including officers and depot troops. Within three months the Austrian Military force shall be reduced to this number.

Universal military service is abolished and voluntary enlistments substituted as part of the plan to render possible the initiation of a general limitation of armaments in all nations. All officers must be regulars. Non-commissioned officers and men must enlist for not less than twelve consecutive years including at least six years with the colours.

Within three months the armaments of the Austrian Army must be reduced according to detailed schedules and all surplus surrendered.

The manufacture of all war material must be confined to one factory under the control of the state. Other such establishments shall be closed down or converted.

Importation and exportation of arms and war material of all kinds is forbidden.

SCHOOL FATALITY.

TUTOR ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

A distressing fatality occurred at Xaverian Roman Catholic College, Brighton, on Saturday morning, when Mr. Vincent Fothergill, known as Brother Andrew, aged 24, was accidentally shot dead by an old pupil, a youth of 17, who was on a visit to the college on holiday.

It appears that another pupil, noticing a revolver on the top of a chest of drawers in one of the staff bedrooms, suggested that, as it was Peace Day, they should fire a shot. The report attracted the other youth to the room. The spent cartridge in the revolver was replaced by a live one, and the weapon was handed to the lad, with a warning to fire upwards.

When firing, however, the weight of the revolver in the boy's hand depressed the muzzle, and the bullet struck Brother Andrew, who was sitting in a chair in the garden 35 yards away.

RIOTING AT CORK.

Following the peace celebrations rioting took place at Cork late on Saturday night. Sinn Feiners tore loyal emblems from the streets, soldiers were assaulted, knocked down and kicked and the police were stoned. They retaliated with a baton charge.

Futile efforts were made by the Sinn Feiners to rescue men who had been arrested, but eventually the police discharged their revolvers at the rioters who thereupon dispersed.

PEACE STRIKE.

Burnley was without gas and trams on Saturday because the men refused to work during the official Peace celebrations, although the local rejoicings had been postponed until the August Bank Holiday. They refused to start until Monday, but all the mills and workshops worked as usual.

On Saturday and Sunday evenings the streets were without lights.

MEMORIAL TO CAPT. BALL

It was announced by the Lord Mayor of Nottingham on Saturday that a national memorial to the late Captain Ball, V.C., would be unveiled at Nottingham in September by the Prime Minister. Towards the memorial, which is to take the form of a statue, subscriptions have come from the Air Forces of England, France, and America.

GERMAN SAILORS REFUSE DISCHARGE.

A serious conflict is impending between the Government and sailors at Wilhelmshaven, according to the "Zeitung am Mittag". Eight thousand sailors of the minesweeping flotilla are, it is said, determined to refuse the impending discharge, and they refuse to surrender their arms. Reliable troops are said to be on the way to Wilhelmshaven.

The student Toller, who was one of the foremost leaders in the Spartacist revolution at Munich, has been sentenced to five years im- prisonment.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG ILL.

TAKEN STRAIGHT HOME AFTER VICTORY MARCH.

Sir Douglas Haig was taken ill on Saturday after taking part in the victory march.

He was at once conveyed by motor-car to his home at Kingston-on-Thames, and it was reported that he had developed a temperature.

On inquiry at Sir Douglas Haig's residence it was stated that the Field-Marshal had passed a restful night, and that his temperature had returned to normal.

It has been deemed advisable, however, that he should remain in bed for the present and take a short rest. His public engagements for the next few days have accordingly been cancelled.

Sir Douglas took part in the procession on Saturday against the advice of his doctor, as he had been unwell for several days previously. It was noticed by many people who witnessed the pageant that he looked rather pale, and did not appear to be in his usual good health.

MOTOR-CYCLE SMASH.

FAMILY KILLED THROUGH COLLISION WITH LORRY.

A motor-cycle accident, which resulted in the deaths of father, mother, and son, marred the end of the Peace celebrations at Loughton (Essex) on Saturday evening.

About seven o'clock, Mr. Cudden, of Walthamstow, was driving a motor-cycle down Church Hill, Loughton, his wife being seated in a side-car and his son sitting on the carrier behind. By some means he collided with a military motor-lorry which was proceeding up the hill.

Mr. Cudden, who was jammed between the cycle and the lorry, was killed instantaneously, and great difficulty was experienced in extricating his body. Mrs. Cudden was thrown right over the lorry, and with her son, who also sustained serious injuries, was conveyed to the Forest Cottage Hospital, but both succumbed to their injuries soon after admission.

FINE ON BERLIN.

GOVERNMENT OBJECTS ON LEGAL GROUNDS.

The body of the murdered French sergeant, Mannheim, was entrained at the Anhalt Station on Saturday morning for Paris, via Frankfort. Herr von Kühlmann, representing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, placed wreaths on the bier. General Sylvestre, of the French Army, paid a short tribute to the dead soldier's memory, and German soldiers rendered the last military honours.

An inquiry has established that none of the soldiers, who were quarelling with Sergeant Mannheim committed the murder.

The German Government's reply to the French Note regarding the Mannheim affair, which has been despatched to Paris, says that though there is no legal obligation to do so the compensation demanded for the dead man's family is conceded, to meet the French. On the other hand, the Government refuses to sanction the punishment of Berlin by a fine of 1,000,000 francs as having no ground in international law. Should the French Government not agree with the German legal standpoint, however, an offer is made to submit the question to a mixed Arbitration Court.—Reuter.

FASHIONS IN RECREATION.

A poll taken at a Park Royal factory to ascertain the employees' tastes as to pastimes resulted as follows: Swimming 336, football 310, cricket 303, sculling 244, rambling 235, cycling 227, tennis 223, dancing 209, boxing 175, bowls 134, concert party 124, photography 97, hockey 79, string band 58, brass band 51.

AIDING EX-SERVICE STUDENTS.

So far 2,239 definite awards have been announced in connection with the Board of Education's scheme for aiding ex-Service students who wish to pursue full-time courses of higher education at Universities and other recognised public educational institutions. The Board is dealing with applications for financial assistance for such courses at the rate of over 100 a day.

ITALIANS AND TURKS.

The following statement has been issued from the Italian Embassy in London:—

"According to information received from competent Italian sources the published report that Italians joined with Turks in the anti-Hellenic movement in Asia Minor is without foundation. English and French delegations have been able to ascertain the complete loyalty of Italian action.'

According to German Government wireless news, the Entente will demand the handing over of Lieutenant Simon, who caused the burning of the French Standards in front of the Frederick the Great monument.

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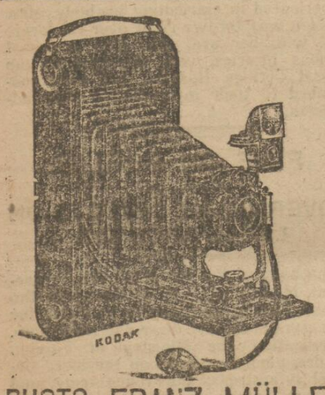

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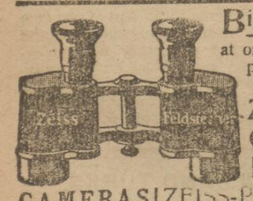

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August 1st: Horse Show and Athletic Sports: 10.00 hours. Cologne Race Course.

August 2nd: Races 1st Day. 1st Race 13.45 hours. Cologne Race Course.

August 4th. Horse Show 2rd Day. 10.00 hours. Cologne Race Course.

August 5th: Races 2nd Day. 1st Race 13.45 hours. Cologne Race Course.

August 6th: Finals: Polo Tournament 15.30 hours. Ground to be notified later.

Admission to Horse Show, Polo, and Athletic Sports, Free, except to civilians to whom price of admission will be 20 marks. **Admission to Races:** Boxes 100 marks for the whole Meeting; Grand Stand 20 marks; Second 10 marks; Third 5 marks; General Stand 2 marks.

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Evening Service, 6.00 p.m.

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Short Morning Prayer Daily at 9-15 a.m.

3.—THE ARMY CINEMA HALL
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Sundays: Evening Service, 6 p.m.

4.—THE CHURCH ARMY CINEMA HALL 95, Severin Strasse.
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NATIONAL POLICY.

Anyone, who has discussed British foreign policy with people of other countries, must be aware of the acute feeling of irritation which our attitude has frequently aroused.

Without a continous policy destined to serve the best interests of our own and Allied countries, it has been the practice of our statesmen to hold aloof from Continental movements and their developments until trouble has been imminent and when interference was bound to cause grave dissatisfaction among parties when feeling had been allowed to run high.

But the fault cannot be attributed wholly to incompetent statesmanship, it lies deeper and on a broader national basis. The insularity of thought, as well as of geographical situation, of Britain has become proverbial.

Secure in his ignorance the average Briton leaves the study of international questions entirely in the hands of his parliamentary representative, who in his turn, convinced that he has not the intelligent sympathy bred of the knowledge of his people to support him, dare not imitate a policy, however desirable it may be, which shows any bold departure from precedent.

Consequently a policy marked by continuity and following clearly defined channels is not possible because interest in the matter cannot be aroused in the country.

The current discussions on foreign questions being carried out in the country at the present time, (notably those recently reported from Southport) betray very clearly this national policy of non-intervention in matters which at the moment may not display evidence of materially affecting our national interests, but which in the future are bound to influence the attitude of the country in a very great degree.

It therefore becomes possible for our Army once more to become the saviours of the country in other fields than those of battle.

It remains to be seen whether the interest aroused in our soldiers in the countries where they have served will endure and act as a stimulus to our national policy, or whether another great lesson which the war has taught us, that our continued insularity and ignorance of the doings of other countries is a danger to national safety, will be entirely forgotten and wasted.

France, Belgium, Russia, Italy, Germany, and the countries of the East where service has taken our soldiers have all added enormously to our knowledge and just whether or not the Army will apply the knowledge they have so gained will depend, whether or not, its members will play an active part in the direction of foreign relations long after it has ceased to be an Army.

The settlement of Europe by the peace treaties will leave a fruitful source of international intrigue as a legacy to every country concerned and it remains to be seen whether such a disaster as threatened the country in 1914 will be averted by the intelligent anticipation of a country which know more of its neighbours or whether the valour of ignorance will continue to influence our national policy.

THE MANLY ART.

The passing of War brings many social changes in its train. These are at times perplexing and at times consoling, but they are always interesting. No student of human nature can watch unmoved the gradual resumption of pre-war activities by his fellow-countrymen.

So far the most notable feature of English society in these days of peace has been the immense hold which some forms of sport have taken. There were many who feared that it would be long before England could take its traditional place as the home of manly games. Their fears have been baseless.

One might refer to the revival of cricket, to the University, Eton and Harrow, and county matches; one might speak of the enthusiasm which greeted Mlle. Lenghen when she won for our gallant ally the highest honour that lawn-tennis can give to its fair experts; but to-day we choose an ancient sport that has renowned memories in England.

The art of boxing was never more popular than it is at the present moment. It is patronized by Royalty, by admirals and commanders-in-chief, by politicians, scientists, philanthropists, and even by society's dames and damsels. The cult of the ring has its glamours for all sorts and conditions of mankind.

It seems as if England were back in the days of Rodney Stone. The names of old-time boxers are now familiar to all, and eager comparisons are made between pugilists old and new. Beckett, Dempsey, Jimmy Wilde, and many another are heroes of the populace.

Now that the strain of war has been removed it is natural that the joy of healthy physique should make its appeal to mankind. The tragedies of the battlefield are forgotten in the sportsmanship of the ring. The science of gloved blows is a relaxation after the horrors of death-dealing contrivances.

Human nature has a providential elasticity. It is good in these days to think that the witness of pluck and endurance can be exhibited before a public that has its English ideal of fair-play and healthy competition.

Even the boxing-ring has its dangers, and these are not confined to pugilists or spectators; but it has its lesson. Enthusiasm for manly sport may well breed enthusiasm for manly work. Without the routine of daily toil and worthy aspiration recreation soon loses its savour.

England has recovered its love of sport. Is it not a good omen of the days when England will recover its love of honest labour?

THE RATE OF EXCHANGE.

During the few weeks immediately before the Peace Treaty was signed, and especially while it was doubtful whether Germany would sign at all, it was natural that the value of the mark should fluctuate rapidly, reflecting the political outlook from day to day.

But that it should eventually settle, as it appears to have done, at so low a price that over seventy marks can now be obtained for one pound in English notes — itself a depreciated currency according to the pre-war gold standard — is somewhat astonishing.

At present it is perhaps too much to expect that trade relations can have become sufficiently table for a commercial exchange rate to be established upon anything like the old basis, but it is of the greatest importance that an early effort should be made in that direction.

To such of us as now live in the occupied area and receive pay upon a British scale but in German marks at what is the momentary exchange, it is advantageous as it stands now: we can buy so much more for our money in German shops.

But for English trade generally it is highly disadvantageous. An English seller who wishes to dispose of goods in Germany — and England is greatly needing this export market — has to demand over 70 marks for each pound's worth.

This is more than the German buyer can afford and no sale results. On the other hand, the German seller gains in like proportion. A mark is still a mark, the equivalent of a shilling, to the German; so that he receives one pound or over seventy marks for what at the rate of manufacture is worth twenty marks to him.

The present exaggerated exchange, therefore, acts as a heavy customs' duty against the English salesman, and an equally heavy premium in favour of the German, and it does so, even if the case is somewhat overstated above.

A FLIP.

"Would you like a 'flip'?"

The Flight Commander, a boyish Captain of about twenty-two summers, had threaded his way through the machines, lying on the level green of the aerodrome, to where I stood by the hangars. Officers and mechanics climbed over prostrate "Bristol fighters" and "Harry Tates" sprawled across the aerodrome like exhausted birds with outstretched wings.

Propellers began to revolve and engines roared. The terrific wind from the "props" lashed grass and bits of paper and men's scarves into dancing excitement. I borrowed a leather cap which covered my ears and deadened the roar and wind of engines tuning up.

A pilot in flying kit beckoned to me to follow him and I nervously clambered up on to the body of a Bristol and dropped into the observer's seat behind. My head just peered out of the cock-pit, the circular collar of my "observatory" coming on a level with my shoulders. Pulling down my goggles, I saw that I was sitting in about the middle of a cigar-shaped body balanced on the lower of two planes running across it and out to either side.

Before The Start.

The golliwog figure sitting in front of me was playing about with levers and studs and handles.

"Contact!"

Two mechanics holding hands were tugging the propeller round. A sudden roar shook the machine; a hurricane of wind deafened and choked me. I gasped for breath. The golliwog figure in front turned his head and appeared to ask "All right?"

I managed to nod. My teeth were chattering from cold and apprehension. We began to crawl along the ground with wings outstretched. The silent figure in front — to whom I could not speak, — and I, were alone in a gale of noise at the mercy of pistons and petrol, wings and wires. We had ceased bumping the ground; the crawl grew into a race; we were going up! God help us!

The roar of the engine melted into a deep purr, the machine glided dreamily up carrying us towards the silent clouds. Houses and roads, trees and fields sank down into a harmony of soft colour and intricate pattern. We were free as a bird to move this way or that, nothing stood in our way, nothing was hid from our view of the vast panorama of towns and countryside, opened out like a map far below us. A glow of exhilaration flowed through my veins. Somehow I thought of Shelley's "Ode to a Lark."

Hail to thee, blithe spirit!
Bird thou never wert!

The cold keenness of the air made me me laugh aloud for joy of liv —

A ghastly lurch, a clutch at the framework, a horrible sense of everything slipping down through the air at a frightful rate and angle, then the sea sickness of ten thousand voyages concentrated in one moment of time. The fear that paralysed my brain could not shout, with tongue and throat of parched clay. There would be a heap of twisted metal and bits of flesh that once were me.

A Smart Recovery.

I was conscious of beads of sweat on my forehead as the machine become level again and we floated along with a loud hum a thousand feet over the Rhine. Far below, white trams that used to run upright on wheels now lay like tiny white beads threaded on a black line over the bridge. Short dotted lines on the shining river marked tugs and barges scarcely moving. Tiny antlike men seemed to creep along the criss-cross streets of Bonn hundreds of feet beneath us. Black and white threads, strewn across the green and brown of the countryside, marked roads and railways. Obscure smudges shewed the tree-clumps on the silent earth below. How slow trains moved on the earth! How ridiculously small everything was! — pigmy fields and forest and church towers!

The silver Rhine was moving round behind us and Cologne and Bonn quietly fell back in the distance. The tiny hangars of the aerodrome gathered themselves up underneath us. The nose of the machine dropped and we dived to our landing place at a sickening angle.

Quick! Stop her before 'tis too late! O God! I closed my eyes and gripped the frame work to keep down the shrieks of fear that arose in me.

A bump, a bounce, another bump, and we were taxi—ing along the ground to our appointed place. A couple of mechanics caught our lower wing as we trundled along and pulled up. The engine was shut off, the whirling propeller slowed down dead and the gale and roar ceased. Painfully I clambered out on to the solid world of human beings and quiet voices. I felt that I had shrunk till fields and hangars were too big for my eye to measure. Gravity held me fast to the ground.

A sparrow flew off into the air, but I was only human again.

B.V.P.

FEAR.

Show me the man who knows not Fear!
Has not been gripped nor felt the sear
Of icy fingers closing round
His heart; and numbing sense and sound,
Made him afraid.

He has not loved, who knows not Fear,
Nor can to someone else be dear,
For Love and Fear go hand in hand
And he who loves must understand
What Fear is too.

Cold as the Winter's wind and shrill,
It grips the heart when all is still,
And all the weary darkened hours
Seem gifted with infernal powers
To search the soul.

From every shadow, without sound,
Phantoms leap out: and all around,
Stand Hopelessness and grim Despair,
Tainting the silent scented air,
— That comes with Fear.

REX.

(From the 3rd Battn. Machine Gun Corps Magazine).

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

ON SERIOUS READING.

Sir,—At this period in history, it behoves us to impress the necessity for useful knowledge upon all young people. Especially in all that concerns our glorious traditions must we do this.

A good English classic story may not only ennoble, but, by providing food for thought, and by teaching history, it becomes of great educational value.

I wonder how many of the younger folk of to-day have ever read Kingsley's "Westward Ho!" or "Ivanhoe." They could learn much from both, and from many other famous works as well.

I have conversed purposely with dozens and dozens of young soldiers here in Rhineland and the majority had never even heard of the books I advised them to read.

Somebody must really take this matter up and encourage the study of good literature. It is of vital importance to our race!

I visited the Royal Air Force library here the other day and I was astonished at the splendid organisation and at the vast number of books which they have been able to gather together.

It is to be hoped that many other units will establish similar institutions. Our educational system in Rhineland at present is admirable. Let the authorities, however, encourage much more private reading; let us bring far more of those splendid books we ourselves read as boys, for they breed patriotism, an appreciation of honour and a desire to accomplish something. A good book is a firm friend! Come, let's have more!

W. R. PATTERSON (Lieut.)

GASPING FOR FRESH AIR.

Sir,—Apropos the recent correspondence respecting the efficiency of the Cologne Electric Car Services.

I cannot understand why, if the Germans are so fond of fresh air, there is very little, or practically no ventilation in the cars. Yesterday, for example, was a very hot day, and yet on the Bonn car there were only two small windows open for the ventilation of one compartment, the others apparently being fixtures. The L.C.C. cars may be cumbersome, but when the weather is hot, it will be found that all windows, both inside and on top, are opened to their fullest extent.

"FRESH AIR."

UNSIGHTLY ADVERTISEMENTS.

Sir,—As a Londoner I have always deplored the lack of posters as we understand the term, in Cologne. Take for instance an empty building, covered with flaming advertisements announcing forthcoming attractions or proclaiming the merits of a brand of jam; it has a charm of its own, which the German system fails to bring out.

The German mania for standardisation in all things inevitably kills all originality. I for one would be sorry to see London adopt such a system.

E.A.

OPERA HOUSE MAXIMS.

Sir,—During the opera season "The Cologne Post" published a few maxims for the benefit of frequenters of the Opera House, who had the habit of coming late.

I think it would be advisable to re-apply them to the Deutsches Theatre, especially when the British Rhine Army Dramatic Company is appearing.

On a recent evening the most notable interrupter was an individual, who endeavoured to get to his seat two or three minutes after each act had commenced, thus causing annoyance both to officers and men.

"BADMINTON JOCK."

DOGS IN CHURCH.

Sir,—In reply to "A lover of animals," may I ask him not to throw the onus of my letter upon the poor doorkeeper. I merely mentioned the occurrence as a good reason for not bringing dogs to church, but I do not wish to enter into an unfriendly controversy on behalf of a third person.

Also, your correspondent cannot be the sergeant referred to, because the N.C.O. in question distinctly claimed the ownership of the dog and advanced the argument that the dog would not bark if allowed inside.

As for the alleged ill-treatment, the doorkeeper made an unsuccessful attempt to kick it out but the animal evaded him and ran back into church.

In conclusion, I hope that these letters will have induced the troops to leave their dogs behind when going to church.

"GUNNER".

ARMY SCHOOLS. APPRECIATED.

Sir,— I think the general education classes organised and available for the troops should receive a little more consideration and respect from all ranks.

To my mind, the possibility of an early return to civil life, should make one all the more keen to rub up his knowledge and perhaps pick up some more.

As is generally known, there are special teachers over here and I can say from personal experience that they are glad to do all they can for students, no matter how elementary their knowledge.

SAPPER.

THE CIGARETTE SHORTAGE.

Sir,—On a visit to Brussels and other Belgium towns I was very much surprised to see English cigarettes in abundance. At every tobacconists one could buy any kind and any amount.

It would be of interest to know why there should be so many in places where there are very few English soldiers, when they are almost unobtainable in the occupied area. As the army issue of cigarettes is very small this is a great injustice, and should be, I think, attended to by someone in authority.

No English soldier will object to the Belgians having English cigarettes, but certainly Tommy should be supplied first.

"KINGFISHER."

THOSE CHURCH BELLS.

Sir,— It is to be concluded that the writer of the article "Those Church Bells," has so cushy a job that he is unable to sleep in the early morning, or does his conscience prick him?

"SOUND SLEEPER."

Carpentier Knocks Out Smith.

ENGLISHMAN COUNTED OUT IN THE EIGHT ROUND: A PLUCKY FIGHT.

Carpentier, the European heavyweight champion, won the contest with Dick Smith on Saturday evening, the Englishman being knocked out in the eight round, with a right uppercut and two left hooks.

The victory was greeted with great enthusiasm.

In the first round, neither obtained advantage. In the second, Carpentier landed heavily on his opponent and in the third Smith was sent down for a count of nine. During the fourth round, Smith was getting in several good straight punches, but towards the end of the round, Carpentier landed with a couple of hooks. Neither could claim the round.

Next round again found Smith on the ground, as the result of a straight right followed by an uppercut, but he got on his feet after a count of nine and finished. His strong pluck was recognised by a long spell of cheers. The sixth saw Smith showing a remarkable defence against a rain of swinging blows and in the seventh, Smith landed hard on the Frenchman's body.

Heavy Undercut.

In the eighth, Carpentier landed two successive uppercuts. Smith replied with right and left hooks to the face, which left their marks on Carpentier who began to look tired. He quickly recovered however, assumed the aggressive with great energy, and landed a heavy uppercut with the right. Smith staggered and, following the advantage, the Frenchman clinched the matter with a couple of left kooks. Smith dropped and was counted out.

Interviewed afterwards Carpentier warmly praised Smith's plucky fight and admitted Smith had given him a bad time.

AFTER FIVE YEARS.

French Idol's Form On Eve of Re-entering The Ring.

Writing on the eve of the Carpentier-Smith contest, "The Old Guard" in the "Daily Express" says:—

It would be no exaggeration to say that all France is anxious to see whether her beloved Carpentier is as good as he was before his country called him to her defence in 1914. Five years' abstention from active participation in the game is a very serious matter indeed for a boxer.

Many good judges think that Carpentier's longer spell of idleness may tell against him. They argue that Carpentier's war experiences—he was no carpet-bag warrior—may have robbed him of that dash which made him such a formidable opponent for any class man to tackle.

AN ATTACK OF NERVES.

They have heard that a bad attack of nerves compelled the French war authorities to suspend Carpentier's flying certificate, and naturally they wonder whether he has completely thrown off this and other troubles caused by active campaigning.

About eighteen months ago I was told by one who had been in Carpentier's company in Paris that the brilliant boxer was but a shadow of his former self. I was agreeably surprised, therefore, to see him looking as debonair as ever when I met him at Victoria just before the Wells-Beckett encounter at Olympia. It may be that youth—he is only twenty-five now—has helped him to triumph over the horrors of war.

CHAMPION IN FORM.

Winner of 1st Western Infantry Brigade Cross Country Race.

Though not counting as regards points for the Divisional "Skill-at-all sports" Cup, the 1st Western Infantry Brigade's cross country race entitled the winning team to represent the brigade in the competition for the Corps Commander's Cup. The race took place on Friday, and the course, which was roughly from 5 to 6 miles in length, ran from Brennig water-tower through Hemmerich and Waldorf, and finished on the Bornheim sports field. Teams representing the 1/4th, 9th, and the 52nd Battalions of the Cheshire Regiment, took part in the race.

Over fifty-five men started upon their long run, but the 1/4th Cheshires were the only battalion which had its twenty representatives home in the stipulated time, which was forty-three minutes. Of these, five were in the first six to reach the winning post, and the order of running was:—

1. Capt. Ryles, 52nd Cheshires; 2. Pte. Turner, 1/4th Cheshires; 3. Lieut. Willis, 1/4th Cheshires; 4. 2/Lt. Shaw, 1/4th Cheshires; 5. L/Cpl. Richards, 1/4th Cheshires; 6. Pte. Davis, 1/4th Cheshires.

A Well-known Champion.

Capt. Ryles, a well-known champion, was the winner of a recent inter-Allied one mile race.

It has not been decided as yet, which battalion is to represent the brigade in the Divisional Sports. The results at the present moment are:—

1/4th Cheshires 18 points; 52nd Cheshires 11 points; 9th Cheshires 7 points.

Basket ball and swimming still remain to be decided. The basket ball competition will be held to-morrow afternoon on the Bornheim sports field, while the swimming, which will include individual events, a relay race and a polo match is to take place at the Bonn baths on Thursday.

A BOXING CHALLENGE.

James Moore and Jack Worman to meet at Cologne.

In a recent issue of "The Cologne Post", a challenge to all light weight comers by Pte. Jack Worman was published. A match has now been arranged between him and Pte. James Moore, 78th Labour Coy., and the bout will take place at the London Divisional Sports at Cologne, on 20th August. Pte. Worman cannot accept any other engagement for the present.

Bakeries Billiard Club.

A billiard match was played at the R.A.S.C. Bakeries billet, Kalk, on Friday between the home team and the R.A.S.C. attd. 93rd Brigade. The "Dough Boys" suffered rather a big defeat, losing the match by no less than 143 points.

Scores:—R.A.S.C. Attd 93rd Bde... 56
R.A.S.C. Bakeries, Kalk.. 42
14.

POLO MATCH AT KALK.

An American team will play a match against a Cologne Polo Club side on the Kalk Exerzier Platz about 3.30 p.m. tomorrow. In addition to this there will be a match in the open handicap Tournament to be played off immediately afterwards.

51st. D. L. I. SPORTS.

The 51st Battalion D. L. I. commenced a two days sports meeting yesterday afternoon when, in beautiful weather, the heats of several interesting events were decided on the Rhine bank, near Mülheim Bridge, Cologne.

KEEN CRICKET AT UNTERESCHBACH.

17th Royal Fusiliers and 19th Middlesex Regt. played a close game on Thursday. The fielding by the home team resulted in the Fusiliers (a strong batting side) being dismissed for 63 runs, C.Q.M.S. Robson who made 26, and Capt. Gibson who took (4 for 15) for the visitors; the wicket-keeping of Sergt. Overton and the deadly bowling of the home team's captain, Sig. Taylor (6 for 25) are also worthy of mention.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, July 22, 1919.

Surface wind fresh Westerly. Weather fair generally and occasionally bright. Moderate temperature and fair visibility.

VICTORIOUS SIGNALLERS.

153 Siege Battery R.G.A. Sports at Hastenrath.

The sports of the above-mentioned battery were held at Hastenrath on Tuesday, the preliminary heats having been run off on July 10th and 12th. The Section Cup, kindly presented by Brig.-Gen. Willis, C.B., C.M.G., G.O.C., R.A., IV Corps, who also attended the sports, was won by the Signal Section with 63 points, after a close struggle with the Right Section, who secured 51. At the conclusion of the sports, which were most successful and favoured by fine weather, the prizes were presented by Lieut.-Col. Kelsall, D.S.O., R.G.A., Commanding Heavy Artillery, IV Corps.

An impromptu smoking concert and dance brought to a close, what was to everyone, a most enjoyable and exciting day.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

Following are the events and winners:—

5 Miles:—1, Sig. Jones, S.S.; 2, Sergt. Christian; 3, Gnr. Thorpe, A.V.

100 yds. (open):—1, Lieut. Foster; 2, Sig. Brownbill A; 3, Lieut. Canney.

Long Jump:—1, Sig. Brownbill A.; 2, Gnr. Younie J.; 3, Lieut. Canney.

220 yds. (open):—1, Lieut. Atwill; 2, Lieut. Foster; 3, Sig. Brownbill A.

100 yds.; over 30:—1, Lieut. R.E.M. Barrett; 2, Sig. Taylor, C.G.; 3, Gnr. Gumbly.

High Jump:—1, Lieut. Wilkinson; 2, Gnr. Younie J.; 3, Bdr. Witty, G.

440 yds.:—1, Cpl. Penson; 2, Sig. Hodgetts; 3, Gnr. Scofield, H.

Half Mile:—1, Gnr. Younie, J.; 2, Sig. Hodgetts, J.; 3, Gnr Scofield, H.

1 Mile (open):—1, Sig. Jones, S.S.; 2, Gnr. Younie, J.; 3, Sig. Hodgetts, J.

Throwing the cricket ball:—1, Bdr. Witty, G.; 2, Sig. Metheringham; 3, Gnr. Harrison, H.W.

100 yds. (Officers):—1, Lieut. Foster; 2, Lieut. Atwill; 3, Lieut. Wilkinson.

Tug-of-War:—1, Centre Section; 2, Right Section.

100 yds. scratch; open to R.A.S.C. 153 S. Bty.:—1, L/Cpl. Sweiles; 2, Pte. Gruggins.

100 yds. scratch; open to all visiting Officers:—1, Lieut.-Col. Kelsall, D.S.O.

100 yds. (consolation):—1, Gnr. Filewood; 2, Sig. McKinnen; 3, Sig. Phillips.

100 yds.; "Chevrons" Concert Party:—1, Gnr. Braddock; 2, Cpl. Whitelaw; 3, Sig. Lynn.

Prize for best comic costume:—Sergt. Bundy.

M. G. C. SPORTS.

29th. Bn. M. G. Corps' Athletic Meeting At Dabringhausen.

The above sports, fortunately favoured with fine weather, were held at Dabringhausen on Wednesday. Thanks to the splendid management of Major J. Angell, D.S.O., M.C., and Major E. E. G. Baax, ably assisted by an energetic staff, a lengthy programme, resulting in keen competition, provided a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. Well arranged side-shows under Major L. K. Morris and a splendid tea, also round-a-bouts and swing boats, provided by the Q. M., Capt. F. W. Hay, M.C. proved a great attraction. By kind permission of the O. C. the band of the 51st Devon Regt. played selections throughout the afternoon.

The "Inter Coy Cup" was won easily by "C" Coy with 29½ points, followed by "B" Coy, 18 points; "D" Coy 15½ points, and "A" Coy 9 points. Lieut. I. T. Davies "C" Coy won the medal for the best athlete. At the close of the sports, the C.O., Lieut.-Col. J. R. Meiklejohn, D.S.O., presented the prizes to the winners.

PRIZE WINNERS.

100 yards (11 1/5 secs):—1, Lieut. Davies; 2, Cpl. Miller; 3. Cpl. Holmes.

220 yards (26 2/5 secs):—1, Lieut. Davies; 2, Cpl. Holmes; 3, Pte Tilbury.

440 yards (62 1/5 secs):—1, Pte Aspinal; 2, Lieut. Davies; 3, Sergt. Oxley.

880 yards (2 min. 35 secs.):—1, Sergt. Bewington; 2, Pte Tilbury; 3, Pte Ironmonger.

Hurdles:—1, Cpl. Guyton; 2, Pte Newall; 3, Pte Hoggard.

High Jump (4ft 10 ins.):—1, Pte Gordon; 2, Pte Patrick; 3, Cpl. Guyton.

Long Jump (15ft 4 ins.):—1, Cpl. Sadler; 2, Pte Newall; 3, Pte Burnstein.

Relay Race:—1, "C" Coy; 2, "B" Coy; 3 "D" Coy.

1 Mile (5 min. 35 secs.):—1, Pte Orr; 2, Cpl. Morton; 3, Lieut. Thompson and Cpl. Clay.

Putting the Shot:—1, Pte Patrick; 2, C.S.M. Hussey; 3, Pte Wight.

3 Miles (19 min. 39 secs.):—1, Pte Orr; 2, Pte Dumbrill; 3, Pte Aspinal.

Tug-of-War (Heavy):—1, "B" Coy.

Tug-of-War (Light):—1, "A" Coy.

PEACE DAY SPORT.

Varied Programme on Field and River.

Although there was no racing on Saturday, there was plenty of other sport. There were eight cricket matches, but no fewer than six ended in a draw. Gloucester beat Sussex by an innings and 89 runs; the Australians defeated Worcesters by an innings and 203 runs. The others, viz.: Surrey v. Middlesex; Kent v. Hampshire; Essex v. Somerset; Warwick v. Northants; Yorks v. Leicester and Notts v. Lancs were all drawn.

Molesey Regatta.

Junior Sculls:—Field of Vesta beat Briskill, Kingston.

Senior Sculls:—Beresford, Thames beat Muller, Maidenhead.

Senior fours:—Thames had a row over.

Thames Cup Fours:—London beat Marlow.

Junior Fours:—Marlow beat Thames.

Junior Eights:—Royal School of Mines beat Kempton.

Senior Eights:—Thames beat Australians.

Thames Cup Eights:—Kingston beat Thames.

Boxing at the Ring.

Peace night at the Ring was celebrated by a number of keen bouts. There was a special contest of twenty rounds, between ex-Cpl. Billy Fullerton and ex-Bdr. Charlie Woodman, but the former was disqualified in the fifth round for frequent clinching.

Peace Celebration Sports.

South Camp Infantry Brigade held peace celebration sports at Aldershot on Saturday, the details being as follows:—

Long Jump:—Pte. Osborne, R.A.M.C., 18ft. 9 ins.

Mounted Wrestling:—R.S.F., 1; H.L.I., 2.

100 yards:—Boy Ward, R.A.M.C., and Pte. Gorman, R.I.R., dead heat.

440 yards:—Lieut. Campbell, H.L.I.; Pte. Williams, Kings Liverpools; Pte. Preedy, Black Watch.

Putting the shot:—Sgt. Irvine, Black Watch.

Mile:—Pte. Barrie, Black Watch; Lieut. Fayger, K.O.S.B.

100 yards Handicap:—Cpl. Smith, R.S.F.; Pte. Preedy, Cpl. Burrows, 3rd Kings.

800 yards:—Sgt. Howard, 3rd Kings; Pte. Maywood, H.L.I.; Lieut. Stewart, Black Watch.

Tug-of-War:—Black Watch beat H.L.I.

GOODWOOD WEIGHTS.

TUESDAY, JULY 29.

The Stewards' Cup (Handicap) of 300 sovs., added to a Sweepstakes of 10 sovs., each; for three-year-olds and upwards; second to receive 50 sovs. out of the stake; winners extra. T.Y.C. (six furlongs).

	age	st.	lb.		age	st.	lb.
Irish Elegance	4	10	2	Greenroom	5	7	1
Seatwell	4	8	10	King Sol	5	7	0
Carados	4	8	7	Lady Juliet	3	6	13
Roideur	4	8	7	Iron Hand	3	6	11
Wilton	4	8	6	Little Vic	4	6	10
Polyscope	4	8	4	Gipsy Lad	3	6	5
Racket	3	7	13	C. P.	5	6	5
Best Born	4	7	7	Twincat	5	6	5
Knight of the Air	3	7	6	The Sphinx	3	6	2
Knight of Blyth	3	7	6	Magic Prince	3	6	0
Monte Faro	3	7	6	Quintus	3	6	0
Brigand	5	7	4	Pourboire	3	6	0
Goby-Eyes	5	7	2				

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30.

The Goodwood Plate (Handicap) of 1,000 sovs., for three-year-olds and upwards; winners extra; second to receive 100 sovs. and third 50 sovs. out of the race. About two miles and three furlongs.

	age	st.	lb.		age	st.	lb.
Skyrocket	4	9	0	McLean	5	7	11
Buckthorn	4	8	12	Sir Desmond	5	7	9
Wildwood	5	8	12	Furia	4	7	5
Greek Scholar	6	8	10	Control	3	7	5
Haki	a	8	10	Our Stephen	3	7	2
Ivanhoe	6	8	8	Pitch and Toss	5	6	13
Race Rock	a	8	7	William Allenby	3	6	12
Trestle	4	8	4	Toiuol	3	6	8
Langdon Hills	4	8	4	Rock Dew	4	6	7
Silver Bullet	4	8	2	Rusher	3	6	7
Manrico	5	8	2	Kaboodles	3	6	7
Silvester	4	8	0	Golden Melody	6	6	7
Helion	4	8	0	Rowland	3	6	7
Happy Man	3	7	12	Lake Van	3	6	7
Limpsfield	4	7	12	Periscope	3	6	0

CHELSEA F.C.

List of Players Signed on for Coming Season.

Speaking of the prospects of Chelsea club for next season, Mr. Kirby, chairman of the directors, said, as far as he could see, they would be able to hold their own, but of course it remained to be seen, how the men would play who had been away from first-class football for five years. The following players had been signed on, and several more young ones would be signed on at the beginning of next season:—

J Molyneux, C Hampton, W Bettridge, J Harrow, O T Marshall, L Abrahams, A Walker, W Dickie, R Ramsey, T Gallon, T Baxter, H T Ford, R Whittingham, H J Halse, H P Brittain, R Thompson, J A Croal, C Freeman, H Wilding, H Bird, G H Dale, S McMillan, R McNeil, J Browning and J Brodie.

Playing Fulham at Craven Cottage on Saturday Chelsea scored 5 goals and Fulham 3.

236 FOR ONE.

Record Score In "Cologne Post" Cup Match.

41st M.G.C. (236 runs for 1 wicket) D/190 BDE. R.F.A. (49) at Heumar on Wednesday. For the M.G.C. Major D. Boumphrey compiled 131 not out, and proved to be in splendid form with the bat, having 13 boundaries to his credit when the innings was declared closed. Dvr. Gorrad put up a score of 44 before being caught out. Lieut. T. E. Andrews (45 not out) was the other batsman and he proved equally successful with the bat. The machine gunners can now claim to hold the record in the Cologne league, for largest score with one wicket down.

IX CORPS TROOPS M. T. COY (62) v. 73 BDE. R.G.A. (35) at Bergdorf. For 73rd Bde. R.G.A. Lieut. Wilkinson was top scorer with 16 runs, while Cpl. Longbottom took 5 wickets for 22 and Gnr. Jackson 3 for 11. Major Dyer hit up a very useful 31 for the M.T. Coy and Ptes Jones and White proved useful bowlers taking 2 for 4, and 3 for 4 respectively.

174 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A. (43) v. 18th FIELD AMBULANCE (36). Pte Furness bowled well for 18th Field Ambulance taking six for 25 runs, while Bryant batted well. For the S. B. Cpl. Frist took 4 wickets for 15 runs and Bmdr. Hale took 5 wickets for 6 runs.

E CORPS SIGNAL COY. v. 354 SIEGE BATTERY at Euskirchen on Saturday, ended in a win for the Battery by 2 wickets. Wilson of 354 S. B. took 5 wickets for 9 runs.

29th M.G. BN. (88 for 4 wickets declared) v. SOUTHERN DIV. M.T. COY (31) at Stumpf. The best scores for the M. G. C. were Pte Durrant (25) and Pte James (31) not out while Lieut. Astill took 3 wickets for 16 and Cpl. Sadler 7 for 11.

NO. 1 LIGHT RLY. SIG. COY (56) v. 153 SIEGE BATTERY (32). For the Battery Lieut. Barnett scored 40; Lieut. Wilkin on 17; Gnr. Boylen 13; Sgt. Hawes 11, and Sig. Browther 10. Lieut. Wilkinson captured 3 wickets for 10 runs. Sergt. Hawes 2 for 2. For the Signal Coy Price scored 19 and Lewis 11, Campton captured 5 wickets 49 runs.

"D" SIEGE PARK (129) v. "O" BATTERY R.H.A. (40) at Norvenich on Thursday. For the Siege Park the best scores were Cpl. Sawyer (37), Pte. Lee (19), and Pte. Payne (17). For the Battery, owing to the bowling of Lee and Mumford, Tomlain was the only one to reach double figures. Lee took 7 wickets for 5 runs.

A WIZARD BOWLER.

HEADQUARTERS (45) v. S.A.A. SECTION (22) at Zündorf. For H.Q. Dvr. Proud batted splendidly, while Bdr. Warmsley took 8 wickets for 8 runs. For S.A.A. Section Cpl. Mayes took 8 for 25.

5th K.O.Y.L.I. (164 for 6) v. 180 LABOUR COY (69 for 8) at Zolstock on Saturday. Batting first the K.O.Y.L.I. were in for over three hours, Lieut. Grigg contributing 64 not out, while Sergt. Bunting and C.S.M. Wilkinson made 36 and 33 respectively. Lieut. Scott took 3 wickets for 5 runs and Lieut. Else 3 for 25. For 180 Coy. Pte. Fennell was top scorer with 19, Lieut. Brown adding 16, and Pte Smart 15. Pte. Main took 3 for 38. Result a draw.

"G" BATTERY R.H.A. (69) v. TANK CORPS (101) at Minden. The first four Battery wickets put on 50, of which Gunner Gale was responsible for 16, and Marshall 19. The Tank made 101, Major Gross batting well for 18 not out, and Gayland 17 the latter being unlucky to be stumped by Taylor.

CAVALRY DIVISION H.Q. (81) v. 2nd NORTHERN T.M.B. (18) at Quadrath. The outstanding feature of the game, was the bowling of Cpl. Adams, who took 6 wickets for 7 runs. Spr. Bliss also had a great deal to do with the quick dismissal of the losers, as he stumped five of their batsmen, in fine fashion. For the winners, L/Cpl. Bennett (17 not out) and Lieut. Neil (17) were the top scorers; Spr. Smith and Spr. Evans also managed to run into double figures.

1/1 NORTH MIDLAND H.B. (93) v. 15th HUSSARS (41) played on Friday. For the Artillerymen, Sergt. Simms conspiled 49. Lieut Wilson for the Hussars bowled well. Lieut. Clark was the only member of the Hussars to obtain double figures. Sergt. Simms 4 wickets for 16 runs and Bombdr. McGuire 6 for 22 were the best Artillery bowlers.

460 FIELD COY R.E. (73) v. 310 BATTERY R.F.A. at Wollersheim. Chief scorers for the R.E.'s, Sapper Rack traw 16, Cpl. Truman E.J. 13, Spr. Swift 12, 2 Lieut. White 10. 2/Lieut Williams took 6 wickets for 13 runs; Spr. Tufneh 2 for 6.

1/5th WEST YORKSHIRE REGT. v. 13th M.A.C. at Mutheim. The result of the above match was a win for the 15th West Yorkshire Regiment Scores:— 1/5th West Yorkshires, 123; 13th M.A.C, 39.

51st R. WARWICK REGT. (77) v. 88th FIELD AMBULANCE (29). 88th F.A. batting on an extremely fast wicket, made 29 runs. Lieut. Marshall took 4 for 5 runs, Cpl. Braund compiled 19, and Lieut. Richards 18 for the 51st Warwicks.

CAVALRY DIVISION H.Q. (79) v. No. 2 WATER TANK COY. (38) at Quadrath. The Water Tank Coy. batted first and compiled 38. Pte. Holmes (11) was the only Water Tank batsman to reach double figures. Cpl. Adams took 6 for 21 and Lieut. Neil 4 for 14. For the Cavalry, Lieut. Neil batted well, making 20; Spr. Bliss made 14, and Pte. Carden took 7 wickets at a very low cost.

OTHER RESULTS.

1/6 West Yorkshire Regt. (116 for nine wickets) v. 420 Siege Battery (20 all out).

1/6 West Yorkshire Regt. (137 all out) v. 1/4th York & Lancs. Regt. (61 all out).

Bakeries Sports Club (46) v. 3rd Cav. Div. R.A.M.C. (31).

92nd Field Ambulance (62) v. 52nd Welsh Regt. (135).

488 Siege Battery R.G.A. (32 all out) v. 145 Siege Battery (34).

51st Sherwood Foresters (49) v. 3rd Hussars (97).

3rd M.G.C. (47) v. Wahn Survey Det. (45).

16th Royal West Kent (130 for 5 wickets) v. Lancs. Div. M.T. Coy. (112).

(*Other Results At Bottom Of Next Column.*)

Ideal Going at Crefeld.

BRITISH HORSES CARRY ALL BEFORE THEM AT BELGIAN MEETING.

At least five years must have elapsed since Crefeld, the venue of the well-known German Race Course, presented such scenes of bustle and excitement as it did on Sunday. Crowds arrived from all parts, utilizing all manner of conveyance in the process, to witness a successful meeting organized by the 1st Regiment of Guides, Belgian Army. The racing itself was excellent. Satisfactory fields and keen finishes were the usual order while the going was ideal. British owned horses had matters very much their own way.

The Crefeld course has the reputation of being one of the most picturesque on the Continent. Those present on Sunday endorsed this reputation, the bright sunshine emphasizing the natural charm of the surroundings.

Paddy was very well supported despite his recent failings and was never seriously threatened in the last race. He took every jump perfectly and won by six lengths from Polish Banker with Yes Uncle and Naboth, a similar distance away making a race for third place.

An exciting Finish.

The Paix Burkell provided an exciting finish, the first three entering the straight separated by inches. The winner gradually got ahead and won by a length, a neck separating the second and third.

Yellow Peril, who was expected to run well to the fore in the third race, again wore blinkers, but this did not prevent his nervousness. He failed to get away at once and although he gained distance at one time, he was unable to get placed.

Johnny Walker was gaining fast on Sahab, when the latter won the Prix de Crawney by a length. Digby Grand was three lengths away for third place.

THE WINNERS.

Prix de Belgique (Flat Race) 3200 metres:—1. Danoy (Lieut. Van de Werve); 2. Medovah (Lieut. Baron Snoy); 3. Paulette (Lieut. Servais). 7 ran. Winner 19 to 10.

Prix de Crawkey (Flat Race: 2400 metres:—1. Sanib (Major J. Bagshaw); 2. Johnnie Walker (Major C. A. Heydeman); 3. Digby Grand (Major Phipps-Hornby). 11 ran. Winner 139 to 10.

Prix Jooris (Steeplechase) 3000 metres:—1. Waterfern (Major H. A. Tomkinson); 2. John Carding (Capt. G. V. Adair); 3. Robert (Capt. Bambridge. 13 ran. Winner 33 to 10.

Prix Burkell (Steeplechase) 3200 metres:—1. Firefly (Capt. Idle); 2. Late Report (R. Bulteel); 3. Right There (Lieut. P. V. Harris). 8 ran. Winner 50 to 10.

Prix de la Societé de Sport de Belgique (Steeplechase) 4000 metres:—1. Paddy (Capt. Hodgins), 2. Polish Banker (Major A. O. Needham); 3. Yes Uncle (Lieut. Kelly). 7 ran. Winner 17 to 10.

77 SIEGE BATTERY V 9th BDE. R. A. F.

The above teams met in a friendly match on Thursday at Godesberg when the Gunners again won easily. Going in first they scored 124, Bdr. Keys playing a fine innings for 72 and Cpl Fenton 32. The R. A. F only made a poor show against the bowling of Cpl. Fenton (7 wickets for 8 runs) and Lieut. Graham 3 for 15, the whole side being out for 21. For the R. A. F. Biddlewitch took 3 wickets for 1 run and Humphries 6 for 30.

41st Labour Coy (102) v 6th Bn. Royal West Kents. (7). For the winners Sergt. Ellis scored 52, and Pte Stevens 37 for the losers.

91st Labour Coy (28) v 29th Labour Coy (75), on the former's ground at Nippes on Tuesday 29th Coy had first bit and the innings realised 75 through the good batting of Pte P. Elseworth 15). Pte Sowden (12) Pte Nayhoe (11) and Pte Fareedman (18 not out). Owing to the wickets 91st could do but little against the deadly bowling of Pte Senior (7 wickets for 4 runs) and were dismissed for a total of 28.

CRICKET FRIENDLIES.

5th LABOUR COY (69) v. 78th LABOUR COY (40) at Pola Wiesen on Friday in the Labour Group League. 78th batted first and started badly, losing 6 wickets for 12 runs. The remaining batsmen show d more enterprise but the innings closed for 40. The 5th innings commenced none too well but their opponent's score was passed with 6 wickets down and the final score totalled 69. Lepl. Eccles with 24 was the only player to reach double figures. Lepl. Walker for 78th had 6 wickets for 28 while Cpl. Hayden and Lepl. Eccles for the 5th had 6 wickets for 19 and 4 wickets for 18 respectively.

17th ROYAL FUSILIERS v. 23rd ROYAL FUSILIERS at Hoffnungsthal under very fine weather conditions. The game was a slow one, not many big scores being gained. Capt. Nelson was stumped out at 12 for the 23rd R.F. C.Q.M.S. Johnson made 42; C.Q.M.S Eccles 15 for the home team. Scores:—17 Royal Fusiliers (105); 23rd Royal Fusiliers (61).

WESTERN DIVISIONAL CUP.

The 1st Western T.M.B. made progress in the second round of this competition at Hemmerich on Friday. The 9th Battn., The Cheshire Regt., provided the opposition and the home side batted first, but only mastered the moderate score of 57. This total, however, proved too much for the Cheshires who were all out for 29. Lomas took 5 for 13, and Osbaldeston 5 for 15.

CRICKET AT WERMELSKIRCHEN.

A very interesting cricket match was played at Buchholz, on Monday, between "B" Coy of the 15th Hants Regt. and "C" Coy of the 2/4th Hants. Regt. For the 15th Hants the best performers were:—L/Cpl. Hartgill (75); Lieut. Pursey (29); and Pte. Trapp (18); while for the 2/4th Hants Capt. Thomas (22), and Cpl. Cooper (13) were the chief batsmen.

DICK SMITH.

Smith has been boxing for six years only. He was an amateur heavy-weight champion before he turned professional.

COLOGNE NORTHERN LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
29 M.G.C.	12	11	1	—	22§
London Div. M.T. Coy.	14	11	3	—	22
Maps 4 F.S. Bn.	12	9	2	1	19§
1/6 West Yorks	9	9	0	—	18§
C 113 Bde. R.F.A.	11	8	3	—	16§
1/5 West Yorks	9	7	1	—	14
1/4 York and Lanc	11	6	5	—	12§
31 Labour Group	10	6	4	—	12
75 Bde. R.F.A.	10	6	4	—	12§
11 Corps H.Q.	9	5	4	—	10
52 R. Warwick	9	5	4	—	10§+
13 K.R.R.C.	6	4	2	—	8§
Southern Div. M.T.Coy.	8	4	4	—	8§
53 R. Warwick Regt	8	3	5	—	8§
No. 14 G.H.Q., M.T.Coy.	9	3	6	—	6§
420 Siege Bty.	9	3	6	—	6§
13 M.A.C.	10	3	7	—	6§
2/4 Hants Regt.	5	3	2	—	6§
237 Field Coy. R.E.	7	2	5	—	4§
88 Field Amb.	9	1	8	—	2§+
51 R. Warwick	3	0	3	—	0

§ points awarded for scratched matches and in respect of teams withdrawn.

+ Games lost by default.

OTHER C.P.C. RESULTS.

Cav. Div. D.A.C. (98 for 3) v. A.P.O. (20).

10th Royal West Kent (208 for 4 wickets) v. 10th Lancs. Fusiliers (69).

29th Bn. M.G.C. (88 for 4 wickets) v. Southern Div. M.T. Coy. (31).

174 Siege Battery (29 for 7) v. 185 Siege Battery (25).

29th M.G.C. (88 for 4 decl.) v. Southern Div. M.T. Coy. (31).

14th G.H.Q. Reserve M.T. Coy (114) v. "C" Battery, 113 Bde. R.F.A. (47).

Northern Div. R.A. (90) v. Lancer M.G. Squadron (59).

354 Siege Battery (60) v. 101 Bde. R.F.A. (41).

3rd Hussars (97) v. 51st Sherwood Foresters (48).

13th Kings Liverpool Regt. (72) v. 69 Siege Battery R.G.A. (68).

15th L.F. (73) v. 92nd F.A. (49).

16th Lancs. Fus. (171) v. 51st Kings Liverpool Regt. (79).

3 Coy. Western Div. (40) v. 207 Squadron R.A.F. (30).

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Choral Society.

The Rhine Army Choral Society is appearing tomorrow at the Central Y.M.C.A. Cologne at 6 p.m. and on Friday at Wermelskirchen at 6.30 p.m. At each concert, the Society will be assisted by Miss Elsa West (solo violin). Cpl. Harold Walters (solo bass) and Jock Limond (humorist).

"The Merry Micks."

Following their successful appearance at the British Empire Leave Club the "Merry Micks" faced a large audience on Saturday evening at the Central Y.M.C.A. Their new numbers were vociferously encored, and W. J. Weeks, the gifted pianist of the troupe, had to answer three encores. Lieut. McCracken's Irish Jazz Band caused roars of laughter, the curtain falling all too soon on what is one of the brightest bits of comedy touring. The troupe is appearing at Solingen for three nights this week when, in addition to their usual programme, they will introduce two new numbers.

C.C.S. Social Evening.

On Saturday evening a successful social evening was arranged by the Officers and Sisters of the 44 Casualty Clearing Station for the benefit of the N.C.Os. and men, of the unit. About 30 members of the W.R.A.F. were present. The M.C., Sgt. M. H. King, R.A.M.C., afterwards introduced and welcomed the ladies. Dancing continued till 10.15. p.m. All arrangements for refreshments were ably carried out by the matron and sisters. Fancy dress was prevalent, which helped to brighten the ballroom. Time for parting came all too quickly and after a vote of thanks was passed by Sgt. Maj. H. G. Kimber, D.C.M., R.A.M.C. the evening closed with a short waltz and the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

A Sunday Concert.

I enjoyed thoroughly the excellent Concert on Sunday at the British Empire Leave Club, by the Band of the 3rd (K.O.) Hussars. The Programme opened with a March "The Great Battle Army" by Alford, followed by the overture to Zampa. The delicacy and finish with which Paderewski's graceful Minuet in F. and Dvorak's Humoresque were played was very striking. The Ballet Music from William Tell and a selection from "Pagliacci" were also very popular items and the concert concluded with a selection from the Gondoliers. The Soloists were Lieut. Mearns, Miss Lavie and Lieut. Ramsay.

Sergeants' Soirée and Dance.

With its usual thoroughness the G.H.Q. No1 Sergeants Mess scored another brilliant success. It was a happy company of ladies of W.R.A.F. and Mess members which sat down to tea on Saturday evening in the Hotel Du Nord. After tea and a brief but appropriate speech from the Mess-President, R.S.M. Chapman, a whist drive and dance engaged everyone for the rest of the evening. Winners in the Whist Drive were:—Ladies: Miss Watson and Chief Sutton; Gents: Q.M.S. Cowan. The catering in the capable hands of S.M. Whittaker was all that could be desired and that veritable "Master of Ceremonies" Sergt. Goldie saw that the dances went with a swing. The whole affair could be summed up in the remark at parting of one young lady, "Oh, I've had a perfectly gorgeous time."

Concert at Worringen.

An enjoyable concert was given at Worringen on Friday evening by the concert party of the 51st Battn. H.L.I. The orchestra, under the direction of Lieut. Baird, opened the concert with the Spanish March "El Abanico," Excellent songs were rendered by L/Cpl. Gibb, Drummer Kerr, Pte. Glasgow, Pte. Buchan, and Pte. Johnstone. Variety was lent to the programme by instrumental solos by L/Cpl. McIntosh. The pianoforte accompaniments were ably played by Lieut. McHugh and Pte. Elliott. The concert was arranged by the Padre and Officers of the Battalion.

In a few Lines.

"The Prongs" will shortly produce a new sketch with a strong appeal to Scotsmen.

Gnr. F. O. Baynum is making a great success with "The Prongs" as "Liza," his low comedy sketches being specially clever.

JACQUES.

SPORTING ITEMS IN BRIEF.

"Plum's" New Role.

At Thursday's charity match at the Oval, P. F. Warner went round the ring with a collecting box.

At Merry Margate.

A fine grey mullet of 4lb 12oz has been caught by an angler under Margate Jetty.

South Africa's Invitation.

The South African Football Association has decided to invite an English or Scottish team to visit South Africa next year.

Weeding Out.

Mr. Richard Croker, of New York, is weeding out his racehorses. A sale of bloodstock will shortly be held at Glencairn his place in Ireland.

Clapton Orient's Players.

Clapton Orient have again engaged Willis, the halfback, who originally came from a local club. Two new forwards in Nicholson and Williams, both from Rynope, near Sunderland, have also been signed on. In all, the Orient have a total of seventeen players engaged for the coming season, and these include ten pre-war men.

"Gee Gee's" at Long Island.

Horses sired by English stallions were very prominent at a recent meeting held at Aqueduct, Long Island, U.S.A., winning no fewer than five races.

Surrey Amateur.

E. C. Kirk, the Surrey amateur left-hand bowler, reappeared in the county side for the first time this season at the week-end.

Passed With Honours.

At the recent meeting of the L.F.A. Referees Committee, one of the candidates for examination was "Bobby" Steel, late of Tottenham Hotspur. Steel, as might be expected, passed with honours.

A Silver Arrow.

The silver arrow for shooting first given over 250 years ago at Harrow School has been won by the Park (Mr. E. M. Butler's House), the winning pair being

V. C.

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ARCHITECTURE AND NATIONAL TEMPERAMENT.

That the general temperament of a people displays itself most perfectly in its arts and literature is axiomatic: that is, it is accepted as a true statement without definite proof. It is a generality, of course, and is like all generalities in that its specific application to individual cases may, and indeed must, lead to great mistakes; and yet, broadly and generally it remains true.

And of all the arts, architecture is that in which the characteristic temperament of a people and of an age is best expressed. It is of slow growth and development, little affected by mere temporary moods and passing whims; its separate works are each the creation of many and not of any single individual for even though the individual, the architect may control, he depends for his result upon the labours of many, drawn from all classes of the community, from the humble labourer to the sculptor. And these separate works, besides being thus the creation of a multitude working in unison, are deliberately undertaken, the outcome of long thought and care and training upon the part of all concerned.

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A careful distinction must here be drawn between true permanent and expressive architecture, and mere temporary building, designed to catch passing taste and meet an ephemeral need. Of such there has been much among All peoples and in all times; but, being unworthy, it has soon passed away into the oblivion it deserved.

It needs no further consideration here, except to point out, in thankful humility, that we of the twentieth century are likely to be judged in future ages by our best and most deliberate productions, and not by our worst. Even so, what is this judgment likely to be? It is worth considering, in as detached a frame of mind as that with which we approach consideration of the temperament of races long since passed away, if this be possible; for thus we may perchance come to a just appreciation of ourselves, taken collectively — a hopeless impossibility so long as we are swayed this way and that by the events of the moment as set forth in our daily newspaper.

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In order to arrive at a correct frame of mind for this investigation, it is first necessary to pass in review the judgment generally arrived at on similar evidence, upon former civilisations, such as those of Egypt, Assyria, Greece and Rome, of Western Europe in the Middle Ages, or even of Renaissance Italy — or further afield, of India and Japan.

Each has left behind it architectural monuments of outstanding character, corporate yet distinctive, from which we of the present day have drawn certain definite conclusions, instinctively as a rule and yet not without thought, and almost universally accepted.

Egyptian architecture rose to great importance at separate times of considerable duration each, yet separated from one another by even more considerable intervals — in two cases approximating to a thousand years — the whole period covered being from 4300 B.C. and 400 A.D.

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The first period was that of the monumental tombs which we call the Pyramids, indicating mass and stability without beauty; intended to inspire awe and wonder rather than to excite admiration, and succeeding, not for the time only, but for the whole six thousand years which have elapsed since the earliest known, that at Sakkarah, was erected.

Each succeeding phase of Egyptian architecture tells quite clearly to him who cares to read it, and even to the careless observer also to a less extent, the national temperament of the Egyptian of the day:— the rockcut dwellings and tombs of 2500 B.C. or thereabouts; the enormous temple palaces erected at Thebes during the sojourn and captivity of the Israelites; and their attempted replicas in the revival period under the Ptolemies and subsequently, just previous to and during the early centuries of the Christian era.

(To be continued)

Awaiting Release.—Captive princesses are among those awaiting freedom from Bolshevism at Petrograd.

Will they like it?—It is suggested that the reading of the peace treaty would be an excellent holiday task for girls and boys.

Kidnapped her Fiancée.—An actress, who charged two men with attacking her, alleged that they kidnapped her intended husband from her flat.

The "Wanted."—The Entente will demand the extradition of Lieutenant Simons, who burned the French flags in Berlin.

Satisfied.—Swiss delegates, reporting on the treatment of German prisoners in France, say that the food was sufficient and ill-treatment unknown.

Kitchener's Bust.—The bust of Lord Kitchener was placed, on Saturday, over the main entrance in Whitehall, and surrounded by a wreath.

Food Ship Stranded.—An American steamer laden with foodstuffs from America, is stranded in St. Margaret's Bay, Dover.

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Echoes from Rhineland.

What to Photograph.

Several thousands of cameras must by now have clicked at the Cologne cathedral and several thousand photographs, good, bad and indifferent must be the result. But why so many amateur photographers should pay attention to this subject, when really excellent photographs of the wonderful building can be bought at numerous shops in Cologne, at a trifling cost is beyond understanding. It is surprising, indeed, that the owners of cameras do not tackle things more original, of a kind that cannot be purchased in any shop. There is always something fresh to be seen from the top of the cathedral, while a trip to Rodenkirchen invariably reveals varied scenes of interest in the way of bathing and picnic parties.

Protection Against Flies.

Many horses in Germany may now be seen wearing a long tassle hanging from the head. The object of this is obviously to keep flies from worrying the animal by settling upon its eyes and mouth. For some extraordinary reason, however, these "fly-chasers" hang only on one side of the horses head, and appear to be more irritating to the beast than would be the actual tickling of the flies themselves. It would seem, indeed, that were the horses to be asked whether or not they approved of such methods of protection their reply would be a decided neigh.

Indulging an old Craving.

One of the newest bargains offered by the street hawkers in Cologne is a selection of English novelettes. The covers are of the old pre-war style, depicting in graphic colours, some tragic or romantic situation in the story. The English price of 4d. is printed thereon, and not a few enquire the cost. Two marks is asked and then the vendor goes on to say that he pays 1.60 for them. We gather that he is a philanthropist out to help the troops pass an edifying hour or two and we buy them. If we keep them clean they may sell again or be exchanged.

Original Illumination.

One officers' mess in Venloerstrasse was illuminated on Saturday evening in an original way. Three champagne bottles with candles stuck in completed the scheme. One was hoisted up to the top of the flag staff and the other two were placed on either side of the balcony. Strange to say the lights gave the mess an appearance of a shrine. It caused a lot of amusement to the passers by.

Victory Day.

The 16th West Yorkshire officers set an example in the way of decoration on Saturday. The front of the mess was a mass of flags and streamers. Lieut. Russell and his staff were busily engaged all the morning and altogether over 300 flags and streamers were used. A crowd of children gathered and gazed with open admiration at the effect. Their elders realizing what it all indicated passed on. The day was marked in other ways. Following a cricket match tea was served for all under the trees and afterwards German children were given the remnants which were found sufficient to give each one a good feed. As a special treat, the Padre lined the youngsters up, told them to open their mouths, and dropped into each one a big spoonful of jam. The children in that quarter certainly enjoyed Victory Day.

More Economy.

A good example of economy, as practised by the Germans, can be seen on the railways, outside most of the large goods yards, where shunting is done. At one end of the yard a ramp is built, some 300 feet in length, and sloping each way at a grade of about 1 in 30. The trucks to be shunted are pushed to the top of this ramp, uncoupled there, and then gather sufficient impetus, on the downward slope, to carry them into any part of the yard required. Thus, if there are twenty trucks, each one destined for a different part of the yard, the engine, instead of making forty small journeys, lies at one end of the train, pushing the trucks over the ramp, as required. The saving of coal, to say nothing of wear and tear on rolling stock etc. must be considerable.

Traffic Control.

The long streams of traffic that entered Crefeld on Sunday in connection with the Belgian races revealed an extraordinarily efficient system of control by the German police. Points were stationed at all crossroads extending over a considerable area. Cars, bicycles, wagonettes and, in fact every conceivable method of conveyance dodged about in bewildering profusion but they were disposed of quickly and calmly by the policemen on duty.

To-day's prizes of 10 marks each have been awarded to Signaller J.B.M. McDonnell, R.G.A., Rhine Army; Sapper; G. W. Ellam, Rly. Survey Section, Düren. Gunr. F. C. Darby C 310 Brigade R.F.A. Highland Divn. Rhine Army.

Opinions of the Moment.

THE ANGLO-SAXON RACE.

General Pershing, Commander-in-Chief of the American Army, when presented with the freedom of the City of London and a Sword of Honour said: The qualities of the Anglo-Saxon race have always appealed very strongly to Americans. Those qualities are to them a cherished inheritance. The history of the Anglo-Saxon race is really the history of human progress. Their annals are replete with the deeds of stalwart men and the devotion of noble women. Their ancestors have ever fought for human rights, and human liberty has been their goal. In the crucible of conflict there has been developed the virile British race of to-day.

CONDEMNED HOUSES.

Sir Kingsley Wood M.P. has been giving his views on the housing problem of our great cities. He says: It is estimated that throughout London at the present moment there are at the very least twenty-four thousand houses, the homes of 184,000 people, which ought to be pulled down. There are probably very many more, and, in addition to these, 100,000 is certainly a most modest estimate of the population in the London area who are living in an overcrowded state.

MINERS AS CIVIL SERVANTS.

Mr. C. F. G. Masterman speaking of one important phase of the proposed nationalization of the Coal mines says: Are the miners really set upon becoming Government servants? There is nothing criminal or intolerable in the miners determining to work for the Government only, and not for private profits. What would be criminal would be if after effecting this change they refused to work or worked badly. Whether they do this can only be proved by trial. If they do this the Government will be armed with a weapon against them which at present it does not possess. Those who believe in the miners' promises and those who disbelieve in them should equally support the change. For those who believe may see the desired peace attained. Those who disbelieve will be for the first time in a position to declare effective war.

SIMPLER CALCULATING.

Mr. G. E. M. Johnson, Secretary of the Decimal Association, dealing with our equipment to face the Trade War which is now commencing, says: The instinct of racial preservation bound us as Allies during the war period into a strong defensive organisation, but now that bond is removed the old commercial struggle has revived, and we are meeting as friendly rivals those very nations at whose side we fought. The effort made by every nation to save itself from bankruptcy will make the competition very severe. Let us take stock of our tools. Among the most important are our weights, measures, and currency, for there is hardly a transaction into which they do not enter, but they are rusty and antiquated in the extreme. Designed for village trading, they are altogether unsuitable for the great manufacturing and commercial enterprises of to-day, and a positive deterrent to foreign customers. It is desirable, therefore, that our coinage system and our methods of measuring length and mass should be as simple and efficient as possible in order that manufacture and business be conducted with the least friction.

WHAT VICTORY MEANS.

Cardinal Bourne speaking to three thousand children at a thanksgiving Service for the restoration of peace said: Our great victory, after all, means more to the children than to anyone else. For in the ordinary dispensation of human affairs they have more years to look forward to than they who are adults in which to understand and appreciate all that Almighty God has done for us in enabling us to overcome our multiplied enemies and in bestowing upon us the gift of Peace. To the children it will be given to profit by this victory and to reap the harvest of peace and prosperity that others had sown, even to the shedding of their blood.

CRIMINAL PROFITEERS.

Mr. C. A. McCurdy, M.P. giving his views on trusts and trade combinations, says: Great Britain is almost alone among the countries of the world in the *laisser faire* attitude we have maintained. There were statutes in force hundreds of years ago which made it a criminal offence to buy up large quantities of any article for selling at an unreasonable price, to practise any artifice or device to enhance prices, or to buy victuals on the way to market to sell at higher prices. Such remained criminal acts, according to the law of Great Britain, until these statutes were amended in 1844. It may be desirable to re-enact them.

AIRSHIP ENGINES

Major C. C. Turner, Editor of "Aeronautics", the journal devoted to airship progress and invention, says: Students of aircraft problems have been not so much interested in the accomplishment of the Atlantic voyage, which was well known to be possible, as in the behaviour of the British-designed engines. The engine question has all along been a critical one. It is acknowledged that the Germans, by specialising in the design of airship engines, through eighteen years of development, had obtained a marked lead. Their Maybach motor is so peculiarly suited to airship work that great efforts have been made to reproduce it in this country. Almost invariably such efforts fail. It is far better to stick to British designs and overcome all the difficulties incidental to the perfecting process in all engines than to spend our energies on imported designs. Had this policy been adopted ten or twelve years ago, both for aeroplane and for airship engines, the Germans would never have been able to claim the best airship engine and one of the best aeroplane engines.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY.

Cologne's Loss.—About 14,000 soldiers belonging to Cologne died in the war.

Pensioners' View.—Chelsea pensioners viewed the peace procession from the Mall.

Lord Derby's Operation.—Lord Derby's condition is satisfactory.

Austria Next.—The peace treaty with Austria is on the eve of completion.

And now?—Coal went up 6s a ton yesterday.

Must be Careful.—Mr. Churchill, narrowly escaped serious injury in an aeroplane crash.

Sheerful.—Nearly four thousand Anarchits, Bolshevists, and lunatics are to be dumped in Europe by the United States.

Nothing Doing.—The Allies state that no friends or relatives of the ex-Kaiser need apply for trial in his stead.

How it is Done.—Vast hoards of food are being held up by the combine of packers known as "The Chicago Combine."

Socialists in Congress.—The international congress of Socialists will take place in Lucerne on August 10th.

No Wheat.—The refusal of America to export wheat is causing great excitement in Italy.

His New Job.—German papers report that the ex-Crown prince is going to become a cinema actor.

Potash for Britain.—Germany will have to deliver 2,500 tons of potash monthly to Great Britain.

Russian Prisoners.—The German Government asks to be allowed to send home the 240,000 Russian prisoners.

The Poor Man's Flag.—A feature of London's decorations were the displays in the poorer streets.

Boyish Vanity.—A youth was fined at Reading, for falsely representing that he was a Major.

Please Note.—Communications to the Air Ministry should be addressed to Kingsway, W.C. from to-morrow.

A Famous Picture.—Holman Hunt's picture, "The Lady of Shalott," has realised 3,200 guineas.

Scattered the Pipers.—For scattering the pipers on the march, a Portsmouth motorist was at Aldershot fined £2.

Peace Twins.—Peace twins who were born at Bridgend, have been named Pax Victorious Lloyd and Victorious Pax Lloyd.

Indian Rations.—Special rations ordered for the Indian troops in London include atta, lentils, ghi and nut oil.

Unrepresented.—Owing to demobilization there were no soldiers of the West Indian contingent in the procession.

V.C.'s to the Front.—V.C.'s occupied the front row at the Palace Theatre on Saturday night.

Progressing.—New housing schemes submitted to the Health Ministry last week numbered 326.

The Linen Deal.—Mr. J.L. Martin, who bought 40 million yards of linen from the Government, repudiates the suggestion that he is profiteering.

Killed Himself.—A London clerk who survived after being wounded and gassed during the war, met his death in civil life by a fire which he had started himself.

No "Unnecessary" Lies.—"I am a Salvationist, and don't tell lies unnecessarily," said a defendant at North London Police Court.

Court in Street.—Failing to find a key which could open the door of the courthouse, Irish magistrates held the petty sessions court in the roadway.

Death not Fortune.—A Gateshead boy who came to London from Gateshead with the idea of making his fortune was fatally injured by a motor car.

New York Drug Takers.—A crowd of drug victims stormed the New York dispensary in order to register under the new law and continue to buy drugs.

King Frederic.—The publication of Kaiser Frederic's diary, which had been prohibited by Bismarck, will take place in the near future.

Upsetting the Council.—At Königsberg the soldiers upset a sitting of the town-council and maltreated the socialist deputees.

French Claims.—The Peace Commission of the French Chamber calculate that Germany has to pay 200 milliards to France alone.

Canadian Forest Fires.—Forest fires have again broken out in British Columbia and Alberta, threatening inconceivable damage.

The Unwritten Law.—A girl has been acquitted by the South African courts on a charge of murdering her guardian, who betrayed her.

The Wrong Way.—Following dissatisfaction with Doncaster Corporation for an alleged lack of provision for ex-soldiers in peace celebrations a crowd broke windows at the Mansion House.

Utility Bath Room.—Washing clothes, as well as cabbages and potatoes in the bathroom, were the reasons given for seeking an order for the possession of rooms.

R.N.A.S. Reunion.—Officers and men of the R.N.A.S. who served at Hendon are asked to communicate with 51, Gubyon-Herne Hill, S.E. with a view to arranging a reunion shortly.

Canadians' Brides.—The Canadians were encouraged by their Government to marry while in Great Britain. There have been something like three hundred marriages a week.

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DEBATE ON PEACE TERMS.

PRIME MINISTER EXPLAINS WHY GERMANY CANNOT PAY IN FULL.

FOCH'S VIVID RECOLLECTION.

RATIFYING PEACE.

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON THE TREATY.

The second reading of the Treaty of Peace Bill, was moved in the House of Commons on Monday night. The debate, which was followed with the greatest interest, was opened by Sir Donald Maclean who paid a tribute to the Premier and the Leader of the House for their untiring efforts. He said he thought it would have been better if the Allies had fixed a definite sum for the indemnity, instead of leaving it undetermined over a period of years. He fully agreed with the trial of the ex-Kaiser, but preferred that it should not take place in London, it not being worthy of the dignity and suffering of the nation.

Mr. Barnes said that whatever the terms might be they were quite within the limits of Justice. Further modifications might, however, be made in proportion as Germany showed good will and gave guarantees for their due fulfilment.

LOOKING OUT FOR SIGNS.

Mr. Seddon (Labour) observed that the good intentions and largeness of view expressed in the Treaty were a splendid testimony to the statesmanship and wisdom of those who had been responsible for it. He was sorry to say he had not seen signs of change of heart on the part of Germany and he was one of those who believed there could be no association with Germany until the German people had shown outward and visible signs of inward repentance.

Lord Robert Cecil associated himself with the tribute which had been paid to Mr. Lloyd George for his work in Paris. No one who did not see the terrific strain under which the work was done, could hope to realise fully the value of his labour and the services to his country, which the Premier had performed. As to reparation, there was no dispute as to what was wanted. All agreed that Germany ought to be made to pay to the uttermost farthing of which she was capable. Lord Robert pleaded for periodical review of all treaties and for modification of them to suit the requirements of mankind. He appealed to the House to support the League of Nations, not only by speeches but by endeavouring to make our policy conform to it.

IF GERMANY PAID IN FULL.

Mr. Bottomley asked the House to express its regret that the Treaty did not impose a definite and binding obligation on Germany to make good Britains' total financial loss.

The Prime Minister spoke late in the debate.

He justified the guarantee given to France by Great Britain and America in order to safeguard France from an attack such as she experienced in 1870. Dealing with Mr. Bottomley's point, he said that the total cost of the war to all the Allies was in the neighbourhood of thirty thousand millions, which meant that Germany would have had to pay with a sinking fund of 1,800 millions a year. Nobody had ever suggested that Germany could pay such a stupendous bill as that. The amount to be paid was within Germany's capacity to pay. It had been urged that no more Alsaces or Lorraines should have been set up by the Treaty. He agreed and denied that any had in fact been set up.

ARMAMENTS ENSURE PEACE.

Everyone desired to see the end of conscription as soon as possible, but it was necessary first to secure a good peace. That could only be done by great armaments which could impose terms on Germany. As to the trial of the ex-Kaiser he did not think anyone would suggest that a person guilty of wholesale murder should escape punishment, and in deciding that the ex-Kaiser should be tried in London the Allies were actuated by the confidence that he would receive a trial equal to the highest traditions of British Justice. Where a man killed another for gain he was held to be a murderer, but where a man killed millions for either glory or aggrandisement he was a hero and a great ruler or statesman. They would never put an end to war unless that idea were altered. The great point of the trial was that for the first time a man would be tried who had deliberately and wantonly brought about the death of millions. Having made a passing reference to Ireland, Mr. Lloyd George said that he did not claim the Treaty as being perfect, but he looked to the organisation of the League of Nations to remedy its defects.

Many old wrongs had been redressed and he could not think that any new ones had been created. We had established guarantees and securities against a repetition of the crimes and horrors from which the world had just been delivered. The Treaty would be like a lighthouse in the deep, warning the nations and rulers of nations to take heed of perils against which the German Empire had shattered itself.

ALLIED COMMANDERS.

PRINCE OF WALES' TOAST TO FOCH.

On Sunday evening the Prince of Wales presided at a dinner at the Carlton Hotel, given in honour of the British and Allied Commanders and their Staffs. A reception preceded the dinner. This was attended by about 400 British and foreign soldiers and sailors wearing the uniforms of their respective countries, and by Ministers of the Crown. Most of the distinguished officers present wore a large number of decorations, and the scene at the reception was a very brilliant and imposing one.

THE PRINCE'S TOAST.

In his capacity as president, the Prince of Wales proposed the toast of "The Allied Generals" (including, of course, the British commanders), and his speech was exceedingly well received. His Royal Highness coupled with the toast the name of Marshal Foch, who not only responded, but proposed in turn, the toast of all the Allied troops, to whose gallantry he paid generous tribute.

"Just now," he said "we are celebrating it all in the British and London way, and I feel that yesterday's triumphal pageant was a brilliant success. We feel that it represents the great war, that it represents victory in every sense of the word, and that no one who was present could fail to carry away the proudest and most inspiring memories which will last a lifetime and will be handed and passed down to future generations.

"To me, as one of the younger generation, these memories will be particularly vivid, as during my periods of active service in several theatres of the war, I often had the privilege and good fortune of being closely associated with many of our Allied armies.

"Now that the great war is over and the powerful enemies that have so long disturbed the peace of the world and menaced our freedom are finally overthrown and subdued, we all rejoice to welcome here those who have shared with us the perils and sufferings of the trying and strenuous campaign, and who now share with us the joy of our victory.

FOCH'S UNIQUE POSITION.

"In Marshal Foch we salute the great captain who in the later phases of the war directed the policies and operations of the Allied armies on the Western Front. His position as supreme commander-in-chief has no comparison in history, either from the point of view of power or of responsibility. In this position he has revealed a genius for war equal to the greatness of his task and the magnitude of his difficulties.

"I give you the toast of the Allied Generals, coupled with the name of Marshal Foch."

The Prince spoke very deliberately and distinctly, and his speech was punctuated by frequent applause. Immediately before proposing the actual toast he gave a short summary in French of the speech.

Marshal Foch spoke very briefly but earnestly in French. He thanked the Prince for his generous words, and said that though they all held in proud appreciation the honour and glory which the combined forces had won in the recent campaign, he saluted above all the splendid comradeship by which they had been jointly actuated. The Marshal resumed his seat amid resounding cheers.

THE ONE MAN LACKING.

MARSHAL FOCH'S TRIBUTE AND WISH.

Marshal Foch, the greatest soldier since Napoleon, received a special representative of "The Sunday Times" and gave him a stirring message. The Generalissimo of the Allied Armies, who was wearing the sky blue uniform in which he appeared in the procession earlier in the day, was looking somewhat fatigued.

"I have had a magnificent day," he said. "The feeling on all sides has been unanimous in its expression.

"This morning, when I spoke with Queen Alexandra, I told her that there was one man lacking to-day—namely, King Edward VII. Yes, while others were busy with their own affairs, King Edward was laying the foundations of the Great Alliance.

"We must safeguard the solidarity of the Allies, because any one of them taken alone might not be strong enough.

"You ask me what is the most remarkable lesson of the war? That question is not very easy to answer. There have been many lessons.

"However, the greatest of all is this one: that through united effort, the union of men and resources, the Allied and Associated nations have been able to achieve victory."

Eight hundred interned Germans are being shipped from Canada to Rotterdam this week.

ALLIES AND HUNGARY.

PROBLEM FOR THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Yesterday, the Council of Five, in the presence of Marshal Foch, discussed Hungarian affairs. The last intelligence received from Budapest is rather ominous in character. Following upon a summons addressed a few weeks ago to officers of the old army to resume their former ranks and functions, a general mobilisation was decreed on July 12. The preparations and the concentration of troops now in progress are distinctly pointing to an attack against the Roumanian front. The appointment of a French general, probably Mangin, who had a long conversation with M. Clemenceau three days ago, is reported as probable. He would take the general direction of all the armies—Czecho-Slovak, Roumanian, and Jugo-Slav—operating against the Hungarian Communists. There is every likelihood of war material, equipment, and supplies being sent at an early date by the Western Powers, but, as can easily be foreseen, no French or British troops will be sent.

Not only in the case of Hungary, but from the general point of view of the execution of the Peace Treaty, will the unwillingness of France, England, and America to assume new military responsibilities prove a great obstacle. There are important territories which have been assigned by the Peace Conference to the trusteeship of the League of Nations for a shorter or longer period. For instance, Upper Silesia, Danzig, Memel, Klagenfurth, the Sarre district—how will it be possible for the League of Nations to enforce its decisions on the contending parties? The question was raised a few days ago at the Council of Five, but no adequate reply was forthcoming. It is realised more and more that either the League of Nations will have to back up its resolutions by military force, or it will be defied and set at naught by every restive element in Europe. Upon the policy that is followed the whole efficiency of the Peacy Treaty depends.

Owing to the check suffered by Admiral Kolchak, the whole Russian policy of the Allies is bound to come again under review at no distant date.

MONROE DOCTRINE.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS GUARANTEE.

The Washington correspondent of the "Times," says that the confidence of the Republicans in their ability to secure a change in the Peace Treaty has been strengthened as the result of a message which Senator Lodge is reported to have received from a British statesman.

This declares that both Great Britain and France are prepared to agree to certain reservations proposed to Article Ten of the League of Nations Covenant definitely guaranteeing the maintenance of the Monroe Doctrine.

BLACK V. WHITE.

Extensive rioting broke out at Washington, U.S.A. on Monday morning, as the result of a report that white women had been attacked by negroes.

Word passed like wildfire through the city and thousands of infuriated men made a general attack on negroes. They were pulled from trams, motors and other vehicles and severely beaten. One policeman was shot in the course of the rioting, which lasted until midnight, when it was quelled by the aid of extra police and provost guards who had to be called in.

BOLSHEVIST SUCCESS.

Reports reaching Helsingfors state that the Bolshevists claim to have captured Samari on Friday last, after hard fighting. They are now in possession of the whole Southern part of the province of Olonetz.

GERMAN FISHING FLEET.

A German in search of the Scotch herring arrived at Aberdeen within three days of the raising of the blockade. It is now anticipated that the whole of the Continental market, and particularly the German section, will be opened to the Scottish herring fishermen at an early date.

PEACE VISITS.

There were several functions in London yesterday incidental to the peace celebrations. Members of the House of Lords paid a visit to the fleet at Southend and the sailors who took part in the Victory March through London on Saturday were entertained by the Lord Major.

Marshal Foch left Victoria on Monday morning, en route for Ostend, whence he proceeds to Brussels for the festivities on the occasion of the Belgian National Fête.

ITALIAN STRIKE FIASCO.

The railway strike, planned to begin throughout the Italian railway system on Sunday night, failed ignominiously.

All the services were running regularly. In the cases of some few workers, who did not present themselves for duty, their places were immediately filled by others.

SABOTAGE.

NAVY MEN WORKING AT YORKSHIRE MINES.

The bad old days of the industrial epoch which marked the introduction of machinery on a large scale were the days when sabotage, or "ratting" as it was then called, was rife. Since then, by dint of education and inherent common sense, British workmen have very seldom resorted to wilful damage as a means of coercion or intimidation, their record being cleaner than that of any other nationality in the whole world.

Grave statements were made on Monday afternoon in the House of Commons by the Prime Minister concerning the Yorkshire miners strike. He said that the dispute was still going on, but the last twenty-four hours had witnessed a grave and unprecedented development. Already three mines had been flooded and twelve more would be flooded in a day or two owing to the abstention from duty of the pumping men.

These circumstances created a very dangerous situation. Some mines would be ruined in a few days and others thrown out of operation for a long period. In view of the serious consequences, the Government was compelled on Sunday to send men from the fleet to aid in pumping the mines.

Yesterday, the Minister of Labour sent a message to the Miners Federation asking them what action they are prepared to take to induce the regular pumping men to return to work. If they do return, the men sent to do the work by the Government will be immediately withdrawn. Until that happens, however, the Government will take all means at its disposal to save the mines and will afford every protection to those willing to render help. (Cheers.)

The action taken by the miners jeopardises their own means of livelihood and threatens disaster to everyone in the district.

EIGHT MILLION POUNDS

HUGE FRENCH CLAIM FOR REPARATION.

The following are the amounts estimated by the Peace Commission of the Chamber of Reparations that should be demanded from Germany:—For injuries in France, material damage, not including Mercantile Marine Vessel, Ministerial Offices or Business Establishments, £4,730,000,000; Military Pensions Capitalised, £1,722,040,000; Provision for Children, £216,800,000; for adults, £100,760,000; for widows and wounded, £240,000,000; Military Allocations under the law of Aug. 5, 1914, £531,000,000; help for prisoners, £6,146,800. Total, £7,636,746,800.—

THE DUTY OF EVERY GOOD CITIZEN.

In supporting an appeal for £10,000 for the work of the Society of which he is President, Sir Douglas Haig says:—"Previous to the Great War, the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs was instrumental in forming over 5,000 rifle clubs. The great majority of their members when called upon to join the Army after the outbreak of war had a practical knowledge of shooting. This proved of inestimable value to both the country and the Army.

"In my opinion no fit man can claim to be a good citizen, or to have realized his duty to his country, until he has learnt to handle a rifle."

PAY OF ARMY OFFICERS.

The War Office announces that new rates of pay, half-pay, and retired pay for Army officers have been approved by the Government, and will take effect from July 1. A full announcement will be made at an early date, but some of the numerous and complicated details have still to be worked out. In the meantime it is pointed out that the new rates of retired pay for regular officers will apply to those who have served during the war as recalled officers, and also to those who may now retire, or may have retired since the date of the armisuce. Any officer who wishes to apply to retire, need not delay his application until the new rates are published.

CRY OF WOLFF.

In official circles at Paris it is declared that the note issued by the Wolff Agency stating that Germany refuses to satisfy the French demand for one million francs as a penalty for the murder of Sergt. Manheim was not given out as received. If silence in official circles corresponds with the facts it is evident that the Wolff telegram is intended as a "feeler." It is asserted that the French Government will refuse arbitration proposals and will show great firmness in the matter.

AUSTRIAN PEACE TREATY.

In diplomatic circles the new clauses in the Austrian Peace Treaty are regarded as an earnest effort to restore order out of chaos. It depends entirely on the spirit in which the new clauses are applied whether they are workable or not.

SPLENDID EXAMPLE.

TOWN RESPONDS TO HAIG'S APPEAL.

Merthyr has set an excellent example to the whole country, by vigorously taking up Sir Douglas Haig's call on behalf of the men who fought and won.

With praiseworthy foresight, a special campaign was opened to celebrate Peace Day by the inauguration of a fund for the discharged soldiers and sailors. A canvass of the town resulted in over £10,000 being raised in three days.

This money was subscribed in individual amounts, and the organisers are now proceeding to seek further afield for contributions.

The fund is for the relief of discharged men who are suffering from disablement caused by wounds and disease resulting from their services to the country.

LONDON TRAMS.

REDUCTION OF FARES IMPOSSIBLE.

No alterations can be made at present in the existing fares on the L.C.C. trams, says a report which the Highways Committee are about to present to the L.C.C.

The Committee say a great deal of the opposition to the revised scale of fares is in regard to halfpenny fares having been abolished, but the reinstatement of these would mean a loss of revenue, nor is the present an opportune time for reinstating ordinary transfer return fares.

In comparing tram and other fares, it must be remembered that the Council's tramway service provides certain facilities which are not provided by omnibus companies. These include workmen's cars and all-night services, the annual loss on which is estimated at about £105,000 and £2,600 respectively.

At present the fares on the Council's tramways are the lowest charged by any surface transport undertaking in the London area.

LUTON RIOTS.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS' VALUABLE HELP.

As the result of the riots at Luton on Saturday night, forty policemen and fourteen firemen were injured. Beyond doubt the most disgraceful feature of the whole affair was the attack on the firemen, when they attempted to do their duty and save the burning Town Hall.

In connection with the attack the chief of the Fire Brigade acknowledges the valuable help given by a number of discharged soldiers when his men were overpowered. Yesterday shrapnel helmeted soldiers carrying live rounds in their pouches were on sentry duty at various points of the town, the fire station being particularly well guarded.

MOTOR CYCLE FATALITY

LORRY DRIVER CHARGED.

At Stratford Police Court on Monday, James Nicholl was charged with the manslaughter of Elias Cuddon, Minnie Cuddon his wife, and his son Francis.

It was stated that on Saturday night, accused was driving a Daimler lorry from London towards Epping. In proceeding up Church-Hill, Loughton, he collided with a motor cycle and side-car in which deceased were riding. The impact was severe, the side car being overturned and all three killed. The case was remanded.

BALTIC MINES.

According to official statements, the sea between Sweden and Finland has now been swept clear of mines, while in the waters along the Swedish coast in the Baltic and the Gulf of Bothnia, about half the mines have been disposed of.

Farther out in the Baltic there are still some German minefields which have to be got rid of. The German authorities are delivering the maps of minefields laid out by them.

In the Sound, minesweeping is being carried out by German minesweepers, but the waters near Gothenburg are still a dangerous district.

PAINS FOR PROFITEERS.

Mr. Roberts told the House of Commons that during the year the Food Ministry had instituted 5,908 prosecutions against retail traders for profiteering. In 229 of the cases the offender had been sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine. In 4,565 cases the penalty was restricted to a fine. The Food Controller, in reply to complaints by the Islington Labour Party regarding the penalties imposed upon those who are prosecuted for offences against Food Orders, explains that it is not within his power to interfere with the discretion of magistrates in these cases. He takes the view that one of the most effective methods of stamping out such illegal practices is the imposition of heavy fines, and he believes that public opinion would endorse the action of magistrates in imposing severe penalties.

BELA KUN ISOLATED.

PRACTICALLY DEPOSED BY HIS COLLEAGUES.

A Vienna telegram says that according to the "Neues Wiener Tageblatt" the Communist Szamuely has been the actual Dictator at Buda-Besth for the last two days. It is said that Szamuely and Bela Vagu, on learning that Bela Kun was negotiating with the emissaries of the Allies with a view to his withdrawing in favour of a Coalition Government, gathered together a large force of Red Guards who were dissatisfied at the prospect of such an arrangement and occupied the most important barracks in Buda-Pesth. Szamuely dismissed the commandant and took over the control of the town.

Bela Kun is said to be completely isolated and closely watched, but the news is not officially confirmed.

BRITISH AIR CHAMPION.

POSTHUMOUS V.C. FOR RECORD FIGHTER.

One of the finest records of war gallantry, is contained in a supplement to the "London Gazette," which announces the award of the Victoria Cross to the late Capt (Acting Major) Edward Mannock, D.S.O., M.C., 85th Squadron, Royal Air Force, in recognition of bravery of the first order in aerial combat. This highly distinguished officer, says the "Gazette," during the whole of his career in the Royal Air Force, was an outstanding example of fearless courage, remarkable skill, devotion to duty and self-sacrifice, which has never been surpassed. As far as can be ascertained officially, he was the champion British airman during the war. He is officially credited with 73 Hun machines. Lt.-Col. Bishop, the Canadian V.C., comes next with 72. Of all the Allies, Lt. Fonck, the French "ace," holds the record with 78 machines. The late Baron von Richthofen, of German "circus" fame, claimed to hold the world's record for the number of machines he had destroyed; but as the Germans worked on a different system respecting the official confirmation of each victim, the R.A.F. officials considered Major Mannock's record a far greater one.

PUSSYFEET.

PROHIBITION EXTREMISTS IN AMERICA.

If the Pussyfoot prohibitionists succeed in their present endeavours, the United States will be as dry as that district of Ecuador where rain has never been known to fall.

Not satisfied with their success in having abolished the public sale of intoxicants, they are following up their victory by trying to force through Congress a Bill to permit the search of private houses on the mere suspicion that liquor is stored therein. The Bill goes further in stating that once liquor is seized it cannot be returned. It also seeks to impose vexatious restrictions upon the use of sacramental wine and wine for medical purposes. It classes the possession of liquor on railway trains as a crime.

It is not to be wondered at, says the "New York World," that sane prohibitionists are greatly disturbed and warn their more immoderate fellowpartizans that they are going too far.

GERMAN COMMENT ON OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Yesterday's "Kölnische Zeitung" comments on the Additional verses to the British National Anthem. It says:—

"At the celebration of thanksgiving at St. Paul's Cathedral, a partly-new text of "God save the King" was sung for the first time. The wish to alter the text had been already expressed during the war; it increased in force during the armistice, and with permission of the King the new text was officially sung on trial.

The first verse, which wishes victory, happiness, glory and a long reign to the King, remains unchanged. The text of the two new verses refrains from mentioning the enemies of the King and his activity as defender of the laws. Instead, it glorifies the powerful World-Empire and its peoples and ends with a wish for a lasting peace for all."

(These two verses were written for the occasion. The original words of the British national Anthem remain unaltered. Editor.)

AEROPLANE TRIPLE FATALITY.

An inquest was held at Hendon on Monday afternoon on Lieutenant Gain, Corporal Gammier and Air-Mechanic Griffiths, who were killed at the aerodrome on Friday, when their machine crashed and they were burnt to death.

Major Mounsey, R.A.F., gave evidence and said that in his opinion the pilot must have made an error of judgment, as the machine had been thoroughly tested before ascending and was in perfect order.

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THE BROADER VIEW.

One of the problems which followed the war, was that of education in the Army of Occupation, and that the problem has been tackled with a very considerable degree of success cannot be gainsaid.

There were originally many difficulties in the way, but, bit by bit, these have been practically all overcome, and there is every reason at the present time to be proud of the very complete organization which exists for the education of the young soldier.

Apart from its importance to the individual, education in the Army is of the most supreme national importance. The more educated a man is, the more susceptible he is to those steadying influences which were never more necessary to Great Britain than they are to-day. Necessarily, one of the results of war is a certain amount of discontent and strife, and there could be no better means of overcoming these than by educating the masses to a high sense of individual duty and responsibility.

One of the soundest principles of life is that the best way to eliminate the undesirable is to cultivate that which is desirable, and by implanting in the mind of the young soldier sound healthy ideas of citizenship and pride of country, a great deal will have been done towards the problem of reconstruction. Whatever the ultimate cost in labour and money, it will have been well spent.

At a time like this very large and generous views must be taken of national problems, and the tendency to regard education as a mere process of imparting knowledge must be strongly resisted. That is why the Army scheme of education may be regarded with satisfaction; it aims not only at improving the mind of the young soldier, but also elevating his conscience.

To those who have undertaken, then, in many cases gratuitously, to assist in the education scheme, all credit is due, and the satisfaction of having helped, in however small a degree, to lay the foundation for the reconstruction of Great Britain should be to them no small reward.

WE MUST FIGHT.

"I wonder if there will ever be another war?" "When do you think the next war will be?" are questions that at the present time one very often hears a man ask his friend. And the friend answers: "Oh, not for a long time, after a show like this."

They are, of course, referring to such a war as we have just experienced, a purely physical war, one nation against another—and they may be right in what they say. But let us remember that this is not the only sort of war, that there is another kind altogether, namely—the war of a nation against conditions, much more formidable because it is a much more insidious one.

England has fought and has won; and having won, she must now fight harder than ever before against this new and deadly enemy—Reaction.

For the past four years, everyone has been strung up to a high pitch. All the highest and best emotions and qualities, such as patriotism, self-sacrifice, sympathy, courage, have been called into play, and played upon almost to breaking point.

Then suddenly comes the end, the blessed relief from strain, and we are inclined to let everything slide, to let go our hold. Our mind says, "Thank God, it is over!" then drops its weapons and leaves it at that.

But we must not leave it at that. We must still fight—and against these very failings that have largely been banished by war-time, against the opposites of all the good qualities that were brought out by war conditions, against selfishness, cowardice, general apathy towards our country, lack of understanding and sympathy towards others, frivolity and relaxation of morals, if we are to keep our place in the world as an all-round first-class power. We enter this new fight handicapped by the effects of the last, by the strain, the anxiety we have undergone, by the loss of our best and bravest; but still we can win through, if we realise we must fight. That is the point—to realise, not to ignore; not to slide blindly down the easy path, without caring, without trying.

For four years we have stood up against the wave that threatened to swamp our country, resisting its sweeping rush, holding our ground. Let us remember, let us realise, that every wave has an ebb. Let us not be sucked into the sea through lack of recognition of the fact that even a spent wave has not exhausted all its power and can do even more damage than at first, by catching us off guard.

OUR TRIUMPH.

It has only been given to the great majority of us, here on the Rhine, to read about the scenes of splendour and triumph which have been enacted during the past weeks in the capitals of the victorious Allies. We have not been amongst those fortunate ones selected to take part in the Victory march through London. We can only envy those who were and wish that we might have seen that greatest of triumphs.

It is, however, an opportune moment to remember that the real spectacle of victory is to be seen in the presence on the Rhine of the British Army. Every man here is taking a part; not in a single procession through streets, that will tomorrow resume their normal aspect, when the flags and streamers are removed, but in a more enduring and tangible method of displaying victory.

We have read of the memorial to "The Glorious Dead" erected in Whitehall. We are the visible sign that their sacrifice was not made in vain. Everyone of us here represents at least three of those who are lying in the scattered graves, marking the fields of the battles, which made our presence here possible.

The aspirations they died for, are fulfilled in us, and it is no small privilege to be one of the reapers of the harvest they sowed so well.

AN ADVICE BUREAU.

From a Correspondent.

"What career shall I adopt when I am demobilized?

This question is puzzling the brains of many soldiers who are expecting to be demobilized shortly. For various reasons, they do not wish to return to their pre-war occupations, but desire to prepare themselves for more congenial posts by taking advantage of the educational scheme offered to the Army of the Rhine.

But what career? That is the question.

In America vocational libraries are run in connection with employment bureaux, and quite recently a similar library, affiliated to the National Council of Women was opened at Princess Street, London. Would it not be possible to establish an institution of this description in Cologne for the benefit of officers and men of the Occupation Army?

Such a bureau should be run by a staff of competent and sympathetic officers who are thoroughly acquainted with certain careers, and able to give practical advice to those seeking information. In conjunction with this, there should be a well-stocked library, containing a good assortment of books and pamphlets dealing with the various vocations.

Such an institution would be invaluable to a man in doubt. First he would visit the library and there decide upon the career that appealed to him. Next, he could obtain advice as to his suitability, and the course of study he ought to pursue by way of preparation.

For instance, it is not generally known that educational instructors who attend the special course at Oxford or Newmarket will be excused one year of the two years training required by the Board of Education for the teachers' certificate.

This is the sort of thing one would be sure to find out at the Advice Bureau instead of hearing by chance and then not being sure of the accuracy of the information.

What a number of men there are, too who wish to set up in business for themselves and would be glad of reliable, information on the subject

Again, a good practical man who takes over a good going concern, often comes to grief becuse he does not know the correct way to keep his books.

Some take up subjects which they will not require immediately and neglect those which are essential; while, others commence to study German before they have learned the rudiments of English Grammar, or something of that sort.

There is no doubt that an advice bureau is needed here immediately, so that no man will be at a loose-end on his discharge, for the duty of this department would be to endeavour to place the round peg in the round hole.

W. J. LESLIE.

LOOKING IN SHOPS.

We all do it. I am not sure that we men are less addicted to it, than are the fair members of the more attractive sex—one dare hardly to-day use the adjective "weaker." Our attention is directed to different windows and other displays—that is all.

And really it is a fascinating pastime, to be enjoyed by the appreciative, even though he be, voluntarily or of necessity, confined to the role of spectator only, For a row of shops is an epitome of human life, human achievements, human industry, human needs and human frailties. The character of a people may be read in its shops and the goods there displayed. Have you tried the experiment? It is interesting.

Volumes might be written on the subject. But space and time forbid; and I only want to suggest, and to set you thinking, with me, of the wonderful fascination of a purposeful, instead of an aimless, regard of what the shops urge upon our notice.

Here, in Cologne, it is a much-used form of recreation. Suppose each of us, for a week, should *study* what he sees in the window-displays so lavishly afforded us? Suppose we think about, and exchange opinions on, what we see?

The first thing perhaps that strikes us is the multiplicity of hands and of processes that have gone to the production and final arrival at its present position of almost every article we see for sale. All that has been necessary to the completion and supply of a photographic camera! Think it out in detail. And so down to the simplest things—say, a rosy mound of fruit. Yet much thought, time, labour and material has been necessary to bring even this before us.

Observe the enormous variety of objects in a stationer's shop. Think of all the processes, the knowledge, the experience, the actual work which have placed all these individual things before our eyes and ready for our use.

An ivory-handled walking stick, a newspaper (follow each detail to its source), an aluminium saucepan, a silken shawl, an electric lamp-select your objects as you will, and stand amazed at the power of organised knowledge and industry to bring these finished products, the results of infinite co-ordination, within the commonplaces of everyday life. It is one of those miracles that we overlook, because they are always with us.

Then one is struck by the over-production of unnecessary things. This is a point of immense importance in a world where the problem of the moment is the sufficient production of the necessary and the desirable. Everything produced should have beauty or significance—one of the two, certainly; if possible, and it often is, both qualities should be present.

Now see how many of these things, thus judged, could be spared. And reflect on the misuse of time, energy and money that has gone to produce them, when the same effort and expenditure might have given us more things of real need and worth.

These are but a few hints of the conscious pleasure we may desire from looking in shops. Think it out for yourself.

O. W.

THE LINGUIST.

In the days immediately following the decree of Fate (in the shape of Daily Orders, and the sub-heading "Movements and Postings") that I should proceed to Rhineland, I received from a well-meaning friend, a very useful present.

At first glance the utility of the article was apparent for it was entitled "The Hand-book of Ajax" and was composed entirely for the benefit of Service men.

In scanning the pages I conceived a high esteem for Ajax; an esteem which increased the more, as I realised the scope of his work.

I carefully marked the phrases which I proposed to master before reaching the Rhine; "I cannot speak German", "Where can I cross the river"?, "Where are the troops"?, and "Where can I get a drink"?,

These I studied long and carefully, and so arrived at Cologne in the murk of the morning, with a complacent heart, which feared not the future.

That point marks the extreme height of my regard for Ajax, for with daylight, and the sight of the many bridges rising out of the morning mist it became certain that "Where can I cross the river?' would be a perfectly inanemanner of opening conversation, while "Where are the troops"? would merely invite derisive remarks regarding my eye-sight.

The abundance of beer-gardens and cafes further depleted my repertoire leaving me but one remark, the value of which rested securely on its veracity — "I cannot speak German," and I did not wait long before an opportunity for using that phrase presented itself.

"Ich spreche kein Deutsch," I replied in answer to an enquiry, a curse, or I know not what; and the resultant flood of German oratory left me with the belief that instead of meaning "I speak *no* German," the literal translation was more probably "I bet you can't keep talking for ten minutes without a break".

So Ajax and I parted, for I have no use for a dud pilot, and I must confess that now I get along tolerably well without him.

My methods perhaps, are laconic but they meet with success.

When lost in some unrecognisable part of Cologne, the student of Ajax would make a noise like "Ich habe mich verirrt" but the result would be precisely the same as when I said "Ich spreche kein Deutsche", and he would be more thoroughly lost than before.

My method is much more simple — being lost I merely step before a passing citizen and murmur plaintively "Nix Dom."

Obviously I do not mean to infer that his respected Dom is indulging in an afternoon stroll, so Herr Citizen flourishes three fingers, and with an expressive glance at the tram lines remarks, "Drei".

Within ten minutes car number three has brought me to familiar streets.

Throughout each day, "Nix" is the key to easy communication; in the mess, "Nix speck" usually means "hustle with my bacon", and on isolated occasions — "I don't want any bacon", but in either case, the meaning is made perfectly clear by the intonation of the remark.

MORAL: —

Acquire a thorough knowledge of the intricacies of the word NIX, and to thee Rhineland will be as an open book.

DAS.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

TYPES OF ARCHITECTURE.

Sir,—As a humble admirer of the "Cologne Post," I turn to you for instruction. Could you tell me, why the type of mediaeval architecture, as exemplified in the cathedrals of Amiens, Rheims, Rouen, Cologne, Westminster, and many others, is known as gothic.

This type of architecture, is quite distinct from the Renaissance style, like St. Paul's cathedral but why is mediaeval architecture called gothic? The Goths surely created nothing, they only destroyed.

Architects I know speak of the Roman, Norman, and Gothic Architecture but did the Goths even initiate the beginnings of architecture? The Lombards did, and so did the Byzantians, but surely the Goths did not.

I would like to know the truth. This letter is evoked by the view of Cologne Cathedral, a cathedral which to me is beautiful. It seems to breathe the spirit of mediaeval times, but again why Gothic?

MERIBAMUR.

DANCE ROOM ETIQUETTE.

Sir,—Being a regular attendant at the British Empire Leave Club dances, I would like to point out a few errors which some of the dancers make.

It is a common practice for a gentleman to take hold of his partner's wrist and extend her arm full length with the result that other dancers are liable to be hit in the face.

Another mistake is to "cake-walk" or "Jazz" during a waltz. This is annoying to other dancers.

Now there is too much wild dancing and it ought to be stopped. It is the fault of a few, who think they are clever, whereas it makes them ridiculous. RUNNER.

WIVES IN COLOGNE.

Sir,—May I make a proposal to the married officers who think of bringing their wives to Cologne?

It is that an hotel be rented complete with German personnel, etc., and that wives and ourselves be billeted there. Rations have been sanctioned on repayment and if we were able to procure such a place, the two principal obstacles would be overcome. A great advantage would be the social side, which would greatly enhance the visit for our wives.

If there are officers willing to take up this proposal I should be exceedingly glad to hear from them.

MARRIED OFFICER.

AN OFFICER'S GRUMBLE.

Sir,—I write in the devout hope that this may catch the eye of the President of the N.A.C.B.

Hundreds of thirsty officers are anxiously enquiring why bottled beer should be provided on the Boulogne-Cologne Express for the use of the train crew only, and not for those for whom the train is run? An officer asks for a bottle of beer, only to be met with the reply, "No beer, Sir."

On my last trip I saw a dozen empty beer bottles thrown out from the kitchen; also two men open four bottles and drink the contents, so I do not write from hearsay. It was the same when the E.F.C. catered for the train, so it is not the effect of new administration.

CAPTAIN.

THE TOTALIZATOR.

Sir,—I read with interest the letter by "W.R.B." concerning the totalizator, and I agree with him.

We would all rather know what we are going to receive, should we be lucky enough to find a winner.

Another point is that as so many in the ranks are good horsemen, would it not be a good idea to include some events for them. DRIVER.

A SILLY PRACTICE.

Sir,—I should like to bring to your notice the sneering remarks passed by various canteen customers.

These remarks are uncalled for as the majority of men serving behind the counters are demobilized infantry men.

Do those who are thus guilty, probably through want of thought, realise that the old adage "Honour to those to whom honour is due," still holds good.

DEMOBILIZED AND RE-ENLISTED.

WIVES AT HOME.

Sir,—Your article entitled "The Unadvertised Heroine" was very true and I am very pleased to note that the part played by wives at home has been recognised.

In my opinion, the wife of the retained man is a super-heroine, and not only deserves, but urgently requires practical help. Such wives should not be financially embarrassed.

"THOUGHTFUL HUSBAND."

Sir,—I agree with "H.R.C." It certainly is high time wives at home were given an increased allowance in view of the reduced purchasing value of a sovereign.

One wonders how they have managed. All cannot go out to work, and if the breadwinner is away in the nation's interests, it should, in all fairness, make sure his wife does not go short. The increase in allowances has not kept pace with the rapid rise in the cost of everything necessary for living.

"DOUBLEYOU."

SERIOUS READING.

Sir,—With reference to your correspondent's letter on serious reading, I quite agree that more might be done to improve the taste of the young soldier so far as his reading is concerned.

There are now numerous libraries, well stocked with standard classics, in Cologne, and steps should be taken to make their existence more widely known.

READER.

MY GARDEN.

A Garden is a lovesome thing, God wot!
Rose plot,
Fringed pool,
Fern'd grot—
The veriest school
Of peace; and yet the fool
Contends that God is not—
Not God! in gardens! when the eve is cool?
Nay, but I have a sign;
'Tis very sure God walks in mine.

THOMAS EDWARD BROWN.

Average 2.44 Runs Per Wicket.

NOTABLE BOWLING RECORD IN "COLOGNE POST" CUP COMPETITION MATCHES.

Matches	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
11	82.4	35	39	95	2.44

Above is the bowling record of Pte. D. N. Jones of the 9th Corps Troops M. T. Coy., which is one of the best so far recorded.

With regard to outstanding League engagements, it is most essential that these should be played off without further delay as time is now becoming strictly limited.

4th SUFFOLK REGT. (146 for 8) v 16th LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS (141) at Bonn on Friday. Lieut. Thompson 39, Capt. Boden 25 and Pte Ferguson 24 (not out) were the chief scorers for Lancs Fus. For the Suffolks the best batsmen were: Lieut. Bailey 59; Lieut. Hope 24; and Lieut. Lille 21.

93rd Bde R. G. A. v 3rd M.G.C. Played on the ground of the former on Monday. For the Brigade, Bloomfield made 45, Ellis 80, and Barker 18 not out. The Machine Gunners made a poor show against Weight and Smythe, the former cleaning 6 for 35, all clean bowled, and the latter 4 for 30. Hughs made 28 and Major Bennett 13. The game ended in a comfortable victory for the R. G. A.

17th LANCERS (180) v 4th R. SUSSEX (72 for 6) at Hennef on Saturday. The best performers for 17th Lancers were: Capt. Boles 42, Sgt. Cooke 41, Capt. Fowler 31, while Lieut. Kenderdine took 5 wickets for 48 runs and Lieut. Bryan 3 for 2. For 4th R. Sussex Regt Lieut. Bryan scored 27; Capt. Boles took 4 wickets for 13 and Capt. Fowler 2 for 23.

9th CORPS TROOPS M. T. COY (90) v MID. DIV. M. T. COY (35) at Euskirchen on Monday. Pte Jones, for the home team, took 6 wickets for 10 runs, while the best batsmen were Cpl. Parrett (24), Pte. Jones (20), and Capt. Clarke (13) not out. Ptes. Gregory and James were top scorers for the visitors and Cpl. Beaumont did best for his side at bowling.

12th ROYAL IRISH RIFLES (42) v 3rd Bn. M. G. C. (21) at Haan. Exceptionally good bowling was the order of the day, Pte. Elder and Pte. May disposing of the Irish for 42 runs. To the creditable performance of Rfn. Parsons who took 7 wickets for 8 runs is due the honour of the day. The only one to reach double figures was C. S. M. Turner, A. G. S. (22) of the 12th R.I.R.

CAV. DIV. D.A.C. (104) v. ADVANCED SUPPLY DEPOT (60). For D.A.C., Bush took 6 wickets for 16 runs, while Holmes, Price and Grey batted well and got double figures each.

4th R. SUSSEX (148) v. A.A. SEARCHLIGHT R.E. (51), at Hennef. The best batsmen for 4th R. Sussex were Lieut. Shapland (48) and L C Briant (36); while Cpl. Smith took 4 wickets for 16.

51st AUX. BUS. COY (110 for 6) v. 9th TRENCH MORTAR BTY. (42) on the Zeppelin Aerodrome ground on Monday. Pte. Cavell was the only one of the T.M.B.'s to reach double figures. For the Bus. Coy. the best scorers were Pte. Crewe (36), Pte. Driscoll (24), and Pte. Tudor (21). Ptes. Tudor and Pickler bowled well, the former capturing 5 wickets for 17, and the latter 4 for 16.

W.S.D. (35 for 5) v. 5th K.O.Y.L.I. (17) at Libiar on Sunday. Bowling for W.S.D., Hoit and Jones did very well, the former taking 6 wickets at a very small cost. The K.O.Y.L.I. scores was passed with the loss of three wickets, but the game was continued until 4.30 p.m. Batting for W.S.D., Cpl. Jones scored 14 runs.

51st HAMPSHIRE REGT. (48 for 6) v. 83rd GEN HOSP. (45) at Langenfeld on Sunday. For the Hospital, Capt. Norman was the only one to reach double figures with 25. For the 51st Hants, Sergt. Sledge made 13 and Lieut. Gadby 11. Pte. Fulford took 6 wickets for 12, for the Hants. This player has now taken 33 wickets for 78 runs in six League matches.

IV CORPS TROOPS M.T. COY. (65) v. 15th HUSSARS (92) at Duren on Sunday. For the winners, Lieut. Straker took 7 wickets for 25, and scored 42 runs.

MAPS (75) v. 1/5 WEST YORKS (53) at Buckendorf on Monday. Spr. Ward was top scorer for Maps with 26. Major Freeman carried his bat right through the 1/5 h Yorks innings for a fine 24 not out. Spr. Swain bowled well for Maps, taking 6 wickets for 15.

OTHER RESULTS.

17th Lancers (187) v 52nd Northumberland Fus. (71).

51st H. Warwick (45) v Southern Div. M. T. Coy (27).

VICTORY BISLEY.

Runaway Triumph for England in Closing Shoot.

The Victory Bisley meeting was brought to a close with the shooting for the Mackinnon Cup. It was a runaway victory for England, who had a 21 points lead from Scotland at the end of the 900 yards distance, and overwhelmed all opponents by grand shooting at 1,000 yards. At the end of the first distance the positions were:—

England	762
Scotland	741
Australia	708
Canada	696
New Zealand	693

The final positions were:—

England	1497
Australia	1424
Canada	1398
Scotland	1376
New Zealand	1368

With the closing of the N.R.A. meeting it may be said that although the Association has experienced financial loss this year, notwithstanding the presence of so many regulars in the King's Prize fixture, it may be regarded with more confidence than the last few Bisleys before the war.

Many new men have been introduced and they will doubtless return when the difficulties which beset this hastily organised meeting are unlikely to intrude.

ENGLISH CRICKET RESULTS.

Middlesex 210; Essex 155 for 2.

Yorkshire 264; Surrey 111 for 4.

Somerset 241 v. Worcester. Rain stopped play.

Warwickshire 215; Australians 144 for 3

COLOGNE TOWN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Army H.Q Sig. Coy.	15	12	3	24§
"R" A.A. Bty. R.A.	13	12	1	24§
Cav. Div., A.C., R.H.A.	15	11	4	22§
Cav. Div. H.Q.	12	11	1	22
17 Lancers	10	10	0	20§
No. 2 Water Tank Coy M.T.	13	9	4	18§+
A.S.D.	12	9	3	18§
52 Northumberland Fus.	12	8	4	16§
70 Squad. R.A.F.	11	8	3	16§
4th R. Sussex	8	8	0	16§
9 T.M.B.	12	7	5	14§+
53 Sherwood Foresters	11	6	5	12§
51 Aux. Bus. Coy.	13	5	8	10§
5 Railway T. Sig. Coy. R.E.	10	5	5	10§
Bakeries Sports Club	11	5	5	10§+
51 D.L.I.	9	5	4	10§
2 Bde. R.A.F.	7	3	4	6§
24 Vet Hosp.	6	3	3	6§
51 Northumberland Fus.	6	3	3	6§
A.P.O., Cologne	12	2	10	4§+
3 Cav. Field Amb.	10	2	8	4§
A.A.Searchlight Section R.E.	9	2	7	4§
2 Northern L.T.M. Bty.	8	2	6	4§
53 Northumberland Fus.	7	1	6	2§+

§ points awarded for scratched matches.
+ Games lost by default.

CRICKET FRIENDLY.

The 93rd Bde R.G.A., being without a "Post" match on Saturday, entertained the 140 F.A., R.A.M.C. at Kalk. The 93rd had the opportunity of trying new men. Bdr. Bloomfield, one of the Freshmen, played a nice innings of 25, Sig. Smythe with 39 and Major McLeod gave him good assistance towards their score of 156. The Medicals replied with 83. The R.A.M.C. possess quite a good side, when one considers the smallness of the unit. In fact, this was their first defeat.

SCHOOLBOY'S SPLENDID PERFORMANCE.

L.J.Dunn, a Watson's College schoolboy, who won the Scottish Hurdles Championship, at Glasgow, won the Watson's College Championship with a series of splendid performances. He took the 100 yards in 10 4-5secs., 200 yards in 24 2-5 secs, 120 yards hurdles in 16secs., high jump at 5ft. 7½in., broad jump at 19ft. 2in., and was second in throwing the cricket ball. He broke the school record in the furlong hurdles, and high jump.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, July 23, 1919.

Wind South-West to South, 10-15 m.p.h Dull, occasional rain. Moderate temperature. Fair visibility.

WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

Dempsey to meet Beckett or Carpentier in London.

Mr. C. B. Cochran states that it is now definitely decided that Dempsey, the heavy-weight champion of the world, will meet the winner of the Carpentier-Beckett fight, which takes place at Olympia on Sept. 2. Dempsey will fight in London early next year on a date to be mutually agreed upon. Soon after beating Willard it was announced that Dempsey's next match would be fought on American soil, but evidently the offer of Mr. Cochran has led him to reconsider the question.

WILLARD v. DEMPSEY.

Rickard's profit 100,000 Dollars.

A Toledo, O., telegram to "The World," dated July 9, states: Exactly 19,650 persons paid their way into the Bayview Park arena on July 4 to see Jack Dempsey knock out Jess Willard for the heavyweight championship of the world. The receipts, after the Government tax of 11,789.94 dols. had been deducted, were 110,732.16 dols. The 7 per cent. charity fund for the City of Toledo was slightly under 30,000 dols.

There were 292 policemen in the stadium, 75 firemen, 600 ushers, 90 ticket takers, 40 ticket sellers, and 454 Press representatives.

The principal expenses of the promoters were: Willard, 100,000 dols.; Dempsey, 27,500 dols.; arena construction, 150,000 dols.; City of Toledo charity fund, 30,000 dols.; total, 307,500 dols. Other charges probably will make the cost approximately 325,000 dols., leaving profits somewhat below 100,000 dols.

JOHNNY BASHAM VICTORIOUS

Johnny Basham, the Welterweight Champion, scored a victory over Willie Farrell of London at the Liverpool Stadium on Monday night after a delightful display of boxing by both. Basham's speed was the determining factor in the result. Farrell was slow in covering up, and Basham, taking advantage of openings, frequently landed on the jaw.

Farrell was sent to the boards in the ninth round and two rounds later a left to the jaw put him down twice for nine.

Basham completed the defeat at the third time of asking.

HILL CLIMBING TEST.

44th Bn. Seaforth Highlanders Athletic Gathering at Nideggen.

BATTALION CHAMPIONSHIP.

The sports of the 44th Seaforth Highlanders were held at Nideggen on Tuesday and Wednesday, in wet and changeable weather, despite which there was a large attendance of spectators.

Amongst those present were:—Brigadier-General Marindin C.B., D.S.O., and Mrs. Marindin; Brigadier-General J. W. Sandilands C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.; Brigadier-General I. Stewart C.M.G., D.S.O.; Brigadier-General A. G. Stevenson C.M.G., D.S.O., R.E.; Colonel H. F. Baillie D.S.O.; Lt.-Col. T. Stewart D.S.O.; Lt.-Col. H. G. Sotheby M.V.O., D.S.O.; Lt.-Col. R. Campbell D.S.O.; Lt.-Col. W. French D.S.O., M.C.; and Major N. McQueen D.S.O.

In the absence of the battalion band, which was taking part in the Victory march at Paris, the band of the 3rd King's Own Hussars rendered a most enjoyable programme of music, which, in the natural amphitheatre of the valley, was heard to great advantage.

KEEN COMPETITION.

The feature of the sports was the keen competition for the battalion championship, in which No 3 Company, the holders, worthily held their own; again emerging victorious, with a total of 51 points, and thus retaining the silver bugle. No 2 Company were second with 39 points, No 4 Company third with 25 points. The best individual effort was that of Lieut. R. J. Smith, No 2 Company, with three firsts, one second, and a third.

Towards the end of the day, the weather cleared up, and after and excellent day's sport, the prizes were very kindly presented by Mrs. Marindin, whose presence on both days, in spite of the inclement weather, was greatly appreciated by all ranks of the battalion.

A word of praise is due to Lieut. G. M. Lowther, battalion sports officer, for his untiring work on the sports ground, which contributed in no small measure to the success of the sports.

The judges were:—Lt.-Col. J. Stewart D.S.O.; Lt.-Col. R. Campbell D.S.O.; Lt.-Col. W. French D.S.O., M.C.; Lieut. J. Walker; Lieut. W. J. Odd and Lieut. J. Ransell M.C. Starter:—Lt. K. Macdonald M.C.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

The following is a list of events and winners:—

Long jump:—1, L/C Clark 17ft 11ins; 2, Lt. R. J. Smith 17ft. 10ins; 3, Lt. J. M. Sturton 17 ft. 8ins.

Mile relay:—No 3 Coy.

Hop, step and leap:—1, Lt. Smith 38 ft. 1½ ins; 2, Sgt. Caley 37ft. 8ins; 3, L/C. Clark 37ft 6 ins.

High jump:—1, Lt. Smith 5 ft 0ins; 2, Pte., Wright 4ft. 10 ins; 3, Sgt Ross 4ft. 9ins.

Five-a-side football:—No 3 Coy.

Three-legged race:—L/C. Blair and Pte. Duncanson.

Sack race:—1, Pte. Woods; 2, Sgt. Ross.

Tug-of-war (catchweights):—No 3 Coy.

One mile:—1, Lt. Lowther; 2, Pte. Grant; 3 Pte. Woods.

Putting the shot:—1, Pte. McNiven 29ft. 11ins; 2, Pte. Wright 29ft. 9 ins; 3, Pte. Liste. 29ft. 1ins

100 yards:—1, Lt. A. Green; 2, Pte. McLelland; 3, Pte. Latham.

Tossing the caber:—1, Sgt. Ross A.; 2, Sgt. Ross D.; 3, Lt. J. A. Geddes.

Tilting the bucket:—Ptes Stone and McQuire.

440 yards:—1, Pte. McLelland; 2, Lt. J. M. Sturton; 3, Sgt. Mackay.

Thrown cricket ball:—1, Pte. Latham, 88 yds 2ins; 2, Pte. Logie; 3, Lt. Sturton.

Officers' race:—1, Lt. G. M. Gillespie M.C.; 2, Lt J. M. Sturton; 3, Major S. F. Sharp M.C.

100 yards open:—1, 2/Lt. Gordon, 53rd Gordons; 2, Cpl. Luker, 10th A. & S.H.; 3, Lt. Brown, 8th Black Watch.

Tug-of-war (lightweights):—No 2 Coy.

Best dressed soldier:—1, Pte. Beard.

Half mile:—1, Lt. R. J. Smith, 2mins. 6 secs.; 2, Pte. Henderson; 3, Lt. Lowther.

440 yards open:—1, Cpl. Luker, 10th A.&S.H.; 2, 2 Lt. Aird, 5th Camerons; 3, 2/Lt. Goodman 10th A. & S.H.

120 yards hurdles:—1, Lt. Geddes; 2, Pte. McLelland; 3, Lt. Smith.

Best dressed guard:—No 4 Coy.

One mile relay open:—53rd Gordons.

Blindfold squad drill:—No 1 Coy.

Hill climbing:—1, Pte. McCombe, 14 minutes; 2, Sgt. Murray; 3, L/C. Muir.

EXCITING MILE RACE.

12th Bn., The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment Sports at Bonn.

Splendid weather and great keenness on the part of all ranks contributed to a brilliant assembly at the Battalion Sports Meeting on Friday.

A large number of visitors were present, largely attracted by the 1 mile Open, which event proved highly exciting, there being some 40 entrants, 20 of whom were visitors. This was a well contested race, the winner being 2/Lieut. Elliott, 15th Lancashire Fusiliers. Second: Private Gaskell, Border Regiment.

The names of Lieut. Slack, Cpl. Dandy, L Cpl. Sumner and Pte. Skidmore again figured largely among the winners.

SPORTS NOTES.

The Side Shows, especially "Charlie" & Co. (Pte Webster) were a great attraction.

The "Totalizator" did a large business and was very popular.

Lieut. Colonel R.T. Pelly, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., (Commanding) distributed the prizes after the races.

A great novelty amongst the prizes was War Savings Certificates which were given in addition to the usual Souvenirs.

The Band quite excelled itself in rendering some really new tunes.

RACING NEWS.

Meetings at Sandown Park, Leicester and Ayr.

DEAD HEAT IN ROYAL HANDICAP.

The following were the results at Sandown Park on Monday:—

July Selling Plate:—1, St. Crisilda (3 to 1); 2, Primrose (5 to 4); 3, Needlecraft (5 to 1).

Surrey Handicap:—1, Gurkha (5 to 2); 2, John Chinaman (6 to 4 on); 3, Sir Artezal (7 to 1).

National Breeders Stakes:—1, Tetratema (9 to 4); 2, Lady Phoebe (2 to 1); 3, Lilloise (20 to 1).

Royal Handicap:—1, Viceversa (7 to 1); 2, Misty Morning (3 to 1); Hurry Along (10 to 1), and Main Royal (6 to 4) dead heat third.

Warren Handicap:—1, Arwin (5 to 2); 2, Snooze (evens); 3, Jute (20 to 1).

Coombe Plate:—Period (5 to 2 on); Fitzclarence. Two ran.

LEICESTER RESULTS.

Evington Plate:—1, China Doll (7 to 4); 2, On Leave (5 to 1); 3, Tension (4 to 1).

Weston Plate:—1, Pencyl (5 to 4 on); 2, Grandmère (7 to 1); 3, La Rêve (7 to 1).

Stoughton Plate:—1, Blueground (7 to 4); 2, Nubian (11 to 2); 3, Sangelo (6 to 5 on).

Prince of Wales Plate.—1, Athletic (2 to 5); 2, Neilgirl (6 to 1); 3, Willpatrick (7 to 4).

Tower Maiden Plate:—1, Lady Llama (100 to 30); 2, Girvan (13 to 8); 3, Monaghan (7 to 4).

Wigston Plate:—1, Damar (5 to 1); 2, Jennie Shiels (11 to 2); 3, Fretwork (5 to 4).

Oadby Plate:—1, Goodgame (4 to 1); 2, A Sitter (11 to 8 on); 3, Double Chance (100 to 30).

AYR RESULTS.

Cuninghame Handicap:—1, Bedrest (2 to 1); 2, Midion (2 to 1 on); 3, Titled Lady (20 to 1).

Burne Selling Plate declared void.

Montrose Handicap:—1, Mount Lebanon (5 to 2); 2, Elvira (10 to 1); 3, Forest Guard (5 to 2).

Stand Handicap:—1, Killadoon (100 to 12); 2, Atrocity (4 to 1 on); 3, Queens Guide (9 to 2).

Auchancruive Plate:—1, Comet's Tail (5 to 1); 2, Welsh Woman (9 to 4); 3, Little Flower (20 to 1).

Eglinton Plate:—1, Greek Star (6 to 4 on); 2, Lens (3 to 1); 3, Kincraig (4 to 1).

PROMISING TALENT.

2/4 Hampshire Regiment H.Q. Coy. Sports at Neunhuse.

Very successful sports were held by the above company on the football fiels at Neunhuse on Wednesday. Much praisy is due to Lieut. C. Newman and the officers, N.C.O.'s, and men who ably assisted him in organising the meeting. Much talent was displayed, which promises well for the battalion sports which will be held later on. The 2/4 Hampshires Band played selections of music during the afternoon with their accustomed brilliancy and all the events were kept strictly up to time. Major H. C. Westmorland, D.S.O., presented the prizes and in a short speech congratulated the winners on their success.

The following were the officials:—President, Major H. C. Westmorland, D.S.O.; Secretary, Lieut. C. Newman. Judges:—Captain Vause, Capt. Guppy, Lieut. Woolhouse, Lieut. Harding, Lieut. Barker, M.C. Starter:—Capt. N. L. Clarke. Clerks of the course:—Rev. G. E. Salmon, C.F., and Lieut. R. T. Anderson. Steward for marshalling competitors Sgt. T. J. Harris; for refreshments:—C.Q.M.S. Knight; Tape stewards:—C.S.M. Patterson and Sgt. Cooper. Recorder:—Sgt. E. Hampton.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

100 yards:—1, Drummer Bull; 2, Drummer Collins.

1 Mile:—1, Dmr. Sgt. James; 2, Sgt. Saunders.

Throwing the cricket ball:—1, Dmr. Roffey; 2, Dmr. Kessler.

Long jump:—1, Pte. Kesseler.

220 yards:—1, Pte. Tucker; 2, Dmr. Bull.

Squad drill blindfold:—Drums.

Three-legged race:—1, Pte. Pickard and Pte. Collins; 2, Dmr. Roffey and Dmr. Palmer; 3, Cpl. Guy and Pte. Tucker.

Boot race:—1, Dmr. Palmer; 2, Pte. Coombes.

440 yards:—1, Dmr. Bull; 2, Sgt. James.

Tug-of-war:—Transport.

High jump:—Pte Kesseler.

100 yards grp. (W.O.s and Sgts.):—1, Sgt. Taylor; 2, Sgt. Saunders.

Wrestling (mounted on mules):—1, L/Cpl. Street; 2, Pte. Gardner.

Wheelbarrow race:—1, Pte. Oakley and Pte. Collins; 2, Pte. Kesseler and Pte. Fletcher.

Relay race:—1, Sgt. Saunders, Sgt. James and Dmr. Bull; 2, Pte. Collins, Pte. Coombes, and Pte. Pickhard.

V.C. Race:—1, Pte. Gale; 2, Pte. Smith.

Bomb throwing:—1, Pte. Kesseler; 2, Sgt. P. Hampton.

Band race:—1, Pte. Whiston; 2, Pte. Dyer.

Play, Music, And Song.

OUR DEMOBILIZED STARS: WHERE TO SEE THEM IN ENGLAND WHEN ON LEAVE.

Many Rhineland soldiers going on leave to the United Kingdom would be glad to know where they may see their Army concert party stars, achieving fame in our theatres and music halls at home. The writer of the following has just returned from leave in England, and has had the pleasure of meeting and conversing with many of the "boys" who have delighted us on the green in less comfortable circumstances.

Les Rouges et Noirs.

This first rate party belonged to the First Army and was one of the most elaborately staged and produced in France. They are all professionals and were all demobbed en bloc, fortunately all being eligible. I am informed the G.O.C. sent them home with the official good wishes of the Army and a cheque for £1,000 to help them establish as a permanent professional party for engagements in England. They are doing extraordinarily well and last week were topping the bill at the Victoria Palace, London, having just had a most successful week at Brighton. Hal Bert and Reg Stone are still going strong. By the way, the Terry Twins are not now with the party.

At The Winter Garden.

Quite a platoon of old concert party stars are to be found at the new Winter Garden Theatre, Drury Lane, which everyone should visit when in town. "Kissing Time" is an enormous success, but how could it be otherwise with the one and only Leslie Henson capering about all through the show and a round half dozen of his Royal Gaieties from the Louveau Theatre, Lille (and also many a shell-shattered village) distributed among the caste. Here you may see Peter Shannon, Tim O'Connor (of the Goods), Stanley Brightman, Stanley Holloway, and "Keith" (he of the R.A.F.), whilst the Fifth Army front-of-the-house man, Frank Slepe, will hand you your ticket at the box office.

Welsh Wails at Wyndham's.

At Wyndham's Theatre you will find Eric Blore, late O. C. Entertainments for the Welsh Division, creator of "The Welsh Wails" concert party and inventor and producer of the sketch that made the King laugh, the much copied "Musical Orderly Room." Eric is delightful, tooling deliciously with Mabel Green, and is seen to advantage in a part that seems just made for him. Don't miss "His Little Widows" at Wyndhams.

Those Indian Love Lyrics.

Probably the most discussed soldier's production in France during '17 and '18 was Bert Errol's staging of "The Indian Love Lyrics." It was certainly one of the most ambitious and artistic things attempted for touring in the war zone, and everyone has been asking if it is to be presented in England. I am now able to state definitely that it *will* be put on and that it is definitely arranged to open at Manchester in about a month. Also, Ewart Noble *will* play his original part, and will drop press photography, which has kept him occupied since his demob. It is also booked for America. Meanwhile, Errol returns next week to the Palladium, and will sing for the first time in England, "If You Could Care For Me," by permission of Delysia. This was his great Lille pantomime success and will recall pleasant memories to many who are lucky enough to hear Errol again in London or on tour.

Another at the Palace.

George Glover, late of the "Em Tees" concert party, Grove Park, is now back from India and "starring" in the Palace Revue, "Hullo America."

Fancy Dress Ball.

The men's fancy dress dance at the British Empire Leave Club to-night which begins at 6.30, will continue till 10 p.m. There will be two dressing rooms for the men who come in from the outlying districts, but those stationed in Cologne are asked to come dressed with overcoats and caps over their costumes. Fancy dress is essential for admittance to the ball room.

Quite Exemplary.

Many criticisms have been heard of the behaviour of officers and other ranks in places of entertainment, but the most captious of listeners could not have complained at the first performance by the Rhine Army Dramatic Company of "General Post." During the most serious parts of the play one could have heard the proverbial pin drop.

In a few Words

In connection with the new touring scheme, several really first rate Divisional concert parties have been formed.

"GENERAL POST."

Delightful Comedy Submitted by Rhine Army Dramatic Coy.

"General Post," by J.E. Harold Terry, was produced on Monday at the Deutsches Theatre by the Rhine Army Dramatic Company with conspicuous success. Even the memory of the performance stirs one to enthusiasm. The play itself is generally acknowledged to be one of the most delightful of the many comedies that have the great war for their theme. Partly on account of this and partly because of the admirable treatment accorded it by the Dramatic Company, "General Post" was acclaimed by a packed house on Monday as a performance well worth going a long way to see.

The Book.

The story, as the title implies, deals with the topsy-turvy outcome of recruiting all classes of the community into the Army and conferring rank upon them according to ability and not in accordance with social status. In this particular case a dear old "country 'gentleman, whom everyone likes from the start, finds himself, after the war has progressed for some time, a full-blown private in the "G.R." Meanwhile his son has been gazetted to a battalion of which his erstwhile tailor is in command. Snobbishness has no sympathy as the delightful stery is unfolded, and even Lady Broughton, whose ideas about the importance of "belonging to the county" are immovable, eventually condescends to accept the said tailor—now a Brigadier V.C.—as her son-in-law.

Peace Day with the R.F.'s.

Peace day was celebrated by the 17th Royal Fusiliers with complete freedom from parades and a jolly time was spent. A jazz night was arranged. Songs and recitations were given by C.S.M. Sanderson, Sergeant Marsh, Cpls. Abell and Poulton, the pianist being Cpl. Hawes. Dancing was carried on till the "wee sma hours" and the fun was fast and furious.

Backhaus Recital.

An amusing comment on the old taunt, that the English are unmusical, lies in the fact that German newspapers have been blaming Wilhelm Backhaus for being monopolised by the English, both being contrary to the truth. One emphatic disproval of the "unmusical" bogey was shown on Sunday evening, when the mixed audience, chiefly military, at the Deutsches Theatre cheered Backhaus again and again for his superb rendering of Chopin's Polonnaise in A flat, which was the gem of the Liszt, Schubert, and Chopin programme. Alfred Barker played Elgar's Sonata (Op. 82) with felicity of touch, but passive sameness of tone, which greater intimacy with the work will remedy. He was happier in three Kreizler items. Part of the programme was sustained by the Rhine Army Choral Society.

Their singing, despite the unevenness of numbers, was exceedingly melodious, and, in soft, delicately harmonized phrases, delightful. There is, however, an entire absence of spirit. Not all the (quite unnecessary) gymnastic contortions of the conductor could galvanise them out of an apologetic rendering of "Britons never will be slaves." An exchange of energy would be mutually beneficial. The programme contained an indefensible error, Backhaus being wrongly named. The world knows Backhaus or Wilhelm Backhaus, but who on earth is "William" Backhaus?

The "Don Cees."

The newly formed concert party, the "Don Cees" (D. Coy, 4th Batt. Suffolk Regt.) made their second appearance in public at the Y.M.C.A. Hut, Neunkirchen, the other day with an ambitious programme, which met with an enthusiastic reception. "Nina" (Sergt. A.E. Flack), with the vivacious charm of her sex, became an instant success. The droll humour of "Potts" (Pte. A.T. Potter) won cordial approval and his quick wittedness caused hearty laughter-applause, dear to the comedian's heart. L/Cpl. H. Wells was vociferously applauded for his two tenor solos. The programme included two sketches, "When a woman loves" and "Rum' uns from Rome," in which performance Pte. F. Martin was especially good. The enjoyment of the evening was considerably enhanced by the instrumental efforts of the band of the 51st Batt. Royal Sussex Regt.

Peace Day at Lülsdorf.

Peace Day was celebrated in an enjoyable manner by the D.A.C. of the Eastern Division when the concert party of No. 1 Section made merry and delighted an audience which filled the hall at Lülsdorf to overflowing. For over two hours the camp was "Full of sweet strains and sounds that give delight." Captain G.H. McEwen, D.C.M., R.F.A., made an excellent chairman, and during the evening contributed several baritone songs in acceptable manner. Songs were also given by Gunners Hughes and Hawkins and Drivers Kirk and George. Several original and amusing sketches were presented, and Lieut. Chaldicott is to be congratulated on his success as author and actor. "Buying a Horse" comprised a clever piece of dialogue, while "Diamonds and Paste" was performed with pantomimic success. The song scena, "An officer's mess after dinner," was an item of outstanding merit. Capt. McEwen was particularly fine in "A soldier's toast."

In a few Words.

The orchestra at the Deutsches Theatre has reached a very high standard of excellence.

The "Oddities" are again in Cologne, this time at the Apollo Theatre.

A mix up in the music, resulted in half the orchestra, in the overture to "General Post" playing a rousing "rag" while the other half commenced an operatic selection on Monday.

JACQUES.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

"Gowf" Revolution.

It is understood that the authorities at St. Andrews contemplate altering the rule concerning the stymie and standardising the weight of all golf balls.

International Polo.

England defeated Ireland at Hurlingham by nine goals to six, after one of the keenest and most spectacular games ever witnessed in the series of encounters between the two countries.

Catching on in China.

Lawn tennis is rapidly growing in popularity throughout China—especially in the southern provinces, according to S. Lock Wei, who won the handicap event at Norwood.

A Famous Huntsman.

The death has occurred at his residence, Arnold Lodge, Bottesford, of Ben Capell, the famous huntsman. He was born at Quore in 1850, rode second horse to Tom Firr, and acted as second whipper in to the Quorn 1878-79.

Limbless Swimming.

With the object of demonstrating to men who have lost an arm or a leg that it is possible for them to swim with speed, Jabez Wolffe, who is training at Brighton for his next Channel swim, is organising a race between the Palace and West Pier at Brighton, open to men who have lost a limb in the war.

Ostend Winners

Corydon and Starr are Mr. Bottomley's latest winners at Ostend.

For Paris.

The following English horses are amongst the nominations for the Prix du Conseil Municipal at Paris on Oct. 5: Callander, Lansellon, Makepeace, Lady Farmer, Sir Desmond, and Rowland.

John Ball in Form.

The summer meeting of the Leasowe Club was held on Saturday near Birkenhead. The Cashel Cup and Gold Memento (best scratch score) were won by John Ball (Leasowe) with the splendid score of 73.

In Lighter Vein.

"This is a hole I particularly like," said the enthusiastic golf architect, as he strode triumphantly towards the tee to take the honour. "You need to play with your head." "Good Lord! man," cried his adversary, "surely you're not going to take wood to it!"

Motor Racing.

Under the flag of the British Motor-boat Club a race took place for sea-going cabin cruisers from Erith to Cowes, starting at 7 a.m. on Saturday. Thorneycroft's unnamed boat proved absolute winner, arriving at Cowes at 1.53 on Sunday morning.

On the Seine.

Cambridge won the eights championship in the finals of the Inter-Allied Regatta on the Seine.

Subalterns' Tourney.

At Ranelagh, the Subalterns' Tournament was brought to a successful conclusion, the 8th Hussars beating the 13th Hussars after a close match by seven goals to five.

Biting Well.

The recent rains have considerably improved angling prospects. Rivers during the week-end were in summer condition, and fish were biting well. Good mixed baskets of dace, roach, gudgeon, and barbel have been taken in the Thames.

Frank Dainty at Home.

Frank Dainty, the well-known steeple-chase jockey, having just got demobilised, has arrived home in Lambourn, and has started riding out at exercise for H. Young and E. Gwilt.

Royal Pigeons.

The leading pigeons in the big open race of the North Road Championship Club from Thurso did over 50 miles per hour, breaking all records from that race point, some 500 miles. The wind was favourable, blowing strong from N.W. The winner is H.M. the King, with a velocity to his Sandringham loft of 1611.

Miniature Rifle Clubs.

Previous to the Great War, the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs was instrumental in forming over 5,000 rifle clubs.

Clever Centre-Forward.

The Reading Football Club have induced St. Mirren to part with John Hastie, who is reported to be one of the cleverest centre-forwards who has ever served the club.

Young Tingey.

A. S. Tingey, a son of the Fontainebleau professional, has been engaged by the South Beds Club. Young Tingey joined the "Niblick Brigade" in 1914, and was wounded in the arm at Pozieres.

Sweet Seventeen.

A large number of entries have been received for the National Junior Championships, which open at Ventnor on Aug. 11. Seventeen is the maximum age, and a handicap is awarded according to the years of the competitor.

"Jock" in Hostile Mood.

The Scottish League is in for trouble over its latest decision to charge 1s. admission to all matches and compell ladies to pay for admission to the ground. A movement is on foot on the Clyde to offer strenuous opposition to this latest attempt to make the great pastime a source of greater profit of the League clubs.

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ARCHITECTURE AND NATIONAL TEMPERAMENT.

II.

Every other great civilisation has equally produced its own great architecture, indicative both of the civilisation as a whole and of its component parts and various phases also. There is the Greek with its polished intellectuality, rugged Doric in the West and delicate Jonic in the East.

Then there is the Roman, practical and masterful; copying from the Greek such refinement as it possessed but generally degrading it to coarseness, ostentation and vulgarity. Then, much later, there is the wonderful civilisation of Western Europe, exemplified in the architecture which men call Gothic, elevating, spiritual and pure in its early phases, and then changing rapidly through succeeding centuries to enriched loveliness and finally dying out in exaggerated exuberance—as a plant grows, develops, fruits and decays as the seasons change from spring to winter.

There is balance and counterpoise in this Gothic architecture possessed by none which went before it, each part depending on each other part for stability and beauty alike, well symbolising a state of society, in which each member has his own important place to fill, and took an equal pride in filling it. And all the time, the temperament of each nation is distinctly to be traced in the architecture of that nation. In the thirteenth century the English work is delicate and the French severe.

Two hundred years later it is the English which is comparatively severe and the French is delicate; and the German, what of that? The Gothic spirit is slow to replace the more solemn and sturdy Romanesque, which more completely represents the rugged, and even fierce, character of the people; until the later days when a characteristic Teutonic art arises, quaint and rough and often humorous.

Thus looking back it is possible to pass judgment and to draw conclusions which, generally speaking, are accepted as correct; but it is much more difficult to judge the present. There is not the same detachment of outlook. Instead of reading temperament from architecture there is more than small temptation to read into contemporary architecture personal and perhaps prejudiced views of national temperament.

Yet there is no denying that the architecture of the last hundred years, throughout the civilised world, has been an architecture of revivals and of rapid change, as if all the various civilisations of the past were being experimented with and cast aside in turn as being unsuited to the present, while that present has been too feverishly occupied with many things besides to develop a suitable architecture of its own. For want of such, it has, in all countries alike, been prone to accept the commonplace and mediocre. Yet there have been signs of change and great improvement, especially where national temperament has been allowed to assert itself.

In England, where home life in separate families is instinct in the nation, the small country house has been developed, with comfort and unostentatious quiet harmony as its dominant note. In America the same thing has been tried, but with more display and ostentation.

Here in the Rhine provinces, architectural development is taking place more in the towns — or has been up to the time when the war stopped all building progress everywhere — and apparently upon superimposed rather than native lines. The greater things are heavy even to oppression, and many buildings of a more domestic type have their true construction hidden by a profusion of stucco decoration, often good in design, but a mere veneer. One is tempted to wonder what is the truth that is underneath, and whether it will now be allowed to display itself, in freshness of thought and in the life of a new spirit, as the burden of war and militarism lifts.

WHETHER, OR NOT.

It's not such a bad old life is ours.
Why bother about civil bliss?
The price of food and the price of coal
Are things we can give a miss.
What about this three months' stunt?
Suppose we take on for a year,
Or two or three or four, if you like.
What have we got to fear?
The C.O. is most considerate and just
The S.M. gentle and kind.
Our pay is sure, and what is more,
It's ours and there's nothing to find.
So let's stop on for a time on the Rhine
And study the poems of Heine.
That's what we say on a July day
When it's fine.

Thank goodness they're getting along with [demob.
We've been out here too long.
If we're not soon back in civvy life
We'd be all of us going wrong.
We wouldn't take on for a major's crown:
Not even for one more week.
And those chaps who are staying for 2, 3, or 4
Well, there's something somewhere weak.
We've got the worst C.O. on the Rhine,
And the S.M.'s past belief.
And what do we say, if we draw any pay
It usually brings us to grief.
So far, far off from Strasse and Hof
And the banks of the Rhine let us get.
That's what we say on a July day
When it's wet.

J. S.

Echoes from Rhineland.

Zeppelin Fabric.

Judging by appearances, frocks this season are to be in the gayest of colours, the bright costumes of the German women being particularly noticeable. Many of these are made from materials which were intended for the balloon coverings of the Zeppelins and which have now been marketed by the German government. Vivid colours are noticeable everywhere. New hues in silks and stuffs for blouses and gowns, coloured bags etc. which are the delight of the German fräulein are especially noticeable at Sunday church parades.

"Kartoffels."

Even nicknames undergo a change to keep in touch with languages which we at present attempt to master. Formerly the R.S.M. was known as "Spud Tamson," while others would sometimes refer to him as "Mr. Potato." With the return of the old soldier from France the nickname "Spud" was quickly changed to "Pomme de terre," but after the armistice a further change was necessary. In Germany "Pomme de terre" has now changed to "Kartoffels."

Presentations of Colours.

An impressive ceremony was the consecration and presentation of colours to the 2/4th Battalion the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment at Gymnich, the Battalion being paraded under the command of Major J. O. Burnett, D.S.O. The consecration service was conducted by the Rev. C. J. Ruck, M.C. and the colours were presented by Lieutenant-General Sir Walter P. Braithwaite, K.C.B. who spoke of the period during which he commanded the 62nd (West Riding) Division, and of the gallant deeds performed by the Battalion in the field, to which he was not a stranger. He referred to the great distinction of the regiment, and said he had no fear that a battalion which had such a fine record would ever sully the colours, but would strive to maintain the honour and glory of the regiment to the greatness of England and the pride of the country. The commanding officer briefly replied and the battalion, having reformed marched past with the colours flying. It was a red letter day in the history of the regiment.

Tramway Comparisons.

A comparison between English and German tramway systems raised the question as to whether the Cologne cars carry as many passengers as the two decker English trams. A tram and two trailers have accommodation for sixty passengers, while the bogie cars seat eighty, and most others carry fifty to sixty seated. The English cars certainly carry more passengers both sitting and standing than the three Cologne cars together. The practice of running trailer cars, as in Cologne, is not good, for various reasons. Cologne is flat, but where cities are hilly, trailer cars would be dangerous both to passengers and road traffic.

Few Flower Gardens.

Mention has been made of the custom of sidetracking art and beauty generally in this country of sound utility of purpose. In this respect a noticeable feature is the absence in many places of flower-gardens. It is sufficiently interesting to rouse one's inquisitiveness. In most house-fronts there are no signs of defunct flower-beds, which implies that even in pre-war times they cared for none of these things. Why? Perhaps the public gardens and scraps of ornamental bedding in street-centres where all else is impossible are sufficient for them. Again, vegetables may claim time and attention, but this cannot be the reason for the exclusion of bloom for, where it might be appreciated, there is nothing.

The German Impressed.

The German has openly expressed his surprise at seeing young lads in the Army of the Rhine, but is nevertheless impressed by their drill and smart soldierlike manner. When the regimental guard of a certain Battalion is being inspected previous to mounting, the inhabitants of the town watch it with interest regularly each day. After the mounting the younger generation goe through the same performance, even to giving the words of command. At all events the Young Guards uphold the reputation of the British Army.

A Sense of Responsibility.

In a canteen a few days ago, attention was attracted by two "Wrafs" who had evidently entered the institution for refreshments. The conversation between the two and the "man behind the counter" led up to the subject of leave and marriage. The mere male getting rather talkative enquired of the Wrafs if they were "sweating on leave" and he gave them what he called fatherly advice to get married when they got that much earned privilege. To his surprise the answer was "We don't want leave. We won't get married, we are the Army of Occupation."

Satisfied.

At an aerodrome not one hundred miles from Cologne, a fire broke out the other night. Now the Squadron had certain regulations as to fire. Amongst others, the men were to parade under the orderly officer. It so happened that a raw officer, lately joined, was discharging the functions of orderly officer. Little had occurred in the course of the day, and the fire was welcomed as a schoolboy welcomes a parcel of good things. Far from taking any measures to combat it, he was gazing at the blaze, when the Major came along in his car. Seeing this, the subaltern ran across, saluted the Major, and shouted: "You shouldn't worry, sir; I'm Orderly Officer and in charge of the fire," and, indicating the flames with a wave of his hand, "it's going quite well, sir!"

A Scot's Advantage.

A growing appreciation is being shown by the young soldier of the language classes in Army schools, and one frequently now hears Tommy, in the course of his shopping expeditions, ask for what he wants in quite intelligible German. The Scotsman, of course, possesses the great initial advantage of being able to pronounce guttural sounds with much greater ease than his friends from south of the border.

Can you write?

We wish to see a great many more literary contributions rolling in from our readers on the Rhine. Not only for this column do we invite everyone to note anything interesting seen in Rhineland and compete for the three prizes we offer daily, but we should like to publish a great many more articles written by officers and men on any topic likely to be of general appeal. So will all who can handle a pen accept this intimation that their efforts are welcomed and will receive prompt and sympathetic consideration? We pay for all accepted articles, etc., and except that nothing should, as a rule, exceed 500 words in length, we place no restrictions on would-be contributors.

Heavier in Style.

The marked difference between the German and the English taste in cinema shows is bound to strike every visitor to a Cologne picture palace. In England, films of the domestic story type and boisterous comedies are probably most popular, but the German seems to prefer the heavy drama type of picture.

Practising the Dance.

That the modern craze for dancing which seems to exist everywhere at home has spread to the Rhine Army is clearly shown by the enthusiasm with which dances in Cologne are attended. To see the young soldiers practising some of the newer and more complicated movements with the utmost assiduity leads one to the conclusion that really hard physical work in some forms is a pleasure.

To-day's winners of 10 marks are L Cpl. W. H. Rondall, Co. D.G.T., G.H.Q., Cologne; Rfm B. W. Heanly, C. Coy. Rifle Brigade, Rhine Army; and Pte. M. H. Fenlon, 71. Labour Company, Rhine Army.

Notes from London Town.

AGENTS FOR THE AIR.

In Piccadilly Circus the signs of the times confront us very strikingly. Everybody is well acquainted with Mr. Cook, the veteran tourist, the major-general of civilian R.T.O.s, the gentleman whose ubiquitous agents conduct the "personally conducted" from Iceland's shores to Madagascar. But apparently there is to be another Mr. Cook, who incidentally by now must be as purely traditional as the famous Mr. Cox, the subaltern's banker and friend in constant need, whose domain will not be these terrestial glimpses of the pale moon, but the central blue of heaven's vault. It is a fact. It has already come to this. There is an advertisement for all to see in Piccadilly Circus which invites personally-conducted air tours on advantageous terms. One perceives it coming. The week-end tourist will soon be "doing" Europe or the Western states of America—an extension until Tuesday mornings, will include the Rockies and the Pacific Coast—and we shall each bring our own sandwiches, thermos flasks, and parachutes.

APRES LE JAZZ!

For some time the enterprising people who help London to amuse itself and keep the fashionable coteries merry and bright have been looking for the next sensation, which is to replace the out-worn novelty of the Jazz. I hear on sound authority that it has already been found. It is not a nigger orchestration this time. The new vagary is the hoola-hoola, which is the native performance of the ladies of Hawaii. It will presumably have to be somewhat bowdlerised even for the most advanced London coteries because experts who have heard—and seen—it, pronounce that it is extremely feminist and exotically passionate. No doubt we shall have an approximation of the real thing, as played on the beach in the sunny southern seas, and it will be called "quaint" and "temperamental" by the gratified devotees!

BOTHA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

By a lucky chance this week I ran up against a veteran of many wars who knows all about South Africa and is a relative of General Botha. The veteran was very interesting on his famous relative. Botha often says in his own family circle that he more than half regrets public life. "I should have been happier," says this Africander Cincinatus, "behind my plough." And whenever things get too much for him, the General disappears for a week or so and puts his time on his farm quite placidly and cheerfully. My informant was very certain about the splendid future of South Africa. There is no place in the world, he asserted, to compare with it. "We have magnificent agricultural and pasturage lands," he exclaimed, "and all the minerals." But what impressed me was his firm conviction about the near future. "You may laugh at me," he said, "but within fifty years at most Africa will be a far greater continent than America."

PROFITEERING.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's calculation that a cabbage, sold by the grower for 1d. or 1½d. is retailed for about a shilling, still holds the field, in spite of much protestation and statistical assertion by interested parties. But it is carried a little further to-day, in a way that shows how profiteering mounts up as it goes, like an inverted pyramid. At a West End cafe a customer, who was charged the quite normal price of 6d. for a microcopic portion of cabbage, inquired how many such "portions" went to the average cabbage, and the waiter's answer was "Ten or a dozen." So we come at once to the majestic presence of the five or six-shilling cabbage! In France they are proposing to impose a death penalty for profiteers. It might be a good thing to follow their example here, and the hangman might do worse than—pour encourager les autres—start with the vendor of the six-shilling cabbage.

FATALITY.

We have heard many strange instances of the fatality of coincidence in the course of war. Most of these centre on the number thirteen, of which an equal list could be quoted to show that much-abused numeral as being lucky and unlucky. There are necessarily many instances in which thirteen has provided a fatal date, since every date was fatal to someone. And in the same way 13 has been a lucky date for as many others, since every date saw close calls and fortunate escapes for someone. One machine-gun officer with whom I am acquainted always insisted in having thirteen men in his parties up the line, and his luck was proverbial. On the other hand, I know personally one man who joined the Army on the 13th of the month, was drafted to France on that date, and lost his left arm on the same ill-omened date. One of the most remarkable of such coincidences that have come to my knowledge and about the facts of which there is no doubt, is the case of a man whose regimental number was 13913 17. He "went west" on the 19th of September, 1917.

R 34's MASCOT.

Many people are anxious to know what happened to the mascot tabby kitten of the R.34. Over in America the kitten was really "lionised" by everybody, and especially by the ladies, who tried all the feminine wiles to get hold of the adventurous tabby as a souvenir. One enthusiast offered £200 for the mascot. But the offer was steadily turned down. The R34 had her return journey to make for one thing. No self respecting sailor, especially bound on an Atlantic adventure in the air, would sell his mascot halfway through. Moreover, there was solid sentiment to be considered. The officers and crew of R34 were deeply attached to "Wopsy." And tabby was closely guarded while in the States, where it was remembered by the kitten's custodians how Prince Henry, the Kaiser's brother, on the occasion of the visit of the German fleet years ago, lost all the knives and forks from his flag-ship's mess. "Wopsy" returned safely to England having only once been at all disturbed during her adventure—when through the fog of Nova Scotia the barking of a dog was faintly heard from below, as the airship passed over—and is now back in her native old Scotia. Even her descendants should be famous as those of the first cat to cross the Atlantic both ways by air, and to signal the perpetuation in America of the ancient feud between the canine and the feline species!

WAR 'BUSES.

The ex-soldiers now so plentiful in all walks of London life are very fond of the new war 'buses. So great was the demand for London vehicular traffic, that the 'buses, retrieved from their war service in France and Flanders, were put back on the London streets without stopping to repaint them. So men who had a ride up to the Menin road at Ypres or to the La Bassé road in old London motor 'buses can now renew their war recollections quite vividly by riding in the self-same 'buses, coloured a dark Army grey still, from the Bank to Liverpool-street, or from Piccadilly to Hammersmith. Most of the drivers have a ribbon up, too, which helps to make things companionable and old-timy! I don't know whether it is the intention of the 'bus companies to retain this Army-grey uniform for their demobbed 'buses, but if so, it will make the old London streets more sombre than ever. The bright colours and gay advertisements of the 'buses were more than half the charm of most of the London street impressions that distinguished R.A.'s used to paint for the Academy. We want more colour in our London cosmos, not less, if there is anything in the latest theory of the doctors about the triumph of colour over nerves.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Profiteers.—One shilling each was paid for oranges in London on Saturday.

Canada's Pensions.—Canada's pension payments now total £300,000 a month.

A Prince Bolts.—Prince Max of Baden, the ex-Chancellor of Germany has taken refuge in Switzerland.

Separation.—The Brunswick Diet has decided the complete separation between Church and State.

Workmen for France.— The German Government is about to send 150,000 workmen to France.

Two Hours to Pass.—The peace procession took one hour and fifty minutes to pass the Hyde Park Hotel.

The Prince's Tour.—A triumphal procession up St Lawrence is being arranged for the Prince of Wales.

The G.S.M.—It is noticeable how few soldiers or sailors are wearing the General Service Medal in London.

Cheerful.—A general strike of the great industries of the country within three months is predicted.

Peace Medals.—The Royal Mint is about to undertake the coinage of commemorative peace medals.

Nemesis.—A pickpocket in the London Victory crowd was ducked by angry spectators in a horse trough.

Wrong.—Despite repeated instructions, many Union Jacks are being flown wrong way up.

Convicts' Holiday.—To celebrate peace the convicts at Parkhurst Prison were given a holiday and extra rations.

Peace Day Accident.—Lady Diana Duff Cooper was injured by a fall through a skylight on Peace Day night.

In a Hurry.—Lieutenant Hans Martin Gerol, a German, has escaped from the Wakefield prison camp.

Through the Panama.—Six superdreadnoughts and thirty destroyers of the American navy have passed through the Panama Canal on their way West.

Hair Too Long.—After complimenting the Eton O.T.C. at their annual inspection Brigadier-General Cockran said some of the cadets' hair was too long.

The Famous Mole.—The famous mole at Zeebrugge has been turned into a place of sport for the men of mine-sweepers and drifters.

Sprinting Mayor.—At Godalming, the Mayor, who is over seventy years of age, won the 120 yards handicap for members of the corporation.

"Pontoons!"—"Oh, I suppose, then, they are marching in what soldiers call pontoons!" was an old lady's remark as the Victory Day procession went by.

Beatty and Haig.—The honours to be conferred on Sir Douglas Haig and Sir David Beatty will be announced at an early date.

Socialists Routed.—"Down tools" was the keynote of a Socialist demonstration in Trafalgar Square, but soldiers broke it up.

Not of Royal Blood.— Lady Helena Cambridge, second daughter of the Marquis of Cambridge, is to marry Major Evelyn Gibbs of the Coldstream Guards.

The Royal View.—The King and Queen watched the London firework display from a platform erected on the highest part of Buckingham Palace.

Soldiers' Rivalry.—Irish and Scottish soldiers came in conflict at Aldershot as an outcome of keen rivalry in a sports tournament.

Farmyard Heroine.—Single-handed a Sussex farm girl attacked a bull which was goring her sweetheart to death, and by her pluck succeeded in driving it away.

The Victory Pill.—"Oo are they, mummy?" asked a child when the R.A.M.C. went by in the Victory procession. "They're the blokes wot used to give yer father No. 9's," was the mother's reply.

Ardless Londoners.—A disgusted picture-postcard seller, who on Saturday disposed of scarcely any of his stock, observed, "London crowds ain't got no eye for art, no'ow."

Royal Portraits Stolen.— Two autographed portraits of King Edward and Queen Alexandra have been stolen from the house of the Dowager Countess of Dudley.

Foch as Farmer.—"I am going to write a book and then I shall take up my residence in a country house and occupy my remaining years in the peaceful occupation of a farmer," says Marshal Foch.

THE WOMEN OF FRANCE.

M. Cambon, the French Ambassador in London speaking to an audience of six hundred representatives of the French Colony of the Metropolis said: The war, the most glorious war, perhaps, in our history—was glorious for our generals, for our army, for our navy also. It demonstrated the worth of our race to the whole world. As for the French women, it is impossible not to admire them. They are misunderstood abroad; the foreigner is apt to regard them as somewhat unstable, restless, liable to excite themselves without much cause. That may be true as regards the small things of life; but at moments of crisis no women are more calm, more resolute, more sensible than ours; none are capable of giving evidence of a nobler soul. They have proved this everywhere during the war. Thus, in raising my glass in honour of our army, of our navy, and of the people of France, I include in my toast a respectful homage to the women of France.

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PEACE CABINET.

PREMIER'S DIFFICULT TASK OF REORGANISATION.

One of the first tasks before the Prime Minister, now that he has taken up the reins again in Downing-street, is to put the Cabinet on a peace basis. The small War Cabinet, consisting of Ministers without departmental duties and sitting every day, was avowedly a temporary expedient to meet a great emergency. Its chief asset was rapidity of decision, so essential in war. But it had obvious disadvantages. It was not conspicuously successful in co-ordinating the work of the different departments, and it virtually abrogated the principle of the collective responsibility of Ministers for the acts of the Government.

It is understood that the definite constitution of a Peace Cabinet is one of the subjects which the Prime Minister has been considering during his stay at Criccieth. He has come to some definite conclusions, and it only remains to work out the scheme in detail. This may take a little time, as questions of personnel have to be settled. It is understood that the Prime Minister intends to proceed along the following lines:—

1. The War Cabinet is to go.
2. Its place is to be taken by a Cabinet of about a dozen members, including the Ministers at the head of the chief Departments of State.
3. A great part of the machinery of the War Cabinet, including the Secretariat, is to be retained.

FLIGHT TO DENMARK.

BRITISH SEAPLANE'S FAST JOURNEY.

The first flight from England to Copenhagen took place on Saturday last. At 5.30 p.m. the seaplane E 5, N 90 arrived there from Felixstowe which she left at nine o'clock that morning, making a successful non-stop trip. Captain Baily was the pilot and Major Sittwell the observer. An official of the Foreign Office and two non-commissioned officers were also on board. The airmen were heartily welcomed by Danish naval aviators. The flight was made at a height of 3,000ft to 6,000ft, and a speed of sixty knots, and the route followed was along the Dutch coast, where there was rain and fog, the Kiel Canal, the islands of Laaland and Falster and across the Sound, to Copenhagen. The machine was in wireless communication with Felixstowe till her arrival off the German coast. This morning the party left on the seaplane for Helsingfors on a special mission for the British Foreign Office, carrying a heavy mail. The distance from Felixstowe to Copenhagen is about 500 miles.

VERY FEW ACCIDENTS.

In spite of the vast crowds that filled the London streets on Peace Day, very few accidents or casualties occurred. Inquiries at the various hospitals during the evening showed that the number of cases treated have been extraordinarily light—mostly the results of sickness, fainting, and fits, and not requiring detention.

About fifty people were taken to Charing Cross Hospital, but not detained. About a dozen cases were treated at Guy's, and only two at St. Bartholomew's. At the latter hospital, the patients were two sailors who had imbibed not wisely, but too well.

Extraordinary scenes were witnessed on the Underground Railway. At Earl's Court, the trains for the City came in packed, and hundreds of people who crowded the platform fought desperately to gain a footing at every compartment. Frequent stoppages were made in the tunnel, and on arriving at almost any station, the platforms were found to be still filled with people from the receding train moving laboriously towards the exits.

POLISH LABOUR UNREST.

It is learned at Copenhagen, that serious disturbances have occurred at Warsaw, where several thousand communal workmen tried to rush the parliament building in order to enforce their demands for increased wages. During the disturbances, which were fomented by Bolshevist agitators, the workmen came into conflict with the police, who were supported by large military forces. In consequence, a large number of persons were killed or wounded.

NEUTRAL SHIPPING LOSSES.

According to statistics compiled by the Norwegian Veritas Bureau, Sweden during the war lost 17.9 per cent. of her commercial tonnage, Norway 49,7 per cent. and Denmark 53 per cent.

PRESIDENT WILSON ILL

ALL HIS ENGAGEMENTS CANCELLED.

President Wilson is ill with dysentery. Rear-Admiral Cary Grayson, his physician, says that the President's condition is not serious, but that his engagements with a number of Republican senators to discuss the Peace Treaty and the League of Nations must be cancelled.

Mr. Wilson complained of illness last week, but was only supposed to be suffering from indigestion. He left Washington on Saturday with Mrs. Wilson in the Mayflower on a trip to Hampton Roads, Va., and on his return to the White House was immediately ordered to bed.

FRANCE'S PEACE POLICY.

PROBLEMS OF INDUSTRIAL RECONSTRUCTION.

M. Clemenceau, whose lightning tour of the devastated regions in the neighbourhood of Verdun, has made him aware of grievances of the population, will probably to-day have to meet the Chamber and make his long-awaited general statement as to his peace policy.

The hostile vote against M. Boret, the Minister of Supplies, on Friday last was only a manifestation of the growing sense of Parliamentary tension. The dearness of living and the difficulty of social and industrial reconstruction in the freed regions of France have given rise to a considerable amount of criticism and it is thought that much of this will find vent during the debate in the Chamber.

The way in which M. Clemenceau handled the threatening labour situation, however, and his striking promises to reorganise the obsolete Government administration, so as to speed up relief measures for northern and eastern France, and lessen difficulties of the economic situation have eased the political situation. It is therefore fully expected that the "Tiger" will obtain his usual majority in the Chamber, though a surprise vote is always possible at the Palais Bourbon.

LETTLAND'S ANXIETY.

APPREHENSIVE OF LABOUR RESOLUTION.

According to a Riga message to the Lettish officials great uneasiness has been caused among the Lettish people by the Labour Conference at Southport, and fear is expressed lest the resolution should be interpreted as an intention to debar Great Britain from supporting the new democratic Government of Lettonia, which lately, by the help of England and her Allies, has been freed from the domination of Germany and the local reactionary German forces. Should the help of England be withheld from the Lettish people, there is little hope that the national liberty can be established.

EX-AUSTRIAN EMPEROR TO VISIT ENGLAND.

A telegram from Vienna states that according to the "Neue Tag" it is rumoured in diplomatic circles there that the ex-Emperor Karl is to visit King George. The journal believes that the visit probably relates to financial questions and to the possibility of the ex-Emperor's removing to England.

PLEA FOR TURKEY'S INTEGRITY.

A long letter on the future of the Turkish Empire and the Ottoman Khalifat has been addressed to the Prime Minister by Mr. Yakub Nasan, a delegate of the All-India Moslem League. He appeals that Turkey as a nation should be allowed to remain intact with its sovereignty unimpaired, and states that the dismemberment of the Turkish Empire and the reduction of the temporal power of the Khalifa will react seriously on the feelings of Indian Moslems.

WHEN THE PREMIER WANTS "A NEW JOB."

"As one who may be out of a job any day," remarked Mr. Lloyd George, in accepting from his fellow-townsmen a mode of Criccieth Caste, "I can have no better recommendation in applying for a new situation than the unsolicited testimonial of people of all parties and creeds who have known me for fifty years."

He would pack the model in his portmanteau, he said, and his wife would have to carry with her the clock they had presented when they went to look for a new job.

YORKSHIRE STRIKE.

ACTION UNPRECEDENTED IN HISTORY.

About 200,000 men and boys employed in the Yorkshire coalfield have been thrown out of work by the striking of 50,000 men whose work chiefly comprised pumping and other forms of labour essential to the safety of the miners.

Some of the mines have already been flooded and others are in danger of it. The dispute is about the details of the change in working hours. The trouble is having a serious effect on Sheffield trade. To-day thousands of hands have been thrown idle by the stoppage of huge engineering works. The managements of the factories announce that owing to the shortage of coal they will remain closed until the end of the strike.

Messrs. John Brown and Company have 2,000 men out and Messrs. Thomas Firth and Sons almost as many. Before the end of the week it is expected the whole of the big works will be shut down. The stocks of coal in the Sheffield district are very small. The Derbyshire pits are still working but their supplies are not sufficient. The horses are being brought out of the South Yorkshire pits to-day.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED.

There is official authority for stating that the reason why the naval stokers have been called in to save the Yorkshire mines is because they are familiar with the work of pumping and prompt measures had to be taken to prevent industrial calamity. Volunteers with knowledge of mine pumping machinery have also been called, for the Government believe that the miners in withdrawing the men at the pumps for the first time in any mining dispute have acted without reflecting on the seriousness of their action.

Sir Eric Geddes has left for Yorkshire as the representative of the Cabinet, to co-ordinate the efforts to save the mines. The immediate anxiety of the Government is to preserve the pits, leaving the matters in dispute to be settled with the executive of the Miners' Federation.

The unprecedented action of the strikers in stopping the pumping is regarded as an act of sabotage which if it succeeds will have a disastrous effect on the whole community, but the first to feel the injury will be the miners themselves and their families, whose livelihood depends on the production of coal.

In all former strikes this has been recognised by the men's leaders, and whatever else was done measures were taken to keep the mines clear of water. The Government hope that even now the Yorkshire miners will see the error of their action and resume pumping operations pending a settlement of other matters.

PORTUGAL WANTS BRITISH WAR VESSELS.

At a Council of Ministers the Minister of Marine expounded the position of Portugal in respect to naval warfare, showing the urgent necessity for the initiation of a naval policy, particularly as regards the international and colonial situation of Portugal.

A Ministerial motion was adopted by the Council for the submission to Parliament of a Bill for the acquisition of ten cruisers from England.

STRIKES AT PETROGRAD.

Reports received from Petrograd state that strikes on a large scale have broken out there. The Bolshevist defence committee has issued a proclamation declaring that the enemies of the Soviet Government lately sent a number of agitators to Petrograd, in order to excite the population and to engineer strikes, adding that such persons if caught will immediately be shot.

U.S. NEW PACIFIC FLEET.

A message received from Old Point, Comfort (Virginia), says that six super-"Dreadnoughts" and thirty destroyers, the vanguard of the new Pacific Fleet of 200 vessels, sailed on Saturday westward-bound, via the Panama Canal. This is the first time in American naval history that the fleet has been divided and half its power assigned to guard the Western seaboard.

GREEDY BARBERS.

The barbers of New York are threatening to strike for a 12-hour day, £4 10s. a week, and 50 per cent. of all receipts above £6 10s. Their employers declare that if the demands have to be meet they will be obliged to charge 2s. for a hair-cut, 1s. 10d. for a shampoo, 3s. 6d. for an oil shampoo, and 1s. 6d. for a shave.

The barbers at present earn on an average £7 a week, while some of them in the best hotels average as much as £16. The new scale would mean an average weekly wage of £10.

TROOPS FOR SCHLESWIG.

The "Temps" announces that Marshal Foch has requested the German Government to make arrangements for the transportation of an Allied battalion from Cologne to Flensburg to supervise the carrying out of the plebiscite in Schleswig.

PRINCE TO VISIT U.S.A.

EXTENSION OF CANADIAN TOUR.

A fortnight hence (August 5) the Prince of Wales will leave England for his tour of Canada. The tentative programme, as drawn up, does not mention the United States, but there will almost certainly be an American visit. Its details have not yet been officially settled and may be strictly limited.

The general plan is a visit on board H.M. battle-cruiser Renown, one of the famous "hush-hush" ships, to important centres in the Maritime Provinces of Canada, winding up in Quebec.

After the stop in Quebec, the next stage in the Prince's overseas visit will be an overland trip to the north of the Great Lakes system, through the silver-mining region and the great grain-growing districts away to the West and beyond the Rockies to British Columbia, and then back eastwards across the Dominion to Montreal.

This programme, excluding the American visit, will occupy the Prince till the end of October, and, according to present indications, he will be back in London during November.

The Renown has been docked at Rosyth, where she will be overhauled and fitted out for the Prince's tour. Built by the Fairfield Company in 1916 and designed originally as a super-Dreadnought of the Royal Sovereign class, the Renown, with her sister-ships, was modified to a battle-cruiser type. The secrecy attached to the altered plans gave rise to the name of "hush-hush" ship.

THE CENSORSHIP.

EXCEPTIONS TO ABOLITION ORDER.

With reference to the abolition of the censorship, so far as British controlled cables and wireless telegraphs are concerned, from midnight on the 23rd-24th instant, the Post Office announces that from that date telegrams will be accepted without restriction to all British Possessions (with the exception of Egypt), to the United States and Possessions, and generally to all parts of the world, with the exception of the following countries, in which restrictions have not yet been abrogated by the authorities concerned: Germany, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Turkey (including Palestine, Syria and Mesopotamia), France, and French Possessions, Italy and Italian Possessions, Belgium and Belgian Congo, Portugal and Portuguese Possessions, Luxemburg, Greece, Roumania, and Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes, Czecho-Slovakia and Poland, Finland, Esthonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia (including Caucasus and Russia in Asia), Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, Netherlands, Japan, Siam, Cuba, Honduras, Brazil, Argentina, Chili.

The Postmaster-General is in communication with the administrations of these countries, and a further announcement will be made when the existing restrictions on telegraphic correspondence with any of them are abolished.

OFFICER DISAPPEARS IN LONDON.

A mystery is associated with the disappearance five days after his marriage in London of a British Army captain on leave from Cologne. His name is Edward Robert Evans. He is a captain in the Royal Engineers and is stationed at Cologne.

He went to London on leave on July 1, was married to a pretty Belgian nurse on July 2, and on July 7 he left his wife at the Waldorf Hotel, where they were staying and has not been seen or heard of since. Mrs. Evans stayed behind during the German occupation, and helped to cheer and comfort many wounded British officers and men.

"My husband," she said to a representative of the Press yesterday, "must be suffering from loss of memory. In no other way can I account for his disappearance. I first met him in France at the end of last year. We became engaged and were married at the registrar's office in Henrietta-street, Strand."

She said that on Monday, July 7, he complained of a severe pain in the head and left the hotel to go to a London hospital for advice. He has not been heard of in any way since.

Scotland Yard and the military authorities were informed, and it was ascertained that as late as yesterday afternoon he had not returned to duty at Cologne. Inquiries at the London Hospital show that he did not go there.

FLOATING DOCK SUNK.

According to Danzig telegrams to the Berlin papers the Imperial Shipyard's big floating dock, which was to be towed to Kiel, has been sunk by the workmen on their demand for the withdrawal of the order for its removal not being complied with. Another version states that the dock has been merely submerged until further decision can be taken.

LONDON HOUSING.

The London County Council intend to erect 260 cottages and two shops at Croydon at an estimated cost of £275,000.

It is also proposed to build tenements containing 250 rooms in Southwark at a cost of £75,000.

LORD CHANCELLOR.

CEREMONIAL VISIT TO BELGIAN LAW COURTS.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Birkenhead, has just paid a ceremonious visit to the Belgian Court of Cassation, which held a special sitting for the occasion. The splendid robes of his lordship, who was followed by his trainbearer, afforded a sight hitherto unseen in Belgium, and attracted much attention. The Lord Chancellor was received by the First President of the Court of Cassation, who was accompanied by M. Vandervelde, Minister of Justice, Sir Francis Hyde Villers, British Ambassador, and Mr. Herbert Samuel.

After the president had expressed his pleasure at greeting Lord Birkenhead as the representative of English justice, M. Terlinden, the Public Prosecutor, delivered a moving speech, in which he described the Lord Chancellor's visit to Belgium as a "pilgrimage and a reparation." It was a magnificent idea, he said, and worthy of the illustrious representative of the great people who entered the most terrible of wars, which it could so easily have avoided, because loyal Belgium had been unjustly attacked. "When one has visited the battlefields of Flanders, M. Terlinden continued, "and prayed in the tragic cemeteries of Ypres, where 200,000 young Englishmen sleep, for ever incorporated in our soil, how is it possible to question the indissolubility of the bonds which unite your country to mine. United in battle and in tears, England and Belgium will remain united in victory for the glorification of right and justice."

IN THE NAME OF THE LAW.

Lord Birkenhead paid a glowing tribute to the Belgian nation. We are bound together, he said, by ties of devotion to a common purpose, consecrated by the blood of the citizens of both our countries, for the re-establishment and the permanent maintenance of the reign of law. Gentlemen, it was in the name of law that Belgium armed herself against her tremendous aggressor. It was in the name of law that Great Britain and her myriad children from home and from beyond the seas ranged themselves by her side. It was in open contempt of law that the enemy, alleging that "necessity knows no law," set himself to hack through your peaceful country, to destroy your prosperity, to devastate your fields, and to defile your shrines. Had the event of this great struggle been other than it was, law and justice would, for more centuries than we can foresee, have been empty names in Europe.

WE CAN BREATHE AGAIN.

Gentlemen, the long struggle is over. Law is once more enthroned in her high places; liberty of life, of nations, and of individuals has been vindicated. We can draw our breath again.

The wise man is he who contrasts his present situation, whether here in Belgium or over there in England, not with that happiness and prosperity which you and we enjoyed before the war, but with what would have been our fate had the issue of the war been otherwise. Gentlemen, if this great city of Brussels, if these Halls of Justice still rang with the feet of the invader, if his yoke here had become permanent, if the British Empire had gone down before him, what could have been the future for each one of us here and for all the generations yet unborn?

CANADA TO BELFAST.

DIRECT NEW SHIPPING ROUTE STARTED.

The development of a direct freight trade between Canada and Belfast was celebrated in Montreal Harbour with a reception and banquet aboard the Ballygalla Head, which is the first steamer of the Head Line to arrive at Montreal to inaugurate the new direct service to Belfast. It is stated by the company that this vessel will be speedily followed by one or two new sister ships, with a further development of the fleet according to the prospects of the trade. The function aboard the Ballygalla Head was attended by many representatives of the marine interests of Montreal. The hope was generally expressed that the new venture of the Head Line will prove successful.

LIVE CARTRIDGE TRAGEDY.

As a soldier named Woodward was cleaning his rifle in a hut at Clipstone it went off, and the bullet shot another soldier named Reginald Bell, of Hampton-on-Thames, through the heart and wounded a third.

At the inquest Woodward stated that he did not know that there was a live cartridge in the magazine. A verdict of Accidental Death was returned.

JOY DAY FOR INCURABLES.

A £1 Treasury note was given to each of the patients at the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables, Putney, on Peace Day, with the following message:—

"A friend who sympathises with you in your suffering sends this, with the sincere wish that, though unable to take part in the public rejoicings, you may spend a peaceful and very happy day."

WEDDING QUEUES.

GLASGOW RUSH FOR HOLIDAY MARRIAGES.

Glasgow Fair, which started last Friday, is always a popular time in Glasgow for marriages, but never before have there been so many holiday marriages as during this week. This statement applies particularly to "irregular" marriages, or what are more correctly described as civil marriages. So great has been the number of wedding parties at the county buildings that they literally have formed up in queues for registration. On Fair Friday 76 of these marriages were performed. This easily constitutes a "record" for a single day. On the previous Fair Friday 33 couples were married.

Since the end of June 322 civil weddings have taken place in the county buildings—a daily average of over 20. Up till yesterday there have been 2,373 such marriages this year. A period of war always stimulates the marriage market. The first occasion on which the number of civil marriages exceeded 1,000 in a year was in 1900, during the South African war, and then the total was 1,064. During succeeding years the total fluctuated around 1,000. In 1914 when the war broke out the total suddenly jumped up to 2,657, and in 1915 the highest number yet recorded for a single year was reached—namely, 3,676. Peace Year, however, promises to exceed even that number.

Marriage before the sheriff is becoming increasingly popular among the industrial classes, because it is a convenient and economical form of wedding.

ANIMAL ROAD RIGHTS.

HEAD AND TAIL LIGHTS FOR COWS.

Despatches from Philadelphia state that a Bill is now in the hands of Pennsylvania State legislators which provides for the placing of at least one white light on the horn or tail of a bull or cow, and also on animal-drawn vehicles one hour after sunset.

The light must be visible for a distance of a least 200 feet fore or aft of the vehicles and animals above mentioned.

One object of the bill is to curtail the activities of reckless motor travellers by reminding them that four-footed animals also have rights.

GERMAN EXHIBITS REFUSED FOR DUTCH EXHIBITION.

An Aircraft Exhibition is to be held at Amsterdam early in August. The Dutch Government by officially recognizing the exhibition has shown its interest in the future of commercial aviation.

Germany was anxious to be an exhibitor, but her goods were not accepted in order that England and France might take part. Holland has not a single aircraft factory of her own and requires many machines, especially for Dutch India.

General Seely, Under-Secretary to the Air Ministry, replying to Captain Wedgwood Benn in the House of Commons last Thursday said that the Government were giving assistance to British firms to show at this exhibition by releasing machines which had passed the experimental stage and which could be spared from the Royal Air Force. Negotiations were also in progress with the Dutch Government regarding the communication by air between England and Holland during the period of the exhibition. It is to be hoped, therefore, that British firms will be well represented.

RELIEF FOR DISTRESSED MARINERS.

At the annual meeting of the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners' Royal Benevolent Society, held on Friday, it was stated that the amount of relief disbursed during the past year was £52,180 0s 3d, the persons assisted numbering 22,956 (viz., 15,292 sailors and fishermen, 3,304 widows, 3,676 orphans, and 684 aged dependent parents), bringing the total number of persons relieved during the eighty years of the society's existence to 759,918. The Emile Robin life-saving rewards (for what was regarded by the committee as the most meritorious rescue by a British ship during the past year) were adjudged to Captain Arthur Unwin and Chief Officer William Hunter Roberts, of the ss. Lord Erne, of Belfast, which saved the crew (thirteen) of the ss. Percesien, of Quebec, on Feb. 9, 1918, in very heavy weather in the North Atlantic.

FROM BUTCHER'S BOY TO M.P.

Mr. William Johnson, the Warwickshire miners' agent who rose from a butcher's boy to member of Parliament, has died at Bedworth at the age of seventy. Mr. Johnson, who was the son of a coal miner, had for more than thirty years taken an interest in the welfare of the Warwickshire miners. He founded the Warwickshire Miners' Union, and was prominently identified with the Miners' Federation of Great Britain. He represented the Nuneaton Division in the Liberal and Labour interest for twelve years.

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Owing to the removal to the PALACE THEATRE, Herzogstrasse, there will be no performances at the APOLLO THEATRE all this week.

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INDIVIDUAL POLICY.

We have recently called the attention of our readers to the need for a clear and wise National Policy. Now that is a proposition to which it is easy for the individual reader and citizen to assent cheerfully and vaguely—and to lay aside for "the nation" to deal with!

But the matter is not so simply settled. The nation is the sum of its individuals; and each constituent person must furnish his own quota of action, direction and influence. Not otherwise can a policy be national; lacking the conscious and deliberate participation of all its citizens, the policy will be that of an energetic and ambitious few, who may be right or may be wrong, but who will control the lives and destinies of the mass if the latter are content to be used as pawns by the minds and wills of more forceful men than they.

Of course, in any case, government must be by the few, other work for the many. That is obvious. But the Government *by* the few must be *for* the many, with their intelligent approval and on their behalf. And this is only possible when the mass of the nation — nay, each individual competent unit thereof—gives his attention to the national problems, obtains all available information regarding them, and sets himself to form an unprejudiced, unhurried judgment upon the best solution and line of action in the national, and therefore the individual, interest.

We repeat, an unprejudiced, unhurried judgment. The man who, before he has attained adequate knowledge of a subject, allows himself and his right to clear decision to be swept away by the vigorous insistence of fanatics, or by the frothy objurgations of extremists, whose slackness accepts the direction of some political catch-phrase or of the party opinion of some particular paper as a substitute for his own Heaven-granted power of intelligent decision—such a man deserves no vote nor part in the choice of the national policy which involves his fate and that of his descendants.

We are proud — and with reason — to know that as a nation we make our changes sanely and deliberately; that we recognise the necessity of constant reform and move unhasting along the path of evolution. Long may we keep that characteristic.

But to-day events move with an acceleration, problems press with a weight, infinitely greater than in the days of our fathers. Decades cannot be given now to the slow development of remedial or progressive plans. National action and policy is of pure necessity speeded up. And mistaken action involves everyone of us in its results — may plunge us into disaster irremediable.

Therefore let each for his own sake as well as the nation's, for the future of his children and the honour of his country, decide for himself, intelligently and according to all the knowledge he can gather, what shall be that individual policy which he shall join with his fellow-citizens to make the national policy of his land and his people.

By no other means, we repeat, can a country's policy be safe, wise, or indeed truly national.

THE NATION'S HEALTH.

A recent pamphlet issued by the Ministry of Reconstruction deals most interestingly with the question of Public Health. That a more general interest should be aroused in the question is of the utmost importance; in order to make any progress it is absolutely necessary that pioneers and propagandists should have the solid support of the people, and that can only arise out of a general and intelligent interest. The work of the Ministry of Public Health, therefore, its past achievements, and its proposals for the future cannot be too widely known.

In the pamphlet referred to, the evolution of our national health service is traced from its early beginnings. The broad line of effort which it is desirable to follow in the future is the accomplishment of a greater co-ordination of work between all the Institutions and Governing Bodies concerned, and to the necessity of this, the medical profession are thoroughly alive. Towards this end greater uniformity must be introduced and much of the overlapping of areas and jurisdictions which exist at present must be got rid of. One great aim is to concentrate rather than to diffuse local power and jurisdiction.

The urgency of the whole scheme becomes immediately clear when it is realised how very intimately the health question is connected with reconstruction. The declension in the birth rate during the war makes it more and more necessary that the new generation which is to fight the battles of the Empire in the future shall be a strong and virile race, and that no child who is born shall have to combat the evils of malnutrition and sordid surroundings.

At a time when every ounce of our national strength and spirit are necessary for the uphill work which lies ahead, any influence which tends to lower the stamina of the people must be fought with all possible energy.

The supreme value of the Ministry of Public Health, then, is manifest and it becomes the duty of every responsible citizen not only to a acquaint himself with its functions and aims but to do all that lies in his power to assist and foster them.

OUR MESS.

Our Mess is a splendid house in Cologne, but its map reference I refuse to give for obvious reasons. The lady of the house, known to all and sundry as the Dragon, objected very forcibly to our taking over her premises.

One argument she used sealed her doom, and forever hardened the heart of our gallant Colonel towards her.

"You English officers break the chairs in sitting on them, but the Germans never do."

She stormed, wept and raged but to no purpose for she had insulted the dignity of our gentle O. C. and so she, and the members of her family, were banished to the upper middle regions for we took over the whole of the ground floor for our mess and anterooms, and the third floor, where the breezes blow through the open windows, for sleeping accommodation.

The middle floor is now known as the "Dragon's Den" and occasionally you can hear her voice reproving and accusing our mess waiters for a crime they would never commit: "You are taking all my things"—the "things" in question referring to pots and pans.

The moment you enter our mess you are impressed. The Hall is lofty and imposing and the floor is of polished marble with a few mats here and there. I have seen more than one gallant officer do the cake walk and come to grief in a lovely backward plunge with feet up on the threshold of our happy abode.

Our card-room to the right is a favourite resort. It is furnished in sporting style for around the walls you can see trophies of the chase; the furniture too is ornamented with carvings of stages' heads. There is a luxurious velvet couch, a thing of beauty and comfort, and an elegant carpet.

Here nightly, the gallant sportsmen of our mess gather and by the aid of certain liquid refreshment play Patience and other exciting games.

They also wax eloquent on the subject of sport—football, cricket, boxing and golf.

There is a lurking shadow however, even in this brightest of rooms, for at the desk in the corner our Mess Secretary, a canny Scot, by the aid of his imagination and certain books, makes out our eagerly sought for Mess bills and in a musical voice requests one hundred, two hundred or more marks from sorely tried married officers and others who are anxious to invest in the Victory Loan but cannot.

The ante-room is lofty but bare, for the Dragon removed her drawing room furniture to save it from the profane touch of our subalterns. There are, however, two handsome full length mirrors which are a source of joy to certain handsome officers of fraternising inclinations, and also a grand piano.

This instrument received generous treatment from the Major who plays Sankey's hymns, and a platoon commander who thrills our souls with ragtime melodies.

Leading from this room is another small one dedicated to the great game of ping pong. It is ever full of enthusiastic players and so far the Colonel and the Padre have topped the score, the latter perhaps by a mere fluke.

The Holy of Holies is the great panelled dining room with its charming paintings, fine side boards and wonderful electric light fittings. The mess President occupies the throne — a huge armchair — and as he surveys his hungry worshippers enjoying the delicious ration beef and other choice viands, his soul is at peace and his face lights up with benignant smiles. He is truly a King of Kings and even the Colonel recognises on these occasions his almighty power.

Leading out from the dining room is a wonderful winter garden with a dome of glass, palm trees and rockery. It almost seems like a shrine, for there are all kinds of little china figures in the recesses.

Words fail me when I think of the garden with its fountain, fruit trees, strawberry beds, rose trees and flowers. Here at eventide at the close of a perfect day under other conditions you might wander and talk of love. It is also a soothing spot to study Battalion Orders and read certain vexatious letters which it is the sad lot of many gallant officers to receive from time to time. G.K.

A RHINELAND RAMBLE.

"Vic, it's our day off to morrow; shall we have a little outing to the Eifel?"

"Certainly old spud; what time do you propose starting in t' morning?"

"Well, the train leaves at 6.48 so we shall —" "Right oh", said Vic," we'll go by all means, but we won't take Vic with us."

The following morning, after several vain attempts to get him out of bed, during which he reviewed my ancestors, past and present (he said they were almost human), I let his bed down gently but firmly and galloped quickly away. I caught the train and arrived at Nideggen a couple of hours later.

This little place lies on top of a hill and can be reached either by a long winding road or by a short cut straight up the cliff. I chose the latter and after a 20 minutes' climb, reached the top and made straight for the famous old castle.

The old "Burg" as it is called, was built in 1267 by one of those old robber knights who seemed to thrive so in these parts, Count William II, and although the place is partly ruined, whatis left of it seems likely to endure for another few centuries. The views to be seen from the castle windows alone are well worth the journey,

There is a deep well in the courtyard and it used to take a quarter of an hour's winding to haul up a bucket of water. One can get some idea of its depth (said to be 300 metres (by throwing down a stone and hearing it fall until it eventually arrives at the bottom with a faint "plonk".

Like all these old ruins, this one has its legends and one of them concerns the old Count and his unfaithful wife.

He got very much annoyed about it one day and determined to punish her for her carryings-on. So the amiable old gentleman sent round to the local ironmongers and ordered a large iron cage; when this arrived, he had his wife stripped, honey smeared all over her body and placed her behind the bars.

She was then set down on a convenient wasp's nest in the vicinity and was stung to death. The cage is still preserved in the little church close by.

The Kaiser paid a visit here in 1906 and a commemorative tablet has been affixed to the wall of the castle. A French wit has added to the wording—"Il n'y viendra plus".

For the rest, the surrounding scenery is Magnificent and some artistic snapshots can be taken by the amateur.

I arrived back to the billet soon after 22.00 hours and found Vic sprawled out in his laziest attitude. "Hullo Jan" said he," haven't we had a good day to-day?"

I ignored him. I was tired and turned into bed with the feeling that my day had not been wasted. E. J.

THE ANGELUS.

Wherever we go on the Continent there is a wealth of bell-ringing.

In Cologne, so rich in old and beautiful churches, the bells wake us from our slumbers before the laggard trumpeter sounds Reveille; throughout the day they mellow the atmosphere with their clanging; and at eventide they remind us that something older and deeper than Prussian philosophy measures the days and the centuries for those who dwell at Köln am Rhein.

We are used to the "call" bells in England, bidding us to come to church and worship; and of course the continental peoples have the same custom. Only they "call" much oftener because of the many general and parochial festivals that are kept.

They also have bell-ringing three times a day to remind the people of the Incarnation of the Son of God. This ringing at morning noon and eve is called The Angelus — the angel message.

It is easily recognisable, for the bell gives two rings and pauses just long enough for you to remember those tremendous verses in the New Testament, where Gabriel speaks to the Virgin and receives her acquiescence:

"The Angel of the Lord appeared unto Mary,
And she conceived of the Holy Ghost."

The bell again rings twice:

"Behold the handmaid of the Lord:
Be it done unto me according to thy word."

Two more strikes of the bell:

'And the Word was made Flesh,
And dwelt amongst us."

Then the bell rings a score or more times, the while devout Catholics pray for their salvation.

Some of us have read in Horatio Bottomley's paper a plea that we should introduce the Angelus custom into England. He thinks it would be a good thing for our people to raise the mind and heart to the spiritual and supernatural at intervals during the working day. It is a point worth some thought.

Most of us know Millet's picture, "The Angelus." A Breton man and woman are working in the fields when there comes to them the sound of a bell. They pause in their work, bow their heads and recite their devotion.

Mr. A. G. Gardiner, refers to this picture in an essay where he compares Hardy with Millet. He says "If Thomas Hardy is the Millet of literature, he is Millet without "The Angelus." His peasants are bowed to the brown earth in the mystic light, but no far-off bell tolls a message through the quiet air . . . It was with that throb of the bell in The Angelus that Millet sang through the heart of the world, and still sings. The laborious day is over, the grey sky still shadows the sombre plain; but there is a eight in the west, and a word is borne to the tired heart on the pulsing air. Hope is not gone out of the world."

J. B. M. D.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

READING CIRCLES.

Sir,—Apropos the letter on "Serious Reading" appearing in to-day's "Cologne Post," might I encroach upon your space, to draw the attention of the troops in Euskirchen and district to the "Reading Circle," which meets every Monday evening in the Y.M.C.A. here.

The meetings are held at 6.30 p.m. and are quite informal. So far they have proved very interesting and instructive. They are fairly well attended but there are still a few vacant chairs, which we would like to see occupied.

For our next three meetings, we are promised papers on "The Making of a Book," Longfellow's Hiawatha" and "The Humour of Charles Lamb." Offers of help in this direction would be greatly appreciated by the Committee.

The Circle is certainly doing something to encourage the study of good literature, and might well be copied in other centres, and even in individual units.

SECRETARY.

CHOICE IN READING.

Sir,—Your columns are, one notices, always open to suggestions for our combined profit and diversion; yesterday's issue contains a letter inciting us to more reading. May I make a suggestion "re reading and re re-reading"? (No! I am not stammering: re reading is the key to the treasure-house).

My suggestion is: know something of the life, character and personality of your chosen author, whether his works already please you or whether you are about to make their acquaintance. The voice of a friend whose experience and individuality speak to us from the pages gives a pleasure far beyond that obtainable from the words of a stranger.

A delightful series — "Writers of the Day"—has just been published by Nisbet and Co., at 2/. a volume. Each is a charming study of a well-known author through the sympathetic spectacles (are there such things?) of another, and is a guide to the man and his works. Probably the Y.M.C.A. bookshop can supply them. I don't know. But I recommend the little books to anyone who loves his Teller of Stories or wishes to choose a fresh field of fiction. It may help him towards the day when his own name shall appear in the series!

KIM.

THE G. S. RIBBON.

Sir: I don't know if the wearing of this much coveted ribbon is authorized generally yet, though I have seen one or two soldiers with it on their breasts, and I know the sale of the ribbon is going on, but what I cannot understand is, what the other two ribbons are that I was shown when last on leave at a military outfitters in Woolwich. One has all the colours of the Allies in narrow perpendicular stripes and the other the Belgian French colours side by side. Who will wear these? I was given to understand that the first was for all Allied forces who had served in the great war and the other for British troops who had served overseas. Both they said were official, but not yet authorized. I would much like to know and so would many of my comrades on the Rhine.

ENQUIRER.

DANCE-ROOM ETIQUETTE.

Sir,—The letter on Dance Room Etiquette by 'Runner' calls for several comments.

As regards the first paragraph I would suggest that an enquiry be held as to the source from which 'Runner' obtains his tickets for the dances at the Leave Club, at which he is a "regular attendant". There should be no 'regular attendants' at the Thursday night dances; the numbers that may attend are limited and the tickets are strictly rationed in order that as many as possible may enjoy the hospitality of the ladies of the Leave Club. The tickets are much sought after and if 'Runner' is lucky to obtain one every week I suggest that he should occasionally pass it on to officers less fortunate than himself; I myself have been in Cologne four months and have only attended three of the dances.

'Runner's" remarks on dancing merely tend to display his ignorance on the subject. Modern dancing is far from wild; on the contrary it is soothing and restful.

'Runner' will only make himself 'ridiculous' if he adheres to the old style of dancing in a ballroom where every one else is a student of the latest style.

"DANCER NOT RUNNER."

Sir,—People who criticise the "Jazz" may be divided into two classes:—

1. Those who have never seen it.
2. Those who think they have seen it.

"Runner" comes under the second category. My I, as one who goes in for modern dancing, be allowed to criticise the old style as carried out by the gentleman who remarks "I do not go in for these new fangled steps but I waltz."

Having made this statement he seizes his partner and with his left arm outstretched proceeds to career round the room continually turning in the same direction. So busy is he turning so dizzy is she for the same reason that at the end of the dance every couple has been bumped and she is addled, bruised and exhausted.

In contrast to this the modern dancer adopts a smooth slow and simple step which requires little turning and which is known as the "Jazz". My object will be achieved if "Runner" and those of his thinking will

(1) Get up-to-date in their dancing
(2) Will not mistake the awkward gait of the bad dancer for the "Jazz."

JAZZ.

IN THE TRAIN.

As we rush, as we rush in the train,
The trees and the houses go wheeling back,
But the starry heavens above the plain
Come flying on our track.

All the beautiful stars of the sky,
The silver doves of the forest of Night,
Over the dull earth swarm and fly,
Companions of our flight.

We will rush ever on without fear;
Let the goal be far, the flight be fleet!
For we carry the Heavens with us, dear,
While the Earth slips from our feet!

JAMES THOMSON.

Rhineland Bowlers On Top.

NOTABLE RECORDS IN "COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

Yesterday we published a notable bowling record, an average of 2. 44 runs per wicket, which has induced the sporting statisticians to burn the mid-night oil. Three more outstanding achievements have come to light, namely those of Pte. Carr, 1/6 Bn. The Prince of Wales Own (W. Yorks Regt.), Cpl. B.F. Adams, Cavalry Division H.Q., and Gunner Lemons, 145th Siege Battery. Their analyses read:—

	Matches	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
Pte. Carr	9	73.5	22	49	129	2.36
Cpl. Adams	10	116	22	82	236	2.87
Gnr. Lemons	10	100.5	20	60	181	3.01

Club Secretaries and League Table Inaccuracies.

SIX WICKET VICTORY.

C.P.C. Club Secretaries are requested to study the League Tables carefully. Sometimes, when results are inadvertently not notified, or reports mislaid, decisions are in consequence not recorded. Therefore, should any queries arise, a list of played games giving names of opponents, results, and dates, should be sent to the Secretary, Cologne Post Cricket Cup, without delay.

Matches scratched from this date will mean the forfeiture of points. The only exception is when the other party are willing, and have a vacant date, to re-arrange the fixture.

MIDLAND DIVISION H.Q. (126) v. 1st BN. M.G.C. (76) at Brühl. For the latter Stories (17) and Hodsworth (20) did well. H.Q. made the necessary runs with 3 wickets in hand Lieut. Lawes (39) and Gibson (28) figuring prominently. The "hat trick" was performed by Walton, the H.Q. left-handed bowler, who took 4 wickets for no runs.

21st BDE. R.G.A. (157) v. MID. DIV. H.Q. (64). For 21st Bde. the best batsmen were Rev. Borrow (70 not out); Gnr. Knowles (14) and Gnr. Weston (14); while Gnr. Littlewood) took 4 wickets for 19 runs and Rev. Burrow 4 for 16. For the Mid. Div. H.Q. Gib on played an excellent "not out" innings of 37. Capt. Lawes took 5 wickets for 20.

"D" SIEGE PARK (126 for 4) v. 62nd BN. M.G.C. (110) at Arnoldsweiler on Sunday The M.G.C. batted first on a good wicket. Thanks to some brilliant cricket by Col Birkett (59), Major Gordon (16), and Major McKelvey (11), 110 runs were r gistered before the innings closed. For the Siege Park S rgt. Dickinson and Cpl. Sawyer scored freely and the score was taken to 37 before Dickinson was bowled for a well played innings of 25 On joining Sawyer, Lieut. Cohen played sparkling cricket, making 48. Lee scored 17 not out.

1/1 N. MIDLAND H.B. (86) v. No. 1 LIGHT RAILWAY SIGNAL COY. (52) at Gies enich on Monday. For the losers Spr Durien bowled very well, taking 7 wickets for 32, while Spr. B undy scored 18. For the Midlands Driver Watts was top scorer with 27, while bowling honours fell to Sig. Clark (4 wickets for 8) and Lieut. Simonds (3 wickets for 6).

16th LANCS FUS. (118) v. 92nd FIELD AMBULANCE (42) at Menden. Pte. Kemp took 5 wickets for 14 runs for the Fus.

420th SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A. (49) v. 2/4th HANTS (29). Greenhalgh (5 wickets for 13) and Sulley (4 for 13) bowled unchanged for the Gunners, whose fielding was brilliant.

VI CORPS TROOPS M.T. COY. (157) v. NORTHERN DIV. M.T. Coy. (45). For the VI Corps Gnr. Sharp took 3 wickets for 4 runs, and Pte. Rowley 2 for 7. Cpl. Vann for the winning team made an innings of 33, and Lieut. Carter 22. The highest score for the other side was 12 made by Lieut. Wallis.

354 SIEGE BTY. (27 for 7) v. IX CORPS H.A. (H.Q R.S.) (26) at Grossbüllesheim on Monday ended in a win for the Bty. by 3 wickets, Wilson taking 5 wickets for 10 runs.

52nd WELSH REGT. (63) v. 69th SIEGE BTY. (36). The Welsh batted first, Sergt. Kay making 34 and Capt. Worlock 17. The Gunners could do little with the bowling of Cpl. Wallwork and Sergt. Kay, the former taking 7 wickets for 5 runs and the latter 3 for 31.

185 SIEGE BTY. R.G.A. (41 for 6) v. 488 SIEGE BTY., R.G.A. (30) at Flamersheim. Timms for 488 S.B. played a good all-round game for 20, while Willin and Timm took 2 wickets for 14 runs and 3 for 24 respectively. For 185 S. Bty., Yewdell made a useful 13; Green took 7 wickets for 16 runs and Yewdell 3 for 9.

21st BDE. R.G.A. (41) v. "E" CORPS SIG. COY. R.E. (37). For the Bde. Gnr. Littlewood took 3 wickets for 12, Rev. Burrow took 7 for 21. Bowling for Sig. Coy., McDonald took 7 for 20 and Boddy 3 for 14.

OTHER RESULTS:

18th Field Ambulance (66 for 6) v. 16th Field Ambulance (50).

185 Siege Bty. R.G.A. (58) v. F. A.A. Bty. R.F.A. (44).

73 Bde (151) v 104 Bde (16).

5th Border Regt. (165 for 5) v 69 Siege Bty (30).

52nd R. Warwick (25), v. Southern Div. M. T. Coy (14).

COLOGNE SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
93 Bde. R.G.A.	16	16	0		32§
Northern Div. R.E.	12	10	1	1	21§
180 Labour Coy	11	10	1		20§
11 Bn. M.G.C.	10	10	0		20§
Wahn Survey Det.	13	9	4		18§
D/190 R.F.A.	10	9	1		18§
3 Bn. M.G.C.	11	7	4		14§
170 Siege Bty	10	6	3	1	13§
5 R. Irish Regt.	8	6	1	1	13§ +
VI Corps H.Q.	14	6	8		12§
52 Bedfords	12	6	6		12§ +
34 Bn. M.G.C.	10	6	4		12§
51 Devon	8	6	3		12§ +
2 Bn. M.G.C.	8	5	1	2	12§
12 R. Irish Rifles	8	5	3		10§
2 M.G.Sq., Cav. Div.	10	4	6		8§ +
"G" A.A. Bty R.G.A.	7	3	3	1	7§
H.A.C. c/o D.A.P.M. Deutz	11	3	8		6§
3 Northern Bde.	9	3	6		6§
5 K.O.Y.L.I.	8	3	5		6§
VI Corps Sig. Coy R.E.	11	2	9		4§ +

§ Games awarded for scratched matches.
+ Games lost by default.

CRICKET STATISTICS.

Yorkshire Tops The County Championship Table.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	P.cent
Yorkshire	13	6	5	2	6	46.15
Kent	5	2	3	0	2	40.00
Somerset	5	2	2	1	2	40.00
Notts	9	3	6	0	3	33.33
Derbyshire	9	3	1	5	3	33.33
Surrey	10	3	6	1	3	30.00
Lancashire	14	4	8	2	4	28.57
Essex	9	2	6	1	2	22.22
Middlesex	5	1	4	0	1	20.00
Gloucester hire	6	1	1	4	1	16.66
Hampshire	6	1	3	2	1	16.66
Northants	7	1	4	2	1	14.28
Leicestershire	8	1	6	1	1	12.50
Warwickshire	8	0	5	3	0	—
Sussex	8	0	2	6	0	—

Percentage of wins to matches played settles the question of position. Somerset and Sussex match ended in a tie.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Inns.	Not out.	Runs.	Most. in Inns.	Aver.
Hendren (E)	16	5	1100	214	100.00
Ducat	18	2	1386	306*	80.27
Gunn (G.)	18	2	1067	185*	66.68
Hobbs	25	2	1298	205*	56.50
C. E. Pellew	21	4	905	195*	53.23
Mead	17	3	732	98	52.28
Hearne (J. W.)	17	2	777	125	51.8
Lee (H. W.)	21	4	869	2.8*	51.11
P. A. Perrin	15	2	660	163	50.76
D. J. Knight	14	4	503	126	50.3
Lt. J. H. Parsons	12	1	535	125	48.63

* Indicates Not Out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Mds.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Waddington	184	60	365	30	12.16
Rhodes	511.1	154	1111	82	13.54
Woolley (F. E.)	374	102	850	62	13.70
Parkin	199	47	470	34	13.82
Heap	205.5	50	489	35	13.97
Wells	174.1	32	453	28	16.17
Fairservice	189	50	461	28	16.46
H. L. Collins	353.2	87	775	46	16.84
W. S. Stirling	194.2	44	475	27	17.59
Horsley	172.3	33	571	32	17.84
Bestwick	354.1	59	1075	60	17.91
Kilner (R.)	234.3	71	540	30	18.00

WESTERN DIVISIONAL CUP.

1st Western T.M.B. and West Divisional H.Q. met on Sunday in the third round of the above named competition. A two innings match was agreed on, and T.M. batted first. They, however, could only master the moderate score of 71. D.H.Q. made a poor response, owing chiefly to the excellent bowling of Lomas. The whole side was out for 23, Lomas taking 8 wickets for 11 runs. In the 2nd innings T.M.'s scored 65 and Divisional H.Q. replied with 52. T.M.'s thus won an interesting match by 61 runs. The feature of the game was the fine bowling of Cpl. Lomas (T.M.B.) who in both innings took 15 wickets for 29 runs.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Thursday, July 24, 1919.

Surface wind between West and South-West, 5-10 m.p.h. Mainly overcast; dull and cool with intermittent rain. Risk of thunder. Fair visibility.

CRICKET KNOCK-OUT.

Three Matches In One Day At Kommern.

The 1/5 Bn. South Staffs Regt. held a very successful Inter-Coy cricket knock-out competition on Sunday at Kommern. Thanks to the keenness of the companies they were able to play three matches.

In the morning H. Q. and "Don" played, a win resulting for "Don" by 98 for 6 against 35. Burton hit 52 (not out), and took 4 wickets for 12 runs. Lieut. Orford made 22 and took 5 for 19.

In the afternoon B beat C Coy by 57 against 19, Davies taking 6 for 10, and Johnson 3 for 7.

The final in the evening resulted in a win for "D" against B by 74 against 29. Burton again did well, making 11, and taking 7 for 12. Cpl. Ewart made a useful 17.

COUNTY CRICKET.

Owing to rain the Middlesex-Essex match at Lords was abandoned.

Yorks (264) and 25) beat Surrey (143 and 145) by 10 wkts.

Somerset (241) beat Worcester (67 and 78) by an innings and 96 runs.

Opinion Divided.

The recent controversy over the King's Cup race at Henley looks like leading to a reconsideration of the rule of the Amateur Rowing Association defining an amateur. It is an open secret that at the Universities opinion is considerably divided on the question.

TIP-TOP SPRINTING.

2nd Western Infy. Bde. Sports Meeting.

KEEN CONTESTS.

This meeting was held at Alfter on Saturday and despite an hour's torrential downpour in the middle of the afternoon, proved very successful. The Western Division String Band, and the Brass Band of the 52nd Battalion South Wales Borderers played selections.

A great deal of enthusiasm was aroused by the Three Mile Race in which four competitors ran even until half way through the last lap, when Lance Corporal Farrell, 53rd Battalion Welsh Regiment, drew away and finished in a fine sprint. The Relay Race, too, excited much interest, being won by the 53rd Battalion Welsh Regiment, for whose team Lieut. R. Parker gained a great deal of ground in a well run 880 yards.

A feature of the afternoon's entertainment was an interesting and spectacular Physical Training display by a squad from the 53rd Battalion Welsh Regiment under the direction of C.S.M.I. J. Hopwood, A.G.S. At the conclusion of the Sports the prizes were presented by Major General T.O. Marden, C.B., C.M.G.

LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS.

100 Yds. (Brigade):—1st Lt. T.T. Davies, 53rd Welsh Regt.; Lt. Baldwin, 52nd Welsh Regt. dead heat; 3rd Cpl. Lord, 51st Welsh Regt.

100 Yds. (Open to Division):—1st Lt. Greensall, 104 Bde. R.F.A.; 2nd Pte. Bailey, 1st Bn. M.G. Corps; 3rd Mr. Cutbush, Y.M.C.A.

220 Yds. (A IV):—1st Pte. Gray, 53rd Welsh Regt.; 2nd Cpl. Wallwork, 52nd Welsh Regt.; 3rd Pte. Hill, 52nd Welsh Regt.

440 Yds.:—1st Lt. Davies, 53rd Welsh Regt.; 2nd Pte. Humphreys, 51st Welsh Regt.; 3rd Pte. Rhodes, 53rd Welsh Regt.

880 Yds.:—1st Lt. Parker, 53rd Welsh Regt.; 2nd L/Cpl. Farrell, 53rd Welsh Regt.; 3rd S.t. Bosley, 53rd Welsh Regt.

1 Mile:—1st Lt. Parker, 53rd Welsh Regt.; 2nd Sgt. Humphreys, 51st Welsh Regt.; 3rd Pte. Howard, 53rd Welsh Regt.

3 Miles:—1st L/Cpl. Farrell, 53rd Welsh Regt.; 2nd Pte. Powell, 51st Welsh Regt.; 3rd Pte. Fellows, 52nd Welsh Regt.

Relay Race:— 53rd Welsh Regiment.

120 Yds. Hurdles:—1st Lt. T.T. Davies, 53rd Welsh Regt.; 2nd Lt. Baldwin, 52nd Welsh Regt.; 3rd C.Q.M.S. Rees, 52nd Welsh Regt.

Putting the Shot:—1st. Lt. Jones, 52nd Welsh Regt.; 2nd Pte. Whelan, 51st Welsh Regt.

High Jump:—1st Lt. Baldwin, 52nd Welsh Regt.; 2nd Pte. Simpson, 51st Welsh Regt.

Long Jump:—1st Lt Davies, 53rd Welsh Regt.; 2nd Lt. Baldwin, 52nd Welsh Regt.

Best Turned out Section:—53rd Welsh Regiment

Tug of War:—1st 53rd Welsh Regiment; 2nd Brigade Headquarters and 2nd Western T.M. Battery.

The Victor Ludorum Cup presented by Major General T.O. Marden, C.B., C.M.G. to the individual competitor scoring most points in the 880 yards, Long Jump, Putting the Shot, 100 yards Flat, Mile, 440 yards, High Jump, Three Miles and Hurdles, was won by Lieut. T.T. Davies, 53rd Battalion Welsh Regiment.

The Inter-unit Championship fell to the 53rd Battalion Welsh Regiment who will therefore represent the Brigade in the Competition for the Army Commander's Cup.

SPORTS OFFICIALS.

Thanks are due to the following whose excellent work as Officials contributed largely to the success of the Meeting:

Judges:—Lieut.-Col. D.K. Bernard, C.M.G., D.S.O., General Staff Western Division; Lieut.-Col. F.R. Burnside, D.S.O., D.A.A.G., Western Division; Lieut.-Col. A.C. Corfe, D.S.O., Commanding 53rd Battalion South Wales Borderers; Major F.W.L. Bissett, D.S.O., M.C., General Staff IX Corps; Capt. B. Ewart Davis, General Staff Western Division; Lieut. J.W. Wright, M.C., Royal Scots Fusiliers and Lieut. V.C. Holland, M.C., Dorsetshire Regiment.

Starters:—Lieut. F.W. Moorsom, 52nd Welsh Regiment, and Lieut. W.A. Cripwell, 52nd Welsh Regiment.

Marshals:—Lieut. A.G. Brown, 53rd Welsh Regiment, and R.S.M. R.S. Lewis, 52nd Welsh Regiment.

Recorders:—Major M.H. Merry, M.C., 51st Welsh Regiment, and Capt. A. Bridgens, 52nd Welsh Regiment.

Clerk to the Course:—R.S.M. J. Bright, 53rd Welsh Regiment.

Groundsmen:—C.S.M. J. Hopwood, A.G.S., and Sergt. D. Shepherd, 53rd Welsh Regiment.

BOXING CHALLENGES.

The following acceptance of a recent boxing challenge has been received:—

"In reply to Pte Gent's challenge to box anybody in the Rhine Army at 8 st, Pte Ted Biddulph will box him any number of rounds at this weight, anywhere and any time for the best inducement offered. Replies to Pte H. Beadley, E. Corps Sig. Coy, Rhine Army.

Another Challenge.

"I wish to challenge any man in the Army of the Rhine at 7 st. 6, height 5 ft, any number of 2 minute rounds up to 20. — Pte. R. Elliott, 11th N.F. of P. and R. T. School."

VICTORY SPORTS.

15th The King's Hussars Regimental Meeting at Kerpen.

The grounds of the Schloss Lorsfeld, near Kerpen, presented an animated scene on Saturday, when the 15th "The King's" Hussars held their Regimental Sports. Lt. Col. H. Combe, D.S.O., Officers, W.O's and N.C.O's of the Regiment were "At Home" to all Units of the Cavalry Division.

Maj. Gen. Sir W.E. Peyton, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O. (G. O. C. Cavalry Division), Brig. Gen. D'A Legard, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Brig. Gen. T.T. Pitman, C.B., C.M.G., were among those present, and most Units in the Division were represented.

The weather at the commencement was perfect; a heavy thunderstorm, which, after a while, threatened to mar the proceedings, fortunately passed overhead, and the programme was carried out without a hitch. The Band of the Regiment was in attendance and rendered music suitable for the occasion.

The first event commenced at 2 o'clock, and the programme was arranged in the following order:—

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

Stirrup Iron, Bucket & Peg Competition:—1, Sergt. Hardwill, "A" Squadron; 2, Sergt. Robinson, "A" Squadron; 3, Far. S. Sgt. Burberry, "A" Squadron.

V. C. Race:— 1, Corpl. Souch, "A" Squadron; 2, Sergt. Clayton, "C" Squadron; 3, L/Cpl. Thompson, "B" Squadron.

Jumping Competition (Open to W.O's, N.C.O's and Men of the Regiment):— 1, Pte. Amies, Headquarters; 2, Pte. Preston, "C" Squadron; 3, L Cpl. Waldron, "A" Squadron.

Despatch Race:— 1, "A" Squadron Team; 2, Headquarters Team.

Bending Race:— 1, Pte. Walsh, "A" Squadron; 2. L/Cpl. Thompson, "B" Squadron; 3, Far. S. Sgt. Burberry, "A" Squadron.

Tent Pegging with Swords (Officers) (Open to Subaltern Officers of the Regiment):— 1, 2/Lt. Bramwell; 2, Lieut. Jordison, D.C.M.; 3, 2/Lt. Meyrick.

Two Rings & a Peg (Open to W.O's & N.C.O's of the Regiment):— 1, Sergt. Hardwill, "A" Squadron; 2, Sergt. Smith, "B" Squadron; 3, Far. S. Sgt. Burberry, "A" Squadron.

Section Tent Pegging (Open to all Units of the Cavalry Division):— 1, 15th Hussars; 2, 9th Lancers.

Individual Tent Pegging (Sword & Lance) (Open to Officers of the "Hussar" Brigade):— 1, 2/Lt. Wilson, 15th Hussars; 2, Lieut. Jordison, D.C.M., 15th Hussars.

Jumping Competition (Open to Officers of the Cavalry Division):— 1, Lieut. Lithgow, 15th Hussars; 2, Capt. Towell, R.H.A.

Musical Chairs:— 1, Pte. Amies, Headquarters; 2, Corpl. Gillies, "B" Squadron; 3, Pte. Rowe "C" Squadron.

Animal Race in Fancy Dress:— 1, Pte. Bright, Headquarters.

Wrestling on Horseback ("B" Squadron versus "C" Squadron):— 1, "B" Squadron.

Some fine horsemanship was displayed in the officers jumping competition: three horses fell, but fortunately their riders escaped serious injury.

The individual tent pegging event was keenly contested, Gen. Pitman being one of the competitors.

The final event finished about 6 o'clock after which Gen. Pitman presented the prizes.

RACE FIXTURES.

AUGUST.

CatterickBridge	1, 2	Waterford and Tramore	13, 14, 15
Limerick Junc.	1, 2	Windsor	15, 16
Alexandra Park	2	Wolverh'ton	18, 17
Sandown Park	4	Stockton	19, 20, 19
Baldoyle	4	Curragh	19, 20, 21
Birmingham	4, 5	Bath	20, 21
Ripon	4, 5	Hurst Park	22, 22
Newton Abbot	4, 5	Leopardstown	23, 23
Brighton	5, 6, 7	Kells	25
Galway	6, 7	York	26, 27, 26
Lewes	8, 9	Milltown Mulbay	28
Tuam	9	Devon&Exeter	27, 28
Athlone	12	Ennis	28
Nottingham	11, 12	Gatwick	29, 30
Folkestone	11, 12	Haydock	29, 30
Kempton Park (at Sandown Pk)	13, 14	Phoenix Park	29, 30
Redcar	13, 14		

LEICESTER RESULTS.

The following were the results at Leicester on Tuesday:—

Handicap:—1, Linggis Boy (5—2); 2, Ninon (evens); 3, Longdon (5—1).

Sutton Plate:—Laugh (21—20); Hagiology. Two ran.

Appleby Selling Plate:—1, Momette (5—4 on); 2, Montdidier (5—2); 3, Landowner (100—8).

Leicestershire Oaks:—1, Celandine (2—1); 2, Brittania (11—8); 3, Lady Peregrine (100—8).

Wiston Hall Plate:—1, Conclusive (7—2); 2, Spear Bridge (6—4 on); 3, Hard bake (4—1).

Belvoir Castle Handicap:—1, Fragola (6—1); 2, Cutaway (13—8); 3, Rose Day (9—4).

Melton Handicap:—1, Sea Voyage (4—1); 2, Bridgent (5—2 on); 3, Capital (100—7).

T.Y.O. Colts and Fillies.

MERITS AND DEMERITS OF CLAIMANTS FOR THE PREMIERSHIP.

When we come to consider the merits of the two-year-olds that have shown the best form it is to find ourselves confronted by a situation full of interest and possibilities.

Thus writes Mr. Edward Moorhouse, the well-known sporting writer, in the "Observer."

It might be possible to argue that Orpheus is not much, if at all, in front of Poltava, and if the argument carried conviction, the easy four lenghts by which Sarchedon beat Poltava at Ascot in the "Coventry" would more or less dispose of Orpheus as a claimant for the two-year-old premiership. I am not, however inclined to discuss him, because (he continues), of any conclusions resulting from jugglery with weights. He is the sort of colt that is apt to confound those who rely on arithmetical calculations. His next race will be at Goodwood, where he is engaged in the Molecomb Stakes. So is He Goes. If both go to the post we should be a little wiser after the event.

SARCHEDON'S DEFEAT.

The reputation of He Goes was to some extent enhanced by the ready victory he gained in the Chesterfield Stakes on Thursday. Too much might, however, be made of the performance. Sarchedon could not race that afternoon. His sulky behaviour is, of course, attributed to the blinkers he was wearing with a view to obviating his swerving tendencies. For some days Sarchedon had worn blinkers at exercise, and appeared to have taken very kindly to them. A Newmarket trainer told me he had seen him "going like a lion." On Thursday, however, it was obvious before the race that the colt resented having his view obstructed, and before the contest was half over his defeat was foreshadowed.

It would seem that, so far as we can tell at present, choice of the best two-year-old colt must be made from He Goes, Sarchedon, Orpheus, and the Decagone colt, who won the Chesham Stakes at Ascot. The fact that two of the four are by Prince Palatine explains why an apparently high-class yearling by the son of Persimmon should excite so much competition that the buyer has to give 6,500 guineas. If there were "books" open on next year's Derby, He Goes would probably be favourite.

THE TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLIES.

As for the two-year-old fillies, I take it that the two best we have seen so far are Lampetia and Lady Phoebe, both daughters of the defunct Orby.

BERLIN RACES.

Huge crowds gathered at the Grunewald race-course, near Berlin, this week to witness the races promoted by the Cologne race committee. In no less than five events were the favourites victorious, and betting was on a large scale.

In the race for the "Rhine Prize" the favourite "Einsiedler" was the winner after keen competition with "Mohamed", whom the former overtook when 300 metres from the post.

SPORTS AT LINDENTHAL.

Successful Meeting held by 51st N.F. Battalion.

On Friday the 51st Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers held a very successful sports meeting at Lindenthal. They were fortunate in being favoured with excellent weather, which greatly added to the enjoyment both of competitors and spectators. By kind permission of Col. J. C. Hartley, D.S.O., the band of the 52nd Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers rendered a popular programme.

There was very keen competition between A and C Companies for the Commanding Officer's Cup.

PRIZE WINNERS.

The following is a list of prizewinners:—

High Jump:—1, Pte. Scott, A Coy.; 2, Sgt. Wright, B Coy.; 3, Sgt. Richardson, A Coy.

Long jump:—1, L.cpl. Shell, C Coy.; 2, Sgt Richardson, A Coy.; 3, Pte. Sigston, D Coy.

Coy. relay race:—1, C Coy.

Obstacle race:—1, L.cpl. O'Keefe, A Coy.; 2, Pte. Coats, B Coy.; 3, Pte. Gregory, D Coy.

Relay race, fatigue dress:—C. Coy.

Tug-of-war catch wts:—C. Coy.

Tug-of-war 10st.:—C. Coy.

Alarm race:—1, Pte. Cormack, A Coy.; 2, Pte. Goodridge, A Coy.; 3, Cpl. Brown, A Coy.

100 yards:—1, Cpl. Beddon, B Coy.; 2, Pte. Baker, A Coy.; 3, Sgt. Gathercole, C Coy.

220 yards:—1, Cpl. Beddon, B Coy.; 2, Sgt Gathercole, C Coy.; 3, Pte. Ormston, A Coy.

440 yards:—1, Lieut. Mason, C Coy.; 2, Pte. Baker, A Coy.; 3, L.cpl. Northcliffe, B, Coy.

880 yards:—1, Lieut. Mason, C Coy.; 2, Pte. Clarke, D Coy.; 3, Pte. Sigston, D Coy.

120 yards hurdles:—1, L.cpl. Shell, C Coy; 2, Cpl. Hogg, D Coy.; 3, Cpl. Hunter, D Coy.

1 mile:—1, Lieut. Fentum, A Coy.; 2, L.cpl Northcliffe, B Coy.; 3, Lieut. Mason, C Coy.

220 yards open to Northern Div.:—1, Capt. Tittle, 52nd N.F.; 2, Pte. Dent, 52nd N.F.; 3, Bdr. Painter.

1 mile open to Northern Div.:—1, Lieut. Fentum, 51st Bn. N.F.; 2, L.cpl. Northcliffe, 51st Bn. N.F.; 3, Lieut. Filmore, M.G.C.

Sergeants' race:—1, R.S.M. Hullyer, A Coy.; 2, Sergt. Mole, C Coy.; 3, C. S. M. Starling, C. Coy.

Officers' race:—1, Lieut. Fentum, A Coy.; 2, Capt. Parry, C Coy.; 3, Capt. Richardson, A Coy.

H.A.C. ARTILLERY v. INFANTRY.

This match was played on the ground of B. Battery, H.A.C. at Berg-Gladbach and resulted in an easy win for the Artillery. Scores:—Artillery 164, Infantry 80, 1st innings; 10, 2nd innings. Soughan for the Artillery accomplished the "hat trick", and finished with an average of 7 wickets for 2 runs.

A New Golf Ball.

The enormous length of tee shots which is just now the spectacular attraction in professional golf is not entirely due to clean hitting and accurate timing. It is due in part to a new ball, lately on the market, which not only flies further but is of good behaviour on the putting green.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Leave Club Attractions.

To-day at the Leave Club the pipers of the 51st Gordon Highlanders are to play in the garden at 5 p.m., and at 6.30 there will be a whist drive. On Friday, there will be a dancing class in the music room and a cinema performance in the afternoon and evening. An impromptu concert is to be held in the music room at 5 p.m. on Saturday, followed by a dance in the theatre.

Good-Bye Khaki.

"Ye Merrie Muffins" made their reappearance at the Stadt Theatre, Düren the other evening. As a change from variety and farce, they presented a revue (if one long burlesque can be called revue) entitled: "Good-bye Khaki." It is a sort of medley which reminds one of the best parts of "Bubbly," "Us," and "Joy Bells." I was again pleased with the performance of Mr. Reg Matthews who played a sort of Bert Coote part; it was quite something above the ordinary. Teddie, Davie, Tommy (the three female impersonators), Ernest Lonsdale, Bernard Jukes, Leslie Willson, Alex Factor, and George Rae were as versatile as ever. E. Layne Runacres was musical director.

One long Laugh.

In nineteen scenes, ranging from the War Office to a drawing room, the whole show goes with a swing from start to finish. Bernard Jukes as Col. Boomer, M.P., and Mr. Reg Matthews as the Nervous Man in the latter scene were positive screams. The strange story of the man who wanted to see the Brigadier, a war-office episode, was equally funny. All parts in fact are well carried out; the girls, especially Teddie, adding considerably to the gaiety of the show. The Muffins, by the way, are due in Cologne on Aug. 4.

Sir Dennis Broughton, Bart.

A splendid performance of a real, live character, is that of Capt. C. F. Ball, Border Regt., who, as Sir Dennis Broughton, Bart., in "General Post" at the Deutsches Theatre this week stamps about and makes gruff noises with his throat in a manner wonderfully true to humanity. Miss Inez Bensusan, as Lady Broughton, is equally successful while Miss Gabrielle Paul charms the eyes and ears of her auditors, by her impression of "Betty." Alec, whom the author describes as "a young man of excellent qualities and stereotyped ideas" is thoroughly well represented by Major E. Pollock, R.G.A., while Lieut. S. E. Percy, H.L.I., by the vigour of his acting, is extremely popular as Edward Smith. Lt. Onions, Monmouth Regt., and Lieut. E. C. Stephenson, Norfolk Regt. are excellent in the little they have to do.

"The Triangles."

The latest recruits to the growing ranks of entertainers in Rhineland are the "Triangles," a concert party formed by the 53rd. Royal Sussex Regiment. Organized and stage-managed by 2/Lt. J.G.L. Green (Bn. Signalling Officer), they made their bow in the Regimental Institute at Donrath on Tuesday night, and were enthusiastically received by a packed audience. The programme was a pleasant admixture of vocal and instrumental music, and revealed a versatility of talent amongst the artistes, which augured well for future development and success. Sgt. Coysh, of the Educational Staff, who gave a breezy rendering of "A Bachelor gay am I" was heard in the ever popular "Trumpeter" song.

Delirious Ragtime.

Pte. Lubrani, Pte. Lucas and L/Cpl. Harrison supplied delirious doses of ragtime while C.Q.M.S. Pearson kept the comedy element well to the front. Pte. Wrout gave the lament of a "Profiteering Publican" with appropriate feeling. On the instrumental side, Sgt. Collins (violinist), Drummer Blake (cornet), Sgt. Wright (violinist) and Pte. Fisher (pianist) were valued contributors to the evening's enjoyment. Colonel W. F. Barker, C.M.G., D.S.O., (cmdg the Battn.) who was present with the whole of the officers, offered the "Triangles" cordial congratulations at the close.

In few Words.

The "Pedlars" commenced a completely new programme at the Stadt Theatre, Bonn, this week when the sketch "A sister to assist 'Er'" was a popular feature.

JACQUES.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Gold Rackets.
In the final for the M.C.C. gold rackets at Lord's, E.A.R. Druce beat J. F. Marshall (present holder) by 3 sets to 0 (6—2, 6—4, 6—2.)

Swimming in Clothes.
It should be made compulsory for every person who frequents the river Thames to learn how to swim when fully clothed. —"The Referee."

Potential International.
The success of J. C. Masterman in the open singles at Maidstone and Leamington adds another to the list of potential Internationals.

Best-Boat Handicap.
George Bubear, the ex-champion sculler, is promoting a best-boat handicap, which will take place over the Putney-Hammersmith course on Monday. Sept 1. Prizes to the value of £30 will be given.

Wonderful Army Shot.
That wonderful army shot, Colonel J. H. Cowan, C.B., commenced his shooting as a small boy at Cheltenham, winning the Spencer Cup in 1872. Ever since his name has appeared, with a regularity that is as amazing as it is persistent, in the prize lists of all the rifle meetings which he has attended, no matter whether the competitions were for bull's-eye shooting or rapid.

Midland-Champion.
J. J. Barker, Polytechnic Harriers, won the 100-yards Midlands Championship at the Bournville Athletic Club Sports at Bournville.

Airmen and motorists.
Airmen and motorists have made a gallant endeavour to revive their respective sports, but the results so far have not been encouraging.

Popular Polo.
Twice this season matches have been played on the "outside" ground at Hurlingham to which the public has been admitted, and in each instance the result was entirely satisfactory.

In the Solent.
Although there is to be no yachting festival on pre-war lines at Cowes, there is a prospect of some racing, as several more yachts are being got ready for use, and a few handicap events may be arranged.

Eastern Wicket-Keeper.
Mr. S. G. A. Maartensz, the Hampshire wicket-keeper, was in the Forestry Department, Malay States, and has played cricket for the Malay States, the Straits Settlements, and for the two combined against Hong Kong and Shanghai in 1909, a year in which he also kept wicket for M. A. Noble's Australian team on their way home against Singapore.

After Death—What?
"At Milton of Campsie a small boy fishing for minnows caught a trout weighing 3lb. This is its starting weight."—"Dundee Evening Telegraph."

Suzanne.
The new lady champion, Mlle Lenglen, will make her next public appearance at Le Touquet where the thirteenth open meeting will be held on Sept. 3.

Severest Blow.
One of the best instructors of boxing for the last half century, in writing about the right-hand cross-counter, observes: "This is the most severe blow which can be dealt in sparring."

Must Come out on Top.
One of the lessons gained from the recent Lawn Tennis Championships is the doom of the base line player. The Australians have shown that in the men's game the persistent volleyer must come out on top.

Wasted Effort.
What a good boxer Pal Moore would be if had only learned the proper way to punch. His hitting in the bout at Olympia was one long succession of open-handed slaps which in the mind of any referee who has eyes to see and knows the rules, were so much wasted effort by Moore.

Fine sprint.
In the 100 yards open handicap at Guildford, the A.A.A. sprint and furlong champion. W. A. Hill, Surrey A.C., won from scratch in 10sec.

38,242 Guineas.
Seventy yearlings were sold last week for 38,242 guineas, yielding an average of 546 guineas obtained at the First July Sales.

"Demobbed Cricketers.
The M.C.C. has decided that under the new rule as to county regiment qualification, cricketers who have been demobilized may continue to play for their county till the end of this season.

More Cycle Races.
The National Cyclists' Union has been successful in obtaining the addition of more cycle races in the Olympic Games to be held in Antwerp in 1920. Originally the programme arranged contained one race only, and that on the road.

Crack shot.
Sgt. Loveday, who won the King's Prize at Bisley, is twenty-seven years of age, and a farmer. He won the championship of New Zealand — the King's Prize of the country — at Trentham, New Zealand, in 1912, after paying a visit to Bisley in 1911 in the New Zealand team.

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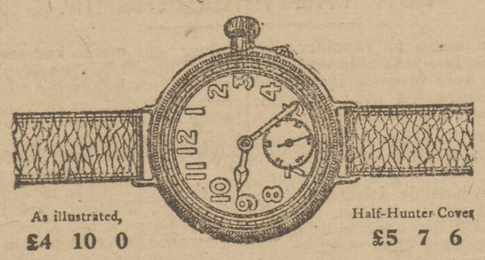

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THE RATE OF EXCHANGE.

Fresh views on the depreciated mark

Your article on "The Rate of Exchange" was very interesting but one or two aspects of the subject seem to have been forgotten.

A passage in that article reads "A mark is still a mark, the equivalent of the shilling to the German." "A mark is still a mark" but in name only even to him. Does the author really think that the German still imagines that the mark has still its pre-war value?

What is the value of money? Any unit of exchange whether it be a shilling, a franc or a mark is only worth what it can be exchanged for in goods.

Its value depends on its purchasing power and one has only to look at current prices in Germany to see that a mark is only able to purchase about a sixth of what it was able to do before the war.

Why is that? Well first of all ask another question. How is the value of money determined?

There is of course a Money Market interpretation of that phrase "Value of money" but we will leave that alone and consider the real value of money. Money is like any other commodity and its value is determined by demand and supply. The supply is the amount of actual cash multiplied by its rapidity of circulation and the demand is the amount of work the money has to do, the number of exchanges to be accomplished or in other words the volume of trade.

Now it is obvious that the supply of money in Germany has been vastly increased. Germany adopted some very unsound methods in her financial policy and one of them was the issue of huge quantities of notes which are not covered by a reasonable gold reserve.

Has the demand increased? No the volume of Germany's trade is at the moment insignificant compared with what it was before the war.

Therefore you get more money less trade, high prices and depreciated currency.

That is only one aspect of the subject. The rate of exchange besides comparing two currencies shews in normal times the balance of indebtedness between the two countries. If country A owes country B more than B owes A, there is a balance due from A to B and the rate will move against A and in favour of B.

Realizing that, are we doing anything to rectify the exchanges by encouraging exports to Germany from England and discouraging imports.

It is only pushing Germany further into debt and making the exchanges worse.

I am not advocating that England should welcome German goods, but pointing out that the tendency of the present arrangement is to depress the mark still further or to counteract any tendency for it to rise.

THE FARE LOTTERY.

"Speaking of Sweep stakes," said the Substantive Private, "have you ever thought of entering for the Jerry Tram Sweep?"

I pleaded not guilty, professed total ignorance, and expressed a desire to hear more about it.

He regretfully declined to enlighten me on the grounds that his prolonged absence from the office might necessitate an immediate stoppage of the peace, but he hoped that I would exercise my powers of observation in the future.

I did, and by Sherlock-Holmes-like process of elimination I at last discovered what the Private was referring to.

On the Cologne Cars there are various ways of legitimate travel (service dress appears to be the best), but the German must content himself with the methods of his fathers; he can provide himself with a nice green card and a "pukka", celluloid case to flourish airily when addressed by the conductor: alternatively, he can make a noise like "Swansich" and exchange some unclean paper money for a much cleaner ticket, but the more sporting citizen has another method altogether.

He buys a ticket which has several spaces on it so that it can be punched each time he travels, but it appears that there is no guarantee with this ticket; that is where the sporting instinct arises.

Watch the optimistic Hun board a tramcar and hopefully produce one of these tickets; it is perfectly clean and there are still several virgin spaces, yet the conductor is not satisfied.

He regards the weather — it is unfavourable, and presumably the other factors concerned are of evil portent, for Herr Conductor breaks forth, gives tongue, or, whatever you wish to call it, but the result resembles the Hymn of Hate jazzed on the lever of a soda-syphon.

Needless to say, the "fare" pays up — despite his Iron Cross, or is it becuuse of it?

I have never yet been able to discover how the validity of the ticket is determined, perhaps the conductor "thinks of a number, etc." in any case the system of Teutonic reasoning is beyond me, but, as a sporting chance, can you beat it?.

RAS.

THE FIGHTING SWING.

Once again the regiment is marching down
the street,
Shoulders, legs, and rifle barrels swinging
all in time,
Let the slack civilian plod; ours the gayer
feet,
Dancing to the music of the oldest earthly
rhyme.
Left, right, left, right, hear the cadence
fall.
So Caesar's Roman legions shook the plains
of Gaul.
Fighting bloods of all the earth in our
pulses ring,
Step! fast, true to the past, back to the
fighting swing.
Left, right, eat, and fight! dreams are
blown to bits,
Here's the old guard back to life, bound for
Austerlitz.
Shake the soft and quit the sweet; loose the
arms that cling,
Blood, dust grapple and thrust! Back to the
fighting swing.

J. G.

Echoes from Rhineland.

Music hath charms.

That a very real interest in and enthusiasm for music exists in the present day Rhine Army, is shown by the number of soldiers who attend classical concerts of the best type. At a recent recital given by Backhaus there was a very considerable proportion of khaki among the audience, and the military element were by no means the least appreciative listeners.

Beasts of Burden.

As in France and Belgium, the countryfolk of Germany use oxen as beasts of burden. Though not very fast, they are powerful beasts, and the load which they pull is not a light one. In nearly all cases their hoofs are shod with a steel or iron plate the shape of a boot protector and this covers the outer part of each hoof, the other half of the hoof being left uncovered. This plate, of course, serves the same purpose as the horse shoe.

Profitable Photography.

The suggestion in a recent "Echo" that more originality should be exercised in the selection of subjects for photographs recalls the fact that the English picture papers are always willing to pay for interesting prints submitted to them. Here is an example of what might easily make an acceptable print. The frontier village of Herbesthal is partly in Belgium and partly in Germany; one side of the main street shows French signs and the other side German. A most interesting snap could be obtained showing on one side of the road a "Café des Alliés" and facing it a "Bäckerei und Conditorei". Herbesthal is a station on the main line from Cologne into Belgium, and can be reached in a couple of hours from Cologne without expense, so a Sunday afternoon's excursion to this place might well prove a profitable trip.

Opera or Variety.

A suggestion has come to hand from a young soldier that instead of opera being presented continuously during the season at the Opera House, revue and varieties should be presented every second week. He evidently forgets, however, that continental opera houses are on quite a different footing from privately owned theatres at home. It might be pointed out for his information that they are state-aided institutions for the provision of opera entirely, and in that way are in a somewhat analogous position to art galleries at home, wich are maintained by the government in order that the masses of the people may look at good pictures if they feel so disposed. Without disparaging revues and kindred entertainments, to perform them in a large opera house would almost be like permitting jazz dancing in the National Gallery.

L. B. W.

A cricket match was played between two battalions on the Rhine the other day. The Chaplain of the fielding side, who was also its captain, bowled slows with admirable persistency at one end until he decided to have a go at the other. With equal persistency he appealed for leg-before, although the surface of the pitch was such that no man could of malice prepense prevent the ball from breaking at the least the breadth of the wicket. At last a batsman having played a ball hard on to his pads and survived an appeal for l.b.w., turned to the wicket-keeper and said, "What's he asking for? Bat-in-front?" "Dunno," replied the Aunt Sally. "The Padre's appealing is like the Peace of God which passeth all understanding."

Amusing German Customs.

A correspondent, who incidentally suggests that dancing classes should be organised for troops in Brühl, calls attention to an amusing dance custom in vogue in some of the German villages. No entrance fee in charged, but after each dance, which averages about five minutes in length, members of the committee responsible armed with a plate collect twenty pfgs. from each dancer. The interval between dances is about two minutes and with dancing in full swing for five hours a profitable return is possible. Another curious practice is that the dancers occupy seats round the dancing floor, the girls being seated on one side and the men on the other. For the most part they take their pleasures seriously and there is none of that light-hearted laughter and fun which characterises English dances.

Lesser Echoes.

A correspondent complains of the charge for the G.S. ribbon at the British Empire Leave Club.

Girls are selling flowers and postcards in the streets of Cologne for German prisoners of war. Schoolboys and girls make house-to-house collections.

The orchestra at the Officers' Club (No. 2) Cologne now plays the National Anthem at the conclusion of each programme.

All members of the R.A.O.B. are notified that the "Captain Spanton" Lodge will reopen this evening, July 24th. All communications regarding the Lodge should be addressed to C.S.M.T. Watmore. 52nd D.L.I. Riehl Barracks.

PRIZES FOR ECHOES.

To-day we award a prize of 10 marks to A. H. Weils, H. Q., 2nd Brigade R.A.F. Cologne. Owing to lack of contributions we withhold the other two prizes. Will readers please note? There is money to be gained by contributing items for this feature. Why miss the opportunity?

Opinions of the Moment.

THE VICTORIAN FATHER.

Miss Katherine Tynan, the novelist and poet says: It was a Victorian convention, of course, for the father to be an alarming person, and it died hard. Probably the war has hurried it out of existence. But according to the system, backed by the Fifth Commandment, the children, long after the age of pupilage were at the mercy of the parents or other guardians. The young seldom disputed the tyranny. The convention of tyranny was almost binding on the father. Men naturally kind and genial accepted it, so that when the father came the children scattered, and the house was uneasily silent. I have known such fathers to come with fresh and frank delight to a real and almost equal friendship with a grown-up son or daughter. Perhaps the convention leant hard on the father as well as the children.

THE WAY TO INDUSTRIAL PEACE.

Mr. G. N. Barnes M.P. the Labour representative in the War Cabinet, says: Labour wants a voice in the conditions of its daily life. It instinctively feels that, if that were secured, it would go on to greater things. It is not so much wages as status which is at the the bottom of industrial unrest. The way to appease workmen, therefore, is to give them a better place in the scheme of things, so that they may feel themselves responsible factors in industry. As this is done other things will fall into proper relation. But none of these things can come out of mere sparring at long range between employer and workman. None of them can come out of an atmosphere of suspicion and ill-will, or from a mere assertion of academic theories by one side or the other. They can only come by fair dealing in the light of the facts open to both sides as well as the community.

INDIA'S FUTURE.

The Maharaja of Bikanir, India's representative at the Peace Conference says: The proud part which India had the privilege of taking in the war has resulted in producing warm feelings in the hearts of the general populace of Great Britain towards us. It only remains for the people of India to continue to play their part in the future equally well, and with moderation and restraint, to bring about results which will permanently strengthen the links that bind India to the Empire and prove of incalculable benefit to all concerned. The future is full of the brightest promise for India

THE DRAMA TO-MORROW.

Sir Frank Benson, the eminent Shakespearean actor writing of the future of the Drama says: I believe that the drama will shortly have a new and better day. Drama is the most democratic of the arts as well as the most aristocratic. It borrows from all its sister arts, and therefore must and will play a leading part in the reconstruction of the homeland. It can and will help to bring back to the mighty people now engaged in shaping the destiny of the world the unity of selfless purpose, the splendid freedom of high endeavour that sang through four years' agony of war, in deeds that every day speak to us the living language of Shakespeare, the master player and poet of mankind. All hunger for this revival of art. It is a life-and-death question for our Empire, for our freedom—this battle with soulless ugliness. Win we must and will, just as we won the war. Then we shall have a land so just that none will wish to war with her, a land so strong that none will dare to war with her, a land so lovely that men and women will gladly give their lives for her.

GETTING A MOVE ON

Major General Sir George Aston K.C.B., has been giving his opinion on how to get a Government department to move. He says: A Government office is a machine of great power, and as with all such machines, you have to overcome the inertia before you can get it to "function." Once started in any direction, it gathers momentum, and is difficult either to turn or to stop. You can compare it to a steam-roller of immense weight; if, carried away by youthful zeal and conviction, you think that the great machine ought to move in some direction or disaster will result, you must study its mechanism, and you must locate two things—the starting lever and the brake. In every community of a hundred men you will probably find one or two starting levers, men of original thought and driving power who try to get things done; twenty or thirty brakesmen who try to stop them; and the remainder who don't know which they are, like the "little sillies" amongst the Peter Pan fairy-babies who were in doubt about their sex.

THE EX-SERVICE MAN.

Lt. Colonel S. E. Thomas writing on the future of the ex-service man in industrial and commercial life, says: Copartnership is bound to come and the only successful system must be one which grants a really considerable interest to the actual worker. It has been difficult in the past to introduce this system into already established concerns owing to the difficulty of granting an actual financial interest to any employee occupying a position less responsible than that of the head of a department, but with the new organisation such as is proposed, this difficulty would not exist, and the genuine goodwill and mutual trust with true comradeship which has existed amongst all ranks that have really been thrown together in the actual fighting line must be a great asset if it can be maintained and introduced into commercial undertakings.

SHATTERED ILLUSIONS.

General Smuts, on the eve of his departure from England to his native South Africa says: What is the good of all the wealth and comfort and glamour of the Victorian age when the next two decades bring us to the graves of ten million young men slain because of the base passions of greed and domination which lurked below the smiling surface of that age? The game is not worth the candle, and we should rather welcome the new and difficult times on which we are now entering. For doubt it not, we are at the beginning of a new century. The old world is dying around us: let it also die in us. Once more in the history of the human race we hear the great Creative Spirit utter those tremendous words, "Behold I make all things new." Old ideas of wealth, of property, of class, and social relations, of international relations, of moral and spiritual values are rapidly changing. The old political formulas soundhollow; the old landmarks by which we used to steer are disappearing.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Smallpox.—Many cases of smallpox are reported from Paris.

Strike Collapses.—The strike of the Ottawa street car employees has collapsed.

Back-Again.—Mlle Alice Delysia has now returned to the cast of "As You Were" at the London Pavilion.

Homeless Farce.—Mr. Albert de Courville is in search of a theatre at which to revive, "The Very Idea."

Coal for France.—It is stated that a contract has been signed for 100,000 tons of American coal for France.

Round-about Wrecked.—A Montmartre roundabout was wrecked by the crowd which resented an increase in price.

Safe-Conducts Abolished.—Safe-conducts have been abolished in France as regards French citizens.

Pleased.—Foreign troops are so pleased with London hospitality that their stay is being extended.

Easy to Make War.—"It is easier to make war, than to make peace", M.Clemenceau told the population of Verdun.

American Loan.—Negotiations are taking place between American and German Banks for a loan.

Royal Holiday.—The King and Queen are expected to take up their residence at Balmoral in the second week of August.

In Demand.—English authors are finding that there is a considerable demand for their work by film producers.

The Lowest.—London Tramway fares are the lowest charged by any surface transport undertaking in the London area.

Won the War.—The pill of the No. 9 variety is advertised as that which won the war.

London Division.—The 47th London Division is holding a reunion at Chelsea on Saturday.

The Prince's Trip.—The "Hush-Hush" battle-cruiser Renown is being fitted out for the Prince of Wales's visit to Canada.

French Mates.—Among the guests at Dover on Victory Day were the Mayors of Calais, Boulogne, Ostend, and Dunkirk.

"The Devil's Own."—Thirteen thousand commissions were obtained during the war through the Inns of Court O.T.C.

No Dutch Cheese.—On account of the high prices prevailing in Holland the export of cheese has been prohibited.

Bisley a Failure.—The Bisley meeting this year has been a failure from a financial point of view.

Was it Independence?—Hundreds of girls wore men's garb in London on Victory Day.

Risky.—A lady wearing a transparent gown was to be seen in London the other day.

By Marconigram.—Two seats for the Ambassador's Theatre were booked from a steamship in mid-ocean. Stalls by wireless appear to be the latest craze.

The Kaiser's Trial.—It is understood that the Government will not be diverted from their original purpose of bringing the Kaiser to justice.

Princess Robbed.—A valuable Oriental carpet worth about £800 has been stolen from the Princess de Polignac by means of a trick.

After the "Jazz."—The newest dance is the "Paso doble." It is Spanish in effect and consists of four distinct movements, with a "twinkle" here and there.

Parliament's Grant.—Parliament will be asked to make a grant of £100,000 pounds each to Sir Douglas Haig, and Sir David Beatty.

At Their Own Prices.—Masons and bricklayers on strike at Rouen went into the market-place and bought vegetables at their own prices.

The Kaiser's Trouble.—The ex-Kaiser is said to have been suffering from disease of the ear for a long time and is no better.

New Firework colours.—In the London firework display there were three new colour shades — a real primrose, a peach, and a very pale lilac-almost lavender.

No Cheap Shaves. New York barbers threaten to strike this week for a twelve-hour day, £4.10s. a week, and fifty per cent of all receipts above £6.10s.

Supreme Command.—It is reported from Paris that Sir Edmund Allenby will take over the supreme command of all troops in Asia Minor.

Dodging the Rule.—Hawkers dodged the police rule against ticklers by selling feather dusters and lamp glass cleaners for the Victory celebrations.

Government Delay.—To protest against the delay of Government Departments ex-Service men marched through the streets of Gloucester.

Stranded.—From 8,000 to 10,000 "time-expired" holiday makers were stranded at Scarborough through the strike on the North-Eastern Railway.

Not Required.—M. Clemenceau has introduced a Bill for the dismantling of the forts of Brest, Toulon, Belfort, and Verdun.

And Time too.—As French wine has arrived in the Rhineland the price of German wine is expected to be reduced in the near future.

Cinemas and Eye Strain.—The Illuminating Engineering Society is inquiring into the subject of eyestrain at cinematograph halls.

A Popular Lady.—Miss José Collins, the leading lady of Daly's Theatre is to play the lead in "Nobody's Child," which is shortly to be produced.

Holiday English.—The holiday course for Allies and neutrals at the University of London is attracting foreigners anxious to improve their English.

Robbed and Doped.—A Londoner and his wife were doped by means of cigarettes while travelling on a Newmarket race train.

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TO KEEP THE MINES GOING.

NAVY SAVES MINERS FROM THE RUINOUS CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR OWN ACTION.

ORDERS DIVERTED TO AMERICA.

COAL STRIKE.

RAILWAY COMPANIES DRASTIC REDUCTIONS.

The extreme gravity of the coal strike was brought home to the general public yesterday by an offical intimation from the Railway Executive Committee that forthwith they may have to reduce the passenger service to a considerable extent. The Committee warns the public that they may not be in a position to gurantee a sufficient service of trains to carry passengers wishing to go or to return from the seaside. Race specials are likely to becancelled if the strike continues another forty-eight hours. Very drastic reductions are foreshadowed on all the railways and all efforts will be concentrated on the carrying of food.

In Parliament, yesterday afternoon, Sir Robert Horne, the Labour Minister, said the Government would give the fullest protection to all men desirous of returning to work at the Yorkshire collieries.

The latest news is that 10,000 Monmouthshire miners have gone back to work, but in Nottinghamshire 10,000 came out. At Burnley a mass meeting of Lancashire strikers decided to resume work last night, but resolved at the same time to send to the Government a resolution of protest against the six shillings per ton rise in the price of coal.

NAVY MEN AT WORK.

Yesterday 158 Naval men were engaged in pumping at five West Yorkshire pits and a furtner four hundred are on the way from Portsmouth. There has been no interference by the miners.

The Cabinet considered the industrial situation yesterday and the Premier is meeting the Executive of the Miners Federation this morning.

Troops are being moved into the Yorkshire coal area. Sir Eric Geddes stated that neither he nor the Government wished to fill the district with troops, but the Naval ratings engaged in pumping must be protected. He emphasized the point that the troops are not there in any offensive manner and stated that they would be kept out of sight as much as possible. By the exercise of rigid economy the public services could be maintained for eight to ten weeks. If the miners would undertake the pumping and winding he and the troops would leave Leeds at once.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law, replying to questions, said that six collieries had actually been flooded and seventeen others were in danger. Owing to the withdrawal of the winding enginemen the boiler fires of some of the collieries had actually been put out by the strikers.

PREMIER HEARS THE OWNERS.

The Prime Minister was interviewed by the coal owners last night, and made a statement of their case. No indication of the policy the Government will pursue were given by the Premier. It is believed that he took this line of action as he wished to reserve himself until after this interview with the men's representatives.

No disorders are reported from any of the coalfields and the Naval men are quite unmolested in the carrying out of their duties.

WAIT FOR THE BALLOT.

It is understood that the Triple Industrial Alliance Conference which met in London yesterday afternoon decided by 217 votes to 11 to recommend that a ballot be taken of the miners, railwaymen and transport workers of the country on the question of direct action in order to force the Government to withdraw the Military Service Act, withdraw from Russia, and release the conscientious objectors.

AMERICAN COAL FOR FRANCE.

In the course of Tuesday's debate in the French Chamber the Minister for Industrial Reconstruction said that all production is governed by the supply of coal. If coal is dear, life is dear.

Up to one month ago, he said, Great Britain supplied coal to France at the same price as it was sold in England. Since then, however, serious difficulties have arisen. England has intimated that in future it could only export at the rate of twenty-three million tons per annum as against seventy-seven million tons formerly. In view of this enormous deficit, France has turned to America, where she is able to buy coal more cheaply than in England.

INDIAN RULER DEAD.

The Maharaja of Bhavnagar, for twenty-three years ruler of this prosperous State in the Bombay Presidency, has just died at the age of forty-four.

He was a keen sportsman, an excellent shot, and kept several hunting cheetahs, which he trained personally.

FRENCH CHAMBER.

NOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN CLEMENCEAU.

During the debate in the French Chamber on the general policy of the Government, M. Clemenceau, speaking of the cataclysm of war, said it was impossible to suppose that after such a sequence of unprecedented events, the economic life of the nation could be resumed without difficulty. He defended sundry members of the French Cabinet who, he said, had co-operated with him to an eminent degree, and then explained that if they remained in power he would proceed with the necessary elections before the presidential election in January.

At the conclusion of the debate, the Chamber adopted, by 289 votes against 173, an order of the day expressing confidence in the Government.

BRITISCH VOLUNTEERS.

BOLSHEVIST MOVEMENT FRUSTRATED.

A War Office communiqué says that General Ironside at Archangel reports that a mutiny among the Russian troops has taken place. The chief part of the front affected is Onega, where there were no British troops. The mutineers handed over the front and the town itself to the enemy. The mutiny was due to Bolshevist propaganda and was brought to a head by their realizing that the British are withdrawing from North Russia. A considerable number of Russian troops accordingly decided to go over to the Bolshevists.

General Ironside now has the situation in hand and the fresh British volunteer troops, which are fortunately on the spot, are equal to the difficult and perilous task of restoring the situation.

BULGARIAN FINANCE.

BORROWING FROM AMERICA TO PAY GERMANY.

The Bulgarian peace delegation has left Belgrade for Paris. It is reported that the Bulgarian Government is negotiating in the United States for a loan of several hundred million kronen to permit of repayment of the loan granted in 1917 by the Deutsche Bank and other German financial houses.

MISSION TO SEARCH FOR MISSING.

In order to exhaust all possible sources of information as to the fate of officers and men posted as missing in Belgium and Northern France during the war, the Foreign Office announces the imminent despatch of a Government special mission.

It will consist of Dame Adelaide Livingstone, Sir Malcolm McIlwraith and Brigadier-General Bruce. They will make an extensive tour of the districts and conduct an enquiry amongst likely peasants, priests and others who may have been in touch with our men.

FIGHTING ON N.W. FRONTIER.

A raiding party of 300 regulars and tribesmen crossed Kafiristan into the Bumboret Valley, eight miles south of Chitral, on Sunday. They were driven off by Chitral scouts, and withdrew to Bashgul, burning houses and carrying off live-stock. Afghan regulars occupied the passes between Kafiristan and Chitral.

On Friday evening, heavy firing occurred at all posts and piquets on the Khyber, from Fort Kata Kusnta (near Ali Musjid) to Fort Maude. The attacks were repulsed, with considerable loss to the tribesmen. Convoys proceeded along the Khyber on Saturday. The attackers consist of ex-Sepoys, irresponsible Afridis, and some militia deserters.—Reuter.

HANGMEN'S SPECIAL TRAIN.

Bela Kun recently sent his secretary Szamuelly, the Bolshevist bloodhound, in a special train with six hangmen to Western Hungary to carry out the trial and execution of counter-revolutionists. This commission, after shooting or hanging seventy-eight persons in a period of three weeks, returned triumphantly to Budapest to receive the congratulations of Bela Kun.

The trials were the usual farce of justice under the Bolshevist regime, the dictator's object being to strike terror in the hearts of his political opponents.

AIRSHIP DISASTER.

FRIGHTFUL COMBINATION OF ACCIDENTS.

Telegrams from Chicago and Washington record a terrible airship disaster which occurred at the former place on Tuesday night.

A dirigible which was being used for exhibition purposes burst into flames and fell through the glass roof of the Illinois Trust Savings Bank where 200 employes were at work. The gasoline tank exploded and the blazing liquid was distributed almost throughout the building. Nine bank clerks were killed almost at once, while twenty others were seriously injured and about one hundred received slighter injuries.

The dirigible had been flying over the city for several hours advertising a pleasure resort. Suddenly it burst into flames, buckled up and plunged downwards. Members of the crew and several passengers, all of whom had parachutes strapped to their bodies, jumped for their lives. Several landed safely, but the silk parachutes of others burned and the wearers were dashed to pieces.

Panic prevailed in the bank building when the airship dropped. Men and girls with their clothing in flames fought their way to the only two exits. The accident occurred after banking hours and none of the general public were in the bank, otherwise the loss of life would have been considerably greater.

PRINCE OF WALES.

UNITED STATES INVITATION ACCEPTED.

In reponse to an invitation from President Wilson to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to visit the United States, Lord Curzon has addressed a note to the American Ambassador in London, stating that it gives his Majesty King George the greatest pleasure to accept the same, both on personal grounds and as a mark of the intimate relations that so happily exist between the American and British peoples, drawn ever more closely together by imperishable memories of their comradeship in the recent war.

The King proposed that at the close of the Canadian tour, the Prince of Wales should accept the hospitality of the American Government for a few days at Washington and New York before embarking at the latter port for the journey home.

GERMANS ARE FLYING.

REGULAR PASSENGER SERVICES IN OPERATION.

In spite of the disturbed internal conditions, a determined attempt is being made to establish aviation on a permanent commercial basis in Germany.

A fairly large number of passenger services have been running for some time, mostly radiating from Berlin. Routes from the capital are in operation to Weimar, Frankfurt, Leipzig, Warnemunde, Hanover, Westphalia, Hamburg, and Breslau. There are also services between Weimar and Frankfurt, Hamburg, and Warnemunde, Leipzig and Weimar, and Hanover and Westphalia.

All these services are operated by the Deutsche Luft Rederie, a combine of various German aeronautical firms. Return tickets are issued and are valid for a period of thirty days. Flying kit and motor transport to and from the aerodrome are provided, and are covered by an inclusive charge. Serial tickets available for ten flights on any of the routes operated by the Combine are issued at 3,600 marks each. Mails and parcels are also carried by the company.

HAIG AND EX-SERVICE MEN.

At a recent meeting of ex-service men at Woolwich Town Hall a resolution was passed that, in the event of an amalgamation of the various ex-service organisations being brought about, Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig be asked to become the first president.

This resolution having been conveyed to the Field Marshal, he replied yesterday, to the effect that in the event of an amalgamation on a basis that could be accepted by him as a soldier on the active list, he will be very proud to become the first president.

TRAITOR CONDEMNED.

A French Court-martial sitting at Lex Mans has condemned to death a soldier named Hugher. This man was taken prisoner in 1917 and gave the Germans information regarding the distribution of French and American troops, which enabled the enemy to carry out a number of raids.

NORTH RUSSIA CASUALTIES.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Forster stated that the total casualties of the British forces in Russia since November 1918 was forty-one officers and 370 other ranks. Of these nineteen officers and 185 other ranks were killed.

It is officially announced from the Hague, that diplomatic relations are about to be resumed between the Dutch Government and the new German Government.

BRITISH WAR MEDAL

REGULATIONS GOVERNING ITS ISSUE.

The following Army Order dated 16th July has been issued:—

1. His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to signify his pleasure that a medal be granted to record the bringing of the war to a successful conclusion, and the arduous serviced rendered by His Majesty's Forces.

2. The medal in silver will, provided the claims are approved by the competent military authorities, be granted to the undermentioned classes who either entered a theatre of war on duty, or, who left their places of residence and rendered approved service overseas, other than the waters dividing the different parts of the United Kingdom, between 5th August 1914, and 11th November 1918, both dates inclusive:—

(a) Officers, warrant officers, attested non-commissioned officers and men of the British, Dominion, Colonial and Indian Military Forces.

(b) Memoers of women formations who have been enrolled under a direct contract of service for service with His Majesty's Imperial Forces.

(c) All who served on staffs of military hospitals and all members of recognized organizations, who actually handled sick and wounded.

(d) Members of duly recognized or authorized organizations.

(e) Enrolled and attested follower on the establishment of units of the Indian Army.

3. The medal in bronze will be granted to all British subjects who were enrolled in Native Labour Corps units and who served in theatres of war.

4. The riband will be: Centre orange, watered, with stripes of white and black on each side and with borders of royal blue.

5. Instructions as to the submission of claims and the disposal of the medals will be issued in due course.

EPSOM RIOT.

CANADIANS NOT GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER.

The trial of seven Canadians who were indicted for the manslaughter of Station-Sergeant Green in the Epsom riot was resumed at the Surrey Assizes yesterday.

One of the accused, named Connors, was called to give evidence. He said he followed the crowd out of curiosity, but that during the time he was outside the station nothing happened, except shouting. He did not see any soldiers with weapons, nor did he know what the shouting was about.

Mr. Justice Darling:— Did you think it was a prayer meeting?

Witness:— No I thought they were having a bit of fun, just for a jolly night.

Other prisoners stated that on nearing a bugler blow the "Fall in" at the camp, they got out of bed to see what the trouble was and followed the crowd down to the police station, where they saw bricks and stones flying about.

All the accused denied having taken part in the assault on the police.

McCallum and Todd were found not guilty and acquitted. The other five were acquitted on the charge of manslaughter but were found guilty of participating in the riot and were each sentenced to twelve months imprisonment without hard labour.

WASHINGTON RACE RIOTS.

There was a fierce renewal of the race riots at Washington on Tuesday night. As the audiences were leaving the theatres, armed bodies of defiant negroes fired shots at the crowd.

Four more deaths have occurred. One of these was that of a detective, who attempted to enter a house where blacks were firing at random from the window. Two troops of cavalry have been called out to assist the police.

The negroes are parading the city in organized bands armed with revolvers, razors and loaded clubs. Some even have rifles. They do not hesitate to insult the whites. Numbers of negroes are also using motor cars from which they fire revolvers.

"LET US GO HOME."

"Let us go home; help us to go home; give us peace." These phrases, in letters a yard long, were painted by German prisoners of war on the roofs of buildings at Whittington, Gobowen, and Park Hall internment camps.

More than ten thousand men are still detained in these camps, and during the peace celebrations on Saturday they appeared very dejected, and the silence that prevailed was remarkable. The officers remained indoors all day.

TIRED OF THE FATHERLAND.

The Swiss Government, after long negotiations between representatives of France, Germany, and Switzerland at Berne concerning the return of German prisoners in France, has authorised the repatriation of a certain number of German officers and men through Switzerland by four trains daily, except Sundays.

The 3,000 Germans still interned in Switzerland will be sent across the frontier next week, but they are not pleased with the prospect and want to remain.

FICKLE SAILOR.

ACTS AS HIS OWN COUNSEL AND HAS TO PAY.

A sailor, sued in the King's Bench Division for breach of promise, conducted his own defence; but the judge decided against him, and he had to pay £35. He was C.P.O. Baddock, R.N., and the girl, a barmaid, of Lower Clapton-road, was Miss K. E. Dennis.

Counsel quoted a number of letters, in one of which defendant said: "I don't intend to take the chance of leaving a young widow, so roll on peace."

Later he wrote: "I was never in a hurry to marry before, or else I should have been long ago. So you have started filling up the bottom drawer again. There is one consolation about it, and that is, that it will not be filled up for nothing this time. I will look after that."

Defendant wrote about a post-war berth as a daughtsman, which he had been offered in Belgium, and this, said counsel, was the excuse which he made for breaking off the engagement.

The parties were engaged in January, 1918, and the breach took place on November 12 last.

Baddock said that, after he was offered the position in Belgium, it was "quite sickening "the way plaintiff, when passing a jeweller's, urged him to obtain a wedding ring and a special license, and "make a job of it."

He was willing to marry her after the war, but her letters showed that she was getting "more or less fed up." He did not think that Belgium was a proper place now to take a newly-wedded wife.

CHURCH SEIZED

UNTIL THE VICAR PAYS HIS DEBTS.

A curious situation has arisen at Little Ilford Parish Curch, following an action in the High Court, in which Mr. Samuel Bent-Marshall, of Wanstead, was awarded judgment for £45 10s. against the Rev. E. Maughan Ettrick, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Little Ilford.

A sequestration notice has been posted outside the church, signed by the Bishop of Chelmsford, who was ordered by the Court "to enter into the rectory and parish church of Little Ilford, and take and sequester the same into your possession, and that you hold the same in your possession until you have levied the said £45 10s. and interest aforesaid of the rent, tithes, and rent-charges."

The decision of the Court to sequester the church was made after the Sheriff of Essex had given notice that the rector had no goods or chattels which could be seized

A churchwarden stated that the services would be continued as usual.

THE FETISH OF PLAY.

Dr. Wattie, the Chief Inspector of Schools in Scotland, cries "halt" to the demand for more play and less work for children. In his annual report on the Highland and Northern Division he says:—

In the child's development, health stands first in importance in point of time, and first also during the later stages among the material conditions, but occupies a much lower place in the scale of ultimate values. Hygieia is a veritable goddess, but her role in the heavenly drama is that of a super rather than of leading lady; and the danger to the commonweal of bringing in a tribe of athletes, who know not how to live well, is perhaps as real to-day as in the time of Euripides.

In my opinion "the happy lengthening of the summer holiday" has reached the limit of reasonableness; and, if education is to play the part in reconstruction that is expected of it, a strengthening of the serious puritanic strain seems desirable.

ALL QUIET AT LUTON.

The situation in Luton is now normal and the military have been withdrawn. The first police proceedings arising out of the disturbances took place yesterday, morning when four women and two men were charged with stealing and receiving. The chief constable said that he did not intend to offer any evidence as the case would be lengthy. He asked for a week's remand which was granted.

The only evidence given, was to the effect that in consequence of the rioting on Saturday various shops were looted and a large quantity of goods stolen. For the defence it was stated that the articles were either found by the prisoners or had been given to them

FATAL FIRE AT WOOLWICH ARSENAL

One munition girl was killed and several others severely injured in a fire which broke out in one of the shops at Woolwich Arsenal yesterday morning.

The building involved was one of the cartridge filling factories, and by some means, at present a mystery, some cordite became ignited, with the result, that in a few moments the whole building was in flames. The fire itself was only of short duration and was quelled by the Arsenal firemen.

The Postmaster-General (Mr. A.H. Illingworth) has undergone an operation in a nursing home in Leeds. The operation was successful.

PRISONERS LET OFF.

MAGISTRATE'S THOUGHT OF PRISONERS' POSTERITY.

The were very few cases in the London police courts arising out of the Peace celebrations, and in some courts the number of prisoners was much below the average.

An unusual course was taken by Mr. d'Eyncourt at Marylebone, in dealing with between twenty and thirty men and women who were charged with drunkenness or disorderly conduct.

All the accused were brought into court, and, addressing them, Mr. d'Eyncourt said:

"This celebration of Peace is perhaps the greatest occasion that England has ever known, and probably all of you will have descendants to whom, in the days to come, you will describe what has happened. Will you want to tell them you were convicted of being drunk or misbehaving on this great occasion?

"England has done magnificently in the war, and is now trying to make the best possible peace, and it behoves all her citizens to set a good example to the world and help her to maintain her great position."

He ordered the prisoners to be discharged.

OLD ARMY BOOTS.

FORTUNE MADE BY KEEN BUYER.

The Army Boot Depots at Southall, near London, Irlam (Lancashire), Leeds, Huntingdon, and Southampton are still busy sorting, repairing, and disposing of discarded Army boots. They are divided into five grades. The best, after suitable treatment, are returned to the troops, the three next grades are sold to civilians, the worst are used for clogging and patching, and the refuse from the various operations is given away.

There is reason to believe that one cargo of 20,000 recently sent to Copenhagen was intended for final disposal in Germany.

Under the present system a good deal of the profit on the sale of these old boots comes back to the country, but in the earlier days of the war, when there was no grading, all surplus boots were sold by weight without reference to quality, and in one authentic case it was shown that a buyer realised £180,000 for what had cost him only £30,000.

Among the very latest arrivals at Southall are thousands of knee-high naval boots, watertight and in splendid condition. They come to the depot from minesweepers and destroyers which are no longer out on their perilous task.

HEART IN A JAM JAR.

A strange provision for his interment was made in his will by Mr. W. H. Syrett, Nightingale-road, notice-server to the Hackney Borough Council. A codicil reads:—

If reasonable, I desire my body cremated and the resultant ashes placed in a large old jam jar which belonged to my mother, that Portland cement and sand mixed with water may be poured therein until a solid block of concrete is formed, and such block buried in some place unlikely to be disturbed, or alternatively thrown into deep sea water.

REPATRIATING PRISONERS FROM ENGLAND.

Arrangements have been made for a large number of German prisoners of war to be sent home via Dover and Rotterdam. The first batch of two trainloads of these men arrived yesterday at Dover, and embarked on the Great Eastern Railway Company's steamer St. Denis for Rotterdam. The St. Denis, which has been engaged on hospital ship service on the Dover route during the war, is sister ship to Captain Fryatt's steamer Brussels.

SOLDIERS' FUNERAL EXPENSES.

A soldier who has been admitted to hospital whilst on demobilization furlough and who dies there after its expiration should, in the words of an Army Council Instruction just issued, "be treated for the purposes of the expenses of a civil funeral as if he had been a serving soldier at the time of death."

ROYAL PROGRAMME FULL

The King and Queen will go to Balmoral early in August. Ordinarily, the Scottish visit has followed Goodwood and Cowes but engagements right up to the date of the famous meeting have ruled Goodwood out for this year, while the announcement that his Majesty will take part in the Thames pageant on Aug. 4 is one of the explanations why Cowes is not on the Royal engagement list.

As a sequel to the recent racial disturbances at Cardiff, when two whites and an Arab received fatal injuries, ten men were convicted of rioting at Swansea Assizes yesterday and sentenced to terms of imprisonment with hard labour ranging from twenty months to three months.

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CAVALRY RACE WEEK.

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II. On Cav. Div. Horse Show days, August 2nd and 4th, Special Lunch and Tea will be arranged for Chauffeurs. Will officers please ensure that they obtain for their Chauffeurs special Lunch and Tea Tickets which can be obtained at the Main Entrance.

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ATWOFOLD APPEAL.

Our army needs men. War is over in most parts of Christendom, but Peace has yet to be secured. It cannot be worthily secured without an adequate display of armed strength.

The men who have borne the heat and burden of the day are being released. It is only proper that their places should be taken by their brothers who have not toiled on the stern and tragic fields of battle. Fair-play is still a cherished principle in Britain.

The army, therefore, appeals for comrades—not for a vast array of men with all the panoply of war but for such numbers as shall satisfy Imperial exigencies and human needs.

What is its appeal? It is twofold in its significance, for it has an indirect and a direct claim.

In the first place, the distracted state of the home country supplies an argument for recruiting. A war of five years' duration inevitably leaves its mark upon the social fabric of a nation. For a considerable time there will be in England much difficulty in the equipment, discipline, and organization of industry. War conditions do not easily and quickly give way to conditions of settled peace. Every people has to harvest the aftermath of Mars.

Work is not forthcoming to all who demand it, and for long the wheels of industry will turn heavily and unevenly. Time must pass before the skilled artizan or the professional man can meet with the success his experience entitles him to expect. There is disappointment for all who forget the ravages which war has perpetrated.

Then there is the more direct appeal of the army. It opens up a field of reputable service for two classes of men—men who await the return of happier conditions in the industrial world and men who are not specially attracted by any particular industry or profession.

The army offers us a career which can be and must be followed with the utmost consideration of health. No business can vie with it in attention to physique, and this attention almost invariably takes forms that are pleasurable.

Then soldiering gives a man wondrous freedom from the anxieties and perplexities of life. If any man can say he has "not a care in the world," it is the soldier. For him the tax-gatherer, the profiteer, and the taskmaster lose their terrors.

Once more, there is in the Army a boon that the business world usually denies to its followers — certainty of regular employment. Many in the home country are harassed by the fear that suddenly they may be unemployed, but that is a sword of Damocles which never hangs over the head of the fit and capable soldier.

Nowadays education and technical training have been wisely fostered and organised by the military authorities, and it is open to all ranks to continue their studies in science, language, business, or manual crafts. The schoolmaster is abroad in the British Army, and he is armed with his books.

The days are gone, too, when the services of the soldier were rewarded with a miserable pittance. He now has a competence, and in these days of increased cost of living he can often look with compassion on his hard-worked civilian brothers.

Then there is the matter of promotion. Men may not carry Field Marshal's batons in their knapsacks, but they have the prospect of rising from the lowest rank to positions of authority and distinction. A good man may carve his way through the stripes and stars of our army till he wins the Crown.

These are some points in the appeal which our military service is making to the men of England. There must be many who will be proud to serve under the old flag and to rejoice in the new sprit of emancipated times.

THE DANGER.

There is a certain aspect of the question of the possible marriage of British soldiers with German women which, despite its importance, appears hitherto to have been neglected. We refer to the probable offspring of these unions.

It is now a widely recognised fact that there goes to the forming of each succeeding generation a great many parental characteristics about which we know, as yet little or nothing. Those who are studying the effect on the individual of the sub-conscious mind are now applying their conclusions to its effect on the unborn generation.

Every one of our thoughts leaves its impress on that part of the mind, which we cannot at will, bring into operation by an effort of memory. Consciously or unconsciously, our past thoughts and experience govern our present ideas and actions.

If therefore our children contain in their minds an impress, faint or otherwise, of our own mental composition, and inherit a tendency to think and act as we have thought and acted, just as they inherit an easily recognised likeness in face or form, it behoves every man who contemplates marriage with a German woman to hesitate before perpetuating the ideas which must be latent in her mind.

For five years and more, the German nation has been nourished on hatred for Britain and it would be an unpleasant event for an English father if the first words his offspring spoke were, "Gott strafe England!"

MY MASTER.

The Revelations of a Dog.

Whisper it not in Gath, but not many moons have passed, since I scrounged a livelihood in the opposition camp. Then meat portions were at a premium, the tasty Machonochie was unknown and I had not learned of the sweetness of "shokolade." Just what I fattened on in those days is a nightmare I recall with agony.

Often enough my new found confreres, all boastful of war services and chevrons, chip me as to my alien ancestory. Strictly, between ourselves I would sooner forget it. After all I am a naturalized dog, or about to be. Did not my governor remark to the buxom fräulein that he intended to take me along with her and himself to England? Not that I would set much store as to her chances of travel over the water in that direction. You see I have overheard that story before.

But to cast my mind back. The transfer of my allegiance was a perfectly simple matter, though the improved commissariat had a deal to do with my way of thinking. The language difficulty presented obstacles.

It is hard to be called upon to sample the toes of "Boots, Ordnance, pairs one, officer for the use of," because one has failed to grasp the meaning of a funny throaty noise which sounded like "Come here."

However, by dint of much perseverance, my knowledge has improved, so much so, that anticipating the governor's wish, I turn a deaf ear to the lingo which I learned from my Teuton owner.

On the whole our relationship is undisturbed, though I would fain hie myself back to the old haunts: Cologne has few attractions for a "Dawg," though the governor seems to find a few. I think, however, he would share my opinion if he were hauled along the streets at the end of a leash. My efforts to inter-pret my thoughts by chewing it up only earned me a hiding. But again, what is one to do?

Shall I ever forget my debut in the town? My freedom gone and my jaws eased in a leather contrivance which cost the governor fifteen marks. Again whisper it, but the market value of that muzzle has dropped appreciably since in a moment of despair I got my teeth into it.

It was well worth the ructions which followed. My respectability was endangered, my pride outraged. The freedom of the countryside was gone. No longer could I hold my head up, and the maze of traffic puzzled me.

No parades by the roadside, no regimental cooker and unlimited stew, no canters across the countryside. Instead, crawls through the streets with every town guardian of the law ready to haul me off, should I appear in public except at the end of a lead.

Slowly but surely I am getting fat and dyspeptic. The governor says so twenty times a day. I try to point out that there is a pair of us in the same boat. Frankly I have no use for hotel and cafe life, the caresses of frauen and fräulein.

Not that, knowing the weaknesses of the governor, I do not try to help him in this respect, and the introductions I have brought about—well. Still I have no use for snacks. Give me the unlimited bully of the regimental cookhouse and my old billet.

Between ourselves. I've no use for towns. "STROP."

WHAT TO SEE IN RHINELAND.

I. The Royal Palace at Brühl.

In the British Army of the Rhine, there are many men who are expert in painting, architecture, and historical lore, and they could write learned accounts of the Rhineland's places of interest which would put to shame the best of our guide-books.

But there is room for an occasional article on museums, churches, ancient buildings, or other interesting places by one who wanders as the spirit moves him and claims no knowledge of the arts and sciences. These are the days of "the man in the street," and such a man has his views and reflections.

Royal palaces have a glamour for the democrat. He likes to see how the other people lord it in their magnificence, and his inquisitive bent turns him at times to the castles of the mighty. Scorn, envy, amusement are some of the emotions felt by the average British soldier when he reads the lengthy list of the ex-Kaiser's palaces.

Now there is such a palace not far from Cologne, and it is worthy of a visit. Wilhelm II. is at present a notorious example of what the Scots call an "absentee laird," so one may strut through the stately rooms of this palace without any fear that trespassers will be prosecuted.

Stronghold now a Palace.

It is close to Brühl, a town which lies midway between Bonn and Cologne, a link between a home of learning and a seat of industry. It was a stronghold of the Electors of Cologne in the later mediaeval times; but its chief glory is now the royal palace, built in 1725—28, by the genial Clemens Augustus of Bavaria, archbishop, elector, and patron of art.

The palace is the greatest of the Rhineland's buildings of the eighteenth century, and it is reckoned a good example of the architecture of the age. The ordinary visitor can see at a glance that it is a perplexing fabric, for externally it is severe in this style — "chaste" is the word the experts use — whilst the ornamentation within the palace is amazingly exuberant.

The proper thing for the visitor, is to take his stand within the large hall of the first floor, to cast his eye upon the staircase, then upon the ceiling, and finally with solemn voice to emit the one blessed word "rococo." When that is done he has stepped into the circle of the initiated in art. Rococo is the Mesopotamia of the aesthetic. To pronounce it without a blush or a tremor is an artistic achievement.

What is 'Rococo'?

Do not demand of me a definition of the word. The dictionary informs one that it means a highly ornamental style of architecture, that it is a late and not a romantic phase of art, and that it was a product of the eighteenth century. The dictionary, therefore, is a very present help in time of trouble; and it is not surprising that one of England's great literary men made one.

But a history book can explain things when the dictionary ceases to help and when even the best guide-books fail us. Think of the history one learned at school or college, and ask what the King's courtiers, ecclesiastics, and wealthy patrons of art were doing in the first half of the eighteenth century. They were copying the civilization of France.

Now that answer helps us to get a better knowledge of the royal palace at Brühl than can be gained by a study of the various artists who displayed their genius on the building. At the very time it was being built, the future Frederick the Great was moulding his tastes after the pattern of Paris. When he became King of Prussia his court was modelled on the court that Louis XIV had made famous. Science, art, and even language were French — anything else was deemed barbarous.

That is why the Brühl palace and grounds seem so alien to what we regard as German. The park with its beautiful avenue and trees and fountain are like the pleasances of Versailles that we see in many a picture postcard. The music-room, the dining-room, the Electors' rooms, even the bedrooms are elegant, sumptuous, and distinctively French.

One thing is Teutonic. It is the marvellous carpet which has the eagle, the date 1870, the ominous "Wilhelm," and, best of all, an embroidered border of German battle-triumphs. Was one a Philistine when one exultingly tramped over its velvet pile?

SOLDIERS AND SPELLING.

Sir,—I read the recent article on "An International Language," by A.M. with pleasure.

In one ov his paragrafs A.M. makes menshon ov English speling. Speling is like erly luv — most ar very shy about it! Very few wil confes that they cannot spel. An an evening's amuzement I wood sujest to our frends acros the Rhine to take eny paragraf from the "Post", reed it out to those hoo wil undertake the dictashon lesson, and see how meny hav spelt acording to the printer — I cannot say "correctly," for ther is no such thing as "correct" speling, except by sound, and English speling is far from this standard.

Perhaps sum wil demur to this impeechment ov their orthografic skil. Just listen to whot Mr. A. J. Bulfour said yeers ago conserning soljery and speling:

I hav cum acros men hoo wood make excellent soljerz, hoo from sum defect ov eye — for it was a question ov eye very much — did not acquire the "stranje art" ov speling the English langwaje. Ther is nothing more calculated to disgust pupils and to degrade the hole subject ov examinashons than the habit ov attaching undue importans to the arbitrary simbols ov unuzual words."

It has been put on record that Wellington's dispatches wer not spelt according to the regulashon or "orthodox" speling; and even the culture ov Lord Collingwood did not befrend him against our lawless speling, when he had to rite English. Just another whisper. Look into Mr. Gerard's book, and yu wil find the Kizer made sertain slips in speling a few comon words! Bismarck was a defaulting speler.

H. DRUMMOND.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

BANDS ON THE RHINE.

Sir—In Cologne one is able to hear and enjoy the music of military bands, but such a privilege is denied the smaller towns. Unfortunately most of the bands in existence before the Armistice have been demobilized. The Division to whom I belong does not possess a band, and will not, without organisation of a special kind. That there is material to work on, cannot be doubted.

It is said that musicians are born, not made; but they are not born ready made. May I suggest that a school be organised for training some of the young soldiers who are likely to be in this country for a year or two? "RIPPLE."

PHOTOGRAPHING THE DOM.

Sir,—Upon reading "Echoes from Rhineland" I find that someone, evidently not an amateur photographer, criticises the taking of snaps of the Dom, when excellent and cheap views may be obtained in the shops.

Does it not strike him that there is method in the madness? I, personally, cannot get a view of the Dom that will fit my album and neither can I get one that appears to me as being the best obtainable; i.e. taken from the entrance to the Hohenzollern Bridge. I prefer a poor photograph of my own production than a perfect one, at half the cost, from a shop. KODAK.

DOGS IN CHURCH.

Sir,—If a dog is trained to behave properly why should it not be allowed in church? If it has not been so trained it should not be allowed anywhere in public.

Surely God does not object to animals being in His house so long as they do not inconvenience His worshippers.

Sometimes a dog is a man's best friend on earth, and must he leave it behind when he goes to visit the best friend in the universe? May I also remind your readers of the lines:

He prayeth best who loveth best
All creatures, great and small;
For the dear Lord who loveth us
He made and loveth all.

A PARSON.

ON SERIOUS READING.

Sir,—Your correspondent, Lieut. W. R. Patterson, deplores the fact that very few soldiers go in for serious reading.

That, I suppose, is the reason why we see so many dusty and moth eaten volumes on the shelves of our libraries. Just as, we see in many private houses, rows of volumes in gorgeous bindings; that are usually purchased because their beautiful appearance adds to the ornamentation of the home.

We must realise that the average soldier is not of a serious turn of mind; he lives for to-day and cares very little what the morrow may bring forth. Yet I believe that guided in the right way, and given the right kind of books, he would come to take up serious reading.

Could not a sufficient number of books be provided and Literary Clubs instituted in the Rhine Army? R.M.

TYPES OF ARCHITECTURE.

Sir,—During the Parliamentary debates which took place after the great fire of London in 1666, respecting the rebuilding of St. Paul's Cathedral, certain members wished it to be designed in the native style of the middle ages.

Others desired that the Renaissance style should be employed, and hurled the epithets "Gothic" and "Barbarous" at that which had been the pride of our country in earlier centuries, but had no name. The term "Gothic" stuck. Given in opprobrium, it has come to great honour; yet those who used it first were right, for the gothic spirit was dead in the seventeenth century, and St. Paul's, as we know it now, is one of the great masterpieces of Renaissance architecture.

This appears to be the only authentic explanation of the origin of the use of the word "Gothic" to describe the architecture of the middle ages in Western Europe. G. A. T. MIDDLETON.

DANCE ROOM ETIQUETTE.

Sir,—In answer to Runner's letter, what can he know about dancing, when he says that it is wrong to hold your partners wrist? What does he think you are going to do; hold her hair?

He says there is too much wild dancing, but most dancers will pilot their partners through any dance-room, providing it is not overcrowded, like the B.E.L.C. is at times.

As for "jazzing," I don't suppose "Runner" could jazz if he tried. Dancing should be a pleasure, not hard work, as waltzing is. A good dancer will jazz to rest himself. DANCING LONDONER.

Sir,—I must strongly object to the insinuation of Runner, that any of the charming ladies one meets at dances in Cologne could be party to the risk of hitting other dancers (or Runners) in the face, even though there are obvious good reasons for holding by the wrist, which need not here be mentioned.

Lastly it would appear that the joys of waltzing cannot be very great, if marred by that quite inoffensive dance the Jazz. RUNNER-UP.

THE MOON.

And, like a dying lady lean and pale,
Who totters forth, wrapp'd in a gauzy veil,
Out of her chamber, led by the insane
And feeble wanderings of her fading brain,
The moon arose up in the murky east
A white and shapeless mass.

Art thou pale for weariness
Of climbing heaven and gazing on the earth,
Wandering companionless
Among the stars that have a different birth,
And ever changing, like a joyless eye
That finds no object worth its constancy?

PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY.

Athletic Sports and Pastimes.

PRIZES PRESENTED BY LADY ROBERTSON AT LIBLAR FESTIVAL.

The Sports Meetings season continues to provide abundant interest for the sojourner in Rhineland. At Liblar on Wednesday afternoon Lady Robertson, wife of the Commander-in-Chief, Sir William Robertson, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., graced the proceedings with her presence.

The Sports of the 5th Battalion the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry were held on Wednesday at Liblar in changeable weather. Lady Robertson, who was accompanied by Miss Robertson, attended, and was enthusiastically cheered after presenting the prizes; and there were also present ladies from the various social organizations in Cologne, and a number of officers representative of the IX Corps, the Midland Division, and the 1st Midland Brigade.

During the afternoon, the band of the 2/4th Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. (by kind permission of Lieut. Col. C. E. Heathcote, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.) rendered a programme of music, and in the evening Miss Sharpe's Morris Dancers played to an appreciative audience in the Theatre. The Divisional "Fancies" Concert Party was also in attendance, but owing to the unfavourable weather, were unable to perform.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

The results are appended:—

100 yards:—1, C. S. M. Rutter; 2, Cpl. Barnett; 3, S. t. Bunting.

Tilting the Bucket:—Ptes. Smart and Brown.

440 yards (open to all ranks of the K.O.Y.L.I. in the Army of the Rhine):—1, Pte. Blake; 2, Pte. Thompson; 3, 2/Lt. J. Cummings.

Long jump:—1, Sgt. Bunting; 2, Pte. Masterman; 3, 2/Lt. J. Cummings.

Tug-of-War:—Headquarters Company.

One Mile (open to the Army of the Rhine):—1, Lt. Elliott (Lancs. Fusilier); 2, Lt. Monks (5th K.O.Y.L.I.); 3, L/Cpl. Widerman; 4, Cpl. Jarvis (5th K.O.Y.L.I.).

Obstacle Race:—1, C. S. M. Wilkinson; 2, Pte. Ruddock; 3, Pte. Weatherhead.

Relay Race:—"B" Company. Team:—L/C Sharratt, Cpl. Barnett, Pte. Masterman, Pte. Deeley, Pte. Coupland, Pte. Blake, Pte. Holmes.

Mule Race (open to Battalion Transport):—1, Pte. Taylor; 2, Pte. Appleyard; 3, Pte. Wood.

880 yards:—1, Lt. E. H. O. Keates, M.C.; 2, Lt. G. H. Taylor, M.C., M.M.; 3, S. t. Riddle.

W.O.'s and Sergts. Handicap:—1, C.S.M. Wilkinson; 2, Sgt. Turner; 3, Sgt. Faulkner.

Officers' Mule Race:—1, Lt. Newton-King (A.D.C., Midland Division); 2, Capt. R. T. Ebrey (5th K.O.Y.L.I.); 3, Lt. Oldcorn (4, K.O.Y.L.I.).

Ladies' Egg and Spoon Race:—Miss Matheson.

Pillow Fighting:—1, L/Cpl. Deakin; 2, Pte. Moulds; 3, Pte. Masterman.

High Jump:—1, Lt. E. H. O. Keates, M.C.; 2, Sgt. Bunting; 3, Pte. Savile.

Two prizes were also awarded Sgt. G. H. Ward and S. t. F. W. Needham who, as clowns, kept the spectators rippling with merriment throughout the afternoon.

The Officials were:—Stewards; Lt.-Col. H. E. Trevor, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Capt. T. A. H. Oliphant, M.C.; Capt. A. Robinson, M.C.; Capt. and Adjt. P. F. Farnish; Capt. R. T. Ebrey; Capt. E. Davis, M.C.; Capt. H. Barker, M.C. (Starters); Lieut. C. M. Monks; and 2/Lieut. G. A. Need and Lieut. D. A. Scott; Lieut. H. E. Sharp; R.S.M. Harding, C.; C.S.M. Spratt, F.; S.Sgt. Instr. Smith, B. and S. t. A. E. Miles (Committee); 2/Lieut. H. E. Bunting (Secretary).

31st LABOUR GROUP LEAGUE.

153rd Labour Coy v. 49th Labour Coy on the former's ground at Cologne, on Tuesday. The visiting team batted first, on a very wet wicket, and obtained a total of 42 runs. The home team replied feebly, only scoring 13 runs against the exceptionally good bowling of Cpl. Harrington and Cpl. Bowker, the former taking six wickets for five runs, and the latter four for five.

CRICKET FRIENDLY.

53rd Bn. The Rifle Brigade met H.Q., R.A. (Light Division) at Garath on Sunday. Cpl. Gore, of 53rd. R.B., bowled well, taking 6 wickets for 11 runs in the first innings and 9 wickets for 6 runs in the second. Result: 53rd R.B., 1st innings 60 runs; 2nd innings 39 runs. R.A., 1st innings 39 runs; 2nd innings 19 runs. 53rd R.B. won by an innings and 2 runs.

C.P.C. MATCHES.

EASTERN DIV. H.Q. (100 for 6) v 52 MANCHESTER REGT. (7). For the Manchesters the top scorers were, Lieut. White and Lewis with six each. Col. Dobbie and Cpl Gill bowled remarkably well, taking four for eleven, and six for ten respectively. For Div. H.Q Col. Sgt. Sandell, (13), Spr. Thompson, (38) and Pte. Walker (16) batted well. Bowling: C.Q.M.S. Madlock five for 35; Thorpe one for 14.

OTHER RESULTS.

16 West Yorks Regt. (158 for 8) v Southern Div. M. T. Coy (58 all out).

Lancs Fus. (67) v 3.3 S. B. (35).

41 M. G. C. (62 for 2) v Waim Survey Det (60).

3rd K. O. Hussars 47 for 7 wickets. D Corps Siege Park did not bat and the result was a draw.

EUSKIRCHEN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
174 Siege Battery	13	13			26§
"E" Corps Sig. Coy	16	11	4	1	23§
354 Siege Battery	16	11	5		22§
IX Corps Troops M.T.C.	15	11	4		22§
77 Siege Battery	11	10	1		20§
185 Siege Battery	14	9	5		18§+
21 Bde. R.G.A.	13	9	4		18§
Mid. Div. H.Q.	13	8	5		16§
145 S. Battery	12	8	4		16§
9 Corps H.A.	15	7	8		14§
73rd Bde. R.G.A.	14	7	7		14§
18 F. Amb.	13	6	7		12§
1—5 S. Staffs	9	6	3		12§
F.A.A. Bty. R.F.A.	8	6	2		12§
488 S. Battery	11	5	6		10§
Mid. Div. M.T. Coy.	11	4	7		8§
509 F. Coy. R.E.	8	4	4		8§
76 Army Bde. R.F.A.	8	4	4		8§+
104 Bde. R.F.A.	7	4	3		8§
Mid. D.A.C.	8	3	4	1	7§
269 A.E. Camp	11	3	8		6§
1st Bn. M.G.C.	7	3	4		6
60 F. Amb.	8	2	6		4§

§ Points awarded for scratched match
+ Points deducted for default.

Still They Come.

"I am willing to box anyone in the B.A.O.R. at from 10st 7 to 10st 10, any number of rounds. The bout to take place in the Cologne district."

Thus writes C.Q.M.S. J. French, attd. H.Q., 2nd London Infantry Brigade.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Friday, July 25, 1919.

Wind light northerly. Weather, morning fog: some low cloud during the day. Moderate temperature. Poor visibility at first, but becoming fair.

NEW RELAY RACE.

B Battery, 190 Brigade, R.F.A. Sports Meeting.

KEEN TUSSLES.

The above unit held their first sports meeting on the sports ground at Poller Wiesen on Saturday when a very varied programme was submitted.

The jumping, both for officers and N.C.O.'s, was distinctly good, Capt. Jenn, M.C., D/190, Capt. Taylor, D.A.C., carrying off 1st and 2nd prizes respectively. Sergt. Herbert, London R.A. School, Cpl. Blow, D/190, B.S.M. Dale, A/190 took the other ranks' prizes in the order mentioned.

Both in the long jump and high jump the competitors showed to great advantage. The long jump was won after a good tussle by Bdr. Deakin, B/190, Gnr. Riley, B/190, being second. For the high jump the tables were turned, Gnr. Riley being first, with Bdr. Deakin second.

SOMETHING NEW.

An original relay race was run off by teams comprising three men. In each case a despatch had to be brought from the back area by mounted orderly who handed it to a cyclist orderly, who rushed it to the front lines, where in turn he handed it to a dismounted orderly, who, handicapped by wearing a gas mask, had to deliver the despatch to his commanding officer and thus gain the coveted honour for his team.

The officers' tent pegging, in which Brig. Gen. Oldfield C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., took part, was won by Major Brandish M.C., Capt. George, M.C., being second.

The 190 Brigade's old favourite "Molly the Mule" again turned up and won an amusing musical chairs competition, and, as in previous competitions when only one chair is left, she in her frenzy tried herself to sit on the chair before the music had stopped; but nevertheless, to the satisfaction of all present, she did win the event with Dvr. Reeves A/190 up, dressed as a beautiful Spanish Senorita.

ROARS OF APPLAUSE.

"Tilting the bucket" brought roars of applause and was much appreciated by the German spectators, who evidently deemed it the acme of fun and good humour. More especially was this the case when two clowns came gaily down to try their luck, one armed with an umbrella, only to miss the hole and bring down a shower of whitewash on themselves.

Lieut. Winch R.F.A., B/Bty. sports officer, is to be congratulated on an excellent afternoon's sport and fun.

The band of the 11th Bn. Queens Regt., by kind permission of the C.O., played exellent selections the whole afternoon. The sports ended by Brig.-Gen. Oldfield, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., distributing the prizes.

R. A. F. SPORTS.

Fast Running at Athletic Meet at Salisbury.

The South-Western Area R.A.F. held a sports meeting at Victoria Park, Salisbury, on Wednesday. Lieut. Paul and Lieut. Marsh tied for the high jump at 5 ft 2½ ins. Acting Cpl. Nicks won the mile in 4 min. 50 sec. Lieut. Price won the 100 yards in 10 1/5 secs., and the 100 yards open was secured by Sergt.-Major Bolt, 1st Balloon Training School, in 10 3/5 secs. The half-mile was won by Lieut. Shaw in 2 min. 10 secs., the one mile open being won by Lieut. Barr in 4 min. 57 1/5 secs.

The long jump was secured by Capt. Scott (19 ft 6 ins.). S.M. Bolt won the 220 yards in 25 secs.; Cpl. Rider won the three miles in 16 min. 34 3/5 secs.; Lieut. Fraser won the 100 yards and R.S.M. Bennett secured the 440 yards in 55 2/5 secs.

In the tug-of-war the Southern Aircraft Repair Depot, Farnboro, the semi-finalists at the recent Olympia, beat Gosport.

Hampshire's Mystery Man.

Many people are confident that "G. Newcombe," Hampshire's mystery man, is C. B. Fry. They may take it as official that this is not so.

FOUR FIRSTS.

Excellent Sport at 1/5th S. Staffs Meeting.

GAILY DECKED VENUE.

The inhabitants of the sleepy little village of Commern had been wondering what all the bunting and flags, which had been gradually collecting on the Sports Platz, were for. It was an attempt to make gay for the regimental sports of the 1/5th Bn. The South Staffordshire Regt. Although it was raining at the commencement, there was a large assembly, including Major-General Braithewaite and staff, Brig.-General Crawford, C.I.E., C.M.G., D.S.O., A.de-C.; Capt. Douglas Cowan, D.S.O., M.C., and Lieut.-Col. Collas, D.S.O.

The regimental band rendered selections during the afternoon and evening.

The officials were under the presidency of Lieut.-Col. Morgan, C.M.G., D.S.O. who acted as referee. Judges:—Lieut.-Col. Collas, D.S.O., Commanding 51st Devons, and Lieut. King. Capt. and Q. M. Duffield acquitted himself well as M.C. Other Officials were:—The Rev. Shelton, C.F., Lap re order; Lieut. Stevens, M. M., Starter. 2 Lt. Wickham-Legg, Timekeeper; 2 Lt. Appleby M.C., and 2/Lt. Hall, stewards. Major B. F. Newall and Lieut Villiers had charge of the totalisator which did great business, "backers" waiting in queues. The splendid work of the R.S.M., C.S.M. Taylor, D.C.M., M.M., and C. S. M. Norman, enabled the time table and programme to be adhered to.

MOST SUCCESSFUL COMPETITORS.

Lieut. Walton was the most successful competitor winning no less than four firsts, in addition to being a member in the winning relay team. In the Officer's 100 yards handicap the Commanding Officer gained first place, our "Doc" Surg. Major A. W. Sucu, being second.

The event of the day was the tug-of-war, B v. C Coys, both teams collapsing after the pull. The battalion sports challenge cup was won by "B" Coy.

Brig.-General Cranford presented the prizes. Cheers for the Brigadier, Commanding Officer, and staff, and "B" Coy brought a very successful meeting to a close.

PRIZE LIST.

Putting the shot:—Lieut. G. Poole, M.C., D Coy; Cpl. Smith, C.

100 yards:—Lieut. C. H. Walton, B; Lieut. R. Appleby, M.C., B; 2/Lieut. G. Wright, B.

Tug-of-War 100 S.:—A Coy.; D Coy.

One Mile:—Pte. Marsden, C; Sgt. Turner, A; Pte. Smith, B.

440 yards (open):—Spr. Topping, R.E.; Cpl. Shennon, B; Pte. Taylor, D.

Long jump:—2/Lt. Wickham-Legg, A; 2/Lt. Wright, B.

Sergts. Race:—Sgt. Slater, C.

Half Mile:—Pte. Taylor, D; Sgt. Turner, A.

High jump:—Pte. Mead, B; 2/Lt. Powell, M.C., C.

Mile Race:—Pt. Shadwell, Tpt; Pte. Meek, Tpt.

220 yards:—Lt. C. H. Walton, B; 2/Lt. H. Appleby, M.C., B; Cpl. Shennon, B.

One Mile (open):—Spr. Topping, R.E.; Major Colvin, V.C.

Blindfold Squad Drill:—No. 1, Platoon; No. 13, Platoon.

Obstacle Race:—Pte. Jobbling, C; Pte. Cowley, D; Pte. Richardson, C.

440 yards:—Lieut. C. H. Walton, B; Cpl. Shennon, B; Pte. Taylor, D.

Officers Race:—Lt.-Col. R. W. Morgan, C.M.G., D.S.O., 15th S. Staff.; Surg-Major A. W. Shaw, D.S.O., T.D., Notts and Derby; Lieut H. Appleby, M.C., B Coy., 15th South Staff.

Tug-of-War (Catch weight):—D Coy.; A Coy.

120 yards Hurdle:—2 Lt. G. Wright, B; Pte. Cotterill, A; 2/Lt. S. C. Nichols, C.

O'Grady:—Sig. Morton, A; Pte. Roy, D.

Sack Jumping:—No. 13, Platoon D; No. 4, Platoon, A.

Band Race:—Pte. Evans; Pte. Mycock; Pte. Hereham.

100 yards open:—Lt. C. H. Walton, B; Pte. Harris, 5 and Leicesters; Cpl. Wilkinson, D Coy. 15th South Staffs.

Tilting the Bucket:—Pte. Hansen, D; Pte. Boyce, D; Pte. Brazzell; Pte. Hadley.

Company Relay:—B Coy; D Coy.

Three Mile Cross Country:—Pte. Marsden, C, 2/Lt. B. J. King, C; Pte. Smith, B.

BRIGADE OF GUARDS.

Regatta Revived at Maidenhead.

The Brigade of Guards Regatta was revived at Maidenhead on Wednesday after a lapse of six years. The single punting handicap was won by Capt. Swinton. Other results were: Battalion Fours — the 2nd Grenadiers beat the 3rd Grenadiers.

Regimental Eights Challenge Cup — Coldstream Guards beat Grenadiers, the Scots Guards being third. The double sculling was won by Major-General Matheson and Col. Darrell, Coldstreams. The double punting was won by Major Fox and C. H. Blair, Scots Guards.

ENGLISH CRICKET.

Lancs 429 for seven declared, Gloster 155 for nine.

Yorks 380 for three declared; Northants 65 for six.

Derbyshire 153; Somerset 132 for nine.

Hampshire 207; Sussex 177 for seven.

11 CONSECUTIVE BULLS.

Brilliant Shooting for the Empire Trophy at Bisley.

The competition for the Empire Trophy at Bisley ended on Wednesday afternoon in a victory for the British, who retain the trophy. Despite a troublesome wind the British team's shooting was extraordinarily good.

At 800 yards Sergt. Burr, the King's prizewinner in 1909, only lost one point, and made eleven consecutive bulls. Unfortunately the light beat him at the last shot, which was an inner. The shooting of Sergt. Loveday, the King's prizewinner, was disappointing.

The following were the aggregates:—

Britain . . . . . 2112.
Australia . . . . . 2040.
New Zealand . . . 1979.
Canada . . . . . 1986.

A HUGE CIRCUS.

1st American Division "Outfit" Visiting Cologne.

After a remarkable success at Montabaur, before enormous crowds which included many British officers and men, the First American Division Circus is coming to Cologne for three days, August 1, 2 and 3.

The circus is a huge affair to put under canvas, and even the large Amsterdamer Strasse Football Ground, where it will be staged, is a "mighty tight squeeze," as Capt. F.C. Rans, circus manager, said. It seems to be a happy combination of Barnum and Bailey's famous circus, Buffalo Bill's Wild West show, and a lot of clever trick cavalry riding. Three-hundred circus people go with the show, all of them men selected from the First American Division and together with 100 trained horses, "Haute ecole" and cavalry trick riding, or "Monkey-Drill" as the Americans call it.

Twenty Big Acts.

Besides the twenty big acts of the main performance, there is an interesting side show consisting of a number of musical freaks and clever tricks and features. Here the Strong Man puts Samson to shame, the Hairy and Hairless Wonders show how strange are the ways of Nature, the Sultan's Own Dancing Girls give you a thrill, and many other things that promise to keep you wide-eyed for a half-hour.

SOLDIERS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

New Hut Opened at Siegburg by Brig.-Gen. Higginson.

The formal opening of the Siegburg Hut took place on Tuesday. At 5.30 p.m. the hut was filled with soldiers, and Lieut.-Col. Dobbie, in introducing Brig.-Gen. Higginson, briefly described the aims and past work of the Soldiers' Christian Association.

Brig.-Gen. Higginson said that it afforded him great pleasure to express, on behalf of the troops of the Eastern Division, his appreciation of the work of the Soldiers' Christian Association, which had been working amongst soldiers for the past 32 years, and which, together with the Y.M.C.A., had done such splendid work during the war.

Mr. Harper, the Area Organizer for the district, replied for the S.C.A., and mentioned the name of Miss Kerr, the Siegburg Hut leader. It was received with much applause. The hut comprises three large rooms, behind which is a well fitted canteen. There is a reading room, a canteen, and a sitting room furnished to look as much like home as possible. For the occasion of the opening ceremony the hut had been tastefully decorated with flowers, the Allied flags and Chinese lanterns. Miss Kerr, Mrs and Miss Chynoweth, Miss Ruby Burns and Miss Jenny Burns, are to be congratulated on having established a little bit of England under the walls of the historic monastey of Siegburg.

FRENCH FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

The above championship will be decided at Wagram Hall in Paris on July 30, between the French and European champions, de Ponthieu, and Auguste Grassi.

De Ponthieu is the only Frenchman who was victorious at the Inter-Allied Olympiad. Grassi, the challenger, has been the French military champion since he defeated Trikri.

Donoghue Performs Hat Trick.

FEAT ACCOMPLISHED ON OPENING DAY OF LIVERPOOL MEETING.

By winning on Staples, Envoy, and Rothesay Bay, Donoghue accomplished the "hat trick" at Liverpool on Wednesday.

This jockey, who heads the honours list for the season, also performed the "hat trick" at Epsom on June 6th, when he won the first three races as well as the Walton Plate.

The following were the Liverpool results:

Riverside Plate:—1, Roy de Castule (3—1); 2, Tasty (2—1); 3 Vinny (10—1).

Wednesday Handicap:—1, Staples 11—10); 2, Shogunate (evens); 3, Spanish Chestnut (20—1).

Mersey Stakes:—1, Envoy (5—1); 2, Marshall Neil (100—6); 3, Spion Kop (evens).

St. George Stakes:—1, Rothesay Bay (5—4); 2, Bayuda (13—8); 3, Derset (7—2).

Liverpool Plate:—1, Skyrocket (7—1); 2, Tangiers (3—1); Eatoj Hero (8—1½).

Windermere High Handicap:—1, The Plough (5—4); 2, Beresion (6—1); 3, Cromaboo (20—1).

THE LIVERPOOL CUP.

Prospects for To-day's Race at Aintree.

The principal item on to-day's card at Liverpool is the Cup. There is a good entry for the event and speculation as to the favourite is diversified.

Writing in "The Weekly Dispatch," Keystone states that the choice seems fairly well divided between Dionysos and Chuette. Arion is not without a fighting chance, and the trio will be the brightest backed. He, however, plumps for Dionysos, Lord Derby's horse.

The Planet.

Tattenham in the "Sunday Express" writes as follows:—

Since Mr. Louis Winans sold Planet the public have been inclined to forget his best performances, but it would be a gift for him at 8lbs. below Arion if he could reproduce the form which made him rather an unlucky loser of the Cambridgeshire as a three-year-old. Subsequently he ran away with the Manchester November Handicap, and he was trying to give Bay Jingo 9lbs. when he chased Mr. De Pledge's horse home in the Manchester Cup last summer, finishing a neck in front of the largely Hainaut (gave 10lbs). He smothered Transition at evens on one occasion, so you realise what a good horse he is when he likes.

It is against Planet that he seems fast qualifying for a career that follows racing, but if you study his form on the first day at Ascot—when the conditions underfoot were not as he liked them—you must realise what a liberty the handicapper has taken with him. He was seen out twice on the Royal Heath, but did not get off, and only cantered home behind Diadem on the second occasion.

The doubt about the going alone inclines me to favour

Dionysos

in preference to Planet, though the Epsom horse should certainly be saved on each way. Chuette may beat Arion and others.

Arion's Form.

I am divided in my own mind between Arion and Chuette; says Tattenham in "Lloyd's News." Nothing seems to come amiss to Lord Jersey's big horse, who, since he won the Jubilee, has gone on from victory to victory.

When a horse once starts winning in this way, it is never safe to say when he will stop, and I think, if anyone can give the winner of a handicap in two guesses, it is worth while backing both.

Personally, I have a tremendous fancy for the mare, and I am going to back Chuette to win, while I will save on Arion.

MACHINE GUNNERS' VICTORY.

41st. M.G.C. v. Rhine Army Staff Officers at Heumar.

Major Yates brought a team of Staff Officers of the Rhine Army, five of whom had been playing at Lindenthal during the week, to play the 41st Bn M.G.C. at cricket on the latter's ground at Heumar on Saturday. The 41st Bn. won the toss and the innings was opened at 11.30 hrs. by Lieut.-Col. H. G. Barry and Pte. Gorrard. The weather was delightful and drew a large number of spectators, including Col. Biddle, C.M.G., American Army.

The first wicket fell for 47 runs, Pte. Gorrard having made 23. Col. Barry put up some very fine batting, finally being caught by Major C. M. Yates with his score at 51. Play was stopped at 13.00 hrs. for lunch and re-commenced at 14.50 hrs. Capt. Denny knocked up a very useful 59 until stumped by Lieut.-Col. Langhorn. Major F. M. Ackle also made 19 in a very short time, the 41st Bn. M.G.C. being finally dismissed for 217.

Game Interrupted.

At 15.30 hrs the Rhine Army H. Q. innings was opened by Lieut.-Col. Langhorn and Lieut. Crystall. Soon after the first wicket had fallen, heavy rain came down, interrupting the game for half an hour. On play being re-started, the field was found to be covered with miniature lakes, making the task of both batsmen and fielders a more arduous one. Nevertheless, Major H. W. Yates gave a very fine exhibition of hitting, knocking up 52 in less than 15 minutes, being finally caught by Major F. M. Ackle, who brought off a splendid catch on the boundary line. Capt. Read, 16, Capt. Wright, 18, Major Treacher, 14, also considerably helped their side. Stumps were finally drawn at 18.15 hrs, the game resulting in a win for the Machine Gunners by 8 runs. It was, altogether, a delightful day; fortunately only slightly marred by the rain.

Bowling:—Rhine Army H. Q. — Major H. W. Yates 4 for 59. Major C. M. Yates 2 for 42. Capt. Sandon 1 for 12.

41st Bn. M. G. C.:—Major O. Boumphrey 5 for 62. Pte. Gorrard 3 for 57. Pte. Blunton 1 for 5.

MOORE AND WILDE.

Challenge from American for £500 a-side.

Pal Moore has again challenged Wilde to a contest under similar conditions to those of last Thursday for £500 a-side. In the event of winning, he will give £1,000 side stakes to St. Dunstan's Hospital.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Another New Troupe.

A new concert party of which much may be expected, made its appearance the other night at Miel. They are styled "The Goffomans", and they hail from the Western Division D.A.C. Lieut. Standing, who, by the way, makes an excellent girl with a first-class "mezzo" voice, is the leader of the troupe, and he is well supported by every member. There are two first-class and most charming "girls" in the party and they are fortunate in possessing a very elaborate wardrobe. The "Goffonians" are performing a most useful service by going the round of a number of small villages and their efforts are meeting with great appreciation.

The Pedlars Again.

Last evening I ran down to Bonn to see "The Pedlars" at the Stadt Theatre. There was an entirely new programme presented, concluding with "A Sister to Assist 'Er," that farcical sketch with which the late Fred Emney made such a success. "Erb", (Fred Weedon) played the part of Mrs. May, while Frank Hartley was a distinct success as Mrs. Mull. As usual, "Erb" was the heart and soul of the party, though one cannot help remarking upon the improved artistry of the others.

An Innovation.

Besides having the honour of opening the new Army theatre "The Palace," Herzog Strasse (off Schildergasse) on Monday next, "The Poppies" have inaugurated a special feature. It is announced that selections from their musical programme will be played by the orchestras at the VI Corps Officers Club, the Excelsior and the Germania. This is bound to advertise the show and one expects crowded houses at the Palace next week.

The Starlights Score.

The stage of the theatre at the British Empire Leave Club on Tuesday might have been the setting for a company straight from the Palace or the Alhambra, so good was the Starlights' performance. A splendid overture opened the programme and one realized at once that this was no amateur performance. It is impossible to pick out special performers by name when all were so excellent, but the dances of Rifleman Coltham, and Rifleman Hughes were excellent. Pte. Lords rendered his "fiddleosities" playing very cleverly, while Sapper Wentley in his "Little Scotch" and "More Scotch" provoked much mirth.

Fancy Dress.

Chinese and Japanese danced hand in hand with Lucifers, Abbots, Spaniards, Cowboys, Dragoons, old fashioned cavalrymen and innumerable other bravadoes at the British Empire Leave Club fancy dress ball on Wednesday night. Gaby Deslys came with an Eastern partner in gorgeous costume. One W.R.A.F. Dutch character looked most charming, as she glided round the room with a Dutch partner. The comedian with a mask on the back of his head, and his coat worn inside part before, caused much merriment, and managed to hide his identity until the end of the evening. Many men came as ladies, and among those who demand special mention was one in a long green skirt. Another who was really remarkable wore a fine ermine cloak and carried a lovely bouquet of roses.

The grand march past was a regular feast of colour. The G.H.Q. Jazz Band added enjoyment to a gay and most enjoyable evening. Hundreds and hundreds of spectators crowded the galleries and watched the gay scene below.

In a Few Words.

A gigantic American circus will visit Cologne during the first week in August. An announcement of the big show appears on our next page.

Lieut. S.E.Percy, H.L.I., the moving spirit in the Rhine Army Dramatic Company, has just declined an offer by Sir F.R.Benson to play an important part in a new play by Arnold Bennett.

The N. C. O's. and men of No 64 Casualty Clearing Station have been entertained to supper by the C.O., officers and sisters of the Unit.

JACQUES.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Bisley Loss.

The recent victory Bisley meeting sustained a financial loss of £1000.

Watford's Captures.

Watford have signed on Bassett (Notts County) for outside right, and Housman (Mansfield) for back.

"Snowy" Baker.

Mr. "Snowy" Baker, known all over the world as promoter of big boxing contests in Austria, has been obtained athletic sports editor of the Sydney "Evening News," and also of the "Sunday News."

Best Boat Regatas.

Staines Regatta on Saturday will see the end of the open best boat regattas of the Thames season, as the Goring and Reading fixtures, arranged for the Bank Holiday week-end, will not be held.

Five figures.

Mr. C. Harry, the City banking owner and patron of Percy Woodland, is buying horses as lavishly as Mr. Watkin Williams. Rumour credits him with giving about five figures for Parella from Mr. Gant.

Vacant Date.

The Scottish League has left vacant on the Queen's Park list of engagements January 1 for the long abandoned game between Queen's Park and Corinthians, which had to be dropped because of the dispute between the Football Association and the English Amateur Association.

Heart trouble.

David Taylor, the left full-back of the Burnley, Club, is seriously ill with heart trouble.

Getting Ready.

It is noted that hockey will be in its own stride this season, although most of the clubs have as yet very little idea of what their resources will be.

Big Boom.

Among the lawn tennis fixtures for the present week are the Scottish championships and the Frinton and Midland counties' tournaments. There is a big boom in the game this summer, and entries all round are very large.

Racecourse Thieves.

Racing in the north and midlands of late has been infested by gangs who are so well known in the south that they hardly dare venture there with profit. Salisbury was, however, bad enough, and it is full time the Jockey Club had their own special police staff.

Hard Luck!

Lord Wilton recently arranged to have a gamble on a selling plater, and promised to put his trainer on a "monkey." He did not attend the meeting, and when he saw the result and found the horse had won and been bought in, he suddenly remembered that held clean forgotten to back it!

£500 Transfer Fee.

Dumbarton F.C. have secured Scott Duncan, the Newcastle and Glasgow Rangers outside-right, at a transfer fee of £500.

A Famous Forward.

The Football League has taken no action in the application of W. Meredith, the famous forward, for a free transfer from Manchester United, as his club has offered him the maximum wage.

The Sedgley Wizard.

As a consequence of his extraordinary success in national pigeon racing, Mr. J.L. Baker, of Sandyfields, Sedgley, is known throughout Great Britain as the "Sedgley wizard."

Smoked his Cigar.

Mr. C. T. Garland, whose leg was broken by his horse, Silvester, kicking him in the paddock at Newmarket on Thursday, is lying in Newmarket Hospital and going on well. The Anglo-American millionaire went on smoking his cigar after the mishap.

Knock-On-Sea.

Golf is being resumed at Knock-on Sea, Belgium. Before the war the club possessed two eighteen-hole courses, but these were badly damaged during the hostilities. A good eighteen-hole course has been reconstructed from the original thirty-six.

Poisoned Foot.

Rushby, Surrey's best and unluckiest bowler, has been absent from the team lately owing to a poisoned foot.

To attempt the Channel.

Norman Ross, the noted American swimmer, who has been so successful in France, is to attempt to swim the Channel, says the "Excelsior".

Holley signs for Brighton.

Brighton have had practically to reconstitute their team for the coming season. Prominent among the new men is Holley, an International inside-left, who has seen many years' service with Sunderland.

On a "Cert".

Cricketers are not averse to backing horses now and again, and in consequence of information received all the Oval was on a "cert" at Sandown. Unfortunately it ran fourth and—well, it wasn't safe to whistle "Keep the Home Fires burning" in the Kennington neighbourhood.

Suggested Tourney.

The suggested international tournament for lady players, on the lines of the Davis Cup competition, has aroused a lot of interest in lawn tennis circles. It is generally believed that the idea will fructify in a modest way to start with, but so did the Davis Cup.

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Echoes from Rhineland.

Collecting the Post.

We wonder how many of our readers have taken notice of the German post boxes, and have watched the German postman empty one. He carries a bag which slides in a slot at the bottom and the letters drop through a trap door. The bag is then withdrawn and the door fastened, the whole operation taking half the time it occupies in England. Once a week the postman cleans the brass plate on the front with cleaning gear carried in a small pocket on the post bag. The method of German post collecting seems to have impressed favourably many of our readers.

A Good Time Coming.

With the cessation of the blockade, we are witnessing "a certain liveliness" in the many conditorei establishments. Not only are white bread rolls again on offer, but milk cakes and iced confections are being made in abundance. Soon we shall see the native in his best and natural element, cooking dinners to suit most stomachs and purses, and baking pastries variegated in colours and designs. We have only to notice some of the most dignified Colognites on the shopping streets to realise that, like the rest of us, their hearts are very near their stomachs. The old folk dream dreams of sirloin and smoked ham, the younger ones have visions of sponge cakes, cream crisps and the like, all to be had for only a fraction of their incomes.

Substitutes.

Some of the economies and substitutions here introduced both before and during the hard times are worth our attention and by no means to be despised. The imitation rubber matting in some of the "Elektrischebahnen" is not easy to distinguish from the real thing; apparently cork is a large factor in its composition, and whilst quite as good, it is probably cheaper. The convenient briquette is purchased and used in preference to his coal, which latter is certainly to be had but of poor quality, and the need of this fuel is an incentive for the combination of peat pitch, which ignites rapidly and produces an excellent heat. Difficulties concerning soap and linen are the cause of many a linoleum-covered or unadorned dining-table on which wooden platter are often used for crockery. A wet cloth cleans both. It's an ill wind.

Novel Engines.

Have any of our readers heard of a steam locomotive without a furnace or heating apparatus of any description? Engines of this type are used exclusively in the Siegburg Munitions Factory for the purpose of drawing trucks from one part of the yard to another, and are capable of hauling about fifty tons. They are broad-gauge engines and obtain their power by the simple process of having steam pumped into them at a high pressure from one of the main boilers of the factory, and working from that instead of by the ordinary method of creating their own steam. These engines will work for an hour or more without refilling, because they lose no interior space through the firebox or smoke-box, but have the whole volume for steam. In appearance they are the same as ordinary engines, except that they lack the chimney and safety-valve.

Lectures on the German Mind.

Some very interesting lectures on "The German Mentality" are being delivered at the Central Y.M.C.A. Halls, Cologne. At the end of each a discussion takes place, and many are the questions that are asked of the lecturer. She is Miss Muriel Smith, M.A., lecturer in German at the University of St. Andrews, and she has come out to instruct us in matters Teutonic.

Misplaced Zeal.

A British officer, running after a tramcar at Düren the other day, observed a small boy apparently similarly occupied. Intending to emulate the good Samaritan he promptly picked the child up and deposited him on the car. When the little fellow commenced to cry bitterly and his anguish was echoed by his nother some distance down the road, the officer realised that his kindly action must have contained a flaw. Accordingly he returned the child to the weeping woman, who by this time was a considerable distance away, and discovered that the youngster had been running to meet his mother and had no desire whatever to board the tram. Moral: "Never take for granted the evidence of your eyes."

The Big Circus.

The wonderful Hagenbeck circus which was in Cologne for a week or two is now, we hear, in Düren, and crowds of soldiers as well as civilians flock into the huge tent every night. It is the only circus we know of that displays no horsemanship in the whole performance instead there are performing lions, bears, elephants and dogs in great variety. There are, too, some clever acrobatic and cycling turns and the clowns are funny. Roughly speaking we should say five or six thousand people can view the performance in comfort and it is certainly a show without a serious competition on the continent.

Electricity or Gas.

"Gunner" writes eulogistically of the German method of centralising power and distributing it in the form of electricity. He draws attention to the fact that from the larger centres current is supplied to even very small villages for lighting and power purposes. There is no doubt that in the future there will be a great development of electricity in Great Britain. As "Gunner" states, it is cleaner and more economical than any other form of lighting. He goes on to say that the German system gives opportunities of studying electricity in outlying districts.

TO THE EDITOR.

I sent you some humorous verse,
But your judgment my hopes did disperse;
You replied that my song
Was a trifle too long, —
Could I send something rather more terse?

In vain, Sir, I've tried to coerce
The rejected; 'tis firmly perverse:
As it will not compress
Without spoiling, I guess
I'll send this: but its' very much worse!

P.S. Brevity's the soul of wit;
Must the body cramp to it?

O.W

A Bevy of Fair Women.

The N.A.C.B. are to be congratulated upon the introduction of a score of our own British girls to tend their canteen and recreation room at Cologne. Wherever there is a feminine element we get a note of refinement, and the ladies who have ministered to us on Rhineside, whether they labour on the refreshment counter or entertain us in a social sense, have had an influence wider and deeper than perhaps they realise. The average man appreciates this, and the newcomers will no doubt be able to write to their sisters and girl friends telling of happy times due largely to the chivalry of the Army of Occupation.

"Cow-Catchers."

Many have remarked that the electric cars in Germany possess no "cowcatchers" for the safety of foot passengers who may get in the way of traffic, such as many of our British trams have fixed in front. The absence of such precautionary appliances leaves one wondering what would happen if a youngster——playing football or intent on reading the latest "blood and thunder" or schoolbook——sustained an "attack in the rear" from one of these "Flying Dutchmen." True, there is a sort of arrangement on the pavement side of such cars, as No 18 in Cologne, to protect passengers and others from falling between the carriages, but what about those who fall in front.

Lesser Echoes.

A new proclamation with regard to the letter and pearce services in Germany appears on the hoardings.

To obviate the shortage of thick string, steel band is being used in a Cologne establishment. The band is passed through a steel ring and is certainly effective so far as big packages are concerned.

White bread including tempting crisp rolls — is displacing the abominable dark brown stuff in Rhineland.

The streets of Bonn — so much wider and roomy than those of Cologne or Düren — are now looking a picture of freshness with their borders of tall green trees.

With the departure of the majority of German troops from Coblenz, the Officers Club in that town has been closed.

In the cabarets at Wiesbaden, the German devotees join in, with much gusto, the choruses of popular French songs every evening.

The wet weather that has prevailed during the past few days has caused the postponement of half-a-dozen military sports meetings in the occupied area.

Two Ford cars collided on the Coblenz-Bonn road yesterday. Meanwhile American troops waited patiently for the rations that one of the cars contained.

PRIZES FOR ECHOES.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to Sgt. J. G. McDonnell, R.G.A. Rhine Army, Pte. L. Wilson M.T., R.A.S.C. attd. 18th Field Ambulance "B" Sect. Rhine Army, and Lieut. G. M. Margrett, 53rd Manchester Regt., Rhine Army.

POETRY AND EVERY-DAY LIFE.

What do we understand by poetry? Most of us have more or less vague ideas as to its nature—from the plebeian view that anything with an agreeable "lilt" is poetry, to the pedantic definitions of the dictionaries.

Perhaps one should not be too hard upon the dictionaries, however, for after all, the true nature of poetry may be said to be almost incapable of definition; it must be "felt" intuitively, rather than grasped by a process of reasoning or analysis; hence, to supply a satisfactory answer to the question "What is poetry?" would seem to be a task of no little difficulty.

Although we invariably associate the term "verse" with poetry, it is patent that not all versifiers are poets, and that we cannot indiscriminately apply the term "poetry" to every effusion that may happen to be metrically and rhythmically perfect. Poetry—true poetry—must be understood to mean something vastly different from a mere faultless expression of a thought form; complete mastery of the laws of metre is not necessarily a passport to the Hall of the Immortals. A ragtime song may possess a perfectly pleasing and consistent rhythm, nevertheless there is a great gulf fixed between such and, say, a Beethoven symphony. So with poetry; that which pleases does not necessarily elevate, and real poetry should be nothing if not elevating.

With regard to the application of poetry to every-day life it is admittedly a difficult undertaking to endeavour to cultivate a taste where one is lacking, but the true teacher knows not failure; obstacles are to him but the incentive to greater effort and, improbable though it may seem, it is surely not impossible for teachers—English teachers in particular—to gradually develop in the minds of even the most illiterate and uncultured students, a taste for something higher, a power to appreciate good poetry and good literature generally. To achieve this is to widen a man's outlook, and make life itself more interesting, more pregnant with meaning. It is in reality, to arrive at far greater results than a mere acquisition to the student's vocabulary.

Introduced with tact, allied to the zeal of the enthuiast, there is no reason why poetry—that glorious vehicle for expression of the noblest thought—should not be made interesting to the soldier in our Army schools, no reason whatever why the soldier, as well as his preceptor, should not find delight in the magnificent word-pictures of a Shelley, the philosophy of a Browning, or the songs of a Keats or a Wordsworth, not to mention the whole universe of experience depicted for us in the pages of the immortal bard of Stratford.

W. H. BARNES.

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From Everywhere.

Back Home.—The crew of the "Emden" have arrived at Rotterdam from Tsingtau.

Yet Another.—Admiral Beatty is to be presented with the freedom of Leicester.

Jews for Palestine.—It is expected that 2,000,000 Jews will go to Palestine from all parts of the world.

New Plays.—New plays for the immediate future are in preparation at a dozen West End theatres.

Miss Lily Brayton.—Miss Lily Brayton has returned to the cast of "Chu Chin Chow."

War Stamps.—Belgium is publishing new postage stamps bearing King Albert's portrait and the dates 1914—1918.

To be Resumed.—The rationing of bread will probably be resumed in France next winter.

Confidence in the Premier.—The French Chamber has passed a vote of confidence in M. Clemenceau by 289 votes against 17.

General Mangin's Guest.—General Sir William Robertson has been visiting General Mangin at Mayence.

Popular Premier.—Mr. Lloyd George had a popular reception on his return to London from his holiday.

Raynham Returns.—Raynham and his navigator and mechanics have sailed from St. John's for England.

The Domestic Tribe.—Great Britain has about 40 million domestic animals apart from dogs and cats.

London Coal Prices.—The average price of coal in London is 49/6 a ton as against 27/- in 1913.

Exposing the Profiteer.—The Wool Council have proposed a system of cost inquiry which will expose the profiteer in clothes.

Lord Derby.—The condition of Lord Derby, the British Ambassador to France who underwent a second operation last week, is much improved.

A Delayed Mine.—Three French soldiers and six German prisoners have been killed by the explosion of a mine in Ribécourt Wood.

An Historic Spot.—A memorial chapel is to be erected on the bank of the Marne, at the exact spot at which the German offensive was checked.

Rejected Guns.—The action of certain towns in rejecting gifts of captured German guns has created a strong feeling in Army circles.

Hyde Park Miracle.—While watching the firework display in Hyde Park a discharged soldier, who lost his speech in France, suddenly spoke again.

The Constable Shocked.—A London constable told the Thames Court Magistrates that the language of seventeen year-old girl shocked him.

Worth More Than Gold.—Miners are asked to double the output, in order to avert national bankruptcy, coal being of greater value than gold.

No Service.—A steamboat service on the Thames is not regarded with favour.

Sir Douglas Haig.—Sir Douglas Haig's condition remains normal.

Souvenirs.—Anglesey special constables are to retain truncheons, armlets and wristlets.

L.C.C. Tram Fares.—The question of L.C.C. tramfares it to be reviewed at the end of six months.

Coming Home.—A number of German prisoners are being sent home via Dover and Rotterdam.

P. O. Stationery. — The Postmaster General has reintroduced stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers.

Complimentary.—The Krupp howitzer presented to Ampthill is to be transferred to the sewage farm.

Another Fugitive.—Prince Max of Baden, the ex-Chancellor, is reported to have fled to Switzerland.

German Harvest.—The harvest in Germany this year is likely to be the best Germany has had for many years.

Fewer Trains.—As a result of the coal famine, the train service will have to be reduced.

A New Post.—Miss Winifred Barnes is to appear in the new comic opera "Maggie."

Optimism.—The British Dyestuffs Corporation, Limited, is expected ultimately to capture the world supply.

Afraid to Rejoice.—Saying he would not go out as the rejoicings would kill him when he thought of his dead brother a Hackney Jew hanged himself.

Silk Underwear.—Each member of the crew of the R 34 had two sets of silk underwear, worn underneath thick wool, for warmth in high altitudes.

Suicide after Rejoicing.—A Breconshire farmer, who took part in the Peace celebrations shortly after midnight, shot himself.

Mail Service to Germany.—Correspondence is now accepted for transmission to any part of Germany. The ordinary international rates of postage apply.

Posed as a Russian.—Henry Jensen, who was found dead in a lodging house, though registered as a Russian, has been found to be a German.

Killed by Button.—A Preston girl has died from septic pneumonia and inflammation of the throat caused by a button she swallowed.

Unemployed.—Now that Peace is upon us it is suggested that the out-of-work donation should be extended to unemployed flag day maidens.

Outbreak of Rabies.—A serious outbreak of rabies is reported in the Bonn district. Seventeen persons have been bitten by a mad dog in Hennef.

The Murdered Sergeant.—The burial of the French sergeant, who was murdered at Berlin, took place in Paris with military honours.

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OUR NEW FIELD MARSHAL.

ROYAL HONOUR FOR GREAT CHIEF OF STAFF WHO WELDED ALLIED INTERESTS.

ADJUSTING THE COAL STRIKE.

GENERAL WILSON.

HONOUR FOR FAMOUS CHIEF OF STAFF.

The announcement was made at a dinner, given by members of the House of Commons to General Sir Henry Wilson last night that the King has appointed him a Field Marshal. The dinner was in recognition of his great services to the Empire and the cause of the victorious Allies.

The following message was read from Marshal Foch. "Since I have known Sir Henry Wilson I have always found him a great soldier and a passionate servant of his country. If I were to-day by the side of this friend I should be glad to tell him so. I beg you to say this to him on my behalf."

Proposing the Field Marshal's health Mr. Lloyd George said they had met to do honour to a great soldier who rendered service to the country at the most critical moment in its great storm, greater services than were generally known in the country. The part he played in saving France and Europe and in saving the world was difficult to estimate. Whatever credit was due for that, a large part was due to the magnificent way in which it was organised by their guest.

There were always difficulties in coalitions but whatever difficulties there may be in political ones, those with coalitions in the field are infinitely greater. When one has to deal with different races and nationalities, fundamental differences of temperament and outlook, it is exceedingly difficult to get combined action. That was one of the essential problems of the war. No man did more to overcome those difficulties by his tactics, adroitness, good temper and good humour than did Sir Henry Wilson.

When unity of command was established its success was due largely to the complete loyalty with which Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig accepted it. It was also due largely to the unwavering support which Sir Henry Wilson gave to the genius of Foch. He was proud to propose his health and he had the authority of the King in proposing the health of "Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson." (Cheers).

In acknowledging the toast the new Field Marshal paid a high tribute to the helpful support at all times given by the Premier.

AUSTRIAN DELEGATES.

SIDE-TRACKING IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.

A fresh Austrian note has been handed to the Supreme Council urging the constitution of a special commission by the Peace Conference to settle legal, economic and financial questions, arising under the Peace Treaty, between the Successor States of the late Austro-Hungarian Monarchy. The Austrian delegation proposes that the actual Treaty of Peace shall confine itself to deciding frontier questions, the exact position of Austria in international law and the conditions of Peace between Austria and the belligerent powers. The delegation draws the attention of the Supreme Council to the fact that in November 1918 all Successor States called a conference of plenipotentiaries at Vienna for the purpose of settling all questions between the Successor States arising out of the liquidation of the former Austro-Hungrian Empire, which conference has been working ever since.

Four Austrian technical delegates arrived at St. Germains yesterday to give support to the Austrian contentions, regarding the economic and financial clauses of the Treaty.

SWISS NEUTRALITY.

ARRESTS FOR INTRIGUING WITH GERMANY.

Renaud Charriere, a lawyer practising at the Geneva Bar, was arrested by order of the Swiss Procurator General yesterday. Charriere alleges that several of the Federal councillors are seriously compromised in connection with financial and political affairs.

He also claims to have in his possession documents affecting various high personages who, it is alleged, intrigued in Switzerland in the interests of Germany, Several other arrests are expected.

NO "BUYING OUT" FROM ARMY.

Captain Guest stated in the House of Commons yesterday that the right to purchase discharge from the Army could not be restored while the Military Service Act was in force.

COAL STRIKE.

PREMIER'S PROPOSALS FOR ADJUSTMENT.

After interviewing the coal owners, the Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, together with Bonar Law, Sir Robert Horne and Sir Auckland Geddes met the Executive of the Miners' federation. It is hoped that as the result of these conferences some agreement will be reached. After the conference the following statement was issued:—

The Prime Minister met representatives of the Miners' federation of Great Britain this morning to discuss the question of adjustment of piece rates in the coalfields, in view of the reduction of hours consequent upon the adoption of Mr. Justice Sankey's interim report. Mr. Robert Smillie submitted the case for miners as set forth in the Keswick resolution. After a prolonged discussion the Prime Minister, on behalf of the Government, submitted the following formula for consideration of the Federation.

"Accepting and acting on the basis laid down in Mr. Justice Sankey's interim report that the reduction in output will be less than ten per cent, the Government is prepared to see that piece workers will not suffer any loss of earnings. Earnings will therefore be increased by an amount which on the average will be found necessary to correspond with the ten per cent reduction in hours."

The Premier suggested a method by which the formula, put into form for adoption in the several districts might be examined by a full committee representing the Coal Mines department and the Miners' federation.

Mr. Smillie said that his Executive would at once meet to consider the Government's proposals.

EXPORT PROHIBITED.

A Government Order prohibiting the shipment of coal except by order of the Admiralty brought business to a standstill on the Cardiff Coal Exchange. It was stated that the Government was compelled to intervene in order to secure supplies for essential services.

GOVERNMENT POLICY.

In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law announced that the Government fully recognised the importance of the decision on the final Sankey report re nationalization and expected that a statement would be made on the subject before the recess. The Government is doing its level best, he said, to deal with the whole industrial situation.

The Government was well aware that there were a number of people — not a large number — aiming at the destruction of the whole social and political system, people who were doing their best to foment discontent which might arise from any cause.

Mr. Houston: Will the Government deal with these people immediately?

Mr. Bonar Law: It is obvious that it would be wrong of the Government to use provocative language. On the other hand we have made it absolutely clear that the whole force of the Government will be used to protect the people against undue pressure.

RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN.

DENIKIN'S BIG ADVANCE AGAINST MOSCOW.

General Denikin, Commander of the volunteer army in Southern Russia has visited Kharhoff and announced that orders have been issued to the Southern Armies to begin the advance against Moscow. A Cossack division has crossed the Volga at Tzaritzin, where the peasants gave them an exuberant welcome. General Vinogradogf has occupied a large stretch of the left bank of the Dnieper. In the direction of Ekaterinoslav, General Shkuros' cavalry has defeated the Bolshevist forces which were holding the village of Romankovo. The cavalry took nineteen guns, thirty machine guns and several convoys with shells and small arms ammunition. — British Wireless Press.

POLISH SUCCESSES.

The Polish General Staff reports from the Eastern front that the enemy has been attacking along the Molodoczno-Minsk railway line, repeated attacks being repulsed.

The Poles have reached the river Lanea, eighty kilometres East of Pinsk, in pursuit of the enemy. In East Galicia the Poles have captured Tarnopol.

BULGARS ATTACK FRENCH.

A despatch from Salonika states that French soldiers at Lovpalenka have been attacked by Bulgarians. In the course of the fighting four Frenchmen were killed.

PERSHING LEAVES.

HIS TRIBUTE TO THE BRITISH NAVY AND NATION.

General Pershing left England on Wednesday night for Paris, after paying a flying visit to Cambridge to receive an honorary degree from the university. He will not return to England but will shortly sail from France for New York.

In an interview General Pershing said: "I wish before I go to let everyone know how great is our appreciation of the reception you gave us here. Every American who marched in the Peace procession received such a welcome and such an impression of friendliness on the part of the British public, that they can never forget it. It was a tremendous thing. My own impression was that if the crowd greeted everybody as they did the Americans, well there must have been some sore throats in London that night.

"We were especially impressed with the British Navy. We saw the splendid bearing of your officers and men. No American can think of the British Navy without giving it almost the entire credit for the possibility of there being an American Army in Europe. It was the British Navy that made that possible. We were delighted to march in the Parade with them.

Everywhere we went, there sounded a very sincere note of friendship. To me, it indicates a deep and profound sense of amity between the two nations and Saturday's march will have a lasting effect on the two countries. Those who have thought the British were undemonstrative have changed their minds." —

British Wireless Press.

BOLSHEVIST FIENDS.

MASSACRE OF CHILDREN ORDERED.

The Bolshevists have issued a decree-states "Le Matin," providing for the Socialisation of Polish and Jewish children in the entire region of Mohilef. Children are collected by force, centralised at various asylums and made to perform laborious work.

Recently, there was an outbreak of glanders among the horses in that region, and the Bolshevist Commissioners made the children eat flesh of the slaughtered animals. As a consequence numerous cases of illness among the poor children occurred and under a pretext of arresting the epidemic, the Central Soviet of Mohilef ordered that afflicted infants be shot.

This order was actually carried out, thirteen girls and eight boys being executed at Sienkovo, eleven at Ciercern and seventeen at Prallia.

NORTH WEST FRONTIER

AFGHAN VIOLATIONS OF THE ARMISTICE.

It is learned officially that there has been further trouble among the Afghanistan frontier tribes and a British convoy proceeding to Fort Sandeman was repeatedly attacked, the heaviest attempt being made against it near Kapip by 4000 tribesmen.

In this incident, four British officers were killed or missing, and two wounded. Indian other ranks casualties approximating to one hundred.

From information received during the past few days, it appears that the Afghan Commandants are actively violating the Armistice conditions.

COMIC WAGER.

A FANTASTIC TRIP.

Two Huddersfield men, named Holt and Fowler, have made a wager for £ 5 that they will walk to Edinburgh, 200 miles away, in comic outfit, and that they will live entirely on what they earn by their performances and appearance. They started yesterday, accompanied by others who will play pianos, dance and sing.

Holt is the donkey in the troupe, and he has slung over his shoulders a canvas representation of that animal, with which he walks and capers along.

Fowler is the clown, and he carries a wooden gate about a foot high, over which the donkey jumps. An amusing condition is that the donkey must sleep in the open, or in a shed.

All are married men.

SHANTUNG FOR CHINA.

It is reported from Paris that Japan has entered into an agreement with the Allies reiterating her promise to restore Shantung to Chinese Sovereignty, retaining only economic control of the railways and the Kiauchau concession.

BRITISH GOODS FOR ATHENS EXHIBITION.

About three hundred British manufacturers will be represented at an exhibition of British manufactures to be held at Athens in October. The actual value of the exhibits is estimated at £ 250,000 to £ 300,000.

TREATY RATIFIED.

PARLIAMENT'S ALL-NIGHT SITTING.

The House of Commons sat till 3.37 in the morning and finished the discussion on the Treaty of Peace Bill, the second reading of which had been carried earlier, after a speech by the Prime Minister and discussion from all sides of the House.

On the motion for the third reading Mr. Devlin moved the rejection of the Bill in consequence of the Prime Minister's statement with regard to Ireland.

Commander Kenworthy seconded.

Mr. Lloyd George said he had taken up no new position in saying that he could not agree to setting up a Parliament in Ireland and compelling Ulster to come under it. That was the position taken up by Mr. Asquith in September 1914, and accepted by all his colleagues. If those Irishmen who stood for self-government would take it for themselves they could have it, but they could not force others to join who did not want self-government. He stood by his declaration at the General Election, and he was prepared to carry it out.

Commander Kenworthy, Mr. Harbison, Mr. J. Jones, and Captain Redmond supported the rejection of the Bill.

On a division, the third reading was carried by 163 votes to 4.

The Prime Minister moved the second reading of the Anglo-French Treaty (Defence of France) Bill.

Mr. Devlin spoke and during his speech was twice called to order by the Speaker, being finally called on to resume his seat.

The Bill was read a second time and passed through its remaining stages.

Both Bills were subsequently read for the first time in the House of Lords.

MASKED ROBBERS.

STORY OF GUY'S HOSPITAL OUTRAGE.

Mr. W. J. Curry, clerk to the governors of Guy's Hospital, told the story at Bow-street on Wednesday, of the attack made on him by two masked and armed men on the afternoon of June 20, when he was alone in his office.

Peter Albert Vincent, alias Gaida, and Natale Auda, who are alleged to have "held up" three officials of the Elysée Restaurant, Coventry-street, while they committed a robbery there, were now charged with attacking Mr. Curry with intent to commit a robbery.

"I was sitting at my desk," said Mr. Curry, "when I was suddenly confronted by two men wearing black masks, and each holding a revolver, pointing direct at me. I asked what they wanted, and one of them replied. "You'll soon see." He then produced a piece of cord with a running noose.

"I jumped up and seized the man nearest to me. There was a struggle, and the man pressed the muzzle of his revolver against my left side, but did not fire. I received several violent blows on the head with some heavy instrument, but managed to force my way into the hall outside my office. The two men then ran away. I had to give up the chase owing to loss of blood."

The men were committed for trial.

A third charge is to be brought against them, and a formal remand was granted.

QUEER OPERATION.

GIRL'S TONGUE FIXED IN NECK OF BOTTLE.

The medical staff of the Anti-Vivisection Hospital, Battersea, were called upon to deal with a strange case yesterday. A little girl, aged eight, had been drinking from a tin metal polish bottle, when her tongue was drawn into the neck and, owing to the air pressure, could not be released.

The doctor first cut off the bottom of the bottle, but so firmly was the child's tongue wedged in the aperture, that he had eventually to divide the bottle from top to bottom, before relief could be given.

STRUCK OFF THE ROLLS.

Following on a conviction for bigamy a solicitor was yesterday struck off the rolls by a Divisional Court in the King's Bench, consisting of the Lord Chief Justice and Justices Sankey and McCardie. The solicitor was Hamilton Edward Pawley, 57, who was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour at the Central Criminal Court for marrying a ticket collector's daughter whose acquaintance he made in Oxford-street.

Another solicitor struck off was Oswald Milne, who in April last at the Central Criminal Court was sentenced to three years' penal servitude for converting £195 9s. 5d. to his own use, he being trustee of the money.

NO BADGES FOR "MENTIONS"

The question of issuing a special badge or decoration to officers and men who had been mentioned in dispatches had been considered, and it was thought undesirable to add to the decorations already issued, said Captain Guest (Parliamentary Secretary, Treasury) in the House of Commons in reply to Sir John Butcher.

ROYAL RIVER PAGEANT.

OLD-TIME PROCESSION ON THE THAMES.

The King, in the State barge, will head the Sea Services' commemoration pageant on the Thames, on the afternoon of August Bank Holiday.

The barge has left the King's boathouse at Windsor in order to be overhauled at Staines. On July 31 it will be rowed from Staines to Richmond in charge of Mr. W. G. East, the King's bargemaster. For the night it will be moored off Buccleuch House, Richmond, and will next day be rowed on to Millwall Dock or Hay's Wharf.

During their long training row from Staines, the crew will wear their undress uniform of white, but for the procession when the King is aboard, they will don the Royal red costume of olden times, when ceremonial journeys by water were the custom.

In the great procession of decorated boats, there will be represented the Lords of the Admiralty, Royal Navy, Mercantile Marine, Lifeboat Service, Lloyd's, Trinity House, London County Council, training ships and schools, pilots, mine sweepers, fishermen, crews of drifters, seamen's associations, and Sea Scouts.

The bridges and banks from Greenwich to Chelsea will be decorated, and there will be music all the way.

HINDENBURG'S PLANS.

REVELATIONS BY TWO PRISONERS.

A remarkable story is related of the betrayal to the American Army of Hindenburg's plans in 1918.

The liner Agamemnon has brought two German prisoners of war to America, consigned to the Director of Military Intelligence. It is learned that they are German officers of high rank who held positions of great responsibility under Marshal Hindenburg.

It is stated that prior to the beginning of the American offensive in 1918 the American Military Intelligence Corps, by inducements which have not yet been divulged, prevailed on these men to deliver the plans of the German General Staff covering the proposed German movements, the probable lines of retreat, and other detailed information of inestimable value. General Pershing, with these plans, was able to arrange his campaign with great freedom, and it is believed that the result was to cut the cost of the American advance virtually by half.—Reuter.

WOMEN FARMERS.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN SMALL HOLDINGS.

In Great Britain, women are going to receive every encouragement to become farmers. Sir Daniel Hall, Permanent Secretary to the Board of Agriculture holds out bright prospects for those "Land girls" who did such valuable work in replacing men during the war. He said the Board of Agriculture was studying the programme. They were starting colonies of small holdings up and down the country and they were definitely prepared to put qualified women on these holdings on the same terms as men.

Two sorts of holdings were proposed, namely, small ones of from fifteen to twenty acres for fruit and vegetable growing and larger areas for general farming. Some small amount of capital was necessarry to start on either, but the Government was prepared to assist with loans in proportion to the amount which the smallholders themselves would bring in. Three co-partnership colonies had already been started. One of these would be open to women and would afford scope for advanced enterprise, while another would specialize in fruit growing and market gardening. He thought the co-partnership colony would prove an attractive life to educated women. He would advise them to avoid the "One woman business" but there was certainly a call for the revival of a country life.

PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S CLOCK STOLEN.

Sir Charles Mathews, the Director of Public Prosecutions, has been victimised by some one who had access to his offices in the Treasury, Whitehall.

A small gilt travelling clock, some six inches high, marked with the initials "C. W. M.," was stolen from his rooms yesterday.

The clock is of French make, and was enclosed in a red leather case.

DAYLIGHT ROBBERY.

The London police are investigating a remarkable daylight robbery with violence, which was reported by Mr. William Albert Kauffman, of Upper Kennington-lane, London, described as a dealer in precious stones.

He says that he was lured to a house in Belvedere-crescent, Lambeth, London, where he was struck on the head with a hammer and robbed of £3,000 in bank-notes. Two men attacked him. He was taken to St. Thomas's Hospital.

UNION OF EX-OFFICERS.

DEMANDS REGISTRATION OF ALL VACANCIES.

A crowded meeting was held at Cannon-street Hotel last night to inaugurate the National Union of ex-Officers which has been formed to obtain a redemption of the Government's promise that no man who gave his services to the country in its hour of peril should suffer want on his return to civil life.

Lieut. Derout, R.A.S.C., presided and said that many ex-officers felt very strongly that the Government was not doing all it might to assist them in finding employment.

Wherever officers went they found women in Government jobs which could be filled by Army officers, many of whom were in urgent need.

Captain Savage, R.W.F., said the Union was resolved to demand compulsory registration of all vacancies, immediate half-pay for officers while out of employment and, where possible, the replacing of women by men.

It has also been decided to formulate a scheme for co-operative trading amongst officers.

Major Horn moved a series of resolutions embodying these proposals which were carried unanimously. They will be forwarded to the Premier.

MORMON DUPE.

INFATUATION OF LONDON TYPIST.

A girl typist, Florence Papworth, 19 years old, residing at Brixton, who had become acquainted with the Mormon sect in London, and wanted to go to Utah, was summoned at Bow-street, for making false statements in order to get a passport.

It was stated by Mr. Harold Pearce who prosecuted, that the girl knew a man named Linford, who was a member of the Mormon sect, and that she also became acquainted with an American soldier named Estel Wright. The latter wanted to marry her, but she refused him. She wanted to go to Utah, but her parents, who live at Peterborough, objected. She applied for a passport, saying she wished to go to Ogden, Utah "for the purpose of joining my guardian." As a matter of fact, said Mr. Pearce, she had no guardian there and she forged the name of her parents. He added that a certificate signed by the president of the branch of Latter Day Saints at South Tottenham stated that the girl was a member.

The magistrate bound the girl over for 12 months on condition that she went to live at home.

FRENCH TRAITOR.

DRAMATIC CONFESSION AT COURT-MARTIAL.

A Court-martial is proceeding at Lille on a soldier named Richard who is accused of betraying a Lille schoolmaster who was head of a committee for helping soldiers to escape and had rendered assistance to Nurse Cavell.

Up to yesterday, accused denied everything, but when M. Delaubier, Director of the Red Cross at Roubaix, was giving evidence the accused rose in the dock and dramatically confessed everything.

He told a moving story of his relations with the enemy police, declaring that they beat him for hours in order to compel him to do their bidding. He confessed that at Lille, Maubeuge and Roubaix he acted as a spy. At Hautmont he drew up eighty-five reports against people, taking them to the German chief of police himself.

He received one hundred francs a month for his services, but when the Germans could not get any more information out of him they sent him to a prison in Germany, where he petitioned the Kaiser, asking for a pardon in return for his services to the police.

REGIMENTAL AGENCY.

Major Prince Arthur of Connaught and Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig have joined the council of the Regimental Agency as vice-presidents.

The agency has been in existence for fifteen years, and, especially since the war, has done much to alleviate distress among soldiers. The type of case dealt with is that of men who have been discharged unfit for further service owing to wounds or illness and who, after their discharge, have contracted ailments not actually attributable to their service but aggravated by their hardships at the front.

MISSING OFFICER FOUND.

Captain Evans, the officer, who, while home on leave from Cologne disappeared on July 7th, five days after his marriage, was found on Thursday walking along the permanent way of the Great Western Railway near Wormwood Scrubs. He could give no account of himself.

Despite the disturbed internal condition of Germany, determined efforts are being made, says the Central News, to establish commercial aviation on a permanent basis. To this end, a further fusion of interests among the various commercial aviation companies is being organized.

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1st MIDLAND BRIGADE SPORTS

WILL BE HELD AT
RÖMERHOF (near Liblar)
on Wednesday July 30th.

EVENTS OPEN TO THE BRITISH ARMY OF THE RHINE

100 YARDS

1st PRIZE: ..... CAMERA and SILVER MEDAL
2nd PRIZE: CASE of RAZORS and SILVER MEDAL
3rd PRIZE: ..... MEDAL.

ONE MILE

1st PRIZE: .....CAMERA and SILVER MEDAL
2nd PRIZE: VALUE 100 MARKS and SILVER MEDAL
3rd PRIZE: ..... VALUE 75 MARKS and MEDAL.

Medals engraved with name of winner etc.

Entries to reach Brigade Major, 1st Brigade H.Q. not later than 29th July. Competitors will be met at Liblar Station (20 minutes from Cöln Hbf.) at 13.00 hours by transport. Accomodation and refreshments provided free.

NO. 1. AIRCRAFT DEPOT SPORTS

are to be held at Dormagen near Cologne on Tuesday Aug. 5th.
STARTING AT
1.30 p m. SHARP

There will be two open events for all ranks of the Imperial and Allied Forces:
100 YARDS and 1 MILE

Entries must be made to Lieut. L.N.W. WOODS, Sports Supervisor, No. 1. A.D., R.A.F., Dormagen, not later than 18.00 hours 27.7.19.

CAVALRY DIVISION RACES
FIRST DAY AUG. 2nd.

ORDER OF RUNNING AND HANDICAPS.

1st Race	Maiden Sprint	1.0	"
2nd "	Cav. Div. Maiden Chase	1.45	"
3rd "	Rhine Army Stakes (1st Div.)	2.30	"
4th "	Anniversary Cup	3.30	"
5th "	Rhine Nursing Sprint	4.15	"
6th "	Subalterns Cup	5.15	"
7th "	Rhine Army Stakes (2nd Div.)	6.45	"
8th "	Rhine Nursery Sprint	6.45	"

RHINE ARMY STAKES
FIRST DIVISION.

Major A. Hodgins	Boys oh Boys	12.7
Capt. W. Waterman	Mascot	11.10
Lieut. Durnford	Velociter	11.10
Major H. Tomkinson	Madeleine	11.7
Lieut. P. Donner	Sandford	11.7
Lieut. W. Kemmis	Jingling Geordie	11.7
Lt. Col. J. McCowan	Geraldine	11.7
Major J. Moncreiffe	Nic	11.7
Major H. Cheeseman	Kitty VII	11.7
Capt. A. Colville	Dolly	11.7
Lieut. S. Reid	Jimcrack	11.7
Lt. Col. O'Rorke	Bulletin	11.7
Major R. Bett	Double Ruff	11.7
Lieut. J. Davies (late Capt. Lucas)	I Wonder	11.2
Lieut. Tait	Sticks	11.0
Capt. J. Welham	Tommy G.	10.7
Major R. Glen	Jimmy	10.0
Lt. Col. M. Harrison	Brigade Major	10.0

SECOND DIVISION.

Major C. Heydeman	Johnnie Walker	11.10
Capt. Rymer-Jones	Billy II	11.10
Major Sinclair	Winamere	11.7
Capt. G. Corrall	Lady Diana	11.7
Lieut. T. Hilder	Mad Hatter	11.7
Capt. E. Fielden	Spanish Onion	11.7
Capt. R. Murray	The Ghost	11.7
Maj.-Gen. H. Tudor	Polly Dear	11.7
Capt. Wedderburn-Max	Eau de Cologne	11.7
Major A. Griffith	Toss Up	11.7
Capt. M. Goddard	Sweetheart	11.7
Major D. Macdonald	The Flapper	11.7
Lieut. W. Fennelly	Ballyhooley	11.4
Major J. Davidson	Charlie	11.0
Lieut. C. Neill	Maid of the Mountns	10.10
Lt. Col. G. Gill	Esmeralda	10.7
Capt. D. Richardson	Nut	10.0
Capt. M. Flynn	Billet Deux	9.7

ANNIVERSARY CUP.

Lieut. R. Usher	Golden Sunset	12.7
Major H. Tomkinson	Waterfern	12.3
Capt. T. Hodgins	Patrick	12.0
Capt. T. Cocksedge	Barney	11.10
Lieut. N. Birley	Old Joe	11.10
Capt. G. Rogers	Mystery	11.7
2 Lt. W. Rogers	Anthony	11.7
Capt. J. Adair	John Cording	11.7
Capt. E. Fielden	White Hazard	11.7
Major A. Lord	Gold Dust	11.7
Capt. Gray Barnard	Godsend	11.7
Major R. Hewer	Old King Cole	11.0
Major W. Styles	Lohengrin	11.0
Capt. Wildhaber	Lady	11.0
Col. Ruggles	Bob IV	11.0
Major Snugg	Dick	11.0
Lt. Col. W. Shannon	Cavanach	11.0
Capt. S. Spero	Sir Rodger	11.0
Major A. Powley	Kitty VIII	11.0
Major W. Alston	Hardelot	11.0
Lieut. R. McCreery	Fox Trot	11.0
Capt. R. Moore	Golden Cross	11.0
Capt. T. Kellett	The Eel	11.0
Major S. Tanner	Wilkie	11.0
Lieut. H. Weekes	Damaged Goods	11.0
Capt. T. Buchan	Jim II	11.0
Capt. J. McMenamin	Sawdust	10.10
Major T. Chilton	Bob	10.10
Lieut. W. Coles	Rednal	10.10
Count H. D'Oultremont	Radius	10.10
Lieut. R. McFarlane	Yellow Peril	10.7
Major A. Needham	Polish Banker	10.7
Capt. G. Babington	Lucky Jim	10.7
Capt. E. Palegry	Navette	10.7
Lieut. A. Logelin	LeMonnayeur	10.7
Lieut. H. de Beaune	Shillelagh	10.7
S/Lieut. G. de Mouleon	Helvette	10.7

Order of Running and Handicaps for 2nd Day Aug, 5th will be published in Cologne Post of Sunday Aug. 3rd.

CAVALRY RACE WEEK.

NOTICES.

I. Free admission tickets for the wives and families of Officers, N.C.O.'s, and Men can be obtained at the entrances to the Show Ground an August 2nd and 4th or before those dates by application to Hon. Sec., Cav. Div.

II. On Cav. Div. Horse Show days, August 2nd and 4th, Special Lunch and Tea will be arranged for Chauffeurs. Will officers please ensure that they obtain for their Chauffeurs special Lunch and Tea Tickets which can be obtained at the Main Entrance.

Amusements, Recreation, etc.

Deutsches Theatre Bismarckstrasse
This Week. Nightly at 6 p.m.
BRITISH RHINE ARMY DRAMATIC COY
present
"GENERAL POST."
A Comedy by J. E. Harold Terry.
MATINEE TODAY AT 2.30.

Seats may be booked at the Deutsches Theatre, and at the Amusements Office, 26, Komödien Strasse. Seats booked by 'phone must be claimed by 5.50 p.m., otherwise they may be sold.

Apollo Theatre Schildergasse
Removal to PALACE THEATRE, no performances.

Palace Theatre Herzogstrasse
"The Poppies."
are coming on
July 28th and for one week only, Nightly at 6 p.m.

"THE POPPIES selection" will be played by the following orchestras during the Week.—VI Corps Club, "Excelsior" and "Germania."

No: 1 ARMY CINEMA.
32 Komödienstrasse
Complete Change of Programme.

No: 2 ARMY CINEMA.
Moderne Theatre, Breite Strasse
Complete Change of Programme.

No: 3 ARMY CINEMA.
Germania Theatre, Hohe Strasse
Complete Change of Programme.

THE ARMY GYMNASIUM.
Recreation and Amusement can be had at the Army Gymnasium Kreuzgasse (Off Schildergasse) Open Daily. Officers 2 to 3. All ranks 3 to 8. Admission and Instruction Free.

BRITISH-RHINE-ARMY-MUSICAL SOCIETIES.

The British Rhine Army Male Voice Choral Society and Church Choir.

Rehearsals are held each Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 5.45 p.m. in the Lecture Room (first Floor) Church Army Soldiers' Club, Antoniterstrasse, Cologne.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB
CINEMA
Every day at 2.30 Admission 1 and 2 Marks.

Church of England Services in Bonn

IN GARRISON CHURCH, BONN.
SUNDAYS: Holy Communion 7-30, 8-00, 11-45, and 18-45 hours.
Parade Service (Corps) at 10-00 hours.
Parade Service (Div.) at 11-00 hours.
Evening Service at 18-00 hours.
Organ Recital every Sunday from 17-45 to 18-00 hours.
WEEK-DAYS: Holy Communion Daily 7-45 hours excepting on Thursday when it is at 10-30 hours.
Evening Prayers at 18.00 hours excepting on Thursday.

IN BEETHOVEN-HALL, BONN.
SUNDAYS: Evening Service at 18-30 hours followed by celebration of Holy Communion at 19.30 hours.

IN PROTESTANT CHURCH, BEUEL (Friedrichstrasse)
SUNDAYS: Holy Communion at 7-30 hours. Evening Service at 18.00 hours.

Catholic Services in Cologne and Bonn on Sundays.

COLOGNE, CATHEDRAL
Mass in Cathedral at 8 a.m. (north Transept) High Mass in Cathedral at 9-15 a.m.
Parade Mass in Minoritenkirche (Minoritenstr.), 2 minutes from Cathedral at 10 a.m.
Rosary and Benediction in Minoritenkirche at 7 p.m. Confessions in Cathedral on Saturdays from 5—7 p.m.
BONN, MÜNSTER CHURCH, Münster Platz. Mass (Military) 10 a.m. Benediction 6-30 p.m. Confessions Saturday 3—4 p.m. and 5-30—7-30 p.m. in the Crypt.
EHRENFELD. Church at the Junction of Mechteren Strasse and Vogelsanger Strasse:—
Mass on Sundays 9.15 a.m. Confessions on Saturdays 5 p.m.
LINDENTHAL. Chapel of the Hospital in Jose Stelzmann Strasse—continuation of Giebel Strasse:—
Mass on Sundays 10.30 a.m. Confessions on Saturdays 5 p.m.

Scottish Churches and English Free Churches

THE MILITARY CHURCH.
6 Filzengraben (Turning off Heumarkt.)
Sunday, 13th July.
11 a.m. Preacher: Rev. A. Main, Garrison Chaplain (Presbyterian).
6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. A. Main.
Cars 6, 7, 11, 18, and 20.

Church of England, Services in Euskirchen, 41, Cölnerstrasse.

SUNDAY, JULY 27th.
HOLY COMMUNION 7.15, 8.00, and 11 00 Hours.
MORNING SERVICE 10.00 Hours.
EVENING SERVICE 18.00 Hours.

WEEKDAYS.
HOLY COMMUNION. Wednesdays and Fridays 8.00 Hours.
Evensong. Every Night at 18.00 Hours.

Church of England Services in Cologne.

1.—THE MILITARY CHURCH
57 Schildergasse, (Turning off Hohe Strasse).
Holy Comm. 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 11-15 a.m., 6-45 p.m.
Evening Service, 6.00 p.m.

2.—THE CHURCH ARMY CHAPEL
Hotel du Nord.
Sundays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m., and 6.45 p.m. Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Weekdays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saints' Days.
Short Morning Prayer Daily at 9-15 a.m.

3.—THE ARMY CINEMA HALL
36, Komodien Strasse.
Sundays: Evening Service, 6 p.m.

4.—THE CHURCH ARMY CINEMA HALL 95, Severin Strasse.
Sundays Holy Communion 8.30 a.m. Evening Service, 6. p.m.

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OUR CENTENARY.

This is the hundreth number of "The Cologne Post," the daily newspaper of the British Army of the Rhine.

It is fitting that some notice should be taken of a journalistic venture that is unprecedented in the annals of our army — a venture that has stood the stern test of time.

Our newspaper has won respect from the British and Allied press, and it has gained the appreciation of soldiers who uphold the honour of their country in an alien land.

"The Cologne Post" has had its times of travail. During most of these hundred days its staff has been small, its perils daunting, and its difficulties manifold. Errors have crept into its pages time after time, but the wonder is that these have not been greater. Do many of our readers know that our paper's type is altogether set up by hand and that all our compositors are German?

But "The Cologne Post" has had its share of success. It was the first paper to print the Draft Treaty of Peace — that was an achievement of which we are proud. It holds more and more the respect and interest of our troops. Their joys and sorrows, perplexities and complaints, ambitions and ideals have found expression in our pages.

As long as a British army guards the portals of Germany there is need for "The Cologne Post." But it should be remembered that our daily newspaper depends largely on the co-operation of its readers. When we appeal for sympathy and practical support we believe we shall not appeal in vain.

SERIOUS READING.

The number of letters on serious reading which have appeared in our columns indicates that there is a considerable interest in the subject in the Rhine Army, and certainly the encouragement of the young soldier to cultivate a taste for the more solid type of book is one of the most important phases of his education

While there are some people who are born with the literary bent, it may be either creative or merely appreciative, there is not the slightest doubt that the taste for good books is one which can be cultivated and which is very well worth cultivating.

As one correspondent pointed out, the only way really to know the beauties of the English language, and to be able to use it to the best advantage, is to read those masterpieces which show so wonderfully what possibilities our mother tongue possesses as a medium of expression.

One wit has suggested that people write gammar books because they cannot write readable English, and while, to the man who wants to know English well, a foundation of laws and rules is undoubtedly necessary, the only way to gain the power of facile and fluent expression, either in writing or in speech, is the constant reading of good English and the unconscious acquirement of words and phrases which result.

The comparative reflect which has fallen from the best of our English literature is difficult to understand. It may be that the word "classic" is discouraging and if the young mind is to drink even lightly of the Pierian spring, the process must be one of leading and not of driving. The attempt to nourish the mind of the average young soldier on Boswell's "Life of Johnson" or Herbert Spencer on Education would be foredoomed to failure.

By gradual steps through the magic gateway of English romance, however, an appreciation of the supremest creations of English literature may be attained.

As an instance, many of the stories of Robert Louis Stevenson would lead to the desire for a greater knowledge of the history and traditions of his country, and nothing would tend more to stimulate curiosity regarding old London, than the works of Dickens. This is a principle which can be extended indefinitely and which applies to almost any of our great romantic writers.

English literature is indeed a noble and precious heritage and should be regarded as such. The cultivation of a taste for it by serious reading is a thing which can never be regretted.

AFTER THE FIGHT.

From Battlefront to Farm Life.

The announcement in an interview that Marshal Foch is about to retire to the obscurity of a farm, indicates in a convincing manner the austere simplicity of the man. An attempt to estimate the historical achievement of the great soldier must be deferred to the historian of the future, but the unswerving loyalty to a single idea which dominated his actions and thoughts is as obvious to-day as years of study and comparison will make it.

To a soldier who has reaped the fruits of his labours, may justly be forgiven the desire to leave the world "trailing clouds of glory," but being denied that, it requires no little moral courage to voluntarily endure self-effacement rather than become the instrument of future political intrigue, which would necessarily centre round so commanding a figure in his country.

The simplicity of the Marshal's life has passed into the history of the conduct of war and no picture of his bearing under the flush of victory will endure as will such pictures as that of the Commander at a moment of great tension, retiring to prayer in the little chapel on the hill of Cassel.

The whole of his teaching in the science of war is marked by the insistence of the personal worth and determination of the leader, rather than upon the ability to apply technical knowledge at the right time. He insists upon the will to victory as being an invaluable asset to a commander. That he was the living embodiment of his doctrine has been amply demonstrated in the period during which he acted as commander of the Allied Forces.

The manner in which he has chosen to spend the remaining years of his life, proves that no spirit of personal gratification, no desire to satisfy personal ambitions, no desire to seize and use the impulses of power, have influenced his actions. The ambition which turned Napoleon from the path which would have led him to become a great administrator and has left his name in history as the greatest adventurer, is wholly absent from the character of this other great French soldier. It is in the voluntary renunciation of the great advantages, which his power gave him, that the greatness of Marshal Foch's character is shown, rather than in the measure of his achievement.

Meanwhile, before the great Marshal retires into the obscurity of his remote farm, he will prepare the book which will tell to the world how he applied the doctrines he had previously taught to the officers of the French Army, and which will be a fitting conclusion to the work in which he described to his pupils what he conceived to be the principles of war. T. C.

100—NOT OUT.

There is magic in numbers. It does not lie in the manipulations of figures by which scientists and mathematicians prove this or disprove that, but in the actual numbers themselves, their shape, their associations, their superstitions.

And of all numbers 100 stands out pre-eminent. Its practical use is to form the base of all calculations from the flight of time to the reckoning of interest, but standing alone, with its initial (its only compeer) and its two round cyphers it has an air of solidity and self reliance, of standing firm and unassailable, that is an absolute fascination. Ninety-nine is nothing. Add but the one, whether in runs, or pounds, or years, or issues of "The Cologne Post", and magic is in the very addition.

Looking back through the file brings fresh recollections of anxious days and arduous nights, especially before we reached our 'teens. We wonder at our temerity in adventuring such risk as the throwing of salvaged bombs by Chinese labourers at "our" telegraph wire which traversed the battle area and isolated us for two days, or of speeding up German compositors who, knowing no English, made signs to signify that they could not work because they were hungry.

Yet the old instincts, stifled by a greater call since August '14, responded to the call of the "ship" and the printing ink germs which cause that awful complaint *cacoethes scribendi*, ousted in turn those red corpuscles stimulated by the great game.

We have had our trials and our triumphs and we have attained our magic number. We are 100 to-day.

Our chief personal pride is of course that we scored the biggest "scoop" in the history of newspaper effort, a scoop that will stand to our credit for ever and a day. We published the Peace Terms at least eight hours ahead of the world's press and nothing can ever deprive us of the credit for that feat.

That we are appreciated by our reading public goes without saying. The Army buys us and Germany reads us. We are a romance in this important lodgment of the Empire. From our point of vantage we see the trend of things at home and we have our finger on the pulse of the Army of the Rhine. It is all right, let disgruntled agitators fulminate as the may. We could send them such a consensus of opinion as would astonish them.

And of our English public; what of them? As it happens, this hundredth number supplies one answer. English advertisers are well nigh overwhelming us. That is an infallible testimony to our achievement. Another lies in the fact that the names of very many who leave the Army of the Rhine are on our mailing list, a reminder to them, in the midst of the insensate bickerings and passions, that we are still pulling our weight in the boat as even Labour used to do.

So to-day, at reveille, we all, from orderly and copy-holder up to the chief, will don our khaki as usual and over our ration breakfast will critically study our own work. We shall look at the spot where we know it will be and think of the steps by which we attained it — our magic number. — 100. not out.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

SERIOUS READING.

Sir,—I welcome Lt. Patterson's article on the above subject. Reading must be encouraged.

The study of good literature forms the basis for correct speech and for this reason alone is urgently needed. The language of our soldiers is so corrupted by the habitual use of obscene words and over-worked slang, that many men are quite unable to express themselves in ordinary English.

A man must be able to appreciate a good book in order to enjoy it. Too many men are interested only in the pith of the story and pay no attention to the manner of the telling. Education and encouragement are both wanted in the matter.

Many of us who have had no opportunity for reading during the past two or three years, now have libraries thrown open to us. Let us use them.

H.K. PERCY.

Sir:—It has always seemed to me a pity that in compiling the syllabus of Education for the Rhine Army, more prominence was not given to the tremendous educational possibilities in the wise and judicious reading of good literature.

Important as is the preparation of a man for a civilian career, the other side must not be neglected. Man is something more than a machine for turning out national wealth.

He is a creature with natural emotions, desires and aspirations and unless these be wisely directed in the formative period (which applies to most of the men in the Rhine Army) chaos and disaster is to be feared.

Good literature is invaluable in the formation of ideas that are good, true and beautiful. Every young man should have placed in his hands a copy of Ruskin's "Sesame and Lilies".

The first section deals with the value of good books and the second with the sanctity of womanhood.

I should like to see our Educational authorities do something to increase the facilities for good reading matter.

"TOMMY."

THE RATE OF EXCHANGE.

Sir,—Your article on this subject would shock some people at home, who have been saying that a long period must elapse before business relations are resumed with Germany.

That the value of the mark is so low is largely due to the vast amount of paper currency in circulation, in comparison with the solid wealth of the country as expressed in gold, foodstuffs, and available merchandise.

We know that Germany is woefully short of many millions of pounds sterling worth of food and materials, and to obtain these she must pay intrinsic value for them. The payment for such necessities in gold will depreciate the value of the mark, as also will the creation of further issues of paper currency.

The rate of exchange is not exaggerated, and as regards the British salesman, if he has something to sell that is a necessity, the German will pay a big price for it, even at the "exaggerated" rate of exchange, as is instanced in the case of soap,—the commonest and cheapest tablet of which sells at 3.50 Marks, approximately 1/—. Would the British salesman say that is a poor price?

MARK.

RACING SUGGESTIONS.

Sir,—The chief fault of the totalisator system, is that one never knows what return may accrue for the outlay. This is a very strong point, for as "Driver" says, we all would rather know what we are going to receive should we be lucky enough to win.

Another question which I have heard in several quarters is, what proof have the public that the amount disbursed by the totalisator people is a fair proportion.

They may for all we know retain ten, fifteen or fifty per cent of the total amount for bets. I am sure that the visitors to race meetings would, if they bet at all, prefer to bet as the British have always bet at home, and which to their mind is far ahead of the "Continental System." H.Q.C.

THE START OF OLD AGE.

Sir:—The question of the first start of old age is a fascinating one, worth discussing, I think. For instance I see that Dr. T. Bodley Scott, the eminent physician says: "When shall old age be said to begin? At 65 in many, especially in those who have hardening arteries, 75 in the more fortunate, should be the answer, I think; but the beginning of old age should be only the setting forth on a slow downward path. There is a rough rule, I think, for the mammalia, that the years of life should bear a ratio to the years of their development. A dog or cat takes two to two and a half years to mature, multiply by five and you get the duration of life; a horse takes five years and lives to 25; an elephant takes 30 to 40 years and lives to 150 to 200; men who mature about 18 to 20 should live to 90 or more. We, however, fight so habitually against natural law that but few of us fulfil our years." Your readers' views would be interesting. SENEX.

A "DRY" TRAIN.

Sir,—Having read an article by "Captain" in Cologne Post dated 23rd inst., I would like to suggest that bottled beer be also supplied on the Calais-Cologne express. The journey from Cologne to Calais is now very comfortable, but a very dry job.

THIRSTY GUNNER.

A TOAST TO "THE POST."

A 'would-be' scribe,
Who came to gibe,
And stayed — he was amazed!
Takes off his hat,
And begs you that
His error be erased.

A hundred days,
In devious ways
The "Post" has kept us posted.
Happy Returns,
And NO returns,
Consider yourselves toasted. REX

Winners of Brigadier's Cup.

52nd ROYAL SUSSEX COME OUT ON TOP AT LOHMAR HORSE SHOW.

A CLOSE SECOND.

53rd Battalion Only Two Points Behind.

The 3rd Eastern Infantry Brigade Horse Show took place at Lohmar, last week in favourable weather. There was a large number of interested spectators including the Corps Commander, Lt.-Gen. Sir. T. N. L. Morland, who was accompanied by Miss Morland and the Divisional Commander, Major Gen. Sir C. L. Nicholson.

The Cup, presented by the Brigade Commander, Brig. Gen. H. W. Higginson to the unit gaining the highest number of points in all events, was won by the 52nd Bn. Royal Sussex Regt. with 27 points, the 53rd Battalion being a close second with 25 points. The 51st Battalion were third with 13 points.

At the close of the show the prizes were presented by Brig.-Gen. Higginson, who congratulated the winning units on their successes and conveyed the thanks of the Brigade to the judges and other officials whose work had contributed so largely to the success of the show.

OFFICIALS AND EVENTS.

The following is a list of the officials and events, together with the prize winners in each.

Judge:—Major A. Hodgins, D.S.O., R.A.V.C., Lt. N. H. Docker, 5th (R.I.) Lancers, Major A. Trevor Williams, O.B.E., R.A.S.C., Major G. Warren, D.S.O., R.A.

Jumping:—Major T. J. Leahy, D.S.O., M.C., R. Dub. Fus.

Scurries:—Brigadier-General H. W. Higginson, C.B., D.S.O.

Clerk of the Course:—Lt. J. L. Donnelly.

Starter:—Lt. N. H. Docker.

Ringmasters:—Lt. A. W. Clifton, Sussex Yeomanry, 2nd Lt. J. A. Houghton, 52nd Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

Marshals:—Lt. W. Buxton, The Bedfordshire Regt., Capt. J. Solomon, 53rd Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

Stewards:—R.S.M.W.D. Sargent, 51st Bn. Royal Sussex Regt., R.S.M.W.H. Larner, 52nd Bn. Royal Sussex Regt., R.S.M.G.H. Fincher, 53rd Bn. Royal Sussex Regt.

Pack mule:—1, 53rd Bn. R. Sussex Regt.; 2, 52nd Bn.; 3, 53rd Bn.

Malt so cart and horse or mule:—1, 52nd Bn.; 2, 53rd Bn.; 3, 51st Bn.

Pair of draught mules:—1, 53rd Bn.; 2, 52nd Bn.; 3, 52nd Bn.

Mess cart and horse or mule:—1, 52nd Bn.; 2, 53rd Bn.; 3, 51st Bn.

Pair of heavy draught horses:—1, 51st Bn.; 2, 51st Bn.; 3, 52nd Bn.

Water cart and pair:—1, 52nd Bn.; 2, 53rd Bn.; 3. 53rd Bn.

N.C.O's riders:—1, Sergt. Leaney's "Beauty," 52nd Bn.; 2, Sergt. Squire's, "Jenny," 53rd Bn.

G.S. wagon and pair:—No. 4 Coy., Divisional Train.

Officers' chargers. (14 stn. and under:—1, Capt Cartland's, "Joan," 52nd Bn.; 2, Col. Barker's, "Dobbin," 53rd Bn.

Field cooker and pair:—1, 52nd Bn.; 2, 51st Bn.; 3, 51st Bn.

Officers' chargers (lightweight up to and under 13 stn. 13 lbs.):—1, Brig.-Gen. Higginson's, "Nigger," 3rd Brigade, H.Q.; 2, Capt. Ginger's, "Mark," 53rd Bn.; 3rd Capt. Grant's, "Scottie," 53rd Bn.

L.G.S. wagon and pair of mules:—1, 52nd Bn.; 2, 3rd Brigade, H.Q.; 3, 53rd Bn.

Officers' chargers (heavyweight 14 stn. and over):—1, Lt. Buxton's, "Joe," 53rd Bn.; 2, Capt Rothe fo d's, "Robert," 3rd Brigade H.Q.; 3, Lt.-Col. Bond's "Bess," 51st Bn.

Jumping:—1, Capt. Underhay's, "Jock," 53rd Bn.; 2, Brig.-Gen Higginson's, "Nigger," 3rd Bde. H.Q.; 3, Lt.-Col. Bedingham's, "Nobby," 52nd Bn.

Mule scurry:—Pte. Saund r's, "Boxer," 51st Bn.; Pte. Brazier's, "Jinny," 51st Bn.

Officers' scurry:—1, Capt. Roth rford's, "Harry" 3rd Brigade, H.Q.; 2, Lt. Buxton's, "Mark," 53rd Bn.

AQUATIC SPORTS.

EXCITING EVENTS IN ELIMINATING CONTEST AT BONN.

"YOUR FOURTH PRIZE TO-DAY."

The fourth of the series of the eliminating contests, which are to decide which battalion will represent the 1st Western Inf. Bde. in the competition for the Divisional "Skill-at-all Sports" Cup, took place at the Victoria Baths., Bonn on Thursday, when an aquatic sports meeting was held. The 1/4th, 9th and 52nd Battalions of the Cheshire Regiment were the participants, while the following officiated:—

Major Rodd M.C., D.A.D.O.S., Western Division; Capt. R. Peacock, A.G.S., IX Corps, Lieut. L. Parsons, Lancs Div. Sigs; Mr. R. Skeeles, X Corps H.Q.; C.S.M. T. Picott, A.G.S.

As in the previous competitions, the battalion amassing the most points in a single competition, were awarded 4 points, the second best, 3 points, and the 3rd best, 2 points.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

100 Yds:—1, R.S.M. Brown, 9th Cheshires; 2, Pte. Whitfield, 1/4th Cheshires; 3, Sgt. Barry, 14th Cheshires.

200 Yds:—1, Pte. Pearson, 1/4th Cheshires; 2, Pte. Whitfield, 1/4th Cheshires; 3, Pte. Green 9th Cheshires.

Diving:—Each competitor executing one high dive, one dive with a run off the spring board and one dive optional:—1, Sgt. Thompson 1/4th. Cheshires, 2, Pte. Pearson 1/4th Cheshires, 3, Pte. Jackson 9th Cheshires.

Plunge:—1, Capt. Lonsdale 9th Cheshires; 2, Cpl. Moore 9th Cheshires; 3, Sgt. Barry 1/4th Cheshires.

Relay Race:—Battalion Teams—1st 1/4th Battalion, the Cheshire Regt. Team:—Sgt. Barry, Pte. Pearson, Pte. Withfield and Pte. Jones.

EXCITING POLO.

Though each event was most keenly contested, it was the polo matches which brought the intense excitement of the numerous spectators to its climax. Each battalion was represented by four men, and the usual five mins. each way was played.

There being three battalions, a "bye" was drawn for, being won by the 14th Cheshires, and thus leaving the 9th and 52nd Cheshires to meet each other in the preliminary contest. The 52nd won this match, easily registering three goals against their opponent's nil, and after 15 minutes rest, entered the water against the 1/4th Cheshires.

Then the air became electrified with excitement. Barely three seconds had elapsed after the command "Go"! when the swimmers were fighting for possession of the ball, and a right ding-dong match ensued. Both teams were well matched, but whereas the 1/4th team relied on the method of carrying the ball as far towards the 52nd goal mouth as was possible, the 52nd were sending in shots from all quarters with amazing rapidity and accuracy, and had it not been for the brilliant play exhibited by Cpl. Nixon the 14th custodian, the 52nd would have scored on several occasions.

RAIN OF SHOTS.

Shots were whizzing towards him every few seconds, yet each one was disposed of in grand style, until "Even the ranks of Tuscany could scarce forbear to cheer".

On the other hand, it was the weak shooting of the 14th which prevented them from scoring and after extra time had been played and still no score made, the match was postponed until a later date.

Undoubtedly the outstanding performance of the day, was that of Pte. Pearson of the 14th Cheshires. The remark of Lieut.-Col. Crookenden, D.S.O., of the 52nd Cheshires, as he was distributing the prizes, was sufficient testimony as to the part he had played in the gala "This is your fourth prize to-day, is'nt it Pearson?" he inquired, as he handed him the medal he had won for helping to bring victory to the relay team. His performance in the polo team also was excellent.

RESULTS IN POINTS.

Owing to the polo match not having been decided, it was impossible to ward the points for the whole of the gala, but for the actual swimming and diving, the result stands as follows:—

14th Cheshires 32 points;
9th Cheshires 22 points;
52nd Cheshires 9 points.

The last of these series of contests will take place on the Borabeim Sports Ground, on Monday, when the championship of the Brigade basket-ball Competition will be fought for.

The Divisional Sports are expected to take place on August 8th. Further particulars will be forthcoming at a later date.

NAVY v. ARMY.

Major Brooke Runs Up 100 In Fine Style.

The King and Prince Albert were present at the cricket match between the Army and the Navy at Lords on Thursday. The feature of the Army innings was the batting of Major Brooke who compiled 100, hitting with tremendous power. Details:—

THE ARMY.

Maj. P. R. Johnson, c Bartley, b Sinclair	22
Lt. A. C. Wilkinson, b Cantrell	10
Lt.-Col. W. M. Turner, b Sinclair	59
Lt. A. W. Carr, b Cantrell	52
Capt. Ni el Baiz, c Cowan, b Cantrell	15
Maj. F. R. R. Brooke, b Evans	100
Lt. F. C. G. Naumann, b Sinclair	6
Maj. B. F. Clarke, b Cantrell	0
Maj D. C. Robinson, c Goudge, b Boyd	38
Capt. R. St. L. Fowler, not out	29
Capt. W. F. Dickinson, c Brooks, b Evans	3
Byes 2, l-b 4, w 1	7
Total	349

THE NAVY.

Comdr C. F. R. Cowan, b Haig	0
Rev. W. H. Gondze, not out	5
Comdr A. E. Evans, c Robinson, b Naumann	11
Lt. P. H. Bonham-Carter, not out	0
Leg-byes	2
Total (2 wkts)	18

Maj. R. A. D. Brooks, Comdr G. C. Harrison, Lt-E. L. D. Bartley, Lt.-Comdr M. J. Palmes, Lt-J. L. Boyd, Lt.-Col. A. S. Cantrell, and Lt.-Comdr E. W. Sinclair to bat.

ANALYSIS OF THE BOWLING.

ARMY.—First Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.		o.	m.	r.	w.
Sinclair	30	6	92	3	Boyd	5	0	30	1
Cantrell	32	4	122	4	Palmes	7	0	35	0
Evans	9	4	6	56					

Cantrell bowled one wide.
Umpires: Beard and Butt.

OTHER RESULTS.

Somerset beat Derbyshire by 3 wickets after deadly bowling by Robson, the veteran Somerset player, who took seven wickets for 19 runs in the 2nd innings. Scores:—

Somerset 132 and 62 for 7; Derbyshire 156 and 37.

Yorks defeated Northants by an innings and 196 runs; Yorks 380 for 3 declared; Northants 72 and 112.

Lancs beat Gloucester by an innings and 169 runs; Lancs 429 for 7 declared; Gloucestershire 156 and 104.

Hampshire beat Sussex by 64 runs; Hampshire 207 and 225; Sussex 249 and 119.

A BOWLING WIZARD.

J. C. White The Brilliant Somerset Amateur.

One of the outstanding bowlers of the season is J. C. White, the Somerset amateur. His performances the last three days may properly be described as sensational. In the match with Worcestershire, at Bath, he took 16 wickets in one day for 83 runs, and followed up this remarkable feat by dismissing ten Derbyshire batsmen for 81.

A summary of his triumphs this week is given below. His 26 victims have cost him just over six runs apiece:—

v. Worcestershire.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
First innings	17	4	36	8
Second innings	19.4	3	47	8

v. Derbyshire:—

	o.	m.	r.	w.
First innings	39.5	16	64	7
Second innings	15	9	17	3

White is a left-handed bowler.

WORLD'S TROTTING RECORD

9 Miles In 31 mins. 50 1/5 secs.

A new world's trotting record was accomplished by Walter Winands with his horse Myrtle Leaf on the London Trotting Club's course on Thursday. It covered 9 miles in 31 mins. 50 1/5 secs.

R.A.S.C. AT ALDERSHOT.

The annual sports meeting of the R.A.S.C. were held at Aldershot on Wednesday, when an interesting programme of mounted and dismounted sports was carried through. Capt. Blackmore won the silver cup in the officers' jumping competition, and in the N.C.O.'s jumping Sergt. Sharpe made a fine run with only one fault. The A.G.S. team won the Relay Race for the 3rd King's; Q.M.S. Usher, A.G.S., carried off the Quarter, and C.S.M. Stevenson won the Hurdles. Driver S. W. Hill won the medal for the best performance.

Another Fine Achievement.

A TIE FOR THE BEST BOWLING ANALYSIS IN "C.P.C." COMPETITION.

In our Thursday's issue we published three notable bowling records. Yet another claimant for supremacy has been brought into prominence in the person of Pte. Fulford, 51st Hampshire Regt., who has the same average as Pte. Curr. His analysis reads as follows:—

Matches	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs	Average
6	49.5	11	33	78	2.36

51st AUX BUS COY (32 for 3 wickets) v 2nd BDE R.A.F. (28) played at Kalk on Thursday the 24th inst. The R.A.F. team batted first, and were dismissed for 28, no one reaching double figures. For the Bus Coy the top score was made by Pte. Driscoll 18. The outstanding feature of the game was the excellent bowling of Pte Tudor, who captained the Bus Coy team, and captured 6 wickets for 7 runs.

51st Kings Liverpool (154) v. 52nd Manchesters (22). For 51st Kings chief scorers were Pte. Clegg 48; Lieut. Little 33; Q.M.S. Heaton 23; while Lieut. Hayford took 7 wickets for 9 runs, and Lieut. Wiltshire 3 for 12.

SOLINGEN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
51 Hants	8	6	2		12§
63 Field Coy. R.E.	6	5	1		10+
64 Field Coy. R.E.	6	5	1		10§
1/5 K.O.S.B.	5	4	1		8§
South'rn Div. R.E.	5	3	2		6§
83 (Dub) Gen. Hosp.	6	2	4		4§
15. H.L.I.	4	2	2		4§
Lowland Div. M.T. Coy.	4	2	2		4
90 Field Coy. R.E.	4	1	3		2+
Lowland D.A.C.	3	1	2		2§
11 R. S ots	2	1	1		2§

"A" Battery, 51st Bde. R.F.A. have scratched.
§ Games awarded for scratched matches.
+ Games lost by default.

LANCS DIV. SIG. COY (26) v 10th CORPS SIG. COY (20) at Bonn. For Lancs Div., Capt. Mathew made 87 and Par. House 63.

OTHER RESULTS.

41st Bn. M.G.C. (158) v 2nd Bn. M.G.C. (70).
4th Corps Troops M.T. Coy (72) v Light Div. H.Q. (51).
34th Bn. M.G.C. (166 for 7) v "C" A.A. Bty (38).

DÜREN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
D Corps Siege Park	12	11	0	1	23§
153 Siege Bty.	10	9	1		18§
15 K. Hussars	11	8	2	1	17§ +
Light Div. H.Q.	11	7	4		14§
IV Corps Troops M.T. Coy.	10	7	3		14§
3. K.O. Hussars	10	6	4		12§
11 North Midland Heavy Bty.	8	6	2		12§
62 Bn. M.G.C.	10	6	4		12§
D Corps Sig. Coy.	10	5	5		10§
52 Gordon Hdrs.	8	5	3		10§
No 1 Light Railway Sig. Coy.	10	4	6		8§
183 Siege Bty.	8	4	4		8§ +
10 A. and S. Hdrs.	7	4	3		8§
10 Bde R.F.A.	6	4	2		8§
0 Bty. Rocket Troop R.H.A.	8	3	5		6§
5. Sherwood Foresters	6	3	3		6+

Light Div. Signals have scratched.

ATHLETICS AT LIMPERICH.

"D" Bty. 168 Bde. R.F.A.'s Notable Success.

The above battery held their first sports meeting, which proved in every way successful, before a good crowd of spectators and in glorious weather. Amongst those present were Capt. Everson, O.C., Major Manhope, B/168, Capt. and Adjutant C. W. Basnett, M.C., Capt. Howard, A.V.C., Lieut. Bex M.G.C., and Lieuts. Hartridge, Tombs, and Rivett.

Punctually at 1.30 the pistol cracked for the first heat in the 100 yards, and the sport throughout was good, clean, and keen. Gnr. Morris created great fun during the afternoon in his fancy dress. The refreshment department, which was in the hands of Lieut. Rivett, greatly assisted the competitors and visitors alike, owing to the hot weather. Lieut. A. Tombs, R.S.M. Cox, B.S.M. King, and Sergt. Derbyshire worked very hard the whole of the day, but were rewarded by the great success of the meeting.

Much keenness was manifested by the sub-sections for the aggregate prize given by the officers. Cpl. Griffen proved himself "hot stuff" in taking five firsts.

A concert was held on Friday evening and was well attended, and the prizes were given to the various winners.

WINNERS.

100 yards:—1, Wright; 2, Watt; 3, Hempsall.
220 yards:—1, Cpl. Griffen; 2, Wright and Watt (dead heat).
440 yards:—1, Cpl. Griffen; 2, Freestone; 3. Watt.
Half-Mile:—1, Cpl. Griffen; 2, Wright; 3 Wiltshire.
Throwing the Cricket Ball:—1, Cpl. Griffen 2, Lomax; 3, Nelson.
Sack and Boot Race:—1, Clark; 2, Wiltshire 3, S. S. Sharpe.
Wheelbarrow Race:—1, Greenhalgh and S. S. Sharpe; 2, Sharman and Lane; 3, Windley and Dryden.
Long Jump:—1, Barclay; 2, Watt; 3, Kenyon.
High Jump:—1, Cpl. Griffen; 2, Kenyon and Hempsall (tie).
Costume Race on Mules:—1, Morris; 2, S. S. Sharpe; 3, Wiltshire.
V.C. Race:—1, Roan and Hargreaves; 2, Wright and Farrand; 3, Bennett and Haiding.
Sack Football:—1, Lett Section, 3 goals; 2. Right Section, 1 goal.
Wrestling on Horseback:—1, D Sub.; 2, A Sub
Boat Race:—1, D Sub.; 2, B Sub.
Relay Race:—1, D. Sub.; 2, B Sub.; 3, A Sub.
Lloyd Lindsay:—1, A Sub.; 2, B Sub.
Tug-of-War:—1, D Sub (2 Pulls); 2, A Sub (1 Pull).

LEAVE CLUB BOXING.

Some misunderstanding exists as to the qualification of entrants for the Boxing Competition to be held at the British Empire Leave Club, Cologne, on the 15th and 16th of August. These competitions, it should be noted, are open to Army Troops only.

Several entries have been receive from Units not forming Army Troop

ARMY ATHLETICS.

List of Forthcoming Events.

The Army Sports Control Board announces the following list of fixtures in the near future:

July.
25-26—Aldershot Command, at Aldershot
31 Brigade of Guards, at Stamford Bridge

August.
4-5 Northern Command, at York
6—Tidworth Garrison, at Tidworth
7—Eastern Command, at Chatham
12-13—Western Command, at Chester
14—London District, at Stamford Bridge
20—Southern Command, at Portsmouth
22-23—Irish Command, at Curragh
28-29—Army Championships, at Aldershot

September.
1—Inter-Services Championships, at Stamford Bridge.

INTER-COMPANY FRIENDLY.

A friendly match was played at Weingarten between 3 Coy. and 4 Coy. Western Div. Train on Monday last, when 3 Coy. batted first and made 36. No. 4 Coy. went in and were all out for 8, while Cpl. Newell took 8 for 5 and Dvr. Rice 2 for 3. No. 3 put them in again and got them all out for 18, Dvr. Rice taking 7 for 7 and Cpl. Newell 3 for 6, 3 Coy. winning by 1 inning and 10 runs.

ARMY AMUSEMENT

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AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Leave Club Whist Drive.

An excellent whist drive was held at the Leave Club on Thursday. The queue began to form at a very early hour and owing to lack of space, many were disappointed when the doors were opened. The ladies' prizes were won by;—1, Gnr. G. Pilton 152; 2, Pte. S. P. Dyke 148; 3 Pte. J. Teasdal 147; and the gent's by;—1, Pte. Cummings 158; 2, Pte. Lambert 154; 3, Pte. Parker 153. Cpl. Duffy and Pte. Beales again kindly acted as M. C's.

"Some" Circus.

The 1st Division, American Army Circus which is to be held in Cologne during the first week in August promises to be very successful. A life-sized menagerie, including real lions, tigers, bears, elephants llamas, water-buffalo, ponies and horses is a free adjunct of the main performance. In short, it is a real circus, the biggest in Europe to-day and probably the greatest show of its kind ever put on by soldiers. In addition to all, and to sort of cap the climax, a grand concert is given after each main performance. Twenty coloured minstrels keep you roaring with laughter or humming the jazzy tunes they sing. Typical old southern plantation minstrels they are, with all the humour and melody that naturally belong to negroes. There will be two performances each day; side show opens at 1.00 and 5.00 p.m. main performance at 2.30 and 6.00 and concerts follow each performance. Three days—August 1, 2 and 3 on the lower Amsterdamer Strasse, Football ground, near the Zoological Gardens.

Peace Celebration.

The staff of the 2nd Army R.A.R.C. celebrated peace on Thursday evening at Colonia Haus, where they arranged what proved to be a highly successful concert and dance. Members of the W.R.A.F., having been invited, turned up in good numbers and at the opening of the concert the hall presented a well filled appearance. Major M. Horwood R.F.A., as president of the Committee responsible for the arrangements, is to be congratulated upon the excellent work of his staff. Major Brixey as general factotum received splendid support from his stewards, Sergt. Hayes, Sergt. Long, Sergt. Hurren, Bdr. Hollis and Bdr. Farport. At the conclusion of the concert, supper was served and for the subsequent dancing the M.C. was Cpl. T.F. Collings, assisted by Gnr. Cox.

In few words.

A well thought-out and delightfully arranged paper on "Why I admire Sir Walter Scott" was given at the Y.M.C.A. reading circle at Euskirchen on Monday evening by Lance-Corporal Seaton.

Many well chosen extracts from various of Scotts' novels illustrated the paper, which was succeeded by a brief resumé of "Kenilworth," by Pte. J. K. Douglas and a bright discussion.

JACQUES.

OLD SCOUTS' CORNER.

On Saturday last we spent a very pleasant and interesting afternoon at one of the ex-Kaiser's summer residences at Brühl. We were fortunate enough to be shown round the state rooms, which were magnificent.

We returned to Lindenthal about 7.30 p. m. for a parting sing-song, at which a presentation of a magnificent and tasty inkstand was made to Mr.R.H. Percival in appreciation of his untiring efforts on behalf of the Rhine Army Old Scouts' Circle.

On Wednesday evening, we had a paper by L/Cpl. G.G. Storey (A.S.M. 21st Newcastle Troop), on "Psychology," dealing with the subject of teaching the boy; also a paper by Pte. Kreamer (S.P.L.28th Stepney Troop) on Promotions. A very interesting discussion followed.

Today we are going to Nippes, to explore the "whys" and "wherefores" of Tanks. Old Scouts will meet outside Durham House Y.M.C.A. (opposite the Zoo) at 3.0 p. m. sharp. Now roll up Scouts, and you will be welcomed by the circle and.

"ROVER."

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday, July 26, 1919.

Wind light between North and North East. Weather mainly fair but some morning mist or fog. Moderate temperature. Fair visibility.

MILITARY SPORTS.

52nd Durhams and 52nd Devons Successful Meetings.

Yesterday there were at least two additions to the many Army sports meetings that have been held recently in Germany. The athletic ground near Mülheim presented a bright appearance by reason of the hundreds of flags that were utilised in its decoration and for marking the various courses. Here the 52nd Bn. D.L.I. held the first of a two-days athletic sports meeting in fine weather. Although practically confined to preliminary events, the sport was keen and interesting.

The meeting of the 52nd Bn. Devonshire Regt. was equally successful and took place at Burscheid where practically every member of the unit either took part in or witnessed the proceedings.

One of the most striking features of this event was the punctuality of the various items, this being assured by several contests taking place simultaneously.

CARPENTIER V. BECKETT.

Match may be postponed for two or three weeks.

It is just on the cards that the match between Carpentier and Beckett, fixed to take place at Olympia on Saturday, September 2, may be postponed for two or three weeks. Carpentier will not be released from the French Army until the end of August, and he finds his military duties will not admit of his training as he desires for such an important match.

WILDE V. KID DOYLE.

No Match at Present.

The statement made at Manchester that Doyle had been matched to meet Jimmy Wilde in September is contradicted. Mr. Teddy Lewis, manager of Wilde, interviewed by the "Sportsman's" Cardiff correspondent, said there was not the slightest foundation for the statement that Jimmy Wilde has been matched to box Kid Doyle for £200. Jimmy is off to America in September, declared his manager, and such a match is therefore out of the question.

FRENCH FLY-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

In the twenty rounds contest for the French fly-weight championship on Wednesday evening Bouzonnie beat the challenger Borot in the eleventh round.

ENGLISH RACING.

Liverpool Results.

The race meeting was continued at Liverpool on Thursday, the following being the results:—

Sandown Handicap:— Shoemaker (4-1 on); Indian Feast. Two ran.

Course Handicap:— 1, Dart Up (13-8); 2, Polismen (6-1); 3, John Chinaman (7-1).

Knowsley Dinner Stakes:— 1, African Star (5-2); 2, Keysoe (2-1); 3, Wilson (2-1).

Molineux Plate:— 1, Diadem (7-4); 2, Pendion (3-1); 3, Trogon (9-2).

Lancs Breeders Stakes:— 1, Southern (10-11); 2, Sunny Moya (7-4); 3, St. Corentin (10-1).

Southport Plate:— Piraeus (11-10); Jasper. Two runners.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Dick Smith.

Dick Smith has won more championships than any other present-day boxer.

Contest Postponed.

The boxing contest between Tom Noble (England) and Ledoux announced for yesterday has been postponed.

Record Broken.

The record of 67 strokes for the Ashford Manor golf course has been broken by A. G. Kirby, the present Ashford professional, who went round in 65 strokes.

Preston North End.

Preston North End have signed on J.W. Lees, of Northwich, who can fill either of the inside forward positions. He is at present serving with the R.F.A. at Fulwood Barracks.

The Stymie.

There is really no more characteristic feature of modern golf than the neglect which has grown up among the amateurs, and in a lesser degree among the professionals in efficient practice of the stymie.

Sir Abe Bailey's Youngsters.

Sir Abe Bailey's youngsters have not done wonders as yet, but Southern, Magic Note, and All Prince should certainly not have a blank season, while Gipsy Lad and Wilson are already mentioned in connection with the Cambridgeshire.

At Enghien.

With the fields large, good sport was seen at Enghien steeplechase this week.

Three Catches.

Howell, fielding as substitute for Charlesworth in the Warwickshire team at Birmingham, brought off three catches.

Wealthy Owner.

Net personalty to the amout of £122,107 was left by Mr. William J. Compton, a director and steward of Sandown Park, and an owner of racehorses.

Midland Champion Leading.

Breed, the billiard champion of the Midlands, is leading the Bury man, Tothill, in the seventh heat of the tournament at Thurston's Hall, London, by 2,001 to 1,231.

World's Fly-Weight Champion.

Undoubtedly Wilde stands out by himself as the fly-weight champion of the world, and to this class, especially for important engagements, he should confine himself.—"Straight Left" in "Sporting Life."

1,000 runs.

Makepeace, of Lancashire, who completed his 1,000 runs for the season during the game with Notts, is the sixth player to do so. The others are Hendren (Middlesex), Hobbs and Ducat (Surrey), George Gunn (Notts), and H. L. Dollins (Australians).

To-day's Fixture.

Plymouth Argyle and Exeter City meet at Plymouth to-day in a friendly match.

Trainer Marsh.

Sir A. Black's horses and those of Mr. Barton will now be trained by C. Marsh, and one can only wish the newcomer luck at the famous training establishment.

Tom Ball Memorial.

It is hoped to arrange a professional golf competition on the Raynes Park course in September in connection with the scheme for a memorial to the late Tom Ball.

Cricklewood to Brussels.

A four-engined Handley Page, piloted by Lt.-Col. W. S. Douglas, flew from Cricklewood Aerodrome to Brussels (200 miles) in three hours.

Minor Counties.

The minor counties cricket match between Hertford and Stafford, at Watford, resulted in a draw. Scores: Hertford, 243 (Hylton-Stewart 119), and 53 for eight; Stafford, 242 (E. H. Bourne 80).

Air Racing.

A fixture which should give a much-needed fillip to air racing is the contest for the Jacques Schneider International Trophy, which will be decided on September 10th over a circuit of about thirty miles, starting from Bournemouth and taking in Swanage and Christchurch.

Sporting Mayor.

The Mayor of Brighton took the chair at Wednesday's meeting of the Brighton and Hove F.C. shareholders.

Sale of Runners.

After the Sutton Plate, the two runners, Laugh and Hagiology, were submitted to auction. The former was retained for 300 guineas, and the latter was purchased by Mr. A. Newey for 185 guineas.

£560 Tourney.

The qualifying competition of the Eastern Section of the Professional Golfers' Association for the £560 tournament at Walton Heath will be held at Doncaster on September 24.

Fulham's New Men.

If Reynolds is out of the Army, the old Dartford man will probably return to the Fulham Club, and meanwhile the services of Nixon under the bar may be reckoned upon. New men at full-back include E. Worrall (Sheffield Wednesday) and Chaplin.

High Praise.

The bowling merits of Lee (Middlesex) were under discussion recently among a party of cricketers, and came in for high praise from one of them. Asked for his reason, he replied: "Well, you see, I provided him with his first wicket in county cricket!"

Echoes from Rhineland.

Gradient Shunting.

Apropos the paragraph "More Economy" in a recent issue, it is pointed out that the system of gradient shunting is in use extensively in England. Two of the larges' sidings, namely, Toton on the Midland Railway and Colwich Sidings on the Great Northern, have, it seems, used it for many years. A reader says that a visit to either of these English sidings would convince anyone that we have little to learn from Germany in this direction.

German Primitiveness.

Some of the methods of work among German peasants are surprisingly primitive. For threshing certain kinds of crops, the old-fashioned flail is still used. The sheaves are placed on a rough convas cloth, which catches the seeds; and a stout ash stick, about eighteen inches long, attached to a long handle, serves as the flail. On one occasion, when this work was in progress, noticing the interest it aroused amongst some British soldiers, the farmer asked "Nicht in England?" On being told "no," he seemed to be very much surprised.

Another example.

Every German farmhouse cannot apparently boast of a grindstone for the purpose of sharpening the agricultural implements. The method which was noticed, in the case of a scythe for example, is very quaint — one would think unique. A flat square-headed piece of iron was driven into a wood block; the edge of the instrument was then placed flat on the top of the iron head, and the process of sharpening consisted in tapping the edge with the thin head of a hammer! We wonder how the English farmer would view work of this kind.

Street Gardens.

The horticultural ornamentation of busy streets is observed to a superlative degree at Wiesbaden. The result is extremely agreeable. Splashes of bright colour with a background of green are dotted about the open spaces in the town with undeniably good taste. Many of these miniature gardens have picturesquely laid out flowerbeds and without exception they receive long and careful attention at the hands of the municipal gardeners. Such decorations help to make town life tolerable.

Now, the R.C.'s.

Those soldiers who are R.C. in religion cannot, even if they wish to, excuse themselves from attendance at public worship, for their churches stand at almost every corner, and the services are practically every hour from six o'clock until noon on Sunday mornings. But the wideness of these facilities has its disadvantage, and the chaplains would be very glad if their men would concentrate themselves as much as possible on the particular church, in their area, which has been nominated for them. In Cologne the church in Minoriten Street has been set apart for the Army at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. each Sunday, and if every R.C. soldier in the area would only attend either Mass or Benediction at this church, a serious effort could be made to organize a choir, a "mixed" one, for the ladies could help as well.

German Houses.

A correspondent comments on the type of doors to be found on German houses. He points out that the glass panels of doors, even in residential districts, are almost invariably reinforced with iron bars of an ornamental description, but which are obviously placed there partly from considerations of utility. Even more puzzling to the British people is the German habit of keeping the garden gate locked during the daytime, but this probably arose out of abnormal wartime conditions, and the consequent prevalence of burglaries.

Quick Postal Service.

Yesterday reference was made to the German method of clearing the postal pillar boxes. Another thing that now will be noticed is that from the majority of them there are a dozen collections each weekday, eight or nine taking place after midday. On Sundays there are four collections. Our own Post Office in England has a fine record for accuracy and punctuality, and postal workers in the Army will have their work set if they mean to outrun the home service or the civil one in Cologne. But what an inspiring work it is! Knowing the geography of the British Isles to perfection; preventing letters to Poole on the South Coast going to Pool in Yorkshire; delivering all the little privacies of correspondence to their fellow soldiers promptly and intact. Truly, a job in the Post Office is more honourable than one in the cookhouse.

"4711"

Cologne and his wife as well as their guests, bidden and otherwise, are well acquainted with the celebrated eau-de-Cologne which is known by the number "4711". How many, especially of the guests, are aware of the origin of these mysterious figures? Some have hazarded the guess that this was merely the official number of the concoction when it was first registered. Others, with less ingenuity have propounded the theory that it was the result of the 4,711th attempt on the part of the indefatigable discoverer. The real origin, however, lies in the fact that the perfume was first manufactured in the house in Cologne which bore the number 4711 at an early period in the history of the city, when all the houses were numbered as they were built.

Unlucky 13.

One often hears that there is luck to be found under the Number nine, and none under the unlucky "13". An instance of the latter case has just occurred at a local Infantry's unit's sports meeting. A member of the Cavalry Division entered in the open mile race to try his luck. He arrived on the sports ground after a struggle and changed, but as it was raining decided to wait in a tent on the ground, with several others. Imagine his feelings when on going out to run, he found the race was actually taking place, in fact it was just finishing with a favourite in front. The unfortunate non-starter "let go" his feelings at the worried officials, but it was of no use, the "deed" was done. On looking at his number given to him for the race, the victim of ill-luck discovered, it was that horrible "13".

A Handy Implement.

One of the handiest cheap novelties to be found in the local shops is a small pencil sharpener. A blade of decent steel is rivetted to a framework made of compressed fibre, this latter being impressed with the word "Granate." It is the most genuine thing for its purpose that we have yet come across, and anyone wanting a novelty souvenir for young folk at home would do well to lay in half-a-dozen or more. Any objections that might be made as to helping Germany's commercial revival can be met by the statement of fact that the purchase of a pencil sharpener lengthens the life of a pencil and so reduces our spending account on the Continent.

Fields for Research.

The realm of compressed fibre, by the way, is as yet, only a partially developed region. For many occupations and processes, we are still without a satisfactory substitute for glass and pot. Our photographic readers know well the shortcomings of xylonite dishes, their inflammability, their saturating capacity, and the difficulties of thoroughly cleansing them. And anyone with a fountain-pen knows its liability to break if dropped on a hard floor. Everywhere there is a room for improvement, and if we on the Rhineside would turn some of our spare moments to the technical problems that occur to us, each in our own sphere, some very valuable commercial patents might result.

Village Concert Halls.

One cannot but notice in one's travels throughout the occupied territory, the numerous concert halls the village folks possess. In practically every village one finds these large halls in which the German civilians held many a happy gathering in the good old days before the war. "What a contrast to most small villages in "Blighty," which can only boast of one small schoolroom!" writes a correspondent. Of course these spacious village halls have been used the past five years for far different purposes than song and harmony. Possibly many housed prisoners of war.

PRIZES FOR ECHOES.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to Pte. G. Packwood, 51st South Wales Borderers, Rhine Army, Sapper C. Thorne, Wireless Sect Army H.-Q. Rhine Army, Driver W. E. Pennell, 1st Signal Squadron R.E., Cavalry Division, Rhine Army.

From Everywhere.

The Bakers' Turn.—A strike of 20,000 bakers is threatened.

Race Riots.—Violent race riots have taken place in Washington.

After the Women.—Mormon missionaries are again at work in England.

Sir Douglas Haig.—Sir Douglas Haig's condition continues to improve.

Michelham Case.—Another sensation in connection with the Michelham case is expected.

At it Again.—Forty thousand German pianos are ready to be dumped into Britain.

More Rioting.—There has been further serious rioting at Coventry, Bilston and Swindon.

Enterprise.—A company with a capital of £2,000,000 has been formed to supersede coal-driven by oil-driven liners.

Dull Markets.—The stock markets are dull all round on the coal position and the labour troubles.

Thieves Scoop.—An Upper-Kennington resident has been robbed with violence of a sum of £3,000.

Cloth Shortage.—Anxiety is being displayed by woollen and worsted cloth manufacturers owing to the coal shortage.

To Review Boy Scouts.—The Prince of Wales has specially requested that he may review the Boy Scouts of Ontario.

Quadrupled.—Hay is being sold for as much as £16 a ton in the north of England as against £4 the pre-war price.

Huts for All.—The Government have thousands of Army huts, which they intend to sell by auction or tender.

Reconstruction.—It is estimated that 120,000 Germans will be required to aid in restoring France.

Lorry in Canal.—A motor lorry carrying forty-five workmen ran into the canal at Nieuport.

Detection of Fraud.—The Board of Trade has been asked to exhibit the names of persons drawing unemployment benefit.

The Same Cry.—Renner, Austria's chief delegate, declares he will not sign the treaty, which hits his country three times as hard as it does Germany.

To Come Home.—It has been arranged that Germans interned in Switzerland shall begin to return at the end of this month.

Tobacco Trade Wages.—The Tobacco Trade Board has fixed a minimum wage for adult male workers of 55s. for a fortyeight-hour week, and for female workers of 35s.

Bread with a "Bloom."—"You can always tell new bread without touching it," said a witness at the Feltham Court. "It is like a maiden in her teens. It has a bloom on its cheek."

The Form Divine.—Ladies running along the sands in bathing-costumes at Hunstaton have given offence and bathing on the north side of the pier has been forbidden.

"Demobs."—Since the armistice 3,038,851 men have been demobilized.

Verdun's Adoption.—The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg has decided to adopt the town of Verdun.

In Love.—A Bavarian girl arrested in the South of France had followed a French N.C.O.

Only Eleven Days.—The latest returns show a reserve stock of coal in London equal to eleven days' total consumption.

Advertising the Loan.—Approximately £130,000 was expended on Press advertising in connection with the War Loan campaign.

Plans Upset.—A German officer who escaped from Wakefield had plans of Hull and Newcastle Docks in his possession.

Originality.—Optimistic notes, care-free certificates, and expanding bullets are suggested as future titles for war savings certificates.

Take Them Over.—Mr. Thomas Ashton, ex-general secretary to the Miners' Federation, advocates the taking over of the mines by the Government.

The Ideal Leave.—A question in the House of Commons suggests that the Governor of St. Helena has been on leave for two years.

About Time Too.—A Government inquiry into the whole question of profiteering and high prices is to take place.

Lady Godiva's Town.—Coventry has a long reputation for hustle, and this week's riots are in accordance with the town's tradition.

Recovery of the Mace.—The Luton mayoral mace has been recovered in a blackened condition and the corporation deeds have been found intact.

The King's Souvenir.—The King has accepted from two Scottish officers a Zeiss artillery telescope captured by their regiment from the Turks in Syria.

The Rifle Brigade.—"There was not a battle in the war in which the Rifle Brigade did not take part," said the Bishop of London.

New Plot.—German naval officers from the scuttled fleet at Scapa Flow, have plotted to burn down the huts at Oswestry.

The Elastic Bond.—"Many people do not regard the sanctity of marriage as of any concern whatever to them," says Sir Forrest Fulton.

The Robey Touch.—The biggest financial success on the London stage at the moment is "Joy-Bells" with the Russian Ballet second.

Policeman a Week.—Constable Hill, who joined the force a week ago after serving for more than four years with the Army, has been cut to pieces on the railway at Port Talbot.

Honour for Liège.—After their visit to Brussels and Antwerp, M. and Mdlle. Poincaré and Marshal Foch went to Liège, which city, Poincaré decorated with the Croix de la Légion d'honneur.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as a warning to others that on the 2nd day of July, 1919, after a trial lasting 12 days the undermentioned persons were found guilty by a British Military Court of the offences specified and were sentenced to the terms of imprisonment shown which sentences were duly confirmed, namely:

NAME OF ACCUSED.	OFFENCE.	PUNISHMENT.
Ernst Seidel	Between 1st January 1919, and 11th June 1919, joined in a conspiracy to cause mutiny and sedition among the Allied Forces.	5 years imprisonment.
Gerhard Bingen, Fritz Spiegelberg	Offence as above.	2 years imprisonment each.

All persons are warned that anyone committing the above or similar offences will be subject to most severe puunishment.

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STARTLING REVELATION OF PEACE OVERTURES WHICH WERE SPURNED.

COAL STRIKE SETTLEMENT.

THE OLIVE BRANCH.

WHY GERMANY REFUSED TO DISCUSS PEACE.

"Germany ran into death with open eyes."

This remarkably candid utterance was made by Herr Erzberger in the National Assembly at Weimar yesterday, in the course of a revelation which has already convulsed the German Nation. Germany refused the opportunity of Peace in 1917, preferring to trust to the arbitrament of the sword.

Erzberger's disclosures were the consequences of a fierce attack on the Government by the Nationals.

POPE AS MEDIATOR.

At yesterday's meeting of the German National Assembly, Herr Erzberger, Minister for Finance, revealed the details of what has long been known, viz:— that the way to Peace was open to Germany in August 1917 and that it was deliberately rejected.

That his declaration caused a great sensation in the Assembly goes without saying. It opens the eyes of the German nation wider than ever. They are realising to the full, how grossly betrayed and deceived they were as to the actual responsibility for the war.

In August 1917, the Pope was asked by the Allies to ascertain from Germany a statement of its intentions with regard to Belgium, as being the essential to any talk about peace.

Germany refused on the ground that the military situation was in her favour!

The Papal Nuncio at Munich, through whom the exchange of notes was made, is reported to have wept when he announced this deliberate rejection of the olive branch.

ERZBERGER'S STATEMENT.

In his speech, the Finance Minister said that peace overtures were made by Great Britain and France in August 1917. A letter from the Papal Nuncio at Munich was addressed to the German Government, stating that England and France had asked the Pope to point out to Germany that a formal statement about Belgium would be of the greatest importance in rendering peace possible.

The German Government was asked to make known its intentions towards Belgium and to state what reparation it was proposed to make. A statement of what military, political and economic guarantees were required by Germany was also requested.

The Nuncio's letter concluded with an assurance that satisfactory answers to these points would make peace negotiations easier.

SCANT COURTESY.

Erzberger declared that this letter of the Papal Nuncio remained unanswered for four weeks! It was not until the 24th September that the German Government, the Chancellor being then Michaelis, gave an answer which contained the following:—

"We are not yet in a position to fulfil the wish of Your Eminence and to give a decisive declaration of the German Government about Belgium. The reason for that is not that we are not inclined to make such declaration, but that the assumptions for such a declaration do not appear to be warranted!"

Erzberger declared that the Apostolic Nuncio on the 30th September 1917 received him at Munich with the words: "All is lost. Your poor Fatherland also!"

TEXT OF LETTER.

The letter ran as follows:—

To the German Chancellor. Your Excellency! I have the great honour to send to your Excellency the copy of a telegram which had been delivered by His Excellency the Ambassador of H.M. the King of England at the Holy See to His Eminence the Cardinal State Secretary. The French Government participates in the statement contained in the same telegram. His Eminence is full of the desire actively to continue those efforts for the early acquisition of a just and durable peace which the Government of the Kaiser has shown such a readiness to accept.

Therefore His Eminence asked me specially to point out to Your Excellency the question of Belgium and to get:

(1) A formal declaration about the intentions of the Imperial Government as regards the complete independence of Belgium and the reparation for the damages done to Belgium by the war.

(2) A formal statement of the guarantees Germany wants for her political, economical and military independence. If this declaration is satisfactory, His Eminence thinks that an important step will have been made for the further development of negotiations.

As a matter of fact the Ambassador of Great Britain has already announced to his Royal Government that the Holy See will answer to the declaration contained in the telegram as soon as the answer of the Imperial Government is received through my intermediary.

I beg to express in addition that I am fully convinced that your Excellency, with whose elevation to the highest position the peace proposal of the Pope coincided, and who has shown such favourable sentiments towards peace, will acquire immortal merit for the Fatherland and for the whole of humanity, if by a conciliatory answer the good progress of peace negotiations is made easier. In such expectations I have the pleasure to express the sentiment of my highest consideration and have the honour to remain,

Yours devotedly
(signed) Eugen Paccelli
Archbishop of Gardi, Apostolic Nuncio.
Munich, 30th August 1917.

COAL STRIKE.

ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND HOURS.

A meeting of the Cabinet was held yesterday morning to consider the industrial situation and there seems every reason to hope that a settlement of the question of piece rates for miners will be effected. The sub-committee appointed by the Miners Federation, in accordance with the Premier's suggestion, reported to the Executive as to how the formula would work out in different districts. A sitting of the Federation Executive was followed by a visit to Downing-street where they were received at once by the Premier.

They were in conference with the Government representatives for nearly an hour, during which time they put forward approximate estimates of how the Government formula for the new piece rates would work. The conference then adjourned to give the Government an opportunity to check their estimates. The situation is generally regarded as hopeful. Miners representatives again met the Premier in the early evening and Mr. Smillie travelled North last night further to consult the miners.

After the close of the evening conference with the Premier, the Miner's Executive issued an official statement with the Government on the formula as to increased rates for piece workers.

The effect of the agreement is to obtain a 14.2 per cent. increase in rates where the reduction in the working day is that of one hour. In view of the agreement the Executive of the Miners Federation strongly urge all affected districts loyally to carry out the decision, and where men are now idle as a consequence of the dispute, the committee appeals to them to resume work. It is thought there will be a general resumption of work in all affected districts on Monday although in Yorkshire it will take some time to get the pits workable.

The majority of the miners want to return to work, but Mr. Smith, the Miners President, still feels that a settlement must be made with Yorkshire independent of London.

Yesterday the Unions paid out the first strike pay of 9s. per man—not a very satisfying amount to men who are amongst the best paid in the country. If the Yorkshire leaders decline to accept the Federation settlement they will run great risk of finding themselves discredited.

BULGAR ATROCITIES.

MASSACRES ACCORDING TO PLAN.

The Inter-Allied Commission appointed to investigate the Bulgarian atrocities in Eastern Macedonia has published its report. This establishes the fact that Bulgaria carried out a systematic plan for the destruction of all Hellenic elements, making full use to this end of famine and deportation. At the time of the Bulgarian invasion the population of Macedonia numbered 305,000. There now remains but 225,000. Of the remainder 3,200 died in the country and 12,000 in Bulgaria; 42,000 were deported and 12,000 emigrated. The responsibility for this, says the report, falls entirely on the Bulgarian Government and the Bulgarian High Command.

EX-KAISER'S TRIAL.

Lord Curzon, speaking on the Peace Treaty Bill in the House of Lords, said it might be that the trial of the ex-Kaiser would not be held in London. He thought there was great force in the consideration that the event should not be converted into a spectacular show or allowed to interrupt the daily flow of national life. As no decision had been arrived at on the point, it by no means followed that London should be the place selected.

The French traitor Richard has been sentenced to death by court-martial at Lille.

SITUATION IN EGYPT.

TRANQUILITY COMPLETELY RESTORED.

Mr. Harmsworth, replying to Captain W. Benn, in the House of Commons yesterday as to the situation in Egypt, said that the total approximate numbers of killed and wounded during the recent disturbances in Egypt were, according to telegrams received from General Allenby on July 21:—

Natives: Killed 800; wounded, 1,500.

Europeans: Killed, 31 (composed of British 4, Greeks 7, Armenians 19, Jews 1); wounded, 35 (composed of British 2, Greeks 7, Syrians 3, Armenians 22, Jews 1).

Military casualties: Killed 29 (composed of British officers 3, British other ranks 17, Indian other ranks 9); wounded, 114 (composed of British officers 8, British other ranks 70, Indian other ranks 36).

Forty-nine natives had been sentenced to death, and the sentences of penal servitude and detention were as follows:—Life, 27; ten—fifteen years, 82; five—nine years 203; under five years, 118. Sentences of imprisonment as follows: Two years, 193; one—two years, 202; under one year, and sentences of fines, 2,873.

In a telegram to the Foreign Office, dated July 9, General Allenby stated that he had decided, as from July 15, to put an end to the military courts constituted to try offenders connected with the recent disorders, in view of the complete restoration of tranquility in Egypt. With the exception of offences committed against members of the British forces, all cases would henceforth be dealt with by the ordinary civil authorities. General Allenby further stated that he was remitting three months from the sentences imposed by military courts in connection with the recent disorders, and releasing persons interned in Egypt on political grounds.

SHOTS AT POLICE.

CRIMINAL'S WORLD-WIDE RECORD.

At the Old Bailey, Frank Long, 29, a hairdresser, was indicted for shooting at two policemen with intent to murder, and, alternatively, with intent to do them grievous bodily harm. When called upon to plead, prisoner said, "I want to be hung right away."

Mr. Eustace Fulton, for the prosecution, said Police-constables Ost and Wright were on duty in Holmwood-gardens, Finchley, on June 29, when they saw a man apparently keeping watch on one of the houses. He made a noise, and the prisoner came out. Wright called out to Ost, who had gone across the road. "Stop him," and heard three pistol shots. He then saw prisoner fire three more shots at Ost.

Inspector McEvoy said prisoner's record from his finger-prints showed that he had been convicted three times in this country for uttering counterfeit coin, and once in Natal and once in Melbourne. He believed his real name was Samuels.

Prisoner was found guilty of shooting with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Mr. Justice Roche, in passing sentence of five years' penal servitude, said he believed the prisoner was no more insane than anyone in that court. There must be a marked distinction between burglaries and those which were accompanied by shooting.

RHINELAND REPUBLIC.

Reuter's Agency states that a conference on the question of the formation of a Rhenish or Rhenish-Westphalian Republic began on Thursday morning in the Düsseldorf Town Hall, under the chairmanship of the Prussian Premier, Herr Hirsch. According to the "Düsseldorfer Nachrichten", about 150 persons were present, including the Commanding General of the Seventh Army Corps, and the Chief President of the Rhine Province, together with representatives of the provincial authorities and Rhenish municipalities and of industrial and agricultural interests. Herr Hirsch said the opponents as well as the supporters of the plan had been invited. The Chief Burgomaster of Cologne, Herr Adenauer, said no decent-minded man in the Rhineland contemplated such an undertaking as that carried out by Dr. Dorten and his associates in Wiesbaden. It must, however, be recognised that the Rhineland's position was exceedingly difficult.

DISTRESS IN SLESVIG.

A message from Slesvig states that the situation there, particularly in northern Slesvig, is most critical as the inhabitants there are not receiving any of the great American food supplies sent to Germany. It is also declared that the German authorities have prevented the despatch of Danish food shipments to Slesvig, and that German soldiers and marines are persecuting the Danes. It is added that the occupation of Slesvig is a matter of urgency.

TAKING NO CHANCES.

The British Air Ministry intends to send out a mission to make certain that the terms of the air clauses in the Peace Treaty are duly carried out by the German Government.

THE KING'S FLAGS.

AWARD OF COLOURS TO EVERY UNIT.

An Army Council instruction issued yesterday announces that the King has approved of the presentation of silk Union flags to each service, young soldier, graduated, and garrison battalion of the Regular Army, to each second and third line Territorial Force battalion, to each Territorial Force unit which has served as infantry, and which under its normal organisation is not entitled to a guidon or colours, and to each battalion of overseas troops (except rifle battalions) which has served abroad during the war.

These flags will represent the King's colour, and are to be granted all the salutes and compliments authorised to be paid to colours. In the case of battalions that have been disbanded or that have otherwise ceased to exist the final disposal of the flags rests with the commanding officer and officers of the battalion at the time of disbandment, subject to the proviso that they are to be deposited in some sacred or public building in the locality where the unit was raised. Battalion titles and numerals may be embroidered on the flags, provided they are in accordance with the design approved for a King's colour.

PROFITEERING.

COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY.

The names of the members of the promised Parliamentary Committee of Inquiry into profiteering are:

Coalition Unionists.—Mr. T. Inskip, Col. F. S. Jackson, Mr. P. Hurd, Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, Mr. R. A. D. Carter, and Major P. Lloyd-Greame.

Coalition Liberals, — Major H. Barnes, Mr. T. Robinson, and Sir W. H. Cowan.

Labour.—Mr. Vernon Hartshorn, Mr. T. H. Sitch, Mr. A. Short.

Liberals. — Mr. George R. Thorne and Mr. J. S. Holmes.

National Democratic Party. — Mr. T Simm.

The terms of reference are: "To inquire how far the present high prices of articles of general consumption are due to excessive profits on the part of any persons concerned in their production, transport, or distribution, and to advise as to what action may usefully be taken in the matter."

CANTEEN PROFITS.

ADMINISTRATION OF HUGE AMOUNT.

The War Office announces that the Government has approved the organization for the disposal of canteen profits accumulated during the war, considerable sums being involved. These profits will be devoted to the benefit of disabled and discharged officers, N.C.O.'s and men and to widows, children and orphans of soldiers; and the provision of social recreation for the benefit of serving and ex-serving soldiers. It is the intention of the new organization to make use of existing machinery for the purpose and it is hoped the new scheme will take the form of the United Services Fund.

General Sir Julian Byng is leaving the army for the purpose, having been appointed chairman of the board of management. The executive committee will include representatives of all ranks of serving and ex-serving men and women.

SURGICAL APPLIANCES FOR EX-OFFICERS.

In the case of artificial limbs for disabled officers the cost of repairs and renewals (due to fair wear and tear) is already borne by the State. The Ministry of Pensions now announce that it has been decided to make similar arrangements in respect of surgical appliances, other than artificial limbs. The serving officer will continue to bear the cost of repairs and renewals of artificial limbs and appliances until he is retired, but on his retirement the Ministry of Pensions will undertake such cost.

HUNGARIAN ADVANCE.

On July 20th the Hungarians began a great offensive against the Roumanians, who were forced to retreat. The Hungarians crossed the Theiss at several points.

In the orthern district, however, they were repulsed and the Roumanians regained Hodmetzo and Varhily. The battle continues with great violence along the whole front. The aim of the Hungarians is to get in contact with the Russian Bolshevists.—Havas.

THIS COST ONE GUINEA.

An "Agony" advertisement from the Times:— "Peace night, Eastbourne.—If the flapper whose arithmetic or eyesight was so defective that she was unable to distinguish between Room 169 and Room 196 will communicate with ——, she will have the opportunity of apologising to the astonished officer in the blue pyjamas.

POLICE BURGLARS.

FURTHER CHARGES TO BE BROUGHT.

Thomas Maxwell, a police sergeant, and Albert Shaw, a police constable, both of Hampstead, were charged on remand at Marylebone with being concerned in a burglary on July 13, at 19, Nethernall-gardens, Hampstead. The two men, it was stated, were found in the house in a drunken sleep, and a quantity of goods had been made up into bundles.

Mr. E. F. Barker, who appeared to prosecute for the Commissioner of Police, said the value of the articles tied up was about £50. There would be a second charge against the prisoners of being concerned in a burglary at a bootmaker's shop in Rosslyn-hill, Hampstead, on Feb. 18 last. Most of the property stolen on this occasion had been found on Maxwell's premises, but some had been traced to Shaw. "I am very sorry to have to inform you," added Mr. Barker, "that subsequent charges will have to be proved."

The Magistrate: You mean further additional charges from Hampstead?

Mr. Barker: I am afraid so.

Both prisoners were again remanded, bail being refused.

SURPLUS WAR STORES.

DISPOSAL BOARD'S HUGE BUSINESS.

The latest official figures of sales of surplus Government property show that the sum realised up to July 12 is now over £141,000,000, including transactions amounting to £32,800,000 completed after the date of the armistice and prior to the setting up of the Disposal Board of the Ministry of Munitions, and £76,000,000 for sales on trading account and £65,000,000 for other surplus stores. Of the amounts received in one week the following are noteworthy: Mechanical transport, £272,096; ferrous metals, £131,682; non-ferrous metals, £722,760; and chemicals and explosives, £204,476. The total mechanical transport sales to date amount to £1,729,000.

AMERICAN COMMANDER IN COLOGNE.

General Allen, Commanding the American troops on the Army at the Rhine, visited Cologne yesterday, when he was the guest of the British Commander-in-Chief General Sir William Robertson. General Allen, who was accompanied by General Harts, was received by General Robertson at the Excelsior Hotel, and inspected a guard of honour furnished by the 1/6 Battalion, (Prince of Wales' Own) West Yorkshire Regiment, which was drawn up in line in front of the Dom.

Other officers in attendance were General Haldane, Commander Sixth Corps, Brigadier-General Fuller, Acting C.G.S. and Lt.-Col. Dillon, General Robertson's private secretary.

General Allen having taken the salute, he was introduced to Bt. Col. T.W.S.M. Howard, Commanding the Guard of Honour, and having inspected the men, expressed himself pleased with their turnout.

Taking up a position immediately opposite the entrance to Army Headquarters, General Allen watched the march past, and entering his motor-car drove away.

The proceedings were watched by a dense crowd in which the civilian element predominated. The traffic and spectators were admirably controlled by the military police on duty.

WORK FOR EX-SERVICE MEN

It is announced that Mr. J. Landfear Lucas, of the Spectacle Makers' Company, has been invited to confer with the authorities of the Royal Automobile Club with respect to his suggestion for the further appointment of disabled ex-Service men as county motor guides throughout the United Kingdom. The club regards the employment of the discharged soldiers and sailors as one of the most important problems of the moment, and loses no opportunity of helping its solution. Ex-Service men, especially if disabled, are engaged whenever practicable.

"QUEEN MARY'S OWN."

An Army Order issued last night announces that the King has been graciously pleased to approve of the 18th (Queen Mary's Own) Hussars being in future designated "The 18th (Queen Mary's Own) Royal Hussars."

GERMAN WAR DEBT.

Herr Erzberger has declared that the total war expenditure of Germany would amount to £1,250,000,000. Of this sum about £400,000,000 could be raised from sources already tapped, but the remaining £850,000,000 could only be got a tax on important and vital industries.

The French President, M. Poincaré, and Madame Poincaré, who were accompanied by M. Pichon, Foreign Minister, and Marshal Foch, have returned to Paris from Belgium.

CHEAP "MONEY."

PRICE OF IMITATION £10 NOTES.

At the Central Criminal Court, before the Recorder, a man named Ernest John Wallis was found guilty of having in his possession 31 pieces of paper upon which had been printed words and devices resembling those on £10 Bank of England notes. He was sentenced to twenty months imprisonment with hard labour.

The charge had relation to "Bank of Engraving" notes. Police-constable Baker, who found the notes in the prisoner's possession, stated that the prisoner remarked, "That is nothing. You can buy these for 3d. a time in Petticoat-lane."

Mr. Hudson, of the Bank Note Department, Bank of England, gave evidence as to the resemblance between "Bank of Engraving" notes and genuine ones, and pointed out that the "£10" in the corner was exactly similar. He mentioned that the paper used for printing Bank notes had for centuries been manufactured in Devon.

In the witness-box the prisoner declared that the notes had been left behind at his house by a man whom he had befriended. It was not true that since 1916 he had been carrying "Bank of Engraving" notes and circulating them on racecourses.

WINESHOP MURDER.

STARTLING NEW EVIDENCE AT INQUEST.

Important medical evidence was given at Hendon yesterday when Arthur John Biggin was charged on remand with the murder of Thomas Gregory at a wineshop on July 4th.

Prisoner, whose confession has already been disclosed, declares he committed the crime in self-defence.

Dr. Francis Andrew, divisional surgeon, described the injuries on the body of deceased and said that in his opinion the blows were inflicted while the victim was on the ground.

A new witness was Mrs. Fitch, who has a tobacco business in Colindale road. She said that on June 30th accused came into her shop, bought a sheet of notepaper and an envelope and asked permission to write a note. He said he did not want a stamp as he was dropping the note in a friend's letterbox. The letter ran as follows: "Dear Old Bean, I called this morning and found you were out. Will call later in the week."

Prisoner, who pleaded "not guilty" and reserved his defence, was committed for trial to the Old Bailey.

CIVIL SERVANTS.

ALIENS TO REMAIN IN OFFICE.

In reply to questions in Parliament Mr. Bonar Law stated that the Government had decided that it would not be justified in breaking its contracts with officials of enemy origin, who had already received permanent appointments in the Civil Service and whose good conduct and loyalty were not in doubt.

Mr. Joynson Hicks suggesting the appointment of a committee to consider the matter, Mr. Bonar Law said the matter had been carefully considered, and especially from the aspect of the desirability of giving these appointments to British-born subjects. A large proportion of these men went and fought on the understanding that they would come back to their posts.

SOLDIERS' FUNERALS.

The deduction of a sum of £5 for funeral expenses from the estates of men who have died from war disabilities, is the subject of a protest to the Ministry of Pensions by the Federation of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers.

Sir L. Worthington Evans, the Pensions Minister, has promised personal attention to the matter, and it is understood that instructions are to be issued authorizing the repayment of the money.

GRANTS FOR TRAINING.

During the week ending July 22 the Grants Committee of Ministry of Labour sanctioned the giving of 344 grants under the Government scheme for training ex-Service men, whether officers or men from the ranks, of similar educational qualifications, in civil careers. The total of grants made up to date is 1,950, and of these 885 are for officers and 1,065 for other ranks.

ROYALTY BARRED.

A resolution providing that members of families that have at any time ruled in Germany shall be ineligible for election to the Presidency of the German Republic has been adopted by the National Assembly at Weimar.

Nat Gould, the famous sporting novelist, died yesterday at Bedfont, near Staines, after a short illness.

ARMY AMUSEMENTS

MONKEY DRILL

American trick cavalry riding—a thrilling exhibition of fast and clever equestrian work by daring riders on one, two and three saddle-less horses.

One of the many new and remarkable features of the

FIRST AMERICAN DIVISION

CIRCUS

"BIGGEST IN EUROPE"

Like a happy combination of
Buffalo Bill's Wild West
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40 of the funniest CLOWNS

SIDE SHOW AND CONCERT
TWO PERFORMANCES DAILY
Aug. 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

COLOGNE

On Amsterdamer Strasse Football Ground.
Near the Zoological Gardens.

The German Public is invited.

NO. 1. AIRCRAFT DEPOT SPORTS

are to be held at Dormagen near Cologne on Tuesday Aug. 5th.
STARTING AT
1.30 p m. SHARP

There will be two open events for all ranks of the Imperial and Allied Forces:
100 YARDS and 1 MILE

Entries must be made to Lieut. L.N.W. WOODS, Sports Supervisor, No. 1. A.D., R.A.F., Dormagen, not later than 18.00 hours 27.7.19.

CAVALRY DIVISION RACES
FIRST DAY AUG. 2nd.
ORDER OF RUNNING AND HANDICAPS.

1st Race	Maiden Sprint	1.0 "
2nd "	Cav. Div. Maiden Chase	1.45 "
3rd "	Rhine Army Stakes (1st Div.)	2.30 "
4th "	Anniversary Cup	3.30 "
5th "	Rhine Nursing Sprint	5.15 "
6th "	Subalterns Cup	5.15 "
7th "	Rhine Army Stakes (2nd Div.)	6.45 "
8th "	Rhine Nursery Sprint	6.45 "

RHINE ARMY STAKES
FIRST DIVISION.

Major A. Hodgins	Boys on Boys	12.7
Capt. W. Waterman	Mascot	11.10
Lieut. Durnford	Velociter	11.10
Major B. Tomkinson	Madeleine	11.7
Lieut. P. Donner	Sandford	11.7
Lieut. W. Kemmis	Jingling Geordie	11.7
Lt. Col. J. McGowan	Geraldine	11.7
Major J. Moncreiffe	Nic	11.7
Major H. Cheeseman	Kitty VII	11.7
Capt. A. Colville	Dolly	11.7
Lieut. S. Reid	Jimcrack	11.7
Lt. Col O'Rorke	Bulletin	11.7
Major R. Bett	Double Ruff	11.7
Lieut. J. Davies (late Capt. Lucas)	I Wonder	11.2
Lieut. Tait	Sticks	11.0
Capt. J. Welham	Tommy G.	10.7
Major R. Glen	Jimmy	10.0
Lt. Col. M. Harrison	Brigade Major	10.0

SECOND DIVISION.

Major C. Heydeman	Johnnie Walker	11.10
Capt. Rymer-Jones	Billy II	11.10
Major Sinclair	Winamere	11.7
Capt. G. Corrall	Lady Diana	11.7
Lieut. T. Hilder	Mad Hatter	11.7
Capt. E. Fielden	Spanish Onion	11.7
Capt. R. Murray	The Ghost	11.7
Maj.-Gen. R. Tudor	Polly Dear	11.7
Capt. Wedderburn-Max	Eau de Cologne	11.7
Major A. Griffith	Toss Up	11.7
Capt. M. Goddard	Sweetheart	11.7
Major D. Macdonald	The Flapper	11.7
Lieut. W. Fennelly	Ballynooney	11.3
Major J. Davidson	Charlie	11.0
Lieut. C. Neill	Maid of the Mountas	10.10
Lt. Col. G. Gill	Esmeralda	10.7
Capt. D. Richardson	Nut	10.0
Capt. M. Flynn	Billet Deux	9.7

ANNIVERSARY CUP.

Lieut. R. Usher	Golden Sunset	12.7
Major H. Tomkinson	Waterfern	12.3
Capt. T. Hodgins	Patrick	12.0
Capt. T. Cocksedge	Barney	11.10
Lieut. N. Birley	Old Joe	11.10
Capt. G. Rogers	Mystery	11.7
2 Lt. W. Rogers	Anthony	11.7
Capt. J. Adair	John Cording	11.7
Capt. E. Fielden	Whitehazard	11.7
Major A. Lord	Gold Dust	11.7
Capt. Gray Barnard	Godsend	11.7
Major R. Hewer	Old King Cole	11.0
Major W. Styles	Lohengrin	11.0
Capt. Wildhaber	Lady	11.0
Col. Ruggles	Bob IV	11.0
Major Shagg	Duck	11.0
Lt. Col. W. Shannon	Cavanach	11.0
Capt. S. Spero	Sir Rodger	11.0
Major A. Powley	Kitty Vill	11.0
Major W. Alston	Hurdelot	11.0
Lieut. R. McCreery	Fox Trot	11.0
Capt. R. Moore	Golden Cross	11.0
Capt. T. Kellett	The Eel	11.0
Major S. Tenner	Wilkie	11.0
Lieut. H. Weekes	Damaged Goods	11.0
Capt. T. Buchan	Jim II	11.0
Capt. J. McMenamin	Sawdust	10.10
Major T. Chilton	Bob	10.10
Lieut. W. Coles	Reinal	10.10
Count H. D'Outtremont	Radius	10.10
Lieut. R. McFarlane	Yellow Peril	10.7
Major A. Needham	Polish Bunker	10.7
Capt. G. Babington	Lucky Jim	10.7
Capt. E. Palegry	Havette	10.7
Lieut. A. Logelin	LeMonnayeur	10.7
Lieut. H. de Beaune	Shillalagh	10.7
S/Lieut. G. de Mouleon	Hirvette	10.7

Order of Running and Handicaps for 2nd Day Aug. 4th will be published in Cologne Post of Sunday Aug. 3rd.

CAVALRY RACE WEEK.

NOTICES.

I. Free admission tickets for the wives and families of Officers, N.C.O.'s, and Men can be obtained at the entrances to the Show Ground on August 1st and 4th or before those dates by application to Hon. Sec., Cav. Div.

II. On Cav. Div. Horse Show days, August 1st and 4th, Special Lunch and Tea will be arranged for Chauffeurs. All officers please ensure that they obtain for their Chauffeurs special Lunch and Tea Tickets which can be obtained at the Main Entrance.

ANY OFFICERS OF THE LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS

are invited to the Minden Day Celebrations of the 15th and 16th Bns. Lancashire Fusiliers at Bonn on Aug. 1st. Trooping the Colour will take place in the morning and dinner at 19.45 hrs. Please notify P.M.C. 15th or 16th Bn's as early as possible.

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by
Mme. Gabrielle Gills, (Grand Opera Paris)
M. André Dorival, (Piano), and
M. Pierre Sechiani, (Violin)
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GURZENICH HALL
COLOGNE
Admission:—M. 8, M. 6, M. 4 and M. 3
ADVANCE BOOKING (without extra charge) at NEUBNER'S BOOKSHOP, HOHESTR. 137 or (from 5 p.m. on 31st July) at the Hall.
Deutsches Publikum ist zugelassen.

Wilhelm
BACKHAUS
will give a
PIANO RECITAL
at
Y.M.C.A. HALL
EUSKIRCHEN
on
Wednesday, July 30.
at 5.30 p.m.
Tickets 10, 5 & 3 Mks.
Apply Cologne Post
CIVILIANS ADMITTED

Amusements, Recreation, etc.

Apollo Theatre Schildergasse
Removal to PALACE THEATRE.

Palace Theatre Herzogstrasse
"The Poppies,"
are coming on
July 28th and for one week only.
Nightly at 6 p.m.
"THE POPPIES selection" will be played by the following orchestras during the Week.—VI Corps Club, "Excelsior" and "Germania."

No: 1 ARMY CINEMA.
32 Komödienstrasse
Complete Change of Programme.

No: 2 ARMY CINEMA.
Moderne Theatre, Breite Strasse
Complete Change of Programme.

No: 3 ARMY CINEMA.
Germania Theatre, Hohe Strasse
Complete Change of Programme.

THE ARMY GYMNASIUM.
Recreation and Amusement can be had at the Army Gymnasium Kreuzgasse (Bd Schildergasse) open Daily. Officers 2 to 4. All ranks 4 to 8. Admission and Instruction Free.

BRITISH-RHINE-ARMY-MUSICAL SOCIETIES.

The British Rhine Army Male Voice Choral Society and Church Choir.

Rehearsals are held each Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 5.45 p.m. in the Lecture Room (first Floor) Church Army Soldiers' Club, Antoniterstrasse, Cologne.

British Empire LEAVE CLUB
Hon. Director General,
Miss Decima Moore, C.B.E.

ENTERTAINMENTS

Sunday 27th.—6.30 CONCERT by BAND of the 1st EASTERN BRIGADE (by kind permission of G.O.C.)
Monday 28th.—6.30 Practice Dance
Tuesday 29th.—6.30 CHEQUERS CONCERT PARTY (by kind permission of G.O.C. Eastern Division.)
Wednesday 30th.—7.30 DANCE BAND of the 9th DURHAM LIGHT INF. by (kind permission of the O.C.)
Thursday 31st.— PIPERS of the 11th ROYAL SCOTS in the Garden (by kind permission of the O.C.) 6.30 SPECIAL EXHIBITION and WHIST DRIVE.
Friday 1st.— 8 p.m. CLASSICAL DANCES by Mlle. LAURE AMAN and Mlle. MARTE BRANTZEN accompanied by LEAVE CLUB LADIES ORCHESTRA.
Saturday 2nd.— 7.30 DANCE.

EVERY DAY CINEMA from 2.30
Admission 1 and 2 Mks.

Scottish Churches and English Free Churches.

THE MILITARY CHURCH.
6 Filzengraben (Turning off Heumarkt.)
Sunday, 13th July.
11 a.m. Preacher: Rev. A. Main, Garrison Chaplain (Presbyterian).
6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. A. Main.
Cars 6, 7, 11, 18, and 20.

Church of England Services in Cologne.

1.—THE MILITARY CHURCH
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LIBERTY.

To remain an interested spectator of current home affairs and retain a spirit of optimism is becoming increasingly difficult. The truth is we must revise some of the terms and phrases in our political vocabulary. A beginning might be made with the word Liberty.

The use of the word is now largely restricted to a certain class of orators who do not appear to realize the consequences which may arise of the interpretation of their eloquence. Truly language was given to us to conceal our thoughts.

One of the reasons for the present unrest is attributed to our intervention in Russian affairs. But it would be interesting to know how a British striker's definition of the word would compare with that of a Russian workman who is "conscripted" to work in a state factory.

At a time when most sane men have acknowledged that the nation should be concentrating all its energies upon productive labour we are confronted by the spectacle of an intransigeant element who have deliberately struck at the destruction of a portion of our main factor of production. And if those have failed to see that in their actions they have struck at the liberty of every other man outside their circle there is a practical cause why such actions must cease. Frankly the general production of the country by which it is hoped to reconstruct the financial stability of the country is not so satisfactory as it might be.

The German workman has by his training and government been made amenable to discipline and is now being organized to undertake the work of capturing the European markets. Sentiment plays little part in trade relations and we cannot expect our recent allies to erect prohibitive tariffs in our favour. Therefore we shall find ourselves excluded from the very markets which now present most favourable opportunites for the development of our trade.

Our indebtedness to other countries can only be redeemed by maintaining successful trade relations so that any hitch in the activities of production will have far reaching results. It is not to be believed that the men responsible for the present state of affairs had any other object in view but the settlement of minor antagonisms. But the present is not the time to dissipate our energies in such actions.

If we are to retain pride of place among the nations we must be prepared to forego personal advantages in order to further the common weal. Any other policy will strike directly at the root of our common liberty, and it may be pointed out that liberty as the world knows it to-day, has been one of the most valuable British additions to political thought, it has been studied in our country by the thinkers of other countries who have been employed upon political reconstruction and we cannot now be expected to resign our interest in it.

The situation though acute is by no means hopeless. Remedial measures are not required so much as a little clear thinking and that is not beyond the powers of any man. It only requires to be recognised that Liberty in the abstract is not to be interpreted by Licence in practice.

CAN YOU WRITE?

We should like to publish a great many more articles written by officers and men on any topic likely to be of general appeal. We pay for all accepted articles etc., and except that nothing should, as a rule, exceed 500 words in length, we place no restrictions on would-be contributors.

A LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN.

I entered a Palace Beautiful one day and my soul rejoiced within me, for I knew that here fed-up men, home-sick men, love-sick men, could find solace and refreshment to cheer them up and help them on their way.

I saw a thronging crowd of happy warriors ever around the portals of this Palace and none were refused admittance. They were welcomed with a warmth which would chase away the heaviest cloud of despondency.

I spoke to one of these men and enquired of him the secret charm of this place and he replied: "It is a little bit of Heaven." "Why!" I thought; that explains the song of another traveller:

"I have been there and still would go
'Tis like a little heaven below."

To find this abode of bliss even in a strange city! Oh! the joy of it; Heaven in Cologne! Angels in Cologne! Long, long ago I used to sing: "There are angels hovering round." I could not see them then, but my eyes are now opened.

I see them in the Palace Beautiful. Ten! Twenty! Fifty! not in flowing robes of white but in neat blue uniform and also at times in striped dresses with a most becoming cap. There are ministering angels, and very much alive.

They wait on you whilst refreshing the inner man, guide you around the strange city and show you many wondrous things, likewise they dance with you in fancy robes. They are, in fact, the life and soul, the light and sunshine of this Palace which is called beautiful.

I caught one glimpse of the Queen of these angels, she had a winning smile and a charming name — Miss Decima Moore — so now I draw aside the curtain and my Palace Beautiful is revealed as the British Empire Leave Club.

Here Tommy can eat, drink and be merry. Here read, write and play billiard and skittles. Here he can sleep in peace and here too he can dance. How he appreciates it too! I looked inside the billiard room: it was full. I entered the writing room, and in that secluded spot who could help writing the most flowing love letters ever penned?

The dining room was a picture, the tables were covered with snow white cloths and decorated with flowers. Here food was not rationed; enough for all, and of the best, not food merely, but sparkling beverages.

The garden with its little tables and numerous chairs was charming. I went to the bazaar and found a surging crowd of eager buyers. Here you can purchase anything and not be robbed by high prices.

The great hall with its beautiful decorations and splendid floor impressed me.

Here too, a crowd of happy men were gazing on the cinema screen and following the adventures of a hero in love.

We were all in love, in love with the Club, its organizers, its generous supporters. It is truly a little bit of heaven, and, to come down to earth and talk of money, it only costs each man 8 marks a day for everything, bed, four meals, river trips and city drives, in other words 2/3. G.K.

THE PASSING OF A.B. 64.

On 1st August, the soldiers pay book officially known as A.B. 64, ceases to be used, and the Rhine Army will revert to the former system of recording soldiers' accounts by means of the well-known pay and mess book. The decease of the familiar little brown covered book is appropriately lamented in the following letter:

Dear old Friend! Can it really be that we have to part at last? Hast thou not been my faithful companion since that day when I took thee almost in the light of a passport to carry me to the regions of hell?

Did I not place thee over my heart, and have I not kept thee, and guarded thee as faithfully as the fondest lover could have guarded the speaking likeness of the one girl in the world?

Could'st thou speak! Ah, how thou would'st remind me of my sensations registered in heartbeats, when I first saw that city whose name is for ever seared into the pages of history, Ypres. Did those heart beats tell of fear when that first shell burst so near? Enough! The emotions of a Celt are vivid, and sacred to himself.

Let me take one last long look at thy pages, where each entry calls up such striking memories. "In the Field—francs!!" This entry almost makes me look for my boots with thoughts of the September mud at Le Havre. The same entry a few days later is instinct with memories of that first endless train journey in the war zone.

Then there follow entries of varying amounts during a long period; the smaller sums telling of weeks spent away from shops and estaminets; the larger ones recalling hopes, too seldom realised, of a day trip to P——that Mecca of the English soldier.

Then, *in red ink*, comes an entry which acts as a veritable "Open Sesame," "Granted leave to the U.K." Memory registers the period which followed as one of the very few in life when "expectation" did not fall short of realisation.

The following months are marked by pencil, black ink, red ink, and even copying ink; entries covering periods of enthusiasm and suspense, success and retreat, until that last continuous advance and the subsequent move to the Rhine.

Many men are keen collectors of souvenirs; some enthuse over autographs; but the only souvenir I would like to keep is my A.B. 64, with its power of recalling old scenes of army life, its autographs of nineteen officers so closely connected with that life, its records of training in Blighty, dates of inoculation, vaccination, medical treatment, musketry classification, and even the size of my first gas musk.

Was there ever a book so instinct with power to revive the varying emotions connected with life in the war zone?

I would I could keep thee to be my companion during many future fireside evenings in dear old Blighty. But the fiat has gone forth!

My Paybook, My Friend, Farewell.

A. DAFYDD.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

DANCE ROOM ETIQUETTE.

Sir,—"Runner" is quite right in criticising the holding of a lady partner's wrist at arm's length. I have more than once been hit in the face through this stupid manner of dancing, and if "Dancing Londoner" really thinks that such an attitude in dancing is correct, one can only deplore that such a fine art should be so degraded.

To "cake-walk" or "jazz" during a waltz or other dance is not only a mistake, it is extremely rude and discourteous, especially if these foreign dances are not on the programmes.

I have often found that these and other eccentric dances (in name and movement) are resorted to by those who cannot waltz, but yet don't mind if they spoil a set of waltz by their animal-like capers.

"WALTZER."

Sir,— I cordially agree with your correspondent "Runner" that the practice of some of the dancers "Jazzing" during a waltz is very annoying to other dancers.

Probably the offenders could only "see themselves as others see them" the ridiculousness of attempting to "Jazz" during an obvious waltz tune would be very apparent to them.

E.E.

Sir,— I agree with your correspondent, "Jazz" that there is much to be admired in modern dancing. "Jazz" when "Jazz" is being handed out by the noise merchants, but for the sake of looks alone do not try to "Jazz" when the orchestra is playing "Where my caravan has rested."

"HAWKEYE."

DOGS IN CHURCH.

Sir,—We must admit the truth of "Parson's" remarks respecting animals in general, and "dogs in church" in particular. If the dog is trained aright, it cannot do harm in church. In isolated cases, once allowed, the custom would grow, besides which we should have to trust to the individual wisdom of each owner.

Thus we should see the man with the untrained dog bringing his, simply because others bring theirs, the "others" being in the first case the owners of the trained dogs.

There would result from this the desecration of God's house. In theory, "Parson" is right; but in practice—well I'm open to doubt. "GUNNER."

DISPLAY OUR TROPHIES!

Sir,—There seems to be a tendency in England at the present time for town and parish councillors to have captured guns and other trophies of the war (kindly presented by the War Office) consigned to the rubbish heap or else dumped in a river.

Can't something be done to stop this nefarious practice, which seems to be on the increase.

Possibly these local demi-gods overlook the fact that many brave fellows paid the supreme sacrifice in the gaining of their "relic" and for this reason the fruits of their sacrifice should be treated as things of great value and not as eyesores." "LET THEM STAND."

LOOKING BACKWARDS.

Sir,—I was passing a certain restaurant last night, when I saw the following notice in the window: "Concert—all the latest London successes."

I called in for some refreshment and anxiously waited for my ear to be tickled by the very newest gems from London town.

After a short time the band struck up with "Good bye my Blue Bell," followed by "A bicycle made for two" and "After the ball."

Of course the old airs were quite acceptable and brought me back a few years, but were they up to the description outside? JACKY.

DECORATIONS.

Sir,— I, too, would like some enlightenment on the subject of the ribbons your correspondent mentions.

Whilst on a visit to Paris recently I was struck by the number and variety of the ribbons worn by the Americans. As "dazzle" effects they were "it."

Perhaps our friends from "over there" have struck out in a line of ribbons on their own. I am sure that some of the ribbons being worn were not the much discussed Allied War Ribbon.

UNDECORATED.

AN OFFICER'S WAIL.

Sir,—Cannot something be done to improve the officers' clothing depot at Cologne? Many officers have to travel long distances to replace deficiencies in kit and on arrival cannot be served. After waiting for over two hours to-day, I was turned away as it was closing time.

About twenty officers were in similar circumstances. Most officers are unable to be in Cologne during the morning and my experience shows it is only those who can get down as soon as the depot opens in the afternoon that have a chance to be served.

WORN-OUT TUNIC.

THE SCOTS' SWEETHEART.

There's a land that waits me as a bride waits her lover,
Whose blush is the heather, whose veil is the mist,
Whose clouds are the twilight reluctant to cover
The face, bright with welcome, that waits to be kissed.

The voice of my bride is the ripple of water
That swirls in sweet sweetness adown the dim glen,
Embraced by the sea as its loviest daughter,—
O Scotland, I long to be with thee again!

There are skies that are clearer and suns that are brighter,
Where lovely enchantments enticingly woo?
But nowhere the homecomer's heart may beat lighter,
For he who loves Scotland can ne'er be untrue.

KIM.

All The Fun Of The Fair.

DIVERTING SPECTACLES AT RHINELAND ATHLETIC GATHERINGS.

The daily round in many Rhineland villages is being agreeably diversified with athletic meetings, horse shows, etc., and at a number of these much amusing ingenuity is exhibited. To-day we give reports of a sports meeting, at which a German fireman and a Fraulein were impersonated. At another the latest type of "R 34" came on the scene.

R 34 — NEW TYPE.

Develops engine trouble at 52nd King's Sports.

The 52nd King's commanded by Lieut.-Colonel C.E.R.G. Alban, D.S.O. held their Battalion sports and athletic meeting at Ronlinghoven on Monday. The morning's programme consisted of the running off of flat race heats and the preliminary tug-of-war, great enthusiasm being shown when a comparatively light team of "B" Company after a heavy struggle beat the far more massive team of "D" Company.

The running of Sgt. Wood in the 100 yards, and 440 yards and hurdles was splendid, and Pte Macey, the all-round athletic of "D" Company, maintained his usual standard in the long jump.

"D" Company deservedly won the company trophy, largely due to the individual efforts of the company commander, Captain R.G. Foss, M.C., who after the sports was carried shoulder-high round the field by his proud company. The officer's V.C. race, too, was a huge success, the Padre being a very popular winner.

A LADY PILOT.

About 3 p.m. the R 34 arrived in great style, being piloted by a lady in a dress of many colours, but once on the ground it developed engine trouble almost immediately, and in spite of the manfully efforts of the lady pilot, who practically stripped herself in her zeal to effect repairs, it crashed in the neighbourhood of the pillow fighting pole. The pilot (Cpl. Woods) and the navigator (Pte Fielding) were fortunately renamed.

Throughout the meeting, the band of the 13th Kings, lent by kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel Thurston and officers of that battalion, functioned very cheerily.

Among the race meetings of the day were the side shows under the able direction of Lieut. Wilson and 2nd Lieut. Hardy, where cigarettes, cigars and other luxuries could be obtained by knocking off the hat of a perambulating private, or by kicking a football into a sail.

Mrs. R.S. Spooner very kindly consented to present the prizes, and Brig.-General T.S. Lemon, C.B., C.M.G., commanding the 1st King's Brigade, made a short speech congratulating the battalion on an excellent and well organised meeting and the keen spirit of competition that has been shown throughout by all ranks.

RESULTS.

100 Yds:—1, Sgt. Wood; 2, Sgt. Madden.
220 Yds:—1, Capt. Foss; 2, Pte Lutas.
440 Yds:—1, S.L. Woods; 2, 2nd Lieut. Tyson
880 Yds:—1, Cpl. Bailey; 2, Pte Snooks.
1 Mile (open):—1, Pte Buck, M.G.C., 2, Pte Collie; 13th Kings; 3, L/Cpl. Walsh, 13th King's.
120 Yds (hurdles):—1, Sgt. Wood; 2, Pte Lightfoot.
Long jump:—1, Pte Macey; 2, Pte Lutas.
High jump:—1, Pte Lightfoot; 2, Pte Macey.
Company relay race:—1, "D" Company.
Tug-of-war:—1, "C" Company.
Officers, 100 Yds:—1, 2nd Lieut. Purchase; 2, 2nd Lieut. Rigby.
Obstacle race:—1, L/Cpl. Carroll; 2, Pte Carmichael.
Four legged race:—1, Pte Allen, Pte Corfield Pte Hughes; 2, Pte Howard, Pte Jones, Pte Games.
Tilting the Bucket:—1, Pte Balmforth, Pte Taylor.
Pillow fighting:—1, Pte Antwiss.
Band race:—1, Pte Mitch ell, 13th Kings; 2, Pte Cullannon, 13th Kings.
Consolation race:—1, Pte Carter; 2, 2nd Lieut. Woodworth.
V.C. race:—1, Rev. F.C. Crawley, C.E.; 2, 2nd Lieut. Goodman, 15th Lancs. Fus.
Best clown:—1, Cpl. Woods; 2, Pte Fielding.
Company trophy:— "D" Company.

INTER-COMPANY TUSSLE.

51st Bde D.L.I. Sports near Mülheim Bridge.

On Wednesday afternoon, the sports of the above regiment took place on the bank of the Rhine, just above Mülheim Bridge. They had been postponed from the 22nd, owing to the bad weather, and even on the 23rd the weather could scarcely be described as ideal. However, in spite of the frequent showers a large number of spectators were present. The inter-company cup aroused great interest and was won by "T" Company, who obtained 57, "X" Coy, being second with 35.

The band of the 52nd Bn. The Durham Light Infantry, by kind permission of Col. Frinzell, D.S.O., M.C., played selections during the afternoon.

RESULTS.

The results were as follows:—
100 yards:—1, Lieut. Carmichael; 2, Sergt. Rindrick; 3, Pte. Cook; 4, L/Cpl Woodman.
Sack Race:—1, Pte. Rustling; 2, Pte. Irvin; 3, Pte. Thackery.
High Jump:—1, Pte. Hurringshaw; 2, Sergt. Stevenson.
Tug-of-War:—1, Y Coy.; 2, W Coy.; 3, X Coy.
Blind Squad:—1, X Coy.; 2, Y Coy.; 3, W Coy.
Coy. Relay Race, 2 Miles:—1, Y Coy.; 2, X Coy.
1 Mile (open to Northern Div.):—1, Lieut Roberts; 2, Pte. Bell; 3, Pte. Armstrong.
Obstacle Race:—1, L/Cpl. Wilkinson; 2, Sergt Rindrick; 3, Pte. Armstrong.
440 yards:—1, Pte. Bell; 2, Pte. Dean.
880 yards:—1, Pte. Bell; 2, Pte. Mackenzie.
1 Mile:—1, Pte. Bell.
V.C. Race:—1, Pte. Taylor; 2, Pte. Janson.
220 yards:—1, Lieut. Carmichael; 2, Lieut. Woods; 3, Pte. Bell.
100 yards (open):—1, Pte. Powell; 2, L/Cpl. Wagstaff; 3, Pte. Cook.
Throwing the Cricket Ball:—1, Pte. Cook; 2, L/Cpl. Greenwood.
Officers Relay Race:—1, X Coy.; 2, Y Coy. 3 W Coy.
Cross Country Race: 1, Y Coy.; 2, X Coy.; 3, W Coy. First home, Lieut. Wardle, Y Coy.; 2nd home, Lieut. Scott; 3rd home, Pte. Beale, W Coy.

Not a Sport for Women.

In a circular letter sent to the Prefect of every French Department, the Fédération Française de Boxe declares that boxing is not a sport for women and that none will be allowed to take part in any boxing competition sanctioned by the Federation, which prohibits boxing contests for youths under sixteen years of age.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Sunday, July 27, 1919.

Surface Wind light between West and North-West. Cloudy generally with morning mist. Continuing cool with fair visibility.

FIREMAN AND FRAULEIN.

C. Coy. 24th Hants Regt. Athletic Sports.

It is not often that one has the opportunity of witnessing such good talent as was recently displayed at the above Company sports at Buchholz. The entries were numerous and competition keen. The band, conducted by Sergt. Stubbington, was in attendance and an excellent programme was rendered. Much amusement was caused by the appearance of Ptes. Robinson and Purdue dressed as German fireman and fräulein respectively. At the finish hearty cheers were accorded to Major H.C. Westmoreland, D.S.O., who distributed the prizes, also to Capt. J.L. Thomas.

The following were the officials:—Judge:—Lieuts. H. Hodgson, C.H. Brown, M.C., and Lieut. Sowerbutts; Starter:—Capt. J.L. Thomas; Clerk of the course:—C.S.M. Paterson; Marshalling competitors:—2nd Lieuts. Isaacs and Gibbons; Refreshments:—C.Q.M.S. Cassell; Tape stewards:—Sgts. Bell and Wager; Recorder:—Sgt. Peters.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

100 yards:—1, Sgt. Hayward; 2, Pte. Winstone.
Throwing the cricket ball:—1, Sgt. Hayward; 2, Pte. Denton.
220 yards:—1, Pte. Nash; 2, Lcpl. Lewis.
440 yards: 1, Cpl. Cooper: 2, Pte. Wood.
Sack Race:—1, Sgt. Hayward; 2, Lcpl. Lewis.
100 yards backwards:—1, Sgt. Hayward; 2, Pte. Evans.
1 Mile:—1, Cpl. Cooper: 2, Pte. Andrews.
High Jump:—1, Pte. Reed; 2, Sgt. Bell.
Long Jump:—1, Pte. Landon; 2, Pte. Nash.
Wheelbarrow race:—1, Pte. Lewis and Pte. Tittman; 2, Sgt. Hayard and Pte. Wells.
Relay race:—1, No. 11 Platoon; 2, No. 10 Platoon.

SIX-IN-HAND COACHES.

Pleasing features at D Coy., 9th M.G.C. Sports.

The above highly successful meeting was held on Saturday, at the Company sports fields, Rumrath. The weather on the whole was very fine. A pleasing feature was the presence of the two Bands of the 171st Regt. d'Infanterie Française, courteously lent for the occasion by the Colonel Commanding. The masterly handling of the trumpeters was as delightful as the rendering of the pieces by the instrumentalists. The six-in-hand coaches, too, of Headquarters "A", "B", "C" Companies also struck a note of piquant originality.

Of the many officials, each one surpassing the other for zeal and popularity, a few are worthy of special mention. The judges were Lieut.-Col. Percy-Knox-Gore, Majors Kinsey, Keyser, and Bennett; starter:—Lieut. Laughton; starters:—Lieuts. McClintock and Burke, and whipper in, the C.S.M. The Totalisator and the Canteen were in the capable hands of Lieuts. Illingworth and Martin respectively.

The Colonel brought the meeting to an end at 7.40 p.m. with the presentation of prizes, and the visitors, who included some French ladies, and the whole Company, voted the sports a remarkable success.

PRIZEWINNERS.

The following are the list of Prizewinners:
Silver Cup presented by O.C. Coy. (Major Bennett) for best Company Competitor:—Pte. Grabham.
1 Mile (open):—1, Felsted (Bde. HQ); 2, Lowe (B Coy.); 3, Grabham (D).
440 yards (open):—1, Felsted; 2, Larby (A); 3, Grabham.
880 yards:—1, Gem; 2, Cpl. Strang.
220 yards:—1, Grabham; 2, Karness.
100 yards:—1, Grabham; 2, Linney.
Long jump:—1, Johnstone; 2, Kinneburgh.
High jump:—1, Gem; 2, Munro.
Throwing the Cricket ball —1, Munro; 2, Howard.
Inter-Company Relay Race:—1, D Coy.
Inter-Section Relay Race:—1, No. 2 Section.
Inter-Section Gun and Obstacle Race:—1, No. 4 Section.
Slow Cycle Race:—1, Howard; 2, Cpl. Staples.
Three-Legged Race:—1, Grabham and Friar; 2, Gem and Douse.
Sack Race:—1, Hanson; 2, Hurst.
Back-to-Back Race (Sides):—1, Warnes and Rutland; 2, Neave and Swift.
Tug-of-War:—1, Transport Section.
Lumber and Team:—1, HQ.; 2, No. 4 Section.
Officers Charger:—1, Nurse.
Wrestling on Mules:—1, No. 1 Section.
Sergeants Mule Race:—1, Sergt. Catlow.
Officers Mule Race:—1, Lieut. Illingworth.
Comic Turnout:—1, Ser. L. Phillipps.
Band Race:—1, Montéron; 2, Champy.
Trumpeters Race:—1, Lepeule: 2, Barbier.

SERVICES CRICKET.

Army defeats Navy by an Innings and 76 Runs.

MATCH AT LORD'S.

The cricket match between the Royal Navy and the Army was continued at Lord's on Friday, when the Army easily defeated the premier service by an innings and 76 runs.

Final scores:—
Army . . . . . 390.
Navy 1st innings 117; 2nd innings 147.

COUNTY MEN IN ARMY XI.

The match was entirely confined to officers, and the Army had a number of well-known county men, including W. M Turner, of Essex, A. W. Carr, the captain of Nottingham, Nigel Haig, the Middlesex batsman and a nephew of Lord Harris, F. R. Brooke, of Lancashire, and F. C. G. Naumann, of Surrey and Oxford University. Another well-known figure associated with Somerset cricket before the war was Major P. R. Johnson.

OTHER RESULTS.

Kent 164 and 46 for one; Surrey 75. Wooley took 7 for 36, and performed the hat trick.

Yorks 498 for four declared; Gloucestershire 73 for six.

Australians 371; Notts 369 for six.
Essex 331; Hants 60 for two.
Warwick 259; Lancashire 188 for three.

SPORTS AT WAHN.

Exciting Contests between Bedfordshire Regiments.

In splendid weather on Thursday, a large concourse of spectators enjoyed some exciting contests between the various units in the 2nd Eastern Brigade. The following by their untiring efforts contributed largely to the success of the gathering:—

Major C. G E Shearman D.S.O., M.C., Referee. Major H S. Kreyer D.S.O. Lieuts. Spear, Noke, Kincaid and Tyson, Judges; Lieut. Tully, Starter; and Lieut. Jarvis, Timekeeper. C.S.M. I. Robbins A.G.S. acted as Marshal with the assistance of R.S.M.'s Lawrence, Walker and Lummer. Major A. Grover, D.S.O., M.C., acted as Recorder.

SUCCESSFUL COMPETITORS.

The following were the successful competitors:—
100 yards:—1, Lieut. Hall; 2, Sergt. Freeman; 3, Capt. Willett; all of 51st Bedfords.
Tug-of-War:—1, 52nd Bedfords; 2, 51st Bedfords
120 yards Hurdles:—1, Lieut. Hill, 53rd Bedfords; 2, Pte. Crow, 52nd Bedfords; 3, Lieut. Curtis, 53rd Bedfords.
Putting the Shot:—1, Cpl. Hewitt, 52nd Bedfords; 2, Lieut. Holmes, 52nd Bedfords; 3, Cpl Allison, 51st Bedfords.
220 yards:—1, Capt. Willett, 51st Bedfords; 2, Sergt. Freeman, 51st Bedfords; 3, Sergt. Sharman, 52nd Bedfords.
Long Jump:—1, Sergt. Rochester, 52nd Bedfords; 2, Sergt. Bennett, 51st Bedfords; 3, Lieut. Vaughan, 53rd Bedfords.
Open Mile:—1, Pte. Myhill and Sergt. Woolgar, 52nd Bedfords.
Despatch Riders Race:—1, 2nd L.T.M. Bty; 2, 52nd Bedfords, 3, 2nd Bde HQ.
Revolver Race:—1, 52nd Bedfords; 2, 2nd Bde HQ.; 3, 2nd L.T.M.B.
High Jump:—1, Lieut. Vaughan, 53rd Bedfords; 2, Cpl. Fitt, 51st Bedfords; 3, Pte Fry, 51st Bedfords.
Bde. Mile:—1, Pte Myhill, 52nd Bedfords; 2, 2 Lieut. Scrutton, 53rd Bedfords; 3, Cpl. Kupferman, 53rd Bedfords.
Ad Ranks Relay Race:—1, 52nd Bedfords.
1/4 Mile:—1, Sergt. Cope, 51st Bedfords; 2, R.Q.M.S. Worrell, 51st Bedfords; 3, Sergt. Sharman, 52nd Bedfords.
Pillow Fighting on Pole:—1, Pte Clewes, 52nd Bedfords.
Drums Competition:—1, 51st Bedfords; 2, 53rd Bedfords.
Officers 100 yards:—1, Capt. Willett, 51st Bedfords; 2, Lieut. Hall.
1/2 Mile:—1, Pte Myhill, 52nd Bedfords; 2, R.Q.M.S. Worrell, 51st Bedfords; 3, Lieut. Gilbert, 53rd Bedfords.
Relay Race:—1, 52nd Bedfords; 2, 51st Bedfords; 3 53rd Bedfords
Bde. Cup presented by Brigadier General H.C. Jackson, C.B., D.S.O., for unit obtaining highest number of points on afternoons events:—
1, 51st Bedfords 54;
2, 52nd Bedfords . . . . 50.

A feature of the afternoon was the magnificent running of Pte Myhill in the Bde Relay Race and in the Open Mile.

At the conclusion, Brigadier General H.C. Jackson C.B., D.S.O., in a happily phrased speech presented the prizes to the successful competitors.

ALDERSHOT CHAMPIONSHIP.

The feature of the first day of the Aldershot Command Championships was the running of Q. M. S Usher, A.G.S., who won the furlong in 23 2/5 secs. Sergt.-Major Prince, R.A.M.C., the holder, won the half-mile in 2 minutes 4 secs.

3.5 PER WICKET.

Machine Gunner Performs Hat Trick.

C.P.C. MATCHES.

"E" CORPS SIGNALS (56 for 7) v. 104 BDE. R.F.A. (20) at Euskirchen. Bowling for Signals, McDonald took 5 wickets for 13 runs and Boddy 4 for 7. These two bowlers have bowled unchanged throughout the competition, the highest score compiled against them being 51. Below are averages to date:—

	M.	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
Boddy	14	116	37	193	55	3.5
McDonald	14	112.3	25	241	71	3.39

52nd BN. N.F. (106) v. R.A.A. BTY. R.A. (87). The N.F.'s batted first and scored 106 of which Cpl. Chadwick was responsible for a fine effort of 53. The Aircraft section made a good response and at one time looked like making a close finish, but with the sixth wicket down for 85, the remaining batsmen only got 2 more runs and finished up with a total of 87. Lieut. Emery took 5 wickets for 34 runs, and Pte. Hallas 3 for 17.

52nd BN. N.F. (73) v. 5th RAILWAY TEL. COY. (14) at Süz. The 5th R.T.C. batted first and scored 44, of which Sapper Shaw was responsible for 17. Lieut. Emery (5 wickets for 11 runs) and Lieut. Porter-Hargreaves (4 for 30) bowled very well, the last named taking the last four wickets in four balls. The 52nd N.F. replied with 74, having passed their opponents score with 2 wickets down. The chief scorers were Lieut. Emery (24) and Cpl. Chadwick (11)

121st HEAVY BTY. R.G.A. (50) v. 42nd FIELD AMB. (28) at Bonn. The Heavies were in good bowling form, Bdr. Hafield capturing 5 wickets for 10 runs while Major Jordan (21) was top scorer. For the losers Cpl. Langford took 7 for 19.

LONDON D.M.T. COY. (123 for 9) v. 51st R WARWICKS (51) at Mertenn. The D.M.T. Coy. won the toss and put the Warwicks in to bat first. The batting was very slow, 5 wickets falling for 22. The last five wickets only put on 29, the final score being 51. The best scorers were Lieut. Richards 15, Pte. Smith 14, and Lieut. Marshall 10. The batting of the D.M.T. Coy. was better, the final score being 123 for 9 wickets. For the winners L/Cpl. Davis made 37, Cpl. Wright 26, and Pte. Jacobs 24. Pte. Jacobs also took 5 wickets for 20, and Lieut. Wright 3 for 25.

41st BN. M.G.C. (62 for 2) v. WAHN SURVEY DET. (60) at Heimar. The Survey Det. batted first, but could make little progress owing to the steady bowling of Driver Gerrard (8 wickets for 25) who performed the hat trick, and were all out with a total of 60 runs, the only bat men making double figures being Cpl Beaulay (13), Cpl. Jones (14) and Lieut. Davis (12). For the Gunners, Lieut.-Colonel A. G. Barry (20 not out) was top scorer, while Major D. Bompfrey (11 not out) and Lieut. T E. Andrews (22) were the other successful batsmen. The gunners declared the innings closed, on account of the rain. They however, managed to surpass their opponents score with 2 runs, and 6 men still to go in.

OTHER RESULTS.

4th Royal Sussex (100 for 4) v. No. 2 Water Tank Coy. (52).
4th Royal Sussex (83) v. 9th D.L.I. (80).
N. Div. R.E. (83); 470 Siege Bty. R.F.A. (69).
52nd Cheshires v. 52nd Welsh—a draw.
41st M.G.C. 168 for 8.
430th Labour Coy. 13 all out.

BONN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Eastern Div. H.Q.	17	15	2		30§
52 Cheshire Regt.	17	12	2	3	27§
5th Border Regt	14	13	1		26§
10 R.W. Kent Regt.	15	12	2	1	25§
16 Lancs Fus.	14	11	3		23§
4 Suffolk Regt.	14	11	3		22§
Lancs Div M T Coy.	13	10	3		20§
15 Lancs Fus.	13	10	3		20§+
121 H. Bty. R.G.A.	15	9	5	1	19§
52 Welsh Regt	13	8	4	1	17§+
51 King's Liverpool	15	8	7		16§
23 Royal Fus.	11	8	3		16§
13 King's Liverpool	10	8	2		16§
51 Bedford Regt.	10	8	2		16§
1 T. M. B. Western	17	7	9	1	15§+
92 Field Amb.	18	7	11		14§
51 Royal Sussex	12	7	5		14§
53 Welsh Regt.	11	7	4		14§
52 Manchester	17	6	11		12§+
207 Sqn., R.A.F.	11	6	4	1	13§
Lancs Div. Sig. Coy.	14	6	8		12§
303 Siege Bty., R.G.A.	13	6	7		12§
X Corps Sig. Coy. R.E.	16	5	10	1	11§
3 Coy. West Div. R.A.S.C.	13	5	7	1	11§+
East Div. Sig. Coy., R.E.	15	4	10	1	9§+
69 Siege Bty. R.G.A.	14	3	11		6§+

§ Games awarded for scratched matches.
+ Games lost by default.

THE DAVIS CUP.

Tie Between Home and S. A. Teams Begun.

The Davis Cup tie between the British Isles and South Africa commenced at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne, on Friday. The home team is A. R. F. Kingscote and A. H. Lowe, or T. M. Mavrogordato, in the singles, and Roper Barrettt and A. R. F. Kingscote in the doubles. For South Africa, G. H. Dodd and L. Raymond carry the colours in the singles, and H. Aitken and G. H. Dodd in the doubles. B. I. C. Norton has been left out. Major R. J. McNair skippers the British Isles team, and C. G. Watson is referee.

1st days results: — Singles — Mavrogordato beat Raymond 1—6, 7—5, 2—6, 8—6, 6—1. Kingscote beat Dodd 6—3, 6—3, 6—2.

Liverpool Cup Result.

ARION WINS PREMIER RACE AT AINTREE: CHUETTE SECOND.

Lord Jersey's horse, Arion, who won the Jubilee this year and who has been improving in form ever since, won the Liverpool Cup on Friday. Chuette (Capt. G. C. H. Davy), who was also greatly fancied, ran second, and King John (Capt Giles Loder) third.

The following were the results at Aintree on Friday:—

Juvenile Selling Plate:—1. Orange Water (3 to 1); 2. Le Verguier (7 to 4 on); 3. Mother Shipton (5 to 1).

Grasmere Handicap:—1. Sunline (11 to 4); 2. Summers Joy (5 to 4); 3. Emerald Glen (11 to 4).

Jollile Plate:—1. Pick Your Way (5 to 2); 2. Adorna (9 to 2); 3. Princess Joan (6 to 1).

Liverpool Cup:—1. Arion (6 to 4); 2. Chuette (3 to 1); 3. King John (33 to 1)

Croxteth Plate:—1. Shoemaker (5 to 2); 2. Mrs Jawleyford (11 to 8); 3. Carapace (7 to 4).

Atlantic Stakes:—1. Lake Van (5 to 2). 2. Kings Idler (10 to 1); 3. Quadrille (7 to 4).

HURST PARK RESULTS.

Surbiton Plate:—1, Mustapha (2 to 1); 2, Saintley Maude (5 to 2); 3, Turbit (10 to 1).

Bushey Selling Plate:—1, Romani (5 to 1); 2, Equanimity (100 to 8); 3, Limehouse Lights (5 to 1).

Tyner Handicap:—1, Pick'ny (9 to 2); 2, Zulanda (2 to 1); 3, Mintleaf (100 to 8)

Hurst Park Plate:—1, Callinata (11 to 8); 2, Marcia Blanche (100 to 15); 3, Paragon (9 to 4).

Molesay Plate:—1, Fitzgeorge (5 to 2); 2, Bock Her (100 to 30); 3, Lucy Lockett (100 to 8).

Du ham Handicap:—1, Sea Voyage (5 to 1); 2, Racerock (7 to 2); 3, Challow (100 to 30).

GOODWOOD MEETING.

Favourites for the Steward's Cup on Tuesday.

The chief favourites for the Steward's Cup at Goodwood on Tuesday, are Irish Elegance, and Racket. Roideur, too, is a horse not to be despised, having beaten Irish Elegance at Newbury. Still, no one should assume that the latter was showing his best form. Racket, regarded by many as the fastest three-year-old in England over five furlongs, will doubtless stick the pace—the Stewards Cup is an easy course, although six furlongs.

STEWARDS' CUP TRIAL.

At Newmarket this week, Loates's Racket, engaged in the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood, won a trial gallop over six furlongs by a length and a half from Sundari.

LONDON BETTING.

4 to 1 agst Irish Elegance, 4y, 10-2 (t & o) Cottrill
11 to 2 — Racket, 3y, 7-13 (t & o) S. Loates
100 to 12 — Roideur, 4y, 8-7 (t & o) . . . Persse
9 to 1 — Best Born, 4y 7-7 (t&o) W. Waugh
100 to 8 — King Sol, 5y, 7-0 (t & o) . . . Bathe

STEWARDS CUP SWEEPSTAKE.

The draw for the Stewards Cup sweepstake will take place on the stage of the Deutsches Theatre, during the interval on Monday evening, and the winning numbers will be published in "The Cologne Post," on Wednesday July 29th.

BILLIARD MATCH.

R. A. S. C. Cakeries, Kalk 595
113 Siege Bty R.G.A..... 439
Bakeries won by 156

THE AMERICA CUP.

Sir T. Lipton on a New and Secret Invention.

Sir Thomas Lipton is very hopeful regarding the prospects of Shamrock IV. in the next race for the America Cup. According to an interview with the challenger in "Golf Illustrated and Outdoor Sports," a new and secret invention has been discovered by yachting experts, which, it is said, is likely to have a marked influence on the result.

Expressing his conviction that with this secret invention Shamrock IV. will accomplish what all his other cup challengers had failed to do, Sir Thomas added that however good Shamrock IV. was when she completed her cross-Atlantic trip in 1914, she will be an even more powerful racing machine when she crosses the starting line in the first of the cup races. All rules governing the competition will be observed, but beyond stating that a radical change in the Shamrock's rig has been decided upon Sir Thomas desires to withhold further information.

PTE. ELLIOTT'S CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

The following has been received from L. A. C. Devlin, 92nd Squadron, R. A. F., Eil:—

"Having seen the challenge in your paper to-day of Pte. R. Elliot, I am willing to accept the challenge for the best of 10 two-minute rounds, providing the fight will be promoted at an early date."

HALLAMSHIRE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

An obstacle race that afforded considerable amusement for the spectators as well as a severe test of athletic skill for those taking part in it, a large contingent of really funny clowns and an excellent band, were among the features that made the sports of the 1/4 h Yorks and Lancs thoroughly enjoyable at Blucher Park, Cologne, yesterday. There was a large crowd of spectators present and the sport provided some very keen competition. Owing to lack of space, the prize list is held over.

The fourteenth annual general meeting of the Automobile Association and Motor Union was held at the Savoy Hotel this week.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Seating for 6,000.

The First American Division Circus promises to be one of the most pretentious Army Amusements that has ever visited Cologne and a huge attendance is predicted. I am asked to state that civilians, German and others, are invited. Special bleachers will be constructed in the Amsterdamer Strasse Football Grounds, where the circus is to show, with a seating capacity of about 6,000.

Stage-coach Hold-up.

This is a splendid opportunity for the British forces in Germany to see at first hand some of the exciting features of the much talked-of Wild West. Not only will untamed, bucking horses be saddled and ridden, or at least an attempt made to do so, and fancy cow-boy tricks carried on, but a complete act, vividly portraying a western stage-coach hold-up with a band of fierce redskins, and their blood-curdling yells, a beautiful heroine and gallant rescuing cowboys, will be staged.

A Good Dude.

Pte. Robinson, of the R.A.M.C., who is at present with the New Bing Boys Concert Party, is a first rate "dude," and is very popular with his audiences in his military numbers. Before the war he was a member of the various Will Glasse and Cecil Morley Concert Parties, and since he donned khaki he has been in the "Owls," the entertainment which achieved such a success when it toured Ireland.

Leave Club Plans.

To-day the Rev. C. P. Wheeler will hold a chat in the writing room from 5 to 6 p.m. At 6.50. the Band of the 1st Eastern Infantry Brigade will give a concert in the theatre, Miss Ada Moore will give two songs, and Miss Somers Cocks will play the cello, Pte. A. Moyes will also sing. On Monday there will be an impromptu concert in the music room from 5 to 6 and at 6.30, a practice dance in the theatre. On Tuesday an impromptu concert takes place in the music room at 5 p.m., and also a dancing class in the theatre from 5 to 6. At 7 p.m. the Chequers Concert Party will give a performance in the theatre.

Altered Hours at Leave Club.

I am asked to say that from Wednesday next, 30th July, the hours of the entertainments at the Club will be an hour later in order that the men may take advantage of being given an hour later in which to report to barracks. Concerts will begin at 8 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. and dances will begin at 7.30 instead of 6.30. The whist drive at present is the only entertainment that will commence at the original time, of 6.30.

Learn Music.

Harry Lawrence writes with enthusiasm of the advantages of music study. He says: Last night I had the good fortune to be present when the Rhine Army Choral Society gave its performance at the Central Y.M.C.A., Cologne. The work of the choir under its conductor was splendid. The violin playing of Miss Elsa West was superb; her rendering of Bohm's "Moto Perpetuo" evoked a storm of applause. Boys! Join the Rhine Army Choral Society. You can all sing. It says so in notices that I've seen somewhere. Its practice evenings are advertised in "The Cologne Post."

"The Recuperators."

Their many friends in the Rhine Army will welcome the news that "The Recuperators" Concert Party have recently arrived from France. The fine series of successes which made them noted are likely to be eclipsed in Germany, judging by the splendid programme which they put on at their first public appearance in Cologne on Thursday evening. They entertained at Colonia Haus members of the W.R.A.F. and the staff of the 2nd Army R.A.R.C. and from the commencement it was evident that they had lost none of their old nerve and dash.

JACQUES

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Record Attendance.

The attendance at Aintree on Wednesday was a record for a Liverpool July Meeting.

Good-bye.

Gainsborough's turf career is stated to be over. He has left Manton for his owner's place.

Newmarket Wedding.

Miss Shiela Marsh, daughter of Richard Marsh, the Egerton House trainer, is shortly to be married at Newmarket to Mr. W. H. Tolhurst.

Service Skippers.

Commander G. Harrison, the Navy's captain, and Maj. D. C. Robinson, the captain of the Army cricket team, had the honour of being presented to the King at Lord's.

Nice Jumping.

Racing will be resumed in the South of France with a meeting at Pau on Oct. 5, 8, 11, and the big jumping affair at Nice is also to be brought off as usual after Christmas. There is talk, too, of a new course at Cannes.

A Redeeming Virtue.

Mr. Alec Waugh, the precocious young author, whose books and speeches make such violent attacks on the Public Schools, is about to be married to a daughter of Mr. W. W. Jacobs. Mr. Waugh has redeeming virtues—he is a player of Rugby football.

The Cesarewitch.

Entries for the Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire close on Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Very Fractious.

Piraeus, who eventually won the Southport T.Y.O. Plate, was very fractious before the tapes were raised, and delayed the start.

First Aid.

The establishment of roadside telephones and first aid facilities for motorists were foreshadowed at the annual meeting of the Automobile Association.

Big Score Sequel.

G. T. S. Stevens, the Middlesex cricketer, was presented with a silver rose bowl in commemoration of his recent score of 463 not out while with the University College School.

Professional Championship.

The Moniffeth course, Forfarshire, will house the Scottish professional golf championship, which is to be played on the 10th and 11th October. D. P. Watt (Mortonhall), who won it in 1914, died whilst on active service.

Still Playing.

Mr. Alex. McDonald, the Otago forward in the famous New Zealand Rugby tour of 1905, is still playing. According to a New Zealand writer, he is the last remaining original "All Black" to keep on playing.

Silver Racquet Tie.

The Hon. C. N. Bruce won his first round tie for the M.C.C. Silver Raquet at Lord's beating V. W. Yorke by three sets to two.

R. Crokers "Gee-gee's."

The sale of Mr. R. Croker's horses has been fixed for the evening of the second day of the August Meeting at Leopardstown, which is close to Glencairn.

Improvement Scheme.

The Stewards of the Irish Turf Club have decided to carry out a considerable scheme of improvement in connection with the stand accommodation at the Curragh.

Harrow's Best.

At the Harrow School swimming sports J. E. Minoprio proved himself to be the best swimmer at Harrow this year. He won the Ebrington, big, and the sixth form events. C. M. H. Harmsworth won the Ebrington, small and the plunging events, the latter with 43ft. 4in.

Norman Ross.

Norman Ross, the American swimmer who won the cross Paris swim on Sunday, has no intention of attempting to swim the Channel as has been announced. He has already departed for America to meet the Hawaiian (Duke Kahanamoku) for the world's championship of a hundred metres.

Lighsome.

The Paraffine Lass filly has been registered Lady Flare.

Shoemaker Sold.

Shoemaker was sold to Mr. R. Day for 270 guineas, while Dart-Up was retained at 440 guineas at Liverpool this week.

Rugby Legislator.

Mr. H. W. Jones, M. A., the well-known Irish Rugby football legislator and old Monkston secretary and player, left personal estate of £2,130 14s. 6d.

£10,000 Races.

Time was when the Leicester executive used to run £10,000 races, but the experiment proved a very costly affair, and nowadays the programmes at Oadby are framed on much more modest lines.

S. Y. Vanadis.

The well-known steam yacht Vanadis has been purchased by Baron H. Linden and renamed Finlandia. She has been overhauled and fitted out at Southampton, and has left the Solent for the Baltic on her way to Stockholm.

Skull Caps for Jockeys.

The committee of the V.R.C. (Australia) have passed a new regulation providing that in all races under its rules every jockey or rider shall after Aug. 1 wear a skull cap of approved design and material. The idea is to minimise the effect of racing accidents to jockeys.

Echoes from Rhineland.

"The Dog Hunt."

A novel sight may be seen in Cologne to-day. According to regulations, all dogs must, on account of the prevalence of rabies, be muzzled and lead in public. To ensure that no dogs are running about loose resort has been taken to a procedure instituted ten years ago. A man walks through the streets with a large strong net about one and a half yards in diameter and with a short pole handle, which he drops over any unsuspecting dog which he wishes to catch. He is accompanied by a closed waggon, like a small Black Maria, in which he confines his captures. The owners of the dogs can receive them back on payment of a fine. There are amusing scenes when some "tike" takes objection to this rough treatment and some difficulty is often experienced in transfering the capture to the waiting vehicle.

Now, Engine Experts!

A reader says that an engine of the type described in this column the other day which obtain their power by steam pumped into them at high pressure was tried at a certain steelworks in England a year or two ago but did not prove a success. Since the paragraph regarding this type of engine appeared we have heard of some other instances of the type being used at home though no authentic cases have been cited. We rather think too that the tramways of Paris were once drawn by locomotives using compressed steam. It would be interesting to learn more on the subject. Who knows?

Cheap Fuel.

Of considerable interest in the Cologne district are the lignite pits near Kierberg and Libiar. This lignite, of which the ubiquitous briquette is manufactured, is partially-formed coal, deep brown in colour, and soft and friable. Instead of lying far below the surface like coal, it is near the top and is quarried or "got" in open pits of great extent and depth, with vertical sides, the twenty feet or so thickness of "Overburden" soil showing us a yellow band round the top edge and contrasting sharply with the deep brown or black of the rest of the pit. The lignite, being "got" entirely by mechanical means, must cost very little. It is conveyed to the adjacent briquette factories and power stations, in which latter it is employed to generate the electric current, which provides light and power throughout the towns and villages of this part of Rhineland.

Deceived.

There are occasions, writes a correspondent, upon which, it is difficult to realise that one is in a foreign country, even though so many hundreds of miles from "Blighty." Walking through the wooded and rock strewn valley of the Nideggen-Heimbach district, where villages are somewhat scarce, and farm houses few and far between, is one of them. A battalion of "Jocks" have small camps scattered along this valley. In a distance of three or four kilometres you may see British officers fishing in the river, or crossing one of the bridges on horseback, and a field, with the familiar goal posts at each end, full of swiftly moving, khaki clad figures. The sound of bagpipes comes from a neighbouring wood. The "Cook house door," and "Defaulters" are flung across the valley, from the opposite side. The nature of the surrounding country completes the deception. You only know that you aren't in "Bonnie Scotland"—well, because you *know* you aren't.

Wild Flowers in Rhineland.

Lovers of nature must have noticed in Rhineland the great profusion and variety of wild flowers, scarcely to be equalled in our own English countryside. The bright vermilion of the poppy and blue of the cornflower is conspicuous amongst the cornfields just now. Corn marigolds are very common but do not show so much where the grain has ripened. There are also many humbler but equally pretty flowers of different species and colour that scarcely raise their heads above the soil. Harebells (Scottish bluebells) grow in great numbers by the road side. In the woods the elegant purple foxglove is often sought after by the German women on holiday outings. The heather, so dear to the heart of Scotsmen, is now bursting into bloom on the hills.

A Contemptuous Town.

Those who have seen the Rheinbrücke at Bonn may have missed seeing one very amusing thing, which shows very clearly the German's idea of humour. Over the arch on the Eastern side may be seen the small figure of a boy with his back turned towards the suburb of Beuel. This was designed by the people of Bonn to express their contempt for the inhabitants of Beuel, who refused to pay anything towards the cost of building the bridge.

Savings Certificates.

From time to time we are able to record the satisfactory results scored by various units which are doing their best to increase the national finances and incidentally to encourage thrift by the sale of War Savings Certificates. Some of these results achieved in a very short space of time have been remarkable. There is evidently keen rivalry among some branches of the service to make records in this way which is most commendable and we hope to publish many more reports of the kind. We shall always be glad to hear of the progress made in units of the Rhine Army.

To-day's "Jape".

The silence was that of breathlessness. The returned traveller resumed:—"Yes," he said, "the wolves gained on us at each moment; we strained every muscle and nerve in our flight; but hope fled faster; we heard their panting breath; at last we felt their cold muzzles against our legs.—" "Oh!" gasped our dear old grandmother, "thank Heaven they had their muzzles on!" The traveller fainted. (N.B. This jape will not translate into German)

Lesser Echoes.

Everything from fresh peaches to melons can be bought on the fruit stalls in the Cologne streets.

Last week the 51st Leicesters beat their previous week's War Savings subscriptions by over 10,000 marks, raising a sum of 51,600 marks. In two weeks they have lent to the Government a sum of 93,000 marks. Splendid!

The small red lamps, which illuminate automatically on the approach of an electric tram, at all the more dangerous junctions in Cologne might be adopted with advantage in England.

"Circus Town" is the name given to a small village near Coblentz by the American Circus Company stationed there. A letter thus addressed reached its destination.

When they returned to the village after a short absence, troops at Burscheid were accorded an enthusiastic welcome by the natives.

The warning "10 miles an hour" placed at intervals along the Cöln-Düsseldorf road is unnecessary. So bad is the state of the surface that no vehicle could proceed faster without being shaken to pieces.

PRIZES FOR ECHOES.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to Pte. J. S. Hiller, No. 5 Mdsx. Labour Coy, c/o Camp Commandant Cologne; Pte. Fravers-Hyland, No. 16 Field Ambulance, Midland Division, Rhine Army; and Sapper G W. Eliam, Railway Survey Section, A.P.O. S/120, Rhine Army.

WHAT MATTERS.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

It is not life that matters but the courage you put into it.

When the world was in the grip of that awful storm which swept over the nations, and men cried out in their agony—"My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me," then it was understood that only those who had true courage would stem the storm, which was devastating the world.

In that time of stress, physical courage was not lacking, and our men overcame all difficulties, which proved them to be true sons of the Motherland, and gave to us that wonderful victory.

There was a time, when as even the secular Press put it, "The Sermon on the Mount was battling against the Sermon of Louvain," when truth and justice together were struggling for the mastery. Courage everywhere, both at home and abroad, brought us to that triumph; but let us ever remember, that it was moral courage as well as physical, which helped us to the victory.

The Old Book tells us—"He that ruleth his own spirit is better than he that taketh a city" Even in the days when that proverb was written, it was seen that the hardest courage of all to possess, was moral courage.

Unity at home, loyalty to God, to King and oneself are great factors in our lives. It may seem that life is all wrong all chaos, and far too difficult for one to make any headway whatever—it is no life that matters but the courage you put into it—this can be our watchword, which can bind us together with one strong purpose to succeed. Never let us mind if things are not always as we would have them, let us mould circumstances, and not let them mould us.

The Victory over Self.

Industrial strife at home can yet rob us of the victory which is so justly ours, but moral courage will kill all selfishness, will make for unity and bring out all that is noblest and best in mankind. For the good of our Empire we look for men of sterling worth, be he high or low, rich or poor, that is the man who will succeed in the great battle for existence.

It requires moral courage for a man to keep true to himself and to the loved ones at home, but that man need never say life is too hard for him, if he has one atom of moral courage remaining.

There is a grandeur in the victory over self, and those men, God's Gentlemen, are drawn from all classes and all creeds.

The life of Jesus Christ was full of trial and suffering, and even the dearest of His followers failed to see the great purpose of his life, but through all, that Divine Courage permeated his life, and brought triumph to the grandest life of the ages.

If a man finds himself up against it, let him use that moral courage, and he will win through, no matter how great are the trials and temptations.

God alone can take the soul of a man and give to him moral courage the, greatest of all courage.

Physical courage is the characteristic of the British race, and thrice happy is he who has the moral courage too.

Through all the dark days that are to come, in all the problems that will present themselves, it is courage that is the real thing that matters.

METEOROLOGY AND AVIATION.

An old science has come very much to the fore during the past decade, — that of the scientific study of the weather.

The value of its study has increased to so great an extent, that it may eventually become a profession in itself.

The reason for this is due to the progress made in aviation without a knowledge of which the flying man may find himself very much handicapped.

Applicants for a flying licence must obtain a certificate showing that they can fulfill the following requirements, among others.

1) They must undergo a strict surgical and medical examination in every particular.
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6) A fair knowledge of navigation and how to read maps and charts. All nautical instruments shall therefore be studied.
7) Meteorology, or the science of the weather.

The latter forms one of the most important factors in aviation and I predict a great future for those who study it seriously in all its branches.

It is no ephemeral science. Even today, many people do not quite realise its significance, since they have not forgotten the ridiculous remarks, which at one time were associated with the forecasts of the weather prophet. Since the advent of the aeroplane our knowledge of meteorology has made great strides, for we have learned many things in connection with the atmosphere of the earth which before were either unknown altogether, or of which at least our knowledge was uncertain. At the beginning it was only necessary to know the condition of the weather in the immediate vicinity of one's flight. Now, however, we have such long non-stop flights, that it behoves one to increase one's knowledge of meteorology in all its aspects and in all latitudes. One needs to study.

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From Everywhere.

A New Committee.—A new Land Values Committee is to be set up.

No Bavarian Embassies.—There will be no Bavarian Embassies in foreign countries.

Ratification of Treaty.—It is expected that the French Parliament will not ratify the Peace Treaty before September.

His New Post.—General Byng will take charge of a new organization which will administer war funds of £ 7,000 000.

Middle West Now.—The middle west of America wants to see the Prince of Wales during his visit to the States.

More Mystery. — New mystery ships are foreshadowed by the First Lord of the Admiralty.

Not a Friend.—A man who left a letter stating that he had not a friend in the world, hanged himself at Liverpool.

London Garden Paradise.—There is a garden paradise for birds close to Ludgate-circus.

The New Party.—Mr. Winston Churchill's speech at the dinner of the Coalition Centre Group has been published.

Covent Garden Opera.—A French opera "L'Heure Espagnole" was produced at Covent Garden with great success.

Feminine Objection.—The Southwark Borough Council have decided to dismiss a lady health visitor who refuses to wear a nurse's uniform.

Original.—Income-tax paid by "men who did not exist" was one of the features of a remarkable charge of fraud against a printer's overseer.

Five Years.—Frank Long, who attacked two policemen with a revolver has been sentenced at the Old Bailey to five years' penal servitude.

Important Decision. — An important decision has been given by Mr. Justice Rowlatt that bonus shares are not income, and therefore not liable to super-tax.

The Silent Protest.—On race-day at Crefeld, the Belgian Commandant ordered the strikers to work. Trams were running, but the officials did not sell tickets.

José Collins.—José Collins will shortly be seen on the films.

The Trial.—The trial of the ex-Kaiser will take place in England, but may not be in London.

Dearer Bacon? American packing houses urge a further advance in the price of bacon on account of the rise in the price of hogs.

"Council Economies."—Southgate Council has lost £1,229 on pig keeping £140 on a potato patch, and £100 on a national kitchen—all experiments to effect economy.

A Scotsman's Weakness.—"He butted me, as Scotsmen do; that is how I knew he was a Scotsman," said a witness at Woolwich.

Optimistic.—Sir Thomas Lipton believes that, as a result of a new secret invention, he will win the America Cup with Shamrock IV when next he tries.

Rabbits.—Hundreds of young men in Stepney evaded national registration and applied for the first time for ration books after the armistice.

The Bank Swindled.—The superintendent of the Bank Note Department of the Bank of England, giving evidence at the old Bailey, says in three instances spurious notes have been accepted by the Bank.

His Ambition.—"In my younger days at the Bar I hoped that by good fortune I might one day attain the position of county court judge," says the Lord Chief Justice.

His New Trousers.—It seems odd that the ex-Kaiser should order trousers from a Dutch tailor, for one would have thought his pre-war stock was extensive enough to clothe him for many a year

The Reason.—The Mayor of Luton, who left the town, following the rioting, said he went away for his wife's sake; and at the desire of the Town Clerk and the Chief Constable.

Out of Work.—According to Government enquiry nearly all pickpockets and burglars brought to justice recently have admitted receiving unemployment donations.

Counter-Talking.—The need for orators to combat revolutionaries is urged.

Back to Paris.—The German delegation at Versailles will move in the next few days to the old German Embassy in Paris.

Gigantic Lottery.—A scheme is being considered to hold a lottery in France with tickets to the amount of £ 1,200,000,000.

The Portuguese Way.—As rails have been torn up by strikers, the Portuguese authorities have decided to put a waggon full of strikers at the head of trains.

Cold and Wet.—The appearance of icebergs in the ocean is a sign that the summer will continue to be cold and wet.

For and Against.—At the Cologne town council there was a discussion on bathing in the Rhine, the Socialists being for mixed bathing, the Centre being against it.

Wars.—German propaganda is supporting Bolshevist activity, and any labour troubles in Great Britain are watched with delight.

Church Plate Filched.—Theft and alienation has been the fate of Tiverton's church plate for over a century and a half, according to the Vicar.

Brighter Tone.—The hopes of an early settlement of the coal trouble caused a brighter tone to prevail in the Stock Exchange.

Goat's Horns Decorated.—A wild goat, caught on the mountains by discharged soldiers, who gilded its horns, appeared a a Welsh peace procession.

New Occupation.—Owing to financial necessity a West Ham teacher supplements his income by painting plates for coffin-lids.

Quite French again.—Rouen is now to all intents and puoposes evacuated by what had remained there of the British Army.

Tailor's Charge Excessive.—A tailor's charge of £ 4. 5s for making a suit was held to be excessive at Clerkenwell and the tailor thereupon accepted £ 3.

Full Payment.—The Government has decided on the payment in full of enemy debts to British subjects at the pre-war rate of exchange.

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8	1st	10.00	B
9	1st	11.00	B
10	1st	12.00	B
11	1st	13.00	B
12	4th	13.30	A
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GERMANY AND PEACE.

EX-CHANCELLOR'S INCRIMINATING REPLY TO ERZBERGER'S EXPOSURES.

FATE OF RUSSIA TREMBLING.

FRUSTRATED PEACE.

RETORT WHICH MAKES THE MATTER WORSE.

Although Germany knew in a vague sort of way that the Allies were willing to consider the question of Peace in 1917, it was not until Herr Erzberger revealed the full facts at Weimar on Friday that the German people learnt how cynically their rulers had flouted the proposals and deliberately sacrificed the German Empire on a gambler's throw.

The retort of ex-Chancellor Michaelis is not only unconvincing, it is a damning indictment of the militarist policy. The last sentence in particular is a perfect specimen of the arguments which were used to deceive the German populace during the war. When the truth became known, when the deceits and lies were exposed, Germany acted quickly and discarded the ministers who hoodwinked the people to their final defeat and consequent penalties.

It is also well to remember that Ludendorff has more than once declared that he was absolutely ignorant of the whole affair.

MICHAELIS' "EXPLANATION."

Michaelis' reply to Erzberger runs as follows:—

"The letter of Nuncio Pacelli was delivered to me in the beginning of September. I had a conference about it with the State Secretaries and Ministers and I met the Kaiser (who, if I am not mistaken, on the 9th September came back from a journey to the front) to report to him about it. I asked the Kaiser to hold a Crown Council in presence of the highest Army and Navy leaders. The Crown Council took place on the 11th September in the Bellevue Palace. The result of the conference was signed by the Kaiser himself and was as follows:

EX-KAISER'S OPINION.

"The annexation of Belgium would be a grave matter. Belgium could be restored. The coast of Flanders was very important, but the Belgian coast by itself could not be held. An intimate economical connection between Belgium and Germany should be arranged. That would be to the great interest of Belgium."

I decided with State Secretary von Kühlmann that it should be ascertained by an appropriate person if there was really the will on the part of the British to give up their former standpoint (i. e. responsibility for the war.—Editor) and to negotiate on a more acceptable middle line.

The letter of the Apostolic Nuncio did not contain any definite proof on these points. There was therefore a danger that Germany would be induced to make an accommodating declaration and that the basis of negotiations would be to our disadvantage.

The choice of an intermediary fell on a prominent neutral diplomat whom State Secretary von Külmann knew intimately and who seemed to be specially qualified to ascertain Great Britain's views. The mission was entrusted to him after a declaration of the German point of view according to the above mentioned Crown Council with the following stipulations.

OFFICIAL DISTORTION.

The basis for negotiations with England would be the acknowledgment:

1. That our frontier would remain intact,
2. That we should get back our colonies,
3. That no indemnity would be demanded,
4. That no economical war would begin after Peace.

I considered this way, in agreement with His Excellence von Kühlmann, to be the right one, because negotiations appeared to be only possible in case of absolute good faith. Negotiations through the Apostolic-Curia did not offer this security.

As the letter of the Nuncio was addressed to us, it appeared that Deputy Erzberger had been instructed before me that the letter would arrive. An indiscretion on his part had to be avoided at all costs. Therefore we took a non-committal standpoint as regards the Nuncio and gave him an answer, after a certain time, in general terms.

I made efforts to choose the right way to follow the first proposal; if the plan did not suceeed, it is because our enemies did not want it.

(signed) Michaelis.

Saarow 26th July.

GERMAN EMBASSY IN PARIS

Great animation prevails in the neighbourhood of the former German Embassy in Paris, in which Baron Lersner and his colleagues are going to take up their quarters. Four German officials living in the Embassy go daily to the office of a large bank, where they are busy all day restoring to France the securities seized in the invaded regions.

IMPOSSIBLE HUNGARY.

ATTACKS ON A FRIENDLY POWER.

The Supreme Council at Paris has issued the following declaration: The Allied and Associated Governments are most anxious to arrange Peace with the Hungarian people, thus bringing to an end a condition of things which makes economic revival in Central-Europe impossible and defeats any attempt to secure supplies fer the population. These tasks cannot be attempted until there is a Government in Hungary representing the people and carrying out in letter and spirit the engagements entered into with the Allies. Neither condition is fulfilled by the administration under Bela Kun, which has not only broken the Armistice but at the present moment is attacking a friendly and Allied power. With this particular aspect it is for the Allies to deal on their own responsibility but if Peace is to be settled it can only be with a Government representing the Hungarian people and not with one which rests its authority on terrorism. All foreign occupation of Hungarian territory as defined by the Peace Conference will cease as soon as the terms of the Armistice have, in the opinion of the Allied Commander-in-Chief been satisfactorily complied with.

RUMANIAN OFFENSIVE.

The "Petit Parisien" confirms the report that the Hungarian Bolshevists commenced the offensive against Rumania. The attack was of the most violent character and the first successes gained by the Bolshevists were important, the Rumanians having abandoned large quantities of material and a number of guns. The Rumanians are now pulling themselves together and it is believed will be able to oppose a vigorous resistance to the invaders. It is clearly the object of the Hungarians to smash up the Rumanian Army before the Allies can send help and thus be able to give help to Lenin's Red Armies.

The Supreme Council on Saturday considered proposals of the military experts put forward by Marshal Foch. It is hoped that a decision will soon be reached on the subject of intervention against. Bela Kun and the measures to be taken for helping the Rumanians.

NORTH RUSSIA.

NAMES OF MURDERED ENGLISH OFFICERS

In view of the mutiny among certain Russian Regiments in North Russia it is believed that the policy of evacuation will be expedited. The Bolshevists have sent out a wireless message in which they claim to be advancing along the Archangel railway in the region of the Northern Dvina. It also states that an enemy aeroplane dropped seventeen bombs without causing any damage and that the capture of Onega was assisted by a company of the fifth Northern Regiment who murdered their officers and arrested several Englishmen. Bolshevist troops, continues the message, when informed of the rising, marched eighty miles in twenty-four hours (!) and reached Onega, which was captured with valuable booty. An enemy gunboat appeared off Onega and demanded the release of the captured Englishmen, threatening bombardment in the event of refusal.

The names of the British officers killed by the Russian mutineers are stated to be Captain A. E. M. Finch, Captain D. P. Barr, Lieut. G. W. Gosling, M. C., and Lieut. T. C. Griffiths.

PEACE DECISIONS.

CLEARING UP MATTERS LEFT OVER.

The Council of Five met at Paris on Saturday to consider Committee reports.

The Bulgarian delegation has arrived. The Treaty is almost completely drawn up and there will be no delay in handing it to the Bulgarian delegation,

The report of the Committee on responsibilities has already been submitted to the Supreme Council, and the Committee of Reparations also has nearly finished its task.

SELF-EXILED QUEEN.

The "Extrabladet", Geneva reports that the Queen of Sweden will not return to Sweden. She is a Princess of Baden. During the war she preferred to stay in Germany, and has now bought an estate in Switzerland, where she intends to live in future.

BAREFACED FRAUD.

EMPLOYER IN RECEIPT OF OUT-OF-WORK PAY.

At the Westminster County Court, before Judge Tobin, an action to recover damages for personal injuries was brought by Thomas Simon Hackett, costermonger, Rowton House, Newington Butts, against the London General Omnibus Company. He said that the accident interfered with his earnings for seven weeks.

Cross-examined by counsel for the company, the plaintiff admitted that from February 27 to July 22 he was drawing £1 9s. a week Government unemployment pay. Two nights a week in March he earned 6s. as an attendant at a music-hall. At the same time he carried on a costermonger's business and employed men whom he paid 7s. a day.

Judge Tobin, in giving judgment for the defendants with costs, said. "This is a scandalous case and I do not believe a word the plaintiff says. He presents himself as an employer of labour earning from £4 to £5 a week, and yet he was drawing unemployment pay. That was a barefaced fraud on this country. It convinces me that this kind of fraud is adopted by not a few persons."

STRIKERS PERMIT!

TRANSPORTS ALLOWED TO SAIL.

Mersey dockers, who are on strike, have agreed, in response to an appeal by Mr. Doughty, K.C., to allow three big liners outward bound with Canadian soldiers to sail. The vessels are the Adriatic, the Scotian, and the Canada, which accordingly left on Saturday.

With these exceptions the hold-up of the port continues, and the great river presents a sight the like of which has probably never been seen before. It is full of ships of all kinds, big liners and coasting vessels riding at anchor because they cannot get into the docks, while the docks themselves are crowded with ships eager to get away but unable to do so. This deadlock of the port has caused much loss and widespread inconvenience.

Negotiations for a settlement were resumed yesterday.

ENGLISH WIVES.

PRIVILGE FOR THE RHINE ARMY.

The War Office announces the conditions under which wives of officers and other ranks may join their husbands serving with the Army of the Rhine.

All costs must be defrayed by the individuals concerned. The number to whom the privilege will be granted depends entirely on the accommodation in Germany. Wives desiring to join their husbands must communicate with them and then the sanction of the military authorities in Germany must be obtained. The authorities will notify their approval direct to the Military Permit Office in London, who will then provide the wives with authority to obtain the necessary passport.

AFGHAN RAIDERS.

The latest official communiqué issued at Simla states that hostile tribesmen were active in the vicinity of Dakka on the 23rd. The enemy were turned off after much fighting, and are believed to have lost severely, as they afforded good targets for our guns. Some tribesmen attempted to approach a picket at Paindi Khak, but withdrew with losses. The tribal lashkar in the vicinity of Basawal is estimated to total 6,000 Mohmands, Khugianis, Shinwaris, and Ut Khels from Afghan territory. Raiding parties are reported near the Lowari Pass. In the Zhob Valley an attack was made on Hindubagh on the 22nd inst., and the telegraph wires were cut. Fighting was reported on the evening of the 23rd, the railway station being burnt.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A GENERAL.

Major-General Sir Henry Macandrew, K.C.B., D.S.O., died at Aleppo on July 16 from heart failure following burns. While it is apparent that General Macandrew (who was in command of the 5th Cavalry Division) died as the result of an accident, no particulars are yet to hand.

CONSTABLE SENTENCED.

Alfred Chubb, 29, "D" Division, Metropolitan Police, was sentenced by Judge Atherley Jones, at the Old Bailey yesterday, to nine months' imprisonment in the second division for feloniously receiving certain magnetos stolen from premises in Wardour street.

At Saturday's meeting of the Supreme Council Marshal Foch is understood to have expressed the opinion that an army of 150,000 is the necessary force required for the Allied occupation of the Rhineland.

MARCONI CASE ENDED.

GOVERNMENT TO PAY HUGE AMOUNT.

Mr. Justice A. T. Lawrence, sitting in the King's Bench Division to assess the amount of royalties due to the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company Limited in respect of an alleged breach of contract by the Postmaster-General in not completing an Imperial chain of wireless stations, delivered his award. The inquiry had occupied eighteen days.

The Marconi Company claimed royalties amounting to £7,181,774. The Crown submitted that £50,000 would be a fair sum.

His lordship announced that he found the amount to be £590,000, and signed a certificate for that amont. That was his estimate of the present worth of all the royalties the Marconi Company would have received under the contract. He had excluded from consideration the letter as by order directed (by Mr. Justice McCardie), dated Jan. 21, 1915, and he had not diminished his estimate of the amount by any consideration of the probability or otherwise of the Marconi patents being employed in commercial wireless in the future. He mentioned this in order that there might be no misunderstanding between the parties in case of any future negotiations between them. The costs would have to be taxed in chambers.

The letter of Jan. 21, 1915, referred to by his lordship was one in which the Crown withdrew their renunciation of the contract.

COAL STRIKE.

YORKSHIRE FLOUTS MINERS' FEDERATION.

No new development in the coal situation beyond the fact that the Miners Federation leaders have appealed to the men to return to work. According to Mr. Smith, President of the Yorkshire Miners, the agreement arrived at in London on Friday between the Government and the Executive of the Miners Federation will not be accepted until it has been submitted to the men through the district branches.

The prospect of a complete and quick settlement is less favourable.

FETE TO THE FALLEN.

SIMULTANEOUS NATIONAL FRENCH TRIBUTE.

All the principal societies in France are co-operating in the organising of a great demonstration on August 2nd and 3rd with the object of celebrating at the same hour in every French Commune the liberation of French territory from the invader.

The demonstrations will be a national fête of gratitude to the soldiers. The principal ceremony will take place at the Sorbonne and will be attended by President Poincaré, M. Clemenceau and the Marshals of France, while in every town there will be deposited a scroll containing the names of soldiers who fell on the field of honour.

ONE-DAY LICENCES.

LIQUOR CONTROL ORDERS RELAXED.

A new order has been issued by the Central Control Board (Liquor Traffic) for all areas in England and Wales to which the Liquor Control Regulations have been applied, making it lawful to sell and supply intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises during any specified hours between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekdays "for any public ceremony or gathering, or like special occasion, involving the assembly of, and necessitating the provision of, accommodation for considerable numbers of persons.

The order, which is dated July 22, appears in the "London Gazette" of last night.

ANTI-PROFITEER FINED.

A coster who was summoned at Woodgreen for causing an obstruction with his barrow was said to have gathered a big crowd of people anxious to buy broad beans at a price below that charged in the shops.

"That is something in his favour," said the magistrate. "My sympathy is with anyone who attempts to cut the wicked profiteering so much in evidence."

A nominal fine of 2s. 6d. was imposed.

ITALIANS ATTACKED.

A telegram from Trieste to the Corriere del Mettion says that on the line of demarcation fixed by the Armistice Commission Yugo-Slav troops suddenly attacked the Italian posts in the direction of Laibach. Furious fighting ensued, and numbers were killed and wounded on both sides. Reinforcements were sent and the Yugo Slavs repulsed.

A silver gilt cup which belonged originally to Sir Francis Drake was sold at Christie's for £3,800.

FREEDOM OF THE SEAS.

NAVY AND MERCANTILE MARINE.

Admiral Sir David Beatty, speaking at Leicester, after receiving the freedom of the city, said that at no period has the name of Great Britain carried with it more weight in council and example than at the present time.

Alluding to the work of the Navy he said, "The Navy bears upon its shoulders a heavy share of responsibility for the entire protection of our vast lines of communication with oversea parts of the Empire. The Navy is the insurance of our overseas trade and of our commercial prosperity. The history of the Navy shows how diligently it has striven to preserve the security of those who go down to the sea upon their lawful occasions. It has never been a menace to any but those who endangered our overseas communications and to those who venture to disturb the peace of the world. Germany made the most desperate attacks known in history to close our overseas highways and Germany failed.

"Today the sea is as free and open as it had ever been. It remains for us to reap the benefits of that freedom and to do our utmost to establish a constant stream of British merchantmen with full cargoes over every part of the world. We have gained success during the past four and half years and now we have to struggle for prosperity. We have the means to do so. We possess it in the personnel of the mercantile marine—the finest in the world—who have left a record behind them during the war which should be laid to heart by every one of us and never be forgotten."

LUTON RIOTS.

CITIZENS UNWILLING TO GIVE EVIDENCE.

At Luton the chief constable says he has had the greatest difficulty in getting civilian witnesses to come forward in support of charges arising out of the recent riot, and the magistrates agreed to their names being withheld. Thirteen more prisoners were remanded, eight being ex-soldiers. The police accused five of inciting the crowd to break into the town hall, and gave evidence of inflammatory speeches made from the hall steps. Arthur Barrett, corporation employee, said he had worked for the borough a number of years, and they were a — bad lot. James Robinson said he would give the mayor five minutes to come out. He counted the minutes, and after counting more said: "One more, and if he don't come out we'll fetch him." Joseph Frederick Perry, thrice wounded, also called out the minutes, then said: "Over you go, boys; now you can fetch them out." Sidney George Quince was also alleged to have urged the crowd to "out" the mayor and policemen too. Frederick William Coulbridge cried: "Come on" to the crowd, and made repeated attempts to rush the police. He was also accused of assaulting the chief officer of the fire brigade. Other charges included assault on a policeman, damage to the deputy mayor's warehouse, and music shop, and four charges of stealing against a married couple and two women.

FOOD CONTROL.

RATION SYSTEM FOR NEXT WINTER.

The Food Ministry announced on Saturday that a ration system would have to be introduced before the ensuing winter so that the Ministry may regulate distribution in accordance with the original intention, the existing system having become largely inoperative with regard to different articles. The new system will operate for all articles simultaneously.

WOOLWICH ARSENAL FIRE

At the inquest at Woolwich on the body of Florence Edith Lucas; 29, of Erith, who was killed in a fire at the Woolwich Arsenal Cartridge Factory, No. 0, on Wednesday, the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death," and recommended that all gangways should be kept clear. The evidence showed that the fire started in some cordite which a fellow-worker was removing from cartridges.

Edmond George Stone, dangerous building visitor, said that when the fire was out and the fumes were clearing away he went through the building and found Lucas lying on the floor. She was evidently escaping when she fell.

Neil Brocklebank, an examiner, said there was a machine in the passage where deceased was found, and in the fumes from the cordite it would be difficult to go past it.

George Scott Fortune said the passage where the machinery was stored was not one of the exits from the building, and he concluded that the girl had run down it in her confusion.

ROUMANIA AND GALICIA.

According to a message from Lemberg the Roumanian troops will immediately evacuate East Galicia, which is not claimed by Roumania as had been maintained by the Poles.

GIRL'S SKELETON.

BAD SMELL LEADS TO GRUESOME DISCOVERY.

A human skull and a quantity of bones which on being pieced together were found to be those of a girl about 17 years of age, were discovered beneath the floor of the kitchen in a four-roomed tenement at 12, Pembroke-place, Kilburn, on Friday. The house is one of a row of small houses in a poor and thickly populated neighbourhood.

The tenant, a widower named Hill, who has been in occupation of the house for about six months, having for some time been puzzled by an unpleasant smell in the kitchen, decided to make a thorough search for the cause of it. With the help of his little boy he took up the floor boards immediately in front of the fireplace, and after removing a small quantity of earth came upon a human skull, containing a perfect set of teeth. The hole was extended, and presently a number of rib bones was found, followed by the discovery, in sections, of other bones which completed the skeleton.

Until a medical examination has been made it is impossible to say whether death was caused by violence. A small piece of dirty ribbon was the only article found with the bones, which must have been buried many years ago.

After the police had been called in it was decided to take up the remainder of the flooring in the kitchen, and also the flooring in the front room and in the passage way leading from the front entrance.

GAOL FOR SECRETARY.

"COMRADES OF THE GREAT WAR" FUNDS MISSING.

At Stratford Police Court Maurice Geddes, of Leyton, was charged on remand with receiving a cheque for £25 on account of the Leyton and Leytonstone Branch of the "Comrades of the Great War" and fraudulently converting it to his own use. At the last hearing it was stated that the defendant was formerly secretary of the branch, and that when the accounts were investigated it was found that about £300 was unaccounted for.

Mr. Stern, for the defence, said that Geddes had served in South Africa and France, and had suffered from shell-shock. It was owing to this that he had got his books muddled. Geddes had said that he had paid large sums to widows and dependents of soldiers, and that was where the missing cash had gone.

Geddes was sentenced to three months' imprisonment in the second division.

SUSPECTED "DIPPERS."

An array of counsel attended the West London Court to defend four men—John Miller, Frederic Behars, Alfred George Beacon, and John Spillman, all of Hackney, who were charged on remand, before Mr. Boyd, with being suspected persons at Olympia on the night of the Wilde-Moore fight for the purpose of picking pockets.

Evidence was given by several detectives, who stated that they saw the prisoners operating in the vast crowd which poured into Olympia.

Mr. Curtis Bennett, K.C., urged that though the men were known to the police "for different reasons," they went into Olympia on this night as bona fide spectators of the boxing match. Their movements in the crowd were due to their being sent from one part to another by officials directing people to different seats.

Behars and Beacon, who had been previously convicted of felony, but were stated to have done good service in the Army, were sentenced to three months' hard labour each, and Miller and Spillman were discharged.

AIR PILOTS STRIKE.

A strike of aerial mail pilots, the first of its kind in the United States, was declared at New York on Friday morning, following on the refusal of the Post Office Department to reinstate two pilots who had been discharged on account of refusing to ascend in fog recently. The New York-Chicago aerial mail service is particularly affected.

FIRST GENERAL NAVAL LEAVE.

The first general leave given to his Majesty's ships since the outbreak of war began yesterday, the first watches of the crews of the ships of the Atlantic Fleet and their attached flotillas being landed at their home ports for leave until August 8th. The second watches will be granted leave from August 9th. to August 23rd.

MATERNITY BENEFIT DECISION.

It was decided by a majority of three judges in the Divisional Court on Saturday that the wife of an insured person is entitled to maternity benefit notwithstanding that the husband is not the father of the child.

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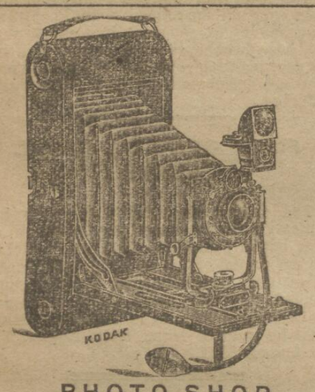

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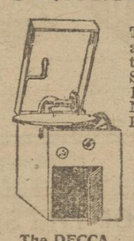

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WAR UNSETTLEMENT.

How often have we observed the effect of two, three or four years of war upon the individual? Perhaps it has been brought home to us when we have endeavoured to take up the threads laid down when we donned the uniform. There is the inherent difficulty in getting things done, and we find ourselves unfitted for sustained effort, mental or physical.

At first it seemed an idea without foundation, but slowly it was borne in upon one that there were arrears to make up, a gap to be bridged. Such is the effect of a new order of life. The old things which seemed so simple at first present alarming obstacles.

In the search for reasons, first and foremost, we have the surrenderings of initiative. In a lesser degree perhaps with officers, but certainly in the case of the rank and file, there is that sinking of individuality. It is only on rare occasions that men are required to think for themselves, unless a matter of life and death is involved.

A crisis acts as a stimulant and the brain responds, but for the most part initiative is cromped. The whole duty of the individual is to respond to others.

That is the difficulty. Many are trying to fit themselves to post war conditions, and by the exercise of stern self discipline are succeeding. It is difficult we know. There is the disinclination to study, the difficulty to settle down. There is an unhealthy craving after new sensations, a wild search after pleasure, all the product of the unsettlement, which the war has brought in its train.

Now to the remedy. It can only be overcome by the provision of wholesome amusement and training. Much remains yet to be done to equip men for what is to come hereafter. Men must not be allowed to lose the threads of knowledge which they possessed in civilian walks of life.

They might learn to producse ome of the things the Army must purchase at the public expense. Learn they must, that their time may be profitably employed and they may be better fitted to face the new condition of things which the past four years have brought about.

PARTIES IN GERMANY.

In these days of constant controversy and Party differences, a good deal of interest naturally centres round the institutions which govern nations, and considerable curiosity has been evinced regarding the constitution and methods of the German National Assembly.

The last historical sitting of this body, at which Erzberger, the Minister of Finance, made some sensational revelations, will certainly affect the development of the interior policy of Germany and greatly influence the proportions of different Parties composing the Reichstag after the next elections.

Before, and during the war, the German Reichstag could be divided into four great parties:—The Conservatives (including the pan-Germanists and the pure militarists,) the National-Liberals, the Centre Party (Roman Catholics) and the Socialists.

In the actual National Assembly, a body which was established to form a constitution for Germany, there are 22 Independent Socialists, 165 Majority Socialists, 75 Democrats, 90 Deputies of the Centre, 22 Deputies of the Volkspartei (or Party of the People) and 42 Nationalists. The German Nationalists are the old Conservatives, who remain faithful to the Kaiser and to the old system. The Party of the People consists mainly of old National Liberals who, like the Nationalists, think it is the fault of the Revolutionaries that Germany lost the war and signed the peace terms. Most of them are Protestants and therefore hostile to the Catholic Centre Party, as religious prejudice and antagonism is a very strong factor in all German institutions.

The Centre Party, at whose head Erzberger presides, is the Party of the Roman Catholics and is particularly powerful in Rhineland and Bavaria, and since affairs assumed a revolutionary aspect in Germany, its programme has become more democratic.

The Democrats are a Party which came into existence when the old Government was discredited on the signing of Armistice terms. This Party abandoned allegiance to the Government by refusing to approve of the signing of the Peace Treaty. With the others already mentioned it represents the middle class at the assembly.

The proletariat is represented by the Majority Socialists and the Independent Socialists. The latter, led by Liebknecht, separated themselves from the main Socialist group, during the war, by refusing to vote war credits, and since then have called themselves "Independent." Meanwhile they have been joined by Communists and Spartacists, and are Bolshevist in their tendencies.

Actually, the dominant influence in the National Assembly are the Centre Party and the Majority Socialists, and Erzberger's recent revelations can only consolidate this union, which a few weeks ago had been endangered by discussions about religious and educational matters, and had only been maintained by compromise.

TOO OLD TO LEARN?

When we were at school we grumbled against certain subjects that we were obliged to learn. In the one case it would be Euclid, in another Latin or Greek or French or German, and in another history, and so on. We did not generally realise practice in the development of all parts of the brain was necessary to complete intelligence.

There were lessons and lectures that we thoroughly enjoyed and there were others that we either attended with compunction or that we tolerated with distaste.

As we grow older we regret this laxity in learning. That is why we see so many men of all ages reading up their former studies.

It has been said that the older one becomes the less easy it is to retain knowledge, but I do not believe this to be true of any individual who would cultivate the will to learn.

I agree that in, say, the first decade of his existence a human being does acquire far more general knowledge than he would learn later, in two or three decades, but learning up to the age of sixty may be quite as easy though, of course, slower, and the memory almost if not quite as retentive.

If an adult can remember and quote some paragraph that he read in last week's newspaper he is capable of acquiring useful knowledge. Many, however, do not realise this.

No, age is no bar to learning. There is no reason why a man of fifty or even more, be he active, should not learn a trade or some branch of technical training to which he might turn his hand.

If he can speak and write a foreign language in addition, so much the better. We must strive for our own advancement and for that of our country, and the old buffers could well compete with the youngsters towards so noble an end. Come, old 'uns, let us try! W.R.P.

THE CARD INDEX.

There are many men who, having spent many long and arduous hours over some dreary piece of work, at last become so interested in the work of their hands, that it occupies their lives to the exclusion of all else, and becomes a tyrant which admits of no rival.

In the office in which I—spend my time, there is one who has permitted just such a tyrant to fill his life; he is a bombardier.

Most of us who have spent any time in an Army office know the Card Index; it is quite a simple thing; merely a large number of cards arranged in boxes, so that if anyone wishes to find out anything about, say, Lieut. Smith, all that is necessary is to open the box marked 'S' and by means of the Initials, extract the correct gard.

The bombardier I have mentioned, started to form a Card Index of all the Officers in a certain Corps, and soon he had it complete and in exact alphabetical order.

The Thing, however, had grasped his soul, and soon he had started an Index to the Card Index, so that instead of finding a Card without any delay, he first studied the Index and discovered if there was any probability of the card he wanted, being in the Card Index.

If it was proved that it ought to be there, he searched for it, but if no card was mentioned in the Index—he searched for it just the same, in case it might be there.

When the double index was complete, the bombardier surveyed his work; found that it was good, and straightway commenced to form another Index of the same officers, this time arranging them by Rank and—but to cut a long story short—our office is now crowded with card boxes.

For this one lot of Officers there is now the original Card Index; the Index index; an Index arranged in order of Acting Rank; of Substantive Rank; by Units; by initials; in order of Home Addresses; in order of Merit; in fact there is an index in every possible way one could think of.

Under the old regime a Staff officer would sometimes come enquiring about the rank or location of some officer under his administration, and under the old regime we would get the file which dealt with that officer and find out all there was to know about him, but now when a similar enquiry is made the bombardier pricks up his ears.

With swift footsteps he approaches the array of boxes, jerks out one, and in about thirty seconds snaps it back with a—but bombardiers do not swear—and rapidly opens another box—another blank and another; now the boxes are snapping in and out in a manner somewhat reminiscent of a Lewis gun; the bombardier waxes hotter and hotter, and at last the gunner comes to his rescue.

In the time honoured fashion he draws the necessary file and gives the necessary information; then to the bombardier, whose fingers are still gliding back and forth over the cards:—

"Say old man—what's trumps this deal?"

RAS.

THE RESOLUTION

Who invented the mouth-organ? Who the concertina? Perhaps, after all, it is better that I should not know, for I feel that it would be my life's purpose, were I to discover the names of the men who have inflicted untold suffering on humanity, to follow them to the ends of the earth, so that I might settle a long-outstanding account.

I am billeted with a certain unit which boasts several exponents of those inspiring instruments. Only towards one of them do I have the slightest antipathy — the one who sleeps on the same floor as I. Until to-night I have endured his perpetrations with, at the most, a superlative use of bad language, certainly without becoming virtually a murderer. But to-night I have seen red.

I do not blame the musician. Perhaps his soul finds self-expression through the mouth-organ. Art is a strange thing. I have known a man who admitted candidly that the noblest artistic effort of which he was capable was the perfectly symettrical trimming of his toe-nails. To his credit he it said he had beautiful toe-nails. Again, a lady of whose acquaintance I am proud, was as pleased when she had successfully accomplished her coiffure with only six hairpins, as if she had written "Paradise Lost" or composed Tannhauser.

Words fail, however, to express my feelings towards the inventor of the instruments. I wish I were the president of a Spanish Inquisition and he the prisoner before me. He must certainly have been able to distinguish one note from another, consequently he must have had a slight appreciation of music. Therefore he has no excuse. His crime is unpardonable.

But to be just. The man with the mouth-organ, as soldiers who have seen Active Service know, has often been a source of great comfort. He used to make me think of an Angel with the horns and cloven hoofs of the Devil. Perhaps I am too bitter, but I feel to-night that the beauty of the sounds produced by this instrument are to the hideousness as a teacupful of feathers to a gasometerful of coal.

As I say, my feelings reached their culmination to-night. In other words, to-night did it.

The night being wet, I made up my mind not to go out of doors, but to stay in billet and enjoy a little reading. Accordingly, after tea, I stretched myself on my bed, lit a cigarette, and opened an old favourite, "Twelfth Night". My friend the musician, at that very moment started his recital with his great masterpiece "K-K-K-Katie". However, I manfully read the opening lines of the play.

"If music be the food of love, play on;
Give me excess of it, that, surfeiting,
The appetite may sicken, and so die.
That strain again . . . . ."

On being brought round five minutes later, I made a resolve. I go to morrow to inscribe my name on the waiting-list for a civvy billet. Then, perhaps, by the time the two or three years have elapsed before I am fixed up, I shall be demobilized. Who knows? . . . .

L.W.H.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

LATER OPERAS?

Sir,— One advantage which awaits the forthcoming opera season is the extra hour now permitted for movement to and fro in the city. Last season not a few of the performances began before the usual tea hour, and portable refreshments were almost a necessity. So possibly in the future our aesthetic natures will not be offended as often.

Incidentally, lovers of opera will do well to acquaint themselves with the present progress of music in London and the provinces. The visit of Sir Thomas Beecham's company to Bradford, for instance, has been such a success, that a second visit has been promised. Bradford is only half the size of Cologne, so we can all take hope for the future of opera in England. VIOLIN.

THE BRITISH MUSICIAN.

Sir,—One would like to know why German musicians are placed in several of our own Concert Party Orchestras to help with the British Tommy who is often a professional musician. How is this?

One thought that after such expoundings in England by Sir Charles Stanford Joseph Holbrooke and other musicians on the capture of musical positions by, the Germans, and in the interests of the British composer, that it would have been the last thing to introduce into a British concert Party. A MUSICIAN.

BREWING BEER IN COLOGNE.

Sir,— According to the press, better beer is to be supplied in "Blighty." Transport cannot be spared to bring adequate supplies by barrel I agree, but cannot the N.A.C.B. arrange to brew some beer in Cologne.

If it could be managed the Board would earn eternal blessings and the profit would remain in British hands. Above all, appreciation of a glass of old English ale would be unbounded.

ONE OTHER RANK.

WHY NOT CATS?

Sir,— What a pity "A Parson" hides his identity. I should love to attend his church and hear some more of his views.

Really, it is an excellent idea, and when it is adopted I shall take my cats too, for I cannot bear to leave them behind. Every Church Parade I am asked why I am sobbing.

'Around, around flew each sweet sound."
'What loud uproar bursts from that door."

A LAYMAN.

THE GERMAN'S RECORD.

Sir,—I suppose it is only natural that when a British soldier gets talking to an ex-German soldier, the talk have veer round to the fronts they been on.

I was many months in Rhineland before I met a German who would admit having ever been on the British front—it was always Verdun or Russia. But I met an exception the other evening.

The landlord of the village inn is an ex-sergeant of the German artillery, and he possesses a neatly printed card, showing in addition to his name and other personal particulars, the engagements in which he figured during his two and a half years in the war zone. Flanders, Arras, the Somme, Chemin des Dames, were all there with the dates. Strangely enough he was in action south-west of Rheims exactly twelve months ago—so was the writer—and he was at Grevillers and Bapamme in March 1918 when the person to whom he was now doling out indifferent beer was not so far away.

He told me that every German artillery man received a similar record of services on demobilization.

It would, I know, be a very big job, but I fancy there are many British soldiers who would like to have a similar record of their overseas service. Is it feasible?

LIMBER GUNNER.

DANCE ROOM ETIQUETTE.

Sir—Having read the letter of "Dancer" and "Jazz". I would like to suggest that my letter was misunderstood.

In the first place when I said dances I did not refer to the Thursday evening dances. As a matter of fact I have not attended one of those dances. I was referring to the tri-weekly dances, where one does not require tickets for admittance. As regards modern dancing I have nothing detrimental to say about it, as I am very fond of these new dances, and when done properly they look very nice and graceful. What I meant by wild dancing I will try and explain.

For instance the M. C. announces a dance, we will say a One Step, the music strikes up and the dance commences but after a few bars of music some couples change from the One Step to the Fox Trot and so on with the result that they are constantly bumping into other couples with the exchange of a few low murmured words and black looks.

In my opinion when the M.C. announces a dance, that dance ought to be adhered to all through.

Regarding the "Jazz" I have seen it danced in London and elsewhere and it is not what I would include in a dance programme. It is the only new dance which I do not think becomes the average graceful British dancer.

I have attended many dances at the British Empire Leave Club and I dance all the new dances, with, I think, the same aptitude as the majority, but having experienced the result of a few dancers breaking the rule, I thought I would give my views on the subject. "RUNNER."

This correspondence is now closed.—Ed.

SALVE!

To live within a cave—it is most good;
But, if God make a day,
And some one come, and say,
'Lo! I have gather'd faggots in the wood!'
E'en let him stay,
And light a fire, and fan a temporal mood!

So sit till morning! when the light is grown
That he the path can read,
Then bid the man God-speed!
His morning is not thine: yet must thou own
They have a cheerful warmth—those ashes on the stone.

THOMAS EDWARD BROWN.

Jasons Of The King's Brigade.

ARDUOUS TEST IN KHUD RACE: SHIELD CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS.

The Khud Race, which seems to have been an adventure of the Jason or Hercules type, formed a feature of the final contests for the Shield presented by the Commander of the 1st King's Brigade. At another sports meeting a highly original obstacle race was run, involving the negotiation of a lake and three walls.

UP HILL AND DOWN DALE.

Amazing Speed And Exciting Finish Near Beuel.

The concluding contests for the 1st King's Brigade commander's shield took place near Beuel on Wednesday. In spite of the frequent heavy showers of rain, there were many visitors and a large assembly of spectators from the contesting units, the 13th, 51st and 52nd Battalions "The King's". The earlier contests in musketry, boxing and swimming having left the 13th and 52nd Battalions level on points, competition for all the events was very keen.

The competitions to be decided were the transport, limber driving, cross country run, hill, relay and khud races and tug-of- war.

The transports of the three battalions made a very fine display. When judged by Brigadier General Tyler, C. M. G., C. R. A., Lancs. Div.; Col. Galloway. D. S. O. and Col. Ballingall. M. C., R. A. M. C., the result was in favour of the 52nd. King's, who also literally ran away with the cross country race. Major Delaney, O. B. E., P. & R. T. Supervisor G. H. Q., so well known for his keen interest in sport in the Rhine Army, assisted in judging the racing events.

SURPRISING DEFEAT.

The surprise of the day was the defeat of the 13th King's Tugof-war team by the 52nd who thereby managed to take first place in every event except the khud race. This race was held through severe country, comprising a sequence of rugged hills and valleys, densely wooded. Each battalion was represented by twenty competitors, who, cut, bruised and torn, made astonishing speed and a very exciting finish in which the aggregate win went to the 51st Kings.

In the limber driving contest the first place wa taken by the 13th King's, some good driving being witnessed, the judge being Lieut.-Col. Howden, commanding 16t Brigade R. F. A. The tug-of-war pulls were judged by Lt.-Col. Pelly, C. B., C. M. G., D. S. O., commanding the 12th Bn Loya North Lancs., and Major Delaney, O. B. E.

In all there were 200 different competitors for the athletic events. The afternoon's proceedings were brightened by the music of the 12th Loyal North Lancs band and the pipers of the 16th H. L. I. present by the kind permission of their commanding officers.

At the close of the meeting the shield was represented to the 52nd Bn. "The King's" by the Brigade commander (Brigadier General T. S. Lambert. C. B., C. M. G.), who also handed to the O. C, 13th King's the Brigade football shier. won by the battalion earlier in the yeald

KEEN SPORTS.

2/4th Bn. Hampshire Meeting at Friedenberg.

Splendid weather and a great keenness on the part of all ranks contributed to a very successful sports meeting held by "D" Coy, 2/4th Bn Hampshire Regt, on Thursday at Stamford Bridge, Friedenberg, on the fringe of the perimeter. The band of the battalion was in attendance and rendered selections of music suitable to the occasion.

At the conclusion of an excellent afternoon's sports Major H. C. Westmoreland, D.S.O., presented the prizes, and in a few well-chosen words congratulated the winners, and the officers and N.C.O.'s of the Coy. concerned in the organization, on the success they had achieved.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

100 yards:—1, Pte. Stevens; 2, Pte. Nicholls
Throwing the Cricket ball:—1, Pte. Morris (92 yards); 2, Pte. Hall.
440 yards:—1, Pte Morris; 2, Pte. Hall.
High Jump:—1, Pte. Deacon; 2, Pte. Vowles.
One Mile:—1, L/Cpl. Standsbridge; 2, Pte. Savage.
220 yards:—1, Pte. Miles; 2, Pte. Hall.
Platoon Relay Race:—1, No. 15 Platoon; 2, No. 13 Platoon.

CRICKET FRIENDLIES.

NORTHERN DIVISIONAL M.T. COY. (89) v. 2nd NORTHERN BRIGADE SIGNALS (33). For the M.T. Company, Pte. Goldthorpe scored 31 and Pte. Beale 21 runs. Bowling for the winners, Cpl. Platt took 8 wickets for 10 runs and Lieut. Wallis 2 for 23 runs.

498th SIEGE BATTERY (84) v. 75th BDE., R.G.A. (53) at Rendorf. For the Battery Sig. Pestell bowled magnificently throughout, claiming 8 wickets for 17 runs, which brings his number for the season to 78 wickets at an average of 2 runs a piece Sgt. Smailes scored 44 not out.

NEXT YEAR'S BISLEY.

The question rifle experts are discussing to-day is: What will be the conditions of next year's King's Prize and what will be the weapon used. The gunmakers would be very pleased to have the last question decided. As the War Office has millions of the short rifles which helped to win the war on its hands, it is very improbable that any new rifle will be introduced for the present, and the likelihood therefore is that the King's Prize of 1920 will again be shot for with the short rifle at the short ranges. Then the question arises: Will the authorities permit the use of wind gauges and the aperture sight applied to the short rifle, which can be done? If they do, (writes a "Sportsman" special correspondent) it will induce many more competitors to come to Bisley than will come to shoot with the open sights, no wind gauge, and no slings.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, July 29, 1919.

Surface wind light between North-West and West. Cloudy with occasional drizzle at first, probably improving during the afternoon. Continuing cool with fair visibility.

NOVEL OBSTACLE COURSE.

Hallamshires Programme at Cologne.

There was no lack of novelty in the sports organised by the 4th (Hallamshire) Bn. York and Lancaster Regt. which attracted a large number of spectators to Blücher Park, Cologne, on Saturday. An original course was selected for the obstacle race, which was perhaps the most interesting event of the day. A lake, 50 yards across, three high brick walls. and many other ingeniously selected obstacles had to be negotiated. A large band of clowns provoked considerable merriment, assisted by a diminutive donkey. "C" Coy. came through the company championships with many points to spare. The band of the 1/5th West Yorks played enjoyable music during the afternoon.

THE WINNERS.

Appended are the results of the more athletic events:—

Throwing the Cricket Ball:—1, Sergt. Gaunt; 2, Pte. Marshall; 3, Pte. Waterhouse.
Guard Mounting:—1, C Coy.; 2, B Coy; 3, D Coy.
Tug-of-War:—1, D Coy.; 2, C Coy.
100 yards:—1, Pte. Rapsey; 2, Sergt. Holder; 3, C.S.M. Stone.
Company Relay Race:—1, C Coy.; 2, B Coy.; 3, D Coy.
Half Mile:—1, Pte. Kirk; 2, Sergt. Waugh; 3, L/Cpl. Woodbridge.
Hurdles:—1, Sergt Holder; 2, L/Cpl. Simpson; 3, Pte. Kirk.
100 yards (open):—1, L/Cpl. Mercer (6th W.Y.); 2, Pte. Dent (2nd N.F.); 3, Pte. Cawley (2nd T.M.B.)
Quarter Mile:—1, Pte. Roberts; 2, Pte. Pearson; 3, Pte. Hunt.
1 Mile.—1, Sergt. Gaunt; 2, Pte. Yaxley; 3, 2/Lieut. Sneyd; 4, Sergt. Waugh.
220 yards:—1, Sergt. Holder; 2, Pte. Rapsey; 3, L/Cpl. Barraclough.
Open Relay:—1, 1/6 West Yorks; 2, 3rd M.G.C.; 3, 2nd T.M.B.

At the conclusion of the sports the prizes were presented to the winners by Col. H. R. Headlam, C.M.G., D.S.O.

5th K.O.S.B. DERBY.

Successful Sports Meeting at Zons.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

The 5th K.O.S.B. held a very successful sports meeting at Zons last week, the following being the leading events and prizewinners:—

Inter-Company Cross Country Run:—1, C Coy; 2, B Coy; 3, D Coy.
Inter-Company Soccer, 5 A'side:—B beat C Coy, in the final by 3–0.
Mile:—1, R.Q.M.S. Tincler, A Coy; 2, Lieut. Barrowcliff, B Coy; 3, Capt. Mattingley, C Coy. Time: 5 mins. 1/2 sec.
100 yds:—1. Pte. Young, B Coy; 2, L/Cpl Graham, B Coy; 3, Pte. Wright, D Coy. Time 11 1/5 secs.
440 yds:—1, 2/Lieut. Barrowcliff, B Coy; 2, Pte. Young, B Coy; 3, Cpl. Anderson, C Coy. Time: 60 1/2 secs.
Throwing the Cricket Ball:—1, Pte. Whitelaw, B Coy; 2, Cpl. Anderson, C Coy; 3, Pte. Niskellar, A Coy.
880 yds:—1, 2/Lieut. Barrowcliff, B Coy; 2, Lieut. Smith, B Coy; 3, Capt. Mattingley, C Coy. Time: 2 mins. 22 secs.
High Jump:—1, Cpl. Anderson, C Coy; 2, C.S.M. Graham, C Coy; 3, Pte. Kemp, B Coy.
5th K.O.S. Derby (Mule Race):—1, Pte. Alexander; 2, Pte. Finlay.

THE LONG JUMP.

Long Jump:—1, C.Q.M.S. Kerr, D Coy; 2, Sgt. Paul, C Coy; 3, Pte. Young, B Coy.
440 yds (open):—1, 2/Lieut. Barrowcliff, B Coy, K.O.S.B.; S.S. Tottle, R.A.M.C.; Time: 1 min. 1 sec.
Putting the weight:—1, Capt. Gough, B Coy; 2, C.Q.M.S. Kerr, D Coy; 3, Pte. Hedley, C Coy.
Sergeant's Race 220 yds (Handicap):—1, Sgt. Halliday, (40 yards); 2, C.Q.M.S. Kerr (15 yards).
Officers Race 220 yds (Handicap):—1, Capt. Wynne, (60 yards); 2, Capt. Furst, (30 yards).
Inter-Coy Relay Race (220, 440, 880, 220):—1, B Coy; 2 C Coy; 3, A Coy.
1 Mile (open):—1, Pte. Paterson H.L.I.; 2. 2Lieut. Barrowcliff, B Coy, K.O.S.B. Time: 4 mins. 57 secs.
220 yds:—1, Cpl. Anderson, C Coy; 2, Pte. Doyle, B Coy; 3, Pte. McKenzie, A Coy.
Tug-of-War:—1, C Coy; 2, D Coy.
Champion Athlete:—1, Cpl. Anderson, C Coy.
Commanding Officers Cup to Best Company at Sports:—B Coy.

At the conclusion, prizes were distributed by Brigadier-General G.T.C. Carter-Campbell, C.B., D.S.O.

STEWARDS' CUP "SWEEP."

Result of Draw.

The draw for the Mechanical Transport Depot Sweepstake for the Stewards Cup took place at the Deutches **Theatre** last night. The total amount subscribed was 30,150 marks, expenses, 604 marks, leaving a total for distribution of 29,546 marks.

The prizes are divided as follows:—

The drawer of the name of the winning horse receives 14,774 marks, the drawer of the name of the second horse receives 7387 Marks, the drawer of the name of the third horse receives 4431 Marks and the holders of the names of the remaining 22 horses receive a consolation prize of 134 marks.

Prizes will be sent out on Wednesday in War Saving Certificates.

RESULT.

Number of Ticket.	Name of Horse.
1927...	Irish Elegance
11082...	Scatwell
07392...	Carados
1724...	Roideur
1720...	Walton
1722...	Polyscope
05287...	Racket
1725...	Best Born
10150...	Knight of the Air
1357...	Knight of Blyth
07357...	Monte Faro
1753...	Brigand
06380...	Golly Eyes
06900...	Greenroom
1700...	King Sol
5077...	Lady Juliet
5184...	Iron Hand
1590...	Little Vic
1650...	Gipsy Lad
5226...	C. P.
5151...	Twincat
7652...	The Sphinx
1499...	Magic Prince
1751...	Quintus
06689...	Pourboire.

GOODWOOD MEETING.

Likely Trio for "Stewards' Cup."

BY NOBBY.

At "glorious Goodwood," situated in the heart of lovely Sussex. racegoers this year look like witnessing the victory in the Stewards Cup of a horse that already has been described by a well-known sporting writer, as a "horse and a half", i. e. Irish Elegance, who will attempt to add to his Royal Hunt Cup success by adding the Stewards Cup, thereby proving what a great horse he is, and setting his 10st 2 lb. at defiance.

Years ago, this particular race was often the medium of some very heavy speculations, but I fear the bookmakers will not permit more than 3 to 1 against being obtainable on the day, regarding the above mentioned animal, whom I quite expect to see returned the winner, and an easy one at that, with the remaining other two places filled by Best Born and Racket respectively.

CHAMPION SPRINTER.

Those who are interested in sweepstakes (quite a feature among the Batteries and Columns in the A. of O. nowadays) and prove fortunate enough to draw "Irish Elegance", I strongly advise not to be tempted to part with their chance, because they think 10st. 2lb. is too big a weight for this horse to carry successfully as, barring accidents, I fail to see entered anything likely to lower his colours, believing as I do he is the champion sprinter.

To-morrow will be the Goodwood Plate, a two and a quarter miles race, and I shall be very disappointed if Langdon Hills with 8st. 4lbs. up fails to get in the first three if he does not win outright.

ENGLISH RACING.

Hurst Park Details.

July Plate:—1, Eiderdown (11—10); 2, Wood (5—1); 3, Lady Violet (6—1).

Wimbledon Handicap:—Little Charlie (11—10); 2, Montdidier (7—1); 3, Winifrith (7—1).

Hampton Court Plate:—1, Bruce Lodge (7—2); 2, Comtessnie (2—1); 3, Jane Shaw (100—8).

Duchess of York Plate:—1, Perion (5—2); Avatar (5—1); 3, Golden Orb (5—4).

Thames Plate:—Gadtuna (5—2); 2, Silver Bridge (7—4 on); 3, Swinerton (20—1).

Earlsfield Handicap:—Soning (9—2); 2, Rassade (3—1); 3, Pourboire (4—1).

CAVALRY DIVISION RACES.

The dates of the races in the Cavalry Division Week are August 1st and 5th and not 1st and 4th as announced in our advertisement columns on Sunday.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP MATCHES.

Excellent Batting.

93rd BDE. R.G.A. (180 for 7) v. "G" A.A. BATTERY, R.G.A. (22) at Kalk. For the 93rd, Gnr. Weight batted well for 78; Cpl. Wilson made 36 not out and Sgt. Barker 19 not out, while Weight and Smythe were the successful bowlers with 5 for 8 and 5 for 9 respectively.

EASTERN DIVISION H.Q. (145 for 7) v. 52nd WELSH REGT. (140). For the Welsh, Lieut. Parry was top scorer with 29, closely followed by Sgt. Hull (27) and Mr. Hughes (27 not out). For Eastern Div. C/S Sandell made 44. Capt. Carrall, 40 not out. Bowling:—Cpl. Walwork 5 for 43. Mr. Hughes 1 for 25. Result:—Eastern Division won by 3 wickets.

153 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A. (118) v. "D" CORPS SIGNAL COY. (90) at Düren. Batting for the Battery, Sgt. Hawes s ored 46, Lieut. Barrett 20, Bdr. Dransfield 11, Lieut Wilkin on 11, and Sig. Crowches 10, while Bdr Witty captured 5 wickets for 17 runs. For the Signal Coy., Sgt. Walkden scored 33, Sgt. Barker 14 and Lieut. Parsons 11, Sapper Hend 4 for 19, Lieut. Parsons 3 for 21.

34th BN. M.G.C. (106 for 7 wickets) v. "G" A.A. BTY. R.G.A. (38) on ground of the first named. For M.G.C., Pte. Lawler (34) McCahl (26 not out) were the best scorers, while McCahl and Mr. Robertson bowled well, taking 6 for 21 and 3 for 9 respectively.

9th D.L.I. (89) v. 53rd NORTHUMBERLAND FUS. (37), at Riehl. For the Durhams, Capt. Gibson scored 30, Pte. Lord 21 and Cpl. Ramsdon 10. For the Northumberlands, Lieut. Worthington scored 10 and Pte. Griffiths 8, while Cpl. Gibson, D.L.I. took 2 wickets for 13 and Sgt. Smith 3 for 12.

1st BN. M.G.C. (55) v. 18th FIELD AMB. (33) at Flurzheim. Major Rees (17) was top scorer for the Machine Gunners, while Lieut. Griffin took 6 wickets for 16 runs. Pte. Lownes took 8 wickets for 24 runs for the Field Amb.

3rd K.O. HUSSARS (150) 1st LIGHT RLY SIG. COY. (28). The best scorers for the Hussars were Lieut. Cannon (52), S.S.M. Elliott 22, and Pte. Bennett 22 not out, while Lieut. Cannon took 4 wickets for 2 runs.

"R" A.A. BATTERY (78 for 3) v. 2nd NORTHERN T. M. B. (51) at Volksgarten on a rather wet pitch. For the A.A., Bdr. Whitehouse bowled well, taking 5 wickets for 18 runs. Cpl. Slape also bowled well, taking 5 for 33. Bdr. Whitehouse scored 20, not out and Gnr. Corbyn 64, not out.

LOWLAND DIVISION M.T. COY. (76) v. 64th FIELD Coy, R.E. (74). The finish of the match was very exciting, Cpl. Biles accomplished the hat trick for the Lowland Division M.T. Coy., this making the second time this season. Sgt. Hinchcliffe bowled and batted well for the R.E.'s. Cpl. Biles by his energetic batting and excellent bowling undoubtedly saved the situation for M.T. Coy.

52nd WELSH REGT. (87) v. LANCS DIV. SIG. Coy. (41). For the winners Lieut. H. Parry made 17, Lieut. S. J. Needham 12, Mr. Hughes 12 and R.S.M. Lewis 13, not out, while Cpl. Wallwork took 5 wickets for 12 runs and Sergt. Hull 3 for 4.

NO. 70 SQUADRON R.A.F. (111 for 8 wickets) v. 51st NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS (141), at Bickendorf. For the 51st, Lieut. Veitch scored 46 and Major Arkwright 22. For the R.A.F., Capt. Turnley (23), Lieut. Knight (17), and Lieut. Stephens (15) were the best batsmen. The chief feature of the bowling for the Northumberland Fusiliers was Sgt. Mele, taking 7 out of the 8 wickets. Cpl. Pullpott, for the R.A.F., bowled well, taking 5 wickets for 26 runs.

24th VET. HOSP. (69) v. A. A. SEARCHLIGHT SECTION (99) at Marienburg. For 24th Vet. Hosp., Anderson (23) and Cpl. Reeves (16) batted steadily, and the former was unbeaten when the innings closed. For the winners, an excellent stand was made by Pickering (38) and Carter (13), while Mackenzie took 5 wickets for 9 runs.

EASTERN DIV. SIGNAL COY. (42 for 5) v. 10th CORPS SIGNAL COY. (41). For X Corps the only batsman to reach double figures was Cpl. Gear with 13. For the Div. Signals Cpl. Newman was top scorer with 29. Bowling average for the Eastern Div. Signallers: Halsworth, 3 wickets for 10; Spr. Herbert, 3 for 5; and Cpl. Wrigley, 4 for 19.

VI CORPS H.Q. (17) v. WAHN SURVEY DET. (20 for 0 wickets). For Wahn Survey Det. Cpl. Jones took seven wickets for 8 runs, and Gnr. Holt 3 wickets for 8 and scored 17 not out.

OTHER RESULTS.

2nd M.G. Bn. (42) v. 3rd M.G. Bn. (40) at Langenfeld.

41st M.G.C. (158) v. 2nd M.G.C. (70) at Heumar. For the 41st, Major D. Boumphrey compiled an excellent 61, while Dvr. Gorrard (39) Col. A. G. Barry (17) and Lieut. A. T. Slade (16) were the next best scorers.

51st Bedfordshire Regt. 53; Lancs Div. Sig. Coy. 32.

2nd LIGHT BRIGADE CRICKET LEAGUE.

The 483rd (E.A.) Field Coy R.E. beat the 6th Battalion London Regt. as follows:—6th Londons 33; 483 Field Coy 57 for 4. (Spr. Feltham 27; Lt. Gledhill 21.)

FRIENDLY CRICKET MATCH.

6th K.O.S.B. (80) v. 11th Royal Scots (28) at Nieder-Aussem. For 6th K.O.S.B. the best scorers were R.S.M. Fothergill 28; C.Q.M.S. McLaren 21, and Pte. Holden 11, while Colonel Jackson took 5 wickets for 12 runs and R.S.M. Fothergill 5 for 12. For the Royal Scots Capt. Bennet Clark was top scorer. Lieut. McEwan took 6 wickets for 35 and C.S.M. Williams 4 for 37.

"R" Battery, A.A. (126) v. 17th Lancers (100) at Kalk. For the winners, Bdr. Whitehouse scored 53, and took 8 wickets for 39 runs. For the Lancers, Capt. Boles and Capt. Stanyfort batted well for 28 each.

Important Boxing Proposals.

NATIONAL WEIGHT STANDARD AND THREE NEW WEIGHTS.

An important meeting of the Council of the Amateur Boxing Association was held at the Offices, Newlyn House, High-st., Aldgate at the week-end.

One of the questions discussed affected the championships, and as the result of their deliberations the Council decided to propose at the annual general meeting of the A.B.A., that three new weights be added to the championships.

It was further proposed that those already existing should be altered so that the complete list shall be as follows:—

Fly-weight (8st).
Bantam-weight (8st 6lb).
Feather-weight (9st).
Light-weight (9st 9lb).
Welter-weight (10st 7lb).
Middle-weight (11st 6lb).
Light heavy-weight (12st 7lb).
Heavy-weight (any weight).

The additions, it will be noted, are the feather, welter, and cruiser weights, and the effects of these and the alteration of the other weights in the other events, if the proposal of the Council is adopted, will be to create a national weight standard for amateur and professional boxing alike.

THE SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Another important proposal discussed, which received considerable support, was that championships should be instituted for schools other than Public Schools—for elementary and secondary schools throughout the country, in fact.

ALDERSHOT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Times And Winners On Final Day.

The Aldershot Command Championships concluded on Saturday. Results:—

100 yards:—1. Lieut. Deekens, A.G.S.; 2. Pte. Pentland R.A.O.C. 3. Lieut. Winn, 3rd. Kings. Time 10 3/5 secs.

High Jump:—1. Lieut. Ritchie, 1st Black Watch; 5 ft 4 ins.

120 yards Hurdles:—1. C.S.M.I. Stevenson, A.G.S.; 2. Lieut. Ritchie; 3. Lieut. Smith A.G.S. Time 17 secs.

1 Mile Inter-Unit Relay:—1. Manchesters; 2. R.A.M.C.; 3. A.G.S. Time 3 min. 43 secs.

Long Jump:—1. Pte. Osborne, R.A.M.C.; 2 Pte. Mills, R.A.M.C.; 3. C.S.M.I. Stevenson tied at 20 ft 3 1/2 ins., Osborne winning the jump off Mills the second time.

One Mile:—1. Pte. Gamble, 19th Hussars; 2. A.M. Nicks, R.A.F.; 3. Pte. Tronch, 1st East Surreys. Time 4 min. 50 4 5 secs.

440 yards:—1. Q.M.S.I. Asher, A.G.S.; R.J. Stock, Army Schoolmaster; 2. Lieut. Campbell, 2nd H.L.I. Time: 53 2 5 secs.

3 Miles:—1. C.S.M. Evans, 2nd H.L.I.; 2. Cpl. Taggart, 1st Manchesters. Pte. Rimer, 2nd Manchesters. 16 min. 12 secs.

Tug-of-War:—(120 Stone): R.G.A. beat 2nd H.L.I.

Catch Weights:—Irish Guards beat 2nd H.L.I.

220 yards (Boys):—1. Sharples 1st Manchesters:—2. Ward, R.A.M.C., 3. Gorman, 2nd R.I.R. Time 26 1/5 secs.

Veterans:—1. C.Q.M.S. Brownlie, Scots Fus.; 2. C.S.M.I. Carroll, A.G.S.; 3. C.S.M.I. Doubleday, A.G.S. Time 28 2/5 secs.

3/4 Mile Relay Race:—1. A.G.S.; 2. Irish Guards; 3. 1st Manchesters. Time 2 min. 36 2/5 secs.

Putting the Shot:—1. Q.M.S.I. Mojer, A.G.S., 25 ft 11 ins.

Half Mile:—1. Sergt. Byrne, Tanks; 2. Capt. Groves, Tanks; 3. Cpl. Birch, Irish Guards. Time 2 min. 8 3/5.

COLOGNE NORTHERN LEAGUE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.	
London Div. M.T. Coy.	18	14	4		28§	
29 Bn. M.G.C.	13	12	1		24§	
1/6 West Yorks	13	12	1		24§	
Maps 4 F.S.Bn.	14	10	3	1	21§	
C/113 Bde R.F.A.	12	9	3		18§	
75 Bde R.F.A.	12	8	4		16§	
31 Labour Group	11	8	3		16§	
1/5 West Yorks	11	8	3		16§	
Southern Div. M.T. Coy.	13	7	6		14§	
1/4 York and Lancs	11	6	5		12§	
52 R. Warwick	10	6	4		12§	+
53 R. Warwick	9	6	3		12§	
11 Corps H.Q.	9	6	3		12§	
13 K.R.R.C.	7	5	2		10§	
420 Siege Battery	11	4	7		8§	+
13 M.A.C.	11	4	7		8§	
No. 14 G.H.Q., M.T. Coy.	10	4	6		8§	
51 R. Warwick	8	4	4		8§	
2/4 Hants Regt.	7	4	3		8§	
237 Field Coy. R.E.	8	3	5		6§	
88 Field Amb.	10	2	8		4§	+

§ Games awarded for scratched matches.
+ Games lost by default.

CRICKET FRIENDLY.

An interesting match played at Klein-Büllesheim between Officers of heavy Batteries of 21st Bde. R.G.A. and Officers of Siege Batteries, 21st Bde R.G.A., resulted:—Heavy Battery Officers 63 (4 wickets); Siege Bty. Officers 20. For Heavies Lieut. Titcombe scored 22 (retired) and Lieut. Palmer 19. Lieut. Dix, Capt. Roberts, and Lieut. Titcombe bowled well.

DAVIS CUP — 1st ROUND.

Barrett and Kingscote Beat Dodd and Aitken.

By winning the Doubles on Saturday the British Isles proved successful in the 1st Round of the Davis Cup. Results:—Barrett and Kingscote beat Dodd and Aitken 7—5, 9—5, 6—4.

Midland Counties Championships. Gents Singles: Doust beat O'Hara Wood 6—4, 6—4.

Ladies Singles: — Mrs. Larcombe beat Mrs. Mc Nair 4—6, 6—2, 7—5.

Gent's Doubles:—Doust and Wood beat Berrton and Thompson 8—6, 6—2, 7—5.

Mixed Doubles:—Wood and Mrs. Mc Nair beat Doust and Mrs. Larcombe 6—3, 7—5.

Boxing at the Ring.

At the Ring on Saturday night Geo Stammer beat Bdr. Tom Wilson, R.H.A., through the latter retiring in the 10th round.

POLO SEASON ENDED.

The Polo season finished both at Ranelagh and Roehampton on Saturday. At the latter Roehampton beat the Royal Horse Guards by 7—2.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

Wild and Woolly West.

Typical features from the Wild and Woolly West will be an interesting part of the First American Division Circus that is to appear in Cologne on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of August. The men who participate in this portion of the performance are all former cow-boys and ranchers from the great plains and mountain country of America. Texas, Arizona, California, Wyoming and the other cattle raising states are here represented by some of their most expert riders and ropers. Lt. Le Roy Finchum, who is in charge of the Wild West Acts, was with the famous 101 Ranch in Texas and puts his wide experience with bucking horses and buckeroos into action with hair-raising results.

"The Live Rounds."

After a break of two months the "Live Rounds" (10th Royal West Kent Regt.) opened their season on Tuesday evening at Schingenthal with an excellent little show in two parts. The humour of the evening was in the very capable hands of "Stan Dabourne", while "Phyllis" has lost none of "her" charms. "Massa Johnshon", "Billy Pales", "Dan Barnard", "Frank Spencer", and Lieut. C. Burnett all contributed to the success of the show. The "Live Rounds" will be at the Cinema, Siegburg, nightly at eight for one week commencing on Monday, 28th July. The show is well worth a visit.

More Leave Club Fixtures.

The B.E.L.C. continues its career of activity. On Wednesday an impromptu concert will take place from 5 to 6 in the music room, and at 7.30 (not 6.30 as on previous days) a dance will be held in the theatre and the 9th. Durham Light Infantry Band will play.

On Thursday the Pipers of the 11th Bn. Royal Scots, will play in the garden from 5 to 6. At 6.30 the weekly whist drive will commence.

On Friday there will be an impromptu concert in the music room from 5 to 6, and also a dancing class in the theatre.

At 8 p.m. there will be classical dances by Mlle. Laure Aman and Mlle. Marte Brantzkii on the stage of the theatre, accompanied by the Ladies Leave Club Orchestra.

On Saturday there will be an impromptu concert in the music room from 5 to 6, and the dance in theatre commencing at 7.30. p.m.

"Y.M." Future Events.

An interesting programme has been drawn up for the present week by the Y.M.C.A., Cologne. This evening at 7 p.m. Prof. A. Main, D. Litt., C.F., will lecture on "Prussia," in the Loreley Hall, and in the Great Hall, "The Tonics" will submit their bright and breezy entertainment. To-morrow at the same hour "The British Empire in India" will be discussed by E. B. Denham, while the cinema and orchestra will provide amusement from 6.30 to 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The third talk on the subject of "German mentality" by Miss Muriel Smith, M.A., on Thursday, and a discussion on "The Church and Unity" on Friday should be full of interest. Other announcements include on Saturday a visit of "The Prongs," at 7 p.m., and "Diversions," conducted by Miss Churchill, and on Sunday a discussion conducted by Dr. Francis and the Rev. A. D. Mackenzie on "Things that matter most." At 6.30 p.m. there will be sacred songs, and at 7 p.m. United Divine Service.

Medicals Entertained.

On Thursday afternoon the 47th General Hospital at Bonn was visited by the Lena Ashwell Concert Party previous to their engagement at Siegburg at night. The patients and staff were treated to a very enjoyable programme, every item being well received. Miss Winifred Chambers, Miss Julia Caroli, Miss Jesse O'Grady, Miss Monique Poole, Miss Lina Rashleigh, and Mr. Archer Hill contributed to the programme. Cheers called for by Lieut.-Col. A. W. Elsner, C.B.E., D.S.O., R.A.M.C., were heartily given.

Cards and Music.

Music and whist entertained a large gathering of "D" Coy., 17th Royal Fusiliers, at Hoffnungsthal. Those who contributed to an enjoyable musical programme were Lieuts. Field and Hankin, Sergt. "Jack" Howe, Cpl. Abell, Sergt. Jackson, and Cpl. Hawes. The proceedings were organised on behalf of the Commander, Lieut. Hood, M.C., by Lieut. Rogers and Sergt. Griffin, and Sergt. Hares was stage manager.

In few words.

A very successful concert was given by the orchestra of the 1st. Eastern Brigade at the British Empire Leave Club conducted by Lieut. H. B. Lewis.

JACQUES.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

90 Years Young.

The Mayor of Godalming, aged 70, won a handicap race at the peace sports, and a councillor aged 90 also ran

All Round Horseman.

As an all-round horseman Percy Woodland has few equals but it is unfortunate his weight prohibits frequent engagements on the flat. His lowest riding weight is 9st 2 lb.

Preston North End.

Preston North End have signed on William Bowron, of Berry Hill, County Durham, a centre-forward, who, before the war, played in the North-Eastern League.

Ledoux—Noble match.

It has now been decided that the Ledoux-Tommy Noble match will take place on July 31 unless a further postponement is necessary on account of the injury which Ledoux has suffered to one of his hands in training.

Bloodstock Sale.

One of the most important sales of thoroughbreds ever held in the United States will be the dispersal of the whole of the stud of Mr. Clarence MacKay. This sale will take place at Saratogu, New York, on Thursday, August 14. The catalogue wil include the well-known stallion Spanish Prince.

To-day's Fish Story.

Fishing from a boat at Folkestone an angler caught a 7lb lobster.

Jimmy Wilde's Holiday.

Jimmy Wilde intends to go to Blackpool next week for a holiday, and will fulfil exhibition engagements at Rochdale on Aug. 9 and at Belfast on Aug. 16.

Racing Boom Dying.

The racing boom is showing signs of dying down. There were nearly as many bookmakers, clerks and their associates at Hurst last week as there were backers.

Three Figures.

To one of the veteran brigade has fallen the honour of being the first to take 100 wickets for the season. The bowler is Wilfred Rhodes, the right-handed batsman and left-handed bowler.

Nothing Doing.

Many boxers have challenged Eddie McGoorty, but when their challenges have been accepted the men have "backed and filled," and there has been nothing doing.

The Devon Dumplings.

In the third cricket match of the Devon Regiment week at Exeter the Devon Dumplings defeated Devon Regt., the scores being: Devon Regt., first innings 130, second innings 324; Devon Dumplings, first innings 383 for nine (declared), second innings 80 for one.

Best T.Y.O.

Sivern is said to be Sir Edward Hulton's best two-year-old. He will be seen out at Goodwood.

Motor-Cyclists.

Motor-cyclists before the war were very conservative, but the same cannot be said now. Thousands have been in the Mechanical Transport and Air Force, and have been brought into contact with the latest theories and practice in engineering.

League Breach.

The breach between the Southern Football League and the Football League has failed to be readjusted, and the two bodies have now broken the agreement made in 1910. Apart from the question of transfers as affecting players, this means that the annual fixtnre between the two Leagues will no longer be played.

Lady Golfer's Record.

At Edgware the United Services Ladies' Golf Association held its meeting. In the eighteen holes' stroke competition Miss Molly Griffiths a Sunningdale player, accomplished a splendid round of 79, which beat the ladies' record for the course, the previous best being the 80 by the lady champion, Miss Cecil Leitch, accomplished in 1910.

New Player for Portsmouth.

The Portsmouth F.C. has secured the transfer of Eward Robson, the ex-Watford goalkeeper. He kept goal for Sunderland during the war period.

Motor Racing at Westcliff.

In the special event for lady car drivers for a 10 guinea prize in the motor race meeting at Westcliff, on Wednesday, Miss Cummings won by 3/4 sec. on the handicap.

Brentford F.C.

If names indicate anything in football, Brentford should maintain in the coming season the high reputation they gained last winter. Twenty professionals and some capable amateurs are already on the list.

The King and Rugby.

In the report of the Inter-Services and Dominion Forces Rugby Championship it was emphasised that the success of the competition was very largely due to the interest displayed in it by his Majesty the King.

Angling Prospects.

The Thames ands its tributaries and the Great Ouse, Avon, Arun, and other well-known rivers, have been freshened up well by the rains and angling prospects are good. Two large specimen roach 2lb. each have been caught in the Arun, at Pulborough (Sussex).

LIFE-SAVER PRAISES ZAM-BUK.

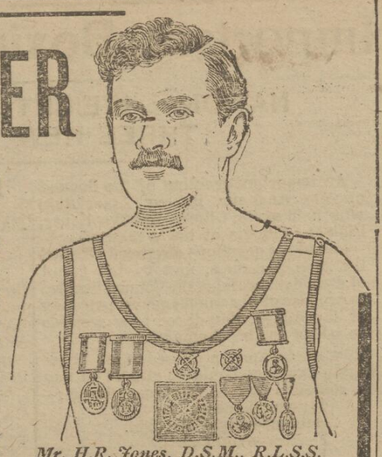

Mr. H.R. Jones, D.S.M., R.L.S.S.

Mr. H.R. Jones, D.S.M., R.L.S.S., Supt. at the Public Baths, Abbey Road, Barrow-in-Furness, has found Zam-Buk invaluable. As a certificated member of the Royal Life-Saving Society, and a swimming expert and instructor for many years, Mr. Jones has had wide experience of first-aid and Life-Saving work. No less than 30 drowning persons have been rescued by him, and upwards of 60,000 soldiers and sailors received swimming instruction at his hands during the training of troops. Mr. Jones writes:—

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2	4th	11.30	A
3	4th	12.30	A
4	4th	14.30	A
5	4th	15.30	A
6	1st	13.00	C
7	4th	14.30	C
8	1st	10.00	B
9	1st	11.00	B
10	1st	12.00	B
11	1st	13.00	B
12	4th	13.30	A
13	1st	10.00	C
14	4th	10.00	C
15	4th	12.00	B
16	1st	15.00	B
17	1st	12.00	B
18	1st	14.00	B
19	4th	15.00	B
20	4th	14.00	B
21	4th	13.00	B
22	4th	10.00	B
23	4th	16.00	B
24	4th	11.00	B

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Echoes from Rhineland.

Celebrating the Century.

To celebrate reaching the 100th number, the editorial staff of "The Cologne Post," presided over by the Managing Editor, held a pleasant little dinner, when reminiscences of the paper's career were exchanged between the courses. Capt. Inge, representing the Military Governor, was the guest of the evening, and proposed the toast of "The Cologne Post." He conveyed to the staff the warm congratulations of the Commander in Chief, Rhine Army, and the Military Governor of Cologne on their achievement, and good wishes for the future of the Rhine Army journal.

Seeking Information.

They were two thirsty souls, strangers in Cologne, and they had reason to believe that in the Cabaret known as "The Twelve Apostles," they would find some old friends from the North Country. But the job was to find "The Twelve Apostles." They decided to enquire of the first soldier who passed by. The first to come was an A.S.C. man, and to him they put the question, "Where's the Twelve Apostles?" Sandy — for the A.S.C. man's accent betrayed a dialect from North of the Tweed — reflected a moment, then shook his head and replied, "The only kirk I know in Cologne is the Dom, but the C. of E. Military Church is just round the corner."

Not a "Novel" Engine.

Some more information has reached us regarding the type of locomotive in use at certain works in Rhineland. A rifleman correspondent says he assumes that this was what is known as a fireless locomotive which is used almost solely in explosive and powder factories. Its uses, he adds, are obvious. With an ordinary steam locomotive ashes and sparks are occasionally dropped along the track, rendering it dangerous when used in the vicinity of explosives. The fireless locomotive, as its name implies, has neither sparks or ashes to drop and can therefore be used in explosive dumps and similar places without risk of firing the material. The chief point I want to get home, however, is that fireless locomotives are in use in England, and the Caledonia Works Kilmarnock are one of the British firms that supply what was described as the "novel" engine.

The Photographed Child.

What seems to be rather a common custom among German families is that on the birth of a child the parents present it with a well-bound photograph album, on the front of which is inscribed the child's name, date of birth and other family history. Below this is a short poem, more frequently a passage of scripture. On the opposite page is a portrait of the father and mother with particulars of their birth and marriage. The album is filled from time to time exclusively with photos of the child, taken at intervals of a year or so. So that when the child reaches man's estate the "Birthday Album" forms a most interesting record.

Pride of School.

"The House" is the fetish of every right-minded English schoolboy, and none so proud as he that wears his school colours on the cricket or "footer" field, but the German student is not content with proclaiming his college only on the sports ground. In addition to wearing blue, red, or other coloured caps, these budding philosophers and scientists may be seen promenading with their house colours, worn like a sash across the body, always, be it noted, making sure that it shows above the coat lapels. To walk through the streets of the occupied towns, especially Bonn, the uninitiated would think that every young man they met was a member of some Order or other, but it is only the German way of showing their pride in their school, and incidentally, an instance of the Germans' love of outward show, which plays a big part in their national character.

War Honours.

A very bulky number of the "Army and Navy Gazette" has just reached us, and on opening it to ascertain the reason for its largely increased size we found it was a "War Honours issue" containing 74 pages filled with the names of recipients of awards for services in the field and in connection with military operations in France, Flanders, in the Balkans, Italy, North Russia, Egypt, Mesopotamia, East Africa, Aden and at home. It forms a very complete reference and should be in every mess. A great many individuals would probably like to secure a copy also, so we may say that the price is one shilling and the publisher's address is 22 Essex Street Strand, W.C.

Electricity in Britain.

Apropos a recent communication on the subject, the fact that a standing Committee of the House of Commons is considering the Electricity Supply Bill points to a great development of electricity in Great Britain in the near future, and it seems probable from the discussions which have taken place, that at no very distant date even small towns will be as well off for their own supply as those of Belgium and Germany.

Stopped Clocks.

One thing which strikes the ordinary observer in Cologne is that, in a city where the municipal services seem to be well organized, so many of the public clocks should be stopped. Even clocks in the most prominent places have been pointing to the same time for months. One wonders whether the explanation is that the interior of the clocks have been removed and their metal used as war material.

Wearing Their Caps.

About a fortnight ago, the British Military Authorities granted permission to the students of Bonn University to wear their college caps and sashes. The other day, owing to certain demonstrations among the students which were prejudicial to good order, the Authorities warned them that if a similar scene occurs again, the permission will be cancelled.

Varied Military Garb.

The varities of uniform worn by the British Army seem to be a source of constant interest to the German populace. When British troops first arrived in Cologne, the appearance of a kilted soldier in the streets, created quite a small sensation, and even now such adornments as the red hackle worn by the Royal Highlanders is an object of much curiosity.

War Savings.

On Sunday we recorded the excellent results scored by the 51st Leicesters in investing 51,600 marks during one week. We are now informed that the 53rd Battalion Royal Sussex Regt. invested in one month 187,988 marks (£1841. 15. 9) The highest amount received in one day was 57,628 marks.

1st Battalion Machine Gun Corps on July 2nd invested 42,430 marks, B Coy contributing 21,150 marks and D Coy 13,687 marks.

52nd Battalion Leicestershire Regt. has 124 N.C.O's and men of the Battalion enrolled as members of the War Savings Association and on the first pay-day a total of 36,448 marks was invested by them, an average of 294 marks (or £4 1. 0.) per head. It would be interesting to know if this is a record.

To-day's Johe.

At the entrance to the Q. M. stores of a West Country regiment on the Rhine is a flight of steps leading down to the cellar. On the wall above this a Notice in German politely informs everyone that this is "Zum Unterstand." The regimental wag in a spasm of enlightenment has added to this "and zum Don't."

PRIZES FOR ECHOES.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to Rifleman A.V. Bull K.R.R.C. 47 General Hospital Rhine Army; Cpl. E. Fisher D of S. & T., G.H.Q. Rhine Army, Gnr. G. Johnson, 303 Siege Battery R.G.A. Rhine Army.

From Everywhere.

To the Rubberless.—Holland is now sending supplies of rubber to Germany.

Never Quiet.—Mexico is in a state of ferment.

Super-Greyhounds.—Two huge vessels are being constructed in American yards which will cross the Atlantic in four days.

Calling for Capital.—In England prospectuses of new companies are coming out in shoals.

Cash-Down.—The actual cash brought in by the Victory Loan was 450 millions sterling.

The Prince's Popularity.—There is a great revival of popularity of the air "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

Not Profitable.—The Post Office which once brought in an annual profit of many millions is now worked at a loss.

German by Pass.—The use of the German language in Alsace Lorraine is permitted by persons in possession of a pass.

The Dollar on Top.—The present value of the British Sovereign as compared with the American dollar is now about seventeen shillings and sixpence.

Recruiting Brisker.—Voluntary enlistment is improving, the average weekly take of recruits being now four times the average pre-war rate.

Wily.—The German Peace Delegation has sent a note to the Allies with regard to the property of Germans in Allied countries.

Leave After Rejoicing.—Ships of the Atlantic Fleet are returning to their home ports on five days leave after the Peace celebrations.

Now we Know.—The Food Controller says that food costing 7s. 6d. to-day would have been procurable for 3s. 7d. before the war.

Retaining Rank.—Where the name plates on offices are being repainted in the City quite a bevy of majors and captains is appearing.

A Judge's Dictum.—"I've never met a man yet who was overfond of horses and dogs who wasn't cruel to women," is the dictum expressed by a judge in a recent trial.

Getting to Work.—Middlesex County Council has decided to carry out work on the main roads of the country, estimated to cost approximately half a million.

Chief Scout Explains.—"There is an idea that because I have been a general in the Army, I want to make soldiers of boys. This is wrong," says General Baden-Powell.

Traffic Reforms.—London traffic reforms embrace high fares.

Doping by Cigarette.—A case of doping by means of a cigarette for the purpose of robbery has occurred at Cardiff.

Shortage Foreshadowed.—A serious shortage of milk is foreshadowed for next winter.

Dancing in School.—The Birmingham Education Committee have decided to permit dancing in the schools.

Boy's Betting Losses.—A Grimsby boy clerk is said to have spent £1000 belonging to his employer in betting.

Increased Pensions.—Increased pensions for retired Indian Army officers are being considered.

Valuable Necklace.—A necklace of 52 large pearls of fine Orient has realised £10,600.

A Business man.— Lord Rothermere is suggested as British Ambassador to the States.

Dodging the Column.—At Sonderbourg in northern Schleswig, fifty-two new German millionaires have arrived with the idea of avoiding taxation.

Great Chimney Felled.—The 250 ft. Vigo chimney at Northampton, the third largest in England, built 50 years ago, was felled yesterday.

Now and Then.—The headmaster of the Windsor County School says he does not know whether it is war weariness, but less keenness is displayed by boys.

Census of Wealth.—The German Government has ordered a census of wealth, All bank-notes must be stamped, otherwise they are cancelled automatically.

A Drop.—The Marconi Company, who claimed £7,181,000 against the Government for breach of contract, have been awarded £590,000.

French Naval Chief Dead.—Admiral Fauque de Jonquières, Chief of the French Naval Staff at the outbreak of war, has died in Paris.

A Marquis's Naval Medals.—Admiral the Marquis of Milford Haven has sold his collection of British naval medals for £1,419 2s. 6d.

Considerate.—Liverpool dock strikers are to allow the repatriated Canadian troops, with their wives, to sail without interference.

An Encouragement.—Camberwell Guardians suggest that Poor Law children who win scholarships should have 2s. a week pocket money instead of 3d.

Australian Naval Programme.—The Commonwealth is to purchase 47 Naval vessels, 28 of which will be built in Australia.

A Lesson.—For charging 4d, for half-pints of bitter beer instead of 3½d. a London licensee, and a barman have been fined £22 2s., with costs.

English Music.—Prof. Granville Bantock says English music is quite as interesting and beautiful as German, but up to the present it has never had a fair chance.

Wireless with Germany.—Uncensored wireless communication between Washington and Nauen, the chief German wireless station, has opened.

Danger in Fish.—Four people are in hospital at Birmingham suffering from ptomaine poisoning after eating tinned crayfish.

Welcome.—Cigarettes are again obtainable in London in airtight tins of fifty, as cardboard is more difficult to obtain than the metal.

Stained-glass Again.—The wonderful stained-glass windows in the Paris churches which were removed during the air raids, are being restored.

Gasping for Water.—A water famine exists in the south of Scotland in consequence of a six weeks' drought. The turnip and fruit crops are a failure.

Damage to Liner.—Damage estimated at £5,000 was caused by a fire which broke out in the holds of the White Star Liner, Cedric, in New York Harbour.

Captain as Rat Catcher.—Captain Arthur Davies, late Bedfordshire Regiment, has been engaged by a county council as an organiser of rat catchers.

The Limit.—A new form of profiteering has appeared. Certain shopkeepers and tradesmen in seaside resorts are charging a halfpenny for changing a Treasury note.

A Forced Loan.—The German Government, it is said, intends to levy a forced loan of £10,000,000,000 bearing interest at the rate of 2 per cent.

Four-Footed "Contemptibles."—Horses with more than four years' war service to their credit are entered for the Aldershot Command Horse Show on August 13 and 14.

London Theatres.—Saturday saw the last appearance of "Hullo, America!" Next Saturday is the last night of "The Naughty Wife" and "The Latest Craze." "The Boy" finishes on August 9.

Disappointed Hostesses.—Disappointment amongst ambitious Society leaders has been caused by the announcement that the Prince of Wales will live on a warship when he visits New York.

No Smoking Day.—The Cologne Press is organising a no-smoking day on Aug. 1st. All German smokers are asked on that day to give their tobacco to returned prisoners.

Wonderful Journalism. — "The Times" Weekly Edition now appears with an eight page illustrated supplement in photogravure. This is possible on fast rotary printing machines as the result of experiments carried out by the proprietors for the past five years, and the result is perfect.

Notes from London Town.

PRINCE'S TOUR.

It is now arranged that the Prince of Wales will include an American visit in his Canadian tour. In the present relations between ourselves and the Americans it was unthinkable that the heir to the British throne should visit Canada without crossing over into the United States. The Prince will leave for Canada early next month on H.M.S. Renown, He will be accompanied by a carefully-selected staff, the members of which are acquainted with Canadian affairs, and will call at important centres in the maritime provinces. The final port of call will be Quebec, after which the royal tourist will go overland to the north of the Great Lake system through the silver-mining region. The grain country will also be included in the trip, which will extend beyond the Rockies to British Columbia, the return journey being made across the continent to Montreal. The prince will perform several important public ceremonies during his stay in Canada, including laying the foundation-stone of the new Parliament buildings in Ottawa.

SEA MEMORIES.

A sort of competition of long memory is now going on in the columns of certain London journals. Tedious enough in its way, the main event of living interest recalled by the long memoried correspondents so far has related to the sea and sea romance. There is one old salt who recalls the last ocean race between the famous tea clippers in 1869. The vessels engaged were the Ariel and the Taeping. But there are as long memories of the sea as that still alive and quite as eventful. One old sailor of my acquaintance in the West country never tires of recalling the sight in Malta harbour when the last of the great towering wooden four-deckers were ordered home. I believe the vessel was bearing the historic name of Royal George, but I am not sure. But I know the old skipper describes how one sturdy and daring Jack Tar swarmed up to the top of her dizzy mainmast, stood upright on the tiny foothold on top, and, hauling his jumper off over his head as he swayed there, waved it in the air, amid thunders of cheers down below.

AN ALLURING POSTER.

The latest Army recruiting poster is ahead of anything yet produced in that way. It is the pictorial exploitation of the old newspaper parallel column idea. On one side of the poster is the young civvy. But he is cleverly made an ex-Army civvy. Anyone can see that the chap has been through the Army mill. On the other side is a veteran soldier, of about the same youthful age, in his comfortable off-parade order, smoking his pipe. Each succession of pictures down each side of the poster deals with the same problem. In each case the manifest advantage of the soldier's lot is made very clear. Whether it is clothes, rations, holidays, tobacco, health and medical attendance, sport, or what it may be, the man in civvies is down in the dumps, and the soldier is "cheerio!" And there is so much absolute truth in it, that the Army should win a good many converts.

WAR TROPHIES DEPARTMENT.

To obviate misunderstanding, let it be said that the department in question is not another addition to the State departments, but a somewhat belated departure by a West End store. This emporium has possibly perceived a revival in popular demands for German trophies, in consequence of the peace pageants and the historic note. At any rate, they have opened this special department, where one may become the possessor of anything from a captured German machine-gun at several guineas to a Pickelhaube at half-a-crown. And semily the trade is quite brisk. Some poeple have a strange taste in drawing-room ornaments. And certainly there is much irony in the fate which consigns these relics of the great war to the palaces of the new rich profiteers. Because I am informed that about the only people who are not purchasing these cheap mementoes—perhaps the only articles now being sold considerably below their actual production value—are Service and ex-Service men. Americans are big buyers. And so, strangely enough, are war widows, many of them mere girls.

A CAPILLARY PARADOX.

General Corkran, an Old Etonian, has been lecturing the Eton cadets on their long hair. Naturally, as an Army man, the gallant Brigadier detests it. Nothing was more anathema to the "Old Sweat" instructors of the new Army recruits than their habit of wearing long hair. Many a recruit has been dumbfounded and amaxed to find his hair condemned as "operatic" just after passing through the hands of a civvie barber. Short hair means in the Army close cropped. And there were sound reasons for the military prejudice. But, strangely enough, the rising generation of school-boys seems to be addicted to very long hair. Eton is not alone in the long hair brushed-back fashion. It is rather a paradox that this should be so at a time when not only is the Army fashion predominant, but all the girls are being most conscientiously bobbed. It suggests a sort of compensating balance between the youth of the two sexes. But one fancies the Brigadier is right, and that boys who wear long hair will never do much at field sports. This week I saw a party of London schoolboys, averaging about 15 or 16 years old, and their hair must have been fully six inches long in most cases. Who sets these queer school fashions? Not the cricketers or footballers for certain. REGENT.

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REFUSED PEACE.

MORE EXPOSURES OF GERMANY'S BAD FAITH.

The sensation of the hour is Erzberger's statement regarding the alleged British peace feeler in 1917. Doubts are expressed as to its accuracy. Opinion in authoritative quarters is that there were undoubtedly many feelers during 1916/17/18 about which nothing has yet been published, and further disclosures of a similar kind are expected.

Important statements on the subject were made by M. Painleve and M. Ribot to Marcel Hutin of the "Echo de Paris." Painleve, who was premier of the Council at the time, said he had no knowledge of the affair, which seemed to him singularly exaggerated. It was probably a question of a memorandum sent by the British Minister at the Vatican (who represented France also in certain events).

FRENCH COMMENT.

M. Painleve said he was convinced that M. Ribot gave no permission to carry out such a mission. "This piece of history which Erzberger has hushed up seems to me absolutely contradictory, contradicting as it does, the pourparlers which were going on with Austria about the same time. France undertook no pourparlers but confined herself to acknowledging a communication through Britain at the beginning of August 1917, when the Pope made an attempt at rapprochement and submitted to France certain proposals to serve as a basis for overtures with Germany.

Great Britain, in acknowledging the letter in very polite terms, went so far as to remark that the proposals did not contain sufficient guarantees as regarded Belgium. Gasparri telegraphed the British reply to Germany and asked for a precise declaration about Belgium. Germany did not desire to reply because they were unwilling to give Belgian guarantees.

Erzberger's statement is a distortion of the truth. Great Britain gave her Minister at the Vatican no orders to add anything when acknowledging receipt of the message, therefore the acknowledgement was very far from being an offer by the two Allied Governments.

MORE GERMAN EXPOSURES.

Meanwhile the German National Assembly continues to wash its dirty linen in public.

Herr Müller, Minister of Foreign Affairs, one of the signatories of the Peace Treaty made a long speech yesterday in defence of his policy. He declared that the Armistice was not the result of the revolution but of the military situation. He further surprised the Assembly by stating the fact, now revealed in Germany for the first time, that Great-Britain answered to the Peace note of the Pope that she had no opportunity to discuss his proposal with her Allies and peace negotiations had no chance of success as Germany refused to state her intentions about Belgium.

BISMARCK'S POLICY.

Müller, saying that only a clear answer about the Belgian question as regards reparation and her complete independence could have brought us nearer to Peace, stated further that Michaelis concealed the British proposals which opened the way for peace from the leaders of political parties and that the precise declaration about Belgium which he promised to those leaders was in fact the exact opposite.

Later in his speech, Herr Müller said: "Foreign countries must understand that we Germans are a peaceful folk. It has been said that we are destroying Bismarck's work. Bismarck's work has been endangered by the policy of the last twenty-five to thirty years. He would never have allowed the Military to mix up in politics as has been done in this war. And he had men who were much superior to Ludendorff. Ludendorff, next to Tirpitz has been the cause of the greatest ruin."

BAUER CARRIES ON:

The Nationalist Schulz-Bromberg renewed the attack on Prime Minister Bauer and Minister Erzberger.

Herr Bauer answered with further revelations: He read two notes in connection with Belgium, one by Michaelis to Hindenburg's answer. In the first Michaelis expresses his thanks for the support of Hindenburg and Ludendorff at the Crown Council of the 11th September 1917 (of which Ludendorff denies all knowledge).

Hindenburg in his answer says that a long occupation of Belgium would be necessary after peace and the German influence must be paramount in Liege to protect the industry of Rhineland and Westphalia. "We must keep strongly in our hands, "says Hindenburg," the area on both sides of the Meuse and South of St. Vith. The neutrality of Belgium is a phantom which cannot be considered from a practical standpoint."

COAL STRIKE.

WORDS OF COUNSEL AND WARNING.

All is quiet on the Yorkshire coalfields. On Sunday the situation was reported as being somewhat improved and there is a growing desire on the part of the men to resume work. In South Yorkshire the winding enginemen returned to duty after consultation with the owners, and in other districts naval ratings are carrying on without molestation.

Mr. Smith, President of the Yorkshire Miners Council, addressed a number of meetings on Sunday, when the situation was explained but no vote was taken. Nor was any mention made of the Council meeting which Smith has stated must take place before the terms are considered.

OBDURATE MINERS.

There is still no sign of resumption of work in the Yorkshire coalfields. Apparently the Government formula is being discussed at various lodges, who will appoint delegates to a conference at which a decision will be made. The general feeling is that any Government action will be welcomed which will bring the conflicting parties together.

Lancashire, Cheshire and Derbyshire miners have accepted the settlement and returned to work.

CONVULSIVE EFFECTS.

The far reaching effect of the coal strike and higher costs are well illustrated in the case of France. With her own collieries ruined, she was dependent on two main sources of supply—England and America. The price of English coal is prohibitive and the supply nil. Orders for seventy million tons have been transferred to America. The rest of the coal that she must have, France will obtain from Germany, under the terms of the Peace Treaty.

The demands of France, it is said, are very exacting and the German delegates point out that the whole of the German railway traffic will be stopped if Germany has to deliver the huge quantities of coal demanded by France each month.

BOLSHEVIST BOGEY.

Reports from Berlin state that a sensation has been caused in German Ministerial circles by the demand of the Allies for the immediate delivery by Germany of large quantities of coal in accordance with the terms of the Peace Treaty. The German representatives are said to have told the Entente that if the delivery were insisted upon, Bolshevism would be the result. The Entente are reported to have replied that they would know how to deal with that.

INCREASE OF OUTPUT.

Mr. J. H. Thomas says he is disturbed in spirit at the situation at home, which, following a colossal expenditure, both of life and wealth, needed above everything else to be stabilized.

The one thing essential was to restore confidence in this country, increase production, and keep every industry fully employed. To effect that was no easy matter considering the difficulties which to-day presented themselves, but it would be his earnest endeavour to work in that direction.

EFFECT IN SHEFFIELD.

The coal famine has severely gripped Sheffield's industries, placing just over 30,000 unemployed on the list. The local Labour Exchange paid out on Saturday £20,000 in out-of-work pay.

NEW LEAGUE WANTED.

Bishop Welldon, addressing the Durham Miners' Association in Durham Cathedral, appealed for industrial peace. A war upon the railways or in the coal mines was essentially not less barbarous than a war upon the battlefields of France. If a League of Nations was needed for the abolition of warfare, no less was there need of a League of Classes for the prevention of industrial warfare.

THE RIGHT SPIRIT.

With a view to maintaining the coal output to as high a level as possible, 20,000 miners and surface workers in the Manchester and Bolton coalfields have decided to remain at work and put in full time at the pits. At meetings, however, they are adopting resolutions condemning the 6s. advance on coal prices as unnecessary and prejudicial to the general interest of the industrial community.

LIMIT CANCELLED.

The Board of Trade announces:—

"In view of the altered situation, the recent Order restricting deliveries of coal in the metropolitan area to two cwts at a time has been cancelled. Private consumers may obtain coal for stocking purposes up to the quantity allowed by the rationing order. Coal merchants are not prevented from making such deliveries, provided they have established the reserve stock required for ensuring supplies to small consumers during the winter months."

SKELETON MYSTERY.

VICTIM'S STEP-SISTER CHARGED.

The police have not yet traced the woman Alice Grant for whom they are searching in the belief that she can throw light on the discovery of the skeleton of a girl under the floor of a house in Pembroke Place, Kilburn. The remains are assumed to be those of Connie Grant.

A remarkable development has arisen through a reported statement by the stepsister of Connie who has been detained by the police.

She says that a week after Connie was missing she found her dead body in the cellar in an emaciated condition and she assisted in the disposal of the body under the kitchen floor. No lime was used, the absence of flesh from the bones being due to the activities of rats.

Yesterday the police preferred a charge against Maggie White, the step-sister of Connie Grant. It was made under the Burials Act in respect of her alleged knowledge as to the disposal of the body. The police theory now is that the girl's death was not necessarily other than a natural one.

GERMAN DUPLICITY.

DOCUMENTS FORGED TO JUSTIFY WAR.

From Amsterdam it is reported that Colonel Scawertfeger, formerly of the German General Staff, who was charged in 1915 with the selection and classification of documents alleged to have been found in the Brussels archives during the German occupation, has published a brochure of the highest importance.

In it he declares that he never found any document which even hinted, let alone proved, that Belgium had not fulfilled its obligation of neutrality before the outbreak of war. The only thing attributable to Belgium was an inclination Englandwards, which was cherished because she realised the menace coming from Germany. The author states that the German Government not only falsely interpreted the Brussels documents, but committed many forgeries in order to deceive German public opinion.

SOLDIERS' SERVICE FOR FALLEN COMRADES.

Fifty thousand discharged and demobilised sailors and soldiers marched in procession through the London streets to Hyde Park on Sunday and took part in a great service conducted by the Bishop of London and Bishop Taylor Smith, Chaplain General, to the memory of the men who fell in the war.

As the procession passed the cenotaph in Whitehall the men bared their heads. The Bishop of London preached an impressive sermon on the lesson of the war and urged his hearers to practise in their daily lives the fine spirit of comradeship shown throughout the war.

Music was supplied by a band of broken heroes, every member being partially disabled by wounds. Many women were moved to tears during the service, which concluded with the Last Post and the Reveillé.

HUNGARIAN MINISTER'S DESPAIR.

A despatch from Vienna states that at the last meeting of the executive of the Hungarian Republic, Herr Garbai, the President, declared that the Communist system would end in a terrible breakdown and he could not take the responsibility for a continuation of it.

He tendered his resignation, which the Council refused to accept. Garbai thereupon drew a revolver with the object of shooting himself. He was prevented from doing so by two members rushing up and disarming him.

SIR E. POYNTER DEAD.

Sir Edward Poynter, Bt., G.C.V.O., President of the Royal Academy from 1896 till last December, died on Saturday, aged 83. Sir Edward, who was knighted in 1896, and created G.C.V.O. last year, was made a baronet in 1896, and the title now passes to the elder of his two sons, Lieutenant Ambrose Macdonald Poynter, R.N.V.R., F.R.I.B.A.

VAST FOREST FIRES.

A great series of forest fires are raging along the eastern slopes of the international boundary and southwards to the States of Idaho, Washington, and Montana. Large tracts of forest in the interior of the Rockies also are ablaze. Already thousands of square miles of timber have been destroyed, the damage being incalculable. In the opinion of forestry experts the fires cannot be checked except by the snows of next winter.

FOOD WASTING.

The American steamer Sun arrived at Genoa a fortnight ago with 5,000,000 eggs for Switzerland in 12,000 boxes, which were dumped on the mole in a blazing sun, and, owing to the difficulty of transport, the whole cargo still lies there rotting.

A number of British officers in a Handley Page have left Cairo for Damascus. They are the pioneers of the route to Baghdad.

PAGEANT OF SHIPS.

MIGHTY DISPLAY ON THE THAMES.

The last five years have shown that in the great war of people, all the strategy of generals and the gallant heroism of the ranks could have been of no avail without ships, says the "Times". Ships transported men to the battle fields on the Continent, and to far distant lands, carried them food and munitions, brought them back again wounded, sick or on leave, brought divisions from British Dominions overseas, came heavy laden with troops from the United States and have taken back men from the battle areas to their homes near and far. All the time, ships were bringing to the United Kingdom cargoes of raw material for munitions, manufactures, armament and food to enable the country to carry on.

Every type of ship so contributed its share to the common cause — a great liner acting as transport or hospital ship; a mercantile cruiser as cargo steamer laden with foodstuffs; a humble collier feeling its way down the North Sea with coal for London houses; a little Thames paddle steamer tossing across the seas to the river Tigris, all running the gauntlet of enemy submarines. Those things are known now and it is fitting that they should be commemorated. The mercantile marine was represented in the peace procession a week ago, but the great commemoration will come next Monday — the fifth anniversary of the outbreak of war between Great Britain and Germany. The highest possible honours will then be paid to the heroism of the men who manned the ships, to the ability of the vessels and to the enterprise which enabled them to be at the service of the country.

WAR GRATUITIES.

DEALING WITH CLAIMS FOR DECEASED MEN.

Difficulties in the issue of War Gratuity to the representatives of officers and men who died in the earlier years of the war have to a large extent been overcome, the War Office announces.

Accounts of some 700,000 estates which had already been distributed have had to be reopened, and these are being dealt with according to the date of notification of death. This accounts for the fact that, though gratuities due to men killed in 1918 have in very many cases been issued, those of men killed in 1916 and 1917 have, as a rule, not yet been paid.

Settlement in the case of all officers and men who died in 1914 and 1915 is actively in hand, and it is intended to complete the whole work by the end of December next.

Representatives of any soldier whose death occurred before December 1915, and who have received no communication from the War Office on the subject of his gratuity, are now invited to write to "The Secretary of the War Office, Imperial Institute, London, S.W.," giving particulars. This will prevent the possibility of the case being overlooked.

Until further notice no communication should be sent in respect of a soldier who died after December 1915.

MRS. ELIOT'S ESTATE.

In the Probate Court yesterday, Mr. Justice Shearman heard an application in connection with the estate of the late Mrs. Arthur Eliot, better known as Mrs. Atherton, who committed suicide in her Mayfair flat.

Mr. le Bas applied for a grant of letters of administration to Mrs. Stackpoole, sister of the deceased. He stated that by her marriage to Captain Eliot in April 1919, Mrs. Eliot's previous will was revoked and as far as could be ascertained no other will had been made. The proposed arrangement was consented to by all parties and an order was made accordingly.

U.S. RACE-RIOTS.

President Wilson has himself authorised a direct and searching inquiry as to where the fault chiefly lies for the disgraceful race riots at Washington. Scenes of mob violence have been taking place all over the country since the negro soldiers came home from the war, and in the South they would have attracted little, if any, notice. Of all the acute problems which the war has left, President Wilson and the members of Congress consider the race-rioting not the least serious. Not only President Wilson, but the former President Roosevelt, called urgent attention to the deepening disgrace of American lawlessness growing out of race-antagonism.

DOUGLAS-PENNANT CASE.

Earl Stanhope will move in the House of Lords to-day that, as the Government have refused to grant a judicial inquiry, a Select Committee should be appointed to examine the circumstances connected with the dismissal of Miss Violet Douglas-Pennant from the Women's Royal Air Force, with power to call witnesses, to take evidence on oath, and to ask for the production of documents.

A GENERAL SHOT.

General Sir Henry Grant was accidentally killed while out rabbit shooting on Monday near Inverness. He slipped down an incline and his gun went off.

POST-WAR TRAINING.

SERVICE IN LIEU OF PREMIUMS.

Brigadier-General Asquith made an appeal yesterday to professional societies and employers to place at the disposal of the Appointment Department of the Ministry of Labour as many vacancies as possible for training ex-officers and men.

Of eighteen thousand applications for professional and semi-professional training, with Government assistance, two thousand have been dealt with. For the sixteen thousand that remain there are only some twelve or thirteen hundred offers. That position, he considered, was very grave, for it meant that unless a great number of additional vacancies for training are forthcoming, it is very difficult to see how the Government scheme can be successfully carried out.

That was one side of the picture. On the other, a great number of professional men have come forward and said they will accept a man's war service in lieu of a premium in professions in which premiums are customary. He hoped that a good many more will see if they also cannot waive the question of premiums in the same way.

RUSSIAN BLOCKADE.

DIFFICULT POINT OF POLICY.

Communications are passing between the Allies regarding the situation in North Russia, but their nature will not be made known for a few days.

The Council of Five in Paris yesterday, again discussed the question of the blockade of Russia. It appears that the theory of the American delegation, especially emphasized by President Wilson, is that blockade is inseparable from a state of war and inasmuch as the Entente is not at war with Russia the blockade ought to be raised. Many members of the Conference hold, however, that the Allied powers are no longer at peace with Russia and the blockade is therefore justifiable.

The Journal des Debats understands that the Council of Five decided to draw President Wilson's attention to the undesirable consequences which would result from the lifting of the blockade, pointing out that it would have the effect of providing exclusively for revictualling the Red Army and Bolshevist officials to the detriment of the anti-Bolshevist masses, thus operating against Hoover's plan for providing for the whole population of Russia without any distinction.

FAMOUS WAR HORSE.

One of the horses entered in the Aldershot Command Horse Show, to be held on August 13 and 14, is a brown gelding which was the first animal to jump the Hindenburg Line, in full marching order, after the infantry had broken through.

This animal was ridden throughout the war by Lieut.-Colonel Winwood, commanding the 5th Dragoon Guards. It went to France in August 1914, took part in the Mons retreat, and was in every action in which cavalry took part, including the battles of the Marne, Aisne, Ypres, Loos, the Somme, Cambrai, and Arras.

CANADA AND THE LEAGUE.

Modifications in the League of Nations Covenant suggested by Mr. Taft, ex-President of the United States, which would exclude Canada and other British Dominions from the Council of the League, are strongly opposed in Canada. The Journal, which is regarded as the official organ of the Ministry, says that Canada has sacrificed too much blood and treasure to be excluded from the Council merely to prevent splits in American political parties.

AIR MINISTRY CHANGES.

The Air Ministry announces that the Secretary of State for Air has approved a re-organisation of the Department of the Secretary to the Air Ministry, one of the objects of which is to provide more fully for the co-ordination of the work of the Department. In this reorganisation Mr. C. R. Brigstock and Mr. J. A. Webster, D.S.O., have been appointed assistant secretaries.

U BOAT IN TRAWL.

The Lowestoft steam trawler Boyhat entered Lowestoft on Saturday night bringing a portion of a German submarine with a machine-gun attached to it. The prize was fished up from the sea in the Boyhat's trawl net. It is 10 ft long, is very rusted, and has the appearance of having been separated from the rest of the hull by fire.

PETER'S PENANCE.

It is announced that King Peter of Serbia intends to abdicate in favour of Prince Alexander, and to retire to a monastery near Semendria.

A mail train from Moscow to Keiv was derailed and caught fire, all the passengers and train staff being killed.

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHEME.

Mr. H. A. L. Fisher, President of the Board of Education, was present yesterday at the Speech Day of the County Borough of Blackpool Secondary School, held in the Tower Ballroom.

He said we wanted more scholarships to the universities, and we wanted a larger provision of maintenance allowance to enable the children of poor parents to remain in the secondary schools until they had received the full profit of the secondary school course.

He had hoped to be able to announce this year that he had found it possible to create a large number of State scholarships to the universities, but he had not been able to accomplish that object. He was not without hope, however, that he might be able to accomplish it next year.

On the question of technical education Mr. Fisher said we were now faced with keen economic competition, but given a good system of technical education we could beat the whole word. "I am by no means satisfied with our present system," added Mr. Fisher. "I appeal to local education authorities to take advantage of the clause in the Act of 1919, which enables them to co-operate for particular objects and organise technical education over a wide area. I believe if we had a careful survey of our higher grade technical education on the one hand, and a combination of education authorities devising a scheme of technical education for particular industries, that then we should be on the right road to success. This matter of technical education is not one which can be settled by educationists alone. We must acquire the cordial co-operation of the business world if it is to succeed."

WOMAN MURDERED.

ANOTHER NORTH LONDON TRAGEDY.

Another grim tragedy came to light yesterday by the discovery of the body of a young woman in a house in Seven Sisters-road, Finsbury Park. She had been gagged and bound and then strangled.

The body has been identified as that of Lucy Nightingale, aged 26, a married woman belonging to Manchester. It is stated that for some timed, she has been living apart from her husband.

Dr. Spilsbury, the Home Office pathologist, is of the opinion that death was due to strangulation.

A man has been detained in connection with the crime.

FERDINAND'S STOCKS.

An application was made before Mr. Justice Eve in connection with the recent requisition under the Great Seal when a special jury decided the English securities held by ex-King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, valued at £400,000, were forfeit to the Crown.

Counsel said there was a difficulty, inasmuch as they could not deal with the stocks, which were registered in the name of Ferdinand, unless they had a vesting order. He proposed that a petition should be presented by the Attorney-General, on behalf of the Crown, under the Trustee Act, for a declaration that Ferdinand had held the stock, in the events that had happened, as trustee for the Crown. That would enable them to get a vesting order and have the stocks transferred into the name of the Crown. It was desirable to obtain the order at an early date.

ANTI-PROFITEERING.

There was considerable enthusiasm on the part of Ilford housewives when the street market, organised by the Urban District Council to benefit the purchasing public and to put a check on profiteering, was opened. The stalls were besieged, and several of them were cleared many times over. Prices showed a welcome fall. For instance, at one stall chickens were offered at 2s 6d each, and ducks at 4s, while eggs were sold at 3½d each. Amongst the fish that found ready purchasers were kippers, 8d per lb, and fresh haddocks, 4d. Fruit also was much cheaper—tomatoes, 9d per lb; peas, 2d; and new potatoes, 2d. Amongst the stallholders was a prominent local tradesman.

MARNE BATTLE MEMORIAL.

As a lasting memorial to those who fell in the Battle of the Marne, and as a thanksgiving for the victory, a chapel is to be built at Dormans, on the bank of the river, on a height overlooking the fields where the battle which decided the fate of France and of the world was fought out. The site was chosen by Marshal Foch, who stated that it was at that exact spot that the German offensive was broken and the invading wave hurled back.

A Fiat machine with two Italian aviators started from Kenley on Saturday in an endeavour to make a record flight to Amsterdam. The machine crashed, when over Marquise, near Boulogne, but both occupants escaped.

The Liverpool Dock strike was settled on Monday evening after a seven hours conference and work was resumed on Tuesday. The men claim that the settlement is favourable to them.

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PEACE REVELATIONS.

The debate in the Reichstag, which took place on the 25th inst., was illuminating to a high degree, throwing light, as it did, upon many obscure points connected with past attempts to negotiate peace.

How often have we read in the German papers of the honest and repeated attempts to bring about peace made by the German Government. To judge by their statements it was the Kaiser and his Government alone who sought the path of peace, and their well meant efforts were only checkmated by the obstinate determination of the Entente to persist in a war of aggression upon a peace loving country engaged in awar of self-defence.

To such people the revelations made by Erzberger, in last Friday's debate at Weimar, must have proved unpalatable reading. The duel between the Minister of Finances and Herr von Graefe developed into a first class debate, in which Erzberger made use of his undoubted oratorical powers in conjunction with the revelations of the Papal offer of mediation in order to deal a crushing blow to his critics of the Right.

His object was probably a two-fold one:—

(1) To defend himself against attacks on the part of the Conservatives of the old regime, including the German National People's Party, who were accusing him of having betrayed the country and of being in Austrian pay.

(2) It was an endeavour to refute the accusation so frequently levelled at the heads of the Revolutionary Government that it was the outbreak of the revolution which brought about the military collapse and not vice versa.

All this is now a matter of history. We all know now what the strength of the German divisions amounted to at the beginning of November, 1918. What is of supreme interest to us is to find what powerful support has been afforded by Erzberger to that section of the nation, drawn chiefly from the Majority Socialists and Independents, which asserted that peace could easily have been concluded in 1917 by a Government which really desired the conclusion of hostilities.

It is instructive to find their statements now borne out by their colleague. He points out where the guilt for the breakdown of this attempt at mediation must be laid. He lays it rightly at the door of the military party led by Ludendorff, the great industrial associations, and the war profiteers.

The door leading to peace negotiations was banged, barred, and bolted against any attempt of mediation. The Vaterlands Partei which was intended to foster the war spirit *à outrance* was founded. The German people, which required peace abroad and freedom at home, was put off and hoodwinked.

It is extremely interesting to find that this view of the conduct of the war has been so convincingly confirmed by the German Vice Premier, and we shall await further revelations with interest.

SERIOUS READING.

Another side of the Question.

The correspondence under this title at present appearing in the columns of "The Cologne Post" suggests a comment which I have not yet seen put forward. Most of the contributors to the discussion deplore the taste of the multitude in the matter of literary fare.

But it is useless to lament the taste of the multitude. It exists, and will be catered for by the literary providers, however much we grumbe.

What creates this impalpable influence which we vaguely term "taste"; we do not know. Not education, certainly.

The crowd who applauded Aeschylus Aristophanes, the common people who sang and recited our British folk songs and ballads, the citizen populace who flocked to Shakespeare's plays, were not "educated."

They did not attend study circles or belong to literary societies. They enjoyed the literary fare provided by the artists of their time, and the artists, therefore, continued to provide that kind of literary fare.

They would not have got a hearing if they had not provided what their public required, any more than Aeschylus, Shakespeare or the author of Chevy Chase, would get a hearing if they wrote for our modern public.

It is moreover a mistake to suppose that in the past the taste of the multitude has always been better than it is at the present day. The mediaeval liking for interminable romances, the seventeenth century fashion for interminable heroic tales, the eighteenth century delight in the Radclyffean novel of horrors, all illustrate the bad taste of our ancestors.

Now the two chief sources of excitement in nine-tenths of the lives of average men and women, are the interests arising from adventure (mental or physical) and the interests arising from sex.

And since fiction, whether embodied in drama, poem or novel, is the result of man's interest in himself and the society in which he lives, it follows that the major part of fiction will rest upon the same grounds.

The different ways in which the multitude like these interests presented to their minds, we call "the taste" of an age. One age delights in a literary art, which attempts a serious (or gay) reflection of essential human nature and its problems, another prefers a fancy picture of life as it might be if the world were peopled with Scarlet Pimpernels and Gene Stratton Porter heroines.

Thus, while all ages unite in craving for stories which shall prove that life need be neither drab nor monotonous, they differ both in their outlook and in their conclusions on this subject. The popular present day attitude of mind is that of melodrama.

The taste of some periods of the past was certainly more robust; the taste of those ages for instance which were willing that their literary artists should crown tales of crime, love and adventure with the utmost penalty of fate.

But we have to accept the fact that man's mentality has shifted since the days of the ballad writers and the Elizabethan dramatists. Now he asks for the comfortable assurance that dangers and distress will turn to wedding bells and an adequate income before he closes the book.

It does not matter that this denouncement is purely arbitrary. A facile optimism must be justified at any cost to probability and the Gordian knots of life sliced through by the mighty stroke of the pen.

The unwanted wife or husband must die; the hero, though reported dead as mutton, ever so often must finally appear smiling; the honest struggler must succeed; the spotless heroine conclude chastely in wedlock. Hence our Dills and Garvices, our Oppenheims and Oxenhams.

But while I am as anxious as anyone that our public taste should become more strong and healthy, I can suggest no Beecham's pill for our diseased faculty of appreciation. The seeds of that illness are too infinitely mysterious for any skill of mine to locate. I cannot help suspecting, however, that it will not be cured by study circles or literary societies.

E.A.D.

BRIGHT AND VARIED.

Can you write a short article?

We require a number of short, bright contributions for this page. They may be on any topic likely to interest the Rhine Army — humorous or serious, informative or descriptive. We place no limitations on those willing to submit articles. One stipulation only we are obliged to make—none must exceed 500 words. Payment will be made for all that appear.

WHAT TO SEE IN RHINELAND.

II. Bonn.

What about an afternoon in Bonn? It is a delightful town, small in size and prosperous in appearance, and it is situated close to the wooded hills that overlook and beautify the Rhine. Most of our soldiers bless their fortune when they find themselves in this university town, and they are well content to carry on their duties as imperial watchmen in its charming pleasaunces.

Long ago the archbishops of Cologne found glamour in Bonn, and when the battle between townsman and ecclesiastic became severe in the thirteenth century they transferred their residence and seat of government from Cologne to the smaller city. But archbishops, like most clergy, are always good judges of pleasing abodes.

Bonn has had its ebb and flow of fortune. It was quite popular in the days when famous generals were wont to besiege in leisurely fashion some comfortable and strategic cities. Was not Marlborough an unwelcome visitor and did not he show an inartistic desire to level its walls to the ground?

The guide-books say appropriate things and tabulate important dates about the Münster, a notable church which claims the inevitable Empress Helena as its founder. This good lady, the mother of Constantine the Great, must have been busily engaged for many a year in ecclesiastical foundations.

Then there is the Alte Zoll from which a wondrous view can be had of the Seven Mountains, Godesberg, and the Rhine Bridge; to those who like the prospect of long avenues bordered with majestic trees there is the Poppelsdorfer Allee which ends at the Schloss, one of the many electoral residences of our neighbourhood; and to the men who care to look at prehistoric remains, ecclesiastical antiquities, and pictures of the Netherland, Dutch, Rhenish, and Italian Schools, there is the Provincial Museum.

To me the most interesting places in Bonn are the University and Beethoven's house. The former was an electoral palace, and was only converted into a University towards the end of the eighteenth century. When the French occupied the Rhineland the academic interests of Bonn suffered sorely, but in 1814 Bonn was recovered by the Prussians and four years later the university entered a new and happier era under the auspices of Frederick William III.

The lecture-rooms are quaint with their stucco ornamentation, and one wanders through the rooms with many a thought of the philosophy, theology, history, and science, that have been taught by German savants.

Beethoven's House is full of interest not only to the antiquary and music-lover, but to the man of ordinary human interests. Who is it that does not feel pleasure as he looks at the original score of the Pastoral Symphony or the Moonlight Sonata?

Then there is Beethoven's piano—how could he do justice to his music on an instrument that is put to shame by a modern Steinway or a Beckstein?

There is, too, the model of Klingel's masterpiece, erected in Leipsic in 1902, a piece of sculpture which gave rise to so much criticism by its deification of the master musician.

Even the ear trumpets have their own interest when one remembers the fight which Beethoven made against physical adversity. Yes, Bonn should be visited.

THE ACCUSATION.

I could see it coming. I saw trouble in his very gait as he advanced towards me. As he drew nearer, I could see it was apparent in his set face; his compressed lips.

At last we were face to face. There was a look of tense excitement in his eye, terrible to behold.

That eye went through me and came out at the other side, and after travelling all round my spinal column, it performed a circular movement and alighted at its starting point—my own eye.

"And now we are alone," he said dramatically, "we can settle this little question between us."

My perplexity grew greater. To all outward appearances it was his question, not mine.

"What q——" but I could not finish before he was speaking again in tones more dramatic than when he first spoke.

"You have taken away from me all that I hold dear," he went on. "Was ever a man waylaid, trapped and robbed as I have been?"

What could it be? His wife, his family, his home, his fortune?

I could not speak. My brain was on fire. What domestic tragedy was he about to pour from his fullness of heart? We had been pals for so long, more like brothers, and from those sentimental confidences we had exchanged "out there" we knew each other's pedigree for many generations.

"I know," he continued excitedly, "you care nothing for me and mine. How I had scraped and schemed to acquire them! And all in a moment they are filched from me unceremoniously and without compunition to the perpetration."

Here was indeed a tragedy, enacted by some loathsome scoundrel, a wrecker of domestic happiness.

Then he made a terrible accusation. Drawing himself up stiffly he suddenly thrust his face towards me! I instantly contracted a Uriah Heep feeling, and before me was my accuser Wilkins Macawber.

He raised his arm and pointed deliberately at me. "You have done this thing, you whom I trusted as my best friend? Why are you looking at me like that? Why look so confused and abashed! I have found you out, wrecker of men's lives. You, whose conscience is blackened by your own horrible sin, who cannot control himself in the presence of company, what have you to say for yourself?"

"But," I protested, and that was as far as I got.

"Well," he said, "if you want me to be more candid, what do you mean by asking me for a cigarette in a crowd?"

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

CALVARIES AS MEMORIALS.

Sir,—There has been much discussion of late on the subject of Calvaries as memorials to our men. A certain class object on the grounds that they would be contrary to British religious ideas, but that is a narrow point of view.

What is the symbol of the Cross? Is it not Sacrifice? Would not Calvaries then be most fitting memorials to our heroes? Not only will they keep fresh in our minds the bravery and devotion of the men, who sacrificed their all, but can they not be used by those who pass by?

It was a common sight in France when the French soldiers were marching to or from the trenches to kneel at a wayside Calvary. These should be erected on village greens and in open spaces. Services could be held under its shadow and all denominations could unite and worship God with one mind and one thought, thanking Him that our country was saved from violation and at the same time remembering those who rest in a soldier's grave.

L. T. M.

FAVOURED AND UNFAVOURED.

Sir:—Would the charming girls who sometimes grace the informal dances at the British Empire Leave Club give one or two dances to other men besides the favoured ones who accompany them to the dances.

By all means let these favoured individuals see them home after the dances, but one of the very elementary principles of all dances is that the ladies should not show preference for one particular partner.

HAWKEYE.

PHOTOGRAPHING THE DOM.

Sir,—Can I supplement "Kodak's" letter by pointing out that the purchase of photographs is quite distinct from personal attempts at making them. Ignoring the size or the particular angle at which the shop-made article is offered, one's own pictures serve to recall far more vividly the building it represents than a dozen of the former. Buying picture postcards is open to anyone, but to the man with a camera and such a multitudinous array of subjects, it should be numbered among the Cardinal Sins to seek the shops.

"BIG BEN."

RHINE TRIPS.

Sir,—Is the once delightful trip on the Rhine deteriorating, as regards comfort? During the first excursions we were allowed to ride on the ordinary passenger train to Cologne and during the journey on the river were supplied with a decently cut bully beef, buttered sandwich, tea for lunch, and bread, butter, and jam with tea in the afternoon.

Now parties use trucks and the boat meals are served with hardly any system at all. Lunch consists of a slice of bread and half a tin of cold maconochie with a drink of poor tea.

BOB.

THE ALLIES RIBBON.

Sir,—I saw a reference to this the other day. From all I can gather it is a myth and a sham. It seems to be only a much coloured product of the comic-opera order and a purely fictitious one created by traders for the purpose of fleecing soldiers and ex-soldiers who buy it — often at an extortionate price — in the honest belief that they are entitled to wear it. So my advice is: Beware of the so-called "Allies" ribbon.

CAUGHT.

LEAVE CLUB HOURS.

Sir, — With regard to the altered hour at the Leave Club and dances beginning at 7.30 p.m., it means that a number of men have to leave before the dance is over. This is due to the fact that many come from outside of Cologne. With the dances commencing at 6.30 p.m. they are able to enjoy the whole of the programme and get back to barracks in time. To my mind the old arrangements suited the dancers best.

INTERESTED.

TRAMWAY COMPARISONS.

Sir, — Amongst the comparisons made, it has been stated that Cologne cars do not carry so many passengers as the London cars. Some years ago a Traffic Commission studied traffic arrangements and it was decided that the London cars were inferior, being double-decked. Passengers are able to enter and alight from the single deck car much quicker than the double-decked The chief trouble with the L.C.C. cars is in the stopping, and even on the Underground cars, better and more exits are being made.

Again, during the slack hours cars use practically the same amount of power as during the busy hours, whereas only a small car need be used, thus saving considerable power and cost.

ARNOLD.

POSTAL DELAYS.

Sir, — If letters are conveyed by aeroplane why is it that a letter from the frontier does not arrive in North Lancashire until the fifth day, and a return letter occupies anything from six to ten days.

Being on outpost-duty and some distance from a town makes one all the more anxious to hear from home and receive newspapers. What is the matter, or what is the cause of this delay?

C.B.

DANCING FOR ALL.

Sir,—As one greatly interested in dancing, may I suggest that fancy dress balls similar to the one held at the British Empire Leave Club be held more often for the benefit of the men.

An address where costumes are to be had would be a great help to those who do not know the city.

R. F. A.

PEACE.

Not in the raucous shouts of frenzied crowds around us,
Not in the outbursts of emotion, so long caged,
Nor in gay pageantry, or blare of trumpets on the highway,
Do we find peace.
But in the homes, or great or small, which gave us,
In old familiar haunts 'midst those we love,
In thankfulness shall we receive God's blessing,
His And find peace.

J.E.C.

Davis Cup: British Triumph.

SOUTH AFRICANS COMPLETELY ROUTED IN PRELIMINARY CONTESTS.

The preliminaries of the contest for the Davis Cup were concluded on Monday, the results being as follows:—

A. R. F. Kingscote beat L. Raymond 1—6, 6—0, 6—4, 6—1.

G. H. Dodd beat T. M. Mavrogordato 9—7, 7—5, 3—6, 4—6, 7—5.

The latter was the South Africans' only win.

H. Roper Barrett and A. R. F. Kingscote, representing the British Isles, beat G. H. Dodd and H. J. P. Aitkin, the South Africans, in the doubles contest by 7—5, 9—7, 6—4. As T. M. Mavrogordato and A. R. F. Kingscote won their singles contests, the British Isles team has qualified to meet the survivors of the match between France and Belgium.

The second day's play at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne was favoured by improved weather and a drier court. Well before three o'clock there was a plentiful number of spectators, and as the games progressed, the stands filled to their utmost capacity.

The First Competition.

The Davis Cup was presented by Dwight F. Davis, a member of the American team that won it when it was first competed for in 1900. Then America opposed the British Isles at Boston (U.S.A.), our team being composed of A. W. Gore, E. D. Black, and H. Roper Barrett, three remarkable veterans who were playing in this year's championships.

The last time the British Isles captured the trophy was in 1912, when C. P. Dixon, J. C. Parke, and A. E. Beamish unexpectedly brought it home from Melbourne, Parke on that occasion winning a great victory over Norman Brookes.

America wrested the trophy from the British Isles at Wimbledon in 1913, when Parke beat both M. E. McLoughlin and R. N. Williams, and the issue turned on a dramatic doubles match, in which Barrett and C. P. Dixon were beaten by McLoughlin and H. H. Hackett after coming within a stroke of victory.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

No. 1 D.A.C. Concert.

Many fresh items were introduced by No. 1 D.A.C. concert party in their performance at Zündorf recently. Lieut. Caldicott, Dvr. Kirk and Gnr. Hawkins submitted several humourous sketches and another notable turn was that of Capt. G. H. McEwen, D.C.M., R.F.A., who was in splendid voice.

French Concert.

Lovers of good music will be attracted to the concert to be given in Cologne on Thursday, about which an announcement appears in another column. The artistes include Mme. Gabrielle Gills of the Grand Opéra de Paris, M. André Dorival, pianiste, and M. Pierre Sechiari, violiniste. The same programme recently submitted at Mainz stirred a large audience to extraordinary enthusiasm.

From Circus Town.

Twenty large lorries came down from Circus Town in the American area Saturday night loaded to the brim with 150 engineers and thousands of feet of lumber and other material for constructing the extensive bleachers for the circus spectators. A second party of 100 engineers reached the circus grounds—Amsterdamer Strasse football grounds—Sunday afternoon. Already great advances have been made in the preparation of the field for the big show. Two enormous American aeroplane hangars will be used to house the circus people and the menagerie, while the big show and the side show are too large to put under any canvas that is at present available and will have to appear in the open.

"The Drag Ropes" Debut.

"The Drag Ropes" made their debut on Saturday, when a concert was given at the Scottish Churches hut at Godesberg. The party is of the 77 Siege Battery, but on this occasion they were assisted by several members of the "P" A. A. Battery. A programme without a dull moment included turns by Lieut. Digby Storey, Bdr. Edwards, Gnr. Hobson, Gnr. Temple, Gnr. Bowen and Cpl. Funnel in "Devil May Care," Lieut. Slantleberry, Gnr. Gunson, Bdr. Harling, and Miss French.

"The Poppies."

Last evening I went to the new Army Theatre, The Palace, to see "The Poppies," the Western Divisional Concert Party. After a most successful night on Monday there was again a crowded house to greet their second performance. Ernest Longstaffe, a well-known composer of concert party numbers, presided at the piano. The two girls of the party Lieut. C. E. Judd and "Daisy" Bell were excellent, the Cockney impersonations of the former being distinctly clever. Ernest Brogden and Lewis Nanton are two capable comedians, while Harry Hilton, Horace Waldron, George Mason and Jack Coast are clever in their respective parts.

Burlesques.

The burlesques in the second half of the programme I thought clever and original. The dances and impersonations of Ernest Brogden received quite an ovation; one would like to see more of him in conjunction with Lewis Nanton. The only thing that marred the show was the pepetration of some rather ancient gags in the first half of the programme. But taking it all round, the performance was bright, vivacious, artistically staged, musical and abounding with comedy. "The Poppies" is a party of much promise and well worth seeing.

Dramatic Company on Tour.

The performance of "General Post" by the Rhine Army Dramatic Company at Solingen on Monday evening was received with considerable enthusiasm. Yesterday evening the same play was given at Bonn before a packed house. "The Title" will be submitted for the remainder of the tour. On July 31st a performance will be given at Euskirchen, on August 2nd at Ohligs, on the 6th at Düren and on the following three evenings visits will be paid to Berg.-Gladbach, Wiesdorf and Solingen.

In a Few Words.

"The Poppies" are drawing large audiences to the Palace Theatre, Cologne, this week.

On August 18th, the "Dream Child," a one-act play by Capt. Gordon Blight, a popular member of the Rhine Army Dramatic Company, will be produced by that Company in Cologne.

The 31st inst. is the latest date on which "Quips" can be received in competition for the money prizes recently offered. So far the number received has been quite small, but possibly as the closing date draws near there will be an increase.

JACQUES.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, July 23, 1919.

Surface wind light, northerly. Mainly fair, but still some cloud during the day. Warmer. Morning fog. Visibility poor early, fair later.

HIGHLAND GATHERING.

Large Turn-out At A. and S.H. Sports.

The 10th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Battn. Sports were held at Hausen last week in unfavourable weather, but notwithstanding there was a large turn out. Cpl. Looker's time for 100 yards was 10 1/5 secs.

The following were the results:—

Challenge Cup—Champion Coy.:—H.Qr. Coy. 34½ pts.

Challenge Cup—Inter-Coy. Relay Race:—H.Q 2/Lt. Goodman, S.Sgt. Chapman, Pte. Bacon, Pte. Weir.

Challenge Cup—Guard Mounting:—"D" Coy., "C" Coy.

100 yards (open):—Cpl. Looker, "D" Coy.; Sgt. Fenwick, 53rd Gordons; Lt. Aird, 5th Camerons.

One Mile (open):—Pte. Proven, 53rd Gordons; Lt. Fairlie, 5th Camerons.

Relay Race (open):—51st Gordons; 5th Camerons; 10th A. & S. H.

Piping Competition (open):—Ppr. Hay, 5th Camerons; Ppr. Hay, 10th A. & S. H.

Battn. 100 yards:—Pte. Bacon, H.Q.; Lt. Laird, "C" Coy.; Sgt. Chapman, H.Q.

Battn. Qtr. Mile:—Lt. Arkless, "A" Coy.; Pte. Bacon, H.Q.; Pte. Ogg, H.Q.

Battn. Half Mile:—Lt. Goodman, H.Q.; Lt. Browne, "D" Coy.; Pte. McCrae, "A" Coy.

11 a-side Football:—"B" Coy.; "A" Coy.

Hurdle Race:—Lt. David on, "D" Coy.; Lt. Morrice, "C" Coy.

High Jump:—Lt. Morrice, "C" Coy., 5ft. 3½ins.; Lt. Davidson, "D" Coy., 5ft. 1½ins.; Pte. Weir, H.Q., 5ft. 1½ins.

Long Jump:—Lt. Morrice, "C" Coy., 16ft. 8ins.; Lt. Davidson, "D" Coy., 16ft. 7ins.; S/Sgt. Chapman, H.Q., 16ft.

Tug of War:—"A" Coy.; H.Q.

Hop, Step & Leap:—Pte. Brown, "C" Coy.; S/Sgt. Chapman, H.Q.; L/C. Law, "D" Coy.

Officers' Race:—Lt. Col. H.G. Setheby M.V.O., D.S.O.; Lt. Galbraith; Lt. Arkless.

Throwing the Cricket Ball:—Lt. Laird, "C" Coy.; Pte. Stewart, "A" Coy.; Ppr. McKenzie, H.Q.

Tossing the Caber:—Pte. McKay, H.Q., 39ft. 7ins.; Pte. Newton, "D", 37ft. 3ins.; Sgt. Ritchie, "A".

Putting the Shot:—Sgt. McAllister, H.Q., 31ft. 10ins.; Lt. Morrice, "C" Coy., 30ft. 3½ins.; S/Sgt. Robb, "A" Coy., 28ft. 7½ins.

Throwing the Hammer:—Sgt. McAllister, H.Q.; Sgt. Robb, "A" Coy.; Pte. McKay, H.Q.

COMPANY POINTS:

A.Coy.—18; B.Coy.—5; C.Coy.—22; D.Coy.—21½; H.Q.—31½.

EXCITING MILE RACE.

Lancashire Division Sport Meeting at Bonn.

The above Sports in good racing weather were held at the Sports Platz, Cologne Road, Bonn on Friday and Saturday.

Friday was devoted to eliminating contests and provided some keenly contested heats. Rain in the latter half of the afternoon made the track somewhat treacherous. Some good racing was seen on Saturday in the semi-finals and finals. The mile race provided the most exciting finish of the day, being won by the 52nd King's Liverpool Regt. with the 15th Lancs. Fus. close up. The 100 yards was won by 32nd Bn. M.G.C. in 10 3/5 secs.

The Unit championship cup presented by Major-General Sir H. S. Jeudwine, K.C.B., was won by the 15th Lancs. Fus. with 13 points. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Spooner.

BURSCHEID BEFLAGGED

52nd Devonshires Sports Meeting.

The sports of the above Battalion were held at Burscheid on Friday last, when side-shows were a feature of the proceedings. The fields were liberally beflagged. Selections were rendered throughout the day by the Regimental Band, while some enterprising spirits opened a totalizator.

A very fine challenge cup, presented by the Commanding Officer to be given to the Coy. scoring the most number of points, was the object of each Company's endeavour. "B" Company scored the most number of points and won the Cup. "C" Company had given them a hard fight for it, and were runners up. Ex-Regt. prizes were distributed by Brig.-Gen. C. Tudball Lucas C.M.G., D.S.O. at the close of the meeting, and three cheers, first for Brig.-Gen. Lucas, next for Colonel Webber and finally for Capt. Castle, the winning Company's popular commander, were heartily given.

THE PRIZE WINNERS.

Throwing Cricket Ball:—1, Pte. Waits; 2, Pte. Edwards; 3, Pte. Newmann.

Sack Race:—1, L/C. Barlow; 2, Pte. Hancock; 3, Pte. Hetherall.

Putting the Shot:—1, Lieut. Hartley; 2, Sgt. Pullen; 3, Pte. Perkins.

Long Jump:—1, Sgt. Pullen; 2, Cpl. Brooking; 3, Pte. Cullen.

100 Yards:—1, Cpl. Shanley; 2, Cpl. Brooking; 3, Capt. Miles, M.C.

220 Yards:—1, Cpl. Shanley; 2, Sgt. Pullen; 3, Lieut. Martin.

Siamese Race:—1, Cpl. Manning and Pte. Knight; 2, Pte. Skidmore and Pte. Mitchell; 3, Pte. Rollies and Pte. Sand.

220 (Open):—1, Lt. Gilmore, 1/5 Devons; 2, Cpl. Besteme, 52 Devons; 3, Sgt. Norris, 51 Devons.

100 Hurdles:—1, Sgt. Cooper; 2, Sgt. Pullen; 3, Capt. Proctor, M.C.

Tug-of-War Lightweight: 1, "C" Coy; 2, "D" Coy.

1 Mile (Open):—1, Sgt. Brand, 1/5 Devons; 2, Sgt. Aspinall, M.G.C.; 3, Pte. Chidzroy, 52 Devons.

High Jump:—1, Capt. Proctor; 2, Sgt. Pullen; 3, Lt. Abrahams.

Coy. Relay Race:—1, "A" Coy; 2, "C" Coy.

440 Yards:—1, Cpl. Shanlay; 2, Pte. Gooding; 3, Cpl. Manning.

Tug-of-War (Catch Weight):—1, "B" Coy; 2, "D" Coy.

880 Yards:—1, Pte. Chidzroy; 2, Lieut. Martin; 3, Pte. Boynton.

Wrestling on Mules:—R. A. S. C. 3rd Coy., Southern Division.

Officers Relay:—1, "B" Coy; 2, "D" Coy.

Obstacle Race:—1, Sgt. Cooper; 2, Pte. Carne; 3, Pte. Mitchell.

Cross Country:—1, "B" Coy. Team; 2, "C" Coy. Team, 1st Man, L/C Grinyer "D" Coy.

Platoon Football:—1, "B" Coy; 2, "D" Coy.

Transport Company:—1, "D" Coy; 2, "C" Coy.

Light Draught and Limber: 1, Pte. Woodward; 2, Pte. Reed; 3, Pte. Weaver.

Heavy Draught: 1, Pte. Perry; 2, Turvey.

GIGANTIC CIRCUS.

INFLUX OF AMERICANS.

The great circus train of 35 cars, carrying the personnel and equipment of the First American Division Circus arrived in Cologne late last night. All preparations necessary for their reception had been made, two huge aeroplane hangars having been erected in time to house them on the grounds.

"Some" Outfit.

Hundreds of soldiers and civilians hung around the circus grounds all day Sunday watching the rapid construction with wide-open eyes. This work is being done by personnel from the 1st Engineers, U.S.A., the same outfit that threw a pontoon bridge across the Rhine near Coblenz in the record time of 48 minutes. It seems that they are equally good at constructing grandstands. Although this is an army amusement and therefore peculiarly a soldiers' show, German and other civilians are cordially invited to attend. There are to be matinees and evening performances for three days, August 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

X CORPS v. WEAVERS.

On Thursday last, the "Weavers" Officers XI were entertained to cricket in the grounds of the X Corps at Bonn and after an interesting match the visitors won comfortably by 8 wickets. The outstanding features of the game were the consistently good bowling of Capt. Moore, R.A.M.C. and a lively innings by Capt. Crystall, both members of the visitors team.

488th and 481st Siege Bty. Try Conclusions.

A friendly game of cricket was played on 481 ground at Kötgen resulting in a win for 488 by 22 runs, on Friday. 481 batted first, Stone and Sturdy being top scorers with 7 each in a score of 55. 488 replied with 57, Cartwright getting 11. For 488 Willan took 5 wickets for 17, Frampton 4 for 11 and Timms 1 for 1 run, Le took 6 for 25 and Lieut. Mackenzie 4 for 18 for 481.

An Apology.

Enormous pressure on space has rendered it necessary to hold over reports of several military athletic meetings. For this unavoidable contingency we apologise to contributors and readers.

"UBIQUE'S" FIELD DAY.

Southern Division R.E. Tournament in Burscheid Area.

The Southern Divisional Royal Engineers had a full "Field Day" — in a sporting sense — in their Burscheid area on Saturday. A brightly-varied programme, drawn up by a strong committee, presided over by the Commanding Royal Engineer, Lieut.-Colonel R. K. A. Macaulay, D.S.O., R.E., interested competitors and spectators alike from soon after breakfast until well after tea, and even then the civilian element emulated "Oliver Twist" in "wanting more."

The band of the 51st Battn. Devonshire Regiment (by permission of Lieut.-Col. W. J. J. Colins, D.S.O.) enlivened the main proceedings with tuneful music and the "canteen" side had been well planned. No records were put up and in a fairly equable distribution of successes "Signals" made an all-round good show. Brig.-General C. Godley, Chief Engineer IInd Corps, assisted by Lieut.-Col. Macaulay, handed over the prizes at the final "Victory March" and thanks were accorded the following officials for their services: Lieut.-Col. R. K. A. Macaulay, D.S.O., President; Major A. Russell, D.S.O., Major E. W. Nesham; Captain G. Gray-Barnard, M.C., Capt. W. T. Seymour, Captain T. M. Cottrell, M.C. (Adjutant), C.S.M. Hamblin, C.S.M. Eves, and Sergt. Knight, Judges; Lieut. K. S. A. K. Parker-Simpson, Sergt. King, Starters; Lieut. H. Turnbull, Lieut. J. Beale, Lieut. Young (R.F.A.), Lieut. Owen, 2 Lieut. K. A. Lindsay, 2/Lieut. T. Newman, M.M., 2/Lieut. N. J. Pram, C.Q.M.S. Weatherly, C.Q.M.S. Willett, M.M., Sergt. Pratt, M.M., Sergt. Adcock, Sergt. Carson, Corpl. Garlick, M.M., and Corpl. Kennerley, M.M., Stewards; Captain H. A. Martin, M.C., Clerk of the Course, C.S.M. Armstrong, M.S.M. (Recorder), and Major J. H. F. Kendall, M.C., and C.S.M. East, M.M., Secretaries.

RESULTS.

100 yards (open): 1, Lieut. Puddicombe; 2, Lieut. Gilmore; 3, Signaller Collins.

Best Tool Cart: 455 Field Coy., R.E.

Best Limber, G.S.; 497 Field Coy., R.E.

Best Officer's Chargers: 510 Field Coy., R.E.

Best pair of Mules without harness: 455 Field Coy., R.E.

Best pair of Light Draught Horses without harness: 455 Field Coy., R.E.

Tug of War (Light); Southern Divisional Signal Coy., R.E.

Tug of War (Heavy); Southern Divisional Signal Coy., R.E.

120 yards Hurdle Race: 1, Sapper Verrill; 2, Sapper Weir; 3, 2 Lieut. Lindsay, R.E.

V. C. Race on Mules, for Mounted O.R.; 1, Driver Taylor; 2, Driver Carter; 3, Driver Ellis.

220 yards Race: Signaller Collins; 2, 2 Cpl. Mayburry; 3, Sapper Smedley.

V. C. Race on Mules for Dismounted O.R.; 1, Sapper Jenner; 2, Sapper Beal; 3, Sapper Pierce.

Wrestling on Horseback: 497th Field Coy., R.E.

High Jump: 1, Sapper Verrill (4ft. 6in.); 2, Sapper Schofield.

Long Jump: 1, L/Cpl. Clarke (Signals); 2, Sapper Verrill.

Barrback Mule Race: Dismounted O.R.: 1, Pte. Clarke; 2, Sapper Bader; 3, Pioneer Lyons.

Mule Race (open): 1, Signaller Clarke; 2, Sergt. Branch; 3, Pte. Kingdon.

Slow Bicycle Race: 1, Cpl. Barnes; 2, Sapper Stanton.

Jumping (Officers' riders ridden by Officers): 1, 2 Lieut. T. Newman; 2, Lieut.-Col. R. K. A. Macaulay, D.S.O.; 3, 2/Lieut. Jerram.

Jumping (O.R. riders ridden by O.R.): 1, Driver Ackersall; 2, L/Cpl. Spurr; 3, C.S.M. Eves.

Sack Race (50 yards): 1, Sapper Shaw, 2, Driver Harris; 3, Sapper Bateman.

440 yards (open): 1, Lieut. Martin; 2, Pte. Price; , Driver Pritchard.

Barback Mule Race for Mounted O.R.: 1, Driver Cobell; 2, Driver Hayes; 3, L/Cpl. Spurr.

120 yards (Officers): 1, 2 Lieut. Champion, R.E.; 2, 2/Lieut. Lindsay, R.E.

Obstacle Race: 1, Sapper Shaw; 2, Sapper Pritchard; 3, Sapper Chapman.

Half Mile Race (open): 1, Cpl. Heard; 2, Cpl. Kennerley; 3, Sapper Cadman.

Potatoe Race: Driver Harris; 2, 2 Cpl. Mayburn.

Inter-Company Relay Race: Southern Division Signals Co., R.E.

Hand Race: 1, Pte. Cramp; 2, Pte. Bolt; 3, Pte. Dearlove.

Officers Mule Race (bareback): 1, Lt. Owen; 2, 2/Lieut. Wynne.

Musical Chairs: Driver Sparks.

Tug-of-War on Mules: 497 Field Coy., R.E.

CYCLE TOUR OF FRANCE.

The finish of the cycle tour of France took place on Sunday in the Parc des Princes Paris. The start was made from Paris on June 29. The first stage was Le Havre, viâ Amiens, and the last Dunkirk, Amiens, and Paris. The course, which had to be completed on the same machine, was 5,560 kilomètres. Sixty-eight competitors started, but only eleven completed the final stages of the race. The results were as follows: Lambert, 231h 0min 15sec, 1; Alavoine, 232h 50 min 9 3-5sec, 2; Christophe, 233h 33min 46 4-5sec, 3.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Goodwood Meeting.

STEWARDS' CUP.—Polyscope at 9 a.m. on Monday.

101 Not Out In C.P.C. Match.

ROYAL FUSILIERS SERGEANT RUNS UP THREE FIGURE SCORE.

Excellent bowling, batting, and wicket-keeping are features of "Cologne Post" Cup competition matches briefly described below. One bowler took 3 wickets for 3 runs, another 6 for 10, and several had the creditable average of 2 runs per wicket. Capt. Stanyforth kept wicket brilliantly for the 17th Lancers, stumping four men.

34th DIVISIONAL COMPETITION. 34th M.G. Bn. (65 for 7) v 152 Bde R.F.A. (40).

34th M.G. Bn. (175 for 4) v 5th ROYAL IRISH REGT. (76).

23rd ROYAL FUSILIERS (173 for 8) v 53rd WELSH REGT. (22) at ALFTER. For the Fusiliers, Sgt. Taylor made 101 not out and Lieut. Holeson 38, while 2nd Lieut. Marrable took 5 wickets for 2 runs and Capt. Nelson 5 for 13.

88 FIELD AMBULANCE (25) v 52nd WARWICKS (49). For the F.A. the top scorers were Pte. Rost on (17) and Pte. Booker (15). Bowling unchanged, Sgt. Gulham took 5 wickets for 11 runs and Pte. Rostron 4 for 25. Pte. Roberts batted well for the Warwicks, scoring 20 not out.

75th BDE. R.F.A. (41) v. SOUTHERN DIVISION M.T. COY. (30) at Troisdorf. For 75th Bde. R.F.A. Lieut. Champneys scored 12 and Rev. Doorbar took 5 wickets for 14 and Bdr Mitchell 4 for 13. For Southern Division M.T. Coy. Pte. Buller scored 13 while Pte. Arkinstall took 6 wickets for 8 runs.

COLOGNE TOWN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
R.A.A. Bty. R.A.	15	14	1		28§
Army H.Q., Sig. Coy.	15	12	3		24§
Cav. Div. H.Q.	13	12	1		24§
17th Lancers	13	11	1	1	23§
4 R. Sussex Rgt.	12	11	0	1	23§
Cav. Div. A.C.	14	10	4		20§
9 D.L.I.	15	9	6		18§
No. 2 Water Tank Coy.	14	9	5		18§+
52 N. Fus.	14	9	5		18§
70 Sq. R.A.F.	13	9	4		18§
Army Supply Depot	11	8	3		16§
51 Aux. Bus. Coy.	15	7	8		14§
53 Sherwood Foresters	11	6	5		12§
5 Ry. Tel. Sig. Coy.	11	5	6		10§
Batteries Sports Club	11	5	6		10§
51 D.L.I.	9	5	4		10§
A.A. Searchlight Section	11	3	8		6§
2 Bde. R.A.F.	8	3	5		6§
51 N. Fus.	8	3	5		6§+
24 Vet. Hospital	8	3	5		6§
A.P.O., Cologne	12	2	9		4§+
3 Cav. Field. Amb.	11	2	9		4§+
2 Northern L.T.M. Bty.	10	2	8		4§
53 N.F.	8	1	7		2§+

§ Games awarded for scratched matches.
+ Games lost by default.

62nd BN. M.G.C. (56) v. 310 BTY. R.F.A. (39) at Vlatten. Sergt. Plowright bowled well for the M.G.C. getting 5 wickets for 10 runs.

15th LANCS. FUS. (64 for 8) v. 303 SIEGE BTY. (33) at Bonn. For the Fusiliers, Dawson took 6 wickets for 12 runs.

51st KINGS LIVERPOOLS v. NO. 3 COY. WEST DIV. TRAIN. The match after a very exciting finish resulted in a draw.

17th LANCERS (42 for 1) v. 24th VET. HOSPITAL (23). For 17th Lancers, Capt. Stanyforth kept wicket brilliantly, making four excellent stumps. Capt. Boles was 15 not out. Pte. Clark took three wickets for three runs.

WAHN SURVEY DET. (39 for 3) v. "G" A.A. BTY. (31). For the winners Cpl. Jones took 7 wickets for 14 while Poole scored 18 not out and Foster 10.

1/5th SOUTH STAFFS (41) v. "F" A.A. BTY. R.F.A. (20) at Kommern. For the "Knots" Parsons made 24, while Burton took 6 wickets for 10 runs and Davies 3 for 7.

OTHER RESULTS.

"R" Battery, A.A. (126) v 17th Lancers (100) at Kalk.

13 Kings Liverpool Regt., 63; 15 Lancs. Fus., 60.

41 Bn. M.G.C., 93 for 2; 5 R. Irish Regt., 87.

93 Bde. R.G.A., 214 for 5; Wahn Survey Det., 40.

Cavalry Division, 59 v. 7th Sq. R.A.F., 40.

10th R.W. Kents (49 for 3) v 1st Western T.M.B. (43).

303 S.B. (14) v West Div. Train (22).

5th Royal Irish Regt. (106 for 3) v D/190 R.F.A. (27 for 3).

"O" Battery R.H.A. (50) v "D" Corps Sig. Coy. (37).

1/6th West Yorks 44 for 3.

24th Hants 19 all out

Southern Div. M.T. Coy. 30.

14th G.H.Q., Reserve M.T. Coy. 30.

1/5 West Yorks 91; 237 Field Coy. 34.

1/5 West Yorks 62; 51 R. Warwick 27.

CRICKET FRIENDLY.

75th BDE. R.F.A. (164 for 6 wickets) v. 74th BDE. R.F.A. (40) at Lindenthal. For 75th Bde. Dvr. Negus scored 52, Gnr. Goodwin 14, Capt. Emberton 38, Gnr. Parker 19 (not out), Rev. Doorbar 19 and 2nd Lieut. Chiman 18 (not out), while Bdr. Mitchell took 4 wickets for 13 runs and Rev. Doorbar 3 for 4. For 74th Bde. Lieut. Cross scored 15.

BRIGADE CRICKET CUP.

17th Defeat the 26th Royal Fusiliers at Overath.

Play commenced under a somewhat cloudy sky at Overath on Saturday, for the final of the 3rd London Brigade Cup. The 26th who batted first could make little headway owing to steady bowling and good fielding. The best man, Sergt. Williams, made 38 for the home team. The 17th R.F. seemed to be in fine form, some good scores being made by Sergt. Darrah 17, Capt. Owen 32, while 2/Lieut. Tillet who batted with marvellous skill, made 51. Result:—17th R.F. 135; 26th R.F. 69. This brings the Brigade Cup home to the 17th R.F.

MIDLAND v WESTERN DIVISION.

The Western Division met the Midland Division at Lindenthal on Sunday. Sergt. Pring made a useful 49 for the winning side before being run out, while Lieut.-Col. Osborne added 29 and Capt. Scatcherd 21. For the same eleven, Cpl. Prim bowled well taking 6 wickets for 15 runs. There were no startling scores for the Midland Division, Major Moffat (not out) and Extras each being responsible for 12. The scores were:—Western Div. 1st innings 67; 2nd innings 144 for 6 (declared). Midland Div. 1st innings 46; 2nd innings 26 for 4.

COUNTY CRICKET RESULTS.

Kent beat Surrey by 136. Kent 164 and 250; Surrey 75 and 203.

Essex 331 and 132 for four; Hampshire 408; drawn.

Yorks beat Gloucesters by an innings and 123. Yorks 448 for four, declared. Gloucester 120 and 202.

Lancs beat Warwick by an innings and 44. Lancs 490 for five, declared. Warwick 259 and 187.

Australians 371 and 242 for five, declared. Notts 391 and 67 for one; drawn.

BROTHER v. BROTHER.

The opposition of the Gillgans and Naumanns in this year's Varsity cricket match recalls other University sports in which brothers have been on different sides. A. B. Etherington-Smith was in the Cambridge crew of 1900, brother T. B. being one of the losing eight; the brothers Odgers were opposed to each other in the Rugby match in 1901, and the two Pearsons represented different interests in the cross-country event of 1905.

SPORTING CELEBRITIES.

(No I.)

Capt. G. G. Ziegler, M.C., Royal Fusiliers, who is now only 24 years of age, has an extraordinary record in all phases of sport. Shortly before the war he captained Haileybury Rugby eleven. In 1914 he was in the Cambridge O.T.C. and subsequently joined the Public Schools Bn. Capt. Ziegler played wing three-quarters in the B.E.F. Rugby team and last year played in the Rugby tournaments against the Australian and other teams. In addition he is a first rate cricketer and tennis player and excels at putting the weight, hurdle racing, and golf. Before being "demobbed" Capt. Ziegler was Sports Officer for the London Division.

M.C.C. TENNIS PRIZES.

The final round of the supplementary competition to decide who has the right to challenge Mr. J. F. Marshall for the Silver Prize was played at Lord's, on Monday, between Captain R. K. Price and the Hon. C. N. Bruce. The result was a victory for Captain Price, who, as usual, played a thoroughly sound, well-judged, and determined game, by three sets to one. He had to work hard all the time, but he was nearly always just in the better position.

PUBLIC SCHOOL CRICKET.

Tonbridge v. Clifton.

Tonbridge gained an advantage of 165 runs over Clifton at Lord's on Monday, the features of the match being a magnificent innings of 163 by the Tonbridge captain, L. P. Hedges, which included a 5 and twenty-seven 4's, and a century compiled by the Cliftonian, I. J. L. Saltmarsh, in very disadvantageous circumstances, and the splendid ground fielding of both sides.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington College have finished their season with a record of four wins, two defeats, and three draws. They lost to Marlborough, but beat Westminster and Charterhouse, and had the best of a drawn game with Haileybury. G. J. Bryan heads the batting with an average of 74, and E. S. de Brett has shown himself the best bowler, with twenty-five wickets at 14 runs apiece. A. E. Relf, the Sussex cricketer, has been the coach.

EASTERN DIVISION CRICKET CUP

53rd Bn. Bedford Regt. v. 52nd Bn. R. Sussex Regt., at Wahn resulted in a very narrow win for the Sussex.

For the Sussex, Sergt. Crossman scored 18 the highest in the match. L/Cpl. Peace took 5 wickets for 10 runs and C.S.M. Standing 2 for 5.

For the Bedfords, Lieut. Curtis and Drummer Whittington batted well together, the former contributing 12 and the latter 15. Pte. Dow took 2 wickets for 7 runs and Major Shearman 7 for 32.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

A. and S. Championship.

Gresham and Anlaby have qualified for the City of London A. and S. Association's senior cricket championship final.

Trundling.

The English single-handed and rinks bowling championship will take place on the Balham Club's green on Monday and Tuesday next.

E.G. Hayes' XI.

On August 20, E. G. Hayes is taking a Surrey team to Richmond to play a game against a local XVI. The match will be played on the Richmond Athletic Ground.

Birmingham Boys' Championships.

Competitions at five weights for the Birmingham Boys' Championships will be decided at Kyrle Hall, Birmingham, in the two weeks ending Nov. 1.

Cost of Sport.

£88,000,000 thirty years ago was the estimated amount spent annually on sport in Great Britain. The cost of cricket was then said to amount to £2,000,000, and the Turf accounted for almost £11,000,000.

Inter-League Football.

At a meeting of the Irish Football League held in Belfast, it was agreed that the Inter-League match with Scotland on Oct. 4 should take place in Ireland instead of in Scotland.

No 1st Class Fixture.

Here we are right in the middle of the season, and yet there was not a first-class cricket fixture in the country for Monday or Tuesday.

Age of Cricket.

Cricket can be traced back as far as the fourteenth century, but the oldest of British cricket clubs, which is the Marylebone, only dates from 1787.

Jimmy Wilde v. Kid Doyle.

It is announced that Kid Doyle, the Salford fly-weight, has been matched to box Jimmy Wilde at the National Sporting Club in September next.

Guardians At Cricket.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Guardians have accepted a challenge by the Shardlow (Derbyshire) Guardians to play a cricket match at Ashby on Tuesday.

Duck Eggs.

"At Stockport market, Cheshire, duck eggs made sixpence each," chirruped the tape machine. They were considerably cheaper with the Yorkshire, Kent, and Somerset bowlers.

Yachting at Cowes.

There will be three days yacht racing at Cowes instead of the customary week this year. The Royal Yacht Club will hold races on Aug. 4, 5, and 7 for various classes of cruisers, including handicaps.

Golf in Wales.

The Welsh Golf Union has decided against holding a championship meeting this year.

Johnny Sheppard's Mishap.

The well-known and rising light-weight, Johnny Sheppard, of Bow, has had the bad luck to injure one of his hands, and will be unable to take part in another contest for at least a couple of months.

Unexpected Talent.

The present flood of military meetings, which may be regarded as trials prior to the Army Championship, are bringing to light some excellent but very unexpected talent.

Cycling to Hounds.

Riding to the hounds on a bicycle was the accomplishment of a prominent lady member of an Essex hunt some years ago. She was thrown several times, surmounted six stiles, was in at the death, and was presented with the brush.

Home Benzole.

The present output of home benzole is 31,000,000 gallons. It is believed that in two or three years it will rise to 60,000,000 gallons, and that the production of power alcohol would amount to 150,000,000 gallons, these figures being based on the report of experts.

New Arsenal Player Hurt.

H. A. White, the well-known Brentford footballer, signed on for the Arsenal yesterday morning, and in the afternoon he had the misfortune to have his nose broken while playing cricket for Shepherd's Bush at Slough.

Ashford Manor Prof.

A. G. Kirby, professional to the Ashford Manor Club, Middlesex, has broken the record of 67 strokes for the course by going round in 65 made up thus:—Out: 5 3 4 3 3 4 4 3 4—33; home: 3 3 3 4 3 3 4 4 5—32.

Freddy Fulton.

Fred Fulton, the 6ft. 4½in. plasterer, who was matched with Jess Willard, when knocked out by Jack Dempsey in less than a round, is now in London. Fulton was at the Carpentier-Smith fight in Paris, but failed to get on a match in the French capital.

Victory for Portsmouth.

In a football match at Fratton Park Portsmouth defeated Thorneycroft's by 6 goals to 1.

German Tennis Players.

It must be admitted that the elimination of the Germans from the Davis Cup competition highly proper as it is, has deprived the higher flights of the game of some very fine players, notably O. Froitzheim, O. Kreuzer, F.W. Rahe, and H. Kleinschroth.

Echoes from Rhineland.

The Arms of Cologne.

Most members of the Army of Occupation who have been in Cologne will be familiar with the city arms, which are very freely displayed on the trams, public buildings, and on the uniform of municipal employees. The origin of the design as it is at present is interesting, and relates to two important facts in the history of the city. The three crowns commemorate the "Magi," the "Three wise men from the East" of Scripture, whose alleged bones rest in the cathedral. These were presented to Cologne by the Emperor Frederich I (Barbarossa) in the 12th century, and were the centre for pilgrimages from far and wide up to the end of the middle ages.

The Meaning of the Flames.

The eleven "flames" of the lower part of the shield represent the souls o St. Ursula and eleven thousand virgins, who, according to legend, came from England in the 4th century and sailed up the Rhine. The Huns, under Attila, were besieging Cologne at that time and on the approach of the vessels mistook the inmates for enemies and massacred them. The Huns are said to have been so overcome on finding out they were mistaken that they raised the siege; hence this token of the eternal gratitude of Cologne's inhabitants.

Shop Window Dressing.

It will have been noticed that German shopkeepers carry out their windowdressing with a minimum of labour. In some establishments the front part of the window level with the window board is a fixture for about a foot in depth, bu the back part with its numerou shelves is built in three sections. Eacl section is on small wheels and can be wheeled out along the shop floor. Shoul a customer desire a certain article fron the window, the assistant wheels a sectior out, removes the required article, replace it by another, and wheels the section back. Any article in the front of the window can be easily reached while each sectior can be dressed in the shop. This does not entail the assistant going in and out of the shop to see the effect of his handiwork.

The War Savings Race.

In connection with the strong competition now in evidence between units as to which can show the best average investment in War Savings Certificates, the following two reports are interesting. The 12th Bn. Royal Irish Rifles invested in War Savings Certificates in 15 days the sum of 180,857 marks. The 1st Bn. Machine Gun Corps send the following: "I am pleased to report continued success in the efforts of the battalion towards War Savings. B Company continues to top the list in the matter of contributions; another bumper total of 19,167 marks being subscribed on the 15th of this month. Curiously enough, the winning ticket in the British Empire Leave Club Sweepstake was won by a Private Barnes of B Company, the lucky fellow standing to win £850. I think the War Saving habit has gripped the battalion thoroughly and there should be no looking back.

56th London Division Dinner.

Regimental and Divisional dinners are growing in numbers. On August 9th officers belonging to the 56th London Division are to dine together at the VI Corps Club, Cologne, when it is hoped a very representative gathering will take place. The arrangements are in the hands of Lieut.-Colonel Batt of the 310th Bde. R.F.A., from whom tickets may be obtained at the rate of 100 marks each.

Dull Auction Sales.

Anyone present at an auction sale in Rhineland will note with surprise the serious way in which the buyers and the auctioneer conduct the business. There is none of the repartee and laughter which is usual at such gatherings in England. The buyers make their bids as if it were a matter of life and death, and the auctioneer accepts them in the same spirit, having none of the sidetalk which is part of the stock-in-trade of English auctioneers, and which helps to make the proceedings pass pleasantly. At a horse sale an animal was led into the ring and the auctioneer proceeded to give the particulars in a mechanical way. He waited while a short inspection was made and then asked for bids. The bidding goes on, the auctioneer turns to the interpreter, who confers with an officer. Having obtained the necessary sanction, the animal is knocked down. Another horse is then led in and so the monotonous business goes on, minus the life and interest of sales at home.

That Fireless Loco.

More correspondence is rolling in regarding the fireless type of engine seen at Siegburg. One of the Royal West Kents says that the first engine of this kind appeared on the Metropolitan Underground railway in London as far back as the seventies. It only ran a trial trip, however, which was a failure, and it went on the scrap heap. It was, he says, nicknamed "Fowler's Ghost," after Sir John Fowler, the engineer of the "Met," but it is not certain that he designed it.

School Caps.

One cannot help being impressed by the military kind of headgear, worn by the schoolboys in Rhineland. Some of them wear bright green caps, with polished black "peaks," and a strip of silver braid round the edge, turned into three loops, at the back, like a clover leaf. The green material curves gracefully from the back of the head, and is completed above the "neb" with a round, flat, upright disc, like a green target, the whole being highly reminiscent of a steel helmt, surmounted by an eagle. Others wear bright red, or field grey, round "pancake" caps, with hard peaks, resembling the field service cap of the German N.C.O.

Have You Met It?

It is here, in Cologne, but it is not in petticoats now, it is in khaki. We allude to the Cinema Blight. Everyone remembers the irrepressible flapper to be met with in any theatre or picture house in England, who had seen the show before and therefore gave everyone within hearing a brief summary of the piece. Now, this pest has arrived in the Army of Occupation. On three separate occasions last week the writer suffered from his intentions, and the best and most exciting films were punctuated in this manner: "No he does'nt drown, a submarine picks him up; you'le see it in a minute." "No she does'nt marry this man, he turns out to be a rogue." "Oh, it's all right the hero will come in a minute and do the villain in —" and so on ad-infinitum. There really should be special seats reserved for this kind of fiend, and preferably some studded with sharp spikes.

About Sight-seeing.

It is questionable whether we are taking full advantage of the many and unique opportunities for sight-seeing that our present position affords. The many beauty spots in Rhineland — to gaze upon which, tourists in the far-off pre-war days parted with many Jimmy o' Goblins — are nearly all accessible by tram car and it is surprising that, except during the week-end the recognized haunts of the sightseer are neglected. The majority of the members of the Rhine Army have a few hours in the afternoon to spare daily and, with one of the excellent guide books that are now available, these hours can be profitably utilized in seeing all there is to be seen.

Cleaner Shaving.

The clean-shaved appearance of pre-war days is returning with demobilization. In the earlier days of the war, when Army regulations forbade the shaving of the upperlip, many a moustache was grown which its owner intended should be a purely temporary ornament. But war went on, the warrior got used to his moustache and the razor was withheld. Now come feminine objections and persuasions to restore the clean-shaved appearance of civilian days. Hence the increase in the number of clean shaven men at home in civiles.

Lesser Echoes.

The American authorities at Coblenz have forbidden keepers of public houses to supply officers and men with alconolic drinks.

It is not generally known that many English works, such as the Encyclopedia Britiannica, can be seen at the Reference Department, Stadt Library, Gereonskloster, Cologne.

Recently a correspondent signing himself "Married Officer" wrote a letter to the paper on the subject of wives in Cologne. Will he send his adress to this office?

Can any reader give the position of the grave of 1508 Sergt. A.M. Barrow 15 Co. of London, killed October 7th 1916, and buried October 9th 1916 by Pte. H. Ind (since killed) 2nd S. Africa Regt. It is believed near La Pars. Or can the position of B Coy. of both regiments be given on October 7th and 9th? Graves Registration are unable to trace.

PRIZES FOR ECHOES.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to Gnr. L. Parkhouse, III Heavy B y. R.G.A. Rhine Army, Sgt. H.M. Pattinson, 51st Durham L. Infantry, Rhine Army, and Gnr. A.L. Popham, A 310 Bty. R.F.A. Rhine Army.

From Everywhere.

Not a Record.—The gate money in the Wilde-Moore fight totalled £19,000.

The Total.—Grants under Government scheme for training ex-service men in civil careers total 1,950.

First Finnish President. — Professor Stablberg has been elected first President of the Finnish Republic.

Trial of Caillaux.—The judicial inquiry against Caillaux is ended. The trial will begin in October.

High Speed.—A mile motor-cycle race has been won at a speed of 72 1/5 miles an hour.

No Funds.—Owing to want of funds, three of Dublin's leading hospitals have closed.

Too Poor.—An Acton single woman earning £3 10. 0. a week said she could not afford to pay income tax.

Paris War Scars.—The four Paris commissions to deal with claims for compensation have 8,000 before them.

Soldiers Victory.—Demobilized soldiers and sailors broke up a Socialist demonstration at Neath during the week end.

To Avoid Confusion.—To avoid confusion with the German colours the Belgians intend to put a blue stripe with a golden star in the centre of their flag.

Farmer Soldiers.—Agricultural labourers being on strike in the Paris area, it is expected that soldiers will be placed at the disposal of the farmers.

Brighter Outlook. — More seasonable weather is the immediate outlook under the influence of an anti-cylone which at present involves the British Isles.

Piling it on.—The cost of Hornsey's electricity is to be raised another 20 per cent. making 80 per cent. above pre-war charges.

Peasant's' Rabies Panic.—A commune near Rennes, having eaten a cow suspected of rabies, fell into a panic and many rushed off to Paris for treatment.

All's Well.—Even divorce cases do not always end unhappily, as shown by two cases brought before the Court in which the parties were friendly again.

The Censorship.—All ranks are warned against dispatching parcels containing Government property, especially issued clothing.

Typewriter Mechanics.— Six expert typewriter mechanics are required for duty with the Army Printing and Stationery Services.

Nat Gould's Writings.—Part of the fortune of Nat Gould consists of twenty-two unprinted novels, the average length of each being 68,180 words.

Fed Up.—A Stratford ex-soldier seeking a separation told the Magistrate he was "fed up" with home life and wanted the freedom he had in France.

Snapshot Days Again.—All around the seaside resorts of England, amateur photography is being practised on a scale never before known.

The Limit.—"You are about as bad a liar as I have had before me; and that is saying a good deal," Mr. Justice Horridge told an Erith engineer.

Original.—Chislehurst is to use maroons for calling out the fire-brigade.

Exterminate Them!—Lord Aberconway says that rats destroy forty millions worth of food annually in England.

Boy Principal.—Eric Addison the new principal dancer at Covent Garden is only fifteen.

The Agricultural Minister.—Sir Arthur Griffith-Boscawen is likely to succeed Lord Ernle at the Board of Agriculture.

Mother of Nineteen.—A Coalville miner's wife is about to have her nineteenth child.

Tube Pickpockets. — There is an epidemic of pocket picking on the London Tube stations.

No Good.—A Carshalton committee has condemned baby shows as doing more harm than good.

Defences for Firewood.— Since the armistice £1,000 worth of Dover defences have been stolen for firewood.

Alcoholic.—Beer, Bass, and Guinness were the names of heat winners at Hanwell children's sports.

Sunday Games.—Sunday games are to be allowed in the recreation ground at Brentham Garden Suburb.

Night Passes.—The system of night-passes for Cologne civilians will continue until the end of the year.

No Room.—The Burgomaster of Cologne warns people against moving to the city as lodgings are unobtainable.

Warning.—The German banknotes dated Oct. 20th 1918 will be cancelled as from September 10th.

Clemenceau Back.— Clémenceau has arrived at Paris back from his trip through the devastated area.

The French Presidency.—Poincaré will not be a candidate for the Presidency at the next election.

Anglers Protest.—The Central Association of Anglers have passed a resolution against the proposed charge for fishing in the Thames.

"Little Lawrence."—Col. Lawrence, who did such big things during the war among the Arabs, has gone back to Arabia.

Councillor-Lamplighters. — Councillors have been acting as lamplighters at Kensington owing to a strike of Corporation employees.

Fall of the Mark.— The news that Germany will cancel her paper money has caused a new fall in the value of the mark.

Cologne Statistics.—Statistics show that in the week ending July 19, Cologne had 156 births, 167 marriages and 159 deaths.

The Marne.—The anniversary of the second battle of the Marne was celebrated at Epernay, when British troops were represented.

Re-establishment of Customs. — The German customs frontier has been re-established in the occupied area for goods coming from the Allied countries.

Alsatian Here.—The Croix de Guerre has been awarded an Alsatian, shot by the Germans because he would not fight against the French.

BRITISH MADE COSTUMES.

In our issue of to-day appears the Trade announcement of a world famous manufacturing house, Messrs Phillip Clay & Co. Ltd. of 10/11 Friday Street, Cheapside, London E.C. They specialize in coats, coat frocks, costumes, gowns and furs, but we are told they are ready to supply every requirement of the trade, namely, silks, fabrics etc., in such high quality, and at such prices and terms that will attract the keenest buyer.

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NATIONALIZATION.

GOVERNMENT ABOUT TO ADOPT MINORITY REPORT OF COAL COMMISSION.

KING'S SWORD OF VICTORY.

NO NATIONAL MINES.

STATE OWNERSHIP OF MINERAL RIGHTS.

It is understood, says the "Times" Parliamentary correspondent, that the Government have virtually decided against the nationalization of the mining industry.

This decision cannot be regarded as absolutely final until Ministers have settled the details of the scheme for the future government of the industry which they propose to submit to Parliament. But it is definitive enough for all practical purposes. Mr. Justice Sankey's Report in favour of nationalization has already been ruled out in the Ministerial discussions which are now taking place on the recommendations of the Coal Commission.

The scheme which the Government are working out, is based on the report of Sir Arthur Duckham, which, while retaining an element of private enterprise, recommended a considerable measure of public control. It has, however, been found that parts of Sir Arthur Duckham's scheme are unworkable. Although, therefore, the Government accept his guiding principles, they are working out many of the details in their own way.

Duckham Scheme.

Sir Arthur Duckham (who was an independent representative on the Coal Commission of other industries) presented a report in favour of the State ownership of mineral rights, but against the national ownership of mines. He put forward a scheme of his own for the amalgamation of colliery interests in the several districts in the form of statutory companies. He contended that the private ownership of minerals is not in the best interests of the community, and that all mineral rights should be acquired by the State and controlled by a Minister of Mines.

The nationalization of the mines was recommended by the Chairman and every member of the commission.

Sankey Report.

Mr. Justice Sankey was in favour of—

(a) The immediate acquisition of coal royalties by the State, with "fair and just" compensation to the owners;

(b) The acceptance of the principle of State ownership of the mines; and

(c) The immediate establishment of a scheme for joint local administration in preparation for the enactment of State ownership three years hence.

ECONOMIC FREEDOM.

UNITED STATES WANT THE OPEN DOOR.

Signor Tittonis laid his suggested scheme for an inter-allied Economic Entente before the Supreme Council on Monday. The project, he claims, is rendered desirable by the seriousness of the food and coal situation of the whole world. The Council did not arrive at a definite solution but it is generally anticipated that one will be found, despite the difficulties of deciding upon a formula which would be satisfactory to all. The main difficulty lies in the fact that amongst the Allies, some, notably America, are strongly in favour of complete liberty of commercial action and are opposed, now that hostilities are terminated, to the establishment of a regime which momentarily hinders liberty of action.

SWEDEN AND LEAGUE

SOCIALIST'S PREDICTIONS AND HOPES.

M. Branting, the Swedish International Socialist leader, in an article in the "Sunday Times" considers the present form of the League of Nations not quite comprehensive enough. He says it supplies the germ of an idea which is likely to develop in the right direction, and earnestly hopes that the Scandinavian States will enter the League immediately. He feels bound to add, however, that they will have much hesitation in doing so if America holds back.

Regarding the Bolshevist menace he affirms that it has passed its worst phase, while in England and France the national good sense of the people, in spite of the difficulties ahead, would supply a sure bulwark against extreme measures.

The manager of a large chemist's shop at Tokio killed his wife and four children and then committed suicide. He left a statement declaring that he found life unendurable owing to the high cost of living.

SOUDAN CHIEFS.

SWORD OF VICTORY TO THE KING.

A special mission of Soudanese Chiefs was received by the King on Tuesday. Sir Said Ali El Morghani delivered a loyal address. Speaking in Arabic he said:—

"I beg leave to tell your Majesty that what the Soudan has done is but the first fruits of what your Majesty's Government has planted there. It is simply the harvest of good deeds and a token of our gratitude. It is justice which has combined all the different parts of your great Empire, and justice which is the foundation of your kingdom. The spirit of peace and justice which has prevailed throughout the Soudan during all these years, as well as the interest which your Majesty's Government has taken in advancing it, the sacrifices that have been made to improve its material and moral condition, and the inclusion of the people of the Soudan amongst the subjects of the British Empire, have filled their hearts with pride, loyalty, and love of your Majesty, and we fully appreciate that the future advancement of the Soudan depends on its increasingly close connection with your Majesty's Empire. We therefore raise our hands to God Almighty, praying Him to grant your Majesty a long and happy life and to preserve Great Britain, the pioneer of liberty and civilization in the world. Long may the British flag fly over the Soudan to bring peace and tranquillity to it, and promote its advancement until it is ready to take its place with the other members of the Empire."

He subsequently presented his Majesty with a gold "Sword of Victory" which the King first accepted and then returned with these words:

"I accept this sword and acknowledge the sincere loyalty which has prompted the gift, and as a proof of your fealty to me I take the sword and hand it to you and your heirs to hold on my behalf in the defence of my Throne and Empire, and as a proof of my acceptance of the loyal submission of you and your followers."

The King conferred decorations on each member of the mission.

HEAT WAVE.

CAUSE OF ANTI-NEGRO RIOT.

After a week of heavy rains, followed by dangerous electrical storms, the Eastern States of America are now suffering from a severe heat wave, with an average temperature of 100deg in the shade, and in many parts it is several degrees hotter. The trying climatic conditions have apparently had their effect upon the people's tempers, and to-day's newspapers are filled with reports of shootings, free fights, tramcar and automobile accidents, and race riots. On Chicago's bathing beach a deadly fight took place between whites and blacks. A white negro boy invaded a section of the beach reserved for the whites, and he was pelted with pebbles. This was the signal for a general fight with stones, and very quickly firearms were produced, and rioting spread through State-street and to the heart of the negro district. Three men were killed and fifty injured before the mobs dispersed.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

FIRST MEETING IN WASHINGTON.

Although the European Governments have not yet appointed delegates for the initial meeting of the League of Nations at Washington in October, it is stated in Conference circles, that the various Governments concerned are almost certain to send the same delegates who participated in the drawing up of the Covenant at Paris, with the possible exception of Italy who will probably send Signor Scialoja as head of their delegation.

According to present plans the Austrian Treaty will be signed by the middle of August, the Bulgarian by the end of August and the Turkish some time in September, thus bringing the Peace Conference to a close in time to enable the leading lights who drew up the Covenant to reach Washington in time to add the finishing touches.

The Polish Press Agency reports that the whole of Eastern Galicia to the old Austro-Russian frontier is now in the hands of Polish troops. Their advance was made so quickly that the Ukranians had no time to destroy railways or bridges or to carry off any of their war material.

FATE OF INFORMERS.

SENTENCES ON FRENCH TRAITORS.

The last day of the trial, which was held at Paris and lasted over five weeks, of the informers of Laon was marked by a dramatic incident when Thomas, the German police agent, at the conclusion of his defence, added some words of his own. Addressing the Court, he pleaded for mercy for all the accused, saying:—

I would ask your indulgence for my fellow-prisoners. It is true that they have suffered long and cruelly. If the Germans had not brought this odious war upon you, all of them would have remained honest people. Once more I ask for them your pardon.

Toque wept openly, and others of the accused appeared much moved. The Court then retired to deliberate, and the following sentences were subsequently pronounced on the accused:—Georges Toque, Alice Aubert, Georges Roselle, Hélène Favre, Georges Lochet, Moïse Lemoine, Herbert Léandre, and Gaston Venet were all condemned to death. De Maux, Mme. Deloigne, and Armido Werrebronch were condemned to death *in contumaciam*.

The following were sentenced to varying terms of imprisonment:—Emil Thomas, one year's imprisonment, with benefit of the First Offenders Act; Maria Pernelle, Emile Gassot, Gabrielle Verlon, Alice Toque, and Léon Baudant, five years' hard labour; Joseph Romain, seven years' hard labour; Marie Tassot, Emile Lebjois, and Marguerite Giraudeau, 10 years' hard labour; Marie Kerrebrock, 20 years' hard labour.

The following were acquitted:—Elieville Kaltenbach, Marie Petroi, Louis Marguet, Angèle Herpson, Lucien Kirgis, and Adelet Kirgis.

The sentences recorded above bring to a conclusion the trial of the "mauvais Français" who, at the instigation of the German police agent, Emil Thomas, betrayed their compatriots to the Germans during the occupation of Laon, with the result that a number of French inhabitants of the town were executed on charges of helping France by concealing wounded soldiers. They were in turn denounced by a miller of Assis-sur-Serre, whom they had denounced, and who was sentenced to death by the Germans, but not executed.

CYPRUS CEDED.

HISTORIC ISLAND AGAIN CHANGES HANDS.

General Allenby has informed the Greek diplomatic agent at Cairo that Great Britain has decided to hand over Cyprus to Greece. The actual transfer will be made on July 29th.

(The island of Cyprus, which nominally belonged to Turkey, has been administered by Great Britain since 1878. In 1882 it was granted a constitution. Great Britain agreed to pay the Sultan an annual sum of £ 87,800 (as excess of revenue) and £ 5,000 for State lands, besides a large quantity of salt. These sums were not acutally paid but were retained as part payment for losses in connection with the Turkish guaranteed loan.

Cyprus has had a chequered ownership, having been owned in turn by Phoenecians, Egyptians, Persians, Egyptians again, Romans, English (Richard I. sold it in 1195), Venetians and Turks. It now passes to Greece).

A CLOSE CALL.

AVIATORS SUCCOURED BY BATHERS.

From the sparse details of an aviation accident received from Spezia it appears that an English aeroplane, proceeding from London via Marseilles to Egypt, fell in the sea near Monterosso, owing to engine breakdown. Two English officers, Lieutenant Adams and Lieutenant Collinge, with Sergeant Ascolis and Sergeant Banour were aboard. Three managed to free themselves. The pilot, Lieutenant Collinge, was fastened in the machine and though eventually released by the strenuous efforts of the others, he was greatly exhausted and expired after being brought ashore. The other three were slightly injured, their hurts being attended to by families who were on the spot for summer bathing.

EMPLOYMENT OF EX-OFFICERS.

Brigadier-General A.W. Asquith, who is Controller of the Appointments Department of the War Office, recently gave an account of some of the work of that organisation. The occasion was a private show at the West-End Cinema of some of the films taken to illustrate what is being done in the training of ex-officers for work in civil life. It is hoped to enlist the assistance of all the cinema proprietors in the country, and through them call attention to the urgency of providing employment. The film reproduces details of coal mining, especially the surveying for that highly valuable article, the teaching of weaving in the woollen trades, the building of aeroplanes and engine testing, electrical engineering, and of fruit growing, all industries in which young ex-officers are being trained.

For stealing a cheque-book, the property of Lieutenant Bucknill, 19th Hussars, Frank William Harrand Edgecombe, 22, said to be of good family, was sentenced at Aldershot to three month's hard labour.

HIGHER PENSIONS.

LARGE INCREASE TO BE RECOMMENDED.

A forecast of the report of the Select Committee on Service Pensions, which is being published immediately, has been made. It is understood that the Committee have agreed that a soldier is entitled to appeal against the amount granted, if he has reason to think the nature of his disability entitles him to more. In the case of an alternative pension, the Committee will recommend a substantial increase. It is understood that they are of opinion that a man's income should be brought up to the level of his average earnings before the war, plus a sixty per cent, bonus in addition to the twenty per cent, already granted on the present flat rate.

As to the flat rate itself, they have come to the conclusion that it should operate on the sliding scale, the basis being raised or lowered according to fluctuations in the cost of living. Having regard to present prices the Committee think an immediate adjustment is necessary and recommend a forty per cent. increase in the flat rate as regarding widows.

The Committee also recommend that instead of receiving half the amount awarded for a totally disabled soldier, two thirds should be given. It is estimated that the adoption of the recommendations in their entirety will mean an additional expenditure of twenty millions sterling annually.

LONDON HOUSING.

CATERING FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS.

Great activity is being shown in new housing schemes in various centres in England. In London, provisional approval has been given by the Ministry of Health to the London County Council's scheme for the development of a part of the White Hart-lane estate, Tottenham, and Wood Green, on the lines of a garden suburb.

Of the site, 62 aqres are allocated for 1,110 working-class dwellings and 50½ acres will be sold or leased for the erection of better class houses. The total cost of developing the remainder of the estate under this scheme is estimated at £1,200,000, and the Housing Committee proposes to carry out the work with the greatest possible speed.

The accounts of the Council's working-class dwellings for the year ended March 31 last show a net surplus of £6,423. The loss on empties was only 1.03 per cent. of the gross rent.

ILL FATED N. S. 11.

The first body from the crew of the wrecked airship N. S. 11 was washed ashore at Salthouse on the North Norfolk coast on Monday. It is evidently the body of a Flight-Sergeant. The airsh p station at Pulham has been apprised of the recovery and early identification is expected.

LIBERATOR OF LILLE HONOURED.

The presentation of the sword of honour given by the citizens of Lille to General Birdwood, whose army liberated their town from the Germans on October 17, 1918, took place on Monday at the Town Hall in the presence of many high military officers, the Prefect of the Nord, the Bishop of Lille, and the members of the Town Council. After the ceremony of the presentation of the sword the freedom of the city was conferred upon General Birdwood.

FATHER OF LUCKNOW.

Major General John Ruggles, the "father" of the Lucknow garrison and one of the oldest survivors of the Indian Mutiny, who entered on his ninety-third year only last week, died at Swanage on Monday. He retired from active service in 1876 with the rank of Major-General. In 1904 he was appointed Honorary Colonel of the 19th Punjabis.

AMIR RECALLS RAIDERS.

It is officially reported from Chitral that the Afghan Commander received peremptory orders from the Amir on the 23rd inst. to cease all agressive action against Chitral. The raiders near the Lowari Pass are reported to have been recalled and arrested by Afghans.

The Zhob tribesmen are still in the vicinity of Kapip (Fort Sandeman district). A hostile gathering at Hindubagh is reported, composed of tribesmen from both sides of the border, including deserters from the militia.

AUSTRIAN PEACE TREATY.

The Austrian delegation to the Peace Conference at Paris has not expressed officially any desire for a prolongation of the delay accorded by the Conference for the presentation of any written observations they may wish to make on the Treaty clauses. The period of delay expired yesterday.

A convoy of 60,000 milch cows is expected at La Pallice from America. They are destined for the reorganisation of the French agricultural industry.

FAMOUS GENERAL.

VISIT TO BRITISH HEADQUARTERS.

General Fayolle of the French Army accompanied by members of his staff visited Cologne yesterday morning.

He was met at the Hauptbahnhof by Lieut.-General Haldane, commanding the Sixth Corps, the guard of honour, with the battalion colours and band. being provided by the 6th West Yorkshire Regt., under Capt. Crabtree.

On his arrival the band played the Marseillaise followed by the National Anthem, after which General Fayolle inspected the guard.

Later he inspected English troops in the Dom Square. These consisted of the 6th Battn. Cameron Highlanders under the Command of Colonel Campbell, No. 4 Sub-Section of the 12th Tank Battalion (Tanks L 13 and L 9) under Captain Warburton M. C., and a composite squadron of the 17th Lancers under Capt. Boles.

General Fayolle was accompanied on his inspection by General Sir William Robertson, Lieut-General Haldane and numerous other distinguished French and British officers. The Cameron Highlanders, led by their pipe band and followed by the Tanks, then marched past. The general escort was furnished by two troops of the 17th Lancers.

The Mounted Military Police, who kept the ground, looked exceedingly smart and well turned out.

DEMOB. DOUBTS.

RECENT ARMY ORDER EXPLAINED.

In consequence of misunderstandings having arisen with regard to the scope of the Army Order on demobilization issued on June 27, the War Office states that the Order does not authorise the release of what were formerly known as contract men. The system under which contract men were released was abandoned some months ago.

The only men certified or recommended by the Ministry of Labour prior to February 1, 1919, whose dispatch for release will be completed by September 28, are the balance of the men still remaining in the Army who were registered either as civil demobilizers, pivotal men, or men for special release. Civil demobilizers are men required in civil life to assist the machinery of demobilization, in certain transport services, or in Government departments. Pivotal men are men required in civil life for the reconstruction of industry, such as foremen and heads of businesses whose release would result in the employment of a considerable number of men.

The men registered for special release included the men owning "one-man businesses," or men whom the Labour Ministry considered had special claims for release owing to the nature of their employment.

REVOLT IN ASTRAKHAN.

Astrakhan is reported to be in the hands of anti-Bolshevik workmen. The main portion of the Bolshevik garrison estimated at about 6,000 strong, is making for the coast with the apparent intention of joining sympathisers in Daghestan and Azerbaijan. They have shallow-draught armed barges, and by making a landing behind the volunteers they force General Erdeli's coastal column to withdraw somewhat. Armed bands numbering about 3,000, with machine-guns, led by Bolsheviks and Turks, are terrorising the country to the south of Temir Khans. The Bolshevik agitation in Transcaucasia has been redoubled.

DEARER BREAD.

It is understood, in connection with the threatened strike in the baking trade, that the Cabinet have decided that any further material increase in the cost of production shall be met by increasing the price of bread to the consumer rather than by increasing the subsidy and throwing the cost on the taxpayer.

SCAPA FLEET SALVING.

Contrary to statements made at the time of the scuttling of the German fleet at Scapa flow it is now found that the bulk of the ships can be refloated. The efforts of the British Admiralty salvage department have met with surprising success and before next year virtually the whole of the German fleet should again be on the surface.

BRITISH EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS.

The British Government has decided to raise the British Legation at Brussels to the status of an embassy. The present Minister has been promoted Ambassador

At a conference of the local Employment Committees of Portsmouth, Plymouth, Chatham, and Sheerness at Portsmouth, it was reported that the Admiralty had ordered that overtime was only to be worked in the dockyards in case of grave emergency. The number of unemployed at Portsmouth was stated to have fallen to 2,500.

ARMY MONEY ORDERS

EX-PAY CLERK CHARGED WITH THEFT.

At the Central Criminal Court, before the Common Serjeant, the trial was begun of Cecil Hall, 35, accountant, on an indictment charging him with stealing and receiving 50 demobilization postal drafts and 200 Army money orders, the property of the Secretary of State for War. The defendant pleaded "Not Guilty."

Mr. Travers Humphreys, prosecuting, said that the prosecution arose out of a very ingenious theft of postal drafts and Army money orders, which took place in the early months of this year from the Army Pay Office at Dover. The postal drafts were issued in books containing 50 each and were kept in a locked cupboard. Between January 24 and February 1 one of the books of 50 postal drafts was stolen, and of these 46 were now in the possession of the police. These drafts had been cashed in different parts of England.

The prosecution were unable to give evidence that the defendant had cashed any of the drafts. He was employed at the Army Pay Office at Dover from October, 1918, up to the time of his demobilization on the last of day of January, 1919. On being demobilized he left Dover and came to London. The first of the drafts was cashed at the Paddington Post Office on February 1, and on later dates up to May 3 others were from time to time presented in London and elsewhere. On May 3 the defendant hired a taxicab at Kennington to drive to Waterloo. After he had gone into the station the cabdriver found in the cap an envelope containing four of the drafts, and he took them to the police station. When arrested the defendant denied the charge, and said that he found the four notes in a railway carriage near Baker-street, and put them into the envelope intending to return them to the authorities.

Some witnesses were called for the prosecution, and the hearing of the case was adjourned.

SEAPLANE MISSING.

FEARED FORCED DESCENT IN BALTIC.

A British seaplane which left Christiana on Tuesday morning with six passengers and was expected at Copenhagen at five o'clock has not arrived. Inquiries at Gothenburg and Frederikshaven revealed no news of the aircraft. It is thought probable that the seaplane met with an accident and was forced to descend somewhere in the Cattegat and is unable to make use of its wireless installation.

"PUSSYFOOT."

In the House of Commons Mr. Simm asked the Prime Minister whether he was aware that a number of American citizens had arrived in this country for the purpose of assisting an agitation in favour of the prohibition of the liquor traffic; and, seeing that an acute difference of opinion existed upon this matter, whether it was proposed to take steps to prohibit propaganda being carried on in this country by persons who were not British citizens.

No information being forthcoming Lieut.-Colonel A. Murray asked: Are not thousands of Americans looking forward to visiting this country for the special purpose of relieving their thirst? (Laughter).

Mr. Shortt: I have read that.

RUMANIA RALLIES.

The Rumanians are reported to be rallying against the advancing Hungarians and also to be arming an efficient force of Hungarian opposition at Szegedin, which might endanger the Bolshevists chances and contribute towards defeating them. Another account states that these Hungarians compelled the Bolshevist Hungarians to give up the points they had occupied and recross the Tisza river.

ALIEN PILOTS.

Sir A. Geddes states that he cannot undertake to cancel all pilotage certificates held by aliens before August, 1914, for navigating rivers or harbours in this country. The number of such certificates was only twenty-four out of 2,500. Powers were vested in the Board of Trade with regard to the issue of new certificates.

POLITICS UNDESIRABLE.

Colonel Pottinger, addressing a meeting on Tower Hill in connection with the Industrial Reconstruction Council, appealed to discharged men to form one big union free from political influence, with Sir Douglas Haig as president. He thought that by such methods grievances would more speedily be settled.

A verdict of accidental death was returned at Doncaster yesterday on Lieut. Lupinsky, a Russian flying officer, who was struck by a propeller and killed on the Doncaster Aerodrome on Saturday when preparing to return to Tadcaster.

A large dump of munitions exploded at La Bassee yesterday. Four French soldiers, one English and one Indian were killed, and two women.

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7	4th	14.30	C
8	1st	10.00	B
9	1st	11.00	B
10	1st	12.00	B
11	1st	13.00	B
12	4th	13.30	A
13	1st	10.00	C
14	4th	10.00	C
15	4th	12.00	B
16	1st	15.00	B
17	1st	12.00	B
18	1st	14.00	B
19	4th	15.00	B
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BACK TO THE LAND.

From the Middle Ages till the middle of the eighteenth century, England was a nation of farmers and merchants. Our country rose to greatness by means of its wool-trade, and it was famous for its agriculture and its rural industries. There were cities and towns, but England's strength lay in its broad and prosperous fields.

But the time came when England captured the carrying trade of the world from the Dutch, and her manufactures grew apace. London, Liverpool, Glasgow, and many another town became populous and thriving centres of industry. The factory system was ushered in.

Now the factory system was a necessary stage in our country's evolution, but we have had to pay a large human price for our industrial and commercial supremacy. Labour environment has been unpleasing and uninspiring, yet it has been inevitable that, in the struggle for existence, men and women have been lured from the bucolic joys of agricultural life to the busy haunts of fevered manufacture.

The war has taught us that there may be an unfavourable balance between town and country life. We have had an object lesson in the vast importance of rural industry, for the trend of our civilization had made us forget that in national crises a state cannot safely depend upon an overseas foodsupply. That country is happiest in time of war which comes nearest to the ideal of a self-contained and self-sufficient unity.

Thus England in her time of need looked not in vain. Britain became a garden, and the solitary places were made glad with the fruits of the earth.

Our public men now see that the country, as well as the town, has its part to play in national well-being and as we are entering a new and happier era, they are wisely preparing for a new balance between the city and the village.

The British soldier in his wanderings over Europe has seen how intensive culture of land in France, Belgium, and Germany can add to a people's wealth and political prosperity. They have a new perspective, and are confident that rural industries are not so insignificant as we in our pride of commerce and manufacture had reckoned them.

Many a soldier also has now less inclination for the tasks of the town. His life during the years of war gives him a new zest for the healthier occupations of the country. The factory or the office compare unfavourably with the farm or the rural workshop.

England must see to it that there is land for the man who is anxious to bring in a new epoch of agricultural prosperity. Village life must be reconstructed till it regains the old romance and appeal.

There is no reason why the country should have attractions only for the holiday-maker, the artist, and the novelist. A wise policy could ensure for it not only a considerable economic progress but the opportunity for intellectual development and social intercourse.

The problem of a small holding scheme is not an easy problem, but it must be solved in ar future. At present there is labour unrest in the towns, and for many the choice will soon be between English country-life or the colonies. We cannot spare our energetic and ambitious men for the outposts of empire before we have a goodly number of them settled on the broad acres of our land.

Already there are plans for a campaign of "Back to the Land." The Board of Agriculture is arranging for colonies of small holdings in England. Some of these are for fruit and vegetable cultivation and range from fifteen to twenty acres; whilst others are larger and fit into a scheme of co-partnership farms. Our Government is prepared to grant loans of money that the matter of capital may be less difficult to the new army of agriculturalists.

It is a campaign that is worthy, hopeful, and patriotic.

IN BELGIUM TO-DAY.

This little City has not suffered very much from the war, in a material sense that is. Only a few of the buildings are broken. Naturally the German following his usual custom blew up the bridges, and the riverside is sad in consequence. But this little City has not been the scene of any incidents of outstanding shame. The German contented himself by being always very rude to the inhabitants—he went no further.

There are plenty of people walking about and they have a cheerful air, as if they are anxious to forget about the war. Some of the women are good looking and are quite moderately well-dressed. And, crowning act of amiability, they wear neat boots.

Now every soldier who has been stationed out in the country, where wooden shoes are the fashion, is pleased at seeing women with smart boots on. It is an exhilarating sight, and he gazes at the wearers of the boots with a deep satisfaction and blesses them.

Shops again, after a long spell of the country, are a great attraction. When I arrived at the small City I made straight for the shop windows promising myself the fun of looking in them and of buying some probably quite unnecessary things, to prove I was in civilization once more.

But I was disappointed.

Shops should be individual: there should be grocer's shops and tobacconist's shops and, I suppose, shops selling brooms and brushes, though I hardly see the necessity for these last.

But these half empty, hungry looking windows combine every form of retail trade. There are invariably brushes and brooms; that goes without saying. Then always a display of cigarettes in very ornate boxes, and such funny exotic names—but it never says by whom they are made. I can't imagine anyone ever smoking them; I don't believe anyone ever does, I have never met anyone in the town who ever bought a packet of them. They are very dear also. I wonder whether they are relics of the Occupation, and whether when we return, years later, to visit the scenes of our campaigns, these cigarettes will still be in the windows unsold.

But above all there are brushes and brooms. They seem wildly popular—no shop is complete without them and they range down to nail brushes.

Articles of the toilet are popular, manicure sets, brilliantine and shaving soap, and these are civilized and cheering.

Now all these are very well in their way—but the pity of it is that every shop has a few of each of them and it is so monotonous.

There are tragic shops also. I wanted some flannelette with which to clean my revolver. I stopped outside a small draper's shop. The windows were not big—but they were well filled with various female garments, and it certainly seemed as if a roll of flannelette would be among the stock inside.

I went in quite hopefully, but all I found was a bare room with a small tressle table in it and two reels of cotton on a shelf. The owner was a returned refugee and her little stock just filled the two small windows and no more, Flannelette—no, not a shred of it.

It was a small glimpse of poverty but it was a vivid one. I thought, assuming that the shopkeeper sold all her small stock in a week—what would the profit come to? And she hasn't done that, for I pass the place every day and nothing seems to change.

And this is one of the very smallest sides of the horrors of war and its after effects.

THE INTERLUDE.

There were two of us on tennis bent and on the courts which we wished to occupy were two German girls. We couldn't turn them off — so much by way of excuse for fraternising. After several games we rested and talked.

"You Englishmen," said my partner, "are so cold-blooded, you are quite incapable of enthusiasm. Even in your playing you never get excited, you play well, your strokes are sure and strong, but you never show any feeling; in fact you are brought up not to show feeling."

"But," I objected, "the showing of feeling is just what we dislike in the German; he misses a shot and comes out with a strong expression or beats the air with his racket; or, if his partner misses, he grunts or shows his dissatisfaction in some other marked manner. Now for enthusiasm, you should see a number of schoolboys watching their team playing a football match, perhaps in pouring rain; you would then not say that the English boy is trained to suppress all emotions."

"At any rate," continued the Fräulein, "the Englishman suppresses any self-expression where we would most expect it, namely, in matters of courtesy. A few days ago I was introduced to two of your officers and they only stared at me; and to a lady you only just raise your hat a very little I know, and there are several other things."

"There again," I replied, "you misjudge the nation. It is true that the Englishman's enthusiasm expresses itself chiefly in sport, but it is just this love of sport which lies at the bottom of his ideal of true courtesy. Perhaps over-restrained in outward expression, he has a deep sense of fair-play. We call it 'playing cricket' in England, because there every boy learns to play cricket. This game, you don't know, perhaps to your loss. It is a fine training for a boy. It teaches him firstly to sacrifice himself for the benefit of his side, he learns patience and endurance and the skill needed to face real danger without flinching. All this has made him a ready and willing helper to the man in need, it has made him able, however weary, to give up his seat to a woman, only because she is a woman and to treat the child as a little friend, rather than an inferior to be abused or exploited."

"Well then look at our music," she again attacked, "We Germans all love music, we sing and play ourselves and sit for hours listening to others performing. And we are affected by our music, it really influences us in our actions, whilst you soon begin to long for the performance to be over, that you may go out and smoke; and afterwards you forget all about it. For us, music is an education and a stimulant, for you it is only a momentary sensuous amusement."

"It is true," I admitted, "that the Englishman has on the whole not so keen an appreciation of music. He has not the same heritage as the German. And further he acts on fixed principles only, and no touching music, opera or play ever moves him to depart from them. It is his healthy common sense which guides him always, I admit, however, that we lose a great side of life by this attitude and that genius does not occupy the same position in the common life of our people as does the sportsman. But it is not so, with, by any means, all Englishman. It is perhaps a passing phase, though a long one, as Prussianism was with you. You have only to remember our poets," and I mentioned several, with whom she seemed acquainted, "to realise the power of feeling in the Englishman."

"I am glad that at least you have admitted something," she retorted; "let us go on playing."

J.S.H.

THE ARMY TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

We learn that the Army Technical College at Siegburg is proving very successful. About 175 students of all ranks and of all professions are taking the current course but the College is capable of accommodating twice this number. A very comprehensive equipment of machinery, tools, etc., has been acquired and all the military and civil instructors are specialists in their particular professions or subjects. The syllabus is wonderfully comprehensive in each of three branches of the College. In the "Collegiate Classes" we find *inter alia* Engineering, Naval Architecture and Survey. The "Trades Refresher" department provides, amongst others, classes for bricklayers, electricians, turners, motor drivers, moulders, smiths, patternmakers etc. while jewellers, ticket writers and stoneworkers' draughtsmen are amongst those provided for in the "Artistic Craft" section. There are of course in each department many different classes which space precludes our mentioning. We simply quote the above to show the enormous range over which they spread.

It is not, however, only in classes that the student gains. The College is a residential one, the whole atmosphere is conducive to the absorption of knowledge. There is a fine library containing reference books and text-books on all kinds of subjects in art, science, mechanics and manufactures, and herein the student may wrestle with his unsolved problems knowing full well that expert assistance is standing by to give help, explanation and advice where and when it becomes necessary.

But all is not work. Sport has been provided for by the special reservation of a near by field and the College itself contains baths, hot, cold and shower and many little amenities which tend to make life pleasant.

It is too early to predict the possibilities of the College, but everything so far would indicate that we now have a practical scheme whereby the enlisted youth of the nation may prepare himself for future civilian employment of a high character or keep himself in touch with whatsoever trade or profession he left to join the Army.

The second course will open on 23rd August and will disperse on 4th October. All officers, N.C.O's and men wishing earnestly to avail themselves of the unprecedented opportunities afforded by the College should make enquiries through the usual channels. Applications must be supported by written evidence of previous experience so that all ranks intending to apply should at once take steps to provide themselves with this evidence from previous employers or schools.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

"PLACE AUX DAMES".

Sir,—A notice has recently been posted in the Cologne Golf Club House to the effect that ladies are not allowed to play golf after 3.30 in the afternoon, and not at all on Saturday and Sundays.

This simply means that many are debarred altogether from indulging in this sport, as their duties do not allow of their playing in the morning or early afternoon.

It is utterly unfair to say that they keep the average male player back—a visit to the golf course would prove this statement.

There are not many lady players in the Cologne Golf Club, and the majority of these play a decent game of golf.

It is surely unjust that they should be penalised for the very few who may obstruct other people's play.

FAIR PLAY.

HAVE A "PIEDMONT?"

Sir,— One reads so often complaints concerning the canteens, that it is with real pleasure that I venture to give them a word of praise.

I am sure all the troops in the Cologne district will lately have felt a deep sense of gratification that we have lately been provided with some really choice classic brands of cigarettes, brands that one surmised were only smoked by the aristocracy. I need only cite the aromatic "Piedmont" as an example. This is where the German must feel thoroughly squashed. The most discerning eye fails to detect such a brand in their shop windows.

But other brands that we used slightingly to call "Yellow Perils" they seem to have in unlimited quantities but of course they are welcome to them. Vive la "Piedmont!"

PHILANTHROPIST.

THE CARD INDEX.

Sir,— The article appearing in this day's issue of your valuable paper, on "The Card Index" is quite amusing, but illustrates once more the truth of the old saying, to the effect that a little knowledge can be a dangerous thing.

As a representative of an English firm of Card Index experts, I can sympathize with those victims of your bombardier's misplaced zeal, and it may be of interest to know that the article gives a very misleading and entirely false idea of the extreme usefulness of the Card Index idea when used in connection with Military Records.

The idea of the Card Index is to enable any man in charge of records to have all his information comprehensively and compactly collated and to enable him to find any information he may require with far more speed and accuracy than use of books or loose sheets would give him.

Of course, your contributor may have been writing with his tongue in his cheek, or—his bombardier may merely have been amusing himself with his alternative indexes, killing time pending demobilization, perhaps.

BYNWOOD.

WILD FLOWERS IN RHINELAND.

Sir,—I cannot agree with the "Lover of Nature" who writes in "Echoes" saying that "such a profusion of wild flowers can be seen here in Rhineland as is scarcely equalled by our own English countryside."

Poppies and cornflowers, I will admit, can be seen in abundance, together with white and yellow bedstraw, but to me, at least, the Rhineland cannot compare with a real Blighty countryside.

Where are the carpets of common primroses, bluebells and anemones with which our woods are bedecked in early spring? I did not see the like here in the season.

Again, where are the red and white campions (ragged robins), the greater and lesser Cranesbill, the brooks with their marsh marigold and irises, and last but not least where is there a meadow which can boast the growth of numerous bee orchids and scarlet pimp?

Rhineland I cannot admit to be comparable to a Wilts or Somerset countryside.

LOVER OF NATURE.

CALVARIES AS MEMORIALS.

Sir,—I heartily agree with the writer who takes the view that calvaries would form fitting memorials throughout the countryside to our honoured dead.

They are infinitely preferable to stained glass windows and the like which memorials go unnoticed except by the few.

Many a gallant lad saw these wayside Calvaries for the first time when marching along the roads of France and Flanders. Their attention was arrested by them often because the only standing stonework within sight was this picturesque shrine. It was a source of wonderment to many of us that these escaped the destruction of shellfire. It seemed that they shared Divine protection.

What more fitting memorial to the bravery and devotion of those men?

G.A.R.

AN OFFICER'S WAIL.

Sir,—My heart is gladdened to see the publicity given by you to "Worn-out Tunics" plaint. I have myself been trying for these five months to get a pair of boots (size 9) but have only succeeded in being offered anything under size 2 or over 23. I imagine the officers stationed in Cologne snaffle each pair as they arrive. It is even not improbable that they raffle for them. Of what use is one miserably-equipped Clothing Store for an Army of 200,000?

OLD BOOTS.

JENNY KISS'D ME.

Jenny kiss'd me when we met,
Jumping from the chair she sat in;
Time, you thief, who love to get
Sweets into your list, put that in!
Say I'm weary, say I'm sad,
Say that health and wealth have miss'd me,
Say I'm growing old, but add,
Jenny kiss'd me.

ALLAN CUNNINGHAM.

"Biggest Show In Europe".

WHAT TO SEE AT THE AMERICAN CIRCUS AT COLOGNE ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY.

Many ingenious methods of puplicity have been adopted by the producers of the 1st American Division Circus to remind all and sundry of their advent to Cologne to-morrow and for the following two days.

With the idea of learning a little more about "the biggest show in Europe", a representative of "The Cologne Post" sought the advance agent for information other than that contained in the advertisements.

The American captain, seated in a huge motorcar, had only three minutes to spare, he said, but having started to talk he enthused over the many attractions of the circus for an hour. "I figure out that no show, produced under such difficulties, could begin to approach the First Division outfit for real attractions", declared our informant. He then proceeded to enumerate the many good qualities of the show. The 315 men of the Circus Company who will put on the big show have received special training in "Circus Town" in the American area. They comprise Cowboys, Indians, monkey-drillers (this is the Yank term for cavalry trick riders), clowns, and wild animals, and they will all combine to make up a unique entertainment.

A notable feature of the circus will be representations of typical Wild West incidents by members of the Company who were formerly cowboys and ranchers from the great plains and mountain country of America.

Transformed Football Ground.

"Why not hike out right now to the show ground with me and cast your eye over the fit-up that has been dumped by our boys? Sail straight into my bus and we'll beat it instantly."

The result of this invitation was that the writer soon found himself at the Amsterdamer Strasse football ground, unable to recognise the enclosure so thorough has been the transformation. In the space of a very few days, tons and tons of wood have been transported there and elaborate seating accomodation has been constructed from it. The greater part of the huge field has been encircled with rows and rows of seats so arranged as to allow elbow room — to say nothing of knee room — for the 6000 spectators for whose presence arrangements have been made.

On Saturday afternoon, the football ground was nothing more than a flat, uninterrupted stretch of turf. Now it is practically ready for the first show to-morrow afternoon with only the finishing touches to the huge erections remaining to be done.

A free Spectacle.

To-morrow, at ten in the morning, the magnificent parade of the Circus will march through the streets of Cologne. The start will be made at the Cathedral, and the parade will pass up Komödien Strasse to Auf dem Berlich, along that street and Richmod Strasse to Neumarkt, then down Schildergasse, across the Hohe Strasse to the Rhine and down the Rhine boulevard to the Hohenzollern Bridge, where it will disband.

There are to be two bands in the parade and the other features that will participate in the Circus in the afternoon and evening will appear as a free spectacle.

Tickets are going at a great rate in the Amusements office. The price of admission is three marks, with one mark for the Side Show and one Mark for the Negro concert after the chief performance. Reserved seat tickets for officers can be bought there for five marks each.

A WEEK OF SPORT.

Ambitious Programme of 8th Royal Scots.

Among the many sporting novelties in the Army of Occupation is a week devoted to sport, by the 8th Royal Scots, which is now in progress. All branches of athletics are represented. Besides prizes for every event, there is a silver cup being presented by Lieut. A. O. Gray, of the battalion, to the company who scores the most points on the week's sport.

The enthusiasm with which the battalion is entering into its week's enjoyment was made manifest on the first day, Monday, when two inter-company football matches were played.

In the morning "A" Company matched their strength against "B" Company, and won by the only goal of the match.

In the afternoon, "C" Coy met "D" Coy. This match was even more fiercely contested and resulted: — "C" — 1, "D" — 0. We must needs mention Cpl. Graham, "C" Coy's centre half, whose abilities in seizing opportunities was very noticeable.

In the evening, some good pulls were witnessed in the Tug-of-War, which resulted in "B" Coy having to pull "D" Coy on Friday in the final.

NOTED CRICKETERS AT PLAY.

Prolific Scoring in Friendly Match.

IX Corps Hvy Artillery (283 for 3) v. Western Division (188 for 8) at Cologne. Excellent form was shown by Capt. Robson, the old Kent batsman, and by Padre Burrows, well known in Liverpool cricket. Caldwill, the Worcestershire player, made his runs in 70 minutes. Gnr. Pestle and Capt. Barlow both bowled well without much luck, the latter bowling with considerable pace. For the Western Division, Capt. Heath played attractive and forcible cricket with some excellent shots between corner and mid off. Both sides let some chances go in the field but the ball was wet. The Western Div. won the toss but elected to put the other side in. The rain at midday rather influenced the game.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Thursday, July 31, 1919

Weather mainly cloudy. Some morning mist or drizzle still likely. Cool. Fair visibility.

PLAY, MUSIC, SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Dolly of the Pedlars.

This little cliché is an impression of Claude Cele as "Dolly", the girl of The Pedlars Concert Party. He stepped into the shoes of one of the former "girls", who was demobbed, and has played the part with conspicuous success, has all the qualifications of a pleasing female impersonator, he looks pretty, is dainty, and has a nice voice. Although young, Cole has been with the Pedlars some considerable time—in fact, practically all his stage-craft has been acquired with them. He hails from Devon.

Leave Club Concert.

A delightful concert was given by the "Chequers" at the British Empire Leave Club on Tuesday. The hall was crowded and expressions of delight were heard on all sides. Ted Lacy's songs always caused much applause, the most popular being "Old Dun Cow" and "Cabbages". Jack Street's rendering of the "Beauty of the Guards" also caused much laughter, while the song scena "In the Night" might almost be considered as the success of the evening, largely due to J.S. Anderson. The recitation "The Shooting of Dan McGray" by "George" was also eagerly listened to in absolute silence by the whole audience. Bill French's "Ragtime Dance" was a most excellent show, and he was called back again and again.

The programme ended with another splendid song scena.

Whist and Dance.

A very pleasant evening was spent at 36 Casualty Clearing Station on Tuesday, when the N.C.O's and men held a whist drive and dance at their hospital in the Weyerthal, Lindenthal. About 50 ladies of the W.R.A.F. attended. The prizes for the whist drive were distributed as under by the acting commanding officer, Major F. R. Fraser, R.A.M.C. who, in a few able words, thanked the ladies for their presence, pointing out that such evenings could not hope for success without their assistance. The prize-winners were Ladies: 1st Miss Mason, W.R.A.F.; 2nd Miss Horne, W.R.A.F.; Booby, Miss Findlay, W.R.A.F.; Gentlemen: 1st Cpl. Wood; 2nd Pte. Mortley; Booby Pte. Church. sealed prize: Miss Melluish, W.R.A.F.

After a short interval for refreshments, dancing followed. Quite a feature of the evening was the elaborate fancy dress worn by some of those present. The arrangements were in the capable hands of Sergt.-Major F. Shepley and Staff-Sergt. Palmer.

"The Buzzers".

"The Buzzers" (Light Division Signal Coy) have filled up the gaps caused by demobilization. They gave a concert at Ohligs on Thursday last and by special request they repeated the programme on Saturday. On both nights the theatre was packed to its utmost capacity.

"Mabel" and "Phyllis" were as fascinating as ever, the former making a special hit with "her" rendering of songs from "Going Up" etc. "The Spy" a burlesque admirably played by Sprs. Unwin, Cordery and "Phyllis" brought the house down, the air raid being particularly well done.

Pnr. Gallon, the clever Yiddish comedian, received a most enthusiastic reception, as also did Spr. Lucas and Cpl. Edeson with those old favourites "My Old Shako" and "Love's Garden of Roses". The versatile Unwin fully deserved the volumes of applause which greeted his "I had a Little Garden". "Phyllis" and Spr. Pearce were good in their duets.

The *piece de resistance* was the farce "Doctor Dozie's Patients" in which Dr. Dozie (Spr. Unwin) performed most marvellous electrical cures.

JACQUES.

Out of Season.

Several friendly Soccer matches were played on Saturday and this in July! Apparently some of the clubs are apprehensive of their resources this coming season, and want to learn the worst as early as possible.

GOODWOOD MEETING.

King Sol Wins The Stewards' Cup.

FAVOURITE SECOND.

At Goodwood on Tuesday King Sol won the Stewards' Cup by three quarters of a length, Irish Elegance, the favourite, being second.

Scatwell was third.

GOODWOOD RACES.

"Jerry M." wires the following selections for Goodwood:—

Thursday:— Air Raid.

Friday:— Tangiers.

Saturday:— Slippery Ann.

2nd EASTERN BRIGADE.

51st Bedfords Win Brigadier's Cup.

A big crowd, and much enthusiasm attended the sports meeting organised by the 2nd Eastern Infantry Brigade which were held at Wahn, for the Brigade Championship Cup presented by Brigadier General H. C. Jackson, C.B., D.S.O. Some excellent sport was witnessed.

The outstanding feature of the afternoon was the magnificent prowess shown by Captain J. E. H. Willett, M.C. (51st Bn, Beds) and Pte Myhill (52nd Beds). After a very hard struggle the 51st Bn, Bedfords won the Cup by a small margin of 4 points, being closely followed by the 52nd Bedfords.

The officials were:—President-Brig.-Gen. H. C. Jackson, C.B., D.S.O.; Secretary-Lieut. A. T. Blackett; Referee-Major C. E. G. Shearman, D.S.O., M.C.; Judges-1. Major H. S. Kreyer, D.S.O., 2nd Bde. H.Q.; 2. Lieut. H. Spicer, 51st Bedfords; 3. Lieut. Noke, 52nd Bedfords; 4. Lieut. Kincaid, M.C., 53rd Bedfords; 5. Lieut. Fyson, 2nd Eastern L.T.M.B.; Starter-Lieut. Tully, 52nd Bedfords; Time Keeper—Lieut. Jarvis, 52nd Bedfords; Groundsman-Pioneer Sgt. Jarvis, 53rd Bedfords; Marshal-C.S.M.I. H. Robbins, A.G.S.; Asst Marshal-C.S.M.E. Whitehead, 51st Bedfords; R.S.M. Walker, 52nd Bedfords; A/R.S.M. Limmer, 53rd Bedfords; Clerk of the Course-Sgt. Davis, 52nd Bedfords; Dressing Room Stewards Sgt. Birdsey, 51st Bedfords; Sgt. Clarke, 53rd Bedfords; Recorder-Major A. Grover, D.S.O., M.C., 52nd Bedfords.

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

Putting the Shot:—1st Cpl. Hewitt, 52nd Bedfords; 2nd Lieut. Holmes, Bedfords; 3rd Lt./Col. Allason, D.S.O., 51st Bedfords.

Long Jump:—1st Sgt. Rochester, 52nd Bedfords; 2nd Sgt. Bennett, 51st Bedfords; 3rd Lieut. Vaughan, 53rd Bedfords.

100 yards:—1st Lieut. Hall, 51st Bedfords; 2nd Sgt. Freeman, 51st Bedfords; 3rd Capt. Willett M.C., 51st Bedfords.

High Jump:—1st. Lieut. Vaughan, 53rd Bedfords; 2nd Pte. Taylor, 51st Bedfords; 3rd Pte. Fry, 51st Bedfords.

220 yards final:—1st Capt. Willett M.C., 51st Bedfords; 2nd Sgt. Freeman, 51st Bedfords; 3rd Sgt. Sharman, 52nd Bedfords.

Brigade Mile:—1st Pte. Myhill, 52nd Bedfords; 2nd, 2nd Lt. Scolding, 53rd Bedfords; 3rd Cpl. Kupferroth, 53rd Bedfords.

1/4 Mile Race:—1st Sgt. Cope, 51st Bedfords; 2nd R.Q.M.S. Worrell, 51st Bedfords; 3rd Sgt. Sharman, 52nd Bedfords.

1/2 Mile Race:—1st Pte Myhill, 52nd Bedfords; 2nd R.Q.M.S. Worrell, 51st Bedfords; 3rd Lieut. Gilbert, 53rd Bedfords.

Hurdles:—1st Lieut. Hill, 53rd Bedfords; 2nd Lieut. Hughes, 52nd Bedfords; 3rd 2nd Lt. Curtiss, 53rd Bedfords.

Tug-of-War:—1st 52nd Bedfords; 2nd 51st Bedfords.

Relay Race:—1st 52nd Bedfords; 2nd 51st Bedfords; 3rd 53rd Bedfords.

Brigadier-General's Cup:—1st 51st Bedfords, 54 points; 2nd 52nd Bedfords, 50 points; 3rd 53rd Bedfords, 27 points.

OPEN EVENTS.

Mile Race (open to Div.):—1st Pte. Myhill, 52nd Bedfords; 2nd Sgt. Woolgar, 52nd Bedfords; 3rd Pte. Daniels, 51st Bedfords.

Despatch Riders Race:—1st Trench Mortar Battery; 2nd 52nd Bedfords Regt.; 3rd Brigade H.Q.

Reveille Race:—1st 52nd Bedfords; 2nd 2nd Bde. H.Q.; 3rd L.T.M.B.

All ranks relay Race:—1st 52nd Bedfords; 2nd 51st Bedfords; 3rd 53rd Bedfords.

Pillow fighting on Pole:—1st Pte. Cleeve, 52nd Bedfords; 2nd Pte. Metcalfe, 2nd Bde. H.Q.; 3rd Pte. Knapp, L.T.M.B.; 4th Pte. Jarvis, L.T.M.B.

Drums Competition:—Winners-51st Bedfords.

Officers 100 yards:—1st Capt. Willett, M.C., 51st Bedfords; 2nd Lieut. Hall, 51st Bedfords; 3rd Lieut. Hugh s, 52nd Bedfords.

Blindfold boxing:—1st Dmr. Waters, 51st Bedfords; 2nd Pte. Holloway, Bde. H.Q.; 3rd L/Cpl. Martin, 51st Bedfords; 4th Pte. Sales, L.T.M.B.

EASTERN DIVISIONAL HORSE SHOW.

A 1st Class Coach will be reserved on the passenger train leaving Cologne today at 13.50 hrs. to Siegburg arriving 14.46 hrs., and on the train leaving Siegburg at 20.57 hrs. to Cologne.

Duke Kahanamoku.

Duke Kahanamoku, the Hawaian and Olympic Games swimmer, is going in for politics, and will be a candidate for the House of Representatives at the next election in the Islands.

VICTOR LUDORUM.

Corporal Carries off Prize at Marienhof.

75th BDE. R.F.A. SPORTS.

A Sports Meeting was held at Marienhof on Saturday by 75th Brigade R.F.A. On account of the length of the programme and the large number of entries, it was found impossible to finish the events on Saturday, the programme being completed on Monday.

The results were:—

Musical Chairs (Mounted):—1, Cpl. Canning, C Bty.; 2, Bdr. Graney, D Coy.; 3, Dvr. Fitzpatrick, A Bty.

220 yds. Flat (Open):—1, Bdr. Painter, B Bty.; 2, Gnr. Bamford, D Bty.; 3, Dvr. Adams, A Bty.

Jumping (Officers):—1, 2/Lieut. O. D. Mason, 74th Bde.; 2, 2/Lieut. E. G. S. Champneys, A/75; 3, 2/Lieut. White, No 3 Sect. D.A.C.

Jumping (Warrant Officers, Sergeants, and Corporals):—1, Sergt. Moore, C Bty.; 2, Cpl. Hill, A Bty.; 3, B. S. M. Gillson, C Bty.

Jumping (Bdrs., Gnrs, and Dvrs.):—1, Dvr. Haines, B Bty.; 2, Dvr. Hardman, A Bty.; 3, Dvr. Eaton, D Bty.

Mule Race:—1, Dvr. Tracey, A Bty.; 2, Dvr. Murton, A Bty.; 3, Cpl. Lucas, B Bty.

440 yds. Flat (Open):—1, Gnr. Smith, C Bty.; 2, Sdlr. Taylor, D Bty.; 3, Lieut. Castello, C Bty.

Tent-Pegging (Officers):—1, Capt. Greenfield, D Bty.; 2, Major Turner, C/74; 3, Major Jones, D/75.

Tent-Pegging (N.C.O.'s):—1, B. S. M. Lloyd, D Bty.; 2, B. S. M. Gillson, C Bty.; 3, Sergt. Gilbert, D Bty.

Led Horse Jumping:—1, Dvr. Frederick, A Bty.; 2, Dvr. Heathlie, B Bty.; 3, Dvr. Turner, A Bty.

Tug-of-War: B Bty.

Long Jump:—1, Bdr. Painter, B Bty.; 2, Gnr. Bamford, D Bty.; 3, 2/Lieut. Chilman, A Bty.

Old Soldiers Race:—1, Capt. Canning, C Bty.; 2, B. S. M. Gilson, C Bty.; 3, B. S. M. Atkins, A Bty.

Jumping-Half Section:—1, Sergt. Moore, C Bty.; 2, Bdr. Warner, A Bty.; 3, Dvr. Tracey.

100 yds.:—1, Gnr. Bamford, D Bty.; 2, Bdr. Painter, B Bty.; 3, Gnr. Langford C Bty.

Wrestling on Horseback:—B Bty.

880 yds. Flat (Open):—1, Sig. Paul B Bty.; 2, Lieut. Castello, C Bty.; 3, Sdlr. Taylor, D Bty.

Final-V. C. Race:—1, Sig. Bendelow D Bty.; 2, Bdr. Coatsworth, C Bty.; 3, Dvr. Lalley, D Bty.

Obstacle Race:—1, 2/Lieut. Chilman, A Bty.; 2, Lieut. Castello, C Bty.; 3, Cpl. Canning, C Bty.

Throwing the Cricket Ball:—1, Cpl. Canning, C Bty.; 2, Bdr. Shepperd, C Bty.; 3, Dvr. Barron, C Bty.

Prize for the Victor Ludorum:—Cpl. Canning, C Bty.

The officials were:—

Judges, Lieut.-Col. Ashwanden, D.S.O., and Major Carlisle, D.S.O., M.C. Capt. R. Darley, M.C.; Lieut. W. S. Douglas; 2/Lieut. D. A. J. Bowie. Major H. C. Worrall, M.C.; 2/Lieut. D. A. J. Bowie; 2 Lieut. J. L. Tarrant; 2/Lieut. W. E. Longster. Capt. J. J. Eberton, M.C. Capt. M. Pritchard; 2/Lieut. M. C. Chilman; Lieut. A. T. Abley. Starters:—2/Lieut. H. V. S. Muller; Capt. A. H. Birch. Recorder:—2/Lieut. E. G. S. Champneys. Time-Keeper:—Lieut. T. F. H. Read. Stewards:—R. S. M. Beech; B. S. M. Scott; Sgt. Edwards; Sgt. Freer; Sgt. Moore.

The monthly "Sports Challenge Shield" was won by C Bty and the Football medals by D Bty team. The prizes, Shield and Medals, were presented by Miss Stewart Evans during a concert on Thursday evening, the programme of which was supplied by artistes of the Brigade, ably reinforced by artistes from the "Northern Lights" (N.D.A.C.) who gave a delightful evening to a large and appreciative audience.

LANCASHIRE DIV. SPORTS.

Events and Prizewinners.

The above sports, as briefly reported yesterday, were held at the Sports Platz, Cologne Road, Bonn, on Friday and Saturday. The following were the events and prizewinners:—

100 yards:—S.M. Hatton, 32nd Bn. M.G.C.; Sgt. Cain, 12th L.N. Lancs.; Bdr. Butler, 161 Bde. R.F.A.

880 yards:—Lieut. Elliot, 15th Lancs. Fusiliers; Lieut. Smith, 52nd Manchester Regt.; Lieut. Tasker, 12th L.N. Lancs. Regt.

Shot:—Lieut. Mitchell, 16th Lancs. Fus.; Capt. Marshall, Divl. Engrs; Cpl. Hollis, 16th Lancs. Fus.

Relay:—15th Lancs. Fusiliers; 52nd King's L'pool Regt.; 12th L.N. Lancs. Regt.

High Jump:—Lieut. Galley, 13th King's L'pl. Regt.; Pte. Chubb, 32nd M.G.Bn.; Capt. Brierly, 15th Lancs. Fus.

440 yards:—Lieut. Smith, 52nd Manchester Regt.; R.S.M. Capon, 16th Lancs. Fus.; Pte. Gardner, 15th Lancs. Fus.

220 yards:—Sgt. Woods, 52nd King's L'pl. Regt.; Sgt. Cain, 12th L.N. Lancs.; Lt. Telford, 5th Border Regt.

Hurdles:—Bdr. Butler, 161 Bde. R.F.A.; Lieut. Stubbs, 161 Bde. R.F.A.; Capt. McKeard, 5th Border Regt.

Mile:—Capt. Bailey, 52nd King's L'pl. Regt.; Lt. Reilly, 15th Lancs. Fus.; Lt. Tasker, 12th L.N. Lancs.

Long Jump:—Lt. Goodman, 15th Lancs. Fus.; Pte. Macey, 52nd King's L'pl. Regt.; L/Cpl. Sumner, 12th L.N. Lancs.

Three Mile:—Sgt. Hope, 51st Manchester Regt.; Pte. Banks, 12th L.N. Lancs; Lt. Davies, 51st Manchester Regt.

Brilliant Cricket Display.

REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT BY 52nd WELSH REGIMENT SERGEANT.

A notable bowling and batting performance on the part of the same player was witnessed at Duisdorf in a match between the 52nd Welsh Regt. and the Eastern Div. Sig. Coy. Bowling for the former Sergt. Kay took 9 wickets for 13 runs, performing the hat trick, and on a bowler's wicket gave a fine exhibition of defensive batting.

52nd WELSH REGT. (121) v. EASTERN DIV. SIG. COY. (20). Sergt. Kay of the home side going in first, carried his bat for 48, after a perfect display of defensive batting on a bowlers wicket. Following this, he took 9 wickets for 13 runs, performing the hat trick. Cpl. Wallwark made 26 and took 1 wicket for 3 runs.

CAV. DIV. H.Q. (59) v. 70th Sq. R.A.F. (40) at Bickendorf. Lieut. C. R. Jennings (16), Cpl. Harvey (10), and Spr. Smith (10) were the highest scores for Cav. Div. while Cpl. Adams took 5 for 19 and Spr. Smith 3 for 10.

LANCS. DIV. M.T. COY. (56 for 1) v. 92 FIELD AMB. (42). For the winners, Major Rowntree, Major Kershand, and Lieut. Almond compiled the necessary runs.

LANCS. DIV. M.T. COY. (98) v. 52 CHESHIRES (38). For the winners, Lieut. Almond and Pte. Boothroyd were the star artistes; Pte. Boothroyd making a score of 45 and Lieut. Almond taking 7 wickets for 14 runs.

II CORPS H.Q. (134) v. 4 F.S. BN. (52) at Leverkusen. For II Corps H.Q., Capt. Tarleton scored 78 and Pte. Holmes 13, while S. M. Bowley took 6 wickets for 23 runs and Pte. Holmes 4 for 19. For 4 F.S. Bn., Spr. Seaton made 13 and L/Cpl. Hodgetts took 5 wickets for 52 runs.

D/190 BDE. R.F.A. (100 for 2) v. NORTHERN DIV. R.E. (61). For the R.E.'s, Cooper scored 26 and Trappit 21. For the Battery, Capt. Fenn (27), Lieut. Baines (27), Dvr. Bingham, and Dvr. Morphew (13 not out), were the top scorers.

170 SIEGE BTY. (101) v. 3rd NORTHERN BDE. (57) at Riehl. The Gunners batting first, lost their first wicket for 0; the second, however, put on 55, Lieut. Yarborough making 37. Lieut. Harding took 6 wickets for 36. With the exception of Sergt. Prince (18), 3rd N. Bde. offered little resistance to the bowling of Gnr. Michelis (5 for 9) and Gnr. Hollings (4 for 28).

10th ROYAL WEST KENT REGT. (96 for 2) v. 69th SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A. (65) at Seligenthal. For the S.B., Bty. Sergt.-Major Joyce (13 not out) alone played with any confidence. For the Kents Cpl. Menney (37 not out) and Lieut. Horst (53 not out) were the best batsmen, while Lieut. Horst took 6 wickets for 26 runs.

23 ROYAL FUSILIERS (91) v. 303 SIEGE BATTERY (42) at Overath. Wilkinson for the Gunners was in fine form, taking 7 wickets for 21 runs, and scored 19.

41st M.G.C. (168 for 8) v. 180 LABOUR COY. (13). Dvr. Gorrard was in splendid form taking 6 wickets for 7 runs, and together with Major Boumphr y (3 for 4) dismissed the Labour Coy. for 13. For the M.G.C., Lieut. Andrews (37), Col. Barry (31 not out), Pte. Wood (29) and Lieut. Slade (28) were the best batsmen.

"R" A.A. BATTERY (165) v. 53rd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS (114) at Volksgarten. Again the Battery played a very stylish game, six of the team reaching double figures. Cpl. Bennet contributed a most useful 41, and Bdr. Whitehouse 37. The N.F.'s were unfortunately only able to present 8 batsmen. Pte. Crompton hit a striking 68, and two others reached double figures.

310 BDE. R.F.A. (57) v. K. O. HUSSARS (44) at Düren. For the Bde. Gnr. Yates 13 was the only batsman to reach double figures; Dvr. Small took 6 wickets for 5 runs and Bdr. Battersby kept wicket brilliantly. Lieut. Cannon scored 20 and bowled well for the Hussars.

OTHER RESULTS.

10th Corps Sig., 91; 207 Sq. R.A.F., 72.

51st Bedford Regt., 86; 69th Siege Bty., R.F.A., 36.

5th R. Irish Regt, 106 for 5, declared; 3rd Northern Bde., 57.

5th R. Irish Regt., 100 for 3, declared; D/190 Bde., 12 for 2. This match resulted in a draw.

CRICKET FRIENDLIES.

170 S.B. (77) v. 111 H.B. (27). In this match, Gnr. Nicholls of 170th S.B. took 9 wickets for 7 runs, hitting the wicket on seven occasions.

180th LABOUR COY (76) v. 49th LABOUR COY. (42). Bowling for 49th Coy., Cpl. Harrington took 7 wickets for 26 runs and for 180th Coy., Cpl. Stevenson had 6 victims for 15 runs.

78th LABOUR COY. (116 for 8) v. N.A.C.B. (15) at Klettenberg. For 78th Labour Coy. Pte. Snowball took 5 wickets for 6 runs and Pte. Emery 5 for 7.

77 SIEGE BTY. (8 for 80) v. 84 BDE. R.A.S.C. (44) at Mehlem. The A.S.C. batted first, but with the exception of Mandersley who played well for 16, none reached double figures. Fenton took 4 wickets for 9, and Harker 3 for 5. After losing 3 wickets for 8, Harker (14) and Fenton (29) carried the Gunner's score beyond their opponents. Stumps were drawn when the score was 8 for 80), Garmousway (20 not out). Up to date 77 Siege Battery have won all matches played in this league.

POLO MATCH AT KALK.

17th v. 12th Lancers.

The following polo match took place on the Lancers Brigade polo ground at Kalk last Saturday in the Handicap Polo Tournament, Group B.:—

17th v. 12th Lancers.

Col. Melville 1, Lieut. Browne 1.
Lt. Gossage 2, Capt. Adair 2.
Capt. Turner 3, Capt. Richardson 3.
Capt. Boles back, Col. Bailey back.

On the handicap the 17th Lancers had to concede 6 goals, and 4 chukkas only were played. The 17th Lancers were continually pressing but their shooting was somewhat erratic. They scored once in each of the first three chukkas, but in the last they were unable to add to their three goals. Thus the 12th Lancers with their original start of 6 goals won by 6—3.

For the winners Col. Baily played a very good defensive game and Capt. Richardson also played well.

For the losers Col. Melville and Capt. Boles were seen to the best advantage.

COLOGNE SOUTHERN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
93 Bde. R.G.A	20	20	0		40§
41 M.G.C.	15	15	0		30§
Northern Div. R.E.	15	11	4	1	23§
D/190 Bde. R.F.A.	15	11	3	1	23§
Wahn Survey Det.	17	11	6		22§
180 Labour Coy.	13	11	2		22§
2nd M.G.C.	13	9	2	2	20§
34 Bn. M.G.C.	14	10	4		20§+
5 R. Irish Regt.	13	8	3	2	18§+
170 Siege Bty.	13	8	4	1	17§
3 M.G.C.	13	8	5		16§
VI Corps H.Q.	17	7	10		14§+
3 Northern Bde.	13	5	8		10§
52 Bedfords	11	5	6		10§+
2 M.G.Sq., Cav. Div.	11	5	6		10§+
12 R. Irish Rifles	8	5	3		10§
51 Devons	7	5	2		10§+
"G" A. A. Bty. R.G.A.	13	4	8	1	9§+
H.A.C. c/o D.A.P.M., Deutz	12	4	8		8§
5 K.O.Y.L.I.	11	4	7		8§

§ Games awarded for scratched matches.
+ Games lost by default.

MOUNTED AND DISMOUNTED.

51st Hants Regimental Sports and Gymkana.

On Friday and Saturday, the 51st Hants held their regimental sports which, despite many disappointments with the weather, went off very successfully.

Brigadier General D.E. Cayley C.B., C.M.G. attended the sports on Friday with his Staff, and many other visitors came from the Machine Gunners and the other Hampshire Battalions.

Competitive feeling ran high amongst the youthful warriors and great was the excitement round the "telegraph boards," as after each race the points went up.

After an interval, there was a very exciting six-a-side football match—"A" Coy. v "B" Coy.—which resulted in a win for the former.

At the close of the day the positions of Companies were—"A" Coy.—93 points. "D" Coy.—92 points. "B" Coy.—84 points "C" Coy.—77 points.

During the afternoon, the semi-final of the Brigade tug-of-war took place, and in the evening, the Brigade cross-country run was won by the 15th Hants, the 51st. Battalion being second.

On Saturday, the ground had dried up and the weather remained fine all day. There were some very fine races, in particular the open mile and 3 miles which were both won by Pte. Orr, 29th M.G.C.

The final of the tug-of-war and the relay race were both won by "D" Coy.

The results in the company challenge competition were: "D" Coy.—158. "A" Coy.—117. "B" Coy.—116. "C" Coy.—98.

The first of the mounted events was a bare-backed mule race for the officers which was run in two heats. Many mules won the race without their riders and one mule was discovered in its stable. The final was won by Capt. H. Harris on "Jock."

Then came the tug-of-war on mules which caused much fun.

A pull between the officers and sergeants lasted for 15 minutes during which time Lieut. A.L. Grice gave an exhibition of dismounting and mounting, amidst much encouragement from the spectators.

This herculean struggle was finally decided in favour of the sergeants. Then our four-footed friends performed once more with the transport in musical chairs, and caused much laughter by their intense dislike for the chairs. The jumping competition (officers) was won by Capt. J.P. Fowler M.C., 15th Hants, and Capt. H. Harris R.A.S.C. was a close second.

In the N.C.O's jumping, a very fine display of masterly horsemanship was shown by Corporal Smith R.F.A., who won the competition. Pte. Rennison, 51st Hants, was second, and also gave an excellent performance.

The Lloyd Lindsay race was won by the 51st Hants Transport team.

The prizes were presented by the Divisional Commander at the conclusion.

Captain D.L. Wagnorn M.C., D.C.M. "D" Company carried off the beautiful silver challenge Cup which was presented to the winning Company by the officers of the Battalion, and Pte. Blythe "C" Company a smaller cup exactly the same design as the Company one, for the best all-round athlete in the Battalion.

Capt. Zeigler.

In the short biographical note accompanying the sketch of Capt. Zeigler, the Sports Officer of the London Division, and former captain of the Haileybury XV which appeared in our yesterday's issue, it was inadvertently stated that he had been "demobbed." This however, was only for a fortnight—on the usual leave warrant.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Curious Wide.

Fairservice bowled a curious wide at Blackheath. The ball went over the heads of batsman and wicketkeeper and fell into the hands of Seymour.

Results of Peace Matches.

At Newcastle, before 15,000 spectators. South Shields, 1; Newcastle United, nil. At Sunderland.—Sunderland 4 (Travers, Buchan, Parker); Middlesbrough, nil.

Lord Derby.

Lord Derby was not able to watch his colours carried at his home meeting at Liverpool, owing to having had to undergo another operatton last week in Paris.

Jap Sportsman.

Japan has not made a great noise yet as a sporting nation, so it is interesting to record that a Japanese professional billiards player lives in San Francisco.

For U.S.A.

A party of French boxers will visit the United States next summer. They will include Criqui, Vitte, Marcel Denis, Bora, and de Ponthieu.

Collar-Bone Broken.

At the Barnet and Alston Athletic Club's meeting at High Barnet, whilst the blindfold race was in progress, Miss Bradshaw, one of the competitors, who was travelling well and overtaking the leader, tripped and falling heavily, broke her collar-bone.

Many Trainers.

Charles Marsh the son of the King's trainer, is the fourth man who has had charge of The Panther since he went into training.

Record Event.

There were no less than 2,241 entries of school children at the sports held at Guildford. This is believed to be the biggest event of its kind ever held in the South of England.

A Foursome.

At Prestwick Vardon and Taylor beat Braid and Kirkaldy in a four-ball match by 2 and 1, and in a foursome in the afternoon they were victorious by one hole.

Plucky Jockey.

Gadtuna was fancied for the Thames Plate at Hurst Park but he bolted and threw his Jockey, V. Smyth. This caused delay, but fortunately Smyth was only shaken and was able to remount the captured Gadtuna to win the race from Silver Bridge.

Dempsey pays up.

One of the first things that "Jack" Dempsey did after winning the world's heavy-weight championship was to repay a loan to the man who financed him when he started his boxing career. Dempsey's Christian names by the way, are William Harrison, not Jack.

International Polo.

International polo matches between England and America will probably be resumed next year.

Football at Plymouth.

Plymouth Argyle received Exeter City in a football Peace celebration match at Plymouth before 7,000 spectators, and the game ended in a draw of 1 goal each.

Lynch wants Herman.

Joe Lynch, who defeated Tommy Noble at The Ring in February, and later lost on points to the one and only "Jimmy" at the Club, is now out for a match with Pete Herman for the bantam-weight championship.

Dark Legend.

An Indian paper states that Dark Legend is going to the stud in France after he has fulfilled his engagements in India, where he has won five races out of six and £5,000 in stakes. Dark Legend will be valuable as a sire as there are very few of Dark Ronald's sons standing.

The Soccer Jeason.

Another five weeks over our heads and the first post-war football season will have opened with a flourish of trumpets. The football leagues, with what many cricketers consider a spirit of grab, have seized the last Saturday in August and the first Saturday in May.

Regatta Revived.

After an interval of 5 years, the regatta on the Avon between Bristol and Bath was resuscitated at the week-end.

Hockey in Germany.

It has just transpired that an English hockey team would have toured in Germany in 1915 but for the war. The invitation had come from the German Hockey Association and the English H.A. were considering the matter.

A Lucky Man.

Sir Abe Bailey is a proverbially lucky man in whatever he takes up, and, since his recent return from South Africa, his trainer, Reggie Day—who could not turn out a winner—is now clearly one to follow.

Very Live Force.

It is said that Flaming Fire will be a very live force about Cesarewitch time. This cast-off from R. C. Dawson's stable was once suggested as a likely Derby winner, and "Vic" Tabor is coaxing him back to a more generous frame of mind.

Lawn Tennis Tourney.

A lawn tennis tournament will take place on September 22-27, at the London Flying Club, Hendon, where there are five hard courts and spacious dressing-room accommodation. Mr. D. R. Larcombe has been appointed referee and handicapper.

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496 Siege Batt., R.G.A., Ronsorf, wish to arrange fixtures with any teams at home or away. Team unbeaten at present.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Popular C. O. Leaves.

The departure of Lieut.-Colonel A. C. Girdwood, Commanding the 51st Northumberland Fusiliers is much regretted by all ranks who have served under him. He is taking up the duties of Assistant Commandant, Royal Military College Sandhurst. One of his last public duties as O.C. of the 51st Northumberlands was to lead his men in the great Victory March in Paris.

Huge School Bags.

Were the importance of Education to be measured by the size of the satchels carried by the boys of Germany and those of our own country it is very evident the "laurels" would go to the former. Here in Germany, one is led to think the ruling powers conceived the brainy idea of teaching their young bloods how to carry a pack whilst they are yet small and immatured in order that when the time approaches for camp life and military training their backs would be well accustomed to bearing weights of portable size. But if this is the explanation, one wonders why the weaker sex should be subject to the same burden of school life!

Popular Tommy.

Many reasons have been given for the manner in which the German people have taken to the British Army of Occupation. Call it what you will, an experience during the early days of occupation is interesting to recall. The battalion to which the writer was attached, was amongst the first infantry over the frontier and eventually "anchored" at a village not twenty kilometres from Cologne. Naturally the villagers were much perturbed at the sight of troops and deserted streets was the order of the day. However, it says much for the fine qualities of "Tommy" that this state of affairs extended over but few days and upon departure nearly three months later, the battalion had a send off which brought back Blighty farewells. Therefore, should occasion arise to doubt the sincerity of the good feeling of the majority of the people of the Rhine, it is well to reflect that it has been formed on the solid foundation of the estimable qualities of the British soldier.

Goats.

A familiar sight, on the low lying pasture land, by a river, or along the road sides, are groups of raggedly clothed and booted oys and girls, each in charge of a white goat. These seem to take the place, in this part of the world, of the "cow and the rope," which was such a familiar sight on the high roads of France. As a rule, they are allowed their freedom, when their keeper is in the vicinity, and they never wander far away, but seem to be in continual fear of getting lost. There is no more "windy" creature than a goat, and none which breathes such an air of uncertainty and perplexity when left to its own devices. But perhaps there is method in its seeming madness, for each goat yields two litres of milk a day, which, as a rule, is used by its owner, for home consumption.

The Major's Mistake.

It happened in a battalion of the Blankshires, stationed less than a hundred kilometres from Mülheim. A Major had recently joined and had been posted O.C. "X" Coy. Upon entering the office one morning, he acknowledged the salute of a quiet looking individual standing outside the office door. Leaving the office about five minutes later, he found the soldier still waiting. Again on returning the individual remained and he thought he would investigate. Entering the office he requested the Sergeant Major to "see what that Lewis Gunner wants standing outside." The S.M. appeared at the door, noticed the one person in sight and returned perplexed. When he ventured the remark that he could not see any Lewis Gunner, the Major rose and accompanied him to the door. "That fellow standing there, I mean." "Oh!" said the Sergeant Major, "that, sir, is our Regimental Quarter-Master Sergeant. He is waiting for the C.Q.M.S." A closer examination of his badge revealed to the Major his error, whereupon he retired.

Catching up Time.

A correspondent points out that the orchestras at the N.A.C.B. Officers' Club in Cologne are gradually overtaking the flight of time in regard to the selection of British music. In less than a week they have made such rapid strides towards "up-to-dateness" as to have progressed from "Rosy O'Grady" to "Everybody's Doing It." If this speeding up is continued, next month should find them giving us "The Long, Long Trail."

Interesting Relics.

Visitors to the Dom on Sunday were favoured with an exposition on the relics of the Magi, the skulls of the three Wise Men, who came from the East to visit the newly born Saviour at Bethlehem. Tradition says that the Empress Helena procured the bones and took them to Constantinople, from which place they were removed to Milan. In 1164 they were presented by Frederic Barbarossa to Archbishop Reinald von Dassel, this prelate bringing them to Cologne. At first they were kept in the Chapel of the Magi, the central chapel of the seven flanking the choir, but they have latterly been kept in the Cathedral treasury, near the organ. The bones are kept in a golden reliquary, a costly specimen of Romanesque craftsmanship in the shape of a basilica, probably executed about the year 1200. Many readers will have observed that in the Cologne coat-of-arms three crowns are represented, the ownership of the Magi relics having suggested the design. A British chaplain of the R.A.F. celebrated Mass at the altar of the relics on Sunday morning.

The Meaning of Architecture.

To the visitor the architecture of a city or country creates consciously or unconsciously the first impression and in Cologne we are struck immediately by the type of modern architecture to be seen especially, in the large stores and many public buildings. It seems as if the architects of the present generation had cast aside the ornate adaption of the "German Renaissance" and the passing wave of "Art Nouveau" and created a style more applicable to modern construction and conditions. Utility takes premier place but to the critical observer the little refinements without which a work of art cannot exist are sometimes unfortunately absent. It is to be hoped the age of materialism will not crush out the sympathy and tenderness which created the Rathaus and Cologne Cathedral.

Coming Independence.

A Rhineland soldier, about to be demobilized, was turning his kit-bag out yesterday, when there tumbled forth a couple of pairs of schoon, Flemish fashioned. Upon being twitted regarding the clumsiness of his souvenirs he stoutly argued that everyone knew his own business best. After he was pacified a little he told his comrades they were intended for spadework and another pair for "rolling." This latter treatment is to be accomplished by nailing a box-lid, say 8 in. by 16 in. to the sole and heel, and then treading around as though one owned the earth and the waters under the earth. Whether he got his idea from the continental peasantry or whether he has seen Lyddites treading the shingle in Kent, cannot be said. But it is certain he will not go borrowing the wife's father's roller again if he can help it. As he puts ithimself, "T'owd ratterer can keep 'is roller rustin' in t' coil-hoil, nah!"

Bonn Rhine Bridge.

How many have noticed the stone carvings and figures which form the stone structure of the Rhine Bridge at Bonn? There are upwards of two hundred carvings representative of all kinds of animal life, as well as figures which have no representatives in real life, but which are interesting to anyone who cares to look for them. Unlike those of the steel structure which are practically similar, no figures are alike. There is a curious pair on the end tower representing an old man shewing his back to an old woman. This, as we mentioned the other day, represents the attitude of the people of Bonn to those of Beuel for refusing to share in the cost of the construction of the bridge. On the other side of the same arch is a lady regarding the figure with a horrified expression. This was the retaliation of the people of Beuel who, at the last minute, consented to pay a part of their share.

The Last Car Home.

PRIZES FOR ECHOES.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes". Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to Sgt. J. B. McDonnell, R. G. A., R. A. Reception Camp, Rhine Army; Pte. J. B. Haslam, 47th General Hospital, 13th King's Liverpool Regt. and R.Q.M.S. H.M. Williams, 51st Hampshire Regt., Rhine Army.

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

EDUCATING GIRLS.

His Majesty, King George is known to possess common-sense, practical views on most subjects. At an exhibition of rural industries recently when shown a display of bottled fruits, he said: I think methods of preserving and utilizing fruit should be taught to our girls in school. All knowledge may be desirable but some forms are more desirable than others, and while it may be very well and very interesting to teach girls about flowers which they seldom see, and birds which they can never catch, I think it would be better to direct attention first of all to those things which would help to make them good housewives.

THE ECONOMIC FUTURE.

Mr. H.H. Asquith has been speaking of the formidable economic situation. He says: If we are to remain solvent as a nation, I can tell you in all seriousness, that there are only two possible expedients open to us. In the first place there must be drastic economy in public expenditure, and, in the second place, there must be an equally drastic increase in taxation.

WALK AND LIVE LONG.

Sir Hermann Weber M.D., the eminent physician, is a great believer in a good walk everyday to keep one fit. He says: Many persons, including some medical men, are of the opinion that it is injurious to take much active exercise, especially in advancing years, that the body is sooner worn out by it than by rest or very restricted exercise. Some of my friends have often tried to dissuade me from my long walks, saying that they would "wear me out." The animal body is not a machine made of dead substance, like wood or stone, but is made of living organs and tissues which by action are not worn out, but are nourished and maintained in working order, provided always that the exercise is not over-exercise. Many more people wear out too soon from over-rest, than from over-exercise.

THE AGONY POINT.

Mr. George R. Sims, the veteran journalist and playwright, who is a staunch advocate of the middle-classes, says: One of the most disconcerting of the profiteering scandals is the apparent disinclination of the Government to do anything to check it. The enormously increased cost of everyday necessaries has brought the life of the professional classes and the small fixed income classes to the agony point. And for these there is no relief in sight. But the moment Labour shakes its fist under the Government nose something is done. An enormous increase in wages is agreed to. This is really Relief for the Profiteer. It is compelling one portion of the community to find the money which will enable the other portion of the community to go on paying the profiteer his extortionate prices.

TYRANNY OF PROHIBITION.

The Bishop of Hereford holds strong views on most subjects, theological or general and has been delivering himself on the dangers of a "dry" England. He says: Prohibition implies the unrestricted right of the majority to coerce the minority. It takes for granted that there is no department of individual conduct which lies outside the majority's rightful control, no personal rights which the majority need respect, no sphere of private liberty into which the majority may not intrude. If the principle of Prohibition be sound, it must be capable of general application. Alcohol is not the only abused article of human consumption, nor the only one with respect to which its abuse stands connected with grave social consequences.

RAISING MINED SHIPS.

Mr. Frederic Talbot writing on the subject of salving ships that were lost in the North Sea during Germany's ruthless submarine war and are beyond the reach of divers, says: "There is no reason why the majority of these lost craft should not be brought to the surface, assisted into port, and be overhauled to swell the British mercantile marine which has suffered such startling diminution. The majority have been punctured by a mighty hole blown into their vitals by high explosive and through which the water poured to sink the ship. Only a few have been so hopelessly shattered as to render their salvation extremely precarious or not worth while. Fertile brains have been thinking hard, and experimenters have been busy putting newly born precepts into practice. Among these ingenious workers must be numbered the marine engineer, Mr. Russell Gordon, A.M.I.N.A., who has conceived and perfected a means of bringing sunken ships to the surface by air-balloons.

THREE CROPS A YEAR.

Mr. A. W. Sutton, the well-known horticulturist who has demonstrated that the soil is capable of producing three crops a year, says: When war broke out advocated and practised mid-July and early August sowing of what may be termedsummer crops demonstrated that satisfactory crops can be raised. The soil being warm germination is quicker than in the spring. For instance, at this season of the year crops have matured, and instead of letting the land remain idle, the land is raked over and seeds sown of quick-growing vegetables for maturing this year and others to stand the winter. The secret of success lies in the seed being sown where it is to mature, without transplanting except in the case of the crops which are to stand through the winter.

IRELAND AND FEDERATION.

Walter Long, First Lord of the Admiralty, dealing with the eternal question of Home Rule, says: Although I regret nothing I have said or done in the past, the war has altered this question also, and it is our duty to look dispassionately, fairly and above all, independently, at any suggestion for the solution of this difficult problem. I believe the proper remedy as regards our present system of legislation is the adoption of the federal system. I believe we should devolve on minor parliaments a great deal of the present work and leave the time of the Imperial Parliament free for great questions which concern the Empire as well as ourselves, and those greater domestic questions which ought to be dealt with by the Central Parliament. Any suggestion made for the government of Ireland I would look upon from the point of view of the federal system, and I would only support that scheme which I believe fitted into such a system.

CONSOLATION.

(With sympathy for our gallant cousins on the Long, Long Trail.)

A Doughboy, whom pluck had made roam,
Was returning from War to his Home:
But the sea was unkind,
And soon him you might find
At the Bulwarks — regarding the Foam!

As the Liberty Statue drew nigh
He sighed, and he muttered, "O my!"
"One could hardly believe"
"How the Ocean can heave!"
Gee! I'm glad that the Country's gone "dry!"

FERRYMAN.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Unsolved.—Seven murder mysteries of this year are still unsolved.

Dock Strike.—The Liverpool dock strike has been settled.

New Embassy.— The British Legation at Brussels is now an Embassy.

Going home.—Chinese coolies in the devastated regions of Belgium are to be removed.

Navy Leave Stopped.—Naval leave has been curtailed on account of industrial unrest.

Wedding in Mid Air.—A New York couple have been married in mid air with the assistance of a wireless telephone.

Back to Vagrancy.—There is evidence that men who were vagrants before the war are drifting back into their old life.

Italian Demobilization. — The Italian Third Army, commanded by the Duke of Aosta, has been dispersed.

Terrible Disaster.—In a railway disaster in Russia, 600 people were burnt to death in a blazing train.

Another Tragedy. — A Cottenham man attacked his wife with a hatchet and killed his baby with a blow of his fist.

Bull Ring Profiteer. — A Madrid bullfighter is to receive £20,000 for seven performances.

No Nationalization.—South Wales coal miners have passed a resolution opposing nationalization of the mines.

France Acquires Stock. — France has bought the stocks and supplies which were left by the American Army.

Lille's Gratitude.—The city of Lille has offered a sword of honour to General Birdwood, the liberator of the town in October last.

Lords and Commons.—A struggle may take place shortly between the Lords and the Commons over the Transport Bill.

Newspaper Criticism. — Indian newspapers criticise the inadequacy of arrangements for the comfort and medical care of the Frontier Force.

Coal for Labour. — Negotiations are taking place between France and Italy with a view to France sending coal in exchange for labour.

Use for Tanks.—It is suggested that whippet tanks might be used on mountain roads to carry provisions to hotels difficult of access.

Back to Beer.—After a year of prohibition the town of Hull, Quebec, has voted by a large majority, in favour of the sale of beer and wine.

Seaside "Flips".—The companies running seaside "flips" find miners—at a guinea a flight—among their best customers.

Withdrawal of "The Boy."—After a run of 800 performances "The Boy" will be withdrawn from the Adelphi on Saturday, August 9.

Thames Swans.—Swan Masters found an unusually large number of young birds, including many broods of six and seven, in the course of marking the Thames swans.

Less Coal, More Crime.—The North London Police Court Magistrate says one effect of the coal shortage was people who could not get work lapsed into crime.

The Sheep King.—Sir Samuel Mc Caughey, the Sheep King, to stimulate recruiting insured 500 soldiers against death and total disablement to the total amount of £ 100,000.

The French Way.— The Commander of the 10th French Army has issued a proclamation with regard to the maltreatment of girls who fraternize with French soldiers.

Demobbed Men's Jewellery.—It is noticed that many demobilized men are still wearing their identity discs on their wrists.

Imitation.—A type of macintosh modelled after the British officer's trench coat is very popular in Cologne just now.

War Heroes' Buffets.—The Food Controller has been asked to terminate the system of free buffets at railway stations.

War Savings Certificates.—War savings certificates have proved such an attractive investment that the desire has been expressed that the purchase should no longer be limited to 500 per person.

Sport Itself Again.—The big stores say that never has there been such a rush for sporting implements of all kinds. Even the game of Badminton is in demand.

Ex-Officer as Pigman.—Tired of waiting for news of his pension, which was granted six months ago, an ex-officer has taken a pigman's job at Tring.

Airmen Wanted. — The Air Force is advertising the advantages of service in the peace-time R.A.F. now being organized. The pay will be from 3/- to 18/- a day according to rank and trade.

Shamrock IV.—Shamrock IV with which Sir Thomas Lipton hopes to win the America Cup next year has been under cover in New York since the early days of the war.

Change of Hair.—Many Manchester women have succumbed to the craze for auburn hair and hairdressers are employed turning grey locks into creations of varied hues.

Marking the Place.— The spot on Chislehurst Common where the last German bomb fell on Whit-Sunday 1918 is to be enclosed by the Conservators.

Now Satisfied.— Journeymen basket makers in Lancashire have accepted the employers' offer of increased piece and time rates, with a reduction of working hours.

The Jazz Doomed.—"All the real lovers of dancing are asking for the old waltz back again," says the Secretary of the Society of Dancing whose congress is being held in London.

The Peace of War.—"What with coal strikes and the Triple Alliance wanting to boss us, the whisky famine, and gooseberry champagne at thirty-five bob a bottle, I'm getting fed up. Makes you long for the peaceful days of war!" said a wag the other day.

The IV Corps Torchlight Tattoo in the hills near Nideggen is to take place on the 15th and 16th August, and not only on 15th August, as previously stated.

A dinner for officers who have served with the 11th Division is being held at the VI Corps Club, on Saturday. Any officer who wishes to attend should write to:— Lieut.-Col. E. A. Bray, Lancashire Division Headquarters.

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THE BONUS SYSTEM TO BE DISCONTINUED.

CHURCHILL'S FOUR POINTS.

ARMY ESTIMATES.

DEFENCE OF GOVERNMENT POLICY.

Replying to a shoal of questions and speeches on the Army Estimates in the House of Commons, Mr. Winston Churchill said the Government is continuing the policy contained in the decision of the War Cabinet in March last, that Archangel and Murmansk shall be evacuated before the winter, also that whatever troops are required for a safe withdrawal will be despatched. The widest latitude is left to the Military Commanders on the spot as to the method, time and circumstances.

As to the general military situation in Russia, he said the armies of Koltchak and Deniken are passing through an extremely critical phase. It is a question whether Deniken's advance will relieve the pressure on Koltchak. The policy of the Allies has been to aid the Russians in order to prevent a catastrophe involving any derangement of the balance of power in Central Europe from stultifying the League of Nations at the outset. Our troops will not be used for other purpose than extrication. Their intervention is receiving in a great measure local support. It is untrue to say that Great Britain is being left by her Allies and that all other powers are quitting Archangel, we forming the rearguard. The suggestion that we are contemplating individual action can also be dismissed.

Four Grievances.

Dealing with other matters Mr. Churchill observed that the state of voluntary recruiting was so encouraging that he hoped conscription would pass away permanently with the expiration of the Military Service Act. Regarding the threatened strike, Mr. Churchill called attention to four grievances on which the proposed strike was based. First, withdrawal from Russia — which had already been decided upon; second, conscription, — which is passing away; third, the War Office Circular, — which had no political significance; fourth, conscientious objectors — all of whom are now out of prison.

When he saw the list of obsolete grievances he felt it to be his duty to issue a solemn warning to extreme agitators. They did not hurry in the ordering of a general strike and they have now got a brand new outfit of grievances.

He hoped members would not allow themselves to be frightened by this sort of thing, but would carry out their pledges to the electors and maintain, with security, the great position we have attained in the war.

Supreme Authority:

Mr. J. H. Thomas said the agitation of the working classes over the Russian question was not because they were in sympathy with Bolshevism but because they held that the Allies had no right to interfere in the form of Government desired by the people of another country. He regretted Mr. Churchill's phrase about "brand new grievances."

Mr. Churchill remarked that the grievances advanced as reasons in favour of a national strike were "pretty thin" when compared with the agencies which would be called into operation to remedy them. It would be odious if the forces of the State were to be used to interfere in disputes between capital and labour in order to advance the interests of private employers; but where the State as a whole is challenged and the life and welfare of the community are at stake then obviously the State must use all the resources at its disposal to fight them without flinching and to the bitter end.

As for consription it will disappear within the next few months. The country cannot be turned upside down by a national strike over something which in a few months will pass away altogether.

The debate was adjourned.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

FRANCE ASTOUNDED AT U.S. OPPOSITION.

French interest is concentrated on Washington at the moment, where President Wilson is defending the integrity of the new Triple Treaty against a group of bitter opponents.

This criticism is causing great astonishment in France where it is remarked that those looking askance at the idea of a defensive Alliance between France and America should reflect that it was solely in view of such Alliance that France renounced all the military guarantees which could have been exacted against Germany.

The Belgian Commission of Foreign Affairs has ratified the Peace Treaty.

ARMY PAY.

HIGHER RATES FOR ALL RANKS.

New rates of pay for all ranks in the army have been submitted to the Treasury for approval, which will probably be given this week. It is suggested that they will be considerably antedated.

Under the new scale the bonus now payable will be dropped, but the increases will more than compensate.

It is understood that the increases recommended by the committee are:

Private 2s 9d to 4/- (according to proficiency), Sergeant, approximately 8/6, Regimental Sergeant Major 14/-. The pay of departmental services such as the R.A.S.C., R.E. and R.A.V.C., who already receive a higher rate than infantry, will be adjusted accordingly.

Commissioned officers benefit in proportion. The recommended rates are:

Second Lieutenant £311, Lieutenant £440, Captain £640, Major £860, Lieutenant-Colonel £1000.

These figures do not include special duty allowances, the intention being that the new scale is in the nature of a minimum wage for all ranks. The increases mark a definite attempt to make it possible for officers to live on their pay. It is probable that increased pensions and halfpay rate increases will be included in the recommendations.

These increases are made possible as the result of persistent recommendations by the military authorities, who have long maintained that soldiers are underpaid.

DENIKEN'S SCRUPLES

WHAT HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED FOR RUSSIA.

Interesting facts regarding the operations of the volunteer army in South Russia were given yesterday by Major General Sir C.G. Briggs, Chief of the British Military Mission with Deniken.

He described the offensive which commenced on May 20th, resulting to date in the freeing of 136,000 square miles of territory, the capture of 200,000 prisoners and great quantities of stores and material. The area freed is rich in coal, iron and other minerals and the people are anxious for British trade. The territory is divided into a number of small states whose self-government is absolute. Deniken is not interfering in internal affairs, his only object being the destruction of Bolshevism and the establishment of a united Russia.

Answering questions, Major General Briggs said he had never heard of and excesses on the part of Deniken's men. Though poison gas was available any was used by the Bolshevists, Deniken declined to use it against his own countrymen.

Mr. Winston Churchill also spoke and said he was convinced that Deniken had the nucleus of a good army. He could not forget what Russia did at the beginning of the war when Paris might have fallen if she had not pushed her armies. Our policy was to endeavour to give such measure of support to Deniken as did not involve the sending of troops. He hoped the Allies would do the same for Koltchak.

IRRIGATION LOAN.

LANCASHIRE AND FOREIGN COTTON.

Regarding the Sudan Government's proposed six million pounds loan the "Daily Chronicle" says: "In recent years there has been a tendency to neglect irrigation in the Sudan and to concentrate all energy upon the Delta. Educated native Egyptians are interested in the problems of irrigation which play so great a part in the economic life of Egypt. Here is an intensely important work in which Egyptian talent may be employed to advantage. There is no reason why the Lancashire cotton industry should be dependent on foreign countries for its supply of raw material. If cotton growing were properly developed in the Sudan and other parts of British Africa, the Empire could provide all the cotton which the Lancashire mills require."

COAL STRIKE.

NO SETTLEMENT IN SIGHT.

A conference of Yorkshire coalowners and miners was held at Leeds yesterday, but proved abortive, no settlement on the question of piece rates or working hours being arrived at. The owners intimated that they would consider any separate proposals put forward regarding the wages of winding men and engine men.

KINGLY COUNSEL.

PRACTISE ECONOMY AND "CARRY ON."

The King and Queen visited the Guildhall on Wednesday to receive a loyal address from the City Corporation on the termination of the war. Their visit was marked by the greatest enthusiasm, the entire route from Buckingham Palace being elaborately decorated.

Replying to the address, his Majesty recalled the circumstances under which he paid his last visit to the Guildhall. It was a year ago when the Allies were engaged in a desperate struggle. Nobody could then see any prospect of the wonderful offensive which turned the tide and secured the victory. The King made eulogistic reference to the parts played by the Navy, Army and Merchant service.

Dealing with present problems his Majesty said "Now that we are at peace again our country urgently demands from every citizen the utmost economy in order to make the best use of the resources which the nation possesses, and strenuous and unremitting industry is required in order to ensure the greatest possible production of necessary commodities. Without these we shall have to face depression and poverty; without these we cannot hope to maintain the high position in the industrial and commercial world which we held before the war. I am confident that the ancient and sterling virtues of the British people will not fail us in the hour of need."

The King afterwards conferred Knighthoods on the two City Sheriffs, Mr. Banister Fletcher and Colonel W. R. Smith, M.D., while the Lord Mayor, Sir Horace B. Marshall, was made a Privy Councillor.

NORTH LONDON CRIME.

No arrest has yet been made in connection with the mystery surrounding the death of the woman named Lucy Nightingale, who was found gagged, bound and strangled, at Finsbury Park.

A man who was passing the house on Sunday at midnight, states that he noticed two men talking together in the front of the house where the murder was committed. The police are in possession of certain information in connection with a young man who was seen in the neighbourhood on Sunday night, and are now actively engaged in looking for him.

At the inquest which opened yesterday the body was identified as that of Lucy Nightingale, wife of a coal porter, but living apart from her husband. The police evidence described the finding of the body (which was tied up in a quilt) as the result of information given by a man named Bell, who was under the influence of drink at the time.

The case was adjourned.

GUARDING THE MINES.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Swan asked whether the men at Clipstone Camp, Notts, were standing by for use in emergency as strike breakers, also whether or not armoured cars and machine-guns are being held ready to proceed at a moment's notice for use against strikers in the event of disturbances.

Captain Guest replied that no troops are being held ready for use as strike breakers. It has never been the policy of the Government to use troops for such purposes, but he referred the Hon. member to the Premier's statement last week to the effect that the Government intend to take every means in their power to protect the mines.

L.C.C. AND ALIENS.

Captain Coumbe is to move, and Lieutenant-General Sir Francis Lloyd to second, a proposal at the next meeting of the London County Council, that it be referred to the General Purposes Committee to consider and report whether the standing orders and regulations for entry into the Council's service should not be amended so as to require that all candidates should be natural-born subjects of his Majesty, except in the case of lecturers or teachers of foreign languages; and in the case of any special post for which a foreigner may, for some reason, be considered most suitable, provided always that in respect of a vacancy for such a post, approval should be obtained from the Council before steps were taken to fill it.

CROP OF LIBEL ACTIONS.

Writs have been issued against the "Daily News" by Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Mr. Walter Long, Sir Eric Geddes and Sir Auckland Geddes for alleged libels contained in statements relating to investments made by them in Russian securities.

ATLANTIC AVIATOR MARRIED.

Sir Arthur Brown, the navigator hero of the Atlantic flight, was married at the Chapel Royal yesterday to Miss Marguerite Kennedy.

Captain Cannel, of the Royal Fusiliers, acted as groomsman. There was a large congregation and a huge crowd assembled outside the church.

The Cabinet has decided to have Sir Edwin Lutyen's cenotaph made permanent. It will be executed in marble and will stand on its present site in Whitehall.

FOCH'S FREEDOM.

HONOURED BY THE KING AND LONDON CITY.

Marshal Foch returned to London on Tuesday to receive the Freedom of the City of London. Before the ceremony he was summoned to Buckingham Palace where the King conferred on him the honour of an appointment as Field Marshal of the British Army.

The drive through the streets to the Guildhall was witnessed by huge crowds of people who cheered with great enthusiasm. The ceremony was attended by a brilliant gathering including Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, Admiral Sir David Beatty, Admiral Wemyss and Mr. Winston Churchill.

Having signed the Roll of Freemen, the City Chamberlain in conferring the freedom said that our appreciation of Marshal Foch is founded on the knowledge of his work, which is without a parallel in military history.

Marshal Foch replied in French. He paid a tribute to the valour of the British soldier and the skilful leadership of British Generals and said the organisation of British arms had been marvellous. Industrial England had also played a great part in the struggle. He referred to the great battles on the Western Front at the beginning of March last year and alluded with pleasure to the fact that the British Army, half exhausted in withstanding the German offensive, was fully equipped and ready by August to join in the great sweep which brought the ultimate victory. The British Army continued to move forward until stopped by the armistice, and he was confident that, but for that, they would have crossed the Meuse and marched through Rhineland in the direction of Berlin, destroying the German Army as they advanced.

Another ovation awaited our new Field Marshal as he emerged from the Guildhall, and turning to the Lord Mayor he exclaimed "Mon Dieu! c'est magnifique."

LUTON RIOTS.

IRREPLACEABLE WAR RECORDS LOST.

Forty persons appeared before the Luton magistrates yesterday on various charges arising out of the rioting and assault at the peace night fracas.

The Town Clerk, who prosecuted, said that nobody regretted the loss of the Town Hall intrinsically because for a long time a new building had been desired. He thought, however, that the wishes for its removal were not so keen now it had transpired that the ratepayers will have to pay for a new one as the old hall was not insured.

All public records had been destroyed and the rioters had thereby deprived the town of almost the complete record of those who had served in the war, which record was irreplaceable.

He asked the magistrates to send all the prisoners for trial in order to learn the lesson that the civil power is greater than that of a crowd animated by rebellion of the worst type.

Wilfred Henry Ovenell, a master at Luton Modern School, was among the defendants. The police said that a complaint was received of the defendant throwing missiles at firemen and police.

When informed of this defendant denied the accuracy of the complaints but later he said: "I don't know whether I'm guilty or not. I'm all nerves through the war. There's a gap in my memory. I don't know exactly what happened that night."

The hearing was adjourned.

SPLENDID DUCAL EXAMPLE.

The Marquis of Londonderry has intimated to the widows of those soldiers and sailors employed at his collieries who fell in the war that he will continue to grant them the use of their house during their widowhood free of rent, rates and taxes.

Those widows who are not living in his house will continue to receive the same allowance and in both cases there will be a free allowance of coal.

STOLEN PAY DRAFTS.

Cecil Hall, the ex-army Pay Clerk, appeared at the Old Bailey yesterday, charged with stealing demobilization drafts and money orders from the Army Pay Office at Dover.

The evidence for the prosecution was similar to that given at the police court proceedings. Prisoner went into the witness box and said he had won a good deal of money at horse racing. The last payment into his bank account was £250, two days before his arrest. He denied all knowledge of the stolen drafts or that he had cashed any.

The case was adjourned.

MISSING SEAPLANE SAFE.

The missing British seaplane has arrived at Copenhagen. Owing to engine trouble it had been obliged to descend to the sea near Horten. The journey will be resumed later.

Sir Joseph Compton-Rickett, Paymaster General since 1916, died at Bournemouth yesterday morning after a short illness.

DOUGLAS PENNANT.

INQUIRY GRANTED BY HOUSE OF LORDS.

In the House of Lords the question of Miss Douglas Pennant's dismissal from the Women's Royal Air Force was raised by Earl Stanhope, who moved the appointment of a Select Committee of Inquiry.

Lord Weir, replying to Miss Pennant's champions, said he was convinced that he acted in the best interests of the service in terminating her connection with the W.R.A.F. The result of such termination was that Miss Pennant was transferred to another department without any reflection on her character, either implied or intended. His decision was in no way influenced by the pressure of any individual or group of individuals either inside or outside the Air Ministry and he had a profound disbelief in the existence of any conspiracy against Miss Pennant.

The Marquis of Dufferin, in opposing the motion, suggested that the case would not have attained such prominence if Miss Pennant had not had good friends.

Viscount Peel said that after Lord Weir's statement it would be incredible that anyone could believe he was actuated by any motive other than State necessity in taking the course he did.

On a division Earl Stanhope's motion was carried by 69 votes to 42.

SKELETON MYSTERY.

PROCEEDINGS AT POLICE COURT.

The woman named Maggie White was charged at Willesden on Tuesday in connection with the discovery of human remains at Pembroke Place, Kilburn. The charge was one of disposing of a dead body, contrary to the Burials Act. Only one witness was called, Detective Haigh, who gave evidence to the effect that the girl made a statement to the police on Sunday evening and said she wanted to tell the truth. When the charge was read over to her she said "All right." She was remanded until Monday next.

Inquest on Remains.

The inquest on the remains, supposed to be those of Connie Grant, was opened yesterday. The remains, consisting of an almost complete skeleton, were laid out on the mortuary table, together with some of the earth which covered them.

Maggie Grant, the stepsister, now under arrest, charged with being concerned in the disposal of the body, was not present. Inspectors Haigh and Coggins of Scotland Yard attended and the latter gave evidence of the finding of the remains, together with other articles such as buckles and bits of rags. The proceedings were adjourned for a week.

Woman Surrenders.

A woman answering to the description, and asserting she is Mrs. Grant gave herself up at Lewisham police station yesterday afternoon stating that she was wanted in connection with the Kilburn affair.

She was detained pending inquiries.

Late last night there was a further development, being the arrest of William Grant, father of the deceased girl. The two will be charged jointly with manslaughter, the police having established the identity of the woman.

VICTORY LOAN TOTAL.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, in moving the third reading of the War Loan Bill, said that the total figures of the Victory Loan exceed the 708 millions stated by him on July 17th by about £59,800,000.

In considering the financial aspect, the following figures must be remembered: Since the beginning of the year there has been raised by National War Bonds 290 millions and by War Savings Certificates 47 millions, making a total for the year of over 800 millions.

The bill was read a third time.

BEDS-HERTS REGIMENT.

An Army Order notifies that the title "Bedfordshire" Regiment will in future be the "Bedfordshire-Hertfordshire" Regiment. The alteration is made in recognition of the attachment formed between the two owing to the enlistment of so many Hertfordshire men.

PARLIAMENT'S THANKS.

Mr. Bonar Law states that next week he will submit a motion that the thanks of Parliament be accorded to His Majesty's forces for their services during the war.

NEW SHIPPING.

Two million and a half tons of shipping are under construction in Great Britain and practically every yard is fully packed with orders. This statement was made by Captain Hooper at a meeting of the London General Shipowners Association yesterday.

Trusted agents of the American Department of Justice and other Government organisations are endeavouring to determine what lies behind the race riots which are occurring in the Northern States.

A SMART CORPORAL.

PRAISED FOR ARREST OF BOGUS OFFICER.

Allen Oswald Glynn, a youth aged nineteen, was charged at Misley (Essex) with wearing, at Clacton on Sea, officer's uniform without authority. Corporal Fletcher, of the Canadian Army Pay Corps, said he passed the defendant, who was wearing uniform and decorations. Defendant called him back, saying "Here, Corporal, don't you know an officer when you see one?" Witness then noticed that the D.C.M. ribbon was in the wrong place and that there were no badges on the lapels of defendant's tunic. He therefore said "If you are an officer show your papers to prove it. I'll show mine." Defendant then replied that he was the A.P.M. of the district, to which witness replied "You're a liar!"

With the assistance of a postman he took defendant to the police station. "He tried to make me look small," added the witness, "so I turned the tables on him in the interests of the lads in khaki. A regular officer when at the seaside would not expect a salute. These imposters are the cause of a lot of trouble."

In remanding the defendant the magistrates commended the corporal on his conduct.

BABY FARMING.

FLAGRANT CASE IN EAST LONDON.

Remarkable discoveries were made on Tuesday at Wanstead and the police are pursuing their investigations at a house in Carlton road, Leystonstone, where a baby farm is alleged to have been carried on.

A detective found nine children in an emaciated condition, while a baby boy lay dead in a perambulator in a back room. A woman and her husband were detained.

The police also dug up the garden and found a number of bones which are now being subjected to a pathological examination.

In connection with the case Henry Hatchard and his wife were remanded at Stratford police court yesterday, charged with being concerned in the manslaughter of an infant named Perry by withholding food from it.

INDEMNITY FORFEIT.

In the House of Commons Mr. Cecil Harmsworth stated that 320 millions of roubles were paid by Russian Bolshevists to Germany under the terms of the Brest-Litowsk treaty. This amount in gold was subsequently deposited with the Bank of France on account of the Allies. It is incorrect to say, said Mr. Harmsworth, that Admiral Koltchak's Government has been formally recognised by the allies and that a certain amount of this money would be placed at the disposal of Koltchak and Deniken to enable them to purchase supplies.

DOPE DISCREDITED.

At Kingston Police Court yesterday, Henry Butler, a commission agent of Leyton, was charged on remand with stealing £180 by means of the three card trick from Horace Hunwick while travelling in a railway carriage between Cambridge and Liverpool-street station. He was further charged with stealing £100 from Hunswick's person.

Detective-Sergt. Long, of the Great Eastern Railway Police, said that when prosecutor reported the occurrence he said nothing about a doped cigarette. Prisoner's counsel submitted that there was no case for the jury and described the whole story as an invention.

The bench held that there was no evidence against the prisoner, who was accordingly discharged.

AMERICAN LOAN TO GERMANY.

The Matin, Paris, publishes a cable from New York stating that according to a Berlin message a group of American financiers has offered to advance credit to the extent of one hundred million dollars through the mediation of New York representatives of the Deutsche Bank for the purchase of foodstuffs and raw materials.

SALVAGE AT SCAPA.

In the House of Commons yesterday Viscount Curzon asked the First Lord of the Admiralty to make a statement of the progress made in the salving of the German fleet at Scapa.

Mr. Long said that one battleship, three light cruisers and fifteen destroyers had been salved and operations on three more destroyers were proceeding.

AMERICAN SUBMARINE LOST.

A telegram from New London states that the American submarine G 2 has foundered. Two members of the crew of twelve were drowned. The rest escaped and were picked up by a revenue cutter.

Two motor-boats which left Stockholm on July 20th with provisions for Riga have not arrived. Nothing has been heard of them and it is feared they struck mines and were destroyed.

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CITIZEN SOLDIERS.

The essential thing about the British Army of to-day is that it is a citizen Army. The "man in khaki" is the "man in the street."

The soldier to-day is not something "sui generis," whose whole life and outlook is different from the man at home. He may not be in "civics" but he is still a citizen.

Still the idea is fairly widespread that the soldier has temporarily ceased to be a citizen. Now this abandonment of civic ideals is most unreasonable; of course, it is easy to find excuses for this attitude.

Soldiers pay no rents for the dwelling places they occupy; they need never worry about food; and their pay is not earned after the fashion of the coal-miner.

In fact, as these are the very things which the average citizen has to give most thoughts, it is not to be wondered at that many have forgotten their citizenship.

But we should never forget that it was the greatness of our citizenship which spurred the men of the empire to defend it against the menace of a citizenship which crushed the individual and which was a spiritual slavery. St. Paul was never tired of telling all sorts of people that he was a "citizen of no mean city." It was his pride to be known as a citizen of the Great Roman Empire. So we in the Army of to-day should remember that it is to preserve this precious heritage, that we are to-day in the Rhinelands of Germany.

We are soldiers because we are first of all citizens. And to forget, or to argue that we can no longer be citizens is to lose sight of the very ideal for which we have striven so mightily.

It is significant and most wise as well that the teaching of civics plays so important a part in our educational training scheme in the Army. The younger soldiers especially need to learn what the duties and privileges of citizenship are, what their relation to the State is.

Unfortunately our schools in Britain do not teach such things; but to-day when the world stands at a cross-road and when many are doing "that which is right in their own eyes," it is time to realise quickly what the foundations of our civilization are, and to strengthen them. Co-operation, a civic consciousness, "each for all and all for each," only thus can we win through.

The times are full of instruction and warning for us, who are still soldiers. When Britain is being injured, so are we. Our citizenship binds us to the Motherland, as securely as the ties of home. We must prepare for the day when we shall be civilians as well as citizens.

Meanwhile here on the Rhine we are really a British Colony of British Citizens who are showing a defeated enemy the ideals which inspired us in the war and which are still untarnished.

SCHERPENBERG—1918.

Wytschaete Ridge has gone and Kemmel Hill and the Salient are no longer safe for man or beast.

But the enemy is cramped, he lacks elbow room, he wants the line of hills running west from Kemmel which hems him in—Scherpenberg, Mt. Rouge and Mt. Noir. Once over those and the coast is in jeopardy. If we are to hold him at all, it must be here.

He has brought up his crack storm troops, all trained in mountain warfare, and has massed his artillery. He may attack at any moment.

On our side of the ridge we have not been idle. Foch's reserves, all tried soldiers, most of them heroes of Verdun, hold the line. They have taken the enemy's measure years ago. "Ils ne passeront pas"—that's the watchword again.

Every hedge hides a battery, guns almost wheel to wheel. And yet to one standing on the road that runs along the foot of these hills the slopes present a most peaceful scene.

Gardens, fields, and orchards all in the glory of spring; houses covered with vines, and bright sunshine over all. No sign of a hidden army, no suggestion of the coming desperate struggle.

For the last three days and all day long to-day the valley has echoed with the noise of war, but the great assault for which we wait has not yet come.

Prisoners told us this morning that the enemy would attack at mid-day, but it is evening now and still we wait; the interminable artillery duel still going on, the fire steady like the low growling of dogs before they spring.

Suddenly at seven o'clock, over the ridge a loud whining and moaning and down comes a storm of shells. We are alert at once, our eyes on the tops of the hills. There it goes, a red rocket, and another and another, all along the ridge. That is the signal; the enemy is attacking.

And now one sees the soul of France laid bare. From the crest, from the slopes, from the valley, a furious and sustained cannonade like the noise of thunder; a hillside of belching flame and smoke. The challenge has been accepted. The 75's make a magnificent display, a triumphant and a deadly drum-fire.

Not till darkness has completely fallen does the violence of our bombardment s acken, but the enemy has been silent some time.

Right up in the front along the top the 75's still twinkle; he has not gained the hills. The tension is relieved, truly they shall not pass this way.

By mid-night all is quiet and we spread our blankets by the guns in the gun-pits.

OWEN OLIVER.

MY BATMAN, PADDY.

Of all the batmen who have honoured me with their services I think none can equal a dear fellow from the back country of Ulster.

He looked on me as a child and was as careful of me as an old hen looking after a chick. On receiving a call to go into the front trenches night or day, he would say, "Just wait a minute Sorr and I'll ll be wid you", and up he would come, going first and pointing out all the bad places, telling me to stoop here, run there, drop, or crawl each time, although he had done so scores of times before.

He saw to it that I changed my wet garments. He washed, cleaned and brushed and took the greatest pride that my belt outshone every other belt in the Battalion.

I never wanted for anything. Others might sleep on the floor: I had a bed of wire netting. My kit, like most kits, increased in weight, but I never saw it transported. Yet it "got there", and never a complaint from the T.O.

Did I forget tea for instance? "Sorr the tay's just afther being wetted. Did I by chance happen to go to a neighbouring village and the Divisional Chaplain come along what a plausible tale he did tell to be sure.

Had he any failings? Well the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne was observed by him, and by myself, when I noticed a diminution in certain medical "necessities" and in wine I kept for Church use.

"Was it the Port, Sorr, that you was missing? It must have been all used on Sunday"! "No Sorr. I'm a teetotaller Sorr. Perhaps I did have a drop, Sorr, but drunk! No Sorr, I had the drink taken. I was not drunk."

"Paddy" could never be caught napping, and the hardest hearted man must forgive him. He served me well and long, and we were only separated by Red Tape. May we meet again. He was a good friend.

C. F.

LANGUAGE LAPSES.

SOME STRANGE MISTAKES.

From time to time we hear amusing mistakes made by foreigners in their efforts to speak English. And no doubt we ourselves use words which sound quite as comical to the ears of a Frenchman or a German, when we try to talk in their languages. But in the latter case, owing to our more or less imperfect knowledge of the language, it is usually somewhat difficult for us to understand where the laugh comes in.

During the war, a Belgian refugee entered a baker's shop in London and, pointing to a loaf, asked for "One bread, pleases!" It was with much difficulty that an English friend afterwards made the Belgian understand what is meant by "a loaf."

The writer once called at the house of a young Frenchman with a letter of introduction from a mutual friend. The young man was not at home. However, his father tried to describe him so that I might recognise him if we met later. "My son is tall," said the old gentleman, "very tall. He is more than two yards high!"

The sound represented by *th* (as in "Thin") ofttimes proves a pitfall to foreigners. Trying to explain that she had just had a brain wave, a fräulein remarked, "I have just had a tink!" And it was very likely a younger sister of hers who rendered the last line of a poem well-known to British children as "What will the robin do then, poor *ting!*"

As we shall see presently it is not always the foreigner who is guilty of such mistakes. The Boulogne-Cologne Express was passing through a station in Belgium, when some one inquired "What place is this?" A young British officer looked out of the window for a moment and then quite seriously replied, "*sortie!*"

Some years ago there was a picture in "Punch" depicting the interior of a Parisian restaurant. An Englishman, in ordering his dinner, ended with the remark "Hâtez-vous, car j'ai *une* faim énorme." "Oui, monsieur," replied the waitress, "mais votre *femme*, ce n'est pas man affaire!"

A more recent drawing in "Punch" shows a British officer trying to explain something or other to a Chinese labourer. "Parlez-vous Francais?" asks the officer. "No!" replies the Chink. "Do you speak English then?" "Oui!"

A fellow Asiatic is the "hero" of the last story. During the Somme offensive in 1916, a Hindu mule-driver, who was proud of his ability to speak English, was riding some little way behind the front line. A shell burst quite near. The animal reared and threw his rider about five yards. Picking himself up, the Hindu took a running kick at the offending animal at the same time exclaiming "You damn liar!!"

B. B.

TEACHING BY MAIL.

Tuition by correspondence has become such a world-wide institution that it is surprising to know that the first venture of this kind took place only a matter of thirty years ago. That was in Cambridge, where it was begun chiefly for coaching in classics and it is still in existence to-day.

However, though the idea originated in England, it was America that took it, put and developed it along the special lines that it occupies to-day. This curiously enough was the result of an accident.

Over twenty-five years ago there circulated in Pennsylvania a daily newspaper very popular with the mining community and edited by Mr. T. Foster. Owing to an accident that occurred in one of the mines, resulting in the death of a close friend of the editor, the latter commenced a series of articles on the principles and practice of mine ventilation and the prevention of accidents due to explosions.

These were so much appreciated by his readers that the staff of the paper could not cope with the correspondence and the demands of the miners for "more" at once suggested that he might carry on a bureau unconnected with the news office. Along with mining experts from England he compiled a course dealing with "safety in mining" the important feature of which being that it was in language that could be understood by the miner of little education — without technical phrasing, mine ventilation was explained from the chemistry standpoint down to the practical carrying out of the theories.

To-day from so small a beginning that school has grown to be the largest of its kind in the world, embracing numerous subjects translated into all the important languages and enrolling millions of students of every nationality and colour.

Possibly the chief objection to this system of education is hinted at in this much circulated "gag."

A. S. C. Sergeant: "Know anything about driving?"

Private: "Yes, I've had correspondence lessons."

Sergeant: "Good, here's a pair of mules to look after."

This idea that the tuition cannot be practical enough is a reasonable enough objection but the promoters of the schools do not suggest that mere reading will make a man a practical farmer or engineer.

What they do say is, that they can lead an ambitous student along the correct lines so that he can understand thoroughly the subject he is studying, and that he will not get into a groove of "rule-of thumb" but will take an intelligent interest in his work and always know exactly "Why."

Here are one or two points worthy of consideration: —

It matters not where a student lives he can always be under the attention of first-rate teachers.

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Fourthly, the teaching is practically individual.

And lastly, when the course is finished, the student has an exhaustive record of his work which he can refer to at any time.

These claims have been fulfilled by courses which the writer has undertaken and he feels that the correspondence system will eventually take an important place in the educational question which at present is attracting so much attention at home. Adult education bristles with difficulties and in postal tuition lies an admirable solution.

HANSA.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

WIVES ON THE RHINE.

Sir,—As officers and men on the Rhine are to be allowed to have their wives to visit them, I think it would be a great help to many, like myself, if information could be supplied officially as to the probable cost of fares and apartments, the route to travel, and times of boat and train connections, also what arrangements have been made with regard to food.

L. O. L.

AMUSEMENTS IN BONN.

Sir,—I do not know the exact number of troops in and around Bonn, but the amusements provided at present do not seem adequate for them.

There are three cinemas and the "Pedlars" Concert Party — all packed at every show, and after these the German pictures, the Operetten Theatre (which few can understand) and the cafés.

Now that the Cologne Leave Club dances start later, Bonn troops cannot get back to their billet before 23. 30. Is there no chance of arranging dances in Bonn?

EMPIRE.

CALVARIES AS MEMORIALS.

Sir,—Reference L.T.M.'s suggestion that Calvaries should be put up throughout the English countryside to the memory of the lads who have fallen, may I draw the attention of readers to the series of stations which dot the hill running from Weilerswist in the direction of Brühl.

Here is to be seen a number of Calvaries at given points and those turn away to the right where at a higher level is a larger shrine.

One shows Christ borne down by the weight of the cross. I have often looked at these figures and been impressed by the message they convey.

No one could fail to be reminded by these wayside memorials of the great sacrifice made by the gallant lads whose bones are rotting in foreign soil. That I take it is the idea of war memorials.

W.T.

RECOGNITION FOR INTERPRETERS.

Sir,—Quite a number of N.C.O's and men have taken up a voluntary German course and made such progress as to be of great service to their units, by acting as interpreters, where business transactions with civilians are unavoidable, but these voluntary, German interpreters receive neither pay nor distinction for their efforts.

An infantryman, attaining a first class shot certificate, is given the honour of wearing the cross guns. Is there any reason why a voluntary interpreter should not wear some mark or band to denote his capabilities?

ACTING INTERPRETER.

CAFE PIRACY.

Sir,—I crave the hospitality of your columns in order to warn your readers not to pay taxes on wine in cafés, cabarets, and restaurants. I notice that it is a growing custom with waiters to forget to deduct the tax, which I believe amounts to about 2/- per bottle, when charging for wine. Whether it appears on the wine list or not, proprietors have no right to charge soldiers, although, probably, it finds its way into the waiter's pocket.

SAPPER.

FAVOURED AND UNFAVOURED.

Sir,—"Hawkeye's" letter requires qualifying. What he says is true, of course. I am not a dancing man, but often I am an appreciative observer from the gallery. And while noticing that certain ladies are selfish in this respect, I have also noticed that others are quite impartial.

ONLOOKER.

Sir,—I write in defence of those girls, who like myself, go to the dances in Cologne with a partner and dance with him almost exclusively all through the evening.

It is done at all the best dances nowaday in London, and for a very good reason. You cannot enjoy the modern styles of dancing unless you have a partner who knows all the new steps that you are accustomed to yourself.

It is quite different from the old days of waltz and polka, when there was only one way to execute them. New dances change so often that neither you nor your partner has a good time if unable to harmonize.

I hope I have been able to make this clear to "Hawkeye."

MIRIAM.

SUSTAINING INTEREST.

Sir:— The plethora of military athletic sports meetings that are at present engaging the attention of the Rhine Army cause one to wonder why the organisers do not endeavour to strike a note of originality in the preparation of their programmes.

It is true that several new competitive events have been introduced into some meetings, but this is not sufficient to maintain the interest of spectators for a whole afternoon.

The "Hallamshires" on Saturday made a refrshing effort to brighten up their proceedings at Blücher Park by including side shows and plenty of laughter-makers, but the idea is capable of great extension.

When will a unit give us something new that will grip the spectators in interest from the start and—more important still—maintain its hold until the end?

H.J.B.

NOTHING IS LOST.

Nothing is lost; the dewdrop from the flower
Turned by the sun to vapour, zephyr-tossed,
Descends elsewhere in some God-given shower
Nothing is lost.

Nothing is lost; your cheering word, forgotten,
To one whose path you for a moment crossed
Lightened the skies and meant new hopes begotten
Nothing is lost.

Nothing is lost, each pulse of true endeavour
Goes beating on and outward; and its cost,
The universe repays, unseen, for ever
Nothing is lost.

W.I.

GOODWOOD RESULTS.

Golden Guinea Wins Richmond Stakes and Haki Goodwood Plate.

The meeting at Goodwood — one of the most picturesque race-courses in the world — opened on Tuesday in cold and cheerless weather which considerably affected the attendance. The following were the results:—

Ham Stakes:— 1. Silvern (11 to 8 on); 2. Sunny Princess (6—1); 3. March Along (3—1).

Stewards Cup:— 1. King Sol (100—7); 2. Irish Elegance (100—30); 3. Scatwell (5—1).

Craven Stakes:—1. New Guinea (13—8); 2. Knight of Peace (5—4); 3. Dartup (4—1).

Charlton Handicap:—1. Misty Morning (5—2); 2. Tetra Colon (10—1); 3. Tunworth (10—1).

Westdean Plate:— 1. Fareast (6—1); 2. Marievale (5—1); 3. Marostica (7—4).

Richmond Stakes:— 1. Golden Guinea (5—4 on); 2. Soramus (9—4); 3. Sunstroke (8—1).

Gratwicke Stakes:— 1. Kaysoe (6—4); 2. Brittannia (2—1); 3. Royal Diamond (20—1).

WEDNESDAY'S DETAILS.

Sussex Stakes: — 1. Glanmerin (13—8 on); 2. Old Bill (2—1); 3. Velveteen 10—1).

Goodwood Plate: — 1. Haki (9—1); 2. Golden Melody (20—1); 3. Limpsfield (4—1).

Selling Sweep: — 1. Soviet (3—1 on); 2. Forward Away (100—8); 3. The Bard (7—2).

King George Stakes: — 1. Chiffre d'Amour (5—1); 2. Lady Farmer (100—7); 3. Vertigo (100—7).

Findon Stakes: — 1. Carborundum (9—2); 2. Shearwort (6—1); 3. Duffy (8—1).

Singleton Plate:—1. China Doll (6—1); 2. Device (10—1) and Romant (10—1) dead heat.

Lavant Stakes:— 1. Tetrameter (6—4); 2. Mont d'Or (10—1); 3. Lady Phoebe (11—10 on).

SPORTS AND HORSE SHOW.

3rd (Western) Brigade Meeting at Munstereifel.

The above Brigade held an athletic Sports and Horse Show on Friday and Saturday at Münstereifel. The whole affair was most ably organized, but the outstanding features were the entertainments, sideshows and amusements produced by 2/Lieut. F. Bromham. "Kicking the football," the inevitable Tom Thumb, and a representative of "Mr. Pussyfoot" vied with each other as to who should turn the largest amount of marks into the Brigade coffers, but the joint oratory of Lieut. Bromham and Duckett gave Tom Thumb first place. Hilarity dominated the whole meeting to which several German round-a-bouts, houp-las, etc. contributed no small quota.

The Committee comprised;—President Brig.-General F. G. M. Rowley, C. B., C.M.G., D.S.O., (Commanding 3rd Brigade); Secretary: Capt. K. F. D. Gattie, D. S. O., M.C.; Members: Lieut.-Col. L.J.G. Morgan-Owen, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Lieut.-Col. M.C. Corfe, D.S.O.; Major J. A. Fraser, D.S.O., D.C.M.; Major J. D. Kerr, M.C.; Capt. F. L. Davis, M. C.; Lieut. J. A. Morris, M.C.; Lieut. F. Bromham, M. C.

The Officials were:—Athletic Sports:—Judges:—Lieut.-Col. D. J. K. B. Bernard, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Lieut.-Col. C. E. P. Sankey, D. S. O.; Major T. H. Williams; Major L. K. V. Brown; Capt. B. M. Tatham; Capt. J. Esmond, M. C.; Capt. W. J. Bradley, M. C.; Lieut. J. A. Morris, M. C.

Starters:—Lieuts. W. M. Mason; C. V. Judge; L. Chandler; A. R. P. Cannon. Marshal:—Capt. F. Garter, D. C. M. Clerk of the Course:—R. S. M. Bridges, D. C. M., M. M.

Horse Show:—Judges—Lieut.-Col. C. L. Hawes, D.S.O., M.C.; Lieut.-Col. F. R. Burnside, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Col. L. J. G. Morgan-Owen, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Major R. A. Gooderidge, O. B. E.; Major C. A. Heydemann, M. C.; Capt. L. M. G. Dent, D.S.O. Starters:—Lieut.-Col. L. J. G. Morgan-Owen, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Major J. H. Fraser, D.S.O., D.C.M. Ringmaster:—2/Lieut. W. T. Jones. Assistant Ringmaster:—R. Q. M. S. Wiltshire, M. C.

EVENTS (ATHLETIC SPORTS)

100 yards (open to Bde):—1, Pte Porter; 2, Lieut. Upham; 3, Pte Sheldon, 52nd S.W.B.

Three-Legged Race (open to Bde):—1, Ptes Ashworth and Clifford, 51st S. W. B.

Putting the Weight:—1, Lieut.-Col. Corfe; 2, Lieut. Thomas, 53rd S. W. B.; 3, Lieut. Harris, 53rd S.W.B.

Signallers and Clerks Race:—Won by team of 52nd S.W.B.

100 yards Veterans Race (For O. R. over 35 one yard start for each year over):—1, R. S. M. Bidiss (52nd); 2, Sergt. Hughes (51st).

440 yards (open to Bde):—1, Lieut. Mc Kay; 2, Lieut. Upham; 3, Major Long (53rd S.W.B.).

Long Jump:—1, Lieut. Temple; 2, L/Cpl. Barlow; 3, Major Long. Distance 18 ft.

Obstacle Race:—(for O.R.):—1. Pte. Harrison, 51st S.W.B.; 2, Sergt. Wright, 51st S.W.B.; 3, Pte. Harris 53rd.

Half Mile (open to Bde):—1. Pte. Williams, 52nd; 2, Sergt. Gordon, 51st; 3, Lieut. Cannon, 51st.

220 yards (open to Western Div.):—1, Pte. Sheldon, 52nd; 2, Lieut. Greenwall R.F.A.; 3, Lieut. Upham, 53rd.

Hurdle Race:—1. Major Long, 53rd; 2, Sergt. Reynolds, 51st; 3, Lieut. Temple, 53rd.

150 yards Officers Handicap (Open to Bde. 1 yd start for every year over 35, and 1 yard handicap for every year under 35) 1, Brig.-Gen. F.G.M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

100 yards Band Race:—1, Pte. Bye, 52nd; 2, Pte. Hargreaves, 52nd.

1 Mile (Open to Bde.);—1. Pte. Williams, 52nd; 2, Sergt. Gordon, 51st; 3, Sergt. Lobley, 53rd.

100 yards Cooks Race (open to Bde):—1, Pte. Hodgson, 51st.

Potato Race (open to Bde):—1, Sergt. Daniels, 53rd.

TUG-OF-WAR.

Tug-of-War Catchweights (Bde.—Leagues—51st pulled 53rd; 52nd, obtained a walk over through Bde. H.Q. failing to submit a team.

Boat Race open to Bde.:—1, "A" Coy, 52nd.

3 Miles open to Bde.:—1, Cpl. Edwards, 52nd; 2, Pte. Hanks, 52nd; 3, Pte. Cleak 53rd.

Boot Race open to Bde.:—1, Cpl. Hilton 51st.

(Continued in next column.)

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Friday, August 1, 1919.

Surface wind light, between west and south-west, increasing. Fine at first, with morning mist, but becoming unsettled again later. Warmer. Good visibility.

TO-DAY'S CIRCUS.

Enormous Bookings for 1st American Division Show.

The first performance of the 1st American Division Circus will take place this afternoon on the football ground, Amsterdamer Strasse, Cologne. At the side show, which appears from the announcements alone to be well worth a visit, there is Hercules Goliath Sampson, an individual who is described as being capable of lifting heavy-weights like a derrick, Presto Change, conjurer, The Marvellous Twins, Oriental Dancing Girls, Glass Eater, the Human Spider, and numerous other attractions.

Then follows the "Big Show" for which the programme contains twenty items. Among them there are wire walkers, bicycling bears, jugglers, stumblers, monkey drillers, trapeze artistes, contortionists, rough riders, chariot races etc. At the conclusion of this show there will be a concert to which the Old Plantation Minstrels and the Honolulu trio will contribute.

It is interesting to note that the entire circus is made up of officers, men, animals, and equipment from the 1st Division, U.S.A. In view of the heavy bookings, seating accommodation has now been provided for 7,000.

FOOTBALL AGAIN.

53rd Royal Sussex Officers v Other Ranks.

The game opened at Lind on Saturday, with the playing fairly fast. 2/Lieut. Cockerill scored for the Officers during the first half. Ten minutes after the interval, Pte. Blagrove equalized for the other ranks. Shortly afterwards, 2/Lieut Green retaliated for the Officers and 2/Lieut. Cockerill added another goal. Pte. Richardson and 2/Lieut. Green again scored and Lieut. Walsh brought the total to 5 towards the close of the match. Result:—Officers 5 goals: Other Ranks 2.

WEIGHT-LIFTING CHALLENGE.

The following has been received for publication in answer to the recent weight-lifting challenge which was issue by 2/Lieut. Vickers, 8th Black Watch, British Army of the Rhine:—

"I have not noticed any acceptance of the challenge and should like to suggest that the officer who issued same, be asked to re-submit and make it open to Officers and O.R.'s, when I have no doubt he will be accommodated:—A. Phipps, H.Q. Workshops, B Corps, Siege Park, B.A.O.R.

Four-legged Race open to Bde.:—1, Ptes. Cook, Hobbs, Evans, 51st.

High Jump open to Bde.:—1, Sergt. Smith, 52nd; 2, Sergt. Reynolds, 51st; 3, Lieut. Thomas, 53rd.

H. Q. Relay Race:—53rd, Battn. team.

Officers Obstacle Race:—1, Lieut. Green, 53rd; 2, Lieut. Cannon, 51st.

1 Mile Relay Race open to Bde.:—1, 52nd; 2, 53rd; 3, 51st.

100 yards Visitors Race (officers):—1, Col. Sankey, C.R.E.

Tug-of-War 100 stone team, (Brigade League):—51st, pulled 53rd; 52nd pulled Brigade H.Q.

220 yards Consolation Race open to Bde.:—1, Spr. Kellaway, 76th Coy R.E.

Owing to lack of space details of the Horse Show are held over.

BECKETT-CARPENTIER.

Match At Olympia Doubtful On Sept. 2nd.

POSTPONEMENT ASKED FOR.

According to latest intelligence from London, it is extremely doubtful whether the Beckett-Carpentier boxing contest will take place on September 2nd.

The Frenchman has asked Mr. Cochran for a postponement of three weeks in consequence of his being recalled to military duties at Joinville le Pont where he is a physical instructor. He will not be demobilized till late in August, which does not give him sufficient training time for what he regards as the hardest fight of his career.

Mr. Cochran, being unable to secure the Olympia for another suitable date, has left for Paris and hopes to persuade Carpentier to adhere to the original date.

CARPENTIER'S DEPUTY.

Fulton Prepared To Meet Beckett At Olympia.

Fulton, the American heavy-weight boxer, who stands 6ft. 5in. and weighs nearly 16st., has arrived in London and has deposited a cheque for £200, part of a stake of £500 for a match with Beckett, the English heavy-weight champion.

The American is prepared to take the place of Carpentier at Olympia on September 2 if the French champion's military duties prevent him from meeting Beckett on that date.

Fulton has a long list of contests, with quite an impressive series of knock-outs in his favour.

He has, however, been beaten by Dempsey, the world's champion.

AMERICAN BOXING.

Fox beat Johnny Kilbane on points in a six-rounds contest at Philadelphia.

At Jersey City on Monday, Kid Lewis was beaten by Jack Britton for the welter-weight championship.

SCHMIDTHEIM SPORTS.

Keenly Contested Events At 3rd Midland Bde. Meeting.

The 3rd Midland Brigade held their Sports at Schmidtheim on Saturday, after having been postponed on two occasions owing to bad weather. Punctually at 2.15 the first event was played off, and keen enthusiam ensued throughout the afternoon. The following is the list of events together with the prize winners in each event:—

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

Final 6 aside Football:—53rd Sherwood Foresters.

Long Jump:—1, Pte. Baker 53rd Sher. Forstrs.; 2, L/Cpl. Bacon, 52nd Sherwood Foresters; 3, Pnr. Boucher, Brigade H.Qs.

100 yds:—1, Sgt. Shaw, 52nd Sherwood Foresters; 2, 2/Lt. de Lozey, 51st Sherwood Foresters; 3, Sgt. Arblaster, 51st Sherwood Foresters.

Basket Ball:—52nd Sherwood Foresters.

High Jump:—C. S. M. E. E. Farrington, No. 3 Coy Div. Train, 4 feet 10½ ins.; Sgt. Atwood, 51st Sherwood Foresters, 4 feet 10 ins.; Sgt. Bid, 53rd Sherwood Foresters, 4 feet 9½ ins.;

220 yards:—1, Sgt. Shaw, 52nd Sherwood Foresters; 2, 2/Lt. de Lozey, 51st Sherwood Foresters; 3, Sgt. Arblaster, 51st Sherwood Foresters.

Sack Race:—1, Pte. Sharratt, 3rd Mid. T.M. Battery; 2, Pte. Wild, 52nd Sherwood Foresters; 3. Pte. Slade, 52nd Sherwood Foresters.

Relay Race:—1, 51st Sherwood Foresters, 2, 53rd Sherwood Foresters.

Tabloid Sports:—1, 509th Field Coy, R.E.

440 yards:—1, Sgt. Shaw, 52nd Sherwood Foresters; 2, Sgt. Wood, 52nd Sherwood Foresters; 3, Pte. Sharratt, 3rd Mid. T.M. Battery.

Pillow Fighting:—1, Pte. Bond, 51st Sherwood Foresters; 2, Pte. Price, 51st Sherwood Foresters.

1 Mile:—1, Sgt. Bell, 53rd Sherwood Foresters; 2, 2/Lt. Caswell, 52nd Sherwood Foresters; 3, Sgt. Wood, 52nd Sherwood Foresters.

Tilting the Bucket:—1, Pte. Ward and Bell, 52nd Sherwood Foresters; 2, Pte. Moore and Parkes, 52nd Sherwood Foresters.

Tug-of-War:—51st Sherwood Foresters.

Three legged Race:—1, Pte. Passey and Wild, 52nd Sherwood Foresters; 2, Pte. Evans and Fizard, 52nd Sherwood Foresters; 3, L/Cpl Powel and Craven, 52st Sherwood Foresters.

Bun and Flour Race:—1, Pte. Gettens, 52nd Sherwood Foresters; 2, Pte. Lowe, 52nd Sherwood Foresters; 3, Pte. Brereton, 52nd Sherwood Foresters.

Consolation Race:—1, Pte. Jones, 52nd Sherwood Foresters; 2, Pte. Hyde, 51st Sherwood Foresters.

CAVALRY DIVISION RACES.

To-morrow the first race on Cologne race-course will be run at 13.00 hours; on Aug. 4th, Class 7 is timed for 12.00 hours; and on Aug. 5th the opening race is at 12.45.

COUNTY CRICKET.

Middlesex 122 and 46 for three; Kent 306. Glostershire 242; Essex 252 for three. Sussex 205; Lancs 258.

"JOCKS'" SPORTS WEEK.

11th Royal Scots Continue Their Events.

LEWIS GUN COMPETITION.

The second day of the 11th Royal Scots' sports week was even more successful than the first. The morning opened with the Lewis Gun competition. There was a run of a hundred yards to the firing point, where the gun had to be loaded. The targets consisted of bottles, and the winners were judged on the knock out. "A" Company team were the winners. In the afternoon "C" Company won a rifle competition.

The item of the day took place in the evening, when "A" Company met "C" Company in the final of the football competition. The game opened with a rush by "A" Coy. which proved effective. It was a hot contest, there being no scoring until near the end of the first half, when a very fine goal was secured from a corner by "A" Coy.

In the second half, "C" Coy. mercilessly besieged "A's" goal mouth, but, owing to the magnificent defence displayed by their opponents, were unable to score until near the end. Twice "A" Coy. broke away, and scored on each occasion. The whistle blew with "A" Coy. 3 and "C" Coy. 1.

"GOLFING WEEK".

Competitions For Officers And O.Rs On Cologne Links.

A "Golfing Week" will be held on the Cologne Golf Links during the week commencing August 18th, when the following events will take place: —

1, Open Singles: — Championship of British Army of the Rhine. Open to any officer in the British Army of the Rhine. If more than 16 names are received there will be a preliminary stroke competition over 36 holes to qualify for the best 16 to take part in match play over 18 holes with a final of 36 holes.

2, Handicap Singles: — Open to any officer in the British Army of the Rhine who has obtained a handicap at the Cologne Golf Club previous to Aug. 18th. (A handicap can be obtained either by submitting a handicap at a recognised Golf Club or by putting in 3 cards). If necessary, a preliminary Bogey competition will be held over 18 holes to qualify for the best 32 to take part in match play over 18 holes.

3, Handicap Doubles: — Open to any pair of officers of the British Army of the Rhine who have a handicap at the Cologne Golf Club on Aug. 18th. A knock-out competition over 18 holes.

4, Handicap Mixed Doubles:—A knock-out competition over 18 holes, open to any officer and British lady in the British Area of Occupation. Any lady taking part will play under a handicap of 18 unless she has a handicap of less than 18 at any recognised Golf Club.

5, Open Singles—N. C. Os and Men: — Open to any N.C.O. or man of the British Army of the Rhine. If necessary a preliminary stroke competition over 36 holes will be held to qualify for the best 16 to take part in match play over 18 holes and a final of 36 holes.

OPTIONAL SWEEPSTAKE.

There will be an optional sweepstake on each event. Entries for any of above events must be made by the evening of August 12th either at the Golf club in the Book kept by the House Steward or to the Hon. Sec., Cologne Golf Club, co G. S. Intelligence, G.H.Q,

There will be an entrance fee of 20 marks for each of the first four events to be paid at the time of entry. Prizes will be given by the Golf Club.

In order to get through all the events in the time available, play will commence each day at 1000 hrs. and starting times will be given to all players. The draws and times of starting for players in each event will be published as soon after Aug. 12th as possible. Partners will be drawn for all competitions including qualifying rounds.

Arrangements will be made to billet officers from out stations in Cologne for the week provided any officer who wishes to do so will notify the Hon. Sec. at the time of entry. Lunch and tea will be available each day at the Golf Club. The members of the Golf Club will be at home on Sat. afternoon 23rd Aug. for the presentation of prizes.

FINE FRESH WATER CATCH.

Fishing from the bank of the Sülz, Cpl. Hennington, "D" Coy. 17 Royal Fus., an amateur angler, caught a "pike" weighing 6 lb and 18 inches in length. He had great difficulty in landing the fish, but in the end succeeded.

FOUR WEEKS TO GO.

"C.P.C." Competition Reaching Its Culminating Stage.

Within the space of another four weeks all the teams in the leagues of "The Cologne Post" Cup Competition will have to complete their fixtures. Many outstanding matches remain still unplayed, and secretaries must expedite matters as time is obviously limited. Until the league positions are decided, the competition cannot reach its culminating stage.

LOWLAND DIVISION M. T. COY. (97) v LOWLAND D.A.C. (29) at Kirchtroisdorf. Cpl. Biles bowled very well, taking 7 wickets for 4 runs for the M.T.'s.

52nd BEDFORDS v 3rd NORTHERN Bde. at Wahn. The 53rd Bde. batting first compiled 72, Lieut. Waters making 17. For the Bedfords C.S.M. Mansfield took 5 wickets for 10 runs. The Bedfords succeeded in making the runs for the loss of 7 wickets.

15th K. HUSSARS (83 for 4) v 10 A. & S. HDRS. (69). For the winners Lieut. Wilson took 4 wickets for 8 runs. Lieut. Robb, for the losers, scored 20 runs.

21st BRIGADE R.G.A. (68) v 488th SIEGE BTY. (43). For 21st Brigade Gnr. Alcock scored 20 and Dvr. Etchells 17. Gnr. Littlewood took 7 wickets for 17. For 488th Siege Bty. Sig. Timms scored 13. Gnr. Frampton took 4 wickets for 16 and Pte. Nayton 4 for 12.

62nd M. G. BATTN. (128 for 7) v 10 A. & S. HDRS. (17) at Arnoldsweiler. The Gunners batted first, Sergt. Peters scored 57, while Sergt. Flowight and Sig. Pratt took 4 wickets for 5 runs and 5 for 11 respectively.

4th BATTN. SUFFOLK REGT. (176) v LANCASHIRE DIV. M. T. COY. (106) at Troisdorf. Sergt. Bailey 54, Lieut. Kirby 36, Albon 24, Sergt. Hope 17, were the best batsmen for the Suffolks. For M. T. Coy the chief scorers were Major Rowntree (20 not out), Major Kershaw (18), and L/C Bennett (19). Lieut. Kirby took 6 wickets for 24.

4th ROYAL SUSSEX (105) v CAV. D.A.C., R.H.A. (95) at Hennef. For the Sussex L/Cpl. Bryant scored 26, Pte. Click 25, and Lieut. Bryan 15. Dvr. Bush (20) and Dvr. Gray were top scorers for D.A.C.

13th KINGS LIVERPOOL REGT. (63) v 15th LANCS FUS. (60) at Beuel. For the Kings Lieut.-Col. Thurston was top scorer with 38 (not out), while Lieut. Bailey took 7 wickets for 12 runs.

170th SIEGE BTY. (64) v 51st DEVONS (48). The Devons batted first and were all out for 48 to the bowlings of Gnrs. Hollings and Nicholls, who took 5 and 3 wickets respectively. The Gunners scored 24 before the first wicket fell, but had 8 down for 44. The 9th wicket, however, put on 18. Capt. Petherner took 5 wickets for 9 runs.

LOWLAND DIV. M.T. COY. (97) v. LOWLAND D.A.C. (29) at Kirchtroisdorf. Cpl. Biles Lowled well for M.T.s., taking 7 wickets for 4 runs.

52nd WELSH REGT. (95 for 4) v. 207 Sq., R.A.F. (94). For the R.A.F. Lieut. Champ made 48 and Sergt. Flowers 19. The Welsh soon got the required runs, Capt. Worlock 43 and Sergt. Kay 28 being the principal scorers. Sergt. Kay got 7 wickets for 50 runs.

EASTERN DIV. H.Q. (158 for 4) v. 303 S.B. 151 at Siegburg. For the Siege Bty, Cpl. Wood scored 46, Saukey 38, and Wilkinson 29. For Divisional H.Q. Spr. Thompson scored 82 not out, Capt. Carrall 23 and Rev. P. M. Brumwell 13.

92 FIELD AMB. (38) v. 51 KINGS LIVERPOOL REGT. (21). For the winners Major Jackson scored 19 and took 3 wickets for 4 runs and Cpl. Langford scored 11 and took 5 wickets for 10. For the losers, Lieut. Hayford took 7 wickets for 23 runs and Capt. Drakeford 3 for 14.

41st M.G.C. (93 for 2) v. 5th R. IRISH REGT. (87) at Heumar. The Royal Irish batted first, and Capt. Jones and Capt. Cooper managed to compile 46 runs between them, before the first wicket fell, being the first to reach double figures for one wicket against the 41st since the League started. Col. A. G. Barry (50) and Lieut. T. E. Andrews (129 not out) were the top scorers for M.G.C.

II CORPS H.Q. (108) v. 52nd ROYAL WARWICKS REGT. (42) at Leverkusen. For Corps H.Q. Pte. Holmes scored 19, Sergt. Middleton 15, Major Fargus 14, Col. Haining 13, Pte. Briar 12, and S.M. Bowley 10, while S.M. Bowley took 5 wickets for 19 runs and Pte. Holmes 5 for 17. For the Warwicks Pte. Braggazzi scored 22 while Sergt. Fovey took 7 wickets for 37 runs.

ARMY H.Q. SIGNALS (75) v. 52nd NORTHUMBERLAND FUS. (59) at Poller Wiesen. For the Signals, Lieut. Melhuish was top scorer with 20; Fraser made 14; and Hampton and Wells also made double figures, while Wilson took 6 wickets for 33 runs and Fraser 3 for 11. Lieut. Hargreaves (18) and Lieut. Everest (19) were top scorers for the Fus.

ARMY H.Q. SIGNALS (125) v. 3rd CAV. FIELD AMB. (24) at Klettenberg. For the Signals Howart made 19, Wells 24, and Wilson 22, while Fraser, Hampton, and Addinall all made double figures. Wilson took 6 wickets for 10 runs and Fraser 4 for 11.

303 S. B. (35) v 69 S. B. (20) at Mehlem, W. W. Smith being top scorer for the 69 S. B. with 10; Gnr. Halton for the 303 S. B., 18.

OTHER RESULTS.

13th Kings Liverpool Regt. 50; 4th Suffolks 35. 41st Bn. M.G.C. 158 for 6; 34th M.G.C. 128. Low and Div. M.T. Coy. 37; 15th H.L.I. 20 at Dormagen.

ARMY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

With the idea of eliminating the "impossibles" and selecting the most talented athletes in the Rhine Army to compete in the forthcoming Army Championships at Aldershot, a sports meeting will be held at the P. and R.T. School, Riehl, on August 7th. There are many interesting events and excellent sport is assured by the importance of the occasion. Refreshments for officers and other ranks will be obtainable on the ground.

TWO-NIGHTS BILLIARD MATCH.

No. 1 H. Q. Mess and R. A. S. C. Bakers (Kalk) played a billiard match in the former's Mess on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings—five games each night. The following were the results;—

R.A.S.C. Bakeries v No. 1 G.H.Q. Mess

Name	Score		Name	Score
Capl. Perkins	93	v	S.S.M. Holywood	100
Pte. Burgess	46	v	S.M. Chapman	100
Pte. Hunter	51	v	S.S.M. Bush	10
Sergt. Cook	100	v	C.S.M. McIndoe	84
Pte. Hansell	94	v	S/Sergt. Covey	10
Pte. Welsh	23	v	S.S.M. Brown	100
Pte. Carter	34	v	S.S.M. Luker	100
Pte. Swaby	84	v	R.S.M. Satterford	100
Cpl. Fox	34	v	Sergt. Gibb	100
Cpl. Willmot	77	v	Sergt. Vaughan	100
Aggregate Total 636			Aggregate Total 984	

EUSKIRCHEN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
E Corps Sig. Coy.	19	14	4	1	29
77 Siege Bty.	14	13	1		26
174 Siege Bty.	13	13	0		26
354 Siege Bty.	16	11	5		22
IX Corps Troops M.T. Coy.	15	11	4		22
21 Bde. R.G.A.	14	10	4		20
185 Siege Bty.	13	9	4		18
145 Siege Bty.	13	9	4		18
Mid. Div. H.Q.	14	8	6		16
"F" A.A. Bty. R.F.A.	12	8	4		16
1/5 South Staffs	11	8	3		16
IX Corps H.A.	15	7	8		14
73 Bde. R.G.A.	14	7	7		14
488 Siege Bty.	14	7	7		14
18 Field Amb.	14	6	8		12
1 Bn. M.G.C.	10	6	4		12
269 A.E., C.O.M.P.	13	5	8		10
104 Bde. R.F.A.	9	5	4		10
Midland D.A.C.	9	4	4	1	9
Mid. Div. M.T. Coy.	11	4	7		8
76 (Army) Bde. R.F.A.	8	4	4		8
16 Field Amb.	9	2	7		4

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

French Dancers.

There will be a special attraction on Friday at the British Empire Leave Club, when two French dancers from the Opera are coming to give a series of Classical Dances. The music will be played by the Leave Club Ladies Orchestra. Songs will be sung by Miss Ada Moore and during the interval a sword dance will be given with pipers from the 4th Bn. Gordon Highlanders.

In Fancy Dress.

To Lieut.-Col. W. F. Roe, D.S.O., the matron, officers, and sisters of No. 37 C.C.S., is due the credit for having organised one of the most popular private dances that has been held in Cologne under the auspices of the Rhine Army. The happy event took place on Wednesday at the Bürgergesellschaft when a large number danced a varied programme in a brilliantly decorated hall. Fancy dress was optional, but the great majority of the revellers took advantage of the opportunity to be free from uniform for a few merry hours, at all events. The result produced a spectacle picturesque and animated.

"The Robin Hoods."

This talented party played with success at the Casino, Euskirchen, last week. Every member worked hard, but none infused gaiety and vitality into his performance like Bert Lennard, who got through a vast amount of work. He possesses a distinct style and a personality which makes itself felt all the time he is on the stage. His burlesque work in "skirts" is splendid, and if ever he feels inclined to take up dame speciality work. I predict a big future for him. So clever and versatile an artiste is indeed invaluable to any show.

Some New Artistes.

There have been changes in the personnel since I saw the party last, Fred Knucky is a new comedian of great promise, while Jas Savile (tenor) and Bob Doramett sing very pleasingly, while Jack Walker, despite the fact that he was suffering from a cold last week, also sang well. Victor Burr (Cynthia) still remains as charming as ever, although a little more freedom of movement and expression, especially in the sketch, would help his performance considerably. Ernest Anderson, pianist, completes the party.

New Visitors To Cologne.

"The Wasps" Concert Party, 83rd Brigade, R. G. A. made their first appearance in Cologne on Wednesday evening, in the Central Y.M.C.A. The show was full of animation from beginning to end. The programme included humorous selections by Vic Jaxon, late of "Sons of Guns" concert party. He joins Bert Evans, the lady, in a burlesque drama, and also several talking and singing numbers, accompanied on the piano by Bert Evans. James Garlick, the baritone, has a voice of rare purity. Other members of the party are Hal Treherne, ventriloquist, Teddy Wheeler, mimic; Harry Mountford, chorus comedian; Vic Jaxon, violinist; Jack Stapleton, mandolinist; and Bert Evans, pianist. Sam Tweedy is an efficient accompanist "The Wasps" should go far.

In Few Words.

"The Robin Hoods" are, I hear, to visit Düren, Bonn, and Cologne in the near future.

The Q-Vics (the 9th London concert party) are on tour and also expect to visit Cologne shortly.

JACQUES.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Shirley Kellogg's "Gee-gees."

Pat Hartigan, the Ogbourne trainer, is taking charge of Miss Shirley Kellogg's horses.

Motor-Cycle Prices.

A 3½-h.p. Rudge Multi Roadster now costs £90, a 3½-h.p. Rudge Multi T.T. Roadster £90, and a 5/6 h.p. Rudge Multi £98 10s., while a Rudge side-car can be purchased for £33 10s.

A Resolution.

The Central Association of London Angling Clubs has passed a resolution against the proposal to convert the Thames into a fishery district, and impose a charge for angling in the river.

Bonnie Mary.

Bonnie Mary, the best of this season's fillies in America, is descended from Disguise II., the Jockey Club Stakes winner over here in 1900. An American paper states that the race was worth 50,000 guineas.

Famous Athlete.

E. C. Carter, at one time a famous athlete in this country, has died in New York. After winning the Nation and Southern cross-country championships he went to America, but returned in 1887 to secure the four and ten mile championships. His times for a mile to ten miles stood as records for many years in the States.

42 lbs. Pike.

A pike which weighed 42 lbs. before it was stuffed has been presented to Harrow School by Mr. C. C. Makins, an Old Harrovian.

Hope for Bath.

P. P. Hope, the dashing young Somerset cricketer, will captain the Bath Rugby XV. next season. He is an old Sherborne boy, and a speedy and brilliant centre three-quarter.

Big Price.

Hull City have paid a big price to Northampton for the transfer of R. Hughes the outside right. Hughes assisted Hull City during the past two seasons while engaged at Hull on shipbuilding.

School Batsman of the Year.

Interest in the series of school matches at Lord's this week centred in the doings of L.P. Hedges, the Tonbridge captain—by general consent the Public School batsman of the year.

The Disappearing Trick.

Two men entered Tattersall's ring at Hurst Park on Friday and proceeded to take bets, including one for £15 to £10 on Mustapha by George Davis, and another of £21 to £12 on the same horse by Frank Tye. The horse won, but the "bookies" had disappeared at paying-out time.

Bird's Nest.

The objection to Bird's Nest for his race at Pontefract on the ground that Mr. I. Moos Vernon was not the real name of his owner, has been withdrawn.

Professional Sculling.

It appears probable that we shall have a professional sculling championship race this year. Ernest Barry appears to be "spoiling for a fight," and there is at least one possible opponent available.

An Ancient fixture.

One of the oldest annual cricket matches played in London, is that between the King's Scholars and the Town Boys of Westminster School, which has had an uninterrupted run for over a century.

International Forward.

It is stated the Rutherford, the well-known international forward, who is away on holidays, has not yet signed for the Arsenal. The club, however, invite his signature, and it is expected that Rutherford will rejoin.

Morning and Evening.

This week, Major the Hon. Harold Pearson is holding his annual polo tournament at Cowdray Park, Midhurst, Sussex. Goodwood week is always the date chosen for this competition, play taking place in the mornings and evenings before and after racing.

The Goodwood Plate.

Nowhere are long-distance races prettier to watch than at Goodwood, and one is pleased to notice that the Plate distance is this year extended to 2 miles 3 furlongs.

Winning Owners.

Lord Glanely, who heads the list of winning owners, has just over £20,000 to his credit in stakes. Sir E. Hulton is second with £8,209. Taylor heads the trainers with £21,411.

Up North.

Stanley Doust and O'Hara Wood are having a successful time in their peregrinations up North. They will have a big "bag" of trophies to show as a result of their prowess at Warwick, Notts, and other Tournaments.

Bat Baboon.

A twenty-mile cross-country race took place for the Hendon Trophy, and the London Aerodrome prize of £20. Five pilots took part in the race. Mr. Draper, flying a "Bat Baboon" machine, who received 37 seconds start, was first.

Crystal Palace F.C.

The Crystal Palace F.C. has signed on Granger, who comes from Aston Villa, and Allcock, from Walsall. Both players are full backs. The signature of J. Connor, of Sunderland and Belfast Distillery, has also been obtained. The new man is a centre forward.

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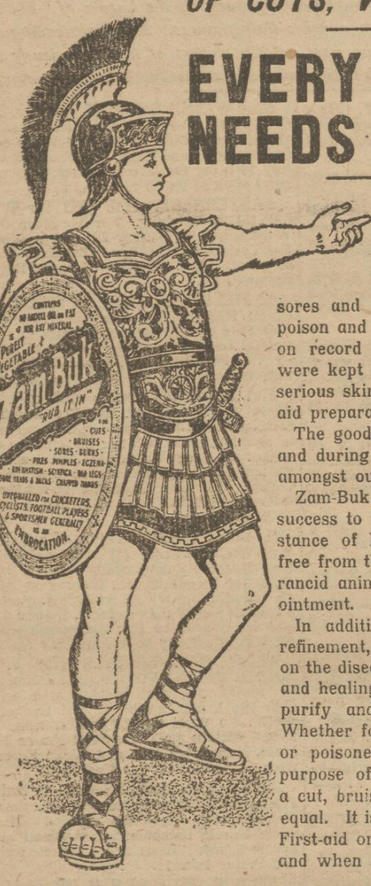

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PHOTOGRAPHY.

(XVI).

By Lieut. William R. Patterson F.R.G.S.

In my last article, I gave our readers the names of two places in the immediate neighbourhood of Cologne which offer practice in both time and instantaneous photography. These were (1) the Flora, whose delightful alleys, avenues, statues and lawns make exceedingly charming pictures worthy of enlargement; and (2) the Zoological Gardens, affording much scope for animal studies. Now, a little farther afield, though at no great distance, we have the Königsforst and also the Stadtwald, both of which will not fail to please the lover of landscape.

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Those amateurs who intend to exhibit in the October Arts and Crafts Exhibition may discover pretty scenes in both these wooded spots. All the trees are now in full leaf; all the undergrowth at its best. In both places there are little nooks and crannies, trees above and water below. There are old fashioned farm houses, wonderfully quaint. There are rills and streams and copses and far-reaching corn-fields all over the place. And there are picturesque old farmers plodding along with their waggons, whip in hand, who, for a small gift, will be only too pleased to pose; some of these waggons are drawn by hefty, two horned bullocks, others by huge horses resembling our "shires." In taking such pictures as these, do not face the team, or you will find in your photograph huge heads out of all proportion to the body; rather secure your photograph from the side and, if possible, with your back or side to the sun.

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It is a wise plan also in such cases, to study the questions, not only of light and shade, but also of background. Endeavour to secure the effect of light against dark or of dark against light.

Take your position in such a manner as to obtain the best possible light upon your object, so that the least possible direct light from the sun or brilliant sky may strike the lens. I have seen many negatives lately which were unclear owing to negligence in this matter.

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Prices in Rhineland having been standardised, there will henceforth be no necessity for me to reply to many of the letters I have received. In future the majority of correspondence will be answered in "The Cologne Post" as distinct articles.

PHOTOGRAPHY IN COLOGNE

To the Editor, "The Cologne Post."

Sir,—I should like to criticise an opinion expressed in the "Cologne Post" on the subject of amateur photography in Cologne. The writer deplored the enthusiasm shown by our budding amateurs in taking photographs of the Cathedral. If the article was written seriously, it is obvious that the writer falls under one of two categories, he is either a professional photographer, or else he knows nothing whatever about the hobby. His contention that excellent photographs may be purchased in local shops at low prices, thus saving the amateur trouble, does not hold water, unless he regards amateur photography as an economy stunt.

A photographer likes to have permanent records of his own impressions of the places visited by him. They speak to him more than would the photographs he might buy in shops. Moreover, they enable him to remember the incidents of the day upon which the photographs were taken, and, best of all to the keen photographer, his skill in selecting the best points of vantage from which to take his snaps is well tested when the subject is of the type represented by the Cathedral.

In criticising an amateur's selection of subjects — one must take into consideration his motives for their selection. For instance, I like best to secure photographs which reveal contrasts with our towns at home. Cologne has been a city of pleasant surprises for many of us. Any snaps which bring out the beauties of such streets as the Deutscher Ring, are well worth taking home to show to people, they speak volumes for the German ideas of town-planning. Every man has his own interests, and these are invariably expressed in his photographic work.

CUTHBERT.

THE NILE AT NIGHTFALL.

The sun has set his last red ray,
Has fled, and given place to grey.
And silhouetted 'gainst the dark'ning skies
A fringe of palm trees fade as daylight dies.

The night is still, the silvery moon,
Is gently gleaming through, and soon
Will trace mysterious patterns on the Nile
Fast flowing, strong, and silent all the while

And yet, O Nile thou could'st unfold,
Tales of dark deeds and crimes of old.
Of grisly strife and never ending sleep
Beneath thy waters grimly grey and deep.

Yet when the sun has gently set,
Crimsoning o'er your minaret.
When all around's a sympathetic grey,
The evil dies, and nobler things hold sway.

Then love is born, then comes romance,
Passion prevails, and bright eyes dance.
Cupid himself must speak in accents low,
Mystically murmuring as the waters flow.

Cairo, 1916. *REX.*

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Saving Time.

Our readers are keeping their eyes open and using their powers of observation to advantage. From every incident seemingly trivial one may often learn something. A reader tells us, for instance, that when he was watching a German railwayman lighting the signal lamps at Cologne, he saw that he did not need to climb up a ladder to do this. The lamps are put on the top of an iron rod, fastened on the side of the post in such a way that the rod can slide up and down. The rod was pushed up until it was in position, and then fastened at the bottom end by means of a catch arrangement. "By this means," he remarks, "the job is done in half the time required on an English railway." Is the system peculiar to Germany, we wonder?

More War Savings.

Further records of good work in this direction are coming in. To-day the South Wales Borderers report that two weeks' subscriptions in Saving Certificates from 520 members produced the handsome sum of 208,953 marks. This represents a total of 3,705 certificates and shows what can be done in the way of thriftful investment. We wonder what to-morrow's record will be.

Premature.

An English Tommy at Solingen the other evening was placed in a laughable position. He had just purchased an alarm clock and had insisted on seeing that it was in proper working order, particularly as the shop assistant was a pleasant young lady. After some fun the clock was put in a box and wrapped up; and off he went to finish his promenade. Some minutes afterwards, when he was in a crowd, the alarm went off, ringing loud and long. Of course everyone looked surprised. The shop girl had set the alarm to go off in five minutes.

Mistaken Identity.

He was a "pukka" old soldier and had seen three winters in France and Flanders. His latest occupation is cooking for a company of young guards. One can readily imagine the look of incredulity which crossed his face, when one morning the familiar rum jar appeared among the newly arrived rations. He was soon engaged in conversation with the C.Q.M.S. The seal of the jar was broken and a cup produced. "Good health, Quarter," said the cook, helping himself to a liberal supply of the liquid. A grimace spreads over his countenance. Alas! he had swallowed half-a-pint of raw lime juice, issuable in lieu of "greens" under a recent G.R.O.

Not very Imperial.

Outside Bonn one can see at the Archbishop's palace, the room where the Crown Prince lived while he was a student at the University. On the door of the room once occupied by "Little Willie" there is a notice, "Shaving Saloon, open from 5 to 7. Cold baths on the first floor",

The Making of Books.

The fascinating subject of "The production of a book," from the making of the paper, to the complete volume ready for the reader's hand, formed the subject under observation at the weekly meeting of the Euskirchen Reading Circle. Opening with the associations usually attaching to books, Bdr. Lambert dealt in an intimate manner with the various branches of paper making, and thence through numerous stages in the hands of the publisher, printer and book-binder. It was an interesting and informative evening. By the way, are there no reading circles or literary societies among the troops in Cologne or Bonn?

Primitive Fishers.

The quaint old fashioned methods of the fishermen of the Rhine frequently attract the attention of strangers. One of the most interesting spectacular methods, is that in which is employed a strange looking canoe with a mast in the centre which leans forward over the prow. The occupant of the boat holds a rope, which runs through a pulley at the top of the mast, and from the end of which is suspended horizontally a large flat square net, with a fine mesh. At frequent intervals the drifting boat is stopped by means of paddling against the stream. The net is lowered, allowed to stay in the water for a few moments and quickly withdrawn. This method often results in large captures of very small fish, but of course different methods are used for other species.

Clothing Economies.

A characteristic example of German economy is to be seen in an outfitter's window. A pile of stocking feet just above the ankle and left ready for knitting or sowing on to leg portions is to be seen. Of course it is a common and praiseworthy practice to refoot hosiery, but this is the first time the writer has seen "feet" on display. Another Continental practice which makes for economy is the practice of wearing capes in lieu of overcoats. It is a fashion which the English ought to have no scruple in adopting, for our forefathers were great cape wearers. The cloth and the tailoring necessary for the production of overcoats, the fluctuation of fashion requiring changes in styles, and the different fittings to cope with growth in girth or height, all work against national thrift. On the other hand, one cape can be worn to some extent by father, mother, son and daughter. It is a healthy, warm and picturesque garment.

PRIZES FOR ECHOES

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes". Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to Cpl. W. Hutchinson, A. & Q. Office H. Q. Lancs. Division, Rhine Army; Gunner G. Johnson, 303 S.B. R.G.A., Rhine Army; and Pte. J. K. Barker, 41439, 1/5 K.O.R. Rhine Army.

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

PLEASURES THAT HELP.

Viscount Grey of Falloden speaking to the scholars of Gresham School on Speech Day said: Physical fitness is one of the conditions of happiness, so make sure that no physical pleasures interfere with physical fitness. The moment we cease to be able to run a mile, walk twenty, or cycle fifty, we are no longer very independent. We should ask ourselves about any one of our pleasures: Does it make a man more physically fit? if it does, we are on the safe side, for we are enjoying something which is going to help, and not hinder.

TH NEW COTTAGE.

Mr. Henry Aldridge, Secretary to the National Housing and Town Planning Council, says: The day of the old narrow-fronted brick box, with a rear extension, is past. The new cottage will be a bright, well-designed house, in which working people can take a real pride. Local authorities are also practically unanimous in providing in their cottages a parlour in addition to a large living room. There is a growing feeling that in regard to tenancy, preference should be given to sailors and soldiers returning from active service and to people with large families.

THE NAVY'S HEROES.

Mr. Charles Inge, who is a novelist of note and took part under arms in the Great War, in the course of a tribute to the Navy, says: Though they have earned it famously, they want no fame. They do just as they have learned to think. For they have taken service willingly, where unconsidered heroism is tradition and calm unaided courage is routine. So they will mouth a joke, or spit carelessly, or look away and smile when they hear big talk of glory and renown. For they do not recognise their claim to words of praise. But, none the less, their claim to honour stands because they maintain and add to and transmit the wonder-legend of the Navy's fame. This is the worth and guerdon of their fortitude.

SWIMMING FOR HEALTH.

Miss Annette Kellerman, the famous swimmer says: It is only within the last few years that the medical profession has realised that swimming, taken properly and temperately, is one of the finest health restoratives imaginable.

Times without number have I been asked how I could possibly enjoy my daily swim in the winter when the snow is on the ground and when most people regard cold water with a feeling almost akin to dread. Certainly there is something Arctic about the idea, but still I can assure the most sceptical that after a few weeks' indulgence in a daily swim, one misses the few minutes in the water even more than does a hungry hunter his meals. And, from a health point of view, I can only say that should I miss my swims, I should feel quite an invalid.

DEMOCRACY TO-DAY.

General Sir Henry Horne has been speaking from a church pulpit on present-day problems. He said:

Are we building up what is known as "A Better England?" The idea with many people seems to be to spend as much money as they possibly can, to be as idle as they can, and, in fact, to do nothing unless they are absolutely compelled to do it. In excuse, two words have been run off their legs and perverted in every possible way. They are democracy and reaction.

Democracy, as defined by Abraham Lincoln, was the finest thing in the world; but Lincoln's definition stipulated that there should be government and that it should be for the people. At the present time democracy was not looked at in that light. There was too much disorder, and too much of the individual,

BOLSHEVISM AND MUSIC.

Mr. Edgar Wallace, famous as a war correspondent and the creator of "Smithey," says: Do not think because the German failed to understand British psychology that he is a bad psychologist. Nobody has ever understood the British, or ever will. The truth is that the German is a greater psychologist than any other race in Europe, and he was certainly the first man to discover the antidote for Bolshevism.

He knows better than any that the Spartacist derived his strength, not from the millions which Lenin supplied, but from the falling off in the supply of music, especially brass music. The Berliner goes about his business, takes a shrewd, clear view of the situation, and is working rapidly to rebuild the shattered finances of the country, and he has come to sanity, because some genius suggested that Bolshevism was a disease which was effectively destroyed by music as most other diseases are destroyed by sunshine.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Socialist Leader.—A socialist is to be made president of the Cologne Police.

No More.—Heligoland ceases to exist as a fortress in a few days.

To visit England.—President Poincaré is to visit England in October. He may retire from politics in January.

Infuriated Wives.—Infuriated Paris housewives attacked a grocer who put up the price of rabbits.

Our Next Job.—Waiters in the West End restaurants are said to be earning from £ 600 to £ 1,000 a year.

Bubonic Plague.—Two cases of bubonic plague have been discovered in a ship that has arived at Avonmouth from Egypt.

Traffic Control. — Drastic control of London's street traffic by means of a Board of Control, is suggested.

Unnecessary —It is no longer necessary to furnish the name and address of the sender of an inland telegram.

That's All.—South Wales postal workers demand 160 per cent. wage increase over the 1914 standard.

Not Sand Bags.—Among the goods for sale by the Ministry of Munitions are a million sacks.

That Wardrobe.—In West London as much as eight guineas is being asked for second-hand suits of clothes.

Child Diseases Prevalent.—Scarlatina and diphtheria are unusually prevalent among children for the time of year.

One Halfpenny More. — Cups of tea at London teashops have been increased from 2½d to 3d.

Bride for Fifth Time. — Mrs. Bridger, aged 74, of Cosham, has married her fifth husband, also a septuagenarian.

Traffic Resumed.—Parcel traffic between Great Britain and Germany will soon be permitted.

The King of Spain.—The King of Spain intends to visit Paris next month, on his way to Belgium.

The Rush.—A provincial barber reports that the number of regular-morning-shave customers is rapidly increasing. He attributes this to war nerves.

Huts for the Homeless.—The huts occupied by soldiers at Eastbourne have been converted by the corporations into dwellings for those who cannot find a house.

Still Active.—Miss Edith Milsom, of Hulme, who has just celebrated her one hundredth birthday, will attend the corporation's peace dinner.

Arm Watches.—Wrist watches for the fair are apparently to be displaced by arm, or armlet, watches, worn just above the elbow.

A Compliment.—Many girls Bond-street way are wearing hats which are the facsimile of those worn by the French soldiers.

Still Out.—The Yorkshire miners are not likely to resume work this week, and a restriction of the holiday train traffic is probable.

Those Peace Feelers.—Mr. Lloyd George is very unlikely to say anything about Erzberger's allegations as to peace moves unless questions are asked in Parliament.

Both Worried.—Railway officials are much perplexed by the constant necessity for changing their time-tables. The public are equally worried.

No Smoking.—The notice, "No Smoking" in London's Tube lifts which has been a dead letter for some time is being put into force.

Cruelty Indeed.—A Bristol boy was sent to prison for ill-treating a cat. He held is by its neck, throttling it, and threw it violently on to a concrete floor.

Rush for Gas-Stoves —Manufacturers of gas and anthracite stoves are unable to cope with the orders they are receiving from all parts.

The First Step —A commission of German employers and workmen has gone to Versailles with regard to the rebuilding of Northern-France.

Freedom for Alsatians.—The German prisoners in Japan who are of Alsatian origin have been liberated on the request of the French Government.

The Fastest-Plane. — The fastest aeroplane in the world, which arrived at Kenley, having come from Paris at a speed of 112 miles a minute, is reported to have crashed at Marquise.

Most Decorated.—Sir Archibald Hunter is the most decorated member in the House of Commons. In the Upper House, Lord Hardinge of Penshurst holds a similar position.

Companies Ready.—Railway companies have in readiness emergency time-tables which will be brought into use should the coal situation demand the curtailment of the services.

Presents To "Temps."—In some Government Departments the permanent officials are grumbling at frequent subscriptions towards farewell gifts to demobilised temporary girl clerks.

Young Field-Marshals.—For a Field Marshal's baton to be conferred before sixty is almost unknown in the Army. Lord Kitchener was an exception and Sir Douglas Haig and Sir Henry Wilson have brought youth to the ranks.

Woman Street Cleaner.—Miss Amy Wigan of Luddesdown, who has just died, was one of three sisters, who, during the war, kept the streets of the village clean.

Twenty Thousand Times.—The commodore of the L. and N.W. fleet of steamers who has died, made the Irish Channel passage more than twenty thousand times.

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NEARLY ONE HUNDRED MILLION POUNDS ANNUALLY FOR WAR VICTIMS.

NEW FIELD MARSHALS.

BIGGER PENSIONS.

LARGE ALL ROUND INCREASES.

In the House of Commons yesterday afternoon Sir Worthington Evans presented the Pensions Estimates.

He said they were already out of date to the extent of seventy-three millions. Since the estimate was prepared an additional expenditure had been authorised, being a twenty per cent bonus to officers on retired pay and alternative pensions for officers and men and to widows, while certain pre-war disability pensions had also been raised to the present rates. These and other alterations would cost two millions.

The decisions would call for an extra expenditure for the remainder of the year of eleven millions, making the estimates under consideration eighty-six millions. This figure only covers a portion of a year. For a full year, with the present number of pensioners, the rate would be about ninety-three millions.

War's Heavy Toll.

Pensions and allowances are being paid to 43,572 officers, officers' widows and children. Other ranks totalled 1,372,017 and children 938,064. Referring to complaints of delay in the granting of officers pensions he said that authority had now been obtained from the Treasury to make advances in necessitous cases, and some 7,400 advances had already been made.

Interrupters Ejected.

While acknowleding Sir Arthur Pearson's services to the blind, Sir Worthington Evans was interrupted by a man in the public gallery calling out "What about the civilian blind? Give us State aid for the blind."

When the interrupter was being removed by an attendant another blind man shouted. "In the name of the organised blind of this country I protest against the Government not helping the blind as they ought." A third speaker commenced to interrupt but was ejected.

The Revised Scale.

Continuing, Sir Worthington Evans, said the Government is prepared to accept the proposed new scale. The flat rate will be as follows:

For a totally disabled single man, 40s; married, 50s; married with one child, 57s 6d. For each subsequent child the scale will be a percentage of the full scale according to the percentage of disability. A widow under forty without children will receive 20s, while widows of any age with children or those over forty without children will receive 20s 6d. There will be paid in addition 10s. for the first child, 7s 6d for the second and 6s for each subsequent child.

In assessing the claims for alternative pensions pre-war wages will be regarded as having increased by sixty per cent, so that a man who was in fact earning 50s a week before the war will be deemed to be earning 80s. The maximum alternative pension will be £5 a week instead of £4.10s. The new rates will be brought into operation in respect of the first week ending after 1st September and any arrears will be paid as from that date.

Helpful Criticism.

Mr. Hogge thought the Government had responded very generously to the recommendations of the Committee.

Sir Montague Barlow objected to the description of a pension as a Royal Bounty. It was a payment, he said, to which a pensioner was legally entitled.

In a maiden speech Captain Hacking urged that an admission by the Government of a statutory right to a pension would remove a deal of discontent.

Colonel Ashley expressed the view that thousands of discharged men, particularly those who are only partially disabled, should be given an opportunity of filling some of the posts held by the 11,000 women at the Ministry of Pensions.

Mr. Lyle criticised the methods of medical boards as being too inquisitorial. Their duty, he said, seemed to be to award as small a pension as possible.

The Pensions Minister, in reply, promised that every suggestion made during the debate should receive careful consideration. The votes were agreed to.

OFFICIAL THANKS.

The thanks of Parliament to the Forces will be formally tendered by motion in the House of Commons next Wednesday.

The motion will include a proposal to grant £100,000 each to Admiral Sir David Beatty and Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig and smaller sums to other prominent leaders. It is expected that an earldom will be conferred on the chiefs of the Navy and Army at a later date.

The Government are preparing a Bill against Trusts which will be introduced to the House during the Autun session.

ROYAL HONOURS.

TWO MORE FIELD MARSHALS APPOINTED.

His Majesty the King has appointed General Sir Herbert Plumer, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., and General Sir E. H. H. Allenby, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., to be Field Marshals. These honours, together with that of Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, are dated July 31st and take precedence in the above order.

In recognition of their valuable services the King has also conferred on General Maynard and General Ironside, Knight Commanderships of the Order of the Bath.

NAVY GOES NORTH.

TO COVER EVACUATION OF WHITE SEA.

It is learned that a strong Naval force is proceeding to North Russia in the near future to take part in combined Naval and Military operations. Further military reinforcements will be sent if necessary but there is good reason to hope that the situation will give no more cause for anxiety.

It is also understood that some of the Army units which are under orders for foreign service are being ear-marked for Russia in case of need. There is no question of employing conscript troops in view of the satisfactory position of recruiting in the Regular Army. Neither is there any question of the extension of British liabilities in North Russia. The measures now being taken are intended to ensure the evacuation with a minimum of loss.

DENIKEN SCORES.

FORTY-TWO MILE ADVANCE.

A War Office communiqué states that a great victory has been gained by Deniken's army. The important town of Kamashin, on the river Volga, which for a considerable time has been the immediate objective in the advance towards Saratow, has been captured. Possession of this town gives Deniken a firmer footing on the most important river in the country and constitutes a serious threat to the Bolshevist lines of communication with Astrakan. Preparations for an advance of thirty miles had been in progress for some time and on July 29th the attack was launched. It met with complete success, the town being entered on Wednesday. The enemy were pursued for twelve miles further.

RESTAURANT PROFITEERS EXPOSED.

The Paris Daily Mail correspondent gives an account of a man who is fighting one branch of profiteering by going to a different restaurant each night to dinner and then refusing to pay unreasonable charges. He then explains in the newspapers next day his reason for refusing, giving the name of restaurant and the prices charged.

GENERAL RAWLINSON FOR NORTH RUSSIA.

It is officially announced that the Government has decided that General Sir H. S. Rawlinson is to proceed at once to North Russia in order to co-ordinate the operations connected with the withdrawal of the Archangel and Murmansk forces.

THE SCHELDT QUESTION.

The delegates of the Dutch Government having arrived at Paris, the first sitting for the revision of the Belgian-Dutch Treaty of 1839 was held on Wednesday. The Dutch Minister of State read a historical exposé drawn up by the Dutch Government.

It is anticipated that the task of the Commission, whose chief work is to determine the question of the Scheldt, will necessitate numerous sittings and it is not expected that their labours will be concluded before the end of next week.

WHEN THE WAR WILL END.

The French Cabinet has decided that the cessation of hostilities is to date from the publication in the Official Journal of the ratification of the Treaty with Germany, without waiting for the conclusion of peace with other belligerent countries which are still nominally at war with France.

GERMAN PAYMENT.

FIRST CLAIMS ON WAR INDEMNITY.

M. Klotz, Minister of Finance, made an important statement before the Financial Committee of the French Chamber on the financial clauses of the Peace Treaty. He said that Germany would not have to owe Belgium anything. The 2,400 million Francs advanced by France to Belgium would be collected by France. The balance between France and England regarding advances to Belgium had not yet been struck. Germany would be debtor to France, England and America for all the sums advanced to Belgium and a settlement would be made before 1926, with interest.

Regarding reparation the Committee faced a situation unparalleled in humanity. Germany had only one enemy a group of nations which was solvent. Hers was a crushing burden. The total expenses of the war reached 1,005 milliard (1,005,000,000,000) francs and the Allies agreed to recognise that Germany was incapable of paying such an amount. Restoration of the invaded provinces has preference in the matter of the monies Germany has to pay in reparation. Damage to individuals and personal property is a second claim. The idea of immediate payment is untenable. The better way is to allow the loser to liberate herself by means of labour.

COMIC POLICE STRIKE.

DISCREDITED UNION AND CREDIBLE MEN.

The London Executive of the Police Union declared a strike last night, to last until such time as the clause relating to the abolition of the Union is removed from the Police Bill which is now before Parliament. This move follows an unsuccessful attempt to interview the Premier. The Executive is urging members throughout the country to follow suit, but after the recently published police awards it is doubtful whether the Union will have much following to this absurd extent.

In a few London districts some men left their beat on learning of the "order" to strike, but the attitude of the majority of men is that the Union is not justified in calling such a hurried general strike.

Returns at midnight in the metropolitan destrict showed that one hundred and ten men had absented themselves. Sir Nevil Macready, the Commissioner, in a statement says that these men have been suspended. They will be dismissed in police orders at once and will never be reinstated.

FRENCH FOOD CONTROLLER.

With the object of ending the present crisis caused by high food prices the French Government contemplates the centralization, in the hands of M. Vilgrain, of all questions concerning food and supplies.

He will be a sort of Food Controller, directly responsible for the general administration of supplies. He will handle the problems of transport and freight and will have power to negotiate with shipping companies for the supply of ships.

HUNGARIAN POLICY.

The Supreme Council in Paris has been occupied in determining what attitude shall be adopted towards Bela Kun. The Rumanians will be supported by the despatch of material and the Czecho-Slovaks encouraged to take energetic action.

The question has also been considered as to what support can be accorded the Rumanians with inter-allied effectives in order to give an international significance to the operations. No decision has yet been reached.

FINSBURY MURDER.

In connection with the Finsbury Park tragedy, Henry Ball, occupier of the house where the woman Lucy Nightingale was discovered strangled, was brought up yesterday morning. The charge preferred was that of being accessory to the murder after the fact. Formal evidence only was given and the prisoner was remanded for a week, bail being refused.

BULGARIAN FRONTIER.

No complete solution of the Bulgarian frontier question has been reached by the Supreme Council. It is known that the Rumanians desire the whole of the Dobrudja but they are willing to agree to a rectification of the frontier.

In French opinion the Rumanian desire is considered legitimate and it seems that this method of solution will be adopted. The whole question will then practically be settled.

NEW HEIGHT RECORD.

Yesterday an American aviator beat the altitude record by climbing 30,700 feet. The thermometer recorded twenty-five degrees below zero and the motor became so chilled that the aviator was forced to descend.

The Treaty whereby the United States promises to go to the aid of France in the event of an unprovoked attack by Germany, has been submitted to the Senate by President Wilson in a special message.

STOLEN PAY DRAFTS.

ROGUE MEETS WITH HIS DESERTS.

After a four days' hearing the trial was concluded at the Old Bailey yesterday of Cecil Hall, the ex-Army Pay Clerk who was charged with stealing demobilization drafts at Dover.

The Jury found him guilty.

Detective Inspector Cornish, of Scotland Yard, proved several previous convictions against the prisoner in London and the provinces.

The Judge, saying that Hall was guilty of a most serious offence, which he aggravated by going into the witness box and committing deliberate perjury, doubted whether he ought not to be sent to penal servitude. He passed sentence of twenty-two months hard labour and ordered Hall to pay £100 towards the costs of the prosecution.

TELLING THE TRUTH.

AMERICAN'S BLUNT REPLY TO GERMAN SOCIALIST.

At the international Trade Union Conference in Amsterdam a Belgian delegate delivered a passionate protest against the supine attitude of German labour towards the German outrages in Belgium. The German delegation submitted a statement admitting that these things should not have been done and pleaded that the German people were deceived.

The President of the Congress having declared (in the usual manner) that capitalism was responsible for the war, an American delegate bluntly informed him that the responsibility rested solely with Germany and Austria.

ARGENTINE CELEBRATES.

BIGGEST FESTIVITIES ON RECORD

The British Minister to the Argentine, Sir Reginald Tower, was entertained at a most successful complimentary dinner at the Plaza Hotel, Buenos Aires, on Friday last by representatives of the most important firms and undertakings in the Argentine, in recognition of the esteem and regard in which he is held and of his magnificent services and untiring zeal in looking after British interests during the war.

The British colonists peace celebrations were concluded with a ball, attended by over 2,000 persons. It was the most successful and probably the largest gathering ever held at Buenos Aires.

GENERAL FAYOLLE'S NAVY TRIP.

General Fayolle, who visited Cologne on Wednesday, made the last stage of his journey on a British warship. He was piped on board the M.L. 358 at Bonn in "pukka" navy fashion, being received by Commander Acheson, C.M.G., M.V.O., D.S.O., R.N., and Lieut. Farrat, R.N., Commander of the launch.

The French flag was broken at the masthead as he stepped on board. The boat was escorted down stream by M.L. 542, under the command of Lieut. Robinson, D.S.C., R.N.V.R. While the party were disembarking, the band of the D.L.I. played the "Marseillaise", followed by the National Anthem, whilst a guard of honour of bluejackets under Lieut. Foxley, R.N. stood smartly at the "present". Sub-Lieut. Jones, R.N.V.R., carried the colours escorted by four marines.

During the inspection of the guard the D.L.I. band played "Rule Britannia".

Before leaving, the General remarked that this was the first time in his career that he had set foot on a British warship or had had a British Naval guard of honour.

IF THERE IS NO BREAD.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Hailwood asked whether the Government recognised the serious state in which the country will be on Monday next in consequence of the bakers' strike which is threatened to commence to-day.

Mr. Wardle replied that the Ministry of Labour has been in contact with all the parties at a meeting held at the Ministry when a communication was made to the employers which appeared likely to remove the difficulty.

CAIRO INCIDENT.

Industrial agitation in Egypt is gaining strength. A serious incident occurred last evening as a result of a strike of waiters and men employed at a well-known café. These employes, who have hitherto relied solely on tips, have demanded wages and have struck work in support of their case.

Persons leaving the café were roughly handled and one visitor drew a revolver and fired, wounding two strikers, and a bystander.

AN ANGRY AMBASSADOR.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Sun states that Mr. Nelson Page's resignation from the Ambassadorship at Rome is due to serious friction between he and President Wilson. He deeply resents President Wilson's attitude regarding the Fiume crisis.

It is now considered possible that Lord Reading may go again to Washington as British Ambassador.

COAL STRIKE.

SETTLEMENT PREVENTED BY ONE MAN.

Hope has revived in connection with the Yorkshire coal strike. Following the futile conferences held on Wednesday Mr. Snackleton returned to London and reported the situation to the Minister of Labour. The War Cabinet met later and had the position explained. The Minister of Labour received a deputation of miners last night. The cause of yesterday's deadlock is said to be the refusal of Mr. Smith, the men's leader, to recognise the right of the Miners' Federation to negotiate with the Government on behalf of the Yorkshire men. Great disappointment was caused throughout Yorkshire when it became known that no agreement had been reached yesterday.

SKELETON MYSTERY.

PRISONERS MAKE CONFLICTING STATEMENTS.

As a sequel to the developments of the Kilburn mystery, William Grant and Alice White appeared in the dock yesterday, charged with the manslaughter of Connie Grant. The only evidence taken was that of inspector Hagan who said that Grant made a second statement after receiving the statement made by the woman. The Inspector had previously told Grant that his first statement was not in agreement with the facts.

A mass of evidence is being prepared, and the prisoners were remanded until Monday, when Maggie Grant, the step-sister of Connie Grant, will also appear.

SERVANTS OF FREEDOM.

AMERICA AND BRITISH SEAMEN.

President Wilson, in a letter to the Chairman of the Committee which is organising America's tribute to British Merchant Seamen says:

"Along with our own gallant seamen they have rendered such a service to humanity in the great war as enrols them amongst the true servants of freedom and civilization."

The Committee intends that America's tribute shall not end with the raising of a fund to assist the thirty thousand disabled British seamen but that the effort shall be continued permanently in order to further the development of friendship amongst all English speaking peoples.

PEACE PROPOSALS.

As regards the revelations in the German National Assembly about the Peace proposals in August 1917, a member of the Vatican has declared to the representatives of the Havas Agency in Rome that the negotiations have been wrongly described and wrongly interpreted in Germany. There was no question of a Peace proposal by Great Britain and France, considering the tone and brevity of the communication made by the British Minister to Cardinal Gasparri.

It was rather the contrary, reasons showing the impracticability of Peace being enumerated, specially as concerns Belgium. The Holy See sent a copy to the Nuncio with a letter, and that is all. Both documents will be published. They would have appeared before this in the Observator Romano if the strike of the printers had not stopped the publishing of the paper.

INVESTMENT OF GRATUITIES.

Although the Victory Loan is closed to public subscription an extension of time up to August 15th has been arranged for the benefit of those officers who wish so to ear-mark their gratuities either for Victory Bonds or Funding Loan. Instructions should be sent to agents or bankers stating the amount it is desired to invest. The investment will then be handed over to the agents on the officer's behalf when his gratuity is issuable. Gratuity so invested will bear interest as from 4th August 1919.

Income Tax will not be deducted from the source. Applications will be dealt with in order of receipt.

DE MORTIUS NIL NISI BONUM.

Colonel L. Ward, the Unionist member for Hull in the course of the debate on the Army Estimates, pleaded that no distinction should be made in the graves in France and Flanders of men who were shot for offences committed in face of the enemy. He further urged that the War Office records of such sentences of execution be destroyed.

PROTECTION OF INVENTORS.

Encouragement and help for inventors is a marked feature of the Patents Bill which was read for the second time in the House of Commons on Wednesday. The objects of the Bill are to improve the position of the inventor and enable him to reap the rewards of his ingenuity. The Bill will also prevent abuse of the Patent Laws by those foreign inventors who were wont to obtain protection in Great Britain but did not work their patents there.

The French Cabinet has discussed what measures are necessary to give rapid effect to the Channel tunnel project.

KILLED ON LEAVE.

MYSTERIOUS TRAGEDY IN RAILWAY TUNNEL.

In connection with the discovery in the Box tunnel on the Great Western Railway of the body of Gunner White, a soldier belonging to the Army of the Rhine, Gunner Edwin Doyle, 29th Bde. R.F.A. was arrested at Woolwich yesterday. It is understood that Doyle made a statement at Birmingham alleging that he had pushed a man out of a railway carriage.

The facts, as elicited at the inquest on Monday, showed that White was on leave. He left Paddington [illegible] Friday night. When the train [illegible] Plymouth the officials found a soldier's equipment in a carriage but the owner was not there. No evidence was given as to how White met his death.

A relative having suggested that the circumstances pointed to foul play, the coroner adjourned the inquest.

LUTON RIOTS.

SCHOOLMASTER COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Further evidence was given yesterday at Luton at the resumed proceedings against a number of prisoners charged in connection with the Peace Day rioting. Damaged helmets were put in to show the force of the attack. It was stated that two firemen are still unfit for duty.

Regarding the prisoner Ovenell, a master at Luton Modern School, it was stated that he holds an Oxford M.A. Degree with double honours. He won a Commission at Arras after serving in the ranks from August 1915.

He and others were committed for trial.

CHICAGO RACE FRACAS.

Race riots in Chicago continued with great violence yesterday, many deaths occurring. Four thousand troops have been mobilised to restore order. The riots are attributed to the effect of Bolshevist propaganda among the negroes.

According to the latest estimates there are twenty-five killed and more than four hundred injured. The situation is complicated by the strike of 15,000 street elevated railway employees, with the result that traffic is completely tied up.

Later messages state that the racial rioting early on Tuesday was of the most desperate description. A reign of terror prevailed for many hours and the street fighting assumed so grave an aspect that the militia were called out. They used machine-guns to disperse the mobs. A large crowd of negroes stormed the armoury of the 8th Regiment of the State Guard and attempted to obtain arms and ammunition, but were repulsed.

Fierce rioting continued yesterday, the Provident Negro Hospital being attacked. Knives, razors and slung shot were used, four men being killed and a number injured. A boy was stabbed and thrown into the river but was rescued. Italians sided with the whites.

Another night of rioting in Chicago added four more deaths, the total being now thirty-two whites and negroes. The latter were exasperated at the virtual stoppage of food and transport. They fired at passenger trains passing through the negro quarter and sniped military patrols. Martial-law has been declared and all street illumination is cut off.

U. S. AND TRIPLE TREATY.

In his special message to the Senate which accompanied the submission of the Ango-French-American Treaty. President Wilson earnestly hoped that it would meet with approval and an early ratification, together with the Peace Treaty with Germany.

He intimated that the special treaty will remain in force until the League of Nations affords sufficient protection to France. After pointing out that Great Britain volunteers the same promise his letter concludes: "It is by taking such pledges as this that we shall prove ourselves faithful to the utmost to the high obligations of gratitude and tested friendship."

THEY ASKED FOR TROUBLE.

The official investigation into the incidents which occurred at the departure of the German delegates from Versailles has concluded. The report states that there is no ground for proceedings.

It transpired that the Germans who exchanged rowdy greetings with the onlookers provoked some of the crowd by shouting "Hoch, Hoch" and making grimaces. There was no proof that stones were thrown.

GIFT TO THE STATE.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has received a letter from Mr. C.B. Hollinsworth, of Birmingham, containing an offer to surrender to the State for cancellation War Bonds amounting to over thirteen thousand ponnds.

A rumour from Peshawar that the Amir of Afghanistan had been fired on by Afghan soldiers is confirmed.

On Monday a great storm swept Roosevelt field, Mineola, where the R. 34 was moored, destroying three giant aeroplanes, including a Handley-Page machine weighing eleven tons.

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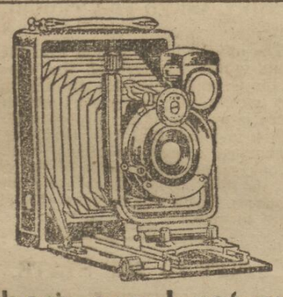

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TOMORRON (August 3rd) at the
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The Western Divisional Orchestra will play selections from "Chopin" and "Beethoven"
(Under the direction of Lieut. Merry)
Elizabeth Estas. Louis Mireffe.
Classical Dancers.
Howard Fry Baritone.

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Holy Comm. 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 11-15 a.m., 6-45 p.m.
Evening Service, 6.00 p.m.
Thursdays 6.30 p.m. in Church Army Chapel, Antoniter Str.: (behind Church).

2.—THE CHURCH ARMY CHAPEL
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Sundays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m., and 6.45 p.m. Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Weekdays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saints' Days.
Short Morning Prayer Daily at 9-15 a.m.

3.—THE ARMY CINEMA HALL
36, Komodien Strasse.
Sundays: Evening Service, 6 p.m.

4.—THE CHURCH ARMY CINEMA HALL 95, Severin Strasse.
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excepting on Thursday when it is at 10-30 hours.
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Scottish Churches and English Free Churches.

THE MILITARY CHURCH.
6 Filzengraben (Turning off Heumarkt.)
Sunday, 13th July.
11 a.m. Preacher: Rev. A. Main, Garrison Chaplain (Presbyterian).
6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. A. Main.
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Saturday, August 2, 1919.

THE KING SPEAKS.

In the long history of our country there has been no sovereign who has won greater respect and loyalty than our gracious King. His heart beat with the heart of his people — he mourned with them, he rejoiced with them, he led them to victory and peace.

We had our crises in these tragic years of war, but at almost every danger point King George uttered a clarion call to the British Empire.

Once again our sovereign has spoken and his words are a challenge and an inspiration.

"The spirit of union, self-sacrifice, and patience which our people displayed during the years of fighting will still be required if we are to reap the full benefit of the peace which we have won, and those great qualities must be reinforced by the homelier virtues of industry and thrift."

These are strange times. The strain of war has brought its inev itable reaction. There is a spirit of unrest in every class. Some have given way to carping criticism, some to obstinate selfishness, some to money-seeking, some to the giddy round of pleasure.

If we are a great people — and we are a people with high traditions and serious ideals — then now is the time to play the man. Each must work with his fellow, must bear and forbear, must struggle loyally and zealously till the new and better era brightens the dark firmament with its rosy dawn.

"Now that we are at peace again, our country urgently demands from every citizen the utmost economy in order to make the best use of the resources which the nation possesses; and strenuous and unremitting industry in order to ensure the greatest possible production of necessary commodities. Without these we shall have to face depression and poverty."

The time was when the King of England led his soldiers to victory in the field of battle. Who is not proud when he reads of Henry V at Agincourt? But our King is leading a nobler venture. We shall rally round him and we shall win our triumph.

WHOSE THE BLAME?

German Workers Declare that their Government Betrayed them.

Time after time we hear from Germans of different classes the statement that they did not wish for the war and that it was forced upon them by the Militarist Government.

We Britishers coming from a "free" country find great difficulty in believing this at times, but the point we do recognise is that these self-excusing Germans are in agreement on the point that their international representatives were responsible for the war and for the atrocious methods by which they prosecuted it.

Many belated admissions saw the light at the International Trades Union Preparatory Conference held at Amsterdam and were communicated by Reuter's Agency to the "Times."

Following a motion of the French delegate, M. Jouhaux, aiming at the reconciliation of the Belgians and the Germans, a committee was formed to consider a statement presented by Herr Sassenbach, the German delegate, concerning the action, or lack of it, of the German working classes at the outbreak of, and during the war.

This statement, which is to be reported on by Monday next, when the actual Congress opens, contains much of interest to the British troops on the Rhine who have heard repeatedly that Germany was not responsible for the war or for the afflictions of Belgium.

After stating that German trade unions always recognized that Germany acted wrongly with regard to Belgium and always condemned the activities of war committed during the German occupation of Belgium it goes on to say:

"If at the beginning of the war all had been known that is known now; if the labouring classes had not been misled and betrayed by the Government, the attitude of the German labouring classes and their leaders would have been different.

"If the German labour movement had suspected that Germany was the aggressive Power, then without any doubt it would have tried to prevent the war with every means in its power.

"We must recognize that the workers of other countries cannot appreciate or understand several of our actions during the war, but these acts were forced upon us by the heavy struggle being waged by the German nation.

"Now the truth is being brought home, and many a thing which we did under full conviction should, it is clear, never have been done."

HOPELESS.

"Look here, old chap" I said "it's got to stop." he was lying, book in hand and pipe in mouth on the billet sofa. He generally is lying somewhere. He looked up with a hurt expression, his forehead like a newly ploughed field.

"What's got to stop?" "I mean," I said in my severest tone, "that your behaviour is getting beyond a joke, and it's quite time you pulled yourself together, and tried to get up in the morning."

The ploughed field became pasture land again, and "Oh, is that all," don't I get up every morning" came languidly from the sofa.

I began to get exasperated. I had been used to giving Jeremiah fatherly advice, for months past, but he generally treated it with more respect than this.

"Now look here, just because you have recently returned from leave, don't think that the nasty civilian habits you have acquired in "Blighty" will go down here, and that you can lie in bed until 10 or 11 o'clock in the morning, keeping Frau, and everybody else waiting, while you snore your life away, in piggish self-indulgence."

He sat up after that, closed his book, and shivered. "Please, don't use such soul revolting expressions, and for goodness sake, keep to the point." One hand was supporting his tired head.

"I am keeping to the point," I said, "and you've got to do something. It's no use buying an alarm clock, and then forgetting to wind the alarm part of it up. Do try to think. Can't you get Fräulein to knock on your door, at a reasonable hour. Lots of them don't mind doing that."

He lay back once more, and fixed a cushion behind his head. "You know she won't come within a mile of my room. For goodness sake try to suggest something practical."

I thought he was coming round. "Then" I said, "I will make an appeal to your better nature. For the sake of your future wife, and of all the eulogistic letters you have written, of the noble deeds you are performing in Germany, do not let these habits of sloth and self-indulgence make you their slave. Think well of the future, of the girl who is waiting for you with open arms across the water, ready to share life's burdens and make you a happy home. Remember that you are one of a victorious army."

The expression on his face had changed. A kind of angelic smile spread over his countenance, which I could not understand.

"One moment," he said; "there is some mistake. Why all this blather about the future. I am married—on my last leave you know."

"But" I gasped, "you never told me! In any case that fact simplifies matters considerably. Your duty is doubly clear. The necessity of making yourself do things, is imperative. You have no time to lose."

"Oh yes, I've plenty of time. I've signed on for two years!"

I collapsed on the carpet, and vainly tried to think of a place where I could await demob. in solitude.

G.W.E.

A NEW UNION.

The Society of Mess Presidents.

In these days of trades unions one should move with the times, and my little scheme is to found a Society or Union for the Protection of Mess Presidents. I have not yet got the rules properly worked out in my head — I hope to let you know at a later date — but I think there is a crying need for something of the sort.

Roughly the position is this:

In any Mess there is a Mess President — one only — whose duty it is, remembering that an army marches on its stomach, to feed the other members of that Mess — and, moreover, to extract, wrench, squeeze, cajole, or in any other way procure the money for the above purpose from the above-mentioned members.

Now, can anyone have a harder time than the poor Mess President, that most unpopular man; for it must be understood that he is always in a minority?

Let me give you a sample of the conversation any lunch-time on Monday in our Mess.

The President glances round the Mess to see that all the members are at last present; then with a furtive air he draws a sheaf of slips from his pocket, and after catching the Transport Officer and one or two others who have just remembered important engagements elsewhere, he proceeds to deal them rapidly round the table.

General Chorus: "What! Mess bills again! We only had them a few days ago!"

Plaintive solo from the junior subaltern: "I say, I haven't got any money! Does that matter?" ("Oh, not at all", with heavy sarcasm from the P. M. C.)

The Colonel: "Damn it! You've got me down 'Whisky 60 marks'! I've never had it! It's scandalous...." Erupts into sulphurous profanities, comprising a short life history with illustrations, certain origin, and probable destination of P. M. C. 's in general.

The Adjutant: "What's 'Chocolate 10 marks'? Have you been feeding your billet people with chocolate, and putting it down to me? Of course you don't expect me to pay it?"

The senior Major: "Look here! 'Guest night 40 marks!' Why, it was all rations!"

A rude subaltern: "I say, are you going to be married? Saving up for the ring, what?"

A Company Commander: "Good Heavens! 'Soap 5 marks!' I know I've never had that!" (Opportunity for crushing retort from P. M. C., who, however, is by now too overwhelmed to grasp it.)

General chorus: "What's 'extras'?"

More reverberating murmurs from under the Colonel's moustache.

Chorus A.: "How much did you pay, old man, to get the job of P. M. C.?"

Chorus B.: "You won t need a gratuity after this, will you?"

A subaltern: "Has the price of rations gone up?"

And so on *ad lib.*

Now, I just ask you, Mess Presidents, isn't it always the same? We must pull together, you know. We must form a league, and show them all who's who. In the meantime, as a league must have funds, will all those intending to join please send subscriptions to me, care of "Cologne Post"? (And mind you seal the envelopes up well, because I don't trust them).

UBIQUE.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

RECORD SPEED.

Sir,—I was rather surprised to read in "The Cologne Post" that 112 miles per minute was claimed as a speed record for aeroplanes.

I personally know several airmen who exceed this rate by one hundred per cent, daily, on their early morning flips.

PUP.

IN FANCY DRESS.

Sir,—I fully agree with "R.F.A." that a series of fancy dress dances would be appreciated at the British Empire Leave Club.

The success of the one held on Wednesday, 23rd July, may be gauged from the fact that within ten minutes of the dance commencing it was impossible to gain admittance to the balcony to view the gathering.

I would suggest that a small charge be made for admittance to the ball room for those in fancy dress, the proceeds to be distributed to the wearers of the best costumes, first and second.

HAWKEYE.

PETTY THEFTS.

Sir,—I have just received a parcel, the full contents of which were advised in a letter written on date of its despatch A pair of new puttees and a swimming costume had been extracted therefrom. A pair of boots, a pair of plimsolls, and 200 cigarettes were kindly left for me.

There is no doubt whatever that the articles were deliberately taken out of the parcel, as the covering was quite undamaged on receipt.

Have any other readers similar complaints?

A. B. C.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

Sir,—I venture to suggest that a little more consideration might be given to the desires of men like myself who are anxious to further their natural inclination and learning for subjects of a technical nature.

It would appear that unless a man possesses, or has attained, some degree of knowledge or proficiency in the particular technical subjects he desires to enter for, he is unable to profit by any of the much advertised courses of instruction.

DISAPPOINTED.

INCONVENIENT TRAINS.

Sir,—Could some one in authority alter the evening train service on the Burscheid and Wermelskirchen line? At present all ranks on pass to Cologne have to return by the 8.40 train, which arrives at Opladen about 9.10 and have to wait until 10.20 for a connection to Wermelskirchen. This train, 10.20 from Opladen, invariably runs late the average time of leaving Opladen being 11 o'clock.

The 10.48 train from Cologne arrives at Opladen about 11.10 but is useless to the troops in this area as there is no connection.

If the 10.20 ex Opladen was altered to 11.20 it would give the troops another two hours in Cologne and so do away with the two hours wait which is at present done at Opladen.

HANTS.

THE CINEMA BLIGHT.

Sir,—Yes! I have met it. My last evening at the cinema was one of mental torture under the persecution of one such insect.

The sole interest in a picture lies in its uncertainty, its mystery, its plot. If one knows the story already, all interest disappears.

Let us appeal to these pestilential people to exercise a little sense. Otherwise we must leave them alone with their mania; I for one have not been to the cinema since my last experience with these pests who are becoming so common.

GUNNER VICTIM.

TRAMWAY COMPARISONS.

Sir,—The Traffic Commission which sat some years ago, decided that the L.C.C. trams were inferior only in time wasted at stopping places for passengers to alight and board the cars, but not in the number of passengers carried.

The system of exits on Cologne cars is certainly better than the L.C.C. cars, or of any English tram; but can "Arnold" suggest any other practical method of exit on double-deck cars except the present. One double-deck L.C.C. bogie car carries more passengers than the three Cologne cars.

TRAMWAY ENGINEER.

CALVARIES AS MEMORIALS.

Sir,—Let me associate myself entirely with the views of your correspondent who suggests Calvaries as memorials.

Instead of having huge and expensive monuments in large cities numerous smaller ones should be erected.

Calvaries of real value from an aesthetic point of view could be erected at comparatively small cost.

I saw a photo of a beautiful one recently erected in Kensington, which might be a model for all such fitting memorials of our gallant dead.

W. B. E.

FAVOURED AND UNFAVOURED.

Sir,—The views of "Miriam" strike one as being peculiar. Dances presumably are primarily social functions, and may be reasonably regarded as a means of extending one's acquaintance, but this would be impossible if everybody went on "Miriam's" principle of dancing with the same partner for the whole evening.

FOX-TROT.

THE ONE APPEAL.

Tell me not of a face that's fair,
Nor lip and cheek that's red,
Nor of the tresses of her hair,
Nor curls in order laid,
Nor of a rare seraphic voice
That like an angel sings;
Though if I were to take my choice
I would have all these things;
But if that thou wilt have me love,
And it must be a she,
The only argument can move
Is that she will love me.

ALEXANDER BROME.

SPORTS FAR AND NEAR.

Cavalry Division Week Opens With Successful Horse Show.

The Cavalry Division Week, which will be continued to-day, and on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, was inaugurated yesterday with a very successful Horse Show. Farther afield in Rhineland many sports meetings have recently been held, as also in England. The Brigade of Guards held their annual sports at Stamford Bridge on Thursday.

2/4th HAMPSHIRES PROGRAMME.

A successful sports meeting was carried out by the 2/4 Bn. Hampshire Regt. at Suppelbach, on Saturday. The course had been carefully arranged and much credit is due to 2/Lieut. R. Dear, M.C. and his hard working assistants for their very strenuous and successful efforts, while the requirements, both liquid and solid, of the inner man of all ranks were amply provided for, by the energies of Lieut. R.T. Anderson and 2 Lieut. C. Newman.

After a "neck and neck" race with "A" Company, (Capt. J. Scott, M.C.) "C" Company, (Capt. J. L. Thomas) gained the much coveted honour of winning the Company Challenge Cup. The band under the direction of Sgt. H. Stubbington gave selections throughout the afternoon. During the intervals, the side shows were well patronised.

At the conclusion, the Trophy and Prizes were presented by the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. H. Sidney, D.S.O., T.D.

The following is the list of officials and prize-winners.

President:—Lieut.-Col. H. Sidney, D.S.O., T.D.
Judges:—Major H. C. Westmoreland, D.S.O.; Capt. W. L. Clarke; Capt. F. Vanse, R.A.M.C.
Starters:—Capt. C. D. Wooldridge; Capt. S. H. Kingsmill.
Timekeeper:—Lieut. W. S. Stoner.
Lap Scorer:—Sgt. F. J. Taylor.
Secretary:—2/Lieut. R. R. Dear, M.C.
Clerk of Course:—R.S.M. W. Crainger.
Marshals:—Sergt. A. V. Hayward; C.S.M. Patterson.
Recorders:—Capt. R. J. Scott, M.C.; C.Q.M.S. B. Mailet.
The Blackboard:—Lieut. V. R. Harding.
Measures:—C.S.M. C. Samways, D.C.M.; Sergt. A. Christopher.

EVENTS AND PRIZEWINNERS.

Throwing the Cricket Ball:—1, Sgt. Hayward, "C"; 2, Lieut. Brown, "C"; 3, Pte. Morris, "D".
100 yds.:—1, Sgt. Collery, "A"; 2, Pte. Cooper, "B"; 3, Sgt. Hayward, "C".
Tug-of-War:—1, "D" Coy.; 2, "C" Coy.
1 Mile:—1, Cpl. Cooper, "C"; 2, Pte. Hunt, "B"; 3, Sergt. Kent, "A".
High Jump:—Pte. Fletcher, H.Q. Coy.; Pte. Kessler, H.Q. Coy.; and Lieut. Brown, "C", a tie.
220 yds.:—1, Pte. Tucker, H.Q. Coy.; Pte. Smith, "A"; 3, Sgt. Hammerson, "B".
Best Race:—1, Pte. Coombes, H.Q. Coy.; 2, Pte. Newland, "C"; 3, Pte. Wilden, "A".
100 yds. (Backwards):—1, Cpl. Clarke, "D"; 2, Cpl. Chubb, "D"; 3, Sgt. Colley, "A".
Long Jump:—1, Lieut. Brown, "C"; 2, Pte. Kessler, H.Q.; 3, C.S.M. Samways, "A".
440 yds.:—1, Pte. Hunt, "B"; 2, Pte. Coombes, H.Q.; 3, C.S.M. Samways, "A".
Wheelbarrow Race:—1, Pte. Collins and Pte. Oakley, H.Q.; 2, L/Cpl. Lewis and Pte. Person, "C".
W.O.'s and Sgts. 220 yds.:—1, Sgt. Colley, "A"; 2, Sgt. Hayward, "C"; 3, Sgt. Hammerson, "B".
3 Miles:—1, Cpl. Cooker, "C"; 2, Pte. Andrews, "C"; 3, Pte. Williams, "A".
Officers Race:—1, Lieut. Sowerbutts; 2, Capt. Clarke; 3, Lieut. Brown.
Band Race:—1, Pte. Dyer; 2, Cpl. Bone; 3, Pte. Clarke.
Relay Race:—1, "C" Coy.; 2, "D" Coy.; 3, "B" Coy.
Cross Country Race (3½ Miles):—1, "A" Coy.; 2, "B" Coy.; 3, "D" Coy.
Positions of Coys.:—1, "C" Coy., 18 points; 2, "A" Coy., 15 points; 3, "B" Coy., 13 points; 4, H.Q. Coy., 12 points; 5, "D" Coy., 7 points.

ROYAL SCOTS SPORTS

Under ideal weather conditions the Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the 5/6 Battalion, The Royal Scots turned out in large numbers at Nettesheim on Wednesday afternoon on the occasion of a Battalion Sports Meeting. The sport provided was of a varied and interesting character and was entered into with all enthusiasm.

Besides the individual prizes, a large money prize for the Company making the biggest number of points during the afternoon was offered and gained by "B" Company they being closely run by "D" Company, who lost by one point. Although everyone taking part in the sports worked well, special mention must be given to Lieut.-Col. H. D. Carlton, D.S.O.; Capt. D. Murdoch, M.C., and Lieut. W. D. Armstrong and Lieut. G. Casey, M.C. The prizes were presented by Brig.-General P. Leveson-Gower, C.M.G., D.S.O.

THE PRIZEWINNERS.

The following were the prizewinners showing the regiment or company to which they belong to.

100 yds.:—1, Staff Sgt. Sottie; 2, Pte. Hanton, "B"; 3, Lieut. Somerville, "D."
220 yds.:—1, Pte. Hanton, "B"; 2, Staff Sgt. Sottie, R.A.M.C.; 3, Pte. Miller, R.A.M.C.
440 yds.:—1, Pte. Hanton, "B"; 2, Lieut. Somerville, "D"; 3, L/Cpl. Micklejohn, "B."
880 yds.:—1, Pte. Ferguson, "B"; 2, Capt. Runciman, "D"; 3, L/Cpl. Micklejohn, "B."
1 Mile (Relay):—1, "B" Coy.; 2, "D" Coy.
1 Mile:—1, Pte. Ferguson, "B"; 2, Pte. Hanton, "B"; 3, Pte. Mearns, R.A.M.C.
3 Miles:—1, Pte. Hanton, "B"; 2, Pte. Johnston, "D"; 3, Pte. McRoberts, "D."
Long Jump:—1, Cpl. Clancey; 2, Lieut. Somerville; 3, Pte. McWhirter.
High Jump:—1, Pte. McKay; 2, Cpl. Clancey; 3, L/Cpl. Micklejohn.
Obstacle Race:—1, Pte. McIntyre, "D"; 2, Pte. Ferguson, "B"; 3, Capt. Runciman, "D."
Band Race:—1, Cpl. Wilson; 2, Pipe-Major Clancey; 3, Pte. Saugster.
Tug-of-War (Light Weight):—"A" Coy.
Tug-of-War (Catch Weight):—"C" Coy.
Putting the Shot:—1, Cpl. Clansey, "A"; 2, Sergt. Stewartson, "C"; 3, L/C Birkwood, "D."
Musical Chairs (Officers):—1, Lieut. Gibson, "C"; 2, Capt. Rae, "C"; 3, Lieut. Scott, "C."
Tilting the Bucket:—1, Pte. Mackit, "D"; 2, Swaine, "D."
Pillow Fighting:—1, Lieut. McDougal, "C"; 2, Capt. Rae, "C."
Boat Race:—"D" Coy.
Piping:—1, Pipe Major Clancey, 5/6th Royal Scots; 2, L/C. McDonald, 11th Royal-Scots; 3, Piper Adam, 5/6th Royal Scots.

In the evening a concert was given by the Battalion Concert Party.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday, August 2, 1919.

Surface wind between West and North-west 10-15 M.p.h. Squally. Weather mainly overcast with slight mist. Fair intervals. Moderate temperature. Indifferent visibility.

HORSE SHOW AWARDS.

There was a large attendance, including many ladies and Allied officers at the opening of the Cavalry Division Horse Show at Merheim, Cologne, yesterday. The weather was bright and the preliminary day's success augurs well for the subsequent items of the show. The band of the 10th Hussars played enjoyable music throughout the day.

The awards were:

Best Troop Horse (open to Warrant Officers, Sergeants and Lance-Sergts of Cav. Div.) 1, Sergt. White, 9th Lancers ("Horton"); 2, F.Q.M.S. Ashby, 12th Lancers ("Merville"); 3, Sergt. Haye, 6th Dragoon Guards ("Riband").

Jumping (Other ranks): 1, Sergt. Maynard, 1st Royal Dragoons; 2, S.S.M. Symes, 12th Lancers ("Michael"); 3, R.S.M. Rawlinson, 17th Lancers ("Jim").

Best Troop Horse (Open to Corporals and Privates of the Cav. Div.): 1, Corpl. Cook, 9th Lancers ("Paddy"); 2, Corpl. Whitfield 17th Lancers ("Miss Ypres"); 3, Corpl. Needman, 9th Lancers ("Lord Cromer").

Four Best Troop Horses per Regt. which have been out since August 1914, or since their Units joined the B.E.F. in 1914. Cav. Div: 1, 6th Dragoon Guards; 2, 9th Lancers; 3, "C" Squadron, 12th Lancers.

Jumping (Officers) Open to Cav. Div. of the Rhine: 1, Major T. H. Carlisle, "E" Bty., R.H.A. ("Nogi"), 2, Lt. Forbes, Hussar M.G. Squadron ("Jim"); 3, Lt. Lithgow, 15th Hussars, ("Ben").

Team of Four Overseas Troop Horses (Cav Div.): 17th Lancers and "C" Squadron, 12th Lancers a tie.

Limbered G.S. Wagon and Team of Four Horses (Cav. Div.): 1, "C" Squadron, 9th Lancers; 2, 3rd Hussars; 3, "E" Bty. R.H.A.

G.S. Wagon and Team of Four Horses (Cav. Div.): 1, Aux. H. T. Coy; 2, "C" Squadron, 9th Lancers; 3, 15th Hussars.

GUARDS RESULTS.

At Stamford Bridge on Thursday afternoon the Brigade of Guards held their annual sports, the following being the results:—

100 yards:—1, Sergt. Murphy, Irish Guards; 2, Lce/Sergt. Murphy, Irish Guards; 3, Sergt. Abbey, Scots Guards. Time 10 4.5 secs.

High Jump:—1, Capt. Bradshaw, Scots Guards, 5 ft 1 in.

Putting the Shot.—Cpl. McInerney Irish Guards.

Long Jump:—Sergt. Murphy, 20 ft 3 in.

One Mile:—1, Pte. Ashworth, 3rd Coldstreams; 2, Pte. Towler, 2nd Grenadiers; 3, Lieut. Lord Hugh Kennedy, 1st Coldstreams, 4 min 54 secs.

Tug-of-War:—3rd Goldstreams beat 1st Irish Guards.

Quarter-Mile:—1, Sergt. Nolan, Irish Guards; 2, Sergt. Abbey; 3, Sergt. Garnett, Guards Depot, 62 4.5 secs.

GUNNER ATHLETES.

"C" Battery, 190 Brigade R.F.A. held a sports meeting at Overath on Sunday. The programme consisted of mounted and dismounted events and was carried out smoothly, in spite of the weather which was dull and misty.

During the afternoon, the band of the 25th Battalion Royal Fusiliers played very enjoyable selections.

The prize-winners were:—
100 yards:—1, Dvr. Perks; 2, Gnr. Watson.
220 yards:—1, Dvr. Perks; 2, Gnr. Watson.
Mounted tug-of-war:—1, "A" Sub-Section.
Mounted Wrestling:—1, "A" Sub-Section.
120 yards Hurdles:—1, Dvr. Perks; 2, Bdr. Rummer.
Musical chairs, mounted:—1, Shoeing-Smith Harris.
1 Mile flat:—1, Bdr. Simpson; 2, Bdr. Rummer.
Half section jumping:—Dvr. Allen and Dvr. Peck.
Single jumping (Gunners and Drivers):—Gnr. Banks.
V.C. race:—1, L/Bdr. Clemence; 2, Cpl. Monison.
Lifting the stirrup iron:—1, Dvr. Venner; 2, Dvr. Smith.
N.C.O.'s jumping:—1, Cpl. Blow; 2, Sergt. Crompton.
Sack race:—1, Bdr. Simpson; 2, S/S Harris.
Wheelbarrow and three-legged race:—Bdr. Simpson and Dvr. Woodward; 2, Dvr. Wilcox and Sig. Trotman.
Mule race (last home wins):—1, Dvr. Carney

SUMMER FOOTBALL.

A football match between "D" and "A" Companies, 53rd Bedfords was played at Urbach on Wednesday. There was no score in the first half but five minutes after the resumption Pte. Woodward gave "D" Coy. the lead from an awkward angle. He repeated this performance shortly afterwards, and Pte. Brown added a third goal.

TORCHLIGHT TATTOO.

1,200 Men And Massed Bands of 11 Battalions.

FINE SPECTACLE ASSURED.

Considerable interest is sure to be taken in the VI Corps Torchlight Tattoo which is to take place on the cricket ground, Stadtwald, Lindenthal, Cologne, on Monday and Tuesday evenings next. In order to enable those who attend the Cavalry Division Races to be present, the proceedings will commence at 9.30 on Monday and 10 o'clock on Tuesday.

In all 1,200 men will take part, including the massed bands of 11 battalions, 250 strong. The calls will be played by massed bugle bands. German civilians are to be admitted, and there is a stand capable of accommodating a thousand officers. It is expected that the Commander-in-Chief will be present on one of the evenings.

The torch-bearers are being formed by the 3rd Machine Gun Battalion and the 9th D.L.I., and are being trained by Lieut.-Col. Betts, D.S.O., of the Army Gymnastic Staff.

ARMY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Boxing And Other Events At Solingen.

Eliminating contests for the Army of the Rhine Championships were held by the 13th Bn. K.R.R.C. at Solingen on Wednesday. The preliminary rounds, contested in the afternoon, promised some exciting finals and expectations were fully realised for the large attendance in the evening witnessed some particularly good boxing. The winners should go far in the latter stages of the competition.

RESULTS.

The results were as follows:—

Learners Class: Light-weight:—Winner, Rfn. Groom (B Coy); Runner up, Rfn. Ringe (B Coy). Feather-weight:—Winner, L/Cpl Higgs (D Coy); Runner up, Rfn. Cray (B Coy); Bantams:—Winner, Rfn. Saxon (D Coy); Runner up, Rfn. Stelling (D Coy).

Novices:—Welter-weight: Winner, L/Cpl Edgington (B Coy); Runner up, Rfn. Neville (A Coy); Light-weight: Winner, Rfn. Tait (B Coy); Runner up, Rfn. Cooper (D Coy); Feather-weight:—Winner, Rfn. Kluczinsky (C Coy); Runner up, Rfn. Towers (C Coy); Bantams:—Winner, Rfn. Winting (B Coy); Runner up, Rfn. Brooker.

Open Class:—Feather-weight: Winner, Rfn. Frogley (B Coy); Runner up, Rfn. Keenan.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

On Saturday afternoon the athletic sports were held. The flat races were well contested and the other events revealed good talent. The results were as follows:—

100 yards:—1. Sergt. Kitson; 2. Lieut. Acarnley; 3 Rfn. Walker.
440 yards:—1. Sergt. Kitson; 2. Lieut. Acarnley; 3. Sergt. George.
880 yards:—1. Rfn. Freeman; 2. Capt. Watt; 3. Rfn. Francis.
Long Jump:—1. Cpl. Sparkes; 2. Lieut. Zipfell; 3. Rfn. Bishop.
High Jump:—1. Capt. Watt; 2. Rfn. Lawrence; 3. Cpl. Eade.
120 yards Hurdles:—1. Capt. Watt; 2. Sergt. Kitson; 3. L/C. Lawrence.
Putting the Shot:—1. Sergt. Price; 2. 2/Lieut. Kyles; 3. Sergt. Oakley.
1 Mile:—1. 2 Lieut. Kyles; 2. Cpl. Baker; 3. L/C. Bowles.

OTHER COMPETITIONS.

In the Basket Ball competition C Coy team were the winners.

Over sixty took part in the cross country race. A great deal of interest was evinced in this event, the winner being Rfn. Brown (C Coy), Rfn. Freeman (A Coy), 2 Lieut Zipfel (C Coy), and Rfn. Tegge (A Coy) were 2nd, 3rd. and 4th respectively.

The prizes were distributed at the conclusion of the boxing contests by Major F.W. Parish D.S.O., M.C., commanding the 13th Bn. K.R.R.C

EASTERN DIVISIONAL CRICKET CUP FINAL.

The final match for the Western Division Cricket Cup was played off between the 1st M.G.C. and the 51st S.W.B. at Lindenthal yesterday afternoon, and resulted in a win for the M.G.C. by 176 runs to 59.

1st. M.G.C.—Pte. Howard, 4; Sgt. Burdon, 0; Lce. Cpl. Ashdown, 97 (not out); Maj. Rees, 8; Lt. Richardson, 4; Maj. Heyland, 20; Pte. Dodsworth, 15; Pte, Nicholas, 0, Lt. Griffin, 5; Pte. Crowe, 10; Sergt. Ford 5; Extras 8; Total 176.

51st S.W.B.—Lt. Gibbons, 9; Capt. Pritchard, 6; Lce. Cpl. Wicks, 5; Lt. Ayers, 1; Capt. Wilson, 0; Lt. Lonnon, 7; Capt. Simpson, 2; Sergt. Illingworth, 8; Lt. Cooper, 9; Cpl. Henson, 0 (not out); R.S.M. Bridges 12; Total 59.

Pte Nicholas took 6 wickets for 31 runs for the M.G.C.

CAVALRY AT POLO.

The 17th Lancers beat the Lancers Machine Gun team at Kalk, on Thursday. The 17th Lancers team consisted of Capt. R. St. J. Fowler, M.C., Capt. Venn, Lieut. A. W. Gossage, M.C., and Lieut. Macreeny, all of whom played a splendid game. The match was one of the series in the polo tournament.

AMERICAN CIRCUS.

6000 People Watch The First Performance.

STREET PROCESSION.

Yesterday morning large crowds of people watched with interest the passage of the American Circus procession through the streets of Cologne.

The 300 odd performers who comprised it, together with a hundred specially trained horses, cages of wild animals, an elephant, two bands and, of course, the inevitable stream of excited children bringing up the rear, wended their way through the principal thoroughfares with all the pomp and circumstance that is necessarily associated with this type of entertainment.

If the object of the procession was to provide "doubting Thomases" with tangible evidence of the many and varied items to be seen at the big show of which this was a preliminary, the object was undoubtedly achieved.

The bright and coloured costumes and the gaily decorated vehicles and animals formed a vivid and animated spectacle. One could not fail to marvel at the apparently unlimited possibilities of Army amusements. Something akin to sheer audacity must surely have prompted the First American Division even to attempt such an enterprise, but all concerned are to be congratulated upon the great success of the project.

THE BIG SHOW.

Under a bright sunny sky, 6000 people, or thereabouts, watched the ever changing and thoroughly entertaining evolutions of the performers in the big ring at the first show in Cologne yesterday afternoon.

The show opened with the customary Grand Entry of "a galaxy of circus stars gathered from the four corners of the earth", as the programme has it. Then followed twenty extraordinarily clever acts which were reminiscent of Barnum and Bailey's, Bostock's and Buffalo Bill's great productions.

Perhaps the most striking of all the good things provided was the act given by the Merry Monkey Drillers comprising 50 men and horses. The surprising feature is the fact that the riders are all members of the American Army and the animals are selected from the Army transport. Standing with one foot on the back of each of the off horses of three abreast and galloping furiously round the ring, wherein there are obstacles, is but one of the many thrilling feats these people perform.

OTHER FINE ACTS.

At another time in the proceedings, there are two comedy jugglers, trapeze artistes and acrobats performing simultaneously while during every break in the serious business, forty clowns provide irresistible merriment. Lack of space prevents the publication of details of all the acts. Suffice it to say that a visit to the Circus may be strongly recommended and certainly will not be regretted.

The Side Show is full of the wonders of the world and the programme concludes with an excellent minstrel concert.

During the last act of the Big Show yesterday, an unfortunate accident occurred. In the course of the exciting chariot race, one of the vehicles became detached from the four horses drawing it and overturned on top of the driver. The extent of his injuries was not known.

17th ROYAL FUSILIERS.

Win the 3rd London Infy. Bde. Athletic Cup.

The 17th Battalion Royal Fusiliers secured the 3rd London Infantry Brigade Athletic Cup, presented by Brig.-General J. S. J. Percy, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., by obtaining the highest number of points in the Brigade Sports last Tuesday.

The results were.

17th Battn. Royal Fusiliers 34½ points.
23rd Battn. Royal Fusiliers 16½ points.
26th Battn. Royal Fusiliers 15 points.

SOUVENIR OF THE GREATEST DAY.

The 5th Tank Brigade M.T. Coy. have had printed an artistic souvenir programme of their peace sports and concert with the names of all concerned, including the winners of the various events, recorded. The programme consists of four pages of good quality paper held together with silk cord in three colours.

An appropriate poem entitled "Home at Last" by "C.S.C." divides the sports results and the concert programme. As a souvenir, the production is bound to serve in the years to come to recall the greatest day in history.

CRICKET FRIENDLY.

4th Bn. Suffolk Reg. v Army Bakeries at Kalk in rather dull weather on Saturday. For the Suffolks Lieut. Bailey D.S.O., M.C., took 8 wickets for 8 runs, getting 4 wickets in 4 successive balls, and Pte. Pither 2 for 8.

Scores:—Bakeries 21; 4th Suffolk 156.

DARVEL THE MARVEL.

R.G.A. Gunner Takes 8 Wickets for Nil in "C.P.C." Match.

Lieut. Smeeton's bowling record in our Cup Competition—7 wickets for 0 runs—has been surpassed by Gunner Darvel of the 73rd Bde, R.G.A., who took 8 of the Midland D. A. C. wickets for 0 runs. His deliveries are described as being unplayable.

77 Siege Bty. (162 for 3) v Mid. Div. M.T. Coy. (18) at Godesberg. Quite the features of the match were the batting of Bdr. Heys who made 102 (not out) and the bowling of Sergt. Garmonsway (6 for 7) and Capt. Fenton (4 for 5) for 77 S.B.: Sergt. Garmonsway scored 38.

No. 5 R.T.C. (72) v A.P.O. S. 40 (128) at Kalk. For the winners Cpl. Mack (62) showed splendid form, playing beautiful cricket and giving few if any chances. For the losers Sergt. Fysh scored 21 and Pioneer Harris 19.

2/4 HANTS (68 for 6) v 31 LABOUR GROUP (47). For the winners Sergt. Taylor scored 20 and Major Westmoreland hit hard for 12 not out, while Pte. Trentham secured 7 wickets for 22 runs. Pte. Snowball, of the Labour Group made 19.

51st HAMPSHIRE REGT. (72 for 5) v SOUTHERN DIV. R.E. (44) at Wermelskirchen. For the 51st Hants Sergt. Woodfield made 21 and Cpl. Leaman 17, while R.Q.M.S. Williams took 8 wickets for 14 runs. For the R.E.'s the only man to reach double figures was Spr. Smedley who made 13 not out.

16th LANCS FUS. (120) v LANCS DIV. SIG. COY. (111) at Bonn. Pnr. House for the Signals, carried his bat for 75. For the Fusiliers Pte. Bradshaw scored 39.

23rd ROYAL FUS. (91) v 303 SIEGE BTY. (42) at Overath. For the Fusiliers Pte. Birkeley scored 31 and L/C. Simmonds 27, while Sergt. Taylor took 6 wickets for 17 runs and C.S.M. Russell 4 for 20. For the losers Pte. Wilkinson was their outstanding player taking 7 for 21 and scoring 19.

52nd BN. NORTHUMBERLAND FUS. (79) v 2nd T.M.B. (20) at Sülz. For the N.F.'s Pte. Wilsher scored 26, Cpl. Peters 16 not out, and Major Palmer 10, while Pte. Wilsher took 6 wickets for 7 runs and Lieut. Deucher 4 for 8.

WAHN SURVEY DET. (26 for 1) v 12th ROYAL IRISH RIFLES (20) at Haan. Cpl. Jones captured 8 wickets for 6 runs, which included the "hat trick". Gnr. Holt also bowled well, acting for W.S.D. C.Q.M.S. Pullen and Lieut. Davis each scored 10.

9th D.L.I. (116) v 24th VET. HOSPITAL (6). For the D.L.I. Pte. Brianley scored 35, Sergt. Dickson 15 and Forthingham 10 not out. In the last over Capt. Gibson for Durham took 4 wickets.

MIDLAND D.A.C. (48) v 73rd BDE. R.G.A. (24) at Nieder-Elvenich. The visitors batted first but did not make much headway against the home bowlers—Gunner Darvel especially, who was unplayable. The Brigade only compiled 24, Darvel being responsible for no fewer than 8 wickets for 0 runs. The Column started badly, but eventually pulled passed their opponent's score, thanks to Keeble and Darvel, and finished a pleasant afternoon's cricket with a total of 48.

OTHER RESULTS.

13 Kings Liverpool Regt. 82; 303 Siege Battery R.G.A. 45.
354 Siege Bty. 31; 488 Siege Bty. 14.
1/6 West Yorkshire Regt. 64; 1/5 West Yorkshire Regt. 53.
1/6 West Yorkshire Regt. 136; C/113 Bty. R.F.A. 45.

SEMI-FINAL AT KOMMERN.

2nd Mid. Bde. Inter-Coy. Knock-Out Competition.

D Coy. 15th South Staffs Regt. (73) v 2nd Mid Bde H.Q. (38). Bde. batted first and found it very difficult to obtain runs, Burton taking 6 for 4 and Ford 4 for 24. Extras was top scorer with 7. Don Coy. gained the necessary runs with the loss of 3 wickets, Burton making 33, and Lieut. Orford 23. Lieut. Richards took 3 for 16.

GOODWOOD MEETING.

Queen's Square Wins The Cup.

The following were the results at Goodwood on Thursday:—

Prince of Wales Stakes:—1. Archaid (8—1); 2. Maxwell (5—4); 3. Poltava (evens).

Goodwood Cup:—1. Queen's Square (7—4); 2. White Heat (100—30); 3. Splutter (20—1).

Selling Plate:—1. Clondir (6—5); 2. Lesson (6—5); 3. Needlecraft (8—1).

Drayton Handicap:—1. Wilson (9—4); 2. London Pride (11—2); 3. Roideur (4—1).

Hainaker Plate:—1. Sunny Rhyme (7—1); 2. Plunkette (7—2); 3. Lady Victorine (evens).

Rous Memorial Stakes:—1. Charlie's Smile (5—1); 2. Lord Quex (6—1); 3. Roselet (9—4).

COUNTY CRICKET.

Kent (306) defeated Middlesex (122 and 177) by an innings and seven runs.

Lancs (258 and 273 for 7) beat Sussex (205 and 324) by three wickets.

Essex 507; Gloster 242 and 304 for 8. Drawn.

Australians 369 for 6 versus Surrey.

DUREN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
D Corps Siege Park	12	11	0	1	23§
153 Siege Bty.	12	11	1		22§
15 K. Hussars	13	10	2	1	21+
62 Bn. M.G.C.	12	8	4		16§
IV Corps Troops M.T.Coy.	11	8	3		16§
3 K.O. Hussars	12	7	5		14§
1/1 N. Mid. Hvy. Bty.	9	7	2		14§
Light Div. H.Q.	12	8	4		12§
310 Bde. R.F.A.	8	6	2		12§
D Corps Sig. Coy.	12	5	7		10§
No 1 Light Rly. Sig. Coy.	12	5	7		10§
O Bty. Rocket Troop R.H.A.	10	5	5		10§
183 Siege Bty.	9	5	4		10§ +
10 A. & S. Hdrs.	9	4	5		8§
51 Sherwood For.	6	3	3		6§ +

SOLINGEN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	Pts.
51 Hants Regt.	9	7	2	14§
Lowland Div. M.T. Coy.	8	6	2	12§
64 Field Coy.	7	5	2	10§
63 Field Coy.	6	5	1	10+
1/5 K.O.S.B.	5	4	1	8§
Southern Div. R.E.	6	3	3	6§
83 (Dub.) Gen. Hosp.	6	2	4	4§
15 H.L.I.	5	2	3	4§
Lowland D.A.C.	4	1	3	2§
90 Field Coy.	4	1	3	2+
11th Royal Scots	3	1	2	2§

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

The Tangerines.

The Tangerines Concert Party of 2/4th Bn. Queen's Regiment, gave a performance last night at Haus Frankenforst. The party although consisting only of seven gave a very fine and creditable performance, Billy Raynor (Sgt. Whittaker) was splendid and his songs "Human Systems," "Apple Dumplings" etc., brought the house down. Lieuts. Brewis and Simpson were excellent in their songs "Everybody's Jazzing" and "Wild, Wild Women." "Queenie" (Pte. Head) and Phyllis (Pte. C. Irving) were dainty girls. L/Cpl. Griffiths at the piano was also at his best. On the whole a very enjoyable evening was given by this merry little party.

French Artistes' Recital.

It requires a very high degree of artistry to convey the impressions and wonders of the great composers to an audience, when that audience is seated upon straight-backed wooden chairs, in a hall that has an inexplicable atmosphere of depression. On this account all the more credit is due to the French artistes who took part in the recital at the Gürzenich hall, Cologne, on Tursday evening for having charmed a very meagre audience by their efforts. Mme. Gabrielle Gills undertook a wide range of items, including a charming little song in English entitled "Come back." In her singing she revealed the possession of a soprano voice of extraordinary purity and a vivid sense of the dramatic. M. André Dorival and M. Pierre Sechiari included Saint-Saens, Mozart, and César Frank in their selections for violin and piano. Their programme was delightfully rendered, the only criticism being, perhaps, that the pianist was slightly heavy in two of the extremely delicate passages of Saint-Saens' Sonata No. 1.

"The Prongs" at Opladen.

"The Prongs," the 92nd Bde. concert party entertained a large audience at Opladen on Wednesday. A new sketch, "The R.T.O." was a great success. In it there appeared J. Robinson, the popular Lancashire comedian, Edwin Batey as the R.T.O. and Fred O'Bayman, female impersonator. Other members of the party who contributed popular items to the programme were Charles Castle, Joe Wade, and Bert Rudd.

JACQUES.

OLD SCOUTS' CORNER.

On Saturday last we spent a very interesting and exciting two hours with the Tanks at Rhiel. The afternoon was a great success, and the thanks of the "Circle" go to those responsible for the outing and the crew who manipulated the internal workings of the "monster." The route was ideal for Tanks, the ground being fine for the necessary bumps and jars that are all in the day's work with "tanking." All were eager for a ride, and the first eight that entered the small iron monster could only see innocent looking ground all around and must have thought it was all plain sailing. The engine was started, forward a few yards, then a "jazz" to the right which nearly put a certain Corporal in hospital. The next stunt was a drive over a bank which caused a gasp of dismay from all watching; for those inside ignorance was bliss, but tons more followed and all had a share. Cameras were busy and many exciting photographs were taken which we hope to see on Saturday.

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We then adjourned to the Durham House Y.M.C.A., where a good tea was waiting kindly prepared by Mr. Organ. Even a tank could not have done more damage to the plates of goodly viands than did the hungry party that attacked them. Finally we all went to Lindenthal Y.M.C.A. where a singsong in the music room ended a jolly good day.

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On Wednesday last we spent a profitable two hours discussing the question of Character. The subject was opened by Lt. W. Charters.

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On Saturday we are going for a trip on the Rhine in a Motor Launch. All old Scouts meet under Hohenzollern Bridge (where Bonn tram starts) at 2.15 p.m.

ROVER.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Naval Racquets Champion.

The Navy Racquets Championship was won at Prince's Club, London, by Lieut. J. C. Leach.

Rotherham's Capture.

Teddy Glennon has said good-bye to Sheffield Wednesday after being connected with the club for nine years. He has been transferred to Rotherham County.

Army Regatta.

What an interesting meeting an Army regatta would be, in which all regiments could compete! Perhaps the Army Sports Control Board or the Army Rowing Association will look into the possibilities of such a regatta before next season.

Wilde and Driscoll.

Jimmy Wilde and Jim Driscoll will furnish the chief items in an attractive open air boxing tournament at Rotherham on August 9. Mr. Eugene Corri will act as referee in a competition which is being promoted by Mr. W. Widdison, the well-known Yorkshire sportsman.

The Carnoustie Style.

At the Scottish amateur tournament at Montrose last week nearly all the Carnoustie players adopted the interlocking grip. This is the scheme by which the unison of the hands is secured by placing the little finger of the right hand between the index-finger and second finger of the left.

Farewell.

Tom Hayward has said farewell to first-class cricket—at least so it is stated and so it would appear.

Folkestone Prepares.

The whole of the buildings on the Folkestone racecourse have been vacated by the War Office, and will be fully reinstated before the meeting on August 11 and 12.

Jack Doyle.

Doyle is built on remarkable lines for a lad of his weight. He has the height and reach of a feather-weight, and yet he does not appear particularly thin or "spindly" while his strength is undoubted.

How not to box.

There were unfortunate scenes at The Ring on the occasion of the meeting of Kid Doyle, of Salford, and Alf Mansfield, of Aldgate—scenes which may speedily sound the death-knell of boxing, according to one authority.

Cricket Feat.

White's feat of taking sixteen wickets in a day has on one occasion only been excelled in first-class cricket. This was in 1907, when the late Colin Blythe, playing for Kent against Northamptonshire at Northampton, took all ten wickets for 30 runs in the first innings, and seven wickets in the second for 18—seventeen wickets in all for 48!

£559 Profit.

Hull City are among the football clubs that can look back on the last football season with a sense of satisfaction financially. They made a profit of £559.

Brilliant Cover-Point.

Much interest will centre in the first appearance of L. P. Hedges for Kent. The Tonbridge School captain is undoubtedly a magnificent batsman, and is a brilliant coverpoint.

Tom and W.G.

Hayward shared with "W.G." the distinction of having made over a hundred centuries, viz., 88 for Surrey, seven for Players, six for England, two for South, and one for an England XI.

Anglers' Valhalla.

Salmon-fishing is the sport at Gordon Castle, Fochabers, and when a guest has been particularly successful a plaster cast is taken of his best salmon, and this is hung in a sort of anglers' Valhalla, with the captor's name.

Football Loss.

Bradford Northern report a loss of £129 4s. 3d. Against this is set £86 4s. 3d. from the Supporters' Fund, which leaves a net deficit of £43. The gate receipts during the season amounted to £655 5s. 2d., and of this amount £118 16s. 8d. was absorbed by the entertainment tax.

Goodwood of Old.

The annual racing reunion at Goodwood dates back to 1801, and it is interesting to note that the stakes originally amounted to only a trifle over £600.

Charities Benefit.

The sum of £136 will be divided between King Edward's Hospital and St. Dunstan's as the result of the charity match between Surrey and Middlesex at the Oval.

Millwall's Manager.

Friends of the Millwall Club will be interested to hear that Robert Hunter, who received and accepted the offered post of manager during the war, will continue to act in that capacity next season.

No School Golf.

We have no inter-school, or inter-class rivalry on the golf links. The Universities, thank Heaven, do keenly present the bill in a competitive connection, but until that stage, if the boy reaches it at all, nothing is done for him at all.

Donoghue up.

Templeman had been riding Irish Elegance at exercise, and was under the impression he was to steer the big horse in the Stewards' Cup, but Mr. James White, the owner, had engaged Donoghue, and the matter was amicably settled, the latter having the mount.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Torchlight Tattoos.

Torchlight Tattoos are becoming popular in Rhineland. The VI Corps will hold one on the Cricket Ground Stadtwald, Lindenthal at 21.00 hrs. on the 4th August and 22.00 hrs. on the 5th August. Entrance will be free to all ranks. We yet hope to see a monster combined tattoo of the Rhine forces in the Neumarkt. It would be a most impressive spectacle which would long be remembered by the inhabitants of Cologne and our own men before the Army of Occupation is reduced to its ultimate srength.

"Sheffield Steel."

There are not a few soldiers who think that because they see articles so labelled in local shops the goods in question are of steel manufactured in Sheffield, Yorkshire. Of course, they may be. Germany was a large customer of Sheffield manufacturers before the war, and no doubt she will be again. But there is good reason to believe that when a vendor has his goods marked "Sheffield steel" he means that the steel is made by a similiar process, or after the style of that made in England. Sheffield cutlers are at present endeavouring to protect themselves by asking Parliament to give them a vested ownership in the word Sheffield.

Similar Deceptive Instances.

Whether they will succeed or not is doubtful, for there are several similar cases in the commercial world. Witney blankets, Brussels carpets, and Wharfedale printing machines are but three of many instances showing where it has been impossible for localities to limit the use of a place-name. So if any of our readers be inclined to believe that goods offered for sale in Rhineland are genuine Sheffield steel, let him or her remember Yorkshire pudding. It is "made" nearly all over the world, but where out of Yorkshire can the real stuff be got? A few wags will perhaps be telling us that a Shetland pony is a Shetland pony, no matter where it is bred. But is it?

Dogs for Draught Purposes.

Apropos of our recent paragraph dealing with ox-drawn vehicles, has anyone noticed the surprising amount of haulage work done by dogs in Rhineland? The same thing, of course, occurs in Belgium and Holland. Although in Cologne it is an uncommon sight to see a dog drawing a cart, in smaller towns like Seigburg, and in rural districts, an everyday spectacle is miniature farmers' waggons drawn by surprisingly small and wiry dogs. Despite their size, however, these dogs are exceedingly strong. When the carts are piled high with heavy garden produce the driver will also mount on the load and the dog set off at a rattling pace which leaves one gaping with amazement.

Where are the Babies?

Married men in the Army of Occupation have, no doubt, noticed that there are few babies on view in Cologne and district. Perambulators are conspicuous by their absence. During the whole of a long walk, the number of perambulators with young occupants could be counted on the fingers of both hands and it would be a rare sight indeed to see a German father proudly pushing a perambulator which contained his offspring. What is a common sight in England, is an unusual occurrence in Cologne. If we are to judge by appearances, the German birth-rate must be low. What are the decisions which contribute to such a state of affairs? Is the young fräulein averse to marriage and motherhood? Is the male population so denuded by the war? In any case it is a mystery to the uninitiated.

Butterflies.

In the Museum at Düren, there is a collection of butterflies and moths, exhibited in a way one does not see in English museums. The cases containing them are two-sided, and stand in the room, like steep sloped reading desks. At the back of the case is a mirror which covers every part of it. Thin strips of cork are fastened to this mirror at intervals, and into these strips the pins which hold the butterflies are stuck. The result is, that by craning the neck slightly, you can see the underside of the insect reflected in the mirror, and compare it immediately with its top side. In most collections, if there is any beauty in the underside of the butterfly's wings, it requires a second specimen, pinned upside down to show it. Dare we call this German way of exhibiting "Insect Economy?"

Flood Marks.

We all know the occasional floods on the Thames and have heard of similar troubles on the Seine. Old Father Rhine also swells his breast each spring till he is level with his banks between the bridges at the Stapelhaus and puts three feet of water over the Merheim meadows. His three greatest efforts are noted by stones let into a building at the corner of the Leystapel and Filzengraben, which show that in 1882 he was about eight feet and in 1876 about five feet above the tramlines, while in 1774 he was about twenty feet above the quay, which—judging by eye—means that his waters must have been lapping the Hohe Strasse or thereabouts

The old Castles.

Frequently you see the ruins of old castles perched seemingly precariously on the hills. As you wander among their ancient walls, you seem transported into another world. You can imagine a chieftain of the old days emerging from his castle and proudly surveying his possessions, while "The Rhine, the Rhine, the German Rhine" flowed swiftly along beneath his feet—the Rhine that for generations has inspired poets. As you survey the scenes, it is possible to understand to some extent the German's love of his Fatherland.

Rhine Scenery.

Anyone who has not availed himself of the present opportunity of viewing the Rhine scenery, to be seen in all its beauty from Bonn onwards past Mayence, should lose no time in doing so. The railway runs by the Rhine-side practically the whole way, so if you do not feel inclined to ramble, you can feast your eyes from the carriage window. The river winds its way between high hills covered with vegetation. For miles the hillside can be seen with thousands of vines adorning its slopes.

English or German?

Apropos of the recent controversy as to the nationality of our National Anthem, it is interesting to note the many (hitherto recognised as) English songs which are apparently also of German origin. A visit to any café while the string band is giving selections will illustrate this, and in the village Gastnauses one may hear English songs sung with gusto by the villagers. Chief favourites appear to be our "Asleep in the Deep," "Love me and the world is mine," "Hip Haddy Hay" and "The Man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo." Just who did write these songs?

Not Even the Seat of War.

What has happened to all the public seats in Germany? The old reply that they have been used for munitions can hardly apply in this case. The tramway shelters are simply bare sheds with nowhere to sit down (and this is no joke in places where the cars run at half hour intervals), but the railway stations are the chief offenders in the matter of seats. Even in Cologne stations, long stretches of platform are destitute of anything on which to rest limbs, while the stuff search round for the 5 o'clock to Siegburg. As one disgusted Tommy recently put it, "We ain't entitled to blinking seats, we ain't; we are the perishing 'Standing Army!'"

To-Day's Jape.

A certain Sergeant Major in a Highland Battalion was standing in his company office. The Company Commander had before him a German letter, and turning to his Second in Command said that he would have to have it translated. The Sergeant Major promptly sprang to attention, saluted and said: "What you want, sir, is an interrupter."

Lesser Echoes.

The Wrafs of the Rhine playfully call themselves the "Collodginy Wrafs."

Several readers want to know where they can obtain copies of such popular war poems as "Spottie," "Napoo," and "The Hell Gate of Soissons." Can anyone say?

Several hundred men in No. 42 Stationary Hospital are without a gramophone to enliven the long hours. Can anyone supply this want?

In the country districts of occupied territory, all civilians between the ages of 12 and 45 have now to be inoculated in accordance with a new German order.

It is said to be still taught in German schools that it is always foggy and "obscure" in London.

PRIZES FOR ECHOES

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes". Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to Rifleman A.F. Edwards, No 60750, c/o "A" Branch, G.H.Q. Rhine Army, Gnr. F.C. Darby, c/310 Brigade R.F.A. Highland Division, Rhine Army, Gnr. G. Jonnson, 303 Siege Bty. Rhine Army.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

In Gold.—The German customs taxes will have to be paid in gold.

State Monopoly.—A state monopoly for matches has been ordered in Germany.

Tickers Taxed.—The German Government has decided to levy a tax on watches.

More Salubrious.—A new garden suburb is being planned for Tottenham.

Costly Chattels.—All kinds of furniture are selling at very stiff prices in England.

Will Cost You Less.—Motor-cars are said to be falling fast in price.

Service at Home.—The question of awarding a special War medal for Home Service is under consideration.

Destructive.—The ravages of the common moth are said to be almost as ruinous as those of the rat.

A Better Purpose.—The ex-Kaiser's yacht "Meteor" is being used for re-patriating British soldiers to South America.

A Heavy Toll.—So far the coal strike in England has cost the miners nearly two millions in wages.

The Aftermath.—After four years' banishment, poverty is creeping back to the mean streets of England's towns.

Is it the Last?—Asked if he believed this war was the last war, Hindenburg replied: "Only dreamers believe that."

French in Russia.—There are still French prisoners in Russia waiting to be exchanged.

Army Music.—The War Office has formulated an ambitious scheme of Army music.

Jewelery Goles.—Munitioneers are for the most part pledging expensive jewelery acquired in the golden age of war wages.

Still Going Down.—German marks and Austrian crowns are still falling in value in Switzerland.

Business as Usual.—Business relations between Italy and Germany have been resumed.

The Prince's Train.—A Yaxley woman committed suicide in front of a train in which the Prince of Wales was riding.

Unlucky Kid.—"Wilson Peace" were the names given to a child christened at Finchley.

Boys Own Businesses.—A remarkable feature of the war period was the number of boys who set up businesses of their own.

The Upward Trend.—Since the war the wages of manual workers in England have risen from 100 to 120 per cent.

Aids Revolutionaries.—Foreign revolutionary agents are largely using Esperanto as a means of communication.

Crafty Afghans.—In spite of the Amir's peace overtures some of his troops are still fighting on the Indian frontier.

A Busman's Holiday.—One of our most famous admirals is spending his holidays in a wherry on the Norfolk Broads.

Plenty of it.—If this year's harvest and the import facilities for brewers' materials are good, beer will be abundant in Great Britain in the coming winter.

The Coming Tussle.—America is said to be bribing the business brains of England with large salaries to cross the Atlantic and help in the trade war.

Liked Harry Tate.—The absurdities of Harry Tate's "turn" especially amused the King when he visited the London Coliseum the other night.

Strong View.—Lord Aberconway thinks that so far as it represents the opinion of the individual worker the card vote is a fraud.

Good Money For All.—The Labour programme provides for a minimum wage for everybody and claims to abolish destitution for all time.

Our Practical King.—While the King is at Balmoral he will dispense with the previous custom of having a Minister in attendance.

Played For Years.—"The Broken Melody" which was toured for thirty years by the late August Van Biene is being shown on the film with music by his son.

Ill-Treating Belgians.—A German officer who was arrested in Cologne recently for ill-treatment of Belgians has been sentenced to two years imprisonment.

Wires Home.—Telegrams for Great Britain are now accepted again at Berlin Post offices, at a cost of 65 pfennigs a word.

When women Bob.—Since women have taken to wearing their hair "bobbed" men have adopted the style of long locks.

Selling Our Goods.—The Government says it is no part of their policy to discourage British traders from competing in the German markets.

For Security.—Now that everything in the home has risen in value many people are seeing the wisdom of increasing their fire and burglary insurances.

They Are So Popular.—It is being asked whether the present limitation of 500 War Savings Certificates per person cannot be removed.

An Old Time Game.—The Bishop of London is trying to revive the old Sussex game of stoolball for wounded soldiers. He plays it vigorously himself.

A Pleasant Prospect.—Milk is to be raised to three shillings a gallon in England early in September; meat will also go up in price then.

Prefer Outdoor Life.—Many girls who have been driving Army cars during the war are greatly depressed at the thought of going back to office or shop work.

More Holidays.—Most of the public schools in England are having an extra week's holiday in celebration of peace, as suggested by the King.

Films at Home.—By means of a new invention anyone having electric light in the house can show ordinary "movies" by means of a hand projector not larger than an ordinary suit case.

Precocity.—A boy who had two years training in a commercial college became a company promoter and is now in gaol on a charge of obtaining £1,000 by false pretences.

Shall we Blush?—"The Edinburgh Evening News" refers to the cultured manner in which "The Cologne Post" consistently endeavours to mould the young soldier's mind.

Heavy Crime Roll.—The epidemic of crime in Great Britain shows no signs of abatement. Never was the number of murder mysteries so great.

A Woman "Freeman."—Strangely enough the first "freeman" of the borough of Stourbridge is a woman—Lady Catherine Sarah Grey.

A Great Novelist.—As a sequel to the George Eliot celebrations at Nuneaton last week, a George Eliot Society is to be formed.

An Eight hour Day.—A South London grocer's letter to the Early Closing Association reads:—"Herewith 10s, towards the funds. Don't forget "Sunday Closing" whole or part time for all shops. I am doing 105 hours a week."

Plenty Still.—The number of German prisoners of war located in various parts of the United Kingdom is 91,818. Most of those areemployed on agricultural work, and some are clearing up camps on the East Coast.

Making Flannel.—At Llamortyd Wells, a factory has been established by Mr. Arthur Beckwith, where disabled ex-service men may be instructed in making Welsh flannel, and equipped free of charge with a loom when proficient.

Should Resign.—Notices are being issued by the L.C.C. intimating that to find employment for demobilized sailors and soldiers, women tram conductors are expected to resign.

Tents as Hotels.—The total hotel accommodation available in Great Britain is insufficient to meet the demands of motorists and tourists generally. The Army camping tent has been used in many places.

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BELA KUN'S FORCED EXIT.

GERMAN WHITE BOOK

REVELATIONS OF THE WAR'S FINAL PHASES.

A White Book just issued by the German National Assembly contains all documents relating to the period from August 13 to November 11, 1918, in so far as they refer to the peace offer of October 3 and the armistice agreement of November 11. The German Government says in the preface that it has decided on the publication of all the material because the people wanted to know the truth.

The Council of August 14, under the presidency of the Kaiser, was the beginning of the peace action. In the middle of July General Ludendorff had maintained that the enemy would be definitely and decisively defeated in the offensive then proceeding.

A month later it was known to be impossible to win the war militarily, but the Kaiser decided to await an opportune moment, "the next German success in the West," to try to come to an understanding with the enemy through neutral mediation.

On September 3 Count Hertling rejected the idea of an immediate peace offer, and when Austria, notwithstanding Germany's opposition, issued a direct appeal to the belligerents, Germany decided still to adhere to neutral mediation, which, however, failed in its purpose.

Collapse of Bulgaria.

Then came Bulgaria's collapse, and on September 21 the idea of a direct appeal to America appears in the documents for the first time. A few days later the Foreign Office was ordered to communicate this proposal to Turkey, and if Turkey agreed the new Government which was being formed in Germany was to dispatch a peace offer to President Wilson, "so that the proposal would emanate from a new Government."

The peace action then entered upon a new phase. Changing its attitude, the Supreme Army Command requested the urgent dispatch of the peace offer owing to the acute danger of the military situation. Quite a number of telegrams and telephone messages from Main Army Headquarters reached Berlin on October 1 to the effect that a break-through might occur at any moment. In the evening of the same day General Ludendorff declared that the Army could not wait another 48 hours.

On October 2 General Ludendorff telephoned to Berlin the draft of a Note to America, which in its main features accorded with the Note subsequently dispatched. On October 3 Prince Max asked Main Army Headquarters whether they were aware that a peace action under pressure of military distress involved the loss of the German colonies and German territory, especially Alsace-Lorraine and parts of Poland. Marshal von Hindenburg replied that the Army Command insisted on its demand for an immediate offer of peace. Under this pressure the Note to America was dispatched on the night of October 3.

On the 9th October Colonel Heye declared "I am not afraid of a catastrophe but I want to save the army, so that we have a means of pression during Peace negotiations."

Wilson's second note of the 15th October was very much stronger and for the first time armistice and peace were separated from each other. People and army protested against the tone and General Headquarters asked if the German masses would continue the struggle to the end or if the moral force of resistance was exhausted.

It was a shifting of responsibility. The people were downhearted because the military power had broken down. Now they said the military power would excuse its breakdown because the people were downhearted!

On the 17th October. Ludendorff was again in an optimistic mood and the question of reinforcements in the West by evacuation of Russia and the Ukraine was discussed.

On the 20th October. Hindenburg announced that Turkey had commenced separate peace negotiations and that Austria would follow. He described the military situation as very bad, but added that Germany's fate would not be worse in case of a complete defeat.

The German note of the 20th October announced the end of the U-boat war. The sinking of the "Leinster" was announced immediately afterwards.

Wilson's note of the 23rd October expressed doubts as to interior state of affairs in Germany.

An exchange of telegrams with Vienna to prevent a separate peace was made in vain and the rest of the story is now ancient history.

An appendix deals with a series of documents concerning the resignation of the Kaiser and Crown Prince.

FALL OF BELA KUN.

NEW PRIME MINISTER A COMPOSITOR.

Yesterday Bela Kun fell from the high office he has so shamefully abused.

After the defeat of the Red Army he summoned a sitting of Soviets and Commissaries of the people and made a despairing statement about the desperate situation. The Soviet Government had no option but to resign.

A purely Socialist Ministry has been established with a compositor named Beidel as Prime Minister. Their avowed policy is to keep order in the interior and to begin negotiations with the Entente.

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RUINOUS EXPENDITURE.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain informed the House of Commons on Thursday that the average daily national expenditure (including advances from the Civil Contingencies Fund in respect of services to be met from moneys provided by Parliament) for the period from April 1 to July 26 was £4,442,000. Expenditure in the early part of this financial year, he added, was no safe guide to the total for the year. This is at the rate of £1,642,500,000 per annum.

It being the last day allotted to Supply in the House of Commons, the outstanding votes were put from the Chair under the usual guillotine resolution, and in ten minutes about £460,000,000 was voted without any discussion.

HAIG ON PENSIONS.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig was presented with the freedom of the Borough of Kingston yesterday. Replying to a speech in his honour he said he was deeply gratified to read the recommendations of the Pensions Committee and that the Government had accepted them without reservation. Every day's delay added to the suffering of men who had already suffered too long. It was a real happiness to him to think at last that there was a good prospect of the Government dealing with ex-service officers and men, particularly those who are disabled, in a manner worthy of the services rendered to national greatness. Every one must co-operate to secure proper training and permanent employment for all who served the country in the great war.

KING OF THE BELGIANS TO VISIT AMERICA.

The King of the Belgians, accompanied by the Queen and their children, are expected to land in New York in October, and to proceed immediately to Washington to pay a formal visit to the White House. They will make an extensive tour of the United States, going as far west as the Pacific coast.

LABOUR TROUBLES IN JAPAN.

Notwithstanding the fact that the existence of trade unions is forbidden under Japanese law, the workers in practically every industry in Japan have recently combined to present claims for increased wages and shorter hours, and almost universally their claims have been conceded without any strike resulting. The increase of wages ranges from 20 to 60 per cent., and there has been a general reduction in the number of hours worked, the general effect being to increase the cost of labour to twice, and in some cases thrice, the pre-war level.

NORTH RUSSIA INDUCEMENTS.

The personnel composing the forces about to be sent to North Russia will be paid a special allowance from the date of embarkation at the rate of 4s. a day for officers and 2s. 6d for other ranks, in addition to ordinary pay, allowances and bonus. Two months special furlough with full pay and allowances will be granted immediately on their return to England.

THE NICE, CLEAN CADET.

"Your hair is short and you all look nice and clean," said General Sir Charles Woollcombe, Inspector-General of Cadets, in complimenting the Cadets at the Marlborough Secondary Schools Camp yesterday on their appearance on parade.

NEW RANKS IN R.A.F.

BIG RECRUITING CAMPAIGN STARTING.

It is announced by the Air Ministry that under the scheme of re-organization of the Royal Air Force the following distinctive titles will be adopted. The highest rank will be Marshal of the Air, then in succession: Air Marshal, Air vice-Marshal (Equivalent to Major-General); Air Commodore (Equivalent to Lieutenant Colonel); Group-Captain (same as Colonel); Wing Commander (Major); Squadron-Leader (Captain); Flight Lieutenant (Lieutenant); Flying Officer or Observer (Second Lieutenant); Pilot Officer (Midshipman or Cadet).

Prospects In The Force.

Within the next three months the Royal Air Force want 15,000 men, of whom 12,000 are required to be skilled workmen, and in order to fill up the ranks a recruiting campaign is being opened. The appeal is specially directed to ex-Service men—men who have served during the war in the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service. Men between the ages of 18 and 26 are eligible, but there are vacancies for a certain number of men over 26 provided they are skilled. The term of service is four years. Pay and prospects are good, and in the next five or six years, when the aircraft industry has developed, men who have served in the Royal Air Force should find abundant opportunities for making good in civil employment. Skilled men are urgently needed, but the youth of 18 or so will be welcomed, and he will receive a sound training in all branches of aircraft production, while at the same time enjoying good pay and conditions. There are Royal Air Force depots in the principal cities, and altogether something like 200 units throughout the country where men can join up. A special staff is being appointed to deal with recruiting. Promotion to the skilled man will come quickly, and men who desire to fly will have opportunities of doing so.

MUNICIPAL STRIKE.

MEN NOT SATISFIED WITH GREAT CONCESSIONS.

Kensington Borough Council met last night to try to settle the strike of 600 Borough employees. The Council have agreed to the demand for a 47-hour week and an extra week's holiday, with full pay, but refuse a further claim of back pay. The men, however, decline to return to work until this is granted.

The Council gave notice that they were willing to keep their situations open until Wednesday, August 6. Any employee who fails to resume duty then will be regarded as having resigned from the service of the Council, and forfeited all claims to the Borough Superannuation Fund.

As a result of the strike, the streets have not been swept for a week, and look dirty and neglected. Householders are suffering inconvenience from accumulations of refuse. Officials of the Town Hall are acting as lamp-lighters.

GERMAN PRISONERS SUBDUED.

The stern warning addressed to German officers by the military authorities at Park Hall Camp, Oswestry, has produced the desired effect. Prisoners are now quite amenable to orders and give no cause for anxiety.

The week-end has seen the departure of the first batch of 170 German prisoners from Park Hall to their Fatherland. More prisoners are constantly arriving from other camps, which are closing. One prisoner, who was warned to get ready to go with the first batch, died on the same day. Parties will leave every week. No Scapa prisoners are yet being returned.

FAMOUS BUFFET CLOSED.

A pretty little ceremony marked the closing of the Countess of Limerick's free buffet for sailors and soldiers at London Bridge Station yesterday afternoon. This is the last of the free buffets at the great London termini to close its doors. It has distributed during four and a half years over 7,000,000 cups of tea and other refreshment to outgoing and homecoming soldiers. The Countess was presented with a George II. silver salver subscribed for by the members of the staff and helpers at the buffet. The depot, she said, had a fine record, and they had never had a rude man there.

GHOULISH HOUSE HUNTERS.

The house shortage at Ashford, Kent, is so acute that when a man dies his widow is immediately besieged by callers inquiring whether she intends to give up the house and also offering to buy the furniture. One widow found it necessary this week to give public notice that she "still requires a roof over her head," and that she has no intention of giving up her house or selling her furniture.

The Executive Committee of the Navy League has resolved to endow a Chair of Naval History at the University of London.

Madame Tetrazzini, who has not been heard in England for over five years, will make her reappearance at the Albert Hall on Sept. 20. She will later make a tour of Great Britain.

POLICE STRIKE.

COMMON SENSE ATTITUDE OF MAJORITY.

Late on Friday afternoon the number of Metropolitan police on strike was 568 out of a total force of 22,000. The Home Secretary told the House of Commons that the strike, except at Liverpool, where 310 men out of 2,000 where out, was a failure. An official notice was issued yesterday dismissing all strikers from the Force.

The strikers held a meeting at Tower Hill during the morning, but the majority present were loafers. The method of picketing the stations was discussed and men were afterwards marched off for that purpose but their efforts only resulted in thirty-two other constables coming out during the afternoon. The provinces so far are unaffected with the exception of Liverpool.

When the Police Bill came before Parliament for the report stage, general regret was expresed at the ill-advised action of the men in withdrawing from duty. Labour members moved to delete the clause preventing the Police Federation from associating with other associations, also the clause prohibiting a policeman from being a member of a trade union. The report stage was passed and on the third reading Mr. Shortt declared that the measure was not intended to be an attack on Trade Unions but was designed for the welfare and efficiency of the Force and he thought the majority of the police realised that. The Bill was read a third time.

Sir Nevil Macready states that at eleven o'clock on Friday night, 854 men were out. He regards the position as very satisfactory and has no intention of suspending leave or calling up the specials.

LOST "N.S. 11."

THEORY OF DISASTER.

Only one body has so far been washed ashore from the wrecked British airship "N.S. 11," that of Sergeant Charles H. Lewry, of Gosport.

At the inquest at Cromer no fresh evidence was forthcoming as to the cause of the accident. An officer of the R.A.F. said all that was known officially was that the cause was fire, the origin of which was a mystery. Lewry was second coxswain. He was believed to be steering the airship when the fire occurred. If he were he would be in the forepart of the car, and it was possible that the latter was broken when it reached the water and released his body, as well as two seats which would be near him for the use of the pilot, and were found among the wreckage washed up. It was probable that the body of the car broke down by the two heavy engines sinking with the remainder of the crew imprisoned inside.

A witness from the Pulham Aerodrome said when the airship "N.S. 3" was lost in the sea some time ago five of the crew were rescued. They were able to escape from the car on to the floating envelope, but in that case there was no fire such as occurred in the wreck of the "N.S. 11."

The Coroner recorded a verdict of "Found dead on the beach after being washed ashore from the wrecked airship."

DERBYSHIRE OIL BORINGS.

An interesting experiment is being made at one of the Derbyshire oil wells at Heath. A considerable volume of gas is escaping from the shaft, and opportunity has been taken by the American staff of Viscount Cowdray to use this waste force for drilling machinery. A boiler has been put down, and this is fired by natural gas, which generates the steam to run the engine. Drilling has been suspended at Hardstoft, on the Marquis of Hartington's estate, pending the installation of a powerful pump to increase the flow, which has slightly increased to 540 gallons per twenty-four hours.

BRIG.-GENERAL'S FOURTH D.S.O.

One of the longest lists of D.S.O. awards ever published was issued last night as a supplement to the "London Gazette." Brigadier-General Denman Craft has won a third bar to the D.S.O. for great gallantry at the crossing of the Lys in October last. He was gazetted D.S.O. on January 1, 1917; 1st bar, January 10; 2nd bar, July 26, 1918.

It will be recalled that another Brigadier-General, Arthur Melland Asquith, Mr. Asquith's third son, won the D.S.O. three times.

GURKHA TACTICS.

Wiring from Dakka a Calcutta correspondent details a stirring episode when a company of Gurkhas picketting a hill surprised a body of Mohmands lying in ambush for a cavalry reconnaissance. The Mohmands, intent on watching the cavalry, never noticed the Gurkhas till the latter were almost on top of them. Then they fled to a ravine over the crest of the hill. Finding that they largely outnumbered the Gurkhas, the Mohmands returned, and firing at short range took place. Our riflemen were certainly in great peril at one time, but one platoon worked round the side of the hill, and took the Mohmands by surprise a second time and they fled.

Brig.-General Guggisberg has been appointed Governor and officer in charge of the Gold Coast in succession to Sir Hugh Clifford.

COAL DEADLOCK.

STRIKERS LIKELY TO DISOWN LEADERS.

A complete deadlock prevails in the Yorkshire Coal dispute. The failure to open the door to a settlement is almost as disheartening to the miners as to the public, the miners having cherished a hope that they would be back at work next week.

The situation is somewhat perplexing, as no one seems to know which side will make the next move.

The second week's strike pay, amounting to £77,000, was paid out yesterday.

There is evidence of a groning antagonism against the miners among the workers in large industrial centres, who have been displaced by the coal strike, and the miners themselves are tired of the strike.

It is quite likely that within the next few days the men will take matters more or less into their own hands and hold mass meetings, at which there will be some plain speaking.

R.A.F. OFFICERS KILLED.

SIDE-SLIP CAUSES CRASH AND TWO DEATHS.

A side-slip of a Bristol fighter (250 h.p.) aeroplane was responsible for the deaths of two R.A.F. officers at Cranwell aerodrome, Lincolnshire, on Thursday.

They were Second-Lieut. W. A. Roberts, of Shirebrook, Derbyshire, the pilot, and Second-Lieut. Edward Ireland, of Liverpool, the passenger.

They ascended for a flight to Liverpool, taking off against a slight head wind. When about 200 feet up the pilot banked at a steep angle, and before the machine recovered it, side-slipped, crashed to the ground, and immediately burst into flames.

A squad of men immediately went to help of the airmen, but it was impossible to extricate them. The machine was a complete wreck, and the two occupants must have been killed instantaneously.

SABOTAGE.

WORLD'S BIGGEST SILVER MINE WRECKED.

The most disastrous fire in the history of the minefield has occurred at Broken Hill South, causing damage estimated at £200,000 and throwing 1,000 men out of work.

This conflagration was the climax of a succession of suspicious fires, and is believed to have been brought about by the "Industrial Workers of the World" because the mine was being partially worked despite the strike. The main shaft is charred to a depth of 30ft., and the plant above ground has been reduced to ashes.

"DIRECT ACTION" BALLOT.

The Parliamentary Labour party met at the House of Commons yesterday to consider a motion on tha question of "direct action" — the policy of industrial strikes on purely political questions — but in view of the fact that in accordance with the resolution carried at the Southport conference of the Labour party, the national Labour organizations are at present considering the whole matter, the discussion was adjourned.

Mr. Frank Rose moved a resolution stating that the Labour party emphatically dissociated itself from "direct action" policy upon which a ballot is now being taken by the Triple Alliance, and also from those who have been active in pushing this policy forward.

ROYAL WATER PAGEANT.

The Royal barge in which their Majesties will make their river progress on Monday has been brought down from Staines to London.

The barge, which is about 40ft. long, is enamelled in white, with red and gold relief work. It was built in 1688 to the order of William III., who gave it as a present to his consort at their proclamation. It has not been seen on the Thames since the King and Queen and Princess Mary visited Henley regatta seven years ago. The crew of eight King's watermen will be in charge of Mr. W. G. East, King's bargemaster (an ex-champion sculler), and will be stroked by Ernest Barry, the world's champion sculler.

RENTING A PRISON.

Chelmsford Town Council are applying to the authorities for permission to utilize H.M. Prison, Springfield, used during the war as a military detention barracks and now vacant, for the purpose of providing accommodation for people unable to get houses.

BELATED NEWS.

It was not till Feb. 27 that the news of the armistice reached part of Labrador. The good news was brought to the Moravian Mission station by three dog sledges with flags flying. The Eskimos brought out all the bunting they find, and had a bonfire on the ice, around which the National Anthem was sung, and cheers given for King George.

GALLANT CONSTABLE

RESCUED WOMAN FROM BURNING BED.

An inquest was held at Lewisham yesterday on Harrietta Phyllis Thorn, thirty-seven, and Phyllis Ivy Thorn, seven, the wife and daughter of an engineer living in Manor-lane, Lee. The child was found in flames in the street, and when the house was entered her mother's body was discovered on a burning bed. The child died in hospital.

Evidence showed that Police-constable Pulham entered the room on three occasions—the third time with a wet towel wrapped round his head—before he succeeded in pulling the woman from off the burning bed. A bottle of paraffin was found in the bed-room, and the woman's clothing smelt strongly of the oil.

Dora Flower, sister at Miller Hospital, stated that although she could not give the child's exact words, she understood her to say that her mother had said that "God wanted them," and set alight to her clothes.

The jury found that Mrs. Thorn had set herself and the child alight while in a state of temporary insanity, and the Coroner recorded verdicts of murder and Suicide.

NEW FOOD ORDERS.

BUTTER RATION FURTHER REDUCED.

Three important Food Orders were issued on Friday. As a result of the partial failure in supplies of imported butter, retailers and catering establishments and institutions buying wholesale will receive during the ensuing week, and until further notice, only 75 per cent. of the amount to which they have hitherto been entitled by their permits. The maximum amount which individual customers can obtain from their retailers will be reduced, on and after August 11, from 2oz. per head per week to 1½oz.

Until further notice pickled herrings, filleted smoked herrings, filleted pickled herrings, and cured or spiced herrings, may be bought and sold free from restrictions.

In view of the continued excessive slaughter of calves during the past few months, an Order has been made prohibiting the sale of veal except to manufacturers, or as part of the contents of sausages, meat pies, and similar articles. A retail butcher or caterer must not sell veal except as an ingredient of sausages, meat pies, or similar articles. The Order comes into force on Monday.

DUBLIN POLICE SERGEANT SHOT.

Detective-sergeant Patrick Smith was shot by a band of armed men in Dublin on Wednesday night, and his condition is very grave. He was actually riddled with bullets. Ten shots were fired at him at close range, and five of them took effect.

He was only a few yards from his house when five or six men appeared at the corner of the road behind him and fired at him. A policeman, who was attracted to the place by the shooting, carried the sergeant to his home and called an ambulance.

The sergeant is a married man, 48 years of age. In consequence of attacks on two other members of the detective force who live in the same neighbourhood, houses have been guarded at night by policemen, but recently the guard was withdrawn. There have been no arrests.

"GROGGING" OR "BULLING."

Percy Gillings, cooper, of Romford-road, Forest Gate, at West Ham Police Court, was fined £50 or in default two months' imprisonment, for having in his possession twelve casks which were being subjected to a process for the purpose of extracting spirits absorbed in the wood.

It was stated that on the defendant's premises rum casks were found which contained water, and the prosecution contended that the process of "grogging" or "bulling" was in operation, with the spirit absorbed in the wood, on which no duty had been paid. In the various samples taken from the casks four proof gallons of spirit were found, the duty on which would be £10.

INCOME TAX CLAIMS.

The Commissioners of Inland Revenue announce that income tax paid on wound, disability and disablement pensions, also on War Gratuity, is being repaid to officers and men direct. Anyone not receiving payment by August 16th should in the case of officers communicate with the Paymaster General's Department and in the case of N.C.O.'s and men with H.M. Inspector of Taxes for the district in which they were assessed.

HAIG'S NEW COLONELCY.

The King has approved the appointment of Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig to be Colonel of the Royal Horse Guards in succession to Field Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, who has resigned.

Major General Sir C. Bingham succeeds Earl Dundonald in the Colonelcy of the 2nd Life Guards.

The French Cabinet has decided on the suspension of the custom duties on raw and refined sugar.

ORDER of RUNNING 5th Aug.

Night Stakes (1st Div.)	12.45
Cavalry Cup	1.30
Victory Plate (1st Div.)	2.15
Cologne Grand National	3.00
Fox Hunter's Plate	3.45
Army Maiden Chase (1st Div.)	4.30
" (2nd Div.)	5.15
Night Stakes (2nd Div.)	6.00
Victory Plate (2nd Div.)	6.45

2nd DAY HANDICAPS.

Cavalry Cup.

Major Tomkinson	Waterfern	12.0
Capt. Fielden	White Hazard	11.0
Lt. Straker	Rolleston	10.0
Capt. Adair	John Cording	11.7
Lt. Harris	Right There	11.7
Lt. Wynn	Very Light	11.4
Lt. Bulteel	Late Report	10.10
Major Heydeman	Shiny	11.4
Lt. Kelly	Yes Uncle	11.0
Col. Black	Ruby Light	11.0
Lt. McCreery	Kilbay	11.0
Lt. Spicer	Naboth	11.7
Lt. Donner	Sandford	11.0
Lt. McFarlane	Trollie Lollie	11.0
2/Lt. Murray	Carmencita	11.0
2/Lt. French	Kiss	11.0
Lt. Buck	Topthorne	11.0
Major Humfrey	Zilebeke	10.7
Lt. Gaskell	Miss Cheek	10.7
Capt. Moore	Golden Cross	11.0
Lt. McCreery	Fox Trot	11.0
Major Styles	Winkie	11.0
Lt. Kemmis	Jingling Geordie	11.0
Capt. Wynne-Jones	The Fiver	10.7
Lt. Clerke	Warrior	11.0
Lt. Banks	Desmond	10.7
Capt. Plowdens	Vague	11.0
Capt. Stanyforth	Denny	11.0
Lt. Straker	Evening	10.10
Lt. McFarlane	Yellow Peril	10.7
Capt. Babington	Lucky Jim	10.7
Lt. Birley	Lady Bird	10.4

VICTORY PLATE. First Division.

Major Phipps Hornby	Chief Eight	12.3
Major Heydeman	Johnnie Walker	12.0
Lieut. Durnford	Velociter	11.10
Capt. Vivian Bathurst	Swan Song	11.3
Capt. Fielden	Spanish Onion	10.7
Lt.-Col. Fleetwood-Wilson	Annette	11.3
Maj.-Gen. Tudor	Polly Dear	11.3
Capt. Logan Bell	Ellen	11.3
Major Sinclair	Winamere	11.3
Capt. Goddard	Sweetheart	11.3
Capt. Palegry	Valéria	11.3
2/Lieut. Tirebois	Sidi Sahab	11.3
Colonel Joostens	Southern Joy	11.3
Lieut. Tait	Sticks	10.0
Capt. Welham	Tommy G.	10.7
Lt.-Col. Gill	Esmeralda	10.7
Lt.-Col. Harrison	Brigade Major	10.0

VICTORY PLATE. Second Division.

Major Bather	Billy	12.4
Capt. Waterman	Mascot	11.10
Lieut. Fennelley	Ballyhooley	10.7
Major Tomkinson	Waterfern	11.3
Lt.-Col. McGowan	Gerardine	11.3
Major Hooper	Miss Muriel	11.3
Major Cheeseman	Kitty VII	11.3
Capt. Wedderburn-Maxwell	Eau de Cologne	10.7
Lieut. Reid	Jimcrack	11.4
Major Keyser	Queen Ann	11.3
Lieut. Silvestre	La Siesta	11.3
Lieut. Miss	Sprint	11.3
Lieut. Gallet	Gold Mary Gold	11.3
Lieut. Neill	Maid of the Mountains	10.7
Lieut. Bloodworth	Ruby	10.7
Major Glen	Jimmy	10.0
Capt. Flynn	Billet Doux	9.7

COLOGNE GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE.

Lieut. Usher	Golden Sunset	12.0
Major Tomkinson	Waterfern	11.10
Capt. Hodgins	Patrick	12.0
Capt. Cocksedge	Barney	11.10
Lieut. Elliot	Lady Betty	11.10
Capt. Fielden	White Hazard	11.0
Capt. Gray Barnard	Godsend	10.7
Major Lord	Gold Dust	10.7
Capt. Rogers	Mystery	11.4
Major Hewer	Old King Cole	11.0
Lieut. Weekes	Damaged Goods	11.0
Major Tanner	Wilkie	11.0
Major Alston	Hardelot	11.0
Major Bett	Double Ruff	11.0
Colonel Joostens	Stevedore	11.0
Capt. Carpentier	Flicker	11.0
Lieut. Gallet	San Rocco	11.6
Capt. McHenhamin	Sawdust	10.10
Major Chilton	Bob	10.10
Major Needham	Polish Banker	10.7
Capt. Montgomery	Iron Gate	10.7
Lieut. Birley	Lady Bird	10.4

FOX HUNTERS PLATE.

Major Phipps Hornby	Chief Eight	12.0
Lieut. Durnford	Velociter	11.7
Major Heydeman	Johnnie Walker	11.10
Lieut. Donner	Sandford	11.0
Major Tomkinson	Madeleine	11.7
Lieut. Hilder	Mad Hatter	10.2
Capt. Fielden	Spanish Onion	10.7
Major Moncreiffe	Nic	11.0
2/Lieut. Stroud	Crimson Rambler	11.0
Lieut. Wynn	Helene	10.7
Lieut. Lumsden	Wasp	10.7
Capt. Richardson	Montreal	11.4
Major Humfrey	Maori	10.7
Capt. Clarke	The Virgin	10.7
Lieut. Dighton	Lady Norah	11.0
Capt. Adair	The Crab	11.0
Lieut. McCreery	Lancer	11.0
Major Styles	Lohengrin	11.0
Capt. Wynne Jones	Dark Prince	10.7
Lieut. Clerke	Reynard's Comet	11.4
Lt.-Col. Combe	Ceylon	11.0
2/Lieut. Wilson	Black Jester	10.7
Capt. Stanyforth	So Long	11.0
Capt. Plowden	Vague	11.0
Capt. Body	Shrineield	10.7
Lieut. Gaskell	Miss Cheek	10.0
Capt. Richardson	Nut	10.0

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5	4th	15.30	A
7	4th	12.00	C
12	4th	13.30	A
14	4th	10.00	C
15	4th	12.00	B
19	4th	15.00	B
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THE SPORTING CHANCE.

When undue risks are taken and money is chanced that could be more wisely employed otherwise, then gambling becomes a curse and should be strongly discouraged.

The love of a sporting chance is, however, a natural human instinct which in some form or another will always assert itself.

Just now a spirit of gambling is undoubtedly in evidence everywhere. Partly it is the outcome of five years war and the desire for relaxation and excitement which is affecting the world generally. But whatever the reason is, it exists.

Countries like France and Italy which found the lottery was becoming a national danger and rigorously suppressed it some years ago, are reviving it under the stress of financial needs. Money is needed for war debts and it is easier to get the people to chance small sums in the hope of big gain than to entice money from them for legitimate investment.

Although we have not gone as far and the suggestions to adopt premium bonds in England has been vetoed, the Government made a slight concession to the new spirit when it launched the recent Victory Loan. There is no doubt that much of its attractiveness to many was due to the sporting chance offered of redeeming at intervals a certain number of bonds at a figure in excess of the subscription price. Thus a new factor has been introduced into British finance and we have in the Victory Loan a modified form of premium bond.

There is no gainsaying the fact that this year has been remarkable for the number and high value of the sweepstakes organized for many purposes. Never before have there been so many "sweeps" on big racing events or such huge prizes to be won. The famous Calcutta Sweepstake scored a record number of entries.

Here in Rhineland the popularity of the "sweep" organized by the VI Corps on Derby Day was phenomenal, with the result that the lucky winner walked off with as much as £750.

Then the Leave Club officials conceived the brilliant notion of holding a similar event to encourage the purchase of Victory Bonds and in a few days so many tickets were bought that a soldier in the Rhine Army became the proud owner of £870 worth of the Loan.

These are but a few instances of the prevailing taste for the joys of chance. We are not pointing any particular moral from the facts. The phase will probably pass. It may not be a very healthy sign of the times, but there are worse things to tackle in the complex problems of to-day.

THE PALACE OF DELIGHT

I passed throught the crowded streets of this city by the Rhine with a strange feeling of loneliness. At times my heart was heavy within me. In many a gilded room I heard the sound of music and saw the sons and daughters of Rhineland making merry, but this had no charm for me.

At last I came to the portals of a huge building through which men in khaki were ever streaming. Their faces were lighted up with the joy of anticipation and I passed in with them, and stood upon the threshold of the Palace of Delight.

My loneliness vanished as if by magic and I felt at peace with the world.

To the left I entered a hall that is called the Loreley; here were many cosy corners with luxurious couches. How restful it seemed to be! The divine enchantress of long long ago whose name it bears could not have longed for a sweeter bower. It was crowded with men who were enraptured with the music of a master violonist.

Nearby was a music corner called "Elgar" and in it were all kinds of instruments upon which men could practise to their hearts' content. Here, too, was a musical director, a great master, whose time and skill is given to all who need it.

I passed into a great hall and gathered there were two thousand men listening to the daughters of our far off island home. Soft rays of light surrounded their graceful forms revealing their charms. The men gazed with intense pleasure at the perfect picture on the platform.

One of the party—which is known by the name "Lena Ashwell"—sang a song which thrilled through the silence, soft and plaintive, like the sweet notes of a nightingale on a still summer evening.

The song finished and the silence was broken by a shout such as I have never heard before, and once more we heard the song:

"It flooded the crimson twilight,
Like the sound of an angel's psalm"

and those men rejoiced in that hour.

Oh! the pure delight of it all as singer followed singer. Sometimes their voices mingled in a part song, and one told us stories which made us laugh and weep.

I passed through the outer door into a yard where men can play cricket under the guidance of a real wizard of the game, and thence to a fairy: like chamber of huge dimensions.

The walls were all painted with mounttac scenery and there were numerous rusini tables and chairs.

Here were charming ladies serving out with smiling faces, choice dishes such as my soul loveth—fish and chips, puddings and tarts, and fizzy drinks to quench one's thirst, and ices of melting sweetness.

Many other wonderful rooms I saw where men can read and write, and can also receive instruction in strange languages and dancing.

On God's own day they sing and worship, for men's spiritual needs are not forgotten—the earthly pleasures light up those which point to heaven. To this Palace of Delight none are ever denied. Its doors are opened wide to all that come.

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"MAC."

One "enjoys" the society of a variety of comrades in the Army, but one of the best I ever met is just a dog who rejoices and is exceeding glad in the name of "Mac."

Englishmen often say that there is no bad beer, but that some kinds are better than others. I think there are no nasty dogs, but the nicest dog of all is the one that you know and love — in my case that is "Mac."

The man who has never loved a dog has missed a great deal in life — almost as much as the man who has never loved a woman. A healthy minded man should love all women and all dogs, but one woman and one dog the best of all.

"Mac" is dear to me for many reasons — one is that he always enters into and sympathises with my moods. If I feel happy and vigorous enough to go a'walking, then happiness shines in Mac's eyes and he runs ahead of me, vigorous and noisy.

When I feel miserable and sit moping in my billet, Mac sits and mopes too, probably ruminating with regret on the time thus wasted, which might so profitably be spent in chasing cats and rabbits, or fighting some other dog.

One thing that appeals to me tremendously is that when he is glad he is so very glad and when he is sorry he is so very sorry.

It is a fairly safe rule in life to beware of the man who always meets your gaze tranquilly and readily. Whether the same principle applies to dogs I do not know, but "Mac" never looks me straight in the eyes for he has a slight squint.

Mac's parents were both employed in the French Army, and he appears to have inherited soldierly qualities. Twice he has been wounded by shells, once he was buried under fallen debris caused by a bomb and once he was gassed. Yet his happiest moments appeared to be when the guns were in action.

When we where "resting" in a French village, one morning "Mac" rose up early and went out seeking trouble. He saw a cat and rushed at it. Had pussy run away in accordance with precedent, all might have been well, but, alas, she showed fight and her funeral took place the same day.

Not a bell was "tolled" as we bore her to her last resting place, but a local belle was told of the death of her cat. It cost me ten francs to wipe away her tears. Afterwards I explained to "Mac" that it is very wrong to kill cats.

Since coming to Germany, Mac, like me, has enjoyed a civilian billet. Apart from slaughtering eight tame rabbits in the back garden, he has never abused this privilege.

After two years of Siege Battery work in France, "Mac" finds Germany quiet, but he likes the Light Divisional M. T. Company, just as much as the said Company likes him. He is a worthy comrade of the Great War. A. H. B.

EPISTLES OF PETER BIRSE, JUNIOR.

A Centenary Dinner.

Dear Maister Editor,

Accoardin' t' that feleesitus as weel as feseeshyus vreeter, "St." Augustine Birrell, there was aince a Bond Street dandy fa replied on hearin' menshun o' the Hoose o' Commons, "What! Does that go on still?" Weel, aw suppoas a seemilar refleckshun 'll maybe croass yer ackademic min' on seein' anither epeesil frae yer Scoatch contreebiter, Peter Birse, Junior, fa's been unco silen' for a curran ouks back. Aye, mon, aw'm still karryin' on, tho fat wi' lossin' bawbees on hoorsracin', plunging heavy t' the' extent o' 10 marks in a Victory Loan Sweepsteak, an' workin' a' oors o' the day an' nicht tryin' t' mak' up the grievus loass, aw've had naither the frame o' min', nor the naisesery amoont o' time t' drap ye even a pickter poast-caird. M' bonnie turtledoo's had t' gang a hale fortnicht withoot a letter.

This regraitabel feenanshal streengency on the paart o' the Birse Exchecker, 'at was refleckit daily i' the stock markits o' the warld, was naitrally condusiv' t' by-ordnar eckonomy i' the conduck o' m' preevat affairs. Hearin' a fusper 'at you an' yer estimawbel colleegs were contemplawtin' a denner t' celebrawt the sentenary o' yer peyper, aw begood t' mak' polite an 'judeeshyus enqueeries. Wi' mair luck nor eeswally comes my wye aw discover'd 'at withoot me 13 wid reluckantly sit down at the tabel, but hoo far that enter'd into yer cogitawshuns fan eeshuin' invitawshuns is nae for me t' say. Suffees it 'at aw was there, an' 'at the Scootch fusky, in fack the hale "moist joy," as an American "bar-keep" ca's it was baith plentifu' an' gweed.

Aince or twice some o' m' neibers speer'd gin aw wid pass alang the fusky bottels 'at surroondit me, but the Birse motto in a case like that is the same as Mairshal Foch's under raither deeferent sirkumstawnces— "Ils ne passeront pas."

M' only scroopel was the day o' th' ouk — Sindanicht — for aw'm nae sue braidmindit as a Wee Free, an' Kirsty laid doon the law on the pint thirty-sax 'eer ago. But if a padre can sup in publick on the Loard's Day, shurely yours truly can dae the same? The fourmer daes naething wrang excep' gowf withoot swearing. So aw risk'd the denner come fat may.

At the feast as ye're weel aware, auld Scotia was lamaintably raipresentit in pint o' num'ers, but as eeswal fat she lackit in kwantity she made up for in kwality. For desert there was nane o' that eloosiv' slithery, pottit-heid stuff 'at the inglish ca' "trifle" or blank-mansh or something, an' richt gled aw was, for the rubbitch has let me doon badly time an' agin in ginteel sosecty. At an Oddfella's Ball ae Hogmanay nicht it ran doon m' fite weskit like a shoo'r o' weety sna, an' afore aw was dune aw' micht hae been tane for ane o' the big offeeshils in full regallia!

Anither stroke o' luck aw had at yer Lucullan bankwit was m' gweed fortyune t' sit neist till a denty, obleedgin' offisher i' the Scoatch Fussileers, fa keepit me richt wi' the kutlery. N'yod, aw begood wi' a perfeck ironmonger's shoppie, but b' the time aw feenish'd a'thing i' the steel-yaird tallied exack. The Padre verra conseederat' ly kennel'd his widden pipe for me t' folla, an' oot o' respeck for th' august company aw left m' clay pipe in m' billit an' brocht m' cherry. Ye canna be ower parteeklar in a big ceety hottel.

Richt weel dae ye deserve the coamplimen's bestow'd upon ye b' the Commander-in-Chief an' the Military Governor, for aw've kent ye sin ever the frageel bark left the hairber moo wi' a willin' but skeleton crew at the backend o' Mairch Sin that misty nicht ye've discairdit sails an' gaun into steam: ye've left the reejun o' unchairtit seas an' advers currents for safer depths an' ba'mier laitityouds. Here's t' the conteenit suckseess o' the S.S. "Cologne Post", its owners, its skipper, an a' conneckit wi't.

Yours respeckfully
Peter Birse, Junior.

OUR PART.

The Dawn of Peace is here;
But Clouds obscure the Sun:
Arise! O Wind of Patriot Pride
And sweep the Evil Mists aside
That o'er our Nation, far and wide
Light shed its Benison.

Our Best and our Most Dear,
They heard the Nation's call:
For us They fought, for us They died,
Their Youth and Hopes they crucified;
And so They passed, our Glorified,
And gave Their Land — Their All.

All that we have, each year,
Is ours, since They did give:
Shall Grasp and Greed our actions guide
And shame their Mem'ries sanctified?
They gave, and passed: but we abide,
O live for England, live!

O. W.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

ESTAMINET SIGNS.

Sir:—In Northern France and Belgium are many small inns or estaminets and to our men they were a welcome change from the mud of trench and cheerless draughty billet in the rest area. The curious signs attracted me more than a little. Here for example are some of them.

"A La Tranquilité," well known near Sailly La Bourse. By no means tranquil, clean or peaceful. At Philosophe near Vermelles was "Aujourdhui pour d'argent demain pour rien"; alas nothing was to be obtained even for money.

It was not far away that another estaminet bore the sign "A L'assurance contre la soif". Here indeed thirst could be quenched, but only on small beer.

A wide and pungent open sewer ran opposite to an estaminet with the sign, "Il vaut mieux boire ici qu'en face." A self evident truth. "A La Capelle" in Belgium made the path of "Monsieur" easy on Sundays. He could truthfully say "I am going to chapel" and it would be showing lack of confidence in "Madame" if she asked which?

Not far from Bailleul a sign bore, to me, the mystic symbol K with a stroke through the centre horizontally. This bothered me for a month and then I asked the Interpreter. Oh "Cabaret" don't you see? K, or as we pronounce it, Kar. Barré. Quite simple when you know how.

In Sailly was another cryptic sign. O.Bon.20.100.O. Think this out. It is not hard. Perhaps the Editor will give the solution to-morrow. *C.F.*

GYMNASIUMS IN GERMANY.

Sir,— One of the most striking features about German towns is the fact that almost without exception they possess an excellently equipped gymnasium.

At a time when physique of the people is of greater importance than ever, the provision of increased facilities for healthy exercise in Great Britain becomes a national duty. *ATHLETE.*

RECOGNITION FOR INTERPRETERS.

Sir,—I disagree with your correspondent who suggests that N. C. O's and men who have taken up German and who act as interpreters should receive special remuneration.

Interpreting is not the only specialist work in the Army, and it is difficult to see why an interpreter should receive extra pay when officers and other ranks who are specially employed—accountants for instance—do not. Most of those who have learnt German did so, I feel sure, for their own benefit, and not with the idea of becoming Army interpreters.

ANOTHER LINGUIST.

Sir,—I have read with interest "Acting Interpreter's" letter and heartily agree that recognition should be given to those who have taken the trouble to learn the language since their arrival in Germany.

But what about recognition for the regular established interpreter? In my opinion, there should be no question of an interpreter having to apply for rank and extra pay — the work he does and his all-round value to the Army should warrant voluntary recognition and reward.

REGULAR INTERPRETER.

IN PRAISE OF CONCERTINAS.

Sir,—I would like to enlighten a few of your readers who may have read L.W.H.'s recent article.

L.W.H. calmly discusses the pain he suffers from same, also without any apparent idea as to the vast difference between the two, therefore, with your permission, I will now attempt to illustrate same.

The "English Concertina" was first thought of by an officer in the British Army in the year 1830, but has since then been so improved upon, having attained such perfection as it possesses at present.

Should L.W.H. have any doubt whatever about my statement I invite him any afternoon to take a run on the train to Rommerskirchen station, and in a billet, not two minutes walk from there he may come in and listen to a real English concertina being performed on and "no restoratives will be necessary."

PLAYER.

LEAVE CLUB HOURS.

Sir,—I read with great pleasure the letter by "Interested" with regard to the altered hours at the B.E.L.C.

For the people stationed in or near Cologne the new arrangement is admirable, but for the more unfortunate fellows who are stationed some considerable distance from the city, it has its disadvantages.

In most cases the last train leaving Cologne for the outlying districts is between 9 and 9—30 p.m. which means that many of the "boys" have to leave while dancing is still in progress.

To enable them to be in their quarters at an irreproachable hour, members of the W.R.A.F. and of other similar organiations are now able to spend very little time in the ball-room.

A LOVER OF DANCING.

Sir:—In view of the later hours of the Leave Club dances making it difficult for the men from the outlying districts to attend, it has been decided that from Monday 4th August, the men's dances will commence on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7 o'clock instead of 7.30. and end at 9.30 instead of 10 o'clock.

THE SECRETARY.

FAVOURED AND UNFAVOURED.

Sir,—Replying to your correspondents, "Onlooker" and "Miriam," as "Onlooker" says, it is indeed noticeable that some of the ladies at the British Empire Leave Club dances have a favoured few to whom they give dances. I freely admit that others are very impartial in this respect, and sorry though I am to chide the charming members of the W.R.A.F, I must state that they are the chief offenders in this respect.

Although I follow dancing closely I had not heard that it had become the fashion to dance exclusively with one partner. I understood that the American fashion of changing partners constantly had begun to catch on.

I would also point out that there are no really new steps danced at these informal dances, the most recent probably being the "On Leave Fox-trot."

HAWKEYE.

(This correspondence is now closed.—ED.)

1/4 MILE CHAMPION.

Cavalry Division Athletic Sports and Races.

In conjunction with the Horse Show, the Cavalry Division held a successful Athletic Meeting at Merheim on Friday, when a large number of spectators witnessed excellent sport. Among the competitors were several members of the Allied Forces. Lieut.-Col. Harrison won the 1/4 mile championship of the Rhine. Details of yesterday's races appear below.

YESTERDAY'S RACE RESULTS.

Large fields and exciting finishes were features of yesterday's races at Merheim, when there was a large attendance of spectators. The going was excellent. The Subalterns Cup was a remarkably fine race, the field including half a dozen previous winners of similar races. Late Report led the way practically from the start until half a mile from home when he was challenged by Naboth and others. Three hundred yards from the post, the horse slowed down considerably and Yes Uncle slipped past for third place.

Reynards Comet won the Rhine Nursery Sprint by a short head after an exciting race. Considerable dissatisfaction was freely expressed about this race on account of the "Toto" refusing to accept money for the winner on the ground that he would not run.

Events and Winners.

Maiden Sprint (For Cav. Div. horses that have never been placed in a race of any description, to be ridden by Officers who have never ridden a winner). **Five Furlongs, Straight:** 1, Display (Brig. Gen. T. T. Pitman, Hussar Bde.); 2, Josephine (Lieut. F. Gaskall, 10th Hussars); 3, Torpedo (Capt. C. O'Callagan, Ryl. Dgns.) 17 ran.

Cavalry Division Maiden Steeplechase (Similar conditions) About 2 miles: — 1, Coeur de Lion (Lt. J. Paton, 6th Dragoon Guards); 2, Montava (Lt. T. Meyrick, 15th Hussars); 3, Francois (Lt. E. Swayne, R.A.S.C.) 13 ran.

Rhine Army Stakes (For horses and Officers of the Rhine Army) 1st Division 1 mile:—1, Madeline (Maj. H. Tomkinson, Ryl. Dgns.); 2, Jingling Geordie (Lt. W. Kemmis, Inniskillings); 3, Jimcrack (Lt. S. Reid). 12 ran.

Subalterns Cup. (For bona-fide chargers of subalterns of Cav. Div.) 2 mile steeplechase course: 1, Naboth, Lt. S. Spicer, 12th Lancers); 2, Carmencita (2nd Lt. K. Murray, 1st M.G. Sqadn.); 3, Yes Uncle (Lt. Kelly, 9th Lancers). 13 ran.

Anniversary Cup (For horses and Officers of the Allied Armies) About 2½ miles: 1, Anthony (2nd. Lt. Rogers, R.W.K.); 2, Polish Banker (Maj. A. Needham, London Div.); 3, Waterfern (Maj. A. Tomkinson). 18 ran.

Rhine Nursery Sprint (Conditions as for 1st and 2nd races) 6 furlongs: 1, Reynards Comet. (Lt. D. Clarke, 15th Hussars); 2, Byron (Capt. E. Ford, R.A.S.C.); 3, Norah (Lt. W. Whynn, Ryl. Dgns). 17 ran.

Rhine Army Stakes:—2nd Div. 1, Johnnie Walker (Maj. C. Heydeman, 2nd Dg. Gds.); 2, Winamere (Maj. Sinclair R.A.V.C.); 3, Ballyhooley (Lt. W. Fennelly, R.A.V.C.)

Rhine Nursery Sprint: 2nd Div.:—1, Montreal (Capt. J. Richardson, R.H.A.); 2, Melody (Lt. H. Stocker, R.A.V.C.); 3, Beauty (Brig. Gen. J. Rotton, R.A.)

SPORTS PRIZE-WINNERS.

The following is the list of the prizewinners: 100 yds. (N.C.O.'s and Men.):—1, L/Cpl. McNeil; 2, Sgt. King; 3, Arm. Sgt. Keep, 11 sec.

220 yds. (N.C.O.'s and Men.):—1, L/Cpl. McNeil; 2, Arm. Sgt. Keep; 3, B.S.M. Pinchen, 24⅕ sec.

Putting the Weight:—Pte. Cooper.

220 yds. H'cap. (N.C.O.'s):—1, Sgt. Durrant; 2, B.S.M. Pinchen; 3, L/Cpl. Halls, 24 sec.

Half-mile (N.C.O.'s and Men.):—1, Gnr. Garner; 2, Dr. Robinson; 3, Spr. Gaffney, 2 min. 12 sec.

120 yds. Hurdle Race (N.C.O.'s and Men.):—1, Pte. Sweeting; 2, L/Cpl. Halls; 3, Cpl. Sheppard, 19 sec.

High jump (N.C.O.'s and Men.):—1, Cpl. Sheppard; Arm. Sgt. Keep and Pte. Bennett (divide 2nd and 3rd Prizes).

100 yds. (officers):—1, Lt. Campbell; 2, Lt. Straker; 3, Capt. Shaw, 10⅗ sec.

¼ Mile (N.C.O.'s and Men.):—1, Pte. Bennett; 2, Tptr. Halls; 3, L/Cpl. Osborn, 60⅗ sec.

Sack Race (N.C.O.'s and Men.):—1, Gnr. Smith; 2, Pte. Nugent; 3, Cpl. Barlow.

Long jump (N.C.O.'s and Men.):—1, Armr. Sgt. Keep; 2, Pte. Bennett; 3, Pte. Mashiter.

¼ Mile Championship of Rhine:—1, Lt.-Col. Harrison; 2, Cpl. Graham; 3, Sgt. Gaskon, 54 sec.

One Mile (N.C.O.'s and Men.):—1, Gnr. Garner; 2, Spr. Howard; 3, Dr. Robinson, 5 m. 1 sec.

Officers Relay Race:—1st Royal Dragoons; 17th Lancers.

Veterans Race:—1, Pte. Hayes; 2, Sgt. Durrant; 2, S. S. M. Seaton, 12⅕ sec.

3 Miles (N.C.O.'s and Men.):—1, Spr. Howard; 2, Gnr. Garner; 3, Dr. Robinson, 16 m. 54 sec.

THE DAVIS CUP.

Davson and Turnbull in British Isles Team.

LOWE STANDS DOWN.

The team to represent the British Isles in the match against the winners of the French and Belgian tie for the right to challenge Australasia for the Davis Cup was chosen on Friday.

The match is to be played on hard courts at Deauville on August 25, 26 and 27, and this has evidently influenced the L.T.A. committee's selection.

As is natural after their good display against South Africa at Eastbourne, H. Roper Barrett and Lieut. A. R. F. Kingscote, M.C., have been again chosen, but T. M. Mavrogordato and A. H. Lowe stand down for P. M. Davson and O. G. N. Turnbull.

ENGLISH RACING.

Best Two-Year-Old At Goodwood Meeting.

By the fine style in which he won the Molecombe Stakes at Goodwood on Friday, Tetratema proved himself to be probably the best two-year-old of the season so far. Carslake hardly had to move on him, and Major McCalmont's colt won in brilliant fashion by four lengths.

The following were the results at Goodwood on Friday:—

NASSAU STAKES:—1, Keysoe (13-8); 2, Flying Spear (13-8); 3, Kaboodles (4-1).

CHESTERFIELD CUP:—1, Tangiers (100-15); 2, The Vizier (5-1); 3, African Star (4-1).

CHICHESTER PLATE:—1, Little Vic (6-1); 2, Dumb Waiter (100-8); 3, Pandion (2-1).

OPTIONAL SELLING PLATE:—1, Spean Bridge (5-4); 2, Brome Daisy (3-1); 3, Golden Gain (100-7).

GORDON STAKES:—Sir Douglas (7-4); Chat Tor, Two ran.

MOLECOMBE STAKES:—1, Tetratema (2-1 on); 2, Orpheus (2-1); 3, Marromeo (25-1).

CATTERICK RESULTS.

SWALEDALE PLATE:—1, Glorette (5-2); 2, Lovely Nightie (7-2); 3, Bepani (2-1).

COLBURN HANDICAP:—1, Theodosius (6-1); 2, Marcato (3-1); 3, Alligan (10-1).

RICHMOND HANDICAP:—1, Daylight Saving (4-1); 2, Lady Craigie (9-4); 3, Moaning Minnie (4-1).

CATTERICK HANDICAP: — 1, Attention (10-1); 2, White Sand (5-1); 3, Stars and Stripes (7—2) and Trovatore (5-1) Dead Heat.

TUNSTALL HANDICAP:— 1, Chelsho (11-10); Alobam (6-1); 2, Skookum Joe (2-1).

APPRENTICE PLATE: — 1, Jew (4-1); 2, Friar Denis (2-1 on); 3, Chuseuji (5-1).

11th SCOTS SPORTS WEEK.

"B" Company Win A Novel Competition.

The sports week of the 11th Royal Scots proceeds apace. Wednesday's proceedings opened with a cross country run which "D" Company won. Then followed inter-company cricket. This was continued on Thursday, when "C" Coy met "D" Coy. The former batted well and compiled 85, afterwards disposing of their opponents for 20. Pte. Heap was in good bowling form, taking eight of "D" Coy.'s wickets for 13.

Among other items on the programme, great amusement was provided on Thursday by an "Alert" Competition. A team of four men from each Company had to harness and load a mule with two boxes of ammunition, blankets, etc. The men were ensconced in a bivouac, and, on a given signal, packed up their "house," loaded the mule, donned full marching order and stood ready to advance. "C" Coy. was successful in gaining first place.

BONN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
East. Div. H.Q.	15	14	1		28§
51 Royal Sussex	17	16	1		32§
10 R.W. Kent	19	15	3	1	31§
16 Lancs. Fus.	18	14	3	1	29§
Lancs Div. M.T. Coy.	19	14	5		28§
4 Suffolk	18	14	4		28§
5 Border Regt.	15	14	1		28§
52 Cheshire	19	12	4	3	27§
52 Welsh Regt.	18	12	4	2	26§+
13 King's L.R.	15	13	2		26§
121 H.B., R.G.A.	18	12	5	1	25§
15 Lancs. Fus.	15	11	4		22§+
23 Royal Fus.	14	11	3		22§
51 Bedford	13	11	2		22§
1 T.M. Bty., West	22	10	11	1	21§+
92 Field Amb.	21	9	12		18§
303 Siege Bty. R.G.A.	19	9	10		18§
53 Welsh Regt.	15	9	6		18§+
X Corps Sig. Coy.	20	8	11	1	17§
51 Kings L.R.	17	8	8	1	17§
207 Sq. R.A.F.	13	6	6	1	13§
Lancs. Div. Sigs.	17	6	11		12§
East. Div. Sigs.	18	5	12	1	11§+
69 Siege Bty.	19	5	14		10§

§ Games awarded for scratched matches.
+ Games lost by default.

Polo Match.

In the Challenge Cup Tournament at Cowdray Park on Thursday the Cavalry beat Aldershot by 7 goals to 6.

DRAMATIC CRICKET.

Half of The Surrey Team Out For 26.

CRAWFORD IN FORM.

Cricket of a dramatic character was witnessed at the Oval on Friday. Surrey, on going in, fared so badly that in half an hour they lost half their wickets for 26 runs, some of the most reliable batsmen on the side failing in an unaccountable fashion. Gregory was bowling at a tremendous pace, and with Collins at the other end keeping a perfect length little surprise would have been occasioned had Surrey found recovery impossible.

As it was, however, Surrey pulled the game round so well that when an innings on each side had been completed they were only 114 runs behind. To Wilkinson and Crawford belonged the chief honours.

Scores: —
Australians 436 and 8 for one.
Surrey 322.

YORKS v. SUSSEX.

In a very fine innings of 65 in the Yorkshire-Sussex match at Old Trafford on Friday, Rhodes gave no chance and but for his resistance Yorkshire would have been in a bad way. Bowling with excellent judgment, Albert Relf took six wickets for just under 11 runs apiece.

Scores: —
Yorkshire 187 and 5 for no wkt.
Sussex 271.

Schools At Lords.

Haileybury 119 and 23 for no wicket.
Cheltenham 316. (R.C. Swain 143, A.C. Keel 74).

CUPS AND TRUMPETS.

3rd Western Bde. Sports and Horse Show.

The 3rd Western Brigade, as reported in our columns on Friday, held an athletic sports meeting and horse show at Münstereifel on Friday and Saturday. The following are details of the Horse Show:—

Best turned out Water cart with H. D. Horses open to Bde.:—1, 51st Bn. Pte. Jones; 2, 53rd Bn. Pte. Bateman.

Best pack lorry in marching order open to Bde.:—1, 53rd Bn. Pte. Lewis; 2, 52nd Bn. Pte. Roberts.

Best pack mule in marching order open to Bde.:—1, 53rd Bn. Pte. Sapperly; 2, 52nd Bn. Pte. Williams.

Best turned out G.S. wagon (unloaded):—1, No. 4 Coy Train; 2, Bde. H.Q.

Company Commanders Scurry. Owners up. 4 furlongs:—1, Lieut. Gibbon, 51st; 2, Lieut. Duckett, 51st.

Best pair of L.D. horses in harness without vehicle open to R.A., R.E., and R.A.S.C. of Western Division:—1, A Bty., 104 R.F.A., Chapman; 2, 96th Field Coy., R.E., Beaumont; 3, C Bty., 104 R.F.A., Aylward.

V.C. Race for officers open to Bde. Group:—1, Major Fraser, D.S.O., D.C.M.; 2, Lieut.-Col. L. J. G. Morgan-Owen, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Bending Race for Officers open to Bde. Group:—1, Major Fraser, D.S.O., D.C.M.; 2, Lieut.-Col. Morgan-Owen, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Best turned out Lewis Gun limber (unloaded) with L.D. mules:—1, 53rd Bn.; 2, 52nd Bn.

Driving Competition open to Bde. Empty, L.G. limber with H.D. horses:—1, 52nd Bn.; 2, 52nd Bn.; 3, 51st Bn.

Wrestling on mules:—open to Bde. Group:—1, 76 Coy., R.E.; 2, 51st S.W.B.

Officers jumping competition open to Western Division:—1, Col. Poole 141 F.A., 2, 2/Lieut. Rosser. 52nd S.W.B.; 3, 2/Lieut. Jewell, 76 Coy. R.E.

Musical Chairs (officers) open to Bde. Group:—1, Major Fraser, D.S.O., D.C.M., 51st; 2, Lieut.-Col. Morgan-Owen, C.M.G., D.S.O., 52nd.

Musical Chairs (O.R.'s) open to Bde.:—1, Preece, 51st; 2, Horton, 51st.

Mule Race open to Bde.:—1, Gwyther, 51st; 2, Walker, 51st; 3, Shawell.

AWARD OF PRIZES.

At the close of the proceedings Major-General Sir E. V. Strickland, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., (Commanding 9th Corps) awarded the prizes. The chief prizes were those awarded to the 53rd Bn. S.W.B. for winning the Brigade Athletic Sports Championship (a silver cup presented by Brigadier-General F. G. M. Rowley, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.) and a special prize of two silver trumpets presented by Major-General T. A. Cubitt, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., to 104 Bde. R.F.A. for winning Event 6 in the Horse Show.

An impromptu competitive concert was then organized by Lieut. Bromham and the prize (a silver cup) was awarded to Pte. Shaw (Western Division Orchestra) for his baritone song "When You Come Home." The musical element was supplied by the bands of the 51st Leicesters and the 52nd S.W.B., and the Western Division Orchestra. One must not forget to mention the 51st S.W.B. Jazz Band, who with their "impossible" costumes, antics, and "music" kept the attendance in the best of good humour for two whole days. The visit of the troupe of Morris dancers from Euskirchen also contributed very largely to the success of the proceedings.

CRICKET FRIENDLY.

"X" CORPS SIEGE PARK (47) v. 5th SQ., R.A.F. (29) at Hangelar. The R.A.S.C. batted first, Pte. Maudsley (3) and Cpl. Gee (7) were top scorers. The R.A.F. could do nothing with the bowling of Maudsley and Gee, who took 6 wickets for 10 runs and 3 for 4 respectively. Lieut. Ring batted well, carrying his bat through the innings and scoring 15 runs.

BIG FIGHT POSTPONED.

Carpentier-Beckett Match Off For The Present.

The eagerly awaited boxing match between Georges Carpentier and Joe Beckett, it is now definitely stated, will not take place on September 2nd. as arranged. As the circumstances are unavoidable, Mr. C. B. Cochran, who has just returned from a visit to Carpentier and his Manager M. Descamps, has agreed to postponement, and hopes to secure a date towards the end of the year.

Mr. Cochran is desirous of disposing of the rumours about Carpentier's health, and that he wishes to evade a match with Beckett. The plain fact is that the Frenchman will not be demobilized until the end of this month, and consequently will not have sufficient time for training.

Descamps, on behalf of Carpentier, has agreed to meet Beckett at any time after November 1 next, subject to two months' notice being given by Mr. Cochran, and has deposited £1,000 as evidence of good will. Moreover, he is prepared to quote a side wager of from £500 to £1,000 that Carpentier will beat Beckett.

He undertakes not to box in England prior to his match with Beckett.

Descamps and Carpentier have also agreed that they will meet Dempsey under Mr. Cochran's auspices, and will not enter into any negotiations with Dempsey or any other promoter.

WHO WILL MEET BECKETT?

The question now is who will meet Beckett on September 2. Mr. Cochran intends to stage a programme on that date which will excel in interest even the original fixture. McGoorty and Fred Fulton will be offered to Beckett, and the one not chosen by Beckett will be matched on the same night to meet either Wells, Townly, Curphey, Goddard, or Dick Smith!

Not content with these two bouts, Mr. Cochran will also offer a purse for either Wilde v. Moore, Wilde v. Ledoux, or Moore v. Ledoux.

Mr. Cochran has immediately commenced negotiations with several promoters of exhibitions at Olympia, and hopes to secure a date for Carpentier and Beckett towards the end of this year.

NOBLE V. LEDOUX.

Englishman "Loses" to French Bantam Champion.

In the boxing contest between Charles Ledoux, French bantam-weight champion, and Tommy Noble, ex-bantam-weight champion of England, in Paris on Friday night, the latter was knocked out in the tenth round. The Englishman has entered a protest against the decision, declaring that he rose on the count of nine.

The Frenchman had all the best of the first five rounds. He punched Noble all round the ring, and the Englishman aroused much hissing by adopting "stalling" tactics.

So far did he carry these methods, that, at the end of the fourth round he was warned by the referee for showing lack of fight.

Beginning with the sixth round, however, Noble got in several telling punches, and the seventh was very much to his advantage.

From here to the end there was a lot of clinching, and both men seemed tired. Almost immediately after the opening of the tenth round, Noble was down for a count of nine, and had hardly time to regain his feet when he was again sent to the floor. It was, however, in no way a knock-out blow, and at the moment that the referee gave his hurried decision, the Englishman was semi-erect and about to rise, with a confident smile on his face, while Ledoux was obviously groggy.

Inspection of the timekeeper's stopwatch showed that only nine and a half seconds had elapsed, but the decision of the referee was final.

The French papers, in their comments on the match, consider that the decision was unsatisfactory.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

420 Siege Battery R.G.A. at Schlebusch Sports.

The Sports of the 420 Siege Battery R.G.A., held on Thursday last, were blessed with good weather. Racing was very good and keen. The Aggregate Cup (presented by the O.C., Major A.J.C. Pollock O.B.E.) was won by the Right Section with 60 points, closely followed by the Centre Section with 51 points.

A band was in attendance and much amusement was caused by a quaintly dressed-up party led by Cpl. Newham.

RESULTS:

100 yards:—1, Daniels; 2, Sully; 3, Cole.

One Mile:—1, Garner; 2, Gilbertson; 3, Matta.

High Jump:—1, Cole; 2, Aldridge.

Three-Legged Race:—1, Sully and Larwood; 2, Attwood and Evans; 3, Jackson and Jowatt.

Throwing the Cricket Ball:—1, Jowatt; 2, Hooper; 3, Dean.

Tug-of-War:—Right Section.

440 yards:—1, Sully; 2, Evans; 3, Larwood.

Officers' Race: (100 yards):—1, Mr. Bragg; 2, Mr. Suddick.

Long jump:—1, Sully; 2, Daniels; 3, Attwood.

Half Mile:—1, Evans; 2, Hooper; 3, Woodhouse.

220 yards (handicap):—1, Daniels; 2, Metcalf; 3, Sully.

Boot Race:—1, Campbell; 2, Tottey; 3, Evans.

Two Miles:—1, Garner; 2, Pogue; 3, Groom.

Sack Race:—1, Attwood; 2, Maher; 3, Campbell.

Obstacle Race:—1, Cox; 2, Groom; 3, Campbell.

Consolation Race:—Donelly and Peacock (dead heat); 3, Walker.

CIRCUS ITEMS.

Owing to the great success of the First Division American Circus in Cologne, arrangements have been made for additional performances to be given on Monday.

Notwithstanding the fact that there is accommodation for over 7,000 spectators at the big show, at both performances yesterday and on Friday evening, crowds of would-be patrons had to be turned away.

The accident to one of the artistes on Friday has happily turned out to be less serious than at first supposed and he has been able to resume his performance.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

A Splendid Entertainment.

The entertainment at the British Empire Leave Club on Friday night was on an entirely different plane from anything held before, and a great artistic treat to all lovers of music and dancing. Mlle. Laure Aman and Mlle. Marte Brantzkii, the two French dancers from the Cologne Opera, most generously gave a series of classical dances. Their performance was perfectly wonderful and charming. The first dance was the "Valse des Roses" to Schubert's music; then came "Les Deux Pierrots" in which Mlle. Aman and Mlle. Brantzkii wore white pierrot clothes, and pointed caps. Mlle. Laure Aman then gave a perfectly delightful "Valse de Paysanne" to Krauss' "Morgen Blätter," and Mlle. Marte Brantzkii's "Reveille de Printemps" was the impersonation of the spirit of poetry and rhythm. A different note was struck in their next exhibition, "The Scottish Dance." It was followed by the "Idyll Moment Musicale." Mlle. Marte Brantzkii gave two more solo dances, "The Valse des Fleurs" to Tchaikowski's Casse Noisette Ballet, and "Pantomine" to Schubert's Scherzo, and Mlle. Aman gave the "Danse Hongroise" to Brahms' music and "Grotesque" to Chopin's Valse in A—both charming. The programme ended by a Slavonic dance to Dvorak's music, and was full of fire and the bold spirit of the Slav.

Other Attractions.

Between the dances, songs were given by Pte. Moyes, who has a delightful voice of charming quality, Miss Ada Moore, whose appearance always evokes much enthusiasm, and Major Greenlees, whose splendid voice filled the hall. He was encored again and again; we still wanted more. The music throughout the evening was delightfully played, and it was no simple task, by Miss Hester Clark, Miss Smythe, Miss Lavie and Miss Somers Cocks (the Ladies' Leave Club Orchestra). When do these ladies find time to practise to such perfection? They always appear to be active on more everyday duties. During the interval a Foursome Reel was given by the Dancers of the 4th Bn. Gordon Highlanders, who marched up the hall with the regimental piper at their head. Among the distinguished visitors present were Lt.-Gen. Sir A. Haldane, VIth Corps Commander, Colonel Biddle (American Liason Officer), Commandant Comte de Massignac (Mission Francaise), General Cappelle (italian Liason Officer), Brig.-General Guggisberg, Colonel Dillon, Colonel and Mrs. Fane, and Col. and Mrs. Bruce and many others.

Whist Drive.

The popular weekly whist drive was held at the Club on Thursday evening. As well as the regular weekly competitors, some of whom have attended the games every Thursday since they started, there were a lot of fresh players, who thoroughly enjoyed the evenings entertainment. Prizes were won by the following:—1st. Cpl. Frost (gentleman) 2nd. Pte. F. Nennothy 3rd. Pte. Etellan. Ladies, 1st. Pte. A. E. Tomlin 2nd. Gnr. W. H. Penellium 3rd. Sgr. F. S. Butters.

Y.M.C.A. Future Events.

At the Loreley Hall to-day there will be a discussion at 2.30 p.m. on "Things that matter most." On Monday at the Central Y.M.C.A. there will be a Concert-Lecture at 7 p.m. by Mr. Arnold F. Jones with vocal and instrumental illustrations and from 6.30 to 9.30 cinema and orchestra. On Tuesday at 7 p.m. there will be a discussion on "Modern thought and missions," "The Tonics" concert party showing at the same hour.

In Few Words.

The Western Divisional Orchestra will play at the Deutsches Theatre to-night. Their repertoire ought to be worth hearing.

JACQUES.

GOING ON APACE.

Another Big Batch Of "C.P.C." Results.

MIDLAND D.A.C. v. 73rd BDE. R.G.A. The wizard bowler in this match reported yesterday—Gunner Darvel—as was stated in the detailed account of the game, was a member of the Midland D.A.C. club and not of the 73rd Bde. R.G.A. His analyses 8 for 0 constitutes a bowling record for the Competition.

2nd M.G.BN. (77 for 2) v. 12th R.I.R. (11) at Haan. The Rifles went to the wicket first but were dismissed for 11 runs, through wonderful bowling by Sgt. Mitchell and Pte. Pickles who hit the stumps on eight occasions. The Machine Gunners had no difficulty in knocking off the runs, Sgt. Mitchell being 37 not out, and Lieut. McMahon 24 not out. Mitchell took 6 wickets for 2 runs.

77th SIEGE BTY. R.G.A. (147) v. 18th FIELD AMB. (33) at Godesberg. For 77th S.B. Bdr. Hays scored 71; Gnr. Taylor 24 and Hirst 22 not out. Sgt. Garmonsway and Cpl. Fenton bowled exceedingly well. Serg. Garmonsway took 5 wickets for 8 runs and Cpl. Fenton 5 for 21. For 18th F.A., R.S.M. Green had 7 wickets for 55 runs.

90th FIELD COY R.E. (65) v. 63rd FIELD COY. R.E. (38) at Harff. For the winners Spr. Vino took 7 wickets for 15; Sgt. Smoker scored 19 and Cpl. Sharp 11. Spr. Webster made 13 for the 63rd.

29th BN. M.G.C. (102) v. 1/6th WEST YORKS (30). For the M.G.C. Major Harding made top score, 49. Bowling unchanged, Lieut. Astill took 5 wickets for 7 runs, and Cpl. Saddler 4 wickets for 16 runs.

41st M.G.C. (138 for 6) v. M.G.C. (129) at Heumar. The successful batsmen of the 41th were Lieut. Wandle (36), Pte. Lawler (24), Pte. Whybrow (34), and Capt. (Rev.) Scot (19). Lieut. Cane bowled well. For 41st M.G.C. Major Bourphrey scored 56. Pte. Blurton made 20 (not out) and Pte. Wood 29 (nots out). Special mention must be made regarding Pte. Wood, who played a splendid and consistent game, and was carried shoulder high off the field by supporters of both sides.

53rd NORTHUMBERLAND FUS. (199 for 5) v. 51st AUX. BUS. CO. (52) at Marienburg. Lieut. Worthington scored 72 and Pte. Crompton 50 and also took 5 wickets for 18 runs for the N.F.

121st HEAVY BTY. (134 for 7) v. 69th SIEGE BTY. (27) at Bonn. The Heavies continued their run of successes, Bdr. Cotterill (4 for 4) and Bdr. Harfield (4 for 6) being in great form with the ball. Bdr. Hopewell scored 60 and Capt. Huxford 23.

51st AUX. BUS. COY. (44) v. BAKERIES SPORTS CLUB (30) at Kalk. For the Bus. Coy. Pte. Tudor scored 14; Pte. Garlisk also batted well, while Pte. Tudor took 8 wickets for 10 runs. Andrews bowled well for the Bakeries taking 8 wickets.

51st ROYAL SUSSEX REGT. (113) v. EASTERN DIV. SIG. COY. (35) at Siegburg. For the winners C. Sgt. Evans (31), C.S.M. Bell (25 not out) were chief scorers and Pte. Edden took 6 wickets for 36 runs.

LONDON D.M.T. COY. (100), 31. LABOUR GROUP (40) at Merheim yesterday. The Labour Coy. won the toss and decided to bat first. The batting was not strong; the first 6 wickets only compiling 18, the whole side being out for 40. The best score was Pte. Colman not out 9. The D.M.T. Coy. soon reached the required number of runs at the cost of 3 wickets, the best scores being Lieut. Barlee (22), L/Cpl. Davis (18), Pte. Jacobs (not out 15), Lieut. Howard (15), Lieut. Wright (15). Pte. Jacobs took 6 wickets for 18, and Lieut. Wright 4 for 18

1/5th SOUTH STAFFS (150 for 9 declared). v 458th SIEGE BTY. (58) at Commern. The feature of this match was the batting of Parsons and Norman, the first named making 50 and the latter 52 not out while Burton took 5 for 28.

75th BDE. R.F.A. (117) v 237th FIELD COY. R.E. (45). For the Gunners, 2/Lieut. Chilman scored 24 and Dvr. Evans 20, while Capt. Emberton took 6 wickets for 20 and Bdr. Mitchell 4 for 14.

170 SIEGE BTY. (48) v D/190 BDE. RFA. (38) at Poll. Sergt. Everett scored 14, while Lieut. Barnes took 4 wickets for 18 and Dvr. Bingham 6 for 18 for D/190 R.F.A. For 170th S.B. Gnr. Nicholls took 5 for 27 and Gnr. Hollings 4 for 10.

174 S.B. (70 for 4) v MIDLAND DIV. H.Q. (67) at Brühl. For the H.Q. Pte. Blackwell scored 24. The fielding of Major W. Edwards C.F. was very smart while L/Cpl. Bailey took 3 wickets for 27 runs and Capt. Allerton one for 6. The Gunners declared for 70 for 4 wickets, Sergt. Street scoring 32 not out, Bdr. Graham took 6 wickets for 15 runs and Bdr. Frist 4 for 25.

29th BN. M.G.C. (219 for 4 declared) v 1/5th West Yorks (28) at Dabringhausen. For M.G.C. Lieut. Astill scored 97 runs not out, Cpl. Knight 37, Pte. James 36, and L/Cpl. Saddler 14 not out. Lieut. Astill took 7 wickets for 8 runs and Saddler 3 for 16.

1/4th YORK AND LANCS REGT. (150) v 31st LABOUR GROUP (44) at Blücher Park on Friday. Chief scores of the match: York and Lancs:—Pte. Senior, 48; Capt. Dixon, 22; Col. Headlam, 16. For 31st Labour Group, Pte. Spencer, 16. Good batting and keen play prevailed throughout the game.

185 SIEGE BTY. R.G.A. (39) v 104 BDE. R.F.A. (19) at Miel. For 185 S.B. Green and Yewdall took 5 wickets for 6 runs and 4 wickets for 4 runs respectively. For 104 Bde. Williams took 4 wickets for 16 runs and Brooke 6 for 18.

21st BDE. R.G.A. (201 for 8) v MID. DIV. M.T. COY. (23). For 21st Brigade. Dvr. Smith made 52 not out and Gnr. Littlewood took 6 wickets for 5 runs. For Mid. Div. M.T. Coy Lieut. Cook made 18 not out.

CAV. DIV. D.A.C. (70) v BAKERIES SPORTS CLUB (23) at Bergheim. Bush for Cav. Div. bowled well taking 7 wickets for 15 runs.

CAV. DIV. D.A.C. (94 for 9) v 5th RAILWAY TELEGRAPH COY. (19) at Bergheim. Bush took 5 wickets for 5 runs and Price 5 for 8 while Bush, Cook, and Holmes all made double figures.

75th BDE. R.F.A. (148) v 420 SIEGE BTY. (72) at Marienhof. For the Bde 2/Lieut. Champneys scored 48 and Dvr. Evans 23. Gnr. Dean for the S.B. scored 20.

OTHER RESULTS.

H.A.C. c/o D.A.P.M. Deutz 127; VI Corps H.Q. 27.

No 70 Squadron R.A.F. 143. v. No 2 Water Tank Coy. M.T., R.A.S.C. 54.

51st Devons 131; 3 Bn. M.G.C. 107.

170 Bde. R.G.A. 64; 51st Devons 48.

51st Devons 95; G.A.A. Bty. 59.

A.P.O. Cologne 128; No. 5 R.T.C. 72.

354 S.B. 44 for 3; 1st M.G.C. 24.

13th K.L.R. 62; 10th R.W. Kents 18.

(Continued in next column.)

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Sunday, August 3, 1919.

Westerly, 10-15 m.p.h. Cloudy, some showers or drizzle likely. Moderate temperature. Fair visibility.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Public School Cricket.
In the first of the public school matches at Lord's this week Tonbridge beat Clifton by nine wickets.

Leg-Weary.
Silvester pulled up so leg-weary at the finish of the Goodwood Plate that after passing the post he stumbled and all but fell with his jockey.

Wilde and Moore again.
If Jimmy Wilde is prepared to meet "Pal" Moore again under the same conditions as in the last contest at Olympia, there will be no difficulty in the way of promoting the contest.

Rifle Competition.
Arrangements for the international miniature competition between this country and America are now complete. The British team has been selected, and will shoot on the Humber Bank Range, Grimsby, to-morrow.

Aston Villa F.C.
Aston Villa have booked the following men for next season:—Hardy, goal; Weston, Blackburn, and Maiden, backs; Ducat, Harrop, Leach, Moss, Worrall, and Hadley, half-backs; Wallace, Hampton, Stephenson, Humphries, Edgley, Walker, York, Bourne, Smart, Davis, and Robinson, forwards. Joe Bache, as already announced, has been transferred to Mid-Rhondda.

Veterans to the fore.
One of the outstanding features of the present cricket season is the success of the veteran players.

Charity Football.
The Cardiff Rugby F.C. charity committee raised £1,930 for charities last season, and also handed £1,000 over to the funds of the Cardiff Rugby F.C.

A Golf Record.
Ernest Jones, the Chislehurst professional, has not allowed his own record of 63 for the course to stand very long. He has now gone round in 32 strokes. The bogey for the course is 74.

Harold Rolph to Light Heavy-weights.
Having decided to take his discharge from the Canadian Forces, and remain in England, Rolph, who has now recovered from the injury to his left hand, is prepared to meet any of the light heavy-weights in Great Britain at the 12st 7lb limit for any part of £100 a side.

"Plums XI."
P. F. Warner's XI. against the Public Schools XI., at Lord's, on August 6, 7, has been chosen thus: P. F. Warner, R. H. Spooner, D. J. Knight, C. J. Hambro, Hon. R. Anson, R. H. Twining, S. H. Day, P. W. Sherwell, E. R. Wilson, H. W. Taylor, and Another. Play begins at 11.30 on the first day.

High Price Offered for a Two-Year-Old.
Mr. G. Marsh has been offered 10,000gs. for Bruce Lodge, who beat the Comtessine colt at Hurst Park.

New Athletic Record.
A new Finnish record has been made in the hop, step, and jump by F. Tuulos, who has jumped 15 metres 30 centimetres. He is the first European to jump more than 15 metres.

The Prince and The Girls.
A number of girls, who were about to take part in a tug-of-war at Woolwich Arsenal sports, crowded around Prince Albert, who shook hands with them all. Led by Mr. Will Crooks, cheers were given for the Prince.

45 Runners.
When Croagh Patrick won the Stewards' Cup in 1861 there were 45 runners. The next best field was the 39 that Doncaster's dam, Marigold, beat three years later, and there have been 31 or more on several other occasions.

Aldershot Trials.
Aldershot, always to the fore in athletic matters, has been first again among the commands in holding its trials for the Army championships, which take place on August 28 and 29. The results suggest that the home of the British Army will be well represented in the greater events.

Another Strike.
Forty hands employed at the Ballykisteen Stud, Limerick Junction, have gone on strike for increased wages.

Officer Sportsmen.
It has been decided to hold in the near future a memorial service to the officers and men of the 3rd Sportsman's Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers who fell in the war.

English Bowls Champion.
E. E. Moore, of Bellingham, won the championship of the English Bowling Association at Balham this week. In the final he beat E. Dean, of Bournemouth, by 21 shots to 16.

Welsh International Honoured.
Walter J. Martin, the Newport and Welsh International outside half, has been awarded the Medal of Honour, with Silver Palm, by the President of the French Republic, for "gallant and distinguished sevices" in the Salonika campaign.

A.F.A. Leaders.
At a meeting of the Amateur Football Association all the vice-presidents were re-elected with the exception of Mr. J. C. Coode, retired, and in the latter's place Mr. E. V. Speller was chosen. Mr. H. Hughes Onslow was elected to fill the place vacant by the death of Sir George Pragnell.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Army Newspapers.

An indirect allusion is made to "The Cologne Post" in an article which Lord Beanerbrool contributes to the "Canadian Daily Record," a journal published for Canadian troops during the war. The writer claims that the publishing of that paper broke new ground in journalism and established a precedent which was followed by the army authorities in publishing a news-sheet for the Army of the Rhine.

A Model Totalisator.

By way of adding interest to the 79th Brigade R.G.A. Sports, recently held at Cuchenheim, a totalisator on a small scale was introduced and bets were taken on every event, inclusive of heats. On the whole the betting was small and the odds paid out were nothing great except in one instance where a rank outsider, "backed" only by one man, romped home first. His fortunate "Backer" is said to have picked up at the rate of 60 to one. As is usual under this system, favourites picked up very short money, and it was found impossible to take place bets. Owing to the small number of betters there was none of the inconvenience and delay which characterises the larger concerns, but even with this improvement the experiment did not seem to increase sporting soldier's liking for the whole totalisation system. The English betting man likes to know the odds he is starting at even if the totalisator is the fairer system.

A Musical Bagman.

The men of a Highland battery in Rhineland were sitting down to dinner the other day, when a civilian entered, carrying a portmanteau, and with a mandoline slung across his back. Depositing his bag on the floor, he proceeded to give several selections on the instrument. Having concluded his musical programme it was quite expected that the usual proceeding of handing round the hat would happen and so the Jocks were sorting out their small change in anticipation. Instead of this, he put away his mandoline, opened his bag, and invited everyone to inspect his wares, consisting of razors, knives, watches and other articles, with a view to ultimate sale.

The Missing Bell.

Anyone who has traversed the dark and winding passages, through which one passes when ascending, the Cathedral Tower at Cologne, must have been impressed by the air of desolation and incompleteness of the room in the belfry tower, caused by the absence of the largest and most central of its occupants. The largest bell, known as the "Kaiser Glocke," which weighed one ton, and took 25 men to swing it, was removed early in 1918 to serve another and more pressing purpose, and its fragments probably, now lie scattered over some part of France, Italy, or Russia. Only the huge striker, and some skeleton ironwork upon which it was supported, remain, to emphasize its absence. Many bells must have earned the same "fate" in the last four years, and there are, no doubt, other incomplete belfries in many parts of the country.

Folding Trucks.

An instance of German ingenuity was witnessed the other day in a Cologne thoroughfare. A youth, wheeling a large truck pulled it into the gutter outside a shop. It obviously impeded the traffic and very shortly a limb of the law approached and majestically ordered the lad to remove the obstruction. Here was a problem. How was the barrow, which was of ample size, to be got through the narrow shop door? The lad solved the problem in a few minutes. He simply pulled out three bolts, pressed on the front of the truck and the whole contraption folded flat after the manner of a portable baby carriage. The mechanism was simple, consisting of three "W" springs. This leaves one thinking. If trucks and barrows, why not carts etc? The advantage is obvious.

Not Pairs.

In very few instances do the horns of the oxen employed by the Germans form perfect pairs. This irregularity gives the animals queer expressions and it is amusing to watch them. One was recently observed with one horn curled and pointing downward and the other well formed and perfectly normal. Another was peculiar for the fact that its horns pointed one forward and the other backward.

To-Day's Jape.

Be careful about your labels when you send parcels—"Surplus Kit" or otherwise. Bill Smith went to town to buy a number of things and sent them straight home in a big wooden case, while he remained to finish other business. A neighbour coming to call on Mrs. Smith found her in a swoon beside the big packing case. When she was brought round, she saw the case, shrieked, and swooned again. The puzzled good Samaritan gazed at the case to see what was so frightful about it, and discovered a label nailed thereon, with the words, "Bill Inside".

Lesser Echoes.

Because of the prevalence of rabies, all unmuzzled dogs in Cologne are collected daily and removed to a place of confinement till claimed.

There has been quite a large influx of N.A.C.B. girls into Cologne. Dressed like W.A.A.C's, many supposed at first that they belonged to that corps.

Many people who have been disappointed in finding the W.R.A.F. bookstore in Cologne closed, and like to know the official hours when business is conducted there.

The American Circus has achieved the unique distinction of being mentioned in Army G.R.O's.

The total amount subscribed towards the expenses of the Rhine Army "Eight" at Henley is 10,680 marks. This sum will suffice.

PRIZES FOR ECHOES.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to Rev. W. R. Lawson C.F. C./O.asst. ChapeainGeneral, G.H.Q.; L./Cpl. T. G. Robertson, Wireless Section, Rhine Army Signal Coy., Rhine Army; and Gnr. H. P. Newland, 174 Siege Bty. R.G.A. Rhine Army.

TRUE FORCE.

FROM A CORRESPONDENT.

"Alexandria, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I myself have founded great Empires, upon what did these creation of our genius depend? Upon force. Jesus alone founded his Empire upon Love."

These are the worlds of that great genius, who shaped the destiny of Europe, more than a hundred years ago. To-day he lives only in name, and his influence has passed, while the influence of Christ lives on.

The birth of the present century has seen the fall of mighty monarchies, and men have learned that the words "Might is Right" are not true, and the future of our Empire depends upon how well that lesson has been understood.

True liberty is found in that community which puts fellow men and their betterment in the first place, and the only way to teach that community is by the mighty force of love.

Through all the chaos of present life men can still learn the lesson of love, which is so vividly given in the words of Christ:—"As ye would that men should do unto you, do ye also unto them." This motto for masters and men alike, if applied in practical life, as it could be done, would see the end of all industrial strife at home, and our nation would then be near that ideal time of which we speak in the Lord's Prayer; "Thy will be done; The Kingdom come."

There can be no modern Utopia which has not the influence of love bearing upon its national life, and turning the hearts of men to higher ideals, and nobler aims, than climbing to an easier life over the bodies of weaker brothers and sisters.

The enemy of love is selfishness, and until this evil is rooted out of our lives our nation will never obtain true liberty, but will gradually drift into a state of coma, which deprives a nation of the power to become great.

What else but selfishness is the cause of the shameless profiteering, which is seen on all sides; what else but selfishness on the part of those who hold the wealth makes the need to strike on the part of the workers.

That a whole nation will ever forget self, and think only of fellowmen, seems at first sight an ideal which is unobtainable, but an ideal to be good must be high.

Emerson said:—"Hitch your waggon to a star."

The ideal of love can grow in the hearts of men when the love of God is planted there.

"The love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind."

Out of the love of God can emanate that love for fellow men, and when that love is the vital part of a man's life, there can be no room for selfishness.

As the rising sun brings light to the dark places of the world so can that true love shed its beneficent ray into the dark corners of a nation's life, and guide men to that kingdom founded upon true force—the kingdom of Love.

The return of summer weather has given a fillip to the business of the *al fresco* mineral water kiosks in Germany. At Bonn, on Thursday, the owner of one of these disposed of three hundred bottles.

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OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

WILL WAGES FALL?

Mr. Arthur Balfour, a leading Sheffield steel manufacturer, on the burning question of work and wages, says: There is no need for despondency. After the Franco-Prussian war we had eighteen months of continuous strikes in this country. Miners' wages had gone up during hostilities by 70 or 80 per cent. They indulged in all sorts of luxuries. But the time came when they had to accept 11 per cent. above pre-war rates. That happened at a period when England had no serious trade rivals; now we have America, Japan, and other countries in keen competition. Whatever causes compelled the men to be reasonable in regard to wages in 1871 are present in vastly greater force at present.

REASONS FOR BIGAMY.

Mr. Andrew Playfair, author of "Without Prejudice," asks: What is the reason for the present epidemic of bigamy? Propound this question in a club smoking-room, a bar parlour, or a Dorcas meeting, and you will receive as many answers as there are men or women present, none wholly satisfactory, some palpably absurd. Has the war undermined our notions of morality? Has the average male Britisher lost the habit of conjugal fidelity? Is the hallowed institution of monogamous marriage unsuited to the needs of the times? In due course the question may perhaps be referred to a Royal Commission.

GOOD-BYE, SEASIDE PIERROTS.

Mr. Vaughan Dryden was walking the other afternoon along the front of a popular English seaside resort and saw but one solitary group of singers. He says: How different from the ante bellum sands! In those days before the war the entertainers regularly jostled one another. The rattle of the bones drowned the adjacent ventriloquist's patter, and the concert party tenor had to squall his loudest to be heard above the squeak of the too-near Punch. It looks very much as if the concert party were among the victims of the war.

ARE THE DEAD FAR OFF?

The Bishop of London, speaking at a memorial service to those who have fallen in the war, said: Are the dead far from us? No. I know the case of a boy of nineteen who was killed by falling 13,000 feet from a shattered aeroplane. Shortly afterwards his mother saw his form, wondrously bright, come up to her, and she felt his arms around her, and his lips on hers. And then in a voice of indescribable tenderness the boy said, "No, mummy, I am not allowed to come back to you on earth again," and vanished. Our faith does not depend on these visions, but they enforce what we are promised.

THE ONLY HOPE.

Mr. Frank Morris, writing on the economic crisis and the industrial situation at home, says: Ca' canny and uneconomic wages may lead to the social revolution, but will certainly not fill empty stomachs and set the mills going. The resumption of the gold standard, the "right to work," and an economic wage, offer the only hope of social and industrial reconstruction.

THOSE MONDAY MORNINGS.

Prof. Stanley Kent, who has been investigating the cause of poor working results and the many accidents in factories on Monday mornings, says: I ascribe the cause of inefficient work on Monday and the first working period of any day "to abstention from work, resulting in operations which are ordinarily performed quickly and well, being to some extent forgotten, and to that extent having to be relearnt before the old efficiency can be regained."

UNIFORM TRAINING.

General Sir John Monash, Australia's Commander-in-Chief lays emphasis on the need for co-ordinated trainings in the Armies of the Empire. He says: Australia's future army will no doubt be mainly on the lines of our old system of universal training which has proved of incalculable value and service during the war. Its training must strictly conform to that of the British Home Army, and every unit of British overseas forces must be interchangeable. Uniformity of training throughout the Empire must be established. Soldiers trained in England or Canada must be able to go into action without the slightest prepraratory training as a whole.

LOSING AIR SUPREMACY.

Mr. Leslie Guyer, Editor of "Aircraft", paints a glowing picture of the present condition of the aircraft industry in England, which he says is dying of atrophy. He adds: While the industry here is waiting, and vainly, for one word as to the intentions of the Government, the Americans have a State Commission now in Europe to study the best way in which Government help can be given to the U.S.A. constructors, with the object of placing the industry on a firm basis. Further, America has aerial mail services which have been working for over a year past, at a profit! Germany has several regular aerial services in existence. We have none. So far from leading in the race for air supremacy we have been left at the post.

The fact to be hammered home is that it is going to be every bit as difficult to win the peace supremacy in the air as it was to win the war supremacy. And both commercially and militarily it is vital for us to do so.

IS WILLIAM SANE?

Mr. Arnold White whose powerful contributions over the signature "Vanoc" are a feature of the "Referee" discussing the question "Is William sane?" says: If reasons exist for believing that the ex-Kaiser in of unsound mind and valid evidence is forthcoming, a strong case is established for scientific—that is, absolutely impartial—examination into his mentality. If he is found to be of unbalanced or of diseased mentality, he is irresponsible to the extent of his malady. Even if he is a "borderland case" and fit for an asylum, he is not in a state fit for criminal trial. If mentally competent to stand his trial, he is eligible for the gallows, from which he is implicitly exempted, by the terms of the Peace Treaty. If William is not sane, he should be immured after certification by competent and neutral alienists. If sane he should be hanged.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Straight Talk.—A Berlin socialist paper describes the ex-Kaiser as a knave.

Why Is it?—It has been found that squinting is twice as common among girls as in boys.

"Permanents".—The first list of officers granted permanent commissions in the R.A.F. has just appeared.

Is Its Day Over?—Lord Rothermere considers that the Coalition Government has outlived its usefulness.

Women Barred.—By the terms of her will the Countess of Harrington forbade any of her own sex to attend her funeral.

Prolific.—The King's vine at Windsor, which is 150 years old, is bearing nearly 500 fine bunches of grapes.

Dumping Pianos.—In Germany to-day there are 43,000 pianos ready to be dumped on the world's markets at cut prices.

The Daily Murder.—In Barcelona where one murder a week used to be the average it is now one each day.

Still Heavy.—The daily national expenditure from April 1 to July 26, averaged £4,442,000.

Germany Solvent.—Of the four responsible enemies of the Allies in the war, Germany is staded to be the only one who is solvent.

As Liberal Leader.—In Canada there are many candidates for the succession to the late Sir Wilfred Laurier as leader of the National Liberal Party.

For Sailors.—The King has granted the British War Medal to the British Dominion, Colonial and Indian Mercantile Marine.

Like Old Times.—So great is the rush to the Continent that the boat train from Victoria has had to be run in triplicate this week.

Landmark Gone.—One of the oldest historic hotels in England—the "George" at Northampton—has been sold to a cinema company.

A World-Famed Yacht.—The famous yacht "Sunbeam" has been presented by Lord Brassey to the Nautical College, Pangbourne, for training cadets.

A Possibility.—An American physicist has discovered a method of growing crystals. It may be possible to apply the principle to producing diamonds.

Farmer Heavily Fined.—At Rugby a farmer was fined £110 for illegally slaughtering two lambs and selling them at prices in excess of the correct charges.

Dear Milk.—At Berne the high price of milk has been the cause of agitation among the socialists.

Grasshoppers stop train.—Great inconvenience is being caused in Italy by a plague of grasshoppers. A railway train has even been brought to a standstill by them.

Not till then.—German newspapers state that the sum Germany will have to pay to the Allies will be fixed in May 1921.

King's New Title.—The King has been pleased to assume the title of Chief of the Royal Air Force.

Lords and Squirrels.—It is unusual for Parliament to discuss natural history subjects, but recently the House of Lords debated the merits and demerits of the squirrel.

Bakers' Strike.—Resumption of work on Tuesday will depend on the decision of the men over the weekend.

Tearcherless Schools.—About 1600 school teachers are on strike in the North Riding of Yorkshire.

Home Grown Sugar.—A serious attempt is at last to be made to establish the sugar-beet industry in England.

The Nation's Thanks.'— A vote of thanks to the fighting force will be moved in the House of Commons next Wednesday.

Bitter Better.—There is to be no reduction in the price of beer in England, but, for the same money as before, the consumer is promised better quality.

Huts as Homes.—Good progress is being made with the scheme of Hammersmith Council to convert army huts into temporary residences for demobilized soldiers.

Seamen's Memorial.—An appeal is being issued to the public for aid in the establishment at Dunkirk of a war memorial, for the benefit of merchant seamen.

To Teach Women.—Viscountess Rhondda is giving £5000 to the Merthyr Technical School, and wishes provision to be made for female teaching.

A Young Soldier.—The fact that a Blackburn boy enlisted at fifteen and fought through the war was pleaded in extenuation of a crime.

Grief and Suicide.—Grief caused by the loss of his son in France was said to have been the cause of the suicide of an ex-sergeant of the London police.

Fruit Picking Record.—Eighteen and a half stones of black currants in ten and a half hours is a new fruit picking record set up at Hickling.

Seaside Overcrowding.—During Glasgow Fair week, the rush of visitors has been so great that many had to snatch a night's repose on the sands.

Sex Equality.—Boys and girls are to compete at the entrance examination of all government appointments on terms of complete equality.

Bairnsfather's Humour.—The first number of "Fragments", the journal of "Ole Bill" offers £5000 to anyone found grasping the week before last's issue between the thumb and forefinger of the left hand, when run over by a steam roller.

Belgian Birth Rate.—In Liège the birth rate has dropped to half of what it was before the war, and it is believed that the population of the whole of Belgium has decreased to the figure of ten years ago.

Many Girl Students. — At both Girton and Newnham Colleges at Cambridge there are over 100 applications for entry in October in excess of the places available.

Joy rides for soldiers. — Twice this week the King sent his brake to the Church Army hostel for limbless men at Queen's-gate, to convey a party of the inmates to inspect the Royal mews.

Not for Theology. — Welsh University authorities have resolved that no money from rates or Treasury grants should be expended on the teaching of dogmatic theology.

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NEW REGIME IN HUNGARY.

BRITISH TRADE

COLOGNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING.

A meeting of the Council of the British Chamber of Commerce in Germany, was held at the Hotel Disch on Friday for discussion of various points in connection with British trade in Germany. Mr. Stockdale, of Cox's Bank, presided. Mr. Sullivan, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, submitted a report recommending the taking of new offices at 133 Hohestrasse, in the centre of the city, and Mr. C. Knott said that the British Chamber of Commerce in Germany had been formally affiliated to the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom and the Registration Certificate of Incorporation is expected daily.

The business of the Chamber is, he said, being pushed forward with all possible speed. Departments are being opened for dealing with bills of lading, certificates of origin for goods exported, and an information office is already in being, where much valuable help is given to newly arriving British subjects in the German occupied territories.

The Military and Civil Authorities are heartily supporting the efforts of the British business community in Rhineland, Many difficulties have been dealt with, amongst others, fiscal questions new and varied, which are continually being raised and are handled by the Chamber in the best interest of the members.

Great inconvenience and even serious losses have been suffered by British merchants in Germany owing to the delay in delivery of goods, due to various causes. The matter has been engaging the serious attention of the Chamber; it is hoped that as a result things will straighten themselves out very shortly. This will be a boon to British trade interests. Efforts also are being made to expedite telegrams and letters as well as samples between London and Cologne and regular courier services have been established.

In the course of an interesting speech returning thanks to the assembled traders for electing him as Honorary President, Mr. Knott remarked that as a patriotic Briton he felt that Britishers abroad should stick together, pull together and win together.

A Chamber of Commerce is a serious matter and an official organisation; America has at present over 1700 Chambers of Commerce established throughout the world. These recently held meetings and decided to send a deputation of representatives to Europe. They came some few days ago to Germany, visited Cologne and Berlin, and arrangements have been made by them in connection with their various trade corporations in America, to take orders from Germany for fabulous amounts.

The goods are to be supplied immediately from America on the basis of three years' credit, thus securing to the States for the moment the lion's share of German import trade. This is due to unity between Chambers of Commerce, and shows the importance of combined effort.

There seems no reason why British Chambers should not act similarly. If Great Britain would give similar credits and facilitate business, it would be a great national advantage and the Cologne Chamber is doing its utmost to effect such action.

Altogether it is apparent that British trade interests are safe in the hands of this well-organized and pushful Chamber of Commerce and it merits the support of everyone who wishes to see our trade supreme in German territory.

SALE OF GERMAN SHIPS FORBIDDEN.

Sir Owen Phillips inquired in the Parliamentary Papers into the case of two vessels formerly belonging to the Hamburg-American Line, namely, Johann Heinrich Burchard and William Oswald each of 20,000 gross register tons, stated to have been sold to the Royal Holland-Lloyd.

Colonel Wilson (for the Ministry of Shipping) replied: The Dutch Government have been informed that we cannot recognise the reported sale by Germany of the two vessels, and the German Government has been instructed that, as these vessels fall within the terms of the Armistice, they are to be dispatched to a United Kingdom port for delivery to British management.

POINCARÉ'S FUTURE.

It is definitely stated that President Poincaré, after the expiration of his term of office in February next, will live as a lawyer, journalist and politician. The suggestion is made that Clemenceau shall be the next President of France.

PENITENT HUNGARY.

NEW GOVERNMENT SUES FOR PEACE.

A wireless message from Buda-Pesth gives the terms of a telegram to M. Clemenceau from the new Hungarian Government, which is suing for peace. While awaiting the decisions of the Supreme Council of the Allies it asks for a suspension of hostilities and that lines of occupation be fixed provisionally until the Council decision on the subject is made known. The line of the river Theiss is suggested. Rumanian troops are now only thirty miles from Buda-Pesth.

Red Flag Lowered.

A despatch from Buda-Pesth announces that Martial-law has been proclaimed by the new Government. Complete order and quietude prevail in the capital. The Bolshevist Red flag has been hauled down and the national flag hoisted on all public buildings, the change being hailed with great delight by the citizens. The Bolshevist leader Szamuelly has disappeared. According to one report he has been shot, but it is also asserted that he has escaped to the Ukraine.

Orders from Paris.

The full text of the telegram addressed by the Council of Five to Lieut-Colonel Romanelli, Chief of the Italian delegation at Buda-Pesth, who is the sole remaining member of the Inter-Allied Mission to the Hungarian capital, will probably be published tomorrow. The telegram requests Lieut.-Colonel Romanelli to intimate to the new Hungarian Government that the Allies hail with satisfaction the establishment of a stable Government which they call upon immediately to execute those clauses of the armistice calling for prompt demobilization of the Hungarian Army and the observance of the frontier lines fixed by the Convention of June 13th. The telegram adds that the Rumanian forces will be required to remain in the positions they now occupy.

SUPREME COUNCIL.

REVIEWS EUROPEAN COAL PRODUCTION.

It is understood that at the meeting of the Supreme Economic Council which was held in London during the week end, problems were discussed arising out of the present economic conditions in Europe, particularly in relation to the securing of adequate supplies of coal, food and raw material. As regards coal the Council held that the situation is one of the utmost gravity, production in Europe having fallen to a dangerously low figure as compared with prewar production. The deficit can only be met by increased production and improved methods of organization and distribution. Various questions were referred to a special sub-committee meeting at Paris. The Council further decided to urge upon the various Governments the vital necessity for increasing production and reducing the consumption of coal in Europe during the present period of short supplies.

THE "TIN KETTLING" CASE.

A woman who was "drummed out" of Hare Street, near Buntingford, Hertfordshire, on Whit Monday was yesterday sent to prison for two months, without hard labour, for committing an act "likely to prejudice the discipline of a prisoner of war."

She is Mrs. Alice Rebecca Baker, 32. and she pleaded guilty. A policeman said that about midnight on June 6th he found a German prisoner of war, Franz Rohman, and Mrs. Baker, together in Mrs. Baker's cottage, while her paralysed husband was upstairs in bed. The "tin-kettling" by the villagers followed this.

The German has been sentenced to 28 days' detention by the military authorities. Since Mrs. Baker, her husband, and two children were thus shamed out of their home, the woman has been working at Histon, Cambridgeshire.

INDIAN TROOPS IN LONDON.

The contingent of Indian troops which failed to reach England in time for the official Peace celebrations, marched through London on Saturday. They were enthusiastically welcomed by large crowds who at various points on the route showered flowers upon them. The men afterwards lined up in mass formation in front of Buckingham Palace, and were received by His Majesty the King. A distinguished company witnessed the proceedings, including the Soudanese chiefs who lately renewed their vows of fealty.

POLICE TROUBLE.

LOYALTY IN LONDON; LOOTING AT LIVERPOOL.

Only fifty-two additional constables absented themselves from duty in London on Saturday, bringing the total up to 1,012. The strike may thus be said to have fizzled out so far as the Metropolis is concerned but while the London force is merely purged of its discontented elements, the greater extent of the strike in Liverpool enabled the hooligans to get the upper hand. Looting became so serious that troops were despatched to the city, also three warships to guard the docks. The loyal members of the Liverpool police, who are fortunately in a majority, made frequent baton charges against the crowd which was looting the jewellers' shops. Despite this it is estimated that several thousands of pounds worth of goods are missing.

On Sunday night the riot act was read and the troops which were called to the Scotland-road district fired over the heads of the crowds. These dispersed temporarily but as soon as the soldiers moved they returned, breaking the windows and rifling shops. Several looters were arrested and removed in an army lorry, the crowd following and throwing stones. Shots were again fired over their heads. The Magistrates sat throughout the day, swearing in special constables as volunteer guards. The staffs of the banks and large city warehouses are policing their own premises. Approximately half the Liverpool force is on strike.

Chief Commissioner Sir Nevil Macready states that the number of Metropolitan police now on strike is 1,041 and that so far as he is concerned the strike is over. A few men have written asking to be allowed to return but he could not permit that. He had found it necessary, in order to reduce the hours of extra duty entailed by the dismissals, to cancel all annual leave. Enquiries showed that there was a small amount of hooliganism in a few East-end districts on Saturday night, otherwise everything is normal.

Sheffield police have decided not to strike, intimation having been received that the Home Secretary has consented to receive a deputation from the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress.

TREASONABLE WOMEN.

FIFTEEN YEAR OLD TRAITRESS.

The trial has begun at Lille of five Frenchwomen charged with treason. The youngest is twenty, and the oldest fifty-two.

It is alleged that they wrote a letter to the Commandatur at Flines Nord, saying: "We will do everything for you. All those you want us to denounce we will denounce. Long live Germany. Down with France."

One woman, Germaine Demory, was only fifteen when she began denouncing people; another was the mother of six children. Four out of the five acknowledge that they committed the crimes with which they are charged.

EPSOM RIOT FUND.

The fund opened by the Earl of Rosebery, Sir Rowland Blades, M.P., and Mr. Longley (Chairman of the Epsom Urban Council) to supplement, if necessary, the provision made for the widow of Station Sergeant Green, the police officer killed during the raid by Canadian soldiers on the Epsom Police Station, and to make a presentation to each of the Epsom police, who put up such a splendid fight against great odds, has resulted in £558 14s 1d being subscribed. Of this amount £243 0s 6d has been expressly given for the widow, and the sum includes £172 10s 6d subscribed by the staff and men at the Canadian Camp, Epsom. Since the riot this Canadian Camp has been disbanded.

SWISS LABOUR TROUBLE.

Labour discontent in Switzerland is becoming serious and the general strike seems to be spreading. At Basle on Saturday Federal troops were in conflict with the strikers, guns being brought into action and several persons killed. All public buildings and banks are guarded by soldiers. There are no workers on the newspapers or trams. A sympathetic strike began at Zürich and it is reported that a general strike would be begun throughout Switzerland on Monday.

The main grievances are the cost of living and scarcity of houses. In connection with the latter a demand is being made for houses to be rationed. The Federal Council refuses to take any action in the matter until the strikes cease.

TRAFFIC DIFFICULTIES.

The congestion on the railways and at the docks in Great Britain is becoming so serious that the Government has decided to employ almost immediately a fleet of a thousand fast army lorries for the transport of goods.

KILLED BY LIVE BOMB.

George Briscoe, a Liverpool boy, was killed by the explosion of a bomb which he had found in the Tournament Hall.

The jury recommended at the inquest yesterday that such explosives should be kept under lock and key

DOMINION TRUANTS.

ROUNDING UP THE STRAGGLERS.

The Record Offices in London of the various overseas forces are making a last grand tally and using all endeavours to trace every man who has appeared on their books. Up to the present 7,000 men — about one per cent of the total — cannot be accounted for.

Not all these men are considered to be definitely lost. Some have gone on furlough and have started work without the formality of communicating with the authorities. Others have married and settled down in preference to returning to camp and telling their colonel. Many are restless irresponsibles who have neglected to apply for an authorised discharge in England, although they might have had it by the exercise of a little patience. Many of these, it is thought, will trickle back.

The South Africans have but twenty-five absentees, every other man of the 26,000 who came over being accounted for. The New Zealanders are three hundred short but they expect to see this figure reduced. Most of the missing Australians and Canadians are wandering about without authority and it will take a long time for the military police to round them up and shepherd them into concentration camps.

Some of the Dominion Governments are publishing advertisements warning these men to return by a certain date unless they wish to forego their gratuity and a free passage home.

ALLEGED ANARCHIST.

MASQUERADING IN OFFICER'S UNIFORM.

A remarkable story was told at Bow-street police Court on Saturday of a self styled "Anarchist" who wore officer's uniform for the purpose of spreading a movement to form a secret society amongst the troops.

Defendant, who gave his name as Thomas Webb, was charged with unlawfully wearing uniform.

Detective Collins stated that he interviewed the accused on the Horse Guards parade, where he was detained by the military. He represented himself to be Captain Lewis, of the Durham Light Infantry. He said his parents were Spanish and declared he was an anarchist under the influence of the secret society and that he was specially engaged in his capacity as an army officer at a Staffordshire camp spreading the movement among the troops. Various other statements he made were found to be untrue when enquired into. Later it was stated that no officer was discharged from the Labour Camps last June.

A week's remand was ordered.

LONDON GETTING HUNGRY.

About a thousand bakers attended a mass meeting in Trafalgar Square on Sunday and passed a resolution that they would refuse to return to work until their demands are met. These include the abolition of night work, a £4 weekly minimum wage and the forty-four hour week. No hope is now held out of a resumption until Tuesday.

The men offered to bake specially for hospitals and similar institutions if the employers would allow their premises to be used.

STOLE THE CLUB MONEY.

Charged with converting £160 to his own use Arthur Beesley, of Dorset-street, Hulme, Manchester, honorary secretary of the Rolls-Royce Workers' Holiday Club at Derby, was committed for trial by the Derby magistrates. Prisoner said that after drawing money from the bank he suddenly decided to go to Birmingham races, and was jostled when getting on a tramcar there and the money was stolen. He went to Newcastle races in an endeavour to make it good. He denied stealing the money.

REGULAR COMMISSIONS.

The War Office states that with regard to applications from non-regular officers for permanent commissions in the regular army it is impossible to make a definite announcement as to how many commissions will be granted until the future establishment of the regular army is definitely decided. Demobilization of an officer, however, will not prejudice his subsequent chance of selection.

BOTH SERVED ALIKE.

An order has been issued by the Council of Five to Austria and Serbia to evacuate the Klagenfurth Basin, which both countries claim. The evacuation is to remain in force until the future of the Basin is decided. The Council also decided to take temporary measures to prevent devastation by the Austrians of the territory they will have to hand over to the Jugo-Slavs.

YORKSHIRE PROSPECTS.

Prospects in the Yorkshire coalfields are improving. At a Miners' Council on Saturday it was decided to ask the branches to ballot whether the strike shall continue further.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

ANOTHER CHANGE IN THE UNIFORM.

General Seely, the Air Minister, in a statement regarding the future of the R.A.F. says there has been a great deal of misunderstanding about what the Government could do with regard to civil aviation but there has not been time for what has actually been done to bear fruit. A large number of old Air Force officers have been demobilized and gone back to civil life.

An officers cadet college is being formed and it is hoped to start the first course in January next. Entrance will be by competitive examination similar to those for the Army and Navy but if better methods are thought of entrance will not be confined to this method. An Air Staff College is also in course of preparation and in future all officers, with few exceptions, will have to learn to fly.

Regarding uniform, a change is being made in favour of a less brilliant and more durable cloth but officers will not be put to any extra expense. It is also hoped to form a Territorial Air Force but many difficulties have to be overcome and it is too early to say anything more precise.

NEW CONVENTIONS.

REGULATION OF TRAFFIC IN ARMS AND ALCOHOL.

The Commission entrusted with the drafting of the International Conventions relative to the traffic with arms and alcohol and the revision of the Act of Berlin (1885) and the Act of Brussels (1890) has completed its labours.

The new Conventions lay down strict regulations for preventing the importation of inferior spirits to the colonies and the controlling of traffic in arms. Private traffic in arms for war purposes is prohibited throughout the world henceforth. Traffic in other than arms is subject to a rigorous system of licences. The revisions specify rules guaranteeing the suppression of slavery and the establishment of equality in the Congo Basin.

SERIOUS FLYING ACCIDENT.

A serious flying accident occurred during the weekend at Oranmore, County Galway. Lieutenant Jones and Lieutenant Lawrie started on a flight to Galway but they had only been up a short time when the machine took fire.

The aviators descended in haste and landed the machine which was enveloped in flames. They were seriously burned about the face, hands and body and were taken to a hospital at Dublin.

UNSWEPT LONDON STREETS.

The decision of the Kensington Borough Council to dismiss any of their employees now on strike who fail to resume work by Wednesday has had no effect, and the men are still firm in their determination to stand for their full demands. In the meantime conditions in the borough grow steadily worse. The streets are in some places beginning to present an absolutely filthy appearance. Householders are faced with the alternative of destroying their own house refuse or leaving it to rot in the sun.

TUNNEL MYSTERY.

Gunner Doyle R.F.A., who was arrested as he was about to embark for Russia, was present at the re-opened inquest on Gunner George White, whose body was found on the Great Western Railway in Box tunnel by a travelling ticket collector. Two guards stated that they knew nothing about any disturbance on the train. One Gunner said he knew nothing until he saw the cases reported in the papers.

The Coroner said there were many points which required clearing up and he adjourned the inquiry to August 13th.

MIXED BATHING RISKS.

The secretary of the Ealing Wesleyan Church has written to the Ealing Baths Committee, calling attention to the "undesirable stipulation" that geutlemen wishing to bathe on days set apart for mixed bathing must be accompanied by a lady, and alleging that it tends to promiscuous meeting of the sexes, and encourages young persons to make chance acquaintances, a practice which, n their opinion, is detrimental to the good of young people.

DOVER PATROL MEMORIAL.

The highest point of the cliffs, seven miles West of Calais, is the chosen site on the French side of the English channel for the memorial to the Dover patrol. The Mayors of Dover and Calais, the Governor of Calais, the Presidents of the Dover and Calais Chambers of Commerce, and Brig-General Logan, Base-Commandant at Calais visited the place yesterday and placed stones to mark the exact spot.

General Rawlinson was received in audience by the King on Saturday prior to his departure for North Russia.

FEEDING EUROPE.

WHAT THE ALLIES HAVE DONE.

Lord Robert Cecil presided on Saturday night at a dinner given by the British Government at the Carlton hotel to members of the Supreme Economic Council of the Allies. M. Clementel (France), Mr. Hoover (America) and Signor Orlando (Italy) were among the guests.

In proposing the toast of the guests Lord Robert said this was the first time the Supreme Economic Council had met in London and it was the last time he would meet the Council as one of its members. He felt that the British representatives should now be Ministers of the Crown because they could then speak with greater authority and be held directly responsible to Parliament for their actions. These reasons he had submitted to the Prime Minister, who agreed that they were sound.

Mr. Hoover ascribed to the Council the fact that we still have stability of Government in Europe. Through the activities of the Council they were able to feed the additional 200 millions thrust upon them until the arrival of the next harvest. It had been a costly undertaking. They had spent over eight hundred million pounds. They had restored railway communication throughout Europe and had also done something to stimulate the coal industry. They had to face new problems, probably as terrible as those faced during the war.

He was returning to America on September 1st and he intended to go back to his home in California for the first time in five years. He took pride in the fact that he had outlived three successive generations of Food Controllers in Allied countries and five generations in Germany.

STABBED IN FRANCE.

FATALITY TO AN ONLOOKER.

An open verdict was returned at a Hampstead inquest relative to the death of Liberty James, 25, a driver in the Royal Field Artillery, whose family reside at Abshot, Titchfield, Hants. It was stated that while on his way to England the man reached Moritz, near Candary, in France, and while staying there a riot took place between French soldiers, civilians, and British soldiers.

During the mêlée a French soldier, it was alleged, rushed past James, who was looking on, and stabbed him with a knife in the left chest, inflicting a deep wound. He was removed to the local British military hospital, where he was operated on, and the wound stitched up. At first his condition improved, but later he did not appear to be making progress, and was brought to England. He was admitted to the West Hampstead Military Hospital on June 20, where he was again operated upon.

Miss Sims, pathologist at the Hampstead Military Hospital, stated that death was due to coma from septic meningitis, which probably followed the wound. She was not prepared to state definitely that it was produced by the wound, for the blood poisoning might have arisen from other causes.

An open verdict was returned.

WHAT WILL GERMANY PAY?

Mr. Baruch, the United States representative on the Supreme Economic Council, continuing his declarations to-day before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which is considering the Peace Treaty, stated that in his opinion Germany could never pay the indemnity assessed. The Reparations Commission, he said, would not attempt to collect more than Germany could pay, regardless of the amount which it was decided Germany owed.

POLICE BARRACKS BESIEGED.

News reached Ennis, Ireland on Sunday afternoon of a determined attack made on the Broadford police barracks in East Clare, by a party of twenty or thirty men who kept up a brisk fire. It is stated that one constable received a slight wound but it has not transpired whether any of the attacking party were hit.

CERTIFICATES FOR VOLUNTEERS.

The work done by volunteers during the war is to be commemorated by the War Office. Certificates bearing the signature of Mr. Churchill are now being given to all ranks who joined the various units as a record of their service in the force.

NOTORIOUS FAILURE RECALLED.

News has been received from New York of the death of Oscar Hammerstein, the famous impresario.

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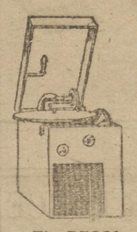

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THE INDUSTRIAL SITUATION.

It was evident during the War that the return from war conditions to peace conditions would inevitably involve great difficulties which might result if not carefully and skilfully handled in a grave outbreak of industrial disorder at home. Disorder has broken out, grave but not yet sufficiently serious as to mean an irretrievable loss of industrial power we hope.

The means of recovering this loss of industrial power and prevention of further disorder is, economy and hard work on the part of everyone; so our leading statesmen tell us. No doubt this fact is perfectly true but is the utterance of the fact sufficient to make us fully realize the position?

Surely it is of paramount importance that we ourselves and not only our advisers should be fully cognizant of the causes of industrial friction and inefficiency in order for us to fully realize the position and the significance of our statesmen's advice.

We are possessed of the right to a Parliamentary vote and yet, how many of us have sufficient knowledge of the industrial questions and social problems to really base our vote on.

The means of acquiring the necessary knowledge is within our reach and it is imperative that we should take full advantage of them. We can study the newspapers; books, dealing with the subjects fully are available, we can discuss the questions between ourselves and exchange our views on the various matters. It is not necessary that we should enter into details.

Fully realizing the meaning of Citizenship would materially help us. We can study the elements of public finance, the development of national resources in agriculture, trade, industry and education.

The housing problem the simple laws of supply and demand, the meaning of Tariff Reform and Free Trade and the human side of industry all need our urgent attention. This is a varied group of problems and questions but it plainly shows to what an extent we should study before registering an honest and not a one sided vote.

In many units books fully dealing with industrial questions, social problems and Citizenship are available for reading and can be borrowed on application to the Education Officer. All ranks should avail themselves of these and thus become better acquainted with the causes underlying the present industrial situation.

FINDING A HOME.

By Dr. J. C. CARLILE.

The English papers gave long accounts of a demobilized officer trying to find a little house in which to live with his family. He obtained employment, but could not get anywhere in which to live. Finally he hit upon the novel idea of parading the road, carrying a board on which was the announcement that he would pay £1 a week for a little house. A picture was published of the man with the announcement, and now he has secured a dwelling.

The number of houses required in England to enable people to live without overcrowding, is very considerable. It has been estimated by the Labour Party that 1,000,000 cottages are required: probably the number is not less than 600,000.

The difficulty is that private enterprise will not touch them. Municipalities, tempted by the facilities offered by the Board of Trade, are undertaking large schemes; but the ugly fact remains that the private builder will not look at the enterprise.

Why is that? There is the market; thousands of people are wanting small property. It is sold as soon as it is ready. Large numbers of men in the building trade are walking the streets, receiving the out-of-work donation; and yet capitalists, who are always keen to make a profit, will not build.

The reason is not far to seek. Material costs very much more than in pre-war times. It is impossible to purchase many things required in building construction under three times the cost in 1914 and labour is so much more expensive, that a cottage which could be erected for £220 in 1913, now costs a fraction over £500. At the same time there is an outcry all over the country, for cheaper rents.

We have to learn that the increased cost of production ultimately rests upon the consumers. High wages, lessened production, dearer material, always means increased rents. Our hope is in Government repression of profiteering, and the good sense of the working-man to facilitate production.

As long as trade customs belonging to a by-gone day, are allowed to restrict the fair output of a man's labour, there will be dearness, and the housewife will know that £2 a week under the new conditions, may not be a penny better than 25/- a week in the old days. As a matter of fact, it is not quite so good.

To secure the means to live comfortably there must be closer co-operation between the State, Capital and Labour. Wages is not simply an affair between the employer and the employee; it concerns the community. Industry is a phase of the nation's life; a wage dispute resulting in a strike or a lock-out, has disastrous effects upon the nation.

The home problem is how to secure harmony between the rival interests without any sacrifice of justice. One way is the creation of Wage Boards, in which questions in dispute shall be arbitrated by representatives of those employed, and the larger community; for, after all, as in the case of Housing, it is not simply a question between the builder and the workman, but the State.

There are the people who want homes, and cannot find them, because capitalists cannot get a reasonable interest on their outlay; and an assurance that the whole thing will not be wrecked by an industrial war.

Taxation will necessarily bear heavily upon us to meet our annual liabilites, and commercial enterprise must correpondingly increase, unless we are to go at quickened speed along the road to national bankruptcy.

Following the war of destruction, there are the tasks of Reconstruction; energies which saved us from defeat in the field, must be concentrated upon the restoration of our national work; for it is certain that unless our national productiveness is more than maintained, and our Empire trade conserved, we shall slip back into the position of a second-rate nation.

The future of Britain depends upon efficiency and commonsense; as this is seen, the outlook will become clearer.

WHAT TO SEE IN RHINELAND.

III. Godesberg.

In Rhineland there is surely no place more worthy of a visit than Godesberg, a little town in Bonnland nestled under a protecting hill and hugging closely the left bank of the Rhine.

The very quietness and tranquility suggests something unexplored by the average individual who is out to see the best Rhineland can offer.

Perhaps the nearness of the place to the edge of our army zone accounts, in part, for the restful atmosphere surrounding the place. Perhaps a more restless temperament than mine own would find no appealing or sympathetic characteristics in the town but, be that as it may, the fact remains that I was struck very forcibly by the atmosphere reigning there.

The most fashionable quarters of Bonn cannot vie with Godesberg in unassuming luxury and ideal environment. The maximum of life and bustle is to be found near the water edge and naturally this is the more ancient part of the town. One can imagine what the winding Rhein Strasse was like fifty years ago when it was probably skirted by houses with the oaken framework, a type so dear to the hearts of many English county gentlemen, samples of which are so numerous and varied in design and to be seen in any village in the neighbourhood.

The real Godesberg, however, is only found on plunging into the maze of avenues which lie at the foot of the hill. The latter rises at the back of the town and is crowned by the Godesberg Castle looking stern and sentinel like in it, wooded surroundings.

The impression made here is that of a fine modern suburban area laid out in a forest, for each road is lined with numerous trees. No trams disturb the quiet, few shops are to be seen and even the streets are grown with grass in some places.

It is here that one finds the elegant villa, the occupants of which are enjoying tea out of doors, on the lawn or beneath the green foliage of some drooping tree.

The sun's not rays are mellowed by the latter and an April shower would not seriously inconvenience the party enjoying such ideal environment.

With little difficulty the castle steps, built apparently with stones from the ruins are found and a stiff ascent brings one to the top and only remaining tower.

One thing mars the complete antiquity of the castle ruins however, this being the introduction of new work, necessitated by the indispensable hotel. In the immediate vicinity of the hotel is the beer-garden, which at one time was undoubtedly the courtyard.

But ascending the tower (a charge of 10 pfs. is made) a view is obtainable such as seldom can be seen. A fine bird's eye view of the town itself with long stretches of the Rhine, the Bonn bridge, the Seven Mountains with Drachenfels and Königswinter (alas! verboten ground) all present a striking panorama. Godesberg is worthy of a visit from a considerable distance and no trouble, still less expense, is encountered in reaching it. The most luxurious of electric car services connects it with Bonn and Mehlem.

The Bonn terminus is in Kaiser Str. beneath the Deutsche Bank off Kaiser Wilhelm Platz and I am convinced that a visit to Godesberg will be a pleasure to any who appreciate and possess an artistic temperament.

ON SUPERSTITION.

Through the ring of my watch is a ragged, faded ribbon to which is tied what looks like a crouching Bhudda trying to climb up a stick, but which is really the leaden figure of a Zulu, armed with a spear; originally, I fancy, from a child's box of soldiers.

I found it during the war, under circumstances which do not matter, but at the time I adopted it as a mascot. Why, I do not know, for I'm positive I'm not superstitious.

I'm from the "witch-country" of North East Lancashire, it is true, and have a pretty knowledge of local superstitions, but nary a belief in them. To me they are all most ridiculous.

And yet, whenever I pass beneath a ladder, or spill the salt, or give away a knife, or hear a splash behind, or see the new moon through a window, or lift a babe to the mirror, I am conscious of the superstitions connected therewith; and feel that I have done an evil thing.

The other evening I put on a fresh tunic. I forgot to slip my watch from the pocket of the old one. I was away up the street, on the cycle, when I bethought myself. I did not worry, until I remembered the mascot attached to the watch-ribbon.

I felt like turning back, but cursed myself for an idiot. I continued my ride, and when about three miles from billets had the first puncture for months.

Instantly, I hitched on the missing mascot. I hurried into my bag for the repairing outfit. It was missing, too. I was then in doubt as to which was the greater deficit, the missing Zulu, or the missing outfit.

Back I sallied. Nobody ever has a repairing outfit to lend, when you need one the road. Secretly, I bemoaned having not returned for friend-mascot; openly, I repeated the idiot formula; beaded all with dark drops from the north country.

There are plausible reasons, I said, for some superstitions. Does anyone know why mother takes a knife and draws it across the bowl of kneaded dough, once this way, once that?

There are others. A red head is unlucky. The Danes had red heads. They were invaders. Invasion meant rapine, famine. Hence the red head superstition.

Thus I went on, justifying, vilifying, marking neither the poppies in the corn, nor the tender lindens bending over me.

When I reached my billet I went first for my watch. The Zulu was not on the ribbon! My first thought was a windy one — seven years' bad luck — born, I suppose, of that old superstition respecting a broken mirror. My next thought was to go and have a drink.

I sought around for the leaden mascot, and lo! I found it in the pocket of the trousers I had on all the time. How it got there, the deuce only knows, I don't!

So I conclude that the blinking idiot formula is the only one possible — but what about all the other rot?

EUSKITCHEN.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

COLOGNE RIDING SCHOOL.

Sir,— The emphasis very rightly laid by the Military Authorities on the importance of recreation and training emboldens me to suggest to them through your intermediacy the establishment of a Riding School in Cologne.

While formations have no doubt small manèges of their own, what is wanted is some central place where officers who are fairly good riders, but who are not entitled to horses, can get further instruction.

There are a large number of officers in this category who would revel in the opportunity that such a school affords, there are any number of horses which in the present shortage of personnel do not get sufficient exercise, there are many good instructors who would be delighted to give their service and there are plenty of suitable open spaces in the neighbourhood of this town which could readily be converted into a school.

Thus all the factors are here; it only remains to bring them together in order to organise an institution that should be at once popular, healthful, and of distinct military utility. *"JORROCKS."*

THE CONCERTINA.

Sir,—Having read L.W.H.'s "Resolution" in Tuesday's Post concerning the mouth organ and concertina, I have wondered if he has ever heard a concertina played and if so whether it was a German or an English make.

He certainly gives reasons for his antipathy to the mouth-organ in the form of an exponent who possibly may not be able to render all of what it is capable, but no reasons are given for the condemnation of the concertina.

In my billet an English concertina can be heard played almost every night and after an hour or two of music nobody requires "bringing round."

I would like L.W.H. to hear it. Perhaps it would dispel all murderous thoughts, concerning the inventor of the "Teenie." *TEENIE ADMIRER.*

A CALL FOR PIGS.

Sir,— We all know that there are scraps left in all our messes and dining halls, and these as a rule are given to the nearest civilian who can make use of them.

Well, how about using them to our own benefit? I would suggest that every unit should be supplied with, say eight or ten young pigs, which would be little enough for the amount of scraps. They would keep the pigs for a pretty long time, and as they developed the number would be lessened according.

Room could be found in any village, and there is sure to be somebody who could deal with the pigs and look after them, thus saving a good deal of waste.

ONE WHO WOULD.

COSTUME DANCES.

Sir,—The idea of having fancy dress dances weekly is an excellent one. Apart from the pleasure afforded to the dancers, costume dances provide amusement for the spectators, and I agree with your correspondent that there would be no difficulty in finding an audience willing to pay a small entrance charge.

The argument of cost really does not apply, as with the assistance of a little ingenuity much can be done in the way of costumes with very simple materials. I believe, too, that they can be hired for quite a nominal fee. *PIERROT.*

TAXIS IN COLOGNE.

Sir,— Some note in your valuable daily might be helpful to new-comers in reference to taxi-cab fares. These are duly registered but the drivers within my experience state that they are entitled to charge more. —. which is reasonable, within limits — but they produce no police authority and the cabs display no notice. Would anyone kindly state what exact excess, if any, is authorized? *NEW-COMER.*

FORBIDDEN COFFEE.

Sir,— Can anyone explain why British troops cannot be served with coffee at the Restaurant in the Zoological Gardens between 3.30—4 p. m.

Yesterday afternoon I went there with some friends and ordered coffee and cakes. We were informed that we could not be served.

Considering that coffee etc. can be had anywhere at any time this regulation seems to serve no useful purpose, except to annoy people. *SAPPER.*

SOLDIERS.

1914—1918.

Soldiers, sing that song again;
Ye who quit yourselves like men
While the Enemy's aeroplanes are soaring
And his gunners right and left and centre pouring
Shell and shrapnel on the battle field.
Yea, but ye are strong, ye will not yield;
Valiant ones, how sternly ye are made —
Dauntless though the earth and sky are rocking in the cannonade!

Soldiers, sing that song again;
Ye who quit yourselves like men
On the maddened fields of France
When down the line the order comes "Advance"!
Though liquid fire and poison gas
Scatter convulsion through the battle mass,
In whirlwind of the guns are men and horses mixed
And yet ye leap from out the trenches with the bayonet fixed!

What song, soldiers, do ye sing
Ye who all your manhood bring
Steadfast keep Old Freedom's gate
And bivouac on the Field of Fate? —
Perchance some song as of the daylight breaking
Across a world out of the darkness waking
Comes strangely to your lips amid the raging battle, and ye see
The vision of the things ye fight for, and of the Peace to be!

W. ROMAINE PATERSON, Lieut.

CAVALRY DIV. WEEK

Yesterday's Horse Show Results at Merheim.

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES.

The great success of the Cavalry Division Week was continued yesterday, when the second day's events in connection with the Horse Show were decided in beautiful weather and before a large crowd at Merheim.

The results were as follows:—

Championship Jumping (Open to other ranks of the Allied Armies):—1, Sgt. Maynard, 1st Royal Dragoons; 2, Pte. Allen (ditto).

Any pair Horsed Wagon (light draught only) Open to Rhine Army:—1, 218 Field Coy., R.E.; 2, London Div. Train.

Light-weight Chargers up to 13 st. 7 lbs. Open to Officers of Cavalry Div. of the Rhine: 1, Brig. Gen. Legard, Dragoon Bde. "Go Seek"; 2, Capt. Eckstein, 17th Lancers "Bowman"; 3, Lt. Harris (ditto) "Mike".

Best Turned out G. S. Wagon and pair of Horses (heavy draught only) Rhine and other Allied Armies:—1, Midland Div.; 2, No 4 Coy., Lancs. Div. Train.

Heavy-weight Chargers, over 13st 7 lbs. (Open to Officers of the Cavalry Div.):—1, Major Phipps-Hornby, 9th Lancers; 2, Major Carlisle, "E" Batty., R.H.A., "The Pimrun"; 3, Lt. Spicer, 12th Lancers "Dic ie".

Machine Gun Sub-Section (Open to M.G. Squadrons of Cav. Div.): Dragoon M.G. Squadron.

Jumping Competition.

Chargers (Open to Officers of Cav. Div.):—1, Lt. Col. Pragnell, Cav. Div. H Q "Ginger"; 2, Lt. Col. Melvill, 17th Lancers, "Warrigal"; 3, Capt Turner, 17th Lancers, "Beaute".

Heavy Artillery Gun Team (Open to Rhine and Allied Armies):—1, 16th Corps H.A.; 2, 1/1 Essex H.B., R.G.A.

Pack Horse and Leader (Open to Cav. Div.):—1, Hussar M.G. Squadron; 2, 9th Lancers; 3, 15th Hussars.

Field Artillery Gun and Team of six horses (Open to Rhine and Allied Armies):—1, D/50 Bde. R.F.A.; 2, Midland Div.

Officers Championship Jumping (Open to Officers Chargers Rhine and Allied Armies):—1, Maj. F. Ubertalli, Guides (Italian) "Treviso"; 2, Lt. B.H. de Ealffier d'Hestroy, 1st Guides (Belgian) "Duras" and Lt. de la Serna (ditto) "Arsinoe" a tie.

Championship Class (Light-weight Chargers up to 13st 7lbs. Open to Rhine and Allied Armies); 1, 2nd Lt. Docker, H.Q. Eastern Div., "Withycombe"; 2, Brig. Gen. Legard "Go Seek"; 3, Lt. Docker "Duchess."

Royal Horse Artillery Gun Team with Detachment; 1 and 2 "E" Batty., R.H.A.

Championship Class (Heavy-weight Chargers over 13 st. 7lbs. Rhine and Allied Armies); 1, Maj. Gen Kennely, Northern Div. "Fais-an-d'or"; 2, Lt. Col. Pragnell "Slumber"; 3, Lt. Gen. Godley 4th Corps, "O'Rorke."

4th CORPS "SIGS" SPORTS.

(By Pigeon Post.)

The 4th Corps Signal Coy. held a very successful Sports Meeting yesterday. Lieut. Sewell won the prize for the Victor Ludorum, coming in first in the 100 yds., hurdles, 440 yds., 220 yds., and the officers race. The hill-climbing contest was won by Cpl. Hill.

SPORT TRIALS.

9th Corps Eliminating Contests at Euskirchen.

A most successful athletic meeting was held on the Euskirchen Cricket Ground on Tuesday July 28th with a view to selecting representatives to compete in the Rhine Army trials on August 7th. Many of the performances were extremely creditable, all the more so in view of the rain that fell during the first half of the meeting. Events that call for special notice were the 100 yards for which the time was 11 seconds; the mile with the time of 4 mins. 35⅘ secs, and the three miles with the time of 15 mins. 48 secs. The three mile race was a particularly interesting event, Corpl. Dutton only taking the lead in the last 100 yards. It is interesting to note that first and second places were both taken by the same platoon of the Battalion. Gunner Sheppard who had already competed in the mile, made a good third and set the pace for a large part of the course though falling behind in the last lap.

The musical selections provided by the band of the 1/5th South Stafford Regt. during the afternoon were much appreciated. At the conclusion of the meeting the prizes were distributed by Brigadier General de F. Montgomery, C.B., C.M.G., in the unavoidable absence of the Corps Commander, Lieutenant General Sir Walter Braithwaite, K.C.B.

Results.

Putting the Shot:—1, Lieut. Napier, 1/5th South Staffs., 43 ft. 2½ ins.; 2, Cpl. Burrows, 481 Siege Bty. R.G.A., 42 ft. 9 ins.; 3, Sgt. Jabe, 174 Siege Bty. R.G.A., 40ft. 8 ins.

220 Yards:—1, Pte. North, IX Corps M.T. Coy.; 2, Lieut. Walton, 1/5 South Staffs.; 3, Bdr. Hale, 174 Siege Bty. R.G.A., Time 25 Secs.

Long Jump:—1, Cpl. Burrows, 481 Siege Bty. R.G.A., 18 ft. 2 ins.; 2, Bdr. Edwards, 185 Siege Bty. R.G.A., 16 ft. 3 ins.; 3, Gnr. McGill 15 ft. 8¼ ins.

One Mile:—1, Lieut. Poland, 14 Siege Bty. R.G.A., 2, Lieut. Taylor, 1/5th K.O.Y.L.I., 3, Lieut. Catcheside, IX Corps Cyclist Bn.; Time 4 Mins., 35⅘ Secs.

100 Yards:—1, Bdr. Hall; 2, Lieut. Walton, 1/5th South Staffs., Time 11 Secs. (Dead heat); 3, Spr. Jackson "E" Corps Signals.

440 Yards:—1, Sgt. Hall, "E" Corps Signals; 2, Cpl. Staines, 174 Siege Bty., R.G.A., Time, 54⅖ Secs.

High Jump:—1, Cpl. Burrows, 481 Siege Bty. R.G.A., 5ft. ½ins.; 2, Lieut. Keats, 1/5th K.O.Y.L.I.; 3, Lieut. Napier, 1/5 South Staffs. 5ft. ½ins.

880 Yards:—1, Cpl. McKean, IX Corps Cyclist Bn.; 2, Sgt. Hall, "E" Corps Signals.; 3, Lieut. Taylor, 5th K.O.Y.L.I. Time, 2 mins. 9 secs.

120 Yards, Hurdles:—1, Lieut. Napier, 1/5th South Staffs.; 2, Cpl. Burrows, 481 Siege Bty., R.G.A.; 3, Lieut. Keats, 5th K.O.Y.L.I., Time 20 secs.

Three Miles:—1, Cpl. Dutton, 2/4th Duke of Wellington's Regt.; 2, Lieut. Regan, 2/4th Duke of Wellington's Regt.; 3, Gnr. Sheppard, 174 Siege Bty., R.G.A.; Time, 15 mins. 48 secs.

Relay Race:—1, 1/5th South Stafford Regt.; 2, 5th K.O.Y.L.I.; Time, 3 mins. 42 secs.

ARMY FENCING SCHOOL.

An Army Fencing School was recently formed with the object of improving skill at arms in the British Army by establishing all forms of fencing as a sport throughout the Army. Lieut.-General Sir A. E. Codrington was elected President, and Col. Campbell and Brig.-General Kentish Vice-Presidents.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, August 5, 1919.

Wind West to South-West, 10 to 15 m.p.h., becoming squally. Fine at first becoming overcast with rain later. Moderate temperature; Good visibility.

A SILK FLAG.

1/4 Royal Scots Fusiliers Sports at Bedburg.

The sports of the above mentioned battalion were held on Wednesday. The events were keenly contested and some extremely good timing was made in several of the events. As was generally anticipated "C" Coy won the Silk Flag given for the highest number of points, and nobody grudged them this well merited success. At the conclusion of the events, Miss Matheson, (Scottish Churches Hut) presented the prizes. This concluded a very enjoyable afternoon's sport. Great credit for the success of the undertaking was undoubtedly due to Lieut. Fancett M. M., the battalion sports officer, who was untiring in his efforts to make the affair a success.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

The results were:—

100 yards flat:—1, Sgt. Clark, "A" Coy; 2, Pte Anderson, "C" Coy; 3. Pte Tirney, "C" Coy.

Long jump:—1, Sgt. Mc. Kay, "C" Coy; 2, Lieut. A. A. J. Cabas, "B" Coy; 3, Sgt. Reid, "C" Coy.

Mule scurry race:—1, Pte Mc. Callum, "D" Coy; 2, Pte Kerr, "B" Coy; 3, Pte Henderson, "A" Coy.

Tug-of-War:—1, "C" Coy; 2, "B" Coy.

220 yards:—1, Sgt. Clark, "A" Coy; 2, Pte Anderson, "C" Coy; 3. Pte Tirney, "C" Coy.

High jump:—Lieut. Robertson, Sgt. Reid and Pte Carmichael a tie.

Coy Boat Race:—1, "C" Coy; 2, "D" Coy.

440 yards flat:—1, Sgt. Clark, "A" Coy; 2, Pte Carmichael, "D" Coy; 3, Pte Clark, "C" Coy.

Pillow fight:—1, C. S. M. Steel, "C" Coy; 2, Pte Knox, "D" Coy.

Throwing the cricket ball:—1, Pte Skade, "A" Coy; 2, Pte Kelly "B" Coy.

Coy sack fight:—1, "C" Coy; 2, "D" Coy.

Best comic turn out:—1, Pte McPhee, "B" Coy; 2, Pte Turner, "C" Coy.

Coy Relay Race:—1, "C" Coy; 2, "D" Coy; 3, "B" Coy.

Best turned out Lewis Gun limber and team:—1, "B" Coy; 2, "C" and "D" Coys a tie.

Slow cycle race:—1, Pte Paterson, "C" Coy; 2, Pte Crossan, "A" Coy.

Wrestling on mule back:—1, Pte Henderson's team; 2, Cpl. Grahamslow's team.

OTHER RESULTS.

1 Mile Scratch:—1, Pte Moffat, "C" Coy; 2, Pte Clark, "C" Coy; 3, Pte Carmichael, "D" Coy.

Kicking the football:—1, Pte Findlay, "C" Coy; 2, Sgt. Clark, "A" Coy.

Three-legged race:—1, Cpl. Hughes and Pte Dean; "C" Coy; 2, Sgt. Mc Kay and Sgt. Reid, "C" Coy.

Officers 100 yards handicap:—1, Lieut. A. A. J. Cabas; 2, Lieut. H. F. Fancett, M. M.; 3, Major A. Mc Ewen.

Obstacle race:—1, Lieut. A. A. J. Cabas, "B" Coy; 2, Sgt. Mc.Kay, "C" Coy; 3, C. S. M. Sutchley, "B" Coy.

Driving competition:—1, "C" Coy.

120 yards hurdle race:—1, Sgt. Mc Kay, "C" Coy; 2, Sgt. Reid, "C" Coy; 3, Sgt. Clark, "A" Coy.

Boat Race:—1. "C" Coy; 2, "D" Coy.

Eleven a side football competition:—1, "B" Coy.

Five a side football competition:—1, "B" Coy.

Cross country run:—1. "C" Coy.

ENGLISH RACING.

Alexandra Park Details.

The following were the results at Alexandra Park on Saturday:—

Three Year Old Handicap:—1, Charley's Aunt (2-1); 2, Finchale (9-2); 3, Angel's Kiss (6-1).

Juvenile Plate:—1, Red Flyer (7-2); 2, Buzzie (3-1); 3, Master Tetrarch (4-1).

Midweight Selling Plate:—1, Athletic (15-8); 2, Trezidella (4-1); 3, Saintly Maude (100-8).

Municipal Handicap:—1, Perce Neige (8-1); 2, D.N.P. (7-1); 3, Valesca (100-8).

Maiden Plate:—1, Saintly Sinner (6-1); 2, Pick Your Way (9-4); 3, Snie (20-1).

Alexandra Handicap:—1, The Midshipmite (100-8); 2, The Gunyah (11-4); 3, Abiad (9-2).

Moderate Welter Plate:—1, Stainton (4-1); 2, Greek Star (9-2); 3, Doublet (13-8).

CATTERICK RESULTS.

Hornby Handicap:—1, Queen of Ballet (8-1); 2, A Sitter (7-2); 3, Storm Witch (10-1).

Brough Maiden Plate:—1 Piraeus (3-1); 2, Waterwitch (5-1); 3, Buzancy (9-4).

Scorton Selling Plate:—1, Monchy (5-1); 2, Glenoma (6-4); 3, Inquirer (8-1).

Stand Welter Handicap:—1, Starflower (5-4); 2, Radiancy (5-1); 3, Marcato (7-2).

Grove Handicap:—1, Hukin (4-1); 2, Beijo (7-4); 3, Lady Changeful (100-8).

Moulton Plate:—Black Lamb (5-4); Hectoring Lass. Two ran.

COUNTY CRICKET.

Sussex (271 and 145 for five) beat Yorks (187 and 228) by 5 wickets.

Australians (436 and 260 for four, declared) v. Surrey (322 and 121 for one) match drawn.

HIS LAST CHUKKA.

Polo Pony Drops Dead After Match at Kalk.

An unfortunate incident marked the concluding stages of a polo match between the 17th and 19th Lancers at Kalk on Thursday. At the end of a vigorous chukka, a pony ridden by one of the 12th Lancers players staggered and then dropped dead.

There was a large crowd present at the polo ground and the play was keen and exciting. The 12th Lancers won a hard game against 9th Corps Headquarters and the 17th beat the 9th Lancers. Capt. Boles was referee.

THE CHANNEL SWIM.

Having completed his training at Brighton, Jabez Wolffe is now only waiting for suitable weather to make his twenty-second attempt to swim from England to France. The new course from Dungeness which he had decided to use this year has now been abandoned, as, after a test by Wolffe, it was found that the tides were unfavourable. He has now fixed upon a starting point east of Folkestone. He declares himself fit and confident of success. He is however, determined this time not to be stampeded into a premature start in uncongenial conditions.

GREEK V. GREEK.

29th M.G.C. Beat 1/6th West Yorks Regiment.

"C.P.C." MATCHES.

17th LANCERS (117) v. CAV. DIV. H.Q. (32) at Kalk. For 17th Lancers, Major Nicholls scored 29, Capt. Fowler 28, and Pte. Clarke 15 not out; Capt. Fowler took 7 wickets for 11 runs and Cpl. Whitfield 3 for 15. For. Cav. Div. H.Q., Sapper Smith took 4 wickets for 24 runs and Lieut. Niel 3 for 38.

51st DEVONS (78) v. 3 NORTHERN BDE. (18). For the Devons, Capt. Mills scored 35, while Pte. Layton took 9 wickets for 12 runs.

23rd ROYAL FUSILIERS (101) v. 92nd FIELD AMB. (13), at Overath. For the 23rd, 8 sgt. Taylor 46, Lieut Manable 12, L/C. Priest 12, and Cpl. Downer 10, were the best scorers, while C.S.M. Russell took 5 wickets for 2 runs and Sergt. Taylor 5 for 10.

93rd BDE. R.G.A. v. 180 LABOUR COY., at Kalk. For the Bde., Smythe took 6 wickets for 16 runs, and Weight 4 for 14, while Gnr. Weight (43), Bdr. Ellis (26 not out), Lieut. Griffiths (32), and Bdr. Broomfield were the chief scorers.

29th BN. M.G.C. (102) v. 1/6th WEST YORKS REGT. (30) at Dabriughausen. As bot teams are nearly top of the league, keen rivalry existed, and all spectators enjoyed an interesting game. For the M.G.'s Major Harding scored 48, while Lieut. Astill took 5 wickets for 7 runs and Cpl. Saddler 4 for 16.

13 KINGS LIVERPOOL REGT. (62) v. 10th ROYAL WEST KENTS (18). For the 13th Kings, Pte. Bampton scored 24, while Lieut. Bailey took 3 wickets for 2 runs and Cpl. Underwood (who performed the hat trick) 7 for 11.

9th D.L.I. (80) v. 2nd BRIGADE R.A.F. (42). The Air Force made 42 chiefly through Aistrop 12, and Wilcox 12. Lieut. Archer bowled 5 for 15 and Capt. Gibson 4 for 27. On the D.L.I. going in to bat 7 wickets fell for 30 runs. Pte. Beswich played a fine innings for 25 not out. Chief scores for D. L. I.: Pte. Beswich 25 not out; Pte. Archer 16, Cpl. Ramsden 10.

OTHER RESULTS.

13th Kings Liverpool Regt. 82; 303 Siege Bty. 45.

13th Kings Liverpool Regt. 50; 4th Suffolk Regt. 35.

88th Field Amb. 75; 52 R. Warwick Regt. 49.

93rd R.G.A. 157 for 3; 41st M.G.C. 156.

303 Siege Bty. 79; East. Div. Sig. Coy. 72.

Maps F.S B. 119 for 9; 88 Field Amb. 34.

1/5 South Staffs (68 for 4); 73 R.G.A. 32.

153 Siege Bty., 107 for 8: Light Div. H.Q. 77

14 G.H.Q. (74) 52 Royal Warwicks (61).

13th Kings Liverpool Regt. 55; 92nd Field Amb. 34.

Army H.Q. Signals 51; 51st Northumberland Fu. 40.

Owing to extreme pressure on our space we have been compelled to record many matches under Other Results.

WITHDRAWALS.

The following teams have withdrawn from the "C.P.C.C." Will s cretaries please note.

13th K.R.R.C. (Cologne Northern League); No. 3 West Div. R.A.S.C. (Bonn League); 5th K.O.Y.L.I. (Cologne Southern League); 76 Bde. R.F.A. (Euskirchen League); "G" Bty. R.H.A. (Cologne Town League.)

COLOGNE NORTHERN LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
London Div. M.T. Coy.	19	15	4		30§
1/6 West Yorks	16	15	1		30§
29 Bn. M.G.C.	16	15	1		30§
Maps 4to F.S. Bn.	17	12	4	1	25§
75 Bde. R.F.A.	16	12	4		24§
1/5 West Yorks	16	11	5		22§
C/113 Bde. R.F.A.	14	10	4		20§
31 Labour Group	15	9	6		18§
Southern Div. M.T. Coy.	15	8	7		16§
1/4 Yorks and Lancs	13	8	5		16§
52 R. Warwick	12	7	5		14§+
II Corps H.Q.	10	7	3		14§
No. 14 G.H.Q., M.T. Coy.	12	6	6		12§
2/4 Hants Regt.	10	6	4		12§
420 Siege Bty.	13	5	8		10§
13th M.A.C.	12	5	7		10§
51 R. Warwick	10	5	5		10§
88 Field Amb.	14	4	10		8§+
53 R. Warwick	9	4	5		8§
237 Field Coy.	9	4	5		8§

§ Points awarded for scratched matches.
+ Games lost by default.

CRICKET FRIENDLIES.

1/2 Lancs Heavy Bty. (182) v. 130 H.B. (60). For Lancs, Lieut. Dix scored 47 and Gnr. Allcock 48, while Gnr. Clarke took 5 for 23 and Weston 3 for 27. For 130 H.B., Sergt. Hitchcock scored 33 not out.

180 Siege Bty. (31 and 37) v. 267 S.B. (47 and 33) at Frechen. 267 S.B. gained a lead of 17 runs on the first innings and although they were dismissed for 33 in their second innings their opponents were unable to get the 50 runs necessary to win. For the winners, Gnr. King took 6 for 10 in the second, while for the losers Gnr. Hollings got 13 for 80 and Nicholls 7 for 31.

II Corps H.Q. (123) v. IX Corps H.Q. (116) at Lindenthal. For II Corps, Major Farrell scored 35, Capt. Harrison 30, Lieut. Lodge 22, and Lieut.-Col. Haining 10, while Capt. Harrison took 4 wickets for 57 runs. For IX Corps, Capt. Duncan scored 37, Rev. W. Caldwell 21, and Major Moffat 19, while Capt. Barlow took 4 wickets for 52 runs, Sergt. Pring 3 for 38 and Pte. Lomas 2 for 5.

53rd. Bn. The Rifle Brigade (96 for 8) v. A/246th Bty. R.F.A. (42) at Benrath. For 53rd R.B. Lieut. G.B. Everest scored 39 not out, L.Cpl. Gore 19, Rfn. Burgess 12, and Cpl. Saddler 10, while Rfn. Gore took 7 wickets for 27 runs. Mills scored 28 for A/246 Bty. R.F.A.

2/1 W.R. FIELD AMB. (55 for 9) v. HIGHLAND DIVISION H.Q. (54) at Heimbach. The Field Ambulance started badly and 8 wickets went down for 30. The ninth wicket fell at 41, but Cpl. Brown and McKean saved the situation by hitting off the required number of runs. Walkling bowled well for the Field Ambulance taking 7 wickets for 25 runs. Bourne of D.H.Q (23) and Watson of the F. A. were the only men to reach double figures.

53rd BATTALION BEDFORDSHIRE REGIMENT B COY. (33) v. D COY. (71) at Wahn on Friday. Batting first, D Coy. started poorly, but made amends, L/Cpl. Bull (18) and L/Cpl. Serne (13) batted well. B Coy. succumbed to the excellent bowling of L/Cpls. Smith and Bull, the former obtaining 6 wickets for 13 and the latter 4 for 1. For B Coy., Dmr. Lovell took 3 wickets for 5 runs.

498 SIEGE BTY. R.G.A. (58) maintained their unbeaten record for the season in beating 14 S. BTY. R.G.A. (29) on Saturday at Rondorf. For 14th S. Bty., Lieut. Honey took 7 wickets for 19 runs and for 498 S. Bty., Sergt. Smailes 5 wickets for 9 runs. Gunner Wood played a fine innings for the winners, his score being 28.

2nd N. BDE. H.Q. (144 for 5) v. N. DIV. M.T. COY. (36) at Stadtwald on Saturday. This total the 2nd Bde. passed for the loss of one wicket, Kelly and Patchett batting well for 38 and 35 not out respectively. Going in a second time, the M.T. did better, putting together a total of 68, 2nd Bde. thus winning by an innings and 40 runs.

HIGHLANDERS AT SPORT.

51st Battalion H.L.I.'s Enjoyable Meeting at Worringen

The 51st Battalion Highland L. I., held a very successful sports meeting on Tuesday, at Worringen. All events were very keenly contested, especially the long distance track race of three miles. The five-a-side football match was also very interesting, extra time having to be played owing to a draw.

By kind permission of Lt. Col. A. B. Thorburn, the 15th H. L. I. pipe band played strathspeys and marches, and were ably assisted by the brass and bugle band of the 165e. Regiment d'Infanterie.

Tea and refreshments were served on the ground.

At the close, Major D. M. Murray-Lyon, D.S.O., M.C., called upon Miss Grant of the Scottish Churches to present the prizes to the successful competitors.

11th ROYAL SCOTS SPORTS.

Final Day Of Interesting And Successful Project.

The 11th Battalion, Royal Scots brought their sports week to a most successful conclusion on Friday last. The programme which began early in the day was of varied interest and competition between the different companies was exceptionally keen. The winners of the main events were as follows:—

220 yds.:—1, Pte. Heard, C Coy.
High jump:—1, Lieut. Thurston, B Coy.
Long jump:—1, Lieut. Walker, C Coy.
440 yds.:—1, 2/Lieut. Wilson, B Coy.
100 yds.:—1, Pte. Heard, C Coy.
1 Mile Race (open to Div.):—1, Pte. Hanlon, 5/6th Battalion The Royal Scots.
Transport Competition:—B Coy.
Relay Race:—C Coy.
Marching Order Competition:—B Coy.
Obstacle Race:—1, Pte. McAdam, D Coy.
Tug-of-War:—D Coy.

The challenge Cup, presented by Lieut. A. O. Gray of the Battalion was won by C Coy.

At the close of the proceedings the prizes were distributed by Brig.-Gen. H. Leveson-Gower, C.M.G., D.S.O., to whom, on the motion of Lieut.-Col. Nash, D.S.O., Commanding Officer of the Battalion, three hearty cheers were awarded in true Scotch fashion.

4th SUSSEX MEETING.

Lieut. Bryan Wins Three Events At Hennef.

A very successful sports meeting of the above Battalion was held on the cricket ground at Hennef on Thursday. Although dull, no rain interfered to mar what proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable day.

EVENTS AND PRIZE WINNERS.

Long jump:—Lieut. Shapland, (17 ft. 8 ins.).

880 yds. flat:—Lieut. Bryan, (Time, 2 min. 2/5 secs.).

Boat race:—D. Coy.

Transport alarm race:—Pte. Hall.

Obstacle race:—L.Cpl. Smith.

1 mile flat:—Cpl. Turner, (Time, 5 mins. 12 2.5 secs).

Sergeants race; 220 yds.:—Sgt. Geal.

High jump:—Cpl. Cottam, (4 ft. 8 ins.).

220 yds. flat:—Lieut. Bryan, (Time, 27 2/5 secs.).

Tilting the Bucket:—Ptes. Gray and Martin.

100 yds. flat:—Sgt. Marsh, (Time, 11 secs.).

Officers' mounted potato race:—Capt. Russels M.C. (R.A.M.C.).

Other ranks mounted potato race:—Pte. Hall.

440 yds. flat:—Lieut. Bryan, (Time, 1 min. 5 4/5 secs.).

Officers' handicap 220 yds.:—Capt. Flint.

Band race:—Pte. Maude.

120 yds. hurdle race:—Sgt. Marsh, (Time, 19 2/5 secs.).

Tug-of-War:—B Coy.

Inter-coy. relay race:—C Coy.

ATHLETIC MACHINE GUNNERS

6th Battalion's Sports Meeting at Mechernich.

These sports were held at Mechernich on Wednesday, the heats having been run on the previous day. In the open events. Driver Hulse of the D.A.C., Highland Division, ran finely. The cross country race which took place on July 25th resulted in an easy victory for B Coy., with D Coy. second. Pte. Garlick, B Coy., Capt. Mavice, B Coy., and L/Cpl. Robertson, D Coy., ran first, second, and third respectively. The championship for the best individual athlete produced a close fight, the winner, L/Cpl. Robertson, D Coy., only beating Pte. Garlick, B Coy., by one point. The inter-company championship was won by B Coy. with 74 points. D Coy., with 50 points, were second Many humourous side shows appeared on the ground, and much ingenuity was displayed in the fancy dress competition.

2/Lieut. T.A. Hile, the battalion sports officer, and the other officials were most successful in organising the meeting, and C.S.M. Hart is to be congratulated on the excellent manner in which the course was laid out.

Lieut.-Col. O.H. North, D.S.O., kindly acted as referee, and at the close of the meeting distributed the prizes.

CRICKET AT LÜLSDORF.

An interesting cricket match was played at the above camp on Wednesday between Nos. 1 and 2 Sections of the D.A.C. Eastern Division. No. 2 Section had the first innings and made a weak stand against the bowling of Kirk and Clancy. Their score only totalled 33, Ferguson's 15 being the only double figure. No. 1 Section, although opening poorly, thereafter set led down to some steady and clever batting and Gray carried out his bat with a carefully played 85 to his credit. Result:—

No. 1 Section 141; No. 2 Section 33.

HERNE SPORTS.

The feature of the opening day of the two days' meeting of the Allied Sports League at Herne Hill was the running of R. L. Woodman, Kent A.C., who after being put back for overstepping the mark in both sprints secured the 100 yards from 10 yards in 9 9/10 secs, and the 300 yards from 28 yards in 31 secs.

Crewe Sports.

Howard Baker won the High Jump with 6 ft 3 ins.

MINDEN DAY.

5th K.O.S.B. Officers and Sergeants' at Football.

LIVELY GAME.

Lively football was to be seen at a match between Officers and sergeants of the 5th K.O.S.B. played at Zons on Friday. The sergeants won the toss and the officers kicked off against a stiff breeze. Despite this they strongly attacked their opponent's goal in the first few minutes. Before long the sergeants gained the upper hand, Halliday scoring the opening goal. Before half-time, they had added three more to their score against one for the officers.

In the second half, the officers equalized, their fourth goal being the result of a beautiful cross by 2/Lieut. Barrowcliffe, which was headed through by 2/Lieut. Allison, this being his third goal. With ten minutes to go, Halliday, scored his fourth goal for the sergeants, making the score now five. This was shortly followed by another from Cockburn. Final: Sergeants 6, Officers 4.

C/Sgt. Fergusson played a brilliant game as left back. Other players of note were Sgt. Halliday, Sgt. Cockburn, 2/Lieut. Allison, 2/Lieut. Shanks, and 2/Lieut. Robertson, Capt. Wynne made some magnificent saves in goal.

SUFFOLKS' GYMKHANA.

Minden Anniversary Celebrated At Troisdorf.

The anniversary of the famous battle of Minden was celebrated by the 6th Battalion Suffolk Regt. at Troisdorf on Friday. In accordance with regimental custom all ranks wore red and white roses in heir caps, an appropriate reminder of the famous battle that ended in a rose garden, in which the gallant 12th Foot (Suffolk Regt.) played such a glorious part.

In the afternoon, an admirably arranged gymkhana was held on the battalion sports ground in the presence of a large crowd, which included many visitors, civil and military. The events, for which prizes to the value of 960 marks were given, included blindfold sack race, greasy pole, pillow fighting, all fours race, wrestling on mules, best fancy dress, fancy dress handicap (100 yards), tug-of-war on mules, tilting the bucket, limber driving, blindfold boxing, blindfold squad drill, mop fighting, V.C. race on mules, obstacle race, dismounted V.C. race, treacle and bun race, sack fighting, Minden mule scurry. During the afternoon the Drums of the Batt. played selections, which were greatly appreciated.

In the evening a delightful concert was given in the men's dining hall by the "Don Cees," the Suffolk concert party, whose admirable programme gave the finishing touches to a most enjoyable day. The thanks of all ranks are due to the untiring efforts of the officials, whose excellent arrangements made the gymkhana the success it was.

The officials were:—President—Lt. Col. Stubbs D.S.O., Judges—Capt. Rodding M.C., Capt. Adams M.C., Lieut. Hoyland. Recorder—Capt. Parsley. Starter—Lieut. Bailey, D.S.O., M.C. Stewards—Lieut. Hope, Sgt. Gostling, Cpl. Haycock. Clerk of the Course—R.S.M. Read. Committee—Lt. Kirby, Sgt. Cooper, L/C Stirling, L/Cpl. Sewell, Pte. Pither, Pte. Smith, Pte. Clark.

UNSEASONABLE "SOCCER."

Gunners indulge in keen game at Solingen.

At a result of challenges which have been made in certain quarters at Solingen, D Battery and C Battery of the 25th Bde. (W.R.) R.F.A. (T.) have placed representative football teams in the field. Two games have taken place, the first resulting in a draw—one goal each. The teams again met on Wednesday afternoon, when the deciding game was played. It was keenly contested, and excitement rose before the interval, when Gnr. Foley, C Bty., scored the only goal of the game from a finely placed corner kick by Cpl. Gillson. The D Battery vanguard, led by Capt. Dunlop, made strenuous efforts to break through the opposing defence, which was found to be impregnable. Conspicuous in C Battery's defence were Evans, Axford and Foley.

COMPANY CHAMPIONSHIP.

53rd Manchesters' Successful Meeting At Birlinghoven.

Favoured by dry though dull weather, the 53rd Battalion Manchester Regt. held a very successful sports meeting at Birlinghoven on Thursday. The inter-company championship was keenly contested, and was won by "D" Coy. with 21 points.

Lieut.-Col. W. N. Traill, C.M.G., D.S.O., presented the prizes.

The results were:—

Tug-of-war:—"A" Coy.

Half mile:—1, Cpl. Duncan; 3, Pte Holdsworth.

High jump:—1, Sgt. Avroy; 2, Sgt. Wild; 3, Cpl. German.

Throwing the cricket ball:—1, Pte Jarvis; 2, Pte Darlington; 3. C.Q.M.S. Lawrence.

220 yards:—1, L.-Cpl. Carside, 2, Pte Blackstone; 3, Pte Berry.

Pick-a-back wrestling:—1, C.Q.M.S. Lawrence and Sgt. Fothergill; 2, L.-Cpl. Jabinsky and L.-Cpl. Armitage.

One mile:—1, Pte Grunbaum; 2, Sgt. Wild; 3, Pte Glyman.

Long-jump:—1, Sgt. Fothergill; 2, Pte Chadwick; 3, L.-Cpl. Youd.

Inter-coy. relay; one mile:—1, "C" Coy; 2, "A" Coy.

One mile open:—1, Sgt. Hope, 51st Manchesters; 2, Lieut. Davis, 51st Manchesters; 3, Sgt. Waywell, 52nd Manchesters.

Officers and sergeants relay race:—1, Officers.

100 yards:—1, Pte Abott; 2, L.-Cpl. Garside; 3, Pte Peakes.

Siamese race:—Sgts. Wild and Sawyer; 2, Sgt. Francay and L.-Cpl. Swindell.

150 yards Sergeants handicap:—1, Sgt. Wild; 2, Sgt. Price; 3, Sgt. Fothergill.

150 yards Officers handicap:—1, Major A. K. Tillard; 2, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Traill, C.M.G., D.S.O.; 3, 2/Lieut. Holland.

440 yards:—1, Pte Abbott; 2, Pte Chadwick; 3, Sgt. Iredale.

Prices Still Rising.

It is with considerable dismay that motorists observe that the prices of motor-cars and motor-cycles are still rising.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Düren Diversion.

Mr. Hugh Harring, the popular Y.M.C.A illusionist, gave a delightful entertainment at Düren on Tuesday evening before a large and appreciative audience. On the following evening a very successful dance was promoted by the lady workers, which was equally enjoyable, a large and enthusiastic company of "jazzers", "fox-trotters", etc., etc.. "toeing the light fantastic" very skilfully.

The Wasps Again.

After their successful show at the Central Y.M.C.A., "The Wasps" gave another excellent performance at Durham House the other evening. Bert Evans, the "girl" scored his usual success, and Vic Jaxon, Hall Treherne, James Garlich and Harry Mountford were in fine form. The programme concluded with that laughable skit "The R.T.O." Lieut. Cheney, who is in charge of the party, wishes it to be known that "The Wasps" reserve exclusive rights for this sketch.

Home On Leave.

The "Merry Micks," the excellent little band of entertainers of the 5th Royal Irish Regiment gave an enjoyable concert a few nights ago. The programme was enthusiastically received by a large audience. Among the outstanding items, Cpl. Heworth was in splendid voice, and Cpl. Livingstone and Pte. Armes worked hard and successfully to produce laughs. The party has now gone on leave and will re-open in Rhineland on August 18.

"The Crumps."

The 41st London Division Concert Party known as the "Crumps" entertained the officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the 17th Royal Fusiliers at Hoffnungsthal the other evening. Excellent songs were rendered by L/C Moodey, Ptes. Lamb, Watkins, Fennick and Fryer, Dvrs. Welsh, Wetton, and Harris, and Cpl. Coole. Variety was lent to the programme by a humorous sketch entitled "The Unbelievable Wife," produced by Messrs Wetton, Coole, Harris, and Fennick. Dvrs. Welsh and Harris ably impersonated the "Flappers," and Cpl. Coole kept the audience in fits of laughter with his witty jokes and songs. Lieut. Knight acted as stage manager for the party.

Gaiety at Poll.

"D" Battery, 190th Brigade R.F.A., held an enjoyable concert the other night in the Cinema Hall at Poll. The talent in the Battery was ably augmented by an excellent band provided for the evening by the Salvation Army, through the kindness of Capt. Peek and Miss Haynes. A high-class and well-varied programme was given by the Battery Concert Party. Bdr. Milson sang "Nirwana," and "The Gay Cavalier" in a splendid manner. Bdr. J. Smith, who appeared in a beard of Russian extraction and the character of a peaceful and philosophic Bolshevik, recited his grievances in ludicrous manner. Major Barter thanked the artistes and visitors.

A Popular O.C.

The evening of July 28th marked an epoch in the history of No. 1 Section, Lowland D.A.C. at Kirchtroisdorf, when that unit held a "smoker" on the occasion of the well merited retirement, after 28 years service, of the O.C. — Captain W. Townsend. The popularity of this officer, who had commanded the unit for three year, swas fittinglymarked by the presentation of a handsome gold watch by the C.O. Major Bandle. Rarely indeed could any officer be the recipient of such hearty and spontaneous esteem. The men cheered themselves hoarse and all ranks fervidly echoed the Major's eulogy of the "Skipper." The concert, which was a conspicuous success, was warmly appreciated, each turn being received with vociferous applause.

Y.M. Future Events.

To-morrow in the Loreley Hall, Miss M.G. Williamson, M.A., lecturer in History at Edinburgh University, will give a lecture on "Bonnie Prince Charming" at 7 p.m. At the same time in the great Hall, the "Braganzas" will give a concert. On Thursday at 7 "Germany and the Germans," will be discussed by Dr. A. Main, and at 8 p.m., "Literature," by Miss Muriel Smith, M.A. "The Wonders of Science" is the title of the Rev. W.R. Harvey's lecture at 7 p.m. on Friday, and at the same hour on Saturday the Y.M.C.A. staff and others will submit a concert. From 6.30 to 9.0 on Thursday, Friday, and

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Staff Officer's Cigarettes.

A soldier who signs himself "One of the old contemptibles" expresses his surprise at seeing a staff officer standing in the cigarette queue at one of the Y.M.C.A. hostels in Cologne the other day. To the gratification of the other ranks, the officer waited his turn and received the same ration of cigarettes as the others.

That Signal Device.

When the paragraph on the German system of lighting signal lamps on the railways appeared we asked whether anyone knew if the time-saving notion described was peculiar to Germany. This query has brought two responses. One is from a D.L.I. railwayman who says if he is not mistaken the system is working on the Great Northern line at home. A reader in the R.A.S.C. says he has seen an almost similar plan on the French railways but instead of the lamp being pushed up into position, it is pulled up by a long chain, worked, of course from the ground.

Rumours.

Rumours of a pending move have again been playing havoc in one of the Rhine battalions. This time, it is thought that the rumour originated from someone who had overheard the C.O. and the Adjutant exchanging reminiscences of their days in Egypt and from this source the rumour came "absolutely official," that the battalion was moving to Egypt shortly. In fact it was alleged that indents for khaki-drill jackets, and sun-helmets had already been submitted. By the time everyone reached the Mess for tea the rumour had developed like wild-fire and various places were mentioned as "straight from the fountain head," including Egypt, Russia, and Ireland. The climax, however, was reached when the master-cook announced that all were wrong, and that the battalion was going to Roumania, though everyone is yet in doubt as to whether he said "Roumania" or "remain here."

A Bit of their Navy.

At the junction of Eigelstein and Thürmchenswall there is an arch across the road. If anyone takes the trouble to look upwards when passing underneath they will see a queer thing, half a battered ships boat, suspended to the top of the arch, bearing the Cologne coat of arms. One would probably think that this was a relic of some great historical event after the style of our Grace Darling, but as a matter of fact it was one of the boats of a German war vessel named Cologne that was sunk by one of our submarines and the remains of the lifeboat were picked up by a German T.B.D. and sent to Cologne. It would be interesting to know in what naval "scrap" this ship was sunk, but the civilian who told the writer this tale was very reticent on this point.

Timber Transport.

Before the war, a familiar sight on the Rhine were the immense timber rafts, proceeding slowly down the river in tow of a tug. The writer has recently seen one or two moderate sized ones. These rafts which are built of logs felled in the Black Forest dis rict are sometimes hundreds of yards in length and of corresponding width. They have substantial wooden huts built upon them for the accommodation of the "crew" which comprises perhaps a complete family who steer and look after the raft and the complement usually includes a dog or two which greet passing steamers by scampering along the raft and barking vigorously. Their appearance is often enlivened by one or more flags flying from short masts. Thus they make their long journey down the Rhine to their destination which is often Rotterdam where they are broken up for use or shipment.

A Saver of Work.

English housewives might considerably lighten their daily task by adopting the ingenious device which is so labour-saving to the German housewives. Numerous houses in Rhineland have a small engine installed in the basement, from which a pipe radiates to each flat supplying a vacuum. The vacuum cleaner is then fitted to a nozzle in the floor of the house and the room is cleaned quickly and thoroughly with the minimum exertion.

Approaching the All-powerful.

Stealthily, and with many furtive glances the soldier put the finishing touches to his work, which he now regarded with approving eye, like the master artist, who sees his work well done, and is satisfied. Closely he scrutinised the fruits of his genius, noting the effect of the oils and pigments he had used, and a little sigh escaped his lips, for here was his masterpiece. With bright eye, and firm step he strode forth, but not without some inward trepidation, for was he not going to the inner shrine, where sat the all-powerful, he who sat, and gave judgment?

"Rumbled."

His heart beat faster, for were there not many who came there with high hopes and left, sadder, if wiser men? But these thoughts did not daunt him. He approached the silent figure, who seemed to pierce him with his keen searching eyes, which rested only for one disdainful glance on the offering the soldier has brought, and was now holding out supplicatingly. The soldier piteously searched the other's face, but there was no life in that stony visage, save only in the malignant stare. Suddenly, so suddenly as to make the suppliant start, he spoke. "Clean 'em with petrol" he said. The words came like the knell of doom, and stumbling, the soldier crept with bowed head from that unhallowed spot, for then he knew beyond peradventure, that the Quarter-bloke had "rumbled" him, and that he would not get a new pair of slacks to be demobbed in.

A Wonderful Instrument.

The Germans' positive mania for music of every description leads to their inventive genius producing some weird mechanical pianos and organs. The piano that plays popular German airs, and beats drums and produces mandoline effects is pretty familiar to anyone that frequents the larger Gasthauses, but there is one huge mechanical affair in an hotel at Wahn that certainly is a marvel; this being no less than a piano that supplies violin accompinaments by the aid of five violins operated by mechanical fingers. And not as would be expected, the airs played are not all in the same volume of sound, but soft and louder effects are produced giving the exact impression of a high class string orchestra.

War Savings.

Another splendid record in War Savings Certificates has been made by the 53rd Royal Sussex Regt. the total purchased by all ranks during the past month having been as much as 1240. In one week the total reached the fine figure of 738. We shall be pleased to give particulars of the savings achievements of all units in the Rhine Army.

Horse Show Conditions.

A competitor at a recent Horse Show complains that many of the vehicles whose owners won prizes had obviously been treated with an electrical burnisher and varnish. He says that the result was certainly pleasing to the eye, but that the use of such "unregimental facilities" is scarcely fair to those competitors who could not obtain them.

To-days Jape.

The eccentricities of English pronunciation are often a puzzle even to the Briton. To the foreigner they are always a stumbling-block. But the climax was reached the other day when a young German, proud of his increasing mastery of our tongue, received an awful shock which utterly destroyed his growing confidence, when, in a story he was reading, the author mentioned pneumonia, and said that the doctor — presumably a well educated man — pronounced it "fatal!"

Lesser Echoes.

A special pattern of short puttees os now being worn by soldiers of Highland kilted regiments in Rhineland.

One carriage is now reserved each day in the Boulogne-Cologne express for the use of women allowed to travel on the train.

A few copies of "The Cologne Post" through a momentary failure of the printing press got into circulation on Saturday last with no impression of type on the two inside papes. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to:—C.Q.M.S. D.J. Rowett, 51st Gordon Highlanders, Rhine Army; Pte. L. Wilson, M.T., A.S.C. c/o Inter-allied Railway Sub Commission, Rhine Army; and Cpl. E. Fisher, D. of S. and T. G.H.Q. Rhine Army.

SHOULD WE HAVE MEDALS.

TO THE EDITOR, "COLOGNE POST."

Sir,—A perusal of the correspondence colums in the daily press, will prove how real is the spirit of enquiry concerning the existence of medals for various types of War Work and the claims to the honour of pinning these to the breast.

The number and variety of the services called forth by the war would suggest that to satisfy each claimant would be next to impossible. Is it not even time to question the giving of medals?

True the practice is old. I would ask is it good? Is there a sadder sight than the soldier with a breast full of medals. Why sad? Because the ignorance on the part of the Public as to the services which have brought the wearer the distinction is such as to rob the display of all value.

My own little boys have greatly puzzled me by their questions of "What is that ribbon for Daddy?" When I have confessed my ignorance the thought has simultaneously occurred, what did the wearer think of me? Did he pity or blame me and was he angry with a nation which showered ribbons but could not induce its citizens to remember the services he had performed. Then too in connection with the present distribution who shall determine merit?

I confess that the claims of my home and family were so strong that it needed an act of compulsion to put me in the way of having a claim to wear the ribbon. Surely I am guilty of hypocrisy in making an outward show of apparently willing service. Yet how many must be in the same gallery.

The time surely will arrive when the performer of good will be content with the inward knowledge of duty faithfully performed. Unless in the near future such inward satisfaction be sufficient I can see many fathers trying vainly to determine in what part of the home or foreign front and during what years the wearer of numerous medals tried to serve his country.

Recalling the famous poster, "What did you do in the great war daddy?" with its suggestion of difficulty to find any answer, I can let my heart go out in sympathy to the poor mortal called upon to distinguish between the Mons, 1915, general division and other medals which the great war has brought to birth.

W. M.

NOTES FROM LONDON TOWN.

HISTORIC GUILDHALL SCENE.

It was to mark the City's recognition of the conclusion of peace, according to ancient tradition, that the King and Queen, accompanied by the Prince of Wales and Queen Alexandra, drove this week through London to the Guildhall. They were escorted by the Household Cavalry, still in the khaki of France and Flanders, and the King wore his favourite naval uniform, which certainly best suits him. The Queen was in a light grey costume with plumed hat. Both of them looked a little jaded after all the big ceremonies of the present record London season. Princess Mary, who drove in the open landau with their Majesties, was fresh and pink enough, however, and the Prince has obviously got well over his slight illness. His is the most charming figure of all. A real Prince Charming, the ladies unanimously and genuinely declare. The scene in the old Guildhall, which, like all old buildings, seems to rise to the occasion of these historic events very wonderfully, was most brilliant and impressive. The white-haired Premier met with a rousing reception. No one need doubt Mr. Lloyd George's real popularity in these days. It was not always so. The City acclaimed this week the man whom a decade ago Birmingham stoned! The speeches were admirable. But nothing was better cheered than the King's tribute to the Merchant Service. — "No single British crew ever refused to sail."

BRAIN WAVES.

A clever physician has been expounding his views about the violent tendencies now so prevalent among the communities. He naturally attributes it all to the war. Mankind has had its emotions so aroused and its nerves so taxed, and the sensationalism of all sorts encouraged by the war is so widespread that it will take some time for us all to settle down. People tend to become excited over trifles which before the war, says the eminent doctor, would not have stirred them in the least. Strangely enough, the general experience of the layman is precisely opposite. One finds most people agreeing that never before have people as a rule been so good-tempered, so tolerant of small discomforts and irritations, and so much disposed to make a joke of misfortune. Perhaps this tendency is more prevalent among men and women who have been in the way of doing some war service. Surely it seems reasonable to suppose that a man who has been soldiering or a woman who has been a W.A.A.C. is less nervy and exacting than formerly, unless they have had the misfortune to be injured.

THE LATEST SPORT.

When an old warrior retires on his modest pension he usually finds time hang heavy on his hands, and resorts to politics, fishing, or horticulture as an outlet for the energy previously expended on the quarter deck or parade ground. The result is often pathetic, and the old man rapidly breaks up in health and mental vigour. I was talking to a young man recently, whose father is a retired admiral. After a few years enforced inactivity, the old sea-dog had recovered a zest for life by serving on a mine sweeper in the North Sea, but now he has returned to the bosom of his anxious family, who feared a relapse into the old habits of bad temper and gout. I made a discreet inquiry in an appropriately sympathetic tone, and received from his son the following reply:— Oh, he's fine, thanks. The dear old boy has taken a new lease of life. He has got the job of official ratcatcher in our part of the country, and wanders about all day with his dogs. You ought to hear him describe how he caught a big 'un when he comes home with the tails at night. We were getting a bit fed up with Alexandria and the Boxer rising, so it's a great relief. Besides, it keeps him from writing abusive letters to the papers."

COSTER TO THE RESCUE.

One is glad to find that the retail profiteers in London are not now going to have things quite all their own way. The picturesque figure of the London coster is coming to the rescue of the exploited suburbs with his barrow, and housewives are getting a chance to make their housekeeping money go a little further than it has been doing for some time. The street market has long been a popular feature of certain London suburbs of the poorer sort, but it is now rapidly winning popular support in many better-to-do localities. Fruit, meat, groceries, fish, breadstuffs, and all manner of domestic necessities are now being sold in the streets by costers with barrows which offer a great contrast in prices with the shops. And they are finding a great demand. The suburbs are actually queueing up to wait for the coming of these fair dealers. The wealthy shopkeepers assert that their goods are much better than those of the street vendors. At their prices they ought to be all that, but the coster's patrons do not agree with the criticism.

THE MOTOR BOOM.

There is an unprecedented boom in the motor industry. One famous firm, whose engines received an immense advertisement over the first Atlantic flight, is charging £300 for the favour of putting intending clients on their waiting list, which is "miles long." Outside the Alhambra the other night where the Russian ballet is still drawing fashionable London, one counted at least 60 p.c. of the waiting cars as belonging to this particular firm. But the demand is nearly as great for all sorts of cars. One young officer whom I know has spent part of his demobilization gratuity on a motor bike. He did not go in for an expensive or famous make. But he had great difficulty in getting a moderate article by a comparatively unknown firm for 128 guineas, and the firm assured him that they had enough orders now in hand to keep their works going at full speed for two years. From this one may deduce the extent to which the motor habit is likely to spread and develop. Motor-bikes are all the rage among ex-Service men, and quite a large percentage of ex-officers and N.C.O.'s are purchasing these appliances. Apparently the familiar sight out in France of the envied despatch-riders scooting round corners at 60 miles an hour has awakened a longing to try the sport. So our country roads are going to be lively enough in a little while.

A WAR ROMANCE.

Some time ago I mentioned the case of a captain in the war army with a breast full of ribbons whom I found gaily whistling old army songs while engaged in his old civilian occupation, to which he cheerfully returned on being "demobbed," of counting and checking the coppers from automatic telephones. A still more interesting and striking case is the ex-commissionaire and janitor at a famous City office, who re-enlisted for the war, won great distinction, and rose to be a battalion commander. He was offered a better job by his directors on coming back to civvie life, but declined it, merely remarking "Thank you. I will carry on with the old job." Now another case has come to light in London. An officer who lost one arm and was discharged with 35s. a week pension, turned Covent Garden porter, at 25s. a week, in default of anything better available. He had to maintain a wife and family, and showed his manly fortitude by taking the best thing going at the moment. A former brother officer met him, while he was carrying a basket of apples on his head in the market recognised him, and, being a gentleman, "shook." The ex-officer-porter is now in a suitable post in Whitehall.

REGENT.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Shorter Hours.—Shop-assistants have gained their demand for a forty-hour week.

Cadets Camping.—The camps for O.T.C. cadets in England are now in full swing.

A Plague Case.—A fatal case of Bubonic plague has occurred at Liverpool.

Not wanted.—A bigamous solicitor has been struck off the rolls.

Pines for Home.—"Little Willie" declares "My home-sickness grows stronger every day."

Back again.—German trawlers are again fishing in British waters in the North Sea.

And it should be.—Income tax paid on pensions for wounds, disability and disablement is now to be refunded.

Motor Car Thefts.—The stealing of motor cars is still very prevalent in London.

Canada's Coal.—Canada is reported to be faced with a serious shortage of coal during the coming winter.

What is a profiteer? — The first duty of the Committee on profiteering will be to define the meaning of that word.

The Great Decline.—The London birth-rate is lower than at any time in the past hundred years.

Rushing to the Sea.—The seaside season is going to be a record one, putting even last year's in the shade.

Diamond Boom.—On the Vaal river in South Africa, the record price of £5,000 has been paid for a diamond digger's claim.

Amazing.—One of the motor cars sold at the Government sale in London fetched as much as £3,400.

Finished.—Lord Pirrie, Controller General of Merchant Shipping, is "demobbing" his office staff.

Royal Tankist.—The Prince of the Asturias, heir to the throne of Spain, has been driving a "Baby" Tank.

New Steps.—A new dance, "The Rockers" has been invented by Miss Edith Baird. It gained the shield at the International Dance Congress.

Very Much Alive.—A sergeant who gave himself up for "murdering" a woman has been charged with assaulting her.

Score Finished.—Richard Gorton Barlow, the well-known Lancashire county cricket umpire, and former first-class cricketer, has died at Blackpool, aged 68.

The Flying Club.—The new social and sporting club, the London Flying Club at Hendon, is to be opened next month.

Foch's Baton.—Marshal Foch is the only foreign General except of Royal rank upon whom the baton of a British Field-Marshal has been bestowed.

Done Their Bit.—The composite regiment of United States troops which took part in the Paris Victory March is leaving France for home.

The Drug Traffic—Three Americans and a Frenchman have been arrested in Bordeaux for selling drugs to an American in the Red Cross.

Changing Cheques.—Cheques of officers and other ranks may now be cashed at any bank in the occupied area, but at commercial rates of exchange.

Traffic Muddle.—Thousands of railway wagons are lying idle in sidings all over England, causing serious daily in unloading ships' cargoes.

Film propaganda.—A film entitled "Bolshevism: A Message on its Evils" is about to be shown all over the British Isles.

Objection to Objectors. — Conscientious objector teachers are not be reinstated by the Newport (Mon.) Education Committee.

Conchy kept.—The Caithness Education Authority declines to dismiss a teacher, who was a conscientious objector to military service.

A revival.—One of the most brilliant theatrical successes in London just now is "La Fille de Madame Angot" at Drury Lane.

On the River.—Captain Terrell, M.P. has a neat and trim "town house" in the shape of a 50 ton steam yacht anchored opposite the House of Commons.

London Food Prices.—The London County Council demands a full enquiry into the question of the markets scandal and the high price of food in retail shops.

Near The Sky.—The Eiffel Tower in Paris is again open to the public. During the war it was the main wireless station of France.

A Poet's Title.—Sir Rabindranoth Tagore, the Indian poet has aked to be relieved of his knighthood, bust the title has not been revoked.

Brothers Sueing.—For alleged libels published regarding Russian securities, Sir Eric Geddes and Sir Auckland Geddes are proceeding to law against the "Nation"

Widening Piccadilly.—A start has been made with the widening of Piccadilly between St. James's Street and Arlington Street.

His Prediction.—When judgment was given against an airman in the County Court he said: "I shall be dead long before you can do anything." He died a fortnight later.

Transport Trouble.—In order to relieve railway transport difficulties in London, the Government has decided to use a thousand fast War Department motor lorries for the transport of goods.

A Hundred Years Old.—The German Minister of Public Instruction, Haenich, presided at a ceremony which took place to celebrate the hundredth year of the existence of Bonn University.

Quicker Boring.—M. Claveille, the French Minister of Public Works has put before the Council of Ministers proposals for the quickest possible execution of the plans for a Channel Tunnel.

A Flood of Oratory.—The United States will be invaded during the coming Autumn by many prominent English orators. They will speak on subjects of Anglo-American interest.

A Literary Link.—Mr. Alec Waugh, author of "The Loom of Youth," a book that created a sensation recently, has married a daughter of Mr. W. W. Jacobs, the humorous story writer.

Erzberger Criticised.—On Sunday morning at a meeting of the Popular Party of Cologne, indignation was expressed at Erzberger's recent pronouncements as to Germany's responsibility for prolonging the war.

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POLICE STRIKE.

FORCED BY DISGRUNTLED OFFICIALS.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Clynes asked the Home Secretary whether the police strike was precipitated by the introduction and passage of the Police Bill and whether he would consider the advisability of withdrawing the order of dismissal in the case of the men who went on strike.

Mr. Shortt said that the number of police who had refused duty had increased slightly but there was no material alteration in the situation. On the contrary many of the constabulary forces had held meetings in order to repudiate the policy of the strikers.

Regarding the suggestion that the strike was precipitated by the introduction of the Police Bill, it was only true to the extent that the Union officials, knowing that the Bill would bring the Union to an end, had used every endeavour to persuade the police of the country to be false to their duty and oath. He was informed that the Bill was welcomed by the great majority.

The police strike was not an ordinary industrial dispute to which ordinary methods of conciliation could be applied. It was a definite act of mutiny and for so long as Paliament is responsible for the maintainance of law and order it could not entertain any question of compromise.

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER.

The following Special Police Order has been issued by Sir Nevil Macready Commissioner of Metropolitan Police: —

During the last two days the Force has passed through a crisis from which it has emerged with credit to itself, and with an established position in the confidence of the public. That confidence was shaken by the events of August, 1918, since when grievances have been rectified, and measures have been taken by the Government to ensure that the conditions of pay, of pensions, of redress of grievances, and of the welfare of all ranks shall be in every way commensurate to the importance and responsibilities of the service. That the attempt which has been made to seduce the Metropolitan Police from their duty and their allegiance to the State has failed, is evident from the fact that out of a total of 19,004 all ranks, only one inspector, one station sergeant, 27 sergeants, and 965 police constables have refused duty up to 6 a.m. on Saturday.

"Violated Their Oath."

Whatever motives may have influenced these men, the fact remains that they violated the oath they took on joining the Force, and have brought disgrace upon themselves and ruin on their dependants. The Commissioner feels sure that from this day the Metropolitan Police, purged of these discontented elements, will not only maintain but increase the great reputation which the Force has held in the eyes of the world. Certain divisions have passed through the ordeal without a single police officer withdrawing from his duty, a fact which reflects the greatest credit on all ranks. Other divisions have been less fortunate, but the Commissioner feels deeply that it is in those divisions where a comparatively large number of men withdrew from duty that the loyalty of those who were true to their salt was most sorely tried, and is deserving of the highest praise. The Commissioner wishes to convey to all ranks serving to-day his deep appreciation of their evident determination to uphold their own self-respect, and the reputation of the great Force to which we belong, and he can assure them that they may rely on him to prove that appreciation by an equal determination to further their interests and their welfare.

RUPPRECHT IS READY.

The "Muenchener Zeitung" publishes a letter from Prince Rupprecht, the ex-Crown Prince of Bavaria, to the President of the Bavarian Diet, in which the former declares that he is not willing to recognise a court of justice in which the prosecutor is also the judge. The ex-Crown Prince continues:

"I will not, under any circumstances, voluntarily attend a non-German Court of State, but I declare myself ready to go before a Bavarian Court of State. I give myself into the hands of the Bavarian Diet as being, at present, the only bearer of Bavarian sovereignty. Should the Bavarian Diet, subject to my surrender being demanded by the Inter-Allied Court of Justice, agree to this, then I will comply with this decision."

MARINE PAGEANT.

GREAT SPECTACLE ON THE THAMES.

London was again en fete on Monday (Bank Holiday) on the occasion of the great river pageant from the Tower to Chelsea. Never before have the banks of the Thames presented such a picturesque scene. Every bridge was gay with streamers and heraldic devices, while the warehouses along the banks were transformed from their usual dreary appearance by all kinds of decorative paraphernalia which could possibly be pressed into service. Dense crowds assembled at an early hour.

Their Majesties the King and Queen had a great reception as they drove through the streets to the Tower, where they boarded the Royal Barge. This was the signal for a salute of twenty-one guns to be fired from the Tower. The Barge followed a mile-long procession of boats. In various craft were the Lords of the Admiralty, London civic dignitaries and representatives of the Naval and Merchant Service.

Commons Adjourn.

As the procession of boats passed the Houses of Parliament, the House of Commons adjourned to enable members to view the historic spectacle and there was much cheering on the terrace when their Majesties went by.

On arrival at Cadogan pier the Royal party disembarked and proceeded to a white and gold pavilion from which they reviewed the procession of boats. Members of the W.R.E.N. formed a guard of honour outside the pavilion.

The procession of craft seemed interminable and it was well on towards evening before the last of the boats had passed. Meanwhile bands and choirs stationed at various points on the banks played or sang nautical and patriotic songs. The King and Queen were evidently greatly pleased with the pageant, and were obviously very deeply gratified by their people's reception. After the review they passed through the pavilion and entering their carriage drove back to Buckingham Palace between deep ranks of their cheering subjects.

GERMAN PROTEST.

LABOUR DELEGATES BARRED.

At the most recent sitting of the International Trade Union Congress at Amsterdam, Herr Legien, a German delegate, protested against Russia and Germany being excluded from sending representatives to the International Labour Convention which is to be held at Washington in October. One of his grievances was that all kinds of South American Republics will be represented, together with Liberia and Japan, with its fourteen hour working day for children.

Mr. Gompers explained the American Labour point of view in an energetic reply. The Committee appointed to discuss the attitude of Congress towards the Convention submitted a resolution to the effect that Congress agrees to co-operate with the Washington Convention on condition that representatives of Trade Unions in all countries without exception be invited. The resolution further declares that the delegates sent by Congress shall be required to try to secure the adoption of the Berne programme as the Labour Charter of the world.

JAPAN AND GERMANY.

SECRET NEGOTIATIONS DENIED.

Viscount Uchida, the Japanese Foreign Minister, referred in an interview to the repetition in America of the absurd notion of secret negotiations between Japan and Germany having taken place during the war. The continued circulation of this story, says the Minister, apparently indicates that certain quarters are interested at the present moment in striving to effect an estrangement between Japan and her friends. "I declare once more with a clear conscience that Japan never acted in breach of her plighted faith to her Allies and her Associates in the war," he said.

ANTI-TOBACCO CRUSADE.

It is asserted by the Association which is opposed to prohibition in the United States that the Women's Temperance Union, which will hold its semi-centennial celebration in March 1924, is proposing that Congress should submit an anti-tobacco constitutional amendment to various States. It is said the movement is well under way, being helped by other prohibitionists.

RUSH OF SPECIALS.

LOYAL LIVERPUDLIANS JOIN THE FORCE.

The Chief Constable of Liverpool issued a statement on Monday night declaring that there had been no extension of the strike. On the other hand numerous applications had been received from men asking to be allowed to return to duty and alleging that they had been intimidated into striking against their will. It is understood that individual consideration will be given to such cases by the Watch Committee, though at the same time it must be recognised that the supreme authority in the matter is the Government.

Between one hundred and fifty and two hundred recruits were enrolled in the Liverpool police force yesterday. Ninety per cent. of the applicants are ex-service men, while 720 volunteers registered for duty as special constables in addition to 250 who served in that capacity during the war. Cavalry reinforcements arrived yesterday to help quell any further attempt at looting by the mob.

AERIAL OFFENDERS.

PROSECUTIONS THREATENED.

Though the Air Navigation Regulations have only been in force since May 1, the Air Ministry states that numerous instances of their infringement are being reported. The Ministry has decided to take proceedings in future cases. As the regulations were made with a view to safeguarding the general safety, the public are asked to forward to the authorities particulars of any offences that come under their notice. The most common instances of infringement are:—Dropping leaflets and other advertising matter; taking up and landing passengers as a regular proceeding at places which have not been licensed as aerodromes; low flying over towns and to the danger of the public; neglecting to obliterate military markings when a machine has ceased to be a military machine; obscuring registration marks by means of advertisements or otherwise.

ARREST ON THE GANGWAY.

Charged at Westminster with forging and uttering an application for a passage to Australia as a soldier's dependent, with intent to defraud, Beatrice Brashaw, a married woman, of Hulme, was remanded in custody. She was embarking with a daughter of eighteen on the boat for Australia at Tilbury Docks when she was arrested.

Asked whether she was passing as Mrs. Lambert and had signed a document for passage as the wife of Private Lambert, of the Australian Imperial Force, she admitted that she was not the soldier's wife. It was stated that the husband of the accused was away in Africa, and it was in consequence of the complaint of the wife of Lambert that the deception was found out.

DASTARDLY BOMB OUTRAGE.

Early on Sunday morning an unknown miscreant placed a bomb in the doorway of Mr. Oscar Lawler's residence at Los Angeles, the resultant explosion completely wrecking the house. Mr. Lawler and his wife were terribly injured and are both lying in a very critical condition.

Mr. Lawler was formerly Assistant Attorney General of the United States and in that capacity was the Chief Prosecutor in the trial of the notorious dynamiter McNamara and his associates.

CORRESPONDENTS' MEDALS.

In the name of Marshals Foch and Petain, Gen. Chantilly decorated in Paris the undermentioned war correspondents with the Croix the Guerre:—M. Babin, of the Illustration; M. Eugene Tardieu, of the Echo de Paris; M. Edouard Helsey, of the Journal, and M. Vidal, of the Matin. He delivered a eulogistic speech, concluding with these words: "It is thanks to you that the morale of the nation was maintained during the war."

RUMANIANS ENTER BUDA-PESTH.

It is learned from Paris that the Rumanians have entered Buda-Pesth. Bela Kun has fled to Vienna. The purely Socialist Government which was formed after the fall of the Hungarian Soviet has been reshuffled in order to admit three representatives of the middle classes.

ABSURD WEST INDIAN RUMOUR.

Mr. Lansing, replying to various enquiries, asserts that the despatches which have appeared in sundry newspapers constitute the only information in his possession regarding the reported proposal to cede the West Indies to America in part payment of England's debt to the United States.

BULGARIAN DELEGATES.

The Commission appointed by the Council of Five to examine the bona-fides of the Bulgarian delegates sat at the Quai d'Orsay yesterday under the presidency of M. Cambon. All the credentials were found to be in correct order.

GERMAN ARMY.

EVADING THE PEACE TERMS.

A proposal is being put forward in Germany which if carried into effect will succeed in evading that part of the Peace Treaty which limits the German Army to 100,000 men. The Berlin Correspondent of a Copenhagen paper says that the German Government intends to re-organise the police in such a way that while the communal police will only be equipped with truncheons, the Imperial police will be on a military basis and composed of young unmarried men who will live in barracks under military discipline and be armed with all kinds of weapons. This Imperial police would be used for maintenance of order in more serious circumstances. The plan is already being strongly criticised in Trade Union circles and the question is raised whether it is not in conflict with the peace conditions.

STAND AND DELIVER.

LABOUR CRISES IN THE STATES.

Labour troubles are developing in the United States, where Congress, on the initiative of President Wilson, has postponed its recess in order to deal with the food and wages situations. The heads of four American railway Brotherhoods and representatives of American Labour Federations have issued a statement demanding Government ownership of the railways on the basis of profit sharing with the workers. They declare that the Unions are not in the mood to brook a return to the former lines of control. The reason assigned is the cost of living and the impossibility of wages keeping pace with the depreciation of money. The conditions are serious, as the moving of crops has begun.

A later message states that Mr. Hines, Director General of Railways, has been summoned to Washin ton with the heads of the four big railroad Brotherhoods and the Labour representative of the striking shopmen, to discuss the entire situation, arising out of the men's demands for more pay and their evident unwillingness to wait for the appointment of a Commission to examine the whole question.

WEARING UNIFORM.

An Army Council instruction states that the permission given to demobilized and disembodied officers to wear uniform on the occasions detailed in Army Order 4, of July 7, 1919, is also given to the following:—

Retired officers, those of the unattached list, Territorial Forces, Territorial Force Reserve, Cadet units and Volunteers.

Members of the Reserve of Officers, Militia, Special Reserve, Yeomanry, Volunteer and Territorial Forces who have been granted permission to retain their rank and to wear the prescribed uniform by notification in the "London Gazette";

Ex-officers of the Volunteer Force who, on relinquishing their commissions, were granted honorary rank;

Warrant officers to whom special permission has been given to wear uniform after discharge;

Ex-N.C.O.'s of the old Volunteer Force and of the Territorial Force who have been granted permission to wear uniform after discharge under the Volunteer regulations and under the Territorial Force Regulations are also included.

RAILWAY POLICEWOMEN.

Railway companies are now employing policewomen. One of them, wearing the uniform of the Underground Electric Railways Company, and with the new hat and striped armlet issued to the women police, is on patrol duty in the booking halls at Piccadilly Circus Station, one of the most crowded traffic centres in London.

Policewomen have for some time been on duty in the neighbourhood of the large railway termini, but their direct employment by railway companies is an innovation.

SHIP TURNS TURTLE.

The British steamer "Clan Gordon" (of Glasgow, 3,610 tons) turned turtle in a perfectly calm sea last Wednesday when 140 miles off Cape Hatteras.

The wireless operator, J. Wilson, and three lascars were drowned. C. R. Mc Lean, the master, ten officers, and forty-seven crew were rescued by the United Fruit Company's steamer "Abangarez," and were landed at New York.

FORTHCOMING HONOURS.

It is understood that the last portion of the birthday honours list which was not published on the occasion of the King's birthday in June will probably be issued this week. There is no likelihood of the Peace gazette being issued for some time yet. The birthday list is expected to contain a number of bestowals of particular interest, especially in regard to one or two peerages.

SCHELDT CONTROL.

The Dutch-Belgian Commission held its second sitting at Paris on Monday morning when the views of Belgium regarding the future control of the Scheldt were presented.

BOLSHEVISM.

MENACE TO EXISTENCE OF DEMOCRACY.

Colonel John Ward, the navvy M.P., has been interviewed at Penang while on the voyage home from Siberia aboard the Holt liner Talthybius.

He said he is convinced that there is Bolshevist support behind the cry for direct action in England. The movement, he declared, is a challenge to the State and a complete negation of constitutional authority. Those workers who are concerned about saving society from destruction must seek new bearings to decide what action must be taken to defend themselves against disruptive forces, whose success would mean the death of democracy.

Regarding the situation in Siberia, Colonel Ward asserted that it is not serious. Koltchak's reserves are good and formidable, while his assurances regarding a constituent assembly, land and other questions are satisfactory.

From a Democratic standpoint, Kerensky's views were not worthy of notice. All sections of the Russian people denounced him as the chief cause of their troubles. Since the revolution he has been useless both as adviser and administrator. Colonel Ward is confident that if the Allies continue to assist Koltchak until order is restored, enabling people constitutionally to decide their own future, a speedy improvement is certain.

SUMMER'S DISMAL RECORD.

The month of July was a depressing period from the weather point of view. Though the actual rainfall in the London area was rather less than the normal July ration of 2½in., and only three days were absolutely sunless, the month was generally cold, dull, and cheerless. The total amount of bright sunshine, 100 hours, gave a daily average of barely three and a half hours, and of the thirty-one days there were only five which could be classed as fine. For nearly the whole month the barometer was above normal.

So far this year the London records show a surplus of nearly 2in. of rain—about one month's average—and, thanks to the generous month of May, of eighty hours of sunshine. Of the seven months elapsed, five have been meteorologically bad, and only two—May and June—fine. May, indeed, had a quite exceptionally [illegible] of rain (about 25 per cent. of the May average) and more than double July's total of bright sunshine. Unless August asserts itself, May will stand out in the weather records of 1919 as the only summer month of the year.

THAMES POLLUTION.

Boating men and anglers on the Thames between East Molesey Lock, Hampton Court, and Hampton-on-Thames were amazed to see huge quantities of dead fish floating down the stream. The surface of the river was absolutely white with dead fish, and there were hundreds of thousands of fry, including perch, dace, and roach.

Anxious anglers followed the trail of the floating fish up as far as the Metropolitan Water Board at Hampton, where a big drain on the Middlesex side was emitting some noxious fluid, killing the fish by thousands.

BAKERS REFUSE ARBITRATION.

A ballot took place in London yesterday amongst the members of the Bakers Union on the question of arbitration in the present dispute. The offer was rejected by an overwhelming majority but the men intimated their willingness to meet the employers on Wednesday in order to discuss the situation. There is stated to be no possibility of a resumption of work until this meeting is held.

DELAYED PEACE DAY.

Peace celebrations at Glasgow, which were postponed from the official date on account of the trade general holidays, were commenced yesterday. A great naval and military pageant was held, in which nearly 10,000 sailors and soldiers and nurses participated. Twenty thousand aged ratepayers and 200,000 schoolchildren were entertained and a special fête was held in honour of demobilized men. The celebrations will extend over four days.

A SUCCESSFUL APPEAL.

At the Court of Criminal Appeal, Wm. Jas. Twigg, a motor engineer, appealed against a conviction and sentence of four months in the second division passed upon him at Middlesex Sessions on a charge of receiving certain stolen goods from the Government store at Hurst Park.

The court quashed the conviction and discharged Twigg.

LIVERPOOL ROWDIES.

At Liverpool on Sunday there was another night of hooliganism, but the presence of the military proved a most salutary check. The city magistrates yesterday morning had before them three hundred persons charged with rioting and looting.

They were all remanded for a week.

SKELETON CRIME.

THREE ACCUSED PERSONS IN THE DOCK.

At Willesden Police Court William John Grant, Alice Maud White ("Mrs. Grant") and Maggie Grant were charged together with being concerned in the manslaughter of Connie Grant, the imbecile girl, at West Kilburn. Maggie Grant was further charged with disposing of the dead body at 12 Pembroke Place, Kilburn.

The proceedings were purely formal. Detective Inspector Coggins, who is in charge of the investigations, said the facts had been laid before the Director of Public Prosecutions who would be represented at the next hearing. The Bench remanded the accused until August 12th, bail being refused.

PIDGIN ENGLISH.

CHINAMAN'S QUAINT CONFESSION.

Quaintly-phrased admissions by Djan Djin Sung, a Chinaman, charged with the attempted murder of his fellow-countryman, Kuo Deung Dson, of Shepherd's Bush, by hitting him on the head with a hammer, were quoted at West London police-court.

Sung, who was arrested at Birmingham, was also charged with stealing £7 5s. and a watch and chain from Dson's house. According to a detective, prisoner said, in reply to the charge: "Me happy. Me no miserable. You making mistake."

Later, however, he told the witness: "No good tell you lies. The man owed me 50 dollars. I wrote a letter to him for the money, and he no give it to me. He very skinny man. I come to London and climb in top window to take money from his pocket. He went up and catch my throat and I hit him tap-tap on head with stick. I got frightened and go back to Birmingham."

He was remanded.

POLICEMAN WHO WOULD NOT STRIKE.

There was a sequel to the police strike when Benjamin Hilling, a motor driver, was charged at West London with assaulting a policeman. The latter was on duty outside a cinema hall at Hammersmith, where a meeting of police strikers had been held.

After arresting a woman who tried to put leaflets in his helmet, and who was rescued by the crowd, the constable was assaulted. Accused was arrested by another policeman and charged. Remarking that the assault was a very serious one under the circumstances, the magistrate passed a sentence of twenty-eight days.

GENERAL GOURAUD'S VISIT.

General Gouraud, Commanding the 4th French Army, is paying a short visit to Cologne. At 12.00 noon to-day there will be a parade in the Square opposite the Excelsior Hotel in his honour, the troops on parade consisting of one section of the R.H.A., two troops Cavalry and one Infantry battalion, with colours and band. After the inspection the troops will march past General Gouraud.

STRANGE FATALITY.

A domestic servant of Goole, named Emma Morhan, aged eighteen, was giving a cow some water in a bucket when it suddenly tossed its head, and its horn caught the girl on the cheek.

There was no mark, and no veins were opened, but five days later the girl's face became discoloured, and blood poisoning set in, from which she died.

STRANDED HOLIDAY MAKERS.

Through a "lightning" strike of six hundred engine drivers on the South Western Railway thousands of holiday makers were stranded at various places on the system on Monday.

Ostensibly the men struck out of sympathy with the police malcontents but the strike is absolutely repudiated by the men's own responsible officials. So far no other railways are affected.

ENGLAND CHANGING HANDS.

An auctioneer, in conducting a property sale at Sandbach, said that within five years circumstances would compel the sale of all farms in England.

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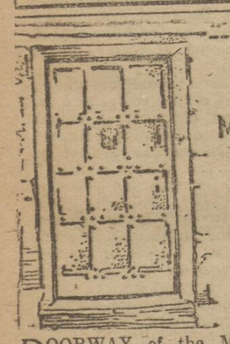

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DOES SHE REPENT?

It is to be hoped that the importance of recent events in Germany has not been lost upon our readers, for the significance of the discussions on the revelations of Erzberger has an interest beyond the domestic affairs of Germany.

Without doubt these revelations and the ensuing discussions are widening the breach between the principal parties.

But the essential feature goes beyond the minor antagonisms of party politics. If one assembles the details of the controversy and compares the recent utterances of the German foreign minister with the explanations of the German delegates at Amsterdam, and similar public incidents, the chain of evidence approaches completion.

The whole German nation is uniting in an appeal to the public opinion in foreign countries and is attempting to gain confidence by proving how different is the present regime from that of the Junker.

Before signing the Peace treaty Germany had energetically refused to accept responsibility for the war, and it was this very point which at one time formed the centre of their resistance. As the policy of denial was unsuccessful another had to be developed and it is this which we now see in the unfolding of the proofs of complicity.

It becomes more and more evident as the exposures go on that Germany was at no time during the war seriously contemplating the consideration of a reasonable peace and that her tentative efforts were merely manoeuvres to weaken the resistance of the Allies.

The new regime however much they have sympathized with these views when they were current and popular now seek credit by exposing them under the belief that the exposure may be regarded as symbolical of their horror.

Force or the threat of force is of no practical value to a disarmed country so they adopt a pacific diplomacy and display a righteous horror for the methods of their predecessors. They wish to prepare a situation in the League of Nations for what they claim is a regenerate Germany but if their interest is above suspicion their sincerity is not so.

Germany has furnished gratuitously the proofs of her duplicity and the manner and the moment was so typically German that it inspires no high sentiment in response nor does it prove that the new Germany is any more repentant than the old.

THE SPORTING CHANCE.

THE CASE FOR PREMIUM BONDS.

To the Editor, The Cologne Post.

Premium Bonds have been a topic for a considerable time.

Several attempts have been made to introduce them into England, but Parliament has always rejected the idea. Yet why?

Do they take the views expressed in the opening of your leading article, under the above title, that undue risks would be taken, and money chanced when it could be more wisely employed? The popularity of "sweeps" in Rhineland alone proves that a huge number are attracted with "the sporting chance," but between the "sweep," where all the money subscribed goes in prizes and expenses, and Premium Bonds, there is a wide difference.

The sweep is a gamble pure and simple — Premium Bonds would be a safe investment, and at the same time provide a sporting chance of a little fortune, to the holders once or twice every year. Let us take the man with a five pound note to invest.

Does it really matter to him whether he invests it in a concern that will give him 2½ per cent. per annum or 7½ per cent. return for his outlay. In one case he stands to pick up half a crown a year, or seven and sixpence if he has his money in a 7½ per cent. concern.

A wealthy investor with £500,000 to invest would seriously consider the placing of his money for every ¼ per cent. would mean a difference of £1,250 per annum to him, but the shilling or two difference would not trouble the £5 investor.

Premium Bonds then would not attract the big investor because they would necessarily show only a small rate of interest.

Let us suppose an issue of 1,000,000 Premium Bonds of £1 each was made. It would be safe to assume two hundred thousand persons would easily be found with an average of £5 to invest.

Instead of paying interest of 5 per cent Premium Bonds we will say paid only 2½ per cent and allocated 2½ per cent to a prize fund.

This would mean that every year £ 25,000 interest would be available for distribution, and £ 25,000 for the prize fund.

There could be a drawing every half year, when £ 12,500 of the prize fund could be distributed. Let us jot down a prize list:

1 prize of		£ 1000
4 prizes of £ 500 each		£ 2000
5 prizes of £ 200 each		£ 1000
40 prizes of £ 100 each		£ 4000
50 prizes of £ 50 each		£ 2500
100 prizes of £ 20 each		£ 2000
200 prizes		£ 12,500

Would not such a prize list attract the small investor, and could it be said that undue risks were being taken in investing in such bonds. The investor would still hold his bond, receive a small interest on his money, and every half year have a chance of picking up a little nest egg. Were it necessary for him to realise at any time, he could easily find a customer for his bonds at their full value.

Through the Post Office the Government have an easy means of issuing the bonds, and providing they controlled the drawings to ensure fair play there seems no reason why Premium Bonds should not be given a trial.

A. C. ANDREW.

TOO TAME.

"This is a 'orrible life," remarked a well decorated soldier as he sat in the Canteen apparently without a care in the world.

On hearing this I enquired of him what was wrong with the world at large? "Nothing much," he replied, "except that now-a-days one gets no excitement. Now in the days of the trenches one always had a certain amount of 'wind up' and I was never happy unless my hair was standing on end with my tin hat balanced on top of it, when at night time I saw, or I thought I saw, the outline of a Jerry on the prowl, when the sweat rolled off my forehead at other times as I imagined I heard the faint rustle of a Jerry stalking me, only to find when daylight dawned that it was the stump of an old tree that had been playing tricks with my imagination."

"But," I replied, "the days of the trenches have long since finished. Surely, by now you have got somewhat settled?"

"No," said he, "even after the armistice was signed there was a certain amount of excitement moving up into Jerryland, and just before the peace terms were agreed, I managed to get my hair on end once or twice with the smugglers at the neutral zone, but even that is now finished and all the excitement one gets now-a-days is 'dodging the column,' or coming into barracks after 'lights out.' That, however, is not 'wind up.'"

"But," I said, "it is better that the days of the trenches and smuggling are finished. It will soon be time for you to return to civilian life. What then do you propose to do by way of excitement?"

"Yes, I have thought of that," he said, and the only profession I can think of which would tend to raise one's hair is that of a burglar, though that has its disadvantages.

With that I withdrew thinking deeply.

D.J.R.

ABOVE THE CLOUDS.

A newspaper recorded the fact the other day that the Avo Company are now besieged with applications for flights when the clouds are low. I know why!

Providence decreed as a reward for many good deeds that I should go above the clouds in my very first flight—in a Bristol fighting biplane. For the first thousand feet or so my gaze was on the ground and then my attention was drawn to the clouds.

At first I did not recognise them as such. They presented themselves now as a wavering, billowing wall of drifting smoke driving past on either hand. My gaze went back to earth and when next I noticed the clouds, we were above them.

Only beneath us, as through a rather ragged trapdoor, could I see the earth, as it were the bottom of a valley hundreds of miles below, like some new and unexplored country.

Soon all around was only the new land of clouds and I looked down on a scene such as my strangest dreams had never paralleled.

The clouds rolled along in great grey waves like the sea. Sometimes the top of a wave would be caught up and tossed into space like spray. It was a sea in storm, in noiseless storm, agitated by a mighty wind.

As the pilot twisted and turned in his climb up to the blue, my attention became momentarily preoccupied with strange inner exhilarating sensations to the exclusion of the outward scene.

But I shall never forget the spectacle which met my eyes when the Bristol stopped its upward climb and I looked down again on cloudland, probably two or three thousand feet below.

Long ago, of course, the earth had completely disappeared. The sun had become a well of light in the blue with a very indeterminate outline but more neighbourly.

Below us the billows had ceased to roll. We were so high that they had even ceased to be distinguishable as billows. Beneath, instead, stretched a great smooth land of shining, glittering white, a continent of ice.

The sky, a sky of the most vivid but indescribable blue, had as it were, fallen beneath us and stretched away into unending space from the edge of this white and shining land.

Separated by ribbons of blue from the main continent and from each other, were great and tiny islands of white completing the illusion of a magic continent of ice washed by a motionless blue sea.

And above this new and amazing land flew solitary, the only specimens of our kind, stray visitors from a greyer world.

It was an experience which has never dimmed in my memory. To fly above the clouds is to recapture that vanished feeling of childhood, when fairy tales seem more real than every-day life, when the woods are full of knights in armour riding gaily in their everlasting search for damsels in distress, when just round every corner is a gateway into fairyland.

No wonder the Avro Company is besieged for flights above the clouds.

R.J.P.

OUR JAZZ BAND.

It had an unexpected beginning. We were billeted in the barn of a village inn and the landlord possessed an old mechanical organ. It had delighted the hearts of his numerous patrons for many years before the war, and now its day's work was done and it had met the ignominious fate of a corner in a cow-shed.

Our boys with an eye to a little amusement saw it, and the cute owner wishing to win their favour and patronage dismantled the organ, and so they became the proud possessors of half a kettle drum, one of medium size, a triangle, a cymbal. From these small beginnings our unique band was formed.

The rest was quite easy, a tin lid as a partner to the odd cymbal, a few mouth organs, tin whistles and a wheezy concertina, and the first stage was reached.

During the next few days the men practised secretly and many weird noises were heard coming from a hayloft. It reminded one of the tin can bands of our boyhood's days. One day they emerged into the open, to the astonishment of the whole battalion, as a Jazz band.

It was a proud moment for these Jazzers when they marched for the first time down the village street led by their incomparable drum major Jazzer. They were followed by the whole of "B" Company, their most ardent admirers, and a crowd of delighted German kiddies

To the trains of "Katie", "Swanee River", and other melodies they marched to the concert hall to give their first performance. That night will live long in the memories of the Jazzers and their audience too.

We returned to Cologne and the next step was a visit to a music shop to purchase more instruments, and to a theatrical clothing store to obtain costumes.

The latter place was a revelation. There were thousands of all kinds of fancy dresses and stage properties and we had the time of our lives bargaining.

For the sum of 500 marks we purchased twelve fancy costumes; one, a Chinese robe, another, a Turkish dress, which formerly had adorned some fair one in a harem; two wonderful German uniforms, and several clowns' pantaloons in all the colours of the rainbow.

To complete our rig-out we secured screamingly funny wigs, caps, noses, stockings, and a red, white and blue drum major's staff with a large jester's head as a handle.

The day of our battalion sports was a red letter one, for the band was present in all its glory — niggers, girls, soldiers and clowns. They used a shrubbery as a dressing room and made a grand entry on to the ground much to the amusement of the crowds present. They were the life and soul of the proceedings and we found a treasure of a dancer in Juanita, who would have warmed the heart of any old Sultan.

One evening they played for the officers' mess but their crowning achievement was a special engagement to accompany the river trip of another unit. They returned with joyous hearts and full pockets, for the grateful party had made a collection for their benefit.

All that is required in the Rhine Army to cause untold amusement is a little initiative by the units and a willingness to do one's best. The rest is easy and success is assured.

G.K.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

Sir,—May I, through your columns, inform "Disappointed," and any others like him, that there are several Elementary Technical Courses running at the VI Corps Area Schools, Lindenthal.

The only qualifications needed for entrance to these is some knowledge of arithmetic.

THE COMMANDANT.

PETTY THEFTS.

Sir,— I have read the complaint made by A.B.C. as regards petty thefts. I have also some cause for a complaint.

My people from home have always been in the habit of sending me cigarettes enclosed in envelopes. But alas for the past two months every letter has been opened and the cigarettes taken out except on one or two occasions when there has been one packet left for me.

H.W.

SONGS—ENGLISH OR GERMAN?

Sir,—Will you allow me a few words regarding a small controversy over "English or German" songs. I read that in some villages songs are sung such as: "Asleep in the deep;" "Love me and the world is mine" etc.

Now as to the latter, I cannot say if it is of English or German origin, but as to the former it is the song of the one-time German Navy as well as of their mercantile service, although we use it as well.

It would be very interesing to know whether it is of English or German origin.

SAPPER.

TAXIS IN COLOGNE.

Sir,—If "New comer" looks on the inside of the roof of the majority of the Cologne taxis, he will find an official notice to the effect that double the fare registered by the taximeter should be paid, with an addition of 2.00 marks if the cab has to proceed outside the boundary of Cologne.

OLD HAND.

OUR WIVES AND FAMILIES.

Sir,—Whilst fully recognising and appreciating the privilege accorded to the A. of O. allowing wives and families to reside here, may I suggest that great though this privilege be, it could be made very much more acceptable if the circumstances of the soldier were taken into consideration.

For instance, any officer or O.R. stationed at Calais or in any base port can enjoy the society of his wife and family with a minimum of trouble, anxiety and expense to all concerned.

On the other hand the journey from England to Cologne besides being expensive is very irksome with its attendant worries of passing through three countries, declaring baggage, changing train, etc., and makes one hesitate before taking advantage of a permit.

Therefore I suggest that the Government extend a helping hand to some reliable passenger agents with the object of making the trip a comfortable through journey, say, from London to Cologne.

It could very easily be worked on the same basis as one of Messrs. Cook's Continental tours, and I am sure that the result would prove a grateful boon that we "exiles" would warmly appreciate.

MISERERE NOBIS.

"THE HELLGATE OF SOISSONS."

Sir,—In reply to your correspondents who wish to know where they can obtain "The Hell-gate of Soissons," and other poems of Herbert Kaufman, I would say that they can be obtained in book form from T. Fisher Unwin Ltd. Adelphi Terrace, London W.C.

"Spottie" and "Napoo" are published by Reynolds and Co., Berners Street, London, W., in musical monologue form, Nos. 122 and 166 respectively.

If they wish to know of poems suitable for rendering by concert parties etc, I would recommend the excellent "Rhymes of a Red Cross Man" by Robert W. Service, an author who is known as the "second Kipling."

HAWKEYE.

CONDUCT ON THE FIELD.

Sir,—A large number of your readers will, I feel sure, agree with me in condemning the attitude of the crowd at some of our big Rhine cricket matches.

When, as was my unfortunate experience the other day, one hears players of one side being openly derided by supporters of the other, missed catches received with derisive laughter, casualties to players greeted by loud cheers, decisions of umpires jeered at, one begins to tremble for the safety of that tradition which is one of the glories of England.

Such tactics are not uncommon among football devotees at home, but they are scarcely ever noticeable on the cricket field.

A.W.H.

CAFE PIRACY.

Sir,—With reference to your correspondent's comment on the paying of taxes on wines, in practically every café the wine list states the price and the tax in different columns, so that any soldier has only himself to blame if he pays the tax.

SAPPER.

"VANITY FAIR"

"Vanity Fair, Oh! Vanity Fair,
Laughing and chattering; learning a smattering,
Gold, silver scattering; nothing else mattering"

"But 'Death' crouches there — with his dull icy glare,
He has come for his share of Vanity Fair,
And with no one aware, he springs from his lair."

"And grasps by the hair; just one of a pair
Not easy to spare: With a pause and a stare,
Quick! As you were! says Vanity Fair."

ANON REMEMBERS.

CAVALRY RACES.

Results of Second Day's Meeting at Cologne.

RECORD CROWD.

The concluding day of the race meeting in connection with the Cavalry Week attracted a crowd that was numerically a record for the Merheim Course this year. The conditions and the sport were ideal. Results are appended:—

Niehl Stakes (For horses and riders of the Rhine Army): First Division 5 furlongs: 1, Mascot (Capt. W. Waterman, R.W.K.); 2, Boys o'Boys (Major A. Hodgins, R.A.V.C.); 3, Cive (Major E. Bather, R.F.A.) 16 ran. Winner 31 to 10.

Cavalry Cup (For horses and Riders of Cav. Div. Rhine Army) 2½ Miles: 1, John Cording, (Capt. J. Adair, 12th Lancers); 2, Kilbay (Lt. R. McCreery, 17th Lancers); 3, Late Report (Lt. R. Bulteel, 17th Lancers). 12 ran. Winner 113 to 10.

Victory Plate (For horses and riders of Allied Armies). Furlongs First Division: 1, Winamere (Maj. Sinclair, R.A.V.C.); 2, Johnnie Walker (Maj. C. Heydeman, 2nd Dragoon Gds.); 3, Tommy G. (Capt. J. Welham, R.A.V.C.) 10 ran. Winner 25 to 10.

Cologne Grand National (For horses and Riders of Allied Army) 3 miles: 1, Polish Banker (Maj. A. Needham, London Div.); 2, Golden Sunset) Lt. R. Usher, Inniskillings); 3, Iron Gate (Capt. W. Montgomery, N.I.H.) 11 ran. Winner 36 to 10.

Fox Hunters Plate (for horses and riders of Cav. Div. British Army) 1 mile:—1, Madeleine (Maj. H. Tomkinson, Rl. Dragoons); 2, Velociter (Lt. Durnford, 9th Lancers); 3, Spanish Onion (Capt. E. Fielden, 10th Hussars). Ten ran. Winner 32 to 10.

Army Maiden Steeplechase (for horses that have never been placed and Officers who have never ridden a winner) First Division. 2½ miles:—1, Rednal, (Lt. W. Coles, R.F.A.); 2, Morning Star (Maj. Biggam, R.A.M.C.); 3, Shylock, (Maj. A. Lord, R.F.A.). Seven ran. Winner 22 to 10.

Army Maiden Steeplechase. Second Division: 1, Zillebeke (Maj. J. Humfrey, Lancer M.G.Sqn.); 2, Montava (2nd Lt. T. Meyrick, 15th Hussars); 3, Alfie (Capt. A. Windham, Lancer M. G. Sqn.). Nine ran. Winner 31 to 10.

Niehl Stakes. Second Division: 1, Pop (Lt. Durnford, 9th Lancers); 2, Sprint (Lt. J. Misa, 17th Lancers); 3, Girl o' Girls (Capt. T. Hodgins, R.A.V.C.). 16 ran. Winner 15 to 10.

M.G.C. ATHLETICS.

A Comprehensive Programme of Events.

The 2nd Battalion M. G. C. included aquatic sports, an inter-Company football competition and athletic events in their recent sports. Everything possible to make the day a success was done, and the events were very keenly contested.

The contests and their winners were as follows:—

100 yards:—1, Sgt. Holmes, "C" Coy.; 2, Pte. Wake, "C" Coy.

High jump:—1, Pte. Stratton, "A" Coy.; 2, Cpl. Roberts, "D" Coy.

220 yards:—1, Pte. Wake; 2, Pte. Fairbairn, "D" Coy.

Long jump:—1, Pte. Hutchinson, "B" Coy.; 2, Sgt. Holmes.

Bicycle race:—1, Pte. Frith, "H.Q."; 2, L/Cpl. Way, "D" Coy.

440 yards:—1, Sgt. Baird, "B" Coy.; 2, Pte. Wake.

Tug-of-war:—"D" Coy.

Officers 100 yards:—1, Lieut. Murray, "C" Coy.; 2, Lieut. Russell, "B" Coy.; 3, Lieut. Provan, "C" Coy.

W.O's & Sgts. 100 yards:—1, Sgt. Holmes, "C" Coy.; 2, Sgt. Paul, "D" Coy.

100 yards hurdles:—1, Sgt. Holmes; 2, Pte. Davies, "C" Coy.

Comic race:—1, C.S.M. Davenport M.M., "C" Coy.; 2, L/Cpl. Logan, "D" Coy.

Backward mule race:—1, Cpl. Tennant, "D" Coy.; 2, Pte. Coventry, "D" Coy.

880 yards:—1, Cpl. Garrett, "D" Coy.; 2, Sgt. Baird, "B" Coy.; 3, L/Cpl. Logan.

Musical chairs:—1, Dvr. Wheatley, "H.Q."; 2, Dvr. Coventry, "D" Coy.

Relay race: "D" Coy. C.S.M. Athay, M. M., Cpl. Garrett, Pte. Fairbairn, Pte. Williams.

POLO ITEMS.

Open Handicap Tournament: Semi-final.

The final of the open handicap tournament and the subalterns' tournament will be played on the Kalk-Merheim polo ground on Wednesday commencing with the open tournament at 3 p.m. There will be a band and tea on the ground. The following teams will compete: — Open Handicap: Hussar Bde. H.Q. v. 12th Lancers, the former conceding 6 goals start.

The 17th Lancers subalterns beat the 12th Lancers subalterns in a good galloping game in the semi-final. The skill displayed by both sides augurs well for the polo of the rising generation of players. The winning team comprised: Capt. Fowler, M.C., Capt. Venn, Lt. Gossage, M.C., and Lt. Mcrery. Lt.-Col. Brockelbank, 9th Lancers, was the referee.

BECKETT v. McGOORTY.

Match Fixed Up For September Second.

Mr. C. B. Cochran has arranged a boxing match between Beckett and Eddie McGoorty on September 2nd at Olympia for a purse of £2,000 and a side stake of £1,000.

Other matches decided the same night will be Ledoux v. Walter Ross, and Fred Fulton v. either Dick Smith or Arthur Townley.

TROUT OR FOOD HOG?

An examination of a trout of 1lb. 10½ oz., caught by an angler in the Lambourn, near Newbury, showed that it had partaken of a remarkable bill of fare. In its inside were found a number of caddis grubs, one miller's thumb (or river bullhead), one minnow, two pieces of meat, and two rabbit's eyes. The fish rose at, and was taken with, an olive dun.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, August 6, 1919.

Surface wind light, westerly. Weather mainly cloudy, with some drizzle early, but likely to improve. Warmer. Fair visibility.

WATER POLO AT BONN.

Final Results Of 1st Western Inf. Bde. Contests.

BATTALION POINTS.

The last of the series of eliminating contests which are to decide which battalion of the 1st Western Inf. Bde. is to represent the Brigade in the competition for the Divisional Skill-at-all-Sports Cup took place at the Victoria Baths, Bonn, on Saturday, when the polo match between the 52nd and the 1/4th Battalions of the Cheshire Regiment was replayed It being a replay, only a five-minutes each-way game was played and on this occasion the goals were widened to the regulation width. Staff-Sergeant-Major Piggott, A.G.S. officiated as referee. The game ended in a victory for the 52nd Cheshires by 2 goals to 1.

Brigade Contests—Final Results.

The results in figures of the Brigade Sports are as follows:—

Tug-of-War:—1, 1/4 Cheshires, 10 points 2, 52nd Cheshires, 3 points; 3, 9th Cheshires, 1 points.

Boxing:—1, 1/4th Cheshires, 5 points; 2, 9th Cheshires, 3 points; 3, 52nd Cheshires, 2 points.

Athletics:—1, 52nd Cheshires, 5 points; 2, 1/4th Cheshires, 3 points; 3, 9th Cheshires, 2 points.

Aquatic Sports:—1, 1/4th Cheshires, 5 points; 2, 9th Cheshires, 3 points; 3, 52nd Cheshires, 2 points.

Basket Ball:—1, 52nd Cheshires, 5 points 2, 1/4th Cheshires, 3 points; 3, 9th Cheshires, 2 points.

Cross Country Race:—No points were given for this, but the victorious pack became eligible to compete for the Corps Commander's Cup Winners:—The team of the 1/4th Cheshires.

The total number of points gained by the respective battalions are:—1/4th Cheshires, 27 points; 52nd Cheshires, 17 points; 9th Cheshires 13 points.

Having thus amassed the most number of points the 1/4th Cheshires will now represent the Brigade in the Divisional Sports, which, contrary to previous arrangements, will take place as follows:—

Date	Contest	Plate
August 11th	Tug-of-War. Basket Ball	Bornheim.
August 13th	Boxing	Bonn (Beethoven Hall).
August 14th and 15th	Aquatic Sports	Bonn (Victoria Baths)
August 16th	Athletics	Bornheim.

INTER-ALLIED SPORTS.

159e Reg. d'Infanterie-Alpine —1/8th. Scottish Rifles.

This meeting took place at Konigshoven before a large gathering, including Major-General Tudor C.B., C.M.G., Cmdg. Lowland Division, Brig.-General Girdwood, C.B., C.M.G., Col. Brunet Cmdg. 159e Reg. d'Infanterie-Alpine, and nearly 200 Officers and men of this regiment. The sport was good, especially noteworthy being the excellent running and jumping of the Frenchmen They made the high and long jumps their own also the 100 and 200 yards flat races.

The 1500 metres for which a cup was awarded, was won in fine style by Pte. Ferguson of the Royal Scots. In the Tug-of-war the Scottish Rifles were too strong for the visitors: this event was won by the 8th. Bn. Scottish Rifles Transport Team, who after a severe struggle, beat the R.S.F. Team after an extra pull.

Musical Chairs.

A very interesting event was the Musical Chairs for Mounted Officers. The horses cantered to music rendered by the band of the 159e Regt. d'Infanterie Alpine, which along with the pipers of the 1/4th. Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers added to the afternoon's enjoyment by excellent selections.

A football match between teams from the Regt. Inf. Alpine and the 8th. Scottish Rifles resulted in a win for the latter by 1—0.

At the close of the afternoon's events, the prizes were distributed by Major-Gen. Tudor. R.Sgt. Major Martinchon of the 159e Regt. came up for prizes six times: Col. Findlay then thanked Gen. Tudor for distributing the prizes, and cheers for him and for Gen. Girdwood and Col. Brunet were heartily given.

In the evening an Inter-Allied Concert took place. The French visitors gave a very bright exhibition of catchy songs. Sgt. Major Searles of the 8th. Scottish Rifles in story, dance, and tongue-twisting song, reaped his usual harvest of laughter. At the close Col. Findlay, D.S.O. addressed the visitors in a short complimentary speech and all joined in singing Auld Lang Syne, The Marseillaise, and God Save the King.

List of winners:

The results were:—

100 yds.:—1, Martichon, 159e Reg. Inf. Alpine; 2, Garino, 159e Reg. Inf. Alpine; 3, Amelon, 159e Reg. Inf. Alpine.

220 yds.:—1, Filliat, 159e R. I. A.; 2, Vaughan, 1/8th Scottish Rifles; 3, Barker, H. L. I.

440 yds.:—1, Hanlon, 11th Royal Scots; 2, Martichon, 159e R. I. A.; 3, Revelle, 159e R. I. A.

1500 metres:—1, Ferguson, 11th Royal Scots; 2, Richardson, H. L. I.; 3. Clark, H. L. I.

Long jump:—1, Martichon, 159e R. I. A.; 2, Sammartin, 159e R. I. A.; 3, Filliat, 159e R. I. A.

High jump:—1, Sammartin, 159e R. I. A; 2, Martichon, 159e R. I. A.; 3, Druelle, 159e R. I. A.

Sack race:—1, Lloyd, 1/8th Scottish Rifles; 2, Barrer, 159e R. I. A.; 3, Mousknot, 159e R. I. A.

Mules scurry:—1, Celsar, 159e R. I. A.; 2, Watson, 9th Scottish Rifles; 3, Gormley, 1/8th Scottish Rifles.

Summer Fish.

All the summer fish are now visiting British inshore waters, and bass, pollack, mackered, dabs, plaice, flounders, tope, whiting, congers, skate, mullet and other fish are being taken.

TORCH-LIGHT TATTOO.

Brilliant Night Spectacle at Lindenthal.

HUGE CROWD.

It would indeed be difficult to estimate the number of people, soldiers and others who assembled to witness the Sixth Corps Tattoo at Lindenthal last night and the night before. It was a huge crowd, who seemed to enjoy the whole proceedings immensely.

The entry of the guards, with their fixed bayonets gleaming wickedly in the glare of the five searchlights, brought a hush amongst the spectators. Their "Present Arms" drew applause from the military section of the audience, and created a most favourable impression amongst the Germans present. To the accompaniment of stirring marches, the torch-bearers carried out evolutions, marching and counter marching, thus producing a most charming effect. Forming up into a large hollow square, they, together with the searchlights, illuminated the bugle and drum and fife bands, who marched across the square.

Coloured Rockets.

In the marching and playing of the bands, one was again impressed with the unison of movement. A shrill blast on a whistle, and one by one the searchlights were dimmed, a slight pause and the sky was rent by thousands of coloured rockets, whilst each torch-bearer lit and placed at his feet a red flare. Much mild excitement was caused by this display, as fragments of burning paper fell in all directions. Many groups were scattered, and one heard the screams of women mingling with the laughter of men. Again the searchlights beamed forth, and a solemn chord was struck by the playing of "Abide with me," the audience singing the second verse. The torch-bearers carried out a few more movements and then formed up in a huge cross. "Last Post" was sounded by the massed bugles, nearly all the spectators, military and otherwise, standing to attention. The massed bands of the Corps played the marches past of the various regiments, then "Lights Out," thus concluding a most interesting and impressive evening.

265 Torch-bearers.

The guards were composed of troops from the London and Northern Divisions, on whom, it may be said, they reflected great credit. The torch-bearers, who numbered two hundred and sixty-five, came from the Northern Division, and were trained by Col. Betts and C.S.M. Nixon, A.G.S. The C.R.E. was responsible for the torches, and the R.G.A. for the fireworks. The Corps Commander, who, by the way, took, the salute, has every reason to be proud of this display.

The N.C.O.'s and men taking part in this event were provided with tea before and beer or mineral water after their duties, a kindly consideration which they well deserved. The torch-bearers were formed by the 3rd Machine Gun Bn., the 9th Bn. D.L.I., and the 51st Bn. D.L.I.

DISMOUNTED SPORTS.

29th Brigade, R.G.A. Meeting at Bonn.

The 29th Brigade, R.G.A. Dismounted Sports were held on the Sports Platz, Cologne Road, Bonn, on Wednesday. The band of the 5th Bn. Border Regt. was in attendance and played selections during the afternoon and evening. The Judges for the events were Major Rowe, D.S.O., R.A., Major Johnson, R.G.A., Major Hicks, D.S.O., M.C., R.G.A., Capt. Formby, M.C., R.A., and Lieut. Tugwell, M.C., R.G.A. to whom many thanks are due for their assistance. The Clerk of the Course was Capt. Deacon, M.C., R.G.A.,—Starter, Capt. Smith, M.C., R.A.S.C.—Recorder, Lieut. Teager, M.C., Suffolk Regt. attached 29th Brigade, R.G.A.

Two cups were competed for. The 29th Brigade, R.G.A. Challenge Cup presented by Lieut. Colonel A.C. Wilkinson, C.M.G., D.S.O., R.G.A., to the Battery obtaining most points, was won by 121st Heavy Battery. R.G.A. with 265 points; 195th Siege Battery, R.G.A. being second with 175 points. The Individual Aggregate Cup, presented by Major F.D. Field, M.C., R.G.A. at present commanding 29th Brigade, R.G.A., was won by Lieut. Laurie M.C. of 121st Heavy Battery, R.G.A. who put up a fine show, winning 80 points for his Battery.

Keen enthusiasm was evinced throughout the day, the most exciting contest being the Inter Battery Tug of War which was won, after two good all-over pulls, by 195th Siege Battery under the coaching of B.S.M. Morgan.

At the conclusion of the programme, Lt. Col. A. C. Wilkinson, C.M.G., D.S.O., R.G.A. of 29th Brigade, R.G.A., at present commanding Xth Corps Heavy Artillery, presented the prizes, and the response to the cheers called for on his behalf, showed how much his interests in the sports of the Brigade are appreciated.

2,000 SPECTATORS.

Record Crowd At "C. P. C." Cricket Match.

93rd DE. R.G.A. UNBEATEN.

At Mülheim, before fully 2,000 spectators the 93rd Bde. R. G. A., one of the few unbeaten clubs in the "Cologne Post" Cup Competition and a hot favourite for the Cup, defeated the 41st M.G.C. by 7 wickets, the latter having also a brilliant record. The 93rd have played 23 matches and won 23. Appended are brief summaries of the latest matches: —

93rd Bde. R.G.A. (157 for 3) v. 41st M.G.C. (156). The four most prominent figures were Bdr. Ellis, Gnr. Weight, and Lieut. Griffiths, of the 93rd, and Major Boumphrey of the 41st M.G.C. Ellis took 4 wickets for 18 and scored 56 not out. Weight took 3 for 44 and scored 46. Lieut. Griffiths made 37 and kept wicket splendidly. Major Boumphrey played well for 56.

16th WEST YORKS (63 for 2) v. 88th FIELD AMB. (58) at Blücher Park. For the West Yorks, Pte. Andrews took 8 wickets for 19 runs and made 41 not out.

2/4 HANTS (128 for 8 declared) v. 237 FIELD COY., R.E. (25). For the Hampshires Sgt. Rowe scored 20, Major Westmoriand 19, and Lieut. Stoner 19. Pte. Yentham again bowled well, taking 6 wickets for 6.

29th M.G.C. (257 for 4) v. 13th M.A.C. (12) at Dabringhausen. Out of 4 wickets two batsmen exceeded their century, namely Lieut. Astill 108 and Pte. Durant 109. Although the wicket was none too good, Lieut. Astill took 7 wickets for 6 runs, and Cpl. Saddler 2 for 5. Few bowlers can boast of such display as that made by Lieut. Astill, the well-known Leicestershire cricketer.

4th YORK AND LANCS (144 for 9) v. 52nd R. WARWICKS (34) at Mülheim. The chief scorers for the Hallamshires were, Col. Headlam 53, Pte. Hubert 26, Cpl. Fletcher 18 not out, and Pte. Nuttall 15 not out. L/Cpl. Allan scored 14 for the Warwicks.

LONDON D.M.T. COY. (82) v C/113 BDE. R.F.A. (45) at B.-Gladbach on Monday. The R.F.A. won the toss and put the D.M.T. Coy. in first. The batting started fairly well, 3 wickets falling for 67. The last 5 wickets absolutely collapsed, thanks to the good bowling of Bdr. Leonard. Lieut. Berlee and Cpl. Wright both played good innings, the former scoring a sporting 28 and the latter 20. The R.F.A. did not make much headway against the bowling of Lieut. Wright and Pte. Jacobs, the whole side being out for 45. The best scores were Gnr. Hughes 17 and Major Maine 12. For the winners Pte. Jacobs took 5 wickets for 16 and Lieut. Wright 4 for 24.

OTHER RESULTS.

1/6 West Yorks, 64 for 5 declared; II Corps, 62 all out.

3rd Hussars, 91; 51st Sherwoods, 49.

16 Lancs. Fus., 114; East Div. Sigs., 56.

51st Devons, 178 for 3; VI Corps H.Q., 61.

77 Siege Bty., 50; 185 Siege Bty., 47.

H.A.C. c/o. D.A.P.M., 65; 3 M.G.C., 51.

10 A. and S. Highlanders, consequent on their going to England have withdrawn from the Düren League.

COLOGNE TOWN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
R.A.A. Bty. R.A.	17	16	1		32$
Army H.Q. Sig. Coy.	18	15	3		30$
4 R. Sussex	15	14	0	1	29$
17th Lancers	15	13	1	1	27$
Cav. Div. A.C.R.A.H.	18	13	5		26$
Cav. Div. H Q.	15	13	2		26$
52 Northumberland Fus.	17	12	5		24$
9 D.L.I.	17	11	6		22$
70 Sq. R.A.F.	15	11	4		22$
No. 2 Water Tank Coy.	15	9	6		18$ +
Adv. Supply Depot	13	9	4		18$ +
51 Aux. Bus Coy.	17	8	9		16$
53 Sherwood Foresters	12	7	5		14$
5 Rly. T. Sig. Coy.	14	6	8		12$
51 D.L.I.	12	6	6		12$ +
Bakeries Sports Club	13	5	8		10$ +
A.A. Searchlight Section	12	4	8		8$
A.P.O. Cologne	14	4	10		8$ +
2 Bde. R.A.F.	10	4	6		8$
51 Northumberland Fus.	10	4	6		8$ +
24 Vet Hospital	10	4	6		8$
3 Cav. Field Amb.	13	3	10		6$ +
53 Northumberland Fus.	11	3	8		6$ +

Cricket Friendly.

A cricket match was played on Thursday last, between B 245 Bde. R.F.A. and A/245 Bde R.F.A. The former scored 24 and the latter 48. For "A" Battery, W. P. Thompson took 6 wickets for 10 runs, while R. Hill took 4 for 12.

Billiards At Kalk.

The 91st Labour Coy. visited the R.A.S.C. Bakeries, Kalk, on Monday. The visitors had a powerful team with them and gave the home team a surprise by winning by 45 points. Scores:—

91st Labour Coy 562; R.A.S.C. Bakeries, Kalk 517.

Yacht Racing.

Cowes yachting week opened on Monday under the burgee of the Royal London Yacht Club. Sir Charles Allow's Nyria, a famous old 23 metre cutter, now ketch-rigged, grounded after the start of the first race. It was refloated later but was hopelessly out of the race and retired.

Results:—Handicap Cruisers exceeding 25 tons:—1, J. W. Coop's Thanet; 2, F. S. Hobler's Celia; 3, J. R. Payne's Carlotta.

Handicap Yachts between 15 and 25 tons:—1, Mr. Arbuthnot's Bamba; 2, G. E. Haldenstein's Larry.

Handicap Yachts between 5 and 15 tons:—Mr. Paul Paterton's Alannah.

SIGNAL SPORTS.

4th Corps Company's Interesting Programme.

GRACEFUL INCIDENT.

The 4th Corps Signal Coy., as briefly reported yesterday, held their sports on Monday when the following interesting events were keenly contested.

Before presenting the prizes, Mrs. Marjorie Dean (wife of Capt. Dean, Light Railway Signal Coy.) daintily released pigeons with a message for "The Cologne Post" containing a report of the proceedings.

Details:—

Inter-section competition:—1, Wireless.

100 yards flat:—1, Victor Ludorum, Lieut. Sewell; 2, Spr. Burrows; 3, Sgt. Barker.

100 yards open:—1, Cpl. McNeill; 2, Capt. Grindle, 5th Camerons; 3, Pte. Turner, 62nd M.G.C.

Hurdle race:—1, Lieut. Sewell; 2, Sgt. Barker: 3, Lieut. Horgan.

440 yards flat:—1, Lieut. Sewell; 2, Spr. Hayes; 3, Lieut. Lazarus.

Long jump:—1, Spr. Digby; 2, Spr. Perkins.

440 yards open:—1, Cpl. McNeill; 2, Capt. Grindle, 5th Camerons; 3, Pte. Turner, 62nd M.G.C.

High jump:—1, Cpl. Brown; 2, Spr. Holyoak and Spr. Crosling a tie.

220 yards flat:—1, Lieut. Sewell; 2, Sgt. Barker; 3, Spr. Holyoak.

220 yards open:—1, Cpl. McNeill; 2, Capt. Grindle; 3, Gnr. Painter.

1 Mile:—1, Spr. Holyoak; 2, Spr. Hayes; 3, Cpl. Haigh.

3 Miles:—1, Sgt. Barker; 2, Spr. Digby; Time 19 min. 55 secs.

Putting the shot:—1, Spr. Perkins; 2, L/Cpl. Green.

Wheelbarrow race:—1, Sgt. Barker and Spr. Carter; 2, Spr. Perkins and Spr. Lawton.

Veterans' race:—1, Sig. Austin; 2, Sig. Turner.

Potato race:—1, L/Cpl. James; 2, Spr. Kelly.

Boat race:—1, Corps H.A. Sigs.; 2, D.R.'s.

Costume race:—1, Lieut. Lazarus; 2, Lieut. Horgan; 3, Spr. Griffiths.

Obstacle race:—1, Spr. Digby; 2, Pnr. Burrows.

Football dribbling:—1, Spr. Hayes; 2, Lieut. Sewell; 3, L/Cpl. Lees.

Three legged race:—1, Spr. Baldwin and Cpl. Cross; 2, Sgt. Barker and Spr. Carter.

Relay race:—1, Wireless; 2. H.A. Sigs.

Band race:—1, Smith; 2, Watson; 3, Lawrence.

Officers' race:—1, Lieut. Sewell; 2, Lieut. Lazarus; 3, Lieut. Horgan.

Tug-of-war.—1, 77 M.A.C.

Tug-of-war (under 100 stone):—1, D.R.'s.

Relay race:—1, Wireless; 2, H.Q. details.

Slow motor cycle race:—1, Cpl. Ross; 2, Spr. Gardiner; 3, Spr. Rogers.

Hill climbing contest:—1, Cpl. Hill.

Cricket Friendly.

4th York and Lancs (218 for 8) v 1/6 West Yorks (96). A friendly cricket match was played in Blücher Park on Sunday between the above two teams The Hallamshires batting first declared their innings closed with 218 runs for 8 wickets, Pte. Haigh 68 not out and Pte. Senior 38. The West Yorks then batted, making 96—Lieut. Rumney 27, C.Q.M.S. Thore 21, and Pte. Scott 15.

HOLIDAY RACING.

Meetings At Sandown, Ripon, And Birmingham.

There were three race meetings for Bank Holiday-makers in England on Monday, namely at Sandown Park, Birmingham, and Ripon. The following were the results at Sandown:—

Maiden Plate:—1, Aislabie (5—2); 2, Nausican (100—7); 3. Incense (10—1).

Selling Highweight Handicap:—1, Trojan (11—10); 2. Forrard Away. Two ran.

Holiday Stakes:—1, Le Dauphiné (5—2 on); 2, Mentor (100—8); 3, Muscadin (6—1).

North Surrey Handicap:—1, Golden Melody (2—1); 2, Sheriffs Officer (8—1); 3, Warwick (7—4).

Lammas Plate:—1, Ninon (9—2); 2, Avatar (6—5 on); 3, Chaud (8—1).

Hermitage Handicap:—1, Grey Cloak (3—1); 2, Neil Girl (10—1); 3, Ryl Raider (5—2).

Lubbock Handicap:—1, Clarice (9—2); 2, Lady Syntine (7—4); 3, Romant (13—8).

Birmingham Results.

Monday Plate:—1, Potherb (2—1); 2, Landowner (4—1); 3, Stray Park (100—8).

Burton Plate:—1, Pagan Sacrifice (9—2); 2, La Hogue (2—1); 3, Dialsight (100—8).

Aston Handicap:—1, Carol Singer (9—2); 2, Polisman (9—4); 3, Phalonic (11—2) and Elysium (6—1) dead heat.

Holiday Three-Year-Old Handicap: — 1, Montieth (4—1); 2, Vice Versa (7—2); 3, Linggis Boy (2—1).

Ruckley Plate:—1, South Parade (7—2); 2, Unitol (5—2); 3, Sanctissima (10—1).

Tamworth Plate:— 1, Diamond Necklace (5—2 on); 2, Princess Miriam (6—1); 3, Wise Welshman (8—1).

Ripon Results.

Sharow Plate:—1, Finalist (4—1); 2, Lady Dreaming. Two ran.

Fishergreen Plate:—1, Golden Lamb (10—1); 2, Fairdale (11—4); 3, Seville (100—7).

Yorkshire Handicap:—1, Lady Craigie Ubcoff (6—5); Two ran.

Great St. Wilfred Handicap:—1, Skager Rack (evens); 2, Eaton Hero (9—2); Lens (7—4).

Bondgate Plate:— 1, Killadoon (11—2); 2, Anelida (evens); 3, Safety Pin (100—8).

Hackfall Plate:—1, Catterick Bridge (3—1); 2, Lothian Lad (3—1); 3, Energy (9—4).

Haki's Sire.

Rabelais, the sire of Haki, was a good horse over a distance of ground, and won the Goodwood Cup 16 years ago.

A RIEHL ATTRACTION.

Selecting Rhine Teams For Army Athletic Competition.

TO-MORROW'S EVENTS.

The Army Athletic Competition which is to be held at Aldershot on the 28th and 29th of this month attracts sportsmen from every branch of the British Army, and we all hope that the Army of the Rhine will show that it is not behind in the matter of sport. Our representative teams are to be selected from a number of entrants at the P. & R.T. school sports ground at Riehl to-morrow, August 7th, and a good day's sport is promised to those fortunate enough to get there. It is expected that the Commander-in-Chief, ever eager to show his interest in the Army's sport, will be present.

The events will include 100, 220, 440 and 880 yds.; 1 and 3 miles; 120 yds. hurdles; long and high jump; putting the weight, 16 lbs. Unit team race, distance 1 mile, comprising following stages: 220, 220, 440, 880 yds.

Admission Free.

The British Army of the Rhine is entitled to send three entrants for each individual event and 1 team for the relay race.

Admission is free to all troops, and there will be canteens on the ground. No 12 tram goes to the ground. No 14 tram from the Deutscher Ring goes to the Zoo and No 12 may be taken from there to the terminus.

The first heats will start at 11.00 hours in the morning and the afternoon session will commence at 15.00 hours, and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance.

11 MINUTES PULL.

168 Bde. R.F.A. Sports Meeting at Kudinghoven.

Held in good weather at Kudinghoven, the sports of the 168 Bde. R.F.A. were a great success. The event of the day was undoubtedly the tug-of-war between "B" and "D" Batteries, "B" winning after an eleven minutes pull. The band of the 13th Battalion King's Liverpool Regt. was in attendance.

Events and Winners.

100 yards:—1, Dvr. Potter "C" Bty. 11 2/5 secs.; 2, Cpl. Stott, "A" Bty.; 3, Dvr. Bell "C" Bty.

3-Legged Race:—1, Cpl. Stott (F) and Cpl. Stott (A), "A" Bty.; 2, Gnr. Greenhalgh and Gnr. Cooper, "D" Bty.; 3, Bdr. Kenyon and Dvr. Hempsall, "D" Bty.

Potato Race:—1, Cpl. Walker, "D" Bty.; 2, Dvr. Scott, "B" Bty.; 3, Dvr. Milner, "B" Bty.

220 yards:—1, Cpl. Griffin, "D" Bty.; 2, Gnr. Wright, "D" Bty.; 3, Dvr. Freestone, "D" Bty.

Boat Race:—"B" Bty.

440 yards:—1, Cpl. Griffin, "D" Bty.; 2, Cpl. Stott, "A" Bty.; 3, Dvr. Freestone, "D" Bty.

Tug-of-War:—"B" Bty.

120 yards Hurdles:—1, Cpl. Griffin, "D" Bty.; 2, Gnr. Wright, "D" Bty.; 3, Cpl. Stott, "A" Bty.

Long Jump:—1, Gnr. Barclay, "D" Bty.; 16 ft. 5½ ins.; 2, Gnr. Dennis, "C" Bty.

Obstacle Race:—1, Dvr. Freestone, "D" Bty.; 2, Dvr. Madden, H.Q.; 3, Bdr. Kenyon, "D" Bty.

High Jump:—1, Gnr. Goldsworthy, "B" Bty.; 4 ft. 9 ins.; 2, Cpl. Griffin, "D" Bty.

Relay Race:—"D" Bty.; (runner up "C" Bty.)

Wheelbarrow Race:—1, Sig. Barclay and Dvr. Jones; 2, Dvr. Edwards and Dvr Sharman; 3, Dvr. Hempsall and Gnr. Hilton.

Wrestlin on Horseback:—"B" Bty.

Officers Musical Chairs:—Major Williams "D" Bty.

Mule Race:—1, Dvr. Scott, "B" Bty.; 2, Dvr. Harding.

O.R.'s Jumping:—1, Dvrs. Roan and Hardy bracketed equal; 3, Dvr. Madden.

V.C. Race:—1, Bdr Kenyon and Dvr. Hempsall, "D" Bty.; 2, Dvrs. Edwards and Sharman, "D" Bty.; 3, Dvrs. Scott and Dennis, "B" Bty.

W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s Jumping:—1, Bdr. Hargreaves, "D" Bty.; 2, B.S.M. King, "D" Bty.; 3, B.S.M. Burke, "A" Bty.

Half Section Jumping:—1, H.Q. Half Section; 2, A Half Section.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Impromptu Concert And Dance.

This afternoon Miss Ada Moore will give an impromptu concert in the music room at the British Empire Leave Club at 5 p.m. and a dance will take place in the theatre at 7 p.m. The 2nd Highland Bde. Jazz Band (by kind permission of the O.C.) will play for the dance. The Pipers will play in the garden at 5 p.m. to-morrow and a whist drive will take place at 6.30 p.m. On Friday, a dancing class will be held in the theatre for beginners and an impromptu concert in the music room at the same time. The Rhine Army Choral Society will give a concert at 8 p.m. in the theatre. On Saturday, there will be an impromptu concert in the music room at 5 p.m. and a dance in the Theatre at 7 p.m.

Tabs Return.

After their two weeks sojourn in England "The Tabs" are appearing at the Palace Theatre, Herzog Strasse, in the musical revue "Well, I'm — !!!." The show is as bright as ever and the fun never relaxes. Several new numbers and many new gags have been introduced and considering the excellence of the production, it is worth a second visit. The crowded houses during the last two evenings augur well for a successful week.

"The Cheerios."

Following an interesting day's sports, the 5/6th Battalion Royal Scots had a most enjoyable and largely attended concert at Nettesheim on Wednesday. The show, given by "The Cheerios," was admirably staged, under the direction of Lieut. Hamilton, who scored a great personal hit during the evening's performance. Lieut. Dougal and Sergt. McKay with their mellow and well trained voices delighted the vast audience present. The elocution of Ptes. Smith and Waller showed ability and the double item entitled, "The Author and the Critic" between Lieut. Hamilton and Pte. Smith was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

JACQUES.

Leave Club Boxing.

The boxing competitions which were to take place at the British Empire Leave Club, Cologne, have had to be abandoned owing to lack of entries. It is hoped to arrange for open competitions at a later date.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

33 for Deauville.

Mr. J. D. Colm has taken a string of no fewer than thirty-three horses to compete at Deauville.

Solent Season.

Cowes week and the Solent yacht racing season, which began yesterday will not bring forth any sailing matches of much importance this year.

All Clothes Race.

Yesterday the All Clothes Race over the 75 yards straight course at the Serpentine was held and each competitor swam in a complete suit of clothing which weighed 6 lb.

Extortionate Prices.

There was much grumbling at Goodwood about the excessive charges made by taxi-drivers. This matter of extortionate prices should certainly be taken up at once by the authorities, otherwise the consequences are likely to be disastrous to racing executives in general.

Modern Boxing.

Modern boxing is the mere shadow and semblance of what it was formerly. Sixty years ago sparring with the gloves was chiefly regarded as a means to an end, ie., teachers instructed their pupils with a view to enabling them to use their fists, and not to use the gloves.—"Old Blue" in "Sporting Life."

A Chess Challenge.

R.E. Signals, 1st Highland Bde., challenge any Brigade chess team to a match at Düren Y.M.C.A.

Gold Cup.

Mr. Arthur H. Gilbey has presented a gold "Victory" Cup to the Croquet Association to be competed for later in the season.

Royal Record.

For the first time in the history of cricket the ruling Sovereign saw an innings of a hundred in a first class match from its beginning to its end in the Navy v. Army match at Lord's last week.

Equine Attendants.

Pretty Polly had her equine attendant on a racecourse. This was a bob-tailed hack. The other day Diadem had as a companion a horse called Seaton Delaval, who has throughout the war been an officer's charger, and has the Army brand marks on his shoulder and quarters.

Football Transfer.

Frank Hodges, forward, of Birmingham Football Club, has signed on for Manchester United. Wounded early in the war, Hodges, recovered in Glasgow Hospital and played for St. Mirren, helping them to win the Scottish Cup by scoring one of the goals during extra time.

Rent Remitted.

Lord Tredegar has remitted £165, the rent of the Newport Rugby football ground, which has been dormant during the war.

Weight-lifting Champion.

Pte. Arthur Thompson, 715 Labour Coy., who claims to be junior weight-lifting Champion of Great Britain asks where he can practise his art.

Pal Moore and Walter Ross.

There is a great probability of a match between Pal Moore and Walter Ross, the bantam-weight champion, and this will probably take place at Olympia in the middle of September.

The Stage Golfing Society.

The Stage Golfing Society has arranged some interesting competitions at Stoke Poges on September 12. In the morning there will be medal play over 18 holes, under handicap, for the challenge cup presented by Messrs George Grossmith and Edward Laurillard.

A Curious Coincidence.

When Batho's horses arrived at the Richmond Arms late on Monday night, King Sol was led into the first box and it was not until a little time after that his trainer noticed that he was in the same quarters as Northern Farmer occupied when that horse won the Stewards' Cup in 1899.

New League.

Next season will see

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

The Missing Bell.

Apropos our parapraph on the missing bell of Cologne cathedral, "Bellringer" says that if it weighed a ton he cannot understand why it should have taken as many as twenty-five men to swing it. Before joining the army, he says he rang one of that weight with a team of six, and a "tenor" bell, weighing 12½ cwts., which he rang single-handed. There are, he adds, heavier bells than that, rung by one man. Not having seen the hangings of the famous Cologne bell, he says he does not know its position, though he expects it would be hung in the ordinary way.

All "Dressed Up."

Many visitors to Bonn and Cologne get the impression that these places are almost the last word in German town planning. But a journey up the river to Mannheim would reveal a town, whose population is 200,000, laid out with a "regularity" unsurpassed anywhere in the Fatherland. From an aeroplane it has the resemblance of a chess-board, being divided into 136 square sections, nearly all the same size. The blocks of houses are distinguished by letters and figures (the Market Place is G 1,) only a few buildings on the outskirts having names. Still further up the river is Karlsruhe with 140,000 inhabitants where the "lay-out" of the town resembles a fan, most of the streets radiating from the palace.

A Later Train Wanted.

The case of troops billeted in the small areas of Luftelberg, Fiergheim etc. about fifteen or sixteen kilometres behind Bonn has been brought to our notice. It seems that they see few amusements there, perhaps a cinema once a week, so they have to travel to Bonn if they want further distraction. They find however when they get there, that they have to return very early, the last train leaving Bonn at 7.42 p.m. so the evening's enjoyment is spoilt. It is suggested that a later hour train might be run from Bonn.

Embarrassing.

It happened in a tramcar proceeding from Ohligs to Solingen. A junior N.C.O. of a somewhat shy appearance sat down next to a frau with a sleeping baby in her arms. Suddenly the kiddy awoke and commenced to yell as only babies can. The mother failed to soothe it and it continued its nerve-racking roars. It suddenly occurred to the N.C.O. that a bit of chocolate might relieve the situation somewhat and feeling in his haversack, surreptitiously handed a stick of 'Kohlers' to the frau, quietly remarking "Dein kinder essen shokolade?" "Ya! ya!" loudly exclaimed the worried frau, seizing at this totally unexpected solution of her difficulty, and thrust the chocolate into the baby's hand. It had the desired effect. Baby was quiet and all was serene. Turning to the N.C.O., the frau, in broken English gratefully remarked "Dank you. You is goot." Unheeding the N.C.O's blushes, she continued, "You liebe kinder, ya? You ist ein vater, eh??—this in a questioning voice. "No, No!" said the now thoroughly embarrassed N.C.O. To add to his confusion, the baby sat up, smiled, and looking at him said "Papa."

Using Every Yard.

Most people must have noticed during their walks in Rhineland, the very small areas of grassland used for haymaking as compared with other crops. At the same time, the farmers manage to make up for this by various economic devices, by means of which every bit of land, however small, is utilised. The farmers in Rhineland have no use for hedges or fences, but intersect their land with a cart track some ten to twelve feet wide. These are only used in early spring for sowing and ploughing, and in the Autumn for harvesting. During the summer months, grass is allowed to grow on these roads, which contribute quite a quantity of hay, at least two crops being gathered. Instead of the usual hedgrows and ditches along the roadsides, a broad well made ditch will be seen, in which the grass is allowed to grow. This also is cut and helps out the hay harvest. By such devices, the farmer manages to get a good proportion of his hay crop from what otherwise would be waste ground.

Fishing.

He was just an ordinary Tommy, who had seen three years of hard fighting, and was now stationed just outside Cologne. Hearing that there were plenty of fish to be caught in a stream close by, he procured the necessary tackle, and sallied forth for a day's good sports. Baiting the hook with a nice fat worm, he sat down with all the angler's usual patience, when suddenly his float dissappeared, and he gave a mighty jerk, only to find the end of the worm had been taken clean off the hook. Nothing daunted, he tried again, with the same result. At last, however, he succeeded in landing the tormentor, and imagine his surprise when he saw a large frog dangling at the end of the line. Two minutes later a complete fishing outfit might have been seen floating down the stream.

The New Democracy.

It is not an uncommon sight in Cologne to see a city man enquiring of a police man his direction. It is not an uncommon sight in London. But the procedure in Germany is remarkable. To begin with the gentleman bows and raises his hat with elaborate politeness, then asks the question. The policeman listens indifferently and answers brusquely. Having expressed his thanks, again raising his hat, the business man retires. If this is the new spirit of democracy, it possesses rather a Gilbertian atmosphere.

The Pied Piper of Bonn.

Many civilians resident in Bonn, as well as English soldiers, must have thought that the legendary "Piper of Hamelin" was brought to life one afternoon of the week, for all the children in the "stadt" were to be seen following a curious figure through the streets. His clothes were mere travesties, comprising wide, baggy trousers, a morning coat very short in front, and with long swallow tails behind, ornamented with huge cloth buttons of brilliant hue. His hat was an original creation, red in colour, and with a neat tuft of pheasant's feathers standing up in the rear, bowing gracefully at every movement of the wearer's head. His face was like nothing on earth, a long, thin nose being its main feature, together with eye-brows of the Robey type, and his red locks made one feel warm to see them. How came he to have two such nice girls walking with him, as he had, one on either arm? The question was only solved when one of the "young ladies" produced a pipe, and lighting up, puffed away with great satisfaction. Then the English part of the onlookers knew that they were just three "costumes" walking home from the sports ground, but what the Germans thought would probably surprise us—if we could find out.

A Country Club.

A corespondent writes that while the British Empire Leave Club provides excellent facilities for soldiers visiting Cologne, similar facilities might be provided outside the city, somewhere on the Rhine, for instance, for the benefit of those who are stationed in Cologne and who want to spend a short leave in the country.

Lesser Echoes.

Cologne is said to be full of shady characters with vague British and American labels and connections trying to do any kind of business likely to prove profitable. British firms should employ real reliable Britishers.

Have you noticed the hugeness of the coffins exhibited in the local undertaker's establishments? They must be nearly twice the size of the English models.

A style of semi-military suit, closely resembling the garb worn by the British officers, with open collar and pouch-pockets, is coming into vogue among the German male population.

It is suggested that in addition to the proposed dinner for officers of the 56th Division another should be arranged for other ranks.

The yellow cross and ring, worn at the moment by the 3rd. Battalion M.G.C., was as many of our readers will be aware the old sign of the 3rd. Division. It is now being worn by that division's Machine Gunners by express permission of Major-General Deverell, C.B., who until lately commanded that division.

Fishing in the Rhine becomes an increasingly popular pastime, and numbers of enthusiastic anglers are to be seen in the neigabourhood of Rodenkirchen almost every evening.

A curious effort at English was placarded up by the swinging boats at the fair at Riehl. It says: "It is forbidden to stay in the boats during the drive."

The rates of exchange fixed for August are: 5 Francs (French) 3s 3d; 5 Francs (Belgian) 3s 1d; 10 marks (German) 2s 10d.

Now that the Officers' Club at Coblenz is closed, British officers visiting Coblenz are invited by the officers of the American G.H.Q. to make use of their mess.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to: Sgnlr. J. B. Mc.Donnell R.G.A., R.A. Reception Camp, Rhine Army; Gnr. G. Johnson, 303 Siege Bty. R.G.A. Rhine Army, and Sgnlr. A. E. Legg, C/161 Bde. R.F.A. Rhine Army.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Plenty of Birds.—Grouse prospects on the Lancashire moors are favourable.

Not Just Yet.—The Court is not to move to Balmoral until late this month.

Corn Amid Slums.—A cornfield of half an acre is flourishing amid the smoke and grime of Bermondsey.

From the Air.—A survey of the unknown parts of British Guiana by aeroplane observation is proposed.

At the Bard's Home.—Shakesperian plays are being staged at Stratford-on Avon all through this month.

For the Homeless.—One of the largest housing schemes is for Woolwich. It provides for 3,000 new homes.

A Trinity Man.—Prince Albert goes into residence at Trinity College, Cambridge, shortly.

Plain in Style.—The suite for the Prince of Wales on H. M. S. Renown proceeding to Canada is far from lavishly appointed.

Verboten!—A girl at East Dercham has been fined for corresponding with a German prisoner.

To Stonyhurst.—Marshal Foch is to visit Stonyhurst, the Catholic "Eton" in Lancashire.

The Pity of it.—The belfry of Cambrai being unsafe through bombardments, has been blown up with dynamite.

Rations Again.—Re-registering with, retailers for food supplies starts in England next month.

Sea Swarmers.—At most of the South Coast seaside resorts people are forced to sleep on the sands.

Ridiculous!—A Sheffield child, born on the day peace was signed, has been christened "Glorious Peace."

Fortunes for Farmers.—Fabulous prices are being paid for this year's yield of white clover seed.

The Burgling Boom.—In one day recently at Edmonton there were five burglaries.

Blazing Moors.—Many acres of heather have been destroyed by fire at Blairgowrie.

Diamonds near Cardiff.—A large number of crystalline stones discovered at Dinas Powis near Cardiff believed to be diamonds, are being tested by experts.

Old Hotel Sold.—One of the oldest hostelries in England, the "The White-Host," Cheadle, Cheshire, has been sold for over ten thousand pounds.

Booming Agriculture.—More than forty sales of agricultural machinery, which is in immense demand, have been held in England in the past week.

A Monster.—At Tarporley, a giant puff-ball weighing over ten pounds, and nearly a foot high and 49 inches in circumference has been found.

A Crack Shot.—One of the finest shots from Rhineland at the Bisley meeting was Lt. Col. Meyler, D.S.O., M.C. of the Royal Air Force.

Rabies Rampant.—There has been an alarming epidemic of rabies in France. Last year 1,803 cases occurred, while in 1913 there were only 343.

Often Is.—Honduras is in the throes of a revolution.

Not Forgotten.—A new Bismarck monument has been inaugurated at Kolberg.

Earned.—Clemenceau is going to take a holiday on his country estate.

Giving Up Kiel.—Kiel is no longer to be a German Naval base.

At a Standstill.—The general situation on the Afghan frontier is unchanged.

Later, Perhaps.—The proposed visit of the King of Italy to King George has been abandoned for the present.

The Uniform Craze.—A London leader of fashion has arrayed her maid servants in a sort of footman's livery.

The Chink's Failing.—A Chinaman has been fined for running an opium den in Cardiff.

Ratification.—It is expected that peace will be ratified in France and Italy simultaneously, on September 15th.

Bull Fighter Honoured.—A toreador has been made governor of the province of Guadalajara in Spain.

Ramsay Refuses.—Mr. Ramsay Macdonald has declined an invitation to contest the Leicester constituency again.

A New Bishop.—The King has approved of the appointment of the Rev. Forster Garbett to the Bishopric of Southwark.

Cute Kids.—A music-hall "turn" which is creating a stir in London is the "Alexander Kids," three quaint youngsters from the States.

Anti-Robbery.—With the Hon. F. S. Jackson M. P., the famous York cricketer presiding, the profiteering inquiry is to be held in public.

Afraid of the Dark.—Owing the threatened strikes of gasworkers there has been a frantic rush to buy candles in Ramsgate.

Littered.—Owing to a strike of municipal workers the streets of Kensington and Paddington are unswept and look like Hampstead Heath after a pre-war Bank Holiday.

More Markets.—The success of Ilford's municipal street market has been so great that similar marts will be opened at Goodmayes, and Chadwell Heath and Seven Kings in Essex.

Air Wedding.—An officer of the United States Aviation Corps and his bride have been married on an aeroplane in mid-air with the assistance of a wireless telephone.

Warning.—Communal notes issued by towns in France and Belgium cannot be exchanged in other communes, or in England, and those issued in reconquered towns are valuable nowhere.

Old Flag as Pall.—When Capt. F. Harvey R.N., inventor of the Harvey Torpedo, was buried, his coffin was draped with the flag of H.M.S. Brunswick (Capt. J. Harvey) flown in the battle of Ushant in 1794.

R.34's Designer.—The man chiefly responsible for the successful construction of the R class of Admiralty airships is Capt. G. E. Stringer, who has now returned to his pre-war work of colliery management.

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Advancing to the table he handed the Royal message to the Speaker, who read it in the following terms:

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The Premier moved that the King's message be referred to the Committee of Supply and this was agreed to without discussion.

THE HOUSING CHARTER.

COMPULSORY TENEMENTS.

"A veritable 'Magna Charta' of housing," is the description given by Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Ministry of Health, to the Housing and Town Planning Act now on the Statute Book. In an interview he emphasised the gravity of the house shortage, and mentioned a case, typical of many, which was brought to his notice before the war of a mother and six children who had been refused either a house or a flat or rooms by no fewer than 52 landlords in London, on account of her family.

"The Act does not lay down any hard and fast definition of what the term "working classes" means. Dr. Addison has definitely stated that the houses will only be occupied by manual workers. I venture to think the clerk has just as much title as the labourer. The housing famine, in fact, affects the whole community. Ex-soldiers and persons with large families should be especially considered.

"An important provision, especially affecting London, is the power given to local authorities to apply to the County Court to vary the terms of leases in order that such houses may be converted into two or more tenements. There are quite a large number of such houses which should be made available for our housing scheme.

LABOUR TROUBLE IN THE STATES.

Representatives of the railway shipmen have informed President Wilson that it is impossible to accede to his proposal for arbitration. Nothing, they say, will be satisfactory to them short of a twenty-five per cent. increase of wages.

This demand is reflected by similar action being taken by other classes of railway workers who are directly concerned in the present trouble.

THE 1917 PEACE OFFER.

Yesterday, in the House of Commons, Mr. Cecil Harmsworth informed Commander Kenworthy that it is the intention of the Government to lay papers before Parliament as soon as possible with reference to the statements made by Erzberger and Painlevé regarding the peace offer alleged to have been made to Germany by the Allies in August 1917.

TITLES.

KING HONOURS THE SERVICES.

His Majesty the King has bestowed the following honours for War Services:

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Admiral Sir R. J. B. Keyes.
Vice-Admiral Sir J. M. de Robeck.
Admiral Tyrwhitt.
Field Marshal Sir H. S. Wilson.
General Sir W. R. Robertson.
General Sir W. R. Birdwood.
Major General Sir H. M. Trenchard.

VISCOUNTY.

Field Marshal Sir H. H. Allenby.

BARONIES.

Field Marshal Sir H. C. O. Plumer.
General Sir H. S. Rawlinson.
General the Hon. Sir J. H. G. Byng.
General Sir H. S. Horne.
Lieut. Colonel Sir M. P. A. Hankey.

TERRIBLE AIR CRASH.

FOURTEEN PERSONS KILLED.

Fourteen persons, including several representatives of leading Italian newspapers, have been killed as the result of an aeroplane disaster near Verona. The machine, a Caproni, crashed from an altitude of 3,000 feet just after passing Verona on a flight from Venice to Milan.

The dead journalists include the correspondents of the "Corriere della Sera," the "Secolo" and the "Sera."

The fall of the aeroplane was a terrible sight. The machine suddenly nose dived and crashed within a few seconds.

Some of the passengers, realising there was no hope of salvation by remaining in their places, leaped out while the aeroplane was still at a considerable height. The bodies are unrecognisable.

The disaster has created an especially painful impression in Milan, as both passengers and airmen were well known there. One of the airmen was Lieutenant Rudolfi, who had been decorated for bravery three times, and who had made about 6,000 flights.

BELGIUM BUYS U.S. STORES.

The Ministry of Food has bought all the stores deposited in Belgium by the Americans, to the value of £4,000,000. These stores, which consist of various products, will be retailed under the control of the Government.

ROUMANIA AND HUNGARY.

The Supreme Council has considered the question of Hungary and the situation created by the entry of Roumanian troops into Buda-Pesth. The representatives of the Great Powers took no decision in view of the entry being an accomplished fact.

There is no question of requesting Roumania to withdraw her troops. It was thought that it would have been preferable that order should have been secured by the Allies acting in combination but since that was impossible there is some satisfaction that Roumania has been able to sustain that role. It is generally hoped that the Allies will give a mission to Roumania to act in their name.

SERB WOMEN'S GRATITUDE.

An expression of the gratitude of Serbian ladies towards their British sisters for the assistance rendered them during the war has been forwarded to Mrs. Lloyd George by Frau Telisava Borata, President of the Committee of Serbian Women.

The communication is addressed to "Dear Sisters, noble English women," and states that the hearts of Serb women are full of gratitude to the glorious British nation, who mothered the Serbian soldiers when their own women could do nothing for them.

AUSTRIAN STUD FOR ITALY.

The Austrian authorities, after long negotiations, have delivered to the Italian Mission the stallions, brood mares, and colts belonging to the ex-Imperial stud at Lapizzi, near Trieste, famous all over the world for its fine breed of horses. The stud dates back to 1578.

PROFITEERING.

DRASTIC ACTION TO BE TAKEN.

The House of Commons Select Committee of Enquiry into high prices and profiteering opened its proceedings yesterday morning.

Mr. Roberts, the Food Controller, who was the first witness, said that practically all foods had been controlled. He estimated that ninety-four per cent of all the food consumed in England was subject to maximum prices. The recent policy of the Government was to demobilize the Ministry of Food with other wartime departments as rapidly as possible, but this question was being reconsidered. The Government now had in view a continuance of the Ministry for another year.

Where gross profiteering was proved he was prepared to take drastic action even to the extent of imprisonment and depriving the profiteer of the power of again engaging in trade. The Board of Trade was now enquiring into the question of the American Meat Trust with a view to devising means to protect the country against that organisation.

The enquiry is proceeding.

MUNICIPAL MARKET.

MOVEMENT GAINING GROUND.

Ilford's municipal street market has been so successful that the Urban Council will shortly open a similar institution for Goodmayes and Chadwell Heath at Seven Kings.

At last Saturday's market stall holders were unable to cope with the demands of the crowds of customers, many of whom came from East Ham, Barking, and Romford. New laid eggs were sold at 3d. each, English tomatoes at 9d., green peas and new potatoes at 1½d. a lb. One stall was laden with sides of smoked bacon, and the demand was so brisk that the trader had to secure the services of a professional cutter from one of the City meat markets.

Two millinery stalls were added, and did a rare trade. To prevent any profiteering by stall holders the Council committee concerned obtain the current prices from the wholesale market every morning and only allow retailers to charge sufficient to give them a reasonable profit. It is the Council's intention, if possible, to provide a covered market before the winter arrives.

KING'S SONS AT CAMBRIDGE.

Prince Henry and Prince Albert will take up residence at Cambridge, at Trinity College, next term, which commences in October, the latter on a special course, and the former as an ordinary undergraduate. They will thus keep up the Royal Family associations with Trinity College.

Prince Henry will follow the customary University course, but Prince Albert will work on special lines. He will make a particular study of history, economics, and civics, and will also keep up his studies of French, of which he is a good scholar. Prince Albert, who has passed his final flying test, and gained his "wings" has been presented with an aeroplane, and during his visit to Cambridge made inquiries about an aerodrome.

PAYING WAR GRATUITIES.

The period within which service may be reckoned in the assessment of the gratuities earned by temporary officers and of the war gratuities granted to officers on the active list of the permanent Regular Army, to members of the Military Nursing Services, and to warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men terminated on Tuesday.

Although the gratuities are due for payment to-day, some time must necessarily elapse, it is announced, before their issue is completed, as payment cannot be made until officers for themselves, and commanding officers on behalf of their men, have furnished the particulars of service and other details required to enable the gratuities to be assessed and the claimants to be located.

Officers are recommended to invest their gratuities in Victory Bonds or Funding Loan, the lists having been specially kept open for this purpose up to the 15th inst.

FIFTY FACTORIES CLOSE.

Sir Robert Horne states in Parliamentary papers that the Lord Mayor of Bradford has written the Prime Minister stating that, owing to the Yorkshire coal strike, fifty Bradford factories have been compelled to close and 25,000 people are out of work. The Government are, he states, keeping closely in touch with the situation, and are taking advantage of every opportunity to bring about a settlement.

LONDON TUBEMEN STRIKE.

The sympathetic strike of engine drivers on the London and South Western Railway spread yesterday to the City and South London Electric Railway. Owing to the action of the motormen, who ceased work during the busiest hours of the morning rush to the city, the service was entirely suspended. Later in the day a limited service was established.

Mr. J.H. Thomas described the strike as a grave mistake and says he will bring the matter before the Executive of the National Union of Railwaymen to-morrow.

OFF TO CANADA.

PRINCE OF WALES LEAVES FOR TOUR.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, wearing the uniform of his new rank as a Naval Captain, left London yesterday morning for Portsmouth and embarked on the battleship Renown for his Canadian and American tour.

The King and Queen and other members of the Royal family went down and lunched aboard the Renown. Large crowds assembled at the Dockyard to watch the sailing at six p.m. and lustily cheered the Prince's departure. The dockyard was gaily decorated and all warships in harbour, including the old Victory, were dressed.

"A GRAVE MISTAKE."

WARNING TO RAILWAY WORKERS.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, M. P., general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, stated yesterday:—

"I am submitting the whole matter of the railwaymen's attitude in connection with the police dispute to the executive committee, who are meeting to-morrow. The action of certain men in already striking is not only a grave mistake, but one for which the union is not, and cannot in any way be, responsible. I have acquainted them exactly with the position, and they quite frankly have informed me that they acted on their own responsibility.

"I therefore desire to inform all members that the matter is one in which under no consideration ought they to be influenced by local circumstances, passion or prejudice, but to go on with their work till they receive the instructions of their executive committee."

ATLANTIC TRAFFIC.

SOUTHAMPTON GETTING BUSY.

It is announced by the White Star Line that they are resuming in the course of the present month their Southampton-New York service as in the days before the war. The ships to be employed at Southampton in this service at first are the Adriatic and the Lapland. Both vessels will call at Cherbourg on the outward journey, and at Plymouth and Cherbourg on the return trip.

The Olympic, at present at Liverpool, will shortly go to Belfast for overhauling, and will resume her sailings from Southampton about the end of February or the beginning of March. The White Star are building new vessels for the Transatlantic trade.

The American Line will also shortly resume operations at Southampton. The s.s. St. Paul, it is expected, will be ready for the ordinary service from Southampton to New York some time in October, and the other three American liners will be available in November or December.

UNION AND EX-SOLDIER.

Returning to Preston after five years' Army service, including eighteen months in France with the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, George Crimmings, a married man with five children, presented himself last week at Atherton Brothers' engineering works, where he had formerly worked for twentyfive years, but was prevented by a shop steward from starting at a lathe on the ground that he was not a trade unionist. His job was waiting and he was willing to join the union, but, as he could not produce a working card, the shop stewards caused a stoppage of the lathes, and work was at a standstill until Crimmings left the premises. The shop stewards, however, have reversed their decision, and have expressed their willingness that Crimmings should be allowed to return to work.

GENERAL GOURAUD'S VISIT.

General Gouraud, Commanding the 4th (French) Army, paid a visit to the Commander-in-Chief at Cologne yesterday. In connection with his reception, there was an imposing parade in which a detachment of the Royal Navy, two sections of "G" Battery, R.H.A.; two contingents of the 12th Lancers, and the 1/4th Bn. York and Lancs. Regt. took part.

The General inspected the troops, after which he watched the March Past from the Cathedral steps. Col. Hedlam, commanding the 1/4th Yorks and Lancs., was in charge of the Parade. The Battalion Band played appropriate music during the proceedings.

PRESENT FROM A FIEND.

While smoking a cigar in a silver-capped holder given to his son by a German prisoner, Mr. Joseph Hooper, of Boney Hay, Lichfield, noticed fumes issuing from under the cap, and on taking it from his mouth it exploded, filling the room with smoke.

PROFIT ON GUINNESS.

The fact that high taxation does not necessarily spell financial ruin is shown by the report of Guinness's Brewery. The firm paid over four and a half million pounds in taxes last year and has yet been able to declare a dividend of sixteen per cent.

BOAT DISASTER.

FERRY BOAT UPSET BY PASSING STEAMER.

As the result of the capsizing of a ferry boat playing at Hampstall Ferry, about two miles from Stourport, yesterday, eleven persons were drowned. Nine bodies have been recovered, all of which have been identified as natives of Smethwick.

There are conflicting reports as to the cause of the disaster. Some eye-witnesses attribute it to a collision with a passing steamer, others merely to the wash of a vessel which passed quite close. People who were on the bank at the time saw the accident but were practically powerless to help. Some, however, waded into the water as far as possible, and in this way several lives were saved.

NEW RATION CARDS.

REGISTRATION SCHEME.

The Food Controller announces that in order to ensure a more rigorous control of distribution of meat, butter and sugar during the coming months there will be a general re-registration of customers with retailers next month. With this object in view "Ration Cards" will be issued through the local food offices to replace the present ration book.

The card will contain spaces for the name and address of the holder, and the names and addresses of his retailers, and will have three detachable counterfoils for meat, butter and sugar, which the holder will be required to give to the retailers from whom he wishes to deal during the autumn and winter. To obtain the card the public will be required to return the grey reference leaf (leaf 8a) of the current ration book to their Food office when called upon to do so. The Food Office in each district will announce when the reference leaves should be sent in. Till this announcement is made the public should keep their ration book and the reference leaves carefully. Any person who has lost his ration book should immediately inform his local Food Office.

Persons who fail to apply for a ration card when required to do so, and who are, therefore, unable to register at the required time, will find themselves unable to obtain regular supplies when distribution of rationed foods on the new basis begins.

GERMAN AEROPLANE DISASTER.

Berlin telegrams state that a giant flying machine belonging to the Ukrainian Government has fallen in the Forest of Routen. Ten dead bodies have been found under the wreckage, including that of M. Vitovsky, formerly the West Ukrainian Minister of War.

The pilot was a well-known German aviator, Bendereich, and the machine carried a crew of five, as well as four passengers. M. Vitovsky recently visited Berlin on his way home from Paris. The machine was on its way from Breslau to the Ukraine when the accident occurred.

Besides the dead bodies there were found scattered about round the spot where the machine fell several bags and quantities of Russian gold coin and currency notes.

POLICE PROGRESS.

The police and military now have the situation at Liverpool so well in hand that there has been no open attempt at a resumption of hooliganism since the early hours of Tuesday morning. This is the result of the presence of over 3,000 troops, who are constantly patrolling the city.

Members of the Manchester Branch of the Police Union met yesterday to discuss the attitude to be adopted towards the present strike. It was unanimously decided that they should remain at their posts. At the same time they expressed the hope that the Government would either withdraw or amend certain clauses in the Police Bill and meet duly accredited representatives of the forces to agree upon any amendment in the consitution of the present Union so that it may be duly recognised by the Government and local police authorities.

TEMPTING FATE.

A German commercial representative, named Levy, was arrested at the Gare de l'Est, Paris, as he was leaving the station, on the denunciation of a poilu. The poilu had recognised in Levy a feldwebel who ill treated prisoners of war and stole their parcels.

NEW G.W.R. MANAGER.

Mr. Charles Aldington has been appointed general manager of the Great Western Railway. He entered the service of the company as a boy of thirteen and has worked his way up to his present position.

A LEAD TO ENGLISH LABOUR.

The railwaymen at Lecce (Italy) have sent a telegram to the Prime Minister stating that they are prepared to give the State an additional hour's work a day in order to help to increase the production of the country.

'FACING-BOTH-WAYS

GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO DO ITS DUTY.

Lord Robert Cecil asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether the Prime Minister's attention had been called to the proposal to bring about a general strike of all those engaged in the coal mining, railway, and other transport industries, so as to force the Government by the dislocation of those industries, to adopt certain polices in connection with Russia, military service, and conscientious objectors; and whether the House could be assured that the Government would resist with all the resources at its disposal this revolutionary attempt to set aside the constitutional authorities of this country by the action of sectional organisations of its citizens.

Mr. Bonar Law, in reply, said any attempt to force a decision on political questions which affected the whole of the community by the methods suggested in the question, would if successful, mean an end to democratic and constitutional government in this country. It would be the duty of the Government to resist such an attempt with all the resources at its disposal. (Hear hear.)

Mr. J. Jones: Will equal treatment be served out to all who disobey the law?

Mr. Bonar Law: Certainly.

Mr. Rose: In view of the momentous issue developed by this agitation, and in view of the fact that the Labour party has chosen to play the role of Mr. Facing-both-ways in reference to it, will the right hon. gentleman give facilities to the House for discussing this question and coming to an opinion?

Mr. Bonar Law: I really do not think there is any doubt as to the opinion of the House upon this question.

PLANES FOR U.S.A.

CANADIAN R.A.F. BOUGHT COMPLETE.

The United Aircraft Engineering Corporation of New York, through their London agents, have just entered into a contract with the Aircraft Disposal Board for the purchase of 700 aeroplane engines for export to Canada, together with a large number of aeroplanes. They are intended for the development of commercial use of aircraft between Canada and America.

The same concern has purchased from the Imperial Munitions Board the whole of the Canadian R.A.F. equipment, including nearly five hundred aeroplanes.

WIFELY DUTY.

WARM SUPPER INSUFFICIENT.

A little homily on the whole duty of a wife was delivered by Mr. Symmons, the North London magistrate, to a woman who was charged before him with drunkenness in the streets.

"Why were you not at home looking after your husband?" asked the magistrate.

The woman replied that she had prepared her husband's supper and left it on the gas-stove to keep warm. As she had done her duty she thought she was entitled to go out.

Mr. Symmons: But you had not done your whole duty. You ought to have been at home when your husband arrived and given him his supper, to have talked to him, and to have listened to what he had to say. He would want to tell you what he had done during the day, how he had scored off the foreman, and done other things. (Laughter.) Don't tell me that you did your duty as a wife by simply keeping his supper warm.

BISHOP AND LABOUR PROBLEM.

The Bishop of Peterborough, writing in the diocesan magazine, says: "There is need for substituting a will to fellowship for that suspicion which now hovers like poisonous gas over our industrial trenches. There is a tendency in some quarters to force political decisions at the point of the industrial bayonet. This I cannot but think has been encouraged by the amazing failure of the Government to produce any industrial policy except that of living from hand to mouth since the armistice was signed. The country's deepest need at the present time is a large inoculation of the doctrine and discipline of Christ. An ounce of Christianity would solve all our industrial troubles."

STRUGGLE DOWN A WELL.

After struggling to keep his head above water till help came, Mr. Fisher, of Chester-le-Street, was rescued from a disused well at Lumley Castle, one of Lord Scarborough's estates. He was being shown the spot because of its historical interest, which dates back to the Middle Ages, when, according to legend, one of the Lumley family was murdered down the well.

DOUBLE PUNISHMENT.

When a small boy was charged at Brentford with stealing unripe gooseberries, his mother volunteered to give him a flogging. The bench agreed to this course, and from the noise which proceeded from an adjoining room it would seem that the castigation was very effective.

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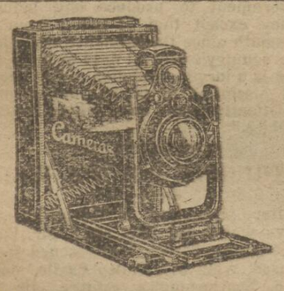

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PEACE REVELATIONS—AND AFTER.

The revelations which have been pouring in during the past week as a result of Erzberger's bombshell, are gradually enabling us to gain a clearer view of the whole matter.

Ludendorff and Hindenburg, Michaelis and Kuhlmann, have rushed into print in order to point out how meaningless was the alleged offer of peace in 1917, and how guiltless they all were in the matter. The ex-Chancellor and Hindenburg especially reveal themselves as simple hearted annexationists. The latter lays particular stress upon the retention of Liége, and recommends an occupation of Belgium extending over several years. How much importance we should attach to all this, as well as to the alleged peace offers, may be a matter of opinion.

Probably the whole affair was never intended to be anything more than a ballon d'essai in the shape of a peace feeler, put out by Great Britain through the medium of the Papal diplomacy. We remember how close was the connection between the Papacy and the Austrian Court, and it is therefore not surprising if the Papal Nuncio at Munich was selected as the intermediary. In this connection Count Czernin's confidential report on the situation to the Kaiser Karl is not without significance when we bear in mind that it is dated April 12th, 1917.

What is far more important is the fact, brought out with great clearness, (a) that a definite peace feeler was put forward by Great Britain at the end of August of that year, the position of Belgium forming the acid test of Germany's sincerity, and (b) that Michaelis's Government concealed this point from the Reichstag, and kept the party leaders in ignorance of Pacelli's note for about three weeks, then, instead of the precise information promised as to the position of Belgium the Government returned a vague and misleading reply to the British Note. It becomes increasingly evident that, whilst the Majority Socialists and even the Centre were in favour of a peace move, the Right pursued a gambler's policy of risking everything on a last desperate throw.

This was proved by the statements made by Müller, Minister for Foreign Affairs, as well as by the Premier, Bauer. The former, speaking in the National Assembly, admitted the guilt of the Central Powers in the matter of the Austrian ultimatum to Servia. The latter drew attention to the fact that the British Government declared itself ready to come to an understanding as soon as Germany was prepared to make a clear and definite statement as to her war objects.

This was never done owing to the machinations of the Supreme Command and the Government, led by the Vaterlands Partei and the Right. He also stated quite plainly that the Kaiser was not the innocent man some made him out to be.

It is hardly necessary at this stage to emphasize these points. Without, however, exonerating the Socialist Party and the German people as a whole for their share of responsibility in the matter this at least becomes self-evident.

Those who drew a distinction between the German people and their militarist advisers and Government, who purposely misled them and kept them in ignorance of the true state of affairs, now find complete justification for their point of view.

Nevertheless, the present German Government and people must shoulder the responsibility for the past actions—actions which can not be condoned, and responsibilities which cannot be evaded.

HORTICULTURE IN RHINELAND.

No one interested in horticulture, whether outdoors or under glass, can fail to have noticed the many good things to be seen in this very rich and extremely fertile neighbourhood.

A very noticeable feature to the casual observer is the wonderful wealth of colour in all trees and shrubs. A stroll in any part of the Raine district cannot fail to bring this to one's notice. The atmosphere is very clear indeed: not even in the neighbourhood of Liblar, with scores of factory chimneys, does one see that sticky coating of filth and soot on foliage that are the abomination of our large English towns.

Everything is brightly coloured and quite naturally. I asked a local nurseryman if he ever had to wash his glass, and he was astonished at my question. "No," he said, "I have never cleaned up for fog or soot." To me, this spoke wonders for the grower. I have had the pleasure (or otherwise) of washing glasshouses four times a year in the Leeds district for soot and fog, and with any area of glass this is a big and costly job both for labour and breakage of glass.

The German nurseryman has not been so short of artificial fertilizer as we have been led to believe either. A careful study of the excellent colour and finish to all pot plants in the shops windows convinces one that pretty liberal use of the feed pot has been made. It is not, perhaps, generally known that some of the natural waters in the Rhine district are very fertilizing. I questioned a grower recently on some remarkably well finished asparagus sprengeri; and elicited the statement that the water of the district was very rich in chemical food and a great asset to the nurseryman.

One notices a tendency to grow choicer varieties of greenhouse plants for shop sale in the Rhine towns. I recently saw some very fine flowering specimens of gloxinias in a Cologne shop. "Rex" begonias, too, are very popular. But to my mind, the absolute tit-bit in cultivation is the large quantity of that charming little plant—Nertera Depressa—one sees in all the shops. I have tried to find the nursery where this is grown, but without success.

To anyone who has had any experience in stove plants, and the difficulties attending this little coral plant to get it well berried and at the same time well coloured knows full well it is not an easy matter. Personally, I think we English growers coddle this plant too much.

I was much disappointed at a recent visit to the Botanical Gardens. They were not at all up to the usual standard in cultivation. In fact, the palm houses and fernery were not at all a credit to the custodian. It was plain to see that the whole place had been very sadly neglected for much sterner business during recent years. Roses were passable, but herbaceous stuff was a failure; also alpines.

The Zoological Gardens are rather better done—and the bed immediately facing the entrance gates is very well kept. The favourite bedding geranium appears to be Paul Crampel, and its stable companion—Salmon Paul Crampel. Some very fine ivy-leaf geraniums, also fuchsias, are to be seen in window box decoration everywhere.

I wonder if any enthusiast has noticed the very fine coloured ageratum to be seen in all shops. It is a remarkably good strain and the raiser is to be congratulated on such a rich blue.

R.F.C.

ABBREVIATIONS.

Those whose policy is to deride the Army and all that therein is, will perhaps feel that to accuse our military organisation of "Americanism" is absurd. They, however, will be wrong, for one of the chief characteristics of the administrative side of the Army is its tendency to use extensively abbreviations.

The old story of the American, who in Trafalgar Square said to an English policeman "Say, Cop, wat's' that stat . .?" and the policeman's subsequent reply, is told as an extreme example of this art, but every day in our life as soldiers, we could find cases as extreme, or even more so, for often the abbreviation is longer than the word it stands for.

For instance, one battalion always refers to its second-in-command as the "2 I Big stroke C," which is hardly a short phrase.

A perusal of the Rhine Army Telephone Directory is an eye-opener to some of the weird and wonderful initials which serve to identify the various departments.

To the uninitiated, O.M.W. and H.M.W. does not convey much. A.D.E.S., too, is rather vague, though even to the lay mind it might have its significance if pronounced *en bloc*.

During active operations, how much some of these little combinations of letters meant—for one S.R.D., translated by the cynic into Supply Rarely Delivered.

At home, how anxiously they looked for an envelope bearing the mystic O.A.S., to those who watched and waited, a veritable "Oasis." To the too venturesome "Tommy" C.B. is perhaps an abbreviation painfully familiar, whilst a number of our younger and more reckless subs are well acquainted with the significance of R.D.

A rather good story is told of an officer, who was writing a report of a battalion dinner for the press, in the course of which he referred to the honour conferred on them by the presence of Major Blank G.K.W.

This was handed to a typist. and all went well until the initials were reached. Enquiries were made as to the meaning of these letters, but none of the clerks seemed to know. Grand Knight of the Waac's was the ribald suggestion made by someone.

Not finding any aid from his comrades, the poor clerk thought the wisest plan was to complete the copy as the draft was given him.

Imagine his feelings when he was subsequently summoned and it was explained to him that as the officer who wrote the report was not quite sure of the distinctions conferred upon the General in question he had put G.K.W., meaning "God knows what."

H.V. WALLACE KING.

BACK TO THE LAND.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—I have read with appreciation your recent "artikle" under this heading.

I was interested enough to look up the Ministry of Reconstruction pamphlet on the subject of Land Settlement. I regret to find that admirable though the scheme is, it does not touch the vital point, nor does the Land Settlement Bill in any way tend to meet the desires of the prospective small holders.

The pamphlet says "Opportunity is the great attraction held out by new countries to the children of the older countries." But the new countries add to this offer of opportunity the greater attraction of incentive which the British Board of Agriculture utterly fails to do.

The great ambition of the Englishman is to make a home for himself and to make that home secure. His work is sustained by the possibility of the attainment of that object. He wants to feel that at the end of some known period, by systematic work and payment his small holding and his house will become his own property from which no man will have the power to eject him. This is the incentive that the "new countries" offer.

What does England propose? The pamphlet I have mentioned says that ". . . the greater number of small holdings will no doubt continue to be held, upon lease." That is the very thing that is frightening away small holders from the land.

Again, Sir Arthur Boscawen (Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Agriculture) in the Commons on 22nd July refused to accept an amendment to the "Land Settlement Bill" which would have enabled small holders to obtain possession of their holdings during tenancy "by means of a purchase annuity." It is not sufficient that he undertook to re-consider the question, for his prompt refusal can only be taken as indicative of the Government attitude.

The Government cannot expect men to throw away years of labour on land which may eventually be claimed from them by the lessors.

H.P.N.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

ADVOCATES SWIMMING CONTESTS.

Sir,—As a sport and pastime I think swimming beats the rest. Many pre-war swimming champions have become stale through lack of practice, but now that peaceful conditions have arrived there is no reason why this sport should not be brought to the fore.

The Rhine is only suitable at few places for swimming, the current being too swift for the majority of swimmers. Wherever there is an inland stream suitable for bathing, it is used by odd batches of soldiers. There are always the onlookers or those who paddle about in the shallower portions, who express a desire to learn how to swim.

I noticed a paragraph in this paper a few days ago stating the result of a factory vote upon the employees' tastes in pastimes. Swimming took first place. The desire, in all quarters is there, but often the participation is not practicable owing to lack of organisation.

Could not battalions organise parties to visit either Cologne or Euskirchen for the express purpose of having a swim. To foster this why not have an inter-battalion competition in relay racing.

AQUAGES.

HIGH SPIRITS IN PUBLIC.

Sir,—I know one must make allowance for the exuberant spirits of youth, yet I must say I couldn't see the joke when the other evening at the Deutsches Theatre paper darts were sent flying into the auditorium and on to the stage from the balcony, amid laughter and shell-scream mimicry.

Such antics seem more in keeping with the atmosphere of a country fair, and disturb those who go to hear good music and singing.

ESPANOL.

KEEP GOATS AND RABBITS.

Sir,—One thing this war will have brought about with undoubtedly good results, is a revolution of ideas, so far as profitable hobbies are concerned.

Before the war beyond poultry keeping and in a smaller way beekeeping, the average Briton, rarely thought of goats or rabbit breeding as a means of augmenting his income, and providing an interesting hobby.

The practice of the natives of Rhineland of keeping goats and rabbits has appealed to me as a wrinkle we could adopt with profit.

No large tract of land is necessary for their upkeep, and is quite possible to the man who is lucky enough to possess a medium sized garden.

With the present meat shortage and its high price, the flesh of both rabbits and goats is very valuable, and would provide a welcome change of diet to many. Also the milk of goats is greatly esteemed by prominent medical men, on account of its immunity from tuberculosis germs, and is therefore an eminently suitable food for young children.

H. A.

MORE ON SERIOUS READING.

Sir,—When I wrote my letter under the above heading to "The Cologne Post," I did not expect so much interest would be taken in it as has been shown by the amount of correspondence received.

My message to our young troops was short and intended to encourage serious reading. I advised but two books — among those which I love — "Ivanhoe" and "Westward Ho!" I said that I had conversed with many of our young English troops here and had discovered that the majority of them had never even heard of many of the real wholesome English works I mentioned.

But we must realise that most of the young fellows have probably had no one to advise them. It is, therefore, useless to introduce them to Greek and Latin classics at the beginning, or to those of other foreign nations.

Let them rather read and appreciate first the best that has been written in the English language. Now, what should a young fellow without much previous reading attempt as a beginning? I would like to suggest a few more works which might be read with profit.

The Ingoldsby Legends; Tales of Mystery and Imagination (Poe); Adam Bede (George Eliot); Rip van Winkle (Irving); The Scarlet Letter (Hawthorne); The poems of Robert Burns; Christmas Tales (Dickens); Romany Rye (Borrow); Windsor Castle; The Tower of London (Ainsworth); Old Saint Paul's (Ainsworth); The Crusaders (Scott); Vanity Fair (Thackeray); The Vicar of Wakefield (Goldsmith); The Happy Prince etc. (Oscar Wilde); Julius Caesar (Shakespeare); and Macbeth (Shakespeare).

I think the above would do very well to begin with. What do our readers say?

W. R. PATERSON, Lieut.

IMPRISONED BY BOLSHEVISTS.

An interesting letter from a British soldier.

Sir,—Being for a few days in Cologne I noticed a good many R.S. and R.E. troops, and think the following information may be of interest to some of them. I was for nine months in Bolshevist prisons in Russia — 3 months in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, one month in the city prison at Petrograd, and five months in the Butinsky prison at Moscow having been arrested when the British Embassy at Petrograd was raided in August 1918, and just before leaving Moscow for Finland. I got a list of officers and men who were still interned at Moscow.

Notwithstanding that I was stripped to the skin before passing the Finnish frontier, I succeeded in getting several notes through.

The names were as follows: Captain Wilson, R.E.; Lieut. Tatham R.A.F.; Corpl. Hopton; Privates Tickle, Holley, Jones, Laing, Carr, Patterson, Dingwall, Rose, H. McIntosh, Farden, Young, Roberts, G. Robertson, J. Robertson, McIntosh, McGaffaney, Denwordie, Pennyworth, Dawson, Forsythe, Stanley, Bendieg, Stevenson, Watt, Yorkston, all R.S.; Clayton, Dunmow, M.G.C.; Gaiy 13th Yorks, Brassil A.S.C.; Lapham, Lambert, 17th King's Liverpools, Stringfellow K. L. attached R.E., Sergt. Alexander R.E., Stoker G. West, A.B., K. Mellett, O.S.A., Frost R.N. (late H.M.S. "Attentive").

All the above are from the Archangel front. All were then in good health. They live in an internment camp and were free to move about the city as they desired.

The food received from the Bolshevists was very poor, but parcels were sent regularly by the Danish Red Cross Mission.

The following men were in hospital at Wologda and were well on the way to recovery: Privates O'Brien, Donolly R.S., Richards, Pickard 13th Yorks, Davidson 6th Yorks.

At the time I left Moscow there was a report that some of our men were to be exchanged at Wologda, but I have not heard whether this was carried out. Moscow (also Petrograd) is in a fearful condition. When we left the food prices were about as follows: Bread 40rs, butter 150rs, veal 90rs, pork 120rs, sugar 130rs, rice 65rs, coffee 170rs, tea 600rs (and difficult to obtain at that), and one herring 35rs (usual pre-war price equal to twopence.

The rouble is nominally 10 to the £ — at the outbreak of war it stood at 9.45. I had many good friends in Russia but several of them have been shot by the Bolshies and others have died of starvation.

Many thousands of men, women and children died during the past winter of starvation and no doubt thousands more are still dying daily in that part of the country which is occupied by the Bolshevists.

R.B.

CAVALRY DIVISION RACES

Complete Details of Second Day's Proceedings.

To provide a permanent record of Tuesday's results in the Cavalry Division Races, the appended complete details are given. Yesterday, owing to lack of space, the bare results only were published. The Cologne Race Course, at Merheim, attracted a very large crowd for the 2nd day's racing. Details:—

Niehl Stakes—12.45 p.m.

1000 marks—For horses of the British Army of the Rhine, and to be ridden by officers of same. Riders who have never won, allowed 7 lb.:—11.7—5 furlongs:—1, Capt. W. Waterman, R.W.K., Mascot, 11.7, Col. Longbourne; 2, Major A. Hodgins, R.A.V.C., Boys o' Boys, 11.7, General Tudor; 3, Lieut. Lord Killeen, 17th L., Civie, 11.7, Owner; 4, Major Phipps-Hornby, 9th L., Chiefs Right, 10.0, Lieut. Palmer. Also ran Betty—Peggy V.—Dolly Gray—Norah, 1dst—Billy—Sticks—The Cat—Remember me—Display—Pousse L'Amour—The Ghost, 11.11, Trevcon, 11st—Ellen—Golden Boy—Josephine—Marise II, 11st—. Won by 2 lengths, 1 length between 2nd and 3rd—½ length betw en 3rd and 4th.

Totalizator Prizes:—Win 31; Place:—1st 18; 2nd 19; 3rd 59. Value of sweep-stake 1,8.0 marks.

The Race:—Mascot made all the running, and although challenged by Boys o' Boys at the distance, won easily.

Cavalry Cup—1.30 p.m.

Handicap Steeplechase about 2½ m. A Cup and 1000 marks to winner:—1, Capt. Adair, 12th L., John Carding, 11.7, Owner; 2, Lieut. R. McCreery, 17th L., Kilbay, 11.0, carries, 11.3, Owner; 3, Lieut. R. Bulte I, 17th L., Late Report, 10.10, Owner; 4, Lieut. Murray, Dragoon M.G. Squadron, Carmencita, 11.0, Owner. Also ran White Hazard—Shiny—Yes Uncle—Nahoth—Sandfovel—Kiss—Jingling Geordie—The Fiver—Demon—Yellow Peril. Won by ½ length—3 lengths separated 2nd and 3rd.

Totalizator Prizes:—Win 113. Place 1st 37; 2nd 29; 3rd 36. Value of sweep-stake 5,220 marks.

The Race:—Sandford, Shiny and Kiss got badly away. Yellow Peril settled down in front of White Hazard, Yes Uncle and Nahoth. At the fence before the water Yellow Peril ran out. Entering the straight, John Carding and Kilbay drew away, the former winning by 2 lengths.

Victory Plate—2.15 p.m.

(1st Division). A handicap, 7 furlongs open to Allied Armies:—1, Major Sinclair, R.A.V.C., Winamere, 11.3, Major Phipps-Hornby; 2, Major Heydeman, Dragoon Bde. H.Q., Johnnie Walker 12.0, Owner; 3, Capt. Welham, R.A.V.C., Tommy G., 10.7, Capt. Storie; 4, Lieut.-Col. M. Harrison, R.H. Regt., Brigade-Major, 10.0, carries 11.2, Owner. Also ran Swansong—Annette—Valeria. Won by 9 lengths—3 lengths between 2nd and 3rd.

Totalizator Prices:—To win 25; Place 1st 11; 2nd 11; 3rd 13. Value of Sweepstake 8,500 marks.

The Race:—Winamere and Swansong got away well and made all the running to the bench when Johnnie Walker and Tommy G. came through, but failed to make any impression on Winamere, who won comfortably. Valeria was last.

Cologne Grand National—3 p.m.

A handicap steeplechase about 3 miles. A cup and 3,000 marks to winner. Open to the Allied Armies:—1, Major Needhams, London Div., Polish Banker, 10.7; Lieut. Broodworth; 2, Lieut. Usher, 6 Dns., Golden Sunset, 12.0, Lieut. Hilder; 3, Capt. W. Montgomery, N.I.H., Iron Gate, 10.7, Capt. Hill; 4, Capt. G. Barnard, R.E., Godsend, 10.7, carried 10.12, Owner. Also ran:—Old King Cole 11st (carried 11.7)—Damaged Goods—Wilkie—Double Ruff—Flicker—Saw Dust—Bob 10.10 (carried 12.4). Won by a neck—1st length between 2nd and 3rd.

Totalizator Prices:—To win 36; Place 1st 11; 2nd 12; 3rd 13. Value of sweepstake 10,000 marks.

The Race:—Flicker fell at the first fence. Polish Banker led from Iron Gate and Godsend with Golden Sunset some distance behind, coming into the straight the last time.

Foxhunter's Plate 3.45 p.m.

A Handicap 1 Mile. 1,000 marks to winner:—1, Major H. Tomkinsons, Royals, Madeleine, 11.7, Owner; 2, Lieut. Durnford, 9th L., Velocifer, 11.7, Major Phipps-Hornby; 3, Capt. K. Fielden, 10th Hussars, Spanish On on, 10.7, carried 10.10, Owner; 4, Major Humfrey, Lancer M.G.Sq., Maori, 10.7, Owner. Also ran:—Nic—Crimson Rambler—Dark Prince—Reynards Comet—Black Jester 10.7 (carried 11.2)—The Nut. Won by a neck—2 lengths between 2nd and 3rd.

Totalizator Prices:—To win 32; Place 1st 12; 2nd 12; 3rd 36. Value of Sweepstake 10,000 marks.

The Race:—The Nut and Crimson Rambler left at the post and took no further part in the race. Madeleine and Spanish Onion made the running with Velocifer lying 3rd. On entering the straight Velocifer improved his position, and at the distance closed with Madeleine the two racing neck and neck to the post. The field was tailed off.

Army Maiden Steeplechase 4.30 p.m.

(1st Division). For horses which have never been placed. 2½m. 12 stone. 1,000 marks to winner:—1, Lieut. W. Coles, R.F.A., Rednal, Lieut. A. Campbell; 2, Major Biggam, R.A.M.C., Morning Star, Lieut. Shiel; 3, Major Bord, R.F.A., Shylock, Capt. Greig; 4, Capt. W. Towell, R.A.V.C., Baubee, Lieut. Bignood. Also ran Topthorne—The Knut—Won by ½ length, a bad 3rd.

Totalizator Prices:—To win 22; Places 1st 17; 2nd 37. Value of Sweepstake 12,000 marks.

The race:—Rednal made all the running and won easily. Topthorne ran out.

Army Maiden Steeplechase—5.15 p.m.

2nd Divn.—For horses that have never been placed. 2½ miles, 12 stone 1,000 marks to the winner:—1, Major Humfrey, Lancers M.G. Squ., Zillebeke, Owner; 2, Lt. Meyrick, 15th H., Montrava, Owner; 3, Capt. Windham, Lancer M.G. Squ., Allie Carried 12.3, Lt. Elliot. Also ran Sindorf Lad—Knocks on—Warrior—Wish I could—The Boy. Won by a head 2 lengths between 2nd and 3rd.

Totalizator prices:—To win 31; Places 1st 16; 2nd 19; 3rd 28. Value of Sweepstake 12,000 marks.

The Race. Montava and Warrior made most of the running with the field well up. Coming into the straight Sindorf Lad who had been wide all every turn swung out to the far rails and took no further part in the race; Zillebeke came up to Montava and a good race ended in Zillebeke just getting home. Warrior was beaten 2 furlongs from home.

Niehl Stakes—6 p.m.

2nd Divn.—For horses of the British Army of the Rhine and to be ridden by officers of same. Riders who have never won allowed 7 lbs. To carry 11.7. 5 furlongs. 1, Lt. Durnford, 9 L., Pop, Major Phipps-Hornby; 2, Lt. J. Miss, 7th L., Spring, Owner; 3, Capt. T. Rudgins R.A.V.C., Girl o'Girls, Capt. Storie; 4, Lt. Hilder, 6 Dns., Mad Hatter, Owner.

Also ran The Squire!—Do why not—Maureen—Pol Roger—Vulcanite—Nene—Black Diamond—Lady Jane—Windmill—Dick—Mystery II—Bellman. Totalizator prices:—To win 15—Places 1st 12; 2nd 17; 3rd 13. Value of Sweepstake 10,200 marks.

The race. Pop got well away and won easily a length—a length separated 2nd and 3rd.

Victory Plate—6.45 p.m.

2nd Divn.—A handicap 7 furlongs open to Allied Armies. 1, Lt. Fennelly R.A.V.C., Ballyhooley 10.7, Major O'Kelly; 2, Lt. Reid, Jimcrack 11.4, Owner; 3, Capt. Wedderburn Maxwell's R.F.A., Eau de Cologne 10.7, Major Heydeman. Also ran Geraldine—Miss Muriel—Gold Mary Gold—Maid of the Mountains—Jimmy. Won by 4 lengths, 1½ lengths between 2nd and 3rd.

Totalizator Prices. To win 17. Places 1st 11; 2nd 15; 3rd 12. Value of Sweepstake 8,000 marks.

After going about 1 furlong Eau de Cologne appeared to peck badly, but was got going again nevertheless neither he nor Jimcrack could make any impression on Ballyhooley who led through out and won easily.

WEEPING SKIES.

Tattoo Spectators Drenched To The Skin.

IMPRESSIVE SPECTACLE.

Thousands of soldiers and civilians who, on Tuesday, proceeded to Lindenthal to witness the 6th Corps Torchlight Tattoo, received a drenching as surprising as it was thorough.

From 9 p.m. onwards crowds of people flocked towards the delightful Stadtwald grounds, many females considering light, filmy, summer frocks and Nature's headgear sufficient protection against the pleasantly mild elements that prevailed. By 10 p.m., at which hour the proceedings were timed to commence, a great mass of humanity occupied every possible view point. There was a string of motor-cars and lorries over a mile long.

Then, without the slightest warning, there commenced a fall or deluge of rain which, in point of intensity, will long be remembered. Many of the spectators scrambled in all directions in search of protection, but the skies were pitiless, and drenched the multitude to the skin in a very few moments. Many others, realising the futility of attempting to escape their fate remained to brave the conditions.

The Grand Finale:

With uniforms, equipment, and rifles dripping in the torrential downpour, all directly concerned in the ceremony acquitted themselves admirably. The grand finale was a sight not readily to be forgotten. In the centre of a hollow square, formed by the troops, the walls of which were ablaze with hundreds of red flares, the evolutions of the previous evening were repeated. On the knees, and with bowed heads, those taking part joined the great massed bands in singing "Abide with me", a proceeding that was thoroughly impressive.

The switching off of the great searchlights was a signal for the firing of a huge number of Verey lights. The picturesque result emphasised the vigour with which the rain fell. The searchlights, trained on to one spot, suddenly threw forth their powerful rays once more and revealed a large French flag, the band meanwhile playing the French National Anthem. A moment's cessation and they re-appeared displaying the Union Jack to the accompaniment of "God save the King" which served as an appropriate conclusion to a truly wonderful show.

6th M.G.C. PRIZEWINNERS.

Results of Battalion Sports at Mechernich.

The prizewinners in connection with the 6th Bn. M.G.C. sports, briefly reported yesterday, are appended:—

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

100 yards:—1, Lieut. Brown, "B" Coy.; 2, Lieut. Emerson, "A" Coy.; 3, Cpl. Chidgey, "B" Coy.; 4, Sgt. Packer, "B" Coy.

Tug-of-War:—1, H.Q.; 2, "A" Coy.

1 Mile open:—1, Dvr. Hulse, D.A.C.; 2, L/Cpl. Robertson, "D" Coy.; 3, Capt. Maevie, "B" Coy.; 4, Cpl. Peters, "B" Coy.

Sack race:—1, Pte. Reeve, "B" Coy.; 2, Cpl. Beech, "C" Coy.

Long jump:—1, Cpl. Chidgey, "B" Coy.; 2, L/Cpl. Robb, "D" Coy.; 3, Pte. Swindale, "B" Coy.

50 yards slow bicycle race:—1, Cpl. Beech, "C" Coy.; Pte. Turner, H.Q. Coy.

440 yards open:—1, Dvr. Hulse, D.A.C.; 2, Pte. Garlick, "B" Coy.; 3, Pte. Measey, "D" Coy.; 4, L Cpl. Robertson, "D" Coy.

Sergeants race:—1, Sgt. Packer, "B" Coy.; 2, Sgt. Scott, "B" Coy.; 3, Sgt. Tomkins, "A" Coy.

Boot race:—1, Cpl. Beech, "C" Coy.; 2, Pte. Sildon, "D" Coy.

Alarm race:—1, "C" Coy.; 2, "D" Coy.

Half mile:—1, L/Cpl. Robertson, "D" Coy.; 2, 2/Lieut. Emerson, "A" Coy.; 3, Capt. Maevie, "B" Coy.; 4, Lieut. Pettit, "D" Coy.

Tilting the bucket:—1, Pte. Sildon and Pte. MacGrath, "D" Coy.

100 yards veterans race (over 12 years service):—1, Sgt. Reader, "A" Coy.; 2, Lieut. Mc Mahon, "D" Coy.; 3, S/Sgt. Stewart, H.Q. Coy.

Company relay race:—1, "D" Coy.; 2, "B" Coy.

High jump:—1, Pte. Swindale, "B" Coy.; 2, Lieut. Whitfield, "D" Coy.; 3, Lieut. Meggitt, "D" Coy.

Hundred yards open:—1, Dvr. Hulse, D.A.C.; 2, Lieut. Emerson, "A" Coy.; 3, Pte. Smith, "D" Coy.

Three-legged race:—1, Sgt. Packer and Sgt. Scott, "B" Coy.

Officers and N.C.O.'s relay race:—1, Officers.

220 yards:—1, Pte. Garlick, "B" Coy.; 2, Lieut. Brown, "B" Coy.; 3, L/Cpl. Robertson, "D" Coy.; 4, Cpl. Newton, "A" Coy.

100 yards officers race:—1, 2/Lieut. Hile, "C" Coy.; 2, Lieut. Brown, "B" Coy.; 3, 2/Lieut. Emerson, "A" Coy.

Obstacle race:—1, Pte. Bird, "D" Coy.; 2, Pte. Wallett, "B" Coy.; 3, Pte. Sildon, "D" Coy.; 4, Lieut. McMahon, "D" Coy.

Referee:—Lieut. Colonel O. H. North, D.S.O., Lancs. Fus.

Judges:—Major F. B. Cowen, M.C., R.S.M. Tesse, M.C., D.C.M.

Starter:—Lieut. G. Williams-Freeman.

Stewards:—Lieut. and Q.M.D. G. Campbell M.B.E.; 2 Lieut. A. R. Emerson; 2/Lieut. J.A. Hill; Lieut. F.P. Taylor.

Assistant stewards:—R.Q.M.S. E.J. Wooldridge; C.Q.M.S. C. H. Barrow; S/Sgt. E. Stewart; Sgt. T. Scott.

M.C.:—C.S.M. J. Hart; Assistant M.C.:—C.S.M. H. Patmore.

Time-keeper:—Lieut. H. J. H. Urquhart, R.E.

Clerk of the course:—Sgt. G. H. Morrow.

308 FOR 9 WICKETS.

Heavy Scoring by Suffolks Regt. at Troisdorf.

C.P.C. MATCHES.

4th Suffolk Regt. (308 for 9) v. 69th Siege Bty. (13) at Troisdorf. For the Suffolk Regt. Lieut. Kirby scored 69, Lieut. Hope 31, Lieut. Bailey 54, Lieut. Morris 44 not out, Lieut. Hoyland 37 not out, Pte. Newman 23; Lieut. Morris and Lieut. Bailey bowled remarkably well, the former taking 5 wickets for 0 runs, the latter 4 for 8.

23rd R.F. (83 for 8) v. 52nd WELSH REGT. (80). Highest score for the Welsh was Sgt. Kay 28 not out. For R.F., Lieut. McCormack scored 28 and L/Cpl. Redmun 21.

51st BEDFORDS (116) v. 51st KINGS LIVERPOOLS (44). For K.L.R., Lieut. Thomson took 9 wickets for 21 while Capt. Coward scored 34 and Lieut. Sayers 27.

LANCS. DIV. SIGS. beat 303 SIEGE BTY. For Signals, Pur. House made 42 runs not out while Pte. Fulwood took 5 wickets for 16 runs. For the Gunners Cpl. Wood made 27 runs.

LANCS. DIV. SIGS. v. LANCS. DIV., M.T. COY. Signals won by 40 runs. Pte. Fulwood made 27 and took 5 wickets for 22 and Pte. Poynter made 27 not out. Top scorer for M.T was Lieut. Almond 18.

2nd BN. M.G.C. (134) v. the 5th R.I.R. (102) at Solingen. For R.I.R., Capt. Hinton made 65 and Capt. Jones 20. For M.G.C., Sgt. Mitchell scored 45 not out took 7 wickets for 24 runs while Pte. Lee made 30. Sgt. Mitchell played a very sound innings.

174 SIEGE BATTERY (100) v. 9th CORPS H.A.H.Q. (40). For 174 S.B., Lieut. Butcher score 49 and Lieut. Webster 23.

174 SIEGE BATTERY (37) v. "E" CORPS SIGNALS (16). For the Gunners, Bdr. Frost bowled superbly taking 8 wickets for 4 runs.

29th BN. M.G.C. (102 for 2) v. NO. 14 G.H.Q., M.T. COY. (91) at Dabringhausen. For the M.G.C., Major Harding scored 53, and Lieut. Astill 17 not out.

488 SIEGE BTY. (50) v. 9th CORPS TROOPS, M.T. COY. (37). For 488 S.B., Gnr. Willan took 5 wickets for 11 runs and Sig. Timms 5 for 20. Pte. Leech took 7 wickets for 14 runs for M.T. Coy.

OTHER RESULTS.

354 S.B., 50 v. Mid. D.A.C., 22.

2nd Bn. M.G.C., 44; 52nd Bedfords 22.

4th Suffolks 152; No. 1 T.M.B. Western 88.

34th M.G.C. 82 for 8); H.A.C. c/o D.A.P.M., Deutz 78.

COLOGNE SOUTHERN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
93 Bde. R.G.A.	22	22	0		44§
41st M.G.C.	17	16	1		32§
189 Labour Coy.	17	14	3		28§
2 Bn. M.G.C.	16	12	2	2	26§
D/190 Bde. R.F.A.	17	12	4	1	25§
Wahn Survey Det.	18	12	6		24§
34th M.G.C.	17	12	5		24§
Northern Div. R.E.	18	11	6	1	23§+
170 Siege Bty.	16	11	4	1	23§
51 Devons	14	11	3		22§+
5 R. I. Regt.	15	9	4	2	20§+
3 Bn. M.G.C.	15	8	7		16§
52 Bedfords	14	8	6		16§
VI Corps H.Q.	19	7	12		14§+
H.A.C. c/o D.A.P.M. Deutz	16	7	9		14§
3 Northern Bde	16	6	10		12§
12 R.I.R.	13	6	7		12§+
Lancers M.G.Sq., Cav. Div.	12	6	6		12§+
"G" A.A. Bty., R.G.A.	15	5	9	1	11§+

§ Points awarded for scratched match.
+ Games lost by default.

SIX CENTURIES.

Batsman's Day in England on Tuesday.

Generally speaking Tuesday was a batsman's day in first-class cricket. Six centuries were completed as is shown by the following list:—

Hardinge (Kent v. Essex)	172*
Sutcliffe (Yorkshire v. Lancashire)	132
C. B. Willis (Australians v. Sussex)	127
Holmes (Yorkshire v. Lancashire)	123
Lee (Middlesex v. Hants)	103*
Hallows (Lancashire v. Yorks)	102*

*Signifies not out.

Scores.

Surrey 254; Notts 150 for four.

Somerset 375 for nine versus Gloucester.

Warwickshire 359; Derbyshire 75 for one.

Lancs 124; Yorks 104 for no wicket.

Northants 407 for five versus Leicester.

Sussex 120; Australians 203 for three.

Essex 494 versus Kent.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.	p.c.
Kent	7	4	0	3	4	57.14
Yorkshire	17	9	3	5	9	52.94
Somerset	6	3	1	2	3	50.00
Lancashire	17	7	2	8	7	41.17
Notts	9	3	0	6	3	33.33
Derbyshire	10	3	6	1	3	30.00
Hampshire	8	2	2	4	2	25.00
Surrey	12	3	3	6	3	25.00
Gloucester	10	2	6	2	2	20.00
Essex	12	2	1	9	2	16.66
Middlesex	7	1	1	5	1	14.28
Leicester	8	1	1	6	1	12.50
Northants	8	1	3	4	1	12.50
Sussex	12	1	9	2	1	8.33
Warwick	9	0	4	5	0	—

The match between Somerset and Sussex at Taunton ended in a tie. According to the system adopted to determine the championship this season only wins count, first honours going to the county having the largest percentage of wins to matches played.

A WORLD'S RECORD.

Remarkable Golf — 278 for 72 Holes.

YOUTHFUL CHAMPION.

J. Douglas Edgar, professional to the Druid Hills Club, Atlanta, Georgia, won the Canadian Open Golf Championship at Hamilton, Ontario with the remarkable score of 278 for 72 holes. He played sensational golf, and his score was 16 strokes better than his nearest rivals, three of whom tied for second place. These were James Barnes, the Western Open Champion; Karl Keffer, of Toronto, who won the Canadian Championship when it was last played for at Toronto in 1914, and Master Dobbie Jones, the Atlanta amateur, who as a boy of 14, reached the third round of the American Amateur Championship at Haverford, Pa., three years ago.

Edgar's score creates a world's record for a 72 holes' championship. Harry Vardon returned a score of 279 when he won the German Oden Championship at Baden-Baden in 1911, while the lowest score in the British event was that of James Braid at Prestwick in 1908, when he recorded 291. Edgar, before leaving England this year, was professional to the Northumberland Club, at Gosforth. He won the French Open Championship at Le Touquet in 1914, the last occasion it was played for, with a score of 288. In the same year he also won the Northumberland and Durham Championship. He is only 24 years of age, and has a great future as a golf professional.

BLACK WATCH SPORTS.

6th (Perthshire) Battalion Regimental Games at Nideggen.

The sports of the 6th Battalion Black Watch were held at Nideggen on Friday and Saturday, in splendid weather before a large attendance of spectators. During Saturday afternoon the Band of the 3rd King's Own Hussars rendered a most enjoyable programme of music.

There was keen competition between Headquarter Company, A Coy. and C Coy. for the battalion championship, which was not decided until the last event, when Headquarter Coy. emerged victorious with a total of 35 points, winning the clock presented by Lieut.-Colonel W. Green, D.S.O.

A Company were second with 31 points and C Company third with 30 points.

There was a splendid finish to the quarter-mile race, when L/Cpl. Haig of A Coy., who was running third, made a spurt in the last twenty yards and obtained first place. The best individual effort was that of Lieutenant S.E. Masson with one first, four seconds, and a third.

A very successful and enjoyable meeting was concluded by the presentation of prizes by Mrs. Marinden.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

The following is a list of the events and winners:—

Cross country race:—1, C Coy.; 2, B Coy.

Five-a-side football:—1, B Coy.; 2, A Coy.

Half-mile flat race:—1, Lieut. R. Craik; 2, Pte. Quinlan; 3, Lieut. J. McGladdery.

Piping (Open):—1, Piper Munro, 4th Seaforths; 2, Piper Logie, 4th Seaforths; 3, Piper McKellar, 5th Black Watch.

Palisade race:—1, Pte. Mitchell; 2, L/Cpl. Lawrie; 3, Pte. Taylor.

100 yards race:—1, L/Cpl. Henderson; 2, Lieut. S.E. Masson; 3, Lieut. Craik.

Best dressed soldier:—1, Pte. Findlay; 2, Pte. Wilkie; 3, Pte. Dunlop.

Putting the shot:—1, Lieut. Lindsay (36 ft. 5 ins.); 2, Pte. McDonald (34 ft. 9 ins.); 3, Pte. Stott (33 ft. 7 ins.).

Tilting the bucket:—1, Cpl. Bain and Pte. Scott; 2, Pte. Muir and Pte. Low; 3, Pte. Robertson and Pte. Simpson.

220 yards race:—1, L/Cpl. Henderson; 2, Lt. Masson; 3, Pte. Cordiner.

High jump:—1, Pte. Cameron; 2, Lt. Masson; 3, Pte. Aitken.

One mile flat race:—1, Lt. Craik; 2, Pte. O'May; 3, Pte. Milne.

Boat race (Land):—1, A Coy.; 2, H.Q. Coy.

Relay race:—1, C Coy.; 2, A Coy.

Hurdle race:—1, Pte. Paterson; 2, Capt. Hepburn; 3, Pte. McFarlane.

Hop, step and jump:—1, Pte. Paterson (35 ft. 2½ ins.); 2, Lt. Masson; 3, Pte. Thomson.

One mile (Open):—1, Cpl. Roonie, M.V.S.; 2, Pte. Thomson, 8th Black Watch; 3, L/C. Smith, 8th Black Watch.

Tug-of-war. Catchweight:—1, H.Q. Coy.; 2, D Coy.

Tug-of-war 100 stone:—1, H.Q. Coy.; 2, D Coy.

Quarter mile:—1, L/Cpl. Haig; 2, Pte. O'May; 3, Lt. Masson.

Long jump:—1, Lt. Masson (17 ft. 10 ins.); 2, Lt. Craik; 3, Pte. Cordiner.

Throwing the Hammer:—1, Sgt. Stalker; 2, Pte. Gillespie; 3, Lt. Lindsay.

Warrant officers & sergts. race (100 yards):—1, Sgt. Sutherland; 2, Sgt. Stark; 3, C.S.M. Adamson.

Tossing the caber:—1, Pte. Gillespie; 2, Pte. Keay; 3, Lt. Lindsay.

Mile race:—1, Pte. Finnan; 2, Pte. Lunsden; 3, Pte. Thomson.

Hill climbing race:—1, Pte. Cameron; 2, Pte McKillop; 3, Pte. Kittles.

ENGLISH RACING.

Meetings at Brighton, Ripon and Birmingham.

MEAGRE ENTRIES.

On Tuesday race meetings were held at Brighton, Birmingham, and Ripon, the entries for some of the events being very meagre. The following were the results at Brighton:—

Ovingdean Plate:—1, Adopted (5—4); 2, St. Corentin (5—2); 3, Fretwork (7—1).

Marine Plate:—1, Dumb Water (4—1); 2, Lady Dibell (8—1); 3, The Plough (15—8 on).

Brighton Stakes:—1, Jutland (2—1); 2, Tinspear (9—4); 3, Polichinelle (4—1).

Hassocks Plate:—1, Linton (5—2 on); 2, Syrian (4—1); 3, Jack Sheppard (20—1).

Corporation Stakes:—1, Marcia Blanche (7—1 on); 2, Loch Ahoy two runners.

Henfield Plate:—1, Irvington (5—4); 3, Walpole (100—8); 3, Gwikha (9—2).

Alfriston Plate:—1, Win the War (7—2); 2, Tubbercurry (20—1); 3, Irish Fair (7—4).

Ripon Results.

Mallorie Handicap:—1, Vaulter (2—1 on); 2, Wistow (8—1); 3, Bonnie Nun (3—1).

Grand Stand Handicap:—1, Namacus (5—4); 2, Phil (2—1); 3, Fairy Lantern (5—2) and Rateau (100—8) Dead Heat.

Third Studley Plate:—1, Cyllena (3—1); 2, Waraba two runners.

Ripon City Handicap:—1, Jacksdale (7—1); 2, Old Gold (9—4); 3, Backstaffs (9—4).

Claro Plate:—1, Loppy evens; 2, Bold Chap (2—1); 3, Light Blue (8—1).

Newby Plate:—1, Holbeach (7—2 on); 2, Br. Andwine (20—1); 3, Lady Mints (8—1).

Birmingham Results.

Doddington Plate:—1, Acrolite (7—4); 2, Happy Gleam (7—2); 3, Herculean (7—1).

Midland Plate:—1, Charleville (5—2); 2, Mailly Maillet (6—4); 3, Gilded Spurs (7—2).

Sutton Handicap:—1, Slippery Anne (9—4); 2, Toby (100—8); 3, Winfrith (100—8).

Birmingham Handicap:—1, The Vizier (5—4 on); 2, Jack Point (3—1); 3, Speen (6—1).

Coventry Plate:—1, Bravo (5—1); 2, On Leave (9—4); 3, Huon River (100—8).

Packington Plate:—1, Cadiuma (6—5); 2, Good Game evens; 3, Sober Wisdom (8—1).

CRICKET FRIENDLIES.

2nd Midland Bde. Final.

The Inter-Company Final was played at Commern on Monday between 459th Field Coy. R.E. (34) and H.Q. 52nd Leicesters (24). The Sappers batted first and could raise only 34 runs against the bowling of Lieut. Ruscoe and Cpl. Sheard, the former of whom captured 7 wickets for 11 runs. Top scores were Cpl. Bailey and Spr. Sedgwick with 9 and 8 respectively. The Leicesters, on going in to bat, collapsed utterly and could only obtain 24 runs against the bowling of Sprs. Cole and Hewitt. Their top scorer was Cpl. Sheard with 13, whilst for the Sappers, Cole took 6 wickets for 9 runs.

A/245 Bde. R.F.A.

A keen cricket match was played at Hölscheid on Sunday between the Right and Left Sections of A/245 Bde. R.F.A. resulting in a splendid win for the former. Sergt. Stubbs (1), Lister (21) and Severs (15) greatly helped the winners out the stamping of Cpl. Tanner and the batting of Bdr. Hill (21) were the outstanding features of the match without which the Right Section would have been hopelessly outclassed.

354 S.B. (74 for 5) v. "E" CORPS SIEGE PARK R.A.S.C. (21) at Grossbülleshcim.

ARTILLERY CRICKET.

London Division v. Northern Division at Lindenthal.

This match was played at Lindenthal and resulted in a win for the London D.A. by 45 runs. For the winners Major Hewer played a delightful innings of 76, giving one difficult chance behind the wicket at 52, and Lieut. Baines captured 7 of the Northern D.A. wickets for 33. For the losers, Capt. Durbar (37) and Lieut. Cross (20) were the only batsmen to reach double figures. Scores:—

London D.A.

Capt. Darby c Turner b Emberton 0; Lieut. Short b Emberton 12; Major Hewer c Holden b Grimsdale 76; Lieut. R.H. Thompson c Graham b Emberton 0; Lieut. Palmer run out 14; Lieut. Bigham b Durbar 16; Lieut. G.H. Thompson c Emberton b Durbar 0; Lieut. Clayton b Emberton 0; Lieut. Spafford c Turner b Grimsdale 14; Lieut. Baines c Cross b Emberton 12; Lieut. Pitt not out 0; Extras 4; Total 148.

Northern D.A.

Capt. Greham c Clayton b Baines 6; Lieut. Knight b Baines 0; Capt. Durbar l.b.w. b Baines 37; Lieut. Cross b Baines 0; Lieut. Champneys b Pitt 22; Capt. Emberton b Baines 0; Lieut. Grimsdale b Short 5; Major Turner not out 7; Lieut. Jackson b Baines 6; Lieut. Holden b Baines 1; Lieut. Chilman run out 2; Extras 17; Total 103.

COLOGNE RACES.

Increased Stakes For First August Meeting.

The first August meeting will take place on Saturday August 23rd at Cologne Race Course Merheim. All stake money is raised 1000, 300, and 200 marks on the values given in the prospectus already issued.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

152nd Bde. R.F.A. Dinner.

By kind permission of Col. Kinnear D.S.O., Warrant Officers and Sergeants of 152nd Bde. R.F.A. held their first brigade dinner since the Armistice at Siegburg on Saturday.

The gathering was a complete success, numerous friends were invited from R.A.S.C., R.A.O.C., A. O. Dept., I.O.M., 106 Bde. R.F.A., and R.A.V.C. A talented orchestra played selections during the evening. The decorations and catering were admirably carried out by Capt. Ibbetson, M.C.

During the intervals the guests were entertained by local artistes, B.S.M. Parkes' "falsetto" being particularly good in "Thora." Other artistes were B.S.M. Taylor, "Asleep in the Deep"; Sergt. Faincloth, recitation; B.Q.M.S. Baguley, "Delineator"; R.S.M. Smith, ventriloquist; Sergt. James A.V.C., "My old Shacko"; Sergt. Hall and Sergt. Bragg, "patter."

A vote of thanks was accorded the organisers.

The Humour Of Lamb.

The Euskirchen Reading Circle (Y.M.C.A.) on Monday evening added another leaf to its laurels when Miss Wehatley with admirable taste and apt quotation introduced "The Humour of Charles Lamb." The rollicking wisdom of the loveable Londoner, his engaging fun, his capricious and fantastic merriment, were finely contrasted with the tragedy of his domestic life. Quaint, curious, gifted, even the pungency of his satire had a mellowness and sweetness born of his love of life and men, and the gentleness of his disposition. Appreciative comment on the lecture followed. It is announced that next Monday evening, the 11th, will be spent with Longfellow's "Song of Hiawatha."

"The Fancies."

The Fancies Concert Party, presented by Lt. L. H. Moore (by kind permission of G.O.C. Midland Division) gave a very pleasing show at the British Empire Leave Club on Tuesday night. The singing of J. Peters was delightful, and Bradbury and his witty duologues were much appreciated. The costumes worn by the "Ladies" of the party were exceedingly pretty and Peters the designer is to be congratulated. Pte Davis gave a clever exhibition of dancing while Watson's Song "I do pity myself" provoked much laughter and mirth, and an encore was demanded. Lt. L. H. Moore has every reason to be proud of his Party.

Pedlars' Pianist.

This is an impression of Howard Rudd, the dainty pierette at the piano. He is at present with "The Pedlars" Formerly with "The Merry Mascots," he will be remembered for his comedy acts. Rudd is a pianist of some accomplishment. Before joining the army he studied under Prof. S.W.G. Barfoot, L.R.A.M., Speaker, Royal College of Music, London. He is well-known in musical circles in Lancashire, being one of the noted Rudd family. Quite a big favourite at Bonn, he will be greatly missed by the boys when his turn for demob comes.

Goodbye Muffins!

"Ye Merry Muffins," the Highland Division Concert Party, one of the brightest companies in Rhineland, are going to England. They will leave a big void in the world of entertainment here. They will leave also memories of many successes. For who has not seen and enjoyed their excellent show? "The Muffin's" performances rank among the super-productions in Army theatrical spheres. This evening they give their last show in Germany at Kreuzau, the Highland Division H.Q.

Prospects in England.

"The Muffins" will move with the Highland Division as a party and will carry on in England. They contemplate holding together as a party after "demob." The "Rouges et Noirs" made good; so would "Ye Merry Muffins." Their show would be something unique on the English stage. Mr. Reg Matthews is a comedian with an individual style that would "take" in London. Teddy, too, is a "girl" who has few equals on the Army stage. And the others — well, such a party of all round excellence could not fail to appeal to those at home.

Victory Marches Filmed.

A unique opportunity is offered at the next week's Cinema performance at the British Empire Leave Club when those who were unable actually to witness the historic Victory Marches in Paris and London will be given a marvellous series of moving photographs. Two performances daily will be given at 2-3.30 and 3.45-5.15.

Deutsches Theatre.

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The "New Bing Boys".

The "New Bing Boys" are moving swiftly from success to success. On Wednesday at Leichlingen they achieved the proud distinction of having every item on their programme encored, and on Thursday at Burscheid they created a record in the way of attendances for that village. New additions to the party include Geo Rae, the Scotch tenor from "Ye Merry Muffins," and Geo Mason, a clever light show comedian. There is every probability of the party visiting Cologne in the near future.

JACQUES.

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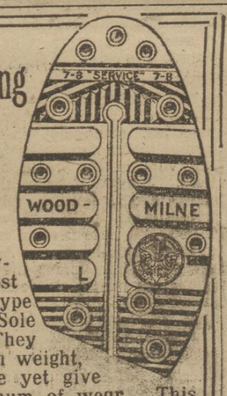

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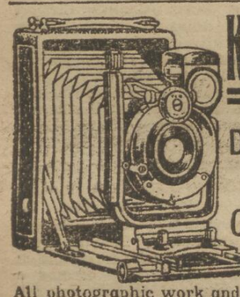

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ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Where to Wear Ribbons.

Queries have been received as to the proper precedence of medals and decorations, particularly with regard to the new War Medal. The Victoria Cross, of course, takes first place, and is followed by British orders according to their grade, including the D.S.O. Then come active service medals, such as the Distinguished Conduct Medal, and the Military Medal according to the date of this creation. These are followed by foreign orders, the wearing of which has been authorized by the King. This means that the new ribbon is worn last, and is only followed by foreign orders. It is a theme of constant criticism that certain "civilian" orders are worn in accordance with regulation, in front of military honours won in the field. We hope to publish soon an article dealing with the whole subject of medals and decorations.

Posters and Hoardings.

German art is peculiarly suitable for outdoor publicity purposes, being always strong and forceful, sometimes almost brutal and with big flat masses of well harmonised or contrasted colour, the elementary points aimed at by the expert poster designer. Some of the posters are things of beauty though not by any means joy for ever, as it seems no sooner are they flung on to the bill-boards than they are immediately half or wholly obliterated by the next bill poster who happens along. So are beautiful and effective posters killed at birth and robbed of any effectiveness they may possess. When will German professional bill posters adopt the owned and rented and controlled hoarding system for so long adopted in the United Kingdom? It should be a crime to obliterate or even overlap another man's poster, as he pays a definite rental to have it exhibited for so long.

And Larger Posters.

It is noticeable also that German bills are never larger than what is technically known as Double Crowns and there seems to be no definite standards of size. Any odd sizes and shapes will do, and thus we have the ugly untidy displays that are often an eyesore instead of what is known in England as "The poor man's picture gallery." Perhaps the reason why there are no large 8, 16 and 32 sheet posters in Germany is because ordinary commercial houses and manufacturers of proprietory articles do not apparently use the hoardings at all, and it would not pay cabarets, wine houses, and organisers of concerts, sports events and so on to print such large announcements. German advertising is fifty years behind the times, both in the press and on the hoardings.

Sartorial Criticisms.

One of the outstanding features of the suits and raincoats worn by civilians both at Bonn and Cologne is the good quality of material, and choice colourings nicely blended. The fawn covert coatings and fine worsted suitings are similar to those retailed by the first class British houses in Bond Street. The thought that strikes one, is that great care must have been taken of their pre-war garments or else the condition of supplies of woollen goods during the war has been misrepresented to us. One thing that appears to spoil the appearance of the men's trousers is the bell-bottomed shape, which is antiquated now, and only worn by very few of a certain class in England. The press-turn-up so much in vogue at home does not appeal to the people here evidently. Although the press-turn-up in trousers collects dust and has been dubbed insanitary by some, there is no doubt it smartens the appearance and lengthens the life of trousers, as it lessens the chance of frayed bottoms.

Losing no Time.

Now that the German farmers are busily engaged gathering in the crops of corn and wheat, which are so abundant in many parts of the country, it is interesting to note, that one never sees a field full of "stooks," and lying idle, until they have been gathered in, a sight which is very familiar in England. The "stooks" are there certainly, but are all placed close together, on a strip of land, just large enough to hold them, and no more. As soon as they have been thus collected, the remainder of the land is ploughed up and utilized for the growing of another crop, without waste of time.

Fallen Heroes.

The hero worship which the average German paid to the late Emperor of Germany and Prince Bismarck, the man who made modern Germany, is to us Britons a trifle overdone. That hero worship has of course received a rude shock, but the name of Bismarck and the Kaiser are still in evidence in every town. Nearly every community of any size has its Bismarck Strasse, its Kaiser Wilhelm Strasse or Platz. Probably the names will remain, but just as probably they have already lost their glamour and greatness, for both men are splendid illustrations of that "vaulting ambition which o'erleaps itself."

Shutterless Shops.

Evidently Cologne and other Rhineland towns are singularly free from the kind of thefts summarised under the "Break the window and run" type, as shutters are almost extinct, the shops of the more expensive type being dependant on a small iron grating after closing hours. One cannot help noticing that the effect of these shutterless shops considerably brightens the aspect of the thoroughfare and materially adds to the pleasures of strolling about town. For you can look in the windows and mentally take stock of the souvenirs you will purchase for the old folks at home (when that credit comes through) without being tempted to rush into extravagance forthwith. Contrasting these bright windows after closing hours with our own gloomy shuttered ones, one feels instinctively that we lose by comparison.

Ancient Methods of Bread Baking.

It is perhaps not generally know that bread is made, and baked, in German villages as in England in olden days. Leaven or balm, which is a portion of dough saved from the last baking, is used instead of yeast. The dough, when kneaded, is placed in oval baskets to rise, instead of tins. A wood fire is lighted in an oven made entirely of bricks and allowed to burn till the required heat is attained. The embers are then raked out, and the loaves, turned out of the baskets, are placed by means of a wooden spade on the floor of the oven, and the door closed till sufficiently cooked. Pastries, besides bread, are baked the same way, and make good eating too. All who have seen an Aldershot Oven in use will understand the method.

Train Starters.

Have you ever noticed that the guards on German trains do not possess full control of the trains as in Blighty? Instead of the waving of the familiar green flag a specially appointed official stands on the platform and simply holds up a small white disc about six inches in diameter attached to a short stick, when it is time for the train to start. At night time a small electric torch with a green light is shown from the disc.

Lesser Echoes.

There is great dismay among the troops at Bensberg at the removal of the Y.M.C.A. which has been such a boon since the first days of occupation.

Complaints reach us of the high prices charged for walking-out canes in certain regimental canteens.

It is a sign of the approaching fall of the year that dahlias are now being offered for sale by the Cologne street-sellers.

An acute shortage of coal is anticipated in Cologne and throughout Rhineland generally during the coming winter.

The unique sight of a staff officer waiting in the canteen queue for cigarettes was recently commented on. But one has since been seen walking in the American circus procession. Next please!

The British court-martial makes a difference in the fines imposed on people found in the Rhineland streets after 11 p.m. without night-pass; men have to pay 30 marks, women only 20 marks.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to: Pioneer F.C. Diggins, 209th Field Coy. R.E. Rhine Army; L/Cpl. G.Y. Farquhar, "B" Coy. 18th K.R.R.C. Rhine Army; and Bdr. J.E. Cole R.F.A. c/o I.Q.M.G. Services, G.H.Q. Rhine Army.

Impressions of a Leave Club Dance.

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

WAR AND MORALS.

Mr. R. Best K.C., says: One of the greatest tragedies of the war lies not in the number of men killed, but in the number of women who have been degraded and demoralized and ruined by the wave of looseness and vice which is passing over the land. Probably the men are not so much to be blamed as the women of the country, who seem to go mad at the sight of a uniform.

WORKING TOGETHER.

M. Pierre Duduis, the French Shipping Controller, dealing with the problem of economic reconstruction, says: In framing their policy in regard to many matters which used to be regarded as of purely local and national concern the new conditions require that the Allied nations should adopt a new way of thought and forget the existence of the political boundaries separating them. They must act as one economic whole. Mutual help and support will alone overcome the difficulties with which each and all of the Allies are called upon to contend.

TO CHECK BIGAMY.

The Bishop of Norwich, writing on the great increase of bigamous marriages, says: It would certainly tend to the decrease of bigamous unions if each party were required before marrige to produce some form of registration and identification. Neither marriage after banns nor marriage by license really provides for the identification of the parties, nor for the requirements of full publicity. In the case of marriage after banns no formal declaration is demanded from the parties concerned, and, leaving aside the charge addressed to the bride and bridegroom when they are already in the church, they are not required to sign any form which might disclose an impediment to to the marriage. In the case of marriage by license there is no publicity. A declaration is, indeed, required to be made by one of the parties that all is in order. But nothing is easier than for a married man who has deceived a girl to see that she, not he, applies for the license and makes the necessary affidavit, which, though false, she may honestly believe to be true.

IN PLACE OF THE COALITION.

Lord Rothermere has contributed a striking article to his own Sunday paper. Should the present combination of parties continue? he asks. The Coalition as at present constituted has outlived its usefulness. It has reduced the House of Commons to a pale shadow of its former self. I consider that the time has come for the creation of a new "bloc," a combination pledged primarily to economy in administration and to the rehabilitation of the nation's finances on a sound footing. We want a progressive party, which will take real reconstruction for its watchword, and will prove that it is possible to make a new Britain without dissipating such resources as are left to us, We want, in short a party which will do for this country what Lord Cromer did for Egypt when he found it bankrupt and derelict, and made a little money go a long way. The present Coalition will never practise economy.

LONDON'S SADDEST SIGHT.

Sir John Monash, the Australian Commander-in-Chief, says: "Perhaps the saddest sight in London to-day is the long queues of ex-officers and men with splendid records of heroic service to their country unable to secure employment and in dire necessity. Is this the reward of a grateful country in her hour of victory and peace? It is a deplorable shame that many of these brave fellows, when they return from the trenches after all they have gone through, should have such a ghastly struggle to live."

BERNHARDI, PESSIMIST.

General Bernhardi whose book forecasting the Great War had such an enormous sale in Great Britain says: I do not believe in the League of Nations. It is an utter mistake to believe the progress of humanity is possible in an eternal peace. Freedom alone engenders progress, and only by fighting is freedom to be won and maintained. Germany is not actually conquered, and may have to withdraw from her obligations." The present peace, is the product of hate and the spirit of revenge, and will bear fruit accordingly.

HOW THE MONEY GOES.

Mr. Lovat Fraser who has expressed very strong views on many of the great questions that arose during the war, discussing the present squandering of public money, says: Ministers fling the nation's money about broadcast. They acquired the spending habit during the war and cannot drop it. The shadow of irreparable financial disaster lies over these islands, but not one big act of retrenchment stands to the credit of the Ministry since the armistice. On the contrary, they are constantly devising new openings for expenditure, as though they had discovered some payable method of extracting gold from seawater.

THEY ARE NOT DEAD.

Miss Marie Corelli writing of the West", says: Let us not imagine for a moment that our Silent Victors are not with us in our celebrations of Peace. They are removed but a step; some of our advanced psychologists would say by merely a film of atmosphere. They see us; they read the thoughts of kings, statesmen, and commoners; they know, far better than we do, why it was deemed necessary that they, dear to us all, should die to us all for the moment. But they are not dead. A haze of glory hides them from our earthly sight, nevertheless there are some of us who feel their presence, close and intimate. From windows in heaven they watch the triumphal march of their worldbound comrades, and the strong overflowing spirit of their dauntless heroism should be with us all to-day as we praise God who hath given them—and us—the victory.

Gallant Rescue.—At Rotherham the Royal Humane Society's medal has been presented to a police constable for diving into a canal, fully dressed, and rescuing a boy from drowning.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Swiss Strike Collapses.—The Swiss general strike has proved to be a fiasco.

War Ribbon Ready.—Two hundred miles of the new war ribbon are now ready.

A Lucky Find.—A three-million ton coal seam has been struck at Rhondda.

Fire in Camp.—Damage to the extent of two thousand pounds was done by fire at Clipstone Military camp, Mansfield.

Trial of Caillaux.—M. Caillaux, the French ex-Premier, is to be tried before the High Court.

Visit to the King.—The President of Liberia has been received by the King at Buckingham Palace.

Women Medicals.—A number of women doctors have been appointed to the staff of the Ministry of Health.

Spain and the League.—The Spanish Senate has approved of the participation of Spain in the League of Nations.

Rats at Oxford.—Oxford is reported to be overrun with rats, 170 having been killed in one barn in a single night.

Train Blows Up.—A train loaded with German shells blew up at Boulogne. One British soldier was injured.

Aeroplane Crash.—A great aeroplane crashed to earth near Verona, and all the thirteen passengers were killed.

A Double Suicide.—The Austrian Consul at Zürich and his wife have committed suicide.

Letter to King George.—Prince Henry of Prussia has asked King George to prevent the extradition of the Ex-Kaiser.

War Office Economy.—Strenuous efforts it is said, are being made to reduce the cost of War Office administration.

Dry New York.—Prohibition in New York has caused a decrease of crime among women.

Murder in England.—Three murders are reported from Glasgow, Wolverhampton and Nottingham respectively.

Omnibus Overturns.—An omnibus overturned at Burgh Heath, London, killing one man.

They must Fly.—All officers in the R.A.F. must be practical flying men in future.

German cash for France.—German banknotes are now permitted to be taken into France.

Foch to Visit Sheffield.—Marshal Foch is to visit Sheffield to receive the freedom of the city.

Brazil and Germans.—The Brazilian Government has authorised Germans in Brazil to resume financial operations.

A Sign of Peace.—For the first time since the war a Wagnerian opera has been played in Paris.

Welsher Punished.—At Kingston, a bookmaker's clerk was sent to prison for three months for welshing at Epsom races.

Sailings Resumed.—The White Star Line announce that they are about to resume their Southampton-New York service as before the war.

A War Name.—Mr. Oliver Brook V.C late of the Coldstream Guards, has had his child baptized at Windsor "Oliver Victor Loos."

Hoarding.—To meet the winter demands, many London merchants have been accumulating coal reserves during the last two months or more.

For Peace.—Bishop Welldon thinks a League of Classes to prevent industrial warfare just as necessary as a League of Nations.

A Huge Fish.—A pike which weighed 42 lbs. before it was stuffed has been presented to Harrow School by an old Harrovian.

Somerset's Colours.—The colours of the 8th Somerset Light Infantry now demobilized are to be deposited in Bath Abbey.

"So Nice!"—The munition girls at Woolwich are loud in praise of Prince Albert, who shook hands with them all on his recent visit.

Field-Marshal's Son.—Field-Marshal Plumer's son, Capt. T.H. Plumer M.C., has been married to Miss Monica Tempest Hicks by the Bishop of London.

Restive.—Trouble is pending in at least one department of the Civil Service in consequence of the treatment of men who have returned from the front.

Quick Delivery.—London newspapers have been delivered in Madrid, by aeroplane, eight hours after leaving Fleet Street.

Poultice Ignites.—A woman has died at Kensington as the result of a poultice, which she had applied to relieve bronchial asthma, becoming ignited.

Home Again.—The cadre of the 11th Bttn., London Regiment has arrived at London after having been abroad since 29th July 1915.

Improving London.—The L.C.C. will require a vast amount of money for various ambitious schemes, including housing. It proposes to borrow five millions sterling.

Protection Desired.—The Hungarian people are said to have asked for the assistance of Entente troops in protecting themselves against the Rumanian army of occupation.

"The Follies" Again.—The revival of "The Follies" at the Strand Theatre has had to be put off owing to the indisposition of Mr. Ben Lawes, who is to take the old Pellissier parts.

Dearer Gold.—A rise of about 10 per cent. in the price of gold is anticipated as the result of the re-establishment of a free market for the sale of the precious metal produced by the South African companies.

Drowned in the Surf.—After serving on a mine-sweeper during the war, a Cromer fisherman and his son were both drowned in the surf at Cromer. They were launching a boat to go crab fishing, but capsized.

America's Army.—It has been proposed to the American Congress that the permanent Army there should be 510,000 strong, and that all young men on attaining the age of nineteen should undergo military training for three months.

Prince's Appointment.—The "London Gazette" publishes the following announcement from Air Ministry.— The undermentioned temporary appointment is made:— Flying Branch: H.R.H. Prince Albert, Personal A.D.C. to His Majesty the King, to be Captain.

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O.M. FOR MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

COMMONS' THANKS.

TRIBUTES TO THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.

Last night amid the loud cheers of a crowded house, Mr. Lloyd George moved the resolutions according the nation's thanks to the Navy, Army and Air Force and our appreciation of Marshal Foch. In reference to the latter, the Premier said that the world had been saved by the genius of Foch. The war would have been won by the valour, endurance and resources of the Allies without Foch's leadership, but the Premier was convinced that it would not have been won in 1918. Mr. Lloyd George paid a tribute to Mr. Asquith and Sir Edward Grey for making the decision they did in August 1914. At that date the nation was by common assumption the most unwarlike people in Europe. Then came the great challenge and millions who had never even thought of war rallied to the flag in such numbers that even a great manufacturing country like our own could not manufacture the necessaries of war fast enough. It was one of the most thrilling and inspiring episodes in the history of the world, one which would always be most honourably associated with the name of Lord Kitchener. He doubted whether in the whole history of war such multitudes of men ever displayed such sustained courage. War had never witnessed such a trial of manhood as British soldiers and seamen engaged in. What was true of the battlefield was equally true of the sea.

Daring Unseen Perils.

It was difficult to estimate the strain on the courage of seamen in the old days when the enemy was visible. In this war the enemy was underground and out of sight and sailors of the Mercantile Marine faced horrors worse than those of the battlefield. Ships were torpedoed scores of miles from any shore, with only frail boats to take to and cruel waves playing like beasts play with victims before devouring them. They often faced worse terrors of thirst and hunger. No wonder 15,000 of them fell victims to the cruellest and most ghastly piracy ever perpetrated. Everywhere on land and sea and in the air the strain on heart, nerve, will and courage of the men had been beyond anything ever described in the story of the world. Through such trials, Britain fought better in the last year of the war than ever before. Nor must the nation forget the women and nurses who braved like perils and saved thousands of lives by their tender care.

Dreading the Postman.

Turning to the powerful aid of the Dominions and Dependencies, the Premier said that through the valour of their sons they had won a permanent place among the posterity of nations. Regarding the workers it was due to their skill that we owed the celerity, efficiency, and completeness with which the armies were equipped. Never had the skill of experts, leaders of organised industry or the mechanics shown to greater advantage. One word about the multitude of private people, men and women who bore the strain and anxiety, and only too often grief, in their homes. In millions of homes every knock on the street door sent a shudder of fear through anxious hearts; it would only be known in the last great day what agony of war was brought to millions of homes; only then would be known the measure of the silent heroism displayed. All classes had suffered alike. No class could point the finger of reproach to another. The glory of common achievement shone on all ranks in the land and the shadow of a common grief alone dimmed the lustre of triumph. "The men and women," concluded the Premier, "who showed such qualities in the hour of their country's need will show them yet again, if need come, with subtler and more formidable perils, to save the Motherland from danger."

Sir Donald Maclean thanked the Premier for his references to Mr. Asquith and Sir Edward Grey and added that the rally made to the colours during the war was beyond all words of praise and in that respect we proudly acclaimed all those who served as being true gentlemen at arms. There could only be one verdict, which would gather strength as the years rolled on — "the men were magnificent."

Mr. Adamson said he desired to associate himself and the Labour party with the speeches of the Premier and Sir Donald Maclean.

The votes of thanks were agreed to.

Similar resolutions of thanks were carried in the House of Lords, where members stood while the motion was put.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

The Prime Minister moved a resolution in the Commons yesterday that the thanks of the House be given to all ranks of the services as follows:—

To the Navy and the Royal Marines for their sleepless watch over the seas and for the courage, resource and devotion with which during four years of constant peril they have maintained the blockade of the enemy's coast, convoyed armies drawn from the most distant lands, and defended the commerce of the world against the craft and subtlety of a ruthless foe.

To armies in the field for the matchless valour and endurance with which amid circumstances of unexampled hardship they have sustained the shock of war in many climes, for the good humour, clemency and patience of their bearing, and for the undaunted spirit which has carried them through four years of strenuous trial to a complete and splendid victory.

To the Air Force for their brilliant daring and for their conspicuous services over seas and land.

To the gallant troops from the dominions overseas, from India and from the Crown Colonies for the promptitude with which they responded to the call for justice and freedom and for the noble part they have played in conjunction with their comrades of the British Islands in securing the triumph of right over wrong.

Heroines of the Empire.

To the women of the medical and of the auxiliary services for their devotion in tending the sick and wounded and for their duties faithfully and bravely discharged.

To the Mercantile Marine for the fine and fearless seamanship by which our people have been preserved from want and our cause from disaster.

That this House doth acknowledge with deep submission and reverence the heroism of those who have fallen in the service of their country, and tenders its sympathy to their relatives in the hour of their sorrow and their pride.

Mr. Lloyd George also moved:—

Foch's Supreme Service.

That this House records its profound sense of admiration and gratitude for the supreme service rendered to the British nation by Field Marshal Foch, Marshal of France, as Generalissimo of the Allied Armies, in which great position he displayed a military genius worthy of the foremost captains in history.

Lord Curzon moved a similar series of resolutions in the Upper House.

LLOYD GEORGE.

ORDER OF MERIT FROM THE KING.

The King has conferred the Order of Merit upon Mr. Lloyd George in recognition of his services during the war. The letter in which this distinction was announced is as follows:

Buckingham Palace, August 5, 1919.

My Dear Prime Minister,

The honours and rewards to the officers of the Navy, Army and Air Force having now been submitted to Parliament, I feel that my people will share with me the regret that it is not possible to express the nation's grateful recognition of the pre-eminent services rendered by the Prime Minister both in carrying the war to a victorious end, and in securing an honourable peace.

To rectify somewhat this omission, and personally to mark my high appreciation of these services, it gives me great pleasure to confer upon you the Order of Merit.

Believe me,
Yours very sincerely,
GEORGE R.I.

The Order of Merit is the only decoration which the King can confer without consulting his Prime Minister.

GRANTS IN OTHER DAYS.

It is interesting to recall some of the more outstanding occasions in the history of the fighting forces on which their leaders received grants from the public funds:

Marlborough, after the War of Succession.—£5,000 a year during the Queen's life. Marlborough, after Blenheim—Woodstock. Hawke, after Quiberon Bay—£2,000 pension. Jervis, after St. Vincent—£3,000 pension. Nelson, after the Nile—£2,000 pension. Wellington, after Salamanca—£100,000. Wellington, after peace in 1814—£400,000. Wellington, after Waterloo—£200,000 and Strathfieldsaye. Sir Colin Campbell, after the Mutiny—£2,000 pension. Napier, after Magdala—£2,000 pension. Wolseley, after Ashanti—£25,000. Wolseley, after Egyptian War £30,000. Roberts, after Boer War—£100,000. Kitchener, after Nile Expedition—£30,000. Kitchener, after Boer War—£50,000.

POLICE TROUBLE.

COMMISSIONER ON THREAT OF FORCE.

The total number of Metropolitan policemen on strike at six a.m. yesterday was 1,075.

Sir Nevil Macready, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, in an interview said: "A certain amount of intimidation, either physical or moral, is going on. Last night Mr. Hayes, the secretary of the union, held a meeting at Commercial-road, where he said that if the remainder of the police were not out to-day measures would be taken to force them out. I have taken steps to see that anything in the shape of force will be adequately met."

"Some men are talking about loyalty to their pals and to their trade union," he said. "It seems to me that the point is this: that before they ever joined a trade union, and before they ever had a pal in the police, they took an oath to the Government, and if it is a question of loyalty, the priority must be given to the Government. That is a point which many of them seem to overlook.

"No man who has gone out on strike could possibly have been swept off his feet or taken unawares unless his intellect is such that he is quite unfit to hold any position. The order of May 30 not only said that strikers would be dismissed and not reinstated, but that the Commissioner could not accept the excuse of intimidation, because it was up to every man to use all the means at his disposal to defend himself and carry on his duty. To tell me that reasonable men can be carried off their legs after thinking of that Order for sixty days—it won't wash!"

The force will be put on the new rates of pay on Aug. 13, but the settlement of the arrears, in view of the large number of accounts involved, will occupy some time.

POLICE BILL IN THE LORDS.

SECOND READING CARRIED.

Late on Tuesday night, the Police Bill came before the House of Lords.

The Earl of Jersey, in moving the second reading, said that recent events had proved the necessity for this measure and showed the necessity of passing it into law as soon possible. He expressed the gratification of the Government and the country at the way in which the police generally had withstood the assault which had been made on their loyalty by the officials of the Police Union, supported by a limited number of extremists among the police themselves. (Cheers.) Only seven forces out of a total of 250 forces in Great Britain had been affected. And altogether there were only 2,360 men on strike out of a total of 54,000 in England and Wales. In one respect the strike was significant and had had a beneficial result. The failure of the strike had shown that the police really valued the high traditions which had been handed down to them and which they were proud to maintain. They appreciated generally that the Government were anxious to redress any legitimate grievances which might be brought to their notice, and were satisfied that their grievances had been fairly considered. They were prepared to trust the responsible authorities rather than be misled by professional agitators.

The bill was read a second time.

PLAIN CLOTHES ORDER.

An Army Order just issued announces that the war-time prohibition of the wearing of plain clothes by officers and men is now removed, and that permission to wear plain clothes may now be given, as usual before the war, in accordance with paragraph 1,694 of the King's Regulations. Officers of the Regular Army, the Special Reserve, and the Territorial Force will not provide or renew any articles of uniform other than service dress until a further order on the subject is issued.

BABY FARM CASE.

Henry Hatchard and his wife Beatrice were again charged at Stratford yesterday with the manslaughter of a seven months old infant named Daisy Mayers by wilfully withholding food. No further evidence was offered and prisoners were again remanded.

This is the case in which nine neglected infants were found in a room. A police officer afterwards told a press representative that several of the children would not have lived another week. They looked like little old men. Two are now going on well, but others are still very ill. The police are of the opinion that the bones discovered at the back of the premises are those of animals.

SINN FEIN FLAG INCIDENT.

When de Valera, the Irish agitator who has recently been "stumping" the United States to his discomfiture, was at San Francisco, the Sinn Fein flag was hoisted at his hotel.

Capt. Arthur L. Snagge, the British naval attaché, promptly said that no British official would ever visit the Hotel St. Francis again unless the Sinn Fein flag were hauled down from the flagstaff. The manager removed the flag, to de Valera's great annoyance.

"PEACE" IN 1917.

OFFICIAL CONTRADICTION OF ERZBERGER.

Mr. Cecil Harmsworth, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in a written answer concerning the statements by Herr Erzberger as to the alleged peace offer made to Germany in August, 1917, says:—

It is the intention of his Majesty's Government to lay papers on this question before Parliament as soon as possible. Meanwhile I may inform the hon. and gallant member (Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy) that the statements made by Herr Erzberger at Weimar are not an accurate presentment of the facts.

On August 21, 1917, his Majesty's Minister to the Vatican was instructed to inform the Cardinal Secretary of State that his Majesty's Government could not say what reply, if any, would be made to the Pope's peace proposals, as his Majesty's Government had not had time to consult their Allies; and in any case it appeared to be hopeless to try to bring the belligerents into agreement until the Central Powers had given some indication of the objects for which they were prosecuting the war. Cardinal Gasparry, in his answer, narrowed the issue by stating that the German Government had declared their intention to restore independence to Belgium, pointing to the Reichstag resolution in favour of peace without annexations.

Count de Salis (British Minister to the Vatican) observed that his Majesty's Government had no authoritative text of this document and that it was not satisfactory, as the decision did not rest with the Reichstag. On August 24 the Cardinal asked that the following reply should be sent to the message from his Majesty's Government:—

"The Cardinal Secretary of State reserves to himself to answer the telegram after having received from the German Government an official declaration relative to Belgium, for which he has asked."

The Cardinal asked Count de Salis for his opinion on this reply, and the latter, thinking that there would be no objection to his expressing a personal opinion, stated that a declaration regarding Belgium seemed desirable, as the point was important, especially for Great Britain, but that the Cardinal would remember that it was only one of many issues between the belligerents.

On receiving Count de Salis's report of this conversation, his Majesty's Government thought that it was undesirable to be drawn into a piecemeal discussion of this question, and that, if the Central Powers wished to negotiate, they should state their terms in full. Count de Salis was, therefore, instructed not to intervene in any way in the negotiations between the Vatican and Germany, and that if he were again asked for his opinion he should decline to give it. The matter then dropped, as the German Government made no declaration regarding Belgium.

It is thus clear that his Majesty's Government made no advance towards Germany at this time, but they were of course ready to examine, in conjunction with the Allies, any genuine proposals tending to peace which they might receive from the German Government.

STRIKE TYRANNY.

At the North London Police court a demobilized soldier with six children asked stay of an ejectment order as he could not get other accommodation. In telling him that he could not, Mr. Symmons said that Demos held sway, and under his tyranny everything seemed to stop at will.

"He will not let you have bricks, so the housing shortage is acute. He will not let you have bread, so you can go hungry. He will not let you travel, so holidays have to be abandoned. He will not let you have cloth and leather, so you can go without clothing and boots. He will not let you have coal, so the life's blood of the country's industry is stopped.

"This is the result of the tyranny of the comparative few," added his worship, "and so long as you working men sympathize with those who go on strike it will continue."

Eventually the magistrate granted a summons calling upon the landlord to show cause why the order should not be varied.

RIOT INSURANCES.

A large number of insurances have been effected day at Lloyd's to cover merchants and all owners of property in London and large manufacturing towns and ports, against loss or damage to their property such as occurred last week at Liverpool, especially such property as food. The rates vary from 3s to 6s. These rates do not apply to Ireland, for which special terms are quoted.

HOME SERVICE MEDAL.

Mr. Churchill in Parliament yesterday said the question whether a medal would be issued for home service has not yet been settled, but in any case the ribbon would be a distinct one.

An Army Council Instruction states that the sum of £7 10s. (which can be refunded by the Ministry of Pensions) is now allowed in respect of the expenses of a civil funeral for a discharged soldier whose death was attributable to a disability due to or aggravated by service during the present war

COAL STRIKE.

YORKSHIRE UNION FUNDS RUNNING OUT.

To-day the third weekly instalment of strike pay will be disbursed, and as apparently a settlement of the trouble is as far off as ever, some anxiety prevails in the strike areas as to how long the unions can stand the heavy drain on their resources. At Birksworth Colliery, already, it is significant that other resources are being tapped. They have what is known as a "Death Fund," with a credit balance of £3,000, and this, it has been decided, shall now be utilised for augmenting the union strike pay. As there are nearly 2,000 miners to participate, this money can only slightly ease the situation for a very short time. In other districts the strikers and their families are learning at first hand the inconvenient effects of their actions. In the urban district of Wombwell, for instance, where the population of 30,000 is made up principally of miners and their families, notice is given that until supplies of coal are available, gas will be cut off daily after 11.30 a.m.

CIVIL AVIATION STAFF.

SALARIES OF OFFICERS.

General Seely, in a written reply to Mr. Johnson-Hicks says the following members of the staff of the Civil Aviation Department are being paid the civil rates shown:—

Major-General Sir F. H. Sykes.—£2,000, plus £500 retired pay.

Major-General E. D. Swinton.—£1,800, less 10 per cent. deduction on account of pension.

Lieutenant-Colonel W.O. Raikes.—£1,000.

Mr. G. B. Cockburn.—£800.

Mr. J. N. Pearson.—£280, plus bonus.

Other gentlemen are serving in the Civil Aviation Department as officers and these are in receipt of staff rates of pay or pay and allowances of their rank. Letters offering civil appointments in those cases agreed by the Treasury have been sent.

TRANSPORT OF TROOPS.

The War Office announces that from the beginning of the war to June 30 last 5,680,078 officers and other ranks were conveyed in transports on other than cross-Channel voyages. This total comprised 250,635 officers, 3,763,437 British troops, and 1,666,006 native troops. The largest number carried in any one period of six months was 27,714 officers, 726,054 British troops, and 113,391 native troops from January to June, 1916.

The number of animals transported on other than cross-Channel voyages during the same period was 631,723.

COST OF THE WORLD WAR.

Official estimates of the cost of the world war made by officials of the State Department attached to the Peace Conference before the United States Senate Committee place it as between 200 and 250 billion dollars (£40,000,000,000 and £50,000,000,000), of which Great Britain has spent 50 billions (£10,000,000,000). This does not include the value of the property destroyed during the war.

CAPT. FRYATT'S SHIP RAISED.

The British Admiralty has refloated the steamer Brussels at Zeebrugge.

After capturing Captain Fryatt and his ship, the Brussels, on her way from England to Holland, the Germans took her to Zeebrugge. There they kept her until compelled to evacuate the place, when they sank her in the harbour.

PRINCE LOSES ESTATES.

News from Zurich states that the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha having refused the indemnification of about fifteen millions of marks which the Diet of the principality offered to him, a law has been voted by a considerable majority ordering the confiscation of the property of the princely crown for the benefit of this little State.

AMMONIA CAUSES PANIC.

A wild panic was caused on Saturday night in Hildreth-street, Balham, a busy shopping centre, by the bursting of a pipe leading to an ammonia tank at the premises of a local shopkeeper. The explosion was followed by clouds of smoke, and people with tears in their eyes fled in all directions. There were no casualties, but one horse was overcome by the fumes and collapsed.

GERMAN'S DETERMINED SUICIDE.

A German named Harry Poincilet, aged twenty-eight, lately residing at St. John's Wood, threw himself over Beachy Head on Monday night.

The body lodged on a projecting rock half way down, and was recovered by coastguards.

Letters found on the body showed that Poincilet had suffered from depression and that he contemplated suicide.

An urgent message has been despatched to Mr. Arthur Henderson at Lucerne asking him to return immediately to London.

NORTH RUSSIA.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION ON LAKE ONEGA.

The War Office issued the following statement last night:—

General Maynard reports that a successful raid was carried out on August 2 by combined forces of land, sea, and air, with the object of striking a surprise blow at the enemy's lake flotilla on Lake Onega, and of capturing the port of Talvuiski, 40 miles south-east of Medvyejya Gora (which is at the north-west corner of the lake).

The operation proved entirely successful. Two of the enemy's steamers were captured in good condition and a third was run ashore. Talvuiski was captured and 20 prisoners, including two officers, were taken. The captured ships were armed with 3in. guns and many Colt guns.

The newly-formed Russian flotilla co-operated with the British flotilla in this operation.

There is no news of any operations on the Archangel front.

FIZZLING OUT.

DELIBERATE STRIKE CONSPIRACY.

The police strike has practically fizzled out and that of the railwaymen in sympathy is collapsing. The Executive of the National Union of Railwaymen met yesterday and after a two hours session issued a statement to the effect that having discussed the whole situation in connection with the police dispute, also the request from certain branches in different parts of the country to recommend an immediate stoppage in support thereof, they had decided that the Committee could not undertake any responsibility for sanctioning a strike on this matter and urging any members now striking to return to work immediately.

Dealing with the situation in Parliament yesterday afternoon, the Home Secretary said the Government is aware that certain persons had attempted to bring about a complete stoppage of work and hand over the country to the criminal classes. They were far from being irresponsible persons. Fortunately their plans had failed. The Government was prepared to render every assistance to local authorities in the matter.

REPATRIATING NEGROES.

The 1,200 blacks who have been interned at Liverpool and in other parts of the country since June are still awaiting repatriation.

It will be remembered that, owing to the recent racial riots at Cardiff and Liverpool, the blacks had to be interned for their own safety.

Repatriation officers in every port throughout the country, are making arrangements to send all coloured aliens back to their native lands as soon as boats are available. Coloured men who are British subjects cannot be sent out of the country against their will.

SALVATION ARMY IN GERMANY.

General Booth has appointed Commander John Ogrin to take charge of the Salvation Army's operations in Germany, in place of Lieut.-Colonel Carl Treite, who has received a long furlough after the great strain caused by the war.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

The National War Savings Committee notify that the number of War Savings Certificates sold during the week ended July 26 was 2,199,385, bringing the total to that date up to 343,227,219.

Three hundred and sixty-nine new War Savings Associations were formed during the month ended July 31.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S SILENCE.

Senator Lodge announced on Tuesday that President Wilson had refused to appear before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to give personal explanations regarding certain features of the Peace Treaty, despite repeated invitations.

He added that the President had not sent any documents bearing on the Treaty for the consideration of the Committee.

FINSBURY PARK MURDER.

In connection with the murder of Lucy Nightingale at Prah-road, Finsbury Park, the police in their quest for "Harry," mentioned as having been a visitor to the house, have detained a man at Limehouse pending inquiries. Henry Ball, retired butcher, the occupier of the house, is in custody, charged with being an accessory after the fact.

SKELETON CRIME.

At the adjourned inquest on Connie Grant, whose skeleton was found under the floor of a house in Kilburn, a verdict of manslaughter through neglect was returned against William Grant and Alice White.

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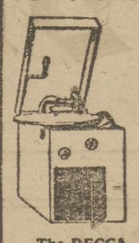
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The man with "Do Something" as his motto is never content; always he sees a Jacob's ladder before him and climbing sees not the topmost rung. It is well, for men will ever crave in their ambition for the highest.

So we go on, but it is the steady hearts and hands of our "Do Something" men which keep us on the track.

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A pal, who checked the clothing in the quartermaster's store had confided to me that I would soon have the chance of a personal introduction — just a few more days of anxious longing, of trembling hopes, and I would have realised my ambition of clasping him to my breast.

Once that was attained, I swore that nothing should part us not even the fairest maiden in Cologne; his way should be my way, always.

And the yarns I would tell him, those hours of dread on the Somme, when each night's arrival set you wondering whether you would see another dawn. I can almost imagine him saying "Now, you have your reward, I shall remain with you; whoever fails you I will be true" He must also hear of those glimpses of heaven, when with that small green pass in my hand, I entrained for the coast. I shall say nothing about the French trains for fear he has sympathetic leanings towards France. The first time I went out with him, I decided I should honour him by wearing my new tunic, the one which I had reserved for my coming leave.

It would be worth it, just to see the the envious eyes that followed us down the Hohe Strasse.

The only thing that worries me is, how will he get on with my old pal. I feel rather afraid there will be trouble, at having to share me with another. Anyhow I shall place them close together and may be after a few days of close proximity they will become firm friends.

I feel almost sorry for some of the "young uns," whom he cannot become acquainted with, just a few months and he would have been theirs for life. At last, the day arrives; he is coming today, see what a reception he gets, everyone bustling about, now on one breast, now on another, and then our eyes met, how gladly I greeted him, and as he lay upon my breast, I thought how well my General Service ribbon looked alongside the 1915 one.

S. D.

MY DREAMS.

It was a warm afternoon, one of those drowsy afternoons when one feels too languid to do anything except doze. After an unusually heavy dinner I made my way to the Orderly Room.

I leaned back in the C.O's chair, feeling more drowsy than ever. I closed my eyes and wondered if I should get another leave, wondered when I should be demobilized, wondered if—

Suddenly I found myself back in my old office in Cheapside, shaking hands with my chief and the other fellows. "Well," said my chief, after a few words of greeting, "I suppose you may as well resume your old duties. Here's a batch of letters you can answer. Just send the usual replies."

I took the papers he held out and sat down in my old place. Feeling there was something missing. I looked round the office and found some old cardboard box lids which I labelled respectively "In," "Out," "For Signature" and "Pending." Then I felt I could make a start.

The first two letters I read through were on subjects which were quite new to me; they went into the "Pending" file. The next thing I came to was a big batch of invoices made out in rupees and annas.

Vaguely recollecting that these had to be transcribed into English currency, but without having the faintest remembrance as to how it was done, I murmured "These will have to be sent away somewhere; the further the better."

I reached for a sheet of the firm's letter-paper, and tearing off a piece which looked like a camouflaged battleship, wrote on it the address of our agents in Australia and "Passed to you, please." "It will be at least three months before they come back," I thought, "and in any case they're a lower formation so they won't be able to strafe us."

As I tossed it into the "Signature" tray I pulled out my cigarette case and lit a Kingfisher. A cough and a surprised "I say, old man" from a colleague reminded me that smoking was verboten in the office, so I hastily extinguished my cigarette and resumed my perusal of the correspondence.

After several more letters had gone into the "Pending" tray I came to an enquiry which appeared quite straightforward, so decided to attempt a reply. The printed heading to the letter-paper rather upset me, but I managed to write a satisfactory answer. True, I omitted "Dear Sir" and "Yours faithfully," but this was soon amended.

Then the telephone bell rang. My reply to "Who's speaking please?" I hurriedly corrected from "Orderly Room, 6th—" to "John Baxter and Co." The next few words I failed to hear, so asked the speaker to "Shake up." Once more "Who's that speaking?" and I yelled "John Baxter, beer, ack, x, tok, e, r." I heard a murmur about "I must be on to Colney Hatch," and found myself cut off.

Again I settled down to my letters. I administered a gentle snub to a complaining customer by starting "Reference your letter (unnumbered) of the 11th inst.", and then came to a note from a traveller asking for permission to remain in Glasgow for another week. I turned it over and wrote on the back, "Reference reverse. No."

I had by now several letters ready for signature so took them in to my chief's sanctum. A few minutes later he called me into his room. His face was very red, and he said things. I won't repeat his words, but I felt sure that he must have been in the Army at some time or other.

Then the telephone bell at my elbow rang again. I rubbed my eyes as I answered it and gave a negative reply to the C.O's enquiry whether any stuff had come in.

I settled myself in the armchair once more, had a good stretch, and then reached for the file labelled "Re-engagements for 2, 3 and 4 years."

"I wonder if one can still sign on," I thought. "After all ....."

ORDERLY ROOM SERGEANT.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

It has been said that what a man wants he can get if he wants it enough, and wills to get it.

As a general proposition this is true, even of individuals. Deliberate continuous concentration on any reasonably attainable purpose usually succeeds. The trouble with most of us is that we *wish* instead of *will* one, that we dissipate our energies and attention in various digressions and side-issues instead of concentrating and persevering; and then we grumble at our non-attainment of the desired goal.

As a law governing communities it is undeniable unless the common desire and intent clash with the general sentiment and instinct of humanity. *Then* you are against the eternal verities; and disaster is inevitable. (The ruin of Germany, prepared and organized effort to dominate the world by aggressive, unsympathetic force is the latest and most convincing evidence of this).

The form of Government, the ideals of society, the manner of life, the objects of public action which are really wanted earnestly desired, by a nation—these and these only it will have. Hindrances there may be, false trails, mistaken attempts; but the will of a community is as sure of securing its end as is the law of gravity to bring down, eventually, a weight upheld by a resisting arm.

What them do *we* want? What does our country really desire as the form of its future? To-day our nation is a fluid, a saturated solution which like all saturated solutions will presently crystallise. The form that crystals will take is determined by the ingredients in the solution, by their relative quantities, by their powers of mutual assistance in the creation of this or that shape. Your mind and mine, those of our friends and acquaintances, are atoms in those ingredients, each influencing the future forms directing even now the shapes of the coming crystallization.

Then let us make up our minds, clearly, impartially and *with knowledge* what it is that we, as part of the nation, shall *will* into being.

With knowledge: that is the first step. Our judgments are our own, and not to be lent to another. Slavery of mind is more ignoble than slavery of body. Therefore, first of all we must examine the truth or falsity of contradictory assertions, we must be on our guard against plausible superficialities. Better is delay in the interests of further knowledge leading to right action, than ignorant haste towards a remedy that may be worse than the disease.

Here history — the story of man's experiments and their results — is the foundation of our study. The most recent history, too, is illuminating. Whither has the policy of an arrogant autocracy and an intensive national materialism carried Germany? Into how profound and hideous a gulf has the insanity of unbridled Bolshevism plunged ruined Russia! *Those* danger posts, at least, are too freshly painted with the red of blood and the black of disaster for any eyes to miss them.

But this does not mean that we are to stand still; only that we must examine wisely and choose deliberately our future path. Changes come rapidly to-day; therefore, it is every man's duty to avoid putting off his share in the national will-power, and to lose no time in making up his part of the national mind, unfluenced by aught except proven truth and reasoned prudence; insisting, for his self-respect's sake, on hearing both sides of every question before forming his own decision.

There are two sets of verdicts for each to give:—

(i) What are the real pressing needs of the country as a whole and in main details? And what are the best methods to meet those needs in a permanent and advantageous fashion? For such must be found and at once.

(ii) What that has proved worthy and valuable in the past shall we decide to retain at all costs? Jettison what you know to be useless and unworthy: but remember that it is a thousandfold easier to throw things over-board than to recover them when they have sunk. Things which are on board had a reason for being shipped. That need may recur.

And throughout let us aim not alone at material prosperity (though it will take much time and hard, wisely-directed work to get back even to that). Life contains other things—art, taste, health, enjoyment, character, appreciation, happiness — these are more than goods and cash. "I am come", said the greatest and noblest of teachers, "that they may have *life*, and that they may have it *more abundantly*". We can seek no better ideal than that.

But remember; the times are big with fate: you and I cannot refuse the duty and the privilege of our part in the future of that fate — ours and our children's. We must examine and decide, *will* the best and attain it.

W. I.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

CALVARIES AS MEMORIALS.

Sir,—I have been very much interested in the views put forward by some of your correspondents reference the erection of monuments, Calvaries, etc., as reminders of the awful carnage that has blotted the face of the world during the past five years.

To my way of thinking there has not been a single really good suggestion put forward, good in the sense that whatever is erected shall be a permanent memorial of some material benefit to the community at large — who, when all is done and said, will be expected to pay for such memorials whether of practical or impractical purpose.

There is a vast hue and cry throughout the country for houses, about unemployment, of the enormous cost of everything.

Why then, to use a North Country expression, "throw good money down the beck", in erecting such useless memorials as Calvaries and monuments, when equally permanent and vastly more serviceable memorials in the form of houses can be built with the money.

A terrace of useful, up-to-date workingmen's cottages can be called "Victory Terrace" or some other name, have a small tablet in a prominent position on one of the front walls (and which of those lads who have given all for the sake of those they loved would ask for more), and at one and the same time, three objects are achieved— a memorial, reduction of unemployment and more houses.

J. K. D.

GERMAN BOXERS.

Sir,—We have recently visited many German places of amusement, especially the Kristal Palast, at Cologne. For a few nights in sucession, we saw the German Boxers, known as champions of the German Fleet, Army, etc. Two contests took place each night. We are now wondering if there would be any chance of British Tommies, having some fixtures with the German Boxers, in the near future.

BRITISH BOXERS.

CIVILIAN TEACHERS.

Sir,—Why should not civilian teachers in the Rhine Army have uniforms? The fact is being in civilian attire places us teachers in awkward positions at all times.

Do we enter a Canteen, a Y.M.C.A. or a military club we are an object of curiosity, in fact we can hardly get served. In a tramcar we have to show our pass. Some shops take off the luxury tax to soldiers, but we seldom get the benefit. Nobody seems to know who or what we are. I, for one, have been taken for an Interpreter, a Secret Service Agent, a museum attendant, a special constable and a commercial traveller.

According to instructions (section 176/9 of the Army Act) we are soldiers and are liable to Court Martial. We have the status of officers, so why not have the dress as well, with suitable modifications to avoid confusion or jealousy?

I may add that a good many of us are ex-soldiers and ex-officers, some with medals and wound stripes.

A. B. C.

CIVILIAN MUNIFICENCE.

Sir,—As an example of unparalleled munificence that would stagger even a Carnegie the following stands alone.

A member of H. M. forces, wishing to return to his old employers, one of the biggest banking concerns in the British Isles, is informed that they are prepared to offer him the princely salary of £55 per annum with a temporary bonus which terminates in November, of £30!

They seem to have hit on the only solution of the present labour situation — that of starving the worker into submission.

POOR BANK CLERK.

A RACE MEETING PLAINT.

Sir,—With reference to the catering by the E. F. C. on the Cologne Race-Course, would it be possible for alterations to be made regarding the canteen in the 5-Mark enclosure? A private who wishes to buy certain refreshments is refused, and meets with the reply "W. O's. & N.C.Os. only." This canteen is twice as large as the one in the 3-Mark ring.

In view of the preponderance of privates in this enclosure, this state of affairs obviously recommends itself for adjustment by the managing committee.

PRIVATE.

CINEMAS CRITICISED.

Sir,—May I lodge a complaint re the Cinema programmes? The E. F. C. Cinema Supply has certainly earned the gratitude of Tommies by helping them pass many weary hours away during the war, but why do they keep re-showing the same old films again and again?

Even in Cologne, frequently the same programmes re-appear in one of the three cinemas. Surely there are plenty of films in Blighty to replace the old ones? Can one wonder that the Tommies patronise the German shows?

ANXIOUS.

"FOR HOME."

I know a place —
There's none so fair
In all the world
That can compare,
With Home.

I had a pal
He's not here now, —
"Gone West" out yon.
Whisp'ring me low,
Of Home.

In days to come
When we're all old,
And deeds men did
"Out there," are told
At Home:—
Let's breathe a prayer for absent pals,
"The Glorious Dead."

R. F. JONES.

FOR ALDERSHOT.

Eliminating Contest for Rhineland Representation.

EXCELLENT RUNNING.

There was a good attendance at the P. and R.T. Sports at Riehl yesterday. The weather was excellent and the running of a very fine order. Thanks to the activities of Major Hazlewood, an excellent lunch was provided for the officers, and refreshments were also provided by the Y.M.C.A. on the ground. The band of the 1/9 D.L.I. played throughout the afternoon.

Those chosen to represent the Army of the Rhine at Aldershot were presented with medals by Maj.-Gen. Sir H.S. Jeudwine, K.G.B. as follows:—No. 1 large silver medal; 2, small silver medal; 3, bronze medal.

The Judges were:—Lt.-Col. H.M.M. Crichton, C.M.G., D.S.O., Major A. Keene, Capt. A. Pocock, Capt. A. Best, and Capt. T. Murray. Parading competition:—Capt. M. Brown, M.C. High and long jump:—Major H. Colvin, V.C.; Putting the weight:—Capt. J. McSween, Capt. H. Sedgwick. Starter:—Lt.-Col. J. Betts, D.S.O. Chief Marshal:—Major W. Delany, O.B.E. Official recorder:—Capt. G. Hibbert, O.B.E., M.C.

Results.

100 yds. (time 11secs.)—1, Lt. Godfrey, 6th R.W.K.; 2, Pte. Harris; 3, Cpl. Looker; 4, C.S.M. Farnan.

880 yds. (2 min. 10 secs.):—1, Sgt. Heard, S. Div. Sig. Coy.; 2, Lt. Elliott; 3, Lt. Speedy; 4, Rfm. Myhill.

220 yds. (time 24 secs.):—1, Pte. Harris, A.T Rem. Sec.; 2, 2/Lt. Gordon; 3, Cpl. Looker; 4, Lt. Godfrey.

Hurdle Race (17 1-5) :—1, Lt. Straker, 15th Hussars; 2, Lt. Scharpe; 3, Capt. Spragg.

Relay Race:—1, Lancashire Fus. (3 min. 58 1/5 se s.): 2, Tank Corps; 3, 1/6 West Yorks.

One mile (4min. 48 2-5 secs.) —1, Cp. Ward, 9th Tanks; 2, Lt. Reilly, 15th L.F.; 3, Sapper Cavalane; 4, Lt. Pothand.

440 yds. (54 3 5 secs.) —1, Capt. Newman, 6th R.W.K.; 2, Sgt. Blackhurst; 3, Lt. Wilkesden; 4, Bdr. Morton.

Three miles—1, Cpl. Ward, 9th Bn. T.C. (16mins. 5secs.); 2, Pte. Banks; 3, Sgt. Hope; 4, Lt. Dawes.

Long jump:—1, Gnr. Burrows, 481 S.B. (19ft. 8ins.); 2, Lt. Goodman; 3, Pte. Kincline.

Putting the weight:—1, Lt. Fraser, 1/8 S.R. (35ft. 2½ins.); 2, Capt. G. R. Watt; 3, Lt. Napier.

High jump:—1, Lt. Straker, 15th Hussar. (5ft. 5ins.); 2, Lt. Napier; 3, Capt. Saunders.

G.H.Q's AT CRICKET.

Cologne v. Wimereux.

A cricket match will be played on the Lindenthal ground on Saturday and Sunday, 9th and 10th August, betwen G.H.Q., Cologne and G.H.Q., Wimereux.

The following will be the sides:—

G.H.Q., Cologne.	G.H.Q., Wimereux.
Brig.-Gen. Tandy, Capt.	Brig.-Gen. C. Lyon,
Colonel Skipwith,	Brig.-Gen. Gibb,
Commander Acheson,	Brig.-Gen. Wace,
Lt.-Col. Foster,	Colonel Butterworth,
Lt.-Col. Montgomery,	Lt.-Col. Bassett,
Major Ling,	Major Skinner,
Major Montgomery,	Capt. Dixon,
Capt. Morgan,	Capt. Galloway,
Capt. Read,	Capt. Hanna,
Capt. Prentice,	Capt. Jones-Williams,
Capt. Talbot-Wright.	Capt. Cunningham.

The Wimereux team arrive by train early to-morrow morning and play will commence at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow. On Sunday play will commence at 11.30 a.m.

3 FIRSTS AND 1 SECOND.

Lt. O'Brien's success in 51st Royal Sussex Sports.

A very successful sports meeting was held on Sunday and produced many exciting finishes.

The results were as follows:—

100 yds. scratch:—1, L/Cpl. Paine, X Coy.; 2, L/Cpl. Taylor, W Coy.; 3, Capt. Collingbourne, M.C., Y Coy.

½ Mile scratch:—1, Lieut. O'Brien, W Coy.; 2, Sgt. James, W Coy; 3, S t. Collyer, Y Coy.

1 Mile Relay (Open to Rhine Army):—1, 15th Battn. Lancs Fus.; 2, Southern Div. Sig. Coy.; 3, 52nd D.L.I.

Throwing the Cricket Ball:—1, L/Cpl. Griggs, Y Coy.; 2, Pte. Waters, H.Q.; 3, Sgt. Standin, X Coy.

220 yds. scratch:—1, Pte. Burgess, X Coy.; 2, L/Cpl. Ferris, X Coy.; 3, Sgt. Sirrett, Y Coy.

Putting the Shot:—1, Pte. Ridgway, W Coy.; 2, Lieut. O'Brien, W Coy.; 3, Sgt. Crooto, X Coy.

Long Jump:—1, Pte. Ridgway, W Coy.; 2, Cpl. Kattens, X Coy.; 3, Pte. Warren, Y Coy.

440 yds. scratch:—1, Lieut. O'Brien, W Coy.; 2, Pte. Ford, W Coy.; 3, Pte. Marley, Y Coy.

High Jump:—1, Pte. Allard, H.Q. Coy.; 2, Lieut. O'Brien, W Coy.; Lieut. Castle, X Coy.

120 yds. Hurdles:—1, Lieut. O'Brien, W Coy.; 2, L/Cpl. Taylor, W Coy; 3, Lieut. Castle, X Coy.

1 Mile Relay:—1, X Coy.; 2, Y Coy.; 3, W Coy.

1 Mile scratch:—1, Lieut. Castle, X Coy.; 2, Cpl. Champkin, Y Coy.; 3, Pte. French, W Coy.

Obstacle Race:—1, L/Cpl. Missen, X Coy.; 2, Cpl. Kattens, X Coy.; 3, Cpl. Lambert W Coy.

1 Mile Relay.—1, W Coy.; 2. X Coy.; 3, Y Coy.

2 Furlong Mule Scurry (for Transport only):—1, Pte. Burgin; 2, Pte. Crassell; 3, Pte. Terry.

In the Rhine Army Relay Race, the 52nd Bedfords had exceedingly bad luck in handing over flags, otherwise they were well in the running. In connection with the inter-Company Challenge Cup the aggregate of points were as follows:—W Coy. 32; X Coy. 22; Y Coy. 13.

The Mile scratch race produced some excellent running by Lieut. Castle, X Coy., who after leading all the way, finished up with a sprint and won by 50 yards. At the conclusion of the sports, Brigadier-General H. W. Higgins, C.B., D.S.O., presented the prizes.

During the afternoon the battalion orchestra under the direction of R. S. M. Blake rendered some excellent music.

ENGLAND FIRST.

There was a great assemblage at Stamford Bridge on Tuesday on the occasion of the Molinari Meeting. Much interest centred in the series of five races, 100 yards, 300 yards, halfmile, mile, and three miles, in which England was first, Australia second, and France third, single points only dividing them.

G. M. Butler ran splendidly for England in the 300 yards and H. F. Thomas in the mile, but the best form was shown by Guillemot, France, in three miles.

Two distance races were decided over the same course, about 13 miles, as a marathon, W. Heber, Surrey A.C. and R.A.F. winning the former, a walk, in 2 hours 8 min. 29 secs. and Djibelia the latter in 1 hour 20 min. 57 secs.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Friday, August 8, 1919.

Surface wind Northwesterly 5—10 M. P. h. Generally cloudy but fairer at times. Visibility fair. Rather warm in the day.

A FAMOUS HORSE.

Brown Gelding's Notable Record On Western Front.

REFUSED TO GO SICK.

For the Aldershot Show which is to be held on Aug. 13 and 14 there is a good entry in the class for military horses that have seen War Service Overseas, some of the competitors having more than four years' war work behind them. Many of these horses have wonderful records, and mention may be made of "B 30," who is a brown gelding.

His Army service began in 1912, when he was purchased by Colonel D. E. Wood, C.B., of the Remount Department, and issued as a troop horse to the 5th Dragoon Guards. He took part in the International Horse Show long distance ride (from London to Aldershot) in 1914, and proceeded to France in the fateful August of that tragic year. He was at Mons, took part in the Great Retreat, and was in every action in which the cavalry was engaged, including the Battles of the Marne, Aisne, Ypres, Loos, the Somme, Cambrai, and Arras. He is also said to have been the first horse to jump the Hindenburg Line, in full marching order, after the infantry had broken through. Although wounded on several occasions he never went into the sick lines, and was never "excused duty." B 30 took the first prize for light-weight chargers at the First Cavalry Brigade Horse Show in Flanders, 1915, and first prize in a similar class at the Dieppe Horse Show in 1918; he came back to England in April, 1919. The horse was ridden throughout the war by Lieut.-Colonel W. Q. Winwood, C.M.G., D.S.O., O.B.E., commanding the 5th Dragoon Guards, in whose name he is entered at the Aldershot Show. It is interesting to know that this veteran horse was looked after throughout the war by the same groom, Private Glare, 5th Dragoon Guards.

SPORTS AT NOTHBERG.

111 Siege Battery R.G.A. Successful Meeting.

Everybody connected with the 111th Siege Battery R.G.A. stationed at Nothberg, near Düren, allowed their thoughts to deviate on Monday from the ubiquitious question of demobilization and the ordinary routine of the unit's work to far lighter channels, the occasion being the battery sports. A strong and varied programme had been arranged by a committee under the presidency of the Officer Commanding, Major S. L. Mchatt, D.S.O., M.C., who is always willing to use his best endeavours in the cultivation of sport. All ranks showed the keenest possible enthusiasm, and consequently the day was highly successful. Bdr. Barker exhibited amazing prowess in throwing the cricket ball, the distance being 105 yards 2 ft. 4 ins., whilst in the mile flat race Gnr. Hirst ran exceptionally well, and finished first with ease.

Results.

The results were as follows:—

100 yards flat race:—1, Bdr. Marsh; 2, Gnr. Leslie; 3, Bdr. Fowler.

Long jump:—1, Bdr. Barker (16 ft. 3 1/8 ins.); 2, Bdr. Fowler; 3, Gnr. Le Bo.

¼ mile flat race;—1, Gnr. Geeson; 2, Gnr. Taylor; 3, Sig. Trotman.

Throwing the cricket ball:—1, Bdr. Barker; 2, Gnr Dean; 3, Gnr. Smith.

One mile flat race:—1, Gnr. Hirst; 2, Gnr. Allwood; 3, Gnr. Taylor.

½ mile:—1, Gnr. Geeson; 2, Gnr. Taylor; 3, Sig. Trotman.

Throwing the hammer:—1, B.S.M. Conby; 2, Gnr. Dean.

Tug-of-war:—B sub section, (coach Sgt. Murphy), beat A sub section, (coach B.S.M. Conby), after a good pull.

Dribbling football:—1, Gnr. Leslie.

Egg and spoon race:—1, Gnr. Taylor; 2, Gnr. Geeson; 3, Cpl. Harris.

Blindfold race:—1, Sgt. Bicknell and Pte. Gardner R.A.S.C.

Boot race:—1, Gnr. Evans; 2, Gnr. Clark; 3, Gnr. Watson.

Three legged race:—1, Sgt. Bicknell and Pte. Gardner (R.A.S.C.).

V.C. race:—1, Cpl. Eccott; 2, Gnr. Hirst.

Potato race:—1, Gnr. Evans; 2, Gnr. Gardner; 3, Gnr. Geeson.

Sack race: 1, Sgt. Bicknell; 2, Gnr. Gardner; 3, Sig. Trotman.

Obstacle race:—1, Sgt. Bicknell; 2, Sig. Trotman; 3, Gnr. Peters.

Tilting the bucket:—1, Br. Croft and Bdr. Shilton.

Wheelbarrow race:—1, S/Sgt. Arfman and Sgt. Davis.

Pillow fight:—1, Cpl. Eccott; 2, Gnr. Geeson.

A very enjoyable day culminated with a show given by the talented concert party "The Recuperators," in which they maintained their splendid reputation as the Dispersers of Dullness. The prizes were distributed by Major Mc Watt.

Midland Div. Sports Week.

Römerhof Race-course, from 11th to 16th August (both days inclusive) will be the venue of what promises to be an excellent sports week on the part of the Midland Division. Among the events are polo, boxing, cricket, gymknana, athletics, and sports. The events open to the British Army of the Rhine include a polo pony scurry, officers half-section tent pegging, and 220 yds. and 1 mile races.

ALL OUT FOR SEVEN.

52nd Welsh Bowlers In Tip-Top Form.

C. P. C. MATCHES.

The 52nd Welsh Regt., playing the 51st Sussex at Duisdorf on Tuesday dismissed their opponents for a total of seven runs, which is a record for "The Cologne Post" Cup Competition. The following are brief summaries of recent matches:—

52nd Welsh (75) v 51st Sussex (7). For the 52nd Welsh Capt. Worlock and Cpl. Wallwork batted well, for 20 and 15 respectively. The 51st Sussex could not stand against the deadly bowling of Cpl. Wallwork and Pte. Lawton the former taking 4 wickets for 2 runs and the latter 5 for 4, the whole side being dismissed for the total of 7.

29th BN. M.G.C. (108 for 6) v. 4th MAPS F. S. BN. R.E. (29) at Cologne. For 29th M.G.C. Lieut. Astill scored 25, Lieut. Archibald 26 and Cpl. Knight 17, while Lieut. Astill took 4 wickets for 16 and Cpl. Saddler 6 for 14.

53rd NORTHUMBERLAND FUS. (83 for 2 v. 24th VET. HOSP. (67). Lieut. Worthington for 53rd N.F. scored 52 not out and also, took 6 wickets for 16 runs.

1/5 SOUTH STAFFS (75) v. 1st BN. M.G.C. (53) at Flertzheim. For the Staffords Parsons, Burton and Norman each made 17 and Davies took 5 wickets for 1 run. For 1st M.G.C. Ford took 7 wickets for 11.

185 SIEGE BTY. R.G.A. (47) v. 269 A. EMPLOYMENT CO. (9) at Flamersheim. Gresor S.B. had a fine bowling average taking 8 for 5 including the hat trick.

17th LANCERS (117) v. CAV. DIV. H.Q. (32) at Kalk. For the Lancers, Capt. Fowle scored 28 and took 7 wickets for 14 runs. Major Michaels scored 29.

488 SIEGE BTY. (67) v. 104 BDE. R.F.A. (30) at Mich. For S.B., Timms 20 and Kavanagh 16 not out were the top scores while Wilkin took 4 wickets for 10 runs and Timms 4 for 17.

62nd BATTN. M.G.C. (151) v. 183 SIEGE BTY. (27) at Arnoldsweiler. For the Machine Gunners the chief scorers were Col. Birkett (42), Pte. Denkin (32 not out), and Sgt. Peters (21) while Col. Birkett took 3 wickets for 8 runs and Sig. Pratt 4 for 7.

"MAPS" (132) v C/113 BTY. R.F.A. (69) at Berg.-Gladbach. Spr. Swain was the out standing player for "Maps". Besides taking 3 wickets for 13 runs, he scored a brilliant 51 runs. For the city, Dvr. Alderman scored an invaluable 35 not out.

Lancers M.G.Squad have retired from Cologne Southern League.

OTHER RESULTS.

1/1 N. Mid. H.B. 39 for 2; O Battery R.H.A. 38.

145 S.B. 48 for 6; 73 Bde. 36.

52 Bedfords 86 for 1; "G" Bty. A.A., R.G.A. 26.

EUSKIRCHEN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
77 Siege Bty.	17	16	1		32§
174 Siege Bty.	16	16	0		32§
E Corps Sig. Coy.	20	14	5	1	29§
354 Siege Bty.	19	14	5		28§
185 Siege Bty.	19	14	5		28§
21 Bde. R.G.A.	18	13	5		26§
9 Corps Troops M.T. Coy.	17	12	5		24§
145 Siege Bty.	16	12	4		24§
1/5 South Staffs	15	12	3		24§
488 Siege Bty.	20	11	9		22§
Mid. Div. H.Q.	18	10	8		20§+
73 Bde. R.G.A.	19	9	10		18§
F. A.A. Bty., R.F.A.	14	9	5		18§
1 Bn. M.G.C.	14	8	6		16§
Mid. D.A.C.	13	7	5	1	15§
9 Corps H.A.	16	7	9		14§
18 Field Amb.	16	6	10		12§+
104 Bde. R.F.A.	12	6	6		12§
Mid. Div. M.T. Coy.	15	5	10		10§+
269 E.A. Coy.	14	5	9		10§
16 Field Amb.	11	4	7		8§+

§ Games awarded for scratched matches.
+ Games lost by default.

CRICKET FRIENDLY.

483 FIELD COY. R.E. (79) v. 226 FIELD COY. R.E. (70). After a close game 483 Field Coy. won 2 wickets. For the winners the scores were Lieut. Godd 23, Spr. Blyth 16, Lieut. Monteith 14, while for the losers Lieut. Benson played well for 40 and Spr. Head made 22. Lieut. Monteith took 4 wickets for 13 runs and Spr. Dunning also bowled well, taking 5 wickets for 23 runs.

ALLIES SPORTS LEAGUE.

No Records Broken After Strenuous Attempts.

The Peace Meeting of the Allies Sports League was brought to a close at Herne Hill on Tuesday. In the cycle races T. Hall, motor-paced by S. B. White, made three attempts to establish records but in no case was the record broken. The time for the flying mile was 1 minute 36 2/5 secs.; for the standing start two miles, 3 min. 29 1/5 secs., standing, five miles, 6 min. 20 secs.

Is this the Record?

A correspondent who has recently returned from a long sojourn in the East writes to the "Daily Express" to claim a record for a certain course of the Sepoy Lines Golf Club in Singapore. He says:—

"The course has four holes.

"The start is at the maternity hospital.

"The course then runs to the gaol, then to the inebriates' home, and winds up at the insane asylum.

"The bunkers and hazards are Chinese graves."

If it is not a record, it reads like one.

ARMY FOOTBALL CUP.

Proposed Alterations in the Rules Defeated.

FIXTURE LIST.

The largest-attended annual meeting of the Army Football Association since its inception in 1888 was held at the Union Jack Club on Wednesday. General Newenham presiding, supported by Lieut.-General Sir Victor Cooper, Col. R. McCalmont, and Brig.-General Kentish, the hon. secretary. The accounts showed the Association to be in a most flourishing condition, there being a credit balance in the hands of the treasurer of £2,179. Owing to the formation of the Royal Navy F.A., the Royal Marines naturally withdrew their entries from the Army Cup, as they are now affiliated to the new Association.

It was decided to run a series of Army matches, and arrangements with the following clubs have already been made: Oct. 23, v. Cambridge University (a); Nov. 15, v. R.M.C., Sandhurst (a); Nov. 22, v. Oxford University (a); Dec. 27, v. Corinthians (h); Feb. 11, v. R.M.A., Woolwich (a); Feb. 14, v. Corinthians (a). Other opponents to be met are the Royal Navy F.A. and the Royal Air Force F.A., Vivian J. Woodward's XI., Swindon and probably Chelsea and Queen's Park (Glasgow). The home games are to be played at Aldershot. Capt. F. Martin, of the Grenadier Guards, who for many years was hon. sec. of the Household Brigade Cup, will be in charge of the Army team.

Army Cup Ties.

The following are the dates for the Army Cup ties: First round, Nov. 15; second round, Dec. 13; third round, Jan 31; fourth round, Feb 21; fifth round, March 6; semi-final s, March 20 final, April 5. The following new vice presidents were elected: Major-Gen. Sir H. C. Lowthe; Major-Gen. Sir R. Ford, and Major-Gen. Sir H. Harington.

There was considerable discussion over one proposition. It arose over a resolution submitted by the Aldershot Command that a committee, composed of three members of the council and two members from each of the eight commands be appointed "to draw up a report on the changes, if any, that are necessary in the rules of the association and rules of the challenge cup competition."

A controversy has been going on for some time over the methods of organising the Army Cup competition, and the resolution submitted had for its object the "radical change" of holding eliminating competitions in each command until the winning unit team was discovered.

Strong speeches were made for and against the proposal, which on a vote in a crowded assembly was lost, the necessary two-thirds majority not being secured.

29th BRIGADE R.G.A.

List Of Prize-winners At Bonn Sports.

The following were the events and winners at the 29th Bde., R.G.A. dismounted sports recently held on the Sport Platz, Cologne Road, Bonn:—

100 yds. flat:—1, Lt. Laurie, M.C.; 2, Gnr Eckhardt; 3, Lt. Mockeridge.

Sack race:—1, Gnr Sumner, 2, Lt. Mockeridge.

¼mile flat:—1, Lt. Laurie, M.C.; 2, B.Q.M.S Earith; 3, Gnr. Bassett.

Boot race:—1. Gnr. Warner; 2, Gnr. Sumner

½mile flat;—1, Lt. Hodges; 2, B.Q.M.S Earith; 3, Cpl Boulton.

Wheelbarrow race:—1, Gnr. Aitken, 2, Gnr. Lyner.

High Jump:—1, Sgt. O'Keefe; 2, Lt. Laurie M.C., 3, Bdr. Hopewell.

120 yds. Hurdles:—1, Lt. Mockeridge; 2, Lt. Laurie M.C.; 3, Bdr. Ferris.

Pick-a-Back Wrestling:—1, Gnr. Lyner and Gnr. Stead; 2, Gnr. Reeves.

Throwing the Cricket Ball:—1, Bdr. Wilkinson; 2, Gnr. Potter; 3, Pte. Chilton.

Officers Race:—1, Capt. Phillips; 2, Lt. Howden; 3, Capt Scott.

Four-legged-Race:—1, Gnrs. Sumner, Cassidy and Scott.

1 Mile flat:—1, Dvr. Cain; 2, Lt. Hodges; 3. B.Q.M.S. Earith.

Boat Race:—1, 128 Heavy Battery's Team.

Long Jump:—1, Gnr. Lyner; 2, Pte. Chilton; 3, Lt. Mockeridge.

Relay Race:—1, 121 Heavy Battery; 2, 195 Siege Battery.

Tilting the Bucket:—1, Gnrs. Prentice and Stead; 2. Gnrs. Forshaw and Elliot.

Obstacle Race:—1, Gnr. Cassidy; 2, Gnr. Chandler; 3, B.Q.M.S. Earith.

Consolation Race:—1, Bandsman Ward, 5th Border Regt; 2, Gnr. Gillen; 3, Cpl. Boulton.

Tug-of-War:—1, 195th Siege Battery.

Band Race:—1, Bandsman Long; 2, Bandsman Brummeye; 3, Bandsman Whittle.

Costume Race:—1, Gnr. Leech; 2, Bdr. Atkinson; 3, Gnr. Booth.

31st LABOUR GROUP LEAGUE.

49 Labour Coy. (100) v 715 Labour Coy. (26) at Euskirchen. The visiting team batted first and made a weak stand, only obtaining 26 runs. Cpl. Burrington took 7 wickets for 7 runs for the 49th. The home team started their innings badly but made amends, Pte Cunnington (22), Pte. Moorhouse (24), Sergt. Walker (21 not out) contributing to the creditable total of 100 runs.

American Boxing.

Two well-known American lightweights, Lew Tendler and Willie Jackson, fought a six round contest at Philadelphia, Tendler securing the verdict on points

BRILLIANT SCHOOLBOY.

Captures 5 Warner's XI Wickets For 36.

YOUTH LEADING.

C. H. Gibson, the Eton medium-paced bowler, accomplished an extraordinarily fine performance at Lord's on Wednesday. Bowling against the strong team of amateurs, captained by P. F. Warner, he took five wickets for 36.

Warner's eleven batted first, and were out for the amazingly poor total of 141, the top scorers being R. H. Twining (47), G A. Fairbairn (32) and the Hon. R. Anson (13).

Public Schools.

D. R. Jardine (Winchester), lbw, b Wilson	57
W. W. Hill-Wood (Eton), b Taylor	4
A P. F. Chapman (Uppingham), c Sherwell, b Taylor	0
S. G. U. Considine (Blundellis), b Taylor	0
C. T. Ashton (Winchester), std. Sherwell, b Taylor	0
R. G. B. Glasgow (Charterhouse), b Wilson	9
R. W. Smith (Sherborne), run out	10
F. W. Manserah (Marlborough), b Hambro	7
G. S. Butler (Marlborough), c Day, b Hambro	73
G. T. S. Stevens (University College), not out	50
C. H. Gibson (Eton), not out	0
Extras	4
Total (for 9 wkts.)	214

COUNTY CRICKET RESULTS.

Notts v. Surrey; Essex v. Kent; Middlesex v. Hampshire; Leicester v. Northants; Gloster v. Somerset—all drawn.

Warwick beat Derbyshire by 10 wickets.

120 PICKED RUNNERS.

Southern Division Championship Cross Country Run.

The cross country run for the championship of the Southern Division took place recently at Odenthal under arrangements made by the 1st Southern Infantry Brigade, the 3rd Southern Infantry Brigade being responsible for the general organization. The conditions were that the teams nominated by competing units should consist of 20, the first 15 to finish counting for their side. Each battalion in the Division and the 29th Battalion M.G.C. entered a team and on the day of the race there were ten teams comprising 120 picked runners at the starting point.

The course lay for the most part through woods, and was about 4 miles long.

There was a keen contest for the first place, which was won by Pte. Orr of the 29th M.G.C., a runner who has achieved many successes in various long distance events. In the team race the 15th Hampshire Regiment ran strongly, and kept well together. Their last representative finished 35th, and they won by a large margin of points. An equally wide margin separated the 51st Hampshire team, who ran second, from the team of the 15th Devon Regt., who where third. The 3rd Southern Infantry Brigade team secured both the first and second places in the team event. The particulars of the winners and the winning teams are as follows:—

Individuals.

1, Pte. Orr, 29th M. G. C.; 2, Lieut. Lumsden, 53rd R. War. R.; 3, Pte. Massey, 52nd R. War. R.

Teams.

1. 15th Hampshire Regt., 278 points.
2. 51st Hampshire Regt., 683 points.
3. 15th Devon Regt., 1,004 points.

ENGLISH RACING.

Brighton Results.

There are said to be 250,000 visitors at Brighton, and they seemed to be all on the racecourse, or at least on White Hill, overlooking the racing track. The following were the results on Wednesday:—

Sussex Plate:—1, Golly Eyes (4—1); 2, Kashmir (10—1); 3, Golden Quiver (7—1).

Juvenile Selling Plate:—1, Mother Shipton (11—8); 2, Anthony (4—1); 3, Buzzie (7—1).

Brighton Cup:—1, African Star (6—4 on); 2, Wison. Two ran.

Stanmer Obstacle:—1, Lady Randy (5—2); 2, Promoter (7—1); 3, Camp Kettle (100—8).

Berwick Handicap:—1, Neurotic (3—1); 2, Daniel (evens); 3, Latch (20—1).

Rottingdean Plate:—1, Pelops (4—1 on); 2, Cold Steel (20—1); 3, Mariana (8—1).

Apprentices Plate:—1, Mindeat (11—4); 2, Sir Desmond (100—8); 3, Gay Goshawk (3—1).

CAVALRY DIVISION HORSE SHOW.

152 Heavy Battery of the 84th Bde. R.G.A. succeeded in winning the open event for Heavy Artillery at the Cavalry Division Horse Show this week. There was a total of ten entries. The team was the same as that which won the Inter-Allied Competition at Wiesbaden. In winning this event against such a large field of splendid horses and guns, Sergt. Frith as Number 1, his drivers and the limber gunners are to be heartily congratulated. The driving of the team was particulary good, and the turn out of the horses and the gun left nothing to be desired. The appearance of the horses was generally admired by the large crowd.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Grand Concert At The Zoo.

A most interesting "Sommerfest" is promised by the Cologne Society for Dramatic Art at the Zoo on Saturday next, Aug. 9th. The following soloists are to appear:—Gerta Rings of the Elberfelder Opera Minnie Wolter, Kaspar Koch, and Hubert Mertens of the Cologne Opera, and Berthold Pütz of the Düsseldorf Opera. Paul Mania will be the accompanist and Kapellmeister Joseph Itsch will conduct the large orchestra. The performance will commence at 6 p.m. and ordinary subscription tickets for the gardens are suspended. Special tickets cost 5.50 marks each.

"The Dons."

There was a sound of revelry by night at Wahlscheid on Monday when "The Dons" (D Coy, 26th R.F. Concert Party) entertained the officers and men of the 3rd London Infantry Bde T.M.B. The party, which has only been in existence some four weeks, gave a capital show which went with a swing from start to finish. Among the most successful items was a concerted number entitled "Llai," whilst the chief comedian, L/Cpl. Coleman, made a great hit with his three contributions "Flower Song," "The Military Representative," and "My Decorations." 2/Lieut. H.L. Ditchfield and Sergt. O. R. Surita, (who made a most bewitching comedienne) were warmly applauded for their rendering of the duet "If you could care" from the revue "As You Were." The party's future engagements include visits to the 23rd R.F., and the 190th Battery, R.F.A.

Ye Olde Greene Diamondes.

The concert party of the 9th D.L.I., the "Green Diamonds," are experiencing a crescendo of successes. Fresh from their tour in the Light Division, they are now visiting the chief centres in the IX Corps area. On Monday night, at the Casino, Euskirchen, they drew a full house, and if the show was slightly lacking in finish, due possibly to the disintegrating effects of leave, it was well received. On Tuesday night the party played at Kommern and reached the top of their form. The "ladies" were more charming and coquettish than before, and greater attention was paid to gesture and movement. Fresh gags were introduced into Tate's "Motoring," whilst the castle had been overhauled with good effect. New songs were sung and topical patter used, whilst novel features enlivened the burlesque conjuring.

A Pleasant Interlude.

The interval was the occasion for a pleasant interlude, when the Commanding Officer of the 1/5th South Staffords presented medals to the successful competitors in the battalion cross-country running championship. In a short speech the R.S.M. voiced the general regret at the C.O's impending departure, and called for cheers, which were given with great warmth of feeling. The C.O. was too overcome to do more than express his thanks and say "Adieu." After this the programme proceeded more merrily than ever. Special mention might be made of the very pretty tableau in "Oriental Rose," in which Donald Chapman ("Dolly") was a lovely "Rose," not to say "Peach." The tour was continued at Walberberg on Wednesday, when the large concert Hall of the Leicesters was packed with an audience who were well entertained from beginning to end, and who shewed their enthusiastic appreciation by the cordial reception they accorded the artistes in their finale. At the conclusion of their tour, the "Green Diamonds" are visiting the 4th Corps Tattoo Camp for part of next week.

A Youthful Belle.

Donald F. Chapman ("Dolly") of the 9th D.L.I. "Green Diamonds," is the son of a Sheffield solicitor. In civil life he is an engineering draughtsman, and if he "draws" as effectively in the office as he does on the stage, his services are valuable. He has the advantages of a good build and figure, and possesses a a grace and ease of movement and charm of manner that captivate every audience. Feelers have been put forward for his "abduction," but the "Green Diamonds" will not hear of it and "Dolly" remains loyal to his party.

"The Fancies."

"The Fancies" are now back in their usual form after being depleted in numbers by demobilization. They have included first class artistes who have served well with disbanded companies. One of these is Jimmy Greenwood, late of the "Pelicans," who plays "Phyllis" the girl of the company. His main success is in his versatility. Happy as dame comedian, baritone vocalist or straight girl he is notorious for his burlesque characters. One of the "Cranks" company is included in the name of Jack Peters, a dashing light comedian who hails from the London "Palace." The latest addition is Jimmy Watson, a little comedian, who certainly proved his worth. The producer is Pete Davies who has been in this role for the "Fancies" since 1916.

Leave Club's New Time Table.

The following changes in the hours of the British Empire Leave Club are notified:—Monday's Dance 7 to 9.30; Tuesday's Concert Parties 7.30 to 9.15; Wednesday's Dance 7 to 9.30; Thursday's Whist Drive 6.30; Friday's Concerts 7.30 to 9.15; Saturday's Dance 7 to 9.15; Sunday's Concerts 7 to 9.15.

In Few Words.

On Minden Day the Midland Divisional company presented a special programme at Bruhl. The hall was packed and roses were seen in gay profusion.

JACQUES.

OLD SCOUTS' CORNER.

Last Saturday, by kind permission of the A.D.L.W.T. the Old Scouts had a very enjoyable trip up the Rhine in a motor launch and all got a good appetite for tea which was partaken of at Lindenthal Y.M.C.A.

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On Wednesday the Circle met in the garden at Lindenthal and listened to a very interesting and instructive lecture on elementary map reading by Sgt. Walker.

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Next Saturday we go to Godesburg, meeting under the Hohenzollern Brücke at 2.30 and proceed by Bonn car. Roll up! old Scouts.

OLD SCOUT.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Winter Hurdles.

F. Davies, who has been riding with such marked success for Godfrey's stable, will ride over hurdles during the winter.

Carpentier-Beckett Match.

Arrangements have so far progressed that there is every likelihood of the postponed Carpentier-Beckett boxing match taking place during November.

A Greasy Pig.

A woman inmate of Rye Workhouse won £4 by catching a greasy pig at the local Peace Celebration Sports meeting. The Guardians have decided to allow her to spend the money at the rate of 1s. a week.

Champion in Form.

Starting from scratch in the half-mile at Glasgow, A. G. Hill gave the New Zealand athlete, D. L. Mason, 8yds. start, and a 2yds. beating, in the fast time of 1min. 57 4-5sec.—and the running was mostly against the wind.

Too Light Rifles.

All true sportsmen will be glad to note that Major Whelen condemns the use of too light rifles against any sort of game, even the smallest. For instance, he considers the .22 Long Rifle R.F. cartridge as unsurpassed for miniature range work, but quite unfit for any kind of "game" larger than "English sparrows."

Tommy Edge.

Red Flyer, who won at A.P., belongs to Tommy Edge, a well-known sporting journalist. He bought in his horse cheaply at 135 guineas.

An open affair.

The unexpected defeat of Yorkshire, made possible to a large extent by the welcome return of Albert Relf to the Sussex team, leaves the championship an extremely open affair.

"Welshing."

For "welshing" at Hurst Park races Sydney Clarke, 33, described as a tunnelman, of Bevan-street, Islington, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment at Kingston Police Court.

Boxing Move.

Arising out of the easy defeat of "old man" Willard by "boy" Dempsey, a movement has been started in the United States to prohibit boxers of over thirty-five years of age from appearing in public contests for purses.

Youthful Crop.

France is apparently raising a crop of youthful lawn tennis champions. Following in the footsteps of Mlle. Lenglen comes O. Deluze, who is practising at Queen's Club. Much is expected of this young Frenchman, who is said to have a wonderful service, and possesses all the "shots."

And Very Nice Too.

W. A. Pullum, the weight-lifting champion, who has won innumerable gold medals, has had some of his trophies made into a bracelet for his wife.

Kentish Totals.

The reason why Kent takes part in so few unfinished matches is that they don't waste time making unnecessary huge totals. In fact, Kent players have scored only three centuries this season.

"Digger" Evans.

"Digger" Evans, the popular Australian bantam, is being treated by a specialist for blood poisoning brought on by teeth troubles. He will be under treatment for three months, and when restored to health will return to Australia.

Altitude Record.

A New York message states that an American aviator has beaten altitude records by climbing to a height of 30,700f. The thermometer then recorded 25 deg. below zero, and the motor became chilled, forcing the aviator to descend.

The Tyldesley's.

The relationship of the Tyldesleys has confused all supporters of cricket outside Lancashire. J. Tyldesley, the fast bowler, is a brother of W., K., H., and R. Tyldesley, but no relation to the celebrated J. T. and that coming batsman Ernest.

Good Season Wanted.

The Sunderland football team reported for training last week. Sunderland want a good season to make them financially strong again. Their bank balance was nearly nil when the armistice was signed.

Rugbyites Memorial.

The London Scottish Rugby Football Club has decided to place a tablet in St. Columba's Church, Pont-st, as a memorial to its members who fell in action. Of those who lost their lives, forty-four were playing in the four teams on the last Saturday of the season before the war.

The Big Four.

A correspondent of the "Sunday Express" asks the relative importance of the four games—football, cricket, golf, and lawn tennis. Football leads, of course, with cricket a good second. The number of golfers and lawn tennis players is hard to get at, but probably lawn tennis is entitled to third place.

"Golden" Luck.

Goodwood would appear to be a happy hunting ground for horses in whose names the word "Golden" occurs. In the past Golden Rod took two Stewards' Cups, Golden Sun another, and Gold Rioch and Golden Gate also won events. Last week Golden Guinea and Golden Melody were to the

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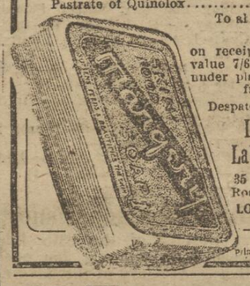

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ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

A Busy Morning Scene.

We wonder how many troops in Rhineland think of rising very early and taking a stroll to the Heumarkt, to view the Market which is held there. It is a striking picture of activity, and tremendous business is to be seen in full swing. One will find on sale practically all farmers' produce, and a remarkably, large supply too. The whole square in Heumarkt is a hive of bustle and the Markt Halle is crammed with the citizens of Cologne trading with the farmers who come from the surrounding country. One remarkable feature of this early morning scene is the bullock-drawn vehicles which bring the produce to market. But amid all this picturesque bustle it is rare to see a single British soldier as an eye-witness.

The Old Scouts.

We have been asked to give some information about the Rhine Army Old Scouts Circle. The object of the society is to give all Old Scouts opportunities of meeting together for excursions, pow-wows and demonstrations on all sorts of useful and interesting subjects. All who have been Scouts are, we understand, welcome to participate in the fixtures arranged, and every Wednesday evening at 6 p. m. there is a meeting at the Sixth Corps Soldiers' Club Lindenthal, while outings are held every Saturday.

A Rhine Fairy Town.

The military tattoo at Lindenthal a couple of nights ago was a spectacle which will long remain impressed upon the memories of the thousands of civilians, as well as soldiers who witnessed it. Yet effective as that scene was, it is nightly eclipsed by the searchlights stationed along the banks of the Rhine at Godesberg. At nightfall these beams of light sweep the river, throwing up in magnificent relief, the wooded banks and the scattered mansions in the hills opposite. Königswinter every few minutes appears in the circle of light as a veritable fairy town, its houses standing out snow white in a framework of the most translucent green. The sight is such that people from Cologne are making the pilgrimage to Godesberg to witness it.

A Hymn's Effect.

A book could almost be written on the emotions awakened in individuals and large gatherings of people by the well-known hymn "Abide with me," but perhaps the most remarkable and impressive instance of the wonderful power on the old tune was witnessed at the recent military tattoo at Lindenthal. Towards the close of the spectacles, bands played the hymn whilst the soldier taking part bent the knee. Germans know the tune well and with the first chords all voices were hushed in reverence. Then soldiers commenced singing the familiar words whilst the civilians took it up in their tongue. Thus for a few moments "Abide with me" united the sentiments of the two nationalities.

Ware Scotties.

At a fair in Duren there is a set of swing boats largely patronised by British troops. Evidently when the "Kilties" use the boats the native sense of decorum received a shock, and a notice was put up:— "Attention," "Soldiers without breeches have not admittance." Then to crown the humour of the situation two boats at the end of the line were provided with a discreet screen of canvas and labelled: "For Scottish Troops."

Kiddies' "Seasons."

A thing that is very noticeable in Rhineland is the whole hearted way in which the school children make use of the trams. Nearly every small child, from the youngest upwards, is provided with a season ticket on the Tramway between its school and his home, and this is hung round its neck by a string. The children gravely display their seasons to the conductor who as gravely inspects them, and passes on. These tickets also have the name and address of the child written on them and can be used as labels in case the little one gets "mislaid."

That Missing Bell.

A reader signing himself "Ropesend" writes:—The missing bell mentioned in this column weighed twenty-eight tons, and not one ton as stated in the first paragraph. The mere thought of twentyfive men ringing a one-ton bell is absolutely absurd. Further, the bells of Cologne Cathedral have not the same hangings as those in England and it would be impossible for a swung peal to be rung. The peal of which "Bellringer" is a member is a very light one if the tenor only weighs 12½ cwt. The writer, has, before the war, frequently rung a 1½ tons tenor and found no particular difficulty in so doing. The tenor of Exeter Cathedral weighs four tons and was rung, singlehanded through a peal of Steadman, 5040 changes, by Mr. Bertram Prewett. He is the only man who has been allowed to tackle this bell singlehanded through a three hours peal.

An Excusable Error.

The other day when a signaller was engaged as clerk in a totalizator at some regimental sports, he was calling out the numbers and letters of some tickets, using such signal letters as "beer" for B, "Don" for "D," and so on, as these letters occurred. A passer-by, evidently overhearing "six beer" being called, came up and asked "Do you sell drinks here?" "No," replied the sergeant in the totalizator, "this is a tee-totalizator."

Pronunciation Points.

A reader who signs himself "Fastidious" points out that the words "Frau" and "Fräulein" invariably have the initial letter as a capital. With regard to pronunciation he adds that "Fräulein" is pronounced as if it were spelt "Froyline." One hears very often "Frawleen"—a most hideous sound. "Frau" is pronounced "Frow" (like "ow" in "Bow.") To hear it miscalled "Fraw" reminds one of the word "squaw," he remarks.

The Leave Club Library.

The opening of the new Library at the Leave Club is a further proof that Miss Decima Moore has the interests of all tastes at heart. In it there are about 1,500 volumes ranging from the most profound text book on such subjects as higher mathematics, engineering etc. to the latest novel just published. On taking out a book two marks is deposited which amount is refunded on the return of the volume. Miss Murray, the librarian, ably assisted by Miss Richmond, has all the books catalogued in beautiful order and a man has only to walk in and his wants on almost every subject can be supplied. Full use is being made of this great opportunity. Donations both in kind and money have been received from Sir Montague Barlowe M.P., General Sir W. Braithwaite, K.C.B., Judge Granger, Mr. Frederick Browning and Mr. F. Balfour. The Library itself is tastefully decorated with blue and white curtains and book shelves adorn the walls. It is a real pleasure to be able to walk in and select one's volume at leisure with the advice of the fair librarians.

The "Buckshee" side show.

Outside the temporary wooden palisade which was erected round the "American Circus" ground, there was a small wooden hut, where everyone paid entrance money. The hour was 6.30 p. m. and everybody who intended seeing the show was inside. In the ticket office sat a typical keen featured "Sammie," his teeth clenched upon a number of india rubber bands, which hung from his mouth like a row of small tongues. In front of him lay a mass of five mark notes, which he was counting into bundles of a hundred and securing them, one by one, with the elastic bands, with an energy and intensity only equalled by that of the acrobats and cow-boys performing in the ring. To the crowd of open mouthed "Innocents," who surrounded him, the ticket office must have seemed a veritable cave of treasure.

Lesser Echoes.

The boat under the archway at Cologne referred to in a recent "Echo" was sunk in the Naval Engangement at the Bight of Heligoland in August 1914. An inscription on the arch records this fact.

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The selling or distribution to members of the British or Allied forces of indecent or immoral pictures, postcards or literature is an offence which is being severely dealt with by the authorities in Rhineland.

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We have been overwhelmed with queries as to the war ribbon on account of the contradictory statements about it published in the press at home. The Army Order which we printed is the sole official notice and all others should be disregarded.

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Many complaints reach us as to the lack of change in cinema programmes, There should be no difficult in these days of avoiding frequent repetition.

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As there are many of the "old originals" of the 49th West Riding Division serving in the Rhine Army, a reunion in the shape of a dinner is suggested. Will those interested write to Lieut. C. Rowbotham A/245 R.F.A. Light Division?

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Cafés are now open to British and Allied troops throughout the British occupied territory during the following hours: 12.00 to 14.00 and 16.00 to 22.00.

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A good selection of technical and other useful books is to be found at the Army College bookstore in the Handelsrealschule, Hansa Ring, Cologne.

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It does not seem to be generally known that English copyright books in the handy Tauchnitz Edition cannot be sent or taken home to Blighty. They are confiscated by our Customs officials.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to: Lieut. F.G. Caiger, 3rd Manchester Rgt. attd. H.Q. Education IV Corps Rhine Army; Sgnlr. J.B. Mc.Donnell R.GA., R.A, Reception Camp, Rhine Army; Signr. H. Betts, Hdqrs. 9th East Surreys, Rhine Army.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

A Hide Famine.—Canada is very short of leather.

Killing Apace.—The murder epidemic continues in England without abatement.

Dearer Bread.—The shilling loaf is threatened again in England.

A Visitor.—The Italian Prime Minister is to visit England.

Not Quite Dry.—The Prohibition Order is being systematically evaded in New York.

A Large Scheme.—A scheme is in hand for the further canalization of the Rhone.

To Russia.—General Sir Henry Rawlinson has left the Tyne for Russia.

Dearer Washing.—Laundry prices have been further increased in North East London.

Water Scarcity.—Owing to the drought, Carmarthen is restricted to six hours water supply a day.

To Carry Coal.—Ships of a total tonnage of 300,000 are to carry coal from America to France and Italy.

New French Bank.—The Banque du Rhin with a capital of ten million francs has been founded in Strasbourg.

No Smokes.—The Temperance Christian Society of America is waging a strong crusade against smoking by schoolboys.

Cost of Pensions.—It has been decided to spend ninety-six millions a year on War Pensions.

Rations for Bees.—Bona fide bee-keepers are to be provided with sugar for their bees according to a rationed scale.

Grants for Children.—New special grants are to be given for the benefit of children of disabled officers.

More Police Wanted.—Croydon is dissatisfied with its present inadequate and unsatisfactory police supervision.

Strange Craft.—P. 31, one of the Navy's "Mystery" ships is now on view at Whitehall stairs. It is illuminated nightly.

A Heavy Toll.—To maintain the British Army in Ireland costs nearly a million a month.

Difficult Question.—The question of German property in France is being discussed by the French Chamber.

State Cinemas.—In Bade the German Government are making cinemas a state enterprise.

Over the Wire.—The correspondent of the United Press at Buda Pesth has interviewed Lenin by wireless.

Perhaps!—Doctors are attributing increased baldness to the wearing of steel helmets.

The "Twelfth."—Sport on the Scottish moors on the "twelfth" promises to be be as good as before the war.

Railway Restored.—The railway line through Belgrade, Nisch, Salonika to Athens is re-established.

In the "League."—Switzerland has decided to participate in the League of Nations.

In Memory.—A monument has been erected at Arlon in honour of the first French soldiers who fell in Belgium.

General Goes Home.—General Smuts received an enthusiastic reception on his arrival at Cape Town.

Not Yet.—Australia is waiting advices from the Imperial Government before permitting the resumption of trade with Austria and Germany.

Food for Belgium.—Four million pounds worth of stores deposited in Belgium by the Americans have been bought by the Belgian Ministry of Food.

A Concession.—The Hearts of Oak Benefit Society has decided that all who join may have the right of membership for life.

Officer's Long Service.—Lieut. Commander G. H. Colwell has retired from the Royal Navy after serving continuously for fifty- six years.

Crowds at the Seaside.—Overcrowding at seaside resorts at home continues and even bathing boxes have been used as shelters overnight.

Bantam Aeroplane.—An aeroplane fifteen feet wide, and weighing only 220 pounds has been exhibited by the British Aerial Transport Company.

Skiff Capsizes.—At Windsor, a skiff containing three ladies was smashed in collision with a pleasure launch. All three were saved.

Aeroplanes Sold.—The Aircraft Disposal Board have just sold 260 aeroplanes of the Avro type. One hundred went to a single purchaser.

Against Boxing.—Protests are being made by Llanelly Free Churches against the use of the local market hall for boxing tournaments.

War Journal in Peace.—An effort is to be made to continue in peace time the "Artists' Rifles Journal", which was founded shortly after the outbreak of war.

Use for War Railways.—Surplus railway material in France and Belgium will be used at home and in India and the colonies.

Haig is a Fishmonger.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig has been made an honorary freeman of the Fishmongers' Company.

Rebuilding Belfries.—Malines has undertaken the restoration of the belfry at Saint Quentin. An effort is also to be made to restore Cambrai belfry.

A New Route.—In the near future the London and North Western Railway Company will transfer all its passenger sailings between Dublin and Holyhead to Kingstown.

Commemoration.—It has been suggested that the names of the French marshals and generals who contributed to the final success of the Allies shall be inscribed on the Arc de Triomphe, Paris.

Regular Commissions.—The Army Council state that they can make no announcement regarding the granting of new Regular commissions till the establishment of the Regular Army has been decided.

Fishing Revival.—After languishing through five years of war-time the demand for trout and salmon fishing in Great Britain has this season been unprecedented.

Gift for a V.C.—The freedom of the burgh of Hamilton was conferred on Sergeant O'Neill V.C. of the Leicester Regiment. He also received a money gift of over £400.

CINEMA ETIQUETTE.

The "big" picture is unfolding its tale at the Army cinema accompanied by a small but efficient orchestra, both greatly appreciated by the khaki audience — to whom, after the exhausting efforts of the day "on the square", on guard, or perhaps in the brain-fatiguing office, this quiet form of amusement proves a welcome respite.

Suddenly, however, we are aware of an exceptionally great personage in our midst — *the man who has seen this particular film before!!!*

We are in luck; for immediately he recognizes a certain scene in the play he, uninvited, takes up the thread of the story and continues it in a loud voice. Moreover, the action on the screen is much too slow to his idea.

He hastily banishes our uncertainties and describes exultantly the culminating episode upon which the interest in the picture depends. Then he finds it necessary to supply the intermediate incidents for the special benefit of everyone within a twenty-yard radius.

His oratorial ability is splendid!

"Ah, yes, that's right" he begins "Saw it in Blighty when I was on leave."

That he has been on furlough creates an impression.

"See that bloke on the right?" he continues "He's not a footman really; he's a detective."

"He arrests the other chap, and the old girl tries to commit suicide. But they stop 'er! You'll see in a minute."

"But Sweeney — that merchant with the black mustosh — it was 'im wot pinched the di'mond. He gets caught in the end ——!"

And so he goes on, much to the pleasure of his admiring hearers who eagerly divert their eyes from the screen to listen, with breathless wonder, to this phenomenon.

How much better to pay your money simply for a cinematograph entertainment and to be presented with, instead a high grade descriptive lecture by an unselfish elocutionist — a chin-music philanthropist — a philological artist!

But, of course, some individuals can neither recognize not appreciate real art.

There is still another asset to the cinema hall; and *this* fellow should certainly receive monetary compensation from the management!

This is the gentleman of Padrewskian and Beethovenic tendencies who is not only conversant with every melody discoursed by the orchestra, but is an expert at *rhythm!* He makes himself felt in both senses of the word!

His modus operandi is simple and peculiar; merely a succession of kicks on the support of the seat in front of him.

He does this to satisfy his aesthetic ear that the musicians are keeping correct time; and his efforts are the source of great gratification to all, and especially to the fortunate man upon whose chair he is operating.

H. R. P.

PHOTOGRAPHY.
(XVII).

By Lieut. William R. Patterson, F.R.G.S.

Some of the aspects of photography are most instructive, in that they may teach us much with reference to science which is not always apparent to the naked eye.

On a starlight night you may leave your camera with open lens directed upwards upon the window-sill (outside the window) or upon the roof or the lawn for half-an-hour, more or less, and, in your negative or print, study the direction and distance travelled by the stars as the earth revolves. You will discover, by this experiment, a series of parallel lines, showing the progress, according to the length of exposure, of the celestial bodies. The result is fascinating and leads one to desire to know more.

By the way, sun-spots and eclipses of the sun can be conveniently viewed, without strain to the eyes, by viewing them through two or three old negatives placed together.

Another interesting experiment is that of photographing a drop of water firstly in the act of falling, secondly, as it touches a water-surface, and, thirdly, the commotion and spout that it creates. Most fantastic forms may be thus obtained, and even the beginner may make a discovery. Try also oil, spirit, etc., and compare the pictures, for they all may produce some new result worthy of attention. Then, you may also study, by the same means, the growth of plant life, by leaving your camera in the same position and by taking a series of photographs extending over a period of several days. The camera will give you a far better record than you might obtain by observation.

There is the question, too, of clouds, of such great importance to the science of meteorology and, of course, to aviation. Each kind of cloud has a scientific name, and any photograph of some unique formation will always be welcomed by the Meteorological Office.

Again, there is the subject of photography from aeroplanes, and of pictures of the earth's surface taken by means of kites.

Photographs may be taken, also, many fathoms below the surface of the ocean by submerging one's apparatus and by using arc-lights and an attractive bait. Thus natural history profits. Of course, the camera is enclosed, rendering it impervious to water.

There are, too, most instructive snapshots to be taken illustrating the flight of birds and the relative position of the limbs of animals running at high speed. All these things can teach us something. Let us consider our cameras, then, as scientific instruments!

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Are you going to exhibit at the October "Arts and Crafts Exhibition" to be held in Cologne?

LOOKING BACKWARD.

More than six months have now elapsed since the memorable day of the signing of the armistice.

Few of us who were privileged to be in at the finish will ever forget that day.

For weeks the ding-dong pushing had gone on for us from Hooge through Courtrai, across the Lys to the Scheldt and across the now famous river by the pontoon that had cost England some of its bravest and best, and now at last the Germans had "thrown in the sponge".

And so one to Oudenarde, a name that brings forth memories of those toughened old warriors of other days. What would they think of it all to see whole nations at war, armies equipped with all the modern implements of destruction, and where the combatants were in their millions?

Now to Waterloo and across ground teeming with history. Quatre Bras. The name itself has some undefinable sound about it suggesting great deeds, more so than the tiny collection of houses now comprising the village. And so on to Germany itself. And now peace.

As one looks around and sees the new faces, one cannot help wondering exactly what has become of the old "boys."

Rough on the surface some of them may have been, but after going through the bad old days together with them one cannot but help thinking of them as jolly good sportsmen.

It needed very little insight to tell the civil occupation of some. That lusty yell of "Ripe tomatoes!" by the squat little driver was not acquired in a day.

I can picture him now "down Camberwell way" proclaiming his wares as he was wont to do during some of those trying times on the Somme and in Italy when the Sergeant Major had been particularly ruffled.

Then there was the tall gunner whose face was burnt the colour of a Red Indian's. Probably the most stoical man I have ever met. He had helped to rout the Germans in German South West, and had come across to lend a further hand. What a grip he gave when he finally went back "repatriated".

Nothing ever seemed to ruffle the even tenor of his way. Come rain, come fine, he "carried on" with that evenness of temper that only those who have roughed it in out of the way spots can command.

Who would think, too that the tall Bombardier had a thriving tobacconist's business in the West End?

His attempts to obtain a commission after joining up in the ranks had somewhat embittered him to the Army, he confided in me. Many and varied were the forms he had filled in without avail, for he finally left us as one "other rank."

And now they are scattered far and wide. May good fortune attend them, for they played the man's part in the Great Adventure.

A.F.B.

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HORRORS OF KUT.

Court Martial on Half-caste for Cruelty to British Prisoners.

EARL HAIG'S NEW TITLE.

A NIGGER FIEND.

GHASTLY TORTURES OF KUT PRISONERS.

Colonel J. Steele, Coldstream Guards, presided at the resumption of the trial by Court-martial of Class One Assistant Surgeon William Fratel, Indian Medical Department, a Eurasian, and a soldier of his Majesty's Indian Forces The Court-martial was held at the Middlesex Guildhall. Captain Eastwood prosecuted, the Judge Advocate was Mr. Sutherland Graeme, and Fratel was represented by Mr. Herbert S. Baron, solicitor. Fratel was medical officer to a battery of artillery in Kut-el-Amara. After the surrender of Kut to the Turks on April 29, 1916, he accompanied the British prisoners into captivity and the prosecution alleged that from that time onwards he was guilty of cruel conduct towards and neglect of men who came to him for medical treatment in failing to admit them to hospital or taking any steps to alleviate their condition, whereby a number of men died. There are 19 charges against him, and the prosecution suggest that he acted as alleged because he thought the British Army was beaten and that by so acting he would ingratiate himself with the Turks. The case for the prosecution was opened by Captain Eastwood on July 14.

Colonel Brown Mason, A.D.M.S., London District, explained that Fratel, as an assistant surgeon in the Indian Medical Service, was as nearly as possible in the position of a sergeant-major of the R.A.M.C., but having medical trained knowledge made his position a little more responsible.

Lieutenant-Quartermaster Hardy, 2nd. Dorsets, said he was one the Kut prisoners, After the surrender they travelled, partly on foot and partly by rail, to Bagtsche. They started 300 strong and arrived at their destination 140 strong. Fratel on arrival went into the hospital as medical officer. Witness was put in charge of a gang of 139 men, all weak and sick. They worked on the railway from five in the morning till six at night. On July 15th 1916 he sent Corporal Penny, Somerset Light Infantry to hospital in a dying condition. He had to be partly carried by two others. He returned on the following morning without medicine in a state of collapse and died the same morning.

Witness, who kept a diary at the time, added that Pte. Erscott 1,6 Devons, was sent to hospital suffering from dysentry and malaria but, like Penny, was sent back without treatment.

From June 25th to September 6th, when they left Bagtsche, fifty-eight died out of one hundred and thirty-nine.

M.S. Maidment, 2nd Dorsets, said that when the British prisoners left Bagtsche on September 6th they were crowded into railway trucks where there was no accommodation for wounded. Twenty died on the way.

Witness added that accused "evidently had a good job. He lived well in comfortable quarters whereas our men were dressed in cement sacks with holes for the heads and arms. Fratel had his food properly while we had nothing but wheat with water."

Gunner Austin R. F. A., stated that he helped to hospital a soldier named Nebe who was practically dying. Accused said "There is not much the matter with you. Go back to camp and get to work." Nebe said he was unable to walk. Fratel then pushed him with his foot and called him "a white livered——."

Terrible stories of the lot of British prisoners at Kut in April 1916 were told. Gunner S. G. Smith R.F.A., now demobilized, gave a description of a big Arab tent, attached to the hospital where British soldiers were placed. The interior was appallingly filthy and verminous and the men, all suffering from dysentry, were lying about in filth unable to help themselves.

Sergeant B. Trice R.F.A., told of the terrible journey he and Sergeant Bocher had in crawling to the hospital. Bocher was ill with beri-beri and dysentry and it took them over three hours to go a distance of half a mile, both being so weak that they had to rest every yard. Bocher was dropping away and constantly fell on his knees to rest. At the hospital accused saw them and gave them each a dose of medicine, after which they had to drag themselves back to camp where Bocher died the following morning.

Corporal Shoeing Smith Taylor, Ammunition Corps, who is now totally blind, said he took a sergeant named Dye to the hospital in August. The sergeant was delirious and witness laid him down while he went to look for Fratel, whom he found lying in his bunk smoking and reading. He said he would be out in a second but as he had not come out at the end of half an hour Taylor went back and saw accused still lying on his bed. He told witness to be careful or he would get a dose of the "dyak", a raw hide thong with which men were flogged. Sergeant Dye was left lying outside the hospital. Witness took Bocher's body to the deadhouse where he saw several other bodies of Britishers heaped up. Taylor added that he lost his sight in December 1917 while still a prisoner in Turkey.

Bombardier Connor, R.F.A., said he took several sick men to hospital. One named Nichol, was left untended for several hours although Fratel was informed that the man was dying. Connor said that the idea of the Turks and Germans at Bagtsche was to get as much work as possible out of British prisoners whether they were fit or not. If they did not work they were thrashed across the back and on the soles of the feet and were deprived of food.

Gunner Harper, R.F.A., having described the appalling conditions prevailing in the tent known as the "death trap", B. S. M. Letchford, R.F.A., mentioned an occasion when an Armenian doctor visited Bagtsche and divided two quinine pills among twenty sick and told witness that the British medical officer would give more. Fratel said he did not think it right to ask for quinine pills, because it was taking advantage of the goodwill of the Turks.

In cross examination witness said he did not complain to the Armenian doctor that Fratel had not sent any medicine because the Armenian was as much under the Turks as witness was.

Counsel: And wasn't accused?—No. He had a pass to go where he liked.

How do you know that?—Because I could see it. If I went anywhere a soldier with a rifle and bayonet went too. He used to go free. I saw him knocking about with a German nurse.

You were angry with accused?—Yes, and so would you be if you had entered Bagtsche with sixty-eight men and buried forty of them, as i did.

The hearing was adjourned.

MURMANSK SUCCESS.

The following communiqué was issued by the War Office last evening:

G.O.C. Murmansk reports that two successful raids were carried out on August 4. The first, by detachments of the Middlesex and Olonetz Regiments, took place on the railway eight miles south of Kyapeselga, where the enemy was driven out of two successive positions with loss, and a machine-gun was captured. The second, eight miles south-east of Kyapeselga, was carried out by Serbian and Karelian troops, who, besides inflicting casualties on the enemy, captured five prisoners.

With regard to the enemy's ship which was reported in yesterday's communiqué to have been run ashore, General Maynard now reports that she has been refloated by our troops, and has joined the other captured vessels.

A wire from G.O.C. Archangel, states that the military situation is quiet. The Bolshevists hold Onega strongly, but are showing no activity in this neighbourhood.

An American Y.M.C.A. representative who has returned on parole states that all British personnel captured in the mutiny have been well treated, and are at present at Valogda.

CAUSE OF ITALIAN DEBACLE.

The Committee appointed by Signor Nitti, the Prime Minister, to inquire into the circumstances attending the Italian debacle at Caporetto in 1918 finds that the chief causes of the destruction of the morale of the army were Cadorna's system of sacrificing thousands of lives in vain frontal attacks and the brutal measures taken to maintain discipline.

A contributory factor was the total lack of second and third line reserves. Once the enemy had pierced the front line there was nobody to oppose his advance. The report also deals with the strained relations existing between the Government and Cadorna, who at one time actually dreamed of becoming Dictator.

MEA CULPA — FALKENHAYN.

Von Lersner, the German Ambassador to France, has fowarded to the secretariat of the Peace Conference a letter from General von Falkenhayn declaring that he considers himself solely responsible for everything done by the army during the time he was Minister for War and Chief of General Staff.

HAIG OF BEMERSYDE.

Field Marshal Haig has decided to take the title of Earl Haig of Bemersyde. This is the name of a Berwickshire hamlet near Melrose where the head branch of the great soldier's family has been resident from time immemorial.

A SOLDIER SPEAKS.

REFUTATION OF PAID AGITATORS.

A new orator appeared on Tower Hill yesterday, when a soldier spoke the truth in refutation of the lies uttered by the loud mouthed vulgar agitators who preach sedition — at a price.

Sergeant Skilleter, of the Machine Gun Corps, the soldier in question, had been at Tower Hill before as a listener. On that occasion he heard another speaker, who described himself as "an international, social, revolutionary anarchist," make a statement that soldiers had been detailed to do the work of men who had gone on strike at Canterbury.

At his own expense Sergeant Skilleter went to Canterbury to investigate, and at Tower Hill yesterday he told an audience of several hundreds that he had been unable to find any truth in the allegation. He blamed agitators for giving young soldiers drink and inciting them to mutiny, afterwards leaving them to bear the brunt when they got into trouble. The soldier of the war who wore three wound stripes was, he said, every inch a gentleman, as his actions in France proved beyond a doubt. The man in the Service to-day was just as good, and he was well looked after from every point of view. He had excellent recreational and instructional facilities, and the things he was taught in the ordinary course of his training would otherwise cost him a large premium.

Sergeant Skilleter received many handshakes and congratulations from people in the audience. "I am quite against that class of man," he said, referring to a certain type of Army critic. "If I have to spend every penny I have, I'll do it to down 'em."

BRAVE POLICEMEN.

General Sir Nevil Macready, Commissioner of Police, presented certificates and medals yesterday afternoon at Walton-street Station to ten officers of the Metropolitan Police for certain police and Army services. The military awards included one Military Medal, one Distinguished Conduct Medal, two Meritorionus Service Medals, and two 1914-15 Stars. For bravery in entering Battersea premises in which a cylinder of chlorine gas had been broken and rescuing two women employees who had been overcome by the gas, Constables Sams and Hill were presented with the Carnegie Certificate and a book of ten War Savings Certificates. Inspector Avery and Sergeant Harper, who also rendered assistance but arrived later on the scene than the two constables, received the Carnegie Certificate and War Savings Certificates to the value of £5.

Repling to a speech of thanks made by Major Tomlin, Chief Inspector No. 1 District, who assured the Commissioner he could rely on the same devotion to duty on the part of the rest of the force as that shown by the men decorated, Sir Nevil Macready said he thought the bottom of the pot of the Police Strike had been reached, and jolly good care would be taken to fill it up again with the right stuff.

BABY FARM CASE.

The Leytonstone baby-farming inquest was resumed yesterday when a verdict of manslaughter was returned against Henry Hatchard and his wife for causing the death of the infant Kayes. The jury severely censured the father of the dead child.

Dr. Bailey said the child was so emaciated that it only weighed 6¾ pounds whereas the normal weight was over fifteen pounds. Death was due to starvation and neglect. Three other of the children in the house were in a moribund condition, having been very badly neglected.

Annie Hatchard, the thirteen year old daughter of the prisoners said there were ten nurse-children in the house, which contained six rooms, and was also occupied by the father, mother and seven brothers and sisters. The total milk supply was five pints daily.

The father of the dead child said that on separation from his wife he paid £10 to the prisoners and handed over the ch ld, relinquishing all cla m to it.

BEACHY HEAD SUICIDE.

An inquiry was held at Eastbourne into the circumstances of the death of Harry Poincilit, 28, a visitor, who committed suicide by throwing himself over Beachy Head on Saturday. A motive was found in the fact that the deceased's health was bad, and his income, derived from foreign bonds, considerably diminished. Though described in his identity book as a German, born at Wiesbaden, his father was French and his mother a Russian. A letter found at the top of the cliff in the deceased's handwriting stated: "I have no courage to struggle any longer."

The jury commended the Coastguards, who climbed up the cliff and brought the body 300ft. in semi-darkness.

TRIAL OF THE EX-KAISER.

Mr. Houston inquired in the House of Commons yesterday whether it was definitely decided that the trial of the Kaiser should take place in London.

Mr. Bonar Law said that the Allies had not altered their decision with regard to the matter, but no action could be taken until the Peace Treaty had been ratified.

The miners and ironworkers at Bargoed, Wales have decided on a "No beer—no work" policy.

FOOD CONTROL.

PROFIT ON ONE YEAR'S TRADING.

A profit of £13,446,429 in a year's trading was made by the Food Controller's operations for the financial year ended March 31 last.

This is shown in the Food Ministry's Provisional Trading Account, issued as a White Paper, from which it is seen that the Food Controller made large profits on all commodities dealt with except one. The only loss was on vegetable supplies and preservation, and the loss under this head was £13,539.

The largest profit was made in oils and fats, and amounted to £4,032,969.

The profits under the remaining services are as follows:

Bacon, hams, and lard	£2,892,561
Butter and cheese imports	1,836,806
Oils and oil seeds supply	1,297,121
Milk products	1,274,098
Tea	1,009,000
Margarine Clearing House	578,668
Fish, game, poultry, and miscellaneous	278,033
Cattle-feeding stuffs	141,147
Fruit supplies and preservation	33,100
Meat supplies	18,497
Central Live Stock Fund	10,446
Dried fruits and sundries	6,522

The period of the account is the first complete year of the trading in foodstuffs.

DISMISSED DUSTMEN.

The 500 Kensington municipal employees who are on strike did not return to work yesterday and by the terms of the resolution passed by the Borough Council last week are dismissed.

The Kensington authorities are already taking steps to find other workmen to fill the vacancies. Notices are being sent to the Labour Exchanges and elsewhere stating that the Borough Council are prepared to engage men at the following rates of pay:—Carmen, about 57s. per week: dustmen, about 52s.; sweepers, about 55s. The figures include a war bonus of 25s.

Other grades of workmen at varying rates, also with war bonus, are asked for. It is intended that the new workmen shall have a working week of 47 hours, exclusive of meals, with special rates of pay for overtime, and 12 days' holiday, including bank holidays, after 12 months' service.

The 300 employees of the Paddington Borough Council also failed to return to work and are regarded as having been dismissed. Both in Paddington and Kensington the streets are littered with dust and rubbish.

MARRIED AT 15.

At Greenwich Police-Court on Wednesday, before Mr. Disney, Charles Edward Wright, aged 15, living at Rotherhithe, was charged with stealing four bottles of whisky. The defendant, who had the appearance of a man of about 25 years of age, was asked by the magistrate if he was only 15. He said that was so.

Detective McTaggart said that Wright was 15 on April 9. During the war he had been approached several times by recruiting officers about why he was not in the Army.

Mr. Disney. — I understand you are are married.

Wright. — Yes. (Laughter.)

In giving evidence of arrest, Detective McTaggart said that Wright admitted the theft, and said, "I wanted a few snillings, as my wife will soon be confined, and I'm very hard up."

Wright and a man named Harold Robinson, who was charged with receiving the whisky, were remanded.

FLIGHT TO INDIA.

The R.33, sister airship to the R.34, is stated to be leaving for India in about a week's time. The chosen crew are now on leave. The first stage of the flight will be over France and Switzerland to Rome, where the first landing will be made, then across the Mediterranean to Cairo. It will land there as the halfway house.

Alternative routes are under consideration for the remainder of the voyage. One is across the Red Sea to Aden and thence across the Arabian Sea to Madras, the other being across Arabia to Bombay. The latter route would lengthen the journey by several hundred miles and make the voyage practically an overland one.

STRIKERS AND UNIFORMS.

Four police strikers were summoned at West London Police Court for "unlawfully failing to deliver over all the clothing, accoutrements, and appointments supplied to them for the execution of their duty."

Mr. Barker, for the Commissioner of Police, said that the defendants were ex-policemen, and had failed to report for duty. They had since returned their accoutrements, and he asked for a withdrawal of the summons on the payment by defendants of 2s. costs in each case.

The defendants agreed to this.

PROFITEERING BILL.

The Government Bill to check profiteering was introduced in the House of Commons last night and read for the first time.

Mr. Bonar Law said he hoped it would be passed through its reading stages next week.

CANTEEN FUNDS.

LORD BYNG'S PLANS FOR DISPOSAL.

General Lord Byng who was recently appointed Chairman of the Executive Committee of the United Services Fund, in which is vested the profits accumulated by the Army and Navy Canteens, explained yesterday how he proposed to deal with the money. The amount in hand is between six and seven million pounds.

Lord Byng said he had accepted the Chairmanship on the condition that the fund was absolutely free from Government control. He felt it to be impossible as a soldier to run it, so he resigned his commission. The second condition he made was that of absolute publicity with regard to all dealings. He wanted serving and ex-serving men to know exactly what was being done with the money. Considering the whole question, he said, it seems to resolve itself into four heads. The first is the care and help of ex-service officers and men, in which they are up against the overlapping of a variety of associations. The second is that of the wives, widows and orphans, which is a fairly easy one to handle because practically only one body is governing this class of case, viz the Soldiers and Sailors Families Association. The third is the social welfare of ex-service men and the fourth is the help of serving men.

GERMAN ILL-TREATMENT.

Mr. Oddie held an inquiry at Westminster, into the death of Private Percy Cyril Durrant, 27, East Surrey Regiment, lately residing at Clapham Junction, who was found dead on the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway, near Charing-cross Station.

The widow stated that her husband joined the Army in October, 1914, and went to France in November, 1916. Taken prisoner in the following year, he was compelled to work in the German coal mines, where he was badly treated. He was repatriated and discharged, but re-enlisted last May. She last saw him on Peace Day.

The Coroner said he was of opinion that the bad treatment Durrant received while in the hands of the Germans affected his mind and made him irresponsible for his actions. He recorded a verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind."

KING'S ARABIAN SWORD.

The King received at Buckingham Palace yesterday Sheikh Abdulla bin Isa al Khalifah and Sheikh Muhammad bin Abdulla, son and grandson of the ruling Chief of Bahrain (on the Persian Golf), Sir Sheikh Isa bin Ali al Khalifah.

Their object was to present to his Majesty a wonderful sword, which has been in their family for generations, and which they offered as a memento of the recent victory of the Allies. The weapon was encased in a modern gold scabbard studded with pearls.

His Majesty received his visitors most cordially, accepted the sword with pleasure, and gave them in return a signed portrait of himself in a handsome silver frame, a gift which delighted them. The Chief and people of Bahrain are under British protection, and were absolutely loyal to us throughout the war.

BOMBS AT BARCELONA.

As the result of a bomb explosion at Barcelona seven persons were wounded, three of them seriously. One of the wounded men is believed to be the author of the outrage. The police engaged in enquiring into the affair have reported that several syndicalists, expelled from Havana, recently arrived at the city, where the terrorist regime is having a damaging effect on Catalan interests generally. A body of strikers attacked the docks at Valencia and three workmen were killed. Great indignation prevails amongst the inhabitants, who are demanding that the guilty be brought to justice.

CORPSE IN THEATRE BOX.

Cleaners at work in the King's Theatre, Greenock, on Wednesday found in one of the boxes the dead body of an attendant named Jeannie Crignton. The girl was fully dressed. A man named David Gilchrist was found lying on the floor, and was taken to the infirmary in a serious condition. A revolver with a discharged cartridge, an empty cup, and a bottle which contained laudanum were found in the box. It is stated that the couple had been keeping company.

LOST THROUGH STRIKES.

It is estimated that the loss to Sheffield owing to the Yorkshire miners' strike is now between £180,000 and £200,000 per week. A leading manufacturer stated that the workers are losing at least £50,000 per week, exclusive of the colliers. There are now over 15,000 workers on the donation list, and many more waiting for a date when they will come into benefit.

All brewery workers in Copenhagen have gone on strike and it is feared that in a few days there will be no beer in the city.

HOOVER'S WARNING.

WHY THE WORLD MUST HAVE MORE COAL.

Mr. Hoover's report on the coal situation presented to the Supreme Economic Council shows that the annual production in the principal countries of Europe, excluding Russia, has fallen to 443 million tons against 679 millions before the war.

The report recommends the immediate creation of a system of control in Europe in order to stimulate production and organise distribution. Mr. Hoover adds "I fear Europe and the world are faced with the gravest danger humanity has ever undergone. It is useless to gloss over the truth. Workers and masters have all got to do their duty. It is no good harping on the eight hour rule, although experience shows that is the maximum to expect from workers, but they must work a full eight hours. I say to producers and workers, 'You have in your hands the fate of your country, your fellow citizens, and the whole world. You are not asked to do more than you can, but all that you should'."

COMRADES OF GREAT WAR.

STIRRING MANIFESTO.

The Comrades of the Great War, through Captain E. B. Towse, V.C., chairman of the Grand Council, have issued the following manifesto:—

Comrades! The country is in danger! At a time when every nerve should be strained by all sections of the community to re-establish our industries, to increase our output, and to inspire that spirit of confidence so necessary to development, we find on all sides sectional interest being advanced, unconstitutional methods adopted, and the benefit of individuals being substituted for that of the State. Before us lies bankruptcy and revolution. Was it for the benefit of any particular section of the community that our comrades have given their lives, that many of us have suffered disablement, and many more have endured hardships unthinkable? Most assuredly it was not. Our sacrifice was for the State, and our way is clear. It is we who have saved the country in war, and it is we who must now save her in peace. Let us show that we are prepared to work, now, in order to re-establish our trade. On the re-establishment of our trade depends the Old Country's ability to purchase imported foodstuffs and the raw materials of industry and to pay our pensions and those of our dependents. As trade expands our circumstances will improve automatically. The greater the output the greater the work for all. Let us, therefore, do all we can to stimulate production. Let us declare definitely that we are on the side of law and order, that we will uphold the Government of the day, and that we will actively support the civil authorities. Let our badge be the symbol to which all law-abiding citizens and those that have the good of the country at heart, can rally. By this means we shall win the peace.

SURPLUS ARMY STORES.

According to the latest official return the value of sales of surplus Government property is now £151,000,000. This includes £81,443,505 for sales on trading account ,and £55,197,582 for other surplus stores at home, and £14,401,349 abroad. Among noteworthy amounts received in one week are £244,018 for mechanical transport, and £730,290 for non-ferrous metals. The main items to date of surplus property disposed of are: £4,058,217, for horses and animals in the United Kingdom; £2,970,710 for textiles, leather, and equipment; £1,983,018, for mechanical transport; £2,593,408, for food; £2,664,333, for ferrous metals; £13,675,339, for non-ferrous metals; £14,720,388 for chemicals and explosives; and £3,660,845 for sales to contractors.

WORKMAN'S LUXURIES.

A mother of ten told Mr. Rooth, the Thames Police Court magistrate, yesterday that for breakfast she gave her husband smoked salmon and boiled eggs, and for dinner, roast lamb, peas and potatoes; yet he kept late hours and called her bad names.

Magistrate: I don't believe there is anybody but you who has such luxuries at home. He ought to be very grateful to you. I will send an officer to tell him to eat his salmon and lamb, peas and potatoes like a respectable man, and, when he gets smoked salmon for breakfast, to go down on his knees and thank Almighty God that he has got it.

AVIATOR'S DARING FEAT.

Sergeant Godefroy, a Military aviator, accomplished on Wednesday a remarkable feat by flying an aeroplane at full speed through the Arc de Triomphe. The daring nature of the exploit can be realised when it is stated that the wings of the biplane he used have a spread of eight and one quarter metres whilst the opening of the arch is only fourteen and a half metres wide and twenty-nine and a half metres high.

The senior Naval officer in the Baltic reported to the Admiralty yesterday the sinking of a Bolshevist submarine near Ersk by the British destroyers Valorous and Vancouver.

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Moderne Theatre, Breite Strasse
Molly Malone in a splendid 5 part drama "SLUMBERING FIRES."
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The first episode of Gaumont's Great Serial "JUDEX" is being shown at this Theatre.

No: 3 ARMY CINEMA.
Germania Theatre, Hohe Strasse
William Farnham in splendid 7 part drama "THE HEART OF A LION."
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Recreation and Amusement can be had at the Army Gymnasium Kreuzgasse (Off Schildergasse) Open Daily. Officers 2 to 3. All ranks 3 to 8. Admission and Instruction Free.

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The British Rhine Army Male Voice Choral Society and Church Choir.

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Every day at 2.30 Admission 1 and 2 Marks.

Church of England Services in Cologne.

1.—THE MILITARY CHURCH
57 Schildergasse, (Turning off Hohe Str).
Holy Comm. 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 11-15 a.m., 6-45 p.m.
Evening Service, 6.00 p.m.
Thursdays 6.30 p.m. in Church Army Chapel, Antoniter Str.: (behind Church).

2.—THE CHURCH ARMY CHAPEL
Hotel du Nord.
Sundays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m., and 6.45 p.m. Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Weekdays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saints' Days.
Short Morning Prayer Daily at 9-15 a.m.

3.—THE ARMY CINEMA HALL
36, Komodien Strasse.
Sundays: Evening Service, 6 p.m.

4.—THE CHURCH ARMY CINEMA HALL 95, Severin Strasse.
Sundays Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.
Evening Service, 6. p.m.

Church of England Services in Bonn

IN GARRISON CHURCH, BONN.
SUNDAYS: Holy Communion 7-30, 8-00, 11-45, and 18-45 hours.
Parade Service (Corps) at 10-00 hours.
Parade Service (Div.) at 11-00 hours.
Evening Service at 18-00 hours.
Organ Recital every Sunday from 17-45 to 18-00 hours.
WEEK-DAYS: Holy Communion Daily 7-45 hours.
excepting on Thursday when it is at 10-30 hours.
Evening Prayers at 18.00 hours excepting on Thursday.

IN BEETHOVEN-HALL, BONN.
SUNDAYS: Evening Service at 18-30 hours followed by celebration of Holy Communion at 19.30 hours.

IN PROTESTANT CHURCH, BEUEL (Friedrichstrasse)
SUNDAYS: Holy Communion at 7-30 hours.
Evening Service at 18.00 hours.

Catholic Services in Cologne and Bonn on Sundays.

COLOGNE, CATHEDRAL
Mass in Cathedral at 8 a.m. (north Transept) High Mass in Cathedral at 9-15 a.m.
Parade Mass in Minoritenkirche (Minoritenstr.), 2 minutes from Cathedral at 10 a.m.
Rosary and Benediction in Minoritenkirche at 7 p.m. Confessions in Cathedral on Saturdays from 5—7 p.m.

BONN, MÜNSTER CHURCH, Münster Platz. Mass (Military) 10 a.m. Benediction 6-30 p.m. Confessions Saturday 3—4 p.m. and 5-30—7-30 p.m. in the Crypt.

EHRENFELD. Church at the Junction of Mechteren Strasse and Vogelsanger Strasse:—
Mass on Sundays 9 15 a.m. Confessions on Saturdays 5 p.m.

LINDENTHAL. Chapel of the Hospital in Jose Stelzmann Strasse—continuation of Giebel Strasse:—
Mass on Sundays 10.30 a.m. Confessions on Saturdays 5 p.m.

Scottish Churches and English Free Churches.

THE MILITARY CHURCH.
6 Filzengraben (Turning off Heumarkt.)
Sunday, 10th August.
11 a.m. Preacher: Rev. A. Main, Garrison Chaplain (Presbyterian).
6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. R. A. Lendrum.
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Saturday, August 9, 1919.

AS BROTHERS.

The world has had proof that it is easier to embark on war than to reach the haven of peace. There were weary months of armistice before the Treaty of Paris arranged terms with our principal enemy, and even yet in the outlying parts of Christendom there are wars and rumours of war.

The passions of mankind have not lightly been stilled, and the old order gives place to the new with reluctance and foreboding. Nations that have fought to the death do not quickly forget their sorrows and their bitterness.

The harvest of war is pitiful and inevitable. Even in Britain, a peace-loving country, the aftermath is being painfully gathered. Though we and our gallant allies have spoken our conditions and won for them the obedience of our foes we have yet to gain in our own country the fruits of victory.

These cannot be reaped unless the men and women of England pay heed to the gospel of discipline and conciliation. It is an irony of the times that in the very days when a League of Nations has been offered to a stricken world our country has been slow to welcome its spirit and to respond to its appeal.

There have been, and there are, disputes in industrial Britain. These must be speedily settled if we are to keep our place in the vanguard of nations and no worthy Briton contemplates any position which shames the traditions of his race.

Undoubtedly there are petty irritations, labour jealousies, alleged injustices, which fret the temper of English mankind so sorely tried in the years of warfare. These cannot be removed by the wand of some fairy sprite that wishes us well, for there are no short-cut roads to civic welfare. They will disappear when a policy of bear and forbear commands the respect of our people.

Conciliation, fair-play, unselfishness are the only cures for a nation in its troublesome passage from war to peace. And these are historic traits of British character. Let them win their victory now, and as a people we shall emerge triumphantly from the difficulties and trials that haunt our footsteps.

There are in England many classes—there are men who have prospered in the national uprising against a vaunting militarism that was abhorrent and now lies in the dust; there are men who have suffered the sorest losses in that campaign, for all that they held dear has gone; there are masters who can employ and there are men who must work; there are some whose future is rosy-coloured and there are others who see but little of light and hope. Brotherhood must be our motto. Let men treat each as brothers, let them cast aside all arrogance and selfishness and work together for a common good. Then the fruits of victory will be gathered and the delights of peace enjoyed.

BOOKS THAT INTEREST.

I have kept the one word "interesting" in mind in recommending these books, and to the finer qualities of literary art paid little attention. A large number of them I have read in the line; as good a test of their grip on the reader as one could apply.

The young reader should note the name of the author of any book he particularly likes; in most cases he will find others equally interesting by the same writer.

"Treasure Island" by Robert Louis Stevenson I mention first, because if there is a person who is not interested by this hunt-for-treasure story he need not try the rest. "Kidnapped" — as good as it sounds — "Catriona" and "The Black Arrow" are other excellent romances by R.L.S.

Scott is the king of romance writers; his heroes are all live men. "Guy Mannering," "Rob Roy" and "Redgauntlet" are his best. "Ivanhoe" and "The Talisman" are tales of the Crusades.

"Monte-Cristo" by Dumas is the world's most famous treasure story. His "Three Musketeers" is a very fine book of adventure. Stanley Weyman's stories are of Dumas' type. "A Gentleman of France," "Under the Red Robe," "The Red Cockade" are historical with plenty of "go." Conan Doyle, besides his world-famous "Adventures of Sherlock Holmes", has given us "Micah Clarke" and "The White Company," both historical romances. "Westward Ho!" an Elizabethan tale of the Spanish Armada and Inquisition, is Kingsley's best. His "Hereward the Wake" tells of early struggles with Danish invaders.

Kipling really needs no introduction; his "Plain Tales from the Hills," and "Soldiers Three" make one ask for more.

Rider Haggard writes highly sensational stories; "King Solomon's Mines," "Allan Quatermain" and others exciting and thrilling. Jules Verne's "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," and "A Journey to the Centre of the Earth" are of course tales of imagination.

Captain Marryat tells rattling yarns of his own experiences — sea chases and hair-breadth escapes. "Peter Simple," "Jacob Faithful" and "Midshipman Easy" are his best. Fennimore Cooper wrote of Red Indians in "The Pathfinder" and "Deerslayer," and Captain Mayne Reid gives us similar daring deeds and perils in his "Scalp Hunters." Ballantyne's "The Young Fur Traders" and "Ungava" record his own adventures with the Hudson Bay Company. "Coral Island" and "Martin Rattler" are also his.

Charles Dickens did not write the hair raising variety, but many will enjoy "David Copperfield," "Pickwick Papers" which is very, very funny, and "The Tale of Two Cities" about events in London and Paris during the French Revolution, with a very dramatic end.

Those whose taste calls for stories of the Great War should try Ian Hay's "First Hundred Thousand"; Sapper's "No Man's Land," and "The Lieutenant and Others"; Patrick Macgill's "The Great Push"; Boyd Cable's "Action Front"; and "Naval Occasions" and "A Tall Ship" by Bartimeus.

Mark Twain's "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn"; Anthony Hope's "Prisoner of Zenda" and "Rupert of Hentzau"; E. W. Hornung's "Raffles" and "Stingaree Tales"; F. Anstey's "Vice Versa"; Edgar Allan Poe's "Murders of the Rue Morgue"; Bret Harte's "Luck of Roaring Camp"; O. Henry's "Cabbages and Kings" and "The Four Million"; Mrs. Craik's "John Halifax Gentleman"; James Morier's "Hajji Baba of Ispahan"; Charles Reade's "Cloister and the Hearth"; Baroness Orczy's "Scarlet Pimpernel"; Charles Lever's "O'Malley"; Kingston's "Manco the Peruvian Chief"; D. H. Dana's "Two Years before the Mast" and Harrison Ainsworth's "Old St. Paul's"; and "Windsor Castle" make up an excellent mixture.

OWEN OLIVER.

MORE PAY!

As I entered the room I realised that a new subject for debate had superseded demobilization, for instead of the listless statements, punctuated by intimate references to Those In Authority, which we associate with "demob" arguments, there was an appearance of strained attention — even expectancy; in fact one could almost see a huge mark of interrogation hovering over the company.

My entrance was greeted with a chorus of inquiries which an unknowing person might have taken as a sign of the high value which my friends place upon my judgment, but modesty forced me to believe that they had failed to extract any satisfaction from each other, and would have welcomed any fool in the same manner.

Of course I knew what it was all about; nothing but a rumour of increased pay could raise such excitement, so I prepared to justify the temporary trust which had been accorded me.

"Will it benefit us?" was the most insistent question, and I endeavoured to answer it.

"Well it seems to affect us, although it may not benefit us."

In military parlance, my remark "caused it," but when the chorus died down I could hear the end of the corporal's soliloquoy —

"I know it will not affect us, an' if it does it'll be an 'Irishman's rise'; but not for me, mind you, for I'll get the four-bob rate, but some of the Young Soldiers will cheer when they find that their perisain' increase is antedated — they're getting three-bob-a-day just now, but they'll only get two-and-nine when the 'increase' comes — huh! they'll be about umpteen quid in debt."

An immediate protesting crescendo rose from the junior element of the chorus, above which could be heard sarcastic remarks regarding the personal appearance of a certain corporal whose self-esteem immeasurably exceeded his true value.

From this point the conversation assumed an entirely new aspect, the company separating into three parties, Neutrals, the Corporal, and the Juniors, and the subjects of discussion covered a wide area, comprising unmerited promotions, unwarranted sizes in hats, the ultra-alcoholic tendencies of the natives of certain unsavoury districts of London, until the sentiments expressed so far exceeded the license of legitimate argument that the Corporal found it necessary to stop the discussion by stern references to "clink."

His threats proved effective and the noise gave way to brooding silence, while once again our thoughts centred upon increased pay, so that Private Mulligan entered and took advantage of the silence to remark:—

"I suppose ye've heard about this extra pay?"

"I believe I did hear something of it!" admitted the Corporal, breathing hard.

"Well, it doesn't apply to the Rhine Army, at all," said Mulligan with an air of certainty. "I've just been speaking to the Colonel's batman."

Now we know!

RAS.

CHANGES.

The war has been responsible for many changes: that cannot be denied. Changes that when considered from a pre-war standpoint, are appalling. Changes in taste, changes in dress, changes in habit, changes in ways, changes of opinion; in fact changes in everything.

The youth for instance, who before coming to France had scarcely a serious thought, is now a comparatively old man. In many a young man's head resides an elderly and conventional mind.

Before the war we were apt to hesitate before going out into the rain. If through a very urgent necessity we were forced to face the inclement elements, how long did we spend in deciding which were our thickest pair of boots? At the journey's end, a complete change was the immediate consideration.

How differently we look upon a storm now. Perhaps we think of the nights we've spent in utter darkness with a small waterproof sheet as our only protection against the pouring rain. We think perhaps of the occasions when the rain has accumulated to such an extent on our "bivvy" sheets to bring them down on top of us by sheer weight of water.

We may have been "fed up" but it has taught us to disdain mere nature's attempt to daunt us. Who can say that we do not look back upon such nights and not experience a slight tinge of excitement.—Added to the force of nature perhaps were the efforts of H.E., both treated with the same disdain. Shall we ever condescend to carry an umbrella again? I wonder.

I think too there is a change in the way in which the people at home regard us. This was clearly demonstrated at a dance I happened to attend, when last at home on leave.

My friend Jones looked very depressed while the all too vigorous Jazz band was playing. "What's the matter?" I asked. "Don't know quite" he replied "but I suppose I belong to a class. That vast class that although they didn't shirk, for one good reason or another, stayed at home." "My dear chap", I said, "You don't mind what people say do you?" (I knew why Jones had stayed at home).

He ignored my remark and went on. "See that couple over there." I looked. "An engaged couple"? I ventured. "Engaged! No! They've been married eight years. Only, ... he's been to the front." "And he's come back." "Do you think that if I danced with my wife to-night she would wear that same look of ecstacy as in that girl's eyes." "We haven't been separated for four years." "We can't enjoy the reunion — the second honeymoon....." "How I envy them", he murmured as he turned away.

Another vast change, the way in which we receive news. Items that would have caused excitement (and rightly so) in the old days are now quietly received without a movement. We have learned to accept the inevitable. Things that made us feel almost morbid raise a laugh now, An incident that would have from its pathetic side called attention is turned into comedy. This has not however unbalanced our sense of justice.

Consider for one moment how differently we would now accept the words—so dreaded from the employer—"You're discharged"! ..... There has certainly been a change.

S.V.B.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

AN IMPROVEMENT.

Sir,—One thing has struck me as to the reading room at the Cologne Officers' Club. There is not a sufficient variety of papers there. Now, without incurring any extra expense this could be remedied.

I notice that of several papers such as "Engineering" and others, there are three or four copies provided. The number is excessive: and if instead of so many of one journal the money was spread over several separate papers there would be a greater variety of reading. Will the management take this well meant hint?

COLONEL X.

MORE ON RHINELAND TRAMS.

Sir,—I cannot agree with "Tramway Engineer" when he says that the L.C.C. bogie tramcars carry more passengers than the three-car services of Cologne. I am not thinking of the larger Pullman cars when I say that most of the cars in Cologne have seating accommodation for twent-yeight and standing room for fifteen more, which makes a total of 129 on the three cars. I don't think that the L.C.C. cars carry more than eighty, thus leaving a good margin for standing assengers allowed during the war. In addition, I think that the Cologne system of allowing passengers to enter and leave the car at either end is a distinct saving of time, and after all what else are trams for, at any rate for most?

EIFELTOR.

A WAYFARER'S WAIL.

Sir,—Not being fortunate enough to belong to a unit entitled to a motor car, I have recently, on more than one occasion, been forced to perform a considerable portion of my journey to and from race meetings, and to-day the polo tournament, on my feet.

On all these occasions my objective was obvious yet not once did any occupant of a partly filled car have the courtesy to offer a lift to me or, as far as I could see, to any other similarly situated pedestrian.

Cars flashed by every few seconds, and many of them were only partly filled. I really do think that those who are fortunate enough to have motor cars at their disposal, might show a little more courtesy and consideration to their less fortunate brethren in other branches of the service.

WAYFARER.

THE TOTALIZATOR.

Sir,—I cannot help feeling that much of the dead-set against this method of betting at races is due to mere prejudice. People oppose the system because it is unusual to them.

There can be no two opinions I should have thought, as to its absolute fairness. You get the exact odds which you never do from a bookie, and the only disadvantage I can see is that you can't know beforehand what those odds are.

But why worry? If you back an outsider which gets home, you generally have a pleasant surprise in the shape of unexpectedly large winnings.

Every country has adopted the totalizator except Great Britain, and to criticise it unfavourably only displays insular prejudice and must I say it?—ignorance.

TOTO.

THAT COUNTRY CLUB.

Sir,—I see it is suggested that a country club should be started outside Cologne. Well, I have no doubt that after getting as many amusements in the town as the Cologne troops have, some of them get 'fed up' but what about those who are stationed in the quiet villages many miles from the railway who seldom get into Cologne at all? It is we who should receive attention in my opinion. Soldiers in the big towns are well enough off already.

H.B.

ON HANDWRITING.

Sir,—As an enthusiast in the study of penmanship, I have frequently admired the splendidly written notices in the German shopwindows.

In comparison with the slovenly eyesores so often seen in shop windows at home, these German notices attract the immediate attention of passers-by and can be read at a glance.

The cause, I am led to believe, lies in the universal teaching of the Italic style, whereas we English have been in this, as in so many of our educational schemes, led and misguided by cranks, who have brought out and thrust into our schools a host of new styles and methods.

By the time one leaves school, especially if moved a few times from school to school, one has picked up a number of styles all totally different and is in the end unable to "write a decent fist!"

The inevitable result is that nineteen people in every twenty can honestly be classified as fair, poor and bad writers.

Cannot our educational authorities do something to establish a standard type based, say, on the beautiful copperplate of a century ago? We should then get a vast improvement which would go far to reducing the grumbles about lost letters in the Post Office, and indecipherable missives in business and private life.

I have no hesitation in saying our grandparents could write: we can't.

J.K.D.

PEACE HATH —

Plant me on the Field of Mars,
The white sword in my hand,
To live, or die — I care not why!
It is my hearth, my Fatherland!

Accoutre me in sheeted steel,
Or, strip me to the raw —
My helm, my spear, my battle-gear,
They are my roof-tree and my law.

My curses on the puling Peace,
The lily-hand, the lilied plea!
For my right hand's a burning brand!
To battle — 'tis the Life of me!

EUSKIRCHEN.

GATHERING OF CLANS.

1/4th Seaforths Win 3rd Highland Brigade Championship.

BRAWN AND MUSCLE.

Thursday was a great day for the 1/4 Seaforth Highlanders. With comparative ease they got ahead of the two other battalions in the 3rd Highland Brigade and won the championship at the Brigade Sports at Duren. Throughout the afternoon, the sport was refreshingly keen and, by virtue of admirable organisation, perfect time was kept for each event. The weather was ideal and the Germania Sports ground gaily beflagged for the occasion.

An unusual, and certainly most agreeable, feature in the programme was the Highland Dancing Competition. There were only four entries for this, but to the accompaniment of the bag-pipes these contestants performed delightfully. Lieut Craik was in capital running form over long distances. Without much apparent effort he was a fairly easy winner of the half mile, the one mile and the three mile races.

The Band of the 12th (Prince of Wales Royal) Lancers and the Brigade Pipers combined to provide enjoyable music. At the conclusion of the events, Lady Godley gracefully presented the prizes. The Committee was composed as follows:—

President, Brigadier-General A. H. Marindin, C.B., D.S.O.; Members, Lt. Col. W. Green, D.S.O., 6th Royal Highlanders; Lt. Col. V. Fortune, D.S.O., 8th Royal Highlanders; Lt. Col. S. Forbes Sharp, M.C., 1/4th Seaforth Highlanders; Capt. R. R. Marshall, M.C., 3rd High. L.T.M. Battery; Capt. D. McCallum, M.C., Brigade Major, 3rd High. Brigade H. Qrs.

The Results.

Hop, skip and jump:—1, Lce. Cpl. Clarke, 1/4th Seaforths; 2, Lce. Cpl. Blair, ditto; 3, Lt. McAulay, ditto. Distance, 39 ft. 1/2 ins.

High jump:—Lce. Cpl. McNab, 1/4th Seaforths and Pte. Cameron, 6th Royal Highlanders tied. Lt. Masson, 6th R.H. was third.

Piping:—1, Pipe Logie, 1/4th Seaforths; 2, Pipe Munro, ditto; 3, Pipe Maj. Gray, ditto.

100 yards:—1, Pte. Latham, 1/4th Seaforths; 2, Pte McLellan, ditto; 3, Lce. Cpl. Henderson, 6th R.H.

Throwing the hammer:—1, Pte. Gillespie, 6th R.H. (93 ft. 6 ins.); 2, Pte. Milne, 8th R.H.; 3, Sgt. Stalker, 6th R.H.

Officers race:—1, Capt. Grant, 1/4th Seaforths; 2, Capt. Hepburn and Lt. Masson, 6th R.H. dead-heat.

Quarter-mile:—1, Pte. McLellan, 1/4th Seaforths; 2, Lt. Sturton, ditto; 3, Lce. Cpl. Haig, 6th R.H.

Putting the shot:—1, Pipe Bowie, 1/4th Seaforths; 2, Lt. Lindsay, 6th R.H.; 3, C.S.M. Moir, 8th R.H. Distance, 36 ft. 11 ins.

Hurdle race:—1, Lce. Cpl. Clarke, 1/4th Seaforths; 2, Lt. Sturton, ditto; 3, Capt. Grant, ditto. Time 19 and 1/5th secs.

One Mile:—1, Lt. Craik, 6th R.H.; 2, Lt. McRae, 1/4th Seaforths; 3, Pte. O'May, 6th R.H.

Long jump:—1, Lt. McAulay, 1/4th Seaforths; 2, Pte. Turner, 8th R.H.; 3, Lieut. Masson, 6th R.H. Distance 11ft 8ins.

Highland dancing:—1, Pipe Maj. Gray, 1/4th Seaforths; 2, Lce. Cpl. Robertson, ditto; 3, Piper Bowie, ditto.

Half mile:—1, Lt. Craik, 6th R.H.; 2, Lt. McRae; 3, Pte. Quinlan, 6th R.H. Time 2 mins. 21 secs.

Tossing the caber:—1, Pte. Gillepsie; 2, Pte. Milne; 3, S/t. McDonald, 1/4th Seaforths.

All ranks relay:—1, 6th R.H.; 2, 1/4th Seaforths; 3, 8th R.H.

Obstacle race (open):—1, Pte. Turner, 62nd M.G.C.; 2, Pte. Hamilton, ditto; 3, Pte. Henderson, 1/4th Seaforths.

Tug-of-war, 100 stone:—1, 6th R.H.; 2, 8th R.H.

Three mile:—1, Lt. Craik; 2, Lce. Cpl. Smith, 8th R.H.; 3, Lt. McRae. Time 18 mins. 25 2/5 secs.

Relay race:—1, 1/4th Seaforths; 2, 6th Royal Highlanders.

Tug-of-war (Catchweights):—1, 6th R.H.; 2, 1/4th Seaforths.

Football (5 a side):—1/4th Seaforths beat 6th R.H.

Champion battalion:—1, 1/4 Seaforths, 45 points; 2, 6th R.H. 36.

AQUATIC SPORTS.

3rd Western Infantry Brigade Programme At Bonn.

These sports were held at Arloff on Tuesday and Wednesday. Two afternoons' excellent sports were witnessed by a large number of men from all the three Batteries in the Brigade. The swimming events were keenly contested, and the water polo games well fought out.

The Relay Race provided a very stiff and exciting finish the 51st S.W.B. just winning by a few feet, from the 53rd S.W.B.

Brig.-General Bowley was an interested spectator on both days, and at the end of the events presented the prizes.

The 53rd S.W.B. by winning the greatest number of points at both the swimming events and the Water polo, put themselves well up on the Brigade Skill at all Sports Champions hip.

Results Of Events.

100 yards (Bde):—1. L/Cpl. Hartley 51st Bn.; 2. Lieut. M. Mason, 53rd Bn.; 3. Pte. Mimmack 52nd.

100 yards (Div.):—1. B.S.M. Johnson.

High Dive (Bde.):—1. Pte. Hartgen, 52nd; 2 Pte. Harold, 53rd; 3. Pte. Stones, 51st.

200 yards (Bde.):—1. L/Cpl. Coates, 51st; 2. Cpl. Lonnon, 53rd; 3. Pte. Davies, 52nd.

Standing Plunge (Bde.):—1. Lieut.-Col. Corp, 53rd; 2. Pte. Hartgen, 52nd; 3. Pte. Stones, 51st.

400 yards (Bde.):—1. Pte. Harold 53rd; 2. L/Cpl. Coates, 51st; 3. Sergt. Blaymires, 53rd.

400 yards Relay Race (Bde.):—1. 53rd S.W.B.; 2. 51st S.W.B.; 3. 52nd S.W.B.

Total of points gained: 53rd S.W.B. 16 points; 51st S.W.B. 12 points; 52nd S.W.B. 8 points.

Water Polo Results.

53rd S.W.B. 2 goals; 52nd S.W.B. nil; 53rd S.W.B. 2 goals; 51st S.W.B. nil; 51st S.W.B. 1 goal; 53rd S.W.B. nil.

INTER-LEAGUE MATCHES.

At a meeting of the Irish Football League, held in Belfast, the request of the English League to play the Inter-League match in November in England, preferably at Liverpool or Manchester, instead of in Ireland, was acceded to by the Irish League.

The application of the Southern League to play the Inter-League match in October in Belfast instead of in Dublin was refused.

It was agreed that the Inter-League match with Scotland on Oct. 4 should take place in Ireland instead of in Scotland.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday, August 9, 1919.

Surface wind light and variable. Misty in the early morning; fair and warm in the day with good visibility.

BRIGHTON RACES.

Shatwell's Leg Broken at Thursday's Meeting.

KICKED BY HORSE.

Appended are the results of the races at Brighton on Thursday, where an unfortunate accident befell Shatwell the jockey. In the Brighton Handicap he was the rider of Clapgate and was kicked by another horse, his leg being broken.

Brookside Plate:—1, Marceline (100—30); 2, Primevere (20—1); 3, Sunbird (9—4).

Worthing Plate:—1, Phalonic (9—4); 2, Walpole (1—1); 3, John Chinaman (11—8).

Bromber Plate:—1, Primrose (5—4 on); 2, Promoter (8—1); 3, Ambassadress (9—2)

Brighton Handicap:—1, Zulanda (13—8); 2, Starshot (7—1); 3, Brigand (7—1).

Southdown Plate:—1, Exford (5—4 on); 2, Sabian (5—1); 3, Burley (7—2).

Cliftonville Plate:—1, Welsh Woman (6—1); 2, Like Magic (2—1); 3, Daniella (evens.)

HORSES, MULES AND LIMBERS.

12th Royal Irish Rifles Transport Show And Gymkhana.

A most interesting show was presented to the battalion by their transport last week-end, at the battalion recreation grounds. The meeting was honoured by the attendance of Brig.-General R. A. M. Currie, C.M.G., D.S.O. The large company present was greatly impressed by the fine turn out of the horses, mules and limbers, etc., and highly interested and amused by the gymkhana events. The judges were Major Peatfield, 9th London Regt., and Lieut. Norton, No. 2 Coy A.S.C. Light Division Train, who greatly praised all concerned. At the conclusion of a most successful day, prizes were distributed by Lieut.-Col. W. R. Goodwin, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Transport Competition Results.

The following are the prizewinners:—

Best turned out heavy draught horses with harness:—Rfn. T. G. Montgomery.

Best turned out light draught mules with harness:—Rfn. J. Clements.

Best turned out pack animals (loaded):—Rfn. W. H. Simmonds.

Best turned out chargers ridden by grooms:—Rfn. T. H. Richmond.

Driving competition (between pegs):—Rfn. W. T. Bridgeman.

Bareback race for mules, ridden by officers and O.R.'s:—Sgt. W. Dunne.

V. C. Race, horses (officers):—1, Lieut.-Col. W. R. Goodwin, C.M.G., D.S.O., 2, Capt. C. Holmes, M.C.

V. C. Race, Mules (O.R.'s):— Rfn. F. G. Pecketts.

CAPT BOOTH IN FORM.

Takes chief honours in 63rd. Brigade, R.G.A., Sport.

A very successful Sports Meeting was held on Tuesday at Dunnwald in fine weather. Some keen finishes were witnessed by a large and appreciative crowd. The comic element was ably supplied by members of different Batteries.

The band of the Devons discoursed suitable selections, especially when two of the old Brigade Headquarters Staff were coming in first and second in the 3 Mile event, viz; "The Boys of the Old Brigade."

The following is the list of events and winners:—100 Yards—1. Sergt. Whetlor, H.Q.; 2. Bdr. Leigh, 127 H. B.; 3. Pte. Snowdon, 127 H. B.—Putting the Shot, 1. Ftr./S/Sgt. Arnott, 119 H. B.; 2. Sharples, 119 H. B.; 3. Pnr. Whistler, H.Q.—220 Yards: 1. Sergt. Whetlor; 2. Bdr. Leigh, 127 H.B., 3. Cpl. R. Shepherd, H. Q. Throwing the Cricket Ball: 1. Gnr. Burgess, 443 S. B.; 2. Bdr. Badby, 127 H. B.; 3rd. Lieut. Swan, 119 H. B.

440 Yards: 1. Bdr. Leigh, 127 H. B.; 2. Williams, 127 H. B.; 3. Gnr. Hislop, 443 S.B. 1 Mile: 1. Sergt. Young, H Q.; 2. L.Cpl. Lindsay, 119 H.B.; 3. Reece, 119 H. B.; 4. Shaw, 127 H. B. Long Jump: 1. Cpl. Wicks, 127 H. B.; 2. Capt. A. J. Booth, 127 H. B.; 3. Sergt. Lucas, 443 S. B. 1 2 Mile: 1. Capt. A. J. Booth; 2. Sergt. Young; 3. Scot, 119 H. B.

High Jump: 1. Capt; Booth; 2. Spr. T. L. Shepherd; 3. Bdr. Leigh 120 Yards, Hurdles: 1. Capt. A. J. Booth; 2. Sergt. Lucas; 3. Spr. T. Shepherd. One Mile Relay, H. Q. Team; 2. 443 S. B.; 3. 127 H. B.

Three Miles, 1. Sergt. Young; 2. Spr. Barnwell, H. Q.; 3. Garner, 420 S. B.; 4. Dipple, 119 H.B. Bandsman's Race: 1. Bestent; 2. Rayner; 3. Massey. Comic Race: Walker, 420 S. B.; 2. Bush, 137 H. B.; 3. Howarth, 127 H. B.

Tug-of-War, (final) 127 H. B., beat Brigade H. Q.

Summary of points:—127 H. B., 32 Pts; H. Q., 29 Pts.

119 H. B. 13 Pts. 443 S. B. 9 Pts. 420 S. B. 2 Pts.

The prizes were presented by the O.C., Brigade, Lt. Col., J. D. Sherer, C.M.G., D. S. O., R. G. A.

C.P.C. FINALS.

Leading Team In Each of the Leagues To Play.

DATE AND VENUE LATER.

It has been decided that the leading team in each league is to play for the "C.P." Cup. In the first round there will be three matches (one team being a bye). Then the four teams remaining will contest for entrance into the final. The matches will be played in Cologne, date and ground to be announced later.

22th BN. M.G.C. (222) v 420 SIEGE BTY. (22) at Dabringhausen. For the M.G. Bn. Lieut. Astill made 131, and took 6 wickets for 7 runs. Capt. Morris made 51, and Lieut. Archibald 15 not out.

2nd BN. M.G.C. (134) v 5th R. IRISH REGT. (102) at Solingen. For M.G.C., Sgt. Mitchell scored 45 and took 7 wickets for 24 runs; Pte. Lee made 30 and Pte. Stratton 17.

77 SIEGE BTY. (59) v 21 BDE., R.G.A. (32) at Godesberg. For 77 Siege Bty., Gnr. Hirst batted excellently although only scoring 16 not out. Capt. Barrow bowled well for 21 Bde., taking 6 wickets for 13.

9th D.L.I. (79) v A.A. SEARCHLIGHT SECTION R.E. (28) at Riesl. For the Durhams, Pte. Brearley scored 35 and Pte. King took 4 wickets for 11 runs.

145 SIEGE BTY. R.G.A. (54 for 2) v. 16 FIELD AMB. (52) at Zanpech. For the 145 S.B. Cpl. Burden (26 not out) and Gnr. Harcombe (18) were top scorers.

E CORPS SIGNALS (130 for 6) v. 16th FIELD AMB. (39) at Euskirchen. For Signals Boddy and McDonald took 5 for 14, and 5 for 17 respectively.

OTHER RESULTS.

4th Sussex, 51 for 4; Army H.Q. Sigs., 21.
52 Bedfords (102 v. 3rd M.G.C. (98) at Riehl.
53 Northumberland Fus., 133; 2 Water Tank Coy. 61.
1 t Western T.M.B., 48; 303 Siege Bty., 37.
41st Bn. M.G.C., 69 for 3; 51st Devons 67.

SOLINGEN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	Pts.
51 Hants	9	7	2	14§
Lowland Div. M.T. Coy.	8	6	2	12§
63 Field Coy.	7	5	2	10+
64 Field Coy.	7	5	2	10§
1/5 K.O.S.B.	5	4	1	8§
Southern Div. R.E.	6	3	3	6§
83 (Dub) Gen. Hosp.	6	2	4	4§
15 H.L.I.	5	2	3	4§
90 Field Coy. R.E.	5	2	3	4+
Lowland D.A.C.	4	1	3	2§
11 R. Scots	3	1	2	2§

DUREN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
153 Siege Bty.	14	13	1		26§
D. Corps Siege Park	13	11	0	2	24§
15 Hussars	13	10	2	1	21§+
Light Div. H.Q.	14	9	5		18§
IV Corps Troops M.T. Coy.	12	9	3		18§
14 N. Mid. Hvy. Bty.	11	9	2		18§
3 K.O. Hussars	14	8	5	1	17§
D. Corps Sig. Co.	13	6	7		12§
No. 1 Lt. Rly. Sig. Co.	13	6	7		12§
"O" Bty. Rocket Troops	12	6	6		12§
183 Siege Bty.	11	6	5		12§+
310 Bde. R.F.A.	8	6	2		12§
51 Sherwood For.	8	4	4		8§+

Note:—62nd M.G.C. have withdrawn.
§ Points awarded for scratched matches.
+ Games lost by default.

CRICKET AT ZUNDORF.

An interesting cricket match was played at 31 D.A.C. Headquarters Camp on Tuesday between No. 1 Section D.A.C., Eastern Division, and Headquarters. No. 1 had the first innings and made a weak stand against the bowling of Wahnley and Clothier. Their score only totalled 26. Headquarters made a splendid stand at the beginning, Q.M.S. Edwards making a splendid score of 27 and Clothier 17.

BOXERS AND THEIR PRICE.

The special contest at the Ring the other day was of 20 three-minute rounds between Eddie Feathers, of Haslingden, and Jack Blumenfeld, of Islington. For nine rounds clean deliveries were given by both. It was obvious, however, that neither man displayed his best form, and the referee, Mr. Moss Deyong, ruled both men out, and declared "No contest." It is learned that the management, who desire that boxers should box up to their abilities, have decided not to pay the men any fee other than that of out-of-pocket expenses.

Friendly Football.

"B" Bty 245th Bde (W.R.) R.F.A. (T) gave their neighbours "C" Bty a severe trouncing at Solingen on Sunday afternoon. The former outplayed their opponents from the commencement and during first half they penetrated "C" Battery's defence four times, Scott and Paterson dividing the honours equally between them. The second half was barren of scoring, the result being four goals to nil in favour of "B" Battery.

Templeman to Revisit India.

Arrangements have been made for Fred Templeman to pay another visit to India during the coming winter.

THE SCOOTER MOTOR.

Latest Development Of British Motor Industry.

500 PER WEEK OUTPUT.

The scooter has now been brought to such a stage of practical perfection by the utilisation of a little motor and the installation of a comfortable "pan" seat that thousands of these machines have been ordered and are now in process of manufacture. In an establishment at Cowes the output will soon reach 500 a week, and by the end of 1920 the makers hope to have 20,000 on the road.

One such machine, it may be recalled, accompanied the motor cyclists on the recent test from London to Edinburgh, finishing the journey without mishap. More recently a well-known motorist covered nearly 170 miles on a motor scooter in a 12-hour night run from London to Yorkshire, the average speed being nearly 15 miles an hour. The maximum speed is about 20 miles an hour, and it has proved to be an excellent hill-climber

Fool-Proof.

There are no complicated controls or complex engines to embarrass the rider without mechanical knowledge. And the engine, completely enclosed, is away behind the rider, where smell and oil splashes cannot prove offensive.

Tried on greasy roads, the scooter motor behaves well. The tyres are heavily studded, and, the weight being near the ground, there is no tendency to skid.

On an uneven road, too, the vibration, even at fifteen miles an hour, is taken by rubber buffers under the footboard.

FRIENDLY RIVALRY.

Keen Spirit in "M" Anti-Aircraft Battery Sports.

The sports of "M" Anti-Aircraft Battery were held on Monday on the grounds of the battery camp, Fort Deckstein, Lindenthal. Glorious weather and a keen friendly rivalry between sections resulted in a good afternoon's sport. A totalizator, run by Lieut. Bond, gave great satisfaction, being generously patronized.

The prizes were presented at the close by Lt.-Col. Mortimer, D.S.O. who, in reply to a vote of thanks proposed by Major Martin D.S.O., the O.C. of the Battery, said that the spirit exhibited by the various competitors was well worthy of the spirit that led to the signing of the armistice.

Following are the results:—

100 yds. scratch race:—1, Lt. Garland; 2, Lt. Mitchell.

120 yds. hurdle race:—1, Lt. Mitchell; 2, Gnr. Adams.

220 yds. handicap:—1, Lt. Mitchell; 2, Bdr. Mason.

One mile scratch:—1, Cpl. Evans; 2, Gnr Killick.

High jump:—1, Lt. Mitchell; 2, Gnr. Adams.

Long jump:—1, Gnr. Farrington; 2, Cpl. McLaughlin.

Obstacle race:—1, Lt. Mitchell, 2, Sgt. Walters.

Slow bicycle race:—1, Gnr. Fleet; 2, Pte. Waters.

Sack race:—1, Gnr. Laycock; 2, Gnr. Bouch.

Three-legged race:—1, Gnr. Partridge and Gnr. Bouch; 2, Bdr. Dowrick and Sig. Farrington.

Wheelbarrow race:—1, Gnr. Leaver and Gnr. Rix; 2, Gnr. Killick and Gnr. Blenkarn.

Throwing cricket ball:—1, Gnr. Barnett; 2, Gnr. Adams.

Kicking the football:—1, Bdr. Laycock; 2, Pte. Fitton.

Tug-of-War:—1, A.S.C.; 2, 128 Sec.

Relay race:—1, 84 Sec.; 2, 87 Sec.

Alarm stakes:—1, 87 Sec.; 2, 84 Sec.

Officers 100 yds. scratch:—1, Lt. Mitchell; 2, Lt. Garland.

CRICKET FRIENDLIES.

152 Heavy Battery R.G.A.

The first of a series of section matches was played on Tuesday at Godesberg, between the Regt. section and O.P. The former turned out easy winners with a score of 114 against 36. Sgt. Woodcock for the winners scored the useful total of 36, Gnrs. Gott and Schofield 18 and 16 respectively.

267th Siege Bty v O. M. Workshop. O.M.W. batted first and were dismissed for 15 runs, Gnr. King of 267 bowling magnificently and taking 7 wickets for 8 runs. A remarkable innings then followed for 267, 7 of their wickets falling for 1 run. Bdr. Brown and Gnrs. Sells and Time however finished the innings for 27 runs, leaving 267 winners by 12 runs. For the losers Jilberds and Mallard bowled well taking 5 for 14 and 5 for 12 respectively.

5th Labour Coy 69 (Ewen 30, Brown 13 not out) v 69th Aux Steam Coy 53 (Trengrove 13, Thompson 10). Bowling for 5th Fish took 5 wickets for 26 runs, and Hadden 3 for 21. For 69th Lieut. Heaven took 5 wickets for 24, and Tomlinson 3 for 35.

BLACK SEA ATHLETES.

Applegarth in Team for Army Championships.

READY FOR ALDERSHOT.

The team from the Army of the Black Sea for the Army Athletic championship at Aldershot on August 28 and 29 have arrived at Aldershot. They are in charge of Lieut. H. Goad, 10th Devon Regt., and Sgt. W. R. Applegarth, the world's 100 yds champion, is included in the team. He did not however, journey to Aldershot, as he has been granted leave to visit his home.

ALARM RACE.

Interesting Event in 74th Brigade R.F.A. Sports Meeting.

The 74th Bde. R.F.A. sports meeting at Weiden was most ably organized by a committee composed of Major D. R. Macdonald, D.S.O., M.C., Capt. D. A. Charlesworth, Lieut. D. S. Murray, M.C., Lieut. A. O. Knight, 2 Lieut. J. H. Holden, Sgt. Morgan, Sgt. Yates, Cpl. Goldsmith, and Sgt. Smith. Great credit is due to Lieut. Schneider for his most excellent organization of the refreshment arrangements.

The judges were Brig.-General I. G. Rotton, C.B., C.M.G., and Lieut.-Col. H. O. Hutchinson, D.S.O., M.C.

The first day's events were as follows:—

High jump:—1, Gnr. Ringer; 2, Cpl. Salter, 4 ft. 9 ins.

Throwing the cricket ball:—1, Dvr. Taylor; 2, Dvr. Prosser, 93 yds.

V. C. race:—1, Cpl. Fordyce; 2, Sgt. Murray.

W.O. and Sgts. jumping:—1, B.S.M. McGregor; 2, R.S.M. Ford.

Quarter mile:—1, Gnr. Smith; 2, Gnr. Ringer; 3, Gnr. Macdonell. Time 1 min. 6 secs.

Boot race:—1, Dvr. Prosser; 2, Gnr. Gascoigne.

Half section (jumping):—1, B.S.M. Bowman and Farr Sgt. Kirk.

1 mile:—1, Sgt. Yates; 2, Gnr. Macdonell.

Tilting the bucket:—1, Bdr. Morgan; 2, Bdr. Greams.

3 legged race:—1, Cpl. Goldsmith; 2, Dvr. Prosser.

Musical chairs on mules:—1, Sgt. Poole; 2, Dvr. Davey.

Relay race:—1, B/75; 2, D/75; 3, B/74.

Tent pegging:—1, Sgt. Merritt; 2, Bdr. Hugget, 75th Bde.

Old soldiers race:—1, R.S.M. Ford; 2, B.Q.M.S. Harkness.

Alarm race. This proved the most exciting and interesting event on the programme. One gun from each battery in the Brigade drove on to the ground; horses were unhooked, unharnessed, and chained to the wheels. Harness was then placed on the ground and puttees, spurs, and bandoliers were taken off. On the Alarm being sounded, the teams were harnessed up, hooked in, and each gun galloped off, came into action, and fired a blank round on a prearranged target.

The first two guns to fire were A Battery 4 min. 59 secs., and B Battery 5 mins. During the judging there was much speculation as to the winner, however, B Battery's turn-out was so excellent that it won easily.

Second Day's Results.

The second day's events were witnessed by an even larger gathering than that of the previous day.

The visitors included Major-General A. A. Kennedy, C.M.G., Lieut.-Col. Carrington, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Col. Ashwandon, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Col. Oddie, D.S.O., T.D.; Major Ritchie, Major Jacks, M.C., and Major Price Williams, D.S.O., M.C. During the afternoon the band of the 1/6th West Yorks (by kind permission of the Officer Commanding) played popular selections, adding much to the afternoon's enjoyment.

The results of the second day were as follows:—

Long jump:—1, Bdr. Field; 2, Cpl. Goldsmith, 16 ft. 9 3/4 ins.

Wheelbarrow race:—1, Sig. Homer and Gnr. Marlow; 2, Dvr. Jenkins and Dvr. Barns.

Officer's jumping:—1, Lt. Travers C/74; 2, 2/Lt. Potts A 74.

100 yds.:—1, Bdr. Painter B/75; 2, Sig. Bamford D/75; 3, Gnr. Smith C/74. 11 1/5 secs.

Sack race:—1, Dvr. McIrraith; 2, Dvr. Deebanks.

N.C.O.'s and men's jumping:—1, Gnr. Bonsfield; 2, Dvr. Eavers; 3, Dvr. Bunock.

Half mile:—1, Sig. Pant B/75; 2, Gnr. Mathews B/74.

Wrestling on horseback:—D 74.

Pillow fight on greasy pole:—1, Sgt. Yates; 2, Bdr. Morgan.

Driving competition:—1, D/74. (Medals presented by Lieut.-Col. F.G. West, D.S.O.).

Tug-of-war:—C/74.

All ranks relay race:—A/74.

Led horse jumping:—1, Dvr. Pratten; 2, Dvr. Dickson.

Band race:—1, Pte. Butter, 1/6 West Yorks; 2, Cpl. Turner, 1/6 West Yorks.

At the conclusion of the afternoon's programme, the medals and prizes were presented by the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. F.G. West, D.S.O. Three cheers and "God save the King" terminated a most successful meeting.

ENGLISH CRICKET RESULTS.

Warner's XI 141 and 357 for six declared; Public Schools 221 and 215 for six. Match drawn.

Hampshire (387 for eight, declared, and 59) beat Gloster (185 and 257) by ten wickets.

Australians 198; Kent 142 for six.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

"The Crumps" at Bonn.

"The Crumps" are this week presenting a new programme at Bonn to full houses. The song "The Heart of Lancashire", splendidly rendered by Tom Walsh was greatly appreciated by the audience, as also was the Lancashire dialect and gags of Folie de Nache. Other excellent numbers were those of Ted Noody, W. Lamb, T. Fenwick, and A. Watkins, while the character studies of Fred Fryer were much enjoyed. Harry Harris as "Dora" and T. Whetten as "Tina" make two splendid girls while the latter used "her" falsetto voice with great effect in the quartette singing which is a feature of the show. A splendid farce entitled "The green-eyed Lobsters" was well played by T. Fenwick, (the husband), T. Whetten (the wife), Harry Harris, (the maid), and Billy Coole, (the butler). The orchestra under Harry Loveday contributed to the success of the programme, the whole performance being under the direction of Lieut. J. W. Knight. "The Crumps" hope shortly to return to Cologne with an entirely new programme.

"The Rascals".

I went down to Horrem the other evening to see "The Rascals," the new Cavalry Division M. T. Coy Party. Knowing too well the inconvenience and uncommodiousness of provincial concert halls, I was surprised to find the arrangements really tip-top. The staging was good; the lighting effects charming; and — much credit due to the Bandmaster — the 10th Hussars band played excellently throughout the evening. The scenes are all more or less Bohemian. Gnr. Jack Knight (late of the Welsh Wails) as the waiter and as a man about town was a big favourite with the audience, his mannerisms and humour being quite spontaneous. Sgt. Lander, also playing in the caste, superintended the Lmelights.

Some Variety.

Although amateur (with the sole exception of Jack Knight) and obviously new to the glare of the footlights, "The Rascals" are a party of promise. The four "girls" fulfil their parts admirably — 2/Lieut. Dobson and Pte. Patterson being especially good. Pte. Brown scored a distinct success with "Darktown Strutters' Ball", his dancing, in keeping with a suitable voice, calling for much applause. Cpl. Taylor and Pte. Hart are two capable vocalists. Despite a little nervousness which experience will overcome, Rfm. Waller sang well in the tableaux numbers. Pte. Pearce, elocutionist, Pte. Mitchell, a clever ventriloquist; Sergt. Lander (one of the "girls"); and Sergt. Want complete the party. If you are ever in Horrem you should certainly pay "The Rascals" a visit.

Gunners at Song.

The 74th Bde. R.F.A. held a very successful concert at Weiden on Thursday. The Sanct Florian Hall was filled to overflowing and much credit is due to Lieut. Murray and Lieut. Eyre for their excellent advertising and stage management. Sergt. Barker opened the programme by giving a selection of popular airs. Dvr. Marsh then gave "Where did that one go to 'Erbert", followed by "Kashmire Song", and "Less than the Dust" by Dr. Marfield. Bdr. Griffiths of C/75 then gave one of his comic songs, producing a continuous roar of laughter. A duet "The Moon hath Raised" was rendered by Cpl. Moore and Dvr. Hayes, who also gave "Tenor and Baritone". Humorous songs by Cpl. Briggs and Bdr. Ives were very good, as was the rendering of "Take a pair of sparkling eyes" by Fitter S/Sergt. Rice. Dvr. Baldwin sang "Tony the Swiss Mountaineer", and Lieut. Eyre gave "The Cobbler's Song" from Chu Chin Chow. A Comic Interlude by "Griffiths and Waddell" brought to an end a very enjoyable evening. Next Friday, Miss Ada Moore of the British Empire Leave Club is giving the Brigade a concert in the same hall.

"The Dacoits."

A very enjoyable concert heralded the debut of "The Dacoits," a new musical party at Lülsdorf, on Monday evening. The hall was packed by an appreciative audience and the fare served up was of a kind that delighted all. In picturesque garb the party opened with a rollicking musical number and thereafter the entertainment went with a swing which was delightful. Songs by Lieut. Chaldicott, Drivers Kirk and George, and Gunners Winter, Hughes, and Hawkins were rendered with taste. Lieut. Chaldicott was particularly goad in "Maryland" while Gunner Hughes' rendering of "The Waggle o' the Kilt" was like a waft from Scotia's hills. Driver Kirk, as a parson with songs and patter, made a clever character study. Several sketches were submitted, the best of these being "The Burglars," and "A parcel from Blighty." A real Jazz chorus and dance completed a tip-top programme.

Another "Fancies" Troop.

A correspondent signing himself "Pater" writes as follows:— "It may interest the "Fancies" to know that a troupe of talented children played under that name for charitable purposes in London from 1911 to 1916. These children now grown up, have recently reconstituted their party and have come up under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A., beginning their tour at Malmedy on Monday August 4th. Of the party three are students of the Royal Academy of Music, two of them being scholars".

Leave Club Programme.

On Sunday, the Rev. C.E. Wheeler will hold a chat in the writing room from 5-6 and there will be a Concert in the hall at 7.30 by the band of the 5th South Staffords. An impromptu Concert will be held in the music room at 5 p.m. on Monday, followed by a practice Dance in the theatre at 7 p.m. On Tuesday there will be a dancing class in the music room at 5 p.m. and "The Tonics" concert party will give a concert at 7.30 in the theatre. On Wednesday, August 12th there will be an impromptu concert at 5 p.m. followed by a dance at 7 p.m. at which the band of the 9th East Surreys will play.

In few words.

At the weekly whist drive held at the British Empire Leave Club, the room was again very full and every table occupied. Lt. Vernon presided while Pte. Beale and Pte. Duffy again acted as M.Cs.

JACQUES.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Signed Amateur Form.
Chas Hollows, the Lancashire County cricketer, has signed an amateur form for Bury Football Club.

100 Pedal Bikes.
The Disposal Board of the Ministry of Munitions offers 1,000 pedal bicycles for sale, without reserve, at the Agricultural Hall, on yesterday.

"Aussies" v. S. of England.
The Australians' match at Portsmouth on September 4, 5 and 6 will now be against the South of England and not Hampshire, as was previously arranged.

Leading Cricketers.
Hendren, of Middlesex, remains at the head of the first-class batting averages with figures of 85.07 for 19 innings (five not out). Woolley, of Kent, stands first in the bowling averages with 82 wickets at a cost per wicket of 13.26.

Crystal Palace F.C.
Mr. E. Goodman, the Crystal Palace F.C. manager, has engaged the following professionals:—Goal, J. Alderson; backs, J. Grainger (Aston Villa), J. Alcock (Walsall), J. Little, and E. Rhodes; halfbacks, A. Feebury, J. Hughes, R. Cracknell, P. Bates, and S. Isler; forwards, J. Bateman, C. Smith, E. Smith, W. Middleton, J. Whibley, and J. Conner (Sunderland and Belfast Distillery).

Millwall F.C.
All the players of the Millwall Football Club have been called up, and practice began at the Den, New Cross, on Tuesday.

Brighton Record.
Never before has there been such a concourse of people on the Brighton racecourse as assembled this week. All records were smashed.

Golfing Etiquette.
There is hardly any sport so rich in points of etiquette as golf, and many girls—and men—when they begin to play run the risk of getting into great disfavour at their clubs.

Ex-Service Men's Sports.
A sports meeting in connection with the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers will be held at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday and Thursday, September 17 and 18.

Plymouth Satisfied.
Much satisfaction is felt in Plymouth at the fact that F. Craig, the Argyle's pre-war goalkeeper, has been signed on. The club will give a trial to a new custodian named Roadley.

Tapes Broken.
Owing to unruly horses, the tapes were twice broken before the real start for the Marine Plate at Brighton. The Plough and Lady Sibell suffered most in these false beginnings.

Saintly Sinner.
Those who backed Saintly Sinner thought him more of a Saint and those who backed the second thought him more of a Sinner.

Dempsey on Himself.
"Believe me, they will have to knock me cold to take my title away from me," said Jack Dempsey to an interviewer last week.

Increasing Weight.
Owing to increasing weight, Percy Allden is unable to ride on the flat, but he will be seen over hurdles next season. His father is a popular member of Tattersalls.

1557 Runs.
Hobbs has scored 1,557 runs in first-class cricket, with an average of 56.32. Ducat, the other Surrey man, stands second to Hendren with 1,407 runs and an average of 67.

A Rhineland Boxer.
Jack Worman, who threw out a challenge to the Rhine Army for the light-weight Boxing Championship is training hard every day still, and is in good form.

Epsom-by-the-Sea.
A miniature Epsom-by-the-Sea! There could be no truer description of Brighton races. The veteran Mr. H. M. Dorling holds autocratic sway at both Epsom and Brighton.

Down Under.
Three runners who fought at Gallipoli filled the places in the first five-mile amateur championship race held in Queensland since the war began. There were a hundred competitors.

Two-Day Cricket.
Another nail was driven on Tuesday into the coffin of two-day cricket. In only one of the seven championship matches which finished on that day was a result obtained.

French Goalkeeper for Hotspur.
Chayriques, the French goalkeeper who aroused so much attention in the international Service matches at the end of last season, has signed on for Tottenham Hotspur as an amateur.

Rising Eight years.
Hukm, who won the Grove Handicap at Catterick Bridge, is rising eight years. It was on the same course that he made a successful debut as a two-year-old. He was bought in on Saturday for 270 guineas.

London to Brighton Walk.
The London to Brighton walking race for the amateur championship, arranged by the Surrey Walking Club, will take place on Saturday, September 13, a start being made from the Clock Tower, Westminster, at 6 a.m.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Race-meeting Accommodation.

We have received a shoal of letters on the subject of the canteens at the recent races for W.O's and N.C.O's and "other ranks" respectively—far too many to publish. The question is a difficult one to settle offhand and though the present system at such fixtures may need some adjustment in future, there is really no need for views to be expressed too forcibly as we are sure the authorities realise the awkardness of the existing position and are considering how best it can be met. It is obvious that if treated proportionately the accommodation for private soldiers should be more extensive than that for N.C.O's and W.O's which we understand has not always been the case.

A Successful Journal.

We have been looking through the July-August issue of the "Illustrated Cologne Bulletin" produced by the Central Y.M.C.A. and have been much impressed by the improvement displayed in the journal. The outstanding feature of the number is an article illustrated by reproductions of old prints, on the street names of Cologne. Then there are gossipy contributions on sport and music, "The Thoughts of a Private," "The Doings and Drawings of Cecilia," and plenty of photographs. One of these in particular is very charming. It shows a sister of the Rev. Prof. Hugh Black, D. D. who sang Scotch songs before and after a lecture by her brother, given recently in Cologne.

Will it Rain.

On Sunday mornings, a continual stream of people can be seen going up to a certain little kiosk that stands in the Hofgarten in Bonn, and after peering earnestly through the glass windows for a minute or two, pass on. This little stone and glass affair, is the public weather prophet, and in each of the four windows is an instrument recording the atmospheric pressure, or temperature, by barometer and thermometer, together with revolving charts which automatically record the fluctuations for the week. By means of this ingenious contrivance, anybody can forecast the weather for the day with practical certainty, and if the signs are bad, mein Herr can put off his jaunt till a more favourable time.

Amid the Roses.

One of the pleasantest little demesnes in Rhineland at present is the rose-garden in the Volksgarten, Cologne, where the scene in very peaceful, very homely, and very sweet. Around the rose-plots sit elderly men and their spouses viewing the lovely surroundings with a calmness and serenity that makes the casual bird of passage himself feel serene. And the roses! Fallen petals tell their own sad tale of life and death, but there are still many buds to greet the eye of the rosarian or chance passer-by. In all their pristine glory may be seen Frau Carl Druschki, George Dickson, Gloire de Dijon, Lady Hillingdon Allen Richardson, Mrs. John Laing, and, General MacArthur, all neatly labelled with their names so that he who runs may read.

A Magnetic Crane.

A short while ago we commented in this column upon the steamless engines used in the ex-munition factory at Siegburg. Has anyone noticed however in connection with this, the crane that unloads the railway trucks? This is not provided with grappling irons or claws for picking up the weight but is simply composed of one huge piece of metal very similar to a road sewer cover. This is lowered on wire hawsers on to the metal apparently; then a magnetic current is turned on, because enormous lumps of heavy metal adhere to the "plate," which is then raised and run to the required position, when the current is turned and the metal drops off. The writer has actually seen this weird crane used for drawing a line of loaded trucks into the position for unloading. But by what magic is it worked that prevents it picking up other bits of metal, such as loose rails, tools etc.?

"FeuerMelder" and "FeuerMeldestelle."

These notices will have been observed by many, but how many know their meaning? The former means "Fire Alarm" and the latter "Fire Alarm Place." The small red notice over the doorway of a house "Feuer Meldestelle" at once acquaints us of the fact that information of a fire can be given and somebody, possibly a fireman, lives there, or an official connected with the fire brigade. The "Feuer Melder" notice is painted on a large red box about the same size as the blue painted letter box that one sees. The working is similar to our own, the only difference being that in England we break the glass, pull the alarm and wait for an engine, but here one waits for a cyclist to arrive, to whom the information of a fire is given. He in turn gives the whereabouts of the fire to the firemen, who follow on.

Just Human Nature.

Youth all over the civilized world seems to revel in the same style of sensational literature. Here in Germany one sees in the newsvendors' shops almost exact counterparts of the cowboy and detective story in the same gaudy covers beloved of our own youngsters. It is the same with the cheap form of novelette for girls. The tastes of the fräulein and our own flapper seem very similar and both are equally well catered for. What may have been noticed also is that Germany publishes an almost exact counterpart of the English "Police Budget" with startling pictures of current crime. It is printed on the same pink-hued paper and the title-heading is almost a facsimile of the London production.

Is the German Impolite?

It has often been stated that the German is impolite, but a correspondent says that his personal experience will not allow him to agree entirely with this statement. "I have noticed that," he adds, "in speaking amongst themselves, the Germans (of decent class anyway) always ask for the repetition of an utterance by saying "bitte" in an interrogatory tone. Though at one time considered an evidence of bad breeding in our country, it is quite common nowadays for people to say "What?" in the circumstances mentioned above. Also, when complete strangers address each other, generally to ask for direction to a place, all of the males in the enquiring party, whether they have spoken or not, lift their hats in acknowledgment of the information given. This is strictly speaking, correct in our own country, but it is not often done. I think the terseness of the German language is largely responsible for the opinion generally held, i.e. that the German is grossly impolite." What have our readers to say on the point?

Not Picturesque.

In all Latin countries the priests have a picturesque appearance as they walk the street, in their long black soutane and beaver hats and wearing white cravats and buckled shoes. But in Germany the priest has none of this distinction. He wears just the ordinary trousers and black frock coat of the British parson cut very high in the neck and on his head the unclerical looking bowler hat.

Detention.

The Commandant of one of the detention barracks was in a dilemma In his opinion, the prisoners under his care were not getting sufficient punishment. They were getting squad drill, musketry, gas drill, and physical jerks but this was not enough. In his difficulty he consulted the Sergeant Major, an old soldier who, perhaps, dates back to the Indian Mutiny. "Punishment, Sir," he replied. "Yes they are getting sufficient they get one hour's Education every day."

Lesser Echoes.

Will the writer of the recent sketch "On Superstition" send his address to the Editor?

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Well done Queen's! Over eighteen thousand marks were subscribed for Savings Certificates by the 24th Queen's last week.

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During June, 1,235 apprentices and 42,045 other Rhine Army students attended classes, exclusive of men at the science and technical colleges.

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A lorry load of merry girls in fancy dress was seen on the Kalk road last night. They were the N.A.C.B. staff off to an Air Force carnival near Eil.

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A solution of the difficulty of our correspondent "Private" in obtaining refreshment at a recent race meeting was suggested by the sight of a party of young soldiers, who had taken both liquid and solid sustenance with them in their haversacks, partaking of an alfresco lunch.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to: Capt. C.E. Johnston, 10th Corps H.Q. Rhine Army; Cpl. Fielden Pearson, 237 A.E.C., Rhine Army; and Cpl. E. Fisher, D of S and T., G.H.Q. Rhine Army.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Dear to Wash.—Laundries in Paris are charging 350 per cent more for washing than during the war.

High Flying.—A German aeroplane carrying six passengers reached a height of nearly twenty-two thousand feet.

Londoners Curious.—Long queues were seen waiting to inspect the "mystery ship" P-31 at Westminster Bridge.

Aerodrome for Hull.—Hull has been proposed as a landing place for Scandinavian and Dutch mail aeroplanes.

New Use of Huts.—Converted Army huts have been suggested for housing district libraries at Halifax.

Lectures for Police.—At the University of Leipsic, lectures are to be given on the science of Police work.

Germany Loses.—The French Chamber has decided upon the confiscation by the state of German property in France.

Prince as Patron.—His Royal Highness has consented to become patron of the Essex County Cricket Club.

A "High" Church.—A church of five storeys is to be erected in New York at a cost of four million dollars.

Denied.—Mr. Asquith denies the report that he will contest the constituency of Pontefract.

New A.D.C.—Captain Crawford Maclachan C.B., R.N., has been appointed a Naval A.D.C. to the King.

Trains too Slow.—Railway travellers to the suburbs of Rio de Janeiro, annoyed by train delays, destroyed two trains.

Money for New Ships.—The French Government is to spend £73,000,000 in developing a new commercial fleet.

Costly Refusal.—A taxicab driver was fined forty shillings for refusing to drive a fare for a distance of a mile in London.

Harvest Prospects.—The best British crop this year is expected to be wheat, but farmers estimate that the yield will be ten per cent. below the pre-war average.

Profitable Beer.—The profits of Bass, Ratcliffe and Gretton for the last financial year are £591,760 with a dividend of sixteen per cent.

A Quick Journey.—Captain Gathergood, winner of the aerial Derby, carrying two passengers, flew from Edinburgh to London in three and a half hours.

Civil Pensions.—Civil list pensions are being drawn by 310 persons, the highest being £300, the lowest £20 and the average £77.

An Unpopular Film.—At Düsseldorf the public tore to pieces the screen of a Cinema House, to show their disapproval of a film called "The Vow of Chastity." The same film is announced for Cologne.

"John Peel" dead.—Mr. F. Gregory of Redhill who was formerly a noted master of hounds, and who was known as the "John Peel of Surrey" died at the age of 88.

Not Ye Decided.—Mr. Bonar Law stated in the House of Commons that a decision had not yet been reached on the subject of the continuance of the British Mission to the Vatican.

Runs High.—The new education officers for the Army will cost £1,250,000 a year.

Sad.—The number of demobilized officers out of employment in England continues to grow.

R.I.C. Rise.—The Royal Irish Constabulary are to receive a further increase of pay and pensions.

Cheaper Food for France.—The prices of food in France are falling as the result of a campaign against profiteering.

More Muzzles.—The muzzle order for dogs has been extended in Middlesex, Monmouthshire and Glamorganshire.

Jam.—A considerable increase in the amount of jam on the English markets is anticipated in the coming autumn.

Baptists Object.—The Baptist Church is making a protest against the removal of War-time liquor restrictions.

Injured at the Fair.—Seven people were injured in a switchback railway mishap at a fair in Tooting.

No Salvage.—No attempt is to be made to salve the German ships sunk at Scapa Flow, with the exception of those which were beached.

Great Speed.—The latest addition to the "W" class of torpedo destroyers, the Wolverine, is expected to steam between 35 and 40 knots an hour.

Prolific Pen.—Nat Gould the sporting novelist who has recently died left behind twenty-one novels which have yet to be published.

"Parlourmen".—A British lady, who advertised for "a man willing to undertake parlourmaid's work," received nineteen replies.

Women Drivers to Go.—Women motor drivers employed by the War Office are being reduced in numbers as enlisted soldiers become available.

Luton Memorial.—Lady Wernher has presented to Luton, as a Peace-memorial, a recreation ground extending to over eleven acres.

Across the Andes.—An Italian airman has crossed the Andes and arrived at Buenos Aires after a direct flight from Santiago de Chile.

More money for Teachers.—Oxfordshire County Council has agreed to increase the scale of salaries of elementary school teachers by an aggregate of £31,000.

Extortion.—Ordinary serge which cost five shillings a yard before the war now costs 25/- and a suit of it which could be bought for 45/- now costs eight guineas!

Savoy Operas Revived.—Mr. Rupert D'Oyley Carte has arranged with Mr. Gilbert Miller for a revival of the Gilbert and Sullivan Operas at the Prince's Theatre London on 29th September.

Bishop Camps Out.—The Bishop of Swansea in acting as Chaplain to twelve hundred cadets of the Church Lads Brigade who are encamped at Godlingstone.

A Unique Mascot.—Whilst off the African coast, the crew of H. M. S. Highflyer obtained a leopard cub, and adopted it as ship's mascot. The animal has been presented to the London Zoo.

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TAINTED MONEY.

BOLSHEVIST PAY FOR ENGLISH AGITATORS.

It has often been stated that part at least of the sinews of war for the Extremist campaign now being carried on, has been supplied from abroad, and yesterday it was announced that Scotland Yard now has definite information that foreign money has been sent to this country for the financing of agitations with the object of stirring up strife and the overthrow of the existing system of government.

A considerable sum of Russian money, amounting, it is believed, to at least £6,000, was brought over a week or so ago from Hungary by way of Stockholm by a Norwegian journalist who, it is alleged, delivered it to a person who is known as a leader with extreme views. The person in question has denied having received the money.

The man who brought the money over has made a full confession, and a high authority at Scotland Yard stated yesterday that there was no doubt at all about the facts. The authorities got to know of it about five minutes after the money had been delivered, and the man who conveyed it was immediately deported back to Norway.

There is reason to believe that the money came originally from Bela Kun.

The authorities desire to point out the damage which is being caused among the British population as the result of Bolshevist propaganda. Several centres exist for controlling the output of entirely false reading matter, and those responsible are actively in league with the wild men in Russia.

Details are leaking out of the widespread character of this Bolshevist plot to ensnare Europe in general and Great Britain in particular. It is alleged that the Norwegian, Zachariassm, came to London as the agent of Bela Kun and on his own admission was a courier of the Bolshevists, who wished to send money and documents to persons in England. He had in his possession the names and addresses of a number of well-known extremists in England, also the names of persons on the Continent who are suspected of having been connected with the German espionage system during the war. He did not have the name of a single responsible trade union leader or official.

It is now definitely established that the Bolshevists on the continent have a well organised system of sending agents to England with money and propaganda literature. These agents bribe members of foreign crews to stow them away on vessels and they take their chance of escaping the vigilance of the authorities on landing.

WILSON'S ADVICE TO AMERICA.

President Wilson, addressing Congress yesterday, declared that America could not place an embargo on shipments to Europe, which was the nation's greatest customer. America must lend her utmost aid towards restoring normal conditions in Europe, which must be kept going or American industries will suffer. The President strongly deprecated the suggestions of general strikes. He appealed to housekeepers to exercise greater economy and went on to recommend the placing of surplus stocks of food and clothing in the hands of the Government for sale and distribution. He urged the prosecution of profiteers, the regulation of the cold storage industry in order to define the limits within which foodstuffs can be held and also advocated the marking of all goods with the price at which they left the producers' hands.

MINERS' FRUITLESS CONFERENCE.

A meeting took place at the Labour Ministry yesterday between the parties concerned in the Yorkshire coal dispute. The Conference, which lasted three hours, was abortive, agreement being reached on not a solitary point. A special meeting of the Miners' Federation has been called for next week.

NEGROES BARRED.

Yesterday morning Chicago Union officials announced that 4,780 white employers at various packing plants and stockyards had struck work owing to the return of negro workers. Later in the day livestock trading was entirely suspended owing to a general strike in the stockyards. Thirty-three thousand workers are out.

All French troops and ships have left Cattero, which is thus left entirely to the Italians.

HUNGARIAN COUP.

PROBABLE RESTORATION OF MONARCHY.

News from Hungary is of a most conflicting nature, but a Paris report yesterday morning states that in consequence of the refusal of the Roumanian authorities to receive the Allies' Military Mission to Buda-Pesth, the Supreme Council has addressed a note to the Roumanian Government couched in very vigorous terms.

In France it is generally thought that the new Hungarian Government will demand a revision of the Roumanian armistice, which if granted, will only modify the economic clauses. A Paris report also alleged that Mr. Hoover, who is directing the revictualling, has suspended the further despatch of food to Buda-Pesth owing to the fact that the Roumanians are carrying off food from Hungary.

Meanwhile the coup d'état has been temporarily successful. The Archduke Joseph has issued a re-assuring proclamation to the people and formed a provisional Government. It is believed that the elections to the National Assembly are likely to give a large majority for the re-establishment of the Monarchy and the election of the Archduke Joseph as King.

PLAYING AT KINGS.

ROUMANIA AND HUNGARY.

Telegrams from Vienna state that the movement for the re-establishment of the Monarchy in Hungary is steadily gaining ground, both in Buda-Pesth and the provinces. It is considered as practically assured that the forthcoming National Assembly will show a majority favourable to the election of the Archduke Joseph. The formation of a Coalition Government is considered improbable, as the Social Democrats refuse to take office. It is possible that the Archduke will proclaim a military dictatorship.

Certain members of the Peace Conference appear to be dissatisfied at the attitude of the Roumanians in Hungary, but public opinion is undoubtedly on the side of the Roumanians. Emphasis is laid on the fact that military action was undertaken by Roumania and that when she was attacked by the Hungarians and seemed to be in a difficult position, nothing was done to help her. Therefore, it is argued by her supporters, it would be strange to contest her right to exact all the guarantees which appear necessary. It would be even more strange to support the Magyars against the Roumanians when the latter were not supported against the Magyars. Nevertheless, in order to remove any cause of dissatisfaction on the part of the Allied powers, French friends of Roumania advise her to make concessions in economic stipulations. Although it is not believed in France that the restoration of the Monarchy is seriously contemplated, it is certainly regarded as paradoxical for a member of the fallen imperial family to be at the head of an alleged Republican Government.

BELGIUM RATIFIES PEACE TREATY.

The Belgian Parliament to-day ratified the Peace Treaty.

The Socialist Extreme Left accepted the treaty "with regret that it does not give Belgium all the reparation and protection for which she had hoped."

FIRST SURRENDER DEMANDED.

It is reported from Copenhagen that the Allies have already claimed the first enemy prisoners who are to be tried for violation of International Law. The surrender of the German General Kruska, Commander of the prisoners of war camp at Kassel, has been demanded.

This is the camp where an epidemic of typhus caused the death of 3,000 prisoners of war.

A medical writer who visited the camp at Cassel stated that typhus was introduced in the camp by Russian prisoners, and that "by a criminal order sent from Berlin they were mixed with the healthy French." An observation attached to the order said, "They will thus have an opportunity of making the acquaintance of their beloved allies."

PEACE WITH AFGHANISTAN.

The Indian Government has informed the Secretary of State for India that peace with Afghanistan was signed at eleven o'clock on Friday.

KUT ATROCITIES.

PROCEEDINGS OF COURT MARTIAL.

Further disclosures of the ghastly treatment of British prisoners after the fall of Kut were made yesterday, when the Court-martial was resumed on William Fratel, the half-caste medical officer.

The first witness, Arthur Mumford, formerly of the 2nd Dorsets, said he went into hospital as orderly. Dr. Conus, a Greek or German, was in charge and when he was away Fratel took command. He referred to the Arab tent known as the "death trap."

Captain Eastwood, prosecutor, asked who looked after the men in the tent.

Mumford replied: "To tell you the truth there was nobody looking after them at all. They were simply put in there to die."

"Sick men," he added, "were left for hours on the ground outside the hospital until Fratel went to see them. The British patients were kept in a repulsive condition. Two German nurses there complained that it was the most disgusting thing they had ever seen and said that if the British were not shifted they would go back to Constantinople. Fratel had the best food at all meals and plenty of tobacco. He used to lie in his bunk for hours smoking and reading."

Mumford said that his own food consisted of rice and water. When the camp broke up in September 1916 the sick were turned out of the hospital, a German storeman pushing them out of bed with his feet. Fratel saw this, and a few minutes later, when the sick were outside and a German was knocking them about, forcing them to move on to the railway quicker, Fratel said "That's the way. If they won't go by kindness treat them harshly."

William Howlett, demobilized, said that while he was at Bagtsche he was employed as timekeeper in connection with railway construction. This was being carried out by Philip Holzmann and Company, a German firm. The constructing company also ran the hospital, which was not under Turkish control. It was situated on top of a hill round the base of which a stream ran. The sewage from the hospital drained into this stream, from which the British prisoners in surrounding camps had to draw their water. The sanitary conditions were abominable but the medical stores ample. The dead were treated abominably. As soon as a patient died his body was taken to the deadhouse and when a grave had been dug by a burying party the body was taken and thrown in.

This evidence closed the case for the prosecution and the court adjourned until Monday.

TENTH DIVISION ASSOCIATION.

At a private meeting, held in Dublin, of officers and ex-members of the Irish 10th Division, it was decided to form an association, to be known as "The Tenth Division Association," to consist of officers, and ex-officers, non-commissioned officers, and men, and parents or next-of-kin of deceased officers, non-commissioned officers, or men who had served with any unit in the division. The object of the association is to render assistance to and to promote the welfare of the members. A distinctive badge will shortly be issued to each member.

AMMUNITION DUMP EXPLODES.

On Friday afternoon a large ammunition dump between Bailleul and Steenwerk exploded, destroying everything in the neighbourhood. There are three dead and twenty wounded amongst the civilians. The number of victims amongst British soldiers, German prisoners and Chinese workmen has not yet been ascertained.

SOCIALIST CONGRESS.

At yesterday's sitting of the Socialist Congress at Lucerne the French leader Renaudel read the Committee's report on the Peace Treaty. It stated that the majority of the Committee demanded a revision of the Versailles Treaty in such a manner as better to conciliate the peoples of the various nations. They also required that Germany, Austria and Russia be at once admitted to the League of Nations.

The German Majority Socialist Weils advocated the summoning of a Miners Congress representing the nations of the world for the purpose of solving the coal problem.

POET LAUREATE FOR LIFE.

Was the office of Poet Laureate a life appointment, irrespective of inspiration and intellectual output, asked Sir Ernest Wild in the House of Commons.

Mr. Bonar Law: It is a life appointment.

Colonel A Murray: Does it carry any obligations to write poems?

Mr. Bonar Law: I think not. Of all possible obligations that would be the most unreasonable. (Laugther).

JAPANESE ANARCHISTS.

Thirty-seven arrests are reported from Tokyo in connection with the discovery by the police of a plot to smuggle bombs into Japan in furtherance of a scheme similar to that recently reported from America. The censor has allowed no details to appear in print.

POLICE PAY.

COMMISSIONERS ANNOUNCE NEW RATES.

The new rates of pay are announced by the Comissioners of Metropolitan Police. They have received the sanction of the Home Secretary, with effect from March 31. They are as follows.

Superintendent £550 per annum by £25 annually to £700.

Chief Inspectors £8 9s. per week by 6s. per week annually to £9 13s.

Sub-Divisional Inspectors £7 10s. by 4s. to £8 2s.

Inspectors £6 5s. by 4s, to £7 5s.

Station and Clerk Sergeants £5 15s. by 2s.6d. to £6.

Sergeants £5 by 2s.6d. to £5 12s.6d.

Constables £3 10s. by 2s. to £ 4 10s.

Acting Sergeants receive on appointment an addition to the pay of their rank of 2s. per week, and after two years' service as Acting Sergeant 4s. per week.

Existing officers will be placed on the revised scales of pay according to the length of their service in their respective classes.

Constables receive further increments of 2s. 6d. after 17 and 22 years' service subject to good conduct and efficiency.

Effect will also be given in due course to the recommendation of the Police Committee that constables shall receive a special advance of two increments in the scale for good conduct and special proficiency, subject to passing the qualifying examination for promotion.

The allowance to be drawn for boots will be increased to 1s. 6d. per week as from 31st March, and officers attached to the uniform branch when employed in plain clothes will continue to receive allowances under existing sanctions.

In accordance with the recommendation of the committee, the war bonus, including the Children's Bonus, and the allowance for coals, being absorbed in the new rates of pay, will be discontinued as from 31st March. The few remaining Reserve allowances will also, of course, be absorbed.

The Rent Aid Allowance and Lodging Deductions will remain as at present until the future provision under this head, which is now being considered, is determined.

SWINDLER'S AMAZING CAREER.

At Weymouth yesterday Reginald Herbert Heald, who had been staying at the Royal Hotel, where he represented himself as an officer in the Royal Air Force, was remanded on a charge of passing worthless cheques thereby obtaining sums of money under the name of Captain Fortescue.

When arrested accused said "I want to tell you everything. I'm wanted for breaking gaol at Canterbury and am also wanted at Maidenhead, Winchester, Bournemouth and other places. The cheques passed here are 'duds'."

The prosecuting solicitor said that witnesses had come from all parts of the country. According to the evidence prisoner, who claimed to have served overseas, had an amazing career. He had gone under the names of Major Bathurst, Captain Fortescue, Lieutenant Macduff-Fraser and General Percival.

THE WHITEHALL CENOTAPH.

A communication addressed to the Westminster City Council by H.M. Office of Works states that the War Cabinet has decided that the cenotaph in Whitehall shall become a permanent memorial to those fallen in war. The letter added that the police had no objection to the present site and the Council was asked for its consent.

The General Purposes Committee, of which Lord Cheylesmore is Chairman, recommends the Council, however, to inform the Office of Works that owing to the swiftly moving traffic passing along Whitehall, the proposed site is considered somewhat dangerous and recommends Parliament Square as being a more suitable site.

BACK TO THE LAND.

The schemes put forward by various County Councils for the purchase of 11,500 acres of land for the settlement on small holdings of ex-service men was endorsed last week by the Board of Agriculture. Plans for the acquisition of about 105,000 additional acres are now under consideration. The number of ex-service men settling on farm estates is steadily increasing.

BRIGHTER LABOUR OUTLOOK.

A distinct improvement is reported in the labour situation. The master bakers, after a futile meeting yesterday, made new proposals which the men are considering. At the Ministry of Labour a new meeting of the parties concerned in the Yorkshire coal dispute is also being arranged.

Liverpool has again been the scene of collisions between the authorities and strikers but even there the situation has improved generally. An early termination of other strikes is expected.

LIVERPOOL TRAMS RUNNING.

The Liverpool tramway strike has ended in the men returning to work under the old conditions and the promise that their demands will be considered at a committee meeting at the end of the month.

FOR PROFITEERS.

ACT OF PARLIAMENT AS DETERRENT.

The draft of the Bill to check profiteering was issued by the Board of Trade yesterday. The measure stipulates that any person, if called upon must produce any documents and information asked for; gives power to the Board to receive and investigate complaints that an unreasonable profit is being made and power to declare a price which yields a reasonable profit. Where a conviction is made against a trading company every director and officer of it shall be deemed guilty of the offence.

The Bill defines all powers from the establishment of local committees to the appeals tribunal. The Board may, if necessary, authorise local authorities to purchase and sell any article to which the act applies. If the local tribunals think fit, cases may be transferred to courts of summary jurisdiction, where fines up to £200 and (or) imprisonment up to six months may be imposed.

The Act is to continue in force for six months unless Parliament determines otherwise.

SUCCESSFUL RAID IN THE BIRKENHEAD SECTOR.

In the early hours of yesterday morning the Birkenhead police, supported by soldiers and a posse of specials, raided a number of houses in the lower quarters of the town in search of loot stolen during the recent Liverpool riots. The raid was a complete surprise, a number of persons being arrested and a large amount of stolen property recovered. Those arrested were taken to the station in transport wagons under a strong guard and were remanded for a week.

Other looting charges, after being once adjourned, were dealt with at the police court yesterday, when sentences ranging from two to four months imprisonment were imposed. The court was crowded and when the sentences were pronounced there was an outburst of cries and sobs from the women in court.

Such salutary and swift retribution was the last thing they had expected.

AMERICAN ACTORS ON STRIKE.

The strike fever which has spread to the United States has affected even the actors. Owing to the refusal of the managers to meet representatives of the Actors Association the entire companies of twelve leading Broadway theatres have refused to perform. The New York train and street car services are also shut down as the result of the general labour strikes and there has been a record fall on Wall Street.

IRISH POLICE BESIEGED.

A daring outrage is reported from East Clare, where a police hut established at Moynoe for the protection of Dr. Sampson. J. P., was attacked yesterday by a party from thirty to forty strong. They opened a violent fire with rifles and revolvers, the hut being occupied at the time by Sergeant Burke and four constables.

The police replied vigorously to the firing, which was sustained for ninety minutes. One of the police was injured but it is believed that several of the attacking party were wounded.

BRITISH SUBMARINE LOSSES.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Strauss asked the First Lord of the Admiralty whether the percentage of killed was greater in the submarine service than in any other branch of the service. Dr. Macnamara replied that the percentage of killed in the various branches of the Naval services cannot at present be determined, but it may be stated that the percentage of losses in the submarine service was very high, being estimated at about nineteen per cent. of the numbers employed.

REPENTANCE CAME TOO LATE.

The Kensington municipal workers' strike collapsed with dramatic suddenness yesterday. The whole of the strikers offered to return to work, but it was not so simple as all that. The men had been dismissed, and in some cases their places taken by fresh applicants.

The Council have, however, taken back as many of the strikers as were necessary to fill the vacant posts, the pensions of these men to depend on their future conduct whilst in the Council's service.

THE NEW PENSION RATES.

The Ministry of Pensions has issued an explanatory summary of the new pension rates. The chief point to note is that the increases will be subject to readjustment after three years. Any future readjustment will depend on the cost of living, but will not in any case have the effect of lowering the new scale by more than 20 per cent.

The eight British soldiers who were murdered in a train at Deyrut during the disorders of last March were buried in the British cemetery at Cairo on Tuesday with full military honours.

SAD FATALITY.

RHINE ARMY CHAPLAIN DROWNED ON HONEYMOON.

Whilst the Rev. George Waldron Sweet, who has been serving with the 3rd Lowland Division in the Army of the Rhine, was punting on the river Cherwell at Oxford, the puntpole broke. He was thrown into the water and drowned. He was with his wife on their honeymoon tour at the time.

Mr. Sweet was only married on Wednesday to Miss Phyllis Hickson, at St. James' Church, West Hampstead.

TOWNSHEND INVOKES HISTORY.

General Townshend, speaking at Newport (Mon.) yesterday, said he was quite satisfied to leave history to deal with Mesopotamia and he wanted to live long enough to see what history said about the defence of Kut. He was ordered to go forward with a handful of men. He warned the authorities of what would happen if he went on with such limited effectives, and having warned them, his duty was plain and the orders he received had to be carried out. With enough men he would have guaranteed not only to take Baghdad but to hold it. He was able to retrieve somewhat for the loss of Kut by inducing the Turks to make peace earlier than they would have done otherwise, and when he arrived in Paris he was congratulated by M. Clemenceau for shortening the war, thereby saving thousands of lives.

ONE GERMAN RECOGNISES FAILURE.

Herr Baake, formerly Chief of the German Chancery, was interviewed on his arrival at Amsterdam. He declared that he had not come to Holland by order of the German Government, with which he was no longer connected. His intention was to visit several neutral countries in order to obtain impressions concerning their relations witn Germany. Germany's economic situation had the closest possible connection with the political situation, as all strikes had more political than economic character. The Communists efforts had failed, and they could never be successful, as the raising of the blockade would lead to an improvement in trade. The collapse of the Hungarian Republic and the failure of the Lenin system had made a deep impression on German workers.

FAITHFUL STRIKER.

An instance of a policeman on strike assisting in an arrest was narrated at the Guildhall Police Court, when Letty Jeffries, twenty-seven, and Annie Hawthorne, twenty-five, were remanded on a charge of robbing Carl Hanson, captain of the steamer Inhaha.

Thomas Pemberton, a plain clothes officer of the City Police, on strike, gave evidence as to following the women, who went through Hanson's pockets and hurried away. Witness spoke to a uniformed constable, and went after the women and detained them. A boy came up and said he had seen Jeffries throw a wallet away, at the same time handing it to the constable. Witness searched and found dollar notes in the gutter.

Alderman Sir Alfred Bower, on behalf of the Court, thanked Pemberton for bringing the women to justice, remarking that the public were indebted to him for his smartness.

Pemberton: — It was a pleasure and a duty.

BRAVE GERMAN PRISONER.

German prisoners at Dorchester to the number of some thousands attended a ceremonial presentation to one of their number, Private Brückmann, 97th Reserve Regiment, of rewards for an act of gallantry performed on Salisbury Plain. Two British aeroplanes had come into collision, and one fell in flames. Brückmann, who was working near, pluckily extricated two of the officers, one of whom died of his injuries. Brückmann was badly burnt while so doing. As a recognition of his conduct he was presented with a silver watch and chain and a gift of money. He has left for Germany, having been repatriated as part of his reward.

STRIKERS' INGLORIOUS EXIT.

A sharp illustration of London public opinion towards the Police strike was given yesterday morning when about forty dismissed constables in the Tottenham section marched to the station to hand in their uniforms. On the way they shouted observations. A large crowd immediately assembled and began to demonstrate against them. When they had delivered up their uniforms they were afraid to face the hostile public and were let out of the station by the back way.

DOUGLAS-PENNANT INQUIRY.

The Committee of Inquiry which is being set up in the House of Lords to investigate the case of Miss Douglas-Pennant will consist of five members. Four are already chosen, Lord Kintore, who is Chairman of Committees in the House of Lords, Lord Askwith, Lord Bainford, and Lord Denbigh.

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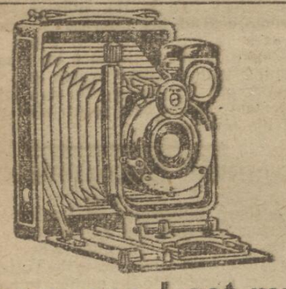

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AT
RÖMERHOF
NEAR LECHENICH (IL. 05. 34).

11th Aug.:
POLO, BOXING, CRICKET.
12th Aug.:
GYMNKHANA, CRICKET.
14th Aug.:
POLO, BOXING, ATHLETIC :: SPORTS, CRICKET. ::
15th Aug.:
GYMNKHANA, CRICKET.
16th Aug.:
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ENTERTAINMENTS

Sunday 10th Aug.— CONCERT by the BAND of the 5th SOUTH STAFFORDS. (by kind permission of the O.C.)

Monday 11th Aug.—Practice Dance.

Tuesday 12th Aug. — TONICS CONCERT PARTY (by kind permission of the O.C. 3rd NORTHERN BRIGADE.)

Wednesday 13th Aug.—DANCE with BAND of the 9th EAST SURREY REGIMENT (by kind permission of the O.C.)

Thursday 14th Aug.—WHIST DRIVE.

Friday 15th Aug. — CONTINUOUS CINEMA.

Saturday 16th Aug.— DANCE.

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SPECIAL FILM for THIS WEEK ONLY from 2 to 3.30 and 3.45 to 5.15.
HISTORIC MARCH OF THE ALLIED TROOPS THROUGH PARIS AND LONDON
Note: Friday CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE

Church of England Services in Cologne.

1.—THE MILITARY CHURCH
57 Schildergasse, (Turning off Hohe Str).
Holy Comm. 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 11-15 a.m., 6-45 p.m. Morning Prayer 10.30.
Evening Service, 6.00 p.m.
Thursdays 6.30 p.m. in Church Army Chapel, Antoniter Str.: (behind Church).

2.—THE CHURCH ARMY CHAPEL
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Sundays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m., and 6.45 p.m. Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Weekdays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saints' Days.
Short Morning Prayer Daily at 9-15 a.m.

3.—THE ARMY CINEMA HALL
36, Komodien Strasse.
Sundays: Evening Service, 6 p.m.

4.—THE CHURCH ARMY CINEMA HALL 95, Severin Strasse.
Sundays Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.
Evening Service, 6. p.m.

Roman Catholic Service in Kalk.

KALK. In Chapel near Parish Church. Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Scottish Churches and English Free Churches.

THE MILITARY CHURCH.
6 Filzengraben (Turning off Neumarkt.)
Sunday, 10th August.
11 a.m. Preacher: Rev. A. Main, Garrison Chaplain (Presbyterian).
6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. R. A. Lendrum.
Cars 6, 7, 11, 18, and 20.

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Sunday, August 10, 1919.

PRACTICAL GRATITUDE.

There are signs that the soldier is coming into his kingdom. No longer are his fortunes to be the sport of circumstance they are to be the care of a grateful country.

The attitude of England to her men of war has not always been above reproach. In days of martial enthusiasm the soldier was a patriot and a hero. His virtues and his exploits were matter for the declamation of the pulpit, the moralising of the essayist, and the oratory of the statesman. While war lasted the man who followed the colours was the saviour of his country and the emblem of her glories.

But when war gave place to peace and soldiers returned to the homeland, enthusiasm had waned and in the reaction from the strain of war's campaign the plight of the warrior was little heeded. The nation's memory was short, and the veteran was an uncomfortable reminder of days that most men desired to forget.

In 1914 one felt that this attitude must be changed. There was a great, patriotic uprising against a sinister civilisation and a menacing enemy. A new kind of army arose, an army that represented Britain in a way that was unique in her annals. It was not a professional and regular force, but was recruited from every class, rich and poor, high and low. Even in its ordinary ranks there were many who had gained distinction in the worlds of business, science, and letters.

Our nation could not have lifted its head again if such an army could have been forgotten. Happily there are indications that the men who have fought and suffered are yet to live in the appreciation of their countrymen.

Lord Haig of Bemersyde who led his men to victory is once more leading his men. He has captured the heart of England, for his maimed warriors, and they need not fear that though they were undaunted on the battlefield they shall be daunted by the dread of want.

The War Office, also, is playing its part well. Soldiers are being trained for their future professions even whilst they wear the uniform of their country, and men who have been released from the army are being helped financially and otherwise for the business of life.

Then there is the glad news that Lord Byng has resigned his rank that he may take up the post of Chairman of the Board of Management which will dispose of Canteen profits. These amount to a sum of between six and seven million pounds, and they are to be distributed solely for the benefit of soldiers and ex-soldiers and their dependants. The man who knows Vimy Ridge and Bourlon Wood knows what Britain's debt is to her gallant sons.

Last of all, our gracious sovereign has paid his tribute to the soldier, and it is not a mere formal thanksgiving. King George V. has linked himself too closely to the men who fought and died for his Empire to forget the price of war and the meed of heroism.

THE ARTIST.

Just in front of the main station, at Cologne, close to a small grass plot, and almost in the shadow of the Cathedral, there is a man — an oldish man, by trade, a boot black, by nature an artist, who should have painted pictures and had them hung in the finest galleries of the world.

You wonder why? Go and have your boots cleaned and see.

The massive and stately Cathedral, with its wealth of carving and beautiful spires, took nearly seven hundred years to build. This man, to erect the necessary structure for his trade, probably takes no more than seven hundred seconds.

The odiousness of comparisons does not hold good in this case, and if the artist's soul is revealed in the picture or building he creates, no less is the boot-black's innermost nature discovered in the large umbrella, and what lies beneath it.

On the pavement is a small platform of two wooden boxes, upon which stands a white painted chair, with a green plush cushion in the seat. A throne upon which many a monarch might be glad to sit, now-a-days. In front of it, two small iron pedestals stand, on which the feet are placed, and which are high, so that the boot-black, does not take a lowly position on the ground before you, but stands up to his work, like a man.

On a small box, by his side, the brushes and tins of blacking are displayed, like dentist's instruments, but suggesting no pain. Above all this, and tied to one corner of an ornamental railing, is the canopy umbrella, bearing on the outside the legend "Garten Schirme," and underneath radiating a mellow "old gold" light, in which you sit and bask, while the soft velvets are rubbed over your boots.

As you gaze into the roof above, thinking that under some such umbrella might some dark skinned Indian Prince sit, dispensing wisdom and justice to his people, the buzz of traffic becomes dim in your ears. The things which are nearest seem far away. You feel soothed, and lulled into a sweet dream.

For ten minutes or so you are a king sitting on his throne. The queue waiting to have its boots cleaned, doesn't interest you, in spite of its growing length. You want to go on having your boots cleaned for ever. Then—"Bitte sehr" brings you back to earth with a crash.

You walk down from the "throne" with a polite "Danke schön," wishing you had more command of the German language, and could talk to this man, who made you a king for a few minutes.

As you turn away, the Cathedral in all its grandeur meets your eye. Can it give the sense of satisfaction, and tranquillity which a seat on the white chair, with the green, plush cushion has? Perhaps it can, but at the moment it doesn't and that's why the boot-black is an artist.

G. W. E.

TWO PARCELS.

"I've got the sweetest girl in all the world in Maryland. She's got those deep blue —" The melodious music issuing from the lusty lungs of Pte. Johnson was suddenly interrupted by a welcome yell of "Mail up" from half a dozen other members of the platoon.

It was in a broken down old barn just behind the lines way back in July 1918 and the orderly corporal had just brought in a handful of letters and a parcel.

The latter was eagerly seized upon by a dozen pairs of hands but was soon in the possession of its rightful owner — our friend Johnson who before long had the "doings" displayed before the envious eyes of his pals.

That evening the barn was bright with "buckshee" candles. Pte. Johnson and Co. enjoyed a drink of hot "café au lait" (made with the aid of a "Kampite" block) partook of home-made cake, not too fresh but very palatable all the same, and finished up with some Cailler's chocolate.

Later Pte. Johnson lay peacefully dreaming of his "girl" in Maryland, whose parcel had been so welcome.

Once again the mail is up and our friend Johnson is lucky enough to get a parcel.

But it is now July 1919, and thanks to the successful termination of hostilities, demobilization etc. our friend is now a full-blown "Lance-Jack," and has a "posh" job as a clerk in G.H.Q. Cologne. He also lias a "Posh" billet in the "Oojah" Strasse, a "posh" mess, and in fact he's "doing the heavy all round."

"She's a sport" says he to himself busily engaged in undoing her parcel; off comes the lid displaying the once welcome assortment of candles, kampite and the rest. Poor Johnson loses all self-control. "Well I'm — What the — did she send these — things for?"

J. D. S.

A GARRISON CHURCH.

It is not an imposing building viewed from the outside, but on entering you are agreeably surprised.

The style of architecture is rather heavy and it is not elaborately decorated, but there is a certain indefinable atmosphere about it.

The high pulpit with the sounding board overhead gives the preacher an air of aloofness.

Here during the years of war, German pastors have supplicated heaven for our defeat, and have thundered forth our doom to their appreciative congregations. The big organ has played hymns of thanksgiving for premature victories, but now it accompanies the singing of those true sons of Britain, who, after years of bloody combat, have saved the world from the destroying forces of arrogant, selfish might. How strange it all is! It is the judgment of God! Is it not written: "Vengeance is mine, I will repay saith the Lord?"

It is Sunday evening and as I enter the building my mind goes back to the old days at home. There in the village church we sang the hymns, and heard the words of comfort and inspiration which have proved an untold blessing through all the years of strife.

We cannot value this lightly. A feeling of loneliness creeps over me, but this is dispelled in the hour of worship. Gulfs are bridged and barriers are pierced, and we are linked by invisible chains to our loved ones, who too at this hour are worshipping. There is no hour so sweet, so impressive! It breaks the monotony of the every-day task.

The preacher is the garrison chaplain, a Presbyterian, for I refer to the church at 6 Filzengraben.

A black gown and white cravat effectually hide his khaki uniform. He has a cultured air and by his natural endowment is an expositor of the Word. His illustrations are of the richest quality and his sudden flashes of thought and phrase are very telling. He speaks with a strong Scotch accent and arrests attention.

The body of the church is crowded with men of all ranks who follow the service reverently, and sing the old hymns with great heartiness. How they ring out the hymn for those at home! Only wanderers with an aching longing can sing it with such feeling and emotion:

"Holy Father, in Thy mercy,
Hear our anxious prayer;
Keep our loved ones, now far absent,
'Neath Thy care."

A Major-General of commanding presence steps forward to the altar platform and reads with a clear voice the scripture lesson.

It is distinctly inspiring and creates a deep impression to see him standing there. Who can measure the power of his influence? Such Generals dignify our army and make it great. They are as lights set upon a hill which cannot be hid; they advance in the highest and best direction and hold aloft the standard of righteousness.

One almost forgets that we are worshipping in a German church, and that is as it should be, for the Kingdom of God is greater than national dislikes and prejudices.

"Where'er we seek Thee Thou art found,
And every place is hallowed ground."

The collection is taken in strange little German bags with tinkling bells attached to them. They are carried round by six soldiers and the church is filled with their music.

After the singing of the National Anthem and the Benediction we pass out into the streets of the city with our spiritual strength renewed and ready to face the cares and toils of the morrow.

C. K.

OUR FUTURE IN THE AIR.

Some time ago I wrote on the subject of meteorology and its importance in connection with flying. I wish now to impress upon everyone just one point—we must become foremost in the air as well as upon the sea.

There may be, at a later date, as much traffic from continent to continent and from country to country in the air as upon the vast oceans. There will be, I am convinced, cargo-planes and passenger-planes as well as postal-planes; and there will certainly be official-planes for army and navy work. Many private "cars" will also be seen speeding through the air, their owners bent upon business or pleasure.

What a host of new trades and professions does this glimpse of the near future call forth. I wrote of meteorology but now I dare mention engineering, geography, mathematics, languages, chemistry and physics as various parts of the future airman's education.

The salient points, apart from a thorough knowledge of one's machine, will undoubtedly be:—To know as much as possible about weather conditions; to know the sky and the position of its orbs; to be able to use instruments for purposes of obervation (latitude and longitude); and a good knowledge of the geography of the countries over which one may pass.

I assume that the future air-vessels will contain captains, mates, engineers and other members comprising the crew in general, just as do ocean-ships; and airmen will need to study quite as much as our seamen, since the art of air locomotion is still in its infancy. In the atmosphere, just as at sea, there are waves and currents. Clouds menace the aviator just as fogs do the mariner.

We wonder at the extraordinary progress made in aviaton, but there is more, much more, to come. The opportunity is here for our hardy and adventurous young fellows, full of vigour and enterprise, to seize. Ample scope for research-work, which needs earnest study, presents itself, and each year will bring improvements with it. Anyone who is industrious, with his soul in his work, may become an inventor. An idea may arise on the spur of the moment or it may materialize after years of steady application.

Therefore, since we are only just beginning to acknowledge the air as a profitable means of portage, there is a chance for everybody to study the question. By study, the mechanic has as unique an opportunity for discovery as the pilot, the observer, and the constructor. And there is money in it!

W.R.P.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

ON HANDWRITING.

Sir,—Having read J.K.D's letter, I am wondering was the copy typed. Also does J.K.D. really believe that German handwriting is better than English. If he does let him come to my office for a day or two. His statements will be more reasonable and guarded after that experience.

The "Italic" style may be all right as an art; so was the illuminated manuscript of the Psalter, but like the latter, it is no good for twentieth century business use. Our grandmothers used to drum J.K.D.'s advice into us, but heaven keep the man who had to read their script when written in a hurry.

No, it's no use, J.K.D. Be as enthusiastic as you like about penmanship as an art, but let us have a good round running hand for our schools, our works and our offices. I would suggest that these two different subjects be placed in the syllabuses: (1) penmanship, (2) writing.

AWFIST.

MISTAKEN CHIVALRY.

Sir,—As an English girl who was at the Military Tattoo the other night when the deluge of rain suddenly overwhelmed us all, I was not too pleased to see how our soldiers attended to the wants of the German girls by bestowing their coats and waterproofs on fräuleins with whom they were probably hitherto unacquainted.

There were many of their own country-women who were just as unprepared to face the elements. Gallant, our boys' conduct may have been; but many British girls went home sick at heart because of being neglected, as well as soaked to the skin.

W. R. A. F.

MORE ON SERIOUS READING.

Sir,—While being in agreement with the majority of the books mentioned in Lt. Paterson's excellent list I would like to add that masterpiece of English Literature, Dicken's David Copperfield, to his list.

Reading is an acquired art, and before a man can enjoy Carlyle or Darwin, he must first "learn" to read something simpler, and no book is better suited to this purpose than the one I have named with the exception of Scott's "Ivanhoe" given by your correspondent.

1918.

BACK TO THE LAND.

Sir,—Regarding the recent letter on "Small Holdings" the idea is certainly good; but what is the prospect for the average would-be land-worker with no security of tenure, the tied house system and the dull grey life of the countryside?

What is wanted is a guarantee of reaping the fruit of one's labour, a good house built to conform to rules of sanitation which many houses in our villages are not, and the provision of suitable places for recreation or social intercourse when the day's work is done where one could enjoy a pint of good beer and talk over the days's doing with none of the raucous smoky atmosphere of the tap room surrounding one.

The system of private ownership of land lies at the root of many of our troubles. I am no revolutionary, I love my country with a fervent love, but I look forward to the day when that system will be altered with, I trust, the dawn of better, brighter days, a happy prosperous countryside, with the few remaining chains of feudalism swept aside.

R.E.

FROM THE WILDS.

Sir,—The complaints of soldiers in Cologne and other big centres as to their amusements make me and other fellows who are planted out in the wilds with few diversions, very tired. If any of these men are dissatisfied let them change places. Where we are, we get no cinemas, dances, concerts or Rhine trips—just an occasional visit of two or three of us to the B.E.L.C. and then we return very sick to a spot in the wilds with only two trains a day and a journey of three hours to Cologne if you are lucky enough to catch one.

We don't want to see any more letters as to lack of sport in Cologne.

BACKWOODSMAN.

READY FOR "RUGGER."

Sir,—the Rugby Season is fast approaching, and there is no sign of any attempt to organise competitions for Rugby teams. What we would like to know is this:

(1) Are there going to be any leagues or competitions for Rugby teams?

(2) If there is going to be a controlling body, will the members of the elected body consist of past and present players?

Failing to hear of any leagues or competitions, we will commence to arrange our fixtures for the coming season.

AN O.T. FIFTEEN.

OUR ENGINEERING SUPREMACY.

Sir,—For some time past, there have been letters in your paper in which the writers point out things which they have seen for the first time out here, and take it for granted that these do not exist in England, so hold them up to us as an example of our being behind the times.

The latest example is the magnetic crane. For some years this type of crane has been used in most of the rolling mills in England.

The reason why sundry pieces of metal are not lifted at the same time is because the end of the crane, which comes in contact with the weight to be lifted, is in the form of what for the sake of illustration can be called a claw, and it is only when the two ends of the claw are connected by the metal to be lifted that the circuit is made which forms the magnetic attraction.

England can still hold her own in the engineering world, as the example of munition production shows, as well as the fact that before the war, foreign firms had to come to us for many of the larger types of engines and presses. Krupps over seven years ago had from an English firm an hydraulic press for hollow gun forgings, which developed a pressure of 12,000 tons.

In England we can show tit for tat in connection with most of these so called wonderful things found in Rhineland.

C. E. WHEELER C.F.

R.A.F. CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Capt. Pyper Wins 3 Mile Race With Exciting Spurt.

LARGE SPECTATORATE.

Under the most delightful auspices, the Royal Air Force of the Rhine held their Athletic Championships at Poller Wiesen Sports Ground, Cologne, yesterday. Several thousands of spectators reclined on the banks surrounding the ground in brilliant sunshine. The heat was intense, even though tempered by a slight breeze which caused the huge number of tiny flags, with which the ground was decorated, to flutter prettily. An observation balloon swaying gently above, came in for a considerable amount of attention, particularly from the German element, who subsequently crowded round when it was lowered.

From the point of view of organization, the sports were admirable, and the committee is to be heartily congratulated upon the fact that not ing was overlooked that could be calculated to ensure the smooth running of the event as wel as the comfort of the spectators. Those who composed the Committee were: Chairman, Lt.-Col. A. C. H. McLean; Members, Captains C. P. Abbott, A. J. Adams, L. E. Cording, M.C., M.M., H. R. Kavanagh, M.B.E., H. E. Turnley, J. V. Read, and A. M. Waistell, D.S.C.; Lieuts. C. B. Hudson, P. J. Gee, and L. N. W. Woods.

The lady members of the Force also worked energetically in various ways towards the conspicuous success of the event.

The Prizewinners.

The prizewinners were.

100 yards:—1, A. C. Bosbury, 91st Wing; 2, A. C. Bird, 1st A.S.D.; 3, Col. Smith, 91st Wing. Time 10 2/5 secs.

220 yards:—1, Cpl. Cronbury, 91st Wing; 2, A. C. Bird, 1 A.S.D.; 3, Lt. Mason, E.R.S. Time 24 1/5 secs.

880 yards:—1, Lt. C. W. Moorhouse, 11th Wing; 2, Sergt. Budd, 1 A.D.; 3, A. C. Bannatyne, 1 A.D. Time 2.10 1/5.

One mile:—1, Cpl. W. Austen, E.R.S.; 2, A.C. Bannatyne; 3, A. C. Pearce, E.R.S. Time 4.56 1/5.

Putting the shot:—1, Col. Spicer, H.Q. (38 ft. 3 ins.); 2, A. C. Read; 3, Capt. Abbott.

Throwing the hammer:—1, Col. Spicer (92'5"); 2, A.C. Fordyce, H.Q.; 3, Cpl. Garratt, E.R.S.

Two miles walk:—1, Sergt. Miles, 2nd Wing; 2, Cpl. Miles, 91st Wing; 3, L.A.C. Cameron, E.R.S. (17 mins. 11 1/5th secs).

100 yards, open to Forces:—1, Lt. Godfrey, 6th R.W.K.; 2, Sergt. King, 17th Lancers; 3, Sergt. Garmondsay, 84th Bde. R.G.A. Time 10 2/5.

100 yards W.R.A.F.:—1, Member Hugill, 1 A.D.; 2, Member McMahon, E.R.S.; 3, Member Gray, 1 A.D. Time 13 2/5.

High jump:—1, Lt. Bellin, 1 A.S.D.; 2, Lt. C.W. Moorhouse; 3, Lt. C.R. Fenton, 91st Wing. (Winner, 5'2").

Long jump:—1, Lt. Beavon Potts, 11th Wing; 2, Lt. Jenkins, 91st Wing; 3, Lt. Bellin. (Winner, 20' 7 1/2").

Three mile:—1, Capt. H.C. Pyper, H.Q.; 2, Cpl. W. Austin, E.R.S.; 3, A.C. Lee, 91st Wing.

A Great Spurt.

(This was the most exciting race of the afternoon. A good pace was kept up from the start. By the time the first mile had been covered, the runners had tailed off. At the start of the last lap, Austin made a great spurt and looked as though he would be an easy winner. Then Capt. Pyper made a tremendous effort and gradually drew forward. For four hundred yards these two raced abreast, but the Captain managed to get a slight lead and won an excellent race.)

Tug-of-war:—E.R.S. beat 91st Wing in final.

120 yds Hurdle (R.A.F.):—1, Lt. Fenton, 91st Wing; 2, Lt. Bellin, No. 1 A.S.D.; 3, Capt. Cording, H.Q.

Blindfold Chariot Race:—1, Mbr. Nichols and A. C. Morgan; 2, Mbr. Hardman and Sgt. Scott.

Composite Relay Race:—1, E.R.S.; 2, 91st Wing; 3, No. 1 A.S.D.

440 yds. Open:—1, Lt. Cutbush, 9th Corps; 2, Sgt. Gautein, 5th R.I. Regt.; 3, Sgt. King, 17th Lancers.

440 yds. R.A.F.:—1, Cpl. Crosbery, 91st Wing.; 2, Capt. Cording, H.Q.; 3, Cpl. Bignall, E.R.S., Time 54 1/5 secs.

Tug-of-War:—E.R.S. beat 91st Wing in the final.

One mile relay R.A.F.:—1, No. 1 A.D.; 2, E.R.S.; 3, 91st Wing.

Mile Open Relay Race: Winners, 18th K.R.R.C. Band race:—1, Senior, 2, Brockley; 3, Frape, 4, Heffernon.

The Championship Cup presented by the Officers of the Rhine H.Q., R.A.F., was won by 91st Wing with 32 points, E.R.S. being runners up with 30 points.

The handsome prizes were presented by Mrs. Malcolm Spicer, the wife of Colonel Spicer H.Q. R.A.F., who received prizes in some of the events.

Altogether the sports were voted by everyone present to have been wonderfully well organized and carried out. Good sport added to excellent weather conditions and surroundings made the meeting one of the most enjoyable yet provided by and for British troops on the Rhine.

1/5 WEST YORKS SWEEPSTAKE.

The final date for the purchase of tickets for the 1/5th West Yorks Sweepstake is August 16th and the draw will take place on August 18th. The proceeds from tickets purchased will be invested in War Savings Certificates which will be allotted as follows: 50 per cent. to the winner; 20 per cent. to the second; 10 per cent. to the third, and the remainder to the next ten winning numbers.

The sweep opened on Friday and already nearly 5,000 tickets have been sold. The sweepstake is open to all officers and men. Tickets can be purchased from all companies or from the Hon. Treas. 1/5 West Yorks War Savings Association.

Ross and Tancy Lee.

It is quite propable that Walter Ross and Tancy Lee will meet at an early date.

Too Small.

There is hardly a racecourse in England capable of accommodating in comfort the crowds that go racing these days.

Police Tug-of-war.

With a view to meeting the generally expressed wishes of teams intending to compete in the Police tug-of-war at the Army Championship meeting on Friday, Aug. 29, it has been decided to limit the weight of teams to 130 stone (10 to pull).

From the "Harrovian."

"A report has been issued by a committee invited by the Headmaster to consider the present cricket engagements at Harrow and to suggest possible improvements or modifications in them. The report, which advocates, among other things, an alternative game to cricket for the summer term, has been unanimously adopted by the Philathletic Club, and has been submitted to the cricket authorities."

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Sunday, August 10, 1919.

Surface wind light and variable. Fine with mist in the early morning; fair and warm in the day with improving visibility.

DONOGHUE'S TREBLE.

Crack Amateur Rider Wins At Lewes Meeting.

PEER IN THE SADDLE.

The amateur riders in the Welter Handicap at Lewes race meeting on Friday included Lord Porchester and such cracks as Messrs. J. Anthony, F. B. Rees—who rode the penalized Neurotic—Bristowe, F. Hartigan, and Lieut.-Col. Bevis. Mr. Bristowe won on Zuider Zee. Stainton was a warm favourite, but never looked like repeating his Alexandra Park success. Lord Porchester was second on Sir E. Hulton's Silvanite.

Donoghue accomplished his treble on Polismen, Amastris, and Our Stephen. Amastris (Mr. T.A. Edge) started at the unusually liberal price—for a Donoghue mount—of 10 to 1. Details:—

Selling Plate:—1, Polismen (6—4); 2, Gurkha (8—1); 3, Ma Petite (11—8).

Castle Selling Plate:—1, Amastris (10—1); 2, Eau de Vie (3—1); 3, Monody (100—8).

Stanmore Handicap:—1, Dinah Morris (7—2); 2, Win the War (7—2); 3, Irish Fair (7—1).

As ley Stakes:—1, Fiddlededee (5—4 on); 2, Claudette (3—1); 3, Sweet Dorothy (20—1).

Open Welter Handicap:—1, Zuider Zee (6—1); 2, Silvanite (100—7); 3, Monazite (100—7).

De Warenne Handicap:—1, Sentry (6—1); 2, Clipstone (100—6); 3, St Agnes Eve (100—6).

Nevill Maiden Plate:—1, Our Stephen (5—2 on); 2, Kings Own (3—1); 3, Aussie (100—7).

DUBLIN HORSE SHOW.

Royal Dublin Society: Past And Present.

The Royal Dublin Horse Show, which is to be held on August 26th and 29th, promises to be even more successful this year than previously.

Mr. Bernard Weatherill, who has now a branch in Cologne, will have a particularly interesting stand there at which he will exhibit the evolution in riding kit that has resulted during the war. He has issued an interesting little booklet dealing with the history of the show, past and present. From this one learns that the Royal Dublin Society was founded in 1731, under the title of "The Dublin Society for Improving Husbandry, Manufacture, and other useful Arts and Sciences." In 1750 the Society was granted its first Charter, and became a medium for the administration of premiums and bonuses for the encouragement of agriculture, science, art, and other industries. The prefix "Royal" was added in 1820 by authority of King George IV on his Majesty becoming the patron of the Society.

From 1868 to 1880 the annual horse shows were held on the lawn, in front of Leinster House. Eventually the city's growth gradually encroached on the Society's domain, and necessitated a change of venue. Since 1880 the shows have been held on the Society's permanent show yard at Ball's Bridge, which is one of the finest in Europe. At the outbreak of war the show yard premises were taken over by the military authorities, and after 4 1/2 years occupancy, vacated on March 1st last.

79th BDE. R.G.A. SPORTS,

Dismounted Events at Cuchenheim.

The dismounted sports of 79th Bde. R.G.A. were held at Cuchenheim on Saturday. A Cup, presented by the Brigade Commander for the best individual aggregate, was won by Gnr. Wilcox, of 145 Siege Battery. Gnr. Shepherd, 174 Siege Battery, set and maintained a grand pace for the two mile flat race, and finished up with nearly a lap to spare. Mr. Cutbush, Y.M.C.A., won the open 100 Yards in fine style in 10 4/5 seconds on a very rough track.

Perhaps the best event of the afternoon was the Tug-of-war semi-final between 185 Siege Battery and 145 Siege Battery. The teams were fairly matched for weight, and splendid coaching on the part of Gnr. Wilkes of 185 S. B. was largely responsible for his team's victory. Many thanks are due to Capt. Pocock, of the P. and R. T. School, Euskirchen, and to Mr. Cutbush Y.M.C.A., for their invaluable assistance both on the field and in its preparation. Brig.-Gen. Mackenzie, the G.O.C. Heavy Artillery, IX Corps, kindly distributed the prizes.

New Irish Record.

The Clonliffe Harriers held a sports meeting at Lansdowne, near Dublin. A feature of the meeting was a three miles walk. Bridge, the English champion, beat Campbell, the Irish champion, and created an Irish record (22 min. 2 2-5 sec.), beating the previous best by 2 2-5 sec.

CANTERBURY WEEK.

Kentish Tail Wags To Some Purpose.

GALLANT RECOVERY.

The Kent team, who concluded their first innings at Canterbury for 301, played up with splendid courage yesterday. With only four wickets in hand on resumption, the county team were still 56 runs behind, but thanks to vigorous hitting on the part of Hubble and Fairservice they finished well in front. This pair added 113 runs, and Hubble took out his bat for an innings which included eight 4's. The Colonials, facing a deficit of 103 runs, made a poor start, but before Taylor was beautifully caught low down at cover point, he and F. Pellew had saved the situation. Pellew played a resolute game, and hit a dozen 4's. At the close of play the tourists, with six wickets in hand, claimed a lead of 172 runs. Gregory is again bowling well in this match, and the New South Wales man captured seven Kent wickets for a hundred runs.

The scores in the leading English matches at the close of Friday were as follows:—

ENGLISH CRICKET.

Middlesex 294 v Surrey 221 for four.
Hampshire 114 and 71 v Somerset 142.
Warwick 464 v Gloucester 120 for two.
Australians 198 and 275 for four v Kent 301.
Sussex 523 v Essex 99 for two.
Notts 300 v Lancs 192 for two.
Derbyshire 246 v Northants 243 for five.
Leicester 161 v Yorks 303 for four.

ENGINEERS v. ARTILLERY.

In the annual match at Lord's on Friday the Royal Engineers scored 307, Major E. St. G. Kirke 79, and Lieut.-Col. B. L. Eddis 77. The Royal Artillery replied with 147 for seven wickets, Lieut.-Col. P. G. Robinson contributing 53 not out. Kirke hit nine 4's and Eddis ten.

SCARBOROUGH FESTIVAL.

Three First Class Matches for Next Month.

The Scarborough Festival is to be revived next month on quite the pre-war scale, three first-class matches having been arranged—M.C.C. v. Yorkshire, Gentlemen v. Players, and C. I. Thornton's England XI. v. Australian Imperial Forces team. Mr. Thornton has been fortunate in securing very strong sides. The M.C.C. team on Sept. 1 will be:—

H. D. G. Leveson-Gower (captain), F. T. Mann, G. E. V. Crutchley, R. H. Twining, R. H. Spooner, N. Haig, M. Falcon, D. C. Robinson, Hendren, Hearne (J. W.), and Kennedy. For the Gentlemen v. Players match the eleven will consist of:—

Gentlemen.—H. D. G. Leveson-Gower (captain), P. F. Warner, G. E. V. Crutchley, J. W. H. T. Douglas, D. C. Robinson, M. Falcon, G. T. S. Stevens, R. H. Spooner, D. J. Knight, N. Haig, and the Rev. F. H. Gillingham.

Players.—Hirst (captain), Hendren, J. W. Hearne, Kilner, Dolphin, Rhodes, Kennedy, Hobbs, Hitch, Holmes, and Heaton.

Mr. Thornton's eleven against the Australians will be:—

H. D. G. Leveson-Gower (captain), P. F. Warner, J. W. H. T. Douglas, D. C. Robinson, M. Falcon, G. T. S. Stevens, D. J. Knight, R. H. Spooner, Hobbs, Hitch, and Hirst.

NEW ARMY ATHLETIC EVENTS.

In addition to the standard events in the Army Athletic Championship, to be held at Aldershot on August 28 and 29, the following will also be held:—

Open to Demobilised Officers and Soldiers—220 yards and 880 yards level.

Officers' Training Corps—880 yards relay race (4 to run, each 220 yards).

Territorial Force—Mile relay race (open to one team from each T.F. division at home).

Open to teams from divisions of the Metropolitan or City Police, and to Borough or County Constabulary—(1) Mile relay race; (2) tug-of-war (teams of 10, limit weight 130 stone).

3rd LIGHT BRIGADE CRICKET LEAGUE.

483 FIELD COY. R.E. (49) v. 12th ROYAL IRISH RIFLES (42) at Haan on Wednesday. After a very close match the Sappers won by 1 wicket. In each case it was the tail which did the best. For the winners Spr. Bird made 15 and Lieut. Monteith took 4 wickets for 6 runs. For the R.I.R., Baker made 16 runs and Parsons took 4 wickets for 18.

County Bowls Semi-Final.

In the semi-final for the English county bowls championship on Friday, on the Temple green, Denmark-hill, Surrey lost to Devon, 84—85.

MORE ATHLETICS.

51st Royal Warwicks Interesting Meeting.

"JUMPER" HALL'S FORM.

The sports of this battalion were held on Monday. All events were keenly contested, and the competition between the different Companies for the Championship Cup was exceptionally keen.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. H. Sidney, D.S.O., the band of the 2/4th Battn. The Hampshire Regiment played selections during the afternoon. Major-General Sir W. C. G. Heniker, K.C.B., D.S.O., visited the ground during the afternoon, and judged the final of the light-weight Tug-of-war.

The winners of the main events were as follows:—

Putting the shot:—1, Capt. McMullen; 2, Lieut. Knight; 3, Pte. Coy.

220 yards:—1, Pte. Batchelor; 2, Pte. Minton; 3, L/Cpl. Singleton.

Long jump:—1, Pte. Hall; 2, L/Cpl. Maycock

One Mile:—1, Lieut. McMurray Hawe; 2, Sgt. Taylor; 3, L/Cpl. Watts.

High jump:—1, Pte. Hall; 2, Sgt. Harnell.

Three legged race:—1, Ptes. Wright and Phipps; 2, Ptes. Minton and Moore.

100 yards:—1, Lieut. McMurray Hawe; 2, Sgt. Taylor; 3, Sgt. Brown.

Vet-rans' race:—1, Pte. Millard.

Relay race:—1, "A" Coy.; 2, "C" Coy.

Tug-of-war (light weight):—1, "B" Coy.

Wrestling on horseback:—1, Cpl. Philip's team.

440 yards:—1, Pte. Batchelor; 2, Pte. Hall; 3, Sgt. Eccles.

Sack race:—1, Pte. Hubbard; 2, Pte. Holloway.

1 Mile (open to Division):—1, Lieut. Lycett; 2, L/Cpl. Watts; 3, Lieut. McMurray Hawe.

½ Mile race:—1, Lieut. McMurray Hawe; 2, Lieut. Licett; 3, Sgt. Taylor.

120 yards hurdle race:—1, Sgt. Brown; 2, Pte. Wills; 3, Cpl. Mason.

Tug-of-war (catchweight):—1, "D" Coy.

Obstacle race:—1, L/Cpl. Singleton; 2, Pte. Kshonzek; 3, Pte. Bashford.

HARD ON THE SHIRTS.

51st Devons Enjoyable Sports Meeting at Hilgen.

The sports field at Hilgen presented a bright picture on Tuesday on the occasion of the annual sports of the 51st Bn. Devonshire Regt. Brigadier-General Tindall-Lucas C.M.G., D.S.O., presented the prizes, and was given three ringing cheers. A Coy. won the championship with 66 points; B Coy. being runners-up with a total of 50. Sergt. Morris (A Coy.) proved to be the champion athlete of the day. Two events on mules, the tug-of-war, and wrestling, provided excellent sport, and plenty of torn shirts.

Events and Winners.

Six-a-side Football:—A Coy., 8 points.

Inter Coy. Cross Country:—1, B Coy., 8 points; 2, D Coy., 4 points.

Throwing the Cricket Ball:—1, Capt. Petheram, B Coy.; 2, C.Q.M.S. Holland, A Coy.; 3, Pte. Vincent, A Coy.

Best turned out Officers C'arger:—1, "Mary", C Coy.; 2, "Billy", H.Q. Coy.

220 yards open to men under 20:—1, L/Cpl. Rackstraw, D Coy.; 2, L/Cpl. Bowler, B Coy.; 3, Pte. Salway, A Coy.

100 yards open to 2nd S.I. Bde.:—1, Lieut. Gilmour, 1/5 Devons; 2, Lieut. Puddicombe, 1/5 Devons; 3, Lieut. Hooper, 51st Devons.

High Jump:—1, Sergt. Morris, A Coy.; 4 ft. 9 ins.; 2, Cpl. Kirkland, D Coy.; 3, Cpl. Pollard, B Coy.

Wheelbarrow Race:—Pte. Odie and Cpl. Pollard, B Coy.

1 Mile:—1, Pte. Martin, D Coy.; 2, L/C Pocock, B Coy.; 3, Pte. Collett, B Coy.

220 yards open to 2nd S.I. Bde:—1, Sergt. Morris, 51st Devons; 2, Lieut. Hooper, 51st Devons; 3, Lieut. Gilmour, 1/5 Devons.

880 yards open to men under 20:—1, L/Cpl Blencowe, B Coy.; 2, Pte. Rowe, B Coy.; 3, Cpl. Fox, D Coy.

880 yards open to Batt.:—1, L/Cpl. Bowler, B Coy.; 2, Sergt. Gasser, C Coy.; 3, Pte. Moseley, C Coy.

3 legged Race:—1, Pte. Jelfs and Pte. Odie, B Coy.

Marching Order Race:—B Coy.

Inter-Coy Tug-of-War (Heavies Final):—C Coy. beat A Coy. 2 pulls to 1.

Inter-Coy Tug-of-War (Light Final):—A Coy. beat B Coy.

Corporals Race:—1, Rackstraw, D Coy.; 2, Bolton A Coy.; 3, Bowler B Coy.

Long Jump:—1, Sergt. Morris, A Coy.; 2, Cpl. Pollard, B Coy.; 3, Denning C Coy.

Sack Race open to men under 20:—1, Pte. Williams, B Coy.; 2, Pte. Poole, C Coy.; 3, Pte. Denning, C Coy.

120 yards Hurdles:—1, Lieut. Hooper, A Coy.; 2, Cpl. Bolton A Coy.; 3, Cpl. Fox, D Coy.

Boot Lacing Test.

Boot Lacing Competition:—1, Pte. Carter, A Coy.; 7, Pte. Poole, C Coy.

Officer's Race:—1, Capt. Petheram, B Coy.; 2, Lieut. Arculus, A Coy.

440 yards:—1, Sergt. Morris, A Coy.; 2, Pte. Rowe, B Coy.; 3, Sergt. Watts, B Coy.

Boat Race:—B Coy.

Sergeant's Race:—1, R.S.M. Chadwick, won by a neck.

Inter-Coy. Relay Race:—1, A Coy.; 2, B Coy.

Cooks Race:—Pte. White, B Coy.

Obstacle Race:—1, Sergt. Draper, A Coy.; 2, L/Cpl. Curtis, C Coy.; 3, Pte. Moseley, C Coy.

Band Race:—Pte. Humphreys.

Consolation Race:—1, Pte. Russell, B Coy.; 2, Pte. Woodhouse, B Coy.; 3, Sergt. Middleton, B Coy.

Tug-of-War on Mules:—C Coy.

Wrestling on Mules:—A Coy.

Tug-of-War:—Sergeants beat Officers (both 51st Devons.)

The band of the 51st Devons played selections during the day.

FOUR HAT TRICKS.

London Div. M.T. Bowler's Successful Season.

C.P.C. MATCHES.

Cpl. Biles of the London Div. M.T. Coy. has added another hat trick to his list, thus performing four since the opening of the "Cologne Post" Cup Competition. The following are summaries of the latest matches:—

LOWLAND DIV. M.T. COY. (11[illegible]) v. 83rd (DUBLIN) GENERAL HOSP. (21) at Leichlingen. Pte. Robinson made 42 runs for the M. T.'s and Cpl. Biles performed the hat-trick for the fourth time this season.

29th BN. M.G.C. (89 for 7) v. H CORPS H.Q. (24) at Leverkusen. The chief scorers for M.G.C. were L/Cpl. Durant 21, Cpl. Saddler 19 not out, while Lieut. Astill took 7 wickets for 7 runs and Saddler 3 for 12.

77th SIEGE BTY. (120) v. 354 SIEGE BTY. (34) at Godesberg. Fenton was the star performer scoring 49 and taking 7 wickets for 8 runs.

D CORPS SIEGE PARK (34 for 3) v. LIGHT DIVISION H.Q. (23) at Düren. For Siege Park, Sgt. Munford took 3 wickets for 15 and Pte. Lee 5 for 6 while Lieut. Cohen scored 16 and Sgt. Dickenson 11.

SOUTHERN DIV. M.T. COY. (43) v. 237 FIELD COY. (24) at Forsbach. Bowling for Southern Div. M.T. Coy. Sgt. Albery took 6 wickets for 8 runs and Pte. Uttley 4 for 15. For 237 Field Coy., Spr. Roe took 4 wickets for 17 runs and Cpl. Beaney 6 for 24.

CAV. DIV. H.Q. (111 for 8) v. BAKERIES SPORTS CLUB (32) at Kalk. For Cav. Div. H Q. Cpl. Harvey made 35 not out, L/Cpl. Bennett 20, and Lieut. Neil took 7 wickets for 7 runs.

LOWLAND DIV. M.T. COY. (56) v. 1/5 K.O.S.B. (28) at Zons. Pte. Pocock bowled very well for the M.T.'s taking 6 wickets for 11 runs. C.S.M. Mann batted well for the K.O.S.B.

4th SUFFOLK REGT. (260) v. 5th BORDER REGT. (115) at Troisdorf. The Borders batted first, their principal scorers being Pte. Luck 37, Capt. Dove 18, Lieut. Slack 10, Pte. Stevens 10. Lieut. Bailey scored 78, Lieut. Kirby 55, Pte. Pither 49, Lieut. Hopland 18, L/Cpl. Parr 14 Lieut. Bailey took 8 wickets for 31 for 4th Suffolks.

16th LANCS FUS. (136) v. LANCS DIV. M.T. COY. (94) at Bonn. For Lancs Fus. Capt. Boden scored 49 and 2 Lieut. Mitchell 34. For Lancs Div. M.T. Coy. Pte. Boothroyd made 34.

Other Results.

1/5 South Staffs 78; Mid. Div. D.A.C. 29 at Niederelvenich.

53rd R. Warwicks 44; Southern Div. M.T. Coy. 37.

354 S.B. 32; 269 A.E. Coy. 18 at Gross-Büllesheim.

10th Corps Signals 86; 51st Bedfords 83.

4th Suffolks 82; 303 Siege Battery 57.

121 Heavy Bty. 119 for 7; E Div. Sig. Coy. R.E. 70 all out.

BONN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L		Pts.	
51st R. Sussex	23	19	2		38§	
East. Div. H.Q.	21	18	2	1	37§	
4th Suffolk	22	18	4		36§	
16 Lanc. Fus.	18	15	2	1	31§	
52 Welsh Regt.	21	14	5	2	30§	+
5 Border Regt.	17	15	2		30§	
120 Heavy Bty.	20	14	5	1	29§	
Lancs. Div. M.T. Coy.	20	14	6		28§	
23 Royal Fus.	17	14	3		28§	
13 Kings Liverpool	16	14	2		28§	
52 Cheshires	19	12	4	3	27§	
51 Bedfords	15	12	3		24§	
45 Lancs. Fus.	15	11	4		22§	+
1 T.M.B. Western.	23	10	12	1	21§	+
X Corps Sig. Coy.	22	10	11	1	21§	
393 Siege Bty.	22	10	12		20§	
53 Welsh Regt.	16	10	6		20§	
41 Kings Liverpool	19	9	9	1	19§	
92 Field Amb.	23	9	14		18§	
Lancs. Div. Sig. Coy.	20	8	12		16§	
107 Sqd. R.A.F.	16	7	8	1	15§	+
East. Div. Sig. Coy.	20	5	14	1	11§	+
69 Siege Bty.	20	5	15		10§	+

§ Points awarded for scratched matches.
+ Games lost by Default.

PLEASE NOTE:—10th R.W. Kents have withdrawn from Bonn League. 51st Sherwood For. have withdrawn from Düren League.

KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION.

18th Field Amb. v. "B" Coy 2/4 West Riding Regt.

The above match was played at Blessem under ideal conditions on Friday. "B" Coy could only register the disappointing total of 26. For the "Medics," Pte. Furness bowled 6 for 12, and R.S.M. Green 4 for 14. The only one to play with anything like confidence was C.Q.M.S. Stead with 8 not out, but the rest of the team failed to give him support. The F.A.'s reply was short and sweet for they passed their opponent's total with 7 wickets in hand, thanks to a steadily played 11 by Cpl. Hawker. For the "Dukes," L/Cpl. Woodward took 1 wicket for nil runs in two overs.

84th Brigade League.

At Mehlem, 270 SIEGE BATTERY (32) v. 84th BDE. R.A.S.C. (28). The R.A.S.C batted first and fared disastrously against the bowling of Walker and Bongiey. Cpl. Joe and Maudsley made a good stand for the ninth wicket the former getting 9 runs and was top scorer, Maudsley carried out his bat for 7 runs. Walker 14 and Mason 10 batted well for the R.G.A. Maudsley took 4 wickets in one over for the R.A.S.C.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

A. A. Dance.

The oppressive weather of Friday evening did not deter a large gathering dancing with spirit at the R., A.A. Battery Hall, Cologne. Members of the W.R.A.F. were present in liberal numbers. The company, under the influence of delightful music (dispensed by the battery orchestra conducted by Lieut. Sims), a well prepared floor and cooling refreshments (arranged by Lieut. Adamson), enjoyed itself hugely. Bdr. Taylor was an efficient M.C., while the decorations were superb.

"Pedlars" Accompanist.

In the paragraph on Howard Rudd, which appeared in Thursday's edition, I was perhaps a little ambiguous. Rudd, although a pianist of talent, only acted as accompanist in the absence of George Haigh, who is the recognised accompanist. Several readers have drawn my attention to this fact. Haigh's pianoforte solos are a great feature on the programmes, and consequently he is well-known. George is a most finished accompanist, and has had many years experience as a concert party pianist.

"The Grenades".

A very successful concert was given on Wednesday, August 6th by the "Grenades", the concert party of the 51st Northumberland Fusiliers at their headquarters. Sgt. Rimmer, who provided the fun was in his best form, whilst Lieut. A. Dick, the popular baritone, added two more songs to his list of successes. Sgt. Little, in his whistling solos, was splendid. These artistes were ably supported by L/Cpl. Sidney Topham, the light comedian, Sgt. J. Muir Smith, whose monologues are very popular, Pte. Goodall, and last, but not least, Pte. Fisher at the piano.

Pleasure or Profit?

I was speaking to an amusements officer the other day. He had a grievance; and the extent of his grievance was this: Concert parties nowadays put financial considerations before their endeavours to provide entertainment for Tommy. All that congenial spirit that characterized our parties in France is gone; remuneration is now the primary object. Before appearing, many parties demand a guaranteed "treasury" which, to units billeted in remote villages, is outrageous. Remuneration, he admits, is necessary, but if the wish to provide entertainment is the party's first thought, why these demands for unreasonable guarantees?

The Normids.

An enjoyable concert was given on Tuesday at Gressenich by the above party. The show, produced by Dvr. Critchley, was excellent throughout. The solos by Dvr. Critchley (Tenor) and Bdr. Barrand (Baritone), who were both in splendid voice, were artistically rendered, but the items which absolutely brought down the house were the duets rendered by these two artistes who excelled themselves. The comic side of the evening was in the very able hands of Cpl. Dewick and Gnr. Hudson, who were screamingly funny in their respective turns, and these artistes were ably supported by Sig. Parkes (Baritone), Gnr. Cope. (ragtime specialist) and Gnr. Richmond (Dame), whilst the various concerted and burlesque items completed the show.

Rhine Army Choral Society.

The Rhine Army Choral Society submitted their last concert this season at the Leave Club Theatre, Cologne, on Friday evening. In the process, the members, and particularly Capt. Sykes, the conductor, added in no small measure to the excellent reputation already made. The technical mistakes of the party's efforts were surprisingly few and they sang with a spirit and an excellence of blending that stirred a large audience to enthusiasm. The programme was also contributed to by Major W. L. Greenless whose finished vocal ability invariably pleases; Miss Elsa West, who extracts wonderful tone from her violin; "Jock" Lomond, a Scotch comedian with a considerable amount of "go," and Cpl. Price, a timid, but promising vocalist. Anent the latter item, the 'cello obligato suffered from lack of rehearsal. More than passing notice, by the way, is due to Miss West's accompanist, who played with a delicacy of touch and a degree of sympathy that constitutes a rara avis.

A Fitting Season's End.

A very pleasing ceremony took place on the stage at the British Empire Leave Club Theatre on Friday evening last at the conclusion of the concert by the British Rhine Army Choral Society. Capt. G. E. Sykes, after expressing his grateful thanks to the members of the Society for their tremendous interest and excellent support, remarked that that concert concluded the second season of the Society, which has, since its formation in January last, given 30 concerts in Cologne and other parts of the occupied area. At the concerts during the last few weeks the Society had had the assistance of Miss Elsa West and her violin, of "Jock" Limond, and of Cpl. Harold Walters (bass), and the success of the concerts was attributable in no small degree to their ready and skilful help. Miss West had shown the greatest interest in the Society and had travelled to outlying areas with the members in army lorries which in itself was deserving of great commendation. He called upon Major B. French to hand to Miss West, "Jock" and Cpl. Walters a small token of the esteem and gratitude of the choir. Major French in a happy little speech presented Miss West with an amber necklet and the others each received a box of cigarettes. Miss West suitably replied as also did the Corporal and "Jock."

In Few Words.

The British Rhine Army Choral Society resumes rehearsals tomorrow, subsequent Wednesdays, Fridays, and Mondays 5.45 p.m. at the Church Army Club, Antoniter Strasse.

Backhaus, the world famous pianist returns to Berlin on Monday. He will visit Cologne again in November to give a series of recitals.

"The Pedlars," who, by the way, have re-equipped themselves in the matter of properties, are due at the Palace Theatre, Cologne to-morrow.

Revivals of the "Mollusc" and "General Post," the former Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the latter Thursday, Friday, and Saturday are billed for the Deutsches Theatre this week.

JACQUES.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Leg Broken.

Farakabad had the misfortune to break his off hind leg at Brighton this week.

Crooks v. Legge.

Rees Crooks (Aberavon) defeated Gus Legge (Abertillery) in a 15-rounds contest at Port Talbot on points.

Diadem and Donoghue.

Donoghue has received a wire from Lord D'Abernon asking him to ride Diadem in the Curragh Plate in Ireland on the 21st inst.

Coventry City F.C.

Coventry City Football Club are pushing on with their ground alterations. When the improvements are completed it is expected that there will be good accommodation for 40,000 people.

Lord Basil.

The Manton classic disappointment, Lord Basil, has been struck out of all engagements, which looks as though Taylor had given up hopes of training him.

6th Corps Representative.

Lieut. C. G. Fentam, 51st Northumberland Fus. was elected to represent the 6th Corps at the Athletic Eliminating Competitions at Riehl on Thursday to select the team to represent the Army of the Rhine at the Army Athletic Championships to be held at Aldershot on August 28th and 29th.

To be Revived.

Although fourteen of its members fell in action, the Rugby Hockey Club is to be revived this season.

In Training.

McGoorty is going into training at Stanmore, where Ledoux will probably join him. Beckett will train at Maidenhead.

Fishing from Seaplane.

American sportsmen who fly out from Atlantic City in a seaplane, settle on the water, and enjoy a few quiet hours with rod and line.

Scottish Golf Champion.

D. H. Kyle, of St. Andrews University, is the new Scottish amateur champion, as he won the title at Montrose by beating J. C. Jessop (Montrose Mercantile) in the final by 3 up and 2 to play.

The Billiard Tourney.

The Billiard Tournament for second-class professionals which has been in progress for some weeks at Thurston's has been such a conspicuous success that it may be assumed that this competition is merely the first of a series.

Parsons and Boxing.

The Llanelly Nonconformist ministers waited as a deputation on the Mayor, Alderman Daniel Williams, J.P., at the Town Hall, to protest against the Town Council granting the use of the Market Hall for boxing tournaments.

Brighton Cup.

The Brighton Cup was worth the best part of £1,000 to Mr. T. Martin, the owner of African Star.

Seven Bowlers Tried.

Hampshire against Middlessex this week tried seven bowlers, of whom Kennedy, with four 94, was the most successful.

100 to 3 Winner.

Sir Mnemon won the Australian hurdle race of three and half miles, Beltane, the favourite, being second, and Cuffs third. The winner's price was 100 to 3.

Hull City.

In addition to R. Hughes, of Northampton Town, Hull City have signed C. W. Potter, Norwich City, and George Morrell, a junior international from Blackheath Town, Birmingham, both inside forwards.

Killed by Cricket-Ball.

While wicket-keeping in a cricket match at Dulwich College Grounds on Bank Holiday, George Morton Dodman, 37, a G.P.O. porter, late of Somerton-road, Peckham, was struck in the chest by a ball. He shortly afterwards died.

£1,400 Offer Declined.

An offer of £1,400 for a week's show at the Electric Park Kansas City, made to Jack Dempsey by Ernie Young, of Chicago, was turned down by Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, says the New York "Variety."

Portsmouth F.C.

Portsmouth Club have signed on George Hunter, formerly captain of Manchester United, and who has also played for Aston Villa and Croydon Common.

Royal Bowls.

A bowls club has been formed in connexion with the Royal Household, and the King has had some rinks set apart for the members at Frogmore.

Popular in Argentine.

The Lawn Tennis Association has been asked by the Argentine Lawn Tennis Association to send a team to that country. Lawn tennis has always been popular in the Argentine.

20 T.Y.O's.

Mr. Martin Maddock has shipped to Brazil to the Jockey Club of Sao Paulo, 20 two-year-old fillies, all by well-known sires, including Great Sport, His Majesty, Fariman, Light Brigade, Galloping Simon, Kroonstad, Glasgerion, Meleager, Balscadden, and King's Proctor.

L.C.C. and Football.

There is considerable disappointment among those associated with the bodies which do such admirable work in organising park football for boys and young men, at the small amount of playing space granted by the L.C.C. for the coming season.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

That Missing Bell.

As a final contribution to this subject, a resident of Cologne informs us that it is quite true that originally twenty-eight men were needed to ring the great bell, but after a time the strain caused by the irregular movements in pulling the ropes cracked the masonry so manual ringing was abolished and electrical power substituted in 1909.

Poor Productions.

It is frequently pointed out in this column how, in many ways, things are better done in Germany than at home, but no one can possibly say that the German newspaper is not as a rule drab, dull and unattractive looking. The news is not set out invitingly and little use is made of arresting headlines or titles. The German newspaper seems to deal in "views" rather than "news" and is a very heavy serious production from start to finish. One seldom sees anything in lighter vein, jokes seem taboo altogether and pictures rare. Whereas the Germans are great artists in book and magazine production, the newspaper press seems to represent the Cinderella of printing. They are very poorly turned out and Germany has never possessed any organ that comes within even a measurable distance of such dailies as our "Times" or "Telegraph."

Y.M.C.A. Introductions.

We hear that four thousand books have been added to the large library of the Central Y.M.C.A. Cologne, and these are to form a Reference Library for Teachers, Students and other serious readers. A subscription section is also being started, the subscriptions to be used in keeping the library up-to-date. Miss Weatherhead, the Librarian, is reorganizing both the Library and the Reading Room. In response to many requests a barber's shop for the exclusive use of British soldiers will be opened this week at the same useful institution. Soldiers will be able to get a wash-up and have their kit taken in charge, in addition to having a shave and hair-cut. In addition to the Canteen, a Restaurant has been opened for dinners, teas and suppers at moderate charges.

Coal Carts.

Have you noticed the "super" coal cart, a green painted monster, with four wheels, which is sometimes seen in the streets of a town, in this part of the country. The great point about the vehicle is the way in which the load of coal or coke is "tipped." Instead of heaving the cart right over, with a bang and a crash, and a resultant mass of coal dust in the air, there is a handle and cogged iron bar, in front of the vehicle, by means of which the latter is slowly raised, so that the coal falls gently out from the back. When the load is about half emptied, a small boy generally climbs in with a shovel or a fork, and completes the operation of unloading.

Looking Upwards.

If one takes the trouble to look at the roofs of German houses they can learn quite a deal. For example, in the matter of chimney pots, on looking out of an upper window in, say London, one is immediately struck by the multitude of chimney pots of every stamp of ugliness, pouring out their daily contribution to London fogs. One rarely sees a chimney pot in Germany, for the reason that these do not exist as we know them, smoke escaping by means of wide stacks which are so artfully camouflaged as to appear an artistic "finish" to the roofing. The effect of this is certainly an improvement on our monstrosities, and probably it acts better in practice also. Anyway Cologne has not the smokiy and sooty appearance that London has all the year round.

Wreaths for Actors.

The presentation of floral emblems to stage favourites is a familiar custom in most countries, but in Germany it has developed into a curious form not altogether in keeping with English ideas. At the recent celebration of the centenary of "Der Juxbaron" in Cologne, the stage, after the second act, was a mass of greenery intermingled with flowers. A large proportion of the tributes however took the form of huge green wreaths streaming with ribbons and gave the impression at least to the English mind, more of some state funeral than the occasions of festival. The comedian Carl Blass received no less than six of these wreaths.

Too Clever.

The present conditions in Rhineland give the German plenty of scope for using his brains, notably in the smuggling of goods into unoccupied territory. One day last week, a civilian walked up to the outpost near Rolingshoven, carrying a large laurel wreath, presumably taking it to a funeral over the line. But the guard, noticing that the German seemed to make hard work of carrying the wreath, become a trifle suspicious, and decided to investigate, with the result, that it was discovered that the "Wreath" was just leaves twisted round a motor tyre!

Early Birds.

Apropos our recent note on the attractiveness of the busy early morning scene at the Heumarkt in Cologne, a sarcastic letter has reached us from a cavalryman of the Rhine Army who signs himself "Lie-a-bed." He asks if someone would tell him the best time to see the wonderful market as in his unit the day's work does not start until 4.45 a.m. and he would like to utilize some of the spare hours before that if possible.

Doctored Trees.

On the Rheinwerft at Bonn, close to the bridge, may be seen trees which have undergone an operation resembling dental treatment. These trees, about thirty in number, have developed a hollow trunk, and this hollow has been carefully filled with cement, in much the same way as a hollow tooth would be stopped to prevent further decay. At first sight the trees appear to have had some of the bark removed from their trunks, and it requires a close inspection before one realizes what has been done to them.

A Curious Device.

An interesting relic of the German control of the Belgian railways is still to be found on the intact portions of the main lines. Travelling in either direction one cannot fail to notice before arriving at a station a series of what appear like white miniature goal posts with broad cross-bars. Each series contains five at intervals of fifty metres. The first has five black bars running obliguely from right to left and each succeeding one one stroke less. Fifty metres from the last one is a signal — a round yellow disc with an arm on it in black like the small hand of a clock — which tells the driver if he can or can not enter the station. The system was adopted by the Germans as a precautionary measure to avoid accidents. When the driver comes to a series he knows he is 250 metres from the signal and in case he should miss one or more there are five separate reminders. The system however does not appear as efficient as that obtaining on British railways.

Lesser Echoes.

In the recent Army College examinations Sergt. G. Wake, 51st Northumberland Fusiliers is believed to hold the distinction of being the first N.C.O. of the Northern Division to gain a "Special Army Certificate."

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Before the war agricultural labourers earned one mark fifty pfg. per day; now they get about five marks per day

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It is being asked why the price of British cigarettes varies so much in different canteens. Some standard maximum price seems to be needed.

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"A" Coy of the 51st Northumberland Fusiliers put up last week for savings certificates 14,625 marks—beating all the other companies of the battalion "hands down."

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to: C.Q.M.S. D.J. Rewett, 51st Gordons, Rhine Army; Gnr. G. Johnson 303 Siege Bty. R.G.A. Rhine Army; Cpl. Upperton c/o Military Governor, Cologne.

THE DOUBLE LIFE.

FROM A CORRESPONDENT.

In a greater or lesser degree the Fable, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" by R.L. Stevenson, is applicable to the life of every man.

In the story, the good doctor allows his evil nature to get the mastery, and that nature takes the form of Mr. Hyde which ultimately is the means of bringing about the downfall of Dr. Jekyll.

Every individual has these two natures striving one against the other, and according to the amount of license given to each, depends in the long run, which personality is going to predominate a mans life.

There is a feeling of abhorrence against the advent of the first sin, but if that sin is allowed to come again and again, there also comes a time when the loathing is past, and the horrible personality can take the lead and ruin a mans life. "The pangs of transformation grew daily less marked" said Dr. Jekyll when speaking of the change to the evil personality.

To every man is given a danger signal to warn him of the attacks by the lower nature, a danger signal which never fails to give that warning, and men call that moral sense, conscience. "Intuitively and without either argument or reasoning, certain acts are right while others are wrong."

To some men it is a stream of tendency which makes for righteousness, and those men are governed by their environment. The opposite flow of tendency makes for evil.

When national life of the present day seems at all events to help down the stream of unrighteous tendences, when men so easily float past the warning signals, the only counter power to that awful drift is the Power of God, guiding and ruling all the actions.

Counter attractions are a powerful factor in our lives, for good or evil.

"Ennobling thoughts depart when
men desert
The Students' bower for gold"

The greatest counter attraction against evil is the religious instinct which is found in every man, but sometimes that instinct is stifled, with the result, that the evil nature rules the human life, but if the Personality of Jesus Christ guides through all there can be no fear of that life becoming a moral shipwreck.

Amidst all the religions offered to mankind, the Christian religion is based on the surest foundation.

"Mohammed's truth lay in a holy
book
Christ's in a sacred life"

Then is the outlook so very dark, when in the first place men are warned by conscience, when evil is changing their nature; for remember, with that conscience there can be no surprise defeat. No man forewarned, with the Power of God to help, and the example of Christ for a pattern, need ever fear.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Cholera Again.—An outbreak of cholera has occurred in Petrograd.

Sugar for France.—Belgium is sending large quantities of sugar to France.

For the Hospitals.—The total amount raised for the Hospital Sunday Fund this year is £83,000.

Reserve of "Wrens." — A Women's Royal Naval Service Reserve is under consideration.

Incognito.—Prince Waldemar of Denmark, who is travelling incognito, is at present in London.

Too Dear Tea.—Tea shop charges in London continue to increase, and many complaints are heard.

Invitation for Foch.—Marshal Foch is to be invited officially to visit the United States.

Repentant.—At Scotland Yard forty applications to rejoin as recruits have been received from strikers.

Professor Dies.—Principal Roberts, of University College Aberystwyth, who has just died, was the son of a policeman.

Chili Joins.—Chili has joined the League of Nations. The Argentine was the first neutral country to join.

Doubtful.—A further debate is to take place on the question of free travelling for M.P.'s.

Surplus Property Sold.—The value of sales of surplus Government property is now £151,000,000.

For Sale.—Gogarth Abbey on the south side of the Great Orme including the ancient ruins of the old abbey is for sale.

To Educate.—A number of technical and educational films have arrived for exhibition in Great Britain.

Freemasons' Service.—Over three thousand Yorkshire Freemasons attended a memorial service, held at York Minster, to Freemasons who fell in the war.

Indians on a Visit.—A party from the contingent of the Indian Army at present visiting England were shown round the Portsmouth dockyards.

To India.—It is believed that General Birdwood of "Anzac" fame will succeed Sir Charles Munro as Commander-in-Chief in India.

A Change.—The new permanent army of the United States will discard work a day khaki and will be uniformed in green.

Germany's Gloves.—Leather gloves for which a general licence has been issued, are again permitted to be imported into Great Britain from Germany.

Waiting for Ships.—More than a thousand people are waiting to go to East Africa from Great Britain, and a considerably greater number to Australia.

Flying Boat Returns.—The British flying boat, F 5, which left England on July 19 on a test flight over Scandinavia has returned successfully.

Rations All Round.—The Supreme Economy Council has the question of international rationing under consideration in London.

German Railway Trouble.—German railway workers threaten to strike on 1st September. They demand a more democratic management.

More Beds.—Hundreds of additional beds are now available in London hospitals owing to the discharge of military patients.

Their Own Enemies.—Mr. Lloyd George says that if trade unionism is in danger it is through the action of extreme men in its own ranks.

Karlsbad for Americans.—It is said that the Town Council of Karlsbad intends to lease the entire health resort to an American combine.

Fewer Trains.—On account of fuel shortage German railway traffic and especially holiday trains will be greatly reduced.

Scarce Food at Chemnitz.—As a result of food riots, martial law has been proclaimed at Chemnitz, Saxony, and nobody is allowed out after 8 p.m.

A Big Deal.—The United States of America have sold to France all their stocks and installations in that country for two milliards five hundred million francs.

Indignation. — The epistle of Prince Henry of Prussia to the King has drawn upon itself the condemnation of all German papers except the Conservative National organs.

Actress Fined.—A lady was fined five pounds at Marylebone for having removed her spaniel dog out of the scheduled district of Folkestone to London without permission.

First Since the War.—The American cargo steamer Kenesan has sailed from Hamburg for America. This is the first vessel to leave the port since the outbreak of war.

"Eastward Ho."—This is the title of a forthcoming new production at the London Alhambra. The caste will include several artistes who are great favourities at that theatre, and the production is to cost £30,000.

Don't Forget The Cat.—The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals warns holiday makers not to leave their cats behind. Those who abandon their cats are liable to a fine up to £20 or three months imprisonment,

Saved from the Sea.—The salvors engaged in attempting to salve the contents of the Armada ship in Tobermory Bay have raised among other things four coins of the period of Philip II of Spain.

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

TO SING OR TO SMOKE.

Madame Anny Sherwin, the well-known teacher of singing, says:—"If you want to sing you must not smoke. Thousands of pretty girls with pretty voices are ruining their chances of being sweet singers by smoking too many cigarettes. Cigarette smoking has become a habit with a large number of girls during the last few years, and it is a pernicious habit for an artist, with few exceptions." When asked if she approved of singing in the open air, Madame Sherwin said that in suitable weather a singer would benefit rather than otherwise from it. An artist who wishes to keep in good voice, she added, must be continent in the matter of diet and in every way, and as this is very largely a matter of habit, very little or no inconvenience need be felt.

OUR SPLENDID SEAMEN.

Admiral Sir Reginald Bacon, in outlining the history of the Dover Patrol says:—"Thank God every day of your lives for the spirit shown by the merchant service during the war. I never thought that we should be starved by submarines, even in the worst days of the war, except from one cause. I feared sometimes that the ever-present dangers of the mine and submarine might break the nerve of our merchant seamen. In the usual acceptance of the words, they did not constitute a fighting service, and the unseen perils they were suddenly called on to face might well have bred a dread sufficient to chill their hearts and make them forsake the sea. They stuck to their old traditions and saved the country!"

HIGHLAND FISHERIES.

Dr. Murray, in the House of Commons, has sharply criticised Lord Leverhulme's scheme to develop the fishing industry in the Island of Lewis. The bulk of the people in the island, he says, want to live their old life of liberty in agriculture, and have no desire for the factory methods of industrialism. More small holdings ought to be provided. The Board of Agriculture should not be turned aside from their plans by the talk that if the farms are cut up into small holdings Lord Leverhulme will wash his hands of the whole scheme.

THE DEPRECIATED SOVEREIGN.

Mr. Gordon Selfridge discussing the trend of prices says: One must remember, that the purchasing power of the sovereign is perpetually decreasing in value. Two hundred years ago the sovereign was worth 20 times more than it is to-day, and, apart from the world disturbance of a great war, this depreciation has always gone on, and, I suppose, always will. Naturally, war has intensified this depreciation, but people who talk about the dwindling value of the pound as if it were a new feature, are ignorant of the facts. Of all the countries engaged in the war, England, from the point of view of the cost of living, is probably best off. In America, for instance, the price of clothes is far higher to-day than it is in England.

A WAR COMPARISON.

The Archbishop of Canterburys, peaking on the Great War and those of former days, remarked that some of us may have dim recollections of the Crimean War. In that war there were actually killed in battle 2,755 and 1,847 died of wounds, making 4,600. Contrast those figures with those of this war. As Sir Douglas Haig has said, "never has death taken so many forms at once so violent and insidious. Never has it been so ever-present, or its arms so far-reaching. Never has the mere act of living been so exacting or burdensome. Should another war break out, by reason of the progress of science the horrors would be ten times greater than before. Heaven forbid that we should relax any effort or that we should be unprepared.

MRS. GRUNDY IS DEAD.

Mrs. Edward Cecil says Mrs. Grundy is dead and we are glad she is gone. She looked on natural human love as something to be ashamed of. So far as the man was concerned, his admiration of the natural beauty of a girl was something to be excused as a human failing. If he admired her sufficiently to want to marry her, his correct reason for wanting to do so were to be that he thought she would make him a good wife, a good housekeeper, a good needlewoman—never a good lover. For that, according to Mrs. Grundy, was outside respectable marriage. In the same way, a girl was never supposed to like a man because he was a man, but because he was a "steady young fellow"—a model of all the domestic virtues. Hence arose Mrs. Grundy's idea of marriage—that a man married a housekeeper, and a girl married to make her position in life secure. Mrs. Grundy made fun of the idea of love in a cottage in her ponderous way. Mrs. Grundy looked on marriage as the end achieved and not as the beginning of life.

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"UNSATISFACTORY."

Startling Disclosures of Negligence and Fraud at Air Ministry.

DEVELOPMENTS IN HUNGARY.

CORRUPTION.

DISHONESTY IN PUBLIC SERVICES.

Startling disclosures are made in the latest report of the Select Committee on National Expenditure, which was issued on Saturday as a White Paper. It deals principally with Air Ministry affairs. In all twenty-nine witnesses were examined and as the result the Committee are of opinion that a very unsatisfactory state of affairs is revealed.

One of the witnesses, Sir John Hunter, Administrator of Works and Buildings said that, speaking generally, not a single man of the 70,000 engaged in the work of erection of aerodromes had earned the money he received. He went on to give details of a specific case which he alleged had been made into a conspiracy at Renfrew. He charged both Government men and contractors men with regularly drawing money as wages for men who did not exist. Four men were arrested, but the Lord Advocate declined to order a prosecution on the ground that the available evidence was not strong enough to obtain a conviction and further that "prosecution would reveal what appears to be inefficiency and absence of control on the part of the representatives on the spot."

Sir John Hunter further stated that from investigations made by a firm of measurers it appeared that a sum of about £60,000 had been charged by contractors which could not be accounted for. The War Office refused to order a Court-martial on certain officers whom Sir John Hunter suspected of fraud and advised him to take criminal proceedings. Revelations of an equally extraordinary character are made in the report relating to a clothing contract for the W.R.A.F.

Miss O'Sullivan, the Clothing Controller to the Force, stated that a contract for 60,000 garments was given to a Manchester firm whose patterns were rejected in favour of those from another establishment. The comment is made in the Committee's report that in their opinion, where cases of negligence or fraud are discovered, action should be taken against the offenders regardless of whether they are or are not officials, or even departments. The Committee regrets very much that the Lord Advocate should have taken up the position he did.

After examining General Trenchard the Committee came to the conclusion that he is doing everything possible to cut down expenditure, having due regard to the efficiency of his department. The Committee has decided to postpone examination of the expenditure of the Labour Ministry until the Out-of-Work Donation Committee has concluded its investigations.

"AMERICANIZATION."

AGITATORS TAKE TIMELY HEED.

Chiefs of Brotherhoods and other labour organisations in the United States are backing away from threats of strikes and revolution. This is the direct result of President Wilson's rebuke and the firm statements by leading congressmen that they will not permit labour to stampede them into enacting radical legislation without a definite mandate from the people. The leaders of the railroad Unions are trying to appease the public by making efforts to interview the President about plans for railroad management. Instead of calling for "Nationalisation" they have changed the word to "Americanization" of the lines.

The strike of railroad shopmen is ending, although some men continue defiant in a few districts. After a strike of several days, which was characterised by considerable disorder and violence, the employés on the Brooklyn system returned to work on the understanding that their demands would be settled by arbitration. A Chicago message states that the stockyard strikers voted to resume work as yesterday.

According to the statements of intimate friends President Wilson believes that the cost of living in America has passed its maximum. As the result of the campaign by the Department of Justice against hoarders and profiteers prices of commodities from now onwards will gradually decline.

ATTEMPT ON THE GOEBEN.

Constantinople papers report that the Turkish officers on board the Goeben, which is at present in the roads at Nicomedia (Ismid, on the Sea of Marmora), endeavoured to sink the vessel.

Their attempt was forestalled by British warships, who put the crew to flight.

HUNGARY.

ARCHDUKE'S WIRE TO CLEMENCEAU.

The Archduke Joseph has sent a telegram to M. Clemenceau asking that he may be allowed to send two Hungarian delegates to the Peace Conference. The Supreme Council, it is understood, dealt with the matter yesterday. It is regarded as unlikely that the delegates will be received until it is certain that the new Government is really representative of the Hungarian people and offers some hope of stability. In his telegram the Archduke stated that the new Government, whose programme was the re-establishment of order in Hungary and the destruction of Bolshevism, is not concerned about foreign influences, and proposes to proceed at the earliest possible moment with the elections and to convene a meeting of the National Assembly as soon as these have been held. The Archduke further requests recognition of the Government and friendly support on the part of the Entente in the interests of the success of his efforts.

According to a Buda-Pesth report the Allied Mission has held important conferences in the presence of the Archduke and the new Premier, Stephan Friedrich. AllHungarian politicians staying abroad have been invited to return to Buda-Pesth. Up to the present 136 leading Hungarian politicians representing all parties have declared themselves ready to support the new Government.

M. Borcheso, Secretary to the Roumanian Legation in London, left yesterday for Paris on a special mission and M. Titualesco, formerly Roumanian Minister of Finance, left at the same time for Bucharest.

FINLAND REPUBLIC.

RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA.

The correspondent of the Matin (Paris) has interviewed Herr Stahlberg, President of the Republic of Finland. The constant anxiety of his Government, declared the Minister, would be to safeguard Finnish Independence while maintaining friendly relations with the great powers. The whole country unanimously desired to enter the League of Nations, that Finland might find protection therein. The desire of his Government, despite difficulties which might arise, is to maintain cordial and sincere relations with Russia, provided that that country is organised on a democratic basis which will respect popular rights. If Bolshevism menaced them it would be the task of the Finlanders to defend their country, even to the death. The question of the Aaland Islands solely concerned Sweden and Finland and could be regulated between those two countries without the intervention of Russia.

BOTHA'S WELCOME HOME.

After a triumphal progress all the way from Capetown, General Botha and General Smuts received an extraordinarily affectionate welcome on their arrival home at Pretoria on Friday. Old farmers who had fought under them in the Boer War nearly twenty years ago trekked from the remotest parts of the Transvaal to greet General Botha, who was deeply moved by the warmth of his reception.

In a speech which contained many homely allusions he compared the late war to a bush fire which had burned itself out. But, he added, there still appear occasional flames as the tree stumps are consumed.

RUSH TO SOUTH AFRICA.

So remarkable has been the demand for Crown lands in South Africa that a leading Government official prophesies that within a decade there will be none left. During the past ten years about eleven million acres have been taken up by private owners. The remainder, although of poor quality, is rapidly being applied for. General Smuts expects large numbers of Englishmen and others from overseas to settle in the Union owing to the comparatively low taxation.

RIDING MASTERS ABOLISHED.

An Army Order just issued states that as riding masters in the Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery retire, no further appointments will be made. Officers commanding Brigades will be responsible for the training of recruits and young horses, and will detail an officer who has passed an equitation course at the riding establishment of the Royal Artillery to assist in the work of supervising the instructors.

ROYAL JEWELS.

SMUGGLED FROM GERMANY BY AEROPLANE.

Depatches from Malmoe relate a circumstantial account of a mysterious aeroplane which was seen manoeuvring along the coast in the neigbourhood of the Smyzehuk lighthouse. Suddenly it made a steep dive and two packets were seen to be thrown out. Rising again the aviators disappeared in the direction of Germany.

Two Germans who have been staying in the neighbourhood for some days were observed to pick up the packages and hurry away. Their action aroused the suspicions of the coastguard, who followed and overtook the men. After making emphatic protests they produced the packages, which, on being opened, were found to contain jewels to a great value and foreign securities representing a considerable amount. The Germans maintained that the contents of the packages were their lawful property but pending inquiry the property has been detained. The police believe that both jewels and securities belong to the Royal family of Saxony.

INQUEST ON DROWNED CHAPLAIN.

The inquest was held on Saturday on the Rev. George C. W. Sweet, Chaplain attached to the 3rd. Lowland Division of the Army of the Rhine, who was drowned while on his honeymoon at Oxford.

The widow said she became engaged to Mr. Sweet in France and came to England to be married.

Miss Cheney, who saw the couple pass in the punt, said that deceased was punting. Suddenly she heard a scream and saw him fall backwards into the river. She untied her boat and went to his assistance but he never rose again to the surface.

Mrs. Sweet jumped out, ran along the bank and plunged in at the spot where deceased was last seen. No one else was within reach to give assistance. Eventually the body was recovered with drags.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death and expressed their sympathy with the relatives.

PEDLAR PALMER FORGIVES.

Henry C. Saunders, a former heavyweight boxer, living at Islington, surrendered to his bail on a charge of maliciously wounding Thomas Palmer, known in the boxing world as "Pedlar" Palmer, of British-street, Bow, by stabbing him wish a knife.

Mr. Phelps, for the prosecution, asked the magistrate to reduce the charge to one of common assault. Prosecutor and prisoner had been friends for many years, and Palmer did not wish Saunders to get into serious trouble, especially as he was satisfied that the act was committed in the heat of the moment.

The Magistrate said it was against the honourable traditions of the boxing world to use a weapon, especially a knife.

Mr. Margetts, for the defence, said ample compensation would be paid by his client, who wished to express his deep regret.

The magistrate consented—though not, he said, without hesitation—to the charge being reduced to one of common assault, and bound prisoner over in his own recognisances for twelve months in the sum of £50.

LOOTERS DISGORGE PROPERTY.

The week end in Liverpool passed off quietly and the tram services having been resumed the city is looking normal except for the military pickets and guards. It is clear that their presence, together with an increasing number of uniformed police, has cowed the rowdy gangs who played such havoc with business premises. There has been no repetition of those scenes. Looters, in fact, are hastening to disgorge the booty which they so ruthlessly acquired. Under cover of darkness they are placing stolen articles of furniture, bedding, boots, shoes and bags in side streets, hoping thereby to escape detection. Many looters houses have been raided by detectives and much stolen property discovered.

WHY THE "FIVE TOWNS" FLOURISH.

Owing to the fact that for five years Germany and Austria, who were the biggest competitors, have been shut out from the principal markets of the world, the Pottery towns are enjoying a boom in trade such as they have not known for many years. This is one of the few areas in Britain where unemployment does not exist.

WORLD'S HEIGHT RECORD.

Maurice Walbaum, has beaten the world's record by reaching a height of 7,800 mètres (25,580ft). with a passenger. The record had hitherto been held by the Austrian airman, Bier, who, on June 27, 1914, attained a height of 6,300 mètres.—

It is understood that it was by a majority of one on the Police Union Executive that the "lightning strike" was decided on, and a number of men were induced to sacrifice their service and prospects.

SEDITION.

SMART CAPTURE IN WEST LONDON.

The police carried out a raid on certain premises at Acton on Saturday and seized a number of revolutionary documents which bore a fictitious address purporting that they were printed at Edinburgh. The object of the documents it is stated, was to prepare the way for a Soviet Government in London on lines similar to those adopted in Russia. It is believed the literature was actually printed in London and steps are being taken to trace the source.

The raid was conducted by Detective Inspector Fitch, of the special branch of the C.I.D., and Scotland Yard attaches considerable importance to the capture.

It is also stated that one of the documents seized gives details of how the military might be surprised and disarmed! Another object aimed at was the encouragement of a mutinous spirit in the army. It is hoped that the raid will be followed by the arrest of the leaders of the seditious movement within a few days.

DEATH OF HAECKEL.

MAN WHO FOSTERED THE WAR.

By the death of Professor Haeckel Germany has lost her most "famous" Professor. He died at Jena on Friday at the advanced age of eighty-six.

He was a philosopher-zoologist who tried to follow Darwin in researches on the origin of man. Although he wrote several books of a real scientific value he became specially prominent for the philosophical deductions he drew from his scientific researches. He is known as the founder of the Monist-Association, Scientific research was always his main object. As a physician in Berlin he only received patients between five and six a. m. in order to have the whole day free for his work. He was the first to advocate with energy Darwin's theory of Evolution. The great fault in his work is that very often he placed the hypothesis at a point where a real scientific proof was lacking. His deductions are accordingly frequently very faulty. In spite of this looseness the scientific world is divided about Haeckel's ideas more especially since the publication of his "World Riddles" (The Riddle of the Universe) in which, he goes much further than Darwin and specifically declares that man has an animal origin.

Haeckel was always intolerant of those who did not adopt his ideas and his polemics took very often a personal character which lost him many disciples.

A German memoir says:—"Since Büchner's Force and Substance we may consider the Riddle of the Universe as the most frivolous philosophical book in scientific literature. A scholar who gives a solution to all problems, leaving the problem of 'matter' as the only one for which a solution cannot be given, cannot be taken as serious. It is a great pity that his philosophy had such an influence amongst the mass of those who were not able to controvert his assertions."

On the outbreak of war he was one of the most bitter opponents of England and did not hesitate in his public writings and utterances to descend to cheap and scurrilous abuse of the nation from whose scientific leaders he had learned so much.

ACCIDENT TO A GENERAL.

During the delayed peace celebrations at Belfast on Saturday General Sir Frederick Shaw was thrown from his horse, which took fright at the cheering outside the City Hall. The animal reared and rolled over on top of the General. He was carried into the Hall where the doctors diagnosed him to be suffering from slight concussion and shock. He was able to return to Dublin in the afternoon.

ETHER CAUSES FIRE.

Telegrams from Besancon report that a fire, caused by the explosion of some carboys of ether, completely destroyed the railway station. Two men who rushed to the spot were buried alive and six others who tried to help were seriously injured. The damage is estimated at several millions of francs.

NEW EGYPTIAN MEDAL.

An Army Order notifies that the King has approved of the Forces who were employed in military operations at Darfur in 1916 accepting and wearing the silver medal granted by the Sultan of Egypt. It carries two clasps, one inscribed "Darfur 1916" and the other "Fasher."

The railway line between Folkestone and Dover was reopened on Monday. This line was rendered useless throughout the war by the fall of some millions of tons of chalk, and hundreds of men have been engaged for some months in clearing the débris.

A verdict of suicide whilst of unsound mind was returned on Saturday at an inquest on Sophia Fowler, sixty-eight, who, in the absence of her mistress, threw herself from the top of the tower attached to Tudor Court, Fairmile, Cobham, and fell 75ft. to the ground.

Officials of the Passport Office in St. James's Park claim to be attending to 1,800 passport applications per day at present. Preference is given to wives of officers and men who wish to join their husbands on the Rhine and to persons wishing to visit graves in France.

PREFERENCE.

DEFINITION OF THE TERM "BRITISH MADE."

Under the Finance Act of 1919, the Board of Trade has made the following regulations as to the proportion of value resulting from labour within the British Empire:

1. Save as hereinafter provided goods shall not be deemed for the purpose of Section 8 of the Finance Act, 1919, to have been manufactured in the British Empire unless at least 25 per cent. of their total value is the result of labour within the British Empire.

2. In the case of those classes of those goods in respect of which an Order has been made by the Board of Trade under Section 8, subsection (2) of the Finance Act, 1919, no part of the goods shall be deemed to have been manufactured in the British Empire unless at least 5 per cent. of the total value of the goods is the result of labour within the British Empire.

3. Where a number of separate articles are included in one parcel or shipments, each and every article shall be considered separately for the purpose of calculating the proportion of value due to labour within the Empire.

4. For the purposes of these regulations the total value of an article shall be its cost to the manufacturer at the factory or works, and shall include the value of containers and other forms of interior packing ordinarily sold with the article when it is sold retail, but shall not include the manufacturer's or exporter's profit or the cost of exterior packing, carriage to port, and other charges incidental to the export of the goods subsequent to their manufacture.

5. In calculating the proportion of value which is the result of labour within the British Empire there may be included under the head of labour the cost to the manufacturer of any materials of purely Empire origin entering into the composition of the article (including the interior packing specified in Regulation 4), the cost of manufacture, including wages, proportion of fuel, supervision. and other factory expenses, and the cost of the labour of packing for retail sale. The following may not be included in the proportion of value which is the result of Empire labour, namely, any materials or interior packings not entirely of Empire origin, manufacturer's profit, or the profit or remuneration of any trader, agent, broker, or other person dealing in the article in its finished condition, the expenses of placing the goods in outside packages for export and the cost of such packages, transportation charges, insurance and any other charges, insurance and any other charges for services after the goods leave the place of production or manufacture.

6. Any question arising on the interpretation of these regulations shall be referred to the Board of Trade, whose decision shall be final.

REDUCED FARES FOR STUDENTS.

The "Liverpool Courier" states that a Liverpool chartered accountant has received from the President of the Board of Education an intimation that the Railway Executive has been induced to make a concession to education authorities which means that in future a return ticket on payment of a single fare will be issued to secondary school students over fourteen years of age travelling to and from schools, and a return ticket on payment of half fare to any pupil up to the age of fourteen.

DEATH OF AN EARL.

The Earl of Eglinton died at Castle Eglinton, Irvine, N.B., on Sunday, following an operation for appendicitis.

The deceased Earl, whose patent of nobility dates from 1507, was seventy-one years of age. He was Lord Lieutenant of the County of Ayr, a keen sportsman and Master of the Eglinton Hounds.

He is succeeded by his eldest son, Lord Montgomerie.

STEAMER WRECKED AT YARMOUTH.

An American steamer the "North Star" ran ashore near Yarmouth on Friday and became a total wreck. It was bound from Boston to Yarmouth and carried 280 passengers. All of them were saved, together with the mails. Only a small cargo was aboard at the time.

T.O.T. GOOD EXAMPLE.

Demobilized men have been quickly absorbed in the railway and bus services operated by the Underground companies.

Since the Armistice 4,680 busmen and 1,671 railwaymen have returned to their jobs. The number previously re-employed on being discharged from war service owing to disablement, etc., was 2,375, bringing the total to 8,726.

SWISS STRIKE ENDED.

The Swiss workmen's strikes have been a complete failure. Men are resuming work on conditions imposed by the employers, one of which is the exclusion of certain agitators.

STRIKE WEAPON.

LABOUR LEADERS EARNEST ADVICE.

Addressing a meeting of railwaymen at Great Yarmouth on Sunday night Mr. J. H. Thomas said he believed so fully in the power of the Labour Party that he thought the day was not far distant when there would be a political Labour Government in this country. Peace at home was as necessary as peace abroad. The right of Labour to strike must be maintained but the strike should always be the very last resort. It should not be prostituted for every grievance at every minute of the day. He pleaded for solidarity among the workers. The same sacrifices that had pulled the country through war would pull it through peace.

POLICE CRISIS OVER.

THE COMMISSIONER'S THANKS.

In a Metropolitan Police order issued on Saturday the Commissioner announces that the crisis is now over and that leave can be resumed. Preference will be given to men who were recalled from leave.

The Commissioner congratulates all ranks on "the way they have upheld the traditions of the Force, a record which will be remembered by the public as long as the Force exists." He adds that he has received many expressions of loyalty from various divisions and stations, and he tenders his best thanks for them.

WEIRD RAILWAY FIRE.

Amazing scenes were witnessed at Sturry station, near Canterbury, on Saturday night, when a fire broke out in a fully loaded ammunition train from Richborough soon after dark. Two waggons were well alight before the rest of the train could be uncoupled. The flames lighted up the whole of the countryside with a weird incandescent glow.

The railway service was entirely suspended for nearly six hours and passengers in the 7.20 train from London to Dover were unable to pass through Sturry until 3,00 a.m., when the fire was under control. The passengers had the option of returning to London but the majority preferred to watch the fireworks. The fire is believed to have been caused by a spark from the engine igniting gas which was escaping from a defective drum.

PROFITS ON BEER.

Of the fourpence which is charged for a pint of beer, more than twopence goes to the Exchequer, one farthing is the licensed victualler's profit, and half a farthing the brewer's, said the chairman of Messrs. Watney, Combe, Reid and Co., at Charing Cross on Saturday.

The dividends for the year, he added, were 24 per cent. Considering the amount of capital invested in the business the dividend was a fraction over 5½ per cent.

The net trading profits for the year amounted to £591,993 13s. 8d. During the year they had cancelled £250,000 debentures and £84,000 debenture stock, in round numbers. The amount they would be liable for as beer duty during the current year was two and half millions.

LEONCAVALLO DEAD.

Signor Ruggier Leoncavallo, the famous composer, died at Montecatina (Tuscany) on Saturday.

He is best known to the British public as the composer of "I Pagliacci," the delightful opera relating the tragedy of a strolling player. This work was composed in 1892, and at once achieved popularity.

W.A.A.C MURDER MYSTERY.

The general public will learn with surprise and disappointment that the Director of Public Prosecutions has decided to abandon the inquiry into the murder of ellie Rault, the pretty young W.A.A.C. who was stabbed by an unknown assailant at Haynes Park Camp, Bedford, in May. This particularly heartless crime is thus added to the growing list of unsolved tragedies.

IRISH FAIRS PROHIBITED.

Yesterday morning the military authorities issued a proclamation prohibiting the holding of fairs, markets, processions, and public assemblies in County Clare. Active military arrangements are being made for the enforcement of the proclamation.

PREMIER AND EXTREMISTS.

Mr. Lloyd George, replying to the Editor of the "Liverpool Express," regarding the cry that trade unionism is in danger, sent the following telegram:—

If trade unionism is in danger it is through the action of extreme men in its own ranks.—Lloyd George.

The Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab has reduced to terms varying from six years to three months the sentences on 20 persons for their share in the recent riots in the Punjab. All sentences of rigorous imprisonment and forfeiture of property have also been remitted.

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Entrance 30 Marks. 5 Furlongs straight.

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Entrance 30 Marks. About 2 miles

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To carry 10 7 stone. Winner of a Flat Race once 7 lbs., twice 14 lbs., three times 21 lbs., oftener 2 stone extra.
Entrance 50 Marks. 1 mile.

GRAND INTERNATIONAL STEEPLECHASE. Of 5,000 Marks to the winner, 700 to the second, 500 to the third. A Handicap Steeplechase for horses of the Allied Armies and to be ridden by Officers qualified to enter.
Entrance 50 Marks. About 2½ Miles.

RHINE ST. LEGER STAKES. Of 5,000 Marks to the winner, 700 to the second, 500 to the third. A handicap for horses of the Allied Armies and to be ridden by Officers qualified to enter.
Entrance 50 Marks. About 1 mile and 6 furlongs.

ALLIED HURDLE RACE. Of 4,000 Marks to the winner, 700 to the second and 300 to the third for horses of the Allied Armies, and to be ridden by Officers qualified to enter.
To carry 10 7 stone. A winner of a Steeplechase or Hurdle Race once 7 lbs., twice 14 lbs., three times 21 lbs., oftener 2 stone extra.
Entrance 50 Marks. About 2 miles.

ENTRIES.
Entries, together with the Entrance Fees, close to Secretary Cologne Races, Box 212, A.P.O., British Army of the Rhine. at 12 00 hours on August 19th 1919.

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MUSIC IN THE ARMY.

One department of the education of the young soldier which is making an increasingly strong appeal is the effort to cultivate his musical tendencies, and the very capable work which is being done by those who are conducting musical societies in the Rhine Army cannot fail to be without its results.

Music is universal in its appeal, and the instinct for it exists unknown in many a man who, given the opportunity for cultivation would discover for himself a new world of delight and mental recreation.

The practical utility of music in the Army has been shown in many ways, and in the early days of the war, a large proportion of the citizen soldiers were those who "followed the drum" after a recruiting march.

In camp and billet, in tent and trench it has mitigated the tedium of many a weary hour. The gramophone, the mouth organ and the even more primitive jews' harp have all helped to relieve the exhaustion of war, and the power of music as a stimulant to action has been shown many times at critical moments before battle.

That the type of music which has been such a boon to the Army during the past five years is not the supremest development of the art is true, but when all is said and done, the instinct which prompts the savage to perform upon his tom-tom, and that which colours the performance of the greatest virtuoso are essentially the same thing, the desire to express emotion through the medium of sound; and from very humble beginnings great results may be achieved. That is where the great value of Army Musical Societies exists — in stimulating and fostering even the most meagre musical talent.

THE SOLUTION.

It is certain that a solution for the present labour troubles will—because it must—be found. Many, of whom the writer is one, are convinced that this settlement will come by way of the Whitley Scheme, of which so much has been heard, but regarding which an amazing number of people are still very vaguely informed.

I propose to set forth briefly the main principles of the scheme, which takes its name from Mr. J. H. Whitley, M. P. the Deputy Speaker, who was Chairman of a Committee appointed to enquire into the question of the best means of procuring harmonious and advantageous common action in our industries.

As the result of wide investigation and free discussion, the Committee suggested a graded and mutually helpful constitution of trade councils, in which employers and employees should alike be represented: these councils, unlike our parish, town and county councils (which embrace widely different interests in varying proportions), are to have industrial instead of geographical boundaries.

The fundamental grade is to be the workshop committee, where employers. workshop heads, and representatives of the workmen can meet regularly to discuss conditions of work and necessities of the business, to exchange information and ideas, and to demonstrate their common interest and interdependence, whilst making plans for the immediate future. Such committees had already existed here and there; but their more complete adoption as a basis for the whole plan is an essential of the Whitley Scheme, since only thus can labour be brought into a full and just sense of its responsibilities, be given a fair share in the organization, and have the opportunity of learning the meaning and possibilities of its work while realising the community of aim in all grades of the business.

Next above these Committees come the District Councils of each particular industry. These discuss local needs and conditions and are the executive for the decisions taken by the National Council of that industry, which is the Advisory Power above them. The Distric Council also acts as a link and means of communication and representation between the workshop Committee and the National Council.

This latter is formed, as is the District Council, of equal numbers of elected representatives from the Employers' Associations and the Trade Union, and is really a kind of Parliament for the particular industry. This National Council will hear all sides of industrial questions, discuss and decide necessary action, and consider ideas and methods for the interests and prosperity of the industry and all those concerned in it. All these Councils meet at regular intervals.

Since it is increasingly evident that the various trades and industries depend each on the others, and that failure in one means loss to all, directly or indirectly, provision is made for joint discussion and co-operation between representatives of the different National Councils. This will enlighten all labour as to the real intricate dependence of each on all; for the decisions taken, and their reasons will pass back through National Council, District Council and Workshop Committee to every man concerned. Moreover, and this is the crucial point—these decisions will come not as an order from a superior class who are merely hiring the workers, but as the deliberate resolution of their own representatives in free discussion and with the facts before them, and the reasons for the decision will be available to every man who chooses to enquire.

This is the briefest outline of the scheme; but fuller information can readily be obtained by any reader who desires.

Let me sum up very concisely some of the main reasons why this scheme will prove the solution of most labour troubles.

First, it gives every man a responsible share in the management of his own work, and supplies him with that sense of interest and partnership which, more even than higher wages or shorter hours, is what labour really wants.

Secondly, it removes that ignorance of the aims, necessities and possibilities of each business, which is the cause of most of the troubles. Men will not work continuously and well in a blind, uninterested labour for mere hire. At the same time the diffusion of knowledge as to the present possibilities and future prospects of the business will save men from wrecking their own interests by ill-advised action.

Thirdly, it gives to all the opportunity of bringing into light any bad conditions and of discussing their remedies, without having to resort to measures that mean increased poverty.

Fourthly, capital, management, superintendence and labour are necessarily brought at regular intervals face to face in the common interest. So that, instead of hauling against each other as in a tug-of-war, and thus neutralizing valuable expenditure of thought and energy, all will pull the rope in the same direction and haul the industry of the country rapidly forward.

The scheme will create a healthy spirit born of knowledge regarding the work, its value, its connection with possible developments and the inevitable result of cessation or diminution of that work; thus strikes will be rare because needless. Drastic measures will become unnecessary. It is surely better to create a state of permanent health than to rely on calling in a doctor to cure a serious illness.

I have said nothing of the question of profit-sharing. That may, and probably will, come as a result of sharing responsibility and interest. It is one of the many questions that the industrial world in Council will settle by reasonable discussion.

What is certain is that a considerable share allotted to the workers would cost infinitely less than the losses consequent upon diminished or arrested production, cancelled contracts, and discredit and distrust in the world's markets.

At present we are in a tangled forest, and the path seems hard to find, but I believe that the signpost pointing to the sun and the open will be found to bear the words "The Whitley Scheme."

O. W.

Contributions for this page may be on any topic likely to interest the Rhine Army; humorous or serious, informative or descriptive, but none should exceed 500 words. Payment will be made for all that appears.

DANCING AND DANCERS.
A WOMAN'S VIEWS.

A few short weeks ago I came to Cologne, and found myself whirled off into that round of dancing that prevails here. It was a dizzy experience. I had not danced since 1914 and then we used to waltz, and dance lancers with shameless enjoyment and a good deal of romping.

It was with some dismay that I discovered that "nobody waltzed now" and that the nice boys with whom I danced hadn't any idea how it was done.

For my first few dances I spent my time earnestly endeavouring to prevent them treading on my toes and wondering what it was they expected me to do.

I watched other dancers, I apologised for the constant presence of my feet in the wrong place. I responded meekly in the negative to such questions as "Do you twinkle?" or "Shall we do the Jazzroll?"—and I took lessons.

But the main difficulty was this: Before the war we learnt how to do certain steps and do them properly, a person either could or could not waltz; now-a-days no two partners dance alike.

Just after you emerge, flushed with triumph, from a dance, feeling you have done quite well that time, your partner perhaps assuring you flatteringly that it was "topping" or "priceless" — your pride is dashed at the next attempt by finding that with another partner you can't do it at all!

And then, one night, I stopped thinking of all these things and I began to dance. I don't know how it happened, but it emerged quite suddenly and I felt confident that after the first few bars I could interpret without any trouble what my partner's idea of suitable steps and movements would be and adapt myself accordingly.

Moving rhythmically to music, according to someone else's interpretation of it rather than your own, seems to be the secret of the thing. The more definite and strong is the rhythm given by the music, the easier it is. Hence the popularity of the "Jazz" band.

Arrived at some kind of idea of the principle thing, I began to recognise certain types of dancers to be met with. There is the energetic and agile partner, often transatlantic, whose movements are rapid, varied and masterful. You are steered swiftly though the crowd with amazing precision, you are piloted, pushed and almost lifted through the steps at an amazing rate. You slide, you dip, you turn, you run, you hesitate and you arrive breathless and wondering at a triumphant finish.

In contrast to this, is the quiet dancer who dances reposefully, often at half time; he sways, glides and moves with as little effort as possible in a peaceful and dignified manner. It is like coming into the calm of Southampton Water after a bracing tossing across the channel. He is inclined to hold your hand by the right wrist at arm's length, like a piece of dead wood, and allow your hand to flap lazily at the end thereof.

Then there is the timid beginner who is not quite sure what he is going to do; he generally pushes you gently backwards with a chassé step, and turns you round courageously at intervals, and is stricken with remorse if his steering should result in your getting a lady's elbow in your cheek or your feet inextricably entangled with other dancers.

And finally of course, there is the partner who really dances, according to your own notions of dancing. Of him there is nothing to say, except that you both dance, you both enjoy yourselves, and you dance together again as often as is compatible with the exigencies of your programme.

E. A. B.

THE WAYS OF MULES.

If Providence made mules — and I can't imagine anyone else doing it — then the ways of Providence are indeed mysterious.

Did you ever see an animal with an appetite like a mule? Is there anything a mule will not or cannot eat, from a shovel to a pontoon wagon? Show a mule the G. 1098, List of Ordnance Stores, and he thinks it's a menu card.

We have one mule that eats the tails of any others he comes across. Eats them absolutely bare — as bare as the cigarette shelf in a N. A. C. B. canteen. And they seem to like it too, — presumably because they can't reach them themselves.

And we have another mule that eats his harness. All except the rings on the breast-collar; he always leaves those, though why, we can't make out. Perhaps he is particular what he eats. We cannot send him out in draught though, unless we keep him at the trot all the time, so as to distract his mind.

The other day we were having a new stable built by the Germans. and we started to put our mules in the finished end of it. They promptly began to eat the manger. We, therefore, swamped the place with creosol, but the animals thought it was a new kind of relish.

They used to break loose at night — by eating a foot or so of neck-chain and go and drink the creosol, neat from the drum.

Then we had the mangers lined and plated with zinc. Go in at any hour of the day, and you would find a mule meditatively chewing about a yard or two of zinc sheeting. We couldn't cope with it at all.

Then they began to eat the finished end of the stable quicker than the workmen could build at the far end, and it became a race to the death.

The workmen were being slowly caught up and used to have to come and do over-time at night to keep any of the stable standing at all. It was originally designed to be eighty foot long, but after the first few days there was never more than twenty foot standing at a time.

The men went building on across country with the mules eating steadily on about fifteen foot or so behind, till there was a broad devastated track, like the Somme battlefield, stretching half across Germany.

And one terrible morning — we had gone to bed the night before in rather an anxious frame of mind, for the night-shift of workmen were only a bare nine foot ahead — we awoke and found not a vestige of stable to be seen.

The mules were then all right, contentedly eating a few bricks, a plank or so, and a barrow, that had been somehow overlooked — and two out of the six workmen were also reported missing.—

UBIQUE.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.
Our Readers' Varied Views.

ON HANDWRITING.

Sir,—Your correspondent J. K. D. puts forward a plea for a standard type of handwriting in our schools.

Surely it is better that each should express his individual characteristics in personal correspondence, and for business purposes if uniformity is of such importance, well, use a typewriter.

FREEDOM.

BRITISH BAND CONCERTS.

Sir,—It occurred to me while listening to the orchestra in the Zoo gardens the other evening how nice it would be if some of our military bands could give concerts there sometimes.

I am sure they could put up a good show and it would be a popular move.

ROYAL WARWICK.

"IS THE GERMAN IMPOLITE?"

Sir,—The visitor to the Continent is always impressed by the great show of politeness he sees among the inhabitants. It is noticeable everywhere and no doubt it is with the idea of impressing foreigners, certainly I believe it is so in Germany

One frequently reads in the British press of the desirability of copying this politeness, but I refuse to be impressed. The British handshake, the slight raising of the hat, or even the modest touching of the hat rim, is far more pregnant with meaning than the fatuous smile and exaggerated hat play of the German. A good honest British "good-morning" even without "distress signals" by means of the hat, is much more desirable. *"BIG BEN".*

SHORTER READINGS.

Sir,—With reference to articles and letters which have appeared on the subject of reading and on literature generally, might I make a plea on behalf of that difficult form of literary art — the short story. During the war short stories —I do not necessarily mean of the magazine type — have come into their own. The time and sustained attention necessary for the proper appreciation of a lengthy novel were often impossible, and the short story proved a great boon. All tastes are provided for, and names which naturally occur to one are R.L. Stevenson, Edgar Allan Poe, Kipling, Hardy, O. Henry and others — a sufficiently varied fare. Plays such as the comedies of Oscar Wilde, G.B. Shaw and Arnold Bennett, too, provide excellent reading for those whose time is limited.

"What is the best short story?" might be made the subject of a very interesting and profitable controversy.

LIBRARIAN.

"CALVARIES AS MEMORIALS."

Sir,—Your correspondent "J.K.D." does not seem to understand the main reason for the erection of Calvaries as memorials of the fallen. They are not put up merely for the adornment of the countryside, but have a great spiritual significance in uplifting the thoughts of passers-by, and reminding them of all those who have given their lives for their country, through this symbol of our salvation. I agree that a terrace of working-men's cottages would be useful, but the original meaning of their erection would soon be lost sight of, as in the case of any other almost purely utilitarian memorial. I also think that if "J.K.D." realized the great part which wayside Calvaries take in the life of the French and Belgian peoples, he would not refer to these memorials as "Useless" and speak of "throwing good money down the beck," to use his own expression.

B.M.G.

OPEN-AIR ENJOYMENT.

Sir,—During the present spell of hot weather in Rhineland it has been impressed on me more than ever that we at home really don't know how to make the best use of open-air life.

What town in Great Britain is there where one can sit at ease in the open and sip one's refreshment as even the poorest can do in the alfresco cafés and beer gardens out here, listening to good music the while?

Time and again such resorts have been advocated in England, but we get no further than the stuffy evil smelling publichouse bar or the miserably inadequate tea or confectionery shop. If we have open-air music we merely set out rows of chairs and are denied the luxury of tables and refreshment. It is so even at our seaside resorts.

Every soldier on his return to Blighty ought to help to educate our people up to this innocent, inexpensive open air life. When abroad Britishers like it, but directly they go home they seem to think it is out of place. Why?

AL FRESCO.

THE STRIKE HABIT.

Little Jack Horner
Sulked in a corner
And said as he looked at at his pies,
"They may say what they like
But I'll jolly well strike.
If they don't make 'em double the size!"

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Mary, Mary, quite contrary,
Your garden has not got a flower!
"I know that, worse luck,
For the gardeners have struck
For another three-halfpence an hour!"

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Little Miss Muffet
Sat on a tuffet,
Counting her overtime pay;
By came Mr. Smillie
And said, "Don't be silly!
Insist on a seven hours day!"

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Old Mother Hubbard
Went to the cupboard
For a nice piece of meat without bone;
She'd forgotten, no doubt,
That the butchers were "out",
So her meal she will have to postpone.

— From "Books of To-Day and Books of To-Morrow."

R.A. v. R.E.

Gunners' Sensational 5 Wickets Win at Lord's.

VIGOROUS BATTING.

Brilliant batting was witnessed at Lord's on Saturday when the Royal Artillery defeated the Royal Engineers by five wickets.

The Engineers' captain declared their second innings closed at 224 for eight wickets. His men had scored 68 more than their opponents in the first venture. Thus the Gunners had 293 to get to win. But the factor of time was more interesting and important. There was only two hours and a half to play—three hours if necessary.

But Maj. F. R. R. Brooke, the old Lancashire wicket keeper, superbly supported by Lt.-Col. P. G. Robinson, Capt. E. L. Armitage (who learned to cut a long-hop at Cheltenham), and Lt. F. C. G. Naumann, knocked the runs off with fifteen minutes to spare.

Details:—

Royal Engineers.

Maj. F. J. C. Wyatt, c Naumann, b Foley	15	c and b Robinson	1
Lt.-Col. D. McCarthy, b Foley	11	c Turner, b Naumann	17
Maj. G. G. Rawson, c Turner, b Foley	10	c Brooke, b Foley	32
Lt.-Col. B. L. Eddis, c Turner, b Allen	77	run out	13
Maj. E. St. G. Kirke, c Foley, b Allen	79	c Gillett, b Naumann	15
Maj. R.M. Scobie, b Allen	0	lbw, b Robinson	50
Maj. V. E. Purcell, lbw, b Allen	23	c Brooke, b Robinson	2
Lt.N. A. Coxwell-Rogers c Fawcus, b Allen	48	b Allen	50
Lt. R. M. A. Welchman, c Naumann, b Robinson	15		
Maj. G. Master, b Robinson	8		
Lt. T. A. R. Scott, not out	7	not out	27
Extras	14	Extras	17
Total	307	Total (8 wkts)*	224

*Innings declared closed.

Royal Artillery.

Lt.-Col. C. R. Gillet, c and b Wyatt	6	c Master, b Purcell	0
Capt. E. L. Armitage, run out	24	c Wyatt, b Purcell	62
Lt.-Col. W. M. Turner, c Purcell, b Wyatt	3	b Wyatt	20
Maj. F. R. R. Brooke, c Rawson, b Wyatt	2	not out	118
Lt.-Col. P. G. Robinson, b C.-Rogers	98	c McCarthy, b Eddis	50
Lt. F. C. G. Naumann, c Rawson, b C.-Rogers	1	b Rogers	15
Maj. R. H. Allen, b Scott	25	not out	7
Lt. C. L. D. Fawcus, b McCarthy	12		
Lt.-Col. A. K. G. White, run out	14		
Lt.-Col. W. W. Jelf, b Wyatt	22		
Lt. G. F. Foley, not out	3		
Extras	29	Extras	23
Total	239	Total	295

ENGLISH CRICKET RESULTS.

Somerset (142 and 47 for six) beat Hampshire (114 and 71) by four wickets.

Yorkshire (423) beat Leicestershire (161 and 136) by an innings and 126.

Sussex (523) beat Essex (349 and 143) by an innings and 31.

Northants (294 and 229 for 7) beat Derbyshire (246 and 276 for six declared) by 3 wickets.

Surrey (582 for 9, declared) beat Middlesex (294 and 240) by an innings and 48.

Lancs (343 and 101 for one) beat Notts (300 and 143) by nine wickets.

Australians (198 and 419 for 8, declared) v. Kent (301 and 172 for five). Match drawn.

Warwickshire (364 and 122 for six, declared) v. Gloucestershire (393 and 51 for five). Match drawn.

WEEK-END GOLF.

Exciting Play In Vardon-Duncan Match at Montrose.

Harry Vardon and George Duncan spent a busy weekend at Montrose. On Saturday morning Vardon had two local players in J.C. Jessop and A. Shepherd against him, and he played their best ball. Vardon won by 3 and 2.

The meeting between Vardon and Duncan in the afternoon provided some exciting play. Duncan was 1 up when they turned for home. Vardon squared the match at the 11th, and after he had gained the lead at the 12th Duncan drew level again at the 13th. This, however, was his last effort, for Vardon took the 14th, 15th, and 16th, and thus won by 3 up and 2 to play.

X CORPS TOURNEY FINAL.

84th Brigade R.G.A. v. Lancashire Divisional Artillery.

The Lancashire Divisional Artillery batted first on a capital wicket, but against the fine bowling of Corporals Fenton and Walker, they fared badly for a time, 4 wickets being down with only 17 runs on the score board. On Captain Terry joining Bombardier Cook, the score was taken to 40, when the former was out l.b.w. to Fenton, after collecting 13 by sound batting. Bombardier Cook played capital cricket for 22 when he was bowled by a fine ball from Bombardier Heys, and the only other batsman to reach double figures was Lieut. Eykyn, who played a "not out" innings of 12. Corporal Fenton came out with the fine analysis of 5 wickets for 19 runs; Corporal Walker captured 1 for 29 and Bombardier Heys 1 for 22 runs.

84th Brigade, R.G.A., opened their innings with Gunners Brakes and Lainchbury, and the attack was shared by Lieutenants Allen and Eykyn. The score was taken to 12 for no wickets when the players adjourned for lunch.

On resuming the two batsmen played most bright and confident cricket and despite the changes in bowlers, the score was taken to 56. When Brakes was smartly caught at point off Lieut. Allen for a well played innings of 20. Corporal Fenton and Bombardier Heys were both smartly stumped off the bowling of Lieut. Allen after contributing 3 and 13 respectively. On 2/Lieut. Alyward joining Lainchbury, the score was taken from 70 to 103 before the next wicket fell, when Lieut. Aylward was caught after adding 16 by fine cricket. Lainchbury, who had completely mastered the bowling, continued to score freely, but with his score at 65, he was bowled by B.S.M. Sherrer. During his stay at the wicket he did not give a chance and was specially good in placing the ball on the leg side. His hits include 5 fours. Gunner Skinner played a bright innings of 15 before being smartly caught behind the wicket. Lieut. Allen and B.S.M. Sherrer were the most successful bowlers for the Lancashire Divisional Artillery, the former taking 5 and the latter 3 wickets. Final scores:—84th Brigade R.G.A. 156; Lancashire Divisional Artillery 87.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, August 12, 1919.

Surface wind light Northerly. Weather fair and warm; morning mist; day visibility fair.

SPORT AT ALDERSHOT.

Corporal Wheeler Wins the Slow Bicycle Race.

ORDNANCE ATHLETES.

The following were the results at the Athletic Sports Meeting held by the Army Ordnance at Aldershot on Saturday:—

Quarter mile:—1, Cpl. Pentland; 2, Pte. Berdsworth; 3, Pte. Webb.

Throwing the cricket ball:—1, Pte. Smith, 90 yds.

Slow bicycle race:—1, Cpl. Wheeler.

100 yards veteran's race:—1, Sergt. Carr; 2, Cpl. Stapleton.

100 yards:—1, Sergt. Hardy; 2, Sergt. Lovett; 3, Sergt. Cranswick.

1 mile walking:—1, Cpl. Walpole; 2, Boy Badman.

Team relay:—Commercial Clothing Depôt.

Open mile:—1, Cpl. Durham, R.A.S.C.; 2, Pte. Webb, R.A.O.C.; 3, Cpl. Walpole, R.A.O.C.

BRILLIANT SPRINTING.

A.G. Hill Breaks 25 Year Old Scottish Record.

The athletic season in Glasgow was, as has been the custom for many years, brought to a close with the meeting of the Celtic Football Club at their grounds, Parkhead, on Saturday, in brilliant weather, and before fully 30,000 spectators. The meeting was notable for the presence of several southern athletes, and for the creation of two new Scottish all-comers' records, Sergt. Mason, who refused his 10 yards start, doing the half-mile in 1min 55 2-5 sec (2-5sec better than Horner Baker's previous best, done at the Celtic sports in 1914), and A. G. Hill completing the mile in 4min 16 4-5 sec, which compared with F. E. Bacon's 4 min 18 1-5sec. at Edinburgh in 1894.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

Entries To Be Sent To Antwerp Olympic Games.

At a General Committee meeting of the A.A.A. on Saturday it was decided to send entries to the Olympic Games in Antwerp in 1920, also to hold the Seven-mile Walking and Ten-mile Running Championships at the L.A.C.'s meeting at Stamford Bridge on Sept. 20. The Association has been asked to appoint officials for the R.N., Army, and R.A.F. Championships on Sept. 4. Messrs. G. V. A. Schofield, E. Hoyle, W. M. Barnard, and H. J. Barclay (hon sec) were appointed as a sub-committee in connection with the proposed memorial to fallen sportsmen. Various alterations in the Association's rules were referred to a special general meeting, to be called later in the year. Mr. G. V. A. Schofield (vice-president) was in the chair.

63rd. BRIGADE'S SUCCESS.

Over 30 Prizes in 2nd. Corps R.A. Sports.

The above Sports were held at Dunnwald on Thursday in fine weather. A very interesting programme of events was submitted by the committee and some keen, and exciting finishes, were witnessed. A special feature of the day was the remarkable success of the 63rd. Brigade Headquarters team which pulled off the following events.

Putting the Shot:—2nd. Pnr. Whistler.

880 yards:—1st. Spr. Barnwell; 3rd. Spr. Cross.

High jump:—2nd. Spr. T. Shepherd.

One mile:—1st. Sgt. Young; 2nd. Spr. Barnwell.

100 yards:—1st. Sgt. Whetlor.

440 yards:—1st. Sgt. Whetlor; 2nd. Cpl. R. Shepherd.

Spar boat race:—1st. 63rd. H. Q. Crew.

3 mile:—1st. Sgt. Young; 2nd. Spr. Barnwell.

Relay race:—1st. Whetlor, Young, R. Shepherd; T. Shepherd.

120 yards (Officers):—2nd. Capt. Bentley.

220 yards:—1st. Sgt. Whetlor; 2nd. Cpl. R. Shepherd.

Obstacle race:—1st. Spr. Dickens; 2nd. Spr. Shepherd (T); 3rd. Gnr. Gower.

120 yards hurdles:—3rd. Spr. T. Shepherd.

Tilting the bucket:—2nd. Spr. Barnwell and Gnr. Eads.

Best all round man:—Silver Cup Sgt. W. Whetlor.

Summary: 42 points. 19 medals. 1 Silver Cup. 29 Other Prizes.

The prizes were presented by Brigadier General K. K. Knapp, C.B., C.M.G. Commanding 11 Corps Heavy Artillery.

AUTUMN HANDICAPS.

97 Entries For The Cesarewitch : 89 For Cambridgeshire.

EXCELLENT PATRONAGE.

Ninety-seven entries have been received for the Cesarewitch, which will be run on October 15th, and 89 for the Cambridgeshire (Oct. 29), compared with 58 and 73 respectively last year. The weights for the autumn handicaps will be published in the week preceding Doncaster. The following is the list of entries:—

Cesarewitch Stakes.

(Run Oct. 15. Two miles and a quarter).

Jutland 4, Corydon 5, Golden Fleece a, Metoppo 5, Windfellow 4, Mind Bed 5, Ballyeaston 3, Air Raid 4, Silver Bullet 4, Haki a, Sheriff's Officer 4, Greek Scholar 6, Happy Man 3, Greenwich 5, Dinah Morris 3, Golden Melody 6, Langdon Hills 4, Heir-at-Law 4, Splutter 3, Tom Pepper 4, St. Eloi a, Ramda 6, Chaltoi 6, Polichinelle 3, Water Rod a, Control 3, Lady Minto 5, Helion 4, Old Bill 3, White Heat 3, Ah Alone 3, Lampsfield 4, Kroo-boy II. a, Silo yx 3, Athdara 5, Princess Moriskia 3, John Jacott 6, Furore 6, Warwick 4, Golden Rule a, Furia 4, Buckthorn 4, Silvester 5, Ivanhoe 6, Gay Lord 3, Good Game 3, Rizzio 3, Dionysos 4, Chat Tor 3, Queen's Square 4, Racing Syndicate 4, Paper Money 3, Monteith 3, Double or Quits 3, Phalonie 3, Unitor 4, Avatar 3, Confessor 5, Sea Voyage a, Fanusion 5, Arooma 4, Lake Van 3, Mademoiselle Foch 3, Good Night 3, Longslip 3, Sardis 3, Neutral 4, Loxley 4, Eaton Rambler 3, Morning Star 4, Bridgend 4, Swinerton 4, Marcel 3, Menu 4, Starflower 5, Silver Bridge 4, Skyraver 3, Dromio 3, Prince Philip 4, King John 4, Tangiere 3, Cunette 3, Arion 4, Nant Coch 6, Dora 4 3, He 4, Royal Welsh 3, Trestle 4, Keysoe 3, Rothesay Bay 3, Bay of Naples 3, Knight of Blyth 3, Longdon 3, Wilson 3, Gipsy Lad 3, Alasnam 3, McLean 5.

Cambridgeshire Stakes.

(Run October 29. One mile one furlong.)

Jutland 4, Viceroy 3, Ayrsley 6, Ballyeaston 3, Golden Fleece a, Elfeirion 4, Mountsinnar 3, Vice Versa 3, Tetrarchia 3, Warway 3, Not Much 4, Laurentian 3, Somerville 4, Ardavon 3, McLean 5, Irish Elegance 4, Gay Lord 3, Diadem 5, Dionysos 4, Rizzio 3, Vertigo 3, The Vizier a, Propagation 3, Milton 3, Planet 5, Brigand 5, Kaboodles 3, Miss Richard 4, Mindleaf 4, Sir Berkeley 4, Rich Gift 5, Water Rod a, Control 3, Royal Bucks 6, My Dear 4, Queen's Square 4, Manliardo 3, Flying Spear 3, Caradoc 4, Glammerio 3, Sir Douglas 3, Palestrina 3, The Painter 5, Earna 4, Roseway 3, Frank Webber 3, Zinovia 4, Square Measure 4, Sweet Land 3, Paper Money 3, Monteith 3, Arion 4, Chanette 3, Fanusion 5, A Sitter 3, Golden Orb 3, Sandmole a, Reid ar 4, Chiffre d'Amour 3, Dromio 3, Knight of Blyth 3, Bay of Naples 3, Danegelt 3, Glaciale 3, Cailander 4, Grand Fleet 5, Scatwell 4, Dominion 3, Bruff Bridge 3, Clarion 3, Niaita 3, Rucksavage 4, Riversbore 4, Polynotus 3, Daphne 3, Good Night 3, Wilson 3, Gipsy Lad 3, Alasnam 3, Cyclist 4, Viviani 4, Iron Hand 3, Barocco 4, Royal Robe 4, Atalone 4, Snow Maiden 3, Prince Philip 4, King John 4, Lady Earn 4.

Lewes Meeting.

The following were the results at Lewes on Saturday:—

Mount Harry Plate:—1, L'Espion (9—1); 2, Red Flyer (2—1); 3, Epsom Boy (9—1).

Maiden T.Y.O. Plate:—1, Rubchick (8—1); 2, Drapa (6—4 on); 3, Solo Bridge (8—1).

Wetter Handicap:—1, Neugnerry (11—10 on); 2, Thrill (5—1); 3, Mexican Belle (5—2).

Lewes Handicap:—1, Chat Tor (5—4); 2, Charley's Uncle (100—7); 3, Daybreak (10—1).

Southdown Plate:—1, Moyglare (5—1); 2, Troad (7—4 on); 3, Sherston (5—1).

Priory Plate:—1, Ninon (13—8); 2, On Leave (5—2); 3, Ample (5—2).

ARMY HORSE SHOW.

152nd Heavy Battery's Interesting Eliminating Trials.

152nd Heavy Battery had a successful day on Friday in the Xth Corps Heavy Artillery eliminating trials for the Army Horse Show. Bdr. Price with "Dick", a 1914 horse, and Dvr. McIvory with "Dan" took the first two places in the best stripped heavy draught horse event, and Trumpeter Whitelaw took a good third for the best turned out W.O., N.C.O., or man, failing to take a higher place owing to his horse having had a fall.

For the best turned out pair of Heavy draught and G.S. Waggon, Dvr. Athies was a close second. Sergt. Frith and his gun and team were again first and deserve special credit as they only arrived back from the Cavalry Division Show at Cologne on the evening of the 6th, having marched back the whole way by road in one day.

In the four horse team and limbered waggon event, the Ammunition Column's teams of greys were third, though a higher place might have been obtained if the off leader had been a better match in colour compared with the rest of the team.

BOXING CONTESTS.

Two boxing contests were decided at Deauville on Saturday night. In the first Marcel Thomas defeated Pohl, of the American Navy, the latter's seconds throwing up the sponge in the third round, while in the second match the French bantam-weight champion, Ledoux, knocked out Coindet, champion of Switzerland, in the second round.

A STRENUOUS FORTNIGHT.

Many "Cologne Post" Cup Matches To Be Decided.

A WORD TO SECRETARIES.

As already announced, as soon as the state of the various leagues is decided the "Cologne Post" Cup Competition will enter upon its culminating stage. Only a fortnight remains in which to play off the remaining fixtures. It is therefore incumbent upon secretaries to re-arrange their outstanding matches at the earliest possible date.

Appended are summaries of the latest matches:—

17th LANCERS (130) v. 2 BDE. R.A.F. (32) at Kalk. For 17th Lancers Major Nicholls made 54, Lieut. Cooke 19, and Capt. Fowler 15 while Cpl. Whitfield took 8 wickets for 12 runs and Capt. Fowler 2 for 12. A. C. Rust took 4 wickets for 29 runs and Hisrap 3 for 21 for R.A.F.

52 WELSH (94) v. 53rd WELSH (17). For the 52 Welsh Capt. Worlock made 34 and Pte. Marsden 18 while Cpl. Walwork took 6 wickets for 8 runs and Pte. Lawton 3 for 5.

121st HEAVY BTY. (119 for 7) v. EASTERN DIV. SIG. COY., R.E. (70) at Siegburg. Bdr. Hopewell played an excellent innings of 47 and Capt. Huxford hit up 19 for the winner. Major Pope made the same score for the losers.

ARMY H.Q. SIGNALS (174 for 5) v. 24 VET. HOSPITAL (37) at Klettenberg. Chief scorers for the winners were Hampton (60), Starr (26 not out), Melmish (25 not out) and Fraser 24. Bowling for the winners, Starr took 4 for 2 and Fraser 3 for 8.

"R" A.A. BTY. (138) v. 52nd NORTHUMBERLAND FUS. (46). For the winners, Bdr. Whitehouse scored 51 runs, and later did good work with the ball, performing the hat trick, and taking in all 4 wickets for 9 runs. Cpl. Slape scored 24, and Gnr. Melville 15. Lieut. Common was the only batsman to reach double figures for the Fusiliers, his score amounting to 15 runs, while his bowling resulted in 7 wickets for 41 runs.

53rd NORTHUMBERLAND FUS. (99) v. ADV. SUPPLY DEPOT (67). Sandford gained the hat trick for the Fusiliers.

174 SIEGE BATTERY (132 for 8) v. 73 BDE. R.G.A. (39). For 174, Lieut. Webster scored 53, Lieut. Butcher 31 and Bdr. Boncaill 20.

LANCS. DIV. SIGS. (110) v. 51 ROYAL SUSSEX (60). For Signals, Pnr. House made 50 and Sgt. Head 23; Pte. Fairwood took 7 for 26. C.Sgt. Evans made top score for Sussex, 16 not out.

YORK and LANC (164 for 8) v. 24 HANTS (159) at Blücher Park on Saturday, August 9th. Chief scorers for the Yorks and Lancs. were Capt. Dixon 43, L/Cpl. Paine 39 and Sgt. Gaunt 23 not out. For 24 Hants, Sgt. Taylor 28, Sgt. Rowe 25 and Sgt. Hampton 22. L/Cpl. Paine, the wicket keeper for the Yorks and Lancs., made a splendid display of wicket-keeping.

OTHER RESULTS.

145 Siege Bty., R.G.A. 81; 104 Bde. R.F.A. 69. 21st Brigade R.F.A. 74 for 9; 269 A.E. Coy. 44. 1.6 West Yorks 20 for 2; 31 Labour Group 19 at Nippes.

1 M.G.C. 69; 21st R.F.A. 61.

1 M.G.C. 55; 145 Sieg. Bty., R.G.A. 41.

170 Siege Bty. 134; "G" A.A. Bty. 60.

Adv. Supply Depot, R.A.S.C., 103; 52 Northumberland Fus., 50 Northern Div., R.E., 67; Wahn Survey Det. 26.

COLOGNE NORTHERN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
29 Bn. M.G.C.	22	21	1		42
1.6 West Yorks	19	18	1		36
London Div. M.T. Coy.	20	16	4		32
75 Bde. R.F.A.	17	13	4		26
Maps 4 F.S. Bn.	18	12	5	1	25
1.5 West Yorks	16	11	5		22
1.4 York and Lancs	15	10	5		20
C/113 Bde. R.F.A.	15	10	5		20
31 Labour Group	16	9	7		18
Southern Div. M.T. Coy.	17	9	8		18
2.4 Hants Regt.	14	8	6		16§+
H. Corps H.Q.	12	7	5		14
52 R. Warwick	12	7	5		14§+
4.9 Siege Bty.	15	6	9		12
No. 14 G.H.Q., M.T. Coy.	13	6	7		12
13 M.A.C.	13	5	8		10
51 R. Warwick	12	5	7		10§+
53 R. Warwick	11	5	6		10§+
88 Field Amb.	15	4	11		8§+
257 Field Coy.	13	4	9		8§

§ Points awarded for scratched matches.
+ Games lost by default.
Please Note:—1 Bn. M.G.C. have withdrawn from Kaiserpreis League.

COL. WILCOX SHIELD.

Headquarters Beat "C" Squadron 3rd Hussars At Cricket.

On Saturday Headquarters 3rd Hussars beat "C" Squadron 3rd Hussars by 26 runs—52 to 26, in the "Victory" Shield Inter-Squadron Competition for the Shield to be presented by Lieut.-Col. W. T. Wilcox C.M.G., the C.O. For H.Q., Bandsman Duley scored 22 in merry style, and for "C" Pte. Jackson made a plucky 19 not out. Bandmaster Hatherley and Bandsman Phillips bowled unchanged for H.Q. and Sgt. Peace took 7 for 35 for "C".

84th Brigade Cricket League.

A match in the above league was played at Mehlem on H.Q.'s ground between 152 Siege Battery, R.G.A. (54) and 69 Siege Bty., R.G.A. (36). The Heavies managed to beat the Siege Gunners by the margin of 18 runs. Gnr. Triffitt for the 152nd was the outstanding performer, scoring 25 and Lieut. Fraser headed the score of the 69th Gnr. Breaks average in the bowling was good.

20th. D.L.I. SPORTS.

Keen Inter-Company Rivalry At Richler Wiesen Meeting.

CUP FOR C.Q.M.S.

The sports of the 20th Bn., The Durham Light Infantry, were held on Saturday at Richler Wiesen. Glorious weather and keen rivalry between companies resulted in an excellent afternoon's sport. The band, kindly lent by the Commanding Officer of the 52nd Bn., The Durham Light Infantry, played selections during the afternoon. The prizes were presented by Brig.-General Braithwhaite, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

List of Winners.

The following were the events and prize-winners:—

High jump:—1, Cpl. Strachan, D Coy.; 2, C.Q.M.S. Breed, B Coy.; 3, Cpl. Dosser, D Coy.

440 yards:—1, Lt. Mitchell, D Coy.; 2, C.Q.M.S. Breed, B Coy.; 3, Pte. Enever, C Coy.

Three-legged race:—1, Ptes. Webster and Ross, D Coy; 2, Ptes. Hurst and Atkinson, C Coy.

220 yards:—1, Pte. Howes, B Coy; 2, Pte. Bland, C Coy.; 3, Pte. Foster, B Coy.

Wheelbarrow race:—1, Ptes. Moore and Downing; 2, Cpl. Dosser and Pte. Holt.

Long jump:—1, Cpl. Strachan, D Coy.; 2, Pte. Foster, B Coy.; 3, Pte. Berry, D Coy.

Boat race:—1, D Coy.; 2, B Coy.

100 yards:—1, Pte. Howes, B Coy.; 2, Pte. Bland, C Coy.; 3, Pte. Foster, B Coy.

One Mile (open to Northern Div.):—1, Lt. Fentum, 51st. N.F.; 2, C.Q.M.S. Breed, 20th D.L.I.; 3, 2/Lt. Bowl, 52nd D.L.I.

Throwing the Cricket Ball:—1, Cpl. Calclough, B Coy.; 2, Pte. Lawton, D Coy.; 3, Pte. Holt, D Coy.

Tug-of-war:—1, C Coy.; 2, B Coy.

880 yards:—1, C.Q.M.S. Breed, B Coy.; 2, Pte. Guy, D Coy.; 3, Pte. Hardacre, D Coy.

Tilting the bucket:—1, Pte. Bradley and Pte. Watson, C Coy.; 2, Cpl. Calclough and L/Cpl. Harrod, B Coy.

Relay race:—1, D Coy.; 2, B Coy.

Sack race:—1, Cpl. Dosser, D Coy.; 2, Pte. Hobson, D Coy.; 3, Pte. Gardener, C Coy.

Officers race (Handicap):—1, Lt. Mitchell, D Coy.; 2, Lt. Upton, C Coy.; 3, Lt. Whitfield, B Coy.

Sergeants race (Handicap):—1, Sgt. Thorpe, B Coy.; 2, Sgt. Weland, B Coy.; 3, C.S.M. Mowat, D Coy.

Pillow Fighting:—1, Pte. Gardener, C Coy.; 2, Sgt. Wesson, D Coy.; 3, Pte. Guy, D Coy.

Officers and Sergeants Tug-of-war:—Sergeants.

Obstacle race:—1, Pte. Foster, B Coy.; 2, Pte. Dexter, C Coy.; 3, Pte. Naylor, C Coy.

Band race:—1, Pte. Usher; 2, Pte. Hall; 3, L/Cpl. Sanderson.

Inter-Company challenge cup:—1, B Coy, 43 pts.; 2, D Coy., 34 pts.

Victor Ludorum Cup:—(presented by Lt.-Col. A. B. Beauman, D.S.O.):—C.Q.M.S. Breed, B Coy.

WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP.

Draw for next Wednesday's event at Cologne.

The following is the draw for the 1st. Round, Water Polo British Army of the Rhine Championship, which is to be played on Wednesday next 13th instant at 15.00 hours at the Hohenstaufenbad, Hohenstaufen Ring, Cologne.

Lancashire Divn. R.E. versus Light Divn.

5th E. Surrey Regt. versus Western Divn. "A" Team.

London D.A.C. versus Western Divn. "B" Team.

Southern Division versus 5 Kings' L'pool Regt

"SPORTS FEAST".

Old German Institution Celebrated at Elsdorf.

Describing their revellings as a "Sports Feast", large numbers of German civilians made merry at Elsdorf on Saturday evening. With the local Fire Brigade band at its head a long procession, the members of which carried Chinese lanterns mounted on poles, marched through the principal streets their progress being marked by the letting off of fireworks.

The decorations along the line of route included two dazzling arches of flowers and fairy lights.

A large banner of the Elsdorf Football Club had an untimely end as the result of a lighted firework setting it into flames.

The "Feast" was continued on Sunday when various phases of sport were indulged in.

BILLIARD MATCH AT KALK.

The G.H.Q. Warrant Officers and Sergeants visited Kalk on Friday evening in order to play a billiard match with the R.A.S.C. Bakers. On this occasion the visitors were defeated by 72 points, only winning one match. Details are appended:—

G.H.Q.		Bakers.	
R.S.M. Satterford	64	Pte. Lines	100
S.M. Baker	60	Pte. Hunter	100
Sergt. Gibb	91	Cpl. Perkins	100
S.M. Covey	100	C.Q.M.S. Butcher	72
S.M. Brown	93	Sergt. Cooke	100
S.M. Bush	92	Pte. Burgess	100
Total	500	Total	572

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Concert Tour.

By the courtesy of Miss Lena Ashwell, the Rev. E.C. Yelverton, Chaplain to the Dragoon Brigade, will escort a concert party of five ladies and two gentlemen on tour as follows:—To-night Schendorf; Wednesday Elsdorf; Thursday Zündorf; Friday Horrem; Saturday Paffendorf. The artistes are Misses O'Grady, Poole, Carrol, Rashleigh, Chambers, and Messrs. Hill and Worral.

Overath Diversions.

The troops billeted in or near the charming village of Overath have now a Church Army hut which is nightly filled. A concert party of the 26 R.F., "The Souvenirs," gave a very enjoyable concert on Thursday evening to a full house. The Kaisersaal was used on this occasion for the first time. A cinema is run nightly and now a German circus has arrived with its attendant side shows so that there is abundant promise of the troops here having all "the fun of the fair."

Leave Club Attractions.

At the B.E.L.C. there will be an Impromptu Concert on Thursday, from 5 to 6 and a Whist Drive at 6.30. On Friday, a Dancing Class will be held at 5 p.m. and the cinema will be continuous throughout the afternoon and evening. On Saturday, an impromptu concert will take place at 5 p.m. and a dance in the Theatre at 7 p.m. Throughout the week, August 11th to 18th inclusive a unique opportunity is being offered to all those who were unable to witness the historic marches of our victorious troops through London and Paris to see the films depicting these great events. They will be exhibited in the Cinema Hall daily from 2 to 3.50 p.m. and 3.45 to 5.15 p.m. On Friday there will be a continuous cinema performance until 9.45 p.m.

Massed Band Performance.

The other evening in the gardens facing the 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. H.Q. Mess, Solingen, the massed band and buglers of the 1st Light Brigade (13th, 18th and 20th Bns. K.R.R.C.) gave a two hours' performance. The weather was ideal, and a huge audience listened to the selections. The Brigadier and his Staff were present, and the officers from each battalion were there in large numbers. The programme was a generous one, each selection was carefully and excellently rendered, and the splendid results reflected great credit on the respective bandmasters. It is hoped by all that the massed band and buglers will give another enjoyable performance in the near future, for such musical treats are "few and far between."

Miss Moore at Weiden.

Miss Ada Moore gave a concert to the 74th Brigade R.F.A., Weiden on Saturday. The first item was a song "The Blackbird" followed by "That was the end of my dream." A monologue "Just by Laughing" caused much amusement and the applause was loud and prolonged "Roses of Picardy," "In and old Fashioned Town" and "The Heart of a Rose" were also sung by Miss Moore among others. A new song "The Kingdom in your eyes" was heard for the first time; but after the second chorus all joined in with great gusto — a competition between the two divisions of the audience producing great amusement. Signaller Copeland of A/75 (an old member of The Foxes the 23rd Army Bde R.F.A. Concert Party, sang two ragtime songs "When the Sun goes down in Dixie" and "They'e waiting for me in Tennessee," in excellent style. Miss Moore brought the concert to an end with "Mother McRee."

Field Concerts.

General Sir Henry Horne, speaking at the Savoy Theatre, paid a tribute to the work done by the concert parties which were engaged during the war in the various fields. He explained that "Les Rouges et Noirs," the party of the First Army, had not obtained their name from Monte Carlo but from the red and black flag of the First Army. He said that at the end of 1914, after the desperate fighting around Ypres, when the men settled drown to the hardships, sufferings, and privations of trench warfare, it became necessary for those in authority to bestir themselves and as far as possible to provide rest for the bodies and recreation for the minds of their men. To assist in that work the concert parties were developed. They had not far to look, for the theatrical profession and the music-halls were not backward when the call of duty was heard.

Race With a Shell.

There was great rivalry among the companies (continued the General) and naturally each Division thought theirs the best. The performance of the Rouges et Noirs in London was exactly the same as they had had night after night in France, and the men had not been kept in cottonwool. They did their duty in times of stress. When they were short-handed they turned out and drove motor lorries and assisted in many ways to carry on. When the great offensive took place, the party followed up close behind and gave their performances without fail. They had lots of adventures. On one occasion there was a race between themselves and a German shell for a rehearsal. Fortunately the German shell won and no harm was done except that the wardrobe was damaged.

Leave Club Sunday Concert.

The band of the 1/5th. South Staffords gave a delightful programme of music at the Leave Club on Sunday. Eilenberge's descriptive "Mill in the Black Forest" one of the best items had never been heard before by a large number of the audience. Pioneer Watkin Williams sang "Friend" and being encored gave "Sympathy". "Tommy Lad" was sung by Lt. Mearns, 51st D.L.I. and as an encore he gave "Mother Machree". Pte. Baines' violin solo was really a remarkable performance, and Sergeant Williams gave "Four Songs of the Air" which have recently been published and which will doubtless become extremely popular with the B.A.O.R.

In few words.

The "Tonics" Concert Party are appearing again at the British Empire Leave Club tonight with an entirely new programme and costumes.

JACQUES.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Carpentier's next Match.

It is reported that Carpentier's next match will be against Lenaers (Belgium) at Lyons, on September 3.

Grouse Prospects.

A correspondent writes that reports from the North of England and Scotland show that birds are fewer than ever This is primarily due to the want of experienced keepers, the majority of whom are only just back from France.

Three-Day Matches.

It was announced at Old Trafford on Friday that the Lancashire County Cricket Club Committee had decided to instruct their representatives at the meeting of the Advisory Board in London on August 19 to vote in favour of a reversion to three-day matches.

Q.P.R. Players.

The following players have been engaged for Queen's Park Rangers for next season: Goal: J. Marrick (Birmingham and District League) and J. C. Gould (X Div. of Police). Backs: A. Pullen, J. Wingrove, F. E. Blackman (Leeds City and Fulham), and W. Draper, Half-backs, A. Mitchell, J. W. Baldock, J. Broster, A. Whyman, J. W. Brooks (Derbyshire), and F. A. Wright (R.A.F.). Forwards: W. Thompson, J. Birch, J. B. Miller, J. Gregory, D. Donald, J. G. Fox, and J. W. Smith (Third Lanark).

39lb Tope.

A fine tope of 39lb has been captured at Newhaven (Sussex) by M. E. Lambert, a London angler.

Hallows Gets his 1,000.

Against Notts, at Old Trafford last week Hallows, for the third match in succession, played an innings of over 100, and at the same time completed his 1,000 runs for the season.

N.C.U. Victory Meet.

The National Cyclists' Union is celebrating the arrival of peace by a victory meeting of champions, under the patronage of H.M. the King, at Herne Hill track on Saturday, September 6.

A "Star" Amateur.

There are few, if any, better amateurs riding to-day than Mr. F. B. Rees, and on Neurotic he gave another taste of his quality in beating Carslake on the favourite Daniel by a head in the Berwick Welter.

Boxing for Boys.

The Amateur Boxing Association hope to hold championships this year for boys attending schools other than public schools. The council decided to take this step in view of the fact that boxing has been adopted by all branches of H. M. Forces as part of the physical training.

For the first time.

The Lewes Handicap is now confined to three-year-olds for the first time in its history.

At Liverpool Stadium.

Alf Wye, London, and Idris Jones, Amanford, also Jock Wayland London, and Johnny Griffiths, Chester, will meet over 15 rounds at the Liverpool Stadium next Thursday.

"Aussies" in U.S.A.

The four Australian players—Messrs. Brookes, Patterson, R. V. Thomas, and Lycett—who left England on July 24, arrived in America on Aug. 1, and will compete in the U.S.A. Doubles Championship.

Golf Unknown.

Unfortunately golf was unknown in England when the two oldest Universities were planted on water-meadows, the valleys of rivers. Oxford should be at Friiforth Head, Cambridge at Mildenhall. —A.C.M. Croome in the "Morning Post."

Early in Training.

Eddie McGoorty, of America, winner of five important fights in England during the past eight months, has gone into training unusually early for him in view of his match with J. Beckett, the English champion, at Olympia on September 2.

Covered Court Championships.

The Tennis world championships on covered courts will be decided on November 15 on the courts of the Sporting Club de Paris.

Olympia Tickets.

All tickets purchased for the postponed Beckett-Carpentier boxing contest at Olympia, on Sept. 2, are available for the substitute programme which has been arranged by Mr. Charles B. Cochran.

Golly Eyes at Last.

Everything comes to him who waits, and Hunt must have breathed a sigh of satisfaction when Golly Eyes won his first race for two years when beating Kashmir in the Sussex Handicap.

F.C's. Profit.

The Derby County Football Club's annual balance sheet shows a profit of £454 to devote to football charities with special consideration for the widows of two players, Brooks and Benfield, who lost their lives in the war.

The Stymie.

The question of revising the rule relating to the stymie in golf is under the consideration of the Rules of Golf Committee, but no official statement is possible whether any recommendation will be made to the Royal and Ancient Club at its forthcoming meeting.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Strange Meetings.

During the occupation of Cologne there have been many instances of the meetings of friends who for years have lost sight of one another. Here are three instances of unexpected and strange meetings that have recently occurred. A French officer was the other day seated in a train when a British officer entered. Recognition was instantaneous. They were side by side in hospital at Salonica and had thought one another dead. A soldier was being shaved in a Cologne shop when the barber asked "Don't you know me Mr.....?" The barber was for years Tommy's next door neighbour in Walthamstow. Two officers entered into casual conversation at the tennis courts at Lindenthal. One had been in East Africa for years, the other in India. They lived in Hertfordshire and it transpired that they went to school together.

Climbing Telephone Poles.

Perhaps some readers have noticed that the German telegraph poles have no iron steps affixed to them such as our English ones have, and have wondered how Jerry goes on when it is required to climb the poie. A correspondent says he had the opportunity the other day of watching one of them climbing. The man had a piece of steel, rather more than semicircular in shape, the diameter of which, was rather wider than the diameter of the pole. This he affixed to his boot so that it jutted out from the toe. It fitted round the pole easily and with this simple device it was quite an easy matter to climb. Also, one could work without any fear of slipping, as once the instrument is in place round the pole, it is quite an impossibility—without lifting the foot—for it to slip.

Dictionary Pitfalls.

Many must have noticed with amusement an advertisement of a German athletic meeting. The chief events announced are: "Hard Athletics:—Weight—heaving and Wrestling. Light Athletics:—Stone-pushing, Ball-pushing, Weight-throwing; High-leaping, 1500 metres-run. "Dew-pulling" seems at first rather puzzling; whether it is to be considered as "hard athletics" depends so much on the acreage to be pulled, the time of day, and the weather. But a reference to the German version of the poster shows that it is intended for a translation of "Tauziehen" i. e. Rope pulling, or Tug of war. This is an awful example of the danger of putting any confidence in dictionaries. The translator no doubt learnt from his dictionary that "der Tau" is in English "dew" (as tauen means to thaw) but failed to observe that "das Tau" is rope; a word which will recall to Englishmen the joys of the towpath, and to Scotchmen their schooldays and the joys of the "Tawse."

Beauty and the Barge.

Trippers on the Rhine cannot have failed to notice the extreme and somewhat incongruous daintiness with which the small cabins in the sterns of coal barges are finished. Muslin curtains seem to be "de rigeur" while window boxes, gay with blossoms, are quite common.

In The Sunshine.

That the habits and customs of a people are strongly influenced by their physical surroundings is shown by the popularity of swimming among the younger generation in Cologne. Indoor swimming baths, such as are provided in all large towns, undoubtedly encourage swimming, but the appeal of a natural stream, grassy banks, the open air and sunshine are much greater.

A Revelation.

We have just heard of a woman in Bonn who decided to wash an article of clothing made of the paper material so much used since the war by the Germans, so placed it in a pan on the stove. Having a little shopping to do, she left it to simmer. Before she returned, the husband came home for dinner and finding his better-half out, looked about to see if his dinner had been left out for him. Seeing the pan on the stove, the thought struck him that she had prepared him some soup, so without any more to do satisfied his cravings with evident relish. Just as he was finishing, the good woman appeared. The conversation that followed can best be imagined.

Excitement at Reihl.

On Saturday afternoon, in Reihler Strasse, one noticed quite a number of American Police, carrying revolvers, in the vicinity of the fair grounds. These officials were galvanized into action by the sound of a police whistle being blown violently. An American automobile, carrying a driver, an American soldier and a German woman appeared swiftly round a corner, and some distance behind, an American policeman running for all he was worth, and when he had sufficient breath, blowing his whistle. The driver of the auto took no notice of shouted orders to "Stop" until one of the police fired his 'shooting iron' into the air. Realizing that business was meant, the runaways pulled up, and were immediately surrounded by a curious crowd. The woman, after being questioned by and giving her name to a German officer of police left the car, which was driven away with its occupants under charge of one of the American police.

Lesser Echoes.

Without question the most popular spot near Cologne in the present hot spell is the bathing ground at Rodenkirchen. It has been thronged by bathers of both sexes.

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The difficulty in obtaining German beer in certain hotels at Rhineside resorts is remarkable. At one popular Sunday rendezvous, recently, a visitor tried to get a glass of Münchener, without success at three large hotels.

Prizes for Echos.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to: Pte. W. E. Reynolds R.A.S.C., 69th S.B.A.C. Rhine Army; Gnr. W. Fisher R.G.A. 1/1 North Midland H.B. Rhine Army; and Pte. T. L. C. Bluett, R.A.M.C. No. 4 Coy. Northern Divl. Train Rhine Army.

NOTES FROM LONDON TOWN.

THE RIGHT DECISION.

Most people will applaud the decision now taken that the cenotaph in Whitehall shall be perpetuated in enduring material and the same simply effective form on the present site. Influential London newspapers have endeavoured to get the memorial to our million dead in the great fight for freedom removed to "a more convenient site," which means, of course, some place where none but the curious will see it. The Government has had the historic sense to decide otherwise. The right place for this enduring memorial to the heroes who saved the world is where it stood when Foch and his captains and troops of the Allied armies saluted it on the unforgettable grand march of triumph. If it checks the skelter of the London traffic down Whitehall, so much the better. Let the generations pause as they pass to contemplate the cenotaph of the dead warriors and what it means to history. As for the pedants who actually insult the memorial because it does not specially commemorate in its design their particular "ism"—leave them to oblivion or the obloquy of more enlightened generations.

CAMARADERIE.

A friend of mine who is home from the wars and has what he calls shrapnel gout, says there is a wonderful difference in 'bus conductors. My friend's great trouble is getting on and off 'buses when they are busy and engaged in competitive hurry-ups. Some conductors will not give a lame dog half a chance. Others will stop the 'bus, freeze on to the cripple, and see he gets first chance. And he also says you can always be quite certain of one thing. The 'busman who jerks the cord just as he is getting on has no Army badge or war ribbon. I was getting on a 'bus with him recently, and the conductor not only waited until we were well aboard, but lent him a friendly hand to his seat quite unobtrusively. "I told you!" said the lame warrior, when the man came for the fares, "Mons Ribbon and Military Medal with bar! I knew." And that's the way of it!

THE ADMIRAL'S SMOKE.

A naval appointment announced this week reminds me of a story told about a certain senior officer concerned. This officer was renowned for his love of cigarettes and the long thin holder he always used. His trim figure and cigarette-holder were a feature of the bridge of his flagship, as familiar to the ship's company as the compass or range-finder. Dismay fell upon all when an order was issued that gas-masks were to be worn by the occupants of ships' bridges when in enemy waters. How could the admiral have his smoke, everyone was asking. As usual, however, the Navy rose to the emergency, and a humble member of the crew devised an ingenious arrangement of rubber tubing whereby the wearer could enjoy a smoke while protected against poison-gas. The ship's company were very disappointed when the gas-mask order was modified, and they were cheated of the spectacle of their popular commanding officer inhaling smoke through an arrangement bearing a strong resemblance to an infant's feeding bottle!

A GOOD TAILOR.

One hears such tales of tradesmen's profiteering nowadays that it is refreshing to come across a bona-fide case of something quite the reverse. And this I have just been fortunate enough to do. A Liverpool man now in Fleet-street tells me his old-established City tailor is one out of many thousand exceptions. He does not believe in profiteering, and does not do it. His suits are more expensive than pre-war suits because they have to be. Moreover, he is a cash tailor who has during the war made many suits for youngsters, sons of old clients, on a credit understanding. The youngsters came home, wanted a suit, said they could not pay on the nail, but it would be "All right." And the old city tailor had not the heart to say them nay. Many of those youngsters are lying under the soil of Flanders and France. My Liverpool friend asked him why he did not send in the bills to their fathers. His answer was. "Mr.—, I'd sooner see the business under the sea. I simply couldn't do it in the circumstances." Personally, really apart from his moderate terms, that's my tailor in future.

HOW'S IT DONE?

An odd story is going about to the effect that "Pussyfoot" has imported all his office equipment from America to save the expense of buying it in England. Dealers in desks, filing systems, and the like who tried to extract an order from so promising a customer were exasperated to be told that he had just got in all he required from his trans-Atlantic branches. For if true this meant that the astute Yankee had somehow managed to evade the import restrictions. Legitimate traders have been trying wildly to import American office furniture — and failing. How then did "Pussyfoot" succeed? The gossip is that persons in high places arranged to have the restrictions specially waved on his behalf. It is certainly known that one or two members of the Government are by no means averse to the flooding of the country with prohibition propaganda.

A CADDIE STORY.

A true and new caddie story to conclude with! The golf caddie has a reputation for caustic wit which some members of the craft find it rather hard to live up to. But the experience of a friend, a beginner who was paying his debut visit to one of the best of the London suburban courses, suggests that the gift is not entirely an illusion. My friend's drive somehow developed that nasty habit of finding the rough every time. "I don't think much of your course," the unfortunate amateur was driven to exclaim about the third hole. "Well," was the prompt rejoinder by the caddie, "you haven't been on it yet!"

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Serious Epidemic.—An alarming outbreak of cholera has occurred in India.

More Drama.—Warwick is to have a new theatre.

Conchies Free.—Not a single conscientious objector now remains in prison.

Kid Dresses.—Gowns of kid, which is abundant in France, are the latest Paris fashion.

A Bad Habit.—A Paris Conference of workers has denounced tipping as immoral.

Evacuating.—British troops are to leave Malmedy. Belgians will replace them immediately.

Crossing Again.—The Newhaven-Dieppe daily steamer service will be resumed this week.

Not Up to Par.—Charles Chaplin's latest film "Sunnyside" is said not to have much funny-side.

[illegible]ng Going.—The first Belgian blast [illegible] to be re-started since the war [illegible] at Marchienne-au-Pont.

That Tilt.—It is noticeable that Admiral Beatty wears his civilian hat at the same acute tilt as his naval cap.

Bicycle Jubilee.—This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the manufacture of the bicycle in England.

The Right Sort.—Ex-Waacs and members of the Women's Land Army are in great demand by the overseas Dominions.

Gets a Tank.—Kidderminster has received the gift of a Tank. It contributed £1,455,646 to the War Loans.

Tree Planting.—Peace Commemoration trees have been planted in the park of Renfrew.

"Robert's" Required.—Glasgow wants volunteers for increasing its police force by 250 men.

Saluted the Cross.—A huge wooden cross was erected in Glasgow as a cenotaph.

Shaken Up.—While the Pacific U.S.A. fleet was off Mexico it experienced the shocks of a severe double submarine earthquake.

Hamilton's Pride.—Sergeant J. O'Neill V.C. has been made a burgess of Hamilton N.B. and given a testimonial of over £400.

Recognition.—The town of Todmorden has presented watches to seventy-wo men who have won medals in the war.

"Tay Pay"—Veteran.—Mr. T.P. O'Connor is now the Father of the House of Commons.

New President.—Portugal has a new President—Senator Antonio José d'Almeida.

Competition.—Germany makers of low-priced chinaware and pottery are planning to export on a large scale to the countries of the Allies.

Want to Return.—Large numbers of demobilized Waacs and Wrens are eager to re-enlist. Their old occupations are distasteful to them.

River Honeymoon.—A bride and bridegroom at Kingston-on-Thames were married in boating dress and left for their honeymoon in a camping punt.

Cutting Down.—Since the Armistice 52 aerodromes, 147 landing grounds and 1,899 hired premises have been closed down by the Air Force.

Shropshire Lads.—Lord Harlech took the salute of 6000 Shropshire troops in a striking march past on Shrewsbury's historic square.

Birdwood A Goldsmith.—General Sir William Birdwood has been admitted to the freedom and livery of the Goldsmiths' Company.

More Rhine Guards.—Marshal Foch calls for a greater number of troops to occupy the neutral zone on the right bank of the Rhine.

A Costly Month.—Fire losses in the United Kingdom last month were exceptionally heavy. They amounted to over £700,000.

Boys Slacken.—The headmaster of Windsor County School says that probably through war weariness there is not the same keenness to learn as there was.

Change of Scene.—A sea lion well known in Poole harbour as "Billikin," has escaped and has been recognised on the Goodwin Sands.

Sleuth Hounds.—A special corps of Inland Revenue inspectors has been started to track down evasions of taxation, including excess profits duty.

Ghastly.—Bolshevists tortured and butchered their victims at Kharkoff, while one of them, "Comrade Edward" played a mandoline accompaniment.

Golden Catches.—Scottish fishermen earned abnormal success during the war. One boat alone realised £1,961 for a single night's catch.

Male or Female?—Can the sex of an egg be told? A Frenchman who has made experiments claims that this can be determined by weight and size.

Prolific Rats.—A pair of rats living three years, will in that time, be responsible for a progeny of over 650,000.

Companies Galore.—There is quite a boom in the formation of new limited liability companies. Thirty were registered in one day last week.

Applied yet?—Official postcards on which application for free issue of the war medal ribbon can be made, are to be had at any post office.

Unpoetic.—The Poet Laureate, Dr. Bridges, when asked if he had seen the suggestion in Parliament that he should be stimulated to write a Peace ode replies, "I don't care a damn!"

Official Snappist.—An official photographer — Lieut. Ernest Brooks who served on most of the war fronts, is accompanying the Prince of Wales on his American tour.

Church Menagerie.—A search in the belfry tower of Pulham St. Mary's Church disclosed a swarm of bees, a family of swallows and several hawks, jackdaws and owls.

Died on Land. — Captain Bulmer, in command of the American mine-sweeping detachment at Kirkwall, has died from injuries sustained in a motoring accident.

One of the Penns. — A direct descendant of Willian Penn, Captain Penn-Gaskell, has come back to the Penn district in Buckinghamshire and purchased by auction a cottage for £610.

Will be a Boon. — General Sir Henry Horne yesterday opened a holiday home for sailors and soldiers at Lowestoft, for which £25,000 had been subscribed, leaving another £10,000 to be provided.

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KUT HORRORS.

EURASIAN GOES INTO THE WITNESS BOX.

When the Court-martial on William Fratel, the Eurasian medical officer, was resumed at Middlesex Guildhall on Monday morning, Captain Eastwood, who appears in defence, requested that all witnesses might be ordered to leave the court. This was done.

Opening the case for the defence, Mr. Elkin K.C., counsel for accused, said that Fratel had seen twelve years service and had three brothers in the Army. He arrived in Mesopotamia in November 1914 and reached Kut in September 1915 remaining there throughout the siege. At the end of the campaign, Fratel, who was attached to the 86th Battery R.F.A., was commended for most useful services rendered at No 9 General Hospital. When the prisoners taken at Kut started on their long march their mental and physical condition was deplorable. They were constantly villified by Turks, Germans and the native populace, and were told that the British Navy had been defeated at Jutland and that Kitchener was drowned. On two occasions at least Fratel was assaulted for attempting to attend to the ailing men and on arrival at Bagtsche he was told that he must remain inside the hospital. If he went outside to render assistance he was told he would be put to work on the railway. Fratel was thus prevented from doing his duty. He would give most vivid evidence as to the conditions prevailing among the British at Bagtsche and about the systematic cruelty practised by the Turks and Germans. Our men, said counsel, literally dropped dead because of the abominable treatment they received. When medicine was required Fratel had to steal it. Dr. Comus locked up the quinine and Fratel could only get it by subterfuge. Counsel described the hospital as a conglomeration of ramshackle huts and the staff as a motley crew. Our men, he said, were under the tragic impression that Fratel could do everything for them, whereas he could do little.

Accused Gives Evidence.

Fratel then went into the witness box and described the march from Kut to Bagtsche. He said several unpleasant incidents occurred on the way and he made representations to a Turkish officer, who said he couldn't control the gendarmes, who were savages. On one occasion he went to the help of an English soldier who had fallen out through sickness, but was prevented by a Turk, who struck him with a sjambok. On another occasion he and others were chased by Turks on horseback and had to run for their lives. On arrival at Bagtsche he was sent to work in the hospital. One day he was sent for to attend an urgent case and on returning Dr. Comus was furious and gave orders that he was not to leave the place again, threatening that if he did he would be beaten and sent to work on the railway as an ordinary labourer. Up to that time he used to give men rest chits but was then informed that he had no authority to sign any more or to admit men to hospital.

Everything Denied.

The engineers constructing the line, who ran the hospital, supplied the tents and indented for medicine, were Philip Holzmann and Co. of Frankfort-on-Maine, who were responsible.

Regarding the food he said there was no difference in the diet for patients and attendants. He never once had milk or sugar with tea. What sugar he did have he bought in the village. Fratel recalled times when he gave clothing to some of the patients and sugar or money to others. He gave a categorical denial to all charges levied against him and denied kicking a sick man or urging anybody else to do so. Accused was under cross examination when the case was adjourned.

THE GUIDING HAND.

ENTENTE AND HUNGARY.

Hungarian affairs continue to occupy the attention of the Supreme Allied Council and were again the subject of discussion in French diplomatic cirles. Regarding the departure of the Roumanian stateman Diamantidi to Buda-Pesth it is understood that his mission is not to establish a liaison between Roumania and the Allied Commissioners but simply to act as Roumanian representative in the negotiations with the Hungarians. M. Cambon, French Chargé d'Affaires at Bucharest, on Saturday handed to M. Bratiano three notes addressed by the Supreme Allied Council to the Roumanian Government, requesting them to take no personal initiative in Hungary and only to make decisions conforming to those of the Entente delegates in Buda-Pest.

AFGHANISTAN.

FULL TERMS OF PEACE TREATY.

The following is the text of the Afghan Peace Treaty which was signed at Rawal Pindi on August 8th:

Article I.—From the date of signing this Treaty, Peace is declared between the British and Afghanistan Governments.

Article II.—In view of the circumstances which have brought on the present war, the British Government, as a mark of displeasure, withdraw the privilege enjoyed by the former Amirs of importing arms and ammunition or warlike munitions through India.

Article III.—The arrears of the late Amir's subsidy are furthermore confiscated, and also no subsidy is to be granted to the present Amir.

Article IV.—At the same time, the British Government are desirous of the re-establishment of the old friendship that has so long existed between Great Britain and Afghanistan, provided that they have guarantees that the Afghan Government are sincerely anxious to regain our friendship. The British Government is prepared, provided the Afghans prove their sincerity by acts and conduct, to receive another Afghan Mission after six months for the discussion and settlement of matters of common interest to the two Governments and the re-establishement of the old friendship on a satisfactory basis. The Afghan Government accept the Indo-Afghan frontier accepted by the late Amir. They further agree to the early demarcation by a British Commission of the undemarcated portion of the West Khyber, where the Afghan aggression happened, and will accept such boundary as the British Commission lays down. The British troops on this side of the border will remain in their present positions until the new demarcation has been effected.

Intrigues and pin-pricks.

Sir Hamilton Grant in the course of his speech said:

The treaty we have signed offers a prompt solution of a difficult situation. I have indicated verbally and in writing, specific ways in which the Afghan Government can show the sincerity of their feelings. They must act whole-heartedly in the matter. There must be none of the petty intrigues and pin-pricks which in the past have often strained the relations between the two Governments. If the Afghans co-operated whole-heartedly, they would get the same whole-hearted friendship from the British.

I must thank you for the courteous way in which you have co-operated in these negotiations. We had inevitable and constant differences, but you never failed to listen patiently to our words, though your position has been difficult. You never allowed undue heat to mar the tenour of the discussion. In social relations you invariably treated us with true Afghan courtesy. The Viceroy, in sending you his greetings, asks you kindly to deliver a message to the Amir, expressing his lively satisfaction that there is once more peace between Afghanistan and India. His Excellency trusts that this treaty of peace will be preliminary to a treaty in due course which will draw closer the bonds of friendship of two old friends and neighbours.

OUR U.S. AMBASSADOR.

It is understood that the coveted post of British Ambassador at Washington, vacated recently by Earl Reading, has been offered to Viscount Grey of Fallodon. It was to the ex-Foreign Secretary that Mr. Bonar Law referred in his veiled allusion the other day.

Lord Grey is giving the matter very earnest consideration, but has not as yet arrived at a definite decision. The unfortunate state of his eyesight is a grave handicap, and may determine his line of action. But in well-informed circles it is felt that Lord Grey's ripe diplomatic experience and particularly his keen interest in the League of Nations would be of immense value to this country if he can see his way to take up his residence at Washington.

FUTURE OF YPRES.

The Anglo-Belgian Commission appointed to consider the question of the reconstruction of Ypres has held a session in Ypres. It recommends that the central portion of the town be not rebuilt but be allowed to remain as a historic monument. This area includes the ruins of the Cloth Hall, the Cathedral, the Church of St. Martin, the Palais de Justice and the adjoining cloisters.

The great cause of cheering us all up has a notable recruit in the advertisement writer who made the phrase, "The pill that won the war." It is hard that such genius should be anonymous.

CARNEGIE DEAD.

MAN WHO GAVE AWAY £70,000,000.

A romance of business is ended by the death on Monday, at his American home in Massachusetts, of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, the steel multi-millionaire. His life was a proof of his saying that no young man ever lived who has not had his chances.

Born at Dunfermline in 1835, the son of a Scottish damask weaver, Mr. Carnegie was taken to the United States at the age of fourteen. He started life as a telegraph boy; he was successively a weaver's assistant and telegraph operator and helped Pullman, the inventor of the sleeping car, to develop his invention. Careful investments gave him a command of capital and he presently concentrated all his energies on the iron trade. He grew to control vast interests at Pittsburg, which were amalgamated in 1892 as the Carnegie Steel Company, Ltd., whose products went all over the world. In 1901, through the agency of Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, the American Steel Trust was created by the amalgamation of the Carnegie Company with seven other companies, with a total capital of £229,000,000. Mr. Carnegie now retired on a tidy annual income of between £2,000,000 and £3,000,000. At this time he said the secret of his success lay in choosing a man for each department who knew the business better than he himself.

Mr. Carnegie married in 1887 Louise Whitfield, of New York, and had one daughter, who was married recently in New York. After his retirement he gave himself up to founding libraries and otherwise disposing of his vast wealth. His total benefactions were variously estimated at from £70,000,000 to £80,000,000. A large part of his fortune went in supporting his ideals of universal peace.

He bought Skibo Castle, in the North of Scotland, and here he spent most of his leisure. He was Lord Rector of St. Andrews University from 1902-7, and Lord Rector of Aberdeen from 1912-14. Mr. Carnegie was also the author of many notable books.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

HOW TWO R.A.F. SQUADRONS SECURED IMMUNITY.

Speaking at a wireless telephony demonstration given by the Royal Air Force at Westminster yesterday evening, General Seely said that in the summer of 1918 aeroplanes in two R.A.F. squadrons were fitted with wireless telephony sets. The Germans were thoroughly alarmed and their aeroplanes studiously avoided the machines of those two squadrons. Wireless telephony had not been developed by the enemy and in this branch of science we had got right ahead. There was a great future for the science. So far the maximum ranges were 165 miles for an airship and 100 miles for an aeroplane.

Some remarkable demonstrations were given in a committee room of the House of Lords. Those present had the unique experience of listening to gramophone selections, recitals of poetry and speeches transmitted from an R.A.F. station twenty miles from London. Members of both houses of Parliament were much impressed.

HOOVER'S PILGRIMAGE.

Mr. Hoover has left Paris for the purpose of conducting an investigation into the possibilities of increasing the production of food-stuffs and coal in the countries of Central Europe. In a statement before leaving he said it is his intention to talk to the workers of Bohemia, Poland and the Balkan countries on the same way as he had talked to the workers of the Western countries, urging them to intensify their efforts to increase production, as being the only means whereby the crisis facing the world owing to the shortage of food and raw materials could be overcome.

DUKE'S PLEA FOR UNITY.

The Duke of Portland, addressing a crowd including 1,200 discharged and demobilized soldiers at Sutton-in-Ashfield, alluded to the distinguished service rendered in the war by the Notts regiments, and appealed to all to pull together at this time of crisis. No man knew better than Mr. Lloyd George, who declared that the position was grave. He implored them, for God's sake, to pay heed to the Premier's warning and not throw away all that had been gained for the country and Empire at such tremendous cost. It would be calamitous if, by disunion, we lost all that our brave soldiers had won.

PROFITABLE SALVAGE.

A message from Buncrana in the North of Ireland states that during the past week salvage operations on the liner Laurentic, which was sunk in January 1917 while acting as an auxiliary cruiser, have already resulted in the recovery of a million pounds worth of bullion in ingot form. The work is proceeding rapidly owing to the fine weather.

TRAGEDY OF TOOTHACHE.

That she upset a bottle of carbolic acid while applying it to her aching tooth was the belief entertained by a doctor at a Hull inquest on Gertrude Lang, a young nurse, who was found dead in bed. A verdict of Death from Misadventure was returned.

HALE WAY HOUSE.

SUGGESTED MID-ATLANTIC DOCK.

The American Ambassador recently declared that if there is one word more than another which should sum up the relationship between England and America, that world is "proximity." Every advance of science brings two English-speaking races closer together, and aircraft make the latest link.

Unfortunately the Atlantic is very wide and very deep. "Icarus," writing in the "Observer," thinks that if only there had been an island or shallow spot halfway across there could have been closer proximity long ago. He goes on to suggest that this deficiency might be remedied by the erection halfway across the Atlantic of a huge floating dock, a harbour for seagoing ships and a refuge for flying machines. "Such a dock would be of inestimable value to both countries. There will be increasing seaborne traffic between England and America and there is no doubt that great efforts will be made with all types of aircraft to establish flying services. It is obvious, however, that barring two existing airships, the journey by aeroplane is far too exacting to give a margin of reasonable safety for some years to come. If a dock as suggested were constructed, it would be a comparatively simple matter to build upon it a platform for the landing and taking off of 'planes. Here would be kept ship and flying craft stores of all kinds, a big wireless station and effective lighthouse and probably quite comfortable housing arrangements, the project is perfectly feasible and the cost would not be half of one day of war, while the benefits would be inestimable. The cost borne mutually by America and ourselves and the dock possibly built by British and American labour would certainly expedite fulfilment."

NEXT, PLEASE.

BOMBS FOR BUNNIES.

Bombs will be used to deal with the plague of rabbits in Queensland, Australia, if the plan of a landholder in the Armidale district is adopted.

This landholder, who says that if the owners in the north-western district are to hold their land, either his own or a better scheme must be worked in common, proposes a simple method.

A few rabbits are trapped, the deadly little bombs are attached to them, the pins pulled out, and the rabbits liberated.

Away go the rabbits for home, and while they are relating to their community the story of their capture and escape, off goes the bomb, and there is a disaster attended by heavy loss of life in the rabbit world.

If poison gas has been introduced into the bomb, the fumes will lie about that burrow for some considerable time afterwards, and make the area unpopular.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL SCANDAL.

It was announced yesterday that as the result of representations to the Home Secretary an inquiry is to be held into the case of Frederick Green, a London boy inmate of an industrial school at Prior Park, Bath, whose remarkable story of being "put in chains" was told to Bath magistrates last week.

The boy was found by a policeman at 3 a.m. limping along a Bath street with a dog chain attached to his right foot.

He said he had been chained up at the school and then beaten on the head by a master with a rolling pin. He got through the window (only 14 in. by 11 in.) of the top room in which he was confined, and then slid down a water pipe.

It was stated by the Superintendent of the school that he is incorrigible and had made many attempts at escape, both at Bath and at Ilford.

KILLED THROUGH KINDNESS.

A good turn done to a stranger led to the death of Thomas Dunn, 19, before his fiancé's eyes in the River Nene, near Peterborough.

Dunn and his fiancé, Miss Elsie Read, had gone out in a Canadian canoe, and when about four miles down the river he passed an angler, who asked him to release a line which was entangled in the branch of a tree overhanging the river.

Dunn stood up to do so, when a gust of wind caught the canoe and he overbalanced and fell into the water.

He rose to the surface once, and Miss Read made a brave attempt to reach him, going into the water waist deep, but without success. His body was found at the bottom of the river.

At the inquest a verdict of Accidental Death was returned.

WORLD'S HEIGHT RECORD.

The announcement in yesterday's issue stating that the "world's record" height of 25,580 feet had been attained by a two seater has brought us a host of disclaimers. Unfortunately for the *amour propre* of our lynx-eyed and up-to-date readers, there are certain conditions attached to attempts on record before performances can be passed as such.

It is perfectly well known that the height stated is not the highest attained. During the war a D.H. 9 several times exceeded 31,000 feet, while 25,000 feet has frequently been beaten. But,—and the big 'but' is largely composed of red tape—service feats do not count.

DOUBLE TRAITOR.

LONDON SEDITIONIST ARRESTED.

Dramatic developments are expected speedily to follow the discovery at Acton of a programme of revolutionary plans for operations in England. It is understood that amongst the papers and booklets seized by Scotland Yard detectives on Sunday were pamphlets of a highly revolutionary character signed by Lenin and Trotzky. One headed "To the toiling masses of France, Britain, America, Italy and Japan," was in the nature of an appeal by Russian workers and peasants for the abolition of capitalism and the overthrow of constitutional Government Other pamphlets were headed "British workers, what are you going to do? We declare war." These were addressed to fellow workers, who were urged to follow the example of comrades in Russia and Hungary.

Scotland Yard officials under the direction of Supt. McBrian, chief of the C.I.D. branch, made an important arrest yesterday afternoon when a man was taken into custody, pending further inquiries. He gave the name of Maurice Facey and is stated to be identified with the Federation of Discharged Soldiers and Sailors. He was arrested at the Communist Club in Charlotte-street.

It is understood that Scotland Yard has known for some time of his extremist activities, particularly in connection with the Zachariassen affair. When the Norwegian was in England, he spent a great deal of time in Facey's company and it was noticed that after the Norwegian's departure Facey enjoyed unusual affluence. It is likely that further arrests will follow.

PEACE PLANES.

HOW THE R.A.F. SAVED CONFERENCE TIME.

Interesting particulars are published of the extent to which aeroplanes of the Royal Air Force Communication Wing have been utilized for procuring quick transit of official mails and people from England to Paris on Peace Conference business. Military machines were exclusively used for the purpose. They had to be suited for carriage of passengers and mails, to be fast, reliable, and good for night landings. Bearing these points in mind, the types chosen were D 400, Handley-Page bombers, D.H., V.A. or Airco biplanes and Martinsydes of F 4 type. Comfortable cabins were fitted to the D.H. V.A., and Handley-Pages, making luxurious aircraft, far roomier and more comfortable than any limousine motor-cars. Martinsydes, which were needed only for rapid carriage of mails, were not materially altered.

By January 10th this year the machines commenced their service to Paris. Arrangements were made whereby meteorological reports were sent to the Air Ministry every hour from points along the route. These reports were graded "A" to "F," according to weather conditions. Though "F" weather was considered impossible for flying purposes, pilots on several occasions undertook urgent journeys in these conditions and successfully accomplished their missions. It was found that twenty-five per cent. of winter days and ten per cent. of summer days were too bad to risk carrying passengers, though mails were carried on many of these days.

From January 10th to July 25th a total of 3,350 hours' flying was carried out and 1,382 passengers were taken. In addition 710 bags of mails were carried to and from Paris. Only one serious accident occurred, when pilot and passenger were lost in the Channel. The length of route was 245 miles, and the record time was created by a Martinsyde machine, which covered the distance in only seventy-five minutes. The average time of the Martinsyde machines was one hundred and thirty minutes and of the Handley-Pages one hundred and ninety-five minutes.

Among the people who made frequent journeys were Mr. Bonar Law and his secretary, Mr. Hughes, the Australian Premier, Lord Birkenhead, Lord Milner, Mr. Winston Churchill, Mr. J.H. Thomas, Mr. Cecil Harmsworth, General Seely and General Sykes. All machines used have been fitted with wireless telephones, which in the Handley-Page type have a range of about ninety miles.

SELF-ACCUSED "ANARCHIST."

The self-confessed Anarchist, who told a sensational story at Bow Street a week ago of masquerading in an officer's uniform by order of a secret society in order to spread anarchy among the troops, apparently did so solely to divert attention from his criminal record.

When the "Anarchist," Thomas John Webb, was again brought up, Inspector Alfred Collins. C. I. D., stated that after serving three years in a reformatory he was sentenced to three years' penal servitude for warehouse breaking and subsequently to several terms of imprisonment for other offences at Durham, Darlington, and elsewhere. He was released in 1916 to join the Army, and had been three times dealt with as an absentee. He had shown himself to be an inveterate liar.

Sentence of six months' imprisonment with hard labour was passed.

GERMAN HIGH COMMISSIONER.

It is announced from Paris that Herr Starck has been appointed to act as German High Commissioner for the Rhine regions occupied by the Allies and that he will shortly establish his headquarters at Coblenz.

FELIXSTOWE FURY.

FATALITY AT OUTSET OF RECORD TRIP.

The large Porte flying boat known as the Felixstowe Fury met with a serious accident at Felixstowe yesterday at the outset of a test flight on the eve of setting out for a voyage to the Cape. The machine crashed when taking off. It was just skimming the water, when, for some unexplained reason the flat portion of the hull hit a wave with such force that the hull was splintered and the whole boat wrecked.

Lieutenant S.E.S. MacLeod, the wireless officer, who was strapped into his seat, could not get clear of the wreckage and was drowned. The total crew aboard numbered seven, some of whom were injured. The wreckage was subsequently towed into the harbour, but it is not yet known whether the boat is damaged beyond repair. The flight to the Cape was to have begun to-morrow, the first stage of the journey being to Plymouth. According to the schedule the route was to have been along the coasts of France, Spain and Portugal to Gibraltar, thence by way of Sardinia and Malta to Egypt, up the Nile to the Lakes, eventually striking the East African coast near Beira and following the coast round to the Cape.

The following official statement was issued by the Air Ministry:

"The Felixstowe Fury, the largest flying boat, proceeding from Felixstowe to Plymouth, this morning crashed on getting off in Felixstowe harbour owing to the hull being broken. The wireless officer, Lieutenant MacLeod, fell to the bottom and was drowned. The rest of the crew escaped with slight bruises. The machine is being salved but it is feared it is beyond repair."

The officers and men saved were Colonel P.F.M. Fellowes, in command, Major E.R. Moon and Captain L.C. Scott (pilots), Lieut. J.F. Armitt and Chief mechanics Coburn and Locker.

INFATUATED WOMAN.

FINED FOR ASSOCIATING WITH GERMAN.

A woman named Moulder, aged 40, and stated to be the daughter of clergyman residing at Dunstable, was charged at Sharnbrook (Bedfordshire) under D.O.R.A. with offences prejudicial to discipline at a place of detention of prisoners of war.

Defendant, who is a member of the Women's Land Army, pleaded guilty.

According to the police, she went to the prisoners' camp to see a German named Groger, with whom she had become acquainted while working on a farm near Dunstable. When the man was removed to the camp at Kimbarton, prisoner spent her Sundays trying to see him. After an unsuccessful attempt on Sunday last, she was found by the military asleep in a farm in the early hours of Monday morning.

Her solicitor pleaded that she had been sufficiently punished by the five days spent in custody, and said that though the Bench might feel she was old enough to know better, the sexes could not be controlled.

Defendant had not given the German money or security nor attempted to help him to escape.

The Chairman said it was a serious offence, much mischief having been caused by such conduct. She would be fined £5, but this leniency was only allowed on her giving an undertaking not to repeat the offence.

FALSE PRICES AND FALSE ETHICS.

At Croydon police court on Monday Benjamin Sinfield was sentenced to six months and Lionel Skelton to twelve months hard labour for making bets with bookmakers after the results were known. It is alleged that prisoners induced girl telegraph clerks to alter the times of telegrams, the girls in return receiving chocolates and gloves as presents. Skelton, who is a deserter from the Army, said he had lately been living on his wits and as bookmakers had been robbing him in the past through false prices they were profiteers. He therefore regarded them as legitimate victims.

EX-W.A.A.C. MURDERED.

A tragedy of which jealousy appears to be the motive occurred at Blyth on Monday. A young woman named Rebecca Quinn, 25, formerly a member of Q.M.A.A.C. was proceeding across the field to her home when she was met by Ernest Scott, a sea-going fireman. After walking a little way, Scott is alleged to have put his arm round the girl's neck, drawing a razor across the throat and inflicting a deep gash which proved fatal almost immediately. Scott has been arrested. He and the girl formerly kept company, but at the instance of the girl the engagement was broken off some time ago.

THE HIDDEN HAND IN SPAIN.

An employé of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Madrid has been arrested for being in possession of copies of diplomatic telegrams. According to the Madrid paper El Sol, for three years past documents have been finding their way to the German Embassy. Spanish official circles pretend to attach no importance to the affair, but those papers who have supported the cause of the Allies throughout the war are not disposed to let the matter rest.

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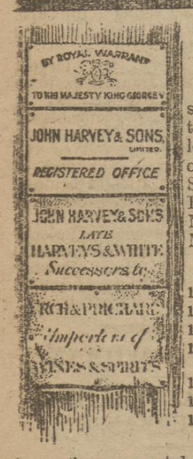

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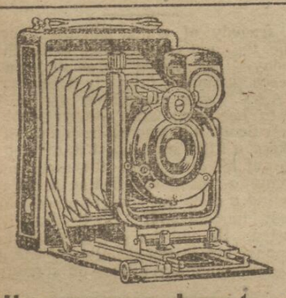

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FACING FACTS.

The news of Haeckel's death reminds one that the world has its riddle and that it is still far from solution.

The turmoil and fever of war, indeed, have made the problems of mankind more intricate and perplexing. Who can look at the countries of the Allied powers, victorious though they be, and yet fail to see unsatisfied yearnings, distraught nerves, tumultuous passions? The quick passage from war to peace has left peoples with little opportunity for the quiet reflection and careful inquiry that are so necessary for the moulding of worthy, national policy.

We are naturally most interested in our own country. Its days are troubled, its travails manifold. Each of its many classes seems to be following its own inclination and ideal with little regard for the harmony of the national weal that must be above every class.

But the troubles and the travails will pass. We are not pessimists, for the spirit and traditions of England are too great to perish ingloriously on the morrow of her triumph. Courage and patience and sacrifice have ennobled the long centuries of our story of government and freedom—a story that is ever new and inspiring. The gifts of wide liberty and settled rule are too precious to be lightly cast aside.

How are we as a nation to overcome the difficulties of our pilgrimage to peace and prosperity? That there are obstacles in our path is plain to all who have the interests of their country at heart. We print to-day an interesting and opportune letter from a correspondent who says much that is wise on our perplexing times.

Like many another man he is baffled by "the world of chaos" that seems to have ousted "the new England fit for heroes to live in." We are certain that he writes the views of many soldiers; and we are glad that he has written, for half the battle is won when a man faces it with understanding of its seriousness and courage in its outcome.

His remedy is an old one, but it is often neglected by timid leaders. In a sentence it is: "Tell the truth, tell it in a plain, sincere way, and England will pull through." He is somewhat sore on some of the lecturers who from time to time instruct us, for their themes are often far apart from practical life and their methods are often too academic. He would have men chosen from his own class who in straight, manly fashion would tell a simple story of England's perils and England's salvation.

The loyalty, fair mindedness, and resolution of our correspondent are to be praised. They see what one expects from a man who has served his King and country, and they give good hope of a better time for England when her sons return to her troubled shores.

What we want is the Truth — the truth about England, about her allies, about her foes. Truth is the best propagandum, and it should be simple, practical and fearless. The soldier is perplexed with anything that is indirect and inspired by ulterior motives — good though these may be. He neither wants ugly things glossed over nor does he desire things "vamped up" by opportunists, be they ever so learned and subtle. And this we are sure the authorities recognise.

Bolshevism and the unworthy kinds of Sovietism will perish when we have the fair vision of an England that takes new pride in its constitutional rule, its love of liberty and its redeeming idealism.

A PANEFUL STORY.

Percy was rather proud of it at the time. Really, after this repeated bombing of women and children, it was impossible to tolerate the enemy in our midst any longer.

Accordingly, when some kindred spirits who, like himself, had avoided the recruiting office simply because they hadn't realized the intensity of their own feelings, invited, him to co-operate in a concerted attack on the German shopkeepers in the East End of London, Percy was on it like a Rhine soldier on a cigarette parade. The casualties suffered by the enemy on all (shop) fronts on that occasion were considerable.

Percy's objective was the hairdressing establishment of Maxim Schmidt. The first intimation that Schmidt received of the failure of the local early closing order, so far as his shop was concerned, on that particular early closing day, was conveyed through the medium of the half-brick with which Percy shattered his window. Quickly transferring from the Artillery to the Infantry, Percy entered the shop, which he took by assault.

When, finally, he departed, all that remained in evidence of Schmidt's trade were bits of broken mirrors, tubes of tooth-paste resembling squirts after strenuous duty at a fair, and the remains of a tariff of charges floating on a stream of Tatcho, Harlene and brilliantine.

The magistrate, with whom Percy had an interview on the following morning, suggested that tais form of home service was a waste of good material, and Percy's view being the same as that of the magistrate, he accepted that functionary's advice, joined up, and in due course, went overseas.

His adventures, up to the date of the armistice, were, in no vital respect, different from those of thousands of others, whose feelings of relief when fighting ceased, Percy shared to the full. For a month or so, he was too elated at having come through without injury, to worry about the future.

But as the work of demobilization proceeded and left Percy untouched, he began to get restless. True, he had no job to return to, his pre-war occupations being mainly of a nature to familiarize him with the less romantic aspect of the police courts.

Nevertheless, he grumbled, and when, in due course, he was "Selected for Retention" (a piece of bad luck which had often happened to him in civil life, and for rather longer periods) he was in no amiable mood.

Nor did the information, given to him by his O.C. one morning shortly after his arrival in Cologne, that he was distinctly eligible for hair-cut and that he had better shorten his locks before the next parade, tend to lighten his spirits.

Entering the first friseur's he saw, he explained his errand to the proprietor who, a little to his surprise, responded in excellent English. The man appeared to be inclined to chat, and ere long, Percy found himself telling the German his tale of demobilization deferred.

"Yes," he explained, "if I'd joined a few weeks earlier I'd have been home, now. The 1916 men 'ull be goin' soon, but I didn't come up till 1917, worse luck."

"How was that?" enquired the Jerry, blandly, "I thought all you young chaps had to join in 1916."

"I wanted to, but me employer wouldn't let me—said I was indispensable," lied Percy.

"Wasn't by chance a glazier, was he?" queried the Jerry.

"A glazier — — —?" began Percy. Then, looking up suddenly at his questioner, and scrutinizing his features more closely than he had done so far, he realized, with a start the meaning behind the query addressed to him. The Jerry — the recognition now being mutual—continued:

"Yes, it 'ud been better for both of us if you'd joined up earlier, eh?"

Percy said nothing, but, with a sigh for the days when half-bricks were a power in the land, he paid Schmidt (which, in the circumstances, was very forgiving of him) and departed, sorrowing.

E. J. TELLUM.

Contributions for this page may be on any topic likely to interest the Rhine Army; humorous or serious, informative or descriptive, but none should exceed 500 words. Payment will be made for all that appear.

WHAT TO SEE IN RHINELAND.

(IV). EUSKIRCHEN.

Amongst the places worth visiting throughout the Occupied Territories, some having greater claims to attention than others, the town of Euskirchen should be included, though it falls far short of any claim to being a "beauty spot."

The town, lying as it does in a shallow saucer, commands no very extensive views such as are to be gained from the surrounding higher rim.

The artistic element is not provided here, as in some of the towns and villages, in regard to architecture. The best and most artistic modern building in the town is undoubtedly the Herz Jesu Kirche, standing at the lower end of Colnerstrasse. Nearly all other buildings, in the artistic sense, are ordinary, almost common-place, and hardly worth visiting on this account.

At the same time, there are quite ancient specimens dotted here and there, whose black-and-white timbers and quaintly shaped gables and roofs strike delightful contrasts, considerably enriching their modern, sombre neighbours.

The most interesting feature of Euskirchen, and really so little known, is the old wall, with the ruins of four watch towers, dating back to about 1303, the remains of the one-time tiny town defences. Even to the uninitiated in the mysteries of German architecture, it can be seen that the town is divided by this wall into two totally different parts—within, the old: without, the more modern town.

It is curious to note, in passing, that direction and period of growth have run on strange lines. Growing westward, toward Frauenberg, it has suddenly stopped, to throw out arms toward the east and south.

Making a starting point by the Herz Jesu Kirche, standing just without the original defences of the "Am Bollwerk," we can trace the course of the old wall. A little way behind the church, at the end of the Kessenichertorwall, we come across a ruined round tower, with portions of the wall on opposite sides.

It will be noticed here how little change has taken place in the houses underlying the wall itself. This feature, as in our own mediaeval towns boasting such a protection, is very noticeable practically throughout the complete circle.

Here is a cottage—hardly large enough to swing the proverbial cat—of most eccentric dimensions.

The photographer desirous of contrasts has from the highest point of the Kirchwall all his heart can desire. A tiny specimen of black-and-white work, standing alone, contrasts splendidly with the quite modern building opposite, and the tall spire of St. Martin's Kirche, with the second tower, in ruins, forms an admirable background.

Before passing these, we observe in the wall a semi-circular, domed niche, with holes for look-out purposes, clearly indicating the original intention of the builders.

Similar characteristics, both of wall and immediate buildings, are conspicuous on the other side of the circle, in Roitzheimertorwall, as also in Disternichertorwall and, completing the circle, in Neutorwall.

The historian can revel here in his element, but the artist bemoans the lack of beauty claimed by other places in the Rhineland.

THE DEMOBILIZATION OF THE HORSE.

A horse sale! What visions of amusement, of keen competition, of occasional profit, and the frequent "selling of a pup" does not that phrase bring to the mind of any Britisher who has even a passing interest in horses.

And he who is in search of the first of these emotions will be well repaid should he pay a visit to one of the sales of Army horses and mules now going on at various places within the occupied area. At these sales one recognises the German variety of all our familiar types: the obvious dealer, the dealer who looks as if he might be anything but a dealer, the bargain hunter, the "man in the know" who has come to buy one particular animal, and the seedy-looking individual who suddenly astonishes everyone by paying the highest price of the day. They are all there. Even the auctioneer seems to be the same raucous-voiced person, with his hat pushed to the back of his head, and his rather dilapidated rain coat buttoned tightly across his throat.

But one looks in vain for the dress of the type. The cord breeches, tight shiny gaiters, and gaily-coloured waistcoats that lend a holiday aspect to any English horse fair or sale are conspicuous by their absence. "Jerry" attires himself to buy horses as if he were going to church. A dark suit, the inevitable soft felt hat, and possibly an overcoat also of sombre colour appears to be the dress a la mode of the German horse buyer.

He is very much in earnest about the whole matter. These sales cannot be described as gay affairs in the least. But contrary to English custom, the dealers all work together until it comes to the actual bidding. One of their number stands at the gate of the ring and examines the animals before they come in.

Then he indulges in a sort of "tic-tac" to his confrères at the other side of the ring. He invariably carries an umbrella, one wave of which appears to mean "fair," two waves, "good," and three, "no use at all," and the buyers act on his signals without question every time.

Not the least interested or interesting of the spectators are the drivers who have brought the horses to the sale and who linger to see what price "Tom" or "Kitty" will fetch. And it is obvious in many cases that the final parting, which the horses, too, seem to understand, strikes very forcibly on that underlying strain of sentiment which always finds a place in the nature of "Tommy."

There is just one point which cannot fail to be remarked by the casual observer. Anyone who has ever sold a horse knows the value of having a man in the ring who is a bidder but not a buyer. Were this system adopted here, there is not the slightest doubt that a higher average price would be obtained. Surely it is worth while for the Government to get the highest price possible for what they have to sell.

N. O. R. S.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

"TELL THEM ALL."

Sir,—At the present time "Tommy" is perplexed to the highest degree. How can he be expected to understand this world of chaos when he expected such a glorious "Peace" and read articles about a new England for heroes to live in.

Tell him the truth and he will still have the grit to pull England through the existing perils. The young soldiers who are now the backbone of the Rhine Army and are likely to be the backbone of new England are sick of hearing high faluting lectures, most of which have little bearing on their future lives, and usually the talk is above their heads.

Let men be chosen of their own class to lecture them and give them facts in their own plain, simple and true fashion. Then you will have a reliable class of men who will stick to the Government and fight down the rottenness that is being suckled into our country.

There is a vile class in England to-day bribing and cajoling men into a state of fanatical idiocy, which they blindly follow because it is something to concentrate on.

If only someone would set the seed of Truth and guide our men, they wouldn't listen to such vileness and doctrines such as Soviet rule. Cannot soldiers be employed lecturing and explaining cause and effects of the present undercurrent in England so as to fill our young soldiers' minds with a real solid ambition to make a prosperous England, and they will not have room to listen to "Bolshies." Rather, they will fight them tooth and nail. Our boys don't wish to see our women and children in the midst of bloody revolution.

No! They would serve many more years as soldiers than allow that to pass.

I am a Tommy eagerly awaiting demob to join my wife, but if she is in danger of being in the midst of revolution I am still with my king and country to fight against any madness, such as is prevailing in Russia.

No doubt there are many "Tommies" who can help their mates to understand the true state of "Blighty" and I hope they will do all they can to keep a faithful army to support good rule and order in spite of all undercurrents. *A. P.*

A WAYFARER'S WAIL.

Sir,—Regarding a "Wayfarer's Wail," I quite agree that many officers are commentably inconsiderate. They are probably so accustomed to, and bored with, their own cars in civil life, that they think the other fellow is walking for pleasure.

Personally I'm in one of the fortunate units, and can only say that appreciating my own good fortune, I never neglect an opportunity of giving a man a lift, particularly if he is an O.R.

WAYFARER II.

ARE GERMANS IMPOLITE?

Sir,— I have been billeted in small villages and also in Cologne and Solingen and have had several opportunities of studying the manners both of the upper and of the lower class German.

In a few cases I admit I have heard the interrogatory "bitte?" when a remark wasn't understood, but in most cases a grunt has taken the place of the interrogation.

I have noticed especially in Solingen a tremendous amount of hat raising and bowing and scraping, but, taking a dispassionate point of view, a lot of this seems showy and quite unnecessary.

I was more than pleased when at Ohligs station the other day, to notice the splendid manner in which the "Jocks" on duty there allow the women to pass through the gates first. *G. Y. F.*

PRONUNCIATION AGAIN.

Sir,—Somebody ventured to give a hint on German pronunciation a few days ago in your "Echoes." He said that the word "Frau" should be pronounced in the same way as the English word "bow," but would everybody know that the verb "to bow" was meant, and not the noun spelt the same way?

Perhaps "cow" would be a better word — except for those who pronounce the name of this animal "coo!" *J.E.C.*

THE TOTALISATOR.

Sir,—Up to now I have refrained from entering into the discussion as to the merits and the demerits of the totalisator. The lordly "Toto" deigns to inform us that the so-called dead set against the totalisator is due to mere prejudice and that unfavourable criticism is a sign of ignorance.

He may possess a monopoly of the intelligence in this area; judging from his letter, however, he certainly does not seem to be blessed with a wide experience. What the Tommy really objects to is that the price given by the totalisator is not a fair one, and that the commission deducted is too large.

Might I point out as the form of certain horses is now exposed, the odds on favourites will shrink still further. Finally I am open to bet him 1,000 marks and will submit papers before any independent person that the prices paid by the bookmakers operating at the late meetings are much larger than the totalisator prices.

If he accepts, and I win the 1,000 marks, I propose that it shall form the nucleus of a fund for the relief of the bookmakers who got so hardly hit at the last meeting but took it in the British way — smilingly. *BUTCHER FRANK.*

INTERESTING BOOKS.

Sir,—It would be useful to obtain from some of your readers the titles of what they consider the most interesting dozen novels they have read. I do not necessarily mean classics, as much as the type of book which is likely to appeal most to the individuals who go to make up the Army of the Rhine.

Here is my own selection:—Dickens' "The Tale of Two Cities," "Oliver Twist," and "David Copperfield," Hall Caine's "Christian," and "Manxman," Stevenson's "Treasure Island," Mrs. Craik's "John Halifax, Gentleman," Baroness Orczy's "Scarlet Pimpernel," W. J. Locke's "Morals of Marcus Ordeyne," Conan Doyle's "Micah Clarke," Rider Haggard's "King Solomon's Mines," and Thomas Hardy's "Woodlanders." *R.S.A.*

TIMING SPRINTS.

Question Of Adopting 1-10th sec. As Standard.

WILL THE A.A.A. MOVE?

Much is being written and no doubt quite a deal said about the subject of timing sprint races. The long-standing principle of returning in fifths of seconds is rightfully considered out of date. A fifth of a second at the end of a race may easily mean 2½ yards to a strong finisher. In any case, it represents over two yards, and two yards to a sprinter means a tremendous lot. There is a disposition to adopt a 1-10th—approximately equivalent to one yard—standard for all short distances. It is merely a disposition, as nothing definite has been done. The A.A.A. takes a deal of moving.

There are chronographs which register to a tenth part of a second, and there are others, notably the "dog-watch," that returns the somewhat uneven period of a sixteenth part of a second. Both are good, (writes "The Starter" in the "Sunday Express,") yet I prefer the 1-10th watch, and I am not doing so for the sake of expressing a preference. I have two better time-recorders of my own—one returning to 100th parts and the other to 50th parts of the second. For a general standard, however, commend me to the 1-10th part of a second return, and may it soon become a custom.

KEEN "MULEMANSHIP."

9th Cheshires Gymkhana at Bornheim.

A Regimental Gymkhana was held at Bornheim by the 9th Batt. Cheshire Regt. on Wednesday.

The sport was very good, the racing being keen and the horsemanship good, whilst a large slice of humour was blended with these.

The entries for all events were numerous, the falls were many, but the accidents were nil.

Everybody seemed anxious to try their skill and luck, from Drummers to Field Officers, and most events had at least a score of competitors to face the starter.

Clowns and female impersonators lent a humorous element to the gathering.

The results were as follows:—

Officers' mule race. (Bare Back without whips or Spurs.):—1, Lt. J. C. Siddons, M.C., D.C.M., M.M.; 2, Capt. and Adjt. J. Blower; 3, 2/Lt. H. Perrigo; 4, Lt. F. J. Facer.

V.C. race-transport.:—1, Pte. Daniels; 2, Pte. Pte. Ware; 3, Pte. Clarke.

Wrestling on mules. (Officers):—Adjutants team. Capt. and Adjt. J. Blower; Lt. F. J. Facer; Lt. H. Perrigo; Lt. Hickey; Lt. A. C. Clough, 2/Lt. Collingwood.

Mule scurry, Other Ranks (Bareback):—1, Pte. Jordan; 2, Cpl. Darby; 3, Pte. Bardsley; 4, Pte. Crook.

N.C.O.'s V.C. race:—1, Cpl. Massey, (transport); 2, C.Q.M.S. Gravenor, D Coy.; 3, C.Q.M.S. Pullin, A Coy.

Wrestling on mules. (transport):—Winning team: Ptes. Ware; Pugh; Daniels; Burchett; Pritchard; Trinder.

Inter-Company wrestling:—A Coy. Lt. J. C. Siddons, M.C., D.C.M.; 2/Lt. H. Perrigo, C.Q.M.S. Pullin; Cpl. Darby; Ptes. Tansley and Wilson.

Mule scurry, transport (Bareback):—1, Pte Daniels; 2, Pte. Roberts; 3, Pte. Pugh; 4, Pte. Trinder.

Bending race. (transport):—1, Pte. Rattigan; 2, Pte. Thompson; 3, Pte. Ware; 4, Pte. Wynne.

Officers' scurry on charges. (4 furlongs):—1, Capt. and Adjt. J. Blower, (Jim); 2, Capt. C. Smith, M.C., (Molly); 3, 2/Lt. J. C. Siddons, M.C., D.C.M., M.M. (Kitty).

HAZLET CUP.

Keen Contest at 185 Siege Battery R.G.A. Sports.

The sports of 185 Siege Battery were held on Thursday at Flamersheim in fine weather, by kind permission of Major C. O. Hazlet, D.S.O.

Lieut.-Col. W. Arthy kindly consented to present the prizes and was enthusiastically cheered after carrying out his task.

Major C. O. Hazlet, D.S.O. gave a silver cup to the winner of the most points secured during the afternoon which was keenly contested for. The winner of the cup was Gnr. Gosling Gnr. Wilkes being second one point behind.

During the afternoon the band of the Leicesters (by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Dumbell, D.S.O.), rendered a programme of music.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

The results were as follows:—

100 yds.:—1, Gnr. McGill; 2, Gnr. Bird.

220 yds.:—1, Gnr. Gosling; 2, Gnr. McGill; 3, Gnr. Bird.

440 yds:—1, Gnr. Gosling; 2, Gnr. McGill; 3, Gnr. Bird.

880 yds:—1, Gnr. Gosling; 2, Gnr. Bird; 3, Gnr. Andrews.

1 mile:—1, Gnr. Wilkes; 2, Gnr. Winters; 3, Cpl. Lee.

Tug-of-War (Sections):—1, Left Section.

High jump:—1, Gnr. McGill, 4 ft. 9 ins.; 2, Cpl. McCuckin, 4ft. 7½ ins.

Sack race:—1, Gnr. Salmon; 2, Gnr. Wilkes.

Wheelbarrow race:—1, Gnr. Salmon; 2, Gnr. Robinson.

Sub Section relay race, 220 yards.:—1, D Sub. Section.

Long jump:—1, 1, Gnr. Andrews, 15 ft. 4½ ins.; 2, Gnr. Trotter, 14 ft. 11 ins.; 3, Gnr. Wilkes, 14 ft. 10½ ins.

Six-Aside bumping teams:—1, Gnr. Wilkes Team.

Sergeants' race:—1, Sgt. Jewett; 2, B. Q. M. S. Davies; 3, Sgt. Maynard.

Tilting the bucket:—1, Bdr. Yewdall and Gnr. Green; 2, Gnr. Rose and Robinson.

Pillow fight:—1, Gnr. Green; 2, Cpl. McGuckin.

Rolling 9.2 Shells:—1, Gnr. Wilkes; 2, Cpl. Taylor; 3, Gnr. Bird.

Boot race:—1, Gnr. Wilkes; 2, Gnr. Bird; 3, Sig. Winters.

Throwing the cricket ball:—1, Gnr. Green; 2, Gnr. Bird; 3, Cpl. McGuckin.

Band race:—1, Bandsman Tilley; 2, Bandsman Walker; 3, Bandsman King.

Officer's race:—1, Lieut. Lill; 2, Lieut. Blyton; 3, Capt. Richards.

Three-legged race:—1, Gnr. Wilkes and Bird; 2, Cpl. Ridgewell and Gnr. Sloan; 3, Sig. Critchelow and Gnr. Bowden.

Lieut.-Col. F. G. West, D.S.O, Commanding the Brigade, thanked Miss Ada Moore for her kindness in coming down and giving them such a pleasant entertainment. Sgt. Barker, A/74 was the accompanist.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, August 13, 1919.

Surface wind light mainly between North and West. Mist in the early morning. Fine and very warm in the day with improving visibility.

BOB-TAILED BAYS.

Gunners Preparing for forthcoming Allies Horse Show.

INTERESTING EVENTS.

"E" Battery of the R.H.A, intends to uphold their reputation for having some of the finest horses in the Army of the Rhine and has great hopes of pulling off some of the prizes in the Allied Armies Horse Show which takes place on August 18, for which they are entering three six-horse teams and one four-horse team.

There is much rivalry between the men of the various sub-sections in the Battery, each trying to outdo the other in having the best show. All are confident, however, that the team of bob-tailed bays they have entered will carry off an award.

Two of the teams gained honours at the Cavalry Division Horse Show: a team of long-tailed dark bays gaining a first and a team of blacks a second against the rest of the Horse Artillery on the Rhine.

Some "Old Contemptibles."

Great hopes are entertained also of the small arms cart four-horse team which was placed third in the last horse show against the whole of the country. They were unfortunate, however, one of the wheelers following home at the last moment when it was impossible to replace it.

Many of the horses in these teams are "Old Contemptibles" and first saw France in that fatal month in 1914.

It is interesting to note that in the review which will take place in Cologne at about the same time there will be on parade a 13 pounder gun from which was fired the first shot in the war by the British Army on August 22nd, 1914.

MUD BATHS.

Amusing Events in Aquatic Sports at Wahn.

The 51st Battalion Royal Sussex Regt. held their aquatic sports at a pond east of Wahn barracks on Saturday. The weather conditions were ideal and the surroundings pleasant. Unfortunately the heat, which made immersion in the water so pleasant and desirable, had also made the pond shallow. However, things went with a swing from the start. The opening item was a plate finding competition. The first was quickly found and the second shortly after, but by this time the water resembled the mud of Flanders and it was found impossible to recover the third without the aid of an entrenching tool. It was finally abandoned to its fate. Events followed in quick succession, including the fifty yards, head ball race and the cigarette race, both of which supplied considerable amusement to the spectators. The pillow fight, the final event, proceeded quite merrily up to a point, when the combined efforts of a well matched and heavier pair proved too much for the pole, which snapped, dropping them both into the water, much to the delight of the onlookers.

EVENTS AND WINNERS.

The following were the results:—

Plate finding competition:—1, Pte. Willings, W Coy.; 2, Pte. Gorman, X Coy.

Cigarette race:—1, Cpl. Katterns, X Coy.; 2, Pte. Gorman, X Coy.; 3, Pte. Bicker, Y Coy.

50 yards breast stroke:—1, Pte. Grimsey, Y Coy.; 2, L/Cpl. Wilkes, X Coy.; 3, L/Cpl. Goffe, W Coy.

Relay race:—1, X Coy. team; 2, Y Coy. team; 3, W Coy. team.

50 yards back stroke:—1, Pte. Grimsey, Y Coy.; 2, L/Cpl. Hubert, X Coy.; 3, Pte. German, X Coy.

Pillow fight:—1, Pte. Myers, Z Coy; 2, Pte. Ginger, Z Coy.; 3, Pte. Tyson, W Coy.

100 yards any stroke:—1, Pte. Bradley, Y Coy.; 2, Pte. Solan, H.Q. Coy.; 3, L/Cpl. Hubert, X Coy.

50 yards head ball race:—1, Cpl. Katterns, X Coy.; 2, Cpl. McCowan, Y Coy.; 3, L/Cpl. Missen, X Coy.

Under water competition:—1, Pte. Simpson, W Coy.; 2, Pte. Myers, Z Coy.; 3, Pte. Lane, Z Coy.

Company Results.

Y Coy., 11 points; X Coy, 9 points; W Coy., 5 points; Z Coy, 3 points; H.Q. Coy., 2 points.

2nd Light Brigade Cricket Cup.

At Ohligs on Friday, the 12th (S) Bn. Royal Irish Rifles played the 6th London Regiment, the following being the result:—

12th (S) Bn. Royal Irish Rifles 57; 6th London Regiment 52.

At Haan on Saturday the following match was played:—

12th (s) Bn. R.I.R. 81; 2nd Light Bde. H.Q. 77.

DICK MOSS KNOCKED OUT.

The scheduled 20-rounds contest between Joe Conn, of Stepney and Dick Moss, of Leeds, at the Blackfriars Ring on Monday afternoon finished very abruptly.

All through the first round the Londoner had his opponent at his mercy. Once he was floored, and after Moss had gone to the ground on three occasions during the second round, he was finally counted out.

ENGLISH RACING.

Fairy Thorn Wins Two Races In One Day.

NOTTINGHAM AND FOLKESTONE.

Monday is usually an off day in the racing world, but this week two meetings were held on that day, namely at Nottingham and Folkestone. At the former Dodo, the favourite, won the Colwick Selling Plate from a good field, and Fairy Thorn won two races within an hour. At Folkestone Red Flyer won again for Mr. Edge, the well-known sporting journalist, Speck being up, and not Donoghue, his usual jockey:

The following were the results at Nottingham:—

Colwick Park Plate:—1, Dodo (5—2); 2, Sportiboy (100—7); 3, Sudden Fancy (8—1).

Clifton Plate:—1, Ocydrome (5—2); 2, Trezideila (6—1); 3, Harry Crag (10—1).

Nottinghamshire Breeders Stakes:—1, Wimasu (6—5 on); 2, Floreal (5—2); 3, Marie Therese (100—6).

Nottinghamshire Handicap:—1, Fairy Thorn (10—1); 2, Helix (2—1); 3, Hanway (5—1).

Bentinck Plate:—1, Potentilla (6—5 on); 2, Sunny Rhyme (7—2); 3, Noisette (10—1).

Elvaston Castle Plate:—1, Fairy Thorn (5—2 on); Shogunate (6—1); 3, Lucky (6—1).

Folkestone Results.

Harbour Plate:—1, Red Flyer (6—4); 2, Marievale (6—4); 3, Rivenball (7—2).

Dover T.Y.O. Plate:—1, Marron, walk over.

Hythe Juvenile Plate:—1, Sorrel (4—1); 2, Peterborough (6—1); 3, Twickenham (2—1).

Kent Handicap:—1, Conf ssor (2—1); Watergruel (4—1); 3, Rockdew (7—1).

Romney Handicap:—1, Orsan (13—8); 2, Carice (5—1); 3, Newlay (7—2).

Apprentices Plate:—1, Greek Star (6—4 on); 2, Duncan (5—1); 3, Athdara (3—1).

C.P.C. MATCHES.

Bowlers In Form On Numerous Pitches.

WAHN SURVEY DET. (49 for 3) v. D/190 BDE. (33) at Poll. Bowling for W.S.D., Gnr. Holt took 5 wickets for 11 and Cpl. Jones 5 for 17. Chief scorers were Foster 28 and Schollick 10 not out.

ARMY H.Q. SIGNAL COY. (56 for 7) v. CAVALRY DIVISION H.Q. (46) at Quadrath. Sergt. Harwey (17) was top scorer for Cavalry Division. Hampton (28 not out) and L Cpl. Howarth (14) batted well for the winners, while Lieut. Mellnish took 6 wickets for 17 and Fraser 4 for 20.

77th SIEGE BTY. (43) v. 15th SOUTH STAFFS (39) at Godesberg. For 77th Siege Bty. Gnr. Hirst was top scorer with 15, while Cpl. Fenton took 5 wickets for 9. Sergt. Burton, 1/5th South Staffs, took 6 wickets for 15 and C.Q.M.S. Critchley made 17.

1st WESTERN T.M.B. (90) v. LANCS. DIV. SIG. COY. (15) at Hemmerich. Cpl. Lomas scored 41 for T.M.B.

51st KINGS LIVERPOOLS (81) v. 121 HEAVY BTY R.G.A. (71) at Bonn. For the 51st Lieut. Hayford took 7 wickets for 18 runs and Lieut. Little scored 17. Capt. Deacon (23) and Gnr. Buttress (18) were top scorers for 121 H.B.

"D" SIEGE PARK (51) v. "D" CORPS SIGNALS R.E. (28) at Düren. Lieut. Barry (Signals) took 7 wickets for 30 runs. Sergt. Lee for the Siege Park took 5 wickets for 11 runs and Sergt. Munford 3 for 13.

2nd CORPS H.Q. (100) v. SOUTHERN DIV. M.T. COY. (29) at Leverkusen. For 2nd Corps H.Q. Spr. Matthews scored 26, Major Fargus 22, and Pte. Ball 10; while Pte. Holmes took 6 wickets for 8 runs and Pte. Ball 4 for 19.

For Southern Div. M.T. Coy. Pte. Kay scored 12 not out, and Pte. Ottley took 6 wickets for 33 runs.

51st ROYAL SUSSEX (113) v. 92nd FIELD AMB. (19) at Troisdorf on Monday. For the winners, L Cpl. Griggs (30 not out) and Pte. Ford (27) made a good last wicket stand. Pte. Eeden took 4 wickets for 5 runs, and Pte. Hunt 4 for 8. For the losers, Sgt. Carter took 6 wickets for 34.

1/4 YORKS. and LANCS. (134 for 7) v. SOUTHERN DIV. M.T. COY. (38) in Blücher Park on Monday. Chief scores for the Yorks. and Lancs.:—Capt. Dixon (59 not out); L/Cpl. Paine (32); Pte. Bennett (25 not out). For the Southern Div. M.T. Coy. Pte. Kay (13) was top scorer.

"MAPS" (185) v. 51st R. WARWICKS (35) at Klettenberger Park. For "Maps" Capt. Robinson and Major Gaine were top scorers with 35 and 30 respectively, while Spr. Swain took 6 wickets for 13.

34 Bn. M.G.C. 90; Wahn Survey Det. 61.

OTHER RESULTS.

90th Field Coy., R.E. 75 (Sgt. Bridges, 29; Lt. Askew, 12) v 1/5th K.O.S.B. 59 (Lt. Shaw, 17 not out).

52nd Bedfords 117 for 5; VII Corps Headquarters 108.

354 Siege Bty. 120; 16th Field Amb. 15.

Wahn Survey Det. 47 for 2; 2nd Bn. M.G.C. 44.

77th Siege Bty. 79; 9th Corps Troops M.T. Coy. 55 at Godesberg.

1/5th WEST YORKS "SWEEP."

The 1/5 West Yorkshire Regiment Sweepstake is open to all officers and other ranks, the tickets being 5 marks each. Units are informed that Sunday 17th inst. is the final day to return the counterfoils of tickets. The time and place of draw will be notified later. All proceeds will be given in thirteen prizes, the first being at least 15,000 marks. Any Units desiring tickets can obtain them from the 1/5 West Yorks Regt., Bickendorf Schools. The names of the winners will be published in "The Cologne Post."

TEST MATCH STANDARD.

Yorkshire Versus Surrey At The Oval.

A BATTLE OF WITS.

After an absence of five years Yorkshire visited the Oval on Monday—the opening day of their match with Surrey. Against resourceful bowling and irreproachable fielding Surrey had to fight and fight hard for runs. It was a veritable battle of wits. D. J. Knight contributed 114 in faultless style, sending the ball invariably within a yard or two of the area selected for it.

Like the earlier Surrey batsmen, Yorkshire's opening pair found the bowling opposed to them far from easy to score off. But they progressed to 81 before a wicket fell, and Holmes and Denton carried on in the same steady fashion, making runs at the average rate of one per minute.

Details:—

Surrey.

Hobbs, c Hirst, b Wilson	41
D. J. Knight, b Waddington	114
Ducat, c Wilson, b Robinson	0
Sandham, lbw, b Wilson	1
Harrison, lbw, b Wilson	35
J. N. Crawford, c Kilner, b Rhodes	92
C. T. A. Wilkinson, c Dolphin, b Rhodes	3
Peach, c Dolphin, b Waddington	1
Hitch, b Rhodes	23
Strudwick, lbw, b Rhodes	0
Rushby, not out	0
Extras	14
Total	324

Bowling. Waddington 2 for 120, Robinson 1 for 70, Wilson 3 for 58, Rhodes 4 for 62.

Yorkshire.

Holmes, c Ducat, b Crawford	79
Sutcliffe, c Peach, b Rushby	28
Denton, not out	45
Kilner, not out	1
Extras	6
Total (for 2)	159

English Cricket Results.

Notts 374 for five, declared; Sussex 91 for three.

Minor Counties 475; M.C.C. 96 for six.

Kent 379; Hampshire 73 for two.

Somerset 379; Essex 130 for two.

Essex Club 275 for eight, declared; Public Schools 217 for four.

OFFICERS AT TENNIS.

Finals in the Xth Corps Heavy Artillery Tournament.

The finals of this tennis tournament were played on the Kurpark, Godesberg, on Sunday, when in the singles competition, Major Johnston, 90th Brigade, R.G.A. opposed Lieut. Savel, 129th Heavy Battery, R.G.A.

This proved a very exciting and even match and lasted an hour and a half. Major Johnston won after having to play the third and deciding game, 6—3, 4—6, 6—4. In the doubles, Major Henderson and Lieut. Savel, 129 H.B., played Major Johnston and Lieut. Le Brun 90 Bde. R.G.A.

This was also a very even contest. Each game was fought to a close finish although only two sets had to be played for the decision, Major Johnston and Lieut. Le Brun winning 6—3 and 7—5.

CALCUTTA SWEEPSTAKE.

The Royal Calcutta Turf Club have organized a sweepstake on the St. Leger. A certain number of tickets have reached England, and on Monday as much as £5 was paid for a single ticket on the Stock Exchange. The average price obtained was about 30s.

32nd Army Brigade R.G.A. Sports.

An impromptu sports meeting was held by the 32nd Army Brigade, R.G.A. on the sports field of 481 Siege Battery, on Sunday. In spite of the unavoidably short notice, the meeting was a great success, undoubtedly due to the efforts of the clerk of the course (B.S.M. Russell, 481 Siege Battery) and his assistants. 481 Siege Battery carried off most of the prizes, and Gunner Burrows of that unit again distinguished himself in many events and won the championship prize.

Cricket Friendlies.

"D" Bty., 74th Bde. R.F.A. (93) beat 145 Siege Bty., R.G.A. (81) at Weiden on Saturday. For the winners, Gnr. Davis (30) and Lieut. Deighton (6 for 19) did good work; Gnr. Middlemist scored 16 for the Gambardiers.

Light Division Signal Coy (134) v 52nd Rifle Brigade. Played at Hilden on Sunday. The outstanding feature of the game was the Signal's last wicket stand, when Sergt. Merriman and Spr. Schofield put on 59 runs. For the Rifle Bde., Lieut. Gooch made 28 runs and took 5 wickets for 17 runs. For Signals, Sig. Bradley took 5 wickets for 30 runs.

"SKILL-AT-ALL-SPORTS."

Fight Commenced For 1st Western Division Cup.

TUG-OF-WAR AND BASKET BALL.

If battles are won on the playing fields the Bornheim Sports Grounds must rank as a great battlefield, for practically every day since British troops first occupied this area, these grounds have been the cock-pit for various sporting events. But never in all its history has it presented such a scene as it did on Monday when, by kind permission of Major-General Sir E. P. Strickland, V.C., K.C.B., C.M.G., the fight for the Divisional "Skill-at-all-Sports" Cup, open to the 1st Western Division, commenced. Tug-of-War and Basket-Ball were the only events contested.

Each Infantry Brigade was represented by its best allround sporting battalion, i.e. the battalion which had amassed the most number of points in the Brigade Sports. The representatives were:—

1st Western Infantry Bde., 1/4 Cheshires;
2nd Western Infantry Bde., 53rd Welsh;
3rd Western Infantry Bde., 53rd South Wales Borderers;

The 104th Bde. R.F.A. represented the Divisional Artillery.

Tug-of-War.

Each unit was represented by two teams, a "light" and a "heavy," Bde.-Major G. M. H. Wright, D.S.O., M.C., officiated as judge.

Though each pull was vigorously contested, the teams of the R.F.A., and the 1st Infantry Bde. experienced practically no difficulty in working through to the final. The R.F.A. team, splendidly coached by Major Bushel, put up a particularly brilliant show in the preliminary pulls, both teams pulling their opponents over the mark in a remarkably short time. Though they did not dispose of their opponents as quickly as the R.F.A. team, the 1st Bde. were equally as sure.

The second pulls of the "lights" and "heavies" proved victorious for the R.F.A. teams who thus come out top of the list. The points gained were:—Divisional Artillery 28; 1st Western Infantry Bde. 24; Divisional Headquarters 20; 2nd Western Infantry Bde. 16; 3rd Western Infantry Bde. 12.

On being congratulated on the success achieved by his teams, Major Bushel stated that they had never yet been defeated, but they never had had to fight so hard for victory as they had done on this occasion. He heartily congratulated R.S.M. Martin, the coach and trainer of the 1st Infantry Bde. team, on having brought them to such a pitch of excellence.

Basket Ball.

The 1st Western Infantry Bde. (represented by the 1/4 Cheshires) were by far the superior team, and what is more, were in excellent form, the playing of the Sergt. Aubrey, Sergt. Brookes, and Pte. Waters being particularly brilliant. An exciting game resulted—1st Western Infantry Bde. 8 points; 2nd Western Infantry Bde. nil. The results for the whole of the basket ball competition stand as follows:—1st Western Infantry Bde. 8 points; Divisional Artillery 6 points; 2nd Western Infantry Bde. 5 points.

A Cup is to be given to the unit amassing the most points in Tug-of-War, Basket-Ball, Aquatic Sports, and Boxing.

MEREDITH'S LATEST.

In a thirty miles time trial on the Bath-road, held by the West London Cycling Association, Leon Meredith covered the distance in 1 hour 16 mins. 56 secs., which is stated to be a world's record. The result of the handicap in which Meredith achieved this feat was as follows:—

	Gross time. h. m. s.	Start. m. s	Net time. h. m. s.
1. J. Paine	1 23 48 1-5	7 30	1 16 18 1-5
2. W. C. Richardson	1 22 46	6 0	1 16 46
3. Leon Meredith	1 16 56	scr.	1 16 56
4. J. H. Holcombe	1 18 4 1-5	scr.	1 18 4 1-5

BIG GOLF TOURNEY.

The draw for the open amateur golf tournament at St. Andrews, for which ninety players have entered, has brought together several well-known men.

The leading partnerships on the first day are:—Walter Blackwell (Royal and Ancient) and H. Tuillie (Walton Heath); J. C. Jessop (Montrose), runner-up in the recent Scottish championship, and R. S. Rodger (Alexandria); D. H. Kyle (St. Andrew's University), Scottish champion, and J. Machie (Higland Light Infantry).

COLOGNE TOWN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.	
Army H.Q. Sigs.	20	17	3		34§	
"R" A.A. Bty., R.A.	18	17	1		34§	
Cav. Div. H.Q.	18	15	3		30§	
17 Lancers	16	14	1	1	29§	
4 R. Sussex	15	14	0	1	29§	
Cav. Div. A.C.	19	14	5		28§	
9th D.L.I.	19	12	7		24§	+
52 Northumberland Fus.	19	12	7		24§	
70 Sq. R.A.F.	15	11	4		22§	
No. 2 Water Tank Coy.	17	10	7		20§	+
Adv. Supply Dep.	15	10	5		20§	
51 Aux. Bus. Coy.	18	9	9		18§	
53 Northumberland Fus.	16	8	8		16§	
53 Sherwood For.	12	7	5		14§	
5 R y. Tel. Sig. Coy.	14	6	8		12§	
51st D.L.I.	12	6	6		12§	+
Bakeries Sports Club	14	5	9		10§	+
A.P.O. Cologne	15	4	11		8§	+
A.A. Searchlight Section	13	4	9		8§	
24 Vet. Hosp.	12	4	8		8§	
51 Northumberland Fus.	12	4	8		8§	
2nd Bde. R.A.F.	12	4	8		8§	+
3 Cav. Field Amb.	13	3	10		6§	

§ Points awarded for scratched matches.
+ Games lost by default.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

"Y. M." Events.

All tastes are being adequately catered for at the Central Y.M.C.A., Cologne, this week. To-night in the Loreley Hall, Prof. W. Macdougal, F.R.S., D. Sc., will lecture at 7 p.m. on "The Effects of War on the Race," while at the same time in the great hall "The Braganzas" will submit an attractive variety programme. To-morrow, at 8 p.m. Miss Muriel Smith, M. A. will discuss Literature, while on Friday the Rev. Basil Bourchier M. A., will lecture at 7 p.m. on "The New World," and the cinema and orchestra will be the attraction in the great hall. Diversions, conducted by Miss Churchill and a Lena Ashwell concert party are announced for 7 p.m. on Saturday, and on Sunday afternoon there will be a discussion conducted by Dr. Francis and the Rev. A. D. Mackenzie entitled "Things that matter most." On the same day at 6.30 p.m. there will be sacred songs followed by united Divine Service.

Whist Drive.

The last whist drive in connection with the 16 Battalion, The Welsh Regt., took place in the Recreation Room, Sechtem, on Thursday evening, and although quite a success, was not so well attended as the previous ones. A couple of hours quiet play resulted in L/Cpl. Hinton winning 1st prize, Ptes Jackson, Flitcroft, and Masters being winners of the three following prizes. R.S.M. Probert and C.S.M. Phillips acted very capably as M.C.'s.

"The Title" At Solingen.

In the spacious Kaiser Saal, Solingen, and before a crowded and enthusiastic audience, the Rhine Army Dramatic Company played last night "The Title" by Arnold Bennett. Each character was splendidly acted, but chief honours went to Miss Inez Bensusan and Lieut. Hope in their parts of Mrs. and Mr. Culvert. The short but clever study of "SamsonStraight", as impersonated by Capt. G. Blight, was greatly appreciated. A charming basket of flowers was handed to Miss Bensusan.

The Victory March.

The Victory March films exhibited at the British Empire Leave Club are excellent. I went to the first performance on Monday and was much impressed. But there is one point I must comment upon: why didn't the orchestra play stirring patriotic music instead of those dreamy, lackadaisical airs? The music was the only incongruous item in the performance.

The Pedlars.

The Pedlars haven't come to stay, but, for this week at any rate, they have firmly established themselves at the Palace Theatre. Now in telling you "The Pedlars" are "some" show, I'm not giving any fresh information. They are a really fine party; and for those who haven't previously seen their performance I would strongly advise a visit to the Herzog Strasse Theatre. It would be futile to describe in detail the variety turns comprised in the first part of the programme: each artiste has his own especial forte and there is not a dull moment. There are but few parties that can boast so great a variety of talent: the comedians, poles asunder in their style, are all very funny; the "girls" have each their distinct mannerisms, and the vocalists and pianist are excellent.

Poisoned Milk.

I don't think I've ever seen Fred Weedon — or should I say the redoubtable Erb — in such fine form as he was last night. He was in his element as Thomas, the delinquent manservant, in "Poisoned Milk," a farcical sketch in one act. Playing up to the clever acting of Frank Hartley and "Dolly," the master and mistress of the house, he kept the audience in a constant roar. His humour was sometimes broad, sometimes subtle, so subtle that — but you must see the show to understand. There were moments when not a word was spoken, yet the house screamed with laughter. Really, it was one of the best sketches I've seen for a long time.

The Starlights.

By the way, "The Starlights," by permission of the G.O.C., Light Division, commenced their tour of the Rhine Army at Horrem last night with conspicuous success. The troupe have made an excellent name for themselves, most of the artistes being professionals. The following artistes will take part in the tour:—Lieut. C. Piper—Piper the Priceless; W. P. Wentley—Scotch Character Comedian; T. Lord—Trick Violinist (more bows than one); F. Leggett—Female Impersonator; A. Humphreys—Soubrette; D. Scott—Character Artiste; T. Bowman-Impersonator; T. Cottham—Elite and Versatile Dancer.

JACQUES.

BLACK AND WHITE.

Amusing Feature In 153rd Labour Coy.'s Boxing Competition.

A very enjoyable evening's entertainment was presented before an audience consisting of members of the Staff of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps (Transit Depôt) and the personnel of the 153rd Labour Coy., at the Headquarters of the latter on Saturday. The competitors were very evenly matched in each of the ten contests. Of these, two were of a humorous character, the contestants being blindfold in one, and in the other, having their gloves dipped in liquid mixture, one black and one white. Major Delaney, Army Gymnastic Staff, officiated as referee, and Major Sarson R.A.O.C. presented the prizes. A vote of thanks to these officers was proposed by the Officer Commanding, Capt. D. Andrew.

Acknowledgment of services rendered was also accorded by Lieut. Cottam, the Company Sports Officer, who energetically engineered the competition, to Coy.-Sergt.-Major Uren, M.S.M., and Sergt. Wild, M.M., who acted as judges; to Pte. Wright, the trainer; to Cpl. Blackwell who erected the ring; and to the seconds, Cpl. Smith and Pte. Fuller.

Replying, Major Delaney expressed his pleasure in having witnessed his first Labour Coy., competition and warmly complimented both contestants and spectators on the excellent sporting spirit shown.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Welter Boxing Champions.

Jack Britton, who recently defeated Kid Lewis, in America, has been challenged by Johnny Basham to box for the world's welter-weight championship.

From U.S.A.

We may have an American competitor in next year's Grand National. He is Barklie, by Migraine—Flora Pomona, and was bought by Mr. W. M. Jefford from General James Buchanan.

Signed on.

The Wigan (Northern Union) F.C. have signed on R. W. Bilkey, the New Zealand forward, recently demobilized who has played with all the New Zealand teams in England and in France.

Disposing of Thoroughbreds.

"Country Life" understands that Sir Alec Black, the owner of the disappointing Derby favourite, The Panther, is preparing to dispose of all his thoroughbreds whether at the stud or in training.

Father Thames.

Interesting catches in the form of several flounders have been made in the Thames at Kew. Their presence so high up the river speaks well for the purity of the water in the lower reaches. If the Thames goes on improving, salmon may one day again leap in Teddington Weir Pool.

Lord Rosebery's Yearlings.

Several yearlings, the property of Lord Rosebery, are expected to join Frank Hartigan's stable at Weyhill.

Sporting Guns.

The Birmingham Small Arms Co. is out to capture the world's trade in sporting guns. For the first time in the history of the sporting gun trade in England mass production is to be tried.

For Deauville.

More than sixty polo ponies were shipped to Deauville from Southampton last week in preparation for the big August tournaments which are being revived at the Normandy resort.

Basham's next Match.

A match is in the making between Johnny Basham, welter-weight champion of England, and Francis Charles, of France. In days before the war Charles was a rather useful lightweight, but he has filled into a welter.

Famous Pairs.

Are Holmes and Sutcliffe going to be famous as a first-wicket pair? Some conjunctions are good to look back on. W. G. and E. M. Grace, A. N. Hornby and Barlow, Oscroft and Shrewsbury, I. D. Walker and A. J. Webbe, Abel and Hayward. Hobbs and Rhodes, in Test matches, recur to memory at once.

Amastris and S.P. Offices.

It is said that the victory of Amastris may have an effect on the S.P. offices in London. A 10 to 1 winner takes a lot of paying out.

Winner Bought In.

Polismen, after winning at Lewes last week was bought in for 290 guineas. When Mr. Edge bought him he only cost 170 guineas. Amastris cost 270 guineas to buy in.

Varsity Tennis.

The Clare and Trinity Courts, Cambridge, will be reopened at the beginning of the October term. A match is being arranged some time in October between Cambridge Past and Present and Queen's Club.

An Australian View.

Here is an Australian view of home racing conveniences culled from the "Australasian":—There is no idea in England of catering for the comfort of the racing public as in Australia. While charges are high, conveniences are few."

Closest Finish On Record.

The Astley Stakes enjoys the credit of having supplied the closest finish on record. This occurred 39 years ago, when three horses—Scobell, Wandering Nun, and Mazurka—ran a dead heat, with two others also dead heating only a head away.

Stearine.

Stearine, winner of the French St. Leger, is to be specially prepared for the Grand Prix d'Ostende.

Abe Mitchell.

There is no truth in the statement that Abe Mitchell, of Sonning, who won the recent £500 tournament at St. Andrews, may issue a challenge to play any man for £500 a side.

1st Class Cricket Hat Tricks.

Three hat tricks have so far been recorded this cricket season, in the following order: S. M. Haslip (Middlesex) v. Notts, Horsley (Derbyshire) v. Australian I.F., and Woolley (Kent) v. Surrey.

Parson as "Rear Admiral."

The Croquet Association once refused a reporter information because his newspaper gave wrong initials to a player. The association's hilarity can therefore be imagined when a paper recently referred to a reverend player as a "rear-admiral!"

"Good Goalkeeper Wanted."

If Kent's idea of advertising on the official scorecard for a fast bowler extends to other sports it will be received with mixed feelings by players. Imagine those of a goalkeeper who might have to stand under a crossbar bearing the legend, "Good goalkeeper wanted."

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Wearing of Medal Ribbons.

As the matter of wearing medal ribbons is a very burning matter just now it is interesting to note the manner in which different nationalities wear their decorations. The Frenchman and Belgian of course, wear the medal itself and the German (in uniform) wears the whole two inches drawn round the hem of the tunic beneath the third button hole. The demobilized German is however displaying his ribbon in what appears to be rather a good way. The ribbon is attached to the coat beneath the lapel; folded in two, and the folded part inserted through the button hole, thus exposing to view about one-eighth of on inch of ribbon. Needless to say the Englishman's difficulty in following this plan when in civies is the amount of decorations he often owns, which makes this plan unfeasible, but it seems a great pity that no other method for wearing medal ribbons can be adopted other than coyly concealing them beneath the jacket.

German Rolling Stock.

A noticeable feature of the German railways is the more general use of a larger type of goods waggon than is common in England. On the continent generally the usual capacity of waggons is twenty tons and by their use a great saving of dead weight on a train is effected.

A Midnight Visitor.

The visitations of an alleged "ghost," in the shape of a kilted Highlander, to a place just outside Cologne, have been the subject of a great deal of discussion. Both officers and men positively affirm that they have seen it and a party of German motorists corroborate its presence. Possibly "ghost hunting" will become a popular pastime.

A Big Chance.

An new departure in the way of selling War Savings Certificates has recently been inaugurated at the VI Corps Officers Club. The arrangements are designed with a view to placing facilities at the disposal of any officers in Cologne to buy certificates when visiting the Club and also to enable those who desire to do so to combine an innocent flutter with their investment. Officers can now buy certificates in the Club and if they wish to participate in the draw they can purchase one ticket for each 15|6 Certificate bought, the ticket costing 10 marks. The whole of the expenses of printing etc. are borne by the Club funds so that the full value of the tickets will be available for prizes. In order that the Club will not compete with regimental War Savings Associations it is provided that officers wishing to buy tickets may purchase for each certificate purchased through their association on production of their certificate at the Club. All certificates must be purchased during the month and a drawing will take place at the commencement of the month following. Prizes will be in War Savings Certificates, the first taking 50 per cent., the second 30 per cent., and the third 20 per cent.

Honour for Machine Gunners.

A few days ago, General Giraud, of the French Army expressed his appreciation of the Guard, formed by the 3rd. Battalion Machine Gun Corps, at the General Officer Commanding in Chief's house, and gave £5 to the Sergeant in charge to be distributed amongst the personnel of the Guard. It is not the first time that this guard has come in for the appreciation of high officials.

The Cigarette Lure.

An officer was about to enter the Army College in Hansa Ring the other afternoon, when he casually threw away a respectable portion of a cigarette he was smoking at the time. It happened that the cigarette fell just in front of two mechanics who were drawing a small, delicate-looking internal combustion engine on a hand cart. Both men at once made a dive for the gasper with the result that the intricate piece of mechanism came crashing down on to the roadway — presumably also wishing to compete for the prize. Judging from the altercation that ensued between the two mechanics after they had examined and replaced the engine, they must have found the salvaging of that cigarette rather a costly undertaking. What a heavily troubled conscience that officer must have!

Glow-Worm Dials.

A great number of men on active service have found the luminous watch a boon. At certain times and in queer places it was not always expedient to strike a match to see how the time was going; and it was in such circumstances that the watch with the "glow-worm" dial was so greatly appreciated. But when travelling in a German train recently, about midday, and passing through a fairly long, absolutely dark tunnel, strange to say, it was truly necessary to have a light on the subject to see the time. The luminous face of the watch was not visible at all. To those in the know, no doubt this phenomenon is comparatively simple; on the other hand to the uninitiated it is certainly perplexing. Many possessors of the luminous type of time-keepers have perhaps not noticed this strange behaviour of the eyes, or the peculiarity of the substance responsible for the phosphorescent effect. Which is it?

A Regimental Auction.

The other evening the P.R.I. disposed of the 1/6th Battalion Welsh Regiment poultry farm. The fowls were sold in pairs by auction, 2/Lt. Topliss being the auctioneer. Owing to the slow bidding, the auctioneer offered to put in a G. S. wagon or an army mule to encourage would-be buyers, but someone thoughtfully remarked that a G. S. wagon could not be eaten and no one wanted to eat an army mule. After that the bidding brightened and the fowls were disposed of very quickly. But, whisper it, the C.S.M. who got two pairs for 60 marks was "quids in" with the Signals Officer who had a pair of cockerels for 140 marks. Everyone hopes he will have his money's worth.

Hardly the Same Thing.

The O.C.Coy. was saying a few earnest words to his men on a soldier's deportment with civilians, and after a lengthy address concluded his remarks by saying: "And if any of you is in a restaurant and a drunken civilian attempts to commence an argument, a good soldier should always drink up his beer and go out. "Now, Pte. Slithers" he said, pointing an accusing finger at a man whose thoughts were apparently absent without leave, "What would you do if a drunken civilian accosted you in a restaurant?" Pte. Slithers woke up with a start and delivered his ultimatum with unctious joy: "Drink his beer and 'hop it' Sir."

Chivalrous Courage.

Recently a child fell into the Rhine at Bonn and sank in a whirlpool. Chief Motor Mechanic G. M. Jenkinson, serving with the Rhine Patrol Flotilla, dived repeatedly into the river regardless of his personal safety and nearly lost his life in endeavouring to rescue the child. For his courageous act, the Commander-in-Chief has expressed his high appreciation.

Not For a "Cinderella."

It has been said that since the war began, the feet of English women have grown larger because of the greater amount of exercise they have had in war duties, but even so, it is doubtful if there could be found one British Diana qualified by the size of her pedal extremities to don the pair of hunting boots advertised in yesterday's "Cologne Post." These were stated to be "thirty nines."

Lesser Echoes.

This week there is a good supply of wines, except sherry and vermouth, mineral waters, lime juice, cider, dried fruits, tinned fish, soap, chocolats, matches, milk and sauce at the canteen, but few cigarettes, and little tobacco or metal polish.

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A very long list of passes in the Rhine Army Examinations has just been published. It contains three hundred names.

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Another fine total for War Savings Certificates is that of the 18th K.R.R., which for the week ending August 2nd subscribed exactly 20,863 marks, of which B Coy furnished 7,800. This, remarks one of the battalion, is in spite of the great number of cameras being bought.

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Now that white flour is available the Rhineland bakers are producing large quantities of gingerbread and dough-nuts. The latter are prime favourites with Tommy.

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The 2/4 Queens' War Savings record last week has been beaten by the 23rd Middlesex, who between August 4th and 10th subscribed as much as 24,780 marks. Splendid work!

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to: Spr. G. W. Ellam, Railway Survey Section, A.P.O. S. 120, Rhine Army; Pte. G. R. Hogan H. Q. Coy. (Drums) 53rd R.W.R. Rhine Army; Sgt. G. McWillie 3rd Coy. 4th Seaforths, Rhine Army.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Indignant.—American actors have gone on strike.

No Graves Dug. — Grave diggers are on strike at Glasnevin.

Useful Discovery. — In Denmark linen is being made from the fibre of nettles.

Must be Patient. — At least 100,000 people are awaiting steamship passages from England.

Rusty Relics. — The thousands of captured cannon have become an eyesore in Paris and are being steadily removed.

The Strike Craze. — Schoolboys at Braintree, Essex, have been on strike for a weeks' extra holiday instead of the two days they were granted.

Amazing Total. — The United States possesses 17,000 cinemas, and between nine and ten million people visit them daily.

Everyone Pulling. — Labour is so scarce in the Dorset flaxfields that every possible individual is being pressed into the service for flax "pulling."

Old Paper — New Head. — London's oldest evening paper, the "Globe" is to come under the direction of Mr. Robert Donald late Editor of the "Daily Chronicle."

Trocadero Tragedy. — While conducting the orchestra at the Trocadero restaurant London M. Louis Delvenne, the famous Belgian violinist dropped down dead.

Stopping Harvest. — Labourers in Herts are demanding 75s for a week of sixty hours. While they strike the harvest is imperilled.

Ptomaine Poisoning. — During a performance at the London Palladium five persons were seized with such violent illness that they had to be sent to hospital in an ambulance.

For nursing. — Six pages of a supplement to the "London Gazette" contain awards by the King, of the Royal Red Cross to ladies in recognition of nursing services.

Rags and Bones.—A remarkable number of demobilized men appear to be drifting into the rag-and-bone trade. Possibly this is a result of the great attention paid to salvage work during the war.

A Little Mixed.—"Boys," said the Sunday school teacher," can any of you tell me about Good Friday?" "Yes'm, I can," replied an urchin at the foot of the class. "He was the bloke what did the housework for Robinson Crusoe."

Service Caps. — The re-introduction of the stiff Service dress cap is held over until the report of the Dress and Uniform Committee has been made. The large stock of soft caps will be used up before any change is made.

Active Old Stagers. — The other day a crop of two acres of grass was led and stacked in one day by two men of the village of Leconfield, whose united ages amounted to 161 years, one being 84 and the other 77 years of age.

Pro-German Myth.—In order to dispel the idea that his Royal grandmother and predecessor was pro-German and anti-French, King George has allowed Professor Rait the run of the Queen's unpublished letters and diaries, and to publish extracts in the "Quarterly Review."

More Babies.—The birth rate in Great Britain is gradually increasing.

Unsettled.—Industrial trouble on a large scale has arisen in Japan.

In Malmedy.—Belgian troops have taken occupation of Malmedy.

A new Train.—A direct express train is to be run from Bucharest to Warsaw.

A Record.—Three natives of Leamington Spa won the V.C. during the war.

Beatty's Honours.—Earl Beatty has agreed to accept the freedom of Kirkcaldy.

Commerce By Air.—A regular airship service between Berlin and Friedrichshafen is to be established.

Henderson for U.S.A.—Mr. Arthur Henderson is to visit America on a lecturing tour.

On to Moscow.—A message from Riga says that Denikin has ordered a march on Moscow.

An Air Record.—A French aviator attained a record height of five miles with a passenger.

The hottest day.—A temperature of 115 degrees was registered in London on Saturday.

Quick Work.—A theatre to hold twelve hundred people was erected in four days at Southend.

Hungry Hungary.—Mr. Hoover, Director General of Relief in Europe, has gone to investigate the situation in Hungary.

Fatal Food Riot.—At Chemnitz, sixty people were killed and over a hundred wounded in food riots.

Cheap Apples.—English apples have been sold at Covent Garden at fourpence a pound.

State Electricity.—The German National Assembly is considering the transfer of all electric power stations to the State.

On Tour.—Poincaré and Clemenceau are still travelling through the liberated provinces of France.

Deserters.—There are believed to be seven thousand German soldiers in Holland who deserted during the war.

A Long Walk.—A postman who has retired at Guildford is said to have walked 165,000 miles while on duty.

No Tickets Required.—Under the new system of rationing, food tickets will not be required in restaurants.

Free Beer.—A brewer's dray was wrecked in a collision at Sheffield and a wild scramble took place for the beer which flowed from the burst barrels.

An Ex-King's Fortune.—The ex-King of Saxony is accused of trying to evade new taxes by sending his fortune to Sweden.

Farmers' Protest.—A representative meeting of farmers at Nottingham entered a strong protest against the sale of farms over the heads of tenants.

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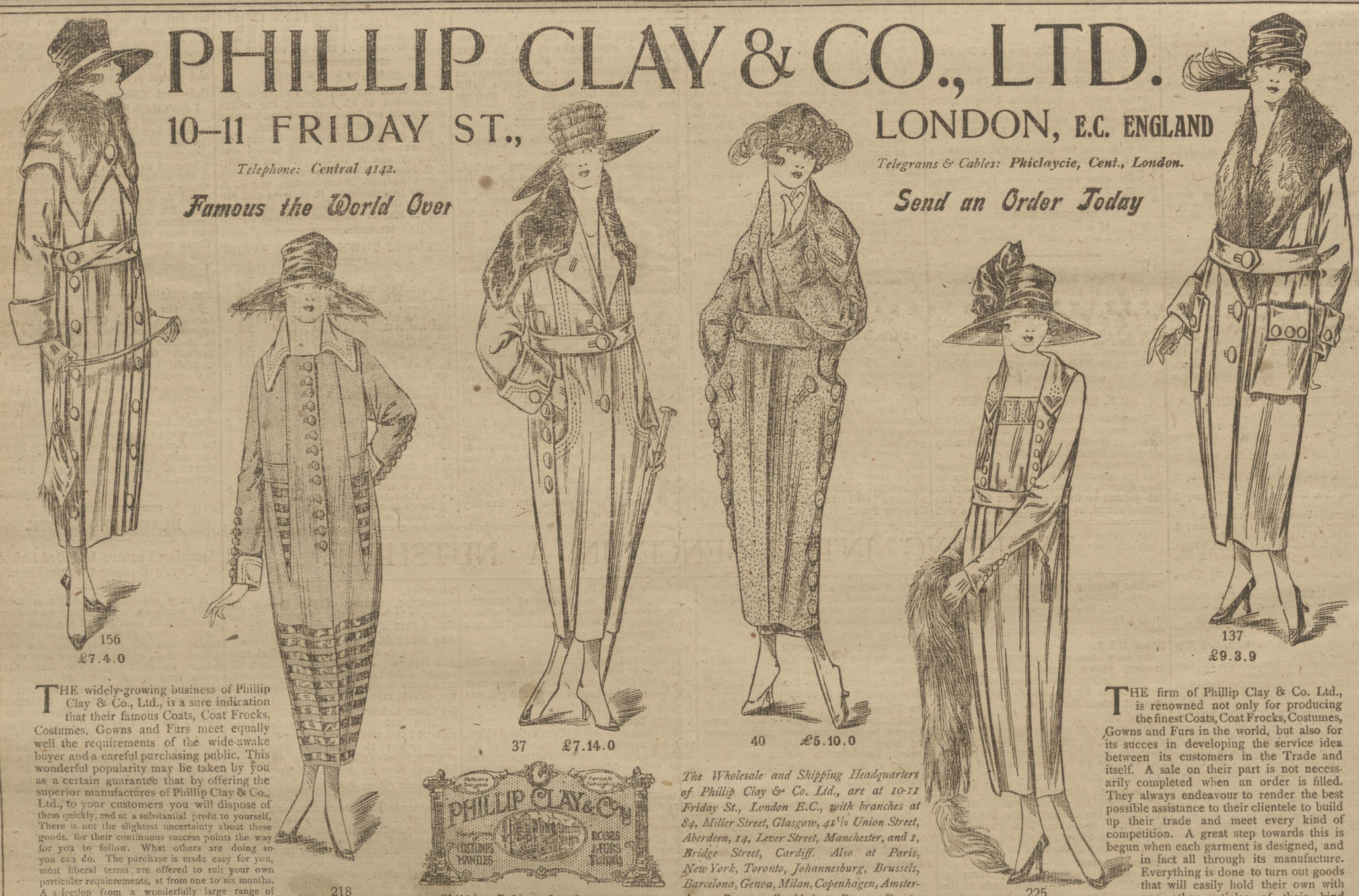

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ADMISSIONS AND DENIALS AT COURT MARTIAL.

The Court-martial on William Fratel, the Eurasian N.C.O. belonging to the Indian Medical Department, was resumed yesterday at the Middlesex Guildhall, when the cross-examination of accused was continued by Captain Eastwood.

Accused admitted that over 200 British soldiers had died at Bagstche and that it was not until two years after the men had died that he made the death certificates out and sent them to England. Bogus numbers were shown on the certificates to satisfy the authorities and the relatives.

Fratel also admitted that the numbers he attached to the graves were also bogus. He could not identify the graves if he were taken to the spot. He visited the dead-house every day as it was his duty to see the bodies buried. On one occasion he had to get a Greek orderly thrashed for not burying the corpses. All the bodies were laid out on the floor as well as space would admit. The fact that there were no burial services could not be helped by him. He gave orders to the orderlies to wash the patients and if they did not do so he reported the matter to the sister who then said it could not be done.

Replying to further questions accused admitted the insanitary conditions. He had complained about many of the arrangements to Dr. Comus and the sister but they did nothing to improve the conditions. He also pointed out that certain patients ought to have milk but Dr. Comus replied "How is it the Turks get on without this food and the British cannot?"

Accused said he suggested writing to the American Consul for milk but the sister would not do so.

Captain Eastwood:— And did you, Fratel?

"I couldn't write to the Consul."

"Then you consider you did all that was possible, Fratel?"

"I do."

Accused was then examined as regards the men named Penny, Wiseman, Phillips, Dye, Nichol and Oldfield. He said he did not remember those patients being brought to him but emphatically denied, so far as he knew, that they had to wait outside the hospital for hours. He explained the fact that fewer Indians died than British by reason of their being more used to the climate. He could not suggest why the witnesses had come forward and told tales about him except that he was their mouthpiece. They probably thought he could do wonders for them and he did not consider that he had neglected them under the circumstances.

George Morgan Gatherall, formerly of the 7/14th London Regiment, said that he met Fratel at Gallibeg in March, 1918, and found him considerate and kind. He always did his best for the men.

Major Edward Stainer Caine, R.A.M.C., said he was at Batsche from October, 1916, to July, 1917. Dr. Comus, who was in charge of the hospital, was disgusting in his manner to the patients and generally brutal. During the time he knew him he found Fratel to be a distinctly loyal man and a gentleman.

Captain Martin, of the Indian Medical Service, who was at Batsche at the same time as Major Caine, said he always thought Fratel performed his duties quite conscientiously. He had never heard him either saying or doing anything disloyal.

The hearing was adjourned.

POLISH PINCERS.

VAIN BOLSHEVIST RESISTANCE.

The War Office announces that for the past fortnight the Poles have been advancing steadily towards Minsk in spite of strong Bolshevist resistance. The latter delivered heavy counter attacks with the object of checking or breaking the claws of the pincers closing in on them, but their counter-offensive on both flanks having proved a costly failure, the Bolshevists evacuated the city, which was entered by the Poles on Friday. The Polish offensive to the North of the Pinsk marsh belt is likewise proceeding favourably.

By the Bolshevist retirement from Minsk and the Polish advance along the Luninetz-Mozye railway a large pocket of Bolshevists was left in a district fifty miles wide in the Mir-Koidan area.

Polish efforts are apparently now being directed to the pinching out of this pocket by sustained blows from the South.

Mr. Lloyd George had an audience of the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday, when his Majesty invested him with the insignia of the Order of Merit.

LENIN QUITTING.

TAKES WARNING FROM FATE OF BELA KUN.

Lenin has issued a proclamation rebuking the workmen who are continuously demanding higher wages, but who do not want to work. A message via Helsingfors states that Lenin seems to have become more moderate and has ordered Krasin to prepare an understanding with the Mensheviks. Strikes are raging everywhere and the intervention of the Government, who ordered the execution of one hundred and fifty leaders, has caused the strikes to spread still further. The peasants obstinately refuse to hand over their grain to the towns and this has placed the Government in great difficulties. The general opinion in Russia is that Bolshevism is played out. It is rumoured that Lenin intends to retire, recent events in Hungary having made a great impression on him.

It is reported from Petrograd that Valsatis, the former Commander-in-Chief of the Bolshevists, and his Chief of Staff have been arrested on the charge of organizing a counter revolution.

PROFITEERING.

COMMONS PASS THE NEW BILL.

After a lengthy debate, the second reading of the Bill to check profiteering was carried in the House of Commons by a majority of 243, only eight members voting against it.

Sir Auckland Geddes in moving the second reading, said that profiteering was dangerous economically, because it unduly attracted imports and adversely affected exports and because socially it created dangerous unrest. He denied that the Bill was "panic legislation," insisting that it was a definite scheme which had been carefully considered for many weeks. Having examined alternative suggestions, the method suggested was the only really practicable plan of operation. He relied for the success of the Bill on the common sense of the community.

The main criticism against the Bill was its inadequacy in that it would hit small traders and leave big men untouched. This was Mr. Clynes' chief point. Late in the discussion Mr. J. H. Thomas said that the Labour Party supported the Bill but would move amendments in committee in order to extend its scope.

Sir Robert Horne, replying to the debate, said it was plain the Bill was not a complete or perfect one, but it dealt at once with an admitted evil. The select Committee, which still remained in existence, could later on devise measures for more completely effecting the object in view.

SINN FEINERS.

SECRET MEETING "SPOTTED" BY AEROPLANE.

Despite a Government proclamation forbidding such meetings, Sinn Feiners tried to hold a mass meeting on Sunday near Armagh. Observation showed that no leaders had turned up and an aeroplane which reconnoitred the country side reported that a meeting was being held several miles away from the usual place. Police and troops were hurried to the spot where the crowd soon showed great hostility, attempts being made to cut the tyres of the army motors. A general fight ensued, the troops fixing bayonets and charging the crowd. In the face of the rifles and bayonets the crowd soon dispersed.

GERMANS DRAINING BRITAIN

Large areas of land in various parts of the country, both arable and pasture, have been greatly improved during the past two years by drainage work carried out by German prisoners. In some instances streams that have been so choked with weeds as to be almost lost, have been cleared and recovered. Many even of our larger rivers fail to serve the purpose of effective arterial drains for agricultural land because of their obstructed state, and land that should be productive becomes in consequence greatly impoverished and rank with weeds.

What has been done by the German prisoners is only a beginning. As this labour is now diminishing, and will shortly be lost altogether, it is very necessary to get the new Drainage Board thoroughly organized, so that they may deal efficiently with all the main rivers which need to be kept clear and unobstructed.

The Labour Centres situated in the Irish, Scottish and Aldershot Commands are to be disbanded.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

COLOGNE POST UP.

On and after Tuesday 19th the price of the Cologne Post will be 25 pfennigs instead of 20 pfennigs, as hitherto.

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HUMAN BRAINS.

MURDERER'S EXTRAORDINARY DELUSION.

Motives of an astonishing nature are alleged in a murder case now before the District Court of Nagasaki, Japan. A miner, who is said to have believed that eating the brains of human beings was a certain specific for mental disorders he was suffering from, is charged with murder and attempted murder.

Hori Tokuichi, the man in question, had previously been sentenced in Korea to penal servitude for murder, and on being discharged went to the Matsushima collieries in Japan, where he was soon noted for his eccentricities.

In October last he attempted to kill a small dog in order to eat its brains, but the animal escaped. It was while enraged at his failure that he saw a girl telephone operator, aged nineteen, walking near by on a hillside.

It is stated that he killed her by striking her on the head with a rock, but that after going home and returning with a kitchen knife to carve her head, his nerve failed, and after cutting a piece of flesh from the body he buried it.

When the body of the girl was discovered later, Hori is said to have decided to commit suicide, but as he was married, decided to give his death the appearance of an accident in order that his family might obtain a grant of certain expenses.

Selecting a spot in the mine shaft where the roof was weakest, he planned to knock away the supports. A woman worker met with in the shaft came in the way, however. She was attacked, but, feigning death, she escaped and reported the assault. Hori was then arrested.

SKELETON MYSTERY.

STARTLING POLICE STATEMENT.

The discharge of Maggie White, who has been accused in connection with the mystery surrounding the death and concealment of her step-sister Connie Grant, was the feature of yesterday's proceedings at Willesden Police Court. The two remaining prisoners, William Grant and Alice White, were charged with manslaughter.

Dr. English, police surgeon, gave evidence detailing his examination of the remains. The small bones of the hand and foot were missing, he said, and therefore the bones found must have been buried as bones and not as a body, because the ligaments were missing.

A further remand was ordered.

MORE RAIDS ON CONSPIRATORS.

Surprise raids carried out by the police during the past 24 hours have swept up a harvest of Bolshevist literature which was about to be circulated in England and Scotland with a view to the setting up of a Soviet Government. The extremists aimed at the establishment of a Republic at Glasgow as well as London, and pamphlets disclose the fact that the sedition mongers hoped for a general strike, which would have been made the means of setting up a Bolshevist regime. Nottingham and Bradford appear to be the two principal centres of organising activity.

Besides many leaflets already in print the police secured typewritten drafts of others. Some of these were seized in an upper room in Featherstone-buildings, Holborn, where an entrance was forced late on Tuesday night. The man previously arrested has now been released.

Strikes have again broken out among the Alexandria dockers. The Cairo trams have ceased running, and the light and water services are threatened.

AIR MINISTRY.

DEFENDS ITSELF AGAINST CHARGES.

General Seely, Under-Secretary of State to the Air Ministry, replied in the House of Commons on Tuesday to the charges of extravagance brought against the Air Service.

The Under-Secretary declared that the Royal Air Force had saved millions of money and thousands of lives.

Mr. Clyde, the Lord Advocate, explained that he had declined to take criminal proceedings with regard to a sum of £286 in connection with the Renfrew Aerodrome. His reason was, that after 18 months' inquiry, he had no evidence that justified hope of a successful prosecution.

Mr. Clyde said he had advised civil proceedings last March, and these were about to be taken.

Some Figures.

As to the charge of general extravagance levelled against the Air Ministry, when he introduced the Estimates of £66,000,000 General Seely stated that a great proportion of that sum was for finishing up war contracts.

At the time of the armistice they had more than 250,000 men, and arrangements had been made to produce 50,000 aeroplanes a year, and they could not wash out the whole of that gigantic expenditure in a moment.

At the date of the armistice they had 30,000 officers: to-day they had demobilized 20,000. Of other ranks, including cadets, there were 264,000 at the armistice, and they had demobilized 203,000.

Of aerodromes and landing grounds they had 386, and they had given up 210.

The Ministry staff in all departments numbered at that time 806, and that number was reduced to 402.

Hired premises and hotels at the time of the armistice numbered 2,143, and 1,927 had been given up and 37 more were in process of being given up.

THRILLING RESCUE.

SOLDIER'S HEROISM AT A FIRE.

Exciting fire scenes and a thrilling rescue from a seven-storey building were witnessed at Cardiff. The outbreak occurred at the Royal Hotel, St. Mary-street. Large crowds soon assembled, and the excitement was intense when a young woman at the window of the linen room at the top of the building was seen appealing for help. The fire escape was found to be too short, and firemen were promptly dispatched for another.

In the meantime the young woman was sitting dangerously astride the balustrade, screaming piteously for help. It seemed as though she was about to throw herself to the ground.

Just then a man was seen climbing up the rain-pipes from a room a couple of storeys below. The smoke was particulary dense and flames were issuing from the room in which the girl had been seen.

Climbing along the narrow copingstones the man, a discharged soldier named Walter Cleall, reached the young woman, partly carried and dragged her along the parapet and through a window below. His hands were cut and burned, and he collapsed immediately afterwards and was conveyed to hospital. An American sailor named Hill gallantly helped in saving the girl. It was a most thrilling rescue, and the crowd cheered enthusiastically. The upper portion of the hotel was completely destroyed.

PRIME MINISTER'S HONOURS.

Delayed by reason of Mr. Lloyd George's pre-occupation with affairs of the Peace Conference, what is known as the Prime Minister's List of Honours connected with the King's Birthday was issued on Tuesday night. It contains forty-three names. An Earldom is conferred on Viscount Iveagh. Sir Edward Russell and Col. Hall Walker are made Barons. Amongst the new Baronets is Mr. Joynson Hicks. The new knights number twenty-three.

DESTROYER IN COLLISION.

The British destroyer Westminster, which arrived at Copenhagen on Monday from the Baltic, collided whilst entering the roads with three Danish sailing vessels, all of which were damaged.

LONDON'S NEW BUSES.

A new and more comfortable motorbus was introduced on the London streets yesterday. It holds forty-six passengers against the old type's thirty-four and instead of straps for standing passengers there are four brass rods from floor to ceiling.

FALLING INTO LINE.

The twenty-four hour clock system as used on the Continent has now been adopted by the South Eastern and Chatham and London Brighton and South Coast Railways for their Continental time-table.

In reply to question, Captain Guest said orders had already been issued, and would be in general operation in a few days for a considerable reduction in the number of motor cars used by the military in the United Kingdom, the effect being the withdrawal of over 500 cars.

DRASTIC CHANGES.

WINDING UP OUR WAR AFFAIRS.

Important announcements marked the course of the debate on the military situation in the Commons last night. Mr. Churchill said: We have arranged with France that by October 31st our Army on the Rhine may be reduced to a strong Brigade (four or five thousand men) and our Air Force to a single squadron.

More than 400,000 German and Turkish prisoners are still on our hands, requiring more than 100,000 British soldiers to look after and feed them. Permission to repatriate the Turkish prisoners has now been granted by the Supreme War Council, but authority to begin with the repatriation of the German prisoners is still withheld.

We have more than 100,000 men in Mesopotamia, of whom 30,000 are British. Owing to Kurdish and Arab risings every attempt to reduce this force is met by warnings and protests from the responsible officers on the spot. In Egypt and Palestine there are 90,000 men.

We have 60,000 men in Ireland, double the force that was there before the war. The Irish Executive offer the strongest opposition to any reduction of that force; and in such a matter the War Office must be the servant and not the master of the policy of the State.

We have also on our hands the Army in India, and also the battalions and batteries which are just going out to relieve the Army in India.

We have to keep 100,000 in France and Flanders on salvage work.

These commitments, among others, Mr. Churchill contended, showed that expenditure had not yet returned within the controlling domain of policy, but was still governed by brute facts and by the course of events proceeding in many parts of the world, as part of the aftermath of the Great War. "However angry people may become," said he, "the fact remains that our war affairs have got to be wound up."

SIGNS OF SANITY.

NO "DIRECT ACTION" STRIKE.

There will be no "direct action" strike in England.

The extremists have been beaten by events. Yorkshire miners and London policemen have each afforded the acid test; they have made the experiment, they have challenged the Government—and failed.

The experience of these two classes of workers has not been lost upon Mr. Robert Smillie and Mr. Williams. This was evident from the proceedings at the meeting of the Triple Alliance Tuesday.

The delegates, who met at Unity House, were faced with the fact that the transport workers, who form a most important third of the organisation, had decided not to issue the ballot papers on the question of direct action.

Then there were the railway workers. It is true that the Executive of the N.U.R. has the power to call its members out on strike without a ballot, but the Executive is divided, and scores of branches are hostile. If action of this kind was to be taken, with all its illimitable possibilities, surely the proper course was to allow the rank and file, upon whom the brunt of the fighting would fall, to have their say in the matter. And this view prevailed.

Two-thirds, then of the Triple Alliance was known to be more or less hostile.

So the affair was decently buried under a decision to remit the whole question to the Trade Union Congress at Glasgow next month, where a suitable epitaph will no doubt be found for it.

THE BAKERS BACK.

Following the resolution passed by the operative bakers on Sunday, there has been a general return to work. The men have practically all returned to work in London, and in all parts of the country they are going back on the old terms. The only terms upon which the men can be accepted back into their employment are:

1. That the men accept arbitration on hours and wages.

2. That they return to work on the old conditions of hours and wages, including night work.

3. That the re-engagement of men on strike must be settled with the individual employers.

4. That when the men have returned to work there shall be a meeting of representatives of employers and employed, to consider what improvements can be effected in the conditions of night work.

HIS LIFE FOR HIS WIFE'S.

At Sedbury, near Chepstow, Lieutenant Jack Dawson, Commandant at the Prisoners of War Camp, was at a picnic with his family near the Severn when his wife went bathing. The lady got into difficulties, whereupon Lieutenant Dawson, still wearing all his clothes and heavy Army boots, ran in to her assistance and brought her safely ashore, but he himself slipped in the mud and was carried away. The son made a gallant attempt at rescue, but by the time Lieutenant Dawson was brought ashore he was too far gone for artifical respiration. Lieutenant Dawson was 45 years of age.

Strawberries are working overtime and the heat has brought in a second crop.

GRATEFUL U.S.A.

£10,000,000 FOR BRITISH SEAMEN.

A most remarkable evidence of the generous appreciation by American citizens of the sacrifices which Great Britain made in maintaining sea supremacy during the war is to be found, in the organization known as "America's Tribute to British Merchant Seamen."

The project is to raise £10,000,000, solely among Americans, for the benefit of the 30,000 men of the British Mercantile Marine who suffered disablement in braving the dangers of submarine warfare.

The movement started in an informal talk among some of America's great business men, who felt that such a tangible mark of sympathy would do more than anything else to cement the bond of friendship between the two countries. Rear-Admiral Sims, who was chief of the American naval operations here during the war, gave the movement his warmest approval, and the organization has secured Mr. William H. Appleton to act as chairman.

Mr. Appleton conceived the idea that the whole burden should not be upon Americans in America. He has come to England to appeal for £1,000,000 from the Americans domiciled in this country.

He declares that he is not asking for a penny of British money. This is America's tribute to the valour and endurance of British seamanship, which stood between the Allies and disaster.

Lord Beresford, Sir Edward Nicholl, and Mr. J. Havelock Wilson [illegible] are co-operating with [illegible] this side of the Atlantic.

THESE ARE THE MEN.

The price paid by the Merchant Service during the war is shown by a special "Victory" report which appears in the Guild Gazette, the journal of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild.

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THE LAST OF LINCOLN.

Tribitch Lincoln, who has completed his term of imprisonment in this country, has at length been deported. About a month ago he was taken to Harwich for deportation, but owing to the political situation to Austria he was recalled until the situation had improved.

The real name of this man is Ignatius Timotheus Tribitsch. He is a Hungarian by birth, and, according to his own story, was at one time an Anglican Minister at Montreal, and subsequently a curate in England. He became naturalised in England in 1909, and at the General Election of January, 1910, he stood as Liberal candidate for Darlington, and was elected. He admitted acting as a spy for Germany. In 1915 charges of forgery were brought against Lincoln, who was then in America, and after much legal argument he was extradited. In July, 1916, he was tried at the Old Bailey, and sentenced to three years penal servitude. In December, 1918, the Home Secretary cancelled his naturalisation and ordered his deportation.

STATE AS RAG-MERCHANT.

The Ministry of Munitions is shortly taking over a rag factory at Dewsbury which deals with £50,000 worth of cotton and woollen rags a week. To this factory will be sent cast-off Army clothing which is beyond repair.

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GRANTS FOR TRAINING.

During the week ending Aug. 8 the Grants Committee of the Ministry of Labour sanctioned the giving of 253 grants under the Government schemes for training ex-Service men of higher education for civil careers. The total number of grants sanctioned up to date is 2,778; of these 1,221 are for officers and 1,557 for other ranks.

DUMP EXPLODES AT POEL.

At Poel on Tuesday a big dump of German ammunition exploded, the fire brigade working continuously throughout the day to extinguish the fire which was caused thereby.

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British soldiers did splendid rescue work.

A big explosion occurred this morning at Kiel while the ammunition in the State shipyard there was being moved. Four persons were killed and a large number injured.

The last of the army of Air Ministry officials and clerks who have been in occupation of the Hotel Cecil for many months departed yesterday.

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A CIVIC CONSCIENCE.

What is a Civic Conscience? It is the ability to take an active and intelligent interest in the affairs of one's country. The fact remains, however unpleasant it may be, that large numbers of people are apathetic and indifferent to great and vital happenings within our own land. If some are not quite indifferent they often fail to appreciate them at their true value.

We need to develop in all men and women a realization that the concerns of the nation are their concerns; that what injures some, injures all, that it is our duty to interest ourselves in everything which in any way affects the welfare of our fellow country-men We have no right to be indifferent toward some of the great movements which sway the nation's life. We may ignore them. But, if a social evil exists in our land we, by our apathy of thought and conduct, are in a measure responsible. Neutrality of mind can never release a man from his moral responsibilities.

But a civic conscience will do more than this. It will enable us to appreciate things at their proper value. We shall see the true from the false, we shall think in terms of national welfare and not of private gain.

We shall realize that to pay an agricultural labourer 12/- a week (as we did before the war), while a comedian on the stage can get a £ 1000 a week is a condition almost ironical in its injustice, that the industrial disputes which threaten to shake our social structure and paralyse our economic future are over something infinitely deeper than mere advances in wages, that the petty controversies of religious organizations do not and cannot affect the great ethical truths of Christianity.

A man will be considered great, not according to his social status, but by his service to the common good.

A civic conscience will tend to the forming of independent judgment. No longer will a man be content to shape his political opinion according to the editorial column of his favourite newspaper. He will think for himself, study things and investigate them, and come to an opinion which is not tainted with journalistic bias or influenced by political sympathies.

Men and women, in their consideration of national problems, will be above dealing in personalities. We shall scorn to traduce and slander a great and honoured name merely to gain some temporary and unworthy advantage. We shall not drag up particular events of the past merely to discredit our opponents in the eyes of the public.

Finally, this active interest will arouse within us a determination to sweep away for ever the evil blots on our national escutcheon. A passion for the happiness and well-being of our fellow brothers and sisters will fire our hearts. No longer shall we be willing to tolerate many of the grave social injustices which to-day are doing so much to mar individual felicity and endanger the common good.

Our moral and material support will ever be on the side of all good causes and noble enterprises. A broader outlook, and a wider sympathy will help us so to live and to work that this generation shall leave behind it a worthy heritage for those yet unborn.

THE DESPATCH RIDER.

In the old piping times of peace and plenty — a phrase that is hardly applicable in these days — one of the chief grievances of the enthusiastic road-man was against the motor cyclist. — the person who seemed to have one object in life, to cover a great distance in a short space of time.

How often has our peace of mind been disturbed when taking a nice "easy," by the rush and noise of the petrol maniac. It begins with a slight purr, he is then at least two miles off. It gradually increases to the sound of a rushing mighty wind, a flash, a cloud of dust and he is gone. We wonder what has happened; was it a phenomenon? No, — just a motor cyclist.

Very often he finds us down narrow country lanes whither we have gone to seek quietude; he dares where his greater brother fears to tread. Not only does he disturb the solitude with his inevitable noise, but he awakes the country-side with ear-splitting blasts on a hooter. Shall we ever escape him?

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Then there came a time when we were called upon to pack away our 'bikes,' likewise the petrol driven contraption. We were called upon to play a sterner game.

Before long our ideas of the motor cyclist underwent a change. We see him in a different picture. He is no longer just a plain "motor cyclist" but has a finer name — a name that conveys something to us all, the "D.R." Admiration is the keynote of our feelings now for the men of this fraternity.

Think for a moment of him in the dark black night, without lights, going over the wicked roads in the battle scarred area. A spare inner tube slung over his shoulders in case of emergency he dashes along absolutely regardless of cost, uncalculating only the dangers.

Often the road he is called upon to traverse is searched by artillery — the enemy knows that it is the only route for the S.D.R. He is still seeking to cover a given distance in as little time as possible — but now on his country's behalf.

What of the tidings he carries? Sometimes messages that have a bearing on an Empire's destiny. Instructions for a task to be accomplished that will cost thousands of lives, a task that will make heroes of some, so that their names will live to immortal fame. Sometimes messages of seemingly trivial consequence that makes one wonder if the S.D.R. has been asked to risk his life thoughtlessly.

The more hazardous work of the Despatch Rider is now over. But he still exists. When we see him dashing about still we speculate as to what news he carries. Has he got Demobilization Instructions? is always our first thought.

When the noise of his Douglas is first heard the occupants of the Signal Office immediately begin to 'sweat.' Curiosity is a fault of the best disciplined signallers.

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The other night about 21.30 hours — the time the orderly room staff endeavour to snatch a few moments to write home — the "chug chug" of the D.R. was heard. He was breathlessly awaited.

After a few moments suspense the envelope was handed in addressed to the C.O. and marked "Confidential."

Excitement ran high. The orderly room Sergeant wondered for a moment if he dare open it, but his conscience pricked him, so he sent it across to the Officers' Mess. The tension for the next few moments was almost unbearable.

After what seemed an age the Adjutant rushed in. "Brigade Major at once," he instructed the signaller on duty. We held our breath, what was coming? "You're through sir" at last. "That the Brigade Major?" . . . "The C.O. is very sorry sir but he can't manage it" . . . "Yes, very sorry" . . . "Good bye."

The Adjutant replaced the receiver, our curiosity was enormous. Then the Orderly Room Sergeant, plucked up courage. "Anything doing sir?" he enquired almost shaking. "Eh, no, the G.O.C. wanted to know if the Colonel could oblige him with a few bottles of —; they've run out in the mess.

We collapsed . . . . hang the D.R.

S. V. B.

Contributions for this page may be on any topic likely to interest the Rhine Army; humorous or serious, informative or descriptive, but none should exceed 500 words. Payment will be made for all that appear.

DANCING AND DANCERS.

A MAN'S VIEW.

The question as to what constitutes a good dancer and what is the fundamental basis of good dancing is one which at the present time is causing considerable discussion, especially among those, who by reason of their lack of experience, are least qualified to raise their voices in the presence of the masters!

To one who studies dancing, studies it with the quiet devotion of a lover of the beautiful, dancing is surely an attempt, successful or otherwise according to the abilities of the performer, to express in motion the spirit of music. The wild turbulent frenzy of the Russian dance, the simple grace of the minuet; each grasps the spirit of a particular class of music.

Before dealing with the merits or otherwise of present day dancing and dancers it is necessary to examine briefly the chief characteristics of modern ball room dancing.

In short they are: firstly, lack of hard and fast rules; secondly, full scope for the development of individuality; and lastly, the possibility of infinite variation at the will of the dancer.

Bearing these in mind and taking into consideration the elementary axioms as to ball room deportment, a good male dancer may be defined as one who, guiding his partner so as to cause no discomfort to others, moves in absolute harmony with the music.

In this definition no mention is made of intricate steps, dips, whirlwind turns, and those features of present day dancing, which in the eyes of the critic wrongfully reflect on the dancing, instead of, as it should be, on the dancer.

The omission is, however, more apparent than real, as it is dealt with in the words as to guiding one's partner; most exact steps do not cause discomfort to others, and although the man who studies dancing naturally acquires a knowledge of most steps, suitable and otherwise for the ball room, he in general employs none but the simplest.

From the man's point, of view a good partner is one who surrenders nerself entirely, and is sensitive to the slightest indication as to her partner's intended movements.

In conclusion let us watch a pair of good dancers in a crowded ball room. Firstly, they must be looked for; for their progress is a quiet and unobtrusive one. Their carriage, while being supple and free from stiffness, is erect and graceful.

The man, while not holding his partner at arm's length is clasping her only sufficiently closely to establish that unity which is necessary if she is, without hesitation, to follow his every movement. Changes in step are executed almost unconsciously and no break in the rhythm of the movement is perceptible.

Lastly, conversation is left mostly for the intervals, as the dancers are far too interested in the dancing itself to indulge in conventional small talk.

X. Y. Z.

THE VILLAGE DOMINIE.

I met him in a little village lying amongst the hills of Rhineland. Of slight build, with hard set face and piercing eyes he arrested my attention. He was standing near the schoolhouse, a low whitewashed building with black timbered cross pieces. I was struck with his pretty garden and still more with the background of fir clad hill and green carpeted dale, through which ran a rippling stream dear to the heart of the trout angler.

He was the monarch of all he surveyed; a little king of the Prussian type, whose sceptre was a rod, which had an awe-inspiring effect on his fifty or more small subjects.

It was the hour of school and the children, with none too cheerful faces, passed into the building followed by their taskmaster. I looked inside, the master relaxing his features in a faint smile of welcome. The room was an example of neatness and the walls were covered with maps and pictures of military subjects.

Here the young and rising generation of this Rhineland village were taught as their fathers before them.

"You English soldiers are good to our children" said the master. "They will never forget you. They sing your songs, play your games, and can do your drills. Would you like to see how they do it?

I replied: "Yes with great pleasure."

"Come forward Max!" said the master addressing a bright faced boy of about ten years of age. The boy obeyed and clicked his heels smartly coming to attention. A toy rifle was produced and he went through the drills bringing off a perfect "slope," "order," "present," at the same time repeating the words of command in English. The rest of the children sat gazing with wide opened mouths, and were greatly excited. This was the kind of lesson they loved.

My mind went back to my old village school in the homeland. There the master, a true patriot, fired our souls with love of country. We too loved to play at "soldiers" and he encouraged it. Many passed from that school to fight the fathers of the children I see gathered here, and some have also passed beyond the sight of men into the great eternity. They played the game well and nobly to the end; their children occupy the old school desks to-day; and are taught by the same master grown old in the service, but still carrying on.

Still one more picture is recalled. It is of a little village school in France now battered to the ground. We were out at rest before the great retreat and I wanted the use of the school on Sundays. One afternoon I called on the master; he too was old and grey; the younger teachers were in the trenches.

It was perhaps the darkest hour of all in the campaign for the Allies, and that afternoon I heard the children sing, as only French children can, the Marseillaise. It was wonderful, thrilling, and the fathers of the children were marching, even to death, singing the same refrain, and playing the game.

Children are very much the same the whole world over, but schoolmasters differ. It gives one food for thought to see the rising generation in Rhineland making friends with our men and imitating their drills and games. To see such a thing was beyond our wildest dreams even a year ago.

C.A.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

PRIVILEGE BONDS.

Sir,—Every Britisher knows, or should do by this time, that the floating of the Victory Loan did not meet with the phenomenal success that was predicted.

What were the real reasons that helped to bring this sorry state of affairs to pass; chiefly, to my mind, that it did not appeal to the working classes of Great Britain, or to the rank and file of His Majesty's Forces. Now, to raise new money in abundance, these particular classes must be catered for, in a manner that they can fully appreciate and understand.

An important source, from which quite a large sum annually could easily now be obtained is the rank and file of His Majesty's Forces, providing something attractive was placed before them, that they could easily understand and appreciate, so why not let them have an investment entirely on their own.

Might I offer the suggestion that the Government issue to bona-fide members of the forces a series of "Army and Navy Privilege Bonds," carrying a small rate of interest and with the chance for every bondholder to have his Bond drawn and obtain a cash bonus, once, in every six-months.

Any investment, with an element of chance attached, would appeal to their sporting instinct and incidently prove a great success towards assisting money to find its way back to the coppers of the State.

After all, many have given up so much, that they are entitled to some sort of privilege, unobtainable by the outside public. Perhaps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer might, one day, entertain this form of investment, with advantage to all concerned.

T. F. C.

SPURIOUS AMBER.

Sir,—For some time past, large quantities of amber — chiefly in the form of necklaces — have been on sale in Cologne, and I should like to warn everyone against spurious amber which is beginning to appear.

The imitations are very good and even flaws are cleverly worked in, but if the following simple test is applied, there is no chance of deception.

Breathe two or three times on the palm of the hand, and then rub the amber briskly. If the hand then smells at all of resin, the article is not genuine, as real amber gives off no smell when this test in applied. To prove that it is real, the shopkeepers will generally rub it and make it pick up small pieces of paper, but this is no proof, as a stick of ebony or a plain glass rod when rubbed with cloth will give the same result.

Further it might be as well to add that the prices now charged in Cologne, taking into consideration the low value of the mark, are as high if not higher than one would have to pay in England for real amber.

VERITAS.

"IS THE GERMAN IMPOLITE?"

Sir,—This question is not an easy one to answer as different lands have different customs.

The other day I happened to be discussing this matter with some German people, and even they were of two minds on the subject.

The English, in their opinion, are much more polite than the Germans in some things, for instance they were quite surprised when they first saw English soldiers giving up the seats in tramcars, etc. to ladies; they were likewise pleasantly surprised when an English soldier held the door open for them to pass out of the Cathedral; the Germans apparently only think of being polite to their friends.

On the other hand we are considered very "cold" and off-handed, especially in our greetings, but to my idea the tremendous flourish with which the German menfolk raise their hats to each other is not only ridiculous, but has something almost servile in it.

"MANNERS MAKETH MAN."

OUR WIVES AND FAMILIES.

Sir,—Like many more I would like to bring my wife out here for a holiday provided the cost would come within my means, and there are plenty of N.C.O.'s and men who will be conjecturing as to the cost.

We know nothing at present except that we may bring them out at our own expense, we don't know even how much we are to be charged for rations.

I am afraid that the usual overland routes would be too expensive for the average Tommy, but there are possibilities of bringing them over by steamer.

There are numerous seaports on the coasts of Scotland and England from where regular steamer services were run to Rotterdam, Antwerp, and other ports on this side.

Once anded there, the rest of the journey I from either of these ports to Cologne or Bonn would be comparatively easy, and would be much cheaper, and save the numerous changes, with the inevitable trouble of looking after luggage.

I have no doubt these steamer routes will be open again, and I quite agree with your correspondent that the Government might arrange with a continental touring agency to help us out. Perhaps ti could also be arranged for separation allowances to be drawn on this side during the visit.

SCOTS VOLUNTEER.

THE ROSE—AND THE THORN.

"Some people grumble that roses have thorns; I am rejoiced that the thorns have roses." — French saying.

The Summer was fragrant beyond belief,
The Sun was the King of the Morn,
When I met a child weeping, who said, in grief
"My Rose, that I plucked, has a Thorn!"

I turned to the Rosebush: the counterpart
Of the little one's flower I chose,
And, holding it to her, said "Look, Sweetheart!
My Thorn has a beautiful Rose!"

As we walk through Life's Garden, by night or day,
And we find what its Wall encloses,
That the Roses have Thorns let us never say, —
But rejoice that the Thorns have Roses.

O.W.

BOXING AT SOLINGEN.

Competition In The Rhine Army Championships.

ADDRESS BY LT.-COL. BETTS, D.S.O.

Nobody could have been disappointed in the boxing competition held by the 1st Light Brigade at Solingen on Friday night. The contests, which were a further stage in the Rhine Army Championships, provided boxing of a very good order, especially in the lighter weights. There was a large number of spectators and every event was keenly followed. The enthusiasm evinced bespoke a very healthy rivalry between the battalions of the Brigade. Amongst those present were Major-General G. D. Geffreys, C. B., C.M.G., (G.O.C. Light Division), Brig.-General G. V. Hordern, C. B., C.M.G., (commanding 1st Light Brigade) and Major F. W. Parish, D.S.O., M.C., Lieut.-Col. H. A. Vernon- D.S.O., and Lieut.-Col. W. G. Wilton, commanding the 13th Battalion, 18th and 20th Battalions K.R.R.C. respectively.

The Officials.

The officials were.—Referee: Lieut.—Col. J. Betts, D.S.O.; Judges: Capt. M. Brown, M. C. and Capt. G. Hilbert, C.B.E., M. C. (School of P. and R. T., Cologne); Timekeeper: Lieut. A. T. Pethick, M.C., Lieut. H. Pratt; M. O., Capt. C. Chetfield, M. C.; Recording officer: Capt. G. Walsh, M. C.; Officer i/c competitors, Capt. P. A. Chester.

One of the features of the semi finals was the plucky fight put up by Rfn. Gitana, 13th K.R.R.C. against Rfn. Covenry, (18th) in the middles. The latter, who has a terrific punch, won on points. Another good fight was that between Rfn. Doe (13th), Doe winning on points.

Final Bouts.

The finals, which produced very good work throughout, were decided as follows:—

Heavy:—C.S.M, Paddington (18th) beat Rfn. Vinton, 13th K.R.R.C. Referee stopped fight in the first round.

Middle:—Rfn. Covenry (18th) beat Sergt. Collins (20th) on points.

Officers Middle:—Lieut. Considine (18th) beat Lieut. Acarmley, (13th) on points.

Welter:—L/Cpl. Homsworth (13th) beat Rfn. Doke (18th) on points.

Officers welter:—Lieut. Braddock (18th) beat Lieut. Kirkland, (20th); Referee stopped fight in first round.

Light:—Rfn. Gardner (18th) beat Rfn. Bish (13th).

Feather:—Rfn. Frogley (13th) beat L/Cpl. Killagher (20th) on points.

Bantam:—Rfn. Doe (13th) beat Rfn. Pearce (18th), latter giving in first round.

A Sporting Audience.

At the conclusion of the events, Col. Betts said that what impressed him more than anything that evening was the exceptionally clean boxing and good sportsmanship. He had seen a great deal of boxing and he could honestly say—he assured them that he meant every word—that he had never seen a better conducted audience or cleaner boxing.

Major-General Jeffreys, before presenting the prizes, said that as most of those present were young soldiers they probably could not realise as well as the old soldiers could, the great weight attached to a compliment by Col. Betts. Nobody was better qualified to speak on boxing—certainly on service boxing. Col. Bett's name was a household word in the old Army. For many years he was champion of Arms in the British Army and he was in a better position than any other man in the service to speak on any form of physical training.

The points awarded to the Battalion teams were as follows:—

13th K.R.R.C. 22½; 20th K.R.R.C. 19; 18th K.R.R.C. 17.

JABEZ WOLFF.

Attempt To Swim The English Channel Abandoned.

Jabez Wolff has abandoned his attempt to swim the Channel after receiving reports from French and British pilots as to the conditions prevailing in the Channel.

CLEANLINESS OF BILLETS.

Novel Competition At Sechtem.

A little friendly competition between No 3 Platoon, A. Coy., and the Signal Section 1/6th Bn., Welsh Regt., took a novel form recently at Sechtem. There were five events for each of which points were awarded, namely football, basket-ball, arm drill, cleanliness etc. of billets, and full marching order inspection. The winner of each event obtained one mark—the result being No 3 Platoon 3 marks. The winnings (over 1000 marks) were spent in giving No 3 a dinner, which was much appreciated.

The dinner was followed by a short dance during the intervals of which the Signal Officer, and No 3 Platoon Officer made speeches, as also did Sergt. Morland (Sigs) and Sergt. Watts (No. 3). The party dispersed at 22.00 hours after a pleasantly spent evening.

Tennis Championships.

In the East of England lawn tennis championships, which were continued at Felixstowe yesterday, C. E. Leo Lyle, M.P., has reached the third round of the mens' singles.

Prominent winners at the Worthing tournament were C. P. Dixon, G. N. Thompson, and F. R. L. Crawford, each of whom have reached the third round of the men's singles.

B. I. C. Norton, Miss Ryan and Mrs. Larcombe are among those competing in the Derbyshire championship at Buxton.

Billiards.

A very interesting game of Billiards was played at the R.A.S.C. Bakeries Billet, Kalk on Tuesday when the home team met the R.A.S.C. M.T. Workshop, London Division. The games were of 100 up; teams six-a-side. Results:—

R.A.S.C. Bakeries 597; R.A.S.C., M.T. Workshop, London Division 389. Bakeries won by 208.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Thursday, August 14, 1919.

Surface wind between S.E. and S.W. 5 to 10 m.p.h. Fine: mist in the early morning; very warm. Some risk of thunderstorms later.

ACTRESS JOCKEYS.

Charming Pictures In Cinema Derby At Chelsea.

A WONDERFUL TRIUMPH.

The sports meeting at Stamford Bridge on Tuesday held by the members of the Cinema Trade for their Benevolent Fund was a gigantic success. There were crowds everywhere on the stands and in the arena, and the program was of such gigantic dimensions that the schedule had to do some overlapping before the end. About 9,000 spectators were present, and with £1,500 taken before the day by the sale of tickets, etc., the financial success of the meeting was again assured.

Eddie Polo, the circus darling of the younger generation, did not turn up as expected to take part in one of the trade races, but Miss Ivy Close and Miss Peggy Carlisle and many other actresses made charming pictures in their jockey costumes, which they wore in the Cinema Derby. Those who wished for a closer acquaintance with the stars of the film had the opportunity of being photographed—at a dollar a time—in the act of being introduced to the cinema favourite of their own selection, and in various other ways (writes "Astral" in the "Daily News") the funds were splendidly helped along.

Sun-Browned Maids.

Over a hundred girls took part in the trade races. Some of them ran with an ease and speed that many of their brothers might have envied, and in the tandem races, where the blindfolded male runner was held in guiding strings by his fair partner, the driver in most cases kept urgently on the heels of their gallant steeds. Here and there sun-browned maids in their artistic athletic costumes might be seen whiling away the time jazzing to the strains of an enthusiastic cinema band, led by a Sousa-like conductor dressed in flannels.

The defeat of the furlong champion, W.A. Hill, in the final, thanks to a tremendously exacting handicap, was greeted as a wonderful triumph for the cinema world, but Howard Baker's magnificent jump of 6ft, 2½in was much admired. Baker stands 6ft, 2in. high.

AN ALL DAY MEETING.

12th (S) Bn. Royal Irish Rifles Sports.

Favoured by beautiful weather the Royal Irish Rifles held a very successful meeting at Haan on Thursday, preliminaries having been run off on the preceding Monday. The spacious sports ground was packed all day with an enthusiastic and appreciative concourse. By kind permission of Lt.-Col. Brady, D.S.O., the band of the 6th London Regt. played splendid selections under the baton of Bandmaster Fordham. At the conclusion of a most interesting day, Lt.-Col W. R. Goodwin, C.M.G., D.S.O., presented the prizes to the successful competitors.

The Officials were:—

Judges:—Lt.-Col. W. R. Goodwin, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Capt. C. J. Love; Capt. W. H. Bell, M.C., and Capt. and Adjutant C. Holmes, M.C.

Starter:—Lt. R. C. Scott, M.C.

Time-keeper:—Lt. M. G. Gilmore.

Recorders:—Capt. W. Somers, M.C., and Lt T. A. Phemis.

Stewards:—Lt. B. W. Bourke, M.C., Lt. J. Miller, Lt. J. S. McMoster, 2 Lt. J. H. McWright, M.C., and Lt L. C. Hughes.

Marshals:—R.S.M. J. Greene, M.M., Sgt.-Major Turner, A.G.S., C.S.M. Scott, and C.Q.M.S. Magill.

Reporter:—Sgt. Allen.

DETAILS.

440 yards:—1, L/Cpl. Payne; 2, Rfn. Isted; 3, Rfn Reid. Time 4 2/5 secs.

220 yards (Officers):—1, Lt. Wallis; 2, Lt. Wright; 3, Lt. Campbell. Time 26 secs.

100 yards:—1, Lt. Hughes; 2, L Cpl. Doherty; 3, Rfn. Smith. Time 11 3/5 secs.

Putting the shot:—1, Lt. Gilmore; 2, Lt. Black.

1 mile:—1, L/Cpl. Cotmore; 2, Cpl. Gordon; 3, Rfn. Isted. Time 5 min. 21 2/5 secs.

Sack race:—1, Rfn. Murphy; 2, Rfn. Crisford; 3, Cpl. Rolfe.

Tug-of-war:—1, C Coy.; 2, B Coy.

Pillow fight:—1, L/Cpl. Grayes; 2, Rfn. Crisford.

120 yards hurdles:—1, L/Cpl. Bell; 2, Lt Black; 3, Rfn. Puddick.

1 mile relay:—1, D Coy. team; L/Cpl. Doherty, L/Cpl. Payne, Rfn. Isted, Rfn. Reid; 2, C Coy.

Mule race:—1, Rfn. Todd; 2, Rfn. Geddes; 3, Rfn. Walker.

Officer's gymkhana:—1, Lt. McDowell; 2, Capt. Holmes; 3, Lt. Wright.

880 yards:—1, L/Cpl. Cotmore; 2, Rfn. Isted; 3, Rfn. Reid. Time 2 min. 22 2/5 secs.

Football (Five a-side):—1, C Coy. team; Lt. Scott, Sgt. Allen, L/Cpl. Atcheson, Rfn. Childs and Rfn. Puddick; 2, A Coy.

4 legged race:—1, Rfn. Pollock, Rfn. McCord and Rfn. Scanton.

3 miles:—1, L/Cpl. Cotmore; 2, Cpl. Rolfe; 3, Rfn. Walker. Time 17 min. 48 secs.

High jump:—1, Lt. Hughes and Rfn. Kearns, (ti) 4 ft. 7 ins.; 2, Rfn. Lannon and Rfn. Pollock (tie) 4 ft. 6 ins.

Band race:—1, Bass Drum.

American Boxing.

Benny Leonard beat Patsy Cline in a 6-rounds contest at Philadelphia, thus adding to a long list of ring victories.

FIRST TO FINISH.

Lowland Div. M.T. Coy. Play All their C.P.C. Matches.

EXEMPLARY CLUB.

The honour of being the first to finish their fixtures in the C.P.C.C., lies with the Lowland Div. M. T. Coy., Their record is a good one, viz. —

P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
11	9	2	0	18

All the matches have been played and none scratched.

Appended are Summaries of the most recent matches in the competition: —

1/4 YORK AND LANC (153 for 4) v. 75 BDE. R.F.A. (150) played in Blücher Park on Tuesday. Chief scores for York and Lanc: L/C. Paine 58; Pte. Haigh 35, Capt. Dixon 27; for R.F.A. Lieut. Campney 35, Lieut. Chilman 15, and Dvr. Evans 25. Pte. Senior bowled very well indeed, and two splendid catches were made by Ptes. Herbert and Howard. L/C. Paine again helped his team to victory.

52nd BN. NORTHUMBERLAND FUS. (119) v. BAKERIES SPORTS CLUB (37) at Kalk. The chief scores for N.F.'s were Lt. Emery (35), Lt. Porter-Hargreaves (27), and Lt. Common (12). Pte. Lines played very well for the Bakeries taking 8 wickets and made 12. Lt. Emery took 4 wickets for 8 runs, and Lt. Common 6 wickets for 20 runs for N.F.'s.

52nd BN. NORTHUMBERLAND FUS. (71) v. 51st AUX. BUS. COY. (46) at Stilz. Chief scores for N.F. were Pte. Hallas (21 not out), Pte. West (18), and Lt. Emery (10). Lt. Emery took 5 wickets for 19 and Lt. Common 5 for 24. Pte. Tudor for Bus. Coy. made 22 and took 6 wickets for 21 runs.

90th R.E. (75) v. 1/5 K.O.S.B. (59). For R.E.'s Sgt. Bridges scored 29 and Lt. Askew 12. Lt. Shaw (17 not out) was top scorer for the 1/5 K.O.S.B.

2/4 HANTS (66 for 3) v. LONDON DIV. M.T. COY. (64). For the Hampshire, Sgt. Hampton (38 not out) and Sgt. Taylor (18) were top scorers. Pte. Jacobs suddenly found his length and bowled well at the close for the M.T. Coy.; Cpl. Wright made some good hits for his 20 and Lt. Wright played well for 14.

17th LANCERS (86 for 2) v. CAV. D.A.C. (84) at Bergheim. Dvr. Herrin scored 32 and Saddler Price 32 for Cav. D.A.C. For 17th Lancers Capt. Fowlor made 50 not out and Capt. Stanyforth 11, while Capt. Fowler also took 5 wickets for 31 runs and Cpl. Whitfield 5 for 32.

1/4 YORK AND LANC (153 for 4) v 75 BDE. R.F.A. (150) played in Blücher Park on Tuesday. Chief scores for York and Lanc: L/C. Paine 58; Pte. Haigh 35, Capt. Dixon 27; for R.F.A. Lieut. Campney 35, Lieut. Chilman 45, and Dvr. Evans 25. Pte. Senior bowled very well indeed, and two splendid catches were made by Ptes. Herbert and Howard. L/C. Paine again helped his team to victory.

16th LANCS FUSILIERS (171) v 23 ROYAL FUSILIERS (51) at Bonn. For the Lancs Fus. Pte. Camp made 62, Lieut. Thomson 33, and Capt. Potts 20. Pte. Camp bowled well, taking 9 wickets for 16 runs. For the Royal Fusiliers Lieut. McCormick scored 17 and took 7 wickets for 58 runs.

4th BATTALION SUFFOLK REGT. (149 FOR 4) v 51st ROYAL SUSSEX (42) at Troisdorf. For the Sussex Lieut. Argent scored 19. For the Suffolk Regt. Lieut. Kirby scored 82, and Lieut. Hoyland 32, and Pte. Pither took 6 wickets for 18.

51st Bedfords 117; 303 Siege Bty. R.G.A. 69.

Lowland Div. M.T. Coy. 79; Southern Div. R.E. 36.

13th Kings Liverpools 134 for 7; Eastern Div. H.Q. 74.

17th Lancers 88 for 2; No. 2 Water Tank Coy. 53.

13th Kings Liverpools 52; 51st Bedfords 37.

COLOGNE SOUTHERN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
93 Bde. R.G.A.	22	22	0		44§
41 Bn. M.G.C.	19	18	1		36§
34 M.G.C.	17	15	2		30§+
Wahn Survey Det.	21	14	7		28§
180 Labour Coy.	18	14	4		28§
2 Bn M.G.C.	18	13	3	2	28§
D/190 Bde. R.F.A.	19	13	5	1	27§
170 Siege Bty.	18	13	14	1	27§
Northern Div. R.E.	20	13	7		26§
5 R. Irish Regt.	17	11	5	1	23§+
51 Devons	16	11	5		22§
3 Bn. M.G.C.	17	9	8		18§
H.A.C. c/o D.A.P.M.	17	8	9		16§
12 R. Irish Rifles	15	8	7		16§
VI Corps H.Q.	20	7	13		14§+
3 Northern Bde.	17	7	10		14§
"G" A.A. Bty. R.G.A.	18	6	11	1	13§+

§ Points awarded for scratched games.

+ Games lost by default.

Please note:—The following teams have withdrawn:

No 14 G.H.Q., M.T. Coy. (Cologne Northern League);

Mid. Div. M.T. Coy. (Euskirchen League);

52nd Bedford Regt. (Cologne Southern League);

52nd Cheshire Regt. (Bonn League).

152 Heavy Bty. R.G.A.

Continuing their series of section matches, Right Section v Am. Column on Monday at Godesberg, the latter won by 20 runs, scoring 48 against 28. The outstanding feature was the bowling of Gnr. Pickard who took 7 wickets for 10 runs.

Army v. R.A.F.

Against the Army at the Oval on Friday the R.A.F. will be represented by Lieut.-Col. Blount, Lieut.-Col. D. Harries, Major E. C. Baker, Capt. S. D. Harrower, Capt. W. H. G. Heath, Capt. P. Burke, Capt. G. F. Earle, Capt. A. S. Marriott, Capt. Cransoun, Capt. L. P. Hoult, and Air-M. E. Tomkins.

ENGLISH RACING.

All The Favourites Win At Nottingham Meeting.

FOLKESTONE DETAILS.

Only once or twice in a season do all the first favourites win. On Tuesday at Nottingham all the favourites won, but so short were the prices if anyone had supported the lot he would not have made a fortune.

The following were the results:—

Westerhanger Plate:—1, Saintly Maude (6—4); 2, Ma Petite (11—10 on); 3, Billericay (8—1).

Deal Selling Plate:—1, Maroon (8—1); 2, Outcast (11—8 on); 3, Clarilan Colt (5—2).

Saltwood Plate:—1, Flower Day (6—4); 2, Lady Grave-airs (11—8 on); 3, Poletrap (20—1).

Cinque Ports Handicap:—1, Somerset Lassie (evens); 2, Starsheen (3—1); 3, All Feathers (10—8).

Folkestone Plate:—1, Trench Warfare (6—1): 2, Moyglare (9—4 on); 3, Batchelor's Dance (5—1).

Smeeth Handicap:— 1, Golden Ord (5—2 on); 2, Tilbury (5—1); 3, Happy Maid (6—1).

Nottingham Results.

Oxton Handicap:— 1, Nachededorne (2—1); 2, Party Truce (9—4); 3, Simons Craft (6—1) and Haligunde (5—2) dead heat.

Robin Hood Plate:—1, Jane Shore (9—4 on); 2, Galatima (20—1); 3, Ashbede (20—1).

Friar Tuck Plate:—1, Sirian (9—4 on); 2, Cocksure (9—4); 3, Stray Park (25—1).

Stewards' Handicap:— 1. Scatwell (5—4); 2, Greenroom (8—1); 3, Arwin (10—1).

Great Midland Plate:—1, Will o'Wisp (10—8); 2, Lady Llama (evens); 3, Matruh (3—1).

Bestwood Plate:—1. Muscovite (5—4; 2. Rescue (5—2); 3. Charles Martel (6—1).

GALLIPOLI ANNIVERSARY.

2/4th Queens Interesting Celebration.

In commemoration of the landing of the 2/4th Battalion, Queens Regt. on Suvla Bay, Gallipoli, on August 8th, 1915, a dinner was given at the Savoy Hotel, Cologne, on Friday August 8th 1919.

There are only 20 members of the Battalion who landed on Sulva, at present on the strength of the Battalion, and 16 of these only sat down to dinner, including one officer.

The toast of the "King" was duly honoured; followed in due course by "The 2/4th Queens" and "Absent Comrades."

On this unforgettable night in 1919 the fortunes of the Battalion were once again followed through Gallipoli to Egypt, the Suez, the Sinai, on that long long trail, to Palestine.

When beyond Jerusalem the order came to "about turn" and in due course the return journey brought us to "Sunny" France, and to Rhineland.

The toast "Absent Comrades" made all present think of the boys who had been left on those foreign shores, as in the words of Rupert Brooke— "For there's some corner of a foreign field that is for ever England."

The evening was not, of course, wholly spent in reminiscences, and the pianist did some good work with the piano.

ALL OUT FOR SIX.

Lancs Liv: M. T. Coy. (161) v. 29th Bde A.S.C. (6).—A friendly match arranged by these clubs took place on Saturday on D. Ground, Bonn and proved rather one sided. Lancs Div. M. T. Company had choice of innings and batted first, compiling the respectable score of 161. A most sensational collapse was the feature of the 29th Brigade innings, the whole side being dismissed for 6 runs. L/Cpl. Edwards and L Cpl. Bennett shared bowling honours, the former taking 5 wickets for no runs, and Bennett capturing five for five runs. The extra was a wide.

STARTLING CRICKET IN NORTHERN BRIGADE.

The 3rd Battalion M.G.C. played 3rd Northern Bde H.Q. at Riehl on the 11th inst. The Machine Gunners won the toss put their opponents in to bat and dismissed them for 70. They then proceeded to knock off the runs without loss. When stumps were drawn they had scored 111 for no wickets. Pte. Hughes played a fine innings of 67, not out, hitting six boundaries off the last over of the match. Pte. Pullen played very steadily for his 25 not out.

Scores. 3rd Northern Bde H.Q. 70.

3rd Battalion M.G.C. 111 for no wicket.

TWO CENTURIES.

Knight in Splendid Form at the Oval.

SURREY v. YORKS.

Nearly all the chief interest of Tuesday's cricket at the Oval—where Surrey and Yorkshire drew—gathered round the personality of Donald Knight, who at the early age of twenty-five had the rare felicity of scoring a separate hundred in each innings. Some of the critics making early comparisons declare that no better amateur batsman of Knight's age has been seen since the palmy days of A. C. MacLaren and Reginald Spooner.

Scores:—

Surrey 324 and 189 for 4, declared; Yorkshire 243 and 110 for 4. Match drawn.

Notts (374 for 5, declared) beat Sussex (155 and 212) by an innings and 7 runs.

Kent (379) beat Hampshire (153 and 187) by an innings and 39.

Somerset 379 and 84; Essex 298. Match drawn.

ARMY HORSE SHOW.

List of events for Monday and Tuesday.

The organisers of the British Army of Rhine Horse Show emphasize the fact, for the benefit of prospective spectators, that the events on Monday and Tuesday next will *not* be on the Cologne Racecourse, but on the Exerzierplatz, Merheim (East of Cologne).

Considerable interest is being excited in the show, the programme for which includes many attractive events. Jumping will be a special feature and for this phase, the most successful jumpers in the Rhine Army will take part.

Additional interest will be provided by numerous side-shows, which promise to be particularly entertaining. Refreshments, too, will receive special attention, provision having been made for all ranks for the edification of the "inner man." Further information concerning the show is given in our advertising columns.

EVENTS 1st DAY, AUG. 18th.

The following is a list of events:—

Time Hrs	Ser.	Cl.	Description of event	Ring
10.00	5	d	4-mule teams	A
10.00	6	a	Pairs (heavy draught)	C
10.00	14	e	Best Horse, Mule or Pack Pony	E
10.30	4	–	6-mule teams	B
10.30	6	b	Pairs (heavy draught)	C
11.00	1	c	6-horse teams (light draught)	A
11.00	6	c	Pairs (heavy draught)	C
11.00	13	a	Individual turn-out	E
11.30	6	d	Pairs (heavy draught)	C
12.00	2	a	4-horse teams (light draught)	B
12.00	7	a	Pairs (light draught)	C
12.00	14	a	Best Horse, Mule or Pack Pony	E
12.00	16	–	Shoeing	Shoeing Ring
13.30	15	a	Mechanical transport	F
14.00	5	b1	4-mule teams	B
14.00	7	b	Pairs (light draught)	C
14.00	11	b	Jumping (other ranks)	D
14.00	13	c	Individual turn-out	E
14.30	8	b	Pairs (mules)	C
14.30	15	b	Mechanical transport	F
15.00	3	a	R.G.A. heavy draught	A
15.00	8	c	Pairs (mules)	C
15.00	13	b	Individual turn-out	E
15.30	8	a	Pairs mules	C
15.30	15	c	Mechanical transport	F
16.00	1	b	6-horse teams (light draught)	A
16.00	13	d	Individual turn-out	E
16.00	15	d	Mechanical transport	F
16.30	10	a	Native drivers	C

EVENTS 2nd DAY, AUG. 19th.

Time	Ser.	Cl.	Description of event	Ring
10.00	5	b11	4-mule teams	B
10.00	9	a	Single harness (light draught or mule)	C
10.00	11	a11	Jumping (officers)	D
10.00	14	b	Best horse, mule or pack pony	E
10.30	5	c	4-mule teams	A
10.30	9	b	Single harness (light draught or mule)	C
11.00	9	c	Ditto	C
11.00	14	c	Best horse, mule or pack pony	E
11.30	2	c	4-horse teams (light draught)	B
11.30	9	d	Single harness (light draught or mule)	C
12.00	2	b	4-horse teams (light draught)	A
12.00	10	a	Pack mule or pony	C
12.00	14	d	Best horse, mule or pack pony	E
12.00	16	–	Shoeing	Shoeing Ring
13.30	15	f	Mechanical transport	F
14.00	3	b	R.G.A. heavy draught	B
14.00	10	b	Pack mule or pony	C
14.00	11	a1	Jumping (officers open)	D
14.00	12	c	Chargers	E
14.30	10	c	Pack mule or pony	C
14.30	15	g	Mechanical transport	F
15.00	1	a	6-horse teams (light draught)	A
15.00	10	d	Pack mule or pony	C
15.00	12	a	Chargers	E
15.00	15	h	Mechanical transport	F
16.00	5	a	4-mule teams	B
16.00	15	e	Mechanical transport	F
16.00	12	b	Chargers	E
17.30			PRESENTATION OF PRIZES	B

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

The "Tonics".

The announcement that the "Tonics" Concert Party were re-appearing at the Leave Club with an entirely new programme, and new costumes drew a large audience, despite the great heat. The whole programme was excellent, and it is difficult to pick out special performers for particular praise, but Sangar and Finlay's Dancing was remarkable. A more serious element was introduced by the singing of "Watchman, what of the Night" as a duet by Lt. Ramsay and Dodds.

The Riehl Jazz Band, now so well-known in Cologne got a great reception, and much of the success of the evening was due to Frank Collinson, the pianist.

Thief! Thief!

Messrs Tankyshun and Bitashun the famous detectives of "The Tabs" revue company have delighted thousands of people with their foolery. They are up against a really serious proposition now, however, and a genuine mystery is presented for them to unravel. On Wednesday afternoon, at Berg-Gladbach, thieves broke into the theatre there and stole a hundred pounds worth of "props." Large quantities of clothes were discovered to be missing shortly before the entertainment was timed to start, the thieves having apparently forced an entry into the building from the back of the stage. A suit case, with the lock cut away, was later found in a field near by. The loss to the individual members is naturally very serious and a benefit performance would be a happy method of recovering the loss, since it is hardly likely that there is an existing fund that would cover such a situation.

JACQUES.

SPORTING CELEBRITIES.

Major J. Victor Smith, O.B.E., R.A.S.C., No. 2 in our portrait gallery of sporting celebrities, is Commander of H.Q. Coy., Midland Divisional Train. He took first prize for best turn-out in the French Horse Show at Wiesbaden last month. Major Smith is a well-known personality in the hunting fields of Leicester and at the Race Meetings held in the Rhine Army is generally represented by one or two horses. He has several horses in training and we look forward to his popular sportsman and horse lover bringing off a coup in the near future.

3 MILE CROSS COUNTRY RUN.

The following table gives the results with number of points awarded in the 3 mile cross-country run which was carried out last week by the 51st Northumberland Fusiliers: —

1st, 65740 Pte Norcliffe, B. Coy., 3 points;
2nd, 235455 Pte Scholey, A. Coy., 2 points;
3rd, 37180 Sergt. Martin, J. C. Coy., 1 point.

Three men of A. Coy., three men of E. Coy., three men of C. Coy., and 11 men of D. Coy., completed the course in 21 minutes.

Totals:—A. Coy. 2¾ points; B. Coy. 3¾ points; C. Coy. 2½ points; D. Coy. 2¼ points.

VICTORY CRICKET SHIELD.

On Sunday, a great surprise resulted when "B" Squadron, who had hitherto lost all their matches, defeated "A" Squadron, 3rd Hussars, favourites for the Victory Cricket Shield, by 34 runs. "A" scored 111, of which Capt. Boynell made 32 in good style and Lieut Dalrymple 19. "B" Squadron went in and, using the long handle, knocked up 145 to the delight of their supporters. Pte. Hudson scored by free hitting and Cpl. Curry carried his bat for a really cheerful 38. Lieut. Cameron took 5 for 37 for "A" and for "B" Cpl. Curry took 5 for 28.

"BOBBIES'" AQUATIC RACES.

Exciting finishes are frequently the feature of races in which policemen participate, and this was a characteristic of the racing at Southwark Baths one evening this week where the members of the City of London Police Swimming Club disported themselves. This was specially the case during the competition of a 50 yards handicap. As in the preliminaries, the final also furnished an exciting finish, and reflects great credit on Police-constable Greenop, the handicapper. Result: Final heat, 50 yards (two lengths) handicap—G. Hodges, 10sec. start, 1; E. Monk, 10sec, 2; C. Perry, 14sec, 3; G. Doe, 7sec, 4; I. Richardson, 15sec, 5; G. Innocent, 24sec, 6; won by a touch, inches only dividing next two. Time 48 3-5sec. Limit 24sec.

Three-Day Cricket.

The committee of the Derbyshire County Cricket Club have instructed their representative at the forthcoming meeting of the Cricket Advisory Committee to vote in favour of a return to the system of three-day matches in the County Championship.

It has been decided to re-establish a cricket nursery at Derby, towards which some handsome promises of assistance have been received, including one from Major C. W. Lowther, son of the Speaker.

When the Advisory Board meet at the Oval next Tuesday the return to three-day matches will also be supported by Gloucestershire.

Sufficient unto the Day.

One of the Yorkshire players signed about a dozen schoolboys' autograph books at the Oval. Then, looking at the expectant queue awaiting their turn, he mopped his forehead and said:—"That's enough for to-day, me lads."

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Childs and Deauville.

Childs may cross the Channel to ride at Deauville next Sunday.

The Talk of London.

The substitute boxing programme arranged by Mr. C.B. Cochran for Olympia on September 2 is the talk of the town.

Popular in Yorkshire.

Cricket is not losing its hold on the public in Yorkshire, for during the two days of the match with Lancashire 37,000 people paid £1,670 to see a drawn game.

Swimming and Prize-winning.

It is claimed by many who have the best interests of swimming at heart that far too much importance has been placed in the past on the mere ability to win prizes over short distances.

A Course of Physic.

The Panther has been on the easy list since C. Marsh took charge of him, and he has also undergone a course of physic. The Derby failure is said to be a doubtful starter for the St. Leger.

Lady Sprinter.

Recently a North of England Ladies, 100 Yards Championship was promoted and was won by Miss Barton, who ran in spiked shoes, and was coached by her father, himself a famous athlete in his day. Her time for the race was 13 sec.

Blistered Hock.

The Panther has always had a weak-looking hock, and this has now been blistered.

475 Runs in 4 Hours.

The Minor Counties piled up runs at a terrific pace against M.C.C. at Lord's this week their total of 475 being reached in only four hours.

Injured "Goalie."

Lansdale, the Norwich City goalkeeper, sustained a nasty cut at the back of the head when attempting to take the ball from the foot of a forward threatening his goal in a trial match at Norwich.

Inter-Divisional Championships.

The programme at the two days' sports festival of the National Federation of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers, to be held at Stamford Bridge next month, includes ten inter-divisional championships, open to Federation members only.

U.S. v. Sweden.

The American Bethlehem football team, captained by Cahill, met a prominent Stockholm team at the Stadium. The match, which had been anticipated with the greatest interest, was played in a high wind and was witnessed by a large crowd. The game was drawn, both sides scoring twice.

At Blackfriars Ring.

G. Clark (Bermondsey) knocked out Sid Whitley (Walworth) in the second round at the Blackfriars Ring.

Spurs' Forwards.

The following front line, the Spurs' manager believes to be equal to any in the league:—Walden, Lindsay, Cantrell, Bliss, and Chipperfield.

New Wicket-keepers.

Two new wicketkeepers were on view at Leyton and Weston-super-Mare last week. L. Williams substituted R.A.T. Miller behind the stumps for Sussex, and H. Gibbs kept for Somerset.

Hunting Revived.

For the first time since 1914, hunting will be allowed in France. Last year an attempt to resume shooting was made in some of the Departments, but the official fixing of the dates for this year restores full liberty to sportsmen.

Veteran Athletes.

There is no stopping our veteran athletes. An 60 yards handicap was decided at Bradford last week, and the winner turned up in A. Varley, who, off the 14 yards mark, got home in 6 9-16secs. Varley won on the same ground a year ago. He had not run previously for more than thirty years.

County Bowls Champions.

Bedfordshire defeated Devon in the final for the English county bowls championship by 95—73.

World-wide Fame.

Mr. Arthur Stow, of Barrowfield, is known throughout Lancashire as a cotton magnate, but his fame as a pigeon-racer is world-wide.

Schoolboys In County Cricket.

Three more public schoolboys appeared in county cricket on Friday, and all made a promising début. The Hill-Wood brothers were in the Derbyshire team and S. G. Considine turned out for Somerset.

Another Golf Denial.

Another official denial comes from the Rules of Golf Committee. There is no truth in the report that they intend to remodel the rules of golf, or that the stymie is to be abolished. Further, no legislation will be introduced in connection with a standard ball.

Tattersall's "Sweep."

The winner of Tattersall's sweepstake on the Sydney Cup drew £4350, the second £1566, and the third £870. Similar amounts went to the lucky ticket-holders in the Newcastle Handicap sweep. Each sweep consisted of 100,000 tickets at 5s. each.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Children Take to Sport.

Much entertainment can be obtained by a study of the children of Rhineland. The way in which, with a child's inherent love of sports, they have taken up football, hockey, and other games is very marked, but it would be interesting to note whether, in view of a long occupation by the British Army, this will have any tendency to develop their character on more chivalrous lines in the future, remembering of course that British chivalry is supposed to be definitely built on the foundation of "games" which play so large a part in the education of the English boy.

Training for Grocery.

Thousands of young men, are laying down the sword to take up the sugar bag. They are being trained and helped back to the counter by the Institute of Certificated Grocers in conjunction with the Education Department of the War Office, and a series of examinations among our soldiers in the Army of Occupation has just been completed at the University at Bonn and at other centres. The institute's course of study enables the ordinary man behind the counter to go through all the branches of the business and to attain a position that hitherto has been beyond his reach. The institute has the hearty co-operation of the War Office.

Goods to England.

Attention is drawn to the fact that goods which are not on the free list may not be imported into England before an import licence has been obtained from the Board of Trade. All goods sent without the above licence having been obtained are liable to confiscation. Particulars as to the free list may be obtained from the Besatzungsabteilung, Blaubach 1.

Platform Riding.

Apropos of the undoubtedly efficient running of the Cologne tramway system there is, however, a practice which is sometimes heard to be adversely commented upon. And in a country with a reputation for the strict regulation of the liberties and comfort of its citizens, certainly it is surprising that this custom, has not been "verbotenised." What is alluded to is the permission given to passengers to ride on the platforms of the cars. The driver is often seen to be so hustled by people standing at his end as to interefere with his responsible task whilst the lot of the conductor is the reverse of enviable. Seemingly, thinness in an applicant for a job on the Cologne trams must be a capital qualification. The people who chiefly indulge in the habit under notice are, of course, the smokers.

German Type.

There are some peculiar points about German type—a first cousin of the "Old English"—that are worth notice. No one but an accustomed observer could possibly say which is a capital B and which a V: the only difference would appear to lie in the width. The capitals AIKLNOPSTZ bear a strong likeness to other letters in our print. The small k is a puzzle to the uninitiated: at times it is joined to a c, and like the first mentioned above, the long small s is only to be discerned from an f by the very advanced reader. There are three brothers in the s family, but they are very different from each other. The double point over ä ö ü are relics of former days when the diphthong was expressed with the e itself which still influences the sound: their pronunciation is extremely tricky for the average Englishman and is avoided by most natives. Another interesting and striking feature in their printing is the method of particularising a fact by spreading the letters apart: it corresponds to our italics and is a distinctly good idea.

Beware of Schweinefleisch.

Soldiers visiting one of the clubs in Cologne the other day were agreeably surprised to find pork sausage on sale. This toothsome edible has been on offer at inviting prices in the civilian shops for a week or two, but most Tommies cry taboo at these unknown quantities. There is a saying in the North of England that pork should not be served when there is no "r" in the month, and it has wisdom, for May, June, July, and August are sometimes so warm that meat taints rapidly. It is best to be always on guard against strange meats, even when going on leave. The present writer, however, credits a railway pie he once ate with being a lucky one. It caused dysentery and prevented the sufferer going on a draft to Egypt. Of his squad of twenty-four, sixteen were drowned on the outward journey.

Shortage of Metal.

Many of us here can recall with mixed feelings the many newspaper stories of war-time dealing with the alleged famine of metals in Germany. Even while the Germans were illustrating this "shortage" by supplying an incessant rain of "Krupps samples" one was still able to console himself by reading that Germany was nearly denuded of metal. We wonder how the writers of those wonderful stories would feel if they were to take a rail trip to-day through the occupied zone. Here, anyway, is evidence of abundance of metal, in fact almost wastefully exploited.

The Art of Mimicry.

A small party of officers were carrying on an animated conversation in the Club at Cologne the other night and their accent was so Teutonic and so guttural that suspicions were aroused as to their nationality. Anxious enquiries were made and the A.P.M. consulted. Then it was discovered that they were perfectly harmless, being in fact none other than members of the Rhine Army Dramatic Company who unable to restrain their natural aptitude for mumming were posing to one another as imaginary German characters.

Unlucky.

A gunner correspondent writes:—Considering the usual smooth running of the German tram systems I have been the victim of some rather strange coincidences this week. I have chanced to travel to Bonn from Cologne on the Rheinuferbahn four times lately. On the first occasion a tram ran off the lines across the footpath in Bonn and the traffic was terribly disarranged. The next time as we rushed along we passed a waggon full of hay in full flame which was standing on the next line. The next time the emergency brake was applied as the rumour spread that the whole tram was on fire. Apparently though from the smell of rubber it was a "fuze." And last night the overhead wire broke and once again the whole system was disarranged. Will not the authorities be justified in refusing to carry me soon?

Chimney Sweeps.

The German chimney sweep, when he walks the streets in full work-a-day dress, is at once a vision, both picturesque and unpleasant. Picturesque, largely because of the sandals on his feet, and unpleasant on account of his resemblance to a musical opera "Headsman." A small black cap fits on the top of his head, and his dirty coat is cut low at the neck. Below his equally dirty trousers, the feet are bare, save for a pair of thick soled wooden sandals. He carries two coils of thin wire rope, each having a bundle of twigs at one end, and a round wooden knob at the other. A piece of bent iron carried on his shoulder is his "axe." He is just about as dirty as any English sweep, but carries his "tackle" more lightly, as there is not so much of it.

Lesser Echoes.

During the present hot spell quite a number of officers have been seen in Rhineland wearing uniforms of cotton khaki drill. And very sensible too!

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The decision of the N.A.C.B. to cut out "Rest House" from the title of the Cologne Officers' Club has been hailed with satisfaction.

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A visit to one of the many mines in Rhineland where briquettes are manufactured is full of interest.

The improvement in the boots now worn by the German population has been remarked. This is distinctly noticeable in the case of the fair sex, and of course is due to the increase in imports of boot leather.

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Some amusing silhouette postcards produced in Rhineland are being sold in the shops—"Tommy Atkins among us" and "Tommy on the Rhine."

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A big placard outside an eating house in a side-street near the Dom seeks to attract Tommy with the announcement, "This is the place for a good feed."

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The number of tramway accidents in Cologne, due mainly, to the narrowness of many of the streets is much greater than in the average town.

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Have you noticed how the price of British and French toilet soap is falling in the shops of Rhineland? At the present rate, the figure asked will be quite normal soon.

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A hundred thousand English cigarettes were confiscated by the military from Germans in illegal possession in two days at a small railway station near Bonn.

Prizes for Echoes.

Some time ago I offered prizes of 50, 25, 15, and 10 marks for the four best humorous stories that would be useful to a concert party producer. These have been won as follows:—1st., C.S.M. Graham, Intelligence B., IX Corps; 2nd., Pte C. T. Highfield (127080) R.A.M.C., 47 General Hospital, Bonn; 3rd., L/Cpl. E. S. Charlton, R. E., Engineers Dept., Railway Sub Commission, Cologne.

FRITZ: "GREAT SCHOTT!"

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

FROTH UPON THE WAVES.

Mr. Frederick Harrison in his recently published 'Obiter Scripta', says: Talk about a Victorian era has been absurdly overdone, There is no Victorian era at all. I have lived and observed things from William IV. to George V., and, great as the changes have been, both material and spiritual, there has been little spasmodic in it at any time. From 1789 to 1918 there has been a continuous post-revolutionary stream. The wild men and women who are the froth upon the waves of this mighty flood may fancy they have set it in motion. They come only from the bubbles it casts up.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

Mrs Henry de la Pasture, the novelist says: The love of a sister for a brother stands apart from every other love in the world. It is the only affection which can withstand the administration of home truths. . . . The relationship at its best, is the perfection of human comradeship—with all life's earliest memories to sanctify it—and every hope and ambition for the future to lend it an interest which can only increase with years.

ON PROFITEERING.

Mr. J. R. Clynes, M.P., ex- Food Minister, says that if the proposal is to set up tribunals to stand between the seller and the public, the effect may be good. But it is a pity matters have been allowed to go so far. If there are to be tribunals, they should have been set up at the beginning of the year, or the Food Committees might have been vested with greater powers. The Government were warned about the matter immediately after the Armistice. A memorandum was submitted by myself, as Food Minister, indicating the lines on which the Ministry should have been organised to meet the coming difficulty. The Government, however, appear then to have regarded the Food Ministry as a thing to be wound up, and it is only lately that they have found out their mistake.

IRELAND'S NEED.

Mr. George Moore, Ireland's great novelist writing on Ireland and British commerce, says:

One important aspect of the Irish problem and its solution has been avoided. I mean the effect of legislative independence, or quasi-independence, in Ireland on English trade. No, I am not thinking of the duties which an Irish Parliament might place on English goods, but of the great western harbour' which it would be one of the first acts of an Irish Parliament to build. If England did not supply the money' America would be asked to do it, and would certainly agree, provided that the harbour were supplemented by a train-connexion (by tunnel or ferry) with Great Britain. The question is simply whether the thing is to be done by England, and done with due regard to all legitimate English interests, or done by Ireland and America, with no regard for those interests whatever. This is England's opportunity, and it is one which will not last for ever.

COMPETING WOMAN.

Mr. James Armstrong writing on women and workshop competition, says: If the woman mechanic movement can be lifted from the arena of academic discussion to the world of stern reality, it will create a healthy competition in the labour world which can hardly fail to have far-reaching consequences. The masculine ranks will be stirred to activity because its accepted field of activity will be in danger of passing into feminine hands unless equal or superior enterprise be displayed. This will redound to the benefit of the country as a whole, and for this reason the movement will be enthusiastically supported by the community.

THE VALUE OF FOOTBALL.

Mr. Raley, a well-known Yorkshire football enthusiast at a meeting representatiore of fifty clubs said: Whatever people said aboutfootball five years ago he did not think that any one who studied the history of the past five years could gainsay that football had been a magnificent asset to the nation. They knew the benefit which soldiers had derived from it and, there was more discipline in one football match than during ten hours on the barrack square. In football a player learnt discipline and self-restraint without fear of "C.B." It was their duty to maintain football at its present high standard, and that was the way to develop the manhood of the country.

THE CAUSE OF STRIFE.

Sir Frederick Milner speaking on British Bolshevism says: All the bitterness and strife between class and class is caused by the men who had stayed at home drawing fat wages which they were anxious to keep up now the war was ended. There are some seven millions of men who have been fighting for their country, and if they make up their minds that they will work for peace as they have fought for victory in the war, the influence of these Bolsheviks will go to the wall. I make an earnest appeal to all to join together and work shoulder to shoulder, determined to do your duty by your country.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Lord Robert Cecil, the League of Nations must insist on the publication of all international agreements to which the British Empire is a party, on our disengaging ourselves from any entanglements contrary to the spirit of the League, on the reduction of our armaments to the lowest point consistent with national safety and the enforcement by common action of international obligations, on the submission of appropriate issues to international tribunals and the willing acceptance of their awards, and on our shouldering our share of the responsibility for maintaining right by agreeing, in the last instance, to apply the economic and military sanctions demanded by the League; in a word, on the subordination of what may appear immediate British interests to the interests of all humanity, in the confidence that the peace and harmony of the world are, in the long run, the greatest of British interests.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

More Buses.—An improvement has been made in the London bus services.

Costly.—The war is said to have cost France four million lives.

Sunny Days.—The heat wave in London continues.

On Holiday.—Prince Henry and Prince George are paying a visit to Ostend.

An Earl Dies.—The Earl of Eglinton died at his Ayrshire seat.

Bombed.—Dunkirk was bombed by German airmen 172 times during the war.

In the Street.—Municipal street markets started at Ilford have proved to be a great success.

A Big Bill.—The weekly charge to the Government in respect of hotels still used for official purposes is £3,500.

Crosses Forbidden. — Hitchin Burial Board has refused permission to place wooden crosses in the local cemetery.

British Goods for Greece.—The Federation of British Industries has organised an exhibition at Athens.

Much Married.— A man who was charged with polygamy at New York was alleged to have eight wives living.

Kerenski in Berlin.—It is reported that Kerenski is in Berlin operating against Koltschak.

A Memorial.—The foundation stone of a bridge, presented to France by America, was laid at Chateau Thierry.

London's Traffic Problem.—The appointment of a general traffic manager for London has been suggested.

Released.—The Hotel Cecil, London, is to be vacated by the Air Ministry this week.

Marshal and Colonel.—Air Vice Marshal Sir H. Trenchard has been gazetted a colonel of the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

For the Workers.—The French Government is going to spend £20,000,000 in building workers' houses.

To Sweep Up.—A British naval base has been established in Norway for the accomodation of mine sweepers.

More "Flu."— Many deaths have occurred in Australia as the result of an epidemic of influenza.

Sick from "Mespot."—A large number of troops invalided from Mesopotamia have arrived in England.

Music for America.—The band of the Grenadier Guards is on tour in Canada and the United States.

Flying to Cairo.—A squadron of British aeroplanes is to fly from London to Cairo.

Many Cattle Lost.—A serious outbreak of foot and mouth disease has occurred in Warwickshire.

No Homes to Go to.—Fourteen families have been rendered homeless by an outbreak of fire at Gartcosh near Glasgow.

Gratuities.—Officers entitled to war gratuity under article 497 of the Royal Warrant will complete Army Form Z42 or Z42a in applying for it.

Generous.—Mr. J. Herbert Lewis M.P. has presented a recreation ground to his native town of Caerwys, Flintshire as a memorial.

To Gain Trade.—Japan is making a great bid for Lancashire's cotton trade in India, which is the biggest market in the world for British cotton.

Open Again.—Estaminets and cafés are being reopened in Ypres, and on one single day nine thousand tourists visited the place.

For the Marines.—A war gratuity will be given to officers of the Royal Indian Marine under the same conditions as apply to the Royal Navy.

Taxis in the Air.—"Air Taxis" for members of the Air Council is one of the latest innovations in Government service.

Caught in the Act.— An attempt to scuttle the German cruiser Goeben, made by Turkish officers at Nicomidia, was forestalled by the British Navy.

A Fortune in Refuse.—By turning refuse into manure and salving old tins and paper, Glasgow Corporation last year saved £14,000.

Mystery for the Indians.—General Costello has arranged a Maskelyne magic entertainment for a thousand Indian soldiers in London.

Argentine Beef.—The Argentine Government has introduced a bill to prohibit for three years the export of all beef from cows and heifers.

Big Money.—Pensions this year will cost eighty-six millions, which is thirteen millions above the estimate. Next year they will take ninety-six millions.

Care of the Soldiers Teeth.—In the American Army there were five thousand dental officers at the signing of armistice, as compared with eight hundred in the British Army.

Train versus Tractor.— A train from Charing Cross Station, London, to Hastings, ran into a motor tractor at a level crossing. The engine was derailed but no one injured.

For the Table.—The rearing of goslings with a view to their ultimate appearance on the dinner table in the form of roast goose has been found by the officers of a unit near Cologne to be a very profitable scheme.

English Music Popular.—The popularity in Germany of certain English musical comedies of past years is surprising. As an instance, "The Geisha" is one of the most frequently heard selections in cafés and cabarets, and is closely rivalled in this respect by "The Belle of New York."

The Outer German.

Many must have noticed with astonishment the cost of men's clothing as displayed in German tailors' windows. An ordinary suiting seems to cost anywhere around 1,000 marks. And yet the German as a rule is quite well dressed, better so perhaps, than his women folk. The cut and style of his dress sometimes appears rather ludicrous in the eyes of the Britisher, but nevertheless one seldom sees his clothes looking shabby or threadworn. And clothes at 1,000 marks a suit! A correspondent was recently pointing out these facts to a Cologne tailor, who sadly replied that although the average man was fairly well dressed, he was not having new suits made. He was merely having his old ones picked to pieces, turned and made up again. By this method the life of a suit was nearly doubled.

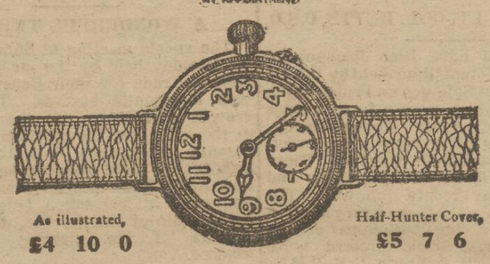

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ECONOMY.

WHY RHINE ARMY IS BEING REDUCED.

Mr. Churchill's statement regarding the reduction of the Rhine Army has attracted much attention. It is learned that this action is the outcome of an agreement arrived at by the Supreme War Council before Mr. Lloyd George left Paris.

Originally when the Armistice terms were prepared, an equal occupation between the English, French and American Armies was contemplated and in the advance to the bridge-heads this was carried out. Later, however, when it became clear that the occupation would have to be for a term of years, both the British and the American Governments felt that their position was different from that of France and that it would be unreasonable to keep so large a number of men overseas. The American Force was reduced some time ago to one regiment and the British are now following suit.

The Military Governorship of Cologne will be continued by a British officer until the expiration of the occupation, Cologne being the first of the areas to be evacuated according to the terms of the Peace Treaty. The size of the remaining Army will not necessitate the retention of Sir William Robertson in command. He presumably returns to England for other work. The whole force on the Rhine will then be commanded by a French General under Marshal Foch himself.

It is understood that the reasons leading up to this step are that the clearing up in France and Flanders has proceeded better than was anticipated and that evidence is now clear that Germany is showing every disposition to carry out the terms of the Treaty; that British and Allied officials have been free to move about arsenals and military centres and that the state of the population gives a strong guarantee as to Germany's present attitude and intentions.

FRATEL'S DEFENCE.

MORE TESTIMONY IN HIS FAVOUR.

The Court-martial on William Fratel concluded at the Middlesex Guildhall yesterday.

First Conductor Joseph Guigley said that during the march to Bagtsche he saw Fratel fall out and assist sick men. He had frequently seen him assaulted by the Arab escort when helping our sick. The witness added that towards the end of July, disease broke out. Large numbers died and the hospital was overflowing. Fratel was there as a sort of maid of all work and he did more than the witness could have done in the same circumstances. He had to go to hospital for treatment himself. Fratel stole medicine for him. In witness's opinion Dr. Comus was a brute of the first water. Witness mentioned a Bulgarian timekeeper named Dimok, who was the chief engineer's jackal and practised every cruelty on the prisoners irrespective of nationality. He considered that Fratel did all that was possible to help the men. In his opinion Fratel was never guilty of disloyalty or cruel or neglectful conduct.

Q.M.S. Mallon, Essex Regt., said he had known men admitted to hospital by Fratel turned out by Dr. Comus. Of eighty-nine men captured at Gaza in March 1917, fifty-nine died at Bagtsche. Those men, when they arrived, were fit compared with the Kut prisoners.

George Isaacs, formerly of the Essex Regiment, said that when he was in hospital at Bagtsche, Fratel treated him quite decently under the circumstances. Several witnesses belonging to the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry testified that Fratel had given them medicine, one witness adding that he saw Fratel and others being thrashed by Arabs on the march.

This completed all the evidence the defence is able to call at present.

The accused's Counsel asked for an adjournment in order to produce further witnesses from India and Mesopotamia on important matters. The president, Col. Steele, said the application would be put before the Court, which would adjourn until the convener's decision was announced.

GREY FOR AMERICA.

In Parliament yesterday Mr. Bonar Law announced that Viscount Grey had consented to go on a mission to the United States to deal with questions arising out of the Peace, pending his appointment a permanent Ambassador early next year.

PETER THE PAINTER.

VIRTUAL RULER OF RUSSIA.

Dr. Martiny, leader of the Danish Red Cross Mission at Moscow, has arrived at Copenhagen. With the other members of the Mission they have been obliged to escape from Moscow to avoid ill-treatment and possibly death. Dr. Martiny declared that Lenin has not ruled effectively in Russia for the past three months. The country is at present ruled by a Lett called Peter the Painter (who became prominent in the Sydney-street shooting affray), Odershenski and Antanoff. These three form a committee of public safety on the lines of the committee set up during the French Revolution. Dr. Martiny described the situation at Moscow as terrible. Starvation is rife and thousands are being arrested and executed. Trotsky has left Moscow and is believed to be with the Army, now under the Command of the former Colonel Kamenoff.

DENIKIN'S SWEEP.

BOLSHEVISTS IN SOUTH RUSSIA SHATTERED.

The War Office announces that further details of Denikin's successes show that the advance is continuing on the greater part of the South Russian front against considerable enemy resistance. The latest reports give the results of the capture of Kamishin on July 28th as being even greater than at first stated. The estimated captures include 11,000 prisoners, sixty guns, 150 machine-guns, and an immense amount of material. The fighting around the city was extremely heavy; two crack Bolshevist divisions were completely shattered by the repeated attacks of the volunteer troops.

Meanwhile Denikin's advanced cavalry, pushing out towards the Urbakh and Astrakan railway, effected a junction with the left wing of the Ural Cossacks near Lake Eltonokol, eighty-five miles South-East of Kamishan. The effect of this junction is bound to be great. A united anti-Bolshevist front now exists along the whole of East and South Russia from the Northern Urals to the north-west corner of the Black Sea.

The booty taken at the capture of Poltawa included 136 engines, over 1,200 wagons, and 20 guns with ammunition. The population of Poltava, like that of other cities liberated, displayed intense enthusiasm on the arrival of the deliverers.

In the Black Sea area only 50 miles separate General Denikin's left wing from the right wing of the Roumanian army along the Dniester.

Further south, along the Middle Dnieper, a Bolshevist force has been routed east of Kremenchug, with a loss of over 1,000 prisoners and six guns.

In the Khersen area Bolshevist attempts to cross the Dniester—which they claimed had met with some success—have now been thrown back to their starting point.

Koltchak's Peril.

Authoritative information has reached the United States that the precarious position of Koltchak's forces is such that officials express fear that the whole liberation movement, headed by the Admiral, will collapse; and with it, of course, will go all possibility of his "recognition" by the Powers.

His army is short of arms, equipment, and guns, all of which the Bolshevists, who outnumber the Siberians by five to one, possess in abundance.

Thus the Admiral's forces are reaching the point of extreme exhaustion and discouragement. They have retreated another 170 miles, these advices say, their front being now 800 miles from that westward of the Urals which the Admiral's advanced arms occupied in the spring.

"The time has come," says one high official, "to prepare the people of the anti-Bolshevist world for a possible disaster to the Koltchak regime."

The obvious plan of the "Red" leaders is to crush the Omsk Government forces definitely, and then turn their whole strength against Denikin.

It is possible that the attention of Congress will be called to the situation by the President.

THE AUSTRIAN REPUBLIC.

The Inter-Allied Supreme Council has decided to recognize the new Austria as the "Austrian Republic."

This decision has been arrived at as a result of the Notes submitted by the Austrian delegation, in which they referred to their Government as "German-Austrian." These Notes related to the proposed changes in the Austrian Treaty,' and in some cases the only alteration in the clauses was the change of the Austrian Government's name to "German-Austrian."

FREEDOM WANTED.

AMERICA AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

In the American Senate, Senator Lodge declared that an independent America would be of greater service to the world than an America fettered by the League of Nations. He demanded adherence to the Monroe Doctrine, denying that this meant isolation. He declared he would not vote for the Treaty unless the provisions for withdrawal from the League in favour of adhering to the Monroe Doctrine were altered. The conclusion of the speech was marked by the wildest demonstrations in the history of the Senate. The galleries rose en masse, cheering for five minutes. No efforts on the part of the officials could keep the audience quiet.

SHANTUNG TREATY.

AGREEMENT CONCEALED FROM AMERICA.

Mr. Lansing, giving evidence before the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate which is examining the Peace Treaty, made the remarkable assertion that in the negotiations preceding the agreement with Japan, Viscount Ishii concealed from him the existence of a secret treaty between Japan and Great Britain regarding the Shantung Peninsula. He added that neither Mr. Balfour nor Mr. Vivani when in America told the United States about various agreements made by their Governments regarding territorial dispositions at the end of the war. The first knowledge that the United States had of these matters was after the Peace Conference assembled.

Mr. Wilson, replying to a resolution of the Committee regarding the Japanese attitude on the Shantung question, declared that he had no knowledge of an alleged Treaty between Japan and Germany, said to have been entered into during the war. Mr. Wilson asserted that Mr. Bliss's letter to him on behalf of Mr. Lansing and Mr. White with regard to the Shantung concession was not in the nature of a protest. He added that it was impossible to make the letter public on account of references to other Governments.

NORTH RUSSIA.

BRITISH SUCCESS ON THE DVINA.

The G.O.C. in North Russia reports that on August 10th British and Russian Forces under Brig. General Sadlier Jackson attacked the Bolshevist forces on the river Dvina with complete success. All objectives were gained and six enemy battalions destroyed, the Bolshevists forming them being either killed, captured or dispersed. Prisoners already counted number 1,000 and twelve field guns and many machine-guns were captured. Our lines on the Dvina have been advanced about twelve miles to Chudinova and Borok on the left and right banks respectively. Our casualties are reported to be light.

STATE AS AUCTIONEER.

£155,000,000 REALIZED.

The latest official figures of sales of surplus Government property show that the sum realized is now £155,175,292.

Among the noteworthy amounts received in one week are:— Mechanical transport, £150,406; textiles, leather and equipment, £153,812; and non-ferrous metals, £186,734; while the completed sales of mechanical transport for July realized £1,211,772.

The main items to date for sales of surplus property are:— £40,912,642 for horses and animals in the United Kingdom; £2,595,578 for food; £2,684,333 for ferrous metals; £14,768,030 for chemicals and explosives; £14,401,349 for sales abroad; and £3,660,845 for sales to contractors.

WHAT OF THE NATION'S HONOUR?

Sir Robert Horne, Labour Minister, has received a deputation of the Ex-officers National Union.

Major Horne, Border Regiment, pointed out the hardships existing among demobilized officers, who, as a body, were unable to obtain suitable employment. He instanced the case of a married ex-captain making a livelihood by carrying timber at the docks. He mentioned another case of an ex-staff captain, who came down from Oxford, having obtained a degree just prior to the outbreak of the war, who after months of fruitless search, was prepared to take a position as hall porter.

Sir Robert Horne, in a sympathetic reply, promised to do all he could for individual cases and for the demobilized officers generally.

JUDGE RENTOUL DEAD.

The death of Judge J.A. Rentoul, K.C., of the City of London Court, occurred shortly before midnight on Tuesday at his residence in Kensington. He had been in ill-health since February, and on the 2nd of last month he resigned. Two days later the City Corporation voted him a pension of £1,400 a year, representing seven-tenths of his salary.

RESTORING FRANCE.

BATTLEFIELDS OBLITERATED BY FLOWERS.

The roads in France and Flanders are rapidly assuming their pre-war state and already it is possible to motor almost anywhere in the former battle zones. All shell holes and trenches are being filled in by an army of Chinamen, who are making amazing progress in levelling the extensive devastated areas.

A Central News correspondent who just returned from a town in the districts around Amiens, Bapaume, Arras, Cambrai, Valenciennes, Lille and Ypres says that Amiens still shows many evidences of its experiences sixteen months ago but people are rapidly returning to the city and business is proceeding as usual at many places. At Arras the work of reconstruction is being carried on with considerable assistance from German prisoners. The ravages of the war in no man's land are almost completely blotted out by bright scarlet poppies. The town of Lille has resumed its aspect of properity. Ypres is still a mass of ruins but the civilians are returning to live in huts in the neighbourhood. Most of the visitors at present are those visiting graves of relatives, but it is anticipated that next year, when travelling facilities are more normal, large numbers will visit the former battlefields.

"IF A MAN WORK NOT —"

The decision of the British Triple Industrial Alliance in renouncing for the time being the idea of direct action is much commented on in French official circles, where it is ardently hoped that the decision is the beginning of an easier state of affairs in the labour world. Mr. Hoover's recent statement on the necessity for increased production is recalled in this connection, and his opinion that economic difficulties have their origin largely in the disinclination shown to work is generally shared.

"FELIXSTOWE FURY"

FATAL CHANGE OF WIND.

The inquest on Lieutenant MacLeod, the wireless officer killed in the flying boat disaster at Felixstowe, threw no light on the cause of the affair. A verdict of death from drowning was returned.

The smash was vividly described by an eyewitness who stated that the "Felixstowe Fury" rose off the water, turned and went due North. The boat then made a luff on the top side, throwing the left wing into the water, and immediately after nose-dived. Lieutenant MacLeod was afterwards found entangled in the gear.

A Court of enquiry into the affair has been opened. The proceedings were private. The view generally held in naval circles is that a sudden change of wind occurring after the boat left the water probably caused the mishap.

AFFAIRS IN HUNGARY.

ROUMANIA'S ATTITUDE.

M. Antonesco, the Roumanian Minister in Paris, interviewed by the "Temps," said that the Roumanian Government was not favourably disposed towards the accession to power of the Archduke Joseph in Hungary. The Minister pointed out that Roumanian intervention had enabled the delegates of the Allied Powers to enter Buda-Pesth and suppress the centre of Europe, a hotbed of Bolshevist propaganda. It now remained for the Powers to make use of Roumania in establishing in Buda-Pesth a Government with which a definite Peace Treaty could be concluded. The Czecho-Slovaks and the Yugoslavs regard the restoration of the Habsburg regime in Buda-Pesth with little favour.

R. 34 STOWAWAY "SENTENCED."

Ballantyne, the stowaway on the R. 34, who was discovered during the airship's voyage to the United States, has had his "sentence."

He was not court-martialled, or even tried in the usual way, but was "arraigned" before the officers. After being severely lectured for his misdeed, he expressed his regret.

The result is that he is deprived of his position as a member of the crew.

BLOOD MONEY.

In the House of Commons last night the Home Secretary, replying to questions on the subject of Bolshevist propaganda, said that the Government had information regarding organizations abroad which are endeavouring to send money into the country for the purpose of fomenting industrial unrest. The Government is taking all possible steps to prevent such money reaching the hands of those for whom it is intended, but it is clearly inadvisable to give details.

A German prisoner of war, Lieut. Hans Leroc, who escaped from Wakefield Camp, was recaptured yesterday at Dover Pier on board a steamer about to start for Ostend. He was wearing a grey civilian jacket and military breeches and puttees, and had secreted himself on the ship.

NOVEL STRIKE.

MERCHANTS CANCEL ORDERS FOR FOOD.

Following incidents which occurred at the Central Markets at Paris, when a journalist on the staff of "Le Matin" was roughly handled by a number of salesmen who objected to the publication of prices, the salesmen despatched about 500 telegrams to the provinces stopping the supply of provisions. Employees at the Central Telegraph Office, in protest against this action of the merchants which imperilled the food supply of the city, refused to send the telegrams, which they referred to the Minister of Commerce.

The Food Controller last night called together the merchants and declared that Government desired to pay attention to the interests both of tradesmen and consumers, and asked the merchants to abandon their proposed strikes. He also announced that energetic measures would be taken if the disturbances at the markets were renewed.

DEAR DRINKS.

£100 FINE.

What was described by the chairman at Wimbledon Police Court as one of the worst profiteering cases he had come across in his experience resulted in a fine of £100, with £26 5s. costs, on a caterer named William Christopher, of Railway-approach, London Bridge.

Christopher was summoned for having, at the All-England Lawn Tennis Club grounds at Wimbledon, during the recent lawn tennis championship sold to Mr. F. Turner, a London County Council inspector, a quantity of whisky 30 per cent. under proof, for the charge of 2s., which was at the rate of 5s. 8½d. per gill, whereas the maximum was 4s. per gill. He was also summoned for having sold to Mr. Henry Johnson, inspector of Wimbledon Food Committee, a quantity of whisky at the rate of 5s. per quartern, instead of 4s.

Charles Wintle, manager for Christopher, who pleaded guilty, admitted that 1s. per quartern too much was charged for whisky supplied for analysis.

Christopher, who said that he paid £100 rent at the championship, could not give a definite answer to the chairman as to the number of 4s. portions contained in a bottle of whisky.

The Chairman: The overcharge per bottle seems to be 5s., or a total overcharge of roughly £98.

The clerk was directed to call the attention of the All-England Club to the case.

THE DEMOBILIZABLE.

WHO ARE AND WHO ARE NOT.

An Army Council Instruction issued on Tuesday authorises action to be taken by Unit commanders in the United Kingdom on receiving application from soldiers desiring to be demobilized when on leave. If the soldier is on leave from overseas other than from the Rhine Army, France, Flanders or Russia and is demobilizable and has not undertaken any obligation to continue in the service, he may be demobilized. All soldiers on leave from North Russia, Siberia or Denikin's area in South Russia will be demobilized if eligible. If ineligible, they will at the expiry of their leave be posted to a unit serving at home.

SUPPLIES FOR KOLTCHAK.

It is learned at the American War Department that heavy shipments of Army supplies are being dispatched from San Francisco to Koltchak's forces via Vladivostok. Some 45,000 rifles and several million rounds of ammunition have already been forwarded.

Mr. Lansing states that no action will be taken by America regarding the recognition of Koltchak's Government until General Morris has forwarded his report.

THE PRINCE IN CANADA.

The Prince of Wales was warmly received at his first landing on North American soil. After being officially greeted by the Governor the Prince drove in state to the Government House, St. John's, repeatedly acknowledging the greetings of the crowd which bordered the route. The New York papers are most enthusiastic over the visit. The "Sun" welcomes him not because he is the Prince of Wales, but because he represents officially and most conspicuously the British nation.

NEW BADGE FOR CHAPLAINS.

His Majesty has approved of a special badge for military honorary chaplains to the King. The design consists of a Royal Cypher with Crown with an oval wreath in bronze. It will be worn by those entitled to wear it, when conducting religious services, on the left side of the scarf by chaplains who wear such and on the ordinary clerical costume by other chaplains.

Senor Joaquin Inoco, the Colombian Secretary for War, was assassinated at San José on August 10th.

ST. DUNSTAN'S.

WONDERFUL FEAT OF A BLIND SERGEANT.

A remarkable instance of wonderful work accomplished at St. Dunstan's Hostel for the Blind is afforded in the case of Sergeant Alan Nichols, late of the 2nd Durham Light Infantry, one of the old "Contemptibles." Nichols was wounded just after the Mons retreat and when he recovered became a bombing instructor. In September 1916 a defective bomb exploded which destroyed his sight, blew off both his hands and inflicted other wounds. After several operations he was enabled to go to St. Dunstan's. Thanks to the patient and scientific training he received, to a specially constructed machine and a pair of artificial hands, plus his own indomitable pluck, he now represents an almost miraculous triumph of mind over matter. Nichols can now, unaided, type letters without a single error. Recently he passed a test lasting 2¼ hours and only two corrections in his work were necessary.

TRAINING DISABLED MEN.

Mr. C.W. Bowerman M.P., giving evidence before the Pensions Committee, alluded to the evidence of Field Marshal Earl Haig and others who had spoken of the hostility of some Trade Unions to disabled men. He said he had come across a few instances but he did not think the Executives of those Unions were expressing the views of their members. The objection of those Executives was due to a desire to avoid the indiscriminate training of men for trades in which unemployment might result if too many were trained. It would be unfair to the men in the trade and to the newly trained men. In his early days he remembered men were paid from 6s. to 8s. week less than standard wages because they happened to be in receipt of a Crimean War Pension. That sort of thing must be prohibited nowadays.

FATHER KILLS HIS SON.

At Guildford the wife of a mechanic named Fred. W. Martin found her 12-year old son dead from a wound inflicted by a carving knife, apparently by her husband, who was alone with the child. She ran from the house, and Martin then cut his own throat and locked himself in an outhouse. He was removed to the County Hospital in a critical condition. He had been greatly depressed lately and was about to undergo an operation.

TRAPPED BY CHEST LID.

Mr. Charles Hankins, a retired coal merchant, of Southampton, has been the victim of a singular accident.

He was found dead in his bed room with his head trapped in a sea chest, in which he kept his clothes. The evidence at the inquest yesterday showed that the lid had come down in such a manner as to compress his neck.

ROUMANIA AND HUNGARY.

The reply of the Roumanian Government to the note sent by the Supreme Council has reached the Roumanian delegation in Paris. Although the text of the reply has not yet been officially communicated to the Peace Conference, it is known that its general tone is conciliatory. This has caused a favourable impression in French circles in view of the rather peremptory note addressed to King Ferdinand by the Supreme Council.

AMERICAN STEAMER MINED.

Lloyd's report the receipt of a wireless message from the American steamer Englewood, which has struck a mine at the North end of the Black Deep in the Thames estuary. The first message stated that the ship was sinking rapidly and asked for help to be rushed. A later message states there is no immediate danger of sinking. The ship is making for the Thames, and tugs are standing by.

BRITAIN'S HARVEST.

British farm crops have improved very considerably during the past month. Wheat is the best of the corn crops to-day; barley will be much better than seemed possible a month ago; the potato crop generally is healthy, and there is promise of a good yield of hops.

RESTORING BELGIUM.

The British dredging service and the service for the reconstruction of Belgian ports have nearly finished work and will leave Belgium at the end of the month. The ports are nearly clear and will soon be again in full service.

PERSHING GOING HOME.

General Pershing leaves Paris on Saturday for Italy to visit the Italian battlefields. He hopes to arrive back in America during the first week of September.

GERMANY'S NAVAL LOSSES.

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HISTORIC MARCH OF THE ALLIED TROOPS THROUGH PARIS AND LONDON
Note: Friday CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE

Church of England Services in Cologne.

1.—THE MILITARY CHURCH
57 Schildergasse, (Turning off Hohe Str).
Holy Comm. 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 11-15 a.m., 6-45 p.m. Morning Prayer 10.30.
Evening Service, 6.00 p.m.
Thursdays 6.30 p.m. in Church Army Chapel, Antoniter Str.: (behind Church).

2.—THE CHURCH ARMY CHAPEL
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Weekdays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saints' Days.
Short Morning Prayer Daily at 9-15 a.m.

3.—THE ARMY CINEMA HALL
36, Komodien Strasse.
Sundays: Evening Service, 6 p.m.

4.—THE CHURCH ARMY CINEMA HALL 95, Severin Strasse.
Sundays Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.
Evening Service, 6. p.m.

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Friday, August 15, 1919.

THE IMMORTAL DEAD.

The Cenotaph in London is to be a permanent national memorial. Consent has been given for its retention on the present site. Whitehall is to have the permanent honour and dignity of a worthy reminder of heroes that are no more. It will be a sermon in stone, and a patriotic symbol of the undaunted dead.

We believe that this decision will please the men and women of England; we know that it will please her soldiers. It was in Whitehall that the martial procession of Peace Day saluted the memory of their fallen comrades—it is Whitehall, therefore, that is sacred to gallant exploits and fearless sacrifice.

The discipline of a great army does not prevent, but rather encourages sentiment. Why should anyone belittle sentiment? It savours of idealism in life, and the war was a campaign begun and carried on for ideals.

There are many fashions of war memorials that are utilitarian, and when these take the shape of helpfulness they are altogether praiseworthy. Hospitals, convalescent homes, philanthropic institutes, better housing, are desirable and needed. We are certain that a grateful nation will not forget its debt to the maimed and unfortunate and unhappy, but it demanded one great creation and masterpiece dedicated to the shrine of pure and purifying sentiment.

The Cenotaph is that creation and masterpiece. The time will come when future generations can not know as we do the sorrows and agonies of our campaign, but the time will never come when our children will forget that in England's day of sore need and menace there were men who counted all but loss that they should save their country's honour.

In Whitehall, busy centre of Britain's capital, the immortal dead will receive their tribute and their salute.

A NOTABLE LETTER.

GENERAL VON DEIMLING TO ERZBERGER.

General von Deimling, well known as an African campaigner, has addressed the following letter to Erzberger. It is so very apposite that we reproduce it in extenso.

Mr. Vice-Premier,

Do you remember me? When I concluded a peace by understanding with the Hottentots in 1907, I was attacked in the Reichstag and in the Press by the Pan Germans and by war profiteers. I received communications stating amongst other things that my actions were "Un-Prussian," the Prussian method being to destroy the enemy and not to come to an understanding with him. At that time you, Sir, were the only one who stood up for me in the Reichstag and pointed out the fact that in bringing hostilities to a conclusion by this policy I saved the German people bloodshed and many millions of treasure. I have never forgotten how you seconded me.

I followed your endeavours to bring about a peace by understanding with warm gratitude and interest. It was plainly evident to far sighted commanders in the field that it was impossible to overcome the whole world in the long run; even during the war they bitterly cursed and bewailed the fact that every attempt at a policy of peace by understanding broke down owing to the criminal delusions of the Supreme Command, as well as to the weakness of the Reichstag and the lack of character of the Imperial Chancellor.

To-day people are breathing freely again now that the truth is coming to the light of day, and in so doing you rendered service.

We must have the whole truth, however, and not merely half.

The searchlight must be brought to play into the inmost recesses without the slightest consideration.

The German people needs the truth even though it had to be obtained across corpses.

It needs the truth for self enlightenment, for purification, to regain the confidence of the world and for its own inner peace.

May you, Sir, come out victorious from this intense bombardment, and may the cordial co-operation and concurrence of an old soldier bring you some small amount of pleasure in your strenuous fighting.

(Sd.) DEIMLING, General.

In view of the recent revelations, this tribute to Erzberger from General Deimling affords more than usually interesting reading.

TWO AT TEA.

It was really too bad. I was feeling moody; I wanted brightening up; so I dropped into Bud's for tea and the place was unspeakably dull—or so I thought. Looking back I am inclined to think I was suffering from an attack of loneliness.

Anyhow, this is not an essay on the value of the point of view. I was bored and wretchedly so.

And then she came in. "One of the artist Barribal's models," I said to myself as soon as I saw her, "piquant, Parisienné." The broad-trimmed hat, the parasol, the daring brightness of colour of ribbons and sash, extremely refreshing. She was piloted to my table, the only vacant place—my vis-a-vis and immediately on all sides laughter and talk and the band playing divinely.

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We had exhausted non-committal trivialities and the personal note was creeping into our conversation.

"Oh no, I don't like that sort of man at all," she said, in answer to a question of mine.

"Why, what is your 'sort' of man?" I asked.

Perhaps she detected a little eagerness, a little more than idle curiosity in my voice, for her eyes danced mischievously as she answered "Well, shopwalkers I especially hate."

"Now you are laughing at me," I said, pretending to be piqued.

"But you can scarcely expect me to formulate my likes and dislikes can you?" she asked.

"Well no, I suppose not," I confessed. I was thinking of the dainty way she lighted her cigarette, a delightful piece of coquetry. I was not aware of anything insinuating in my answer.

"Oh don't be sarcastic, please" she said.

"I hate 'clever' people. That's why I despise teachers. They can never remember they are out of school. They turn every bit of conversation into an argument, pounce on any little word that's not just in its place, and quibble over a phrase as though the fate of the world depended upon it. Their talk is as tasteless and unattractive as themselves."

For those few seconds there was a trace of bitterness in her voice and then she laughed, a little defiantly I thought.

"Excuse my eloquence," she said "I have to break out sometimes. Don't you ever feel as though you would like to create a little scandal to shock some of those highly respectable people who never do anything wrong; who are so frightfully logical in everything?"

I was surprised at this outburst. I wondered what had inspired it. There was a seriousness about her that seemed out of plan in such a butterfly.

"I agree with you," I replied. "My little world often becomes intolerable and I turn rebellious. I must be going though," and I rose from the table.

"Must you really go?" she asked in a disappointed voice. "I'm afraid I've frightened you."

"You have rather," I said, trying to laugh, "you see I'm a teacher."

She made a move of disapproval and then, "please sit down again you silly boy," she said. "Haven't you guessed that I'm a teacher too?"

OWEN OLIVER.

IN ARCHANGEL.

Difficulties of producing a British Army Journal.

BY SERGT.-MAJOR W. LEE, R.A.M.C.

There are many ups and downs in a newspaperman's life, but the experience of the past three weeks has proved to me that a journalist's lot, especially if he be on active service in a country like Russia under present conditions, is far from being a happy one.

Soon after the North Russian campaign opened, a scheme was set on foot by one of the Government departments to run a newspaper for the English-speaking troops on the Archangel front, and it was hoped that the paper would also serve the purposes of propaganda among the Russian population; so a couple of linotypes were ordered and sent to the base, together with a Hoe rotary, but the signing of the Armistice put an end to the department, and the machines were disposed of to a local newspaper in the town of Archangel.

I had been a newspaperman of sorts in pre-war days, and could safely say that my experience was all-round, my duties having ranged from office boy or comp, to editor or machine-man, but in my wildest dreams I never thought that there were so many troubles connected with the game as have fallen to my lot out here.

The linotypes were both Russian, so they were useless for producing an English paper, and recourse had to be had to the very limited English type in the Government printing office. There were only three founts to work on, 10pt. and 12pt. Roman, and a 10pt. italic, and the quantities of those were so small that only two four-column pages could be set at one time; those pages had to be printed, then the type was dissed and the composition of the other two pages proceeded with.

The result was that for a weekly paper all the copy for the first two pages had to be ready by Tuesday night, and the other two had to be prepared for Thursday.

Add to all these troubles that the composition was done by Russian girls whose knowledge of the English language was confined to an elementary acquaintance with the English alphabet, and who simply had to have clearly typewritten, copy, and the fact that the sole sources of news were the official communiques and what English papers happened to reach us during the week, and that all communication with the printers had to be carried on through an interpreter, and who will wonder that the editor's hair has gone white in the past two weeks.

The first proofs were nightmares, the "revises" little better, and the spare-time occupation which was to be such a pleasure because it was once more connected with the old game became a toil and trouble which threatened to drive one into a lunatic asylum.

But we "achieved the impossible," and the first number went to press punctually and all fears had vanished. The first copies were actually on their way to the forward areas by aeroplane, a touch of modernism in the midst of mediaeval methods—when the Censor stepped into the office and suspended publication until a two-column splash on the front page had been excised and other matter substituted!

There was nothing for it but to comply, and there was a sigh of relief when the bowdlerized version of the G.A.F. was safely in the hands of the distributing agent.

(From "The Newspaper Owner")

THE CUSS WORD.

BY A. C. DOWNER, D. D.

I am a "padre," and yesterday a young officer asked whether I was not less disposed to think badly of those who use "cuss-words" than before the war. I replied that these expressions are not used in their proper sense and to-day have no meaning except to emphasize what is said.

For example, when Christ said to the Pharisees "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" he meant something totally different—what it was is too obvious for discussion—from what I heard a man say the other day in Cologne about "a damned pretty girl."

He certainly did not for a moment contemplate the fate in question befalling the girl, but simply meant "a very pretty girl indeed." And when an officer friend of mine spoke of "a hell of a lot of swank," anything penal or painful was plainly absent from his mind, his meaning being merely "a very great amount of swank."

Or take St. Peter, who at all times has a forcible style of speaking and who cursed and swore when he denied Christ (there seems something appropriate in that). When Simon Magus offered the Apostles money to confer on him the gift of transmitting the Holy Spirit, St. Peter's disgust and indignation flamed up, so that the old habit broke out in a new and justifiable manner "Thy money perish with thee," which is even more forcible than "You and your money be damned," the nearest I can get to it in modern vernacular.

But St. Peter was "hot-stuff," and he meant something hot and strong, whereas the penny-farthing oaths of to-day mean nothing at all and are only put in for emphasis.

Hence I look upon them as indicating poverty of expression and as a sign of weakness, rather than strength of mind, in fact, not particularly wicked, but very particularly silly.

For my part, I intend to keep these important words for the realities they represent, to use them as they are used in the New Testament, and not to whittle away their force by employing them as expletives or mere adverbs of emphasis.

A "Daily Mail" writer recently advised clergymen to take their holidays in mufti, so as to enjoy the advantage of hearing men talk naturally. Let me assure this gentleman that there is no need.

Out here, anyhow, people no longer, I regret to say, restrain themselves because a padre is present. We know all their répertoire, they have nothing to teach us. Good fellows, yes; let it go at that. But just a little bit wanting in the wholesome fear of God and very much off the spot in the application of articulate speech.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

POLITENESS.

Sir,—The letters which have appeared on the question of German politeness suggest that before any decision can be arrived at, politeness must be defined.

In the outward forms of chivalry, such as the raising of hats, etc., the average German is certainly much more ostentatious than the Englishman, but I venture to think that the English idea of politeness which consists mainly in consideration for the feelings and comfort of others is a much more genuine thing.

POLITESSE.

SHUT OUT.

Sir,—Recently I was stranded at Düren for the night and found the N.A.C.B. Officers' Club closed on account of the premises being required for a dance by the local Garrison, no provision whatever being made for travellers.

Local officers having their own messes do not really require the club at any time, and probably wouldn't miss it greatly, but I should like to know what the N.A.C.B. Officers' Clubs are principally for—travellers or local residents, and whether they are locally controlled?

R. H. A.

CINEMA ETIQUETTE.

Sir—After reading a few passages which have appeared in the "Cologne Post" from time to time, on "Cinema Etiquette," may I venture to give one on the same subject.

I have read with great interest about "that man," who on recognising a picture, catches up the story and finishes it before others around him get time to grasp its first meaning, therefore anyone interested might as well rise and go out.

Another popular doing of his is to roundly applaud the operator should the film break down or any other slight mishap take place, which again disgusts the interested one to such an extent that he begins to think he is better on the streets after all.

ONE WHO SEES.

PRIVILEGE BONDS.

Sir,—What a sound sensible letter that was by T.J.C.! I cannot imagine why in some things we British are so prejudiced and illogical.

Why, we openly sanction as a most worthy and respectable institution, Lloyd's Exchange, than which nobody could conceive a more flagrant example of sheer gambling; for the underwriter who stakes his money stands to lose it all, if his "insurance" (or "bet" I would prefer to call it bluntly) goes against him.

Yet our rulers are so timid and so hypocritical as to set their faces against issuing bonds as all the Continental nations and municipalities have done for years, with a small rate of interest and substantial prizes drawn for at frequent intervals. What is immoral in that?

You keep your capital intact; you risk nothing and may gain much. T.J.C. goes a step further and advocates bonds on these lines exclusively for the men who have helped to win the war. Splendid! But will the Government have the pluck?

A.H.N.

THE TOTALIZATOR.

Sir,—May I draw attention to the following remarkable prices returned by the totalizator on the last day's racing at Merheim (I quote the prices for places only, as nothing can be proved from the price of any individual winner, however disappointing to the backers):—1. Victory Plate 1st Division (7 runners), winner 10 to 1 on; 2nd 10 to 1 on; 3rd 100 to 30 on. 2. Cologne Grand National (11 runners), winner 10 to 1 on; 2nd 100 to 70 on; 3rd 100 to 30 on. 3 Niehl Stakes 2nd Division (8 runners), winner 5 to 1 on; 2nd 100 to 70 on; 3rd 100 to 30 on. 4. Victory Plate 2nd Division (8 runners), winner 10 to 1 on; 2nd 2 to 1 on; 3rd 5 to 1 on.

There are only two possible logical conclusions to be drawn from these figures, viz., either: (1) There is something very abnormal in the way the totalizator is being run; (2) the bulk of the Rhine Army should be at home making their fortunes as tipsters! I leave it to your readers to decide which is the correct deduction. I have no doubts on the subject myself.

Now, the totalizator, though capable of curious anomalies at times, is a mathematical machine which (with only a proper percentage deducted) must on the average pay better prices than the bookmaker who has a living to make as well as very heavy expenses and bad debts to face. Indeed the totalizator syndicate at Flushing used to guarantee its customers official starting price or better—never less. How much longer, then, are the unfortunate racegoers of the Rhine Army to be served up, race after race, with prices which could return a small fortune on every race to a bookmaker?

In every other respect the meetings are so good that it seems a thousand pities that they should be marred in this way. Everyone complains. If we can't have "bookies," at least let us have an explanation of what has been happening with our stake money.

"HABITUAL RACEGOER."

A WAYSIDE CENOTAPH.

At the crooked elbow of the lane
That winds off Robesarte,
A rough cross marks where he was slain
A swift ball through his heart.
And new-sprung grasses hide the stain.
Which saw his life depart.

At the crooked elbow of the lane
That leads to Robesarte
He followed in the legion train
Who played the hero's part
Content for neither place nor gain.
To bear Death's sev'ring smart.

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A simple cross of rough-hewn wood,
A number — and an unsung name:
A mound where once a brave man stood
The one poor tribute to his fame.
Sleep well! Within my constant heart's abode
Is shrined a tomb surpassing sculptor's art
The memory of you who died beside the road
The road that winds to Robesarte.

R. C. H.

GOLFING WEEK.

Draws And Times For Monday's Events.

PROMISING PROSPECTS.

The following is the programme of the first three days of the Golf Competitions to be held on the Cologne Golf Links during the week commencing August 18th., showing the draw for partners, opponents, and times.

Owing to the large number of entries, it will be impossible to get through these competitions unless competitors are punctual on the tee.

If owing to military duty a competitor cannot be at the first tee at the time allotted to him, he should arrange for an exchange of time with some other competitor.

Failing such an arrangement or failing to be present within 20 minutes of the time allotted will necessitate his name being scratched.

Monday 18th August.

10a.m. 1st qualifying round Open Singles.

Draw for Partners and Times as follows:—

10a.m.	10-20a.m.
(Capt. A. R. Craven (Maj. G. M. Bennett	(Capt. F. W. O'Carron (Lieut. W. Stanford
(Maj. C. O. Hezlet (Lieut. W. L. T. Jenkins	(Maj. K. E Poyser (Capt. A. H. Read
(Rev. E. R. Grundy (Maj. E. W. Beck	(Capt. P. Pitt (Comr. P. Acheson
(Lieut. G. W. Brooks (Maj. J. C. Symons	(Maj. C. G. Ling (Maj. Greenlees
(Lt. Col. A. G. Barry (Capt. B. D. Morgan	(M.-G. Sir R. Hutchinson Lieut. J. L. Wright

10-40a.m.

(Col. D. H. B ddle
(Lieut. J. M. Burgess

(Maj. R. Mallinson
(Lieut. C. K. Parker

(Capt. B. G. Darley
(Lieut. J. McV. Nairn

(Lieut. C. D. Hodson
(Capt. J. W. Stevenson

11a.m. 1st round Open Singles N.C.O.'s and O.R's.

11a.m. (Sergt. T. F. Collins.
(Corpl. Todd.

1p.m. Qualifying bogey round Handicap Singles
(Upper half of draw)
Draw for partners and times.

1p.m.	1-20p.m.
(Rev. Douglas Wood 9 (Maj. F. M. Arkle 18	(Bgd.-Gen. C.G. Fuller 12 (M.G. Sir R. Hutchinson—
(Lieut. T. M. Burgess 10 (Capt. Bell —	(Maj. A. McR Moffatt 10 (Capt. Lockhart 12
(Lieut. Reid Brown — (Capt. A. R. Craven 12	(Capt. G. Christie — (Col. D. H. Biddle 12
(Maj. G. C. Carpenter 16 (Capt. Norman 18	(Maj.-G. Sir C. Mathew 8 (Maj R.G.F. Saunders 18
(Maj. H. R. Anne 18 (Lieut. J. R. Summers 9	(Lieut. C. K. Parker 3 (Capt. B. G. Darley —

1-40p.m.

(Maj. W. G. Tucker 15
(Maj. J. C. Symons 9

(Lt./Col. A. G. Barry 2
(Lieut. W. Stanford 10

(Lieut. J. McV. Nairn —
(Capt: E. R. Nason 18

(Maj. F. Roberts 18
(Capt. J. W. Stevenson 2

(Maj. R. D. Jackson 18
(Maj. E. Powel 18

3-30p.m. Qualifying Bogey round Handicap Singles
(Lower half of draw)
Draw for Partners and Times.

3-30p.m.	3-50p.m.
(Maj. Hazlerigg 14 (Capt. B. Pitt —	(Lt./Col. J. D. Gemill 18 (Lt. W. L. T. Jenkins 10
(Lieut. R. B. Oliver 16 (Lieut. R. H. Webb 15	(Lieut. R. L. Leman 8 (Capt. Spicer 18
(Lieut. J. L. Wright Scr. (Comr. P. Acheson 9	(Col. H. W. Burton 18 (Lt. H. W. M. Whittet 18
(Maj. D. Boumphrey 14 (Lt. W. P. Pakenham-walsh 15	(Maj. R. Mallinson 4 (Maj. J. R. Allen 5
(Maj. G. M. Bennett 2 (Capt. R. Hodson 16	(Maj. E. W. Beck 5 (Capt. A. H. Read Scr.

4-10p.m.

(Lieut. H. C. Daniel 18
(Maj. Greenlees 2

(Maj. K. E. Poyser 6
(Lieut. C. D. Hodson 10

(Rev. E. R. Grundy 3
(Capt. G. G. Ziegler 12

(Lieut. W. G. Marshall 18
(Maj. C. G. Ling 1

6p.m. 2nd round Open Singles N.C.O.'s and O.R's.
Draw and Times.

1st Round.	2nd Round.
6p.m. (L/Cpl. Alexander (Cpl. G. R. Sidstone)	)
(Sgt. Goldspink (Pte. W. Perrins	)
(Sgt. Arundel (Sgt. Ireland	)
(Sgt. H. W. Fulford) (Sapper G. H. Gibbs)	
11a.m. (Sergt. T. F. Collins) (Corpl. Todd	( )
	(Pte. Hancox)
6-20p.m.	(Cpl. D. Tosh (L/Cpl. Dawson)
	(Gunr. Seymour (Sgt. C. H. Cooper)
	(Pte. Burrows (Pte. Adams)

Further draws will be published to-morrow.

EDDIE McGOORTY FINED.

Eddie McGoorty, the American heavy-weight boxer, who is in training for the match with Beckett at Olympia on Sept. 2nd, was fined 10 shillings at Bow St. on Wednesday for being drunk and incapable in Tottenham Court Road on the previous night.

Rice v. Berry.

Bandsman Rice, who outpointed Sergt. Harry Curzon, D.C.M., after a gruelling 20 rounds at Grimsby last Monday, meets Tom Berry, the tough London heavy-weight boxer, over 20 rounds, at the Artillery Barracks, Park-st, Hull, next Monday.

Successful Exhibitors,

At the eliminating sports show of the Light Division, A/245 Battery R.F.A. secured two easily won firsts with exhibits of a water cart and a G.S. wagon, on behalf of the Brigade.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Friday, August 15, 1919.

Surface wind from between west and north-west, 10-15 m.p.h. Mist in the early morning; fair in the day, but sky extensively covered with low cloud at times. Visibility fair, warm.

INTER-UNIT ATHLETICS.

41st Bn. M.G.C. v 15th Bn. Hampshire Regt.

INTERESTING INNOVATION.

What promises to be a keenly contested and somewhat novel athletic competition, comprising quite a number of events, takes place to-morrow at Solingen, when the 41st Battalion Machine Gun Corps and the 15th Battalion Hampshire Regt. meet in sporting rivalry.

Among the events are:—100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards, and 880 yards flat races; 1 mile, 2 miles, and team relay race; high jump; long jump; throwing the cricket ball; putting the shot; 120 yards hurdles; and tug-of-war team (catchweight).

The winning battalion will be decided by the highest total of points gained.

ALDERSHOT SHOW.

Officers' Chargers And Heavy Draught Horses In The Ring.

The Aldershot Command Horse Show, held under the auspices of the King and the Duke of Connaught, opened on Wednesday in beautiful weather, when there was a brilliant gathering on the atnletic ground, Queen's-avenue. With some 500 entries for the many and varied events the show is undoubtedly the greatest thing of its kind, for every class of horse is brought into competition, and there will be keen rivalry for the numerous and valuable prizes, amounting to nearly £800.

Officers' chargers and draught horses chiefly occupied the ring. There was much disappointment later when the champion hack, As You Were, was withdrawn. His owner, Maj. H. Faudel-Philipps, of the Bisham Stud, Marlow, took this course as a token of respect for the death by drowning of one of his house party on Tuesday night. Brig-General Watson was the chief steward on the opening day when the results were:—

Results.

Heavy draught horses (to be shown in hand).—Training Depot, Royal Engineers, 1; 26th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, 2; 580th Co., Royal Army Service Co., 3; R., 552nd Co., Royal Army Service Corps.

Light draught horses (to be shown in hand).—7th Brigade, Royal Horse Artillery, 1; 17th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, 2; 1st Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Light draught teams.—Royal Army Service Corps, Training Establishment, 1; 3rd Reserve Regt. of Hussars; 2, 26th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, 3; R., 4th Reserve Regt. of Dragoons.

Troop Horses (judged on condition and training).—Royal Artillery, Riding Establishment, 1; 4th Reserve Regt of Dragoons, 2; 13th Hussars, 3. R., 7th Brigade, Horse Artillery.

Officers' Light-Weight Chargers (Aldershot Command).—Capt. V. D. S. Williams' Claran, 1; Capt. H. Jameson's Lady Dainty, 2; Lt.-Col. Parsons's Gamecock, 3; R., Brig.-Gen. A.C. Delay's Marguerite.

Officers' Light-Weight Chargers (Infantry Units, Royal Engineers, Royal Army Service Corps).—Capt. J. D. Buller's Polly, 1; Brig.-Gen. A. C. Delay's Bob, 2; Capt. St. B. Laurie's Silver Tag, 3. R., Capt. J. B. Stubbs's Beauty.

Polo Ponies (Aldershot Polo Club).—Brig.-Gen. J. Vaughan's Rockabye, 1; Lt.-Col. J.R. Richardson's Starlight, 2; Capt. Viscount Ednam's Christina II., 3; R. Brig.-Gen. A.C. Daly's Marguerite.

Hacks (to be ridden by ladies):—Capt. V.D.S. Wilham's Ciarsn, 2; Capt. H. Jameson's Lady Dainty; 2, Maj. J.C. Scott's Polly, 3; R., Maj. L.M. Dunbar's Milke.

Section jumping:—17th Brigade, 1; 19th Royal Hussars, 2; 3rd Res. Regt. of Hussars, 3; R., Military Mounted Police.

Officers heavy-weight chargers (Aldershot Command).—Capt. V. D. S. William's Monte Carlo, 1; Maj K. O'S. F. Tanner's Pussyfoot, 2; Capt. D. H. Evans's Killahuah, 3. R., Capt. Viscount Ednam's Mountain Apple.

Pair heavy-weight draught horses.—580th Co., Royal Army Service Corps, 1; Training Depot, Royal Engineers, 2; Guard's Machine Gun Corps, 3. R., 26th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.

Duke of York Stakes Entries.

(Run on Oct. 11. One mile and a quarter.)

Jutland 4, Viceroy 3, Chin-Chin 3, Sandmole a, Arion 4, Golden Orb 3, Cyclist 4, Water Bed a, Control 3, Royal Bucks 6, Bay of Naples 3, Knight of Blyth 3, Glaciale 3, Danegelt 3, Daphne 3, Grand Fleet 5, Chiffre d'Amour 3, Laurentian 3, Odalisque 3, Vice Versa 3, Double Quits 3, My Dear 4, The Vizier a, Rizzio 3, Propagation 3, Sir Berkeley 4, Zinovia 4, Limpsfield 4, Palestrina 3, Diadem 5, Dionysos 4, Square Measure 4, Sir Douglas 3, Roseway 3, Kilngray 3, King's Idler 3, Frank Webber 3, Silver Bullet 4, Planet 5, Caradoc 4, Chaette 3, Tangiers 3, King John 4, Rivershore.

With The Gurkhas.

Tom Logan, the former Chelsea half-back is an officer in a Gurkha regiment.

Old and Young.

There is a difference in age of quite thirty years between the oldest and youngest present-day county cricketers. Such veterans as Bestwick, J. T. Tyldesley, and Vine were famous long before the latest débutantes were even born.

A BOWLERS' DAY.

Extremely Low Scoring in Bonn League Game.

ONE RUN VICTORY.

Having a good wicket and being in excellent form, the bowlers in the recent Lancs. Div. Sig. Coy. v. 69 Siege Bty. match had things very much their own way. As reported below the aggregate score of the two teams is the lowest on record in the C.P.C.C. The following are summaries of latest matches:

LANCS DIV. SIGNALS (11) v. 69th SIEGE BTY. R.G.A. (10) at Mehlem. For Signals Pte. Falwood took 6 wickets for 3 runs and Pnr. House 4 for 4. For Gunners, Maudesley took 4 for 3 and Young 5 for 7.

185 SIEGE BTY. (76) v. 9th C.H.A. (42) at Flamersheim. For 185 Siege Bty. Gnr. Gray made 22. For 9th C.H.A. Capt. Warburton scored 18 while Lister took 3 for 29, Capt Hamilton Jones 3 for 20 and Lieut. O'Connor 3 for 15. For 185 Siege Bty. Parr took 7 for 22 and Cpl. McGuckin 2 for 5.

ARMY H.Q. SIGNAL COY. (56 for 7) v. CAV. DIV. H.Q. (46) at Quadrath. Chief scorers for the winners were Hampton 28 not out and Howarth 14. Bowling for the winners Lieut. Melhuish took 6 wickets for 17 and Fraser 4 for 22.

9th D.L.I. (112) v. 5th R.T.C. (31). Cpl. Ramsden (30) and Pte. Archer (39) were top scorers for D.L.I. The Tel. Sig. Coy. could do nothing against bowling of Lieut. Archer and Pte. Kay. The former took 4 wickets for 16 and the latter 5 for 13. The top scorer of R.T.C. was Sergt. Tyth 11.

LONDON DIV. M.T. COY. (132) v. 75 BDE. R.F.A. (43) at Merheim. The Bde. won the toss and put the D.M.T. Coy. in first. The batting started well, Cpl. Wright and Cpl. Davis putting the score up to 33. The next two wickets fell very cheaply, the score only being 42 for 4, until Lieut. Howard and Lieut. Wright came in together and made an excellent stand, putting the score to 103 before the latter was dismissed after scoring an excellent 33. Lieut. Howard played an excellent innings for 41. The Bde. did not make any stand against the bowling of Lieut Wright and Pte. Jacobs, the latter taking 5 wickets for 19, and the former 5 for 23.

Pease Note:—51st Bedford Regt. have withdrawn from Bonn League and 13 M.A.C. from Cologne Northern League.

Other Results.

4 Corps Troops 88, 1/1 North Midland H.B. 82.

5th Borderers 123 for 8; 52nd Welsh 34.
174 Siege Bty. 0 for 1; 269 A.E. Coy. 17.
174 Siege Bty. 37; 1st Bn. M.G.C. 17.
13th Kings Liverpools 66; Lancs Div. Signals 59.
34 Bn. M.G.C. 48; 170 Siege Bty. R.G.A. 43.

EUSKIRCHEN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
77 Siege Bty.	21	20	1		40§
174 Siege Bty.	20	20	0		40§
E Corps Sig. Coy.	22	16	5	1	33§
354 Siege Bty.	22	16	6		32§
185 Siege Bty.	20	15	5		30§
21 Bde. R.G.A.	21	14	7		28§
9 Corps Troops M.T. Coy.	20	14	6		28§
145 Siege Bty.	19	14	5		28§
1/5 South Staffs	18	14	4		28§
4/8 Siege Bty.	21	12	9		24§
Mid Div. H Q.	18	10	8		20§
73 Bde. R.G.A	20	9	11		18§
9 Corps H.A.	19	9	10		18§
"F" A.A. Bty., R.F.A.	15	9	6		18§
Mid. D.A.C.	15	8	6	1	17§
269 A.E. Coy.	20	8	12		16§
104 Bde. R.F.A.	14	8	6		16§
18 Field Amb.	17	7	10		14§ +
16 Field Amb.	16	6	10		12§ +

ARMY AQUATIC SPORTS.

To Be Held In Deutzer Industrie Hafen.

Owing to the continued fall in the level of the Rhine, it will not be possible to hold the Army Aquatic Sports as was first intended, near the P. and R. T. School at Riehl. They will be held instead in the Deutzer Industrie Hafen, on the east bank of the Rhine, just north of the Sud Brucke on Wednesday, 20th August, commencing at 14.00 hours.

The heats will be run off on Tuesday, 19th inst, commencing at 14.30 hours, at the Deutzer Industrie Hafen. Competitors will report at the P. and R. T. School, Riehl, at 10.30 hours on the 19th, where heats will be drawn. Accommodation will be provided for O.R. competitors, arriving from a distance of over 5 miles, for the nights of the 19th and if necessary, 20th. Rations will be provided for the competitors on the 19th and 20th inst. Competitors will bring bedding, knife, fork, and spoon. Accommodation for officer competitors has been reserved at the Officer's Club, up to 40. Those desiring rooms reserved for the night of the 20th and 21th inst. must notify the Club on arrival.

The prizes will be presented by the Commander-in-Chief on the completion of the sports.

AMATEUR FOOTBALL CUP.

Entries for the Amateur Challenge Cup received by the Football Association up to Aug. 1 number 135—31 in the Northern Divisions and 104 in the Midland and Southern Divisions. Six entries in the Northern Division and 25 in the Midland and Southern Divisions are those of clubs which did not enter in 1914-15.

ENGLISH RACING.

Meetings At Kempton Park And Redcar.

KEMPTON PARK RESULTS.

The following were the results at Kempton Park on Wednesday:—

Vauxhall Plate:—1, Primrose (9—4 on); 2. Red Tartan (20—1); 3, Bagnette (100—7).

Felham Plate:—1, Saintly Maude (5—4); 2, Prep (6—1); 3, Novitious (11—10).

Greenwood Handicap:—1, Mainroyal (13—8); 2, Jute (5—1); 3, Bergleuse (4—1).

International Plate:—1, Paragon (9—2); 2, Paloma (9—4); 3, Roselet (7—1).

Apprentices Plate:—1, Warwick (11—4); 2, Jack Point (6—4 on). Only two finished.

Bedfont Plate:—1, Charles Surface (5—2); 2, La Dauphiné (7—4): 3, Arrogance (100—7).

REDCAR RESULTS.

Kirkleatham Plate:—1. Aislabie (2—1); 2, Pagan Sacrifice (5—1); 3, Double Bed (5—4 on).

Skelton Handicap:—1, Laugh (4—1 on); 2, Skookum Joe (5—1); 3, Floral Tribute (10—1).

Warranby Plate:—1, Pitcher (11—10 on); 2, Puff Box (10—1); 3, Vendetta (3—1).

Redcar Stakes:—1, Dynamo (9—4); 2, Spear Bridge (7—4); 3, Marshal Niel (3—1).

Coatham Handicap:—1, Whitesand (7—1); 2, Wally (5—2); 3, Land Girl (6—1).

Upleatham Handicap:—1, Nuit Blanche (4—1); 3, Settler (2—1); 3, New Guinea (4—1).

Lowther Plate:—1, Catterick Bridge (4—1); 2, Lady Minto. Two ran.

THE ST.LEGER.

Reports of Wednesday's Gallops.

Avater (Wotton) steady place 1m.
Bayuda (Taylor) steady 5f and 6f.
Bay of Naples (Leach) not noted.
Buchan (Taylor) steady 5f and 6f.
Britannia (R. Day) not noted.
Cygnus (C. Marsh) cantered 6f.
Dominion (Barling) good pace 1¼m.
Flying Spear (Taylor) steady 5f and 6f.
Gay Lord (Cottrill) went 1m three-parts speed.
Keysoe (Lambton) steady pace 1¼m.
Mapi durham (R. Dewson) easy pace 1m.
Milton (Colling) not noted.
Panther (C. Marsh) cantered 6f.
Racket (Loates) sharp pace 5f
Splendid Spur (Gilpin) sharp pace 5f.
Sir Douglas (Persse) useful cantering.
Splutter (Pratt) not mentioned.
Tangiers (Mullen) good pace 1¼m.
Viceroy (Marsh) cantered 5f.
Wilson (R. Day) good pace 1m.
White Heat (Blackwell) half-speed 7f.

AMERICAN CIRCUS.

Plans Of A Future Tour Now "Kaput."

The ambition of the promoters of the 1st American Division Circus, which recently entertained nearly 30,000 people at Cologne, has been crushed. It was hoped that the party would be kept intact to tour France, England, and America. Military exigencies, however, have made such a tour impossible, and the huge amount of timber that was utilised in the construction of the seating accomodation has been sold in consequence.

It seems a great pity that a show produced by so accomplished a band of artistes should have had such a short life, since the amount of energy expended must have been enormous.

That the show in Cologne met with complete approbation is beyond doubt. Capt. Boyes, who attended to the business side of the circus, has been the recipient of numerous letters congratulating the Division on the excellence of the performance provided. One of these, from Lieut.-General Godley, is particularly eulogistic, and should, by its high terms of praise, be a matter of gratification to all concerned.

The Circus Committee is still a very much alive concern, however, from which fact it would seem that the resuscitation of the "greatest show in Europe" is contemplated when the 1st Division is once more in America.

CRICKET FRIENDLY.

57 Siege Bty. R.G.A. (286 for 6) v. 124 Siege Bty. R.G.A (81) at Kalk on Tuesday. Gunner Norton gave a splendid display of batting and was undefeated at the close with 106. Capt. W. P. Riley M.C. (53), Gunner Yule (45) and Bdr. Clissold (33) were the other chief scorers for 57th S. Battery.

Bowlers In Form.

The local adversaries at Schlebusch, 420th and 443rd Siege Batteries held an exciting cricket match on Monday last. The bowlers had it all their own way. For 420th Dean got three wickets for one run (hat trick), Hubbard 4 for 10 and Greenhalgh 2 for 7. For 443rd Easson got 6 wickets for 11 runs, Bowrer 1 for 7 and Brown 2 for 3. Result:—420th, 25 runs, 433rd, 20 runs.

SENSATIONAL COLLAPSE.

Sussex Score 204 For 0; All Out 237.

ENGLISH CRICKET RESULTS.

The most dramatic feature of the cicket in England on Wednesday was the collapse of Sussex in their match with Somerset at Hove. At lunch they were 217 for 3 wickets, the first wicket falling when 204 had been registered.

Following lunch a sensational collapse occurred, the remaining seven wickets falling for only 20 runs. Vine scored 91 and R. Relf 111.

The following were the scores:—

Sussex 237; Somerset 241 for three.
Middlesex 296 for 8; Lancs 160.
Hampshire 278; Essex 145 for four.
Derbyshire 195; Leicester 197 for six.
Wilts 426 for five, declared; M.C.C. 115 for eight.

County championship table.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.	Perct.
Kent	9	5	0	4	5	55.55
Yorkshire	20	10	3	7	10	50.00
Lancashire	19	8	2	9	8	42.10
Somerset	9	4	1	4	4	33.33
Notts	12	4	1	7	4	33.33
Surrey	15	4	3	8	4	26.66
Derbyshire	12	3	8	1	3	25.00
Northants	10	2	3	5	2	20.00
Hampshire	11	2	4	5	2	18.18
Gloucester	12	2	6	4	2	16.66
Sussex	14	2	10	2	2	14.2
Essex	15	2	2	11	2	13.33
Middlesex	9	1	2	6	1	11.11
Leicester	10	1	2	7	1	10.00
Warwick	11	1	4	6	1	9.09

FRIENDLY.

No 70 Squadron R.A.F. (128) v. Bakeries Sport Club (33).

The R.A.F. batted first on their own ground.

Runs came very slow at first, but Major Huskinson and Major White soon brightened the game up, Major White being caught after a quick 16. Vallender, joining in, knocked up a score of 39 (including one 5, four 4s and 4 singles, Major Huskinson batted well for 42 and was then well held in long-field. The Bakers failed to get any runs for their first 3 wickets. The innings closed with 33, Jones, (II), Vallender taking 6 wickets for 21 runs.

LEON MEREDITH'S "RECORD".

The statement that Leon Meredith accomplished a world's record in the 30 miles road handicap of the West London Cycling Association has drawn a letter from Mr. E. J. Godfrey, the secretary, who writes disclaiming the distinction.

The claim, he says, is wrong for the following reasons:—

(1) No road record is recognised at the distance.

(2) The ride was accomplished in competition, which is strictly against all unpaced cycling road records.

(3) We are in no sense a road record association, there being properly constituted bodies to attend to this branch of the sports, and we would not wish to interfere with their work.

GILLESPIE KNOCKED OUT.

The sensational defeat of Carruthers on Tuesday in the Bournemouth bowls tourney was followed on Wednesday by the downfall of Dick Gillespie on the same green at King's Park. He was beaten after leading for eleven ends by F. Ingram Rees, a Welsh international, by four shots.

AMATEUR GOLF TOURNEY.

The big amateur golf tournament on the Eden course, St. Andrews, began on Wednesday with a 36-holes medal competition. The eight prize winners under handicap were:—

J. Coven (scr.), 154; T. D. Armour (scr.), 155; J. R. Anderson (2), 157; J. C. Jessop (scr.), 158; G. C. Manford (scr.), 158; T. N. Torrance (scr.), 160; J. Lang (2), 161; J. C. Law (4), 161.

2nd Brigade Cricket League.

At Wald on Monday. Bde. H. Q. (32) v. 483 Field Coy. R. E. (72). For the winners Spr. Feltham bowled very well taking 7 wickets for 6 runs, while Spr. Blyth reached highest figures with 14 not out. For the losers Q.M.S. Robson took 4 wickets for 16 runs.

Another match on Tuesday was 483 Field Coy. R.E. (44) v. 6th London Regt. (35). For the Sappers, Spr. Bird made 19 and Spr. Feltham took 6 wickets, whilst for the losers Sergt. Bunkell took 5 wickets and Rfn. Bolton scored 11.

BASHAM v. CHARLES.

Mr. Cochran has arranged a boxing contest to take place in London in September between Johnny Basham, welter-weight champion of Great Britain, and Francis Charles, welter-weight champion of France.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Rhine Army Dramatic Company.

The revival of "The Mollusc" and "General Post" at the Deutsches Theatre by the Rhine Army Dramatic Company this week is meeting with wonderful popularity. The first named play was the attraction during the early part of the week, and yesterday evening Mr. J. E. Harold Terry's delightful three act comedy was given to a crowded audience. The book sparkles with brilliant wit, and, if possible, its presentation is even more finished than when the accomplished members of the Company first submitted it.

Sir Dennis And Lady Broughton.

Miss Inez Bensusan has, in Lady Broughton, a part which suits her admirably. The character calls for sustained and artistic effort and this is accorded in full measure. Sir Dennis Broughton, her husband, is a "county gentleman" who, by flint-like crustiness, conceals a kindly generous disposition. Capt. C.F. Ball, Border Regt., submits the part excellently, albeit perhaps he does not convey that essence of refinement and polish that one might suppose Sir Dennis would naturally possess. Nevertheless, the criticism is trifling and it cannot be said that apart from this he does not make a very successful job of the work he undertakes. Miss Gabriel Paul, as Betty, is truly delightful, while the role of Alec, her brother, is capitally sustained by Major E. Pollock, R.G.A. As Edward Smith, Lieut. Esme Percy, H.L.I., has much to do and does it thoroughly well. Lieut. Onions, Monmouth Regt., as Smith's brother finds his chief success in his remarkably clever make-up, while Lieut. E.C. Stephenson, Norfolk Regt., maintains the very high standard of excellence that the whole caste achieves.

"The Fancies" On Tour.

"The Fancies" concert party began their week's tour of the Dragoon Brigade, Cavalry Division, in good style, at Berrendorf on Wednesday. It is the first time a concert party has visited this out-of-the-way part of Rhineland, and needless to say they had a great reception. Their singing and dancing was delightful, and they well-deserved the hearty applause accorded them. Miss Groves in particular worked very hard, both at the piano and with her voice, and her song about "Cissie's kisses" caused endless amusement.

Royal Command Singer.

A correspondent writes:—Miss Sura Silvers, the Y.M.C.A. singer, gave a concert at Zülpich on Monday night. She scored a great success with her mezzo-contralto voice and her captivating personality. Miss Silvers paid a visit here a few weeks ago and thanks to Mr. Hill, the energetic Y.M.C.A. leader, she made a very welcome return visit. It may be noted that this lady has sung to the men of our Fleet, for a considerable time to the men in France and now to our Army of Occupation. She has also sung before the King on two Royal Command occasions.

Sports Club Dances.

The dances which have all through the summer been given at the Sports Club, Lindenthal have been so successful that the Club think it will be acceptable to everybody if an additional dance be given on Saturday as well. There will, therefore, be dances following dinner every Tuesday and Saturday during the summer season, with the exception that next week the dance will take place on Wednesday instead of Tuesday in consequence of the VI Corps Tattoo taking place on that date.

Duren Song Recital.

On Tuesday at the headquarters of the Y.M.C.A., Duren, Bdr. William Barrand, the bass baritone of Eton, gave a song recital before a large and appreciative audience. Bdr. Barrand, who was in fine voice, opened with the Prologue to Pagliacci and followed with Lieder of Schubert, Schumann and Cornelius, his interpretation of Schubert's Erl King being especially fine. The popular "I am a Roamer bolde" (Mendelsohn) and the Toreador song (Bizet) were specially appreciated, Hattons To "Arthea" and Simon the Cellarer" were also included in the programme. Pte. Cook (tenor) also joined Bdr. Barrand in "The Moon Hath Raised" and sang Purcell's "Sylvia" and "Dedor's Lament." Mr. J. W. Rossington, L.R.A.M., Musical Director of the Y.M.C.A., accompanied and made a few explanatory remarks before each item.

Euskirchen Y. M. C. A. Reading Circle.

On Monday evening, the members of the Y.M.C.A. Reading Circle at Euskirchen were transported to a world of long ago, where winds and watercourses, singing pinetrees and melancholy marshes were animate. L/Cpl. Holdsworth' smost skilful and masterly treatment of Longfellow's "Hiawatha" was greatly enjoyed. In his reading, he did full justice to the music of this wonderful song, and led his audience to see the remarkable parallelism and similarity in the early stages of development and in the character of primitive folk-lore and tales of mystery and heroism. The secret of the intellectual pleasure of this occasion, and of the value of such a society, may be traced to the fact that the reader of the paper has had first hand acquaintance and knowledge of the people and the land of "Hiawatha." *JACQUES.*

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Doing Well.

Dominion is said to be going great guns in his St. Leger preparation.

Promising Yearlings.

Six promising-looking yearlings, the property of Mr. James Buchanan, have arrived at F. Barling's place to be trained.

Shoeless Race.

A team of Indians running shoeless, competed in the mile relay at the R.A.M.C. sports at Aldershot and were placed third.

Hobbs on Knight.

"Mr. D. J. Knight is a great player, a man who will play in England's Eleven one of these days." This tribute to the old Oxonian comes from Jack Hobbs.

Clapton Orient Players.

Of the new professionals, Warboys is an Army International, Calderhead is the son of the Chelsea manager, while Tonner and Bowyer became great favourities with the Orient supporters during the run of the London Combination games.

Griggs Extending.

Walter Griggs has purchased Exeter House, with the stables and covered exercise ground, from Mr. Alfred Hayhoe, who used to train for the late Mr. Leopold de Rothschild. Exeter grounds adjoin Saville House grounds, which are already occupied by Griggs.

J.W.H.T.D.

J.W.H.T. Douglas will turn out for the Corinthians this season.

oughing Epidemic.

There is a lot of coughing in the Belgian stables at present, but Mr. Bottomley's horses have so far escaped.

Footballers at Cricket.

The Arsenal footballers, who are now in training, played a cricket match against the North London Club at Muswell Hill this week.

Brilliant Partnership.

"The most brilliant partnership of the season" was the verdict of the critics while Jack Hobbs and D. J. Knight were batting against Notts at the Oval.

Fast Bowler's Death.

Christopher Collins, the old Kent cricket professional, has died at Gravesend, aged 59. Thirty years ago he was one of the fastest bowlers in England. He was the father of the present Kent professional.

Len Braund's Reply.

Somerset's defeat of Hampshire strengthens their chance of winning the cricket championship, and adds point to Len Braund's reply to a friend who asked him if he thought the county would be champions. "We shall be if we are not careful," said Braund.

Field Marshal Earl Haig.

Field-Marshal Earl Haig has become a vice-president of the London Scottish R.F.C.

Cantab Freshers.

Cambridge freshers will include Chapman, of Uppingham, Partridge, of Malvern, and Gibson, of Eton.

To-day's Fish Story.

One of the largest congers ever taken by an angler has been landed by a Mr. Stevens, at Oxwich, near Swansea. It weighed 58lb.

Inter-League Match.

The match between the Football League and the Irish League will be played on the ground of the Liverpool Club on Monday October 13.

Unfit For Camels.

Templeman's opinion of the Brighton course is that it was not fit for camels to race on. He rode Farakabad, who broke his leg through putting his foot in a hole.

Bail Flies 102 Feet.

Hacker the old Gloucester and Glamorgan professional is now bowling faster and better than ever. On Saturday in dismissing one of the Asylum opponents he hit a bail 102 feet. He is believed to be the best fast bowler in the county; aged 42, but physically 30.

Not So Dusty.

The Carpentier—Dick Smith match brought in £6,400.

For Oxford.

Hedges and Stevens, probably the two best boy cricketers of the year, will be at Oxford next season.

Racing Contrasts.

The season's racing has not provided a more remarkable contrast than that seen on Tuesday at Nottingham and Folkestone. At Nottingham every race was won by the favourite; at Folkestone five favourites (four of them odds on) were beaten.

Admirable Crichton of Sport.

His Majesty has honoured a genuine all-round sportsman and agriculturist in Colonel William Hall Walker. Horse-breeding, fox-hunting, deer-stalking, yacht-racing, polo, galloway-racing and beagling have each, in their turn, received the undivided attention of this Admirable Crichton of sport.

Good for the Hammers.

Frank Burton, one of the most able of the West Ham defenders, was on the Boleyn Castle ground the other day in hospital attire, and announced to Mr. King that he had obtained six weeks' leave. He will begin training to-day, his recovery from his facial wounds having been remarkable.

OLD SCOUTS' CIRCLE.

On Saturday last the Circle met at Hohenzollern Brigade and journeyed thence to Bonn, by tramway. On reaching Bonn we decided to move forward to Mehlem; we did so and after partaking of tea, climed the hill to Roland's Arch, from which point a magnificent view of the Rhine Valley was obtained. We succeeded in boarding a train at Rolandseck, and arrived in Cologne about 22.00 hrs. tired but contented.

Wednesday evening was chiefly occupied in choosing a Committee and in general arrangements for the future welfare of the Circle.

Next Saturday we meet at Amusements Board outside Cologne Main Station, and proceed by 3.30 train to Coblenz. Members wishing to attend will bring cleaning kit and the blanket as we shall be away all Sunday. The tour will include Coblenz, Trier, and Moselle Valley.

The numbers are not yet so great as might be expected considering the number of troops in Cologne Area. Roll up, old Scouts. *OLD SCOUT.*

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

What The Germans Read.

On the bookstall in the large bazaar in Hohestrasse, Cologne, may be seen among others the following German translations; well printed, strongly bound, some illustrated and published at two marks:— The Talisman, Kenilworth, Ivanhoe (Scott), David Copperfield, Oliver Twist (Dickens), Robinson Crusoe (Defoe), Gulliver's Travels (Swift), The Pathfinder, Deerslayer, The Last of the Mohicans (Cooper), Uncle Tom's Cabin (Harriet Beecher Stowe), The Flying Dutchman (Capt. Marryat), The Three Musketeers, Twenty Years After, The Count of Monte-Cristo (Dumas), The Last Days of Pompeii, Rienzie (Lytton), Notre Dame, Les Misérables (Hugo), Ben Hur (Lewis Wallace), Travels With a Donkey (R.L.S.) Anna Karinia, The Kreutzer Sonata (Tolstoi), Crime and Punishment (Dostoiwsky), The Decameron (Bocaccio), The Scalp Hunters (Mayne Reid), and The Swiss Family Robinson. The German's taste for literature then seems to be similar to that of the English, but how many books by German authors have we in cheap editions in England?

More Heroism.

A quiet deed of heroism was performed last Sunday night at Mehlem—among the prettiest of the small Rhine villages. Some German boys were bathing and one who could not swim but was paddling about on a petrol can, got out of his depth. He got the "wind-up" badly and shouted for help. A good many people were about, but it was two gunners of the R.G.A. who instantly recognised that the danger from this swift current was very real and ust throwing off their coats they swam jout and brought the lad to shore. Leaving him with his pals they picked up their coats and walked quickly away without a word, the many German civilians standing round in their Sunday best not having apparently the presence of mind even to say "Danke."

Good Baths.

In the public baths here can be seen several notions quite worth adopting at home. Each bather for instance is obliged to have a wash under the hot or cold shower before entering the Swimming bath. This is a great help towards keeping the water fresh and free from impurities. A few minutes under the hot shower is also beneficial in removing the sense of chill and shivering after a bath. The bather need have no concern about his property as the door of his box is automatically locked as he shuts it before going into the water. As a preventative of a bather making off with towels etc. supplied, some article of clothing (usually a soldier's cap) is held as deposit by the owner.

Another Railway Device.

Whatever the discomforts of German railroad travelling may be, one point in their favour is the easy gliding motion with which the trains start after intermediate stops. This is on account of a clutch fitted into the mechanism, so that when the train is at a standstill, the engine of the locomotive is still working letting out the intermittent "puffs" similar to those heard when the train is in progress. In order to start the train, the clutch is engaged, which gradually connects the engine with the driving wheels, thereby practically eliminating the tugging motion which is felt on locomotives without this attachment. This idea has also been adopted on some of the Great Western Railway locomotives in England, but is not so extensively used as in Germany.

Wearing Honours.

Unlike Continental folk, the practice of wearing on civilian clothes medal ribbons won in war is deprecated by the English. Germans, we hear, were amused at a picture in a London paper showing war service stripes on a hat band. At least one English soldier has adopted an ingenious idea for a permanent record of his service, one that he cannot possibly lose. He has been tattooed! On his right fore-arm he has one red and four blue "brisques" with a sergeant major's coat of arms. On his chest appear four medal ribbons, one space being left blank for the "Victory" ribbon, as soon as that is authorised. He intends to have the medals tattooed in when the designs are known, though presumably he will have the reveree side of medals tattooed on his back!

Is this A Record?

The War Saving endeavours of the 13th Batt. of the K.R.R.C. appear to constitute a record in this direction; we wonder. It seems that on one pay-day, as early as June 29th., the battalion deposited over 35,000 Mks., but on the 10th. of the present month this was easily eclipsed, the comfortable sum of 64,402 Mks. being lent to the national exchequer. Altogether 3,311 certificates have been purchased by this unit.

Lesser Echoes.

Record business in the sale of liquid refreshment is reported to have been done by the Godesberg hotels last Sunday.

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Barns in Rhineland needed for the storage of harvest are being vacated by our troops.

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Another ghost story comes from Düren where, it is alleged, weird and wonderful noises are heard in the stilly night coming from a disused factory.

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If there is proved to be a shortage of agricultural labourers in any district in occupied territory, British soldiers may be permitted to assist with the harvest rovided they are volunteers for the work and are paid and their military duties are not interfered with.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to: G. V. Stilliard, Train H.Q. Eastern, Rhine Army; Spr. G. T. James R. E., Signal Squadron Cavalry Div. Rhine Army; Capt. C. H. Sheppard, Army General and Commercial College, Cologne. Yesterday's prize winners whose names were omitted through a printer's error were: Sergt. W. Slater H. Q. 14 Cheshire Regt. Rhine Army; Pte. Sydney Steen, Aid Post, 52nd S. Wales Borderers, Rhine Army; Sergt. Goldie R. E. A. P. O., S. 40 Rhine Army.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Prime Minister's Holiday.—Mr. Lloyd George is going to Brittany for a rest.

To Rome.—General Pershing is going on a visit to Rome.

Journalists' Trip.—A party of British journalists are on a visit to Denmark.

British Troops Leave.—All British troops have left the Malmedy area.

Poor Sport.—Grouse are decidedly scarce on many of the Scottish moors.

Journalist Once.—The King of Belgium is said to have taken in his youth employment on an American newspaper.

Grandson of "Boz".—Mr. Charles Dickens, who is staying at Broadstairs, is a grandson of the novelist.

Still Warm.—A temperature of 127 degrees in the sun was reached in London yesterday.

Prince's Welcome.—The Prince of Wales received an enthusiastic welcome on landing at St. John's.

A 47 Hours Week.—Westminster City Council has adopted a 47 hour week for its employees.

Clerics Confer.—Leicester is to be the venue of the Church Congress in the coming October.

Duke's Land.—The Duke of Connaught has sold some of his land at Bagshot for a public purpose.

Help from India.—Over three-quarters of the force employed in Mesopotamia consisted of Indian troops.

Small Holdings.—Over 8,000 of the applications for land by ex-soldiers are for holdings of twenty acres or so.

Across The Pond.—Fully half a dozen of the most popular plays now running in London are of American origin.

Popular Poetess.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox is bringing out an auto-biography entitled "The World and I."

Good Sense.—Summer-time is not likely to be abolished in future years, says the Home Secretary.

And Now?—The total number of officials employed in Government departments in March last was 397,825.

Police Protection.—The employment of dogs to protect the Irish police is under consideration.

An Edinburgh Memorial.—A proposal to erect a war memorial on the Castle rock at Edinburgh has been approved by the King.

Army Huts Burned.—Damage to the extent of two thousand pounds was done by a fire which destroyed a row of army huts at Charleroi.

Distinguished Officer's Appointment.—Col. B. S. Romilly D.S.O., Scots Guards, has been appointed Military Governor of the Province of Tiberias.

Moorland Fire.—Another moorland fire has broken out in the Ashover district of Derbyshire and scores of acres of heather-clad moor are alight.

Back Again.—The State coaches and horses of the King of the Belgians which were taken to England for safety during the war have been removed to Brussels.

How Many More?—The list of Peace Honours has yet to be published.

Lumped Together.—An M.P. has made the novel suggestion that the war expenses of the Allies should be pooled.

No More Cabbage Patches.—Several borough councils round London have refused further land for allotments.

From the Far East.—The young Shah of Persia who has just attained his majority is on the way to London.

Its Majority.—It is twenty-one years since the Letchworth Garden City was started.

Liked in U.S.A.—De Valera, the Sinn Fein leader, is having a great reception in the States and is extending his tour.

Songster's Return.—Madame Melba has returned to opera and sang in "La Boheme" at Covent Garden the other night.

Like Rodenkirchen?—One of the favourite open air swimming baths of London for both sexes is at Chiswick.

Tenants' Fear.—As soon as the present war legislation protecting tenants lapses, big increases in rents are expected in Great Britain.

In Memoriam.—The Circle of Hope proposes that every year on Empire Day flowers should be placed on the graves of all who died serving in the war.

Coal of Belgium.—The importation of British coal into Belgium is no longer subject for the import licence of the Belgian Government.

New London Party.—Next November's municipal elections in London are likely to be livelier than usual, for a new independent party is coming into the field.

A Large Fortune.—Sir C. M. Caughey who died at Belfast left a fortune of £2,000,000. He went to Australia forty years ago as a penniless emigrant.

Increased Pensions.—The Leicestershire Miners' Association has decided to increase its old-age pensions to members over sixty years of age from 3s 6d to 5s a week.

London and the North.—Passenger service by sea, between Newcastle and London, which was suspended during the war, has been resumed.

Present for the King.—The King has been presented with a historic sword by the Sheikhs of Babrain in the Persian Gulf.

A Fatal Crash.—While landing at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, a large aeroplane overturned. The pilot was killed.

Plenty To Say.—The official Naval history of the War by Sir Julian Corbett, due next autumn will form at least four large volumes.

An Expensive Book.—General Ludendorff is said to have received £12,000 for the British and American rights of his account of the war which is about to be published.

Great War Writer.—Philip Gibbs, the famous war correspondent and novelist, is, in appearance, frail and grave. His features are fine, and they tell of a man of subtle feeling and susceptibility.

LEARNING TO SWIM.

HOW TO INSPIRE CONFIDENCE.

"The best way to learn," I read, "is first of all to dive. This can be learned in ten minutes, and inspires confidence."

I was anxious to learn to swim: I was billeted in a German town with a perfectly good bath to which I could go every day. Every opportunity you see, but how to learn?

Talking it over with people I discovered that for once everyone was unanimious, — "Confidence is all that is required." And here was a perfectly authorative looking statement which said „The best way is first of all to dive, — it inspires confidence," — what could you want clearer than that?

I rushed to the baths, undressed, got on to the spring-board —

"It looks cold" said my discretion.

I quite agreed.

"And a long way down — if you don't come up again."

"Confidence" I said firmly "Is all that is required."

"The shallow end looks easier" urged discretion.

"The book says this is best" — and not giving time for him to argue further, I put discretion behind me and made an attempt, to inspire confidence.

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Those stars, reader, are a one hundred-thousandth part of those I really saw. It took two strong men twenty minutes, a flask of brandy, and a week in bed to recover from that attempt at inspiration. At the end of that period I again took council.

This time I went to the other extreme, "Get in the water and messabout, attempt to imitate others" was the method I decided on this time. It appealed to me much more, and my discretion entirely approved.

Taking note of further advice such as "Get right under as soon as you enter the bath, keep on the move, come out as soon as you feel chilled," I messed about for some days and succeeded in doing nothing but feeling heartily ashamed of myself, and washing away what little confidence remained by shipping pints of water.

One day I discovered a small cork belt, — it looked interesting, and ought to have possibilities. If I try this as an inspirer of coofidence and use it as a support until I get the strokes properly, I ought to do some good.

I put it on, lay on the water with its support, and went through the motions of the breast stroke. Wonders — I was moving — I got acros the bath, — and back again, making a great deal of splash, but getting there all the same.

I did this several times, then took off the belt and tried again, fancying that I had the belt on. Eureka — I got six yards, then went gurgling under, but I had swum. I did a war dance but fell under the water, so tried to swim again. Yes, I could swim, — six yards only, but that was good enough.

Next night I repeated the performance, — twice across with the belt, then without. After that night there was no need for the belt at all — each night since then I have swum further than before.

A fortnight ago I could not swim a stroke, now I can easily do a length of the bath, leaving much to be desired as regards elegance, — but that will follow.

That then reader, is how I learned. Judge for yourself whether you prefer to dive first, which is undoubtedly the best way, as the book says so, or whether you prefer the less vigorous way outlined above.

FACING FEARFUL ODDS.

The enemy lay before me. Silently I strode toward them.

A brief respite had come to the opposing forces and I could read in the faces of my comrades the admiration they had for me and my daring.

In the faces of our adversaries all read purpose and imperturbability, and as I approached their lines, they loomed out gigantic specimens of manhood. How dwarfish I must look to them.

Their order was perfect. Each man stood his ground as though they saw in me an opponent scarcely worthy of their consideration, but had they known how confident I felt in my armour and how high was my morale, maybe their courage would have dwindled.

Steadily I advanced, adjusting my armour as I went.

In a second or two I was in the midst of the foe, my weapon in hand. How heavy it seemed. So unaccustomed to this arm was I that I doubted if even pluck or prowess could avail to make it effective. Records will show.

Hatless and coatless, my armour showing white in the suns hot rays, I singled out their most redoubtable fighter.

I saw him running full tilt toward me something tightly gripped in his right hand; something round and like a bomb, then before I had decided how to meet the peril he had launched it straight at me. If I did not obstruct it or turn it aside I was doomed.

"Zwzzz," it struck the trodden grass before me travelling at lightning speed. I took a pace forward to meet it. So intent was I, that I had not noticed the alert, aggressive attitude of those watchful others encircling me, or the one stooping as though for a spring behind. I saw the fiery-red sphere as it rose up at me.

Then I struck. Great Goblin! I had missed. I heard a dull thud behind me and turned. My opponent had missed also but a flash of red showed in the hand of the stealthy one behind and even as I endeavoured to recover that one fatal, forward pace I heard a click followed by an exultant shout and a voice appealing: "How's that, umpire?" "Out," came the reply. I was; out for a duck.

A. H.

Is The Ex-Kaiser a British Subject?

There is an Act of Parliament dating back to the reign of Queen Anne which declares that the Electress Sophia, the widow of the Duke of Hanover, and all her descendants are to be considered British subjects. Some legal experts have argued that by virtue of this old statute the ex-German Emperor, as her direct descendant, is amenable to British law and should be tried in London.

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OUR TRADE POLICY.

Roumania's Reply to Supreme Council Conciliatory.

STATE OF PUBLIC FINANCE.

PUBLIC FINANCE.

RE-ORGANISATION OF EXPENDITURE.

An important feature of the proceedings of the Army Committee, held yesterday, was a statement concerning the Territorial Force by Mr. Winston Churchill. He explained that he was not in a position to make a definite statement of policy, as the Cabinet still had under consideration the reorganisation of all public expenditure. He was urging upon the Cabinet the importance of arriving at a prompt decision and expressed the hope that some announcement would be made early in September.

The General Staff had prepared a complete scheme, he continued, which would be modified in accordance with the Cabinet's decision as to the estimates allotted to Army expenditure, having taken into consideration the need for the utmost economy, whilst providing for adequate defence and the military requirements of the Empire.

The Chairman of the United Service Fund explained the proposals for allocating the Canteen Funds. He emphasised the determination to see that the money should be administered at a minimum expense in order to ensure that all serving and ex-serving members of the forces should receive full benefits. He pointed out that if the whole of the money were divided amonst the officers and men, the sum for each would only be 4s. 7d. An immediate need was to take steps to assist in helping ex-service men by forming clubs based on non sectarian and non political lines.

BRITAIN'S FUTURE.

PREMIER'S FORTHCOMING ANNOUNCEMENT.

On Monday next, before the House of Commons adjourns, the Premier is making an important statement. It is expected that he will find it necessary to occupy the attention of the House nearly two hours, in reviewing the various questions.

Among the subjects to be dealt with will be the Government's trade policy, the future of the coal industry, finance and national economy, agricultural policy, the Irish problem and federal devolution.

The Premier will be in a position to make a definite announcement on the question of trade policy, but there is reason to believe that the deliberations of the Cabinet regarding the coal industry have not yet reached a stage which admits of more than a general statement, indicating the broad trend of the Government's conclusions.

The pronouncement with respect to economy in public departments is likely to be of the first importance, as it is understood that the Cabinet is resolved that drastic steps should be taken to cut down expenditure in connection with every Government office.

ROUMANIA AND HUNGARY.

Roumania's reply to the Supreme Council's Notes respecting the occupation of Budapest is described as peing couched in conciliatory and dignified terms. Briefly, its tenour is to claim that Roumania has materially aided the conference in its work of peace.

There has been a reconstruction of the Hungarian Cabinet, which is now extremely Conservative, the Socialists having refused to join it. M. Friedrich remains Premier.

STRIKERS NOTE.

Mrs. Bridget McHugh, of Pemberton, in the Wigan coalfield, Lancashire, has just died at the age of 80. She was a pit brow worker for over half a century, retiring when she was 75 years of age, and had the reputation of being the oldest working "pit brow lassie" in the country. In filling and emptying wagons, using chipping pick and spade and rake, and tippling the boxes of coal, she was as expert as a man. Her working dress consisted of a rough apron over trousers, a shoulder shawl, and a pit-head covering bonnet, and she wore iron-rimmed clogs.

COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT.

In the House of Commons yesterday, General Seely announced that it has been proposed to hold a competition for commercial types of air craft. The precise terms, he added, would be announced in a few days, but in the meantime he was able to say that prizes to the value of £60,000 would be offered in connection with the competition.

Westmister City Council has formally consented to the erection of the Whitehall Cenotaph on its present site.

IN NORTH RUSSIA.

BOLSHEVISTS WILL ATTACK.

General Maynard reports that on the West Murmansk railway an advance guard enemy column has driven in our outpost line. It is clear that the Bolshevists are well advised that preparations are being pushed forward for the British withdrawal from Archangel, and that they are contemplating a serious attack on the Murman front in order to hasten the evacuation and if possible to damage the retiring troops.

The attack by troops of the Archangel Relief Force on the Dvina front reported yesterday is decribed as a brilliant success. The prisoners numbered 2,000. It will not interfere with the policy of evacuation.

MODERN MUTINEERS.

SHIP'S CREW TAKE MATTERS IN THEIR OWN HANDS.

An incident reminiscent of a chapter in the life of Captain Kettle is reported from the Irish coast. The British steamer "Workham" on arrival at a South Irish port reported that when 200 miles off Brest, an S.O.S. message was picked up.

The steamer hastened to the position indicated and found a vessel with apparently nobody in charge. Further investigation by the "Workham" crew revealed the captain and chief officer in the cabin in a dire plight, the crew having mutinied and broached the cargo of spirits. The mutiny was quelled with difficulty and six of the leaders put in irons. The ship was then brought on to Brest.

MANCHESTER EXPRESS MISHAP.

Early yesterday morning the London and North-Western Express from Manchester to London met with a mishap, shortly after beginning the journey and while travelling at a slow speed. The middle coach, one of fifteen, when crossing the points, swerved to an adjoing line. After being dragged a short di tance it was thrown on its side. The engine and the other coaches kept the metals. The occupants of the affected coach were violently shaken; six were injured. The accident occurred within a mile of London Road Station, Manchester. The occupants were mostly soldiers returning from leave.

TURBULENT TRIBES.

TROUBLES ON INDIAN BORDER

It is learned on high authority that one of our outposts on the North-Western frontier of India has been attacked by a tribe of Baluchis. Fairly heavy losses were inflicted on us in severe hand-to-hand fighting. The attack was apparently occasioned by the passing of a British convoy. Full details are not yet available.

The Afghanistan position is still unsettled, despite the formal signing of peace and it is thought that disturbances of a minor kind will continue along the border until the tribesmen are effectively taught that disturbance will bring its own penalty.

HOME LABOUR TROUBLES.

RAILWAYMEN THIS TIME.

A crisis has developed in the railway world, owing to the delay in securing a settlement of the wages question. The dispute affects all locomotive and electric train men in the country, involving 65,000 engine drivers, firemen and cleaners.

The Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen have sent a letter to Sir Auckland Geddes requesting a conference with a view to a definite result being reached, and hinting drastic action if the result of the negotiations is unsatisfactory. Sir Auckland Geddes saw the members of the Railway Executive yesterday afternoon and discussed the new situation with them. Afterwards he called at 10, Downing-street, where a Cabinet Meeting was in progress, and remained some time.

GROUSE BY AEROPLANE.

The opening of grouse shooting was celebrated in London by daring diners who tackled birds which, having been shot in Perthshire in the morning, were brought to London by aeroplane and served for dinner the same evening.

PROFITEERING.

BOARD OF TRADE TO CONTROL PRICES.

An important change has been introduced into the Profiteering Bill. Words were accepted by the House giving powers to the Board of Trade, after investigation, to fix maximum prices.

This power of fixing maximum prices is strictly reserved to the Board of Trade itself. It is not to be delegated to the local tribunals — "the little Star Chambers," as they were generally described yesterday. At first there was manifestly some confusion on this point in the minds of members. Lord Robert Cecil avowed himself "absolutely at sea." The whole basis of the bill, said he, had gone. He could not conceive the Government accepting such a principle, which would put the trade of the country under a number of local committees.

However, it soon became clear that this power to fix maximum prices was to be jealously retained in the hands of the Board of Trade and in the division which followed the Government Whips were taken off, and the principle was carried by 132 to 95.

The Government, determined to get the Bill through the Commons in order to send it to the Lords and make it law before the recess, sat all night on Wednesday in order to dispose of the Committee stage, rising at 7,30 a.m. on Thursday after a sitting lasting seventeen hours.

POLES AND DANES.

ALLEGED BRUTALITIES.

The last party of members of the Danish Red Cross in Russia, who bravely assisted French and English citizens against the Bolsheviks, have arrived at Copenhagen. On their way home via Poland they were treated in the most brutal way. The party includes about ten Danish doctors and officers, thirty nurses, and some children. They were treated as prisoners on arriving in Poland, and later were driven outside the Polish trenches, where they remained a week in No Man's Land, starving and exposed to firing from both Poles and Bolsheviks. The Polish military authorities refused to assist them, but finally a young Polish gentleman, highly indignant at their treatment, went to Warsaw to protest to the Government. He succeeded in sending a cable to Denmark, and shortly afterwards the party was allowed to leave Poland by special train, and the authorities made them an apology.

LIVERPOOL RIOTS.

"JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE."

At the resumed inquest on Culhbert Thomas Howlett, aged 33, boilermaker's labourer, who died from gunshot wounds received in the looting riots during the recent disturbances in Liverpool, evidence of the police and military showed that during an attack on a motor-lorry containing special constables and military. Howlett, who was drunk, tried to wrench a rifle from Lance-corporal Seymour.

The latter gave him several warnings, but he refused to let go, and, as Seymour was finding himself being gradually dragged out of the lorry he pulled the trigger of the rifle, which was pointing downwards, thinking it would shoot Howlett in the legs, but he was shot in the abdomen. The shooting was the only remedy he had unless he allowed himself to be pulled out to the ground and lose his rifle, in which case there would have been great danger of the rifle being used against himself and his comrades.

A verdict of justifiable homicide was returned, it being considered that what Lance-corporal Seymour did was in self-defence.

FRENCH MOTOR PARK ABLAZE.

A fire broke out at the French Army motor park at Vincennes, where a large number of military cars are overhauled and repaired. The fire soon extended; the store house was completely destroyed and much damage was done to the contents of an adjoining workskop in which were numerous valuable machines and tools. The damage is estimated at about 1,000,000 francs.

SHARK AMONG BATHERS.

Consternation was caused among bathers in Croyde Bay, North Devon, by the sudden appearance in their midst of a big shark. The fish was bagged by Mr. C.C. Cuff, assistant manager, Locomotive Works, Swindon. He borrowed a gun, waded some distance into the water and shot the shark dead. It measured 7ft. 6in. and took five men to drag it ashore. The shark is the largest ever seen in North Devon.

IRISH FARM TRAGEDY.

Poison is suspected as the cause of death of Martin McMorrow, a farmer, and his two young children, who were found dead in a bedroom at Tullynamoyle, co. Leitrim, Ireland.

In the same room the farmer's wife was found lying in a pool of blood, with terrible wounds in her head and face. A blood-stained hammer was discovered in the house, and all four persons had evidently been dead several days.

NO RECKLESSNESS.

MR. CLYNES ON DIRECT ACTION.

A vigorous attack on "Direct Action" and its folly from the workers' point of view was made by Mr. J. A. Clynes at Manchester to the National Federation of General Workers, of which he is President. The recent decision on direct action is to be welcomed, he said. Direct action could not remove the economic and social grievances of the working classes. To strike for vague or alien purposes would be to squander the resources of the workers without the slightest prospect of permanent social and industrial improvement.

After war conditions and the inevitable discontent following on a great struggle, there might be an opportunity for a dictator and a moment for playing at revolution. But the workers' interests collectively should be lifted above the recklessness of men who failed to see that the workers now had political powers wholly sufficient to secure on peaceful lines, through the agency of Parliament and without sacrifice, the greatest and most enduring economic changes. Changes to be beneficent and lasting must come through the constitutional efforts of majorities or through the general acceptance by the people of changed conditions for peoples benefits.

£69,285,000.

COST OF RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN.

A White Paper issued yesterday gives the total British expenditure on naval and military operations in Russia from the date of the Armistice to July 31st. as £69,285,000.

The amount is divided under two heads. The first represents expenditure on naval and military operations connected with the occupation of and the withdrawal from North Russia, Murmansk and Archangel, maintaining the Army in the Caucasus and the cost of Naval operations in the Baltic and Black Seas, and amounts to £25,970,000. The second is assistance given to Koltchak and Denikin and to the Baltic states. Under this head the total is £43,315,000. Of the latter amount £30,000,000 went to Koltchak and Denikin.

CROSS CURRENTS.

AMERICA AND THE PEACE TREATY.

It is difficult to analyse the situation at Washington as to the fortunes of the Peace Treaty, because of the great difference of opinion among those usually well informed. According to one section the Republican leaders have a majority and will compel textual amendments, giving America a voting strength in the League Assembly equal to that of the British Empire. This will be in addition to an amendent designed to restore the Shantung Peninsula to China. According to another section the Democrats have every confidence that the Treaty will be ratified, subject to certain interpretations acceptable to the Allies, and that the present strife at Washington is merely an effort by the Republican leaders to discredit the Wilson Government at the next Presidential Election.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee announces its intention to inform the President that it desires to consult him on matters connected with the ratification of the Peace Treaty. The Committee has decided to re-open hearings on the Treaty for the purpose of arriving at definite conclusions with regard to reservations.

The general impression is that something in the nature of a compromise will be found, giving satisfaction to all parties.

SHOCKING TUBE ACCIDENT.

A young officer, identified as Lieut. Took, Suffolk Regiment, has died in Guy's Hospital as the result of injuries received at the Elephant and Castle Tube Station. The officer, who wore two wound stripes and the 1914 ribbon, fell beneath a train entering the station. Half an hour elapsed before he could be extricated, shockingly injured about the head. While the injuries were being dressed he kept saying "Over the top! Over the top."

CIVILIANS LATER HOURS.

The gradual return to normal conditions of the civilians in Rhineland is becoming apparent in various ways. A further sign of the times is indicated in an order just issued. This portends that on and after Tuesday next, free circulation of civilians is permitted in the British occupied territory between the hours of 4 a.m. and 12 (midnight).

"JUSTICE" MUTINY SEQUEL.

A Paris message states that a Naval Court-martial at Brest, tried seven sailor, of the battleship "Justice" who took part in the mutinies at Sevastopol in April and May. Four of the men were condemned to terms of imprisonments varying from six to twelve months, the others being acquitted.

The answer of the Roumanian Government to the Supreme Council is considered as very satisfactory.

SUNKEN MILLIONS.

DIVING FOR "LAURENTIC'S" GOLD.

In a weather-beaten spot off the entrance to Lough Swilly divers are de'ying almost insuperable difficulties in the efforts to salve the gold bullion carried by the ill-fated Laurentic, when she was torpedoed early in 1917.

She is believed, to have had about £6,000,000 in gold ingots on board when she was sunk, and of this total over £800,000 has been recovered.

The vessel is broken and compressed by the pressure of the water above her, and the depth is just about the limit at which the divers can work.

Only in calm weather can salvage operations be carried on, but the authorities are fairly confident that all the gold can be recovered.

The tragedy of the Laurentic has never been fully told.

Within two hours of leaving Lough Swilly one evening in February on her way to Canada she was lying at the bottom of the sea. Two torpedoes had struck her—one giving her such a heavy list to starboard that the port boats could not be launched, and the other putting her back on an even keel.

There was time to arouse everybody on board, and all got away, although to many it meant a slow and painful death. A south-easterly blizzard was blowing with such intensity that the boats were driven right out to the Atlantic.

Flares were burnt, but none of the patrol boats was in the vicinity. The Laurentic's boats continued their fearful journey, seas sweeping over and filling them, while the occupants slowly froze to death. Eventually, 200 survivors were landed and between 70 and 80 dead.

SINN FEIN ARSENAL.

RAIDED BY TROOPS.

A raid has been made by a strong force of military and police on the Irish College at Glandore, five miles from Skibbereen. There are some sixty students at the institution, ostensibly to learn the Irish language. Last Saturday gun running on a considerable scale took place and on Thursday the college was raided by the authorities.

The inmates were asleep, but as soon as the alarm was given a huge signal fire was lighted but extinguished by the soldiers. The students, when rounded up, proved to be Sinn Fein volunteers. A search of the grounds disclosed that the place was a fully equipped military camp with a regular arsenal. The college and camp are now in the hands of the military.

The leaders were arrested and charged with being engaged in military training and drilling and with being in possession of arms and ammunition. They were remanded.

POLES BEAT BOLSHEVIKS.

The latest communiqués received in London from the Polish General Staff show that heavy fighting has been in progress on the Lithuanian and White Ruthenian fronts. Reinforced by new Lettish and Naval troops, drawn from the Eastern front, the Bolsheviks renewed their attacks during the night of Aug. 2-3 on the whole line between Nalibocha, Puszowa, and Wilejka, and severe fighting ensued, especially to the north of the River Wicza.

In the region of Davidgorod the enemy made another attack, supported by a river flotilla. Fighting continued for eighteen hours, but finally the attack was beaten off, the Bolsheviks losing 250 killed, while there was also heavy slaughter among the Chinese troops. A number of prisoners and an armoured motor-boat fell into the hands of the Poles.

TERMS OF ARMY SERVICE.

The Parliamentary Army Committee is not satisfied with the speed at which terms of military service are being decided.

Yesterday, it passed a resolution to the effect that it was essential to formulate, without further delay, the terms of service for both regulars in the after war Army and the Territorial Force. The Committee felt convinced that if further delay was persisted in, the strength and efficiency of the Territorials would be adversely affected.

THE AUSTRIAN REPUBLIC.

A great republican demonstration took place at Vienna on Thursday. The whole garrison, comprising 15,000 men, assembled in front of the Parliament buildings in the presence of high military and civil authorities and declared that they would resist by force of arms any movement designed to overthrow the Republic.

President Dr. Seitz assured the demonstrators that the Assembly would defend the republican constitution to the uttermost limits. His remarks were received with great enthusiasm.

AEROPLANE DOPE ENQUIRY.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the British Cellulose and Chemical Manufacturing Company and its relations to various Government Departments, in connection with the supply of dope for aeroplane wings, issued its report yesterday. It clears the firm or any Government Department of favouritism or corruption. The report shows that £300,000 was lost on the abandonment of proposed experiments in the manufacture of acetic acid.

FRANCE'S DEAD.

CERTIFICATES FOR FAMILIES OF FALLEN.

On Nov. 2 a remarkable ceremony will be held throughout the length and breadth of France. One million five hundred thousand certificates will be presented to the families of the fallen. Already, in every commune of France, a collective certificate containing the names of the inhabitants who have been killed in the war has been received, but a number of associations have joined hands to render individual homage to each bereaved family. Nov. 2 figures in the calendar as the Day of the Dead, and has always a particularly solemn character in France. It is felt that no more suitable date could be chosen for indicating the sympathy and gratitude of France in the great host of families who have lost son or father.

TRIAL OF BELA KUN.

According to a Buda Pest telegram the Public Prosecutor announces that proceedings have been begun against all individuals charged with crimes committed during the Proletariat Dictatorship and the necessary measures have been taken for their arrest as well as for the extradition of those who have fled abroad.

It appears from another announcement that is is intended to prosecute Bela Kun and his associates for incitement to murder, robbery, forgery, and other crimes.

BOLSHEVIST FIENDS.

The Bolshevists have invented another method of torturing their victims, which they call "stocking macking." The skin and toe-nails are stripped from the legs and feet of living prisoners, the lacerated limbs being frequently plunged in boiling water to soften the skin.

In many cases the noses and ears of prisoners were cut off and nails hammered into all parts of the body, including the face. In addition to these fiendish varieties of torture, unprintable tortures by electricity have been devised by the Bolshevists. On one occasion a prisoner was dragged out of a crowded room, and a quarter of an hour later his head was thrown into the room. The other prisoners were told that they would suffer the same fate, one by one, unless they disclosed the whereabouts of all their money and valuables.

Wholesale massacres began a few days before the arrival of General Denikin's forces.

After the occupation by General Denikin, corpses were exhumed from the racecourse, the public park, private gardens, and elsewhere in the city. In many cases the victims' hands and arms were tightly bound with telegraph wire, which had bitten into the flesh.

SOLDIER BIGAMIST.

The marriage of a soldier and a girl of the W. A. A. C. had its sequel at a West London Court yesterday when Henry George Murch was charged with bigamously marrying Ada Clements at Alnwick.

The evidence showed that in February 1918 Murch, who was soldiering in the North of England, met Miss Clements, who had given up a place as schoolmistress to join the W. A. A. C.'s. Murch had been in the army since 1914 as a single man. He had married his first wife, a Belgian, in 1913, while abroad as a jockey, and when arrested he said he heard that his first wife was living with a German in Brussels. He understood that the circumstances made it lawful for him to marry again.

A remand was granted in order that an effort might be made to find the man's first wife.

LENIN QUAKING.

It is reported that under the influence of events at Buda-Pesth, Lenin at Moscow and Rakovsky at Kieff have convoked a party conference to decide concerning the new situation. The Soviet at Kieff is now in a similar position to that in which Bela Kun's Government was, because Bolshevism is confined to the capital and is existing in the provinces only by terrorism.

The military situation is such that the end of Bolshevism in Ukrainia is approaching. In Ukrainia the Soviet Government is hard pressed by Denikin's troops, supported by the Allies.

LONDON HOOLIGANISM.

Ernest Gibson, a Private in the Canadian Forces, was ordered a month's imprisonment, with hard labour, at Marlborough-street for an attack on Captain Herbert Chaplin, R.A.F. The story told was that the Captain, leaving the Palladium, was met by a gang of men. Gibson snatched the officer's hat and threw it under a passing omnibus shouting to the gang "He's a split." The gang then set on the Captain, knocking him down. The prisoner was kicking him when the police approached and he ran away. The Captain said the accused seemed mad drunk.

The Commission charged with investigating Italian and Greek claims regarding Smyrna and Asia Minor generally, held its first meeting at Constantinople on Tuesday.

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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20th 1919
IN THE
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AT 14.30 HOURS.

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CAVALRY DIVISION POLO

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

1. It is proposed to hold (i) a Regimental Polo Tournament open to Regimental Teams of Cavalry and Infantry and R.A. of the Army of the Rhine, (ii) an open tournament open to any teams of the Allied Armies.
2. Entries should reach General Staff, Cavalry Division by noon 19th August.
3. Teams will commence playing preliminary ties on 22nd August, the final to be played on 29th August.
4. A cup will be presented to the winning Regiment of (i), cups to the members of the winning team of (ii).

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(Signed) S. A. Thompson, Major
for D.A. and Q.M.G. to Military Governor, Occupied German Territory.

Cologne 14. 8. 19.

COLOGNE RACES

AUGUST MEETING
Aug. 23rd. and Aug. 30th

ADMISSION PRICES

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COLOGNE RACES

FIRST AUGUST MEETING

Champagne Steeplechase advertised as race of 3 miles has had to be reduced to race of 2 miles. Will owners entered in this race please wire if they wish entries to stand or be withdrawn; in latter case fees will be returned.

Sec. Cologne Races.

COLOGNE RACES

Entries received for races 23rd Aug. will be published Sunday 17th.

Handicap weights will be published Tuesday 19th.

Winning Totalizator Tickets not yet cashed over Cav. Div. Races will be paid up to Aug. 20th inclusive, but not after that date, at 10 Grosse Budengasse, between 10 and 12 hours.

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Amusements, Recreation, etc.

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The BRITISH RHINE ARMY DRAMATIC COMPANY presents a revival of
"GENERAL POST"
Comedy in 3 acts by J. E. Harold Terry.
Monday, August 18th and for 6 nights 6 p.m.
BRITISH RHINE ARMY DRAMATIC COY. presents
"THE YOUNGER GENERATION"
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Preceded on Mon., Tues., and Wed. by
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A play in one act by St. John Hankin and on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday a one act play entitled
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SPECIAL FILM for THIS WEEK ONLY from 2 to 3.30 and 3.45 to 5.15.
HISTORIC MARCH OF THE ALLIED TROOPS THROUGH PARIS AND LONDON
Note: Friday CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE

Church of England Services in Cologne.

1.—THE MILITARY CHURCH
57 Schildergasse, (Turning off Hohe Str).
Holy Comm. 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 11-15 a.m., 6-45 p.m. Morning Prayer 10.30.
Evening Service, 6.00 p.m.
Thursdays 6.30 p.m. in Church Army Chapel, Antoniter Str.: (behind Church).

2.—THE CHURCH ARMY CHAPEL
Hotel du Nord.
Sundays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m., and 6.45 p.m. Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Weekdays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saints' Days.
Short Morning Prayer Daily at 9-15 a.m

3.—THE ARMY CINEMA HALL
36, Komodien Strasse.
Sundays: Evening Service, 6 p.m.

4.—THE CHURCH ARMY CINEMA HALL. 95, Severin Strasse.
Sundays Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.
Evening Service, 6. p.m.

Roman Catholic Service in Kalk.

KALK. In Chapel near Parish Church. Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Church of England Services in Bonn

IN GARRISON CHURCH, BONN.
SUNDAYS: Holy Communion 7-30, 8-00, 11-45, and 18-45 hours.
Parade Service (Corps) at 10-00 hours.
Parade Service (Div.) at 11-00 hours.
Evening Service at 18-00 hours.
Organ Recital every Sunday from 17-45 to 18-00 hours.
WEEK-DAYS: Holy Communion Daily 7-45 hours.
excepting on Thursday when it is at 10-30 hours.
Evening Prayers at 18.00 hours excepting on Thursday.

IN BEETHOVEN-HALL, BONN.
SUNDAYS: Evening Service at 18-30 hours followed by celebration of Holy Communion at 19.30 hours.

IN PROTESTANT CHURCH, BEUEL (Friedrichstrasse)
SUNDAYS: Holy Communion at 7-30 hours. Evening Service at 18.00 hours.

Catholic Services in Cologne and Bonn on Sundays.

COLOGNE, CATHEDRAL
Mass in Cathedral at 8 a.m. (north Transept) High Mass in Cathedral at 9-15 a.m.
Parade Mass in Minoritenkirche (Minoritenstr.), 2 minutes from Cathedral at 10 a.m.
Rosary and Benediction in Minoritenkirche at 7 p.m. Confessions in Cathedral on Saturdays from 5—7 p.m.

BONN, MÜNSTER CHURCH, Münster Platz. Mass (Military) 10 a.m. Benediction 6-30 p.m. Confessions Saturday 3—4 p.m.
and 5-30—7-30 p.m. in the Crypt.

EHRENFELD. Church at the Junction of Mechteren Strasse and Vogelsanger Strasse:—
Mass on Sundays 9 15 a.m. Confessions on Saturdays 5 p.m.

LINDENTHAL. Chapel of the Hospital in Josef Stelzmann Strasse—continuation of Giebel Strasse:—
Mass on Sundays 10.30 a.m. Confessions on Saturdays 5 p.m.

Scottish Churches and English Free Churches.

THE MILITARY CHURCH.
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11 a.m. Preacher: Rev. A. Main, Garrison Chaplain (Presbyterian).
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Saturday, August 16, 1919.

THE BALKAN PRUSSIA.

The advance of the Roumanian army into Buda-Pesth serves to remind us that there are many intricate problems awaiting solution in the near East, and that the Paris conference, so far from having completed its labours, has yet a delicate task to undertake in the settlement of the Bulgarian peace terms.

British people take but a fitful interest in the Balkans and it is feared that the importance of these deliberations may be entirely overlooked. Suggestions have been seriously advanced which would give to Bulgaria in defeat most of the absurd claims which she endeavoured to gain as the price of her friendship with Germany.

After the Treaty of London, the western powers offered several concessions to Bulgaria in an endeavour to establish a permanent peace in the Balkans, but the offer of the Dobrudja, part of Thrace, and the territory on the left bank of the Vardar did not satisfy the mean and grasping mind of the Bulgar.

The present attempt to establish the justice of these claims at the expense of our Balkan allies whose countries have been devastated by the Bulgars has met with a certain amount of support in Britain on the grounds that our allies have acquired territory at the expense of Austria-Hungary and can afford to be generous in the interests of a permanent peace.

But it is inconceivable that an enlarged Bulgaria would stabilise the Balkans. It is an acknowledged fact that the Balkans have been kept in a state of turmoil until Germany was in a position to open her corridor to the East and that Bulgaria lent herself to the pursuit of this policy. Why, therefore, it may be asked, should Bulgaria be strengthened when she has proved herself to be a treacherous ally and neighbour?

The stability of the Balkans can be equally assured by surrounding Bulgaria with more powerful neighbours who will be able by their own efforts to restrain the country which tried to become the Prussia of the Balkans. By her entry into the war Bulgaria has forfeited her rights to the claims which at one time would have been conceded to her.

The prevailing ignorance in our country concerning the Balkans and the lack of a definite foreign policy makes it possible that some support on sentimental grounds may be expressed for Bulgaria, but sentiment has no right to dictate a policy which will not stand the strain of experience.

It has only to be recalled that the war just ended has its origin in a Balkan affair only remotely associated with the nations who had eventually to take up arms, to impress upon the least skilful diplomat the danger of any possible recurrence of such a catastrophe.

The present opportunity for settling many delicate and intricate questions may not be likely to occur again, so that it is to be hoped that no effort will be spared to establish the Balkan situation upon a secure foundation which will ensure the permanency of the peace and that no reasons other than those of practical commonsense will direct the discussions to a happy conclusion.

THE MEN'S BILLET.

It is an imposing building typical of many others where our men lodge for a while in Cologne.

In peace time it is a technical school, and must have cost a huge sum to build. The architecture is all that can be desired and it is fitted up in a marvellous way.

The entrance hall, with its archways and marble tiled floors, strikes one with awe. To the left is the guard room and to the right the orderly room. The R.S.M. loves to stand on the top of the steps and smile upon the boys as they depart for their evening's visit to the city, but woe betide the man who is not properly dressed. Many a man has stood in this hall facing the orderly room with a palpitating heart, and gazing with a strange fascination at the door through which he must enter to give an account of his misdeeds. Perhaps a voice urges him to flee from the wrath to come, but he cannot and so with uncovered head he must await his doom.

There are all kinds of marvellous rooms, from the cellar, where the prisoners meditate upon their unhappy lot, to the sergeants' mess, adorned with the works of art of former German students. The library with its well-filled shelves is sacred to the educational staff, whilst in the gymnasium the boys dine richly, the tables groaning with the good things provided by the ever bountiful quartermaster. Here they relish the incomparable stew, and like, Oliver Twist, ask for more. Here also in the evening you can follow the fortunes of Charlie Chaplin on the cinema screem, and in close proximity is our canteen which is always well stocked with cigarettes.

The great concert hall on the third floor is a sleeping apartment. The floor is of wood blocks and the walls are richly adorned with shields. There is also a pipe organ which receives generous treatment from all and sundry.

Another sleeping chamber is the museum, and here surrounded with glass cases containing stuffed monkeys, birds, and reptiles, also a collection of skeletons and other weird objects, our boys dream of their far off island home, and alas! frequently have the nightmare.

There are also classrooms where our educational classes are held and lectures given. Here our men renew their youthful studies and ponder long and earnestly over the problems of history and kindred subjects.

The clock tower and a little turret are reached by a ladder. They are fine observation posts. Here certain men who were anxious to study the city from above used to gather. No! They were not hiding there; lofty motions prompted them to seek the highest place. The R.S.M., however, thought otherwise, for he made ascent one day, and alas! the O. P. is closed, much to the sorrow of these zealous high souled men. The huge school-yard is sacred to guard mounting, pack drill and skittles, it is therefore a place of mixed memories.

In this home from home our men dread demobilization — Ask them!

G.K.

THE OTHER NIGHT.

Nearly everyone had gone to bed and the Babe sat with me near the open Mess window. It had been a hot day, but now an evening breeze was rustling through the trees on the Ring.

The Babe has grown up in most ways since he was christened about Loos time; he still, however, looks a babe and can, I believe, still take his mother's kiss on the lips without being ashamed.

Galloway behind us was playing Rubenstein's Melody in F pianissimo. I moved my chair to where I could see the sky lit by the rising moon. It was one of those moments all too rare in a human life.

"Do you know," said the Babe, "I have thought a lot lately that the war was not worth while for us or anybody else. I think that one is inwardly as dead as the others who are physically.

"One cannot screw one's self up time after time to face extinction without something being different.

"I think a little of me died every time I did it. Nothing has seemed quite worth while since that raid, you remember at the Tambour, when poor Smithson was killed on the wire and lay out so long.

Something in me went out that night; some power of receiving sensations ceased to function. The things one used to be so enthusiastic about now seem so small and I feel as you would if Galloway suddenly broke into 'Alabam' or 'Dixie something.'

"And what is the result of it all? Cologne has protection which is denied to Liverpool. It all seems so stupid and difficult to explain."

"I think I understand what you mean Baby" I said, "and you are right to a certain extent. Nothing can ever come up to it. It has changed everything for us but we must not retire and hug ourselves over Byron, Fitzgerald or Dowson.

"You have packed into your youth the sensations of a whole lifetime and perhaps nothing seems as much worth while as it was. What's the use of making a hundred at Lords' or finishing that book you started, after the things we remember.

"But don't forget that one of the greatest pleasures of life is retrospection In twenty years time, one quiet evening like this, you will pull out the old stained Hazebruck and Lens maps and revel in the memories they will conjure up.

"That is something real to look forward to, when the longings and regrets left by the war are softened by time. We have laid up a precious store of memories which will make all the rest of our life worth while."

Galloway struck the last chord, and outside a bullet-headed, well dressed German spat on the pavement.

CAMERITIS.

We've all got it—everybody, from the Colonel downwards. Flu was a pleasant ten days' leave and rabies a perfect gentleman of a disease compared with this vile plague. Rabies kill you in a couple of days or thereabouts. This is everlasting, a life sentence with hard labour. Flu was infectious (or was it contagious? I forget): this is both of them, pressed down and running over.

One of the very few people who haven't got it, comes up to you, "I say old man, show me some of your snaps." That is the first sympton. All hope is lost; the others will follow as a matter of course.

Talk in the mess turns on exposures, stops, focusses. Frenzied impromptu debates take place on the various types of lenses,—all agree that "Double Anastigmat" is better than merely "Anastigmat" although no one has the foggiest idea what "Anastigmat" means—it sounds all right.

Our newly smitten one, up till now strictly neutral, having shown the first symptom, takes active part in all discussions, says loftily (although he has never seen one) that an exposure meter is quite unnecessary to a man of common sense; resents any advice except from the Adjutant, gets a pass to Cologne and returns triumphant with a camera.

For the next few days, he is completely in the grip of the plague. He keeps his platoon standing still for ten minutes while he snaps them; seizes on everybody in the mess both separately and together, makes them assume impossible attitudes and climb to perilous places.

Timidity is not one of the symptons,—he approaches the Colonel "May I trouble you Sir?" In the mess, "Would everybody keep perfectly still for five minutes please?"

Anyone going to Cologne is loaded with films. "If you don't mind old man—the shop near the Earwig Lamp." This entails a wait in a tiny shop under the Cathedral, in a queue of other plague-smitten ones who give endless instructions, leave numberless films, and carry away even more.

When he receives the first prints, then only does the fever abate. He smiles weakly. "One always makes mistakes you know, besides I don't know my camera yet." It is generally rather a shock, but not enough to cure him, only modifies the disease into a somewhat less rampant form.

Is there no cure, nothing to relieve the poor afflicted? Cannot we have film coupons, or print-less days,—or cannot some genius invent camera muzzles? *PURRILL.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

OPEN AIR ENJOYMENT.

Sir,—"Al Fresco" is very enthusiastic over the open-air cafés and beer gardens, but personally I prefer the privacy of a saloon bar.

I don't want to take my refreshment surrounded by all sorts and conditions of people in whom I'm not a bit interested.

I like to go to a nice little snuggery where I can drink, and that with a few chums without all the clatter and chatter of a big public resort.

I don't want my ears tickled with music that is not of my own choice.

If I need music I get it in my own home. And that, I take it, is the view of most Britishers. I am not one of those who will speak in favour of these foreign habits when I am demobbed.

PRIVATE BAR.

Sir,—Some one has suggested cafés in England like we have here in Rhineland, as "open air enjoyment."

Where the enjoyment is in taking a young lady to a café and with a glass of wine remaining there the whole evening is hard to see.

I think the English way is far healthier, some chocolate, and a country walk; and am sure a lot of the boys think the same.

C.R.

THE PRICE OF CLOTHES.

Sir,—The charge made by English tailors are a source of wonder and indignation to the ordinary "demobbed," be he officer or O.R. I am assured by an expert that the best blue serge produced is sold by Leeds manufacturers to West End tailors at 35s. the suit length.

Also, I am told by a Scotch manufacturer that tweeds of the best quality are sold to the wholesale merchant at from 13s. to 15s. per yard and that three and a half yards are enough to make a suit.

In view of these facts, the charge of eight to twelve guineas for a lounge suit seems extortionate. Even considering the increased cost of labour and minor materials, many of the prices at which clothing is sold in London shops leads one to the conclusion that a great deal of unlawful profiteering is going on somewhere.

HARD UP.

A CRY FROM OPLADEN.

Sir,—May I draw attention to the facilities at Opladen? During the evening there are now only three trains leaving Cologne for Opladen viz: 19.30, 20.40 and 22.48, the train which used to leave Cologne at 21.40 being withdrawn.

Is it not possible to alter the 20.40 train to something like 21.15?

Then with reference to amusements. The only amusement here is the Cinema augmented by an occasional performance of the "Prongs," or a Y.M.C.A. Party.

It is noticed that at Wiesdorf the cinema is cancelled on suitable occasions and arrangements made by those responsible, for performances by the Rhine Army Dramatic Company and various other Concert Parties.

Could not this be done at Opladen so that the Large Hall occupied by the Cinema might be similarly used. If not, why not? *SAMSON STRAIGHT.*

INTERESTING BOOKS.

Sir,—I read with interest a reader's list of the dozen novels he has found most interesting. Here is my selection:—Scott's "Ivanhoe"; Lytton Bulwer's "Night and Morning," "Last Days of Pompeii"; Hawthorne's "Seven Gables"; Dickens' "Pickwick Papers"; Thackeray's "Book of Snobs," and "Vanity Fair"; Ouida's "Under Two Flags"; Conan Doyle's "White Company"; George Eliot's "Adam Bede"; Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables"; Wilkie Collin's "Woman in White." *S.F.G.*

GLOW-WORM DIALS.

Sir,—I was interested in the item under the above heading in your "Echoes." I noticed myself that the luminous paint did not show up in a tunnel.

I think the explanation is:—Having been transmitted suddenly from daylight to the inky blackness of a tunnel the eyes need time to adapt themselves to new conditions. The brighter the daylight the longer is the time required.

It is not the "glow" failing to do duty, it in the eyes which are thrown out of focus. *J.M.R.*

IMITATIONS.

Sir,—The letter which you published regarding the sale of spurious amber reminds me of an attempt made by an art dealer in Cologne to pawn off as the work of a well-known English etcher some manufactured imitations.

They were very cleverly executed, but just lacked the touch of individuality for which the eye of the expert always looks.

ART.

[A number of interesting letters from our readers are unavoidably crowded out. Correspondence is invited on all subjects of interest to the Rhine Army, but letters must be brief and to the point. — Editor.]

TOMMY.

QUEER about Tommy; we can't get along with him;
Always in wrong with him; can't seem to fix it;
Ought to be chums, but whenever we chat with him
We hit the mat with him. Gee, how we mix it!
He's our blood-brother, but, somehow or other,
When we meet Tommy it's "call for the cop!"
Yet when we're waiting in trenches that hide us,
We like to know that Tommy's beside us,
Ready to climb with us over the top.

Tommy, oh, Tommy, here's lookin' at you!
We fight you whenever you heave into view,
But when the guns boom an' there's trouble to share,
Tommy, oh, Tommy, we're glad you are there!

Strange about Tommy; we like the plain style of him,
Love the warm smile of him, never down-hearted;
Yet when we meet him we need the M.P.'s around,
Swarming like bees around, getting us parted.
Blood they say's thicker than water or licker,
Still, it runs fast when we gather, I've found;
But when barrages our ear-drums are floggin',
When a drive starts that is dogged an' sloggin',
Tommy's a bird we like stickin' around!

Tommy, oh, Tommy, here's to you, old dear!
We can't agree, though the reason ain't clear;
Yet when the game is to shatter the Hun,
Tommy, oh, Tommy, we fight him as one.

Truth about Tommy is, he stands all right with us,
Though he will fight with us when we're together;
Down in our hearts we admire the brave wit he has,
Love the grim grit he has, built for rough weather.
What if we batter, each other, no matter—
When the gas thickens and shells crash an' whine,
When it's close work in a battle that's bloody
Tommy's our pal an' our chum an' our Buddy;
We like to know he is next to our line!

Tommy, oh, Tommy, here's to you, old horse!
You're the style soldier we're proud to endorse.
Though we may scrap with you when you are nigh,
Tommy, oh, Tommy, you're some little guy!

BERTON BRALEY.

The above verses from New York "Life" have attracted much attention.

COLOGNE GOLF.

Partners And Times For Tuesday And Wednesday.

1st AND 2nd ROUND.

The following is the programme for Tuesday and Wednesday of the Golf Competition to be held on the Cologne Golf Links during next week, commencing August 18th. Yesterday we published the draws and times for the opening day, Monday.

Tuesday, 19th August.

10 a.m. 2nd qualifying round open Singles Partners and Times same as for Monday.

1 p.m. 1st round Handicap Doubles, Draw and Times:—

Maj. E. W. Beck (5) and Maj. E. Powell (18).
Lieut. Reid Brown and Lieut. R. B. Oliver (16).

Comr. Acheson (9) and Capt. A. H. Read (scr.)
Lieut. Burgess (10) and Capt. C. G. Ziegler (12).

Capt. B. G. Darley and Capt. B. Pitt.
Maj. K. E. Poyser (6) and Maj. J. R. Allen (5).

Lieut. G. T. Stevens and Capt. Shawcross.
Maj. W. G. Tucker (15) and Capt. A. R. Smith (11).

Lieut. C. K. Parker (3) and Lieut. Whittet (8).
Lieut.-Col. C. A. Mortimer (18) and Lieut. Walter (9).

1-20 p.m.:—Maj Gen. Sir C. M. Mathew (8) and Brg. Gen. Fuller (12).
Maj. Anne (18) and Lieut. Leman (8).
Rev. E. R. Grundy (3) and Another.
Maj. Gen. Sir R. Hutchinson and Col. Biddle (12).

Maj. J. Davidson (18) and Capt. J. N. Crowe (18).
Lieut. W. L. Wright (scr.) and Lieut. King (9).

Maj. Mallinson (4) and Maj. Hazlerigg (14).
Maj. Ling (1) and Capt. Lockhart (12).

Maj Hezlet and Maj. Ward.
Lt.-Col. K. Lomas (18) and Capt. A. R. Craven (12).

1-40 p.m.:—Lt.-Col. A. G. Barry (12) and Maj. D. Bomphrey (14).
Capt. R. Hodson (16) and Capt. G. Christie.
Maj. F. Roberts (18) and Lieut. R. F. Pinder (18).
Rev. Douglas Ward (9) and Maj. Parr (18).

2nd Round. Maj. Greenlees (2) and Capt. Morgan (scr.)
Lt.-Col. Monthive and Capt. Spicers (18).

Major Symonds (9) and Lieut. Hodgson (10).
Lieut.-Col. Gemmill (18) and Major R.D. Jackson (18).

3-30 p.m.—1st round; upper half handicap singles 8 matches according to draw to be made on completion of qualifying round.

5-30 p.m.—1st round; lower half handicap singles 8 matches according to draw to be made on completion of qualifying round.

Wednesday, 20th August.

10 a.m.—1st round; open singles. 8 matches according to draw to be made on completion of qualifying rounds.

1 p.m.—2nd round; handicap singles. Draw as shown above. Upper half of draw to start 1 p.m. Lower half of draw to start 1 20 p.m.

3-30 p.m.—3rd round; open singles N.C.O.'s and O.R.'s 4 matches.

4 p.m.—1st round; mixed doubles. Draw as follows:—

Comd. Acheson (9) and Miss Benskin (18).
Lieut. Stevens, and A. Partner.

Capt. A. H. Read (Scr.) and Miss Christian (18).
Major C. G. Ling (1) and Mrs. O'Rorke (18).

Major Malison, and Miss Main (18).
Major Moffat, and Miss Dalrymple (15).

Major Fergusson (16) and Mrs. Fergusson (18).
Res. E. R. Grundy, and A. Partner.

5-30 p.m.—2nd round; handicap doubles (8 matches). Upper half of draw to start at 5-30 p.m. Lower half of draw to start at 6 p.m.

ELIMINATION COMPETITIONS.

3rd. Bn. M.G.C's Successful Day at Riehl.

On Thursday the 3rd. Battalion Machine Gun Corps held their preliminary sports on the ground south of the Pontoon Bridge at Mulheim. The pukka Sports meeting will be held on the same ground on Thursday August 21st, when a promising programme has been arranged. Quite a pleasant day was passed, enlivened by the band of the 52nd. D.L.I., (by kind permission of the Commanding Officer), and some 24 events were got through.

Lt. Roach put up a splendid show at the high jump and the long jump, both events falling to him. It was perhaps appropriate that the R.S.M. should carry off the "Weight Putting" event, as from time immemorial it has been part of the duties of S.M's to "throw their weight about." During the afternoon events, Mrs. W.J. Cranston the wife of the officer commanding the 3rd. Battalion Machine Gun Corps, was an interested spectator.

ARMY ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Army Athletic Championships, as has already been announced, are to be held at Aldershot on August 28 and 29. It is believed that 15 teams will compete, one from each of the eight Commands at home, and one from each of the following:—Army of the Rhine, Army of France and Flanders, Army of the Black Sea, Army of Egypt, Army in Italy, Australians, and New Zealanders.

The Army of the Black Sea has already arrived at Aldershot and is hard at work training. In this team is Sergeant W. Applegarth, the 100 Yards Champion. The team also includes several Indians, mostly Sikhs, the Unit Relay Team being furnished by the 25th Punjabis. The team from Italy is due to arrive. Among the Aldershot entries, Sergeant-major Prince, of the R.A.M.C., the present holder of the Army Half Mile Championship, is down to defend his title. C.S.M. Usher, Army Gymnastic Staff, the former 100 Yards and 440 Yards Champion, is also running, and judging by his recent performances stands a very good chance of reclaiming his title. He will, however, have to be at the very top of his form if Lindsay, of the New Zealanders, is a competitor.

Hat Trick.

The 153rd Labour Coy. (70) played the 5th Labour Coy. (38) at Volksgarten on Tuesday. A great bowling performance was made by Pte. Coleman of the 153rd who took 7 wickets for 19 runs. This included the "hat trick." Pte. Blake showed great staying power and was finally bowled for 39 runs.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday, August 16, 1919.

Surface wind light from between North and East. Weather fine and warm. Slight morning mist, but day visibility good.

THE DAVIS CUP.

France Beats Belgium in first Round.

BRITAIN'S TEAM.

In the first round of the Davis Cup France defeated Belgium. The scores were as follows:—

The Singles.—Max Decugis (France) beat Chevalier Paul de Borman (Belgium), 6—2, 6—3, 6—4; W. H. Laurentz (France) beat M. Lammens (Belgium), 5—7, 6—3, 6—4, 6—2. The Doubles.—Max Decugis and W. H. Laurentz (France) beat Chevalier Paul de Borman and M. Lammens (Belgium), 6—3, 7—5, 6—2. The remaining two singles were not played, and the result of the tie accordingly was: France beat Belgium by 3 matches to love, 9 sets to 1, 60 games to 35.

Britain's Davis Cup Team.

The British Isles team against France will leave for Deauville on Tuesday, August 19. The party will consist of: H. Roper Barrett (captain), Lieut.-Colonel A. R F. Kingscote, M.C., R.G.A., P. M. Davson, and O. G. N Turnbull. The match will take place on August 25, 26, and 27.

Roper Barrett and Turnbull will play in some exhibition matches at the Felixstowe Tournament to-day.

ENGLISH RACING.

KEMPTON PARK RESULTS.

Mortlake Plate:—1, Lady Dibs (2—1); 2, Overseas (33—1); 3, Ether (100—7).

Teddington Handicap:—1, Trezidella (11—10); 2, Prévoyant (10—1); 3, Flying Simon (5—4).

Princess Plate:—1, Propagation (9—2); 2, Kings Idler (3—1); 3, Love Note (10—1).

Maiden T.Y.O. Plate:—1, Gallinatu (evens); 2, Spearwort (7—2); 3, Comtessine (7—1).

St. James Plate:—1, Baalgad (9—4 on); 2, Royal Diamond (3—1); 3, Selva (50—1).

Round Course Handicap:—1, South Parade (5-1); 2, Violinist (20-1); 3, Daybreak (11-2).

Redcar Results.

Sandhills Handicap:—1, Wistow (3-1); 2, Bonnie Nun. Two ran.

Beaumont Plate:—Calomel walked over.

Redcar Handicap:—1, Glaciale (5-4 on); 2, Starflower (8-1); 3, Ramda (6-1).

Great National Breeders Stakes:—1, Pomme de Terre (7-2 on); 2, Yew (20-1); 3, Bima (10-1).

Walton Plate:—1, Marromeo (evens); 2, St. Corentin (11-10); 3, General Rud (25-1).

Zetland Handicap: 1, Nikita (7-1); 2, Mataro (100-8); 3, Catterick Bridge (11-10).

1/5th WEST YORKS SWEEP.

Tickets (5 marks each) for the 1/5th West Yorks Regiment Sweepstake, which is open to all officers and other ranks, may now be obtained from the Hon. Secy of the sweepstake, Bickendorf School, Ehrenfeld, as well as from the Empire Leave club, Cologne. The draw will take place in public at 18.00 hours on Wednesday 20th at Bickendorf Schools, and representatives from units concerned will have seats reserved.

All the proceeds will be given in 13 prizes. The first prize, 50 per cent of the takings will amount, it is anticipated, to 15,000 marks. The last day of entry is Tuesday.

FINE SPRINTING.

Sergt. G. Murphy, of the Irish Guards, proved himself one of those irresistible sprinters and jumpers, of which his native land has produced such a splendid succession, at the first annual sports of the London Command of the Army at Stamford Bridge. With fine performances, and with a debonnair cheriness that suggested he could have done even better if pressed, Murphy took first in the hundred, 220 yards, and long jump. His performance at Aldershot on Aug. 28 and 29 in the Army finals, where the athletes who got first, second, or third in the events on Thursday will have the privilege of competing, will be watched with interest. Lt. A.C. Wilkinson, of the Coldstream Guards, the Oxford Blue, cloped with the 120 hurdles final without being threatened. He should easily carve "fifths" off his time, which was 16 3.5.

Wolves' Prospects.

Black Country football enthusiasts are hoping that the coming football season will witness the Wanderer's return to the League Division I. Many of the old gold and blacks will again be seen doing service at the Molineux Ground, and enterprise has been shown by the Wolves' directorate in signing on some promising players who have done well in the Army.

Golf in Belgium.

Knocke-sur-Mer, Belgium, which before the war was often visited by golfers who wished to combine a change abroad, bathing and country excursions with their own favourite pastime, is fast recovering from the effects of the German occupation.

C. P. C. FINALS.

Result Of Draw For First Eliminating Round.

MATCHES IN COLOGNE.

The result of the draw for the round preceding the semi-finals C.P.C. is as follows:—The top team in one league is drawn to play a top team in another league in the order stated below. Matches will be played on neutral grounds in Cologne. Competing teams will chose the most competent umpires in their league who will officiate at a neutral match.

Solingen League v. Euskirchen League.
Bonn League v. Cologne Town League.
Düren League v. Cologne Southern League.
Cologne Northern League—a Bye.

The grounds of the 7th Squadron R.A.F., Mülheim, 92nd Bde. R.G.A., Kalk, and Lindenthal, Cologne, will be utilised for the purpose.

Brief summaries of the recent league games are appended below:—

53rd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS (90 for one wicket); 51st NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS (79) at Marienburg on Thursday. The 51st Fusiliers batted first and scored 79. When the 53rd went in they had no difficulty in getting the runs and scored 90 for the loss of one wicket. Sandford played a good innings for the 53rd and made 35 not out.

16th LANCS FUSILIERS (136) v. 69th HEAVY BTY. R.G.A. (77) at Bonn on Thursday. Chief scorers were Capt. Boden 26, 2/Lieut. Thomson 26, Pte Camp 23, and Capt. Potts 19 for the Lancs., Brooks 19 and Wright 19 for the H.B. For the Fusiliers, Camp took 6 wickets for 32 runs. For R.G.A. Cook took 6 for 60 and Maudsley 4 for 26.

51st NORTHUMBERLAND FUS. (45) v. R.A.S.C. BAKERIES (2) at Kalk. The two top scorers for the Fusiliers were Sgt. Messenger with 15, and Capt. Richardson with 11. Sgt. Spencer took 4 wickets for 7 runs, and Sgt. Messenger 6 for 9. For the Bakeries, Pte. Lines took 3 wickets for 8 runs.

IV CORPS TROOPS M.T. COY. (88) v. 1/1 N. MIDLAND H.B. (82) at Fressenich. For the Gunners Sgt. Sewins took 6 wickets and followed this up with a well played 39. For the M.T. Cpl. Wildgoose hit up 31 in good style, and also captured 4 wickets for 5 runs.

E CORPS SIGNALS (156) v. 9th CORPS H.A. (24). For Signals Sgt. Bennett 42 not out, Capt. Matthews 22, Sgt. Woods 22, Cpl. Scott 13, Cpl. McDonald 11 and Col. Hitchens 10 were principal scorers. Dvr. Boddy and Cpl. McDonald took 5 wickets for 6 and 3 for 10 respectively.

OTHER RESULTS.

Lancs. Div. M.T. Coy. 108 for 6; 15th Lancs. Fus. 102.

1/5th South Staffs 111; E Corps Sigs. 111; a tie.
1/5th South Staffs 59 for 6; 269 A.E. Coy. 23.
1/5 West Yorks 79 for 1; 31st Labour Group 64.
1/5 West Yorks 59; C 113 Bde. R.F.A. 25.
5 R. Irish Regt. 110 for 8; 3rd M.G.C. 60 for 6. Match drawn.
10th Corps Sigs. 37; 303 Siege Bty. 22.
5th Borderers 103 for 5; 92nd Field Amb. 24.
41st Bn. M.G.C. 204 for 8, H.A.C. 33.

DUREN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
D Corps Siege Park	16	14	0	2	30§
153 Siege Bty.	15	14	1		28§
IV Corps Troops M.T. Coy.	16	13	3		26§
1/1 N. Mid. H.B.	14	11	3		22§
15 K. Hussars	13	10	2	1	21§+
3 K.O Hussars	15	9	5	1	19§
Light Div. H.Q.	15	9	6		18§
310 Bde. R.F.A.	10	8	2		16§
D Corps Sig. Coy.	15	7	8		14§
No 1 Light Bly Sig. Coy.	14	7	7		14§
183 Siege Bty.	13	7	6		14§+
O Bty. Rocket Troops R.H.A.	13	7	6		14§

SOLINGEN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Lowland Div. M.T. Coy.	11	9	2		18
51st Hants	9	7	2		14§
61 Field Coy.	7	5	2		10§
63rd Field Coy.	7	5	2		10+
15th K.O.S.B.	7	4	3		8§
South. Div R.E.	7	3	4		6§
90th Field Coy.	6	3	3		6+
83rd Dub. Gen. Hosp.	7	2	5		4§
15th H.L.I.	5	2	3		4§
Lowland D.A.C.	4	1	3		2§
11th R. Scots	3	1	2		2§

THE RAPID RIM.

Successful Official Trial By Royal Automobile Club.

An interesting new rim will shortly be placed on the market. It will be known as the Rapid rim and, judging from the Press demonstration just given, it lives up to its name.

For a newcomer it has the advantage of a good testimonial in the shape of a successful official trial by the Royal Automobile Club. The report of this trial shows that four rims were tested over a distance of 1,000 miles. There were three punctures and the time taken in changing the tyres averaged no more than one minute twenty-five seconds. After the trial, five different types of new tyres were fitted to one of the rims. In this case the average time was only fifty seconds.

Tom Ball Theory.

"If you hit the ball with the toe of your putter it will travel further, without any extra power being applied, than if you strike it in the centre of the face of the club." That is a theory of the late Tom Ball.

AN A.1. RACE.

Ambitious New Scheme Of Physical Culture.

MAMMOTH PROJECT.

The Council of the Y.M.C.A. are now engaged on a scheme of physical education, which promises to be of mammoth proportions. Mr. George E. Goss has been appointed National Physical Director for the United Kingdom. The first important project is to establish a college of physical training at Mildmay Park, N.

The first course will begin in the middle of September, and will be of an intensive character for one year, about twenty-five pupils being specially selected. Subsequent courses will last three to four years. Diplomas will be given on the same principle as those at the great physical culture college, Springfield, U.S.A.

It is proposed in due course to split the United Kingdom up into divisions. Major S. Day, late superintendent of the Army Gymnastic Staff, has been appointed director for London. The Y.M.C.A.'s gymnasia, swimming baths, rifle ranges, boat clubs and playing fields will be at the disposal, at stated times, of professional men, railway clerks, bank clerks, insurance clerks, and all those in sedentary occupations in great trading establishments, and these, on the same principle as the scheme employed by the Army authorities, will be formed into rival units for competition.

The Y.M.C.A. scheme will not enter into competition with any existing body.

AMATEUR GOLF.

Tournament Results At St. Andrews.

Over the Eden Course at St. Andrews the Amateur Tournament was renewed on Thursday morning, when the sixteen players with the lowest scratch scores in Wednesday's competition entered upon play for the Challenge Cup presented by the Town Council for annual competition. Eight couples engaged in the morning round. Rain fell in refreshing showers during the night, and the greens were in fine order, but the wind was pretty strong from the west. Play was under tournament conditions by holes. The following were the results of the first round:

Walter Blackwell (Royal and Ancient) bt J. Anderson (St. Andrews), 3 and 2.

W. J. Guild (Murrayfield) bt D. Rutherford (Glasgow University), 2 and 1.

Jack McIntyre (Cardross) bt T. Armour (Edinburgh Western), 3 and 2.

G. C. Mansfield (Edinburgh University) bt John Lang (St. Andrews Thistle) at 19th hole.

J. Jessop (Montrose Mercantile) bt J. Caldwell Ker (Whitecraigs), 4 and 3.

Ian Munro (Strathpeffer) bt T. M. Torrance (Measden), 2 and 1.

D. Kyle (St. Andrews University) bt A. C. Taylor (St. Andrews), 3 and 2.

John Carven (Cocharne Castle) bt J. Bleir (St. Andrews), 3 and 2.

SECOND ROUND RESULTS.

Blackwell bt Mansfield, 2 and 1.
Guild bt McIntyre, 3 and 2.
Munro bt Jessop, 5 and 4.
Kyle bt Carven, 4 and 3.

ALDERSHOT HORSE SHOW.

Thursday's Results.

The closing day's programme of the Aldershot Command Show yesterday was an unqualified success. The weather was again superb, and there was a large attendance.

A very extensive programme of events, spread over morning and afternoon, was again decided. The Duke of Connaught's Championship Cup for the best riding horse in the show was won by Mrs. Putnam's Farringdon, the reserve being Capt. V.D.S. Williams's Monte Carlo. The winning horse was a champion at the Richmond Horse Show.

Lt.-Col. Winwood's B 30 was the first horse to cross the Hindenburg line, and, was then ridden by Col. Winwood. It went to France in the early days of the war as a troop horse, and eventually became the property of Col. Winwood. It was placed second in the riding horses (open).

One of the most interesting events of the day, the Handy Horse Competition, was won by Capt. P. E. Blackmore's Dick Briskie, the horse ridden by Mrs. F. A. Adams, in the riding horses (open to horses that have seen military service overseas during the war), was the property of her son, Lt. Adams, who was killed in Palestine. Her son rode the horse into Baghdad and through Palestine.

Sweet Angelene.

Mr. R. Croker's yearling filly by Orby—Hot Stuff has been named Sweet Angelene.

LANCASHIRE BEATEN.

9 Wicket Win For Middlesex At Manchester.

HENDREN IN FORM.

Forcing home the advantage gained on Wednesday in fine style, Middlesex beat Lancashire at Manchester on Thursday by nine wickets. When play was resumed in the morning, Middlesex were 136 runs ahead with two wickets in hand and 18 runs were quickly added before the innings came to an end. Hendren played splendid cricket for just over two hours.

When Lancashire went in a second time 153 behind, Hallows and Norbury were soon got rid of, but a splendid stand was then made by Makepeace and E. Tyldesley, who put on 101 in seventy-five minutes. Fifth out at 153 Makepeace batted in faultless style for two hours and a quarter. James Tyldesley and Parkin batted well, the latter hitting fearlessly, but in the end Middlesex were left with only 89 to get to win. This task they readily accomplished for the loss of Lee's wicket.

Scores:—

Hampshire (278 and 267 for 4, declared) beat Essex (192 and 159).

Middlesex (314 and 99 for one) beat Lancs (160 and 242).

Somerset 321 and 23 for 2, Sussex 237 and 228 for 6, declared. Match drawn.

Leicester (250 and 145 for 6) beat Derbyshire (195 and 198).

CRICKET FRIENDLIES.

223 Siege Bty. R.G.A. Officers Mess (87) v. 131 Heavy Bty. Officers Mess (47) at Opladen on Tuesday. For the winners Gnr. Newstead took 5 wickets for 9 runs. The principal scorers for 223 were Gnr. Saxon 18; Gnr. Kemp A. E. 16; and Gnr. Connor 14. For the losers Gnr. Halter was top scorer with 20 to his credit.

JAZZ BAND AT MATCH.

A/245 Battery (45) v. D/245 Battery R.F.A. (17). At Höhscheid on Sunday, before an exceptionally large crowd, who were amused at intervals by "A" Battery's Jazz Band under the conductorship of Dvr. Baldwin. "D" Battery made a poor stand against the bowling of Bdr. Hill and Cpl. Thompson who took 4 wickets for 5 runs and 4 for 10 respectively.

RHINE SWIMMING TRIO.

The men of the Western Division Signal School witnessed an excellent and very plucky swimming display on Tuesday, when Gnr. W. Bere, "B" Bty, 104 Bde. R.F.A., Pte. W. Manock H. Q. Coy., 53rd Welsh and Gnr. W. Brown "D" Bty., 104 Bde. R.F.A., all of the above School, swam across the Rhine from Widding to Rhaight in exactly twelve minutes.

Taking into consideration the strong and swift currents and under-currents in this part of the Rhine that achievement was noteworthy. They were unaccompanied by any boat or usual river craft.

TRANSPORTATION v. 2nd WING R.A.F.

An interesting and rather exciting cricket game was witnessed at Lindenthal on Thursday. Transportation batted first and knocked up 175 for 4 wickets, Major Livesey being top scorer with 60 (not out) to his credit. Corporal Fish also scored a priceless 55 (not out) in remarkably quick time. The innings was declared closed at 4.30 when the tea interval was taken.

The Air Force commenced their innings at 5 o'clock, having 2 hours in which to obtain the required runs. This they almost succeeded in doing, scoring 171 for the loss of only 3 wickets. The principal scorers were Lieut. Mooney (66) and Corporal Wingroves (44) who both gave an excellent display. Stumps were drawn at 7 o'clock, the match thus ending in a draw with the Air Force only requiring another 5 runs to win.

A feature of the game which caused considerable amusement was the slow leb bowling of Captain Hume Wright for Transportation. He was given a trial after the failure of the other Transportation bowlers to take any wickets, and although some of his balls were somewhat wide of the mark he nevertheless succeeded in taking all 3 wickets, the first two being caught and the third being stumped in real county style by Major Sorsey.

Auteuil Features.

The Steeplechase Society of France has published the Auteuil autumn programme. The added money is over £35,000. There will be an event of £1,600, one of £1,200, two of £1 000, two of £800, and about twenty varying between £400 and £600, so there is some money for the 'chasers.

Seaplane Race.

The International Seaplane Race for the Jacques Schneider Trophy and Prize of £1,000 will be held at Bournemouth on Wednesday, September 10.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Lena Ashwell Concert.

Great expectations raised in the breasts of the Gunners and Drivers stationed at Ichendorf, when it was announced that a concert party was to visit them, were fully realised on Wednesday evening. The concert, which was by the courtesy of Miss Lena Ashwell was a capital entertainment and was fully appreciated by the men. It is to be hoped that a few good concert parties will include Ichendorf in their tour where they are sure of an appreciative audience.

Whist Drive.

The men of the 51st Sherwoods passed a most enjoyable evening on Monday last. The Drive was held in the Church Army hut and about 130 members of the battalion were in attendance. The Rev Edwards, M. C. officiated as M. C., assisted by the Adjutant, Lieut. Hornby, Lieut. McIntosh and Lieut. Hare. After the presentation of the prizes a vote of thanks was accorded to the M.C.; and the evening was concluded by the singing of "For He's a jolly good fellow," in which everyone joined with great gusto.

"The Light Fantastic."

What will probably be the last social evening in connection with the 6th Battalion, The Welsh Regt., in Germany, took place in the Recreational Room, Sechtem, on Monday evening. This took the form of a fancy dress dance for N.C.O.'s and men of the Battalion only. To allow for everyone to share the enjoyment, the programme was arranged in the proportion of two dances to men in costume to one for men in uniform. The commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. Thomas, D.S.O., assisted by Capt. Heath, Cheshires, and Sergt. Morgan, M.M.P., judged the costumes. Pte. Petti er (English lady of early Victorian period) was awarded first prize. The other six prizes were awarded to Ptes. Brand, Parvin, Cowan, Yoxall, Ingham, and Birchall respectively. Col. Thomas awarded a consolation prize to the next two, who ran very closely for a place. Capt. Heath, M.C., gave a special prize to the best pair of waltzers. This competition resulted in two couples tying for place and the prize was doubled. The winners were Ptes. Yoxall and Brown, and Ptes. Birchall and Barnes.

Leave Club Whist Drive.

The whist drive which was held on Thursday in the garden was not such a crowded one as usual. It was very windy which made playing rather difficult but in spite of this, the evening was most successful. 1st Gent's prize was won by Pte. A. E. Tomkin with a score of 149; 2nd Pte. Clayton 146; and 3rd Cpl. H. Taylor 144. The first Ladies prize went to Gnr. Elliston with 155, 2nd Pte. J. Dodd 153; and 3rd Gnr. T. Frost 152. Lieut. Vernon again very kindly presided while Ptes. Beale and Duffy officiated most ably as M.C.'s.

In Few Words.

"The Merry Micks" are, I hear, due in Cologne next week.

A member of "The Starlights," an officer, is said to be the oldest Lieutenant in the British Army.

"The Poppies," after their success in Cologne, are playing to full houses at the Stadt Theatre, Bonn.

JACQUES.

FAMOUS GERMAN STUD.

Well Looked After During The War.

Paris "Sport" gives an interview with a French officer who was a prisoner of war in Germany when the armistice was announced. He was interned at Jorgan, about three miles away from the famous Graditz Stud. He was allowed to inspect the Government stud where he saw that things were in a prosperous condition. There were five stallions, among them Ard Patrick and two French horses, Nuage and Biniou. The latter has since died.

The produce of Nuage are doing well in Germany. There are about twenty-five brood mares (mostly English), about forty two and three year olds, and twenty yearlings. All the stock is in fine condition, and it is evident that they were well looked after during the war, and lacked nothing. The Germans believe in buying their stallions in France and the mares in England. However, they will have some difficulty in future in securing good blood from either country.

DEMOBILIZED SOLDIERS' SPORTS.

In connection with the forthcoming sports festival for the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers, to be held at Stamford Bridge in September, champion cups have already been presented by the proprietors of The Daily Telegraph, Sir Edward Hulton of the Daily Sketch; the proprietor of the Sporting Life, the proprietors of the News of the World, the proprietors of the Daily Express, the proprietor of the Globe, the proprietors of Reynolds's Newspaper, Mr. H. Batty-Smith, of the Sportsman, and Captain Thomas (solicitor of the N.F.D. and D.S. and S.). An Artistes Challenge Cup has been presented by Miss Lena Ashwell, and a challenge trophy by Mr. Hogge, M.P. (ex-president of the N.F.D. and D.S. and S.), and a great many valuable prizes for the handicap events. Final entries close on Sept. 6, instead of Sept. 3.

51st SHERWOODS SPORTS.

Probably most of the battalions in the Midland Division have forgotten that the 51st Sherwood Foresters are still in existence in the sports line at all events writes a correspondent.

Although little has been heard of the Sherwoods, owing perhaps to their being in a quiet backwater of life at Schmidtheim, they, nevertheless, did exceptionally well in their Brigade Sports, exhibiting a great coup de grâce, by defeating their old rivals the 52nd in the Final Tug-of-War.

Yes, methinks, concludes our correspondent, other battalions will have to look to their laurels in future, but as our comrades, the French, say, "nous verrons que nous verrons."

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Chess Congress.
The number of chess players attending the Hastings chess congress both as competitors and spectators exceeds all previous records.

Only 55 Guineas.
Mr. Court had only to bid 55 guineas to buy in Saintly Maude at Folkestone, but H. Leader had to go to 200 guineas before obtaining Maroon, who won the second race.

Brilliant Left-hander.
Mead, by a sound 122 not out against Essex this week at Bournemouth, carried his average to 61.13 for 22 completed innings. The left-hander was the only Hampshire batsman to stay very long.

A Big Task.
The veteran all-round athlete, Prof. Walter Brickett, has set himself a big task. He has undertaken to walk 1 mile, run a mile, 1 mile over hurdles, cycle 3 miles, row 1 mile, and swim a mile, all within the hour.

Osborn Re-signed.
The P.N.E. directors have re-signed Fred Osborn, who joined the side from Leicester Fosse in 1913, and whose brilliant form as leader of the attack contributed materially to the successful efforts to regain promotion to the First Division of the League at the end of 1914-15.

Royalty and St. Leger.
It is not yet known whether their Majesties will visit Doncaster for the St. Leger, but preparations for a royal visit are proceeding.

An Easy Victory.
Herne Hill Harriers had an easy victory in the mile team race at the Cinema Sports at Stamford Bridge, beating the R. A. S. C. (Grove Park) in 4 min. 27 3-5 sec.

Achtung!
A race was once run by an engaged couple. The young woman won (which, by the way, was very diplomatic on the part of the man), whereupon she broke off her engagement, vowing she would never wed an inferior.

Cadets' Bouts.
An interesting feature of the Public Secondary Schools Cadet Camp at Marlborough has been the boxing competitions. This is the first year that boxing competitions have been held at the camp, and the innovation proved successful.

Bowling Tourney.
The Bournemouth open bowling tournament began this week, play taking place on four greens of the borough. E. E. Moore, the English singlehanded champion, won his tie, as did D. Irvine Watson, the 1914 English champion.

G. Hirst And Co.
George Hirst and his merry band field as well as ever. That, in a nutshell, is why Yorkshire can win three matches in one week.

New Zealanders Beaten.
The New Zealand Service Rugby team recently played Griqualand West, and were beaten by one goal and one try (8 points) to one penalty goal (3 points).

Selling Their Horses.
Major Phipps Hornby and Capt. Mather Jackson, who are returning to England with their regiment, are selling their horses. Brank and Night Warbler, who have been running at Ostend.

Luxurious Game.
The price of grouse has been fixed by the Food Ministry at 4s. 3d. per lb. wholesale, and 5s. 6d. retail. It may be noted that the average weight of young Scotch birds is about 20oz., so that the game will be something of a luxury.

Bermondsey Billy Wells.
Bermondsey Billy Wells, who won the Theatre of War Middle-weight Championship at Aldershot a short time back, offers to box the present welter-weight champion, Johnny Basham, 20 rounds for a side stake of £100. Both men to weigh 10st. 7lb. Failing Basham, Wells says he will meet anyone in the world at the weight.

Ground Too Hard.
Several of Mr. A. C. Barton's horses were in attendance at Folkestone, but all were sent back to Newmarket owing to the hard state of the ground.

Looking Well.
The playing pitch of the Fulham Football Club never looked more inviting than at the present moment, and the Chelsea groundsman will most assuredly have to look to his laurels.

Mr. Sandy Blair.
During the war, Mr. Sandy Blair did a lot of flying in France. Since coming out of the Army he has returned to Wroughton, where he has been in regular riding practice for the Hon. A. Hastings' and R. Gordon's stables.

Shrubb v Trotting Mare.
Alfred Shrubb has been matched to run five miles on the Horsham Cricket Ground against Mr. Jos. Burton's trotting mare Kitty M. The latter will be harnessed to a four-wheel vehicle containing two passengers.

Jumped The Rails.
Before the start for the Breeders' Foal Plate Southwell jumped the rails and unshipped Victor Smyth, while Golden Orb broke the tapes before the four runners got away. Happy Maid was always last.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

The Scientific Mind.

Whilst seated in an outdoor café the other evening an elderly German was seen take his seat at a table after first of all carefully dusting both table and chair with his handkerchief. Calling for the waiter he withdrew a cigar from his case and examined it with great care, at the same time giving his order. On the arrival of his coffee he produced from his pocket a small cylindrical case from which he extracted a thermometer and proceeded to take the temperature of his beverage. Evidently it was not satisfactory, for he again summoned the waiter and sent it away. The waiter brought another cup, and again the old gentleman took its temperature, this time with happier results, and disposed of his coffee in the orthodox manner.

Swift House building.

House building in Germany seems to have been brought to a very fine art. Speed, however, seems to be a greater consideration than efficiency, with the result that a comparatively short space of time is sufficient to enable the followers of the brick layers trade to produce cottages with mushroomlike rapidity. At Brauweiler, for instance, a ruined factory has been converted in two weeks into six brand new cottages. They are certainly not very substantial-looking buildings, but their appearance has helped to solve the problem of overcrowding.

The Snark's Annual.

One can scarcely believe it to be seventeen years since Star Wood ("The Snark") first issued his humorous Summer Annual. The 1919 edition surpasses all previous efforts in the quality of fun displayed, in the clever drawings and the "snap" of the many short stories it contains. The writer is about to go on leave and will certainly take it with him on his journey home. He can think of no better companion to while away the tedium of the journey — that is so far as a book is concerned.

Some Rumour!

L.Cpl. to Officer: "May Private Jenkins speak to you, Sir?"

Officer to Pte. Jenkins, "Well, what is it, Jenkins?"

Jenkins, indistinctly, "Mumble, mumble.."

Officer, "Speak up, my man."

Jenkins, indistinctly, "Mumble, mumble.."

Officer, wrathfully, "Oh, go to Jericho."

Two days later.

Pte. Brown to Pte. Smith, "He'rd the rumour? B'talion's going to Palestine."

Wooden Pegs.

It may not have been noticed that the method of repairing boo s and shoes in Germany is very different to the way such work is executed in England. Instead of the usual brass or iron rivets small wooden pegs are used to fasten the soles. Your German cobbler will stand hard and fast by his system, always declaring it to be the better way. Though much can be said for his point of view, inasmuch as it prevents the rust which usually follows the use of iron rivets and which has a detrimental effect on the leather, it is interesting to note, that it is very many years since "pegging" was extensively used at home.

Some Best Sellers.

We are all more or less conversant with that type of literature that comes under the category of the problem novel. We are also acquainted with that class of story whose vague endeavour is to emulate the novels of Flaubert, Guy de Maupassant or Paul de Kock. We refer to those unsalubrious, sensual, perverted, paper-backed books one sees occasionally in England. Germany is inundated with similar books, but of a more degrading order. You can buy a neat, cloth-bound volume of Goethe for 1.50 M., but the price demanded for these licentious atrocities is five marks. And copies go into their sixtieth-thousand!

The Bells.

The large audience which witnessed the performance last Saturday evening of "The Title" by the Rhine Army Dramatic Company at the Kaisersaal, Solingen, were treated to a little diversion during the last act of the play. The curtain had been raised only a few minutes when the church bells next to the hall commenced ringing in sonorous tones. The noise became perfectly distracting to the audience, and it was impossible to grasp the interesting dialogue between "Mr. Tronts" and "Miss Hildegards." The members of the audience strained their heads forward, put their hands round their ears and employed every possible device to try to catch the words of the players, but with no apparent effect. They became uneasy, and murmurings could be heard which were not at all conventionally parliamentary. The audience was losing its temper and almost got to that point of breaking down altogether when the stoppage of the ringing saved a very critical situation.

Royalty in the Ranks.

A good story comes from one of the units under orders to proceed "Elsewhere." The O. C. thinking perhaps the move meant a return to pukka soldiering, decided to re-open A. B. 68 and therefore paraded the Company to obtain particulars of each man's date of birth, religion, colour of eyes, and socks etc. The C.Q.M.S. started to take down the particulars. Things went well until a nervous and slightly deaf youth approached, when the following startling information was obtained; C.Q.M.S. — "Name?" "Pte. George Pie, Sir." "Age?" "Twentyone, Sir." "Religion?" "C. of E. Sir." "Who's your next of kin?" "The Prince of Wales, Sir." — Luckily his explanation to the O. C. later that he thought the Quarter bloke asked "Who was the next for King?" saved him from a severe punishment for lese Majeste.

All in F. M. O.

Some little while back we commented in these columns on the huge packs carried by school children, containing evidently weighty works of learning. This system of carrying weights however would appear to be the universal one in Germany. In the country districts one can always meet the frau carrying a large bag on her back which is supported by straps round the shoulders and strapped round the waist. By this means a great weight may be carried. The method adopted is the same as that used by Indian squaws in carrying their young. The German workmen invariably adopt the same system and it seems a very effective one leaving as it does both hands free.

IN THE HEAT WAVE, TOO!

Pte. Slogger: "Which way to Bonn, Corporal?"
Corporal: "Keep straight on for five kilos; then bear round to the right for another two. Then it's about another three kilos. You've just missed the last train to-day!"
Pte Slogger: "!!! · · · ???"

Toys for Rubbish.

The German rag and bone man has some different ways of carrying on his trade from his English prototype. In front of their barrows many have a tray with compartments containing whistles, balls, patriotic cards, stringbats and an assortment of coloured flags. Little children emerge from their houses carrying rags, bones or bottles in their pinafores, which the ragman exchanges for a toy according to value.

Any More Big Figures?

The 23rd Royal Fusiliers, it appears, have done famously with War Savings, and claim to have topped the record of the 23rd Middlesex recently reported, with the magnificent total of 26,505 marks in one week of July. Of this sum "D" Coy. subscribed as much as 12,755 marks.

"Company Manners."

Not the least of the pleasures at the British Empire Leave Club is the prevalence of refined manners at the tables in the dining room. Often it is in direct contrast to the attitude observed at mealtimes in units, though why any soldier should permit himself to be slack in his own more intimate surroundings is a mystery, But a visit to the Leave Club seems to put the majority on their best behaviour. There is no need for Walter to issue a growling ukase to Ted to "pass that there pozzy down," for Edward suddenly alters and courteously enquires if Walter would like a little "preserve." And not a few of the kindly ladies attending to their wants regard them as big boys at a tea-party.

Lesser Echoes.

A soldier was observed yesterday in the canteen queue provided with a small deck chair.

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Many tailors' shop-windows in Rhineland now exhibit a label announcing that the cloth used is of English manufacture.

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"If one can spare the time for the journey, one of the prettiest parts of the Rhine may be seen beyond Coblentz," writes a correspondent.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to: Cpl. W. J. Wigney, British Armistice Commission, Cologne; Cpl. E. F. Funnel, 77th Siege Bty. R.G.A., Rhine Army, and Serg. A. Crickmore, C/245 Battery R.F.A., Rhine Army.

OUR HOOKAH.

John Edward and I decided one day to make a hookah, a double-barrelled hookah, which we would both be able to smoke at once; and on the strength of this we bought a lot of rubber tubing, some glass pipe, a couple of mouth pieces, a calabash pipe, and a jam jar, and set to work that evening.

John Edward took charge, and under his guidance I cut up the tubing into lengths and fitted them on to the glass pipes which we stuck through holes in the cork of the jam jar, filled the jar half full of water, attached the calabash to one length of tube and the mouthpieces to two other; after which John Edward said it was ready.

Then the fun began. John Edward filled the pipe, seized a match, bit firmly on his tube mouthpiece, and advanced to the fray. I took my mouthpiece and my insignificant but precious person behind an armchair and awaited developments, while John Edward with a hopeful air applied the match to the tobacco. A terrific bubbling ensued in the jar, what time he applied Titanic suction to his mouthpiece; the tobacco burnt furiously; the bottle and John Edward filled with smoke simultaneously and commenced to leak from every outlet.

I applauded vigorously, and, feeling that the time had come to take a hand blew strongly into my mouthpiece. This, it transpired afterwards, was the wrong thing to do . . .

After ten minutes John Edward opened his eyes, and in a half-drowned voice inquired where he was.

"What the deuce did you want to blow for, old thing?" he went on. "You ought to have sucked, just like an ordinary pipe. Don't you see that you suddenly pushed the water and all that up into the pipe and through my mouthpiece?"

I tendered a humble apology, and we relighted the pipe.

John Edward with an evil and revengeful smile took his mouthpiece but it was entirely my fault that my own mouthpiece was not in my mouth soon enough. It was in fact at the moment pointing at his ear from a range of two feet. A jet of water sprang from the end and scored a bull right away.

John Edward took the count, after which he sat up and began to talk. I replied and laying down our mouthpieces, we went at it at the tops of our voices, oblivious of the fact that it was now 1. a.m. and the stentorian voice of an irascible Major who lived next door was calling down curses on our heads.

To this oversight must be attributed our subsequent misfortune. For, finding his protests disregarded, the Major rushed in upon us, to discover that John Edward and I, mouthpieces in mouths and what one might describe as an intense look of compression on our faces, were only staving off instant submersion by blowing with all our might to prevent the water being forced up our own tube by the enemy.

It was only a question of time, and indeed I think that John Edward's lungs were already beginning to weaken, but the sudden appearance of an irate Major of Artillery, clad in pink pyjamas, a green dressinggown, yellow slippers, a scarlet face, and purple language quite unnerved me; in fact this awe-inspiring colour scheme took my breath away — too literal for me.

For a few hectic minutes which reminded me forcibly of Versailles when the fountains are playing, my room seemed full of burning tobacco, gasping and triumphant John Edwards, broken glass piping, and parti-coloured Majors enmeshed in rubber tubing and half-drowned in liquid nicotine — but I must draw the veil, the subject is too painful. Suffice it to say that I am not now popular with some senior officers of the Mess — neither is John Edward popular with

UBIQUE.

THE INTERPRETERS' CASE.

TO THE EDITOR, "COLOGNE POST."

Sir,—As "Acting Interpreter" has voiced the troubles of those men who have just gained an insight into the German language, and who, in his opinion, should be given some band or mark to distinguish them; may I state the case of interpreters who have mastered the German language in all its mysteries and intricacies, and receive absolutely no consideration in respect of their knowledge and usefulness?

Being myself an interpreter, having learnt my German in the piping times of peace at a German university, where I took my final examination for degree just before the outbreak of war, I have come in contact with quite a number of other interpreters, many of whom have learnt their German in the same way as I have done.

May I remark that men whose knowledge of German allows them to converse on any subject, read and understand any book placed before them and write the language with the accuracy of a German, are not receiving the consideration in respect of their knowlege they should do.

I am not stretching a point in saying that the majority of interpreters hold the substantive rank of private or the rank of junior N.C.O's. and receive no pay whatsoever beyond the general pay of their rank.

Quite a number who have volunteered from France and Belgium are away from their units, attached to new units not a soul of whom they know, and are naturally looked upon as outsiders, and at first find a difficulty in getting on with everyone in their new surroundings.

I honestly think that in the light of the above factors and others which could be mentioned, interpreters one and all are entitled to some consideration and should receive an emolument for their services, services which but one man in every two thousand can capably and satisfactorily render.

I would suggest the following scheme: All candidates for the post of interpreter be made to pass an examination, classified according to their knowledge, to receive non-commisioned rank according to their capabilities and also wear a badge, e.g. a sphinx, in the same fashion as the French interpreters. Also by giving the interpreter a definite status, the study of German would be encouraged and our boys would return to Blighty the more capable to capture German trade and understand the German nation the more, a very vital factor.

MONASTER.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Flappers.—At the London Zoo a large number of penguins have newly arrived.

Shut Down. — Wellingborough iron furnaces have close' for lack of fuel.

Another Revival.—Reading working mens regatta will be revived next season.

More Trouble.—Belgian railway workers are threatening a general strike.

Seaside Dips.—At Langland Bay baptisms have been taking place in the sea.

For the Groom.—Mrs. C. M. Thompson, of Keswick, left £100 a year to her groom.

No Milk.—There is a great shortage of milk at seaside resorts in England.

Gold in Wales.—It is reported from Barmouth in Wales that a rich vein of gold has been discovered.

Houses Wanted.—The present shortage of working class houses in Great Britain is estimated ot 500,000.

No Telegrams.—Telegrams to and from Sweden have been held up owing to the lines being affected by earth currents.

Wedgwood for Labour.—Col. Wedgwood M.P. has now been accepted by the Parliamentary Labour Party.

How is it Done?—600 Indian soldiers visited Maskelyne's, and were puzzled by the Indian rope trick.

The W.R.A.F. Case.—Evidence in the Douglas-Pennant case will not be heard before November.

Much Worried.—The Prime Minister has earned his rest. He looks very harassed and careworn.

Changed Times.—Admirals Beatty and Jellicoe have been rewarded more lavishly than Nelson was in all his lifetime.

Book Values.—The Huth Library which cost its collector £120,000 has just been sold for £303,000.

From Germany to London.—It is rumoured that Herr Eduard Bernstein, will become German Ambassador in London.

Killed on the Links.—A seagull flying over North Berwick was struck by a golf ball and killed instantaneously.

Terrific Heat.—In London numerous cases of sunstroke and heat apoplexy are occurring.

Dismissed.—The number of London policemen who were dismissed for refusing duty is over a thousand.

For Consumptives.—Peel Hall near Bolton is to be converted into a sanatorium for tubercular patients.

To Shoot At.—H.M.S. Swiftsure is to end her career by becoming a target for guns of the Atlantic fleet.

More Huts Sold.—Three hundred army huts at Gretna Munition works near Carlisle have been sold.

A Warning.—The Reichsbank announces that the fifty mark notes dated 20th October 1918 will be cancelled on the 10th of September.

More Iron Crosses.—The German Government have ordered several thousands of new iron crosses, presumably for repatriated prisoners.

Work for Soldiers.—The new Government scheme for the employment of disabled men comes into operation in September.

No Waste.—During a heated discussion a Glasgow man threw a whisky bottle at a fellow workman. In answer to numerous inquiries, the bottle was empty.

The Key of a Fair.—With a golden key, Mr. Mallaby-Deeley, M. P., opened Mitcham Fair, held annually for 300 years, under a charter of Queen Elizabeth.

A Solution.—An English family has solved the holiday housing question by carting a tent and baggage on a hired barrow.

'Some' Cycle.—A whole family has gone on their holiday on a quadricycle with baby in the middle, and a complete cooking outfit.

For Old Times' Sake.—A reunion of the 2nd Sportsmen's battalion 26th Royal Fusiliers (City of London) is to take place on September 22nd.

Half Baked.—Millions of bricks have been made in England in readiness for housing schemes but these schemes have not yet matured.

Some Day.—The chief editorship of the Official history of the War which may be expected some day has been entrusted to General J. E. Edmonds.

Lack Honours.—It is pointed out that the teaching profession has had a very small share of the Honours distributed for War Services.

Scottish Records.—Lord Glenconner has presented to the Crown his large collection of Scottish historical documents. They will be preserved at Edinburgh Castle.

For the Election.—The National Union of Railwaymen are appointing election agents in the constituencies in anticipation of an early general election.

Tanks as Gifts.—A tank is to be presented to Aberdeen and other Scottish cities in recognition of the splendid results achieved in War Bond sales.

Sailor-Like.—The introduction of yet another new uniform for the Air Force is being criticised. It is said to be dark blue.

A Big Bill.—Last year £30,697 was paid to a news Agency by the Ministry of Information, in respect of Press cablegrams to Canada and other parts of the Empire.

Uniform Changed.—Included in the changes which are to be made in Highland dress in the Army is the abolition of the white buff jacket, for which a red doublet will be substituted.

Bad Feeling.—Racial feeling between Scotch and Irish labourers on the Clyde is very bitter just now. Demobilized Scotsmen seeking employment resent the influx of Irish.

Army "Glad Rags".—A Commission is considering the question of peace time uniforms for the Army, and it is probable that the use of certain dress uniforms will be discontinued.

A Famous Stowaway.—Air Mechanic Ballantyne who was carried across the Atlantic as a stowaway on board the R.34 has returned to England. No disciplinary action has yet been taken by the authorities.

Business Brisk.—Two ex-soldiers who opened a street stall at Braintree as a protest against the high prices charged by shopkeepers sold out in twenty minutes. Cabbages were sold at a penny each.

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CAVALRY DIVISION AND VI CORPS TO BE REVIEWED.

The Army Council will arrive on a short visit to the Army of the Rhine late this afternoon, and will be received at General Headquarters with a Guard of Honour in the Dom Platz.

There will be a salute of 19 guns on the river front, north of the Hohenzollern Bridge.

In the programme of the distinguished visitors is included a review of the troops of the Cavalry Division and VI Corps on Monday morning at 11 o'clock. This will be on the Exerzier Platz, Merheim, about 3½ miles east of Cologne.

In the afternoon a review of Women Workers will take place, opposite the cricket pavilion at Lindenthal, at 2.30 p.m.

SINN FEIN IN CLARE.

SUPPRESSED BY GOVERNMENT.

An official Memorandum issued by the Chief Secretary for Ireland announces that owing to the recent increase and the character of the crimes committed in County Clare by Sinn Feiners the Government have decided to suppress that organisation and others like it in the county.

The Chief Secretary's memorandum states that there have been nine separate attacks on the police since the beginning of the year. There have been organised attacks on police huts and barracks, and several constables have been killed or wounded. These are not the only outrages. One of the worst was the partial destruction of the Knockjames National School by fire. The teacher of the school is about to retire owing to age, and his son, formerly a teacher in England, who had joined the Army during the war, was appointed to succeed his father. Hence the outrage. A week after this occurence two men who supported the appointment of the ex-soldier as teacher were fired at and wounded while cutting turf.

WALLS OF DERRY MANNED

FIRST TIME SINCE SIEGE.

Following the proclamation prohibiting Sinn Fein organisations in county Clare, news came yesterday that troops have occupied the walls of Londonderry to enforce the military order that yesterday's Nationalist and Sinn Fein demonstration should not include a procession over that part of the city. From an early hour of the morning troops, for the first time since the siege of Derry, manned the walls of the city. This was the outcome of a military order issued by General Hackett Pain.

Orangemen and other Unionists had expressed a determination to prevent the walls being utilized for an anti-British parade, and grave disorders were anticipated by the authorities. Following the action of the military, however, all is quiet. The soldiers occupying the walls belong to the Dorset Regiment. Troops with fixed bayonets and steel helmets and carrying ball cartridge took possession of the walls and another detachment with Lewis guns were in the police barracks adjacent to reinforce those on duty in the event of a disturbance. The demonstrators, numbering 5,000, made no attempt to defeat the proclamation, but passing under the gates of the walls shouted epithets at the Dorsets.

BOY KILLED BY "PATRIOTS."

The latest shooting outrage in the county differs from previous crimes as the victim, a boy of sixteen, named Murphy, appears to have been himself a Sinn Feiner and a member of the Fianna (Sinn Fein Boy Scouts). The lad, who was employed in a hardware shop at Ennistymon, came home about nine o'clock, and remained up reading after the family had retired to bed. About midnight shots rang out, and when the father came down he found his son lying dead on the floor.

It is stated that a car was heard passing the house about midnight, and shots are said to have been fired from rifles on the road. There are eight or nine bullet marks on the house. The motive of the crime is a mystery.

A SHELLFISH STORY.

There are usually supposed to be two kinds of stories—stories and fish stories. The following is a shellfish story, and happens to be true:—

Mr. John Symonds, a fish merchant, carrying on business on the Marine-parade, Great Yarmouth, found when opening his premises that an oyster had caught a mouse. The oyster had apparently opened to feed, or may simply have been yawning. At any rate, a mouse must have poked its nose into the vortex, for when Mr. Symonds observed them the oyster had the mouse by the head.

A message from Port Said says that the Suez Canal is blocked through the Italian warship "Basilicata" having sunk near Tewfik after an explosion.

ROUMANIA RIGHTED.

SUPREME COUNCIL'S CONCILIATORY REPLY.

The reply of the Supreme Council to Roumania, which is couched in conciliatory terms, says a Paris message, declares particularly that the Entente Powers are trusting in the disarmament of Magyars on Roumanians.

It further asks the latter not to impede the feeding in Buda-Pesth, and in addition, makes the observation that the captured war material is the joint security of the Allies.

The Council suggests that the Roumanians should transport material to certain fixed centres and not to dispose of it without the consent of the Allies. The note does not require the Roumanians to revise the terms of the Armistice imposed on Hungary. The great desire of the Allies is to manifest reciprocal feeling.

ORDER FROM CHAOS.

The Roumanian note, to which the foregoing is in reply, expressed surprise at the first communication received from the Peace Conference, which asserted that Roumania had not changed her territorial claims, but, according to the success of her army, she considered that new military efforts had been made in order to throw back Hungarian offensive. The services rendered to civilization by her sacrifices gave her a new title to claim her rights.

The note denied that Roumanian requisitions had been excessive, and it urged that regarding encouraging pillaging, Roumanian troops, by their presence, re-established order and checked anarchy and devastation. The presence of the Allied representatives at Buda-Pesth was testimony to such a state of affairs.

THREAT TO ARMENIA.

GRAVE SITUATION ON WITHDRAWAL OF BRITISH TROOPS.

The delegation of the Armenian Republic in Paris has received from the President of Armenia an appeal for the help of the Allies in the present threatening situation. A vast movement is being directed by the Turks, Kurds and Tartars against Armenia, led by Kiazim Bey, Enver Pasha, and a number of Turkish officers. This movement is the work of Young Turk agents.

The appeal states that the Allied troops have already evacuated a part of the territory of the Armenian Republic, and the Armenian Government's requests for help have met with no result. The Turkish troops everywhere are disregarding the terms of the Armistice of November 1, 1918, and, encouraged by the withdrawal of the British troops, are endeavouring to establish communication with the Russian Bolshevists. Fighting has already begun between Turks and Armenians in the districts of Charour and Olti. The appeal ends: "Our situation is very critical. The Allies ought, at least, either to help us militarily or send us munitions."

WAR COMRADES AND THE ROSES.

Two ex-soldiers, Herbert Barrett and George Harwood, of Mortlake, who accompanied a party of Comrades of the Great War on a river trip to Weybridge, were each fined 26s. at Chertsey yesterday for helping themselves to roses at Portmore Gate, the residence of Mr. W. E. Ward.

The men stated that they saw a number of people with flowers standing outside the house, and they went inside and picked up the flowers from the lawn.

YORKSHIRE COAL STRIKE.

"UP TOOLS" AGAIN ON MONDAY.

The conference between the South Yorkshire coal owners and the men's representatives took place at Sheffield yesterday morning. The proceedings were of the most friendly character, and at the conclusion of the conference it was stated that arrangements had been made for the men to return to work at the earliest possible moment. Where possible, the men resume work on Monday.

NOBEL LITERATURE PRIZE.

The Swedish Academy has decided to award the Nobel prize for literature to the Norwegian author Knut Hamsum.

ARMY HUTS FOR HOUSING.

Five more local authorities have decided to utilise Army huts to provide temporary housing accommodation, pending the erection of permanent buildings. The Councils concerned are Cornwall, Devon, Suffolk, and the West and North Ridings of Yorkshire, all of which have made application for huts for this purpose.

Southwark Borough Council have had to add 8d. to the half-yearly rate to meet an extra call from the L.C.C. The rates are now the highest ever levied in the borough.

BELA KUN'S BOOTY.

DISCOVERY OF TREASURE TROVE IN BUDAPEST.

TERRORISTS' HASTY FLIGHT.

Most of "Lenin's Boys" and other Hungarian Terrorists are now in gaol, as the police found lists of their names. In Szamuely's saloon-coach were found over 700,000 kronen and a great number of jewels, watches, and rings, belonging to his victims who were executed. In the cupboards of the palace of the Archduke Joseph, until recently the headquarters of the "Red" Guard, 80,000,000 kronen in banknotes were discovered, apparently forgotten by the Terrorists in their hasty flight. This sum is part of two milliards of banknotes stolen from the Austro-Hungarian Bank at Budapest by the Bolshevists.

Bela Kun, who from the first day of his rule reckoned with the possibility of a sudden fall, used every opportunity to get sums of money in gold, jewels, carpets, objects d'art smuggled by trusted adherents across the Hungarian Frontiers to hiding-places abroad. The Austrian authorities have not yet succeeded in discovering this hidden treasure.

MISS V. DOUGLAS-PENNANT.

PUBLIC INQUIRY TO BE HELD.

The Select Committee of the House of Lords set up to inquire into the dismissal of Miss Violet Douglas-Pennant from the Women's Royal Air Force met for the first time on Thursday.

The committee sat for about a quarter of an hour in private, and when the parties were called in it was seen that Lord Wrenbury (formerly Lord Justice Buckley) had been elected chairman.

Lord Wrenbury said Miss Douglas-Pennant was invited by the committee to lodge a statement before September 3 with the secretary of the committee. This statement was to be confined to facts which she deemed relevant, and was not to include evidence by which she would seek to support her case. The opportunity would be given to any persons who in the opinion of the committee were interested, and who wished to take part in the proceedings. to obtain a copy of the statement. Those who could advance further facts were to lodge statements not later than September 23. The inquiry, would be heard in public, but the committee reserved the right to sit in private when thought desirable.

The committee adjourned till October 14.

LORD MILNER ON GROSS PROFITEERING.

An emphatic defence of the Profiteering Bill was made by Lord Milner in the House of Lords on Friday evening. In moving he second reading, he observed that he did not suppose the House would be wholly reconciled to the Bill by the statement that it was an emergency measure. He said that the exceptional circumstances of the time gave an opportunity to the speculator and the unscrupulous trader to enrich himself at the expense of the community. It was plain that the public was being grossly exploited.

For one case in which a man was brought up for trial under the Bill he expected there would be a hundred where men would be induced to set a limit to their greed of gain. The success of the local tribunals under the Military Service Acts and of local food committees entitled the Government to assume that these tribunals would be both popular and effective. It was a measure largely for the protection of the public by putting the public in a position to protect themselves.

After a favourable reception by other Lords, the Bill was read a second time.

ENGLISH WIFE IN AN OPIUM DEN.

Chong Yow, a Chinaman, who occupies premises at Pennyfield, Poplar, was fined £50 at Old-street yesterday for harbouring one and a half pound of opium.

It was stated that he was married to an Englishwoman and had four children. He charged 2s. a smoke. Six pipes were found, and there were beds in every room in the house.

BOOM IN BETTING-HOUSES.

"Betting of this class is more rife in the metropolis than it has ever been in my experience, and I submit that small fines are useless to put a stop to it," said Mr. Muskett, prosecuting for the police, in a case at Lambeth yesterday. (Mr. Muskett has been a solicitor since 1887.)

A coal porter convicted of keeping a betting house at Nunhead was fined £50 with £5 costs. It was stated that 93 slips had been found, one for a bet of £7.

NAVY STILL SILENT.

In the House of Commons Viscount Curzon asked the first Lord of the Admiralty for particulars of the sinking of the Bolshevist cruiser Oleg. Mr. Long replied that the Oleg was sunk by British Naval Forces which encountered her when patrolling and obviously it was undesirable to give the exact means by which the sinking was accomplished.

Mr. Lloyd George desires that no vote of thanks should be passed to him for the services that he rendered during the war.

ANGLO-PERSIAN AGREEMENT.

PROVISIONS OF TREATY CONCLUDED.

An agreement was concluded last Saturday between the Persian Government and Great Britain by which the latter will provide Persia at her expense with expert assistance and advice for the reconstruction of the State.

Details of the agreement was made known last night. Britain will assist Persia in the revision of the present treaties between the two Powers, in the claim to compensation for damage by other belligerents, and in the rectification of the frontier.

Great Britain will lend Persia officers for the establishment of a uniform army. The Treasury and the Government of India will lend jointly £2,000,000, and a British financial adviser will be installed at Teheran, the Persian capital.

Anglo-Persian enterprise will be encouraged to construct railways and improve transport generally, and the Customs tariff will be revised.

The agreement does not mean that Persia becomes in any way a British protectorate, but its provisions will allow of the free development of the country untrammelled by different foreign concession hunters.

The Shah, who has participated in the negotiations from the first, is on his way to this country.

SCOUTS MURDERED.

TURKISH TORTURERS IN ASIA MINOR.

From Greek official sources in London it is learned that telegrams have been received reporting the brutal murder by Turks at Aidin of M. Nicholas Avgeridis, Scoutmaster of the Greek Boy Scouts at Aidin, together with twenty Boy Scouts.

Before being put to death M. Avgeridis was submitted to torture of the most terrible nature, both his eyes being torn out of the sockets. M. Avgeridis was a wealthy inhabitant of Aidin who consistently abstained from taking any part in politics, and devoted his time exclusively to the development of the Boy Scout movement. Both he and his Scouts could have escaped, but the heroic Scoutmaster refused to leave the Christian population in the hour of danger, and met his death, thus proving his loyalty to the chivalrous traditions of the Greek Boy Scouts Corps. His twenty brave little followers perished at his side in a vain attempt to save the life of their beloved chief.

ANOTHER LONDON TRAGEDY.

Scotland Yard officials were busy yesterday investigating a case of an alleged attempted murder of a woman named Daley, who was found terribly injured and unconscious in a house in Olney-street, Walworth, where she had been acting as housekeeper during the absence of a Mrs. Green. When the latter came home on Tuesday, she discovered Daley in a back room in a terrible plight. The place was in the greatest disorder. Tables and chairs were overturned and marks of blood were on nearly every article in the room.

As a result of the discovery and correspondence found in the room., the police visited a tenement in Archer-street, Bermondsey, where a man named Fielder was found dead. It appears that the man and woman lived together for some time, until they quarrelled and parted. Evidence in possession of the police shows that Fielder paid a recent visit to the woman, who now lies in a critical condition in Southwark Infirmary.

SMILLIE RETIRING.

Mr. Smillie on Thursday night was presented by the National Union of Scottish Mineworkers with a cheque for £200 and a roll-top desk, and a piece of plate and a wristlet watch were presented to Mrs. Smillie.

In acknowledging the gifts, Mr Smillie said he always thought old men should make way for younger ones in the Labour movement. He had often thought of dropping out, and the probability was that that would come in a short time.

DISABLED MEN'S SWIMMING RACE.

No fewer than 23 soldiers, each minus either a leg or an arm, and one, in fact, minus both legs, took part at Brighton this week in a third of a mile swimming race from the Palace Pier, and all except one competitor completed the course. The soldiers had been carefully trained by Mr. Hurst. and there were thousands of spectators. Result:—First, Lance-corporal J.G. Blyth, 13th Rifle Brigade; second Sgt. H. Winfield. 13th Rifle Brigade; third, Pte. S.F. Cowley, Royal Warwicks. The legless man completed the course. Major-General Sir Samuel Hickson was the starter and judge.

FRENCH AIR LOSSES.

Casualties in the French Flying Corps have now been made public.

The total killed and wounded are 7,757. As the strength on December 1, 1918, was 12,919 men, the war losses represent 61 per cent., believed to be the highest losses in any arm of any Allied army.

MURDERED WOMAN'S RINGS.

DRAMATIC EVIDENCE IN FINSBURY PARK CASE.

Dramatic evidence in the Finsbury Park murder case was given by a woman at the North London Police Court. Before the magistrate was Frank George Warren, charged with the murder of Lucy Nightingale, and Henry Ball, who occupied the house in Prah-road where the woman was found strangled, charged as an accessory after the fact.

A woman witness, named Parton, who had been living with Warren, stated that on the Sunday night in question Warren went out with another man named Morgan. He returned early in the morning, and Warren washed his shirt. Before going to bed in the morning he gave her three rings, a wedding ring, a gold buckle ring with diamonds and a gold ring with rubies and diamonds having inside the initials "L.O.C." When she asked where he got them he replied, "Never mind." That morning he shaved off his moustache. In the afternoon they all went out and she noticed a newspaper placard about the Finsbury Park murder. She thought Warren and Morgan looked at one another. She said: "My God, you have had nothing to do with that?" Warren denied it, but afterwards when he bought a paper prevented her from reading the account of the murder. She recognised a soiled handkerchief and another with bloodstains on it.

Counsel stated that three rings had been identified as belonging to Nightingale, while the handkerchief with which the woman was gagged was identical with others found on Warren.

The case was adjourned for a week.

CASE OF VON BISSING.

A deputation, headed by the chairman of the District Council called on Baron von Bissing at Felixstowe by appointment. Naturalisation papers were produced by him, and he gave information about himself the points of which have already been published. The deputation pointed out that nothing he could say would alter public opinion. An informal meeting, not connected with the Council, was held afterwards outside the house. A deputy who was admitted to interview Von Bissing told him that his presence in Felixstowe was fomenting trouble, and unless he left the town within seven days something might happen.

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Mr. Henry Ford, the millionaire motor-car manufacturer, has been awarded 3d. damages in his libel action against the Chicago Tribune.

Mr. Ford sued the Tribune for £250,000 because a leading article called him "an Anarchist" and "an ignorant idealist."

REBUILDING THE RUINS.

It is estimated that some 60,000 workers will be required for the work of rebuilding the devastated regions of France and Belgium. The German Government has for some considerable time past been considering the question of the provision of, and accommodation for, these workers, and has elaborated through its experts a detailed scheme for housing the workers and providing them with everything necessary to meet their physical and intellectual needs.

480 ROUNDS A MINUTE.

DEMONSTRATION OF MACHINE GUN THAT CANNOT JAM.

War Office experts and naval and military attachés from most of the Great Powers have witnessed at Bisley a demonstration of a new machine gun.

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Colonel Farquhar demonstrated with continuous fire that the gun is capable of firing at a rate of 480 rounds per minute. He showed how to fire single shots and how to change from single shot to automatic fire. He also gave a demonstration of fire from the hip, and fired the gun upside down and sideways.

DANUBE NAVIGATION.

Admiral Sir Ernest Troubridge, President of the Inter-Allied Danube Commission, will go to Budapest shortly to open and organise regular navigation on the Danube.

PRINCE IN CANADA.

The Prince of Wales arrived at St. John's, New Brunswick, yesterday, being welcomed by Sir R. Borden and the members of both Governments.

HEAT VICTIMS.

More than thirty cases of collapse due to the heat were reported in London yesterday, the victims including children of tender years and old people.

LABOUR'S PARLIAMENT.

GOVERNMENTS, EMPLOYERS AND WORKPEOPLE TO MEET.

A NEW ORGANISATION.

The International Organising Committee which has in hand the preparations for the International Labour Conference, to be held in October at Washington, is now at work in London.

At the Conference each State is to be represented by four delegates—two representatives of the Government, one of the employers, and one of the workpeople.

Each delegate will have the right to put his own point of view and to cast his vote independently, a far-reaching departure from the previous practice of International Conferences between States.

If a draft treaty or convention is adopted by a two-thirds majority, every State of the League of Nations must lay it before its Parliament, and if thus approved the State must ratify it.

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

LORD LEE OF FAREHAM'S NEW APPOINTMENT.

It is announced that Lord Lee of Fareham has been appointed President of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries in the room of Lord Ernle, resigned.

Created a baron last year, Col. Arthur Hamilton Lee represented the Fareham division of Hampshire as a Unionist for 18 years. He is 50 years of age. He entered the Army in 1888. At the outbreak of war he rejoined the Army as colonel on the staff and received a knighthood in 1916 for exceptional services to the military forces in the field. He was Civil Lord of the Admiralty from 1903 to 1905 and Director-General of Food Production in 1917.

In 1917 Lord Lee presented to the nation, subject to life interest, the famous Chequers Estate in the Chiltern Hills, with the mansion house and its contents, to be the future official country residence of the Prime Ministers of England.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT.

Sir George Buchanan has been appointed British Ambassador at Rome, in succession to Sir Rennell Rodd; Sir William Tyrrell is to be second in command to Viscount Grey of Fallodon at Washington; Mr. Max-Muller to be Minister at Constantinople; Sir George Clerk to be Minister to the Czecho-Slovak Republic at Prague; and the Hon. Theophilus Russell Minister at Berne.

OUR HOME WOODLANDS.

NECESSITY FOR REPLANTING EXISTING WOODS.

Major G. L. Courthope, M.P., president of the Royal Arboricultural Society, states that the present time is crucial for British forestry. During the war at least two-thirds of the mature timber of Britain had been sold for war purposes, in addition to large quantities of immature timber. Our existing woods produced less than one fourth of the annual quantity possible under scientific stocking and management. If sufficient home-grown timber had been available for our war requirements it was estimated that, apart from the benefit of increased expenditure at home, at least £75,000,000 would have been saved. It would be the duty of the Permanent Forestry Authority to encourage the replanting of existing woods on sound lines and largely to increase the total area of woodlands in the Kingdom.

WHAT MALTA WANTS.

SELF GOVERNMENT AND UNIVERSAL MALE SUFFRAGE.

The President of the Maltese National Assembly has presented to Field-Marshal Sir H. Plumer a scheme for the reform of the Constitution passed by the Assembly. It demands self-government, the appointment of a civil Governor, a Constitution embracing the dual Chamber system and universal male suffrage, the removal of ecclesiastical disabilities, the abolition of class distinctions, and a democratised Senate.

RE-BUILDING THE RUINS.

Negotiations are still taking place between French, German and Austrian commissions concerning the employment of German and Austrian labour for the rebuilding of Northern France.

German labour is not necessary in Belgium as there are plenty of native workmen available. A settlement of the matter of the protection and insurance of the German workmen is expected.

HOME RAILWAY TROUBLE.

The threatened trouble with railway drivers and firemen on the question of a standard wage has been postponed over the week-end. The new Government offer will be made on Monday.

According to Italian papers, Italy will give up to Great Britain her part of the indemnities to be paid by Germany.

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RAYS OF LIGHT.

The Germans have a saying to the effect that everything eventually is revealed in the light of day. "Die Sonne bringt es an den Tag." The Sunlight of Peace is powerful in revelation, and their statesmen and politicians have certainly laid the proverb to heart, and the volume of memoirs and explanations as to the conduct of the war steadily increases.

We are far from making any complaints on this score. After all, we are only concerned with truth, and we welcome the publication of anything, especially from the German side, which confirms the truth regarding the true authors of the greatest crime in history.

Thus a very interesting letter was published recently in the "20 Jahrhundert." It was addressed to Prince Max of Baden from Hindenburg. The gist of it is, that Bethmann Hollweg placed no credence in President Wilson's offer of mediation in December 1916. The decision to adopt the unrestricted U-boat warfare was made dependent upon the military situation; and Hindenburg declared himself in its favour.

Even more interesting, however, are the memoirs recently published, of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz. The extracts represent von Tirpitz as swayed between his desire to give the fleet an opportunity of showing its powers and his fears as to what might in that case happen.

According to the writer of the memoirs, the full responsibility for initiating the unrestricted U-boat warfare rests with the Kaiser. He was responsible for the disposition of the German fleet. We presume that the Grand Admiral has authority for making this statement. If so, the trial of the Kaiser may prove to be even more interesting than we expected. Von Tirpitz has much to say about the weakness and irresolution of the Kaiser.

Wilhelm II. is represented as desirous of conserving the fleet in order that it might act as a point d'appui in future peace negotiations. Events, however, turned out otherwise, and what our Navy left of the Kaiser's favourite arm of the service now lies at the bottom of the sea at Scapa Flow, a fitting grave for the ambitions of the "Admiral of the Atlantic."

GOING HOME.

We have all heard the verdict. In a month or two the great army of occupation in Rhineland is to fade away to the size of a mere Brigade of a few thousand men.

Day by day and week by week we shall be moving off to the Homeland, or hearing of others who are returning. To many it will come as something of a shock. Some had a feeling that life in the Rhineland was to last almost indefinitely. They were settling down to educational courses, to a round of amusement, to country explorations and a dozen or more delightful hobbies.

Others, who have girded against being kept in a foreign land with which they feel no sympathy and for whom the quiet pleasures of peace have no particular charm, will be glad of the coming departure so as to be once again on their native soil.

But whether one's stay in Rhineland is short or prolonged, one cannot restrain the feeling that it has been a privilege in many ways to be here. We are fortunate in the first place to be among those who have survived the horrors of the world's most terrible war. After the years of stress and strife it has been good to enjoy a comparatively restful time by the Rhine amid fine scenery and in historic towns.

The visit to Rhineland and previously perhaps to France and Flanders or the East will have taught us the useful art of observation. It is true that in the past we Britishers have had the reputation of being the greatest travellers, but have we gathered as much knowledge on our trips abroad as we should have done?

We are afraid the answer must generally be in the negative.

We have had the opportunity and it still remains open to us in the further time we may have here to utilise those powers to the best possible advantage.

In that event, we shall not regret an enforced sojourn among our late enemies and shall go home better equipped for the coming war of commerce because of that experience. For all should ever remember that knowledge is power, and to be powerful in this direction is more than ever necessary.

MODERN PRUSSIANISM.

In "The Twilight of the Hohenzollerns" ("Die Hohenzollernadmmerung") which was originally published during the war, the anonymous author has attempted to show by means of quotations that Wagner's "Ring" forms a sub-conscious prophecy of the rise and fall of what we call modern Prussianism.

This idea is a perfectly legitimate one, whether for purposes of satire or of propaganda, and in the present work it is carried out with considerable ingenuity and with only slight alterations in the letter of the text. Add to this the really excellent illustrations by Glyn Philpot, and this short book can be warmly recommended to all who are interested either in Wagner's music-drama or in the development of modern Germany. (The book is conveniently arranged for both German and English readers, the German version being printed on the left, the English on the right side of each page.)

The author justly claims to have stood faithfully by the original text, though it could hardly be said that he has been equally fair in his treatment of some of the characters.

It is rather a shock to find Siegfried converted into Prussian Militarism and Brunnhilde into Pan-Germanism, and it becomes evident, upon inspection, that only by a drastic conversion of this kind could the original words possibly bear the meaning which the author intends they should have for us. Thus a strict adherence to the text has been purchased at the price of falsifying the characters, and this, though it may be good propaganda, is not satire. It is, at best, burlesque.

Further, there is one worse crime, a definite perversion of Wagner's words and intentions. One of the pictures represents Siegfried (Prussian Militarism) standing against as his sword shivers to pieces upon the anvil of the Allied Armies.

Now the whole point of the original is, as everyone knows who has seen the first act of "Siegfried," that it was the anvil that was shivered to pieces by Siegfried's sword and not the sword by the anvil. A distorted interpretation of this kind is not only bad art, but indifferent propaganda.

Fortunately, however, this worst blemish does not prevent the book as a whole from being a happy and successful effort, while, as already said, the pictures, which illustrate each of the chosen extracts, are of quite remarkable quality.

WHAT TO SEE IN RHINELAND.

V. SCHLOSS BURG.

Rearing its head proudly above the little town of Burg, stands Schloss Burg, a mediaeval castle, from the ages past the seat of the Counts of Berg. It is not quite clear whether this family took its name from the town or vice versa, but although the spelling is different, the pronunciation is the same.

Entering the courtyard by one of the massive gateways, one is confronted with the keep, square and imposing, through which one gains admission to the building itself and from the top of which a splendid view is obtained, from the town itself up to the Emperor William Viaduct, a remarkable piece of engineering skill which crosses the valley of the Wupper a distance of about 1060 feet.

The centre span of this bridge is 560 feet, and stands some 350 feet above the river.

From the keep, one enters the Banqueting Hall, part of the original building. This apartment is large and fairly lofty, the roof being supported by a series of central pillars. The mural decorations here call for notice and consist of scenes from local history with reference to the family. At the far end there is a vivid portrayal of a battle between the forces of Berg, and those of the Archbishop of Cologne.

Another picture shows one of the Counts of Berg leading a recruiting march through the town. All the series are worthy of study, but as the hall is lighted on both sides, some of the pictures will not be seen at their best. The windows, of which there are twelve are rich with stained glass, and portray the crests of important Rhineland towns.

On the walls of the smaller salon adjoining there has been painted a panorama of part of Rhineland, over which are portrayed in rich colouring, representative members of the family tree together with their crests.

This series commences with Adam and Eve, and ends with the late German monarch, with whom the family claim relationship. It is a curious fact that this latter personage completes the tree, there being no further room for additions. The family crest is a Lion Rampant, with a double tail a design that seems not unlike the Welsh Dragon.

Until recently, the upper rooms of the older portion of the castle comprised a museum, but unfortunately at present, all the exhibits have been removed.

From the upper windows, one can gaze down on the lower turrets and in places, the remains of the castellated wall. Looking down into the courtyard one listens for the clash of armour, and the eye waits for a glittering figure on a prancing steed. One can imagine the knight calling a fond adieu to his "Ladye fayre"—can imagine him catching the glove she threw and pressing it to his lips.

Surrounded by splendid scenery, easy of access, this castle is well worth a visit, although your true antiquarian may turn up his nose at it, for whilst the building was founded in 1133, it was enlarged about the fifteenth century, and rebuilt on the old lines in the eighteen sixties. In front of the keep one finds a quite modern fountain and statue which do not go back earlier than 1903.

Intending visitors should proceed to Wermelskirchen by train and make the remainder of the journey on foot, as the scenery will amply repay the trouble.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

(XVIII).

BY LIEUT. W. R. PATTERSON, F.R.G.S.

With the advent of a belated summer in Rhineland the question of photographic exposure comes again to the fore. I have examined many negatives during the last few days; negatives that were indistinct. For a short period we have had most brilliant sunshine. Therein lies the cause of blurred photographs. It is all a matter of light.

With such remarkably fine light as we are experiencing one ought to stop down and expose rapidly; let us say, with a 6.3 or 6.8 (anastigmat) at a minimum hundredth of a second. This, of course, depends upon the quality of the lens. Your Goerz Dogmar or your Zeiss Tessar will work, in bright sunshine such as we have had lately, up to a thousandth, though it is rarely necessary to utilise this speed. It is far better, with a 4.5, to stop down, that is to say, decrease the diameter of your diaphragm, and to expose at lesser speed, provided that your subject is not moving too quickly.

It is stupid for a beginner to become discouraged at the first few failures, since, in all things, one learns only by experience. It is actually good to produce a few failures at the outset, but you must study them with the greatest attention, since they will tender you as much information as will a perfect negative.

Again, I have recently seen some negatives, treated by beginners, that were much under-developed. I assume this is due to impatience; a desire to complete one's picture from pure curiosity. It is far better to work carefully. One or two of those shown to me had not been left sufficiently long in the "hypo" bath.

Another fault, producing indifferent negatives, is that of insufficient washing. When you remove your plate or film from the developer a short rinsing in water will suffice, but after immersion in the "hypo" the washing must be so thorough as to remove all traces of the chemical. If this is not done the soda is liable to crystallise upon the surface of the film. Whenever you detect any trace of crystals, seen as tiny sparkles, you ought to wash the negative again. Bad work in any of the processes that go to produce a picture, may become a hindrance to the remaining processes.

Another negative brought to me this week, a really excellent portrait, was completely ruined by "bubbles" which produce "spotty" negatives. This may be avoided if the beginner will learn to rub his finger over the surface of the film whilst it in the developer. Personally, I wash my plates and films in water and rub them before immersion in the developer, after which only an occasional rocking is necessary.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

A PATRIOTIC LETTER.

Sir,—I too, would like to endorse the recent letter respecting the attitude of the Rhine Army and those would-be "Marats" and "Robespierres" at home, who seek by their activities to bring an end to all law and order and further their Bolshevist programme to bring about Soviet government in England.

I doubt whether there could be found any thinking man in the Rhine Army who would give an ear to the vapourings of these cranks who seek to destroy all that is worth while in our own land, which with all its faults is England still and for which so many old and young "Bills" died for.

Some of them are no doubt the originators of the "love-your-enemy stunts" during the war and doubtless enjoyed a fat wage and security at home.

It almost makes one wish that these pests could be treated in the same way as we are wont to dispose of surplus new-born kittens. *"PRO PATRIA."*

LEARNING THINGS.

Sir,—A feature very marked in your "Echoes from Rhineland" is that in which so many of our men record things "which are done better here than at home." In nine cases out of ten they describe "gadgets" which have been in use at home for years, but have not been remarked by careless youth. This, I see quite well, is a good feature of the "Echoes," for it is is encouraging our young soldiers to observe and not only to observe but to note and record their observations, in itself a most excellent training.

To illustrate my "nine out of ten" I would mention, among others, the shunting "hump," climbing irons, and the gradual starting of railway engines—to wit, the Westinghouse brake system—all used for years in our modest island.

But a number of novelties have been mentioned, and I would fain see the contributions to "our paper" multiplied in this direction. *F.O.O.*

HANDWRITING.

Sir,—I have read with some interest the remarks of "F.K.D." and "Freedom," on the subject of handwriting, and I agree with "F.K.D." that more attention, not only on the part of the scholars but on the part of the teachers, should be paid to this subject, being, in my opinion, of great importance, both personally, and in business, therefore of national importance.

Surely "F.K.D." is aware that standards of handwriting exist in our own national schools! The fault, in my opinion, lies with the teachers, many of whom do not know how or take the trouble to hold their own pens correctly.

"OLD CHICHESTER BOY."

"SPURIOUS AMBER."

Sir,—A short time ago I purchased in Bonn a rather attractive looking necklace for which I paid 400 marks. I received with it a guarantee that it was "genuine amber."

On being rubbed briskly on a damp hand the beads certainly gave off a resinous smell, but the jeweller still maintained that it is amber.

If it can be proved to be spurious can I take proceedings against the seller through the A.P.M? *DOUBTFUL.*

WATER TRANSPORT.

Sir,—The extent to which barges are used for transporting goods on the Rhine makes one wonder at the comparative neglect of water transport in England. At a time when railway freights are so high, many of the inland canals which have fallen into disuse could be profitably repaired and used, and considerable economy would be the result. Water power, too, might be much more widely used, particularly for generating electricity, and the centralisation of power would be greatly assisted thereby.

UTILITY.

GERMAN PICTURES.

Sir,—With reference to your correspondent's remarks about counterfeit works of art, let me comment on the excellence of many of the reproductions which are to be had in German art shops. Original pictures of merit are beyond the reach of many people of artistic tastes, but the perfection of German printing renders the possession of really beautiful pictures possible to those of limited means.

ARTIST.

MUSIC IN CAFES.

Sir,—One has read a good deal in praise of the German method of combining café with entertainment, but it is very greatly to be doubted whether the British system of having them separated is not better. The audience at a cabaret performance may be broadly classified as those who want to talk and those who want to listen, and when a musical item of any merit is being performed, the talkers interfere very considerably with the enjoyment of those who go to hear the show. *ANTI CABARET.*

BRITAIN—IN THE EAST.

From Egypt into China they have builded them a wall;
They have held the front of Eden from the Teuton and his thrall;
On the snowy stairs of Elburz you may hear their bugles call,
"Ye are safe! Be at ease! Ye are safe!"
You shall watch the ships adrifting with the Tigris underkeel.
In the crooked streets of Bagdad you shall see the camels kneel
With the good things out of Persia that the robber could not steal;
Ye are safe! Be at ease! Ye are safe.
In the brain of wounded England lay the silence for a span;
Then she rose and wrought a marvel by the steppes of Turkestan:
O ye women-folk of Irak! O ye children of Iran!
Ye are safe! Be at ease! Ye are safe.

RHYS CARPENTER.

POLO, SWIMMING, DIVING.

Keen Tussle For Western Division Cup.

"SKILL-AT-ALL-SPORTS."

The excitement becoming intensified as each event is contested, the fight for the Divisional "Skill-at-all-Sports" Cup, open to the 1st Western Division, continues, and amidst a crowd of enthusiastic spectators, the water polo matches were played off at the Victoria Baths, Bonn, on Thursday. Each game was of sixteen minutes duration, eight minutes each way, and each team consisted of seven men. The following were the competitors and the officials:—

1st Western Inf. Bde. (14th Cheshires).
2nd Western Inf. Bde. (53rd Welsh).
3rd Western Inf. Bde. (53rd South Wales Borderers).
Divisional Artillery (104th Bde. R.F.A.), Divisional Hqrs.
Referee:—Lieut. Parsons, Lancs. Div. Sigs.: Timekeeper:—Mr. Skeeles, 10th Corps H.Q.

Disposing of their opponents without much difficulty, the 1st and the 3rd Brigades were left to contest the final, which proved to be the game of the day.

Goal Scored.

For the first few minutes of the game, the 1st Bde. had things all their own way, but, having been used to playing with the goals at the regulation height, their shots were going over the bar. The 3rd Bde., however, were carefully marking their men, and watching for an opportunity to break through. Nor was the opportunity lost when it did come, for before the 1st Bde. team realized that their goal was in danger, the ball had been put between the sticks. Having thus established a lead, the 3rd Bde played for safety, and their tactics proved successful.

Result:—
3rd Western Inf. Bde. 1;
1st Western Inf. Bde. nil.

During the morning's play, the 1st Bde. scored no less than ten goals, whereas only two were scored against them.

Swimming and Diving.

The Divisional Aquatic Sports were concluded on Friday when the swimming and diving events took place. The participants were the same as in the polo. The following officiated:—

Starter and Judge:—Mr. Skeeles, 10th Corps, H.Q.
Steward:—C. S. M. Hopwood, A.G.S.

Preliminaries.

100 yards:—1, 1st Bde. (Pte. Pearson); 2, 3rd Bde.
100 yards:—1, 2nd Bde. (Pte. White); 2, 1st Bde.
200 yards:—1, 1st Bde. (Pte. Pearson); 2, 2nd Bde.
200 yards:—1, 1st Bde. (Pte. Whitfield); 2 3rd Bde.

Finals.

100 yards:—1, 1st Bde. (Pte. Pearson); 2, 2nd Bde. (Pte. Hudson); 3, 1st Bde. (Sergt Barry).
200 yards:—1, 2nd Bde. (Pte. Hudson); 2, 1st Bde. (Pte. Whitfield); 3, 1st Bde. (Pte. Pearson).
400 yards (one man per unit):—1, 1st Bde (Pte. Pearson); 2, 2nd Bde. (L/C. Pearson); 3, 3rd Bde.
Relay Race, Winners:—The 1st Western Inf. Bde. team:—Sergt. Barry, Pte. Jones, Pte. Whitfield, and Pte. Pearson.
Diving:—1, 2nd. Bde. (L/C. Pearson); 2, 2nd Bde. (Sergt. Castor); 3, 3rd Bde. (Pte. Howe).
Plunge:—1, 3rd Bde. (Lieut.-Col. Gouth); 2, R.F.A. (Sergt. Buckley); 3, 1st Bde. (Sergt. Barry).

"A Most Marvellous Swimmer."

The outstanding feature of the gala was undoubtedly the performance of Pte. Pearson of the 14th Cheshires. A glance at the results shows that he took part in each event, which made it necessary for him to be in the water practically all the time. Only on one occasion did he finish other than first and that was in the 200 yards final. Here, however, he had to swim this race immediately after finishing the 400 yards final.

Presenting Pearson with the silver cup he won on Thursday in the 50 yards open, Major-General Sir E. P. Strickland, K.C.B., congratulated him heartily, and made reference to the fact that during that morning alone, Pearson had swum at top speed no less than sixty-six lengths. "A most marvellous swimmer," remarked one of the Staff officers, and his statement was endorsed by all who were present.

The results in points of the Aquatic Sports only are:—

1st Western Inf. Bde. 18 points;
2nd Western Inf. Bde. 14 points;
3rd Western Inf. Bde. 12 points;
Divisional Artillery 2 points;
Divisional Headquarters 0 points.

BOXING CONTESTS.

Second Stage Reached At Beethoven Hall, Bonn.

The second stage in the fight for the Divisional "Skill-at-all-Sports" Cup, open to the units of the 1st Western Infantry Division, was reached on Wednesday, when the Boxing Competition took place at the Beethoven Hall, Bonn, before a large spectotorate. The following were the representatives:—

1st Western Inf. Bde., 1/4 Cheshires.
2nd Western Inf. Bde., 53rd Welsh.
3rd Western Inf. Bde., 53rd South Wales Borderers.
Divisional Artillery, 104th Bde. R.F.A.
Divisional H.Q. were also represented. Each fight was decided on the points gained in three two-minute rounds. The following officiated:—
Referee:—Lieut.-Col. J. Betts, A.G.S. Judges:—Capt. A. Best; Capt. Peacock. Timekeeper:—Staff-Capt. Jacques, M.C.; M.C.:—R.S.M. Martin, 1/4 Cheshires; Steward:—C.S.M. Hopwood, A.G.S.

Results.

Bantam Weight:—3rd Bde.
Feather Weight:—L/C. Hale, 1/4th Cheshires
Light Weight:—Sergt. Watkins, 53rd S.W.B.
Welter Weight:—Pte. Davies, 53rd S.W.B.
Middle Weight:—B.S.M. H. J. Warren, R.F.A.
Middle (Officers):—3rd Bde.
Heavy Weight:—Div. Artillery.

At the conclusion of the competition, Brig.-General C. Coffin, V.C., Commanding 1st Western Inf. Bde., thanked Lieut.-Col. Betts for carrying out his duty as referee so efficiently, and replying Lieut.-Col. Betts remarked that the fighting had been clean throughout, holding and hitting with an open glove being the only faults about which we had had to caution the competitors.

The result in points of the whole of the competitions so far as they have progressed is:—

Div. Artillery . . . . . 54 points;
3rd Western Inf. Bde. . 49 points;
1st Western Inf. Bde. . 48 points;
Div. Headquarters . . . . 41 points;
2nd Western Inf. Bde. . 35 points.

Owing to a mistake in the R.F.A. representation there will be a re-pull for the Tug-of-War contest at Hervel on Saturday morning. This and the Aquatic Sports will decide to which unit the Cup will go.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Sunday, August 17, 1919.

Surface wind westerly increasing to 10 to 15 m.p.h. Some mist early. Fair in the day, but some low cloud probable. Warm.

WAR HORSE WINNER.

Success Of Officer's Charger At Windsor Meeting.

POPULAR WIN.

The success of Prevoyant in the Forest Handicap at the Windsor meeting on Friday was noteworthy from the fact that this old horse "did his bit" during the war as an officer's charger. After this honourable phase in his career he was bought back from the Army by his former owner, Mr. Ivall, in whose colours he gained this popular win.

Details:—

Club Plate:—1, Thendara (11-2); 2, Nausicaa (7-4); 3, Arneta (4-1).

Forest Handicap:—1, Prevoyant (6-1); 2, Begorra (5-2); 3, Winfrith (11-10 on).

Castle Handicap:—1, Unitoi (7-4); 2, Challow (6-1); 3, Gadtuna (5-1).

Romney Plate:—1, Cocksure (13-8 on); 2, Duncan (7-4); 3, Novitious (100-8).

Flying Handicap:—1, Clipstone (5-1); 2, Resolute (8-1); 3, Bridge of Weir (5-1).

Blackbrook Plate:—1, Palatina (5-4); 2, Eton Rambler (2-1); 3, Be Wise (100-8).

SUMMER SOCCER.

63rd Brigade H.Q. v. 127 Heavy Battery, R.G.A.

A keen and exciting struggle was served up by 63rd Brigade H.Q., v. 127 Heavy Battery, R.G.A., in their match in Schlebusch on Monday evening. The first half was an almost continuous bombardment of the Brigade goal by the Heavies quintette, led by Batty, of Swindon fame, but Corporal Hobbs in goal proved himself equal to any emergency. His judgment was superb, and the cleverly executed and clean clearances earned for him the applause of both friend and foe. Half time came with the Brigade citadel intact.

After a dangerous burst by the Heavies, which found Sergt. Young on the qui vive, the Brigade began to take the upper hand. Gunner Briggs at centre broke through, and though badly fouled at close quarters, managed to direct the sphere into the net. This spurred the 63rd on, and, though hard pressed on several occasions, they managed to notch up the second point. From a throw in close to Brigade corner post, the ball came out to Hilton who transferred to Cpl. Shepherd; he in turn when tackled tapped on to brother Tom and got into position. Then at top speed he made for goal, and, picking the back, put in the finest shot of the match, which left the "goalie" guessing. No further scoring took place, and the Brigade finished winners of a ding-dong struggle. All the team worked like Trojans in the second half, but chief honours went to Hobbs in goal for his brilliant keeping.

Brigade Record Since 11th November.

P.	W.	L.	D.	For.	Against.
32	17	4	11	80	28.

HOCKEY AT BONN.

5th Border Regt. v. 1/12th L.N.L. (Pioneers).

A fast and interesting game of hockey between the above mentioned teams resulted in a win for the L.N.L. by 5 goals to nil. For the winners Capt. Creagh at centre-half, Lieut. Slack, and Pte. Porter in goal were the best of a good, well-balanced team, which, at its full strength, will be difficult to beat.

This is the second fixture between these two teams, the first resulting in a win for the Pioneers by 3 goals to 1. The North Lancs. are very anxious to obtain future fixtures.

GRAND PRIX DE DEAUVILLE.

The following are the probable starters and jockeys for the Grand Prix de Deauville to-day: Mademoiselle Foch (F. Lane), Laurentian (J. Childs), Pussebreul (McGee), Romano or I Arrive (Sharpe), Juveigneur (Bellhouse), Stearine (R. Stokes), Brumado (O'Neill), Suavita (E. Bouillon), Reine Pedauque, Gaba Tepe (C. Childs), Insensible, King's Cross (E. Alemand), and Tullamore (J. Jennings).

RHINE RACING CALENDAR.

Rhineland has now a "Racing Calendar" of its own, issued by the Racing Sub-Committee, British Army of the Rhine, and like its English prototype it contains much information for followers of the turf. Among the contents are rules of racing, regulations, lists of horses, owners, and results of meetings held under Sub-Committee rules. The publication may be obtained at Room 245, Deichmann Haus, Cologne, the price being two and a half marks.

NECK AND NECK.

Interesting Position of Bonn League Clubs.

C.P.C. MATCHES.

Much speculation will be aroused by the publication of the Bonn League Table. Events have reached a very interesting stage. At least five teams are in the running for premier honours: several games of a decisive nature have yet to be played. Eight days only remain in which to decide. Here are the positions to date:—

BONN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
1 Suffolk Regt.	26	21	5		42§
16 Lancs. Fus.	23	20	2	1	40§
Eastern Div. H.Q.	23	19	3	1	39§
5 Border Regt.	21	19	2		38§
51 R. Sussex	22	18	4		36§
13 Kings Liverpool Regt.	20	18	2		36§
52 Welsh	24	16	6	2	34§ +
23 Royal Fus.	21	17	4		34§
121 Heavy Bty.	23	16	6	1	33§
Lancs. Div. M.T. Coy.	23	16	7		32§
X Corps Sig. Coy.	24	12	11	1	25§
15 Lancs. Fus.	17	12	5		24§ +
1st T.M.B. Western	24	11	12	1	23§ +
303 Siege Bty.	25	11	14		22§
Lancs. Div. Sig. Coy.	24	11	13		22§
53 Welsh	18	11	7		22§ +
51st K.L.R.	20	10	9	1	21§
92 Field Amb.	25	10	15		20§
2/7 Sig. R.A.F.	20	8	11	1	17§
9 Siege Bty.	22	6	16		12§ +
East. Div. Sig. Coy.	21	5	15	1	11§ +

§ Points awarded for scratched matches.
+ Games lost by default.

Please Note:—Eastern Div. H.Q., have now withdrawn from Bonn League.

"D" CORPS SIEGE PARK (76) v. 153 SIEGE BTY. R.G.A. (67) at Duren, Pte. Lee for the Siege Park took 4 wickets for 12 runs while Lieut. Cohen 18, Sergt. Mumford 12, and Pte. Payne 11 not out were the chief scorers. Bdr. Whetty bowled well for the Gunners, taking 4 wickets for 16, and Lieut. Wilkinson scored 15.

VI CORPS H.Q. (92) v. "G" A.A. BTY. R.G.A. (52) at Lindenthal. For the winners the following batted well:—Cpl. Woodmansee 23, Pte. Catt 19, and Capt. Makinson 16.

SOUTHERN DIV. M.T. COY. (42) v. 88th FIELD AMB. (36) For Southern D v. M.T. Coy Pte. Kay scored 11, while Pte. Utily took 5 wickets for 12 runs and Sgt Albery 3 for 18. Sgt. Culham scored 11 for 88th Field Amb., while Pte. Lee took 4 wickets for 8 runs and Pte. Taylor 2 for 11.

4th ROYAL SUSSEX (14 for 3) v. "R" A.A. BTY. R.H.A. (61). Bdr. Whitehouse A.A. Bty. carried his bat through the innings for 46. For 4th Royal Sussex, Lt. Shapland 18 not out, and Pte Deuch (14 not out) were chief batsmen while Lt. Bryan performed the "hat trick" and took 5 wickets for 10 runs.

ARMY H.Q. SIGNALS (69) v. R.A.S.C. BAKERIES (50) at Kletteuberg. For the winners, Wells was top scorer with 23 not out and Lt. Melunish took 5 wickets for 23 runs, while for the losers Pte. Lines scored 21 and took 5 wickets for 19.

2nd WATER TANK COY. (102) v. A.A. SEARCHLIGHT SECT. (43) at Bickendorf. Cpl Blaze scored 21, Pte. Archer 18, and L.Cpl. Midwood 14 not out, while Pte. Archer took 4 wickets for 22 runs and Pte. Carden 6 for 19 for Water Tank Coy. For B Group Searchlights, Spr. Holman scored 14 and L.Cpl. Hunt 14 not out.

51st ROYAL SUSSEX (111) v. 51st KINGS LIVERPOOLS (46) at Siegburg. Lt. Wiltshire (13 K.L.R.) hit well and made 27. For the Sussex Pte. Hunt (19), Sgt. Cogger (17), and Pte. Edden (17) were chief scorers. Pte. Hunt took 6 wickets for 17 runs.

CAV. DIV. H.Q. (60) v. 51st D.L.I. (17) at Quadrath. The Cavalry Division proved too strong for the D.L.I., winning by 43 runs. For the Cavalry, Sgt. Harvey made 11 and Cpl. Bennett 10 while Cpl. Adams and Spr. Evans, sharing the bowling, took 5 for 7 and 4 for 9 respectively. Major Kirton bowling for D.L.I., took 8 wickets for 24 runs.

OTHER RESULTS.

15th South Staffs. 50; 354 Siege Bty. 47.
51st Northumberland Fus. 42; Bayerics Sports Club 21.
23 Royal Fus. 45; 4 Suffolk Regt. 43.

CRICKET FRIENDLY.

A very interesting cricket match took place on the ground of the 52nd Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers, on Tuesday, between the Officers and Other Ranks of the Battalion. The Band of the 52nd Northumberland Fusiliers was in attendance and played some delightful selections. The Other Ranks batted first and knocked up a total of 69, of which Pte. Hallas and Sgt. Ellison were responsible for 16 and 15 respectively. Lt. Emery took 7 wickets for 25 runs. The Officers replied with 116, mainly through Lt. Hargreaves (34), Lt. Common (19), Major Thompson (19), and Lt. Emery (12). Sgt. Champkin took 5 wickets for 36 runs.

In the second innings the Other Ranks scored 67, Pte. Taylor (not out 27) and Sgt. Heap (11) being the top scorers. Lt. Emery took 6 for 26. The Officers passed the Other Ranks score without the loss of a wicket and when time intervened their total was 68 for 4. Chief scorers were Lt. Emery (21), Lt. Everest (not out 19), and Lt. Common (11). Result:—

Officers 1st Inns. 116 2nd Inns. 68 for 4.
Other Ranks „ 69 „ 67.

To Meet Australians.

The Essex team to meet the Australians next Thursday at Southend will be selected from J.W. Douglas, P. Perrin, C. McGahey, W.M. Turner, C.D. McIver, M. Calnan, F.W. Gilligan, J.G. Dixon, H.M. Morris, Russell, Freeman, Reeves, and Scoulding.

HOBBS AND KNIGHT.

Brilliant First Wicket Partnership of 248.

INSPIRED BOWLING BY HEAP.

A brilliant first-wicket partnership by Hobbs and D. J. Knight, and an inspired bowling spell by Heap, were leading features in the opening day's cricket at Old Trafford, where Surrey promised a mammoth total, had a bad batting breakdown, and finally ran up a score that made them safe.

Run-getting seemed the easiest thing imaginable before lunch, when Hobbs hit his sixth 100 of the season, and got within 10 of his 2,000 runs.

In a couple of hours he and Knight scored 192 without being separated, and gave the finest display of masterly batsmanship seen at Old Trafford this season. Their respective scores were D. J. Knight 148; Hobbs 102.

Lively Army Batting.

Represented by a strong eleven the Army had all the best of the play at the Oval in the opening of their match with the Royal Air Force. In four hours and twenty minutes they put together a total of 387 and then got nine Air Force wickets down for 94.

The Army batting was very bright and attractive, all the men who met with success hitting freely with the exception of Bullen. Parsons, of Warwickshire, made some delightful drives; Astill, of Leicestershire, obtained most of his runs by clean, hard hitting on the leg side; and Williams, of Sussex, and Hydson drove well on both sides of the wicket. Bullen played good steady cricket and P. R. Johnson scored by a variety of methods. The Air Force fielding was excellent, and W. H. G. Heath kept wicket with marked skill.

English Cricket Scores.

Surrey 494 for 3 declared; Lancs 91 for seven.
Army 387; R.A.F. 94 for nine.
Kent 279 for 3 declared; Sussex 169 for four.
Hampshire 211 and 4 for one; Somerset 191.
Warwickshire 252; Gloster 177 for seven.
Notts 385; Leicester 88 for two.
Yorks 190 and 82 for one; Middlesex 208.

6 DAYS RELIABILITY.

New Tests For Motor Bicycles With Sidecars.

This year's six days' reliability run for motor cycles, motor cycles with sidecars, and three-wheeled "motor-cars," promoted by the Auto-Cycle Union, is pretty certain to surpass all previous events in interest as well as the number of entries, because of the wider scope given to the passenger carriers, which in the early days Van Hooydonk and Wilbur Gunn, who are now successful makers of motor-cars, did much to popularise with their Phoenix and Lagonda tricars. As before, the competing machines are classified on cylinder capacity and weight, which is far better than any form of classification according to horse-power and weight, as by this means one can estimate the merits of any machine by its performance in a moment.

There are five classes in all for motor bicycles of the solo order, ranging from 250 c.c. to 1,000 c.c. without fuel or oil, and an equal number for combination outfits and three wheelers from 350 c.c. to any capacity within the limits of 176 lb. and 385 lb. All the machines must be fully rigged with two independent brakes and tool equipment, and each passenger carried must scale at least 132 lb., or this weight may, if necessary, be made up with ballast.

The main tests are reliability by adherence to schedule and hill-climbing, fast and slow. Other things taken into account include silence, acceleration, maintenance of efficiency (determined by a special test), equipment, and protective devices, and condition at finish. The route is not yet disclosed, but, as formerly, it will doubtless be one combining the picturesque with the practical.

REMARKABLE ATHLETIC FEAT.

Walter Brickett, the British Olympic swimming trainer, who is fifty-four years old, on Friday set himself the task of walking a mile, running one, running another "over hurdles," cycling three miles, walking a mile, and swimming a mile in one hour. He was granted a permit to use the towing path between Putney Bridge and a point just above Hammersmith Bridge for his land efforts, and also a permit to row and swim in the Thames. The Mayor of St. Pancras acted as starter.

Brickett began by walking a mile in 7 min. 59 4-5 sec.; then he ran the distance in 7 min. 15 1-5 sec. The mile with occasional hurdles to negotiate took him 7 min. 27 sec., and he did the three miles cycling in 10 min. 52 2-5 sec. This accomplished, he rowed a mile down-stream in 7 min. 2 sec., and, jumping out of the boat, swam back to the starting-point opposite the London Rowing Club's boat-house at Putney in 14 min. 58 1-5 sec., his total time for all events being 55 min. 34 1-5 sec.—a remarkable performance.

Oldest Tennis Club.

The Gore Court Lawn Tennis Club, which is the oldest lawn tennis club in England, having been started in 1875, opened a three-days tournament on Thursday at Gore Court Park, Sittingbourne.

GOLF TOURNEY FINAL.

Scottish Amateur Champion Defeated At St. Andrews.

SURPRISING RESULTS.

There was some surprising golf in the closing stages of the amateur tournament promoted by the St. Andrews Town Council on the Eden course. In the semi-final on Friday morning, Mr. Denys H. Kyle (St. Andrews University), the Scottish amateur champion, went down before Mr. Ian Munro (Strathpeffer), who beat him by 4 and 3, and Mr. Walter Blackwell (Royal and Ancient) was defeated by Mr. W. Guild (Murrayfield) by a like margin.

Mr. Munro, who is the Highland champion, had caused a stir on the previous day by his remarkable putting. On Friday he was almost deadly on the green—at all events in the earlier part of his morning match. He won the first two holes and the sixth, and at the ninth holed out from a distance of 15 yards to turn 4 up. He became 6 up, but, going off a little in his putting, he lost three holes in succession. Mr. Kyle, however, could not stave off defeat.

Mr. Munro secured the challenge cup and gold medal by beating Mr. Guild in the final by 2 up. A silver medal went to the runner-up. A medal had also been offered for the player making the best single round score in the qualifying competition, and a Mr. J.C. Jessop (Montrose Mercantile) and Mr. John Cavan (Cochrane Castle) had 74 for it is at 75, they played off, with the result that Mr. Jessop won.

Results:

Semi-Finals.

Mr. W.J. Guild (Murrayfield) beat Mr. Walter Blackwell (R. and A.) by 4 and 3.
Mr. Ian Munro (Strathpeffer) beat Mr. Denys H. Kyle (St. Andrews University) by 4 and 3.

Final.

Mr. Munro beat Mr. Guild, 2 up.

VI CORPS TATTOO.

To Be Repeated At The Stadtwald, Lindenthal.

The VI Corps are repeating their torchlight tattoo, which proved such a great success on August 4th and 5th, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, on Tuesday, August 19th, at the Cricket Ground, Stadtwald, Lindenthal, at 22.00 hours. All officers and other ranks are invited.

Civilians will be admitted to the ground as on the two previous occasions.

RHINE AQUATIC SPORTS.

Large Number Of Entries For Army Competition.

Judging by the very large number of entries and the varied nature of the programme, the Rhine Army Aquatic Sports, to be held at Deutzer Industriehafen on Tuesday and Wednesday, promise to be a sporting attraction of unusual interest.

The most convenient cars from Cologne are No 14 to Southern Bridge and the car which runs from the Hanging Bridge to Porz, the latter passing the Swimming Basin.

Appended is a list of events and entries:—

Event	No. of Entries
50 yards open scratch	46
50 yards scratch	210
100 yards scratch	162
100 yards various	110
440 yards	75
Diving	115
Obstacle Race	26
Open Relay Race	4
Relay Race	28
Life Saving	58
Pillow Fighting	8
Plank Race	2

THE VICTORY ST. LEGER SWEEPSTAKE, DUREN.

We are asked to state that the above sweepstake has had to be closed. All monies will be refunded in due course.

Women and Bowls.

Though bowls is quite an ancient game—for it was probably played even before Elizabethan times—it is only within recent years that women have taken up the game.

In Zummerzet.

The lucky folk who live in Somerset have for weeks past found the Cricket County Championship a more alluring and piquant topic than the prospects for the cider brew.

British Isles Captain.

Maj. R. J. McNair is unable to go to France for the Davis Cup game, so Mr. A. Roper-Barrett will captain the British Isles team.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

In Blighty.

I received a letter yesterday from one of "Ye Merry Muffins" who have now reached England. He tells me that they had a very pleasant journey. Having a truck to themselves for properties etc., the electricians fixed up the lighting and everything was fine on the Cologne-Calais train. On the boat from Calais to Folkestone, the "Muffins" orchestra played "Auld Lang Syne," "Marseillaise," and other items. Ernest Lonsdale and Alex Factor also contributed to the programme. Now the party are showing at the Garrison Theatre, Chipstowe.

Leave Club Events.

The Leave Club promises to be busy this week—as usual.

To-night the Rev. C.E. Wheeler will give his usual talk in the writing room from 5 to 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. the band of the 51st Leicesters (by kind permission of the Officer Commanding) will give a concert.

An impromptu concert will take place in the music room at 7 p.m. on Monday and at 9.30 p.m. a dance will start in the theatre.

The dancing class on Tuesday will take place between 5 and 6 p.m. and at the same time an impromptu concert will be held in the music room.

"The Braganzas" (by kind permission of the Officer Commanding the 11th Bn. The Queens) will give a concert in the theatre at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Wednesday promises another concert, 5 to 6 p.m. in the music room, and at 7 p.m. there will be a dance in the theatre with music by the band of the 26th Royal Fusiliers (by kind permission of the Officer Commanding.)

One of the Pedlars.

Audiences at Cologne and Bonn will recognise the caricature as being an impression of Norman Kiddie, of "The Pedlars." His is a comedian of note; one cannot easily forget his droll humour and eccentric style. Norman is the son of the producer of Kiddie's pantomimes—Gar Kiddie. As Squirty the fireman he caused much merriment at Bonn; though he is perhaps at his best in his farcical soldier study. Kiddie has had a versatile career and has in fact been in the business since he was a nipper of three. His home is in Lancashire.

JACQUES.

SHOW-RING JUMPS.

Suggested Improvement.

The following letter which will be of interest to all horse show committees is reproduced from the "Field":—

The average course to which we are accustomed in England is not only monotonous, but it is not sufficiently long to be sure of getting horses placed in their order of merit. We have often seen horses obtain honours over such courses that we knew were lucky to be placed. At a horse show held by the French Army at Wiesbaden some weeks ago I saw the thing done on somewhat different lines, and I think in many respects it was a great improvement on the English pattern. It certainly made a much more interesting event, both to the rider and the spectator.

In a jumping competition open to all Allied officers there were no fewer than seventeen fences and of these no two were alike, but three of them were jumped twice. The fences had no wings. As the arena was being used for other events all the fences were movable. I know this will not commend itself to English ideas, as being unnatural and savouring of the circus, but I can answer for it that the fences were a wonderfully good representation of natural ones, and tested the jumping powers and cleverness of a horse to the utmost. They did more, they tested his condition. The best jump in the event competed again another day, and it was interesting to note what a much more searching test the addition in height of a very few inches to each fence made when so many had to be jumped. The judging was all done from a raised platform clear of the arena, from which every fence could be seen. When a horse had piled up more than a certain number of faults, or exceeded a certain time limit, a bell rang and he had to pull out.

A. WEST, Lieut.-Colonel, R.H.A.

EDDIE McGOORTY.

Explanation Of Recent After-Dinner Experience.

The following is a copy of a letter which has been received by Mr. Chas. B. Cochran from Eddie McGoorty:

Dear Mr. Cochran,—An explanation is due to you with regard to my conviction on a charge of drunkenness. I was not drunk. I attended a farewell dinner given to my friend, Augie Ratner, who left this morning for the States. In view of my forthcoming contest with Beckett I drank very temperately indeed, as the people who were present will tell you. I will ask you this question, Mr. Cochran: Do you think that if I had been drunk and incapable, as described on the charge sheet, my friends would have allowed me to walk from Simpson's in the Strand to the Granton in Tottenham Court-road? Of course not. I must have been a victim to the heat wave. Anyway, I know that I was not drunk, and that is why I demanded to see the doctor. I pleaded guilty in the court because I wanted to escape publicity; but I was unlucky again.

But don't you be alarmed, Mr. Cochran. I shall be fit to fight the fight of my life on Sept. 2. I feel fairly fit to-day, and think I have shaken off the effects of my heat stroke, but I shall not start to train seriously until next Monday. I go stale if I have more than a fortnight's hard work. Don't worry, I shall be fit, and as a proof of my confidence I will post the remaining £75 of my £1000 side stake on Monday next and put my own douceur down if I do not hear from my backer before then.—Yours very truly

(Signed) EDDIE McGOORTY.

Girl Athletes.

"During the past two years and a half," writes Mr. Vernon to the "Daily Chronicle," "I have had a good deal to do with girl athletes, and can see no reason why, with proper training and coaching, British girls should not equal the records made by American girls."

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Still in Army.
Chedzoy and Harrison are still in the Army, and unable to play in Everton's practice match.

Cub hunting.
Cub-hunting prospects in Yorkshire, especially in the Zetland and Beddale countries, are good, young foxes being numerous and healthy.

U.S. Two-Year-old Race.
The most important two-year-old race of the season in U.S.A., the Saratoga Special, has been won by Golden Broom, a grand colt by Sweeper out of Zuna. He was bred at the Gazon Stud, Orne, by Mrs. H. B. Duryea.

Jockeys in Trouble.
After the race for the Mortlake Plate at Sandown the starter reported all the jockeys for disobedience at the post. The stewards (Sir Thos. Gatway, Mr. T. P. King, and Sir Claude C. de Crespigny), having interviewed the jockeys, fined M. Wing £5 and H. Blades £2.

Mademoiselle Foch.
We learn, through "Le Jockey," that the name of Mademoiselle Foch will in no way hurt the susceptibilities of our gallant allies when she runs in the Grand Prix de Deauville, for it is now made known that Maj Pagot so named his filly only after receiving the approval of the famous Marshal.

Doncaster Sales.
Entries for the Doncaster Sales are already very numerous, and it is expected that brisk business will be done next month.

Cambridgeshire Entry.
An additional entry for the Cambridgeshire is M. Louis Gage's Laughing (3yrs), made in Paris.

Lord Basil.
Lord Basil has been sold, and is now quartered at Lord Marcus Beresford's place at Newmarket.

Benefit for Mead.
It has been decided by the Hampshire County Club to give Philip Mead, the famous left-handed batsman, a benefit match next season.

Yachting at Southsea.
The first yacht racing at Southsea since the outbreak of war took place on Thursday. There was a fair westerly breeze, and though all the classes did not fill some interesting racing took place, particularly in the small one-design classes.

Nowhere to go.
Walking about the streets of Bournemouth at one o'clock in the morning, looking for somewhere to lay one's weary body, is what the Essex professionals had to do on the eve and the morning of their match with Hampshire at Bournemouth this week.

Youth Will Have Its Day.
The veterans' race at Cembury Workhouse (Tonbridge) peace sports was won by a man aged 9¾.

Huxley at Ostend.
W. Huxley has spent the last three years in India, and is now at Ostend. He can go to scale at 8st. 21b.

Millwall F.C.
Manager R. Hunter is working hard to build up a strong Millwall team for the coming season, and has secured the services of George Grant, the well-known Arsenal half-back.

Champion of Devon.
Mrs. V. Milnes won the 100 yards ladies' swimming championship of Devon at Plymouth this week in 1 min. 25 3-5 secs. Results of other matches promoted by the Port of Plymouth Swimming Association were:—500 yards, F. Giles, 7 mins. 2 secs.; 400 yards, W. Davis, 5 mins. 48 2-5secs.

Frog-hunting.
Frog-hunting used to be a favourite sport in Belgium, but was prohibited by law. Even after that, Belgian hunters went into Holland to continue the sport, and sometimes as many as 20,000 frogs' legs on ice would arrive in Paris from Sas-van-Gent as a result of half a day's hunt.

Reading Signature.
Reading F.C. have signed on Hugh Lester, a left back, who has seen service with Oldham Athletic and Liverpool.

A Family affair.
In a cricket match at Thatcham, Berks, every member of the visiting team—Bucklebury—belonged to a family named Milsom.

Too Much Welshing.
There was so much welshing perpetrated by so-called bookmakers operating outside the enclosures at Sandown Park on Wednesday that the police in force proceeded on Thursday to put a stop to betting from traps and stools.

International Football.
At a meeting of the Council of the Scottish Football Association, held in Glasgow on Wednesday night, it was unanimously decided to support the Football Association in their decision to exclude Germany and Hungary from the International Federation.

The League and the Split.
The management committee of the Football League have approved the cancellation of the agreement entered into with the Southern League in February, 1910, and in doing so express regrets that the Southern League alleged discourtesy on the part of the Football League.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Work and Play.

Why is it that the Germans, the middle classes at any rate appear to have more time for pleasure than the English? An answer is perhaps to be found in their system of working.

In many of the commercial houses in Cologne one will find heads of departments as well as their subordinates at their desks by seven o'clock in the morning.

Work proceeds until midday when a break takes place of perhaps a couple of hours.

Afterwards work is resumed for a short time everybody being finished quite early in the afternoon or evening.

Climbing Irons.

Comment has been made in Echoes upon the climbing irons used by the Germans for scaling telegraph poles and the inference is drawn that here again the Germans are ahead That is not so, for on comparison with those used by the Royal Engineers it will be found that the English article is much lighter and not half so inconvenient to carry. The English irons have no large hoops and the wearer can, without removing them, walk or ride.

Another Schocoladen Story.

A Tommy recently took up his quarters in the new billet allotted to him. The family — mother, father, aunt, and two daughters — were most charmingly attentive and did everything possible to make him comfortable. To show some mark of appreciation he thought he could not do better than make them a small present of something they would welcome very much. Something perhaps that they had not been able to obtain since before the war. What better than a nice box of chocolate? So a nice box of chocolate he bought duly presenting same to mother and the girls. Next morning, quite by chance, he discovered that the ground floor of the house was devoted to business, with large stock rooms. On the side of the house was a huge sign "Schocoladen Fabric."

A Forward Fraulein.

We all have our own ideas about fraternisation and we all have our own opinions regarding war decorations. But both items reached the limits of propriety a few evenings ago. The scene was enacted in a German beer-garden. The players were an English soldier and a young German girl. Both were sitting drinking wine at a table when the Fraulein was seen to suddenly reach forward, unpin the war decorations (the D.C.M., Mon's star, and General Service Medal) from the soldier's breast and, with evident satisfaction, pin them on to her own blouse. A murmur of disapproval arose from other Tommys sitting near and the offended soldier had the good sense to immediately recover his lost ribbons and leave the obviously astonished damsel. One can only imagine the young girl acted without thinking how the medals—especially the D.C.M. — might have been won.

Churchill's Bombshell.

A German informant points out that latest information respecting the strength of the British forces in Rhineland after October has had a mixed reception amongst the female population. The women over forty exclaimed "Thank God!" Those about Thirty remarked "Is that so?" The frauleins cried "What a pity."

The "Baubles" of Kingship.

A little group of interested children gathered around a door step, on which sits enthroned as a true king, and with emblems of power quite as transitory as those of greater monarchs, a boy of about eight years old. His sceptre and orb, so dazzling and awe-inspiring, are an old blackened clay pipe, a cup without a handle and about three spoons ful of soapy water in the cup. He is an "oldster"; he has seen bubbles blown before, but among his worshipping subjects are "kindern" of four and even five years of age to whom this is magic equal to fairyland happenings. He blows one big bubble with especially glorious colours; it dances in the sun as a little fairy might do, and after it has evaded capture for what seems ages, it bursts and leaves no trace of its existence. As the fate of each of his creations hangs evenly on nothing, the youthful ruler of his fellows waits for each bubble to burst or to vanish before he creates its follower. An over interested girl snatches at one swirling globe as it leaves the pipe, and—horror of horrors—the old clay breaks, even like its creations. A wail on the part of its late owner fetches the needful 15 Pfg. out of the writer's pocket to set him functioning again, and after a short interval he is again Master of Arts and Hearts.

Railway Shunting.

The system of shunting over "Humps" is carried out very extensively in the railway sidings in and about Cologne. The way the wagons are shunted over these "humps" has already been explained, and it will be understood that the vehicles gain a good speed when allowed to run down a slope of 1 in 30. The question may arise, "How do they stop the vehicles?" To check the progress of the trucks, as they approach others on the sidings, "slippers" are used. These are placed on the line, and are made in such a way as to allow the wheel of a vehicle to mount it and come in contact with a "scotch" on the slipper. The slipper is thus wedged under the wheel of the truck, and travels along the face of the rail, preventing that particular wheel revolving, and acting as a "skid," thus staying the progress of the vehicle. To be of the use intended, these slippers must be available for use within a few seconds, and to enable the shunters to immediately locate them, a simple, but effective, system is adopted. On the ground between the sidings a number of medium sized stones, painted white, are placed, and against each of these a "slipper" lies ready for use. Immediately a "slipper" is released from a truck it is replaced against the nearest stone.

A Gallant Rescue.

The other afternoon an unrecorded act of gallantry was performed by a British officer near Godesberg. A car containing another officer was going along the embankment when a German woman rushed up crying out that her child was drowning in the river. The officer in the car seeing Capt. Rock about 20 yards off fishing from a jetty, immediately shouted the information to him and no sooner did he notice the child struggling in the water than he dived in, fully clothed, and succeeded in bringing the little one to shore. The rescue was effected in the nick of time for the youngster was rapidly being carried towards the middle of the river where the current is very strong.

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

CHAOS IN TRADE.

Mr. Oswald Stoll, writing on the disorganised state of trade says:—

"In the new movement for the suppression of alleged profiteering a movement which ought to condemn itself by its assumption that most British traders are rogues and vagabonds, we shall suffer more than France suffered generations ago, even as Rome suffered generations earlier. We shall produce famine in food, clothing, shelter, and employment. Our tribunals will drive out of trade those who have made money and do not wish to risk being branded as thieves; whilst those who have not made money will not serve either in means or efficiency as satisfactory substitutes. Profiteering will thus cease in unexpected ways. The nation will look to the Government. Control by the Government would stop supplies if it were to limit prices; or alternatively would involve such subsidies as would mean quite insupportable taxation. But complete dislocation of trade would have intervened, entailing reorganisation of the machinery of trade, with the Government as practically the only trader. Thus would be repeated the situation in which the Western Empire of the Romans inevitably collapsed.

THE CRUELTY OF STRIKES.

Mr. Harold Begbie, writing of the prevalence of strikes, says: "I am convinced that no man with a vestige of human sympathy in his nature would call for a general strike, or a strike affecting the necessary commodities of life, if he realised the infinite suffering entailed by his actions on hundreds of thousands of very poor defenceless and very gallant people."

"ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART—."

The Rev. B.G. Bouchier who has been lecturing to the Rhine troops and is a particularly outspoken London vicar, says:—Where feasible, husband and wife and members of a family should endeavour at least once a year to take their holidays apart. There is such a thing as being too much together.

IN PRAISE OF PADRES.

Major General Sir W. Thwaites speaking at Sherfield Essex, paid a high tribute to military chaplains. "I reckon a good "padre" he said as equivalent to a Brigadier. I saw one of them lead a battalion over the top at the Battle of Loos, and have seen two, one a Roman Catholic, and the other a Church of England man, carrying a stretcher between them for hours under fire."

THE BURDEN OF WEALTH.

Mr. H. C. Bailey, writing of the late Mr. Andrew Carnegie says: — "Of late years he had been deeply impressed with what he called the "crushing burden of wealth." Even with his quick shrewdness and unfailing energy it was no light matter to keep pace with the demands which his own liberality generated far and wide. He foresaw, therefore the undesirability of such a load of care and anxiety devolving upon his widow—reckoning, as he always did, that he should pay the debt of nature first. He was aware, that if the money he left should after his death be scattered in prodigal fashion it would do more harm than good, so he arranged betimes for its permanent administration by a body of experts.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

A Discovery.—A Spanish astronomer claims to have discovered a new star.

A Find.—Diamonds have been found in the Gold Coast territory.

What For?—The War Office has nineteen million yards of cloth in stock.

Any Cheap Trips?—To travel to Paris by air from London is to cost £75.

Moors Ablaze.—A big moorland fire in Derbyshire is in progress.

Army Bikes.—Two thousand army push-bikes were sold at Olympia yesterday.

No Milk Then.—London milkmen to be in the fashion threaten to strike.

Nouveau Pauvre.—A demobilized officer is said to be selling cheap trinkets to trippers at Southend.

Irrepressible.—Mr. G. T. Hunter, late an R.A.F. pilot, lost the use of his legs through a crash, but still flies.

Pathetic Sight—A swimming race has been organised at Brighton for soldiers who lost limbs in the war.

Dead Star.—One of the greatest of musical comedy idols, Mr. Louis Bradfield, has just died at Brighton.

Timely Aid.—America is rushing munitions to Admiral Koltchak's retreating forces.

Lure of Home.—Thousands of aliens are leaving the States for their own countries. Among these are 100,000 Jugo Slavs.

A Quiet Time.—Queen Alexandra is not going North this autumn. She will rusticate at Sandringham.

"Dress" Rehearsals.—A new play to be rehearsed by Mr. Seymour Hicks called "Adam and Eve."

Narrow Squeak.—A tramcar dashed into a shop in the Hackney Road, London, and nearly killed the owner.

The Higher, the Fewer.—During the heat wave in London, filmy dresses have become even more filmy and scanty.

Splash me!—London youngsters are revelling in the spray of the fountains in Trafalgar Square while the heat wave is on.

Wanton Waste.—It is alleged that a million pounds worth of aeroplanes in good condition were destroyed by the R.A.F. in France.

IS IT ANY GOOD TO PRAY?

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

How often has a man asked himself that question. He has sat down and tried to reason out the whole matter, and how often have the words of Fairburn come true:— "The man who does not believe that God can speak to him will not speak to God."

By prayer, we do not mean just asking for something, but we define prayer as the human side of a dual process, carried on between God and man.

Prayer must be logical, and must not attempt to alter the Laws of Nature, which are made by God. The most real, the most scientific prayer was made in the Garden of Suffering:—"Thy will be done."

It is easy to forget that No is as much an answer to prayer as Yes. Men of all nations have always prayed, have always craved for help from someone, and that craving has been intensely real. We call that Someone, God.

Science teaches two great truths in connection with a craving of any kind.

1. That the craving is originated by the existence of the object for which man craves.
2. That desire is kept alive by the supply of that object.

If there had been no cocaine then our papers would not have been full of the stories of the craving of men and women for that drug. The fact of the desire proves the existence of cocaine. Withdraw the supply, and in time the craving dies away, since it was only kept alive by the supply.

Because men desire to pray, proves the existence of prayer, and because men continue to pray, proves, sientifically that prayer is answered. To be truly scientific is to experiment before attempting to dogmatise.

Perhaps we may only look upon prayer as a spiritual exercise, even then we know that the exercise proves the existence of that which is exercised, and what can be called the objective reality of that upon which it exercises itself.

In the old days of fighting, one could listen to the sound of the guns, and without a doubt it proved to one the power to hear, and how real was the sound. Therefore the exercise of prayer itself proves a spirit in man having the power to pray, and a Divine Listener upon which the spirit of man can exercise itself.

The test of reality is experience, and all men have the power to test the great reality of prayer. We are told that Voltaire prayed in a moment of danger. We know that thousands who never even thought of God, have turned to Him in prayer, when all human help seemed cut off. The craving for God, at special moments in life, has been the personal experience of many men and women.

Pray to God yourself, turn to him wherever you may be, and you will prove in your own case that God does answer prayer.

"Ask and it shall be given unto you" was the promise of God Incarnate. Ask for the Holy Spirit, which is the answer to all prayer, and test the reality of the gift by your own experience, and then you can answer the question for yourself: Is it any good to pray?

COLOGNE RACES.

ENTRIES AND ORDER OF RUNNING, AUG. 23rd. FIRST AUGUST MEETING.

MEDIOCRITY STEEPLECHASE

12.45. (First Division).

Capt. Elrington	General Post
Major Cobb	Roy
Lieut. Batten	Pretender
Major Humfrey	Zilliekse
Lieut. Donner	Sandford
Lt.-Col. Thorburn	Paddy II
Major Hewer	Hiawatha
Lieut. Gaskell	Parvus
Major Tomkinson	Madeleine
Lieut. Back	The Knut
Capt. Eckstein	Mike II
Lt. Meyrick	Montava
Lieut. Metge	Patricia
Capt. Eckstein	Bowman
Capt. Ander	Ferndale
Major Biggam	Morning Star
Lieut. Cattley	Snowball
Capt. Stanyforth	So Long
Lt.-Co. Shannon	Cavanagh
Lieut. Weaver	Buoy Light
Lieut. Coles	Rednal
Lieut. Parsons	The Parrot
Lieut. Forester	Grayling

MEDIOCRITY STEEPLECHASE

1.45. (Second-Division).

Lieut. Dereham	Gold Sand
Capt. Towell	Bautec
Lieut. Anderton	Ugly
Capt. Montgomery	Iron Gate
Lieut. Shell	Shamrock
Capt. Stanyforth	Glutton
Major Humfrey	Maori
Major Morrison	Old Man
Major Lord	Shylock
Major Wood	O'Nobby
Capt. Richardson	Bunty
Capt. Brown	Miss Muriel
Capt. J. Richardson	Montreal
Major Sett	Double Ruff
Major Lord	Gold Dust
Lieut. Paton	Coeur de Lion
Lieut. Mervor	Mick
Capt. Fielden	White Hazard
Lieut. Harris	Phreya
Lieut. Tait	Sticks
Lt. Russell	Remember Me
Lt. Holland	Quick March
Capt. Windham	Alfie

2.30. MOSELLE PLATE. (First Div.).

Major Hassal	Cunning Katie
Lt. Col. McGowan	Geraldine
Capt. Grahame	Niger
Capt. Greig	Mike
Lt. Col. Longmore	Joe
Lieut. Morris	Shadow
Lieut. Nott	Maid of the Mountains
Capt. Storie	Hydroplane
Lieut. Wilsons	Pol Roger
Capt. O'Callaghan	Torpedo
Capt. Fielden	Spanish Onion
Capt. Richardson	Nut
Capt. Bisatt	Lady Ah
Lieut. Hammond	Miscniet III
Lieut. Col. Combe	Ceylon
Lieut. Stancliffe	Holloway
Major Smith	Maygirt
Capt. Williams	The Lad
Capt. Player	Paton
Capt. Hughes	Bay Rhum
Lieut. Swayne	Francois
Capt. Stanyforth	So Long
Lieut. Butteel	Golden Syrup
Lieut.-Col. Lord	Maid Marian
Lieut. Tennant	Shinfield
Major Palmer	Polly

3.15. MOSELLE PLATE. (Second Div.).

Lieut. Young	Fidget
Capt. Jones	Dark Prince
Lieut. Hewitt	Lady Nine
Lt. Lord Killeen	Civie
Capt. Dixon	Molly
Lieut. Tanner	Aences
Lieut. Lithgow	Cayenne
Lieut. Gaskell	Josephine
Major-Gen. Tudor	Polly Dear
Capt. Corrall	Lady Diana
Capt. Angier	Jordan Laddie
Lieut. Roch	Mrs. Jock
Capt. Brumwell	Gordelphus
Capt. Brown	Coquette
Capt. Latham	Nolo
Lieut. Clerke	Simon
Lt.-Col. O'Rorke	Bulletin
Capt. Hodgins	Girl o' Girls
Major Moncrieffe	Nic
Major Robinson	Fineffey
Major Gray	Duchess II
Capt. Court	Tabasco
Lieut. Stocker	Melody
Capt. Ford	Byron
Lieut. Wilson	Black Jester
Major Wright	Bellmann

4.0 THE CHAMPAYNE STEEPLECHASE

Capt. J. Biddle	Firefly II
Lt.-Col. Fane	Rolleston
Lt. Elliot	Lady Petty
Capt. Cocksedge	Barney
Lieut. Bulteel	Late Report
Capt. Hodgins	Patrick (late Paddy)
Capt. Salmon	Marsh
Capt. Montgomery	Iron Gate
Count d'Oultremont	Radius
Major Bather	Jimmy II

4.45. COLOGNE STAKES.

Col. Joostens	Southern Joy
Lieut. Fennelly	Ballyhooley
Lieut. Lithgow	Cayenne
Lt. Col. McGowan	Geraldine
Lt. Col. Elliot	Le Why Not
Capt. Storie	Hydroplane
Capt. Bathurst	Swan Song
Lieut. Davies	I Wonder
Lieut. Booth	Myanda
Lieut. Moss	Sprint
Major Milling	Patsy
Capt. Maxwell	Entente-Cologne
Capt. Latham	Nolo
Lieut. Hughes	Firefly II
Capt. Wetherm	Tommy G.
Lt.-Col. O'Rorke	Pegtenis
Lieut. Clerke	Reynard's Comet
Capt. Best	Eden
Major Sinclair	Winsamere
Lieut. Reid	Jimcrack
Capt. Hodgins	Girl o' Girls
Major Eden	Betty
Count d'Oultremont	Paulette
Lieut. Dunford	Pop
Lieut. Durnford	Velocciter
Major Philips Hornby	Billy
Major Bather	Lady Diana
Capt. Corrall	

5.30. PRINCE OF WALES STAKES

Col. Joostens	Southern Joy
Lieut. Dalgliah	Bristol Fighter
Major Humfrey	Maori
Capt. Wood	The Wanderer
Lt. Col. Harrison	Brigade Major
Lieut. Spicer	Naboth
Lt.-Col. Fane	Rolles on
Major Macdonald	The Flapper
Major Bagshaw	Sahib.
Capt. S. Green	Old Bucks
Major Tomkinson	Madeleine
Lt.-Col. Gill	Esmeralda
Lt.-Col. Burnett	Valentine
Major Heydeman	Johnnie Walker
Lieut. Eykyn	Pousse l'Amour
Lieut. Elliot	Iris II
Capt. Maxwell	Eau-de-Cologne
Capt. Rogers	Mystery
Lieut. Gaskell	Miss Cheek
Lieut. Clerke	Reynard's Comet
Major Sinclair	Winsamere
Capt. Cocksedge	Barney
Lieut. Reid	Jimcrack
Major Eden	Betty
Major-Gen. Tudor	Mascot
Major-Gen. Tudor	Polly Dear
Lieut. Parmenter	Gumbler
Major Phipps Hornby	Digby Grand
Major Bather	Billy
Capt. Corrall	Lady Diana
Lieut. Metge	Athlumney

6.15. ARMY COUNCIL STAKES.

Lieut. Lumsden.	The Wasp.
Capt. Howard	Jane
Lieut. Misa	Sprint
Lieut. Lord Killeen	Civie
Lieut. Dighton	Lady Norah
Major-Gen. Tudor	Mascot
Lieut. C. Russell	Remember Me
Capt. Bathurst	Swan Song
Lieut. Hilder	Mad Hatter
Capt. Viveash	Suzanne
Lieut. Durnford	Pop
Lieut. Durnford	Velociter
Major Phipps Hornby	Chief's Right
Major Bather	Jimmy II
Lieut. Davies	I Wonder's
Capt. Storie	Hydroplane
Capt. Menamin	Godolphus
Capt. Lewis	The Squirrel
Lieut. Wynn	Norah
Lieut. Wilson	Pol Roger
Capt. Scott	Borthaogh
Lieut. Gaskell	Josephine
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IRISH AFFRAY CONTINUES.

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SINN FEIN RIOTS.

"LADY DAY" MOB CHARGED BY MILITARY AND POLICE.

The Sinn Fein trouble in Ireland continues, riots, with window breaking and stone throwing being apparently the order of the day.

There were wild scenes of rioting in Londonderry all Friday night. The Dorsets repeatedly charged the mob, once with bayonets. Much looting was done. The damage is estimated at nearly ten thousand pounds. The city was in complete darkness.

The cause of the disturbance was the lighting of the faction bonfires, which caused rival political sections to assemble in a short time. The hooligans took matters in their own hands and pandemonium raged. Window smashing was carried out an a large scale.

MILITARY STOP PROCESSION.

Fierce riots are reported from several Ulster districts. The military proclaimed Sinn Fein demonstrations at Coal Island and a strong force of the Highland Cycle Brigade arrived. Several flags were seized.

A Sinn Fein band, escorted by large crowds, paraded Coal Island until the military intervened and a general scuffle ensued. Stones were thrown. The commander of the military force received a violent blow on the forehead. Rails were torn up on the Great Northern Railway in Ireland and a goods train was wrecked.

It is reported that a large party is alleged to have attacked Rocky Island, Queenstown, with ammunition. Sentries replied with machine guns. Afterwards no trace of the alleged assailants could be discovered.

PEACEFUL PERSUASION FAILS.

A Belfast telegram to-day states that a strong force of military and police have been drafted into Tyrone as a result of an intended Sinn Fein demonstration. A large stone was thrown at a district inspector's car just missing the officer.

The crowd refused to disperse under the influence of peaceful persuasion and the military and police charged. The police used batons and the military the flat side of bayonets and rifle butts. Crowds ran but threw stones, ten persons being hurt. There were four arrests.

Dundalk had a very entertaining evening, but the fight here was between Nationalists and Sinn Feiners, and the Market Place was the battle ground. In the end honours lay with the former, who brought up a body of pikemen and scattered the enemy.

GUERILLA WAR IN CLARE.

Sinn Feiners are carrying on a guerilla warfare against the police in Co. Clare.

At Moyfad, West Clare, a police patrol was attacked by a party of Sinn Feiners firing rifles. The police returned the fire, and their assailants ran away, leaving one casualty.

PIKEMEN AT DUNDALK.

A "Daily Telegraph" correspondent writes: Dundalk on Friday evening was the scene of many encounters between Nationalists and Sinn Feiners. As the Blackrock Nationalists were returning from a Blackrock demonstration, it is alleged attacks were made on them in Jocelyn-street, Anne-street and Market-square. The square was the scene of the biggest conflict; in its vicinity a large crowd congregated and, waving Sinn Fein flags, booed and groaned at the successive contingents of Hibernians as they passed en route for their homes. In some instances men wearing Hibernian sashes were roughly handled. Shortly after eight o'clock there was a fusillade of stones, and this was countered by a party of Hibernians who appeared on the scene armed with long staves or pikes. For a moment the situation wore a distinctly ugly complexion, but as the crowd quickly dispersed in all directions before the pikemen it became easier. About this time the town ambulance was in action, and it made several journeys to the county hospital before ten o'clock.

After a second volley of stones the Sinn Feiners formed up in military array and marched out of the town in the Newry direction. Almost simultaneously a detachment from the military barracks at Dundalk arrived and occupied the square. A second detachment of soldiers, fully armed and wearing trench helmets, proceeded down Clanbrassil-street, the direction the Sinn Feiners had taken, and cordons were drawn to prevent people repassing certain points. About eleven o'clock the streets were cleared, and a little later the soldiers were withdrawn.

A QUIET SUNDAY.

The situation in Derry was absolutely quiet on Saturday and Sunday. There were no troops on the streets of the city on Saturday night, but detachments were held in readiness in the Court House.

"OVER THE TOP."

INQUEST ON OFFICER KILLED BY TUBE TRAIN.

At the inquest on Second Lieutenant Took, aged twenty-nine, who jumped in front of a tube train at Elephant and Castle station, the coroner on Saturday found that the officer at the time was of unsound mind. Deceased was in the Army of Occupation, and three months ago met with an accident. He had practically recovered, but was still in low spirits, and his general health was very much lower owing to the injections and treatment he had received in France.

Other evidence showed that as the train entered the station Took stepped forward and jumped on the rails. While being moved from under the train he murmured: "Over the top with the best of luck."

PRINCE IN CANADA.

JOYOUS WELCOME AT NEW BRUNSWICK.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was given a tumultuous welcome on arrival at St. John's N.B. He was met at the docks by the Duke of Devonshire, Sir Robert Borden and the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick. The police had great difficulty in keeping back the crowds. The Prince presented the colours to a local battalion and visited the hospital, where he unveiled a tablet in memory of soldiers who had fallen in the war. He later attended a reception at the Lieut. Governor's home, where more than two thousand people were present.

BRITAIN AND MEXICO.

DIPLOMATIST EXPELLED FROM THE COUNTRY.

The Associated Press correspondent at Washington says that President Carranza has ordered Mr. Cummins, British Chargé d'Affaires at Mexico City, to leave the country.

While the reason for this action by President Carranza is not specifically stated in despatches reaching Washington, it is understood to have resulted from a recent statement alleged to have been made in the House of Commons by the British Under Secretary of State regarding British recognition of the Mexican Government.

It is asserted that Mr. Cummins has no official status and cannot claim exemption, so that he can do nothing but acquiesce. It is expected that Great Britain will have recourse, at least for the present, to the good offices of the United States or France to look after her extensive interests in Mexico.

LORD INVERCLYDE.

DIRECTOR OF CUNARD LINE DIES AT GLASGOW.

Lord Inverclyde, Director of the Cunard Line, died at Glasgow Nursing Home on Saturday, at the age of fifty-six. He was one of Glasgow's shipping merchant princes, and a grandson of one of the founders of the great line, eighty years ago. He became commander of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. His son, the Hon. John Alan Burns, who succeeds to the title, is in the Scots Guards and was wounded in the war.

V.C. BELIEVED PRISONER.

Captain G. R. P. Roupell, East Surrey Regiment, who won the V.C. at Hill 60, is reported missing in North Russia, and is believed to be a prisoner in the hands of the Bolshevists. He was recently adjutant at Kingston Barracks, where his father, the late Colonel Roupell, was at one time the commanding officer.

PERMANENT COAL CONTROL.

It is stated that it has been decided, in accordance with the first report of the Sankey Commission, to organize the Coal Controller's Department on a permanent basis. Sir Evan Jones and his staff expect to be housed at their permanent headquarters at the Hotel Windsor in about a month.

BALTIC COMMANDER UPHELD.

In a note addressed to the Allied Governments the German Government rejects the Allied demand for the recall of General von der Goltz, the German Commander-in-Chief in the Baltic provinces.

The engagement is announced of Prince Felix of Bourbon-Parma, who is at present staying at Zurich, and the present Grand Duchess of Luxemburg.

GRIP OF DEATH.

BONN SOLDIER EXPIRES DURING TUG-OF-WAR.

There was a distressing fatality at Bonn on Saturday, a competitor in the Tug-of-War in connection with the Western Division "Skill-at-all Sports" competitions, dying suddenly whilst pulling in a preliminary round.

The sun was tropically hot when the two teams — the 104th Bde. R.F.A. and the 1/6 Welsh (representing Divisional H.Q.) took up the rope. The teams were well matched and the pull was exceptionally strenuous. The men were putting their utmost into the struggle when it was noticed that the second man on the H.Q. rope had collapsed. He, however, retained his grasp of the rope and it was thought it was merely momentary exhaustion. He failed to recover and it was then realised that something serious was wrong, as he hung as a dead weight on the rope. Assistance was immediately forthcoming, and with great difficulty the rope was released from the man's hands. Medical aid was at once summoned and every method of restoration tried, but this was unavailing.

Deceased, it is understood, is a married man with two children and was to have been demobilized shortly. The unfortunate occurrence had the effect of marring the proceedings to a great extent.

EX-KAISER BUYS ESTATE?

PURCHASE OF HUIZE DOORN.

It is rumoured that the ex-German Emperor has bought Huize Doorn, a beautiful estate situated in the village of Doorn, about five miles to the west of Amerongen. It is not possible to obtain any positive confirmation of this, though there are good reasons for believing that the report is true.

The local weekly paper the "Doornsche Weekblad" says that the ex-German Monarch paid a visit to Huize Doorn this week.

INCENDIARY.

REPREHENSIBLE CONDUCT OF A SOLDIER'S GANG.

At Wareham yesterday, when Private John Alfred Puttes, of the Tank Corps, was charged with setting fire to some army huts, it was stated that six fires occurred during the month and damage to the extent of £5,000 was done. Five attempts to start fires were also made, even hospital huts not being safe. Puttes said he and his gang were responsible.

AGAINST LETTISH RULE.

PLOT DISCOVERED AND FRUSTRATED.

A Copenhagen Lettish press agency reports that a new German plot against Lettish rule has been discovered and scotched. The plot was to kidnap all superior officers and create disturbances to afford an excuse for von der Goltz troops to occupy Libau. Ostensibly to re-establish order, troops concentrated near Libau awaited a signal when all the plotters were arrested. Attempts to liberate prisoners were frustrated.

EXTRAORDINARY HAMMERSMITH SCENE.

An extraordinary scene was witnessed at Hammersmith yesterday, when a girl aged twenty-six, lately employed at the Ministry of Munitions, dashed into the street in a nude condition, followed by a large crowd. She ran past several shops and entered a butchers, where she tried to secure a knife. She was turned out and ran on, finally taking refuge in a dairy shop. From here she was removed to the infirmary.

FARMHOUSE BOMBED.

Two outrages have occurred in the Aghadown district, some eight miles from Skibbereen. The house of Patrick McCarthy was attacked with stones by a gang of men, and near the house of Denis Cadogan was placed a bomb, which exploded and blew in a window. Both men are respectable farmers, and no reason has been suggested for the attack. Up to the present no arrest has been made.

JAPANESE FINANCE.

The Japanese are sending a special mission to the Omsk Government with the evident object of negotiating with Admiral Koltchak in reference to economic financial and revictualling matters. The Admiral has undertaken to call a constitutional assembly as soon as possible when Moscow is out of the possession of the Bolshevists.

PHARMACISTS DISPUTE.

The dispute between the Amalgamated Society of Pharmacists, Drug and Chemical Workers and the master pharmacists remains unsettled. A scheme was formulated, but it has now been rejected by the men's union. The matter in dispute, which includes improvements in wages and hours, will be submitted to arbitration.

The Imperial Government has intimated that it will exercise an option over half a million tons of wheat.

TATTOO AT DUREN.

IMPOSING SPECTACLE IN CHARMING SURROUNDINGS.

For the IVth Corps Tattoo on Saturday evening a natural amphitheatre below Nideggen, in the valley of the Roer, was chosen, with the audience seated in the steep Western slope. A meadow on the far side of the stream formed a natural stage. From out the trees, some 500 feet above, there stood steep bluffs of brown basalt, crowned with the ruins of the 12th century Schloss of the Dukes of Julich.

At 9.30 p.m. "First Post" rang out on the massed bugles and as its echoes died away, rockets and starlights rose from all the hills and woods and covered the field below with a cascade of light, while the meadow was outlined with green and scarlet lights along the edge of the river and the woods. At the same time the search-lights met to form a vaulted arch above the meadow, under which the most grotesque assortment of pre-historic men and animals indulged in the struggle for existence. When "man" had vanquished, all the mammoths removed their carcases from the field.

Pied Pipers of Duren.

The scene suddenly changed and the outlines of the cliffs and of the Schloss above them were picked out with coloured lamps, while from half-a-dozen points "serpents" of gold and scarlet lights emerged from the woods. Up and down, over the folding ground they steadily moved onwards — drawn by the music of massed pipes — and after meeting they performed the most wondrous evolutions which each time ended in an "easy" which took the form of a thistle, a horse rampant or other regimental badge.

Presently the gold and scarlet lamps came to rest in a line well up the field, and a fanfare of trumpets rang out. It summoned from the woods a column of blue and red lights which came forward. They passed round the flanks of the torch-bearers and when they met again the arch of search-lights dropped on to them and displayed a troop of cavalry. For some twenty minutes they gave a delightful entertainment; doing a musical ride at the walk, trot, and canter and finished with sabre exercises with the cold steel flashing in the brilliant light.

Abide With Me.

Again a signal-rocket. The horses vanished and the line of torchmen broke up and moved forward again to form a complex of moving concenturings. Presently these dispersed and further movements ended in the pattern "God save the King", during which the massed bands played the National Anthem with all the thousands of troops and civilians standing to attention. When the tune was finished the pattern vanished and another phrase "Good Night" appeared.

This vanished, piece-meal, as the torches dropped off to sleep, one after the other while the bands played "Abide with me". Gently at first, then the full volume of instruments filled the valley with sound. After the "Amen" the whole of the last verse was echoed from the hills.

A Wonderful Spectacle.

While the spectators were moving off the search lights gave a dazzling picture of the Schloss. In a frame of jet-black night one saw the emerald green foliage out of which rose the rust-coloured cliffs; each vantage point crowded with spectators; while crowning the whole were the ruined walls and turrets of the castle.

Brass and woodwind became quiet but there was still the music of the water singing through the stones, and the whisper of the rising wind among the leaves. When the search-lights were extinguished the moon was just peeping through dappled-grey clouds above the Schloss. Summer lightning and distant thunder foretold the coming storm. To bed, perchance to sleep, perchance to dream it all again.

The conception, performance and organisation of the Tattoo were all alike so excellent, that to mention any names would be invidious.

2 KILLED, 16 INJURED.

LONDON TRAMCAR LEAVES RAILS AND OVERTURNS.

A tramway accident, involving the death of a man named Jackson, and injuries to sixteen passengers occurred near St. Pancras on Saturday.

The car, well loaded with passengers, left the rails and overturned, crushing Jackson, who was standing on the pavement, to death. Two other persons were pinned beneath the car, the driver and conductress escaped with shock.

The car burst into flames.

A later message states that a second death is reported, the victim being Robert Curson, Crafton Terrace. Seven other victims were detained at St Pancras Infirmary yesterday. They are all making satisfactory progress.

BOX TUNNEL MYSTERY.

Gunner Edwin Doyle, charged with the murder of Gunner Rashleigh George White, of Bristol, by throwing him from a train in Box Tunnel, was again remanded at Chippenham.

It was said that the Director of Public Prosecutions was not in a position to offer evidence. Doyle was arrested on his own alleged statement that he had pushed a man from the train.

MR. CHURCHILL'S VISIT.

COLOGNE ACCORDS WAR MINISTER AN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION.

A BUSY TOUR.

MR. CHURCHILL'S ARRIVAL IN COLOGNE.

Mr. Winston Churchill and other members of the Army Council arrived on a visit to Cologne on Sunday evening, when they were received by General Sir William Robertson and his staff. The Guard of Honour was formed by D. Company of the 23rd Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), and was commanded by Captain Hutchison. The regimental colours were carried, and the band of the battalion was in attendance. Mr. Churchill uncovered whilst the guard presented arms and the general salute was played, after which, accompanied by the Commander-in-Chief he inspected the Guard.

TROOPS REVIEWED.

404 OFFICERS, 8567 OTHER RANKS AND 1863 HORSES ON PARADE.

Yesterday the VI Corps and the First Cavalry Division were reviewed at the Exercier Platz, Merkenich when Mr. Churchill was accompanied by Field-Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, Chief of Imperial General Staff and the Commander-in-Chief. The American Army was represented by General Harts and General Allen, while Major Dumont, of the Belgian Mission, represented the Belgian Army. The representatives of the Army Council inspected the troops and the parade was a very impressive one. Lieut.-General Sir J. A. L. Haldane, K.C.B., D.S.O., was in command.

The following formations were on parade:— R.H.A. Brigade and Composite Cavalry Brigade (General N. W. Haig, C.M.G.). Heavy Brigade R.G.A. (Lieut.-Col. H. C. Moultrie, D.S.O.) Second London Infantry Brigade (Brig.-General F. A. Dudgeon, C. B.), Tank Battalion (Lieut.-Col. W. J. Shannon, C.M.G., D.S.O.) From the Northern Division, (Major-General A. A. Kennedy, C.M.G.) there were present: — Northern Divisional Artillery (Brig.-General J. S. Ollilvant, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.), Northern Div. R.E. (Lt.-Col. R. G. Done D.S.O.), 1st Northern Infantry Brigade (Brig.-General C. G. H. Moore, C.M.G., D.S.O.), 2nd Northern Brigade (Brig.-General Potter, C.M.G., D.S.O.). 3rd Northern Brigade (Brig.-General W. G. Braithwaite, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.). Northern Division R.A.S.C. (Capt. R. Chignell, O.B.E.). Northern Division R.A.M.C. (Lieut.-Col. G. O. Chambers M.C.). The Military Mounted Police were commanded by Major J.D.S. Lloyd, O.B.E., while the massed bands in attendance totalled a strength of 580. The total numbers on parade were 404 officers, 8567 other ranks and 1863 horses.

"Sporting Traditions."

The troops marched past the saluting base in review order, the bands playing the appropriate regimental march past, and colours were uncased. Mr. Churchill, accompanied by the Commander-in-Chief, addressed the assembled commanders, and on behalf of the Army Council congratulated them on the admirable appearance and marching of the troops. That was one of the very few reviews of British troops, he said, which had taken place on German ground, and it was a source of great satisfaction to see the men so well trained.

It was pleasing to know that the sporting traditions of the Army had not been lost sight of and that sports meetings had been held regularly. The scheme of education in operation, too, was excellent and through it each man was enabled to better himself with the prospect of his return to civil life.

To these things there must be added a word of congratulation as to the state of readiness in which the Army was found when the final necessary steps had to be taken to enforce our demands upon our late enemies.

The guests of the Commander-in-Chief included Mrs. Churchill, Lady Stanhope, Lady Chetwode, and Mrs. Rupert Beckett.

INSPECTION OF ARMY COLLEGE.

The Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill and the Chief of Staff visited the Army General and Commercial College, Cologne, yesterday morning. There was an inspection of exhibits of work done at the Army Technical College, Siegburg, the Army Art School, Cologne, and students of the commercial Art School of the Highland Division, which is carried on under the direction of Miss Broadfoot. Some excellent book-cover and poster designs were shown having been designed and drawn by Cpl. L.A. Bourne,—Eccalt, B. Jackson, R.H. Munro, L/Cpl. Eccott, G.H. Dickens and F. Gillespie all of the Highland Division. Several of the class rooms where work was proceeding were visited, and before leaving the Rt. Hon. gentleman addressed the staff and students in the library.

Brief, Happy Speech.

In the course of a lightning speech he congratulated the British Army of the Rhine on the excellent institutions which he had had the opportunity of visiting. He also congratulated those who were responsible for the organisation and administration of the College, and particularly those who had been long-sighted enough to take advantage of the facilities provided by the scheme. He said that his visit was necessarily a brief one, and though not qualified to speak on all the subjects taught in the College, he felt sure that what was being done would undoubtedly be most useful to the men when they returned to civil life.

Most of the students laboured under the disadvantage of having had their studies and their lives interrupted by the war, and the College gave them an opportunity of gathering together once again the threads of their former occupations. Others had come to man's estate during the War, and the College though it could not in the short time available completely train a man for business, yet it gave him an insight into the various courses open to him.

Be Prepared.

Mr. Churchill then referred in more general terms and with emphasis to the high organisation of the German in branches of trade and industry. He declared that it behoved us to do all in our power to keep pace with this and to hold our own in the field of commerce particularly during the next ten or fifteen years. This could be best effected through education, and it was a pleasing thought that the students who were individually improving themselves were also contributing to the welfare of the state. It was only so that men who proved themselves so efficient in the arts of war would prove themselves be again equally efficient in the Arts of Peace.

LADIES REVIEWED AT LINDENTHAL.

On the lawn opposite the Cricket Pavilion at Lindenthal a unique and beautiful ceremony took place yesterday afternoon when the Army Council inspected the many units of Women Workers in the Army of Occupation.

These were drawn up on three sides of the square on the lawn opposite the pavilion and included Nursing Sisters under Miss Reid, Principal Matron; Q.M.A.A.C., under Mrs. Feiling D.C.; W.R.A.F. under Miss Chauncey, Administrator; N.A.C.B., under Miss Butler; Y.M.C.A., under Lady Cooper; Church Army, under Miss Fowler; Salvation Army, under Miss Gladden, Adjt.; Scottish Churches Huts, under Miss Johnston; Catholic Club, under Miss Holway; Soldier's Christian Association, under Miss Figg; Catholic Womens League, under Miss Howitt; Lady clerks attached to Military Governor, under Miss Clarke; Rhine Army Dramatic Club, under Miss Bensusan; G.S. Education Instructors, under Miss Drew and the Ladies of the British Empire Leave Club, under Miss Decima Moore, Hon. Director General.

Mr. Churchill's Speech.

After being introduced to the leaders and inspecting the units, Mr. Churchill said, "I am particularly happy to see this parade, a parade unique in the history of the British Army."

He went on to enumerate the useful, devoted and arduous duties performed by the ladies in the field and suggested that it had taken a great war to educe the wonderful capacities of our women workers. Had two more years of war ensued and the man-power scarcity of 1918 continued, he was sure that we would have seen the women workers going into the front line as telegraphists, signallers, clerks etc.

The great lesson to learn from this was the enormous necessity for everyone in the state, forgetting creed, class and sex to pull together; only by that means had the war been won. Coming from the stormy and turbulent atmosphere of England to the peace, calm and order of the occupied area, he was very strongly impressed with the power gained by co-operation, where the women of the Nursing Sisters, Q.M.A.A.C., W.R.A.F.'s and many religious and philanthropic societies were working in full harmony with no jealousy beyond a healthy rivalry. This would do much to make England respected, although perhaps not loved, and he was exceedingly glad to have this opportunity of seeing such a parade.

As he was leaving Mr. Churchill was heard to remark "It was indeed a charming ceremony."

LEAVING ENGLAND.

A telegram from London says—The War Minister travelled to Dover on Saturday in a motor-car, accompanied by a staff including Field-Marshal Sir Henry Wilson.

The party embarked from Admiralty Pier in the P. 35, and as the warship steamed out of the harbour for Ostend the guns at Dover Castle fired a salute.

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THE VICTORIES OF PEACE.

From the earliest days of mankind a war has been waged against nature and the savage instincts of man. The victories gained have not been surrounded by misery and tears. They have been bloodless victories, surrounded by happiness.

Men have toiled unceasingly to wrench from the bosom of mother earth metals which play so important a part in our everyday life. From the surface of the land they have obtained crops and vegetables for food, and fish from the sea.

Scientists probed into the perplexing mysteries of forces and the elements, establishing facts which later the engineer made much use of. He gave us our trains and boats to travel in comfort and with speed. Machines were made which would do work of a kind that no amount of human strength could accomplish, such as cranes, steam hammers, and drills. The electrical elements, formerly regarded as agents of the Master Fiend, were made to give us light, to propel our vehicles and warm our dwellings.

The elements of sea and air were defied in the face of great odds, often accompanied by the loss of life. The impossible of yesterday becomes an accomplishment of to-day. Man travels by air, land and sea, and many girdles have been put around the earth.

Physicians have conquered such awful diseases as smallpox which spared neither king nor peasant. Louis XV of France died of it, as also did Mary II of England. Surgeons conducted experiments until the functions of the smallest organs of the body were known. Dr. Harvey, the personal attendant of James I, discovered the flowing of the blood from the heart.

Social reform conquered the awful vices which dominated the whole world. Now each man is a victor over drunkenness, immorality and the hundred and one common vices which destroy civilization. We have all been lifted from the mire to the supreme heights.

Law and order have taken the places of crime and unruliness. Duelling was made illegal, so also was murder. Now the human life is regarded as something precious, instead of something trivial. A man's property became his own, not to be stolen or tampered with at the will of another. Fraternity took the place of hate and the savage became civilized.

But many of the bloodless victories of Peace are directly due to the bloody victories of war. The Romans fought and conquered the early inhabitants of our own little isles, bringing with them their laws and methods. So the conquered savages learnt to build better dwellings, and learnt the value of order.

Sometimes in the bloody war of army against army we see in the victory, right conquering wrong. Man with an ambition for unlimited might is often the victim of his own wrong-doings. He is defeated and the world is saved from a reign of terror.

So when we look back to the time of our ancestors and see what the victories of peace have done for us we can realize what our victories are going to do for the future generations.

LANGUAGE STUDY.

It is to be doubted if the importance of the study of modern languages in our schools and colleges has been fully recognised in the past, and the report of the Prime Minister's Committee on the Position of Modern Languages in the educational scheme of Great Britain shows that a good deal more attention will be paid to it in the future.

The keenness with which many of the young guards have seized the opportunity of learning German, "on the spot," while in occupation of Rhineland shows that among the younger generation, interest in language study is far from being dead, and that increased facilities for the acquirement of tongues will be fully appreciated and taken advantage of.

In the years which lie ahead of us, international relations will play a greater part than they have ever done before, and the importance of language study in this connection is obvious. A wider and more sympathetic understanding of the ways and modes of thought of foreign peoples is necessary for the well-being of the world.

It has been generally admitted that trade and commerce were greatly impeded in the past by British ignorance of the languages of other countries, and the fact that Spanish was largely studied in Germany has been given as an explanation of the passing from English to German hands of the distributing trade of South America.

In the coming struggle for commercial supremacy the language obstacle must not be allowed to continue. In this respect linguistic ability is sure to prove abundantly remunerative. In the public services, too, great scope exists for those who are similarly equipped.

The national need for language study is clear and there can be little doubt that the detailed scheme which the Committee has evolved for its encouragement in school and university can hardly fail to have permanent and far reaching results.

"C'EST-WHAT"?

Have you ever considered the difficulty of living life on its surface, in this part of the world, compared to what it was, in the old days, in France, or marked the absence of short, trite phrases in conversation, and the lack of an understanding population to appreciate them, even if they are used?

For more than four years "C'est la guerre" was the talisman to the British Tommy, which used judiciously, pulled him out of many a tight conversational corner. It was followed by "C'est l'armistice," and for all I know it may now be "C'est la paix."

It would take an expert psychologist to discover the reason for the temper soothing qualities of such small phrases.

Who cannot remember dropping into a vacant chair, at an open air cafe beside a table carrying easily and with dignity an interesting looking soda syphon.

Out comes a vision of beauty in short skirts and silk stockings with a complexion like a peach, and the daintiest of mouths, who says with the most angelic mile "Ou'est ce que vous allez boire, Monsieur." If you have just been paid, you probably order a bottle of vin blanc; if not, a modest glass of beer.

In either case, to ascertain for certain how much of the peach like complexion is real, you make a sudden turning movement, as it leaves you, and—crash! down goes the soda syphon. And back comes the vision, wearing a most "angelic" frown.

In the excitement, any of the French you have learnt, refuses to disgorge itself from your brain. You wait for the storm to burst, but it never does, because in the nick of time you look up with a smile and say, "Oh Sans faire rien, M'lle. C'est la guerre."

Here, there are no syphons on the café tables to be knocked over. You cannot make the tram guards angry, for you travel everywhere for "nix." What can you say?

A lot of things both good and bad, upon occasion. You can enter into long and earnest explanations with serious faced Germans, who will never understand what you are driving at.

But you cannot say anything that will take the place of "C'est la guerre" and at the same time, clear up the whole business in question. Possibly we are becoming more serious, and such frivolous and mutual understanding between strangers has passed away with the war. But it makes life more difficult.

G.W.E.

WHAT TO SEE IN RHINELAND?

VI. HILGEN LAKE.

It is a real beauty spot and far sweeter than any other I have visited in Rhineland. I came across it quite unexpectedly for it is off the beaten track, but I am glad I have ever been there for it has left an abiding memory. It reminds me of Virginia Water in Surrey, and even a little of Killarney. Thousands of civilians from Cologne seek its charms. If there are any angels in Rhineland they must often linger there, but their earthly counterparts you can find by the hundred arrayed in all the colours of the rainbow. It is the troubador's paradise, and on a Sunday afternoon you can hear the tinkling notes of the guitar, the sounds of laughter and song. It is all so very infectious and you too long to join them.

Come with me to this valley of laughter! Listen to the music of nature, the singing of the birds, the sighing of the wind through the forest trees, the soft lapping of the water against the pebble banks. Ten thousand voices seem to speak to us and for a few hours we can forget that we are strangers in a strange land.

We take the train to Hilgen, a little over ten miles away over the Rhine, and on arrival we make for the highway running through the village in the direction of our outpost line. We take the first turn to the right down a narrow lane and reach a big restaurant where we can refresh ourselves.

This is only ten minutes walk from the highway and the descent is gradual. Leaving the restaurant we proceed along a narrow pathway and suddenly find ourselves in fairy-land. In front of us is a long, winding stretch of water with little islands dotted here and there. On either side are forests of silver birch, pine and other trees, intersected by numerous walks.

We walk along the bank through the trees until we come to a huge reservoir. This supplies several towns with water and is divided from the lake by a big wall of boulders with a narrow channel as an outlet between the two over which there is a foot bridge.

Notice how perfect the basin of the reservoir is with its sloping banks of cobbles. At the extreme end you will also see some high rocks rising sheer out of the water.

We cross over the boulder pathway and the footbridge and make a circuit of the lake. The path winds in and out, up hill and down. As you reach the summit in some places you have a glorious expanse of forest and lake which floods your soul and in that moment makes you a poet. You can now hear the laughter of children. How they revel in the woods! Or you can hear the tinkle of the guitar and some bands of picturesque troubadors come into view. You express your pleasure, if not in words by looks and smiles.

Or turn aside and enter the forest, the deer run wild there, and you may catch a glimpse of one leaping along.

Fill your lungs with the air from the hilltops or the scent of the pine and rejoice with me in the sweetness of life and the glorious gift of nature. How true it is that God has placed us in a sweet smelling garden for our home.

We return to the plains at the close of the day with the hot blood coursing through our veins and full of health, strength and vigour to labour yet for another season with a mind stored with precious memories.

G. K.

MY FIRST FLIGHT.

ILLUSIONS AND CONTRASTS.

The aeroplane reached the end of its run across the rainsodden ground of the aerodrome. The thin curved wave of mud which had swept along with us just behind the planes disappeared. I knew that, for the first time, I was rising from the ground on wings.

But that is just where, if I were attempting to describe in exact words what my senses perceived, I would be wrong. For we were not rising from the ground. No! The ground was falling away from us.

If my senses did not deceive me (but, of course, they never do anything else) we were continuing our forward flight at exactly the same level while the fields fell away beneath us more and more swiftly, contracting to smaller and smaller dimensions as they did so.

Even to say that we were apparently "continuing our forward flight" at exactly the same level is not exact as a description of this particular illusion of flight. It would be more correct to say that, apparently, we not only remained at the same level but remained stationary while the earth not only dropped steadily downwards but moved along beneath us like a gigantic canvas being wound on a reel.

One's first flight is a revelation of how completely the senses supply the mind with illusions by way of facts. So thoroughly, however, do we as a rule automatically and subconsciously correct their testimony by our educated knowledge of the truth that I only noticed how stationary we seemed to be when we were a couple of thousand feet up.

To all appearances the aeroplane was stationary, a very noisy mechanism suspended motionless in space. And beneath us the earth was tearing along with the speed of an express train. Yet people will often attempt to clinch an argument by saying in a tone of finality "Can't I believe my own eyes?"

And if there is a contrast between the appearance and the reality in flying there is an equal contrast between the sensations one anticipates and what one experiences.

I will give only one instance. In the ordinary way I dislike looking down from a great height. Even if I only look down on the street from a very high window my heart seems to contract, my stomach "turns up" and I feel generally screwed up and anxious to keep a good hold of the window sill.

In many flights, including the first, on the other hand, I have never had the least sensation of height. Instead I have the feeling of being sufficiently confident to sit out on one of the wings if the pilot asked me to do so. I leave it to the physiologists and psychologists to explain these phenomena.

F. Y. P.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

PRIVILEGE BONDS.

Sir,—Many have been interested in the letters that have appeared under the heading of "Privilege Bonds," but why limit such an issue to any one section of the community?

Would not a "universal bond," simple and attractive, but open to one and all, be more certain of success?

C. A.

MANNERS AT THE LEAVE CLUB.

Sir,—I was astonished to read the paragraph entitled "Company Manners" in a recent publication. I think the remark that "a visit to the Leave Club puts the majority of the diners on their best behaviour" is rather uncalled for.

The writer of this article appears to be astonished that a soldier should conform to the rules of etiquette at all! He to my mind showed a very bad taste in writing in such a tone.

W. D. F.

THE TOTALIZATOR.

Sir,—In a recent issue "Habitual Racegoer" joins the ranks of those who attack the "Tote" without thinking. He also gives a list of winners and prices for the last meeting.

Now the secret of why the "Tote" pays bad prices is answered by the results of the races, for every one of these animals with the exception of "Sprint" and "Jimcrack" would be the sole public fancies. The "Tote" must have several animals backed before it can pay good prices, and I ask "Habitual Racegoer" if he would have backed anything to beat "Bally Hooley" which was as near as possible after the leniency of the handicapper a racing certainty.

The public are the best judges of form. Of this I am convinced after 33 years experience of racing in several countries.

The whole fault of the "Tote" lies in the framing of the conditions of the various races, and if these conditions are such that the obvious chances of two or three animals stand out, as they do, well, you cannot blame the public for putting their money on them.

Take for example the Victory Plate, 1st Division, after the three placed horses we are left with only four more runners. You do not require expert racing folk to be on the goods in that event.

MANIFEST.

SHOPPERS BEWARE.

Sir,—Re the letter in a recent issue concerning the sale of spurious amber, might I add a few words to the subject?

Recently, I bought three bottles of Eau de Cologne at 7.50 marks per bottle as presents, thinking naturally that it would be the genuine article. Imagine my surprise, then, when my wife opened the bottle and found that it contained practically nothing but coloured water.

I naturally had the two remaining bottles opened and upon testing them found that they were exactly the same. However, I do not imagine that I am the only one that has been "done" for no doubt Eau de Cologne is what nearly every Tommy takes with him for presents.

Again, a friend of mine purchased a box of cigars in Cologne. The top layer in the box were a fine brand, and a good smoke, but the remainder were beyond smoking.

Now, isn't it high time that the powers that be looked into this fraudulent profiteering by German shopkeepers in the Rhineland and issued stringent orders, making offenders liable to a penalty, or if necessary—imprisonment— the same as they are doing with the profiteers in England at the present time.

FAIRPLAY.

OPEN AIR ENJOYMENT.

Sir,—Your correspondents "Private Bar" and "C. R." are amusing; the former because his letter is full of the egotistical first person singular, and the latter because he cannot see any more in the open air cafe than a young lady and a glass of wine. The main issue is "the greatest good for the greatest number", and the best means to achieve that end.

Our English public-house system lends itself to excessive drinking, and thus furnishes the teetotal fanatic with his strongest argument in favour of prohibition. The normal man or woman is by nature gregarious, and, in the main, enjoys moderate drinking. Why not, then, drink in the company of as large a number of friends and neighbours as possible, accompanied by the uplifting influence of decent music?

But perhaps "Private Bar" is not normal, and certainly the idea of music does not enter the mind of "C. R."

I venture to think that a census of opinion from the Rhine Army would reveal these two gentlemen among the small and abnormal minority.

H. H. T.

INTERESTING BOOKS.

Sir,— In the world of Literature there is nothing more perplexing than to make a selection of "best" books. To do this for the edification of others is doubly difficult, for so much must be left to individual taste.

There are, however, a number of books which can hardly fail to satisfy all tastes, which all may read and enjoy.

I have endeavoured to make a fair selection of twelve such novels. There is not space to discuss the merits or demerits of the list compiled by "R.S.A." It certainly shows careful selection, though I confess I was somewhat surprised to find no mention of two writers in particular — Dumas and Thackeray — while Dickens is represented by no less than three of the twelve works. Again if Hall Caine is included, can we forget such authors as Arnold Bennett and Jack London?

My own selection is: — Thackeray's "Henry Esmond," Kingsley's "Westward Ho!", R. Blackmore's "Lorna Doone," Charles Reade's "Cloister and the Hearth," Dickens' "David Copperfield," Dumas' "The Musketeers," Mrs. Craik's "John Sawyer," Thomas Hardy's "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," Arnold Bennett's "Anna of the Five Towns," W. J. Locke's "Beloved Vagabond" (or any of his), and Jack London's "Valley of the Moon."

T. W. B.

BOXING IN COLOGNE.

To-morrow's Events In London Division Competition.

SPLENDID PROGRAMME.

In the great hall of the Central Y.M.C.A., Cologne, tomorrow, commencing at 2 p.m. the London Division will hold a boxing competition for which numerous entries have been received. The following is the programme:—

Bantam (8 stone 6 lbs).

Pte. Smallwood, 23rd Middx. (bye); Pte. Stillwell, 17th R. Fus. (bye); Pte. Manders, 11th Queens. (bye); Pte. Pu len, 7th Middx.; v. Pte. Briggs, 9th E. Surrey; Pte. Sullivan, 11th Queens (bye); Pte. War en, 26th R. Fus. (bye); Dmr. Skipsey, 24th Queens. (bye); Pte. Lister, 228th Fd. Coy. (bye).

Feather (9 stone).

Pnr. Smyth, Divl. Signals; v. Dmr. Smith, 2/4th Queens; Pte. Sutton, 9th E. Surrey; v. Pte. Nagle, 23rd Middx.; Lawrence, 228th Fd. Coy.; v. Pte. Bridges, 41st Bn. M.G.C.; Pte. Woodward, 7th Middx.; v. Pte. Wilson, 17th R. Fus.

Light (9 stone 9 lbs).

Pte. Ferrett, 17th R. Fus. (bye); Pte. Evertt, 24th Queens. (bye); Spr. Cunliffe, 33rd Fd. Coy (bye); Pte. Sparling, 26th R. Fus.; v. Pte. Woolgar, 9th E. Surrey; Cpl. Watson, 41st Bn. M.G.C. (bye); Dvr. Park, C/190 Bde. (bye); L/C Lynch, 23rd Middx. (bye); Cpl. Stevens, 7th Middx. (bye).

Welter (10 stone 7 lbs).

C.Q.M.S. French, 2nd Bde. H.Q. (bye); Lt. Kinnimont, 41st Bn. M.G.C. v. Pte. Poldingo 24th Queens; Pte. Hunter, 41st Bn. M.G.C. v. Sgt. Harris, D/190 Bde.; Dvr. Smith, D/190 Bde. v. Lt. Meyer, 23rd Middx.; Capt. Jordan M.C., 11th Queens v. L/C Abbott, 228 Fd. Coy.; Pte. Lovelock, 9th E. Surrey; v. Lt. Godhard, 228 Fd. Coy; Sgt. Horner, 7 Middx. (bye); Pte. Pope, 23rd Middx. (bye).

Middle (11 Stone 6 lbs).

Cpl. Rooms, 228th Fd. Coy. (bye); Lt. Walker, 41st Bn. M.G.C. (bye); Pte. Ross 23rd Middx. v. Sgt. Brooms, 17th R. Fus.; C.Q.M.S. French, 2nd Bde. H.Q. v. Lt. Daw, 7th Middx.; Lt. Godhard, 228th Fd. Coy. v. L/C. Greenwood, 26th R. Fus.; Sgt. Rees, 41st Bn. M.G.C. (bye); Pte. Glennan, 7th Middx. (bye); Sgt. Shepherd, 24th Queens. (bye).

Heavy (Catchweight).

Sgt. Greenslade, 9th East Surrey v. Dvr. White, 228th Fd. Coy.; Pte. Searly, 23rd Middx. (bye).

Flyweight.

Pte. Thorogood, 11th Queens.

SEVEN MILES MARATHON.

R.A.F. Hold Third Annual Athletic Meeting.

There was a full afternoon's sport at Farnborough on Saturday, when, on the new ground there, the Royal Aircraft Establishment Athletic Club held its third annual meeting. In the 100 yards open handicap E. B. West, of the R.A.E.A.C., won his heat, with 8¾ yards start, in 9 4-5sec., and subsequently won the final heat in the same time by a foot from Sec. Lieut. E. D. Winn, King's Liverpool Regt. (8 yards start), with the Salford Harrier, Lieutenant G. L. Morgan (7 yards) third. He also won the 220 yards handicap with 15 yards start, in 22 9-10sec., after a dead-heat with Lance-Corpl. Burrows (King's Liverpool Regt.), 20 yards start; and by his third annual victory in the 100 yards R.A.E. championship West made the Bulivant Cup his own property. Another cup which was won outright as a result of a third annual success was the "Shell" Cup, which went to H. E. Reeves, the winner of the seven miles Marathon race, 44 min. 55 3-10sec. Lieutenant G. L. Morgan (24 yards start) was first and R. Heaver (Aldershot), 55 yards start, second in the half-mile open handicap, and the one mile open handicap went to O. Wilmot (unattached), 140 yards start, in 4 min. 41 4-5sec.

92nd BDE. R.G.A. CHAMPIONSHIP.

Interesting Games at Quittingen and Opladen.

At Opladen on Saturday the 223 Siege Bty. R.G.A. (81) met the 2/4 North Midland R.G.A. (70). It was a very keen and enjoyable game. For the winners Gnr. Saxon put up a splendid show, scoring 54. Lieut. Bryan scored 11 and took 3 wickets for 6 runs. Gnr. Inman took 5 wickets for 28 runs. For the losers Cpl. Bird gave a very plucky display; notwithstanding the fact that he sustained an injury over the eye, when he had scored 6, he returned to the ground and finished his innings being top scorer with 15. Gnr. Hawkins scored 14 and Lieut. Lodge 13. Gnr. McSuee took 6 wickets for 25 runs.

Another "Hat Trick".

In the 92nd Bde., Championship the 223 Siege Bty. R.G.A. (38) met and defeated the 261 Siege Bty. R.G.A. (19) at Quittingen on Thursday. For the winners Gnr. Inman took 7 wickets for 7 runs, performing the "hat trick" and Newstead 3 for 9. Sig. Morris and Gnr. Newstead each scored 10.

YOUTHFUL CRICKETER'S SUCCESS.

F.C.W. Newman, of the Dulwich Club, who has been tried for Surrey, was again in fine form on Saturday. He and R.H. Nunes put on 105 for Dulwich's first wicket against L.C.W. and Parr's Bank. Newman's score was 81, and he has now completed his 1,000 runs for the season.

Australians For S. Africa.

The South African Cricket Association has requested the High Commissioner in London to negotiate for an Australian military team to visit South Africa.

Ex-Servicé Men Entertained.

At Luton on Saturday, Lady Wernher, in celebration of Peace, entertained several thousand ex-service men and their relations at tea and sports. Supper for 11,000 was provided. A sack race for members of Lady Wernher's House party caused considerable amusement. The winner was Lord Louis Mountbatton, who received a doll as prize.

STORMY GOLF.

Charles Evans, the holder of the championship, was among those who were overtaken by a torrential storm when the qualifying series in connection with the American amateur golf championship was played on the course of the Oakmont Country Club, Allegheny County. He went out in 38 strokes, but he required four more for the homeward journey owing to the storm, so that his total was eighty. However, he managed to quality for the competition proper, as did Francis Quimet, with 77.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, August 19, 1919.

Surface wind from between South west and West reaching 10—15 m.p.h. in the day. Mainly fair but cloudy at times especially in the forenoon. Good visibility. Warm.

BRILLIANT YORKSHIRE.

Champion form against Middlesex at Leeds.

English Cricket Results.

A declaration not unattended with risk turned out well at Leeds on Saturday, for Yorkshire, who beat Middlesex by 187 runs, before 9,000 spectators. In the morning the Yorkshire batting for two hours and a half was brilliant. Kilner led off with some fierce hitting, and Denton and Hirst punished the bowling very severely, putting on 118 for the fifth. In making his third hundred this season Denton was seen at something like his best, and Hirst's innings was free from fault.

Set 341 to get in four hours, Middlesex made a good start. Lee and Hearne played splendidly, and at the end of seventy minutes the 100 went up. For the moment the position was full of possibilities, but after Hearne had been bowled the game underwent a complete change, Rhodes and Wilson carrying everything before them, and three wickets fell at 105.

Results:—

The following were the results of the principal cricket matches in England on Saturday:—

Hants (211 and 210) beat Somerset (191 and 100) by 130.

Surrey 404; Lancs. 121 and 290 for 6. Match drawn.

Worcester 341 for 5, declared; Fosters IX 204 and 182 for 4. Match drawn.

Notts (385) beat Leicester 227 and 83 by an innings and 75.

Kent (279 and 235 for 7 beat Sussex 274 and 100.

Army (387 and 60 for 5; Air Force 99 and 357. Match drawn.

Yorks (199 and 385 for 8) beat Middlessex (208 and 153).

Gloster (252 and 102 for 8) beat Warwick (252 and 100).

CRICKET AVERAGES.

Batting.

	Inns.	Runs.	Most in Inns.	Not out.	Aver.
Hendren	26	1382	214	6	69.10
Gunn (G.)	24	1412	185*	2	64.18
Hobbs	37	1990	205*	3	58.12
Ducat	30	1569	306*	3	58.11
Mead (Hants)	30	1439	207	5	57.56
Payton	19	670	84*	6	51.53
D. J. Knight	26	1249	146	1	49.96
Russell	28	1294	160	2	49.76
Hearne (J. W.)	26	1937	218*	5	49.38
C. E. Pellew	33	1252	195*	6	48.15

* Signifies not out.

Bowling.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Rhodes	792	240	1767	128	13.80
J. C. White	658	171	1412	99	14.26
Woolley (Kent)	669	178	1512	96	15.75
Waddington	517	139	1316	81	16.24
Heap	395	100	992	61	16.6
Parkin	258	58	613	41	16.53
H. L. Collins	573	146	1317	76	17.32
Kilner (R.)	307	100	695	40	17.37
Bestwick	544	93	1613	90	17.92
J. M. Gregory	744	109	2215	121	18.30

UP THE RHINE.

Delightful London Division River Trip to Coblenz.

The "London" was, we understand, the first division to run organized river trips for its men, with canteen, music, etc., on board, and very enjoyable they have proved. We were fortunate enough on Sunday last to accompany the second of these excursions organized for officers and nothing could be more delightful.

Embarking at Bonn at 9.30 a.m. we found a goodly company aboard including Major-General Sir Sidney Lawford K.C.B. and Lady Lawford, Miss Decima Moore, many of the Divisional Staff with wives and families, and a fair sprinkling of women workers. The trip was arranged by the genial D.A.Q.M.G. Major Needham, while the boat arrangements were most successfully carried out by the canteen officer, Capt. Reid, the boat itself having been secured through the kindly services of Col. Locke of the A.D.I.W.T.

Excellent music was dispensed by the band of the 9th E. Surreys (by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Longbourne, the Officer Commanding) and was heartily enjoyed by all. The N.A.C.B. had the canteen and luncheon arrangements in hand, the latter being most satisfactory and well served. Captains Read and Haynes, late of the E.F.C., attended to the catering.

A brief stay was made at Coblenz, just long enough to enable the visitors to glance round the town, and a splendid day was brought to an end by a delightful return voyage to Cologne.

The London Division is to be heartily congratulated upon the success of all the arrangements fully seconded by glorious weather.

'Spurs' Ground.

The extensive alterations at the 'Spurs' ground in White Hart-lane are now almost complete. There has been much work to do since the Government returned the stands and the ground to the 'Spurs.'

A. A. AT SPORT.

'R' Battery's Enjoyable Meeting at Poller Weisen.

SUCCESSFUL COMPETITIONS

Ideal weather favoured the Sports Meeting held by R' Battery Anti-Aircraft on August 11th on the Poller Weisen Ground.

Lieut. Col. C.A. Mortimore, D.S.O., R.A. and the senior Officers of the Rhine Army A.A. Group very kindly acted as officials, and the Battery were able to welcome many Officers and men from the other A.A. Batteries. Cheerful selections were given by the band of the 1/6th West Yorks who attended by the kind permission of the Commanding Officer, whilst less legitimate music was rendered by Lieut. M. D. Adamson, R. F. A. and his party under various fanciful noms-de-guerre, heavy disguises and mysterious inspiring influences.

"Sweeps" And "Tot."

Sweepstakes and a Totalisator were in the safe hands of Messes Graball and Bunk, who were very ably represented on the course by Lieut. H. Richards, D.C.M., R.F.A. and a small staff in the accepted attire of large checks and fancy vests; but the Victor Ludorum, Lieut. J.H. Clark, R.F.A., who won five events, was so consistently 'spotted' as the winner that those who yelded to the insistent persuasion of the 'Old Firm' to stake a little on their fancy had little reward, if any, for their perspicacity.

The success of the meeting was undoubted, and was secured by the untiring work of the Battery Sports Committee under the direction of Lieut. J.C.T. Craze, R.G.A., to whom with all others who spared no pains to make the day enjoyable, the best thanks of the Battery are due.

A list of events is appended from which it will be seen that good results were recorded. Prizes were presented by Brig.-General A.D. Kirby, C.B., C.M.G., G.O.C., R.A.

List of Events.

100 yards open:—1, Lt. J. Clark; 2, Gnr. Aldridge; 3, L/Cpl. Page; 11 secs.

Kicking the football:—1, Major H. Anne, M.C., 2, Cpl. Bennett; 3, Gnr. Balmer; 176 ft. 10 ins.

High jump:—1, Lt. J.C. Craze; 2, Maj. H. Anne, M.C.; 3, Lt. D. Cowie; 5 ft. 3 ins.

100 yards handicap:—1, Lt. J. Clark; 2, Gnr. Aldridge; 3, Bdr. Thornham; 10⅘ secs.

Sack race:—1, Bdr. Dewey; 2, Lt. J. Clark; 3, Lt. D. Cowie.

80 yards veterans:—1, Sgt. Francis H.; 2, Bdr. Taw; 3, Cpl. Jones. W.

Putting the shot (16 lbs)—1, Gnr. Edwards; 2, Sgt. Cade; 3, Maj. H. Anne, M.C.; 28 ft. 2 ins.

220 yards (open):—1, Lt. J. Clark; 2, Bdr. Payne; 3, Bdr. Thornham.

Long jump:—1, Lt. J. Clark; 2, Cpl. Ellis; 3, Bdr. Scott; 18 ft. 5 ins.

3 legged race:—1, Bdr. Cummings, Bdr. Payne; 2, Lt. J. Clark, Bdr. Wyatt; 3, Cpl. Ellis, Bdr. Scott.

120 yards hurdle:—1, Cpl. Ellis; 2, Bdr. Scott 3, Lt. J. Craze.

Throwing the cricket ball:—1, Bdr. Dewey; 2, Gnr. Firth; 3, Gnr. Aldridge; 102 yds.

440 yards (open):—1, Lt. J. Clark; 2, Lt. R. Leman; 3, Bdr. Scott.

Wrestling on horseback:—1, Gnr. Melville, Gnr. Balmer; 2, L/Cpl. Page, Pte. Aldis.

1 mile walk:—1, Lt. J. C. Craze; 2, Gnr. Ellis G.; 3, Bdr. Fyffe; 8½ mins.

Wheelbarrow race:—1, Lt. D. Cowie, Bdr. Gibbs, 2, Lt. R. Leman, Bdr. Dewey; 3, Bdr. Gale, Gnr. Milson.

Section relay race:—1, 42 Section; 2, 145 Section; 3, 21 Section.

Mixed boat race:—1, Bdr. Cummings; 2, Gnr. Blinko; 3, Bdr. Fyffe.

Mile handicap:—1, Bdr. Wyatt; 2, Bdr. Fyffe.

Obstacle race:—1, Lt. D. Cowie; 2, Bdr. Payne; 3, Bdr. Scott

Tug-of-war:—145 Section beat H.Q.

Sculling race:—1, B.Q.M.S. Walkey, Sgt. Wood W.; 2, Pte. Aldis, Bdr. Scott.

Quoits:—1, Cpl. Jones, Gnr. Tebbutt; 2, B.Q.M.S. Walkey, Gnr. Gourlay.

Visitors race, 220 yds. open:—1, Cpl. Ainscow, G Battery A.A.; 2, Cpl. Wiseman, G Battery A.A.

Winning Section on Points; 145 Section.

MR. JAMES DE ROTHSCHILD.

Serious Accident While Playing Gol at Deauville.

While playing golf at Deauville, Mr. James de Rothschild, son of Baron Edmond de Rothschild, was struck in the eye by a ball, which shattered his monocle, and necessitated the removal of his eye.

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Scottish Football League Results on Saturday were:—Aberdeen, 2, Albion Rovers, 1; Airdrionians, 0, Rangers, 1; Celtic, 3, Clydebank, 1; Dumbarton, 1, Ayr United, 1; Falkirk, 4, Raith Rovers, 1; Heart O'Midlothian, 3, Queens Park, 1; Kilmarnock, 2, Clyde, 1; Motherwell, 3, Dundee, 1; Patrick Thistle, 1, Greenock Morton, 1; St. Mirren, 2, Hamilton Academicals, 0; Third Lanark 2, Hibernians, 0.

BISHOP v. GENERAL.

At Peace Celebrations at Newport, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, Bishop Peterborough and General Seely, the Air Minister ran in a 100 yards race. Bishop Peterborough ran a dead heat for the third prize but General Seely was not placed.

ELEVEN MINUTES.

Tremendous Pulls In Western Division Competitions.

1st BRIGADE HEADS LIST.

What will probably be the last of the competitions for the Divisional "Skill-at-all Sports" Cup, open to the Western Division, took place on Saturday when as a result of the misrepresentation of the R.F.A. in the previous competition, the Tug-of-War was again contested.

Unfortunately the contests resulted in the death of one of the competitors. The tragedy occurred during the preliminary pull of the "heavies" between the teams of the 104th Bde. R.F.A., (representing Divisional Artillery) and the 1/6th Welsh, (representing Divisional Headquarters) and is fully dealt with in page 1.

As in the previous contest the R.F.A. teams experienced practically no difficulty in working through to the final, but again they met their match in the 1st Western Infantry Bde (represented by the 1/4th Cheshires). The pull was of twelve feet only, and, as usual, the two best out of three counted. The referee was Staff-Capt. Jacques, M.C.

The First Pull.

The first pull was between the "heavies" of the respective teams, and both being in great form, there was uncertainty as to the result. Eventually, however, after a pull lasting nearly eight minutes, the 1st Bde. was defeated.

The "lights" then faced each other, and immediately the command "Heave!" had been given, the 1st Bde. pulled their opponents inch by inch towards the mark, finally dragging them over after six minutes.

Following the example of the "lights," the 1st Bde. in the second bout of the "heavies" get down to it straight away, and splendidly coached by R.S.M. Martin, pulled with remarkable evenness, slowly but surely bringing their opponents over the mark.

Turn on the Rope.

After a few minutes rest the "lights" took up the rope to contest the second pull, and in the words of our American friends, it proved to be something "worth writing home about". For six minutes, there was not a movement on the rope except a slight vibration. Then, gradually, the disc in the centre began to move an inch to one side, then an inch to the other, the R.F.A. began to give, and in another two minutes they were within a foot of the rope. Then, realising their danger, the Gunners rallied, and for a few seconds it looked as if the 1st Bde. were about to lose all the ground they had gained. R.S.M. Martin, however, made the signal for the turn-on-the-rope, a manoeuvre which the team executed with the maximum of exactitude. Disconcerted by their opponents' lightning move, the R.F.A., despite the endeavours of their coach, went to pieces and eventually succumbed to the superiority of the 1st Bde. This pull lasted no less than eleven minutes.

R.F.A. Win.

The third and last pull of the "heavies" was much the same as the previous pulls, but, getting their opponents within a few inches of the mark, the 1st Bde. team were given the command to "turn" which the R.F.A. coach had been waiting for, and which he countered by the command "Heave!" at the critical point. The result, as was to be expected, was a victory for the R.F.A.

If, as stated previously the results will be judged on the tug-of-war, basket-ball, boxing, and aquatic sports, the Divisional Cup will go to the 1st Bde. (1/4th Cheshires representing) who have amassed the most points, but it is still undecided whether an athletic sports meeting is to be held or not.

Competition Results.

The result in points of the whole of the competition stands as follows:—

1st Western Inf. Bde. 78 points;
3rd Western Inf. Bde. 69 points;
Divisional Artillery .. 68 points;
2nd Western Inf. Bde. 59 points;
Divisional Headquarters 56 points.

CRICKET FRIENDLIES.

In a cricket friendly at Siegburg, on Friday, the 41st Labour Coy. defeated the 715 Labour Coy. their respective scores being 105 and 25. For the winners Pte. Donald scored 48 and Pte. Pilkingston 28.

At Bonn, the 218th Field Coy. R.E.'s (106) defeated the 74th R.A.S.C. (93). The R.E.'s batted first and made a poor start, but L/Cpl. Burrill and Croach did well, the former getting 52 runs and carrying his bat. Croach scored 28. The R.A.S.C. also commenced badly against the bowling of Bing and Croach, but Pte. Cooke by sound batting pulled the game round. Cooke carried his bat for a well played 47, which included 7 boundaries. Cpl. Burgess was the only other player to reach double figures.

An Enjoyable Game.

A match between the 29th Battalion M.G.C. (183) and X Corps (131) resulted in a very enjoyable game at Bonn last week. The M.G.C. batted first and put up an excellent show, making 183. Top scorers were: Cpl. Knight 45, Pte. Stone 28, Pte. James 26, and Pte. James 21. When Corps batted they seemed to be dogged by ill-luck. Players who usually reach the half century retired with small scores to their credit. Capt. Dickinson, the well-known army player, a brilliant innings of 81 not out.

LONDON DIVISION (170) v. VI CORPS (66) at Lindenthal on Sunday. For the winners Capt. Gibson was top scorer with 48, while Lieut.-Col. Barry secured 38, Capt. Tiegler 26, and Major Ankle 18, whilst Pte. Gorrad took 8 wickets for 16 runs. The highest score for the VI Corps (14) was made by Lieut. Carter and Major Turner was most successful with the ball.

UNUSUAL OBJECTION.

Outsider disqualified in two year old Selling Plate.

WINDSOR RESULTS.

There was an unusual objection at Windsor on Saturday. In the Manor T.Y.O. Selling Plate Kaloolah, the outsider of the five starters, took the lead after running a quarter of a mile and retained it to the end, finishing a head in front of Smoke Wreath, with the favourite, Over There, a neck further off. Whalley, the rider of Smoke Wreath, did not enter any protest, but Davis, the rider of Over There, objected to the winner on the ground of bumping and boring. No complaint was made against Smoke Wreath, so when the Stewards disqualified Kaloolah the race was awarded to Major Peel's colt, whilst Over There became second, and her owner shared in the surplus brought about by the sale of Smoke Wreath to Mr. Cash for 250 gns.

The following were the results at Windsor on Saturday:—

Clewer plate:— 1, Plunket (9-2); 2, Lady Peg (11-10 on); 3, Saffian (3-1).

Slough handicap:— 1, June Bird (3-1 on); 2, Bedplate. Two ran.

Windsor summer handicap:— 1, Charley's Aunt (5-2); 2, Dinah Morris (11-8); 3, Double Or Quits (3-1).

Manor selling plate:— 1, Smoke Wreath (5-2); 3, Over There (2-1); 3, Lady Charity (5-1).

Meadow welter handicap:— 1, Potentilla (11-4); 2, Tom Powrie (8-1); 3, C.P. (6-4).

Rotschild plate:— 1, King Eber (7-4 on); 2, Croix de Guerre (5-1); 3, Pampean (9-4).

DEAUVILLE GRAND PRIX RESULT.

The following was the result of the Deauville Grand Prix run on Sunday:—

Verdier 1
Pesage 2
Gagnant 3

Pari-Mutuel (10 francs): Verdier win 135 francs, place 59 francs.

SHRUBB v TROTTING HORSE.

World's Champion Runner Defeated By 1¾ Laps.

Shrubb, the world's champion runner competed with a trotting horse, Kitty M. at Horsham on Saturday on a five miles course. The horse won by a lap and three quarters in 26 mins 1 sec. Shrubb's time was 28 mins 8⅕ secs.

COLOGNE POST COMPETITION.

Latest Matches.

17th LANCERS (222 for 5) v. ARMY H.Q. SIG. COY. (50). Capt. Boles played a fine innings of 76, Capt. Stanyforth scored 38, and Lieut. Cooke 42 for 17th Lancers. For Army Sigs. Pte. Croot scored 16.

21st BDE. R.G.A. (132) v. IX CORPS TROOPS M.T. COY. (35) at Klein Büllesheim. For the Gunners, Capt. Barlow batted steadily for 35, whilst Dvr. Etchells (29), Gnr. Alcock (16), and Dvr. Lard (16) also played well. The M.T. Coy. did very little against the bowling of Capt. Barlow and Gnr. Littlewood, the former taking 5 wickets for 6 runs and the latter 5 for 19.

1/6th WEST YORKS (109) v. SOUTHERN DIV. M.T. COY. (26). For the Yorks Pte. Gibbon and Pte. Foley batted well to former making 33 and the latter 21 while Pte. Carr took 6 wickets for 10 runs, and Pte. Andrews 4 for 14.

COLOGNE NORTHERN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
29 M.G.C.	23	22	1		44§
1/6 West Yorks	20	19	1		38§
London Div. M.T. Coy.	22	17	5		34§
75 Bde. R.F.A.	20	14	6		28§
1/5 West Yorks	19	14	5		28§
Maps 4 F.S. Bn.	18	12	5	1	25§
1/4 York and Lanc.	17	12	5		24§
C/113 Bde. R.F.A.	17	11	6		22§
2/4 Hants Regt.	17	11	6		22§
31 Labour Group	18	10	8		20§
11 Corps H.Q.	15	10	5		20§
Southern Div. M.T. Coy.	19	9	10		18§
51 R. Warwick	16	8	8		16§+
52 R. Warwick	13	8	5		16§+
420 Siege Bty.	16	7	9		14§+
88 Field Amb.	20	6	14		12§+
53 R. Warwick	12	6	6		12§
237 Field Coy.	14	5	9		10§

§ Games awarded for scratched matches.
+ Games lost by default.

Please Note:—18th Field Ambulance have withdrawn from Euskirchen league and 53 d Sherwood Foresters from the Cologne Town League.

1st WEST YORKS SWEEPSTAKE.

Those wishing to take part in the 1st West Yorks Regt. Sweepstake have no time to lose as the sale of tickets will conclude on Wednesday morning. Tickets are on sale at the N.A.C.B. Officers Club, Cologne, and at the British Empire Leave Club, at 5 marks each. The draw will take place on Wednesday in the Biekendorf School Theatre and will be preceded by a concert at 1800 hours.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

"The Darts" Again.

The "Darts" concert Party gave a performance at Zülpich on Friday night. The success of the evening went to the girl impersonator who rendered several good numbers, one entitled "Helen of Troy" was particularly good. To conclude the programme a humorous sketch was given entitled "Demobilization."

"The Rascals" At Bonn.

After several successful shows at Horrem, "The Rascals," the Cav. Div. M.T. Coy. Party, are on tour and are playing this week at the Stadt Theatre, Bonn. Their first performance last night was very successful. Jack Knight, the comedian, and the other members of the caste were in excellent form. The staging and general effects were good, and the production all round is well worth seeing.

The "Crumps."

The Crumps gave an exceptionally good show at the "Casino," Euskirchen, last week playing to full houses. In view of their success it was suggested that they should play for the remainder of the week, but unfortunately they were due to appear at Cochenheim, Walberberg and Brühl on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. They will pay a return visit to Cologne this week with an entirely new programme at the Palace Theatre.

Wanted a Pianist.

I heard a good story at the Deutsches Theatre the other evening. It appeared that the accompanist had failed to make an appearance and the audience was clamouring for some rag-time airs by way of an overture. The stage manager was approached and asked if he knew of a pianist in the audience. He thought he did. "Good! Sling the blighter up here," said the questioner. The stage manager looked perturbed. "I'm sorry," he said, "I can't—it's Backhaus!"

Officers' Jazz Band.

Have you heard of the 92nd Bde. R.G.A. Officers' Jazz Band? No! then what a treat you have missed. They performed at a smoker and impromptu given at 223 S. Bty. Billets, Aloysianum Schools, Opladen, on Friday evening, and their efforts were warmly appreciated. After an enjoyable concert given by the men of the Battery, "The Prongs," (92nd Bde. R.G.A. Concert Party) who had already given a show at Burscheid that evening, gave a few of their most popular numbers. Pte. J. Robinson gave "Jimmy" Gnr. McO'Bayman "Liza" and Sig. E.J. Batey, L/Cpl. Castle and Gnr. J.A. Wade all gave of their best.

Leave Club Concert.

The Band of the 51st Leicestershire Regt. under the direction of Ernest W. Goss, F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M. gave a delightful concert at the B.E.L.C. on Sunday evening. The programme was a very varied one the orchestral selections including a March "Eyes Front" by Howells, "The Bohemians" by Le Duc' "La Coquette" by Laurent and "The Rustic Wedding" by Rimmer. Variations on "My old Kentucky Home" by Rimmer in which the euphonium solo part was extremely well played by Cpl. A.E. Terry proved a very popular item. C.Q.M.S. Atkins's songs were received with great enthusiasm. Perhaps his greatest success was "Snipmate o'Mine." Sgt. Harris sang "Nirvana" with great effect. There were two violinists, Sgt. Dmr. W.E. Coward and Cpl. Rossi both of whom are accomplished musicians and played very well. Cpl. Rossi was much applauded after his performance of "Scene de Ballet" and had to give an encore, as also did Sgt. Dmr. Coward later on in the evening.

In Few Words.

The Starlights tour is, I believe, proving very successful.

The joke about the little dog and the fire-proof safe that caused such laughter in "Well I'm!—!!" has since appeared in a German weekly.

"The Crumps" (London Division Concert Party) are at the Palace Theatre, Cologne, this week.

JACQUES.

FOOTBALL IN PYJAMAS.

Rollicking Roffers Meet Persevering Parkers in Amusing Game.

An interesting "football match" took place at Merscheid last week between the Rollicking Roffers and the Persevering Parkers, Light Divisional M.T. Coy.

Lieuts. Roff and Parker led their men on to the field and the teams lined up like gladiators. Lieuts. Roff and Parker were tastefully attired as Pierrots, and Lieut. Kay looked sweet in a pyjama suit. The referee—Lieut. Hopkinson—came prepared for all emergencies, with boxing gloves and field dressings tied to his waist.

Where all played well, it is unwise to particularize, but Sergt.-Major Spreadborough in the Parkers' goal played a sound game, apart from a tendency to stray into the forward line. No goals were scored, but the Parkers must be considered the losers, inasmuch as they received more injuries than they inflicted.

FRIENDLY "FOOTER."

"A" Coy. 32nd. Bn. M.G. Corps. v. "D" Battery 161 Bde. R.F.A.

The above teams played a friendly game of football at Niederpeis last week. In spite of the extreme warmth, both teams thoroughly enjoyed the game. The Machine Gunners soon commenced their old tactics of making a swift and sudden attack, and in ten minutes had scored the first goal. The game proceeded until half time without any more goals. The artillery were getting little chance to approach the Machine Gunners goal owing to the excellent play of the backs and half backs, who skilfully frustrated any attempt to score on the part of the battery. Half time score was 1—Nil in favour of the Gunners.

In the second half the Battery fared no better and were still unsuccessful in attempting to stem the attacks of the Machine Gunners who, owing to a wise distribution of their men, played with splendid co-operation and effected a good defence of their goal. C. S. M. Robinson, Sgts. Goldring and Scobbie contributed to the general success of the Gunners by their speedy footwork and alertness. The game produced no more goals until 4 minutes before the whistle blew. Pte. Airton the Machine Gunners left back took the ball down the field through half the Battery's defence and scored with a splendid long shot, thus giving the Machine Gunners a win by 2 goals to Nil. The Artillerymen, though playing against odds, played a sportsmanlike and steady game, and contributed to the general enjoyment of the game.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

On Holiday.

Lane and Childs are going to France on holiday in the course of a day or two.

Varsity Captains.

The University cricket captains for next year will be D. J. Knight at Oxford, and G. E. C. Wood at Cambridge.

Three Day Cricket.

Like Derbyshire, the Warwickshire County Committee has decided to vote in favour of three-day fixtures for 1920 at the Advisory meeting to be held on Tuesday next.

For Notts Forest.

Bulling, who was on Watford's list of players, has been transferred to Nottingham Forest. The Southern League club offered him the maximum wage, but business interests in Nottingham caused him to make the change.

Ideal World's Team.

Several correspondents have asked me to give my Ideal World's Team since 1880 (writes Sir Home Gordon, Bt. in the "Daily Express".) I comply, but believe my selection varies considerably from others suggested. W. G. Grace, Hobbs, K. S. Ranjitsinhji, V. Trumper, W. L. Murdoch, A. G. Steel, Lockwood, Lohmann, J. McCarthy, Blackham, F. R. Spofforth, and Peate.

An Epsom Trainer.

Nightingall, who trained at Epsom before joining the Army, has again got a string together, and has taken up his old quarters at the Chalet.

N. Z. Victory.

The New Zealand Service Rugby team, touring in South Africa, beat a team representing the Witwatersrand at Johannesburg by 6 points to nil.

Juvenile Success.

The Lancashire F.A. has adopted a scheme for the proper organization of juvenile football in the county, and has offered challenge cups for competition. Players are not to exceed 19 years of age.

Kent Cricketers Memorial.

The memorial on the Canterbury Cricket Ground to Kent cricketers who fell in the war will be unveiled by Lord George Hamilton on the afternoon of Saturday August 23. There will be a match that day between the Kent Club and Ground and the Band of Brothers.

An Irish Catch.

A 300lb. catch has been made in an hour and a quarter at Ballycotton, co. Cork, by Mr. A. Newton and Mr. R. Blair of the British Sea Anglers' Society (London). The captures included four fine specimen fish—a 23½lb. cod, a 32lb. ling, a 14lb. pollack and a 30lb. conger.

A. and N. Stores Sports.

Next Saturday the Victoria (Army and Navy Stores) Athletic Association will hold an athletic meeting at Herne Hill.

The Happiest Team.

It is too early in the year for any club to assume greatness, but the Arsenal lay claim to having the happiest team in the country.

Big and Brawny.

An impression gained at their first practice game was that West Ham will turn out the biggest, brawniest team that has represented the Upton Park Club in recent years.

Speedy Animals.

The swiftest dog in the world, the Russian wolfhound, has made record runs that show twenty four yards to the second, while the gazelle has shown measured speed of more than twenty-seven yards a second.

Thames Fry Mortality.

While fishing Hampton Deeps an angler met with thousands of small dead fish floating down stream—dace, roach and other fry. The fish seemed to make the river white at one spot, but above a certain point all was wel. The Thames Conservancy has been informed of the mysterious mortality, and are investigating it.

Burned to Death.

While on its way to Wantage, a filly by Beppo was burned to death owing to its box catching fire.

Cabman's Holiday.

Donoghue is taking a holiday this week, which includes his visit to Ireland to ride Diadem at The Curragh. He expects to be back for Hurst Park.

Ju-Jitsu.

Japanese children begin to study ju-jitsu in their earliest years, for it is a system of physical culture, hygiene, and ethics, besides being a form of self-defence and offence.

Army Cycle Bargains.

Extraordinary bargains were obtained at a sale of 2,000 Army cycles at Olympia. Lots of three machines went at from £9 to £11 10s.; lots of five fetched £14 to £18; and lots of ten £27 to £34; and lots of twenty from £35 to £64. Machines sold singly ranged between £4 10s. and £7.

Most Entertaining Batsman.

It might be said without much fear of contradiction that Hitch is the most entertaining batsman of the present day. He is even more likely to do the unexpected than was Jessop, for whereas Jessop would always hit any ball which gave him half an excuse, there is never any telling what Hitch may do.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Serious Pleasure.

Those who make much use of the swimming baths in and about Cologne will probably have been struck by the absence of the rollicking fun not uncommon in English establishments. The average German takes his pleasures as seriously as his meals. Again, the German style of swimming is usually solid rather than showy. Turning to rowing, one cannot help feeling that some good coaches might find profitable employment in Rhineland. Most of the fours one sees on the river row badly and have very little style. And why is there so little sailing on the glorious river?

Cologne's Churches.

Architecture has been defined as "frozen music," and no doubt many of the music lovers in the Rhine Army have an eye for beauty of form as well as an ear for beauty of sound. It may not be generally realised that Cologne possesses one of the most remarkable and homogeneous groups of churches in Europe — we are speaking of buildings of the Romesque style, the growth of which may be studied from such solemn and beautiful early churches as St. Maria im Capitol and the Apostles' Church, to its latest expression in St. Kuniberts. The Dom, apart from its magnificent choir, offers much less of interest than many a little-known church in Cologne.

For Punishment!

During the week-end residents of Cologne had a good opportunity of seeing some really smart English howitzers, for the best four six inch guns in the Corps were up for inspection in the Stiftsplatz. All the competing batteries were very keen, as was proved by the bright steel and brasswork, and general smart appearance. Civilians were very interested, as was demonstrated by the large crowds, and many comments were passed on the various turnouts. They were very hazy as to the object of the demonstration, for one, when told that the best gun would be awarded a prize remarked, "Oh, I thought these soldiers were doing it for punishment!"

A Fräulein's Task.

The other day was to be seen a striking example of the difference between the German and English idea of what is fitting. A Frau going on a visit made her servant drag her luggage about for miles, to the railway station, the road being exceptionally hilly, even for the Rhineland while the day was hot. On arrival at the station the servant looked so exhausted that she could scarcely struggle up the steps with her load. Then she tramped back home again, dragging the empty truck. Can we imagine an English maid performing such a task, especially when it was by no means impossible to send the luggage by means of a cart!

Floating Cafés.

An excellent idea in Germany appears to be the floating cafés that are to be found on the rivers. These are to be seen on the Rhine frequently and apparently are made up from demobilized barges. A large part of the staging is roofed in and used for cold or hot baths, but a portion at the side is fenced off and left open for the purpose of teas, ices, minerals, etc. and it is very pleasant to sit at the little tables taking refreshment rocked into drowsy contentment by the Rhine. Surely something of this sort would be a boon as well as a profitable enterprise to the promoter in England, say, off Westminster or the upper Reaches of the Thames.

A Big Haul.

At Engelskirchen is a shallow lake formed by water running down from the hills near by. This lake is situated on one side of the road, and on the other side, where the land lies lower than the bed of the lake runs a stream. The lake is connected to the stream by a tunnel built underneath the road — the water being held in the lake by sluice gates at the end of the tunnel nearest the lake On Sunday last these sluice gates were opened and in about three hours a large portion of the bed of the lake was above water and as the lake contains a great number of fish many hundreds were left on the land out of the water and soon expired in the hot sun. After the lake had been left in this condition for a few hours the gates were then closed and gradually the lake began to re-fill. The dead fish then floated on the surface of the water and were collected by some of the German inhabitants. Thus a good "catch" was made.

The German Way.

An amusing incident, well illustrating the all-powerfulness of the uniformed official in Germany, was recently enjoyed by occupants of a tram running Lindenthal way. A young German, emulating the practice followed by so many of our men, boarded a tram while it was in motion, whereupon he was vociferously denounced and harangued by the conductor who appeared to be very liverish. To escape the tirade the civilian descended at the next stop and boarded one of the forward platforms. He had, however, been ordered off the whole tram for breaking the rules and authority would not wink at his simply changing from one platform to another. Therefore authority went forward and again harangued. For five minutes were we treated to this pantomime, but it finally ended by the tram moving off with a triumphant conductor and an amused crowd while a discomfited and exceedingly angry sans-uniform being was left, gesticulating, to wait for the next tram at a "haltestelle."

Battlefield Postcards.

It must be with mixed feelings that the Germans see the postcards now on sale in many of the shops of the various sections and devastated villages on the old battle front. True, some of the views are quite interesting and impressive and would indeed be a commemorative souvenir to most of us, but on the other hand several of them are hideous and of a most gruesome nature, depicting trenches full of dead, etc. Surely the Germans have more respect for their "Glorious Dead" when it is considered such an honour to die for the Fatherland.

As Souvenirs.

It is of course natural that anyone going home should wish to buy souvenirs of their stay in Rhineland for relations and friends, but it is not easy to make a judicious choice that will represent value for money, and one needs to be wary. Some of the things that can be bought at reasonably cheap rates are ivory, fashioned into napkin rings, brooches etc., and bead bags for ladies are not over-priced. The figures asked for amber necklaces are not excessive, provided one knows how to discriminate between the real and the false.

Lesser Echoes.

Better and better! We hear from the 51st Bedfords that their Battalion subscribed 73,200 marks for War Savings Certificates for the week ending 2nd August, and 49,600 marks for week ending 9th August. This week they expect even bigger results.

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As an officer of the 1st Battn. Machine Gun Corps remarks, "Every little helps." His unit's contribution to War Savings this week is the useful sum of 17,000 marks.

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152 Heavy Battery R.G.A. has sustained the loss of a most efficient and popular N.C.O. in B.S.M. Sanders, who has left for England, time-expired. He was never once absent from duty in action at the guns from April 1916 until the war ended.

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With the introduction of Pay and Mess Book and the consequent withdrawal of A.B. 64, the latter will cease to be a means of a soldier's identification. Warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men will therefore in future wear their identity discs at all times.

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"Blighty Corner". — This is what a little ice-cream shop in a certain street of Cologne calls itself. There is a café at Deutz which advertises itself as the "meeting place of good fellows." And one of the big shops in Cologne calls its tea-room an "agreeable abode," and offers hot and cold plates."

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to: Pte. S. Corbey, 6 R. West Kent Rgt. Rhine Army; Cpl. Wigney British Armistice Commission, Rhine Army; and Signaller J. B. McDonnell 443 Siege Bty. R.G.A., Rhine Army.

CIVIS ROMANUS SUM.

In the olden days of the famous Roman Empire, all who had the right to claim citizenship therewith, enjoyed complete freedom from the various unpleasant restrictions that neighbouring states were accustomed to impose upon their inhabitants.

A man who could say "Civis Romanus Sum" was accounted of some importance because of the wholesome reverence and esteem, which existed among the lesser nationalities for the powerful Roman Empire.

We Englishmen, whom destiny has chosen as workers at Cologne in "mufti," are in a somewhat similar position to the citizens of ancient Rome, inasmuch-as we can say "I am an Englishman," when accosted for our night-pass, or questioned upon entering a railway carriage reserved for military only.

There is a difference, however, for whereas a Roman citizen was invariably recognised as such, we have frequently to declare our identity to our fellow citizens because we no longer wear the uniform of a soldier. It is a strange feeling, after having held command in the field, to board a Cologne tram realising fully that unless we choose to speak, we shall pass in the eyes of the British soldier as foreigners. Not only as foreigners, but as fellow-countrymen of our late enemy.

Although it is undoubtedly a strain to live here in the midst of our own countrymen feeling that the onus lies upon our shoulders to prove we are Englishmen, there are many amusing incidents which occur here to make up for the feeling of depression which inevitably haunts the civilian from time to time.

The writer recollects an experience which once befell him. Having got into conversation with an officer on the return journey from Bonn to Cologne, he arranged to spend the late afternoon and evening with this said officer at a music hall.

On the way to the hall, two other officers joined the party, the writer not being formally introduced. We all four repaired to the place and enjoyed thoroughly the entertainment — and the wine.

On leaving, it was decided to dine at the officers' club, but when the writer and his first acquaintance reached the club, the other two were nowhere to be seen. Possibly they had found more attractive fish to fry.

After dinner, we two strolled out again into the street, and the writer was cordially greeted by a personal friend of his on the Provost Marshal's Staff; the missing officers were also present.

A little later on, these two made a full apology to the writer for having gone off to the A.P.M. to report that a German spy had taken them to a music-hall, and was now dining with an officer at the club, and would the officials send along a representative to arrest him as he left the entrance.

My informants, I believe, experienced a sensation of wishing to sink through the floor on finding that I was a personal acquaintance of the man whom they imagined would arrest me. Anyway we all celebrated the event on the following night, and are now the best of friends!

MUFTI.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Why?—The embargo on the movement of muzzled dogs is asked for.

His Selection.—Eddie McGoorty has selected training quarters at Stanmore.

Stole the Carpet.—Highgate burglars took a Turkey carpet away with them.

A Plum Skin.—A plum skin has been responsible for a Hammersmith boy's death.

Rush for Fruit—The heat wave has caused a rush for fruits of all sorts.

The New Mascot.—Tiny Indian elephants are offered for sale as pets in London.

Trouble in Silesia.—Social revolts have broken out in Silesia.

Thanks.—Clapham postmen decline to solicit Christmas boxes.

Not For Britain—The report that Herr Eduard Bernstein will become German Ambassador in England is not confirmed.

Repairing the Scars.—London defence trenches on the Surrey Hills are being filled in.

Disabled Inspect Big Ben.—Disabled men learning watch and clock repairing have been shown Big Ben's works.

Another Miracle.—A London Hippodrome stagehand who lost his speech on the Somme in September 1916, has regained it.

Bishop Dead.—The Bishop of Lincoln who has died was to have resigned on September 1.

A Pastime Indeed.—The great Sunday pastime in Belgium is said to be going to the front.

Havoc with Crops.—The intense heat is playing havoc with English root crops.

The Only Way.—The Board of Agriculture is being pressed to extend the muzzling order with regard to dogs.

The Need.—Supermen of economy and not supermen of extravagance is said to be the need of the hour.

The New Watchwords.—Retrenchment and production is the policy sought after by the Government.

Anxious.—German traders view with a certain amount of misgiving the prospective departure of many British troops.

Weekly Doles.—It is said that fifteen million families in Europe are receiving unemployment allowances.

No Liner for Him.—Major Morgan, M.P. having been ordered a long sea voyage s leaving England on a "tramp."

Financial Peril.—At home public alarm regarding the financial situation is growing every day.

A Bridesmaid Again.—Princess Mary is to act as bridesmaid to Lady Helena Cambridge at her wedding.

Back Again.—With two of the old company in the caste, the Follies are back in London again.

Anything will do.—A disused pottery kiln has been converted into a house in Shropshire.

Their Choice.—Boys have bathed under the fountain in Trafalgar Square during the last few days.

Houses for All.—Over four thousand housing schemes are before the Health Ministry.

His Mistake.—A London taxi-cab driver made the mistake of refusing to drive a police inspector.

The Dears—There is less prospect of a strike of waitresses, the position being more hopeful.

The Light Fantastic.—Municipal dances are to be held at Acton controlled by an official M.C.

The Kettle Boiled.—Much timber has been destroyed near Canterbury through a fire caused by a tramp boiling a kettle.

Avoid the Shops.—An Ilford war widow has demonstrated that she can buy cheaper at stalls in the market than at the shops

Train Smash.—An express train from Paris to Bordeaux collided with a leave train near Blainville.

Sale of Motor Firm.—It is said that the Daimler Motor Company has been sold to an American firm.

In the Open Air.—At Lyons hundreds of people are sleeping out of doors on account of the heat.

Looking Ahead.—In order to perfect food transport in the event of a railway strike, the Ministry of Food is consulting registers of motor-vehicles.

Perhaps.—The Prime Minister spent the week end in the country. Is this a sign that the railway situation is hopeful?

No Support.—In at least one Yorkshire township the proposed peace celebrations fell through owing to lack of support.

Dolphins.—The silly season correspondence in at least one newspaper takes the form of an argument about dress at the seaside.

The Australian Way.—Returned Australian soldiers are demanding the deportation of all foreigners from the Kalgoorlie Goldfields.

Your Chance.—The Prime Minister is said to be looking out for men who can cut down expenditure in Government departments.

No Change.—The appearance of Lord Rawlinson on the Archangel front does not mean that the military policy in that quarter has been changed.

New Wireless Station.—The construction of a new wireless station has been commenced at Bordeaux. It will be the most powerful station in the world.

Royal Second "Loot".—Prince Henry, from gentleman cadet at Sandhurst, is gazetted Second Lieutenant in the King's Royal Rifles.

NOTES FROM LONDON TOWN.

WAY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

In new offices taken over by the Government recently, blinds were asked for to keep out the sun, which poured in all day, making work impossible. Black blinds were sent. It was pointed out that they were useless, as they excluded all light, and they were eventually removed. After many vain written applications to the Board of Works, appeal was made by telephone. Workmen promptly appeared a day or two ago and began hammering. Asked whether they had come about the blinds, they said, "No; they were putting the hot water pipes in order."

BRITISH HAIR FAMINE.

One of the minor tragedies of the war has been that the wig makers found their hair supplies cut off. Clarkson's, the famous perruquiers in Wardour-street, say that the great hair markets of pre-war days were the Central Empires. During the war, though the Italian market was open, tonnage could not be spared for wigs. Just, before the war, however, Mr. Willie Clarkson acquired two tons of hair, and this, with a large reserve, saved the stage from wiglessness. There is practically no hair to be had in England or the Colonies as "English people are too proud of their hair to sell it." Here is the possibility for a new home industry.

YOUTH IN POSSESSION.

One of the most entertaining, as well as one of the wholesomest, sights in London at present is the army of naked urchins in Trafalgar-square. It must be a gross breach of every regulation sacred to Scotland Yard for the primitive youth of the back streets to swarm into the very heart of "streaming London's central roar," strip themselves to the skin, project themselves into the basins, chase one another in and out of the crowd, stretch themselves flat to dry in the sun, or scramble for the pennies thrown by envious spectators from the parapet opposite the National Gallery. Someone has clearly hinted to the police force to turn their blind eye on Trafalgar-square. Whoever he may be, I congratulate him on his good sense and the humanity of his sympathy with overheated youth.

SEASIDE AND CITY TAN.

It is easy to distinguish the returning from the departing holiday-maker at the railway stations. Not that the tired town dweller has this year quite as jaded an appearance as usual—the heat wave has seen to it that he departs with a preliminary coating of tan. But it is not the tan of his returning brothers and sisters. The Londoner departs for the sea with a pleasing brown complexion. But it is nothing to the brick-red with which he, and particularly she returns. Contemporary feminine costume affords more scope for the tanning process, and the glare of sea and sky is reflected on beetroot necks and vermilion arms. But the real difference between those with a holiday before them and those returning is one of expression. On the one side all eagerness; on the other that look of being swept up again into the daily round while the blue sea is still in their mind's eye.

WASTED ENERGY.

Have you ever realised the cost of the garden path not being wide enough for the wheelbarrow to pass under the pergola? It means 40 or 50 feet journey round by the goldfish pond to the rubbish heap. This adds anything up to a minute to the time required. The latest Reconstruction Pamphlet, "The Uses of Costings," takes up this burning question scientifically. For instance, is it worth while to have afternoon tea for five at a cost of 350 feet of running about (70 foot per cup-run in technical jargon) as well as 35 minutes of the maid's time? The pamphlet suggests that instead of keeping the tray in the cupboard, the silver in the dining-room, the tea caddy on the shelf high up, and running about collecting paraphernalia generally, the really scientific housewife would have a table on wheels, an electric stove, and cakes, milk and tea in get-at-able spots; 350 feet can thus be reduced to 34 feet. Even worse is the case of the garden path too narrow to allow the coal man's cart to enter. The result is that the cart waits outside, that the coal is carried on the man's back, 1,000 hours of labour are wasted every 100 years, and the cost of coal goes up.

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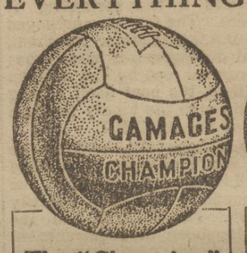

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PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE DISCUSSES FUTURE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

PREMIER'S SPEECH.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE TOUCHES MANY SUBJECTS.

Mr. Lloyd George's eagerly-awaited speech was made in the House of Commons on Monday evening. He said that whilst at the Peace Conference, he met many experts from many lands and discussed the industrial position throughout the world. There were many things he feared which never occurred and many apprehensions dispelled by events.

On the other hand, many circumstances had shown themselves of magnitude of which all Governments must take notice. He proposed to place before Parliament and the country serious suggestions and proposals, which the Government had formulated, to deal with the many difficulties, and he asked that the country would realise the gravity of the position and give fair, impartial consideration to the suggestions, realising that the future of the land depended upon the way Parliament attempted to deal with the difficulties. All personal considerations must be put aside and it should be remembered that all should do their best to help the country. Trade was steadily improving, but they had their worst troubles to face.

Public Expenditure.

Referring to expenditure, he said the one way to meet it was to increase the output, yet this was less in every direction, save agriculture. As to the Army and Navy, he wanted everybody to assume that they were cutting down the cost to the lowest figure. The cardinal fact of the moment, however, was that they were not paying their way.

Production had decreased in a way which was serious for the future of the country. What were the causes? The first was due to the change from war to peace conditions. The world was suffering from shell shock on a great scale. The reduction of hours of work was another cause and there was evidence in some industries of a deliberate slowing down due to the fallacy that the less work one did the more there would be for others. That was ruinous policy and he said to employers, and workmen, "get rid of it."

As to war weariness, that could be cured only by the people themselves and he thought they had only to be convinced of the fact to throw off that fatal lethargy which was depressing production and imperilling the nation. The advice he gave to all concerned was to look facts squarely in the face, because they would never get a real answer to the question of depressed production unless they came to understand that labour had benefitted in recent years; wages were more than doubled and hours of work reduced.

He did not contend that the last word had been said as to hours and wages. A Bill had been prepared providing for eighty-four hours a week in all industries as well as improvement in the conditions of living. It was also desirable to give the workers more real financial interests in industry, though profit sharing had been discredited by trades unions because of the possibility of being used against them. They must also remove the apprehension of the workers in regard to unemployment, which was a nightmare.

The Coal Question.

Concerning the coal commission, the Government had been deeply impressed by the evidence of the social conditions of the miners, which, they thought, should be remedied as speedily as possible. They proposed to organise a fund for that particular purpose. They also proposed to submit to Parliament a scheme for the purchase of mineral rights, but the state should not purchase business mines. Steps would be taken to amalgamate the mines in particular, with a view to preventing waste.

Dealing with agriculture, the Prime Minister said he would shortly submit schemes to agriculturists which would restore the industry to the condition it was in forty years ago. He did not wish to anticipate the report of the Agricultural Commission, but he could not imagine any report which did not recommend the continuance of guaranteed payment to farmers, justifying continued efforts. The Government was asked to cut down the estimates. He wanted those who urged that to remember the vital British interests involved in various parts of the world. Until those questions were settled they could not reduce expenditure to normal, though considerable reductions were possible.

Army Estimates.

Regarding army estimates, it must be remembered that the cost of armaments had gone up enormously. The first and fundamental condition of economy was that those who promoted the League of Nations would show confidence in it. If they increased armaments, it was a sham, and would be a scrap of paper. Britain was ready; let all nations do likewise. The conditions at the moment were grave, but they could be redeemed by action. They were suffering enormously from under-production and not living within their means.

WAR MINISTER AT LEAVE CLUB.

MR. CHURCHILL IMPRESSED.

On Monday, at 12.30, the British Empire Leave Club was visited by the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, M.P., Secretary of State for War, and the following members of the Army Council:—Field Marshal Sir H. H. Wilson, C.I.G.S., Lt.-Gen. Sir G.M.W. MacDonough, Adjt. Gen., Maj. Sir A.H.M. Sinclair, Military Secretary, Col. W. E. Pitt Taylor, Military Assistant, Maj. Sir B. F. Burnett Hitchcock, Director of Mobilization, Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton, and Lt.-Gen. Sir Philip Chetwode, Military Secretary to the Secretary of State.

They were accompanied by the Commander-in-Chief, Sir William Robertson and the following ladies:—Mrs. Winston Churchill, Lady Chetwode, Countess of Pembroke and Montgomery, and the Hon. Mrs. Rupert Beckett. The club wore its usual air of life and gaiety when the visitors arrived. They were received by Miss Decima Moore, who showed them round. The Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill showed great interest in the club, and was vastly impressed by the number of men that use it, and the wonderful variety of entertainments that are provided for them. The party was shown the restaurant where the tables were laid for a three-course dinner, the library, the billiard rooms, etc, and finally the theatre where everything was ready for the cinema performance which would be followed by a dance for the men.

"BOLSHIES" BEATEN.

DRIVEN OUT OF ODESSA BY THE POPULACE.

A War Office communiqué to-day states that the latest information from South Russia indicates little change on the Eastern half of General Denikin's front, North of Kamishin. Fierce Bolshevists attacks, have failed to obtain success.

There has been progress on the Don front across Kamishin. Bala railway and Lemishkino were occupied with the capture of 700 prisoners.

On the Northern front, volunteers pushed on to Krasnenkaya and after the re-occupation of Novokhpersk, on Denikin's Western front, a general advance took place. Krmenchug, an important town on the Dneiper was occupied and the railway junction Znamanka captured. Further South, volunteers advancing West met little opposition.

Anti-Bolshevist revolts are reported in the whole area opposite the West part of Denikin's front. Bolshevists are said to have been driven out of Odessa by the populace and peasants and they have evacuated Kiev and all Ukraine.

RAILWAY RED LAMP.

GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CONCEDE MEN'S DEMANDS.

The Government on Monday made an offer of increased wages to railway engine drivers, firemen and cleaners. In the case of drivers, the increase averages 19s. 6d. a week, but the offer does not concede the demands made by the men. The offer was submitted to a conference on Monday night, which sent a communication to the Government asking for an immediate meeting to discuss the whole matter.

CUSTOMS ACT.

SIR JOHN SIMON PROPOSES TO TESTS ITS LEGALITY.

Sir John Simon has written a letter stating that he proposes to test the legality of the Government's action in excluding foreign goods under the Customs Consolidation Act. He proposes to do this by importing, without licence, goods embargoed by the Board of Trade. He will bring goods from Spain, where he now is, and will sell them in England.

SOME STRIKES OVER.

Several strikes ended on Monday at Hull. The trawlers strike, which had lasted eleven weeks, ended in the engineers deciding to return to work on the terms offered by the employers in June. The paper tube makers at Castleton, Lancashire, the teachers at Heywood and the miners at the Lochore Collieries, Firth of Forth, have also resumed. The teachers agreed to arbitration and the others accepted the terms offered.

THE PRINCE'S TOUR.

The Prince of Wales arrived at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Sunday on the Dragon and entered the city on Monday. A civic holiday was proclaimed and an enthusiastic welcome given to His Royal Highness.

MORE VISITORS.

Y.M.C.A. HEADS AT COLOGNE: LORD ASKWITH ON LABOUR UNREST.

The great hall of the Central Y.M.C.A., Cologne, was crowded with an audience of nearly 3,000 men on Monday evening to welcome Lord Askwith, the acting Treasurer of the National Y.M.C.A., and well know as an arbitrator in many industrial disputes; Sir Arthur Yapp K.B.E., the Commander-in-Chief of the National Headquarters and the one time Food Controller, and Mr. Oliver McCowen, C.B.E., the Chief of the great movement with the British Expeditionary Force since 1914.

There were present on the platform Doctor Francis, who presided, Mr. W. Ashley, the Chief of the Y.M.C.A. with the Rhine Army, the Rev. A. D. Mackenzie of the Central, and the Rev. George Kendall C.F. The meeting had for objects to see at first hand the work that has been carried out in Rhineland, and to prepare for the demobilization of the various centres in the near future. Doctor Francis introduced the speakers, the first of whom was Lord Askwith, saying, "We all know that it was the Y.M.C.A. who won the war."

Lord Askwith's Speech.

Lord Askwith said that they had been touring France demobilizing the Y.M.C.A.'s there, and were now doing the same in Rhineland. Demobilization was proceeding with great rapidity, owing to a feeling that a quick change must be made in the habits of the Government.

He thought that the papers at home, with an eye to the picturesque, magnified our labour troubles. The whole of Britain was not in a state of tumult and anarchy. Before he came to Cologne he had had a long talk with Mr. J. H. Thomas, Secretary of the N.U.R., and they both came to a close agreement on many points. The chief was that only by national unity could they get the country out of her present difficulties. They must all pull together and try to keep the old country on the top. They must try to enforce national economy and see that the Government cut down their extravagance first of all, and so set an example to the people. They must kill the doctrine of "Direct Action" unless the questions at issue were really of the highest importance to the nation as a whole.

He prophesied a non-settled state of things and that the Labour Congress in September would vote solidly against strikes and call for united action to increase production.

First "Y.M." in Havre.

Mr. Oliver McCowen said that he came out in 1914, and saw the first Y.M.C.A. hut erected at Havre. He had been with the boys all through the campaign and paid a striking tribute to their heroism and cheerfulness under the most appalling conditions. They had been true gentlemen. He had had several thousand ladies working for him in the huts in France and other parts, but he had never known one complaint of rudeness shown to them. After he was demobilized he was going to organise Y.M.C.A.'s in all the towns and villages in England. They must try to make England a happy place and fit to live in. They must be sober and level-headed and not be led astray by unprincipled agitators.

Future Opportunities.

Sir Arthur Yapp had a great reception. He announced that Mrs. Winston Churchill, who had done a great work for the Y.M.C.A., was going to visit the Central during her stay with her husband in Cologne. He emphasized the fact that the whole future of England depended on our soldiers when they were demobilized. After speaking of the great work of the Y.M.C.A. for the troops during the war, he said that in a few months they had secured positions for 20,000 demobilized officers and men, and had several big training centres. They were continuing this useful service and were anxious to help men in every way.

At the close, a flashlight photograph was taken of the great assembly and rousing cheers were given for the speakers, the ladies and Doctor Francis.

PEACE CONFERENCE AND SINN FEIN.

Diplomatic circles at the Peace Conference have been talking mostly of the Irish situation, comment being distinctly unfavourable to the Sinn Feiners, whose conduct during the war was such as to make them forfeit much sympathy.

EGYPT A NATION.

Joseph W. Folk, counsel for the Committee nominated by the Egyptian Nationalist Assembly has filed a brief with the Foreign Relations Committee designed to obtain the recognition of Egypt's nationality. He declares that the status of Egypt should not be made an internal question and should be within the jurisdiction of the League of Nations.

H.L.I. AND KILTS.

The recommendations of Sir Archibald Murray's Committee, anent the dress of the Army has not yet been published. If the suggestions put forward are adopted, however, the H.L.I. will probably lose the distinction they at present possess of being the only regular Highland Corps who do not wear the kilt. Strong influence is being brought to bear to bring about the change.

WAR CRIME TRIALS.

In the Belgian Senate M. Vandervelde announced that a meeting of Allied delegates to arrange procedure in regard to the German war crime trials would be held shortly in Paris.

HELD TO RANSOM.

AMERICAN AIRMEN AND MEXICAN BANDITS.

A Washington telegram states that the missing Army Airmen, Paul Davies and Harold Peterson, have written to Military Headquarters, saying that Mexican Bandits are holding them to £3,000 ransom and threaten death if the money is unpaid. It is stated that the money is being sent to protect the airmen.

WILL THORNE'S OPINION.

DIRECT ACTION INEVITABLY ENDS IN FAILURE.

At the National Socialist Conference at Northampton, Mr. Will Thorne, M.P., said that to every form of anarchism they were resolutely opposed. Direct action inevitably ended in failure and led to reaction.

Mr. Brownlie, Chairman of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, said that neither miners nor transport workers had any more right to hold up the country or wring concessions from it, than had the capitalists.

MINISTERS' CARS.

NUMBERS BEING GREATLY REDUCED.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Bonar Law said that Ministers had decided to give up at once motor cars hitherto allotted to them, and the Government had decided that no cars should be personally allotted to any one number. The number of cars had already been greatly reduced and steps were being taken for further reduction.

DANTZIG PROBLEM.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST.

The German Government have sent a note to the Peace Conference regarding the status of Dantzig.

The population wish for information as to the nationality of the port after its separation from the German Empire, also as to the disposition of public property at Dantzig. The present situation is said to be unbearable and it is desired that a new constitution would be established as soon as possible.

HOME SECRETARY FIRM.

NO REINSTATEMENT FOR POLICE.

In the House of Commons on Monday night, Mr. Clynes made an appeal for the men dismissed in connection with the police strike.

Mr. Shortt, replying, said the question of reinstatement was out of the question. Experienced men who took part in the strike were unfitted to be policemen. If particular cases of hardship were brought to his notice he would see what could be done. Characters were being given to some men to ensure their getting other positions.

PARIS TOBACCO CRISIS.

The Paris League of Tobacco Smokers yesterday took steps to deal with the tobacco crisis by visiting various shops. Several shopkeepers gave up supplies of foreign tobacco and in Faubourg du Temple persuaded a proprietor to disgorge hidden supplies of French tobacco and cigarettes.

HIGHER DOCTORS FEES.

Sheffield doctors have passed a resolution that fees should be raised at least fifty per cent above pre-war rates. The General Secretary of the British Medical Association states this has already been done to a large extent throughout London and the provinces but no further increase is projected for the immediate present.

FISH PROFITEERING.

Profiteering by retail fishmongers is seriously regarded by fishing boat owners, says Mr. Quilliam, of the Manx Fisheries Association, and unless immediate alteration takes place, owners will form a syndicate and open hundreds of retail shops. Fish bought at two-pence a pound he adds, is being sold at one shilling; mackerel bought at three farthings is being sold at eightpence.

NEW FINNISH CABINET.

As a consequence of Mannerheim's refusal to remain in charge of the Supreme Command of the Finnish Army, Premier Castren has resigned together with a number of his colleagues. The President has asked the Minister of Commerce Vennola to form a new Cabinet.

MORE PROFITEERING.

Speaking on Tower Hill, Mr. Harry Binner said that an officer complained to him that when buying Victory riband in the city he was charged at the rate of 18s. a yard. He went with the officer to the shop. The assistant smelt a rat and said that a mistake had been made and charged for the second purchase at the rate of 9s. a yard. This was profiteering as the riband was sold at 7s. 6d. elsewhere.

IRISH SITUATION.

UNREST CAUSES GLOOMY AND DEPRESSING OUTLOOK.

Unrest in Ireland is developing and a general feeling of insecurity threatens to paralyse trade. Labour on the land in Kildare and Meath is said to have come to an end for the present. Efforts to settle the disputes have been repeatedly and unsuccessfully made. The result will probably be that the whole of the crops in some districts will not be saved. The outlook is gloomy and depressing.

FEEDING THE CHILDREN.

RESULTS OF YORKSHIRE COAL STRIKE.

Owing to the great distress caused by the late Yorkshire coal strike, children have been supplied with bread by the workshop branch of the Discharged Soldiers and Sailors Federation. The task has now been taken over by the local authorities and when the question of repayment was raised, the miners representatives offered to bear the expenses of relief work out of their reserve funds. This has greatly relieved the feeling among housewives.

ROYAL FAMILY'S WELL EARNED HOLIDAY.

The King and Queen, Princess Mary and Prince Albert and George left Buckingham Palace for Balmoral on Monday night. They will stay in Scotland for several weeks. They were cheered by a large crowd as the train steamed out.

FINSBURY PARK MURDER.

At the resumed inquest on Lucy Nightingale, the married woman found gagged and strangled at Prah-Road, Finsbury Park, a new witness, Harold Morgan, stated that Bourke, who has been arrested in connection with the crime, told him he tied her up and put a pillow under her head. He saw Bourke examining three rings.

Bourke, who was present, asked no questions, and the inquest was adjourned.

SUBMERGED IN QUICKSANDS.

LITTLE BOY'S STRANGE DEATH ON LONDON COMMON.

There are several "Danger" notice-boards on Mitcham Common, but little John Bedwin, six, residing at Tooting, was too young to appreciate these, and so yesterday went paddling in shallow water in one of the sand pits for which Mitcham is noted. Almost immediately he sank up to the chin in a hole, and speedily disappeared. When help arrived he was extricated, but was found to be dead.

HOTEL WORKERS DEMANDS.

At a mass meeting of the British and Allied waiters chefs and restaurant employees Union, yesterday it was stated the Union proposed to enforce a forty-eight hour week with time and half pay for overtime and double pay on Sundays and holidays. Tips were not be considered as wages, the members opined, and better accommodation for indoor workers would be insisted upon. The present membership of the Union is 15,000.

THE LATEST STRIKE.

Strikes are everywhere in the air, and America is no more immune from trouble of this kind than anywhere else. A New York message states that stage hands and musicians at the playhouses struck on Saturday evening in sympathy with the actors. A threat has been made to close every theatre in New York unless the actors demands are agreed to.

DROWNED ON HIS BICYCLE.

The Kent County Coroner held an inquest yesterday at East Farleigh, near Maidstone, on the body of Arthur John King, 32, a demobilized soldier who was drowned in the Medway.

King had been severely wounded twice while fighting on the Western front and his left arm was useless. On Friday when cycling from Barming Bridge on the towing path he apparently lost control of his machine and rode into the river. A great effort was made to rescue him, but he became entangled with the cycle and sank.

The Coroner recorded a verdict of "Accidental Drowning."

WALWORTH TRAGEDY.

A verdict of death by natural causes was returned at an inquest held on Saturday on Dawson Alfred Fielder, whose name was connected with Mrs. Daley who was found with terrible injuries at Walworth. The coroner said that the inquest was necessary owing to statements connected with the tragedy. Fielder was found to have died a perfectly natural death.

Mrs. Daley is in a critical condition and is not expected to recover.

DEATH OF ISVOLSKY.

The death is announced of M. Isvolsky, formerly Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs and Russian Ambassador in Paris, which last post he held at the time of the outbreak of war.

Gracis and Esperanza of Honduras are said to have been taken from the Government troops by the revolutionaries.

EATEN BY EAGLES.

REMAINS OF MISSING CHILD FOUND IN MOUNTAINS.

Human bones, and the clothes of an infant have been found in a crevice in in the mountain rocks among the Pyrenees, France. They are believed to be those of a four year old child who disappeared from a village three months ago.

Weight is lent to the assumption that the child, while playing in a field, was carried off by eagles and devoured, by the discovery close by of an eagles' nest.

LABOUR LEADERS.

VIEWS ON LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Mr. G. N. Barnes and Mr. J. H. Thomas were at the Working Mens' Club at Kew, presented with addresses in appreciation of their public services.

Mr. Barnes in referring to the League of Nations said he thought we should allow Germany to come in as soon as possible. He regretted, however, that according to recent evidence from Amsterdam the Germans still appeared unrepentant and wished to boss the world in an industrial sense. Our minds were made up and we were determined that this should not be.

Mr. Thomas said that organised Labour and combinations were the only safeguard to the workers for economic conditions, because it was their only bargain in power, but every class must recognise that the State was greater than any section. Labour must bear in mind that just as the power to strike was a weapon necessary in some circumstances, yet a strike should always be the last resort.

OPEN MARKETS WANTED.

There is a demand for open markets all over the country and ratepayers at home are stirring up local authorities to take action in places where retailers form the majority of local council. No action, says "The Star," is likely.

FIRST AIR MARSHAL.

The King has approved the promotion of Air Vice-Marshal Sir H. Trenchard to be Air Marshal with effect from August 11th.

THE AGE OF A BRIDE.

The complicated marriage formalities in France have been somewhat simplified by the law of August 8 of this year.

Apart from the technical emandations, a very discreet modification is that which enjoins that the age of bride and bridegroom need no longer be inscribed on the marriage certificate; they are declared of age, or over thirty, but no specific age is given.

ENGINE DRIVER'S GALLANTRY.

At Crewe on Monday Driver Prestwich received a substantial cheque from the Directors of the L. & N.W. Railway for his prompt action in averting a collision. He was driving a crowded excursion train from Birmingham to Blackpool, when fourteen coaches left the rails, blocking both lines. A train approached, travelling at sixty miles an hour, and Prestwich jumped off the engine and ran down to warn the driver. The warning was seen and the train stopped within a few yards of the wrecked train.

LORD MILNER'S MISSION.

In the House of Commons on Monday, Mr. Harmsworth said that the terms of Lord Milner's mission to Egypt were to inquire into the causes of the late disturbances and to report on the existing situation, and form of constitution which under a protectorate would be best calculated to promote peace and prosperity, progressive development of self-governing institutions in the protection of foreign interests.

CIRCUS FAT MAN DEAD.

Jack Wilson, the fat man of a New York circus, whose weight was estimated in the neighbourhood of 40 stone, has died, after an illness of two weeks, following a paralytic stroke. Wilson had been a familiar attraction at the resort for two years, and was a great favourite with the other "freaks" of the show, his especial chums being Eddie Masher, "the skeleton dude," and Frank Lentini, "the three-legged man."

NEW YORK SOCIETY GAMBLERS.

A sensation has been caused by the raiding of a fashionable gambling resort in the midst of the millionaire country homes in Nassau County.

The raid was carried out late at night by detectives and State troopers armed with revolvers. They discovered two roulette rooms crowded with Society folk.

ROYAL MARRIAGE RUMOURED.

According to French papers, rumours are current in Buda-Pesth that Archduchess Sophie, eldest daughter of Archduke Joseph is shortly to be married to Prince George, eldest son of the Duke of Cambridge and formerly Duke of Teck. Nothing is known at Windsor about it, however.

RUSTY PIN CAUSES DEATH.

Lionel Grettwood Jackson (22), of Ramsey, Hunts, whilst cutting grass with shears, pricked his hand with a rusty pin, and died from lockjaw.

A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned at the inquest.

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NATURE'S TONIC.

The effect of the weather on the moods of mankind is one of those incalculable quantities which everybody experiences and very few people can quite understand. Sunshine transforms the face of the world. Consider how, under its influence, the thrush sings his unceasing song. He begins with the morning and in the evening he is not tired.

When the sun shines, men and women not only smile, they laugh, and the instinct to sing and dance is awakened, as may be seen at Hampstead Heath on any holiday. Consider how gay country trippers decorate their bicycles and their hats with nosegays of bright flowers. Even the boy who delivers the morning milk whistles as he does so. He may only whistle a blatant music-hall air, and even then he may whistle it out of tune, but he is nevertheless prompted by a certain feeling of the worth of existence.

Many other things in nature conduce to the same feeling. Think of the thrill which a rainbow gives, how the rays of the moon transform and beautify everything, how the romance of life is felt under her bounteous beams.

Think, again of the pleasure which the humour of kittens and lambs and puppies provide, of the graceful playfulness of a colt in a field, of the wonder of a young crop penetrating above the brown earth, of the hope and encouragement suggested by the growing greenness of trees. Think of the music of rushing waters and of sighing winds.

Consider again the joy of flowers, of the charm of an old world garden with its mellow fragrance, of the soothing restfulness of an anemone starred meadow, of the sense of fruition and achievement which a field of mellow grain gives. Think of the constantly operating forces of nature, growing, producing, fertilizing, giving rain and wind, and wonder and realise that she is trying to combat the forces which destroy and depress humanity.

George Eliot has said that nature repairs her ravages with her sunshine, and just as the scars of war on the fields of France are being obliterated by the brilliance of field flowers, so much may be done by men and women in radiating sympathy and optimism. The decaying and rotting influences of strife and discord may be best eradicated by the cultivation of a kindly feeling and a generous outlook.

Let us realise then that Nature is on our side, and that given a choice, she will help us to evolve order from chaos and banish all inglorious things.

ON RUTS.

A word about ruts. Why do we let them stagger us? We go into a library, and see hundreds and hundreds of books. There on the shelves is the grand sum of all the striving and the yearning of our greatest. If only—there we are—that "if" is the symbol of our rut!—if only we had the time! But it is a real rut, nevertheless.

Our lives are moulded to our needs, and our needs are cast in ruts, some of clay, some of bronze, some of dreams. Youth itself is a rut; it can never be satisfied. Old age is the wall where the rut stops, and there we die; some of us bowed and blinded; some, still striving with backs to the wall. But the rut need not blight us, paralyze us. We need not deepen it; we can widen it. It is within the scope of all to broaden the inevitable rut.

Man yearns most towards the unknown, the understanding of things, and nature is all things. She is eternal, as far as our concept of the Eternal can go. Everything is ephemeral to her, even the men she has set apart to delve deep and life-long into her mysteries. We have now widened our concept of the ephemeral; we have widened one rut.

There are others. Take a simple one. The butterfly man! He flits about from this to that. Time to him is not limited, not staccato'd; it is only a bar of eternity. Unaware, his interest is aroused. It may be for one woman, Love short-circuits him. Time suddenly becomes time, or rather it becomes life, with its all too-shortness.

It is in our moments of interest that we learn most and remember most of what we have learned. Knowledge is not merely a maker of new ways, it widens old ones. We can take our routines, our ruts, at a disadvantage by the cunning use of our temporary interests. They have the knack of widening—they are themselves ruts, or rather cell-walls that break down and make bigger, stronger cells.

If every soldier in Rhineland had, with all the cunning of a schemer against narrow ruts, exploited to the full the inevitable first interest in the German tongue, we should not hear so much "nix good" as we do.

Constantly new interests flash on us; that is the time to strike, and at all times it is best to strike hard, our hardest. If the interest should last only a week, or even only a day, no matter! Much can be learned in even a day, and we have thoroughly widened a rut.

We have favourite books, flowers, constellations, heroes, tasks; they are our ruts. Do we know all there is to know of them? Let us then begin with what is part of ourselves, search it through and through, know it, understand it, utterly exploit it. Our interests are part of us. They are the Royal Ruts, the path nature treads—the easy, fruitful path of the least resistance.

"CIVICS" IN THE ARMY.

I have noticed of late that enormous stress is being laid upon the teaching of "Civics" in the Army as though it were the balm of Gilead, or the oil to be poured upon the present industrial waters; and, as a teacher of this subject in a Rhine battalion, I feel that a few remarks from first hand experience might not come amiss. There is no subject in the present Army syllabus upon which the pupil is more woefully ignorant than citizenship, and what is worse, we must confess that this ignorance is not confined to the Army.

How many times a day will our friend the "man in the street" prate of "Freedom" and the State, without troubling in the very least to ask himself what he means by those terms. You know the excuse. It is very old now — there is no time!

Granted, the need of a civic conscience, what are the methods of installing it into the young soldiers of to-day?

Firstly, we have the lecture, which, to my mind, is the least desirable of all methods inasmuch as it pours into the listeners' minds vast quantities of information, without correspondingly drawing out the necessary mind-working from the pupil.

Or, again, there is the simple lesson with its direct question and answer, a scheme which requires much skill, perseverance and patience on the part of the teacher and what is not less important some degree of intelligence from the pupil. How to really interest the young soldier of to-day is a subject of never-ending possibilities. Thirdly and lastly, there is the well-conducted debate.

As far as I am aware this last-named method has not been used to any great extent, though I am optimistic enough to believe it would form the most successful of the three, for here surely the teacher and the pupil work hand-in-hand and come to a mutual understanding. Now controversial subjects would of course be chosen and the susceptibilities of O.R.'s respected — the fact that we are in the army cannot be easily put aside — but even so there is plenty of scope for good work. For this method two factors are necessary — simplicity and clear direction — there is no reason to believe that those are lacking in the average educational instructor.

And here I should like to close with a few words of President Lincoln's. They are the words which lead up to his well-known definition of democracy and their substance is this: "With malice toward none, with charity for all, it is for us to resolve that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom." After birth, begins growth, and we might well pause to remember that it is always a slow process.

CIVIS.

GENERAL SIR CHARLES FERGUSSON, BART.

RELINQUISHES MILITARY GOVERNORSHIP.

This distinguished officer has just relinquished his position as Military Governor of the British Zone of Occupation in Germany, a post which he has occupied with a sagacity, justice and tact that have mastered the great difficulties of an unusual and trying task, that have created and sustained unexpectedly good personal and official relations between the British and the Germans and have resulted in widely expressed appreciation on the part of the latter as to the benefits of the British rule.

Born at Edinburgh in 1885, and educated at Eton, he passed from Sandhurst to the Grenadier Guards in 1888, and in 1896 joined the Egyptian Army. His services in the campaigns of that and the two following years brought him not only a severe wound but a medal with eight clasps, five mentions in despatches, the D.S.O., and a Colonelcy. The year 1899 found him in command of a Soudanese regiment, 1900 saw him at Omdurman. During 1901—03, he was Adjutant-General of the Egyptian Army, and later commanded a battalion of the Grenadier Guards. In 1907—08, Sir Charles Fergusson was Brigadier-General on the Staff of the Irish Command, and from 1909 to 1913 was Inspector of Infantry.

Then came the Great War, and General Fergusson's long and varied experience and his proved ability in the field ensured him high command from the outbreak to the armistice. He came out with the Expeditionary Force, in command of the 5th Division from the Curragh. This Division covered itself with glory at the battle of Le Cateau, when General Smith-Dorrien stood and fought during the retreat from Mons to the Marne. The 5th bore the brunt of the fighting in this famous exploit.

Invalided home in October 1914, when the tide had turned and the long trench warfare had begun, General Fergusson was soon at work again and commanded the 9th Division in England for two months. Then, early in January of '15 he was out again with a still more responsible post as II Corps Commander. In the spring of 1916 he assumed command of the XVII Corps and this he held until ordered to Cologne as Military Governor after the Armistice.

It was the XVII Corps, under Sir Charles' command, which in the battle of Arras, April '17, fought its way forward in front of Arras, from the southern part of Vimy Ridge to Monchy le Preux, and which successfully carried out the terrific and prolonged fighting of Greenland Hill and Monchy.

It was this corps which held the Arras front, the hinge of the British line in the terrible onslaughts of the German army in the spring of last year when the British Armies North and South had to give ground. But the First Army stood and the XVII Corps, falling back slightly from Monchy by a clever manoeuvre that left the enemy barrage to waste itself on unoccupied ground, broke the German attack on Arras, on the success of which depended the enemy's power to widen his new salients and make his general plan a success. In front of Arras the XVII Corps remained: Sir Charles denied passage to the enemy, and the hinge remained until next year, swinging on Arras, when the victorious advance was begun.

In August of last year, General Fergusson's Corps was transferred to the Third Army, and as that Army's left wing it moved forward in touch on its left with the Canadian Corps under General Horne's command. In the tremendous attacks, irresistibly carried through, on that wonderful defence area the Hindenburg Line, the XVIIth had to take — and took — the unparalleled system of trenches, wire, and strong points, where the Drocourt-Queant line joined the Hindenburg line. Those familiar with this area, and only they, can conceive how incredible was the task. The famous line was broken at its strongest points, and the German heart and resistance were broken with it.

Further fighting, and hard fighting, too, awaited the Corps at Cambrai, at the Selle river and elsewhere. But the initiative, the resource, the enthusiasm which had achieved the impossible and captured the impregnable, swept all further obstacles aside, and on the Armistice day the Germans were in rout.

But there was to be no rest yet for General Fergusson. Ordered to Cologne as Military Governor, he arrived with the first of the Cavalry before the main part of the Army had appeared. He brought with him a picked five of his Corps Staff, and with the addition of some officers from G.H.Q. at once set about initiating and organizing the regime which has proved such an unqualified success, and so finely crowned a long career of acting and unfailing service.

General Fergusson's memory will remain, rooted in admiration and affectionate esteem, in the minds and hearts of all who have had the privilege of serving under him. And the Germans will retain the recollection of one who, where he might have used their iron severity and callousness, chose instead to exemplify the firm justice, and control mingled with consideration for the beaten foe, which we are proud to call the British way.

Lieut.-General Charles Fergusson is succeeded as Military Governor by Major-General G. S. Clive, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

W. I.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

WHY?

Sir,—Why is it, I wonder, that the majority of anecdotes and funny stories about the army, portray the private soldier as both illiterate and ignorant?

This may have been so in the far distant past, but at the present time there are men drawn from all classes serving in the ranks, including many who are highly educated.

When will these so-called humourists realise that such jokes are read by the average private soldier with annoyance and disgust?

B. M. G.

RAILWAY DEVICES.

Sir,—In a recent issue appears an "Echo" stating that German locomotives are fitted with a clutch.

As most German locomotives have their cylinders outside and drive direct on to the wheels, it would be interesting to have more details of this marvellous device.

Can it possibly be that your correspondent has taken the "intermittent puffs" of the Westinghouse brake air pump as a sign that the locomotive was working and invented the clutch as an explanation of there being no movement?

R. T. G.

ANOTHER VIEW.

Sir,—With reference to the "Echo" re "Another Railway Device". Is your correspondent trying to pull our legs? If he is we should like to remind him that there are locomotive men in Cologne from some of the premier Trunk lines in England who might be tempted to pull his leg, but if the latter, then we can forgive him, always reminding him that a little knowledge is dangerous.

What I venture to suggest has happened is that he has been standing on some platform watching a train start, and heard the exhaust from the steam head of the Westinghouse Brakepump which exhausts through a pipe from the steam head to the smoke box, thus causing the intermittent puffs that he heard coming from the chimney and which has nothing to do with the driving of the locomotive.

Respecting the so-called clutch, I may tell him that no such device is fitted to any engine on the German or English Railways.

Probably whilst standing by the engine looking at the valve gear, which is outside of most German engines, he has seen the driver, when given the signal to start, move the quadrant block and valve gear owing to the reversing lever being in mid-gear position, and this gave our friend the idea that this was a clutch arrangement.

I should also like to point out to him that if he travels in a carriage of a train that is drawn by one of the two cylinder compound locomotives on the German Railways, he will find when they start that instead of an easy gliding motion, there is a discernable jerking to and fro until the engine gets the train well away.

CHEMIN DE FER.

HANDWRITING.

Sir,—I have followed with interest and amusement the letter on "Handwriting" in reply to mine.

"Awfist" does not appear to understand the difference between the elaborate letterings, for such they were, and not penmanship of the monasteries, and the beautiful copperplate, still the pride of the lithographic artist of our grandparents.

"Freedom," who appears to think that a standard type of handwriting would abolish individualism, cannot have studied very closely, as I have done for over ten years, the alliance of handwriting and character. If he had done so, he would realise his mistake, and that right early.

"Old Chichester Boy" writes obviously from the secondary school point of view, which rarely if ever, looks upon writing as other than an inevitable bugbear.

There is not a national standard of handwriting in our national British council or any other elementary schools. The only standards are those of individual headmasters, and in rare cases education committees. After some eight years experience in elementary school work, I do not think there is much likelihood of my not knowing.

J. KENNETH DOUGLAS.

OPEN AIR ENJOYMENT.

Sir,—The following reflections are suggested by "Private Bar's" letter appearing under the heading of "Open Air Enjoyment".

1. I would like to enquire by what right "Private Bar" assumes he represents the "view of most Britishers"?

2. What does he mean by "the privacy of a saloon bar"? Does he always hire the whole establishment for his "snuggery"?

3. Why must "Private Bar's" refreshment consist in practices which he dare not exhibit in public?

4. The "chatter and clatter" obtrudes itself much less upon the senses in an open-air resort than in the enclosed space of a sand-strewn floor littered with spittoons, — which people miss!

5. Is "Private Bar" firmly convinced that he had better not educate his taste in music, which at present appears to conform to the limitations of his own home, to appreciate (and not be tickled by) a programme performed by professional talent and chosen from the repertoire of the whole World?

6. It is just the narrowness of interest betrayed by "Private Bar" which requires the remedy of contact with a larger number of his fellow creatures.

7. Foreign is not necessarily synonymous with inferior.

8. If "Private Bar" really wishes to continue to live in the darkness of his saloon retreat it was imprudent of him to admit into it the searching rays of "Cologne Post" publicity.

"THE OPEN MIND."

ARMY HORSE SHOW.

Attended by Conspicuous Succes at Exercier Platz.

EXCELLENT EXHIBITS.

Conspicuous success attended the Army of the Rhine Horse Show, held at Exercier Platz, Kalk-Merheim, on Monday and Tuesday. On both days the weather was all that could be desired, and large crowds were present. The exhibits, without exception, were of the highest quality, and the judges were set no small task in placing the awards.

Brig.-Gen. A. D. Kirby, C.B., C.M.G., R.A. II Corps, was president of the general committee, which also comprised:—

Brig.-Gen. W. P. Monkhouse, C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., R.A., Midland Division; Brig.-Gen. L. C. Oldfield, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., R.A., London Division; Brig.-Gen. D'A. Legard, C.M.G., D.S.O., Cavalry Division; Lt.-Col. A. M. Wilson, D.S.O., R.A.S.C., G.H.Q., and Lt.-Col. T. W. Rudd, C.B.E., R.A.V.C., G.H.Q.

The members of the ground committee were:—Lt.-Col. G. H. Martin, C.M.G., D.S.O., A.Q.M.G., G.H.Q.; Lt.-Col. R. K. A. Maccaulay, D.S.O., R.E., Southern Division; Major H. Barter, D.S.O., R.F.A., London Division; Capt. W. Brumwell, R.A., Staff-Capt. "G," G.H.Q.; Lt.-Col. J. Waring, D.S.O., R.A., Camp Commandant; Capt. F. S. Crawford, Mon. Regt., Camp Adjutant.

The organisation was perfect, reflecting the greatest credit upon the hard working hon. secretaries, Lt.-Col. R. H. Haining, D.S.O., R.A., II Corps, and Major M. C. Morgan, M.C., G.S. (T), G.H.Q.

The results were as follows:—

Six-Horse Teams (Light Draught).

R.H.A. Gun or Wagon:—1, 2 and 3, "E" Battery, R.H.A.; 4, "O" Battery, R.H.A.

R.F.A. Gun or Wagon:—1, Lowland Division, D/51 Battery, R.F.A.; 2, London Division, C/19 Battery, R.F.A.; 3, Light Division, 245 Brigade, R.F.A.; 4, Midland Division, D/104 Battery, R.F.A.

R.E. (including Signal Service):—1, Cavalry Division, 1st Field Squadron R.E.; 2, Lowland Division, 64 Field Company, R.E.; 3, Northern Division, 231 Field Company, R.E.

Four-Horse Teams (Light Draught).

Double Tool Cart:—1, Western Division, 76 Field Company, R.E.; 2, Light Division, 157 Field Company, R.E.; 3, Lowland Division, 64 Field Company, R.E.

G.S. Wagons:—1, Midland Division, Divisional Ammunition Column; 2, Cavalry Division, Auxiliary Horse Transport Company; 3, Light Division, A/245 Battery, R.F.A.

G.S. Limbered Wagons (open to Cavalry Division only):—1, 3rd Hussars; 2, "E" Battery, R.H.A.; 3, Royal Dragoons.

R.G.A. (Heavy Draught).

Eight Horse Gun Teams: 1, X. Corps, 152 Heavy Battery, R.G.A.; 2. IX. Corps, 1/1 Essex Heavy Battery R.G.A.; 3, II. Corps, 2/1 North Midland Heavy Battery; 4, X. Corps, 128 Heavy Battery, R.G.A.

Four-Horse Wagon Teams:—1, IV. Corps, 1/1 North Midland Heavy Battery, R.G.A.; 2, IV. Corps, 2/1 Lancashire Heavy Battery, R.G.A.; 3, II. Corps, 2/1 North Midland Heavy Battery, R.G.A.; 4, X. Corps, 121 Heavy Battery, R.G.A.

Six-Mule Teams.

(Any vehicle except Ammunition Wagons):—Southern Division, Divisional Ammunition Column; 2, Light Division, Ammunition Column, No. 1 Section; 3, IX. Corps, Signal Company; 4, G.H.Q. Troops, Rhine Army Signal Company.

Four Mule Teams.

Ammunition Wagons:—1, Light Division, Ammunition Column, No. 1 Section; 2, Lancashire Division, No. 1 Section, Divisional Ammunition Column; 3, Lancashire Division, No. 2 Section, Divisional Ammunition Column; 4, Lowland Division, No. 1 Section, Divisional Ammunition Column.

G.S. Limbered Wagons:—1, Lowland Division, 9th Battalion, Machine Gun Corps; 2, Southern Division, 29th Battalion, Machine Gun Corps; 3, Lancashire Division, 32nd Battalion Machine Gun Corps; 4, London Division, 41st Battalion Machine Gun Corps.

S.A.A. Section, D.A.C. and R.E.:—1, Midland Division, Divisional Ammunition Column; 2, Light Division, S.A.A. Section, Ammunition Column; 3, 10 Corps 565 A.T.D.R.D.

Double Tool Carts:—1, Light Division, 483 Field Company, R.E.; 2, Southern Division, R.E.; 3, Lowland Division, 90 Field Company, R.E.

Other Vehicles, not included in above:—1, Midland Division, Divisional Ammunition Column; 2, Cavalry Division, Auxiliary Horse Transport Company; 3, Northern Division, 9th Durham Light Infantry; 4, X. Corps, Signal Company.

Pairs (Heavy Draught).

Ambulance Wagons:—1, Northern Division, 7 Field Ambulance; 2, Lancashire Division, 91 Field Ambulance; 3, Southern Division, 87 Field Ambulance.

Field Cookers:—1, London Division, 23rd Battalion, Middlesex Regt.; 2, Western Division, 1st Battalion, Machine Gun Corps; 3, Midland Division, 52nd Battalion, Leicestershire Regt.

G.S. Wagons (train only):—1, Midland Division, No. 1 Company Train; 2, Southern Division, No. 1 Company Train; 3, London Division; 4, Northern Division.

G.S. Wagons (other than train):—1, X. Corps, 152 Heavy Battery, R.G.A.; 2, Light Division, S.A.A. Section, Divisional Ammunition Column; 3, G.H.Q. Troops, 16th Army Auxiliary Horse Company.

Pairs (light draught).

G.S. Limbered Wagons:—1, Lancashire Division 218 Field Company, R.E.; 2, Southern Division, 16th Battalion, Devonshire Regt.; 3, London Division, Train.

Water Carts:—1, Midland Division, No. 4 Company Divisional Train; 2, Midland Division, No. 1 Company Divisional Train; 3, Cavalry Division, 9th Lancers.

Pairs (mules).

G.S. Limbered Wagons (Infantry only). (Cup presented by Commander-in-Chief, British Army of the Rhine):—1, Southern Division, 29th Battalion, Machine Gun Corps; 2, Midland Division, 52nd Battalion, Leicestershire Regt.; 3, Northern Division, 1/4th Battalion, York. and Lancs. Regt.

G.S. Limbered Wagons (other than Infantry):—1, Midland Division, Divisional Ammunition Column; 2, Northern Division 3rd Battalion, Machine Gun Corps; 3, London Division, 41st Battalion, Machine Gun Corps.

Water Carts:—1, Midland Division, S.A.A. Sect., Divisional Ammunition Column; 2, Midland Division, 52nd Battalion, Leicestershire Regt.; 3, London Division, 7th Battalion, Middlesex Regt.

Single Harness (Light Draught or Mule).

Mess Carts (Light Draught):—1, Light Division, 245 Brigade, R.F.A.; Lancashire Division, 218 Field Company, R.E.; 3, Lowland Division, C/51 Battery, R.F.A.; 4, London Division, Train Headquarters.

Maltese Carts (Light Draught):—1, Light Division, 245 Brigade, R.F.A.; 2, Midland Div., 76 Brigade, R.F.A., H.Q.; 3, Southern Division, 113 Brigade, R.F.A.

Mess Carts (Mule):—1, Northern Division, 51st Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers; 2, London Division, 11th Battalion, The Queen's Regt.; 3, Lancashire Division, 15th Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers.

Maltese Carts (Mule):—1, Lancashire Division, Divisional Ammunition Column; 2, Light Div., 2nd Battalion, Machine Gun Corps; 3, Midland Division, 2/4th Battalion, King's Own Yorks. Light Infantry; 4, London Division, 9th Battalion East Surrey Regt.

Pack Mule or Pony.

Infantry (Ammunition loaded):—1, Northern Division, 15th Battalion, West Yorks. Regt.; 2, Southern Division, 51st Battalion, Hampsh. Regt.; 3, Midland Div., 2/4th Battal. West Riding, Regt.

M.G.C. (Gun and Tripod):—1, Lowland Division, 9th Battalion, Machine Gun Corps; 2, Southern Division, 29th Battalion, Machine Gun Corps; 3, Light Division, 2nd Battalion. Machine Gun Corps.

R.E. (Tool or Signal Equipment):—1, Cavalry Division, 1st Field Squadron, R.E.; 2, Midland Division, 459 Field Company, R.E.; 3, Southern Division.

Cavalry Division (Hotchkiss or M.G. and Tripod, according to their own rules):—1, 9th Lancers; 2, Hussar Machine Gun Squadron.

Native Drivers.

4-Mule Team (any vehicle: one N.C.O. mounted):—1, Northern Division, Divisional Amm. Column.; 2, Midland Division, Divisional Amm. Column.; 3, Lancashire Division, No. 1 Section Divisional Ammunition Column.

Jumping (Officers):—Open to Officers of the British Army of the Rhine and other Allied Armies. To be ridden in any saddle and bridle:—1, Major E. Caffaratti. Cavalry School, Italian Army; Capitaine Commandant Van Dooren, 2nd Lancers, Belgian Army; 3, Lieut. de Gaiffier d'Hestroy, 2nd Guides, Belgian Army; 4, Lieut. de la Sernon, 1st Guides, Belgian Army; 5, Capitaine T. Amalf, Padova Regt., Italian Army.

Jumping (Officers):—Open to Officers of Infantry, M.G.C., and R.E. (other than Cavalry Division) of the British Army of the Rhine. To be ridden in any saddle and bridle:—1, 2nd-Lieut. E. Bader, 218 Field Company, R.E., Lancashire Division; 2, Major M. G. Stopford, M.C., 52nd Bn., Rifle Brigade, Light Division; 3, Lieut. Roch, 3rd Battalion, Machine Gun Corps, Northern Division.

Jumping (Other Ranks). Open to Warrant Officer's N.C.O.s and Other Ranks of the British Army of the Rhine and other Allied Armies on the Rhine:—1, Cpl. Smith, 126 Brigade, R.F.A., Southern Division; 2, Bdr. Welsh, 76 Brigade, R.F.A., Midland Division; 3, Dr. Connell, 126 Brigade R.F.A., Southern Division; 4, Battery Sergt.-Major Pincher, "E" Battery, R.H.A.

Light-weight Chargers (up to 13 stone). Open to Officers of the British Army of the Rhine:—1, Brig.-Gen. D'A. Legard, Dragoon Brigade; 2, Capt Eckstein, 17th Lancers; 3, Capt. Floiden, 10th Hussars.

Heavy-weight Chargers (over 13 stone):—1, Major Phipps Hornby, 9th Lancers; 2, Major-Gen. Kennedy, Northern Division; 3, Lt.-Gen. Sir A. J Godley, IV. Corps; 4, Major Carlisle, "E" Battery, R.H.A.

Infantry Chargers (15.2 and under):—Lt.-Col. Cameron, 9th Battalion, East Surrey Regt., London Division; 2, 18th Batt., K.R.R.C., Light Division; 3, Capt. Lynch, 5th Royal Irish Regt., Light Division; 4, Lt.-Col. Blake, 38th Field Ambulance, Southern Division.

Best turnout of Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or man of Military Mounted Police:—1, Cpl. Mills, G.H.Q. Troops; 2, L. Cpl. Black, VI. Corps; 3, Cpl. W. Tuorn, II. Corps; 4, L/Cpl. Vedmore, G.H.Q. Troops.

Best turnout of Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or man of Cavalry Division (including R.H.A.):—1, Sergt. White, 9th Lancers; 2, Cpl. Cook, 9th Lancers; 3, Bdr. Claydon, "E" Battery, R.H.A.

Best turnout of Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or man of Royal Artillery:—1, B.S.M. Bowyer, IX. Corps, Heavy Artillery, Northern Division; 2, B.S.M. Burt, Anti-Aircraft Battery, R.F.A., Lancashire Division; 3, Sergt. Lawton, D/50 Battery, R.F.A., Lowland Division.

Best turnout of Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or man of formations other than Royal Artillery, Cavalry Division or Military Mounted Police:—1, 2nd-Cpl. W. Soman, 218 Field Company, R.E., Lancashire Division; 2, 1st Pontoon Park, R.E., G.H.Q. Troops; 3, Sergt. W. Dunn, 12th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles, Light Division.

Best Troop Horse or "Rider." Open to Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Other Ranks of the British Army of the Rhine:—1, Cavalry Division, 9th Lancers; 2, Cavalry Division, 9th Lancers; 3, Cavalry Division, 9th Lancers.

Best Light Draught Horse. Open to British Army of the Rhine:—1, Cavalry Division, "E" Battery, R.H.A.; 2, Midland Division, Headquarters, Divisional Ammunition Column; 3, Cavalry Division, 9th Lancers; 4, Cavalry Division, "O" Battery, R.H.A.

Best Heavy Draught Horse. Open to British Army of the Rhine:—1, Midland Division, Divisional Ammunition Headquarters; 2, II. Corps, 119 Heavy Battery, R.G.A.; 3, London Division, No. 4 Company Train; 4, G.H.Q. Troops, No. 8 Veterinary Hospital.

Best Mule. Open to British Army of the Rhine:—1, Northern Division, Royal Artillery Headquarters; 2, 2nd Battalion, Machine Gun Corps; 3, Lowland Division, No. 2 Section, Divisional Ammunition Column; 4, Midland Division, No. 1 Section, Divisional Ammunition Column.

Best Pack Pony. Open to British Army of the Rhine:—1, Cavalry Division, 9th Hussars; 2, 1/5th King's Own (R.L.) Regt.; 3, Cavalry Division, Hussar Machine Gun Squadron.

Mechanical Transport.

30 Cwt. Lorries:—1, 8th M.A.C. 2, VI. Corps (V.R.P.)

3 ton Lorries:—1, II. Corps Troops, Motor Transport Company. 2, Northern Division, Motor Transport Company. 3, Western Div. M.T.

Motor Ambulance Cars Open to Divisional Units only:—1, 141 F.A. Western Div. 2, 142 F.A. Southern Div. 3, Southern Division 87th Field Ambulance. 4, Light Division 6th Field Ambulance. (ii.) Open to Motor Ambulance Columns:—1, No. 30 Motor Ambulance Column. 2, No. 13 Motor Ambulance Column.

Motor Horse Ambulance:—1, VI. Corps V.E.S. 2, II. Corps V.E.S.

F.W.D. Lorries (with Gun or Pontoon):—1, VI. Corps, 35 Brigade R.G.A. 2, II. Corps, Heavy Artillery.

Light Tenders:—1, X. Corps, Motor Transport Company. 2, Royal Air Force. 3, Royal Air Force.

Anti-Aircraft Lorry and Gun:—1, "F" Anti-Aircraft-Battery. 2. "P" Anti-Aircraft-Battery.

Motor Bicycle:—1, Northern Division, Signal Company; 2, Royal Air Force; 3, Royal Air Fore 4, VI. Corps, Signal Company.

Shoeing Competition:

1, Cpl J W. Smith, "C" Squadron, 9th Lancers; 2, Sergt. E. Gabb, G.H.Q. Troops; 3, Pte. H. Campbell, 5th Battalion, Royal Irish Regt., Light Division; 4, Farrier Staff Sergt. Partridge, Northern Divisional Train; 5, Cpl. J. Forsyth, 113 Heavy Battery, II. Corps Heavy Artillery.

ANOTHER RACE.

Keen Competition For Supremacy In Town League.

C.P.C. MATCHES.

Similar to the situation in the Bonn League is the position of the teams in the Cologne Town League published to-day, and conjecture will be rife as to who will eventually pass into the finals. Army H.Q. Sigs. occupy the premier position at present, but they have played three matches more than the 17th Lancers, who come second, and four more than the 4th Royal Sussex Regt., who are still an unbeaten team. R.A.A. Bty., R.A., and Cav. Div. H.Q. are also in the running. Here is the position of the leading teams:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Army H.Q. Sigs.	23	19	4		38
17th Lancers	20	18	1	1	37
4 Royal Sussex	19	18	0	1	37
Cav. Div. H.Q.	21	18	3		36
R.A.A.Bty., R.A.	20	18	2		36

3rd M.G.C. (95 for 6) v. "G" A.A. BTY. R.G.A. (23). The R.G.A. went in first, but nobody was able to do much against the excellent bowling of Barr, who was ably assisted at the other end by Eade. At one time Barr's average was 5 for 3, and he finished up with 8 wickets for 8 runs. The chief scores for M.G.'s were Hughes 23, Pullen 19, Falkinham 13 not out, Freeman 11 not out, Cpl. Halbert 10.

CAV. DIV. A.C. v. 53 NORTHUMBERLAND FUS. Cav. D.A.C. beat the 53rd Northumberland Fusiliers by 10 runs. Batting first on a fast wicket, the Gunners found rungetting difficult, Grey playing a unique innings of 12 scored in two strokes, both sixes. The 53rd scored 20 for their first wicket, playing very carefully, before the tea interval. However, the bowling of Bush and Price proved too good for them, and their tail failed to wag effectively. During the match, Rice secured his 100th wicket this season for the Gunners.

17th LANCERS (118) v. 70 SQ., R.A.F. (81). For 17th Lancers, Sergt. Shenstone scored 19; S.Q.M.S. Wyeth played a brisk innings of 22. Capt. Booles took 6 wickets for 23 runs. Col. Robertson played a good innings of 40 and Sergt. Welsh scored 11 for R.A.F.

Other Results.

A.A. Searchlight Section R.E., 92; Bakeries Sports Club, Kalk 75.

A.A. Searchlight Section R.E., 110; 5th Rly. Tel. Sig. Coy. R.E., 35.

5th Borderers, 43 for 9; 15th Lancs. Fus., 35.

174 Siege Bty., 32 for 7; 77th Siege Bty., 31.

174 Siege Bty., 57; Mid. D.A.C., 11.

COLOGNE TOWN LEAGUE TABLE.

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Army H.Q. Sigs.	23	19	4		38§
17th Lancers	20	18	1	1	37§
4 Royal Sussex	19	18	0	1	37§
Cav. Div. H.Q.	21	18	3		36§
R.A.A. Bty. R.A.	20	18	2		36§
Cav. Div. A.C., R.H.A.	23	17	6		34§
52 Northumberland Fus.	24	16	8		32§
9 D.L.I.	22	15	7		30§+
No 2 Water Tank Coy. R.E.	20	12	8		24§
70 Sq., R.A.F.	17	12	5		22§
53 Northumberland Fus.	20	11	9		22§+
51 Aux. Bus. Coy.	20	10	10		20§
Adv. Supply Depot	18	10	8		20§+
A.A. Searchlight Section	18	8	10		16§
51 Northumberland Fus.	17	8	9		16§+
51 D.L.I.	15	7	8		14§+
Bakeries Sports Club	19	6	13		12§+
5 Rly. Tel. Sig. Coy.	16	6	10		12§
24 Vet. Hosp.	16	6	10		12§
2 Bde. R.A.F.	15	6	9		12§+
3 Cav. Field Amb.	16	5	11		10§+

§ Games awarded for scratched matches.
+ Games lost by default.

Please Note:—51st Devons have withdrawn from Cologne Southern League.

ALDERSHOT ARMY ATHLETICS.

For the Army Athletic Championships, to be held at Aldershot on Thursday and Friday, 28th and 29th inst., entries have been received as follows:—Army of the Rhine, Army of France and Flanders, Army of the Black Sea, Army of Egypt, Australian Forces, New Zealand Forces, as well as the Home Commands—Aldershot, Southern, Eastern, Northern, Western, Ireland, Scotland, and the London District. Notabilities competing will be many, and will include Sgt. W. R. Applegarth, the world's sprint champion, C.S.M.I. S. Usher, 100 and 440 yds Army champion, 1911, S.H. H. M. Prince, 880 yds Army champion, 1913, Pte. Love, 1 and 3 miles champion, 1911, Sgt. O'Neill, 1 and 3 miles champion, 1912, and 3 miles Army and 10 miles A.A.A. champion, 1910. Undoubtedly this year's championship meeting will be as full of interest as any pre-war function.

RUNNING AND WALKING.

The vastly increased popularity of athletics gives hope for a boom in distance running and walking, and it is hoped to arrange county and district cross-country championships in many areas in the British Isles, and also to develop road walking, by holding novices' and open races at outlying centres. The R.W.A. will hold a junior championship during the autumn, but not until the Brighton walks are over. The National Cross Country Union is also due to meet shortly to consider the future and make any necessary alterations in competition rules.

U.S. TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

In the tennis doubles finals played at Newton (Mass.), Messrs. Brookes and Patterson (Australia) defeated Messrs. Johnston and Griffin, 10—8, 9—7, 7—5. The Australians will meet Messrs. Tilden and Richards for the championship of the United States.

ATHLETIC MEET.

Results Of 9th Corps Troops Sporting Fixture.

BASKET-BALL FINALS.

The 9th Corps Troops Athletic Meet was held last Saturday on the cricket ground at Euskirchen. The programme was well arranged and very successful. Two special features of the Meet were the ladies race and the finals of the basket-ball competition. The basket-ball game was hotly contested and at the end of the second period the score stood 8—8. Two extra periods of five minutes each had to be played in order finally to decide the championship, which was won by the Camp Commandant's team by 9—8.

Results.

Following are the results of the Athletic Meet:—

100 yards:—1, Bdr. Hall, 79 Bde; 2, Pte. Fletcher, 79 Bde; 3, Gnr. Burrows, 32 Bde. Time, 11 Seconds.

120 yards hurdles:—1, Lt. Webster, 79 Bde; 2. Gnr. Smith, 32 Bde; 3, Gnr. Burrows, 32 Bde. Time, 19 2/5 secs.

1 Mile walk open:—1, C. S. M. Tyler, A.G.S.; 2, Lt. Bird, 2/4 K.O.Y.L.I.; 3, B.S.M. Goodheart, 113 Bde, R.F.A.

440 yards run:—1, Bdr. Hall, 79 Bde; 2, Cpl. Richards; 3, Sig. Ormiston, 32 Bde. Time, 50 1/5 secs.

Putting the shot:—1, Gnr. Burrows, 32 Bde; 2, Sgt. Jabe, 79 Bde; 3, Sig. Ormiston, 32 Bde.

Bumping melee:—9th Corps Cyclists.

High jump:—1, Gnr. Burrows; 2, Lt. Webster; 3, Pte. Naylor. Height, 5 ft. 6 in.

880 yards open:—1, W. F. Cutbush, Y.M.C.A.; 2, Gnr. Woods, 77 S.B.; 3, L/Cpl. Clarke, Sou. Div. Six. Time, 1 min. 57 secs.

1 Mile:—1, Lt. Poland, 79 Bde; 2, Cpt. Cotcheside; 3, Gnr. Shepperd. Time, 4 min. 34 secs.

Long jump:—1, Gnr. Barrows, 32 Bde; 2, Lt. Webster, 79 Bde; 3, Cpt. Fraser, Cyclists. Distance, 17 ft. 4 in.

Relay race:—1, 21st Bde R.G.A.; 2, 9th Corps Cyclists; 3, 32nd Bde R.G.A. Time, 3 min. 57 3/5 secs.

Ladies race:—1, Miss Dunning and Lt. Webster; 2, Miss Keen and Lt. Poland; 3, Miss Chavasse and Pte. Thompson. Time, 2 min. 3 1/5 secs.

Tug-of-war:—79 Bde R.G.A.

3 mile race:—1, Pte. Mobbs; 2, Gnr. Shepperd; 3, Cpt. Cotcheside. Time, 16 min. 12 1/5 secs.

Basket-ball:—Camp Commandant's team won over 32nd Bde R.G.A. Score 9—8.

JUMPING HINDENBURG LINE.

Claim In Favour Of Charger B.30 Disputed.

With reference to the claim that the charger B.30, recently exhibited at Aldershot Command Show, was the first horse to jump the Hindenburg Line. This is now disputed, the rivals saying the honour now rests with reconnaissance parties of the R.H. and the R.F.A., who went over the systems north of La Vacquerie on the morning of the opening day for the first battle of Cambrai. By noon the whole of the batteries were over and there was no need therefore for those who followed to do any jumping.

IRISH ST. LEGER ENTRIES.

Grand Parade, The Panther, And Loch Lomond Running.

The following entries have been received for the Irish St. Leger (of 2,000 sovs., 1¾ miles, for 3-year-olds), which will be run at the Curragh on Wednesday, September 24th:—

GRAND PARADE (Ld Glanely) Barling	9	7
THE PANTHER (Sir A Black) C Marsh	9	7
LOCH LOMOND (Miss J Cowby) Parkinson	9	4
GRAND ALMONER (Mr Gompas) Young	9	0
IRRESISTIBLE (Mr J R Walker) J Rogers	9	0
CYLGAR (Lady Nelson) . . . . . Nugent	9	0
SILONYX (D of Portland) . . W Waugh	9	0
ARCH-GIFT (Maj M'Calmont) . . Persse	9	0
FITZCLARENCE (Capt G Loder) Gilpin	9	0
YOUNG BRIAN (Mr De Pledge) Fetherstonhaugh	9	0
THE REGIMENT (Col Blacker) Dawson	9	0
MANX CRAG f (Mr H Bottomley) Hare	8	11
SWEET ACRE (Mr De Pledge) Fetherstonhaugh	8	11
BERWICK (Mr T Pipps) . . . . . Scott	8	11
WELLINGFORD (Sir E Cassel) H Powney	8	11
BAY TREE (Sir E Cassel) . . H Powney	8	11
LIBERTY BOND (Mr Croker) Prendergast	8	11
KEYSOE (Ld Derby) . . . . . Lambton	8	11
BINAH DEAR (Ld Lonsdale) Armstrong	8	11
SAN RAFAEL (Mr Holmes) . . . . . Kira	8	11
BALLYEASTON (Sir T Dixon) . Hunter	8	11
CHEAP POPULARITY (Mr Lowry) H Powney	8	11
CONFEY (Mr J J Maher) . . . . . Behan	8	11
ROYAL GEM II. f (Mr C Moore) Behan	8	11
T NGIERS (Sir W Nelson) . . . Mullen	8	11
BACHELOR'S HEATHER (Mr O'Driscoll) Dawson	8	11
PALESTRINA (Mr R Swanwick) J Dawson	8	11
VESINGTON CHIEF (Mr Wallis) Arnott	8	11
IRON HAND (Mrs Whitwerth) . . Butters	8	11
PRIDE OF NEWLANDS (Mr Gannon) Burns	8	8
KILKERLEY (Capt R W Quin) . Hunter	8	8

New Zealand Rugger.

The New Zealand Rugby Union have voted for the abolition of the wing forward and for the ball to be put into the scrum by the referee. The former was always a nuisance in the game, and his general disappearance will never be regretted.

OLYMPIA BOXING.

Charles Ledoux—Walter Ross Match Postponed.

CHANGE IN BIG PROGRAMME.

There has been a change in the big programme for Olympia on September 2. Instead of the European bantam-weight championship between Charles Ledoux and Walter Ross, Mr. C. Cochran has arranged to stage a 20-round contest between Johnny Basham, of Wrexham, holder of the Lonsdale welter-weight belt, and Francis Charles, welter-weight champion of France.

This also will be for the championship of Europe, although a Swiss gentleman named Badoud may claim some consideration when this title is in question. The reason for the change of programme is that Ledoux has hurt his hand and may not be able to box for some time to come, and Mr. Cochran is determined to take no chance of disappointing the public on the big night.

The Basham-Charles match had originally been planned for the Holborn Stadium later in the month, but the Ledoux-Ross contest will be kept for the Stadium. Francis Charles will train for 10 days prior to the contest with McGoorty at Stanmore.

BECKETT AND A BELT.

Champion Will Probably Fight for Trophy during Coming Season.

Joe Beckett, heavy weight champion of Great Britain, is the only holder of an English boxing title who does not at present possess a Lonsdale Belt. In earlier days he fought Dick Smith for the light weight trophy, but in that encounter he was defeated and the honour was denied him. Neither of his recent successful contests with Billy Wells and Frank Goddard secured for him the coveted prize in the heavy weight class, Wells having previously won his Belt out-right while the fight with Goddard was not a Belt contest.

In all probability, however, Beckett will, during the coming season, defend his title at the National Sporting Club and make a bold bid for the possession of the Gold Girdle. Who will be his opponent is a matter purely for conjecture at present but two of three "heavies" are mentioned. Both Wells and Goddard have intimated a desire to once again cross swords with the champion.

ENGLISH RACING.

WOLVERHAMPTON RESULTS.

Kingswinford Handicap:—1, Towyn (5-4 on). Two ran.

Stanton Plate:—1, Stray Park (5-2); 2, Prep (2-1 on); 3, April Noon (20-1).

Summer Handicap:—1, Wally (2-1); 2, Tunworth (5-4 on); 3, Northcourt (50-1).

Wyfold Handicap:—1, Somerset Lassie (5-4); 2, Verdun (9-4); 3, Safety Pin (5-2).

Shifnal Plate:—Race declared void.

Netherton Plate:—1, Theodosius (2-1); 2, Wildfellow (7-4 on); 3, Martellus (8-1).

BILLIARDS AT KALK.

The R.A.S.C. Bakeries (Kalk) were again successful in a billiard match v H.Q., R.A.F. played at Kalk, on Monday, winning five games out of six. Lieut. A.C.M. Westake was the only winner for the visitors. Results:—

R.A.S.C. Bakeries 598.

H.Q., R.A.F. 481.

The Bakeries invite further matches on their full sized table.

HUSSARS DEFEAT GUARDS.

The Second Life Guards, holders of the Aldershot Challenge Cup, conceded two goals to the 13th Hussars in a football match on Monday. The game was keenly contested and even in character, the Hussars winning by seven goals to six.

SPORTING ENGINEERS.

At a cricket match between the Royal Engineers, Chatham, and Royal Artillery, Shoeburyness, on Monday, time was called when the Artillery needed only 30 runs to win with three wickets to fall. The Royal Engineers offered to play the match out and the Artillery won by two wickets.

A.T. SHARP RETIRES.

Owing to an injury to the forearm in the Leicester v. Notts match at Loughton, A.T. Sharp, the Leicester amateur, has decided to take no further part in county cricket this season.

HOBBS' BENEFIT.

15,000 Spectators At The Oval On Opening Day.

SURREY V. KENT.

John Berry Hobbs, the well-known Surrey professional, received his benefit from the match against Kent at the Oval, which commenced on Monday and concluded yesterday.

Fifteen thousand people attended on the opening day, when a collection made on the ground realised £171.

Hobbs is one of the leading personalities in present day first-class cricket; as a result of sheer hard work he has acquired a thorough mastery of a great game and rarely disappoints his many admirers. The popular Surrey professional is probably at his best as a fast run getter: he possesses an enterprising temperament and never permits circumstances, however apparently disquieting, to influence his play. As an England player, Hobbs has reached the zenith of attainment at the comparatively early age of 37; he should have several years of first class cricket ahead. He is a native of Cambridgeshire.

English Cricket Scores.

Surrey (148 for four); Kent (218).
Yorks (327 for five); Warwick (103).
Sussex (165); Lancs. (222) and 21 for none.
Worcester (212 for 9) v. Gloster.
M.C.C. (3 5); Bucks (177).
Herts (165); Cheshire (173 for 7).

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

The Younger Generation.

"The Younger Generation" is almost the jolliest play that the Rhine Army Dramatic Society has yet given us, and perhaps it is the best. It is, with the possible exception of "Candida," the most serious and the most like real life; it is full of fun from start to finish, not the fantasy and paradox of "Man and Superman" or "The Importance of Being Earnest," or the satire of "The Title," but shrewd homely humour about humdrum people. The kind, but worrying parents, to whom a visit to a (not tee-total) hotel in Liverpool is a wild debauch, and the sons who kick against the restraints of their chapel-going home and think that freedom means getting drunk or living "a man's life" in some vague overseas dominion—most of us know these people, or are these people ourselves. Perhaps Stanley Houghton is a bit too much on the side of the Younger Generation, who have their faults of conceit, bumptiousness and inconsiderateness, and it is not altogether clear how Cologne is more enlightened than Manchester simply because the theatre here is open on Sunday. (Incidentally, Cologne is the most religious large town in Germany.) But it is a first rate play, and an appreciative audience missed none of the good things on Monday night.

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Mr. J. H. Hope was in his element as the gently nagging, respectable father. He sometimes put on the shocked expressions of the conventional stage parson; but otherwise his performance was nearly as good as his inimitable Mr. Baxter. Miss Bensusan was as competent as ever in the small part of the mother, while Major Ford was easy and natural as the uncle from emancipated Cologne.

Miss Chisholm was effective as the domineering old grandmother. Let us hope that we are to see her and Major Ford in subsequent productions of the company. Mr. Percy played the part of Arthur, the elder son, with all his accustomed verve, and was particularly good when he appeared as the non-repentant son, indisposed as a result of his evening out. Mr. D. A. Onions scored a great success as Reggie, the younger son, who showed his independence in a milder way than his brother by dining out with a friend at a total cost of "twelve shillings and twopence for two persons"—To quote his father. Miss Shirley King acted with her usual grace and skill as the daughter of the house, while Miss Gabrielle Paul made a pert housemaid. Captain Gordon Blight, whose one-act play will precede "The Younger Generation" on Thursday evening, was effective as Clifford Rawson, "the fiancé." The other parts were capably played by Lieut. H. L. Farnell, and Lieut. Lingford. The play was admirably produced and appropriately dressed.

Starlight Concert Party.

If the testimony of the Cavalry Division and the VI Corps can be relied upon, something really good will be coming to the Palace Theatre, Cologne, next week in the "Starlights" the Light Division Concert Party. Lieut. C. D. Piper, Rifle Brigade, is in charge of the party, while the musical side is in the capable hands of Lieut. A. B. Tonnochy. The troupe of ten includes four or five professionals.

JACQUES.

G.H.Q. SERGEANTS' RIFLE CLUB.

The members of G.H.Q., No. 1. Sergeants Mess Rifle Club, held their first spoon shoot on the Merheim Ranges on Saturday last. A most enjoyable afternoon, was spent, Sergt.-Major Meeney, R.E., winning the spoon after deciding a tie with C.S.M. Pecorine, R.E.

The next spoon shoot takes place on Saturday next on the Merheim Ranges, A bus leaves No. 1. G.H.Q. Mess, Salomonsgasse, at 1.30 p.m. prompt. Club membership is open to all sergeants and upwards stationed in Cologne. Those intending to compete next Saturday should notify the secretary of the club not later than 2 p.m. on Friday.

WELL-KNOWN TRAINER'S DEATH.

Tom Young, the well-known trainer, died suddenly yesterday on the steps of his motor car in the stable yard. The last winner he trained was Saintly Maude.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, August 20, 1919.

Surface wind between South west and South 10-15 m.p.h. Fair but some low cloud at times. Perhaps occasional showers. Warm. Good visibility.

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Trainer's Resignation.

J. W. Sutcliffe, the international goalkeeper, has resigned his position as trainer of the Bradford City F.C., and George Robinson, who formerly played half-back for the club, has been obtained to succeed him.

No Wagers Recorded.

Whether because of the circumstance that ante-post speculation is rapidly becoming a thing of the past or owing to the lack of enterprise on the part of the present-day bookmaker in "opening out" on future events, the fact remains that within less than a month of the decision of the race not a single wager has been recorded on the St. Leger.

Sheffield Wednesday.

Sheffield Wednesday players have begun their training, among those who have reported at headquarters being David McLean.

W. Baker.

W. Baker, who played for Derby County in 1914-15, has again thrown in his lot with the club. During last season Baker was on the left wing with Morley for Brentford F.C., champions of the London Combination

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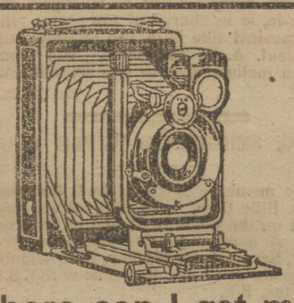

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ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

A Bank Run.

Yesterday owing to the continued depreciation of the value of the mark extraordinarily busy scenes were witnessed at Messrs. Cox & Co. and Messrs. Cook & Son. An announcement that the rate of exchange had gone up caused a veritable run on "Uncle's" and at one period of the morning, officers were forced to wait outside the bank, the interior being full.

What To Read.

With reference to recent correspondence on the subject of reading, the soldier's taste in literature can be more accurately gauged from the demands made at army libraries than in any other way. What seems to be most wanted are modern novels of a bright and amusing type, and while, to see the classics being ignored would be a deplorable thing, there are among modern writers many who are not only interesting but stimulating and instructive as well. The books of such writers as H. G. Wells, Arnold Bennett, Neil Munro, Eden Philpots and others combine pleasure with profit.

The Price of Foodstuffs.

Those individuals in England who spend so much time in striking for more pay and grumbling at the consequently high price of foodstuffs would get much cheap food for reflection if they paid a visit to Germany. A glance at the windows of the provision shops in the Rhineland towns shows the startling price of the chief commodities; and allowing for the different weights and currencies the prices worked out in English values are as follows:— Butter (fresh) 9/- to 10/- per lb. (Inferior) 6/- to 7/-. Cheese averages 8/6 per lb, bacon 12/- per lb and tinned milk 3/6 per tin. A correspondent suggests that perhaps those at home may get some consolation from these figures. Anyway they might have been worse off. For example they might have been on the losing side.

Tabloid Flying Knowledge,

A very useful handy book for all who are interested in aviation has just reached us and we recommend it highly. It is Jane's "Pocket Aeronautical Dictionary" which can be had from Messrs. Sampson Low & Marston London, for 1/6. Everything connected with air travel is arranged in alphabetical order and explained tersely and clearly, and there is besides a glossary of English and French technical terms. Very useful too are the four large-scale plans of flying machines. An hour spent in perusing this pocket encyclopadia will give you a grasp of all essential points about flying and flying machines.

Equipment in the Rhine.

One hears many tales about the condition of the German army on its retreat following the armistice, and anyone who came to the Rhine by road, as did the writer, could see that their morale was bad, for oad bits of equipment were scattered all along the roads. A fresh proof was given last week-end when a soldier fishing in the Rhine had a curious "bite," in the shape of a cavalry sword! A civilian who happened to see the incident, informed him that the bed of the river must be strewn with war material, for it seemed to be the general practice of the beaten German troops, when crossing by the bridges, to strip off every scrap of equipment, and heave it into the Rhine.

National War Savings Committee.

The National War Savings Committee contemplate the preparation of a new lecture entitled "Our Watch on the Rhine" and are most anxious to receive copies of photographs from which lantern slides, illustrating such a lecture, could be made. With many cameras in every unit, there must be a plethora of suitable material and we shall be delighted to receive copies of suitable photographs which we will forward to the Committee. Any photographs illustrating life out here will be welcome but we would like to receive a few showing men crowding round to buy War Savings Certificates. This hint will be sufficient to those units who are continually breaking records in the War Savings line and we expect a mail loaded with photographs. Please address them to W.E.R. c/o Editor, Cologne Post, A.P.O., S.40, British Army of the Rhine.

German Business Method.

There are various business methods adopted, with reference to cost accounts but the one that seems to be pre-eminent is that of a duplicate cash register as used in a number of business establishments in Rhineland. There is the large motor-driven register by which the value of the article sold is stamped, by pressing the required key on the keyboard. The register is used by the waiter while an assistant at the counter has a similar register but smaller. It is quite obvious that at the end of the day, the takings should be equal. Fraudulency is thus avoided. Another example is that where the purchaser having selected an article, is given a ticket with the price of the article purchased which is taken to the cashier. A similar register is used in this case. After paying the cash he is handed a receipt stamped by the register. Meanwhile the article has been transferred to the packing department. This receipt is then taken to the packer who hands over the article after proof that it has been paid for. Each department checks the other. We have no knowledge of this method in England, but it is well worth copying despite the fact that additional assistants are required.

Is it a Record?

The amount of the War Savings Certificates purchased by the 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. continues to grow. The keenness to outdo the previous weeks record has resulted in the magnificent total of 32,330 marks being subscribed for the week ending August 9th. Of this, "H. Q." Coy contributed the sum of 11,285 marks. Is not this the record amount subscribed so far?

A Coincidence.

A young guard stationed at Schaberg was reading in the "Cologne Post" about the intrepid airman, who daringly flew under the L'Arc de Triomphe in Paris. Suddenly the hum of an engine was heard and before he could realise what was happening, an aeroplane swooped down and to the amazement of the onlooker, flew under the centre arch of the Kaiser Wilhelm Bridge. Before the onlookers had had time to recover from their astonishment, the plane shot up again and quickly disappeared.

How Wives can get to Cologne.

Many, both rank and file are groping in the dark as to the procedure to be adopted in the above matter. Application must first be made through the usual channels and in due course a wife is communicated with direct from the Passport office in London and particulars are sent to her. The officer or man who is taking advantage of this privilege should note this and not expect to have the papers returned to him for transmission to his wife. Until recently it has taken a month to complete the above preliminary arrangements.

The best Route.

The best route is from Charing Cross via Ostend and Brussels to the frontier, the train leaving Charing Cross at 8.45 a.m. and connecting with the boat which arrives in Ostend at 3.30 p.m. The night can be spent in Ostend. If this is done the traveller can leave by an ordinary train the next day and break the journey at Brussels and spend an hour or two looking round this famous city and then proceed to Cologne, arriving about 10 p.m. If, however, you wish to complete the journey the same day there is a through train from Ostend to Cologne, which leaves Ostend at 4.40 p.m. just an hour and ten minutes after landing. This is a most convenient train, for it arrives in Cologne at 1 a.m., only about 16 hours from the time of departure at Charing Cross to the finish of the journey.

The Fare.

The first class fare single ticket from Charing Cross to Ostend is £2-3-10, the third class therefore being about half that amount. The fare from Ostend to Cologne is abnormally cheap being only eight francs. The traveller can book a berth in a sleeping car for an extra 20 francs but seeing the journey is concluded at 1 a.m. this is not necessary. If the husband wishes to meet his wife he can get leave to do so, and a movement order will be given to him on which will be written "Payment of fare beyond the frontier." There is a train leaving Cologne at 11.30 p.m. arriving at Brussels where he will change, at 5 a.m. and will arrive in Ostend in ample time to meet the afternoon boat. As regards accommodation in Cologne. The Central Y.M.C.A. is open to assist the wives of men to secure rooms and to help them in every way. This is one more instance of the splendid work carried on, and the great thoughtfulness of the Y.M.C.A. for the welfare of the men.

Lesser Echoes.

"Puzzled" writes suggesting that a standard price for cigarettes should be charged in all canteens. He complains that the price of a popular brand varies from 75 pfgs. for the smallest packet, the lowest price being that chargeable by the N.A.C.B.

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A soldier recently went into a Cologne shop and was served with a cup of coffee. He took a taste of the liquid and put down the cup hurriedly. "Heiss?" the waitress inquired. "Ice!" he replies, "No! That's just what it aint, it's blooming 'ot!"

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The latest fashion of short or rather no sleeves is favoured by the Cologne flapper. One was to be seen on Sunday exhibiting arms which might with advantage have been covered.

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"First to join you and the last to leave you" read the farewell message of the 1st Divisional American troops bound for the coast on Saturday and addressed to French troops. The first American troops, of course.

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Officers travelling on the Cologne Boulogne express and occupying berths near the windows should be wary as to what they hang on the pegs near by. Several cases of theft have occurred lately.

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While many fräuleins do not boast of low necked blouses the idea is popular with males of the wandering minstrel type. A party carrying musical instruments and bound for the country looked delightfully cool in these open neck creations.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to: Pte. A. Fraser R.A.S.C. (M.T.) 20th M.A.C. Rhine Army; Cpl. E. Fisher D. of S. & T., G.H.Q. Rhine Army; and L/Cpl. G. Y. Farquhar, 18th K.R.R.C.

THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Mr. Leonard J. Reid of the staff of the "Economist," in reviewing the present outlook, and frankly admitting the difficulties and troubles of the moment, proceeds:—

Nevertheless, I confess myself to be among the unshaken optimists, and I find, even in recent events, support for my optimism. Over and over again during the war and before it, industrial and economic conditions in this country moved to the very edge of a catastrophe.

But just at the very moment when catastrophe seemed inevitable, the common sense of the people woke up, reasserted itself and the crisis was safely passed. I can see at this moment unmistakeable signs that salvation from threatening troubles is at hand. Parliament and Press, and still more conversations in all places where men meet together show that the country is becoming thoroughly, though tardily, aroused to the danger of the situation.

The ordinary commonsense body of national opinion—which, when really roused, reduces always to impotence the efforts in this country of all agitators and make-troubles—is aroused to the unpleasant fact that work and thrift, production and careful living is the only programme which can assure the future prosperity of the country.

The nation has been relaxing its efforts since the Armistice. It has, as it were, been making holiday. This period too is the traditional time of holidays. But the realization of economic facts is everywhere steadily gaining ground and there is every reason to hope that before Autumn gives way to Winter, the nation as a whole will have set itself to the task of applying its enormously increased manufacturing resources to the active work of mass production.

Hard work, and public and private economy alone can pave the way to a lower cost of living—except in-so-far as sheer profiteering is guilty; and the Government have now devised a scheme for curbing the profiteer.

We are, perhaps, too much inclined both to ignore the fact that every nation on earth is now going through similar or worse troubles, and also to let our eyes dwell too much upon the excrescences of discontent and disturbance upon the surface, and to ignore the preparations for recovery and the good omens which lie below the surface. During the whole of July, to take an instance, British industrial and commercial concerns were financing themselves for new work or expansion. During July there were no less than 130 new issues of capital in London, the total sum raised thereby being nearly £63 millions sterling.

Many important concerns appear on the list and these offers were eagerly taken up by the public. Among these issues one of the most interesting to those who watch British affairs from abroad is the new floatation of the British Overseas Bank. This is a new concern with a strong directorate and an excellent backing from a number of great London banks who have taken up large blocks of shares. Its object is to devote itself entirely to financing British Overseas trade, and it will doubtless take care to provide financial facilities for British trade in foreign markets better than was enjoyed before the war.

If, and when, the nation really settles down to steady work—it will find abundant outlet for the products of its industry. Evidence of this fact could be quoted interminably, but I will content myself with taking the cotton industry as an example. Expert observers in Manchester state that, despite higher prices and all other obstacles, demand is the dominant feature in the cotton markets.

High prices and consequent industrial troubles are, after all, the common experience in most countries. The world is adjusting itself temporarily to the present position, just as we shall all slowly—not in the twinkling of an eye, but steadily—adjust ourselves to the exacting requirements of peaceful recuperation. Relaxation and agitation have marked the post-Armistice period; and, although this period is unfortunately not yet over, we are, I believe, nearing the next phase—the phase of vigorous reconstruction.

FAMOUS BUSINESS COLLEGE.

Some time ago Clark's College, that most useful centre for the training of future successful business men, planned an ambitios scheme for the training and finishing of those who had been compelled to spend several of the most vital years of their life in the war. Since that time many hundreds of ex-soldiers have passed through the college, into remunerative business positions, some receiving personal tuition at the College itself, some availing themselves of the practical and efficient postal tuition whilst still serving. At the present time numbers of demobilized men are passing out through this channel into business and the Civil Service, but many soldiers in Rhineland are apparently not aware that they can commence to train at once and have the benefit of instruction from this famous educational institution, even whilst over here. On returning home we understand, soldiers may either continue the postal tuition or attend personally at one of the Clark's Colleges in London or elsewhere. Any soldier who writes to the Demobilization Dept. Clark's College, 126, Chancery Lane, London, W.C. 2, mentioning the "Cologne Post," will receive every possible assistance and advice and all information as to how he may commence at once.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Forced.—Italy is to have a forced loan.

Army Magnet.—Recruits are still pouring into the Army at the rate of 1,000 a day.

Cigar Bandits.—Tobacconists shops in Paris have been raided by young hooligans.

Economy.—In Essex part of a flying boat is used by the R.A.F. sentry as a box.

Expensive.—A first class burial at home costs from £55 to £60.

The Sporty Boy. — General Seely is called by his intimates the Sportee Boyee.

To Be Issued.— Regulations governing the Victory Medal have not yet been issued.

Roadside Memorial — A memorial to the 29th Division is to be erected on the Coventry-Dunchurch road.

Pawnbrokers' Harvest.—Pawnbrokers in Yorkshire have been reaping a rich harvest during the strike of miners.

His Trousers.— One of the dismissed London police constables has been summoned for not giving up his trousers.

For Pleasure. — At Ashton-under-Lyne £100,000 has been distributed for the holidays by savings clubs.

Plucking the Bookmakers.—August was one of the worst months on record for bookmakers.

Officer V.C. Missing.— Captain Roupell V.C., of the East Surreys, is missing in North Russia.

Lost.—During the last few weeks 500 lost children have been taken care of by the Ramsgate police.

Why Then.—Viscount Grey's refusal of the Embassy at Washington is not due, it is said, to his physical disabilities.

Ideas from Aircraft. — The design of motor cars is being influenced by ideas which rule in aeroplane construction.

Casualties.—The injured in a London tram smash are spoken of as casualtes. The touch of war.

The Salient.—It is proposed to erect a church at Ypres in memory of the British who fell in this sector of the old line.

The Day's Work.—Farm labourers look for extra rations as well as extra wages during harvest.

Their Reception.—Troops of the Highland Cyclist Brigade were stoned at Cool Island, Tyrone.

Munitions Minister.—Lord Inverforth, Minister of Munitions, is likely to be succeeded by Mr. Kellaway.

For Hot Weather.—There is some lovely fruit on sale in the Cologne markets at present.

Direct Action Opposed.—The new policy of the Socialist Party is condemned by Mr. Hyndman, the veteran Socialist.

Inventive Tommy.—Ever inventive some curious bathing costumes are being wor by Tommies these days.

Pineapples Arrive.—About 30,000 pineapples have arrived at Covent Garden from Spain.

A Bunch.— Mr. Hayday, Labour M.P. for West Nottingham, who is the father of 16 children, has just been presented with No. 17.

A big Scheme. — The Labour Ministry intends to launch its scheme for the employment of disabled soldiers on September 1st.

Woman's Employment.—Great difficulty is being experienced in dealing with unemployed women munition workers at home.

A New Fad.—United States girls with the aid of the sun are branding their arms with the badge of their favourite regiment.

Where it was Hidden. — At Liverpool, jewellery looted from the shops has been found among the coal and boots behind pictures.

Insulting the Uniform.— For insulting a returned prisoner of war by calling him a fireside soldier, a Sunderland miner has been fined.

Kisses Cut Out.— The Japanese police do not allow kissing in public and film stars are not permitted to osculate on the screen.

The Farmer's Boy.—Shortage of labour still exists on the land and many hardy veterans have turned out to assist during harvesting.

Ford Gets Threepence.—Mr. Henry Ford of motor car fame has been awarded threepence damages against a Chicago newspaper which called him an anarchist.

Jobs for Juveniles — The problem of finding employment for secondary school boys and girls is being tackled by headmasters and headmistresses.

Less Music for Paris.—Paris, which probably had the largest number of bands of any city in the world, will suffer musically by the reduction of regimental bands by half.

Some Scheme. — Wimbledon's war memorial scheme is a £3,000 monument, £35,000 for houses for the disabled, and £35,000 for children's hospital treatment.

The Sporting Parson.—"How I would run the parish if I were rector." is the subject of an essay set for Church-workers by the Rev. F. H. Gillingham, rector of Bermondsey.

Doctors Want More.—Doctors, like other human beings, have succumbed to the prevailing epidemic and are agitating for higher fees to meet the increased cost of living.

Surprised.— Scottish soldiers returning from leave had a pleasant surprise at Victoria. They were sent to camps in England, the explanation being that the 62nd Highland Division is on its way home.

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MISSING.

PTE. JOHN Mc. LUSKEY, 9th H.L.I., reported missing at Arras front facing Bullecourt near Fontainieiz, Croiselles May 1917. Later reported prisioner in German hands. Any news will be gratefully received by Miss Mc Geechan, School House, Glenborz. Lanarkshire.

NO. 394336, Rfn. H.J. Wilcox, London Rgt., missing since Aug. 1917. Any information gratefully received by Mrs. Wilcox, 94, Nuntrad Grove, London, S.E.

12th Bn. East Surrey Regiment. Pte. J.N. Johnson (presumably C Coy.) 12th East Surrey's formerly Royal Fusiliers, of Mansfield, Notts. Reported missing March 1918. Will anyone having knowledge of what happened to the above soldier, please communicate to Box 149, Cologne Post, A.P.O./S. 40.

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ARMY COUNCIL'S FAREWELL.

WAR MINISTER'S BUSY RHINELAND TOUR FINISHES.

ARMY COUNCIL.

STRENUOUS TOUR OF RHINELAND CONTINUES.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Secretary of State for War, with members of the Army Council and Staff, including Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, Gen. Sir G. M. W. MacDonough and Sir Philip Chetwode (Military Secretary) continued his busy tour in Rhineland yesterday.

In the morning a visit was paid to Eil where a display by the 20th Squadron R.A.F. was watched with considerable interest. The party then proceeded to Bonn, visited the X Corps, after which their arrival in Remagen was welcomed with a salute of nineteen guns. The return journey to Cologne was made down the Rhine by steamer.

In the evening the distinguished visitors dined in the VI Corps Club with a number of senior officers after which there were several speeches.

Many people were present at Cologne Main station at 11 p.m. to watch the party leave. The ex-Kaiser's private entrance, decorated with palms and flowers, was used.

On No. 1 Platform, there was a Guard of Honour of 100 men of the 52nd D.L.I., Northern Div. under the command of Capt. Moore, M.C., and the salute was given as the War Minister entered the station and when the train moved off.

On the previous day, Romerhof, and Libiar were visited. At the former place, the party was received by the IX Corps Commander and G.O.C. Midland Division. The 1st Midland Brigade was then inspected.

In the evening the VI Corps Tattoo was witnessed at Lindenthal.

INSPECTION AT RIEHL.

Lt.-General Sir Aylmer Haldane, K.C.B., D.S.O., commanding the VI Corps, inspected the 3rd. Battalion Machine Gun Corps at the Pioneer Barracks, Riehl yesterday morning. In 1914, 1915 and part of 1916, General Haldane commanded the 3rd. Division, subsequently taking over the VI. Corps, and in an address to the battalion, he stated that his association with it went right back to its formation. He paid glowing tribute to the unit's efficiency both on active service, and under the present conditions. He hoped those who found their way into civil life would carry with them that splendid spirit of comradeship that had made their battalion what it was, and hoped that the 3rd. would not cease to exist as a unit. No one knew what the future held, but he wished them all every success. In closing he expressed his thanks to Col. Cranston and Officers, Non-commissioned officers and men of the Battalion for the way in which they had carried out their duties. As General Haldane left the parade ground rousing cheers were given.

WARSAW'S WIRELESS STATION.

It is stated that a scheme is now under consideration by the Polish Government in Warsaw for the establishment of a central wireless station in the neighbourhood of the Polish capital.

American financiers have already evinced interest in the project, and delegates from the Polish Government have been invited by private enterprises in the United States to discuss the matter. These delegates have already left for America on this mission. Offers have been received from the German Government for the construction of the station, but, although the price quoted is some eight times lower than the figure given by other European countries, these proposals are being held in reserve pending the outcome of the negotiations in the United States, as it is naturally considered preferable that the work should, if possible, be carried out by an Allied country.

EX-KAISER'S ABDICATION.

Herr Wahnschaffe, formerly secretary to Herr von Bethmann Hollwegg, publishes in the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung a letter which he addressed to the Director of the Foreign Office, Dr. Simons, on Aug. 2, dealing with the events in connection with the abdication question in the early days of November last. In the letter he describes the efforts of the Chancellor, Prince Max of Baden, to circumvent the Supreme Army Command's plan of getting the Kaiser to headquarters.

5-YEAR EMBARGO ON ALIENS.

An amendment to the Commonwealth Immigration Act, which has been introduced in the Federal House of Representatives provides that all persons of former enemy parentage or nationality shall not be admitted into the Commonwealth for a period of five years.

VI CORPS SUCCESS.

TATTOO AT LINDENTHAL IN IDEAL CONDITIONS.

Tuesday night saw the third presentation of the Military Tattoo at Lindenthal by troops of the VI Corps. The Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill and members of the Army Council were present. Favoured by the weather and the extension of the hours of circulation, large numbers of the German population flocked to Lindenthal to witness this spectacle. One might almost say that the civil element was as strong in numbers as the military.

The same programme was carried out as on the two previous occasions, it would indeed have been difficult to improve on it. The night was as dark as could be wished, the torches showing up to the full advantage, a most charming and fairylandish effect being produced by the evolutions carried out.

Reminiscent of Past Days.

The pyrotechnic display was a great success. From the time the first rocket rushed skywards until 'cease fire' sounded, it was easily possible to read a newspaper in any part of the ground, so profuse were the rockets. The pall of smoke that hung over the ground at the conclusion of this display, together with the red flares, reminded one of less happy days, when we had also witnessed firework displays of a different nature.

The splendid rendering of the various marches by the massed bands of twelve battalions under Mr. Cooney, Senior Bandmaster, London Division added not a little to the enjoyment of the evening. Great pains must have been spent in training the torch bearers, whose work reflected much credit on those responsible. The drum and fife bands were from the London Division, bugle bands from the Northern Division, Guards were supplied by the 1st and 2nd. Northern Infantry Brigades, 9th D.L.I. and VI Corps Cyclists Bn. whilst the torch bearers came from the 3rd. Northern Infantry Brigade and the 3rd. Battalion M.G.C.

FRENCH VIEWS.

PERSIAN AGREEMENT DISTURBS PARIS OPINION.

Commenting upon the agreement concluded between Great Britain and Persia the "Temps" says:

"We read in Article 10 of the Covenant of the League of Nations: "The members of the League undertake to respect and maintain the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members of the League against any foreign aggression. Farther on, in the annex, we see that Persia figures among the States 'invited to adhere to the Covenant.' In virtue of the Treaty of Versailles, which contains the Covenant of the League of Nations, and has been ratified by the British Parliament, the 'existing political independence' of Persia must therefore be respected. But it is not respected."

Continuing the "Temps" says: "In thus pointing out the legal position we are actuated by no selfish arrière-pensée. Far be from us the idea of saying to our British Allies, 'Offer us compensation elsewhere and our scruples will vanish.'"

"The British Government," the "Temps" concludes, "understands admirably the text and value of a treaty. It entered the war because a treaty had been violated. Did not the British Government see that in conducting at Teheran the long negotiations concerning the Anglo-Persian agreement, while the Persian delegation in Paris waited in vain for the Conference to grant it an audience, there was this indefensible antagonism between the policy it pursued in Persia and the engagements it undertook here. The security of France in the Europe of to-morrow rests partly on an engagement with Great Britain, an engagement attached to the Covenant of the League of Nations. We cannot endure the thought that British promises are subject to discussion, even when they apply to Asia."

SIR CHARLES SYKES' ILLNESS.

Sir Charles Sykes, M.P. underwent an operation at the hands of Sir Berkeley Moynihan, the eminent surgeon, in Leeds yesterday morning. Last night his condition was reported as "fairly confortable and everything satisfactory."

LABOUR TROUBLES.

POSTMEN'S GRIEVANCE.

A demonstration of London Post Office trade unionists, held at Trafalgar-square yesterday afternoon, protested strongly against the recommendations contained in the report dealing with the employment of disabled sailors and soldiers in the Post Office. It was decided not to cease agitating until the report was withdrawn.

U.S. PRESIDENT.

PROPOSED SUCCESSOR TO MR. WILSON.

The name of Mr. John W. Davis, the American Ambassador at the Court of St. James, is being considered by Democratic leaders in the United States for the Presidential nomination next year, as successor to Mr. Wilson.

The leaders believe that there is little chance of success with any nominee taken from among the politicians who have been actively before the public. It is thought that the voters want new blood in their statesmen, and Mr. Davis is being privately discussed as an ideal candidate because, although little known publicly, he has no enemies.

He has consistently made friends throughout his political career, and is a brilliant speaker.

The fact that he is not associated with any extreme Radical group is considered a favourable point by the Democratic leaders, because it is thought the voters will want Conservatism in the White House during the next four years, whether the occupant is a Republican or a Democrat.

If Mr. Davis retires from London it is reported that the Ambassadorship will be offered to Mr. Polk, who has just succeeded Mr. Lansing as head of the American Peace Mission in Paris.

FOR THE MINISTRY.

2,050 SOLDIERS NAMES ON THE REGISTER.

In the summary of proceedings for 1918 of the Central Advisory Council of Training for the Ministry it is stated that the work had naturally centred round the recruiting for the ministry from the forces, and in January last there were 2,050 names on the register of Service candidates, the armistice having brought a very great increase of the number. Two important reports had passed through the council. The first dealt with the cases of men who had suffered from permanent injury at the war, and gave suggestions as to what should or should not be considered as disqualifying a man for the ministry, and the other dealt with the syllabus for study and with the examination of Service candidates. During 1918 men were being helped to courses at Oxford, Cambridge, Durham (St. John's), Ridley Hall, Highbury, Lichfield, Salisbury, Burgh, Mirfield, Cuddesdon, and Bishops' College, Cheshunt. But the number of candidates who had reached this point was naturally very small, and most of them had already chosen their theological colleges when they came before the committee, so that the list given is accidental rather than typicial.

EX-AIR OFFICIAL IN TROUBLE.

DANCES WITH A POLICEMAN.

Charles William Luxton, aged twenty-seven, of Crondall-street, Hoxton, was charged at Old-street on Saturday with being intoxicated.

It was stated that he was dancing and singing with four other men in Crondall-street in the early morning. He caught a constable by the arm and tried to dance him round, too. The divisional surgeon certified him to be intoxicated.

Luxton denied the allegations, but admitted that he had had perhaps six drinks. He said that he had important work to do, and added:—

"I had been selected to stand at the side of Miss Douglas Pennant during a forthcoming inquiry. Until last night I was chief supervisor at the Air Ministry, a position I had to resign, as the responsibility was too great for me. I have been through the war, and won the Military Medal."

It was stated that before the war he was a probationer under the court missionary. He did well, and had not been in trouble since.

Mr. Clarke Hall: "Well, I don't want to tarnish a good record. Pay the doctor's fee. 7s. 6d. There will be no conviction."

Luxton: "Thank you, sir."

ARMY REVOLVERS WANTED.

Army revolvers and pistols are wanted by the Ministry of Munitions. Suitable weapons, .45in and .455in, of service pattern, and made by Messrs. Webley and Scott, Colt, and Smith and Wesson, will be purchased by the Ministry, and persons having any to dispose of should send them by parcel post to the Chief Inspector of Small Arms, Enfield Lock, Middlesex, for valuation. The sender may fix his own price for the pistol, and if not will be offered the price of the valuation.

FOUND AFTER 18 MONTHS.

At the Minnie Pit, Halmer End, Staffordshire, where a disastrous explosion occurred on January 12, 1918, the body of the 153rd victim was brought to the surface yesterday. Only two more bodies now remain in the workings, which will be entirely cleared in a few days.

FISHERMEN'S PROTEST.

Devon and Cornwall fishermen are refusing to go to sea in consequence of profiteering and declare that they are unable to earn a living. Fish which they sell in the morning at two or three shillings a stone is retailed later at 8d or 9d a pound.

LAST FLIGHT.

TWO AIRMEN KILLED IN A RHINELAND CRASH.

On Wednesday, influenced by the fresh morning breeze and bright sunshine, two members of the Royal Air Force climbed into a Rolls-Royce Bristol aeroplane with light hearted happiness. Little did they or the officers and men of the Force who watched them, guess that the hapless airmen were about to take their last trip in this world. Yet such, unhappily, was the case.

Those concerned were Lieut. R.R. Evans and Observer V. Limerick and they left Hangeler Aerodrome with the object of taking a short flight.

Speeding along the turf, the machine rose gently into the air and continued for some distance close to the ground. Then for some unaccountable reason unsteadiness was noticed and the plane crashed. Both the occupants were killed.

DEFEATING FOOD PROFITEER.

Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P. in opening the Beckenham Allotment Society's annual exhibition at the Technical Institute Beckenham, on Saturday afternoon, said undoubtedly Adam was the first allotment holder, and it may well have been that Eve was the first to do a little profiteering in the apple line. (Laughter.) To-day there were well over a million and a half allotment holders, and their efforts were worth half a dozen Acts of Parliament in defeating the food profiteer. It was a public scandal that at such a time evictions were taking place and notices to quit were being showered on thousands of allotment holders.

There were a large number of members of the House of Commons, however, who were very anxious to safeguard, protect, and foster the allotment movement in the country, and he was glad to see that as a result of a discussion which had taken place in the House upon the position of allotment holders in the parks and open spaces, they were to be allowed to remain for another two years.

STRANGE THAMES SCENE.

HORSE DROWNED IN TRYING TO SWIM ACROSS THE RIVER.

The spectacle of a horse attached to a cart in which was the driver, floundering in mid-stream in the Thames caused considerable excitement among hundreds of river-folk near Canbury Promenade, Kingston, yesterday afternoon.

The horse, belonging to Mr. W. Wells, contractor, of Kingston, was taken to the river's edge to drink, and getting suddenly out of its depth, it endeavoured to swim across the river.

It was, however, dragged down by the cart, and both horse and cart disappeared under water.

The driver, Harry Fletcher, managed to jump from the cart, and with difficulty got to the bank, but the horse was drowned.

HOUSING SCHEMES.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES PAY FROM CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

The Ministry of Health have issued General Housing Memorandum No. 2, dealing with the expenditure of local authorities in connection with the preparation and execution of housing schemes by their own staff, under which local authorities may make payments out of capital account to architectural, surveying, or engineering staff temporarily engaged in a whole-time capacity exclusively for the housing scheme, and also to permanent salaried officers of the local authority employed on the scheme. The memorandum is the outcome of representations which were made at the inception of the housing campaign by the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers, which at once recognised that permanent officers of local authorities could not be expected, without suitable remuneration, to undertake a large amount of additional work which would inevitably fall to their share, even when extra assistance was provided. The issue of memorandum will remove a stumbling block, and enable local authorities to allot all the expenses of a housing scheme to the actual scheme.

LONDON ALLOTMENTS.

PROTEST AGAINST PROPOSAL OF THE L.C.C.

Mr. J. Forbes, general secretary, National Union of Allotment Holders, speaking at Brockwell Park yesterday, said the L.C.C. had been persuaded to reverse its previous decision to terminate all the allotments at the end of this year, and had now decided to close down half this year and the remainder next year.

Such a decision was regarded by allotment holders as inequitable and unfair; was against the public interest, in view of the need for food production and the fact that allotment holders were helping to stamp out profiteering in vegetable food; was contrary to the assurances given to allotment holders, and was leading to friction.

The L.C.C. he said, had been one of the most unsympathetic authorities administering the allotments orders.

The meeting unanimously agreed to press, in co-operation with the National Union of Allotment Holders, for tenure for two years from the termination of the war.

RETURNED LOOT.

GERMANY STARTS TO DISGORGE STOLEN GOODS.

A Geneva correspondent wires that Germany has begun to disgorge the goods stolen in Northern France during the four years' occupation by the Crown Prince and German traders—from generals down to private soldiers.

Almost daily since the month of June wagons laden with such miscellaneous goods as machinery, utensils, tapestry and jewels have been passing through Switzerland and across the Rhine to France.

It is estimated that over 100,000 tons of material have already been delivered up by the Germans, who continue to examine each French claim by a special commission installed at Wiesbaden.

The restored goods are worth many millions sterling, but only about one-fifth has yet been delivered.

The Crown Prince made a speciality of stealing priceless ancient tapestries.

Four acres of King's Wood, adjoining the historic Leeds Castle, near Maidstone, have been destroyed by fire.

BOGUS "V.C."

WELL DECORATED MAN CHARGED IN LONDON.

A young man attired as an officer of the Royal Air Force, who was said to have been masquerading as a war hero, was brought before Sir John Dickinson, at Bow-street, yesterday, on a charge of wearing military uniform, without authority. He was described on the charge-sheet as Ian Irvine Barclay, aged 23, electrician, of St. Margaret's Hope, Ronaldshay, Orkney.

Detective-inspector Alfred Collins, C.I.D., attached to the War Office, said the accused was brought to the Horse Guards on Thursday, where he was interviewed before Major Thunder. He was then attired in the full uniform of an officer of the Royal Air Force, and was wearing, besides badges indicating the rank of major, the ribbons of the following decorations, viz., Victoria Cross, D.S.O., M.C., Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Force Cross, Air Force Medal, 1918, Mons Star, and General Service, also the Victory ribbon, five service chevrons, pilot's wings, and two wound stripes. Defendant represented himself as Major Ian Irvine Barclay, V.C., of the Royal Air Force, and produced two visiting cards bearing that name and description. No entry corresponding to that description could be found in the lists of the Royal Air Force or the V.C. Defendant had made other statements to the effect that he had been presented with the V.C. by the King in person at an investiture at Buckingham Palace, and he had pretended to describe the circumstances in which he won the distinction. Eventually however, when witness told him he believed he was masquerading, he admitted his story was untrue, and said he had never been in the Army, that he bought the uniform a week or two ago at Gamage's, and that he had since been staying at the Savoy Hotel. Previously he had lived with his father, a schoolmaster, in Orkney. In defendant's possession was found a cheque drawn in his favour for £200 purporting to be signed by "George Smart," but defendant admitted he had filled it in himself.

Defendant now said that when the war was going on he was living at St. Andrews, where people were always taunting him about not being in the Army, although as a matter of fact he had tried to join several times and had been before four medical boards, but had always been rejected on account of heart trouble. That was why he bought the uniform, thinking it would make people believe he had really been in the Army, but he admitted he had acted foolishly.

Sir John Dickinson said he could not accept that story, considering that the war finished in November and that the uniform was only obtained a fortnight ago. He ordered a remand to enable the police to make further inquiries.

HAUNTED BY AIR RAIDS.

Stated to have been so much upset by air raids that she had not been able to sleep well since, and to have been haunted by the fear that there would be a repetition at some future time, Alice Esther Crowley, 55, a house-keeper, of Canonbury, committed suicide by gas poisoning.

At the inquest yesterday it was stated that the woman had been suffering from neurasthenia, and although she had never threatened her life she had expressed sympathy with "suicides," who, she thought, were plucky people.

A letter in her handwriting ran: "I am so sorry for giving all this trouble. Pray do forgive me. . . . I am so ill, but not insane."

A verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind" was recorded.

PETERLOO CENTENARY.

Manchester celebrated on Saturday the centenary of Peterloo, that tragic episode in the industrial history of the country which caused so great an upheaval. A crowd of Manchester workers, it will be recalled, gathered together on Peter's fields to urge great reforms, and were dispersed by Yeomanry with drawn sabres. A number of people were killed and several hundreds injured. There was a mass demonstration on Saturday in one of the city's parks. As the procession passed the Free Trade Hall, which stands on the site of Peterloo, hats were raised and the "Red Flag" was sung.

JEWEL THEFT.

MUCH WANTED MAN AND HYDE PARK ROBBERY.

In the course of a statement to the police Hilda Harris declared: "I was upstairs packing when Collinson went down and got the jewellery. But I had part of the money, and I will take the blame." Evidence to this effect was given on Saturday at Marylebone, when Detective Pearce added:—

"A man now awaiting trial at Maidstone on two charges of house-breaking at Eastbourne has been concerned with this woman all over the country in various cases of larceny and house-breaking."

Harris, who is twenty-two, is a servant of Pevensey-road, Eastbourne, and was charged with being concerned with Mayne Thomas, otherwise Arthur Collinson (the man referred to), in stealing and receiving jewellery from a house in Cambridge-street, Hyde Park.

Mrs. Townsend, a boarding-house keeper, identified the woman as having stayed at her house with a man in the name of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. On October 9 they disappeared, and she missed jewellery to the value of £100

RUSSIAN OFFICERS IN COLOGNE.

Russian officers who passed through Cologne on their way to England to train for Koltchak's forces in Russia were regarded with great curiosity in the streets. Most of them have been prisoners in Germany, and, before proceeding East they will undergo a period of training in a camp established for the purpose at Newmarket. The stained and war worn uniforms in which they arrived represent practically every branch of the Russian Army. Some are clad in dilapidated Hussar uniforms, some in the caps and high boots of the Cossack regiments, some are in civilian clothes, and a few have British Army greatcoats. The uniforms of practically all the allied forces are now familiar to most soldiers stationed in Rhineland, but the Russian officers because of their unusual attire excited a great deal of interest.

TRAGEDY IN WALES.

HUSBAND DEAD; WIFE HACKED WITH RAZOR.

Summoned to the house of a collier at Newton, Ebbw Vale, early yesterday morning, the police found Mrs. Annie May Booth suffering from serious throat and wrist wounds, and her husband, Arthur Booth, dead on the bed with a terrible gash in his throat. Near by was a bloodstained razor, and the room showed signs of a struggle.

Booth and his wife, it is said, visited a local cinema on Saturday night. Awakening about 3 o'clock yesterday morning, the wife missed her husband. Thinking he was ill, she got up, and found him in the kitchen smoking and counting his money. She asked him what was the matter, and he replied "Nothing." Both went back to bed, and Mrs. Booth said she was awakened by her husband slashing at her with a razor. She got up, and rushing into the street was taken in by neighbours.

Booth was a discharged soldier, and apparently the couple had lived very happily together.

MOTOR BANDITS.

SMART CAPTURE BY LONDON POLICEMAN.

A gang of motor bandits, whose exploits have been engaging the attention of the London police for some months, have been specialising in stealing rolls of cloth from tailors' shops, and it is estimated that they have got away with something like £40,000 worth.

Their latest adventure was at the tailoring premises of Mr. Arthur Papworth, Holloway-road. Here in the early hours of Friday morning they committed a daring burglary, but the booty, valued at £1,500, was saved by a police constable, Acting-Sergeant Morgan. One of the gang, which numbers five, narrowly escaped capture.

A Ford box car stopped opposite the shop, and the policeman saw several men carrying bundles across the pavement. He tackled them single-handed, but they all bolted, though one received a heavy blow on the neck from his truncheon. In the car, which was captured, £600 worth of cloth was found, with some jemmies. Iron gates at the shop's entrance were found smashed, and the door damaged through being forced.

AUTUMN FOOD SITUATION.

It is announced by the Ministry of Food that the thirteenth Labour Conference to be held at the County Hall, Westminster, will not be convened for an earlier date than the third or the last Saturday in September. The Food Controller hopes to preside at the conference, and to make a statement on the autumn situation.

Mr. Gilbert Miller writes pointing out that Mr. Rupert D'Oyly Carte is entirely responsible for the forthcoming production of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas at the Princes Theatre.

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Tickets for the Grand Stand will also be on sale.

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Notice to British Commercial Representatives.

Attention is called to the fact that the British Liaison Officers attached to the Economic Sections in Allied zones are prepared to give information and assistance in trade questions.

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Notice to Catholic Troops at Bonn.

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LOOKING AHEAD.

One of the features of German cities which must strike even the most casual observer is the high degree of perfection Germany has attained in the art of town planning.

The question of advancement in this way is one of the problems to which the Ministry of Reconstruction is applying itself, and a recent pamphlet issued on the subject shows that it has been approached in no haphazard manner.

The central idea is the building of streets in such a way as to facilitate future expansion, and from this point of view Germany has certainly looked further ahead than most countries.

According to the Town Planning Bill of 1919 every local authority must undertake a housing scheme so that the importance of an increased understanding of the best systems is clear. Certain broad principles must be observed. As an instance the advantage of having a standard width for different types of streets is obvious. By this means certain main arteries can be used for traffic which can be almost wholly diverted from the residential roads.

A definite system of development, too, gives landowners comparative security against loss resultant on the depreciation of the surrounding district. In many cases a street of artistic and up-to-date dwellings has suddenly gone down in value because an adjacent owner has erected a factory, or a row of houses of a meaner type. Scientific town planning provides ample safeguards against this.

A modern development of town planning is the erection of garden cities and garden suburbs, and public opinion is gradually veering round in favour of this idea. Bournville and Port Sunlight are notable examples. Garden suburbs at Hampstead and Letchworth followed and that the future holds great possibilities in this direction cannot be doubted.

The importance of the future preservation of gardens and open spaces is being more and more realised and in this way most continental cities excel those of Great Britain. The street-gardens of Cologne make a good illustration of this and they do much to beautify the city.

A great deal has been said during the war about making our country a place "fit for heroes," and surely there could be no better monument to those who fell in the war than a united effort to make our towns more healthy, more beautiful and more convenient.

It is to be hoped that as the result of that effort, the time will come when comfortable and sanitary dwellings will be the right of everybody. As some one has said "If Egypt could plan towns for the benefit of her slaves four thousand years ago, can England do less for her free men today."

A REMINDER.

PLEA FOR BRITISH FACTORIES.

Before the dawn, in drenching rain we were ordered to advance from the front line trenches in defence of Ypres—glorious "Wipers." Our movement was quickly spotted by the enemy and a sharp rattle up of machine guns and heavies followed. As we groped our way in the darkness, a shrieking shell burst in our midst and the captain was amongst the victims. "Go on lads, don't stop for me, my work is ended—good bye, and God speed." And so passed away one of the most gallant of the "Contemptibles."

A few moments later we were at grips with the enemy; as many as could, beat a hasty retreat, the remainder were beyond the power of recording their opinion of a British cavalry regiment in action, unmounted.

Four years later, almost to the day, the armistice is signed and the guns silenced. An army of occupation is on the banks of the Rhine and the successors to the gallant contemptibles are there to hold that which has been won by such bravery and at such tremendous sacrifice.

The Germans, unashamed, come forward with their wares and invite our splendid fellows to buy them. Tempting offers of cameras, field glasses and other articles, which for the present may be difficult to obtain from good old Britain, are lavishly displayed. But it is surely unthinkable that any of the sons of the noble British Empire will yield to any such specious offers. Lest forgetfulness should betray any of them, it may be opportune to relate what the British manufacturer of some of these articles that the Germans are anxious to dispose of have been doing during the great conflict.

All the British factories devoted to optical instruments and photographic apparatus at once turned their plants over to the production of munitions of war and achieved astonishing results. Optical glass of finest quality had hitherto been almost entirely made in Germany, and the industry was heavily subsidized by the German government. In a few months British scientists in collaboration with the glass workers produced a better quality of optical glass than anything the Germans had ever turned out.

This quickly led to the production by British optical works of photographic lenses of a far greater efficiency than any German lenses. Our wonderful airmen thus equipped proved themselves vastly superior to the enemy airmen, and their photographic surveys of the lines, camouflaged batteries, and the like, surpass anything accomplished during the war.

Prismatic field glasses, gunsights and periscopes were also rapidly produced to equip the armies of the Allies as well as the British forces. All of a quality certainly equal, and in many cases superior, to those in use by the enemy. This, despite the fact that Germany had been preparing such equipment years before the eventful August 1914.

British camera works abandoned the supplies of instruments for the peaceful requirements of amateur and professional photographers, and concentrated upon the production of aerial cameras, notably the gun camera, which enabled young recruits to become efficient marksmen in the air without firing a single bullet. What the promise of enormous supplies of such accurate scientific instruments meant to the cause of the Allies, history will record. Suffice it to say that in no instance were our enemies able to match the British manufacturers either in quality or speed of production. The glass and optical works and camera factories have been enormously increased in size during the war and the most accurate machinery and apparatus installed for rapid reproduction work. This was essential to cope with the unparalleled demand for supplies, and now that the war is over those facilities are being transformed as quickly as possible to apply them to the production of those instruments which the Germans are endeavouring to supply at the expense of the British manufacturers.

A little patience and supplies will be freely forthcoming, and, be it remembered, of a quality equal to, if not superior to anything the German or anyone else can produce. Think of the demobilized men for whom employment must be found in the old country, of the sacrifices made by those who were able to answer the call to fight, and of the splendid service rendered by the British manufacturers at the expense of the good will of their ordinary business, and there will be no temptation to become possessed of a German camera or of a pair of German binoculars.

A.C.B.

WHAT TO SEE IN RHINELAND.

VII. NIDEGGEN.

It is the Matlock of Rhineland and once seen will never be forgotten. You proceed to Düren and there change, the rest of the journey taking about forty-five minutes.

The train from Düren runs through a lovely valley, on either side of which are heather covered hills and forests. Some parts of the journey remind one of Devonshire, for the earth is red and there is also red sandstone.

There are many picturesque villages and farms nestling under the hills which make the journey all the more interesting; the harvest fields too delight the eye at this season of the year. As the train rounds a curve, one is thrilled by a vision of incomparable beauty.

Towering to great heights are huge rocks of curious shapes, nature's sentinels guarding the rich and fertile valley. They remind one of Wharncliffe Crags, the beauty spot near Sheffield. Far away stretch mighty forests and purple clad moors. On the top of a huge rock, which rises sheer from the heart of the mountain is an ancient castle dating from 1267. Ruined walls indicate the more distant line of fortifications round this stronghold and there is a tower which has weathered the storms of ages. Near by can be seen the spire of a church and far across the valley on the opposite range of mountains there is another.

We leave the station, which is crowded with civilian visitors, and walk to the lower part of the village where there is evidence of the presence of Highland troops for on a whitewashed cottage you see painted "Seaforth Strasse." Someone gifted with imagination has so renamed the spot for an arrow indicates "The Valley of the Moon."

Along this valley runs a beautiful stream. You cross it by an ancient stone bridge, on which is the carved figure of a monk, and you enter "Johnnie Walker Strasse." On the right is a huge wooden wheel connected with a water-mill, and there is a rushing mountain torrent.

High walls, the origin of which cannot be ascertained with certainty, surround this little mountain town. It is rich in historical interest, and even in early times, the place must have acquired a more than ordinary importance from its situation.

Passing through an ancient gateway built of red sandstone you enter Nideggen and are struck with its architectural beauty. Here are ancient cottages and modern hotels, where one can obtain refreshment. In the square is a wonderful stone cross surrounded with trees. Its steps are worn hollow and it dates from an early period.

The visitor seems to be plunged suddenly into the mediaeval period as he makes a circuit of the ivy covered walls. A regimental band playing on the slopes of the Castle, awakens memories. Khaki and the green of Alpine dress intermingle in the streets. Here are crowds of civilians who have come from the towns on the plains, and many are carrying bunches of heather. They are revelling in the beauty of the scene. Where could be found a sweeter or more romantic spot; where could the reflective mind find a place richer in historical interest in Rhineland than the walled mountain town of Nideggen?

CAMERA FIENDS.

There are many men in the Rhine Army who do not carry cameras, and they — when their advice on some matter photographical has been rejected — usually dub us "Camera Fiends."

To my mind there is a distinct difference between the "Fiend," and the "Enthusiast."

The Enthusiast is invariably at the back of the camera; the end you focus from, while the Fiend, — well, George is a Fiend.

One beautiful sunny day my camera and I sallied forth to acquire a few really good photographs wherewith to quiet that still, small voice which will one day enquire:—'What did you do in,' etc., but we met George, who enquired, hearkened, and accepted a purely mythical invitation to accompany us.

I suppose that it is needless to say that the Dom was the first objective, but in time I had arranged everything almost to my satisfaction; I say *almost*, because the camera enthusiast is never entirely satisfied; there is always some unattainable spot wherefrom the perfect photograph could be procured.

Then George's movements made me realise that his ideas of the origin of the Dom were not the commonly accepted ones; obviously he had not read it's history; neither did he appreciate it from an architectural point of view. No, he appeared to think that I was present only to take his photograph, and the Dom had been raised there solely and entirely for the purpose of being arranged round him as an effective background.

I protested, explaining that my object was *not* to perpetuate the fact that cigars had once been even so cheap as to come within his means.

He stood fast, and puffed clouds of rank smoke.

I appealed to my view-finder, it silently answered that my photograph would merely show George with a fringe of Dom.

I appealed to two newly arrived enthusiasts, but one was a sergeant-major and the other didn't seem very intelligent either.

Ultimately I resorted to strategy and affected to click the shutter and prepare my case for departure; the trick worked and as George approached I grasped my opportunity and exposed the plate: I had won and the picture was mine.

I commenced to pack up, but it seemed that I had mislaid the darkslide cover; it was not in the case; neither was it in my right-hand pocket nor my left hand pocket; I was not standing on it, where could it be?

I eyed George suspiciously, yes. I felt sure he had it. I explained exactly how he stood in my estimation, I explained it very thoroughly, and in great detail in language which I owe to various units and composite messes.

Then I turned to my camera and found that the dark-slide cover was still in the dark-slide.

Camera Fiends should be exterminated.

R.A.S.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

BRITISH BAND CONCERTS.

Sir,—"Royal Warwicks" views are interesting and have much to commend them. I agree that more should be seen of the regimental bands in the neighbourhood of Cologne and not only should they be induced to perform in parks and other places where people are to be found, but in the central squares, of Cologne. Too much of their talent is to my mind hidden under a bushel.

WEST YORK.

RUGGER FOR THE WINTER.

Sir,—I am in accord with "An O. T. Fifteen" that an effort should be made now to organise competitions for Rugby teams.

Too much attention is paid to the sister game to the detriment of the other. I know from my own experience the difficulty it is to raise a Battalion side, not because fellows are unwilling to play, but because a determined effort is not made to foster interest in the game.

A few soccer enthusiasts invariably rule the roost, and apply the damper to the better game. Consequently men fall in with the crowd, and the otherwise good rugger player is compelled to play soccer. By all means let us have competitions, but a start should be made now.

ENTHUSIAST.

CABARET OR — —?

Sir,—With regard to the subject of "Open Air Enjoyment" I think there is much to be said in favour of the cabaret system obtaining on the Continent.

What can be nicer than to be able to take a drink under the trees in the open air? Compare this with the stuffiness of the average English hotel or public house bar. Here there is a double inducement to drink more than would be the case if there were other attractions in the form of music and amusement.

The average working man at home seeking some relaxation and congenial company finds it in a bar. How much better it would be were he able to take his better half along with him, instead of as he is obliged to do, leave her at home.

There is nothing demoralising to my mind in the cabaret system, an opinion which is shared by many who made the acquaintance of the cabaret for the first time in France.

T.N.

FRAUDULENT TRADESMEN.

Sir,—I was interested in the letters appearing in recent issues under the heading of "Spurious Amber."

My advice is for intending present buyers to look carefully at any article which is handed over the counter of German shops. There is undoubtedly a fraudulent spirit abroad amongst shopkeepers as evidenced by the experience of "Fairplay." I hesitate to say that all are tarred with the same brush, but the shopper should be wary.

Instance the sale of watches and clocks. Recently I bought a clock and was handed a glowing guarantee in German. The striker failed after a few days and when I took the clock back I was politely informed that the striker did not come under the guarantee and a charge would have to be made.

Now the mechanism has gone wrong and the clock reposes on the shelves of the shop at which it was bought. How it will go on when demob. comes along I do not know. Moral: Shop with caution!

HAD SOME.

KNOWLEDGE OF HISTORY.

Sir,—In a recent issue there appeared a paragraph dealing with the remains of a ship's lifeboat which is suspended underneath a gateway in this city.

This boat belonged to a cruiser of the Imperial German Navy called the Stadt Cöln or Köln which was sunk by gun-fire in the first sea action of the war in the Heligoland Bight.

One is constantly struck by the extreme haziness which we Britons display with regard to outstanding events of National importance.

It seems rather comic to contemplate, but it is a fact nevertheless that the average Englishman can tell you the date of the accession of our friend William the Conqueror, but not the date of the battle of Trafalgar, or more recently still—Jutland—the greatest naval action the world has ever seen. So much for history.

R.N.V.R.

RAILWAY DEVICES.

Sir,—A correspondent makes some rather erroneous statements concerning German railway engines, unless he is speaking about a rare type of engine that is never seen on the main line work around Cologne.

I travel to Cologne by train nearly every day and more often than not the engine has to "set back" before being able to get away. This is caused through most of the engines having cylinders that are compounded and not two or more high pressure cylinders as in England.

There is no gearing on steam locomotives with the present arrangements as one of the driving axles is the crank shaft or with outside cylinders the crank pins are fitted in the driving wheels.

The reason that a two-cylinder compound engine does not start so well is that there are two dead centres, while on engines fitted with two high pressure cylinders, and the cranks set at an angle of 90 there is always a cylinder or rather piston at work.

The puffing that your informant could hear when the train is stationary is the brake air pump. On some of the heavy freight engines there is also a water pump for feeding the boilers, but on most engines two injectors are used.

M.T.A.S.C.

"KEEP ON KEEPING ON."

If the day looks kinder gloomy,
An' yer chances, kinder slim,
If the situation's puzzlin'
An' the prospects awful grim,
An' perplexities keep pressing,
Till all hope is nearly gone,
Just bristle up an' grit your teeth,
An' keep on keeping on.

C.B.McW.

B.A.R. AQUATICS.

Two Days Splendid Sport at Deutzer Industrie-Hafen.

IDEAL WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Ideal weather conditions prevailed for the two days British Army of the Rhine Aquatic Sports, held at Deutzer Industrie-Hafen, on Tuesday and Wednesday. There was an exceptionally large number of entries, as a result of which the whole of Tuesday afternoon had to be devoted to the running off of heats in the various events. The heats, without exception, were closely contested some very fine swimming being witnessed. All the competitors were keen to qualify for places in the final on the following day.

On both days there was a goodly assembly of spectators, including a large number of ladies.

In the finals on Wednesday afternoon, naturally the standard attained was even higher than that of the first day. The outstanding events were the 450 yards, won in fine style by Pte. Pearson, the 50 yards open which went to Lieut. Philp, and the 100 yards (varied) in which 2/Lieut. Brown was successful. In the latter race four styles were adopted — the first 25 yards breast stroke, the second back stroke, the third with the under or over arm side stroke, concluding the final 25 yards with the crawl stroke.

The Y.M.C.A. provided refreshments for the competitors and the spectators along-side the baths.

In spite of the fact that only a week was available for preparations, the arrangements were excellent and those responsible are to be congratulated upon the results.

List of Officials.

The Officials were:—

Judges:—Major-Genl. H. A. Kennedy, C.M.G., Lt.-Col. H. C. Maitland-McIgill-Crichton, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. J. Betts, D.S.O., Major H. Colvin, V.C., Capt. Palmer-Lee, Capt. H. Brown, M.C., Capt. J. MacSween, Capt. T. H. E. Murray, Lieut. Parsons, M.C.

Starter:—Rev. C. Wheeler.

Time-Keepers:—Captain G. Hibbert, O.B.E., M.C.; and Captain A. Best.

Hon Sec.:—Major W. Delany, O.B.E.

Asst. Hon. Secs.:—C. S. M. I. Prince, Army Gym Staff., C.S.M.I. Shelah, Army Gym. Staff.

The very excellent prizes were subsequently distributed by Major-General H. A. Kennedy, C.M.G.

Results.

50 yards open (final):—1, Lieut. Philp, R.E. Sig. X Corps (Time 27 1/5 secs.); 2, Capt. Little, R.A.M.C.; 3, Lieut. Kavanagh, R.E. X Corps; 4, Pte. Boland, 1.M. Bty.

Life saving final:—1, Lieut. Coxon, (E. Corps Signals) with Cpl. Davis; 2, Lieut. Finley (15th Hants) with Cpl. Brock.

Diving final:—1, Lieut. Wheeler, (5th Rly. Telegraph R.E.); 2, Rfm. Garrett, (9th London); 3, Lieut. Webster, (174 Siege Battery); 4, C.S.M. Troops, (15th Hants).

Open R lay Race final:—1, France and Flanders; 2, 53rd Welsh; 3, Southern Division M.T. Coy.

50 yards open to B.A.R.:—1, Lieut. Philp, Boat Coy R.E. Time 27 1/5 Secs.; 2, Bmr. Robinson, 187 Bde R.G.A.; 3, L/Cpl. Hartley, 1st S.W.B.; 4, Pte. Pearson, 14 Cambrs.

Blank race final:—1, Pte. Payne, 17 Lancers; 2, Lieut. Douglas, 51st S.W.B.; 3, Sgt. Seanlon, 4, Lieut. Webster, 174 Siege Battery.

450 Yards Final:—1, Pte. Pearson; 2, Lieut. Lawson, 161 Bde. R.F.A.; 3, Pte. Keats, 51st S.W.B.; 4, Lieut Owens, R.A.F.

Pillow Fighting:—1, Cpl. Banks, A Siege Park; 2, Sgt. Sanel; 3, Lieut. Bennett, 51st Middlesex; 4, Pte. Hutson, 53rd Welsh.

100 yards (4 Styles):—1, Lieut Brown, B Siege Park; 2, Gnr. Rushton, 1/2 Lancs.; 3, C. S. M. Tyler, A.G.S.; 4, Pte. Coats.

100 yards scratch open to B.A.R.:—1, Cpl. King, 7th Middlesex; 2, Lieut. Kavanagh; 3, Bmr. Diggle, F.A.A. Bty.; 4, Lieut. Fridham, 9th Corps Cyclists.

Obstacle race:—1, Lt. Wiedemann, R.G.A.; 2, Cpt. Banks; 3, Pte. Lowe, R.A.S.C.; 4, Dvr. Baring, R.F.A.

The water polo final was won by the Lancs. Div. R. Engineers, who defeated the London D.A.C. by 4 goals to 2.

ARMY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Comments On Recent Trials In Rhineland.

Trials for the Army championships, which take place at Aldershot, on August 28 and 29, have been held at Reinl by the Army of the Rhine, with the result (writes F. A. M. Webster, ex-English Amateur Javelin Throwing champion, in an English contemporary) that some good exponents of field events have been discovered, notably Lieut. A. O. Straker, 15th Hussars, who won the 120 yards hurdle in 17 1/5 secs., and the high jump at 5ft. 5in. In the latter event Lieut. Napier, 1/5th South Staffs., cleared 5ft. 4in., and Capt. Saunders, 12th Tank Battalion, 5ft. 3in. The long jumpers showed moderately good form, Gunner Burrows, 481st Siege Battery, clearing 19ft. 8in.

Scotland did well in the shot putting. Lieut. Fraser, 1/5th Camerons, won with a fine effort of 35ft. 2½in. Corporal G. R. Watt, 5th Gordons, was 2nd, at 32ft. 5in., and Lieut. Napier 3rd, 32ft. 1in.

How Lieut. Straker will scrape at Aldershot against Corp.-Major Macintosh (2nd/16 Guards), holder of the high jump championship, and Lieut. Ritchie, Black Watch, depends upon how he comes on in his last ten days of training. Ritchie has several times equalled 5ft. 5in., while Macintosh cleared 5ft. 6in. recently, and is the most experienced jumper of the three. On his form at Reinl, Lieut. Fraser is likely to find himself in the first three of the shot putters at the Army championships.

Championships in France.

At Beau Mauris, near Calais, the championships of the Army in France and Flanders were held recently. There is some doubt as to whether the winners at these championships will be available for Aldershot, but they are well worthy of representation, and if they do compete Sergt. McColhoun, R. Irish Horse, should not have much difficulty in carrying off the shot putting, for he covered 40ft. 9in. at Beau Mauris, thus beating Capt. McClenman, R.A.M.C., 38ft. 3in., and Corporal Donald, 36ft. 10in. Captain McClenman, who was 2nd, is, I believe, the old Territorial champion, who won his M.C. early in the war, and who is quite capable of beating 40ft. when he is in form, as well as being a first rate hammer thrower, and more than useful with the javelin and discus.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Thursday, August 21, 1919.

Surface wind South-Westerly 10 to 15 m.p.h. Generally fair but some low cloud probable. Good visibility. Very warm.

COLOGNE RACES.

First August Meeting: Form and Forecasts.

BY ROBERT LE DIABLE.

THE MEDIOCRITY STEEPLECHASE, DIVISION I should provide material for an interesting race. Of the public performers we like best Madeleine, Zillebeke, Rednal and Bowman. Of these the first named we think is a good animal and just the sort to make a jumper, but with no evidence of her ability in that direction we pass her over here. Zillebeke and Rednal we think are just useful animals in their own class. Much more to our liking is

Bowman,

whose form at Spa and at Kalk, where he won on successive days, coupled with the fact that he escapes a penalty here makes the race appear a good thing for him.

In the MEDIOCRITY STEEPLECHASE, DIVISION II there are a lot of unknown or moderate animals and it is with no great confidence that we predict the victory of

Irongate.

The same remark applies to the MOSELLE PLATE, DIVISION I and it is more out of respect for the capabilities of the jockey than of the horse that we make

Hydroplane

our selection.

In the MOSELLE PLATE, DIVISION II we note Civvie, who ran first in Mascot's race at the last meeting, Polly Dear, Nolo, Girls o' Girls, Melody and Bryan. We split our vote between

Girls 'o Girls and Nolo.

THE CHAMPAGNE STEEPLECHASE will produce a small field of good horses. We hear Jimmy waits for Crefeld and if we owned Paddy he would do the same, as it is our opinion that he will not win at Cologne. We think Barney is handicapped to win this race with Radius the danger.

THE COLOGNE STAKES is an interesting handicap. Velociter has plenty of weight and so has Pop but he may beat anything. Billy on form obviously has no chance against Ballyhooley and we think Reynards Comet and Winamere overweighted. If Southern Joy runs the race is as good as over as we would stand recent form in Ireland against troop horses in Germany but we are advised that he will be an absentee. Girlso' Girls, Ballyhooley, Swan Song, Nolo and Tommy G are well in but on what we saw at the last meeting we go outright for

Sprint.

In the PRINCE OF WALES STAKES our remarks above apply again to Southern Joy. Otherwise it appears an open race and we give Sahib, Old Bucks who had good form in Brussels, Madeleine, Johnnie Walker, Mascot and Major Hornby's selected (Winamere, Digby Grand or Billy) good chances. We have no evidence that Mascot gets this distance but if his able trainer is satisfied on this point we should be the last to oppose him. To sum up we leave the issue to General Tudor and Major Hornby.

In the ARMY COUNCIL STAKES Mascot and Pop have crushing weights and we shall be surprised if either of them faces the starter. Velociter is weighted more on his reputation than his form and Chief's Right can have no chance with such as Civvie who beat him at even weights at the last meeting. Sprint appears well handicapped and the same remark applies to Civvie, Swan Song, Geebung II and The Squirrell. We pause at the name of "Remember Me" as we think this is one that will pop up some day. We think

Civvie

is thrown into this race but he will have to go to beat Geebung II and should Sprint wait for this race we would have him on our side.

M.P. Wins Tennis Final.

At the Felixstowe lawn tennis tournament, C. G. Leo Lyle, M.P. for Stratford, won the men's singles by beating B. E. Hurty in the final.

At Southampton the first-class player styling himself of Overseas, won the single and also secured the doubles with Captain Kirk Grease. The mixed doubles were won by C. O. Tuckey and Mrs. Tuckey.

At Worthing F. R. L. Crawford beat the International, C. P. Dixon, in the men's final, and Mrs. Satterthwaite beat Mrs. O'Neill in the ladies' final.

Good Going.

For the Hurst Park meeting, which will be held on Friday and Saturday, the ground will be in splendid condition, as the hydrants have been kept going during the heat wave, and these will continue to be used up to the day of the meeting unless rain falls in the meantime.

Generous.— The Automobile and Motor Union has placed its foreign touring organization at the disposal of officers who have their cars in Germany.

THE LAST DAY.

All C.P.C. Matches To Be Decided By Aug. 25th.

UNPLAYED GAMES A DRAW.

Only four days remain to play off undecided fixtures in the "Cologne Post" Competition. All results must reach this office by 10 a. m. on the morning of the 25th August. If games remain unplayed or reports fail to reach us by then the match will automatically be declared a draw—one point being awarded to each contestant. There is no time for delay as the League table must be made up and the final positions published on August 27th. All queries, protests, etc., must arrive within the next few days. Appended are the results of recent games:—

9th D.L.I. (110) v. No. 2 WATER TANK COY. (68). The D.L.I. batted first and compiled a very useful 105 chiefly through the batting of Pte. Forthingham 32 not out and Cpl. Ramsden 27. The Water Tank Coy. very quickly piled up 8, and it looked at one time as if they were going to win, nevertheless their last wicket fell for 68. Pte. Carden batted well for 29, Cpl. Toy obtained 16 and Pte. Holmes 14. Sergt. Smith for the Durhams took 8 wickets for 44, Pte. Kay 2 for 23.

483 FIELD COY., R.E. (119 for 8) v. 12 ROYAL IRISH RIFLES (38) at Wald. For the winners Spr. Feltham made 33 and Lieut Monteith 23.

2nd BN. M.G.C. (86) v. 3rd NORTHERN BDE. (50) at Langenfeld. The Machine Guns had first knock and scored 86 runs. Pte. Pickler was responsible for 27, Cpl. Vose for 12 and Pte. Lee 12. The 3rd Northern Bde. were all out for 50, the Machine Gunners winning by 36 runs. Ashworth batted well for 15 and Forbes for 14.

2nd BN. M.G.C. (55) v. 51st DEVONS (53) at Langenfeld. The Devons batted first Capt. Petherton scoring 16 and Sergt. Binner 10 while Pickles took 7 wickets for 16 runs. The M.G.C. scored 55 thus winning by 2 runs. The end was very exciting. With 5 wickets to fall only 5 runs were required yet the last man scored the winning hit. Cpl. Vose took 4 wickets for 13 and Sergt. Neale 4 for 9.

17th LANCERS (78 for 5) v. BAKERIES SPORTS CLUB (47). For 17th Lancers Major Michelle scored 23 not out, Capt. Clark 21 and S. S. M. Simpson 11 while Capt. Bell took 7 wickets for 21 runs. For the Bakeries Pte. Lewis made 11, Cpl. Webster 11 while Pte. Lewis took 4 wickets for 26 runs.

420 SIEGE BTY. R.G.A. (44) v. 237 FIELD COY., R.E. (16) at Forsbach. This match resulted in a win for the Gunners by 28 runs. Dean and Greenhalgh batted well for 15 and 7 respectively. Cpl. Allen took 6 wickets for 12 runs and Pte. Phillips 3 for 16. Greenhalgh and Dean with the ball were deadly, bowling unchanged, Dean took 7 wickets for 7 runs and Greenhalgh 3 for 6.

51st ROYAL SUSSEX (114) v. 303 SIEGE BTY., R.G.A. (81) at Bonn. For the R.G.A. Pte. Cole scored 25. For the winners C Sergt. Evans, L/Cpl. Griggs 23 not out and Lieut. Argent 20 were top scorers.

Other Results.

5th Borderers, 70 for 4; Lancs. Div. M.T. Coy., 35.

13th K.L.R., 139; 13th Corps Sig. Coy., 43.

COLOGNE SOUTHERN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
97 Bde. R.G.A.	22	22	0		44§
41st Bn. M.G.C.	20	19	1		38§
180 Labour Coy.	20	17	3		34§
2 Bn. M.G.C.	20	15	3	2	32§
10/190 Bde. R.F.A.	21	14	3	4	29§ +
Northern Div. R.E.	21	14	6	1	29§ +
5th R.I.R.	20	13	4	3	29§ +
Wahn Survey Det.	21	14	7		28§
170 Siege Bty. R.G.A.	19	13	5	1	27§
34 M.G.C.	18	13	5		26§
3 Bn. M.G.C.	19	10	8	1	21§
12 R. Irish Rifles	16	9	7		18§
VI Corps H.Q.	22	8	14		16§ +
H.A.C. & D.A.P.M., Deutz	18	8	10		16§
3 Northern Bde.	18	7	11		14§
G.A.A. Bty. R.G.A.	20	6	13	1	13§ +

§ Points awarded for scratched matches.
+ Games lost by default.

LANCERS IN FORM.

High Scores in Cricket Friendly at Lindenthal.

A very interesting cricket match took place at Lindenthal, on Tuesday last, when Transportation met the 17th Lancers in a friendly game. Transportation won the toss and batted first, making a score of 173. The chief contributors to this excellent figure were Corporal Fish and Colonel Owen. The former batted very carefully, giving no chances, whilst the latter played a very forceful game, making 31 in about half an hour.

After the tea interval, the Lancers gave a splendid display, particularly Major Michalle and Sergeant Shenstone, whose partnership accounted for the majority of the runs required. The match ended in a win for the Lancers by 5 wickets. Transportation's weaknesses were in fielding and bowling; three catches were dropped and the ball missed on numerous occasions, whilst the bowling was too inconsistent to be effective.

The Lancers played an excellent all round game and certainly deserved to win.

A RED LETTER DAY.

Will Mc Coorty's Speed Bring Him Victory?

DEADLY PUNCHES.

Now that September 2nd is drawing near, when Mr. Cochran presents one of his richest programmes at the Olympia, the boxing scribes are discussing the chances of the respective fighters.

McGoorty has long been promised a match with Beckett, so that it is only right that the choice should have fallen on him as the substitute for Carpentier. Although the American holds no championship title, yet after his sensational defeat of Reeve, he has been regarded as good enough to meet the best of our men, or Carpentier. McGoorty is seven years older than our present champion and will probably scale a little more than 12st. when he enters the ring, but for all that he hits as hard as most heavyweights, and far harder than many, and he is an exceptionally clever boxer who combines the best points in the "American style," which makes so much use of in-fighting, with many of the characteristics of our own school.

McGoorty's Left Hook.

McGoorty's most deadly punch is a left hook, which has secured for him many of his most notable victories, says a boxing correspondent in the "Times." Beckett also is rather fond of this particular punch—Goddard had more than enough of it at Olympia—so it will be interesting to see which of the two uses the blow to most advantage. McGoorty is the quicker of the two, but Beckett's youth, weight, and fighting qualities should more than make up for this. The meeting should prove full of excitement while it lasts; it is doubtful if it will go for more than half the stipulated length.

An American Giant.

The last of the fights arranged for the occasion will be between Arthur Townley, of Birkenhead, and Fred Fulton, the American giant. Fulton was born in April, 1891, so that he is now 28 and Townley will have the advantage of youth. On the other hand, Fulton will have much the longer reach—he is the tallest man in the ring at present, being 6ft. 4½in.—and his offical weight is given as 220lb.—15st. 10lb., so that in this also there will be a marked difference in the men. In fact Fulton is as tall as Goddard and nearly two stone heavier than the soldier; in boxing there is, of course no comparison between the two, for the American is a really clever boxer. Among Fulton's most notable achievements have been victories over Sam Langford, who retired after seven rounds, Gunboat Smith (seven rounds), Frank Moran (three rounds), Porky Flynn (four times), Carl Morris (twice), and Arthur Pelky. Most of these victories have been secured with a knock-out blow. Altogether September 2 should be a red-letter day in our boxing calendar.

152nd H. B., R.G.A.

Signal Success At Army of the Rhine Horse Show.

The 152nd H.B., R.G.A. have reached the zenith of their series of successes by winning the first prize in the gun team competition open to the Army of the Rhine, at the Army of the Rhine Horse Show this week. The battery is fortunate in having such an evenly matched team, which contrary to the opinion of many, are all from the one unit and not selected

The event, open to the pair of heavy draught horses and wagon, was also won by the battery with a pair of light bays, driven by Dvr. Attley.

The congratulations of the battery are due to Sergt. Frith and his detachment of drivers and gunners who have spent endless leisure hours in preparing horses, harness and gun for the many exhibitions during the last few months.

1/5th WEST YORKS. SWEEPSTAKE DRAW POSTPONED.

Owing to repeated applications for tickets the 1st West Yorks "sweep" will remain open until Saturday next and the draw will take place on Monday 25th, time and place as announced previously.

Tickets (5 marks each) can be had at the N.A.C.B. Officer's Club, British Empire Leave Club and No. 1, 2, and 3, Army Cinemas.

52nd Battalion Sherwood Foresters Success.

At the Brigade Sports, Horse Show, and Gymkhana held recently in which the competing battalions were the 52nd, 53rd and 51st Sherwood Foresters, the 52nd Battalion secured the highest number of points, being particularly successful on the second day when they took seven firsts, five seconds, and six thirds.

BOOM IN FOOTBALL.

Rosy Prospects For The Coming Season.

LARGER LEAGUES.

For the coming football season the greatest boom in the history of the premier British sport is confidently anticipated, all present indications pointing to an enhanced popularity. This will be the first season of football under old-time conditions since 1914-15. The game commenced in earnest in Scotland on Saturday, when eleven matches were played in the First Division of the Scottish League, but in other parts of the British Isles, league football will not seriously begin until the last Saturday in this month.

The Football League, the world's greatest tournament, has increased the number of its clubs to twenty-two in each division, and there will also be twenty-two clubs in the First Division of the Southern League. The second division of the League will consist of Welsh clubs only, managed by a Welsh committee, run as part of the Southern League organizations. There has been an increase in the charge of admission from 6d to 1/- but attendances are not expected to suffer as a consequence.

The F.A. Challenge Cup, popularly known as the English Cup, the F.A. Amateur Cup, the County Cup, international matches, inter-league games and other representative contests which have been closed for five years will all be resumed.

The various Clubs are making every endeavour to secure the best available talent and the football promises to equal in quality the first class expositions of pre-war days.

The Shilling "Gate."

The objection to the shilling gate in League football during the approaching season is entirely confined to Scotland. An investigation among the London managers has not brought to light any semblance of an organised opposition such as is being fomented in the Glasgow area.

In England, whatever profit a club makes, the maximum dividend it can declare is 5 per cent, while the directors have to work in an entirely honorary capacity. In Scotland it is different; there it is a case of unlimited dividends.

CHALLENGE TO ALL COMERS.

Shrubb Carrying Out 1st Class Running Programme.

Alfred Shrubb, the noted runner, who for six years was coach at Harvard University, has returned to England where he proposes to revive interest in first class running, and intends carrying out a series of matches, starting in the South of England. He will take on all comers and hopes to find new champions. He will probably be first matched against George McRae.

TWELVE HOURS' ROAD RIDE.

The Anerley Bicycle Club's invitation twelve hours' unpaced scratch road ride ended in favour of C. F. Davey, of the Vegetarian C.C., with a distance of 209 miles. W. A. George, Etna C.C. (the winner in 1913), was second, with 204½ miles, and W. Hinds, Bath Road Club, third, with 197 miles.

The race for the Tricycle Trophy, which this year was held in conjunction with the former event, drew three tricycle starters, of whom W. C. Williamson, Gospel Oak C.C., proved successful, with a distance of 181½ miles.

3rd. BATTALION M.G.C. SPORTS

This afternoon, at the sports ground, south of the Mulheim Bridge, the 3rd. "Emma Gees" hold their sports meeting, commencing at 1400 hours. By kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel R.H.R. Brocklebanck, D.S.O., the band of the 9th. (Queens Royal) Lancers will play during the afternoon.

The programme includes, in addition to the usual 100 yards and Mile events (which latter is open to the Army of the Rhine) such items as Individual and inter-section tent pegging, wrestling on mules, a band race, officers race, Jam and Bun race, whilst a pillow fight over a large tank of water promises to afford some amusement. All long distance heats and events which were at all lengthy were run off last week at the preliminary meeting, so that there should be no lack of incident this afternoon.

The National Game.

Mr. Gilbert L. Jessop in the "Sunday Express" says:—Even if we would, we can no longer shut our eyes to the fact that our boast of cricket being our national game no longer holds good. For every one who indulges in cricket football can supply ten.

A Super Club.—The Royal Flying Club has opened at Hendon. It hasn't had its big official inaugural ceremony yet; that comes later, but it's in working order.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Empire Leave Club Concert.

A most delightful entertainment was given on Tuesday by the Braganzas Concert Party. The stage effects and costumes were excellent and "Babs" was one of the best "ladies" we have seen here. "Sailors don't care", "Italiano", and the "Wild Women" were among the many songs which were much appreciated, as also were the two selections given by Lieut. Ingall and the recitation by Len Austin. We very much enjoyed Cuff Moffatt's selections, in fact the whole company are much to be congratulated on the enjoyable evening they provided.

Farewell New Bing Boys.

Demobilization and other causes have resulted in the breaking up of yet another concert party. The New Bing Boys, who rightly claim to be one of the best shows in the Rhine Army, gave their farewell performance at Wiesdorf last Thursday. During the last ten weeks they have shown to ten thousand soldiers in Rhineland, and have seldom failed to receive an enthusiastic reception. Capt. C.P. Thomas C.F. and 2/Lieut. A.V. Priston are to be congratulated on the success of the party.

Rhine Army Drama.

Next week the Stadt Theatre, Bonn, is to receive a visit by the popular British Rhine Army Dramatic Company, and the programme will be as follows:—Monday "The Younger Generation" preceded by "The Dream Child"; Tuesday, "The Importance of being Earnest"; Thursday, "General Post"; Saturday, "Helen with the High Hand". Bonn audiences have previously had opportunities of sampling the productions of this very excellent company, and in their latest plays they are more than maintaining the splendid reputation already established.

Those Merry Micks.

A welcome return visit to Cologne by "The Merry Micks" brought a huge audience to the Central Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday evening. I was very pleased with the show and very much struck with their Oriental scene and the harmony number "Some Sunny Summertime" was vociferously encored. It is hard to individualize in such a talented troupe, but the work of L/Cpl. Turner and Lieut. McCracken in "Black and White" was responsible for most of the merriment. Pte. Bergonzi deserved great credit for the electrical effects. One hopes to see this show in Cologne for a week before they leave Rhineland watch will be in the near future.

JACQUES.

M. G. C. v. HAMPSHIRES.

Enjoyable Novel Inter-Battalion Athletic Competitions.

A novel Athletic meeting has been held between the 41st Bat. Machine Gun Corps and the 15th Battalion Hampshire Regiment, teams of two being entered from each unit for the various events and points awarded for places. The M.G.C. won by the comfortable margin of 28 points, the respective scores being, 41st Bn. M.G.C. 68, 15th Hants 40.

Appended is the table showing number of points secured in each event:—

Event	41st Bn. M.G.C. Pts.		15th Bn. Hampshire Regt. Pts.	
100 yds. flat	8		1	
220 yds.	7		2	
440 yds.	6		3	
880 yds.	4		5	
1 mile	5		4	
2 miles			8	
Long jump	8		1	
120 yds. hurdles	8		1	
Throwing cricket ball	3		6	
Putting 18 lbs shot	8		1	
Relay race	5			
Tug-of-war			5	
High jump	6		3	
	Total	68	Total	40

SPORTS AT SOLINGEN.

20th K.R.R.C.'s Successful Meeting: B. Coy's Win.

A most successful Sports meeting was recently held by the 20th Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps, the weather being ideal both from the athletes and the spectators point of view.

Owing to the numerous entries for the various events it was necessary for each Company to hold its own meeting previously, the successful competitors then taking part in the Battalion Sports. During the day a visit was paid by Major General G. D. Jeffreys, C.B., C.M.G. (Commanding the Light Division), who was very pleased with the afternoons sport. The Battalion Band was in attendance and played selections throughout the afternoon. A cup for the company gaining the highest number of points, and a shield for the most successful platoon, could not be awarded until the result of the Cross Country Run was known, which took place five days later, and, as a result, the cup and shield were awarded to "B" Coy. and No. 7 Platoon respectively.

As will be seen from the following totals, "C" Company were the runners up for the cup, their No. 10 Platoon being in the same position with regard to the Shield.

Results:—

"B" Coy.—28 points
"C" Coy.—23 "
"A" Coy.—12 "
"D" Coy.—11 "
H.Q. Coy.— 6 "

At the conclusion of the programme, the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel F. G. Willan, C.M.G., D.S.O., presented the prizes and congratulated the winners on their excellent performances.

Many thanks are due to the officers and other ranks, members of the Sports Committee, who, through their efforts in every direction, ensured the success of the meeting.

2nd LIGHT BRIGADE LEAGUE.

In connection with the 2nd Light Brigade Cricket League, the 483 Field Coy. R.E. played 12th Royal Irish Rifles at Wald. The R.E. compiled a score of 119 for 8 and were easy victors, the Rifles being all out for 38. For the winners Spr. Feltham was top scorer with 33, while Lieut. Monteith added 23.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Boxing Revival.

Boxing is being revived in the Monmouthshire Eastern Valleys despite the opposition of religious bodies.

Smoke Wreath by Cigar.

Smoke Wreath, who was awarded the Manor Selling Plate at Windsor on the disqualification of Kalooloh, is one of the first, if not the very first, two-year-olds by Cigar to see a racecourse.

A Triangular Duel.

With half the programme of the Professional Scratch Tournament at Thurston's over, the issue has practically narrowed itself down to a triangular duel between F. Lawrence, of Birmingham; T. Carpenter, the Welsh champion; and Albert Raynor, the Sheffield left-hander.

A Coincidence.

Most golfers have a story to tell of some remarkable coincidence which has befallen them on the links, but that in which James Braid was concerned at Walton Heath the other day would be hard to beat. "Jimmy" was playing on the new course, when he drove a long ball slightly into the beard of the 15th hole. He took an iron and laid the ball dead. In the afternoon he drove with the self-same ball, and it came to rest in exactly the same place, just behind the divot which he had made in the morning.

Welter-weights.

Frank Moody, the Welsh welter-weight, is to meet Gus Platts, of Sheffield, over thirty rounds at Grimsby on August 25.

Newport Rugger.

Fred W. Birt, who has been elected captain of Newport Rugby Club, has selected another Welsh international as his vice-captain—Reginald Plummer, who was "capped" for Wales against Scotland in 1912.

Ex-Champion Seriously Ill.

The many friends of Mr. H. L. Doherty will hear with regret that the ex-champion has been seriously ill; indeed, his health still gives cause for some anxiety. After undergoing a severe operation, Mr. Doherty is now at Margate, and the latest intelligence is that there is a slow improvement.

Homers in Hot Weather.

Pigeons will home through hot weather providing it is clear, but if they get heat and haze with it, it slows them down, and a long fly in hot, oppressive weather compels them to pitch for water. Old birds know how to fend for themselves if under these conditions, and dozens of them at a time on a hot day have been seen to drop by the side of a pond, take a drink and then immediately make for home.

Training McGoorty.

Joe Attwood, of Halesowen (late Sergt. in the Canadian Forces), has joined the training staff of Eddie McGoorty at Stanmore.

Happenings at Ostend.

Mr. Bottomley's Panzy won a selling race at Ostend. Hey Diddle Diddle also scored; while Capt. Hargreaves' Barium took the handicap in which Minstrel Park and Misleading Lady were unplaced.

German and Internationalists.

Mr. W. Bensemann, a German subject, who is well-known to a large number of footballers in England has been endeavouring through the English Press to get into communication with several famous international players, including Steve Bloomer, Edgar Chadwick, Fred Pentland, and Sam Wolstenholme.

Three-Day Cricket Favoured.

Apparently most of the counties are in favour of a return to three-day matches next season, and also think a revision in the system of calculating points in the Championship table desirable. Warwickshire suggests the following method of scoring—five points for a win outright, one point each in drawn games, with an extra one for the side leading on the first innings.

Change of Date.

The Miltown Malbay race meeting, appointed to be held on August 22, has been abandoned, and a new fixture on Sept. 25 applied for.

Well Advised.

Mrs. Harold Cayzer appears to have been well advised when she gave Major Astor 3,000 guineas for the two-year-old Plunkette, a fair portion of the purchase money being recovered by the filly's victory in the Cleaver Plate.

Swimming World.

Cygnus Club is rapidly regaining its old position in the swimming world. It is one of the most famous clubs in the metropolitan district, and has the great advantage of always being well supported by its old members, many of whom have done great service in the promotion of a knowledge of the art among children.

The All-round Indian.

In Mr. Gunesakara, the Indian medical student, Captain Warner seems to have discovered the bowler that Middlesex have been long needing. He was first included in the team as a batsman, having made countless centuries for the Gymkhana Club. He is still a fine bat—probably the best Indian run-getter we have seen since the days of Prince Ranjitsinhji.

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ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Germans at the Tattoo.

That the German has a liking for the spectacular was demonstrated on Tuesday evening when huge crowds of civilians were present at the VI Corps tat too. They all evinced the greatest interest in the proceedings and obviously very much enjoyed the impressive spectacle. The massed bands were also centres of attraction, the German being a notorious lover of music.

Bank Queues.

The favourable rate of exchange attracted long queues at Messrs. Cox & Co. and Messrs. Cook's bank premises again yesterday morning. During the hours these establishments were open the cashiers worked without a break. The knowledge that there had been a further fall in the value of the mark led to much business which otherwise would not have been transacted.

Sunday at Bonn.

Many Protestant soldiers in Bonn noticed the change in the usually austere streets last week-end. The banks of green shrubs on the pavements, and here and there a little altar, almost covered with fresh flowers, made a bright splash of colour in almost every thoroughfare. It was the occasion of the Procession of the Host and crowds lined the route, to watch the choir, the windows, and the little children all dressed in white, some carrying the altar-ornaments, and others, long sprays of lilies, as the procession passed along, each member of it telling their beads, and repeating "Aves." Not the least agreeable feature was the reverence shown by British soldiers, which came as a pleasant surprise to both the participants and onlookers.

Paper Dresses.

While the war was on a veil of mystery shrouded the domestic life in Germany and now and again through this veil drifted wisps of rumour. Amongst those many rumours one can remember the tale of paper dresses. Has anyone seen a paper dress in Germany? We doubt it, the dress materials being on the contrary singularly strong and durable. On the other hand paper curtains and table-cloths are no novelty and are so well-manufactured as to defy detection until handled. Apropos of dresses, shortly after the young guards landed in Germany, an excited youth approached the writer stating that he had seen ladies' dresses of paper displayed in a shop but investigation only proved this to be one of the full length paper patterns so common in German dress-makers' windows.

Medal Ribands.

There seems such a divergence of opinion as to how medal ribands should be worn that the official instructions are of interest. Medal ribands should be worn on the left breast and be half an inch in depth. In the case of other ranks they should be sewn in a horizontal line, without intervals, midway between the first and second buttons of the jacket. When only one riband is worn it will be placed with its centre above the button of the left breast pocket. When two or more are worn they will be placed so that the centre of the row is above the button of the breast pocket. If there is not sufficient room to wear ribands in one row, they should be worn in two or more rows, the lower being placed half an inch below the upper. In order to clear the pocket it may be necessary to raise the upper row.

A Popular Sergeant.

Particularly sad are the circumstances attending the death which occurred at Wiesdorf of Staff Sergeant Charlison, D.C.M. of the R.A.M.C. He was knocked down and killed on Monday night by a train proceeding to Opladen. He had just left some messmates and was walking over the road railway-crossing when he stumbled and before he could recover and get clear. the train was on him. He was struck by the buffer and when picked up it was found that his neck was broken his right arm fractured in several places and some of his ribs badly smashed. Death was instantaneous. Charlison, who enlisted shortly after the outbreak of war, had been out in France since 1915 and had just re-engaged for a further twelve months service. He is unmarried and his parents, with whom much sympathy is felt in their bereavement reside at 88, Henderson St. Leith, Scotland.

The Loyal Men's Club.

Some weeks ago, thinking men of the 12th Lancs. Regt. at Bonn-Kessenich banded themselves together for the purpose of thoughtful social intercourse, an idea to be commended. A secretary and a useful committee of N.C.O's and men, with the padre as president, have drawn up a programme of weekly meetings of a helpful character. Each Wednesday, a paper on some social topic is given by a member or visitor and freely discussed by the members. Last week's paper on "Citizenship" by Pte. Dewer made one furiously think how different the true citizen is from the Bolshevist. Valuable contributions were made by many of those present. Corporal Jameson is billed for to-night to give a paper on "Should the church provide amusement for the people?" The motto of the club is "Use Time Wisely," and the condition of membership is a desire for thoughtful intercourse and reading.

A New Experience.

On Tuesday for the first time the civilians were permitted to remain out of doors between the hours of 23.00 and midnight and thousands were glad to avail themselves of this privilege. It almost appeared that they remained out purely for the sake of taking advantage of the new concession. At 23.30 many were observed in earnest conversation with their neighbours and seemed to be thoroughly enjoying the midnight hour talk.

A Parallel.

"When I passed two military policemen the other day it came into my mind to say a few pleasant words to them," writes a local resident. "Remarking the two significiant initials M.P. on their arms and knowing that M.P. also signifies Member of Parliament, and touching their armlets with my fingers, I said 'The two initials: Member of Parliament?' The two M.P.'s commenced laughing at my whimsical pun and we left one another, as friends I hope. Now putting a parallel I might make the question if any of the pre-war German policemen would have had the condescension or the complaisance to accept a similar harangue on the street. Without any doubt the poor delinquent who had dared do anything like this would have been fettered and not see for a long time the quickening beams of the sun."

Lord Askwith in Cologne.

Lord Askwith, who this week visited the Y.M.C.A. Central Hall, has captured the hearts of the working classes at home. He is a man of infinite patience and tact and has settled many intricate labour disputes. He was deeply moved by the great reception given to him by what is considered the largest audience of Tommies ever seen in Cologne. Cries of "Good old Askwith" were heard everywhere. His address was an intensely practical one and revealed not only the expert but a man who has intense sympathy with the working classes. His call for economy and unity was received with great applause and the results of the meeting will be far reaching.

Who Kissed Her?

A good story was told by Mr. Oliver McCowen against his chief, Sir. Arthur Yapp, in the gathering. They were speaking at a meeting together in England, and were the guests in a delightful home where the chief attraction was a young lady of fourteen summers. Mr. McCowen, wishing to obtain the favour of the lady, said to her "I only spoke twenty minutes at the meeting." "Yes!" she replied "but Sir Arthur spoke for an hour." The next day he gave her a shilling thinking it was a good tip. "Oh!" she replied "Sir Arthur gave me half a crown." The following morning on leaving he kissed the little maid. "Oh!" she said, "Sir Arthur kissed me and mummy too!" This created great laughter, but the laughter was increased when Sir Arthur, with a twinkle in his eye, said "Mr. McCowen is an Irishman and it is hard to get even with him, but for once I'll show him up. The story he told about me should be reversed. It was he who kissed mummy."

Lesser Echoes.

Heard on the Rhine: Young soldier after hearing lecture on "German Enterprise"—"The Germans are a marvellous race. They carry their own brains with them."

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Queries continue to reach us. Happily the class of correspondent who wants to know the name of the Mayor of Paddington or of the first man to cross the Hindenburg line has respected our intimation but queries as to medal ribands and demobilization continue to arrive. We would like to deal with them, but regret that we are unable.

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The boating lake in the Stadtwald seems to be more popular than ever. In the evenings there is almost invariably a "waiting list" for boats, and even in the mornings enthusiasts may be seen enjoying a row before breakfast.

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Permission has been granted by the authorities for British soldiers to assist in the harvesting in the occupied territory. Only those soldiers who volunteer for the work will be taken, and they must be paid the full rate of pay for their work.

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Tommy is fast acquiring a taste for cigars judging by the large number to be seen smoking them. Is it that there is a shortage of cigarettes or does he wish to outdo the German civilian who specialises in this class of smoke?

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War Savings achievements include those made by "A" company of the 33rd. Royal Warwickshire Regt., which though well under 100 strong subscribed 10,400 marks, and "A" Company of the 20th K.R.R.C. which subscribed well over 31,000 marks, in two weeks. The 29th Battn. M.G. Corps began a War Savings campaign on August 11th conducted by Capt. and Q.M. F.W. Hay M.C. In five days the battalion purchased 2,116 certificates, representing over 116,000 marks.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to: Rev. G. Kendall, 1/6 West Yorks; Sapper E. B. Saunders R. E. Signals, 88 M.A.L. Section, Rhine Army; and Pte. F. J. C. Edwards, (3rd K. O.) Hussars, "A" Squadron Rhine Army.

A GARRISON CHURCH.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

It is in the centre of this city by the Rhine where the busy, eager multitudes are pressing continually. The gargoyles above the flying buttresses have been the silent witnesses of many strange processions in that street but none to equal those of the present day.

To thousands of men 57 Schildergasse will be a place of abiding memories, for here they have received inspiration and strength to help them in their everyday tasks.

It is a bit of England to them, and there is this to be said about the grand old service of our National Church, that, wherever it is held, East or West, North or South, at home or abroad, it is ever the same. Out here in Cologne, morning and evening, the same prayers are being said as in the village church at home. The thought is wonderfully comforting and the hour of worship is made all the more impressive.

Here, too, all are one. The Commander-in-chief and the private kneel side by side. In this church many of the greatest of our land, who have been visiting our army, have worshipped, and here we see the daughters of our island home, nurses, voluntary workers and wives.

It is Sunday morning and we begin the day by attending the celebration of Holy Communion. As we reverently join in the service our minds go back to other celebrations on the field of battle. There with the shells screaming overhead we knelt around our Lord's Table and were fortified in spirit to face the dangers of battle and our everyday life. Many of our comrades who were with us then have crossed the river of death, but we remember them in this hour, and we remember too our dearest and our best.

A crowd of men and officers fill the church for "Morning Prayer." The Chaplain rings out the cry of old, "I will arise and go to my Father," and our hearts willingly re-echo the petition. Is there anything more moving than to hear the hymn which the men sing with a full glad heart:

"New every morning is the love
Our wakening and uprising prove;
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,
Restored to life and power and thought."

The Psalms and prayers all stir our hearts this bright August morning. We have our memories. We have our loneliness. We have our tasks, but we also have this radiant hour. Oh, to only be alive, to enjoy the beauty of the world, to have visions of the future!

The Chaplain's message uplifts us and for awhile we forget that we are wanderers.

It is the hour of "Evening Prayer." Still the call of worship is incessant, and the men respond. They come from many parts of the city to this central church, for there is an irresistible attraction about it.

As we see the eager, upturned faces of the men we know that they are responding to the call of prayer. The Magnificat, the Nunc Dimittis, the Apostles' Creed and the Collects all thrill the soul with emotion. We hear of a voice whispering to us out of the heart of life appealing to us to be true to God, to be true to our fellowmen, to be true to duty. It is all so very stimulating.

Especially do we feel the beauty of the Collect:

"Lighten our darkness we beseech thee, O Lord."

How many times this was on our lips in the old days of warfare!

One verse of our closing hymn expresses all we feel about the day's services:

"We thank Thee that Thy Church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping
And rests not now by day or night.

G.K.

British War Medal Riband.

Seventy thousand discharged and demobilized soldiers have applied already for the riband which may now be worn by all ranks who are entitled to the award of the British War Medal. Soldiers discharged from the Royal Flying Corps prior to 1st April, 1918, should apply to the Royal Air Force Record Office at Blandford on the official postcard (F. S. Form 758) obtainable at any Post Office. Other discharged and demobilized soldiers should send their applications to the Officer in charge of Records of the Corps in which they last served, whose address appears at the foot of their discharge or demobilization certificates, on a postcard (Army Form W. 5100 A.) which also can be obtained at any Post Office. Demobilized and disembodied officers should apply to The Secretary, War Office (A.G.10), 27, Pilgrim Street, London, E.C. 4; demobilized members of the Q.A.I.M.N.S. to The Secretary, War Office (A.M.D. 4.), Adastral House, London, E. C. 4.; demobilized members of the Territorial Force Nursing Service, to The Secretary, War Office (T.V. 4.), 80, Pall Mall, London, S.W. 1. Members of the Q.M.A.A.C. should apply on the official postcard (A.F.W. 5100. A. adapted to meet the case) to the Officer i/c Records, Q.M.A.A.C., 49, Grosvenor Street, London, W. 1. Members of other organisations who are not now serving should apply to the head of the organisation under which they served.

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Increased Employment. — Increasing employment is manifest in the East Midlands and Yorkshire.

The universal Husband.—Nine soldiers of the American Expeditionary Force in Northern Russia have married Russian women.

Australians go home.—By July 31, 133 ships had sailed for Australia with 122,746 troops and 8,048 dependants.

Plenty of Blackberries. — Blackberry bushes at home are covered with blooms. Country folk predict a plentiful supply.

New R.A.F. Kit. — R.A.F. officers have been grousing at having to make yet another change of kit.

In Shorts. — The river girl in racing shorts has made her appearance on the Thames.

Reynard's Feast. — Foxes have killed hundreds of fowls in various parts of Warwickshire.

A Division's Casualties. — The revised casualty list of the 1st American Division gives the casualties as 26,332.

Wifely Haircuts.—As Bolton hairdressers have increased their charges the wives are cutting their husbands' hair.

Marriage made Easy —The complicated marriage formalities in France have been somewhat simplified by the new law.

Jews Versus Welsh.— Not many years ago the milk distribution trade of London was in the hands of Welshmen. Now the Jewish trader is predominating.

Vicarious Retrenchment.—The perturbation of Whitehall over retrenchment is heart-rending. Each department is trying to save at the expense of the other.

All but a Millionaire — Gross estate of £2 less than a million, with net personality £821,520, was left by Mr. W. B. Paget, of Loughborough.

Hoard of Army Socks.—It appears that the fourteen million pairs of socks and the four and a half million flannel shirts held by the War Office are not for sale.

Men's Crocodile Shoes.—Crocodile shoes are the latest novelty in men's footwear. They are very popular with smart subalterns.

Coal Stocks.—The Board of Trade urges on authorities the importance of taking steps to meet the emergency by stocking coal.

Spiralysis.—An American engineer says the disease from wich England—in common with other countries—is suffering, is spiralysis.

Neglected Wilts.—The commissioning of the new destroyer Stonehenge leads on wonder to how often Wiltshire names appeard in the Navy List.

His Sporting Chance.—Mr. Ian Macpherson, the Irish Chief Secretary, now at grips with Sinn Fein, was once a sporting editor.

The Presidency.—The name of Mr. Davis, the American Ambassador, is being considered for the Presidential nomination next year.

No Fashion Parade.—The fashion parade is a thing of bygone days at Eastbourne, where bathing and paddling are the great occupations of the moment.

Now On Furniture.—At a London factory the workmen formerly employed on warplanes are now turning out household furniture.

Not Selfish.—An Orkney electrician, who has never been in the Army, has been found wearing five decorations, five chevrons and two wound stripes.

The Feminine Smoke.—Women have evidently no intention of allowing their teeth to become discoloured by the cigarette habit, for most are adopting the holder.

Tower Hill Heroics.—A woman orator haranguing police strikers threatened to withdraw her support from the Police Union if it did not assist her to gain redress for ejectment from her lodgings!

A Smoker's Hint.—It is noticed that many women smokers stuff a wad of cottonwool into their holders before inserting the cigarette, in order to absorb the nicotine.

Who Invented The Tank. — There are five claimants, and the second week in October has been fixed by Mr. Justice Sargent to try the claims.

A Voluntary Hostage. — The Rev. Dr. Wigram, of St. Albans, who became a voluntary hostage to the Turks in place of a married man, has returned from captivity.

Uniform as Mufti.—A demobilized officer in London is wearing khaki uniform which his tailor has converted into a smart sports suit, one way of meeting the high cost of clothes.

Ypres Agricultural Show. — Those who know the salient will be surprised to hear that an agricultural show is to be held in the Grand Place in Ypres this autumn.

Copper Coin. — With a view to the return of British copper brought over by soldiers returning from leave, Regimental Institutes etc. are requested not to re-issue any such coins which come into their possession.

Memorials on Battlefields.—It is notified that the period during which application by units for memorials to be erected on battlefields has been put forward to September 1st, by which date all applications should reach the Battle Exploit Memorials Committee, War Office.

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LOST.

DARK LEATHER CIGARETTE CASE (rather old), on Monday Aug. 18, at Victoria Baths. Inside worked silk flowers, green silk lining, slightly torn (frayed) bottom edge; finder would really oblige by returning same to Bdr. A. Keand, 145th Seige Battery, Rhine Army, or leave at any recreation room in Bonn, advising by letter. Reward if desired.

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MR. CHURCHILL'S DEPARTURE.

MILITARY FUNERAL OF ROYAL AIR FORCE OFFICERS AT BONN.

ARMY COUNCIL.

LAST DAY OF WAR MINISTERS VISIT.

Wednesday, the last day of their visit, was a busy day for the Army Council. Among other places visited was Bonn, where the 29th C.C.S. and the Science College were inspected. At the latter the classes were going in full swing and Mr. Churchill took great interest in the work being done.

Having delighted the sentry by chatting with him for a few moments, the War Secretary proceeded to see what a real thing Army Education has become. The science laboratories interested him considerably and he carefully inspected some of the apparatus in use. A class in agriculture and another on practical pig culture were next visited, the models of pigs coming in for a considerable amount of attention.

On leaving Bonn the party went to Remagen, where a salute of nineteen guns was given, and proceeded to Cologne escorted by the Rhine Army Flotilla.

DINNER AT VI CORPS CLUB.

In the evening a farewell dinner was given at the VI Corps Club in the special dining room on the ground floor. This was beautifully decorated with palms and orange lilies, the following guests occupying tables arranged to form three sides of a square: General Sir W. Robertson, Rt.-Hon. Winston Churchill, Field-Marshal Sir H. H. Wilson, Lieut.-General Sir G. Macdonogh, General Sir Ian Hamilton, Lieut.-General Sir C. W. Jacob, Lieut.-General Sir P. Chetwode, Lieut.-General Sir T. Morland, Lieut.-General Sir J. A. Haldane, Sir P. Freyer, Lieut.-General Sir W. Braithwaite, Maj.-General Burnett-Hitchcock, Maj.-General Sir H. Hutchison, Maj.-Gen. G. Clive, Brig.-Gen. Lambert, Brig.-Gen. M nkhouse, Lieut. Stoker, Brig.-General Hankey, Brig.-Gen. Fuller, Maj.-Gen. Sir A. Chichester, Maj.-Gen. Sir S. Lawford, Maj.-General Sir R. Buckland, Commander Acheson, Maj.-Gen. G. Boyd, Maj.-Gen. H. L. Reed, Brig.-Gen. Maxwell Scott, Brig.-Gen. Rotton, Lieut.-Colonel Dutton, Colonel Pitt Taylor, Brig.-Gen. Tandy, Maj.-Gen. C. R. Ruckle, Maj.-Gen. Sir W. Heneker, Maj.-General Sir H. Thompson, Maj.-Gen. A. Kennedy, Maj.-Gen. H. Tudor, Brig.-Gen. Coffin, Brig.-Gen. I. Stewart, Brig.-General C. Evans, Colonel Goffin, Captain H. A. Campbell, Captain George, Lieut.-Gen. Sir A. Godley, Maj.-Gen. Sir H. Jeudwine, Maj.-Gen. Sir E. Strickland, Maj.-Gen. Sir C. Mathew, Maj.-Gen. Ritchie, Maj.-Gen. J. Higgins, Brig.-Gen. N. Haig, Brig.-Gen. Kirby, Colonel P. Hazelton, Rev. F. Anderson, Captain Peck, Rev. Stewart, Major Sir A. Sinclair.

The decorations of the dining room and ante-rooms were wonderfully done, settees, palms, flowers and the cool-sounding trickle of running water making up an enjoyable ensemble. Great credit must be given to Major Traylen, the energetic secretary of the Club, for the beauty and organization of the whole affair. An admirable programme of music was rendered by the "Pedlars" Concert Party orchestra under the direction of Gunner H. Jackson R.G.A., and added considerably to the enjoyment of a remarkable evening.

From the VI Corps Club the visitors drove straight to the station where they were received by a guard of honour consisting of 100 men of the 52nd D. L. I. under the command of Captain Mawer, M. C. After inspecting the guard the Secretary of State and his colleagues entered the train and proceeded to Boulogne.

PRINCE AS CANADIAN.

The Prince of Wales, landing at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, had a great reception. Speaking at an official lunch the Prince said: "I have come to Canada not as a stranger but as a Canadian. I have lived with your soldiers at the front, and I wish you all to consider me as they, I hope and believe, considered me—one of yourselves."

HUNGARY'S TROUBLES.

THE ECONOMIC MENACE.

The new Hungarian Cabinet formed by the Archduke Joseph is meeting with little enthusiasm amongst the general public, and the failure of all efforts to persuade the Socialists to enter the Government is widely regretted. It is also feared that the Entente may refuse to recognise a Government which contains no representative of such a large section of the people.

The shortage of food and coal is becoming alarming and it is even rumoured that the train service may be entirely suspended within the next few days unless large quantities of coal are received at once. Another economic menace is the lack of raw material, which has already thrown 80,000 workers out of employment.

Vigorous preparations have already been begun for the election campaign. The new "Help Hungary" party has issued an anti-Jewish programme.

AEROPLANE CRASH.

FUNERAL OF HANGELAR ACCIDENT VICTIMS.

A spell of gloom has been cast over No 5 Squadron, R.A.F, as a result of the sad accident involving the deaths of two of the squadron's most popular officers, which occurred at Hangeler Aerodrome on Wednesday.

The victims were Lieut. R. R. Evans (21) and Lieut. V. Limerick (22), who were pilot and observer respectively of the crashed Bristol aeroplane.

The funeral took place yesterday, at Bonn, with full military honours, and was attended by a large number of officers and other ranks of 5 Squadron as well as those from other squadrons in the neighbourhood. Both the deceased officers had considerable flying experience during the war. They were men of the brightest disposition and were regarded with the highest esteem by a very large circle of friends. Their skill as aviators was generally recognised and their future, consequently, seemed very promising.

At the funeral, which was extremely impressive, the firing party was provided by the 5th Bn., The Border Regt.

The deepest sympathy of all is extended to the relatives of the deceased in their loss.

VAGARIES OF CREDIT.

WHAT OUR £1 NOTE IS WORTH.

What is an English "Bradbury" worth to-day, when placed upon the counter of the world's mart?

Quotations from America keep dropping against us in a sensational manner, so that the sovereign is now only worth about 4 dols. 13 cents. (17s.).

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PRODUCE MORE.

The only solution to strengthen the exchange against America is to increase production. "There is no other method of restoration to the normal. Purchases of huge quantities of American foodstuffs have made the sovereign worth less in America, and until we turn out more manufactured goods we shall not find any real advance on the present exchange.

BOY'S INFATUATION.

LOVE SUICIDE AT 13.

The death of a lad of 13, Harold Ellison, of Seaforth, through taking rat poison, was inquired into at Liverpool.

"He was a boy for girls," said Ernest Firth, aged 12. "He often told me he would take some poison because a girl did not like him. In the winter he threatened to drown himself, only the water was so cold." On Saturday, August 9, Harold showed him a small brown jar, saying, "it is rat poison. I am going to take it for the sake of a girl, because she does not like me." He put some poison on the cork and licked it off. Half an hour later he ate some more.

Next day Harold refused food and went to bed. On the Wednesday he told his father he had taken poison. The jar when found was almost empty. The lad died on the Friday. The girl was aged 14.

The father described his boy as stubborn and strong-willed. "All I could get out of him was that he had some bother with two girls."

Medical evidence was that death was due to phosphorous poisoning and heart failure.

The coroner found that the boy took his own life, and expressed the opinion that his mind was deranged. "Boys of this age," he said, "get some queer notions. Unless some sensible person talks to them, they form wrong impressions."

TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

SUGGESTED POLICY.

The Peace Conference has reached a decision upon the measures to be substituted for abandoning the attempt to blockade Russia. The plans are being kept a close secret, but they amount to this, that neutral Governments will be told that it is better not to trade with Bolshevist Russia, and inducements may be held out to them to join in a voluntary ring round Russia. As, however, Sweden is doing good business with Russia it is difficult to see what persuasions can be employed. The crux of the matter is that America is trading there and says she sees no reason why not do so, pointing out that we are not in a state of war with the Bolshevists. Germany also will be asked to withhold goods, but the Allies wishes can in no way be enforced.

BOLSHEVISTS RUN.

DENIKIN SWEEPS SOUTH RUSSIA.

General Denikin's recent successes in South Russia are developing in a rapid war march of victory. A War Office communique says:—

Denikin's left wing continues to gain brilliant successes. The Bolshevists now admit that they have been driven out of the two important towns of Kherson and Nikolaieff, the occupation of which in the early part of this year was heralded as a decisive success on the part of the Soviet armies. "These gains have now been wrested from them by the irresistible advance of Denikin's troops. The Bolshevists have been driven back to the line of the Bug by the pursuing volunteer cavalry.

Further to the North, on the Dneiper, Denikin has occupied Cherkassy (less than 100 miles south-east of Kieff, the capital of the Ukraine. At Cherkassy the last railway line (from Central Russia to Odessa) which remained to the Bolshevists crosses the Dneiper. This important passage has now been lost to them, and there can be no doubt—even though no confirmation has been received of the Bolshevist evacuation of the great port of Odessa—that its fate is now sealed. Soviet Russia will very shortly lose, if it has not already lost, its last footing on the Black Sea shores.

ST. PANCRAS ACCIDENT.

WAR CRIPPLE'S DEATH.

At the inquest on Alfred Henry John Jackson and Robert Curzon, killed in the St. Pancras tram accident, Jackson's wife said that he was crippled at Loos. She was standing near the scene of the accident, heard a crash and saw the car topple over. She rushed to render assistance. She heard that a man was under the car, but she did not know who it was and did not see her husband until she saw his body in the mortuary.

A doctor said the legs were broken and the body burned.

Jesse James, the last passenger to get on the car before the accident, said that there was nothing unusual about the speed and there was no swaying.

Other witnesses said that when the crash came, the driver stuck to his post and did all that was possible to prevent overturning.

The inquest was adjourned. Jackson is to have a military funeral.

BLOWN OUT TO SEA.

TWO BOATS MISSING IN FIRTH OF FORTH.

Three pleasure boats, which put out in the Firth of Forth, were caught in a sudden gale and carried out to sea. Two of them are still missing, and anxiety is felt for the safety of their seven occupants.

The third boat was rescued by a Dieppe steamer after tossing about the mouth of the Firth for four or five hours. The crew of the Dieppe vessel threw the occupants of the pleasure boat (two soldiers and two girls) a rope, by means of which three of the party got safely on board, but before the rescue could be completed the small craft drifted away with one of the soldiers. He was driven by the wind on to the Fife coast, where he made a safe landing.

Other pleasure boats from Portobello also had exciting experiences, and in one case a party of women and one man were rescued with great difficulty.

ROUMANIA'S OFFENSIVE.

Message from Bucharest show that the Roumanians are preparing a great offensive beyond the Dniester. Several regiments from Transylvania have arrived at Bendery, which will be the base for the operations.

The object of the Roumanians is to establish a common front with Denikin's left wing, which is thirty miles from their advance posts.

M. Mazeivsky, the new representative of Petloura at Bucharest, is considering an agreement between Roumania and the Ukraine for common action against the Bolshevists.

THE SHAH'S VISIT.

It is learnt officially that the Shah of Persia will not, according to present arrangements, arrive in this country until the end of September or early in October.

FRENCH BOY SCOUTS.

SOLDIER'S FIRST TRAINING.

The French Army authorities have taken up the Boy-Scout movement, and a camp for Boy Scouts has been formed by the Military Governor of Paris, at which 350 Scouts will have a fortnight's training in physical drill, football, basket ball, swimming, trench digging, and fascine making.

It is hoped to make these holiday camps general, so that with the proposed shorter military service, the recruit will reach barracks not only fit and with the rudiments of military lore, but also eager for games and sports to relieve the tedium of his soldier life.

The Orient Express does not run any more, as the Austrian railway authorities declare that they have no coal.

BOLSHEVIST NAVAL DEFEAT.

NO PARALLEL DURING WAR.

From a naval standpoint the action of Sunday in the Gulf of Finland has no parallel in any action that took place during the great war. In view of the reported increase of efficiency in the Russian warships and of the alleged risk that our forces might be overwhelmed by a sudden attack, it is all the more remarkable that four vessels, including one of 23,000 tons and one 17,000 ton battleship should have been sunk by vessels of the smallest class in the British Navy. British casualties number 17.

The British coastal motor-boats are not more than seventy feet long, with a crew of five, are armed with torpedoes or depth charges, and move on the water rather than through it, their bows pointing high in the air and thus reducing resistance. A speed of well over forty knots is attainable, and such is their handiness, combined with the small target presented, that they have a larger proportion of successful attacks to their credit than any other class of warship or torpedo craft.

As an example of war experience applied to naval construction these boats are a splendid testimony to the skill and ingenuity of British shipbuilders and marine engineers.

PEACE TREATY.

WILSON PLEADS FOR RATIFICATION.

At a conference with the United States Senate Foreign Committee on Tuesday President Wilson appealed for the immediate ratification of the Peace Treaty, saying that the re-adjustment of American life to normal conditions depended on this. Until then business would be at a great disadvantage, and the nations who had ratified the Treaty would get in front of the United States in trade. The only obstacle to ratification was the doubt as to the meaning of certain provisions of the League of Nations Covenant. The Committee must either accept the Treaty and Covenant as they stood or reject them. Other treaties were delayed pending the ratification of the German Treaty.

YORKSHIRE AT WORK.

BUT PITS BADLY DAMAGED.

West Yorkshire miners have decided to resume work at all the pits as soon as possible. This decision was announced at the conclusion of a conference between the miner's representatives and the coal-owners held at Leeds on Wednesday.

Inquiries in the coalfield show that from a great many pits no coal will be obtained for at least a month, owing to the damage sustained to the workings by water and by falls of roof.

It will be remembered that the trouble, so far as the miners of South Yorkshire were concerned, came to an end last Saturday.

The West Yorkshire men, however, held out on a question of making the winding engine-men's wages retrospective. The owners then said that there could be no discussion until the men resumed work.

ANOTHER LITTLE DRINK.

BEER RESTRICTIONS TO BE REMOVED.

Colonel Gretton asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer if it was intended to regard the Output of Beer Restrictions Act, restrictions on the quantity of beer brewed to which the Act applies as having been removed by order under the Defence of the Realm Acts.

Mr. A. Chamberlain: It is proposed to repeal the Output of Beer Restrictions Act early next session, and, in the meantime, in view of the undertaking to remove all restrictions on the output of beer, I have thought it right to instruct the Commissioners of Customs and Excise to refrain from enforcing the provisions of the Act.

T.F. BRIGADIERS.

In a written answer to Mr. Samuel Samuel, Mr. Forster says that it is not intended to appoint brigade commanders to Territorial brigades until the future of the Territorial Force is finally decided. Territorial Force brigade commanders will be appointed from the list of officers selected as qualified for such appointments. The claims of Territorial Force officers will be considered with others.

PREMIER'S HOLIDAY.

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Lloyd George left Waterloo on Wednesday night for Britanny, where they will spend a holiday. As the train was leaving, a General who was seeing a lady friend off, tried to get her a seat in the same coach as the Premier's party, but he had to find accommodation elsewhere.

TRANSPORT SUNK.

The Japanese transport Shyiki Maru struck a rock and foundered last Friday south of Tanegashima.

One hundred and ten persons are reported missing.

SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

LUDENDORFF'S REVELATIONS.

An instalment of Ludendorff's memoirs which appears in the "Times" contains Ludendorff's story of the inception of the "unrestricted submarine campaign" which started on February 1st 1917. In the previous August, both Hindenburg and Ludendorff were opposed to "unrestricted" war by submarines, not on principle but on the ground that the time was not ripe. There was some fear of Holland and Denmark entering the war, but after the German victories in Roumania this apprehension disappeared and "none was felt as to Switzerland, Spain, Sweden, or Norway." It was, however, deemed very probable that the United States would join in the war against Germany. The Chief of the Naval Staff, a friend of the Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg, was confident that the campaign would have decisive results within six months. The loss of freight space and the reduction of overseas imports would produce economic difficulties in England that would render the continuance of the war impossible. Shortage of shipping would cut down transport of munitions and in particular transport from England to France, which traffic could also be directly attacked. After more tentative peace talk the Kaiser on January 9th 1917 authorised the unrestricted submarine campaign for February 1st. Ludendorff, less sanguine than the naval experts, reckoned that perhaps within twelve months tangible results might be awaited. He admits that he was wrong.

DOG SAVES CHILDREN.

An ironworker, Walter Gilbert, and a retriever dog rescued seven children from drowning at Rotherham.

The children were in a yard watching the dog swimming in the River Don. At the foot of the yard is a fence and a drop of five feet into the water. The children leaned against the fence and it gave way.

Lucy Morris, aged 5, climbed on to the retriever's back in the water and Horace Porter, aged 7, caught hold of its tail. The dog turned for the bank, and the children landed on a strip of sand.

Walter Gilbert swam out to the others and saved them, bringing three to the bank in one journey.

SINN FEIN CAMP.

The recent raid on the Irish camp and college at Glandore, County Cork, led to sentences at Skibbereen, County Cork, of six months' imprisonment, without hard labour, on Professor O'Sullivan, Carlow College, and J. B. O Driscoll, rural councillor, Skibbereen. They were charged with unlawful assembly, illegal drilling, and having in their possession revolvers, automatic pistols, and ammunition.

Evidence showed that with 60 other Sinn Feiners they were living in a fully-equipped military camp, with German ground sheets and Irish volunteers' belts and uniforms. It is said that the men were preparing to make an attack on police barracks within a couple of miles of the camp.

MISSING GOLIATH.

A further message received by the French Military Aeronautics Department states that Dakar is still without tidings of the "Goliath" aerobus. Patrol boats have searched the coast, and the military and civil authorities have sent parties to explore inland. Although four days have now elapsed since the "Goliath" must have come down, it is still hoped that she has been able to land at some out-of-the-way spot where communications are difficult.

It is now recalled that Lieutenant Bossoutrot said that he intended flying the latter part of the voyage over the Atlantic, instead of keeping over land, and this thought renders the suspense doubly cruel.

INFLUENCE OF THE FILM.

When two brothers named Rimmington, aged 10 and 8, were charged at Leicester with breaking into houses and stealing jewellery, Treasury notes, and money to the value of £70, their father said the boys had been influenced by films, and they thought they were doing a film "stunt."

The Chief Constable said the lads, though not previously convicted, had bad records. They also admitted breaking into three other houses. Both are to go to an industrial school until they are 16.

CURBING PROFITEERS.

To defeat profiteering in potatoes in the Isle of Man, Mr. Joseph Cunningham, a member of the Manx Legislature offers, to sell and deliver to the island consumers potatoes at 1d. a pound. He is the largest grower in the island.

Cardiff Council suggest opening two open air markets. Maidstone Council are being urged to open a daily market.

While a squad was receiving instruction in machine gun work in a barrack-room, it was stated at Aldershot, Corporal Leslie Anderson, Machine Gun Guards, was killed by a live cartridge getting into a dummy clip by mistake.

V.C. MAKES GOOD.

REGAINS HIS COMMISSION.

Another soldier who "made good" is Lance-Corporal George Onions, V.C., of the 1st Devonshire Regiment.

Lance-Corporal Onions, who now lives at Monkseaton, Northumberland, enlisted early in the war and was soon promoted lieutenant in a well-known regiment. In London one evening, he got into a disturbance in a restaurant. Someone from the back gave an instruction which he resented rather forcibly. The new arrival was an assistant provost-marshal, to whom when he recognised him, Onions offered an apology. On inquiry it was found that Onions was spending a week-end in London without leave. He was court-martialled and cashiered.

Determined to make good, Onions at once volunteered as a private in the Devonshire Regiment, and on arrival at the Devon's training depot he asked to be sent to France immediately. On April 17, 1917, he went to the Devons in France.

A month later he found himself in a hospital at home. As soon as he was well again, he pleaded to be sent back to France and in March 1918 he was again with the 1st Devons. He was promoted lance-corporal, and on August 22, south of Achiet-le-Petit, his chance came. In company with another man, he was sent out to re-establish communication with a battalion on the right. In an old trench he saw a large force of Germans approaching. He placed his comrade on his exposed flank and opened rapid fire.

They inflicted heavy losses on the Germans, and some threw up their hands. Corporal Onions called on them to surrender, and no fewer than 200 Germans gave up, Onions, who was wounded, and his companion marching them back to headquarters.

For this he received the Victoria Cross, but regretted that he was not restored to his former rank as officer. When demobilized in March last he gave up all hope of reinstatement, but since then his case has been considered by the Army Council, and Corporal Onions now states that he has been notified that he is to be "gazetted" 2nd lieutenant as an act of grace in recognition of valuable services. He will relinquish the temporary commission on the same date, but will be granted permission to wear the uniform on appropriate military occasions.

SELF DEFENCE.

The young man, Herbert George Ladbrook, who has been charged with the manslaughter of Private Lawrence Kelly at Sutton, has been discharged by the Sutton magistrates.

Evidence was given that Kelly, who appeared to be the worse for drink, struck at Ladbrook, and the latter merely defended himself. Kelly slipped and fell and died later.

The jury at the inquest had returned a verdict of accidental death, and the magistrates yesterday said they would not be justified in sending Ladbrook for trial.

THE LATEST STRIKES.

The cranemen at Swansea Docks have struck work unofficially for a minimum wage of five guineas per week.

The builders' men in Buckingham are on strike, the labourers demanding 1s. per hour instead of 9½d., and the tradesmen 1s. 3d. instead of 1s. The builders state that, owing to contracts, they cannot at the moment agree to the increase.

FRATEL'S WITNESSES.

It is stated that the Convening Officer has granted the request of William Fratel, assistant surgeon in the Indian Me ical Department, who is being tried in connection with the alleged neglect of sick in Mesopotamia, that the Court Martial should be adjourned in order to enable Fratel to call witnesses from India and Mesopotamia. It is expected that these witnesses cannot reach England in less than two months.

HOW THE WAR ENDED.

Addressing the Canadian Club at Ottawa, General Sir William Currie, Commander of the Canadian forces in France, stated that the Supreme War Council early in August 1918, had planned the battle of Amiens as the last battle of the year, the purpose being after taking our objectives to dig in for the winter and await the development of a great American Army. So great was the success along the whole line, however, that the armies pressed forward, ending the war.

EXONERATED.

At a Naval Court-martial on Wednesday at Chatham into the loss of the mine-sweepers "Gentian" and "Myrtle" in the Baltic on July 15th it was stated that the "Gentian" struck a mine while sinking another mine, and the "Myrtle" ran into the mine and sank. The "Myrtle's" crew were taken aboard the "Gentian" and the whole were afterwords transferred to another vessel.

The court exonerated the crew of both vessels.

CO-OPERATIVE LOCK-OUT.

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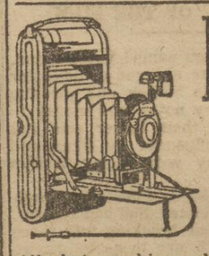

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Friday, August 22, 1919.

AN EDUCATED ARMY.

Of all the important utterances made by the Secretary of State for War while with us, we would fain give greatest weight to those concerning the education of the army. No absolute dictum was pronounced, but the manner in which the subject cropped up time after time leads us to hope that it is the subject to which the Army Council is giving immediate and earnest attention.

Tried out in the Rhine Army, education, a proper well-organized education, has proved itself to be a feasible proposition. The war has proved to us that an army educated in many directions is essential.

War used to be an affair of man to man and boldness and brawn were the requisites. To-day it is largely an affair of mechanism and science, man's chief part is to provide the directing brains. In every department, science has exhibited her power, and is not to be denied that to-day a scientific training is necessary to efficient soldiery.

In the war now ended, we found ourselves pitted against a scientifically constructed and trained organization and at times it caught us napping. But when once awakened we were soon able to show that we had the brains; they simply needed the spur of action to equal, and in many cases to outdo, those of the enemy.

We remember seeing some notes taken by a "gas officer" in the early days of the gas outrage. They were ludicrous, a boy, with even such an elementary training in science as is given in a British higher-grade school, would have laughed at them, or wept. Yet the officer who had taken them was energetic and painstaking, he simply lacked education in science. As in gas, so in many other departments new to this war, our men must be trained, not merely taught things but educated, trained to seek, and to find, the why and the wherefore.

It may be urged that this is unnecessary in the rank and file, but it is untrue. The man, who tackles his job — however lowly it may be — with the knowledge of why he does this thing and that thing, is infinitely more enthusiastic and effective than the automaton who works in the dark.

Apart from possible warlike action there is another reason why the soldiers should be educated, a reason of infinite and indisputable importance. Hitherto the army has been looked upon more or less as a blind-alley profession, but it ought not be so.

Despite various philanthropic associations, despite War Office actions, we have frequently found the time-expired soldier to be at a loose end, no trade in his hands, no special knowledge enabling him to win a decent living in civil life.

Under the new scheme, the scheme which we fervently desire to see developed to the utmost, the years of training for war will also be years of training for peace, and at a period in a youth's life when he is best able to learn.

If the scheme is developed as it has begun, developed fully, we shall have a much more efficient fighting machine, men will be much happier in army life, and when the return to civilian paths takes place, the ex-soldier will have a ready-forged weapon in his hands to enable him to wage the war of peace.

Mr. Churchill's words on several occasions indicated that the value of education is recognized and the whole nation should be ready to back up the scheme which makes for greater efficiency both in war and in peace.

THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH.

A little whitewashed cottage with a smithy near by, and of all the wonders the proverbial chestnut tree spreading its branches over all like a healing shadow!

It is in the centre of the village and in front there runs the long white road leading to the interior.

The blacksmith has grizzled hair and a wiry frame. He might have been jolly once upon a time, but he seems to have passed from the sunshine of life into darkness. His weather beaten face has a hard grim look, and his eyes are fixed and staring. Has there been some great tragedy in his life or is it the constant glare of the fire? I wonder!

I heard his anvil ringing and saw the little children of this Rhineland village watching his mighty strokes with great admiration.

What a strange fascination there is about a forge and a blacksmith! In my boyhood days it was my one dream of earthly bliss to wield that mighty hammer and make the sparks fly, but circumstances decided otherwise.

I turn aside from my walk and join the children. The glowing coal, the red hot iron, the waiting horse and the quaint old Prussian awakened my interest. I was under a spell, and coming back across the years an old school song hummed in my brain:

"I'm a jolly old blacksmith with grizzled hair,
My face is smutty I know.
I'm rough and tough and haven't a care
I'm happy to work alone.
Cling! Clang! Cling! Clang! Cling!
Plenty to eat and plenty to drink,
Rough and tough and happy you see,
Always as jolly as jolly can be,
Wouldn't you like to be like me?"

Whether the old man I am gazing at could come up to that description is doubtful. He has passed through hard times when food and drink were not too plentiful in this part of Rhineland.

What wonderful processions has this knight of the hammer seen passing backward and forward on the road near his smithy! There came a day when the mighty host of Prussians, with their guns, their cavalry, their infantry marched by.

These were the flower and pride of his race setting forth on their great adventure to conquer the world.

Day after day, host after host, followed in quick succession and his old anvil rang, with the music of triumph. War! War! It thrilled his blood and he saw red. His comrades were forging the chains of a great empire, they were beating to the dust their enemies even as he forged and beat the red hot iron with his mighty blows.

Then came the awakening, slow but sure, and passing the old smithy he saw the dispirited remnants of that host return. In that hour the music of his anvil was in the minor key. The glory of his race had departed, they had lived by the sword and perished by the sword.

One morning a greater surprise awakened him and looking down the old road he saw the advancing hosts of the might of Britain. Their bands were playing the songs of victory; that day his anvil was silenced and the hard look deepened in his face.

Who knows the thoughts passing through the grim old blacksmith's mind as he still swings his hammer? He must work to live, and so I leave him and the children, and pass on my way.

G. K.

WHAT TO SEE IN RHINELAND.

VIII. A RAMBLE TO ALTENBERG.

We have priceless opportunities in Rhineland for enriching our imagination and knowledge and at the same time keeping ourselves physically fit. Our pleasures are close at hand, but do we really make the most of them?

Have we heard the call of the road, that intense longing to explore the unknown pathways, revel in new beauties, and at the close of the day feel the joy of achievements and renewed health?

To begin with, your spirits are volatile, your mind alert, your body in the pink of condition. How readily you find in the details and incidents of your tramp infinite amusement and food for thought!

Suppose you take the tram over the Hohenzollern bridge to Dünwald, and then begin your tramp. Turn to the right at the end of the village down the road which leads to Altenberg and Dabringhausen.

It is a long, long trail but you will pass through the sweetest and quaintest villages in Rhineland. The road is flanked by avenues of fruit trees and verdant pastures. You cross meandering brooks and perfect trout streams. If you are observant and have a smattering of botany, ornithology, and geology you will revel in the rocks, the flowers, the birds, and without even a smattering of any 'ology you will rejoice in the grandeur of nature, and instinctively make comparison with your own beauty spots in the homeland, and that in itself will prove a benediction and chase away all the monotony and dullness of the city and lowlands.

Passing through Odenthal, with its quaint church and old bridge the scenery becomes richer. Pinewoods and hills stretch away in the distance and in the meadows you will notice the splendid herds of cattle grazing.

At Altenburg you must rest and explore the beauties of the place. Here you can obtain refreshments for it is a noted forest health resort and popular with the residents of Cologne.

This small village has one big surprise—an imposing Cathedral, a real gem of architecture and its setting of towering woods is perfect. You will be thrilled as you enter it, especially if someone happens to be playing the organ. Its simple grandeur, massive columns, vaulted roof and stained glass windows impress you and fill you with something akin to awe.

Near by are the remains of an old monastery and a magnificent meadow used by our officers as a polo ground. You can also wander through exquisite pathways in the wood, and if dusty and tired bathe in a stream of surpassing sweetness.

As you have already walked seven miles, I should suggest that you entrain at Burscheid, this will mean another three miles walk but it will well repay you. You pass under the ancient stone archway opposite the Cathedral and climb the steep ascent through the woods to the road. Here a guide post will point the way. The view from the top will live foreover in your memory, it is almost indescribable. You can have tea at Burscheid and you will return to Cologne with a wonderful feeling of exaltation.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF EDUCATION.

It is the prerogative of the schoolboy to make at one time or another some glaring blunder when answering a question or setting forth his views and ideas on a particular subject or on things in general: in short, it is the schoolboy's privilege to perpetrate a "howler."

Taking advantage of this, though all unwittingly, a young Briton wrote, "On the top of a submarine is a long narrow tube called a periwinkle." How delightfully absurd! — a veritable howler!

Like the poor, we have the howler always with us. The schoolboys of yesterday are the soldiers of to-day. And now that the troops are attending classes under the Army Education Scheme we must not be surprised if these children of a larger growth produce occasional howlers which, if not exactly like those of their earlier years, will differ from them in degree rather than in kind.

A history class had been learning a list of dates: 55 B.C. — Caesar's first invasion of Britain; 43 A.D. — Roman Conquest began; 410 A.D. — Romans left Britain. When question time came round, one pupil gravely informed his teacher: "Julius Caesar came 55 B.C. and went away at 4.10 p.m." This would-be historian is by no means the only one who has come a cropper when dealing with abbreviations. It was a juvenile admirer of Sir R. Baden-Powell who, when asked the meaning of "B.Sc." immediately replied "Boy Scout."

Nor are humorous mistakes of this description made entirely by the sterner sex. We are indebted to a budding Waac, for the delightful information: "King John lost his crown in the laundry; he never smiled again," whilst her elder sister, in writing a short biography of the poet quite seriously tells us: "After twice committing suicide Cowper lived till 1800, when he died from natural causes."

After listening to their teacher read the Casquet scene from the "Merchant of Venice" a class was asked to write an account of what they had heard. From one of the resulting compositions we learn: "Portia was not allowed to tell the suitors which one she favoured, but she gave Bassanio the glad eye."

Many will be surprised to know that "St. Andrew is the patent saint of Scotland; the patent saint of England is John Bull," whilst R.A.M.C. personnel may be particularly interested in the information: "An appendix is a portion of a book which no one has yet found to be of any use;" and also to learn that "The Tropic of Cancer is a painful and incurable disease."

To a beginner in history we are indebted for one of the worst, or perhaps, best blunders on record. His ideas about the Provisions of Oxford, Magna Charta the Peoples' Charter of 1848 and certain modern movements could hardly be of the clearest when he wrote: "The chief provisions of the Great Charter were: (a) Universal Suffering, (b) Votes for Women, (c) Abolition of Property." *B. B.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

BAND PERFORMANCES.

Sir,—I agree with your correspondent's view regarding band concerts. Too many band performances are given within units where comparatively small numbers get advantage of them. Were these performances given in central places and previously announced, I am sure they would be very largely attended.

MUSICAL.

FOR WEEK-ENDS.

Sir,—Might I suggest that a residential club at Bonn or at some other popular resort on the Rhine would be greatly appreciated. The present officers Club at Bonn is excellently managed and provides very good facilities for meals, but is not residential

There are many officers stationed in Cologne whose duties permit of their spending week-ends, but the difficulty in many cases is to find sleeping accommodation. *WEEK-ENDER.*

CLUB'S CLOSED DOOR.

Sir,—Many great improvements have recently been observed in the administration of No 1 N.A.C.B. Officers Club, Cologne. But why, oh why, is the main entrance invariably closed?

I have, I should think, asked every member of the club staff the cause of this, but nobody has been able to explain.

By keeping the door closed, officers are caused the inconvenience of walking round to the side door, while, all traffic being restricted to this entrance, there is always a great conglomeration of people in the narrow dining-room doorway. *O.B.E.*

DEFRAUDING SOLDIERS.

Sir,—Many German tradesmen are defrauding soldiers by other means than selling spurious goods. Many of them have one price for Germans and a much larger one for the British.

Many articles are displayed in the windows at certain prices, but the intending purchaser finds when he enters the shop that a larger price is demanded. The only remedy is to boycott such shops entirely.

FAIR PLAY.

WIVES FOR COLOGNE.

Sir,—All honour to the lady-workers of the Y.M.C.A. for their efforts on behalf of the wives of men, but the need of their assistance is felt more keenly at points en route from Ostend to Cologne.

Many wives will be called upon to make the journey unaccompanied and undertake continental travel perhaps for the first time. It is natural then that they would be grateful for any assistance at Charing Cross station, Dover, etc. A vast organisation like the Y.M.C.A. should be able to render valuable help. Perhaps other readers will express their views.

GRATEFUL.

A READER'S PLAINT.

Sir,—Under the heading of "The Editor's Letterbox," many a topic is discussed and much of interest can be found in that column. But a point that strikes me is, why are so many replies written in such a satirical manner?

Surely a man is entitled to express his opinion without making comments which are written with the express purpose of ridicule. It is well to encourage the use of "The Cologne Post" for interchange of views upon current topics, but at the same time one cannot help feeling that a reply such as that of "The Open Mind" in your issue of to-day, is ungentlemanly.

May I call for a more friendly criticism and therefore encourage, rather than discourage, the use of your columns for the discussion of items of interest?

BIGGO.

THE RATE OF EXCHANGE.

Sir,—Why do the Post Office authorities cease to issue Treasury Notes, Postal Orders, War Savings Certificates, etc., during the period just prior to the value of the mark falling?

The soldier was paid between 1st and 15th August inclusive, at the then current rate of exchange, and was debited £1 for every 70 marks 60 pfg. drawn by him.

On 14th and 15th August he could not exchange his marks into English money through a British Post Office, at the same rate at which they had been paid to him, yet the rate of exchange was not altered until August 16th and by waiting until that date to exchange his marks into English money he would have to pay 77 marks 40 pfg.

The only exception to this rule was when an urgent case arose. The sum £1 could then be obtained by a soldier of upon receiving a note authorising same and signed by an O.C.

DEMOBILISABLE.

A REMARKABLE ENGINE.

Sir,—With regard to the starting of German railway locomotives by means of a clutch surely the writer has made a mistake and mixed it up with motors.

During my experience with locomotives I have never met or read of an engine of this type.

Anyone having a slight knowledge of the working of a loco, would know the impossibility of working it by that means, as it is driven straight from the cylinder direct to the driving wheel. The only way of working it by a clutch of this sort would be by means of a crank shaft and a friction clutch, and no friction clutch would ever stand the strain placed upon it by a railway engine.

The intermittent puffs he refers to, is the water pump working the clutch and is simply the placing forward of the reversing lever which opens the cut off of the valves working in the steam chest and thus allows the steam to rush into the cylinder and put the engine in motion.

The jerky motion can be eliminated by the gradual releasing of the vacuum brake.

F.G.L.

LIGHT DIVISION.

1st and 2nd Brigades Hold Successful Athletic Meetings.

EXCELLENT PROGRAMMES.

The Athletic Sports held by the 2nd Light Brigade, at Bavert, Wald, were a distinct success. The meeting was favoured with delightful weather and the very fine track presented an animated scene from the first race at 10.15 hours till the presentation of prizes at 19.30 hours.

Large crowds thronged the ropes all day and loudly voiced their enthusiasm. The Bands of the 6th London Regt. (by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Brady D.S.O.,) and 9th London Regt. (by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Day, D.S.O.,) rendered pleasing selections throughout the day. The arrangements which enabled the programme to be carried through without a hitch, reflected great credit upon the committee.

Among those present at the meeting were Major-General G. D. Jeffries, C.B., C.M.G., and officers of the Light Divisional Staff. Special mention should be made of the fine work of Lieut. Gracie, who carried off the High Jump, Long Jump, Hurdles, was in the winning relay team, and also obtained two seconds.

The events were open to the 12th R. Irish Rifles, 6th London Regt., 9th London Regt., Light Div. R.E., Light Divisional Train, 2nd Light Bde, H.Q. and T.M. Btty.

The Officials.

The Committee comprised:—

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Starters:—Lieut.-Col. Brady, D.S.O., 6th London Regt.; Lieut. Scott, M.C. 12th R.I.R.

Judges:—Lieut.-Col. Godwin, C.M.G., D.S.O., 12th R.I.R.; Lieut.-Col. Day, D.S.O., 9th London Regt.; Major McCallum, D.S.O., 12th R.I.R.; Major Peatfield, M.C., 9th London Regt.; Major Wilson, D.S.O., 483rd Field Coy., R.E.

Callers:—R.S.M. Green, 12th R.I.R.; R.S.M. Boss, 6th London Regt.; R.S.M. Porter, 9th London Regt.; Sergt. Clarke, 483 Field Coy., R.E.; Sergt. Worboy, 2nd Light T.M. Bty.

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Timekeepers:—Lieut. Carnegie, Bde. Signal Section; Lieut. Fennell, 2nd Light Bde. H.Q.

Clerk of the Course:—C.S.M. I. Turner, A.G.S.

Results.

The results were as follows:—

100 yards:—1, Major Farrell (6th London); 2, Lieut. Gracie (9th London); 3, Lieut. Kimber (6th London). Time, 10 1-5 secs.

120 yards Hurdles:—1, Lieut. Gracie; 2, Lieut Monteith (R.E.); 3, Rfn. Walker (9th London) Time, 18 4/5 secs.

440 yards:—1, 2/Lieut. Kimber; 2, Rfn. Whittingham (9th London); 3, Rfn. Beckett (Bde. H Q.). Time 57 4/5 secs.

880 yards:—1, L/Cpl. Cotmore (12th R.I.R.); 2 Rfn. Beckett; 3, Rfn. Reid (12th R.I.R.). Time 2 min. 21 secs.

One Mile:—1, 2/Lieut. Coles (6th London); 2, L/Cpl. Keen (9th London); 3, Sergt. Walden. Time 4 min 55 2/5 secs.

Long Jump:—1, Lieut. Gracie; 2, Rfn. Waggs (9th London); 3, Major Farrell. Length 22 ft. 7½ ins.

High Jump:—1, Lieut. Gracie, 4 ft. 8 ins; 2, Rfn. Walker; 3, Capt. Mee (6th London).

Putting the Shot:—1, Lieut Gilmore (12th R. I.R.); 2, Lieut. Gracie; 3, Lieut. Millar (12th R.I.R.)

Tug-of-War (catch weight):—1, 6th London Regt.; 2, 12th R.I.R.

Tug-of-War (light weight):—1, 9th London Regt.; 2, 12th R.I.R.

Three Mile Track Race:—1, L/Cpl. Cotmore; 2, Sergt. Green (9th London); 3, Rfn. Johnson, (9th London). Time 17 min. 27 secs.

One Mile Relay Race:—9th London Regt.

The Officer's Surprise Race and Band Race caused great amusement, especially the prizes for the former.

At the conclusion of the day's sport, prizes were graciously presented by Mrs. D. Robertson, whose kindness was recognised by three stirring cheers, while cheers were also raised for Brig.-Gen. Currie, C.M.G., D.S.O.

1st BRIGADE.

Honours Fall to the 18th Battalion K.R.R.C.

On Saturday last the Sportplatz Solingen was the scene of the sports of the 1st Light Bde. (comprising the 13th, 18th, and 20th Battalions K.R.R.C.). The weather was ideal, and huge numbers of officers and O.R.'s attended. Brigadier-General G. V. Hordern, C.B., C.M.G., opened the proceedings at 15.00 hours by inspecting the Brigade Picquets, after which the sports commenced. Each item of the long programme was keenly contested, but the honours of the day fell easily to the 18th Battalion, which carried off ten first prizes out of a possible 14.

The 18th Battalion Concert Party ("The Greenjackets") in fancy attire, enlivened the proceedings, and during the afternoon the massed Brigade bands rendered a most enjoyable selection of music. The "joyrides" on the two tanks were in great demand and thoroughly enjoyed.

A most delightful afternoon was brought to a close by the presentation of prizes by the wife of Col. H. A. Vernon, D.S.O., O.C. 18th Battalion.

STANDARD GOLF BALL?

In golfing circles there has been considerable discussion of late respecting the proposed standardisation of the golf ball, and it would appear that the volume of opinion is entirely opposed to any such proceeding. The main line of argument is that given average wind and normal weather conditions three shots will still be required to reach long holes with the present small heavy ball. But there are some golfers with low handicaps who view with alarm the excessive hitting powers of themselves and their friends.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Friday, August 22, 1919.

Surface wind between south-west and west, about 10 m.p.h. Mainly fair, but sky extensively covered with low cloud at times, especially in the early part of the day. Good visibility.

BRILLIANT FUNCTION.

3rd. Machine Gun Corps Sports At Mulheim.

SERGEANT'S HAT TRICK.

Under ideal weather conditions the 3rd Battalion Machine Gun Corps held their sports on the ground south of the boat bridge, Mulheim yesterday afternoon. There were a large number of visitors, amongst whom were many English ladies. Not the least enjoyable part of the programme was the excellent musical selections played by the band of the 9th. (Queens' Royal) Lancers, which was present by kind permission of Lt.Col. R.H.R. Brocklebank, D.S.O.

The catering arrangements were excellent and were appreciated fully by the large number of visitors.

Results.

The results of the important events were as follows:—

100 yards:—1, Sgt. Hoskins; 2, Pte. Baldwin; 3, Pte. D Power.

Officers race:—Lt. Burke, 1; Lt. Winchcombe, 2.

Sergeants race:—Sgt. Hoskins, 1; Sgt. Knight, 2.

Quarter mile:—Pte. Cation, 1; Pte. Goodwill, 2.

Hurdle race:—Pte. Baldwin, 1; Pte. Borthwick, 2.

Open mile:—C.Q.M.S. Breed, 20th D.L.I., 1; Lt. Bowl, 52nd D.L.I., 2.

Inter-section tent pegging:—15th Dragoon Guards, 1; 9th Lancers, 2.

220 yards:—Sgt. Hoskins, 1; Pte. Baldwin, 2; Sgt. Knight, 3.

Jam and bun race:—Pte. Cation, 1; Pte. Goodwill, 2.

Individual tent pegging:—R.S.M. Rawlinson, 17th Lancers, and R.S.M. Allison, 6th Dragoon Guards both unbeaten, finally decided to share the first and second prizes.

Saturday to Monday Race:—Pte. Gowan, 1; Pte. Haynon, 2.

Wrestling on Mules:—"C" Company Team.

Inter-Company Relay Race:—"D" Company Team.

Pillow Fight:—Pte. Perry.

Tug-of-War:—"B" Company Team.

Band Race:—Pte. White, 1; Pte. Blackett, 2; Pte. Mash, 3.

Obstacle Race:—Pte. Horley, 1; Pte. Goodwill, 2; Pte. Hobson, 3.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mrs. W. J. Cranston presented the prizes to the winners. Sergt. Hoskins was greeted with considerable enthusiasm when he was awarded the cup for having gained the largest number of points during the meeting.

Lt.-Col. Cranston thanked all concerned, especially the visitors, and expressed his great satisfaction at the success of the meeting.

SAILOR'S SUCCESS.

Seaman Hall wins fine fight with Housego.

Seaman Hall (Chatham) compelled the hard-hitting Fred Housego (Paddington) to hold out his hand at the Ring after a really fine struggle lasting 14 rounds. The bout had scarcely commenced before Hall's friends received a surprise. Housego, using his left hand with fine judgment, forced an opening for the right which caught the sailor beautifully on the point. After taking a rest of eight seconds, however, Hall resumed and easily outpointed his rival. Housego, after taking two counts in the second and one in the fourth round, boxed very strongly at times, but could never really claim an advantage over the sturdy sailor.

A peculiar incident occurred in the seventh round. Housego, whilst in the act of rising at the count of eight from a knock-down blow, saw Hall rushing over towards him with a threatening right-hand uppercut. The Paddington man, to escape, immediately placed his right knee on the floor. Meanwhile, the timekeeper, calling out the fateful "10," Hall went to his corner under the impression that he had won. The referee, however, decided that the bout should proceed. Subsequently Hall had much the best of the exchanges, and, after being put down in the 14th round, Housego retired.

GREAT WICKETKEEPER DEAD.

The death occurred on Wednesday in a nursing home of Gregor MacGregor, the famous England and Middlesex wicket-keeper.

He was born at Edinburgh on August 31, 1869, and educated at Uppingham and Cambridge. He got his blue as a Freshman, and for several seasons his wicket-keeping to the bowling of S. M. J. Woods was the talk of the cricket world. He visited Australia with the English team in 1891, and for some years was captain of Middlesex.

MacGregor was also a famous Rugby football player, appearing either as full-back or three-quarter for Scotland in twelve international engagements—five times against England. At Cambridge he played full-back against Oxford in the matches of 1889 and 1890.

EXCITING FINISHES.

Narrow Wins In "Cologne Post" Cup Matches.

DEADLY BOWLING.

Low scoring, happily, when characteristic of both sides does not deprive a cricket match of the possibility of an exciting finish. Such has been the case in several C.P.C. matches played within the past few days.

Bowling for the London D.M.T. Coy., against the Southern D.M.T. Coy., Pte. Jacobs secured 7 wickets for no runs. The following are the latest reports to hand:—

75th BDE. R.F.A. (51 for 7) v. 1/5 WEST YORKS (49) at Marienhof. The West Yorks batted first, Cpl. Marriot scoring 20 for the visitors. Bdr. Mitchell bowled splendidly for the Gunners taking 8 wickets for 11 runs.

"MAPS" 4th F.S. BN. (82) v. 31st LABOUR GROUP (57) at Klottenberg. Best performances were L/Cpl. Saunders 26 for Maps, and Cpl. Tranter 7 wickets for 17 runs for Labour Group.

LONDON DIVISION M.T. COY. (100) v. SOUTHERN DIV. M.T. Coy. (8) at Thielenbruch. The Southern Div. M.T. Coy. absolutely collapsed before the bowling of Pte. Jacobs and Lieut. Weight. The former created what is very close to being a record in the Cologne Post Competition by securing 7 wickets for 0 runs, the latter taking 3 for 6. For the winners, Lieut. Bailey played a good innings and secured the top score of 39, other scores being Pte. Howkins 17, Cpl. Wright 16 and Pte. Hey 13.

1/5th SOUTH STAFFS (69) v. 145th SIEGE BTY. R.G.A. (52). For 1/5th S.S. Pte. Parsons scored 19, Pte. Davis 11, and C.Q.M.S. Critchley 34. For 145 S.B. Cpl. Burden scored 17.

1/5th SOUTH STAFFS (180) v. 16th FIELD AMB. (40) at Gommern. For F.A. Pte. Saville scored 12. For 1/5th S.S. Pte. Johnson scored 19, Sergt. Burton 24, Pte. Parsons 58, C.Q.M.S. Critchley 30 and C. S. M. Norman 23.

185 SIEGE BTY., R.G.A. (48) v. IX CORPS M.T. COY. (40) at Flamersheim. The game got very exciting towards the finish with only 5 to win and 3 wickets to fall, two of them fell for 4 runs leaving one run to win; however this was easily got and the IX Corps total passed. White for the IX Corps took for 18 runs, while for 185 Siege Bty. Bdr. Yewdall took 5 for 10 including 4 maidens in his 10 overs.

23rd ROYAL FUSILIERS (66) v. 51st KINGS LIVERPOOLS (21) at Klop. For R.F.'s Pte. Birkley scored 21 and Pte. Rodgers 15 while Pte. Birkley took 4 wickets for 9 runs and Capt. Nelson 5 for 11.

4th ROYAL SUSSEX (118) v. 51st AUX. BUS. COY. (62) at Siegburg. For 4th Royal Sussex Lieut. Bryan scored 79 and took 4 wickets for 2 runs, Pte. Williams took 3 for 4. For 51st Aux. Bus. Coy., Sergt. Tudor scored 42 and took 3 wickets for 42 runs.

2nd BATT. M.G.C. (146 for 5) v. 180st LABOUR COY. (38) at Zollstock. The Labour Coy. batted first and were dismissed for 38 runs. Pte. Pickles had 4 wickets for 7 runs and Sergt. Mitchell 5 for 22. For Labour Coy. Burroughs made 16. The M.G.'s had no difficulty in knocking off the runs required. Pte. Pickles made 51 retired, Sergt. Mitchell 39 not out, and Pte. Jones 34 not out.

53rd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS (160) v. CAV. DIV. H.Q. (52). For the 53rd Northumberland Fus. Crompton (46), Tennant (36), and Feather (31) were the principal scorers.

Other Results.

13th Kings, 61; 23rd R.F., 45.

53 N.F. 154; A.A. Searchlight Section 86.

EUSKIRCHEN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
174 Siege Bty.	22	22	0		44§
77 Siege Bty.	22	20	2		40§
E Corps Sig. Coy.	24	17	5	2	36§
1/5 S. Staffs	22	17	4	1	35§
21 Bde. R.G.A.	24	17	7		34§
354 Siege Bty.	23	17	6		34§
185 Siege Bty.	22	17	5		34§
145 Siege Bty.	22	16	6		32§
9 Corps Troops M.T. Coy.	23	15	8		30§
488 Siege Bty.	21	12	9		24§
73 Bde. R.G.A.	22	11	11		22§
Mid. Div. H.Q.	19	11	8		22§†
104 Bde. R.F.A.	18	11	7		22§†
9 Corps H.A.	21	10	11		20§
F.A.A. Bty. R.F.A.	16	10	6		20§†
Mid. D.A.C.	17	9	7	1	19§
16 Field Amb.	17	7	10		14§†

§ Games awarded for scratched matches.
† Games lost by default.

FAMOUS TENNIS PAIR.

To the doubles championship which they won at Wimbledon, Norman E. Brookes and G. L. Patterson, the famous Australian pair, have now added the American title.

In the final at Newton (Mass.) Brookes and Patterson defeated Tilden and Richards (U.S.A.) in a match which ran to five sets, the scores being 8—6, 6—3, 4—6, 4—6, 6—2.

JEROME TRAVERS DEFEATED.

The utmost astonishment was caused on the Oakmont Country Club's course, Allegheny County, Pa., on Tuesday when in the first of the match play stages of the United States Golf Association's Amateur Championship, Jerome Dunstan Travers, winner of the event in 1907, 1908, 1912, and 1913, was defeated by C. G. Waldo, Junr. of Detroit.

Travers never settled down to his proper game, and was beaten by 8 and 7.

Charles ("Chic") Evans, Junr., the seventeen-year-old boy competitor, "Bobby" Jones, and Francis Ouimet, were among those who passed into the next round.

LINDENTHAL TENNIS.

Officers' Sports Club Hold Another Tourney.

ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME.

Under the auspices of the British Army of the Rhine Officers Sports Club, a Tennis Tournament, which promises to be an event of exceptional attraction, will take place on Saturday, Sept. 6th, and following days, at Stadtwald, Lindenthal. The events, all open to ladies and officers of the Allied Armies of Occupation, are as follows:—

Mens' open singles (Championship of the Rhine);
Mens' Handicap Singles Class A;
Mens' Handicap Singles Class B;
Mens' open Doubles (Championship of the Rhine);
Mens' Handicap Doubles;
Mixed Open Doubles (Championship of the Rhine);
Mixed Handicap Doubles;
Ladies' Open Singles (Championship of the Rhine);
Ladies' Handicap Singles;
Ladies' Open Doubles (Championship of the Rhine);
Ladies' Handicap Doubles.

Entrance fees are 25 marks for open and 20 marks for handicap events, and all entries must reach the Secretary, Officer's Sports Club, Major P. Bowes Lyon, at the Club House, Lindenthal, together with fullest information as to performances and form, not later than Sept. 2nd.

Substantial prizes will be given for each event.

The tournament committee are:—Lieut.-Colonel E. J. McAllister, D. S. O., Major Pleydell Nott, D. S. O., Major The Hon. P. Bowes Lyon., The Rev. L.M. Andrews, M.C., and Captain Wardle.

Referee:—Major Pleydell Nott, D. S. O.

SIX WICKETS VICTORY.

G.H.Q. Clerks v. Rhine Army M.T. Coy.

In a friendly game on Wednesday, the G.H.Q. Clerks scored an easy victory over Rhine Army troops M.T. Coy. The Rhine Army M.T. Coy batting first ran up a total of 103. Cpl. Dick was top scorer with 47, while Lieut. Copcutt, Capt. Hinds, and Cpl. Thompson all reached double figures. When their score stood at 122 for 4 wickets the Clerks declared: S/Sergt. Hodson (37), Sergt. Andrews (31), Pte. Pomphrey (29 not out) and Cpl. Mahrer (19) were the chief contributors to the total. Hatch and Andrews bowled well for the Clerks.

CRICKET FRIENDLIES.

74th Bde. R.F.A. (279 for 8) v. Northern D.A.H.Q. and N.D.A.C. (166).

Played at Lindenthal, this match produced some excellent cricket. Going in sixth man for the Brigade, Lieut. Wilson compiled a very useful 76, the partnership putting up over a hundred runs in just over three quarters of an hour. Capt. Grehan going in last man for D.A.H.Q. compiled 65, his innings being a display of excellent cricket.

Four Balls, Four Wickets.

D/74th Bde. R.F.A. (83) v B/74th Bde. (17).

Going in first, "D" Battery were not doing very well until a shower of rain stopped play for twenty minutes. Subsequently they compiled a useful 83. "B" Battery at first looked as if they were going to do as they liked with the bowling. However, the bowlers soon altered their methods, Gnr. Davis taking the last four wickets with four successive balls.

By One Run.

Playing at Haan, in the 2nd Light Bde. Cricket Competition, the 12th (S) Bn. R.I.R. defeated the 9th London Regt. Q.V.R.'s by one run, the respective scores being 51 and 50. For the winners, Sergt. Little compiled a useful 20, while for the Londons, Lieut. Gilmore took 6 wickets for 18 runs.

RICHMOND WATERMEN'S REGATTA.

Richmond Watermen's Regatta, the oldest event of its kind in the United Kingdom, was held on Wednesday.

It was unfortunate that the weather should have been bad, for the proceeds were divided between the Richmond Royal Hospital and the Richmond Watermen's Benevolent Fund. The four-oared race, open to the police of the United Kingdom, for a challenge cup, was won by a local crew (V Division), and City-road (G Division) were second. Ernest Barry, the world's sculling champion, rowed in the Twickenham crew which took part in the final heat for a prize of 20 guineas, presented by Lord Cave, for fours composed of Service men. The race was won by a four from Hammersmith.

Bowls Championship.

Wimbledon Park have won the Wimbledon League championship and the Hood Cup by reason of their better shots average over Cottenham Park.

PLYMOUTH ROCK BEATEN.

Race Meetings at Stockton and Bath.

HORSES "MISSING."

Race Meetings were held at Stockton and Bath on Wednesday, the results being appended.

At the former meeting Prince Herod was expected to run in the first race, but no trace could be found of the crack Foxhill two-year-old. It appears that he was sent off from Foxhill to Stockton with three other valuable horses—Spiral Spin, Eager Agnes colt, and Gay Lord, each of which had engagements yesterday, but they had evidently gone astray or been hung up on the railway.

In the absence of the unbeaten Prince Herod, the unbeaten Plymouth Rock was made a warm favourite, but to the consternation of those who laid the odds, Piraeus, after giving a lot of trouble at the post, got off first and, never being headed, won by a length and a half from Griggs's smart colt.

Stockton Results.

Lambton Stakes:—1, Piraeus (3-1); 2, Plymouth Rock (2-1 on); 3, Forarity (100-8).

Mandale Plate:—1, Bargate (5-4 on); 2, Kings Pleasure. Two ran.

County Stand Plate:—1, Magic Prince (7-4); 2, Le Connetable (7-4); 3, Montreuil (10-1).

Hardwicke Stakes:—1, Marina Blanche (11-8 on); 2, Marromeo (3-1); 3, Herb of Grace (7-2).

Stockton Stewards Plate:—1, Baroncelli (9-4 on); 2, Strolling Saint (11-2); 3, Buckstaffe (100-8).

Norton Handicap:—1, Party Truce (11-10); 2, Eothen (5-2); 3, Moaning Minnie (10-1).

Zetland Plate:—1, Holbeach (5-2 on); 2, Corso (5-1); 3, Sublime Princess (6-1).

Bath Results.

Round Hill Welter:—1, Double Deck (2-1 on); 2, Mim. Two ran.

Broadham Plate:—1, Alibi (3-1); 2, Grandmère (4-1); 3, Point of Holly (9-4).

Sprint Handicap: 1, West ern Wave (9-4); 2, Cydonia (8-1); 3, Haligunde (100-8).

Bath Handicap:—1, Good Game (5-4 on); 2, Sanissima (7-1); 3, St. Cyrus (10-1).

County Maiden Plate:—1, Princess Joan (11-2); 2, Viola (evens); 3, Mentor (100-8).

Apprentices Plate:—1, Cydonia had a walk-over.

RAIN STOPS PLAY.

Only Two Hours Cricket In Kent v. Lancs Match.

To the great disappointment of over four thousand spectators, 3,872 paying for admission to the Bat and Ball Ground, Gravesend, on Wednesday, only about two hours' cricket was witnessed in the opening of the return game between Kent and Lancashire. Drizzling rain and a very heavy shower in the afternoon was responsible for the curtailment.

Scores:—

Lancashire 131 for 8.
Gloster 185; Leicester 3 for 1.
Surrey 2nd XI 106 v. Cheshire.

NO MORE 2-DAY CRICKET.

Important Decision by Advisory Committee.

There is to be no more two-day county cricket.

At the meeting this week of the Advisory County Cricket Committee it was decided that next season play in first-class matches shall extend over three days.

The committee decided that in 1920 points will be allotted as follows:—

	Pts.
For a win outright	5
For a lead on the first innings in an incompleted match	2
For each side in a tie match	2½
For each side in a tie on first innings in an incompleted match	1

Percentage will be reckoned on the basis of points scored to points obtainable. Matches in which the two sides have not completed an innings each will be ignored.

Officers and men who were serving in 1919 and will be serving in 1920 in a county regiment will be qualified to play for that county in 1920, provided they have not played for any other county.

CURIOUS CRICKET INCIDENT.

A curious incident marked the Sussex innings in the Sussex v. Lancashire match at Hastings this week.

Gilligan, after batting thirty-five minutes, walked away thinking he was bowled, as Boddington knocked the bails off. At the close of the innings, however, Blake, the square-leg umpire, said he was not stumped, but the scorers had recorded him as being out that way, and credited R. Tyldesley with the wicket.

"Razor" Smith.

"Razor" Smith, who is farming somewhere in Norfolk, and who has only played one game of cricket this year, went to London specially to be present at Hobbs' benefit match.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

New Leave Club Hours.

By request, the hours of the Leave Club entertainments have been altered to their original times. Dances on Mondays Wednesdays, and Saturdays will therefore be from 6.30—9.0 and entertainments on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7.0—9.0, while the Sunday concerts will start at 6.30 p. m.

Allied Band To Visit Cologne.

A great feature of next Sunday's concert at the British Empire Leave Club will be the Belgian Band of the 1st Grenadiers. This is the first time an Allied Band has given a concert in Cologne, and their fame has so far preceded them, that they will doubtless be given a very hearty welcome by the British troops on the Rhine. By special request the hour has been changed to 6.30 p.m., finishing at 8.45. Among the soloists will be Miss Ada Moore and Major Greenlees, while Lieuts Mearns and Ramsay will sing a duet, and Cpl. Rossi will play a violin solo.

Bump!

"The Crumps" having given an "al fresco" performance at the Army Horse Show this week were returning by lorry to the Palace Theatre, where they were due to appear at 6 o'clock, when they narrowly escaped what might have been a serious accident. Their driver, trying to avoid knocking down some civilians in the Kalk road, collided with a tramcar with a horrible crash. However, it was soon discovered that no one was injured beyond a severe shaking.

An Appreciation.

"R.E." writes:—Permit me to say how much Miss Sara Silvers concert was appreciated by us at Euskirchen where she appeared a few evenings ago. The patriotic tone occurring all through was splendid and supplied what is often lacking in our concert programmes of to-day. Her songs of the "Sister Service" must have appealed to many of us who realise what that glorious "Silent Navy" of ours has done. To her closing verse of the evening comes back the answer "God bless our women-folk" and thanks for all they have done for us.

The Jingle-Johnnies.

In their cosy little theatre in the Infanterie-Kaserne, Bonn, the party of the 16th Lancashire-Fus., "The Jingle Johnnies," are giving delightful little shows from time to time. I went down there the other evening and quite enjoyed myself. They are augmented by a charming orchestra under the direction of Lieut. Cocker, who was also the producer of the show. The general effects and lighting are excellently carried out under Sergt. Kenyon. I was much struck by the gorgeousness of the dresses. The concerted numbers were excellent and the individual turns very versatile. Commendable, too, are the scenic paintings of L/Cpl. Norman, and Ptes. Ward and Cosling.

The Artistes.

First and foremost among the performers is Sergt. Preston, whose comedy ranges from an Elizabethan Captain to Old Bill. Pte. Pullen in the sketch and in vaudeville is very good. Lieut. Gilmore makes a dainty "girl," while Sergt. Griffiths has a pleasing voice: his rendering of "Sympathy" called for much applause. There is an excellent conjurer in the party who addes to the versatility of the evening. L Cpl. Cotton, Ptes. Cosling, Hudson, Nixon, Reynolds, and Capt. Cox are the other members of the caste. Last, but not least, Lieut. Chester gave some clever solo and chorus items. He is to be the future producer of the party. The show concluded with a laughter-provoking army sketch.

29th Brigade, R.G.A., "Smoker."

The W.O's and Sergeants of the above Brigade held a highly successful "Smoker" at the Krause Saal, Endenich, last week. The large messing hall was very tastefully arranged. The catering was productive of much gratifying comment and equalled only by the splendid vocal and musical renderings by really talented artistes. R.S.M. Freeman, taking the chair amid many cheers, called upon B.S.M. Mogan to open the programme. The turns then followed in rapid succession, each artiste receiving much applause.

Songs were rendered by B.S.M.'s Eade and Morgan, B.Q.M.S.'s Earith and Milne, Sergeants Burt, Billing, Cornwall and Spredbury, Corporal Woomack and Sadler Stevens. Bombardier Ranicar, and Gunners Burnham and Davison officiated at the piano.

Special mention should be made of B.S.M. Eade, the well-known variety artiste, who "enthused" the audience by his versatility. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by a vote of thanks being passed to the Chairman.

JACQUES.

OLD SCOUTS CIRCLE.

Last week was spent in exploring the vicinity of Coblenz and Treves. The heartiest thanks of the circle are due to the secretary of the American Y.M.C.A., Coblenz, for his splendid co-operation. Many pleasant hours were devoted to viewing the principal points of interest in Treves.

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On Wednesday the circle was formed into patrol formation and many important points discussed. It was decided to proceed to Zülpich, on Saturday, meeting under the amusements board, main station, at 14.00 hours.

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Yet another excursion has been planned for Sunday, a visit to Münstereifel, leaving Cöln main station by 11.49 train. A greater attendance is requested and expected by regular members.

CONSUMPTION TRIAL.

The result of the Ealing and District Motor-cycle Club motor consumption trial over a measured course has been announced. The run was by a 2¾ horse-power Wooler motor-cycle, owned and ridden by Mr. K. V. Chidley, who used the standard model cycle that took him from London to Edinburgh, from which he obtained the gold medal. The judge was Dr. Low (Major, R.A.S.). The consumption of petrol was 307 miles to the gallon, and it was so remarkable that another test over the same distance was made, with the result that 311 miles to the gallon were registered.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

hree Successive Centuries.

For the third successive week G. W. Hammond, the Hornsey cricketer, has reached three figures.

Footer in Sweden.

The American Bethlehem football team won their third match at the Stockholm Stadium against a combined team from the smaller clubs of the country.

Double Feat.

Rhodes, of Yorkshire, who reached his thousand runs for the season on Monday, is the first cricketer this summer to accomplish the double feat of scoring 1,000 runs and taking 100 wickets.

To Cricket by Air.

Last week Major P. H. Slater and E. J. Bridges, two Dulwich players who were to assist the Wanderers C. C. on their Sussex tour, were enabled to reach Hastings by seaplane, the pilot being Roy Gill, also a member of the Dulwich C. C.

Ladies' Swimming Record.

On Friday, Aug. 29, Miss Phyllis M. Gant, of the Hammersmith Ladies' Swimming Club, will attempt to lower the long-distance swimming record of 36¼ miles in 10 hours 17 min. at present held by Miss Eileen Lee, of Teddington, made by her three years ago, when she swam from the Lock at Teddington, to Wapping and back again to Richmond.

Golf Secretary.

Mr. F. A. Janion, who was formerly the secretary of the Sheringham Club, has been appointed secretary of the West Hill Club (Brookwood).

A Continenal Tour.

J. H. Taylor has gone for a month's tour of the French and Swiss golf courses with the Aga Khan, who is a very keen golfer.

Challenge to Middle-weights.

Stoker Green, of St. John's Wood, who is home again after three years in Palestine, is open to box any man in England at the middle-weight limit.

Amateur Golf.

An open amateur golf tournament has been arranged to take place on the Shirley Park Course, Croydon, on Saturday, Oct. 25. Play will be by strokes over thirty-six holes, two prizes being given for handicap and two prizes for the best scratch returns.

Two Day Cricket.

Writing in the "Nation at News" Jack Hobbas says:—It goes without saying that twenty-two first-class players cannot do themselves justice, in a run-making sense, in a two day match, and although reckless hitting may be very good to watch, it is not so certain that it is good for the supremacy of English cricket.

Charity Tourney.

A professional golf tournament in aid of the widow and children of the late Tom Ball took place at Raynes Park on Wednesday.

Caledonians' Loss.

London Caledonians will lose a very clever forward in A. F. Niven, who on being demobilised has been transferred from London to Glasgow by his firm.

Golf Course for Sale.

Clacton golf course, two Martello towers, and the jetty are included in the 163 acres of freehold land on the Clacton sea front to be sold by Messrs. Knight, Frank, and Rutley.

Disappointing.

Without being unkind, what can be said of Monday's proceedings at Wolverhampton, where only sixteen horses competed in five events, and a sixth was declared void because there were no runners?

First Foal Winner.

Some buyers of yearlings have a prejudice and will not purchase first foals, though the first produce of their dams often turn out winners, as in the case of Thendara, who raced with the utmost gameness to relegate the favourite—the Nausican filly—to second place in the first race at Windsor.

Few Birds.

The opening days of the grouse season in Perthsire have confirmed the worst fears as regards a shortage of birds.

Brookes and Patterson.

In the tennis doubles final, played at Newton, Massachusetts, Messrs. Brookes and Patterson (Australian) defeated Messrs. Johnston and Griffin, 10—8, 9—7, 7—5.

Facts about Hobbs.

Hobbs' period of qualification for Surrey ceased in 1905, and he was immediately given a place in the county team. In his first county match (v. Essex, at the Oval) he scored 28 and 155.

Batted 5½ Hours.

Lancashire are entitled to high praise for drawing the game with Surrey. They entered on their second innings 283 in arrears with six hours and a quarter to bat—if they could. Makepeace batted for five hours and a half and scored 152.

Trout in Suction Pipe.

A monster trout, measuring 15in. in length, which had been drawn into the suction pipe at Sedmires Reservoir, Sheffield, held up the water supply in Broad-street. The corporation workmen, while trying to solve the difficulty of securing water, discovered the trout alive, firmly wedged in a section of the water main.

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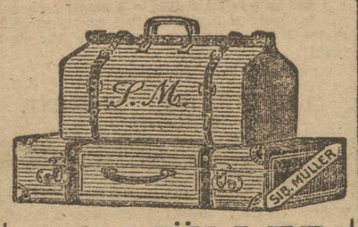

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LOST.

DARK LEATHER CIGARETTE CASE (rather old), on Monday Aug. 18, at Victoria Baths. Inside worked silk flowers, green silk lining, slightly torn (frayed) bottom edge; finder would greatly oblige by returning same to Bdr A. Keand, 145th Seige Battery, Rhine Army, or leave at any recreation room in Bonn, advising by letter. Reward if desired.

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ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

A Coincidence.

It is of interest to know that one of the subalterns of the 4th North Divisional Train Company taking part in Monday's Review appeared at his first review as a trooper in No. 4 Troop C Squadron, 4th Hussars, on 9th November 1896 at Bangalore, and his troop leader was Mr. Winston Churchill. It will in all probability be the last review this officer will take an active part in, and it will be all the more memorable to him as he was of course reviewed for the last time by the troop officer who led him at his first review.

Mrs. Winston Churchill at the Y.M.C.A.

The Cologne Central Y. M. C. A. was honoured by the visit from Mrs. Churchill and Lady Chetwode. Dr. Francis showed them over the vast premises and they were greatly impressed by the enormous crowd of men there and especially by the excellent dinners with which they were being served by Miss Rathbone and her staff. The distinguished visitors were evidently delighted with the Boxing Tournament of the London Division that was being held and Mrs. Churchill expressed her great regret that she was unable to remain to the end, as she was requested, to present the prizes gained. Mrs. Winston Churchill is herself a Y.M.C.A. hut-worker and is Honorary Treasurer of the Ladies Committee in London.

Chapter of Accidents.

A Cologne fräulein on holiday ben! found that Sunday last was one of her unlucky days without a doubt. She began her day of misadventure by missing a train for Coblentz, whither she intended to proceed with a picnic party. Determined to get away from her native town, however, she went by train to Bonn, thence by boat to Godesberg. By some unlucky chance she lost her friends here and spent a disconsolate morning alone. In the afternoon, a bathe struck her as being a happy idea and she stooped to place her hand in the river to ascertain the temperature of the water. Then she slipped and was immersed. The crowning stroke of misfortune in this girl's unhappy day was when she missed the last train and walked back from Bonn!

A Musical Echo.

The British have for long been regarded as egoistic and self-complacent, so it is gratifying to note that we are not the only offenders in this respect. At a concert given at the Deutsches Theatre recently I sat next to a young German, not a seasoned critic, but certainly a lover of good music. He greatly enjoyed a "suite" by Coleridge-Taylor, tastefully rendered by the orchestra, and remarked to me "sehr schön." The condescending tone of his remark rather nettled me and I afterwards learnt that English music is not generally appreciated in Germany, and that, with the exception of musical comedy "hits", very little has been imported, even before the war. The laurels for the heavier classical music may go to Germany, but the modern ballads of this country are, much inferior to ours. The saying "There are no songs like the old songs" is true here, for some of the old Folk songs are very sweet by comparison with the modern songs — when well rendered they have a haunting sort of effect. The artistic tendencies of the German race seem decidedly on the heavy side, and the rather showy sentimentality of the people is expressed in most of the songs they sing.

Envious Frauleins.

Prior to the great war fancy-dress balls were in great vogue in Rhineland and especially in Cologne, never a day passing without one or two fixtures of this nature in the dancing resorts of the neighbourhood. Dancing in Germany was rigorously barred during the war and up to the present has not been resumed to any great extent. Consequently it is not surprising that envious eyes are cast by the German folk, and more particularly the fräuleins, who have a great weakness for dancing, at Britishers wending their way in fancy-dress costume to the dances.

A Contradictory Nation.

If anyone were asked the question as to whether Germans love fresh air, nine out of ten soldiers would answer in the negative. Even during the heat wave a journey in the past few weeks in a tram car or train was a source of torture to an Englishman. The carriages and cars are apparently sealed against the entrance of any air. The same may be said of theatres, music halls, cinemas and restaurants; all are suffering from a voluntary "Air Blockade." Yet a walk through the town in the early morning will discover the fact that all house windows are wide open and the method of airing the bedclothes is to pile the whole bundle in the window sill, irrespective of the weather being propitious or not.

Labour Saving.

Many visitors to Rhineland have commented upon the system of flats existing here, but have they ever thought of a cute little labour saving electrical device behind the door? It serves a double purpose. Take the case of a visitor to say, the third or furth floor, whose time is limited. He presses one of the buttons opposite the name of the person living on that floor. A few seconds elapse, and there comes a click and the bolt is electrically withdrawn from the door, thus saving the people in the flat the trouble of descending to undo it, and the buzz announces the fact that the inmates of that particular flat are in. And so the visitor pushes the door open and walks upstairs. Suppose the people were not in, there would be no answering buzz, and the visitor is saved a fruitless tramp up one or more long flights of stairs—a great consideration to a man who has a round of visits to make.

Ceremonies of the German Church.

What excitement would be caused in the streets of London, where thousands of persons are continually on the move, it is hard to imagine, but in Düren no notice was taken. He was evidently the High Priest of the loyal church. Wearing the full clerical dress of his dignity, he was accompanied by a choir-boy who also wore vestments. This choir-boy carried in his left hand a lantern and in his right a small bell. As the pair approached any civilian, either male or female, the acolyte gave his bell a ring to attention. On seeing who was approaching, a male raised his hat and knelt before the priest till he had passed by. A female would kneel in the same manner but make the Sign of the Cross. It appeared that the clerical pair had been to a house for the purpose of administering Holy Communion to a dying person. The lantern carried by the Choir boy was the symbol showing what office of the Church had been performed.

Which is the Best?

Much argument has been heard as to which has the best system of tramways, England or Germany. A great fault with the double or treble tramway car is noticed at the terminus. Just watch the uncoupling and swinging of the trolley which is necessary before the car is ready for the return journey. In a car with two trailers there is the uncoupling of the rear trailer, a move of twenty yards and then the first trailer is uncoupled. Next the driver changes ends, the conductor swings the trolley round, and the car crosses the points. Manual labour is now required. The first trailer is pushed over the points and then we get the driver changing ends again. Back goes the car across the points, couples up with the first trailer, and then we have another step-dance by driver and conductor. One trailer pulls on the down line, the second trailer is pushed over the points.

The British Way.

And now for the last scene just another alteration by driver and conductor. Back goes the car, couples up with second trailer; the trolley is turned round, the driver changes ends and he gets ready for the return journey. This is the British way. The car arrives at the terminus, the driver changes ends. He pulls on to the down line very slowly, the trolley during this movement turning right angles to the car, by running up an extra wire fixed to a standard on the pavement. As the car continues to slowly move over the metals, the trolley begins its return journey, until finally it is drawn across to the down wire, an operation which takes about twenty seconds to accomplish. Which is the best?

Lesser Echoes.

The aerial post to Cologne will be discontinued from August 31st.

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Letters are being posted in large numbers by British troops at German civil post offices and in street letter boxes. This practice is irregular.

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The British post office is the normal channel through which correspondence should pass, and all private postal correspondence must be handed over to an Army or Field post office.

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The flag of the Army Council was flown from G.H.Q. during their stay in Cologne. This was a large Union Jack bearing in the centre as a surcharge a shield with three black circles bearing three smaller white eccentric circles, below which were three golden guns.

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It has been decided that the habitat of the proposed Occupation Lodge of Freemasons shall be London and not Cologne. Freemasons desirous of signing the petition as Founders can do so from August 21st-31st (Sundays excepted), between 15.00 and 18.00 hours at the Acting Secretary, Rev. Lawson, C.F., 79 Johannis Strasse.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to: Bdr. J. E. Cole, R.F.A, c/o J. G. M. G. Services G.H.Q., Bdr. Silcocks, R. G. A. Rhine Army, and Pte. S. Darling, B. Siege Park Workshops, R.A. Rhine Army.

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

OUR WOMEN.

Mrs. Crooks, wife of the popular Labour M.P. replying to the denunciations of the women of to-day made by the Vicar of of St. Mary's, Wellingborough says: Mr. Watts, must be one of those people of limited vision who are dazzled, or shocked or pleased, as the case may be, by the people who live their lives in the limelight, and who do not give a thought to the millions of decent people of all kinds who are living their lives decently and quietly. Has Mr. Watts already forgotten the splendid record of British women when they helped their brothers fathers, and husbands to win the war. Women have learnt many lessons in the war. I am sure they have become more natural. Conventions are not the bugbears to them they used to be. Women dare to think for themselves and to come to conclusions for themselves, quite undeterred by "what people will say." Do the men who wish to see England a great nation object to that?

MANLIER CURATES.

The Bishop of Chelmsford takes the following view on the above subject: During the war more than 1,000 chaplains went to the front and faced death with the men in the trenches. Some hundred of them were killed or died on the battlefield and the rest have returned home determined to render to the great masses of the nation equal help and equal sympathy with men to that which they gave on the battlefield. The clergy have left behind them the reproach that they appealed chiefly to feminine interest. They are alive to-day to their responsibilities, and many of them are abandoning their old methods of parochial work in order that they may have greater time to devote to the men who have returned from the front. There is a great alteration going on in the character and type of clergy in the Church of to-day, and a distinct type differing from what was the most prevalent type among the clergy is being evolved.

CHAOS OF OUR PRODUCTIVE SYSTEM.

Mr. Hyndman interviewed on the above subject, declared: Our whole productive system is in a state of chaos. We must have a definite policy from those in power. It is no use to talk about economy unless you are prepared to stimulate production. Exchanges are falling against us; waste is going on everywhere amongst all classes; billions of paper money without the gold to back it have been issued; we have been threatened with anarchy and direct action. All this, and yet we have at hand the means of making wealth unprecedented in the history of the country. There should be greater organisation and co-ordination between all the workers and the Government departments to prevent waste in every shape and form. I am more than ever convinced that the way to a happier England is not by direct action, but along peaceful lines—that is, to increase production to its greatest output, and so distribute the wealth obtained that it is not given to profiteers nor to one section of the working classes more than another. The sooner the Government takes up the question of organisation and distribution of the nation's work the better.

MAKING MARRIAGE HAPPY.

Lady Muir Mackenzie writing on the subject of "Making Marriage Happy" says:—Our young idealists seem to think an unseen orchestra will always be playing a wedding march, and that even on £ 300 a year it will be possible to drink nectar from golden chalices. They also suggest that in marrying they have done something so unique and miraculous that the sun, moon, and stars will feel honoured by being asked to dine with them. All these ideas are gleaned from exotic poems and moving operas, and the older people who have learnt to be content with the knowledge that "the absence of pain is pleasure," enter into a conspiracy of silence, and even encourage exaggerated hopes. I think some of us are already aware of a significant though, at present, formless movement around us. Some new phase of life and conduct seems to be on the verge of manifesting itself. May it not be that out of this we shall obtain reconstruction and readjustment even in the sphere of marriage? Let us endeavour to direct the new force with wisdom, for we shall not be able to suppress it with silence and ignorance.

LUCK.

The *Lord Major of Liverpool* writing on the subject of "Luck":—One hears some succesful men described as lucky, others as unlucky. There are, it is true, cases of misfortune that seem inexplicable, when everything a man does seems to end in disaster. But my opinion is that there is nothing truer in life than the saying, "As a man sows, so shall he reap." So-called good luck in a business man is more often than not the harvest of years of toil, perseverance, and energy. Good luck, too, is often a question of character; for the character is the foundation stone of all great success. Let a man live in his city for a period of years, let him behave conscientiously, faithfully, and straightforwardly towards his fellow-men, let him build up in the imagination of his friends and fellow-workmen a figure of a man whose world is his bond, then in the years to come he is bound to have good luck, or what may be even better worth having, the esteem and regard of all those who know him.

AUGUST IN RHINELAND.

Sunshine has flooded the world in a glamour of gold and its exceptional heat has had a real touch of alchemy.

These August days are rich in opportunities in Rhineland. Now is the time to gather the harvest of a quiet eye, to enrich with the wonderful treasures of wood, field and stream so that when the winter storms come and the days are short and dark we may find warmth and joy at the fires of memory. Creation may become our recreation. We are the heirs of the world and all its beauties. It is our birthright of which none can rob us.

August is the summit of the year, it suggests achievement. In it we enter the year's heritage. Nature gives us a month or two, of which August is one, on the years tableland when we should take time to think and live.

August speaks of life so vigorous, so varied, so full, and each may glean in her fields according to his desire.

Shake off the dust of the streets of Cologne, and come with me into the country. In the place of the turmoil, the glitter, the artificiality of Hohe Strasse, seek the woods and the fields. If the day is hot, there is no need to walk, the trams will take you there.

Here you will see the fields white unto harvest, and men and women are already gathering in the precious grain. The crops are beautiful, the gardens rich in produce, the trees in the orchard and flanking the wayside full of fruit. Listen to the reaper's song! Listen to the song of the birds, how happy they are! They too are beautifully provided for. All nature chants a psalm of thankgiving, a Te Deum of Peace that is echoed in our hearts.

True at times in contrast we remember other days; days of stern wayfare of shell-swept fields, of desolation and misery, but the blue sky stretches like a curtain of hope over our sorrows, our loneliness, and a soul healing restfulness takes possession of us. We too join in nature's song of praise for we are so thrilled with gratitude — only to be alive, the joy of it on these August days!

Here is a brook by the wayside. How sweet and refreshing to drink of its waters. Listen to the music of its ripple as it glides along to join the brimming river. We follow its course for a little way to a rustic bridge and resting there the haunting refrain of Tennyson's great poem is recalled:

"Men may come and men may go
But I go on forever."

The words are glorious. How refreshing and cool they are in the heat of the day!

We climb the hill through the bracken and the purple summer heath. Now we come to a new heaven because the air is so refined and invigorating after the low lying plains.

We return in the cool of the evening. The afterglow of the summit abides in the west, caught and imprisoned by the August mistiness long after night begins.

Day or night, in valleys or the hill tops, in fields or woods of Rhineland, August has priceless gifts for those who explore her ways.

G.K.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Run on Ice.—Grimsby ice-factories cannot cope with the demand.

The Total.—Our casualties in the Afghanistan totalled 1757.

Its New Use.—Poison gas is being used to rid ground of agricultural pests.

A Lead.—Cabinet Ministers are giving up the use of Government cars.

The Char-a-Banc.—Travel by motor-char-a-banc is very popular just now.

New Use.—Sandbags are to be used to protect all Irish country police stations.

Their Choice.—Girls on the Tube trains are reading newspapers in place of novels.

Nurse Cavell's Dog.—The great attraction at a Lille dogshow was Nurse Cavell's pet.

Havanas.—The supply of medium priced Havanas at home has practically disappeared.

Soft Drinks.—Lemonade making has taken the place of tea making in many City offices.

On Holiday.—So many counsel being on holiday at Nottingham, briefs were given to solicitors in Court.

Useless Gas.—Through the coal strike Manchester is suffering from a shortage of gas and low pressure.

Dismissed.—Between fifty and sixty of the police strikers have applied for reinstatement without success.

Rather Late.—A postcard posted in the dining car of a Belgian train at Brussels in 1914 has just been delivered at London.

French Army Service.—The French Army authorities have taken up the Boy Scout movement.

Cleaning Up.—London, particularly Mayfair, is undergoing an orgy of cleaning up.

No Hats.—The practice of not wearing hats is in greater favour than usual in Cologne at the present time.

Change of Name.—H. M. S. Vantage which is being built is to be renamed Vimy.

All Night Harvest.—Farmers and labourers at home have been working in the moonlight getting in the harvest.

Hounds in Pageant.—A pack of hounds was introduced into a peace pageant at Tiverton.

Russian Suits.—In Russia the shortage of men's clothes is very marked and a suit costs £120.

The Winter Price.—Tenpence a quart and possibly as much as 1s., will be the winter price of milk.

Difficult.—It is difficult for hostesses to secure a sufficient number of men to match the girls, especially after the war

The Field-Marshal's Relatives.—Sir Douglas Haig will find one relation in the House of Lords. This is the Marquis Townshend.

War On Motor Robbers.—War on motor bandits has begun. The Automobile Association is organising a crusade against the robbers.

Speculation in Marks.—A remarkable phase of the exchange with Germany problem has been the speculation which is taking place.

His New Title.—General Sir Julian Byng will call himself Lord Byng of Vimy. There are now three peerages in the family.

Ex-Soldier's End.—His health shattered by his treatment in a prison camp in Germany, an ex-soldier of Hull has committed suicide.

Bad For The Foxes.—While cutting corn on a Sheffield farm, a farmer ran his machine into a drove of foxes, cutting them clean into pieces.

L. G. at Home.—The Prime Minister, who is looking a good deal better, has taken to a light French grey suit and a graver manner.

And His Melon.—When he is at the House late in hot weather he loves to steal to the refreshment rooms and dig his jaws into a wet cold slice of melon.

A Democratic Display.—The unusual sight of washing hanging out to dry in the garden of a Park-lane mansion was to be seen a few days ago.

"Gratuity Sharks."—Soldiers anticipating demobilization are warned against advertisements for men with small capital to invest.

No Peace Yet.—Mr. Bonar Law says the general termination of war will not be declared until Peace has been ratified with all our enemies.

Nothing New.— Everyone is down on profiteering, but no one is certain what a profiteer is, and the one certainty is that it's "the other fellow."

The Three Musicans. — It is not true that Herman Darewski and Max Darewski are the sons of Pa-darewski. They are Poles apart.

Still Dancing.—We are going to go on jazzing. Those people who say the present styles of dancing won't last are false prophets.

A New Armlet.—A blue armlet with the word "Recruiting" in red letters has been approved for officers employed on recruiting duties.

The Vogue.—Beads, which were apparently declining in popularity, are once again to be seen, but most notably in the guise of long chains.

London's New Mark.—A new motor index mark, "L.Y." has been assigned to the metropolis, in addition to the nineteen index numbers of London already in use.

German Tractors For Sale.—The Railwoy Material Section of the Disposal Board has for sale a number of slow-speed rail tractors which were captured from the Germans.

Thirst Quenchers.—One of the best thirst quenchers is a cup of hot tea. If a cool drink is wanted, there are not many to surpass oatmeal and water, with a little lemon added.

Simple Frocks.—In Paris, women are content to pay £ 100 for an evening frock which simulates, as nearly as may be, the fact of an appearance "mid nodings on."

American Sensation.—A tremendous sensation has been caused, by the raiding of a fashionable gambling resort right in the midst of the millionaire country homes in Nassau County.

Another Little Drink.—An American station agent's letter read: I have to inform you that a case labelled "Books" and consigned to you has been railed to this station. Kindly remove same as it is leaking.

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RAILWAYMEN'S WAGES.

GOVERNMENT CONCEDE INCREASED PAY THAT GIVES SATISFACTION

RAILWAY PAY.

GOVERNMENT CONCESSIONS MEET WITH SATISFACTION.

The Government on Thursday made a fresh wages offer to the railwaymen, whose union leaders decided in favour of acceptance. The offer to cleaners is the same as the last, but the daily pay for drivers and firemen is revised as shown:

Drivers and Firemen.

Year.	Union demand per day.	1st Gov. offer per day.	Accepted offer per day.
1st and 2nd	12/-	11/-	12/-
3rd and 4th	14/-	13/-	13/-
5th, 6th, and 7th ..	16/-	14/-	14/-
8th and onward ..	—	—	15/-

The union demand was that the 16s. rate should apply to the fifth year and onward. It will be noticed that a compromise was reached both on the question of amount and that of the years of service.

Firemen and Assistant Motormen.

Year.	Union demand per day.	1st Gov offer per day.	Accepted offer per day.
1st and 2nd	9/6	8/-	9/6
3rd and 4th	10/6	9/-	10/6
5th and onward ..	11/6	10/-	11/-

All these figures include war bonus.

The Government did not advance on its offer for cleaners, and the following scale, which was put forward on Monday last, was accepted:—

Per day.

16 years and under ... 4s. plus war wage
17 years ..... 5s. „ „
18 and 19 years ..... 6s. „ „
20 years and over .... 7s. „ „

The original union demand was 8s. per day for those aged eighteen and nineteen years, and 8s. 6d. per day for those of twenty years and over. Cleaner's war bonuses, amount to 16s. 6d. per week for those of eighteen years and under, and 33s. per week for those over eighteen.

AIR STUNTS.

FLORAL WREATHS FOR BRITISH AVIATORS.

DUTCHMEN'S AMAZEMENT.

Amsterdam has been astonished by the exhibition given by British airmen on British machines at Elta. "The Daily News" says that when "Avros" and "B.A.T." machines arrived at Amsterdam the pilots were surprised at the amazement displayed by the Dutch at some of the ordinary evolutions they employed in test flights on their machines.

The result was that the British airmen decided to give a real exhibition of fancy flying. Major Draper, on a B.A.T. Bantam, and Lieutenant Roberts on an ordinary 504 K "Avro" went up from the aerodrome and separately in full view of the crowd of about one hundred thousand people, proceeded to show what good pilots could do with British aeroplanes. Every stunt that has ever been invented was carried out including dash, looping, rolling, spiralling, side slipping, flying upside down and the "falling leap."

Fokker's Congratulations.

On their descent, both pilots were formally crowned with floral leaves by the authorities but probably the greatest compliments paid to Major Draper were the congratulations and open wonder of Fokker himself who, good pilot though he is, declined to compete against the British machines and men.

Lieutenant Roberts on his descent was nearly torn to pieces by the admiring crowd.

AMEER INSECURE.

DISAPPOINTED HOPES.

It is learned concerning Afghanistan that no further reports regarding the military operations on the North-West Frontier have been received and that the tribal situation is quieter.

There is evidence that the Afghans, while disappointed with the peace terms are disposed to make every effort to carry them out and to restrain their own tribes as far as possible. The Ameer's position is insecure, as his bid for popularity by declaring war on Britain failed and his hopes for help from the Bolshevists are being met with nothing but fine words. It is now probable that he will return to the policy which has kept peace on the Indian frontier for the last 35 years.

MORE QUARRELLING.

The Montenegrin Consul-General at Christiania says that the Montenegrins have risen against the Serbian attempt to bring Montenegro under Serbian rule and that fighting has already occurred. The Serbian Press states that the Montenegrins are well armed and well led and fight with their traditional bravery.

"BOLSHIE" HORRORS.

CHILDREN KILLED IN THEIR CRADLES.

It is learned from a very reliable source that the Bolshevists have completely devastated and ransacked the stanitzas of the upper Don district, which, it must be remembered, rebelled against the Soviet power.

Most of the farms were burnt, and in consequence the population has nowhere to live. Live and dead stock, as well as corn having been taken by the Reds, no farming is possible.

The population has undergone unspeakable cruelties: children were killed in their cradles, old people were burnt together with straw, and many people have been shot and executed.

5,000 men have been executed in two of the stanitzas, the Migulinskaya and the Kazanskaya. In addition 373 men were shot in the Sestranovsky village, 370 men in the Olkhovsky village and 197 men in the Nijnimrachinsky village.

STILL ADVANCING.

DENIKIN DOES WELL.

General Denikin has now taken Cheraski and placed himself across the remaining railway to Odessa. The main centre of interest is, however, Denikin's western front, where it seems probable that his successes will shortly bring him into touch with the Allied troops on the left flank and will doubtless give the signal for a rising of the whole Ukraine. Less than 150 miles separates the anti-Bolshevist forces on the Western and Southern Russian fronts.

In West Russia a crisis is approaching in Latvia. The news as to von der Goltz is unconfirmed, but there is no truth in the reports that the Germans have been heavily attacked by the Poles on the Posen border. The total Bolshevist forces on all fronts are 485,000 while it is estimated that there are 727,000 in the interior.

There has been serious fighting on the western front during the past week. The North-Western Army and the Esthonians were thrown back by the Bolshevists, who crossed the Luga and now hold the entire west bank. Further south there has been heavy fighting near Porkhov and Pskov, where the Bolshevists are continuing vigorous counter attacks, forcing their opponents back some distance. In the Pskov area the Bolshevists are within nine miles of the Pskov-Riga road.

SUCCESSES IN THE NORTH.

All is quiet on the Murmansk and Archangel fronts. The recent Bolshevist attack west of the Murman railway was evidently due to the mistaken impression that the British troops had been withdrawn and that only North Russian troops remained.

A communique issued on Thursday states that a wire from Murmansk dated August 20 reports that the enemy was attacked by our troops seven miles south of Kapasolga, after an artillery bombardment. They were driven from their positions and pursued south several miles, prisoners being captured and losses inflicted. Our Russian troops on the Shuga peninsula dispersed the enemy, capturing 59 prisoners and three machine guns; they also captured after a sharp fight a village twenty miles south of their former position on the Shuga peninsula, 32 enemy dead being counted east of Lake Onega. Two enemy forces attempted to attack a village in our possession but lost their direction and attacked each other, suffering heavy losses.

AUSTRIAN TREATY.

A SURPRISE SPRUNG.

The Big Five in Paris engaged on the completion of the remaining treaties have passed finally the military, naval and aerial clauses of the Austrian compact. It was hoped that the Treaty would be signed by the end of this month, but a surprise was sprung on the Supreme Council on Thursday by the Austrian delegates, who said that they must take the documents to Vienna for approval by the Constituent Assembly before signing it.

£64,000 IN PRIZES.

AIR MINISTRY'S SCHEME.

The Air Ministry's scheme for the greatest flying competitions in the history of aviation was published yesterday. The main idea, it is stated, is to increase the safety of air travel.

£64,000 will be offered in prizes, and the machines competing, big and small aeroplanes and seaplanes, must have been designed and constructed within the British Empire.

Just at the moment when the state of civil aviation is rather depressing, the Government competitions should give a much-needed stimulus to the industry.

LABOUR UNREST.

SCHEME FOR MORE FRIENDLY UNDERSTANDING.

HOURS AND WAGES.

The Hours of Employment Bill, and the Minimum Rates and Wages Commission Bill, submitted to Parliament, may be regarded as the first fruits of a national industrial conference. The conference was summoned last February and appointed a joint committee of employers and Trade Union leaders, who drew up a comprehensive report dealing with some of the most prominent causes of labour unrest.

Their three immediate recommendations were for legislation enforcing a general forty-eight hours week, the establishment of minimum time rates of wages and the creation of a national industrial council, which should bring together the knowledge and experience of all sections and focus them on the problems that affect industrial relations as a whole.

The two Bills introduced by the Government may be regarded as an indication of the importance which the Government attach to the Committee's decision During the recess, employers and Trade Union representatives on the joint Committee will circulate details to the various organisations which they represent, together with their scheme for the formation of a national industrial council which, it is hoped, will be established in the Autumn.

RAILWAY PRESSURE.

TO BE RELIEVED BY UTILISING COASTWISE SERVICE.

In order to relieve the railways of traffic which can better be carried by coastwise steamers, the War Cabinet have directed the railway companies to refuse all goods to which this description applies. The traders will be refunded the difference in the freight charges.

The Board of Trade, in making the announcement, says that railways are congested with goods that might go by water. Coastwise service can only be re-established on a pre-war footing by being assured of a reasonable amount of regular traffic. The absence of shipping facilities is impeding transport of all kinds.

No goods which have been imported from foreign countries or which are intended for export to foreign countries will be carried by rail between points which can be effectively served in the whole or in part by coast-wise carriage. —Wireless Press.

FEAR OF OFFICIALDOM.

CITY COUNCILLOR THINKS WE CAN'T STOP PROFITEERING ENTIRELY.

Mr. D. G. Collins, of the City Corporation, is strongly in favour of allowing the hawkers to compete freely with shopkeepers rather than embarking on a scheme of municipal trading, says "The Daily Chronicle."

"Municipal trading," he said, "only means an extension of officialdom and administration, the cost of which must be added to the price of the article. I do not think the rates were ever intended to compete with private trading. Let the hawkers wage war on the profiteer, and it will have a deterrent effect. You will never stop profiteering altogether; it began with Cain and Abel; but the more competition there is the lower will be the prices."

CANTEENS COMMITTEE.

WELFARE PROPOSALS.

The Canteens Executive Committee of the United Service Fund met on Thursday, General Sir Julian Byng presiding. The activities of the fund were divided into five groups. First attention is to be given to questions concerning the welfare of serving officers and other ranks. A sub-committee has been appointed to deal with questions of welfare. On it ex-service men will be represented, and the committee will find out ex-service men's wishes as to the provision of clubs. Other proposals include grants of capital for helping disabled officers and men and their dependents, and for recreational purposes. The claims of women will not be forgotten. Individual applications cannot be dealt with.

NEW YORK ACTORS' STRIKE.

There was a jam of traffic yesterday afternoon in the theatre district says the "Daily Chronicle."

While dilapidated carts, resurrected from goodness knows where, bumped against fashionable motor-cars, 2,000 or more actors and chorus girls—the latter in the gayest of gay attire—came singing in brave parade through the rain, that had slowed up into a drizzle. Some of the best-known artists on the American stage cracked jokes with the crowds that lined the Broadway to cheer them.

At night four more closed theatres and a roof garden were added to the Equity Association's score.

The Air Ministry announce that the aerodome at Guston-road (Dover) and the landing ground at New Holland (Yorks) are being relinquished by the R.A.F.

STOLEN MOTORS.

CONVICT-INFORMER'S REMARKABLE EVIDENCE.

Sidney Meredith, the convict motor thief gave further evidence at Westminster yesterday in connection with the charges against William George Stephenson, 47, motor repairer, of 30, Westhorpe-street Putney, of receiving stolen motor-cars. One of the cars, it was stated, was stolen from outside a house during a doctor's almost momentary absence and while the engine was still running.

Meredith last week made a remarkable confession regarding his methods, stating that he kept motor-cars under observation for days before driving off with them. He alleged that he sold cars to Stephenson at a fixed price of £50 each. Cross-examined yesterday by Mr. O'Connor for Stephenson, Meredith said he began operations as a motor-car thief last December.

How many cars do you think you stole while you were at liberty?—It is a hard question.

Theft of 30 Cars.

You need not pretend to be too particular.—So far as I can recollect, I should say somewhere about 30.

You are not suggesting that you sold all of them to Stephenson?—Not all of them.

I suggest, and I make no bones about it, that your idea was to blackmail Stephenson, and, failing that, to come here and commit perjury?—Your suggestion is very much wrong.

When did you first conceive the idea of turning informer against Stephenson?—On June 24.

Why did you make a statement against him?—Am I obliged to answer that?

Mr. Chapman (the magistrate): Yes.

Meredith: This man had had hundreds and hundreds of pounds out of me. I asked him to find counsel when I was charged. I wrote to my mother and she went to see him, but he denied he had ever seen me. When a man does a thing like that, after the money he has had out of me, and refuses to get counsel, which might have meant a less sentence for me, why should he get off?

Then it was because Stephenson refused to assist you financially?

The Magistrate: I think you can rest content with his statement.

Mr. O'Connor Is Meredith your correct name? It is the name I was convicted in. That is good enough. I refuse to answer.

Remanded.

NO NEW AUTHORITIES.

ARMY OF OCCUPATION PROCLAMATION.

A new proclamation has been issued in which it is stated that so long as the British military authorities have control of the area occupied by British troops, no alteration of the German constitution will be permitted in the area, and no new authority will be acknowledged without the approval of the British authorities.

Any person who offends against the Proclamation, or helps in such an offence will be liable to imprisonment or expulsion from the occupied area, or with both.

STINIE MORRISON.

A FRESH PETITION.

During the next few months Stinie Morrison, who is undergoing life imprisonment for the murder of Leon Beron on Clapham Common, will be again before the public.

The solicitor for Morrison recently received new information which is expected to throw fresh light on the case. The man in posses ion of the evidence is now in the Army in India, and his demobilisation is awaited before a new petition is presented asking for Morrison's release.

OPEN MARKETS.

SCHEME TO DO AWAY WITH PROFITEERING.

The open markets movement to combat profiteering is gathering momentum in London and the provinces. Yesterday it was decided to hold street markets at Southgate, Egham, Hounslow, Wealdstone and Sevenkings.

Oxford opened a market yesterday and the stalls were cleared by mid-day. The prices were much lower than at retail shops. It is stated that Lord Leverhulme, who is now in Scotland, intends to open a number of shops in London for the sale of fish direct from his Scottish fisheries.

The effect, it is believed, will be to cheapen fish generally. The Food Controller has refused to sanction an increase in price paid for milk to producers this autumn.

WIDNES BY-ELECTION.

Mr. Arthur Henderson has accepted an invitation from the Labour party in Widnes to stand as their candidate in the coming by-election.

Mr. Fisher, the Unionist candidate, has issued his election address. He expresses the hope that with his long experience of politics, both as a private member and subsequently as a Minister of the Crown in New Zealand, he may be able, if elected, to contribute a useful share in the deliberations of the House of Commons.

GERMANS IN ENGLAND.

ENTRY ONLY BY PERMISSION OF HOME SECRETARY.

A regulation stating that "no former enemy alien may land in the United Kingdom except by permission of the Home Secretary" is stated by the "Evening News" to be coming into force in about ten days time. It is understood that it is the intention of the Home Secretary to keep out all enemy aliens except those whose presence may be of benefit to British trade. Already thousands of applications from Germans to enter and live in this country have reached the Home Office.

TO WIND UP BUSINESS.

A few Germans have been granted permits to go to England for short periods to wind up concerns which they formerly owned. Their movements will be restricted and they must return to Germany immediately they have completed their work. British born women, resident in Germany, will be allowed to visit Great Britain freely after September 1st.

The machinery for the regulation of German trade with this country is being brought into existence and it is probable that German traders who wish to do business with us will have to obtain certificates from British consuls in their country. The Home Office regulations apply, of course, to Austrians, Turks and Bulgarians as well as to Germans.

OFFICERS PAY.

PAY OF BRITISH OFFICERS ON INDIAN ESTABLISHMENT.

An Army Order issued yesterday states that the special arrangement under which Indian rates of pay have been issued to British service officers in virtue of their having been on the Indian Establishment on 5th August 1914 and having proceeded out of India for purposes connected with the war, will terminate with effect from 1st January 1920. This rule, however, will not apply to Royal Engineer Officers who had completed 5 years' service with an Indian formation or on Indian rates of pay on that date, and whose service while on the Indian Establishment is reckoned for pension under Indian Army rules.

Moreover, the issue of Indian rates to British service officers serving in Mesopotamia and Aden and other theatres of operations, which for the purpose of the issue of regimental pay have been treated as Indian, will not be affected by this order.

FREEDOM FOR BIRDWOOD

FAMOUS GENERAL PRAISES THE DEVONS.

General Sir William Birdwood visited Totnes yesterday to have the freedom of the borough conferred on him. The Mayor and Corporation received him at the railway station. He was introduced by Colonel Mildmay, who paid high tribute to his brilliant services in Gallipoli. Acknowledging the presentation of the freedom, General Birdwood said that some people were preaching that the British was a decadent race and minimising what had been done. He hoped they would give lie to that for the sake of their children's children. Without boast, they should be told what we had done and that we were not responsible for the war. Alluding to Devonian spirit, he recalled the Second Devon's famous stand at Chemin des Dames and said the county yielded to none in what she had done in the Army and Navy.

SCHLESWIG PLEBISCITE.

The International Commission controlling the plebiscite in Schleswig held a preliminary meeting on Thursday. It will, when peace is ratified, take up quarters at Flensburg, and while the vote is being taken three British, one French and one Italian cruisers will lie off the coast and two thousand troops will be landed. The voting in the northern zone is to take place three weeks after the ratification of peace, and in the southern zone two weeks after.

"JOCKEY" IN TROUBLE.

Described as a plausible and dangerous scoundrel Edgar Frank Douglas Smith who posed as a jockey, was at London Sessions yesterday sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment for obtaining by false pretences three hundred pounds from Mrs. Vera Cubitt, widow of officer killed in the war, and seventy pounds from James Oswald Hartley, formerly a steeplechase rider. Prisoner burst into tears while sentence was being passed.

EXTRADITIONS DEMANDED.

The French Government will demand the extradition of Generals von Heinrich and von Graevinitz, who were governors of Lille, as well as that of their accomplices. Captain Himmel, chief of the German police, will be tried by a Council of War at Lille.

DANISH PRINCESS'S RETURN.

Empress Marie of Russia (sister of Queen Alexandra) has returned to Denmark after six years' absence. She intends to settle at a small castle near Copenhagen.

FINE FEATHERS.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON BIRD PROTECTION.

A wireless message says that the important report of the Departmental Committee on the protection of wild birds recommends the establishment of an ornithological advisory committee for the provision of bird sanctuaries by the central and local authorities, with small state subsidies for watchers, and the general protection of all birds, eggs and nests throughout the country on Sundays. Osprey, continues the report, is perhaps the worst sufferer at the hands of fashion and is accordingly scheduled for absolute protection all the year round.

Protection all the year round is also provided for a few others of the rarest species, including bittern, golden eagle and some of the more uncommon owls. Most of the import nt laws as to birds, snail apply also to eggs.

International Convention.

The Committee point to the gross insufficiency of existing provisions and to an example set in this matter by America and Hungary. There, protection is given to birds during the breeding season. It is urged that the killing or taking of birds in any public place, highway, byway, common or waste land should be prohibited throughout the year. As regards international action, the Committee recommends international convention to prohibit importation of feathers of wild birds destroyed merely for their plumage.

The Committee recommends that the use of aircraft for killing wild birds should be prohibited, as also that of mechanically propelled boats or vehicles. Provision of perches on all lighthouses is one of many minor propositions.

DOG DETECTIVE.

BLOODHOUND TRACES MISSING

On Friday last a London holiday maker, William Ernest Biffen, of George-street, Hanover-square, who had been staying at St. Ives, set out to walk to Zennor by way of the cliffs to make a sketch of the famous Gurnard's Head.

When Mr. Biffen failed to return to St. Ives a diligent search was organized, but no trace of him was found till a bloodhound arrived from Scotland Yard.

The dog was first given some of the missing man's clothing to smell, and was then taken along the path on the cliffs Mr. Biffen was thought to have taken.

When it halted at a spot on the edge of the cliffs, the searchers descended to the beach at that point and there found the dead body of the missing man in a cove.

BOMBED CHURCH TO RE-OPEN.

The church of St. Edmund, King and Martyr, Lombard street, is to be re-opened on October first. The church was a victim in an invasion by a Gotha one Saturday morning in July 1917. A bomb crashed through the western parapet and the roof seriously damaging the interior of the church and a fine organ. A sister of the parish clerk was in the church at the time arranging flowers at the altar and has not yet recovered from the shock then sustained. A relic of the attack preserved is believed to be part of propellor. The church was insured for three thousand pounds but its restoration cost far more.

SOUTH WALES TINPLATE TRADE.

There are indications of a revival in the South Wales tinplate trade, which was badly hit by the war.

Orders are reported to be coming in from the old markets in Europe, including Germany and Austria.

South Wales manufacturers are dubious of their ability to retain the whole of their old markets in Europe, as the price of Welsh tinplate is more than double what it was before the war. American manufacturers are cutting in heavily.

Relations between the South Wales tinplate maker and workman are harmonious.

CANTEEN PROFITS.

An Army Council Order issued on Thursday night gives a statement fo accounts to the end of 1917 of the Expeditionary Force Canteens. It was necessary to run the organization on a profits basis to repay loans and to provide against risk of loss through enemy action. The canteens realised a turnover of £25,000,000, on which a profit of £2,000,000, or more than ten cent on the turnover is shown.

BABY FARMING CASE.

Yesterday Henry Melville Hatchard and his wife Beatrice were committed for trial charged with the manslaughter of two babies at Leytonstone. It was stated that the female prisoner adopted nine children for a total sum of £120.

ARMY HUTS AS SCHOOLS.

Owing to the high cost of labour and materials, the Board of Education is asking education committees to consider the advisability of putting up buildings of lighter construction and of utilising Army huts for school accommodation.

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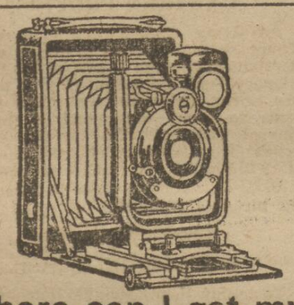

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2.—THE CHURCH ARMY CHAPEL
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Weekdays: Holy Communion, 7-30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saints' Days.
Short Morning Prayer Daily at 9-15 a.m

3.—THE ARMY CINEMA HALL
36, Komodien Strasse.
Sundays: Evening Service, 6 p.m.

4.—THE CHURCH ARMY CINEMA HALL 95, Severin Strasse.
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Evening Service, 6. p.m.

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excepting on Thursday when it is at 10-30 hours.
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Mass on Sundays 9 15 a.m. Confessions on Saturdays 5 p.m.

LINDENTHAL. Chapel of the Hospital in Jose Stelzmann Strasse—continuation of Giebel Strasse:—
Mass on Sundays 10.30 a.m. Confessions on Saturdays 5 p.m.

Scottish Churches and English Free Churches.

THE MILITARY CHURCH.
6 Filzengraben (Turning off Heumarkt.)
Sunday, 24th August.
11 a.m. Preacher: Rev. A. Main, Garrison Chaplain (Presbyterian).
6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. G.A. SEATH, C.F.
Cars 6, 7, 11, 18, and 20.

Notice to Catholic Troops at Bonn.

The Catholic Military Church is at No. 4 Bonner Talweg, near Lancashire Div. H.Q.
MASS. Every Sunday at 09.00 hours.
CONFESSIONS. Every Saturday from 15.00 to 16.00 hours and from 17.30 to 18.30 hours.
Chaplains Address. 53 Poppelsdorfer Allee.

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Saturday, August 23, 1919.

THE FUTURE OF THE ARMY.

Now that the Army Council have terminated their visit to our area it may be assumed that the purpose for which the army is to be used in the near future has been decided. But it would be as well to remind those who anticipate the rapid dissolution of our forces that the country has certain foreign commitments which will require the maintenance of a fairly large army for some little time longer.

America which has disbanded her army in such a short space of time presents no close analogy because that country has not the foreign interests to preserve which the possession of an extensive Empire imposes upon Britain.

The Peace Conference has had to decide such a multitude of questions which leave an element of doubt as to their effectual result that one cannot definitely say that the outcome will not be accompanied by the possibility of danger. Therefore forces must be maintained in the danger zones notably in the east where our interests are so extensive and so easily threatened.

Again the Irish administration require strong forces to keep in check the intransigent elements which threaten to break the peace within our own dominions and until a solution is found for the acute situation in that country the presence of a strong military force is the best deterrent against ill-advised action.

Further, our country has to undertake its share of reconstruction, not only at home but abroad, and that work can only be accomplished confidently without fear of outside interference behind the sure shield of military power.

But perhaps the point most easily missed in considering the further retention of a large military force is the fact that even America has now recognised the advantages of military service being compulsory and Britain is now likely to be the only power which undertakes to defend herself with a voluntary army.

Thus other countries can afford to set about the rapid dissolution of their armies because they have the machinery of a new national army ready to hand which does not exist in our country.

With these points in mind one must await with patience the settlement of the various points which still admit the possibility of danger before the British army can, with any degree of safety, be reduced further in numbers. Otherwise there is the danger that our country may not be able to play her part in the reconstruction of Europe which is required and expected of us.

CO-OPERATION IN BUSINESS.

At the present time, when the future prosperity of Great Britain is so much at stake, the importance of scientific business management cannot be overrated. Within the last decade we have made great progress in the science, but much remains to be done.

The wise employer must always have in mind the broad principles of co-operation. He must create a system under which his workers work hand in hand. Good management does not consist of getting the last ounce out of the workman and then casting him aside as useless, and the more care there is expended on the material welfare of the worker the better will his output be, both in quantity and quality.

The workers of the country must be educated by their chiefs to a high sense of responsibility, and to the necessity of conforming to the ordinary rules of health. The introduction of canteens for the provision of suitable meals for workers was a big step in the right direction. Adequate feeding, like housing is one of the most pressing problems of the moment.

In the matter of the construction and equipment of factories a constant lookout must be kept for new methods. In this way also a great advance has been made. One of the greatest factors in reducing operating costs has been the introduction of labour saving devices, most of which originated in America.

There has been in the past years, among some British firms, a tendency to be too conservative with regard to new systems, and in many cases old appliances which have long outlived their utility have been retained. It is therefore essential to successful business in the future that every new system or appliance must be examined and treated on its merits.

Much expense is involved, too, in the employment of workers who repeat or unnecessarily supplement the work of others, and in the future a strenuous effort must be made to reduce all expenditure of energy to that which is absolutely essential.

The best way of tackling the problem of increased production which lies ahead is by training the workers in efficiency and every effort must be made to encourage them to take advantage of the existing facilities and to create new ones. Inducements and benefits must be offered to create and maintain an ambition for promotion.

In the struggle for industrial supremacy with which Great Britain is faced, science in business management assumes a position of importance to which it has never attained before.

THE REWARD OF GENIUS.

Filled with enthusiasm and desire to emulate the officer, although not of that exalted rank who, on venturing to send an advertising suggestion to the editor of a daily paper, received a three-figure cheque for his effort, I took up "ad" writing. As a warning to others may I be allowed to recount my experience.

With the aid of a "won" fountain-pen, sundry A.B. 136 and the application of a wet-towel to my head for the three nights I confined myself to my billet, I evolved the following clever advertising couplet:—"Travellers sailing down the river Cheer-i-oko, Always drink Squibbs' Cocoa."

Being my first attempt I was modest in my demands of Messrs. Squibbs, merely asking for "Bradburys" instead of a cheque; pointing out to them that "some day" Derby recruits would be demobilized, and what a great effect it would have on them on seeing the above couplet in big letters on landing on their native shore, realising it was written by a comrade-in-arms.

It was with trembling hands that a week later I opened a letter addressed to me, and bearing Messrs. Squibbs' imprint. To avoid raising jealous pangs of sight-seers of the expected "Bradburys" I retired to the corner of my billet to peruse the communication. Here are some extracts:—

"We thank you for yours of the 10th ult. enclosing a suggested advertisement for our world-famous cocoa . . . . . Evidently you are not aware that advertisements should contain indisputable facts. Our chief-clerk, Mr. Jones, is away ill. He sat up two nights running perusing the Encyclopaedia Britannica from A to Z in search of your river Cheer-i-oko, and reports it is non-existent. A visit to the Reference Library at the British Museum reveals the same fact . . . . . We read your effort to our office boy, who immediately expressed a desire to take his war bonus out in whisky, in lieu of cash for the future.

"Whilst admiring your British pluck in sending us your attempt, we are compelled to inform you that we are taking legal advice as to what claim we can make to your C.O. for deduction from your pay for the indisposition and loss of our clerk's services, and general disorganisation of our office staff etc. as the direct result of your advertising ability (?)."

Perhaps after all I had better stick to dominoes in the canteen. *E.S.C.*

WHAT TO SEE IN RHINELAND.

AUSGANG.

Ausgang is rich in history. Something has been happening there ever since the earth cooled, and though we have no proof that anything that happened was of the least interest, the fact that nothing at all is known about its past allows us to suppose that it was the scene of earth-shaking events. If Caesar makes no mention of the place in his Commentaries it is only too likely that he suffered an overwhelming defeat here which he wished to hush up.

This disaster doubtless figured largely in the German communiqués, which have unfortunately not come down to us, owing to the fact that the art of writing was unknown to the Germans of the day. No traces are left of the turbulent past, but if the archaeologist finds Ausgang disappointing the historian may well feel a quickening of the pulse and lose himself in dreamland as he stands beside the new Savings Bank and thinks of all the picturesque folk who have lived and loved here — gallant knights and sturdy burghers, margraves and troubadours, franklins and sumners and seneschals and all that.

The church of St. Gudbrand on the Bismarckplatz is very old and goes back to the Crusades. It was, however, probably burned to the ground in the Thirty Years' War, the Seven Years' War, the Hundred Years' War, the War of the Spanish Succession and the War of Jenkins' Ear, for nothing survives of the original construction but the site, at present occupied by a red brick edifice erected in 1885 in the Gothic style; this building is but little better than Cologne Cathedral (of which the defects have already been pointed out in this journal) and is only interesting in being one of the few Rhenish churches which does not possess a fine Rubens.

Of the foundation a pretty legend is told, well depicting the stormy nature of the times. When the blessed Gudbrand of Hazebrouck came preaching the Crusade to Rhineland, the reigning Count of Ausgang, Conrad the Bad Tempered, took the cross. He had not been away many years when he received an anonymous letter from a devout woman of Ausgang informing him that his spouse, the Countess Mechtildis, had forgotten her marriage vows and had centred her enthusiasm on the inspired Fleming.

In an indescribable fury the outraged husband hurried home, bringing a view of Jerusalem painted on a slice of olive-tree, a gilt model of the Antonia Tower, and a rosary sold in Acre but carved in Byrminghame. Arriving just after Mass, he perceived a man in ecclesiastical costume counting the collection, and with one stroke of his well-stropped sword felled him to the ground, crying "Foul Gudbrand, thou may'st conduct thy improprieties in another world." "Thou labourest under a misapprehension," retorted the dying man. "Whom thou art after hath been dead and canonised this year past; I am but a locum tenens!" And shaking with mirth at the amusing error he passed away.

There are some charming walks about Ausgang; sign-posts and beer-houses have been provided by the Ausgang Young Excursionists' Society, "Gott strafe England." I can recommend that to Abfahrt (the next station on the main line—you must have noticed it as you passed through). Leaving the Slaughter House on the left you proceed by a cinder path to the handsome new Gas Works. Follow the drain to the Chemical Manure Factory, where you turn sharp to the left and have a fine view of the Abfahrt Penitentiary.

Go round the Penitentiary and thence along the sleepers of the private railway leading to the Sewage Farm, and home by the Ausgang Town Rubbish Heap. A pleasant variant is to start by the Rubbish Heap, thence to the Sewage Farm and along the line to Abfahrt Penitentiary and the Chemical Manure Factory, where you turn sharp to the right; follow the drain to the Gas Works, and so home to the Slaughter House by the cinder path.

Rhineland is full of such beauty spots.

REMEMBER!

"Smith 98765; that's the lot" said the post corporal. A brown hand reached out eagerly for the letter, and the jostling, expectant crowd dispersed with expressions of satisfaction, disappointment or resignation, accordingly as they had been favoured by the gods.

Dicky Smith was jubilant, he had received three, and whistled cheerfully as he examined the writing and postmarks while making his way to a shady spot for a few minutes peace and quietness.

The first one selected contained news from the neighbourhood of his home, with comments thereon by an old school-chum.

A French stamp adorned the second envelope and brought a smile to the lad's face; a smile which expanded as he began to puzzle out the curious un-English sentences expressing the affection of fair Isabelle, and recalling many pleasant hours spent in an old village "somewhere." The crosses following the signature, at any rate, he reflected, could not be misinterpreted.

The third was from home. His mother and brother were quite well, he was glad to see; but he did not linger in the reading, and relighting his neglected cigarette, turned again to try and elucidate some of the more complicated passages in Isabelle's missive.

In a little suburban house a gentle faced woman went about her morning work. Life had been a struggle since father had died many years ago, but still she stuck to it, and only the premature silver in her hair indicated the severity of that struggle. She paused suddenly as her ear caught a well-known sound; a distant gate clicked and rat-tat went a door-knocker.

Nearer and nearer came successive knocks and her face became a trifle strained as the footsteps approached the house; they passed; and she carried on.

At midday young Tom came in for a hasty mouthful. "No letter from Dick again?" he queried casually, bounding upstairs to change for an afternoon's cricket; and as he took a clean handkerchief he never thought that a tear had mingled with the soapsuds. *G.H.B.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

ANOTHER VICTIM.

Sir,—I should like to support "Fairplay" in his experience as to the methods adopted by some German shopkeepers.

Many of our soldiers will doubtless be induced to purchase watches and clocks, indeed I have heard of cases where Tommies have been advised to take the opportunity of securing a watch under particularly favourable conditions. Do so, but give the watch a trial before you part with your money.

I did not, and with what result? The watch has for the second time been returned to the seller and he has yet to explain away the fact that the face-piece which was said to be luminous is not luminous. I failed to apply the test on purchase. *VICTIM.*

AN APPRECIATION.

Sir,—I have often thought how I would like to see more letters in the columns of your paper in appreciation of the untiring labours of the British Rhine Army Dramatic Company.

It seems to me that their excellent work for our benefit calls for more than a passing reference.

It has been my good fortune to witness all but one of Lt. S.E. Percy's productions and I am sure I am expressing the opinion of many hundreds who have seen them, when I say how immensely we have enjoyed these classics and now keenly we have looked forward to subsequent productions.

One feels that if these sentiments could be put to the Army the verdict would be carried unanimously. *N.C.O.*

CABARET OR——?

Sir,—I agree with "H.H.T." and "Al Fresco" upon the subject of cafés on the continental style in England.

In an English public house or saloon bar there is one object only — to drink. Consequently men gather there and do nothing else but drink; very often an amount more than is good for them.

In the Rhineland cafés a large number of people gather and we get music; both diversions in themselves. I think most people will agree that a large room or open space with the uplifting influence of music, is more desirable than a small room filed with the odour of smoke, beer and spirits.

If the continental style were adopted in England, I fancy drunkenness would decrease.

As "H.H.T." suggests, it would be interesting, if it were possible, for a census of opinion to be taken. Without doubt those in favour of open-air cafés would be in the majority. *C.H.N.*

INFORMATION WANTED.

Sir,—Some advice or information in your columns as to how soldiers of the Rhine may get personal belongings home would be very greatly welcomed.

Many of us, especially those who have been here for nearly nine months have gradually acquired, in the pursuit of our educational studies quite valuable collections of books, materials, and so on, all of which must be got to England somehow if we are not to lose precious helps and much usefully spent money.

Also many who have musical instruments, clothes and theatrical "props" of all kinds sent over for the purpose of entertaining in our units are wondering how these things are to be saved.

We certainly cannot carry them but are quite willing to pay for carriage and forwarding if there are any civilian or other channels available for this purpose.

Personally I have acquired a most valuable collection of books on art and printing which will be invaluable to me at home in my business and I know others who have similar properties in their hands and I am frequently asked, how can I get these home? *RHINO.*

THE RHINE TRIPS.

Sir,—May I through the medium of your valuable paper, air what I and a good number of my colleagues feel to be a real grievance.

Recently we had the pleasure of an enjoyable trip on the Rhine, and a most delightful time was spent by all, more so as the day was an ideal one, being hot, which fact aroused a terrible thirst on all the party, who proceeded below to quench it.

However on arriving at the counter, having, waited a considerable time to do so, we were informed that we were not eligible to drink a bottle of beer, as it was reserved for sergeants only.

No one wishes to condemn the sergeants in this matter, but it was not quite cheerful to be at the end of a long queue, 100 or so and observe eight sergeants, purchasing as many as five and six bottles, whilst the other ranks, in many cases old soldiers, are refused one drink.

I feel sure that this is not the official way of running this canteen, and shall be glad if you will insert this letter, with a view to a different arrangement on future trips. *BOMBARDIER.*

BOOKS TO READ.

Sir,—Having read with interest the letters on "Interesting Books," I have been surprised at the selection of your correspondents. I have looked for a letter on the subject from one of the teachers at Cologne.

I cannot understand why the correspondents should go back to the old books such as "John Halifax, Gentleman." I am sure no sane man will say that the art of writing has not improved. Then why try the impossible, i.e., deter progress, and go back to these old books?

The only old books that should be alive to-day are, the works of poets, Marx, Tolstoi, Carlyle, Grant Huxley, and all others dealing with education.

My selection therefore would be: The Last Weapon — Theodora Dixson-Wilson. Iron Heel and The Little Lady of the Big House — Jack London. The Prospector — Ralf Connor. The Lumberman — Steward Edward White. The Girl of the Limberlost — Gene Stratton Porter. The Stickit Minister — S. R. Crockett. Leonore — Arnold Bennett. Queen Sheba's Ring — H. Rider Haggard. The Mighty Atom — Marie Corelli. A Modern Utopia — H.G. Wells. The Importance of being Earnest — Oscar Wilde. There are books quite as good by Mark Twain, Baroness Orczy, and Hornung.

COMMERCIAL TEACHER.

ARMY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Teams Entered From Fifteen Armies And Commands.

LIST OF RHINE COMPETITORS.

For the forthcoming Army Championships at Aldershot on Thursday and Friday of next week the number of entries has exceeded all expectations. To permit of second rounds in the majority of events the amplification of the programme will become inevitable. The following fifteen Armies and Commands have entered teams:—

Army of the Rhine
Army of France and Flanders
Army of Egypt
Army of the Black Sea.
Army of Italy
Scottish Command
Aldershot Command
Northern Command
Eastern Command
Western Command
Southern Command
Irish Command
London District
Australian Forces
New Zealand Forces.

Among the numerous competitors who range in rank from major to private, appear the names of well-known athletes, including Sergt. W. R. Applegarth, M.T., R.A.S.C., Black Sea Army, 100 yds and 220 yds; Sergt. E. Carter, Australian Forces, 100 yds and 220 yds; Sergt. I Lindsay, N. Z. Forces, 100 yds and 220 yds; Sergt. J. H. R. Wilton, N. Z. Forces, 440 yds; Q. M. S. I. Usher, A.G.S., 220 yds and 440 yds; Sergt. Phillips, Canadian H.Q., London District, 440 yds and 880 yds; Sergt. W. S. Mason, N. Z. Forces, 880 yds and mile; Signaler I. Fraser, Australian Forces, 440, 880, mile, and long jump; Lieut. G. L. Morgan, 1st Manchester Regt., Aldershot Command, 880 yds; Lieut. A. C. Straker, 15th Hussars, Army of the Rhine, hurdles; Sergt. C. G. Manley, Australian Forces mile, and 3 miles; Pte. H. F. Thomas, I.M.T.D., R.A.S.C., Eastern Command, mile, and 3 miles; Pte. H. Britton, I.M.T.D., R.A.S.C., Eastern Command, mile and 3 miles; Lieut. A Fraser, 1/5th Cameron Highlanders, Army of the Rhine, weight; Lieut. H. E. Wilson, N. Z. Forces, hurdles; Lieut. R. D. Mulholland, 10th Bn. M.G. Corps, Eastern Command, hurdles and Lieut. A. C. Wilkinson, 2nd Coldstream Guards, London District, hurdles.

RHINE ARMY ENTRANTS.

The following are the championship entries from the Army of the Rhine:—

Name	Unit	Events
Cpl. Looker	10th A. & S. Highrs.	100, 200
Pte. I Harris	Remount S. c. A.T.	100, 220
Lieut. E. M. Godfray	6th R. W. Kent	100
2/Lieut. D. W. Gordon	53rd Gordon H.	220
Capt. G. Newman	6th R. W. Kent	440
2/Lieut. W F. Wilson	S. Div. R.A.C, R.F.A.	440
Sergt. Blackhurst	13th Tank Corps	440
Lieut. Speedy	9th Tank Corps	880
Lieut. A. Elliott	15th Lancs Fus.	mile
Sgt. Heard	S. Div. Signal. Co.,	880
Cpl. Ward	9th Tanks,	mile
		3 miles
Lieut. E. Riley	15th Lancs Fus.	mile
Spr. Caharlane	207th Co., R.E.	mile
Pte. Banks	12th L. N. Lancs.	3 miles
Sgt Hope	51st Manchesters	3 miles
Lieut. A. C. Straker	15th Hussars	hurdles
Lieut. Sharpe	1.th Tanks	hurdles
Capt. L. Spragg	170th S.B., R.G.A.,	hurdles
Gnr. Burrows	R.G.A.,	h. jump
Lt. A. H. Goodman	15th Lancs Fus.	h. jump
Pte. Kitcheline	5th R. Irish Rifles	h. jump
Lieut. Napier	1.5th S. Staffords	h. jump
Capt. Saunders	12th Tanks	h. jump
Capt. G. R. Watt	5th Gordon H.	weight
Lieut. A. Fraser	1/5th Cameron H.	weight
	15th Lancs Fusiliers	rly. race

BREAKING OF RECORDS.

The entries for this year's championships are in every respect unprecedented so that with favourable weather many sporting records must go by the board. Entries for the Southern Command were determined by the results of the championship meeting at Portsmouth this week, and those for the Irish Command will be made after the athletic meeting at the Curragh which opens to-day. According to present arrangements the only track final to be decided on the opening day will be the three miles. More than one champion has entered the competition while a fair number of competitors at the A.A.A. Championships are also in one or other of the events so that a very high standard of athleticism should be witnessed.

EVENTS FOR OUTSIDERS.

The only events which have not filled well are those for outsiders. The police tug-of-war, for instance, (10 to pull, limit 130 st) has very few entries, and the same applies to the police relay and to the 220 yards and 880 yds. demobilized soldier's events.

Commenting on this, "Sporting Life" says:

"One would have expected to find men like W. A. Hill, G. P. Sweet, C. Griffiths, P. Hodge, and others of their class competing at the meeting where their old comrades are running. The Army Athletic Association cannot be expected to include events for other than Army men if those they do put on are not better supported."

THE RUNNING HILLS.

On Saturday, Sept. 20, W. A. and A. G. will (all being well) give a great treat to the London Athletic Club's patrons at Stamford Bridge, when the A.A.A. Ten-mile Running and Seven-mile Walking Championships will be included in that club's programme, for W. A. Hill, weather and other conditions permitting, is having a cut at E. H. Pelling's 250 yards record of 24 4,5secs., which has stood unbeaten for over thirty years, and A. G. Hill will endeavour to beat the British record, standing to the credit of the late G. W. Hutson, at 3min. 9 3 5secs. Hutson's feat was performed at Stamford Bridge on July 20, 1914.

BECKETT v. McGOORTY.

Visit To American's Training Camp At Stanmore.

TWO-HANDED PUNCHES.

A select party visited the Abercorn Arms at Stanmore the other day to witness Eddie McGoorty in training for his match with Beckett on Sept. 2nd, when the programme will be:—

10 rounds, Arthur Townley v. Fred Fulton.
20 rounds, Johnny Basham v. Francis Charles.
20 rounds, Joe Beckett v. Eddie McGoorty.

The spectators were numerous when the American turned out to do his work, which he obviously enjoys like a glutton. The camp is quite a large one in a beautifully situated area, and Jack Curphey and George McDonald take care that their charge wants for nothing in the way of exercise. McGoorty is a fine figure of a man. Good legs and powerful shoulders, just a trifle round-shouldered as befits a boxer, McGoorty strikes the eye as a particularly awkward man to deal with.

His work satisfied everybody present, more particularly his two rounds with Roland Todd, who is a very good boxer, and the way the principal punched the ball was an eye-opener. McGoorty carried on his work practically without a breather for forty minutes; he perspired a little, but then that was only natural in such a moist atmosphere. McGoorty's two-handed punches may cause more trouble to Beckett than the latter's admirers anticipate.

IF SHE HAD WON.

Fabulous Odds Of 7,200 To 1 At Deauville.

Racing was continued at Deauville this week, where the fields have been good and four first favourites have proved successful.

M. Vanderbilt won another two-year-old race with Glorious, one of his own breeding. This was the stable's fourteenth victory since the Normandy campaign started, and none of his representatives, it may be mentioned, have run unplaced. Baron Rothschild won the Prix du Mont Canisy from the largest field of the day. One of the runners in this event, Zepelinade, was so neglected in the betting that had she won she would have been returned at the fabulous odds of 7,200 to 1. It would have been a record for the totalisator had it come off.

LADIES SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

The Southern Counties 220 yards ladies' swimming championship was decided at the Worthing Baths, when the following were the results:—

Heat 1: Miss Phyllis M Gant, Hammersmith (3min 33⅖ sec.); Miss Verrall H Newman, Mermaid S.C. (3 58⅘); Miss Gladys M L Wright, City of London S.C. (4.3); Miss Florence K Stevenson, Brighton (4.19⅖).

Heat 2: Miss Florence Sancroft, Holloway United S.C. (3.27); Miss Mabel Fletcher, City of London S.C. (holder) (3.31⅕); Miss Irene B Christie, Natantas S.C. (3.35⅖); Miss Priscilla L Tett, Beckenham S.C. (3.59).

Final: Miss Fletcher (3.30⅕) 1, Miss Gant (4.35) 2, Miss Newman (3.47) 3; won by 2yds. 3yds. Miss Sancroft gave up.

"ENGLAND'S BEST CRICKETER."

Thirty of England's leading amateur and professional cricketers were asked this week by the "Daily Express," who in their opinion was the best all-round cricketer in England, and why. The replies revealed an almost overwhelming majority in favour of George Brown, of Hampshire. The reasons given were as follows:—

1. He is a really good fast bowler.
2. He is a fine forcing bat. (Witness his 100 made in ninety minutes last week.)
3. He is a fine defensive bat (He can, when it is necessary, restrain his rate of scoring to five runs an hour.)
4. He is a wonderful outfield.
5. He is the best "close-up" field in the kingdom.
6. He is a magnificent wicketkeeper. (Look up his performances during the recent Bournemouth week.)

THE KING AND HIS DOG.

When the King was making arrangements for his visit to Balmoral he caused inquiries to be made at the Board of Agriculture as to the possibility of taking his favourite dog with him. Lord Stamfordham was informed that a licence could only be granted on condition that the dog was taken to approved veterinary premises at Balmoral and kept in quarantine for six months. In the circumstances his Majesty decided to leave the dog at Buckingham Palace.

BATTERY CRICKET.

A Cricket match took place between D Sub, of 145 Siege Battery and the Caterpilla Section on the Battery ground, and resulted in a win for the A.S.C Section by 33 runs. Batting first the section scored 66, thanks to the splendid display of Bailey, Smith and Peachey, the battery only replying with 33. White and Smith bowled well taking 5 wickets for 13 runs and 5 for 20 respectively.

EASY VICTORIES.

Latest Reports of "Cologne Post" Matches.

ALL-ROUND TEAMS' SUCCESS.

The matches recorded today in "The Cologne Post" Competition are illustrative of the frequent superiority of the all-round team against the eleven that shines in batting or bowling only.

Detailed in summary form are the latest reports to hand: —

1/6 WEST YORKS REGT. (62 for 4) v. 75 BDE. R.F.A. (56). For the Yorks, Pte. Carr took 6 wickets for 27 runs, Pte. Burnett 3 for 10, Pte. Foley batted well for 19 not out and also Pte. Gibbons for 14. For the R.F.A., Gunner Goodwin batted very well for 27.

185 SIEGE BTY. R.G.A. (58 for 7) v. 1/5 SOUTH STAFFS (54). For 1/5 South Staffs, Sgt. Burton was top scorer with 14. 185 Siege Bty. went in and knocked up the runs required for the loss of 7 wickets, Trotter being top scorer with 13.

CAV. DIV. H.A. (103) v. 2nd Bde. R.A.F. (28) at Quadrath. Spr. C. Smith made a splendid 43. Whittaker bowled very well, taking 7 for 43. The R.A.F. came down badly against Cpl Adams and Sergt. Keevill, who claimed 5 for 12 and 5 for 15 respectively, no one reaching double figures.

53rd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS (160) v. CAV. DIV. H.Q (52). The losers, who were weakly represented could do very little against the bowling of Yardley and Crompton, who both took 5 wickets very cheaply. Sergt. Keevil, however, batted well, making 25 not out. Crompton (41), Tennant (36 and Feather (31) played splendid cricket for the winners.

WAHN SURVEY DET. (78 for 8) v. 3rd NORTHERN BDE. (75). For Northern Bde., Lieut. Ireland scored 38; for W.S.D., Cpl. Davis scored 31 not out and Capt. Jones 17.

OTHER RESULTS.

145 Siege Bty. 36 for 3; IX Corps H.Q. 30.

1/4 York. and Lanc. 170 for 8; 237 Field Coy. R.E. 37 all out.

64th Field Coy. (65) v. 63rd Field Coy. (15). Spr. Wheoband scored 22 and Spr. Metcalf 18. Spr. Hinchliffe took 6 wickets for 2 runs.

"R" Battery A.A. 71 for 6; Army H.Q. Signals 68

SOLINGEN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Lowland Div. M.T. Coy.	11	9	2	18§
51 Hants	9	7	2	14§
64 Field Coy. R.E.	8	6	2	12§
63 Field Coy. R.E.	8	5	3	10§
1/5 K.O.S.B.	7	4	3	8§
Southern Div. R.E.	7	3	4	6§
90 Field Coy. R.E.	6	3	3	6§
83 (Dub.) Gen. Hosp.	7	2	5	4§
15 H.L.I.	5	2	3	4§
Lowland D.A.C.	4	1	3	2§
11 Royal Scots	3	1	2	2§

DUREN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
D Corps Siege Park	16	15	0	1	31§
153 Siege Bty.	16	14	2	0	28§
IV Corps Troops M.T. Coy.	16	13	3		26§
1/1 N. Midland H.B.	14	11	3		22§
15 King's Hussars	13	10	2	1	21§+
3rd King's O. Hussars	15	9	5	1	19§
Light Division H.Q.	15	9	6		18§
3/0 Bde. R.F.A.	10	8	2		16§
D Corps Sig. Coy.	15	7	8		14§
No 1 Light Rly. Sig. Coy.	14	7	7		14§
183 Siege Bty.	13	7	6		14§+
0 Bty. Rocket Trps. R.H.A.	13	7	6		14§

§ Games awarded for scratched matches.
+ Games lost by default.

BOULOGNE REGATTA.

Swimming Races Thrown Open To British Troops.

The Boulogne Rowing Club held a regatta this week—the first since the outbreak of war. Entries for the rowing events were not numerous; no fewer than 35 of the club's best oarsmen have given their lives in their country's cause. With characteristic generosity the French threw their swimming races open to the British troops. The results in these were:—

300 Metres:—Pte. Boland, Light T.M Battery, 1; L/Cpl. Larder, A.S.C., No. 12 M.T. Co., 2; Pte. Dessobeaux, French Army, 3; 20 metres, 10 metres

200 Metres:—Capt. Little, R.A.M.C., 1; Pte. Boland, Light T.M. Bty., 2; Pte. Desobeaux, French Army, 3; 40 metres, 30 metres.

60 Metres (Women):—Worker Hook, Q.M.A.A.C., 1; Worker Lowe, Q.M.A.A.C., 2; Worker Moseley, Q.M.A.A.C., 3; 2ft, yd.

A DRAMATIC FINISH.

There was a dramatic conclusion to the Surrey v Kent benefit match at the Oval, in which Hobbs, the hero of the day, rightly figured prominently, the honours being shared by Crawford. Surrey had 42 minutes in which to get 95 runs. Amid tense excitement they succeeded in obtaining them with eleven minutes to spare.

The cheering that greeted this remarkable performance was as terrific as it was deserved.

A CORRECTION.

In our report of the British Army of the Rhine Horse Show results we regret an error in the F. W. D. Lorries (with gun or pontoon) section. The first prize was won by the 24th Siege Bty R.G.A., 21st Bde R.G.A., IX Corps Heavy Artillery and not by the VI Corps 35th Bde R.G.A. Heavy Artillery, as stated.

R.A.F. ATHLETICS.

Success Of Rhine Army Entrants At Stamford Bridge.

HIGHLY CREDITABLE PERFORMANCES.

The initial sports meeting of the Royal Air Force A.A., held at Stamford Bridge, Chelsea, on Thursday, favoured with ideal weather, was an unqualified success. The racing was of the keenest, and several highly creditable performances were recorded. The South-Western area secured the King's Cup with a total score of 34 points, the Midland Area running up with 27 points, and Halton and Northern Area deadheating for third place with 12 points each. Sergt.-Maj. Mawby secured the 100 Yards (R.A.F. Championship) and the 220 Yards.

An exceptionally smart P.T. display by the R.A.F. drew much appreciative applause, and a novel event—the Pals' Obstacle Race—a strenuous 440 yards which included progression by the three-legged method, sack jumping and walking on a rolled barrel, with an apple in the mouth which had been secured from a pail full of water—caused much amusement. The band of the R.A.F. School of Music was in attendance, and added to the enjoyment of an exceedingly fine afternoon's sport. Details:

RESULTS.

150 Yards.—Final: Sergt.-Maj Mawby, Midland Area, 1; Sergt.-Maj. Kessler, Northern Area, 2 Corpl. Bosberry, R.A.F., Rhine, 3; F. O. Fraser, South-Western Area, 0; Sergt. Poignedestre, South-Eastern Area, 0. Won by 2 yards; 1 yard between second and third. Time, 10 3-5sec.

220 Yards.—Final: Sergt.-Maj. Mawby, Midland Area, 1; Capt. A. P. Mitchell, Halton, 2; Sergt. Clarkson, Midland Area, 3; Sergt. Bailey Northern Area, 0; A. C. Bird, R.A.F. Rhine, 0; Sergt. J. T. Pegg, No. 11 Irish Group, 0. Won by 2 yards, 1 yard between second and third. Time, 23 1-5sec.

120 yards hurdle.—Final: Flying Officer Fraser, S.W. Area, 1; Flight Lt. Scott, S.W. Area, 2, Lt. Bellin, R.A.F., Rhine, 3; Lt. Housley. Northern Area, 4; Capt. Condiffe, R.A.F., Rhine, 0 Won by two yards: three yards between second and third. Time, 17 1-5sec.

Long jump.—Flying Officer Fraser, S.W., Area, 2 ft 4⅝in., 1; Flight Lt. Scott, S.W. Area, 2 ft 7in., 2; Maj. Saul, R.A.F., Rhine, 20ft 6in., 3.

880 yards.—Final: Flying Officer Shaw, S.W. Area, 1; A.M. Morris, Midland Area, 2; Lt. Catchpole, Northern Area, 3; Lt. Moorhouse, R.A.F., Rhine, 0; Capt. Marlowe, S.E Area, 0; L.A.C. Cooke, S.E. Area, 0. Won by six yards; three yards between second and third. Time, 2min. 3 2 5sec.

Blindfold chariot race in fancy dress.—A. C. Shields and Member Hughes, Midland Army 1; Sergt. Stone and C. S. L Hodgson. R.A.F., Rhine, 2

440 yards.—Final: Capt. A. P. Mitchell, Halton, 1; Corpl. Bosberry; R.A.F., Rhine, 2; Sergt. Poignedestre, South-Eastern Area, 3; Lt. Jones, R.A.F., Rhine, 0; S.M. Bolt, S.W. Area, 0; Sergt. R. F Skinner, S.E. Area, 0. Won by twelve yards; two yards; between second and third. Time, 51 4-5 sec.

Tug-of-war.—Midland Area beat R.A.F., Rhine, 2—1.

440 yards Pals Obstacle Race.—Sergt. Stone and Corpl. Garrett, R.A.F., Rhine, 1; Flight-Sergt. Smith and L.A.C. Pierce, R.A.F., Rhine, 2; L.A.C. McNeill and A.C. Read, R.A.F., Rhine, 3.

440 yards Composite Relay Race.—Midland Area, 1; Northern Area, 2; R.A.F. Rhine, 3. Won by 3 yards; yard between second and third. Time, 49 4 5sec.

ENGLISH CRICKET.

Low Scores-Order of the Day on Thursday.

As a result of rain there were comparatively low scores in the English County-Cricket matches on Thursday.

The results were:—

Middlesex 128, Yorkshire 187 and 18 for none.

Kent 95 and 111 for 6; Lancs. 155 and 195 for 6 (declared).

Australians 130; Essex 101 for 6.

Gloster 185 and 96 for 2; Leicester 79 and 200 (by 8 wickets).

Surrey (second eleven) 131 and 145 for 2; Cheshire 330 (declared).

Herts 178; Beds 143.

ENGLISH RACING RESULTS.

Following were the English racing results at the Stockton and Bath meetings on Thursday.

STOCKTON.

Middlesbro' Handicap:—1, Woorali (7/4); 2, Jazz (100 30); 3, D.N.P. (6/1).

Elton Maiden Plate:—1, Comtessine (6/4 on); 2, Cold Steel (20/1); 3, Palmella (13 8).

Billingham Handicap:—1, Indian Feast (evens); 2, Lady Craigie (5/2); 3, Radius (5 2).

Durham County Produce Plate:—1, Pallene (9/4); 2, Maeldune (11/8 on); 3, Flower Bed (4/1).

Thornaby Plate:—1, Billbeck (5/1); 2, Courtown (5/2 on); 3, Kelpie (20 1).

Wilton Welter Plate:—1, Greek Star (6/4); 2, Schamyl (10 1); 3, Starflower (evens).

BATH DETAILS.

All-Aged Selling Plate:—1, Clondir (5/2 on); 2, Double Deck (20 1); 3, Old Sport (100 8).

Somerset Selling Plate:—1, Spirt (5 1 on); 2. Prep (10/1); 3, Billericay (10/1).

Grenville Maiden Plate:—1, Bilsthorpe (7 1); 2, Claremont (100/7); 3, Hebe (100 7).

Grosvenor Handicap:—1, Wilkin (5/2); 2, My Bombardier (8/1); 3, Arch Villain (4/1).

Dodington Handicap:—1, Orsan (5/4); 2, Dumb Waiter (6 4); 3, Master Picton (100/8).

Monument Maiden Plate:—1, Moyglare (4 1); 2, Girvan (3/1); 3, Device (7,2).

LIGHT DIVISION CRICKET.

The Light Division R.E. and R.A. played friendly cricket at Ohligs on Sunday. The wicket was upset by a thunderstorm just before the game started. The Sappers batted first and scored 49; Spr. Salmond of the Signals carried his bat for 22. The Gunners started well, but collapsed, and 9 wickets were down for 47 runs. Two catches were then missed before the R.E.'s score was passed. The Gunners won by 13 runs.

Scores: R.A. 63; R.E. 49.

For the winners Lieut. Sanders hit 24.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Leave Club Whist Drive.

Another successful whist drive was held at the Leave Club on Thursday. Forty tables were filled and the play was brisk and fast. Gentlemens prizes were won by:—1st, A. E. Tomlin, 154; 2nd, Pte. Watson, 152; 3rd, L/Cpl. Burrough, 150; and the ladies by:—1st, G. V. Shaw, 151; 2nd, S. Hyman, 151; 3rd, E. Cox, 149. Lt. Vernon again very kindly presided over the whist drive and Ptes. Beale and Duffy were most competent M.Cs.

An Accomplished Violinist.

Miss Doris Cloud the Australian violinist, and company visite Zülpich on Monday night and gave a delightful concert. Miss Doris Cloud proved herself a violinist of high accomplishment and her pieces "The Canary" and "Two eyes of grey" were well received. The remainder of the artistes were very pleasing, each being encored again and again. To conclude the programme "Land of Hope and Glory" was given as a duet to the accompaniment of the violin and piano the audience joining in the chorus.

A Neat Dancer.

This cliché is an impression of Bobbie Macauly of "The Pedlars" (Lancashire Division Concert Party). He is a big favourite with the boys and his dancing acts with Jerry Joyce are always popular items on the programmes. Exceptionally neat in his movements, and having a pleasing voice, he invariably scores in light comedy. Macauly is a professional artiste of some years standing and has toured extensively with the Four Le Roys. He played "Buttons" in Mr. A. Behan's "Wait a Minute" revue. Since he has been in the Army Bobbie has figured conspicuously in concert party work.

The Dream Child.

It was a touch of genius on the part of the producer — Lieut. Esmé Percy — to keep our interest in Arnold Bennett's dry humour, and our enthusiasm in Oscar Wilde's scintillating epigrams, unalloyed, by giving us in "The Dream Child", by Captain Gordon Blight, a piece of the most beautiful pure sentiment, as an effective contrast. The play, as a play, is good and the author is to be highly complimented on a fine piece of work.

The Acting.

How far it would have gone without the powerful aid of such acting as that of Miss Gabrielle Paul, Miss Bensusan, and Lieut. E. Percy, it is hard to say, but I judge from the results which were almost without parallel in the history of the Deutsches Theatre. A packed house was held spellbound the whole time, and during the long soliloquy by Paul Percy, in almost complete darkness, one could have heard a pin drop. The verdict of the audience is final. The "Dream Child" — the first born, I believe, of the author — will live and live long, and when brought to London should create in my opinion a popular furore that has not been met with since "Peg o' my Heart."

JACQUES.

"CHIC" EVANS DEFEATED.

In the United States Golf Championship, "Chic" Evans the holder, was beaten by Francis Ouimet, the conqueror of Vardon and Ray in 1913, before a great crowd.

An Irish Champion.

P. O'Hare (Dundalk) qualified at Bangor County Down to represent Ireland in the Professional Golfers' Association Tournament at Walton Heath. O'Hare is the holder of the Irish Championship.

RHINE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

Final to be played To-day at Marienburg.

The final of the Golf Championship for the Army of the Rhine will be played today over the Marienburg golf course on the Bonn road. The match will be played over 36 holes, between Lieut.-Col. A. G. Barry and Capt. A. H. Read.

Play will commence in the morning at 10.45 and in the afternoon at 1.45.

"B" SIEGE PARK ITEMS.

The Headquarters and Workshops of "B" Siege Park occupy the same factory at Mulheim. In order to make the "occupation" as pleasant as possible the C.O. Major C. B. Evans, has been instrumental in having a large room fitted up as a recreation hall. A wet and dry canteen has been installed, a small reading and reference library is available and a full list of entertainments for the benefit of all ranks has been arranged.

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On Thursday a Smoking Concert was held. Major C. B. Evans was in the chair and was well supported by officers and men from the Siege Park and Workshops. That well known concert party "The Prongs", gave a very fine programme. This was supplemented by local talent and was greatly appreciated. Cheers for the C.O. brought a successful and enjoyable evening to a close and the wish was expressed that another "Smoker" be arranged.

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The first round of a ping-pong tournament has been played off and speculation is rife as to the ultimate winner.

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Lt. R. W. Brown, who is an enthusiastic swimmer, has organised a strong swimming class. Great interest is being shown and good headway made by non-swimmers. Some swam the first time they entered the water, due to the successful land drill given by Lt. Brown at the instruction classes.

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A football team has been formed and already two trial matches have been played. It is hoped to put up a good show in the League this season.

Mr Gregor Macgregor.

The funeral of Mr Macgregor, the famous wicket-keeper, takes place today, and the Surrey Middlesex match will not begin till twelve o'clock.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday, August 23, 1919.

Surface wind Westerly 19-15 m.p.h. Cloudy with fairer intervals. Good visibility. Moderate temperature.

"NOBBY'S" SELECTIONS.

Fancies For The Cologne First August Meeting.

"Nobby," a close follower of horse racing in Rhineland, sends us the following selections for the Cologne first August meeting:—

The Mediocrity Steeple Chase, Division 1
Zillebeke.
The Mediocrity Steeple Chase, Division 2
Coeur de Lion.
The Moselle Plate, Division 1
Torpedo.
The Moselle Plate, Division 2
Baron.
The Champagne Steeple Chase
Rollestone.
The Cologne Stakes
Velocifer.
The Prince of Wales Stakes
Digby Grand.
The Army Council Stakes
Mascot.

PARIS BOXING.

In Paris on Thursday evening Ferray, of France, beat Bob Donati on points and Nilles of France knocked out Bob Scanlon in the second round by a brilliant right hook.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

T. Burns.

T. Burns, the well-known Irish jockey, will ride all Robert Gore's horses during the forthcoming National Hunt season.

Scottish League.

Two Scottish League matches were played on Wednesday evening. Results:—Hibernians 3, Hamilton 0; Clydebank 2, Queen's Park 0.

Snow Maiden.

Snow Maiden did not run in the Gold Cup at the Curragh on Thursday. The Irish Derby winner waits for the Irish St. Leger next month.

London Club to Re-open.

At a recent meeting of the Port of London Authority Football Club it was agreed to re-establish the club and arrange fixtures for next season.

Polo Final.

The Scouts—Brig.-Gen. Fitzgerald, Maj. Barrett, Lord Wimborne, and Mr. Montague—won the final of the International Polo Cup at Deauville beating Bagatelle by four goals to one.

Leeds N.U.

Will Davies, one of the stalwarts of the Navy Rugby Club, will captain the Leeds N.U. team. Hugh Davies, their clever winger, is back in England after serving in Russia, but is not yet demobilized.

Anglo-Scottish Bowls.

The revived Anglo-Scottish bowls match, held under the auspices of the E.B.A., at Bellingham, resulted in a win for the Scots by 256 to 216.

Racing Films Popular.

"The most astonishing development in the British film world at present," said a London film renter, "is the popularity of any picture of horse-racing."

French Racing.

Racing in France is approaching pre-war standards, and yearlings sold recently at Deauville fetched good prices. A colt by Bruleur—Kizil Hourgan was sold for £6,040, the highest price ever paid for a yearling in France.

Bradford City.

The Bradford City Football Club's eleventh annual report shows a loss of £240 17s. 1d. on the season's working, which, added to the adverse balance of £6,104 9s. 8d. makes a total deficiency of £6,345 6s. 9d.

The Midgets.

Freeman, the midget Kent cricketer, asked if he was the smallest man playing in the county game, said it was a toss-up between himself and "Fanny" Walden, of Northampton. Neither is too small to play in class football. Walden playing for the 'Spurs, and Freeman for Maidstone.

King of Spain's Horses.

The King of Spain's horses have had a very successful time during the present racing season, they having taken part in 84 events and won 45 of them.

The Fashion.

A correspondent in the "Yorkshire Post" laments the fact that all the best North Country horses are sent South to be trained because "it is the fashion."

£1,500 Gift to Bristol Rugby.

An anonymous gentleman has given Bristol Rugby Club £1,500 towards the purchase of a new ground, covering six and a half acres. Their old home, the Gloucestershire county ground, is now in possession of Messrs. J. S. Fry and Sons.

W.B. Albion.

West Bromwich Albion have plenty of skilful men; in fact, they have only lost Shearman, Brown, and Mann by transfers, although, of course, Lieutenant H. G. Bache and Lieutenant W. H. Jackson fell in the war.

Valued Services.

In recognition of his long and valued services to the cycling community, Mr. S. R. Noble, who was for a long period secretary of the N.C.U., is to receive a presentation at a dinner to be given in his honour at the Holborn Restaurant on September 6.

Soccer Captain.

Evan Jones, the Welsh international, late of Bolton Wanderers, has been appointed captain of Swansea Town.

Skootamotas.

Four Skootamotas made their appearance in the West-End of London this week, and created a mild sensation.

Golf Mystery.

That one player of only equal skill and of less physical power than another should be able to hit the ball farther is one of the mysteries of golf.

The Spoon.

George Duncan, Abe Mitchell, and Alexander Herd still have an affection for the spoon, but it is not utilized extensively in the higher walks of golfing rivalry.

Matched for £1000 Aside.

The Irish horses, Rather Dark and Clonree, of whom the former won at Tramore, have been matched, it is stated, for £1000 aside, to run two miles over hurdles. Another match also mooted is that between Ironmaster and Coaxer.

Long Hitter's Test.

There will be some sort of test for the long hitters at Totteridge on September 20. A four-ball match is to be played in the morning, and Ray and Mitchell are to be on opposite sides. There is sure to be some fierce pressing.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Saving the Porter.

One does not see on the platforms of Cologne station big piles of luggage and parcels, porters dodging about with piled up trucks and shouting to people to get out of the way, a common sight at home. In Cologne there is a narrower platform between those used by passengers. The luggage and parcels are brought up from below by elevators in bogies and put into the vans. This is a method which might well be adopted by British companies thus obviating the labour of porters and incidentally saving the tempers of prospective travellers.

A Cologne Incident.

Two elderly people were moving some furniture along the Kaiser Wilhelm Ring when a British Army motor lorry passed them, and the driver stopped at a paper stall on the corner for a "Cologne Post." Soon away again, the driver was alarmed to hear cries of "Halt!" and to see the excited look of pedestrians near by. He stopped only to find that the two-wheeled hand-cart had been attached to the lorry. The old man still in the shafts had found it impossible to keep up with the pace, while his Frau was doing her best to save the goods from finding a place in the roadway.

English Murdered.

The menu card of at least one Cologne cafe is amusing and a fine example of how English should not be written or printed. "Gold Diners" is evidently meant to supply information that cold dinners are served, but just what is served cold is left unstated. The proprietor evidently found this too much for him. At any rate he has tried his apprentice hand at light confectionery for we are advised that he has "I class Kakes and tarts" for sale while under the heading of "Different water drinks" we get "Arienheiler bubbling water," whatever that may mean. "Ice-creams" include "Vanille, allow and miseeu" and "Granit-Ice, witn raspberry naturell."

Lofty Drying "Grounds".

An agreeable omission in Rhineland towns is the back garden washing ground. We are all too familiar with the aspect of London back gardens on washing da s with their array of clothing exposed to the gaze of neighbours. In Germany however, the Frau would be horr fied at having her garden disfigured by drying laundry. So she gets over the difficulty by having the drying ground on the roof of the house; and, owing to the height of town buildings here, and also the deep parapet running round the roof, the display of linen is rarely seen from the stre t. One obvious advantage in this method is that it protects against pilfering. At the same time one is inclined to pity the Frau who washing the clothes in the cellar then takes them to the roof to dry.

Very embarrassing!

The other day one of our men who is billeted in the neighbourhood of Solingen paid his first visit to the baths there. The first class bath was luxurious and he greatly enjoyed it. As he was getting out of the bath, he espied the shower bath apparatus. Near this was a cord under which the word "Bedienung" was printed. Thinking this meant "pull," his knowledge of German being very limited, he pulled the cord. Instead of water coming, the door opened and a frau entered. Tableau! The frau took in the situation at a glance, and in broken English volubly explained to the confused and blushing "guard" that "Bedienung" meant attendant and that the shower bath was worked by a lever. The thoroughly embarrassed guard gave a gasp of relief, when the frau with a knowing smile on her face disappeared.

A German Weakness.

It is of interest to the student of German to study the quotations and snatches of verse carved or painted on the walls of dwellings and other buildings. Even chemists shops and swimming baths have come under the influence of this custom and many of the sayings or "Sprichwörter" are quaint and amusing This love of rhyming and folk lore has been handed down since medieaval times and is still strong in Germany. The following near Godesberg is interesting and shows how the usual cursory notice "Please do not throw paper about or damage shrubs" has been set to rhyme:—

Was in der Stube gilt als simpler Brauch,
Das halte fest im Walde auch,
Lass niemals auf den Boden fallen
Papier, Orange, Eierschalen.
Halt rein und säuberlich das Waldlokal,
Dann bleibst wil kommen du hier überall.

Y.M.C.A. Reading Circle.

The usual weekly meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Reading Circle Euskirchen had this week a most delightful paper on "Victor Hugo," by Captain A. S. White, who in the course of his paper showed the development of French literature from the 17th, through the transition period of the 18th, to the 19th Century, and the position of Hugo as the recognised leader of the romanticists. The life of the great author was handled with a touch of intimacy, which added greatly to the value of the paper, bringing out the master mind of rhyme, the development of Hugo through the varied phases of his writings and the wonderful retention of the characteristic vigour with which be was endowed. The paper was followed by discussion, and a vote of thanks to the speaker. Next week's topic is to be a paper on "A Shakespearian Flower Garden."

A Victory Number.

The 3rd number of the 3rd Battn. Machine Gun Corps Magazine is at hand and is indeed a creditable production. In a brief article entitled "Victory," Lieut.-Col. Cranston makes a strong appeal for unity and unselfishness of purpose in the work of re-construction. Three pages are devoted to sport in all its branches—a strong point with this battalion. As in previous numbers there is an article dealing with the fighting history of the unit.

"A night in the Channel" is a cameo of the war, whilst two pages of "Harrassing Fire" makes spicy reading. Amongst other items, are "Laws and Customs of Cricket" by Major G.G.M. Bennett, and a pleasing poem by Rex entitled "The Present."

Another feature of interest incorporates the impressions of various people who attended the victory march at Paris.

The Honorary Editor (Lieut.-Col. W.J. Cranston) has every reason to be proud of his magazine, which fully maintains the standard of excellence attained in previous numbers.

Separation Allowances to Wives.

Separation allowances to wives residing with their husbands in Germany will be adjusted through the account of the Command Paymaster, G.H.Q. Applications should be made by the soldier's Commanding Officer to the Regimental Paymaster at home for the necessary authority for transfer of payment, to be sent to the Command Paymaster, G.H.Q. On receipt of this authority, the Command Paymaster will authorize Officers Commanding to pay the wives direct from their Imprest Accounts. Payment at the weekly rate will be made monthly in advance, or at shorter intervals if more convenient. The instructions do not apply in the case of wives visiting their husbands for short periods. In this case, issue will be made as far as possible to nominees in the United Kingdom, or on the return of payee.

tably they have been entertained by their British comrades.

Sunday in Rhineland.

One cannot help but notice that Sunday among the German people is a day of enjoyment and pleasure, much more so than it is in England where fairs and dances are not held on the Sabbath. Take the car to Riehl and get off at the fair ground and you will find it is practically impossible to move for civilians. In the morning most people go to church and the remainder of the day is given up to pleasure. The ever popular café and garden are crowded, also the steamers on the Rhine. The cars do full business up to a late hour, especially from the districts surrounding Cologne, like Bensberg and Königsforst. Altogether Sunday seems to be the popular day of enjoyment.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to: Sig. A. Ford, R.G.A., attd Western Div. R E. Signal Coy., Army of Rhine, Pte. G. Burton, 10th Batt. Queen's R.W.F. Bensberg; and L/Cpl. G. Y. Farquhar, 18th K.R.R.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

M.P.s' Lounge Suits.—Lounge suits, are very popular with legislators.

The Shah.—The Shah of Persia, is on his way to England on a commercial mission.

Famous Actor Ill.—Mr. H. B. Irving, is confined to the house through illness. His condition is not grave.

Mme. Tetrazzini.—The famous prima donna is returning to London after five years' absence.

Welsh Hero.—Mr. David Davies, of Aberdare, risked foul gas to save a child who had fallen down a pit shaft.

Whisky Fines.—Four hotelkeepers were fined £30 each at Hastings for charging sixpence for a sixth of a gill of whisky.

First To Come And Go.—Walthamstow's wartime conductresses have been presented with souvenir certificates.

Some Game.—At the Hastings International Chess Congress one match lasted 11½ hours.

Price of a Holiday.—As much as £14 a week is asked for accomodation on the East Coast.

Impressions at the Cologne Military Horse Show.

A. C.O.'s Conundrum.

When is a soldier not a soldier? The reader is wrong if he thinks the answer is "When he is a camouflaged civilian." The conundrum is the outcome of a ranker's experience the other day. To the staff of a Cologne C.O. there was recently posted a number of men who all had been khaki-clad for a matter of two or three years, and the C.O. had occasion to examine their records with a view to the issue of medal ribbon. While doing so he made a discovery at which he professed to be profoundly surprised. On the crime sheets of each one of the new arrivals there was not a single entry to be found. "And you call yourselves soldiers," he drily commented, with the jocular addendum "I shall have to see what can be done to convert you into real soldiers before you leave the Army."

American Soldiers in Cologne.

Large chars-a-banc, crowded with American soldiers have been seen driving round Cologne every day during the last fortnight and have attracted much attention. The soldiers were from Berlin where they had been collected from the several Prisoners-of-War Camps in Germany in which they had been caring for the many Russian, and a few British (invalids, for the most part) prisoners still in Germany, They come every day in batches of 60 or 70, are met by a representative of the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. driven round the City, brought to the Y.M.C.A. where they get dinner, and then are driven back to the station, where they entrain for Paris en route for America via London. The Americans say that on their return home they will make known how hospi-

Lesser Echoes.

A French officer was to be seen yesterday wearing his Sam Browne over a great coat. The heat did not seem to trouble him.

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One of the Cologne Cabarets advertises itself as the "Meeting place of the select sporting and Society circles." What next?

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We read in a Berlin paper that Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Asquith accompanied Mr. Winston Churchill to Cologne and were enthusiastically received. We did not notice them.

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An old officers mess cart drawn by a disconsolate mule seemed strangely out of place in the streets of Cologne yesterday. Yet how welcome back in the days of war was the prospect of a lift across country where no friendly motor lorries were to be seen!

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The record of the H. Q. Company of the 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. for the week ending August 9th amounted to 11,285 marks. This total is easily beaten by D Coy. of the 13th K.R.R.C. which subscribed 62,720 marks during the period commencing August 4th.

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In the event of a Unit proceeding to England, the War Savings Association which has been formed while overseas, can be carried on, the only alteration that is neccessary, being a new affiliation number. On arrival in England, notification should be sent to Major H. Spencer Johnson, National War Savings Committee.

Booming.—One Sunday pictorial paper had a sale of two and half millions in its last issue.

About Time.—Owners of fishing fleets are kicking against high prices which are being inflicted on the public.

The P.M.—Mr. Lloyd George's speech was the second longest in the House of Commons. He spoke for three hours.

Fashions.—Fashions move in a circle. We are now going back to Victorian days when the neck and shoulders were bare.

A Happy Family.—A pet dog which lost its puppies is consoling itself by acting as foster-mother to a brood of chicks.

Hayrick "Goes West."—An Army hayrick worth £300 burst into flame and was destroyed as some soldiers were cutting it at Sindlesham, Berks.

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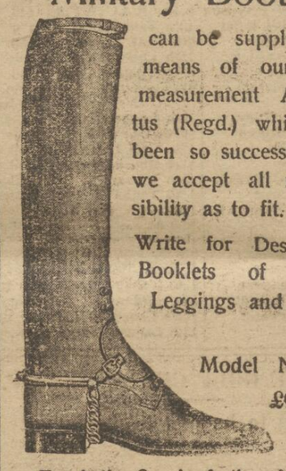

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SIBERIAN STRUGGLE.

DARING LONDON ROBBERY: MOTOR BANDITS' GREAT COUP.

SILESIAN STRUGGLE.

POLES IN REVOLT.

Information regarding the Polish rebellion in Upper Silesia is conflicting, but it seems that the revolt is still most serious. German troops have recaptured some villages, but they have not obtained any final result. Fierce fighting continues, and disturbances have started in other places, for instance, in the Ratibor district, where the rebels have been reinforced by Polish Legionaries. It is rumoured that the rebels have taken Germans to Poland from places they are occupying, and that they have a very strong organisation. Everywhere they are masters. At Kattowitz especially, there were sanguinary battles, in which many houses were destroyed and a great number of civilians were killed or wounded.

According to a message from Kattowitz there is a real franctireur war throughout Upper Silesia. All prisoners on both sides are killed immediately. Air fights have also taken place, and the Poles have shot down some German aeroplanes. A German cavalry detachment was attacked and all the men killed.

The mining strike is continued. It is in reality a general strike, and there is no chance of it ending soon. Owing to the situation in Silesia, the German-Polish negotiations at Berlin have been broken off, the Polish delegates declaring that they cannot continue the discussions so long as the German troops in Silesia arrest and shoot Poles in masses.

The latest information is that after a conference in Berlin between the German Government and the Polish Mission, an "armistice" was arranged. An Inter-Allied Commission is proceeding to Upper Silesia.

PRACTICAL CONFERENCE.

REALITY NOT IDEALISM.

"This concurrent advance in social and industrial well-being is what is aimed at in the Labour Chapter of the Peace Treaty."

To achieve it is the business of a separate organisation, which has been set up under the aegis of the League of Nations and which will hold its first meeting at Washington in October. Detailed proposals, framed in the light of information collected in respect to industrial conditions in all countries, will be submitted. These proposals, however, will be submitted to the Governments concerned prior to the Conference, so that the Governments may advise their representatives upon them, and will therefore be to an extent morally bound to accept the principles involved in them. This indeed may be said to be the feature which will distinguish the conferences of the new organisation of labour from the International conferences of labour with which we have been familiar.

These gatherings have been in the main of representatives of labour only and they have adopted resolutions of an idealistic character, which whatever their effect on the public mind, have not brought about any immediate practical results. In future practical results will be achieved by all-round co-operation. Employers also will be represented. In fact the new conditions bring in all interests to work together for the common good.

SHIPS AND MINES.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST DANGER.

An investigation has been held into the circumstances in which the American steamship "Englewood" struck a mine on August 14. It is believed that a drifting mine which had become waterlogged caused this accident. Drifting mines are normally quite innocuous, and when buoyant are not only easily seen and avoided in daylight, but are also light enough to be washed clear of a vessel by the wave thrown up from the bows. Should a mine, however, become waterlogged and float submerged before obtaining a negative buoyancy and sinking, this is not the case, and there is a possibility of an accident should the safety gear of the mine have become impaired.

Since the armistice this is only the third case of accident to a merchant ship that can be ascribed to striking a waterlogged mine. Special vessels are detailed to deal with drifting mines in all areas where it is thought necessary, and merchant and fishing vessels are directed to endeavour to sink by rifle fire all drifting mines met with on their passage, a reward of £5 being paid by the Admiralty for every mine sunk by a British vessel.

PETAIN AS POLITICIAN.

In the forthcoming French General Elections, Marshal Pétain will be a candidate for election as senator in the Department of the Pas de Calais. Marshal Pétain is a native of that department, where his father was a farmer.

ROBBERY EPIDEMIC.

MOTOR BANDITS' HAUL AT LONDON FACTORY.

For cool impudence, a gang of London robbers reached about the limit early the other morning, when they carried out successfully a daring burglary. The scene was at Crews Market, at the Tottenham end of Seven Sisters-road; the premises robbed were those of Messrs. Pearson (Limited), pyjama and shirt manufacturers. An entry was forced into the shop by a jemmy, a plate glass window in the door being broken. Several parcels of valuable material were abstracted and removed in the car. Apparently the thieves were disturbed in their work, as there were signs that they had intended also to break into the premises next door, which are occupied by Mr. Quigley, a toy manufacturer.

Threat To Shoot.

Mrs. Hinds, who lives a few doors away, said that at 3.20 a.m. she heard a car in the street. It stopped outside Messrs. Pearson's shop and four or five men got out. The car drove away at a furious rate. Another car came along and four men got out.

She then heard something smash. She leaned out of the window and was seen by one of the men who was evidently on guard, and he came under her window and watched her for some minutes, but did not speak. She described him as a young man, dressed in a light suit, with a light Trilby hat, and said she would know him again. Three other men walked down the road and round to the back of the building.

After about 20 minutes a girl came along the street and stopped opposite the shop. A man crossed to her and used threatening language. Mrs. Hinds was able to distinguish "N.3" on the number plate of the motor-car, but could not see the remaining figures. This was a small car with a light top.

Mr. Roberts, who lives a few doors away, also saw the gang from his window. They threatened him and told him to keep inside. He then went to the back of the building, where he found two men on guard and saw three others further down. They threatened to shoot him if he did not go back.

ANOTHER DARING RAID.

Another "hands-up" raid by armed men on a London suburban railway booking office, following the outrage at North Dulwich last Friday, has taken place, this time at Boston Manor, a small station on the District Railway between South Ealing and Hounslow.

On Wednesday night Fred Brown, a lad of 16, a relief booking porter, was on duty at the station between 10 and 10.30, when, looking up on hearing a tap at the door, he saw two youths in the office, one pointing a revolver at his face.

This youth covered him with the revolver, while the other demanded to know where the money was. The boy was too frightened to resist, and the raiders rifled the till of all its money, £16, and, hearing a train approaching, made off, and disappeared in the open country surrounding the station. They threatened the boy with death if he raised an alarm.

The police have so far no clue.

Scotland Yard is of opinion that the youths are the same who worked the North Dulwich outrage.

GERMAN PRESIDENT SWORN.

IMPOSING CEREMONY AT WEIMAR.

An imposing ceremony took place at Weimar, when the President of the German Republic, Herr Ebert, took the oath under the new German Constitution. The House was fairly full, only the places of the Nationalists and Independent Socialists, the extreme Right and extreme Left were empty.

The end of the ceremony was a long speech by the President of the National Assembly in which he took leave from Weimar, where, far from revolutionary Berlin, the first Parliament of the young Republic had taken refuge. The organ played as the deputies left the House.

Herr Ebert also made a speech to the immense crowds waiting outside. He swore again to be true and faithful to the new German Constitution and finished by shouting "Long live our dear German people." The band played "Deutschland, Deutschland über alles," as the President's motor car disappeared round the corner.

DEARER PORRIDGE.

Scottish oatmeal yesterday advanced from 84s. to 105s. per bag of 280 pounds, the biggest increase ever known.

Oatmeal was decontrolled three months ago, on May 19. At that time the retail price was 5d. a pound in England and Wales, and 4½d. a pound in Scotland and Ireland. £5 5s. a bag of 280lb. is exactly 4½ l. a pound wholesale. Oats have risen, and are now 65s. per quarter.

KING COAL.

MR. HOOVER ON EUROPE'S PLIGHT.

Mr. Hoover has returned to Paris after a busy visit to Central Europe and Silesia, and has laid before the Supreme Council the impression made upon him by his journey. His conclusion is that, unless the very widest, almost autocratic, powers are given in dealing with the coal situation in Silesia, nothing can save Europe from a crisis which will show itself both economically and politically.

In Budapest, Mr. Hoover says, there is a tremendous scarcity of food. Hospitals which contain over 20,000 patients have no anaesthetics, antiseptics, or dressings. There is no milk for children. Throughout Austria and Hungary both rickets and tuberculosis have increased to an absolutely appalling extent—in fact, rickets is described at being "an almost universal disease among children in Hungary." Everywhere paper clothing and paper bandages have to be used, the limited stock of better dressing being reserved for very special cases. There is no vaseline or any other ointment with which to treat the skin diseases and bedsores caused by the malnutrition of babies. Sterilizing has had to be reduced below the safety point owing to the coal shortage, and cleanliness of linen in hospitals has become as impossible as surgical asepsis.

Nearly all the troubles of Austria and Hungary can be traced directly to the world coal crisis. This question of coal is, indeed, at the present moment, perhaps the most important question the world has had to consider since the outbreak of war in 1914. America can supply Europe with a certain amount of coal, but for every ton of coal shipped from America to Europe, one ton of foodstuffs will be kept in the New World. Throughout the world, in spite of the difficulties of collecting precise information, it may be said with some confidence that this year's harvest is good, except in the Baltic Provinces.

TURKEY DEFIANT.

COMPLICATED SITUATION.

The position in Turkey, and especially in Asia Minor, is very uncertain. About a fortnight ago operations were begun by the Tartars and the Kurds, acting at Turkish instigation and led by Turkish commanders, against the southern frontier of Russian Armenia. The Armenians south-east of Erivan were driven out of Djulfa and Nakhichevan and compelled to fall back north-westwards along the Tabriz-Erivan railway as far as Kamarlu, sixteen miles south of Erivan. Small-arm ammunition was very deficient among the Armenians, and the situation was regarded as serious. The Armenians have now resumed the offensive south-east of Kamarlu, and their first operations have met with success.

In the Aidan Vilayet, fighting between the Greeks and Turkish irregulars has again broken out north-west of Smyrna. The situation in this quarter, where Italian, Greek, and Turkish troops are all engaged, becomes daily more complicated.

SYMBOLIC STROKE.

GERMANIA MONUMENT DAMAGED BY LIGHTNING.

The fate of the monument "Germania," erected to commemorate the German victory of 1870 and the foundation of the empire of the Hohenzollerns, has now been revealed. Last summer, a few months before the final defeat, "Germania" was blasted by a symbolic flash of lightning. The public regarded the event as a sinister presage. The authorities censored all communication about the damage to the statue, and endeavoured to restore the figure. This hasty and secret restoration was badly botched. The thunderstorm in which "Germania" suffered lasted only a few minutes. A single sword of flame from the sky crossed the sword brandished by "Germania" and broke it. The Imperial eagle was smashed, and a big fissure appeared in the pedestal. The decorative motif of "the angel of war" was also destroyed.

STRIKE AT DUNLOP'S.

Between 9,000 and 10,000 workpeople employed at the Dunlop Rubber Works Company at Aston, Birmingham, have come out on strike. A demand was made at short notice on behalf of a section of the workpeople for payment of a special rate for night duty. The firm refused to discuss it, unless the case was put through the proper channels. The majority of the strikers are non-unionists, and the trouble has been caused, it is stated, by recently demobilised men not belonging to any union, who have been trying to take matters into their own hands. The rubber departments only are affected.

8 DROWNED IN SEINE.

A party of eight persons in a boat on the Seine near Rouen were drowned through a panic. The boat leaked and shipped large quantities of water. The occupants became frightened and crowded together at one end and the boat capsized. The entire party were drowned before the eyes of a man on the bank, who was powerless to do anything.

Viscount Grey of Fallodon expects to leave England on September 16 to take up his post at Washington.

HOME INDUSTRIES.

PREMIER'S AMPLIFICATION.

Mr. Lloyd George has issued a statement amplifying his recent speech on the Government's policy regarding trade, industry and labour.

The Premier states that the Government will seek emergency powers to enable the Board of Trade to check any flood of imports, for instance, from Germany, that might arise from a collapse of exchange so disproportionate to the costs of production in the country of origin as to enable sales to take place in Britain at prices altogether below the cost of production here. Also the Government intend to prohibit the import, except on licence, of products of various unstable key industries. A key industry is an industry essential to the nation which had to be specially fostered during the war, and which could not maintain itself at the level of production necessary for the nation if Government assistance were withdrawn.

Steps are being taken to establish a system of export credits for the purpose of facilitating the resumption of export trade to disorganised parts of Eastern Europe, for example Serbia, Roumania, Poland, and parts of Austria. Credits will be furnished to the extent of £26,000,000.

SHOTS AT DANZIG.

GERMAN AND ALLIED SAILORS.

Collisions between German and American sailors have occurred at Neufahrwasser, Danzig, as a result of petty jealousies arising out of a dance. Quarrels broke out in a dancing-hall, and were continued in the street, but ended when the Americans had returned to the destroyer Hale. Sailors on leave from the small German cruiser Frankfurt encountered some American sailors when passing the Hale, and one German sailor was badly injured. The German sailors, who had been joined by civilians, thereupon became excited, and then a number of Americans, together with sailors from the French destroyer Claymore, charged the crowd. Shots were fired from the French destroyer, and four persons were wounded slightly. The Grenzschutz were immediately called out and cleared the neighbourhood, whereupon the Americans and French withdrew.

IRISH HUMOURS.

The Cork police have received a report of an attack near Dripsey, in the county, on three persons engaged in conveying milk to a creamery. It is stated that three men were waylaid on a lonely part of the road by a number of young fellows, some of whom wore masks. These attacked, gagged, and bound the drivers, smashed the milk churns, cut the harness of the horses to pieces, and then scattered in various directions, leaving the victims bound and helpless on the roadside. These were subsequently released by passers-by in the same district, but some time later Shandy Hall, the residence of Mr. John Murphy, was attacked by a party of masked men.

AMERICA AND RHINELAND.

According to the "Echo de Paris" President Wilson declared to the Commission for Foreign Affairs of the U.S. Senate that Japan had promised by a document to give back Shantung to China, but he refused to communicate these documents to the Senate.

During the discussion Mr. Wilson declared also that American troops will remain in the Rhineland during the whole period fixed by the Treaty.

DWINDLING ARMY.

The Helsingfors correspondent of the "National Tidende" states that the situation with regard to the North Russian Army is still bad, desertions being numerous. The army has dwindled from 35,000 to 15,000 men. Reval is now a British Naval base and all war materials for the North Russian Army are being sent via that port.

The same paper states that England is asking for a railway concession through Esthonia to Russia to open up a road to the Russian market, also that negotiations are going on with a view to leasing the islands of Dagoe and Oesel to England for the purpose of constructing a large commercial port.

SOLDIER'S THIRD FLOOR LEAP.

When arrested in the Strand yesterday by a military patrol, a Canadian soldier, Le Bonty, hit one of his captors in the face, and dashed down Savoy-street, closely pursued. He ran into Savoy-mansions, occupied by War Office officials, and raced upstairs. Finding escape impossible by any other means, he leapt from a third-floor window and fell on the pavement.

He was taken to Endell-street Military Hospital with a fractured thigh and a dislocated arm.

FEW NEW WARSHIPS REQUIRED.

Dr. Macnamara replying at the Admiralty to a dockyard deputation, said it was the Board's intense desire to reduce to the utmost any changes that would bring distress, but discharges must take place.

There was abundant repair work at present, but few if any new warships would be required. The Admiralty desired to give all naval work possible to Government yards, and were seriously considering a proposal to use them for building merchant ships.

DISABLED SOLDIERS.

MORE MONEY AND BETTER TRAINING.

Important announcements were made by Sir Robert Horne yesterday in the course of an interview at Glasgow. The Minister of Labour, who is visiting the city to investigate several matters connected with his Department, observed that facilities for training were being very greatly increased.

Concerning pensions, he said that while undergoing industrial training, partially disabled ex-service men are in future to be treated as men unable to earn anything and are accordingly to receive the full pension allowance granted in cases of complete disablement. In addition, the Government have decided to extend the second period of unemployment donation from 13 weeks to 20 in the case of the disabled soldier who is unemployed, while such of those men as are receiving the lowest scale of pensions are to be given an extra allowance, amounting roughly to 4s. per week.

Subsistence Allowance.

It had been further arranged, he said, that when the place in which training was given made it necessary for a man to reside away from his home and family he would receive a subsistence allowance of 17s. 6d. a week.

Steps were about to be taken to begin a campaign for the purpose of ensuring that employers throughout the country should afford employment, in a reasonable percentage, to partially disabled men. The Ministry of Labour had been in close touch with employers and trade unions and they had reached an amount of agreement which gave them the greatest possible hope for the success of the scheme. "The cases of these men," said Sir Robert, "lie upon the conscience of the people, whose burden they have borne."

TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE.

ROUMANIA'S AGREEMENT WITH UKRAINE.

The Ukrainian Press Bureau in London has received intelligence from Bucharest, that the negotiations entered upon between an extraordinary Ukrainian mission and the Roumanian Government have terminated to the satisfaction of both parties.

The Roumanian Government accords to the Government of independent Ukraine the free passage through its territory of armaments, munitions, and other indispensable supplies. The two Governments pledge themselves not to take up arms against each other, and Roumania has, in addition, agreed to be the interpreter at the Peace Conference of the wishes of the Ukraine.

This important agreement, the first serious step towards the recognition of the independence of the Ukraine, has afforded the latter an opportunity of considerably developing the struggle against the Bolshevists.

JAPAN'S ARMAMENTS.

The Japanese Navy Department's programme of new construction for this year will add to the navy two battle-cruisers, three light cruisers, five first-class destroyers, five second-class destroyers, several submarines, and a number of gunboats suitable for service in China. The battle-cruisers will be of 40,000 tons displacement, and will embody the latest improvements evolved by the British Navy during the war. This programme is expected to be completed by 1923, in which year the Japanese battle fleet will consist of eight modern Dreadnoughts and six battle-cruisers.

PROFITEERING ACT.

We understand that active steps are being taken to set up as speedily as possible the necessary machinery for putting the Profiteering Act into operation. The regulations are being drafted, and it is expected that the local committees will be at work in a few weeks, if not earlier.

STOLEN STORES NOT MISSED.

At Biggleswade, yesterday, Charles Walker, employed as a butcher at Henlow Aerodrome, was sentenced to two months imprisonment for the theft of various articles of the value of £9 5s. from the aerodrome stores. Mr. R. S. Fordham, the chairman, commenting on the fact that the stolen stores were not missed by the aerodrome authorities, said:— "If this can go on at Henlow it can go on anywhere else," and he protested against the squandering of the taxpayers' money.

"RED" LITERATURE.

At Nottingham Daniel Lazarus, 19, born in England, of Russian parents, was remanded, charged under the Defence of the Realm Act with conduct calculated to cause disaffection among the civil population. It was alleged that Lazarus, who had been engaged as a railway booking clerk, had given a man a pamphlet urging British porters to prepare for a revolution. At his house a quantity of Socialist literature was found, and pamphlets dealing with the Military Service Act. Bail was refused.

FEWER GERMAN TRAINS.

Owing to the shortage of coal the German train service will be much reduced during the winter, and the trains will be neither heated nor lighted.

SAFE FLYING.

FURTHER DETAILS OF AIR MINISTRY'S COMPETITION.

Further details as to the Air Ministry's Imperial flying competition show that the main idea is to increase the safety of air travel. £64,000 will be offered in prizes, and the machines competing, big and small aeroplanes and seaplanes, must have been designed and constructed within the British Empire.

These competitions should give a great stimulus to aircraft. The first prize for aeroplanes will be £10,000 for a small type carrying two persons. For a large type machine carrying 15 persons exclusive of crew, £20,000 is offered, and for a seaplane £10,000. Each machine must carry parachutes and the seaplanes lifebelts as well for all passengers and crew. The small type machine must be capable of flying with a full load at a maximum speed of 100 miles per hour and a minimum speed of forty miles per hour; and the large type at ninety miles and forty-five miles per hour. The small machine must be capable of rising 500 feet in the first minute and the large type 350 feet in the first minute. "Full load" for small machines includes the usual instruments, sufficient petrol and oil to fly 450 miles — a load of 440lb. The large machines must carry petrol and oil sufficient to fly 600 miles and a load of 3,000lb. — this not to include the weight of the crew but to include the weight of the passengers. Seaplanes must fly eighty knots with a full load and also at a speed below forty knots. They must also be capable of climbing 350 feet in the first minute.

UNREST IN ITALY.

FIREARMS TO BE DELIVERED UP.

Throughout Italy private owners of firearms and explosives of every description, as well as other weapons of offence, must reveal them and deliver them up to the public authorities, who will judge in individual cases whether the owner is entitled to keep them. This step was made necessary by the discovery, during the strike agitations of the past few months, that suspected organisations had been accumulating arms with a view to a revolutionary and anarchist outbreak.

Thousands of arms have already been handed over by law-abiding citizens, but what the Government, of course, wants to get at are the non-law-abiding citizens who look to foment trouble, and a severe eye will be kept on these. However, since the failure of the last general strike a month ago, and especially the breakdown of the Hungarian Soviet, the agitation for a revolution has diminished considerably.

FIRE IN A CINEMA.

THEATRE DESTROYED WITHOUT LOSS OF LIFE.

A large picture theatre at Cleethorpes, known as the Royal Cinema, was completely gutted by fire last night.

Shortly before 10 o'clock a film in the operating box caught fire, and the flames quickly spread. The operator was badly burnt, and had to be carried from the building.

An alarm was raised, but fortunately there was no panic, and the house was cleared without accident to anyone.

2 ICES — £2,000.

"Give me two ice creams and the necklace is yours," said a litle page boy to an ice cream seller in the Tuilleries Garden, Paris. The necklace, composed of pearls, is said to be worth £2,000. It belongs to an American woman staying at a Paris hotel. A page boy stole it, gave it to a companion, and this companion offered it to the ice cream seller for 10f. The ice cream seller had not 10f. to spare. The day was hot and the ice cream was tempting. Thus the pearls changed hands for the ices. The mother of the ice cream seller was alarmed and informed the police. The necklace has been restored, the ice-cream seller is the poorer by two ices, and the page boy and his companion are at the police station.

EARLY CLOSING BILL.

Sir Kingsley Wood's Shops (Early Closing) Bill, the text of which was published yesterday, proposes 8 o'clock as the closing hour on Saturday and 7 o'clock on other week-days.

An exception is made of tobacconists and confectioners, whose closing hours will remain 9 and 8 respectively.

Certain exemptions may also be granted by the local authorities responsible for enforcing the Act.

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Carnegie died worth under 50,000,000 dollars (nominally £10,000,000). His fortune was immensely reduced by gifts and also by the marriage portion of his only daughter.

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The Headquarters Staff of the Canadian Army have offered Bermondsey Council 100 tons of fish for the needy of the borough.

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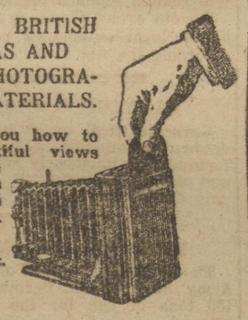

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Lt. Black	The Knut
Lt. Brutey	The Marshal
Capt. Birmiston	General Post
Capt. Fielden	White Hazard
Capt. Grahame	Niger
Capt. Bekstein	Mike
Lt. Dereham	Gold Sand
Lt.-Col. Kane	Rolleston
Capt. Player	Thelma's Pride
Lt.-Col. Shannon	Cavanagh
Major Wood	O'Nobby
Capt. Stanyforth	Tim
Capt. McMenamin	Sawdust
Capt. Towell	Jaubee
Lt. McCreery	Kilbay
Capt. Montgomery	Iron Gate
Capt. Richardson	Montreal
Major Huntley	Maori
Capt. Windham	Alfie
Lt. Batten	Pretender
Lt. Anderton	Ugly
Lt. Meynick	Montava

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE
1.45. (Second-Division).

Major Eden	Betty
Lt. Lawson	Susan
Lt.-Col. Terrot	Sindorf Lad
Major Stopford	Flaming June
Lt. T. Hilder	Milk
Lt. Tait	Sticks
Lt. Roger	Niedermbt Nellie
Capt. Stanyforth	So Long
Major [illegible]	Double Ruff
Major Mulins	Patsy
Capt. Antler	Ferndale
Lt. Wilson	Pavus
Major Cobb	Roy
Lt.-Col. Alban	Asag
Lt. Weaver	Bo's Light
Lt. Whitfield	Dick II
Lt. C. Russell	Remember Me.
Lt. McDonnel	Be Careful Baby
Major Fowler	Blocking Bridget
Major Lord	Boycock
Capt. Corrall	Lady Diana
Lt.-Col. Thorburn	Paddy II
Major Hewer	Old King Cole
Brig.-Gen. Kirby	Knockdon

2.30. MODERATE PLATE. (First Div.)

Lieut. Tanner	Aeneas
Lieut. Hammond	Biscuief III
Lieut. Appleby	Peter II
Capt. Lord Scott	Borthaugh
Lieut. Swayne	Francois
Major Moncreiffe	Nic
Capt. Fowler	Baby
Capt. Errington	General Post
Capt. Fielden	Spanish Onion
Major Hewer	Pongo
Capt. Ford	Byron
Major Cheeseman	Maureen
Capt. Brown	Coquette
Capt. Brumwell	Gordenphus
Capt. O'Callaghan	Torpedo
Lieut. Col. Belgrave	Joey
Lieut. Inglis	Black Opal
Major Russal	Cunning Katie
Lieut. Nuttall	Dinkie Doo
Lieut. Barry	Jonjare
Lieut. Col. Brooke	Stanton
Capt. Angier	Hidan Laddie
Lt. Col. Meynowan	Geraldine
Capt. Hodgins	Girl o' Girls
Lieut. Wilson	Pol Roger
Lieut. Wilson	Black Jester

3.15. MERHEIM STAKES.

Capt. McNeil	Lucifer
Lt. Fennery	Ballynooley
Lieut. Barnard	Pop
Major Bather	Billy
Capt. Bamfridge	Boys Oh Boys
Lt. Col. O'Rorke	Bulletin
Lt. Lithgow	Cayenne
Major Sinclair	Winamere
Lt. Col. Brooke	Stanton
Lt. W. Dalgleish	Bristol Fighter
Lt. Col. Meynowan	Geraldine
Major Heydeman	Johnnie Walker
Major-Gen. Tudor	Mascot
Major Gen. Tudor	Polly Dear
Lt. Eykyn	Pousse l'Amour

4.0. MODERATE PLATE. (Second Div.)

Lieut. Rees	Geebung II
Capt. Lewis	The Squirrel
Major Martin	Peach
Major Stopford	Flaming June
Lieut. Lord Alleen	Civie
Lieut. Stancliffe	Holloway
Lieut. Winn	Norah.
Capt. Stone	Hydroplane
Lieut. Col. Elliott	De Why Not.
Lieut. Lithgow	Cayenne
Major Phipps-Hornby	Chief's Right
Lieut. Col. O'Rorke	Pegtenia
Lieut. Davies	I Wonder
Major-Gen. Tudor	Polly Dear
Lieut. Dighton	Lady Norah
Lieut. Simcock	Mixie
Capt. Jones	Dark Prince
Lieut. Folkes	None
Lieut. Lumsden	The Wasp
Lieut. Page	Golden Boy
Major Smith	Maggie
Major Lemmon	Why Not
Lieut. Russell	Remember Me
Col. Lidbury	Lily
Major Wright	Bellmann

GRAND INTERNATIONAL STEEPLECHASE.
4.45

5.30. RHINE ST. LEGER STAKES.

6.15. ALLIED HURDLE RACE.

Capt. Barhurst	Swan Song
Lt. Col. Traill	Blaze
Lt. Durnford	Velociter
Capt. Latham	Noto
Capt. Adair	John Cording
Capt. Eckstein	Bowman
Major Tomkinson	Madeleine
Capt. Cocksedge	Barney
Lt. Hilder	The Mad Hatter
Major Sinclair	Winamere
Lt. Col. Thorburn	Paddy II
Lt. Davies	I Wonder
Major Eden	Betty
Capt. Richardson	Montreal
Capt. Body	Farmer's Glory
Lt. Batten	Pretender
Lt. C. Russell	Remember Me
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FRANCE AND BRITAIN.

The current ebullition of feeling expressed in the French press against the Persian agreement demonstrates the ease with which the apparently well founded understanding between the two neighbouring countries can be threatened.

The Entente established between the two countries by the instrumentality of the late King appealed to the popular imagination no less than to the good sense of the nations, and the mutual understanding only required the pitiless attack of the German armies to deepen the respect of the two nations for each other.

The difficulties of the peace which is the outcome of the war requires that our friendship with France must be devoid of any feeling of distrust.

The present chaotic domestic condition of Persia would, if permitted to continue, leave her an easy prey for her hereditary enemy the Turk, and the machinations of Russia, should that country ever care to renew her policy of irritation in Indian affairs.

The close proximity of our Indian empire makes it imperative that we should take an interest in the restoration of Persia from the condition of internal anarchy and utter defencelessness in which she now exists.

That is our defence for having made our agreement with Persia and we feel confident that the validity of the defence is not questioned in France. There the opposition is entirely inspired by our attitude to the French policy in Syria. (To the French people the outlook is that we have insisted upon France holding her hand in Syria and resisting an actual protectorate being established over that country while we have, in effect, gained what amounts to an equivalent in Persia.

Whatever justice there may be in this view, and it is debatable, there can be no doubt that every effort should be made on both sides of the channel to remove these sources of distrust. No one makes the mistake of supposing that there is no further need for friendship with France. It is as necessary now as it ever was. It is not required that the two countries should imitate each other in manners or in thought but the application of a little insight and discrimination is wanted on both sides.

GOD AND THE FOOL.

"There is no God" are the words used by some, but King David, in his writings calls this type of man a fool.

As the great Universe in which we live goes on day by day in the same orderly way, men say it is all governed by the Laws of Nature, and think when those magic words have been used, all argument or assertion that a God exists, turns into mere idle words.

We know however that there can be no law unless that law has been made or given by someone, thus the very fact of the law implies a Law Giver or Maker, and the Christian religion calls that Law Giver, God.

If the Universe is governed by laws, and the order in things implies that it is so, then the universe acts according to some settled plan, and a plan must imply thought, and it follows as a natural sequence that the thought implies a thinker. "The world" as Professor Wragg puts it, "is not a fortuitous concourse of atoms", and we can readily see that there is no room for chance in the great Divine Plan, "for how can life in its most elementary form be a combination or inter action of dead matter and blind force."

The vastness of space must impress the human race with its own insignificance, and show mankind that a power must guide that vast array of stars.

Every science has to take some basis for its experiments, something taken for granted, and upon that hypothesis, science can work. Men should not blame the Theologian who in studying the science of God, takes his hypothesis as God.

Some speak of evolution, and in that think that they have found the answer to all the problems of life; in that magic word, think that they have found the acme of perfection in the way of argument as to what the world is, and the key to all the problems of the origin of life.

Every effect must have a cause in the chain of evolution, and even if one is told that it all comes from an original dust which science calls protoplasm, that dust in the great chain is only an effect, and one must go back some time to a first cause. No better First Cause can be found than God.

God the great Hypothesis upon which we build our hope of salvation and immortality. God our great Figure one, our First Cause, our Law Giver, who governs all.

Truly in the face of the great Universe it must only be the fool who can say in his heart that there is no God.

A GARRISON CHURCH.

WITH THE CATHOLICS.

Down one side of the Church of the Minorites there is a throng of khaki with a sprinkling of Germans; down the other there is a throng of Germans with a sprinkling of khaki. A few W.R.A.F.S. and British women, some subalterns and field officers, and other ranks in plenty, knee or sit here or there, intermingled without design.

In this House of God worldly precedence seems not to be observed. As we Catholics enter the church, we feel that God our Father sees our naked souls. If we linger near the door like the publican He knows we feel our unworthiness to come at all; and if we go up nearer to the Holy of Holies He knows that we are like little children, yearning for a closer embrace from He our Greatneart.

A priest and a server enter, and Mass begins. At the foot of the altar the 42nd. Psalm "Judge me, O God" is said in Latin, followed by the mutual confession of priest and people. We scarcely hear the minister; that does not trouble us. As children we learned the story, the fact and the action of the Mass, and now it hardly matters whether we read our books, say the rosary, sing a hymn, or simply watch and think. We know what is going to happen, and mutually we acknowledge our mistakes and ask for forgiveness. It is our little "clean up" in preparation for a visitor.

The priest has moved now to the altar; he says a prayer and then the "Glory be to God on High." Another prayer, and then a reading from the Episdes. Soon he is at the other side of the altar for the Gospel. We in the body of the church rise to our feet out of respect for the evangelical message.

After a while we again glance towards the altar, and all kneel down. In the manner of long ago the celebrant has taken bread and wine, and he offers them to Heaven, along with the hearts of himself and the people. It is a co-operative offering.

A minute or so goes by, the priest has taken the bread in his hands, and, in the words of Christ at the Last Supper, he says, "This is My body." Taking also the wine, he again speaks for the Master, "This is My blood." And we Catholics believe that Christ has come again; that, in a mystical way, He has again inhabited our little world: that again he is offering himself to the Father, for us and all others.

It has happened then. He is here. We can hardly make our hearts sing "Blessed is he that cometh," so stunned are we by the awfulness of it all, the nearness of God to us, the "far-awayness" of us from God. Doubts do not trouble us. We have taken the plain meaning of the Scriptures, we know He said, "The bread that I will give you is My flesh," and again, "Take ye and eat, this is My body which shall be delivered for you; do this in commemoration of Me"; and yet again, "He that eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood abideth in Me and I in Him." God can do all things.

Did He not implant His Son in the womb of the Virgin without human assistance save the maiden's acquiescence? Did not that Son rise bodily from the grave wherein He had lain dead? If He wishes to hide Himself under the appearance of bread and wine, may He not do so?

The Mass goes on, the remembering of the dead, the Lord's Prayer, the "Lamb of God," the "Lord, I am not worthy;" and then the Communion, actual and spiritual. Another prayer or two, followed by the reading of that wonderful Gospel of St. John, "In the beginning was the Word."

After a few more prayers the service is over, and we leave the church. From the days of Abel there have been sacrifices to God. The blood of lambs and of oxen, the first fruits of the year have all served to show man's fealty to his creator. But the offerings were never rich enough for the Maker of all things.

Even the hearts of man, which He loves and longs for, are but a dingy offering to so Divine a being. So He sent His Son, not to destroy the old sacrifices, but to build up a new one and unite the old with it. This new sacrifice was first offered on Cavalry, and, in accordance with the commands left to His apostles, it is offered daily throughout the world in the mystical sacrifice of the Mass. As we take part in it we help to fulfil the prophecy of Melchisidech, "From the rising of the sun to the going down thereof there shall be sacrifice."

J.B.Mc.D.

WHAT TO SEE IN RHINELAND.

IX. ARENBERG.

The closer my acquaintance with the lovely Rhine valley becomes, the greater grows its charm and the more beautiful its hidden beauties.

How often long repellant German names hide a locality of exceptional attraction, I realised when fancy led me a week ago to discover the unsuspectedly interesting grounds of Pfarrer Kraus at Arenberg.

This place is so well worth a visit, that the effort to catch the early train to Coblenz is amply repaid. I know of no view to surpass the one we enjoyed from the hills beyond the pontoon bridge of this town, with its imposing buildings and monuments, its lovely pleasure grounds and noble bridges spanning the broad rivers as they lay shimmering in the splendour of August sunshine and melting amongst the blue hills in the hazy distance beyond.

It is from the valley below that one finds the trams for Arenberg. We soon reach our destination and just casually enter an ordinary looking church inside the gates. But once across the threshold, we stand spellbound and amazed at the exquisite loveliness of the interiors.

The whole of the walls, pillars and ceiling are decorated throughout with a mosaic of rare and beautiful stones, which form a most effective setting for numerous tableaux which surround the church. Special attention has been paid to the most important scenes connected with the birth and death of Christ. Both these incidents occupy the space at each end of the church.

The latter behind the altar exceed in perfection of detail the most extravagant expectancy and the way in which colored glass windows diffuse a lovely glow of light on the faces of the Madonna and Christ, imparting an unearthly radiance, makes one feel they are looking on the faces of angels.

This scene, including the crucified malefactors and the women weeping at the foot of the cross, is the most appealing representation of this heart-rending spectacle imaginable and only the most callous would fail to be moved by the greatness of that sacrifice and the marvellous love that prompted it.

Paths outside thread the grounds and a pleasant pine wood, in which one comes on as many as twenty notable chapels and numerous shrines, all reproducing familiar Bible stories replete with vivid reality and local colouring.

Such subjects as "The angel Gabriel appearing to the Virgin Mary," "Christ in the carpenter's shop," "The raising of Lazarus," "The Disciples asleep in the garden," and "Our Lord's agonised prayer in Gethsemane" are so beautifully executed, that they appeal alike to young and old.

These grounds are situated amongst most ideal surroundings and a ramble in this vicinity cannot be surpassed for the glorious prospects on every hand.

It was a revelation as to the way our American allies are treated when on returning to Coblenz we were able to wind up a most enjoyable day at their model Y. M. C. A. with such a sumptuous feed of soup, roast fowl, green peas, ice etc. that one wished in vain for a winter appetite in place of a heat wave apology.

E. W. I.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

CABARET OR . . . ?

Sir,—How keen "H.H.J." seems on cafes, women and wine, not forgetting music appeals to him.

Moderate drinking is in its place, but in the company of friends accompanied by the uplifting influence of music it generally accumulates.

In some extraordinary way the idea of cafes falls to the ground on return to home life. Is it that the English way, appeals to one more?

If people have no interest in the works of nature, sport etc. then the only place where they can enjoy themselves is in a cafe.

C. R.

ARE GERMANS IMPOLITE?

Sir,—In reply to "G.Y.F." I would like to point out that politeness on the part of Germans is much more noticeable in the smaller towns around Cologne than in Cologne itself.

In one township not a hundred miles from Cologne I notice that local residents invariably doffed their hats to one another, while British officers and men were shown courtesy and respect.

In Cologne these small amenities of life are lost amid the hustle, and if I mistake not, the resident is not so refined, while his treatment of the weaker sex is not considerate. Instance the gathering of four men and three women at the entrance to a certain residence. The door was opened, the men crowded in and the women were left to follow.

B.A.R.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

Sir,—Can any of your readers in Cologne help me in regard to my piteous appeal in to-day's advertisement column?

I much prefer developing and printing my own work, but I cannot possibly find the time to do so. I have tried a number of the German photography shops, with the result of getting, from excellent negatives, very indifferent and careless prints. The negatives, too, are often spoiled.

These shops have such a rush of work that they only turn out approximations and what might have been worth keeping or sending away is worthless for either purpose, a fair result instead of a valuable one being the outcome.

I want to find someone who understands how to get the best effect from each negative and who will do it as carefully and painstakingly as though it were his own. I am quite willing to play a fair price for such work, according to results.

SEEKER.

THE RATE OF EXCHANGE.

Sir,—"Demobilisable" appears to imagine that the Post Office authorities cease to issue Treasury notes etc. at certain times just as the whim seizes them. This is, of course, entirely wrong. The P. O. is much too busy an institution to carry out whims, they simply act as ordered and cannot be blamed for carrying out orders.

There is, moreover, a good reason for the order, obvious to all who are acquainted with matters in the Occupied Area. With no exchange restrictions there might be some temptation to speculate on the vagaries of the value of the mark and such speculation is undesirable from every point of view, except perhaps that of the lucky and self-seeking speculator.

An invariable rate would relieve the P. O. people of an enormous amount of labour. To be blamed for having the labour increased is distinctly unfair.

SYMPATHISER.

This correspondence is closed.—*ED.*

THE TOTALISATOR.

Sir,— "Manifest's" reply to my letter simply amounts to the suggestion that the Rhine Army racing public are capable of consistently placing the first three horses, although as I take it he would agree himself, the racing experience of the majority is negligible and their inside knowledge absolutely "nil".

He further apparently considers that where there are only seven runners the above feat is ipso facto, simplicity itself. If this is his experience as the result of thirty-three years racing I wish he had been with me to guide me on the first day at Ascot this year when there were, speaking from memory, only 29 runners in seven races. What a day we should have had! As it was, in company with most people, I found quite a lot of losers.

No. The prices I complain about started as long ago as the early Kalk meetings when in a field of over forty animals, the vast majority of which were not even known by name to even a fraction of the public, the favourite was beaten and the winner returned at the remunerative price of 2—1!

I say again that prices have been returned by the Rhine Army Totalisators that are mathematical impossibilities if only the normal percentage of the stakemoney is deducted. If "Manifest" wants to prove I am wrong, all he has to do is to let the public know just what percentage is being deducted. That is what a good many people as well as myself would like to know and this is the sole object of my letter.

HABITUAL RACEGOER.

THE PRESENT.

You're full Lad, of hope for the future,
You're thinking of days that are past,
But you're missing the wonderful treasure,
Of the days that are now flying fast:

To grieve o'er the past Lad, is folly,
No time can compare with to-day,
If the times that are gone Lad, were jolly,
Make the present as happy and gay:

So seize Lad, your chance in the Present,
Dont mourn o'er the past, but be sure,
That you profit by all bygone errors,
Then the future will smile at your door.

SOLLUM, 1916. *REX.*
3rd Battn. M.G.C. Mgd.

COLOGNE RACES.

Large Crowd And Excellent Sport At First August Meeting.

In threatening weather, the first August meeting of the Cologne races yesterday attracted a large crowd to the Cologne Race Course.

The racing was of a particularly high standard and there was no lack of excitement.

The following were the officials:—
Stewards:—Major General A.A. Kennedy, C.M.G., Brigadier-General N. W. Haig, C.B., C.M.G.; Brig.-General J.C. Rotton. C.B., C.M.G.; Lieut.-Col. T.P. Melvill, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Col. J. W. Jeffreys, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Col. C. M. Longmore, D.S.O.

Judges:—Major-General Sir S. T. B. Lawford, K.C.B.; Brig.-General W. P. Monkhouse, C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O.

Starter:—Brig.-General H.B.P.L. Kennedy, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Clerk of the Course:—Capt. W. S. G. Bridger, Royal Sussex Regt.

Clerks of the Scales:—Capt. G. Babington, N.S.Y.; Lieut. F. Cook, R.G.A.

Secretary:—Major T. H. Carlisle, D.S.O., M.C., R.H.A.

DETAILS.

12.45—THE MEDIOCRITY STEEPLECHASE (1st DIVISION).
WINNER 3,000 MARKS. ABOUT 2½ MILES.

Rednal (Lieut. W. Coles, R.F.A.) 1
Morning Star (Major I. Biggam, R.A.M.C.) 2
Sandford (Lieut. P. Donner, 11th Hussars) 3

Also ran:—Pretender, Zillbooke, Paddy II, Hiawatha, The Knut, Montava, Patricia, Cavanagh. Winner 25 to 10 win; 16 to 10 place.

The start was good and the field well kept together for some distance. Rednal, going easily, took up the running in the last mile and won easily. Two lengths separated the second and third. The field tailed off.

1.15—THE MEDIOCRITY STEEPLECHASE (2nd DIVISION).
WINNER 3,000 MARKS. ABOUT 2½ MILES.

Ugly (Lieut. Anderton) 1
Remember Me (Lt. Campell-Russell R.A.S.C.) 2
Double Ruff (Major R. F. Bett, R.A.V.C.) 3

Winner: win 73 to 10; places: 29, 40 and 52 to 10.

Also ran:—Gold Sand, Banbee, Glutton, Old Man, Shylock, O'Nobby, Montreal, Gold Dust, Coeur-de Lion, Phreya, Sticks, and Alfie.

Double Ruff led from Ugly and Remember Me, with Old Man, Alfie, Gold Sand and O'Nobby tailed off well in the rear. Just before entering the straight, Ugly took the wrong course, but recovered, and won easily. Glutton fell at the water jump.

2.30—MOSELLE PLATE (1st DIVISION).
WINNER 3,000 MARKS. 7 FURLONGS.

Golden Syrup (Lt. R. Bulteel, 17th Lancers) 1
Geraldine (Lt. Col. J. McGowan, R.A.V.C.) 2
Torpedo (Capt. C. O'Callaghan, Royal Dragoons) +
Ceylon (Lieut. Col. H. Combe, 15th Hussars) +

+Dead heat for third place.
Winner: win 198 to 10; places 62, 35, 51, 68 to 10.

Also ran:—Cunning Kati, Niger, Shadow, Maid of the Mountains, Hydroplane, Spanish Onion, Hollaway, Maygit, So long, Golden Syrup, Maid Marian, Shinfield and Polly.

Maygitt gave trouble at the post and delayed the start. Golden Syrup won a good race, Maygitt being last.

3.15—MOSELLE PLATE (2nd DIVISION).
WINNER 3,000 MARKS. 7 FURLONGS.

Polly Dear (Maj. Gen. H. H. Tudor) 1
Dark Prince (Capt. C. Wynne Jones, 17th Lancers) 2
Byron (Capt. E. M. Ford, R.A.S.C.) 3

Also ran:—Lady Mine, Molly, Aeneas, Cayenne, Josephine, Lady Diana, Hielan Laddie, Coquette, Simon, Bulletin, Girl O'Girls, Nic, Duchess II, Tabasco, Melody, Black Jester and Billmann.

From a bad start Girl O'Girls made all the running from Byron and Polly Dear until half way up the straight, when the latter came to the front and won easily.

4.00—THE CHAMPAGNE STEEPLECHASE
WINNER 5,000 MARKS. ABOUT 2 MILES.

Iron Gate (Capt. W. Montgomery N.I.H.) 1
Late Report (Lieut. R. Bulteel, 17th Lancers) 2
Patrick (ate Paddy) (Capt. T. Hodgins, R.A.V.C.) 3

Also ran:—Firefly III, Marab, Rollston, Radius, and Lady Betty.

Paddy ran right away from the field from the start, and maintained that position with Iron Gate lying some distance behind. At the bend by the chimneys Iron Gate and Late Report overtook the leader and on entering the straight the former went ahead and won by four lengths. Two lengths divided second and third.

Winner: 35 to 10; places 13, 14, and 14 to 10.

4.45—COLOGNE STAKES.
WINNER 4,000 MARKS. 6 FURLONGS.

Pop (Lt. Durnford, 9th Lancers) 1
Ballyhooley (Lieut. W. Fennelly, R.A.V.C.) 2
Geraldine (Lieut.-Col. J. McGowan, R.A.V.C.) 3

Winner: 22 to 10 win; places 13, 13, and 29 to 10.

Also ran:—Patsy, Pegdennis, Paulette, Sprint, Firefly II, Eau de Cologne, Mycha, Nolo, Tommy G, and De Why Not.

Pop, Ballyhooley, and Paulette immediately got away, the latter leading to the bend when Pop forged ahead. Nearing the distance, Ballyhooley challenged, but failed to score after a fine effort. Won by a neck, 1½ lengths separating second and third.

5.30—PRINCE OF WALES STAKES.
WINNER 4,000 MARKS. ABOUT 1¼ MILES.

Mascot (Major-General T. H. Tudor, Lowland Div.) 1
Sahib (Major P. Bagshaw, R.A.V.C. 2
Madeleine (Major H. Tomkinson, Royal Dragoons) 3

Also ran:—Bristol Fighter, Maori, Brigade Major, Nabotta, The Flapper, Old Backs, Esmeralda, Valentine, Johnnie Walker, Pousse L'Amour, Iris II, Mischeck, Reynard's Comet, Winamere, Jumcrack, Betty, Gambier, and Billy.

Winner 49 to 10; places 20, 27, and 17.

Mascot and Sahib made all the running, the former winning a fine race by three lengths. There was one length between second and third. In this race there was an unfortunate incident. Billy fell, and his rider, Major Phippa-Hornby, sustained a severe shaking.

6.15—ARMY COUNCIL STAKES.
HANDICAP OF 3,000 MARKS TO WINNER.
5 FURLONGS STRAIGHT.

Civie (Lieut. Lord Killeen, 17th Lancers) 1
Jimmy II (Major Bather, R.F.A.) 2
Swan Song (Capt. L. Bathurst, R.A.S.C.) 3

Also ran:—Mad hatter, Jane, Lady Norah, Suzanne, Godolphin, Lily, Geebung II, I Wonder, The Wasp, Norah, and The Squirrel.

Winner 16 to 10; places 16, 18, and 22.

Civie got well away and maintained the lead to the post. Jimmy challenged, but failed to overtake. Swan Song was a good third. Won by a neck, three-quarters of a length dividing second and third.

SPORTING PROWESS.

121st Heavy Bty. R.G.A.'s Successful Season In Bonn District.

With the imminent closing of the "C.P.C" Competition, the above battery concludes a successful football and cricket season in Bonn and the surrounding district. By winning the Bonn Football Cup, holding a good place in the Cricket League, and securing premier position in the sports held recently by the 29th Brigade R.G.A., the 121 H.B., R.G.A have been prominent in Rhine Army sport since arriving in Bonn in December of last year.

LONDON DIVISION BOXING.

The results of the London Division Boxing Tournament are as follows:—

Bantam Weight:— Pte. Spooner, 7th Middlessex (Winner), Pte. Skipsey, 2/4th Queens, (Runner-up).

Feather Weight:— Pte. Stillwell, 17th R. Fusiliers (Winner), Pte. Woodard, 7th Middlesex (Runner-up).

Light Weight:—Cpl. Stevens, 7th Middlesex (Winner), Pte. Ferrett (Runner-up).

Welter Weight:— Pte. Polding, 2/4th Queens (Winner), Pte. Worman, 17th R. Fusiliers (Runner-up).

Middle Weight:—Sergt. Rees, 41st M.C.C. (Winner), Pte. Ross, 23rd Middlesex (Winner).

A DRAWN GAME.

In connection with the 84th Bde. R.G.A. Cricket League, a match was played at Mehlem between the 336 Bty R.G.A. (89) and the 84th Bde R.A.S.C. (89). The Gunners batted first and compiled a very useful score, chiefly through the good batting of Lainchbery (28), Lieut. Williams (19) and Quinnell (12). The R. A. S. C. started badly, losing their first wicket with only one run on the board, but Cooke and Cpl. Wright batted very well for the third wicket, taking the score to 54 before Wright was bowled. With Cpl. Gee in, another good stand was made and the R. A. S. C. looked like winning. Cpl. Gee, however, was bowled and then wickets fell fast. Cooke was run out when he had made 44. Wanting one to win with one wicket to fall, the last man went in and, amid, great excitement, was bowled by the first ball, the game thus ending in a draw.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Sunday, August 24, 1919.

Surface wind Westerly, 5—10 m.p.h. Generally cloudy, but fairer at times. Good visibility. Moderate temperature.

DIPPER'S DAY.

Dipper, of Gloucestershire, accomplished a striking performance in the match against Leicestershire. During the day he took fourteen wickets for 104 runs, an achievement which, on top of his several recent big innings, places him amongst the outstanding players of the year. Strangely enough, Dipper has rarely previously met with success on a sticky wicket. On the same day he played a not-out innings.

AMERICAN AMBITIONS.

It is reported that Mr. Joe Woodman, of Boston, Mass., who first brought Sam Langford to England about a dozen years ago and later Sam and Porky Flynn, proposes paying another visit, bringing with him the pair mentioned and other new blood of which he has a very high opinion. One of them is an 8st 4 lad, named Snyder, with victories to his credit over such boxers as Johnny Rosner, Young Zulu Kid, Pal Moore and Joe Lynch, his ambition being a meeting with Wilde, to whom the men mentioned have also fallen. Socco, a strong lightweight, and Egan, an 11st man, whom Woodman describes as the best middleweight he has ever seen, are also spoken of as being in the party.

BRILLIANT BOWLING.

14 Yorks and Lancs Batting and Bowling Averages.

C.P.C. MATCHES.

Probably the best bowling average for the entire season is that of 2 Lieut. C.H. Fishpool (1/4 Yorks and Lancs) who, as recorded below, has taken 88 wickets for an average of 2.87 runs. Considering most of the matches were played on a prolific scoring ground at Blücher Park, this record is doubly remarkable.

The season's bowling averages for the 1/4 Yorks and Lancs are as follows:—

Name	Runs	Wickets	Aver.
2/Lt. C.H. Fishpool	255	88	2·87
Pte. Senior	115	19	6·00
Capt. Dixon	267	30	8·9
Pte. Bennett	374	41	9·12
Cpl. Fletcher	38	6	6·33

The batting averages for the same club are:—

	No. of inn.	No. of runs	Most in inn.	Times not out	Av.
Capt. Dixon	16	260	59x	3	20·
L/Cpl. Paine	16	289	58	0	18·
Col. Headlam	14	208	53	2	17·
Cpl. Fletcher	12	151	57x	3	16·77
Pte. Herbert	8	92	27	1	13·1
Pte. Senior	8	103	48	0	12·87
2nd Lt. Fishpool	10	125	44	0	12·05
Cpl. Hyde	10	103	24	0	10·03

Appended are short summaries of the latest matches in the Competition:—

MIDLAND D.A.C. (48) v. 16th FIELD AMB. (28) at Nieder Elvenich. The visitors batted first, but on a very fast wicket could not make much headway against the D.A.C. bowlers. Darvel with 4 for 15 and Doenra 6 for 10 dismissed the Ambulance for 28. It was a long time before the D.A.C. could settle down, but thanks to Lieut. Bishop, who compiled a useful 10, the D.A.C. passed their opponents score at the fall of the 8th wicket and made 48 in all.

Other Results.

13th Kings Liverpool 122; 5th Borderers 27

16th LANCS FUS. (143) v. 15th LANCS FUS. (83). For the 16th Lancs Fus 2/Lieut. Thomson made 34 and Sergt. Preston 33. For the 15th, Pte. Shore 23 and Pte. Hilton 14.

17th LANCERS (203 for 9) v. 9th D.L.I. (69). For 17th Lancers, Capt. Stanyfort scored 28, Major Micholls 35 and Pte. Clarke 31 not out.

4th SUFFOLK REGT. (112) v. 51st KINGS. L'POOL REGT. (19) at Troisdorf. For the Suffolk Regt., Pte. Pither took 6 wickets for 7 runs and Lieut. Sills scored 39 not out.

4th SUFFOLK REGT. (174) v. LANCS DIV. SIG. COY. (74) at Troisdorf.

121st HEAVY BTY. R.G.A. (138) v. LANCS DIV. M.T. COY. (71) at Bonn. The Heavies gained an easy victory, Gnr. Eyre hitting up 30 in free style and Dvr. Thomas playing a stylish innings of 26. Capt. Deacon hit 5 boundaries for his 20. Bdr. Harlock (6 for 31) was in great form with the ball and only Major Rowntree (26) and Major Kershaw (16) reached double figures for the visitors.

BONN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
13 Kings L'pool Regt.	28	26	2		52§
4 Suffolk Regt.	29	24	5		48§
5 Border Regt.	27	24	3		48§
16 Lancs Fus.	24	21	2	1	43§
23 Royal Fus.	26	21	5		42§
121 Heavy Bty.	27	19	7	1	39§
Lancs Div. M.T. Coy.	27	18	9		36§
52 Welsh Regt.	24	16	6	2	34§ +
15 Lancs Fus.	20	14	6		28§ +
X Corps Sig. Coy. R.E.	26	13	12	1	27§
I.T. M.B., Western	26	13	12	1	27§ +
303 Siege Bty.	28	13	15		26§
51 Kings L'pool Regt.	25	12	12	1	25§
Lancs Div. Sig. Coy.	26	12	14		26§
92 Field Amb.	26	11	15		22§
69 Siege Bty.	25	9	16		18§ +

§ Points awarded for scratched matches.
+ Games lost by default.

RULES OF RACING.

The revised rules of racing relating to entries of horses on the death of a nominator, will come into force on Sept. 1 next.

The Epsom Derby and Oaks and the Doncaster St. Leger of 1921 will close on the first Tuesday in October.

A DELIGHTFUL DANCE.

Enjoyable Function at A. G. and C. College.

A delightful invitation dance was given at the Army General and Commercial College on Friday night.

Excellent music, dispensed by the orchestra of the "F" Batty A.A. Section, and a good floor made dancing most enjoyable.

Several of the rooms adjoining the dancing room were tastefully fitted up as supper rooms, wherein the daintiest of suppers appeased the appetites and thirst produced by August dancing. Among those present were Brig. Gen. Fuller; Colonel Gossett; the Commandant of the College; Col. Heath, Major Myles and many of the others, ladies and gentlemen, connected with the college work. Representatives of many spheres of army work were also there and a large number of British officers' wives.

RHINE GOLF FINAL.

Ex-Amateur Champion beaten at Marienburg.

BRILLIANT PLAY.

Golf of the first class was witnessed at Marienburg yesterday, when the finals of the Rhine Army Golf Championship were played. The course itself is bare and uninteresting, the hazards few and not too well sited and the sultry weather had rendered the greens fast and tricky, in spite of the care with which they had been tended. The golf, however, was of a very high standard as numerous 3's and even 2's testified.

The most interesting event was the final of the men's open in which Lieut.-Col. A. G. Barry, D.S.O., M.C., 41st Bn. M.G.C. was challenged by Capt. A. H. Read, O.B.E., of the G.H.Q. staff. Lieut.-Col. Barry, a well-known figure in the golfing world, is best remembered by his sensational victory in the Amateur Open Championship in 1905. His opponent, Capt. Read, had shown consistent form in the eliminating rounds and rose to the height of his power during the final stages of the competition.

Six Holes Halved.

The game opened rather tamely owing to faulty putting, Col. Barry taking the first three holes and then losing the fourth and fifth. Play through the green was excellent on the part of both competitors, but short approaches were not placed dead and the next six holes were halved. Capt. Read then gained the lead by a four at the 12th and a two at the 13th. Col. Barry, however, rose to the occasion and with the aid of a brilliant three at the 16th ended the morning round 1 up.

During the afternoon's play, Capt. Read especially distinguished himself by the accuracy of his run up approaches. At the 3rd, a short hole presenting difficulties owing to an embanked roadway five yards before the green, he twice succeeded in obtaining a two. This, with a two at the 17th gave him a card showing three 2's and eight 3's during the course of the game. Col. Barry had bad luck in finding hazards three times during the last round and in spite of magnificent play through the green, failed to reduce the lead gained by his opponent during the early stages of the afternoon's play.

The End.

The end came with unexpected suddenness at the 33rd hole. Col. Barry had reached the green (360 yards) in two and appeared to have the hole well in hand as his ball lay less than a yard from the pin. He overran his putt, however, and failed to hole the return shot, leaving his opponent to hole from a well-placed third, in four. Capt. Read, whose short play throughout the afternoon had been beyond reproach, thus won by 4 and 3, thereby winning the Championship Cup of the Army of the Rhine.

Further results will be published in our issue of Tuesday.

PRIVATE FLYING.

£450 Single-Seater Biplane On The Market.

The Austin Motor Company, who, during the last four years of the war, built upwards of two thousand service aeroplanes for the Ministry of Munitions, has decided to test the present conditions of and outlook in civil aviation by marketing a single-seater biplane of the "Pup" type, selling at £450, and specially constructed with a view to accommodation in an ordinary garage and use in restricted grounds.

The wing span is given as 21ft. 6in. and the wings fold up. Its fuselage length is only 16ft, and the machine with wings folded can be accommodated in a garage 18ft. long by 9ft. wide by 8ft. high, so that storage should present little difficulty. It is equipped with a six-cylinder Anzani static radial engine warranted to drive the machine at a maximum of 85 miles per hour in still air, and as the range of controllable speed runs down to 30 miles per hour, the little biplane is quite a manageable affair. It can climb 5,000ft. in eight minutes and 10,000 in eighteen, which would suggest the latter to be its "ceiling."

For the design, which is not a mere imitation of a military machine, but specially drafted for its set purpose, the following points are claimed: Stability in the air; comfort in flying; simplicity of construction; little adjustment or attention needed on the ground; reliability of the frame, landing gear, &c., are constructed throughout of steel, the use of wood being entirely eliminated; low landing speed and ability to pull up after a very short run; a reliable engine, the Anzani radial engine is giving very good service. It has been put through its paces by a distinguished R.A.F. pilot, who was delighted with its simplicity and airworthiness.

M. J. G. RITCHIE BEATEN.

In the men's singles at the Northern lawn tennis championship meeting at Scarborough, B. Norton (South Africa) beat M. J. G. Ritchie, L. Raymond (South Africa) defeated M. Hicks, Captain O'Hara Wood (Australia) beat Captain Styles (South Africa), and C. Lyles outplayed R. D. Watson, who retired.

TURF FIGURES.

Leading Owners, Trainers, And Jockeys.

LORD GLANELY STILL LEADING.

With Somerset Lassie and Scatwell winning for him last week, Lord Glanely further increased his lead over Lord Derby, whose only success was gained with Glaciale. Alec Taylor, F. Barling, the Hon. G. Lambton, H. Persse, F. Hartigan, and Gilpin all added to their totals in the trainers' list during the week.

Fox, with five winning rides, was the most successful jockey. Donoghue, who only had six mounts, won three races; while Carlaske had a blank week.

Jockeys.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unp.	T'tl.
Donoghue, S.	106	101	56	136	399
Carslake, B.	60	46	23	70	210
Smyth, V.	47	44	33	130	254
Colling, G.	42	37	28	129	236
Hulsे, G.	35	25	20	80	160
Fox, F.	35	32	30	169	266
Templeman, F.	33	26	30	51	140
Whalley, A.	32	34	20	104	190
Foy, C.	28	25	30	98	181
Slade, F.	30	19	19	99	167
Wheatley, E.	27	35	24	80	166
Scatwell, J.	26	20	28	112	186

Winning Horses.

	Races won.	£
Grand Parade (3 yrs), c by Orby—Gran Geraldine	2	7266
Buchan (3 yrs), c by Sunstar—Hamoaze	3	6170
Arion (4 yrs), c by Valens—Post Horn	4	5446
Bayuda (3 yrs), f by Bayardo—Jessica	1	4950
Roseway (3 yrs), f by Stornaway—Rose of Ayrshire	2	4894
The Panther (3 yrs), c by Tracery—Countess Zia	1	4850
By Jingo (5 yrs), c by Aquascutum—Minnesota	2	4675
Sarbedon (2 yrs), c by The Tetrarch—Perfect Peach	3	4106½
He (4 yrs), c by Sanfoi—She	4	3521
Tetratema (2 yrs), c by The Tetrarch—Scotch Gift	2	3517
Dominion (3 yrs), c by Polymelus—Osyrua	2	3450
Orpheus (2 yrs), c by Orby—Electra	4	3126½

Owners.

	No. of horses.	Races won.	£
Glanely, Lord	13	24	21,366
Derby, Lord	14	23	10,572
Hulton, Sir E	9	13	9,147
Jersey, Lord	6	13	7,980
Joel, Mr. S. B.	12	24	7,872
De Pledge, Mr. W. T.	9	13	7,000
McCalmont, Major D.	6	11	6,096
Astor, Major	2	4	6,650
White, Mr. J.	11	16	6,509
Black, Sir A.	2	2	5,838
Owen, Mr. H. C.	6	13	4,984
Douglas, Lady James	1	1	4,950

Trainers.

	No. of horses.	Races won.	£
Taylor, A	19	22	24,086
Barling, F. B.	12	23	20,945
Lambton, Hon. G.	20	35	15,592
Persse, H. S.	17	29	14,000
Hartigan, F.	15	23	9,624
Linas, H.	18	30	8,887
Sadler, jun., A.	7	14	8,043
Day, R.	15	22	7,992
Leates, S.	12	24	7,982
Gilpin, P. P.	8	11	7,778
Rhodes, J.	11	13	7,310
Manser, G.	6	6	7,193

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

Strenuous Preparations for the Coming Season.

In the football world at home there is great activity; all the Clubs are holding their practice matches and trials and finding the worth of the players at their disposal in preparation for the opening of the season so close upon us.

Perhaps never before has there been such great uncertainty as to the relative strength of the clubs in the various leagues. After a break of five years, it is only to be expected that numerous changes must be effected. Many brilliant soccer stars made the supreme sacrifice in the great war, while others have retired from the profession. A large number, of course, remain and will turn out for their old clubs, but generally speaking there has been an unprecedented re-shuffle and until the various teams actually meet, no-one can possibly form an accurate estimate of their comparative strengths.

Has the standard of football deteriorated as a result of the break? That, also, remains to be proved, but close followers of the code assert that it has not and declare that we can confidently look forward to expositions of the game equalling anything that was ever seen in pre-war days.

One thing very certain is the eagerness of the public for the opening of the season; everything indicates an increased popularity and an even greater following of the world's greatest tournament. Consequently the English clubs have justification for anticipating a year of unparalleled prosperity.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Leave Club Programme.

From 5 to 6 this afternoon the Rev. C. E. Wheeler will converse in the writing room at the British Empire Leave Club, and 6.30 p.m. the Belgian Band, 1st Grenadiers, will pay a special visit, when songs will be sung by Miss Ada Moore, Major Greenless, Lieut. Ramsay, and Lieut. Mearns, Cpl. Rossi playing the violin. To-morrow from 5 to 6 there will be an impromptu concert by Miss Ada Moore, a practice dance following in the theatre half an hour later. On Tuesday the fixtures are:—Dancing class in theatre (5-6); impromptu concert (5-6); and "Prongs" concert party (7p.m.).

Further Arrangements.

Permission has been given by the Commander-in-Chief for a Fancy Dress Dance, which will be held at the Leave Club from 5p.m. to 10p.m. on Wednesday. A masked jazz band will be in attendance. For the remainder of the week the arrangements are as follows:—Thursday—Drum and Fife Band of the 23rd Middlesex Regt. (by kind permission of the C.O.) from 5 to 6; whist drive 6.30 p.m.; Friday—Dancing class in music room (5,6); dance in theatre (6.30). From to-day all entertainments at the Club are starting half an hour earlier.

The "Prongs" at Opladen.

The "Prongs," 92nd Bde. R.G.A., Concert Party, gave a concert at 223 Siege Bty billet, Opladen, on Wednesday evening, before a packed audience. By special request they gave that ever amusing show "The Yorkshire lad in London," in which Pte T. Robinson, Sig. Edwin J. Batey, and Pte Leslie Clarke displayed excellent talent. L/Cpl Castle presented a screaming burlesque, "The Toreador." Gnr. J. Wade (Piccadilly Johnny) gave an amusing song in which he explained the unpleasantness of demobilization. "Jimmy" and "Liza" (Gnr. F. O'Beyman and Bdr. J. Norton) also gave of their best. "The Prongs" are showing at the Leave Club, Cologne, next week. Since playing at the Apollo Theatre this party has given forty-two shows at different towns and villages in Germany.

JACQUES.

BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB "AT HOME."

Brilliant Function.

On Friday evening Miss Decima Moore, C.B.E. and the officers and staff of the British Empire Leave Club were at home to invited officers of the Rhine Army and the "Palace of Delight," looking if possible more delightful than ever, was the venue of a brilliant scene.

The G.H.Q. Jazz Band gave a most excellent programme and the dancing was greatly enjoyed until the early morning.

Among those present were Lieut.-General and Lady Jacob, Major General Sir R. Hutchinson, Major-General and Lady Lawford, Major-General Chichester, Major-General Boyd, Lieut.-General Sir I. A. Haldane, Major-General and Mrs. Clive, Comte de la Massignac, Brigadier-General Fuller, Brig.-General Tandy, Col. and Mrs. Melville, Col. and Mrs. Fane and many of the General Staff.

The decorations of the fine dancing hall looked magnificent and the whole scene while dances were proceeding was a blaze of colour. The gardens were illuminated and the open air was greatly enjoyed as a relief from dancing in August.

Good music, splendid dancing hall, dainty supper, and the presence of British ladies made the evening one to be remembered in the annals of the Rhine Army.

CHARLIE STONE WINS.

Conn Loses Decision on Points at Liverpool.

At the Liverpool Stadium Charlie Stone, of Taffs Well, scored a surprising victory over Joe Conn, of Bow, receiving the verdict on points.

Conn was mainly on the defensive in the first round, but adroit slipping and short left-hand jabs beat Stone's swings, though the Welsh boy landed a hard right to the stomach. Stone replied to a left hook with a similar punch which made the Londoner step away, and then Conn was rushed to the ropes. He tried a right cross which Stone cleverly avoided, and Conn nearly went through the ropes.

Stone boxed capitally during the fifth and sixth couple of rounds, quite holding his own, but he was warned for hitting low in the eighth, though Conn had chopped the blow down. The Londoner ended the round with a lovely right to the chin, and he made use of this blow several times in the ninth round. By now it was too much a one-man show to be interesting, and, excitement having completely gone, the spectators laughed at the cool way in which the Londoner picked his punches or strolled away when assured that Stone was completely covered behind crossed gloves.

SECOND SPORTSMEN'S BATT.

The reunion of the 2nd Sportsmen's Battalion, 24th Royal Fusiliers (City of London) will take place on Monday, Sept. 22. A service in memory of the officers and men who have fallen will be held at noon at the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar-square. In the afternoon there will be a trip up the river, starting from Westminster, ladies being invited to join. The reunion dinner will be held in the evening at the Cannon Street Hotel, under the presidency of Major-General Sir Geoffrey Barton, K.C.V.O., Colonel, Royal Fusilier Regt.

CARDIFF RUGGER CLUB.

Members of the Cardiff Club have commenced serious training in preparation for the start of the season in a fortnight's time, and a trial will take place at the Cardiff Arms Park, in which several new players are expected to participate. Cardiff have been fortunate enough to secure several promising men, among them being Ivor Williams (Pontypridd), a centre three-quarter, Idris Richards (Pontypridd), a forward, Jack Hennessy (Rhymney), a forward, and Wooldridge, a centre three-quarter, who captained one of the Royal Air Force XV.'s.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

£1,400 Offer Declined.
It is stated that an offer of £1,400 for Gift of the Gab has been declined.

His Lonely Furrow.
While Mccoorty, Beckett, and Townley are able to find plenty of sparring partners, Fred Fulton, who will box Townley at Olympia on September 2, is ploughing a lonely furrow at Maidenhead.

Princess Margaret and Bideford.
Lord Derby's two-year-old filly by Harry of Hereford out of Spean Bridge has received the name of Princess Margaret, and his two-year-old filly by Swynford out of Anchora is to be known as Bideford.

Guides Race.
The feature of the Grasmere sports programme was the guides' race 1,600 feet up the hillside. A famous winner, Dalziel, of Keswick, was killed in the war, but one of his brothers was competing. The race was won by J. Pooley, of Hawkshead.

Cycling Trophy.
C. B. Kingsbury, the famous All England champion cyclist, had the misfortune to puncture a tyre in the final for "The Daily Telegraph" cup. Kingsbury was the holder after the last race in 1914, and he won his heat comfortably. The trophy was won by A. H. Earwaker, of Portsmouth North-end Cycling Club.

Rugger in S. Africa.
The New Zealand Service Rugby team on Wednesday defeated Pretoria by 5 points to 4.

Double Event.
At the Royal Navy and Marine Athletic Championships, at Portsmouth, Corporal McQuale won the 100 yards and the 440 yards races.

30 Signed On.
When Tottenham Hotspur go to Coventry to open the League season, it is hoped to put in the field a team out of the 30 signed-on players that will uphold the new position.

Sea Angling Festival.
The Southend Amateur Angling Society is already busy making arrangements for the town sea angling festival in October. There will be many prizes. The two Hon Secs., are Messrs. O. M. Howard and A. H. Hawkes.

Swindon's "Profs."
The roll of Swindon's professionals contains sixteen names—nine of them belonging to men who were wearing the Swindon colours when League football was closed down in 1915. For instance: L. Skiller (goal); A. Weston (back); W. Tout, W. Silto, and M. Lockhead (half-backs); R. W. Jefferson, H. J. Fleming, W. Batty, and T. Bolland (forwards).

Scratched.
Air Raid was struck out of the Cesarewitch at 9 a.m. on Thursday.

Wu and Wei.
S. C. Wu and L. Wei, the Chinese pair, beat W. Radcliffe and J. R. Brinkley at the Folkestone Tennis Tournament.

Sgt. Jim Harris.
Sergeant Jim Harris finds he can do the middle-weight limit. Before the war he won boxing distinctions as Private Harris, and in the war gained a D.C.M.

Feat at Lord's.
Few cricketers have in their first season scored a century at Lord's on a sticky wicket. This feat crowned the many fine innings Yorkshire's discovery, Sutcliffe, has played during recent weeks.

N.C.U. Championships.
Great interest is being taken in the "Victory" Meeting of Champions to be held at Herne Hill on Saturday, Sept. 6. The entries for the mile N.C.U. Championship include all the well-known riders of the day.

Prospects for the "First."
Partridge prospects for the "First" are fair. Snowstorms during the late spring destroyed many nests, but fortunately the thunderstorms which so often work havoc with young partridges in July have been absent.

All to Favourities.
There were 20 races at Stockton, 16 going to the first favourties and the remaining four to second favourities.

Interesting Exchanges.
While Tothill's victory in his billiards match with Brady, at Thurston's Hall, was practically assured when play was resumed on Thursday afternoon, the exchanges were decidedly interesting.

Angling Revival.
Nowhere is the great revival of angling more apparent than on the trout streams of England, and it is certain that there have never been more rods at work than this season.

Splendid Sport.
The Dumfriesshire Otter Hounds continue to show splendid sport, and from their fixture at Irongrey they registered their twentieth kill of the season—a fighting dog otter weighing 23lb—after a run lasting three hours and a half.

Grouse Bags.
Some of the biggest bags for grouse yet recorded are those reported from Lord Hothfield's Appebly Castle estate, Westmoreland. Shooting did not open until Monday last, and on the first two days the nine guns out obtained 235 brace of birds on the first and 315 brace on the second day.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

What did She Mean?

The other afternoon, a party of young guards were walking along the road leading to the Kaiser William Bridge. Passing a bench on which a rather haughty fraulein was sitting, one of the lads in his best German said to her "Promenade mit me, Fraulein?" Fixing the speaker with a stony stare, the fraulein in very good English freezingly replied:—"No, tharks, I am aiting for a soldier." The emphasis on the last word was marked, and greatly discomfited the the young guard whose embarassement was heightened oy the laughter and friendly sarcasm of his chums.

Cologne School Primer.

With somewhat mixed but unforgettable recollections of one's first book at school — "the penny book," as it was known to the present writer and his youthful confreres — the scholastic primer used by the children in Cologne strikes one as being a veritable tome, a depository of comparatively abstruse knowledge conveyed in anything but monosyllables. While we were wont to struggle with the immortal "cat on the mat" and "Sam at the well," little Struwelpeter learns what the cavalryman wears, the virtues of patience, and varieties of speech in the animal world. In the 1919 edition of the "Kölner Handfibel" (erste Abteilung) we read:—"Der Kaiser ist ein lieber Mann, er wohnet in Berlin." One seems to have heard a rumour somewhere at some time or other that his residence was a little farther west.

Mutual Congratulations.

We are indebted to the Acting Editor of the Magazine of the 3rd Battalion Machine Gun Corps for the appended appreciation:—

"On the 26th July, the daily newspaper of the Rhine Army published its hundredth number. We feel sure they will not consider it presumption on our part to offer our heartiest congratulations. How many difficulties have been overcome, how many setbacks have been wrestled with, in producing such a periodical, only its original staff know, but they were many. It has been a gigantic proposition, a gigantic success. The 20th. November should see their second century. 'Here's to it'." May we reciprocate the good wishes therein expressed and offer ours for the continued success of the Magazine so admirably produced by Lt.-Colonel W. J. Cranston, D.S.O., the honorary editor.

Corporals' Picnic.

The Corporals of the 1/6th West Yorks are nothing if not original. They have recently had a most enjoyable excursion to the frontier beyond Wermelskirchen, five lorries being placed at the disposal of a party of 120. Leaving Cologne early, the trip took them through some of the most charming scenery in Rhineland. They had a splendid lunch of sandwiches, buns and fruit in a meadow by the roadside, a fire being lighted gipsy fashion for the making of the "Char." It reminded one of the school-excursions in the old days. Afterwards, they danced on the green to the accompaniment of a melodion and two mouth-organs. Cologne was reached at 8 p.m. on the return journey. Corporal Fowler was in charge of the catering and gave every satisfaction in the way he performed his task. This kind of excursion might well be copied by other units in the Rhine Army.

Boycotting a Language.

After the outbreak of the war some indignant people considered it a form of patriotism to boycott the German language, at the same time thinking to do Germany injury commercially. Were they not letting their idea of patriotism run away with their common sense? In nearly every district it was suggested that its teaching should cease. If England did this, it was unlikely that other countries would follow suit. Long before the end of the war, people foresaw that with the coming of peace, Germany would make strenuous efforts to recapture her lost trade and this has proved to be so. As we found out the German method of conducting warfare, so we must find out her methods of conducting warfare on the markets. But how is this to be done if linguists cut the German language and schools refuse to teach it? The only way to get to know a country is to speak its language. Great strides are being made towards establishing Esperanto as a Universal language. When this language is being used throughout the whole word, what is to prevent Germany from using it? In fact up to the commencement of hostilities Germany used it more than any other country. So what harm can we do Germany by refusing to speak German? It will not put her out from the business world not will it do so in the future when the world's commerce will be probably carried on in an international language.

Coal Economy.

A familiar sight in German streets is a heap of black oblong blocks, being shovelled into the cellars of the houses. They are briquettes, a substitute for coal which has come widely into vogue as a result of the war. Most consumers of coal have found the briquette an economy; but the ordinary form is wasteful. The block having been put into the fire, gases force their way out from the centre, and burn with a white flame in which unconsumed carbon escapes. As the flame cools it turns into a dense black smoke containing much heat, which flows up the chimney. Whilst in France we were accustomed to egg-shaped briquettes. These give at least half as much efficiency again as the oblong briquette. They are made in the form of eggs with a passage through the long axis. Under the influence of the heat on the outer surfaces, gases distil as in the oblong blocks, but they flow through the passage in the briquette and, mining with the draught air, are fired as they emerge from the channel. The mixture of air and gas burns with a blue, very hot flame, consuming the free carbon. This is the great advantage possessed over the oblong briquette. But the egg-shaped ones cannot be turned out as rapidly as the solid ones, and are more easily broken. But these disadvantages do not seem beyond the wit of man to remedy, and as a wide use of these egg-briquettes would give the same heating as five per cent. more coal, there are possibilities in this substitute which the householder, wearied with the constant rise in prices, would be disposed to encourage.

German Indoor Games.

Apparently, like ourselves, the German likes to while away the hours indoors, or in a café, with cards or billiards. The favourite game of cards is an intricate form of whist and at this the German loses or wins large sums, Ranging from ten to fifty pfgs. an hour, amid much excited argument and protest. As regards billiards, played on a table without pockets, here he would appear to shine, bringing off with elaborate unconcern impossible cannons and working up breaks of 150 to 200 without any effort. Strangely enough, in German indoor games one seldom sees chess to the fore. This is essentially a German game, but perhaps it has fallen into disuse, and even where the writer has had opportunity of witnessing German chess tournaments the play has been of the most inferior and beyond description.

Milk O!

Anyone who chooses to wait can any evening see a crowd of civilians gathered at the end of Cölnstrasse, each armed with some receptacle, generally a jug but often small buckets. The queue is formed quite early on and is there sometimes for hours. To the Britisher it is reminiscent of soup kitchens, but actually the people wait for the Stadt milk cart, which generally comes between eight and nine o'clock, and the wild dash that ensues when it does arrive plainly shows the shortage of this commodity.

Lesser Echoes.

Units leaving the Army of the Rhine will see that books issued from the Army Central Library are returned to the Depot, Breite Strasse, Cologne, before their departure.

Apropos the discussion as to railway devices a waggish correspondent enquires: I wonder if any of your readers have noticed the three speed gear boxes fitted to some of the Rhine steamers? They are situated on the bridge, just in front of the funnel usually, and give three motions — port, starboard, and straight ahead.

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Sunday last marked Mid-Harvest. The whole country-side is one mass of brown corn, some not yet cut, but most of it standing in the shocks ready for the waggon and team. Although the weather earlier on was not good these hot days of August have done the standing corn much good and have made a better crop than was expected.

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"Londoners may stare at each other, but go to New York for the real, Simon Pure, unadulterated artist," says a correspondent. He could not have seen the German in Cologne who having noticed a small party of Indian soldiers, stopped, placed his left hand on his hip and stared.

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No civilians other than wives and relatives of British Officers, and ladies employed with the Rhine Army, whose position entitles them to officers' travelling accommodation, are allowed to travel in railway carriages reserved for British Officers. When wives or relatives travel in these carriages they will wear the brassard issued to them from the Permit Office.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to: Rifleman Adcock, c/o The Military Governor, Monopol Hotel; Sergt. E. Dinkel R. E. Interallied Rlwy Sub-Commission, Eisenbahn-Direktion; and Bomb. Holmes, R.F.A. 257 Area Employment Co. Army of the Rhine.

CAN YOU WRITE?

Contributions for this page may be on any topic likely to interest the Rhine Army; humorous or serious, informative or descriptive, but none should exceed 500 words. Payment will be made for all that appear.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

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LIEUT. W. ROBERT PATTERSON F.R.G.S.

I wonder if some of us have seriously studied the question of taking prints. Some that I have viewed were decidedly "burnt," that is to say, they had been exposed to a far too brilliant light.

It is a mistake to hurry; it is inadvisable if you desire a good print, to expose your printing-frame to direct sunlight, unless the negative be exceptionally dense.

With a good negative, take care always to print in the shade on a sunny day. Should your negative be weak—i.e. thin, print slowly.

It is well, too, to learn to judge the effect produced by various printing-papers, whether they be 'matt' or 'shiny.'

The former gives more softness in detail. Bromide papers give also soft effects but they require a very short exposure and are developed and fixed in the same manner as plates and films. It is worth while to do one's best in completing pictures since these can be arranged in a series of small albums. A few days ago I was shown a few such records of photographic work, most charmingly arranged by a British officer here. In the space round each "snap" is a short account of its history, all of which gives it value in some other respect, very neatly written in white ink. One can imagine the interest such albums will create in the minds of both the possessor and his friends, old and young, in years to come, but for the purpose of record I prefer the stereo-camera, which is really a double apparatus, fitted with two lenses, both connected with a single shutter. I view my pictures, therefore, in the "solid", by means of a stereoscope. The latter may be had at all prices from about twenty-five marks to two hundred and fifty.

It is advisable to take your positives on plates since they give far better detail than most papers. Another advantage is that such an instrument may be used as two ordinary cameras, merely by obscuring one lens, in which case, only half the plate will be exposed; then by covering the second lens, one may expose the second half of the plate or film as the case may be.

In my own „stereo" I have an additional advantage in that, by shifting the whole front of the camera, I am able to bring one lens only into the centre, thus focussing over the entire plate, giving myself a picture double the dimension of the "stereo" plate. I find that those friends of mine, who have no special interest in single-exposure photography, become quite enthusiastic in "stereo" work.

There is a certain fascination in seeing things stand out badly, trees with their branches spreading towards one and on either side, people with their legs poised in the act of taking a step, buildings giving what I call a "solid" effect to the scene, and so on. For those who can afford it, I strongly recommend a "stereo."

The Fourth Withdrawal.

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His Record.—During the last session of the House, Sir Donald Maclean spoke 90 times on 60 subjects.

Girl Pickpockets.—Thefts by girl pickpockets have been common on the London tube.

Too Easy Marriages.—The increase of bigamous marriages is causing grave concern.

Life in Russia.—Russian peasants have buried their money in bottles in the ground, as there are no banks.

The Broad Arrow.—The branding of Government horses and mules with the broad arrow brand is to continue.

Good.—A splendid vintage is expected in Alsace Lorraine this year, which the wine dresser calls "the French year."

Accepted.—The Pope has accepted the resignation of the German Bishop of Strasbourg.

Coup Stopped.—The Berlin police have discovered an attempt to smuggle £1,000,000 in marks over the Swiss frontier.

Keeping Them Out.—No former enemy alien may land in the United Kingdom except by permission of the Home Secretary.

Home Rule "Postponed." For the ninth time the Home Rule Act of 1914 is postponed by a Privy Council Order.

Hut As Restaurant.—Wood Green council will buy an army hut and use it as a national restaurant.

Now Permitted.—Foreign languages banned during the war may now be spoken on the telephone.

None in Italy.—Twenty thousand Waacs have been demobilized since the armistice; there are now none in Italy.

The New Home.—Earl's Court will be the new home of the Disposal Board's exhibition of surplus stores.

Londoners Colonel.—Major-Gen. Sir Louis Bols is gazetted hon. colonel of the 12th London Regt. (Rangers).

Gone up.—Atlantic passages are to be increased — £3 for first class, £2 for second, and £1 for third.

Leaving The Ship.—Truckloads of valuable old art treasures are leaving Germany.

The Total.—During the Parliamentary session just ended, the Bills which have become Acts tot up to seventy-five.

Original.—An arch of aeroplane propellers was formed by a W.R.A.F. guard of honour at a Weybridge wedding.

Laundry Charges.—Laundry charges are now from 75 to 100 per cent. higher than in 1914.

Our Medal.—The wearing of the ribbon of the British War Medal has been authorised, but not that of the Victory Medal.

Revoked.—The proclamation of 1917 prohibiting the importation of all bonds, debentures, and share certificates is now revoked.

A Cow's Vigil.—A cow which strayed was found standing by the carcase of its calf, which had been knocked down and killed.

Short-Sighted Nation.—Many more people than usual are seeking spectacles and general treatment of their eyes at the ophthalmic hospitals.

Women Scientists.—Women's interest in scientic investigation is shown by the fact that all experiments on animals last year were carried out by women.

The Next Census.—During the autumn attention will be paid by the Government to arrangements for the next census in 1921.

British Films.—The number of films placed on the market has reached a high-water mark this month, eight being shown within a week.

Flooded Out.—On account of the number of telegrams the Dutch Post office announces that telegrams for foreign countries will be sent by post.

Slate Pail Sale.—"This one's got a hole in it," cried the woman who had just bought an enamelled footbath. "Send the hole back, madam," replied the auctioneer.

Dearer Still.—Home-killed meat will become dearer from December until June next under a new scale of prices, which will come into operation next month.

Hot Weather Colds.—Hot weather colds have more elements of danger than the colds which come in winter," said a medical man.

Up to Date.—Willesden Council has asked its electrical engineer to report as to electric cooking and heating apparatus for new houses.

An Omen.—The fact that Captain Guest is with Mr. Lloyd George suggests that Ministerial reconstruction may be in the Brittany agenda.

Club Life.—Business women who used to maintain a modest, independent home of their own are making changes in their mode of living. The communal idea is the most popular.

The Prince's Kiss.—As the Prince of Wales was laying the corner stone of the Navy League building at Halifax a little girl presented him with a rose. He kissed the flower, greatly pleasing the child.

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The Marricer Hotel will accommodate 35 couples, and there are a few single rooms which it is intended to use for relatives of the officers of the Army of Occupation.

Extensive alterations have been necessary, which include the provision of bath accommodation.

The hotel will now be found to include as public rooms in addition to dining room, a drawing room lounge, a smoking room, and a card room. The dining room will be open to all officers and British and Allied ladies, and the kitchen is in charge of a chef of established reputation.

Feeding Arrangements.

The tariff has been fixed at the lowest possible price commensurate with the standard of comfort it is intended to maintain. For fifty marks a day an officer will be entitled to a double room with full board, including early tea, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner for himself and his wife, and there are no extras of any sort except wine.

Rations will be drawn by the N.A.C.B. for each officer residing at the Hotel, but, of course, not for the wives. The Board intends to provide for roughly 12/6 per day in addition to the equivalent of 2/4 the value of the ration, say 15/- in all, as nearly as circumstances will admit the same amenities as can be enjoyed in the comfortable quiet family hotels in the West End of London.

The Marricer Hotel opens to-morrow and communications with regard to it should be addressed to the Officer in Charge, Marricer Hotel, N.A.C.B. Cologne.

TAXI FARES IN COLOGNE.

The following notice has been issued from the Office of the British Commandant, Cologne:

"TARIFF.

In accordance with the Police Order of June 1st, 1918, passengers have to pay an increased fare.

In future passengers will have to pay four times the amount actually registered on the meter.

Extras, such as for carrying three or more persons at night, for luggage, or dogs, or drives to the suburbs, are excluded from this increase.

By Order,
MANSEL SHEWEN, Brigadier-General.
British Commandant, Cologne.

July 12th, 1919."

Taxi drivers have been ordered to display a copy of this Notice in English and German in a prominent position in their taxis.

No driver is allowed to accept a fare for a destination in Cologne without lowering his flag, and he is only entitled to a fare in accordance with the above regulations.

In the event of a breach of these orders, the driver's name and number of his cab, should be taken, and the matter reported to the A.P.M.

RHINELAND HIGH COMMISSION.

Sir Harold Arthur Stuart has been appointed H gh Commissioner of the Inter-Allied Rhineland High Commission.

ANOTHER BANK IN COLOGNE.

Lloyds Bank (France) and National Provincial Bank (France) Ltd. announce that a Branch of the Bank will be opened on 1st September next at 65/67 Heumarkt, Cologne.

ARCHDUKE JOSEPH RETIRES.

Owing to the refusal of the Entente to recognise the Archduke Joseph's régime at Budapest, the Archduke and the Friedrich Government hove retired, and a Coalition Ministry is to be formed.

In a Note explaining their attitude the Supreme Council points out that a Hapsburg cannot be entrusted with the direction of the General Election essential for Hungary, nor can it complete Peace terms with a Government headed by a Hapsburg.

ALLIES AND AUSTRIA.

It is hoped that it will be possible for the draft of the Allies' reply to the Austrian counter-proposals to be laid before the Supreme Council to-day.

It is understood that many of the Austrian counter-proposals to the original Treaty have found acceptance, and that the Treaty in its final form will show considerable modifications.

NURSE CAVELL.

TRIAL OF THE FRENCH TRAITOR, GUYIEN.

A Paris telegram states that the trial is about to commence of Georges Gaston Guyien, the French traitor who denounced Nurse Cavell. The trial will last severa days. There will be sixty witnesses, including many associated with Miss Cavell

Guyien gathered information regarding an organisation for aiding the escape of allied soldiers to Holland. He made the acquaintance of Miss Cavell, who gave him money to escape, but to her great surprise he returned to Brussels, saying he was on a mission for the French military attaché at Hague.

He then revealed the whole of the organisation to the Germans.

"REDS" LOSING.

"PETROGRAD WILL FALL BEFORE OCTOBER."

A Lettish Press Agency states that a whole regiment of Red troops has gone over to the Esthonians, in the Podsevy neighbourhood and that the Bolshevists' leader, who was formerly commander-in-chief of the Red Army in Livonia, surrendered to the Lettish Government and were sent to Riga.

General Balakovitch has expressed the opinion that Petrograd will fall before October. When sufficient war material is forthcoming from the Entente, it is anticipated that half the Reds will seize the opportunity to go over to the other side.

ODESSA OCCUPIED.

From Ukrainian sources comes news that Odessa has been occupied by the Ukrainian troops after heavy fighting, and that the Bolshevist Army on the right bank of the Dnieper is fleeing panic-stricken before General Petlura.

The Polish General Staff announces that the Bolshevists have suffered a crushing defeat by the Poles.

A Stockholm telegram reports M. Gusaff, a member of the Russian Supreme Committee of Defence, as speaking with extreme pessimism of the prospects of Bolshevism. He fears that the constant arrival of new enemies will eventually cause exhaustion, and strongly urges the negotiation of an agreement with the "Entente Imperialists."

"RED" ATROCITIES.

A message from Helsingfors states that a new official account is published dealing with the Bolshevist atrocities in South Russia. Following an order by Trotsky a number of priests were murdered and mutilated, and churches were profaned. The population firmly believes that Trotsky is the Antichrist mentioned in Revelations and are beseeching God's help.

ROUMANIA AND HUNGARY.

M. BRATIANO'S SURPRISE AT MISUNDERSTANDING.

The Bucharest correspondent of "Le Temps" states that in an interview he had with Monsieur Bratiano, with regard to the relationships between Roumania and Hungary, the statesman expressed surprise that the action of his government had involved any misunderstanding, seeing its views conformed with those of the Peace Conference.

When attacked by Bela Kun, Roumania was unable to maintain the position she had won by her victory, owing to the uncertainty of the past year in consequence of the armistice terms imposed upon Hungary being badly conceived and applied.

PRESIDENT WILSON AND MEXICO.

A Washington message states that Mr. Lansing conferred with President Wilson for more than an hour on Friday and it is believed Mexico was discussed. The situation is reported as being strained to breaking point. It is predicted that Mr. Lansing's next reply to the Mexican note will be a refusal to withdraw troops until bandits have been punished.

SIR W.M. ROBERTSON.

SUGGESTED NEW APPOINTMENT.

It is stated that the Government is considering the appointment of Sir William Robertson as commander in chief in Ireland, with the task of discovering how far the military forces there can be reduced.

Damages caused to France by the war amount to 74,429,000 francs personal damage, 126 Million francs damage to property and 113 milliard francs war expenses.

"GOLIATH" FOUND.

DISCOVERED AFTER FORCED LANDING.

Much anxiety will be relieved by the news that the "Goliath" aerobus has been found and that the crew is safe.

The airship had been missing since 16th inst. Vigilant enquiries failed to produce the slightest clue as to its whereabouts.

A telegram just received states that the "Goliath" was forced to land to the north of Dakar on account of the screw having broken.

A second telegram announces that the place of landing was between Saint Louis and Dakar, near a village called Kayor.

The enterprise may be said to have succeeded. The "Goliath" left Versailles on the 11th of the month at midnight, arriving at Casablanca the same day at 6.30. Leaving Casablanca on the 14th, the airship reached Mogador at 3 o'clock. Another start was made on the morning of the 16th when the airship disappeared. 4000 Kilometres was travelled in three days.

WIDNES ELECTION.

MR. HENDERSON CRITICISES HIS CRITICS.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, Labour Candidate for Widnes in an election speech, dealt with the misrepresentations of his war activities which he called "damned lies."

He went to Russia with power to send the ambassador home and to take on the job himself at eight thousand a year. He found that the decision taken in London was on the wrong grounds and he wired back that he would return and the ambassador would remain.

Had he been the mean despicable fellow his opponents said he was he would have remained in Russia and pocketed eight thousand pounds, or, coming home, have said nothing and remained in the Cabinet and covered his scrupies with a napkin.

Voluntary Resignation.

He denied that his resignation was asked for, and said he could not remain secretary and be in the Cabinet.

In a speech after which he was adopted candidate, Mr. Henderson said it would not be his fault if there were not 160 Labour candidates at the next general election.

NEW NAVAL V.C.

HONOURS FOR BALTIC MOTOR-SCOOTER CREW.

Three of the names of "the Youngsters" Crew of four of the motor-scooter which sank the Bolshevik cruiser Oleg near Cronstadt on June 17 are now known. Lieut. Augustine Willington Shelton Agar, R.N., has been awarded the V.C.

The other two, Acting Sub-Lieut. John White Hampsheir, R.N.R., and Chief Motor Mechanic Hugh Beeley, R.N.V.R., are also rewarded, Lieut. Hampsheir receiving the Distinguished Service Cross and Mech. Beeley the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal.

To achieve the object of the attack it was necessary to penetrate a screen of destroyers, and owing to a breakdown Lieutenant Agar was compelled to remain in close proximity to the enemy for 20 minutes while repairs were made. This was an extremely difficult operation owing to the heavy seas.

After the attack Lieutenant Agar succeeded in escaping under heavy fire from the land forts and destroyers.

AIR PASSENGER SERVICE.

LONDON TO PARIS ROUTE COMMENCED.

"The Daily Telegraph" states that the first aeroplane of regular international passengers and goods service between London and Paris started yesterday. All the passengers for the first week were booked in advance. The aircraft Travel and Transport Coy. had to make preparations for more traffic than anticipated. The second company, with Handley Page machines, will operate over the same route and will run a service to Brussels.

The capabilities of the two classes of goods and passengers may be tested and freight may become possible.

IMPUDENT BURGLARS.

HURRIED DRAINPIPE EXIT FROM WEST END HOUSE.

Locking the dressing-room and bedroom doors, in Sir Frederic Painter's house at 8, The Boltons, South Kensington, burglars rifled jewel cases, forced drawers and unlocked cupboards at their leisure. The servants just after ten o'clock heard someone moving about in the dressing-room, but assumed it to be Lady Painter, and it was only when a few minutes later Lady Painter went upstairs and found the doors of her rooms locked that anything wrong was discovered.

It is thought that the thieves were then in the room, for a noise as of a hurried exit through the window was heard, and it was later found that the men in making their escape had torn the drain-pipe from its fastenings.

Diamond pendants, brooches, rings and watches, and other articles, to the value of about £1,000, were stolen.

IRISH AFFAIRS.

SINN FEIN EXECUTIVE TO FLOAT A LOAN.

An official report of a private meeting of the Sinn Fein Executive states that a loan is to be floated by the Sinn Fein Parliament to be allocated to develop industries, pay consuls, and establish a bank to purchase untenanted lands.

A resolution was passed asking the public authorities to state their coal requirements so that coal could be ordered from America.

De Valera's mission is described as having been an enormous success and he has authorised an increase in the amount of the American loan to 25,000,000 dollars. One delegate complained when he only collected £400.

MURDERED BOY SCOUT.

VERDICT: WILFUL MURDER AGAINST UNKNOWN SOLDIERS.

A verdict of Wilful Murder against unknown soldiers was returned yesterday at the inquest on Francis Murphy, 15, the Boy Scout who was shot while reading by the fireside at his father's farmhouse at Ennistymon, Co. Clare.

The murdered boy's sister said she heard several shots and found her brother dead. His hand was to his face, and she took his hand away to see which brother it was. "I knelt down and said a prayer. Shortly afterwards, sitting on my bed, I looked out of the window and saw three fellows moving toward Ennis in single file. They were bareheaded, wearing what looked in the moonlight, like whitish-grey coats. They seemed to have straps on their backs and were young-looking men. To the best of my belief they were military."

Patrick Conole, night watchman on the West Clare Railway, said he saw three soldiers about after the shots.

Military Reply.

The reply of the military to the verdict is a direct denial that the crime was committed by soldiers. It is stated that no troops were near the place on the night of the murder. An officer was with all troops on patrol. Every soldier in the district was accounted for. The military bullets, found in the cottage meant nothing, as many bullets fired at the police huts were of military pattern. British rifles are well known to have been stolen.

TERRIFIED CHILDREN.

LOCKED IN ROOM WITH MURDERED BROTHER.

On a charge of murdering his stepson, aged 7, John George Turnbull, shipyard worker. Sunderland, was yesterday remanded for a week.

The tragedy occurred yesterday morning, when, it is alleged. Turnbull cut the boy's head completely off with a razor in the presence of three other stepchildren, a girl of 13 and two younger boys who were in bed in the same room.

Turnbull went to the police station and told what he had done. He handed the key of the house to the sergeant. When the latter was unlocking the door the three children cried out. "Is that you, mother?" They were in a state of terror and said:

Don't leave us; take us with you. Our daddy has cut little Tommy's head right off. The dead boy's body lay on a mat clad in a nightshirt.

Turnbull some years ago was in an asylum, and once, it is said, attempted suicide. His wife had left the house the evening before the murder, taking refuge with a neighbour owing, she states, to her husband's threats.

'BUS OVERTURNS.

EIGHTEEN INJURED IN A LONDON ACCIDENT.

A motor bus overturned at Willesden last evening. While trying to avoid a motor car, it ran on to the foot path and fell on its side. The passengers on the top were pitched off and those inside cut and bruised.

A police ambulance arrived and eighteen injured were taken to St. Mary's Hospital where three were detained.

MR. ASQUITH AGAIN.

WILL HE SEEK RE-ELECTION?

It is reported that at the earliest possible moment, Mr. Asquith will seek to re-enter Parliament. It is felt that his presence on the opposition benches will have a great effect in the House and in the country, says the "Edinburgh Evening News."

SENTENCE OF DEATH.

At the sitting of the High Court at Ayr William Scott, an ex-soldier, was charged with the murder of Mrs. Corbett, a soldier's wife. The evidence showed that the accused cut the woman's throat with a razor while the parties were seated at the tea table. The woman died almost immediately. A special plea of insanity at the time of the deed was put forward for the defence. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, with a strong recommendation to mercy. Lord Ormidale, the presiding judge, passed sentence of death.

BOGUS MAJOR.

IMPRISONMENT FOR MUCH DECORATED IMPOSTOR.

Ina Irvine Barclay, whose arrest was reported a few days ago, was awarded six weeks imprisonment in the second divison at Bow Street. Barclay pretended to be a R.A.F. Major with the V.C., D.S.O., M.C., Mons Star, 5 chevrons and 2 wound stripes.

The accused had said he attended an Investiture at Buckingham Palace and the V.C. was presented to him by the King. Later he stated that he bought the uniform to save being taunted by his friends about not having been in the army.

He had been rejected four times on medical grounds. The police stated that the prisoner was an unemployed electrician. The accused said that he was very sorry and the magistrate told him he ought to be thoroughly ashomed of himself.

SOVEREIGN'S VALUE.

WHAT NEW YORK BANKERS THINK.

The fall in sterling exchange is affecting the Corn and Cotton markets in New York, in spite of the fact that corn was not formerly affected by the foreign situation and that there is little corn available for export. In the Cotton market the demoralised foreign exchange aroused a good deal of comment, as it is likely to have some effect on the export of the commodity.

The break in foreign exchanges is stated in banking circles to imperil the entire export trade of the United States, and it renders daily more urgent the question of a comprehensive plan for the extension of credit to prospective purchasers in Europe.

UNEXPECTED FIND.

LONDON GAMING RAID REVEALS SURPRISE.

A raid on a supposed gaming house in Great Garden-street, E., by Scotland Yard officers a week ago resulted in the seizure of inflammatory literature circulated by the "I.W.W." (Industrial Workers of the World). Members of this organisation have frequently been prosecuted in the United States for sabotage.

The top floor of the house was found to be the headquarters of the "I.W.W." The literature seized included an eight-page pamphlet called "Fifty Points on Industrial Unionism." One of the 50 points was:—

"One great weapon is sabotage, doing anything on the job to lessen the master's profits or impede his business."

ELECTRICITY STRIKE.

Since Thursday night men employed by Epsom electricity undertaking have been on strike over a week's notice given to one man. The engineer is running the engine and his assistant is acting as stoker; both have their meals at the works and sleep there. With the help of other officials the supply of electricity was maintained until about nine o'clock last night. It was then found that someone had disconnected the town's main feeder boxes. Cinema theatres closed, but about 10 p.m. some of the street lamps were lighted again.

EX-SERVICE MEN ENTERTAINED.

Over three thousand ex-service men were entertained at dinner at Kettering yesterday by the Town. Lord Haig sent a telegram conveying his best wishes and the hope that they would never forget their comradeship in the Great War and that the same spirit and good feeling and sense would bring peace happiness and prosperity to all.

23 HOURS CONFERENCE.

NORTHERN CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES STRIKE SETTLED.

The dispute between the Co-operative Societies and their employers was settled on Sunday at Manchester, at a conference between the parties lasting 23 hours.

The exact terms of the settlement were not disclosed, but it is understood that both sides are satisfied that work will be resumed to-day. At all of the three hundred branches concerned in the dispute, hardship had been caused by many employees ceasing work. It is estimated that nearly two million persons were without their usual supplies. The local food authorities permitted private traders to supply rationed food, and ordered the Societies which had closed to transfer stocks. A general stoppage would have been disastrous.

PRINCE AND CANADA.

The Canadian Great War Veteran Association has sent a telegram greeting the Prince of Wales in the name of the quarter of a million returned soldiers who shared with the Prince service in the Expeditionary Forces in France. The telegram expresses the most cordial welcome to the dominion with the earnest wish for a pleasant visit and a safe return to Blighty.

The Duke of Grafton's Northants tenants refuse to tender for their holdings and ask him to disclose his reserve price. He offers instead to put the figures in a sealed envelope and bargain if the tenant offers more.

BURNED TO DEATH.

EX-NAVAL MAN AND WIFE MEET WITH SAD END.

A particularly sad burning fatality occurred at St. Ives during the week end.

Mrs. Pollard, wife of Ernest Pollard, a fisherman, lit the lamp in the kitchen of their home, and took the children out, leaving the husband—who was invalided out of the navy and has since been stricken with blindness and paralysis—indoors. When she returned the room was in flames.

Her first thought was for her afflicted husband. She rushed upstairs, through the dense smoke and fire, and got him out of bed to the window, but before a ladder could be brought, both were overpowered by the smoke and heat and fell backwards. Firemen and fishermen worked hard to get the fire under. Afterwards, the bodies of husband and wife were recovered, the latter clasping the husband in her arms.

MOTOR CAR CHASE.

CORPORAL'S SMARTNESS LEADS TO RECOVERY.

Seeing a man drive off from Kenley aerodrome with a six-seater Crossley touring car belonging to the Air Force, Corporal Grigsby R.A.F. got into another car to give chase. On the main Brighton road he picked up a policeman, and they then drove off in the direction of Croydon. Here they overtook the Crossley car, and in the narrow High-street the corporal manoeuvred so that the driver of the stolen car was forced to pull up.

Apparently, on the way from Kenley the man had taken into the car two confederates, for three men jumped out as the corporal drew up and ran up Friends-road. Two of the men managed to scramble over a wall and disappear, but the third, alleged to be the thief, was caught after a chase.

The chase and capture of the man resulted in Henry Edward O'Brien, Stamford St., Blackfriars being charged. The bogus number plates were produced. When caught, O'Brien said, I am unlucky; I was only on a joy ride. What do you think I shall get? The accused was remanded.

PAY CLERK'S LAPSE.

TWO MONTHS HARD LABOUR FOR DISHONESTY.

Charged at Greenwich on Saturday with attempting to obtain money by false pretences, Edward Leeson Mill, a clerk at the Army Pay Office, Blackheath, said he did not mean to do a soldier out of his money and would have given it to him back later.

It was stated that prisoner had to make out drafts, and made out one for a Sheffield soldier named Nixon, but put his own address on it, so that the money would be sent to him. He at first made out a draft for eighteen pounds, but he said his conscience smote him as he thought eighteen pounds was too much to deprive a soldier of.

Prisoner was sentenced to two months hard labour.

BATHING FATALITY.

While bathing in the Glaslyn Estuary, near Portmadoc, Carnarvonshire, yesterday afternoon, Miss Sybil Reese, 30, and Miss Margaret Thomas, 18, both of Portmadoc, were drowned.

There were many visitors on the sands only 50 yards away, but no cries for help were heard, and it was not suspected that anything was wrong until the women were missed and their clothes found.

Their bodies had not been recovered late last night.

Donald Paterson Jones, 15, was drowned while bathing at Barry. Evan Griffiths, another youth, dived fully dressed into the water in an unsuccessful attempt to rescue him.

R 34 HONOURS.

The London Gazette states that the King has conferred honours in connection with the voyage of the R. 34 to America as follows:

C.B.E., Military Division, for Major George Herbert Scott.

Air Force Cross for Col. E.M. Maitland, Capt. G.G.H. Cooke, Lieut. Guy Harris and 2nd Lieut. J.D. Shotter.

Air Force Medal for Flight Sergeants W.R. Gent, W.G. Robinson, R.W. Ripley, N.A. Scull, Sgt. Major H.W.R. Mayes and Sgt. H.M. Watson.

ALLIED VICTORY RIBBON NOT TO BE WORN.

Aldershot Command on Saturday ordered that in the absence of authority and the fact that the allied Victory Medal had not yet been issued, the practice of officers and men wearing the ribbon must cease.

The only ribbon for which authority is granted is the Brititsh War Medal.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

The death under tragic and mysterious circumstances of a passenger from the Isle of Man occurred at Liverpool yesterday. Mr. Harry Wyatt, licensee of the Ring of Bells Hotel, Warrington, was helped from the steamer and immediately collapsed, and on arrival at hospital was found to be dead.

On his body were several wounds and some blood. Whether death was caused by the wounds has to be determined.

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NOTICE.

The order of running for the next meeting of the Cologne Races will not be as advertised in the "Cologne Post" of Sunday last, but will be as follows:

1st Race:	Maiden Steeplechase (1st Division)	12-45
2nd Race:	Moderate Plate (1st Div.)	1-45
3rd Race:	Allied Hurdle Race	2-30
4th Race:	Merheim Stakes	3-15
5th Race:	Grand International Steeplechase	4-0
6th Race:	Rhine St. Leger	4-45
7th Race:	Maiden Steeplechase (2nd Division)	5-30
8th Race:	Moderate Plate (2nd Div.)	6-15

There are still some unclaimed prizes for the sweepstake on the last race. Ticket holders should apply to the Secretary, Cologne Races. Room 245 Deichmann Haus, Cologne, without delay.

COLOGNE RACES.

HANDICAP RACES.

GRAND INTERNATIONAL STEEPLECHASE.

5th Race: 4.00

Golden Sunset	12.5
Kedmal	11.10
Ugly	11.7
Naboth	11.3
Firefly III	1 0
Iron Gate	10.10
Yes Uncle	10.9
Phryya	10.7
Zitt-Seke	10.7
Clutha	10.5
George	10.5
Lady Betty	10.0

RHINE ST. LEGER STAKES.

6th Race: 4.45

Boys o Boys	12.0
Patrick (late Paddy)	11.11
Winamere	11.11
John Cording	11.11
Sahib	11.9
Madeleine	11.7
Digby Grand	11.7
Polly Dear	11.7
Jimerack	11.3
My ery	11.3
Sinnfeld	10.10
White Hazard	10.10
Eau de Cologne	10.10
The Mad Hatter	10.7
Esmeralda	10.7
Phreya	10.7
Charlie II	10.7
Farmer's Glory	10.7
The Flapper	10.7
Why Not	10.7
The Wasp	10.4
Brigade Major	10.4
Geraldine	10.4
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Tuesday, August 26, 1919.

GROWTH OF THE CANTEENS.

At a time when so much interest is directed to the proposals for the allocation of Canteen funds by the Army Committee it is not without interest to trace the growth of the Expeditionary Force canteen which incidentally has grown out of recognition and has been of immense service to officers and men.

The organization was formed early in 1915 and though intended originally for supplying the Forces with canteen facilities, its activities were considerably extended from time to time, notably in the conduct of rest houses and clubs, and in the supply of cinema apparatus, sports equipment, &c.

Commenced on the relatively small scale required for the original forces, it eventually grew to the immense proportions necessary in order to cope with the demands of the huge armies in the field.

It is of interest to note that the initial capital required for the work was provided by a grant of £10,000 from the South African Garrison Institutes Fund; subsequently, additional amounts were obtained from the same source to a total of £37,500. Further sums were required and it became necessary for the organization to be run on a profit basis, sufficient not only to provide for the repayment of loans but also to supply the additional capital which it was recognized would be necessary for the increase in the volume of its trade and the general extension of its activities.

This extension has been brought about and allowing for the repayment of loans it is satisfactory to think that a balance remains for distribution for the benefit of those who have helped to build up the canteen system.

With this, General Sir Julian Byng is concerning himself and has emphasized his determination to ensure the minimum cost of administering the money in order to secure full benefit.

He intends to co-operate with all existing organizations and to work through representative committees of the various organizations. The immediate need is to assist in helping the welfare of ex-Service men by the formation of clubs, based upon non-sectarian and non-political lines—an admirable idea in itself. It will be seen that much benefit will accrue.

ARMY EDUCATION.

In launching its really excellent and comprehensive scheme of education, the Army authorities have done something of the highest possible constructive value. By weaving education into the life of the soldier they have paved the way, and are still paving it, to sending back to civil life not only good soldiers, but good citizens.

It may be of general interest to trace the beginnings of the educational lecture movement. And let me here say at once that the idea of providing Tommy with opportunities for thus improving his mind emanated from the Y.M.C.A.

Even as I write I recall, for example, the royal progress during 1916 of Professor Adkins as he passed from place to place lecturing on "The Tangle of the Balkans," throughout the Second Army. The scene at Bailleul will not quickly fade from my memory.

Thus it came about that the Army, recognizing the value and helpfulness of this voluntary effort on the part of the Y.M.C.A., very wisely decided officially to countenance and encourage, the scheme, and grant it every facility. By 1917 it had grown and developed in all directions, not only in France and Flanders, but in Egypt, Salonica, Russia, Italy, Palestine, and Mesopotamia.

In fact, prior to demobilization more than three million soldiers were not only "men under authority," but men under education, men in the prime of life, eager for knowledge. Can the beneficial effects be over estimated?

Speaking at Oxford in January last, Mr. Fisher alluding to the Army Education Scheme described it as "one of the most important safe guards to the country and one of the best investments that the country had ever made."

We can well believe this. When the education scheme was properly launched it was realized (and still is) that education within the army falls into two different, but naturally related fields of importance.

First, its bearing upon the military efficiency and morale of the troops. Secondly, and even of greater importance, its bearing upon the future, that is to say, upon the mental attitude and practical knowledge with which all ranks, when re-absorbed into the life of the nation, are going to face the social conditions and industrial and economic problems of the post-war era. In my own humble judgment, in the building up of the new world, education is destined to be a factor second to none. *B. G. BOURCHIER.*

NIX FRATERNITY.

In the pre-peace days, 'ere yet I had been allotted a billet in Cologne, I remember the pained feeling with which I greeted a homily on the evils of fraternizing with the enemy.

I was perfectly certain that, so far as I was concerned, such a warning was quite unnecessary, for I had resolved that even if the entire Rhine Army, from the C-in-C downwards, fraternized, married, or loved, I never would. Then I was provided with a billet.

The frau welcomed me with smiles as if it had ever been her hope and prayer that a British soldier would, one day, honour her abode. Herr Landlord brought forth his best cigars from their bomb-proof dug-out; the fraulein courted a mental breakdown by endeavouring to converse with me in my native tongue; I accepted it all as a matter of course, and transferred my attentions to the remaining member of the family.

He had no intention of fraternizing with the cursed Englander, distrust was apparent in his eyes, and I immediately realised that, so far as it lay in my power, he and I must be friends, so I approached and offered to shake hands. My extended hand was ignored and I retired snubbed.

Since that day my billet frau and family have done much to make my stay in Cologne as pleasant as possible; I feel sure that they burn the midnight oil, swotting the English language, but I ignore their well-meant efforts; supper is ready for me every night—I do not eat supper, cigars are offered many times daily I do not smoke cigars; only the one member of the family, whose friendly advances I would appreciate, stands aloof.

When I rise in the morning and pass the door of his room on my way to the street, I can hear his voice raised in angry tones. No knowledge of his language is necessary to tell me that I am the subject of his threats, and as I hurry away I feel glad that a stout door is between us. In the evening when I return, his watchful eyes follow my every movement, such offerings as chocolate and other edibles he accepts with an air which demonstrates clearly that his sentiments are in no way changed, and the hand which I extend in friendship is still ignored.

Verily it is a most undignified position for a member of His Majesty's Forces, yet I feel more than ever that we must be friends, so I continue to make futile friendly advances, although, only a moment before, I have heard his voice raised in bloodthirsty references to myself.

As time passes, however, I become convinced that the most sensible method is to declare open enmity and poison the brute, for it is obviously useless to endeavour to establish friendship with a dog which is apparently first cousin to a wolf and resolutely refuses to recognise the ratification of the Peace Treaty.

RAS.

THE WELFARE OF THE NEW ARMY.

Much has been written about the future welfare, educationally and socially of of the demobilised soldier. But what about the future welfare of those men who decide to remain in the Army? Are they to be allowed to drift into the same rut they were in pre-war days?

The old type of soldier proved himself a capable and wonderful fighter when tried, still his occupation was considered to be a blind alley employment, and unless the authorities take the matter into consideration, he will drift down that same blind alley. It is understood that the British Army of the future will be the best paid and most efficient Army of the world. Everything that is possible will be done, in respect to his education, to prevent a man from feeling that when he has finished his work in the Army, he will have some commercial or trade knowledge to assist him to find employment, and take his place in the business world.

What arrangements are being made, apart from education, in order to assist a man of the new Army to take his place in the world as a citizen? It is granted that lectures and classes in Civics will to a certain extent assist, yet there is the most important feature missing, that of personal contact, which is a most important factor if he is to take his place in the social side of the world.

If they are left to the influence of the cinema, the excitement of the boxing ring or the football field, as the only means of respite that a soldier has, their position socially in the world will not be improved.

It is the duty then of the Authorities to fully consider the question on their behalf, just as much as it is a duty to consider it on behalf of the workers in other spheres of labour. It is the right use of leisure that counts in the world. Mr. Arnold Bennet is quite right when he says that it dpes not matter whether a man be millionair eor pauper he only gets 24 hours per day to do therein all that he has to do, he can either make use of it or fritter it away, but he cannot make it either more or less. But it does matter to him in his future life if he only utilizes an average of one hour per day properly.

I venture to suggest that the library should be one of the main factors for the development in the social equipment of the new Army. In Universities the Library is the centre of all activity in its life. It is one of the most valuable assets, not only for the books it contains but for the various Club activities which emanate from it. Is this not possible in Army life? I do not anticipate that the Army should provide libraries on the same lines quite as the University, as such a course is not quite possible, yet much could be done if properly attented to. A properly administered Library movement in the Army has a wonderful possibility before it, both educationally and socially. Good books help to make good citizens. Reading opens the door to knowledge and knowledge shows the way to freedom.

Every battalion or garrison should possess its library and study room, and its librarian. The latter not a man placed there temporarily because he is unfit for other duties, but one who is fully alive to the possibilities of his job.

The library should contain books representing every interest Biography, History, Science, Art, Nature Study, Poetry and Fiction. Think of the character of the books contained in the various Battalion libraries prior to the war and prior to the activities of the camp libraries. It stands to reason that if you are going to offer increased educational facilities like those that are being offered library of the Army must advance also and keep pace with the times. The formation of libraries are permitted under the Education scheme, and I would suggest the amalgamation of the Education library and the other library under one librarian.

The libraries should not be administered by the educational instructors; if they are, they will defeat their own ends. The aim of the educational instructors is to teach and prove facts, but the aim of a true librarian is not so much to give knowledge as to place the means into the hands of a person whereby he can obtain it himself. The aim of the librarian then is to act as a living link between the books and their readers. His ambition should be to be a guide or pathfinder to the seeker after knowledge, thereby assisting them in perhaps quite an unconscious manner to cultivate sympathy and imagination.

Another side of the Army librarian's work and a most important side too, is the extension work in connection with his library. That is to assist in the formation of various clubs in connection with the battalion. It has been said that no social work can be done with men unless you get at their individualities, which generally comes out in their hobbies. The formation of these clubs would assist in this matter, in addition to providing many attractions for the men. Literary Clubs, Camera Clubs, Debates, Discussions, Nature Study Club, Chess and Draughts Tournaments, Hobbies (Sketching, Painting, Carpentry etc.) are all useful in this direction. Take the Camera Club for example; when this had been formed it would be possible for a small subscription per annum to join one of the various Photographic federations, thereby securing a variety of lecturers who are quite willing to come and give excellent lectures, many illustrated by lantern slides.

In the organisation of these factors towards social development the librarian would be doing something towards making the library and its social side a real live influence in the lives of the men. If some of these ideas were adopted we should have no qualms about the success of the social side of the future Army. There should be no question about getting the right men for librarians if a certain freedom was allowed in their administration of their work. Such men already exist in the Army I am sure, but they cannot at present use their abilities to the best advantage for all concerned.

Let the authorities first show that they are willing to offer the right type of man a decent position, and they would then have no difficulty in securing the services of the right type of man they require for such jobs. Such an organisation as I have outlined has possibilities and would quite justify the cost of its upkeep in its future results.

NOSELLE.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

A BADGE WANTED.

Sir,—One can appreciate the feelings of "Mufti" whose article appeared recently. Now that so many British civilians are over here on business, would it not be an easy matter to issue a distinctive badge to show their nationality?

The same idea might be applied to the English wives coming to Rhineland. Of course there are "pros and cons" to this question. What do other readers think?

G. A.

English Wives are suppled with a brassard.—*Ed.*

A READER'S PROTEST.

Sir,—I take the liberty of writing to endorse the letter signed "Biggo."

The Correspondence column should be at least elevating if not educating. I consider many letters published in reply to readers' communications and ideas are insulting, especially the last few letters regarding dancing etiquette.

As your paper is read by German people, this does not tend to give us lustre in their eyes

As an Englishman, I think every man or woman is entitled to his or her own opinion, without being pulled to pieces.

A READER.

WHY NO QUEUE?

Sir,—I have just returned from Cox's battlefield, rather the worse for wear. From 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. I seem to have been in the throes of a rugger scrum and as there were present many of more stupendous physique than myself I was on the losing side,

When one regards the well-conducted queues of the O.Rs. outside the Canteens it seems strange that some sort of similar order could not be arranged amongst us when cashing cheques at Cox's Bank.

Many O.Rs. who have buiness with Cox's have no chance whatever as every officer would appear to fight his way to the counter irrespective of the time of his arrival or those before him and the weakest goes to the wall.

It is not the fault of the bank but is due to no organisation being in force. Many ladies will not face the ordeal. Probably this mention of the matter will be sufficient to stop what is hardly to the credit of Officers.

C. H. M.

RHINE ARMY DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

Sir,—The performances of the Rhine Army Dramatic Society are so enjoyable that I am diffident about mentioning one little fact that frequently mars their excellence.

This is the lateness in starting and long waits in between the acts. The performance is advertised to begin at 6. p. m. but on the 22nd inst. the orchestra began "Poet and Peasant" overture at 6.8 p. m. and finished at 6.22 p. m. They then waited four minutes and started to play another overture, being pulled up by the electric bell, when the curtain rose for the "Dream Child" just before 6.30 p. m.

Between the "Dream Child" and "The Younger Generation" was a wait of twenty minutes and a further sixteen minutes between the first and second acts of the latter play. At the end of the second act at 8.40 p. m. my friends and self with many others had to leave, thus missing the third act. It is difficult to arrange Messing when one does not know when the performance will finish and the VI Corps Club is some considerable distance. I am not really a grouser but would ask the stage manager either to forget the old proverb "Punctuality is an invention of the devil" or to state the time the performance will finish and stick to it.

THESPIAN.

A GARRISON CHURCH.

Sir,—I was interested in your article on "A Garrison Church." As the writer seems to think all men glory in going there, may I be allowed space to tell him he is mistaken.

His whole defence, if I may be allowed to call it such, of the Church of England service falls to the ground through one phrase he uses, which is that "wherever the Church of England service is held it is ever the same." That to me is its weak point and helps to make the service an absurd fallacy. From beginning to end, any feeling of freedom or originality is absolutely missing. Any man of ordinary ability can read prayers, week in and week out. He may even recite them without thinking, while his thoughts are hundreds of miles away.

If "S.K." has ever been to a service in the Presbyterian Church in Cologne, or in fact to any real Nonconformist service he must have been impressed by the real live earnestness of feeling prevailing throughout, a feeling one seldom finds in a Church of England service.

On one point I agree. He says it is here that men have received inspiration and strength to help them in their daily tasks. It has given me inspiration, but not of the kind "G.K." suggests. It is the inspiration to find in a Sunday morning fatigue, a real pleasure in knowing I have missed the ordeal of the Church of England parade. *NONCONFORMIST.*

"LONG BOY'S" RETURN.

Gee, fellers! I'm goin' home!
Tho' it ain't as I thought before the scrap,
When I came to Europe to change the map,
And the mugs of the Kaiser's hosts to mar
And relate the horrors of this here war;
For I didn't get even a tiny scar,
Or chevron or cootie or shoulder-bar;
But I'm goin' home!

Gee, Fellers! I'm goin' home!
Tho' most of our friends are gone with flu,
And father is feelin' pretty blue;
And my purse like a cast-off bandolier,
And I've lost my job and there's
no more beer,
And I ain't a wearin' a War-Cross here,
And my girl has married a profiteer;
There are Mother's pies and her
heart o' cheer,
And I'm goin' home!

BURDE BAXTER CLARKE

C.P.C. TOURNAMENT.

Final Positions Of Teams In Seven Leagues.

CULMINATING STAGE.

The League Competition has concluded and the fight for "The Cologne Post" Cup now enters upon its culminating stage. The teams heading the various league tables will meet in a knock-out competition and to the surviving team of this struggle, which promises a series of highly interesting matches, the trophy will go. The eliminating rounds will be played off this week and the teams, date, and ground will be announced to-morrow. Any protests with regard to League positions must reach this office not later than 10 a.m., on Thursday. The tables of the seven Leagues are appended.

SOLINGEN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Lowland Div. M.T. Coy.	11	9	2		18§
51 Hants	11	7	2	2	16§
64 Field Coy.	11	6	2	3	15§
61 Field Coy.	11	6	2	3	15§
15 K.O.S.B.	11	4	3	4	12§
90 Field Coy. R.E.	11	3	3	5	11§ +
Southern Div. R.E.	11	4	4	4	10§
15 H.L.I.	11	2	4	6	10§
11 Royal Scots	11	1	2	8	10§
Lowland D.A.C.	11	1	3	7	9§
83 (Dub.) Gen. Hosp.	11	2	5	4	8§

EUSKIRCHEN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
174 Siege Bty.	25	25	0		50§
77 Siege Bty.	25	22	2	1	45§
185 Siege Bty.	25	19	5	1	39§
E Corps Sig. Coy.	25	18	5	2	38§
15 South Staffs	25	18	5	2	38§
145 Siege Bty.	25	18	6	1	37§
21 Bde R.G.A.	25	18	7		36§
354 Siege Bty.	25	17	7	1	35§
9 Corps Troops M.T. Coy.	25	16	8	1	33§
Mid. D.A.C.	25	13	7	5	31§
Mid. Div. H.Q.	25	13	9	3	29§ +
F. A.A. Bty., R.F.A.	25	11	7	7	29§ +
488 Siege Bty.	25	12	10	3	27§
9 Corps H.A.	25	11	12	2	24§
7o Bde. R.G.A.	25	11	12	2	24§
16 Field Amb.	25	7	13	5	19§ +

COLOGNE SOUTHERN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
93 Bde. R.G.A.	23	22	0	1	45§
41 Bn. M. ..C.	23	20	1	2	42§
2 M.G.C.	23	18	3	2	3 §
18 Labour Coy.	23	17	6		34§ +
Wahn Survey Det.	23	16	7		3 §
5 R. Irish Regt.	23	12	4	6	32§ +
D/190 Bde. R.F.A.	23	15	7	1	31§ +
Northern Div. R.E.	23	14	6	3	31§ +
17o Siege Bty.	23	14	6	3	31§
3 Bn. M.G.C.	23	12	8	3	27§
12 R. Irish Rifles	23	10	7	6	26§ +
H.A.C. c/o D.A.P.M. Deutz	23	8	10	5	21§
3 Northern Bde.	23	7	12	4	18§
"G" A.A. Bty. R.G.A.	23	7	12	4	18§ +
VI Corps H.Q.	23	8	14	1	17§ +

DUREN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
D Corps Siege Park	18	15	0	3	33§
1o Siege Bty.	18	14	2	2	30§
IV Corps Troops M.T. Coy.	18	13	3	2	28§
1/1 N. Mid. H.B.	18	11	3	4	26§
15 K. Hussars	18	10	2	6	26§
310 Bde. R.F.A.	18	8	2	8	24§
3 K.O. Hussars	18	9	5	4	22§
Light Div. H.Q.	18	9	6	3	21§
183 Siege Bty.	18	7	6	5	19§ +
0 Bty. Rocket Troops	18	7	6	5	19§
No 1 Light Rly. Sig. Coy.	18	7	7	4	18§
D Corps Sig. Coy.	18	7	8	3	17§

COLOGNE NORTHERN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
29 M.G.C.	23	22	1		44§
1/6 West Yorks	23	22	1		44§
London Div. M.T. Coy.	23	18	5		36§
1/5 West Yorks	23	17	6		34§
1/4 York and Lanc	23	17	6		34§
Maps 4 F.S. Bn.	23	15	5	3	33§
75 Bde. R.F.A.	23	15	7	1	31§
C/113 Bde. R.F.A.	23	12	6	5	29§
2nd Corps H.Q.	23	10	5	8	28§
31 Labour Group	23	11	9	3	25§
2/4 Hants	23	10	8	5	25§
51 R. Warwick	23	9	7	7	25§ +
420 Siege Bty.	23	9	8	6	24§
52 R. Warwick Regt.	23	8	7	8	24§
53 R. Warwick	23	6	9	8	20§ +
Southern Div. M.T. Coy.	23	9	14		18§
2/7 Field Coy.	23	5	11	7	17§
48 Field Amb.	23	6	14	3	15§

BONN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
13 Kings L'pool Regt.	29	27	2		54§
5 Border Regt.	29	25	3	1	51§
16 Lanc. Fus.	29	23	2	4	50§
4 Suffolk	29	24	5		48§
23 Royal Fus.	29	21	6	2	44§
121 Hvy. Bty.	29	20	7	2	42§
15 Lancs. Fus.	29	16	6	7	39§ +
Lancs. Div. M.T Coy.	29	18	10	1	37§
1 T.M.B. Western	29	14	12	3	31§ +
51 Kings L'pool Regt.	29	13	12	4	30§
X Corps Sig. Coy.	29	13	13	3	29§
3 3 Siege Bty.	29	13	15	1	27§
Lancs. Div. Sig. Coy.	29	12	14	3	27§
92 Field Amb.	29	11	15	3	25§
60 Siege Bty.	29	9	16	4	22§ +

COLOGNE TOWN LEAGUE TABLE.

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
17 Lancers	25	23	1	1	47§
R. AA. ty.	25	23	3	1	43§
Cav. Div. H Q.	25	20	4	1	41§
Army H.Q Sig. Coy.	25	20	5		40§
Cav. Div. A.C., R.H.A.	25	18	6	1	37§
9 D.L.I.	25	16	8	1	33§ +
53 Northumberland Fus.	25	16	8	1	33§
52 Northumberland Fus.	25	16	8	1	33§
7o Sq. R.A.F.	25	13	7	5	31§
No. 2 Water Tank Coy.	25	12	9	4	28§
Adv Supply Dep.	25	10	8	7	27§ +
51 Aux. Bus. Coy.	25	10	11	4	24§
51 Northumberland Fus.	25	9	10	6	24§ +
51 D.L.I.	25	8	9	8	24§ +
A.A. Searchlight Section	25	8	11	6	22§
24 Vet. Hosp.	25	6	10	9	21§ +
2 do. R.A.F.	25	6	11	8	20§
Bakeries Sports Club	25	7	14	4	18§
5 Bty. Tel. Sig. Coy.	25	5	12	8	18§ +
3 Cav. Field Amb.	25	5	13	7	17§ +
4 R. Sussex (withdrawn)	20	19	0	1	39§

LATEST MATCHES.

3rd BATT. M.G.C. (166) v. 180th LABOUR COY. (44) at Richt Barracks. The chief scorers for the Gunners were Pte. Pullen (54) Pte. Hughes (45) and Major Hodgson (14 not out). The visitors then went in to bat, but were quickly dispissed owing to the splendid bowling of Barr and Eade. The top scorer for the Labour Coy. was Main (24).

"MAPS" 4 F.S. BN. (95 for 9) v. 52nd R. WARWICK (65) at Kürten. For Maps L/Cpl. Samders took 5 wickets for 11 runs. Gnr. Cleverley's fielding at point was particularly praiseworthy.

16th LANCS. FUS. (127 for 7) v. X CORPS SIG. COY. (18) at Bonn. For the Fus. Pte. Camp scored 61 not out, Lieut. Thomson 23, and Pte. Bradshaw 19. Camp took 4 wickets for 8 runs and Ferguson 5 for 10.

"MAPS" (126) v. 2/4 HANTS (83). For Maps Spr. Swain and Capt. Robinson were top scorers with 26 and 22 respectively, while L/Cpl. Hodgetts took 7 Hants wickets for 26. For the 2/4 Hants Sergt. Rowe was top scorer with 26 while L/Cpl. Braxton proved their most effective bowler.

9th CORPS TROOPS M.T. COY. (67) v. 354 SIEGE BTY. R.G.A. (54) at Euskirchen. Major Dyer and Pte. White were top scorers for the M.T. Coy. with 26 and 20 respectively. For the visitors, Cpl. Wilkins hit up the useful score of 25, while Bdr. Singleton was successful in taking 4 wickets for 22.

OTHER RESULTS.

"Maps" 4 F.S. Bn., R.E. (82) v. 31st Labour Group (32) at Klettenberg Park.

41st Bn. M.G.C. 94; 170 Siege Bty. R.G.A. 71. 13 Kings 132 for 7; Lancs. Div. M.T. Coy. 86. 5 Borderers 151; 23rd Royal Fus. 27.

FOR THE KING'S SHIELD.

Miniature Rifle Competition between 13th and 15th October.

An Army Order recently issued, announces that, in order to allow all School Cadet Units to take part, the Miniature Rifle Competition for the King's Shield may take place on any one day between 13th and 25th October, both dates inclusive.

Cadet Units wishing to enter for this Competition must send a notification of their intention to do so to the County Association by which they were granted recognition.

Such notifications must reach County Associations before 29th September accompanied by the following information:

Detail of squadrons, batteries or companies entering teams.

Address to which the officer commanding the Cadet Unit wishes the registers and targets to be sent.

GUNNERS AT SOCCER.

In spite of the hot weather a football match was played between "A" and "B" Batteries, 187 Bde. R.F.A. on "A" Battery's ground at Eil.

In the first part the game was fairly even, one goal being scored by each team, but in the second half "B" Battery were hard pressed and "A" Battery scored 3 more goals, in spite of the splendid defence put up by "B" Battery's backs. For "A" Battery, Fitter Dixon, Bdr. Lawker and Dvr. Harrison played very good games.

RHINE ARMY HORSE SHOW.

As a result of a misprint in the programme we gave D/51 Brigade R.F.A. as the winners of the Best Gun and Team Competition R.F.A. at the British Army of the Rhine Horse Show. The successful Brigade was D/50.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, August 26, 1919.

Surface wind between South and Southwest increasing to 15 or 20 m.p.h. Fair early becoming cloudy probably with some showers or drizzle. Visibility fair. Moderate temperature.

13th SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A.

Successful Sports And Concert At Langerwehe.

Unqualified success attended the annual sports meeting of the 13th Siege Bty. R.G.A., at Langerwehe. The weather was all that could be desired and the events were keenly contested.

The band of the 3rd Kings Own Hussars, by kind consent of the Colonel, rendered selections during the afternoon and evening. The proceedings were favoured by the presence of Brigadier-General C. G. Pitchard, C.M.G., D.S.O., R.A., and Lieut.-Col. I. C. Hanna, D.S.O., commanding 83rd Brigade R.G.A.

In the evening a concert was given by the ever popular "Recuperators," who gave a new programme, which was enthusiastically received.

The prizes were presented during the interval by Capt. R. Shrive, M.C.

The concert was a fitting close to a very enjoyable day the success of which was due to the untiring efforts of Lieut. F. W. Lewis and his hard working committee.

The results were as follows:—

100 yds.:—1, Gnr. Cook; 2, Cpl. Prior; 3, Bdr. Norman.

220 yds.:—1, Gnr. Palmer; 2, Cpl. Prior; 3, Gnr. Wignall.

440 yds.:—1, Cpl. Prior; 2, Gnr. Wignall; 3, Gnr. Cook.

½ mile:—1, Cpl. Prior; 2, Gnr. Cook; 3, Bdr. Morgan.

1 mile:—1, Cpl. Prior, 2, Capt. Richards.

120 yds. Hurdles:—1, Bdr. Eustace; 2, Cpl. Henzall; 3, B. S. M. Dunsdon.

Tug-of-War:—1, F. Sub; 2, E. Sub.

Dribbling race:—1, Sig. Thom; 2, Bdr. Jones; 3, Sgt. Gulliver.

High jump:—1, Sig. Brown; 2, Sig. Akers; 3, Gnr. Lindsay.

Long jump:—1, Bdr. Morgan; 2, Cpl. Henzall; 3, Sig. Barker.

Throwing Cricket Ball:—1, Bdr. McMuldrock; 2, Cpl. Henzall; 3, Gnr. Beans.

Sack race:—1, Gnr. Russell; 2, Bdr. Jones; 3, Sgt. Babbs.

Slow bicycle race:—1, Gnr. Garbut; 2, Sig. Fordyce; 3, Sig. Akers.

Boot race:—1, Bdr. Jones; 2, Sig. Fordyce; 3, F/Gnr. Walsey.

Relay race:—1, A. Sub; 2, C. Sub.

Veterans race:—1, Gnr. Cargeege; 2, Gnr. Guild; 3, B. S. M. Dunsdon.

Thread and Needle race:—1, Sgt. Babbs; 2, Cpl. Henzall; 3, Bdr. Jones.

Potato race:—1, Bdr. Eustace; 2, Gnr. Palmer; 3, Sig. Elis.

Three Legged race:—1, Sgts. Robinson and Entwistle; 2, Sgt. Gulliver and Sig. Rose.

Obstacle race:—1, Bdr. Eustace; 2, Bdr. Jones.

Tilting the Bucket:—1, Bdr. Jones and Bdr. Morgan; 2, B. S. M. Dunsdon and Gnr. Simpson.

O.C.'s prize presented by Major Parrington M.C., to competitor with greatest number of points:—Cpl. Prior.

CARPENTIER "DEMOBBED"

Ready To Meet Beckett in Six Weeks Time.

WHY HE POSTPONED MATCH.

Carpentier was demobilized on Saturday after five years service in the French Army.

He told a press representative that he postponed the match with Beckett because he wished to be in the finest form and to have no excuse if he lost the European title.

He will be ready to meet Beckett in six weeks and thinks he can beat him.

CONN DISSATISFIED.

Eager For A Return Match With Charlie Stone.

Joe Conn, who recently lost to Charlie Stone on points at the Liverpool Stadium, is very eager for a return contest and will make a match at 9st for £100 aside and the best purse, the winner to take all.

To the "Sporting Life" Conn said:—"From the second round, I had all the best of the contest without unduly exerting myself. It is true I did not punch my opponent very hard, but that was owing to the fact that I was not sure of my hands. But still, 10 to 1 was laid on me in the tenth round and 20 to 1 on me was offered without takers in the fourteenth."

WEBB KNOCKS OUT BUSWELL.

In a 20-rounds contest at the Ring on Saturday Charlie Webb of Bow knocked out George Buswell of Fulham in the seventh round.

ENGLISH RACING.

Hurst Park Results.

A large attendance gathered at Hurst Park, on Saturday, for the final day of the meeting. Fields were on the small side, and only five turned out for the Cowley T.Y.O. Selling Plate, in which the favourite, L'Espion, was successful. The favourite again scored in the following event, Muscovado winning for Major M. Weyland. His Majesty's colours were seen on Sunny Princess, with Donoghue up.

Details.

Cowley Plate:—1, L'Espion (6—4); 2, Marosticon (5—1); 3, Over There (3—1).

August Selling Handicap:—1, Muscovado (11—10); 2, White Prince (8—1); 3, Farm Gamp (6—1).

Lennor Plate:—1, Silvern (10—1); 2, Sunny Princess (10—8); 3, Saddlemark (7—1).

Nonsuch Handicap:—1, Bird's Nest (7—1); 2, Sonning (7—1); 3, Ramboda (100—8).

Maze Handicap:—1, Zulanda (4—1); 2, Double Or Quits (6—4); 3, Main Royal (5—1).

Apprentices Plate:—1, Sheringham (11—10); 2, Sippet Charlie (5—4); 3, Turbit (8—1).

WORLD'S RECORD BROKEN.

Lewes Trainer's Eleven winners in a week.

Mr. George C. Poole, the well-known trainer of racehorses, whose stables are at Lewes, has broken the world's record for the number of winners turned out in a week by one trainer.

Mr. Poole has saddled eleven successful horses in seven day's racing.

One of the winners was Albany Beef, who was captured by the Sinn Feiners during the Irish uprising. The "Beef" won twice.

Although Mr. Poole is only thirty-three years old, and has many years of training in front of him, it is improbable that he will succeed in beating the wonderful record he has just made.

"E" BATTERY'S CLAIM.

That "E" Battery's claim to the honour of having an excellent bunch of horses was not unfounded, was proved at the Army of the Rhine Horse Show, held at Kalk-Merheim, when they were strikingly successful. With two firsts, two seconds, two thirds and two fourths to the credit of the Battery the men are naturally elated. The team of bob-tailed bays showed to great advantage and were much admired.

The drivers are to be complimented on the manner in which they handled their horses and also on the condition of their harness, which must have entailed hours of hard work.

A TWO RUNS WIN.

A very exciting cricket match took place at the Volksgarten when the 153 Labour Coy. met the 29th Labour Coy. in a friendly game. The 29th won the toss and decided to bat first, making a good score of 130 (Maylor and Heaton each scored 26). 153 Coy. then went in and, with Pte. Blick playing a magnificent innings of 53, enabled the 153rd to win a hard fought game by 2 runs.

Scores:—153 Coy. 132; 29th Coy. 130.

Death of H. L. Doherty.

The death took place at Broadstairs on Friday last of Mr Hugh Lawrence Doherty, the second of the famous lawn tennis brotherhood which did so much to revive the game in the late nineties and early years of 1900, and whose name became a household word wherever lawn tennis was played. "H. L." and "R. F." (who died on Dec. 29, 1910) were in those days the greatest exponents of the game that had ever been seen, and it is a debatable point whether their skill has ever been surpassed, even by present day champions. "H. L." either in singles or partnered by his brother, won practically every championship title at lawn tennis.

VICTORY CHESS TOURNEY.

Capablanca won the Victory chess tournament, which concluded at Hastings on Saturday. His score was 10½ points. Kostich being second with 9½ points. Mr Sergeant, of London, won the minor tournament with 9½ points, and Mrs Holloway, of Bromley, gained the ladies' championship with a score of 9.

ARMY ATHLETE IN FORM.

At the Vickers Athletic Meeting at Weybridge on Saturday, Usher, the well-known Army athlete, won the 100 yards open in 9 4/5 secs.

SWEEPSTAKE DRAW.

1/5 West Yorks Successful Venture At Ehrenfeld.

FIRST PRIZE 15,250 MARKS.

The draw in connection with the 1/5 West Yorks Regiment Sweepstake took place at the Bickendorf School, Ehrenfeld yesterday evening. When the idea of the "sweep" was recently mooted the promoters were quite modest in their anticipations of the response but such was its popularity that large contributions poured in from numerous units with the result that the committee were compelled to postpone the draw from last Wednesday until last night.

Prior to the draw an excellent programme was presented to a crowded audience by "The Oddities" concert party. Songs, both grave and gay, were highly appreciated and the troupe are to be congratulated upon their continued originality and spirit. The band of the 1/5 West Yorks Regt. by their selections also added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

All proceeds were given in thirteen prizes.

Prize Amounts.

The first prize, 50 per cent. of the takings, amounted to 15,250 marks, the second 6,500 marks, the third 3,025 marks, and ten prizes of 605 marks each. The total amount received was 31,200 marks, and from this 950 marks (3 per cent.) were deducted for expenses. All the prizes were given in Savings Certificates.

The whole of the arrangements were in the hands of Capts. J. F. Spencer, the Hon. Treas., upon whom the greatest credit is reflected. Lieut. Robinson again shewed his success as manager of the "Oddities."

The prizes were drawn as follows:—

1, S.M.T.O., X Corps;
2, Lieut. A. E. Weeks, IX Cyclist Battn.;
3, S. M. Simmonds, Northern Div. Train;
4, Major Vanderyce, Lancs. Fus.;
5, L.Cpl. B. Smith;
6, Pte. Westmoreland, 1/5 West Yorks;
7, Pte. Crisp, 1/4 (H.) Y. and L.;
8, Lieut. Percy;
9, Cpl. F. C. Biles, 15th Hants;
10, E. Hillbard, 180 Labour Corps;
11, Major W. S. West, 9th East Surrey;
12, Lieut. G. V. Kyte, 10th Royal Hussars;
13, Sapper Gilbey.

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL.

Scottish League Results.

Glasgow Rangers	3	Aberdeen	2
Clydebank	1	Airdrieonians	2
Albion Rovers	2	Partick Thistle	0
Ayr United	1	Heart of Midlothian	2
Hamilton Academicals	3	Celtic	2
Clyde	4	Motherwell	1
Queens Park	2	Dumbarton	1
Greenock Morton	3	Falkirk	0
Dundee	3	Third Lanark	1
Hibernians	2	St. Mirren	1
Raith Rovers	5	Kilmarnock	1

OUIMET'S WATERLOO.

Victor of Champion falls to Wood Platt.

Sensation follows upon sensation in the United States Amateur Championship at the Oakmont Country course, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania as in the third round Francis Ouimet, who previously defeated the holder, first of all stood square with Wood Platt on the thirty-sixth green, and then was ousted from the competition at the thirty-eighth hole.

Several times Ouimet seemed to have the match within his grasp, both in the morning and in the second eighteen holes, and at most of the holes he out distanced his opponent through the green, but Platt's putting stood him in good stead, so much so that time and again he neutralised his opponent's previous advantage.

MEN OF KENT MEMORIAL.

Lord George Hamilton on Sporting Qualities.

On Saturday Lord George Hamilton, President of Kent County Cricket Club, unveiled a fountain erected on the St. Laurence ground, Canterbury, to the memory of Colin Blythe and other members of the Kent team who fell in the war. Lord George Hamilton said that during the most critical phases of the war the qualities engendered by sport were a great national asset.

84th Brigade R.G.A. Cricket League.

Played at Mehlem on Saturday, a match between 276th Siege Battery and 152nd Heavy Battery, ended in a win for the former by 30 runs, the Siege scoring 67 against 37 by the Heavies. For the winners, Gnr. Bowce headed the Battery score with 15 and for the Heavies, Lieut. Alyward with 10. Six wickets fell to Cpl. Walker of 267, and for the 152 H.B., Gnr. Fox took 4 and Gnr. McWatt 3.

BATTERY RIVALRY.

A return match was played at Solingen between B/245 and D/245 Bde. R.F.A. The former batted first and were disposed of for 54, Gnr. Bates (11) being the only batsman to reach double figures. For "D" Bty Lieut. Ransome took 3 wickets for 7 runs, Gnr. Davis 2 for 7 and Gnr. Butler 2 for 9. The Howitzers then went in to bat and passed their opponents' total for the loss of only 3 wickets, but were finally disposed of for 88 owing to some good bowling by Brittain and Bates. For the winners Gnr. Cocrun scored 24 not out and Lieut. Ransome 21.

The Late Mr. McGregor.

The funeral of the late Mr. McGregor, the famous wicket keeper, took place on Saturday. Among those present were Capt. P. F. Warner, Mr. A. J. Webbe, Mr. F. E. Lacey, Secretary, M.C.C., Mr. J. H. Findlay, Secretary, Surrey, C.C., Mr. Farmiloe, Secretary, Hants C.C. The service was conducted by Canon Savill, an old Carthusian, who was at Cambridge with deceased. Wreaths were sent by various cricket clubs.

RHINELAND GOLF.

Successful Competitions On The Cologne Links.

FULL RESULTS.

A most successful Golf Meeting concluded on the Cologne Golf Links on Saturday, when the finals in four events were decided.

In the final of the Open Singles Championship of the British Army of the Rhine, over 36 holes, Lt.-Col. A.G. Barry, 41st M.G. Bn. an ex-amateur Champion of the British Isles, after a stiff match in the semi-final with Maj. Poyser, K.O.Y.L.I. was opposed by Capt. A.H. Head, N. Staff. Regt. who had beaten Capt. Morgan at the 18th hole in the semi-final. The scores after 18 holes were Lt. Col. Barry 83, Capt. Read 81, and for the second round, Capt. Read 61 for 15 holes against 68 by Lt.-Col. Barry the totals thus being Capt. Read, 142, Lt.-Col. Barry, 151.

The finals of the other events also produced close games. The following are the results:—

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

1st round for best 16 qualifying over 36 holes:—Lt. Burgess beat Lt. Parker 2 up; Lt.-Col. Barry beat Capt. O'Carroll 5 and 3; Capt. Darley beat Lt. Jenkins 3 and 1; Maj. Poyser beat Maj. Mallinson 3 and 2; Capt. Read beat Capt. Pitt at 19th hole; Lt. Stanford beat Maj. Symons 2 up. Capt. Stevenson beat Lt. Wight 2 and 1 and Capt. Morgan beat Maj. Ling at 19th hole.

2nd round.

Lt.-Col. Barry beat Lt. Burgess by 5 and 3: Maj. Poyser beat Capt. Darley 2 and 1; Capt. Read beat Lt. Stanford 5 and 4 and Capt. Morgan beat Capt. Stevenson 3 and 2.

Semi-finals.

Lt.-Col. Barry beat Maj. Poyser 3 and 2; Capt. Read beat Capt. Morgan 1 up.

Final.

Capt. Read beat Lt.-Col. Barry 4 and 3.

OPEN SINGLES, N.C.O'S AND MEN.

1st round:— Cpl. Todd beat Sgt. Collins,

2nd round.

L/Cpl. Alexander beat Cpl. Sedstone; Pte. Perkins beat Sgt. Goldspink; Sgt. Arundel beat Sgt Ireland; Sgt. Fulford beat Spr. Gibbs; Pte. Hancox beat Cpl. Todd; Cpl. Tosh beat L/Cpl. Dawson; Sgt. Cooper beat Gnr. Seymour and Pte. Adams beat Pte. Burrows.

3rd Round.

Pte. Perrins beat L/Cpl. Alexander by 6 and 4; Sergt. Fulford beat Sergt. Arundel 3 and 2, Cpl. Tosh beat Pte. Hancox 1 up; and Sergt. Cooper beat Pte. Adams 4 and 3.

Semi-finals.

Sergt. Fulford beat Pte. Perrins 2 and 1 and Sergt. Cooper beat Cpl. Tosh 2 and 1.

Final.

Final over 36 holes.

Sergt. Fulford beat Sergt. Cooper 7 and 6.

HANDICAP SINGLES.

1st Round for best 32 who qualified in preliminary bogey competition.

Capt. Ziegler (12) beat Major Moffatt (10) by one hole; Major Poyser (6) beat Colonel Bush (1); Capt. Read (scr.) beat Capt. Craven (9) 2 up; Lieut. Marshall (18) beat Lieut. Whittet (18), 2 up; Major Arkle (18) W.O. Genl. Fuller (12) scratched; Major Ling (1) beat Major Tucker (15) at 19th hole; Lieut.-Colonel Gemmill (18) beat Lieut. Jenkins (10); Lieut. Burgess (7) beat Lieut. Stevens (16) 3 and 2; Lieut. Packenham Walsh (15) beat Major Bompurcy (14) by 3 and 2; Major Symons (9) W.O. Lieut. Parker (9) scratched; Major Mallinson (4) beat Colonel Biddle (12) 2 and 1; Major Anne (15) beat Lieut. Stanford (10) by 2 and 1; Commander Acheson (9) beat Capt. Pitt (6) 2 up; Major Roberts (18) beat Capt. Stevenson (2) by 4 and 3; Major Carpenter (16) beat Lieut. Darrel (18) by 2 and 1; Capt. Hodson (16) beat Rev. Grundy (3) by 4 and 3.

2nd Round.

Major Poyser W.O. Capt. Ziegler scratched, Capt. Read beat Lieut. Marshal 1 up, Major Arkle beat Major Ling by 2 and 1, Lieut.-Colonel Gemmill beat Lieut. Burgess by 4 and 3, Lieut. Pakenham Walsh beat Major Symons by 2 and 1, Major Anne beat Major Mallinson 6 up, Commander Acheson beat Major Roberts 1 up and Capt. Hodson beat Major Carpenter 6 and 4.

3rd Round.

Major Poyser beat Capt. Read 3 and 2; Lieut.-Colonel Gemmill beat Major Arkle 5 and 4; Lieut. Packenham Walsh, W.O. Major Anne scratched; Capt. Hodson beat Commander Acheson at 19th hole.

Semi-final.

Major Poyser beat Lieut. Colonel Gemmill 5 and 4 and Lieut. Packenham Walsh beat Capt. Hodson 1 up.

Final.

Major Poyser beat Lieut. Packenham Walsh 2 up and 1.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

1st round:—Major Beck (5) and Major Powell (18) beat Lieut. Reid Brown (11) and Lieut. Oliver (16) by 5 and 3; Lieut. Burgess (7) and Capt. Ziegler (2) beat Commander Acheson (9) and Capt. Read (Scr) at 19th hole; Capt. Darley (6) and Capt. Pitt (6) beat Major Poyser (6) and Major Allan (5) by 2 up. Major Tucker (15) and Capt. Smith (11) beat Lieut. Stevens (16) and Major Arkle (18) by 4 and 3; Lieut. Parker (3) and Lieut. Whittet (18) W.O. Lieut. Colonel Mortimer (18) and Lieut. Walter (9) Scratched; Major Anne (13) and Lieut. Leman (8) beat Major-General Sir A. Mathew (8) and Brig.-General Fuller (12) by 3 and 2; Rev. Grundy (3) and Major Fergusson (16) W.O. Major-General Sir R. Hutchinson (10) and Colonel Biddle (12) Scratched; Lieut. Wight (Scr) and Lieut. King (9) beat Major Davidson (18) and Capt. Crowe (18) at 20th hole; Major Ling (1) and Capt. Lockhart (9) beat Major Malinson (4) and Major Montgomery (8) by 4 and 3; Lieut.-Colonel Lomas (18) and Capt. Craven (9) W.O. Major Beazer (Scr) and Major Ward Scratch 4; Capt. Hodson (16) and Capt. Christie (18) beat Lieut.-Col. Barry (plus 2) and Major Boroughrey (14) by 1 up; Major Roberts (18) and Lieut. Pinder (18) beat Rev. D. Wood (3) and Major Parr (18) by one up.

Second round.

Major Greenlees (2) and Capt. Morgan (Scr) W.O. Lieut.-Colonel Moultie (18) and Capt Spicer (1) Scratched; Major Beck and Major Powell W.O. Lieut. Burgess and Capt. Ziegler Scratched; Capt. Darley and Capt. Pitt beat Major Tucker and Capt. Smith by 7 and 5; Lieut. Parker and Lieut. Whittet beat Major Anne and Lieut. Leman 1 up; Lieut. Wight and Lieut. King beat Rev. Grundy and Major Fergusson by 2 and 1; Major Ling and Capt. Lockhart beat Lieut.-Colonel Lomas and Capt. Craven by 3 and 1; Capt. Hodson and Capt. Christie beat Major Roberts and Lieut. Pinder by 4 and 2; Lieut.-Colonel Gemmill (18) and Major Jackson (18) beat Major Symons (9) and Lieut. Hodson (10).

3rd round.

Major Beck and Major Powell beat Major Greenlees and Capt. Morgan by 5 and 3; Lieut. Parker and Lieut. Whittet beat Capt. Darley and Capt. Pitt at 19th hole; Lieut. Wight and Lieut. King beat Major Ling and Capt. Lockhart by 2 and 1; Lieut.-Colonel Gemmill and Major Jackson beat Capt. Hodson and Capt. Christie by 4 and 3.

Semi-finals.

Lieut. Parker and Lieut. Whittet beat Major Beck and Major Powell by 3 and 1 and Lieut. Wight and Lieut. King beat Lieut.-Col. Gemmill and Major Jackson 1 up.

Final.

Lieut. Parker and Lieut. Whittet beat Lieut. Wight and Lieut. King by 2 and 1.

MIXED FOURSOMES.

1st round:—Major Mallinson and Miss Main beat Major Mofat and Miss Dalrymple.

Semi-finals.

Commander Acheson and Miss Benshire beat Major Ling and Mrs. O'Rorke; Major Mallinson and Miss Main beat Major and Mrs. Fergusson.

Final.

Major Mallinson and Miss Main beat Commander Acheson and Miss Benshire.

FIGHT FOR SUPREMACY.

Close Proximity of Kent and Yorks.

Yorkshire and Kent are in such close proximity in the county championship table that additional interest centres in their game at Dover. This will probably settle the destination of the championship.

Kent's remaining fixture is with Middlesex, whilst the Tykes will probably add to their points through the agency of their matches with Hampshire and Sussex.

What strikes the observer about the Yorkshire side is that they are 11 cricketers who play as one team, whereas in more than one instance they have been opposed by 11 individually good cricketers, but acting generally as separate entities.

D. J. Knight and Hobbs put up another fine partnership yesterday against Middlesex, the amateur obtaining his seventh century of the season.

Championship Table.

The county championship table is appended.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	P.cent
Yorkshire	23	12	8	3	12	52.17
Kent	12	6	5	1	6	50.00
Notts	13	5	7	1	5	38.46
Somerset	11	4	5	2	4	36.36
Hampshire	14	5	5	4	5	35.71
Lancashire	23	8	11	4	8	34.78
Surrey	17	5	9	3	5	29.41
Gloucestershire	15	4	4	7	4	26.66
Derbyshire	13	3	1	9	3	23.07
Sussex	18	4	3	11	4	22.22
Leicestershire	14	3	7	4	3	21.42
Northants	11	2	5	4	2	18.18
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ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Mufti.

The war-time prohibition of the wearing of plain clothes by officers and men is now removed and permission to wear plain clothes may now be given as usual before the war. Officers will not provide or renew any articles of uniform other than service dress until a further Order on the subject is issued.

Extra Leave on Demobilization.

Some misconception has arisen as to extra furlough on demobilization. In particular it has been assumed by men who have served three years in the East that they are entitled to one month's leave over and above the 28 days furlough granted to all men on demobilization. It should be understood, however, that this extra leave is given only to Warrant Officers, non-commissioned Officers and men who, having completed their engagements and become eligible for discharge, were held under the Military Service Acts to serve for the duration of the war. Time expired soldiers who re-enlist for overseas garrisons or the necessary reserves at home, and who were entitled to the extra leave will receive this leave in addition to the special leave granted to men who re-enlist under A.O. IV of 1919.

A Bundle of Tags.

An amusing incident occurred in one of the main thoroughfares of Cologne a few days ago. By some means or other a bundle of tags had fallen out of an office window on to the pavement below, The passing pedestrians were unable to fathom what this unfamiliar object was as it lay on the ground, and by their actions it appeared as though they imagined it was some new kind of infernal machine. The first half dozen people to pass it, gave it a suspicious look and a wide berth as they passed by, then one frau plucked up enough courage to give it a poke with her umbrella, but immediately left it in haste; then some eight or ten people collected round it, but no one dared touch it until a street urchin, being somewhat braver than the rest, made a grab for it, and by the smile on his face apparently thought he had made a find indeed, and hurried off with it at arm's length.

Hairdressing Sharks.

The practices of London alien hairdressers would seem to have reached Cologne. A correspondent calls attention to this although from one's observation it has been in practice for some considerable time especially when Colonial troops were here. The modus operandi is sketched by him. He says. The other night with a friend I visited a certain hairdresser's and of course prepared for the business as usual tactics of the barber, i.e. the sale of his specials, but my friend had to go through the painful experience of having a few hairs extracted from his forehead, by a manoeuvre with the comb and scissors. Having recovered he was shown a bottle of hair restorer by the over zealous barber and also reminded incidentally that he could get 116 marks for an English pound. The assistant who was attending to me tried the same game, but in vain. You see we had not informed them we were both Scotsmen or they might have saved at least some of their energies and given us the credit of knowing the value of the quid. Instead we were amused at their tactics but are inclined to think the hair extracting is just slightly over done.

Badge for Honorary Chaplains.

An Army Order announces that the King has approved of a special badge for Military Honorary Chaplains to the King. The badge, which consists of the Royal Cypher and Crown within an oval wreath in bronze, will be worn when conducting religious services, on the left side of the scarf by Chaplains who wear the Scarf, and on academic or ordinary clerical costume by other Chaplains.

No Ground Wasted.

We wonder how many have noticed how every little piece of ground in Germany is carefully nursed and cultivated. The outlying districts best show the care with which almost impossible pieces of land are turned into vegetable producing ground. Also the gardens at the rear of the working class houses are all carefully tended and made to grow something useful for the Hausfrau while every window sill is made to do its bit by holding growing plants, flowers, and creepers in window boxes. Verily the German does not believe in squandering his piece of ground, no matter how small it is.

Equipment in the Rhine.

Our letterbox contains the following effusion from a correspondent, who signs himself "A German Schoolboy":— "Your article in the Echoes from Rhineland about the state of the retreating German troops obliges me to reply. It is not quite right that the morale of our troops was bad. You must distinguish between the front-troops and the soldiers of the "étape." It is true that the latter returned in a bad order. It is they who scattered the pieces of their equipment. But these were only the smaller part of our army. The greater majority, the front troops, retreated in full order and in the long accustomed Prussian discipline. With flying colours, with drums beating and trumpets sounding, they passed through Cologne. As in former times the leaders headed the reviews. Not a trace of demoralisation was to be seen. Please, excuse my bad English; but to save, as far I can, the honour of our brave troops."

Appreciation of the Club.

Officers as a general rule have come to regard the blessings of the club run by the N.A.C.B. and formerly by the E.F.C. as a matter of course though without its hospitable portals it is difficult to know just what we should do. We have only to cast our minds back to the dog days of last year and realise all that the club means, yet it has been left to an ex-officer to recognise this at least so far as our letterbox is concerned. He writes:— An ex-officer myself I arrived in Cologne not knowing a single person and by a lucky accident called at the No 1 Club to enquire whether I might be allowed to have a meal there. The officer-in-charge most courteously informed me that I could use the club during my stay and I should like to point out that I have ravelled practically all over the world and that nowhere have I been more kindly treated and catered for as an individual than at this club. I consider that such an institution conducted as it is on business lines cannot be too highly appreciated and I should like publicly to thank the N.A.C.B. and the officer-in-charge for the comfort and considerate treatment I have had during my stay in Cologne.

The Week-end Habit.

Despite the unfavourable weather on Sunday, all the poputar week-end ounts were well patronised. Königsforst indeed appeared to be even more crowded than usual. A further in dication that the week-en ha bit is increasing in popularity in Germany is the fact that hotel proprietors in the country reported "full houses" on Saturday and Sunday last.

A Storeroom Story.

A Company Storeman was on leave and for the time being a new arrival was acting as deputy. During the absence of the Q.M.S. the C.S.M. sent an orderly for some four-by-two. The Locum Tenens sent back the following in reply:— "Please tell the Sergeant Major I am very sorry I have no four-by-two but I have some 303 if they will do." The remarks of the C.S.M. can well be imagined.

Pay of Troops on Leave.

Consequent on the withdrawal of pay books the following will be the procedure for payment of soldiers granted leave:— All men will take with them A.F. W. 3448B. completed. If proceeding via London, the soldier will receive an advance to meet requirements on the journey to London. He will receive a further £2 at Victoria or Waterloo, and will hand in there A.F. W.3448B. for transmission to the Regimental Paymaster. Soldiers not passing through London will be given an advance of £2 10s. by their Company Commanders, and will be instructed to despatch A.F. W.3448B. to the Regimental Paymaster immediately on arrival in England. On receipt the Regimental Paymaster will make a further cash advance as necessary, having regard to the state of the man's account. This procedure will come into force at once.

Lesser Echoes.

A bicycle to accommodate three passengers is one of the novel sights occasionally to be seen in Cologne.

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There appeared to be more French soldiers than usual in the streets of Cologne on Sunday.

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Stocks of the Economy Envelopes and Labels are now available for issue, and in view of the shortage of ordinary envelopes, Units and formations should take them into use as soon as possible.

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An A.C.I. announces that the six days' ordinary leave with pay granted to male clerks and writers employed by the War Department, may be increased to twelve days in any calendar year.

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A correspondent asks the eternal question why while well known brands of English cigarettes are on sale in the shops there is a shortage at the canteens.

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Apropos the cigarette question some mysterious brands labelled English are on sale. The purchaser of one packet is advised to "Pusch This End" while another brand is recommended for the "Connoiseur." Verily strange manufactures.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes" Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to:—Gr. G. Johnson, 303 Siege Battery R.G.A. Rhine Army; Sapper C. Thorne, Wireless Section Signal Coy. Rhine Army; and Bdr. J.E. Cole R.F.A. co I.Q.M.G. Services G.H.Q. Rhine Army.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

No Halfpennies.—There is a shortage of halfpennies in London.

A Copper Mystery.—London is suffering from a famine in pennies.

Dearer.—Oysters will be plentiful, but dearer.

The Date.—Viscount Grey expects to leave for Washington on Sept. 16.

For Sale.—Professor Milne's earthquake observatory at Slade, I. W. is for sale.

Tartons.—There are something like one hundred and ten Clan tartons.

Feat of Memory.—It is said that Haig knew the name and much of the service of every Brigadier under his command.

Their Demand.—Beaters on Westmoreland grouse moors demand a wages increase of 10s. a day.

The Marne.—Sept. 7 is to be observed as a day of thanksgiving to France for the Marne victory of 1914.

Back to Use.—St. Edmund's Church, Lombard-street, bombed in an air raid in 1917, re-opens Oct. 1.

A Go-Ahead Club.—The Royal Flying Club is starting early in its life with a lawn tennis tournament on September 22.

Another Kind of Defeat.—Bolsheviks suffered crushing defeat in Ukrainian elections.

Profiteering.—The Victory ribbon is being sold at the rate of 18/— a yard in London.

Chance For Joy-Riders.—Government aeroplanes are being sold for about £300 each.

The Ideal Leave.—Members of Parliament are away for a holiday which is to last a trifle over nine weeks.

Cameras for all.—Cameras are to be sold by the Disposal Board of the Ministry of Munitions.

The Latest.—Liverpool Licensees' Federation threatens a strike unless brewers make certain concessions.

Present Day Vow.—"To Love and Honour, Not To "Obey." This is the suggested new form of vow for brides at the altar.

Useful.—A London firm of carriage builders claims to render any car "completely thief-proof" by a new device.

"Peace" Street Teas.—"Peace Teas" in the street for children arranged by parents are being held almost daily in Croydon.

An Amicable Arrangement.—At Willesdon Police Court a police constable bought a pair of boots from a defendant and thus enabled him to pay a fine.

A German Machine.—The new German motorless aeroplane, is a reversion tho the earliest types of heavier-than-air machines, all of which were failures.

Against Living In.—"Fourteen and sixpence a week for meals is better than "living-in" says the London organiser of the Shop Assistants' Union.

Model Mining Camp.—Cobalt, which the Prince of Wales is to visit, has been described as the mildest mannered mining camp.

Wigmakers Satisfied.—Objections to the fashion of "bobbing" the hair, are not shared by the wigmakers of London. The reason is obvious.

Could Not Read.—Although about 25 years of age, a man called as a witness at Greenwich Court was unable to read the oath.

Acquisitive Charwoman.—A charwoman, who was in the habit of banking money weekly, has been sentenced at Aldershot for theft from the Y.M.C.A.

Tape For Sale.—The Government is selling 700 miles of tape, 52'000 yards of silk sewings and 300,000 reels of cotton.

What Have You—?—An enormous sum is expected by the Ministry of Munitions from salvage work in France and Belgium.

The Next Lord Mayor.—Sir E.E. Cooper, the City's senior Alderman, will probably be the Lord Mayor of London during the ensuing year.

Advertising Extraordinary.—The German submarine which came ashore at Hastings has been utilised as a hoarding for advertising patent pills.

A New Pack.—Lord Dalmeny and Mr. A. de Rothschild are interested in an idea for starting a new pack of hounds in Buckinghamshire.

Prince And America.—The Prince of Wales, on the completion of his Canadian tour, will pay a visit to America and is due back in England in November.

Light cars and Luggage.—The defect of light cars is that the makers do not pay attention to luggage-carrying capacity for touring purposes.

On The Doorstep.—A Chatham resident was scared on returning home one night to find a live snake coiled up on his front doorstep.

The Position.—The British and Allied Waiters, and Employees' Union is not opposed to tipping—but is aiming to ensure that waitresses are not forced to rely on tips.

An Antiquated Lot.—Amongst the lots for disposal at Kingston market was a single-horse mailcart of the Victorian era, painted scarlet and bearing the Royal cipher.

A Toastmaster's Lapse.—A toastmaster at a recent Masonic banquet brought down the house by announcing the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master and—other members of the Royal Family."

Drunk on "Tea."—Wearing a red tie, a man charged at North London, with drunkenness, attributed his condition to the drinking of strong tea and cigarette smoking.

Knowledge in Eden.—It is mentional in a Blue Book on the progress of education that a side-effect of the war has been the opening of educational activities on a modest scale in Mesopotamia.

Not Nice.—Lady Davidson, the wife of the New South Wales Governor, says: Ladies at home show a tendency to a style of dress which was "not quite nice."

Juvenile Tourney.—There was a big entry of boys and girls for the juvenile lawn tennis tournament (handicap) held at Frinton-on-Sea. There was plenty of talent in embryo.

What A Spark Did.—Some hunderds of pounds worth of old rubber, chiefly motor and bicycle tyres, caught fire in a large store in St. George's-in-the-East. A spark from a railway engine caused the outbreak.

NOTES FROM LONDON TOWN.

TRAFFIC SPEED UP.

A picture of a new London, with its traffic problem transformed into time-saving, money-saving simplicity, has been sketched. The proposed reforms are the work of Mr. A.W. Gattie, who suggests a combination of inventions in a big central yard where goods, packed in great standard containers, will be handled by machinery and swiftly sorted out and transferred to the right lines. The scheme, says Mr. Gattie, will save £ 54,000,000 a year; do the work at one spot of the present 74 goods stations in London; replace with 5,000 motor-lorries the 100,000 vans and carts now in use; and solve the London traffic problem. The scheme has been before the public for 11 years. The idea is practically the application of the system of the banking clearing house to the transport of goods.

WAR RIBBONS AND MEN'S FASHIONS.

A City tailor says, though you might not have expected any connection, the war ribbons are having their appreciable effect on fashions in men's suits. Before the war the tendency was all in the direction of the double-breasted lounge suit. Now it is setting firmly the other way. Single-breasted coats are all the demand, and men are having them cut with a wide opening and long rolled lapels. What has this got to do with the price of war ribbon? You may ask: Nothing with the price-but everything with the ribbon. The reason for this abrupt change of cut, and style in men's suitings is that most men are anxious to "put up" a war ribbon or two. With a double-breasted coat a man might have a breast full of medals without any of the ribbons being in evidence. With the new low-cut opening of the single breasted coats these pretty decorations are thus observed of all observers! Vanity, vanity all is vanity.

CHECKMATE TO LAUNDRY.

Householders, their patience at an end are showing offending laundry firms tha, they can be independent. They resent st much the scandalous way in which firmo are treating them that they are pocketins their pride and, incidentally, saving money, by doing their own laundry worg at home. With many laundry firms thk practice seems to be to charge a "ware tax of 50 per cent. of the total of th" bill, in addition to increased chargese Thus, the more work you give them the. greater the tax. Where they used to collect and deliver articles each week, it is now sometimes four weeks, while many leave it to the customer to take and fetch their goods.

THE MASTERFUL RACQUET.

On many a station platform the tennis racquet is the master instrument. It dominates the cricket bat, t e go f club, and the fishing rod. Wherever young people are—and some not so young—the finer points of the game and the personalities of the game are being discussed. Public and private schoolmasters are being urged by parents and boys to put lawn tennis on a level with racquets or fives or other recognised games. Yet this much must be said. It is still true that the games which have bred, both in boys and in girls, and maintained the best British qualities are the "team" games: cricket, football, and rowing. So long as these remain in force—at least for the young—the revival, not to say the re-making of lawn tennis is all to the good. It is the best game there is common to the two sexes.

SHOE-SHINE PARLOURS.

A movement is on foot in London to establish shoe-shine parlours on the American system. The experiment will be made in London, and extended if successful. The difficulty of obtaining what is called mental labour led to the American shoe-shine parlour, and conditions here are now much the same as in the States, Many people are shy of using the street shoe-black, and women especially so, but there would be a big demand, it is thought, for the services of boot-blacks properly established in screened apartments. So perhaps, the war is going to be responsible for the disappearance of yet another familiar old time London street figure. But the London shoe-blacks of old days are now almost disappeared as it is. More lucrative employment has diverted the supplies just when the emergency which calls for their services is greater than it ever was before. London will look with interest for the advent of the shoe-shine shop. The experiment ought to provide work for a number of ex-service men. Of course while the present flapper fashions prevail, we are sure to have a revival of the famous "It's a shame to take 'er money" joke.

THE FALSE ALARM.

"To be, or not to be, that is the question; whether t'is nobler to become fed up, whilst waiting for demob., or to take arms against a sea of doubts and disillusions and by ignoring end them."

The tone of voice made it sound rather serious from the wrong side of the door, so I went in — into the billet mess, to be precise. He was sitting on the edge of a chair, head in hands, and quite improperly dressed. His grey socks were pulled over a pair of badly creased trousers. Goodness knows where his boots were. A pair of brand new braces showed up the colour of shirt. His hair was wild and ruffled.

He was known as the batman genius to all but the officer whom he served. As a rule he called him other things. His name came to him owing to his intimate knowledge of Shakespeare. At any rate what he could not remember of a quotation, was supplied from his own extensive repertoire. He had just finished one of his "supplying" spasms, when I entered.

"What's the matter?" I said. "Want to report sick on the morning?" He looked up with a haggard expression.

"No, its demob. It's on my nerves, killing me."

"Killing you" I said, in some concern. "What do you mean? You aren't demobbed, yet."

"No" he replied, "that's just it. The terrific strain of daily expectancy, is putting years on me. Three months ago I was asked if I would postpone my demob. for 3 months." "And what did you say?" I asked. "I said, no." "But you are still here?" "Yes" he said, with feeling in his voice "that's just it again. I might as well have said, yes. Its so difficult to understand."

I looked sad, and stroked my chin, encouragingly. "For eight months," he continued "have my people cajoled the War Office, and been trying to impress them with the fact that every moment I remain in the Army means that England is a moment nearer ruin. For eight long months have I been expecting a letter to say that I can go. It never comes." Pause.

"Yet, Churchill, is an honourable man." "Yes" I said "First out, first back." He crossed his legs, and continued. "For eight weary months, have I expected the longed for letter" — a knock at the door, and Fräulein entered. "Hier ist ein Brief für Sie." She pointed the finger of fate, directly at him.

He jumped up, with a smothered yell, and grabbed the note. "O.H.M.S." he panted, tore it open and read "Please add to the chit I gave you this morning, 2 bottles Whiskey, 1 bottle Vermouth (Italian) — J. Blank, 2nd Lt. R.E."

He sank on to the chair, with something between a choke and a sob in his throat. "The 16th false alarm in three weeks" he moaned. I discreetly prepared to leave the room, to avoid witnessing a climax, but not before I heard "The world is out of joint. O cursed spite, that ever I was born to be indispensable." *G. W. E.*

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Another machine left at 12.30 p.m., piloted by Major-General Patterson, who organized the original service communication squadron which carried the Peace Delegates to and from Paris. This carried four passengers and goods and averaged one hundred miles per hour.

Among those watching the start were General Sykes, of the Air Ministry, General Fasting and Colonel Beatty, of the civil aviation branch of the Royal Air Force.

Daily Service.

The Company intend to run a daily service. It is expected that when the service is more fully equipped, mails will be carried at an estimated rate of 2s. 6d. per 1/2 oz. letter. It is believed that the aeroplane service will beat the cable service under present conditions. The Handley-Page machine which will be used on the regular service between Paris and Brussels left Cricklewood yesterday morning for Paris with eleven passengers as a trial trip.

A commercial aeroplane service will be inaugurated at Nottingham. Five aeroplanes have been chartered and thirty acres rented.

The pilot of the Handley-Page flying from London to Brussels, had breakfast at Amsterdam, lunch at Brussels and returned to Cricklewood in the afternoon to tea.

BORDER TROUBLES.

INDIAN TRIBESMEN STILL OUT.

Although the Afghan delegates have signed the peace treaty, and the Afghan army has been demobilised, there is still a state of war on the North-West Frontier. Some of the most powerful tribes on the border are still up in arms, and daily communiques tell of sniping and attacks on convoys by the Mohmands, who have not retired from the position facing our troops at Dakka. The Mahsuds, Suleman Khel, Wazirs, and Zhobs are also still out, while a large armed force of Afridis is said to be gathered in Chora fort, about eight miles from Ali Musjid.

A small gang of Zhob tribesmen raided Duke, south of Loralai, on August 15th, but were pursued by cavalry on the following day, and subsequently bombed and dispersed by an aeroplane. A party of Suleman Khel and Wazirs who raided Drug was also successfully bombed by aeroplane and a number killed.

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TAXPAYERS SUBSIDISE BAKERS.

The arbitration award lately issued on the claims of the operative bakers involves a variation in conditions and wages which is equal to an increase in the price of the loaf of a farthing to a halfpenny. It is estimated that the subsidy will cost taxpayers £47,000,000 this year, and the whole situation will now have to be reviewed.

In the recent strike the Ministry of Labour referred the men's claims to arbitration. The old terms were 55s. a week in the country and 60s. in town. The operatives asked for an allround increase to 80s. and a reduction of hours from a maximum of fifty-four to forty-four. They have been awarded a forty-eight-hour week. After forty-four hours they claimed time and a half for overtime. They have been awarded time and a quarter for two hours after forty-eight and time and a half after that. Conditions in the bakery trade, render overtime imperative if the public is to be properly supplied.

Sir George Paish, speaking at a meeting said, before we were through the coming winter and spring we should have had an object lesson in the advantage of letting in the goods of other nations, which no Government or country could disregard, and he would not be at all surprised if by the spring, the people of this country had to pay 1s. 6d. for the 4lb loaf.

Scottish fish-curers have concluded contracts with German buyers at Rotterdam for 250,000 barrels of cured herrings, value £750,000. Credit has been given and deliveries to Germany will begin soon.

INDIAN UNREST.

GRAVE POSSIBILITIES WITHOUT LEAD FROM ENGLAND.

A grave warning against possibilities in India was made yesterday by Sir Verney Lovett, a member of the Board of Revenue of the United Provinces, in giving evidence before the Parliamentary Committee on the Government of India Bill.

He said that the Indian Civil Service were apprehensive about the future and considered that Ministers were likely to be subjected to showing racial influences.

If the provisional Government proved a failure things would be allowed to drift until a catastrophe happened and the final result of British rule would be strife and disorder for years. A body of extremists was working against the Government by a propaganda of nationalism, backed by slander, misrepresentation and extremism. They needed a strong lead from England, and unless the British Parliament gave it during the critical years now at hand, the ruin of India and of British interests would result. He attached importance to publicity and the Government should start publicity departments all over India.

LATE TSAR'S FAMILY.

BODIES CUT UP AND BURNED.

The bodies of the Grand Duchess Elizabeth, the Grand Duke Sergius, and other Romanoffs murdered by the Bolshevists near Perm a year ago and discovered subsequently in a pit at Tlapaievsk have been safely removed east. The bodies of the Tsar and his family, who were killed at Ekaterinburg and cut to pieces, were destroyed by fire immediately after the crime.

All evidence and clues collected on the spot confirm this. The body of a pet dog belonging to one of the Tsar's daughters has been found above the charred débris at the bottom of an iron pit to which the corpses of the victims are known to have been conveyed.

BOLSHEVISTS IN FLIGHT.

A dispatch from Bucharest says that the Bolshevists are in flight, abandoning munitions. The Ukraine harvest is reported to be satisfactory and sufficient to meet the needs of the whole of Europe, if the necessary work is done.

A BOLSHEVIST MESSAGE.

The Bolshevists claim the recapture of Kamichin, South Russia, recently taken by General Denikin. Further successes are also claimed against Koltchak, whom it is stated, is evacuating Omsk.

A strong "Red" counter-offensive has begun on the Finnish Front. A Bolshevist wireless message states that Vladivostock has been surrounded by insurgents and that the town is full of refugees. A Japanese squadron has arrived.

BULGARIAN WAR PRISONERS.

APPLICATION FOR RELEASE FOR AGRICULTURAL WORK.

A Paris message says that the Peace Conference Secretariat has received two notes from the Bulgarian Delegation. One protests against the Serbian claims and hopes the Supreme Council will insist on a reduction of these demands.

The second note refers to Bulgarian prisoners of war. The Bulgarian Government is pleading the urgency of the land work and asks that those not already liberated may be released at the earliest possible moment.

FORTY AEROPLANES.

PRINCE OF WALES INVITED TO NEW YORK.

Forty aeroplanes started from Rooseveltfield, Long Island, on Monday, on a flight to Toronto for ten thousand dollars offered in prizes. They included three British S.E. 5 type: One piloted by Lieut. Percy Stone carried a letter from the Mayor of New York officially inviting the Prince of Wales to New York.

KILLING A SUPERSTITION.

The King of Spain recently went aboard a submarine and at a depth of twelve metres made a reference to the fact that he was the thirteenth Alfonso, and asked to descend one more metre. He then proposed the toast of the Spanish Navy

In consequence of the strikes in Upper Silesia two mines are already full of water at Morgenrot and Neudorff.

The Dutch Government has recognized the Tscheco-Slovacian Republic.

RAILWAY DISASTER.

COLOGNE SOLDIERS IN SMASH IN FRANCE.

Ten passengers were killed and about twenty injured on Saturday night by the derailing of the Pau-Paris express, near Artix, about twelve miles from Pau.

The train left the track and collided with a freight train in a siding. The carriages were piled up and the passengers were extricated with difficulty.

Among the passengers were three officers and twenty-four men of the Royal Irish Regiment, returning to duty with the Rhine Army at Cologne.

They escaped uninjured and did fine work in rescuing the wounded.

WHOLESALE MURDER.

GERMAN CRIMINAL'S CAREER BROUGHT TO AN END.

In Spandau, a near suburb of Berlin, adjoining Charlottenburg, a dangerous criminal has just been brought to book whose violent course ran uninterruptedly for three and a half years. He fired at boy scouts picnicking in the woods, at women in lonely week-end houses, at lovers walking in the forest, and apparently at anyone who seemed safe game. Fortunately he was a bad shot, but he killed at least five persons and wounded many others, and set fire to many small houses and bungalows, sometimes previously robbing them of their contents.

He killed a worker walking with his fiancé, attempted to overcome the latter, and when she cried out killed her, too, and threw the bodies into a lake. A teacher named Paul surprised him in one of these acts of violence, whereupon the man came after him, killed Paul, and burnt his house in the hope of destroying his wife and daughter. On Aug. 16 he burnt a house, apparently as a decoy, for when people came to extinguish the flames they were heavily fired on. The same day he killed a worker on the high road, and on the 18th he killed a forester.

The man, whose name is Schumann, confesses to these crimes and many others. He says he overpowered more than twenty women. Most of those he murdered, he says, had irritated him and latterly he had been pursued to such an extent that he tried to clear the woods of all followers and witnesses.

COAL AND SHIPS.

WORLD'S PRESSING WANT.

A note on international trade prepared by the Board of Trade at the instance of the British Department of the Supreme Economic Council, shows that the world out-put of coal has fallen and that shipping as a service is less efficient than in 1913, leaving the amount of tonnage out of the account. There has, however, been a considerable improvement in shipbuilding.

Since the armistice more than 10,000,000 tons of foodstuffs have been shipped from America to Europe, but in a statement to the "Times" Paris correspondent Mr. Hoover emphasizes the seriousness of the situation and of the task which awaits the old world. He is especially emphatic on the necessity of an increased industrial effort if Europe is to recover without further calamity.

GASSED.

FATALITY IN BELGIUM.

Four workmen descended the shaft at the gasworks at St. Josse, a suburb of Brussels, to locate a leakage.

As they failed to reappear five others went down. They found the dead bodies of the four, who had been asphyxiated, but not before they themselves were so poisoned that they had to be taken to hospital.

A BRAVE GERMAN.

A German prisoner of war, working on a farm at Towyn, Merionethshire, made a gallant attempt to save the life of a young girl who was drowning.

The girl was Madge Bailey, 13, of Harborne, Birmingham, and she was bathing with her sister when she got into difficulties. The sister went to her assistance, and only released her hold after a hard struggle, reaching the shore safely.

Mr. Evan Jones, a farmer, made a desperate effort to rescue the girl, and when the German prisoner saw the situation he rushed into the sea fully clothed. With considerable difficulty he got the young girl ashore, but life was then extinct.

THIRTY-FIVE HORSES BURNT.

Fire broke out in a camp near Longtown, Cumberland, which was recently occupied by a detachment of the Canadian Forestry Corps. The fire spread with great rapidity, and the whole range of buildings containing 35 horses was practically destroyed. All the horses perished. A large quantity of harness and fodder was also consumed, and the total loss is estimated at many thousands of pounds.

TRENCHES ROUND LONDON.

A special correspondent gives an account of the damage done to agriculture by the untimely and unsatisfactory filling in, despite farmers' remonstrances, of seventy miles of trenches made for the defence of London.

ROUMANIA'S CROWN.

THRONE FOR ETONIAN.

The Roumanian Council of Ministers, after deliberation on the renunciation of throne-rights by the Crown Prince Charles, has recognised the younger Prince Nicholas as heir to the throne of Roumania.

Prince Nicholas is an Eton boy of 16 years. He has now left for Bucharest by the Orient express.

About a year ago the Crown Prince Charles and Mlle. Lambrino left Bucharest secretly, and crossed the frontier to Odessa in a motor-car. Here they were married.

Officers were sent from Bucharest, and found the Prince in a restaurant. They insisted on his going back, and, on reaching the Roumanian capital, he was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment for leaving his regiment without notification. The Prince refused to give up his wife, and a few days later wrote a formal renunciation of his rights as Crown Prince of Roumania.

KING'S COMMISSIONS.

WHY MANY OFFICERS HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEIR DOCUMENTS.

The War Office states that a considerable number of officers and ex-officers have not yet received their formal Commissions owing chiefly to changes of address not being notified.

At present about four hundred Commissions are being dispatched daily, but many are returned marked "gone away," "not known" etc.

It would materially assist the work of dispatching Commissions if those who have not yet received them would write to the Secretary, War Office, giving their present addresses.

N.A.C.B. PROFITS.

SIX MILLION POUNDS TO BE DISTRIBUTED.

Speaking at Tower Hill, yesterday, Capt. Baird, D.S.O., under the auspices of the Industrial Reconstruction Council urged all ex-service men to unite on the lines indicated by Earl Haig.

Between six and seven million pounds, N.A.C.B. profits, were to be used to help widows and dependants of those fallen in the war and Sir Julian Byng had asked the ex-service men to advise him of the best methods of distributing the money.

BANDITS CAPTURED.

SMART WORK BY U.S. CAVALRY.

Dispatches from Texas state that the United States cavalrymen hunting the bandits who held to ransom two American flying officers trapped the robber band in an old mud building in the mountains. Four of the bandits were killed and eight captured. The Americans apparently failed to capture the leader of the band. The officer commanding the troops says that all the men killed or captured were well-known desperadoes, who had been active on the border for years.

Mr. Albert von Hofman, an American, on arrival at Laredo, on the Mexican border, from Vera Cruz, informed the Federal authorities that he had been held up in the train on the way to Laredo and robbed of £2,000 in cash and of jewellery valued at £500.

SHORTAGE OF BRICKS.

One of the most interesting landmarks in West Sussex, namely, Sidlesham Mill, between Chichester and Selsey is to be demolished. The mill is built of fine French bricks and the only discoverable reason for its demolition is a desire to use the bricks on account of the present shortage of building material.

WORK OF THE TRANSPORTS.

The War Office announces that from 1st to 31st July, 1919, 105,068 officers and other ranks were conveyed in transports on other than cross-channel voyages. This total comprised 9,485 officers, 78,645 British troops and 16,936 Native troops, 21,618 officers and men were conveyed from the United Kingdom to Canada; 13,510 officers and men from Egypt to the United Kingdom; 3,709 officers and men (including cadres from Mesopotamia) from India to the United Kingdom and 7,179 officers and men from Egypt to Australia and New Zealand.

POTATOES THROWN AWAY.

Tones of potatoes have been thrown into the sea at Kilbroney, County Down.

At recent Government auctions the potatoes, packed in 1cwt. bags, were bought by farmers at from 10s. to £1 a ton to get the sacks. The potatoes the farmers did not want.

EAGLE HUT CLOSED.

Yesterday, the Eagle Hut, the American Y.M.C.A. Headquarters, London, was taken over by the chief police commissioner for the use of recruits who have been taken on to replace those dismissed. Since the opening on August 8th 1917, it is estimated that over three million meals have been served in the Eagle Hut.

AUSSIES' BRITISH BRIDES.

Nearly 12,000 Australian soldiers have married British girls in eight and a half months, and in one week alone the military authorities registered 153 marriages.

ITALY'S ROAD TO RUIN.

NITTI'S WARNING.

The Italian Premier, Signor Nitti, has issued a circular to the Prefects of Italy, which sounds a cry of alarm and calls the country to a serious examination of the present difficult situation, and urges prompt action if the nation wishes to save the country from irreparable disaster. Signor Nittti says that strikes are a weapon of destruction in a country which purchases over £600,000,000 worth of food commodities from abroad. Instead of working and producing, all seem seized with a mania for waste and for indulging in luxuries, which are paid for with money almost begged from foreign countries. The food situation is most critical. About one-half of the population is living on imported foodstuffs, and now credits granted to Italy are about to be stopped.

The majority of Italians seem to ignore the fact that the bread, meat, fats, and coal which they consume are paid by increasing indebtedness to America, on whom Italy must now rely for future credits.

Whoever speaks of revolution in these moments, continues the Premier, is an enemy to his fellow-countrymen, as disorders would mean death by starvation to half the nation. Within three months Italy's financial situation must be settled. All must contribute to that result. Capital and Labour must unite and each make sacrifices. All productive soil must be cultivated and the increase of the cultivated area should be at least 5,000,000 acres. The natural resources of the soil, of the mines, of hydraulic power must all be exploited to render their maxima. Italy, he goes on, has won the war and must now surmount the difficulties of peace with still greater tenacity and sacrifices.

AMERICAN ADVANCES.

The American Government have increased by twenty-five million francs the amount of advances made to Italy. The advances made by America to the Allies amount to 48,315,000,000 francs.

Great Britain 21,000,580,000 francs, France 15,050,000,000 francs, Italy 7,963,000,000 francs, Belgium 1,717,000,000 francs.

COLOGNE OPERA.

INTERESTING SEASON COMMENCES ON SUNDAY.

Music lovers in the Rhine Army have been looking forward to the commencement of the new opera season with considerable pleasure. The announcement that the wonderful home of opera at Cologne will re-open its doors on Sunday next will consequently be hailed with great satisfaction on all hands.

The opening performance, which is timed to commence at 6 p.m., will be Wagner's popular "Tristan and Isolde."

On Monday, September 1st, "Tales of Hoffmann," (Offenbach) is announced for 7 p.m., and on Tuesday, at the same time, the ever agreeable "Madame Butterfly" (Puccini) will be staged.

The Schauspielhaus.

The management of the Schauspielhaus, Cologne, also propose to re-open on Sunday with a performance of "Torquator," by Goethe at 7 p.m.

At 7.30 p.m. on Monday, "Gespenster" Phantoms (Ibsen) will be the attraction.

£150,000,000 FOR IRISH HOUSING.

A letter reported to have been sent from London by Alderman J. Kelly, of the Dublin Corporation, to Alderman Thomas Kelly, chairman of the Corporation Housing Committee, states that an arrangement has been completed with a large trust composed of Americans and Scotsmen for the advance of 150 millions for purposes of housing in Ireland. The money will be repayable from the rates at 5 per cent. per annum within 50 years. Alderman Kelly has also obtained a sum of two millions for the development of Irish shipping.

FINSBURY PARK MURDER.

When the Finsbury Park murder case was before the magistrate on Tuesday Henry Ball, the occupier of the house where Lucy Nightingale was found gagged and strangled, was discharged on a charge of being an accessory after the fact, and Harold Horatio Morgan, 19, took his place in the dock on a coroner's warrant, charged with being an accessory before the fact. With him is associated Frank George Warren, charged with the murder.

Ball entered the witness-box and said he was too drunk to know what happened at the house. The next thing he saw was the deceased lying on her back upstairs in the front room.

Olive Parton, the woman who came from Cardiff with Warren and Morgan, was recalled and identified Morgan.

The hearing was adjourned.

ULSTER CAMPAIGN.

The new Ulster Unionist campaign to defeat the Home Rule conspiracy will begin on September 2, when the Ulster Unionist Council will meet in Belfast to consider the new situation. Sir E. Carson will be present, and will afterwards make a tour of the Province.

TAKING IT EASY.

BRITISH SHRINKING COAL OUTPUT.

While all authorities continue to urge greater production if Great Britain and Europe are to escape calamity, the output of coal at home continues to fall. Over 7,600,000 hours were lost in the South Wales coalfield during the 12 months ended July 12 last.

The statement is made by Mr. F. A. Gibson, secretary of the Monmouthshire and South Wales Coal Owners' Association. The statement relates to persons employed underground, and Mr. Gibson states that the maximum number of attendances possible during the 12 months was just over 53,000,000, and it is out of this total that the 7,600,000 hours were lost.

Strikes and Absenteeism.

The output per attendance, the coalowners' secretary says, has also steadily declined, and the tendency towards diminished output per person has increased as the number of persons employed has grown.

The output lost owing to strikes and avoidable absenteeism has, Mr. Gibson says, steadily increased each quarter in the last 12 months from 1,103,339 tons to 1,464,870 tons.

There are, however signs of an awakening sense of responsibility. At a meeting of the Welsh Anthracite Miners Association, at Swansea, on Saturday, 13,000 men being represented, the need for the maintenance of coal output was impressed upon the meeting, and it was pointed out that a further reduction of working hours would be impossible.

FRENCH COAL PROBLEM.

The coal problem is still more serious in France than it is in England, and threatens to come to a head even before the winter.

The electric power stations have been obliged to limit the power produced, and certain electricity works have even informed a number of factories in the Paris region that they may only be able to supply the necessary amount of electric energy between certain fixed hours. It is not only a question of a scanty coal supply, but also of bad coal.

The strictest public economy in light and heating will be necessary. The underground railway trains are running at a reduced speed, and occasionally provide such halting means of transport that they merit the definition, lately given to the underground service by a Paris newspaper, of "a perpetual breakdown."

TRAMWAY WORKERS' DEMANDS.

Trouble in connection with the tramways is threatened, the Transport Workers' Federation having made financial demands, which the employers have practically refused. The dispute affects all the tramway undertakings of the country, including those of the London County Council.

The Co-operative dispute has been settled, a compromise having, it is stated, been agreed to.

WARNING TO LABOUR.

The Management Committee of the General Federation of Trade Unions have issued a warning to workers, in which they state the months from November to May next will be tragic unless sanity returns and production increases.

FATAL LANDSLIDE.

By the falling in of the side of a granite quarry at St. Sampson's, Guernsey, the garden and outhouses of a dwelling were engulfed, and an old woman of 84 was killed.

Mrs. Martin the victim, while walking in the garden, waiting for her husband, was caugth in the landslide and buried. There seems to be no possibility of reaching her body in the debris, as some of the slabs of granite weigh hundreds of tons.

It is estimated that the slide, which covers an area 300ft. long by 70ft. wide, weighed 10,000 tons, and will take two years to clear.

TROOPS FOR ULSTER.

The "IrishNews" states that it is intended shortly to send to Ulster 15,000 to 20,000 additional troops, the reason assigned being that the men are to be trained there. The paper understands, however, that they will consist largely of trained troops from other parts of Ireland who will be replaced by troops from England and Scotland.

EXTRADITION.

In the next two months a number of officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers, accused of cruelties in Luxemburg, will have to appear before a Court-martial at Nancy. Amongst them is the Crown-Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria.

STATE SUGAR.

It is announced that the Imperial Government have purchased 175,000 tons of sugar from Mauritius at £51 per ton. This is double the price of South African sugar and nearly four times as much as the pre-war rate.

On receipt of the Allies reply to the Austrian counter-proposals, Dr. Renner will leave Paris to submit a reply to the Austrian Government and a party of leaders of the National Assembly. The interview will take place at Feldkirch, half way to Vienna.

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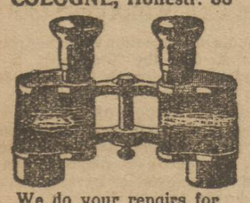

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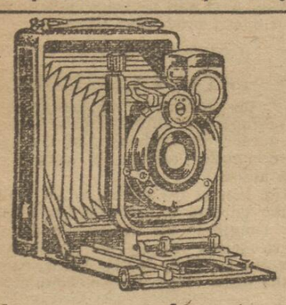

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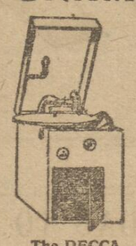

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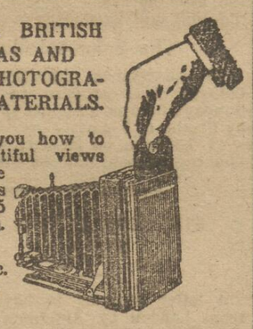

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OPPORTUNITY.

There is a famous statue in Greece, a relic of her past glory, which represents a youth with winged sandals, and a head devoid of hair, except for one tuft in the centre of his forehead. This strange figure is the wonderful creation of an old Greek sculptor in representation of Opportunity.

Opportunity is like a youth with the speed of the wind; at the same time, being quite similar also to the old impersonation in that while that Greek youth was alleged to be vulnerable to attack only by some one seizing him by the hair, so, that hair being in the front, it was only possible for a would-be obstructor to catch him by meeting him in the front.

An opportunity can only be met once; to take advantage of it, one must be quick and alert, so that it does not pass by.

We judge a man by his ability to make full use of every opportunity. We do not gauge a soldier by his knowledge of Infantry Training Rgs., but by his resourcefulness and alertness to grasp every opportunity afforded him when in action.

The boxer who wins the fight is not always the man who can hit hardest, but rather he who can see at a glance every possible opening, and use his knowledge to the full extent.

We are in the Army, and many are often inclined to "grouse" at the fact. There are, certainly, little discomforts and annoyances, but every day brings with it many opportunities which we, in our blind fits of discontent, may be missing, and allowing to pass unnoticed.

There are many who have not yet realized the opportunity placed in their way of seeing some of the most beautiful country in Europe. They do not realise that they are in a land about which Byron wrote in his "Childe Harolde," and which owns the most romantic collection of ruined castles and legends connected with them, in the world. Even if they did realize the fact, some people would fail to be impressed. The opportunity confronts us of visiting and seeing some of the most wonderful places in the world, and those who neglect to avail themselves of it will surely regret it.

Another opportunity which confronts us is of self improvement. Though we do not realize it, we have illimitable spare time in the Army, and every opportunity of using it to the best advantage. Many of us will not have that time when we return to civil life, and so we each want to make the best of the present advantages.

The greatest reason after all for grasping these opportunities of self improvement is not merely to pack one's head with miscellaneous knowledge. Is it not, indeed, to give us a new interest in life? A well organised mind can conquer any environment, just as the old lines read:—

"The mind is its own place, and of itself.
Can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven."

We do not know what circumstances we may have to pass through in the days to come, but by seizing every opportunity, however small, of improving ourselves, we are strenghthening our moral and mental capacities, and are ensuring for ourselves more successful careers in the future.

WHAT TO SEE IN RHINELAND.

IX. TREVES.

Treves, which the Germans call Trier, is four hours in the train from Cologne, but the scenery all the way makes the journey one of the objects of the excursion. On a line which winds like a scenic railway the train meanders through the lovely valleys and gorges of the volcanic Eifel, past pretty little towns like Gerolstein (where the Grand Duchess came from) and absurd robber castles perched theatrically on their crags, and the River Kyll which accompanies you grows bigger and more boisterous until it loses itself in the calm largeness of the Moselle.

Treves is altogether a delightful town, with none of the disagreeable efficiency of most German cities. There is a pleasant air of rest and slatternliness about the old streets which reminds one of France, and the people on the whole have an easy-going and civilised appearance. And that brings me to the Roman remains.

At the back of a Roman's mind was always the thought that humanity, the little sunlit patch around the Mediterranean, might any day be overwhelmed by the dim masses of barbarians swarming in the middle of Europe. Roman armies made France safe, and Germany up to the Rhine. Roman roads spread over the new country as railways do now, trade followed, cities and camps and farms were built, demobbed soldiers settled on the land, and native Gauls and Germans took to Roman ways. You can see the life of these people on their gravestones in the museums of Treves, Mayence and Cologne—banquets, a school, a kitchen, a lady at her toilet, tenants paying rent, and barges laden with barrels of Moselle wine. But beyond the Rhine and the bridgeheads (Deutz was one) which protected all this peaceful activity there remained the unconquered German tribes.

At the centre of roads leading to Metz and Rheims and Mayence and Cologne, with the river to Coblentz, Treves soon became a great place. Far away from the front line you could feel as safe as in Italy, and the streets spread beyond the crumbling earth rampart, and there were country houses all along the comfortable hillsides of the Moselle, and the town was full of public buildings and baths and theatres, and at last became the capital of the Roman Provinces of Germany and France.

You can still see two of the huge bath establishments. The great brick masses of the one which is wrongly called the Palace of the Caesars (Kaiserpalast) give some idea of the size of the building, but you must imagine it covered with marble and grey stone and fairly bristling with statues. Of the baths by the river only the foundations remain, but each room has been labelled with a letter indicating its purpose.

A good deal is left of the amphitheatre, where circuses and shows of gladiators and wild beasts took place. Underneath are the cellars from which the lions and scenic effects and so on were hoisted into the middle of the arena through a trap-door. The present Protestant church is an old Roman building, with the original brick walls and round-arched windows and a bit of marble floor. It may have been a church all along, for the Roman Empire was Christian when it was built, or it may have started, like the basilicas from which our churches originated, as a public hall or market with a round apse at the end where judgments were given. Parts of the Cathedral are also Roman. The piers of the Moselle bridge are Roman; until the coming of the railways this and the Roman bridge at Coblentz were the only bridges on the Moselle in German territory.

But the Germans on the other side of the Rhine were beginning to stir; already bands of raiders came up the Moselle towards Treves and there had been an unpleasant occasion when the population had had to take refuge in the amphitheatre. Towards 300 A.D. walls were built around the city, and the famous Porta Nigra was set up, the black North Gate, looking down the valley roads by which the enemy might come.

It is a sternly practical building (the carvings inside were done centuries later when the Gate was used as a church) built on the usual plan: if the enemy got through the outer door he found himself caught in a narrow space with another door in front of him and Romans pouring hot painful fluids on his head from the windows above. The town walls were joined to the old amphitheatre, so that it could be used as a gate if necessary, one door being left inside the circuit and the other outside.

But all these defences were useless in the end. The danger grew more instant, the government left the town and was set up in Arles, away in the south of France, and at last the numberless hordes came pouring over the Rhine and over the cities of Rhineland and over all the Western world. *AGRIPPA.*

AT THE SIGN OF THE THISTLE.

It is not an inn although before our Army of Occupation arrived in Cologne much sparkling beer and wine flowed there. It was then a hotel and restaurant now the Scottish flag—Saint Andrew's Cross—flies over the main entrance.

The Jocks love it for to them it is a little bit of bonnie Scotland, but all the boys, whatever their nation or religion, are welcomed there.

Its official title is "The Scottish Churches Soldiers' Club"; its number is 84, and its locality Schildergasse. How fitting it is that the flag of old Scotland should proudly float in the very heart of the capital of Rhineland, where the busy, teeming multitudes can see it every day!

The Jocks were great fighters during the campaign and now they walk about as if Cologne and Rhineland belonged to them, but that is as it should be for they scorned every discomfort and hardship in the old days and did their bit to bring victory.

The building itself is not so elaborate or beautiful in architecture as some of its sister institutions, but it throbs with life. How loving is the welcome you receive! How kind are the six ministering angels who attend to your needs!

Whether they are all of the land of the thistle I know not, but this I know, they are as sweet as the heather and as beautiful as the Scotch bluebell. You can see them toiling there from morn till night seven days a week, and through many weary war years they have served in hospital and hut, and earned the undying gratitude of countless numbers of weary homesick men.

Come with me and have a peep inside the portals of this home from home! On the ground floor is a big restaurant with little round tables and numerous chairs. It is generally crowded with men. There is also a well-stocked canteen. At the back is a little room for the workers where the daughter of a former Lord Mayor of London keeps the pot boiling and sees to it that her household is well provided for.

Upstairs you have the reading and writing room, where paper is provided and men read of love and write love letters of extra special sweetness.

Then there is the well stocked library and the quiet room where men can study and meet the chaplains. Here many chaplains used to gather for a conference each week and get up steam for the Sunday and likewise have a time of good fellowship. Many brilliant and thoughtful addresses have been listened to in this room. Then there in the hall where popular services are held on Sunday evenings. How the men love to attend! The old hymns are sung with great fervour and go echoing down the busy street. I shall never forget hearing these men sing "Lead Kindly Light" one evening. It was a benediction.

On Sunday afternoons too a Welsh Service is held which is a novel feature and greatly appreciated. There is also a mid-week service on Thursdays. The genial and warm-hearted superintendent, the life and soul of this club is the Rev. F. A. Lendrum, who hails from Glasgow. He is a man who loves to feel the throb of the world's great heart and ever ready to help our men in every way.

In addition to the Cologne Club there are eight others in Rhineland; Godesberg, Düren, Zons, Dormagen, Widdershoven, Buir, Stommeln and Bedburg. All these are centres of real usefulness and under the direction of one of Scotland's famous men whose Headquarters are at Lindenthal — Mr. George McAlpine, Secretary of the Young Men's Guild of the Church of Scotland. We salute the flag of Scotland and these warm-hearted representatives of a great country.

G. K.

THE PHOTOGRAPHER.

Vic was asleep. That, in itself, was not surprising as he usually is in a state of somnolent inactivity. As, however, I wanted his advice, I awakened him by tapping him gently on the head with a boot. He was annoyed. Candidly, he was more; he was downright rude.

"Cease your senseless moaning" said I, "Listen to the words of your uncle who wants to acquire fame and get into the papers. The trouble is I don't know what to write about."

"You're more likely to acquire brickbats and get into hospital," he said roughly, "but as you're such an expert photographer, why not write 'em a few Hints and Tips?"

I was on the point of "dispersing" him, but remembering how useful he is in carrying me home on Peace-nights, desisted. To come to the point; it all happened in the following manner. I'd walked into the camera-merchants' and said in a casual sort of way;—"Fräulein ich möchte gerne eine Kamera kaufen." The resulting flood made me think I'd got my sentences mixed and had asked her for a loan by mistake. However, we made it up and I walked out with a beautiful camera complete with lens and all the necessary levers and knobs.

"Vic" I said, proudly exhibiting my purchase, "I'm going to take photos of all the curiosities in these parts, and you, being a suitable 'object,' I'll make you No. 1." I took his picture; in fact I took many more. I also took the camera home on leave with me, and during the fortnight, went about the country recklessly snapping everything that wasn't quick enough to get away. Connie was most enthusiastic about it and said she would get the films developed at a good place where they wouldn't be spoilt.

Soon after my return to duty, a package arrived and a letter. Eagerly I opened the letter and as I read the lines, I had that funny, sinking sensation one gets in moments of stress. "I love the snaps Jan" wrote Connie, "they're dears; but why on earth did you take five dozen pictures of that one particular fog?"

"60 pictures of a fog" grinned Vic; "better sell the "obscura" and start collecting cherry-hogs . . .

I walked into the mess that evening with assumed cheerfulness. "Anybody want to buy a camera?" I asked in my most salesman-like manner. Stony silence greeted my offer, the only sound being a subdued gurgle from Vic; and as it dawned on me that the remainder of the mess were amateurs I absently fingered a beer-bottle intent on reproving him. But he'd already disappeared. The camera, however, will not escape; I'll send it home to young Peter (aged 10). Its ultimate fate will then be assured. *E. J.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

INFORMATION WANTED.

Sir,—Re grants' for Universities for soldiers, can any of your readers give me information on the following: (a) What are the qualifications for such grants? (b) What is the amount of the grant? (c) Can a soldier still serving apply for a grant or must he wait until he is demobbed? *L.A.K.*

THE "TOTE."

Sir,—If "Habitual Racegoer" would take the trouble to inspect the sheets posted up by the Totalizator near the paddock at the Cologne Racecourse he could see for himself the exact way in which the Totalizator is worked and also the amount deducted (10%). *ASTOUNDED.*

Sir,—For the information of "Habitual Racegoer" and speaking for the Cologne Races at Merheim only, may I point out that at the meetings on July 10th and 12th, 16 2/3 per cent. was deducted from the stake money; at the Cavalry Division Races on August 2nd and 5th, 10 per cent., and at the meeting, August 23rd, 10 per cent. Next Saturday 10 per cent. will again be deducted.

J.H. CARLISLE, MAJOR,
Sec. Cologne Races.

WHAT A LADY THINKS.

Sir,—I cannot resist telling you how much I enjoy and appreciate your interesting little paper, of which I am a constant reader. And especially admire your Tommies, who seem, even nowadays, healthy and clear minded enough to find pleasure in wholesome and innocent amusements.

That they are not too narrow to frankly and candidly praise and appreciate things worthy, even in the enemies' country, is so refreshing.

Hoping your paper may long continue to flourish, I am.

AN AMERICAN WOMAN,
Resident of Wiesbaden.

"CEREMONIES OF THE GERMAN CHURCH."

Sir,—The paragraph under the above heading is full of curious ideas. The ceremony mentioned is one used by the Catholic Church, which is universal throughout the world, while I would point out that the German Church is Lutheran in character.

The "choirboy" was nothing of the kind, but simply and solely an attendant to the priest. The lantern and bell were used so that the faithful might duly venerate the Host as the priest carried it by in the pyx or silver vessel.

The last Sacrament is thus carried to the dying in all countries, and the same ceremony may be seen in England.

B.M.C.

OFFER TO PLAYGOERS.

Sir,—I was pleased to read "N.C.O.'s" letter of appreciation. It is particularly gratifying as it is our chief aim to interest and entertain other ranks.

I quite agree with him and further letters would be most welcome especially if the writers would put forth suggestions as to any play they would wish us to produce or revive. I will, as far as possible, fall in with the requests of the majority.

For obvious reasons we cannot do many plays demanding a big cast and if I am to produce "Abraham Lincoln," the greatest achievement of the present London season and, in my opinion, the most remarkable play since the war, I must forgo the production of "Strife," Galsworthy's great strike play. Playgoers of the British Rhine Army which is it to be "Abraham Lincoln" or "Strife."?

Providing we are here long enough I wish to give an Elizabethan, an old English comedy, or a Restoration play. Either "The Merry Wives of Windsor," "Twelfth Night," "The Merchant of Venice," "School for Scandal," "The Critic," "She stoops to Conquer," or "The Way of the World." This is where a plebiscite, as it were, would be a desirable course to adopt.

"Julius Caesar," I fear I cannot contemplate doing as I, at first intended, for an adequate production of such a play would create too big a vacuum in the audience. Generous and appreciative patrons our true intent is all for your delight.

S. L. PERCY
LIEUT. O i/c B.R.A.D.C.

CABARET OR — —?

Sir,—The concensus of opinion seems to run so strongly in favour of open-air drinking that it is refreshing to find someone with originality enough to hold a different opinion and courage enough to declare it.

I cannot altogether agree with "Private Bar," however. He confuses the issue somewhat. His argument is not so much concerned with open-air drinking as with the difference between public drinking and privacy, which is largely a matter of humour. Mood would be a better word. In this hot weather, a snug would be stuffy and uncomfortable; and one could ensure privacy outside just as well by merely moving one's table away from the others. But the idea of privacy is not common to the majority. Man is mostly a gregarious animal.

In my opinion, there can be no question that the open-air beer-garden is far pleasanter and healthier than a bar or public drinking-room, with its stuffy and smoke-laden atmosphere.

As to the question of music, that too is a matter of taste. It is certainly sheer torture for a musical ear to listen to "Good-bye, my Bluebell," "By the side of the Zuyder Zee," and similar ancient ballads ground out by alleged violinists or a blaring electric organ. Still, they suit the majority and for the more fastidious ear there are plenty of other places with quite decent orchestras.

I must say that "Private Bar's" attitude seems a little bearish. If he cannot have the music he wants, he does'nt want any. If he cannot surround himself with an armour of aloofness, undisturbed by the common herd, he would prefer to stay at home. I should have thought this last few years amongst races of freer and more open manners, would have relaxed some of his insular stiffness. That has been the effect on most of us who have been any length of time on the Continent. It has, at least, on *R.G.A.*

ENGLISH FOOTBALL.

Soccer Season Commences On Saturday First.

PLENTY OF GOOD SPORT.

The "Peace" football season opens on Saturday when the opening games for the big clubs should supply plenty of good sport, especially for London. Newcastle United will be on view at Highbury next Saturday, whilst Sunderland visit Chelsea on September 1. There could be no better exponents of the game to introduce the season, and both the Arsenal (despite the extensive alterations for the benefit of their supporters) and the Chelsea grounds should be taxed to the utmost as regards accommodation.

In the Second Division, Londoners will have the opportunity of seeing one of the newly-elected League clubs on the opening day, namely South Shields, who are the opponents of Fulham and are keenly bent on promotion. West Ham will entertain Lincoln City; but the Hotspur partisans will have to wait until the following week to welcome their team, when they are due to try conclusions with Leicester City. This will be the first game on the White Hart Lane enclosure.

NORTHERN UNION MATCHES.

The opening of the Northern Union programme earlier than in pre-war days found twenty-four teams engaged, and the majority were very little behind pre-war standard strength, though, with hardly any serious football during the last four years, it was evident that it will be some time before players find their real form.

Next Saturday's Northern Union matches are as follows:—Barrow v. Salford, Batley v. Warrington, Wakefield Trinity v. Bramley, St. Helens Recreation v. Bradford Northern, Broughton Rangers v. Wigan, Leeds v. Dewsbury, Hull v. Huddersfield, York v. Hull Kingston Rovers, Widnes v. Halifax, Swinton v. Hunslet, Leigh v. St. Helens, Oldham v. Rochdale Hornets.

"FOOTER" FRIENDLIES.

"B" Siege Park Workshops v R.A.S.C. attached 63rd Bde R.G.A.

This match was played on the Workshop's ground at Mulheim. The Brigade soon took the play into their opponent's half but nothing developed. Great enthusiasm prevailed among the large number of spectators and inspired by their support the teams played extremely well, despite the great heat. The Workshops made a number of attempts to break down the defence of the Brigade but L/Cpl Dean and Cpl Light were impregnable and Griffen in goal had an easy time.

The Brigade were showing good form and kept up a constant pressure on the Workshops but their efforts were frustrated time after time by the excellent play of the goalie, Pte. G. Brown. At length the Brigade scored through Bedford and shortly afterwards the Workshops equalised as a result of clever play on the part of Calderbank, their outside left.

The Brigade continued to press but the Workshop "keeper" was not to be beaten and the whistle went, a very clean and exciting game ending in a draw of one goal each.

"B" Siege Park Workshops v 13th M.A.C.

Played on the Workshop's Ground on Monday evening. The M.A.C. won the toss and decided to let the Workshops play against the light. They started off at a great pace and kept up considerable pressure the whole of the first half. The Workshop team fell to pieces under the assault so that the M.A.C. made quick scoring and netted four before the whistle blew. The M.A.C. forwards were very smart on the ball and had, in addition, a very good defence.

When play resumed, the lead was taken by the Workshops who considerably hustled their opponents. Bradburn, who had made many attempts to score, at last had his opportunity. He ran through and cleverly beat the M.A.C. backs. He shot at close range giving the goalie no chance. Shortly after, Gunner Hart at outside right ran the ball down the field and placed a splendid centre, Calderbank neatly heading into the net.

Excitement was now very high; the Workshops had considerably stiffened. The M.A.C. tried several runaways, but the referee—Lt. Barker—had to pull up most attempts due to a tendency of the forwards to get offside. Towards the end of the match M.S.M. Phipps, for the Workshops booted a ball just inside his opponent's penalty area. It was pounced on by several of each side and in the scrimmage that resulted, Darling, playing centre forward for the shops, rescued the ball and placed it in the net.

No additional score resulted, although both sides made great efforts. The M.A.C. ran out winners by five goals to three.

Married v Single.

A football match between the married and single R.A.M.C., resulted in a draw and the match is to be replayed at a later date.

South Wales Hockey.

At the annual meeting of the South Wales Hockey Association at Cardiff, Sir J. T. D. Llewellyn, Bart., was re-elected president, Mr. A. L. Goldsworthy hon. treasurer, Mr. P. J. Adams, (Barry) hon. secretary. The following representatives were elected on the International Selection Committee: The Rev. H. L. James (Swansea), Messrs. F. A. Thomas, T. Hellier, L. Goldsworthy, and J. R. Williams. The question of reduced fares for players was discussed.

London Swimming Tourney.

The annual Port of London swimming tournament will this year take place at the Old Kent-road Baths on Monday, September 15. The programme will include a 75yds. open handicap, the first prize being a canteen of cutlery value £5. A similar event for seamen and river workers carries four cash prizes and four others. There is also a 50yds ladies' handicap and 50 yds scratch race for boys under 16, and a team race.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, August 27, 1919.

Wind, Southwest to West 15-20 m.p.h. Squally, cloudy, some rain. Visibility good.

THREE CENTURIES.

Hendren, Sutcliffe, And Denton In Form.

ENGLISH CRICKET RESULTS.

The following were the principal cricket results in England on Monday:—

Surrey 395 and 51 for 2; Middlesex 414 (Hendren 122).

Hants 216; Sussex 141 for 5.

Yorks 375 for 8, declared, (Sutcliffe 174; Denton 114); Kent 50 for 1.

Gloster 49 for 2 v Essex.

Worcester 187 v Warwick.

No start could be made in the return match between Notts and Derby at Nottingham owing to rain.

Surrey trial:—Young Professionals 303; Young Amateurs 149.

English County Cricket Averages to Aug. 23rd.

BATTING (16 INNINGS).

	No. of Inns.	Times not Out.	Total Runs.	Most in an Inns.	Aver.
Gunn (G.)	24	2	1412	185*	64.18
Hendren (E. H.)	28	6	1406	214	63.90
Ducat	31	3	1615	306*	58.75
Hobbs	39	4	2054	205*	58.69
Mead (C. P.)	30	5	1039	207	57.56
Payton	19	6	679	84*	51.53
Hearne (J. W.)	29	6	1138	218*	49.47
Knight D. J.	27	1	1203	146	48.57
Gunn (J.)	23	5	860	111*	47.77
Russell (A. C.)	30	2	1324	160	47.28
Pellew, C. E.	30	5	1164	195*	46.56
Willis, C. B.	35	4	1440	156*	46.45
Holmes	40	4	1663	140	46.19
Dipper	32	5	1240	169*	45.92
Hardinge	21	2	865	172*	45.52
Tyldesley (J. T.)	30	0	1343	272	44.76
Perrin, P. A.	24	5	850	126	44.73
Lee (H. W.) (Middx)	28	3	1115	163	44.60
Tyldesley (E.)	39	3	1600	174*	44.44
Sutcliffe	38	4	1497	145	44.02
Makepeace	44	4	1760	171	44.00
Sharp, Maj. A. T.	22	5	716	139	42.11
Hirst	33	4	1216	180*	41.93
Hardstaff	22	7	626	82	41.73

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING (35 WICKETS).

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
Rhodes	905	241	1843	138	13.35
White, J. C.	677.3	199	1592	103	15.45
Woolley (F. E.)	745.5	190	1738	105	16.55
Kilner (R.)	302	97	704	42	16.76
Collins, H. L.	567.1	121	1278	75	17.04
Heap	427.4	105	1147	66	17.39
Restwick	526.5	90	1564	89	17.56
Waddington	577.1	153	1460	82	17.80
Gregory, J. M.	707.1	101	2069	110	18.80
Stirling, W. S.	329.3	75	828	40	20.70
Freeman (A. P.)	321.5	53	1084	52	20.86
Relf (A. E.)	338.4	103	893	38	21.13
Douglas, J. W. H. T.	801.4	105	2572	121	21.23

COUNTING OF POINTS.

Questionable Improvement In New Championship Method.

Writing on the subject of the new method of counting points in the English County Cricket Championship, "Tristram" in the "Referee" says:—

I am not at all sure, that the new method of counting points in the Championship is much of an improvement. Five points are to be given for a win outright; two points to the side leading on the first innings in an unfinished match; honours to be reckoned on the percentage of the results obtained to the points obtainable. The margin of points for a win remains a good bait, but I fail to see the justice of awarding two points for a lead on the first innings in a drawn game and ignoring altogether the claim of the other side. I have no use for moral victories. In a drawn game the performances of both teams may be of equal merit, and as the prime objective is a win the obvious alternative is to divide the points.

There also again arises an inducement to make a half-way house in the Championship and to minimise the importance of a win. There is, of course, some merit in a first-innings lead, but the game is at that stage only half over, and a team is no more entitled to two points for leading then than that a punter should expect a bookmaker to pay a proportion of the odds because a horse happens to be leading at Tattenham Corner. In a boxing match a verdict on points is right enough, because the referee has all the facts of the entire contest before him. In cricket every possible inducement should be offered to obtain a finished match, and, to my way of thinking, it might be better to ignore drawn games altogether.

CRICKET PROFESSIONALS' PAY.

At a meeting of the County Cricket Advisory Committee this week a resolution was passed stating a decision was desirable as to a standard rate of pay for professionals for first-class matches in 1920.

Caledonians Club Revived.

Owing chiefly to the energy and enthusiasm of Andrew T. Ralston, the popular London Caledonians Club has been revived, and will open their thirty-fourth season next Saturday week in an Isthmian League match against the Casuals at Tufnell Park, with very encouraging prospects of a successful year.

ARMY ATHLETES.

A.G.S. Members In Tip-Top Form At Byfleet.

KEY TO PERENNIAL YOUTH.

At the Vickers (Weybridge) A.C. Meeting (briefly reported yesterday), two Army athletes, S. Usher and A.E. Heaver both of the A.G.S. did remarkably well.

The pride of the running world appeared on the track, and during the meeting Sir John Alcock, the hero of Atlantic flight, judged the women's tug-of-war.

It goes almost without saying the chief interest gathered round the 100 yards open handicap, and in this event the sprint champion, W. A. Hill, running with a grand, workmanlike action, got second from scratch to the Army man, S. Usher, This versatile performer, receiving four yards, won by half a yard in 9 4-5 seconds. Either the course or the time keeping appeared to be somewhat at fault in this event, for Hill had won his heat easing up in ten seconds dead.

Always Fit.

Usher is a wonderful athlete, who has seen years of service, but who, like many another member of the Army Gymnastic Staff, is always fit. The number of men approaching the veteran stage in the A.G.S. who maintain tip-top form points to the military system of physical training being the key to perennial youth.

Another striking example is the case of A.E. Heaver (A.G.S.), who is running as well as ever, and who carried off the quarter mile open handicap, with a start of 26 yards, in 47 1-5 seconds.

THE CESAREWITCH.

Will Manton Furnish The Ultimate Favourite.

Those enterprising bookmakers who are already laying tempting prices for the double event of the Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire have done a thriving business. They have had very little "dead meat" so far, as nearly all the horses which were picked for the autumn handicaps before the appearance of the weights have been nominated. Quotations are now appearing for the two big handicaps, and on a list which I have before me the favourites for the Cesarewitch are Air Raid, Buckthorn, He, King John, Silver Bullet, and Warwick. All these are marked at 20 to 1. The next batch comprises Chuette, Furore, Golden Fleece, Gay Lord, Good Night, Langdon Hills, Queen's Square, Silonyx, Tangiers, and Trestle at 25 to 1.

For my part I can see nothing particularly fascinating in these prices writes Tattersall in the "Sunday Express." It is always delightful to beat the market, but with a few exceptions we ought to be able to get good prices about the horses I have named, up to within a few days of the race. He is a very clever man who can foretell the ultimate favourite for the Cesarewitch before the weights are compiled, but we all have our individual ideas on the subject, and my own notion is that Manton is as likely as any stable to provide the best backed horse on the day of the big long-distance handicap.

FRESH DRIVING RECORDS.

Further Achievements By Mr. Walter Winans at Barking.

At Barking on Monday, Mr. W. Buckley's Jerry M., driven by the owner, was opposed by Mr. Lincoln Reed in a 100 yards race, standing start. The horse was off the mark as quickly as his opponent and won by 10 yards in 9 4/5 secs.

At the same place Mr. Walter Winans created fresh British-bred driving records of 40 seconds for ¼ mile and 2 mins 43 secs for the mile with his pacer, The Elf; also a mile trotting record (with speed wagon) of 2 mins 52 secs with Discord.

U.S. AMATEUR GOLF.

Mr. S. Davidson Herron, of the Oakmont Country Club, Pittsburgh, won the United States Amateur Golf Championship by defeating Mr. Bobby Jones, of Atlanta, by 5 up and 4 to play in the final round of the championship match at the Oakmont Country Club. Herron won mostly by superior putting.

4,878 Pigeons in Swindon Race.

Something like 1,500 fanciers competed in the homing pigeon national race flown from Swindon last week-end, and 4,878 birds were race-marked for the event.

Fanciers supported the race in no half-hearted manner, and the result was a sum of £1,350 in prizes, which is a record for any young-bird pigeon race.

ELIMINATING ROUND.

Matches To Take Place On Friday And Saturday.

NEUTRAL GROUNDS.

The details of the matches in the eliminating round preceding the semi-finals, for "The Cologne Post" Cup are as follows:—

Friday, 29th August:

17th Lancers v. 13th Kings L'pool Regt. at Kalk (93rd Bde. R.G.A. ground).

Saturday, 30th August:

D Corps Siege Park v. 93rd Bde. R.G.A. at Mülheim (7 Sq. R.A.F. ground).

And

174 Siege Battery v. Lowland Div. M.T. Coy. at Kalk (93rd Bde. R.G.A. ground).

Matches will commence at 14.00 hours. Umpires will be chosen by Sports Editor, Cologne Post.

77 SIEGE BTY. (54) v. 73 BDE. R.G.A. (39) at Godesberg. For the winners Mills played a fine innings for 22 not out and Bdr. Telling 13. Capt. Brettell was top scorer for the Bde. team with 19 to his credit. Fenton took 4 wickets for 4 runs and Garmonsway 5 for 23. Hardwick took 4 wickets for 18, Birtwistle 4 for 22 and Copley 2 for 8 for the Bde.

HAMPSHIRE REGT. (58 for 2) v. 51st ROYAL WARWICK REGT. (54). For the Hamps Sergt. Hampton (20 not out) and 2/Lieut. H.C. Bridger (19) were the chief scorers. R.S.M. Baldwin, and Sergt. Rowe bowled unchanged and Sergt. Griffiths (19) of the Warwicks was the only batsman to resist.

52 BN. ROYAL WARWICKS (46) v. 53 ROYAL WARWICKS (39). The scoring was very poor: Pte. Speed for the 52nd took 5 wickets for 7 runs and Lieut. Rowe also bowled well.

OTHER RESULTS.

53rd Northumberland Fus. 140; 2nd Bde R.A.F. 51.

Maps 4 F.S. Bn. were, in error, shown as sixth in the Cologne Northern League. Their record is: P 23 W 48 L 5 D 0 = 36 points. This places Maps F.S. Bn. third in conjunction with London Div. M.T. Coy, and taking into consideration that they are much below strength this is a very creditable performance.

16th LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS.

Batting Averages.

Name	Inns.	Runs.	Times N.-O.	Most in Inns.	Avge.
Pte. Camp	16	385	2	67*	27.50
Capt. R.G. Boden, M.C.	15	337	1	65	24.07
2/Lt. J. C. Thomson	17	243	2	39	16.20
Sgt. T. Preston	9	140	—	36	15.55
Pte. Bradshaw	16	179	1	39	11.18
Pte. Bray	17	188	—	64	11.05
2/Lt. A. C. Mitchell	11	121	—	33	11.00
Pte. Ferguson	15	83	7	24*	10.38
Capt. G.H. Potts, M.C.	13	132	—	54	10.15
C.Q.M.S. Bewicke	12	110	1	24*	10.00

* Signifies not out.

Bowling Averages.

Name	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avge.
Pte. Camp	173.1	56	438	77	5.68
Pte. Bradshaw	23.5	8	72	12	6.00
Pte. Ferguson	130.4	31	344	46	7.48
2/Lt. A. C. Mitchell	32.2	5	86	11	7.81
Cpl. Lindsay	60.5	13	134	14	9.57

77th SIEGE BATTERY.

Bowling Averages.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Cpl. Fenton	179	41	322	88	3·66
Sgt. Garmonsway	114	23	205	56	3·66
Bdr. Heys	12	3	19	10	1·9
Sig. Harker	40	6	99	15	6·6

Batting Averages.

	No. of Inn.	Times not out	Most in an Inn.	Total	Av.
Bdr. Heys	15	1	102*	269	19·2
Sig. Mills	13	2	93*	145	15·18
Cpl. Fenton	19	0	51	275	14·47
Sgt. Garmonsway	15	1	63*	194	14
Bdr. Telling	15	1	72	161	11·5
Pte. Taylor	4	0	24	47	11·75
Sig. Hirst	14	3	26*	116	10·5

* Signifies Not Out.

Dumplings and Rugger.

The handling code in Devonshire during the coming season promises to be as popular as in pre-war days, and the opening on Sept. 6 is being awaited with optimism. At Plymouth a great revival is confidently anticipated, for although, owing to ground difficulty, Devonport Albion have found it impossible to continue, a Plymouth club has been formed quite capable of maintaining the Devonport club's fine traditions, and in addition two other first-class clubs will be found in the United Services and R.N. Barracks.

10,000 MILE TEST "RUN."

The Automobile Association announces that a standard 16 h.p. Sunbeam has been selected for the 10,000 mile "national" benzole test. A start will be made from London on Friday, and the following towns will be visited:—Leeds, Edinburgh, Inverness, Glasgow, Harrogate, Darlington, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Newport, Cardiff, Gloucester, Northampton, Bedford, Newmarket, Norwich, Peterborough, Coventry, Newport, Chester, Oxford, Salisbury, Brighton, Chichester, Basingstoke, Guildford, Tunbridge Wells and Exeter. The engine will be examined both before and after the test by Capt. Arter and the Engineering Dept. of the Automobile Association.

IDEALLY MATCHED.

Beckett or McGoorty?; Factors which will decide.

"BOXING SKILL."

As September 2nd approaches interest in the giant boxing programme being staged by Mr. C.B. Cochran is becoming intensified, the Joe Beckett and Eddie McGoorty fight naturally claiming the major portion of the attention of the boxing world.

This is not merely because the two men are very largely in the public eye at the moment, but also because opinion is so evenly divided as to their merits and their chances of victory. Really these boxers are ideally matched; physically, indeed, it would be difficult to find two big men who bear such close comparison in height, weight, and general build.

The deciding factors in such cases as this are courage, boxing skill, power of hitting, and generalship, though the last two more accurately come under the head of "boxing skill" rather than exist as distinct qualities. It is, for example, very largely a matter of skill in timing, and in judgment of distance and position, which make hitting deadly instead of comparatively ineffective. Men like Beckett and McGoorty do not pick up their punches from the floor when they deliver a knock-out; their blows travel six inches or less, but because of the skill which directs them they are far more to be dreaded than those huge swings which travel yards before they land.

EUROPEAN "WELTER" TITLE.

Honour Held by Albert Badoud of Switzerland.

When a champion of England meets a holder of a French boxing title at the weight at which each excels in his own country, the European championship is usually at issue, but the contest in which Johnny Basham and Francis Charles are to figure on September 2 at Olympia will not decide who is Europe's premier welterweight, as the man who proved himself to stand in that position is still in the game and ready to defend the title he won by decisively beating Basham. His name is Albert Badoud, and he is the only boxer Switzerland can put in the field as a legitimate claimant to fistic honours. Prior to overcoming Basham, Badoud suffered several defeats—two or three at the hands of the English "welter" champion—but it is the result of his last meeting with Basham that counts and the winner of the latter v. Charles will have to beat Badoud to capture the European title.

DEMPSEY CHALLENGED.

Robert E. Martin (heavy-weight champion of the American E.F.) is out with a challenge to Dempsey. Martin (says the "World") has been discharged from the Army, and is now conferring with his manager, James Bronson, of New York, respecting a challenge to fight Jack Dempsey. Martin won the title on July 4 last by defeating Pte. Fay Kaiser, a prominent Army heavy-weight. He also won the Inter-Allied Championship, defeating Capt. Coghill, the Australian champion, by knocking him out in 50 seconds in the first round. Martin also won in a preliminary match from the French Army champion, Journee. He is 21 years old, stands 6ft 2in in his stockings, and weighs 190lb. He was born in Ohio, but enlisted with the National Guard of West Virginia from Erre Alto. He served in France with the 38th and 83rd Divisions.

ANTI-BOXING "PUSSYFOOTS."

Llanelly Free Church Council up in Arms.

Following an appeal by the Llanelly Free Church Council asking the public to refrain from attending the boxing contest which was held on Monday night, a prayer meeting was conducted on Sunday evening, when the ministers declared the good name of the town was imperilled by boxing contests.

One speaker said the craze, which had gripped the country, to see men knocking each other about was deplorable.

For the Limbless.

A Gala for the Pavilion Hospital Limbless Soldiers takes place off the Palace Pier, Brighton, to-day. Capt. L. H. Scott, of the Pavilion Hospital, who is in charge of the men, is the kindly promoter, and Mr. Harry J. Preston, of the Royal York Hotel, is affording invaluable assistance.

Good Impression.

Turner, a Glasgow amateur, made a good impression at full back in West Ham's trial match.

Welsh Boxers.

At Port Talbot, Sam Lane, Neath, the Welsh welter-weight champion, defeated Emlyn Evans, Compare, on points.

Wonders of Saunton.

Mr. W. Herbert Fowler is reconstructing at Saunton, near Ilfracombe, a golf course which he thinks will be "the most magnificent in the country."

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Band-Concert.

On Saturday the band of the 52nd South Wales Borderers gave an enjoyable concert in the grounds of the 42nd Stationary Hospital. Their programme consisted of popular airs and other selections which were much appreciated by the patients who attended in large numbers.

"The Fancies" Farewell.

On Saturday evening the popular Midland Division concert party, "The Fancies" gave their farewell show, prior to departure for England. A most delightful programme was contributed, the artists, without exception, being at their best. Those who have had the pleasure of being entertained by "The Fancies," while regretting their departure, will join in wishing them the every best of everything for the future.

The "Fragments" Again.

The many friends of this concert party will be glad to know that they are again on tour. Demobilization of nine-tenths of the party placed them "hors de combat" for nearly a month but nothing daunted, Sergt. Cavanagh set about reforming at once and he is to be congratulated on the fine show they are now putting up. At present they are touring the Southern Divisional area and paying visits to the outlying villages where they are showing to crowded houses nightly. Delbrück, Burg, Altenberg, Opladen, and Burscheid will be visited during the coming week and the first and second weeks of September will be spent in the London and Lancs Division areas.

Well selected Programme.

The programme consists of well selected variety turns, interspersed with burlesques and sketches. Sid Crossley, the inimitable comedian of Blighty fame, causes roars of laughter every time he appears, and is especially good as the "Mummy." Pte. Greenwood sings "The dear little Shamrock" and Love's garden of Roses" in finished style, while Pte. Welling is very dainty as a servant maid and a red cross nurse. Gnr. Huxter is seen at his best as a coon acrobat and in the comic turn of "Exits," the leading part of which is well sustained by Sergt. Cavanagh. The whole performance of some two hours in length is lively, witty, and humorous throughout and is ably supported by the orchestra of six or seven performers who render up-to-date music in a style worthy of commendation.

Rhine Army Choral Society.

A very pleasant little event took place at the British Empire Leave Club on Saturday evening, when a complimentary dinner was given by the members of the Society to their conductor, Capt. G. Sykes R.G.A. Besides the members of the Society, there were present Rev. F.I. Anderson, C.M.G. A.C.G. of the Rhine Army, Major Greenlees, Scots Guards, Miss Elsa West, Rev. A. Buxton, and Rev. R. French. After dinner and the drinking of the toast to "The King" the A.C.G. in a very happy speech proposed the health of Capt. G. Sykes which was accorded with full musical honours. The Secretary of the Society, L/Cpl. Smith, then presented Capt. Sykes with a bronze reproduction of the "Discus Thrower" and a small sum of money for the purchase of such music as he might like.

Tribute To Choir.

Capt. Sykes in replying, spoke of the work of the Society during the eight months he had been its conductor and said that during the whole of his experience extending over many years he had never trained a keener, more punctual and more pains-taking choir. He strongly recommended all those present, several of whom were going home in the course of a few days, to start similar societies in the towns and villages to which they belonged. A number of part songs were rendered by the choir and the gathering broke up at 10 o'clock.

In Few Words.

The next weekly dance at the Düren Officers Club will be held on Friday, 29th inst. instead of Thursday, the 28th.

JACQUES.

A YACHTING WEEK.

Burnham-on-Crouch Regatta opens successfully.

The Burnham-on-Crouch Regatta, which opened successfully on Saturday bids fair to be one of the must successful events of its kind held this year.

There is to be a week of yacht racing and it is probable that there will be more boats competing than at any of the previous fixtures.

In the ordinary course the western regattas—Weymouth, Plymouth, Torquay and Dartmouth—would have followed the Solent season, which concluded on Friday last week, but as these fixtures were abandoned, all those owners desirous of getting as much racing as possible have come round to the East Coast for the Burnham Week.

Another point of interest is that among the bigger vessels that are competing are those that were taking part in the principal events at Cowes. With one or two exceptions, all the bigger craft that sailed at Cowes were East Coast boats, without which the Solent regattas would have been very tame.

MILE SWIMMING CHAMPION.

In connection with the Valentine Swimming Club a gala was held in Valentine's Park, Ilford, in the presence of a large number of spectators from all parts of the metropolis. The chief event of the afternoon was the mile swimming championship of England under the auspices of the Southern Counties A.S.A. There were five starters. At the outset Frank P. Giles, of the City of London Police, took the lead from R. Murray, of the Amateur Swimming Club, and these two fought it out in very game fashion. Giles led to the half-mile, when he was overtaken by Murray. Giles recovered the lead again, however, and won by 25 yards. His time was 27 min. 8 1/5 sec., Murray's being 27 min. 36 ces.

BRITTON BEATS O'DOWD.

Jack Britton, although conceding weight, beat Mike O'Dowd on points in an eight-rounds contest at Newark, N.J.

Britton is the holder of the welter-weight title, while O'Dowd holds the middle-weight championship.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

W. Berwick.

W. Berwick, formerly with Glossop, has been secured by Everton.

Practice Matches.

Manchester City and Manchester United both played practice matches on Saturday.

'Chaser For Sale.

The Irish steeple-chaser, Cargo, will be offered for sale during the course of this (the Dublin Show) week.

Tweed Salmon Fisher.

Mr. John Brown, of Horneliffe, who claimed to be the oldest salmon fisher on the Tweed, has died at the age of eighty-four.

L.C.W. And Parr's Bank.

The London County, Westminster, and Parr's Bank have two of the best appointed football grounds in London with a third available if necessary, and are running four trains this season.

Army Girl and Sport.

Boxing, wrestling, and football were all introduced to the Army girl, but enjoyed only a short-lived popularity, because the girls had good sense enough to see that although they were quite capable of figuring well at such games, they were unfitted to play them both mentally and anatomically. — F. A. M. Webster in the "Daily Express."

Robey's Cup.

The George Robey Challenge Cup is again to be competed for.

Dionysos.

Dionysos has been struck out of all published handicaps with the exception of the Great Ebor.

Everton's Skipper.

W. Wareing, a centre-half, has been selected to captain the Everton team this season. His deputy will be T. Fleetwood, also a half-back.

Continental Fixtures.

The London Football League has decided to accept an invitation to play a couple of matches in France during the coming season.

Sidmouth Tennis Tournament.

A record entry is expected for the Sidmouth Tournament, which begins on Sept. 1. Among those who have signified their intention of competing are Maj R.J. McNair, the captain of the British Isles Davis Cup team.

Sporting Gathering.

There will be a great social and sporting gathering at Dublin this week for the Horse Show, for which over 900 horses have been entered. The show opens on the 26th inst., and ladies are for the first occasion being privileged to compete generally.

Signatures Secured.

Port Vale have secured the signatures of Aitken and Pursell, of Glasgow Rangers.

Ash beats Morgan.

At Plymouth Frank Ash, of Plymouth, beat Johnny Morgan, of Caerphilly, in nine rounds.

On Leave Wins.

On Leave, who scored recently, had previously run eleven times this season, being placed on seven occasions, but this was the first time he had won.

Auto Cycle Trial.

Entries for the Auto-Cycle Union's Six Days' Reliability Trial, to be held on a course radiating from Llandrindod Wells, from Sept. 15 to 20, closed on Saturday, but entries at double fees can be accepted after this date, provided they are received at the Auto-Cycle Union's headquarters before noon on Aug. 30.

Donkey Races.

E.M. Quirke, M. Beary, and other leading Irish jockeys rode winners in the donkey races at the Fairview Fete, Dublin. The Donkey Derby, for the Orby Cup presented by Mr. "Boss" Croker, was won by Mr. J. Hourihan's Irish Pat, with Beary up. Quirke rode Mr. A. Doran's The Thatch to victory in the final heat of the Bray Stakes.

Doing Well.

Wee Georgie, a bay gelding by Lonawand—Dark Water, won the Flying Handicap at Cape Town recently. Lonawand's stock is doing well abroad.

Tope Fishing.

Particulars to hand of the recent tope fishing competition held by the Margate Club show that some good sport was enjoyed among these voracious and shark-like fish. The total bag was twenty-two tope, scaling in the aggregate 538lb. 9oz.

Vardon and Ray.

Vardon and Ray are to take part in an exhibition game on the Grim's Dyke Golf Links, Hatch End, Middlesex, on September 27, the proceeds to be given to St. Dunstan's Hostel.

For Amateurs.

An open amateur stroke competition will be held by the Camberley Heath Club, Surrey, on Saturday, October 4. Play will be over 36 holes, and there will be handicap as well as scratch prizes.

"Western Mail" Shield.

The Welsh Golfing Union have been presented with a challenge shield by the proprietors of the "Western Mail" for annual competition amongst clubs affiliated to the Union by means of inter-club foursomes.

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	Time a.m.	Time	
Mainz . . . . . dep.	10⁰⁰	—	—
Biebrich (Wiesbaden) „	10²⁰	—	—
N.-Walluf . . . . . „	10³⁵	—	—
Eltville (Schwalbach, Schlangenbad) „	10¹⁵	—	—
Oestrich . . . . . „	11⁰⁰	—	—
Freiweinheim (Ingelheim) „	11⁰⁵	—	—
Geisenheim (Johannisberg, Marienthal) „	11²⁰	—	—
Rüdesheim . . . . . „	11³⁵	—	—
Bingen (Kreuznach) arr.	11⁴⁵	—	—
dep.	11⁵⁰	—	—
Assmannshausen . . „	12⁰⁰	—	—
	p.m.		
Bacharach . . . . . „	12³⁰	—	—
Oberwesel . . . . . „	12⁵⁰	—	—
St. Goar (St. Goarshausen, Loreley) „	1⁰⁵	—	—
Camp-Bornhofen . . „	1⁴⁰	—	—
Boppard . . . . . „	1⁴⁵	—	—
Braubach . . . . . „	2¹⁰	—	—
Rhens (Königsstuhl) „	2¹⁵	—	—
Oberlahnstein (Ems, Stolzenf.) „	2²⁵	—	—
Niederlahnst. (Ems, Stolzenf.) „	2³⁰	—	—
Coblenz arr.	2⁴⁵	—	—
dep.	2⁵⁰	—	—
Bendorf (Engers) . . „	3¹⁰	—	—
Neuwied (Rengsdorf) „	3³⁵	—	—
Andernach (Laacher See) . „	3⁵⁰	—	—
Niederbreisig (Hönningen) „	4¹⁵	—	—
Remagen (Neuenahr) „	4⁵⁰	5⁰⁰	—
Rolandseck . . . . . „	5¹⁰	5³⁰	—
Godesberg . . . . . „	5⁴⁰	6⁰⁰	—
Bonn arr.	6⁰⁰	6²⁵	—
dep.	6⁰⁵	6³⁰	—
Wesseling . . . . . „	6⁴⁵	7¹⁰	—
Porz . . . . . „	7⁰⁵	7³⁰	—
Köln-Mitte (Leystapel) . arr.	7³⁰	7⁵⁵	—

Place	Up River 2	4	6
	Time a.m.	Time	Time
Köln-Mitte (Leystapel) . dep.	10⁰⁰	—	12⁰⁰
Porz . . . . . „	10⁴⁵	—	12⁴⁵
Wesseling . . . . . „	11²⁵	—	1²⁵
	p.m.		
Bonn arr.	12³⁰	—	2³⁰
dep.	12³⁵	—	2⁴⁰
Godesberg . . . . . „	1¹⁰	—	3¹⁰
Rolandseck . . . . . „	2⁰⁰	—	4⁰⁰
Remagen (Neuenahr) „	2³⁰	—	4³⁰
Niederbreisig (Hönningen) „	3¹⁵	—	an
Andernach (Laacher See) . „	4⁰⁰	—	—
Neuwied (Rengsdorf) „	4²⁰	—	—
Bendorf (Engers) . . „	5⁰⁵	—	—
Coblenz arr.	5¹⁰	a.m.	—
dep.	—	10⁰⁰	—
Niederlahnst. (Ems, Stolzenf.) „	—	10²⁵	—
Oberlahnstein (Ems, Stolzenf.) „	—	10³⁵	—
Rhens (Königsstuhl) „	—	10⁴⁵	—
Braubach . . . . . „	—	10⁵⁵	—
Boppard . . . . . „	—	11²⁵	—
Camp-Bornhofen . . „	—	11⁴⁵	—
		p.m.	
St. Goar (St. Goarshausen, Loreley) „	—	12⁴⁰	—
Oberwesel . . . . . „	—	1⁰⁵	—
Bacharach . . . . . „	—	1³⁵	—
Assmannshausen . . „	—	2²⁵	—
Bingen (Kreuznach) arr.	—	2⁴⁵	—
dep.	—	2⁵⁰	—
Rüdesheim . . . . . „	—	3⁰⁵	—
Geisenheim (Johannisberg, Marienthal) „	—	3²⁰	—
Freiweinheim (Ingelheim) „	—	3⁴⁰	—
Oestrich . . . . . „	—	3⁵⁰	—
Eltville (Schwalbach, Schlangenbad) „	—	4²⁰	—
N.-Walluf . . . . . „	—	4³⁵	—
Biebrich (Wiesbaden) „	—	4⁵⁵	—
Mainz . . . . . arr.	—	5¹⁵	—

The right to alter arrangements on this plan is reserved.
Further information can be obtained from the usual agencies.
Strict punctuality according to this time-table cannot be guaranteed.
First and second Sundays are not yet guaranteed.

FARES. (Marks) Mainz—Bingen 5.60, Mainz—Coblenz 18.00, Mainz—Bonn 29.40, Mainz—Cologne 34.20.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Overheard in a Cologne Cafe.

Two Jocks enter and summoning the waiter one of them said: "Sprecken zie English" "Yah! a leetle" exclaimed the waiter. "A' weel then" said Jock, "Gie's twa aiple tairts, an' twa bottles a' ale an' be quick aboot it!" The look of dismay accompanied by an appealing glance on that waiter's face was a comical study and created much amusement.

Incongruous.

Visitors to the Divisional Cinema in Solingen have often been highly amused by the selections of music played by the German orchestra during the pictures. This remark applies specially during the showing of comic pictures, when generally speaking, heavy plaintive melodies are rendered. The limit was reached the other night, when during the showing of a "Mutt and Jeff" comedy, the orchestra gravely played — the "Dead March!" to the undisguised amusement of the men.

Savings Certificates and Postal Orders.

Pending further instructions, you may not purchase more than twelve £1 War Savings Certificates at any Post Office with the Rhine Army in any one week, unless the certificates are paid for in British currency or by means of a cheque drawn in British currency. The supply of certificates to committees will continue as at present, but the secretaries of such committees will satisfy themselves that not more than twelve certificates are issued through their Associations to any officer or man during one week. This restriction does not apply in cases where British money or cheques drawn in sterling are tendered in payment for certificates. Similarly as regards Postal Orders, noone may purchase an amount exceeding £5 in value in any one day. Issues above £1 may only be made on the certificate of an O.C. Unit.

Sarcastic.

Why is it that in spite of large and prominently displayed notices announcing that "No Cigarettes" can be had, some men will waste their time and that of canteen workers also by asking if there are any to be had. Evidently the workers of the Solingen Y.M.C.A. have had to put up with this type of individual, for yesterday could be seen a huge board announcing "No cigs. to-day. This notice means exactly what it says?"

Donations Thankfully Received.

A party of young guards and Americans were paying a visit to a Cologne church some days ago, and were on the point of leaving when a man beckoned to them, and having got together a small party of interested soldiers, volunteered to show them a few historic relics. He pointed out a few tombs, apparently of dignatories of bygone days, explaining in very unintelligible English the history of each one. At the last one he stopped, and turning to his now rather bored audience exclaimed (in very intelligible English this time), "Allow me to tell you that it is the custom for visitors here to give a small donation to me personally." Evidently another type of war profiteer.

Lesser Echoes.

"D" Coy., 51st Batt. The King's Liverpool Regiment has a pay parade strength of 110 and 107 of these have joined War Savings Association. In four consecutive weeks the sum of £578 3s. 9d was put in (over 46,000 marks).

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A correspondent emphasises the difficulty sentries have in recognising the rank of officers, who favour stars and crowns of non-regulation size. He suggests that in fairness to men the insignia of rank should be clearly displayed.

"Nix Schokolade Tommy?"

Tommy — Schokolade! — And your ol' man tryin' ter chivvy us for the last four years.

Commissions to Non-Regulars.

Many enquiries are being received from non-regular officers as to the success of their applications for permanent commissions in the Regular Army. The Army Council regret delay and fully appreciate the difficult position in which many applicants are placed as regards their future careers. It is, however, impossible to make any announcement as to how many commissions will be granted, until future establishment has been definitely decided. At the present moment, the number of officers holding regular permanent commissions is in excess of requirements, but every endeavour is being made to ascertain how many of these officers are desirous of retiring, resigning their commissions, etc., and the Army Council hope, at an early date, to be able to state how many permanent regular commissions can be granted to non-regular officers. The demobilization of an officer will in no way prejudice his subsequent chance of selection, but at the same time, should any officer find that he is no longer desirous of such appointment, the Army Council would be glad if he would notify the War Office to this effect.

For the guidance of officers, the commercial rate of exchange of the day fixed by the Deutsche Bank at 9 o'clock will be posted up in the offices of Field Cashiers. This quotation is for English currency only, and may fluctuate during the day, and is only intended as a guide as to what may be expected from bankers cashing cheques. It must not in any way be compared with the official rate of exchange.

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Apropos the "Echo" suggesting trips by motor lorry this has drawn letters of protest from men of the M.T. section of the R.A.S.C. One correspondent puts forward the suggestion that as we are an Army of Occupation, why not utilise German train and tram services to meet the requirements of these trips? and thus give drivers more leisure than at present.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to:—Sgt. H. Warner c/o D.V.S., G.H.Q. Rhine Army; Sig. Fredk. G. Chance, Headquarters, VI Corps H.A. Rhine Army; and Cpl. E.F. Funnell, 77th Siege Bty. R.G.A. Rhine Army.

SPEECHLESS MARRIAGES.

A message from Archangel states that nine soldiers of the American Expeditionary Force in Northern Russia have married Russian women. A singular point to be noticed is that the American soldiers do not speak Russian and their Russian wives have so far found the English language too difficult to learn.

"Daily Press."

I was aimlessly scanning a newspaper and my eye caught the above paragraph. I began to think of those American soldiers married to those Russian women and wondered what kind of married lives they were living. Could they be happy and contented, without being able to communicate to each other their innermost feelings?

I suppose they could talk together and make intelligent observations on food, and weather. They must at least have reached the "par bon, nix forstein" stage. And perhaps after all there is no Russian equivalent for "You are a topping kiddy" or "Darling old thing," and other such terms of affection where intensity of feeling is not governed by what you say, but how you say it.

Such ejaculations could easily be considered superfluous and bordering upon sickly sentiment. After all, actions do speak louder than words. But I came to the conclusion that these marriages must have been based upon physical fascination rather than mental and intellectual understanding.

As my thoughts wandered it struck me that such speechless unions have distinct advantages. If little pieces of isinglass did appear in the matrimonial caviare each party would naturally attribute it to language inefficiency instead of deficiency of affection. What a panacea for all nuptial differences!

The idea reminded me of a fellow I met out East, where it was a crime against British Rule to strike a native. This successful administrator of native labour meted out necessary punishment and yet kept within the law, by giving the offender a sound box on the ear and then roaring with laughter. The blow would undoubtedly hurt and in the ordinary way the native would probably lodge a complaint with the authorities, but when he saw his chief shaking with laughter, he thought it a white man's idea of a joke and laughed too.

How many husbands have raked their brains crooked—the latest Government Reconstruction Pamphlet shows total energy expended—in involving an original excuse for a late night in town? How many have quaked at their spouse's vociferous demand for a lucid explanation as to their recent whereabouts?

These American soldiers will be saved such inquisitions. They can banely reply with the equivalent in the Russian vernacular for "pas compre." What woman would fiendishly continue to wound her husband's pride by making him appear ignorant? She would heave a sigh of resignation, inwardly curse the Tower of Babel, and let the matter drop.

The natural outcome of these international marriages will probably be children and it is regrettable that upon these mites will fall considerable difficulties, demanding more than usual infantile intelligence. Just imagine a promising youth of three years trying to make known its wants in Russian to its mother, and in American to its father.

If one of the parents were only English the child would at least have one articulate language of speech. Of course, there is Esperanto, but unfortunately this dead language is only studied by learned men who never leave their native shores.

In summing up, the speechless Russian-American alliance has advantages of unlimited possibilities, but—I don't think I shall volunteer for Archangel.

W.J.W.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Police Strikers.—Birmingham police strikers have asked for reinstatement.

No Wagner.—A Wagner festival in Paris has been prohibited by the authorities.

Silence.—Suitable motto for the Telephone Service: Silence is Golden.

Sale by Auction.—The Kaiser's carriages have been sold by public auction in Berlin.

To Antwerp.—The American headquarters are to be transferred from Paris to Antwerp.

The Prince.—The Prince of Wales' American trip is to be limited to ten days.

Forthcoming Tour.—It is probable that the Prince will next visit India.

Passing of the Aigrette.—The passing of the aigrette is foreshowed.

Khaki Uniforms.—Except in the case of certain regiments, khaki has come to stay.

Round Up.—In a tour of Neath, fifty-three unmuzzled dogs were found.

The Fleet.—Arrangements for naval visits to holiday resorts are now complete.

Finis.—The Eagle hut in the Strand is to close on Monday.

The Latest.—America's 14 inch naval guns could have been fired from any railway instead of from pits.

In the Air.—An Australian merchant put his signature to an order when in the air the other day.

Quick.—London papers were delivered in Amsterdam last week on the day of publication.

Made Good.—Lieut. Onions V.C. is descended from the original John Ridd of "Lorna Doone" fame.

Cities Honoured.—The cities of Strasbourg and Phalsbourg have received the Légion d'honneur.

For Brussels.—The offices of the League of Nations will not be at Genevy but at Brussels.

5d. Per Lb!—Colonial meat at 5d. a pound is what is promised at Tottenham's open air market.

Byng's Gift.—General Byng is spending part of the £30,000 voted him to provide a club for ex-Service men.

Racecourse Robbery.—At Bath one of the stewards of the meeting was a victim of the "boys."

Fewer Overcoats.—A shortage of overcoats is certain to be experienced during the coming autumn.

For The Hospitals.—Hampton Court vine grapes have been bought from the King for Army hospitals by Lady Wolseley.

His Worry.—Worried about income tax, a Peterborough man placed his head on the railway and was decapitated.

Subtle.—In connection with the police strike it is said that one burglar who came out in sympathy saw a pocket and decided to picket.

Stopped.—Some German papers say that the attempt to smuggle marks over the Swiss frontier was made by the wife of the ex-Crown Prince.

After The Goods.—A mission has arrived in Germany to accept delivery of aeroplanes to Italy under the Peace Treaty terms.

A Soldier's Leap.—From the window on the third floor of Strand building a Canadian soldier leaped, when being chased by a military patrol.

Under Big Ben.—A farm has been established on the roof of the Institute of Civil Engineers, under the shadow of Big Ben.

The Scandal Of It.—Cheaper clothes are unobtainable because thousands of bales of wool are being stored in aeroplane hangars near the docks.

Manchester To London.—Five hundred ex-Service men who are out of employment at Manchester are to march to London to see the Minister of Labour.

English Brides of "Aussies."—Nearly 12,000 Australian soldiers have married British girls in less than eight and a half months.

THE CORPORAL'S EDUCATION.

Ostensibly I was deep in the pages of "The Cologne Post"; in reality I was eavesdropping. I couldn't help it, conversation attracted me.

"Pater was awfully bucked to hear I had been promoted," the young lance-corporal was saying, "Said he was sure a fellow with my education wouldn't remain long in the ranks. Pater's a doctor you know, — bally clever too; diplomas all over the house, — and he was fearfully cut up when I enlisted, as a private; but I thought it would be an experience to mix with the common soldier. What? Awfully annoying though having to join the army; it does interfere with one's education. Daresay you can sympathize with me old man!"

"I can," replied the thoughtful-looking corporal, "because my own education was also interfered with. You see my father was a gardener, — bally clever too; I remember the little parlour at home was chock full of certificates he had won for growing grapes and onions and things; he was master of his profession and was remunerated to the extent of a guinea a week, cottage and vegetables, and so, when I was twelve years old, my education was interrupted and I had to go to work. For twenty years I worked, and then I joined the army and resumed my education."

"Ha! ha! jolly good joke!" laughed the younger man stupidly.

"Not at all," said the other, "I am serious. My four years' experience on the continent has been a wonderful education to me. I have seen quite a lot of Belgium and France, including Ypres, Arras and Rheims. I have been on the Riviera, picked oranges at Nice; witnessed the glory of a Mediterranean sunset; eaten ice-cream in Genoa; was in Padua the night the cathedral was bombed; and was snowed up at Bussoleno. Now here I am in Germany learning the romantic legends of the Rhine at first hand."

"But apart from having had a long and interesting geography lesson and obtaining a fairly good knowledge of French and German I have made the most of my opportunities to study character and human nature. I have learnt a lot about my countrymen, know a man when I see one, and am more tolerant of fools for, taking a broader outlook on life I realize how little we all know. Yes, I resumed my education when I joined the army and I have been taught by experience that my need is no less the nation's need — education"

"I am convinced that all the turmoil at home is the fruit from the poison tree of ignorance. Feed the brain of the nation and a strong and satisfied people will develop."

"When I go back home I intend to see that my kiddies have that which was denied me for I have concluded that the only way to the palace of patriotism is through the corridor of education."

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EX-SERVICE MAN CHARGED.

COMPLICATED EVENTS IN AFTER WAR LIFE OF FORMER C.Q.M.S.

EX-C.Q.M.S. ARRESTED

DISCHARGED IN ERROR, THEN CHARGED AS ABSENTEE.

There was an extraordinary case before the Penge Magistrates yesterday, when an ex-Army Quarter-Master-Sergeant, who was under the impression that he ceased to be a soldier in May, was charged with being an absentee.

The defendant was ex-Company-Quarter-Master-Sergeant Liversedge, of Upper-Norwood, who served in the R.A.S.C. and, in the course of the evidence, an unusual story was told.

The military authorities at Grove Park, it was stated, ordered the Gipsy Hill police to arrest the accused, but they found that he had a protection certificate. Acting upon poli e advice, Liversedge paid repeated visits to Grove Park, but failed to see a superior officer.

Later the police received a telegram from the Records Office at Woolwich, stating that the protection certificate had been issued in error, and that defendant was a re-enlisted soldier. The defendant's solicitor said that after four year's service in France, Liversedge was sent to Mesopotamia, where he offered himself for re-enlistment. He was given to understand that he could not then be definitely accepted and came home on leave and was demobilized at the Crystal Palace in May.

Since then, he had been ordered to return Army Form Z 12, which had been given him, and then Army Form Z 11 had been issued to him. The military authorities had been notified of the case being fixed for hearing added the solicitor, but no representative was present.

Defendant Goes Free.

An hour later the military arrived, just as the chairman of the Bench was on the point of making a ruling in defendant's favour. The officer read a letter which, he said, had been sent by defendant, showing he was on furlough.

In reply to this, the defendant's solicitor said his client had not been paid a penny by the army since May 28th, and had gone into business on his own account. He contended that if the man was on furlough, he would have been receiving pay.

A police inspector complained that they had been made a convenience of by the military authorities and he would refuse to arrest a man again.

The magistrate's clerk pointed out that the trouble had arisen because the Army had discharged the defendant before accepting him for re-enlistment.

When told that the court would refuse to hand the defendant over to the military escort, the officer said he had instructions to take him back. The clerk said that if he did, no doubt the case would be taken to the high court for *habeas corpus*.

Liversedge then left the court and was not arrested by the military.

BULGARIA'S PEACE.

QUESTION OF SEA OUTLET.

The completion of the Bulgarian Peace Treaty now depends almost exclusively on the lot to be assigned to the former Bulgarian territories bordering the Aegean Sea. Certain Allied Powers favour the handing of the whole over to Greece but the U.S.A. insist that this would be a bad move and would deprive Bulgaria of all outlets to the Mediterranean. A possible solution may be reached by a compromise.

Between Bulgaria as it is coasted before 1913 and the Aegean Sea it is proposed to estcblish an independent state with the port of Dedeagatch. The state is to be under the protection of the League of Nations. It is believed that Greece would have no serious objection.

DENMARK WANTS COAL.

OUR MINERS TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES.

It is learned from Copenhagen that a party of coal miners from Yorkshire, Durham and Northumberland will shortly visit Denmark to satisfy themselves that the export of coal to Denmark must be kept up if the import of Danish agricultural produce into England is to be maintained.

BOMB EXPLOSION IN ITALY.

As the result of the explosion of a bomb store near Brescia, Italy, several soldiers, two children and a civilian were killed and a large number injured.

SIR F.H. SYKES.

The "London Gazette" last night announced that the G.B.E. had been conferred upon Maj.-General Sir F.H. Sykes, late of the Royal Air Force and now on the retired list, for distinguished services to aviation, and invaluable work as Chief of the Air Staff.

BOLSHEVIKS FAIL.

GENERAL DENIKIN MEETS WITH NO OPPOSITION.

On General Denikin's Western Front, the advance is continuing with great rapidity all along the line. It is now confirmed that Odessa was captured by a detachment of Volunteers who after two days bombardment from the Black Sea landed and drove the Bolsheviks out of the town; the latter were forced to retreat in a north-westerly direction towards Balta.

Along both banks of the Dnieper the Volunteer advance towards Kiev is making rapid progress. The Bolsheviks now admit having been forced to retire to Borispol, just over 20 miles south-east of that city, which they are evacuating with great haste.

Denikin's armoured trains, reconnoitring far ahead of his cavalry, are meeting with no opposition and can find no trace of enemy organisation for defence. At the same time, the advanced troops of Petliura, the Ukraine General, have captured Faltov, just over 40 miles south-west of Kiev, the fate of which now appears to be sealed.

Reliable reports state that the Bolsheviks in the whole of the Ukraine are completely demoralized, and it is also stated that the peasantry of the Ukraine hove now lost interest in their national independence and are waiting with eagerness the arrival of the Volunteer Army so that order may be restored, together with such settled conditions as may allow of a resumption of internal and external trade on which depends the prosperity of South Russia.

BELGIUM AND HOLLAND.

SCHELDT FRONTIER WILL BE CASUS BELLI.

The dispute between the Dutch and Belgian delegates, at a sitting of the Commission dealing with the revision of the Treaty of 1839, became so sharp that the Belgians decided to return to Brussels, but at the last moment the French Foreign Office dissuaded them, pending a report from the Dutch Minister in London. This report accuses the Belgians of constantly violating Dutch rights in the Scheldt, and says that Holland will not grant territorial concessions to Belgium and will never permit the Scheldt to become the Dutch-Belgian frontier, because the present frontiers are an outcome of the development of Holland's positive right. Answering the Belgian demands, Holland says that any attempt to enforce the new boundaries by Belgium will be regarded as a casus belli.

At the request of M. Clemenceau, M. Hymans has gone to Paris and conferred with M. Clemenceau, Pichon and Bertholet on the disagreement between Belgium and Holland. The Dutch delegates have left for The Hague in order to confer with their Government.

OIL ON THE WATERS.

SMOOTHING FRANCO-ITALIAN RELATIONS.

The Supreme Council has considered the report of the Inter-Allied Commission at Fiume. It is understood that the report is impartially framed and clearly shows the responsibility for certain incidents. Its publication will improve the relations between France and Italy and will remove all traces of misunderstanding.

U.S.A. AND JAPAN.

The "Petit Marseillais" asserts that President Wilson concluded, two years ago, an agreement with Japan, which has not been published, relative to China. It presents striking analogies to the former Franco-German agreement regarding Morocco. The Japanese and American Governments undertake to promote between their subjects a close economical and financial collaboration in China, whose territorial integrity and independence are guaranteed by the contracting parties.

BERLIN DEMONSTRATIONS.

Four meetings of disabled soldiers were held at Berlin after which a big procession of war invalids was formed to march through the streets. The military authorities having strengthened the guards at the Imperial Chancellery and cordoned off the entrances to the Wilhelmstrasse, the procession proceeded to the palace of the ex-Kaiser, where one of the leaders made a speech accusing the Government of leaving war victims in the lurch. There were tumultuous scenes at the corner of the Charlottenstrasse and Unter den Linden, the troops being hard pressed by the demonstrators, who bore banners inscribed "Brothers, don't shoot." As it was feared that there would be collisions, the military commanders ordered the street to be cleared, whereupon everyone sought cover in the house entrances.

STATE ECONOMY.

ADMIRALTY MEASURES FOR REDUCING EXPENSES.

In connection with the Government's policy of cutting down national expenditure it is announced that every warship of every class on the slips, not actually ready or near readiness for launching, is being considered by the Admiralty and the position from the financial standpoint, is being overhauled.

The Admiralty Financial Secretary, Dr. Macnamara, is conferring with shipyard experts as to whether it is more economical to break up vessels on the slips or complete and launch them. It is believed that, as a result of this policy, very great economies in expenditure will be effected by the Admiralty. Work at Queensferry and all producing factories outside Woolwich has been stopped, also work at the state shipyards at Chepstow, Beachley and Porthbury.

PREMIER WANTS REPORT.

Mr. Lloyd George has addressed a letter to the spending departments, strongly enforcing economy, and asking for a report to be furnished before Parliament reassembles as to the steps taken to that end. A finance committee with Mr. Lloyd George as chairman has been appointed to secure economy, and it is said that enormous results are being achieved.

SPEECH IN SMALL HOURS.

INCIDENT OF THE PRINCE OF WALES' TOUR.

When the Prince of Wales arrived at Toronto he received a tremendous welcome. Despite the long journey he did not seem fatigued and was in splendid spirits. At Government House and the City Hall he received addresses to which he made brief but eloquent replies, emphasizing the part played by the men of Ontario in the war.

For the first time since his arrival in Canada the Prince changed his naval uniform for that of the Grenadier Guards. As he drove through the streets to open the Toronto exhibition thousands of people lined the streets and cheered lustily.

A pleasing incident illustrating the Prince's democratic character, occurred during the journey. While the train was waiting at the small town of Smith's Falls for the engine to be changed, a large crowd gathered round calling for the Prince. It was two o'clock in the morning, and the staff hesitated to break his rest, but he insisted on getting up, and to the great delight of the people appeared on the platform and made a short speech in reply to an address of welcome.

TWO INCIDENTS.

There were two incidents during the public reception of the Prince at Toronto. The first occurred when a small boy in a bathing suit dodged past the policemen and went towards the Prince with extended hands. The police were about to remove the youngster when the Prince, with considerable amusement, said to the boy: "That's a nice cool costume for a warm job."

The second was when two shell-shocked soldiers who had just shaken hands with him fainted. The Prince declined to leave the building until he had visited the two men and assured himself that they were being properly looked after. During the day he enjoyed a sail on Lake Ontario.

AUSTRIAN TREATY.

DELIBERATIONS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

The Supreme Council has continued to examine the terms of the Austrian Treaty. The financial clauses were adopted but the deliberations on reparations were not concluded, various amendments being presented. It is evident that the authorities are trying to be as indulgent as possible in dealing with Austria, but the rights of the neighbouring nations are so strong that the territorial modifications obtained by Austria are few and unimportant. The financial gains, however, are considerable.

The Council did not resume consideration of the proposal for inserting in the Treaty the stipulation binding the Austrian Republic to take precautions to prevent German annexationist propaganda in Austria.

HEIR TO ROUMANIAN THRONE.

The Roumanian Council of Ministers after deliberating upon the act of renunciation made by Prince Charles, decided to recognise Prince Nicholas, his younger brother, as heir to the throne. Prince Nicholas, who was in London, returned at once to Bucharest by the Orient express. He is very popular with the Roumanian army.

BILL FOR ROUMANIA.

The Supreme Council has decided to ask the Roumanian Government to keep an exact account of all the requisitions and forced deliveries of goods carried out in Hungary in order that the amount of these requisitions, etc., may be deducted from the total sum which Hungary will have to pay Roumania by the terms of the treaty which is about to be put in force.

USE FOR ZEPPELINS.

NEW PASSENGER SERVICE IN GERMANY.

The German Aerial Navigation Company, Limited, announces the opening of a daily service between Berlin and Friedrichshafen, on Lake Constance. For this service a special small type of Zeppelin has been constructed. It is about 400 ft. long, has a capacity of 20,000 cubic mètres, and can carry from ten to twelve tons. This type is easily handled, and requires only a small crew. It is provided with four motors, developing about 1,100 horse-power, and giving the airship a speed of 77 miles per hour.

The cabin for passengers can accommodate altogether 25 persons. Plate glass windows permit an undisturbed view in all directions.

At first the passenger Zeppelin will fly from Friedrichshafen to Berlin one day and back to Friedrichshafen the next day, without making an intermediate landing, and 373 miles are to be covered in seven hours. From September 5 the Zeppelins will land at Munich each day. The fare from Berlin to Friedrichshafen or from Friedrichshafen to Berlin is fixed at 400 marks, and from Berlin to Munich or Munich to Berlin 350 marks while in all cases each passenger may have 30 pounds of luggage carried free.

UNLESS SANITY RETURNS.

MR. APPLETON'S WARNING TO LABOUR.

The quarterly report of the General Federation of Trade Unions contains a warning by the Management Committee, signed by Mr. W.A. Appleton. It says: "November, 1919, to May, 1920, will be fateful months: unless sanity returns and production increases they will be tragic months." It points out that the home affairs of the general federation require careful handling. Strikes have been precipitated which might have been avoided. Union funds have been needlessly dissipated.

The report adds: "Some of the strikes have had a distinctly political origin. Political strikes must either fail or end in revolution. They are not against the capitalist, but against the community. It is not the capitalist who suffers, but the people. Against such strikes the Government must protect the people or it must surrender its functions".

"The effect of such strikes is to decrease production and increase the price of all commodities. In view of the national situation and the possibility of a grave shortage, it is imperative that trade unionists should face the facts. The outstanding ones are that the war is over; that competitive laws as between nations are now forcefully operating; that food and raw materials required for the sustenance of the men and women of Britain must be bought from countries over whose merchants our Government has no control: and that these commodities must be paid for with goods, and not paper".

NO MORE SUMMARY SHOOTINGS.

The Germans at a meeting of the Polish-German Commission have agreed that no more summary shootings shall take place in Upper Silesia.

POLITICAL TALKS.

Lord Robert Cecil, who is touring his constituency in North Herts, is engaged in informal chats on the present political problems with workers in factories and in the harvest field, thus ignoring the programme of set speeches. In political talks during the week-end he said, he was afraid he could not prophesy smooth things for the future. The next few months might be very trying, but with patience and forbearance he thought it would be possible to weather the storms we were likely to encounter.

MR. ASQUITH'S FUTURE.

In Scottish Liberal circles it is understood that Mr. Asquith is now ready to re-enter the House of Commons. There is no question of waiting for a vacancy in any Scottish constituency, but it is believed that any suitable seat which falls vacant will be contested by him.

BARON E. DE ROTHSCHILD'S GIFT.

Baron Edmond de Rothschild has informed the Academie des Beaux Arts that he has purchased a residence in London, to be placed at its disposal for the accommodation not only of artists, but of all young people engaged in literary and scientific work. The Academie, in thanking the generous donor, declared that his gift would draw still closer together the bonds of friendship uniting the two countries.

MAGISTRATE'S EXTRAORDINARY CONDUCT.

Thomas Henry Todd, ex-R.M.L.I., who, with his wife and children were turned into the street at Benfleet, has found a temporary refuge. He occupied a four-roomed cottage which the landlord, a farmer, wanted possession of and the magistrates made an ejectment order. When Todd applied to remain a little longer the magistrates refused and told him he could go into the workhouse. Todd took part in the early Ostend landing and in the defence of Antwerp. He served in Gallipoli and afterwards joined an armed merchantman.

ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES.

EX-OFFICER WANTED TO MANAGE CONCERT PARTY.

At Bow-street, yesterday, another charge was brought against Basil Reginald Jarvis, who is charged with obtaining money by false pretences by offers respecting the managment of concert parties, similar to "The Barnstormers," who entertained the troops.

Arthur Edward Dunmall, of Maidstone, said that in response to andadvertisement for demobilized officers to manage concert parties, he had an interview with the defendant, who said he originated "The Barnstormers" in Egypt. Believing this statem to be true, he agreed to invest £ 50 and received an appointment as acting manager at Yarmouth, at a weekly salary of £ 5.

The agreement provided that his capital should be returned at the end of the season with fifteen per cent profit. He did not go to Yarmouth, as the show was not ready, but was sent to Tynemouth, were no proper arrangements had been made. He got no reply to letters and so returned to London where, failing to find the defendant, he gave information to the police. The hearing was adjourned.

BRIGHTON FRACAS.

FATALITY FOLLOWS AN ALTERCATION.

Late one night, at Brighton, an altercation arose between a number of fishermen and boatmen congregated at the junction of West-street and King's-road. Two of the men were engaged in a desperate fight, and the wife of one of the combatants endeavoured to separate them. Another man engaged in the brawl was dressed as an ordinary sailor. His identity has not been clearly established, but it is believed that he was one of a boat's crew on leave in the town. When the disturbance had subsided the police were informed that two sailors had been seen to throw another man over the cliff rails. The beach was searched, and a man named Alfred Roles, aged about 30, and said to be the son of a fish salesman living in William-street, was discovered lying in a pool of blood. His clothes were torn, and he appeared to have been very roughly handled. A doctor was summoned, but he could only pronounce that Roles was dead. The man's skull was fractured.

The police instituted a vigorous search throughout the night, and this morning succeeded in finding most of the sailors who were staying in the town on leave, but so far no arrest has been made.

GERMANY'S COAL FAMINE.

The "Vorwärts" declares that the alarmist reports of Germany's approaching coal famine are not the whole truth.

At present in the coal districts, despite the greatly diminished amount of work, more coal is obtained than can be transported. In Upper Silesia, owing to the shortage of railway trucks, there has not been for years so much coal piled up about the pits as now.

NOT A GILT-EDGED SECURITY.

The Sinn Fein loan prospectus, an advance copy of which has just been issued states that the issue will be registered certificates to £250,000 with five per cent interest, but not payable until six months after the Irish Republic has received recognition and England has evacuated Ireland. Bondholders will redeem the premium at five per cent within twenty years of the recognition of the Irish Republic. The proceeds of the loan will be used for propagating the Irish cause all over the world, establishing consular services fostering Irish industries, and generally for national purposes.

BISHOP IN MOTOR ACCIDENT.

The Bishop of Liverpool and his wife met with a serious accident on their journey from the North to Liverpool. Close to Low-wood Hotel, Windermere, three motor-cars, one of which was the Bishop's, met, and owing to a skid a collision took place, which smashed the bonnet of the Bishop's car and broke off one of the wheels.

The Bishop and Mrs. Chavasse were flung forward, were much cut about the face and hands, and suffered severe shock and bruising. Fortunately a car belonging to Mr. Hedley was passing at the time, and in it they were taken straight to the Ethel Hedley Hospital at Calgarth, where they were attended to. They were able to go home to Liverpool on Saturday.

SCIENCE CONGRESS.

The annual meeting of the British Association, which opens on September 9th, will be this year remarkable for the variety of the subjects to be discussed, and will be a proof of British scientists' close touch with the practical questions of the day. Many war inventions till now kept secret will be made public and the industrial question and the production of the country will also be debated.

There will also be three papers dealing with archaeological research in distant theatres of war. Two of these deal with Mesopotamia, and the archaeology of the Salonica front will also be treated. It is stated that air photographs have solved many archaeological questions by revealing contours of old towns which had never been located on the ground.

FRUIT CANNING.

WOMAN'S EXPERIMENT AT FARNHAM.

As an example of what can be done with enterprise and a comparatively small amount of capital in the establishment of a fruit canning business in this country, the Board of Agriculture cites the case of a woman living at Farnham Royal (Bucks), who after a course of instruction at the Board's canning kitchen decided to start an establishment, says "The Times." Having collected a capital of £300 she began work in a converted cowshed.

At first she proposed merely to preserve the fruit grown on her three acres of land; but so brisk was the demand for fruit that, in addition to planting two additional acres with fruit, she found it necessary to buy large quantities from elsewhere to keep the depot fully employed. The works have now extended from the original cowshed to seven Army huts, and will shortly be further increased. Last year, after the payment of all expenses, including salaries, of £300 and £200 to the manager and sub-manager, bonus, grant to sinking fund, and allowance for depreciation, the profit was £500.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

SUGGESTED CHANGE OF SEAT FROM GENEVA TO BRUSSELS.

It is reported that the seat of the League of Nations is to be transferred from Geneva to Brussels.

At the Belgian Legation no knowledge is professed of the change, and it is pointed out that no Power has taken any steps to have the choice of Geneva set aside. It is stated, however, that this report is not without foundation and beyond doubt the choice of Brussels would be heartily welcomed in France and approved in Great Britain says "The Times." Both nations have all along considered that this honour justly belongs to the Belgians.

PRICE OF TREASON.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST PARISIAN JOURNALIST.

The "Petit Parisien" has caused a great sensation by publishing a telegram from von Jagow, sent in December 1914 to von der Laucken, the High Commissioner at Brussels, expressing a desire to secure for propaganda purposes the services of Judet, a Paris journalist who had gone to Switzerland. Judet demanded 2,000,000 francs and von Jagow added that for that sum he would put all his strength at their disposal. He asked von der Laucken's opinion.

NURSE CAVELL.

ALLEGED BETRAYER BEFORE COURT-MARTIAL.

At the trial by Court-martial in Paris, of Gaston Quien, accused of betraying Nurse Cavell, attention was paid to prisoner's stay in Brussels. Quien said he was not in need of money and he even helped some of the prisoners escaping with him in the cost of their passage from Belgium to Holland.

He carried out several missions over the whole of Belgium for the benefit of France and he alluded to his services to Colonel Sesprez at Hague.

The president of the Court remarked that for such employment prisoner's stay in Brussels should have been short and full of activity, whereas he stayed there longer than those who were helping him to escape.

The Court was adjourned.

LORD LONSDALE IN MOTOR ACCIDENT.

Travelling yesterday from Lowther Castle, Cumberland to Doncaster, Lord Lonsdale's car collided with a motor char-a-banc at Brough Hill.

Lord Lonsdale's chaffeur turned the car on to the side walk, but could not avoid a collision. The car window was broken and Lord Lonsdale sustained cuts on the hands and head. Happily, however, he was able to continue his journey.

U.S.A. RIOTS.

Three persons are reported to have been killed and fourteen wounded in rioting at Charlottem North Carolina, following a strike of mill operatives.

The city is now under Martial-law and is being patrolled by troops helped by the citizens.

STABLE LADS WANT MORE.

Epsom racing stable lads have held a meeting to discuss whether they should strike. The wages they are receiving were described as scandalous and it was reported that the trainers ignored their demands and refused to meet them. It was decided to approach the Labour Ministry with a view to seeing whether conditions could be improved.

FRATEL OUT ON BAIL.

Assistant Surgeon Fratel, charged with offences in connection with the treatment of British prisoners at Kut, has been released from the Tower on his own bail.

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Rhens (Königsstuhl)	"	10.45
Braubach	"	10.55
Boppard	"	11.25
Camp-Bornhofen	"	11.45
		p.m.
St. Goar (St. Goarshausen, Lorelay)	"	12.40
Oberwesel	"	1.05
Bacharach	"	1.35
Assmannshausen	"	2.25
Bingen (Kreuznach)	arr.	2.45
	dep.	2.50
Rüdesheim	"	3.05
Geisenheim (Johannisberg, Marienthal)	"	3.20
Freiweinheim (Hugelheim)	"	3.40
Oestrich	"	3.50
Eltville (Schwalbach, Schlangenbad)	"	4.20
N.-Walluf	"	4.35
Biebrich (Wiesbaden)	"	4.55
Mainz	arr.	5.15

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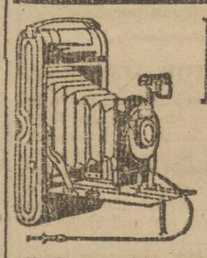

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THE CHURCH ARMY AND YPRES.

The decision to erect a permanent memorial to our glorious dead at Ypres will be commended by all who know that hallowed spot. For ever this ruined city of the salient will have for the English race all the sanctity of a national shrine.

Here, nearly a quarter of a million British soldiers, some from the Mother Country, some from the Dominions, fell fighting gloriously at the call of duty in the Great War.

No other portion of the Western Front claimed such a toll of noble life; no other can have more sacred memories wherever the English tongue is heard.

The City of Ypres and the shell-torn ground of the semi-circle that projects from the Yser marshland to the high ground of Passchendaele and Messines, will stand for all time as a symbol of British heroism, British self-sacrifice, British devotion to a high ideal.

This is a memory that will be an imperishable heirloom of our race. The men who made the supreme sacrifice in order to give the Empire such a memory will have a place for ever in our hearts.

We welcome then the decision to perpetuate their sacrifice in the form of a church and hostel. The work of organisation could not be better undertaken than by the Church Army for during the years of war it planted in this tortured area many huts and institutes, with their accompanying chapels, both above grouud and below, for the use of the men. All will acknowledge the value of these centres of home influence in keeping up the morale of our men in those terrible days. There is, therefore, a special fitness in the same society organising this work of piety and gratitude.

THE INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE.

No one will deny the great strides being made by Esperanto as a universal language. Its study and use is becoming more and more apparent every day. Germans have already made use of it in a very practical manner.

We find in and about Cologne a large number of Germans who are enthusiastically propagating and spreading the knowledge of this language. seeing in it a ready means of promoting international relations both from a commercial and social point of view.

The simplicity of its grammar, the entire absence of dialect, the facility with which it is mastered and the fluency with which it is spoken, are facts, remarkable as they are substantial, which the Germans appreciate and of which apparently they intend to make the fullest use.

Not content with merely agreeing that the idea is a good one, they have made a study of it, recognising its utility, and seeing in it great possibilities.

That it is international and world-wide, used by many well-known firms, and that it also has a growing literature, is well-known by all who have followed its progress during the last twenty years.

Many are inclined, we know, to pass unfavourable judgment, or condemn the language as being impracticable, without first going into the subject and learning it. Without this, one's criticism cannot be fair, nor one's judgment impartial. It is a striking fact that many of its bitterest opponents, having put Esperanto to the test have become its most ardent supporters. Further it is claimed that Frenchmen, Belgians, Germans, and Russians use it, with little variation of accent, and with the same facility except for certain exterior characteristics, while Orientals use the language with equal facility.

It may be argued that such a language stifles patriotism, but this is not so, rather in many cases it has had the reverse effect, producing a better knowledge and a greater love for one's own tongue.

THE KAISER AND BETHMANN HOLLWEG.

SKETCH PORTRAITS.

Von Tirpitz's memoirs extending over 526 pages, form very interesting reading. We have already briefly reviewed the book. It reveals the characters of the Kaiser, Bethmann Hollweg and Tirpitz himself in a new light. Thus von Tirpitz gives us his views on England, his own share in the conduct of the war, and the Kaiser's policy. He writes on Bethmann Hollweg as follows:—28th August, 1915:

"To-day I had an hour's conversation with Bethmann Hollweg and Jagow. I did all I could to infuse some courage into them. Then lunch with the Kaiser, who seemed very satisfied with recent events at the front. Afterwards went for a walk for two hours and talked matters over. I did everything I could to calm him. This time it was not so necessary. His insight and views are correct. If only he had not had Bethmann Hollweg the last few years everything would have gone on better. However, I did not speak against Bethmann Hollweg because I am convinced he is aware of Bethmann Hollweg's shortcomings."

On August 29th, 1914, after criticising the tactics which led to the loss of the "Magdeburg" and the "Mainz," light cruisers, in the Heligoland Bight action, Tirpitz goes on to say — "I cannot convince the Kaiser on these points. Probably he is incensed against me and in these matters especially I have the impression that there is more understanding in my nose than in Admiral Pohl's whole skull. Bethmann Hollweg is working incessantly with Pohl, in order not lose the fleet. This would mean its death after the war. He and the whole of the diplomatic crew wish to sell the fleet after the war to the British. That is the whole secret. I am afraid that the Imperial Chancellor and his entourage are not equal to these great times . . . . . ."

"This war," he writes later, "is the greatest piece of stupidity ever perpetrated by the white race. One nation rains blows upon another on the Continent merely that England may profit thereby, and then she exhibits us to all the world as the guilty party. Naturally we are not altogether guiltless . . . . . If we consider the enormous exertions and capacity for work of the German people one might almost believe it unconquerable. Only the silent pressure of the British fleet is the seriously disquieting side of the matter."

On October 20th, 1914, he writes—"I saw the Kaiser yesterday — he is still the same as ever. It was quite impossible to talk seriously to him." Speaking of Zeppelin attacks on London, Tirpitz remarked that he was wholly against occasional bombing as it merely evoked hate. Only if London were set in flames at 30 different points would hate give way to fear.

On November 20th, 1914, he writes:—"Lunched with His Majesty to-day. I took the opportunity to say that we must reconcile ourselves to the fact that Great Britain would adopt no half-measures, and that we must do likewise. *That means the U. Boat* blockade. H. M. shared this opinion. By the Constitution the Chancellor is responsible for policy. That renders me practically helpless except in departmental matters. But these do not exist in war time. The General Staff and the Admiralty are entrusted with the conduct of the war and are directly responsible to the Kaiser."

On January 1st, 1915, Tirpitz writes:—"The Kaiser is surrounded by a strong rampart which I cannot penetrate. It is a peculiarity of the Kaiser never to wish to take decisions or to bear responsibilities. On various occasions he stated to Admiral Müller — 'The fleet really must do something at last.' But it is impossible to get him to take a decision. He avoids me although I try to get speech with him wherever and whenever I can."

January 19th, 1915. "Saw the Kaiser yesterday on the U. Boat question. Treutler and Valentini were opposed to this step at first, and asserted that Italy would make it an excuse for declaring war. I advanced the view that neutrals would lose their regard for Germany if she did not attack England. According to the Kaiser's view as well, peace, even a bad peace, was necessary, and he asserted that the strongest nerves would gain the victory. The longer I see policy and leadership of the people in the Kaiser's and the Chancellor's hands, the lower my hopes sink. Nothing but my sense of patriotism keeps me from offering my resignation. After the war I naturally shall do so."

THE R.A.D.C.

A TRIBUTE.

I cannot help thinking that when Addison wrote "'Tis not in mortals to command success, but we, Lempronius, will do more, deserve it," he realized that one day there should arise so brilliant an example that it should cause his "Cato" to be remembered even if it had almost suffered extinction. That example was born some months ago, in Cologne, through the agency of the British Army of the Rhine and lives to-day as "The Rhine Army Dramatic Club."

Jacques has played his part well and encouraged the orchid with tender care from the first, but I think the time has now come when a special tribute is due to this exotic flower of art — and I am, I believe, voicing the general opinion in what I have to say.

First of all I do not think in all quarters it is quite realized what has happened. Has it occurred to everyone that a true repertory movement has been made, that must, and will, educate the playgoers to love the best in art?

One must learn to walk before running is indulged in, and so Lt. Percy, their excellent producer, wisely commenced by presenting a good class of play that attracted his audience, and he, even now is essaying a further step forward.

"The New Sin" brought the people who were out to see a show. It was good, and so they determined to come again, "Candida," "The Importance of Being Earnest," "The Title," all marked progression and still retaining our interest, but for fear that there might be a few laggards on the educational path he marked time for the moment to give them a helping hand, with "General Post." Off we go again with "The Younger Generation," to be followed by "Helen with The High Hand," and "Damaged Goods" — and be it whispered that after that we hear a rumour of "Abraham Lincoln."

I wonder whether the Army knows that in this little company they have their most compelling educational force. Every unit's educational officer should insist on his class attending these productions — what subjects for essays after!

And the company itself. — Well, of course one had heard of Esme Percy as one of the coming actors produced by the Manchester school, and to-day he only awaits his return to London to arrive really and truly. We are indeed lucky to have his services, not only as producer but also as actor, for in himself, he is a tower of strength to the movement. Miss Inez Bensusan adds immeasurably to the success, whilst both Miss Gabrielle Paul and Miss Shirley King are our very own actresses with whom we would not part for anything. We are waiting to welcome Miss Frances Chisholm. The remaining members are too numerous to name individually but nevertheless we thank them for their excellent work.

How often have we heard: — "Repertory, my dear boy, will never pay. It is far above the heads of the British people. They will never support it. — Besides think of all the rehearsals and arrangements for the different productions!"

And this work of the R. A. D. C. is all done in spare time — and making us the only army in history who has possessed its own repertory theatre.

Their new departure in presenting a one act play by one of their own members is well in keeping with their progressive policy. We thank them for their past work, — Good luck to their future.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

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LIEUT. W. ROBERT PATTERSON F.R.G.S.

This week I desire to warn amateurs against certain dangers with which I have become acquainted.

(1) Avoid, as far as possible, any contact between your fingers and the solutions you use. Some of them not only rot one's nails but also cause peeling of the skin from the finger tips. This might become serious by developing complications should any finger bear a graze or even a slight cut. There exist plenty of appliances and "gadgets" for lifting plates and films from their "baths," and it is far better to purchase these than to run the risk of local poisoning or possibly something more serious still.

(2) Never place a wet plate or film to dry in the sun in summer-time, or the collodion will melt and run. As I suggested in the case of prints last week, it is advisable never to be impatient if you desire a good photograph. Patience is as much a virtue in photography as in everything else.

(3) Before you take a print, flick or rub the surface of your negative gently with a clean handkerchief and remove all stains from the glass or film surface at the back. This will avoid "patchy" prints.

(4) Do not attempt to print from a negative until you are quite sure that it is perfectly dry, or the film-surface will peel off with the paper.

(5) If you suspect your dark-room to be dusty rub your plates as in (3) before placing them in their sheathes; by so doing you lessen the danger of "bubbles" appearing whilst the plate is in the developer. Film-packs, of course, require no such treatment.

(6) Be careful how you dry both plates and films! In this case, also, dust must be avoided. Plates should be set in racks —which are cheap enough—and films should be suspended from a horizontal cord by means of clips.

(7) If you desire the best possible results, and it is convenient to you, use plates rather than films; the definition will be clearer.

(8) Remember that, in summer, your solution should be cool and, in winter, tepid.

(9) Change your washing water frequently, since by leaving plates or films in still water, you may find a formation of minute crystals upon their surfaces; these may prove harmful to detail.

(10) It will not be necessary for you to cut off the edges of your prints if you use paper of slightly smaller dimensions than your negative; it is also a more economical method. You may secure almost any size of paper in Rhineland.

(11) Be economical! Do not throw away your hypo until it can no longer serve its purpose, but return it to the bottle.

(12) Keep your paraphernalia scrupulously clean.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

BANDS ON THE RHINE.

Sir,—In reply to "West Yorks" if he only knew a little of what some Army of the Rhine Bands are doing he would be astounded to think he has lived with the Rhine Army and had not heard more British music than he has.

Every day there are at least two or three bands playing somewhere. So my advice to your correspondent is look and listen and he will find out there is a lot more going on in Cologne than he is aware of.

A BANDSMAN.

SUNDAY CONCERTS WANTED.

Sir,—May I as a lover of music suggest that a series of Sunday concerts, conducted on the same system as those held in London, be instituted in Cologne.

There must be many members of the Rhine Army who find themselves at a loss as to what to do on Sunday afternoons, and I am sure that a series of orchestral concerts would be highly appreciated by many officers and men.

CONCERT-GOER.

COPPERPLATE HANDWRITING.

Sir,—"F.K.D." who is apparently a school teacher, and knows what he is talking about, is correct in his criticism of my previous remarks, in reply to his.

I do not think, however, that the elaborate copperplate letterings can be accomplished without proper instruction in penmanship, which, if not received at school, where else?

If he visited "Oliver Whitby's" school, at which school I was taught to write, he could be convinced that the copperplate style is not alone in its beauty.

"Freedom" should remember that a typewritten message is not valid without a handwritten signature, which ought to be, but very often is not, decipherable.

OLD CHICHESTER BOY.

COLOGNE BOTANICAL GARDENS.

Sir,—In a recent issue an article is published under the heading: "Horticulture in Rhineland," wherein the Botanical Gardens of Cologne are mentioned. Evidently your correspondent "R.F.G." has not visited these, but the adjacent gardens of the "Flora," which have not yet been brought under the supervision of the management of the Botanical Gardens of the town.

Some years before the war our grounds were visited by the gardener of the Cambridge University botanical gardens, who expressed his admiration for all he had been shown. Our botanical gardens have been models for a good many others in Germany and abroad.

Your correspondent mentions the charming plant called "Nertrera Depressa" as unknown to him. It will be of interest to him to know, that Dr. Esser, managing director of the gardens, brought this plant over from England, 15 years ago where he had often found it in botanical gardens.

If the author of the article will visit the gardens at Riehl, which can be got at through a side door from the Flora, I am sure he will soon alter his opinion in a more favorable sense.

GEORG FRÖHLICH.

MORE ON READING.

Sir, — As a lover of literature, and as one who has noticed from time to time the works of historical fiction and romance that find favour with our troops, may I be permitted to add to the lists in your columns, the names of S.R. Crockett and G.J. Whyte-Melville?

I feel sure that those who have read any of their works will agree with me that each of these authors sets forth a good story with a charm of his own. In addition to "The White Plumes of Navarre," Crockett wrote many fine romances of his own country; among which are "The Raiders," "The Grey Man," and "The Black Douglas"; in the last of which he describes most admirably the downfall of one of the greatest houses in the History of Scotland, and what followed,

Two of Whyte-Melville's best novels are "The Queen's Maries'" and "Holmby House," even if their author was over-partial to the Stuarts in each case, while in "The Gladiators," the picture we have of Rome in the days of the Empire is worthy in every respect of "Quo Vadis" or "The Last Days of Pompeii."

ROMANCE ENTHUSIAST.

A PLAYGOER'S CRITICISM.

Sir,—In continuation of N.C.O.'s appreciation of the Rhine Army Dramatic Company, may I be allowed to mingle my praise of Lieut. Percy and his company with a little wholesome criticism?

I refer first to the extremely long waits, both at the beginning of the performance, which rarely starts before 6.20 although announced to start at 6, and in the intervals. The length of these latter cannot in every case be necessitated by changes of scenery and dress, since on more than one occasion the impatient spectator has been exasperated to find, after a desolating wait of more than twenty minutes, that the curtain rises on the same scene and that the actors have not changed their clothes.

To inflict upon an audience the quite unnecessary boredom of such waits is to trade upon their generosity.

Next, I would ask Lieut. Percy if it is really necessary or wise to make a speech at the end of every performance. On each of my visits to the theatre during the last four or five productions I have come in for one of these, and I am credibly informed that, during the run of "The Younger Generation," a speech has been made on every single night. Why is this?

The company needs no advertising. It has long been an established success, supplying admirably a much felt want, and with the waits already referred to this last delay at the end of the evening, followed, as it invariably is, by a perfunctory rendering of the first bars of the National Anthem, cannot fail to take the edge off the real and keen pleasure which we have derived from the play.

VOX POPULI.

3 MILES A MINUTE.

What Motor-Car Manufacturers Could Do To-day.

WAR LESSONS.

(By H. Massac Buist.)

Though the Germans asked for and obtained an armistice in November, in Europe there has been no long-distance national or international racing for cars this year, but in America, where road tests were abandoned for track competitions a few years ago, the series of races has been interrupted once only on account of the campaign. The yearly Grand Prix race, renamed the Liberty Stakes, was duly run at Indianapolis.

For British motorists the interest in the event is to be found in the fact that, as a result of the showing, the American car racing authorities have decided that it shall be the last under the old engine category of approximately 4½ litres cylinder volume, such as was the classification for the French Grand Prix Races before the war, and that henceforth the classification shall be by engine limitation to 3 litres, otherwise 183 cubic inches, which the American Motor Press apparently announces "is the same as for the French Grand Prix."

Passing of Big Racing Car.

The fact, of course, is not so, the 3 litre category having been evolved for "Coupe de L'Auto" ananal event in France as distinct from the Automobile Club de France's Grand Prix Road Race, which has never been run for cars of less than 4½ litres engine volume, though, had these been necessary, we should have had an event for smaller engines. Of course, if we go back to the days when the Grand Prix Race rules stipulated no limitation of engine volume, we find that in the finest performance, there has ever been, when the event was a two day competition over a 947 mile course such as really tested reliability and when there were over two score starters chiefly composed of teams, only one firm, Sunbeam, got a team home and those were three litre cars that were competing for the Coupe de L'Auto event of limited engine capacity as well as in the major event of unlimited engine capacity.

A Peugeot of more than three times the engine volume came in first in the major event, and a Fiat of five times the engine volume second, with the Sunbeams third, fourth and fifth at only three and a fraction miles slower on the whole two days racing, showing reliability and standardisation of high efficiency in a manner which has never been achieved before or since because the Automobile Club de France has never dared to hold an equally severe test of reliability, all the subsequent French Grand Prix Races having been one day events only. That one on the Dieppe circuit in 1912 enabled Britain to sound the death knell of the monster racing car which had become useless for furthering the evolution of the motor carriage.

Limitation Essential Henceforth.

At the war's end we find by demonstration in America the other day that the march towards ever increasing engine efficiency has rendered a limitation of even 4½ litres excessive for racing on a square track such as that at Indianapolis which, in some senses, is as unsuitable for the purpose as any that could be conceived; for it is square with four corners, and there is no attempt at parabolic banking. You pay the highest price for the seats at the corners because that is where the accidents are expected to happen and generally do, for the American sporting public is out for blood every time. This year they duly succeeded in killing some competitors, some of them being burned to death.

From the point of view of the progress and the science of car evolution it falls to be observed, firstly, that we have not had time to build in Europe cars embodying the result of five years war experience in the evolution of liquid fuel internal combustion engines of all sorts and, secondly, that when we are able to do so, even such a scientifically constructed track as that which is now being put in order by the authorities at Brooklands, with a view to the resumption of competitions in September or October, will be found absolutely unsuitable for the fastest cars which it is now possible to build. At the time this pioneer track was built, two miles a minute seemed a rate of travel which we should not attain for a great number of years, whereas before the war over short stretches of the track along the straight, a car had travelled at well over 140 miles an hour.

New Means to Unlimited Power.

Provided cars could be made to stand it, I am satisfied that it is possible, not for one, but for several makers to-day to design and build cars which can travel on straight, level surfaces at three miles a minute or 180 miles an hour. But it would be practically suicide on the part of the drivers, whose safety would depend entirely on the behaviour of the tyres. Even at two-thirds that speed, racing on any track, such as Brooklands, is unjustifiable gambling with human life in face of the fact that, while we have in aircraft the means for working engines of unlimited capacity and power, there is no useful purpose to be served in the quest of unlimited engine capacity.

When we reflect that to-day there are produced in the world aircraft engines of 700 and even 800 horse power each, and that some of even 1000 horse power are going to be standardised, we perceive the futility of applying such machinery to a vehicle for propulsion along the road or track as a means of demonstrating such propositions. The mere quest of power must be left now to those who are doing a legitimate thing in pursuing it, namely the aircraft engineers. On the other hand, the motor car engineer must stick to his job, which is the evolution of the engine as applicable to vehicular service. On a car the main thing is to furnish all the power necessary in as conveniently small a form as possible, because the object is not that the chassis and passengers should accommodate an engine, but that an engine and chassis should accommodate passengers.

War Lessons For Car Service.

Therefore it behoves the organisers of our international, as well as our national motor competitions henceforth to put something of a premium on the reduction in volume of the prime mover because, given equal power, the smaller engine of two provides the opportunity of giving the ampler accommodation for coachwork on a chassis of equal size. Moreover, it must be bad in mind that, especially since we have learned much concerning aircraft engines during the war, nowadays high power output is possible in conjunction with economy of fuel and of lubricant.

We have learned no more valuable lesson during the war concerning liquid fuel internal combustion engines than in the matter of piston detail designs, whereby it is now possible to put up the oil pressure to any desired extent and to keep an absolutely clean engine head, which was one of the great problems until we were well on with the campaign. This big increase of lubricating oil pressure evolved for aircraft engine practice is directly applicable to every standard car on grounds of increased wearing life alone, without increase of Constructional cost; a crankshaft, for example, can now be floated on a constantly renewed film of oil with the result that there is no metal to metal contact, therefore there is both freer functioning and a practically indefinite wearing life to the bearings, a thing utterly impossible in standard cars as we have experienced them to date.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Thursday, August 28, 1919.

Wind moderate westerly becoming lighter. Weather mainly fair during the day. Visibility good.

REMARKABLE SCENES.

Huge Racing Crowds: York Hotels Packed.

DETAILS OF MEETING.

After an interval of six years the York August Meeting is being held this week.

Remarkable scenes were witnessed on Tuesday when trains packed full arrived for the races. In the morning there was an unusual spectacle, crowds standing in queues outside the hotels, hoping to get accommodation. They waited in vain as all accommodation was booked up weeks before.

At the first day's racing on Tuesday the results were as follows:—

Bradgate Park Handicap:—1. Shoemaker (3—1); 2. Attention (100—8); 3. Killadoon (10—1).

Nunthorpe Selling Plate:—1. Vaulter (5—4); 2. Beijo (3—1); 3. Vendetta (10—1).

Lonsdale Handicap:—1. Killesher (3—1); 2. Skager Rack (11—10); 3. Sublime Princess (10—1).

Yorkshire Oaks:—1. Mademoiselle Foch (10—1); 2. Rothesay Bay (2—1); 3. Flying Squadron (6—1). (Won by a length).

Princess of Wales Plate:—1. Dynamo (6—1); 2. He Goes (11—10 on); 3. Light hearted (11—2).

Wykeham Handicap:—1. Carapace (11—8); 2. Royal Diamond (5—2); 3. Pride of Newlands (100—7).

Badminton Plate:—1. Spearwort (6—4 on); Aislable (7—1); 3. Bound Over (6—1).

TWO-DAYS MEETING.

488 Siege Battery R.G.A. Sports At Ippendorf.

A very successful two-days sports meeting was held by the 488 Siege Battery, R.G.A. at Ippendorf.

The results were as follows:—

Throwing the Cricket Ball:—1, Gnr. Evison; 2, Lieut. Drevor; 3, Bdr. Cavanagh.

Putting the Shot:—1, Bdr. Cavanagh; 2, Gnr. Lowe; 3, Lieut. Drevor.

Long Jump:—1, Gnr. Devine, 2, Pte. Naylor; 3, Bdr. Cavanagh.

Sack Race:—1, Gnr. Frampton; 2, Bdr. Stone; 3, Gnr. Watson.

½ Mile:—1, Gnr. Devine; 2, Lieut. Mills; 3, Lieut. Drevor.

Mile Walk:—1, Lieut. Mills; 2, Bdr. Wilson; 3, Lieut. Edge.

Tug-of-war:—1, D Sub Section; 2, A Sub Section.

220 yards:—1, Gnr. Devine; 2, Lieut. Mills; 3, Lieut. Edge.

Sergeants Race:—1, Sergt. Ledger; 2, Sergt. Carver.

100 yards:—1, Gnr. Devine; 2, Lieut. Mills; 3, Gnr. Cartwright.

Boot Race: 1, Bdr. Thomas; 2, Gnr. McQuillan; 3, Gnr. Morgan.

Officers Race:—1, Major Walker; 2, Lieut. Mills.

High Jump:—1, Pte. Naylor; 2, Lieut. Edge; 3, Gnr. Devine.

Egg and Spoon Race:—1, Miss Wilson; 2, Mrs. Bingham; 3, Sister Wade.

Brigade Tug-of-war:—1, 481 Siege Bty. R.G.A.

440 yards:—1, Lieut. Edge; 2, Gnr. Harvey; 3, Gnr. Cartwright.

Potato Race:—1, Bdr. Thomas; 2, Gnr. Fox; 3, Lieut. Grainger.

Mile open to 32nd Bde.:—1, Gnr. Bideau; 481 Siege Bty.; 2, Gnr. Harrington; 481 Siege Bty.; 3, Lieut. Drevor; 488 Siege Bty.

Ladies Race:—1, Miss Williams; 2, Mrs. Bingham; 3, Sister Wade.

32nd Bde. Relay Race:—1, 481 Siege Bty.

50 yards Back Sprint:—1, Pte. Naylor; 2, Sergt. Carver; 3, Lieut. Mills.

Obstacle Race:—1, Gnr. Smithhurst; 2, Gnr. Ivell; 3, Gnr. Maskill.

Best Costume:—Gnr. Edwards.

Pillow Fight:—1, Pte. Naylor; 2, Lieut. Hicky; 3, Cpl. Tolput.

Greasy Pole:—1, Pte. Naylor.

Blind Boxing:—1, Cpl. Greenwood; 2, Gnr. Atkins.

Battery Championship:—Gnr. Devine.

Band Race:—1, Bandsman Michleford; 2, Bdsm. Hurst; 3, Bdsm. Pedder.

SOLDIER VICTORS AT REDHILL

Half-Mile Open Race Falls To a Guardsman.

The Redhill, Reigate and District Trades and Labour Council ran a very successful sports meeting at Redhill. A. Burrow, Liverpool Regt., with 19 yrds. start, cleverly won the 220 yds. open handicap, and the 880 yds. open to members of H. M. Forces in the district was an easy thing for Guardsman J. O'Donoghue, Guards Depot, Caterham. Results:—

220 yds. (open)—Heat winners: H. J. Coombes, Queen's Park H., 21 yds.; T. D. Scanlan, Highgate H., 16; A. G. Want, Brighton Railway A.C., 18; A. Burrow, King's Liverpool Regt., 19, A. J. Rowe, East Grinstead C. and A.A., 16; H. W. Jacobs, Brighton Railway A.C., 20; Final: Burrow 1, Want 2, Scanlan 3; yd., inches: 23 sec.

880 yds. Scratch (open to H. M. Forces in the district)—Gdsn. J. O'Donoghue, Guards' Depot, 1; Cpl. W. Wilkins, R.G.A., 2; Gnr. Baker, R.G.A., 3; easily, bad third; 2 min. 14 sec.

RIGHT AND LEFT.

"Beckett 'stones' better than ever before".

GOING "GREAT".

Earlier this year McGoorty would have been held justified of the opinion that he was Beckett's master, but since the Southampton man gave way to the dictates of nature, and, boxing as a heavy-weight, knocked out first Bombardier Wells and then Frank Goddard, he has come on almost immeasurably. He is "stones" a better man than ever before as a boxer as well as in strength and physique, for he has now two good hands instead of one. His left was always a good one and nearly always a match winner, but now he has a right hand that is even better than the other, as those who saw him defeat Goddard will testify. Beckett, having reached the top of the tree, has gained a new incentive to keep on boxing and to train, as he must always train if he is to do himself justice, and it is good news, therefore, to learn that for his contest with McGoorty he is having the kind of strenuous preparation that sent him into the ring at the full height of his powers when he knocked out Goddard. According to the confident and enthusiastic reports of those who have seen him in the gymnasium (says "Straight Left" in "Sporting Life"), Beckett is going "great," and will be seen to greater advantage even than before.

BOY BOXING BANNED.

Drastic Action Taken By Police At Paris.

The Prefecture of Police at Paris has issued orders forbidding boxing exhibitions in booths at French Fairs. The Fédération Française de Boxe held that the appearance of ill-trained and unfit youths in booths would lead to accidents which would injure boxing, and circularised Police Chiefs asking that no boxing in public should be allowed between boys under sixteen years of age. They further recommended the medical examination of combatants before each fight. The Prefect took the drastic measure indicated.

R.34 STOWAWAY AS BOXER.

Billy Ballantyne, the famous stowaway of the R.34, made his appearance in the ring at St. James' Hall, Newcastle in a 10 round bout with Fred Harris, of Jarrow; but Ballantyne, though plucky, was outclassed, and his seconds threw in the towel in the second round.

AFTER SIX YEARS.

Revival of City of London Athletics and Swimming.

After an interval of six years the City of London Athletic and Swimming Association held its annual athletic championships at Lee Green. There was a good attendance, and the entries must be considered satisfactory in view of the fact that the majority of the clubs have not yet got into full working order. In the athletic events, however, Ravensbourne, despite their wonderful contribution to the forces during the war, proved to be quite up to pre-war strength and won almost everything, while Gresham won the senior cricket and lawn tennis.

VETERAN WALKER'S WIN.

E. C. Horton, holder of the twelve hours' walking record, was third from scratch in the Surrey Walking Club's 11¾ miles road handicap from South Croydon to Banstead and back, on Saturday, his time being 1h 41min 5sec. The winner was the veteran J. K. Kempton, who, with a start of 25min, had a handicap time of 1h 38min 51⅕sec, which enabled him to beat the second man, G. Stocks (17½min start) by a minute.

OSTEND £4,000 PRIZE.

The race for the Ostend Grand Prize of £4,00 resulted as follows:—

Marmouset 1, Aynsley 2, Laurentian 3. Won by two lengths. There were seven starters.

The pari-mutuel prices were:—Winner 11 francs, for place 6.50 francs; Aynsley 7 francs for a place; Laurentian 9 francs for a place.

185th S. BATTERY'S SUCCESS.

IX Corps "Light" And "Heavy" Tug-of-war Champions.

By virtue of their success in the IX Corps H.A. Sports, when both heavy and light weight teams won by two pulls to nil, the 185th Siege Battery R.G.A. now hold the championships of the IX Corps in both weights.

This distinction has only been attained after a great deal of strenuous work and hard training.

FOOTBALL SPLIT.

Southern League to Submit to Arbitration.

MR. J. C. CLEGG AS UMPIRE.

The Southern Football League have accepted the suggestion to submit their case regarding the split with the Football League to the arbitration of Mr. J. C. Clegg.

The dispute arose out of West Ham's action in getting admitted to the Football League after promising loyalty to the Southern League.

The Southern League have simplified their rules regarding the transfer of amateur players who may now be transferred by the mutual consent of players and club any time during the season, or by the Management Committee if they are satisfied the players' abilities are not being utilised or by notice from players before March 31st. No amateur is to be placed upon the transfer list, unless he changes his status. If he turns professional the rules governing the transfer of professionals shall apply.

£1000 FOR HARRY KING.

Well-known Centre Forward Secured By Woolwich Arsenal.

The manager of Woolwich Arsenal has obtained the signature of Harry King, the well-known pre-war centre forward, for whom they paid one thousand pounds transfer fee to Northampton. King has only recently been demobilized.

Football Arrangements By B Siege Park.

A general meeting of the B Siege Park Sports Committee was held on Tuesday evening to select a captain and vice-captain for the Park Football team. M.S.M. Phipps, D.C.M. was elected captain and Cpl. Ladley to the vice-captaincy. A selection committee was formed, comprising the Secretary, Lieut. Barker, Sergt. Clark, and Pte. Snelling.

Amateur Football Official Killed.

London amateur footballers and others will hear with regret of the sudden death of Lieut. W. L. Rowland, hon. sec., Div. III., L.F.A., who was killed as the result of a motor-car accident in France a day or two ago.

The deceased was attached to the Chinese Labour Corps, and was expecting to be demobilized in a day or two, and had, in fact, accepted one or two refereeing engagements.

"Footer" Matches Wanted.

"C" Battery 187 Brigade R.F.A., 41st Division, are willing to arrange football matches with any club (home and away) within the radius of Ostheim and Cologne. Medium strength. Ground 2 minutes walk from tram halt.

200 MILES SEAPLANE RACE.

Handsome Prizes For International Competition.

An International Seaplane Race will be held at Bournemouth on Sept. 10. The start will be from the pier with a circuit of 20 nautical miles, the full length of the course being 200 nautical miles.

The race has been organised by the Royal Aero Club and a prize of 25,000 francs, with a trophy valued at the same has been presented by M. Jacques Schneider, the French gunmaker.

The British competitors include H. G. Hawker, Squadron-Commander Hobbs, D.S.O., D.F.C., Capt. Hammersley, and Lieut.-Col. Vincent Nicholl, D.S.O., while among the French competitors are Maard and Casale and Sadi Lecomte. The Italian Junelly has also entered.

CAPABLANCA'S CHESS.

Wins 27 out of 35 Simultaneous Games.

After the distribution by the Mayoress of Hastings, of the prizes won in the Chess Congress Senor Capablanca gave a simultaneous exhibition against 35 players, including the new woman champion, five of the competitors in the Victory Minor Tourney, and eight in the first-class tournaments.

Four hours play resulted in 27 wins, 7 drawn games against Dr. Oskam, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Miller, Mr. Osborn, Mr. J. N. Smith, and Mr. Youngman, and one loss to Mr. W. H. Watts—a magnificent performance. Mr. Watts cleverly won a piece and forced Senor Capablanca into a mating net.

INTER-SERVICES SPORTS.

Notable Talent Available For Stamford Bridge.

ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Considerable interest is being taken in the Inter-Services Athletic Championships, which are being held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 4, at Stamford Bridge Athletic Grounds. The final selection of teams has not yet been made, but there is no doubt that, from the talent available, one can count on seeing a gathering of notable performers.

The Royal Navy have the call on Cpl. McQuade for the sprints, Officers' Steward Bryant for the mile, Lieut. Mereweather for the hurdles, and many other well-known naval and marine athletes.

Fierce Competition.

Competition for inclusion in the Army team is fierce, as in the eliminating trials at Aldershot on the 28th and 29th men with world-wide reputations, such as Sgts. W. R. Applegarth, E. Carter, A.I.F., J. Lindsay, N.Z. Forces, and Major E. G. W. W. Harrison, the Rugby three-quarter, compete in the 100 and 220. Sgt. J. H. R. Wilton, Sgt.-Maj. Usher, Sgt. H. Phillips. Canadian Headquarters, in the 440; Sgts. Mason, New Zealand, H. Phillips, Canada, Signaller T. Frazer, A.I.F., and Lieut. G. L. Morgan, 1st Manchesters, in the half; Sgt. C. G. Manley, A.I.F., in the mile; and Ptes H. F. Thomas and H. Briton in the three miles.

The hurdles should be exceptionally good, as Lieut. H. E. Wilson, the amateur champion, Lieut. A. C. Straker, the Cambridge Blue, and Lieut. A. C. Wilkinson, the Oxford Blue, are probables. A number of Indian native troops are taking part at Aldershot, and there is much speculation as to whether they can gain places in the Army team.

It is probable that the Royal Air Force will include Capt. A. P. Mitchell, the old London University and South London Harrier man, for the quarter, Sgt.-Majors Mawby and Miller—old Army champions—for the 220 and high jump respectively; Lieut. T. Frazer in the long jump, and Capt. H. C. Irwin, the Irish champion, in the three miles.

A DESPERATE STRUGGLE.

County Championship Rivals Meet At Dover.

The fact that Yorkshire and Kent lead the County Championship table made their match at Dover on Monday and Tuesday of first class importance. Batting first Yorkshire declared with 375 for 8 and at the close of the day Kent's score stood at 50 for 1. On Tuesday the remainder of the Kentish players were dismissed for the comparatively modest score of 168, and following on, the game developed into a desperate struggle against time. The result was a drawn game.

English Cricket Results.

Kent 168 and 78 for 2; Yorkshire 375 for 8 declared. (Match drawn).

Gloster 158; Essex 141 for 80 (match drawn, rain preventing it being finished).

Hants 216 and 200 for 7 (declared); Sussex 176 and 231 for 5. (Match drawn).

Notts 158 for 5 (declared); Derbyshire 53 for 6. (Rain stopped play).

Surrey Young Professionals 303 and 03 for 4 (declared); Young Amateurs 210 and 107 for 6. (Match drawn).

Navy and Army v. Major H. D. G. Leveson-Gowers XI.

A three days cricket match between the Army and Navy and Major H. D. G. Leveson-Gowers XI commenced at Lord's on Tuesday. The Navy and Army scored 139 for 5, Capt. Tasker contributing 36, Commander Cowan 32, and Major D. C. Robinson 48. Rain eventually stopped play.

OLD ETONIANS v OLD HARROVIANS

Proposed Cricket Match At Lindenthal.

It is proposed to have an Old Etonian v Old Harrovian cricket match shortly at Lindenthal.

Any Old Etonians who would like to play are asked to send their names and addresses as soon as possible to Capt. R. St. L. Fowler, 17th Lancers, Cologne.

Scottish Mile Champion Wins.

W. B. Ross, the Scottish mile champion, competed in an open mile handicap run at Craiglockhart, Edinburgh, the other day, in connection with the Edinburgh and District Inter-Works sports. He won easily in 4 min. 42⅘ sec.

THE "GOLF MYSTERY."

Why High Physical Development Is Unessential.

EXPLANATION OFFERED.

Under the heading of "Golf Mystery" the following paragraph appeared in a recent issue of "The Cologne Post":—

That one player of only equal skill and of less physical power than another should be able to hit the ball further is one of the mysteries of golf.

In the following paragraph "J.W." endeavours to explain the mystery. He says:—

The quality of the drive in golf depends entirely on the swing of the club. A strong man, aiming to give the ball a tremendous blow, nearly always fails to reach as great a distance as a man of less strength who swings his club easily and gently. The ball obtains its momentum from the club head and its initial velocity can therefore be increased by increasing the velocity of the club head at the moment of impact, provided always that this is done without destroying the accuracy of the stroke.

Now if we consider the player and his club to be a system capable of oscillation we shall see that this system has a natural and definite period of swing under gravity about any given axis. In the case of the golfer the axis of swing coincides roughly with the spine. The actual magnitude of the natural period depends on the inertia of the parts of the oscillating system, i.e. the players club and body. A system of great inertia swings more slowly than one of small inertia. Hence, apart from frictional resistances which probably do not vary much in different players, the strong man of heavy muscular development has a naturally slower swing than a man of less physical strength. Therefore, in pressing for a long drive he has to compel his system to depart to a greater extent from its natural period of swing and his long drives are made, in consequence, with more relative inconvenience. His stroke accordingly suffers more in accuracy and the drive suffers too; for unless the momentum of the club head is correctly applied to the ball, the best possible drive cannot result. A certain amount of physical development is, of course, necessary for good golf, but it appears that there is an optimum of development, which is somewhat less than the maximum of physical development of the human being.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

The Starlights.

I dropped in at the Palace Theatre to see "The Starlights" the other evening. Every seat was occupied. The entire performance went with a swing and there were no weary waits or even a dull moment. From opera burlesque to ragtime, from heavy comedy to serious monologue, not to speak of trickfiddling the party have a particularly extensive range. I should imagine that "The Starlights" is one of the biggest attractions seen at the Herzog Strasse house. The orchestra of the party was very good.

Comedy and Dancing.

The outstanding feature of their variety programme was the acrobatic dancing of T. Cottham. W. P. Wentley, the Scotch character comedian, and A. Humphreys, the soubrette, provided much of the amusement. The trick-fiddler, T. Lord, gave a show that was at once unique and clever; his playing two violins at the same time quite tickled the boys. D. Scott's character study of the New York hobo, in Robt. W. Service's "New Year's Eve," was also fine. The performance concluded with a burlesque in which, among others, A. Leggett and T. Bowman appeared to advantage.

Prongs Concert Party.

A most enjoyable evening was spent at the Leave Club on Tuesday night where the Prongs Concert Party showed to a crowded house. They certainly are a most talented troupe and our interest was never allowed to flag for a moment, in fact we were kept in roars of laughter all the way through. Charles Castles' "Over There" was loudly encored and the song "Liza" was much applauded, while J. Robinson's performances were decidedly popular. I must also congratulate Arthene on his sympathetic accompaniments throughout and his excellent studies of Charles Dickens characters. I only wish the programme had been longer.

In Few Words.

I am asked to announce that the Saturday dances at the Sports Club, Lindenthal, are now discontinued.

JACQUES.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

Equality of Opportunity for English Athletes.

The executive of the Northern Counties Athletic Association at a meeting at the Crown Hotel, Manchester, discussed the new championship scheme proposed by Mr H. G. Brockman, of the Amateur Athletic Association.

This was the desirability of considering the question of instituting English championships open only to athletes of British birth or persons resident in England over a minimum period of twelve months prior to the championship taking place. Following the decision of these championships on the first Saturday in July it was proposed two or three weeks afterwards to hold a big championship meeting, open to all comers, in which foreigners and representatives from the Dominions would be allowed to compete with the representatives of Great Britain.

Without exception the Northern Counties representatives were convinced of the fairness of the scheme, and a resolution was passed giving it their entire support.

Southern Counties C.C.

The chief item at the "Championships" meeting arranged by the Southern Counties Cycling Union for next Saturday at Herne Hill is the 50 Miles National Cyclists' Union Championship.

Reading's Trial.

Reading played their second trial match before a large company, and a good game was witnessed. The new centre-forward, Hastie, showed great promise, and scored a clever goal.

Carpentier's Sorrow.

In the course of an interview with Geo. Carpentier at Dieppe the French champion expressed his sorrow for the fuss made in the English newspapers about the postponment of his match with Beckett.

G. Colling.

Unlike most apprentices who have forfeited the apprentice allowance, G. Colling finds his services in great demand. He was engaged to ride Flying Squadron in the Duke of York Stakes.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Burst Ball.

The ball was burst in the Dewsbury-Bradford match, where Lyman showed fine form for Bradford.

Training at Northampton.

Walden, the "Spurs'" international outside right and Northamptonshire cricketer, is to train at Northampton, where he has a taxi-cab business.

A Wonderful Season.

Deauville is enjoying a wonderful season, which is now at its height. On Grand Prix day the pari-mutuel takings amounted to over £100,000, a record except in the case of the Paris Grand Prix.

P. O'Hara Wood.

P. O'Hara Wood, the Australian, was successful in three finals at the Scarborough lawn tennis tournament. He won the North of England singles championship, beating the young South African, B.I.C. Norton (4—6, 6—2, 6—1, 10—8) after a great game.

Saucy Sally.

The autumn racing season on the Thames opened with a match for the A class under Boat Sailing Association rules, given by the Thames Sailing Club, at Surbiton. Mr. C.P. Gosnell's Saucy Sally won fairly easily from Mr. W.H. Wheeler's Carina, while Mr. S.J. Mitchell's Delicia was third.

N.U. "Gates."

In the Northern Union matches at the week-end there was an aggregate attendance of 100,000, the largest attendance being at Halifax, namely, 15,000.

Memorable Match.

The Knavesmire at York is as rich in Turf history as any course in England. It was here that Flying Dutchman and Voltigeur ran their memorable match.

Trial Game.

Clapton Orient had 3,500 spectators for their trial game, in which Croal (forward), Carrington (goal), Forrest, Dalrymple, Smith, Bowyer, and Ives excelled.

Remarkable Exhibition.

At a demonstration of artificial limbs and mechanical appliances at the Cardiff Empire, an exhibition of boxing was given by ex-Seaman Williams, who had lost both legs while in the Merchant Service. Fitted with artificial legs, he gave a remarkable exhibition against a normal athlete.

Model Ditch.

I am informed that the Stewards of the National Hunt Committee are so well satisfied with the new open ditch which has been erected at Hurst Park in view of the next steeplechasing season that they have recommended all other executives to copy it.—"Hotspur" in "Daily Telegraph."

Progressing Well.

J. Burns, the Ayr apprentice, who was so badly injured at Catterick Bridge, is progressing satisfactorily. Burns was unconscious for eleven days.

Harlequins Leader.

The Harlequins, it is feared, will not enjoy the assistance until the middle of the winter at the earliest, of their famous leader, Captain A.D. Stoop, M.C., who is still serving with his regiment in India.

Max Decugis III.

Max Decugis is unwell, and his place in the French lawn tennis team which opposes Great Britain in the Davis Cup competition at Deauville will probably be taken by Robert Laurentz.

West Ham Trial Match.

West Ham United's first trial match, which was played at Upton Park, served its purpose well, for it brought into notice many young aspirants to fame who performed so well that they will certainly be heard of again.

One Great Weakness.

Mr. "Chic" Evans, who was last week deposed from the title of American Amateur Champion by M. Ouimet, who in turn created a sensation by being beaten on the following day, has one great weakness in his game, and that is his putting.

10th Century.

Staff-Sergeant S. Wheatley, of the Australian Headquarters, obtained his tenth century this season when he scored 105 (not out) against Cuaco on Saturday.

Sport with the Mackerel.

Visitors fishing from boats in South Bay, Scarborough, are having fine sport with the mackerel. Two anglers caught 50 as the result of 3 hours' fishing.

Starter's Powers.

The Elton Plate at Stockton furnished another instance—like that of Bludera at Goodwood—of the necessity of the starter being given discretionary power to recall the field.

Golfing Coincidence.

Mr. James Rothschild is gradually improving after the accident which cost him an eye on a French golf course. It is somewhat of a coincidence that within a few days there should have been a similar accident in England.

Youthful Golfers.

Apropos of young Jones's American performance, it is interesting to recall that Mr. John Ball, the famous English amateur, at the age of 15 years finished sixth in the Open Championship at Prestwick in 1878, his score for the 36 holes being 165, 8 behind "Jamie" Anderson, the winner.

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ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

The Economic War.

Many German newspapers, great national dailies, are refusing to accept advertisements of British manufacturing houses, on the plea that it is inimical to the best interests of German trade. Evidently the great economic war is now in full swing. On the other hand American newspapers are mostly willing to accept German advertising. The "Sammies" are out for business and are not inclined towards artificial barriers.

Camaraderie.

The camaraderie which distinguishes all branches of the British Army is once again borne out. Two weeks ago Ptes. E.J. Richardson and H.W. Knight of "B" Siege Park were drowned in the Rhine while bathing. They were both artificers, and on Tuesday a sum of approximately two thousand marks was handed to the C.O. for the benefit of their next of kin. This money had been collected by their comrades in the workshops. It is proposed to use a small percentage of this amount to commemorate their association with the Siege Park.

A Photographic Tip.

Dabbling in photography here has brought to light the fact that some of the German cameras have part of the interior left bright instead of being painted over dead black. After spoiling about two dozen films which all had a streak of fog of varying magnitude in much the same spot on each negative, the fault was eventually remedied by sticking a piece of black paper (film backing) over the bright portion, and since then there has been no cause for use of those lurid adjectives for which the Tommy is noted. It would be interesting to know if others have met the same difficulty, and possibly this tip may be of use to some who have made a mess of their snaps.

What To Read.

It may be a coincidence but at least one German bookseller is making a speciality in his show case of the books which several of our readers have put forward as those which can be read with advantage. Acquaintance with our "Letterbox" column will disclose just what books correspondents think should be read and the mere fact that a German trader should have selected many of these for prominence in his display suggests that he is conversant with writings which emanate from this office. As a matter of fact the "Cologne Post" is read by many Germans and several have testified to the pleasure they derive from its columns. That this should be so is a source of great pleasure to us.

Crowding on Cars.

It has often been remarked that one of the differences between the English and German tramcar is the crowding of the conductors' and drivers' platforms. The English conductor will not allow any passenger to ride on the platform of his car, unless the car was overcrowded, and even then very seldom. A passenger may not travel on the driver's platform of an English tramcar. With the German cars, whether the inside be full or empty, the conductor's platform is invariably crowded, as well as the driver's platform. The hanging straps inside are apparently for ornament, for they are seldom, if ever, used. Another point is that the German driver is always willing to accommodate luggage on the front of the car, while his courtesy as well as that of the conductor is always very marked. Some tramway officials at home might take a lesson from them.

The Starting Jerk.

Attention has been called to the easy gliding motion with which the trains in Germany start after intermediate stops. Altough it is a fact, that an improvement in this direction is distinctly noticeable, in comparison to trains at home, it is not on account of any "clutch" arrangement fitted into the mechanism of the engine of the locomotive. Clutches are, of course, fitted to engines of high speed revolutions, such as used on motor cars etc. but certainly not to the powerful railway locomotive, whose action is direct from cylinder to driving wheels, or driving axle, as the case may be. The intermittent "puffs" are not in any way connected with the motive power of the engine, but is a distinct bit of mechanism for creating the power for the quick acting continuous brake which operates throughout the train, similar to the Westinghouse brake used in England. As to the class of brake in use in England, most railway companies use what is commonly known as the vacuum brake, others use the Westinghouse type, amongst the latter being the Great-Eastern, London, Brighton and South Coast and several Scotch companies.

The Reason.

All Companies have a few locomotives, as well as a portion of their rolling stock, fitted with both patterns of brake connections. These are called "Dual-fitted" vehicles, and of course care must be used when loading traffic for conveyance by passenger train, in through vehicles, for, or to pass over, those lines where the different pattern brake is in use, otherwise, it would necessitate the transfer of loads to vehicles so fitted, and thereby cause delay and extra labour at junction points. Reverting to the cause of the jerkey or tugging motion when starting, this is brought about by a variety of causes, such as slack couplings, or weak draw-bar springs, or the countinuous brake may be applied more effectively on some of the vehicles forming the train, than on others, through no fault of the driver, but owing to worn brake-blocks etc. The latter causes the buffers to become depressed, or couplings strained, when the train is being pulled up at a station, and a tug or jerk is bound to follow, when the slightest forward movement is made. Again, faulty starting is generally more noticeable with trains formed of what is technically known as "loose" stock, that is, trains which are being continually altered in formation. In "Set" trains, the formation of which is rarely altered, and which are largely used in Germany, and becoming more common in England, the defects which have been mentioned, are obviated. Therefore the tugging motion when starting is practically eliminated.

In Exchange.

In Cologne, during the war, much business was done by means of exchange of goods, especially eatables, without any passing of money at all. One wholesale distributor of merchandise did quite a large business with the country folk from the outlying districts receiving for his goods vegetables and fruit of all kinds. As one of the commodities he himself handled was sugar he and his family managed to rub along without having such a bad time.

Camouflaged.

The ingenuity displayed by soldiers in devising costumes, in some cases from very meagre materials, at the fancy dress balls held in the British Empire Leave Club is amazing. Cowboys may be seen tangoing with milk maids and pierettes with Red Indians. The wonder is as to where the costumes come from, and the degree of success with which some of the young guards "don the motley" on these occasions amply proves the old adage that, "Where there's a will there's a way."

Warm Hospitality.

It was the hottest night of the heat-wave. In his billet, panting upon his bed lay an Intelligence Officer. Everything that could cause or suggest warmth he had thrown, one by one, on the floor, leaving the bed shamelessly bare. The feather bed had gone and lay beside the bedstead, inert and shapeless, Upon it, the quilt, the blanket, the sheet, in successive strata testified to repeated attempts at coolness. In vain: sleepless, gasping, sweating. the unhappy one discarded his pyjamas and, as a last desperate offering to the fates, cast them upon the huddled pile of bedclothes. All was useless. The heat seemed to increase as night wore on, and restless, languid tossings took the place of the desired slumber.

The Explanation.

Surely, even for this weather, it was incredibly hot, unaccountably sultry! But there was nothing to do but to bear it, until morning brought the welcome relief of work at the office, with the day seeming far cooler than the tropic night. At midday, the wearied one had occasion to return to his billet. He was met by his hostess, who asked if he had found the night unusually warm. Had the Herr Hauptmann been able to sleep? "No? Well, I fear I was perhaps to blame. You see, we have just put in a new radiator installation. We were trying it yesterday — and I forgot to turn off the one in the Herr Hauptmann's room!"

Personal Advertising.

An advertisement to be seen in some hotels round here boldly claims "So and so's Bitterbier — Besser wie So-and-so's." To British advertisers this is in singularly bad taste. Can you imagine an "ad."— "Allsopp's Ale — Better than Worthington's" or "Cadbury's Cocoa — Better than Rowntree's?" In Britain each advertiser claims and endeavours to prove that his goods are the best, but usually infers that they stand unrivalled. An advertisement would certainly never pay if it made an individious personal comparison. A good story is told of a tailor who put outside his shop a notice: "The best tailor in the world." — A rival, a few doors away then displayed a placard: "The best tailor in the town," but a third fellow-tradesman close by beat them both with his sign: "The best tailor in this street." The honour of this is that in thus narrowing it down, he comes perilously near the border-line of personality which to the German advertiser does not appear to exist.

The Church Army and Ypres.

Ypres, or "Wipers" as Tommy called it is to have its permanent memorial to the men who fell in its defence. No more fitting tribute could be paid to our glorious dead. A happy choice has been made in deciding that this shall take the form of a Church and hostel and in no more capable hands could the scheme have been placed than in those of the Church Army for we are all aware of just what the Church Army means to Tommy. The memorial must not fail to be worthy of the cause, and an appeal is being made for the sum of £25,000. Cologne is being invited to assist in raising this sum and towards this end the offertory at the Military Church, Schildergasse, on Sunday was devoted. Doubtless many who were not present, and who are relatives and friends of those who fell in the salient will be anxious to secure by their offerings that the memorial shall be really worthy of its object. For this reason, further contributions are invited, and a generous response from the Rhine Army is hoped for. Donations should be addressed so the Assistant Chaplain General, Rhine Army, or, enclosed in envelopes endorsed "Ypres Memorial," placed in the offertory on Sunday next.

Euskirchen Reading Circle.

The Euskirchen Y.M.C.A. Reading Circle has held its final meeting, Pte. J. K. Douglas was the speaker and his subject — "A Shakespearian Flower Garden." It was not merely a collection of blooms, gathered willy-nilly from Shakespearian drama, but a widely embracing colour scheme with an appropriate setting. The trellises were interwoven with vines, honeysuckle and ivy: the hedge of willow, toothwort, furze and may. One part of the garden was given over to flowers that grow wild-oxlip, musk-roses, eglantine, cuckoo-buds and humbler plants, as the nettle, thistle, and knot-grass, with the oak, pine, hazel, crab-apple and sweet-scented cedar. In the flower garden were to be planted roses of all hues, lilies, cowslips, pea-blossoms, and the little Western Flower: Love-in-Idleness, not forgetting the weeds which will come to gardens be they ever so well tended, such as mallow and dock. A pleasant discussion followed the essay, and an appreciative reference was made to the Rev. J. D. Carnegie, the founder and enthusiastic supporter of the Circle now disbanded. We regret the passing of the circle.

Prizes for Echoes.

Each day we are prepared to give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." In view, however, of the shortage of contributions to-day we withhold the prizes. This should encourage those who have not won a prize to forward contributions. These must be topical.

EXPERIENCES OF WAR.

TOLD IN THE BAR-PARLOUR.

"—And we'd hardly got down to kip when a bomb dropped night between our tent and theirs—blew the tents to smithereens and us all over the place. How any of us weren't knocked out of mess I can't make out. Talk about wind-up!"

As the speaker finished he swung his glass to his lips, and from the perfect manner in which he did so and the quick and even way the liquor vanished it was evident that the aforementioned bomb had left no ill-effects as regards bar-parlour performances.

By now all those present had settled down to the inevitable Army experiences. In the corner there sat a young fellow who looked a trifle—well, bemused. The Army flavour in the conversation made him feel rather "out of it" (he had helped to smash the Bosch with a four-inch lathe), and as he couldn't negotiate his way to the door he determined to stick it. Every telling point brought a knowing look to his eyes, and sometimes he ventured on a vigorous head-shake. The bomb incident having been digested, a tough-looking habitué of the bar-parlour drew attention.

"To my way of thinking," he said, "it ain't so bad when there's other blokes with you to get the wind-up. It's when you're on your ownio—that's when you can get the breeze up properly. I remember one pitch-black night at Monchy a party of us went over the top to do some wiring—a pretty big gap where a minny had dropped had to be filled in. How the heck it comes about I can't rightly say, but anyway, I soon lost touch with the others. 'This won't do,' I says to meself, and set out to find 'em. No good! I soon found I was lost and started to find my way back."

"Well, after about half-an-hour of shell-holes and barbed wire and suchlike doin's I was about dead beat. After a bit of a rest I went on again and then just pulled meself up in time. Right ahead of me I could hear some Jerries parleeing. I'd blundered on to their line. You can bet I about-turned."

"I hadn't got very far when blow me if I didn't find meself among a wiring party—and it wasn't one of ours, neither! Well, I got away O.K. I can tell you it was h—l being on me lonesome. It wasn't till it got a bit light I managed to get back to our crowd—and then only by the skin of me false teeth. Here, fill it up again"—and a perspiring barmaid hearkened unto the S.O.S.

"The biggest shock I ever had, was the day I saw the R.E.'s going over the top," observed a gentleman with a prominent red nose. A loud burst of laughter and much clattering of pots and glasses greeted this sally, and in the midst of the hubbub a fierce individual sporting an R.E. badge was seen to be removing his coat. The gentleman with the prominent red nose was much gratified by the appreciation shown, and was preparing to cap his remark with another of a more caustic nature when he suddenly perceived the ex-R.E., (who was now laying his waistcoat on his neighbour's glass of stout) giving a cough and a glance at his watch, the red-nosed gentleman, with a hasty "Well, good-night all," made his way out—followed by the ex-R.E., muttering dark threats.

Everyone, was now in good humour, and fully enjoyed an old M.T.-er's story of the nerve-jolt he had received when told off to fetch the first party of W.A.A.C.'s that reachod France. At this point a grave-faced man left the bar and placing his glass on the table, sat down in the seat vacated by the ex-R.E. he filled and lit his pipe, and then spoke.

"Talking of shocks," he began casually —and the hum of conversation died down. "Talking of shocks," he repeated "the biggest I ever had was not in the line at all—or anyway near it. The armistice had just been signed and I'd clicked for leave. P'rhaps some of you went on leave about that time and'll remember what it was like. We had plenty of rations and weren't crowded in the van—there wasn't more than thirty of us. There was a fire going at first, but some of the chaps objected, so we chucked it out. However, it was never much below freezing point. And we did the trip down to Bullong pretty quick—just over three days, if I remember rightly. I did hear afterwards that the R.O.D. driver had a Madermozel in the town. That may have bucked up the speed."

"Well, all things considered, we weren't feeling so bad when we got out. But what with the march up the hill—you all know that ruddy hill, I'll bet—and a night at the Rest Camp, I can't say we were exactly up to the mark next morning. A nasty drizzle had begun to come down, and after about fifty or so wind-ups we did start out for the boat. Although I was in the first section on the parade-ground, blow me if I wasn't in the last batch to get down to the quay. And what with cussin', and dashing about in the slush, and that march down with all me blooming kit, I was absodamlutely fed-up to the eyes and no mistake. Altogether, I was in no condition for getting shocks. Yet, it was then that I got the worst shock of the war."

Here the speaker paused, quite conscious that he had reached the climax of his story and determined to exact the full dramatic value. Noticing that one of his audience more impatient than the others, was preparing to make a remark, he held out his pipe with an arresting gesture.

"Oh. no," he said scornfully, "oh lord no! I know what you're going to say. But you're wrong. We weren't turned back. Just as our mob turned down on to the quayside, who should we meet but a redcap,—and a big, hefty sort of bloke he was, too. Course, soon as we saw him we began to turn over our stock of cuss-words. And then he spoke. I couldn't believe me ears. Such a nice, gentle kind of voice he had—I nearly burst into tears when I heard it. I felt just like I did the day I lost a fifty-franc note. All weak and fit to cry, you knows."

"At first I couldn't for the life of me make out what he was saying. I was down-and-out enough to start with, and then that heavenly voice had about dazed me. Just as I got on a level with the redcap he spoke again, and this time I couldn't help hearing what he said. I stopped dead on the spot. For a second or two I thought I was going to drop, and I'll bet me heart lost a couple o'beats. It was what he said that'd done it! What did he say, you ask? Just these simple words—"Pass along this way—please!"

Amid an intense silence the grave-faced man drained his glass, and, wiping his lips, passed out into the twilight. Doubt and unbelief were visible on nearly every face. The storm left untouched the young fellow in the corner. The bar-parlour grew more and more noisy, and he more and more moody. Last to leave was that young fellow. For a moment he clung to the landlord, striving to utter a question. At last he drifted into the street, and a few minutes later you might have seen him grasping a friendly lamp-post and plaintively demanding—"Wha' wozzee gettin' at, eh? Wha' wozzee gettin' at!"

G. MOORE.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

"Some Rates".—Scarborough rates are now 12/— in the pound.

A Boom.—Seaside resorts are enjoying a great boom at present.

To Reopen.—Ciros' Club, the well-known night-club, is to be reopened.

Popular.—The Army hut exhibit at the Horse Guards Parade is very popular.

His Weight.—A New York man, who weighed 46 stone has just died.

Back.—Jewish colonies in Palestine are in a flourishing condition.

No Births.—No births have been registered at Brimfield for the past fortnight.

The New Policeman.—Every social class is to be found in the new police ranks.

To Fight Profiteers.—A "League of Consumers" has been started in Constantinople.

Home.—Four hundred wounded prisoners from England have arrived in Hamburg.

Bees Hold Up.—Bees held up the traffic in an Acton goods yard the other day.

Dancing Boom.—Another great boom of dancing is promised for the winter.

Full.—The public schools are almost without exception full.

Sugar.—A rise in the price of sugar is likely.

For Flats.—Some 700 unoccupied London houses are to be converted into flats.

Their Latest.—Bulgarians are demanding a republic.

On The "Halls".—Lord Lyveden is the first peer to take the boards on the "halls".

Unwanted.—The Paris Prefect of Police has banned Wagner's Operas.

A Princely Gift.—The Duchess of Marlborough has received from her father a present of £3,000,000.

The League.—November is the earliest date on which the League of Nations can assemble.

Visiting Day.—A domestic servant told the magistrate that she had visited all the public houses in Hampstead.

Luck.—A Leicester man found all the peas on his allotment stolen, but lying on the ground were two Bradburys.

Bath v Parlour.—Norman Cross District Council favour bathrooms instead of parlours in their houses.

Their New Use.—Tin hats are being used as wash basins, flower pots, and cake stands.

For the Groom.—A Cornwall bride has presented her husband with a wedding ring.

Fares Up.—All railway passenger and luggage rates in Germany are to be raised 50 per cent.

A Step Up.—The Belgian Legation in London has been raised to the status of an Embassy.

How Scanty Dress Came.—According to General Birdwood the fashions of Gallipoli are now the fashions of Paris.

From War Films.—The War Office has made over £71,000 out of battlefield kinema films.

"Ichabod" in Potsdam.—Potsdam which used to be the home of the ex-Kaiser and his Court is now deserted.

Orange Box House.—The Orsett Council have ordered the demolition of an orange box house.

Pullmann.—The first of the Pullmann omnibuses will be running in London next week.

"Mention" For Bakeress.—Waitresses and a bakeress are among the "mentions" for war services.

Luggage in Advance.—The railway companies may revive the system of luggage in advance.

Exile Ended.—Coalville residents have asked that its Belgian community of nuns should remain, but this is impossible.

In His Straw Hat.—Three wound stripes were found in the hat of a man who committed suicide at Maidstone.

The Grey Leaves.—The new ration card will come into use about the middle of October.

Killjoys Defeated.—A resolution against Sunday bathing was defeated at Hove Council.

A Goat's Death.—Wasps swarmed on the back of a goat at Beddington and stung it to death.

Mean.—A thief took from an Ilford house, the occupant's military medal and discharge papers.

Cool.—During the heat wave 10,000 boys and girls a day bathed in the Serpentine.

Y.M.C.A. Hotels.—The Y.M.C.A. Hotels in Paris were closed on August 15th. The Y.M.C.A. Information Bureau, 3, Rue Edouard VII., Paris, remains open.

For the Nation.—Messrs Vickers are willing to present to the nation the Vickers-Vimy-Rolls aeroplane which crossed the Atlantic.

Buying Cotton Mills.—Financial operations are being carried out in the Lancashire cotton industry by groups of speculators.

His Laundry Bill.—The Strasbourg Civil Court has granted a writ against the ex-Kaiser's sixth son, for £3 10s., due to his laundress.

In Flames.—Upset by the death of her soldier lover, a Dorking lady was found on fire, her clothing being saturated with paraffin.

Profit—Sharing Grocer.—A Brixton dealer is giving two pennies back to customers purchasing a pound of margarine.

Beginning To Live.—"I am the happiest man in the world—it seems to me that I have just begun to live—" Mr. T. D. Rockefeller.

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DEATH OF GENERAL BOTHA.

FAMOUS SOUTH AFRICAN DIES SUDDENLY FROM INFLUENZA.

DEATH OF GENERAL BOTHA.

ROMANTIC CAREER OF A GREAT SOLDIER.

A Reuter message from Pretoria dated yesterday states that General Botha died suddenly at midnight of influenza. News of his sudden death will produce great grief throughout the whole empire. Not only was he a great soldier, in his own particular kind of fighting, he was also a great statesmen and perhaps the most powerful reconciling force in the Empire.

His personal story was one of the romances of our history. Less than twenty years ago, he was in arms against ourselves as Commander in Chief of the Boer Forces, and yet he became by force of circumstances, and by his own great genius, the means of developing a great and loyal colony, whose constancy has been tried by the strongest tests.

A Fine Spirit.

We can scarcely estimate to-day, how much we owe to the man who at the close of the Boer war accepted the consequences in so fine a spirit, and linked his own fortunes and those of the people he had led so bravely with those of the British Empire.

Once having set his seal to the treaty of peace, he grasped to the full the possibilities of a larger life for the people of South Africa, which it opened up. He set himself to the uniting of the peoples of South Africa, and the building up out there of a noble and proud colony. Botha's qualities were well tested in the recent war and his conquest of German South West Africa was a triumph of organisation and a masterpiece of rapidity and efficiency. In every aspect of the struggle he bore himself as the great man he was. He laid deep and strong foundations upon which are built and will be built a nobler African Empire of the future.

Soldier-Statesman.

Botha has been compared to Robert Lee, the greatest soldier and the finest character in the history of the American civil war, and it is fortunate that he was spared, as Lee was not, to guide his people through the difficult years of reconstruction. This task has been almost completed during Botha's lifetime, and as a soldier-statesman he holds high honour amongst the Sons of the Empire.

The life of this generous hearted man within the British Empire was also, in considerable measure, a tribute to the generous policy of Britain towards South Africa, the fine consequences of which are probably unparalleled in history The Rt. Hon. Louis Botha was a Privy Councillor, an Honorary General in the British Army, and was granted the LL.D. of Edinburgh, Oxford and Cambridge Universities. He was also Honorary Colonel of the Natal and Orange Free State Regiment of the South African Light Infantry. (British Wireless.)

LABOUR IN SPAIN.

25,000 OUT AT BARCELONA.

Labour unrest prevails in Catalonia, the most important industrial province of Spain, and a general lock-out affecting 25,000 masons and carpenters has begun in Barcelona.

No disorders have so far occurred, but both employers and workmen show a dangerously stubborn temper.

Another cause of trouble is the opposition to the eight-hour day decreed by the Government. The cotton spinners and their factory hands cannot in many towns come to terms regarding the arrangement of new shifts. The difficulties of the manufacturers may be easily realized when one considers that in some places, such as Vich, an 11-hour day is the rule.

The strike of the captains, mates, and engineers of the Trans-Mediterranean Navigation Company is preventing ships at several Spanish ports from leaving. These men have a recognized grievance, and the Government has promised to satisfy them as far as possible.

UNPOPULAR BELA KUN.

Bela Kun, who was interned by the Austrian Government at Heidelmuhle, near Roab, had to be transferred. The inhabitants of the neighbouring villages, chiefly peasants, were so exasperated at the presence of the notorious Hungarian Bolshevist dictator that they held a meeting of protest, and threatened to commit violence. The Austrian Peasants' League and the officials of the district also made representations at Vienna, and the Government considered it wise to remove the objectionable prisoner. Bela Kun without warning transferred to another habitat, and the locality is kept secret.

MEAT AS MANURE.

While £7,266 was spent last year at the City of London markets on the inspection and condemnation of meat unfit for human food, £4,519 was recovered by the sale of the condemned meat for manure.

IMPERIAL MASSACRE.

FATE OF RUSSIAN ROYAL FAMILY.

Out of the welter of conflicting stories as to the fate of the late Tsar's family comes at last a report which is said to be authentic. It was drawn up by a French officer employed in an official French capacity in South Russia. The report is based upon information supplied by one of the detachment of soldiers detailed to guard the "Dom Ipatieff," at Ekaterinburg, in which the Royal family was detained, under the orders of a Jewish Commissary named Jourovsky.

A little after midnight on July 17, 1918, the Tsar, the Empress Alexandrovna, the Tsarevitch, the Grand Duchesses Olga, Anastasia, and Tatiana, and the Grand Duchess Xenia, with the Court physician, Dr. Botkine, and three servants, were taken into an underground room of the house. There was not even the formality of an examination or interrogatory. All the members of the party were perfectly calm, and the Emperor carried his son, who was unable to walk through illness, in his arms.

When all were assembled in the room Jourovsky, with another Bolshevist leader and nine Lettish soldiers, threw themselves upon their victims and massacred them with revolver shots. The French officers' informant who was on sentry duty in the street before the house, where he had been specially stationed by Jourovsky to note to what extent the noise of the murder was audible outside, immediately rushed down to the scene of the massacre, where he saw the eleven bodies lying in a tumbled mass on the floor, covered in blood.

Only the Tsarevitch was still alive, and one of the murderers finished him with a revolver shot at point-blank range.

PEACE CONFERENCE.

PROPOSED ADJOURNMENT.

Home calls are pressing the statesmen at the Peace Conference. Signor Tittoni leaves for Rome on Monday. Mr. Balfour has announced his intention of taking a vacation as soon as possible, while M. Venizelos is anxious to return to Greece to attend to domestic problems. In view of these facts, determined efforts are being made to secure an adjournment of the Peace Conference as soon as the Austrian Treaty is settled. The reply to the Austrian counter-proposals will be handed to the Austrians at the end of this week.

BEHIND CLERK'S BACK.

DARING BOOKING OFFICE ROBBED.

A daring robbery was committed at the Redhill railway station booking office during the temporary absence of the booking clerk.

A sum of £50 in Treasury notes, tied up in bundles of ten, lying on a desk at the back of the office, was stolen.

A small window that faces on to a side road had been raised, and it is supposed that the thief used a long stick with some adhesive substance on the end of it to abstract the notes.

The clerk was only away about four or five minutes, and noticed that the notes were missing, and the window open, immediately upon his return.

SEVEN SOLDIERS.

FIGHTING FAMILY HOME.

One of the most remarkable records of war service is that of the seven sons of Mr. and Mrs. Butcher, of the little village of Harlow, in Essex. During the war these seven young men volunteered for service in the Army, and they all served in the trenches.

In ancient days the number seven was held to have a mystical or symbolic significance. However that may be, Mr. and Mrs. Butcher are now proud and happy in the knowledge that not only have their seven sons come safely through the fighting, but have now all returned to their native village.

SHAH TO VISIT ENGLAND.

The Shah of Persia on leaving Constantinople will proceed to Italy, Switzerland and France and then sail for America. He will visit England on his return journey.

The Shah's predecessor visited London about fifteen years ago, and the story is told that when he went to the Crystal Palace, he was invited to make a trip in the topsy-turvy railway. He declined, but ordered one of his suit to go. It is said that the Shah appeared to be disappointed when the courtier returned alive.

TOLSTOI'S PROPERTY

SOVIET'S OFFER TO AUTHOR'S FAMILY.

A Helsingfors message to Copenhagen yesterday states that the Soviet Government has nationalised Tolstoi's property at Gasnaja Poljana, which will be taken over and preserved in remembrance of the author. The Government has invited Tolstoi's family to enter their service in which event they would be allowed to live in the castle, and, for a suitable salary, would be able to manage the institutions for the enlightenment of the people which the Government intend to establish there.

SIR ARTHUR LAWLEY'S VISIT.

INSPECTION OF BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB.

During the past week one of the distinguished visitors to Cologne has been Col. the Hon. Sir Arthur Lawley G.C.S.I. who came over to inspect among other things the British Empire Leave Club, of whose Committee of Trustees he is the Hon. Treasurer. Before leaving he addressed a meeting of the lady members and congratulated them on the success of their efforts, especially mentioning Miss Decima Moore, to whose untiring organising energy the Club owes so much, and Miss Adeline Bourne, who has never spared herself or her staff in providing entertainments for the men. The Committee hoped to carry on the Club so long as it was required by the Army of Occupation and he knew he could rely on the lady workers assisting them by every means in their power to keep it going to a successful conclusion. Sir Arthur, who was in the 10th Hussars, has had a varied career. Among his activities he has been Administrator of Matabeleland, Governor of Western Australia, Lt.-Governor of the Transvaal and Governor of Madras.

PUBLIC-HOUSE CONTROL.

GOVERNMENT'S INTENTIONS.

It is stated that the Government policy in regard to the future control of the liquor trade has now been settled, and that the bill embodying it is to be introduced directly Parliament reassembles in October. It is believed to be the intention of the Government to give to the new Commission they propose to ask Parliament to sanction such powers only as will enable them to continue those restrictions on sales, supply, and consumption which the consensus of public opinion is in favour of retaining in peace time.

There is likely to be nothing in the nature of a general amendment of the licensing law, without which it is said to be impossible to compel owners to improve public-houses and thus make provision for better service and accommodation to meet the present-day requirements of the public.

AYRSHIRE'S DRY SEASON.

It is generally admitted that this has been the driest season during the last 50 years, so far as Ayrshire is concerned. The hay crop is an average one, while the oat crop will be of a very varied character. In the north of the county oats will be a full average, but on a number of farms, both in the north and south, the oat crop will be under the average. The general opinion is that both wheat and barley will be the best crops of the season. This year turnips have been a comparative failure in large parts of Ayrshire. The potato crop along the Ayrshire seaboard has been a very good one to both buyers and sellers. Very little butter is being made in Ayrshire, owing to the good prices given for milk and to other causes.

FRANCE AS SHIELD.

The U.S. Senate Judiciary Sub-Committee reports that the proposed Franco-American Treaty under which the United States agrees to go to the aid of France in the event of an unprovoked attack by Germany, is "within the constitutional powers of the treaty-making bodies of this Government," and also that it is to the interest of the United States that France should be allowed to recuperate and recover her old-time vigour, as she will then be "a great shield and protection against any future German attack upon the United States."

UPPER SILESIA.

The "Vossische Zeitung," commenting on the probability of an Allied occupation of Upper Silesia, says that Germany will invoke the peace conditions, according to which an occupation to protect the plebiscitum shall take place after the ratification. Upper Silesia is still German territory. Poland, it is stated, may not interfere with the interior affairs of Germany. The Polish effort to reach a decision by arms will be repulsed by arms

IRONWORKER'S £800 A YEAR.

At Southampton when summoned for non-payment of £26 income-tax, Albert Edward Andrews, a Woolston ironworker, said he had more vital expenses to meet. It was stated that his earnings for six months amounted to £403. He was committed for six weeks in default of payment within seven days.

SILESIAN SITUATION.

A TALE OF TYRANNY.

The situation in Upper Silesia continues to improve now that the German Government has taken firm measures to ensure safety and order. The search for concealed arms continues, and the Polish and other agitators are treated with severity. At Minden the police have arrested three persons for trying to sell 60,000 army rifles to the Poles. The Polish authorities had offered 6,000,000 marks for them. Work in the Silesian mines has not yet been fully resumed; many willing workers are held back by fear of the Spartacists.

Stories of the alleged persecution of the Polish population of Upper Silesia are being received. M. Stanislas Plodowski, a member of the Silesian Delegation, which has recently arrived in Warsaw, has described how the educated class in Silesia had impressed upon the people the necessity of enduring with patience the impositions of the "Grenzschutz" (German military police). The Germans, however, by degrees imprisoned or deported to Germany almost the whole of the educated class of Poles in Silesia, under the impression that, with the lack of their guidance and influence, the working people could be more easily persuaded to vote for Germany when the plebiscite was taken. Finding, however, that these working classes remained loyal in their attachment to Poland, the Germans began to imprison and deport them also, and as a result many cases occurred in which arrest was resisted and people were killed and wounded.

Fugitives from Upper Silesia began to flee across the frontier into the border towns of Poland proper, while those who could not leave, hid themselves in the galleries of disused mines and were fed by their wives and families, who, if caught by the "Grenzschutz" soldiery, were forced to disclose the hiding-places of their husbands or fathers.

Such a condition of affairs, which went on for many months, could no longer be endured, and the people at last rose up against their oppressors. Should the Germans rush up regular troops as reinforcements, the Silesian insurgents, he declared, would certainly be massacred wholesale, and it was for this reason that the Silesian Delegation had come to Warsaw to implore the help of the Polish Government on behalf of the Silesian people, who, deprived of their leaders, and themselves ignorant of diplomacy, had risen up against the Germans, and now turned to Poland for succour in their hour of need.

DICTAPHONE DETECTIVES.

A private New York detective agency says that it has been able to instal a dozen dictaphones in various large New York residences, and is now rapidly accumulating evidence which, when disclosed, will result in a "sensational social scandal." The agency refuses to say just the sort of evidence it is securing. They claim that the dictaphones are hidden in such a skilful manner that the minutest search would not disclose them, has caused many of New York's wealthy to search their consciences instead of their rooms to ascertain whether they are living strictly within the law, and to urge extreme caution regarding what is said and done in their establishments. The evidence has already been obtained against nearly 100 men and women, say the detectives.

BATHING ACCIDENTS.

Reginald George Fogg, the 15-year-old son of Mr. Harry George Fogg, Doncaster, was drowned at Whitby. There was a nasty ground swell and Mr. and Mrs. Fogg watched their son swim out, but seeing friends of other bathers beckoning the bathers to come ashore, Mr. Fogg also signalled, but his son apparently did not see the warning signs and proceeded to swim outwards. He was lost to sight and when other bathers reached the shore young Fogg was missing. Shortly after the body was washed ashore.

Wallis Reginald Poll, a clerk at Barclay's Bank, Lowestoft, who was on a visit to Jersey, was drowned while bathing at Marine Pool.

Miss Doris Isabel Parry, aged 21, daughter of Dr. Thomas Wilson Parry, of Belmont, Crouch End, died from syncope while bathing at Crackington Haven, near Bude, North Cornwall.

BUS V. LORRY.

Yesterday at Blackheath, an omnibus on the Croydon-Plumstead service was run into by a heavy lorry and upset. The driver made a big swerve to try to clear the lorry, which caught the rear of the bus and swung it over. All twelve passengers were injured and nine were detained at Blackheath Cottage Hospital. The injured included Lieut.-Col. William Clayon, and Lieut. A. Lees of Woolwich.

NO WATER, NO WORK.

All the tinplate works at Llanelly are closed on account of the great scarcity of water. Many thousands of workmen are involved. The Corporation has decided to ration water for trade purposes, and it is hoped to keep the works partially going in this way while the present serious state of affairs exists.

RANGERS' TRAINER FINED.

Described as the trainer of Queen's Park Rangers, F. C. William Draper of Harlesden, was, with Cpl. Dingle, R.A.S.C., fined £3 at Marylebone, on Wednesday, for unlawful possession of Government hemp rope said to have come from Marylebone where Cpl. Dingle was on duty.

TUNNEL MYSTERY.

GUNNER DOYLE DISCHARGED.

Yesterday, at Chippenham, Gunner Edwin Doyle, 29th Bde. Royal Field Artillery was charged on remand with being concerned in the death of Gunner White, R.F.A., whom he was alleged to have thrown out of a railway carriage in Box tunnel on July 25th last.

White, who was on leave from the Rhine, boarded the ten o'clock night train from Paddington for the West. When the train reached Plymouth an official found a soldier's equipment in a carriage but no owner. The carriage door was shut when the train reached the station. At the inquest the jury intended to return an open verdict until a relative suggested foul play. There was no kind of evidence as to White's death and the inquest was adjourned for further inquiry.

On July 31st Doyle was arrested at Woolwich and charged at Chippenham. Yesterday, after many remands, it was stated that the Public Prosecutor would not proceed with the case, since there was nothing to show that White was on the train with Doyle. Doyle was discharged.

As a matter of fact Doyle was on his way from Euston to Birmingham that night. No light has been thrown on the mystery of White's death and the question remains, was he murdered? If so, by whom, and if he was not murdered, who closed the carriage door behind him?

MEDIATIONS.

AT PEACE TREATY TABLE.

The members of the German Peace Delegation who are still at Versailles having expressed the wish to visit the château, permission was granted, and two groups of them were conducted in succession round the château by Lieutenant Renaudin. The Germans remained a considerable time in the Galérie des Glaces, and expressed great astonishment at not finding the little table on which the treaty was signed, and which they were particularly anxious to see. They were therefore shown the table where it now stands, in the Salle du Grand Convent. They gazed at it for a long time, then approached it and fingered it, but all without uttering a single word.

CHECKWEIGHING ACT.

In accordance with the Checkweighing in Various Industries Act, 1919, the Home Secretary has prescribed that when the workmen or a majority of them desire that the capacity of the moulds in which the iron or steel is cast should be tested a requisition for the purpose shall be made by serving on the employer a notice in writing signed by or on behalf of the workmen affected or a majority of them specifying the moulds which they require to be tested. Regulations are also laid down for the appointment of a checkweigher or other representative of the workers.

STOWAWAY'S SPRINT.

There was an exciting scene at Liverpool docks on the arrival of the liner "Orduna." Two days after the vessel left New York a stowaway named Samuel Stake was found and placed under an armed guard.

In the confusion of docking he managed to give the guard the slip, but was seen and followed. He refused to stop and after a warning, the guard fired at him and he was shot in the thigh. He then fell or jumped into the dock but was rescued, and taken to hospital seriously hurt.

MARQUIS OF LONDONDERRY.

The freedom of the City of Belfast is to be conferred on the Marquis of Londonderry in recognition of his military services during the war, and of his association with the province of Ulster.

In celebration of peace the Marquis of Londonderry, on Saturday, entertained the workers from his Durham collieries in the grounds of Seaham Hall. Some 10,000 invitations were sent out. During the proceedings the Marquis presented to several of his ex-soldier employees war decorations awarded for gallantry in the field.

INFANT WELFARE.

Opening a fête at Walmer in aid of a day nursery, Earl Beauchamp emphasised the vital importance of infant welfare to the nation. He said there were those who thought this kind of work was not necessary for, and should not be used to assist, well-to-do people, but the two occasions on which he had known such work to be most urgently needed were in two of the richest homes with which he had ever come into contact.

LIMBS SET IN MID-AIR.

Caught in the winding gear of an outside lift, in London, Frank Childs had an exciting time suspended some 70ft. from the ground. He sustained a broken leg and arm. First aid men scaled a ladder and succeeded in putting the injured limbs in splints. A stretcher was then brought up, the man put in it, and lowered by means of four ropes, safely to the ground.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

An Archangel telegram states that Lord Settrington, son of the Earl of March, who was wounded in the chest on August 10th, died from his injuries on August 23rd.

THAT 1s. 6d. LOAF.

NO SUCH RISE LIKELY.

The sensational rise in the price of the loaf predicted in some quarters is not likely to take place.

"The Ministry of Food," said an official of that body, "are unable to conjecture on what figures Sir George Paish bases his estimate that the 4lb. loaf may cost 1s. 6d. in the spring.

Even if the Government withdrew its £50,000,000 subsidy—and so far as is known there is no intention on the part of the Government to do so—the 4lb. loaf would not rise above 1s. 1d. The latter is an over-generous figure, and it is only to be assumed that Sir George concludes that this country will be dependent entirely on American supplies and on a further depreciated currency arising therefrom.

"As a matter of fact, the American market is not the only source of supply."

ATTEMPTED JEWEL ROBBERY.

Another attempt at jewel robbery was thwarted by a young girl who was in charge of a Paris shop. Three men entered the shop, which is situated in the Avenue Nil, near the Etoile. One of them asked her if his scarf-pin could be repaired, and while she was examining it a second fastened the door. She looked up to find a revolver pointed at her by the third man. The girl screamed loudly, thus giving the alarm. The three men decided that they had better get away. They rushed out. A burly workman coming up promptly knocked down the man with the scarf-pin. His companions escaped. His story is that he had been promised £10 to engage the girl in conversation while his accomplices took all they could lay their hands on.

BOLSHEVIST CLAIMS.

The Bolshevist wireless message yesterday claimed an advance against Denikin on the whole of the Southern front except the right Ukrainian angle. They say that they have recaptured Kamishin and advanced on Tsaritsin and that General Mamantoff's cavalry is surrounded.

No confirmation of the recapture of Kamishin comes from any other source, and the claim is in direct contradiction to the latest War Office statement, that Denikin's advance is being rapidly continued all along the line.

The message also says that the Bolshevists have recaptured Pskov, which Pitlura is stated to have occupied. On Kolchak's front it is claimed that the troops have reached Retsk near Orenburg and continue their advance.

ALLIED COMMISSION.

The Allied Commission to Upper Silesia left Berlin yesterday, to visit the State Commissioner, Herr Hoersing, at Breslau, afterwards to proceed to the industrial area.

General Dupont, Chief of the French Mission, is not accompanying the Commission, which consists of two British, two French, two Italian and one Japanese officers under the leadership of one of the British officers, Colonel Tidbury. It will inquire into the causes of the recent disturbances and suggest means of government by which similar troubles may be avoided in future.

The Commission, which is being sent from the Allied Military Missions in Berlin, says "The Times," must not be confused with the Inter-Allied Coal Commission proceeding to Moravian Ostrau.

VICAR HAS TO QUIT.

Owing to house shortage a difficult position has been created in the village of Snibstone, Leicestershire, for the vicar, the Rev. F.W. Atkins, who has received notice to quit, the new owner having bought the house for his own occupation.

A new church was built in the parish a few years ago, and the erection of a vicarage was proposed, but this was held up through the war.

Not another house is to be had, and the vicar has called a meeting of the parishioners for their advice.

NEW JERUSALEM.

Mr. Patrick Geddes, professor of botany at St Andrews University has been engaged by the International Zionist Commission to plan a new Jerusalem and proposed university. He will work with Dr. Weizmann, head of the British Zionist Commission and will leave immediately for Palestine to visit Haifa, Jaffa and Jerusalem and submit a report. While in Palestine he will organise a department for sociology and civics for Bombay university and carry out Indian town planning work.

"DEBT WE OWE."

Fifteen hundred discharged and demobilized soldiers were entertained at a "Debt We Owe" dinner by the citizens of Peterborough. Former officers and men sat together at the meal, which was provided by the local butchers, bakers, brewers, and other tradesmen. The voluntary waiters and helpers included Colonel Lord Exeter, Brigadier-General Strong, C.B., Sir Richard Winfrey, M.P., and the Mayor of Peterborough.

AIR DERBY LEADER.

Sgt. C. B. Coomby, piloting a Haviland machine which started from Toronto in the aerial Derby led at the end of the first stage of the journey. The distance was covered in six hours twenty-one minutes. Rholfs arrived eleven minutes later.

CREFELD

Sunday, 31 Aug., at 14 hrs.

PRIX JOOSTENS

(Steeple-chase).

Owner	Horse	
Lieut. de Moulron	Helvette	76
Ct. Cte. H. d'Oultremont	Radius	76
Cap. Crespel	Corrol	76
Lt. Van de Werve	Fileuse	76
Lt. Chr. de Schoutheete	Vitrine	76
Major R.-K. Hewer	Old King Cole	76
Lt. R. Bulteel	Late Report	76
Cap. R. T. Stanyforth	So Long	76
Lt. R.-S. Stancliffe	Holloway	74
Cap. Desjobert	Gharib	74
Lt. Cte. de Borchgrave	Jazz Land	76
Lt. Mac Farlane	Trollie Lollie	74
Cap. Roland Gosselin	Dieze	74
Cap. Guignon	Whip	74
Lieut. Parmentier	Gambler	74
Lieut. Lagoutte	Clown	74
Lt. Ct. de Liedekerke	Marmor	74
Cap. A.-W. Windham	Alphie	74
Lt. Baron Snoy	Surprise	74
Lt. Baron Snoy	Tip Top	74
Cap. Roland-Gosselin	Cabreuse	74
Lt. Campbell Russell	Remember me	74
Cap. J. Logan Bell	François	74
Capit. Hodgin	Girl o'Girles	74
Cap. G. Corrol	Lady Diana	74
Lieut. de Masfrand	Mastigadon	74
Lieut. de Masfrand	Bade Bee	74
Lieut. Duchateau	Canif	74
Comt. Leclercq	Licques	74
Major A. Lord	Skylock	74
Lt. Deroux Lagoutte	Crown III	74
Major R.-K. Hewer	Hiawatha	74
Cap. Emb rton	Delilah	74
Lieut. Hilder	Mad Hatter	74
Major J. Biggam	Morning Star	74
Cap. H.-F. Eckstein	Mike	74
Lieut. H. Durnford	Velociter	74
Lieut. S.-C. Meijte	Patricia	74
Lieut. S.-C. Meijte	Athlumny	74
Cap. R. T. Stanyforth	Tim	74

PRIX BUFFIN.

(Course plate).

Lt. van de Werve	Dandy	80
Lt. van de Werve	Fileuse	78
Ct. Termotte	Pip	76
Lieut. Baron Snoy	Medovah	76
Lieut. Wanis	Piccolo	76
Lt. B. de Brabandère	Sweet Seventeen	76
Lt. R. Bulteel	Late Report	76
Ct. Cte. H. d'Oultrem	Radius	74
Ct. Termotte	Gavroche	74
Lieut. L. Servais	Panlette	74
Ct. Termotte	Grincheuse	74
Lt. J. du Roy de Blic	Monna Vanna	74
Cap. E. de Selliers	Mon Rat	74
Lieut. Baron Snoy	Surprise	74
Lt. Bar. J. Buffin	Lise	74
Ct. Wauters	Sweety	74
Lieut. de Schoutheete	Vitrine	74
Cap. de Bisschop	Sylvine	74

PRIX GILLAIN

(Steeple-chase).

Major Sinclair	Winamere	82
Capt. Hodgin	Patrick ex Paddy	82
C. H. d'Oultremont	George	78
Cap. E.-F. Anela	Lumbering Luke	78
Major J.-C. Humfrey	Zillebeke	78
Cap. Berkenshaw Idle	Firefly III	74
Lieutenant Paytour	Le Reve	74
Lieut. de Manleon	Deesse	74
Cap. J.A. McMenamin	Sawdust	74
Ct. Cte. H.d'Oultremont	Radius	74
Lieut. de Rose	Le Plessis	74
Cap. Guignon	Whip	74
Cap. de Bisschop	Sylvine	74
Lt. van de Werve	Fileuse	74
Cap. A. Windham	Alphie	74
Lt. Chr. de Schoutheete	Vitrine	74
Lieut. Baron Snoy	Surprise	74
Lieut. Anderton	Ugly	74
Lieutenant Good	Clever	74
Lieut. Parmentier	Gambler	74
Major A. Lord	Gold Dust	74
Lieut. Lagoutte	Athos	74
Lieut. Petit	Aspin	74
Major R.-K. Hewer	Old King Cole	74
Lt. R. B. McCreery	Kilbay	74
Lieut. Cole	Rednal	74

PRIX MALDEGHEM.

(Course plate.)

Cap. Ed. de Selliers	Savoy	84
Capit. Clayton	Sensitive Symons	81
Major Carlisle	Mount Royal	75
Lt. A. Van Dorton	Flut	75
Cap. Ed. de Selliers	Dulwich	75
Maj. C. Heydemann	Johnnie Walker	72
Maj. Gén. Tudor	Mascot	72
Lieut. Anderton	Ugly	72
Cap. J. Kymer Jones	Billy II	72
Cap. Maxwell	Eau de Cologne	72
Major R. K. Hewer	Peggy	70
Lieut. Nuttal	Dinckie Dos	70
Cap. Dampeyront	Eticennette	70
Lt. Campbell Russell	Remember me	70
Lieut. Col. Gowans	Geraldine	70
Cap. Hodgin	Girl o'Girles	70
Lieutenant Good	Wanda	70
Ct. Wauters	Sardaigne	70
Capitaine Marchal	Cap Vert	69
Cap. de Bisschop	Hadji	69
Comt. Termotte	Servilia	67

GRAND STEEPLE-CHASE INTERALLIE.

Cap. G. Clayton	Sensitive Symons	85
Cap. Ed. de Selliers	Savoy	85
Lieut. de Masfrand	Mastigadour	83
Cap. T. Hodgins	Patrick ex Paddy	79
Ct. H. d'Oultremont	George	76
Cap. J. Birkinshaut	Firefly III	73
Cap. Ed. de Selliers	Dulwich	73
Cap. Roland Gosselin	Dieze	73
Cap. Crespel	Corrol	73
Cap. Crespel	Ararat	73
Lieut. R. Ushir	Golden Sunset	73
Gén. Maj. Tudor	Polly Dear	73
Major Bather	Jimmy II	73
Lieut. W. Coltes	R doal	73
Lieut. Parmentier	Gambler	73
Lieut. Duchateau	Canif	73
Lt. R. S. Stancliffe	Holloway	73
Lt. R. B. McCreery	Kilbay	73
Ct. H. d'Oultremont	Radius	70
Major A. Sinclair	Winemer	82
Cap. Marchal	Cap Vert	78
Cap. Ed. de Selliers	Dulwich	78
Lieut. Van de Werve	Dandy	78
Major Bather	Billy	78
Maj. T. Bagshaw	Sabib	74
Maj. G. A. Heydeman	Johnnie Walker	74
Lieut. Peytour	Tudor III	74
Cap. Desjobert	Gharib	74
Lieut. de Moulron	Cecilio	74
Lt. R. S. Stancliffe	Holloway	74
Lieut. Dampeyrout	Royal Ecossais	74
Lieut. Laame	Initiator	74
Ct. Leclercq	Licques	74
Major Gillet	Djim le Majestueux	74
Lieut. W. R. Calglish	Bristol Fighter	74
Lieut. Petit	Plumard	74
Lieut. Baron Snoy	Tip Top	74
Maj. Gen. Tudor	Mascot	74
Lt. B. de Brabander	Sweet Seventeen	74
Lieut. de Masfrand	Bade Bee	74
Lieut. Duchateau	Procas	74
Cap. de Bisschop	Hadji	74
Cap. J. M. Rimer	Billy II	74
Lieut. R. Bulteel	Golden Syrop	74
Major G. P. Hornby	Digby Grand	74
Lt. S. C. Meije	Athlumny	74
Cap. Maxwell	Eau de Cologne	74
Lieut. Baron Snoy	Medevah	74
Cap. Veniel	Cerone	74
Lieut. Muskett	Rufus	74
Maj. Lemmon	Why Not	74
Lieut. Lord Killean	Civie	74
Ct. Termotte	Servilia	72
Lt. Campbell Russell	Remember me	72
Lieut. Col. Gowans	Geraldine	72
Cap. Cooralles	Lady Diana	72
Cap. Hodgins	Girl o'Girles	72
Cap. Wedderburn	Eau de Cologne	72
Maj. R. K. Hewer	Peggy	72
Lt. S. C. Metje	Patricia	72
Cap. Roland Gosselin	Jamoigne	72
Cap. J. Logan Bell	Eden	72

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Last August Meeting.

Saturday, Aug. 30th.

Race Cards and Grand Stand Tickets will be on sale in the entrance hall of the Excelsior Hotel to-night (Friday) between 5—15 and 7—0 p. m. Officers who have reserved boxes should claim their tickets at above times, or at the main gate to the Race-course on Saturday.

Owners' and Riders' tickets should be claimed at main gate to the Course on Saturday.

There will be a limited number of luncheons on the Course. Tea and refreshments as usual. Lunch for Stewards and General Officers in the Tea House.

First Race—12-45.

COLOGNE RACES

NOTICE

Percentage taken off Totalizator.

July Meeting ..... 16⅔% was deducted.
Cav. Div. Races and 1st August Meeting } 10% was deducted.
Last August Meeting, 30th Inst.
10% will again be deducted.

NOTICE

BOOKMAKING

Any Person found making a Book on the Race Course will be handed over to the Military Police and **all** money confiscated.

CREFELD RACES

31. AUGUST 1919.

The following special trains will run with accommodation for no less than 800 persons. They will be open to the public, but military and civil compartments will be clearly marked.

COLOGNE Main Station:	L.	10.00
NORF	A.	10.48
	L.	10.50
NEUSS	A.	11.02
	L.	11.05
CREFELD	A.	11.39

For the return trip:

CREFELD	L.	20.00
NEUSS	A.	20.33
	L.	20.41
NORF	A.	20.53
	L.	20.55
COLOGNE	A.	21.43

The trucks reserved for race horses will leave Cologne on the morning of the 31st.

Cologne Gereon	dep. 06.90
Crefeld	arr. 08.11

Horses should be ready to entrain at 04.30. — Ten covered wagons for use of British army.

Return train for horses on the 1. 9. 19

Crefeld	dep. 12.47
Coln Nippes	arr. 15.28

This is goods train No. 8342 and horses should be ready to entrain at 11.00.

Amusements, Recreation, etc.

Deutsches Theatre Bismarckstrasse.
Monday, Aug. 25th and for 6 nights.
The "HAVRE REPERTORY COMPANY" in
"Mrs. GORRINGE'S NECKLACE"
Including.
Mr. H. Oscar. Miss. A. Dick,
Mr. B. O'Brien. Miss. B. Ryland.
Mr. C. Nugent. Miss. S. Calton.
Mr. A. Field. Miss. Y. Pienne.
Nightly at 6 p.m.
Seats may be booked at the Deutsches Theatre or at the Amusements Offices, 26, Komödien Strasse.

Deutsches Theatre, Bismarckstrasse.
Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
The British Rhine Army Dramatic Coy. present
"HELEN WITH THE HIGH HAND"
A Comedy in 3 Acts by Richard Price. Adapted from Arnold Bennet's famous novel.

Palast Theatre Herzogstrasse
Monday, Aug. 25th and for 6 nights.
Light Divisional Concert Party
'THE STARLIGHTS'
Nightly at 6.0 p.m.

No: 1 ARMY CINEMA.
32 Komödienstrasse
Complete Change of Programme.
No: 2 ARMY CINEMA.
Moderne Theatre, Breite Strasse
Complete Change of Programme.
No: 3 ARMY CINEMA.
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Complete Change of Programme.

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Friday, August 29, 1919.

GOLD RESERVES AND PAPER MONEY.

An article in the Paris "Matin" of August 14th based on French official figures corrected up to July 15th shows the ratio between gold reserves and paper issues and incidentally establishes the favourable position of Great Britain. The values are, of course, calculated at par and have no reference to current and fluctuating rates of exchange. The comparatively small volume of paper in circulation will, no doubt, surprise those who did not bear in mind that the whole tribe of "Bradburys" was merely a substitute for coined gold and that trade had been carried on, not by means of coined gold but by cheques and bills of exchange, and that these are used since 1914 just as before. The figures are:

	Gold Reserve.	Notes in circulation.
United States	$ 181,000,000	$ 899,840,000
France	„ 222,240,000	„ 1399,080,000
Great Britain	„ 88,720,000	„ 78,880,000
Japan	„ 140,920,000	„ 171,280,000
Italy	„ 32,360,000	„ 372,320,000
Russia	„ 360,000,000	„ 18,013,280,000
Germany	„ 55,720,000	„ 1490,880,000
Spain	„ 91,600,000	„ 143,360,000
Holland	„ 54,720,000	„ 84,880,000
Switzerland	„ 18,720,000	„ 35,720,000

The figures concerning Russia are obviously doubtful. What is clear about this unfortunate country is that at the opening of the war it held the largest stock of gold in the world, while to-day it is responsible for the largest issue of paper money.

Leaving Russia out of account, France now has the largest holding of gold in its banks, followed closely by the United States, with Japan third, Spain fourth and Great Britain fifth.

But when we turn to the ratio between the official holding of gold and the notes in circulation the figures wear an entirely different complexion. Great Britain stands at the head and holds more gold than it has notes in circulation! Japan is a rather bad second with a holding of 81% of gold for paper. Spain is third. The United States is covered to the extent of about 20%.

Another point of interest is this. Some countries have obviously profited by the war. Thus the United States has more than quadrupled its gold reserve since June 1914, the Spanish holding has grown from 21 millions in July 1914 to about 91 millions at the present time, Switzerland has doubled and Holland increased its holding by over 50%.

FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS

So much has been written about army education, and so great has been the praise lavished upon it, that one has lost sight of the chaotic state of its humble beginnings. Consequently, the great fact that so orderly a scheme has arisen out of such chaos has hardly been recognised. An article in the "Fortnightly Review" described, with touching and compelling detail, how education was carried on in a battery previous to the cessation of hostilities. Probably much that was written was true.

It is interesting to recall its inception, how vast quantities of material poured from the various headquarters, and eventually came to rest in unit offices.

The magic word "education" flew from lip to lip. Section commanders of artillery, platoon commanders of infantry, and anyone who commanded anything lower that a battery or company, with feverish haste harangued the rank and file upon the benefits of education. The value of courses was emphasized. They were told how noble hearted experts at various bases yearned to initiate the novice into the mysteries of internal combustion, and how self-sacrificing professors itched to expound dynamics, circular functions, etc. The men were interested. Perhaps after months of active service, they were in no mood to resist. Anyhow section commanders emerged, exhausted but triumphant, with bulky nominal rolls, as the foundation of the many excellent schools we now find on the Rhine.

There was a state of patient expectancy. Occasionally men disappeared from their usual haunts. One was claimed for a farriery course. Another departed with a desire to acquire knowledge and dexterity as a "turner." These two cases were excellent, but isolated. Interest displaced indifference and a real desire to learn was manifest. Tact on the part of instructors helped considerably and drew scholastic recruits from quite unexpected quarters.

With the final disposition of the troops, education raised itself from the depths in which it had lain for several months, and "compulsion" formed the keynote of the revised system. As in all phases of life, out of chaos ultimately came order until one now sees Corps and Divisional Schools, Technical Colleges, and training shops on all hands, a striking comparison with the vague and incomplete educational arrangements formulated at the end of last year. One now realises that educational training is a definite and serious thing. The growth of the scheme, the re-ordering of all previous arrangements, the untiring energy of the instructors' training centres, (Newmarket and Oxford) are all indications of the magnitude of the scheme, and a proof that education will remain as part of a soldier's training.

AT THE SIGN OF THE RED SHIELD.

It is Saturday night and Hohestrasse is packed with a surging crowd of people. Soldiers of all the Allied armies, and civilians of all descriptions are passing to and fro. It is difficult to move and the heat is stifling. The shops are doing a roaring trade, the cabarets are filled with a careless laughing throng of young and old. There is, perhaps, no other sight to equal it in the world, it is the hub of this capital of Rhineland. Feasting and revelry, music and dancing, is in full swing.

It is just in a place like this where the flag of the Salvation Army is to be seen. The followers of General Booth prefer Whitechapel in London and Hohestrasse in Cologne, to the suburbs of these cities for in these places men are face to face with temptations in many forms and this great evangelical philantrophic organization wishes to help them.

At the sign of the Red Shield in Hohestrasse, and Obenmarspforten, which leads just off it you, will find the ever open door through which crowds of our soldiers are constantly passing to enjoy the warmhearted unfailing hospitality which is given to them.

Make your way to No 13 Hohestrasse, known by the name of the Storch Hotel and there Staff-Captain Hush, the energetic, genial General Superintendent of the Salvation Army work in Rhineland or Adjutant Gladden, who ably seconds him will show you round.

Over the doorway written in large letters is the word "Welcome!" You enter the large restaurant decorated with stags' heads and mirrors and find it crowded with men enjoying a splendid repast of tarts, fruit and other good things. Here also is a well stocked canteen and underneath in the huge cellar you will find vast stores of biscuits and other comforts under the capable charge of Captain Noble. There are also all kinds of recreation and writing rooms.

Climb the staircase and you will enter a long corridor. On either side are comfortable bedrooms, and beds to the number of 47. This is a unique feature of the work for Tommy can have one of these rooms to himself from 7 p.m. to 9 a.m. and rest in peace. In the morning a good breakfast awaits him and the total charge is a little over a shilling.

These rooms are always occupied and there is a big rush for them for the week-ends.

One remarkable feature of this club, which is unique in Rhineland, is a splendid brass band of thirty-three men under the conductorship of Captain Durman. All the men are Salvation Army soldiers with the Rhine Army and they are proud of this honour. The band has won fame in our occupied area and occasionally goes on tour playing for various units.

On Sundays and during the week there are splendid religious services; the one on Sunday evenings being immensely popular with our men, who crowd the big hall and sing with great fervour. There are other such centres of work in Rhineland carried out by this organization. In Bonn, there are two in charge of Captain Broughton and Ensign and Mrs. Boyd. In Gymnich, Ensign Brown holds the fort; at Horrem, Captain Buttelle; Düren, Captain and Mrs. Hill; Solingen, Captain and Mrs. Johnson. The one at Obenmarspforten, Cologne, is in charge of two excellent officers, Commandant Arthur and Captain Kimpter.

The greatest in our land have gratefully acknowledged the wonderful work of the Salvation Army for our boys during the war, and we in the Rhine Army pay our tribute. The "Sign of the Red Shield" stands for a real living practical christianity. *G. K.*

THE OFFICER'S CLUB IN COLOGNE.

BY A SENIOR OFFICER.

When the time arrives—and it is rapidly drawing near—for us to look back upon our stay with the Army of Occupation, and to renew our memory of these times, there will, I think, be one place to which our minds will often turn with especial pleasure. I mean the Officers' Club in the city. Here, surely, is a place which has meant more than most others to the British Officer during his stay in Cologne or the immediate neighbourhood.

What a list might be made of the many happy unions or re-unions which have taken place within those hospitable walls, which throughout those months have been made to enclose so much that is reminiscent of home and of British life at its best, where social intercourse, good fellowship and happiness have abounded.

It all seems so natural and so ready to hand that perhaps we hardly concern ourselves at all with the immense amount of organization and detailed work that goes to bring about the comfort and social pleasure that we so easily enjoy in the Club. But it would be ungrateful not to give a thought and a word of appreciation to those who have laboured to secure our comfort and enjoyment.

Those mystic letters, "N.A.C.B." stand and have stood for much throughout the war, and still they are full of meaning in these days of peace. For it is to the vast organization which these letters connote that we owe very much of our comfort and enjoyment. Of course, it is an offical organization. Granted, but our experience must have been limited if we have not yet found that official Boards and what they accomplish can either be good, bad or indifferent, according to the spirit which lies behind their working. It is when the spirit is right that the results are satisfactory. So then a word of congratulation for our own Club and all that it is doing and will yet do.

The difficulties of running such a Club in a foreign country, largely with native service, and with a financial rate of exchange which varies from day to day might well appal the most experienced Secretary of a West End London Club.

Yet here in Cologne these difficulties have been met and largely overcome, as the thousands of officers who use the Club can testify. For the Club is no small institution, but deals with large numbers, thousands of officers passing through it for longer or shorter periods every week. The mere matter of the food consumed within it every week, would, I fancy, startle the ordinary host or hostess. Yet all goes smoothly, and the complaints on this score must be few indeed, though its members know something of London Clubs and their amenities.

So then the Officers Club—here as in any another part of the area of occupation—may surely be counted as one of those things which has been tried and not found wanting. To-day it is giving comfort and pleasure to officers innumerable, not a few of whom will in the days that are to come look back with pleasure to the happiness they experienced in it, and perhaps think gratefully, too, of those, who by their consideration and thoughtful management have done and are still doing so much to make it a place of welcome and comfort.

BRIDGES.

The more accustomed to anything we become, the less significance it has for us. To most of us, the objects we see every day in our lives, become commonplace. We are apt, through our trait of taking things for granted, to lose or let pass unnoticed, some of the finer and more delicate shades of sentiment that lie hidden in almost everything. And sentiment makes life worth living.

How often do we give a real thought to the bridge that we cross so many times in a day's journey. Do we ever stop for a moment to think of a bridge as anything other than a public way? How many tragedies has the bridge witnessed. How many comedies has it seen. If only it could speak of scenes enacted upon it. What a tale it could tell of the intricacies weaved in the two spheres it connects.

A bridge is like a link in the great chain of the public highway. It may connect two ordinary thoroughfares, two towns, two counties or perhaps even two countries; but it is the only possible way over the gulf it spans. It is absolutely neutral, just as ready to give access to one side as to the other. A bridge is never unfair. It never refuses to one what it gives to another, yet it is a thing of vast importance, zealously guarded, if need be by the armed might of a nation.

From the early ages it has been, no matter where situated, a point of stragegical importance in war. After the greatest war in the world's history, the victors elect to hold the bridges.

Let us glance at the pageant that passes over the bridge. The average business man hurrying along to the office, thankful that there are no shops on the bridge where idlers might pause and so obstruct his path. The woman with a sad look upon her face, carrying a bundle, struggling cruelly it would seem against a hard world. The young maiden tripping gaily over the bridge to what? We do not know.

What of the battalion of soldiers that we see pass over in war time? Passing over may be to the great unknown, going happily along with never a thought as to whether they will ever recross the the bridge. Perhaps it's as well that they do not realise how symbolical is a bridge—the gateway for them to a greater world.

The bridge seems to impart a sense of security. An antidote for the wavering mind, a stimulus to the weak by its appearance of strength. One can scarcely realise it is the work of mere man.

It is a favourite meeting and parting place. How often has the faithful lover hurried to the bridge to meet the lady of his heart. They meet and depart together. Some hours later they return—the evening spent in each other's company—to say good bye. They linger a moment—and embrace, and they part. One over the bridge, the other stays for a moment, with a feeling that his companion has gone into another world.

With a sigh and one last look at the bridge, he turns homeward. *S. V. B.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

A BADGE WANTED.

Sir,—I have just read a letter over the initials "G.A." pleading for a distinctive badge to be worn by British civilians trading in Rhineland.

Has he not managed to gain any badge in the late war which he can wear to show his nationality? *J. R. D.*

BANDS IN OPEN SPACES.

Sir,—I do not agree with two of your correspondents on the subject of "Military Bands" playing before the public in Cologne.

The band of which I am a member, works very hard and plays every night, apart from Sunday.

One question, Sir, is it to be a paying engagement, or a voluntary one?

BAND SERGT.

RISE AND FALL.

Sir,—No one, who has seen the Cologne Suspension Bridge, can have failed to notice the ingenious method adopted by the German engineers in order to compensate for the stresses set up in the structure by changes of temperature. I refer to the knuckle joints between the piers and the supporting towers.

When crossing the bridge, I noticed the camber of the roadway appeared to be higher than normal. Assuming that this might be due to an optical illusion, I proceeded to the Hohenzollern Bridge, when I noticed that the towers supporting the chains were about 5 degrees from the vertical; the one on the Deutz side leaning to the East, and the one on the Cologne side to the West.

The bearings were taking by using two of the vertical stanchions of the Hohenzollern Bridge as sights. Two photographs of the Suspension Bridge both taken from a carefully marked position on the Hohenzollern Bridge—one being exposed in the early morning, and the other in the heat of the day—do not coincide when superimposed, and the difference is quite astonishing.

The writer would be interested to learn the maximum deviation observed by some less rough-and-ready method than the one adopted by

"PONTUS."

THE R.A.D.C.

Sir,—Referring to "Thespian's" letter everyone will agree that punctuality is, at all times an excellent asset but no doubt in this particular instance there are difficulties of which we have no knowledge.

Personally, I find an evening's entertainment such as this Company gives us, food enough in itself. *N. C. O.*

THE FUTURE OF THE OFFICER.

Sir,—I have read a great deal from time to time about demobilization, but never a word from an officer of the Rhine Army asking what is going to become of him under the new reduction scheme.

I have spoken to a large number on the subject and not one has a plan of campaign for the time when he will inevitably be informed that his services as an officer are no longer required.

Is there any opening for the young officer who has great military ambitions? I am not an egotist but I do feel that my profession is soldiering. I do not want to be demobilized, and there are many thousands who do not either because they have nothing to look forward to. Are they ashamed to speak up?

ERASMUS.

WHAT BOOKS TO READ.

Sir,—Like your correspondent "Commercial Teacher" I have been interested in the selections of books given, and I also cannot understand why modern authors appear to be so neglected. However, I cannot agree that he gives a representative selection. To my mind, it is a far cry from Oscar Wilde to Ralph Connor, for instance.

A better average list, in my opinion, would be "The Angel of Pain," "Paul" and "Sheaves," E. F. Benson "The Hill," H. A. Vachell "Four Feathers," A. E. W. Mason "The Dop Doctor," "The Man of Iron," Richard Dehan "The Call of the Blood," "Garden of Allah," R. S. Hichens "Broad Highway", "Amateur Gentleman," Jeffrey Farnol and "Sinister Street," Compton Mackenzie. *F. W. E.*

AN APPEAL FOR HARMONY.

Sir,—It was with regret that I read "Nonconformist's" letter, as it seems so unnecessary that one interested in public worship as he appears to be should trouble to write a criticism of that nature.

As our preference for a liturgical or non-liturgical service may largely be produced by temperament, education, upbringing and other circumstances of life, if we must print our views would it not be better to write on points of harmony and agreement?

While those worshipping in the Garrison Church are happy in their service, they undoubtedly would be pleased to know that their Nonconformist comrades are happy in theirs and would prefer to think that the views expressed by "Nonconformist" are his personal views, and not those of the whole body of their Nonconformist friends.

ENGLISH CIVILIAN.

(This correspondence is now closed. Ed.)

SANS CIGARETTE.

When work is o'er and we have leisure.
Turn our thoughts to things of pleasure.
A glass of wine, a yarn well said.
A chat perhaps on books you've read.
An evening with a fair coquette,
But now, alas, sans cigarette.

Perhaps you're tired and sore and galled,
The route march halt is not yet called.
Another mile, or two, or three
And then hurrah! we shall be free
And off with pack and down we'll get
And smoke — in dreams — sans cigarette.

A time will come, I hope quite soon,
When we can purchase of the boon
Sir Walter Raleigh brought to light,
That gave to man such huge delight.
Our Canteen Stores will stock them yet.
My Siren sweet — my cigarette.

A. W. B.

"R. B.'s" MEMORABLE DAY.

Combined Brigade Celebration of Regimental Birthday.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The 25th August is the most memorable day in the history of the Rifle Brigade, for, since 1800, this date has been recognised and observed as the "Regimental-Birthday." Fortunately for the 51st, 52nd, and 53rd Battalion, which compose the 3rd Light Brigade, it was possible to organise a combined celebration of this year's anniversary, and favoured by brilliant weather and other pleasing conditions, the occasion was marked by unqualified success.

A sports-programme as comprehensive as it was interesting was organised and carried through in an excellent manner, thanks to the efforts of the committee and officials who were untiring in their efforts to promote the success of the occasion. That these efforts were keenly appreciated by both competitors and spectators was evidenced by the enthusiasm and applause which marked the various events. Every item in the lengthy programme was productive of good sport, while mirth was by no means lacking.

It was truly a Rifleman's holiday, carried out in the real spirit of the 95th Regiment.

A "Red Letter Day."

Excellent music was rendered by the band; meals were served al fresco, and everything combined to make the day a red letter one to those who participated in the proceedings.

The proceedings were graced by the presence of a considerable number of guests representing all branches and arms of the service, noticeable amongst whom was Lieut.-General Sir C. W. Jacob, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Commanding II Corps. At the conclusion of the programme Mrs. Kennedy, wife of Brig.-General H. B. Kennedy, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 3rd Light Brigade, kindly presented the prizes to the successful competitors.

The Officials.

The whole of the arrangements was in the experienced hands of the following committee and officials:—

Committee:—Lieut.-Col. W. W. Seymour; Lieut.-Col. E. P. A. Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Lieut.-Col. C. Seymour, D.S.O.; Major G. W. Liddell, D.S.O.; Major M. G. N. Stopford, M.C.; Capt. R. Brickwood, D.S.O.; Lieut. L. L. Gooch, M.C.; Lieut. B. M. Steger; Lieut. B. M. Hall, M.C.; R.S.M. 51st Bn.; R.S.M. 52nd Bn.; R.S.M. 53rd Bn.

Judges:—Lieut.-Col. C. Seymour, D.S.O.; Major J. W. Liddell, D.S.O.; Major M. Stopford, M.C.; Capt. R. Brickwood, D.S.O.; Capt. C. T. Holt; Capt. A. Mase; Lieut. Heath Brown; Lieut. J. Walker, M.C.; Lieut. P. Goodson; R.S.M. Goode M.M.; R.Q.M.S. Gapp; C.S.M. Holland; C.Q.M.S. Collins; C.Q.M.S. Voose.

Starters:—Lieut.-Col. J. H. Tyie; Capt. F. A. Hawkins, M.C.; Lieut. W. E. Lea; Lieut. J. P. Davidson, M.C.; Lieut. G. B. Everest; 2/Lieut. E. Kitching.

Recorders:—Ord. Room Sergeant 51st Battalion. Ord. Room Sergeant 52nd Battalion, Ord. Room Sergeant 53rd Battalion.

Stewards:—Q.M.S. Huckstep; R.Q.M.S. Blanchard; C.S.M. Boland.

A programme of music was rendered by the splendid band of the 18th K.R.R.C. under the able conductorship of Band Sergeant J. B. Robbins.

THE RESULTS.

The following are the results of the sports events:—

Apple and bucket race (final):—1, L/Cpl. Bennett, 53rd Bn.; 2, L/Cpl. Scott, 52 Bn.; 3, Rfn. Salter, 53rd Bn.

100 yards:—1, Cpl. Dowsett, 52nd Bn.; 2, Sergt. Putsey, 53rd Bn.; 3, Sergt. White, 52nd Bn.

Sergt's. tug-of-war:—1, 51st Bn.; 2, 53rd. Bn. Cpl. and Rfn. tug-of-war:—1, 53rd Bn.; 2, 51st Bn.

Wrestling on mules:—1, 53rd Bn.; 2, 51st Bn.

Four legged race:—1, L/Cpl. Keen, Cpl. Geliott, and Rfn. Mountford, all of 52nd Bn.; 2, L/Cpl. Hill, L/Cp. Boylett, and Rfn. Elen, all of 52nd Bn.; 3, Sergt Black-haw, Sergt. Barker, and Sergt. Higgins, all of 53rd Bn.

High jump:—1, Rfn. Cozens-Walker, 51st Bn.; 4 ft 5 ins.; 2, Rfn. Giles, 53rd Bn., 4 ft 4 ins.; 3, Cpl. Gerrard, 51st Bn.

Tug-of-war on mules:—1. 53rd Bn.; 2, 51st Bn.

Officers ride and drive:—1, Lieut. Pidsley, 53rd Bn.; 2, Capt. Brickwood, 51st Bn.

Long jump:—1, Rfn. Tilley, 52nd Bn., 19 ft.; 2, Sergt. Pales, 52nd Bn., 18 ft.; 3, Sergt. White, 52nd Bn., 17 ft 10 ins.

Sack race:—1, Rfn. Newton, 52nd Bn.; 2, Sergt. Lawrie, 51st Bn.; 3, L/Cpl. Keen, 52nd Bn.

Inter-Coy. relay race:—1, "A" Coy. (Capt. Steward) 52nd Bn.; 2, "C" Coy. (Capt. Harrison) 52nd Bn.; 3, Capt. Morris, 53rd Bn.

880 yards:—1, Rfn. Cozens-Hardy, 51st Bn.; 2, Sergt. Murphy, 51st Bn.; 3, Sergt. White, 52nd Bn.

Bun and treacle race:—1, Rfn. Webb, 51st Bn.; 2, Cpl. Gerrard, 51st Bn.; 3, Rfn. Campbell, 53rd Bn.

Veteran's race:—1, C. S. M. Sawyer, 52nd Bn.; 2, Sergt. Young, 53rd Bn.; 3, Sergt. Wright, 53rd Bn.

Boot race:—1, Cpl. Miller, 52nd Bn.; 2, Cpl. Ehret, 52nd Bn.; 3, L/Cpl. Bennett, 53rd Bn.

One mile race:—1, Rfn. Gordon, 52nd Bn.; 2, Rfn. Richards, 51st Bn.; 3, Rfn. Giles, 53rd Bn.

Officer's tug-of-war:—1, 51st Bn.; 2, 52nd Bn.

440 yards:—1, Rfn. Tilley, 52nd Bn.; 2, Cpl. Dowsett, 52nd Bn.; 3, Sergt. Pales, 52nd Bn.

Inter-Battalions Riflemens' relay race:—1, 52nd Bn.; 2, 51st Bn.

One mile open:—1, Rfn. Banham, 18th K.R.R.C.; 2, Lieut. Wales, 51st. Bn., R.B.; 3, L/Cpl. Keen, 9th London Regt.; 4, Sergt. Freed, 15 K.R.R.C.

Obstacle race:—1, Sergt. Richards, 51st Bn.; 2, Rfn. Cooley, 52nd Bn.; 3, Rfn. Chivers, 52nd Bn.; 4, Sergt. Murphy, 51st Bn.

Band race:—1, Rfn. Hanslow, 18th K.R.R.C.; 2, Rfn. Evans, 18th K.R.R.C.; 3, Rfn. Blinkhorn, 18th K.R.R.C.

Inter-Battalion H.Q. relay race:—1, 53rd Bn (Lieut.-Col. W. W. Seymour) 2, 52nd Bn. (Lieut.-Col. E. P. A. Riddle, C.M.G., D.S.O.)

A Return Match.

The replay of the football match between the Married and Single R.A.M.C. of 42nd Stationary Hospital took place on Tuesday, and resulted in a win for the Married, by one goal to nil.

Race Meeting Train Arrangements.

On Saturday, 30th. inst. train No. 5110 which leaves Cologne Main Station at 21.50 will run in duplicate for Euskirchen. This is on account of the Race Meeting that afternoon.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Friday, August 29, 1919.

Wind Southerly, increasing to 15 or 20 m.p.h., and becoming squally. Becoming cloudy with some rain later. Visibility fair.

TO-MORROW'S RACES.

"I Know's" Selections for Cologne, 2nd August Meeting.

THE DAY'S BEST THING.

We publish below the comments and selections of a correspondent for the Cologne 2nd August race meeting, taking place at Merheim, to-morrow. He says:—

Kilbay

ran very well when he was a good second to John Cording at the recent Cavalry Division meeting, "Late Report" and "Naboth" finishing behind him. Now that "Uffly" has lost his maiden certificate and therefore cannot run, his change amongst the poor lot entered for the 1st Division Maiden Steeplechase is obvious.

Double Ruff

engaged in the 2nd Division Maiden Steeplechase, was up against some hot stuff when finishing third to "Ugly" and "Remember Me" last Saturday, and, as the latter waits for her engagement at Crefeld on Sunday, I strongly recommend the support of my selected.

Girl o' Girls.

The distance (5 furlongs) of the 1st Division of the Moderate Plate will just suit this speedy pony. She was well there at this distance last Saturday, when she failed to stay the 7 furlongs with "Polly Dear" and "Dark Prince." At the previous meeting, August 5th, she put up a good enough performance to win this race, when finishing third in a big field to "Pop" and "Sprint" in the Niehl Stakes. I take "Byron" as the danger and good for a place.

Dark Prince

in the 2nd Div. of the Moderate Plate must have a great chance after his good second to "Polly Dear" last Saturday, and as "Girl o' Girls" finished about four lengths behind him, readers will be able to judge for themselves after he has run in the 1st Div. of this race. The danger is "Polly Dear" who will be giving "Dark Prince" 12lbs.

Iron Gate

in the International Steeplechase has certainly been treated very nicely by the Handicappers, and such animals as "Rednal" "Naboth," "Firefly II," "Yes Uncle," "Phreya," "Clutha," and "Lady Betty" might as well remain in their stables, for all the chance they have of beating him. I look upon this as the best thing of the day, the only danger being "Golden Sunset" if a strong jockey is up.

Mascot

who will put up 211bs for his successes looks to even then have the Merheim Stakes at his mercy. I can see no danger to this good horse.

Winamere

is more suited to obstacles than flat, and looks to have a great chance in the Allied Hurdles. With "Remember Me" and "Ugly" out of the way he should win.

Sahib

in the Rhine St. Leger is one of our best stayers, and he will find some of the better class horses declining this contest; "Boy o' Boys," "Patrick," "Winamere," "Phreya," and "Geraldine" are also not likely to compete, having more tempting engagements. I therefore expect him to win this race, and take "Digby Grand" for a place.

"I KNOW"

"A" BATTERY FAREWELL.

Lieut. W. W. Brown Feted: A Popular Officer.

By kind permission of the O.C., Major C. R. Rickeard, R.F.A., who together with Lieut.-Col. G. L. Walker R.F.A., the Brigade Commander, acted as judges, a race meeting was held on Monday at Kirchherten by "A" Battery, 51st Brigade R.F.A., in honour of Lieut. W. W. Brown, M.C., R.F.A., who is shortly returning to civil life.

This was followed by an excellent concert, the Battery talent being ably augmented by Capt. Harvey of the Lowland Div. Sig. Coy. R.E., Lieut. A. Rawson, M.C., and Lieut. Murchie, M.C., of the 3rd Lowland T.M. Bde., and Lieut. Hill and Sergt. Hayter of the Lowland D.A.C.

Lieut. Brown has been with A/51 since January 1918, and has won the esteem of both officers and men, not only by reason of his excellent qualities as an officer, but also by his untiring efforts in organising sports and amusements for the Battery during the time he has been with them.

The well merited popularity which he enjoys was amply expressed by the vociferous applause which greeted his appearance on the stage when Major C. R. Rickeard presented him, on behalf of the officers and men of the Battery, with a handsome gold watch as a token of their appreciation, and in a few well chosen words assured him of the heart felt wishes of all for his future success.

"COLOGNE POST" CUP.

Particulars of Matches In Eliminating Round.

NEW ARRANGEMENTS.

In order to accommodate all the teams contesting in the eliminating round of "The Cologne Post" Cup Competition, the following new arrangements have been made. All matches will now be played on the **7 Squadron R.A.F. Ground, Exercier Platz, Mülheim, Cologne.** To get there take the Berg.-Gladbach tram, from Hohenzollern Bridge (by Main Station) Cologne, which runs within 100 yards of the ground. Contesting teams will, of course, make their own arrangements for reaching the ground. The matches will be played on three consecutive days (as under) to enable enthusiasts to see all the games. These are the details:—

Saturday, 30th August.

174 Siege Battery v Lowland Div. M.T. Coy.

Sunday, 31st August.

D Corps Siege Park v 93 Bde R.C.A.

Monday, 1st September.

17th Lancers v 13th Kings L'pool Regt.

All matches start at 2 p.m. Neutral umpires, chosen by the Sports Editor, "Cologne Post," will officiate.

DEAUVILLE DAVIS CUP.

British Representatives In Poor Form On Opening Days.

The whole of fashionable Deauville flocked to the lawn tennis courts to witness the opening match of the Davis Cup on hard courts between France and England. The eager spectators were fully rewarded by an exhibition of clever play when Mr. P. M. Davson, the British covered courts champion, met M. André Gobert, champion of the world on hard courts, in the first match.

The first set was limited to long duels from the base line and ultimately fell to M. Gobert at 7—5. In the second set Mr. Davson started brilliantly, capturing the first two games, but he was soon overtaken by M. Gobert, who obtained a lead of 5—3. M. Gobert successfully killed Mr. Davson's lobs and was serving and volleying magnificently. He won the second at 6—4.

In the third set Mr. Davson played very carefully and cleverly, making some splendid passing shots, and won 6—4.

Davis Lawn Tennis Cup.—Singles: M. Gobert (France) beat Mr. P. M. Davson (British Isles), 7—5, 6—4, 4—6, 6—4.

British Doubles Defeat.

On the second day the British Isles team showed no improvement. In the first set the Frenchmen won 6-love, a feature of the play being Gobert's excellent service. The set lasted only a quarter of an hour. The British pair succeeded in winning the first game of the second set, but it was the only game to fall to them, the French team winning by 6—1 without effort. The third set was more evenly contested, but again the French won by 12—10. The British were represented by Barrett and Turnbull, while Gobert and Laurentz played for France. Barrett played well but received little support from his partner.

There was a larger attendance than on the previous day but the weather was not favourable; rain delayed the match for three quarters of an hour and it was very windy.

SERGEANTS' SPOON SHOOT.

The members of G.H.Q. No. 1 Sergeants Mess Rifle Club held their second spoon shoot on the Merheim Ranges on Saturday last. After an exciting competition, the spoon was won by Sergt.-Major Coop, Loyal North Lancs., of the School of Cookery.

The next spoon shoot will take place on Saturday next, and a bus will leave No. 1 G.H.Q. Sergeants Mess at 1.30 p.m. prompt. Tea will be provided on the Ranges. The Club will welcome any sergeants or higher ranks stationed in Cologne to join them, and those intending to compete should notify the secretary not later than 2 p.m. on Friday.

POLO TOURNAMENT.

Owing to the scratching of the Dragoon Bde. team in the Handicap Tournament, the matches to-day will be as follows:—

3 p.m.:—Final Inter-Regt. Tournament, 17th Lancers v Royal Dragoons.

4 p.m. Semi-Final Handicap Tournament: General Haig's team v 12th Lancers.

A Boxing Challenge.

L/Cpl. Corbett of No. 3 Coy. R.A.S.C., Lancashire Divisional Train, is open to box anyone in the Rhine Army at 10st. 10lbs. If this challenge is not accepted by October 1st., Corbett will claim the 10st. 10lbs. Rhine Army championship.

NARROW VICTORY.

12th R.I.R.'s Win 2nd Light Bde. Sports Cup.

C.O. CHAIRED.

The exciting struggle for the possession of the 2nd Light Brigade Sports Cup, presented for competition by Brig.-General R.A.M. Currie, C.M.G., D.S.O., was concluded last week when the 12th Batn Royal Irish Rifles won the trophy by the narrow margin of 4½ points.

The boxing contests took place at on open air ring at Haan on the 18th inst., and were witnessed by a large crowd, who lined the slopes of the natural amphitheatre.

The officials were as follows:—

Referee:—Major Colvin, V.C., A.G.S.

Judges:—Capt. Brown, A.G.S., and Capt. Mc Sween, A.G.S.

Timekeeper:—Lieut. Gilmore.

Steward:—Capt. Elliott, M.C.

M.C.:—Lieut. Scott, M.C.

The details of results are appended:—

Team Competition.

Bantams:—Rfn. Debuse (6th London Regt.)

Feather-weight:—Rfn. Skitten (6th London Regt.)

Light-weights:—Rfn. Colley (9th London Regt.)

Welter-weights (Officers):—Lieut. Scott, M.C. (12th R.I.R.)

Welter-weights (O.R.):—Rfn. Sinclair (9th London Regt.)

Middle-weights (Officers):—Lt. Kimber (6th London Regt.).

Middleweights (O.R.):—C.S.M. Bunkell (6th London Regt.).

Catch-weights:—Rfn. McCollough (12th R.I.R.).

Novices.

Feather-weights:—Cpl. McCarthy (12th R.I.R.).

Light-weights:—Rfn. Hodges (9th London Regt.).

Welter-weights:—Sgt. Hull (12th R.I.R.).

Middle-weights:—Sgt. Hull (12th R.I.R.).

At the conclusion of the boxing, Brig.-Gen. R. A. M. Currie, C.M.G., D.S.O., in a fitting speech thanked the officials for their services and then presented medals to the successful competitors.

The final stages were reached on the 20th inst., when the basket ball matches and the cross country run were decided. It should be stated that the athletic events had been run off a week earlier as previously reported in "The Cologne Post."

The venue for these events was the sports ground at Wald.

The Basket Ball.

The basket ball matches played in the morning proved very interesting.

The results were:—

12th R.I.R. beat 9th London Regt. 4 pts.—2 pts.

12th R.I.R. beat 6th London Regt. 7 pts.—2 pts.

9th London Regt. beat 6th London Regt. 4 pts.—2 pts.

The order of merit thus was:—

1. 12th R.I.R.
2. 9th London Regt.
3. 6th London Regt.

The cross country run took place in the evening over a very hard course of 4¼ miles. Each Battalion placed 20 starters in the field and points were awarded for first men home and also for a team of fifteen starters according to the time within which they finished. Sergt. Green of the 9th London Regt. was first man home, having run a beautiful race. He was closely followed by L/Cpl. Cotmore of the 12th R.I.R. The points gained by the teams were:—

9th London Regt.	5 points
12th R.I.R.	2 points
6th London Regt.	1 point.

By 4½ points.

At the conclusion the officials retired to summarise the events and there was an atmosphere of suppressed excitement when they returned to the score board. When the final figures were disclosed they showed that the 12th R.I.R. had won the Cup by the narrow margin of 4½ points, the figures being:—

12th R.I.R.	72 points
9th London Regt.	67½ points
6th London Regt.	43 points.

Brig.-General R. A. M. Currie, C. M. G., D.S.O., after bestowing praise on all units for making the competition such a pronounced success, then presented the Cup to Lieut.-Col. W. R. Goodwin, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding the 12th R.I.R., who was "chaired" from the enclosure, amidst great enthusiasm and vociferous cheering.

In conclusion mention should be made of the untiring energy of the Committee, and especially of Capt. G. Whittuck, M.C., Brigade-Major, for making the competition such an unprecedented success.

KEERIL'S "HAT TRICK."

Cav. Div. H.Q. v. 1st Field Sq., R.E.

The above friendly match was played at Quadrath, on Wednesday, and resulted in a win for Cav. Div. H.Q. by 39 runs. For the winners Cpl. Adams played a fine innings of 40 runs and also took 4 wickets for 15 runs. Sergt. Keeril took 6 wickets for 16 runs, 4 with successive balls. For the losers, Spr. Smith played a merry innings of 19 runs.

This was the Cav. Div. H.Q.'s last match and they thus end a highly successful season having won 25 matches, drawn 1, and lost 7.

MAGNIFICENT FINISH.

Race Rock Wins The Ebor Handicap.

YORK DETAILS.

The feature of the York Meeting on Wednesday was the Ebor Handicap.

John Jacket's jockey had orders to force the pace and he tried to make all the running. Queen's Square kept within hail until half the distance was covered when weight began to tell and it was soon apparent she would not win. John Jacket increased his lead, but Race Rock and Wildwood challenged and one of the most magnificent finishes in the history of the race was seen, three fighting out a head to head finish. Race Rock got the best of it by a short head from Wildwood. John Jacket was beaten by a head for the second place.

Results:—

Falmouth Handicap:—1, Laugh (2—1); 2, Fairy Lantern (20—1); 3, Lady Craigie (5—1).

Loudesboro Handicap:—1, Anelida (6—1); 2, Bideton (7—2); 3, Sauntering Queen (20—1).

Rous Selling Plate:—1, Anthony (4—1); 2, Calatafimi (5—4) on; 3, S. abienne (20—1).

Ebor Handicap:—1, Race Rock (100—7); 2, Wildwood (10—1); 3, John Jacket (6—1). Nine ran.

Convivial Produce Stakes:—1, Desloni (100—6); 2, Little Boy (9—4); 3, La Dauphine (6—1).

Clifton Plate:—1, Land Girl (5—1); 2, Danide (2—1); 3, Little Cell (7—2).

Duke of York Stakes:—1, Flying Squadron (4—1); 2, Carapace (7—1); 3, Roseway (9—4 on).

A PLUCKY LOSER.

Attwood (Canada) defeats Carter (America) on Points.

At the Ring, Joe Attwood, of Canada, met Kid Carter, of America. Attwood secured the verdict at the end of twenty rounds. Carter was the more accurate and the faster at long range early on, but close in the Canadian was the stronger and more effective. Carter was very properly spoken to for holding with the left early in the third session, and later executed a splendidly forceful "corkscrew" left to the short ribs that made Attwood wince, though the last-named was fighting fast and scoring well at the bell. Carter fell back into the habit of thrusting his left under his adversary's right armpit, putting himself at a disadvantage thereby against an aggressive two-handed inside fighter, and well punished for his transgression in the fourth bout, was showing colour at the mouth at the end of the sixth. The American travelled better from the seventh call, but by the tenth meeting Attwood was getting the right over nicely, and half-way held a decided lead. Carter's mouth was in bad shape from the twelfth round, but he went the distance and kept Attwood working hard. There was a deal of clinching, especially during the concluding sessions, but the crowd voiced its appreciation of the loser's pluck and endurance in very hearty fashion.

A TAIL THAT FAILED.

Eight Wickets Fall For Five Runs At Bonn.

On the Hofgarten, Bonn on Saturday, the 121st Heavy Battery R.G.A. played a remarkable game with 10th Corps Hqrs. Batting first, the Heavies lost 8 wickets for 55 runs but the tail wagged merrily and the total reached 152. Dvr. Eyre hit freely for 46 not out while Gnr. Gadsden (22) and Bdr. Harfield (14) helped considerably. Corps. Hqrs started brilliantly, the first wicket falling at 62, Pte. Hargreaves (31) and Sergt. Watkins (29) being well set, when Capt. Deacon bowled the latter with a good ball. The remainder of the side collapsed badly, eight batsmen only scoring 5 runs between them, Staff-Sergt. Davidge (34) being the only other player to reach double figures. His innings was the best of the day. The side was dismissed for 101, the Heavies thus winning comfortably.

"ONE TOO MANY."

Following on this success "One too many" as the Bty. are nicknamed, played the rest of 29th Brigade R.G.A. on Monday at the Hofgarten. Batting first again on a beautiful pitch, runs came freely and with the score at 155 for 5 wickets the innings was declared closed. Bdr. Whiteley (35) and Dvr. Eyre (29) were top scores. The rest were disposed of for 69, Bdr. Harfield (3 for 23) and Sergt. Banks (6 for 31) bowling unchanged.

GOLF—LADIES V. GENTLEMEN.

The following side will play for the Ladies against the Gentlemen at Stoke Poges on September 30:—

Miss Cecil Leitch, Mrs. Temple Dobell, Mrs. Alan Macbeth, Miss Janet Jackson, Mrs. O. Hambro, Miss May Leitch, Miss L. Barry, and Miss D. Chambers.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

The "Crumps" Comedian.

Cpl. Billy Coole, the comedian of the "Crumps" concert party, well known on the variety stage as "Billie Owen" is shortly being "demobbed". There are many who have enjoyed his spontaneous wit and humour, and will be sorry to lose this genuine fun-maker.

A Fine Ventriloquist.

I hear that Bdr. W. Pawson the ventriloquist of the "Owlers," the concert party of the 79th Bde. R.G.A., intends to return to the boards when he gets to England. During the war he was the "bhoy" of 217 Siege Bty., R.G.A., and on the termination of hostilities he became the leading turn in the "Bundhooks," the III Corps Heavy Artillery Concert Party. While with them in January of this year he made a distinct hit in Brussels when he appeared at the Gaiety Theatre, and showed something of his capabilities under really favourable circumstances. Since Pawson has been in Rhineland he has easily sustained the splendid reputation previously established. At any rate, all "old boys" of 217 Siege Bty. will always be ready to give him a hearty cheer wherever he may appear.

Good Bye "The Owlers."

Many will regret to learn that "The Owlers," the concert party of the 79th Bde. R.G.A. is breaking up, and after next week will be no more. They gave what is likely to be their last show as a party at Stotzheim on Monday evening before a packed house. During their brief existence they have been most successful and have probably made the biggest tour of any party in Rhineland, as well as having raised several thousands of marks for the sports and recreational funds of the 79th Brigade. The party has worked very hard and has been able to put in very varied programmes, as is evidenced by the fact that their published repertoire contains somewhere about 200 different items. The members of the party are Messrs B. Broome (baritone). G. Corner (elocutionist), Harry Davison (comedian), Gus. Evans (pianist), F. Litchfield (character actor), A. Nelson ("Alice"), E. A. Oxberry (vocalist), G. T. Palin ("Esme"), A. Panter (pianist), W. Pawson (ventriloquist), J. Tatcher (speciality dancer) and O. Walker (tenor).

Brilliant Fancy Dress Function.

The fancy dress dance of the season at the B.E.L.C. started on Wednesday night in broad daylight and the costume were more brilliant and varied than one could possibly imagine, even in an Arabian Night's Dream. It was an international affair and one might have suspected "fraternization." One saw Red Indians, Chinese, Spaniards, Japs and German officials and civilians. The latter were very true to life but the speech was entirely "Englisch." Apologising to a handsomely dressed lady, because she trod on my toes, I was surprised at being greeted, in an obviously masculine voice, with "all right Cocky"; it was all excellent and one wonders how, away from London, the remarkably good costumes could be obtained. The stage was quite dazzling with the masqued Jazz Band arrayed in all the colours of the Allied flags. Their special programme of music was encored again and again — the "hee haw" of the donkey and the shrill note of the torpedo-pleifer with an occasional cock-a-doodle-doo from the cock were amongst the most entrancing of the jazz effects, which were much appreciated by the whirling dancers. As the daylight waned, red glow worms shone from the roof, and as the night grew darker, the scene in the hall became more and more brilliant until the hall was flooded with streams of rosy light.

Many humourous characters.

Amongst the most amusing of the many humorous characters was the blind beggar with his organ, who played in the middle of the floor and was showered with pennies and "backsheesh" from the packed gallery. Two Charlie Chaplins vied with each other in keeping the hall amused — the real Charlie Chaplin was excellent with mannerisms complete and hailed from near the neutral zone. Other costumes worthy of note were the Crusader who must have stepped straight out of Scott's "Ivanhoe," and Chanticleer fresh from Rostand's poetic play. "Black and White" took the palm for the most finished costume, the medial division being made with mathematical accuracy. There were cowboys, Red Indians and pierrots in profusion, while it was difficult to judge among the ladies of the W.R.A.F's who had the best dress. Last but not least we must mention the M.C's., Corporal Heather in a charming jester's costume, while Bombardier Taylor was a graceful figure in XVIII Century dress, and Sgt. Major Felgate wore present day dress. The only regret was that so many men were unable to see the brilliant spectacle as the space of the gallery was inadequate for the number of those who came to look on.

JACQUES.

U.S. TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Britisher's Success: Australian's Patriotic Action.

In the preliminary round of the Singles Lawn Tennis Championship of the United States on Tuesday, Major Harran, Great Britain, defeated Mr. Richey. R. Lycett and G. L. Patterson, both Australia, were drawn to play each other, but Lycett scratched rather than prevent a fellow countryman from competing for the championship.

CREFELD RACES.

Ideal Sport Promised For Sunday's Meeting.

Those who were fortunate enough to be present at the Crefeld July meeting will need no persuasion to visit the well-known German racecourse on Sunday for the Inter-Allied Hunting Races. There is every promise of racing of a very high standard and sport even excelling in character that of the last meeting is anticipated.

Special trains will run as follows:—

From Aachen 9.20 a.m. arr. Crefeld 11.24 a.m.
From Crefeld 8.06 p.m. arr. Aachen 11.29 p.m.
From Cologne 10.00 a.m. arr. Crefeld 11.39 a.m.
From Crefeld 8.00 p.m. arr. Cologne 9.43 p.m.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

107 Winning Mounts.

Donoghue has ridden 107 winning mounts this season. Carslake is second on the list with 73.

Olympia Advance Sales.

For Olympia on Sept. 2 the advance sales were £1,000 in excess of those for the Wilde-Moore match.

Hill the Sprinter.

It seems to have escaped notice that W.A. Hill, the well-known sprint champion, played for Crystal Palace during the war. He will assist Bromley.

G. Gunn For S. Africa.

George Gunn, of Notts, has accepted a winter engagement at Cape Town. Hobbs was offered the post, but owing to business could not accept it.

Roman Bachelor.

The smart Irish two-year-old, Roman Bachelor, the property of Mr. N. Baring, has joined Linton's team at Newmarket to be trained. The colt is engaged in the Palatine Nursery, to be run at Manchester next week.

Benefit for James Seymour.

The Kent County Cricket Club Committee have decided to allot one of the matches in next season's Canterbury week as a benefit to James Seymour, who since 1902 has been one of their leading professional batsmen.

Great Expectations.

Great things are expected of Newport County, who enter the First Division of the Southern League for the first time.

Hole in One.

Mrs. J.E. Roberts, playing in a four-ball golf match at Heswall, did the third hole (158 yards) in one stroke.

Lot Jones Moving.

Lot Jones, the famous Manchester United forward, has signed on for Southend United.

Two Styles.

In building up his highest score in county cricket, Sutcliffe showed two distinct styles. At times he was slow; at others he lashed out like a Jessop.

After 18 Years.

Eighteen years have elapsed since county cricket was last played on the Clifton College ground—the scene of so many Gloucestershire triumphs in the '70's and '80's.

International Shooting.

The American Small-bore Rifle Team, shooting at Caldwell (New Jersey) defeated a British team, shooting in England, by 7,617 points against 7,523, the twenty men of the British team averaging 376 points out of a possible 400, as against the American average of 380.

Kent XI Dinner.

Lord Harris this week entertained the Kent eleven to dinner at the Grand Hotel, Dover.

Polytechnic's New Players.

The Polytechnic Club have already elected 100 members for this football season. Ninety-five of this number are new men.

Death of Mr. H. Turner.

The death occurred this week of Mr. Henry Turner, the secretary of the Notts County Cricket Club. He was seventy-six years of age and had held the post for more than twenty years.

Newcastle's Forwards.

The new forward line of Newcastle United will probably include three dark horses—Robinson, of Scotswood. Hagan, of Washington, and Wilson, of Leadgate. The experiment may be a success, but what a change for a side that has always been noted for star performers!

Golf "Skyers."

I believe in hitting the ball up. You can control that shot, and it is interesting to learn that Master Jones believes in it. The only other American amateur of note I have seen who practises it is Mr. "Chick" Evans, and he is the best player from the States that we have seen so far in Britain.—*Harry Vardon.*

Notts Fast Bowler.

Barratt, the Notts fast bowler, has accepted an engagement with Rawtenstall, Lancashire League club, for next season.

Like Nursery Rhyme Girl.

York is a delightful meeting in fine weather and vice versa. It may be compared to the girl in the nursery rhyme who was either very good or horrid.

Bat and Ball Groundman.

George Collins, the fast bowler who has played this season for Kent, has been appointed groundman at the Bat and Ball ground, Gravesend.

Polo in Ireland.

As the Irish county polo clubs have not restarted play yet there will be no contest this season for the Irish County Cup, of which County Kildare are the holders.

South of England v. "Aussies."

The following side has been selected to represent the South of England against the Australians at Portsmouth on September 4, 5, and 6: Hon. L.H. Tennyson (Hampshire) (captain), J.C. White (Somerset), N.J. Holloway (Sussex), G.C. Harrison (Hampshire), T.O. Jameson (Hampshire), Woolley (Kent), Lee (Middlesex), Strudwick (Surrey), Relf (A. E.) (Sussex), Mead (Hampshire), and Brown (Hampshire).

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

A Concession.

The wives and families of officers and other ranks of the Army of the Rhine may purchase goods from all retail canteens of N.A.C.B. The "Coupon Book" authorising the issue of rations on repayment will be produced for inspection when making purchases, and the transaction will be limited to the quantities actually required for consumption of the family concerned. This concession is made subject to the supply for the troops remaining unaffected.

Their Chance.

Many more or less obscure commercial hotels and wine houses in Cologne have made little fortunes for their proprietors during the war. In the good old peace days one would not see more than half a dozen commercial travellers sitting in the places — and then they drank wine by the glass, not the bottle, in spite of the extraordinarily low price of pre-war wine. Business men, however, soon found that these quiet restaurants were the only places where a good meal could be obtained and thereby acquired the eating-out habit that also became a war cult in England.

A Courageous Act.

The Commander-in Chief has expressed his appreciation of the following act of courage:— On August 3rd, a pair-horse wagon in charge of Pte. C. G. Mitchell, R.A.M.C., was standing at Heumar Railhead, when an incoming train caused the horses to take fright and bolt. Pte. Mitchell seized hold of their heads, and held on at great risk to himself. Pte. S. J. Newton, 23rd Royal Fusiliers, sprang towards the horses when they were galloping and held on to the neck of one for a distance of 500 yards. At the time of this occurrence there was other transport on the road, and an accident was averted through the pluck and coolness of the two men.

Why not Queue?

The protest of an officer at the unseemly scramble for a place at the counter at Messrs. Cox's bank has drawn much correspondence on similar lines from officers and men. With the rise in the value of the mark there is naturally not the volume of business as was the case last week, but there is still the necessity for a queue on Saturday mornings in particular, or on those days when there is some attraction in Cologne, which draws officers from the neighbourhood into the town. Why not queue? It is the only way of dealing with a situation which does no one credit. A similar state of affairs obtained at the officers clothing department until a protest in these columns led to the institution of order and a system which ensures fairness to staff and customer alike. It is unreasonable that a late comer with more self-assurance than courtesy should be allowed to elbow his way through an already waiting crowd. With the queue system in operation he has no alternative but to fall in at the rear.

A Batman's Experience.

The situation at Messrs. Cox's premises is well described by a batman who armed with the necessary authority was sent to cash a cheque. "I was soon completely wedged in among the crowd," he writes. "I could neither move forward nor backward. It was one confused medley of Staff majors, captains, subalterns and other ranks, pushing and elbowing each other to get to the counter, no attempt at forming a queue being made. When eventually I did manage to reach the counter I was kicked, addled, bruised and quite unfit to fight my way out again. I was jammed against the counter which threatened to give way under the strain. I was quite unable to turn round. A considerate officer who observed my frantic endeavour to get out, pressed back and after a strenuous minute or two I found myself outside the crush minus two tunic buttons, which had been torn off in the melee. Why can't they form a queue? It would be much better for all concerned and would save much time and energy."

Teaching The Young Idea.

One of the largest printing and publishing firms in Cologne maintains a house school where the young apprentices usefully employ their spare evenings in classes for commercial designing, the art of composition and typography, de luxe book-binding and all the arts and crafts associated with their business. They pay nothing for expert instruction by their foremen and experts belonging to the house and the firm willingly meet all the expenses as they find it means better work and a greater interest in the quality and standard of production by the employees. Much dormant talent is discovered and the youngsters have an opportunity of seeing their 'prentice efforts given the finishing expert touch and put to practical use. Is is an idea that might very usefully be adopted in some of our home printing production establishments.

Ping Pong.

It is strange how the game of ping pong has crept into favour since our appearance on the Rhine. Many messes boast of the apparatus and many strenuous struggles for superiority of skill in handling the elusive ball have been seen. At "B" Siege Park however the game has won such popularity that during the last two weeks a tournament has been played off by the officers and men. The entries numbered sixty-four and included the C.O. A number of exciting games have been played and the semi-finals were reached on Tuesday night. In the semi-finals Pte. Bradburn easily beat Pte. Davis by winning two games—21 to 7 and 21 to 6. Pte Snelling had a desperate encounter with Pte. Darling and ultimately won after playing three hard games with scores, 16 to 21, 21 to 18, and 21 to 15. In the final game Pte. Snelling beat Pte. Bradburn in the first round with a score of 21 to 14. This roused Bradburn who bustled things and drove the game to 20 all. An additional five points had to be played and these ran out in Bradburn's favour at 5 to 3. Each man now had one game to his credit and excitement ran very high. Bradburn was evidently suffering from nerves and after a hard fought game Snelling won the set by 21 to 18.

Who is Your Favourite Author?

Few of us have not an author more favoured than another. Varied tastes naturally lead to variety in the selection of works, as is borne out by the lists submitted as the most interesting in the discussion which is going on in our columns. To arrive at a conclusion as to which are the most popular books, we have decided to promote a competition and readers of all ranks are invited to submit selections. Each book selected will be considered as receiving one vote each time it figures in the lists sent in and the competitor whose list, according to the books in it, embraces the highest aggregate of votes will receive a prize of fifty marks. Selections of ten books must be addressed to "Books" c/o The Editor "Cologne Post" by Saturday, Sept. 6th. Be your favourite writer Marie Corelli or Gene Stratton Porter, Arnold Bennett or Rider Haggard, make a selection of the ten works you consider best and send it along.

Old Scouts Corner.

The Old Scouts circle held its last meeting at the VI Corps Y.M.C.A., Lindenthal, when an interesting agenda was gone through, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis of the Y.M.C.A., for the invaluable support they have given the Corner. Time was devoted to patrol work, and an enjoyable evening was finished up with a "sing song." On Saturday next the Scouts are meeting at the Amusements Board, Cologne Main-Station at 2.30. The programme is open, but all may be sure of a pleasant time.

Painting the Rhine.

A new institution which has come into being in the Rhine Army is an informal sketching club whose members, drawn from all ranks and various branches of the services were seen on the banks of the Rhine recently, completely equipped with blocks and paints and some with easels. The originator of the club, whoever he is, is to be commended, as there could be no more fascinating sketching grounds than many parts of the Rhine valley. Quite near Cologne there are beauty spots which provide excellent subjects for the artist, and apart from the pleasure of painting and sketching as a pastime, the resulting pictures have a much greater value to the executor than those which the much more mechanical process of photography produces. Could not an exhibition of sketches and paintings by members of the Army of Occupation be arranged? Many officers and other ranks who are interested in art might be brought into touch in this way.

Prizes for Echoes.

Each day we are prepared to give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." In view, however, of the shortage of contributions to-day, we withhold the prizes. This should encourage those who have not won a prize to forward contributions. These must be topical.

THE PRIDE OF LIFE.

It was the first time he had driven me. We had seventy-five miles of road before us, and we started in the fresh, vigorous air of a sunlit morning that promised a hot day. We would cover the same seventy-five miles in the afternoon, but I promised myself a slight variation of route upon the return journey.

The joy of life was around us and within us as we sped through the Rhineland hills now winding up cool wooded valleys, through quaint and ancient villages, and again skirting the wide stretches of forests, where even the dark pines caught the joy of the sunlight, and made the sky seem a more sparkling one. The saddest cynic must surrender to the joy of life when the sombre pine trees break into song. We talked of many things—what fronts we had seen, the hottest bits of the line, life in Cologne, the other fellows who had got "demobbed." We talked of home but between us there was a gulf fixed—even then. He was a good sort. He had been home on leave, had only just returned. I had not long arrived.

"How did you find England?" I asked him.

"First class, sir."

"In spite of the strikes, and the tube crushes, and all the rest of it."

"I was at home, sir. That was enough for me."

"So you are married then. I thought you were, by the way you spoke of the leave."

"Yes, Sir, I was married before the war. I have three boys, the eldest six."

"The devil you have!" He looked such a boy. "The best of luck to you and the boys."

He rattled on merrily, and told me all about the youngsters, how wonderfully good they were, how he took them into the country, where they were happy all day long without even a toy to keep them amused, how they welcomed him home, what a difference they made to a fellow's leave.

"Toys," I said, "toys are artificial things, right in the town, but a poor substitute for the flowers, and the trees, and the birds, and the cows, and the sheep. Take them into the country, my boys, it's the life of the kiddies."

Then while I looked at their picture, all three in a jolly group, the six-year old, with the sun in his eyes making him scowl roguishly, I noticed him glance again towards the pool in the river bed.

"I had them out with me fishing the other day," he said, "and the eldest caught two himself; little ones, not more than so big—"

"Splendid! Never mind the weight," I chipped in.

"He landed them all by himself, sir; I only told him when to pull in."

"He is a rare little sport. You will be proud of that boy of yours some day."

He glanced at me, and his eyes belied the "some day."

Y. E. S.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

His Luck.—An Australian rabbit trapper has found a nugget worth £700.

Well-Trained Volunteers.—Territorials will have a big place in Britain's military reconstruction.

The New Station.—A proposal is on foot to establish an aerial landing station on Wrexham racecourse.

Free.—The Film "Hearts of the World" has been secured for the nation free, as a pictorial record of the war.

A Long Wait.—People waited twenty hours in the queue for the Isle of Man steamers at Liverpool.

Winter Fuel Rush.—People are besieging London contractors with old wood road blocks for sale.

Masculine Fashions.—The modern girl has a liking for masculine garments. Of these the sweater is a great favourite.

Air-Post Stamps.—Quite a number of people are starting to specialise in the collection of air-post stamps.

Health Propaganda.—A big health campaign is to be started shortly by Dr. Addison.

Light in Darkness.—Town improvement ideas now under consideration include one for illuminated street names.

Ladies and Football.—This season ladies will not enjoy their former privilege of free or reduced admission to football grounds.

C.O. Now a Constable.—In a London police court case a constable said he was the accused's late commanding officer in the R.N.V.R.

No Town Crier.—Peterborough Corporation have decided to allow the office of town crier which has been in existence from time immemorial to lapse.

Now We Know.—If you want to get all the juice and aroma out of a trip to the Continent, take your wife.—Mr. Robert Blatchford.

A Record?—Mr. James Evans, a Hanwell lockkeeper, has saved his fiftieth life. He saved four in one week and three on successive days.

Learning English.—"The rush of foreigners to learn English has been extraordinary since the war ended," says a professor of London University.

Can See Better.—Mounted police are on point duty in Whitehall and Victoria-street. A man on a horse can regulate the traffic more easily.

We rounded a tricky loop of the hillside road, crossed the river bed by an ancient bridge, and then, as we began to climb the further slope, I said to him:

"For God's sake teach those jolly little boys of yours that when they have done an honest day's work, they can hold up their heads and be men amongst men. Teach them that it is doing something that makes a man — work is the best thing in the world."

"That's right, sir," he said.

Polo in Cologne. — Impressions on the Spot.

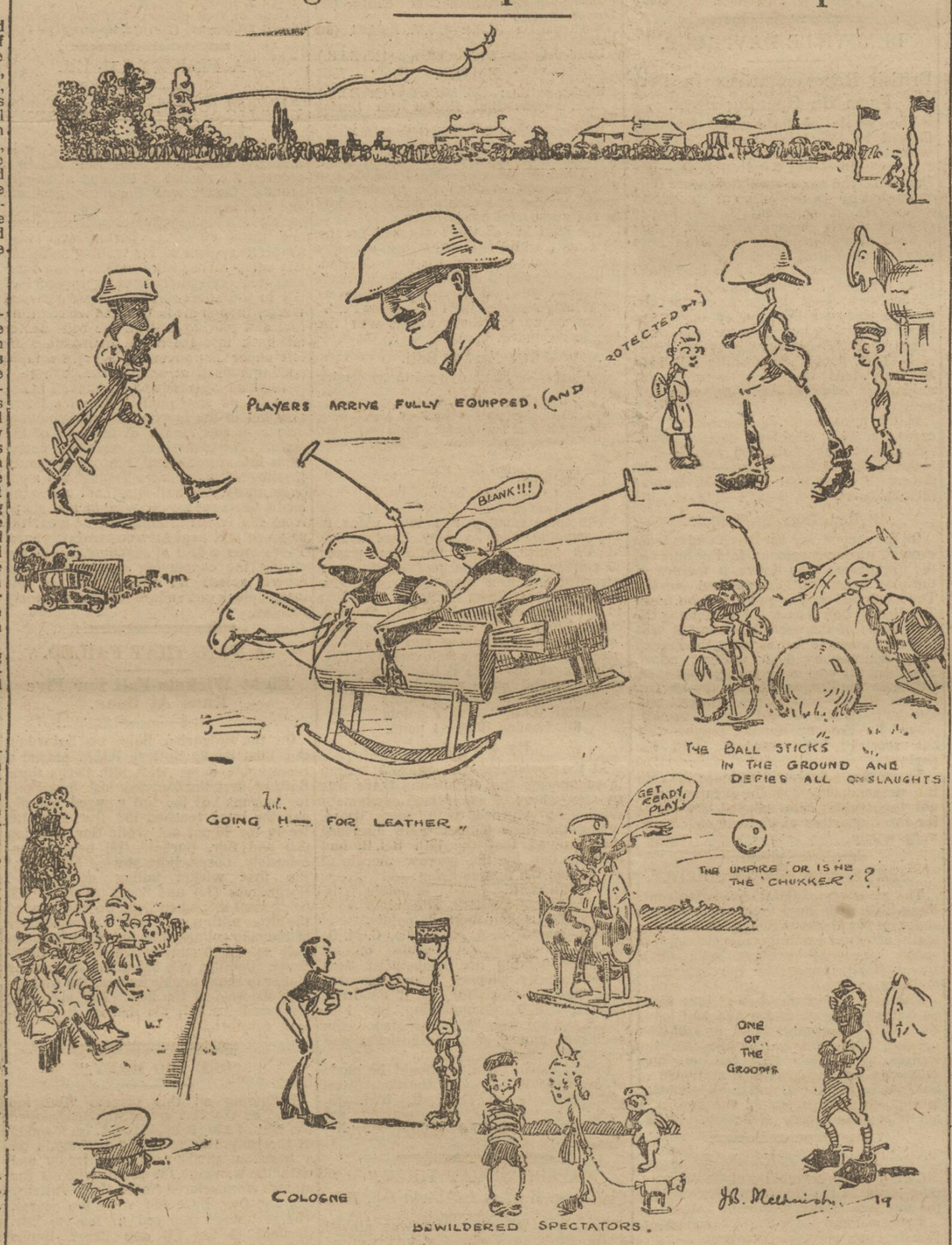

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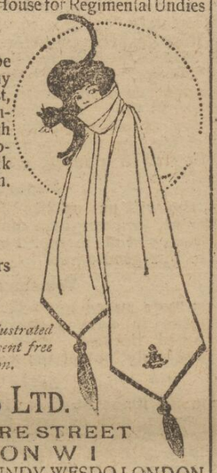

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Remagen (Neuenahr)	„	4⁵⁰	5⁰⁰	—
Rolandseck	„	5¹⁰	5³⁰	—
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Bonn	arr.	6⁰⁰	6²⁵	—
	dep.	6⁰⁵	6³⁰	—
Wesseling	„	6⁴⁵	7¹⁰	—
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	dep.	12³⁵	—	2⁴⁰
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BOLSHEVISTS FALLING BACK.

GENERAL DENIKIN'S GREAT PROGRESS IN SOUTH RUSSIA.

RUSSIAN EVENTS.

60 KILLED AND MISSING IN MONITOR EXPLOSION.

A British monitor which has been operating in Russian waters has been badly damaged as the result of an explosion which has caused the loss of many lives. It is stated that the ship can be made seaworthy.

It is unofficially reported that the monitor was tied to an ammunition barge which blew up. It is estimated that twenty were killed, and forty are missing.

It is reported from Archangel that Bolshevist propaganda has been captured making offers to British officers. It promised them that if they would desert they could have any job they wished and their choice of the female population.

According to an Omsk telegram, the Bolshevists have suffered a severe defeat in Siberia. A Soviet regiment was destroyed and fourteen thousand prisoners taken besides guns, wagons and other material. The total strength of the Bolshevist forces on the Eastern front is estimated at 133 thousand. This is therefore a serious blow to the Soviet.

Interviewed by a Swedish newspaper on Tuesday, a French journalist, just returned from Russia, said there were were no more Bolshevists in Russia and there was no enthusiasm for Bolshevism. The general public opinion was not behind Trotsky's name. Intellectual Russia, he added, wanted a liberal monarchy.

"HIGHLY SATISFACTORY."

BUT NOT TO BOLSHEVISTS IN RECENT FIGHTING.

Despite the big Bolshevist claims, official circles in London consider that the situation in Russia is highly satisfactory to the anti-Bolshevist cause, and Bolshevist messages should be read with caution. Their claim to have captured a large of General Denikin's cavalry, is not borne out by known facts, as the mounted troops have broken through the Bolshevist line in South Russia and are in communication with the Commander-in-Chief.

In West Russia the Poles are continuing operations successfully. Their left wing is advancing on Divinsk and further to the East they have pressed to the Dvina near Polotsk, thus imperilling the Bolshevist line which will possibly have to be withdrawn to the North bank of the river.

In South Russia General Denikin is making great progress. A party of volunteers landed at Odessa on August 23rd and captured the coast batteries South of the town, the Red troops being driven off by gunfire from ships. The German colonists and the population rose *en masse* and joined the invaders, and the Bolshevists fled from the town along the railway towards Balta. On August 25th the British fleet anchored in the harbour and found everything in good order.

Denikin is now directing his main effort to clearing the country between himself and the Roumanians and Ukrainians, and to expel the Bolshevists from the remainder of the Ukraine frontier country. There is evidence that he is on the point of doing so but it must be remembered that his main objective is to attack the Soviet Government at Moscow.

POLISH POGROM.

The Zionist Central Office has received a telegram from its Copenhagen Bureau announcing that after the flight of the Bolsheviks, a terrible Jewish pogrom took place at Minsk. Thirty-one Jews, including women and children, were killed and hundreds of Jewish shops and houses were plundered. General Jadwin, a member of the American Commission of Investigation, was a witness of the excesses, and stated that 95 per cent. of the looted property belonged to Jews. The Polish military authorities have taken steps to suppress the disorders.

GERMAN ARMY THEFTS.

The Spandau police recently arrested a second-hand dealer who was discovered receiving enormous quantities of Army property—saddles, harness, and leatherwork. His arrest led to the discovery of a well-organized scheme by which large numbers of lorries and drays delivered goods nightly from the Ordnance Depôt at Spandau.

An examination of the depôt books proved that the thefts dated as far back as the November revolution. The whole of the Workmen's Council employed at the depôt have been arrested. That large sums were amassed by the thieves may be gauged from the fact that they have bought shops in Spandau and Berlin.

PRIVATES 12s A DAY.

Canada is to have the best-paid Army in the world. Instead of 6s. a day privates are to have 12s. Recruiting is in progress for "Princess Pat's" and Lord Strathcona's Horse. The right men are earning 12s. to £2 a day at mechanical trades.

U.S. AND MEXICO.

COMMITTED TO INTERVENTION.

According to a Washington dispatch to the New York Sun, the United States is already committed to intervention in Mexico.

Although the policy of the Government towards Carranza is officially described as unchanged, it may be stated positively that developments of the first magnitude are soon to take place south of the Rio Grande.

The United States must intervene in Mexico and take over the control of affairs from the Mexicans, as she did in the case of Cuba. The fact of the coming intervention is now recognized. The time may be fixed for six months or less, though this is an uncertain factor. The reason for intervention is not Carranza's arrogance, the bandit raids, or the sporadic infringement of American rights, but because the country has gone to pieces beyond recall, and no other possible solution looms up.

According to the same dispatch, preliminary arrangements for the use of the land and sea forces of the United States have been completed.

WILSON AND STRIKES.

WILL FIRM ACTION SUCCEED?

President Wilson has rejected the demands of the American railway shopmen for advances of wages equivalent in most cases to 13d. an hour, and allows them a flat increase equivalent to 2d. This is to place them on the same basis as other railway employees by giving them for eight hours' work the amount of pay they have been receiving for a 10-hour day.

This action of the President represents a decided stand in an attempt to check the strike contagion that has spread to every conceivable occupation, from that of the actor to that of the gravedigger.

Some of the increases asked are, exorbitant and often impossible. Drivers of milk wagons, for instance, want £10 a week and commission and a six-hour day; window cleaners ask £8 a week; bricklayers £2 a day, and so on. The high cost of living is made the basis of these demands.

The President's reply to the railway shopmen is intended, as a matter of fact, also for all the railway brotherhoods, whose aggregate demands, involving an increase of £160,000,000 a year, would entail a corresponding increase in freight and passenger rates.

It is reported that the American railroad shopmen have replied to the Washington Government that they cannot accept a settlement of their demands on the basis recommended by President Wilson and that a strike vote will be taken immediately.

Mr. Gompers has reached New York to take charge of the industrial situation, which is such as has never before been experienced in America. Over 1,000,000 people are effected by the strikes, the number actually involved being 350,000. The strikes hanging in the balance would involve another 900,000.

Mr. Gompers has promised the help of the American Federation of Labour to actors on strike.

BRITISH AIR RAID.

Details are now published of an air raid on Kabul a few months ago. The raid was carried out by Capt. Halley in a Handley-Page machine with Lieut. Williers as observer.

The flight was from Risalpur, a distance of about 400 miles. The machine flew straight to Kabul, which was reached early in the morning and was over the city for ten minutes during which time it dropped bombs causing panic and much damage. The whole flight lasted six hours.

BATTLEFIELD MEMORIALS.

The War Office last night stated that the Battle Exploits Memorials Committee, consisting of Senior officers, appointed to consider the claims of units to erect on the battlefields permanent memorials of exploits, reminds units that September 1st is the last day for claims, and asks army units desiring such a memorial to communicate with the secretary as soon as possible.

ALCOHOL IN ENGLAND.

Speaking at Carlisle, yesterday, Lord D'abernon, Chairman of the Central Liquor Control Board, urged the speedy transfer of power to the new authority.

Drunkenness, he said, had decreased but profits from liquor sales were greater than at any period in the trade's history, notwithstanding the increased taxation. If required the revenue from alcohol could easily be brought up to two hundred millions a year.

New Belgian postage stamps have been ordered from a Dutch firm.

SILESIAN AFFAIRS.

AMERICAN TROOPS AS POLICE.

The occupation of Silesia by Allied troops is considered inevitable. The Germans are not speaking the truth when they say that order has been restored there. All evidence is to the contrary.

According to the Paris edition of the "Chicago Tribune" Mr. Baker, the U.S. War Secretary, states that the American Brigade at Coblenz may be used to police Upper Silesia and prevent further clashes between Poles and Germans. The Allies will control the district during the taking of the plebiscite.

At present 200,000 workmen are on strike in Upper Silesia, and it is understood that notwithstanding the German Government's optimistic reports there is little improvement in the situation. At present the whole south-eastern corner of the province is in a state of armed revolt while a rising has taken place in the neighbourhood of Gleiwitz.

The Polish Government is acting with great forbearance under provocation from the Germans and has restrained its troops from crossing the frontier to help their comrades. The feeling in Poland, however, is against any delay in sending Allied representatives. The whole situation gives cause for great anxiety.

BALKAN TURMOIL.

SERBS ADOPTING STRONG MEASURES TO REPRESS RISING.

The situation in the Balkans is still very unsatisfactory. Fighting has broken out in Montenegro, the whole country being in a state of revolution.

The Serbs are trying to repress the rising by strong measures, but have not met with great success.

The Montenegrians have cut the railway between Virbatzar and Antivari, both places being in serious danger. The Serbs are reinforcing their troops in the country but their policy appears to be inflaming Montenegrian national feeling and there is increasing bitter hate of the Serbs in Turkey.

There are still many political clouds and there is much intriguing by the Committee of Union and Progress.

BOY'S BAD START.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY AT 15.

A boy's precocious attempt at painting the town red was described in the Juvenile Court at Tower Bridge, when Henry William Gavin, aged 15, of Bermondsay, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Rodney-road, Walworth, and for assaulting Police-constable Paradine.

The constable stated that at 10 p.m. he saw the defendant, with two other lads and three girls, behaving in a disorderly manner, pushing pedestrians off the pavement. When spoken to the others ceased, but the defendant, who was intoxicated, used bad language. On being arrested the defendant said, "What can they do to us?" and dealt him a blow.

The defendant, pleading "Guilty" to the first charge, denied having assaulted the constable.

Mr. Hay Halkett, describing Gavin's conduct as disgraceful, imposed penalties amounting to 32s.

BLANKETS AS ROPES.

ACROBATIC ESCAPES AT FIRE.

Acrobatic escapes were made from a fire at the Waterloo Hydro, Aberystwyth.

Over 100 people were staying at the premises, which has 120 bedrooms. The outbreak starting in the kitchen, involved the whole building, which soon resembled a furnace. The occupants, some with only a coat over their night clothes, escaped as best they could, and many of them abandoned their belongings,

Three young women found their retreat cut off through a doorway, and their only escape lay through a window and over a verandah. To this they tied blankets, and, encouraged by the crowd below, safely reached the ground.

A more difficult rescue was that of two men from the top storey. The police managed to get them down by means of ladders leading from one verandah to another. One of the men was a soldier with a wooden leg.

The visitors were clothed through the kindness of the townspeople, who readily lent them coats and costumes and provided them with breakfast at a restaurant.

IN LEVIATHAN'S TOW.

After an exciting adventure a motor-boat party captured a whale weighing more than half a ton near Alloa, in the higher reaches of the Forth.

The monster was sighted lying on a sandbank, and after four shots had been fired at it, a rope was attached to its tail in the belief that it was dead. It immediately recovered and dragged the boat some distance.

The party were in danger of being swamped, but succeeded in killing the whale and bringing it ashore.

EBERT'S MOVEMENTS.

Ebert, President of the German Republic, and Noske, Minister of National Defence, travelling through Germany arrived yesterday at Stuttgart coming from Munich.

AIR DERBY.

THREE FINISH COURSE.

The American Aerial Derby, from Toronto to Mincola, New York, ended in the arrival of only three competitors. These were Coombs, Rholfs, and Schroeder—all Americans.

Coombs, the winner, stopped at Buffalo, Syracuse, and Albany, covering the total distance of about 500 miles in six hours 21 minutes. Rholfs arrived 11 minutes behind him. Coombs states that his flying time was 215 minutes.

PROSPEROUS IRELAND.

Speaking at a meeting in Dublin Lord Midleton said those who gave advice to Great Britain on the assumption that Ireland was poor and downtrodden were absolutely ignorant of the condition of the country. While Mr. de Valera was cadging for a loan of £1,000,000 in America the Irish national revenue had risen during the war from £12,000,000 to £30,000,000 and she had increased her deposits in the banks from £64,000,000 to £116,000,000, or nearly fifty per cent. No combatant in Europe had lost less in men, money or material than Ireland during the war, and her reconstruction would be more rapid than that of any other country. Sinn Fein home rule would bring them nearer to the condition of Russia than to that of the United States.

MORE MERCHANT SHIPS.

The opening now made for mercantile construction by reason of the stopping of Admiralty work on large number of warships was warmly welcomed in shipping circles in the City without prejudice to other questions. Business men were glad it should now be considered practicable for the Admiralty to cut down expenditure on warship construction. Many building ways will now be available for mercantile work. During the war large numbers of men who had previously been building mercantile vessels had to adapt themselves to warship construction and in turning now to mercantile work they will really be reverting to their original trade. As for others it would be archaic to maintain that men can be too highly trained to build mercantile vessels in the light of the adaptability of craftsmen shown during hostilities. Compared with the success achieved by America when she turned her attention to the great increase in shipbuilding made necessary, the adaptability now required in British yards from men hitherto engaged on naval work must be a small thing.

THE LION'S MOUTH.

BITES UNWARY GERMAN'S HEAD.

At the Guildhall, London a German named Albert Kunisch, an importer and exporter of Aldermanbury, was fined £5 and costs for failing to disclose his nationality when sending a business letter.

He wrote to the Controller-General of Overseas Trade and did not state his true nationality, merely putting in a corner of the letter a rubber stamp impression, inferring that he was an accepted and naturalised British subject. His business, said the prosecution, was under control during the war and he was anxious to open up again but must do so properly.

The magistrate said that in sending such a letter to the Board of Trade defendant was putting his head into the lion's mouth.

LONDON MOTOR THEFTS.

Astonishing confessions were made at the Westminster Police Court by the convict Sidney Meredith, in charges of receiving stolen motorcars made against William George Stephenson, a motor repairer.

Meredith alleged that he got a Studebaker car according to order. As Stephenson said he wanted three cars for a trip to Cornwall he got another. He kept a Studebaker under observation for two weeks and he had a book in which he kept records of the cars he watched.

CHECKING IMMIGRATION.

The Uruguayan Minister for Foreign Affairs has received a favourable official reply from Brazil regarding the proposed joint legislation by Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, and Paraguay for the stricter regulation of European immigration into those countries. A preliminary meeting is to be held immediately to formulate definite plans for giving effect to the scheme.

SEDAN-DAY CELEBRATIONS SUSPENDED.

The Prussian Minister of the Interior has decided that in future there shall be no more festivities on Sedan-day in commemoration of the German victory in 187.

SHAKESPEARE IN GERMANY.

"Midsummer Nights Dream" and "Hamlet" will be played next winter at the Schauspielhaus of Cologne. "Catharina," of Bernhard Shaw, is also on the programme.

HAMBURG EXPLOSION.

A big explosion took place at Hamburg in a benzoline depot. Of the many persons missing, five dead bodies have been recovered. The damages amount to several million of marks.

TRADE REVIVAL.

POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Sir Auckland Geddes, President of the Board of Trade, has outlined the plans which the Government have in hand to resuscitate the trade of Great Britain and to help the commerce of other parts of the world.

His panacea for the economic evils with which the country is confronted may be summed up in the words: "Export, more export, and yet more export, until we reach an export worth £100,000,000 a month."

"The only way of increasing our means" said Sir Auckland Geddes," is to increase our trade. There are at the present time two great problems before me to get production and to find markets. Europe which used to be one of the greatest of our markets is disorganised and impoverished by war, and in parts in a state of impending or even actual economic collapse. We are starting a scheme which holds the promise of getting trade to begin from our end — a scheme under which we will get our exports going, and in the stimulating of those exports we hope that production in Europe will start. We are establishing a Government organisation for a system of export credits in order to facilitate the resumption of export trade to the disorganized parts of Eastern Europe. We are trying to see what can be done to get raw materials for the manufactures of Europe sent to countries whose mills and factories are standing idle. We are doing everything in our power to let them have such coal as we can spare and in this way we hope that before many months have passed the flow of trade will have been resumed where stagnation now reigns. To help in this we are completely remodelling strengthening and developing the consular and commercial diplomatic services. But Europe is not our only market. We are taking what steps we can to foster trade within the Empire. We are studying what can be done to improve imperial intercommunication and we are strengthening our trade representatives throughout the Empire and so with all the countries of the world."

Position of America.

"I am told" added Sir Auckland "that America suffered little by the war, that she will flood our markets with goods and that she will capture the markets of Europe. Oh no! America is so placed that she is like all the rest of us; she is in great difficulties with regard to the future of her trade. During the war she has developed on a great scale her manufactures and she has increased the industrialism of her population. She is so vast, so wealthy and produces such a mass of raw material that where we are dependent on imports she is wholly independent as she lives upon her production. She is not only a great industrial nation, — not only is she a great exporter of manufactured goods but also she is the greatest exporter of raw material. America is in this unhappy position — that she has so much that there is little she wants and as the result of that the money exchange between New York and London is moved in her favour and every movement of the money exchange in her favour is a movement against her power of export. We have to get from her raw material — at all events, for some years to come — and just because we have to take that raw material it makes it more and more difficult for her to get her manufactured exports across the Atlantic. I am told she is selling great quantities of goods to all European countries. What goods is she taking in exchange? Practically none. If it be true that she has sold these goods to Europe they will have to be paid for in money which will have to cross the London—New York exchange. The only result of that will be that the exchange will tend to move in a money sense more and more in her favour and in an export sense to more and more stability against her. This will mean to Europe that the food which she gets from America will be more costly and the manufactured goods she might get from America will be so dear as to be almost unbuyable. Europe has largely therefore to work out her own salvation. It is no good for anyone to say or for any nation to say: 'We will rely on America to see us through.' Salvation for Europe is to be found in Europe and in Europe only. There is only one way to that economic salvation and that lies through work, hard work, strenuous work, and increased production from mines, field and factories."

LABOUR PARLIAMENT.

BRITISH DELEGATES.

The British Government representatives to the International Labour Conference, which is to meet at Washington in October, will be Mr. G. N. Barnes and Sir Malcolm Delevigne, of the Home Office, while it is expected that Sir Allan Smith, of the National Confederation of Employers' Associations, will represent the employers' side, and Mr. Stuart Bunning, chairman of the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress, the Labour side.

Mr. H. B. Butler of the Ministry of Labour, is the provisional general secretary of the conference.

Mr. S. Gompers (president of the American Federation of Labour) will preside over the conference, the agenda of which includes the question of a universal eight-hour day or forty-eight-hour week, the prevention of unemployment, and the conditions of the employment of women and children, especially in regard to what are described as unhealthy industries.

NURSE CAVELL.

QUIEN'S ALLEGED SWINDLE.

The trial of Quien, who is charged with having betrayed Nurse Cavell, continues. The latest interrogation had reference to the swindle Quien is alleged to have perpetrated on his arrival in Paris. It was stated that he went to the house of a Mme. Manes and on the strength of claiming to know her son at Senne-lager camp obtained from her 1,400 francs.

In connection with the trial, a telegram from Baltimore is interesting. This states that the Minority report of the Committee on Military Law of the American Bar Assiciation appointed to investigate the Court-martial proceedings against Nurse Cavell have found that the execution was in accordance with the laws of civilised warfare. The Chairman of the Committee advocates the abolition of the death penalty for woman violators of Military Law.

BRAVE WOMAN REWARDED.

A ceremony at Epsom Police Station last night recalled the attack on the station on June 7th by Canadian soldiers, when Sergeant Green lost his life.

During the attack, Mrs. Pawley, wife of the Station Inspector, displayed remarkable self-possession, supplying refreshment to the besieged policemen and attending to injuries received by them in the fight.

Harry Pawley, her son, armed himself with a poker and kept the attackers at bay for some time.

In recognition of her conduct Mrs. Pawley was last evening presented with a gold watch, subscribed for by the police of "V" Division and Harry Pawley was given a silver watch.

PRODUCE AND SAVE.

LABOUR'S CALL TO LABOUR.

The determination of British Labour to do all in its power to increase production and improve the present position of British trade is made plain in a letter by Mr. Brownlie, chairman of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers to Mr. Bowerman, Secretary of the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress.

The letter says: "The national situation is very grave. A considerable amount of misapprehension exists in the minds of Trade Unionists throughout the country in regard to production. Mr. Hoover in his analysis of the economy situation of Europe says: 'Unless productivity can be more rapidly increased there can be nothing but political, moral and economic chaos, finally interpreting itself in loss of life on a scale hitherto undreamed of.' No economic policy will bring food to those stomachs or fuel to those hearths that does not secure a maximum production. There is no use in tears over rising prices; they are to a great degree a visualization of insufficient production. The Trade Union movement is more powerful to-day than at any period of its history. With power comes responsibility and, however much we may respect the criticism of those who are not Trade Unionists, we cannot evade our responsibilities to the community. It appears to me that responsible Trade Union representatives must do something to alleviate the situation on behalf of the workers of the nation. The Parliamentary Committee is now representative of and responsible for the Trade Unionists in the country, therefore I consider it is incumbent upon your Committee to take some action with a view to alleviating the situation.

"The condition precedent in that direction appears to me to be the dissemination of accurate and reliable information. The mere raising of nominal wages without increased production of the necessaries of life is no solution of the difficulty. It is unnecessary for me to say anything further at this juncture as I consider that the members of your Committee are equally alive to the gravity of the situation."

Controlling Spending.

The Finance Committee of the Cabinet which has been formed to bring about economy in Government departments consists of the Prime Minister, Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Lord Milner and Sir Auckland Geddes.

Important changes are announced at the Treasury, which has been re-organised in order that expenditure may be more strictly controlled. Sir Warren Fisher has been appointed Permanent Secretary in place of Sir John Bradbury, who goes to Paris as Chief British Representative on the Reparation Commission, and three new departments have been set up at the Treasury with a controller at the head of each.

CURBING TRUSTS.

Mr. C.A. McCurdy, Parliamentary Secretary of the Food Ministry, has explained the methods by which the profits of any business will be investigated, and said that in the autumn legislation would be introduced to set up permanent machinery for the purpose. Any attempts to establish trusts will be dealt with and the Committee on Trusts will be reconstituted with wider authority and full powers under the Profiteering Act. There will also be an inquiry by experts into the actual costs of staple commodities, which information will be made public.

85 members present in the Belgian Senate voted unanimously in favour of ratifying the Peace Treaty.

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Cap. Desjobert	Gharib	74
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Saturday, August 30, 1919.

THE PASSING OF A GREAT SOLDIER.

The passing of a great soldier and statesman in the magnetic personality of General Louis Botha will be universally regretted. By his death which occurred at midnight on Thursday at the comparatively early age of 56 a unique career full of romance is closed.

Born at Greytown, Natal, in 1863, General Botha was a member of the first Volksraad of the Transvaal, repesenting Vryheid. With the outbreak of the South African war he found himself first as veldt-cornet for his own district and later as Commander-in-Chief of the Boer forces a position in which he succeeded General Joubert, opposed to forces with which in more recent years he was proud to be associated and the leaders of which recognized in him a great soldier.

In this unique capacity, he commanded the Union Forces in South West Africa and achieved signal success in bringing about the complete humiliation of German aspiration in that corner of the earth.

A great and loyal colony owes much to his personal example. Although as we have pointed out, less than twenty years ago he was in arms against the Mother Country he lived to become a driving force in the development of his native land and to set a high standard of patriotic example which few can claim.

It would be difficult to estimate the value of this in the welding together of the interests of the two countries. He accepted the consequences of war in a spirit of which he alone was capable and realising to the full the possibilities of a larger life for his peoples exerted himself to the unifying and building up of a colony which forms so great an integral part of the British Empire to-day.

When the call came he realised in which direction his duty lay and a master of organisation and efficiency undertook the conquest of German South West Africa.

Against his leadership Teuton designs were as naught and within a year ambition in that quarter was nullified. He did not rest here, however. His wise experience and judgment was given unstintingly in other quarters on behalf of the Allied cause: And as he lived so he died — a soldier - statesman holding high honour amongst the Sons of a great Empire.

THE FUTURE OF POLAND.

Now that the flames of passion which threatened to consume the newly reconstituted state of Poland in general conflagration have somewhat subsided it is as well to draw attention to a phase of the quarrel which might be easily overlooked.

Poland is not yet politically stable and it is in the interests of the powers who desire to see a settled Europe to make her so, but the actions of the German officials who remain in the country appear to run counter to any such desire.

The peace conference decreed that a plebescite must be taken in Upper Silesia to decide the ultimate fate of that country but before any action could have taken place the German authorities had commenced to deport workers from that area. The reason assigned for this action was that the deportees were required for the work of reconstruction in France, but as the action was further designed to compromise the result of the plebescite some little doubt may be cast upon German desires to restore their work of devastation, a task which they have displayed little anxiety to undertake.

The allegation that the Polish rising had Bolshevist inspiration has not been proved. The lack of organisation and equipment points rather to a spontaneous outburst and hardly appears to have justified the overwhelming display of force employed to crush it.

It is to be hoped that the allied commission now in the affected area will be able to arrive at the true cause of the émeute and to institute remedial measures. But it is imperative that allied statesmen should be alive to the fact that the Prussian spirit is yet unbroken and has failed to recognise why the allied nations sought to limit its powers of evil.

The admission of Germany to the League of Nations is conditional upon that country displaying signs of repentance and a departure from the disturbing influences of her pre-war policy. The conduct of her affairs does not show that her present government are inclined to follow any other policy than that which distinguished her former statesmen and if she persists in behaving as a bandit nation her treatment by other nations will be in accordance with this line of action.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

NOTES OF A CAMP-FOLLOWER.

Mr. E.W. Hornung is the camp-follower, and his book tells the tale of his experiences and impressions during some months of patriotic service in France.

There must have been many reasons why the author of "Raffles" should have remained in England and continued his devotion to a Muse that had marked him for her own. But there was one reason for his coming and that was all-sufficient—his heart was with the men who fought and suffered and died for England's sake.

There are in this book some pages about letters and men of letters, but Mr. Hornung's chief interest is in the man of war. He has seen him in the Y.M.C.A. Hut—for our author wore the red triangle when he has in France during the winter of 1917,18—he has seen him in the Rest Camp, he has seen him in the line; and he loves the soldier as a man loves his son.

He is too wise to forget that even the uniform of his country does not hide the failings of the men who went out on the great enterprise, but he knew the menace that threatened our Empire and he has warmth of admiration for all who donned the harness of war that they might free their land from war's idolaters. For him the vices of the British soldier lean to virtue's side.

The Jock will hardly know himself when he reads that "in the life school of the war he stands stripped, but never poses; sometimes rugged and unrefined; often massive and majestic in body and mind; always statuesque in his simplicity, always the least self-conscious of Britons." It is only an Englishman who can write of the Scot like this. But Mr. Hornung gives high place to the gunners and the guards. His heart is big enough to love the men of every unit; and his art makes them live before our eyes.

There are many fine bits of descriptive writing in the book, and the author's pluck drew him to such strange scenes and dangerous roads that his description is full of verve and realism. It rings truly, for it has no false notes of meretricious rethoric or easy sentimentalism.

Here is one passage: "The frosty moon was now nearly full, and a grey-mauve sky, wearing just the one transcendent jewel of light, as brilliant in its way as the dense blue of equatorial noon. Upon this noble slate the group of armed men, waiting about in the road above the duckboards, was drawn in shining outline; silvered rifles slung across coppery leathern shoulders; earthenware mugs turned to silver goblets in their hands, and each tilted helmet itself a little fallen moon. A burst of gun-fire, and not a helmet turned; the rat-tat-tat of a machine-gun, but no shining shoulder twinkled with the tiniest shrug. And yet the devil's orchestra might have been tuning up at their feet, under the very stage they trod with culpable unconcern."

Mr. Hornung's love of letters makes him seek the right word and his art helps him to find it. Some may think that his sketches of the soldier and the soldier's life are too idealistic, that the heroism of war lends enchantment to his view; but it was idealism that nourished and nerved England in her sore plight and it will be a recaptured idealism that will lead England to her El Dorado of quiet and prosperous well-being.

More than one historic battle has been gained by the succour of the Camp-followers, and in the campaign that is past our soldiers will be the first to give their tribute to men like Mr. Hornung who came out to cheer and comfort the guardians of their country's honour.

CAN YOU WRITE?

Contributions for this page may be on any topic likely to interest the Rhine Army; humorous or serious, informative or descriptive, but none should exceed 500 words. Payment will be made for all that appear.

HOME SWEET HOME.

THE CHURCH ARMY.

It is not a little cottage in Blighty that I am writing about but a home from home in Cologne. Association and affection will always find for us some such spot even though we are strangers in a strange land. It is near the Hohenzollern Bridge and is known to the civilians as the Hotel du Nord, but to the Tommy it is home from home in the shape of the Church Army Club.

This organisation was the first of all others of its kind in Cologne and naturally the authorities in charge chose the most central place in the city and their wisdom is justified by the results.

It is a magnificent building with a central court where there is a fountain playing and surrounded by a verandah covered with ivy and creepers.

You enter a room used as a restaurant which, with its decorations and large oil paintings, reminds you of an ancestral hall. In the centre is a platform with piano where the orchestra plays whilst crowds of Tommies enjoy the rich things, tarts, custards, puddings, cake and fruit, provided for them. There is another room sacred to the N.C.O's.

Mrs. Clarke, the Superintendent, who was the first to arrive in Cologne is the life and soul of this home. Her beaming face and warmhearted sympathy ever create an atmosphere of sunshine; you can feel it here, there and everywhere whilst Mrs. Hagan is a splendid second in command. Miss Fowler, the Lady Adviser is too an ideal worker with only one desire, to help the boys in every way.

Mr. E. Phillips the Chief Commissioner of the Church Army in Rhineland is to be found here. He is a great man with a great soul and the men have an intense admiration and affectionate esteem for him.

The Club is to be congratulated on its good staff of orderlies and the canteen. Amongst other features it should be noticed that it is used as a hostel for the ladies engaged with the Church Army in the various parts of Rhineland and this adds to its homely atmosphere and usefulness.

The religious services are held in what is the original chapel of S.P.G. in Cologne. There is another fine Club in the city situated in Antoniter Strasse, under the control and guidance of Mrs. Scott whose devotion and zeal to her work wins the highest praise from all ranks. It was formerly a German Soldiers' Club and is a fine building. Here are excellent recreation, dining, writing and other rooms. The refreshments served are of the highest quality and variety. They specialise in puddings and sweets and the prices work out at under sixpence. A special feature is the little chapel with its altar and appointments.

Throughout the towns and villages of Rhineland, wherever troops are stationed there you will also find the Church Army Hall or Club. What should we have done during the war and our occupation of Germany without this living thriving institution? The Rev. Preb. Carlile, the Founder of this noble organisation is shortly visiting Cologne, and will receive a warm welcome from our Army, who appreciate his great work.

In days to come the most precious memories we have of Rhineland will be those connected with the religious and philanthropic institutions which have always been to us a bit of Blighty and real home and not the least in our affections will be the Church Army and its noble band of workers. *G.K.*

BILLETING.

Of all the activities necessitated by the existence of an Army of Occupation, few make severer demands on the human faculties than does billeting. One requires a consummate mastery of the vernacular—particularly expletives, high psychological ability, the instinct of the tactician, and (in spite of the expletives) an exceptional suavity of demeanour.

Many and perplexing are the problems to be solved; and one sets out on a billeting expedition, with the feelings of one about to undergo no light ordeal. If you have never tried it, billeting may seem child's play; but actual experience soon dispell such a notion.

To begin with, the civilian population are naturally averse to "Einquartierung"; and are careful, when a unit disappears from their midst, to obliterate all traces of their sojourn, including the tell-tale chalk-mark of the last billeting party. And then they sit awaiting the next one, entrenched behind formidable ramparts of casuistry. The writer, who has had over six months experience of the joys and sorrows of billet-making, recalls amongst scores of others, the following typical cases.

The advent of new troops frequently corresponds, in certain households, with a mysterious visit from the "Enkel" (grandson) who, of course, in spite of his diminutive proportions, requires a separate suite of apartments. One of these juvenile divinities, insisted that there was "keinen Platz" in the house, and that men could not possibly be accommodated there. My German had not yet quite emerged from the stilted grammatical stage, which possibly made my reply all the more majestic and crushing. "Sie haben nicht zu wählen," (It isn't for you to choose) I retorted, whereupon the "Enkel" collapsed.

Another favourite device is to ostensibly "let" the apartments occupied by military, immediately the latter quit; and one has, with superb logic, to dispel the myth of some shadowy "Mieter" or "Mieterin," who will eventually migrate hither from Spartacist-threatened regions.

Then there is the invariable paterfamilias who considers himself excessively afflicted with billeting, and indignantly points to the immunity enjoyed by the "Nachbarn," always, however, with the injunction not to betray the source of information.

Amongst hints which could be offered to novices in the billeting art, the writer selects the one which appears to him to be the most useful, viz: Study the methods of householders, and use their own weapons against them. Hoist them with their own petard. Subtle reasoning, logic, mercurial eloquence—and, at need, a little "frightfulness"—these will win the day.

But, when all is said and done, who would go a 'billeting? *H.J.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

AN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE.

Sir,—The article on "Esperanto" interested me very much as I realise the possibilities of an international language.

Often I have wished to learn it but could get no information as to where text books of Esperanto could be bought.

Does any reader know of an "Esperanto Society" or of any body who has taken up the language? *W.G.D.*

BANDS IN OPEN SPACES.

Sir,—With regard to band performances. I think the way in which the bands are playing at present is quite in order i.e., that is playing to their own units. The men in Cologne I think have quite enough music, for instance at the B.E.L.C. you can always find a good band.

It is up to us to have a little music now and again in the outlying villages. *S.D.*

ANOTHER APPRECIATION.

Sir,—I was pleased to read "N.C.O.'s" letter re the Rhine Army Dramatic Company and I cordially agree with all he says. We have seen this talented company in two plays in Solingen recently, and I am not exaggerating when I say that their excellent performance was thoroughly enjoyed by the troops.

On behalf of many others, let me thank everyone connected with the R.A.D.C. for the pleasure they have given to hundreds of troops. These words inadequately express what I wish to convey, but I think the R.A.D.C. will understand how much their efforts are being appreciated, and they can be assured of a hearty welcome when next they visit Solingen. May it be soon! *G.Y.F.*

THE CHARM OF MUSIC.

Sir,—Had "Royal Warwick" been in Bonn on Sunday he would have been satisfied with what was, I think, possibly the outcome of his letter in your paper.

There in the Kaiser Platz was a British band playing to the delight of a mixed crowd of Tommies and civilians. One could not help feeling proud in the remembrance of the "old contemptibles" when, in the shadow of the Kaiser statue they struck up "The Great Little Army."

Apart from this, however, I think that the evident interest and appreciation of the crowd showed plainly that this form of concert would be appreciated by Tommy at all times during his stay out here.

52nd ROYAL WARWICK.

WELFARE OF THE NEW ARMY.

Sir,—I read with interest the article under the Heading "Welfare of the New Army." The writer quite rightly says "Good books help to make good citizens. Reading opens the door to knowledge and knowledge shows the way to freedom."

I think no one will disagree with him there but he fails to point out how education may be made more popular. You may lead a horse to water but you cannot make him drink; this I think is the trouble.

The man who means to get on, educates himself to a large extent. This man is ambitious, he realises his ignorance, he requires no spurring and he does not rest after passing an examination or two.

Once education becomes popular I can quite imagine the library being visited daily but at present a football has more attraction than a book.

Proficiency pay at a very high rate should be the scholar's reward and prizes for essays in every battalion should be a feature of army education.

REGULAR.

MR. PERCY'S OFFER.

Sir,—I note a letter from the officer who manages that most excellent band of entertainers known as the Rhine Army Dramatic Society.

In it, he asks for suggestions for future productions, and more especially requests his potential patrons to vote for one of two plays, which he contemplates producing in the near future. The plays in question are "Abraham Lincoln" and "Strife."

I have seen the first named play in town recently and have to confess that I was somewhat disappointed. Apart from the fact that the play is the subject of a war which occurred sixty years ago and about which the average Britisher is splendidly ignorant, the acts are very heavy and somewhat boring.

This, as an expression of opinion, I do not doubt will be looked upon as rank heresy — but I will add, that I think it probable that this is a play which would read better than it will act — at any rate from an English standpoint.

No sir, Galsworthy every time. I've never seen "Strife" but I shall always remember seeing "Justice" and "The Silver Box," fine plays both.

And why not show, "Man and Superman" and "We never can tell" for preference? And for Shakespeare, "The Taming of the Shrew," and "A Midsummer-night's Dream," More modern plays hard to beat I think, are "The Second in Command," and "Lady Windermere's Fan" Oscar Wilde. "Buried Alive" Arnold Bennett "Milestones" the same author and Edward Knoblock.

Mr. Manager, you asked for it and you've got it. *F.H.M.*

TOMMY TO HIS RIFLE.

They gave you to me first way back in Blighty,
I used to 'ate the sight of you like 'ell.
But when I'd come to understand you rightly,
You seemed a sort of pal to me and — well,
I aint a going to feel too bloomin' 'appy
To give you back now this 'ere job is done.
We've stuck together three long years old chappie,
We've 'ad some rotten times: we've 'ad some fun.

When we've been in a tightish sort of corner,
You've always stuck by me and pulled me through.
And often when I've nearly been a "goner,"
You've proved yourself a trusted friend and true.
In billets when I've made much love to Josie,
You were a most discreet and tactful third,
On leave you didn't say a word to Rosie,
Good Bye! and all the best of luck, old Bird.

Cologne. Aug. 1910 *REX.*

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Sunday	6	Tristan & Isolde	Wagner
Monday	7	Tales of Hoffmann	Offenbach
Tuesday	7	Madame Butterfly	Puccini
Wednesday	7	The merry wives of Windsor	Nicolai
Thursday	7	The Barber of Seville	Rossini
Friday	7.30	Tiefland	d'Albert
Saturday	7	Tosca	Puccini
Sunday	7	Cavalleria rusticana Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo
Monday	7	The taming of the shrew	Goetz
Tuesday	7	Tosca	Puccini

DUBLIN HORSE SHOW.

Successful Revival After Lapse Of Five Years.

The opening day of the Dublin Horse Show, a revival of which, after a lapse of five years, is so gratifying, was unfortunately marred to some extent by showery weather, but this did not seriously affect the attendance, which was considerably in excess of what we were accustomed to on the first day in pre-war times. Visitors from England were perhaps more numerous than ever, and as usual included many distinguished people in social and hunting circles, whilst the Continent was also well represented in the throng. His Excellency Field Marshal Lord French brought a large party of his guests at the Vice Regal Lodge, and, a genuine lover of the horse, his lordship took a keen and practical interest in the exhibits. The hunters, which comprise the major portion of the show, were all round a good lot, if not quite up to the old standard, but this, of course, can be attributed to the strain on the source of supply made by the Army Remount Department.

"A MORAL STIMULUS."

East End Clergy Vigorously Defend Boxing.

Although boxing has been vigorously condemned by Free Churchmen at a Llanelly meeting, it has the benediction of well known London clergy.

"It makes for manliness, self-reliance, and, most important of all, for clean living," declared the Rector and Rural Dean of Stepney, the Rev. W.G. Cameron, when asked for his views by a representative of the "Daily Chronicle."

"Boxing is one of the very best exercises, and it certainly encourages temperance. The best parson boxer we had on the staff here—he became a naval chaplain—was extremely popular because of his powers as a boxer, apart from anything else and we had other clergymen on our staff who practised boxing and exercised a tremendous influence for good through doing so.

"Far rather would I see men take up boxing than gambling at street corners; that is box themselves, not watch other people."

A COUNTER ATTRACTION.

Llanelly Nonconformist ministers held prayer meetings as a counter-attraction and protest to the boxing contests at the Market Hall. The hall, however, gained by the advertisement, and at the close of the principal contest the gloves used were sold by auction for 55gs, which was given to a local hospital.

HERNE HILL TO-DAY.

50 Miles National Cyclists' Union Championship.

The chief item at the meeting taking place today at the Herne Hill track is the 50 Miles National Cyclists' Union Championship and valuable "Cycling" trophy. All the best long-distance riders, as well as a Continental crack, have entered. Among the competitors are A. Alden, the 50 miles N.C.U. champion; W. G. Stewart, who has only to win the trophy on this occasion to make it his own property; H.H. Lee, who has one share, all belonging to the Kentish Wheelers. Others include R.H. Clarke, the Polytechnic C.C. crack; W.A. Hills, Catford C.C.; H.W. Henry, North Road C.C.; M.G. Selbach, Unity C.C., both well-known road riders; B. Bragg, Balham C.C., the coming champion; A.E. Aclman, Royal Antwerp B.C., who has put up two good performances in the Brussels road "50."

Y. M. C. A. BILLIARDS.

Schlebusch Score Easy Victory Over Opladen.

An interesting billiard match took place last Wednesday evening at Schlebusch, when teams from the Opladen and Schlebusch branches of the Y.M.C.A. were in opposition. The local team had matters all their own way, however, and without being extended, won easily by the large margin of 255 points.

Scores:—

Schlebusch		Opladen	
Sig. Barr tt	100	Spr. Tappick	30
Cpl. Ballard	100	Spr. Wrightson	60
Gnr. Daniels	100	L/Cpl. Prater	18
Gnr. Chadwick	100	Dvr. Williams	60
Dvr. Cleland	100	Mr. Harris	77
Total	500	Total	245

"Footer" Dates Open.

303 Siege Battery have all dates open for fixtures in the vicinity of Bonn. Address: Football Sec. 303 Siege Bty, R.G.A. Rhine Army.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday, August 30, 1919.

Surface wind south-west to west, 10 to 15 m.p.h. Warm and cloudy; occasional rain, becoming cooler later. Visibility fair.

DRIVER'S SEVEN FIRSTS.

Marvellous Performance At Northern Division A.C. Sports.

INDIANS COMPETE.

The initial sports meeting of the Northern Divisional Ammunition Column was held at Widdersdorf on Friday and Saturday, by kind permission of Major A. M. Richie, R.F.A., Commanding Officer.

There were good attendances on both days, among those present being Brig.-General Ollivant, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., R.A., and Lieut.-Col. Carrington, R.F.A.

The bands of the 1/6 West Yorks and the 9th D.L.I. were present on Friday and Saturday respectively, and added to the pleasures of the function. The Committee responsible for the success of the meeting were:—Capt. S. W. Russell, Capt. Cooke, Lieut. Jackson, R. S. M. Jermond, B. S. M. Dursley, B. Q, M. S. Crompton, B. Q. M. S. Glassey, Sgt. Roberts, and Farr. Staff, Sgt. Thorn.

There was keen competition throughout. The Section championship went to No. 3 Section, and the individual championship to Dvr. Christenson of No. 3 Section who accomplished a marvellous performance winning no less than seven first prizes. In the turn-outs there was a splendid exhibition of harness and animals. The team belonging to No. 2 Section which recently won first prize at the Rhine Army Horse show was much in evidence at the sport.

At the close of the meeting the prizes were distributed by Mrs. A. M. Richie, wife of Major A. M. Richie, Commanding the Ammunition Column.

The Results.

The results were as follows:—

The number in brackets after each name denotes the number of the competitor's Section.

N.C.O.'s jumping:—1, Sgt. Harrison, R.A.V.C. (3); 2, Bdr. Baldrey (2); 3, Bdr. Townsend (1).

Turn-outs:—Best dressed N.C.O. mounted, B. Q. M. S. Edwards (3); best dressed driver mounted, Dvr. Watson (3).

100 yds.:—1, Dvr. Christensen (3); 2, Dvr. Ellis (3); 3, 2/Lieut. White (3), time 10 4/5 sec., won by a yard.

220 yds.:—1, Dvr. Christensen (3); 2, Dvr. Ellis (3); 3, 2/Lieut. White (3).

440 yds. (D.A.C.):—1, Dvr. Christensen (3); 2, Dvr. Ellis (3); 3, Dvr. Leigh ton (1).

440 yds. (open):—1, Dvr. Christensen (3); 2, Dvr. Ellis (3); 3, Bdr. Ross (3).

High jump:—1, Bdr. Bate (2); 2, Sgt. Nicholson (3); 3, Dvr. Fifenell (1).

Long jump:—1, Dvr. Christensen (3); 2, Bdr. Bate (2); 3, Nicholson (3).

Jumping on mules (O.R.'s):—1, Dvr. Francis (3); 2, S/S. Cooney (3); 3, Dvr. Tooney (2).

Mounted Tug-of-war:—No. 2 Section.

Dismounted Tug-of-war:—No. 3 Section.

Obstacle race:—1, Dvr. Christensen (3); 2, Dvr. Ellis (3); 3, Dvr. Rickers (2).

Relay race:—1, No. 3 Section team, 2/Lieut. White, Sergt. Nicholson, Cpl. S/S. Farrell, Gnr. Walker, Dvr. Christensen.

Mule race:—1, S/S. Cooney (3), 2, Gnr. Binks (3); 3, Dvr. Francis (3).

Potato and bucket race:—1, Dvr. Francis (3); 2, S/S. Cooney (3); 3, Dvr. Smith (1).

Wrestling on mules:—1, No. 1 Section.

Musical chairs:—1, Gnr. Downey (3).

Pillow fight:—1, 2/Lieut. White (3); 2, Cpl. Riddle (1); 3, S/S. Lucas (2).

Officers boot and saddle race:—1, 2/Lieut. White (3); 2, Capt. Samson (H.Q.); 3, Capt. Cooke (2).

Lloyd Lindsay race:—1, No. 1 Section.

Officers menagerie race:—1, Capt. Cooke (2)-goat; 2, Lieut. Ball (2); 3, Capt. Sampson (H.Q.).

Mop fight:—1. Sgt. Nicholson and Dvr. Lowe (3); 2, Gnr. Banbury and Gnr. Downey (3).

Indians Events.

N.C.O.'s jumping:—1, Havildar Major (H.Q.); 2, Havildar (1); 3, Havildar (3).

Turn-outs:—N.C.O.'s mounted:—1, L/Naik Ahmed Din (1); 2, Khared Bucks (2).

220 yds:—1, Ali Sheah (3); 2, Mangatoo (H.Q.); 3, Ramat Ullah (3).

Long jump:—1, Mangatoo (H.Q.); 2, L/Naik Ahmed Din (1).

Jumping on mules (O.R.'s):—1, Ramat (1); 2, Mangatoo (3); 3, Sujan (H.Q.).

Boot and saddle race:—1, Kerein Din (1); 2, Kuleb (1); 3, Sheik Hussem (3).

Three-legged race:—1, Kerdin (2); 2, Kuleb (1); 3, Sujan (2).

Mule race:—1, Diwan (1); 2, Shaufe (H.Q.); 3, Tullah (3).

Obstacle race:—1, Mangatoo (H.Q.); 2, Ali Sheah (3); 3, Ramat Ullah (3).

Wrestling on mules:—1, No. 3 Section.

Mounted Tug-of-war:—1, No. 1 Section.

Pillow fight:—1, Lokka (3).

Mop fight:—1, Nohado Singh (3); 2, Suchan (1); 3, Ram. Bahad (1).

Band race (West Yorks):—1, Pte. Harbottle; 2, Pte. Ford; 3, Pte. Nicholson.

Band race (D.L.I.):—1, Cpl. Townend; 2, Pte. Brearley; 3, Pte. Jenkinson.

LEAVE CLUB WHIST DRIVE.

A most successful Whist Drive was held at the Leave Club. The room was very full and the evening proved a most enjoyable one.

The first ladies prize was won by Pte. H.W.L, Johnson, 2nd by Pte. H. Stevens, 3rd by Pte. L.G. Chapman.

1st gentleman's prize by Pte. A.E. Tomlin, 2nd Pte. W. Husdon, 3rd Pte. W. Cook.

Lts. Halley and Vernon again very kindly presided and Cpl. Duffy was a most efficient M.C.

TO-DAY'S C.P.C. MATCH.

Lowland Div. M.T. Coy. v 174 Siege Battery.

EXCITING GAME EXPECTED.

Today, at 2 p.m., at the 7th Sq., R.A.F. ground, Exerzierplatz, Mülheim, the Lowland Div. M.T. Coy. meet the 174 Siege Bty. in an eliminating contest for the "Cologne Post" Cricket Cup. There is every prospect of some excellent sport being witnessed. 174 Siege Bty. have an unbeaten record, and the Lowland Div. M.T. Coy. although having lost two matches early on in the season, have got together a really fine side. There should be a big crowd of spectators. To get to the ground take the Berg.-Gladbach car from the Dom which passes within 100 yards of the ground.

EXCELLENT BOWLING.

13th King's L'pool bowler creates Season's Record.

Lieut. Bailey, 13th Kings L'pool Regt., has created a record in the "Cologne Post" Cricket Competition. He has bowled continually through the season and has taken 93 wickets for an average of 2.31 runs. This is even better than the average of Lieut. Fishpool (1/4th Yorks and Lancs) who finished the season with an average of 2.87. Earlier on in the Competition Pte. Carr and Pte. Fulford tied with a bowling average of 2.36. Can anyone beat this? Lieut. Bailey's record is as follows:—

93 wickets 250 runs = Average 2.31.

Cpl. Underwood of the same unit has taken 73 wickets for 319 runs, average 4.37.

145 Siege Battery Analyses.

Batting.

	No. of inn.	Times not out	Highest score	Total runs	Average
Capt. Robson	12	3	59	140	15.55
Bdr. Aylesbury	10	4	13	83	13.83
Major Ward	5	0	34	58	11.6
Gnr. Lemons	13	3	31	109	10.9

Bowling.

	Overs	M.Overs	Runs	Wicks.	Aver.
Gnr. Lemons	115.1	28	211	78	2.71
Gnr. Harcombe	10	3	22	6	3.66
Capt. Robson	8.1	1	28	7	4
Gnr. Staples	62.2	9	149	24	6.22
Gnr. Tintall	24	2	57	9	6.33

CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP.

More Drawn Games as result of rain.

Owing to the unsettled weather, none of the County Championship matches which have been played this week has produced a definite result. The gap between the two leaders is widened by the present absurd system of calculating percentages, and Somerset take precedence of Notts.

Three more counties in Notts, Gloucestershire, and Derbyshire concluded their Championship programme this week.

ENGLISH CRICKET SCORES.

Following are the scores in the principal English Cricket matches on Thursday:—

Somerset 127 and 91; Surrey 152 and 26 for none.

Gloster 281; Australian 104 for 6.

Lancs. 198 for 6 v. Northamptonshire.

Hampshire 201; Yorks 242 for 3.

Navy and Army 321 and 124 for 2; Demobilized Officers 212.

Kent 148; Twenty Young Kent players 463 for 9.

Young Amateurs Surrey 226; Young Amateurs Middlesex 256 for 5. C.E. Abelson St. Paul's School not out 101; H.I. Cuthover Harrow 71.

LEVERKUSEN CRICKET FRIENDLY.

A cricket friendly played at Leverkusen between II Corps H.Q. and the 51st Batt. Royal Warwickshire Regt. resulted in a win for the former by 78 runs, the respective scores being II Corps H.Q. 107, 51st Warwicks 29. For the winners Lieut. Cooper was top scorer with 39. Lieut.-Col. Larmour (23) and Pte. Evans (16) also batted well. Lieut. Cooper took 7 wickets for 11 runs and Col. Larmour 13 for 160. For the Warwicks Pte. Wills (19) was the only player to reach double figures. Pte. Starmer took 5 wickets for 27 runs and Pte. Wills 2 for 3.

CREFELD RACES.

As a result of the horse he was to have ridden meeting with an accident Lieut. Campbell Russell is at present without a mount in the big steeple-chase at Crefeld tomorrow. He will be pleased to accept a mount from anyone requiring a jockey for that, or any other race.

A CONSIDERATE MULE.

Amusing London D.A.C. Mounted Sports At Westhoven.

FAVOURITE WINS DERBY.

The London D.A.C. held a very successful sports meeting at Westhoven on Wednesday. There was a large attendance of officers and other ranks from units of the Divisional Artillery, including the C.R.A., Brig.-General Oldfield, and a number of ladies. The programme excited the keenest competition amongst the men of the Column, large fields being the rule for every event. The "Mule Derby" attracted thirty runners and was won by an old favourite "Charlie" after a great race. In the handyman's race in which at the last stage the men had to dismount, drink gingerbeer, and eat a bun, Gnr. Allen lost his mule, which bolted some distance, but very considerately returned to him just as he finished his bun, and allowed him to ride home a winner. There was a sweepstake of over a thousand marks on the "Derby" and on this and the majority of the other events a totalizator, organized by Lieut. Young, and very ably worked by Sgt. Clarke, did big business. By permission of their Commanding Officer, the band of the 10th Queens attended and added pleasure to the function. The tea arrangements proved thoroughly efficient. A very successful meeting concluded with the distribution of prizes by Mrs. J. W. P. Wheatley, the wife of the Commanding Officer.

The Results.

The results were as follows:—

Musical chairs:—1, Dvr. Head (No 2 Section).

Tug-of-war (British Mounted):—1, S.A.A. Section.

Tug-of-war (Indians Mounted):—1, S.A.A. Section.

V.C. Race:—1, Dvr. Gladhill (S. A.A.); 2, Dvr. Wilson (No. 2).

Handy men's race:—1, Gnr. Allen (No. 2); 2, Dvr. Storer (No. 1 Section).

Derby for mules:—1, Dvr. Matheson (No. 2); 2, Gnr. Wilson (No. 1); 3, Dvr. Scott (No. 1).

Mule race (Indians):—1, L/Naik Manch; 2, L/Naik Baboo Singh.

Officers' tent pegging:—1, Lieut.-Col. A.F. Thompson, 190 Bde.

Officer's jumping:—1, Major J.S. Barkworth 187 Bde.

N.C.O.'s jumping:—1, Farr. Sergt. Truss, A/187; 2, Sergt. Herbert, D.A.C.

The Colonel's Cup, awarded to the most successful Section was won by No. 2 Section.

1st LIFE GUARDS' ATHLETICS.

Corporals Share Honours of the Knightsbridge Meeting.

Athletic sport, alternated with military contests and gymkhana events, comprised a lengthy programme for the 1st Life Guards meeting in Hyde Park, opposite Knightsbridge Barracks. In the athletic events the honours of the day were shared by Corpl Robertson and Corpl-of-Horse Russell. The latter, who used to run thirteen years ago as a member of the Horsham Blue Star H.—Alfred Shrubb's original club—ran strongly and pluckily, but being eleven years Robertson's senior, was not so fleet as that opponent. In the 100 Yards Robertson beat Russell for first place by inches, Trooper Watt being third, and in the Furlong the placings were: Robertson, 1; Watt, 2; Russell, 3; the first-named winning by a yard. Robertson also carried off the Obstacle Race, Russell being second, and in Tilting the Bucket Robertson coupled with Corpl Court won first prize.

1st WELSH GUARDS SPORTS.

The 1st Battalion Welsh Guards held an athletic meeting near the Wimbledon Camp. The Prince of Wales's Company were successful in the Company Championship, gaining 95 points, and Drill-Sergt. Roberts won the Individual Championship with 30 points. The crack relay team of the Irish Guards carried off the Relay Race Open to the Brigade of Guards, and the officer commanding the battalion, who were holding the sports, viz.; Lt.-Col. A.G.A. Bore Ruthven, V.C., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., succeeded in getting third in the 100 Yards Race for Officers.

INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING RACE.

Englishman's fine Performance for Pleasure at Paris.

There has been some uncertainty as to the result of the International Swimming Race through Paris, but now it appears that David Billington, of Bacup, who finished first, in two hours 41 mins 55 secs, against 2 hours 43 mins 37 secs by the next competitor, was not competing in the event but merely taking part for his own pleasure. The result of the race was:—

1; Bacigalupo (Italy), 2; Sacner (Italy), 3; Mademoiselle Wurtz (Belgium), 4; Buschaert (Belgium).

OLYMPIA'S GREAT NIGHT.

The Stars in Training: Fulton's Wonderful Reach.

ADDITIONAL FIGHT.

Advance sales for the first night at Olympia on Sept. 2nd are even better than for the Wilde-Moore fight, and in view of the excellent items on the bill, this is not to be wondered at, though many people interested in boxing may think the promoter is using up too many stars at once. That is his business, however, and boxers at any rate fully appreciate his keen interest in the game.

Francis Charles, the Frenchman selected to oppose the British welter-weight champion, Johnny Basham, is expected to arrive in London this week, and will proceed to Stanmore at once to resume his training. Basham is getting fit at Wrexham, where he has plenty of sparring partners.

Full of Confidence.

Joe Beckett and Arthur Townley are preparing at Southampton for their contests with the Americans, Eddie McGoorty and Fred Fulton respectively. Both Beckett and Townley are progressing favourably and are full of confidence—a valuable asset in the boxing ring.

Mr. Tom O'Rourke, America's veteran trainer, is located at Maidenhead with Fred Fulton, who has the extraordinary reach of eighty-three inches. Under O'Rourke's watchful supervision Fulton should take the square in splendid condition.

A contest of six rounds has been added to the programme owing to the uncertainty which usually surrounds matches between heavy-weights. These rarely travel the scheduled distances, and in order not to curtail the enjoyment of the public, Fred Archer has been selected to meet Jim Skinner.

The programme of Sept. 2 will probably be given in the following order, commencing at 8 p.m.:—

Six rounds.—George Archer (Aldgate) v. Jim Skinner (Chiswick).

Twenty rounds.—Johnny Basham (Wrexham) v. Francis Charles (France).

Twenty rounds.—Joe Beckett (Champion of Great Britain) v. Eddie McGoorty (Oshkosh, U.S.A.).

Ten rounds.—Fred Fulton (Kansas, U.S.A.) v. Arthur Townley (Birkenhead).

Charles Joins McGoorty.

Francis Charles, the French welter-weight who is meeting Johnny Basham for the Welter-Weight Championship of Europe, arrived in London on Tuesday, and proceeded to McGoorty's training quarters at Stanmore.

Beckett The Favourite.

There is heavy wagering on the Beckett—Mc Goorty match. Yesterday at the Café Royal a 500 to 400 wager on Beckett was twice taken.

YORK RACING RESULTS.

Southern's Fine Win in Gimcrack Stakes.

In the Gimcrack Stakes at York on Thursday, the horses could not be seen until half the distance had been completed when Mount Royal led Poltava and Southern. A quarter of a mile from home, Southern drew to the front and won by 1½ lengths.

Details.

The York results were as follows:—

Middlethorpe Handicap: — 1. Daddy Longlegs (11—10); 2. Eston Jetty (4—1); 3. Winfrith (7—1).

Lowther Handicap:—1. Polismen (3—1); 2. Lady Craigie (100—8); 3. San. Pol. (7—4) and Skovkum Jol (8—1), dead heat 3rd place.

Great Yorkshire Stakes:—1. Pomme de Terre (7—4); 2. Japool (3—1); 3. Dorset (6—4).

Gimcrack Stakes:— 1. Southern (7—2); 2. Poltava (100—7); 3. Mount Royal (100—7).

Harewood Handicap:—1. Poentilla (8-1); 2. Little (100—7); 3. Vanitie (10—1).

Fairfield Plate:— 1. Hurdy Gurdy (5—1); 2. Lady Victorine (3—1 on); 3. Yew (7—1).

ANOTHER RECORD BEATEN.

At the International Athletic competition at Stockholm, on Tuesday, Myrae, a Finn, threw a javelin 216¾ feet thereby establishing a new World's record.

Boxing Challenge Accepted.

The challenge given by L/Cpl. Corbett of No. 3 Coy. R.A.S.C. Lancashire Divisional Train, to box anyone in the Rhine Army at 10st 10 lb is accepted by Gunner Ginn, 267th Siege Bty., R.G.A.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Leave Club.

On Sunday, August 31st the Rev. C.E. Wheeler will talk to the men in the writing room from 5-6 p.m. and there will be a concert by the band of the 23rd Royal Fusiliers at 6.30 p.m. (by kind permission of the O.C.). Major Bowen has kindly consented to sing. There will be an impromptu concert in the music room on Monday, September 1st from 5-6 followed by a dance in the theatre at 6.30 p.m. A dancing class will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2nd and an impromptu concert will take place in the music room at the same hour. At 7 p.m. the Merry Micks concert Party will give a show (by kind pemission of the O.C. 5th Irish Regiment). On Wednesday, September 3rd, there will be an impromptu concert from 5-6 and a dance at 6.30 at which the band of the 1/6th West Yorks have kindly consented to play (by kind permission of O.C.) The drum and fife band of the 2/4th Queens Regiment (by kind permission of O.C) will play in the garden from 5-6 on Thursday, September 4th and at 6.30 there will be a whist drive. On Friday, September 5th there will be a dancing class for beginners and an Impromptu concert, both starting at 5 p.m. and finishing at 6 p.m. The Cinema will be continuous throughout the afternoon and evening. There will be an impromptu concert on Saturday, September 6th followed by a dance in the theatre at 6.30 p.m.

Knight of the Rascals.

This little caricature is an impression of Jack Knight, the comedian of "The Rascals," Cav. Div. M.T. Coy. He is undoubtedly an acquisition to the party, being equally amusing as the broken down waiter or the man about town. Knight is a professional of many years experience. He has toured both in revue and vaudeville, and is well known in the provinces. Few comedians in army theatrical circles have had more to do with the business than he.

JACQUES.

LAWN TENNIS TOURNEY.

Lindenthal Competitions Open to Allies.

What promises to be one of the most attractive lawn tennis tournaments yet held in Rhineland commences on Sept. 6th at the Lindenthal courts. A novel feature, and an exceedingly pleasing one, will be the contests in the Army of the Rhine Championships, for which Americans, French, and Belgians, as well as British aspirants are invited to enter. There are open singles and doubles events for ladies and gentlemen as well as mixed doubles. The events are all open to ladies and officers of the Allied Armies of Occupation. Entries to reach the Secretary, Officers' Sports Club, The Club House, Lindenthal, not later than Tuesday, September 2nd.

TWO-DAY MATCH.

Free Foresters to Play The Rest at Lindenthal.

On Sunday and Monday at Lindenthal an interesting cricket match will be played between the Free Foresters and "The Rest." The former team is being organised by Lieut.-Col. Hartley, whilst Lieut.-Col. Spooner is responsible for the latter. On Sunday the band of the 52nd Northumberland Fusiliers will play selections. The start each day is at 11.30, and the N.A.C.B. are making the luncheon arrangements.

THE DAVIS CUP.

British Team Defeat France In Final Round.

In the Final round of the Davis Cup competition at Deauville on Thursday the British team defeated France by 3 matches to 2, and qualified to meet Australia in the challenge round.

ARTILLERY AT CRICKET.

At interesting match was played at Lindenthal this week by teams representing the Officers of the Northern and Southern Divisional Artilleries respectively.

The N.D.A. batted first and compiled 188 runs, Capt. Emberton 59, Major Turner 32, and Lieut. Champneys 19, being the chief scorers. The S.D.A. were dismissed for 79 in their first innings, (Lieut. Hazell 34, and Brig.-General Kirwan 19), chiefly owing to the deadly bowling of Lieut. Deighton (4 for 8) and Lieut. Champneys (2 for 20).

Going in a second time the S.D.A. were 154 for 7 when stumps were drawn. Lieut. Royle 76, and Brig.-General Kirwan 26, were the biggest scorers in this innings. Major Turner bowled with good effect, taking 2 for 10.

WORLD'S RECORD EQUALLED.

Sun Briar, the four-year-old by Sundridge out of Sweet Briar, equalled world's record time in winning the Champlain Handicap of nine furlongs at the Saratoga (U.S.A.). He covered the distance in 1 min 50 sec, which had previously been accomplished by Vox Populi at Los Angelos in 1908. Brown Prince covered the same distance at Newmarket in 1917 in 1 min 50 2-5 sec.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Practice Games Receipts.

The receipts at Preston North End's three practice games realised £300, which will be handed over to local charities.

First Victory Since 1903.

The victory of the Australians, N.E. Brookes and G. Patterson, in the American national lawn tennis doubles during last week is the first gained in that event by a visiting pair since R.F. and H.L. Doherty won in 1903.

Long and Short.

It will interest those who know Woolley and those who have not seen Freeman, of Kent, but are interested in his size, that when the players stand side by side Freeman's head just tops Woolley's waistline.

Heaviest Team.

Liverpool claim that they have the heaviest team in the First Division of the League. If this is so, it is as well that mere brawn is not everything, otherwise there would be no need to look further for the champions.

Death of a Rowing Blue.

The death is announced of Mr. Robert Taunton Raikes, of Treberfydd, Brecon, who rowed in the winning Oxford crews against Cambridge in 1865 and 1866. For many years he practised as a solicitor in the City. He was 76.

Quicker Than Telegram.

Some of the birds in the Manchester Flying Club's young birds' race reached home from Weymouth before the telegram announcing the time of their liberation.

Right Back Secured.

Leeds City have been successful in securing from Blackpool H. Millership, the right back. Leeds had some anxiety about this position before Millership was signed on.

Victor Murdin.

Victor Murdin, who played for Northampton against Sussex at Brighton, is home on leave from Germany, and expects to be demobilized on his return from leave. He is a fast bowler, with a splendid record in regimental cricket.

The Davis Cup.

When Dwight Davis put up the trophy in 1900 his idea was to accentuate the interest in the matches between the British Isles and America, and the present world-wide support of the competition was never contemplated.

Only 33.

Mr. J. Woodman, Sam Langford's manager, threatens to bring the black boxer to England again. Langford has for some time been put in the veteran class, but has just discovered that he is "only thirty-three years old."

Seaside Bowls.

Southern bowlers are busy at Hastings with the sixth annual tournament. A feature of the first day's play was the defeat of A. Poingdestre (Bromley), Kent champion 1919, who fell before W.G. Freathy (Gillingham) by 21—14.

Golfing Heredity.

The influence of heredity in first-class golf has been apparent since the early days of the game. Skill has always "run in the family," and though the old faces, now familiar, may disappear, many of the old names will continue to crop up in the news for a long time to come.

Changing Caps.

Several of the young school of amateurs playing in county cricket change their caps at least once during a match. This thin disguise might be adopted by fieldsmen who drop an easy catch, since there is no other way of temporarily escaping the unwelcome attention of the crowd.

Fisherman "Goalie."

Manager Arthur Chadwick, of Exeter City, has secured a promising lot of players, and the coming season is full of promise. Pym (the Topsham fisher lad), who has had several tempting offers to leave his first love, will again guard the Exeter goal, and the citadel can be regarded as safe in his keeping.

The Hampshire Hunt.

Mr. A.P. Robinson has been appointed Master of the Hampshire Foxhounds. The Master will hunt hounds himself, having previously hunted staghounds and harriers.

Rapid Scoring.

Sensational as it was the scoring of 96 runs in thirty-two minutes by Hobbs and J.N. Crawford against Kent is nothing like a record. G.L. Jessop hit 191 at Hastings in a hour and a half, and Alletson 189 in the same time at Brighton.

International Fixture.

Mr. Tom Charnley, the Football League secretary, has received word from the Irish League agreeing to the suggestion to alter the date of the international from October 13 to October 6, thus bringing the fixture forward a week to avoid clashing with a Football League meeting on the first-named date.

Suggested Welsh League.

Welsh soccer clubs in the Second Division of the Southern League and in the Birmingham League have the permission of the Welsh F.A. to take part in these competitions for the coming season only, The Welsh F.A. considers the time has arrived when a Welsh league should be formed, and intends to discuss the matter fully later on.

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Coblenz arr.	2.45	—	—
dep.	2.50	—	—
Bendorf (Engers) "	3.10	—	—
Neuwied (Rengsdorf) "	3.35	—	—
Andernach (Laacher See) "	3.50	—	—
Niederbreisig (Hönningen) "	4.15	—	—
Remagen (Neuenahr) "	4.50	5.00	—
Rolandseck "	5.10	5.30	—
Godesberg "	5.40	6.00	—
Bonn arr.	6.00	6.25	—
dep.	6.05	6.30	—
Wesseling "	6.45	7.10	—
Porz "	7.05	7.30	—
Köln-Mitte (Leystapel) arr.	7.30	7.55	—

Place	Up River 2	4	6
	Time a.m.	Time	Time
Köln-Mitte (Leystapel) dep.	10.00	—	12.00
Porz "	10.45	—	12.45
Wesseling "	11.25	—	1.25
	p.m.		
Bonn arr.	12.30	—	2.30
dep.	12.35	—	2.40
Godesberg "	1.10	—	3.10
Rolandseck "	2.00	—	4.00
Remagen (Neuenahr) "	2.30	—	4.30
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Andernach (Laacher See) "	4.00	—	—
Neuwied (Rengsdorf) "	4.20	—	—
Bendorf (Engers) "	5.05	—	—
Coblenz arr.	5.40	a.m.	—
dep.	—	10.00	—
Bingen (Kreuznach) arr.	—	2.45	—
dep.	—	2.50	—
Mainz arr.	—	5.15	—

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ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Good Mail News.

The A.P.O. are at present making arrangements to bring the mails up in the Calais-Cologne leave train. This will mean that Units will receive their mails, letters and parcels, the day they arrive instead of the following day.

The M.O. In The Butts.

A certain infantry company was firing a musketry course last week, and owing to the shortage of officers, the medical officer volunteered for duty in the butts. In the heat of the afternoon the markers were signalling the scores rather badly and the firing point officer being rather short tempered rang up the butts, asked for the officer in charge and told him to bustle the markers. He then asked for the score on No 7 Target. The reply soon came back "Two inners, two mags, one excused duty.

Was It Unconscious Humour?

It may be unconscious humour on the part of the man who pastes up the advertisements, or deliberate waggishness, but one of the latest proclamations by the Military Governor has been posted over an old advertisement of a certain revue, completely covering it except for the title, so that after reading through the proclamation one is startled to find at the bottom, the comment "Well, I'm —!" And yet the Germans are supposed to be devoid of a sense of humour!

Pay Book Humour.

As many are aware, all Pay Books were recently called in, as the Pay and Mess Book system came into operation on August 1st. One rather amusing incident comes to notice. In the space provided in the A.B. 64 for particulars regarding the person to whom it was desired to leave credits, personal belongings, etc., in case of death, was inserted the following.— "I leave the sunshine to the flowers"! Evidently the position of the writer's "credit" would not permit of him leaving anything more substantial!

Who is Your Favourite Author?

Few of us have not an author more favoured than another. Varied tastes naturally lead to variety in the selection of works, as is borne out by the lists submitted as the most interesting in the discussion which is going on in our columns. To arrive at a conclusion as to which are the most popular books, we have decided to promote a competition and readers of all ranks are invited to submit selections. Each book selected will be considered as receiving one vote each time it figures in the lists sent in and the competitor whose list, according to the books in it, embraces the highest aggregate of votes will receive a prize of fifty marks. Selections of ten books must be addressed to "Books" c/o The Editor "Cologne Post" by Saturday, Sept. 6th. Be your favourite writer Marie Corelli or Gene Stratton Porter, Arnold Bennett or Rider Haggard, make a selection of the ten works you consider best and send it along.

Position Everything.

What is the meaning of the little red crosses painted on the walls of the auditorium, just beneath the side lights, in some German theatres? Were they meant to serve as a gentle reminder to the pleasure seeking German in war time? If, as our advertising experts tell us, position is everything, they should have served this purpose admirably.

Child Labour in the Rhineland.

In Rhineland there are many things existing which would have formed a fit subject for a caricature for Dickens. A visit to the Fair at the Zoological Garden will reveal the astonishing fact that one of the roundabouts for children is propelled by child labour. About five or six small boys, most of them without boots and stockings, walk round and round a raised narrow platform, pushing, as they go, an iron handle which causes the roundabout to rotate. Yet we used to be astonished at the employment of dogs on the treadmills in France. In England the roundabouts for children are usually propelled by a small horse and not by half-a-dozen urchins.

Railway Automatic Machines.

The average English traveller is always armed with a sheaf of magazines to while away the train-journey, and the scramble round the bookstalls is a common enough sight on any railway station. The German railways avoid this however, for, in addition to the ordinary book counter, on most platforms can be seen an automatic machine containing paper novels, which can be obtained by simply putting 20 pf. in the slot. They are of the noveletie type, supposed to be beloved of servant girls, and after reading, one can only think that the 20 pf. would be far better invested in the chocolate machine, but the fact of them being there is another instance of attention to detail so characteristic of the German.

Soldiers as Servants.

The demand for domestic servants is general, and the supply appears to lie in the ranks of the numbers of soldiers now demobilized, many of whom have no technical training and are anxious to undertake employment of any sort. Inquiries showed that men who were employed formerly in a domestic capacity—as butlers, etc.—were anxious to secure work that would continue the open air life they had led in the Army. On the other hand, officers batmen are quite willing to be servants. While men are not prepared to register themselves as domestic helps, they are willing to undertake the work. In the words of an ex-officer, who has employed his old batman to "do" for him and his wife, he is "a great advance on the women servants we have tried. My wife is delighted with the experiment, and indeed my batman's quiet, unobtrusive, yet singularly effective service is commented on by all our visitors."

Not a German.

A rather amusing incident occurred the other day in the town of Siegburg. A party of four having been to the races, went in search of a café to obtain refreshment. They were partaking of lunch when in walked a civilian, who purchased a doughnut and ate it. When he was leaving one of the party in his best German exclaimed "Vie gehts," to which the civilian did not reply. The Tommy continued "Vie gehts, Sie nichts alberten houtie, ah gestern sie felt drunken, and cann nicht alberten." Imagine the surprise of the party when the civilian remarked, "What do you think I am? A German!" He then left, and as he parted shouted "Cheerio."

Music — English v. German.

It is evident that Englishmen need not be pessimistic on this much-debated subject. In the course of many visits to the chief cafés and places where music is to be heard in Cologne and in neigbouring towns, one finds in few instances that there is a performance worthy of mention. To every performance of well-played, well-selected and enjoyable music, there are at least five or six where one hears nothing but a lot of indifferent trash, indifferently played. Quantity is there indeed, but the quality is not of a high standard. On a comparison, English orchestras, similarly employed in English places of amusement, distinctly shine, both as regards selection and performance. Again, it is evident, some times ludicrously so, that the Germans are out to please their English visitors in respect of their selections. But here, once more, one finds how little they understand us.

Read this!

Apropos the discussion now being waged on "What to read," how many men in the Rhine Army have read "Three men on a Bummel" by Jerome K. Jerome, who is generally considered a humorist of the first water. This book describes, in the writer's usual satirical style, the wanderings of three Britishers in Germany. It is a collection of reflections upon Germany and the German people, not a mere narrative of travels. A "Bummel" appears to be a sort of unconventional ramble with no definite programme and of no definite duration. It may be argued that the book belongs to another generation, but even to-day it is good reading. Jerome could not be considered immaculately truthful, but his exaggerativeness is very palatable to all who appreciate good, clean humour. "Three Men on a Bummel" is procurable at most local book shops in the well-known Tauchnitz edition.

Lesser Echoe.

"A" Coy of the 1/6 West Yorkshire Regiment last week subscribed £157—4—11 and this week the sum of £132—1—0. The company strength is 105. Any more records?

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to: Bdr. J. E. Cole, R.F.A., I.Q.M.G. Services Branch, G.H.Q.: Sig. H. G. Bird, Sig. Corp. R.G.A. 2/1st North Mid. H.B. Rhine Army; and L/C. Groves J. "B" Coy. 9th East Surreys, Rhine Army.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Closing Down.—Thurso will cease to be a naval base after September 9.

Gretna.—Gretna munitions factory, the war works that cost £9,000,000 is to cease the manufacture of cordite.

His New Work.—Sir Arthur Pinero is at work on a new play for Miss Irene Vanburgh.

Drury Lane.—"The Great Day" is the title which has been chosen for the Drury Lane autumn melodrama.

Poor Pay Tells.—Churches of all denominations are beginning to suffer through a lack of clergy.

Trophies.—Soon there will be hardly a place in Britain that has not some weapon of German origin to show to visitors.

Midland Enterprise.—A commercial aeroplane service will be inaugurated at Nottingham in October.

At Liberty.—General Liman von Sanders has been released from internment at Malta.

Bakers' rise—Under a new arbitration award, bakers are to receive an advance of 5s.

On the Land.—In Huddersfield and district there are over 3,000 allotment holders, and the number is increasing.

Cash Preferable—This year's marriages will go down in history as marking the decline of the wedding gift in kind.

Experienced.—The pilots on the newly-opened London-Paris and London-Brussels air routes have passed R.A.F. tests.

Council of War.—It has been decided to call a national conference of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain for September 3.

Demobilized Players.—The British Symphony Orchestra, which has just been founded, is composed of demobilized men.

Everybody Buying Diamonds.—Jewellers and diamond merchants are at present in full enjoyment of a great trade boom.

Cat and Fox.—A fox which was trying to rob the hen roost at Brighton was attacked by a cat.

The Porridge Bombshell.—Bitter complaints come from beyond the Tweed at the rise in the price of oatmeal.

Cenotaphs.—These memorials, on more or less the same lines as the Whitehall monument, are being built all over the country.

International Flying.—Major Harry Hawker has entered for the Jacques Schneider international race, which takes place on Wednesday next.

Head of Stars.—The bald head of a man at Thames Police Court was covered with tattoo marks in coloured designs—butterflies, stars, and the like.

Industrial Missioners.—Working men are being employed by the Industrial Christian Fellowship as missioners against industrial unrest.

Record Camera Boom.—Withdrawal of restrictions on civilian photography has resulted in a record boom in the photographic trade.

A Sensible Gift.—A custom which has grown up since the war, especially among the artisan classes, is the War Savings certificate gift.

Homeless.—The shortage of houses is so acute at Ealing that 200 people lined up outside a house in which three unfurnished rooms were to let.

Use for Army Huts.—The Army huts at Hammersmith are being used as homes for ex-soldiers who lived in the borough before the war.

London.—An ambitious scheme to complete a survey of London by means of aero-photography is now well under way.

Prayers against boxing.—To counteract the influence of boxing at Llanelly, Nonconformist ministers held a prayer meeting at the close of the Sunday evening services.

Craze For Bare Backs—Masseuses and beauty doctors expect to be busy this autumn preparing fair backs for the low-cut evening gowns.

The Prince's Partner.—Miss Helen Drury, of Boston, was the first unmarried girl to dance with the Prince after his arrival in Canada.

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

THE BIG PROFITEERS.

The moral of the last few weeks is that either profits must be limited in some way by Government action to satisfy the conscience of the community, or the outraged consumers will take the law into their own hands, to the extreme peril of all existing Governments as well as of the profiteers.

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SIR JOHN REES.

LUCK.

Although it would be idle for me to deny the existence of luck—and sometimes great luck—in boxing; I have come to the conclusion, after 35 years of the game, that the qualities which so often bring success in other walks of life are largely responsible for the making of a first-class boxer. A champion boxer, before he reaches the top of the tree, must possess three great qualities: skill in his craft, courage, and clean living. Substitute for his boxing ability a certain proficiency at another trade or profession and you have the three essentials which make for success in almost anything.

MR. CORRI EUGENE.

IMMODEST DRESSES.

Many girls think that men can be won by the flesh. But men are too sensible, they are not going to marry girls who go about half-naked. I could not set myself up as a judge or a censor of women's dress, for I only know what I see in the streets and in the fashion plates. But what I think is that women do seem to have lost that restraint and modesty and the befitting style of dress which characterised them during the war. Then they denied themselves luxuries, and their dress was simpler and plainer and much more modest and befitting. Now they seem to have gone to the other extreme. The one aim of many girls seems to be to attract men, and that may account for the present styles in dress. A man may flirt with a girl who goes to extremes in these fashions, but he will not marry her.

DR. F. B. MEYER.

DECLINE OF THE SOVEREIGN.

There is no doubt that the depreciated currency is the cause of high prices. If we persist in the fatal delusion that, quite apart from the balance of trade, the depreciation of our currency is not responsible, or responsible only to a trifling extent, for a large proportion of the high prices in this country, we shall produce before many months—perhaps weeks, if stocks are low—a combination of high prices and scarcity which may fill the land from end to end with riot and starvation.

SIR OSWALD STOLL.

SOCIETY MUST PREPARE.

There exists in this nation a substratum of sound common sense which may, and in the long run I think will, resist even the wiles of the professional agitator. The body of labourers are no fools—far from it. They make mistakes, and who does not? But they are the last who, if they understand the matter, would involve themselves and the nation in ruin. If they knew that they were on the direct road to destroy the trade of this country, to kill all native industries, they would pause. There are signs of improvement. Let us hope that they will develop. But let us not be content with this hope. Society must be prepared with the weapon of defence if the weapon of offence is employed against it.

LORD WRENBURY.

LUCKY-BAG LIFE.

Everybody is asking the reason of the sudden fit of spendthrift extravagance which seems to have overtaken almost the whole nation. I think the *nouveaux riches* are spending partly because they do not know the spending value of money in another class of life, partly because they want to "live up to" their new position, and partly because what is lightly got easily goes. The *nouveaux pauvres* are spending because they have never learnt not to "do without." They do not know how to economise—and also lots of them do not think it worth while. Also, I am afraid, very much afraid, that many of the middle-class—the people who used to think several times before they "broke into" a five-pound note, who used to save all their lives to give their sons a good start and to leave a few thousands to their daughters—are spending their capital. Whatever the reason, everybody seems to be spending.

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A TOUCHING YARN.

Private Muggins has an eye for the girls. I well remember whilst we were training how he "fell" to the curly-headed flapper, who owned the small tobacconist's store just opposite the camp.

The first time he entered the store, and she smiled, not the ordinary field gun smile, but a whole battery of heavy artillery stuff, I knew he was hers, especially when he asked for Abdullas instead of Woodbines.

The way his face shone full of triumph, after she told him to call again, reminded me of a German pork butcher who has just discovered a stray dog in his shop, and sausage meat is scarce.

Muggins carried on terribly over the tobacconist girl. He openly bragged that his handsome features and slim grace had captivated the girl's heart.

Now anyone who looks at Muggins, looks quickly, a long look often proves fatal. I fancy if his past, of which he is reticent was revealed, it would show a lost argument with a steam roller, or else a lightning aquaintance with a pugilist's stock in trade. It was perfectly obvious, from the above that beauty was not the rock on which Muggins held the fair one's charms. I well remember a candid friend once telling Muggins that if his face was his fortune, he would never pay income tax.

Muggins' nasal organ had not received that ruddy bloom it bore, without cost. Beer was a necessary commodity, but to get beer you must have money, and it was common knowledge that Muggins was always first "over the top," whenever the canteen was going "wet," so wealth was not the draw.

Well, time went on, Muggins equally divided his spare time and cash, between the canteen and tobacconist's counter, until one day Muggins came in, looking like a man who has just missed pay parade. Something had happened that was evident, and my thoughts immediately sought the reason, the store-girl for sure.

"Anything the matter?" I ventured, "No," replied Muggins.

Next day, rumours began. The major's batman, confidentially told half the company that we were for Russia. By dinner-time, it came out of the Q.M. store, that summer clothing for India was to be issued. By tea-time it was an understood thing, that we should be amongst the Irish colleens in a couple of days time. At last the order came and eventually we reached the Rhine.

Muggins had been pally these days. Nothing further had been mentioned about the tobacconist girl, so I said in a sort of don't care a hang style "How's the girl, Muggins?" He looked at me quickly and then with a resigned air told me the whole yarn.

"Oh, I have finished with her. She already had a civvy hanging behind her at the time she was giving me the glad eye, a sort of artist bloke," he muttered.

"This civvy, all the time I was making eyes at the girl," he went on, "Was painting my blooming face behind the shelter of the parlour door." "Painting your face" I said, trying to keep my features straight," whatever for?"

"Why to sell I suppose to some of these toffs," said Muggins in a vague sort of way.

"I suppose you would be pleased at the honour. Just fancy having your picture hung up in some gentleman's house?"

"Honour be hanged," exploded Muggins. "Why he has called the picture "The Price of Drink.

"What happened?" I remarked.

"Well" said Muggins as a smile settled on his face, "Everything happened. I left the artist bloke sat in the fender, with his head through The Price of Drink' snapped my fingers at the girl and came back to camp."

I thought Muggins would have been well cured after the above experience with a descendant of Eve but not he—But that is another story. *S.R.*

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GERMAN PRISONERS RETURN.

MR. CARNEGIE'S LEGACIES TO BRITISH STATESMEN.

GERMAN PRISONERS.

TO BE REPATRIATED IMMEDIATELY.

The forecast by Herr Ebert that the German Government's efforts on behalf of the war prisoners had been successful, is confirmed by a resolution passed by the Supreme Council as follows:

"In order to diminish as rapidly as possible the sufferings caused by the war the Allied and Associated Powers have determined to anticipate the date of the ratification of the Treaty of Peace with Germany so far as the repatriation of German prisoners is concerned. The process of repatriation will begin immediately and will be conducted under the auspices of an Inter-Allied Commission to which will be added German representatives. As soon as the Treaty comes into force, the Allied and Associated Powers desire to make it clear that the continuance of this benevolent policy from which the German soldiers will so greatly benefit must depend on the full filment by the German Government of all their obligations."

GERMANY AND ALLIES.

TROOPS REFUSE TO LEAVE BALTIC PROVINCES.

A statement comes from Mitau to the effect that the notorious "Iron Division" has refused to obey orders, declining to evacuate territory as ordered by the Allies, and basing their refusal upon certain rights which they allege were conferred upon them by treaty with the Lettish Government.

The question of evacuation therefore is acutely raised between the Allies and the German and Lettish Governments, and is one which will have to be firmly dealt with, for it concerns what is tantamount to an attempt to introduce "Cossackdom" into the Baltic provinces.

The treaty to which the "Iron Division" appeals, is one entered into last year by the Germans and Letts. At that time the Letts were sorely pressed by the Bolshevist forces, and in desperation agreed to confer the rights of citizenship—and, it is asserted, rights of colonization—on Germans who would agree to fight for a period of four weeks.

The troops now find that, as the result of the Allied order to withdraw, these "rights" are to be denied them. Lettish circles in Berlin, assert that the troops are determined to hold the land already in their possession, and to which they have no title.

GUN-RUNNING IN IRELAND.

Unusual police activity has been witnessed at the Extension Quay, Dublin, and it was learned that the authorities had received word that ammunition and rifles for Sinn Feiners were coming in camouflaged as part of the ordinary cargo of a foreign vessel. It is further stated that the identity of the vessel is known to the Customs Authorities and the coastguards received special instructions It is not expected that the cargo can be landed.

The "Irish News" says that sensational rumours are current at Armagh that a large number of rifles and a quantity of ammunition belonging to the Ulster Volunteers have been handed to the police. This is interesting in view of the explicit statement in the House of Commons a year ago by a member of the Government that arms had been handed over then.

QUIEN'S CATEGORY.

The Commissary at St. Quentin said at the resumed trial of Quien, the alleged betrayer of Nurse Cavell, that the accused belonged to the category whom the Germans made their agents before the war.

Mmes. Bodard, and Jacob, who were arrested for facilitating the passage of fugitives from Belgium, said they were convinced that Quien had denounced them.

WILSON'S PLEADINGS.

It is definitely announced that President Wilson will start on his trip to the Pacific Coast probably within a few days. There have been intimations of the President's intention of making a speech-making tour on behalf of the League of Nations and the Peace Treaty.

PLENTY OF PLUM AND APPLE.

Sir Thomas Pink, interviewed by a Press representative, said there was no immediate danger of a jam famine. He thought the manufacturers would have a moderate supply of jam for their customers, probably more plum than anything else, between now and next May. There would be quite a good supply of marmalade. There was a good crop of apples, and therefore he could not see any cause for public alarm as to the supply of jam for the ensuing season.

Big jam-making firms are not reducing their staffs.

MR. CARNEGIE'S WILL.

ANNUITIES FOR MR. GEORGE AND VISCOUNT MORLEY.

The will of the late Mr. Andrew Carnegie, whose estate is estimated at 25 to 30 million pounds, has been published Among the bequests made are the following annuities:

Mr Lloyd George £2,000; Viscount Morley £ 2,000; Mr. John Burns £1,000; Mr. Thos. Burt, M.P. £1,000; Mr. John Wilson, M.P. £1,000; Ex-President Taft £2,000; Mr. Theodore Roosevelt £1,000; Mr. Grover Cleveland £1,000.

Mr. Carnegie further bequeathed to every labourer upon the pay-rolls at Skibo of two years' service or more, 50 dollars; of five years' service or more, 100 dollars.

A sum equal to two years' rent is to be remitted as the rent accrues to each crofter of good standing among his neighbours.

"We are blessed with a fine people upon the Skibo estate," the will continues, "and our factor is directed to grant a third year's rent to the crofters provided it is spent upon their homes, to their improvement, and to the satisfaction of the factor."

Other legacies are:—

5,000 dollars each to Miss Maggie Lauder, Miss Anna Lauder, and Mrs. George Hall, of Dunfermline.

It is said that during his life-time, Mr. Carnegie gave away gifts amounting to 70 million pounds.

STAKING OUT CLAIMS.

ITALIAN PEASANTS SEIZE LAND.

The peasants of the Roman Campagna have taken the Italian Premier (Signor Nitti) at his word that no acre of ground should be uncultivated, and set out by the thousand with their old-fashioned ploughs, oxen, and spades to occupy and cultivate all the deserted lands of the Agrum Romanum. Their movement is followed with great interest in Rome, and is causing some political excitement. At Albano, at three o'clock in the morning, the village tocsin rang out calling together all the villagers to set out and occupy the lands. They all had spades, and assembled at the village of Pialé Piazza, whence they started singing new Socialist songs. Outside the village they numbered about 2,000, and were headed by a band and a leader. Others gathered at Santa Palomba and occupied the lands around Palazza Morgana, staking them out, each peasant claiming a good acre or two. Signposts were fixed in the ground marking each one's claim, and the peasants, before starting to work, listened to the harangues of various leaders. Similar scenes are said to have occurred near other villages, but the movement is very orderly, and the men seem intent on really cultivating the neglected fields.

CHAR-A-BANC OVER CLIFF.

There has been a tragic ending to an excursion to the Grande Chartreuse monastery in France. A party of twenty-one tourists were on their way from Grenoble in a motor char-à-banc, and had passed the convent, when suddenly as the chauffeur was negotiating an awkward bend, just before Saint Pierre de Chartreuse, the car skidded and was thrown off the road. The huge car remained suspended upside down in some trees in mid-air, while the passengers were thrown into a torrent 20ft. below. It was a horrible scene. Four dead bodies were recovered later, and all the other seventeen passengers were seriously injured.

DEFIANT ROUMANIANS.

Up to Wednesday night the Supreme Council had received no reply from Roumania to its latest note. According to the latest dispatch, foodstuffs, arms and munitions for Roumania have been stopped. In open defiance of all threats and warnings from the Supreme Council the Roumanians continue their work of devastating Hungary, thereby not only robbing Hungary but depriving the Entente of the possibility of collecting the war indemnity.

The Archduke Joseph re-appeared on the political stage on Wednesday, and, addressing a deputation, declared that Hungary would rise from the grave and re-occupy her former position. There is a movement in defiance of the Entente.

MARSHAL FOCH'S SON.

SEARCH FOR HIS GRAVE.

The Belgian Minister for the Interior has given instructions for a search to be made for the place where was buried the body of the son of Marshal Foch, who fell during the battle of Virton in the Belgian Ardennes in the early days of the war. The Allied Commander's son is believed to have been buried near the road between Baranzy and Gorcy. The son of René Viviani, who was French Premier at the outbreak of war, was killed in the same neighbourhood.

ANTI-BOLSHEVISM.

PETROGRAD WILL BE TAKEN.

M. Tyakowitch, a member of the Ukraine Special Delegation to Paris, declared in an interview that the struggle against Bolshevism and a definite triumph over the mob whom Lenin rules are the chief matters on which they desired to address the Entente. They must unite with Caucasians, Roumanians, Poles and Lithuanians to create an impassible barrier against the Bolshevist forces, which would be a guarantee for the future, for it would oppose itself firmly against the German-Russian Alliance which the Germans desired. They would know how to defend themselves once their independence was guaranteed by the Entente. If that were granted they would lay open to the Entente the riches of their countries.

Interviewed by a Dutch journalist at Reval, the leader of the British Military Mission in Esthonia said that it was almost certain that Petrograd would be taken this summer.

Reports from Viborg state that a violent bombardment was heard there on Wednesday from the Cronstadt direction. It is supposed that British naval and air forces were in action. Thick clouds of smoke were afterwards observed over Cronstadt.

COAL PROBLEM.

SOMETHING NEW WANTED.

To discover an effective and cheap substitute for coal and thereby to solve the problem of the coal mines is to be first big task of the modern James Watts, who are to be housed in the James Watt School of Research, at Birmingham. The committee of engineers which has undertaken to develop the proposal for the research school has now reached the following preliminary conclusions:

Hitherto research has been frittered away in looking too much into detail, the improvement of something which already exists.

We must get at something new.

There is latent power in nearly everything. The problem is to convert the power to ordinary commercial needs.

We have to go very much further than Watt, who was eminently successful in converting coal, through steam into power.

There is a wonderful future before any nation, or man who can evolve a cheap power from some other source than coal or any source of power not yet tapped.

This can only be done by setting up a school such as the proposed James Watt School of Research, to support people who have the neccessary imagination and who have received the necessary training which enables them to observe very closely all signs and bring them to such a form that they can be grasped by all industry.

All big employers carry big experimental departments.

Therefore the James Watt School of Research should be made a communual institution for the investigation of basic principles of prime movement for the benefit of all British industries, and thus largely assist in removing the difficulties at present facing British world trade.

PROMPT DRIVER.

SAVES DERAILED TRAIN.

With his train travelling at from 40 to 45 miles an hour, Prestwich, driver on a Blackpool to Birmingham express, had to whistle three times to attract the notice of a ganger's party working on the line near Acton Bridge Station, L. and N.W.R. Guessing that something was wrong, he shut off steam and jammed on his vacuum brake. This much reduced the speed of his train, but did not stop it.

The ganger's party were renewing a broken chair at some points, and the work not being finished in time for this train, it was derailed.

At the same time another train was seen about 900 yards away and rapidly approaching on the other line. Prestwich, though badly shaken, ran up the line and stopped this train 50 yards from his own. But for his quick presence of mind on two occasions, this accident on June 16 would have had far more serious results. As it was, 11 passengers suffered minor injuries.

DIPLOMA FOR DOG.

The council of the Dog Owners' Defence Association have awarded their first-class diploma for saving life to a retriever belonging to Mr. Walter Gilbert.

The dog saved Lucy Morris, aged five and Horace Porter, aged seven, from drowning at Rotherham. One child got on its back and the other clung to its tail, and it swam with them to land.

BANKRUPT'S GAMBLING PLEA.

At the first meeting of creditors under a receiving order recently made against John Pryse Howell Loveden Pryse, of Deanery-street, Hyde Park, the debtor estimated his liabilities at £17,000 mainly due to moneylenders, and his assets at £3,500. He attributed his failure to gambling losses amounting this year to £8,000, or £9,000, and last year to £1,200. He said that he was only 22 years old and formerly held a commission in the Glamorgan Yeomanry, but was invalided out in 1917.

A trustee was appointed.

Diplomatic relations between Germany and Portugal will be resumed.

IN CANADA'S CAPITAL

PRINCE'S UNPARALLELED WELCOME.

The Prince of Wales' triumphal progress through Canada continues. On reaching Ottawa, he received a welcome unparalleled in size and enthusiasm in the capital's history. He entered heartily into the spirit of welcome, and, while being driven through the streets to the Governor-General's residence, stood up in the carriage and waved gaily to the cheering crowds.

The cheering crowds at Ottawa were so dense that it took six hours to get from the station to Parliament Buildings, where an address was presented by Sir Robert Borden.

The crowd broke through to hear the Prince's reply. He said he was conscious as the King's heir of the grave and inspiring responsibility resting on him.

As the train was nearing Ottawa it stopped near the village of Manotick, and the Prince went for a walk. A little girl carrying a basket of apples asked him if he was the Prince of Wales and on his replying in the affirmative she asked him to accept the apples. The Prince, highly amused, took the apples and asked the little girl her name, shaking hands with her and thanking her. He took the apples back to the train.

The Prince has accepted an invitiation to visit New York and to have the freedom of the city conferred on him. He expects to be in the United States in November.

HOTEL IN FLAMES.

BIG FIRE AT NEWQUAY.

Edgecumbe Hotel, Newquay, one of the finest buildings at the Cornish seaside resort, has been destroyed by fire. Damage estimated at between £6,000 and £7,000 was done. The outbreak was discovered at about two o'clock in the morning, and soon the whole building was enveloped in flames.

Although, with the 70 visitors and the staff, the occupants of the hotel numbered nearly 100, everybody escaped. Within ten minutes of the alarm everybody was out of the building, although they had to make their escape in night attire. Visitors lost all their personal property, but people in the neighbourhood have helped them as far as clothes were concerned.

One man from Birmingham had a narrow escape, as he did not hear the alarm. When he woke up nearly all the means of escape were cut off by the flames. But he reached a window, and jumped from the fourth storey to a shed a few feet from the ground. He broke his ankle.

Many of the guests owed their escape to the plucky efforts of a barman and two domestics, who, after the discovery of the fire, went from room to room arousing them.

POLICEMAN HANDCUFFED.

BOUND TO HAY-CHOPPING MACHINE.

Overpowered by supposed thieves he had surprised in a stable near the dyeworks of Messrs. Wharton, Saville Town, Dewsbury, a constable was handcuffed to a hay-chopping machine and his ankles bound with his belt to an iron support.

The beat is a very lonely one, and, although he shouted for help, the constable had to wait about four hours before a workman came. The police had to be sent for, as the key of the handcuffs had been taken by the men.

WALWORTH OUTRAGE.

Thomas Pitcher was charged on remand at Lambeth with the attempted murder of Catharine Daley at Walworth.

After the man Fielder, now dead, left the house, the prosecution said that a woman across the road watching the house heard thuds and blows and cries of "mercy." Daley was found on a bed partly unconscious with a wound in the head and is now lying in Southwark Infirmary.

Pitcher said that he saw Fielder standing outside the bedroom door with his coat off and asked him what the noise was about and he knocked him downstairs. After Fielder had gone he looked in the room and saw Daley lying on the bed. The instrument used to cause the injuries was a flat iron.

A doctor from the infirmary said that possibly the woman would recover, but she would never be able to say what happened.

Pitcher was remanded.

NEW HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT.

A wireless message last night states that a new Government has been formed in Hungary. The Government has asked for Allied delegation to control the forthcoming election

No German toys may be imported to Great Britain for five years.

America has made a present to France of all the buildings erected by the American Army during the war.

On Friday morning the new Republic of the Palatinate was proclaimed at Ludwigshafen. The Revolutionaries took possession of the Post Office. It is expected that the workmen will protest by a general strike against this constitutional change.

Ebert and Noske continuing their journey through Germany, arrived at Karlsruhe.

MEDAL RIBBONS.

NEW RIBBONS FOR AIR FORCE DECORATIONS.

The Air Ministry announces that the King has approved the ribbons, as described below, being substituted for those at present in use:

Distinguished Flying Cross.—One inch and a quarter in width; violet and white alternate diagonal stripes, each of 1/8in in width, running at an angle of 45deg.

Air Force Cross.—One inch and a quarter in width; red and white alternate diagonal stripes, each of 1/8in. in width, running at an angle of 45deg.

Distinguished Flying Medal.—The same as that for the D.F.C., except that the diagonal stripes are 1/16in. in width.

Air Force Medal.—The same as that for the A.F.C., except that the diagonal stripes are 1/16in. in width.

The ribbons will be worn one half-inch in depth, the diagonal stripes running downwards from the centre of the tunic towards the left, and will be so arranged that: (1) Distinguished Flying Cross or Air Cross ribbon will show at the top corner nearest to the left arm, and at the bottom corner nearest to the centre of the tunic, triangles of equal dimensions of violet and red, as the case may be; (2) Distinguished Flying Medal and the Air Force Medal ribbon will show at the top corner nearest to the left arm a triangle of white, and at the bottom corner nearest to the centre of the tunic a triangle of equal dimensions of violet or red, as the case may be; (3) the order of precedence will be the same as at present. The new ribbons should be worn as soon as practicable by all officers and airmen awarded these decorations. The ribbons are now available, and a free issue will be made to those entitled to them. In the case of demobilized officers and airmen, application for the ribbon should be made to: (1) Officers—The Secretary, Air Ministry, Kingsway, W.C.2; (2) Airmen—The Officer i/c. Records, Royal Air Force, Blandford, Dorset.

CALLOUS BOYS.

KILL & MAIM 39 LAMBS.

At Newcastle-on-Tyne seven boys, of ages ranging between 9 and 12, were charged with having, at Castle Docks, killed thirty-four black-faced lambs, valued at £46 15s, and maimed five others, value £6 17s 6d, which had to be destroyed.

Mr. Bateson, prosecuting, said the circumstances disclosed unparalleled callousness and utter disregard for the sufferings of the dumb creatures.

Evidence was given that the boys gained access to the sheep lair, where the animals had been placed, rode about on their backs hanging on by the horns, and beating them with sticks. The horns of several were pulled out. On Thursday morning thirty-four lambs were found dead and five others had to be destroyed.

Three of the defendants were discharged, and the others were remanded.

TALES OF GAMBLING.

Huge Liabilities of 22-years-old Man.

The cashier and bookkeeper, Mary Brady (29), who was committed for trial at Manchester on August 7, has been released on bail.

The charge against her is of stealing the proceeds of three cheques for £820, £743, and £550, together with £3,899 cash balances, belonging to her employers, Messrs. Thos. Thoresen, Ltd. ship brokers, of Christiania and Manchester.

Arrested at Brighton and asked how much money she had had, Mary Brady replied: "About £10,000. I have lost it all gambling at cards," she added, "with the exception of what I have spent in dress. There is a fur coat which cost 600 guineas which I have not paid for."

TWINS DEAD IN BATH.

The birth of triplets to Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Wood, of 18, London-road, Romford, has had a sad ending.

The babies were all girls. One died shortly after birth, but the others and the mother seemed to be going on fairly well.

Early in the morning Mrs. Wood called her husband, and saying she had been bathing the children, asked for them. The father could not see them in the house. Going into the yard he found them, both dead, in a bath of rain water. Just after he discovered the children, the mother again asked for them in a perfectly natural way, and appeared ignorant of what had happened.

NO RAIN FOR THREE YEARS.

A Johannesburg wire says that portions of the Cape Midlands have been practically rainless for three years and farmers are reaching the end of their tether. Stock is perishing in thousands. In ordinary times, the effects of such droughts could be mitigated by the purchase of food stuffs, but prices are now prohibitive. The result is that thousands of sheep and goats are killed at birth. The ostrich feather trade is also hit by the lack of lucerne for the birds.

THREE GASSED AT ROSYTH.

A tragic affair is reported from Rosyth Naval Dock. Three men were descending a ladder to make an inspection of ship's stores in the lower part of H. M. S. Tiger when they were overcome by poisonous fumes. Though they were brought to the open air as quickly as possible, all efforts to revive them were unavailing.

TROOPER RULES 15,000.

YOUNG MAN WHO FOUND HIS MARK.

A remarkable story from Palestine goes to prove the inherent governing capacity of the British race. The central figure in the story is Trooper Thorneycroft, of the Royal Gloucester Hussars, the son of a Bristol hotel-keeper.

Young Thorneycroft, who is only twenty-two, was left behind when General Allenby's force was chasing the fleeing Turks through Palestine. He took charge of the town of Safed and sixty surrounding villages, and at once began to act as military governor. He continued in this office until he was relieved by Captain Harrington, Military Governor of Tiberias, a month later.

"I found Trooper Thorneycroft upholding his position with dignity," wrote Captain Harrington, after he had taken supreme control. "He is respected by the people, who still speak of the sense of security which his presence ensured.

"He handled large sums of Turkish money, and administered justice in a rough and ready manner, as the situation demanded.

"The fact that a trooper could administer the district with such success that he secured a respect for the law from 15,000 people proves his capabilities."

Trooper Thorneycroft has been given a commission in recognition of his services. He is still at Safed, having been placed in charge of the police there.

THIEF IN BEDROOM.

DARING DUBLIN JEWEL ROBBERY.

A daring robbery of jewelry, the value of which is stated to be £3,000, has taken place at the Gresham Hotel, Dublin.

Among the visitors to the City for the Horse Show are Major and Mrs. Crawshay, of Wrexham. Major Crawshay belongs to the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Mrs. Crawshay left her bedroom for a few minutes, and on returning found a strange man there. When asked what he was doing, the man said he was a stranger and was trying to find a way out to the street. He carried a Gladstone bag, and almost as soon as he had left Mrs. Crawshay missed her jewels, which had been placed on the dressing table by her maid shortly before. She followed the man, calling after him, but he walked quickly down the stairs and out among the other guests into the street, where he disappeared.

EPSOM RIOT.

CANADIAN SOLDIERS' APPEALS DISMISSED.

The Criminal Appeal Court has considered five appeals by Canadian soldiers against sentences of twelve month's imprisonment for rioting at Epsom on June 17th.

It was stated for the prisoners that some of them had wounds the next morning, possibly caused through missiles being thrown and not necessarily from the policemen's baton. It was submitted that the prosecution had failed to prove that the appellants took part in the rioting.

The appeals were dismissed.

LONDON—PARIS FLIGHT IN HURRICANE.

A remarkable flight in a hurricane was performed yesterday by Airco 4a, one of the flying expresses of the London-Paris air service. Piloted by Lieutenant H. Shaw, the machine, which carried two passengers and a number of parcels, made the journey from Paris to Hounslow in one hour fifty minutes before she was due. The speed works out at 140 miles an hour.

The importance of the feat lies in the fact that the official Air Ministry weather report showed that the wind was blowing at the rate of over 100 miles an hour. A sixty mile an hour wind is reckoned to be a gale, and 100 miles an hour is practically a hurricane. No flight has been previously made by a commercial machine against a wind of anything like this velocity.

VICTIM OF GOSSIP.

A verdict of suicide during a fit of depression was returned at Sheffield on Caroline Scott, otherwise Paisley, 37, who died from the effects of poisoning.

William Paisley stated that when he married Scott, she said she was a widow. Her sister came from Liverpool and told him his wife's first husband was alive, and his wife drank a quantity of poison. A doctor was sent for, but, said Paisley, declined to attend, and there was delay in getting the woman to hospital because a wheel of the ambulance came off on the way.

The coroner expressed the belief that the trouble had arisen through gossip. There was no direct evidence that the woman knew her first husband was alive.

SIR H. HORNE'S NEW TITLE.

General Sir Henry Horne, who was recently created a peer in recognition of his war services, will, it is understood, take the title of Baron Horne of Stirkoke, in the county of Caithness.

The Peace Treaty with Austria cannot be signed before September 10, says a Paris message.

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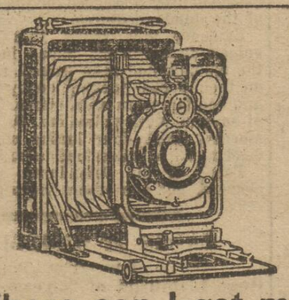

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Sunday, August 31, 1919.

"SOFTLY, SOFTLY, CATCHEE MONKEY!"

This saying, familiar to those who know the West Coast of Africa, is a more picturesque way of expressing the classical "Festina lente." It is a proverb never more necessary than to-day, when the world is suffering from hysteria.

There are great and justifiable changes to be made, imperative improvements for which Labour has waited long, and, on the whole, with surprising patience. But those changes, to be effective and beneficial, must be planned calmly and in detail, not left to be arranged in a chaotic welter of destruction: furthermore, they must be the fruits of constitutional action, the power for which is now within the grasp of Labour; so that the alterations and improvements, which are always found to be required after the first experiments, may be obtained in unquestionable form as a result of reasonable discussion among those who have the power and the knowledge requisite to build wisely.

In a word, the only existing shelters of society must not be pulled down until all is ready for the erection of well considered better ones.

The profound sanity of the British working-classes is, to those who know them, the most reassuring factor in an excited and impatient world. This does not mean that they will not continue to demand, to work for, and eventually to get, better conditions, more responsibility and a clearer recognition of their partnership in industry. Quite the contrary. They will persist and insist.

But already it is evident that they recognise that they have arrived at a point where their very power enables them to use constitutional means, and thus avoid the poverty and loss consequent upon more violent measures,—a poverty and loss which fall first and most heavily on themselves and their dependents.

Extremists and revolutionaries in other countries make the usual mistake of foreigners, who always fail to understand the British character. They take the mouthings of the shrieking minority for the expression of the national mind. They forget that the minority shrieks just because it *is* a minority. The sober majority has no need to shriek; because, being a majority, it can quietly work its will by sane constitutional methods as soon as it has really made up its mind on any subject.

Thus foreign fanatics are always expecting much from what they hear and read about British troubles — and then are disappointed, and puzzled! No foreign country ever believed Britain either capable of, or willing to make, the gigantic, coherent, and sustained effort which has brought victory and which completely changed the world's opinion of Britain, poor effete, softened, internally-wrangling Britain! Our mentality is different, our ways are our own. Some of us may rant at times; but in the main we soon blow off superfluous steam and settle down steadily and level-headedly to gain our objects, with a sort of shame at having screamed where we might have planned and produced.

Whether or not it is a virtue that we change with difficulty, it is at least an advantage that we have the habit of making necessary changes with deliberation and determination instead of in frantic and unbridled hysteria.

The Englishman is to-day convinced of the imperative necessity of broad changes: but he wants to see that the changes proposed are going to be for the better, before he puts the mighty power of his will into creating and adopting them. Once convinced, nothing will stop him; neither the barbed wire entanglements of political intrigue, the deep trenches of temporary loss, nor the rough ground of the No Man's Land that his new projects must cross. It is not without significance that the Tank was Britain's distinctive contribution to warfare.

The Briton, too, has a natural suspicion of fine phrases and Utopian abstractions. He likes clear, matter-of-fact, definite, and unemotional propositions. And he hates to throw away the plank which supports him in a stormy sea until he is quite assured that the other floating near by will bear him better. Rainbow colours on it will not tempt him.

So I think we may be sure, in spite of extreme "mild men" among us, in spite of the urgent need of dealing with the real and long-borne grievances of Labour, in spite of occasional outbursts, that the strong sound sense of our nation will tackle the pressing problems of the day firmly, resolutely, but with a prudent constitutionalism that will ensure success and avoid loss—to the infinite disappointment of fanatics in other lands!

WHAT TO SEE IN RHINELAND.

EXPLORING THE STREAMS.

How many are there in the Army of the Rhine who are not acquainted with the delightful streams that run through the numerous picturesque valleys and woods in Rhineland? Who can fail to be struck by the glorious effects of deep mystic shades, and clear glittering water, caused by the sun peeping through a canopy of emerald green? In almost any part of Rhineland, these beauty spots are to be found; and can one spend an afternoon more pleasantly than by exploring these stretches of woodland, where nature rules supreme?

Here is a splendid field of enterprise for the photographer, and a paradise for the nature lover. Let me transport you, then, to one of these groves where you can be alone with nature for a while. You are strolling along a winding path through the sweetly smelling woods. On each side of you is a mossy bank, rich in vegetation, with clusters of heather just bursting into bloom.

The path takes a sudden dip, landing you in a valley that might be part of fairyland. Here the wood is broken by an open expanse of green, mingled with patches of dazzling yellow and white. You look about you. A wagtail flits past you with its dipping flight, looking particularly graceful in the sun. You follow its flight until it suddenly disappears, with a downward dart.

Looking in that direction you catch your first glimpse of it! Round the bend of the path you see the glitter of water, and wending your way towards it, you come into view of the most delightful little stream you ever saw. The path leads straight down to it, and you step on to a rustic bridge. Crossing this frail but picturesque structure, you can follow the course of the stream.

It is inclined to be marshy underfoot, but as you enter the wood again, the soft spongy green is replaced by a carpet of leaves, and rich black soil. And as you penetrate the heart of the wood, you catch the full enjoyment of it all. The stream becomes shallower, and trickles with a soft gurgle over a bed of glistening stones and pebbles. The sun peeps through the leaves overhead, imparting wonderful shades of purple and green to the rippling water. The flies skim the surface, and here and there a trout darts from 'neath the bank, and from all round come the joyful notes of the feathered songsters.

Along the bank the wood opens out again, and once more you find yourself in a golden glade of sunshine. Here it seems as though the woods have parted to allow the stream its share of the summer sun. On your right extends a dark irregular stretch of pasture, on which some cattle are peacefully grazing.

Looking ahead you see a narrow winding lane, where the woods give place to fruitful orchards, from the midst of which peep a few black and white cottages. Here you can conclude your wonderful ramble by refreshing yourself with a cool drink, seated in the shady garden of a delightful Gartenwirtschaft.

You return, with the knowledge that the countryside of Germany, though rather different from your own, is indeed beautiful.

C. H. O.

BACK HOME.

COLOGNE TO BLIGHTY.

The long creaking line of cattle-trucks lumbers slowly out of the station; the inhabitants of our little village, who have turned out en masse to see us off, wave enthusiastic farewells; the men strike up "Goodbye-ee" to an accompaniment of catcalls and then noises calculated to cause alarm and despondency; and we are off at last, one of the first divisions of the old B. E. F. to go home as a complete unit.

To those that have been long with the Division this move is a big thing, for we have been for so long tied by the leg that we can hardly realise that we are to be once more in England, completely severed from the Continent for the first time since those early days of '16.

It is very thrilling and also very sad, for we cannot help thinking of all those comrades who trained and sweated with us in England, and set out so gaily in those old days "To wind up the watch," but who did not live to see it done. But thoughts like these are only fleeting when we are bound for Blighty with chalked reminders to that effect on every truck and huge bunches of wayside flowers fastened on every bracket and angle.

And so with shout and laughter and song we rattle along in those rackety "Hommes 40" with no springs and apparently square wheels; and as we are near the border we clatter out into the heart of the sunset, leaving the fast-following night to envelop the flying countryside of Germany.

The journey, throughout the night and following day and again the following night — for we are twelve hours late on our 36 hours trip — is the same as any other of these rambles through France in troop trains that we knew so well, with one exception, and that is that at the unofficial halts (every ten minutes or so) the men do not, as is their usual custom, stroll out into the next township to chat with the inhabitants or gather flowers, thus necessitating that ominous and oft-occurring report: — "Two more men left behind at the last halt, sir."

Rather, on the contrary, do they dismount gingerly and stand with one hand on the truck ready to vault in at the first minute, for you must remember they are Blighty bound!

At length we arrive at Calais, and after a hurried meal, spend the afternoon trying to make three persons fit themselves on board the boat into a space meant originally for two. And then the rolling main, and the band, humidly finishing its repertoire before the quams of mal-de-mer can make themselves felt, and at last the white cliffs of Dover.

We wait for hours alongside the quay, while the work of disembarking and entraining and off-loading goes on, and perspiring parties under excited officers or N.C.O.'s rush hurriedly hither and thither, clutching bags of food, the ration for the night. And then we whirl northwards through darkening England to arrive at length on a sunny Sunday morning at Ripon, when as usual we at once commence to grouse at our billets.

UBIQUE.

CIRCUMSTANCES AND CASES.

Cyril Blackmore joined the Forces in 1917. He arrived in France in October of that year, and up to the middle of 1918 his military duties had not taken him farther than ten minutes walk from the leave boat.

These duties, though necessary, were scarcely martial. To be frank, he was engaged in the somewhat unadventurous pastime known as P. A-ing. Occasionally, an error on the part of the registry clerks added a touch of excitement to his otherwise monotonous task, but, for the most part, he was as thoroughly bored as the holes which he punched in the papers passing through his hands.

In December 1917, a certain liveliness was discernible in the quarter which harboured Cyril — liveliness attributable to the arrival of a Medical Board charged with the duty of seeking appropriate material from L. of C. Units for more active service than was procurable at the Base.

Much discussion ensued in Cyril's office, centreing round the blessed word "Indispensable," and Cyril, from regarding his job as a fatigue, began to speak of it with the zeal of a convert to a new religion. He proved, beyond doubt, that the question whether the war was to be won or lost depended upon whether the P. A. Section of the Army — and, more particularly, *his* P. A. Section — was working smoothly.

He pointed out, with all becoming modesty, that never had a P. A-er punched holes of such exceptional beauty, or filed correspondence with such wonderful dexterity and speed, combined with accuracy, as he had done. In his hands, P. A-ing had been raised to a fine art. If ever a man was indispensible, surely 'twas he

But the powers that be were adamant. Cyril, no less than the rest of the staff, had to go before the Board. As things turned out, he need not have worried to magnify the importance of his job or to exaggerate the efficiency with which he discharged it, as he was classified B. II. and was left to remain at the Base.

* * *

Cyril is now with the Army of Occupation. We met him the other day, and asked him what he was doing. From his reply, it is to be feared that he takes his "art" less seriously than in the old days. Answering our question, he said:

"Usual gag Det. Making holes in scraps of paper. A shame to keep men out here on this job. A girl could do it. Mr. Churchill ought . . ."

We stopped him.—"A girl couldn't have done it in December 17, eh?"

"Things were different, then" he answered, vaguely.

"Yes, of course," we replied, "since the other sex has been given the franchise, a new sense of responsibility has sprung up, with the result that girls can now do many things impossible in the earlier days of the war."

He watched us closely, but as we kept our features "to attention," he suspected no designs on his leg, and replied, simply: "Yes."

E. J. TELLUM.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

MULHEIM RACES.

Sir,—After having seen in your paper the notice forbidding bookmaking on the course, I think it in order on behalf of all lovers of this English sport to protest against the use of the "The Totalizator." My reasons are:—

(1) A great percentage of soldiers do not understand it,

(2) They take a long time paying out,

(3) Germans assist in the concern, and lastly, if racing in the country is to retain its popularity, give the "bookie" his proper rights and allow him on the course.

ENGLISH BOOKMAKER.

MR. PERCY'S OFFER.

Sir,—May I put forward a few suggestions in reply to Mr. Percy's request. If Mr. Percy is going to produce "Strife" let us have the original and not as in the "Younger Generation" brought up to date and to my mind considerably spoilt through an alteration which is quite uncalled for.

As regards plays to be produced may I suggest Galsworthy's "The Silver Box," Masefield's "Nan," "Pronella" and the "Marriage of Columbine." I cannot remember the authors as it is some considerable time since I saw them.

Coming from Manchester, I have seen most of the Gaiety productions which Mr. Percy is reviving for us, and I can assure him that we thank him for giving us such wonderful evenings.

ANOTHER N.C.O.

COLOGNE BOTANICAL GARDEN.

Sir,—In reply to your correspondent, Georg Fröhlich, I am certainly under the impression that I visited the official Botanical Gardens, adjacent to the Flora, but will pay another visit to make certain.

I did not intend to depreciate the German high standard of horticulture in my remarks, re the neglect of gardens during war time. Have not our own in England also had to be neglected in a similar manner, and rightly so, too.

As a horticulturalist, I have worked with and in competition with the Germans, and know full well their high standard of efficiency.

In regard to my critic's remarks, re "Nertera Depressa," he misread me. I did not say I did not know this plant. I do know it, and have grown it for many years: and, knowing its eccentricities made me appreciate it all the more in the local shops. I said I had not yet found the local nursery in which it was being grown. I should like to visit it.

R.F.G.

RHINE ARMY DRAMATIC COMPANY.

Sir,—Various letters of late have appeared in praise of the splendid performances of this company. They are as "Thespian" writes, really enjoyable. I am certain this is the opinion of all who have had the pleasure of witnessing their performances.

Re the lateness in starting and the long waits between the acts no doubt the company have good reasons for these. The time however would not appear so long if there was a better orchestra to play during the intervals than the present one consisting of a Violin, two trombones, cornet and piano. Its attempts at rendering good music are completely ignored no doubt owing to the poor playing.

Why not a real good British one which would besides playing excellently, also vary its programme? Surely one gets tired of hearing "Asleep in the deep" and "Moonlight Bay" week after week. Perhaps others will give their views on this?

STACCATO

THE VALUE OF ENGLISH.

Sir,—Reference the article on Esperanto as the International language. I would point out that there is already in existance a first class international language, based, not upon the theoretical fancies of a Polish professor, but upon the every-day-needs of a practical and hard-working matter-of-fact people. The language I have in mind is English.

English today is the mother tongue of the 45 million people who inhabit the British Isles. 110 millions who live in the U.S.A., and seven millions in Canada. It is the official language of the 330 millions of India, besides of the remaining 12 to 15 millions who reside in the other Colonies, possessions, dependencies, etc. of the British Crown.

It is the officially recognised medium of intercourse of the sea-faring people, be they of whatever nationality you will, and lately, as a result of the Peace Conference it has forged its way to the front, so that it now occupies a place with French as the language of diplomacy. It has long been recognised as the principal medium of correspondence in the world of commerce, so far, that in innumerable cases, its words and expressions have been adopted and embodied wholesale into foreign languages.

I think by the foregoing I have made out a fairly strong case for English as the great international language, and whilst we have such an acquisition at our finger ends, I think it is useless to burden our minds acquiring a Spanish-German hot-potch. Rather let us devote our energies to improving the knowledge of our own masses in our priceless inheritance.

W.J.L.

"LONG BOY" RE-ENLISTS.

Say, fellers! I'm goin' back!
'Tho I didn't think when I sailed away
That I'd be making so short a stay
In the home town here in the Golden State
But I tell you fellers that soldiering's great
And I'm goin' to reap as sure as fate
Yes, I'm goin' back.

Say, fellers! I'm goin back!
For I miss the durned old bugle. Gee!
How I cursed "Fatigue" and "Reveille"
And expendin' of extra elbow grease,
On scrubbin' floors and kitchen police
And wongerin' when the war would cease
Still hup n' we wouldn't sign for peace
Till we'd grabbed some portion of Heinie's fleece
Now I'm goin' back.

A. A. etc.

BURDE BAXTER CLARKE

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DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Monday	7	Tales of Hoffmann	Offenbach
Tuesday	7	Madame Butterfly	Puccini
Wednesday	7	The merry wives of Windsor	Nicolai
Thursday	7	The Barber of Sevilla	Rossini
Friday	7.30	Tiefland	d'Albert
Saturday	7	Tosca	Puccini
Sunday	7	Cavalleria rusticana Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo
Monday	7	The taming of the shrew	Goetz
Tuesday	7	Tosca	Puccini

WEEK-END CRICKET.

C.P.C. Eliminating Matches To-day and To-morrow.

At the 7th Squadron R.A.F. Ground, Exerzierplatz, Mülheim, to-day, 93rd Bde. R.G.A. meet D Corps Siege Park at 2 p.m. It is the second match in the eliminating round for the "Cologne Post" Cup. Another exciting game is anticipated.

To-morrow on the same ground at the same time the 17th Lancers play the 13th Kings L'pool Regt. This also promises to be a keen struggle.

To reach the ground take the Berg Gladbach car from the Dom, which passes within 100 yards of the ground.

COUNTY HONOURS.

Interesting Position Of Yorkshire And Kent.

The English county cricket matches concluded yesterday will have settled the fate of the County Championship, but at the time of going to press, the results had not been received.

The championship has developed into a neck and neck struggle between Yorkshire and Kent, and according to figures at present available, both teams had a chance of winning, the odds being slightly in favour of the Northern County.

The drawn game at Southampton reduces Yorkshire's percentage.

Should Kent beat Middlesex and Yorkshire fail to beat Sussex, Kent would take first place. If both Kent and Yorkshire win, they will tie with 50 per cent. each. The available figures are:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	Perc.
Yorkshire...	25	12	10	3	12	48.00
Kent.....	13	6	6	1	6	46.15

ENGLISH CRICKET SCORES.

Rain Interferes With Play On Friday.

Following are the scores in the principal English cricket matches on Friday:—

Surrey 153 and 68 for 4 beat Somerset 127 and 91 by six wickets.

Gloster 281; Australians 147 and 64 for 5. (Match drawn.)

Hampshire 201; Yorks 242 for 3. (Match drawn.) No play on Friday.

Lancs 198 for 6; Northants (match abandoned.)

The Army and Navy match has been abandoned as well as the Kent v. Twenty Players match.

CRICKET FRIENDLIES.

53rd Manchester Regt. v. 51st Manchester Regt.

Batting first, 51st Manchester Regt. were all out for 30 runs. The 53rd Manchesters replied with 92 for 9 wickets, Sergt. Eddy 28, and Capt. Wharton 15, being top scorers. For the winners Major A. K. Tillard took 6 wickets for 20 runs, and Lieut. Margrett 4 for 4.

161st Bde. R.F.A. v. 51st Manchester Regt.

The R.F.A. team which has had an almost unbroken succession of wins, batted first and compiled a total of 181, Lieut. Ferris 23 and Capt. Terry 22 making top scores for the visitors. Left with just over an hour to get the necessary runs, the home team made 105 for the loss of three wickets, Major A. K. Tillard 59, playing a very forceful innings; Capt. Wharton 16 was next best score. For the winners Capt. Wharton took 5 wickets for 28 runs and Lieut. Keyes 2 for 3.

Rhine Army Reception Camp v. 1045 Area Employment Coy.

A cricket match played on Thursday resulted as follows:—Rhine Army Reception Camp 98 for 9; 1045 Area Employment Coy. 15. For the R.A.R.C. Cpl. Morton took 7 wickets for 7 runs and Lieut. Hutson 3 for 8 while Cpl. Morton scored 23 and Pte. Hague 21.

LONDON RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Successful Competitors At First Day's Meeting.

At the first day's meeting of the London District Rifle Association, on Friday, the McCalmont Cup was won by the 1st Battalion Scots Guards of the Household Cavalry Guards Depôt and the Special Reserve Challenge Cup by the Royal Horse Guards. In the Squadron or Company Competition first place was secured by the Second Battalion Coldstream Guards who were also successful in the Squadron or Company Attack Competition.

£3,600 Guineas for Hunter.

At Dublin Horse Show sale of Hunters on Thursday Good Health, a six year old was sold for 3.600 guineas. On behalf of the Rajah of Kashmir the Irish bloodstock agency secured Faricate for a thousand guineas.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Sunday, August 31, 1919.

Surface wind westerly. Cloudy. Rather cooler. Fair or good visibility.

ARMY ATHLETICS.

Opening Day of Aldershot Championships.

APPLEGARTH BEATEN.

The Army Championship meeting at Aldershot, openedlon Thursday, when the preliminaries of al the events except the mile, and the finals of the three miles flat and putting the shot, were run off. The meeting is memorable for many reasons, the first, of course, being that it comes after a lapse of six years caused by the greatest of all wars. This Army meeting is, surely, a Victory sports, and the triumph of our arms is personified in that there are teams competing from the Armies of the Rhine and Black Sea, both armies of occupation, from the "clearing up" Army in France and Flanders, and from the Armies in Italy and Egypt. That our men can journey from these distant parts to Aldershot spells victory and the freedom of the seas in the real meaning of the term.

Good Organization.

Then again, the meeting was notable from the standpoint of organization. Thanks to the war, the Army has learned new methods, especially in sport, and however much may be said for making championships open, there is more in making the way to them somewhat difficult in that it prevents nonentities from acquiring cheap notoriety. All those who turn out have gained their spurs in competition with others equally anxious to compete, and although there may, for instance, be a great variation between the standard of men like Applegarth and the rank and file of army sprinters, every man entered has had to show that he can run a bit.

Rhine Army Successes.

In the 100 yards the placed men included Lieut. Godfrey, R.W. Kents, and Pte. Harris (Remounts) from the Army of the Rhine, while Lieut. A.C. Straker, 15th Hussars, also from the Rhine, won the last heat in the hurdles.

The three miles flat was won by H. T. Thomas, M.T., R.A.S.C., from a very fine field of distance runners. The heavy track, soddened by the rain of the morning, was all against fast time, and yet Thomas accomplished 15 min. 40 4/5 sec., well beating the big-striding Sergeant Massey.

In the hundred yards, W. R. Applegarth, the old sprint champion, was beaten in his heat, but qualified for the final by winning the cross heat in 9 4/5 sec. Sergeant Lindsay, of the New Zealand E.F., did the same time in his heat.

Many Indians were among the competitors, but they met with no success, lacking the speed necessary for the short distances.

Among the interested spectators was Viscount Haig.

Details.

Three miles:—

1. H. F. Thomas, M.T., R.A.S.C., 15 min. 40 4/5 sec.
2. Sergt. J. H. Massey, Canadians Witley, 15 min. 43 2/5 sec.
3. Sergt. J. Jeffries, 3rd Bedfords, same time.

Putting the shot:—

1. Sergt. Colhoun, N. W. Horse, 40 ft. 2½ ins.
2. Capt. McClennon, R.A.M.C., A.I.F., 36 ft. 4 ins.
3. Lance Naik Banta Singh, 91st Punjabis, Egypt, 35 ft. 1 inch.

SECOND DAY.

A feature of Friday's meeting was the fine running of Sergt. Lindsay, (New Zealand), who won both the 100 yards and the 220, in the former event defeating Sergt. Applegarth, the sprint champion.

Following are the results:—

120 yards hurdle:—1, Sergt. Wilson, New Zealand; 2, Major Harrison, R.G.A.; 3, Lieut. Wilkinson, 2nd Coldstream Guards. Time, 16 1/5 secs.

880 yards:—1, Sergt. Mason, New Zealand; 2, Sergt. Fraser, A.I.F.; 3, Lieut. Morgan, 1st Manchesters. Time, 2 mins. 4/5 secs.

High jump:—1, Q.M.S. McIntosh, 2nd Life Guards (5ft 7ins); 2, Lieut. Alban, N.I. Horse and Lieut. Straker, 15th Hussars (5ft 6ins, tie for second place).

100 yards:—1, Sergt. Lindsay, New Zealand; 2, Sergt. Applegarth, M.T., R.A.S.C.; 3, Lieut. Daly, 17th Worcesters. Time, 10 2/5 secs.

220 yards:—1, Sergt. Lindsay; 2, Major Harrison, 17th R.G.A.; 3, Dvr. Hume, A.I.F. Time 22 4/5 secs.

Mile unit relay:—1, Manchester; 2, Irish Guards; 3, No 1 M.T. Reserve Depot R.A.S.C. Time 3 min. 55 3/5 secs.

440 yards:—1, Dvr. Hume; 2, Pte. Johnson, A.I.F.; 3, Sgt. Phillips, Canadian H.Q. Time 52 1/5 secs.

Mile:—1, Pte. Thomas, M.T. R.A.S.C.; 2, L/Cpl. Blewitt, Reserve M.G.C.; 3, Cpl. Ward, 9 Tank Battalion.

Long jump:—1, Sgt. Murphy, Irish Guards, 21 ft. 2½ ins.; 2, Guardsman Smith, 20 ft. 10 ins.; 3, Pte. Mills, R.A.M.C., 20 ft. 9½ ins.

Tug-of-war:—3rd Coldstreams beat 9th R.G.A., (2 pulls to 1).

Tug of-war:—Police (Oxford County) beat Western Division (2 pulls to 0).

BIG GOLF MATCH.

A golf match for one hundred pounds a side has been arranged between Abe Mitchell, of Sonning, and C. H. Mayo, of Burhill, and George Duncan, of Hanger Hill, and Alec Herd, of Coombe Hill, the match to be a foursome of 72 holes on neutral courses.

REMARKABLE SUCCESS.

1/6 West Yorks' Feat In Northern Divisional Eliminations.

NINE EVENTS—SIX FIRSTS.

In the Northern Divisional Elimination Athletic Sports held at Riehl Barracks on Thursday, the 1/6 Battalion West Yorks gave a sensational performance, and created what is probably a record.

They secured first place with 22 points against only 6 points secured by each of the next four teams, who tied.

Following are the results in which the 1/6 West Yorks figured, and names of successful competitors:—

100 yards:—1, L/Cpl. Mercer.
Mile:—1, Pte. R. Redhead.
Relay Race:—1, 2/Lieut. Hunter, Sergt. Franks, Lieut. Rumney, L/Cpl. Mercer.
880 yards:—1, Lieut. Rumney.
Hurdle Race:—1, Sergt. Robinson.
Long Jump:—2, 2/Lieut. Hunter.
Putting the Weight:—1, 2/Lieut. Wild.
440 yards:—2, 2/Lieut. Hunter.
High jump:—3, Capt. Rees, M.C.

ENGLISH RACING.

Gatwick And Haydock Park Friday Meetings.

Following are the results of the Gatwick meeting on Friday:—

Addiscombe Plate:—1, Amastris (9—4); 2, Marostica (3—1); 3, Verna (2—1).

Selhurst Plate:—1, Zephyros (11—10); 2, Look Ahead (3—1); 3, Benevolis (2—1).

Homebred Plate:—1, Geneskaki (2—1 on); 2, Marromeo (8—1); 3, Milina (100—6).

August Sweepstakes:—1, Neutral (5—1); 2, Muscovite (7—4); 3, Golden Rule (5—2).

Tilgate Handicap:—1, Little Cell (7—1); 2, Jazz (10—1); 3, Ramboda (evens).

Newdigate Stakes:—1, Planet (6—4 on); 2, Vertigo (5—2); 3, Blanco (1—1).

Haydock Park.

Details:—

Gerard Plate:—1, Adopted (9—4); 2, Envoy (5—2); 3, Dark Dawn (4—1).

Club Handicap:—1, Mellt (7—1); 2, Strom Witch (2—1 on); 3, Dots Surprise (3—1).

Haydock August Handicap:—1, Unitoi (evens); 2, Fairy Thorn (11—2); 3, Polichinell (100—12).

Bryn Handicap:—1, Eothen (5—1); 2, Summer's Joy (11—10 on); 3, Elysium (2—1).

Flixton Handicap:—1, Orsam (11—4); 2, All Feathers (10—1); 3, Royal Jewell (7—4).

Birchfield Maiden Plate:—1, Sea Imp (7—4); 2, Sybilla (7—2); 3, Bay Gal (5—1.

BECKETT AND McGOORTY.

Englishman's Great Advantage in Weight.

In build Beckett and McGoorty are alike; they both are loose-limbed and free of action. As has been pointed out before, too, they are notably well-matched physically, allowing for the difference in weight, as will be seen from the following table of comparison.

BECKETT.		McGOORTY.	
Age	25 yrs	Age	30 yrs
Height	5ft 10in	Height	5ft 10in
Weight	13st 2lb	Weight	11st 11lb
Reach	71½in	Reach	72in
Neck	16½in	Neck	16in
Chest	42½in	Chest	40in
Waist	31in	Waist	30in
Calf	15¾in	Calf	14½in
Thigh	24in	Thigh	23in
Ankle	9½in	Ankle	9¼in
Biceps	15½in	Biceps	16in
Forearm	13in	Forearm	13in

MOODY THE MASTER.

Welsh Middle-weight's Third Victory Over Platts.

Twice victorious in contests which have gone the full fifteen rounds, Frank Moody, of Pontypridd, the Welsh middle-weight champion, gave Gus Platts, Sheffield, another opportunity over twenty rounds, at the Grimsby Gaiety. From the start Moody scored. He was fast, resourceful, and clever, and his footwork was a long way in advance of that of the Yorkshireman. Platts, however, was very game, and though after four rounds he began to look somewhat the worse for wear, he twice got the right home on the side of the jaw.

Master to the end Moody was a good winner on points.

GIRL'S REMARKABLE SWIM.

Miss Marie Gant, a junior member of the Hammersmith Ladies S.C., although only 11½ years, has accomplished a wonderful performance by swimming the long distance championship course from Kew to Putney, a distance of 5 miles 60 yards, despite the fact that the water in places was very cold, in 1 hour 28 min. 27 sec. a performance that creates a world's record for one so young.

A TANK RACE.

Novel Feature At 5th R. I. Sports at Solingen.

EXCITING FINISHES.

Keenly contested events and several exciting finishes were features of the sports held by the 5th Battalion Royal Irish Regt. at Solingen on Wednesday. In spite of a shower early in the afternoon, the weather did not long remain unpropitious, and a well arranged programme was greatly enjoyed by a large attendance.

Pte. W.V.T. Stevens, of B Company, won the prize given for the best all-round athlete, with a total of 10 points. A spectacular event at the end of the programme was a race between the two tanks P 12 and P 21, P 12 just managing to win.

Among the guests of Major W. P. Pulton, M. C., and the officers of the Battalion, were the Divisional Commander, General Jeffreys, C.B, C.M.G., Col. McNamara, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Col. Bruce, D.S.O., Major B.T. Wilson, D.S.O., C.R.E., and Mrs. Wilson, and a party of sisters from British hospitals in the district. Mrs. Wilson kindly consented to distribute the prizes to the victorious competitors.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. F. G. Willan, C.M.G., D.S.O., the band of the 20th K.R.R.C. presented an excellent musical programme.

The Results.

The results were as follows:—

Pickets—B Coy.—100 yds:—1, Pte. Stevens; 2, Capt. Jones; 3, Sgt. Gasteen.

One mile:—1, Lt. Conboy; 2, C.S.M. McPartlin; 3, Pte. Scully.

High jump:—1, Sgt. McCann; 2, Capt. Jones; 3, Pte. Dillon.

Sack race:—1, Sgt. King; 2, Pte. Burrows.

220 yds:—1, Pte. Stevens; 2, Sgt. Gasteen; 3, Cpl. May.

Putting the shot:—1, Capt. Jones; 2, Sgt. Delaney; 3, Capt. Darling.

120 yds hurdles:—1, Capt. Darling; 2, Cpl. May; 3, Sgt. McCann.

440 yds:—1, Sgt. Gasteen; 2, Pte. Stevens; 3, C.S.M. McPartlin.

880 yds:—1, C.S.M. McPartlin; 2, L/C. Murray.

Long jump:—1, Cpl. May; 2, Pte. Stevens; 3, Capt. Darling.

Obstacle race:—1, Pte. Campbell; 2, Malone.

Relay race:—1, B Coy.

440 yds open:—1, Sgt Gasteen, 5th Royal Irish Regt.; 2, Rfn. Banhan, 18th K.R.R.; 3, 2/Lieut. Kimber, 6th London.

Three miles:—1, Lieut. Conboy; 2, C.S.M. McPartlin; 3, Cpl. Dye.

Mile race:—1, Pte. Wright; 2, Sgt. Barnett; 3, Pte. Storey.

Veteran's race:—1, Pte. Wallace; 2, Pte. O'Brien; 3, S.M. Fennell.

Egg and spoon race:—1, Sister Derrick; 2, Sister Cartwright; 3, Sister McKnight.

Three-legged race:—1, Cpl. May and Pte. Stevens; 2, Ptes. Sullivan and Campbell.

100 yds nurses race:—1, Sister Cartwright; 2, Sister Derrick; 3, Sister McKnight.

Pillow fight:—1, Sgt. Delaney; 2, Pte. Driscoll.

Tank race:—1, P 12; 2, P 21.

VETERAN CRICKETER DEAD.

William Caffyn Dies At The Age Of 91.

William Caffyn, the great cricketer of fifty years ago, died on Friday night at Reigate, aged 91 years. He was one of the first eleven sent to Australia nearly 70 years ago, and on paying a second visit, remained there as coach at Melbourne. Spofforth and other well-known Colonials were coached by him. Returning to England, he played for Surrey, and in the All-England teams, and for years received a pension from the Surrey Club. During the war many Australians visited him and chatted over the day when he coached their fathers at cricket.

ENGLISH FOOTBALL SEASON.

Auspicious Opening of League Games Yesterday.

The football season opened with great promise yesterday with a programme of 38 matches in the English Leagues. It is confidently anticipated that this will be the greatest year in the history of the game. Yesterday the capacity of every leading ground was taxed to the utmost and this despite the extensive preparations to meet largely increased attendances.

153rd SIEGE BATTERY FOOTBALL.

The first match of a series in a Section League competition took place at Hastenrath on Monday, between the Right and Left Sections. The game was very keenly contested and the result, Right Section 5, Left Section 2, by no means represents the play. For the winners, Gleadhill (3) and Gumbley (1) were conspicuous and Donnetty played well for the Left Section.

Forwards Weak.

On Tuesday the Signallers met the Centre Section, the former winning by 2 to 0. Both teams played well, but the Centre were weak in front of goal and failed to score, in spite of valiant efforts by Ellis and White. Both games were well attended, showing a keen inter-section rivalry.

COLOGNE RACES.

Excellent Sport At Last August Meeting Yesterday.

There was excellent sport yesterday when the second day of the last August Cologne Race Meeting attracted a large crowd to the Merheim Race course. Ten minutes before the first race there was a heavy shower of rain, which, fortunately ceased before the commencement of events.

Afterwards, the sky cleared and brilliant sunshine prevailed throughout the afternoon.

Details are appended:—

12.45 MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE.

Of 3,000 Marks to the winner. To carry 11.7 stone. Riders who have never ridden a winner allowed 7 lbs. About 2 miles.

FIRST DIVISION.

Montreal, 11st. 7lbs., Owner 1
(Capt. J. Richardson, R.H.A.)
Rolleston, 11st., Lt. Morris 2
(Lt. Col. C. Eaine, 12th Lancers)
Maori, 11st., 7lbs., Owner 3
(Major J. Hamphrey, M. G. Sqn.)

Winner: 36 to 10. Places: 17, 19 and 37 to 10.

Also ran: The Knut, General Post, Niger, Mike, Cavanagh, Tim, Sawdust, Pretender, Montava and Delilah.

The field kept well together for most of the time, when Montreal pulled to the front and won comfortably by three lengths. Six lengths between second and third. General Post was last.

1.45 MODERATE PLATE

Of 3,000 Marks to the winner. To carry 11 stone. Winner of a Maiden Flat Race 12 lbs extra. Riders who have never ridden a winner allowed 7 lbs. 3 Furlongs straight.

FIRST DIVISION.

Byron, 11st., Maj. Phipps Hornby 1
(Capt. E. Ford, R.A.S.C.)
Geraldine, 11st., Lt. Russell..... 2
(Lt. Col. J. Mc. Gowan, R.A.V.C.)
Girl o' Girls, 11st. Capt. Storey 3
(Capt. T. Hodgins, R.A.V.C.)

Winner 17 to 10. Places: 10, 11 and 11 to 10.

Also ran: Borthaugh, Spanish Onion, Pongo, Byron, Torpedo, Cunning Katie, Jonjare, Hielan' Laddie, Geraldine, Girl o'Girls and Black Jester.

Byron made all the running, after a false start, and won by a length; three lengths between the second and third. Borthaugh was last.

2.30— ALLIED HURDLE RACE.

Of 4,000 Marks to the winner. To carry 10.7 stone. A winner of a Steeplechase or Hurdle Race once 7lbs, twice 14lbs., three times 21lbs., oftener 2 stone extra. About 2 miles.

Winamere, 11st. 7lbs., Lt. Russell..... 1
(Maj. H. Sinclair, Remounts).
Farmer's Glory, 10st. 7lbs., Lt. Storey 2
Capt. R. Body R.A.V.C.)
Velociter, 10st. 11lbs., Maj. Phipps-Hornby 3
(Lt. H. Durnford, 9th Lancers).

Winner: 45 to 10. Places: 13,14 and 13 to 10.

Also ran:—Swan Song, Blaze, John Cording, and Bowman.

Bowman got well away and led until he ran out of the course. Blaze followed him shortly afterwards, but recovered and came in fourth. The first three made an exciting race and for the first part of the straight they were neck and neck. Then Winamere pulled forward and won by a length. A length and a half separated the second and third.

3.15 MERHEIM STAKES.

Of 4,000 Marks, to the winner. To carry 10.7 stone, Winner of a flat race once 7 lbs., twice 14 lbs., three times 21 lbs., oftener 2 stone extra. 1 mile.

Mascot, 11st., 7lbs., Owner 1
(Maj.-Gen. Tudor).
Ballyhooley, 11st., Lt. Travers 2
(Lt. W. Fennelly, R.A.V.C.).
Bullein, 10st., 7lbs., Capt. Hill.....3
(Lt.-Col. F. O'Rorke, R.A.V.C.).

Winner: 12 to 10.

Three ran: Mascot led the way from the start and won easily.

4.00 GRAND INTERNATIONAL STEEPLECHASE.

Of 5,000 Marks to the winner. A Handicap Steeplechase for horses of the Allied Armies and to be ridden by officers qualified to enter. About 2½ miles.

Naboth, 11st. 4lbs., Lt. McCreery . . 1
(Lt. R. Spicer, 12th Lancers).
Firefly III, 11st., Capt. Storie 1
(Capt. J. B. Idle, R.A.V.C.)
* Dead heat for 1st. place.
Yes Uncle, 10st. 9lbs., Lt. Palmer . . 2
(Lt. Kelly, 9th. Lancers).
Ugly, 11st. 7lbs., Maj.-Gen. Tudor. . . 3
(Lt. Anderton, R.F.A.)

Winners: 131 and 112 to 10. Places: 82, 43 and 97 to 10.

Also ran: Rednal, Iron Gate, Zillebeke, Clutho, and George.

The finish was always in doubt and proved to be full of excitement. Naboth and Firefly came down the straight neck and neck with Yes Uncle, Naboth and Ugly coming well behind, and the field tailed off. Yes Uncle then worked close up to the leaders with Ugly two lengths behind.

4.45— RHINE ST. LEGER STAKES.

Of 5,000 Marks to the winner. About 1 mile and 6 furlongs.

Madeline, 11st. 7lbs., Owner..... 1
(Maj. R. Tomkinson, Ryl. Dgns.).
Eau de Cologne, 10st. 10, Maj. Heydeman 2
(Capt. Maxwell, R.F.A.).
Mad Hatte, 10st. 12lbs., Owner 3

Winner: 29 to 10. Places: 15, 20 and 55 to 10.

Also ran: Digby Grand, Jimcrack, Esmeralda, Farmer's Glory, The Wasp, Brigade Major, Stanton, Molly, Tommy G, Bristol Fighter.

Madeline made the running, but was overtaken by Eau de Cologne. For the first three-quarters of a mile the field kept well together, when Mad Hatter and Digby Grand looked dangerous. An exciting race was won by a neck with two lengths between second and third.

5.30— MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE.

Of 3,000 Marks to the winner. To carry 11.7 stone. Riders who have never ridden a winner allowed 7lbs. About 2 miles.

SECOND DIVISION.

Double Ruff, 11st. 7lbs., Lt. Russell . . 1
(Maj. R. Bett, R.A.V.C.).
Agag, 11st. 7lbs., Owner 2
(Lt.-Col. C. Alban, King's Regt.).
Sticks, 11st. 7 lbs., Capt. Barnard . . . 3
(Lt. S. Tait, R.E.).

Winner: 17 to 10. Places: 79, 148, and 37 to 10.

Also ran: Betty, Susan, Sindorf Lad, Niederembt Nellie, So Long, Patsy, Ruby Light, Shylock, Paddy II, Old King Cole, and Knock On.

Ruby Light took up the lead and maintained it for a mile. He was challenged by Sindford Lad, however, and fell back to the middle of the Field. Sinford Lad ran wide at the bend and lost ten lengths to Double Ruff but recovered and won an exciting race by half a length. An objection was lodged and sustained, and the race awarded as indicated.

6.15 MODERATE PLATE.

Of 3,000 Marks to the winner. To carry 11 stone. Winner of a Maiden. Flat race 12 lbs., extra. Riders who have never ridden a winner allowed 7 lbs. 5 Furlongs straight.

SECOND DIVISION.

Holloway, 11st., Maj. Heydeman 1
(Lt. R. Stancliffe, 2nd Life Guards).
Polly Dear, 11st., Owner 2
(Maj.-Gen. Tudor).
Remember me, 11st., Owner 3
(Lt. C. Russell).

Winner: 43 to 10. Places: 16, 13, 17 to 10.

Also ran: Geebung II, The Squirrel, Peach, Norah, Hydropane, Pegdens, I Wonder, Lady Norah, M'selle, Dark Prince, Why Not and Lily. Holloway made a good race and won by a length.

BILLIARDS TOURNEY.

Laurence Gains Easy Victory In Final.

In the final of the American billiards tournament at Thurstons, Laurence ran out an easy winner, the final scores being:—

Laurence 4000
Carpenter 2515

In the course of the tournament Laurence had a record of six clear victories.

"D" SIEGE PARK WORKSHOPS.

Successful Sports Meeting at Duren.

A very successful gathering of "D" Siege Park Workshops Sports Club was held on Wednesday afternoon in Duren. Events were open to all R.A.S.C. (M.T.) personnel of IVth Corps.

The results were as follows:—

100 yards flat race:—1, Pte. Seymour; 2, L/Cpl. Benyon; 3, Pte. Cox.

220 yards flat race:—1, Pte. Seymour; 2, Pte. Simpson; 3, Pte. Horby.

440 yards flat race:—1, Sgt. Young; 2, Pte. Cox.

1 mile flat race:—1, Pte. Parkenson; 2, Pte. Guy.

1 mile flat relay race:—1, Pte. Saunders' team; 2, Pte. Jones' team.

220 yards obstacle race:—1, Cpl. Taylor; 2, Pte. Ferris; 3, Pte. Guy.

120 yards hurdle race:—1, L/Cpl. Benyon; 2, Sgt. Richardson; 3, Gnr. Walter.

80 yards egg and spoon race:—1, Pte. Rees; 2, Sgt. Young; 3, Pte. Harker.

½ mile walking race:—1, Pte. Cox; 2, Pte. Guy.

60 yards wheelbarrow race:—1, Ptes. Horby and Johnstone; 2, Ptes. Holloway and Jones.

Long jump:—1, Cpl. Taylor; 2, L/Cpl. Benyon; 3, Gnr. Walter.

80 yards sack race:—1, Pte. Parkenson; 2, Pte. Holloway.

Tug-of-war (teams of 8):—1, Sgt. Davey's team.

Boat race (teams of 8):—1, Pte. Holloway's team.

Three-legged race:—1, Ptes. Turner and Saunders; 2, Sgt. Young and Richardson; 2, Pte. Jones and Holloway.

The Judges were Capt. C. D. Ritchie, R.A.S.C. and Lieut. W. H. Suter R.A.S.C. Starter Lieut. H. G. Ticehurst R.A.S.C.

At the close of the sports Mrs. Warren wife of Major W. Warren, O.B.E., M.C., kindly presented the prizes to the winners.

YESTERDAY'S C.P.C. MATCH.

The result of yesterday's eliminating match for the Cologne Post' Cup was a victory for the Lowland Div. M.T. Coy. Scores:—Lowland Div. M.T. Coy 67; 17? Siege Batty 36.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Attwood Discharged.
Joe Attwood, Halesowen, has obtained his discharge from the Canadian Forces.

Welcome Lad Sold.
Welcome Lad has been purchased privately by Mr. W. A. Capell, and has arrived at Epsom to be trained by C. J. Capell.

Everton's Fortune.
Everton are the holders of the League championship. They won it in 1914-15, finishing up a point in advance of Oldham Athletic.

Wanderers' Attack.
Bolton Wanderers have on paper one of the smartest attacks in the country, and they are likely to get a large number of goals if their own defence keeps them supplied with the ball.

A Big Harvest.
There have been signs of the approach of autumn, yet the batsmen are reaping almost as big a harvest as blackberry-pickers shortly will be doing off our hedges.

Match-Maker and Winner.
McGoorty's record discloses him as a successful match-maker and winner, and after fifteen years of continuous boxing against the best men in the world, he is entitled to think that his own opinion is as good as anyone else's and possibly a trifle better.

Athletic Prospects.
The members of the Charlton Athletic F.C. are looking forward to even greater success this season than has been their lot in the past.

Owner's Purchase.
Mr. J. Deuchar, the owner of Vaulter, winner of the Nunthorpe Plate, has just recently given a quarter of a million for an estate in the North.

An Unfortunate Start.
Liverpool has started with an untoward incident. R. Purcell, the left back, had the misfortune last week to break his arm while engaged in a practice match.

Plymouth Argyle.
Plymouth Argyle Club has secured the signatures of James MacLeary, a centre forward from the Clackmacudden Club, Inverness, and of R. C. Symons, an inside forward of St. Austell, who played for the Salonika Army in the Army championship matches at Aldershot.

Six Changes.
When the new system comes into force next season the method of reckoning in county cricket championship matches will have been changed six times. Originally, from 1873 to 1885, the smallest number of lost matches decided the order of merit!

Banbury Horse Show.
After five years' lapse Banbury Horse Show was revived and attracted many hunting people.

Golly-Eyes Lame.
It transpires that Golly-Eyes pulled up very leg-weary, if not very lame, in the race that Bird's Nest won at Hurst Park.

Jack Doyle's Easy Win.
The Salford fly-weight, Jack Doyle, beat George Dando, of Newcastle, in the fifth round of a 20-round contest at West Hartlepool.

Pigeon Racing.
In the early days of pigeon racing in this country a strain of pigeons was imported from Belgium from the loft of N. Barker, a Yorkshireman in business in Brussels.

Dipper's Doings.
Dipper, who heads the Gloucestershire batting averages with 42.62, has scored four centuries this season. He is at the top of the bowling also with 43 wickets for 22.34 each.

A Veteran Jockey.
T. Metcalfe, the veteran jockey, whose name is still a household word on the Continent, has turned 80, but he is such an enthusiast that on Monday, in spite of his advanced age, he walked every yard of the York course.

No Excuse for He Goes.
Butters had He Goes looking in splendid condition, and there was not the slightest excuse for the son of Prince Palatine in the Prince of Wales' Plate at York.

Interested Spectators.
Mrs. Lloyd George, the Duc de Guiche, Lord Wimborne, Sir Eric Geddes and Captain Guest were interested spectators of the Davis Cup matches at Deauville this week.

Great "Gunns."
George Gunn, with an average of 65.05, heads the Notts batting list, and John Gunn, with 20 wickets for 16.65 each, the bowling. Barratt has taken 57 wickets, average 20.96.

P.N.E. Signature.
The Preston North End directors have signed on T. Nelson, a right full back, aged twenty-one, stationed with the East Lancashire Regiment at Fulwood Barracks. He stands 5ft. 9ins. high and weighs 11st. 3lbs.

Just as well.
Mr. W. Gage must now be pleased that Turbine did not reach his reserve when submitted at the July Sales. In Dynamo Turbine is represented by a two-year-old within measurable distance of the best of his year.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Facilitating Trade.

To facilitate trade communications, the post office runs a banking system called Post-Checkverkehr. Everyone can get his money or make his payments through the post office, which opens an account for him under a particular number.

Post Office as Newsagent.

The German post-office also undertakes, free of charge, subscriptions to all newspapers and periodicals of the Empire. The postman gives you your paper every morning without wrapper and without address, as though he were a newsagent. The papers are collected by the post office straight from the publishers, on the same terms as by the shops.

The Woman Street Cleaner.

In some parts of Rhineland even before the war many of the dirtier and more menial tasks were performed by women. The woman street cleaner is armed with a long iron rod which she puts into the grove of the tramrail, and leaning the other end against her shoulder she pushes the rod along and forces out the mud which has collected in the rails. From far away her strange crouching figure can be seen following the shining steel of the tram line.

A Tongue Twister.

More fortunate than the woman mortar mixer, she is officially employed by the municipality, and wears on her little felt hat a municipal badge. As some consolation for her wretched existence she is adorned with the sonorous title of Städtische Elektrische Strassenbahnschienenreinigungsfrau, or, in other words, "the municipal-female-cleaner of electrical-tramway-lines." It takes a German to express so beautiful a thought in so few words.

Battlefield Memorials.

The Battle Exploit Memorials Committee, which is a representative committee appointed to consider claims to erect on battlefields permanent memorials, wishes to remind units that to-morrow is the last day by which claims should be submitted. The Committee are waiting until all claims have been received before adjudicating on them, and any unit desirous of erecting a memorial to its exploits that has not already communicated with the Secretary should do so.

The Cost Of Flats.

Generally speaking, the rents of flats in Germany are far below those in London or Paris. Before the war, for £30 a year, one could have a beautiful flat in a town of, say, 600,000 inhabitants, with four rooms, also a kitchen, bathroom, servant's room, larder, a small box-room, electric light, gas, central heating, hot and cold running water and a lift. Tais rent is also inclusive of rates. At Berlin a similar flat costs about £50 a year. Now, of course, rents have soared upwards with the increase cost of living.

Who is Your Favourite Author?

To arrive at a conclusion as to which are the most popular books, we have decided to promote a competition and readers of all ranks are invited to submit selections. Each book selected will be considered as receiving one vote each time it figures in the lists sent in, and the competitor whose list, according to the books in it, embraces the highest aggregate of votes will receive a prize of fifty marks. Selections of ten books must be addressed to "Books" c/o The Editor "Cologne Post" by Saturday, Sept. 6th. Be your favourite writer Marie Corelli or Gene Stratton Porter, Arnold Bennett or Rider Haggard, make a selection of the ten works you consider best and send it along.

Saving Time.

Any agreement in German in the form of a letter is a binding contract. Scraps of paper bind the private individual as a legal document. If necessary, a verbal agreement is sufficient, provided it is made before witnesses. Perjury in civil law is punishable by imprisonment. Important business deals have been known to have been concluded by telephone with a witness at each receiver. The main thing is to save time. Every unnecessary legal interference is regarded in Germany as a hindrance to business.

Race for Home.

A party of soldiers was passing over London Bridge, on its way to Crystal Palace and demobilization. The men were unmistakably from the Army of Occupation, and seemed not merely fresh, but positively excited. "You see, my dear," a clergyman remarked to his wife, "these men are evidently new to London. Look! the sergeant is pointing to the Tower Bridge. Ah, what a thing is the enthusiasm of youth! What is to us a commonplace spectacle is to their fresh young minds a noble and inspiring sight." Certainly all eyes were turned to the East as they crossed the water. Then came a burst of ironical cheering, and unusual activity was noticed in the rigging of a newly-arrived Batavier liner off Billingsgate. High above the deck a Dutch sailor appeared to be signalling with a red handkerchief.

The Reason.

The reason! We sought enlightenment. "Yus," said one of the alleged provincials, "we've been 'ad orl right. Afore we left Rotterdam at 3 ackhemma we took a bet on for 'arf a dollar wiv that bloke oo's doin' stunts wiv 'is muffler that we'd git 'ere fust. An' so we should if they'd brought us strite 'ome, for we 'ad a decent stawt. But some Brarss 'A fort' we'd like ter finish the trip on the Sarth-Eastern—an' that tore it! Sarge, 'ere's the jolly Jeck Tor for 'is 'arf dollar!" And a perspiring Dutchman, who had just come up, pocketed the stakes with a grin.

Overheard at a Cologne Dance.

He.—Come and split a bottle of champagne with me.

She.—It is one of the tragedies of my life that I don't like champagne.

He.—But why on earth?

She.—Do you know I'm awfully sorry, but it always goes to my legs instead of my head.

Simplicity.

There are only two perfectly simple methods of sending money by post—the registered letter and the card money order. The latter has a perforated slip attached, which is filled in by the sender and serves a receipt, for the addressee merely signs his name, tears it off and sends it back. All the registration and administrative work of the system is done later, after post office hours.

A Driver's disregard of danger.

Early in the month two horses attached to a mess cart got out of control at Eil, when Driver T. Foley, "A" Battery, 187th Brigade, R.F.A., who was passing, ran alongside and seized the reins, and although carried some distance, managed to stop the horses within a few yards of a steam-roller, which it would have been impossible for them to clear in passing. Foley showed an entire disregard of personal safety, and by his courageous action undoubtedly prevented a serious accident. His conduct has been commended.

Sound Argument.

In Germany the municipal gas and electrical light companies never charge for their meters. Why, they argue, should the consumer pay for the installation of an apparatus which acts solely in the interests of the supplier. The confectioner does not charge his customers for the scales he uses. In the same way the telephone, which is used by private house-holder, far more widely than in England, is installed free of charge, and no payment is asked for the apparatus. The annual subscription is determined to include the cost of the apparatus and the connection of the subscriber to the main system. When you move, the post office officials instal your apparatus in your new flat without charge.

Re-echoes.

Wives and families of officers and other ranks in Germany should carry their white passes issued to them by the Provost Marshal, and must present them for inspection when required.

Permission is given for wives of officers of the British Army, on production of the coupon book authorizing the issue of rations, to be served with any meal in Officers' Clubs run by N.A.C.B., provided there is sufficient accommodation.

Prize for Echoes.

Every day we are prepared to give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. Owing to shortage of contributions to-day, we award only one prize, the winner being Sig. C. Thorne, Wireless Section, Rhine Army Signalling Coy.

NEUTRAL FISHING.

Major Smith, of the Army of Occupation, was a keen staff officer, very correct, very thorough. He was also a fisherman.

Now in the Rhineland the streams are full of fish but the angling from a Major Smith's point of view has been utterly spoilt. Unprincipled mess presidents have bent the pin and plied the swagger cane over the waters until the most unsophisticated fish have learned wisdom. Again, those who dwell in Sergeants' messes have wider ideas on the uses of the bomb than most,—from which it will be gathered that the Major's plaint was not without grounds.

The boundaries within which the Forces of the Rhine move may seem confined to those who have passed at will from the Don or Spey to the Norwegian fjords.

Major Smith possessed a black alpaca coat, a panama hat that seemed to have known better days, and a pair of flannel bags his fishing friends he called them.

Brig. Gen. Johnson, ensconced under a bank glanced furtively over his shoulder. Now it is not usual for a general of the British Army to be furtive. The fact that he was fishing in the neutral zone, in full war paint, may or may not have had something to do with it. He moved the basket of trout nearer to his side, and cast again.

"Guten tag, mein Herr! You fish, is it not? Dat is goot!", a voice exclaimed. The gallant general nearly became ungallant, but when one is in neutral territory. . . .

"It is forbidden, mein Herr, to come here, is that not so? You are perhaps an unter-offizier who do not know? But if I report it to ze British Kommandatur he will see that we are not molested?"

The brigadier arose. Was he not a general, and therefore had he not travelled far on the paths of guile? "Funf mark!" said he thrusting the note into the hands of the seedy individual.

"Ah so!" exclaimed the interloper, nodding his head. "Mein friendt", he continued "It is your fish or your rank!".

The general hesitated. To leave the little silvery bodies to the mercies of so shabby a person seemed cruel. But the force of circumstances won and the fish were thrown out on the grass. The general, snorting violently, crept back into his own kingdom, whilst the gentleman in an alpaca coat, a panama hat and flannel bags made up for a bad day's sport.

GORDON BLIGHT

"PEOODIFOL GAY-DEE".

G—g—g—gay—dee, peoodifol Gay—dee.
Yur dee onle g—g—g—geirl dat I adohr;
Und ven dee mon shine ober de gowshett,
I'll be vaiting at der g—g—g—gitchen dohr.

It cannot truthfully be said that the remains of poor little Katie look natural. None of the victims of German frightfulness ever do, and she, alas, is the latest of these. She was indeed to all of us, "the only g—g—g—girl that we adored," and who has been able to resist the charm of the haunting melody through which she became known to all.

Now we must mourn her as a martyr, place her name upon the scroll with the illustrious names of her innumerable sisters, whose fateful way she has gone.

Let us not dwell upon the manner of her fate. It is enough to mention that the mutilated remains which we cannot bear too look upon, were rescued too late from that guttural grinding-mill, the German throat, into the toils of which, through her charms, the ill-fated damsel was doomed to be drawn.

Katie is no more. Who is responsible for her fate? Alas, it is only too evident that we must all share the blame for allowing the poor girl to go forth alone and unguarded. We brought her to Germany; we sang her praises, only to let her fall into the hands of others.

But Katie, like all martyrs, is not dead. She has been exalted to a new sphere of usefulness. We can profit by her noble sacrifice. Katie's sad case is only typical of what is happening every day. Katie's mother tongue, the English language, is suffering continual matyrdom in precisely the same way. We are daily delivering her up and daily is the German profiting thereby. In short we are daily giving to the German something of infinitely greater value to him than the countless things which it is forbidden to allow into his possession, something which places in his hands the power to get all these things, to compete with us in getting them, yes, and more than that, to gain an initial advantage in the competition. Daily, without realising it, we are giving him a sound and thorough training in the English language.

Everywhere in public where English is spoken it is heard by Germans, listened to by Germans, learned by Germans. How many Britishers profit so by the German they hear spoken in public places — in trams, in the street, — everywhere. When British officers and soldiers have occasion to speak to Germans what is the almost invariable rule? The conversation, be it two words or two hours in length, is carried on in English.

The Britisher learns nothing of German. He is no better off, but the German gains by it. He is becoming a bi-linguist, while the Britisher remains still the same old one-horse mono-linguist. The advantages which will accrue to the Germans in the future, through the thorough schooling in idiomatic English which they are now receiving, obviously must be collossal. We all know the way in which the Germans worked their way into the warp and woof of English life prior to the war.

If that was possible with the ordinary opportunities for learning a language how much more will it be possible after millions of Germans have learned our language from Englishmen in their ordinary life. The only way that this menace can be reduced to a minimum is for the British here to learn German and use it exclusively in all conversation with the German people.

Just as the Occupation provides the opportunity for Germans to learn English, so it is our finest opportunity to learn German. It is the clear duty of every British subject in the occupied territory to shake himself free from the inherent apathy of the British race in the matter of foreign language study, and to learn German, both in order to prevent the Germans from gaining advantage through their acquisition of English from him, and also in order to make himself more capable and useful to himself and to his country, through his knowledge of at least one other language.

K. A. L.

WHAT IS TRUTH?

While nations rise and fall, while life comes and goes into the vast eternity, while mankind strives after an ideal of wealth and power, the question still rings out from a despairing world — "What is Truth?"

While the human race is plunged into the chaos of war, while a man tries to climb to omnipotence over the writhing bodies of a nation, in the palaces of the great, in the humble abode of the poor, on the bloody field of battle where life is almost forgotten, and the cold shadow of death strikes chill in the hearts of men, still there is that enquiry which is heard with clarion voice — "What is Truth?"

Can truth be found by the reason of man alone, or is faith to be the great guide along the road that will lead humanity to Truth.

A secular paper in a recent review of a book on Caristian Apologetics said: "Christianity depends in the long run upon inspiration and not upon argument. In the face of the present storm of scepticism, the one hope for religion lies neither in polemics, nor investigation, but in God."

Truth which is only found in God must be reached by the Divine Revelation of God, which is Jesus Christ, and that revelation is taught only in Christianity.

While it is true to say that logic cannot beget devotion, or argument make a saint, we must also accept the statement that the extent of man's spiritual mindedness bears no necessary ratio to the standard of his intellectual capacity.

If reason came as a gift to men from God, surely that Divine Gift may help us to grasp the fundamental facts of life, which faith points out to men. Thus reason and revelation to gether can help the seeker after Truth.

Amidst all the chaos and darkness of human existence, as it strives to lift itself out of the rut of despair, man requires some divine Revelation which will assure him of salvation and immortality, and that revelation which the reason of man tells him God would give to him, is Carist.

When the world was looking with mental apathy on the greatest drama ever seen, when Christ the King stood before the Roman Pilate, that serf of Caesar asked the old old question, and asked it from Him who alone could give an answer, which would satisfy all the longings of a human soul, asked the question "What is Truth?" and when he had this he went out.

That opportunity was lost for him, but yet to-day men can ask from Christ, for He said "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life".

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Tea Queues.—The National Kitchens are as popular as the day they were started.

More Houses. — Hendon Council is building 246 houses near the Welsh Harp.

The Island's Tank.—The Isle of Wight has its first tank.

A Peace Loan.—Australia has launched a Peace loan.

Not Fig Leaves. — Some Roumanian peasants are making clothes out of leaves.

Seaside Sharks.—There is evidence that the holiday season is proving a record harvest time for the seaside "shark".

A long Debate.—Twenty-four French Deputies have put down their names for the debate on the Peace Treaty.

The First.—The first Trans-Antlantic liner to call at Cherbourg since the war was the White Star liner, "Adriatic."

Permits Wanted.—Special permits to purchase cream will again be necessary after to morrow.

His Hoard.—Finding his cottage on fire, a Llanelly labourer rushed in and recovered twenty sovereigns.

Mr. Hoover's Return.—Mr. Hoover will return to America in the Mauretania to morrow.

Was It Suicide?—A Breconshire farmer was trying to hang himself when the rope broke, and he died of shock.

A New Town.—Grimsby Town Council have decided to spend £1,000,000 on a housing scheme.

Eight-Hour Day. — Asylum patients plead for more leisure and are demanding an eight-hour day.

Stopped.—All recruiting for the Women's Legion has ceased, and no further women drivers are to be sent to France.

Silver. — The price of silver is still going up and is 61 1/16d an ounce the highest quotation since 1867.

Getting Rid of Them. — Paris is being rapidly denuded of the captured German guns, the trophies of the war.

Honoured.—Péronne, Amiens, and Montdidier have been decorated with the Croix de Guerre.

Platform Stormed.—Socialist speakers had to abandon a meeting at Caerphilly, called to advocate the socialisation of the mines.

The R.A.—The large number of 700,000 officers and men served in the Royal Artillery during the war, of whom 42,000 made the great sacrifice.

Rabbit Skins 5s. Each.—Five shillings each for rabbit skins is the price which the Beveren Club is offering for first grade Blue Beveren and Havana pelts.

Nine Embassies —The elevation of the Belgian Ministry in London to the status of an Embassy brings the number of Embassies up to nine.

Popular Sportsman. — Lord Lonsdale sustained a cut head and hand owing to a collision between his motor-car and a char-a-banc.

Tarred Officer Resigns. — Sub.-Lieut. Kinahan, R.N. who was tarred and feathered at Cambridge, is given in the Navy List as "resigned."

Fune al Garb —The concessions with regard to clothing at Marlborough College will not be entirely revoked until the Lent term next year.

More Boys Than Girls.—There were 3,800 more boys than girls born in England and Wales during the second quarter of the year.

The Dreaded Stigma.—A Greenwich ice-cream vendor, shot himself with a revolver because he fancied people thought he was German.

Scotsmen Perturbed—The Scotsman's porridge is to cost him more. Oatmeal will soon be regarded as a luxury only purchasable by the rich.

Streamers in the Air.—Cables of kite-balloons being flown for meteorological observation will be marked at intervals of 500 fete by streamers.

No Exceptions. — After taking fifteen years to deliver a postcard, the authorities have charged the addressee 1d excess, as the card, of course, bore only a ½d. stamp.

The Household Cavalry.—The suggestion is again brought forward that Knightsbridge Barracks should be pulled down and the site added to Hyde-Park or disposed of.

The Guards Club.—When the Guards take over their new clubhouse in Brook-street officers of the Household Cavalry will be eligible for membership for the first time.

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Neuwied (Rengsdorf)	„	3.35	—	—
Andernach (Laacher See)	„	3.50	—	—
Niederbreisig (Honningen)	„	4.15	—	—
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Rolandseck	„	5.10	5.30	—
Godesberg	„	5.40	6.00	—
Bonn	arr.	6.00	6.25	—
	dep.	6.05	6.30	—
Wesseling	„	6.45	7.10	—
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		Time a.m.	Time	Time
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Porz	„	10.45	—	12.45
Wesseling	„	11.25	—	1.25
		p.m.		
Bonn	arr.	12.30	—	2.30
	dep.	12.35	—	2.40
Godesberg	„	1.10	—	3.10
Rolandseck	„	2.00	—	4.00
Remagen (Neuenahr)	„	2.30	—	4.30
Niederbreisig (Honningen)	„	3.15	—	5.15
Andernach (Laacher See)	„	4.00	—	—
Neuwied (Rengsdorf)	„	4.20	—	—
Bendorf (Engers)	„	5.05	—	—
Coblenz	arr.	5.40	a.m.	—
	dep.	—	10.00	—
Bingen (Kreuznach)	arr.	—	2.45	—
	dep.	—	2.50	—
Mainz	arr.	—	5.15	—

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AMERICA AND PEACE.

SENATORS' OBJECTIONS TO CLAUSES IN THE PEACE TREATY

FOCH'S THANKS TO BRITAIN.

AMERICA AND PEACE.

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS OF THE TREATY.

Republican members of the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate have prepared a number of reservations and amendments to the Peace Treaty, which they are presenting to President Wilson. The amendments regarding Shantung and the voting power of the United States in the League of Nations assembly have already been mentioned.

It will, however, be convenient to set out the Republican programme in detail. It calls for two straightout textual amendments to the treaty and five reservations on the part of the United States.

The amendments are as follows:—

1—Return of the Shantung peninsula to China.

2—Six votes in the League assembly for the United States, which is the number given in the present covenant to the British Empire.

The reservations are as follows:—

1—An accurate definition and adequate safeguarding of the Monroe Doctrine as a distinctly American policy with which the League shall have nothing whatever to do.

2—The assertion of the right of the United States to withdraw unconditionally from the League at will.

3—Removal of immigration, the tariff and similar domestic questions entirely from the jurisdiction of the League.

4—A specific provision that no action of the League Council seeking to protect the territorial integrity or political independence of any League member, under Article X., shall be binding upon the United States, but that Congress shall act as it sees fit when such a question shall arise.

5—That no vote or other action of any American delegate on the League Council shall be considered as representing the United States unless the appointment of such delegate shall have been confirmed by the United States Senate.

All of these reservations are to be embodied in the resolution of ratification, which will clearly state that the ratification will not be binding upon the United States "unless and until" the other signatories have accepted the reservations.

EXIT ZEPPELINS.

REPETITION OF SCAPA TREACHERY.

A Berlin message to the New York American states that the Germans have destroyed twelve out of sixteen Zeppelins which were to have been handed over to the Allies under the Peace Treaty.

This repetition of the Scapa treachery is stated to be the work of a young naval officer.

The despatch states that the news has caused the utmost consternation at the German Foreign Office, where it is vigorously denied that the Government were cognisant of any plan to destroy the airships.

BELGIAN MANDATE IN EAST AFRICA.

It is understood that the Anglo-Belgian agreement relating to Ruanda and Urandi in German East Africa will require submission to the League of Nations for ratification. Belgium desired a mandate to administer Ruanda and Urandi and the matter was the subject of a conference between Lord Milner and Belgian Ministers. The population of the whole of German East Africa is about 7,500,000 and under the agreement some 3,000,000 would be transferred to the charge of Belgium.

AUSTRIAN TREATY FINISHED.

To-day the Austrian delegation will receive the Peace Treaty for which they have been waiting at St. Germains since May.

Five days, with an extension if the Austrians desire it, will probably be set as the period of time within which the Austrians must accept or refuse the treaty.

The Austrian treaty is printed in French, English and Italian.

HOOVER'S NEW TITLE.

Mr. Hoover, at the request of the Allied Government, and with the concurrence of the American Government, has consented to continue the control and distribution of foodstuffs to Europe. His title will be the High Commissioner for the Feeding of Europe.

GENERAL BOTHA.

KING MOURNS THE LOSS OF A FRIEND.

Messages from all parts of the Empire bear tribute to the worth of the late General Botha. The King has sent the following telegram to Mrs. Botha:

"I am grieved beyond words to hear of your overwhelming sorrow. I regarded General Botha with feelings of personal friendship, and admired his generous sympathy, wide outlook, and nobility of character. The Queen joins with me in assuring you of our most heartfelt sympathy."

To the Governor-General of South Africa his Majesty addressed a message as follows:

"It is with feelings of profound regret that I have learned of the death of General Botha. Not South Africa alone, but the Empire at large will mourn the loss of a loyal citizen, chivalrous soldier and high-minded statesman. From my personal knowledge of and friendship for General Botha, I can realise how you and the Government of South Africa will miss his wise counsel and guidance."

Unexpected Death.

The death of General Botha has caused more public sorrow in South Africa than any event since the death of Cecil Rhodes. Ever since little more than a month ago, when General Botha landed at Capetown, signs of affection had everywhere been showered upon him. During the interval he had visited Pretoria, Johannesburg, Bloemfontein, and other centres, always receiving the same enthusiastic popular welcome.

His death was absolutely unexpected. When welcoming Mr. Hughes, the Australian Prime Minister, at Capetown docks shortly after his own arrival, General Botha spontaneously remarked he had never felt better, and he subsequently declared at Pretoria that his health having improved during his absence in Europe, he was ready to carry on the Premiership as long as the country required him.

The first news of his indisposition was to the effect that he had contracted a chill on his Transvaal farm, which resulted in an attack of influenza. On returning to Pretoria he complained about his throat, and it was found he had a slight temperature. He was put to bed, and subsequent bulletins, though announcing the cancellation of appointments, occasioned no alarm.

On the last day, however, six doctors were in attendance. At 8 o'clock in the evening the Premier's condition suddenly became critical, and he passed away peacefully from heart failure. Mrs. Botha and Captain Louis Botha were at the bedside, and other relatives were telegraphed for, but were unable to arrive in time.

FOCH THANKS BRITAIN.

Mr. Lloyd George has received from Marshal Foch an autograph letter in French expressing thanks for the eulogies passed upon him in both Houses of Parliament on the occasion of the resolution of thanks to the forces of the Crown.

"I do not forget," Marshal Foch says in his letter to the Premier, "that if I was appointed to be Chief of the Allied Armies it was on your initiative and thanks to your confidence. If I was able equally to bring the war to a speedy conclusion it was thanks to the sustained determination of the British Government to reinforce and to keep up, in 1918, sufficient effectives for its armies in France, and also to give powerful assistance in the transport of American divisions to Europe."

SENATOR KNOX'S VIEWS.

A speech which is said to have stupefied public opinion has been made in the Senate by Senator Knox, who was Secretary of State in the Taft Administration. The Senator asked for the rejection of the Versailles Treaty and the conclusion of a separate peace between the U.S.A. and Germany. His view was that the Versailles Treaty crushed Germany and contained the germ of a new war. The United States could not ratify such a document. France's interest was to seek the friendship of Germany.

FIUME PROBLEM.

According to the Petit Journal, the forthcoming interview between Mr. Lloyd George and Signor Tittoni is for the purpose of discussing a proposal to solve the problem of Fiume by ceding the town to Italy and placing the control of the hinterland in the hands of the League of Nations.

BOTHA'S SUCCESSOR.

At the invitation of Lord Buxton, Governor General of South Africa, General Smuts has accepted the premiership rendered vacant by the death of General Botha.

GERMAN PRISONERS.

HOW THEY HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED.

The 84,604 prisoners in Great Britain are, as already announced, about to be sent home. The above total included 2,908 sailors, 4,306 civilians, 170 airmen captured in land operations and 14 airmen taken at sea.

Most of the invalids, the badly wounded and the insane, have already left for Germany, and recently several steamers left Dover and other ports carrying nearly all the remaining cases.

By far the greatest number of those still in this country are engaged in agricultural work. Some 7,000 are employed by the military authorities on the East Coast and elsewhere in filling in trenches and in clearing up camps. For this work they receive the same payment as British soldiers.

There are 200,000 German prisoners in France and Flanders under British control, and to guard these and the 84,000 in this country necessitates the use of between 50,000 and 60,000 British soldiers.

As repatriation necessarily depends upon transport facilities, it is understood that a detailed plan has been drawn up by the Inter-Allied Commission in Paris. This acceleration of repatriation is in no sense due to efforts made in Germany.

The policy is dictated largely, if not wholly, by motives of humanity and economy. The latter is the main factor, coupled as far as it can be with humane considerations, in the resolution arrived at by the Supreme Council. For a long time the War Office has been pressing for repatriation to be speeded up.

Following the decision of the Supreme Council, immediate orders have been issued for the repatriation of German prisoners held by Great Britain in France. The first batch of 1000 was to leave France on Saturday for Germany, this being the largest daily number for which the German authorities have made reception. Our authorities are in a position to despatch 3000 a day at once from France and to increase this number to 6,000 if the German authorities provide the necessary trains. The repatriation of Germans from England will begin as soon as Germany sends the necessary shipping, which under the treaty terms, she must provide.

THIEVES' TALES.

INGENIOUS ROBBERIES IN LONDON

It is reported from North London that many robberies are being committed in which much ingenuity is shown by the thieves. In one case the occupant of a house at Finchley went out for a short walk. Although she was only absent twenty minutes, waiting thieves got over the garden fence, opened the back window, cleared a cabinet containing £300 worth of silver, and tried to open another cabinet in which was other valuable property. The thieves apparently left by the back door as the occupant of the house entered the front.

Not far from the same house, when the tenants of another residence had gone out for a walk, a well-dressed man called, and told the servant that he had to make an inspection for the revision of the fire policies and wished to see over the house. The maid took him over, and he made notes in a book. When shown her mistress's bedroom, where several valuables articles were on the table, he said the book pages were full, and asked her to bring him some writing paper. She was absent several minutes, and on her return he continued making notes.

COTTON SPINNER ELECTROCUTED.

While taking an electric bath at his house at Leigh (Lancs)., Mr. Walter Eckersley, a well-known cotton spinner, was electrocuted.

In attempting to connect a battery and a cable attached to an electric pendant, it is believed that the cable fell into the water. This gave him a severe shock. He became unconscious, and died later.

His chauffeur went to his assistance, but, in wrenching the appliance from his employer, sustained severe electric shocks.

Mr. Eckersley was a director of the Fine Cotton Spinners Association and Leigh Brewery.

POST OFFICE ROBBERS.

A daring attempt was made by two men to hold up the Bath post office on Saturday. They fastened the front door and, holding in a threatening attitude what the postmistress believed was a revolver, one of the men ordered her to be quiet. She screamed and dashed towards a back room. The other man said "Shoot her."

The screams must have alarmed the men, who decamped without securing any booty.

ROYAL ECONOMY.

Queen Alexandra has decided to reduce her staff of police chauffeurs by two-thirds. King Edward was very partial to police drivers, and at least three were taken over by her Majesty after his death.

In view of the need of economy in all ranks of society and the desirability of setting a good example, two of the three men will, it is understood be dispensed with. The chauffeurs will, presumably, resume their ordinary police duties.

INDUSTRIAL HARMONY.

ENGINEERS FEDERATION CLEARS THE GROUND.

The recent decision of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers and the Unions composing the Federation of Engineering and Shipbuilding Trades, which was made after an application for the forty-four hour week, pending a systematic inquiry into the relation between output and hours of work, is a welcome sign and wide interest is being taken in the agreement.

Mr. J. T. Brownlie, the Engineers' leader, considers it to be the most statesmanlike document ever drafted between employers and employed The terms of the inquiry are comprehensive and extensive. British and foreign methods of production are to be investigated and the real facts of foreign competition ascertained. It is presumed the Committee will have power to request the production of any firm's books and the workers will thus be able to acquire full and complete knowledge of the conditions of the industry. Mr. Brownlie considers this knowledge of facts will be of the utmost value in the interests of output and of harmony between capital and labour.

WAR'S AFTERMATH.

U.S. RESPONSIBILITIES.

Trouble is being made in America over the sending of American troops to Silesia, and the agitation to get them out is growing, though this does not mean that the United States is indifferent to the tragic trend of events in Silesia.

A resolution against the use of an American force in Silesia has been introduced in Congress, in consequence of the confirmation by the War Department of the news that a brigade is going to be sent to replace the American troops moved from the Rhine to Silesia. The sense of the resolution is that whereas the Allies ought to have enough troops to police Silesia, and whereas American public opinion is opposed to sending more troops abroad for police work, a protest should be offered by the house against sending troops to Silesia or elsewhere for that purpose.

In regard to Armenia, the American Press seeems to agree that there may be something in the British contention that they simply cannot keep men in Armenia any longer, but the United States cannot be expected to take up the burden. Other responsibilities in regard to the Turkish settlement are also feared.

FINE FEATHERS IN PEWS.

The Rev. F. B. Meyer, interviewed in regard to a recent speech, in which he criticised the present-day attitude of the Churches, said, "I feel that a lot of dead wood has to be cut out of our modern church life, which depends a great deal too much upon the Sunday services and cultured sermons and too little on the influence of individual members of the congregation upon the masses.

"Our country must be saved from the low ideals which threaten it. If people will insist upon coming to church in the latest fashions and dressed in their smartest clothes, they are going to make it difficult for people who cannot afford such extravagance to sit with them.

"The working classes are not going to expose themselves to an unfair comparison between themselves and others, and I do feel that, we must try and make the church a common meeting ground for all classes. The church was never intended to be a sort of parade ground for showing off the latest and most absurd fashions."

BONUS FOR W.A.A.C.'S AND OTHERS.

An Army Council instruction announces the grant of the bonus payable from May 1st 1919 to officials and members of the V.A.D., the general service section of the Women's Legion, Female Motor-drivers and W.A.A.C.'s who undertake fresh engagements to serve until April 30th next or who have already undertaken to serve for a longer period. The rate of bonus payable to women other than officials will be 2s. a week.

BARGE MYSTERY.

Mystery surrounds the sinking of the sailing barge Atalanta in the Thames on Thursday, with the loss of all hands. The craft was in ballast and was making Poplar. When off Beckton gasworks she was seen to sink rapidly. A rescue party put out but was only able to save a dog. Three or four men were believed to have been aboard.

DECEMBER WEDS JULY.

The bride at a Registry office marriage at Lichfield on Saturday was a widow of eighty and the bridegroom a blind pedlar aged fifty. Both the parties had to be assisted up the steps of the office. The man apologised to the officials for his bride's infirmity, remarking that she wasn't so nimble as she used to be.

VETERANS' CLUB AND HOME.

The Veterans Association proposes to raise a fund of one million pounds for a war memorial to include a residential club and convalescent home.

BREAD UP.

FOOD MINISTRY TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT.

The anticipated rise in the price of bread is about to take place, so Mr. A. W. Last, secretary of the Master Bakers' Association, has declared. No definite details of the proposed increase are available at present, but it is anticipated that an official announcement will be made shortly.

It is understood that the question has been discussed at a conference at the Ministry of Food, when the policy to be adopted was under consideration.

The Master bakers, it is understood, have been in communication with the Ministry of Labour as to the relation of the recent settlement in the baking trade dispute to the price of bread. During the negotiations which paved the way to a termination of the strike it was laid down by the employers that arbitration must be on the line that any award given should not take effect until the Ministry of Food had revised the price of bread or flour.

Under the recent award of a court of arbitration an advance of wages was given of 5s. for a 48 hours week, to take effect from August 19.

CAVELL PLOT DEEPENS.

The evidence at yesterday's sitting of the Quien trial was unfavourable to the accused. The Guard at the prison of St Gilles recalled four persons who alone knew the address of Bellache, viz. Miss Cavell, Madame Bogard, Bock and Quien. All were arrested except Quien. Other evidence showed that when at Sennelager accused was given special treatment.

A former servant of Miss Cavell deposed that Quien made an appointment with her and took her to a café were they met two men to whom he said "Escape. I am tracked."

It appeared from further examination that there was a young servant of Miss Cavell's named Pauline who met an alleged Englishman. She stated that the Englishman needed help to cross the frontier. He had spoken to a French officer who resembled Quien in height and build. Two days afterwards Miss Cavell was arrested by two German policemen accompanied by the alleged Englishman "Maitre d'Armon," who regretted that Pauline was not to be found.

HOLIDAY SAILING FATALITY.

It is feared that three lives have been lost by a boating accident on Belfast Lough on Saturday. Dr. Thomas Huston, a visitor from London, accompanied by his son and nephew, left Carrickfergus in a sailing boat. As they did return, a search was made, which revealed the mast of the boat near Garmoyla lighthouse. No trace of the party was found and they have now been given up as drowned.

SUNDAY GAMES.

Concluding his addresses at St. Martin-in-the Fields the Rev. T. Pym, head of Cambridge House, Camberwell, said that unless men and women were fit to take their places at work on Monday there was something wrong in the way they spent their Sunday.

He could not understand why there should be any prejudice against games on Sunday, particularly for those who could not play during the week-days.

NAVAL BALTIC HERO.

The identity of the young naval officer who was responsible for the destruction of the Bolshevist fleet in Kronstadt harbour has now been disclosed as Commander Dobson, D.S.O., an old Cliftonian, whose previous honour was won for the part he played in the destruction of U-boats.

AMERICA'S PARIS BILL.

The expenses of the American Peace Commission in Paris from December 1st, 1918 to December 31st 1919, are estimated at 1,506,796 dollars (£301,350).

President Wilson informs Congress that this estimate is the very best he can make.

CANADIAN MEMORIAL ON VIMY RIDGE.

The Commune of Vimy has offered to the Canadian Government the choice of a site on the Vimy Ridge for the erection of a memorial to the Canadians who fought and fell there. The offer has been accepted.

The Belgian King and Cardinal Mercier will visit America.

General Pershing left Paris on Sunday evening and proceeded to Brest, where he boards the Leviathan for America.

A Helsingfors message states that serious disagreements have taken place in the Russian North-West Army, especially in the Pskov Army commanded by General Balaovic.

The French Government has received from the German Government the indemnity of one million francs for the assasination of Sergeant Mannheim. The money will be handed over to the International Red Cross for division amongst the various organisations for the relief of the wounded.

MOTOR BUS CRASH.

ONE ACCIDENT CAUSES ANOTHER.

A serious motor-bus accident occurred at Dalston on Sunday afternoon involving the death of a man and injury to seven others. Both the driver and conductor of the conveyance were seriously injured. The accident happened at Dalston-lane.

It appears that the driver of the bus, which was proceeding towards Walthamstow, turned towards the pavement in order to avoid running down a cyclist whose machine had skidded on the tramlines. The bus jumped the kerb and crashed heavily into a wall.

A factory man named Alfred Bonney, of Bethnal Green, who was walking along the pavement at the time, was caught against the wall by the spinning wheel. When extricated he was found to have sustained terrible injuries to the lower part of the body. He died a few minutes after his admission to hospital. Four other persons, George Bird and his wife Annie, John Davis, the conductor, and Charles Ashworth were detained at the hospital for treatment and three others were attended by a local doctor.

THE DOOR TO GOSSIP.

Since the announcement that the Duke of Bedford's houses on the Woburn estate are built without front doors there have been numerous visitors to the villages where what are now known as the anti-gossip cottages are situated.

"Whether the Duke had the banning of gossip in mind or not when he built these houses," said the wife of one tenant, "I have proved that the front door is the main door to gossip. At the front a woman loses all idea of the time in criticising the affairs of others; at the back she sees too much of her own unfinished work to start gossiping."

EBERT CALLS FOR UNITY.

Unless there was an uniform concentration of national effort, said President Ebert at a luncheon given in his honour at Stuttgart, Germany could not bear the terribly heavy burdens the war had laid upon her. The position of Germany in regard to foreign countries was extremely difficult.

"If," he said, "we desire to regain our international standing and obtain what is necessary for our existence, we must stand together, shoulder to shoulder, without distinction of classes, and present one united front to foreigners."

AEROPLANE CRASHES INTO CROWD.

A shocking accident occured at Winschoten on Saturday during a flying demonstration. The machine of an aviator named Hinchcliffe fell among the spectators. A woman and a boy were killed on the spot and several others were injured by the aeroplane, which was itself badly damaged.

63,000 WOMEN OUT OF WORK.

The total number of women in receipt of the out-of-work donation is now 63,110. The total for both sexes on August 15 was 530,523, of whom 359,778 were ex-service men and the rest men, women, boys, and girls.

These figures were given by the Ministry of Labour in reply to a published statement that 500,000 women were now in receipt of the donation.

GOLIATH AVIATORS PLIGHT.

The first telegram from the crew of the Goliath aeroplane was received at Paris last night. Their machine had to descend on a shelving beach at high tide, 1c0 kilometres North of St. Louis, owing to the pins of the propeller breaking. The aviators remained there six days before being rescued, providing themselves with drinking water in the meantime by means of distillaton.

BULGARIAN PEACE TREATY.

It is generally understood that tomorrow the Supreme Allied Council will devote its attention to the conditions of peace with Bulgaria. The principal clauses in the treaty have been prepared by Special Commissions after careful study of the various questions involved, but the important question of the future of Thrace and Bulgaria's access to the Aegean sea still remains undecided.

MORE NEGRO RIOTS.

At Knoxville, Tennesse, general and serious rioting broke out following a determined attempt by a white mob to get a negro out of gaol for the purpose of lynching him. In the course of the disturbance several negroes were killed and it was found necessary to call out the State Militia to restore order.

PETROL DEPOT EXPLODES.

An extensive fire has almost completely destroyed the American camp at La Maladiere, near Dijon. A petrol depot exploded and the resulting fire lasted for several hours. The camp formed an immense sheet of flame and enormous quantities of goods were destroyed. The damage is estimated at more than ten million francs.

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A QUESTION OF FINANCE.

The amateurs, and a few experts, of high finance are not a little disturbed at the prospect of the bad position which our sovereign commands in foreign exchange, but there are one or two factors which appear to have been overlooked, and which on contemplation are not without reassurance.

The feature of the exchange which calls for most comment is that in America the English pound has not yet recovered its former value. What then will be the effect of this? Simply that the British merchant will make, as far as is possible, his purchases in those markets where his purchasing power is greatest. This will result, in one of two things. In order to enter into the competition American prices must come down or she must reduce output. Whichever course is adopted is to our advantage.

As to the foreign trade which it is feared America will capture, this must be accompanied by a change in American financial methods. The American trader with his vast home market has never been content to accept the small returns and long credits which invariably accompany this form of trade. The high returns and the short credits which are the factors of home trade are much more attractive and are certain to hold the attention of the trader.

Finally the cost of production in America is bound, by the nature of things to show a continuous upward curve. At present, her valuable natural resources, worked in what strikes the European as a wasteful manner, are easily reached. As these resources become exhausted more capital and more labour must be utilised to produce the less easily reached resources and an enhanced value is immediately created which calls for an increased price.

Finally American trade unionism is only being developed. As soon as the American worker recognises the immense power which united action confers upon him, the same labour difficulties which have caused periodical dislocations of European production will weaken American trade. The American worker in order to receive his higher rate of pay accepts conditions of labour which would create consternation in our British trade unions.

When these facts are borne in mind, it will be seen that, whatever advantages American traders may now enjoy, when the recognition of their responsibilities is grasped by British workmen and a full output is reached, British trade will, in the course of time, regain its lost ground. There is little to be feared from the American handicap if our workers will settle down to the task of restoration.

THE HISTORY OF THE RHINELAND.

In estimating modern political developments in Germany we are apt to lose sight of the historical setting. Lord Acton once quoted a famous saying to the effect that history was nothing but past politics, whilst present politics formed the subject matter for future historians.

Just as modern England is the product of long centuries of political development, so Germany reflects the many sided aspects of her past. Ever since the days of Charles V., Germany has been a prey to political disintegration coupled with religious strife which culminated in the 30 years war. The rise of Prussia during the 18th and 19th centuries furnished the counter poise to the centrifugal tendencies always at work in the German nation. These are seen at their worst during the 30 years war when Swedes and French disputed with each other the mastery of Europe over Germany's prostrate body.

When we come to more modern times we find these centrifugal an centripetal tendencies constantly at work. What Louis XIV had commenced Napoleon consummated. A Frenchman meeting the historian Mommsen at the time of the Peace negotiations at Versailles in 1871, asked him against whom the Germans were still fighting: his reply was "Louis XIV."

By the Peace of Lunéville in 1801 the whole of the German Territory left of the Rhine was annexed to France. The 340 odd States comprising the Germanic system were reduced to about 40. From the ecclesiastical states, free imperial cities, together with the petty states of the minor princes was formed in 1806, the Confederation of the Rhine with Napoleon as Protector. The Elector of Bavaria and the Duke of Würtemberg became kings, and the Margrave of Baden a Grand Duke.

Whilst Napoleon's action in the matter was dictated by purely selfish motives, it ultimately brought great blessings to the German people. It marked the beginning of the regeneration of the German Fatherland. Out of the new German system which Napoleon created was to rise the later German Empire. Not the least amongst the benefits conferred, was the introduction of all the reforms which had regenerated France and made her strong.

Serfdom was abolished where it still lingered: equality of the noble and the non-noble classes before the law was established: and the new French Civil Code was partly put in force. When, after the defeat of Napoleon in 1814-15, Prussia took over the Rhineland, Frederick William III issued a Cabinet Order of 20. 6. 1816 concluding as follows:—"Ich will, dass das Gute überall wo es sich findet, benutzt und das Recht anerkannt werde."

A number of laws, regulations and decrees of the Napoleonic Code were accordingly retained and partly incorporated in the new Civil Code, and traces of this French influence are still to be found in the Prussian legal administration in the Rhineland.

In Roman times the Rhine formed the boundary between Independent Germany and the Roman Province of Gaul. But German aspirations aimed at the realisation of the words "Du Rhein, bleibst deutsch wie meine Brust." It is only when we keep the past history of the Rhineland in mind that we can correctly appreciate the question of its future.

THE OPERA.

TRISTAN AND ISOLDE.

The opera-house reopened on Sunday evening with "Tristan and Isolde" and the enthusiasm at the end, besides being a tribute to the artists and to the work, was also a manifestation of pleasure at the having "the opera" once more with us. The Army of Occupation at Cologne was especially glad, as they had been looking forward all last season to hearing this greatest of all Wagner's music-dramas. No one, who knows the Cologne Opera, needs to be told that the production was a fine one in every respect. The orchestra, under Herr Klemperer, really surpassed itself, nor is it possible to pick out certain bits as more beautifully played than others, so perfect was it throughout. Of the singers, Frau Mimi Werhard-Poensgen, as Isolde, carried off first honours. Her performance was of extreme beauty. She looked Isolde, her acting, gestures and indeed her whole reading of the part was beyond all criticism, while her voice was easily able to satisfy all the claims upon it. Much the same praise could be given to Modest Menzinsky's Tristan, except that vocally he left very much to be desired. The voice was at times quite unable to cope with the music, especially in the death scene, which solely owing to the singer's shortcomings, seemed unduly drawn out. Herr Menzinsky's 'Tristan' ranks below his 'Waltner' and is not to be compared with his very fine 'Siegfried.' Mention must be made of Frau Grimm-Mittelmann's beautiful 'Brangaene.' Nothing could be imagined more lovely than her singing in the second act. Herr Liszewsky as 'Kurwenal' was exactly right, and his singing in the last act was deeply moving.

The stage-production was worthy of the drama. The scene on the ship was extraordinarily beautiful, while the setting for the love-duet could not possibly be improved upon. The dark foliage overhead, the lowering walls of the castle and the stars behind, formed a perfect setting for the highest expression of human passion which has ever been realised by the mind of men. *F.*

HARVEST IN RHINELAND.

It is the sunset of the year in Rhineland, golden and lingering. Assuredly no greater halo of glory marks the close of any day than that which gathers round each moment of this happy season.

Already autumn tints can be seen in the woods, and the harvest of the field has been gathered in, for it is much earlier than at home. Even the stubble has been turned over by the industrious farmer whose plough followed in the wake of the reaper.

A fresh beauty greets us every newborn day, and even the purple-grey vapours that linger in the evenings by the edge of the wood have their charm. In the heat of the day the brown velvet bees drone ecstatically among the beaded clover in the field. There is the scent of apple hanging about the orchards, and down the narrow lanes leading to the valley are fruited brambles.

In field, garden and orchard the harvest has been bountiful. We see it in the well-filled barns, the golden stacks of wheat, the richly laden stalls of fruit in the streets and market-places of Cologne.

The wanderer who leaves the dusty city for the hills and dales of this fair and fertile countryside drinks deeply of the wine of joy. He hears the ancient song and his heart responds: "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness. The little hills rejoice on every side. The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered with corn, they shout for joy, they also sing."

It is a colour-poem of beauty which lies stretched before our eyes which gives us incomparable compensation for the fret and worry of our complex days. It pours a soothing balm upon the wounds of stress and strife and we feel the tenderness of her touch and rejoice. And yet there is to-day a greyer picture to impress upon the mind and heart, the sadness of contrast.

A year ago—it seems in the dim distant past, an eternity—we were advancing through the shell pitted, shell swept fields of France and Flanders. There amid scenes of fearful desolation the Red Reaper was at work, the harvest was death, and yet we sang, for we could see the dawning of a brighter day, the ending of the long agony of conflict.

We recall the ruined homesteads, the wilderness of trenches, the valley of the shadows, the grim and gaunt no-man's-land.

What of the poor struggling farmer of those regions? When will he reap his harvest? What a task! How keen the disappointment and misery of it all!

This we know, that nature is wonderful in her ways and in due season the wilderness, and solitary place will be glad, the desert will blossom as a rose, the blood red poppies will cast their charm over the fields where our comrades died.

Here in Rhineland there is no desolation. The people have been spared the horrors of devastation, their harvests have never ceased. Are they grateful to us that the old law, "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth," has not been carried out?

We leave such thoughts and turn to the beauty and glory of life as we feel it to-day in drinking in the sweetness of grand old nature at harvest time. We would not let the grey shadows blot out the golden sunshine of our glad heartedness. We rejoice in the gifts and blessings that are ours and gather strength to toil and labour for the harvests yet to be—a new heaven and a new earth. *G.K.*

THE PADRE AND THE FIRE.

We have had fires before. Soon after the armistice we had lots and the Inspector of Fires became well known to us. We are now very thorough with our fire precautions. There is not a man in the Brigade who does not know that in the event of a fire he will (1) try and put it out; (2) shout for assistance and (3) call an officer.

Our last fire did not fall quite within the scope of these regulations. It has raised questions. We call it now "The Padre's Fire." It originated next to his bedroom at Brigade H.Q. in the still hours of the night. Rumour says that the Padre had been reading sensational fiction before retiring and for this reason, perhaps, it was not until the smoke prevented his breathing that he really woke up.

Mentally, he recalled the rules as he sprang from his bed, damaging himself in the dark, against the furniture. Without thought for his personal appearance, he dashed to the next room. There was the fire burning merrily. Back he dashed for a jug of water which he hurled into the flames, strictly in accordance with rule 1. A few lusty yells started rule 2 working.

A door burst open and a number of female domestics of the household appeared on the scene. There was a loud shriek which was first attributed to the fire. Afterwards the question was raised as to whether it was not caused by the sight of the Church Militant in pyjamas. However, the reinforcements quickly grasped the situation. Many and various utensils were speedily filled with water and emptied into the flames. In spite of language difficulties, here was a clear demonstration that the personal magnetism of a leader requires no dictionary.

Problems arose over rule 3. Could this be ignored seeing that the Padre was taking a really personal interest in the fire? Should he call another officer? or, considering the reversal of the usual routine for discovering fires, was it the correct thing to call an O. R. This was a knotty point, but while reasoning the matter out in that cold impartial way so well known in the Padre, there was a further development.

A small party of those officers who discuss matters of interest until the small hours of the morning — they are to be found in most messes — about that moment decided to go to bed. Whatever may have been their thoughts when they first caught sight of the Padre and his amateur fire-brigade, they quickly realized that, after all, this was a serious situation, which was being firmly handled. With their additional assistance, more and more water was thrown into the flames and before long the fire was extinguished and the fire-brigade dismissed.

We are trying to decide now (1) whether fire orders are correctly formed to meet the case where a fire is discovered by an officer, and (2) whether pyjama jackets should be worn outside or inside the other part. *JERRY.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Reader's Varied Views.

UNIVERSITY GRANTS.

Sir,—Your correspondent who desires information about University grants should ask his Education Officer to let him see Army Education Circular No. 11, issued by War Office S.D.8., which contains all the information he requires.
C. F. B.

A CORRESPONDENT QUERY.

Sir,—While standing in the square in front of the Dom I noticed the following words cut into one of than pavement stones:—"Hier stand das Roemische Nord Thor." Can you, please, tell me what they mean?
WM. STIPPLES G.N.R.

ESPERANTO STUDY.

Sir,—Your Correspondent "W.G.D." asks for information regarding Esperanto. Text books in English can be obtained from the Secretary:— M.C. Butler, British Esperanto Assn. Incorp. 17 Hart St. London. W.C., who will send the address of the nearest Esperanto Club to your correspondent. I found "The Esperanto Teacher" (by Fryer) a splendid text book for acquiring the language, without a teacher.

If your correspondent puts in an hour a day for a fortnight, he will be able to read an Esperanto journal or write a letter in Esperanto. One condition only is needed—the will to do it.
W.F.M.

A CREFELD EXPERIENCE.

Sir, — May I be allowed to give my experience of the Totalisator at the meeting at Crefeld.

In the Grand Inter-Allied Steeplechase of seven starters, I invested fifty marks on the winner. I backed it for a place also, and was fortunate enough to nominate the second and third horses — four winning bets of fifty marks each. My return from the Totalisator was 261 marks, i. e. I laid 200 to win 61 marks.

In the last race of seven or more runners, I backed a placed horse and had my stake returned—bare. I am still wondering what the price was in this case.
BLUE.

WHY NOT?

Sir,—There is one thing that one cannot help but notice in Cologne nowadays, and that is the apparent unwillingness of officers wives and relations to wear the brassard issued to them from the Permit Office for the express purpose, one would imagine, of serving as a badge of nationality.

It would appear that the brassard is looked upon with disfavour by its fair possessors, for some reason entirely incomprehensible to a mere male who delights in being recognised as a Britisher anywhere.

Do these ladies wish to hide their nationality in the occupied area, where more than anywhere else at the moment, a Britisher should be proud of his or her country. I may add that this letter is not the after effect of a "faux pas" due to the brassard not being worn.
BRASSARD.

AN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE.

Sir,—In his article on "Speechless Marriages," "W.J.W." refers to Esperanto as a "dead language only studied by learned men." The facts are quite the reverse.

At the Green Lanes School, Eccles, in April 1919, 350 children sang choir pieces in Esperanto, which is one of the subjects taught in this school. Eighty of the children already correspond with other Esperanto children in distant lands. "W.J.W." will note: Not learned men, but little children of no special ability.

The writer had a board school education, yet has conversed with ease with Esperantists in France, Belgium, and here in Cologne, having learned Esperanto in spare time without a teacher.

Tolstoi says:—The sacrifice of giving up a short time to the study of Esperanto is so small, and the benefits so immense that no person should refuse to make the attempt. *W.F.M.*

WIVES IN COLOGNE.

Sir,—May I express my appreciation of the announcement that the wives of officers are to be permitted to enjoy the excellent feeding facilities provided by the Clubs controlled by the N.A.C.B. Incidentally may I suggest that similar facilities be provided at organisations like the Y.M.C.A. and the Church Army for the benefit of other ranks.

I notice that a proviso is made that such facilities are granted subject to there being sufficient accommodation available. I would suggest, however, that certain tables be earmarked for their particular use and thus enable wives to become known to one another.
J.A.B.

THE GREAT EXAMPLE.

O brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother!
Where pity dwells the peace of God is there.
To worship rightly is to love each other,
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.
Follow with reverent steps the great example
Of Him whose holy work was doing good,
So shall this wide earth seem our Father's temple
Each loving life a psalm of gratitude.

REMINISCENCE.

'Tis night, and the shimmering silver beam
Of the moon lights on the peaceful scene.
Not a sound is heard from the hills hard by,
Where to-morrow men will fight and die,
Yes, the moon shines bright—tis a peaceful night,
But to-morrow men will fight and die.

'Tis dawn, and the thunder and crash is nigh
Of the guns that are shelling the hills hard by,
Now the dusty valley's a streak of mud,
Made by a river of rich red blood,
Yes, the guns have fired and the foe retired,
And we march through the river of rich red blood.
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CREFELD RACES.

Superiority Of British Horses At Sunday's Meeting.

MASCOT AGAIN.

A huge concourse of Rhineland racing folk gathered at the pretty little race course at Crefeld for the Inter-Allied Races on Sunday, English, American and French armies of occupation being well represented at the Belgian meeting. The sky was overcast during the whole of the afternoon, but, happily, no rain fell.

The outstanding feature of the meeting was the marked superiority of the British horses engaged; they carried everything before them, winning no less than five of the six races in convincing style, and securing, as well, the majority of the places. The French and Belgian mounts were quite outclassed, and only met with success in the second race for which no British horses were entered.

Particularly fine were the performances of Mascot, finely ridden by his owner, Major Gen. Tudor, in the Prix Meldeghem, and Golden Sunset in the grand steeplechase. The latter excellent horse was in splendid fettle and from the commencement had the race well in hand. Eau de Cologne was also at his best in the Prix de Monge and won in a canter.

Details.

The results were as follows:—

PRIX JOOSTENS STEEPLECHASE.
Distance 300 meters.

Late Report, Owner 1
(Lieut. R. Bulteel).
Redius, Owner 2
(Commd. Comte H.D' Oultremont).
Velociter, Owner 3
(Lieut. H. Durnford).
Winner:—23 to 10.

Also ran:—Marmor, Jazz Band, Surprise, Alphie, Witrine, Francois, Mastigadour, Lady Diana, Shylock, So Long, Hiawatha, and Athlumny.

Late Report, Velociter and Redius made practically the whole of the running, the former finally winning a good race by three lengths. One length between second and third.

PRIX BUFFIN.
Distance 1,600 metres.

Medovah, Owner 1
(Lieut. Baron Snoy).
Fileuse, Owner 2
(Lieut. van de Werve).
Grinceuse, Owner 3
(Commd. Termotte).
Winner 62 to 10.

Also ran:—Gavroche, Paulette, Monna Vanna, Piccolo, Sweety and Sweet Seventeen.

Fileuse got well away at the start and led for about four furlongs when Medova drew to the front and fought out the finish, winning easily by four lengths.

PRIX GALLAIN STEEPLECHASE.
Distance 3,200 metres.

Kilbay, Lieut. Bulteel 1
(Lieut. R.B. Mc. Creery).
Firefly III, Capt. Storey 2
Capt. Berkenshaw id.e).
Le Reve, Owner 3
(Lieut. Peytoor).
Winner 14 to 10.

Also ran:—Gold Dust, Old King Cole, and Whip.

For the first mile Kilbay kept to the fore, when he was joined by Gold Dust. The former, however, had the race comfortably in hand and eventually won in a canter by five lengths.

PRIX MELDEGHEM (COURSE PLATE)
Distance 2,000 metres.

Mascot, Owner 1
(Major Gen. Tudor)
Johnnie Walker, Owner 2
(Major C. A. Heydeman)
Mount Royal (Owner) 3
(Major Carlisle)
Winner: 18 to 10.

Also ran:—Savoy, Ettenniette, Remember Me, Flut and Sardaigne.

Savoy and Johnnie Walker jumped off in front and led until coming in the straight, when Mascot and Remember Me drew close. Mascot lay fourth until about one furlong from home, when he challenged, and won a very fine race by half a length from Johnnie Walker Two lengths between second and third.

INTER-ALLIED
GRAND STEEPLE CHASE
Distance 4,000 metres.

Golden Sunset, Owner 1
(Lieut. R. Usher)
Patrick (ex-Paddy) Col. Langdon 2
(Capt. T. Hodgins)
Jimmy II, Major Phibbs Hornby 3
(Major Bather)
Winner: 14 to 10.

Also ran:—George, Polly Dear, Mastigadour, and Gambler.

As usual Patrick went off with a clear lead for one and a half miles; he was then joined by Golden Sunset, this pair keeping well ahead of the remainder of the field. Golden Sunset continued to lie close until coming into the straight when he successfully challenged and won by five lengths. Three lengths between second and third.

PRIX DE MONGE (COURSE PLATE)
Distance 3,400 metres.

Eau de Cologne, Major Heydeman 1
(Capt. Maxwell)
Golden Syrup, Owner 2
(Lieut. R. Bulteel)
Cap Vert, Capt. Laclercq 3
(Capt. Marchal)
Winner: 14 to 10.

Also ran:—Royal Ecossais, Jamoigne, Danoy, Gharib, Cecilio, Athlumny, Patricia, Ellen, Billy II, Corona and Hadji.

Royal Ecossais went away at tremendous speed leading by about 20 lengths, and looking all over a winner. He, however failed to stay the distance and about six furlongs from home was obviously beaten. Here Eau de Cologne took the lead and was a very easy winner.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, September 2nd, 1919.

Surface wind South easterly or Southerly. Fair: some cloud Slight risk of thunderstorms later in day. Fair visibility.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

Huge Attendance at Opening Day Matches.

YOUTH'S OPPORTUNITY.

With high expectations and the rosiest of prospects, after five years of substitute competitions, the big professional football teams returned once more to League fare on Saturday, and there will be widespread disappointment if the campaign just entered upon is not a record in the history of Association football.

As in every other walk of life the war has exacted a heavy toll from professional football, and only here and there was the personnel of the teams which turned out on Saturday unchanged. Generally speaking there has been a great re-shuffle, faces that were once familiar to all followers of the game were missing, and, in their stead, young ambitious players appeared, eager to take advantage of the golden opportunity to make good and win their spurs. That they will do so is certain; many of them will doubtless win reputations rivalling these previously cherished by the men whom they are re-placing. Huge attendances were a feature of Saturday's matches matches, the results of which were as follows:—

First Division.

Woolwich Arsenal 0, Newcastle 1
Bromwich Albion 3, Oldham 1
Blackburn 4, Preston N.E. 0
Bolton Wanderers 1, Bradford 2
Bradford City 1, Liverpool 3
Everton 2, Chelsea 3
Manchester City 3, Sheffield United 3
Sunderland 2, Aston Villa 1
Derby 1, Manchester United 1
Notts County 2, Burnley 0
Sheffield Wednesday 0, Middlesbro 1.

Second Division.

Birmingham 4, Hull 11
Bristol City 1, Bury 0
Coventry 0, Tottenham 5
Fulham 1, South Shields 0
West-Ham 1, Lincoln City 1
Grimsby Town 0, Stockport 3
Leicester City 1, Wolverhampton 2
Rotherham County 2, Notts Forest 0
Blackpool 4, Leeds City 2
Huddersfield 2, Clapton Orient 1
Stoke 2, Barnsley 0.

Southern League.

Bristol Rovers 0, Queen's Park Rangers 2
Brentford 2, Brighton 1
Crystal Palace 2, Northampton 2
Gillingham 0, Watford 0
Luton 1, Swansea 1
Merthyr 0, Millwall 2
Norwich City 4, Newport 1
Plymouth Argyle 3, Swindon 0
Reading 2, Cardiff 0
Southampton 1, Exeter City 1
Southend 0, Portsmouth 2.

Scottish League.

Aberdeen 1, Clyde 0
Airdrieonians 1, Ayr 0
Celtic 2, Raith Rovers 0
Dumbarton 1, Clydebank 0
Falkirk 2, Queens Park 0
Heart of Midlothian 2 Hamilton 0
Kilmarnock 1, Albion Rovers 0
Motherwell 3, Hibernians 2
Partick Thistle 1, Dundee 0
St. Mirren 0, Rangers 4
Third Lanark 0, Greenock Morton 4.
Home team given first.

A DAY OF SUCCESS.

127th Heavy Battery R.G.A. Performs "Hat Trick."

Last Wednesday was a red letter day for the 127th H.B. R.G.A. Three splendid successes in one day is a performance that cannot be boasted every day by an individual unit. The first success was scored at Opladen when the Battery tug-of-war team represented the 63rd Bde R.G.A. There were three pulls for the decision, the first and third being won by the 127th H.B. team who were in fine form. The 127th H.B. team is unbeaten. Later in the afternoon, a "soccer" match took place at Dunwald, versus the army troops chosen team. Again the 127th H.B. showed fine form. Gunner Batty, Bombdr. Leigh and Dvr. Holmes played remarkably well, scoring five, four and one goals respectively. The result of the match was 127th H.B. 10 goals, Army Troops nil.

To crown the day the battery concert party, "The Dunwald Knuts" gave a performance in the evening, which proved a "rollicker," great credit being due to all concerned. The humour of the evening was provided by Lieut. Hayward and Sig. Vevers. A pleasing feature of the performance was the pianoforte duets and solos by Bmdr. Dunstan and Sig. Bow who delighted the audience with their talent. Appreciation was also shown to the "sentimentalists."

The chief item of the evening was a comedy concerted number entitled "The Interrupted Glee" with a caste of six, including Lieut. Hayward and Sig. Vivers, who served up original comedy. The number was written and produced by Sig. Vevers.

LINDENTHAL LAWN TENNIS.

A very successful American Lawn Tennis Tournament was held at Lindenthal on Sunday, twenty couples taking part. The tournament was won by Brig-General Tindall-Lucas and Mrs. Chambers, who defeated Major and Mrs. Pleydell-Nott in the final.

For the Officers Sports Club Tournament at Lindenthal commencing Sept. 6th entries close at 18,00 hours to-day. Those wishing to take part should send entries at once to the Hon. Sec. Sports Club, attached VI Corps H.Q.

"FOOTER" FRIENDLY.

A scratch match was played yesterday between 152 H.B. R.G.A. and X Corps H.A. H.Q. at Godesberg. The former pulled off the match with a score of 3 goals against 1. Sgt. Woodcock (2) and Gunner J. Smith (1) were the goal getters for the battery.

DOG MUZZLING AND FOX HUNTING.

With the approach of the fox-hunting season the Board of Agriculture is being urged to authorise relaxation of the restrictions on the movements of dogs in and out of controlled areas in the Home Counties. Provision is already made exempting dogs from being muzzled when used for sporting purposes, and it has been held that hounds when hunting come within the scope of this exemption, but exemption is not recognised in those parts of a controlled district generally known as a dangerous area.

COLOGNE POST CUP.

Decisive Matches in the Eliminating Round.

Lowland Div. M.T. Coy. v. 174 Siege Battery R.G.A.

All the matches in the eliminating round for the C.P.C. have now been played off the semi-finalists being:—

Lowland Div. M.T. Coy.
93rd Bde. R.G.A.
17th Lancers.
29th M.G.C.

Saturday's Match.

At Mulheim on Saturday the Lowlands won the toss and batted first. Cater and Senior who opened for them evidently found the bowling of Graham and Frost difficult for off the first five overs, three of which were maidens, they managed to glean only three runs. The first wickets fell at 10 after 15 minutes play. At 21 three wickets had fallen. The fourth wicket, however, completely changed the aspect of the game as a result of a fine innings of 32 by Senior, the partnership raising 39 runs. The remaining wickets were all down for 69. For the Gunners Frost took 6 wickets for 31 runs and Graham 3 for 25.

The Gunners were much less fortunate, two were l.b.w., one run out and one hit wicket. Whittingham was the only man to reach double figures and he was caught at 14 from a ball that glanced off his hand. For the A.S.C. Biles took 5 wickets for 9 runs and Pocock took 4 for 12. The R.G.A. have been twice beaten in eleven matches. The Siege Battery however were in the unfortunate position of having two of their batsmen on leave in England, two demobilized during the previous week and the team's captain, Gunner Whittingham, while practising the day before dislocated the third finger of his right hand. In spite of this he played, though not in his usual position as wicket keeper. His place there was taken by Lieut. Blyton. They were all out for 38. The scores were as follows:—

Lowland Div. M.T. Coy.

Cater b. Frost	4
Senior c. Major Moss b. Frost	32
Pocock run out	3
Thompson b. Graham	0
Robinson l.b.w. b. Frost	15
Growther b. Graham	1
Biles b. Blyton b. Frost	0
Collett c. Capt. Batty b. Frost	0
Lieut. Watmore c. Blyton b. Graham	3
Lieut. Evans not out	4
Extras	7
Total	69

174 Siege Battery.

Whittingham c. Lieut. Evans b. Biles	10
Hill l.b.w. b. Biles	1
Street b. Pocock	3
Saunders b. Pocock	5
Capt. Batty b. Biles	1
Major Moss b. Biles	0
Frost hit wickets b. Pocock	0
Birch run out	0
Graham not out	1
Hale l.b.w. b. Pocock	0
Lieut. Blyton c. Crowther b. Biles	0
Extras	17
Total	38

93rd Bde. R.G.A. v. "D" Corps Siege Park.

At Mulheim on Sunday. A splendid batting display by the gunners was spoiled by rain. Ellis and Weight were the opening batsmen. Big things were expected from this pair and they did not disappoint for 78 was the score when Weight was cleverly caught behind the wicket when 46. Ellis continued to bat steadily, but he was bowled when 51. At the tea interval the score was 123 for four. On re-starting, Smythe leathered the bowling, making 75 in quick time. Wilson and Worton gave him nice assistance with 11 and 16 respectively. Seven wickets were down for 228 when Heuchon joined Bloomfield and they added 60 in just on 20 minutes. Heuchon made 35, including a lovely drive for six and Bloomfield got 33, including a six. The innings closed for 301. That was a big score for the M.T. to overtake. Capt. Richie had a merry innings for 20, before Weight bowled him. No one played Weight with confidence; the whole side were out for 65. It was hard luck on the M.T. having to bat in the bad light, but there was no question of the superiority of the gunners. Weight bowled really well, fast, and a splendid length. Scores:—

93rd Bde. R.G.A.

Bdr. Ellis b Sgt. Bennett	51
Gnr. Weight b Smith	46
Gnr. Palliser b Bennett	12
Bdr. Rushton b Williams	7
Sign. Smythe c Sawyer b Manford	75
Cpl. Wilson c Richie b Bennett	11
Gnr. Worton run out	16
Bdr. Bloomfield run out	33
Cpl. Heuchon l.b.w. Sawyer	35
Major McLeod not out	8
Sgt. Baker b Sawyer	0
Extras	7
Total	301

"D" Corps Siege Park M.T. R.A.S.C.

Capt. Richie b Weight	20
Cpl. Sawyer b Weight	0
Cpl. Oldham c Norton b Smythe	10
Capt. Brighthouse c Weight	6
Lieut. Thane b Weight	0
Sgt. Mumford c Ellies b McLeod	13
Capt. Bellamy b Smythe	1
Capt. Bowman b Weight	8
Pte. Williams b McLeod	2
Cpl. Smith b Weight	2
Sgt. Bennett not out	0
Extras	5
Total	65

SEMI-FINALS.

The following are the details for the semi-final matches in the "Cologne Post Cricket Cup Competition." The matches will take place on the 7th Squadron R.A.F. ground, Exercier Platz, Mulheim.

Wednesday, 3rd September.
93rd Bde. R.G.A. v. Lowland Div. M.T. Coy.
Thursday, 4th September.
17th Lancers v. 29th Bn. M.G.C.
Both matches commence at 10.30 a.m. Neutral umpires will officiate.

Yesterday's Match.

The result of yesterday's match between the 17th Lancers and 13th Kings was a win for the former by 106 runs, the scores being:—

17th Lancers	172
13th Kings	66

Cologne Northern League Final.

The 29th M.G.C. Bn. met and defeated the ½ Bn. West Yorks in the final of the Cologne Northern League, yesterday the scores being

29th M.G.C.	146
½ West Yorks	77

The Machine Gunners now enter the ranks of the Semi-finalists, having drawn a bye in the eliminating round.

75th BRIGADE R.F.A.

Battery Commander's part in monthly Athletics.

C/75 LEAD.

The monthly Sports of the 75th Brigade R.F.A. were held on Thursday, at Mariamhof, Gross Konigsdorf. Mounted and dismounted events were held. Brig.-General L.S. Ollivant, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., R.A., Lieut.-Col. S. W. L. Ashwnaden, D.S.O., R.F.A. Brigade Commander, and Lieut.-Col. Carrington, Brigade Major, kindly judged the mounted events. Owing to the large entries, eliminating contests were held on the previous day, which enabled the long programme to be got through well up to time.

The following were the events and winners:—

Team events.

Dismounted tug-of-war:—B Bty.
Mounted tug-of-war:—D Bty.
Wrestling on horseback:—D Bty.
Football six-a-side:—A Bty.

Mounted events.

Musical chairs:—1, Dvr. Hay, C; 2, Dvr. Fenrie, C; 3, Gnr. Smith, C.

Jumping officers:—1, Lieut. Champneys, A; 2, Capt. A. H. Birch, M.C., D; 3, Lieut. Caampneys, M.C., A.

Jumping W.O., Sgts., Cpls.:—1, Sgt. Moore, C; 2, B.S.M. Gilson, C; 3, B.S.M. Lawie, D.

Jumping Bdrs., Dvrs. and Gnrs.:—1, Dvr. Pearson, A; 2, Dvr. Beaver, B; 3, Dvr. Hardman, A.

Mule race:—1, Gnr. Pearson, A; 2, Dvr. Burton, A; 3, Cpl. Huggett, C.

Tent pegging, officers:—1, Major H. C. Worrall, M.C., C; 2, Capt. G. W. McFadyean, M.C., HQ; 3, Major D.E. Jones, M.C., D.

Tent pegging, O.R.'s:—1, B.S. Lawie, D; 2, B.S.M. Atkins, A; 3, Sgt. Gilbert, D.

Flat races, 100 yds.:—1, Bdr. Painter, B; 2, Major H. C. Worrall, M.C., C; 3, Dvr. Adams, A.

220 yds.:—1, Bdr. Painter, B; 2, Bdr. Elford, D; 3, Dvr. Adams, A.

Boot race;—1. Sig. Coulson, B; 2, Cpl. Dickinson, D; 3, Bdr. Clarke, C; "Charlie Chaplin," A Special Prize.

Three-legged-race:—1, Hampton and Painter, B; 2, Paul and Coulson, B; 3, Cox and Winch, HQ.

440 yds.—1, Bdr. Elford, D; 2, Major H. C. Worrall, M.C., C; 3, Lieut. Castello, M.C., C; Gunner Cook, D.

Long jump:—1, 2/Lieut. Chilman, A; 2, Bdr. Painter, B; 3, Gnr. Worrall, D.

High jump:—1, Gnr. Worrall, D; 2, Lieut. Castello, M.C., C; 3, Gnr. Farrell, A.

Old Soldier's race:—1, Major H. C. Worrall, M.C., C; 2, Sgt. Canning, C; 3, B. S. M. Atkins, A.

880 yds.:—1, Gnr. Paul, B; 2, Bdr. Painter, B; 3, Bdr. Elford, D.

Hurdle race:—1, 1, 2/Lieut. Chilman, A; 2, Bdr. Painter, B, 3, Bdr. Elford, D.

Cricket ball:—1, Bdr. Elford, D; 2, Sgt. Canning, C; 3, Sig. Wylie, D.

Led horse jumping:—1, Dvr. Fredericks, A; 2, Dvr. Heath, C; 3, Dvr. Hardman, A.

V.C. race:—1, Sgt. Canning, C, C; 2, Dvr. Fredericks, A; 3, Cpl. Huggett, C.

Half section jumping:—1, Brown and Howell, C; 2, Dvr. Hardman and Gnr. Pearson, A; 3, Dvr. Fredericks and Burton, A.

C/75 led on the days sports, many points being gained by their plucky Battery Commander, who has only recently recovered from a bad accident.

The band of the 1/6th West Yorks was in attendance by kind permission of Colonel T. N. S. M. Howard, commanding officer.

Tea was provided for all ranks.

DISCHARGED AND DEMOBBED.

Forthcoming Sports Festival Promises Success.

The forthcoming sports festival arranged by the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers promises to be a great success. In addition to the championship cups and other prizes already announced may be added the "Western Mail," Cardiff (open handicap events), the "Daily Mirror" (cup), Mr. Gordon Selfridge, Sir Edward Mountain (British Dominion Assurance Co., Ltd.), Messrs Finnegan and Co., Messrs Alexander Clark and Co., Ltd., and Messrs Houghton, Ltd. Competitors are entering from all parts of the Kingdom, and ex-Service men in nearly all cases express their deep appreciation of the fact that all the championship cups have been presented by the Press, thus showing that they take such a keen interest in the plans for ex-Service men.

PROTECTION OF PLAYERS.

Annual Meeting of Union at Manchester

The annual meeting of the Players' Union has been held in Manchester. Mr. Robert (Oldham Athletic), who presided, said there was more need now than ever for players to protect their own interests.

Mr. Newbould, the honorary secretary, reported a steady-growing membership and said they were in a sound financial position. The union had done much towards getting better wages, a share of transfer fees, and the bonus system, and increased benefit was bound to come to members.

NEW SOUTH WALES "TOT" PROCEEDS.

From the totalisator during the financial year ended June 30 the New South Wales Treasury received £132,404, as against £82,802 during the previous year, an increase of £49,602. Betting taxes contributed £72,445 to the revenue, compared with £59,402, an increase of £13,043. The grand total derived from these sources was £204,849, as against £142,204, an increase of £62,645. As the totalisator contribution is paid on a 7 per cent. basis, the amount handled by the machines for the year was £1,891,483. But for the influenza epedemic it would have exceeded £2,000,000.

ATHLETE'S TRAGIC DEATH.

An official intimation has been received that Lce.-Cpl. John Schofield, 5th Liverpool Regt, whose home is at Hopwood, Heywood, has died in Palestine through being kicked in the face by a horse. Deceased was 34, and was a well known cross-country runner, swimmer, and water polo player. He was connected with the Heywood Harriers and the Grundy Swimming Club.

ANOTHER CHALLENGER.

C.Q.M.S. J. French, H.Q. 2nd London Infantry Bde., is prepared to accept the challenge of L/Cpl. Corbett for the 10st. 10 Championship (Rhine Army), the match to be controlled, if possible, by the "Cologne Post."

Spanish Meeting.

A large number of French horses are being sent for the Spanish meeting at Santander next month.

CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP.

Yorkshire Successful by Narrow Margin.

KENT'S FRUITLESS EFFORTS.

The English County Cricket Championship concluded on Saturday, Yorkshire winning from Kent by a marginal advantage. In spite of a desperate struggle Kent failed to beat Middlesex. The finish was very exciting the issue of the crucial match being left in doubt until a few minutes before stumps were drawn. The final scores were Kent 196, Middlesex 87 and 121 for nine. Yorkshire's match with Sussex was also left drawn, rain causing an abandonment. In this match the scores were Yorkshire 187 for six declared, Sussex 100 and 38 for 2.

Other details.

Other English Cricket results were as follows:—

Australians 85 and 144 for four declared beat Somerset 70 and 64 by 95 runs.

Surrey 322, Essex 102 for six.

ENGLISH RACING.

Gatwick and Haydock Park Saturday's Results.

Saturday's Gatwick Park details are as follows:—

Rostrum Plate:—1, Saintly Maude (9-2 on); 2, Walpole (two ran).

Wick Plate:—1, Marostica (7-1); 2, Jewel of Ulster (5-1); 3, Jaylan (5-1).

Lowfield Plate:—1, Tartrezine (2-1); 2, Fair Roma (4-1); 3, Marsova (100-6).

Moderate Plate:—1. Neophyte (2-1); 2, Gavrelle (2-1); 3, Livorno (7-2).

County Handicap:—1, Zulanda (11-2); 3, London Pride (6-4); 3, Ninon (3-1).

Sutton Handicap:—1, Bravo (7-4); 2, Matruh (7-1); 3, Violinist (2-1).

Haydock Park.

Wigan Welter Handicap:—1, Abiad (11-8 on); 2, Mannacus (9-2); 3, Patlander 9-4).

Paddock Plate:—1, Bellatana (7-2); 2, Lady Picton (5-2); 3, Moonflower (7-4).

Garswood Handicap:—1, Chuette (event); 2, Fairy Thorn (10-1); 3, Milton (8-1).

Saturday Handicap:—1, Polismen (11-8 on); 2, Northcourt (10-1); 3, Alligan (2-1).

Grand Stand Handicap:—1, Sans Atout (6-4 on); 2, Tension (10-1); 3, All Feathers (3-1).

St. Helen's Plate:—1, Old Gold (2-1 on); Mafioso (20-1); 3, Stick to it (20-1).

THE ST. LEGER.

Twenty-eight Probable Starters On Wednesday.

For the Breeders' St. Leger at Derby on Wednesday next the probable starters are:—

Avatar . . . . . Wootton 9st. 7lbs.
(Sir E.Hulton).
Dominion . . . . . Barling 9st. 6lbs.
(Ld. Glanely).
Milton . . . . . Colling 9st. 4lbs.
(Mr. C. Garland).
Bayuda . . . . . Taylor 9st. 3lbs.
(Lady Douglas).
Chuette . . . . . Beatty 9st. 1lbs.
(Capt. Davy).
Elsinore . . . . . Taylor 8st. 13lbs.
(Mr. W. Cazalet).
Atrocity . . . . . H. Leader 8st. 13lbs.
(Ld. Wilton).
Sardis . . . . . Loates 8st. 13lbs.
(Mr. S. Joel).
Keysoe . . . . . Lambton 8st. 12lbs.
(Ld. Derby).
Mademoiselle Foch . Colling 8st. 12lbs.
(Maj. J. Paget).
Dark Magic . . . . . R. Day 8st. 10lbs.
(Sir A. Bailey).
Makepeace . . . . . Lambton 8st. 10lbs.
(Ld. Derby).
Cypher . . . . . F. Hartigan 8st. 10lbs.
(Sir E. Hulton).
Flower Bed . . . . T. Waugh 8st. 10lbs.
(Sir R. Jardine).
Jacksdale . . . . . l'Anson 8st. 7lbs.
(Sir J. Robinson).
Sabian . . . . . F. Hartigan 8st. 7lbs.
(Sir E. Hulton).
Fitzclarence . . . . . Gilpin 8st. 7lbs.
(Capt. G. Loder).
King's Idler . . . F. Hartigan 8st. 5lbs.
(Mr. J. Shepherd).
Clarion . . . . . Dewhurst 8st. 5lbs.
(Sir G. Noble).
Comet . . . . . Colling 8st. 5lbs.
(Sir R. Jardine).
Eton Rambler . . . C. Leader 8st. 5lbs.
(Mr. J. Leigh).
Fire King . . . . . Hampson 8st. 5lbs.
(Mr. J. Morris).
Dorset . . . . . Dewhurst 8st. 5lbs.
(Ld. Londonderry).
Splutter . . . . . Pratt 8st. 5lbs.
(Maj. J. de Rothschild).
Mintama . . . . . Hunt 8st. 2lbs.
(Mr. A. Bowen).
Missouri . . . . . Peck 8st. 2lbs.
(Ld. Durham).
Sea Plant . . . . . T. Waugh 8st. 2lbs.
(Sir R. Jardine).
Precaution . . . . R. Dawson 8st. 2lbs.
(Vicomte de Fontarce).

A NOVEL FEATURE.

Women to compete at Inter-Services Championships.

At the Inter-Services athletic championships meeting at the Stamford Bridge grounds, Chelsea, on Thursday, September 4, a novelty will be a relay race between teams from the women's branch of each of the three Services. The distance will be a quarter of a mile, each member of the team of four running 110 yards. Special prizes will be a small silver rose bowl for each member of the winning team and a silver photo frame to each of the second team. This special event is the natural outcome of the training given in the various women's branches of the forces, and many competitors in meetings during the summer have proved themselves clever sprinters.

Many members of the W.R.N.S. have proved themselves runners of exceptional merit, and their team will most probably be chosen from Miss McCulloch, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Gray, Miss Ford, and Miss Winter.

Judging from the ability shown in the R.A.F. championships, the W.R.A.F. should have a capital team, as there is much first rate talent from which to choose.

The Army will be represented by the Q.M.A.A.C., who have a team in training at Bostall Heath Camp, where keen interest is taken in the prospect of their team.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Tuesday	7	Madame Butterfly	Puccini
Wednesday	7	The merry wives of Windsor	Nicolai
Thursday	7	The Barber of Seville	Rossini
Friday	7.30	Tiefland	d'Albert
Saturday	7	Tosca	Puccini
Sunday	7	Cavalleria rusticana Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo
Monday	7	The taming of the shrew	Goetz
Tuesday	7	Tosca	Puccini

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

At the Palace.

The Rascals (Cav. Div. M.T. party.) commenced their week at the Herzogstrasse theatre last night before a crowded house. The party were in excellent form and the show went with a swing.

"The Darts" Farewell.

"The Darts" concert party (49th Labour Coy.) gave a farewell show at Stotzheim on Thursday evening. Mrs. Corry kindly sang several songs which were very much appreciated.

Well Known Singer Departs.

Walter J. Clark, the well known singer, of the 52nd Leicesters was unavoidably unable to appear at Euskirchen on Friday night as his battalion is moving to England. Clark's departure will be regretted by many; he has a good voice and is equally at home with sentiment and humour.

The Merry Micks.

This jolly little party of six artists resumed performances last week showing at Cologne, Birkesdorf, Langenfeld, Wiesdorf, Ohligs, Schlicken and Duren. When I say that on four successive occasions McCracken and Weeks (entertainers) and Howarth (Tenor) had to respond to four encores it is sufficient to show that the troupe is in tip-top form. The whole show has been considerably improved and several new members introduced. If, as is presumed, the party goes to England shortly, the Rhine Army will be losing one of the brightest of its concert parties.

The Prongs Tenor.

Edwin J. Batey, the popular tenor of the "Prongs' Concert Party, is another demobilization victim. Late of the "Bundhooks" of Brussels, where he created a reputation as one of the finest tenors in France and Belgium, Batey came to Germany and has since played with the "Prongs." During his stay with the "Prongs" his genius and vesatility has made him extremely popular among music lovers and fellow artists alike. Always genially disposed and ready for any part, his absence will cause deep regret to many. I understand he will be proceeding to England next week and all will join in wishing him the best of everything in his new sphere. He has played his part in the war with the Artillery since 1916, being with the 1st, 68th and 92nd Bde. R.G.A. respectively.

Leave Club Band Conecrt.

An excellent Concert was given at the Leave Club on Sunday by the Band of the 23rd Royal Fusiliers. The bandmaster, A.E. Fox conducted finely and very skillfully played the cornet at the same time. The programme included selections from "William Tell" "Zig Zag" and "Il Trovatore" all of which were greatly appreciated. A cornet solo "Come sing to me" was another very popular item and also the two marches "Light Cavalry" and "Old Comrades" with which the programme opened and closed. The last number had to be repeated, so insistent was the audience. Major Bowen's songs roused much enthusiasm. He sang among other songs "The Deathless Army" and "The Last Call" and the very large audience was very reluctant to let him leave the platform. A pleasing addition to the programme was the beautiful singing of Master Norman Walter, senior chorister of St. Stephens, Westminster. He sang "He shall feed his Flock', and "I know that my Redeemer liveth" accompanied by Dr. Adcock, and the applause of the listeners was tremendous. Miss Ramsay Smith also sang two songs which were very much enjoyed. The concert was the most crowded that the Leave Club as ever known.

Gunners Entertainment.

At Weiden the 74th Bde. R.F.A. gave another first class entertainment in the St. Florian Hall. The Hall was filled long before the hour announced for the commencement of the programme. Lieut. West played "The Policeman's Holiday" to which the troops whistled in their in mitable style. Signaller Marshall sang "Down Honolulu Way" and "Half Past Nine," the choruses being heartily sung by the audience. Bdr. Heyes gave "Parted" and "Heart of a Rose", the applause being loud and prolonged. Bdr. Ives gave several monologues, "The Night Watchman" and "The Caretaker" being especially well rendered. Gnr. Smith, attired in chinese costume, then entertained with a very mystifying twenty minutes of conjuring. Dvr. Marsh sang "Cup of Cocoa" und "I've never been courting before", keeping all the troops in roars of laughter. Dvr. Baldwin sang "Tony the Swiss Mountaineer" and "Cabbarges, Cab-Beans and Car-rots." Signaller Howley produced many original jokes and sang "The Old Dun Cow" being loudly applauded. Lieut. West and Signaller Gray were the accompanists. The costumes and make up were excellent and great credit is due to Signaller Howley for his stage management. He is now on his way to England for demobilization and his going will be a big loss to the concert party whose success depended largely upon him. He has our best wishes for success on the professional stage at home.

JACQUES.

Cricket Feats.

Hobbs is likely to be the only batsman to reach 2,000 runs this season, and the distinction of scoring 1,000 runs and taking 100 wickets is shared between Rhodes and Major J. W. H. T. Douglas

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ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

When is a Door not a Door?

The memory of man, saith the sage, is short. An excellent exemplification of this is afforded at the N.A.C.B. Officers Club. For some two months now the old entrance facing towards the Dom has been closed, but still attendants at the club forget this and make a dash for this entrance—returning muttering unprintable things under their breath.

Bonus for V.A.D's and W.A.A.C's.

An A.C.I. announces the grant of a bonus payable as from May 1st to officials and members of the V.A.D., General Service Section, the Women's Legion (Motor Drivers) and the Q.M.A.A.C., who undertake a fresh engagement to serve to April 30th 1920, or who have already undertaken to serve for a longer period. The rate of bonus payable to women other than officials will be 2/- a week. Payment ceases when the payment of the Army of Occupation bonus ceases.

Re-direction of Newspapers.

In order to relieve the Army Postal Service, and in view of the fact that out-of-date newspapers can be of little value to the recipients, newspapers reaching units for addressees who are no longer with their units will be treated as waste, and not be re-directed and returned to the Post Offices. Exception will be made in the case of newspapers the wrappers of which are marked "In case of non-delivery return to senders." Such newspapers will be returned clearly marked with the cause of non-delivery.

All the Fun of the Fair.

Roundabouts, shooting galleries, swing boats and chutes, to say nothing of a house that turns itself upside down, are comprised in the fair at Riehl. During the week "Tommy" has it largely to himself, but Saturdays and Sundays the civvies are present in great force. It is amusing to watch be-spectacled youths and grave looking men riding on some weird looking wooden animal to the accompaniment perhaps of "The War March of the Prophets." Every little side show has its mechanical organ, and the music played is frequently excellent—but the blatant electrical organ leaves a lot to be desired in its rendering of even good music.

A Race-Course Incident.

We are not out to give free advertisements but the news that a particularly popular brand of cigarette was on sale on the course on Saturday led to an incident which had its humorous side. The fact that certain of the rank and file were to be seen leaving the booth with familiar packets in their possession led to a wild rush in which all the instruction Tommy has had in the art of forming a cigarette queue went by the board. A rush was made and the individual behind the counter was in immediate danger of being overwhelmed. It came from all angles and protests only drew demands to "Dish 'em out." That canteen assistant will not easily forget that box of cigarettes.

Separation Allowance.

In view of the small number of separation allowances now dealt with by T.F. Associations, it has been decided to transfer payment to regimental paymasters with effect from the first pay day in the next half yearly allowance book period, viz.: October 6th, in the case of wives, and November 4th, in the case of dependants.

Who is Your Favourite Author?

To arrive at a conclusion as to which are the most popular books, we have decided to promote a competition and readers of all ranks are invited to submit selections. Each book selected will be considered as receiving one vote each time it figures in the lists sent in, and the competitor whose list, according to the books in it, embraces the highest aggregate of votes will receive a prize of fifty marks. Selections of ten books must be addressed to "Books" c/o The Editor "Cologne Post" by Saturday.

The Club.

The N.A.C.B. Club, or "The Club" as we are wont to call it had its accustomed appearance during the week-end. The dining and other rooms were crowded in striking contrast to their appearance in mid-week when the occupants of the bar on one particular evening could have been counted on one's fingers. Is this an outcome of the reduction in numbers? On Saturday of course, we had apart from the week-end habit, the attraction of the races. These drew officers in large numbers from the various billetting areas and after all who does not visit the Club when he is in Cologne?

Method Of Building.

Landlords, when they build, always put in at their own expense electric light, gas, heating, hot-water, bathroom and lift. At the bottom of the court-yards of each block of flats are built a few sets of smaller apartment dwellings (they are called Rückgebäude—back-buildings), which command a much lower rent, while benefiting fully from the general conveniences of the establishment. The latter are thus rendered less expensive by being accessible to more families. The working class tenements are built in the outlying suburbs and consist of tiny dwellings with low rents, but even they have as much water as is required, gas and electric light. The most modern inventions are kept for the better class houses.

Prize for Echoes.

Every day we are prepared to give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's winners are Gnr. J. Morrow, 153 Siege Bty., R.G.A. Rhine Army; Sig. W. Harvey, "A" Coy. 18th K.R.R.C. Rhine Army and Cpl. M. Verney, R.E. c/o A.D. Roads, Rhine Army.

NOTES FROM LONDON TOWN.

A SUPER BEAUTY SPOT.

Foreign and provincial visitors to the capital, who so rarely traverse the grimy Blackfriars-road, and cross Blackfriars Bridge from the Surrey side, miss one of the best things London has to offer. From no other bridge can one see such a glorious sweep of river, with its complement of beautiful grey and white architecture, slender spires and turrets, and green foliage. And when the sun really does his best it is difficult to believe that anyone ever had the audacity to call it "grimy London"; it seems more like a leaf from a wonder tale!

ENGLISH MUSIC AT LAST.

No longer is it necessary for artists to adopt unpronounceable names in order to claim the attention of the British public, and the day has passed when a musician's artistic abilities were judged by the eccentricity of his dress or the manner of "wearing his hair" rather than by the standard of his work. Similarly, it is rare nowadays to find a concert or recital, the programme of which does not contain at least one unfamiliar work. In the old days a pianist's repertoire consisted almost entirely of the works of Chopin, Liszt, and the better-known German classical composers. British musicians laboured for generations under enormous difficulties, one of the greatest being the totally unwarrantable preference which English people evinced for the foreigner in music.

BUYING IN THE STREETS.

It is amazing the people you see buying at the street markets these days. They all seem delighted to have some revenge on the profiteers. I hear of wonderful developments in public markets. Already glass and furniture stalls are to be seen in some of the side streets, the owners selling for small profits. I met a country woman offering new laid eggs out of a basket. She told me a grocer in the neighbourhood used to buy eggs from her every week for 3d. apiece and sell them for 6d. She was disposing of them for 4d., and in five minutes had sold six dozen. She is bringing along chickens and ducks next week. In the best parts of London, country vendors go with baskets of produce from house to house. They are sorry they did not think of this long ago, and so are the purchasers.

MOST MUSICAL CAPITAL.

During the last decade or so, public taste in musical matters has been improving steadily until now the volume of first-class music performed every week in London compares most favourably with that performed in any of the great Continental capitals, where music can be said to be almost as great a necessity to the existence of the populace as food and drink. For this improvement in public taste we have to thank that small band of devoted workers which includes such names as Sir Henry Wood and Sir Thomas Beecham among conductors, and a number of enthusiastic and gifted vocalists and instrumentalists who, if their names are not known to a wide public, have played no less a part in popularising the works of the great composers of past and present.

A HOLIDAY "ATTRACTION."

The hope is expressed that next year, when matters in France become more settled, the Government will take steps to facilitate visits to the battlefields by those who can show that they are anxious to visit the graves of relatives who fell during the war. There will be a big rush across the Channel for this purpose when peace conditions are restored, and there is a feeling that the traffic should be under State auspices, and should not be exploited by the tourist agencies. Regularly weekly tours to the battlefields of Belgium have already been organised as a holiday attraction, though it must be a morbid mind which finds pleasure in surveying the stricken towns of Flanders—towns which in some cases are represented now only by heaps of masonry. Some have disappeared so completely that it has been deemed necessary to set up indication posts pointing to where they once stood. Visits to the graveyards, which whiten the landscapes in some parts of Northern France, are an altogether different matter, and do not convey any unpleasant impression that the war has been waged to make a Cockney holiday.

THE BOGEY.

"My worst enemy," said the Turf Editor "is 'Constant Reader.' This remarkable species, like the poor, is always with us! I will endeavour to illustrate my point, which, perhaps, to you, is a trifle obscure."

Taking up a correspondence basket he quickly glanced over its contents and presently, with a fierce light in his eyes, drew forth and flourished a singularly uninspiring scrap of what I took to be sugar-paper.

"It *is* sugar-paper!" he snarled, in response to my suggestion. "Brown sugar, at that! The damn thing's sticky all over. Still," he continued, growing calmer, "it will at least serve to enlist your sympathy. *This*," he said, slamming the obnoxious document on the desk in front of me, "*this* is one of 'Constant Reader's' productions. Read it — I implore!"

Before I could comply, however, I found it necessary to carry the paper to the window; for a pencilled scrawl on blue paper is not exactly ideal.

"Dere sir," I read aloud, "I put ninepense each way on Blarney Stone in the first race at Newmarket larst Saterday and won shiling on Getaway for a plase. Any to come on Doomsday in the third race, any to come, harf on Baby Boy and the rest pluss any to come, up and down. I also had harf a doller on Horsey Combat *to win* ('to win' was determinedly underlined). Bradbury wun that race but your valubul paper say it was disqualyfied. So my horse reely wun. In the larst race I backed Wireless for a place but only two horses run. Now my horse came second but my bookmaker says I dont get any place money. Plese print in tomorrers paper how much winnings I have to come, Youre obejient servant, CONSTANT READER."

A peculiar noise caused me to look round at my editorial friend. He was pouring out two neat Scotches. Silently and with trembling hand he indicated one of them and we two drank to the perdition of the "valubul" paper's fervent admirer.

Presently my host returned to the subject. "Sometimes, however, this bogey makes its appearance in a rather less formidable form," he said. "I am referring to the person who periodically demands the publication of a particular result, date, price or other item, which, should he be the 'Constant Reader' he alleges he would be perfectly aware appeared in the previous day's issue. *His* nom-de-plume is decidedly unconvincing!

"Then, of course, we have the apparent gentleman of leisure who regards this office as a regular reference library. Scores, results, and biographies of varied character — and especially events which took place in the Dark Ages — are his mania. *His* questions entail as much research work as might bewilder a geologist! But, as he must invest 2d in the paper occasionally in order to see our replies I suppose we are somewhat recompensed. For obvious reasons we do not reply through the post," he added.

Acknowledging that he was responsible for certain of the "tips" in the newspaper in question, I asked if this practice did not excite the irascibility of some of his followers when a particular "tip" did not materialize. He remarked that it was an ungrateful world and that he did sometimes receive sarcastic and truculent missives to this effect.

Which brought us to the subject of professional tipsters' advertisements — the type wherein the wizard claims a percentage of the winnings — if any. "I observe," said I, "that you 'guarantee' these advertisements. But what is to prevent a man sending out individually the name of every horse in the race to his different clients? Such a 'tipster' would never be out of pocket!" The other smiled complacently. "We are able, to a certain extent, to guard against this," he assured, "by insisting on knowing the advertiser's selection *beforehand*. Thus, should subsequent investigation prove him to be addicted to such sharp practice —" he winked suggestively.

"And — and," I hesitated, "if the advertiser is genuine and has such confidence in his 'tips' er — why —"

"My dear Watson —"

"Why does he not forego his extraordinary pastime, and —"

"Exactly!"

"Back them himself?" we finished in duet.

H.R.P.

THE MATCH SUPERSTITION.

The superstition against lighting three cigarettes from one match, which was so general among soldiers in the fighting line, is very commonly supposed to have originated in France during the actual progress of the war. As a matter of fact it would appear to boast a much more hoary origin. Nevertheless it would be true to say that it was introduced into England very shortly before the war. For the people who brought it to us were the dancers in the Russian ballet. In Russia the superstition is very common, and is connected with the practice of lighting three candles to the dead from one taper. Theatrical people are always more superstitious than others, and this particular superstition was brought to London by the Russian dancers, travelled across the footlights to the audience, and in turn spread to the fighting forces in France. Matches are much more plentiful now, but few soldiers had the temerity to light more than two cigarettes from the same match, even when they were as scarce as golden sovereigns.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Potato Disease. — Black leg disease is spreading among potatoes.

On Holiday.—The is a scarcity of sparrows in London this last few days.

Poultry Lost.—Forty head of poultry were destroyed by fire at Colchester.

Future of Gretna.—Gretna cordite factory is not to be scrapped.

More Street Markets.—Enfield is to have street markets.

Women on 'Change. —Hamburg has decided to admit women on Exchange.

Ambitious.—The Labour Party in Southwark have decided to contest all the sixty seats on the borough council.

A Sunday Service.— Swindon Town Council have decided to continue the Sunday service of tramway cars.

Waste.—Two unused brick R.A.F. huts in the park at Edmonton have been standing empty since November.

Died After Political Meeting.— Leaving a Unionist meeting at Coalville Mrs. Underwood dropped dead.

Huts For Houses.—Newport Housing Committee are buying Army huts for houses.

The Prince's Gift.—The Prince of Wales has purchased toys for children in the Toronto General Hospital.

Welcome to Hughes.—Mr. Hughes, the Australian Premier, is being acclaimed everywhere on his return home.

The Next President. —Hindenburg is being talked of as the next President of Germany.

German Prisoners. —Great Britain is keeping 300,000 Germans prisoners in France at an expense of £90,000 a day.

The Heat Wave.—The hot weather is blamed for an epidemic of sickness and diarrhoea.

London Docks.—A startling proposal to sweep away all London's docks is made.

Rabies.—Two further cases of rabies have been confirmed, one at Colchester, and one in Glamorganshire.

Royal Wedding.—The King and Queen will be unable to attend the wedding of Lady Helena Cambridge.

Stable Lads' Pay.—Racing stable lads at Epsom are demanding a weekly minimum of 50s.

A Scratch Lot.—"A scratch lot of styles," is the prophecy of "Men's Wear" for the City man's winter clothing.

Millions From Stores.—The sum realised by sales of surplus Government property is now £162,509,246.

In Downing Street.—After a very long interval house painters are at work giving Downing-street a new complexion.

Echo of "Old Bill."—An old-fashioned cobbler, near Clapham Junction, has named his establishment "The Better Sole."

Catches of Mackerel.—It is reported that the present mackerel season has so far been unprecedented.

Whale Caught in Forth.—A half-ton whale has been captured off South Alloa, in the Forth.

Moated Hall Burnt Out.—Kenton Hall, one of Suffolk's oldest moated mansions, has been destroyed by fire.

His Next Move.—The ex-Kaiser will move into his recently bought country seat in Holland in the autumn.

A Novel Strike.—The scavengers of Swadlincote, have struck against the urban council's no-overtime order.

Every Night.—A woman complained to the Sunderland magistrates that her husband had thrashed her every night since their wedding a month ago.

Wimbledon Wants Cenotaph.—Wimbledon Corporation is making an effort to secure for erection in the borough the temporary cenotaph at Whitehall.

Chocolate v. Butter.—West country farmers are selling their milk to the chocolate manufacturers instead of making it into butter.

Retrenchment's Call.—The Admiralty scheme of trawler co-partnership with fishermen and mine-sweepers is to be delayed.

Their Fate.—Two horses which were stolen from a field at Redhill, are believed to have been converted into sausages.

Her New Home.—Guildford is retaining its attractiveness for authors. The latest arrival is Miss Ethel Dell, the popular novelist.

Riding Horses Cheap.—Owing to the number of Army horses being put on the market, "ride or drive" animals are now selling at £30.

'Don't Touch."—An allotment-holder in Brockwell Park has put up the notice: "Don't touch these Carrots; they are Poisonous."

Speeding up the P.O.—The Post Office authorities are considering ways and means of speeding up, particularly in the country offices.

Cream Jolted Out. — Summoned at Market Bosworth, a farmer pleaded that the cream jolted out of the churn on the way to the station.

Novel Peace Bonfire. — A boarding house propietor told the Yarmouth magistrates that he collected several thousand registration forms, and on Peace Day burned the lot.

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ROYAL FUSILIERS.

SMART ACHIEVEMENT ON THE ARCHANGEL FRONT.

WILSON STARTS LECTURING TOUR.

ARCHANGEL FRONT.

BRILLIANT WORK OF THE ROYAL FUSILIERS.

General Ironside reports that Russian troops, supported by two companies of the Royal Fusiliers, including many Australians, attacked the Bolshevists on the Archangel-Vologda railway on August 29th. The attack was completely successful, all our objectives being gained. All the enemy gun positions and the village of Emptsa fell into our hands. After the capture of Emptsa, the Bolshevists counter-attacked with several armoured trains and regained the village, but a further attack by the Royal Fusiliers recaptured the village, which is now in our hands.

Aircraft co-operated brilliantly in the attack, dropping bombs on the barracks and on the armoured trains. Our casualties were light, being two officers and fifty other ranks wounded.

HUGHES REACHES HOME.

Mr. Hughes, the Premier of the Australian Commonwealth, received a tremendous ovation at Melbourne on his arrival after his prolonged stay in Europe. The scenes of enthusiasm were unprecedented, especially amongst the soldiers. Mr. Hughes delivered several short speeches, the outstanding features of which were eloquent tributes to the gallantry of the Australian soldiers in the war; a desire to bury past controversies, vigorous opposition to all unconstitutional novements and stirring appeals for unity in face of the problems resulting from the war.

NAVY IN THE BALTIC.

It is reported from Königsberg that a large British naval squadron passed on Saturday in an Easterly direction and it is supposed that the passage of the squadron is connected with the coming offensive against the Bolshevists in North Russia.

SEARCH FOR A GRAVE.

The Belgian Government has ordered a thorough search to be made for the burial place of Marshal Foch's son, who was killed in the Ardennes.

A SPARE KING.

The ex-Kaiser of Austria, Carl the First (and last) has announced his intention of leaving Austria. His destination is not stated, but he is understood to have expressed a desire to live in England.

GERMAN'S HOMECOMING.

A quarrel caused by the presence of a German in the house was the subject of a case at the Wood Green Court when Ernest Cawdron and Frederick Waren, disabled soldiers. were summoned for attacking Francis Jenkins, who lives upstairs in Cawdron's house.

Jenkins stated that his uncle, who was a German and had been released from internment, was staying with him, and one night Cawdron and Warren tried to prevent him from entering the house. They also attacked him (Jenkins).

The magistrate said that the two ex-soldiers were wrong in interfering, although he could understand their feelings. Each man was fined 10s.

GASSED IN MID-AIR.

While working on the top of a chimney-stack 150ft. high at Messrs. John Brown and Co's Sheffield works a steeplejack was gassed by inhaling the fumes from the chimney.

Hundreds of people witnessed a dramatic and thrilling rescue, which was cleverly effected by the man's mate and two other men. They ascended the stack and secured the steeplejack in ropes, and then safely lowered him to the ground.

OYSTER SEASON OPENS.

The oyster season opened on Monday and although it is anticipated that supplies will be scarcely equal to the demand, the quality will be good.

Best Whitstables should be obtainable at about 3s. a dozen, but others, described as "English natives," should be on the market at 1s. 6d. Large supplies of the Dutch variety are expected, owing to the removal of the import restrictions.

NEW COAL SEAMS.

Great importance is attached in the Wirksworth district of Derbyshire, which up to now has been regarded as well outside the Derbyshire coalfield, to the discovery that coal exists in workable quantities quite close to the surface. Several small seams are now being worked.

IRISH AMERICANS.

DIVERSE OPINIONS ON THE PEACE TREATY.

The Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate devoted most of Saturday's sitting to hearing the views of Irish Americans on the Peace Treaty and its bearing on Irish independence. Messrs. Dunne and Walsh, members of the deputation which went to Paris during the Peace Conference, were the chief members of the very big deputation, which presented a petition on behalf of various Irish societies in the United States urging the rejection of the Treaty on the grounds that it ignores Irish independence.

Subsequently the Committee received another deputation of citizens of Irish birth who presented a protest against Sinn Fein activities in the United states, declaring that the campaigners for Irish independence were plain American citizens with axes to grind. The deputation defended the Treaty.

Mr. Gompers, President of the American Labour Federation, also appeared before the Committee and strongly urged immediate ratification of the treaty and the League of Nations covenant. He criticized the action of Republican senators for holding up the ratification and asserted that the welfare of Labour would be threatened by the re-submission of the Treaty to the Peace Conference.

WILSON TO STUMP THE STATES.

President Wilson leaves Washington to-day on an elaborate tour throughout the United States. His object is to explain and popularise the Peace Treaty.

It is reported that six senators, who are opposed to his opinions, will follow him everywhere and inflict their views on the community.

OCCUPATION OF FIUME.

The proportion of troops in Fiume has now been settled. The old garrison will be replaced by new Allied troops and Italy will have the same number of men as Great-Britain and France together.

FRENCH BISHOP FOR METZ.

Monseigneur Benzler, the German Bishop of Metz, left the town last Thursday afternoon, his successor, Monseigneur Pelt, accompanying him to the Prussian frontier.

MOTOR-BIKE CARRIER FATALITY.

Percy Charles Tustin, a young man of no occupation, living at Park House, Park Place-villas, Paddington, stands committed for trial from Marylebone Police Court on a charge of the manslaughter of his friend Edgar Henry Rides, who was riding on the carrier of a motor-cycle driven by Tustin when it collided with a cab. Bail was allowed in £100.

A cabman in evidence estimated the speed of the cycle at the time of the accident at forty miles an hour. The cab and the cycle were smashed, and the occupants of the cab were injured. Tustin had his left arm broken, and the cabman was (in his own words) "knocked out."

Tustin's contention is that the collision occurred in consequence of the cabman taking the wrong side without reducing speed, but that is denied.

£2,700,000 LOST WAGES.

During the twenty-seven working days on which the 150,000 Yorkshire miners were on strike they lost £2,700,000 in wages. The decrease in coal output was 3,500,000 tons. This does not take into account the further loss occasioned by the miners of West Yorkshire holding out for a longer period.

This week-end the situation in South Yorkshire is practically normal again, and yesterday the bulk of the miners drew their first full week's pay for seven weeks.

When the miners decided to resume work, half of them could not re-start straight away, owing to fall of roof and other damage, but almost the whole of them are now at the pits.

The output of coal is increasing daily. and one pit at Hickleton Main is drawing 3,000 tons a day.

Usually the pits round Barnsley are idle for the Barnsley Feast, but the majority of the men have worked throughout the holidays to make good some of their lost time.

The electrification of the Italian railways has been decided upon.

The picture of the Madonna by Francia at the gallery of Bologna in Italy has been stolen.

BOLSHEVISM!

TORTURE OF INOFFENSIVE CITIZENS.

From time to time the curtain is lifted and glimpses are obtained at the appalling conditions which prevail under the Bolshevists in Russia. Rapine, pillage and murder are rife and the awful pase to which unhappy Russia has fallen is illustrated by the following details of two typical murders, which are supplied by an authentic witness.

Dealing with specific instances, this correspondent says: "I proceeded to the village of Ruda, where according to the first-hand evidence of Marie Weyrwoll, a Polish school teacher named Vincenz Janas was visited in his house by soldiers on August 21st. According to Marie Weyrwoll's story he was beaten with rifle butts while in bed, then driven downstairs and told to 'Run, you Polish swine.' As he ran he was shot in the back. He fell down but was dragged up and again told to run. This time he took refuge in the house of Rintare Schwarz. Here the soldiers found him and dragged him downstairs by his feet, took him behind the house and beat him with rifle butts, smashing an eye out. They then shot him and after he was dead kicked his body. At Ruda this story was confirmed by several persons and I was taken to see Janas's body, which was still lying in the mortuary. The body was mutilated in the most terrible manner. My informants all agreed that the victim was an innocent man, whose only fault in the eyes of the soldiers was that he was a Pole.

"Emilie Koat, of Lipine, stated that she saw on August 19th a man named Albert Siska, of the same place, arrested by soldiers because he was supposed to have fired. She testified to the man's innocence. Siska's wrists were bound to the stirrups of two mounted soldiers and he was then dragged between the horses at a gallop for over a thousand yards. Afterwards she saw his body in the mortuary at Piazniki. The arms were dragged out of their sockets, the legs broken and covered with blood and the body had five bullet wounds. I drove to Lipine and asked the first group of men I saw in the street if they knew a man called Siska. 'You mean the man who was murdered by the frontier guard' they said.

"In a few minutes a crowd of a hundred persons had gathered round and from a dozen different mouths I had confirmation of the story. One man in particular, Johann Meker, said he was attending the hospital to which Siska was brought. Meker stated that as they approached Piazniki the riders of the two horses spurred their mounts apart in order to drag Siska's arms out of the sockets but one stirrup leather broke and another soldier ran after Siska and struck him on the head with a rifle butt. Meker added the detail that Siska was an older man."

FINSBURY MURDER.

FINAL POLICE COURT HEARING.

Investigation has been closed, so far as the police-court is concerned, in the Prah-road tragedy, at Finsbury Park. Both Frank Geo. Warren (known as Burke), a ship's steward, of Allison-road, Harringay, charged with murder, and Harold Horatio Morgan, an assistant steward, of Pont-y-Cymmer, Glamorgan, charged as an accessory after the fact, have been committed for trial from the North London Court.

Mrs. Lucy Nightingale, the victim, it will be remembered, was found bound and gagged in the house of Henry Bull, who was charged with being an accessory after the fact, but was discharged.

Detective-Inspector Hall read a statement made by Morgan at the Limehouse Police Station.

On Jan. 1, Morgan, according to his statement, was discharged from the Army, after serving fifteen months in the Kings' (Shropshire) Light Infantry.

At 2.30 on Saturday, July 26, he was standing outside the Blackstock public-house, when a man who told him his name was Carter (Ball) asked whether he could play the piano. He then went with him to Prah-road.

Afterwards a young woman came in, whom Carter said was his niece. A dark man, who lived at Allison-road Harringay, and whom he called "George," also came in.

When he returned later Carter and Lizzie (Mrs. Nightingale) were there. He took Lizzie to a café, and went home and stayed the night with her.

On Sunday, when he called, about 7.30, Lizzie was alone, but after an hour the dark man from Allison-road came in, and then took her to a café.

On the way back to Prah-road with Carter, himself, and the dark man, she stopped to talk to a man who was a tailor at Wood Green. He came into the house, where they had some drink. Lizzie and the man went out of the room. The dark man, he believed, was in the front room.

Finally, he himself left the house and walked about all night.

While he was being exercised in the police-station, said Police-Constable Short, Morgan said: "When I see that detective-officer again I shall tell him all about it. I did shield my mate at first. I thought he was a pal."

Both men will be tried at the Old Bailey, Burke meanwhile reserving his defence.

Trotzky has ordered that children of officers who serve in the White army are to be shot.

MAIMED EX-SOLDIERS

HIGHER RATES OF PAY THIS WEEK.

Revised rates of allowances will come into force next Saturday for disabled men receiving industrial training under the Ministry of Labour.

The new scale is as follows:—

	Per week. £.	s.	d.
Single man	2	0	0
Married man with wife but no children	2	10	0
Married man with wife and one child under sixteen	2	17	6

and 6s. for each additional child under sixteen.

These figures apply to former privates, but there are also extra allowances for ex-N.C.O.s and ex-warrant officers. There is, in addition, an efficiency bonus of 5s. per week, payable on the completion of the course of training.

Persons living away from dependents will further receive 2s. 6d. per day "living away from home allowance," or 1s. or 1s. 6d. per day in the case of partial dependents. Free training is provided, and on certain conditions travelling fares and free railway tickets home twice a year will be granted.

These rates of allowances are identical. with the maximum disability pension recommended by the Select Committee on Pensions and approved by the Government. and are in substitution for the alternative scales at present in force.

Changes are also made in the out-of-work donation as from Wednesday next. Men in receipt of disability pensions who have drawn donations for twenty-six weeks will, subject to the approval of the local employment committee, be eligible for the donation for a further twenty weeks, in lieu of thirteen weeks as at present.

Men with 20 per cent. disability pensions, which do not include any allowance for children, will receive an additional allowance of 4s. when in receipt of donation at the rate of 20s. per week.

A revised scale of supplementary donation will also apply in respect of dependent children for whom pension allowances are also being drawn.

SOLDIERS' GERMAN WIVES.

The following extract, from "Union Jack," appeared in the "Sunday Express":

"Anxious inquirers are now writing from the Army of the Rhine, asking how they stand with regard to their German wives.

"It might have been supposed that the Foreign Office would have foreseen this contingency. I have, however, been unable to obtain any definite pronouncement from that Department. The reason given is that no Consulates have yet been appointed to deal with passports. The War Office view is equally nebulous. The official attitude appears to be that no one can prevent soldiers marrying German girls, but the question of bringing those wives to Britain is a matter on which the department cannot adjudicate.

"On the other hand, a student of international law tells me that the men have every right to bring their wives to this country, as by virtue of marriage the women become naturalised British subjects.

"My advice, therefore, is that the soldier, if he wishes, should 'carry on.'"

ENGINEER'S TERRIBLE DEATH.

A story of the terrible fate of an engineer named Benjamin Green, aged sixty-four, of Selston, was told at a Nottingham inquest.

While working an electric coal-cutter for the first time, Green was drawn into the machine, a cable having come into contact with his clothing. Only a match and some keys were found, sufficient for the purposes of identification.

A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned.

LEIPSIC FAIR BEGINS.

This world famous fair, which before the war used to attract large numbers of English buyers, especially for the toy trade, opened on Monday. Its tremendous popularity can be gauged by the fact that over 75,000 persons passed through the turnstiles. Among the 315 foreign firms exhibiting are British, American and Italian concerns.

ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGE.

William Causton, 89, described as "independent," of 24, Theodore-road, Lewisham, was charged, at Greenwich Police Court, with attempting to murder his wife, Mary Anne Causton, aged 85, by striking her on the head with a hatchet. Mrs. Causton was very severely injured. The prisoner was remanded.

The King of Italy, whose civil list is about to be reduced, has expressed a desire to be taxed as an ordinary citizen.

Bolshevists are reported to have looted the Swedish Consulate at Moscow.

An Inter-Allied Commission, accompanied by the Prussian Chief of Police, is making a tour of Upper Silesia.

Italian aviators, who flew from Rome to Warsaw, were enthusiastically received by the Polish inhabitants.

Repatriation of the German prisoners in France will begin on September 19th.

The British steamer "Zariza" has arrived at Dantzig with 1,069 Polish refugees.

LONDON-PARIS.

FIRST WEEK'S AIR SERVICE RESULTS.

Three flying expresses, instead of the normal two, were required on Saturday to deal with the loads presented for despatch by the London-Paris air services. One plane, carrying two passengers and a quantity of parcels, left London at 12.30 and reached Paris at 2.55 p.m. From Paris the ordinary scheduled machine left at 12.30 p.m. and a relay machine at 12.40 p.m. each carrying passengers and parcels, the latter including an urgent consignment of millinery from a Paris costumier to a leading West End shop. Both expresses ran through to time, one landing at Hounslow at 3.10 p.m. and the other at 3.20 p.m.

The first week's record of the services, during which flying has been maintained daily, although the weather was none too favourable, shows very good results. It is hoped that arrangements will soon be concluded between the British and French post offices which will permit the carrying of express letters by air. It is understood that the fee will be 2 6d. This will include the post office charges and express collection and delivery by motor-cycle and special messenger.

DEATH FOR SPIES.

TOLD WHERE BIG BERTHA SHELLS FELL.

A court-martial sitting in Paris has passed the following sentences in the case of the spies who were charged, among other things, with reporting to the Germans the places where the shells of Big Bertha fell during the long-range bombardment of Paris:—

Larriez and Gaaspare to death.
Murat to penal servitude for life.
The woman prisoners, Sohadeo and Desjardins, to deportation to a fortified place.
The male prisoner Desjardins to ten years' penal servitude.

It was established that these persons belonged to an espionage system with headquarters in Switzerland.

During the war a shoemaker of Geneva, named Königer, organised an espionage service for the Germans, into which French deserters were recruited and passed on to a German woman, who selected the most suitable to be trained as spies at a regular spy school at Freiburg.

Afterwards Königer fitted them out with military uniforms and false papers, and they then returned to France on behalf of Germany.

In 1918, believing themselves to be discovered, they sent the two women, Sohadeo and Desjardins, in their place. These had to find out the position of various French regiments and divisions. the strength of American reinforcements, and the places struck by the shells fired by "Big Bertha."

Just as their task was finished, the prisoners were arrested.

ARMY AS UNIVERSITY.

Education is to form an integral part of the British soldier's training in the future and the military authorities see no reason why the army in future should not come to be regarded as the people's university. The new curriculum will include higher commercial and technical subjects and the official instructions lay down that commanding officers must realise that the recruit of seventeen or eighteen years of age has to be made into, not only an efficient soldier, but also an educated man, a good citizen and a competent workman.

SNUB FOR WOMEN POLICE.

There was an unusual incident at Marlborough-street when a young woman dressed in police uniform was present in court.

An unsavoury case was being heard, and Mr. Mead, the magistrate, asked her whether she was a constable.

She replied that she was not, but was engaged in a case that was coming before the court.

"You are dressed as a constable," said Mr. Mead, "and if you are one you ought to be out of court like other constables. You are not one, and I should have thought that your own proper feeling would have taken you out of court instead of listening to the shocking things you hear here.

"It is a misrepresentation to the public when you wear the dress and badge of a constable if you are not one," he added.

NO ROOM FOR SOLDIERS' WIVES.

Military married folk are finding the house problem very acute at Aldershot, and the Command orders have notified that the married strength of the units is at present so large that only a percentage of families can be provided with Government quarters.

The units proceeding abroad must provide accommodation for their families before proceeding overseas, and not leave it to their wives to find houses after they themselves have left.

CONCLUDING GAMES.

General von der Goltz, who, as reported, should have been recalled by the German Government, is still continuing pan-Germanist propaganda in the Baltic regions.

BOUND OVER.

V.C.'s DISCHARGE PAPERS IN COURT.

An Army discharge certificate was suddenly produced for the inspection of the Westminster magistrate, when Henry Blanchard Wood, aged thirty-eight, an ex-soldier, was charged with obstructing a policeman in Buckingham Palace-road.

Two soldiers of the military police stated that while they where examining the passes of soldiers in Buckingham Palace-road late the previous night, Wood interfered, and advised the soldiers not to produce their passes. He was requested to go away, but refused, and was at length taken in custody by a Metropolitan policeman.

Wood stated that the military police interfered with him. He had served sixteen and a half years in the Guards, and knew better than to interfere with the police.

Mr. Morrison (magistrates' clerk): Have you your discharge with you?

Wood then produced the papers which bore the following certificate:—

"Lance-Sergeant Henry Blanchard Wood, honest, hard working, and trustworthy. Exemplary character. Medals: Victoria Cross, Military Medal, 1914 Star."

"An extraordinarily good record," said the magistrate. "I am sure that if you had not taken too much to drink you would not have behaved in that way. I am not going to spoil the splendid record of a man like you, and you will be bound over."

TALLEST FLAGPOLE IN EUROPE.

The mammoth flag-mast lying in Kew Gardens will soon be erected.

It is a present from British Columbia, 215ft. long, and is the tallest flagpole in Europe. It reached Kew after an adventurous voyage, four years ago, and has been lying there ever since, an object of wonderment to many visitors.

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At last, after a year's delay, it was put aboard the Merionethshire, in September, 1915, and for 100 guineas the shippers guaranteed to bring it across.

Its next adventure was a difficult tow at the back of a barge through a dozen London bridges to Kew Gardens, where it was floated on to the tow-path during a high tide, and then swung round on rollers and dragged through the gardens.

PROTECTION OF BRITISH MUSEUM.

The means by which the treasures of the British Museum were placed in safety from air raids are described in a special return issued as a White-paper.

The most important among the portable antiquities, including the frieze of the Partnenon, the best of the Greek vases and bronzes, and the chief Assyrian bas-reliefs, were transferred to a station on the newly completed postal tube railway about fifty feet below the surface of Holborn. Fifteen vanloads of literary and artistic treasures were also transferred to the National Library of Wales at Aberystwyth.

A small collection of valuable books was removed to a strong room at Malvern. Other articles were placed in strong rooms in the basement of the museum, and protected by sandbags. Much of the rare glass and china was stored in packing cases to avoid the danger of concussion.

FIRST BELGIAN AMBASSADOR.

It is officially announced that Baron Moncheur, at present Belgian Minister in London, has been appointed first Belgian Ambassador to the Court of St. James.

BEER TO BE BETTER.

Notice has been received by the Burton-on-Trent brewers that the Malt Restrictions Order, 1918, has been revoked.

There is now no restriction on the manufacture, sale, purchase, or delivery of malt or malt extracts. A few months ago the Government allowed increased brewing, but it had already cut off the facilities for malt.

AEROPLANE LOSES ITSELF.

The British aerial transport which left London on Friday for Brussels with two passengers, had a very good crossing in spite of rain and wind, but lost its way on this side of the channel on account of bad visibility. It was compelled to land near Lille, whence the passengers continued their journey by rail.

SLOUGH MOTOR DEPOT FIRE.

A petrol tank caught fire at the Slough motor transport depot on Saturday. Three motor-lorries were badly damaged, but the fire brigade was able to prevent the fire spreading further.

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PESSIMISTS' ILLUSIONS.

At home just now, the difficult phase through which our country is passing after the war is bringing the pessimists very much in evidence.

And what are they saying? Many are sighing for the good old days that are passed and gone. They imagine the England of the Stuarts, for instance, as a more pleasant country than the England to which we are about to return.

It is the fashion among the pessimists to place the Golden Age of England in times when noblemen were destitute of comforts, the want of which would be intolerable to a modern footman; when farmers and shopkeepers breakfasted on loaves, the very sight of which would raise a riot in a modern workhouse; when men died faster in the purest country than they now die in the most pestilential lanes and alleys of our towns; and when men died faster in the lanes and alleys of our towns than they now die on the coast of Guiana.

Why do they constantly look backward with such tender regret? In truth they are under a deception similar to that which misleads a traveller in the Arabian desert.

Beneath the caravan all is dry and bare, but far ahead and far behind is the semblance of refreshing waters. The pilgrims hasten forward and find nothing but sand, where, an hour before, they had seen a lake. They turn their eyes and see a lake, where, an hour before, they were toiling through sand.

A similar illusion haunts the pessimists to-day and has haunted their class through every stage of the long progress from poverty and barbarism to the highest degrees of opulence and civilisation.

Since they refuse to act for themselves, let us chase this mirage backward for them. And what do we find? Simply that as we resolutely advance, it recedes before us into the regions of fabulous antiquity.

The truth of the matter is that the more carefully we examine the history of the past, the more reason we find to dissent from these who imagine that our age has been fruitful of new social evils and the more we realise that it is not the evils which are new but the intelligence which discerns, and the humanity which remedies them.

But view the present situation at home optimistically and in the light of history and what do we find? Simply the re-action which the tension and patriotic concentration of the last five years was bound to produce.

Just think of the days of the Commonwealth and Charles II. The rigid ungainly Puritan zealots, having furnished good sport to the wits of two generations, rose up in arms, conquered, ruled, and, grimly smiling, trod down under their feet the whole crowd of mockers.

The theatres were closed; the players flogged. The press was put under the guardianship of austere licensers, and under sober clothing and under visages composed to the expression of austerity lay hid, during several years the intense desire of license and of revenge.

At length that desire was gratified and found its expression in the vulgar, anti-puritan outburst of the first reign after the Restoration.

Even though we have in that example an obvious case of action and re-action in most of the essential points parallel with the situation to-day, there will be those who will raise the objection of antiquity.

To come nearer our own times, though still maintaining sufficient distance to retain the true perspective of history, take the example of England after the Napoleonic Wars.

The England of 1815—1822 was an England exhausted and discontented. Taxation was heavy, there was a debt of over eight hundred millions, manufactures were in a state of complete depression; food prices were high as a result of the successful efforts of profiteering landowners, there were riots and crime all over the country. And England tided through all that and two more great wars as well, and emerged, triumphant the greatest power on earth.

And she can do it again. The pendulum of time must swing away once more to the other extreme, when real peace and true comfort will bless our island home.

SOFTENING THE BLOW.

"D—" exclaimed Buster, petulantly.

"What's amiss now?" I asked.

"Oh, another of those beastly rejection slips from "The Post". It isn't," he continued, after a pause, "the rejection that I mind, but the curtness. 'The Editor regrets he is unable to use the enclosed (just as if it were a broom to sweep the office with) which, accordingly, he returns.' Could anything be more callous?"

"Or more to the point?" I responded, coldly.

"But why doesn't he say what's wrong with it?" persisted Buster. "I was reckoned rather a dab at Composition at school."

"Be reasonable", I countenanced. "Think the Editor's got nothing to do but write critical essays on every M.S. he rejects. The paper would never appear if he had to perform that task. Consider yourself lucky to get them back. Some Editors 'ud keep them."

"Just what I want him to do" answered Buster wilfully misunderstanding me. "Expect he would if it weren't that there are no stamps to stick to, out here" he continued, libellously.

Repenting a little, my lack of sympathy, (after all, Buster was only 19 and trying hard to pierce the barrier) I admitted that, perhaps, the Editor might soften the blow.

"Yes—that's it: a chap only wants to feel that the Editor's human and takes an interest in him. There's nothing human, though, in these wretched slips of carbon?"

I watched his gloomy countenance for a few minutes, and then got busy with pencil and paper.

"Tell you what, Buster," I said, a little later, "I've just worked out a few ideas about this Rejection matter which I'm going to send to the Editor. Care to listen to them?"

"Suppose I may as well," answered Buster listlessly.

"Righto," I answered, "Here's the human touch you've been pining for. Makes Rejection a pleasure, and publication as prosaic a fact as cold potatoes. Listen:

"Sapper Jim is a tale with a thrill;
And humorous is "The Dilemma of Bill"
But both (enclosed) to Ambrose Strong
Are just 3,000 words too long."

Dodging an inkwell thrown by the unappreciative Buster, I continued:

"Dennis O'Healey's 'Lines to a Rose'
Is a very good poem — towards the close
But it's only the last two lines that scan
So at present, it's merely an 'Also Ran'."

By this time, Buster's attitude was decidedly dangerous, but I risked one more:

"The Editor's struck 'yond all expression
With "Watchdog's" story — Matilda's Transgression,
But, alas! it's enclosed, for he greatly afraid is
To publish a story so down on the ladies."

"See the idea?" I asked.

"Mean to tell me you're going to risk your reputation (such as it is) with "The Post" with that stuff?" queried Buster.

"Certainly," I replied. "Why not?"

"The thing's utterly silly. But never mind," Buster added brightening. "You'll soon know what it feels like to be rejected. The Editor's regrets won't seem so funny then as they appear now."

"That's all you know," I retorted, "for I'm enclosing a Rejection slip so as to cover that contingency. I'll read it to you:

The Editor can see in the accompanying article
Of wisdom or wit scarce the deuce of a particle;
The only idea which gains his affection
Is this, the last sample, of a "Softened Rejection."

"Let's hope he'll use it", Buster commented maliciously.

"I wonder, will he?" I replied. It's a great temptation, and despite all you say, Editors are only human, after all."

E. J. TELLUM.

MEMORY AND OBSERVATION.

I have recently seen advertised in various periodicals, at least half a dozen books and systems all claiming to improve the memory. In my opinion, anyone who is really sincere can attain this improvement of one's own accord and by one's own efforts.

Since no two individuals are exactly alike, it is clear that a system which would suit and interest one, might prove of little value to another. If an individual has any earnest desire to enhance the retentive powers of his memory, he ought to invent his own method and work upon it. One of my old professors, some years ago, used to demonstrate to his students, how the memory could be trained by means of practice in observation. There is, indeed, much to be said in favour of this. The better the power of observation, the better the memory becomes. Therefore, first teach yourself to observe.

Study some object of complicated parts and then make a list, a minute, an hour or a day afterwards, according to the state of your memory, of all you can remember about it. Walk slowly past a shop window and notice as many details as possible therein. Then test yourself. Repeated efforts bring progress in their train.

The brain is stimulated thereby, and grows more active. You may say: "But why should I not practice on something more useful? Of what use is it to observe things that may prove of no worth to me?" This question is rather like that of the schoolboy who detests Euclid and who does not understand how valuable the various points of reasoning are to him, and will be to him in future years. He may become a merchant—but a merchant whose reasoning powers are undeveloped is a poor merchant. In all branches of life the faculties of reasoning and of observation are essential to success, and they assist greatly in training the memory.

In addition to this, the memory itself must be exercised, and it must be done by "self." You must rely upon your "self" and not upon systems invented by others.

The more the memory is exercised, so much the more useful does it become, because anything that is subjected to exercise, must needs develop. As with our biceps and other muscles, so with the brain. And the best advice to tender to anyone who desires to remember, may be summed up in the imperative form "*Try* to remember!"

Things that have to be done are, in most practical cases, more important, with reference to memory, than those which have been done.

Knowing this, one should concentrate on the former. It is a curious and noteworthy fact that those things which have to be remembered are the most liable to be forgotten and that the thing which has been done is the best remembered.

W.R.P.

GERMANS AND BRITONS.

Two articles have appeared recently in a Cologne newspaper which seems to call for some comment. We are glad to note from them that some German organs are beginning to see the wisdom of enlightening their readers as to the real facts and the truth about the war.

That some Germans appear to be in earnest in desiring the burial of the hate-policy is an encouraging and hopeful sign for the future of Germany as well as for its better relations with the rest of the world.

The first article goes on to pay tribute to the good behaviour of the troops of the Army of Occupation. This does not surprise us, for wherever he has stayed before in foreign countries, all have borne witness to the fact that the British soldier is a gentleman.

But we wish to say quite plainly what our sentiments are with regard to the rapprochement suggested by the articles in question.

An interesting pamphlet on the conduct of the war has recently appeared from the pen of Professor Foerster of Munich, President of the German Society for promoting the League of Nations. In it he points out that any attempt at rapprochement between German and French, or British, is out of the question until the German people honestly and sincerely express their abhorrence of the crimes committed in the past.

This move *must* come from Germany in the first place, until this takes place, and the guilty parties have been tried, there can be no attempt at reconciliation. As we once expressed it in these columns, Germany must give proof of a *change of heart* before she can be accepted into the comity of nations.

But, given that, together with a real desire for enlightenment as to past crimes, and willingness to yield up the culprits, coupled with a sincere desire to walk in the new paths of peace and reform — then we can only view with favour any attempts from the German side to endeavour to obliterate the past, and seek reconciliation for the future.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Reader's Varied Views.

TRANSPORTING KIT.

Sir,—For the purpose of pointing out the advantage of His Majesty's Mail in preference to other methods of transport I send the following experience.

In the middle of May of this year I sent off a parcel containing "Surplus Kit" from Paris to London through a shipping agency. The parcel was not delivered until the middle of August and the charge was 11s. 6d.

The maximum weight of a parcel allowed by ordinary post is 11 lbs. and the cost between London and Paris is 1s. 7d. My parcel was just over this weight, being 11 lbs. 2 oz. Thus for the extra 2 oz. the agency's charge was 9s. 11d.

W.

CANTEEN AND THE MARK.

Sir,—I notice that the price of some articles sold by the N. A. C. B. has risen considerably lately, due I suppose, to the fall in value of the mark.

This does not affect officers so much, as they are not compelled to obtain money at the official rates, but it must have a considerable effect on the non-commissioned ranks, who have not equal facilities.

The majority of goods sold by the N. A. C. B. are not bought here, but are paid for in English money. The unfortunate Tommy has to buy his Marks, also with English money, but what he buys for 1/- to-day, may only be worth 10d. to-morrow, and this at an institution, which is supposed to be run for his benefit.

Surely a monthly price bill could published and adhered to; the profit on one month's trading might perhaps not be quite so gigantic, compared with those of the previous month, but things should equalise themselves eventually.

R. A. S. C. CAPTAIN.

MR. PERCY'S OFFER.

Sir,—As an old admirer of Mr. Percy, may I be permitted to ask for a production of Shaw's "The Devil's Disciple" and that great burlesque "Rostand's Fantastico." If it is not adding too much to Mr. Percy's individual effort, I would also dearly like to again hear him recite Oscar Wilde's poem "The Happy Prince."

As a former member of the Manchester Playgoers Club and a regular attendant at the Manchester Gaiety Theatre, may I congratulate Mr. Percy on the great artistic merit of his productions at the Deutsches Theatre and wish him continued success in his coming plays.

ANOTHER OTHER RANK.

WHY?

Sir,—Last Sunday night I travelled by train from Bruggen to Horrem thence from Horrem to Cologne. In both portions of these trains that were reserved for military, one had to travel in darkness, whilst the civilian portions had plenty of light.

Surely we are deserving of better travelling facilities than this.

INDIGNANT.

MATINEES WANTED.

Sir,—I think I am speaking for a large number of men when I make the suggestion that more matinees might be held by the Rhine Army Dramatic Company.

This arrangement would make a great difference to those who are billetted ten or fifteen kilos away and who are debarred from seeing more than half the performance at present.

A system of matinees would not only be of financial benefit to the R.A.D.C. but it would relieve the monotony of those who are like me *IN EXILE.*

A BADGE WANTED.

Sir,—Recently there was a sensible letter in the "Cologne Post" appealing for fair play for correspondents.

Evidently "J.R.D." has not been impressed with this good advice judging by the last paragraph of his letter in answer to mine.

I was not writing as a civilian but simply in agreement with the views expressed in the recent article signed "Mufti."

Incidentally I am entitled to wear the general service ribbon for nearly three years service and I am still wearing the King's uniform.

G.A.

ADVERTISEMENTS MISSING.

Sir,—No attempt appears to be made to utilise the tramcars of Cologne as advertising mediums. Tramway services are run for the benefit of the users, and therefore any increase in the revenue should result in either a proportionate reduction in fares, or improvement of the service.

From the advertisers' point of view this branch of advertising is highly profitable.

If a tram-user has nothing to read, and nobody to converse with, he invariably passes his time by looking about him, sometimes to the extreme discomfort of his fellow passengers.

C.R.S.

GAMBLING KILLS SPORT.

Sir,—I notice that while the authorities have prohibited, and quite rightly so the making of a book on any race-course in Cologne, yet the use of the Totalisator is both allowed and encouraged.

This is simply betting under another form, and experience has shown that where the element of chance in sport is exploited for a pecuniary advantage, it gradually develops into a systematic and vicious form of gaming, to the deterioration of the particular sport it concerns.

If sport is to take the great part it should in the life of our country, it should be used for its original purpose, that is, as a pleasant and healthy form of recreation.

B.M.G.

"SUNRISE."

Grey are the hills at the break of day,
Till the sun has made them gold.
The sullen seas and the skies are grey,
Lifelessly grey and cold.

A soft mysterious breeze is born
In the far and distant east,
Then hills and sky proclaim "'Tis Morn,"
In a glorious golden feast.

REX.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Wednesday	7	The merry wives of Windsor	Nicolai
Thursday	7	The Barber of Seville	Rossini
Friday	7.30	Tiefland	d'Albert
Saturday	7	Tosca	Puccini
Sunday	7	Cavalleria rusticana Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo
Monday	7	The taming of the shrew	Goetz
Tuesday	7	Tosca	Puccini

ENGLISH FOOTBALL.

Brief Comments on Opening Day Matches.

In the First Division of the League the outstanding feature was Chelsea's defeat of Everton at Goodison Park, before about 30,000 Liverpool spectators. Chelsea were without Ford, and Everton missed the services of Clennell, their crack winger.

The Arsenal's defeat at home before a gigantic crowd of over 50,000 spectators was a great disappointment to Metropolitan enthusiasts. The forwards on both sides lacked finish. The only goal of the game was scored by Henderson about half an hour after the start.

The Arsenal and Everton were not the only teams that went down before their own spectators, Sheffield Wednesday failing to hold their own against Middlesbrough and Bolton Wanderers against Bradford. It is worthy of note that two of the four away teams to score wins, hailed from the North-East Coast.

The outstanding feature in the Second Division was the 'Spurs brilliant victory of 5 goals to nil over Coventry City, away from home. The home team were very energetic in their methods, but in the second half of the game there was only one team in it, the home eleven being slow.

Fulham's Success.

The opening game at Craven Cottage produced a really good display of football, Fulham having every reason to be pleased with themselves for beating South Shields by 1—0. Fulham thoroughly deserved their success, and to McIntyre belongs the credit of scoring the opening goal of the season. The home side should develop into a very sound combination, being very strong in defence.

West Ham were fortunate in making their debut in the Second Division in front of their own spectators who rolled up to the tune of about 20,000. The opposition was provided by Lincoln City, who were not expected to win, but they did the next best thing by drawing.

The gate at Bristol, where the City were opposed to Bury, was not a great one; but this was not surprising when the fact is taken into consideration that the Rovers were also playing at home in the Southern League. The goal that decided the game was scored by Howarth.

Clapton Orient, although defeated at Huddersfield, were by no means disgraced. They gave the locals a fright by scoring first through Bowyer, and it was not till the last minute of the first half that Huddersfield equalised, Cock, the old Brentford centre, being responsible for the point.

Brentford's fine win.

The London Combination champions of last season opened their Southern League programme at Griffin Park in victorious fashion, defeating Brighton by two goals to one. It was quite a new team that was seen on duty for Brentford, only three of last season's players in Price, McGovern and Amos turning out.

Queen's Park Rangers accomplished a capital performance in beating Bristol Rovers, at Bristol, especially when the fact that the West of England men did not lose a game at home last season is taken into consideration. The Rangers' defence was brilliant, and to this the West Londoners owe their victory.

Gillingham made a satisfactory restart by drawing with Watford at home. Both sides showed sound defence, and the teams, if not brilliant, were hard working.

The Welsh teams did not cover themselves with glory. Merthyr going down at home to the clever Millwall team, whilst Newport County and Cardiff City were beaten away from home. The best show was made by Swansea Town, who drew at Luton.

Southend United made a none too auspicious restart by losing at home to Portsmouth.

Exeter City did well against Southampton at the Dell. As a matter of fact, they had slightly the better of the game throughout, but were rather weak in front of goal.

The game between Plymouth Argyle and Swindon Town was a rather one-sided one, the visitors, who were without Sillo, losing the services of the veteran international, Fleming. The locals turned out a pre-war side, with the exception of Jack, their centre forward.

CIVIL AVIATION.

Successful Start of International Flying.

Highly successful has been the inauguration of international civil flying, and a particularly gratifying feature to those who have at heart the supremacy of British aviation is the fact that British firms were ready, and straining at the leash, so to speak, for the moment when the official restriction should be lifted. Two of our home firms have been specially active in organising services between London and Paris. The first flight took place last week, when an Airco 4A biplane left Hounslow at 9.10 a.m., and, reaching Paris at 11.25, started back at 12.15, and arrived at Hounslow at 2.45 p.m. The actual flying time of 4h. 45min. for this double trip is a remarkable testimony to the revolutionary nature of aerial travel, and demonstrates the facilities which the aeroplane affords in traversing long journeys.

G.H.Q. RIFLE CLUB.

The third weekly Spoon Shoot took place on Saturday the 30th instant. The attendance was below the normal, owing to the attraction of the race meeting, but the scores were much higher than usual, the average being 74 out of a possible 105.

The silver spoon was awarded to R. S. M. Elston, R.E., who scored 89.

Any officer, W.O. or sergeant, stationed in Cologne, who is keen on shooting, will be welcomed as a member of the Club. Names of all who wish to attend next Saturday's shoot should be submitted to the Secretary, G.H.Q., No. 1 Sergeants Mess, not later than noon on Friday.

A bus will leave the above Mess at 1.30 prompt for the ranges at Merheim. Tea is provided on the ranges and refreshments supplied.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, September 3rd, 1919.

Surface wind moderate, southerly and perhaps becoming south-westerly. Fair. Some cloud, especially later in the day. Moderate temperature. Good visibility.

PARTRIDGE & PHEASANT.

Bags Generally Below the Old Standard.

LOOSE KEEPERING.

Partridge shooting began on Monday, and many manors will be shot over systematically this season for the first time since 1913; the result of shootings having been neglected for so long a period must be disastrous, and only in one part of the country—West Sussex and the Hampshire border—is there strong evidence that bags will be up to the old standard. Even in Scotland and the Border country the harvest is exceptionally early, consequently close observers of game and their habits have been able to gauge the likely crop much better this year than has been the case for many seasons.

Loose keepering, or none at all, during war time accounts for the absolute disappearance of partridges from many manors: vermin have been unchecked, and very heavy tolls levied: it will take years to restock much of the ground. The breaking up of big estates, also, has caused game-rearers considerable anxiety: pheasants, of course, could not be artificially reared during the war, and scores of game farms were given up. Now, however, the chicks are being reared in large numbers, and visits paid to Buckinghamshire (a very favoured part of the industry), Oxon, Surrey, Sussex, and Hampshire during the past few weeks prove that the rearing coop is coming to its own once more, while game farmers in those counties and others report an extraordinary demand for chicks for turning into covert. Eggs were sold in especially big quantities, and with the removal of most of the restrictions regarding food, and a favourable rearing season, there is certain to be good pheasant shooting, for the wild bird, as well as the artificially reared one, has done well.

50 MILE "CYCLING" TROPHY.

W.C. Stewart's third consecutive Success.

At the Southern Counties Cycling Union championships meeting held on the Herne Hill track, W. G. Stewart, Kentish Wheelers, distinguished himself by winning the fifty mile "Cycling" trophy for the third time in succession, this win giving him absolute possession. Tandem-paced, he covered the distance in 1hr. 52min. 32 4-5 sec. The mile championship of the London Centre fell to W. A. Ormston, Poly. C.C., who took 2 min. 42 4-5sec.; while the two miles tandem championship of this Centre was won by W. A. Ormston (Poly. C.C.) and H. H. Lee (Kent W.) in 4min. 35 2-5sec. The programme also included two flat handicaps, which were won by H. J. Strickland (Portsmouth) and H. Norrey (L.A.C.).

MONDAY'S LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

English League Football results on Monday were as follows:—

Sheffield United 3 Notts County 0
Bury 2 Huddersfield 0
Swansea 2 Southampton 1
Chelsea 2 Sunderland 0
Brentford 2 Millwall 2
Luton 2 Gillingham 0
Aston Villa 2 Derby County 2
Manchester United 0 Sheffield Wednesday 0
Manchester City 3 Oldham 1
Bradford 5 Brest 1
Barnsley 7 West Ham 0
Hull City 3 Stoke 0
Blackpool 3 Lincoln 0
Bristol City 2 Notts Forest 1
South Shields 1 Birmingham 0
Stockport 4 Rotherham 1
Tottenham 4 Leicester 0
Wolverhampton 6 Grimsby 1
Swindon 1 Merthyr 0
Southend 3 Newport 0
Woolwich Arsenal 3 Liverpool 2

CRICKET FRIENDLY.

1st London L.T.M.B. v. 1st London B.H.Q.

At Loope on Sunday. H.Q. batted first and were all out for 24 runs. The L.T.M Battery replied with a score of 43, rain stopping play after the first innings. For the visitors, Pte. Burrows made the highest score with 7 runs, and for the winners Pte. Bowers compiled 13 not out. For B.H.Q. Sgt. Riggley took 7 wickets for 11 runs, while for the T.M.B.'s L/Cpl. Davis took 5 for 2 and L Cpl. Gascoigne 2 for 3. The wicket keeping of Pte. Sampson for the L.T.M.B. was very sound, two men being stumped.

An interesting four-ball match was played over the Muirfield course, when George Duncan (Hanger Hill) and Mr. Edward Esmond were defeated by Commander Wilson and Ben Sayers, jun.

YORKSHIRE AND KENT.

Holmes and Sutcliffe as first wicket pair.

HOP COUNTY'S DRAWBACK.

It is claimed by many that Yorkshire are more worthy of the championship on account of games played. Whether that is so or not is problematical, but it must not be overlooked that Kent have met all the apparently strongest counties. Always rich in amateur talent, Kent have several promising young players whose form suggests that they should worthily carry on the great reputation of the county cricket in seasons to come, one of the most prominent being Lionel Paget Hedges, whose form in school cricket was nothing less than remarkable. The need of a fast bowler to replace Arthur Fielder, however, has been the county's chief drawback. Woolley did all that was expected of him with both bat and ball—which is high praise indeed—and Faiserviceproved a tower of strength to his side, while little Freeman, with his peculiar type of attack, ably demonstrated that he is capable of troubling the best of batsmen.

Yet another man who has played a prominent part in the Hop County's success is James Seymour, who, incidentally, is to take his benefit in one of the Canterbury matches next season. One of the best batsmen turned out by the famous Tonbridge nursery, Seymour has done wonderful work for his county since 1902. On his day he is a most attractive and taking batsman, and as a fielder exceptionally keen, especially in the slips, where on one occasion he took six wickets in one innings against the South Africans in 1904.

Yorkshire's New Talent.

Yorkshire's new talent has been the feature of a season that will long be remembered. Gradually but surely they have built up a side worthy of upholding the best traditions of the county. Holmes and Sutcliffe have proved themselves a first wicket pair who will rank with the best of famous Yorkshire cricketers while in bowling they have also discovered much talent, including Abram Waddington, who has made himself feared on all kinds of wickets. While giving praise to the younger members, however, the skill of their veterans must not be overlooked. It would appear that such wonders as Wilfrid Rhodes and George Hirst will never retire from the game. For twenty-one years Rhodes has been making records with both bat and ball for his county. He was the first to secure his 100 wickets this season, and has once again exceeded the thousand runs. He, George Hirst, and Denton have undoubtedly played a great part in their side's triumphant time.

FINAL TABLES.

The County Championship table is given below, with principal batting and bowling averages. The latter do not include the figures connected with the match at Leyton between Essex and Surrey.

County championship.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.	Pctge.
Yorkshire	26	12	3	11	12	46.15
Kent	14	6	1	7	6	42.85
Notts	14	5	1	8	5	35.71
Lancashire	24	8	4	12	8	33.33
Somerset	12	4	3	5	4	33.33
Surrey	19	6	3	10	6	31.57
Hampshire	16	5	4	7	5	31.25
Gloucester	16	4	7	5	4	25.00
Leicester	14	3	4	7	3	21.42
Derbyshire	14	3	9	2	3	21.42
Sussex	20	4	11	5	4	20.00
Northants	12	2	4	6	2	16.66
Middlesex	14	2	3	9	2	14.28
Essex	17	2	3	12	2	11.76
Warwick	14	1	7	6	1	7.14

Batting averages.

	No. of Inns.	Runs.	Most in Inns.	Times Not Out.	Aver.
Gunn (G)	25	1441	185*	2	62.65
Hendren	33	1606	214	7	61.76
Mead (Hants)	33	1605	207	7	61.73
Hobbs	42	2149	205*	4	56.55
Ducat	34	1688	306*	3	54.45
D. J. Knight	30	1405	146	1	48.44
Gunn (J)	24	903	111*	5	47.52
Sutcliffe	41	1722	174	4	46.54

* Signifies not out.

Bowling.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Rhodes	809.1	266	2036	148	13.75
J. C. White	732.3	189	1612	113	14.26
Parkin	256	58	661	41	16.12
Kimber (R)	324	109	719	44	16.34
Woolley (Kent)	850.5	238	1945	114	17.06
Heap	440.4	105	1147	66	17.37
Waddington	636	164	1619	92	17.59
Bestwick	564.4	97	1676	90	18.62

RHINE ARMY RIFLE MEETING.

The Rhine Army Rifle Meeting will be held at Drove, about five miles south of Duren, from Sept. 8th to 13th, both days inclusive. There is an extensive programme of competitions (individual and team) comprising revolver, Lewis gun and light Hotchkiss and machine gun and heavy Hotchkiss events.

WHO HAS WON?

Great Fight Result Eagerly Awaited.

OLYMPIA'S "GREATEST EVER."

All roads led to Olympia last night when Mr. Cochran staged his gigantic boxing programme; never before in England have so many boxing stars figured in one bill. Until the details come through to-day there will be much speculation, as to the result of the Beckett-McGoorty fight, though the consensus of opinion probably is that the Englishman should have won by reason of his formidable advantage in weight. Betting had been slightly in favour of Beckett, but it was anticipated that there would be an alteration before the fight with Mr. Fitzgerald's (McGoorty's backer) arrival. It is the kind of fight in which anything might happen; McGoorty is an old hand and master of every ringcraft device and consequently his chances cannot be too readily discounted.

In the case of the Townley-Fulton contest the great physical advantages of the latter is a factor for consideration and it has been argued that the Englishman, fit and well though he is, could not be expected to overcome so big an obstacle. Townley, however, is a boxer of great promise of whom we shall have heard by no means the last word, even though he did find last night's task too big for him.

Coming to the smaller men, Basham was reported to be boxing as brilliantly as ever, which is saying a great deal, and suggests that Charles found the task of staying the full distance a difficult one.

ENGLISH RACING.

Saintly Maude wins again at Lewes.

The results of the Lewes meeting on Monday are as follows:—

Roundean Plate:—1, Saintly Maude (9—4 on); 2, Ma Petite (9—4); Light Charge (20—1).

Sussex Handicap:—1, The Square (5—2); 2, Will 'o the Wisp (5—2); 3, The Gunyah (5—2).

Rothschild Plate:—1, Trench Warfare (5—1); 2, Pot Herd (7—1); 3, Neilgherry (5—1).

Fillies Plate:—1, Sudden Fancy (7—4 on); 2, Jewel of Ulster (4—1); 3, Monody (4—1).

Lewes Handicap:—1, Dodo (8—1); 2, Hecla (10—1); 3, Nurse Bobs (2—1).

Ashcombe Handicap:—1, Clipstone (4—1); 2, Tagrag (13—8) and Love Note dead heat.

JOCKEY SUSPENDED.

Owing to Patlander's bad display in the Wigan Welter Handicap, W. Smyth, the jockey, has been suspended by the stewards for the remainder of the meeting. The matter has been referred to the Stewards Jockey Club.

Lewes Racecourse Drawbacks.

Always on the qui vive to study their patrons, visitors to the Silver Ring at Lewes this week will find a new number board, an innovation that will be greatly appreciated. One of the drawbacks of the Lewes racecourse is the tortuous ride from the station to the course. It invariably happens that those who have paid the extortionate fares have to get out and walk after going about half-way, owing to punctures, etc. Mr Catacart states that he hopes by the spring to have completed a new road from the station to the course.

BOOM IN ATHLETICS.

Amateur Sport never more Flourishing.

Such a plethora of meetings as have taken place during the past few weeks one can scarcely recall to mind in any previous year. Mid-week gatherings, as well as Saturday fixtures have been held in abundance, and the pessimists, who were continually asserting, during the war, that athletics were dead, must be agreeably surprised. Never was amateur sport in a more flourishing condition than at present. Thanks to the Army many unattached men have been attracted to the sport, as a glance through the returns will show, and the ruling bodies only require to work on the right lines to place the British nation once again at the top in athletic matters. That desirable state of things can hardly be expected at the Antwerp Games next July, but with work of the proper kind a different tale may be told in 1924.

A Foxhill Double.

In addition to the monetary value attached to the victories, Mr. James White and his trainer Cottrill would derive some pleasure from the triumphs of Sea Imp and Sans Atout at Haydock Park, as both were born within hail of the Newton-le-Willows track.

THE LAST MATCH.

Cologne Post Cup Final on Sunday.

LINDENTHAL THE VENUE.

The last and what promises to be the most exciting match in the "Cologne Post" Cricket Cup Competition takes place next Sunday at the Cricket Ground, Lindenthal, play commencing at 10.30 a.m. Everything is being done to get the ground in the pink of condition. Refreshments can be obtained from the N.A.C.B., on the ground.

As yet the finalists are not known, but the four teams remaining in the competition are:—

93rd Bde. R.G.A.
Lowland Div. M.T. Coy.
17th Lancers
29th Bn. M.G.C.

The semi-finals take place to-day and to-morrow at the 7th Squadron R.A.F. Ground, Mulheim, and, as given in our columns yesterday, the details are as follows:—

To-day, 3rd September
93rd Bde. R.G.A. v. Lowland Div. M.T. Coy.

To-morrow, 4th September
17th Lancers v. 29th Bn. M.G.C.

Both matches commence at 10.30 a.m. Neutral umpires will officiate. To reach the ground take the Berg.-Gladbach car from the Dom which runs within 100 yards of the pitch.

COLOGNE NORTHERN LEAGUE.

29th M.G.C. meet 1/6th West Yorks in Final.

The 29th Machine Gun Battalion and the 1/6th West York R. tied for top place in the Cologne Northern League, both having sustained one defeat; it was consequently necessary for a deciding game to be played. This took place at Blucher Park on Monday.

Both battalions regarded the day as a special holiday and two motor lorries conveyed the Machine Gunners team and its enthusiastic supporters to the Yorks ground. The glorious surroundings of Blucher Park, the ideal condition and the great crowd of spectators promised an enjoyable afternoon, and so it turned out, for a more sporting and exciting game could scarcely be.

The Machine Gunners batted first and the Yorks bowlers quickly disposed of the first five wickets, but Lieut. Astill, playing splendid cricket, helped considerably to turn the tide with his brilliant innings of 39. The best partnership of the afternoon was seen, when Major Harding (33 not out) and Lieut. Archibald (28) put on 52 for the eight wicket. The innings closed for 146.

After an interval for tea, the Yorks went to the wicket and their opening looked full of promise. After the first wicket fell, however, only Capt. Rees (27 not out) made anything like a stand against the deadly bowling of Lieut. Astill. The last wicket fell with the score at 77. Lieut. Astill, the Leicestershire county player, claimed seven wickets for 21 runs. The 29th Machine Gun Battalion team meet the 17th Lancers in the semi-final round when another great game is anticipated.

174 SIEGE BATTERY R.G.A.

Creditable record in "Cologne Post" Competition.

During the competition for the "Cologne Post" Cup, 174 Siege Battery R.G.A. by consistent good play succeeded in topping the Euskirchen League, winning 25 matches out of 25. They were unbeaten until Saturday when they fell before the Lowland Divisional M.T. Company in the eliminating round. The final averages for the season, which included Saturday's match, prove conclusively that it is to the bowling and not to the batting that the battery owes its extraordinarily good record. Bdr. Graham and Bdr. Frost have both taken 63 wickets for about three times that number of runs, their averages being 2.95 and 2.96 respectively.

The following is the analysis:—

Batting.

	No. of Inns.	Times not out	Highest score	Total runs	Aver.
Lt. Butcher	10	1	40	112	12.33
Lt. Webster	11	0	53	120	10.91
Gnr. Whittingham	18	2	37	166	10.37
Gnr. Rowsell	8	1	*16	70	10.00
Sgt. Hill	11	0	18	107	9.72
Gnr. Varley	11	3	*13	68	8.5
Sgt. Street	11	1	*32	71	7.10

* Signifies not out.

Bowling.

	Overs	Maiden Overs	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
Bdr. Graham	119.2	33	186	63	2.95
Bdr. Frost	131.2	36	187	63	2.96
Gnr. Saunders	42	9	85	22	3.86
Bdr. Hale	23	4	42	10	4.20
Gnr. Darby	32	9	64	15	4.27

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

"Pedlars'" Reappearance.

The Stadt Theatre, Bonn, was crowded to its full capacity on Monday when the "Pedlars" commenced their week's show there. After an absence of a few weeks the party made their re-appearance with an entirely new show introducing several new songs and dances. The first half of the programme was particularly bright and the concluding farcical sketch entitled "The Secret" brought down the house. 'Erb (Fred Weedon) was funnier than ever, while the other characters were admirably portrayed.

Choice of plays.

Whether or not Lieut. Percy displays the happiest judgment in his selection of plays for the Rhine Army Dramatic Company, has recently been a prolific topic of conversation among the company's many friends. In consequence of the numerous arguments against the proposed performance of "Abraham Lincoln" it has now been decided that "Strife" will be played instead on the 6th October. There will be a stage crowd needed and there are five small parts still to be filled. Any member of the Rhine Army who is ambitious to act should get into touch with Mr. Percy at the Amusements Office, Cologne.

Delightful Dance at Westhoven.

There were very gay scenes at the Herrenhaus, Westhoven, last Friday evening, when a large number of officers and ladies assembled at the invitation of Lieut.-Col. J.D.P. Wheatley and Mrs. Wheatley. The good floor and the excellent music provided by the orchestra of the London Divisional Concert Party made the dancing most enjoyable; the beautiful grounds were decorated with bunting and lanterns, and many of the dancers enjoyed a stroll in the open-air during the evening. The guests included all the officers of the London D.A.C., of which unit Col. Wheatley is the commanding officer, representatives of the Navy and many arms of the junior service, together with their lady friends. Everything needful for the enjoyment of all had been thoughtfully provided, so that there is little wonder that the efforts of the host and hostess to give their guests a good time met with such signal success.

"Helen with the High Hand."

"Helen with the High Hand," which was produced at the Deutsches Theatre, Cologne, on Monday by the Rhine Army Dramatic Company, falls slightly short of the standard achieved by this talented company. For what reason it is difficult to say. Adapted from Arnold Bennett's novel by Richard Price, the comedy is well written and embraces all the ingredients of an entertaining story, including, of course, plenty of the affairs of Cupid. By way of a change, Lt. S.E. Percy has but a very small part. This is perhaps unfortunate, since an opportunity is lost for the display of this artiste's undoubted ability. Of the ladies, most work falls to the lot of Miss Frances Chisholm who, although a comparatively newcomer to the Dramatic Company, has established herself a warm favourite among devotees of the Deutsches Theatre. As Helen, she was delightful, and acted with a freshness and vigour that added considerably to her reputation.

A Difficult Part.

Lt. C. Spiegelhalter, as James Ollerenshaw, played a difficult part with conspicuous success and Major V.T.R. Ford, D.S.O., was a particularly strong Andrew Wilbraw. With her customary sweetness and daintiness, Miss Gabriel Paul submitted Lillian Swetman while Miss Shirley King took full advantage of her opportunities as Mrs. Proctor. With whatever character she is entrusted, Miss Inez Bensusan is invariably strikingly successful and it certainly can be said of her that on Monday in a double part, as Mrs. Butt and Georgina, she well maintained this reputation.

Lieut. Linford (the gardener) Lieut. D. A. Onions (the foremen), Sgt. T. J. Broke (first voice) and Pte. J. H. Hitchins (second voice) combined to make up a really good caste. It is difficult to indicate exactly the weak point in the production, but, as this is not so obviously apparent as to remove the effort from the category of thoroughly enjoyable entertainments, a visit to the Deutsche Theatre can be safely recommended. As stage manager, Sgt. T. G. Broke did his work remarkable well. The play is to be continued for the remainder of the week.

"The Green Diamonds."

The Concert Party of the 9th D.L.I., "The Green Diamonds" commenced their tour of the Southern Division on Monday night with a performance at Dabringhausen. The Concert Hall of the 29th M.G.C. was filled to its utmost extent, and the show revealed the party in the gayest of moods. The concerted items were a special feature of the programme, the brightest of these being "The Gay Seaside," in which "Dolly" (Donald Chapman) was a dainty flapper. Geoffrey Greatham, who is shortly to be demobilized, was especially good in his encore number "Oh! Damsel I love you!" his impersonation of Harry Tate in the sketch "Motoring" being also excellent. H. Allison, a new acquisition to the party, has a good baritone voice; he sang "The Great Red Dawn" and "The old fashioned house" withpleasing effect. H. Stevens displayed versatility and good comedy talent in his comic conjuring and put a wealth of feeling into his monologue "The Whitest Man I Know." Lt. Emberson's humourous turn was highly appreciated, and the sketch "Motoring" was brimful of mirth and merriment. The other artistes, C. Milburn (tenor), E. Harris (pianist) contributed their full share to the success of the evening. The stage management of N. Rutter was as good as ever, while N. Davis's lighting effects were a great asset to the show.

JACQUES.

New London Golf Club.

For some time past nearly all the Southern golf clubs have had full memberships, week-end visitors have been discouraged, and entrance fees and subscriptions have gone up 100 per cent. One or more courses close to London are urgently needed, and it is good to hear that a new metropolitan course is in the offing "down Esdon way." This will be very convenient for London golfers, and will certainly relieve the present congestion of unattached players.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Back to France.

G. Clout, who has been riding in Italy this season, has returned to France.

American Boxing.

At Philadelphia Bennie Leonard, the light-weight champion, easily defeated Irish Patsy Cline of New York, at the Phillies' ball park.

Donoghue's Fall.

Donoghue was injured last week by a fall at York and at once left to receive a London specialist's attention. Two bones in his wrist were broken.

W. Sanderson's New Abode.

Walter Sanderson, private trainer to the late Mr. Larnach for a number of years, has taken Osborne House Stables, Newmarket, and is setting up as a public trainer.

Serpentine Swimming.

In the Lake, Hyde Park, W. E. Bayly 26sec. start, won the final race of the Serpentine Swimming Club for the Earl of Lonsdale's trophies. R. F. Lawes was second and F. Dalla third.

Like Father Like Son.

It always augurs well for a stallion when he stamps his progeny with his own likeness. This Glenesky has done in the case of Gleneskaki, although the latter has not as yet assumed the heavy body of his sire.

Untroubled by War.

Bradford will have their first experience of premier division football untroubled by war and war's alarms.

Sold and Retained.

Daddy Longlegs was sold to Sir Abe Bailey for 500 guineas and Polismen retained at 250 guineas after they had won at York.

Doherty as Golfer.

It is as a lawn tennis player that H. L. Doherty will always be remembered, but he came to be so good as a golfer that it is quite likely that if he had not been champion of the courts he would have been champion of the links.

Kent Cricketer's Will.

Mr. James Hugh Edenale Whitehead, of Wilmington Hall, near Dartford, Kent, who played cricket for the Kent Second XI., and in 1912 represented Oxford against Cambridge in the hurdles, who died on March 13 from disease contracted on active service, has left £2,334 12s. 10d.

Aussies Farewell.

Prior to their departure for Australia a farewell dinner is to be given to the Australian Imperial Forces cricket team. It is to take place at the Café Monico on Monday, Sept. 15. Lord Harris will preside, supported by General Birdwood and others.

£300 to Charities.

The receipts at Preston North End's three practice games realised £300, which will be handed over to local charities.

At the Ring.

At the Ring, Charlie Woodman, of Battersea, beat Len Sexton, of Maesteg, in the eighth round of a twenty-round contest. Sexton retired.

Dominion for St. Leger.

Dominion may run in the Breeders' St. Leger at Derby next week, prior to competing in the last of the season's classics.

Cause for Pride.

Reading supporters should be proud of their team this season, seeing that every professional except one served King and country overseas during the war.

P.O.W. Jockey.

The American jockey Caral, who was a prisoner of war, has accepted an engagement to ride in France for M. Wertheimer. Before the war Caral rode in America and Austria-Hungary.

Yorkshire Record.

Yorkshire have only lost thrice this season, Lancashire having prevailed at Manchester the second week in June, Nottingham winning at Sheffield at the end of the same month, and then came the triumph of Sussex.

Billy Marchant Wins.

At the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on Tuesday night, Billy Marchant, of Salford, beat Idris Jones, of Ammanford, on points in a twenty round comtest.

Middlesbrough's Break.

Middlesbrough is one of the clubs that closed down after the 1914-15 campaign, nor did they resume operations again until after the armistice was signed.

A big Nucleus.

Blackburn Rovers will not open with such strength as will be at their disposal later on. They have a big nucleus of pre-war players, but the missing include Latheron, the international inside-left who went under in France.

Wednesday Disappointed.

Sheffield Wednesday have been greatly disappointed so far in their efforts to induce J. Blair to sign on once more. The famous back, whose transfer cost the club a lot of money, declines to return to the Wednesday for £6 per week.

New Blood.

Manchester United will have to depend largely upon players who are new to first division football. The majority of the oldtime regulars have gone, W. Meredith being among those who have not appended their signature to the necessary forms.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Wives and the Canteens.

Officers and other ranks who wish their wives to make use of N.A.C.B. Canteens will apply to the Headquarters of their unit or formation administering the Canteen, and will be supplied with a numbered registration card, which will be signed by husband and on which will be entered the number, rank unit and formation of the husband, the name of his wife, and the number of the Canteen which is to be used. Detail purchases may be made by the wife of the individual only to whom the card is issued. Cards are not transferable under any circumstances, and will be produced on demand. A list of all persons registered at a Canteen will be issued to the N.C.O. in charge by the unit administering the Canteen. This list will shew the numbers of the registration cards and the name of the holders.

Increased travelling.

A striking commentary upon the increased circulation permitted by the authorities is to be found in the large piles of luggage to be seen at the railway station with the departure of a train. Earlier on scarcely any luggage was to be seen on the sidings, but now with commercial people and others going to and fro, the porters are called upon to handle many more packages than formerly. A curious fact is that the majority of the portmanteaus are straight from the warehouse judging by their new appearance. Is it that there has been little travel in Germany during the war, or was the manufacture of such articles interfered with? Judging from English prices for such conveniences the German must be paying dearly for this essential to his travel.

Order Everywhere.

Some time ago I started to walk along the main road from Godesberg to Bonn, writes a correspondent. Soon, however, I came across a footpath leading into the woods with a finger-post "Nach Bonn." I decided I would take this way as it promised to be more secluded and consequently pleasanter for a quiet stroll. On penetrating some distance I was quite amazed to find a network of footpaths properly kept and elaborately sign-posted leading to different places. The German evidently isn't of the same opinion as Byron who says "There is a pleasure in the pathless woods." He does not like to see Nature take her own wild course. He prefers to shape her according to his own orderly mind. Of course it may be that these paths are made with the idea of keeping pedestrians off the main traffic routes, but when I go for a quiet stroll in the country I prefer not to be confronted at every turning with sign-posts and notices telling me where to go and where not to go.

Beware.

Apropos the discussion on a means of recognising British civilians, now resident in Germany, the following rather amusing incident occurred. Two young Guards boarded a tramcar in the vicinity of Solingen. After a somewhat ostentatious entry, one found some difficulty in obtaining a seat, until a lady kindly obliged by making room. She replied in good English to the lad's profuse thanks and a conversation ensued. The other young soldier, totally unaware of his companion's conversation, proceeded to pass some caustic comments upon the travellers in general within hearing of the lady. His friend, whose savoir faire was considerably shaken, now tried every available means to broach another subject, but notwithstandig his endeavours, the conversation once more veered round to the former disagreeable topic. Matters came to a climax when personal comments were passed regarding the afore-mentioned lady and consequently the unfortunate young soldier was told that the lady could speak English! The surprised soldier left the car, although vanquished, much wiser.

Murdered English.

Horrible linguistic murders are now a common occurrence in Rhineland, but as an outstanding example of the attempts of the German to ingratiate himself with us — and, incidentally, to entice spare pfennigs from our pockets — the following, extracted from a "Fun City" fortune-telling machine in Cologne, is worth studying:—

"You are not blinded dy the charms of wealth. You are satisfied with nothing to live on, not even a tin of sully which has sen beter days, once used for buildig houses.

"You will not be exceedingly wealthy, never fear while you have twopence, halfpenny and a bunch of keys in your pocket. You will be the envy of many persons but never mind, for jealousy is only skin deep.

"Your thingamegig annonces that you ewill liyer forever, if nut in this world, then in that beautifuplace beneaath-where thereis no need for stokers.

"Yourtace is you r fortune. Without it where would yon be. Should your charming grace ever ezeed your srperfluzus hair cured at moment's notice, heavens help the sailors on a night like tis. With apologies to the original."

A Pilgrimage.

At present, many devout Roman Catholics in Rhineland are making their annual pilgrimage to Kevelaer, a market-town with 7000 inhabitants, not far off the Dutch frontier and North-East of Duisburg. It is annually visited by some 100,000 pilgrims, attracted by a small miracle-working figure of the Virgin, exhibited in the hexagonal Gnaden-Kapelle, a structure of 1654. In the town near which the writer is billeted, the people walked to Kevelaer, starting on Sunday, reaching there on Tuesday, while they will return next Saturday. A large waggon accompanied them, carrying their food and kit. Heimbach, an hour's ride from Düren, is also the Mecca of devout Roman Catholics.

Back Home.

The first repatriated German prisoners comprising a party of a thousand reached Cologne early this week from Calais and Ypres, where they had been in British camps. The train, made up of goods vans, was decorated with flowers and greens. The prisoners were accompanied by a party of British soldiers who formed their guard during the last two years and who had asked for permission to bring the Germans home. The men have nothing but praise to offer for their treatment. The Germans who had to travel beyond Cologne took leave of their guards shaking hands and shouting "Good bye."

A Popular Library.

We are glad to hear of the success attending the Y.M.C.A. Central Library, at 44 Friesenstrasse, and hear that a large number of educational and technical books have recently been added to it. Another feature of the extension of this library is the special subscription section. This includes recent publications, both fiction and non-fiction, such as Lord Jellicoe's book on the part played by the Navy in the Great War, Raemaekers Cartoon History of the War, Conrad's "Arrow of Gold," Hugh Walpole's "Jeremy," etc. Subcribers are entitled to borrow one volume at a time for a subscription of 10 marks a month. The most recent publications are reserved for the use of subscribers only. Other books are loaned out on the deposit system. A deposit of 2 or 8 marks, according to the value of the book, is recoverable on the return of the book.

A Cricket Tragedy.

The final between the 29th M.G.C. and the 1/6th West Yorks for the championship of the Northern League at Blucher Park attracted much support. It was a perfect afternoon and the proceedings were graced by the presence of several wives, who were as enthusiastic as the men. The Machine Gunners came in motor lorries from Dabringhausen and it was quite a delightful excursion for them. The West Yorks entertained the visitors to tea. This is one of the delightful features of the League matches and the "Post" has done a great service in stimulating not only the grand old game of cricket, but good fellowship. The game had at least one amusing incident. Lieut. Astill of the M.G.C. made a splendid boundary, the ball fell under the Colonel's chair and caused a havoc for a moment. Subsequently it was found that sticks belonging to the colonel and transport officer were smashed. One of these was presented to the wife of an officer as a souvenir. The usual crowd of civilians gathered on the grounds and the match was stopped at one time to chase away a small boy who was wheeling his baby brother in a hand cart.

Her winsome Way.

Anyone with any experience of Tommy's whims and ways will have learnt that he is to be led, yet will resent being forced to do a thing. An example was furnished at one of the Cologne canteens the other day. Here a queue was being kept in order by a lady member of the canteen staff. There was no pushing; all was calm and orderly and each man was prepared to take his turn. German passers-by watched with evident amazement, that one of the weaker sex could keep in order and quietness a large number of men waiting for cigarettes.

Re-echoes.

For the week ending August 30th No 104 Company Nothern Div. Train, with a ration strength of 77, subscribed £143-15-3 or 11,130 marks by way of War Savings.

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A correspondent asks for the whereabouts of the 15th C.C.S. Can any reader oblige?

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"W.G.D's" letter on the subject of Esperanto has drawn many replies from readers. The address of a British Esperanto Association is 133—136 High Holborn, London.

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"The Arab News," a regimental publication for which 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. is responsible, is a bright and breezy record of the Battalion's doings and one upon which the Editor, L Cpl R.R.G. Boyce, is to be congratulated.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's winners are Bdr. C. Sensier, R.G.A., C/o I.Q.M.G. Services, G.H.Q. Rhine Army; Capt. C H. Montgomery, R.E. C.M.E. Dept, Railway Sub-Commission Cologne; and Pte. Herbert R. Parsons, Camp Commandant's Office, London Divisional H. Q. Rhine Army.

THE LIGHTER SIDE.

The Consoler.

Aunt (despondently): "Well, I sha'n't be a nuisance to you very much longer."

Nephew (reassuringly): "Oh, don't talk like that, Auntie. I'm sure you will!"

He "Nailed" him.

A man who had been grossly profiteering spent some of the money on a magnificent diamond ring. Meeting one of his victims he held out the back of his hand, saying:—

"What would you do if you had a ring like this?"

"I would sell it and buy a nail brush," was the prompt reply.

Where Else?

A private was busy shaving himself in the open air beside the barracks, when his sergeant came along.

"Do you always shave outside?" asked the sergeant.

"Of course," answered the private. "Did you think I was hair lined?"

Not So Easy.

New Footman:— "In my last place I always took things fairly easy."

Butler:— "Well, it's different here. They keep everything locked up."

Inappropriate.

The "boys" were coming home, and Slosnton was determined to give them a great reception.

Everybody hung out decorations; there was a triumphal arch and everything.

The band played, the people cheered, and the repatriated soldiers roared with mirth.

"What's the matter?" asked the vicar of a khaki hero, who wept with joy.

The man pointed to the local police station, on which was displayed a banner reading: "Welcome back again."

Sure Signs.

"I want to find an honest man in London," declared the Colonial.

"Easily done," said a friend. "Go to Trafalgar Square, and you'll meet one."

"But how shall I know him?"

"Why the fountains will play when they see him, the lions will roar, and old Nelson will take off his hat."

OF MANY MATTERS.

Bridge Maxims.

Mr. A. E. Manning Foster knows all the technicalities of Auction Bridge, and players will find his recently published book on the game extremely entertaining. His "Maxims and Reflections" may be commended to players of Bridge and many other games:—

In Auction Bridge, the best player is he who makes the fewest mistakes.

The difference between the good player and the bad is that the good player knows when he has made a mistake.

The player who finds fault most generally knows least.

Those who know don't talk. Those who talk don't know.

The onlooker who sees three hands always has done the right thing.

The apologetic partner, who is always excusing himself, is almost as trying as the aggressive one.

Don't carelessly play small cards incorrectly under the delusion that it does not matter.

Don't say, "That is very kind of you," if your opponents play a card which just suits you. It is quite annoying enough to make a mistake, without having it rubbed in by the adversaries.

Don't complain about your bad luck. No one really cares.

Don't explain to the table exactly why you played your hand as you did. No doubt you played it brilliantly, but even so, to call attention to it rather detracts from its brilliance. Besides it may, and probably will, bore both your partner and your opponents.

The Unpopular wasp.

Several deaths from wasp stings have been recorded recently and every year many people die in this way.

Wasps, however, have their uses. They are the enemies of all kinds of flies and caterpillars, of which they destroy enormous numbers. They have their enemies themselves in a certain type of beetle and in man. Man's grievance against the wasp, apart from his sting, is the tribute that he levies on orchards, and particularly on fairly large private fruit gardens, especially those situated in wild parts of the country near brooks. It is probable that the loss in private fruit gardens is greater than in commercial orchards, because owners of the latter understand the importance of killing queens early in the year. In wild country wasps will come from considerable distances to attack fruit, and in such cases it may be difficult to find their nests. In some years they destroy absolutely the pear and apple crops, eating the interior of the fruit until only the skin is left. Often, also, they partly eat the fruit, remaining inside after it falls. This has been the cause of many injuries, especially among children.

Wasps sometimes attack weak stocks of bees, and beekeepers take various precautions against this, the most usual one being merely to close the door of the hive, so as to leave what is known as a one-bee space, which the bees can defend against the attacking wasps.

The age of Cannon.

The fixed tube which uses powder to blow a missile from its mouth has seen only six centuries of existence. All the evidence we have, indicates that the gun had its birth in Europe and not until after the year 1300 A.D.

So far as we know the gun had no inventor. The honour has been ascribed to several, but their title to it has not borne even casual scrutiny. It seems to have been a slow growth, perhaps, from a preceding toy of similar form. The squib of paper or wood, if made fast, would shoot a stone a little distance. Then by making the tube larger and stronger some man or woman saw the chance to convert an innocent plaything into a dangerous weapon. When the thing was done, they called it a cannon.

This took place prior to 1326; for in that year the Italian republic of Florence, as its records show, ordered several metal cannon, including balls for them, to be made at the public expense, for the defence of the State. This is the earliest reference to firearms that has yet come to light, and shows that guns had then passed the experimental stage of their growth.

In England there is undoubted evidence of the possession and use of guns in 1327, one year after the Italian guns were ordered; and in 1338, when Edward III. invaded France, he took a few cannon and their ammunition with him. We are left with the strong conviction, therefore, that the gun as a weapon sprang into use during the period between 1267 and 1326. But it was in a great battle which took place about the middle of the 14th century that the cannon, the first firearm, made its bow to the world.

A Terrible Weapon.

Some very interesting experiments and demonstrations have been carried out with the new Beardmore-Farquhar light machine gun. It is claimed that it is the lightest machine gun, that it is the cheapest to manufacture and to use, that it cannot jamb, that it has perfect breech locking, that it is well protected against the entrance of dust and mud, that it can be used without any oil, and is, therefore, not liable to go out of action through freezing at very low temperatures or high altitudes, and that the automatic mechanism is not affected by the heat of the barrel, and will continue to function, even though the barrel be kept red hot by continuous rapid firing.

Colonel Farquhar demonstrated with continuous rapid fire that the gun is capable of firing at a rate of 489 rounds per minute. An examination of the target showed that in emptying one rotary magazine he put 75 shots out of 81 on to the target. The inventor also showed how to fire single shots and how to change from single shot to automatic fire.

The machine gun which he used had already fired over 20,000 rounds, and Colonel Farquhar declared that although the gun had been thoroughly tested under all sorts of conditions, and that every effort had been made to cause it to jamb, the gun had, in fact, never yet jambed. indeed, it was impossible for it to do so.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Dirty.—Returned holiday makers at Wimbledon found their allotments pillaged.

Destitute.—A Barnes ex-soldier took poison because he was destitute.

In the Hopfields.—Monks are to preach to hop-pickers in the Kent hopfields.

A Boon.—Cheap railway tickets are to be issued to rifle clubs.

Across the Atlantic.—Air races across the Atlantic are foreshadowed.

Pheasants Scarce.—Pheasants are said to be scarce this year.

The consequence.—The consequence is that the habit has caught on in France.

For Australia.—The Prince of Wales is to visit Australia.

Agents' Protest.—Insurance agents have protested against the collection of insurance by miners.

No Parcels.—Owing to ice the Post Office will not accept parcels for troops in North Russia.

Transatlantic Service.—An airship base is to be established near Queenstown for Transatlantic service.

Resumed.—The steamship service between Avonmouth and Montreal has been resumed.

His Reward.—A Broadstairs dog has been awarded a medallion for giving alarms during air raids.

Expensive.—A Barkingside woman who wrote love letters to a German prisoner has been fined £5.

The Social Side.—Social evenings for London police officers and their wives have been arranged.

Chewing Gum.—It is said that almost the first case of American stores landed in France was one containing chewing gum.

Low Ideals.—The Rev. F.B. Meyer says that the country must be saved from the low ideals which threaten it.

Houses for Flats.—Over 2000 large London houses have been scheduled for conversion into flats.

Killing the Profiteer.—To kill the profiteer, manufacturers of cheap boots are stamping the price on them.

The Pruning.—More than one thousand women workers at the Milton works have received dismissal notices.

A War Office Order.—Rush orders for the supply of cardigan jackets have been given by the War Office.

The Price of Gas.—Dover Gas Company intends to raise its charge for gas to 8s 3d per 1,000 cubic feet.

Warning Wanted.—Members of a London club have asked for notice of the sale of spirits of pre-warstrength.

The Reason.—The reason is that they fear disastrous consequences unless notice is given.

The real thing.—The latest Paris fashions are being carried across the Channel by aeroplane.

Country House Cinemas.—In several country houses the cinema will be a novelty during the coming season.

Paying.—At a recent tennis tournament the profits were six times those of the pre-war meeting.

Up-to-date.—Automatic telephones are to be installed in Hull.

Back in Town.—Cabinet Ministers will be back in town this week in force.

Ambitious.—Mr. Isaac Burns, Labour candidate at Pontefract, was formerly a check weighman at a Yorkshire colliery.

Joffre's barge Holiday.—Marshal Joffre is taking a novel holiday. He is touring the canals of Central France in a barge.

Potato Disease.—Blight known as "blackleg" is prevalent among potato crops in England and Wales.

Dual Training.—Women at Swansea are to be trained not only as domestic servants, but as household managers.

Early Election.—The I.L.P. are making their plans on the footing of an early election.

Peace Honours.—The Peace Honours List still hangs fire. Rumour has it that it has reached appalling dimensions.

Mayfair's "Poor."—Pre-war patrons of West End pawnshops are beginning to return.

Never Heard of the War.—Miss Silden, who has died at Bath, had never heard of the war.

Their Mascot.—An eight-year-old Syrian boy adopted by the Royal Irish Fusiliers is now stationed with the regiment in this country.

"Who Finds, Keeps."—A regular living is made in New York by "fishing" through gratings for valuables dropped by passers-by.

No Ices after eight O'clock.—Owing to failure to obtain the Home Office's revocation of the 8 p.m. ban, no ices are obtainable after that hour.

Preparing For Winter.—Bermondsey Borough Council are arranging for a stock of 2,100 tons of coal for sale to consumers.

Death before Thrashing.—A Plymouth boy threw himself from a bedroom window to escape a thrashing.

London-Paris Air Service.—Despite bad weather, the London-Paris air machines are flying to time.

For Disabled Soldiers.—Denham Camp, Bucks, has been taken for five years as a training centre for disabled soldiers.

Her Gift.—The Prince of Wales was presented with a basket of apples by a little girl at a village near Ottawa.

Saving Money.—The return of 300,000 German prisoners will save the country £50,000 a day.

Retrenchment.— The powers of the Treasury will be added to very shortly.

Labour in Session.—Mr. Clynes and Mr Sexton are regarded as certainties for the Labour Parliament to sit in Washington in October.

Worthy of his Hire.—There is unrest in the Church. The Archdeacons are ashing for more stipend.

Botha.— General Botha's example shows how it is possible for old feuds to become friendships.

Seaman-Steward.—Admiral Beatty will be one of the stewards at the Yarmouth races next month.

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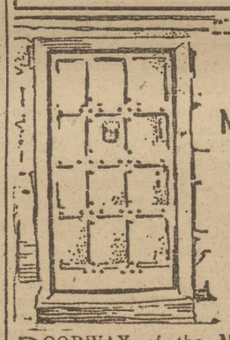

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		Time a.m.	Time	
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Bingen (Kreuznach)	arr.	11.45	—	—
	dep.	11.50	—	—
Coblenz	arr.	2.45	—	—
	dep.	2.50	—	—
Bendorf (Engers)	„	3.10	—	—
Neuwied (Rengsdorf)	„	3.25	—	—
Andernach (Leutesdorf See)	„	3.50	—	—
Niederbreisig (Honningen)	„	4.15	—	—
Remagen (Neuenahr)	„	4.50	5.00	—
Rolandseck	„	5.10	5.20	—
Godesberg	„	5.40	6.00	—
Bonn	arr.	6.00	6.15	—
	dep.	6.05	6.30	—
Wesseling	„	6.45	7.10	—
Porz	„	7.05	7.30	—
Köln-Mitte (Leystapel)	arr.	7.30	7.55	—

Place		Up River 2	4	6
		Time a.m.	Time	Time
Köln-Mitte (Leystapel)	dep.	10.00	—	12.00
Porz	„	10.45	—	12.45
Wesseling	„	11.25	—	1.25
		p.m.		
Bonn	arr.	12.30	—	2.20
	dep.	12.35	—	2.40
Godesberg	„	1.10	—	3.10
Rolandseck	„	2.00	—	4.00
Remagen (Neuenahr)	„	2.30	—	4.30
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Bendorf (Engers)	„	5.05	—	—
Coblenz	arr.	5.10	a.m.	—
	dep.	—	10.00	—
Bingen (Kreuznach)	arr.	—	2.45	—
	dep.	—	2.50	—
Mainz	arr.	—	5.15	—

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LOST.

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GERMANY FREE TO SEND GOODS INTO ENGLAND.

INFRINGEMENT OF PEACE TREATY.

ENGLAND OPEN.

REMOVAL OF BAN ON FOREIGN TRADE.

On Tuesday the embargo on imports nto Britain was lifted with the exception of a few varieties of goods which are on the reserved list. These include dyes, chemicals, drugs, perfumes, optical and scientific glass and instruments, gas mantles, magnetos, hosiery, needles and gauges.

Meanwhile British toymakers are making strong representations to the Board of Trade for the protection of their industry which was established during the war and might be seriously injured if free imports from abroad are permitted. The outstanding feature of the present situation is that German manufacturers are flooding the country with circulars pointing out that owing to the low value of the mark they can now offer goods at dirt-cheap prices as compared with British manufacturing costs.

An official of the Free Entries Department of the Board of Trade said that nothing has yet actually been imported as the result of the removal of the embargo. There has not been enough time for business arrangements to be made, orders to be placed and cargoes to be shipped. The only difference noted is in the passing of goods of suspected origin through neutral countries. Peviously goods were detained as suspect whereas now they pass without question. No German goods are known to have come through, but dyes, others than those derived from coal tar, are on the way. One consignment from Switzerland was cleared on Monday.—[British Wireless.]

INFRINGING THE PEACE TREATY.

The Supreme Allied Council has decided to send to the German Government an energetic note pointing out the contradiction existing between article 61 of the German Constitution and the Treaty of Versailles, article 80 of which forbids Germany to mix up in Austrian affairs.

The Supreme Council demands the German Government to suppress within a fortnight the said article 61 of the new constitution, otherwise the Allies will be forced to occupy new territories on the Rhine.

The text of this note was delivered to the German delegation at Versailles on Tuesday afternoon.

FRANCE AND FIUME.

The accuracy of the recent announcement by certain Italian papers to the effect that the results of the enquiry relative to the incidents at Fiume were favourable to the Italians is formally denied by the French Government. It is declared at Paris that when the report of the inquiry is publisned it will be easy to demonstrate that it is favourable to the French. French opinion holds that the Italian Government is in no way implicated in the publication of the incorrect information and it is recalled that the Italian delegation at the Peace Conference made confidential statements which in no way coincide with information published in the Italian papers.

AN UTOPIAN RESOLUTION.

The "International Peace Council" sitting at Berne has adopted a resolution acknowledging that the responsibility for the outbreak of war in 1914 rests upon the German and Austrian Governments. It calls upon Germany and Austria to hasten the publication of all relevant documents; to prevent any distortion of historical truth in the teaching at school; to bring to the knowledge of their populations by official announcements and persistent propaganda the violations of international law and the cruelties committed by the German Army during the war, which wrought the gravest moral prejudice to the whole German people, and to secure by the energetic force of public opinion the loyal execution of the Peace Treaty, especially of the articles concerning reparation and disarmament. (Havas).

MINERS PAY FOR SCHOOL MEALS.

Satisfaction was expressed at a meeting of the Nottinghamshire Education Authority at the action of the Miners' Association, which during a strike at Worksop undertook to defray the cost of feeding the school children in the district. Meals were provided for the children for many days.

PRINCE'S NEXT TOUR.

The Prince of Wales will visit Australia in May, 1920.

His Royal Highness will spend two months in the Commonwealth.

OUR BUSY PREMIER.

HOW HE IS SPENDING HIS HOLIDAYS.

Mr. Lloyd George, the Prime Minister, will only remain for about another fortnight at the villa he has rented at Hennequeville on the Normandy Coast. He has accepted provisionally an invitation to address a Brotherhood meeting at the City Temple about the middle of September and if he is back in time he will keep this engagement.

Meantime, though nominally on holiday, the Prime Minister is devoting close personal attention to the many anxious problems of the Government, especially those which concern national retrenchment, the imperative need for increased output and the industrial and economic situation generally. He has already had conferences in Normandy with the Ministers responsible for Housing, Transport and Agriculture and is coordinating the work of all three departments with a view of furthering those practical suggestions outlined in his recent speech.

In addition to the Domestic policy, the Prime Minister is in direct telephonic communication with the Peace delegates in Paris and is kept informed of all the latest developments. On Sunday last Signor Tittoni, the Italian Foreign Minister, lunched with Mr. Lloyd George, when it is understood that the Adriatic question was fully discussed.

REPENTED IN HASTE.

Sixty-two disillusioned young French brides, says the Intransigeant, have returned from New York to France in the mail steamer St. Ola. They had married American soldiers, but found life in the United States unsuited to their temperaments.

The strenuous existence in their new surroundings deprived marriage of its charm. Their husbands, once out of uniform and back in the whirl of business, became too much absorbed to give them the amount of attention they needed. So they felt, says the Paris journal, that their only resource was divorce and return to the country in which their sex is fully appreciated by the other and is not placed second to prosaic money-making.

NEGROES ASK FOR GERMAN COLONIES.

Among American negroes there is an agitation, reflected in a demand before the Foreign Relations Committee, that under the League of Nations specific rights shall be granted. The negroes petition that the German African colonies shall be divided between Egypt, Abyssinia, and Liberia. With this proposal comes news that in Dublin (Georgia) several negro churches and lodge rooms have been burnt by whites. In one church a negro, Eli Cooper, was lynched. This is the district where, several months ago, the aged negro Berry Washington was lynched after shooting a young white man who, it was stated, had made advances to young negro women, members of his family. Judge Graham then denounced the proceedings in strong terms.

TRADE FROM GERMAN PORTS.

The British lines comprising the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, British India Steam Navigation Company, and the Well Line, will in September and onwards, have steamers loading in Hamburg, Bremen (if sufficient inducement offers), and Rotterdam, in connection with their services to India. The Peninsular and Oriental and British India Companies will serve both sides of India and the Persian Gulf, and the Well Line Colombo, Madras, and Calcutta. Antwerp is already served by these companies, and this connection will be sustained and augmented.

AN AMBITIOUS CONDUCTOR.

A conductor of a motor-omnibus on Saturday said that his ambition is to own his own vehicle.

"As soon as I can get a man to come into partnership and to drive I am going to get my own motor-omnibus," he said. "I should be my own conductor, and I am certain I could make £800 a year. Look at the money made by the chars-à-banc at the seaside! That is only a summer business, and I could get a full load of passengers in London all the year round."

"You would be the first 'pirate' motor-omnibus?" he was asked.

"I should not be a 'pirate," he replied. "Those good old days have gone. I would play the game straight and charge the usual fares. I could run on what route I wished and do long runs into the country during the week-end."

DOUBLE RAINBOW.

KING APPROVES THE NEW VICTORY MEDAL.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to recognize by the grant of a distinctive medal the services rendered by His Majesty's military forces in theatres of war since the 5th August, 1914.

The medal, which will be designated "The Victory Medal," will be identical in design with that issued by the other Allied and Associated Powers for service in theatres of war, and will obviate the interchange of Allied Commemorative war medals.

The medal will be in bronze, and will be attached to the riband by a ring.

The riband will be red in the centre with green and violet on each side, shaded to form the colours of two rainbows.

No clasp will be issued with the medal.

Provided the claims are approved by the competent military authorities, the medal will be granted to all officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the British, Dominion, Colonial and Indian Forces, members of women formations who have been enrolled under a direct contract of service for service with His Majesty's Imperial Forces, civil medical practitioners, nursing sisters, nurses and others employed with military hospitals, who actually served on the establishment of a unit in a theatre of war and within certain defined periods.

Instructions as to the submission of claims and the disposal of the medals will be issued in due course.

HABEN SIE GUT GESCHLAFEN?

Some entertaining hints for sufferers from sleeplessness are given by Mr. Robinson Smith in "The World's Work." For instance:

"When travelling, insist upon a double bed in a quiet room. Be sure that it is not over the kitchen, or near a motor-garage; or facing a clock that sounds the quarter-hours, or within a girl's stone's throw of a fowl-house. A double bed is better than a single, a French box-bed with a not too thick hair-mattress better than any other. The hip and shoulder find their places and are not benumbed as on a hard bed.

Tie two paper-clips to either end of a cord seven or eight feet long. Clip the top of the counterpane with one clip and a soft weight with the other. If not sleeping after fifteen minutes, pull the counterpane over your head. This induces that long even breathing natural to the approach of sleep, as may be noticed in pigs. As one dozes off, the hand holding the counterpane relaxes, and the weight pulls it down, so that one is again breathing fresh air. I have found this unfailing when all else fails.

Have a pair of blinders made from a double thickness of black silk. These just cover the eyes, with a cut for the nose, and are held in place by a broad elastic band. Hang these on the bed-post, and if the morning light comes in too early, put them on.

In the case of objectionable noises like snoring, cut two small pieces of pure waxcandle and place one in each ear. These afford almost perfect immunity, even from pianos and the song of earliest birds."

Some may think that sleep is dearly bought on such terms.

DISMISSED WITH IGNOMINY.

Seventeen men of the 3rd West Yorkshire Regiment are to be dismissed with ignominy from the Army and to receive each nine months' hard labour by sentence of a General Court-martial which was recently held at Devizes. In all 18 men were tried for various military offences, the principal charge being that of refusing to parade in fighting equipment.

The men did not deny that they disobeyed the order of Captain Chance, M.C., D.C.M., to parade in fighting order. The excuse given for refusal was that they had had the heart taken out of them by the company sergeant-major, who, it way alleged, called them "bastards"—a phrase which the President said no soldier would put up with. The sergeant-major denied using this word; he said he called them Bolshevists. He is a soldier with 23 years' service, and has the good conduct medal.

One of the men was charged with inciting 200 men to rush the guard, but there was no corroboration, and this charge was dismissed. Another man was charged with suggesting that they should use the straw palliasses in the camp for the purpose of burning down the guardroom. This was denied, and he was acquitted on this charge.

AN OILY VICARAGE.

Extraordinary happenings are reported from the rectory of Swanton Novers, in Norfolk. Ever since August 8th oil has been dripping from the ceilings and walls of the house and has also been found in the well close by. No one is in the least able to explain the cause. The mystery is intensified by the fact that sometimes it is petrol, sometimes paraffin and sometimes even methylated spirit that appears.

SALMON POACHERS BUSY.

The illegal capture of salmon, grilse, and trout in the River Tweed is strongly commented upon in the Tweed Commissioners' annual report. A very large quantity of fish has been taken from the river by illegal methods and more than 120 nets have been seized.

THE WORST OVER.

MAN'S PROPER PLACE AS MAN.

Speaking at a conference on Monday Mr. G.N. Barnes, the Labour Cabinet Minister, talked of Labour and Religion. He said the workshop was becoming a different place from what it used to be. The best time of his own life was spent in the workshop. He had worked for greater leisure and a greater share of this worlds goods for the workman and had found joy and satisfaction in working for these things. He had never believed that materialistic doctrines of rancour and illwill would put things right. The workman felt that there was something in life which mere wealth and possessions could not afford. Many regarded the labour problem as being almost exclusively a wages and stomach question. It was nothing of the kind. It was a question of man's proper place as man and not merely as a wage earner. Common sense was asserting itself over the materialistic forces that had been gathering way during the last few years. He confessed that six or eight months ago he was a little alarmed at the prospect but he thought we had now got over the worst. We had got to rally all the forces which were disposed to lift life and labour to a higher plane.

Personal Tribute to Botha.

Later in his speech Mr. Barnes paid the following eloquent tribute to the late General Botha. "I knew he was a man who could fight, if need be on the battlefield, for what he thought was right but he was essentially a man of peace, large hearted, lenient and magnanimous. A few months ago he reminded a number of us who were meeting him in Council that the day was the anniversary of the signing of Peace after the South Africa.. war and he applied the lesson to the situation in which we were then placed. His influence was for doing the right thing before using the strong arm. He was modest and simple as I have found nearly all great souls to be, and the kind of man we need to make the world a better place in which to live."

BOTHA'S INSPIRING WORDS.

Most impressive scenes were witnessed at the funeral of General Botha. His sucessor in the premiership, General Smuts, voiced an eloquent tribute to the "greatest son of South Africa." He said that only recently Botha had returned to South Africa more convinced than ever that salvation and healing would only be found in a new spirit of humanity and in forgiving and forgetting old differences and wrongs.

In the Hall of Mirrors at Versailles on June 28th when the Peace Treaty was signed, said Smuts, Botha wrote on the agenda paper the following words: "God's judgment will be applied with justice to all peoples under the sun and we shall persevere in prayer that they may be applied by mankind in charity and peace and christian spirit. To-day I think back to May 31st 1902, the date of the Treaty of Vereeniging."

SMUGGLED ROYAL JEWELS.

The trial of persons charged with smuggling into Southern Sweden jewels and other valuables, to the value of millions of marks, belonging to German royalties, began on Tuesday at Trelleborg. The accused are the Countess Anna Solms Wildenfels and Dr. von Stockhausen. They maintain that Prince Wied asked them to carry the valuables to a neutral country and they thought transport by aeroplane the safest method, and say they did not wish to commit any fraud. The police, however, declare that on being asked they denied having any jewels.

It is stated that the jewels are worth about £400,000. The prosecution refuses to accept the explanation offered and claims confiscation of the valuables.

"WIGS ON THE GREEN."

Arising out of disturbances which took place after the Nationalist demonstration on August 15th, nine Nationalists and three Unionists were summoned at Londonderry on Tuesday for disorderly conduct. Evidence was given to the effect that defendants formed part of hostile crowds in the Nationalist Section and on two occasions rushed towards the Unionist quarters waving Sinn Fein flags and shouting "up Dublin" "up rebels." The Unionists flaunted Union Jacks and crimson flags at the Nationalists. All the defendan s were bound over to keep the peace.

VALET'S HUGE LEGACY.

The will of the late Lord Michelham has been sworn at two millions pounds sterling. So far as is at present ascertained no charitable gifts are made in the will, which states that large sums were given for charitable purposes during his lifetime, but the testator relies on those benefiting under the will to apply part of their income towards the benefit of charities.

Amongst the bequests are £6000 to his valet, Frank Dyer, £2 a week for life to his coachman and £500 to servants of five years service.

It is stated at the Foreign Office that no confirmation is to hand of the report that German airships which should have been handed over to the Allies have been destroyed. Official enquiry is being made on the subject.

SEAL OF HONOUR.

LABEL FOR PATRIOTIC EMPLOYERS.

A royal proclamation will be issued this week inaugurating a great scheme for the employment of partially disabled soldiers and sailors. Every firm in the Kingdom employing from ten to twenty persons is being invited to engage at least one of the men who have suffered in the country's cause, and bigger firms are being asked to employ at least five per cent. All who patriotically adopt the scheme will be entitled to use on their stationery and advertisements a "seal of honour." Thus the whole of the customers and indeed everyone with whom such firm has dealings will know whether they are doing their bit for the disabled. Further, only those firms who possess this seal of honour will be allowed to appear on the list of Government contractors.

A PARIS WORLD'S FAIR.

A scheme for the erection of a huge building on the banks of the Seine in Paris, in which will be held a permanent exhibition designed to bring together the producers and buyers of the world, has found the support of a French financial corporation. The building, which will be constructed by the Quai de Passy, will probably cost £4,000,000 and in it will he held a continuous World's Fair. The structure will have a floor surface of nearly 2,500,000 square feet.

AIRSHIP FOR COMMERCE.

With a view to economy the Government has decided to curtail the airship programme. Work has already ceased on some of the large rigid vessels now in an advanced state of construction. It is announced that certain airships and airship stations are to be placed at the disposal of interested parties with a view to the commercial development of this type of aircraft. A conference on the subject will take place next week.

SALE OF BARBED WIRE.

The greater part of the barbed wire used in France has been re-coiled by German prisoners and Chinese, and is being sold at a satisfactory price by the Disposal Board of the Ministry of Munitions. Some idea of the immense quantity available may be gathered from the fact that the defences of one town alone included quite 600 miles of wire just before the last German offensive.

A DERRY PROSECUTION.

At Londonderry on Monday James Harking was remanded on the charge of assaulting the military on August 15th when soldiers were on duty on the walls of Derry. Accused mounted the walls and pointed a fully loaded revolver at a group of soldiers but it was dashed out of his hand. Later on he was arrested while in bed and in his room were found thirty rounds of revolver ammunition.

NO POLICE REINSTATEMENTS.

A deputation of citizens, led by Canon Villiers, waited upon the Birmingham Watch Committee yesterday to support a petition in favour of the re-instatement of 120 members of the police force who were dismissed as a consequence of their going out on strike. The Committee came to the decision that on no account could the men be reinstated and pointed out that the men had been warned against being associated with the Police Union.

BELGIAN WOMEN GAZETTED.

A supplement to the London Gazette contains a long list of Belgian subjects, many of them women, "mentioned" by Field-Marshal Earl Haig for "distinguished and gallant services and devotion to duty," while on volunteer service attached to the British Army in France.

Whole families have earned this distinction, and in some cases the honour is posthumous.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A GENERAL.

On Monday Brigadier-General A. H. Ollivant C.M.G., R.A., was found by his valet unconscious in a bedroom of his house in St. James-street. A doctor was called and found him to be suffering from apoplexy, from which he died a few hours later.

SOLDIERS FOR HARVEST WORK.

The War Office announces that the provisions of paragraph 59 of the King's Regulations under which permission may be granted for the employment of soldiers in harvest work are again in force.

Leave for a period of seven days may be granted by Commanding Officers to soldiers for the purpose of haymaking or collecting the harvest, which period may be extended by Commanding Officers at their discretion.

Dr. Dorten, the "President of the Rhineland Republic," has been forbidden by the Americans to enter their zone of occupation without special permission.

CANADA AND PEACE.

THE TASK CONFRONTING THE DOMINION.

The Viceroy of Canada, the Duke of Devonshire, opened the Dominion Parliament at Ottawa on Monday afternoon. As the session was called chiefly for the purpose of ratifying the Peace Treaty it is not expected to last more than two months.

In the speech from the throne reference was made to the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in the following terms: "In this his first visit to the Dominion the Prince renews his happy association with comrades of the Canadian Army and at the same time undertakes the important duty of making himself acquainted at first hand with the resources and developments of the country and with the ideals and aspirations of the people. The warm and sincere welcome which everywhere greets him is an assurance that those sentiments which united this country with the Motherland and with the other Dominions were never closer or firmer."

The speech pointed out that Parliament had been summoned to consider and ratify the Peace Treaty and added that it was felt that the Treaty ought not to be ratified on behalf of Canada without the approval of Parliament. Referring to the difficult reconstruction period, the speech, said that the labours of reconstruction might be difficult but Canada must undertake them with the same united resolve and inflexible purpose as sustained its efforts during the years of conflict. (British Wireless).

"ENTERTAINMENT" AT THE ABBEY.

An entirely new form of entertainment for lovers of sacred music has been inaugurated by Mr. Sidney H. Nicholson, organist of Westminster Abbey, who proposes to establish a special choir of boys and men to give week-day renderings of choral works in the Abbey.

The choir, which will be entirely voluntary, will consist of 200 picked voices, and will be usually accompanied by a full professional orchestra. When the orchestra is not present the great organ in the Abbey will provide the music.

"I think it will be a very popular form of entertainment," said Mr. E. S. Roper, Mr. Nicholson's deputy. The desire of a great number of people for sacred music is rarely satisfied. "We hope to begin performances on week-days early in October. Preference will be given to music which is not so well known, such as 'Israel in Egypt', and Bach's 'St. Matthew Passion Music.'"

ROUND THE WORLD BY AIR.

The Northern Aerial Syndicate, of Liverpool, have brought forward an ambitious project providing for airship trips to all parts of the world.

The syndicate have in view a regular system of airships for long and short journeys at a cost estimated at only 4d. per mile. The passage from Liverpool to New York is expected to take two and a half days, and Australia may be reached in seven days.

The proposal is to land large airships from New York at Liverpool, and transfer the passengers for other places to smaller craft.

Negotiations have been completed for the lease of landing grounds at different parts, one being at Kingston-on-Thames.

TRADE UNION CONGRESS.

The Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress met at Glasgow on Tuesday to complete arrangements for next week's congress. The Committee will meet daily to consider the whole agenda in relation to those urgent matters to which time must be devoted. Special emergency resolutions will be drafted so as to give congress the opportunity of dealing with larger matters bearing on the industrial situation.

If this Committee procedure is adopted Congress will concentrate on the discussion of the report, to which a vote of censure may be moved by delegates of the miners and railwaymen, concerning accelerated production and nationali[illegible] of the three basic industries of mining, railways and transport and the policy to be adopted thereon, particularly in reference to mines.

STRIKE ON A STEAMER.

A large steamer which left Swansea on Saturday was brought back to that port only three men being left aboard. When she had got some miles out the firemen struck, and subsequently went ashore at Mumbles. The engineers followed.

The captain landed with the mate in order to send a telegram, one man only being left aboard. A Swansea harbour pilot cutter was signalled and brought the steamer safely back to port.

NO DECIMAL COINAGE.

The Royal Commission which has been inquiring into the decimal system of coinage has completed the taking of evidence, and is now considering its report. This is expected to be shortly presented to the Home Secretary. It is understood that the report arrived at by the Commissioners is non-committal, and that no legislation is likely to result.

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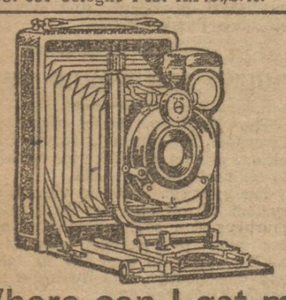
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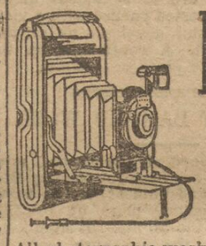
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Thur day, September 4, 1919.

SECURITY FIRST.

The cry for economy is one with which we have no fault to find. It is absolutely vital to the future of our country. Only we could have wished that the present appeal had less of panic in its nature. The need for drastic reform in our financial methods should have been apparent to our statesman long before this.

No sooner had the armistice occurred and Peace conditions become a matter of practical politics then serious steps were needed to bring our daily expenditure somewhere within the limits of our daily revenue. Little or nothing was done, however, and to-day Government departments are urged in almost sensational terms to cut down in all directions.

That is where danger lies. In the scurry to make a big show of economy the useful and urgently necessary will suffer with the extraneous and less important features of our public organisation. Instead of carefully calculated schemes of retrenchment in the right directions we risk the danger of hurriedly conceived reductions of expenditure. And the general welfare of the nation will suffer accordingly.

The whole trouble is that most of those in control of our affairs are not in the true sense, statesmen at all, but merely politicians. The Prime Minister's pressing call for economy was based not on the foresight that prudence should have prompted months and months back, but in response to what he could see was the clamour of public opinion and the persistent demand of the press. We expect more than this from those entrusted with the destiny of the country.

Economy we must have. That is self-evident. But unless done with great discrimination the remedy for the present ills may be worse than the disease. There is an unfortunate tendency, we fear, to forget the lessons of the war.

There seems to be a desire to go to the other extreme and ruthlessly to cut down the size and the cost of our figthing and defensive services. That these must necessarily be made smaller than in wartime is evident, but to imagine as so many do, that we can almost dispense with these, and that we are practically immune from future danger now that the great struggle has ceased is we consider the height of folly.

Our present difficulties are mainly due to the fact that owing to short-sighted unpreparedness the great fighting forces we improvised so marvellously, cost us many times more than they should. Not only in treasure but in lives we were necessarily prodigal, because of our lack of foresight.

It was indeed considered by many that had Germany not seen clearly how badly we were equipped for a struggle they might not have ventured on the Great war at all.

To sink back into the old conditions as regards our figthing services, by too drastic reductions in strength and expense might lead us in the future to another war experience such as we have passed through.

Public opinion needs arousing as to the need for preparedness and thorough efficiency. And to attain this there must be no frenzied action. The best minds—naval and military—should be called in to formulate such measures as will ensure our national safety and supremacy and at the same time see that we secure value for our outlay.

A CRICKET PROBLEM.

Private Hawkins, at the age of forty-two, had never handled a cricket bat. In his youth, sport had meant "hide and seek" — a game which he played with the School Attendance Officer whom he knew better than he knew his instructors. His brief school-life ended, he sought Fortune on the tail-board of a van, and his later years left him little leisure, in the struggle for existence, for outdoor sports.

Enlisting in 1916, he was soon sent to France on a B 2 mission in which cricket played no part. Nevertheless, when he became attached to our unit, he alone, out of some 60 other ranks, gave moral support to us by his presence at our matches. "Immoral support," perhaps, is the better phrase, for he was a thorough partisan.

More than one opposing team had complained that his gibes had done more to demoralise their fielding than any number of stolen runs. If we won, victory was invariably attributed by the discomfited enemy to Hawkins' tongue — never to our batting, bowling or fielding.

Per contra, not a few wickets were lost by us owing to our men, at his behest, risking the most impossible runs. On a balance, we probably lost as much as we gained by his presence.

When, therefore, Lloyd let us down on the occasion of a match with a certain Labour Company, we felt it would add to the harmony of things, if not to the score, if we played Hawkins.

"You see," said Binstead, our Captain, "some of these Labour chaps may kick up nasty if Hawkins starts his usual tricks, and we don't want two rather different sporting events mixed up. Got me?"

"Yes," replied Salvin, who was standing near, "and why not put him in first? He's bound to fail, and he'll see then that run-getting isn't so easy as he imagines. It may even improve him as a spectator."

Without explaining our reasons, we invited Hawkins to play, which he consented to do.

Telling him to get his pad on (we were on half-rations as regards pads) we rebuked him mildly, as we noticed he was putting it on the wrong leg. He explained:

"Thought I was batting up t'other end."

"Guess he'll never reached the other end" remarked Binstead confidently, as Hawkins journeyed to the stumps.

But Binstead was wrong. Hawkins scored three off the first ball, "driving" it just over slip's head. Similar strokes yielded equally lucky results, and whilst our best bats were returning with countenances as fallen as their wickets, Hawkins was enjoying a charmed life.

Catches which just fell short, balls which took wrong turnings at critical moments in their careers — all contributed to foster in Hawkins the illusion that he could bat.

When, at length, he was bowled, with 15 to his credit, he was convinced that for thirty years or so a batsman "had slumbered unawares."

At Square Leg, however, Hawkins soon gained some hitherto unrevealed truths on the subject of fielding — three simple and two rather difficult catches contributing to his education in this department of the game.

His attitude in the field created the impression that he had played "Egg if I Move" to an excessive degree in his youth. Happily, his misfielding did not affect the result, and we secured a victory by 10 runs.

Hawkins' behaviour nowadays, as a "looker on" shows a marked improvement when our opponents are fielding. His comments on their batting, however, remain reprehensible in the extreme.

If only we could ensure his failure at batting, and risk losing thirty runs or so by his fielding, we would gladly play him again. Hawkins out first ball and the rest of us making double figures — such is our dream. Dare we risk the reality? So disciplined, Hawkins would make an admirable supporter. But a cricketer — never!

E. J. TELLUM.

KIDDIES OF RHINELAND.

They are a never-failing source of amusement. We shall remember them in years to come and they will certainly remember us. Many are known to me personally and I have watched them at play. Like all other children they are full of mischief and fun.

In front of my billet there are beautiful grounds enclosed by high iron rails and massive entrance gates. Here almost any hour of the day you can see both boys and girls performing many acrobatic feats.

They climb those gates and railings with amazing daring, and are past masters of the art of turning somersaults on the grass over the other side.

I think they were encouraged by visits to Hagenbeck's circus, and an open-air variety show which is given by a travelling company on a piece of waste ground near by.

The other day I saw a lady chasing them out of these grounds and away from the railings- but she had to give it up as a bad job for she no sooner cleared one lot out than another lot climbed over further down. It was a most amusing sight.

Then there is a party of small boys who play pranks with a cobbler and his assistants. It is a new game to me. The cobblers work by an open window near a corner and these young rascals light a pile of brown papers and throw it through the window and then run away.

Of course, the cobbler objects to this form of gas attack and gives chase, much to the joy of the youngsters, who return to the attack with renewed vigour when the front is again quiet.

The hop scotch game on the great squares of chalk marked out on the pavement seems to be out of season now, but you see the girls playing at diabolo, a game which in Britain had its day and ceased to be many years ago, but is still the delight of the street children in Cologne.

They also make mud pies on the side of the pavement, play at School and have a "ring o' roses" game which also seems to include the famous "In and out the window" so dear to one's childhood days.

These kiddies as a rule are strong limbed, full of life with sun tanned faces. They are splendidly clothed, especially on Sundays and the girls have their hair dressed neatly with wide and most becoming bows of silk.

There are several very pretty ones who play outside our Mess, and one known by the name of Elizabeth is a perfect picture and a great favourite with our officers.

She had the treat of her life the other night when one of our officers took her, and some of her playmates, to see the torchlight tattoo.

There is the boy who creeps into our men's billet selling icecream and who, although threatened with the guard-room and chased off the premises, still creeps round, dodges the sentries in a marvellous way and does a roaring trade at a mark a time.

The boys love to copy our men and play at guard-mounting and sentries although they never practise pack-drill. You can see them at their best in the public parks, and when watching our sports and cricket matches, especially during tea time. They eagerly wait for the remnants and never fail to scramble for them.

Once we had a lot of jam left and I lined about twenty mites up, told them to open their mouths and shut their eyes and see what God would send them, to use an old phrase. I then dropped a spoonful of jam into each waiting mouth. The effort to gulp it down brought tears to their eyes but they were a happy lot of sticky young rascals and wanted more.

G.K.

THE VALUE OF ENGLISH.

TO THE EDITOR, "COLOGNE POST."

Sir,— May I be permitted to comment on the un fairly strong case for English, as an international language, presented by W.J.L.?

Is English so peculiarly suited to the every-day needs of a practical race? Within three feet of my eyes at the present moment are the following, amongst other things: a pipe, match, paper, glass, light, string, ruler. If the actual conditions were unknown, could any person born to the English language state what I refer to by those words? Common though they be, they each bear a number of different interpretations.

Thousands of English words are absolutely ambiguous; and, per contra, the language has almost invariably two or more different terms for the same object. Is this a practical language?

W.J.L.'s figures prove little. Of India's 350,000,000, very certainly 330,000,000 would not be affected one iota if the official language in India were changed to Chinese. As regards Canada if one, wishes to travel the whole country French is vastly more useful than English.

Whether numerically or territorially considered, Chinese is, I believe, more widely spoken than any other language. I do not quote that as a suggestion in favour of the universal adoption of the Chinese language, but in order to provide W.J.L. with what I believe to be the only sound argument in his favour: that the English-speaking nations number amongst themselves a higher proportion of individuals who may be considered to need, and benefit by, an international language.

I am bound to admit that many of our commercial expressions have been adopted by some other nations, but mainly only for use in their dealings with us. Our insular characteristic of insisting on trading in our language rather than the other man's is responsible for that.

In what way has English forged ahead in order to justify its being used on its merits as a language, at the Peace Conference? Is it not rather in the preponderance of English-speaking interests?

W.J.L. does not seem to have had a wide experience in languages. As one with a peculiarly intimate knowledge of French, I have no hesitation in saying that one must be a very profound student, and careful speaker of the English language to arrive at the precision and clarity of expression which is second nature to the ordinary middle class Frenchman.

The illogical and insular egotism of his remarks relative to the study of any other system of intercommunication is beyond comment.

T. W. PEARCE.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Reader's Varied Views.

RAILWAY THIEVES.

Sir,— As I think it may be of interest to officers and others who intend to bring their wives and families to Cologne, I hope you will be able to find space in your paper for the following:—

My wife and daughter left Ostend for Cologne by the 4.45 p.m. train on the 28th ult. The luggage was registered and put in the van. On arrival at Cologne all appeared to be in order, the trunks were all found and were undamaged.

On opening them after arrival at the house, it was found that each article had been opened by the same kind of key. The contents were overhauled and all valuables, especially jewellery stolen. No clothing was taken nor inexpensive jewellery, but many articles of both intrinsic and sentimental value are lost.

The thief examined each trunk carefully and in such a way that it was not apparent that the contents had been touched.

The theft took place in all probability between Ostend and Liege and it is certain that the thief took a considerable time over his work.

I suggest that passengers should seal up their packages and examine the seals at any station where guards may be changed, as in this case it is practically certain that the guard was the thief himself or connived at the theft.

K.

THE BUMMEL.

Sir,—I am the writer of the Echo "Three men on the Bummel" in your notes. I went out and bought it the same day and find it an interesting yarn, though not up to the same standard as the same author's "Three men in a boat." His opinions on the German coincide with my own.

The writer remarks he is not quite sure what a "bummel" is. It is a German word. My dictionary gives it:—"Bummeln: — To lounge about, to loaf, to loiter." "Bummel" is the noun.

E.S.

THE FUTURE OF THE OFFICER.

Sir,—Referring to the recent letter of "Erasmus" I thoroughly agree with what he says as I happen to be one who has no definite outlook and dread the very word demobilization.

But until we are informed how many officers will be required for the "Peace-time" Army, our position is somewhat precarious.

What is in store for the ambitious officer?

QUERY.

MUSIC v. DISCIPLINE.

Sir,—I was fortunate enough to obtain a seat at the Opera on Sunday, and noticed that a majority of O. R's had, evidently reluctantly to depart a full quarter of an hour before the end, so as to return to their billets in time.

Now to a lover of music, the banging of a door, is like the dentist's drill on an exposed nerve, and the last part of the performance was quite spoilt for those that stayed.

Tommy was clearly, painfully conscious of the annoyance he was causing, and I do not think it was his fault, but whatever the reason, it is a pity it should have to happen.

It gives grounds for the belief held by Germans before the war, that as a nation we are Philistines in matters of art.

WAGNERITE.

ADVERTISEMENTS MISSING.

Sir,—It is strange that anyone should feel sorry at not seeing any advertisements in the Rhineland tramcars.

Why, I would wager that nine people out of ten are intensely grateful that their senses are not shocked by the glaring and often vulgar announcements of "Somebody's Soap" or "Someone else's Pills" that confront one in our trams at home.

Not only on the inside, but outside, our own public vehicles, they are hideous to anyone with any taste or sense of the fitness of things. Advertisements may bring revenue, but surely this is not the only consideration.

If one carries the argument of C.R.S. to the logical conclusion why not introduce advertisements everywhere—on our public buildings and monuments and round our churches.

Personally I am thankful to get a rest from such abominations wherever I can.

ANTI-AD.

OBSERVATION.

Sir—, Much has been written recently on the subject of Education and the many opportunities offered to fit ourselves to become good citizens of our Great Empire, but these could be greatly enhanced and enriched if we would develop our powers of observation.

Healthy signs are reflected in your "Echoes" columm, where one finds many interesting anecdotes on all kinds of subjects.

It is this study of detail which should be impressed on all. Let the brain be exercised more fully by the eye and when making an examination of the most casual happening try to get a lasting imprint of it on the memory, and not only observe the principle features, but round these collect as much of the detail as possible.

A little perseverance and patience to begin with will later be rewarded by such observations being made quite unconsciously.

For example:— You meet Mr. X and afterwards attempt to describe him. You know he is tall and fair but cannot remember whether he had a moustache or what was the colour of his eyes.

Such detail may appear absurd, but apply the same idea to our trades and professions. We may know the general principles of these but it is only by the study of the detail that we can get the highest efficiency and economy.

J. A. B.

SUNDAY UP THE RIVER.

My love o'er the water bends dreaming;
It glideth and glideth away:
She sees there her own beauty gleaming
Through shadow and ripple and spray.
O tell her, thou murmuring river,
As past her your light wavelets roll,
How steadfast that image for ever
Shines pure in pure depths of my soul.

JAMES THOMSON.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Thursday	7	The Barber of Seville	Rossini
Friday	7.30	Tiefland	d'Albert
Saturday	7	Tosca	Puccini
Sunday	7	Cavalleria rusticana Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo
Monday	7	The taming of the shraw	Goetz
Tuesday	7	Tosca	Puccini

GERMAN CRACKS.

Cycling Events at Sports Meetings Near Cologne.

"Colchester Rover" sends us the following details of German cycling events which take place periodically near Cologne, which we publish for the information of our readers.

Are all your readers aware, he writes, of the excellent sport which is provided by German racing cracks at the sports meetings which are held on the track near the Zoological Gardens? I think not, otherwise we should see more khaki present to swell the large crowd of civilians who flock to see the sport.

I have little to say in favour of the amateur cycling events that I have witnessed, the crawling and other tactics of the riders until the last lap being almost painful to watch, and I have wished each time that we could have had some English riders there just to show them how to ride a race. The motor paced events, however, have to my mind been great, in fact thrilling at times. I have had the pleasure of witnessing motor-paced events at distances of 10, 20, 30, and 100 kilos and I am looking forward to seeing next Sunday's events, when I believe all the German cracks and some international riders are competing. I can safely say that any of your readers who are interested in cycling at all will be more than compensated if they pay the track a visit on that day.

AMATEUR FOOTBALL.

General Resumption of League Games on Saturday.

Amateur league football will not be generally resumed until next Saturday. A number of the clubs have had trial spins, however, a feature of the play being the plenitude of goals.

Dulwich Hamlet, the popular South London club passed its twenty first season six years ago, but it will come as a surprise to amateur sportsmen to learn that the Hamlets are this winter taking part in the F.A. Cup Competition for the first time.

On Sept. 22 Hamlet will visit Woolwich Arsenal at Highbury in the L.F.A. Challenge Cup, so the first Cup Tie of the season at Champion Hill will be against the Casuals in the London Charity Competition.

At one time it was feared that the Southern Amateur League, a popular A.F.A. competition, would be unable to restart, but happily all difficulties have now been overcome and the league will restart in the early part of next month with two very good divisions. In the first division Alleyn, Carshalton, Cambridge Town, Ealing, Ipswich Town, London County, Westminster, and Parr's Bank, Merton, and Reigate Priory will compete, and, in spite of the heavy War losses these clubs have suffered, they will all be able to place strong elevens in the field. In the second division good sides will represent Aquarius. Cuac's (Commercial Union Assurance), H.A.C., Highgate, Old Owens, Old Wilsonians, Old Parkonians, and Old Haberdashers. This league, like the Isthmian, does not register its players, and fine sporting football is played in all the games.

FIRST DIVISION FIXTURES.

Football League Matches for September.

Recently we published the fixtures for the First League Clubs for August. Appended are the remaining fixtures for September:—

6—Aston Villa v. Sunderland.
6—Bradford v. Bolton Wanderers.
6—Burnley v. Notts County.
6—Chelsea v. Everton.
6—Liverpool v. Bradford City.
6—Manchester United v. Derby County.
6—Middlesbrough v. Sheffield Wednesday.
6—Newcastle United v. Arsenal.
6—Oldham Athletic v. W. Bromwich Albion.
6—Preston N.E. v. Blackburn Rovers.
6—Sheffield United v. Manchester City.
8—Arsenal v. Liverpool.
8—Derby County v. Aston Villa.
8—Everton v. Bradford.
8—Manchester City v. Oldham Ath.
8—Sheffield Wednesday v. Manchester Unit.
8—W. Bromwich Albion v. Newcastle Unit.
8—Burnley v. Bradford City.
10—Burnley v. Bolton Wanderers.
10—Bradford City v. Preston N.E.
10—Sunderland v. Chelsea.
13—Blackburn Rovers v. Burnley.
13—Bradford v. Oldham Ath.
13—Chelsea v. Newcastle United.
13—Derby County v. Bradford City.
13—Liverpool v. Aston Villa.
13—Manchester City v. Bolton Wanderers.
13—Middlesbrough v. Sheffield United.
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13—Sheffield Wednesday v. Notts County.
13—Sunderland v. Arsenal.
13—W. Bromwich Albion v. Everton.
20—Arsenal v. Sunderland.
20—Aston Villa v. Liverpool.
20—Bolton Wanderers v. Manchester City.
20—Bradford City v. Derby County.
20—Burnley v. Blackburn Rovers.
20—Everton v. W. Bromwich Albion.
20—Manchester United v. Preston North End.
20—Newcastle United v. Chelsea.
20—Notts County v. Sheffield Wednesday.
20—Oldham Athletic v. Bradford.
23—Sheffield United v. Middlesbrough.
22—Blackburn Rovers v. Middlesbrough.
24—Newcastle United v. Derby County.
27—Blackburn Rovers v. Arsenal.
27—Bradford v. Aston Villa.
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TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Thursday, September 4th, 1919.

Wind South east 5-10 m.p.h., becoming South west. Fair and warm with slight risk of thunder later. Visibility indifferent.

HARMONY AND DISCORD.

Combine to Break World's Trotting Record.

REMARKABLE TIMES.

At Parsloe's Park, Barking, on Monday afternoon Mr. Walter Winans, with his wonderful trotters, Harmony and Discord succeeded in creating two new trotting records. With Harmony he succeeded in lowering the one mile wagon record of 2 mins 52 secs., for British bred horses, which was held by his horse Discord, to 2 mins, 50 2/5 secs, and later Discord substantially reduced his own record and improved on that first established by Harmony, covering the distance in the splendid time of 2 mins 49 secs.

Finally Mr. Winans created a new world's record for driving a pair of trotters two miles, Harmony and Discord making the remarkable time of 6 mins 45 secs.

ELIMINATING ROUND.

17th Lancers v 132 King's Liverpool at Mulheim.

In the eliminating round of the C.P.C. Competition the above teams met on the 7th Squadron R.A.F. ground at Mulheim on Monday. Winning the toss 17th Lancers went in to bat and 40 runs were put up for the first wicket, but four men were out for 52. Sgt. Shenstone then arrived, and, after playing himself in, hit well until bowled by Lieut. Bailey for 42, and with further useful contributions from Lieut. Coohne (20) and Pte. Clarke 12 not out, the total reached 172. Lieut. Bailey was in capital form with the ball securing 6 wickets for 28 runs, and having hard luck in just missing his 100th wicket in C.P.C. matches. He bowled almost the whole innings keeping up his pace till the end. The ground fielding and throwing of the King's was excellent, and Lieut. Bailey brought off a very good one handed slip catch to dismiss Capt. Stany.

When the King's went in 18 was subscribed for the first wicket before Pte. Bampton put his leg in front of a straight one from Capt. Boles, and though General Potter was playing well he could get nobody to stay with him for long, C. S. M. Brown was most unfortunately hurt and was unable to resume his innings and after Gnr. Potter had played on to Capt. Boles, the remaining batsmen excepting Lieut. Bailey (11 not out) gave little trouble to Cpl. Whitfield and Capt. Boles. The latter came out with the excellent figures of 7 for 31, always keeping a good length and varying his pace cleverly. 17th Lancers thus qualified to meet 29th Batt. M.G.C. in the semi-final by a victory of 106 runs.

Score:—

17th Lancers.

Capt. Fowler b Bailey	19
Capt. Stanyforth c Bailey b Underwood	24
Capt. Boles b Bailey	1
Sgt. Sayce c Bampton b Bailey	14
Major Nicholls c Bampton b Bailey	2
Sgt. Shentone b Bailey	42
Lieut. Cooke c Noyle b Underwood	20
S.Q.M.S. Wyeth b Whitaker	6
S. M. Simpson b Whitaker	4
Pte. Clarke not out	12
Cpl. Whitfield b Bailey	0
Byes	24
Wides	1
No balls	3
Total	172

Bowling.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
Lieut. Bailey	23.3	10	28	6
Sgt. Underwood	20	4	66	2
Lieut. Whitaker	6	1	39	2
Pte. Noyle	2	0	10	0

13th King's Liverpool.

Brig.-Gen. Potter b Boles	17
Pte. Bampton l.b.w. b Boles	8
Lieut.-Col. Thurston b Boles	0
Lieut. Whitaker b Boles	2
C.S.M. Stott st Stampford b Boles	2
C.S.M. Brown retired hurt	0
Sgt. Underwood c Nicholls b Whitefield	6
Lieut. Bailey not out	11
Pte. Noyle b Boles	4
Pte. Wood c Boles b Whitefield	3
Pte. Odgen c Simpson b Boles	2
Byes	7
Leg byes	4
Total	66

Bowling.

	o.	m.	r.	w.
Capt. Boles	15	7	31	7
Capt. Fowler	11	4	14	0
Cpl. Whitefield	4	0	10	2

SEVEN-MILE COMPETITIONS.

A crowd of close on 5,000 spectators assembled along the Broadway to watch the road races arranged by the Southend Harriers in connection with the Leigh Regatta. W. P. Bruty, of Southend H., won the seven-mile walk, with a start of 16 min, in the handicap time of 47 min 57sec, and the seven-mile run fell to W. J. Clarke, of the Woodford A.C., who, with a start of 4min, covered the distance in 34min 59sec (handicap time).

TWO-DAY MATCH.

Rhine Army v. Free Foresters at Lindenthal.

COL. SPOONER'S CENTURY.

As anticipated, the two day match between the Free Foresters and the Rhine Army, which took place at Lindenthal on Sunday and Monday, provided plenty of attractive cricket. There were large attendances of interested spectators on both days. The Rhine Army batted first and compiled the fairly modest total of 116, to which the principal contributors were Capt. Dove 30, Capt. Andrews 22 and Capt. Emmerton 21. Thanks mainly to the fine stand by Capt. R. St. L. Fowler (76) and Major E. R. Morres (59) the Free Foresters reached the substantial score of 283. Major A. E. Q. Perkins also gave a delightful display for his 42. A remarkable feature of the innings was the fact that every batsman was caught, Capt. Dickinson and Lt. Veitch each accounting for two.

Reducing Arrears.

The second innings opened with the Rhine Army 167 in arrears and they set about reducing the lead in very promising style. Col. Spooner, who went first to the wicket, soon settled down and played a brilliant and faultless innings of 103, finally becoming the victim of a ball by Hartley. In his century Col. Spooner gave no chances and his placing and hard hitting were delightful to watch. The only other batsman to make a stand was Capt. Dickinson, who ran up a useful 42. The last wicket fell with the score at 209, leaving the Foresters with only 62 to get to win. This they did on the stroke of time for the loss of five wickets, Lt. Col. C. J. Blount being top scorer with 23.

The best all-round performance was that of Capt. Fowler who only took part in the first innings. In addition to scoring 76 he was remarkably successful with the ball, taking seven wickets for 27 runs.

Rhine Army.
(1st Innings).

Col. Spooner c. Hartley b. Fowler	10
Cpt. Dickinson c. Hartley b. Fowler	4
Cpt. Dove hit wicket b. Fowler	30
Cpt. Emmerton c. Perkins b. Fowler	21
Cpt. Andrews b. Fowler	22
Lt. Scotter l.b.w. b. Hartley	0
Lt. Veitch c. Hartley b. Fowler	5
Cpt. Graham b. Hartley	4
Maj. Hodgson b. Fowler	2
Lt. Deighton not out	1
Extras	17
Total	116

Free Foresters.
(1st Innings).

Maj. G.G.M. Bennett c. Hodgson b. Dickinson	4
Maj. M.L. Greenless c. Deighton b. Dickinson	8
Lt. Col. C.J. Blount c. Spooner b. Deighton	17
Brig.-Gen. E.N. Tandy c. Graham b. Dickingson	3
Capt. R.St. L. Fowler c. Dove b. Deighton	76
Lt. Col. H.F. Montgomery c. Veitch b. Dickinson	35
Maj. E R. Morres c. Dickinson b. Andrews	50
Maj. A.E.Q. Perkins c. Veitch b. Emmerton	42
Capt. C.L. Norman c. Dickinson b. Emmerton	2
Lt. Col. T.J. Hartley not out	12
Extras	19
Total	283

Rhine Army.
(2nd Innings).

Spooner b. Hartley	103
Howard c. Tandy b. Perkins	0
Dove b. Hardley	10
Andrews c. and b. Hartley	6
Dickinson c. Norman b. Montgomery	42
Emmerton b. Montgomery	2
Scotter b. Yates	12
Graham c. and b. Hartley	7
Veitch not out	16
Deighton b. Hartley	0
Hodgson b. Hartley	11
Extras	20
Total	229

Free Foresters.
(2nd Innings).

Blount c. Scotter b. Dickinson	23
Norman c. Spooner b. Andrews	8
Yates not out	12
Tandy b. Andrews	0
Bennett b. Andrews	9
Greenless c. Andrews b. Dickinson	0
Montgomery not out	5
Morres, Perkins, Hartley, Fowler — Did not bat	
Extras	6
Total	63

IMPORTANT SWIMMING EVENTS.

Several important swimming events are down for decision during the present week, chief among them being the Southern Counties A.S.A. 100 yards championship at Woolwich Baths, to-day, under the auspices of the Invicta Royal Laboratory S.C.

At the same gala the Southern Counties Junior Ladies' Team Championship will be decided, the draw being as follows:—

1. Holloway United S.C., 2 Battersea Ladies S.C., 3 Hammersmith Ladies' S.C.

Each team will consist of four competitors, who will in turn swim a distance between 50 and 67 yards. Holloway United S.C. have proved successful each year since 1912, with Battersea Ladies runners-up on each occasion.

GREAT SPORTS.

"F" Battery, A.A.R.A. hold Successful Meeting at Bocklemund.

HIGH STANDARD.

"F" Battery, A.A.R.A. lived up to their reputation on Sunday, when they held one of the most successful Sports Meetings witnessed in Rhineland at their ground Bocklemund.

Despite threatening weather, everything went off splendidly. It is of note that although the Battery is well under strength owing to an epidemic of demobilization the entries for all events were exceptionally numerous and a very high standard of athletics was displayed, particularly in the high jump, putting the shot and in the sprints. One item that added much to the amusement of the afternoon was a very novel band race suggested by the N.C.O. i/c the band. The band was present by the kind permission of Lt.-Col. F.C. Longbourne, C.M.G., D.S.O., Cmdg. 11th Battn. "The Queens." Other interesting features were a V.C. race (mounted) and an exhibition of tent-pegging. And last, but not least there was no delay between events and the meeting ended absolutely on schedule time.

At the close very useful and valuable prizes were presented by Lt.-Col. C.A. Mortimore, D.S.O., R.F.A., Commander A.A. Defences, British Army of the Rhine, for the following events:—

100 yards:—1, Gnr. Cooper; 2, Bdr. Hollway; 3, Lt. Flavell.

Putting the shot:—1, Gnr. Chapman; 2, Gnr. Mason.

220 yards:—1, Gnr. Hallam; 2, Gnr. Cooper; 3, Bdr. Hollway.

Three legged race:—1, Gnr. Perkins and Gnr. Williams; 2, Gnr. Vaughan and Bdr. Hollway.

High jump:—1, Bdr. Dudley; 2, Gnr. Cooper.

440 yards:—1, Gnr. Cooper; 2, Lt. Flavell; 3, Bdr. Hollway.

Tug-of-war:—1, No. 1 Coy. Nthn. Div. Train; 2, 6 Sec., "F" Bty., A.A.R.A.

V.C. race:—Driver Bowes, R.A.S.C.

Long jump:—1, Bdr. Collinge; 2, Bdr. Hollway.

880 yards:—1, Bdr. Collinge; 2, Gnr. Hallam; 3, Cpl. Burbridge.

Boot race:—1, Gnr. Bissett; 2, Gnr. Williams.

Pillow fight:—1, Bdr. Hollway; 2, Gnr. Edwards.

Band race:—1, Pte. Chapman; 2, Pte. Harms.

One mile race:—1, Gnr. Massey; 2, Cpl. Evans; 3, Dvr. Donaldson.

Consolation race:—1, Pte. Clarson; 2, Pte. Hinkins; 3, Bdr. Matthews.

Ladies' race:—1, Miss Hackman; 2, Miss Burgess; 3, Miss Sharpe.

Tent pegging:—1, Lt. R. Carfax-Bayley, R.G.A., 2, C.Q.M.S. Sabine, R.A.S.C.

VI CORPS CHAMPIONSHIP.

35th BDE. R.G.A. Win Tug-of-War Contest.

On Monday at Frechen the 35th Bde. R.G.A. 100st. team beat 3rd Bn. M.G.C. after two strenuous pulls.

The team was as follows:—

Driver Callagham 111 H.B.; Driver Hart 111 H.B., Bdr. Bromwell 145 H.B., Gnr. Staveley 170 S.B., Gnr. White 170 S.B., Gnr. Sell 267 S.B., Gnr. Revell 267 S.B., Gnr. Westwood 267 S.B., Gnr. Wright 267 S.B., Bdr. Nesbit 267 S.B., Trainer-B.S.M. Byne 267 Siege Battery.

BRITAIN AND AMERICA.

Suggested Inter-Allied Rhineland Competitions.

We learn from Coblentz that Promoter Reis is anxious to arrange boxing matches between members of the British and the American forces; weights in the region of 10st. If permission for such matches could be secured, Promoter Reis would arrange the the matter of expense of British boxers journeying to Coblentz to participate in the events and would find American boxers who would box British personnel in Cologne.

The Americans are also wishing, we hear, to arrange football matches with British teams, about the end of this month and the beginning of October.

As there is no better way of fostering the 'esprit des Allies' than by holding sports matches we sincerely hope that this matter may be taken up by sports officers at this end. "The Cologne Post" is ever anxious to do what it can in such matters and will undertake to forward any officially sanctioned challenges sent into this office. Envelopes should be plainly endorsed "American Matches."

NURSERY PROBLEMS.

The chief claim to distinction of the Lewes meeting this week is that it inaugurates the nursery season. These nurseries constitute some puzzles, especially at the outset, but the public seem to like wrestling with the problems presented.

ZULANDA IN FORM.

There is no stopping Zulanda just now, and Mr. Wootton's mare won her third consecutive race when she defeated London Pride, Ninon, and others in the County Mid-Weight Handicap. Zulanda, like Dynamo, is by Turbine, and that sire is thus looming very large at present.

C.P.C. SEMI-FINAL.

93rd Bde R.G.A. defeat Lowland Div. M. T. Coy.

WEIGHT SCORES 100.

In excellent weather the above teams met in the semi final round for the "Cologne Post" Cricket Cup, at Mulheim, yesterday. Batting first the Lowland Div. M. T. Coy very soon found themselves discomfited by the bowling of Weight who kept an excellent length throughout, taking 5 wickets for 8 runs. The bowling of Symthe was also exceedingly good; he accounted for 5 wickets for 13 runs. No one in the Lowland Div. M. T. reached double figures. Apart from the bowling the only outstanding feature was a brilliant catch at square leg by Palliser.

After the luncheon hour Lowland Div. M. T. Coy took the field and Ellis and Palliser opened for 93rd Bde. R.G.A. Batting steadily for some time the pair managed to withstand the bowling of Biles, until Ellis was caught out by Collett. Palliser had compiled 22 when he too was caught. After playing steadily for 23 Rushton, the next batsman was bowled by a ticklish ball from Biles. Smythe followed and scored 14 being caught out by Collett. Meanwhile Weight who went in second was batting steadily against the rather difficult bowling of Biles. When Wilson relieved Smythe, Weight was within an ace of his century. Wilson was caught by Evans for 4 just after Weight, by a series of ones and twos, completed his century. The batting of Weight and the bowling of Biles were the chief features of the afternoon. The respective scores were 93rd R.G.A. 183 for 5; Lowland Div. M. T. Coy 27. Thus the 93rd Bde. R.G.A. now enter into the final against the winners of to-day's match between 17th Lancers and 29th M.G.C. Scores:—

Lowland Div. M.T. Coy.

Cater b. Weight	1
Senior c. Bloomfield b. Smythe	2
Pocock b. Weight	4
Robinson c. Herchran b. Smythe	4
Thompson b. Smythe	1
Crowther c. Palliser b. Smythe	1
Boles c. McLeod b. Weight	1
Collette b. Smythe	1
Brentrall not out	1
Lt. Whatmore b. Weight	6
Lt. Evans b. Weight	0
Byes	5
Total	27

93rd Bde. R.G.A.

Ellis c. Collett b. Byles	11
Palliser c. Evans b. Pocock	22
Weight not out	100
Rushton b. Byles	23
Smythe c. Collett b. Byles	14
Wilson c. Evans b. Byles	4
Byes	9
Total	183 for 5 wickets.

ST. LEGER SWEEPSTAKE RESULTS.

Northern Divisional Signal Coy, R.E.

Following are the Northern Divisional Signal Coy, R.E., St. Leger Sweepstake results:—

Name of horse	Ticket No.
Avatar	0085
Dominion	0124
Milton	389
Bayuda	428
Chuette	0077
Elsinore	0582
Atrocity	0111
Sardis	234
Keysoe	292
Madamoiselle Foch	0046
Dark Magic	209
Makepeace	0066
Cypher	437
Flower Bed	0036
Jackdale	0589
Sabian	0638
Fitzclarence	0571
Kings Idler	0626
Clarion	0054
Comet	0697
Eton Rambler	341
Fire King	226
Dorect	0573
Splutter	146
Mintama	144
Missouri	0093
Sea Plant	0016
Precaution	0039

WHAT OUGHT TO BE.

The amateur player ought to be placed in this position:—He should be able to protect himself and the club for which he plays from the poaching efforts of other clubs; his registration as an amateur should automatically lapse at the end—of each season, and he should be free to play the following season for any club he chooses; a transfer fee should not be payable in respect to any amateur transferred during the playing season unless he becomes a professional in that season. To carry through these reforms the co-operation of the F.A. and the leagues is necessary, and they would be doing great service to the game says Legislator, in the "Sunday Express," if they would give effect to these proposals.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Merry Micks at the Leave Club.

The Merry Micks on Tuesday evening gave a most successful concert at the B.E.L.C. The very large audience was thoroughly entertained from start to finish. The concert party is indeed to be congratulated on their excellent pianist, Mr. Weeks, who accompanied throughout and also gave an extremely fine rendering of Tannhauser's March followed by some very clever imitations on the piano. Mr. Haworth contributed some tenor songs which were much appreciated and the humorous items caused much amusement especially Mr. Livingstone's songs in costume. Mr. McCracken's is an excellent concert party and his own ragtime songs and dances were very popular numbers. The chorus songs were among the most finished heard at the club.

Miss Cloud at Bonn.

In their tour of the 10th Corps Area Miss Doris Cloud's Concert Party favoured Bonn Y. M. C. A. with two visits last week, performing on Monday and Saturday to large, enthusiastic audiences. Miss Cloud possesses a magic touch where violin-playing is concerned and is to be congratulated upon the exceedingly capable company she has gathered round her. Certainly, the audiences were more than satisfied, the applause being unstinted, and the recalls numerous. The duets of Miss Dorothy Trenaman and Miss Edith Bingham Hall were in perfect balance the purity of tone, and beauty of enunciation showing fine understanding and rare co-operation. As an elocutionist, Miss Stella Hackman revealed considerable histrionic ability and power, while Mr. Moreland Hay, as humourist and discriptive pianist was quite a host in himself. In her pianoforte selections, and as accompanist, Miss Lottie Hilliard evidenced a mastery of technique and power of expression that did much to ensure the success of the entertainment. But the excellent was merged in the super-excellent in the unique demonstration of Miss Doris Cloud with her violin, for her skill, vivacity, and emotional expression were simply compelling of admiration and applause. While the leader is to be complimented on her splendid company, the company is to be congratulated upon possessing such a talented leader, and the Y. M. C. A. amusements section are fortunate in securing the services of such a fine combination of first class artistes.

JACQUES.

BECKETT WINS.

The result of the great fight at Olympia on Tuesday night was a win for Beckett in the seventeenth round presumably by a knock-out. The Englishman showed his superiority from the commencement. Beckett will now make preparations for the battle of his life with Carpentier. Details of the fight will appear in tomorrow's issue.

THE BREEDERS' St. LEGER DERBY.

At Derby yesterday the Breeders' St. Leger was won by Chuette belonging to Capt. Davy. Details:—

(1) Chuette (Capt. Davy).
(2) Mademoiselle Foch (Maj. J. Paget).
(3) Dominion (Ld. Glanelly).

TRAINER AND JOCKEY SUSPENDED.

Sequence to King Sol's Unsatisfactory Running at Hurst Park.

After Hurst Park August meeting, following a statement by Weatherbys, the stewards reported to the Stewards Jockey Club that they were dissatisfied with the running of King Sol in the Nonsuch Handicap. Subsequent to investigation the Stewards Jockey Club announced yesterday that they were satisfied that the Jockey had not persevered with his horse when he should have done and withdrew his license. They further found that the trainer, Batho, had run the horse, although he had been eased in his work and had given instructions to the jockey which accounted in great measure for the manner in which the horse was ridden and, consequently, also withdrew his licence.

The owner, Mr. Cuncliffe Owen was absolved from blame.

ENGLISH RACING RESULTS.

Derby results on Tuesday were as follows:—

BREADSALL SELLING PLATE:—1, Pren (20—1), Savile Row (7—1) dead heat; 2, Spirt (6—1).

SHIPLEY HALL SELLING PLATE:—1, Jameson (5—1); 2, Clondir; 3, Bathurst (7—2).

FRIARY NURSERY PLATE:—1, Firework (100—7); 2, Statuary (9—4); 3, Sorghum (5—7).

CHAMPION BREEDERS FOAL STAKES:—1, Bright Filly (5—4 on); 2, Prince Herod (9—4); Pelops (7—4).

HARTINGTON PLATE:—1, Heir-at-law (7—2); 2, Grey Cloak (7—1); 3, Off Shoot (7—1).

BYRKLEY MAIDEN PLATE:— 1. Placidia (2—1); 2, Eagless (6—1); 3, Mardnon (7—2).

BELPER MAIDEN PLATE:— 1, Rose Acre (5—2); 2, Powerful (7—4); 3, Mikita (6—1).

LEWES DETAILS.

CASTLE HANDICAP:—1, Jack Sheppard (3—1), 2, Double Deck (5—4), 3, Vendeme (8—1).

SOUTHDOWN HANDICAP:—1, Antipater (5—1); 2, Monazite (3—1); 3, Border Don (100—8).

THREE YEAR OLD HANDICAP:— Green Fly 1, (9—2); My Bombardier 2, (9—2); Marcopolis 3, (6—4).

MODERATE PLATE:—1, Device (8—1); 2, Planet (11—8 on); 3, Bergmeuse (2—1).

MAIDEN PLATE:— 1, Tartrazine (15 to 8 on); 2, Maid of the Mountains (7—2); 3, The Badger (20—1).

SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP:—1, Tresham (10—1); 2, Clunlaw (5—1); 3, Verna (9—1).

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Trainer's two Winners.

Cecil Young, who has just been granted a trainer's licence, is carrying on at Fiadon, and saddled two winners at Gatwick. He is the son of the late Tommy Young, and a fine cross-country rider.

Age and Youth.

Age has more than held its own with youth in county cricket and novices have performed much doughty deeds with the aplomb of veterans as to raise great hopes of our future international contests.

Seaplane Race.

Among annual events which had to be postponed during the war was the international seaplane Race for the Jacques Schneider Trophy and Prize of £1,000, the last one of its kind being held in 1914. This competition is now to be decided after a lapse of five years, on Sept. 10, at Bournemouth.

Exit the Panther.

The Panther has gradually developed a spavin, but this is the sole reason for his scratching the St. Leger. This will probably be Sir Alec Black's last season as an owner. When a man's state of health prevents him attending meetings there is not much interest in his being an owner.

Fine Horseman.

F. Davies is a fine all-round little horseman, and this winter he intends riding over hurdless for Godfrey's Epsom stable.

Dulwich Hopes.

It is hoped by Mr. G. C. Wheeler that Dulwich Hamlet will celebrate his twentieth year as hon. secretary by making a good show in the English Cup Competition.

World's Record.

The Royal Aero Club has entered the speed of Captain Gathergood's machine in the Victory Aerial Derby, which reached an average of 129.3 miles per hour, as the world's record for an aeroplane flying in a closed circuit.

Racing Improves.

The general improvement in racing last week should continue for some time, for training conditions are returned to normal, and with the start of the Nurseries fields will doubtless be larger and winners far more difficult to spot.

Imposing Array.

The list of exhibitors at the Olympia Show in November has just been issued, and an imposing array of names famous in the motor-car industry is revealed, despite the fact that the products of the Central Empires are very properly debarred from the Exhibition.

Miners and Soccer.

A great football boom is expected in the Leicestershire colliery districts which are covered by the Coalville Amateur League.

No Wailing.

The most refreshing point of the season's cricket has been the absence of the customary wail about the dulness of the batting.

Sussex Success.

The three miles Sussex champion, A. M. J. Pratt, R.F.A., won a five miles invitation scratch race at the Sizaire-Berwick A.A. sports at Park Royal by 20 yards from A. Marshall (Brighton Ry. A.C.) in 2 mins. 57 2-5secs.

Welsh Refusals.

Northern Union agents are busy in Wales, but apparently with little success. It is said that three prominent members of the Swansea Rugby Club have turned down attractive offers from a well-known N.U. club.

Ambitious Bath.

Bath City Club have now made an important step towards realising their ambition of becoming one of the leading clubs in the west of England. They have taken the well-known Bath Horse Show ground, which is beautifully situated beside the Avon.

An early Decision.

At a meeting of the committee of the Worcestershire Cricket Club it was decided to enter for the County Championship next season. Mr. F. S. Jewell will captain the side, and Mr. H. Taylor will play.

Veterans in Form.

The astonishingly fine form of cricketers whom by reason of their burden of years, we had come to fear had outlived their stage of usefulness would in itself have been sufficient to make this season a memorable one.

Not Enough Pitches.

During the past week or two it has become increasingly evident that there are not nearly enough football pitches to go round, and many a youth will during the season just upon us be forced to become a watcher instead of an active participator in the national game.

Well to Remember.

It is well to remember that at the present time old and young pigeons are heavy in moult, and that while they are shedding old feathers and growing new ones it is advisable to give the birds a liberal supply of food or they will not grow the good feathers on which their next season's success will depend.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

More Appreciation.

Our file of newspaper cuttings contains scores of notices in appreciation of the "Cologne Post." Innate modesty has prevented us publishing all these, but we take this opportunity of publishing this extract from a recent issue of the "Manchester Guardian.":—

I have just received from a correspondent at the front a number of the Cologne Post, a daily paper (in English) published by the Army of the Rhine. Though made in Germany, its four substantial sheets are British in sentiment—tempered by perfect feeling and good taste. "Wake up, England!" and "The Industrial Situation" are the titles of its more important articles, and most of the items are about doings at home. The advertisements form a sort of directory for the local supply of British needs in churches, clubs, sports, and even the art of dancing in regard to such mysteries as the teaching of "one-step, fox-trot, hesitation, and jazz." The "What to see in Rhineland" gives a sympathetic account of places of interest in the neighbourhood of Cologne. The great literary feature of the day's issue is a fine poem. "Soldiers 1914-1918," from the pen of Lieutenant W. Romaine Paterson—the "Benjamin Swift" of a wellknown pseudonym. From start to finish there is nothing to wound the most sensitive German, and everything to cheer the Briton yet awaiting the Nirvana of demobilization.

Poor Pussy.

At the Zoological Gardens in a small cage labelled 'Haus Cat' is to be found what appears to be quite an ordinary harmless cat, who in response to signs of affection purrs in the manner common to all four legged cats. All lovers of the feline species are grieved to see the animal in captivity.

"Traffic Sense."

An officer who motors a good deal on duty in Rhineland complains that though he has motored in many towns in many countries he is forced to the conclusion that nowhere can there be such a total absence of traffic sense among the pedestrian inhabitants as in Cologne. Children all over the world are the same and always will be, he says, and no motor driver can ever rely on what they will do on the road. Women and hens generally are erratic, starting to cross too late and changing their minds in the middle. But in London, Paris, Buenos Aires, New York—to mention a few places—pedestrians seem to have a sense of self-preservation ingrained in them. They keep to the foot paths, look on all sides before crossing a busy street, rarely cross in front of a tramcar, etc etc. Not so in Cologne, however.

Oblivions of cars.

Here he says we find opulent looking civilians walking up the centre of the street, or holding little conferences with their friends in the middle of a busy thoroughfare, oblivious to the fact that there is such a thing as wheeled traffic. Frequently when a crowd waits for a tram car, it does so in the road, and judging from appearances seems to labour under a sense of injustice when requested to move by the sound of a racous "Klaxon." One would have imagined that the practical and active German mind would not have suffered from this street somnolence. How is it? I would suggest that the German populace was so permeated with officialdom that it has been hand-fed and wet-nursed even in the streets, or, perhaps owing to absence of rubber tyres during the war, has become accustomed to noisy ironshod wheels and loud open exhausts, that even now the quiet gliding British motor cars are still a novelty. Is there any other explanation?

The Urfthalsperre.

This is a very interesting spot to visit, being not far from Gemünd and easily approachable. This enormous reservoir was constructed to afford waterpower and electric lighting for the manufacturing districts of Aix-la Chapelle and Düren and fills up the valley of the river Urft for a distance of 5½ miles with a width varying from 100 yards to half mile (depth 100 feet). This dam almost challenges comparison with the Nile dam at Assuan which it exceeds in height (170 feet) and width (18—180), though much inferior in length (250 yards, Nile Dam 2150 yards long, 130 feet high and 23—98 feet thick). The dam on the Urft is, however, the longest in Europe and is well worth a visit.

A Gallant Rescue.

A gallant rescue by a man of the Sherwood Foresters has just come to light. Last month a German boy was swimming in the Rhine and got into difficulties, Pte. Ganley, 53rd Battalion Sherwood Foresters, who was seventy yards away at the time, swam to his assistance, and succeeded in bringing him ashore. But for his prompt assistance, the boy would have been drowned.

Another Act of Courage.

Another act of courage was performed by Sapper F. Gogarth, R E. On August 10th a sergeant who was bathing in the river at Honrath got into difficulties, and called for help. Hogarth who was on the bank, immediately dived into the river, and without any regard to his personal safety made repeated efforts to rescue the N.C.O.

The Discovery.

Many will readily call to mind the highly coloured "art" view-postcards, which used to be on sale in many English shops. Often the subjects were rural. One remembers a gently sloping landscape rich in trees, bearing most wonderful blossom, charming meadows of astonishingly green grass, and most picturesque and quaint "black-and white" cottages, whose tenants one would imagine to be never finished with whitewash and brush. Over all, an atmosphere of perfect peace and contentment, but one could not help wondering where on earth such a valley of charm could be found. An evening ramble, say, from Opladen in the Leichlingen direction, will reveal this valley. "Everything is there, complete." The delighted rambler will see the same spick-and-span cottages, the same meadows and hillsides, while, as far as the blossom, the many orchards, filled with apple and pear trees, give an idea of the wonderful display of blossom there must have been in the late springtime. Would that this particular rambler had been there to see it. Happy revelation—the apparently impossible picture represented on the penny postcard was simply a reproduction of a coloured photograph of this very locality!

The Meaning.

A correspondent writes: — I notice a correspondent asks what is the meaning of the words cut in one of the paving stones near the Dom. Is not the meaning "Here was standing the Roman North portal"? Perhaps, however, other readers have fuller knowledge.

Strange to Them.

An English schoolboy spending his holidays in Cologne and wearing the regular British public school cap has been the object of much curiosity in the streets. The populace cannot grasp the significance of his cap and gaze openmouthed at it. The youth has been sadly embarrassed at the attention thus paid to him, and as he passes along the thoroughfares heads are turned and eyes stare at what is evidently a phenomenon in headgear to those at any rate who have never been in England.

Re-echoes.

Overheard in the Officers' Club. Major: "I'm sorry General Botha's dead." Subaltern: "Yes, Sir, it will be a loss to the Salvationists."

It is estimated that the amount of lager beer consumed in Cologne during August exceeds that of any previous month since 1914.

There is a German brand of boot polish on sale in Rhineland with directions printed on the tin in English. These wind up with the warning: "Imitators will be persecuted".

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's winners are Signaller Cpl. H.G. Bird 2/1 North Midland H.B., R.G.A., Rhine Army, Gunner J. Morrow 153 Siege Battery, R.G.A. Rhine Army and Sapper W. R. Fowler, R.E. Wireless Section 6th Corps, Rhine Army.

THINGS PEOPLE SAY.

War has shown that the nations of the Empire can combine to act as a single state in defence of their common institutions and ideals. This was a feature least expected by our enemies.—The Prince of Wales.

It is no use trusting to laws. The laws may be as good as possible, but you will never break profiteering; that can only be done by the powerful will of the people. — Mr. H. Callijin, Ex-Minister of War for the Netherlands.

Who are the offensively rich people who swagger about everywhere, their wives smothered in jewels, who spend money like water in every direction? Who *are* these people? For the most part they are the profiteers. — Viscountess Templetown.

I am not much afraid of Bolshevism in this country. We are not given to violent outbreaks, and we have a wholesome distrust of the insane idealists whom Napoleon called "idealogues." Besides, it is hope, not despondency, which makes revolutions, and we shall soon be driven to see that the outlook is not hopeful.—Dean Inge.

We are suffering from an inevitable reaction. The war proved that the people of this country were determined to make every possible effort to secure victory. Everyone, practically speaking, did everything that he could, and worked to the limit of endurance. And the coming of peace found everyone worn out.—Mr. J. H. Thomas.

The Prince has come among us for the first time, but not as a stranger. The youth of Canada who has returned from glorious service for the great cause of freedom and justice, hails him as a comrade. He comes as a Canadian in the higher sense.—Sir Robert Borden.

Although it would be idle to deny that the industrial and financial situation in Great Britain is exceedingly grave, it would not be unduly optimistic to state that matters are not so black as they are generally painted. — Sir Auckland Geddes.

Unless the Government is able to make some provision for the large numbers of men who are bound to be unemployed during the winter months, there is likely to be very serious trouble throughout the country.—Mr. J. I. Brownlie.

One of the greatest assets of the Christian religion is a sense of humour. —Dr. H. Lynn Hough.

AROUND AND ABOUT.

BRITISH MUSEUM TREASURES.

How the treasures of the British Museum were protected during the air raids is now told. When it became known that air raids were likely to take place the most important among the portable objects in the departments of antiquities, including the Frieze of the Parthenon, the best of the Greek vases and bronzes, the chief Assyrian bas-reliefs, the Rosetta Stone, and the finest objects of mediaeval art, together with practically the whole collection of coins and medals, were transferred to a station on the newly-completed postal tube railway some fifty feet below the surface of Holborn. The most precious literary and artistic treasures were transferred to the National Library of Wales at Aberystwyth, and a small selection of exceptionally valuable printed books was housed by Mr. C. Dyson Perrins in the strong room of his house near Malvern. The sculptures, which were too heavy for removal to the Tube, were protected by sandbags. Much of the glass and china which could not be removed was protected against the risk of concussion by being stored in packing cases. As soon as the armistice was signed, the restoration of the museum was taken in hand.

ENGLAND'S ORATOR PRINCE.

We have had sailor princes and soldier princes and boy princes before now in our island story. Besides being affectionately known by these titles, the Prince of Wales, though scarcely half through his Canadian tour, has acquired others, such as the People's Prince and the Democratic Prince, to say nothing of "Sir Galahad of the Royal Household" bestowed upon him by the leader of the Canadian Opposition. The latest coinage of the Dominion Press is "England's Orator Prince." The Prince had given a taste of his quality in this direction before he left home, and undoubtedly he possesses the gift of happy expression. He will have abundant opportunity of cultivating the art during his overseas tours.

SENT TO THE ARCHANGELS.

The little boy who thought his father had gone to heaven because he had gone to Skye is to be matched by an aged cottage-body with whom the writer was lodging in a remote Midland village a month or two since.

One morning she asked him if it was far to Russia. He said some of it was much further away than other parts, but why did she want to know? She said that they had sent her son—a fisherman who had joined the Navy—there, and that she would never see him again, and fell a-sobbing.

Her lodger did his best to comfort her, assuring her that people came back from Russia as from other foreign parts.

"Not from where they've sent him," she said. "I shall never see him again, not on earth." "But why?" "They've sent him," said she, "to the Archangels."

CHEER FOR THE LIMBLESS.

Judge Corley and Mr. Michael Dowling, two Americans, have been addressing many meetings at home at which they preached hope to limbless soldiers. They are qualified to deliver their message, for both suffered, and have surmounted, grave physical disabilities. Judge Corley has no hands. Yet, with the assistance of several little devices, he accomplishes a multitude of tasks, and is able to perform every needful office for himself.

Hobbies that he cultivates with assiduity include card-playing, gardening, croquet, and swimming; and he also drives a motor car. By means of one appliance he smartly opened his purse, extracted a coin, and, imitating a transaction, as readily returned the change to the receptacle. A bulky travelling case was next lifted by him on to a chair, the straps unfastened, and the contents of the valise spread out on a table. Employing the elbow only, he then proceeded to wind his watch, and went on to show how he used a fork, wrote, shaved, and fastened his collar and tie.

Mr. Dowling lacks both feet, part of the left forearm, and the fingers of his right hand. The demonstration given by him proved equally amazing. Both visitors impressed upon the maimed the advisability of cultivating the mind rather than attempting to enter into manual competition as a means of livelihood with men in possession of complete physical powers. "Perseverance" is their advice reiterated again and again to those who fear that never will the equipment supplied enable them to move about and enjoy life like their uninjured fellows.

EDUCATION CLASSES.

A new course has just started for G.H.Q. Troops, at the Army General and Commercial College, Hansaring. Classes are daily in the afternoons and evenings.

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FROM EVERYWHERE.

No ears.—In a litter of five rabbits at Faversham is one without ears.

Their Record.—During the war 28,000 Scouts did duty on the coasts.

Municipal houses.—Nottingham's municipal cottages are to cost £1,000 each.

The Premier.—The Premier is to receive the freedom of Nottingham next month.

Unwanted.—Edmonton District Council does not want a public market.

To cost more.—Corsets will cost still more next spring, since the workers will receive a substantial advance in wages.

The popular Prince.—At Toronto the Prince of Wales was hauled from his horse by admirers.

Tobacco in Perpetuity.—A fund has been raised to maintain in perpetuity the contents of a tobacco box presented at Bath.

The Cost.—South Wales black and white riots cost the ratepayers £3,000 in damages.

Entente Sports.—French and British children met in friendly rivalry fn sports at Deauville.

Bronchial Villa.—The bungalow of the Ministry of Labour is known as "Bronchial Villa."

Slump in Weddings.—There is a slump in weddings at home owing to house shortage.

Harmful.— A specialist regards the week-end habit as harmful to nervous people.

Next Year's Show.—The Royal Agricultural Society's show for 1920 will be held at Darlington.

Gravediggers Find.—A Cromford gravedigger discovered two pigs of lead of Roman Conquest period.

Slack Business.—Ormskirk's official rat catcher, who is paid by results, only earned 2s 8d last month.

The Sequel.—The consequence of the new wages award to bakers is that the price of bread is to be increased.

The First.—The first Council to exercise its powers under the profiteering Act is Wood Green.

No Christmas Boxes.—Upper Holloway postmen say they will not solicit Christmas boxes in future.

What they want.—Blyth teachers are asking for £300 a year for the lowest grade of teacher.

Wayside Memorial.—The Bishop of Leeds has unveiled a wayside cross in memory of fallen heroes of Ripon.

Leaving the Union.—All the South Wales police force have withdrawn from the Police Union.

No Room.—Military married folk are finding the house problem very acute at Aldershot.

Band Strike Threat.—Alleging that they are receiving less pay than the police, a Bath orchestra threatens to down instruments.

Peace Night.—"The Great day" a new Drury Lane play, will have a scene depicting London on Peace night.

"Temporaries" to go.—Male temporary clerks in the Post Office have been invited to look out for other employment.

Germany Pays.—Germany has paid the fine of £40,000 imposed for the murder of the French Sergeant Mannheim.

Lord Dalmeny.—It is stated on high authority that Lord Dalmeny is to become High Commissioner of Egypt.

Wales's Bit.—What Wales did in the Great War has been made the subject of a book.

For the War Office.—It is an interesting rumour that connects the name of Sir Hamar Greenwood with the War Office.

The Late King.—A start has been made at Bath with the erection of a memorial to King Edward.

Silver going up.—The continued rising of the price of silver has upset the equanimity of the small wedding present buyers.

A Consolation.—It is said that the Chancellor of the Exchequer is receiving more from the super and income taxes than he estimated.

At their Word.—A family bound for their holidays put up this notice for tradesman; "All away; leave nothing." Burglars took them at their word.

Lighting of M.T. Vehicles.—All M.T. vehicles carry a front light on the near side of the car, and a rear light to show up the identification number.

Regimental Associations.—A regimental association has been formed by the 5th and 6th Battalions, Royal Warwick Regiment, with headquarters at Birmingham.

Oxon and Bucks L.I.—The Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry will hold their annual reunion and dinner at Cowley on September 13.

Unnecessary Tips.—Recently a titled Y.M.C.A. lady was surprised to discover a twopenny tip on the table where she had been assisting.

The Senior Steward.—A most interesting addition to the ranks of owners is Mr. Percy la Touche, the senior Steward of the Irish Turf Club.

An application.—"The Postmaster,—We the undermentionables respectfully beg to ask if we may take the following dates as war leave granted."

Hard Worked.—Mr. Adamson, the chairman of the Labour Party, was in town nearly all last week in reference to labour disputes.

No Return Fixed.—The length of Mr. Lloyd George's stay in France depends on the weather and the improvement to his health.

Too much money.—There is so much ready money in the Rhine Provinces, that the savings banks refuse to accept further deposits except at 2 per cent. interest.

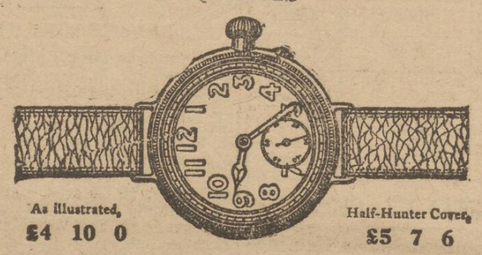

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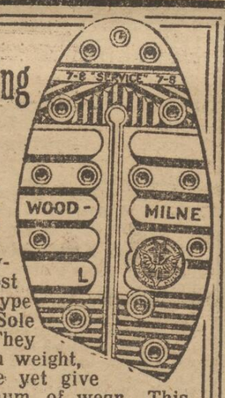

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AUSTRIA AND PEACE.

ALLIES STERN REJOINDER TO DELEGATES' PLEA OF IGNORANCE.

FIVE DAYS ALLOWED FOR ACCEPTANCE.

AUSTRIAN TREATY.

DELEGATES SEEK TO EVADE RESPONSIBILITY.

Yesterday the text was published of the covering letter which accompanies the revised text of the Austrian Treaty and a detailed reply to the Austrian counter-proposals. In the course of the letter the Supreme Council of the Allies says:

"The Allied and Associated Powers have given most careful consideration to the draft treaty of peace. The Austrian delegation objects to the draft treaty on the ground that in view of the dissolution of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy, Austria ought not to be treated as an enemy state at all and that in consequence she ought not to be made in any special way, inheritor of responsibilities in regard to reparation to which the Austro-Hungarian monarchy would undoubtedly be liable and which still exist.

"As the observations point to a fundamental misconception of the responsibilities of the people of Austria, the Allied and Associated Powers feel it necessary to state the principles which they consider must be applied to the settlement of the late war so far as Austria is concerned.

"The people of Austria, together with their neighbours the people of Hungary, bear in a peculiar degree the responsibility for the calamities which have befallen Europe in the last five years. The war was precipitated by an ultimatum presented to Serbia by the Government in Vienna and requiring acceptance within 48 hours of a series of demands which amounted to the destruction of the independence of a neighbouring sovereign state. The Royal Government of Serbia accepted within the prescribed time all the demands, except those which involved virtual surrender of its independence, yet the Austro-Hungarian Government immediately opened hostilities against Serbia, thereby deliberately sett to the train which led directly versal war.

"It is now evident that this ultimatum was no more than an insincere excuse for beginning the war for which the late autocratic Government in Vienna, in close association with the rulers of Germany, had long prepared and for which it considered the time had arrived. The presence of Austrian guns at the siege of Liege and Namur is further proof of the intimate association of the Government of Vienna with the Government of Berlin in its plot against public law and the liberties of Europe."

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PEOPLE.

The letter goes on to point out the responsibility of the Austrian people for the acts of the Austrian Government and says.

"Had the people of Austria in the years preceding the war endeavoured to curb the militarist and dominating spirit by which the Government of the Hapsburg monarchy was animated: Had they made any effectual protest against the war or refused to assist and support their rulers in prosecuting it, some attention might now be paid to their plea. But the fact that in Vienna the war was acclaimed on its outbreak; that the people of Austria were ardent supporters of it from start to finish and that they did nothing to dissociate themselves from the policy of their Government until they had been defeated in the field makes it clear that according to every canon of justice they must be held to bear their full measure of responsibility for the crime which brought such misery on the world.

"There is the further fact that the Hapsburg system became in essence a system for maintaining the ascendancy of the German and Magyar peoples over the majority of the inhabitants of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy. This ancient and effete autocracy with militarist traditions was maintained in existence through the vigorous support of the inhabitants of Austria and of Hungary because it gave to them a position of political and economic domination over their fellow subjects. It was this policy of racial ascendancy and oppression, to which the people of Austria gave their steady support, which was one of the deeper causes of the war.

"In the opinion, therefore, of the Allied and Associated Powers it is impossible to admit the plea of the Austrian delegation that the people of Austria do not share the responsibility of the Government which provoked the war or that they ought to escape the duty of making reparation, to the utmost of their capacity, to those whom they and the Government they sustained have so grievously wronged."

THE FINAL TERMS.

After outlining the economic concessions which the Allies are prepared to make, the reply continues: "As regards the territorial limits established for the Republic of Austria, the Allied and Associated Powers are unable to admit any modifications in their decisions already communicated. In general the Allied and Associated Powers have endeavoured to determine the boundaries of states formed out of the late Austro-Hungarian monarchy in such equitable way as to conduce to the lasting peace of Central Europe.

"Thus they have drawn for Czecho-Slovakia the historical frontiers of the crown of Bohemia. In the case of Yugo-Slavia the Powers have as far as possible followed the admitted linguistic boundary. As regards Hungary they have included within Austria, certain German speaking districts hitherto included within the Hungarian frontier.

"They believe the frontiers now arranged are those which will best guarantee the existence of all the peoples concerned, including Austrian, without exposing them to anarchy or internecine competition. The League of Nations, to which the Powers hope the Republic of Austria will be admitted at a very early date, will not only protect the rights of all signatories to the treaty, but will create means whereby such adjustments as facts or changing circumstances may prove to be necessary in the peace settlement itself can be peacefully and lawfully made. These features of the settlement proposed should not be forgotten."

"In conclusion the Allied and Associated Powers wish to make it clear that the modifications which they have now made in the draft treaty are final. The text of the treaty must be accepted or rejected in the exact terms in which it is now drafted. Consequently the Allied and Associated Powers require from the Austrian delegation within a period of five days, counting from the date of the present communication, a declaration informing them that they are prepared to sign the treaty as it now stands."

THE REVISED TERMS.

Practically all the features of the revised treaty have already been published, but some of the main features are worthy of recapitulation. The military section provides for the demobilization of the Austrian forces within three months and the abolition of compulsory military service. The army must in future only be constituted and recruited by voluntary enlistments and must not exceed 30,000, including officers and depot troops, the army being devoted exclusively to the maintenance of order within Austrian territory and control of the frontiers.

The naval clauses lay down that from the date of the coming into force of the Treaty all warships and submarines are declared to be finally surrendered to the principal Allied powers. The Danube flotilla is also surrendered. Thirty-two specified auxiliary cruisers and fleet auxiliaries will be disarmed and treated as merchant ships. All warships now under construction will be broken up. The construction or acquisition of submarines even for commercial purposes is forbidden.

The Air clauses provide that the armed forces of Austria must not include any military or naval air forces. No dirigibles may be kept, and within two months the personnel of the air force must be demobilized. During the six months following the coming into force of the Treaty the manufacture or importation of aircraft spare parts and engines is forbidden throughout Austrian territory and all aeronautical material must be delivered at Austria's expense to the principal Allied Powers.

In Part 7, which deals with penalties, Austria recognises the right of the Allies to bring before military tribunals persons accused of having committed acts in violation of the laws and customs of war, and such persons, if found guilty, will be sentenced to such punishments as are laid down by law.

By Part 8 (reparation) Austria accepts the responsibility for causing loss and damage to which the Allies and their nationals have been subjected as a consequence of the war. The Allied Governments recognise that the resources of Austria are inadequate, after taking into account the permanent diminution of resources which will result from other provisions of the Treaty, to make complete reparation. Austria, however, undertakes to make compensation for damage done, the amount being determined by an inter-Allied Commission. Austria shall pay in the course of the years 1919, 1920 and the first four months of 1921, a reasonable sum to be determined by the Commission, which shall draw up a schedule of payments prescribing the time and manner of securing and discharging by Austria within thirty years, dating from May 1st 1921, that part of the debt which shall have been assigned her.

Herr Renner, the Chief delegate, when the revised text was handed to him, made reservations regarding the period of five days allowed Austria in which to reply. He observed that he would leave for Vienna the next day, and that he would have to consult the National Assembly.

M. Dutasta replied that Austria, like Germany, could make known her acceptance by telegraph.

A number of Belgian officers will shortly take up study in the French military schools and train with the French Army.

GENERAL KILLED.

AEROPLANE CRASHES AT WESTON.

Brigadier-General Lee, formerly of the Royal Air Force, who only recently took over the charge of the Avro transportation and civil flying section, was killed at the outset of a flight at Weston-super-Mare on Tuesday evening. He took with him on a trip Mr. Roderick Smith and A. Andrews, a bandsman of the 20th London Regiment. Immediately after leaving the aerodrome the machine suddenly tilted and crashed and General Lee, who was piloting the machine, met with such injuries that death took place before assistance could reach him. The passengers escaped with minor injuries.

BULGARIAN PEACE.

AMERICA CAUSES DELAY IN SETTLEMENT.

The Supreme Allied Council yesterday continued its examination of the conditions of peace with Bulgaria. It is understood that one of the articles obliges Bulgaria to undertake to accept a future decision of the Powers regarding Thrace and the Aegean coast. It is not yet known whether the draft treaty sent to the Bulgarian delegation will define the future frontiers between Roumania and Bulgaria in the Dobrudja, and it is possible that this matter will be left for settlement through direct negotiation between Roumania and Bulgaria.

"Le Matin" states that the Supreme Allied Council has taken note of the decision of President Wilson, who has refused adhesion to the regime suggested for Thrace. The American Government appears to want to retard the solution of this question until the moment, perhaps far distant, when it will make known its point of view on the settlement of Turkey. The Supreme Council foresees inconveniences in thus deferring for long the consideration of the treaty with the Bulgarians, and it will probably content itself by reserving litigious matters, but will demand at the same time that the Bulgarians shall immediately renounce the contested territories. The essential thing is that the Bulgarians must evacuate Thrace.

MORE TREATY EVASIONS.

A telegram from Hedersleben states that a joint-stock company has been formed at Kiel for the purpose of purchasing properties in those districts of Schleswig which are to be ceded to Denmark, thus fostering the maintenance of Germanism there. The report states that the Company has already bought from the German State all the lead properties in North Schleswig. The Danish journal Danskeren remarks that this procedure is obviously in direct contradiction to Germany's obligations under the peace treaty and demands an immediate protest by the Danish Government.

ADRIATIC QUESTION.

Negotiations between the Allied Powers are now sufficiently advanced to warrant the belief that, subject to the acquiescence of America, a settlement of the Adriatic problem will shortly be arrived at. The Paris Temps understands that the American delegation in the Conference insists upon the necessity of handing back to Bulgaria part of the Roumanian Dobrudja, but in Roumanian circles it is declared that such procedure would be without precedent. They point out that the district of Vidin, for example, is peopled by 120,000 Roumanians and that Bulgaria lays no claim to it.

BUDA-PESTH ANXIOUS.

Information from Buda-Pesth says that the Roumanian Army will probably evacuate Magyar territory after carrying out requisitions. In this event it is feared that Bolshevism will break out afresh in Buda-Pesth unless the Supreme Council sends an inter-Allied force to occupy the city.

MEMORIAL TO CAPTAIN BALL.

The visit of Mr. Lloyd George to Nottingham to receive the honorary freedom of the city will take place some time in October.

During his visit he will unveil in the market place a statue in memory of Captain Albert Ball, V.C., the airman who was killed in France.

CUTTING DOWN EX'S.

Government Departments are engaged on preparing preliminary reports on the possibilities of reduction of staffs. Notice has already been given to many temporary workers. The progress of the economy campaign will shortly lead to great reductions with consequent decrease of expenditure.

GRIMSBY HOUSING SCHEME.

Grimsby Town Council, unanimously decided to purchase from Lord Yarborough 128 acres at £150 per acre for its housing scheme, which will provide for 1,000 houses The scheme entails an expenditure of between £800,000 and £1,000,000. The explanation of the scheme and its confirmation occupied a little more than five minutes.

SANKEY REPORT.

MINERS' EXECUTIVE PASS STRONG RESOLUTION.

The Miners' National Executive met in London on Wednesday to discuss the situation created by the Government's decision not to nationalize mines.

The following resolution was passed: "Being convinced that the Government's scheme is wholly impracticable for the future working of the mines, we recommend to-morrow's conference to reject the Government's scheme and record its regret that the Government has no better scheme than the creation of great industrial trusts to secure the economic well-being of industry. The only way to place industry on a satisfactory basis and for increasing production and giving the maximum advantage to the community is to at once introduce nationalization. We do not recommend the miners to take industrial action to secure the adoption of this, but we invite the Trade Union Congress to declare that the fullest and most active action be taken to secure that the Government adopts the majority report of the Sankey Commission."

BANKRUPTCY OF MILITARISM.

The debate on the Peace Treaty continues in the French Chamber. Yesterday M. Tardieu said that the Allies' right of investigation, according to the terms of the treaty, would enable France to know what was going on in Germany soon enough to enable them to prepare, in conjuction with their Allies, to meet any contemplated attack. He explained that notwithstanding the opinion of Marshal Foch, who desired the Chamber to adopt the policy of permanent occupation, the Government preferred to adopt the less drastic policy in conformity with the views of the Allies. In conclusion he declared that the treaty spelt the bankruptcy of militarism.

DENMARK LEADS THE WAY.

The Danish Minister of Defence, in his capacity as Chairman of the Committee dealing with military matters, has submitted a proposal for the immediate demolition of the greater part of the Copenhagen fortifications. Under this proposal the whole of the land fortifications and a large portion of those on the sea front would be abolished.

DISARMING GERMANY.

To-day the Inter-Allied Commission of military control leaves Paris to watch the proper carrying out of the military conditions of the Peace Treaty in Germany. The Commission, of which General Nollett is the head, comprises 60 officers, 77 soldiers, 12 interpreters and 13 motor cars. General Mastermann will attend to the Air Force and Admiral Charlton to the German navy.

SCRAPPING A NAVY.

Lord Fisher, late First Lord of the Admiralty, has pointed out that half the existing Navy is obsolete, owing to the immense development of big fast ships with huge guns. He declares that half the Navy should be scrapped now and predicts that the other half will have to be scrapped within a few years because of the development of internal combustion engines and oil fuel.

EX-KAISER'S EXCESS LUGGAGE.

A special train of fifty wagons is expected to arrive at Amsterdam from Germany next week conveying the ex-Kaiser's personal luggage and household effects to Doorn castle.

CHINA'S GIFT TO VERDUN.

The President of the Chinese Republic has forwarded to President Poincaré fifty thousand francs to be devoted to the rebuilding of the schools at Verdun.

DESTROYER TORPEDOED.

The Admiralty announces that H.M. destroyer Vittoria was fired at and sunk by torpedo in the Baltic on August 30th, the ship sinking in five minutes.

BEST FARM IN ESSEX.

For the best-kept farm in the county Mr. Alec Steel, of Prittlewell, near Southend, has been awarded the Essex Agricultural Society's price of £25.

A memorial service for General Botha was held yesterday at Westminster Abbey.

Martial-law has been abolished in Barcelona, where henceforth social conflicts will be restored to civilian jurisdiction.

A despatch from Laredo, Texas, states that Captain McNabb, of the United States Air Force, was seriously wounded by a band of Mexicans who fired at his aeroplane whilst he was scouting in the vicinity of San Isabel Creek, sixteen miles North-West of Laredo.

WESTWARD HO!

ATTRACTIVE SCHEME FOR EX-OFFICERS.

An unusual meeting of ex-officers will take place at the Criterion, Piccadilly, to-night, for the purpose of becoming well acquainted, as an essential to the initial success of an adventurous scheme. A certain demobilized Brigadier-General, who owns a ranch in Central America, has gathered together an adventurous band of ex-officers who long for an open, air life and are not afraid of hard work. This he proposes to give them if they pay their passages out.

The organiser of the scheme is Brigadier-General Critchley, who commanded an R.A.F. Cadet Brigade at Hastings. He is anxious that, as far as possible, those who accompany him shall be officers who assisted him to build up the high reputation for smartness which that brigade attained. The qualifications necessary to join the expedition are commissioned service, and age limits of 19 to 35. Bachelors are preferred, but married men may arrange for their wives to join them after the first year.

PREMIER IN HARNESS.

FREEDOM OF WREXHAM IN A TEAPOT.

Mr. Lloyd George is expected to return from his holiday in Normandy the week after next, when he will at once begin his economy campaign, starting in North Wales. The Premier will first visit Wrexham to receive the freedom of the Borough, but in place of the usual silver casket he will, at his own request, receive a silver tea service for Mr. Lloyd George. He will, it is expected, deliver an important speech on national economy and on the Government's policy. The second speech will be delivered at Carmarthen, where he will receive the freedom of that Borough and will address a gathering of agriculturists.

CARSON'S WARNING.

FORECASTS RETURN OF PARTY POLITICS.

In his speech at a meeting of the Ulster Unionist Council held at Belfast yesterday Sir Edward Carson said he thought there are indications that the Coalition Government would not last long. What the outcome would be he did not know, but he was confident that there would be a return to the system of party politics in the near future.

His object that day was to warn the Ulster Unionist Council that their duty was to put their own house in order and get back to the organisations as they existed before the war. The only alternative to the policy of Union was Sinn Fein, which they could not countenance, a though he saw no chance of a settlement at present.

SWEET ARE THE USES OF ADVERTISEMENT.

An Italian soprano under engagement to sing at Paris on Tuesday night had the misfortune to miss the train at Milan. She promptly hired a convenient aeroplane and arrived at Paris in good time to fulfil her engagement. The pilot made only one brief halt at Bron aerodrome, near Lyons, to obtain a supply of petrol.

(This practice of missing trains and proceeding by aeroplane is rapidly getting played out and must cease forthwith. Theatrical press agents, please note. Editor)

QUEEN MARY'S NIECE MARRIED.

In the presence of a fashionable assembly the wedding took place on Wednesday at St. Georges Chapel, Windsor, of Major Evelyn Gibbs, of the Coldstream Guards, and Lady Helena Cambridge, niece of the Queen and younger daughter of the Marquess and Marchioness of Cambridge. The ceremony was characterised by quiet simplicity. In the absence of the King and Queen, who are at Balmoral, the Royal Family was represented by Princess Christian, Princess Marie Louise, Princess Alice and the Earl of Athlone.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF EGYPTIAN PREMIER.

Information was received in London yesterday of an attempt on the life of the Egyptian Premier. Bombs were thrown at the Minister, fortunately without inflicting any injury. Earl Curzon has telegraphed official congratulations to the Premier on the failure of the dastardly attempt.

COAL FIND IN GERMANY.

It is reported from Essen that brown coal in strata 12 to 16 yards thick has been found in the communes of Steinheim and Binsebeck, in the Government district of Minden, Westphalia. The area of the minefield is about four-fifths of a square mile. Two mining companies have been established to work it.

Five thousand Americans are on their way to Germany. They are in part intended for the occupation of Sleswig and Dantzig.

HOME FROM RUSSIA.

COLONEL WARD M.P. ON BOLSHEVISM.

Colonel John Ward M.P. arrived in London yesterday, having been summoned home by the War Office for consultation. Colonel Ward, who commanded a battalion of the Middlesex regiment, has recently been holding positions in North Russia in conjunction with Koltchak's operations, but the battalion has been withdrawn and is now on its way home.

In an interview, the Colonel said that the horrors of Bolshevist rule had not been exaggerated in the English Press. In fact it is doubtful whether half the truth has been told about the atrocities committed under the direction of bands of assassins at Moscow. Asked what was the secret of the prolonged existence of the Bolshevist Government, Colonel Ward replied that it is done mainly by terrorism. Each official has a grip on those under him and this system goes on throughout the population, everyone acting under fear of denunciation to the authorities. Besides this, even the bare necessities of life are denied those who refuse to adopt Bolshevist views. The Bolshevists have practically unlimited supplies of ammunition. Just before the revolution, Russia received from Britain, America and Japan, arms and munitions for an army of sixteen million men, only a small portion of which material fell into German hands. He believed the Bolshevists had enough munitions to carry on war on the present scale for the next ten years.

QUIEN TRIAL ENDING.

The trial of the French traitor Quien, who is accused of having betrayed Nurse Cavell, is nearing its end. The witnesses for the defence have been heard and it is expected that the case will be finished by to-night. It can be said that Quien has been fortunate in his witnesses. There was a look of satisfaction on his face as he listened to their recitals in his favour. They strove to show that at Sennelager Camp he was treated exactly like other prisoners. A profound impression was made by the evidence of M. Elagey, a writer who translated Mr. Brand Whitlock's book. Flagey had never been in Belgium and had never before seen Quien. In giving his testimony he stated that his business was to make clear to the court-martial all that Mr. Brand Whitlock had seen in Belgium during the war and he did this by reading numerous passages from the book.

ON TO PETROGRAD.

Admiral Cowan, commanding the British squadron in the Bay of Finland, has arrived at Helsingfors in order to confer with General Gough, Chief of the British Military Mission in the Baltic provinces. It is stated that the conference is for the purpose of planning the projected offensive against Petrograd.

The most recent aerial reconnaissance over Petrograd has shown that the Russians have again occupied the battery of Krasnaja Gorka on the Southern side of the Bay of Finland. This battery, which was demolished some time ago, fired energetically at the aviators during their flight towards Petrograd.

THRILLING FIRE RESCUES.

The forest fires on the Cote d'Azur are increasing in extent and intensity, the flames having destroyed almost the entire district of Lavandeu. At Canadel many villas and large parks, notably the property of M. Ribot, former Premier, were completely destroyed. The Hotel du Canadel, where many Parisians were staying, was rapidly surrounded by flames and the alarmed residents fled to the beach, where they were taken aboard a tug. It is reported that the fires are attributable to malevolence.

SUSPECTED GUN RUNNING.

The unloading of the steamer Hampshire Coast under the strict surveillance of the military and police, with a small war vessel on guard, continued yesterday at Cork, but no arms or ammunition were discovered.

In addition to this steamer another vessel has been taken into Baltimore, County Cork, by naval patrols, and three other suspected vessels have been taken into other Irish ports.

THE PALATINATE TROUBLE.

The French authorities in the occupied zone state that erroneous information was published by the newspapers in the unoccupied part of Germany relating to recent events at Ludwigshafen. There was no revolt against existing power and enquiry showed that the sanguinary encounter which took place was caused by nervousness on the part of the local police. Two officials were killed. Quietude now prevails in Ludwigshafen and the Palatinate.

FIUME GARRISON.

According to a telegram from Fiume to the Corriere Della Sera the French naval base at Fiume has been abolished. The military forces have been reduced to one brigade, consisting of a squadron of Italians, a battalion of British and a battalion of French troops, under the command of General Pittaluga.

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COUNTING BY TENS.

For years the adoption of the decimal system in Great Britain has been overdue. Royal Commissions as far back as Victorian days, Chambers of Commerce, educational authorities and the voice of enlightened business men generally have advocated it.

More years ago than we care to remember, the florin piece was introduced and clearly marked "one-tenth of a pound" to supersede the half-crown. For a long time past the decimal system has been taught in our schools.

The intelligence of our country has asked often when the much needed reform is to replace our present cumbrous antiquated inconvenient method.

A bold attempt was made a year or two ago to induce Parliament to sanction the change. That body, not having the courage to do so, transferred the whole matter to the usual Commission. That Commission, after months of deliberation, is, we learn, to issue its report.

But if one is to believe the current rumour, no definite decision has been arrived at. No legislation to bring us into line with practically all the rest of the world is to be recommended. We are to stand just as we are. It is lamentable, almost tragic.

Never was the moment more opportune for putting our house in order and simplifyng our archaic reckoning of money, of measurements and weights.

Ours cannot really be called a system at all. It is a tangle, and it hampers and complicates our business relations overseas, besides adding enormously to the difficulties of education.

With a simple logical system the time saved by a child at school, which he now wastes in trying to master the intricacies of pounds, shillings and pence, yards feet and inches, gallons, quarts, gills and pints, tons, hundredweights and ounces bushels and pecks, acres, rods and perches and all the rest of the confusing mixture, would be appreciable. It could be devoted to many more useful subjects.

Every soldier who has served in France, Belgium or Germany must have realised the simplicity of the decimal und matrical systems. To count in tens is the easiest of operations.

Buying in the shop, keeping canteen and mess accounts and every operation in which francs and centimes, marks and pfennigs occur, have been readily grasped by everyone. And the foreign weights and measures have just as quickly been understood.

To return to the far from easy calculations necessary at home will be unpleasant to all of us; but as the Commission can offer us no hope of an early change, we fear we must be content still to muddle on.

As a nation with a reputation for commonsense, it is a great pity that in such obvious improvements in our existing methods we should be so backward.

NEW HOMES FOR BLIGHTY.

WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING.

The Government's houses are at last getting off paper and into bricks and mortar. You remember that for many months the only signs of housing activity that were to be found in the Old Country were the newspaper reports of plans for housing received by the Local Government Board from the Town Councils and other local authorities into whose hands the provision of houses has been entrusted.

One learnt that such and such a town and such and such a village had prepared a housing scheme; that it was to cover so many acres and to contain so many houses, but look up and down the country as one would, one could not see the houses. They existed only in paper plans.

The position to-day is better. Not only have more than 40,000 acres of land been secured for the provision of houses (enough land for the erection ultimately of nearly 400,000 houses) but more than 8,000 houses are actually being built.

One may think that is not a very great proportion of the total number. It is not. But it is the beginning. The number of schemes which are reaching the building stage is increasing from day to day.

CONVERTING TO FLATS.

To wait until new houses are built is not the only step that the Government are taking to meet the serious shortage of house-room that exists. There is a campaign beginning now for the wholesale splitting up of large empty houses into flats. All the local authorities of the country have been asked by the Ministry of Health to make an examination of their districts and to schedule each empty house which they think might suitably be split up into smaller homes.

The returns are now coming in. It is still too early to speak of the country at large, but of London it may be said that quite a good number of small one-floor homes may be obtained by this method. The 2,000 houses which have already been examined (and these are only part of the total) should yield from four to five times that number of flats well suited for housing young married couples and couples with small families.

Both in the poor and in the rich parts of the City similar action is being taken. The luxurious houses of Kensington do not escape because they happen to be in an aristocratic district. In some of the outlying parts, too, tall terrace houses are being found capable of conversion to yield house-room for three or four families instead of for only one.

ARMY HUTS AS HOMES.

Steps are being taken in another direction to relieve the pressure on house-room. Strange as it may seem to the average Tommy who has "had some," a public demand has arisen for the "privilege" of using old army huts and encampments as homes. In answer to this demand the Ministry of Health has detailed one of its departments to take charge solely of the question of providing temporary accommodation of this kind.

Already the Department have made arrangements with the Surplus Stores Disposal Board to have a first call upon any army huts that may become available in order, to sell them to any local authorities wishing to use them for the purposes of housing. It is expected that in some cases whole groups of hutments which happen to lie in or near crowded towns may be used in their present position for tenancy by civilians and their families.

In other cases the huts may be shifted to any spot in which they are wanted. It is not proposed, of course, to leave them just as they are, but to fit them with conveniences such as would be suitable for a hut occupied by a family. The soldier can "rough it" a bit but it is not to be tolerated that his wife and kiddies should have to do so.

BASIL CLARKE.

THE MISCHIEF MAKER.

Mrs. Harton, of "The Nook," Winstonville, was daily expecting her husband home from the Rhine. But fourteen days had passed since his last letter heralding his approaching return, and he had not arrived.

Mrs. Harton was a little depressed, nor did the mischievous tongue of her neighbour, Mrs. Watchem, who had, at length, departed, after a score of "I really must go now's" tend to brighten her spirits.

Mrs. Watchem was one of those idle-minded women found in all small communities who love to set other folk's affairs in order. She used her knowledge of the frailties of human nature—masculine and feminine—to make matrimony the perilous adventure it is often said to be. She captured her victims whilst they were young.

Thus, to engaged couples she adopted the "Bless you my Children" formula, and continued her "blessing" when they started housekeeping, until they either quarrelled and separated, or were drawn closer together against a common enemy to whom they quickly showed the door.

The Hartons belonged to the couples who were wise enough to dispense with this buckshee "Mother-in-Law," and enjoyed the happiness which their wisdom merited.

The outbreak of war, however, left Mrs. Harton, in common with many other separated wives in the village, at the mercy of Mrs. Watchem. Her energies were devoted to a mission to which she gave the grandiloquent title of "Preserving the Sacredness of the Marriage Bond." She did no other war work whatsoever. Every casualty on the field of matrimony due to her investigations she regarded, paradoxically enough, as "strengthening the bond."

"Terrible temptations out there. Stories I've heard . . . You'd scarce credit. These Frauleins, you know. And all these men walking about. Nothing to do . . . Mostly single men, of course. But some of the others too."

Thus did she depart, conscious of duty nobly performed.

. . . .

Mrs. Harton had scarcely finished breakfast on the following morning, when once more, her unwelcome visitor of the day before, threatened her peace.

"You poor dear thing . . . I'm so sorry . . . Scarcely slept a wink for thinking of you. Ought I to tell her, I kept asking myself. But my duty. Holy Bond of Matrimony. Sake of the children . . ."

"What on earth are you talking about?" exclaimed Mrs. Harton.

For answer, the other displayed a copy of "The Cologne Post", and pointed to a paragraph encircled in blue: It ran thus:

"Private Harton, playing for Single v. Married of 57 Siege Battery, on Saturday, captured 7 wickets for 3 runs.'

"Well?" enquired Mrs. Harton.

"Well!" repeated the other lady. "Is that all you have to say. If my husband were playing for the Single against the Married, I should want an explanation quick. No wonder he's not anxious to come home. Fine games he's playing besides cricket, mark my words."

"Oh," exclaimed the other, "that reminds me, Jim did say something in his last letter about a cricket match. Wait a moment, dear, I'll go and fetch it."

Returning in a few moments she unfolded the letter, and read:

"I had rather a good day at cricket yesterday — took 7 wickets. The joke of the thing was that I ought to have played for the Married who were playing the Single men in our Battery, but as the Single men were short of a player, your hubby was a gay bachelor for a few hours. I'm telling you now, for the 'Cologne Post' reported the match, and I thought it would be as well to give you the facts in case one of those good natured moralists at home should conceive it a duty to put a poor deluded unsuspecting wife wise to her hubby's perfidy. You know there are plenty only too glad to throw a little mud at us out here. By the way, does that old Watchem cat . . .?"

Mrs. Harton broke off suddenly — to find her visitor rising.

"Must you really go, dear? So sorry. Do look us up when Jimmy returns. I'm sure he'll be glad to see you."

But the "cat" had left in order to crawl some other and less slippery tile.

E. J. TELLUM.

LUDENDORFF.

The memoirs of Ludendorff, which have recently appeared, exceed in interest others which we have lately reviewed. Both as a soldier and as a politician, Ludendorff stood head and shoulders above the contemporaries of his nation. It would be churlish on our part to deny or belittle his undoubted gifts. As a tactician he had incontestably a certain originality. Witness his adoption of the outpost zone, destined to ensure greater elasticity in defence and to enable the front line to be more lightly held.

An infantry man himself, Ludendorff rightly appreciated the importance of the light machine gun, regarding it as an essential adjunct to the rifle. His industry and capacity for hard work were amazing. Memoranda dealing with attack and defence, with fresh methods of training, were constantly issuing from his pen. He was the discoverer of Hindenburg, and whilst popular clamour hailed the latter as the victor of Tannenberg, Ludendorff was the inspiring genius.

NOT A GREAT STRATEGIST.

But if he was not without certain merits as a tactician, the First Quarter-Master General failed lamentably as a strategist. He made few mistakes, but they were colossal and went to the root of things. The advance through Belgium, and the failure to take advantage of the crushing German superiority in numbers and armament in 1914-15 were examples.

The next capital error was his underestimation of the effect of America's entrance into the struggle, and his reckoning upon a decisive result from the U-Boat campaign before that intervention could prove effective.

"There arose the possibility," he writes, "which, before the autumn of 1917, no one had been able to contemplate, of seeking to bring about a decision of the War during the year 1918 by an attack on land, which would be bound to succeed if the U-Boat campaign by that time reduced tonnage to such an extent that the transport of the American new formations in rapid succession would no longer be possible.

PLUNGING TO DISASTER.

In other words, Ludendorff was a gambler who staked his all on a contingency which, if it did not come off, was bound to lead his country to disaster.

To mistakes of strategy were added mistakes of policy. On July 12th, 1917, Ludendorff, after bringing about the overthrow of Bethmann-Hollweg, seized the reins of political power with disastrous consequences.

It requires a Napoleon to repeat the coup d'état of 1799 with success and a Napoleon, Ludendorff emphatically was not. Sometimes his political intuitions were correct; as when he bewailed the fact that Germany was allied with decaying states like the Dual Monarchy.

Whilst the pressure on the Eastern front had been relieved by the Russian revolution, the forces that had engineered it had but opened a Pandora's box whence a huge and unknown host of troubles were to issue. "I could not doubt" he writes "that the disintegration of the Russian Army and nation involved an extraordinary risk to Germany and Austria-Hungary. By sending Lenin to Russia, our Government assumed a great responsibility."

GIFTS, NOT GENIUS.

It is interesting to note that Ludendorff pays tribute to our superior mobility due to motor transport: a branch in which the German Army was notably deficient. In reviewing the causes of the final German defeat in 1918 from August and onwards, Ludendorff enumerates the shrinkage of divisions, the increasing number of prisoners and the loss of morale in the German Army as well as on the home front.

To sum up then: Ludendorff had gifts, but not genius. He was singularly representative of his nation. Laborious, methodical, painstaking, he lacked that flash of inspiration and genius which is the mark of the great commander from Caesar to Foch. Originality he had, and there were elements of greatness in him.

But the ideas that dominated him were narrow and conventional, and he produced no fertile new ideas. An honest man, a political bigot and an amazingly accomplished and industrious soldier, Ludendorff can scarcely be counted amongst the great men or captains of history.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Reader's Varied Views.

THE MUZZLING OF DOGS.

Sir,—Is there any probability of a removal of the order which forbids a dog to enjoy its freedom, except it be both muzzled and led?

Dog-lovers would welcome the information that such a restriction has ceased. So, I am sure, would the sufferers, especially when one remembers their inevitable fate when the troops return home.

X. Y. Z.

THE OFFICERS' CLUB.

Sir,— May I suggest that the old entrance to No. 1 N.A.C.B. officers' club be restored to use?

Whatever is the reason for its closure? I still think that it could be obviated by other means than by closing this particular door.

At present one is obliged to walk through two dining rooms and past the orchestra, in order to reach the bar, a jaunt which is disturbing to the diners and inconvenient to the individual who desires liquid refreshment instead of more substantial fare.

R.A.B.

RANK AND SPORT.

Sir,—As a senior officer I write to ask if it is necessary to provide special stands at the race meetings for General- and Field officers. What I feel is that at a sporting meeting preferential treatment for high rank should have no place.

A Major, a Colonel or a Brigadier is not by reason of his rank a better sportsman than an officer of junior rank and and I am sure that the vast majority of senior officers would willingly relinquish a privilege which apart from giving them an undue advantage appears to be snobbish in its conception, and has no bearing whatsoever on discipline.

RACE-GOING MAJOR.

WIVES IN COLOGNE.

Sir,—Your correspondent, "J.A.B.," will be pleased to learn that the Church Army is preparing a scheme, whereby soldiers' wives may have billetting and messing facilities in Cologne.

The details of the arrangements in connection with the proposed building are now being laid before the Military Authorities, and if accepted, will be announced shortly.

In the meantime, if "J.A.B." will call at our Headquarters Office, 79 Johannis Strasse, I shall be glad to give him the general outlines of the scheme."

R.O HOWES,
Commissioner, Church Army, Cologne.

GERMAN INSCRIPTIONS.

Sir,—Just to be one of the crush, might I translate "Hier stand das Romische Nord-Thor" for Gnr. Stipples. The traditional schoolboy might turn it into "Stand the North Roman fool here!" but it is merely: —"Here stood the Roman North Gate."

This is one of those German sentences which almost proclaim their English translation aloud: the words follow one another just as in English and each word resembles an English word of similar meaning. Such another is the inscription on a wayside Calvary.—"Sieh, O, Sünder, dein Werk." It would be interesting to know how that strikes anyone who really does not know the meaning of the words.

MARIEN-HOSPITAL.

ADVERTISEMENTS MISSING.

Sir,—I am quite in agreement with "Anti-Ad." as regards the undesirability of having adverts on tram cars. I don't think for a moment that the beauty of the London trams is at all enhanced by the crowds of adverts with which they are adorned.

But I doubt whether it is a sense of the fitness of things which deters the German from using his cars as hoardings. The reason for the absence of adverts may be looked for in the shape of the car.

The London double-decker gives plenty of blank space on the outside for the advertiser to show his art; whilst the little space on the outside of the Cologne cars is utilized to show the number and route.

Then, again, by the time he has decorated the interior with notices telling you what to do and what not to do whilst in the car, there is no room for advertisement.

AMEN.

THE FUTURE OF OFFICERS.

Sir,—A few days ago a letter appeared in your paper from an officer bemoaning the fact that he may shortly be demobilized.

He states that he has great military ambition, that he has nothing to look forward to in civil life and that he expresses that view of thousands like himself.

May I make a suggestion on behalf of myself and thousands of others in the same position. I am a married man, 36 years, with a good job to go to, but am retained entirely against my will.

If the thousands of spare officers who are undoubtedly being demobilized against their wish, have such a burning desire to serve their country in a military capacity and dread the return to civil life so much, it would be quite easy for them to rejoin as privates and reap those advantages which the recruiting posters advertise.

I take it that the speed of demobilizing men who do want to leave the army is governed by the flow of recruits, so your correspondent would still find an outlet for his military ardour and at the same time help to reinstate in civil life more quickly.

ONE OF THE RETAINED.

THE DAWNING-DAY.

I weep like mothers wept who sent their sons
To fight and die for dear old England's sake,
And keep these fair green fields inviolate.
I mourn like patriots mourn whose hearts are sad,

As they survey the fratricidal strife,
That stops the heart-beats of the newer life.
I hope like those who hope in darkest night
For the first shimmering of the dawning day,
When dreams of evil shall have passed away.
And our great nation, cleansed and purified,
Shall stand united both in work and will,
To keep its proud traditions stainless still.

GEORGE DENYS FAYERS.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Friday	7.30	Tiefland	d'Albert
Saturday	7	Tosca	Puccini
Sunday	7	Cavalleria rusticana. Bajazzo	Mascagni. Leoncavallo
Monday	7	The taming of the shrew	Goetz
Tuesday	7	Tosca	Puccini

DEMPSEY AND CARPENTIER.

To Fight in England for Large Purse.

A New York despatch from Illinois states that Jack Kearns, manager for Dempsey, the heavy weight champion of the world, who gained his title recently by defeating Jess Willard, has accepted an offer of Carpentier's manager for these two boxers to meet in England for a purse of 175,000 dollars.

BECKETT—THEN AND NOW.

Boxing Booth Battles to Olympia.

Joe Beckett the Southampton boxer, is a fortunate young man. Not many years ago he was travelling round England issuing challenges under the glare of naphtha lamps to all and sundry gathered round the steps of his boxing booth. A few shillings reward was all that he could expect for a night's rough-handling from sailors, soldiers, and dustmen, and perhaps jeers from a few dozen countrymen "doing" the local fair.

On Tuesday, only a few years after his booth experiences, he took the ring in the largest hall in the heart of the Empire under the glare of dozens of thousand-candle-power electric lights, and surrounded by thousands of spectators, many of whom paid five guineas and ten guineas for seats to see the Romany lad defeat Eddie McGoorty, the renowned American boxer.

Beckett, too, was not fighting for a few shillings, but for thousands of pounds. More important still, he will now be in a position to dictate his own terms to the world. It is not too much to say that his victory will mean £20,000 to Beckett.

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

It is a growing fashion to appoint players to the position of team-manager or player manager. Amongst such appointments are Bob Hewison Newcastle United) to Leeds City: Peake (Liverpool) to Blyth Spartans: English (Sheffield United) to Darlington: Joe Smith (Hull) to West Stanley: R. Musgrove (Barnsley) to Durham City.

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Aston Villa were prepared to set the fashion with regard to transfer fees. They offered £2,500 to Tottenham for A. Grimsdell, the left half-back, who gained honours in the Victory internationals. This would have been a record, but the Spurs preferred their player to the money.

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Scottish League supporters — or some of them — were very angry at the imposition of a shilling gate and attempted a boycott. It was not a success for the pickets had a bad time, and, eventually paid their money to see the games.

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It is said that the amount paid by Brighton and Hove to Sunderland for George Holley is the biggest they have ever paid. Seeing that the ex-Wearsider was stated to be on the Transfer List at £200, it means that Brighton must have rare luck in picking up players very cheaply.

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W. Meredith has not re-signed for Manchester United. He was given every opportunity to do so, and was offered the fullest possible wage.

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It is expected that Chelsea will have the services of three great amateurs — V. J. Woodward, Max Woosnam (the Cambridge Blue) and Nils Middleboe (the Dane) who for a time assisted Newcastle United.

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The South Shields directors are leaving no stone unturned in order to justify their promotion to the Second League. They mean to make a bold bid for the First Division. The signing-on of players by the Shields directorate has been boldly undertaken, and some really good men — notably Bell (Notts Forest), Cresswell (who had helped the Spurs), Higginbotham (a Scottish player), and Burkinshaw (from Sheffield Wednesday) — have been secured.

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Newcastle United have already been referred to as "one of the most difficult propositions in the league to tackle." They have probably the finest defence in the country.

481 SIEGE BATTERY ITEMS.

Last week most of the Battery went for an enjoyable picnic to a picturesque spot on the Rhine Ahr, in the neighbourhood of Isul, within the American occupation zone. Rain threatened several times during the day, but fortunately these threats did not materialise to any extent, and the troops were enabled to get the maximum amount of enjoyment possible out of the outing. The lorry ride through lovely and hitherto unsampled scenery was a most interesting experience, and the few hours allowed at Insul quickly sped away. The return journey was completed by about 9 p. m.

On Saturday last the 481 Siege Battery football team opened their fixture list with a match against 498 Siege Battery at Rondorf. A keen game ended in a win for 481 Battery by two goals to nil, Gnr. Meakin and Cpl. Bell being the scorers.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Friday, September 5th, 1919.

Surface wind, south-west to west, 5 to 10 m.p.h. Fair but sometimes cloudy. Warm. Good visibility.

A GREAT FIGHT.

Beckett Knocks out McGoorty in Seventeenth Round.

FULTON AND BASHAM WIN.

As predicted in Tuesday's "Cologne Post" the results of the great fights at Olympia on Tuesday night were wins for

Beckett
Fulton
Basham.

The Beckett—McGoorty fight was the great attraction, one of the greatest, in fact, ever staged at Olympia, and an almost unprecedented crowd, estimated at 20,000, was present to witness the carrying through of the most ambitious programme ever presented to English sportsmen. It was a cosmopolitan gathering and every class had its representatives, mufflers mingling with white shirts and silk hats. Beckett started favourite, although McGoorty was by no means without supporters. From the start the big fight was full of thrills and provided the maximum of excitement. Heavy-weight fights frequently prove disappointing by ending very abruptly, but on Tuesday evening the eager spectators were given an excellent return for their money, the struggle lasting seventeen rounds, during which an exhibition of really clever boxing was given.

The Fight.

The early rounds produced some very fast work on McGoorty's part. Beckett appeared nonplussed by his opponents exceptional turn of speed, and it almost appeared as though the American would overwhelm the Southampton man, so fast and sure did he box. But with the opening of the fourth round, Beckett appeared to get the measure of his man, and from then onwards McGoorty's chances of victory faded gradually away. Beckett very wisely changed his tactics and in the subsequent rounds it was only the American's superlative skill and cleverness which saved him from taking severe punishment. He, however, is a past-master in the art of ring-craft and he required all the gleanings of his vast experience as a boxer in order to avoid his opponent's persistent attacks.

Until the 10th round the fight continued to go indisputably in Beckett's favour, with, perhaps, the exception of one round in which McGoorty was seen to advantage scoring freely with both hands and putting up a vigorous defence when the Southampton man became too aggressive.

American Weakens.

After the half distance the pace began to tell upon the American. He began to show unmistakable signs of weakness and commenced clinching. He was badly shaken in the eleventh round by a right and left to the jaw, and in the twelth was sent to the boards for a count of nine. At this stage too, Beckett appeared somewhat exhausted by the vigour of the contest and when in the fourteenth round he received two hard lefts to the jaw he went to his corner obviously dazed. But in the brief respite between the rounds he made a splendid recovery and from that point onwards had all the best of exchanges.

The not unexpected end came in the seventeenth round when McGoorty was floored with a successive right and a left to the jaw. He rose before the call of time, but his condition was quite hopeless and with a hard blow to the chin Beckett knocked him through the ropes where he was counted out amidst scenes of tremendous enthusiasm.

For Beckett, this victory means a great deal, his prestige as a boxer has been considerably enhanced, for McGoorty is by far the most formidable opponent he has defeated. Many people for various reasons attached little importance to his victories over Bombardier Wells and Frank Goddard but they must admit that Tuesday night's performance carries him into the ranks of the first class boxers of the day. He will now eagerly look forward to the much talked of match with Carpentier, when he will make a bold bid for the championship of Europe.

The Other Fights.

The fight between Fred Fulton, the Kansas giant, and Arthur Townley, Birkenhead's heavy aspirant, proved disappointing, the Englishman being knocked out in the first round by a heavy blow on the point of the chin.

In the welter weight contest Basham the English champion, was always too clever for Francis Charles, his French opponent, and won comfortably on points.

BOXING AT PARIS.

On Wednesday night at the Wagram Hall, Paris, a boxing match between Louis de Ponthieu, the champion of Europe, and Tom Nicholson of England, took place. At the end of the 6th round de Ponthieu was declared the winner, Nicholson abandoning the fight protesting that he had been struck low.

COLOGNE POST CUP.

17th Lancers Beat 29th Bn. M.G.C. In Semi-final.

CLEVER FIELDING.

There was a good number of spectators at Mulheim when the 17th Lancers met the 29th Bn. M.G.C. in the semi-final round for the "Cologne Post" Cricket Cup.

Losing the toss, the Lancers were the first to take the field. James and Haywood, the first batsmen for the M.G.C., found the bowling of Capt. Boles and Capt. Fowler difficult to play. Five wickets fell for but few runs, including Lieut. Astill's, the Leicestershire County cricketer, who, as the result of a faulty stroke, was caught in the slips. Major Harding, however, made a good stand and batted well for 24 not out. He was the only batsman, with the exception of Cpl. Knight, to reach double figures.

The fielding of the Lancers was excellent; Capt. Boles was responsible for two good catches in the slips, while Sergt. Shenstone caught out Cpl. Knight very cleverly. Finally the M.G.C. were all out for 58. Capt. Fowler took eight wickets for 28 runs.

Resuming after lunch, Capt. Stanyforth and Capt. Fowler opened the innings for the Lancers and scored 11 and 7 respectively. Capt. Boles followed and played a good innings, compiling 44 before being caught out by Durrant. Despite an injury, Major Nicholls knocked up 24 in breezy style, while Lieut. Cooke reached 19 before becoming a victim to a ball by Astill. Serg. Shenstone contributed 13. The innings concluded with a score of 144, the Lancers winning by 86 runs. The semi-final round has now been played off, and the 17th Lancers will meet the 93rd R.G.A. in the final, which promises to be the most attractive cricket fixture yet seen in the Army of Occupation.

17th Lancers.

Capt. Stanyforth b Saddler	11
Capt. Fowler b Saddler	7
Capt. Boles c Durrant b James	44
Sgt. Paynes c Knight b Astill	0
Major Nicholls b James	24
Lieut. Cooke b Astill	19
Sgt. Shenstone b Saddler	13
Pte. Clarke l.b.w. b Astill	0
Lieut Durham hit wkt o Saddler	1
S.Q.M.S. Wyatt c & b Astill	6
Cpl. Whitfield not out	0
Byes	19
Total	144

29th M.G.C.

The scores were as follows:—

Pte. James b Boles	3
Pte. Haywood c and b Fowler	2
L/Cpl. Durrant c Whitfield b Fowler	1
Lt. Astill c Clarke b Boles	0
Cpl. Saddler c Boles b Fowler	0
Capt. Morris b Fowler	7
Maj. Harding not out	24
Cpl. Knight c Shenstone b Fowler	13
Lt. Archibald c Whitfield b Fowler	0
Cpl. Pullen c Durnham b Fowler	0
Lt. Turner c Boles b Fowler	4
Byes	4
Total	58

ALL DAY CRICKET FRIENDLY.

77 Siege Battery defeat 145 Siege Battery at Godesberg.

On Monday the 77 S. Bty. entertained 145 S. Bty. at Godesberg, a whole day's match resulting in a win for 77 S. Bty. by 2 wickets. In the first innings 145 S. Bty. scored 122 against 61 by 77 S. Bty., Capt. Robson 21 and Gunner Lemans 38 being the chief contributors for the visitors. In the 2nd innings, 145 were all out for 49, Gnr. Staples (28) being the only player to withstand the bowling. This left the home team 111 to get to win. They started very badly, losing 4 wickets for 26 runs. Then Sgt. Garmonsway and Gnr. Bull made a stand, putting on over 69 runs before being separated, Bull being caught out when he had made 25. Garmonsway was not out with 29 to his credit. The final score was 114 for 8 wickets. Garmonsway 6 for 51, Heys 7 for 54 and Harker 6 for 36, were the bowlers for 77 S. Bty. and Gnr. Lemons 7 for 71, Staples 4 for 45, List 5 for 25, and Capt. Robson 1 for 8 for 145 S. Bty. It was a fitting wind-up of a successful cricket season and credit is due to Bdr. Harrison who had all the arrangements in hand.

ALL IRELAND POLO FINAL.

Hillbrook beat Cooldrinagh in the final tie of the tournament for the All Ireland Polo Club's Challenge Cup in Phœnix Park, Dublin, by 10 goals to one. The sides were:—

Hillbrook.—Captain W. C. A. Goulding, Mr. J. Mc. Cann, Mr. W. Balding, and Mr. A. Balding (back).

Cooldrinagh.—Captain R. S. Wyndham-Quinn, Captain Bache Hay, Major F. B. Hurdall, and Captain H. O. Wiley (back).

American Tennis Championship.

In the lawn tennis singles championship of America at Forest Hills on Monday Mr. Tilden defeated Mr. Williams, 3—1, 7—5, 6—3.

LIGHT DIVISION BOXING.

Capital Championship Contests at Ohligs.

EXCELLENT TALENT.

Some capital boxing was seen at the Gymnasium, Ohligs on Tuesday afternoon, when the Light Division Championships were decided. This was quite in accordance with expectations, the eliminating competitions having revealed excellent talent. There was a large attendance of spectators and every event was followed with keen interest.

The Brigades were represented by the following battalions:—1st Light Brigade by the 13th Bn. K.R.R.C., 2nd Light Brigade by 12th Bn. Royal Irish Rigles; 3rd Light Brigade by the 2nd Bn. M.G.C. and the R.A. Group by the 5th Royal Irish Regiment.

The officials were:—

Referee:—Lt.-Col. J. Betts D.S.O.,
Judges:—Major W. Delaney, O.B.E. and Capt. G. Hibbert, O.B.E., M.C.;
Timekeeper:—Major F. R. Cobb, M.C.,
M.C.:—Capt. D. A. Owen;
M.O.:—Major C. Burton, M.C.;
Chief Whip:—Lieut. F. Good, M. C.

The semi-finals produced very good fights. The 13th K.R.R.C. forged well ahead and they had seven representatives in the finals. If Rfn. Bish—ne put up a very good fight—had succeeded in the semi-final for the light weight, the battalion would have figured in all the final events.

Finals.

In the bantam weight Rfn. Doe (13th K.R.R.C.) who is clearly a young boxer of great ability, easily accounted for Pte. Murray (5th R.I.R.) whom he knocked out.

The feather-weight final was also brimful of interest, Rfn. Frogley, (13th K.R.R.C.) proving too good for Pte. McCarthy (12th R.I.R.) Frogley won on points.

In the light-weight, R.S.M. Green (12th R.I.R.) gave in to Pte. McMahon, (5th R.I.R.) in the first round. McMahon demonstrated his prowess in the semi-final and Green had little chance of making good.

Officers' Welter.

The next event was the welter-weight (Officers) Lt. Russell (2nd Bn. M.G.C.) proved too good for Capt. Walsh M.C. 13th K.R.R.C.). The latter boxed pluckily but the winner had the advantage in height, reach and experience.

In the welter-weight (other ranks) Cpl. Marshall (5th R.I.R.), a very tricky boxer beat L/Cpl. Himsworth (13th K.R.R.C.). Marshall covered perfectly and is evidently not strange to the ring.

Lt. Cantley (12th R.I.R.) beat Capt. Watt (13th K.R.R.C.) on points in the officers' middles. There was not much margin.

In the mens' middles Sgt. Delaney (5th R.I.R.) knocked out L/Cpl. Ainsworth (13th K.R.R.C.) in the first round.

Although Rfn. McCullough (12th R.I.R.) had the advantage in height, weight and reach over Rfn. Gitana (13th K.R.R.C.) in the heavy weight final, the latter put him out in the first round.

Lt.-Col. Betts, who was received with loud cheers, said the battalion should be very proud of the men who had fought so well and in such excellent spirit. They fought for the honour of the regiment to which they belonged.

Very likely some of those present would soon be in civil life again and he was sure they would look back with pleasure to the good comradeship and sportsmanship they saw in the Army and always play the game (cheers).

Praise Indeed.

Maj.-Gen. Jeffrey (G.O.C. Light Div.) said that praise from Col. Betts was a very high compliment indeed. Col. Betts was an old soldier, whose name was well known throughout the services. For many years he was Champion of Arms in the Army. He had more than a theoretical knowledge of boxing; he had been one of the first boxers in the Army; he was a swordsman and an extraordinarily good gymnast, and in addition, a very fine soldier indeed. He congratulated the 13th K.R.R.C. upon winning the Cup (loud cheers).

The points awarded were as follows:—

13th K.R.R.C.	26
5th R.I.R.	19
12th R.I.R.	13½
2nd Bn. M.G.C.	5

The 13th Bn. K.R.R.C. (Commanded by Major F.W.Parish, D.S.O. M.C.) will therefore represent the Light Div. in the Corps Tournament on the 10th.

CORBETT'S BOXING CHALLENGE.

With reference to C.Q.M.S. French's acceptance of his challenge, L/Cpl. Corbett writes as follows:—

Seeing that C.Q.M.S. French has accepted my challenge to box at 10st. 10lb. I shall be willing to oblige. I have, however, accepted the first challenger, Gunner Ginn of 267 Siege Batty. After the contest with him, I shall be very glad to meet C.Q.M.S. French on the conditions laid down.

BETTER THAN EXPECTED.

Favourable Report on Partridge Shooting.

SOUTH BELOW AVERAGE.

Much better reports than were expected of the opening day of the partridge shooting season have been received from all parts of England.

Birds are more plentiful in the Sheffield district than they have been for ten years, on account of a good hatching season and fine weather.

Birds are plentiful and healthy in Derbyshire, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, and Cheshire, as also they are in Kent, where only a few guns were out.

The uncut harvest in some quarters is interfering with the shooting. This was noticeably the case in the south of England, were sportsmen sometimes found the coveys below the average—seven or eight instead of twelve or fourteen. The cold weather in July was responsible for this wasting of the birds.

"The wasting is only in patches, and there is no reason to expect an exceptionally poor season," was the verdict of an Essex sportsman after a moderate day on Monday. "But the guns will not be out in average number for a fortnight," he added, "on account of the late harvest."

ST. LEGER STAKES BETTING.

For the St. Leger Stakes, one mile six furlongs, to be run at Doncaster, on Sept. 10th, London betting is as follows:—

13 to 8	agst	Buchan (t. and o.)	Taylor.
4 — 1	—	Sir Douglas (o.)	Persse.
9 — 2	—	Dominion (t. and o.)	Barling.
7 — 1	—	Bayuda (t.)	Taylor.
10 — 1	—	Pomme de Terre (o., 12—1 t.)	Dundas.

ENGLISH RACING.

Derby details on Wednesday were as follows:—

Loudoun Plate:—1, Quartz (6—4); 1, Almeria Bay (5—2); 3, Black Peter (10—1).

Chatsworth handicap.—1, Laugh (6—4); 2, Chelsno (5—1); 3, Carol Singer (100—30).

Devon Fire Plate:—1, Paragon (100—8); 2, Plymouth Rock (100—6); 3, Lycopodium (6—1)

Breeders St. Leger:—1, Chuette (13—8); 2, Mademoiselle Foch (20—1); 3, Lo Manion (13—8 on).

Portland Plate:—1, White Frost (6—1); 2, Arwin (7—1); Green Fruit (100—7).

Harrington Plate:—1, On Leave (6—4); 2, Listening Ears (7—1); 3, Princess Team (5—1).

ENGLISH FOOTBALL RESULTS.

English football results on Wednesday were as follows:—

Everton 2, Bradford 0.
Middlesborough 2, Blackburn 2.
West Bromwich 2, Newcastle 0.
Leeds 3, Coventry 0.
Portsmouth 0, Crystal Palace 0.

THE DAVIS CUP.

British Prospects in Land of Golden Fleece.

By reason of their narrow victory over France at Deauville by the odd match in five, the British Isles Davis Cup lawn tennis representatives qualified to meet Australasia in the final. What of their chances? Only a little consideration is required to realise that the chances of a win for our team are very remote indeed. On Wimbledon form, or any other, the outlook for the British is the reverse of promising.

Although selections have not yet been made, the following have been suggested as being the strongest team Great Britain can produce for the event:—Parke, Kingscote, Davson and Turnbull. J. C. Parke, however, has been in ill-health for some time and for this reason he cannot be reckoned upon with any certainty. The strength of the Australasia team is well known; they have Brookes and Patterson for the singles, to say nothing of their doubles champions at Wimbledon.

FOOTER FRIENDLY.

A very enjoyable game was played at Ohligs on Monday last between 6th Field Ambulance (Light Division) and Light Divisional M.T. Coy, resulting in a win for the latter by 7 goals to 2. Considering that the "Emma Tocks" had not played together before, this was a very creditable performance. The two goals obtained by the Field Ambulance were the result of excellent work, and they also experienced "rough luck" on other occasions.

Jimmy Wilde in Grimsby.

Grimsby have a treat in store on September 8, when Jimmy Wilde will make one of his last public appearances in England prior to his American tour.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

"The Imps at Solingen."

In the Kaiser Saal on Tuesday evening the Light Division R. F. A. Concert Party, "The Imps," gave a two hours' show to a crowded audience. From start to finish there was not a dull moment. E Ward is the possessor of a baritone voice of great power, and his rendering of "The Last Watch" was enthusiastically encored. A. Wiseman has a pleasing tenor voice and he sang "Old fashioned Mother Mine" with great feeling. This new melody had a splendid reception and the second verse was repeated. Wiseman also participated in duets with E. Ward, "Battle Eve" and "Watchman, what of the night"? being finely given. Their voices blended well together and both songs were well received.

A Pleasing Manner.

Mr. Whibley is a light comedian who has a pleasing stage manner and who makes his songs "go." He made quite a hit with his topical song "its hard to settle down". W. Harrison sang several songs in good style, his best being the rendering of "You came to me." Jerry Meyers is a comedian with a style all his own. He caused roars of laughter with his song on "Tony the Swiss Mountainer." He also duetted with Mr. Whibley in a screaming absurdity called "Tommy and the Crusader." This was exceptionally well done, and brought down the house. Pownall is a first class comedian, and he especially scores in the role of a Hebrew, his sayings and whimsical comicalities greatly amusing the men. In the concerted item, "Cottage by the Sea" the harmony (especially of the chorus) greatly appealed to the audience. Roars of laughter accompanied the skit on "A London bus," and also the burlesque drama on the "Adventures of Murie Hohestrasse." The acting was splendid and the humour was infectious. The stage was very artistically set and "The Imps" must be congratulated on a good, clean and refined show.

481 Siege Battery Entertainment.

With thoughts of an early return to Blighty uppermost in all minds, it was not surprising that the concert given by 481 Siege Bty. R.G.A. at Rottgen, near Bonn should have been marked by good feeling. All the talent was drawn either from the Battery or the attached A.S.C. Column and it speaks volumes for the gifts of the contributors that for the four hours the concert lasted, there was not a dull moment, songs, monologues instrumental selections, concerted items, etc., following one another in rapid succession. Indeed, owing to the extent of the programme encores had to be banned in the first part, but subsequently practically every item received such vociferous evidence of approval that the artiste concerned had to re-appear. Needless to say the preliminary work involved in the concert was by no means light, and not a little of the success attained was directly due to the untiring efforts of B.S.M. Russell, who not only had the bulk of the arrangements in hand, but took an active part in the programme as well.

Rollicking Songs.

Some of the main items may be briefly mentioned. Cpl. Johnson A.S.C. revealed both feeling and technique with his violin selections, and both Sgt. Sutherland's concertina solos were received with uproarious applause.

Bdr. Kirkwood's voice was well adapted to his rollicking songs, "The Admiral's Broom" and "Glorious Devon," while Gunner Anderson rendered with much expression "Melisande" and "Friend of Mine." Signaller Worth, whose talents have often been appreciated by larger audiences was characteristically funny in "The Rest of the Day's Your Own" and "Sammy the Dashing Dragoon," his localised patter being apt to a degree. Nor was he less successful in his conjuring tricks, given with the assistance of "Archie" (Gnr. Jepson) Major S. Krimshire, the O.C., contributed "Border Ballad" in fine style, and Capt. Bingham was heard to considerable advantage in "A song for you." Capt. Mullins, the Padre, gave a spirited rendering of the Cornish song "The Floral Dance."

Unsuspected Talent.

Unsuspected, and therefore doubly welcome, talent was revealed by Signaller Milburn, who gave "Swim, Sam, Swim" in inimitable style. Two ever popular recitations, "The Green Eye of the little Yellow God" and "The Night Watchman" were given by Cpl. Hawkins with real dramatic force. Quite one of the successes of the evening was scored by Sgt. Jezard with "Where did that one go?" and Signaller Bridges gave "Tommy Lad" very effectively. The quartette party, consisting of Sgt. Eccleshall, Sigs. Fagan and Bridges, and Cpl. Fletcher received cordial plaudits for their tuneful selection "Oh who will o'er the downs" and "The Long Day Closes." A popular and amusing item was the sketch "Justice" given by members of the Sergeant's Mess in which the caste was as follows:—P.C. Robert (Sgt. Jezard), The Judge (B.S.M. Russells), Mrs. What Oh! (Sgt. Lucas) Prisoner What Oh! (Sgt. Roberts); Policeman (Sgt. Peake) Counsel, B.Q.M.S. Lister and Sgt. Shaw; Pressmen, Sgt. Adams and Sgt. Sperring. A few "raging and tearing" selections by the Jazz Band, under the spirited conductorship of the Sergeant Major, concluded, at a somewhat late hour, a concert reflecting credit on all concerned. Signaller Ormiston was the efficient accompanist.

JACQUES.

SENSATIONAL CRICKET.

Rushby's Wonderful Bowling Average Against Essex.

The cricket at the Surrey v. Essex match was sensational from the start. Essex, going on with their first innings, in which they had obtained 102 for six, actually lost their last four wickets—Dixon, Morris, Douglas, and Reeves—in about half an hour for the addition of only 6 runs—and this on a good pitch.

Rushby was the destroying agent. He bowled with plenty of life, claiming three of the four last victims, and for the whole innings he had the remarkable analysis of:—

O.	M.	R.	W.
21	15	12	6

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

A Big Buyer.
A buyer on a large scale at the Dublin sales was Mr. J. C. Galstaun, the Indian sportsman, who won the Irish Oaks a few years ago with Shining Way.

P.N.E.'s Shock.
Preston had a shock at Deepdale, and it is evident that the Deepdale side, which lost nine goals in two matches, is a long way from being first class.

Woolley not Playing.
Woolley, the Kent professional, will be unable to play against the Australians at Portsmouth this week, and his place will be taken by Robert Relf.

Le Touquet Tourney.
The international lawn tennis tournament at Le Touquet, which owing to the war, has not taken place for six years, will be resumed again this year, play to begin on Sept. 8.

A.C.U. Trial.
Among those who will compete in the A.C.U. six days' trial, which will be held in and around Llandrindod Wells in the third week of September, are the following well-known riders: E. A. Oliver, Rex Mundy, D. H. Noble, H. Reed, F. W. Applebee, A. V. Summer, Lieut. B. Alan Hill, C. R. Collier, J. Emerson, J. S. Holroyd, Hugh Gibson, Tom Peck, R. Charlesworth, and H. S. F. Morgan.

Bowler's Benefit.
Dean, the Lancashire bowler, is to take a benefit at Old Trafford next season.

Trainer Ill.
Mr. E. Woodland, the veteran trainer and father of the well-known steeplechase jockey, Percy Woodland, is lying seriously ill at his residence near Kenley.

Barratt Leaves Notts.
Fred Barratt, the Notts fast bowler, has accepted an engagement to play for the Rewtenstall cricket club in the Lancashire League next season.

Rainstorm Champions.
The man who can play first-class golf in a rainstorm, as Massy did in 1908, as Taylor did 1913, and as Evans must have done recently, is indeed a champion.

Refs. Scarce.
Football referees are so scarce in Leicestershire that there is a difficulty in obtaining sufficient men for the matches, and the County Association are appealing to candidates to come forward for examination.

Owners' Claim.
Owners claim that they provide the attraction which brings to the racecourse the huge crowds from which race executives and bookmakers secure their profits. That claim is incontestable, of course.

Donoghue Improving.
Donoghue is going on well. The fractured wrist has now been set, and he hopes to be riding sooner than seems reasonable.

Green for P.N.E.
The Preston North End directors yesterday signed on James Green, of the King's Liverpool Regiment, who can play either outside or inside left.

A Half Sister.
Capt. Elgee might not have parted with Marostica after she had won the Wick Selling Plate at Gatwick on Saturday had he not owned a fine yearling half-sister by Thrush to the winner.

Well Together.
Chelsea are a working whole. No relying on the individual. They are playing the open game with everyone's eye on the main chance. Pace and skill such as they have shown in their two opening engagements will carry them far.

International Matches.
The F.A. International Selection Committee met in London. The secretary reported that dates for the following matches had been agreed: Amateur international, England v. Ireland, at Derby, Saturday, November 15; amateur international, Wales v. England, in Wales, Saturday, January 12.

Total 107.
Entries have closed for the A.C.U. Six-Day's Trial in the neighbourhood of Llandrindod Wells, in the third week of September, with the total of 107.

Bowls Singles.
The single-handed competition at the Hastings Bowling Tournament was won by W. L. Yeulett, who beat F. Wright by 21—10.

Kent's Midget.
Percy Freeman, Kent's little googly bowler, is more than a useful footballer, and in all probability will be seen in the ranks of the Maidstone Club this season.

Owner of Tartrazine.
Captain G. Larnach-Nevill, the owner of Saturday's winner, Tartrazine, is a son-in-law of the late Mr. J. W. Larnach. His wife only recently adopted the compound name.

Youthful Champions.
St. Andrews University claims three amateur championship heroes who gained distinction while still in their teens. As long ago as 1893 Peter Anderson, a student, won the title at Prestwick, and in 1905 the winner was Gordon Barry, who was then nineteen years of age, while in 1913, at St. Andrews, Edward Kyle, another nineteen-year-old, reached the semi-final round.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Place aux Dames.

To-day, when so many British women are sojourning in Rhineland, members of the nursing sisterhood, the various organisations connected with the Army, the Air Force, the Canteens and Institutes, as well as the steadily growing circle of wives and families of officers and men, it seems but right that they should have a corner of the "Cologne Post" specially devoted to their interests, and this we propose to give them. The new feature under the title of "Vanity Fair" is starting to-day and we shall be pleased to hear from ladies on the Rhine on any subject that appeals to them and to chronicle in this new column any woman's social event that may be taking place. Items likely to interest British women of Rhineland are welcomed, and we hope our male readers will spread the news among their womenkind that they are non being catered for in the Rhine Army's own particular paper.

Tramcar Indicators.

The employment of sign-posts at each important stopping place, to indicate the numbers and destinations of the tram cars that pass, is by no means an original German idea, according to a letter from an American soldier. Our correspondent says that such a system is in vogue in New York and in fact, practically every town in America where in there is a street car service for many years. He adds that a few years before the war, when in Cologne, he remarked upon the absence of these indication boards. In busy places where the routes are involved, they are undoubtedly a great convenience to the travelling public. That their use in England is increasing in popularity is indicated by the adoption of a similar scheme in connection with the new omnibus service in Liverpool.

The Black and White tie.

Seated in a Rhineland restaurant the other evening was a mixed party of Tommies and German civilians who tried very hard by means of gesticulations and ejaculations, each in his own language, to understand one another. One of the Germans wore a long black tie with a white narrow stripe on either side, similar to the German war-ribbon of the Iron Cross. Suddenly one of the English soldiers pulled at the German's tie and asked him as well as he could: "How large is the Iron Cross that needs a ribbon as big as that?" At first the German could not comprehend his meaning, but when he grasped it he roared with laughter.

The run on the sands.

The Rhine is not the sea, and its strand cannot be compared with the sands of our seaside-places. Still it has on its banks, half an hour from Cologne, a place, where one can combine a swim in the open river with a rest afterwards on the sandy shore. One can even enjoy mixed bathing, an advantage the Cologne inhabitants have fought for very hard. Naturally the "Strandbad" is also frequented by many British soldiers. Once in their bathing costumes our men cannot easily be distinguished from the native boys, except in one particular. The British soldier, after he has had a good swim, at once begins to run along the sand and continues this exercise for five or ten minutes. Then he puts his towel round him and lies down, making himself comfortable. At first the German frequenters of the "Strandbad" were very much astonished, and stared at the custom. But to-day you may see hardly a German boy or girl, who does not now enjoy a run, when they leave the refreshing, but often very cold, water of the Rhine.

Rhine War Savings.

In order to continue the work of the National War Savings Committee on the return to England of Major Spencer Johnson, a local Central War Savings Committee for the Rhine Army has been formed, composed as follows:—Chairman —The G.O.C.-in-C. Members.—II. Corps: Lieut. F. W. Arculus, 51st Devon Regt. IV. Corps: Lieut. R. D. Foster, R.G.A. VI. Corps: Major F. Raynor, West Yorks Regt. IX. Corps: Major A. V. Brice, D.A.D.P.S., IX. Corps. Secretary.—Lieut. C. L. Todd, 52nd Battalion Devonshire Regt. The Headquarters of the Committee will be at 42, Hohenstaufen Ring, Cologne, where Major Spencer Johnson has lately been working from. All communications should be addressed to:—The Secretary, Local Central War Savings Committee, Box 203, A.P.O., G.R., British Army of the Rhine.

Another Courageous Act.

The Commander-in-Chief wishes to express his appreciation of the following act of courage:—On August 20th, 1919, at 18.30 hours, a horse drawing a large farm implement proceeding down the hill from Duren Barracks, ran away, and the boy who was driving from the implement lost all control. The horse had got half way down the hill when Corporal W. E. Webb, 3rd (K.O.) Hussars, who was walking down the hill, ran into the road, and seized the horse's bridle as it went by. The horse was going at a gallop, but Corporal Webb held on, and, though dragged along for a considerable distance, managed to pull the horse up at the hill. By his disregard of personal safety he undoubtedly averted a serious accident to the boy and injury to the horse.

Re-echoes.

They were sitting round the table and talking of the dances and entertainments enjoyed by members of the Rhine Army. "Do you like to dance?" somebody asked the always merry and bright Mr. X., who neither smokes, drinks nor dances. "Only, when I have got cold feet," he answered.

Bathing in the Rhine and all rivers in the Occupied Territory is forbidden to all ranks, except in the various swimming baths and bathing places reserved for British Troops, and in such other places as have been selected, that are controlled and marked for this purpose.

Sculling is one of the favourite recreations of officers and men in the Rhine Army and a number are to be seen daily frequenting the rowing club and taking this exercise.

Last year September 2 was observed in Rhineland as a general holiday to celebrate the 1870 victory of Sedan. There were no rejoicings this year, though.

Quite a number of pilgrimages are to be seen just now wending their way with banners to the Cologne railway station en route for Kevelar.

A large number of German prisoners have been arriving in Cologne and big crowds welcomed them at the railway station. Among them were two who were supposed to be dead and the wife of one had married again.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's winners are Corporal M. Nerney, R.E., C/o A.D. Roads, Rhine Army; Gunner J. Morrow, 153 Siege Battery, R.G.A., Rhine Army; and Pte. J. Hunt, B. Coy. 9th East Surrey Regt., Rhine Army.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Phyllis Unsatisfied—Waitresses in Aberdeen have been on strike for better wages.

Business Planes—A commercial aeroplane service will be inaugurated at Nottingham in October.

Their new Country.—This autumn 20,000 Alsatians will be conscripted into the Army of France.

Exercise.—Naval officers at Scapa keep fit by roller-skating on the decks of the battleships.

Devons Home From India.—The cadre of the 1/4 Devons has arrived at Plymouth from India.

Baron Horne.—Baron Horne of Stirkoke, in the County of Caithness, is the new title of Gen. Sir Hy. Horne.

His Wreath.—While carrying a wreath on the front of his bicycle, an Aldershot boy collided with a cart and was killed

One-Man Dispute Ended.—Monmouthshire miners have resumed work after a week's strike over a one-man dispute.

Glitter That Deceived.—A number of ornamental earrings have been stolen from Brighton Museum.

On Military Service.—To deal with rats the Aldershot Command is offering ferrets for sale.

A Huge Nugget.—A rabbit catcher at Mudgee, New South Wales, stumbled on what he found to be a nugget 14lb. in weight of practically pure gold.

Methuseleh of To-day.—There is a man in Kentucky who has just celebrated his 131st birthday. He has a daughter aged 97 and except for deafness is physically fit.

Traitors—The Frenchmen who helped the Germans to publish "La Gazette des Ardennes" in France during the German occupation will be tried by court-martial.

Munificent.—Lord and Lady Cowdray are presenting a War Memorial Court, a large hall and an art museum to Aberdeen.

Male "Maids."—Thanks to their Army training, many ex-soldiers are now taking situations as hotel housemaids and "tweenies."

Not Dressy There.—Gaby Deslys, the French dancer noted for her amazing dresses and hats, wears the simplest of bathing costumes at Deauville.

Very aged.—An aunt of the late Rev. Charles Spurgeon, the once famous preacher, has just attained her hundredth year.

Airman's Escape.—Landing on a glacier in the Alps, a Swiss military aeroplane stopped only a few feet short of a deep chasm, which the pilot did not see.

Fame Indeed!—"The pictures" are coming into their own at last! In the next edition of that ponderous work, the "Encyclopaedia Britannica," there is to be a moving picture supplement.

From Brittany.—Breton onion boys are to be seen in London again.

Trade Union Funds.—The General Federation of Trade Unions has capital funds of £244,000.

On Tour.—Sir J. Forbes-Robertson is to lecture on Shakespeare in the States during the autumn.

A Concession.—Officers and other ranks may again use railway vouchers when travelling in uniform.

Great Pigeon Race.—Twelve thousand pigeons took part in the national races when £4,000 was competed for.

Salvage.—Glasgow made over £89,000 during the last twenty years from the sale of old tins etc. sent to the destructors.

Gassed Steeplejack.—While working on the top of a chimney stack at Sheffield, a steeplejack was gassed by the fumes.

A Bride of 80.—The marriage has taken place at Lichfield of a widow of eighty and a blind pedlar aged fifty.

Australian Drought Breaks.—The news that some rain has fallen in Victoria is causing great rejoicing in Australia.

Popular London.—The Indian troops, in London are so pleased with London that they are to stop longer than was intended.

Otter Hunting Resumed.—Otter hunting on the Rivers Clwyd and Elwy, North Wales, which had been suspended for four years, has been resumed.

The Origin of Species—In a dog muzzling prosecution at Dover the owner said it was half monkey and half dog, and she did not consider the order applied to it.

Warning to Potato Growers.—The Board of agriculture warns gardeners, and allotment holders to examine all potato crops for the presence of wart disease.

Barbed Wire from the Battlefields.—The barbed wire used in France, which has been re-coiled by German prisoners and Chinese, is being sold.

Diving Feats.—Remarkable diving feats are being performed by a South Shieldsman at High Force, Teesdale. He dives from a rock 70 ft. high into a pool 115 ft. deep.

Strike Against Education Rate.—In the parish of Clyne in Sutherlandshire the parish council has refused to impose or collect the Education Rate of 5s 6d in the £.

Seamen's Ample Security.—Two Norwegian seamen, charged with concealing spirits valued, with treble duty, at £279, were allowed to proceed to sea on depositing £280 as security.

Thieve's Haul of Provisions.—Burglars broke into a Lipton's shop in Hampstead, and stole several hams, fowls, and a quantity of bacon, cheese, sugar, tea, and tinned goods.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

(XXI)

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Many beginners have asked me, of late, how to take, develop and print a photograph.

As I write for these rather than for those who are already acquainted with the procedure, I take this opportunity to tabulate the necessary processes from beginning to end. Let the beginner, therefore, cut out this column, and keep it with him in his notebook, constantly referring to it until it be no longer necessary.

Make your room, cellar, garret or cupboard perfectly dark and proof from white light.

Light your red lamp.

Open your box of plates and place them, dull side upwards and the shiny or glass side downwards in their sheathes, (with roll-films and pack-films the camera may be loaded in daylight.)

Do not forget to close your sheathes and also your box of plates before you turn on your white light.

Now you are ready for an exposure.

Choose your subject.

Judge the number of metres or yards between your subject and your apparatus, by means of the attachment connected with the front of the lens, or if a portrait study, focus by means of the ground-glass screen. Continue to move the lens or the front of the camera, in and out, until the subject is sharp in detail.

Study the effect of light and judge your exposure accordingly; also arrange the aperture of your diaphragm.

Expose your plate or film, and do not omit to withdraw the slide from its sheath or adapter and to replace it after exposure.

Change your plate or film for the next photograph.

We must now prepare the darkroom for the process of development.

Prepare your baths, according to directions.

a. Developer.
b. Hypo.
c. Water (running water is preferable.)

Light the red lamp.

Take the first plate or film and plunge it, first in water and then in the developer, filing right up.

Watch for black patches; these are the high-lights, they represent light colours. A negative is so called because light colours appear black and vice versa. On paper the process is again reversed and each shade assumes its normal tint.

When you can see these black patches well defined by turning the plate or film and viewing from the back — i.e. its glass or shiny side — you may assume it is ready for the hyfo.

Wash the negative in water and then place it in the hyfo bath. It must remain here until every trace of the yellow colour of the film (or collodion) has disappeared.

Wash the negative well, changing the water frequently, for a quarter of an hour.

Of course, many may be washed at the same time.

Both baths — i.e. developer and hyfo — may be used for a dozen exposures.

Place your plates in a perpendicular position and hang your films to a horizontal string, by means of clips, to dry. This will take several hours.

Do not turn on the white light until all unexposed plates are safely packed away.

Now, when your negatives are perfectly dry, and not before, you may proceed to take a print.

Place both negative and paper, filmy sides together, in the frame. Light passing through the negative, stains the delicate surface of the prepared paper This becomes dark under those parts of the negative which seem transparent, and remains almost unaffected in the opaque spots, thus bringing out the natural tones. So we form a positive from a negative. You may examine it, from time to time, by raising one half of the back of the printing-frame, taking care not to move the paper from its fixed position on the plate or film.

Plunge the print, first in clean water, and then into the toning and fixing bath. Leave it there for five minutes more or less — again according to the necessary tone.

Wash it well in water.

Pin it up to dry or suspend it from a string.

THE LIGHTER SIDE.

Deceived.

"Poor Maud! She got cruelly deceived when she married that old man."

"Didn't he have any money?"

"Oh, yes, plenty of money; but he is ten years younger than he said he was."

His Opinion.

Fond Parent: "Did you hear my daughter sing?"

Returned Soldier: "Yes."

Fond Parent: "What did you think of her range?"

Returned Soldier: "I should say she ought to kill at three miles."

Where Water is Wanted.

At a North Country pub the wind was fairly up, when the Pussyfoot campaign was being discussed. "Who is this chap Johnson, onnyway. Aa hope it's not Jack Johnson, the boxer, that's myekin' aall this bother," said Geordie. "Wey, no, it's yen o' them cheps that's alwis tellin ye te read yor Bible aboot strong drink," said Bill. "Ye knaa cheps aall tell ye. Aa hev been readin' ma Bible, from Genisis tiv Revelations, an' Aa find ony yen man asking for water and he was in Hell.

The Difference.

They were returning from the party, Nancy and her soldier lover, and high words waxed furiously. "Call yourself a soldier," remarked she disdainfully. "Why you never smelt powder in your life!" Tommy smiled dryly. "Perhaps not; but I've tasted it," said he. "Where and when," blazed the girl. "A few hours ago when I kissed you." Then he took another taste and carried the position with splendid dash as became a soldier.

Misunderstood.

A Welshman on a visit to Scotland was being shown by his host—a Scotsman—round some of the show-places of the locality. "And this is the Forth Bridge," said the host, pointing to the famous engineering structure. "Dear me, and what became of the other three?" asked the visitor innocently.

VANITY FAIR.

A feature for the British Woman in Rhineland.

Now September's Here.

The advent of September heralds the necessity for heavier garments, for, however warm the autumn may be at midday, the mornings and evenings are cool. Our thoughts turn naturally to coats and skirts. Woman especially needs something in the way of a light costume that will keep her sufficiently warm without being too heavy and hot during the day. Light-weight serge, cloth, and gaberdine are the best for these coats and skirts.

Paris and the short skirt.

It looks as if the fate of the very short skirt is sealed. There are still many examples of this debatable garment to be seen; indeed the exaggerations are all too noticeable; but signs that longer skirts are coming is to be seen in the new models which the dressmakers are launching every week. All of them have an inch or two more of length, but not of width, and the hips remain wide. This does not mean that the short skirt has gone altogether, only the exaggerations are disappearing from all circles of society where women dress according to the latest laws of fashion.

Autumn Millinery.

Autumn millinery is now being displayed in great array. There seem to be no specially fixed rules as to shape, etc., and many and varied are the materials used. The velour hat, so becoming and comfortable, is again in the forefront. Beaver shapes, of a rather fluffy kind, are being shown a great deal, and seem to be in demand. Models in plaited ribbon and pleated silk, in gorgeous colours and contrasts, are only a few of the many different types seen.

Seen On the Stage.

Miss Gladys Cooper's personality makes her plays, and Miss Cooper's personality—her good taste be to her credit—owes much to her charming frocks. Her dresses in "Home and Beauty" prove no exception to the rule. In the first act she wears a deep pink chiffon velvet tea gown, outlined with blush rose crystals, and weighted with handsome crystal ta sels. In the second act she appears attired in a draped wrap of crêpe satin, designed in leaf gold edged with skunk. Bronze gold pointe de venise forms a deep panel collar. Her third appearance is made in a brown duvetyn gown, and a cloak with a collar that reaches well below the elbows and dips towards the waistline, and a brown velvet hat trimmed with grebe.

About Hats.

The latest toque is an attractive thing made—apparently—of a single ostrich feather of great beauty and considerable length. There is, of course, a miniature shape upon which this feather is mounted, but this is so insignificant that it seems non-existent; it is the feather that counts. And the feather is so arranged that it whirls round the invisible crown, lies against the nape of the neck, and then falls forward over the left shoulder. One of the most famous milliners in Paris has launched this toque, and it has "caught on" in an extraordinary way.

Cost or Beauty.

While leather is so dear as to make gloves and shoes almost prohibitive in price comes the craze for dresses made of soft supple kid dyed in bright colours, cut out in openwork patterns, fringed or decorated with steel beads. Their enormous cost partly accounts for the rage for these frocks at Deauville, where those women who were merely rich and not multi-millionaires had to content themselves with jumpers of kid. One London firm tried to launch this fashion some time ago for motor outfits, but, perhaps because leather was not at that time very scarce, this met with little success.

Revival of Sequins.

Judging by both the new stage fashions and the products to be seen in all the leading houses, we are to have quite an epidemic of sequin overdresses. It is perhaps, the natural result of the jumper craze, for these sparkling tunics are practically little more than an extended version of the former. There is always something a little unsatisfying, a little hard in the outline resulting from the sequined overdress, however wonderful and alluring the shimmer of its spangled surface may be. The weight of the overdress, too, tends to drag it rather more closely around the figure than is graceful, and at the moment it is at actual variance with the fuller hip silhouette now demanded.

AGNES

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Remagen (Neuenahr)	„	4⁵⁰	5⁰⁰	—
Rolandseck	„	5¹⁰	5³⁰	—
Godesberg	„	5⁴⁰	6⁰⁰	—
Bonn	arr.	6⁰⁰	6⁵⁵	—
	dep.	6⁰⁵	6³⁰	—
Wesseling	„	6⁴⁵	7¹⁰	—
Porz	„	7⁰⁵	7⁴⁰	—
Köln-Mitte (Leystapel)	arr.	7³⁰	7⁵⁵	—

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Wesseling	„	11²⁵	—	1²⁵
Bonn	arr.	p.m. 12³⁰	—	2³⁰
	dep.	12³⁵	—	2⁴⁰
Godesberg	„	1¹⁰	—	3¹⁰
Rolandseck	„	2⁰⁰	—	4⁰⁰
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ULTIMATUM TO RUMANIA.

UNANSWERED NOTES CAUSE ALLIES TO TAKE STRONG ACTION.

RUSSIAN EVACUATION IMMINENT.

SILENT RUMANIA.

SUPREME COUNCIL SENDS AN ULTIMATUM.

No answer whatever has been received by the Supreme Council to the Notes recently addressed to the Rumanian Government. The latest Note was a protest against the proceedings of the Rumanian army in Hungary and pointed out that all the assets in Hungary belong not to Rumania but to the whole of the Allies. The Note called upon Rumania to signify at once that it is prepared to obey the orders of the Peace Conference. These matters having been consistently ignored, the Council has accordingly decided to send an envoy to Bukarest to present an ultimatum to the Rumanian Government and has fixed a time limit. Should Rumania refuse to comply with the terms of the ultimatum within the given time diplomatic relations will cease between the Allied and Associated Powers and Rumania. The envoy of the Allies and Associated Powers will bring away with him from Bukarest the diplomatic representatives of those powers represented in the Rumanian capital.

ROBBING THE ALLIES.

The text of the ultimatum will not be divulged until it has been handed to the Rumanian Government but it is understood that it will deal mainly with the question of reparations and the evacuation of Hungary by the Rumanian Army.

In regard to reparation the Allies will insist upon their point that Rumania must recognise that all goods, railway rolling stock, live stock and other material requisitioned by the Rumanian Army in Hungary must be handed over to the Allies to be distributed among the States having claims against Hungary in the proportions that will be assigned by the Peace Conference and further that Rumania must undertake to pay the Allies for such requisitioned material, foodstuff etc., as she is unable to return.

M. Gonnart, ex-Governor General of Algeria, who was sent to Athens as the Allies' High Commissioner, immediately before the abdication of King Constantin, is mentioned as the envoy to carry the ultimatum.

RUMANIA'S "EXPLANATION."

Meanwhile the Matin (Paris) has published circumstantial details to explain the attitude of Rumania. On Wednesday evening, says that journal, MM. Antonescu and Micha called on M. Pichon and informed him that M. Bratianu had just received in Bukarest a number of press cables in which Rumania was treated in an unfriendly way. This he could not understand for the very good reason that for some time past Notes sent by the Entente had not reached him. An hour later M. Antonescu returned and brought with him proof of his statement. A communication had just been received by him from the Rumanian Minister of war announcing that according to a wireless message radiated from a station near Bukarest not one of the radiograms sent from Paris during the last two weeks for the Rumanian delegation had reached their destination. It was therefore inevitable that notes addressed to M. Bratianu having been sent over by same method, should have suffered the same fate. M. Bratianu stated that he will reply as soon as he becomes aware of the Allies demands.

DENIKIN OCCUPIES KIEFF.

A War Office communiqué says, in confirmation of a Bolshevist wireless report of September 2nd, that news has been received of the occupation of Kieff by Deniken's forces, after two days heavy fighting. This town is the fourth largest in Russia and its occupation will doubtless ensure the long looked for junction between Deniken and Petlura. The Bolshevist thrust towards Kharkov has thus been definitely countered and Deniken's left appears once more to be secure.

INQUEST ON GENERAL LEE.

At the inquest on Brigadier-General Charles Lee, who was fatally injured on Monday while piloting an aeroplane at Weston-super-Mare, Captain Heslam, who witnessed the accident, said that General Lee expressed a wish to take the machine for a test after the engine had been overhauled.

Deceased took off well into the wind and at once began to climb. At a height of 150 feet the engine gave a series of loud reports and emitted clouds of blue smoke. He considered the accident was due to an error on the part of the pilot or lack of fine judgment, in handling the engine. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

General Smuts has formed a new Cabinet in South Africa. All his former colleagues have agreed to continue in office.

NORTH RUSSIA.

EVACUATION BEFORE THE ICE FORMS.

It is learned from an authoritative source that all British troops will have left Archangel before the port is closed by ice, that is, by the end of September or in the early part of October. The date of evacuation depends on the weather but at the latest the troops will be evacuated by the middle of October.

The answer to questions of critics as to why operations in North Russia are being continued, seeing that it has been decided to evacuate, is that it is our policy to do as much damage to the enemy as is possible before leaving, so as to make the withdrawal easier and prevent him from undertaking offensive operations for some time. It is desired to leave the situation as easy as possible for the Russians who are being left behind. The suggestion that there has been a change in the Government's policy and that operations would continue during the winter is emphatically denied. The War Office yesterday afternoon announced that on the Archangel front the Bolshevists made unsuccessful attacks on our positons on the river Vaga on September 1st.

NAVY REDUCTION.

ESTIMATES CUT DOWN BY HALF.

A drastic reduction of the Navy Estimates is indicated. Within a fortnight Mr. Walter Long, First Lord of the Admiralty, is to tell the Premier how far he is prepared to go with the reduction of the Fleet and the Admiralty Staff, and it then rests with the Premier or with Parliament to say if Mr. Long's plans ensure the safety of the nation.

It is probable that Mr. Long will try to bring the present expenditure of 140 millions down to something below 70 millions. This sum, it is estimated, is equivalent to a naval expenditure of 34 millions (the amount spent on the Navy in 1904), when taking into account the present purchasing power of the £ and the addition of 10 millions on the wages bill. Seventy millions is not to be taken as the limit of reduction, as it may be found possible next year to cut another ten millions off the Estimates.

In future the Navy will consist only of battleships, battle-cruisers, light cruisers, destroyers, and submarines. All other types of vessels, are to be ruthlessly "scrapped."

No new ships are to be built in the immediate future, the Admiralty yards being confined to the general upkeep of the Fleet and the reconditioning of merchant vessels for handing back to their owners.

There will, therefore, be fewer ships in the Navy than before the war; but they will all be fighting ships and, class for class, all of greater speed and gunpower and equipped in every detail in order to contend with modern war conditions.

It has now been decided to complete the construction of 36 vessels in these modern classes—it having been found a more economical procedure than breaking them up on the stocks. Altogether the building of 42 first-class ships has been stopped or cancelled.

STRIKE WEAPON.

HENDERSON ON ITS USE AND MISUSE.

Speaking at a public meeting in connection with the International Conference on Labour and Religion on Wednesday evening Mr. Arthur Henderson (who is still awaiting the verdict of Widnes) said he heard with great satisfaction that the Triple Alliance Conference had with striking unanimity decided against the policy of direct action for purely political purposes. This wise and most commendable decision would be almost universally approved by all thinking men among organised workers.

He expressly said "for purely political purposes" because he did not admit that the organised workers should entirely forego the weapon of direct action. However much he regretted that circumstances sometimes compelled the workers to resort to the weapon of the strike he was afraid that until Society is better organised and until the governing classes are prepared to abandon the use of their economic weapons and more ready to meet just claims of labour, the organised workers must retain as a weapon the right to strike. To make that admission was very different from the mistaken policy adopted by some in the labour movement who would like to use this weapon on all occasions and for every purpose. A Labour Government would fight to the last ditch against any policy of direct action on the part of any minority, whatever name it might call itself.

LONDON POLICE.

TO ORGANISE POLAND'S SYSTEM.

The new Polish Government, anxious to set upon a firm basis the administration of justice within its teritories, has paid a high compliment to the Metropolitan Police Force of London by requesting the sending out of an informal commission of experienced London police officers to advise upon the lines on which the permanent policing scheme of Poland should be based.

A number of officers have been chosen and will shortly embark for Poland under the charge of Colonel Macready, son of the Chief Commissioner of Police. If the Polish Government approves the recommendations and the matter can be amicably arranged between the two Governments this pioneer party will be followed by a larger commission and it is hoped that under its guidance may be laid the foundations of a scheme for the general control and administration of justice.

TRAMWAY DEADLOCK.

NATIONAL STRIKE APPEARS IMMINENT.

Negotiations were taking place in London throughout Thursday with the object of averting a national strike of tramway workers, but matters again reached a deadlock and there is very grave danger of a strike. Among the demands put forward was one for an advance of twelve shillings weekly on the existing war wage of thirty shillings.

The Tramway and Light Railway Association refused to accede to this application and suggested arbitration by districts. To that the delegates were unanimously opposed, claiming that such negotations have always been conducted on a national basis. The conference decided to send a deputation to the Minister of Labour to point out that under no possible circumstances would they concede the principle of arbitration by districts.

DOUBLE LOVE TRAGEDY.

What is presumed to be a double love tragedy has occurred at Ascot. While walking near the lake at Sunninghill Park yesterday one of the estate workmen saw the bodies of a youth and girl floating near the bank. Both were well dressed and there were no signs of violence on either.

Later the bodies were identified as those of Emily Mason, of South Ascot, and William Sarney, living at Winkfield, both being eighteen years old. There was no evidence of a struggle near the lake and it is thought the two must have agreed to commit suicide together.

MUNITIONS MINISTRY.

DEFENDED BY MR. KELLAWAY.

A vigorous reply to criticisms of the Ministry of Munitions was made yesterday by Mr. F. G. Kellaway, the Deputy Minister, at a luncheon given in his honour by business men associated with the Ministry. He described many of the criticisms as ill-informed, mischievous and stupid, and referring to the charge that excessive provision had been made for the supply of high explosive said that this would not be the view of Ludendorff. It was the factories which had been described as white elephants which had crushed the life of the German Army.

The administrative staff of the Ministry had been reduced from 25,144 at the date of the armistice to 13,884 in August last, and a further reduction of 4,000 would be effected by the middle of October. These reductions were not due to outside pressure or the present clamour. They had been effected as the result of measures taken by Mr. Winston Churchill and Lord Inverforth. Mr. Kellaway said that eighty millions sterling had already been realised on surplus stores and 100 millions on trading account. Practically all surplus stores were handed over to the French Government at our valuation and if the Disposals Board were forced to carry out the work more rapidly they would require additions to their staff.

MINES NATIONALIZATION.

The recommendation of the Miners Executive rejecting the Government scheme for dealing with the coal industry was unanimously accepted on Thursday by a Delegate Conference of the Miners Federation of Great Britain.

Mr. Smillie hinted that it might be necessary to ballot again on the question of a national strike of miners to compel nationalization. Mr. Brace, however, approached the subject cautiously "as a moderate man," declaring that he had never said he would not accept direct action but adding that it all depended on circumstances.

£40,777,277 A WEEK.

The nation's expenditure during the week ending August 30 was £40,777,277, an average of more than £5,825,000 a day.

According to the Treasury statement in the London Gazette, the total was made up roughly as follows:—

Permanent charge of debt...	£4,200,000
Interest, etc., on war debt..	£2,600,000
Supply services	£33,8 0,000

The week's revenue totalled £17,086,340.

IMPOSTOR'S DOOM.

KILLED WHILE COMMITTING A CRIME.

An intensely dramatic story of the strange life and tragic death of a wanted man who had posed as the son of an admiral was told at a London inquest on Thursday. The inquiry concerned Edwin William Emke, who was killed by being jammed in a lift shaft at a Bloomsbury garage. The evidence showed that he had represented himself as a Lieutenant of good social position and had made arrangements to buy a car at Prince's garage, Bloomsbury. He had several trial runs in a two seater car and then said he had to go down to Bristol for some money. Later he returned to the garage during the absence of the manager and subsequently his body was found at the bottom of the lift well.

An actress, Miss Olwyn Owen, described her acquaintance with Emke, whom she knew as Lieutenant Cotswold. He had taken her out to lunch and wanted a car in order to take her and his friends about.

Deceased's father, living at Walworth, said his son was formerly in the Navy and later he obtained work in West-end clubs. He was also at one time a steward on a ship going to New York.

Detective Moore, stationed at Wallington, Surrey, said he held a warrant for Emke's arrest on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences. The man no doubt knew the warrant was out and had recently adopted the name of Cotswold.

The coroner's officer said that Emke had stayed at various hotels in the name of Eglinton and had been travelling about on a stolen motor cycle. Near the body in the lift shaft a bottle containing choloform was found.

A verdict of accidental death was returned.

"AS DURING THE WAR."

CONDUCT OF GERMANS IN LITHUANIA.

According to a report circulated by Reuter's Agency the conduct of the Germans in Lithuania is said to be as bad as during the war.

It is complained that Germans are masquerading in Russian uniform, and are forming a force under Prince Lieven, in order to create a military base for the Germans. So far as is known, no reply has yet been received, but since the delivery of a Note from the Lithuanian Government to the British Mission at Riga the situation has become worse, and outrages committed by the Germans have increased in number. Within the past few days another strong Note has been delivered by Lithuania to the Allied Supreme Council. This points out that the main purpose of the Germans is to secure the harvests in the districts of Lithuania occupied by the Germans, and for this purpose they are making daily requisitions. This results in continual conflicts and severe fighting.

The Germans have seized and maltreated several officials of the Lithuanian Ministry of Agriculture and stolen their property. They afterwards succeeded in escaping. The Germans are continually removing stocks of food across the frontier, and in order to do so unobserved are preventing the establishment of Customs Houses.

Reuter's Agency learns from Lithuanian sources that troops from Prince Lieven's army, commanded by Colonel Vyrgolitch, have begun to concentrate round Shavli. The Military Mission of this army, consisting of Major-General Bogdanoff, Colonel Nicolin, and Lieutenants Golubtcheff and Petersen, has officially informed the Lithuanian Government that they have occupied the town of Kursenai, near Shavli, in accordance with orders received from Von der Goltz. The Lithuanian Government has protested to the Allied nations against the occupation, and has requested that they should exercise their influence to compel the German army immediately to evacuate the whole of Lithuania.

FLYING BOAT'S FLIPS.

2,450 SEA MILES IN 41 HOURS.

The way to new markets has possibly been opened by the F.5 Flying Boat N.4041, of No. 4 Communication Squadron R.A.F., which in its demonstration flight to the Scandinavian countries flew 2,450 sea miles in a total flying time of 40 hours 40 minutes. There was no mishap of any kind, although from its departure until its return to Felixstowe the machine spent 27 days in the water or in the air.

Exhibitions and passenger-carrying flights were carried out at Christiania, Christiansand, and Copenhagen, the Queen of Norway being taken up twice.

It is hoped, says the Air Ministry, that valuable results will accrue to the British aircraft industry in opening up what is perhaps the best market in the world for water-going aircraft. Practically the whole of Norway is navigable by seaplanes making use of the fiords, and in Denmark all the large towns are approachable by water; in Sweden a natural seaplane highway extends right across the country, formed by the two large lakes, Vättern and Vänern, the Gotha Canal, and countless small lagoons and lakelets.

The feeling in Norway, Denmark, and Sweden towards British aviation is favourable, but the Germans are doing their best to obtain a footing and have announced aeroplanes and seaplanes for sale at "cut" prices.

CANTEEN PROFITS.

GENERAL BYNG'S SCHEME OF DISTRIBUTION.

General Byng and the Committee of the United Services Fund have decided upon a method of distributing part of the seven million pounds profit which has accumulated from the Expeditionary Force Canteens, which profits are to be used for the benefit of ex-service officers and men.

The secretary of the fund states that it has been decided to allocate a quarter of a million towards the help of disabled officers and men and a similar amount will be given to widows and dependents. Another quarter of a million has been set aside for general welfare work among ex-service men in Greater London and will be used for such things as the provision of clubs. This is in the nature of an experiment and if found to operate successfully in Greater London the committee propose to make grants for similar purposes in other towns in the Kingdom. A strong subcommittee has been appointed to administer the grants.

It is proposed to work through existing organisations and measures are being taken to ensure that the money reaches the men whom it is intended to benefit. General Byng and the Committee are anxious that ex-service men shall themselves co-operate in the administration of grants for this purpose. It is made a condition of the grants that the Committee of any organisation to which money is given shall consist of at least twenty-five per cent of ex-service men other than officers.

2,000 BOMBS.

WHAT CALAIS SUFFERED DURING WAR.

In connection with the decoration of Calais with the Croix de Guerre on Sunday, it is pointed out that, even during the critical days of the German offensive in 1914 and 1918, the population of the town, normally 75,000, never fell below 60,000. This is the more remarkable when it is considered that as well as the constant menace of the capture of the town by the Germans, Calais underwent sixty bombardments by Zeppelins, aeroplanes, and warships. About 2,000 bombs and torpedoes fell in the town, more than 150 houses were destroyed, 230 persons were killed and 400 injured, and the material damage amounted to 30,000,000f. These figures, even when spread over a period of five years, give some idea of what the inhabitants had to endure.

HAIL AND FAREWELL.

FOCH'S GOOD-BYE TO PERSHING.

Marshal Foch's good-bye to General Pershing, the American Commander-in-Chief, at Brest was marked by quite unusual cordiality.

Not only did the French Commander motor over from his house in time to greet Pershing before the latter went on board the giant transport Leviathan (once the German Vaterland), but he followed him on board and made a little speech of farewell to the American general and his staff on the deck.

"We will guard piously your dead," said Foch, "and if in future new clouds darken the horizon, will those heroes not spring from their tombs to cry to the world that we have a common cause on both sides of the Atlantic—a cause of liberty?"

As the Leviathan, surrounded by her escort of French destroyers, put slowly out to sea Marshal Foch accompanied her, standing on the bridge of a gunboat, from which, while the great ship cleared the roadstead, he waved a last salute to the Allied General who had been at his side in so many anxious hours.

COLONEL'S PATHETIC FAREWELL.

A most distressing tragedy occurred at Portsmouth station on Thursday, when Colonel Sir Robert Megaw Ireland was seen to fall from the platform in front of a train. He was killed instantaneously. In his pocket was found a note addressed to his wife, which ran: "My best of wives, adieu. I cannot bear it. My brain has gone. Forgive me. Lord, have mercy on me."

Colonel Ireland, who lived at Southsea, was seventy years of age. He served in the South African war and was mentioned in despatches. Later he served in the Army Pay Department as Chief Paymaster, retiring in 1911.

TAR AND FEATHER SEQUEL.

It is stated that the tar and feather episode at Cambridge which caused such a sensation in May last is about to be reopened by the holding of a military enquiry. The principals were Lieutenant Wright, an Army Officer and Lieutenant Kinahan, R.N. whom Wright chained to a tree in a Cambridge street after he had tarred and feathered him. Kinahan has now resigned from the Navy. Wright was arrested by the military but was released on parole on condition that he did not leave Cambridge. He has frequently demanded an enquiry and it is stated that the machinery is in motion for this being done at an early date.

BOTHA'S ESCAPE.

FALSE TELEGRAM AND MISSING LINER.

The Capetown correspondent of "The Times" has revealed an interesting story of a telegram which saved General Botha for the Empire at the beginning of the war. The story is told by permission of Sir David Graaff, one of General Botha's most intimate friends and political associates.

A few days before the outbreak of war Botha, who had been visiting Rhodesia, was on his way to Beira whence he had booked a passage to Delagoa Bay en route to Pretoria. The acting minister in Pretoria had telegraphed to him on Saturday that there was no need for anxiety in regard to the European situation as it was certain England would not be embroiled. Sir David Graaff had returned to London on Friday from a sojourn at a German watering place and though the British Cabinet's final decision had not then been taken he formed the conclusion on the Sunday morning that war with Germany was inevitable. He therefore telegraphed to Botha, "British Government declares war Germany tomorrow."

Sir David Graaff's telegram was received with incredulity in Pretoria but after some hesitation it was re-transmitted to Botha. Botha afterwards said he was sorely puzzled by the two contradictory telegrams but concluded that Sir David was not likely to send so definite a statement without good reasons. Accordingly he cancelled his passage on the German steamer and returned to Pretoria via Rhodesia. The steamer sailed from Beira on August 4th and was never afterwards heard of in South Africa. But for the almost accidental and wholly unofficial telegram from Sir David Graaff, Botha would either have disappeared or if the steamer ever reached Germany would certainly have been interned.

ROWED FOR 27 HOURS.

GALLANTRY AT SEA.

The King has awarded the Silver Medal for Gallantry in Saving Life at Sea to Alfred Elsome, D.S.M., R.N.R., second hand of his Majesty's trawler Crucis, and the Bronze Medal to Joseph Anstey, Newfoundland R.N.R., leading seaman, and Harry Curman, R.N.R., deck hand, of the Crucis.

On April 19, 1918, while in convoy, the S.S. Lord Charlemont, of Belfast was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean Sea. The Crucis, which formed part of the escort, bore down and launched a boat which, under the command of Elsome, and manned by Anstey and Curman, picked up the master and four Chinese members of the Lord Charlemont's crew.

The boat was being driven by the rising wind and sea, and it became impossible to return to the trawler. It was accordingly decided to make for the Spanish coast. The master of the Lord Charlemont had been severely burnt, and Elsome attended to his injuries, taking off his own shirt and singlet in order to bandage the master's face and hands. Curman also took off his singlet and put it round one of the rescued men. The boat ultimately reached San José on the morning of April 20, two of the Chinese men having died on the passage.

Elsome and the two others were unremitting in their attentions to the rescued men, and, in addition to this, Elsome remained at the tiller, while Anstey and Curman continued rowing without a break in very rough seas for about 27 hours.

SECURITY FOR BRITISH TRADERS.

A special department composed of a small headquarters staff has been set up by the Board of Trade to deal with the Government guarantee of twenty-six million sterling to encourage trading with European countries devastated by the war.

Naturally British traders in the present uncertain conditions are loth to supply goods on a mere order. The new department will make all the necessary enquiries and satisfy itself as to the solvency of foreign merchants.

It has been suggested that consular officers and commercial attachés might assist in this new development but on the other hand the Board of Trade may think it advisable to appoint special officers of their own in the various countries affected.

MINISTERS TO NEW STATES.

The King has approved the following appointments in the Diplomatic Service:

Sir George W. Buchanan, formerly Ambassador at Petrograd, to Rome.

Sir Charles Alban Young, Minister to Guatemala and other South American Republics, to be Minister to the King of the Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes.

Sir Horace Rumbold, Minister at Berne, to be Minister to the Republic of Poland.

Lord Acton, Consul-General at Zürich, Minister to Finland.

Sir George Russell Clerk, Acting Counsellor of Embassy, Minister to the Czecho-Slovak Republic.

AUSTRIA GETS AN EXTENSION.

The Supreme Council yesterday decided to extend until Tuesday next the time within which the Austrian Government must notify its acceptance of the Peace Conditions. This is an extension of two days.

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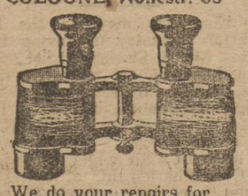

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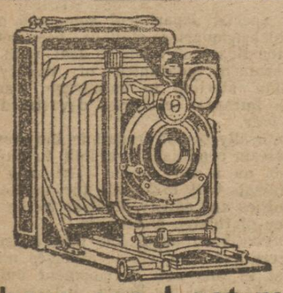

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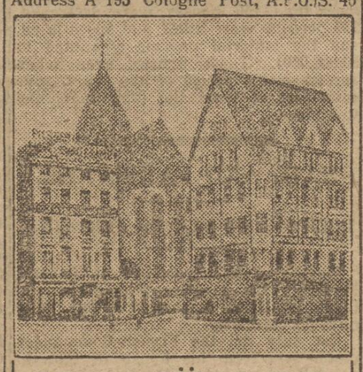

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and 5-30—7-30 p.m. in the Crypt.

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IN GARRISON CHURCH, BONN.
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Parade Service (Corps) at 10-00 hours.
Parade Service (Div.) at 11-00 hours.
Evening Service at 18-00 hours.
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Saturday, September 6, 1919.

FACTS TO FACE.

Probably the reader will exclaim "First catch your facts!" For never, perhaps, has the public felt so distrustful as to-day of the assertions of its leaders and its would-be leaders, so confused with the vehemence of contradictory statements and proposals, so bored with threats of angry strife after the tension of long hard years. Yet the facts must be faced and dealt with. To ignore them is only to hand over everything to the unbridled energy of a minority of fanatics. We cannot afford such a pusillanimous attitude.

And after all, though details must be questioned, individual assertions discredited, the general broad lines of the situation are clear and undeniable.

First, the world is much poorer than it was five years ago. Productive power has to an enormous extent been concentrated upon destruction instead of creation. Not only have we lost the supply of the commodities to be expected from five years' work of the great industrial nations, but also actual vast destruction of human and material wealth has heavily mortgaged the work of the future.

Secondly, the reaction from the unparalleled strain of the recent years has left the nations nervy and unsettled. We all know that a patient is more querulous and unreasonable in convalescence, than during the dangerous period of his illness. Well, convalescence has begun; but health is not yet. And only reasonableness will avoid the danger of relapse.

But patience is necessary with a convalescent invalid. And we must cultivate patience, even while restraining unwise action. We must condone the grumbles and complaints, while doing all that offers any possibility of surer conditions of health. In the meantime, however, our second fact is that we have a bad tempered world to deal with.

Thirdly, though labour shows signs of a sane recognition of the necessities of the moment and of a growing distrust of unconstitutional actions, it must not be taken as an indication that the working classes have abandoned, or will abandon their claims to better conditions and a fuller share in the management of industry. All but the irresponsible among them recognise the necessity of capital and of the high value of educated and trained management to all grades engaged in any industrial enterprise.

But they also recognise that the absolute basis of all industry is the actual productive labour of the majority. And they demand a system which will guarantee them a voice in the control and interest in the prosperity of their work. To attempt to stem that demand would be as unwise as unjust.

To bring about co-operation and common interest between finance, management and labour is in the clear interests of all engaged, as well as of the community. To such an end, perhaps by a development of the Whitley scheme, our thought and energy must be directed. This is our third fact.

And the fourth fact is that the situation to-day and the plans for to-morrow are the affair of every one of us. Every man must be to-day a thinking man.

We have often spoken in these columns of the pressing duty of each to avoid drifting, to consider the fact of the present day, to avoid being influenced by intemperate extremists, to determine what in the past and present is too valuable (or likely to be) for heedless rejection, and then to make up his mind, as a unit of the nation, regarding the clearly necessary and desirable.

The fifth great general fact to which we shall here call attention is that a vast quantity of mental and physical energy is employed uselessly, while there is unlimited scope for its use in providing things needed for the general betterment of humanity.

Look in the shops—look even round the room—and see how much is unnecessary or over-elaborated. Think of all the work time and money that have gone to making and distributing such things everywhere; and reflect how many good, useful and beautiful things are needed by the mass of the population, how many public facilities could be provided by the work that has been wasted on these millions of useless things.

It has been pointed out that the very fact of the essential life and services of the nations having been carried on for years, while the enormous majority of the population were directly or indirectly engaged on war and its supplies and services, proves that much of the labour performed in peace time is not essential, and could be more usefully employed for the public welfare.

It is then clear that all that is required for a happier and more prosperous world is new, wise, co-operative planning, based upon knowledge and thought. Let each seek the knowledge and plan thoughtfully.

A LOST NAME.

He was particularly careful, when attesting, to explain that his name was William Anstruther-Wilson, and on no account was the hyphen to be omitted. "You see," he said, "mine is a double-name."

The Sergeant in the Recruiting Office had had a heavy day's work, and was now busy with the evening rush of attestors. Hence his rather testy reply: "Don't try the double with me, my man. Two and ninepence is the price, whether you're double or single."

"I only wanted my name entered correctly" grumbled Anstruther-Wilson. Anstruther's my Aunt's name and I promised — — —"

"It's you, not yer Aunt the country wants . . . Willing to be vaccinated and inoculated, or does Auntie object?"

The laughter which this sally provoked, caused Anstruther-Wilson to go through the rest of the formalities in silence. He was glad when they were completed and he could return home.

In due course, or rather a little out of due course, owing to sundry appeals, Anstruther-Wilson or rather 'W.A. Wilson' received his calling-up notice. When answering the call, he lodged a protest against the form of address, but as he had to admit that he was the party named in the notice, his protest was ineffective, and he was advised to hurry up or he'd miss the bally old war entirely.

Had the Sergeant listened to Anstruther-Wilson on the occasion mentioned above, he would have learned the cause of the latter's anxiety in regard to his name. There was a time when the victim of this narrative was plain and unhyphened William Wilson, but those were the days before his Aunt Matilda had provided him with an income rendering him independent of working, conditionally on his associating her name with his own.

This undertaking was, as he explained to his friends, "dirt cheap at the price," and it had been faithfully observed by him in civil life.

But the initial error which started on his attestation was continued during the whole of his subsequent military service. Thus, on his first pay parade which, comprising some 600 men, fell in alphabetical order, he lined up with the "A's," blessing the condition attached to his Aunt's benevolence.

His elation, however, at the prospect of being in the first instead of in the last 20 for pay, was short-lived. As a soldier, no less than as an armleteer, he was "Wilson, William A." He suffered a similar rebuff on letter parade, and generally, got everything in the Army worth having, all but last.

Eventually, he received warning of his impending discharge. But alas! in acquainting his Aunt, so used had he become by this time to his Army name, that he endorsed the envelope "W. A. Wilson."

He could scarcely have made this slip at a more inopportune moment. Aunt Matilda was very proud of her name and desired for it, the widest publicity.

Moreover, the same post that brought her nephew's letter also brought an appeal from a charitable Institution whose objects seemed more worthy of support than a nephew who had forgotten the importance of considering his Aunt's desires.

In the result, the allowance was withdrawn, and William Wilson had to seek work. Sad? Well, views differ on these questions, but even the staunchest Socialist will admit that it was rather galling that William's first job should be in the office of the charitable Institution to which Aunt Matilda now contributes annually the sum which she was accustomed to allow her nephew.

He has only one consolation, which is, that he still draws indirectly on his relative's benevolence, though now he has to earn by labour every year just about half the amount he received for idling before the War.

Perhaps, all things considered, the careless Sergeant has done him a good turn.

E. J. TALLUM.

A RHINELAND MILL.

I came across the mill quite unexpectedly at the foot of a well wooded hill in Rhineland. Wondrously beautiful in its environment with its black and white timbered walls and great water wheel, it awakened memories of the past.

It was in a natural basin of verdant meadow-land. In the background were mighty crags and an ancient castle with ruined ivy-clad walls.

Down from the mountain side a little stream ran which supplied the power. It was sweet to stand awhile and gaze idly as the wheel went round, and pleasant to watch the dripping waters from the mountain stream fall from it and drop into the pool below.

In the far-off days of youth we used to sing a song which had been handed down for generations,

"Splish, splash, click, clack, merrily goes the mill!
The wheel goes round, the corn is ground
The miller is blithe and gay,
So ripple on rill, and grind away, mill!
For we're wanting flour to-day!"

How we loved a mill in those days, and to see one in Rhineland recalled country life, country sounds, and country delights at home!

There are many grand old mills which still beautify the face of England. Lincolnshire, especially is full of them, water mills and wind mills with their quaint sails.

We remember, too, the picturesque mills of France and Flanders, they were great landmarks, wonderful observation posts, and many bloody battles have been fought for the possession of some of them. Alas how many have been blotted out and are now but a heap of stones! But they will live in the memory and figure largely in the pages of history.

In the romance, poetry, music and art of every country right down from Biblical and classical times the mill has loomed largely in national life and work.

All the famous artists of the past and of to-day, Rembrandt, Constable, Morland, Birket, Foster and others, have painted the glories of the mill in their fine landscapes, and as we gaze upon them in our Art Galleries our souls are thrilled.

We remember the famous mills of fiction. We feel the throb of the wheel and the ripple of the water as we follow the fortunes of the Tullivers in George Eliot's incomparable book "The Mill on the Floss."

In "John Halifax, Gentleman" we have been moved to laughter and tears as we have read the scenes which took place at the mill of Abel Fletcher. The whole picture throbs with humanity, and fires the imagination. It reaches its climax when the crowd, in its rage at being denied cheap bread, sets on fire the mill.

Our poetry is full of it. Tennyson, Goldsmith, Wordsworth and a score of others, have immortalised the mill, the miller and his lovely daughter.

In my boyhood's days in Yorkshire we used to play a famous ring game and sing an old folk-song handed down from time immemorial,

"There was a jolly miller, and he lived by himself—
As the wheel went round, he made his wealth
One hand in the hopper and the other in the bag,
As the wheel went round he made his grab!"

It was a fine old country game and full of life.

As I gaze on the Rhineland mill other memories are recalled. I think of the many apt phrases used by our lads in the stern and awful days of warfare. How many have spoken of "Going through the mill" or "Broken on the mill wheel"!

Again in thinking of the past with its joys and sorrows, failures and successes, it is the mill which gives its message to us,

"The mill will never grind with the water that is past."

In the days when Prussian might and greed seemed almost to have conquered the world, our faith in the ultimate triumph of the forces of righteousness was strengthened and sustained by the lesson of the mill, "The mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceeding small."

G. K.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Reader's Varied Views.

VANITY FAIR.

Sir,—I got something like a shock when I saw in your yesterday's issue a column specially for the ladies in our midst. Up to then I had always looked on the "Post" as being purely a man's paper.

One cannot help seeing, of course, to what an extent the other sex has penetrated into the forces and so I suppose you show your wisdom in giving the women and girls some of your space.

Still, I can't help feeling that many of the old school of soldiers must be a little pained at the new order of things and sigh for the good old Army days, when man ruled supreme, and such an innovation would have been unthought of.

MERE MAN.

"ADVERTISEMENTS MISSING."

Sir,—Your correspondent "C.R.S." apparently advocates the hideous system of placarding the interior of tramcars with advertisements, which are a veritable eye sore to anyone with the slightest care for beauty.

I consider that the municipal authorities of Cologne are to be congratulated upon keeping their cars free from these obtrusive monstrosities.

I also think that any traveller who wishes to employ himself on a tram-car journey would provide himself with some reading matter, and not rely upon advertisements of often doubtful literary and artistic merit.

B. M. G.

Sir,—As a student of the psychology of advertising I was extremely interested in the contribution of your correspondent C.R.S. to this most interesting study.

In speaking of the value of advertisements in tramcars to the passengers themselves by providing mental occupation to the welcome relief of one's personal embarrassment—caused by eye-wandering—he voices a new and decidedly interesting argument in favour of passenger vehicle advertisements so often tabooed by would-be civic dignitaries, a false township dignity, by the way, maintained at the expense of the ratepayers.

R. D.

RIDING OVER CROPS.

Sir,—May I appeal to those fortunate individuals who happen to be in possession of horses, not to ride over crops?

Irrespective of the fact that all the land around Cologne is in somebody or other's ownership, and that the ordinary rules of civilisation now apply, it used to be looked upon as a most un-English and unsportsmanlike act to ride down standing croops.

I was shown a field of roots near Ostheim yesterday which had been very seriously damaged by so-called sportsmen on horseback. The owner appealed to me, and asked me if such things could be done with impunity in England. I could only say that it is a few individuals who get everybody into disrepute.

Surely the sense of fair-play and sportmanship has not entirely left us?

TRUE SPORT.

MEMORY AND OBSERVATION.

Sir,—Under this heading in the "Cologne Post" recently W.R.P. pointed out that the systems advertised for the improvement of the memory are practically of no value, as he says it depends upon the individual himself.

It must be admitted that one can improve one's memory by their own efforts, but will W.R.P. kindly say why he furnishes suggestions that are identical to those contained in one of the principal Memory Training Systems of the day?

W. A. F.

THE MUZZLING OF DOGS.

Sir,—I sympathise with X.Y.Z. in his solicitude for muzzled dogs.

If one could only explain to one's canine pet the reason for his having to wear the irritating wire contraption, it might make it easier for him to submit to.

I firmly believe that many dogs are driven to madness by the torture these wretched muzzles give.

But of course there is another side to the question. Rabies is still prevalent and here in Germany I am told it is even worse than at home, so until some better preventative can be thought of, I suppose we must still submit to our pets being worried by those inhuman contrivances.

DOG'S FRIEND.

THE TEN O'CLOCK RULE.

Sir,—I have only recently come to Cologne, but it does seem somewhat strange to me, that although the cafés and cabarets now keep open until eleven at night, and German civilians can sit in them till then, British officers have to leave sharp at ten.

It is not very pleasant to have a waiter come round and ask you to leave. One feels rather like a naughty schoolboy and somewhat foolish before other grown-up people.

Someone has suggested to me that when the hour for closing was recently extended, by some oversight, the regulation as to officers was not altered also by the authorities. I wonder if that is actually the case.

LIEUT.-COLONEL.

WHY NO BRASSARD?

Sir,—I cordially agree with "Brassard" that the wearing of the brassard by the wives of officers and other ranks should be made compulsory.

Verily women are strange beings. As he remarks the wearing of the brassard is popular with wearers of the uniform for the simple reason that it conveys the fact that the wearer is of British birth.

This alone should induce the fair sex to wear the brassard provided. What is their objecton? Will someone enlighten us?

C. D.

A WHITE ROSE.

The red rose whispers of passion,
And the white rose breathes of love;
O, the red rose is a falcon,
And the white rose is a dove.

But I send you a cream white rosebud
With a flush on its petal tips;
For the love that is purest and sweetest
Has a kiss of desire on the lips.

JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY.

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BIG BOXING PROPOSALS.

Great Fights to be Decided at National Sporting Club.

WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

At the National Sporting Club this Winter some of the greatest and most attractive boxing contests ever staged will be decided. Not only is Beckett to meet Carpentier for the championship of Europe, a match which in itself will provoke the greatest excitement and enthusiasm, but Jack Dempsey, the heavy-weight champion of the world, is negotiating for a contest with Carpentier for the world's title. Since Dempsey's defeat of Jess Willard in such convincing style he has been regarded, in America at any rate, as practically invincible and reams have been written about his wonderful cleverness and punching powers; he has even been described as the "greatest ever." Conseqently his appearance at the National Sporting Club in a match against the clever Carpentier is bound to arouse unprecedented interest.

The negotiations have been carried a step further by the receipt in London of a cable from New York, to the effect that Mr. Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manger, has announced Dempsey's decision to fight Carpentier at the National Sporting Club, date and other arrangements to be settled later.

Mr. Bettison, the manager of the National Sporting Club, interviewed a day or so ago said that although negotiations with Dempsey were proceeding, nothing could be done in the matter until the match between Beckett and Carpentier had been decided. Dempsey had written to say he was coming, but the matter would have to stand in abeyance until he arrived. Everything depended on the result of the Beckett match.

Fulton's Challenges.

Fred Fulton, the Kansas giant who knocked out Arthur Townley in the first round in Tuesday evening, has issued challenges offering to meet both Beckett and Carpentier over ten three minutes rounds, each giving 10 per cent of the purse to the fund for wounded ex-service men.

BECKET'T THE BEST.

McGoortys Tribute to his British Conqueror.

Interviewed subsequent to the fight Beckett and McGoorty said:

Joe Beckett.

"Without doubt McGoorty is the cleverest man I have met. He was always on the alert, and I never knew where the next punch would come from. From the second round, however, I felt that if I did my proper boxing I would wear him down. In this I proved correct. I may say that I never want to box a fairer or gamer boxer than McGoorty."

It was interesting to learn that before the contest Beckett was presented with one of George Robey's Dinky Doo lucky mascots of solid 15-carat gold, which he took into the ring with him.

Eddie McGoorty.

McGoorty was slightly dazed when questioned as to the fight, but, like the good sportsman he is, he had only good words for his victorious opponent. "He is a real good man," remarked McGoorty, "and those who say that Beckett cannot box are fools. I have had a rather long experience, and without doubt Beckett is the best man I have ever met."

HOLBORN STADIUM TO RE-OPEN.

Excellent Bill for The Opening Night.

The Holborn Stadium will reopen on September 18, under the management of Major Arnold Wilson, who at one time controlled the destinies of the Liverpool Stadium. Mr. C. B. Cochran, of course, will be the master mind as before.

The chief bout of the reopening will be one of fifteen rounds between Eugene Criqui, of France, and Walter Ross, the English bantam-weight champion. Ross would like Mr. Cochran to increase the number of rounds to twenty, but even if this were done, the European title would not be at stake, as the French Federation have already declared Ledoux to be the French champion at Ross' weight.

Ross is frank in his opinion that Ledoux cannot make the weight, but this, of course, is mere supposition, and, therefore, cannot weigh with the promoter.

On the same night as Ross and Criqui take the square there will be a contest of ten rounds between Tom Berry, of Custom House, and Gunner Rawles, who has just been demobilized. They will box at the cruiser-weight limit. The remaining bouts will be of an interesting character.

OLD SCOUTS CIRCLE.

The usual meeting of the "Old Scouts Circle" was held at Lindenthal Y.M.C.A. Sept. 3rd. Lieut. E. W. B. Parker was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy of chairman, caused by Mr. Jarvis's return to England. Much useful training work was carried out by the Patrols and a new Patrol is being formed.

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On Saturday we meet at the Suspension Bridge and proceed to Bensberg by the 3 o'clock car.

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On Sunday we meet at Cologne Deutz station at 1.15 o'clock and proceed to Engelskirchen by train.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday, September 6th, 1919.

Surface wind between South east and South 5—10 m.p.h. Fine and warm. Good visibility.

THE LONDON DIVISION.

Successful Athletic Sports and Cross Country Run.

41st M.G.C.'S FEAT.

Ideal weather, the maximum of competition and excellent organization were contributing factors to the unqualified success of the London Division Athletic Sports, held at Poller Wiesen on Monday. The units competing were 9th East Surreys, 7th Middlesex, 10th Queen's, 17th Royal Fusiliers, 187 Bde R.F.A., London D.A.C., 41st Bn. M.G.C. and 11th Queen's. The result was an easy win for the 29th M.G.C. with a total of 29 points, the runners up being the 7th Middlesex and the 10th Queen's each with 8. Out of a total of ten events the Machine Gunners carried off no less than six firsts as well as a number of places.

The Officials were:—

Referee:—Maj.-Gen. Sir S. T. B. Lawford, K.C.B.

Judges:—Maj. A. O. Needham, O.B.E., M.C., Maj. A. B. Hassall, M.C.

Starter:—Lt. Rosher, M.C.

Timekeeper:—Lt. Bury.

Marshal:—Capt. G. G. Ziegler, M.C.

Clerk of the Course:—Conductor Davidson.

Dressing Room Steward: The Rev. E. Mathias.

Recorders: Cap. E. B. Coatsworth, Cpl. W. A. Mackintosh,

The band of the 17th R.W.F. was in attendance, by kind permission of Major Chapman M.C. and rendered delightful selections during the afternoon.

Refreshments were provided by the N.A.C.B. Subsequently the prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Mrs. Cameron.

The results.

The results were as follows:—

100 yards:—1, R.Q.M.S. Spruce, M.G.C.; 2, Sgt. Briggs, M.G.C.; 3, C.Q.M.S. Baker, 7th Middlesex.

High jump:—1, Major Arkle, M.G.C. (5 ft. 3 ins.); 2, Capt. Ziegler, Div. H.Q.; 3, Sgt. Crosby, M.G.C.; 4, 2/Lieut. White.

1 mile:—1, Lieut. Slade, 41st M.G.C. (time, 4 min. 56⅕ sec.); 2, Capt. Evans, 10th Queen's; 3, Lieut. Bennett, 7th Middlesex.

440 yards:—1, Sgt. Clarke, 7th Middlesex; 2, L/Cpl. Mills, 10th Queen's; 3, L/Cpl. Gee, 26 R.F., and Sgt. Pickering, 17th R.F.

Long jump:—1, Major Arkle, M.G.C. (19 ft. 8 ins.); 2, Capt. Ward, 1 th Queen's (19 ft. 6 ins.); 3, Sgt. Briggs, M.G.C. (19 ft. 2 ins.)

120 yards hurdles:—1, Capt. Ziegler; 2, Lieut Galeoope, 10th Queen's; 3, Lieut. Bilbrough, 1st London Inf. Bde.

Putting the weight:—1, Capt. Ziegler (34 ft. 5 ins.); 2, Capt. Walker (30 ft. 7½ ins.), London D.A.C.; 3, Sgt. Greenslade, 30½ ft., 9th Surrey's.

880 yards:—1, Lieut. Brett, M.G.C. (2 mins. 15⅚ secs.); 2, 2/Lieut. Palmer, D.A.C.; 3, C.S.M. Parsons, M.G.C.

Relay race:—1, M.G.C. (time, 4 mins. 4⅕ secs.); 2, 7th Middlesex; 3, 10th Queen's.

3 miles:—1, Pte. Blandford, 1st T.M.B.; 2, Pte. Howell, 1st T.M.B.; 3, Sgt. Hobbs, 10th Queen's; 4, Pte. West, 9th East Surrey's.

CROSS COUNTRY RUN.

1/7th Middlesex Win From 9th East Surreys.

The London Divisional Cross Country run took place on Thursday. Starting the Exercier Platz, Kalk, the course of about five miles, ran through Merheim to Bruck and back via Mielenforst finishing at the Fort, Exercier Platz. Maj.-Gen. Sir S. T. B. Lawford, K.C.B. acted as starter and subsequently presented the Divisional Cup to the successful team, the 1/7th Middlesex Regt. Major Needham and Capt. Coatsworth were also officiating on the course.

The result, showing units and numbers of points gained were as follows:—

1. 1/7th Middlesex 411 pts.
2. 9th East Surreys 452 pts.
3. 17th Royal Fus. 697 pts.
4. 1st Inf. Bde H.A. 838 pts.
5. 23rd Middlesex 928 pts.
6. 16th Queen's 956 pts.
7. 41st M.G.C. 1218 pts.

The first five teams will represent the Division in the VI Corps cross country run on the 11th Sept.

LIEUT. A. C. STRAKER INJURED.

Rhine Army Champion Sustains Mishap at Aldershot.

His many friends in Rhineland will hear with regret that Lieut. A. C. Straker of the 17th Lancers, the old Cambridge Blue, and Rhine Army champion, severely strained his back muscles in his fall in the high jump at Aldershot, and also sprained his wrist. He is at present under doctor's orders to lie on his back and not move, and there is not the least possible chance of his being able to compete in the Inter-Services' sports to-day. Had the jump at Aldershot been provided with a pit for the men to land in, Lieut. Straker and possibly some of the other competitors would have suffered less in landing.

GREAT CRICKET TREAT.

C. P. C. Final At Lindenthal on Sunday.

FINALISTS FINE RECORDS.

Do you wish to see the greatest cricket match ever played in the Rhineland? Then a journey to Lindenthal on Sunday, when the great final of the Cologne Post Cup Competition is to be played, is clearly indicated. As announced, the match was originally intended to take place on Sunday; then difficulties arose and a postponement was advertised. Happily, however, the obstacles have now been removed and the original date is being adhered to. This arrangement is far more satisfactory as the 17th Lancers, one of the competing teams, are expected to leave for England almost any day.

The Finalists.

The finalists are the

93rd Bde. R.G.A.

and

17th Lancers

and both teams, naturally, have excellent records in the competition. They headed their respective leagues, the Cologne Southern and Cologne Town and came through the eliminating and semi-fi al rounds without being extended, winning their matches by suostantial margins.

Of the two teams the 93rd Bde. have probably the better record on paper, but as it is quite impossible to guage the relative strength of the teams to which they were opposed in their leagues it would be counting disaster to attempt to prophecy which team will win.

One thing certain is that Sunday's match will be a battle royal in which two stirling teams will strain every nerve and in which no quarter will be given.

Records Compared.

A glance at the records of the finalists will serve to show their worth and leave no doubts as to their qualifications for the final test. The 93rd Bde. R.G.A. are notoriously one of the finest sporting units in the Rhine Army and have an unbeaten record at soccer and rugger as well as in the Cologne Post Competition. They have a well balanced, all round team, their most notable performers being Gnrs. Weight and Smythe both equally successful with bat and ball.

The 17th Lancers are also one of the very finest elevens and although they cannot boast an unbeaten record, theirs is an exceedingly creditable one. When they were beaten early on they were unfortunate in being unsually weak and this defeat must not be taken into too serious account. They also have some really brilliant members who can always be relied upon to make a good show. Their greatest asset is probably Capt. Fowler a well known army cricketer, who has been strikingly successful, while as a batsmen Capt. Boles ranks high. The latter is almost equally good with the ball. The Lancers are exceedingly fortunate, too, in having Capt. Stanyforth behind the wicket; he has little to learn in that department.

To sum up then, the teams are wonderfully well matched and expectations will be cruelly disappointed if the final is not very closely contested. But in cricket, more than in any other sport, perhaps, the element of uncertainty is very prominent and even the best teams have been known to fall to pieces without any apparent reason.

To reach the ground take the No 2 car from the Dom to Lindenthal.

1/6 BN. WEST YORKS.

Averages In Cologne Post Cup Competition.

The 1/6 West Yorks have had a most successful season and are second in the Northern League. Their team has been a most enthusiastic one and they are to be congratulated on the result. Pte. Carr has been the best all round player with a batting average of 25.66 and a bowling average of 3.28.

It is worthy of notice that most of the matches have been played away.

The Battalion averages are as follows:—

Batting.

Name	No. of Innings	Times not out	Most in Innings	Total	Average
Pte. Carr	15	3	89	308	25·66
Pte. Andrews	15	3	53	247	20·58
Pte. Foley	18	3	75	291	19·40
L/C. Butterill	10	4	26	112	18·06
Capt. Rees, M.C.	15	3	32	205	17·08
Pte. Riley	12	5	23	89	12·70
Pte. Gibbons	13	1	33	127	10·60
Lt. Col. Howard	8	1	30	70	10·00

Bowling.

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Pte. Carr	134·4	45	297	90	3·28
Pte. Holy	22·4	6	58	13	4·13
Pte. Andrews	48·1	10	127	24	5·28
Pte. Dowgill	51·3	10	101	18	5·60
C.Q.M.S. Burnett	100·1	21	228	38	6·00

UNITED SERVICES.

Colonial Cracks Do Well At Stamford Bridge.

THE ARMY WIN.

At Stamford Bridge on Thursday before a large crowd the United Services held their championship meeting. The Navy were poorly represented and did not secure a place. On the other hand, the Army, strongly re-inforced by colonial cracks, did exceedingly well and won comfortably securing 42 points against 37, of the R.A.F. The high position of the R.A.F. was largely due to the fine performance of Sgt. Major Mawby who won both the 100 yards and 220 and Capt. Mitchell who carried off the 440.

Results.

Following are the results:—

100 yards:—1, Sgt. Major Mawby, R.A.F.; 2, Sgt. J. Lindsay, New Zealand; 3, Sgt. Major L. Kessler, R.A.F.; 4, Sgt. W. R. Applegarth, R.A.S.C. (Time 22 secs.)

220 yards:—1, Sgt. Major Mawby, R.A.F.; 2, Sgt. Major Kessler, R.A.F.; 3, Lieut. W. L. Dickens (Time 22 secs.)

440 yards:—1, Capt. A. P. Mitchell, R.A.F.; 2, Pte. W. Johnson, A.I.F.; 3, Dvr. L. J. Hume, A.I.F.; 4, Cpl. C. E. Roseberry, R.A.F. (time 50 1/5 secs.)

880 yards:—1, Sgt. D. L. Mason, New Zealand; 2, Sgt. T. Fraser, A.I.F.; 3, Lieut. W. B. G. Shaw, R.A.F. (Time 1 min. 59 1/5 secs.

1 mile:—1, L/Cpl. Blewett, M.G.C.; 2, Pte. H. F. Thomas, R.A.S.C.; 3, Capt. Gibbs, R.A. (Time 4 min. 41 4/5 secs.)

3 miles:—1, Sgt. J. H. Massey, Canada; 2, Sgt. Clibbon, R.A.F.; 3, Cpl. Ward, Tank Corps; 4, Sgt. J. Jefferies, 3rd Bedford Reg.; 5, Cpl. Austin, R.A.F. (Time 14 min. 55 secs.

High jump:—1, Lieut. F. C. Penny, R.A.F., 5ft. 9ins.; 2, Sgt. Major Miller, R.A.F., 5ft. 8ins.; 3, Q. M. S. McIntosh, 2nd Life Guards; 4, Sgt. Colbaum, N.I.H.

Putting the weight:—1, Sgt. Colbourn, 39ft. 1 1/8ins.); 2, Capt. Machennan, R.A.M.C., 36ft. 3ins.; 3, Lieut. P. Fish, R.A.F.

120 yards hurdles:—1, Sgt. H. E. Wilson, New Zealand; 2, Major E. G. G. W. Harrison, R.G.A.; 3, Lieut. J. F. Fraser, R.A.F.; 4, Lieut. C. R. Fenton, R.A.F. (Time 15 4/5 secs.)

Long jump:—1, Lieut. J. F. Fraser, R.A.F., 21ft. 11½ins.; 3, Sgt. C. E. Murphy, 1st Irish Guards, 21ft. 5½ins.; 4, Capt. Scott, R.A.F., 23ft 3 ins.

440 yards, women's relay race:—1, W.R.A.F., 55 1 5 secs.; 2, W.R.N.S., 58 4/5 secs.; 3, W.A.C., 63 3/5 secs.

3 4 mile relay race:—1, R.A.F., 2 min. 20 2/5 secs.; 2, Army, 2 min. 27 1 5 secs.; 3, Navy scratched.

LIGHT DIV. SIGNAL COY.

Lieut. Thorne's fine feat at Athletic Meeting.

The Light Divisional Signal Company R.E. held some very successful Sports at Ohligs on September 1st. Lieut. Thorne won the individual championship being first in the 100 yards, 220 yards, ¼ mile (54 seconds) and 120 yards hurdles (19⅕ secs.) and was 2nd in the long jump. Lieut. Gow. won the Cricket Ball (100 yards 7 inches) and High Jump (5ft 1 in).

Cpl. Field was first in the Long Jump and Spr. Tolson in the Mile (5 minutes 4 seconds) and these two were second in most of the other events.

LIGHT DIVISION.

Inter-Brigade Boxing Championships At Ohligs.

The semi-final, and final for the above provided an excellent and well contested programme at Ohligs on Tuesday.

Teams were as follows:—

1st Light Inf. Bde. Group, 13th K.R.R.C., 26 points.

R. A. Group, 5th R.I. Rgt., 19 points.

2nd Light Inf. Bde. Group, 12th R.I. Rfls., 13½ points.

3rd Light Inf. Bde. Group, 2nd Bn. M.G.C., 5 points.

The winners of the various weight finals were:—

Bantam weight, Rfn. Doe, 13th K.R.R.C.

Feather weight, Rfn. Frogley, 13th K.R.R.C.

Light weight, Pte. McMahon, 5th R.I. Regt.

Welter weight, (officers), Lt. Russell, 2nd Bn. M.G.C.

Welter weight, (O.R.), Cpl. Marshall. 5th R.I. Regt.

Middle weight, (officers), Lt. Cantley, 12th R.I. Rifles.

Middle weight, (O.R.), Sgt. Delaney, 5th R.I. Regt.

Heavy weight, Rfn. Gitana, 13th K.R.R.C.

Contests were very keen, pluck and courage being well to the fore, a fine example being given in the Officers Welter weight by Lieut. Cantley, who had received punishment early in the afternoon.

Thanks to the following officials the meeting was a great success —

Referee. Lt. Col. J. Betts, D.S.O.

Judges. Capt. G. Hibbert and Capt. Murray.

Timekeeper. Major F. A. Cobb, M. C.

M. C. Capt. D. A. Owen.

Whips. Lt. Good and Lt. McLean.

FOR AUSTRALIA.

Team to Represent Britain in Davis Cup Final.

KINGSCOTE CAPTAIN.

At a meeting of the selection committee of the Lawn Tennis Association on Thursday the personnel of the British team which is to meet Australia in the Davis Cup Final at Sidney in December was considered. It was decided to send three players if possible. Col. A. R. Kingscote and Major A. H. Lowe had notified acceptance of invitation and were chosen for the first two places. Col. Kingscote was appointed captain. As regards the third place the Committee decide to invite Mr. A. E. Beamish and failing him Max Woosman.

ENGLISH RACING RESULTS.

The following were the results of the Derby meeting on Thursday:—

Nursery Setting Handicap:—1, South Notts (5—2 on); 2, Badminton (100—30); 3, Scottifer (100—8).

Abbots Hill Plate:—1, Hukm (evens); 2, Special (evens); 3, Cant Lie (33—1).

Elvaston Plate:—1, Motor Veil (8—1); 2, Estelle (6—1); 3, Parisian Diamond (2—1).

Peveril of Peak Plate:—1, Violincello (25—1); 2, Brigand (6—1); 3, Quadrille (3—1).

Rangemore Plate:—1, Jappool (7—4 on); 2, Landgirl (7—4); 3, Brilliant Sunshine (20—1).

Burton Plate:—1, Flying Duck (3—1); 2, Monazite (5—2); 3, Daybreak (5—4).

ENGLISH CRICKET RESULTS.

English Cricket details on Thursday were as follows:—

Gentlemen of England 131; Players 165 for one.

South of England 104, Australians 23 for 2.

KING AND QUEEN AT HIGHLAND GATHERING.

There was a record attendance at the Highland gathering at Bremar on Thursday, the function being graced by the presence of the King and Queen, Royal Princess, Princess Mary and the Duke of Connaught. The Royal Party were given an enthusiastic reception.

KALK Y.M.C.A. FOOTBALL SHIELD.

Particulars of Three Weeks Knock-out Competition.

Under the auspices of the Kalk branch of the Y.M.C.A., a football shield Competition lasting only three weeks is being organised. The competition is open to any unit within ten miles of Kalk. All infantry battalions, brigades of artillery, cavalry units, etc., are eligible. Entries should be sent in to Lieut. J. Woods, Sports Officer, 93rd Bde. R.G.A., Kalk, not later than Thursday, September 11th. An entrance fee of 100 Marks, to be remitted before draw takes place, i.e., Friday September 12th, at the Offices of the "Cologne Post," is required. The competition will be run on the knock-out principle and matches will be played on the ground of the first named team. Teams will arrange for neutral referees and will see that the results of games are forwarded to Lieut. Wood.

AN APPRECIATION.

C.P.C. Competition "Full of Delight and Pleasure".

In the following, the 1/6th Bn. West Yorks add their testimony to many others we have received as to the pleasure given by and benefits derived from our Cricket Competition. They say:—

After the Division returns home among our most pleasant memories of Rhineland will be the matches played in the C.P.C. competition. They have been full of delight and pleasure and created a wonderful spirit of good fellowship, besides giving the men an opportunity of seeing the country.

Yet Another Challenge.

Sgt. Rees of "B" Coy, 41st Bn. M. G. C. is prepared to accept L/Cpl. Corbrett's challenge for the 10 stone 10 lbs. Championship (Rhine Army).

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Saturday	7	Tosca	Puccini
Sunday	7	Cavalleria rusticana Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo
Monday	7	The taming of the shrew	Goetz
Tuesday	7	Tosca	Puccini

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

"The Tabs" on Tour.

"The Tabs" have been playing to audiences outside Cologne of late with their usual success. Jack Knowles, "Bitursbun," is now demobbed and his part is played "straight" but quite interestingly by Lev. Baines.

Some Show.

There is a suggestion abroad that there should be organized later on in London, a great night when there will be present members of all the big army concert parties of the war. Some gathering! And some night!!

Farewell "Starlights."

The Starlights, Light Division, have twinkled merrily and most brilliantly for many many nights and now they are going to join the great majority in Blighty. Bye-bye "Starlights" and many many thanks. We shall always remember your Colognion nights and—yes, your village stormings.

"Rouges et Noires."

I understand "Les Rouges et Noires" First Army Party, will break up after their season at the Savoy Theatre, London. I suspect one or two of the principals have had offers that have tempted them away. Reg. Stone, the excellent female impersonator evidently caught London; his picture has appeared in several of the illustrateds.

"The Rascals."

The Cavalry Division M.T. Coy. Concert Party, "The Rascals" have had quite a successful week at the Palast Theatre and have played to crowded houses. For a small unit party with military duties to perform, theirs is a most creditable show and Lieut. Dobbie is to be congratulated together with his able band of artistes, nearly all of whom are amateurs.

A Versatile Comedian.

Jack Knight can comedé with the best and has much to do throughout the show, indeed, he never seems to be off. The female element is well sustained with two good voices, the dusky dancer is popular with his audience and there are other entertaining turns. The pianist is worthy of special mention, especially for his accompanying of "Lend me your Aid" and "Hong Kong."

"The Wasps" no More.

The Wasps Concert Party has been disbanded owing to the Brigade shortly breaking up. Bert Evans the popular "principal lady" of the show has just returned from England, where he performed for a week at a Birmingham music hall. He presented his own act in male attire, and his songs at the piano proved highly successful. He had several tempting offers for revue and Pantomine and is now awaiting demob.

Colour and Gaiety.

The Burgergesellschaft was, on Thursday evening, the scene of one of the most appreciated dances ever held in Rhineland. Playing throughout the evening the band of the 9th D.L.I., quite surpassed themselves—seldom have I heard dance music rendered so charmingly by a military band. The M.C., was Sgt. Goldie, R.E., who, in conjunction with Sgt.-Major Whittaker, was mainly responsible for the success of the function. The ladies of the organising committee were: Chiefs Wall, Leech, and Day. A number of girls in fancy dress added colour and gaiety to the affair.

Next Week's Happenings.

On Sunday, Sept. 7th the Rev. C. E. Wheeler will talk to the men in the Writing Room from 3 to 6 p.m. and there will be a Concert by the Band of the 17th Lancers at 6.0 p.m. (by kind permission of Lt. Col. Melville, D.S.O.,) On Monday, Sept. 8th, there will be an impromptu Concert in the Writing Room from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by a Dance in the Theatre at 6.30. On Tuesday, Sept. 9th there will be a Dancing Class in the Theatre from 5 to 6 p.m., also an impromptu Concert in the Music Room at the same hour. At 7 p.m. the Green Diamonds will give a Performance in the Theatre. On Wednesday, Sept. 10, an impromptu Concert will be held in the Music Room, and there will be a Dance in the Theatre at 6.30, at which the Band of the 9th Durham Light Infantry will play (By kind permission of the C.O.) On Thursday, Sept. 11th, there will be an impromptu Concert in the Garden, if fine, from 5 to 6, and a Whist Drive in the Music Room at 6.30. On Friday, Sept. 12th, there will be a Dancing Class in the Music Room from 5 to 6, and a Continuous Cinema Performance from 2.30 to 9 p.m. On Saturday, Sept. 12th there will be an impromptu Concert from 5 to 6 in the Music Room, and a Dance in the Theatre at 6.30 p.m.

JACQUES.

LEAVE CLUB WHIST DRIVE.

Owing, no doubt, to the fine evening, the Whist Drive at the Leave Club yesterday was not so crowded as usual. The players however were exceptionally keen and the games were very fast.

The prizes were won by the following:—

Gentlemen's	Score
1st L. W. Johnson	152
2nd E. Girbow	148
3rd Gnr. Manomet	145
Ladies	
1st A. Trayling	150
2nd W. Whittock	150
3rd A. E. Trussler	149

Lt. Halley again kindly presided over the Whist Drive and Spr. Duffy acted as M.C.

English Football Result.

On Thursday Fulham defeated Clapton Orient by 1 goal to nil.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Shea for Newport.

Jerry Snea, the well-known Welsh Rugby three-quarter, has definitely decided to play for Newport.

Sensational Defeat.

Liverpool's defeat at Anfield was a sensation, after their fine opening at Bradford, but the Arsenal showed the better staying powers.

A Veteran President.

At the annual meeting of the Birmingham F.A. Mr. O. Crump was re-elected president—a position he has occupied for forty-four years— and Mr. J. Adams was reappointed hon. treasurer, this being his thirty-fourth year of office.

Goalkeeper Drops Dead.

Thomas King, 42, married, acted as substitute for the regular goalkeeper in a football match at Liverpool. He collided with a goal post, and later when taking a goal kick collapsed and died almost immediately.

Price's Misfortune.

On the big occasion of his life the cricketer generally fails and the footballer's cup of happiness may get spilled. Price had this experience at Griffin Park. Webster headed the ball from a corner, and the goalkeeper could not prevent the full back from scoring against his side.

Mike Honeyman Wins.

At the Ring the referee stopped the contest between Honeyman and Hines in favour of the first-named in the twelfth round.

Caretaker of Epsom Course.

Mr. E. J. West, the well-known racing gateman, has been appointed caretaker of Epsom stands and racecourse, with effect from Sept. 13.

Broke a Leather.

Mr Frank Brown, the owner and rider of Pot Herb in the Rothschild Plate at Lewes yesterday, broke a leather below the distance, but for which his five-year-old would have made a race of it with Trench Warfare.

Bedford Rugby.

At Bedford Park the Bedford Rugby Club had their first practice game. The captain Mr. A. V. Manton, stated that he considers there will be no difficulty in selecting a strong side to meet Northampton on Sept. 20.

The Arsenal Gate.

The official figures of the match at Highbury in the Arsenal v. Newcastle United game are an attendance of just under 50,000 and a net gate of £2,100, in addition to which a sum of £700 will be paid to the Government for entertainment tax.

Reeve v. Rolph.

Articles have been signed for Harold Rolph (Canadian heavy-weight champion) and Harry Reeve (ex-light-weight, champion of England) to meet at the Ring on September 22.

A Promising Half.

The Northampton half Tomkins has neither stature nor weight to help him but it is safe to say he will be one of the successes of the season. He knows the game thoroughly, and plays it like a sportsman.

Saintly Maude's Success.

Saintly Maude gained a fourth consecutive winning bracket by taking the Houndean Selling Plate, and Hobbs brought off a double by the success of The Square and Clipstone.

Memphian's Plumes Dead.

Mr. L. Beauchamp's Memphian's Plumes died recently when undergoing an operation. This is a great loss to his owner, as the four-year-old son of Feather Bed would have made a good hurdler.

Aston Weak.

Aston Villa had Hardy and Humphries away for their match at Birmingham while Derby had the same side that drew with Manchester United. Hardy's place was taken by Lee, a young goalkeeper recently secured from Brierley Hill, and he made a creditable debut.

F.A.A.C. Chairman.

Mr. Alfred Davis was appointed chairman of the Football Association Amateur Cup. committee at a meeting held at 42, Russell-square, W.C.

St. Leger Wagering.

A market has at length been formed on the St. Leger, though the business yesterday was confined to a very few horses. Buchan, of course, heads the list.

A Hollow Defeat.

West Ham United met with a hollow defeat in their first away match in the Second League, losing to Barnsley, at Oakwell, by seven goals to nothing.

Autumn Handicaps.

We have to wait but a few days more for the weights for the autumn handicaps, and these are being even more eagerly anticipated than usual.

Nine—Nought.

Not a bad total for two matches. Almost like a sticky wicket cricket score, this return of the Hotspurs, at the expence of Coventry City and Leicester City—formerly Fosse.

Tottenham's Reception.

After being absent from their famous enclosure at Tottenham for the last four years the Spurs turned out to meet the renamed Leicester club—Leicester City. They received a wonderful reception.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Are you Competing?

Readers should not forget that to-day is the closing date for our "Best Books" competition. Everyone is invited to submit a list of the ten books they consider the best. Every book will be counted as receiving one vote each time it figures in the lists sent in and the competitor whose list, according to the books in it, embraces the highest aggregate of votes, will receive a prize of fifty marks. Lists received any time to-day will be eligible to compete and they should be addressed. "Books" c/o "The Cologne Post" A.P.O. S 40 Rhine Army.

The Cult of the Bath.

Almost every town of Germany has its public baths run by the municipality. Besides actual swimming baths, there are electric baths, vapour baths, carbonic acid baths, needle shower, mas age rooms, hot-air baths, steam baths—in fact—a Russo-Turkish establishment with, in addition, massage and every form of hydrotheropy. And all this, with, into the bargain a right to lunch afterwards in a comfortable room, cost, before the war from 2 to 2.50 marks. Attached to the establishment is a doctor, a barber, a foot-specialist and a manicurist, as well as a restaurant.

German "Delikatessen."

Recently a Rhineland soldier was offered by the kind Hausfrau of his billet, a small portion of herring for his tea. On lasting a morsel of this delicacy, he found it to be raw. The Frau was very much surprised on learning that they are not eaten thus in England, adding that even in the highest circles in Germany it is considered a very appetising dish, and greatly preferred to the cooked article. The writer has seen young German lads buy fresh herrings in a shop, and consume them on the spot or walk along the road chewing them with great gusto.

How They Clean.

In most Rhineland towns it is forbidden at any hour to shake tablecloths, bedding, dusters or carpets out of the windows, either into the street or into the courtyard. Curtains and hangings are taken down and beaten in the courtyard, bars of wood being fitted in the wall for the purpose. Vacuum cleaning, obtainable at a reasonable price, is in general use in many towns in all the better class houses.

Night Work.

Generally when there is street work to be done of urgent importance, it is carried out during the night. There is something almost eerie in seeing about two o'clock in the morning, bodies of twenty to fifty workmen toiling in the glare of great acetylene lamps at gas or water mains, repairing tram lines or asphalting a section of the street. Should the work not be finished by the morning, it is patched up provisionally and the next night sees full completion. It is essential that traffic should never be interfered with during the hours important to the life of a great city.

The Master's Home.

There are, no doubt, many music-lovers amongst the Rhine Army who have taken advantage of their stay in Germany to visit the birthplace at Bonn, of that greatest of all composers, Ludwig van Beethoven. Though outwardly an unpretentious looking house, the interior contains many priceless musical treasures. What a history of its master the clavichords could unfold! The easy assurance with which visitors finger the keys reminds one of Padrewski's visit there a few years ago. The famous pianist was asked to play on one of the instruments, but he modestly replied that he was not worthy to touch them. Many of the original scripts of Beethoven's greatest compositions, including the well-known "Moonlight Sonata" may be seen. Altogether, one comes away with pleasant recollections of Germany's greatest genius.

A legend of Cologne.

Our readers are recommended when rambling in the old streets of Cologne to search out the house, No. 10 Neumarkt, at the corner of the Richmondstrasse. Affixed to the upper story are two horse's heads, which are connected by tradition with the miraculous awakening of Richmodis, wife of Knight Mengis von Aducht, from a trance. Her husband declared he would sooner believe that his horses could ascend to the loft of his house, than that his wife should return from the tomb. Scarcely had he said these words, however, when his two white horses rushed out of their stable, run across the courtyard through the door of the house and began to ascend the stairs with a great clatter, so that the whole house was shaking and everybody terribly frightened. Then the heads of his horses were seen looking from the upper window. The story runs that two of the gravediggers wanted to rob his wife of her jewellery and opened the coffin, when the supposed corpse was brought to life again. In all probability the heads formed part of the armorical bearings of Nicasius von Haquenay, who built the house.

Signed his Death Certificate.

An amusing story is going the rounds. An officer was told off to supervise the burial of a man and at the close of the service was approached and asked to sign a formidable document printed in the German language. He did so but later wondering what was the nature of the document, consulted the padre and invited his opinion. The padre having a knowledge of the language was able to enlighten him, but judge of his astonishment when the subaltern found that he had written his signature in the space intended for the name of the dead man.

Re-Echoes.

Someone asked recently for the location of No 15 C.C.S. We are informed that it is now near Barlin, France.

Our new feature for women in Rhineland, "Vanity Fair," is to appear twice weekly, on Tuesdays and Fridays. Many letters of appreciation have already been received from the fair sex in our midst.

The Army rates of exchange for the current month are: 5 francs (French) equal two shillings and elevenpence, 5 francs (Belgian) equal two shillings and tenpence and 10 Marks (German) equal two shillings and a penny.

The stars and medals approved for service during the war, and also their ribands, will be worn in the following order: 1914 Star, 1914—15 Star, British War Medal, Mercantile Marine War Medal, Victory Medal.

This notice in the Band programme of the VI. Corps Club has caused some bewilderment:—"Officers are requested as far as possible to refrain from making unnecessary noise until the orchestra is playing."

Great interest is being evinced by all the troops in Rhineland in the final for the "Cologne Post." Cricket Cup to be played at Lindenthal to-morrow Sunday. Will you be there?

The members of the band at a recent dance in Rhineland complain that after doing their best all the evening their reward in refreshments was only bread and butter washed down with lime juice.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give two prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's winners are Gunner J. Morrow, 153 Siege Battery R.G.A., Rhine Army, Pte. R. Hardy 281 Area Employment Rhine Army.

AROUND AND ABOUT.

WHAT INSURANCE COSTS.

It would appear that the National Insurance Act has cost the country during the seven years of its existence somewhere about £167,000,000, nearly £24,000,000 a year. Of the total sum £127,000,000 has been taken from insured persons and their employers, while the National Exchequer has had to provide £40,000,000, a sum which exceeds by £11,000,000 the estimated contribution required to bring up the 4d. to 9d. It would be interesting to know what has happened to the £11,000,000. The Exchequer has had to grant annually a sum of £5,700,000, and the question may be asked, Has this gone to medical or to sickness benefit? If to the former, the thought it at once suggested was that that sum would pay 5,000 whole-time doctors a salary of £1,000 a year each, and leave a balance for administration of £700,000 a year. Is the Act really worth this to the community and to the country? Is the insured community satisfied?

FOR MOTORISTS.

It is puzzling that some simple contrivance has not been devised for putting a motor-car "out of action" when standing unattended. Quite recently, a motor engineer, was of opinion that expert thieves could counter any such precaution, as they had their allies in many workshops, and would not be long in getting over any difficulty with which they were confronted. One London firm has an invention for baffling motor-car thieves. The "Mailoel" steering column lock consists of a collar which fits over and to the fixed tube of the column, which has a box containing a lock of the Yale type operating a hardened steel bar, which passes through a hole drilled through the fixed and revolving tube of the steering columns. When locked the key is removable from the lock; when unlocked, the key is held fast in the lock No two keys alike in 2.000.

ERRORS IN TIMEPIECES.

In the great observatories are the finest timepieces that human ingenuity has been able to devise, but they are not strictly accurate. Their errors, though small, are determined by the only infallible regulator known—the steady sweep of myriad stars across the heavens. This wonderful chronometer is available to anyone for regulation of clocks and watches in the same manner as practised by the astronomers, but without the refinements.

First set the watch to the best time obtainable, preferably a telegraph clock. It can be kept true afterwards by reference to some star. Any star will appear at a precise point just three minutes and 55.91 seconds earlier each night. Fix a range by setting a pin in the jamb of a west window, from which a distant roof-bridge may be seen. A bright star (not a planet) is selected, and the time noted when it disappears below the horizontal line when sighting across the pin.

At any later date the watch may be corrected by observing the same star in the same manner. For example, ten days later the star will be on the range line 39 minutes and 19.2 seconds earlier than before.

AVENGING THE HOGUE.

It was on February 18, 1915. The Grand Fleet was returning from a cruise when a torpedo was seen to approach the Neptune, but just missed her. The Fleet immediately divided, part going one way and part another. After about half an hour the commander of the submarine which fired that torpedo, evidently thinking that all was clear, allowed his periscope to come to the surface, and, seeing battleships away in the distance, must have come to the conclusion that the Fleet was clearing off, not knowing that it had divided, and that there was another half close at hand, just behind him.

The Dreadnought was leading, and the people on her bridge saw the periscope. Speed was increased, and the course slightly altered, and she crashed right into the submarine, which swung round, slewing her bows right up into the air above the deck of the battleship and showing the number U 29, which had been painted over, but was partially revealed again by the action of sea water.

This was the craft commanded by Commander von Weddigen, the man who, the Germans declared, alone had sunk the Hogue, Cressy, and Aboukir in the U 9 in the previous September.

TWO KINGS TO ONE CASTLE.

A quaint comedy is being enacted in Halifax. Two respectable British householders, both occupying the same house, are spending their time writing notes to each other, each demanding that the other clears out. The letters go through the post, and are delivered together again. During the war householder A went away and let the furnished house he was occupying—which did not belong to him—to householder B. While A was away B bought the house. A returned to find B firmly entrenched and refusing to leave. A—who owns the furniture—likewise refuses to leave. So both live in the house and exchange notes.

FIRE FOUNDED SHOREDITCH.

Just over 250 years ago the Great Fire broke out. It began near the Tower, and, driven by a high wind, consumed 89 churches, including St. Paul's Cathedral, the Guildhall, and over 13,000 houses. To quote the concluding words of the inscription on the Monument which commemorates the fire: "In a small space of time the City was seen most flourishing, and reduced to nothing. Three days after, when this fatal fire had baffled all human counsels and endeavours in the opinion of all, it stopped as it were by a command from Heaven, and was on every side extinguished." A result was the populating of the district known as Shoreditch, which until then had been mostly fields. The homeless citizens settled themselves there in tents, with such goods as they could save; gradually shacks and houses replaced the tents.

TO SUPERSEDE COAL.

A Canadian farmer has invented a means of converting straw into gas, thus producing a good coal substitute. The process is cheap. To equip a plant costs about £100. With this plant the farmer may heat his house and his outhouses, thresh his corn, pump his water, and grind his meal. His wife can cook with it and warm her bath water.

The straw is first baled into a size and shape to fit a retort. This makes a seven-foot-long bale with a width of about two feet. The retort consists of three oval cylinders made of highly-refined steel. Then there is a scrubber to remove the tar, and ammonia and a gas-holder.

That is the apparatus. Into each cylinder a little bale of straw is charged. Underneath the retort a fire of straw is started, or if there is gas in the holder the heating may be done with gas.

For every ton of straw the farmer gets six to eight gallons of tar and ammoniacal liquor. This, in its crude state, will pay for baling the straw. When the gas is made there remains in the retort finely divided carbon called char, which is, in effect, lampblack, about 600lb. to the ton of straw.

TAN REGIMENTAL BADGES.

The seaside girl in some popular resorts is said to have started a new fad. With the aid of the friendly sun she brands her pretty arm with the badge of the regiment in which her fiancé served or now is serving. The process is simple. The fair damsel fashions her favourite regimental badge from pieces of court plaster which she presses upon her arm. Then the sun's rays are invited to get busy for a few days. When there is a real deep coat of tan the adhesive plaster is withdrawn, and lo! upon the arm of her ladyship stands out in bold relief the replica of her soldier boy's army emblem.

FORTUNE SMUGGLING.

A little while ago an aeroplane circling over Swedish territory dropped a packet which was found by the police to contain jewellery and valuables. The news caused surprise, but it is only a revealed incident in a vast scheme of smuggling which has been carried on ever since the signing of the armistice.

Ever since last November—and perhaps earlier than that—from Germany to Holland and Scandinavia, from Germania, German-Austria, and Hungary to Switzerland, there has flowed a steady stream of gold, securities, jewels, and all other kinds of valuables, all privately held, their owners being obsessed with but one thought—safety. Fear of confiscation through Bolshevism and fear of confiscation through taxation necessitated by war indemnities furnish the motive power behind this exodus of riches.

Everybody smuggles, and everything has been smuggled, in spite of very severe special legislation in the countries thus being drained.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Trouble Perhaps!—Large numbers of troops are being sent to Ulster.

Dutch Fruit.—Many tons of fruit are reaching England from Holland.

A Venetian Show.—There is to be an International Exhibition at Venice in 1921.

Waterless.—The industries of the town of Derry in Ireland have been brought to a standstill by water shortage.

G.O.M.—Lord Halsbury who was Lord Chancellor for many years has just reached the ripe age of ninety-six.

Serbia's Needs.—A great many Australian women are going to Serbia for nursing and child welfare.

To Finland.—Lord Acton is to be H. M. Envoy Extraordinary to the Republic of Finland.

A Big Blaze.—Several wharves and factories have been destroyed at Cadiz through an incendiary fire.

Not a Good Crop.—The British hay-crop this year is twenty-five per cent. below the average.

Mad Dogs.—There were three cases of dog madness in England last week. The total for this year is now 139 dogs.

Dame Rumour.—There is a rumour that Sir Hamar Greenwood is to be the next Secretary for War.

Had On Holiday Folk.—Profiteering at the English seaside resorts is rampant and boarding houses far more meagre than ever.

Never Forget!—It is suggested that October 31 shall be observed as Ypres day to celebrate the memorable first battle of Ypres.

Celtic Village Found.—The remains of a Celtic village have been brought to light on the height of Santa Tecla, near La Guardia, Galicia.

Union is Strength.—The engineers have decided to join forces with the shipbuilders so as to bring their whole strength to bear on the Government to consolidate war wages.

Squire's Daughter Acts.—Miss Evelyn Brooke, who is appearing in "Daddies" the new play at the Haymarket Theatre, is a daughter of Sir George Brooke, the well-known Irish landowner.

Guards Protest.—The Brigade of Guards resent the proposal to continue the temporary buildings at Burton Court, Chelsea for the Ministry of Pensions. The site was their cricket and football ground before the war.

The Way.—"How can I get married?" asks a correspondent in a morning paper. Mate and see!

A Whale Hunt.—A whale weighing over half a ton has been captured in the higher reaches of the Forth.

Not Sports.—Llanelly Corporation has refused the use of the market hall for boxing.

A Fine Haul.—Three Harlesden anglers caught 200 carp in eight days in Saham Mere, Norfolk.

A Distinction.—Toy "scooters" have now been dignified by mention in the "London Gazette."

Trawlers Lack Coal.—Nine steam trawlers are laid up at Ostend and have paid off their crews, the vessels being unable to put to sea for lack of coal.

An Expensive Ram.—At Lincoln the record price of 1,600 guineas has been paid for a ram—the largest amount ever paid in the Lincoln area.

Incendiary Pop-Gun.—Small boys, firing matches out of a pop-gun, were responsible for a dangerous outbreak of fire at Peterborough.

Money in Rabbit Skins.—Five shillings each for rabbit skins is the price which is being offered for first-grade blue Beveren and Havana pelts this winter.

Profits on Golliwogs.—By the sale of sixpenny patterns for golliwogs, Mrs. Alec Tweedie, the writer, has raised £500 for the Navy League.

Rat Slaughter.—Pulling up the floor of a small pigsty, an Egham Hythe, Surrey, resident found a colony of rats, and killed 36 with a stick.

More Boys Than Girls.—There were 3,800 more boys than girls born in England and Wales during the second quarter of the present year, the figures being 76,312 and 72,512 respectively.

A Rare Honour.—Sir E. Moir has received the decoration of Officer of the Legion of Honour, for war services. This distinction has seldom been given to any but French citizens.

Father Hicks.—Mr. Seymour Hicks has written a book which he calls "If I Were Your Father"—a volume of answers by a man of forty-five to unasked questions of a youth of twenty-one.

Medal For a Dog.—The National Canine Defence League is awarding its medal to a retriever dog which rescued two children from drowning in the River Don, at Rotherham.

No Aliens for Fiji. — Fiji has banned enemy aliens for three years.

Proud of Watt. — Greenock the birthplace of James Watt, is to celebrate this week the centenary of his death.

Verboten!—Mixed dances for British soldiers and German civilians in Cologne have been prohibited.

Messengers. — A feature of the Peace Loan campaign at Sydney, was the release of 4,000 pigeons with messages.

For the Hospitals.—The cutting of the grapes of the famous royal vine at Hampton Court Palace has been completed.

Demobilized.—The War Office announces that to date 133,272 officers and 3,033,571 other ranks have been demobilized.

Home again.—The Chilian Government has set free the crews of the German warship Dresden and of the Seeadler.

Sensible.—Epsom is to expend its peace celebration balance in presenting coal to soldiers' and sailors' widows.

Millinery by air.—The air expresses from Paris to London are carrying consignments of millinery from the French capital.

At large.—Lions, monkeys and wild boars at large in Paris woods were recaptured by menagerie keepers.

Dog Sole Survivor. — Only a dog was saved when the barge Atalanta sank in the Thames.

Angler's Grim Find.—When casting his line into the Nene, an angler saw a body in the river.

Hands up.—A Southend farm labourer was fatally shot by a boy who was playing the game of "Hands up!"

No stockings.—The stockingless fashion has made its appearance at Molesey Lock.

The study of English. — The study of the English language is now obligatory in all secondary schools in Rumania.

Revue actress married.—Miss Harrison, the revue actress, has been married to Lieutenant Reaveley, Scots Guards. They met for the first time a month ago.

The Kicking County.—"They come from the right county for kicking," said a woman complainant at the Cockermouth Police Court. "Which county is that?" asked the defending solicitor. "Lancashire," replied the complainant.

Not So Silly.—Lunatics are demanding an eight-hour day. Their complaint is that since the National Union of Asylum Workers has been able to enforce an eight-hour day for its members, working patients have been obliged to labour for much longer hours.

THINGS PEOPLE SAY.

The Indian has a higher regard, perhaps a superstitious regard, for the University than we have in England. —Lord Carmichael.

British engineering works, motor-car manufacturers, and the cinema trade would do well if they started straight away to secure a suitable footing in old Portugal.—President, Portuguese Chamber of Commerce.

It is a bold man who would now prophesy as to the course of politics in South Africa. But it may safely be said that the death of General Botha is of outstanding importance, and creates rather a new situation there.—Sir Lionel Phillips.

It takes all sorts to make a world and it took all sorts to make the tanks. It took invention, management, labour, capital, strategy, tactics, transport, supply, to bring the tanks to the battle. Is there no lesson there? Yes, there is—the great lesson of national unity.—Sir Auckland Geddes.

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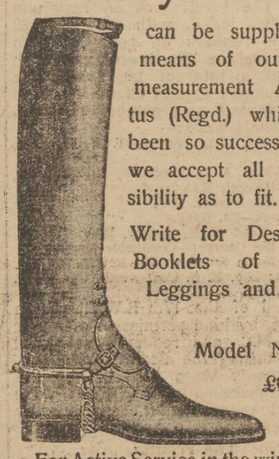
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AUSSIES AT ARCHANGEL.

GLORIOUS GALLANTRY OF FOUR HUNDRED BRITISH AND COLONIALS.

MILLIONS FOR EUROPE.

YEMTSA BATTLE.

HOW THE VILLAGE WAS CAPTURED.

A stirring description of the fighting which resulted in the capture of Yemtsa is furnished by Reuter's correspondent. Telegraphing from Yemtsa on Wednesday he says the original scheme was that the Russian troops should make a frontal attack in the centre, the Australians (200 strong) being on the left flank, and 200 Royal Fusiliers on the right. Before hostilities opened, the Australians crept up in the woods to within seventy yards of the Bolshevist gun positions and lay there unseen all night long in the open. The battle began with an intensive ninety minute bombardment of the Bolshevist lines. The enemy fled to the blockhouses. Their officers had left the line on the previous night and only the rank and file remained.

Immediately the bombardment ceased the Australians opened fire on the gunners, who scattered. A British major, commanding the Australians, leapt up and was followed by an Australian sergeant. The impatient troops and the major and sergeant were held up by wire. The major was shot in the thigh but staggered on and was again hit. The sergeant had an artery severed and bled to death in two minutes. After that the Australians took terrible toll of the enemy throughout the fighting. Very few of the Bolshevist gunners escaped to the woods and these gave themselves up to the Russians. All the guns were captured.

The Fusiliers advanced most swiftly, sweeping all before them. The Russians in the centre were delayed by numerous blockhouses and were unable to keep up with the Australians and Fusiliers. Both flanks of the Bolshevist forces were enveloped and our men advancing further, actually found behind the Bolshevist lines three armoured trains, which were intended for the retaking of Yemtsa. The Russians on reaching the blockhouses found them held by boys. It appears that all the older Bolshevists, who were huddled in the dugouts, had forced the youngsters out to man the blockhouses. When the Russians saw the mangled bodies of children aged fifteen and sixteen they were overcome with horror and rage and threw bombs into the dugouts, sparing none.

LEAN DAYS.

PLIGHT OF GERMAN EX-SOLDIERS.

The special correspondent of the "Daily News," writing on the spectacle of thousands of ex-soldiers making a living by begging in the streets of Berlin, says that "Beggars were not allowed in Berlin before the war and their trade has thus the force of novelty. Germans are very kindhearted people and it is scarcely possible for some women to pass these human remnants without dropping something into their caps.

"Enormous numbers of soldiers, apparently sound, must remain in the once honoured field-grey because they cannot afford to get into civilian clothes. They have the appearance of being de trop, something between the civil population and the well-paid "volunteers" that police Berlin. I suppose if the unemployed were collected in one place, nine-tenths of them would be found to be wearing well brushed uniforms, the garb of their last employment. So, and perhaps because it reminds them too much of the war they have lost, the uniform is resented and in a measure despised by Berliners.

"For my part I have a sort of shame when I see these thin and patient soldiers among the fat population of Berlin. I have seen Fritz come over the top and I am for him, if necessary, at the cost of the war-profiteers as much as though he was my own late comrade in arms walking homeless the streets of London."

AUSTRALIAN NAVAL PROBLEM.

There is reason to believe that Lord Jellicoe's report on Australian naval defence, recommends eight battle cruisers, in addition to an increased number of cruisers, destroyers, and submarines. This would involve an annual expenditure of £5,000,000 by 1923, when the scheme will reach full scope. This expenditure, is worrying the Government, which is looking for economy in all departments.

Another difficulty is the reluctance of young Australians to enlist in the naval forces. It is unlikely that the scheme will be adopted entirely.

AMERICA SHORT OF COAL.

Evidence given before the American Senate on Wednesday indicated a great shortage of coal in America and very little prospect of the export of coal to Europe being maintained.

CREDIT WANTED.

£800,000,000 WANTED TO RE-START EUROPE.

The United States must guarantee credits of between £600,000,000 and £800,000,000 to Europe for a period of from eighteen months to two years in order that the world may recover its normal trade conditions.

This statement was made by Mr. Hoover in Paris to a Committee of American Congressmen which has come to Europe to investigate the question of American war expenditure.

Mr. Hoover spoke of the general economic conditions in Europe. It is his opinion that the world will require at least a year and a half, and probably two years, to recover from the war, and during this time the United States must aid Europe. "If they do not," he said, "the length of time necessary to re-establish pre-war business conditions will be in definitely prolonged."

During the next two years Europe must buy goods to the value of £800,000,000, and in order to handle the situation Mr. Hoover suggests a credit arrangement whereby the American Government could underwrite European credits. The European Governments could endorse purchases by merchants in their respective countries, and Government guarantees would render bills of sale negotiable through the banks.

Mr. Hoover believes that supervision of American foreign trade by the United States Government would result in more equitable distribution of raw materials in Europe.

IRISH OUTRAGE.

SERGEANT KILLED AND CONSTABLE WOUNDED.

On a lonely stretch of road between Lorrha and Borrisokane (County Tipperary) a Sergeant P. Brady, of the Royal Irish Constabulary, was murdered at midnight and one of two constables who were with him was badly wounded. A young man named Madden has been arrested at Portumna (County Galway).

With Constables Foley and McCormack the sergeant was on patrol duty. All three men were armed and were walking towards a neighbouring village when shots suddenly rang out from a hazel wood that adjoins the road. Sergeant Brady fell dead, a charge of buckshot having pierced his heart. Constable Foley was wounded in the hip and shoulder and is in a critical condition. The other policeman, who was uninjured, returned the fire and the assailants ran away.

The murdered man was married and leaves eight children.

GENERAL MANGIN'S VISIT TO COLOGNE.

General Mangin, the Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Armies of Occupation, paid a formal visit to Cologne on Friday. He was received by Lieutenant-General Sir C. W. Jacob, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Commander-in-Chief of the British Army of the Rhine, and by Major-General G S. Clive, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., the Military Governor.

The 20th Battalion Durham Light Infantry, under Captain Turnbull, was formed up in review order in the Dom Square, and as General Mangin arrived, the band played La Marseillaise and the British National Anthem, the battalion standing smartly at the present arms.

Accompanied by several other distinguished French officers, General Mangin inspected the Durhams, after which he took his stand on the square while the troops marched past.

SOLDIER AND LOST CHEQUES.

At Lancaster County Police Court yesterday, Charles Jones, a soldier, was charged with stealing a bag and contents from Quartermaster-sergeant Taylor at Carnforth railway station.

Superintendent Jackson said that the prisoner had in his possession twelve cheques, representing £1,486, payable to a Cardiff firm. He said that he had found them at the corner of Bute-street, Cardiff. The prisoner had been staying in a Y.M.C.A. hut at Cardiff, and was rejoining the East Lancashire Regiment at Preston.

Jones was remanded for a week.

PRINCE OF WALES' TOUR.

The Prince of Wales continues to experience the unbounded enthusiasm of Canadians. By the time he reached Sudbury, the headquarters of the world's nickel industry, his right arm was put out of action through handshaking and he had to carry on with his left hand.

The Shah of Persia arrived in Switzerland on Thursday.

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

JOHN WARD'S ADVICE TO ENGLAND.

Colonel John Ward, the Labour Member of Parliament, who has just returned to England from Russia, is of the emphatic opinion that England ought to assist in the restoration of order in Russia. He said:

"It would be the greatest mistake in the world for the Allies to refuse help to the orderly elements of Russia now, and to find afterwards that neglect to do so had landed Russia in the hands of forces hostile to the Entente nations. England ought to get in quickly. Statesmen must decide upon the nature of the help to be rendere , whether by men, money, munitions or advice, but certainly England ought to give all the help she can to the orderly elements of Russian society.

"Whatever may be the result on my position in the Labour movement of my expressing such an opinion, I cannot alter it without being dishonest to myself. Having reduced their own land to anarchy and ruin, the Bolshevists will attempt by all the means in their power to extend that anarchy and ruin to every civilized country in the world!"

CRIPPLE'S TERRIBLE VENGEANCE.

A crippled munition worker of Saint Fons, near Lyons, returned unexpectedly to his home and surprised his wife with another man. The cripple, despite the fact that he could only walk with the aid of crutches, burst his way in through a shuttered window and cut his rival's throat. The wife, on her knees, pleaded with her husband to spare her own life for the sake of their two children.

The husband decided that the whole family should die together in the river, and, waking the children, he forced them and his wife to accompany him through the dark streets towards the Rhône.

The cripple hobbled on ahead, and the wife followed, weeping and clutching the children to her, until at a bend in the road she darted away with the children and took refuge in a police station.

The cripple's body was later recovered from the water.

ITALIANS MASSACRED.

Semi-official channels at Belgrade give currency to a report from Durazzo of the Albanian Clementi, Castrati, and Boti tribes having risen against the Italian troops occupying their portion of the Albanian plateau. Massacres of Italians are reported from several localities. It is rumoured that the beaten Italian garrisons are retreating towards Elbasan, Durazzo, and Valona.

BRUTAL DOCUMENT.

A callous letter was received by the fiancé of Hans Weiss, a soldier of the National Defence Force, who was killed in the street fighting at Chemnitz, in Saxony. This communication, which was signed "P. R. and M. F. street of criminals, Chemnitz," is as follows:—

"Honoured lady, you need never expect to see Hans Weiss again, because we smashed his skull with our rifle butts. His last exclamation was: 'My dear parents and my beloved Hélène!'

"We found your address in his pocket-book. We further found £7 in cash, twenty cigarettes, five cigars, a watch and chain, a revolver, and a dagger. Finally we pulled the boots from the rascal's feet. They fit one of us admirably. Thus we have rewarded the wretch for his loyal services to the Fatherland."

COLLEGE BOYS' ROBBERIES.

Four Newcastle college boys who had been remanded at Newcastle on charges of housebreaking and receiving stolen property, including jewellery, to the value of £356, have been sentenced.

The boys, whose ages ranged from eighteen to fourteen years, had done considerable damage to furniture in the houses they had entered. They were each sent to prison for a month in the second division, bound over for twelve months, and ordered to pay £10 each towards the damage.

PRISON FOR PROFITEER.

John Reid Proven, coal factor, was sent to prison for six months in the second division at Liverpool for overcharging for coal and coke and supplying short weight in regard to coke.

Out of fifty-eight transactions the correct weight of coke delivered was seventy-six tons, but the amount Proven stated in his notes to purchasers was 116 tons—a shortage of forty tons with an approximate value of £58.

DOUGLAS-PENNANT INQUIRY.

The inquiry into the dismissal of Miss Violet Douglas-Pennant from the position of commandant of the Women's Royal Air Force will be opened at the House of Lords on Oct. 14. The chairman will be Lord Wrenbury, and the proceedings will be open to the public. Miss Douglas-Pennant's statement of the case has been filed at the House of Lords.

Herr von Lersner yesterday presented a note to the Supreme Council endeavouring to justify the sinking of the German fleet at Scapa Flow.

WORK OR GO SHORT.

WHY THERE CAN BE NO CHEAP FOOD THIS WINTER.

Mr. C. A. McCurdy, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, has been telling the Consumers' Council why there can be no cheap food this winter. The causes, as everybody knows, are world wide; a denuded world has no surplus, the demands of neutrals and enemy countries are great and the purchasing power of money is greatly reduced.

"We are taking drastic steps," Mr. McCurdy told his hearers, "mainly by a system of licences in certain trades, which ensure that no person who is not legitimately interested in the trade shall be allowed to come in and make profits. We are trying to eliminate the speculator altogether.

"With regard to the rise in the price of bread, I should like to say most clearly that the price fixed by the Food Controller (9½d. a 4lb. loaf) is not a fixed price, but only a maximum price, and if as I understand, the representatives of the co-operative movement here to-day are not satisfied with the action of the Food Controller they have a simple remedy in their own hands; they can demonstrate to the Food Controller that the maximum price is unnecessarily high by selling their own bread to the public at a price lower than the maximum.

Powerless Archangel.

"If you could obtain an archangel to assume the post of Food Controller in this country he could not obtain any substantial reduction in the price of food next winter. The causes of present prices are, in the main, world causes and not local causes.

"We are living in a very vicious circle in this country, in which continual increases in wages are followed as an inevitable result by increase in cost of production and cost of living.

"If we were to think in terms of commodities instead of in terms of money, I think we should have a much clearer view. If, instead of saying that the railwayman or the coalminer wants another ten shillings a week, we said the railwayman or the coalminer wanted another suit of clothes, a new carpet, an extra pint of beer a day, and a new pair of boots, we should see at once that the first step towards giving him what he wants is that more clothes and boots and beer and carpets must be produced, and produced at once.

"There is only one way out of our present troubles, and that is to increase the world's stocks of all essential commodities, and that can be done only by work."

ENVOY LEAVES FOR ROUMANIA.

Sir George Russel Clerk, the newly appointed British Minister to Czecho-Slovakia, has been appointed the special envoy of the Supreme Allied Council to Roumania. He left Paris for Bukarest on Thursday night, taking with him a copy of the first note which is suposed to have failed to reach the Roumanian Government and also a fresh Note from the Council, which, though milder than the Ultimatum previously decided upon, is couched in stern terms.

PETROGRAD CANARD.

The home papers assert that there is no foundation for the statement that General Gough has issued a proclamation to the People of Petrograd. It appears that this statement originated in German papers at Riga, which added that "an attack is about to be made on Petrograd" and referred to the Kronstadt operations as having opened the way for food ships to the capital.

Another report from Helsingfors was that "Admiral Cowan, commanding the British squadron in the Gulf of Finland, had conferred there with General Gough concerning the prospective offensive against Petrograd."

The fact is that General Gough has not been in Helsingfors for over a fortnight and did not meet Admiral Cowan.

STRIKE OVER ONE MAN.

Willenhall (Staffs) magistrates have given their decision in the case in which the Hollybank Coal Co., Essington, near Wolverhampton, charged a check weighman named Daniel Cartwright, with infringements of the Coal Mines Regulation Act by interfering with the management and inciting miners not to work. They decided that the complaint was proved in respect of six dates, and ordered Cartwright to be removed from his position as check weighman at the colliery. The Bench agreed to state a case. Because of the colliery company's refusal to accept Cartwright 1,300 miners have been on strike since the beginning of August.

HOT BOUILLON.

In yesterday's sitting of the French Chamber, which is discussing the Peace Treaty, M. Franklin-Bouillon declared that "Great Britain did not give up her supremacy on the sea, nor did America renounce the Monroe doctrine. France, on the contrary, has given up all the vital conditions she should have put in the treaty. I refuse to ratify the treaty.

„France's blood has saved the world, France's spirit must lead it."

Quien, the French traitor and denunciator of Nurse Cavell, has been sentenced to death.

WHO'S FOR MEXICO?

RANCHING WITH REBEL-HUNTING AS A DIVERSION.

Brigadier-General Critchley's scheme for colonising a Mexican ranch with ex-Army officers, appears to have "caught on." He has entered into partnership with Senor Del Rio, a Mexican landowner, with an estate of something over a million acres, 400 miles from Mexico City. Until it was overrun in 1913 by rebels, the estate was a paying concern and could be made so again by hard work. Permission had been obtained from the Mexican Government to take sufficient arms for self protection.

"The country is full of possibilities," said Brig.-Gen. Critchley, "with a magnificent climate, and every chance of making good. If you have got anything in you, you can make good, but it is no cotton wool job, and if you haven't—well, you will not."

The cost of passage and living expenses during the first (instructional) year will amount to £200 p r man. At the end of the year a man will be able to lease land from the estate, which will advance money for wages and stock.

The possibility of having forcibly to eject bands of rebels, which a meeting discussed, only added to the enthusiasm aroused by the prospect of a healthy, sporting, and adventurous life.

NEW TERRITORIAL FORCE CONDITIONS.

Brigadier-General R. B. Colvin, M.P., presiding at the quarterly meeting of the Territorial Force Association, Essex County, said that the new conditions of the Territorial Force, which were on the point of being issued, have had to be put back into the melting-pot and recast. The delay was no doubt retarding recruiting, and he thought the new conditions should be out very shortly.

A letter was read from the secretary of the Empire Land Settlement Committee, suggesting that various regimental or divisional Old Comrades' Associations and kindred bodies might like to undertake the work of forming groups from those of their members who wished to settle on the land overseas, and whose qualifications were approved by the overseas representatives. It was pointed out that the overseas authorities were disposed to offer greater facilities for what was known as "group settlement," as against individual settlement. Little capital would be required, as the passage money was secured by the Home Government.

It was resolved that a letter should be sent to all the Associations asking for their views on the subject.

SOLDIERS' CO-OPERATIVE VENTURE.

Discharged sailors, soldiers and airmen who have formed themselves into a limited company are opening at 202, High-street, Hounslow, the first of a number of co-operative storekeeping businesses.

Shares and financial advantages from trading are confined to ex-Service men and their families, and employment will be restricted to men who have served with the Colours.

PEASANT PROFITEERS.

Holiday makers in France, who are getting a good deal of first hand experience about the alleged cupidity of the French peasant, are showing a good deal of feeling.

Newspapers are full of stories of extravagantly high prices being demanded in the provinces for local produce, such as eggs and butter. Wine, which used to be sold at about 12s. 8d. for a barrel of 22 gallons, now fetches as much as £5 4s.

One correspondent maintains that it is a common thing to find peasants making £1,200 a year. They live on small farms and pay no income tax.

CANADIAN PREMIER ON LEAGUE.

Moving the ratification of the Peace Treaty in the Canadian Parliament Sir Robert Borden said that no one could pretend that the League of Nations Covenant was a perfect instrument. It was nevertheless founded on the solemn and unaminous affirmant of thirty-two nations that not force, but right and justice, should be the arbiter in international disputes. He paid a great tribute to the services of Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. A. J. Balfour and Mr. Bonar Law.

MANCHESTER'S LABOUR MAYOR.

For the first time in the city's history Manchester will have a Labour Lord Mayor from November onwards, Alderman Tom Fox having been unanimously selected at the City Council meeting. The post is accompanied by a yearly salary of £2,000.

In Berlin these is such a shortage of coal that electricity may not be used in business houses after 6 p.m. The electric cars stop running at 10 p.m.

Owing to the unsettled condition of Mexico, persons proposing to invest money or to settle on the land in that country are warned to communicate with the British Consul-General at Mexico City before taking any definite steps in the matter.

GERMAN IMPORTS.

CARGOES ARRIVING FROM ENGLAND.

After five years, British mercantile ships are again in German ports on their lawful occasions. The Peveril (1,643 tons) and Patiki (1,518 tons) from London, the Garibaldi from Poole and the Vera from Liverpool have arrived at Bremerhaven during the last few days. They have carried Government food stuffs for Germany and Czecho-Slovakia. These supplies to Germany were sent in accordance with the Peace Treaty and have been paid for in gold by the German Government. They include tinned beef, oats and some oils.

It will be at least a week before the first commercial consignments go out. The actual number of steamers is not yet definitely fixed but there are three arranged for within the next fortnight and others are in negotiation. There are two firms chiefly concerned in this reopening of trade. One of them stated they have begun this work at the request of the Government, for there was urgent need of carrying out the food agreement with Germany, and further such supplies from British docks did something to relieve the congestion. The second firm has announced through rates and bills of lading between London and Hamburg and Antwerp and Cologne. The head of this firm leaves for Hamburg next week to arrange for cargoes in both directions. He expects to send a ship to Hamburg some time next week and the cargo is now being arranged, the firm having received many applications from merchants holding Government licences to export textiles, fibres and certain oils. One ship of 1,800 tons chartered by another house will leave about the end of next week and will be followed by another of 2,000 tons.

DAMAGE BY AIRMEN.

FORCED LANDINGS IN HOLLAND.

The Air Ministry announces that all pilots, both service and civil, who are compelled to effect a forced landing in Holland, should report at once by telegraph or telephone to the Military Attaché, The Hague, who has made every arrangement to render aid as soon as he has proper details.

Pilots should not leave the neighbourhood before they have made a written statement of the extent of the damage done to private property in the landing, one copy of which must be handed to the owner or the local authority and one to the Military Attaché.

OYSTERS ARE IN SEASON.

There is an "r" in the month and it follows that oysters are in season. In the course of a leading article on the subject the "Times" says:—

The oyster lends itself to an infinite variety of dishes. In happy America, where the vast beds of the Atlantic and the Pacific still yield tens of millions of bushels, there is justification even for decorative treatment. But in Great Britain and Ireland, where the natural beds have been ruined by over-fishing, and where sedulous culture produces a miserable hundred thousand odd bushels a year, we have lost the right to gild the lily. To cook a good oyster is as to mull a vintage port. To admit the existence of a class of "cooking oysters," like that of "cooking eggs," is to explain why cookery is a lost art in England. And yet there are temptations to which even the most resolute may succumb. Amongst these is the "angel-on-horseback," a fitting destiny even for a Royal Native.

DESERTED ENGLISH WIVES.

At the last meeting of the Board of Lambeth Guardians (S. London) on Thursday, Mr. Frank Briant, M.P., drew the attention of the Board to the long list of desertions of English girls by Australian soldiers, a matter which he feared would ultimately develop into a grave scandal. Many of the men were leaving dependents behind them, the majority of whom he feared would ultimately become chargeable to the rates. It was urged that the matter should be raised in Parliament immediately the House reassembles.

IRISH GUN-RUNNING.

The authorities are now satisfied that the Hampshire Coast is not the ship for which they have been looking. No trace of arms or ammunition has been found among the cargo. It is now reported that another ship resembling the Hampshire Coast has been captured off the South coast. It was boarded by naval men and escorted to Bristol by two destroyers. It is now known that the mystery ship wanted by the authorities had thirty-six cases of ammunition on board.

SENSIBLE WORKMEN.

Representatives of the railroad shopmen have given assurances to the United States authorities that there will be no strike, the workmen having agreed to give the Government a fair opportunity to effect a reduction in the cost of living before taking action.

The Crown Prince of Roumania, who was recently rebuked on account of a mesalliance, intends to submit himself at the next parliamentary elections as a socialist candidate.

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THE NATIONAL DEBT.

This bogey which looms, all terrible, above our path is perhaps very generally misunderstood. Let us look at it fairly and see how the matter really stands.

In the first place, one essential fact to be constantly borne in mind is that the National Debt is not only owed by the nation, but is in the main owing to the nation. (The amount we owe to other countries is less than that owing to us by them). In other words, it is a family affair.

It is true that it will be necessary to raise huge sums by taxation to pay the interest and the Sinking Fund. But those sums will go back as interest to the people who loaned the money and upon whom the taxation is imposed.

The fact that so much must be obtained to pay the interest is a sign of the immense wealth that the nation was able to confide to the Exchequer. And, we repeat, what will be paid by the people as taxes due to the National Debt comes back to them as interest, or dividends. Much must be paid out because much is to be received under those heads.

Now this, of course, though true and most important, does not mean that individuals will get back just what they pay. Naturally taxation cannot be arranged on the basis of what each man or company invested in Government securities.

The incidence will be proportionally heavier or lighter. But it does mean that the country as a whole will not be ruined by collecting from the people and paying back in another form. So we may at least avoid panic.

On the other hand the position does need very serious consideration. Taxation has its limits, and even the wisest consideration cannot prevent it from pressing heavily on many individual cases which will not be receiving a commensurate return.

Then although the security is of the best, the interest is not as high as might be reasonably aimed at in commercial or industrial employment of the capital thus locked up. And this locking up is a serious restraint on that free employment of capital which is essential to the expansion of trade. Also it hampers the raising of the great sums required for national or municipal measures for general social betterment, — education, housing and so forth.

To put it concisely, our present wealth is, and must for long remain, mortgaged. Yet there is an urgent need to make up for the missing production of the last five years, and a strong general demand for better provision for the mass of the population. That is to say, more wealth is wanted.

Well, there is only one solution of this problem. It is to *make* more wealth. We may share it more wisely but we must create it first.

This means — it is no use blinking the fact — harder work, more production, a search for better and more effective systems of using energy and time until we have made up arrears and reached the desired level.

No Government can create wealth or give to the people anything but what that people makes and places in the Government's hands for distribution. This is a basic fact too often forgotten.

Increased work and increased efficiency mean greater wealth and greater comfort. And in no other way can they be obtained.

Just as the great floating liabilities of a huge business are often merely the natural concomitants of its great assets and sound position, so an enormous National Debt is no danger if — but only if — the assets and business of the Nation grow proportionately. Let us see to it.

THE RIVER OF HUMANITY.

The child of Earth and Heaven, the River of Humanity, like its prototype, wanders first in small disunited brooklets through rocky gorges and by devious ways; until winding through the valleys of peace or overshadowed by the mountains of gloom, the union of the hitherto separate streams creates one vast quiet river moving steadily on its appointed way.

We, its constituent drops, sweep on with it. The human flow of each generation, its work done, its energy sinking to a lower level, at last broadened and placid, reaches and is merged into the Great Ocean.

But ended? No!

From that level it is drawn upwards, raised heavenwards by the power of the all-ruling Sun. Half seen, half hinted, the spirit and the body of the river gather again in mist and in cloud in the heights; driven by the unseen forces of the sky, they hover above the waiting earth, then descend to join again, with all the vigour of youth, the river that flows unendingly, graving deeper and deeper its mark upon things earthly in each phase that we call a generation.

Turbulent rapids, roaring falls interrupt the calmness of its course; it eats but slowly into the hills that turn its path; swelled at times by storms to uncontrollable heights, the River breaks its bounds and exchanges its peaceful utility for floods of devastation. But the storm passes, the floods subside, and once more is resumed the placidity of the normal flow within the age-long channel.

Yet, as knowledge grows, as time passes, these outbreaks become rarer. Their possibility recognised, their harm admitted, the wisdom of man takes precautions against their recurrence. The storms, we know, will come; but against the floods we continue to build the dykes of wiser knowledge, clearer education, international understanding.

More and more, too, in each generation do we learn to utilise beneficially the energy and volume of this mighty river, to take the hitherto waste power and make it give forth light and ease and happiness, to turn the superfluous quantity so that it may irrigate the arid places and increase productivity. As with the streams that water our lands, we see that the River of Humanity can be usefully and wisely in part diverted into paths not already provided by nature.

Ever more controlled, better employed, its peace now and again broken by turbulence, its individual drops wending their way in the community of its flow to lose themselves in the mysterious sea, onward it goes—towards rebirth in the heights—and renewed youth and hope.

For always the River flows. *W. I.*

BILLY'S SCHEME.

It was in the Mess that Billy first propounded the scheme—"his" scheme, he called it. The same morning the C.S.M. had found him in bed about two minutes before "Cookhouse" blew, and, of course he said nothing at all, but then, everybody knows the habits of Company Sergeant Majors.

Anyway, what he said had evidently aroused Billy's ire and—what was more—set him thinking, "his" scheme being the result.

"Look here," he said suddenly "you remember the great Horatio once crying and pleading for a business Government. Why not a business," here he paused dramatically, "Army."

Looking at Harrison with the look one assumes when on leave, and dealing with the "When do you go back?" people, Billy continued, "Ass! I don't mean a business army of that sort. My scheme is greater than that. My idea is this. If a man doesn't want to go on parade he gets no pay. No work—no pay—the very rudimentary idea of business applied to the Army. If he doesn't want to do a guard, he can have two days off, and lose two days pay."

Billy gazed round at his audience with a self-satisfied air, as if he had solved the problem of getting men on parade once and for all.

"And how many Quarterblokes and clerks do you intend to have to keep all these records? Besides, the pay offices have enough difficulties now," said Harrison.

But Billy—he must have been thinking—was ready for that.

"Don't you think the money gained would be sufficient to pay for a buckshee clerk or two? The Quarterblokes never do any work anyway."

"Think, too, how great it would be when you woke up with a "morning after the night before" feeling, and could say to yourself, "Well, it will only cost me so many shillings to stop in bed to-day."

Billy, flushed with triumph, and probably feeling like Nelson at Trafalgar, would have continued, but the harsh voice of "D" Coy.'s C.S.M. floated through the open door, "Where the—are those Sergeants of "D" Coy.? On parade!"

And poor Billy had to go.

"ACKPIP."

CLUBLAND IN COLOGNE.

FOR CATHOLIC SOLDIERS.

It was formerly a Beer Hall, the delight of many Germans of all classes, who gathered there from the dusty crowded streets to quench their thirst with huge quantities of extra mild beer.

At the back is the brewery and in the yard many gigantic barrels can be seen, a sign of former prosperity. Its number is 18, and its location Herzog-Strasse, the centre of a teeming population. Near to it is the famous Palast Theatre.

The officials of this Club are to be congratulated on their choice of a centre, for it is just in the right place.

It is a hive of industry and full of life and sunshine. Here you receive a warm welcome and are made to feel at home. The social atmosphere is irresistible; once you have been, you desire to go again.

The doors are opened wide to all Catholics and men of other churches. Every Thursday afternoon a Catholic chaplain attends to give advice or assistance to all who need it, and this in itself is a great boon.

The warm hearted genial Director is Mr. J. B. S. Holway, and his sister Miss Holway, is the superintendent. Both came from the Argentine Republic to help the old country in her hour of need Miss Holway, apart from home service, did a great work in France for two years.

There are nine more devoted lady workers, who are an example of all that is best and brightest. By their charming and graceful manners and willingness to help our men, they cheer up many who feel weary and homesick.

On the ground floor is a large refreshment room and canteen which are always crowded with men. Here at a moderate charge a splendid tea or supper can be obtained. At the back is a large storeroom crammed with boxes and so there is no fear of a famine or short supplies.

The billiard-room on the next floor contains two excellent tables and it is sweet to listen to the music of the ivory balls. This was formerly used as a Printers' Club and one can imagine the discussions which took place there. The walls are panelled and the room is well lighted.

The next room you enter with mixed feelings, for it was once the most select gathering place of the Prussian Military Party in Cologne. Here the high and mighty met to thank God that they were not as other men, to dream dreams and see visions, to talk with bated breath of their future grandeur. They would be as kings of the castle and have world wide dominion. They could see their victorious armies sweeping onwards. How eager they were! How confident!

Where are they to-day? Gone! The place that knew them once, knows them now no more. In that very room our men write their letters and spend many delightful hours reading. The voice of the boaster has vanished and the musical voice of Tommy can be heard. Oh! The irony of it all.

It is a fine room with quaint furniture, but only modern copies of antique.

The Catholic Club has done a great work in Cologne, and many men will carry away with them happy memories of the hours they spent there.

It is supported financially by a few generous subscribers at home and they can rest assured that their gifts are greatly appreciated. *G. K.*

ON CHANGING ONE'S MIND.

How many of us do not pride ourselves on having great strength of will? Few, of course, assert that they have a will inviolable; many, indeed, emphatically repudiate the idea, but deep down in all our hearts, I think, is the conviction that we do as we please, heeding neither the advice of friends nor the hindrance of circumstances.

Is it not one of Man's favourite gibes at the fair sex that Woman alone changes her mind? It is beneath Man's dignity to do that which he has resolved not to do, or to leave undone that which he was determined to do.

With Woman, however, intentions do not matter. Man laughs at her, patronises her, saying that when she performs the ignoble action of changing her mind, she often does it very prettily and with good effect: one never knows what to make of them. So he goes on and gradually convinces himself that altogether he is a superior sort of being.

Of course, we do change our minds, do we not? But we seldom admit it, and when we do confess, we do so rather shamefacedly. We then point out to ourselves the great advantages of the course we have adopted over the one rejected, congratulating ourselves on our power of discrimination.

We all remember how, after the signing of the Armistice, all sort of inducements were made to us to re-enlist. One man in my unit was especially loud in his denunciation of the Army in general and everything connected with it in particular. He swore that were he about to receive his "ticket," he would not sign for another hour at sovereign a minute. I met this fellow recently whilst I was on leave; he was in uniform. On my enquiring why he had not been demobilized, he informed me that he had been a civvy but had joined up again.

I diplomatically extracted from him the whole tale of woe. His wife had been overcome with joy on his return to civilian life and he had vowed that never again would he leave her side no matter what the circumstances.

He had tried in vain to get a job at his old trade, and rather than begin at the bottom of the ladder in a new one, had considered re-enlisting — with much encouragement from his wife, who harped on this subject continually. Finally he had donned again the King's uniform. "Strange creatures, women," he said, "they never know their own minds two days running." He was very careful to impress upon me that in doing as he had done he had obeyed only the mandates of prudence.

But why all this humbug about being ashamed of changing one's mind? Why, the power to do so is one of our greatest privileges. Suppose we were so made that it was impossible for us to do otherwise than follow the course dictated by our first impulse, what a strange world we should be living in.

Perhaps, after all, life is made up as much of bad resolutions unfulfilled as of good resolutions triumphantly adhered to.

L. W. H.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Reader's Varied Views.

A BADGE WANTED.

Sir,—With regard to "Brassard's" letter in the "Cologne Post," who could mistake a British lady in Germany? I think most of us can tell the Britisher though she be in civil dress; whether she wears her brassard or not, and I expect officers' wives know this too, and are proud of it.

X. Y. Z.

APPRECIATION!

Sir,— I read with interest the letter of a lady, praising your paper.

I think that it is a great credit to you and I know that I am only voicing the opinion of the whole area when I say that it is one of the most interesting items in Tommy's life here in Rhineland.

Just let Tommy hear the paper man say "Nights Cologne Post" and he goes away like a man that has been docked of his rum ration.

I shall always look back on the "Post" as being the means of at least one pleasant hour each day in Germany.

A GRATEFUL READER.

THE FUTURE OF OFFICERS.

Sir,—In answer to "One of the Retained" I think his comments are absolutely uncalled for, especially from a conscript to a volunteer.

No man who volunteered for the war is retained now against his will.

Another point: Why should a man who has served efficiently as an officer in the war and has proved his ability now be expected to enlist as a private in order that one of the retained might get back to his fat job which he probably slipped into while better men were fighting for their country. *VOLUNTEER.*

ADVERTISEMENTS MISSING.

Sir,—"Anti-ad" certainly raises a point that we carry our advertisements too far in England.

Our public vehicles might at least be free from the sordid announcement of the best dentist in town, or of some disinfectant universally used, where through lack of space the fine art of advertising cannot be applied. But in the streets it is different, for our architects have left so much blank masonry. Let us camouflage this as much as possible.

It would be a foolish policy to dispense with what has been termed the Poor Man's Picture Gallery. A good poster brings brightness and colour to many a drab street and serves in many ways other than its initial purpose.

I hope, at least, "Anti-ad" would spare the poster artist. *152 H.D.*

SERIOUS READING.

Sir,—It has proved distinctly gratifying to me to read the continued correspondence that followed upon my article entitled "Serious Reading."

I note, too, with pleasure, that you have arranged a competition concerning those works which appear most popular.

It is a charming idea. It will tell our young troops what to read. But, you should not tender them difficult reading at the outset. To give them, as some have suggested, the best of our splendid literature before they are able to appreciate it, would be to misapply it and perhaps develop no liking for it in the minds of those young sturdy fellows who are to further Britain's interests in the future.

Hence my reason for suggesting "Westward Ho!" as the first.

W. ROBERT PATTERSON, Lieut.

TOMMY CROWDED OUT.

Sir,—May I be allowed to protest as to the number of the German civil population who are allowed in the various Army cinemas.

Last night, I was present at an Army cinema, and was, unfortunately, rather late. Standing room was only to be obtained, but this we were willing to submit to, knowing the decidedly good programme usually provided.

Imagine my surprise, and I must say disgust, to find that at least 30 per cent. of the audience were Germans, all of whom were sitting!

In the gangways equally as many Tommies were crowded in the most uncomfortable positions.

We do not mean to be uncharitable to the losing side, but I ask, would any German, had the position been reversed, have stood whilst we sat? *10C EMMA.*

COLLOQUIAL GERMAN.

Sir,—I was much interested in an article by K.A.L. He made the one true assertion that we were teaching the Germans English, instead of using every chance of learning German from them, to our own detriment and that of our country.

I was anxious not to allow laziness and my British instinct grandly to talk my own language wherever I found myself to get the better of me!

Providence—I really regard it as such—sent me "Colloquial German" by W. R. Paterson. Published by Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner & Co. Ltd., London—just exactly what I wanted.

I can recommend it strongly to anybody who is nerving himself in the task of learning German, or is endeavouring already to do so. *D. V.*

TO THE CHILDREN.

(By a Big Child)

You smile at me and I at you
The friendly smile of comrades true.
I may be big, but you've descried
That I am just a child inside.

Away with outer circumstance!
We claim each other at a glance:
We feel alike, we think the same,
We know that Life's a jolly game.

Those grown-ups think they're very wise!
But how shortsighted are their eyes!
They've all forgotten what they knew
When they were young like me and you.

They've left the Land of Let's-Pretend
Where great adventures without end
Are happening all the time; they fuss
O'er things too stupid far for us.

The Wonder-sights that you and I
Behold, they cannot, if they try.
But we, who live in Happyland,
Smile each at each — we understand!

W. I.

DON'T MISS IT: C.P.C. FINAL LINDENTHAL 10.30 HOURS TO-DAY

A HUGE SUCCESS.

Brief History Of Our Cricket Competition.

THE SPORTING SPIRIT.

With the great match being played to-day at Stadtwald, Lindenthal, we reach the last stage of our great cricket cup competition, one of the biggest concerns of its kind ever organised in the Army, and easily the most important Rhineland sporting event.

We are in the happy position of being able to state that the objects with which our competition was brought into being in April have been fully realised. The main object, undoubtedly, was to provide healthy sport for the British occupants of the Rhineland, and no one will deny that in this particular we have been supremely successful.

But in many other ways the competition has bristled with benefits and we have received endless testimonials as to the enjoyment and pleasures derived. The competition has brought out the very best sporting qualities—there has been plenty of give and take—and taking into consideration its magnitude, the struggle has been fought out with the minimum of friction and with the maximum of good feeling. One result has been an increase of fellowship and friendship in the Rhine Army; there is nothing like sport for the cementing of such qualities.

Great Enthusiasm.

The fight for the cup has aroused the greatest enthusiasm, and a tremendous amount of interest has been evinced in the various league battles. Right through there was a big element of uncertainty in the competition; even in the finals of the leagues the issue was always in doubt. The results of the eliminating and semi-final rounds were equally doubtful and in the final to-day it would be risky to offer odds on either side.

It is well at this stage to look back over the progress of the competition, for which no fewer than 179 teams entered in April last. Of this number 107 finished the course. The unforeseen movement of troops from the Rhineland upset calculations to some extent, but, happily, it had no serious effect upon the great tournament. In all 72 teams were compelled to withdraw as a result of their units being sent to England.

In the tournament in which so vast a number of teams were competing, it was absolutely essential to form a number of leagues. Altogether there were seven, Cologne Town, Cologne North, Cologne South; Bonn League, Duren League, Euskirchen Leagu and Solingen League. These each fought out their own little competitions, the teams heading the leagues meeting in an eliminating round, of which the survivors passed on to the semi-finals, the winners of which qualified for the last stage. As has been announced, the finalists are the 93rd Bde R.G.A. and the 17th Lancers, two exceptionally strong teams who are expected to make a tremendous fight of the final to-day.

The leading teams in the respective league were:—

Cologne Southern League—93 Bde. R.G.A.
Cologne Town League—17th Lancers.
Cologne Northern League—29th M.G.C.
Bonn League—13th King's L.R.
Düren League—D Corps Siege Park.
Euskirchen League—174 Siege Bty.
Solingen League—Lowland Div., M.T. Coy.

Individual Performances.

From start to finish the competition was brimful of excitement and sensational performances, teams vieing with each other in the establishing of team and individual records. And some really remarkable feats have been performed. Most notable among the batting performances are those of Lieut. Astill 29th M.G.C. the Leicestershire county cricketer, Gunner Weight, 93rd. Bde. R.G.A., who is within a small number of 1000 runs during the competition, Lieut. Col. Heartley 52nd. Northumberland Fus., Capt. Fowler, 17th Lancers, Sgt. Taylor, 23 R.F., Sgt. Grey 52 Welsh. and Gnr. House Lancs. Div. R.E., all having excellent records. Low bowling averages were gained by Lieut. Bailey King's Liverpool's, Lieut. Fishpool 1/4th Yorks and Lancs., Pte. Carr 1/6th West Yorks, Pte. Fulford 51st Hants, Capt. Boles 17th Lancers and D.N. Jones 9th Corps M.T. Company. Among the most remarkable individual feats are those of Gunner Durvel, who took 8 wickets for no runs and Lieut Emmerton, who secured 7 wickets for no cost. Cpl. Biles of the Lowland Div. M.T. Company performed the hat-trick no less than four times. As a wicket keeper Capt. Stanyforth is the outstanding figure; hence stumped more batsmen than any other wicketkeeper in the competition. There have, however, been other really good exponents in this department.

Unbeaten Teams.

Remarkable, too, is the fact that three teams, 93rd Bde. R.G.A., 174 Siege Battery, and D Corps Siege Park finished their League tournaments unbeaten. The 4th Royal Sussex Regt. when they left for England just before the close were also undefeated.

Naturally there was a big disparity between the standards of cricket played in the various leagues. This was most noticeable in the eliminating and semi-final rounds when heavy defeats were inflicted by the 93rd Bde. R.G.A. and the 17th Lancers. In view of this fact, the runners up in the leagues in which the class of cricket was exceptionally high must be deemed to have been very unlucky. In one of the other weaker leagues they would probably have found no difficulty in securing first place. In this connection we must mention the 41st M.G.C. who fell victims in the Cologne Southern League to the redoubtable 93rd Bde. R.G.A. The worth of the M.G.C. eleven can be gauged from the fact that they made the record score of 236 for one against such a team as the D/190 Bde. R.F.A.

We believe that the competition has been fully appreciated, and that, for many, memories of the games in connection with the Cologne Post Competition will always be happy ones, and, if this is so, we too are happy in the knowledge that our hopes have been fully realised and that in our endeavours to give pleasure to the sporting fraternity in the British Army of the Rhine we have not laboured in vain.

COMMENTS ON THE FIGHT.

Lord Lonsdale on McGoorty's Marked Skill.

BECKETT'S PLANS.

Lord Lonsdale, asked to state his views on the Beckett-McGoorty contest, said:—

"It was one of the finest and cleanest fights between heavy-weights I have ever seen.

"I was greatly taken with McGoorty, who boxes with marked skill, and I am equally impressed with Beckett, whose improvement during the last year or two is very remarkable."

Asked how the contest compared with some of the great heavy-weight contests he had witnessed in the past, his lordship said: "The Slavin and Peter Jackson match was the best exposition of boxing I have ever seen, and the bout just over is, I think, the best I have seen since then between heavy-weights."

Mr. Bernard Mortimer.

Mr. Bernard Mortimer said: I am, of course, delighted. It was a magnificent fight, and one that Beckett may well be proud of winning. It may interest you to know that before the contest a message was received by Beckett from Prince Albert, who is in Scotland, wishing him success, and expressing regret that he would not be able to see the contest. He hoped, however, to be present at the next one in which Beckett would appear.

Mr. Mortimer went on to say: "I am content for Beckett to go through Europe to earn the right to challenge Dempsey for the world's championship, but I am not going to allow him to go all through America as well. It is now a case of meeting Carpentier, and then it must be Dempsey. That is my programme, and I do not intend to alter it."

BECKETT BEFORE CARPENTIER.

Mr. Cochran throws Light on the Dempsey Position.

A cable from New York appeared in several papers the other morning to the efect that Jack Dempsey had accepted an offer from Carpentier's manager, M. Descamps, to box the Frenchman in London, says Mr. Cochran, in a leter to the "Daily Chronicle."

Carpentier is under contract to box Beckett whenever I give him two months' notice.

A clause in the contract specifically prevents M. Descamps from commencing any negotiations for a match with Dempsey until after he has met Beckett.

M. Descamps has paid a forfeit of £1,000, and in addition subject to heavy damages in the event of any breach of contract. M. Descamps is a substantial man financially.

There also appears a letter from Jack Kearne, manager of Dempsey, stating that he has had a big offer from me to come to England, and that he is seriously considering same. He has already done more than this. I stated some time ago that Demsey would, under my direction, meet the winner of the Beckett-Carpentier match in London. A repetition of this statement is my only comment on the cable and letter from America.

There have been many foolish reports that Carpentier would never meet Beckett. So far from these being true, I have during the last few days received letters from M. Descamps, Carpentier himself, and their friend, Victor Breyer, urging me to fix a date for the Beckett match this year.

My difficulty is in securing the Olympia before next spring, but it is possible that this difficulty may be removed.

HOCKEY AT SCHLEBUSCH.

An interesting hockey match was played at Schlebusch between officers of the 63rd Bde. H.Q. and N.C.O's and men of the 420th Siege Battery. The former won a fast game, the score being 5 goals to 2.

420 Siege Battery are open for dates at home.

SOUTHERN DIVISION CRICKET WEEK.

The following fixtures have been arranged to be played at the Officers Sports Club ground Lindenthal this week.

9th September:—2nd Southern Inf. Bde. v. 3rd Southern Inf. Bde.

11th September:—1st Southern Inf. Bde. v. 2nd Southern Inf. Bde.

12th September:—Field Officers Southern Division v. Light Division.

13th September:—1st Southern Inf. Bde. v. 3rd Southern Inf. Bde.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. W. J. J. Collas, D.S.O. the band of the 51st Devonshire Regt. will attend.

THE CURTAIN FALLS.

Closing of a Satisfactory English Cricket Season.

PUBLIC INTEREST MAINTAINED.

A highly successful cricket season has almost come to a close. There are a few games to be played that will be reckoned in the first-class averages, and then the curtain will be rung down on a season that has been exceedingly satisfactory from many points of view. Lovers of cricket will find much cause for congratulation in the fact that the game, played as we have been accustomed for it to be played, has not lost its grip on the British public. It has not been necessary to resort to any of the new-fangled notions put forward with so much earnestness, and with the honest desire to benefit the game.

The championship struggle began on May 16 in London, when Middlesex opposed Notts at Lord's, and Surrey were in opposition to Somerset at the Oval. From that date until the destination of the honours was settled last Saturday much public interest has been shown in it. It would have been greater but for the difficulty that students of the game had in following the positions of the counties at any given time. This arose from the matches being begun on every day of the week, and the many times that they were carried over from Saturday till Monday made it impossible to present complete statistics on Monday mornings showing the position of affairs.

AUSTRALIANS' THIRD DEFEAT.

Against the South of England, at Hastings last week, the Australians lost the third match of their tour by 122 runs. The South made 183 and 280 runs, and the Australians 162 and 179 runs.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCES.

Batteries Combine For Sports Meeting At Poller Wiesen.

The Rhine Anti-Aircraft Defences comprising M.R.G.P. and F. Batteries, R. E. Searchlights and No. 2 and A. A. Workshops held a most successful sports meeting at Poller Wiesen on Thursday. The excellent programme comprised no less than 20 events and there was no lack of competition. Points were awarded by batteries, G Battery proving successful with a total of 15, R Battery being the runners up with 12.

The results were as follows:—

100 yards: 1, Cpl. Turner (G Bty.); 2, Cpl. Ainsdow (G Bty.); 3, Lieut. Clark (R Bty.).

220 yards:—1, Cpl. Wiseman (G); 2, Lieut. Mitchell (M); Lieut. Clark (R).

440 yards:—1, Lieut. Clark (R); 2, Cpl. Wiseman (G); 3, Gnr. Cooper (F).

880 yards:—1, Cpl. Ainsdow (G); 2, Bdr. Collinge (F); 3, Gnr. Ferguson (M).

1 mile race (open):—1, Mr. Cutbush, Y.M.C.A.; 2, Sgt. Hay (Tank Corps); 3, No. 177.

120 hurdles:—1, Lieut. Long (F); 2, Lieut. Mitchell (M); 3, Gnr. Adams (M.)

High jump:—1, Lieut. Craze (R); 2, Lieut. Mealing (G); 3, Gnr. Harding (F).

Long jump:—1, Lieut. Clark (R); 2, Cpl. Ellis (R); 3, Sig. Farrinston (M).

Putting the shot:—1, Major Martin (M); 2, Gnr. Chapman (F); 3, Gnr. Mason (F).

Relay race—1 mile:—1, "G" Bty.; 2, "F" Bty.; 3, "M" Bty.

Tug-of-war:—1, "F" Bty.; 2, "M" Bty.; 3, —

Throwing the cricket ball:—1, Spr. Mackenzie, R.E.; 2, Gnr. Halls (G); 3, Gnr. Bennett (M).

Kicking the football:—1, Spr. Mackenzie, R.E.; 2, Spr. Chalker, R.E.; 3, Gnr. Aldridge (R).

Sack race:—1, Gnr. Halls (G); 2, Cpl. Owens (R.A.S.C.); 3, Spr. Jenkins (R.E.)

Obstacles:—1, Lieut. Long (M); 2, Cpl. Owens (R.A.S.C.); 3, Bdr. Sheperd (F).

Ladies race:—1, Miss Whitton; 2, Miss Patrick; 3, Miss Tierney.

Band race:—1, Bm. Kimberley; 2, Bm. Bullartz; 3, Bm. Hinds.

Officers' race:—1, Mr. Martin (M); 2, Lieut. Leman (R); 3, Lieut. Jones (F).

Best battery clowns:—1, 2 prizes, Gnr. Earle; 2, Gnr. Verand.

A.A. Section—Alarm Competition—Winners:—1, "M" Battery; 2, "G" Battery.

The points gained by the batteries are as follows:—

"G"	15.
"R"	12.
"M"	11.
"F"	9.
"P"	4.

£60 TROTTING HANDICAP.

A capital attendance witnessed the concluding day's sport at the Audenshaw Racecourse, Manchester. Results:—

£60 Trotting Handicap (second-class horses without records); 1m.

Mr. Lownde's BILLY BEN, 140 W. Rigby 1
Mr. McKenzie's FANNY M., 200 Massey 2
Mr. Lee's SIR DOUGLAS, 75 G. Dodd 3

Betting: 9 to 4 agst Fanny M., 5 to 2 each agst Billy Ben and Sir Douglas.—Won by a length and a half; a neck: 2 min 34 sec.

GUNNER'S QUARTETTE.

Fine Performance at 174 Siege Battery Athletics.

C.P.C. C. TEAM HONOURED.

At Stotzenheim on Thursday 174 Siege Battery R.G.A. held their Battery Sports. The programme was so arranged as to enable as many as possible to compete and to obtain as even a distribution of prizes as possible. With this end in view quite a large number of comic events were introduced where luck counted for more than skill. The whole day was eminently successful and great interest was manifested in every event. There was a very large number of entries.

The principal feature of the day was the extraordinary success of Bombardier Hale. He took four firsts, 100 yards open, 220 yards, 440 yards and 880 yards, he was second in the mile, practically won the relay race for his sub-section and put up an excellent show in the long jump. Besides this, he won his heat in the closed 100 yards but withdrew from the final in order to give others a chance.

At the close of the day Major D. W. Moss presented the prizes, which consisted of cups and other trophies, and money prizes, to the successful competitors and a set of medals to the members of the cricket team who topped the Euskirchen League in the "Cologne Post" Cup Competition.

The officials were as follows:—

Umpire:—Major D. W. Moss, D.S.O. M.C.
Starter:—Lieut. Sinclair.
Clerk of Course:—Gnr. H. P. Newland.
Steward:—Capt. Betty.
Judges:—Lieut. Heney, Lieut. Poland (14 S.B.).
Marshal:—Sgt. Parfitt.
Timekeeper:—Gnr. Wade.

The Results.

The results were:—

100 yds open:—1, Bdr. Hale; Cpl. Staines; 3, Capt. Batty.

100 yds:—1, Bdr. Bland; 2, Bdr. Edwards; 3, Sgt. Jabe.

220 yds:—1, Bdr. Hale; 2, Bland; 3, Lt. Blyton.

440 yds: 1, Bdr. Hale; 2, Bdr. Bland; 3, Sgt Birch.

880 yds:—1, Bdr. Hale; 2, Shephard; 3, Birch.

One mile:—1, Shephard; 2, Bdr. Hale; 3, Baptist

Long jump:—1, Sgt. Jabe (17ft. 2ins.); 2, Bdr. Edwards (16ft. 6ins.); 3, Cpl. Sustains (16ft. 2ins.).

Tug of war:—Right Section.

Relay race:—1, E Sub.-Section; 2, A Sub.-Section; 3, Signallers.

Obstacle race:—1, Sgt. Neville; 2, Heighway; 3, Peepall.

Basket ball competition:—F Sub.-Section.

Hurdle race:—Bdr. Edwards; 2, Lt. Blyton; 3, Bdr. Bland.

Four legged race:—1, Sgt. Neville, Bdr. Frost, Robinson; 2, Sgt. Duncan, Shephard, Baptist.

Sack race:—1, Robinson; 2, Sgt. Neville; 3, Cpl. Staines.

Officers' race (100 yds):—1, Lt. Blyton; 2, Lt. Poland; 3, Capt. Batty.

Sergeants' race:—1, Sgt. Jabe; 2, Sgt. Neville; 3, B.S.M. Force.

Pillow fight:—1, Harvey; 2, Staff-Sgt. Edlem.

Ladies' race:—1, Miss Dunning; 2, Miss Keen; 3, Miss Williams.

Wheelbarrow race:—1, Sgt. Jabe, Bdr. Frost; 2, Bdr. Berwick, Bdr. Saul; 3, Cpl. Sustains, Wilson.

Potato race:—1, Whitby; 2, Norman; 3, Bdr. Hulme.

Bun and treacle race:—1, Broughton; 2, Cpl. Sustains; 3, Bdr. Moore.

Boot race:—1, Peepall; 2, Millington; 3, Davies.

Consolation race:—1, Cpl. Bangs; 2, Pleace; 3, Pardoe.

THE DAVIS CUP.

British Team the Strongest Available.

The team to represent the British Isles in the challenge round of the International Davis Lawn Tennis Cup against Australasia at Sidney in December as announced in yesterday's "Cologne Post" will be Lt.-Col. A. R. F. Kingscote, M.C., Major A. H. Lowe, and probably one other player. The selection of the third member of the side will not be confirmed until next week.

In the circumstances the British team is probably the strongest obtainable, as it is understood, neither Mr. Roper Barrett nor Mr. P. M. Davson, who materially helped to beat France at Deauville last week, can make the long journey to the Antipodes.

In his present form Col. Kingscote, who will captain the side, is the leading English player. Apart from his defeat by the present world's champion, Mr. G. L. Patterson, in the All Comer's Final at Wimbledon, the Army player has had a wonderful season. In the Davis Cup ties at Eastbourne and Deauville he showed superb form, completely justifying the high hopes engendered by his pre-war play.

Major Lowe has hardly been seen at his best this season, but with plenty of practice in Australia against his fellow members in the visiting team he should prove extremely difficult to beat.

EVENT OF THE SEASON.

Our Cricket Cup Final at Lindenthal to-day.

THE LAST LAP.

The event of the season in Rhineland takes place at Lindenthal to-day, when the **17th Lancers and 93rd Bde R.G.A.** meet in the final of the "Cologne Post" Cricket Competition. Crowds of cricket lovers, and in fact, lovers of sport of any kind will make their way to the Stadtwald ground to-day to witness what promises to be a sparkling match. We have previously dealt at some length with the records of the opposing teams, and to-day it will be sufficient to say that the very fact that they have survived such a competition, comprising struggles in their respective leagues, contests in the eliminating round and then the semi-finals, is a good enough guarantee of their fitness to figure in such an important event. And in their victories in the semi-finals they asserted their superiority in no uncertain manner; they both won hands down.

Consequently we have every justification for anticipating a rattling good game to-day. May the best team win.

The match commences at 10.30 hours. To reach the ground take No 1 or 2 car from the Dom to Lindenthal.

THE ST. LEGER.

Probable starters for the Popular Doncaster Fixture.

The following are the probable starters for the St. Leger, to be run at Doncaster on Sept. 10th.

Buchan (Taylor).
Cheap Popularity (Harry Powney).
Chuette (Beatty).
Dominion (Barling).
Golden Orb (Dewhurst).
Milton (R. Colling).
Pomme-De-Terre (Dundas).
Sir Douglas (Persse).
Splendid Spur (Gilpin).
Tangiers (Mullen).
Viceroy (R. Marsh).
White Heat (Blackwell).

DOMINION'S DEFEAT.

Derby form bad augury for Doncaster.

Dominion surely received his congé for the St. Leger when toiling in a bad third and last to Chuette and Mademoiselle Foch in the Breeders' St. Leger. He cut up like a non-stayer.

A reputation for stamina had clung to him since his victory as Ascot, where he easily defeated Coriolanus and others. These are relatively poor animals, however, and put him to no real test, whereas Chuette kept him on the stretch throughout and in the upshot galloped him to a standstill. She did it, moreover, without turning a hair herself, a tribute equally to her own merit and the skill of Major Beatty as a trainer. Odds laying on Dominion was general as distinguished from heavy, and the leading speculator, who has been dead out of luck lately, experienced a pleasant variation of fortune in going for Chuette.

AFTER FIVE YEARS.

Revival of St. Andrews Autumn-Golf Meeting.

The Royal and Ancient Club, which suspended operations during the last five years, has resumed its sphere of activity by re-establishing the famous autumn meeting, which includes competitions for the Calcutta Cup, the silver cross, the gold and silver medals, King William IV. medal, and other historic trophies. A start was made on Tuesday with the Queen Victoria Jubilee Vase. This is a competition by match play with handicap, each entrant being dealt with separately by the committee quite apart from his handicap at any other club he may belong to. For instance, Mr. R. de Montmorency, the Eton master, who is plus five at Rye and plus four at Stoke Poges and Burnham Beeches, was given a handicap of plus three. Similarly, Mr. F. W. H. Weaver, plus three at Hoylake and Wallasey, was playing from plus one. The Royal Ancient Club's system of handicapping also permits of the difference between two players handicaps being taken in full as against the customary method of three-fourths. After many beneficial and copious rains the championship course was in beautiful condition. The greens were sufficiently holding to allow of the ball being struck firmly and without any feeling of timidity.

FOOTBALL WANTED.

A/187 Bde. R.F.A. at Eil, are open to play any Battery or Battalion team in the vicinity of Cologne, home or away. Address all communications to Sports Officer, A/187 Bde. R.F.A.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Tuesday	7	Tosca	Puccini
Wednesday	7	Mignon	Thomas
Thursday	7.30	Rigoletto	Verdi
Friday	7	Faust	Gounod
Saturday	6	Tristan and Isolde	Wagner
Sunday	7	Aida	Verdi
Monday	7	Carmen	Bizet
Tuesday	7	Tosca	Puccini

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

A call to "Strife."

"Strife" will be produced on October 6th by the R.A.D.C. and several small parts are still going in this play, rehearsals of which will start next week.

Special Concert.

Next Friday, Sept. 12th, there is to be a special concert at the Church Army Club, Antoniter Strasse, Cologne. A fine musical programme has been arranged by Miss West. The artistes include Miss Stannard, Miss Elsa West, Major Greenlees, and Mr. Mackenzie, humourist. Miss Izard will be the accompanist. Members of the Rhine Army Choral Society will assist.

B.R.A.D.C. for Antwerp.

The British Rhine Army Dramatic Company are visiting Antwerp this week when they will produce "Man and Superman," "Helen with the High Hand.," "The Younger Generation.," "The Importance of being Earnest," and the "Dream Child." On their return to the Deutsches Theatre on the 15th instant they will revive "Man and Superman" for the first three nights of the week, and for the latter three, and possibly a matinee, (should there be a sufficient demand), the much discussed play "Damaged Goods."

A Musical Treat.

The Rhine Army Dramatic Company hope to arrange for Sunday next, a concert which should appeal to all lovers of good music and at which Mr. Eric Morgan, a rising young tenor, will be heard for the first time in Cologne. Mr. Morgan has already made a name in London and Paris, and a musical career of exceptional brilliancy is obviously in front of him. He studied first under Lierhammer and completed his training in Paris, where he is shortly to appear in opera. At the forthcoming concert his programme will consist largely of English songs, though a few examples of the ultra modern French school will be included.

A Dainty Dancer.

Jerry Joyce (whom you see here) is the little female impersonator and dancer of "The Pedlars" (Lancs. Div. Concert Party). He has, in his dancing acts with Bobby Macauly, made a big name for himself in Rhineland. His neat execution and feminine mannerisms are quite a feature in the "Pedlar's" show. Before the war Joyce was with "The Five Bombays" on their principal tours. He is a professional artiste of much experience.

JACQUES.

FIVE FOR NONE.

Cavalry Division A.C. Defeat R.H.A. by 15 Runs.

A match between the R.H.A. and the Cav. Div. Amn. Column played at Bergheim resulted in a win for the latter by 15 runs. Batting first, the R.H.A. collapsed badly before the bowling of Joy and Philcox, and were all out for 38, Bush alone reaching double figures (14).

The Royals made 78. Surviving a confident appeal when 7, Lt. Joy hit out well for 34, and with Lieut. Casey (23) added 51 for the 6th wicket. Going in again the gunners compiled 65, Price (21) and Bush (14).

With an hour to play, the Royals had 26 to make. The second wicket fell at 7, the fourth at 10, and without the addition of a single run the next 5 wickets fell at this point. With 1 added, the innnings closed for 11, the Gunners winning by 15 runs.

Bush who captured his 100th wicket this season, took 7 wickets for 21, and 4 wickets for 2. Price took 5 wickets for 6.

This closes the Amn. Col. R.H.A. season, the result being:—

P.	W.	L.	D.
35	26	8	1.

"E" CORPS SIGNALS AVERAGES.

In the C.P.C. Competition, E Corps Signals averages have been as follows:—

Sgt. Bennett, 16; Capt. Matthews, 15; Cpl. Mills, 10; Cpl. McDonald, 10;

Dvr. Boddy 72 wkts for 254 runs; (Average 3.51)

Cpl. McDonald 92 wkts for 341 runs (Average 3.71)

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Sunday, September 7th, 1919.

Wind S.E. changing to S.W. or West: 5-10 m.p.h. Fine and warm at first, then probably thunder; afterwards cooler. Visibility fair.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Bald and Bold.

The bald and bold Rutherford was the best forward on the field in the Arsenal and Newcastle United tussle. Against his old club, too!

London's Record Gates.

Chelsea followed the example of the Arsenal in providing the biggest gate, the Stamford Bridge return being about 50,000.

Lady Owner Successful.

Lady Gertrude Decies, the owner of Jameson, who upset the odds laid on Clondir in the Shipley Hall Selling Plate at Derby is a sister to Sir John Willoughby.

Prep's Ear ings.

Prep is another instance of a horse bought for a mere song nearning his owner quite a lot of money. Purchased for 70gs., the five-year-old has only run four times, this season, and been three times second.

"Dicky" Yorke makes good.

"Dicky" Yorke is one of the best of the Aston Villa recruits. So far he has figured at right-half, but it was as an outside-right that he made his name, while Wallace, the former Crystal Palace spry winger, served King and country. Yorke helped Chelsea in war-time football.

In Full Swing.

Amateur football will be in full swing this week-end, and most of the principal leagues have arranged a full card.

Topic of Discussion.

Naturally the most prominent topic of discussion at Derby was the drastic decision of the stewards of the Jockey Club in the "King Sol case," as it will henceforward be known.

Pens for Spectators.

It appears that the problem of making provision for the vast crowds who desire to see first-class football will have to be tackled on the lines so successfully adopted at the famous Hampden Park enclosure. Here a system of pens is adopted.

K. Robertson's Chance.

K. Robertson is likely to get plenty of riding now that the nursery season has come round. The lad can go to scale at a very light weight, and he may be said to have ridden quite a good race on Heir-at-Law at Derby.

Police Aquatics.

The 440yds. police swimming championship of the United Kingdom was decided at Barrowell Green Baths, Winchmore Hill, yesterday. There were only four starters, and F. P. Giles, of the City Police, easily secured the honours in 6min. 15¾sec.

Weight and Speed.

Sunderland claim that their forward line is the heaviest and fastest one playing in League football.

Latest Scratchings.

Latest scratchings include Japool from the St. Leger and Silver Bridge from the Prince Edward Handicap at Manchester.

Cheap Popularity.

Cheap Popularity, who will be ridden by Ledson in the St. Leger, is finding favour with backers as a likely outsider for the last of the season's classics.

Diadem Coughing.

Diadem is coughing and has done no regular work since returning from Ireland. When she retires to the stud it is believed that she will be covered by Stornoway.

A Good Investment.

Sir George Beaumont gave 300 guineas for Laugh about a couple of months ago, and the gelding has now won him five races in succession. Not at all a bad investment!

Wilde's American Trip.

Wilde will in all probability leave England about the middle of next month, though the date is not fixed. His return, however, is already decided upon, for his last contest will be a 12-round affair at New York on February 3.

St Leger Sweep.

In the Victory St. Leger sweepstake at Lille tickets to the value of £14,000 have been sold.

A Heavy Loss.

St. Albans City have lost eight leading players in the war, but are hopeful of building up a good team from local talent.

A Promising Amateur.

Captain A. Boyd is quite an acquisition to the ranks of amateur riders, as his judgment is sound, and he can do quite a nice weight—about 9st.

Archibald says "Certainly Not."

The feature of the Southern League match at Exeter with Reading was the brilliant keeping of the Biscuiters' goalie, Archibald, who refused to give the City forwards best.

A Low-Priced Winner.

Considering the huge prices that are paid for moderate-class winners, Jack Sheppard changed hands for an insignificant sum after the Castle Handicap at Lewes.

Well Protected.

The Doncaster Watch Committee proposes to engage 350 extra police, 21 detectives, and a number of mounted police to control the race crowds in connection with the Doncaster September meeting.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Then And Now.

"Just think. For five months I lived in Ypres for nothing and now I am called upon to pay £10 to get there," said an officer the other day as he boarded a car at Ostend bound for that stricken town of the salient. But did not the recruiting posters read "Join the Army and see the world at the Government's expense?" Verily time brings about many changes, while war has created the profiteer.

Overheard.

Some of our go-ahead American Allies evidently do not believe in spending time and money on works of art for Art's sake, as the following incident will show. Some days ago an American officer and lady companion were sight-seeing in Cologne. They were paying a visit to the Dom and going up the steps in front were evidently discussing the beautiful carving around the main entrance when the lady was heard to say "But surely nothing that is beautiful can be a waste of time." We will leave the reader to surmise what his remark must have been.

Much In Vogue.

The strange thing about it all is that it now seems to be accepted as the normal, the art of the age, and both Government and Socialistic and even the Spartacist literature and posters are designed along these lines by the most famous—or notorious—modern school artist. The psychological point of interest here is that it should be employed in appealing to the very lowest classes of the people and to assist a cause amongst people who make no pretentions to understanding the higher flights of art. One would imagine that it would only bring ridicule on the cause as it would certainly be thought such people would ridicule their eccentrice artistic atrocities.

Cologne in the Roman Days.

Apropos of a recent inquiry in our columns, the meaning of the inscription on one of the paving stones near the cathedral of course is: "Here stood the Roman North Tower." The spot marks the site of the northernmost of the sixteen towers in the old Roman wall. The tower which stood at the Northwest corner still exists, an interesting object, in Friesenstrasse, while a portion of the orignal wall can be seen near by in the Burgmauer. It is interesting to note that the main street or way of Roman Cologne coincided approximately with the present Hohestrasse with a portal at one end in the Northern wall where the Domplatz is now, while at its other end was the Southern gate as the Hohepforte. The main Eastern gate faced the bridge built by Julius Caesar across the Rhine, not far from the present suspension bridge.

A Lonely Grave.

Ten miles across the Rhine the traveller runs into the little wayside station, Wahn, where an electric train awaits him and a run of ten minutes brings him to Wahn Barracks. Turning along the broad road to the left, with a beautiful avenue of trees on either side, you reach a prisoner of war camp. Up one of the roads to the right, there is a little cemetery, which contains the remains of a goodly number of Russians, but in the corner is one plain cross. On it, written in pencil, we read the name Geo. Reeves, 2nd/6th S. Staff Rgt., Died 16. 11. 18. It will be observed that this is just five days after the Armistice was signed— a patnetic circumstance in itself.

Made It Possible.

Happily through the good offices of the Soldier's Christian Association a memorial is to be erected at the grave. On Victory Day, a large wreath was bought and hung over the cross. The card which was attached bore the simple, yet sweet words, "In memory of one who died, to make Victory Day possible." When the wreath was being taken out some officers who travelled with the workers of the Association remarked upon it. The story was told, and a thought was expressed that it would be nice to put up something more permanent. It was felt that many of the rank and file of the Battalions, then in camp, would like to share in it. And so a list was opened at the Y.M.C.A., Wahn. The men of the Bedfords responded heartily, and soon a sum of nearly 100 Marks was raised. The design has been chosen and soon it is hoped this permanent memorial to one of Britain's sons will be placed in position there.

Re-echoes.

Another correspondent says that No. 15 C.C.S. is now at Rintz, No 1 Area. Which is correct?

To-day a large crowd is expected to witness the final for the "Cologne Post" Cricket Cup. The match will start at Lindenthal at 10.30 hours.

An ex German officer, who has had officers and men of many regiments billetted under his roof since December last, was heard yesterday deploring the fact that the troops were leaving his township, not many miles from the Rhine.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's prizes have been awarded to: Pte. L. Wilson, M.T., R.A.S.C., c/o Inter-Allied Railway Sub. Commission Cologne, and Corporal M. Nerney, c/o A.D. Roads, Rhine Army.

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

REAL LABOUR LEADERS.

Mr. G. N. Barnes, the Labour leader, has been speaking of the new types of Labour leaders — some of whom have been educated at universities. He said: "Some Labour leaders who have been to Oxford or Cambridge think themselves superior persons, and pose as guides, philosophers, and friends to people who have often got more sense than the guides and philosophers themselves. This is having a bad effect on simpleminded workers. A workshop is getting quite a different place from what it used to be. I believe the best time of my life was spent in a workshop, and the greatest satisfaction was in the job being well done."

NO CHEAP FOOD THIS WINTER.

Mr. C. A. McCurdy, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, disposes of the hope of cheaper food in the near future. He says:—Under the present vicious system the wage earner, by threats of strike or industrial disturbance, gets his ten shillings and goes out into a market expecting to get something in return for his extra money. But the only effect of the new and increased demand for these commodities is to put up the price, and so the workman, in spite of his increased wages, finds himself no better off than he was before. There is only one way out of our present troubles, and that is to increase the world's stocks of all essential commodities; and that can only be done by work.

MR. GATTIE'S TUBE SCHEME.

Mr. A.W.Gattie, who is against Government interference in his great traffic scheme, says:—I would like to see the railways under triple control—the shareholder, the railwayman, and the trader being fully represented. There will be fourteen clearing houses and the radius of influence of the London clearing house would be, as far as Portsmouth, Dover, Harwich, Bedford, and Oxford. None of the present carriers, will be allowed to run into my clearing house, because I propose to have 5,000 lorries for dealing with the traffic, and the carriers will in consequence, die a natural death. I should like a special Bill, because I have got to pull down seventeen streets and build three tubes. My ambition is to have the system extended all over the civilised world, and to have it cover railways, docks, harbours, and canals.

DRAMA FOR THE MASSES.

Miss Ellen Terry says:—The theatre is not such an important element in our life as it should be. That is partly because of the hostility to the playhouse which is one of our legacies from the puritan, a hostility the strength of which is underestimated by the theatrical world, because of the tendency to separate the drama from the theatre in the education of the young. It seems to me that we talk too much about the reform of the theatre, and too little about the reform of the audiences, and the creation of more and more audiences until you have a whole people running the theatre for themselves.

Miss Mary Lester writing on the place of woman in everyday life says: Thousands of women to-day think they are inferior to man. They are, simply because they have not had the chance in life. Let us raise women to their true standard; then men's lives and theirs may be "setting the pace" to lives we know little about. We want less timidity and more real thought-born speech from each sex, with equality for effort and intellect, which will mark the downfall of a great deal of cant. The great art in life should be to have as many pleasant thoughts as possible in the homes of England, which would mean a finer nation and one much more noble than when Woman was thought inferior to man.

LIFE WITHOUT A DRINK.

Mr. Frank Hillier writing from New York on the results of the Pussyfoot campaign says:—Prohibition cannot be enforced. That is what its opponents say, and judging by the number of people who have made arrangements to manufacture their own liquor there would seem to be something in the argument. Nearly everyone has one or more recipes for making not only wines but also spirits. In clubs you can see men "swopping" them; many people think that the best turn you can do a friend is to pass on some secret to which you have been admitted for the compounding of something "with a good kick in it." A man drew me into a corner yesterday and confided to me a process he had discovered by which, with the aid of a tin kettle, a pound of brown sugar, and a few feet of tubing, plus a few other adjuncts, he could produce a sort of rum of wonderful virtue.

SCIENCE v. RELIGION.

AN INTRODUCTION.

Of late years there has been a popular craze for the study of science chiefly, on account of the wonderful progress which has been made in that direction in manufacture, in labour-saving devices, wireless etc.

Photography has helped to give a smattering of very elementary science, Nature study in schools, cheap books written in popular language, the frequent references to chemical, electrical, and physical discoveries in the papers, all have advanced the knowledge of the man in the street.

It is very common to find in any debating society, arguments backed up by this popular science. It is very convincing to the shallow minded to near some fact, or what was thought to be a fact by our forefathers, shown to be a myth by some shallow semi-scientific statement backed up by a quotation from some sixpenny handbook on one of the many branches of science.

In Religion, discussions far and away the most popular subjects are those dealing with the wife of Cain, the Creation, the Flood, and the miracles of the old Testament.

Many are the curious statements made to attempt to prove that the old Testament is a tangle of distorted fairy tales made up to mislead the young and uneducated.

Geology is used as a great argument to prove that the statements in the first chapters of Genesis are misleading. The curious dates of Ussher in the margins of some of our Bibles cause distrust, and even alarm to the thoughtful man and woman of to-day, who require a robust Religion for every day life and are not going to accept any old statement without applying their God-given reasoning powers to it.

A little learning is a dangerous thing. To read a small article on geology seems to be sufficient to overthrow the faith of many. This should not be.

Undoubtedly Religion and Science have for many generations past seemed antagonistic, only of late has it come to be seen that the opposition is not real. Truth can only bear witness to the Supreme Truth whether it be found in realms of Religion or of Science.

We live in this wonderful universe as men blind and deaf. We can only see some of the manifestations of light, but there are lights we cannot see, yet which can be recorded.

So with sounds we are limited to a very small range, yet there are sounds we cannot hear. We are learning some of the powers of Nature, yet there are powers we cannot even dream of. Our world is three dimensional yet worlds of four and even more dimensions are mathematically possible.

We live in a world of spiritual unknown powers, sights and sounds and from our limited knowledge are not capable of grasping them and using them.

The Bible will teach us spiritual truths, science will teach us scientific truths. If they are truths they will not clash — they will blend. As a broken bottle in the morning sun reflects different rays from each surface so yet from the same sourse of light, so will Science and Religion each reflect some different aspect of Truth.

The man who merely dabbles in either Religion or Science will from the very nature of things become bigoted. The man who seriously studies the subject will not be alarmed at seeming inconsistencies, realising that "Truth" cannot lie, and that as one climbs higher and higher in the realms of truth, even parallel lines will meet.

"They shall go from strength to strength."

"When I was a child I thought as a child."

The perfection of Truth will only be found in the source of truth and it is the aim of Religion and of Science to find that source.

MULTIPLY PRODUCTION.

Mr. Hoover, the American Food Controller, in an analysis of the economic situation of Europe, says: "Unless productivity can be rapidly increased there can be nothing but political, moral, and economic chaos, finally interpreting itself in loss of life on a scale hitherto undreamed of. No economic policy will bring food to those stomachs or fuel to those hearths that does not secure the maximum production. There is no use of tears over rising prices; they are to a great degree a visualisation of insufficient production."

NATIONALIZE COAL.

Mr. H. Stanley Jevons, formerly Professor of Economics, Cardiff, and author of "The British Coal Trade" writing under this head says:—The situation in the coal-mining industry is such as to demand some drastic treatment, and it is quite evident that the country will have to find some solution which is satisfactory to the miners, who firmly believe that their conditions of work and of life can be bettered only by abolishing private ownership. From the national point of view, having regard to the feeling of the miners, the correct policy is to eliminate the distribution of profits to private capitalists altogether, and so to arrange the organisation that whatever profits are earned will be distributed to the various workers in the industry, from the lowest grades, like surface labourers and hauliers through hewers and officials, up to the managers. All must have their share of profits at the end of each year.

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The Prince.—Lady Decies will be among those to welcome the Prince on his visit to the States.

A Royal Earl.—The Earl of Macdaff, the five year old son of Prince Arthur of Connaught has arrived at Balmoral.

Lord Rector.—M. Poincare will be installed Lord Rector of Glasgow, on Oct. 15.

M.P. Playwright. — Mr. James Sexton hopes to have his "anti-direct Action" play produced in London shortly.

P. T.—Fencing is coming to be regarded as one of the physical exercises for both sexes.

Pigeon Life Savers.—Over and over again the lives of seaplane pilots were saved by pigeons.

Police Strikers Rejected.—Bootle Watch Committee have declined to reinstate the police strikers.

Theatres to Re-open. — New York theatrical managers have agreed to recognise the Actors' Equity Assocation.

Martial Law Ends.—Martial law, resulting from the strikes, has been raised at Barcelona.

Bread Cards Again.—After the general election in France it is understood that bread-cards are to be re-introduced.

More Honour for Premier.—Bolton has added the name of Mr. Lloyd George to the burgess roll of the borough.

The Price of Milk.—There is a possibility of the price of milk this winter reaching 1s. 2d. a quart.

Foch's Birthplace.—The municipality of Tarbes has places a commemorative tablet on the birthplace of Marshal Foch.

From Paris to Dieppe.—In about five years Paris and Dieppe will be connected by canal.

War.—The Miners' Federation have pronounced war on the Government-scheme for dealing with the coal mining industry.

Plymouth's Carmelite Convent.—Cardinal Bourne, performed the ceremony of enclosure of the new Carmelite Convent at Plymouth.

South Africa's Memorials.—Botha memorials are suggested for Cape Town and Pretoria, and also at Greytown, the late Premier's birthplace.

One Train Ride.—Mrs. Ann Morrison, of Strath Garloch, who has celebrated her hundred and second birthday only once travelled in a train.

Propaganda.—"We had to use propaganda to win the war, and we shall have to use it to win the peace" says a business man.

Firemen "Serfs." The captain and members of the Bargoed Fire Brigade have tendered resignation, declining "to be further treated as serfs."

Hun Prisoners Go Home.—Thirty-five German prisoners at Ashby-de-la Zouch before leaving placed wreaths on the graves of two comrades.

From Balmoral.—The Queen's niece at her wedding wore a veil which had been sent from Balmoral by Princess Mary.

Birmingham's Bank. — Birmingham's municipal bank has been opened.

More War Savings.—Eighty-two new War Savings Associations were formed in August.

A New Phase.—The Rumanian question has entered upon a new and extremely acute phase.

General Botha.—At the memorial service for General Botha, The King was represented by General Sir W.B.Birdwood.

Handyman.—Lieutenant Cox, a wounded Australian officer at Ruskin College, helps to mend the college linen.

Their Only Use. — New Yorkers are ironically decorating their lampposts with hop plants, for which America now has no other use, thanks to the Pussyfoot campaign.

A New Play.—Mlle. Gina Palermo's new musical comedy, "The Girl for the Boy," is to have its first performance at the Duke of York's Theatre.

London's Traffic. — London's traffic problem is to be tackled by an Advisory Committee.

Running For Seven Years.—Sir Alfred Butt's "The Bird of Paradise," due at the Lyric Theatre has been running in America for seven years.

Retired.—General Cadorna has been placed on the retired list for reasons of seniority.

Cameritis.—There is an increased popularity of the camera this year. At the seaside every person seems to possess one.

The Biggest Ship.—Next Thursday the new Union-Castle liner liner Arundel Castle, of nearly 20,000 tons gross, will be launched.

How Food Was Saved. — Fishermen helped materially to defeat the submarine menace, says Admiral Sir Reginald Bacon.

Malaria in London.—It is stated that as the result of the war a number of cases of malaria have had to be treated in London.

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Place		Down River 1	3	5
		Time a.m.	Time	
Mainz	dep.	9⁰⁰	—	—
Bingen (Kreuznach)	arr.	10⁴⁵	—	—
	dep.	10⁵⁰	—	—
Coblenz	arr.	1⁴⁵	—	—
	dep.	1⁵⁰	—	—
Neuwied (Rengsdorf)	„	2⁵⁵	—	—
Andernach (Leacher See)	„	2⁵⁰	—	—
Niederbreisig (Hoeningen)	„	3¹⁵	—	—
Remagen (Neuenahr)	„	3⁵⁰	4⁰⁰	—
Rolandseck	„	4¹⁰	4³⁰	—
Godesberg	„	4⁴⁰	5⁰⁰	—
Bonn	arr.	5⁰⁰	5¹⁵	—
	dep.	5⁰⁵	5³⁰	—
Köln-Mitte (Leystapel)	arr.	6³⁰	6⁵⁵	—

Place		Up River 2	4	6
		Time a.m.	Time	Time
Köln-Mitte (Leystapel)	dep.	10⁰⁰	—	11³⁰
		p.m.		
Bonn	arr.	12³⁰	—	2⁰⁰
	dep.	12³⁵	—	2¹⁰
Godesberg	„	1¹⁰	—	2⁴⁰
Rolandseck	„	2⁰⁰	—	3³⁰
Remagen (Neuenahr)	„	2³⁰	—	4⁰⁰
Niederbreisig (Hoeningen)	„	3¹⁵	—	an
Andernach (Leacher See)	„	4⁰⁰	—	—
Neuwied (Rengsdorf)	„	4²⁰	—	—
Coblenz	arr.	5¹⁰	a.m.	—
	dep.	—	10⁰⁰	—
Bingen (Kreuznach)	arr.	—	2⁴⁵	—
	dep.	—	2⁵⁰	—
Mainz	arr.	—	5¹⁵	—

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WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

A widow pensioned under Article 11 of the Royal Warrant will receive, while she is under 40 and without children, one half of the pension which might have been awarded to her husband if totally disabled, and, when 40 or over, or when she has children, two-thirds of such pension.

Alternative pensions for widows (under 40 and without children) of the above ranks, and privates or men or corresponding rank will be one-half of the husband's pre-war earnings, increased by 60 per cent., subject to a maximum of 50s. Where the widow is 40 or over, or has children, it will be two-thirds of the husband's pre-war earnings, similarly increased, up to 66s. 8d.

The new rates will continue for at least three years, and will be subject to re-adjustment later, according to the cost of living, but will not be lowered more than 20 per cent. or made less than the previous rates, including bonus.

QUIEN TO DIE.

RECOMMENDATION FOR MERCY.

Quien, the ex-convict, who has been described as the betrayer of Edith Cavell to the Germans, who was sentenced to death on Friday was found guilty of intelligence with the enemy and swindling. Four of the seven court-martial judges voted for the death penalty, three for a lesser sentence.

Quien remarked: "I can only repeat that I am an innocent man."

Six of the seven judges signed a recommendation for mercy drawn up by Maitre Darmon, Quien's counsel. Miss Cavell's name was not mentioned in the verdict.

Maître Darmon, in his defence, invoked the Mayer confession put in at the eleventh hour by the prosecution to prove that Quien had nothing to do with the denunciation of Nurse Cavell. "If he was really guilty of intellgence with the enemy," said counsel," then he would certainly have betrayed the Cavell organisation. He would naturally have betrayed all those with whom he came in contact."

THE MAYER CONFESSION.

Otto Mayer, the German secret agent mentioned above, who arrested Miss Cavell, had a very remarkable career. Before the war he was variously a waiter in England, a soldier in the German Army, an employee of a British firm at Zanzibar, a courier for Messrs. Cook's tours, a courier at Delhi Durbar with Lord Iveagh and in Russia with Colonel House. During the war he was intelligence officer at Strasbourg and a secret police agent at Brussels.

Lieuts. Bergen and Pinkhoff, of the German secret police, says Mayer, were the moving forces in the case against Miss Cavell. They regarded it as the great chance of their careers. Quien had nothing to do with the case; he passed under the alias of Luc. The evidence on which Miss Cavell was condemned was taken from the papers of the architect Baucq, her chief helper.

EX-CROWN PRINCESS VISITS HER HUSBAND.

The ex-Crown Princess of Germany, with two of her sons, passed through Amsterdam on Saturday on the way to Wieringen to visit her husband. The public were excluded from the platform and there were no officials to greet her. The party will probably stay a week at Wieringen.

ALLIES FIRM.

GERMANY'S REPLY TO THE ULTIMATUM.

The text of Germany's reply to the Allies ultimatum was received at the office of the Conference on Saturday. According to information from a reliable source it is not couched in such conciliatory terms as unofficial reports have stated. The Note, it is now said, endeavours to raise difficulties regarding the interpretation of the Treaty and aims at maintaining an open door for the inclusion of Austrian representatives in the German Constitution. It is certain, however, that the Supreme Council will under no conditions consent to any concession.

Article 61 of the German Constitution provides for the admission of Austrian delegates to the German Parliament foreshadowing a future fusion of Germany and Austria. Article 80 of the Peace Treaty specifically forbids this. The Allies have given the Germans 15 days to cancel the second paragraph of Article 61.

AUSTRIA WILL SIGN UNDER PROTEST.

The Austrian National Assembly, after a long debate, decided by ninety-seven votes to twenty-three to authorise the signature of the Peace Treaty. At the same time the Assembly unanimously adopted a strong resolution of protest against what they term the Allies violation of German-Austria's "right" to decide upon the question of union with Germany.

WORLD UNREST.

U.S. DELAY LARGELY RESPONSIBLE.

Mr. Thomas Lamont, of the firm of Messrs. Pierpont Morgan and Sons, has issued a statement in which he declares that he has become greatly disturbed by the continued uncertainty and delay in ratification of the Peace Treaty by the United States, a delay which in his judgment is already responsible for having rendered social and industrial conditions in Europe and America, distinctly worse.

Since it became evident to the world of commerce that the action of the Senate might nullify the Treaty there has been an alarming fall in the rates of foreign exchange for which no remedy can be applied so long as the delay continues at Washington. If America insists on sending the Treaty back with changes and reservations, declares Mr. Lamont, it will spell a renewal of Bolshevist efforts throughout Europe, spreading, as is already in evidence, to America.

MORE RUMANIAN HITCHES.

The "Temps" understands that yesterday the Rumanian delegation handed a Note to the Supreme Council, giving reasons why the Rumanian Government finds that it cannot consent to the signing of the Austrian Treaty. The refusal is stated to be due to Rumania's dissatisfaction with the clause relating to the protection of minorities and to that which deprives her of the right to negotiate a commercial treaty and to fix certain railway tariffs.

CONDITION OF ARMY HORSES.

Statements, which will not bear investigation, have been made during the last few months to the effect that the military authorities have sold horses affected with contagious diseases, notably with mange and glanders. The Army, however, takes such care of its animals that more reliance can be placed on an Army horse than on one not bought from the Army. No animal known to be subject to skin disease is ever sold.

CRUCIFIED BY BOLSHEVISTS.

During a Baltic action off Krasnaya Gorka in June Lieut. Moiseieff, commander of a Bolshevist minesweeper, brought his vessel over to the Whites under hot fire, casting the Red flag overboard and hoisting the Cross of St. Andrew. Later Moisieff commanded a company of 100 revolted Red sailors on the Russian front. The party was ambushed, and only 10 returned alive.

Two midshipmen searched for Moiseieff's body and discovered it in a village churchyard. He had been crucified, his epaulettes being nailed to his shoulders and his hat badge nailed to his head.

PROUD VILLAGE RECORD.

A handsome memorial has been presented to the Kentish village of Knowlton for having sent a larger proportion of its inhabitants to the colours than any other village in England. The memorial was unveiled on Saturday by Earl Stanhope.

HAPPY IRELAND.

PROSPERITY CREATES HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.

Irish agitators are fond of talking about the sorrows of Ireland, but journeying through the country it is very hard to find signs of sorrow. Everything points to tremendous prosperity. A trip to Cork, Killarney and the surrounding districts reveals glowing scenes of agricultural success. Strikes impede the harvesting in places but though corn is over-ripe here and there, it is being saved. The administration of Government grants for labourers cottages, with the co-operation of the priests, has worked wonders and where one used once to see broken windows stuffed with bagging or straw and half thatched roofs there are now prim and clean homes. In the county of Cork the wealth of the people is unprecedented. There is abundance of employment and the workhouses are so depopulated that some of them are actually closed.

Money has been plentiful and it is estimated that there is £131,000,000 belonging to Irish people in Irish banks. That is absolute evidence of a plethora hitherto unknown in Ireland. Other evidence lies in the number of motorcars owned by men who not many years ago were struggling with little farms. Such is Ireland after the war. Its wealth and prosperity must have a steadying effect on the political situation and from that thought there emerges much hope for the future. The people have proved their business capacity and in the blending of business capacity with national aspiration there may be found the solution of many difficulties.

DECEPTIVE FISHING SMACK.

Speaking in Leeds, Admiral Sir Henry Jackson said many things had happened in the war that the public never knew of and never would know. There were records of men who had been torpedoed five and six times. One man had a record of seven, and he wanted another ship. The admiral told how some fishermen took a part in the war on their own account. The vessel was only a sailing smack, and they asked for a gun. A gun was mounted and concealed in the hold, to be raised when necessary. The ship had no motor or auxiliary power, and depended entirely upon its sailing. It went in the usual manner to the fishing grounds and waited. Then a calm came, and a German submarine appeared and commenced to destroy the fleet ship by ship. The crew of the smack waited until the submarine came alongside to investigate her, then a whistle blew on board the smack, the bulwarks fell away, and the gun appeared. One shot was sufficient to finish the submarine. That was done by a sailing vessel. A battleship of 25,000 tons, steaming 25 knots an hour, could not have done more.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARNE.

M. Noulens, the French Minister of Agriculture, accompanied by General Pau, represented the French Government at the solemn ceremonies held at Meaux on Sunday in celebration of the fifth anniversary of the first battle of the Marne. In the morning high Mass was celebrated at the cathedral by the Archbishop of Rheims, the sermon being preached by the Bishop of Verdun. Pilgrimage was made in the afternoon to several famous villages associated with the battle, speeches being delivered before the graves of fallen soldiers.

FORTHCOMING TRIALS.

The calendar for the Old Bailey, which opens to-day, contains fully 160 prisoners, the largest figure for several years. It includes four murder charges, the Hendon wineshop case, the Prah-road case of Lucy Nightingale and two others at Stratford and Lewes. The manslaughter charge in respect of Connie Gram (the skeleton mystery) and the baby-farming case at Stratford are also on the list.

FATAL CRASH IN DARKNESS.

Two members of the R.A.F., Lieutenant W. E Coulson and Engineer J. R. Taylor, belonging to No. 11 Squadron, were killed while flying near Billingworth, Lincolnshire on Saturday evening. The two machines were returning from overseas to the aerodrome between Sleaford and Lincoln but owing to darkness setting in the airmen decided to land. The first machine landed safely but the other, suddenly nosedived from a height of eighty feet and crashed, killing both the occupants. Many people witnessed the accident. At the subsequent inquest a verdict of accidental death was returned.

LONG DISTANCE CEREMONY.

H. M., the King, by pressing an electric button in his sitting room at Balmoral Castle on Saturday, unveiled the memorial to Sir George Etienne Cartier in Mount Royal Park, Montreal.

MINED IN THE BALTIC.

The Admiralty announces that H. M. S. Verulam struck a mine in the Baltic on the night of September 3rd and sank. Sixteen officers and crew are reported as missing.

M. Caillaux has asked to be transferred from prison to a hospital.

UNHAPPY IRELAND.

SINN FEIN MURDER AT CHURCH DOOR.

At Fermoy, County Cork, on Sunday morning, one soldier was killed and two others dangerously wounded in an attack made by Sinn Feiners. A church parade of eighteen men of the Shropshire Light Infantry were being marched to divine service. They ere carrying their rifles and had just reached the church door when a party of thirty men drove up in motor cars, surrounded the soldiers, and opened revolver fire with results as above stated. Wresting several rifles from the soldiers the party escaped in the cars. Military and police started in pursuit but found the road blocked by tree trunks. An aeroplane also took up the search but so far no arrests have been made.

CIVIC RECEPTIONS TO TROOPS.

In reference to Civic receptions the War Office states that, having regard to the fact that certain units are now returning to the United Kingdom intact and not as Cadres, it has been decided that in these latter cases, Units will on disembarkation be sent direct to the stations to which they are allocated.

In the case of any particular Unit, for which application has already been received by the War Office for a Civic reception, the G.O.C., into whose Command it finally passes after arrival from overseas, will communicate with the individual or authority who is desirous of according it a reception, and make all arrangements with the latter as to the date and numbers required for the reception. If the reception is to take place in a Command other than that in which the unit is stationed, these arrangements should be made in conjunction with that Command.

The numbers proceeding for civic receptions from any one Unit may not exceed one Company or its equivalent, nor will any expense in connection with these receptions fall on public funds, with the exception of the cost of travelling and the provision of accommodation in barracks or hutments.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF HUNGARY.

Strong rumours are current at Budapesth that the Entente Powers, in order to ensure stabilization of the situation in Hungary, intend to proclaim a British Dictature, with General Gordon as Dictator, assisted by a Council of five.

It is also reported that troops are being mobilized in German West Hungary to prevent Austrian occupation of those districts of Hungary ceded to Austria by the Peace Treaty.

VICTORY MEDAL RIBAND.

The War Office announces that the riband of the "Victory" Medal may now be worn by all ranks who are entitled to the award of the Medal. A preliminary issue of two inches of the riband will be made to each individual entitled to the Medal.

The Stars and Medals approved for service during the war and also their ribands will be worn in the following order:—1914 Star; 1914-15 Star; British War Medal; Mercantile Marine War Medal; Victory Medal.

"DIRECT ACTION" BALLOT POSTPONED.

There is to be no immediate ballot on "direct action", and the questions involved are to be postponed until after the forthcoming meeting of the Trades Union Congress. Such is the decision of the Triple Industrial Alliance. "Direct action", it will be remembered, aims at securing the abolition of conscription and the discontinuance of military intervention in Russia and in trade Union disputes at home.

The decision is welcomed by the moderate and predominant element of Labour.

KILL THE RATS.

The Board of Agriculture yesterday issued a leaflet suggesting that, with a view to inaugurating an effective campaign against rats before the winter sets in, "a rat week" should be arranged by every local authority. The week, October 20-27, is suggested as most suitable.

It is proposed that village committees should voluntarily undertake to lay bait and arrange trapping and ferreting, prizes being awarded for the largest number of rats destroyed within a given area.

A WONDERFUL ENGINE.

Dating from 1776, the earliest pumping engine made for sale by Boulton and Watt, which is preserved near Wednesbury, has been given a trial under steam this week in preparation for the Watt centenary celebration at Birmingham. Designed for 13 strokes to the minute, the engine, which was for more than a century in continuous use, maintained 16 strokes to the minute at this week's trial.

For several months to come Germany will send daily six trainloads of German coal to France.

TWO NEW V.C'S.

GALLANT EXPLOIT FIVE YEARS AGO.

The Victoria Cross has been awarded to Lieut. Allan Ebenezer Ker, 3rd Batt. Gordon Highlanders, and to the late Lieut. William Arthur M'Crae Bruce, 59th Scinde Rifles, Indian Army.

When on March 21, 1918, the enemy penetrated our line near St. Quentin and the flank of the 61st Division became exposed, Lieut. Ker, with a Vickers gun, held back for three hours more than 500 of the enemy. He sent back word to his battalion headquarters that he had determined to remain with his sergeant and several badly wounded men and fight until relieved. Just as ammunition failed, his party was attacked from behind with bombs, machine guns, and bayonets. Several bayonet attacks were repulsed with revolvers, the Vickers gun having been destroyed. The wounded were collected into a small shelter. Lieutenant Ker refused to surrender until his position was rushed by large numbers.

The posthumous award of the V.C. to Lieut. Bruce is for conspicuous bravery on December 19, 1914. He was in command of a small party which captured an enemy trench near Givenchy, and, although wounded in the neck, walked up and down encouraging the men to hold on until he was killed.

LORD BERESFORD DEAD.

POPULAR FIGHTING ADMIRAL.

The death is announced of Lord Beresford. It occurred on Saturday while he was on a visit to the Duke of Portland at Berriedale Langwell, Caithness. The well-known peer left London on Tuesday last to spend a few days shooting on the Scottish moors. He was then apparently in fairly good health but it is known that he had been suffering from heart trouble a few months past.

Death was due to apoplexy.

Lord Beresford, a man of striking personality, was the son of the fourth Marquess of Waterford, and was seventy-three years of age. He had a distinguished career in the Navy. He was probably best known to the public for his gallant exploits as commander of the "Condor" during the bombardment of Alexandria in 1882 and of the Naval brigade during Lord Wolseley's Nile campaign in 1884-1885. Later he commanded the Mediterranean Fleet and the Channel Fleet. He retired in 1911. He had been M. P. for Woolwich and Portsmouth and was known as a vigorous champion of the Navy. He was the author of works on naval affairs.

GEPUSSYFUTZICHKEIT.

JOHN BARLEYCORN DEAD IN TWO PLACES.

A remarkable example of Prohibition oratory in the United States is afforded by a "funeral oration" delivered at Los Angeles, California, by Dr. C.E. Locke, in celebration of "the death of John Barleycorn":—

"For interminable ages wicked John Barleycorn has allured and tempted, and inveigled and deceived, and debauched and demented, and bestialized and demonized helpless human creatures," said Dr. Locke.

"He is a maligner, a conspirator, a liar, a thief and a robber, a despoiler of homes, a defiler of girlhood and womanhood, a dehumanizer of manhood, and a bloody-handed murderer. He has dragged holy motherhood through the mire and dashed sweet babyhood against the stones.

"And, John Barleycorn, you are dead! Deservedly dead! Dead in America! Dead in California! Dead in the land of the free and the home of the brave! You have been a long time alive, John, but now you are dead, and you will be a longer time dead!

"Let the funeral procession move hellward. Roll the whisky barrel down the steep descent to the lowest depths, and let the red-handed, blacknearted cortège follow their dead chieftain down into a reeking oblivion where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched."

Dead—and then some!

DEVONSHIRE HOUSE SOLD.

It is reported that the Duke of Devonshire has sold Devonshire House and grounds, his Piccadilly residence. The price is stated to exceed £1,000,000 and the purchasers are said to be a syndicate which purposes to erect there a huge hotel.

NOT BORN IN THE PURPLE.

Ex-Empress Zita of Austria gave birth to a son at Prangins on Saturday. She is now the mother of one daughter and five sons, four of whom have been born since the war began.

As the outcome of a conference held at Cologne, the British Government has arranged to repatriate 2,400 German prisoners daily at Cologne and 3000 weekly via Rotterdam.

President Poincaré has laid the foundation of a monument at the Pointe de Grave, near Bordeaux to commemorate the help of America in the great war.

BRITISH TOYS.

LITTLE TO FEAR FROM FOREIGN COMPETITION.

Addressing a deputation of British toy-makers Sir Auckland Geddes described the condition of German industry. He said that whatever temporary spurt of goods might come from Germany in the immediate future the trend of all information from Germany was that beyond a comparatively small amount there was not any accumulation of goods in Germany ready for export. German manufacturing costs were enormous. Just as the mark had fallen on foreign exchanges so its value had fallen and was still falling rapidly in Germany, and German costs on new production in terms of marks were rising very rapidly. Besides that important factor there was an enormously decreased output in Germany and he was not by any means sure that it was possible for Germany for months—possibly for years—to come seriously to compete even with the toy trade. Nevertheless, in case that estimate was wrong, the Government had reserved power to stop all or any imports into England where those imports might possibly prove overwhelmingly devastating.

Industry in Germany was very stagnant. They were short of raw material and they were pitifully short of coal. They were far worse off in that respect than Great Britain. If the British could get back something more of their old power of production in all departments, but more especially in coal, that they were going to get greatly improved production of coal he was sure — they had absolutely nothing to fear in trade competition. New needs would arise as the years went on but among the nations of the world to-day they were as well situated as any.—British Wireless Press.

"I HAVE SPOKEN."

WILSON PREDICTS U.S. RATIFICATION.

President Wilson has opened his tour of the United States to speak on the Peace Treaty. Speaking at Columbus (Ohio), he declared that his purpose was "to go out and report to my fellow-countrymen," which, he said, seemed increasingly necessary, because they had read many speeches about the Treaty, but were unable to gather from them much about what the Treaty contained. The Treaty undertook to punish Germany, but there was no thought of overwhelmingly crushing any great people.

He explained that the League of Nations was the only thing that could prevent catastrophic war. Referring to Italy's request for Fiume, he said that, although there were only scattered Italian settlements there, Italy wanted Fiume for strategic and military purposes. If there were a League of Nations Italy would not need that foothold. As an attempt to right the wrongs of Europe the Peace Treaty was a "measurable" success, measurable because the racial line was not always distinct, and could not be drawn with absolute precision on the map. The Peace Treaty contained the "Magna Charta of Labour," because it set up an international Labour organisation. This organisation would hold its first meeting in Washington in October, "whether the Treaty is ratified by them or not"—evidently referring to the recent criticisms of some Senators. The President predicted that, when the Treaty was accepted, American soldiers would never have to cross the seas again, adding: "And I say when it is accepted because it will be accepted."

SHOT BY FRENCH GIRL.

A French girl named Loeullet shot and killed a British soldier with a revolver, near Wimereux (British G.H.Q.). A private in the Royal Engineers, named Hammond, he had, she says, promised to marry her. But he was already married, and under the new order he brought his wife to France and was walking with her when the girl met him. After the crime she fainted, and was taken to hospital.

MEDAL FOR SPECIALS.

To mark the services rendered by Special Constables during the war, a silver medal is to be awarded. It will be styled the "Special Constabulary Medal."

The medal will be awarded to those who have served as "specials," without pay, for not less than three years, performing at least 150 police duties.

Names of those recommended for the medal are to be submitted to the Home Secretary by the chief officers of police.

The ribbon has one black and two white stripes on each side of a red centre.

BURGLARS' GAS ATTACK.

Burglars who broke into the house of Mr. Thomas Sparrowhawk, a rag and bone merchant, of Portland-road, Mitcham, stole £50 in notes and a good deal of clothing and turned on all the gas taps before leaving.

V.C. CORPORAL WEDS W.A.A.C. CORPORAL.

Corporal Norman Harvey, V.C., 1st Inniskillings, of Newton-le-Willows, Warrington, was yesterday at Duffryn, Neath, married to Corporal Nora Treadwell, Q.M.A.A.C.

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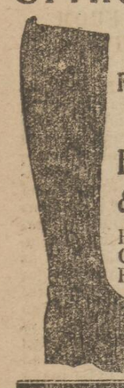

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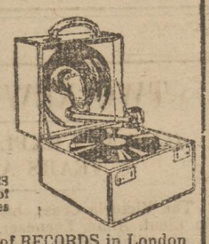

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A VIOLENT WORLD.

Violence in many forms is asserting itself in the world to-day. Not only in our own country but in all those affected by the war murders are painfully prevalent.

Ordinary strikes we are accustomed to, but often to-day these are assuming a certain ferocity in the violence of their demands which at times is very near to blackmailing a defenceless community. Then there is mob violence which breaks out frequently in disturbed unsettled Europe and has taken a virulent form in the United States as well.

The obvious suggestion is that we are sharing a form of blood-lust everywhere felt as an effect of the war. Violence, even where there is no personal antagonism, has become a commonplace. Instinctive distress at sight of wounds and blood is weakened. Common human feelings and normal relations have entirely changed for many. The validity of the restraints of morality or of conscience, or of early training, has been undermined, if not swept away, and the hold of religion has gone with it.

Recognizing this does not signify pessimism. It means facing a condition, seeking its cause, and asking how it is to be dealt with. It does not indicate that civilization has broken down, or that Christianity has proved a failure, either because of the fact of the war, or because of its effects, even though their scope may not yet be determined.

The present outlook is unquestionably bad. With all the talk of brotherhood and advocacy of world-wide fellowship, individual selfishness was never less restrained than it is in profiteering and the rush into extravagant expenditure; and class antagonism in its disregard of the rights of others was never less in check.

What then is to be done? In what direction and through what agencies are we to look for redress?

Force will not do. We have had our supreme lesson as to that in the career of Germany.

An upheaval of the social order to-day with a redistribution of wealth would accomplish nothing except disaster. Russia is now experiencing the first effect, the second will inevitably be a movement toward the re-establishment of society and of economic life in a form not widely distinct from that which prevails in civilized communities to-day.

The impulse to toil, to invent, to save, to compete, for the sake of possession has proved one of the most powerful as well as the most permanent of the impulses that have carried men forward and secured conditions of well-being.

Spiritual and social attainment has aimed at guiding this force, often inspiring but never destroying it, only for the hour arresting it where it had become overweening or injurious to the individual.

It is the height of folly, to advocate any form of reorganization which would diminish the incentive to individual effort or would reduce or impair its reward, or which would relegate to the State the ownership of all or the most important forms of property and give to it the immediate control of its distribution.

Such schemes are attractive as quick methods of dealing with existing evils and shortcuts to new conditions which shall be ideal, ignoring the truth which in every generation has to be relearned, that above all in the problems of human society quick methods and short-cuts are delusive and wasteful, where to be wasteful is to be destructive.

What is needed is to gather up and renew, out of the past and the things that are to be left behind, the forces which have given them their value.

There will be found to be truths that are eternal, the power for human and social reconstruction that inheres in the nobler traits of personal character, unselfishness, kindliness, honesty and honour, as between man and man; and these with patience and courage applied to the direction and the use of the instincts and desires planted in the hearts of men which will make possible the peace, the comfort, the joy and the faith that are elements of national happiness, as nothing else will.

DIET AND TRAINING.

Perhaps the most vexed question in athletic circles all over the world is what should one eat and drink in training?

It is, of course, an accepted fact that the art of training for any feat of an arduous nature consists of building up the body, while any physiologist will say that all the parts which compose the human frame, solids and liquids alike are successfully absorbed and deposited. It follows, therefore, that a perpetual renovation takes place regulated by the nature of the liquids and solids absorbed and by a healthy system of exercise.

Setting aside for one moment all ultra-special systems such as vegetarianism, the general and accepted rule among trainers is to let their charges eat what they like in moderation so long as the food is good and wholesome.

This is a fair indication of our general slackness in athletics, for surely it stands to reason that the heavy body building and muscle making food necessary to the hammer thrower and shot putter are not suited to the jumpers, sprinters, and hurdlers, nor will they do for the long distance runner, who requires stamina, with weight.

CLASSES OF ATHLETES.

Suppose we divide the athletic events into three classes:

A: Hammer throwers, and shotputters etc.; B: Jumpers, hurdlers and sprinters; C: Long distance runners.

Class A requires food which will give muscle and weight without diminishing the nervous energy or dulling the brain power.

Class B requires food which builds up certain muscles to stand a sudden strain without increasing weight; therefore all substances of fat producing nature must be carefully avoided and the nervous energy must be kept at a high pitch.

Class C requires the most nourishing food possible to create powers of great endurance, but which will not increase the weight unduly.

Modern trainers are mostly agreed that physic of a purgative nature should be given at the commencement of training and the stomach thereafter kept clean by regular habits. Regular meals, plenty of open air, and sleep are also necessary.

All food should be of the plainest and freshest and adapted to the atlete's taste; made dishes are to be seduously avoided; also stout, claret or burgundy are recommended as the liquors to be drunk.

On hour or more for rest is insisted upon after meals. For the teetotaller, milk or home brewed ginger beer is best.

Among other things which the modern coach recommends is mutton in preference to beef. Pork and veal are condemned; stews made from beer or mutton are said to be good for building up the vitality.

Poultry is considered good and oatmeal porridge is strongly advocated for building up the nervous forces. Butter, cheese, fish and potatoes are now considered indispensable to training. All milk puddings are, of course, excellent.

It is known that they feed athletes in training at the Varsity very well and keep their condition high. But then, the Varsity athlete is able to get in more training work than falls to the lot of the average business man.

METHODS OF FOOD REFORM.

At present there are about 20 different food-reform diets having nothing in common except the avoidance of meat. But whether the bases of a food reform diet is cheese, nuts, salad, or proprietary foods is a matter for the invidual to decide.

As a general rule, cyclists, walkers, and swimmers make eggs and cheese their chief bases. The great advantage of such a diet is that it does not necessitate the taking of regular exercise, and so is of incalculable value to the busy city man who cannot practise athletic for training regularly. It is also excellent for giving powers of endurance, if the diet is well-chosen.

Another thing about it is the avoidance of excessive bulk, and too great a varity of dishes at any one meal.

To see that there really is a sound foundation in these schemes of food-reform one has only to mention such men as Eustace Miles, himself a food-reformer for twenty years; Olley, the long distance cyclist; Karlmann, the winner of the 126 miles' walk from Dresden to Berlin in 26 hours, 52 mins., and Freddie Walsh, the holder of the World's Lightweight Championship.

Briefly summarized, the athlete's motto should be "Good plain food and plenty of it."

One most striking and most important fact, which stands out beyond dispute from a study of the subject, is that no athlete can do his best on the modern French cookery, which has become almost universal among the higher classes all over the world.

NONE OF US.

A reader from the start, he showed, apparently, the keenest interest in the Rhine Army's newspaper. Yet it must be admitted that, except for the sports page and the correspondence column, he expressed, but little appreciation of many interesting features of the "Post." For its articles and paragraphs of educational value, he cared nothing. But letters of complaint of canteen prices, cigarettes famines, race meeting anomalies, indeed communications on any complaint, real or imaginary, stirred him to the depths.

That German civilians, for example, should be allowed to "circulate" till 24.00 whilst he and his comrades had to "de-circulate" at 22.30 assumed in his grievance-warped mind the proportions of a rank injustice. Useless to remind him that the billeting of troops made this distinction necessary and in the interest of the men themselves, not all of whom are midnight birds.

Always was he on the point of exposing some "scandal," but the tongue seemed mightier than the pen. Hence, his did not figure among "Our Readers' Varied Views."

Only a few of us knew what readers of the "Post" lost through this paralysis of the pen from which he suffered. Thus, his threat to expose what he called "The Rissole Scandal" failed to materialise.

Twice in one week was this delectable dish served, lacking its accustomed heat, but, alas! although he did actually commence a letter headed "Cold Comfort," his ardour cooled even more rapidly than the temperature of the food-item which had inspired it.

But he was not always in an iconoclastic mood. Occasionally, he attempted the constructive. Thus, he came to us one day after cigarette issue, and mentioned his intention to write to "The Cologne Post."

"What; another grievance?" we enquired.

"No; not exactly a grievance," he responded. "It's about our cigarette issue."

Knowing that he was a non-smoker; we wondered what improvement he wanted there. He soon enlightened us.

"Why shouldn't non-smokers be credited with the value of the cigarettes in lieu of issue?" he enquired.

The suggestion was characteristic of its author who was as close as the recent weather. Although, as stated above, he was a reader of the "Post" from the start, never had he been known to purchase a copy. Instead, he put all of us who purchased the paper regularly, on a lending roster and borrowed from each in turn.

It was some little time before we became alive to his device for obtaining news on the cheap, but as soon as our eyes were opened, the word was passed round to spoke the wheel of this ultra-economist. The increase in the price of the paper afforded the desired opportunity. When, in due course, Coleman's turn on the roster arrived, he replied, with rigid countenance:

"Sorry old man — but I've given up taking the "Post" since it's gone up another 5 Pfennigs."

The "Post" has now another subscriber, and though he complains loudly of the increased price of the paper, this grievance, like his many other grievances will never be ventilated in its columns. After all 1.50 M. isn't a lot to pay weekly for a really keen collector of grouses.

PHOTOGRAPHY BY NIGHT.

How many readers, I wonder, who own cameras have ever tried experiments in this direction? Some no doubt, but to many it may open fresh fields to conquer, and will always provide amusement and satisfaction on those dull evenings when one gets stranded with nothing to do especially as the nights are gradually getting longer and the chances of photography by day are becoming more and more curtailed.

Besides this almost everything worth photographing, has been murdered, by the picture postcard monger, and may be purchased at 10 pgs. per card, while whatever the postcard merchant has missed, has been snapped by someone or other, armed with a camera, till one feels that there is little score for originality left. Surely then anything which gives room for individuality is worth a trial.

Most of the streets and squares are illuminated by arc lamps so that anyone in possession of a camera, with an aperture of F 8 can obtain very interesting and original pictures by taking advantage of this fact.

My first attempt at this kind of work, was perfectly successful. Of course a backed plate is essential or films, may be used, since they possess the same advantages as a backed plate, and will give results almost equal in quality.

Exposures will be found to vary considerably from five minutes to an hour according to the amount of light on the subject, and the number of strong lights near the camera.

The widest aperture of the lens should be used. My own camera only works at F 11, but I can get a wider aperture by opening the diaphram to its full extent thus enabling the whole lens to be used. Those who are fortunate enough to be in possession of cameras working at F 6.8 or 4.5 will score as exposure will be considerably reduced.

I may mention that moving objects before the camera during exposure will not appear on the negative as they are not in one place long enough. One has to guard against motor cars with bright headlights coming towards the camera. In this case it is only necessary to close the shutter till the car has passed when the exposure may be continued so that street views may be taken irrespective of the number of people about.

Of course where groups take up a position near the camera, and stand for any time, they will always move on at the request of the camera man.

Having once secured a picture of this sort, one has the satisfaction of knowing that he has something which possibly no one else has and it also provides a wide field of possibilities to the camera enthusiasts, which will ensure amusement during the long winter evenings when they come. *V.H.M.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Reader's Varied Views.

"VANITY FAIR."

Sir,—"Mere Man" is just the kind of person who would concede nothing to the other sex if he were given a chance.

Thank goodness, there is more sound sense in those who rule the destinies of the Services. They recognised quite early in the war the value of women as auxiliaries to the fighting forces and they know now that they made no mistake.

Besides their useful work women have had a refining influence on the Service which cannot help being beneficial.

There are a considerable number now in Rhineland and to give them at least a corner in "The Cologne Post" is I think nothing more than their due.

OFFICER'S WIFE.

COUNTING BY TENS.

Sir,—You had a very sensible leading article the other day on the decimal system. It is, as you say, lamentable that our awkward way of reckoning cannot be abolished without further talk.

I remember it was just the same with the Daylight Saving Scheme of the late Mr. Willett. People argued for years as to its disadvantages and even its impossibility. Then suddenly war came. The plan was put into operation and, hey presto! everybody fell into the new way with scarcely a murmur. Within a week it came perfectly natural to us all and folk said "Why didn't we do it years ago?" It would be just the same with the decimal system. What we want in Britain is less talk and more decisive action. *B.R.V.*

THE MUZZLING OF DOGS.

Sir,—I have little sympathy with those sentimental people who whine about the muzzling of their dogs.

I would go further than muzzling. Every dog I think should be forbidden to go out in the streets at all. They ought to be kept in their rightful place, which is the back yard, with a chain.

They are a nuisance anywhere else, and a danger. As a cyclist, I have had two nasty accidents by being brought over by dogs. I say, shoot half of them and muzzle and keep in strict confinement the rest. *NOT A DOG LOVER.*

ADVERTISEMENTS MISSING.

Sir,—"Anti-Ad" says he would wager nine people out of ten are grateful for the absence of advertisements in Cologne trams, but I disagree with him.

I would like to give an instance. Proceeding on leave a few weeks ago, we were just landing at Folkestone and a traveling companion said to me: Isn't it grand to see the good old adverts p'acarded about? It makes you realize more than ever that you are at home, and I quite agreed with him.

On arrival in London it does one's eyes good to see the gaily placarded buses and trams plying about with their advertisements for for all and sundry to note. In my idea I would not like our omnibuses and trams stripped of their gaily coloured advertisements: they help to make the world look a little brighter and I really don't see anything hideous about them. *C.B.S.*

WHY NO BRASSARD?

Sir,—I also agree with "Brassard" that, the wearing of the same by the wives of officers and other ranks should be compulsory, if they are in possession of one. A short time ago, I was speaking to the wife of an officer and during the conversation I introduced the subject; judge my surprise when I was told by the lady that not only had she never received a "Brassard" but did not know what they were. Possibly it is the same with other wives. *J.W.H.*

THE TEN O'CLOCK RULE.

Sir,—May I be permitted to endorse the enquiry and complaint made by "Lieut.-Colonel" in your issue of to-day's date.

It is indeed humiliating to be turned out of cafés and cabarets at 10 o'clock when the Germans are allowed to remain. "Other ranks" feel it too, and if anything can be done to adjust what appears to be a just grievance, we should all be grateful. *H. W.*

TAXI-FARES.

Sir,—Some time ago you published an order to the effect that one had to pay four times the amount registered on the meter (extras not included in the increase). Could you, or one of your readers inform me of the scale of charges which the meter ought to register; e.g. 1 Mark a kilometer for two persons, or whatever it may be?

One ought to know this as occasionally one is informed the metre is broken and some "privateowners" have cabs without meters. On two recent occasions I protested in my best German that the meter was not registering, and as the driver replied in what was presumably "echt Kölsch" of which I could understand little or nothing, I was left absolutely at his mercy. *A.B.*

ENGLAND, MY ENGLAND.

What have I done for you,
England, my England?
What is there I would not do,
England, my own?
With your glorious eyes austere,
As the Lord were walking near,
Whispering terrible things and dear
As the Song on your bugles blown,
England—
Round the world on your bugles blown!

Where shall the watchful sun,
England, my England,
Match the master-work you've done,
England, my own?
When shall he rejoice agen
Such a breed of mighty men
As come forward, one to one,
To the Song on your bugles blown,
England—
Down the years on your bugles blown!

WILLIAM ERNEST HENLEY.

A GREAT GAME.

C.P.C. Final Produces Sparkling Cricket at Lindenthal.

A great game! That was the unaminous verdict of the big crowd which congregated at the Stadtwald, Lindenthal, on Sunday to witness the final of the "Cologne Post" Cricket Cup Competition. The most sanguine hopes were more than realised and the highest expectations surpassed, the game being the greatest match seen in the Rhineland.

Every factor contributed to the success of the event. The weather was perfect, the wicket good, and there was scarcely a dull moment, whereas at times excitement ran very high, no ably when the R.G.A. collapsed and when the Lancers were nearing the required score to win. Both teams were well supported and applause was very generous, the spectators freely showing their appreciation of the fine display. The finalists were the **17th Lancers** and the **93rd Bde R.G A.**, both teams having excellent records in the competition. The gunners were unbeaten when they took the field on Sunday and the Lancers had only once been overcome when they were unable to turn out their usual side; so that on paper there was little to choose between the two teams and the element of uncertainty, always present in cricket, was even greater than usual. The Gunners had a slightly more imposing record, their scores in most matches having been very high and their wins more decisive. But if they started favourites it was only by a very slight margin, the worth of the Lancers eleven being well known. The result was a win for the 17th Lancers by five wickets, but the victory was by no means as decisive as the score suggests.

In reality the sides were indisputably well matched and had it not been for the sensational collapse of the R.G.A. the game would probably have been a much closer one. But in cricket it is useless dilating upon what might have been; it is such dramatic incidents which make the game what it is. Cricket without the element of surprise and without sensation would be a very dull affair.

The Collapse.

The break-down of the R.G.A. was as sensational as unexpected. With only five wickets down when an adjournment was made for lunch the score stood at 148 and everyone was giving them a total of at least 200, while the Lancers were becoming none too pleased at the heavy task which looked likely to confront them. But on resuming the rot set in immediately. Smythe who had been hitting well before lunch and had scored 36 was bowled by the very first ball from Capt. Boles. Cpl. Heuchan, Cpl. Blandford, Sgt. Barker and Cpl. Bowden followed each other in and out in quick time the five wickets falling for the ridiculous score of 11. Capt. Boles was responsible for most of the mischief, his average after the resumption being four for four.

Features of the game were the excellent wicket-keeping of Capt. Stanyforth of the Lancers against whom only two byes were recorded during the whole of the innings, and the fielding of both teams, the Cavalry being excellent in this department; some remarkable catches were made.

Capt. Stanyforth was easily the best performer of the day, for in addition to his excellent wicket-keeping he was top scorer with 70. His innings was not forceful, but he played the style of game suited to a match of such importance, treating the good balls with respect but mercilessly punishing all loose ones. He was out in a most unusual manner, dropping his bat after a stroke and hitting the wicket. He gave two very difficult chances when at four and sixty-four, but otherwise his play was faultless, the placing being perfect.

Weight's Misfortune.

The most unfortunate player on the field was Gunner Weight, the star performer of the R.G.A. His record in the competition has been a most creditable one; not only has he an excellent bowling average, but on going to the wicket for the first partnership with Bdr. Ellis he required only thirty-nine to complete his thousand runs for the competition. Consequently he played very carefully and, scoring very slowly, he reached 33 when he had the misfortune to be run out, 6 short of the required number of runs. When this happened he appeared well set, had mastered the bowling and looked good for one of his customary high scores. Bdr. Ellis was the highest scorer for the Gunners with a brisk innings of 39. From the first over he played with confidence and went for the bowling very vigorously. His total included 6 fours. Sig. Smythe came second with a score of 36; he also played an innings the reverse of steady, three's being his speciality. With 25 to his credit, Gunner Palliser was the only other Gunner to exceed 20.

In his usual easy style Capt. Fowler hit up a delightfully entertaining 30, scoring all round the wicket and finally falling a victim to a ball which he should not have touched. He made a very weak stroke giving a catch, which after being missed by the keeper, was held by Weight. Sgt. Payne, after a very careful start in which his game was obviously to hold the fort, opened out and made several boundary hits, his total being 36. For his innings of 27, Capt. Boles played very pretty cricket.

THE GAME.

At 10.50, the R.G.A. having won the toss, Gunner Weight and Bdr. Ellis first went to the wicket, Capts. Boles and Fowler bowling. Ellis did not take long to decide that the bowling warranted attack and he opened the scoring with a boundary hit. Weight, by reason of his ambition to reach his 1000 runs for the competition, meant to take no risk and he played with unusual caution. After half an hour's play 30 had been scored, the majority being to the credit of the bombardier. Fifty went up after three quarters of an hour's play, the bowling apparently making little impression upon the first-wicket pair. The partnership ended with the score at 57, Ellis being brilliantly caught by Clarke at square leg. Ellis's contribution was 39, including six fours.

Gunner Palliser followed and immediately set about the bowling, hitting two successive fours. An hours play saw the total at 80. Weight continued warily, his partner doing most of the scoring until Capt. Boles made a very fine catch, dismissing Palliser and dissolving the second partnership. The score then stood at 98, to which Palliser had contributed 25, with four 4s. Bdr. Rushton joined Weight and the century was reached after one hour and twenty minutes play. Then came Weight's bad fortune; his partner made a stroke and Weight called for a run, going half-way up the pitch himself. For some reason Rushton did not respond and Weight was unable to get back. The third wicket fell at 106, of which total Weight had made 33, and, as previously mentioned, he was only six runs short of his 1000 for the competition. Weight was loudly applauded, his record with the gunners being well known.

Rushton was then partnered by Sig. Smytne, who opened with a fine hit for three.

Lively Spell.

Both batsmen went all out to the bowling, and things were very lively for a time until Rusnton gave Clarke an easy catch. On Gunner Norton joining Smythe the game slackened somewhat. Smythe was missed at 22 by Cooke, but Norton was less fortunate, Capt. Boles making his second catch in the slips and dismissing him. The score board registered 150 when the match had been two hours in progress and with Cpl. Bloomfield partnering Smythe 8 more runs were added before an adjournment for lunch was made.

Resuming at 2 o'clock, steady, consistent cricket gave place to the sensational, and, whereas in the morning it had taken over two hours to dismiss five batsmen, the last five wickets fell within 20 minutes and for the addition of only 12 runs. Capt. Boles was the destroying agent. Smythe was the first victim of the run of bad luck; he was bowled by the very first ball, and Cpl. Heuchan, who followed, was dismissed by the last ball of the same over. The rot continued and in Capt. Boles' next over Cpl. Bloomfield was sent back and then Capt. Fowler had his turn, accounting for Sgt. Barker. To Capt. Boles went the credit of taking the last wicket Cpl. Bowden being the victim. The R.G.A. innings thus ended for the score of 170 and in twenty minutes the whole aspect of the game was changed. Capt. Boles after the resumption had the remarkable average of four for four, taking the four wickets in three overs.

The Lancers Bat.

The Lancers first representatives were Capt. Stanyforth and Capt. Fowler (Captain). The latter began to hit out merrily, while the former contented himself with punishing loose balls only. Half an hour's play saw 50 up, the majority having been secured by Fowler.

Weight and Smythe opened the bowling but they failed to give either batsman an uncomfortable time. Smythe was eventually relieved by Rushton, a slow break bowler, and in dealing with his deliveries both Fowler and Stanyforth were very uneasy, the timing being exceptionally difficult. It was off Rushton's bowling that Capt. Fowler was caught; he misjudged the ball and made a weak stroke. The first wicket partnership ended with the score at 53. Capt. Boles then joined Stanyforth and the total steadily increased.

An hours play saw 88 on the scoreboard and the century was reached in an hour and twenty minutes. After a rest Weight resumed bowling and met with immediate success, dismissing Capt. Boles, who had played an attractive innings of 22, in his first over.

Sg. Payne next faced the bowling and opened with excessive care, taking no chances. There was a big stand before the third wicket fell, meanwhile Capt. Stanyforth's score having risen to 70. He was out in a most unfortunate manner. He attempted a stroke and missed and the bat fell from his hands hitting the wicket. The score at this stage was 149 for three and the Lancers were being regarded as having the match well in hand when they, too, were overtaken by disaster.

Major Micholls was dismissed by the first ball, being lbw., and with the addition of a few more runs Sgt. Shenstone followed. Lieut Cooke came in and with Sgt. Payne saved the situation and saw the end, 171 being reached in three hours and ten minutes.

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RUGBY PROSPECTS.

Unexpected Resources Revealed by the war.

REVIVAL EXPECTED.

Now that a Rugby season, under normal conditions is near at hand, the value of the work done by those who, despite all difficulties, kept the game going, so far as was possible, during the anxious years of war, can be recognised. In one respect we are better off than in the days before the world was turned upside down. Prior to the autumn of 1914 the Rugby game was making its way in the Navy and Army, but the full possibilities of development were not realised.

It was left for the war to reveal unexpected resources in playing strength and keen appreciation from the authorities. Nor is the game confined to the Navy and Army. In the Royal Air Force a fresh supply of Rugby players has been found—players of such considerable promise that no one can say how far they will go. Had the Rugby game been stopped entirely while the war lasted, we should have been in a sad plight to-day, looking here there, and everywhere for men of anything approaching the old standard, but now we have quite a sound foundation on which to build our International fifteens.

FRIENDLY FOOTER.

"C" Bty. 187 Bde. R.F.A. v. 180 Labour Coy at Eifel.

This match was played on the Eifel Tor Zollstock Football Ground, and despite the hot weather which was more suitable for cricket than "soccer," it was a keen struggle with both sides going all out for a win. The Labour Coy possess a fine well balanced team, but what the Artillery men lacked in weight they made up for by "nippy" play and at times both sides showed excellent combination. A draw of two goals each was a fair reflection of the game. All the players deserve praise, but if anything the visitors goalie gets the "extra" for some really brilliant saves.

YOUNG SHELTON'S CHALLENGE.

Pte. Young Shelton (415 Labour Coy) is open to box anyone in the Rhine Army at 8st. 6lbs., give or take two lbs. Seeing that Pte. Worman is wanting a match Pte. Shelton is willing to box him 10, 15, or 20 rounds, the "Cologne Post" to have full control of the match. If no answer comes to this challenge, Shelton will claim the championship of the Rhine Army, at that poundage.

The Two Tails.

Up to a point the innings of both teams were very similar. Approximately the same number of runs were made for the same number of wickets, in similar time. The difference, however, lay in the tails of the two teams.

In every way the match was a fitting final to a most enjoyable and keenly fought out competition and we congratulate the winners upon their feat. For the Gunners there is no disgrace in defeat; they put up an excellent show, worthy of their record throughout the competition.

The scores were:—

93rd Bde R. G. A.

Gnr. Weight run out	33
Bdr. Ellis c. Clarke b. Fowler	39
Gnr. Palliser c. Boles b. Cpl. Whitfield	25
Bdr. Rushton c. Clarke b. Whitfield	13
Sig. Smythe b. Capt. Boles	36
Gnr. Norton c. Boles b. Fowler	6
Bdr. Bloomfield b. Boles	6
Cpl. Heuchan b. Boles	4
Major Macleod not out	4
Sgt. Barker b. Fowler	0
Cpl. Bowden b. Boles	1
Byes	2
Total	170

Bowling Analysis:—

	o.	m.	r.	w.
Capt. Boles	17	4	60	4
Capt. Fowler	20	4	53	3
Cpl. Whitfield	14	1	50	2

17th Lancers.

Capt. Stanyforth hit wicket Weight	70
Capt. Fowler c. Weight b. Rushton	30
Capt. Boles b. Weight	27
Sgt. Payne c. Palliser b. Weight	36
Major Michol's lbw. Weight	0
Sgt. Shenstone c. Barker b. Bowden	8
Lieut. Cooke c. Norton b. Weight	1½
Lieut. Dereham not out	8
Pte. Clarke c. Bowden b. Weight	10
S.Q.M. Wyeth not out	15
Cpl. Whitfield did not bat	
Extras	16
Total for 8 wickets	232

Bowling Analysis:—

	o.	m.	r.	w.
Gnr. Weight	6	110	6	
Sig. Smythe	2	37	0	
Bdr. Rusnton	1	18	1	
Cpl. Bowden		16	1	
Bdr. Ellis	7	18	0	
Sgt. Barker	2	4	0	

BURSCHEID'S BUMPER.

Fine Programme at 5th Devons Athletic Meeting.

16 PLATOON'S NARROW WIN.

The 5th (P. of W.) Bn. Devon Regt's sports were held at Burscheid on Saturday. Brilliant weather, excellent arrangements by the officers and the marked keenness of the men combined to make the day a decided success.

Great interest centred in the platoon championship which was largely responsible for the fact that there were very few men not taking an active part in one or more events. The success of an individual added to the total points of this platoon although the championship was not decided on the sports field alone. It was a 'toss up' between several platoons, but No 16, with a good all round record, gained the honour with few points to spare.

Owing to the large number of entries it was found necessary to devote the whole of Friday to running off the heats, leaving no less than 33 finals for Saturday. It would have been impossible to compile a more varied and interesting programme, which apart from the usual flat, hurdle and cycle races, included a mule scurry, medley race, "bumping melee" and the ever popular "tilting the bucket." It caused endless amusement because a "rickety" barrow and uneven ground placed the odds ten to one on a tilt and consequent shower bath of the "tilters."

No records were broken but on the whole, times were well up to the average, the 100 yards being won by Capt. Anderson in 11 sec. First and third places in the 300 yards flat open to the 2nd Southern Inf. Bde. fell to competitors from the 52nd Warwicks Pte. Hassell winning with several yards to spare from Lieut. Puddicombe.

A feature of the day was the pace of events and this coupled with the merry making antics of "Clifford and his pals" (2nd Lieut. Carswell and Sgt. Hogg) a miniature rifle range and side shows, allowed of no dull minutes.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Lucas (wife of Brig.-Gen. C. H. Lucas C.M.G. D.S.O.) — an interested spectator — who was heartily thanked by the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. V. L. N. Pearson D.S.O.

THE RESULTS:

The results were as follows:—

Inter platoon turnout:—No. 11 Platoon.

Inter platoon musketry:—No. 17 Platoon.

Inter platoon six a side football:—No. 16 Platoon.

Inter platoon basket ball:—No. 16 Platoon.

Inter Platoon tug of war:—No. 10 Platoon.

220 yards (open to men under 20):—1, Pte Reynolds; 2, Pte. Attrill; 3, Pte. Pound.

Boat race (platoon team of 8):—No. 9 Platoon.

Wheelbarrow race:—1, Ptes. Stone and Barnett. 2, Sgt. Johnson and Pte. Price; 3, Ptes. Stamp and Holloway.

100 yards (open to battalion):—1, Capt. Anderson; 2, Sgt. Johnson; 3, Sgt. Stewart.

High jump:—1, Pte. Perkins; 2, Capt. Anderson;

Wrestling on mules (teams of 4) "A" team:—Cpl. Vager, Ptes. Allen, Allington and Davey.

880 yards (open to 2nd Southern Brigade):—1, Cpl. Marsh; 2. L/Cpl. Smallridge.

Potato race:—1, Sgt. Stewart, 2, Sgt. Yeo; 3, Pte. Kempster.

120 yards hurdles:—1, Lt. Puddicombe; 2, Capt. Anderson.

Putting the shot:—1, Sgt. Bulgin; 2, Pte. Kempster.

1 mile:—1, Pte. Duncan; 2, Sgt. Andrewartha 3, Pte. Gingell.

1 mile cycle race on G.S. cycles:—1, Pte. Guest; 2, Pte. Biggs; 3, Sgt. Croake

Bomb throwing:—1, Sgt. Andrewartha; 2, Lt Puddicombe.

Cross country:—1, Capt. Anderson; 2, Pte Duncan; 3, Sgt. Andrewartha.

440 yards (open to novices):—1, C.Q.M.S. Jane; 2, Pte. Perkins; 3, Pte. Stranger.

300 yards (open to 2nd Southern Brigade):—1, Pte. Hassell, 52nd Warwicks; 2, Lt. Puddicombe; 3, Pte. Collins, 52nd Warwicks.

Long jump:—1, Sgt. Johnson; 2, Sgt. Stewart.

Sergeants race:—1, Sgt. Johnson; 2, Sgt. Stewart; 3, Staff-Sgt. Howard.

440 yards (open to battalion):—1, Capt. Anderson; 2, C.Q.M.S. Jane; 3, Pte. Price.

Sack race:—1, Pte. Milton; 2, L/Cpl. Lisle; 3, Cpl. Weaver.

Corporals race:—1, Cpl. Marsh; 2, L/Cpl. Smallridge; 3, Cpl. Weaver.

100 yards (open to novices):—1, Pte. Howell; 2, Pte. Trerise; 3, Pte. Conybeare.

Slow cycle race on G.S. cycles:—1, Pte. Blake; 2, Cpl. Newcombe.

Relay race (open to platoon teams of 4): No. 20 Platoon.

880 yards, Mule scurry:—1, Pte. Davey; 2, Pte. Allen.

Medley race:—1, Pte. Price; 2, Sgt. Stewart; 3, Pte. Biggs.

Relay race (open to platoon teams of 4 men under 20):—No. 8 Platoon.

Bumping melee (open to platoon teams of 4):—No. 20 Platoon.

Tilting the bucket:—1, Ptes. Milton and Rowe; 2, Ptes. Thomas and Shrapnel.

Officers v. sergeants tug o war:—Sergeants.

Officers race:—1, Lt. Puddicombe, 2, Lt. Mathews.

Musical chairs on mules:—1, Pte. Allen, 2, Pte. Melhuish; 3, Pte. Andrews.

HOCKEY MATCHES WANTED.

Hockey matches wanted by 420th Siege Battery R.G.A. home or away. Please communicate with Sports Sec. 420 Siege Battery, Schlebusch.

THE ST. LEGER.

Form and Forecasts for To-Morrow's Classic.

BUCHAN OR BAYUDA?

"I Know," whose selections for the 2nd Cologne August meeting stamped him as a good judge of form, sends us the following comments and selections for the Doncaster St. Leger being run to-morrow. He says:—

The last of the classics will be decided to-morrow and I am sorry to say for the first time in twenty-nine years I shall miss this great race.

Going carefully through the season's form, I reduce the chances of the probable starters to two animals, **Buchan**, and **Bayuda**, a stable companion of Buchan's. I would have included Dominion but for his failure at Derby last week in the Breeders St. Leger, when with odds laids on him he could only finish third to Chuette. On this form he can have no chance to-morrow. The leading jockey, Donoghue, was to have ridden Buchan, but having broken a bone in his wrist through his fall at York, he will not be seen in the saddle again for some time. Strictly going by the book it is hard to deny the great chance "Buchan" holds. He has run five times this season winning twice and being placed second twice; his last success was in the valuable Eclipse stakes at Sandown Park which he won in a canter from "Cygnus" and "Silver Spur" and four others, the distance being 1¼ miles.

"Bayuda" in the same stable will be ridden by Childs and is considerably fancied. As she has missed many valuable and tempting engagements of late which were apparently in her mercy, one would be ill advised to oppose her. She has been galloping in great style according to training reports, and we can't forget that we have seen some strange things happen in former days when the Manton stable has had two strings to its bow.

MORE ST. LEGER SCRATCHINGS

Sir Douglas and Tangiers Will Not Run To-morrow.

The field for the St. Leger, the popular Doncaster fixture tomorrow, looks like being on the small side. The possibles have been further reduced by the elimination of Sir Douglas, Tangiers, and Chaudfontaine. The last named, of course, was never seriously regarded in connection with the race, but the other pair, particularly Sir Douglas, had frequently been mentioned. The Stockbridge colt, indeed, was pressing Buchan for the position of favourite a little while ago, while when wagering officially opened this week he was second in demand at 4 to 1, and even shorter odds had been accepted previously in the case of several "unofficial" wagers.

There had been some disposition to field against Sir Douglas when the rival forces met a few evenings ago, and in the end 10 to 15 was an offer. Tangiers, on the other hand, had hardened somewhat. It was noted that at the gallops of the pair under discussion had not appeared in the training reports during the past few days. With their disappearance interest in the Doncaster classic is reduced to some extent, as Sir Douglas had shown such improvement lately that he was gradually working himself to the top of the tree. He made a rare example of Chat Tor at Goodwood, yet a few days later the son of Torpoint smashed up a strong field at Lewes. Tangiers, too, has displayed creditable form on more than one occasion this season.

GREAT CRICKET MATCH.

C.P.C. Finalists to meet British Army of the Rhine.

A cricket match will be played on the Lindenthal Cricket Ground on Wednesday 10th September between an XI representing the finalists of the Cologne Post Cricket Cup, the 17th Lancers and the 93rd Bde. R.G.A., and a team selected from the rest of the British Army of the Rhine. Play will commence at 11-0 am. The following will represent the remainder of the Army:

Lt.-Col J. C. Hartley.
Col. H. S. Bush.
Lt.-Col. C. J. Blount.
Lt.-Col. H. F. Montgomery.
Major H. W. M. Yates.
Major E. R. Morris.
Capt. D. V. W. Dickinson
Capt. H. Chystal.
Capt. R. Dove.
Lieut. J. Astill.
Major Douglas Jones.

ST. ANDREW'S GOLF.

Final of Queen Victoria Vase Tournament.

The final round of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Vase Tournament was played over the Old Course at St. Andrews yesterday, when F.M. Richardson (plus 1 at the Royal and Ancient Club), who won the trophy when it was last played for in 1913, successfully defended his title as holder, beating W.H. Pilcher (handicap 2) by 2 up.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Tuesday	7	Tosca	Puccini
Wednesday	7	Mignon	Thomas
Thursday	7 30	Rigoletto	Verdi
Friday	7	Faust	Gounod
Saturday	6	Tristan and Isolde	Wagner
Sunday	7	Aida	Verdi
Monday	7	Carmen	Bizet
Tuesday	7	Tosca	Puccini

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

At The Deutsches.

There was a large and appreciative audience at the Deutsches Theatre last evening when Miss Kate Coates' Concert Party commenced their week's run there. This is the second visit they have paid to Cologne and the artistes are the same as on the last occasion Presenting a new programme, the performance is as bright as ever.

A Complaint.

"P.L.S." writes us as follows:—There seems to be a large number of inefficient concert parties now floating about our occupied area, and it gives the impression that the outlying districts have become the dumping-ground of all such parties unwanted in Cologne. Is it not possible to establish a strict censorship over them before they are allowed to appear? Otherwise the good will eventually suffer for the bad.

Gone To England.

By the way, I hear that Cpl. Alex. Ewerdine, the popular box-office manager at the Deutsches Theatre, left for England demobbed yesterday. He took on the duties at the Bismarckstrasse house after four months successful managing at the old Agrippina Cinema. His sojourn at the theatre has been particularly happy. Always courteous and obliging Ewerdine did his work with great conscientiousness: his motto apparently was "no complaints." We wish him the best of luck across the water.

Leave Club Band Concert.

The Band of the 17th Lancers under the able conductorship of Bandmaster W.H. Richardson gave a most successful concert at the Leave Club on Sunday. Their renderings of "An evening in Toledo" by Schmelling and the French Chanson "Madelon" by Robert were among the most attractive of the items, but all the selections were well played. Miss Ada Moore sang "Wake up" and "Annie Laurie" with fine effect. The other two soloists were Pte. Frederick Morice, who sang the "Watchman" with dramatic power and Bombardier Ruston who gave the "Last Call" and for his encore "Friend." He has a voice of charm and range and his interpretations were much above the average

JACQUES.

MILITARY TOURNAMENT.

Wayward Mules at 1/6th West Yorks Function.

A military tournament was held in connection with the 1/6th West Yorks picnic at Rodenkirchen in the midst of a pretty wood by the Rhine Bank. The various competitions caused great interest and amusement, especially the musical chairs on horseback. The wrestling on horseback reached an exciting stage when the mules scattered the spectators with the competitors were locked in deadly combat. The results were as follows:—

Tug of War on Horseback:—1, "B" Coy; 2, "A" Coy.

Transport v. Grooms:—Transport Team.

Wrestling on Horseback:—"B" Coy.

Musical Chairs on Horseback:—1, L Cpl. Horner, "B" Coy; 2, Drummer Stewart.

The Band under Bandmaster Rastrick provided the musical programme.

"BRONCHO" BEHAVES.

Successful Light Division Signal Company Mounted Sports.

The Light Division Signals held a very successful Mounted Sports meeting at Ohligs. The mules were on their best behaviour, though about half of them succeeded in getting rid of their riders in the 4 furlong bareback race. Even "Broncho"—a terror in normal times—refused to do any bucking. The bareback race, wrestling on mules and the mounted tug of war gave the spectators plenty of amusement, while the "Derby", V.C. Race and bending race proved that there are plenty of good horsemen in the Company. The despatch riders showed great skill and daring in their bending race on very rough ground. The champion of the meeting was L Cpl. Kindon with three first prizes and one second.

BROOKLANDS RACING TRACK.

The renovation and reconstruction of Brooklands motor racing track is being undertaken by the Road Board at a cost of probably between eight and ten thousand pounds. The military authorities, who have had control of Brooklands Aerodrome, are giving up possession as quickly as possible, and it is expected that the re-laying of the track will begin this month. Mr A. W. Donaldson, M.I.C.E., who supervised the laying of the track, will be in charge of the reconstruction work.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, September 9th, 1919.

Wind light, mainly north-west, 5 to 10 m.p.h. Cool, misty morning, fair warm day. Visibility indifferent.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Leach's Team Augmented.

Mr. Cunliffe-Owen's horses now at Alfriston will join Felix Leach's team at Newmarket this week.

Irish Sportsman Dead.

Mr. Martin J. Murphy, of the Grand Hotel, Tramore, well known in connection with the Tramore race meeting and ex-M.P. for a division of County Waterford, died on Thursday.

Laugh Changes Hands.

Mr. Isaacs, a patron of Clement's Letcombe Regis stable, has purchased Laugh from Sir George Beaumont. His price has not transpired, but it is believed to be well over £1,000.

Yarmouth Course Satisfactory.

Colonel Wilkinson, the Jockey Club inspector of courses, visited Yarmouth on Wednesday and inspected the course, stands, and stables, and expressed his satisfaction with the condition of the course and stables.

Two Winners.

W.R. Jarvis only took two horses to Derby, and won a race with each. The first was on Wednesday with Jameson, who, being nine years of age, must be nearly the oldest of our flat-racers. South Notts, the other one, had no difficulty in disposing of Badminton in the Selling Nursery.

Birmingham Marksmen.

The Birmingham team have powerful inside-forwards in "Wullie" Walker and John Whitehouse, who are gluttons for work and great shots.

Jockeys And Their Valets.

The statement that there had been a disagreement between jockeys and their valets has been greatly exaggerated, and has caused considerable annoyance.

Irish Sprinter for Doncaster.

Mr. F.S. Myerscough's smart Irish sprinter Tut Tut will meet her engagement in the Portland plate at Doncaster this week.

A blaze of Triumph.

The football season of 1919-20 has opened in a blaze of triumph. The most extravagant expectations as to the amount of support that would be forthcoming for the game have been exceeded, and this is particularly true of the Metropolis.

Death of ex-Amateur Champion.

J. Freeman, the ex-bantam-weight amateur champion, died on Wednesday morning at 9.30. The deceased, who was a member of the Lynn A.C., and was one of the cleverest amateurs of his time, won the bantam-weight championship at St. James' Hall Piccadilly, in 1900.

Old Whitgiftians R.F.C.

Old Whitgiftians Rugby Football Club, after a lapse of five years, has been revived, and quite like the old days this year three fifteens are to be run.

Success in America.

Young Cohen, of Aldgate, who is now in America and doing well, obtained another victory recently, when at Wallingford, Conn., on August 19, he outpointed Micky Travers, of New Haven.

Robertson Reappears.

G. Robertson, the Sheffield Wednesday forward, who played for Scotland against England in 1913, reappeared for his old club in the game with Middlesbrough on Saturday at Ayrsome Park.

Arab Boxer at Plymouth.

One of the two 15-round contests decided at the Cosmopolitan Club introduced Jen Hassan, of Bagdad, known as the Terrible Arab, who, it may be recalled, was brought to this country some time ago by Capt Victor McLaglen.

Hardinge on Footer.

"Football requires more strenuous training than cricket," says Hardinge, of the Arsenal and Kent. "Cricket keeps a man in good health, but in modern first-class football he has to run about so much that a stiff week or so of special physical preparation is necessary."

A foremost Club.

As holders of the Essex Senior Cup and champions of the South Essex League, Grays Athletic are entitled to rank as one of the foremost clubs in the country

Victory Girl.

Victory Girl, engaged in the Elvastor Nursery, ran previously as the Diana filly. Germinate is the newly-named Dorinda filly by Sunbright.

Picturesque Ground.

Possessed of one of the most picturesque grounds around London, Bromley should prove a decided acquisition to the Athenian League.

A St. Leger Trial.

We had a St. Leger trial at Derby and the Breeders' St. Leger may be said to have put Dominion out of the Doncaster classic. At any rate Lord Glanely's colt would require to show tremendous improvement to have any chance in next weeks' event.

Doncaster Preparations.

The Doncaster racecourse was on Thursday inspected by Lord Lonsdale, one of the Stewards for the St. Leger week. A tour of the course, stands, and offices was made, and his lordship expressed himself perfectly satisfied with the preparations made for this week's meeting.

OUR CRICKET CUP — THE WINNING TEAM — THE 17th LANCERS.

Readinff from left to right the placers are: Standing:— Lt. H.G. Dereham, Sgt. Payne, Sgt. Shenstone, Cpl. Whitfield, Pte. Clarke. Sitting:—SQMS Wyeth, Capt. R.T. Stanyforth, Major M.G. Micholls, Capt. R.St.L. Fowler, Capt. D.C. Boles, Lt. R.B.B. Cooke.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

A Fortunate Recovery.

A cavalry officer who was at Godesburg on Sunday was sitting on a seat near the river close to the landing stage and happened to place his gold cigarette case on the seat while he tied up his bootlace. Soon after he rose and walked right up to the castle at the rear of the Town. When there, feeling disposed to smoke, he felt for his case. Horrors! It was not in his pocket. So he retraced his steps to the riverside with little hope of ever again seeing his beloved gold case. What was his surprise, however, to see the seat occupied by a German man and woman and strangely enough the case was where he had left it, quite undisturbed. Quite forty minutes must have elapsed before he returned. He says he knows of many quarters of the globe where a valuable thing like that left lying on a public seat would have been snapped up within five minutes.

To Read at Home.

A gratifying feature about the return of so many troops to Blighty is the way in which numbers are arranging to have this paper posted home to them so that they may still keep in touch with their comrades remaining on the Rhine and may be able to see what is going on in the Army of Occupation they have left. It is a natural wish for those who have looked forward daily to reading the soldier's own newspaper to continue receiving it when back in the homeland, and we shall be glad to receive subscriptions to the "Post" at the rate of 12 marks a month, from soldiers of the Rhine Army going home. For this sum the paper will be sent to them daily by post and they will have it to read as regularly as when they were in Germany.

Corporal's Gallant Conduct.

Gallant conduct arising out of a fire at Pastorat Strasse, Hermulheim, has just come to light. It appears that Lance-Corporal S. Downs, 16th West Yorkskire Regiment, and Lance-Corporal J. J Roe, 9th Durham Light Infantry, behaved with great courage, and were the means of saving the adjoining houses by carrying buckets of water at great personal risk. They got on the roof and worked for forty-five minutes, getting the fire under control.

Embarrassing.

The other day, two young guards were proceeding on a course at the Divisional College. The heat was abnormal, and by the time they arrived at Ohligs with all their equipment and kit, they were decidedly hot and uncomfortable. On alighting from the train at Wald one of them told the other — in language more forcible than polite — his candid opinion of his having to carry all that weight on such a warm day. Seeing two ladies standing near by, the other one warned his comrade to be careful. "Oh, san fayry an!" said the other "they are only Fräuleins, and don't understand what I'm saying." His horror and embarrassment can be better imagined than described when one of the "Fräuleins" spoke to the other in perfect English. It then dawned on the embarrassed guard that the ladies were English teachers on duty at the College.

Blushing Honours.

A rather amusing incident ended the second act of "Helen with the High Hand" on Wednesday night. As the players were acknowledging the applause, an enormous bunch of flowers were handed over the footlights for Lieut. H. L. Harnell playing the part of "Emanual Proctor." "Emanuel" blushingly tried to hand his gift over to one of the ladies, but she smilingly refused them. The joke appealed to the House, but when "Emanual" tried to dump the garden of blooms on one of the fair sex it fairly "got" them. From the number of "resting" players watching this interesting scene in the front of the house and the way it tickled them I fancy the jape was pre-arranged, everybody being "wise" except Emanuel.

A Fiery Display.

While returning from Gemünd to Euskirchen on Sunday a scene of wonderful beauty might have been witnessed. Ahead of one, a hill covered with pines loomed up dark and solid in the twilight, and its top was fringed with orange flame, with a pall of smoke hanging over all. Unfortunately this was no firework display but a forest fire started that evening in all probability by some stray match or cigarette end.

Re-echoes.

On Sunday there were "Sommerfests" in several places round about Cologne and the German football season was opened by a number of matches.

There seemed to be more Rhineland femininity on Sunday adopting the sensible no-hat fashion. It was an ideal day for such a mode.

An exceptionally large number of troops have been demobilised in the last few days and there has been such a call on the Rhine route home that many have had to start for Blighty by rail.

The Military Club, which has been housed in the Royal Palace at Bruhl and was much appreciated by all who visited the historic demesne, has just ceased to function.

The 53rd Manchesters had a splendid river trip from Bonn to Coblenz recently. The only regret expressed was that there was not time to land at Coblenz.

On units leaving the Rhine Army, the N.A.C.B. will take over stocks at N.A.C.B. prices, less 5%, provided they are in good condition.

Apropos the interest taken in the college cap of an English boy on a visit to Cologne, a male correspondent thinks that this Teuton interest is not confined to the schoolboy. Every English lady comes in for careful and often rude scrutiny. Perhaps this is one objection to the brassard.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give two prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's winners are Pte. S. Darling, B Siege Park Workshogs, Rhine Army and Pte. G. Y. Farquhar, B Coy., 18th K.R.R.C., Rhine Army.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

The Price of Tea.—Both tea and coffee are going up in price.

Smithfield.—Meat supplies at Smithfield were exceptionally heavy this week-end.

What the Ex-Kaiser Had.—The ex-Kaiser in his flight had with him 650,000 marks.

Chasing Crooks.—French gendarmerie are to have motor-cars to get on the track of criminals.

In the River.—Four German guns presented to Farnham were pitched into the river.

Devonshire House Sold.—The Duke of Devonshire has sold Devonshire House and grounds, his Piccadilly residence.

Guides for the Prince.—Two Red Indian guides accompany the Prince of Wales on his North Ontario fishing expedition.

Newsboy—Clerc.—The Rev. H. Armstrong, the minister of Wesley's Chapel, City-road, once sold newspapers.

Still Dearer Suits.—"Prices of men's suits are going up by leaps and bounds," says a leading West End tailor.

No Tramway Strike.—The threatened general strike of tramway workers has been averted.

Motor-car Prices. — Eight Rolls-Royce cars realised £20,775 at Olympia, lowest price paid being £2,100.

Hidden Gold Owner Dies. — Charles Linton, the Ramsgate recluse who hoarded nearly £200 in gold, has died in hospital.

Learning from Us.—A record number of foreign students will be in residence at Oxford next term.

London-Hamburg.—Arrangements are afoot for re-opening the shipping service between Liverpool and Hamburg.

By Air.—A special Berlin-Friedrichshafen line has been established for German aerial traffic.

Shoe Leather.—Thieves stole 400 pairs of boots from a boot factory at East Shilton.

Flights to Belgium.—Flights to Belgium are permissible provided that no goods are carried.

Black Boudoirs no More.—The craze for black boudoirs and bedrooms has died out.

London for Clothes.—It is surprising the number of French women who are in Eng and to buy their clothes.

Fewer Brigadiers.—This week's Gazettes bring down the establishment of Brigadiers with a run.

Medals for Specials.—"Specials" are to have a medal. The King has sanctioned a decoration be awarded for faithful service.

The King.—The King was present at the annual gathering of the Braemar Highland Society, which was revived after a lapse of six years.

Housing.—Local authorities are having their attention called to the duties Parliament has cast upon them in regard to housing.

Milk Queue. — Southport residents brought toilet jugs and other utensils in which to take away the allowance which the authorities distribute.

Crossing Sweepers Back.—Crossing sweepers are resuming their "pitches" in the West End; many of them are ex-soldiers.

VANITY FAIR.

A feature for the British Woman in Rhineland.

Perhaps!

The best women in society have set their faces rigidly against wicked waste, and—perhaps—that is why all the fashionable evening cloaks are made reversible. In West End shops are new models or evening wraps. One is a Titian chiffon velvet and mole, reversible shape, and fox collar dyed squirrel. A second is Magyar cut, with a wide square collar. The colours are saxe blue and beige. The prices are 16 guineas and 12 guineas respectively. A gorgeous orange brocade cloak is entirely made of a figured design, in which fruit, flowers, branches are delicately entwined on a mole background. Twenty-nine guineas is the price of this wonderful creation, straight from Paris.

Rue de la Paix.

The Rue de la Paix is becoming itself again after five years of rather halting existence. The striped sun-blinds which already characterized it in 1830 are coming out again in all the splendour of awnings renewed at fabulous expense. Window-boxes filled with the gayest possible flowers again do their best to mitigate the ugliness of panels and placards on which appear the banal letters that spell names whose syllabies will cause a hush in boudoirs 12,000 miles away.

A Temple of Fashion.

The Rue de la Paix was not designed as the temple of fashion, and indeed began life as a rather dull thoroughfare opened up by Napoleon in order that the Colonne Vendôme might be easily seen from the boulevards of Louis XIV. It had passed its majority, however, before it fell invevitably into commerce; but commerce of the most luxurious nature. Situated between the Tuileries and the Faubourg St. Honoré, and forming a short cut from them to the boulevards, it was natural that along its pavements should be spread out those wares most suitable to the brilliant and glittering creatures of the Second Empire.

Lingerie of the Moment.

I have never swerved from the conviction that lingerie ought to be washable, and not of the description so often seen in the most expensive shops that requires cleaning to preserve the colour or some fantastic trimming. The best shops have apparently decided that fine washing lawns and muslins are the correct thing, though silken varieties are still very popular. One really lovely set for a trousseau is in the finest white material, with a simple leaf design in blue, and of the same texture, cunningly inserted.

Lace Revival.

"Lace is to be used to a hitherto unprecedented extent for trimmings of every kind," says a well-known lace specialist "Gowns, lingerie, hats, cloaks, blouses, and, in fact, almost every garment will be plentifully adorned with lace of some kind." There has consequently been a great revival in the trade, and the making of hand-made lace promises to be a popular pastime among women.

Bracelets and Bare Arms.

This is going to be a bracelet winter. The ultra-short sleeve gave an excellent excuse for setting aside gloves. Long gloves, even in cotton or silk, were exorbitant in price; many girls objected to the quaint appearance of short gloves with short sleeves. What were they to do? Adopt bare brown arms. And surely these have been adopted with fervour. Now that summer is packing her dainty trunk and making ready to welcome poetic autumn, bare brown arms are beginning to feel a trifle uneasy. What is to be the next move? Sleeves are still short; long gloves are more expensive than ever. Bracelets! Happy idea. Bracelets and a great many of them. This coming winter we shall find bracelets worn in amazing numbers; not ordinary circles of gold but fancy things of uncommon design and colour.

Tucks And Tunics.

These conspire to introduce becomingly the breadth at the hip, which is the outstanding feature of the new silhouette, and the woman who does not wish to follow the "extreme" fashion will find that tier upon tier of deep tucks or a skirt with several tunics narrowing towards the hem, is an excellent way of expressing the mode. Collarless capes are being made by many of the leading dressmakers. With them women can wear different carves and collars of rich fur. Rumour has it that evening cloaks of satin and brocade are to be lined throughout with soft fur.

The Englishwoman's Feet.

Why do English girls manage their feet so badly? It is a fact, if you take the trouble to notice, that they more often than not tuck them away under their chairs in a drawing-room, as though they are something to be as amed of. The result is an ugly attitude which has a paralysing effect on the whole bearing. The failing isn't confined to overgrown girls—it seems to be an ineradicable disease with some of us. *AGNES*

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MASONIC LODGES

A.Y.Z. Meeting Wednesday Sept. 10, 6 p.m. Committee 5.15 p.m.

LOST.

WHITE FOX FUR, wrapped in white paper, probably jolted from back of motor ambulance somewhere between Schmidt, Dry Cleaners, Obenmarspforten, Cologne and Sedburg on Sept. 5th, about 3.15. Reward. Lieut. Whatmore, Lowland Div., M.T Coy., Bedburg.

MISSING.

Thurling, Pte. A.F. No 81696, 1 Platoon, A Coy. 1/5 D.L.I. went to France 1/4/19 with W. Yorks, and was transferred to Durhams 31/8 and reported missing 12/4/18. Same particulars apply to Pte. W. Tilt No. 81697. Any information from comrades ernestly desired by parents at 192, Milton St., Walsall.

THE OLD MEMBERS OF THE 49th (W.R.) DIVISION

A Dinner will be held at the 6th Corps Officers' Club, Cologne on Wednesday the 10th September at 7.45 p.m. Apply to Lieut. C. Rowbotham A 245 R.F.A. Light Division, Solingen, for Tickets, 150 Mks.

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ECONOMY WAITS ON POLICY.

PROBLEMS OF GREAT REDUCTIONS IN NATIONAL EXPENDITURE.

HOLLAND AND BELGIUM AGREE.

CUTTING DOWN.

ECONOMY MUST TAKE ITS TURN.

Definite suggestions for economy have been made by the Treasury in a letter despatched to the Prime Minister. The letter follows a consultation with the four great war Departments—the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Munitions.

The civil departments have been able to prepare statements already. They know what can be done in the matter of staff reduction. But the greater spending departments cannot make definite proposals for economy until they know the Government policy—the strength, for example, of the peace Navy, Army, and Air Force. Upon that will depend the amount which the Ministry of Munitions in its new guise as the Ministry of Supply must spend.

"The big four" are now looking forward to the return of the Prime Minister and the holding of Cabinet meetings which will decide the policy and enable them to present revised estimates for the end of 1919-20, and new estimates for 1920-21. A special finance meeting of the Cabinet was held yesterday.

Retrenchment, it is argued, is a matter of policy. Administration is to be cut do n to the minimum, and affairs, as far as officials are concerned, are to return to a pre-war basis.

The one respect in which Departments, even with a pre-war staff, cannot get back to a pre-war expenditure is that of salaries and running costs. Salaries have risen from 40 to 60 per cent., and, with the addition of new Departments, such as Pensions, and the expansion of the Labour Ministry and the new Health Ministry developments, have increased cost of civil administration to double the pre-war figure. Taking the latter at £40,000,000 a year, one must give the new cost as at least £80,000,000.

On the top of this greatly increased staff or administration cost, is piled the cost of policy. In this must be included the actual pensions paid to disabled and dependents, the actual cost of doles—bread, coal, unemployment, railways, coastwise shipping—the money which will be spent by the Ministry of Health on housing, and the cost of policing the world—in Russia, Mesopotamia, Egypt, and elsewhere.

The next parliamentary session must concern itself largely with questions of finance. There are rumours of a new Budget, and even new taxation, to meet the cost of public services, which is actually much higher than that anticipated by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in April.

In Treasury circles it is agreed that what will practically amount to a new Budget statement may be expected, but it is thought that fresh taxation may at least be postponed until the estimates for 1920-21 are produced.

HOLLAND AND BELGIUM.

AGREEMENT SATISFACTORY TO BOTH COUNTRIES.

The Hague correspondent of the "Libre Belgique" says that the Dutch Government seems to have been informed of certain "common formulae" which will be the subject of discussion at the first meeting of the Plenary Commission of fourteen.

"It is more than probable," adds the correspondent, "that an agreement will be reached before the end of the following week. It is understood that Belgium will scrupulously respect the decision of the Council of Five on June 4, contenting herself with certain economic concessions and that there will be no transfer of territory nor any encroachment on Dutch sovereign rights."

EX-KAISER'S SIGNATURE.

The purchase by the ex-Kaiser of Baroness van Heemstra's estate Huize Doorn has now been completed. When the bill of emption was presented to the ex-Emperor he would only sign "Wilhelm," as in his former days of pomp and circumstance, but the notary did not agree, and suggested that the ex-Kaiser should sign as "Wilhelm von Hohenzollern." The ex-Kaiser refused, but finally he proposed the signature "Wilhelm aus dem Hause Hohenzollern." This signature was accepted by the notary.

ROYAL SHEEP FOR FRANCE.

The Marne farmers, whose live stock has been considerably diminished during the war, have received a welcome gift from King George in the shape of five valuable Southdown ewes, which will be used for breeding purposes. Sheep will also be sent by the committee for the aid of farmers in the devastated regions of France and Belgium.

NORTH RUSSIA.

PREPARATIONS FOR EVACUATION NEARLY COMPLETE.

It is stated that preparations at Archangel for the evacuation of our troops are proceeding very swiftly. Tanks have arrived, and if there is trouble, malcontents will get more than they bargained for. The naval guns of the harbour are sufficient to knock Archangel sideways, and the monitor Erebus has 15in. guns on board.

A high official at the War Office has repeated the assurance that there is not the slightest intention of deviating from the settled policy of evacuation of North Russia.—

A newspaper statement that "Murmansk is not to be evacuated" is untrue. It will be found, when the ice closes the ports, that the British troops will have left.

CARES OF EMPIRE.

TAKING OVER IN GERMAN EAST AFRICA.

Sir Horace Byatt, Administrator of ex-German East Africa, is leaving England in a few days for Dar-es-Salaam, which will be the new headquarters of the Government under the mandate of the League of Nations.

Meanwhile all is going on smoothly. The old German native army has melted away and the Askaries have returned to their villages, while the country is now garrisoned by three battalions of the King's African Rifles from the neighbouring colonies. The only Germans left are a few of the original settlers, the majority having been repatriated.

The excellent railways, which were very considerably damaged by the Germans, have been repaired and are in working order right up to Lake Tanganyika. The most urgent need is the resumption of shipping, coastwise and with Europe.

EX-KAISER'S TRIAL.

AMERICAN VIEWS ON THE LEGAL ASPECT.

Mr. Lansing, U.S., Secretary of State, who at the Peace Conference presided over the Commission on Responsibilities, explained before the Convention of the American Bar Association at Boston the proceedings relating to the proposed trial of the former German Emperor. He also emphasised the objections of the American delegates to the decision reached by the Council of Four, which took form in Article 227—230 of the Treaty of Peace.

"Manifestly, the tribunal thus created is not a court of legal justice," Mr. Lansing said, "but rather an instrument of political power, which is to consider the case from the viewpoint of high policy, and to fix the penalty accordingly.

"One of the reasons that our country entered the war was to bring lawlessness to an end. We believed that an undeviating respect for law is essential to the prosperity and happiness of society, and that the rigid maintenance of law, however distasteful it may be, is an imperative duty."

IRISH HUMOUR.

ELECTING A RATE COLLECTOR.

An extraordinary scene occurred at the meeting of the Limerick County Council. About three hundred labourers attended with a band and banners in the interest of a candidate for rate collectorship, Mr. John O'Grady, champion weight thrower, and when they found the voting going against their favourite they broke into the council chamber, smashing the chairs, tables and furniture, and wrecking the entire place. The council members had to fly for safety. The damage is estimated at over £1,000.

RESCUERS DROWNED.

Three young Jews who went to the rescue of some rowing boats caught in a squall off Portobello have been drowned.

The three lads, named Berger, Clar and Itcovitzh, all aged nineteen, and belonging to Edinburgh, were observed rowing to the help of the other craft, but they, too, were overcome by the storm. It was hoped that they had been picked up by a steamer, but Berger's body was found later floating six miles out.

HERTZOG SNUBBED.

Gen. Hertzog, the South African leader, who had just returned from the Peace Conference, has had to leave Pietermaritzburg owing to public feeling against him. The public meeting was abandoned.

SHELL EXPLOSION.

THREE KILLED ON BANK OF THE RHINE.

People walking on the left bank of the Rhine shortly before five o'clock on Monday afternoon were surprised to hear a loud detonation on the other side of the river. A column of dust rose from the shore below what is known as the White City, by the 1st Signal Squadron R. E. Stables, screams were heard and people were seen running. When the dust cleared bodies were visible, lying on the river bank.

It appears that just before the explosion two men attached to the Remount Department were seen by the R. E. stable guard playing with an object which proves to have been a shell taken from the river. These two men, Pte. J. J. Farrell, R.A.S.C. (Remounts) and Pte. W. Derrick, R.A.S.C. (Remounts) were killed on the spot, Derrick's body being terribly mutilated. A German girl, aged 11, was also killed, and three other girls were wounded. Two horses were killed outright, two were so injured that they had to be destroyed and four were seriously wounded. Some Royal Engineers who were near the horses that were killed had very narrow escapes. The Red Cross and the Fire Brigade were called by telephone, and took the wounded children away in their ambulances.

It is said that during the Revolution last November a good deal of ammunition was thrown into the Rhine. The river is very low at present, and it is probable that the shell was found on the shore and imprudently handled with fatal results.

FOURFOLD CRIME.

TRAGEDIES DIRECTLY RESULTING FROM THE WAR.

Cases of suicide as direct or indirect results of the war are said to be multiplyng in Berlin and suicide lists have become a regular feature of the daily newspapers. One of the latest tragedies involves an engineer's wife and her three boys, aged thirteen, ten, and nine, who were found dead from gas poisoning. The throats of two boys, who apparently had offered resistance, had been cut with a razor. The bodies, which had been lying for six days, were as black as coal. The parents' bedstead, in the adjoining room, was covered with roses, and a letter addressed to the husband, who worked at some distance from Berlin, explained the whole tragedy:—

"I don't want to stand in your way. My fortune, which has been diminished during your war service, is now gone.

"You will find in a parcel a full statement of accounts and two pictures of the children and myself. The children's portrait is splendid, but mine is a bad one because I am sick at heart. I wish you all happiness with the other woman."

The husband, who rushed to Berlin on receipt of the letter, denies any other love affair.

The scarcity of apartments in Berlin is best illustrated by the fact that within six hours after the discovery of the tragedy dozens of people were inquiring about renting the apartments.

CONSTABLES STABBED BY SINN FEINERS.

Two men, named O'Reilly and Clavin, were charged at Mullingar with unlawful assembly at Kilbeggan on August 10.

Mrs. Sheehy Skeffington was addressing a proclaimed Sinn Fein meeting in Kilbeggan-square when the district inspector informed her that she could not do so. She said that she would take no orders but from James McGuinness, the Volunteer commandant.

Stones were thrown, and the inspector was struck in the face and back, and the platform was upset. Two constables who went to arrest McGuinness were stabbed in the back and had to release him.

The defendants were charged with being prominent in the disturbance. Both men were bound over to keep the peace, but O'Reilly, an old man of 70 years, refused to give bail, and was sentenced to a month's imprisonment.

TRADE RECOVERING.

Board of Trade returns for August, the last month during which the import restrictions were in operation, show that British trade is moving steadily upwards.

The figures for August (imports £148,832,393, exports £74,773,278) show an increase over the same month last year as follows: Imports £38,652,892, exports £31,251,041. Exports are thus up to 70 per cent.

The great proportion of the increase in exports fell in the section devoted to articles wholly or mainly manufactured.

Our import trade for the past eight months reached a total of £1,018,334,779, compared with £871,360,874 in the corresponding period of 1918.

£2,000 JEWEL THEFT.

At Dublin John Ryan was remanded on the charge of having stolen from the Gresham Hotel, during horse-show week, jewellery of the value of about £2,000, the property of Mrs. Crawshay, wife of Captain Crawshay. Bernard Caroll, a workman employed by a city jeweller, was charged with having received the property and remanded.

The police stated that practically all the jewellery had been recovered, and that Ryan, some time after his arrest, admitted the theft.

DASH FOR FREEDOM.

FAMOUS GERMAN FLYER'S ESCAPE.

A German flying officer, Lieutenant Paul Menkhoff, of the prison camp at Chateau Thierry, has just escaped into Switzerland in a dramatic manner.

A party of French soldiers, who were pursuing some escaped Germans, left a motor-car unprotected near the Edge Forest.

Menkhoff found the motor-car unattended, and jumping in drove a distance of about eight miles to another forest where he hid the car. He made the rest of the way on foot, and after enduring many hardships, arrived safely in Geneva.

Menkhoff is a famous German war airman, and was credited with bringing down fifty Allied airmen. He was brought down himself by an American airman, Lieutenant Walker Avery, during the latter's first war flight.

ALLENBY HOME.

HOW TO GREET THE LIBERATOR OF THE HOLY LAND.

Field-Marshal Lord Allenby reaches home to-day.

Meanwhile the Rev. A. Lombardini, who, in preaching at St. Botolph's (Bishopsgate) mid-day Wednesday services, has been speaking on "Our Victory in the East," urges that he should have a special religious welcome.

"Let all the dignitaries of the National Church, together with the leaders of the Free Churches, organise a great welcome for him," he says. "Let them await his arrival at the station, and, led by a Cross, go in procession to some sacred place and there join in a solemn service of thanksgiving for the freeing of the holy places.

"It is an opportunity that will never occur again. Will the Christian Church seize it or miss it?"

"RUN IN" BY A WOMAN.

HOW A "NAUGHTY BOY" WAS DEALT WITH.

Returning late at night from a party, Mrs. Rhodes, manageress of the Aldershot Church of England Soldiers' Institute, found a man, minus boots and socks, in the kitchen. "Have you any firearms?" she demanded. The man replying "No," she grasped him firmly by the collar and hauled him up the street, en route for the police station. On the way, however, she met a constable, to whom she handed her capture. "I told him he was a very naughty boy," said Mrs. Rhodes to a Press representative afterwards. "I was a bit afraid," she confessed," but I am more timid at having to appear at the police-court; I don't like police-courts." Mrs. Rhodes is the mother of 12 children, and her husband has been a pensioned warrant-officer from the 2nd Batt. Royal West Kent Regt. for 37 years.

TORTURE HOUSE.

HOW THE BOLSHEVISTS TREAT THEIR VICTIMS.

Terrible stories are being told of the atrocities committed by the Bolshevists during their occupation of Kharkoff. During the past month over 300 men and women have been brutally murdered, mutilated, and thrown into shallow trenches there.

General Denikin has had the bodies exhumed and laid in rows along the streets, in order that the men of his army may see the deeds of which their would-be rulers are capable. Many of the corpses have had arms and legs chopped off, men's heads have been smashed in and the brains smeared over the naked bodies. Women have been stripped and disembowelled.

One big building in the city is known to the inhabitants as the "torture house." It was originally a big block of flats. Heartrending screams were to be heard issuing from it at all hours of the night and day.

PLEASURELESS PARIS.

A sudden strike last night at two of the minor Paris music-halls has decided the managers to proclaim a lock-out. All music-halls, cinemas, circuses, and dancing establishments are closed. For the moment theatres are not affected, but there is every reason to believe that they will also close. The trouble, as in New York, is the managers' refusal to recognise the theatre workers' union.

The New York actors strike has ended in the recognition of the Actors' Equity Association, which according to its president, has killed "managerial aristocracy."

VOTE WON BY A HEAD.

In deciding a case at the Nelson Revision Court, in which there had been some doubt whether the claimant resided in the Nelson or Clitheroe constituency. Mr. Baldwick, the registration officer, said that in the constituency in which the claimant previously resided the dividing line between the two constituencies ran exactly under his bed. The question was whether his head or feet should count for a vote, and the decision was in favour of his head.

WELSH COAL KING.

CONTROLS 5,000,000 TONS A YEAR.

In well-informed circles at Cardiff it is said that Mr. D. R. Llewellyn and his partners, who have recently carried out extensive colliery deals, are on the point of concluding the purchase of further important South Wales colliery properties at a price of about £5,000,000 sterling.

Mr. Llewellyn is a young business man from Aberdare, and though still in the thirties is making as big a name in the South Wales coalfields as did the late Lord Rhondda. Lord Bute sold his last interests in the Welsh coalfields to Mr. Llewellyn only two months ago.

The new "coal king" and his associates have now the control of considerably over 5,000,000 tons of coal a year.

TRAIN WRECK.

PASSENGERS ROASTED TO DEATH.

The collision between a Toulouse and a Bordeaux express near Toulouse is more serious than was at first supposed. There are more than twenty dead, and at least sixty seriously injured.

The disaster occurred when the Paris-Toulouse express was about twelve miles from Toulouse. It was at a standstill, and the driver had put detonators on the rails and taken other precautions. The Bordeaux express, however, came round a curve at a speed of forty miles an hour, and was unable to avoid a crash! Its engine jumped into the air, and fell on the already wrecked rear portion of the Toulouse express. This was a first class corridor car, and all the occupants were killed instantaneously.

Most of the victims were in the Toulouse train, those in the Bordeaux express suffering little for some unexplained reason. Rescue work did not begin until late, and for a long time men and women pinned down by wreckage screamed in their agony. The rescue parties arrived from Toulouse in motorcars, and worked throughout the night with the aid of flares.

So many bodies have been carbonised that it is believed the death-roll will be increased. A number of children are among the victims.

BOMBS SCATTERED ABOUT A SHIP.

At Liverpool a large number of seamen and firemen of the steamship Magpie were charged with breaking into the ship's stores and stealing spirits belonging to the Government and intended for troops in Russia.

Evidence was given that the ship, which also carried barrels of petrol, left Liverpool at the end of August, but owing to engine trouble had to put back. It was then found that one hold, entrance to which was near the men's quarters, had been broken into and 40 cases of spirits opened. Cases of bombs were also broken and the contents scattered about the vessel. If a lighted match had been dropped, there would have been a serious explosion which would have sent the vessel to the bottom. Many of the crew were drunk and incapable of work, while the officers dared not go into their quarters.

All pleaded "Not Guilty." One prisoner, who was regarded as the ringleader, was sent to prison for four months, and all the others (except one man discharged) for three months.

ANOTHER "FISHING" STORY.

A young wife who was among the applicants to the magistrates at Tottenham said that her husband persisted in staying out late at night, and when she asked him where he had been, he replied, "I have been fishing."

It was stated that the two had been separated by order of the Court, but had lived together again, and the wife said she was prepared to continue to live with him if he would come home earlier of an evening.

The Magistrate: But he says he goes fishing. That might be true.

The wife (smiling): I think I'll go fishing.

UNSAVOURY CARGO CAUSES STRIKE.

Labourers at Goole harbour on Saturday refused to handle quantities of horse flesh which arrived for shipment to Belgium, because of its smell and condition, and insisted on their refusal when a bonus of 5s. per man was offered.

In pre-war days old horses were shipped in thousands to Belgium for food purposes, and the traffic was frequently condemned chiefly on the ground of humanity.

Since the war ended and trade with Antwerp was resumed, there has been a big demand for horse flesh. The animals are now killed in England, quartered and frozen, before being exported to the Continent.

MACKENSEN'S RETURN.

During the next few days the last troops of Mackensen's Army Corps are expected home from Hungary. It is anticipated that Mackensen will himself return to Berlin, as he is pledged to leave Hungary immediately it is evacuated by German troops.

"BIG FIVE" TRIAL.

BULLY BEEF FIRMS INDICTED FOR PROFITEERING.

The trial of the "Big Five"—meaning the meat packers at Chicago—has been fixed to open on the 15th September. The companies concerned are those of Armour, Swift, Morris, Wilson and Cudahy. The charge is that the powers controlled by the organisation are being used to manipulate the livestock markets, restrict interstate and international supplies of food, control prices of dressed meats and others foods, defraud both producers and consumers of food, and crush effective competition.

The Food-controller announces that although there will be no surplus, there is no apprehension of serious lack of food during winter months.

"MATERNITY EPIDEMIC."

GUARDIANS' PREDICAMENT DUE TO HOUSE FAMINE.

At Nottingham, married wives of soldiers who are about to become mothers, as well as those of civilians, are compelled to go to the local workhouse owing to house famine. Accommodation at the City workhouse has proved insufficient for what ex-Mayor Ward describes as a "maternity epidemic," and additional infirmary wards have had to be set aside for expectant mothers.

"WAR WIDOW" AS A W.A.A.C.

Her husband being taken a prisoner by the Germans in 1914, Ellen McCarthy, of Bermondsey, became a W.A.A.C.

It is alleged that while employed as a cook at an officers' mess at Catterick she became acquainted with a soldier named Henry Benjamin Baker. Posing, it is said, as a war widow, she went through a form of marriage with him.

When charged with bigamy at Tower Bridge it was said that she was married when only 15½ years old to McCarthy, who was then a Northumberland miner. On August 9, 1914, he went to France, and did not return to this country until December 9 last.

He said he had not seen her from the time he left England until the moment he saw her in the police court. His two children had been staying at his mother-in-law's house.

Prisoner when arrested said she thought that McCarthy was dead.

She was remanded.

EX-SERVICE MEN'S TRAINING.

During the week ending Sept. 5 the Grants Committee of the Appointments Department of the Ministry of Labour has sanctioned the giving of 503 grants under the Government scheme for training ex-service men, either officers or other ranks of higher education, for civil careers. Considerable progress is now being made with the allocation of grants, and the total number now sanctioned is 4,319, of which 1,754 have been awarded to officers and 2,565 to other ranks.

SOUVENIR FOR PERSHING.

The French Government is said to be considering a suggestion that the special train which was used by General Pershing as his mobile headquarters shall be presented to the United States as a souvenir.

General Pershing arrived at New York yesterday. Elaborate preparations had been made to give him an enthusiastic reception.

QUICK JUSTICE.

When a woman was put in the dock at Thames Police-court the case was disposed of in the following laconic manner.

Constable: Quarrelling with a man, your Worship.

Clerk: First time, gaoler?

Gaoler: Yes.

Magistrate: Go away.

WILSON'S CONVERTS.

President Wilson, continuing his great tour of the United States, is reported to have so favourably impressed his audiences that even some of his opponents now consider it probable that his plea for ratification of the Peace Treaty will have the support of the majority of the people.

PRISON FOR ANGRY LIEUTENANT.

Because a chemist's assistant at Piccadilly refused to treat him for the bite of a cat, Lieut. Harold Edmund Rosborough, of the Royal Automobile Club, was alleged to have struck the assistant in the face.

Charged at Marlborough street, he was sentenced to a month in the second division. Notice of appeal was given.

GERMANS MADE "BRITISH."

Twenty-one Germans, 13 of whom are British-born widows, were, says "The London Gazette," naturalized during August. The eight men have served in the British forces. One of them is described as a manufacturer and one as a company secretary.

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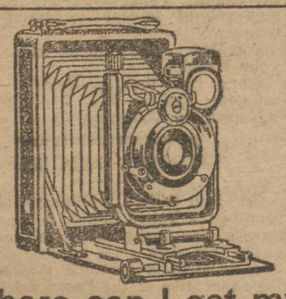

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EMPLOYING THE DISABLED.

The resettlement of disabled men from the Forces in the industrial life of the country is a threefold process. In the first place, there are a large number of skilled men, whose injuries were not of the gravest character, who were able to return to their pre-war occupations with little or no difficulty. These were not obliged to have recourse to the Employment Department of the Ministry of Labour, for the most part, a great proportion no doubt having had jobs kept open for them during the war.

Then there are those (partly skilled, partly unskilled) who had no definite jobs to return to and consequently went to the Employment Exchanges in search of work. Concerning these we have statistics extending from June 1918 to July 1919. During this period of 13 months the Exchanges succeeded in placing no less than 34,612 in first employment, and 2,280, who failed to keep their first jobs, in others. Over 6,200 of the first placings were in the industrial group known as "conveyance of men, goods and messages"; 6,000 in the engineering and ironfounding industry; nearly 4,900 in commercial pursuits and the food, drink and tobacco trades; 4,600 as general labourers, factory workers, etc; 2,700 in building and works of construction; 1,300 as workers in dress and 900 in the chemical and ammunition trades. Agricultural work absorbed comparatively few men; over the whole period — only 670 — but the proportion has been increasing, the last three months averaging over a 100.

These placings of disabled men have not been achieved without very strenuous work on the part of the special employment Exchanges dealing with men of this class and of the local Employment Committees. The canvassing of employers, in particular, has been vigorously kept up, and much progress has thereby been made in various neighbourhoods all over the Kingdom. Again, meetings of employers (and occasionally of workpeople also) have been called together, and the situation has been explained to them. Circular letters of appeal have been sent out to employers' associations. Lists of available men have been issued to firms or have been posted up in municipal buildings. In some places the picture theatres have been induced to throw an appeal on the screen.

Nevertheless, as the discharges from hospital continued and disabled men ceased to require constant medical care, the number of men coming to the Exchanges has grown beyond the power of the machinery to cope with, even when aided by such propaganda work as has just been mentioned, and there has been in the course of formation a residue of war sufferers for whom supplementary efforts are necessary.

These men are, to a great extent, unskilled men for whom no immediate jobs are open. A good proportion of them are men capable of acquiring skill, by training; and this brings us to the third part of the threefold process of resettlement.

In the spring of the present year the Ministry of Labour started to take over and reorganise the training facilities for disabled men, leaving to the Ministry of Pensions, which had hitherto had most of the work in hand, only the men still requiring medical attention. The result to the middle of August was that 10,725 men have received training, and 10,027 are still receiving it, in about 50 different trades or professions at various training centres, technical institutes, etc., under the Ministry of Labour scheme. This does not include men trained or in training at St. Dunstan's, at the Lord Roberts' Workshops, or under the Ministry of Munitions. The largest number of men under the scheme have received instruction in engineering, mechanical and electrical; in the boot and shoe trade; and in commercial pursuits — these occupations accounting for more than half of the 20,000 odd trained or now in training.

The great difficulty has been to provide the accommodation for the men requiring to be trained. It has been greatly increased lately, and new training-centres are being constantly opened all over the country. The cost is great; but that, of course, is not a prime consideration, in view of the necessity of the task. When new centres are acquired, they have still to be equipped, which takes from two to three months to do. In consequence, it is not possible yet to accommodate even the men anxious at the present moment for instruction.

The delay, however, has given time for the completion of negotiations with the representatives of the leading industries of the country, to ensure that there shall be no question of the disabled men being received into the trade for which they are trained. Also, it has enabled more generous financial arrangement to be made for those undergoing training, so that now, during training, they will get the full pension allowance given to an entirely disabled ex-service man, incapable of earning anything.

One more point remains. The ordinary work of the Exchanges and Employment Committees, in spite of persistent endeavours, has been unable, as has been said above, to cope fully with the stream of disabled men coming to them in search of employment. Some 40,000 men were on the "Live Register" of the Exchanges last month, in receipt of out-of-work donation; and this figure is bound to increase for some time to come, unless special steps, of a new character, are taken to reduce it. The Minister of Labour at Glasgow last week announced the coming of a new campaign, for the purpose of ensuring that employers throughout the country shall afford employment to a reasonable percentage of disabled men on their staffs. He said that, as a result of keeping in touch with large representations both of employers and of trade unions, an amount of agreement has been reached which gives the Government the greatest possible hope for the success of its scheme. It only now remains for the details of the scheme to be made public. Its object is that no disabled ex-service man who is capable of work of any kind shall be without it.

PROSPECTS OF THE MARK.

The financial Editor of "The Times" recently stated: Our attention has been drawn to an important factor, which, apparently, is not generally known, affecting the probable future course of German exchange. Private advices from Germany show that the German banks in the occupied territory are still subject to the devisen Ordnung, or control of exchange, which prohibits them from dealing in sterling or French francs. Consequently the banks have no holdings of sterling or French currency, and when the restriction is removed these banks, in order to finance the requirements of their customers, will be in the position of having to purchase sterling and other foreign currencies, in other words to sell marks. The resultant depreciation in the mark will be checked partly by the encouragement it will give to German export trade, but more particularly by the amount of credit Germany is able to obtain abroad. Foreign exchange experts are inclined to anticipate that the fall in the mark will be such that her export trade will be difficult to develop owing to the prohibitive cost of imports of raw materials with which to manufacture articles for export.

In the above extract from the "Times" the City Editor draws attention to one among the many influences which govern the external exchange value of the mark. The "deviser Ordnung" referred to was published in the Imperial German "Gesetzblatt" of 9th February, 1917 (since slightly amended) and, if we read it aright, the "Times" is not entirely correct in one particular. The order prohibits German banks from exporting—but not from all dealing in—negotiable instruments in Allied currency. As we all know they are now allowed to purchase such instruments, e.g., cheques, etc., as well as to deal in them in various other ways.

A-MAZE-MENT.

"Ever been lost, Ginger?"

This rather peculiar question caused four pairs of eyes to leave the magazines they had been drowsily surveying and regard the speaker with a careless inquisitiveness.

"Ever been lost? Eh," replied Ginger cautiously. "I suppose it's another catch-phrase of yours. Try somebody else for a change," and with these words his eyes once more fell to the book before him.

"Well," continued Nobby who by his enquiry had put reading temporarily out of the question, "Have you ever been in a Chinese puzzle, in plain language, a Maze?"

"Don't know," was the only response from the ultra-cautious Ginger. "And look here, it's nearly 'Lights Out,' and I want to finish this yarn. With chaps like you about, always interrupting, it makes a short story more like a serial, to be continued next week."

But Ginger's lack of interest was not shared by the others, who seemed to be rather glad than otherwise of an opportunity for conversation.

"I've been in a Maze," remarked one, evidently tired of reading. "It was at some sea-side pleasure town. That was a Maze if you like. A real Chinese puzzle. Harder to get out of than the Army, and just as much fun while you're in it."

"Yes, yes," interrupted Nobby, impatiently," but have you ever been in the Maze at Cologne?"

"Oh!" shouted Ginger, "Give him a drink and turn the lights out: he's going 'Stonewall Jackson,' Mazes! Chinese Puzzles!"

So saying, Ginger jumped out of bed and angrily switched off the lights.

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Three nights later, in the same room, Ginger and his chums lay quietly reading. Suddenly, the silence was broken by a long drawn-out sigh from Ginger's quarter.

"Tired?" queried Nobby, affectionately.

"Yes, I'm dead fagged after this afternoon's episode," replied Ginger, yawning again. "The O.C. gave me a note to deliver at G.H.Q. Excelsior Hotel, and it took me an hour and a half to find the right room."

"Aw-aha ha ha . . . . . ." Nobby broke into spasms of violent laughter, and rolled about his bed in mirth.

"What's the matter with the idiot now?" the exasperated Ginger growled, "always laughing at other people's misfortunes."

"Experience is generally dear" replied Nobby, his mirth in no way abated.

"What do you mean?" demanded Ginger, hotly.

"Why!" continued the jubilant Nobby. "I told you there was a maze in Cologne? Who's going 'Stonewall Jackson' now, eh? Lost yourself, did you? Take rations, I should, if I were you, next time you go."

Ginger's head very slowly disappeared under the blankets, and all that disturbed the ensuing silence was an occasional ill-muffled sniggle from the beds.

CICERONE.

A RHINELAND FARMER.

Never was there a more pleasing prospect, long stretches of undulating pasture and arable land and an extensive wood in the background.

The farmhouse itself was fronting the highway and served a double purpose, for it was also an inn.

In front of it was a row of trees, to the right a well stocked orchard and at the back the usual farm buildings.

There was no outward trace of wealth and the house was meagrely furnished. The bar-parlour was the best room and in it was a fine antique table, also an excellent piano.

I often wondered what was the biggest source of revenue, the farm or the inn, for the parlour and the tap-room were always crowded with men who paid high prices for so called Rhine wine, an extra mild beer, and a kind of coloured water, guaranteed not to kill, supposed to be non-intoxicating.

To my astonishment I found that the farmer owned the freehold, and that the acreage of field and wood was so large that in England he would have been known by the dignified title of the Squire.

He was a tall powerful man with iron grey hair and a sullen face. He had a family of sturdy sons and buxom daughters. His wife, who was of comfortable proportions, managed the inn and his daughters not only served the customers, but attracted them.

They were, however, safely married as several Tommies with fraternising tendencies found out, and their husbands formed part of the household.

Farmers have always stood forth as the very semblance and type of independence, sturdy toil, and useful labour for the community at large, and this Rhineland farmer was no exception to the rule. He was the very embodiment of those lines:

"I care for nobody, no, not I,
And nobody cares for me."

He was envied and left severely alone by the village community, but what mattered it, so long as his inn was crowded with Tommies, and his fat bundle of soiled mark-notes increased! He was not a happy man and I wondered why.

I could not help contrasting him with a typical Yorkshire farmer I knew. This farmer had a beaming face and he was always singing. He used to say:

"I went out at 5 o'clock this morning, and the birds were singing so sweetly, and yet not one of them knew where its breakfast was coming from. I should have felt very ungrateful indeed, if I had not praised my Creator, for I knew that mine was frizzling in the oven, and would be ready for me directly I got back."

Again as I gazed upon his well-ordered farm, fine cattle and smiling fields, I thought of the lot of the farmers in the devastated area of the Somme battlefield. I knew some of them; they were thrifty and industrious and made our men as comfortable as they could.

This sullen looking Rhineland farmer knew not the terrors that he had escaped.

What thoughts must have occupied his mind as he gazed upon the crowd of laughing good-natured Tommies near his door? I leave him standing there and pass on my way.

G. K.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

ADVERTISEMENTS MISSING.

Sir,—Personally I am in complete agreement with C.B.S. when he deplores the absence of advertisements in the Cologne trams.

To my mind they tend to remove the drabness of the interior of a tram in addition to giving the passenger something to think about instead of, as is frequently the case, leading him to quite unintentionally scrutinise his fellow passengers.

Imagine how dull the London Tube would be without the brightly coloured advertisements which adorn the cars.

LONDONER.

TAXI-FARES.

Sir,—I hope every effort will be made by Britishers to prevent German taxi-cab vampires from fleecing them and introducing into Cologne the abuse with which we were unfortunately only too familiar at French ports.

All that is required is a firm stand against any attempt to exact more than the legal fare. Once the German taxi-driver gets it into his head that he can impose upon the good nature of his English fare we shall see a repetition of the abuse which I have in mind.

Personal observation leads me to believe that we are spoiling the German in the matter of tips.

NIGHT HAWK.

THE MUZZLING OF DOGS.

Sir,—As a lover of dogs I am in accord with your correspondent who deplores the necessity for the muzzling of dogs.

From my own observation I am convinced that many animals are driven to the verge of madness by a muzzle. In the case of my own animal he paws at his muzzle, and when walking lowers his head as though he had some deep sense of shame.

This dog has never evinced the slightest degree of vice. Yet I suppose muzzling must continue.

A.A.

TEACHING THE TRUTH.

Sir,—The most important basis for the success of the League of Nations seems to me to have been forgotten.

The first article of the covenant of the League should have provided for the establishment of an international commission supervising the teaching of history in the schools.

Before the war history was taught in Germany with the one object of glorifying the Hohenzollern. Out of thirty young men who had been to a State school, only one knew that Bismarck had altered the Ems telegram which was the immediate pretext of the Franco-Prussian war.

Yesterday we read in the German papers that at Stettin school-boys went on strike because during the holidays, pictures of the Kaiser had been removed from the class rooms.

It is all right to send allied commissions supervising the disarmament of Germany, but what about commissions supervising the school-teaching? History is a science not an art; its object is truth and if the children are not taught the truth, Germany's young generation will have only one aim and that is: Revanche.

"Give me the youth and I will make peace" says a French writer somewhere. The Peace makers seem to have missed that point.

UN PARISIEN.

"VANITY FAIR."

Sir,—I quite realise that there are men with the sentiments of "Mere Man," but I hope the majority would be too chivalrous to declare them publicly.

Does "Mere Man" ever buy things at the canteens? Does he not think that the women who are doing auxiliary work of various kinds in occupied Germany, not to mention those who give their services gratuitously for his benefit, deserve this thoughtful concession?

The fact that he regards the other sex as negligible encourages the assumption that he has been hibernating for the past few years!

N.A.C.B. WORKER.

"THE OUTDOOR LIFE."

Sir,—I have read with great interest the scheme proposed by Brig.-Gen. Critchley, and would like to suggest that other ranks of the service with similar enthusiasm for a healthy, novel and sporting life might also have their chance. There are many of us, both demobilized and awaiting discharge who know that, after the excitement of four years of war, to settle down to the monotony of our pre-war existence will be practically impossible.

It is naturally not essential to have either the great Mexican pampas, the periodical interruption of brigands or rebels to arouse our enthusiasm, there are just as wonderful prospects in other parts of our own Empire which, under the hands of willing men, would prove both an ideal life to some of us and a beneficial one, too.

It would, perhaps, be interesting to know if other readers share my views on the matter. No doubt, as ordinary private and servicemen, the financial part of the scheme would be rather more complicated, and here, perhaps, the Government might take a hand in the matter to encourage these willing pioneers to make good, and also help the old country for which they have undergone such a lot.

P.H.

FACE THE SUN.

Don't hunt after trouble, but look for success;
You'll find what you look for, don't look in distress:
If you see but your shadow, remember, I pray,
That the sun is still shining, but you're in the way.

Don't grumble, don't bluster, don't dream and don't shirk,
Don't think of your troubles, but think of your work;
Your troubles will vanish, the work will be done;
No one sees the shadow who faces the sun.

A BATTERY CELEBRATION

"D" 168/Bde. R.F.A. Make Merry at Limperich.

SUCCESSFUL SPORTS SEASON.

On Friday evening the members of D/168 Bde. R.F.A. celebrated the close of a most successful season of sport by holding a dinner and concert in the hall of the Ratskeller, Limperich. The Commanding Officer, Major Williams, presided at the function.

Proceedings opened at 6.30. An excellent dinner had been arranged by Lieut. Rivett during which an orchestra from Bonn added to the enjoyment by a splendid selection of music. The dinner was followed by an impromptu concert. Major Williams in a few prefatory remarks, congratulated the Battery on its wonderful sporting record. The Battery had lost only one cricket match, he said; it had gained the lion's share of the prizes at the 168 Bde. R.F.A. Sports and maintained its high reputation by talking 2 firsts and 3 thirds at the Lancashire Divisional Gymkana.

Numerous volunteers contributed to the musical part of the programme, the officers being much in evidence. Those who especially distinguished themselves as mirth provokers were Major Williams, Capt. Howard, Lieut. Rivett, B.S.M King and Gnr. Morris. Dvr. Wilshire and Davis also sang well. The orchestra was very much appreciated and contributed greatly to the success of the concert by readily adapting itself to the accompaniment of English songs.

Before closing, Major Williams thanked all those who had worked for the success of the Battery at sport and also those who had been untiring in their efforts to make the evening such a success, Lieut. Tombs as Sports Officer and his able assistants B.S.M. King and Sgt. Derbyshire were heartily cheered. The Battery also showed its appreciation of Lieut. Rivett's work in making such splendid catering arrangements and in the tasteful decoration of the hall.

The singing of the National Anthem brought to a close an evening which will always be looked back upon with pleasure by all associated with D/168.

77 S. BTY.'S FAREWELL FUNCTION.

Dinner and Concert: Presentation to Capt. Harvey.

Prior to a number of the men of 77 Siege Battery being demobilized, a farewell dinner and concert was held on Friday evening. The room and tables were very tastefully decorated. Dinner was served at 7 p.m. The usual order of things was somewhat reversed, the men sitting down while the sergeants acted as waiters. A splendid dinner was served, after which the room was cleared and re-arranged for the concert. The O.C. of the Battery, Major Halifax M.C., took the chair, supported by Capt. Harvey and the officers of the Battery.

The toasts "The King" "The O.C." and "The Skipper" were given with musical honours. B.S.M. Craig, in a few well chosen words, presented Capt. Harvey on behalf of the N.C.O.'s and men of the Battery with a silver cup as a token of respect and appreciation of the good fellowship which had existed while he had been sports officer.

Lieut. Kay gave a fine exhibition of card manipulation and Bdr. Harling was quite a favourite as "Charlie Chaplin." Songs were given by Capt. Harvey, Sgt. Demmon, Bdrs. West and Harrison, Gunners Gunson, Anderson, Hirst, Mullock, Baxter and Eogleson, while recitals and monologues were rendered by Cpl. Funnell Bdr. Edwards and Sig. Ramsden. Gunners Gunson and Hirst were the accompanists. A most successful and pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem. Great credit is due to Bdr. Harrison for the able manner in which everything was carried out, he having had all the arrangements in hand.

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

Are there any pessimists now about the boom in football? Even in August, the holiday season, the crowds were well up to the average even at a "bob" a head.

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And the games were worth the "bob." The mighty fell and the weak were made strong with the stimulus of victory. One thing is pretty certain even at this early stage, and that is, the pace is going to be hot and the game very open. No team is going to have a cakewalk like Everton and Notts did last season.

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Aston Villa hope to have the services this winter of R.A. Sloley, the Cambridge University and Corinthian forward. Sloley played for Brentford during the war.

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Mention of Brentford recalls the fact that they made a profit of £1,962 in 1918—19. The amount of Entertainment Tax paid was £1,380.

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Lot Jones, the Welsh International and Manchester City inside-left, has been secured by Southend United, a Southern League club, while Tom Barber who scored the goal by which Aston Villa defeated Sunderland in the Cup Final some years ago, is this season to play for Stalybridge Celtic.

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Sheffield United possess one of the soundest teams from stem to stern in the whole country, and provided they reproduce the form shown in the opening game, ought to do well this season.

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Up at Highbury they are hopeful that the Arsenal will settle down into a really good side. The North-London team look a well balanced lot rather than a team of two or three bright blazing stars backed up by a collection of mediocrities.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, September 10th, 1919. Wind light and variable in direction. Misty morning, fair warm day. Visibility indifferent.

TO-DAY'S CLASSIC.

Buchan Likely To Start Hot St. Leger Favourite.

BAYUDA SCRATCHED.

The Doncaster St. Leger being run to-day has given rise to a succession of sensations. Late last week Sir Douglas and Tangiers, two much fancied horses, were scratched and this has now been followed by the withdrawal of Bayuda, a stable companion of Buchan and another foremost candidate. This is indeed a regrettable happening as it will rob the race of much of its attraction. The last classic is cutting up badly and it looks as if the field will be the smallest seen at Doncaster since Bayardo beat six opponents ten years ago.

The Manton trainer is certainly to be congratulated in announcing the filly's withdrawal with such promptitude. "Betting" on the St. Leger left a nasty taste when it was known that two of the horses quoted—Tangiers and Sir Douglas—had been withdrawn from the race.

With so many of Barling's horses coughing it would not be surprising to hear that Dominion had been scratched, and it looks as if Buchan will start one of the hottest Doncaster favourites we have had for many years. But, even in face of Buchan, there is a growing belief at Newmarket that Viceroy will make a big bid to win King George his first classic race.

Viceroy went extremely well when galloped with Jutland and Pesaro over the St. Leger distance on Saturday, and many of the Newmarket experts are forsaking Pomme de Terre and Keysoe for the King's colt. His form this season—two victories and a second—will certainly bear inspection, and in such a lean year anything can happen.

ENGLISH FOOTBALL.

Brief Comments on Saturday's League Games.

There were some strange reversals of form in Saturday's League football, but the outstanding fact was that the north-east coast clubs had another good day, Sunderland, Newcastle, and Middlesbrough repeating their victories over their victims of last week.

Sunderland's victory by three clear goals at Aston was a bombshell for the Villa.

Oldham Athletic took revenge from West Bromwich Albion, and Derby County, after drawing at home with Manchester United, went to Old Trafford and won by 2—0.

Tottenham Hotspur go on their way rejoicing, and the best that can be said of Coventry is that they put up a game fight against odds, and succeeded in spoiling.

In a drawn game at New Cross, each side scoring once, Milwall had the greater share of the play, and were unlucky not to win. During the first half-hour some fine combination was shown, but afterwards play suggested the old Cup-tie days.

The better balanced team, Watford on their own ground, completely outplayed Crystal Palace and won by the decisive margin of four goals to one.

At Homerton, before 12,000 spectators, Clapton Orient were again defeated by the narrow margin of a goal.

Showing fine form at Fratton Park, the Portsmouth team gained a decisive victory over Norwich City by three goals to nil.

In sunny, but windy weather, Cardiff City met Southampton in the first Southern League match at Cardiff, when the game resulted in a win for the City by three goals to nil.

Lincoln City and West Ham drew in London last week, and for the return game West Ham had many changes.

There were not many thrills in the early part of the game at St James's Park, Newcastle, where 45,000 spectators saw the Arsenal beaten by three goals to one.

In glorious weather at Newport, before 7,000 spectators, Newport County met Brentford in a Southern League match, the result being a victory for Brentford by four goals to two.

Playing at home before 5,000 people, Exeter City gained a hard-earned victory over Luton Town by three goals to two. The conditions favoured good football, and play throughout was interesting.

Queen's Park Rangers, who had won and drawn away, opened their season at home, when they drew Reading on the Loftus-road ground at Shepherd's Bush.

On the County ground at Northampton the home side met Southend United before a good crowd. The result was in favour of Northampton, who won by two goals to one.

Chelsea quite failed to live up to the high standard of their opening game at Stamford Bridge, when they were fairly and squarely beaten by Everton before a disappointed crowd of 60,000 spectators.

ROSS AND LEDOUX.

Walter Ross, our bantam champion, is to realise the ambition of his life by engaging in battle with Charles Ledoux. To get this match for Ross, Mr. Thomas Queen was prepared to wager £1,000 to £800 on our champion's chance of victory.

Ledoux and Ross are to meet at the Nouveau Cirque, Paris, on Wednesday, October 1.

OUR CRICKET CUP—THE RUNNERS-UP—93rd BDE.R.G.A.

From left to right the players are: Standing:—Bdr. Bloomfield, Cpl. Heuchan, Sgt. Barker, Gnr. Palliser. Sitting:—Bdr. Ellis, Bdr. Rushton, Maj. MacLeod, Gnr. Weight, Sig. Smythe. Front:—Cpl. Bowden, Gnr. Norton.

"R" BAT'Y., A.A., C.P.C. RECORD.

Only Team To Defeat The Cup Winners.

We publish below the batting and bowling averages of the "R" Battery, A.A. cricket team in the "Cologne Post" Cup Competition. "R" Battery were the runners-up in the Cologne Town League and are the only team boasting the distinction of having defeated the 17th Lancers, the winners of the cup.

The analyses are appended:—

Batting.

	No. of Inns.	Not out	Hgst. Score	No. of runs	Average
Bdr. Whitehouse	19	2	57	458	26.94
Bdr. Dewey	16	3	58+	263	20.23
Cpl Slape	14	1	69+	196	15.08
Gnr. Corbyn	17	2	46+	192	13.71
Cpl. Jones	17	3	66	171	13.15

Bowling.

	O.	M.	W.	R.	Average
Bdr. Whitehouse	165	37	82	361	4.40
Cpl. Slape	119	27	47	324	6.89

It will be seen that Bdr. Whitehouse has almost as good a record as any player in the "Cologne Post" Cup Competition. He has been the mainstay of the side.

Their victory against the 17th Lancers was almost entirely due to him, for he made 53 runs out of a total of 126 and took 8 wickets for 39 runs, a very fine performance against such a redoubtable side. On five occasions he scored over 50 runs; his best bowling performance was against the Cavalry Div. H.Q. who finished very near the top of the League. In that match he took 9 wickets for 18 runs. Other notable performers were Cpl. Slape, both in batting and bowling, Bdr. Dewey, Gnr. Corbyn and Cpl. Jones, in batting.

Bdr. Dewey kept wicket throughout season and averaged only 4 extras per match.

OUR CRICKET COMPETITION.

29th M.G.C. and "R" Battery A.A. add their Meed of Thanks.

We publish two more appreciations of our Cricket Competition.

Major Harding of the 29th M.G.C. says:—

On behalf of the team of the 29th M.G.C. I should like to thank you for supplying the "Cologne Post" Cricket Competition. The Competition has undoubtedly been a great success throughout and has produced the very best kind of cricket.

The team join me in congratulating you on the success of your tournament.

"R" A.A. Battery's Tribute.

The sports officer of "R" Battery A.A. says:—

I would like to say how much we have appreciated and are grateful to you for your Competition. Speaking for all the players I can assure you that the hours we have spent playing in your competition will rank amongst the best times spent in Cologne.

I wish to convey to you the very heartiest thanks of the Battery. Speaking personally I feel very proud of the team, for to finish second to a side like the 17th Lancers, is, I think, a real good performance for a fairly small unit.

NATIONAL CYCLING CHAMPION.

In the one mile national cycling championship race at Herne Hill, W. A. Ormston (holder) lost his title to H. E. Ryan. These two Polytechnicians finished a length apart, in 2m. 46 4-5s. W. G. Stewart, of the Kentish Wheelers, was third.

FOOTBALL SHIELD.

Entries for Kalk Y.M.C.A. Competition Close To-morrow.

To-morrow is the last day for the receipt of entries for the football shield competition being organized by Lieut. J. Woods under the auspices of the Kalk branch of the Y.M.C.A. A good number of entries have already been received, but there is still room for more. This competition, which will only last three weeks, is likely to be very successful and what is more will probably be the only one of its kind in Rhineland before Christmas. Don't miss it! The competition is open to any unit within ten miles of Kalk. All infantry battalions, brigades of artillery, cavalry units, etc., are eligible. An entrance fee of 100 marks, to be remitted before draw takes place, i.e., Friday September 12th, at the Offices of the "Cologne Post," is required. The competition will be run on the knock-out principle and matches will be played on the ground of the first named team. Teams will arrange for neutral referees and will see that the results of games are forwarded to Lieut. Wood, 93 Bde R.C.A. Kalk.

SPORTING SOCCER.

A very enjoyable game was played at Ohligs on Sunday afternoon between the 51st Rifle Brigade and Light Divisional M.T. Coy. resulting in a a draw 1-1. The kick-off was taken at 14.30 hrs by Lieut. Golding (sports officer for the latter unit).

The R.B.'s. backs (Lt. J. Lamont and Pte Hardmann, also the centre half-back (Lieut. W.H. Taggart) are deserving of special mention for a sparkling display of football, whilst Pte Wright at centre-half, and Boyd, right-half, played splendidly for the M.T. Coy.

A very pleasing feature of the match was the sporting character displayed by both sides throughout a fast game; the exceptionally hot weather failed to ruffle the temper of a single player.

"BEASTLY PRIZE FIGHTS".

Free Church Council President on Boxing.

At the meeting of the National Free Church Council held at Northampton, Dr. A. T. Guttery, the president, uttered a general gird against sport and against boxing in particular, though he did not call it boxing, but "beastly prize fights" and "pugilism." He denied a statement that our national character owed much of its strength to pugilism—it was, he said a slander upon our race. One thing that seemed to hurt him greatly was the idea that boxers made greater incomes than Prime Ministers.

£590 GOLF TOURNEY.

Northern and Midland Qualifying Competitions.

Under the auspices of the Professional Golfers' Association, the Northern and Midland sections have held their qualifying competitions in order to ascertain the names of those who will take part in the match play stages of the £590 "News of the World" tournament at Walton Heath on September 29 and following days.

FOR BATTALION CUP.

Keen Struggle at 52nd Northumberlands' Sports.

C. COY.'S THREE POINTS WIN.

The 52nd Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers held a very successful sports meeting at the Poller Wiesen Grounds on Wednesday last. Glorious weather prevailed, and the keenly contested events maintained the interest of a large number of spectators. The Band of the Battalion played selections during the afternoon and evening.

Intense excitement was shown in the contest for the Battalion Cup, which was eventually won by "C" Coy with 28 points, "B" Coy running up to a close finish with 25 points.

The prize for the individual competition was claimed by Cpl. Armitage and Pte. Schofield, both of whom gained 9 points each. It was decided to award prizes to each of the winners.

The Prizes were presented by Mrs. Hartley, the wife of the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. J. C. Hartley, D.S.O.

The results were:—

Throwing the cricket ball:—1, R. S. M. Hester; 2, Pte. Mazza.

100 yards:—1, Cpl. Armitage; 2, Pte. Hudspeth; 3, Pte. Schofield.

1 mile (Open to Northern Division):—1, Pte. Bass 52nd N.F.; 2, C.Q.M.S. Breed 20th D.L.I.; 3, Pte. Beavis 52nd N.F.

Tug of war:—B Coy.

120 yards hurdles:—1, Cpl. Armitage; 2, Pte. Schofield; 3, Pte. Hudspeth.

Wheelbarrow race:—1, Ptes Smith and Allison; 2, Cpl. Clarkson and L/C Boudler.

220 yards (officers, open to Northern Division):—1, Lt. Airey 53rd N.F.; 2, 2/Lt. Bown 52nd D.L.I.

1 mile relay race:—C Coy.

440 yards:—1, Capt. Tittle; 2, Cpl. Armitage; 3, L/C Vout; 4, Pte. Richardson.

Long jump:—1, Sgt. Thompson; 2, Pte. Schofield; 3, Pte. Barker.

Half mile:—1, Lt. Harmer; 2, L/C West; 3, R. S. M. Hester; 4, Pte. Beavis.

One mile:—1, Lt. Harmer; 2, Pte. Boyd; 3, Pte. Kirtley; 4, Pte. Walker.

Band race (playing instruments):—1, Pte. Calow; 2, Pte. Smith; 3, Pte. Patheett.

220 yards:—1, Pte. Hudspeth; 2, Capt. Tittle; 3, Cpl. Todd; 4, Pte. Schofield.

440 yards (consolation race):—1, Pte. Goodwin; 2, Pte. Benson.

Mule race:—1, Cpl. Cawkwell; 2, Pte. Kennedy; 3, Pte. Jackson.

100 yards (officers handicap):—1, Major Palmer; 2, Lt.-Col. J. C. Hartley.

ARMY RIFLE MEETING.

Result of First Day's Shooting at Drove on Monday.

For the first day of the Army Rifle Meeting at Drove the weather was fine, the shooting of a high standard and the competition keen.

The competition continues each day this week and on Saturday the prizes will be distributed by the Commander-in-Chief.

The first day's results are as follows:—

Individual event No. 1, 200 yards slow:—1, Capt. King, M.G. Corps, 22; 2, 2 Lieut. Bissett, 5th R. Irish, 21; 3, L/Cpl. Muckle, 12th R. Irish Rifles, 21; 4, Pte. Knox, 51st H.L.I., 20.

Individual event No. 2, 200 yards rapid:—1, C.Q.M.S. Croucher, 19th Middlesex, 41; 2, R.S.M. Norris, 5th Hants, 37; 3, Lieut. Moyes, 53rd R. Warwicks, 37; 4, Cpl. Bolland, 53rd Rifle Bde., 36.

Individual event No. 3, 200 yards snapshooting:—1, Lieut. Felgate, 28rd Middlesex, 17; 2, Rfm. Gray, 6th London Regt., 16; 3, Sergt. Cromack, X. Corps Cyclists, 14; 4, R.S.M. Jagger, 20th K.R.R.C., 14.

Lewis Gun, traversing, 300 yards:—1, Pte. Wolley, 52nd Kings, 143; 2, Sergt. Smith, 13th K.R.R.C., 131; 3, Rfm. Martin, 13th K.R.R.C., 115; 4, L/Cpl. Stanley, 7th Middlesex, 113.

Lewis Gun, 4 gun knockout, 300 yards:—Finalists, 29th Durham L.I. v 10th Queens; 3, 52nd Kings; 4, 51st Kings.

Pool Shooting, Unlimited Entry, 200 yards rapid:—R.S.M. Jaggers, 2/Lieut. Bissett, Pte. Lynch, L/Cpl. Cooper, Pte. Lutteridge.

GOLF CHAMPION AT HOLLINWELL.

Harry Vardon (South Herts), the open champion, Abe Mitchell (Sonning), George Duncan (Hanger Hill), ex-French champion, and Tom Williamson (Notts), ex-Midland champion, competed on the Nottinghamshire Club's course at Hollinwell on Saturday. The four professionals engaged in a stroke competition in the forenoon, when Vardon was partnered by the local man and Duncan by Mitchell.

Williamson played steady, though not brilliant, golf, and won the stroke event with a score of 75. Duncan was second with 77, Vardon third with 79, and Mitchell took 80.

In the four ball match in the afternoon, Vardon and Williamson opposed Duncan and Mitchell. The latter couple played the better golf, and after standing three up at the turn they won handsomely by 5 up and 3 to play.

Married v. Single.

Another football match between the married and single R.A.M.C. 42 Stationary Hospital, was played on Sunday, and the married men were once again successful by 2 goals to one.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Wednesday	7	Mignon	Thomas
Thursday	7.30	Rigoletto	Verdi
Friday	7	Faust	Gounod
Saturday	6	Tristan and Isolde	Wagner
Sunday	7	Aida	Verdi
Monday	7	Carmen	Bizet
Tuesday	7	Tosca	Puccini

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

"The Jocks" in Cologne.

If you want to see something new in vaudeville go to the Palace Theatre and see "The Jocks" (Liverpool Scottish Concert Party) from Antwerp. I dropped in at the Herzogstrasse house last evening in a particularly critical turn of mind; but I found very little to criticise. The show was bright, well staged, musical and quite unlike anything I had previously seen. There was an atmosphere of originality that was very refreshing after the vague plagiarisms practised by some of the inferior parties floating around.

Real Comedians.

What struck me most was the wealth of comedy in the show; they have three comedians, Matchett, Collis and Rimmer, each a host in himself. The comedy duet of Matchett and Collis in the "Italiano" number was one of the funniest things I have seen, while the Spanish dancer burlesque by Billy Matchett positively brought down the house. Rimmer, a light comedian, sings songs of the "Gilbert the Filbert" order. The singing and dancing of E. Du Rocher is a feature of the performance. P. Casson, who has a pleasing voice, and A. McPhail Blair, a Scotch character delineator, complete the male caste.

The Perfect Girl.

Since the days of Berl Errol at Lille there have been but few perfect female impersonators. "The Jocks," however, have a girl (Peggy) C. Coonan, whose style, though hardly commedienne-ish, is faultless in mannerism. Coonan has a fine soprano voice and in the love scene from the "Chu Chin Chow" burlesque with Casson he uses it to great advantage. The party, by the way, have their own orchestra under the direction of W. Daniel. Candidly it is one of the brightest shows that has visited Cologne and it would pay you to book your seat well in advance.

The Quaint One.

G. Tollemache, "The Quaint One" of the "Crumps" (London Division Concert Party, who is depicted here, in answer to numerous enquiries, desires it to be known that he is not of French descent, as his name (George Tolle de Nache) on the programme seemingly implies. On the contrary he was born and bred in Leeds, and as near to George Formby, as anyone who has seen him would imagine. In the days when everything English is boomed, I can understand Tollemache wishing to make this point quite clear.

The Leading "Imp."

One of the most versatile entertainments in Rhineland amusements is that given by the "Imps," Light Divisional R. A. Party. This happy band of seven entertainers devote their attention both to the classical and comedy side of vaudeville. Their leader, Sgt. E. V. Ward, a tenor of exceptional ability, has had much experience, and his renderings from the platforms of Queen's Hall and Albert Hall, London, have been greatly appreciated in the days before war took him to the battlefields of France.

In few words.

Ernie Roberts, the comedian of the "Tabs," is leaving, I hear, on Wednesday for England, demobbed.

The Rhine Army Dramatic Company have had a very successful first night at Antwerp.

Collis, who incidently is not billed among the caste of "The Jocks," specially delayed his demob, to make the journey to Cologne.

What is Barker the violinist doing now? He is not figuring so prominently before the public as of yore.

JACQUES.

BECKETT AND CARPENTIER.

Deschamps denies Rumour that they will not Meet.

M. Descamps, Carpentier's manager, denies that Carpentier has given up his meeting with Beckett, and asserts that the match arranged for September 2 did not take place because of Carpentier's military duties.

"After November 10," added M. Descamps, "Carpentier will be ready to meet Beckett, and the earlier the date the better, as Mr. C. B. Cochran has promised a handsome purse for the match, and the victor will meet Dempsey for the world's championship."

BOXING AT ANTWERP.

At the emburkation camp, Antwerp, on Saturday before a huge crowd, Pte. Hughes, R.A.S.C., G.H.Q., Rhine Army, met the Belgian feather-weight in a six-round contest and beat him comfortably on points.

Pte. Parker, Liverpool Scottish, met the Belgian heavy-weight and just managed to win on points.

Major Delany, O.B.E., Superintendent of the P. and R. T., Rhine Army, was the referee.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Prophecy Dangerous.

Football form is in a tangle already, and the prophet's task is anything but an enviable one.

Amateur Opening.

Although the weather was a little too warm for football, the leading amateur clubs opened the season very successfuly on Saturday.

A Great Keeper.

Attack used to bring victory to Fulham usually. In the Clapham Orient match the side owed almost everything to Nixon, the goalkeeper, who, though finely covered by backs and halves, had a rare lot to do.

A Spoke in Millwall's Wheel.

Plymouth put a spoke into Millwall's wheel of progress at New Cross by sharing the points. It was a rather unexpected set-back to the home supporters, for they were on rather good terms with themselves after the three points gained away from home by their favourites.

Quoits Championship.

The 18yds championship of England final between H. Kirby (London) and James Hood (Liverpool) has been fixed to be played on the Custom House Club ground on Sept. 20, at 3.30. In addition to the championship the players are having a side stake of £25 each. On Monday, at 6 o'clock.

Unlucky Lady.

Mrs. Arthur James has not been a lucky lady in racing since she took over her late husband's horses.

Rabbit Coursing.

There was another big crowd at the Hussey Arms Grounds, Brownhills, when the concluding stages of Mr. E.G. Bray's £90 open sweepstakes, held under "Sporting Life" rules, were decided.

Boy McCormick for Australia.

The holder of the Lonsdale light heavyweight belt, Boy McCormick, left Euston on Thursday morning en route for Australia, under contract with the Stadium management at Sydney for five contests.

Jockey's Death.

We regret to learn of the death in Paris of the ex-steeplechase jockey, Claud Reeves, who rode with marked success in France from 1896 to 1900. Reeves rode Tancarville to victory for Count de la Bouteliere in the Grand Steeplechase of 1899.

Not Entertaining.

The 45,000 spectators who attended the Newcastle United—Arsenal match at Newcastle found little entertainment in the first half-hour's play. For the most part the home team were acting on the offensive, but their attack lacked finish and sting.

Steve Bloomer Again.

Steve Bloomer, the old Derby County and international forward, and for many seasons a terror to goalkeepers, turned out for the County reserves in a Midland League match against Ilkeston United.

A Cycling Revival.

The meeting of champions, organised by the National Cyclists Union, which, until the outbreak of war, was an annual gathering, was revived at Herne Hill, fully 5,000 persons being present.

Busy Beckett.

Joe Beckett apparently does not mean to let the grass grow under his feet. It is stated that he is willing to box Dick Smith a return match in between now and his bout with Carpentier.

Criqui' Money Posted.

"Sporting Life" have received a cheque for £300 on behalf of Eugene Criqui for his match at Holborn Stadium on Sept. 18 with Walter Ross for £200 a side. The other £100 is to go as weight forfeit, the match being made at 8st 6lb.

Forest's New Centre.

Notts Forest had a new centre forward in their League match with Rotherham County on Saturday at Nottingham. He is Harry Bedford, who created a favourable impression on his rare appearances in first-class football last season.

Encouraging.

The number of offers of prizes in connection with aeronautics that have been made since the cessation of hostilities is really encouraging.

Donoghue May Ride This Week.

Donoghue, who turned up at Derby last week, stated that his wrist is going on splendidly, and it is quite on the cards that he will resume riding again at Doncaster this week.

George Clark K.O.

In a twenty-rounds contest Fred Jones, of Rushden, beat George Clark, of Bermondsey, in the fifteenth round after a fine contest. Clark was leading on points when knocked out.

Leicester's New Goalkeeper.

Leicester City have secured the transfer of Aston Villa's reserve goalkeeper, B. Anstey, who some seasons ago was in the Villa's first team, but who has since then been kept rather in the background by the brilliance of Hardy.

Prince Albert And Athletics.

Prince Albert, in a letter expressing his regret at not being able to be present at the Demobilised Sailors' and Soldiers' Sports Festival at Stamford Bridge on September 17 and 18, states that he is keenly interested in the idea of an annual sports festival such as that.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

A Tragic Tower.

Many British soldiers will have noted on their walks along the river not far from Deutscher Ring a small tower, which has a very dark history. Here in the time of the early middle ages prisoners were kept and put to death in a most cruel manner. They were taken into a room from which escape was quite impossible. The room was quite bare of everything except a loaf of white bread which was hanging on a piece of string from the ceiling so high that the prisoner had to jump for it. He was quite aware that by jumping for the bread the floor would give way and precipitate him into a machinery below which would cut him into pieces and distribute his remains to the fishes in the Rhine. So the poor fellow awaited his death either through starvation or when he in his ravenous hunger desperately jumped for the white bread, the machinery making an end of his pains. The tower is called "Weck-Schnapp" (Jump for it).

The Dragon's Rock.

Many who have visited the Drachenfels, or Dragon's Rock, one of the Seven Mountains of Bonn, may not know that the stone for the Cathedral of Cologne was furnished by the quarries there, from the fourteenth to the nineteenth century. As, however, they menaced the safety of the Castle, they were purchased in 1836 by the Prussian Government, which also erected the retaining walls. The origin of the name "Drachenfels" refers to the legend of the slaying of a dragon there by "Siegfried."

The New Art.

The cult of the ultra-modern in art has developed to a quite alarming extent in Germany. In its various forms of futurism, cubism and so on, it had a very short vogue in England although it, of course, left indelible marks here and there, and devoted adherents out to pull down every convention. Here in Germany it has invaded and penetrated into the very life of the people. Pictures, statuary, bric-a-brac, book covers and illustrations, posters on the hoardings, advertisement-designs in the press, furniture, draperies and hangings, all are futurist in inspiration or intent, some would say with foul intent. That, of course, is a matter of opinion, although one must admit that whatever there may be in this tortured art, in some way or other it seems to appeal very strongly to the cultured intellectual classes.

Commendation.

Another act of courage is recorded. It occurred last month when a fire broke out at No. 14 G.H.Q. Reserve M.T. Company Lorry Park. Lance-Corporal Mark Hewlett, R.A.S.C., turned out the guard, of which he was in charge, and starting a lorry which was on fire, drove it out of the lines, thus preventing the fire spreading. Although badly burned whilst doing this, he returned and took charge of his guard for the remainder of his tour of duty.

Observed.

Has anybody ever thought how the trees which grow along the footpaths in Cologne receive their nourishment. They are tightly embedded at the bottom in the cement or other material of which the footpath is composed, and thus a very small proportion of moisture can reach the roots from the surface. In Paris we find the bottom of the tree enclosed in a circular iron grid about three feet in diameter. This allows rain or other water to get directly to the roots of the trees, and at any time the grid may be easily taken up and fresh soil put in. Several readers are rather curious to know if any other provision has been made here. Perhaps it is that the trees are planted at a big depth from the surface.

Withdrawing notes.

It is notified that all fifty-mark notes issued by the Reichsbank, bearing the date October 20th 1918, will shortly be called in and exchanged for a newer issue. In the meantime, to prevent financial loss, all W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and men having in their possession these notes should hand them over to the Camp Commandant who will exchange them.

Below par.

The falling value of the mark has brought about some fine points for secretaries of War Savings Assns. to consider. During last week an enterprising depositor approached a secretary with a beaming smile on his face. The secretary thought his rich aunt had died, and he was going to deposit the realization of her estate in War Savings. But that wa not so. This enterprising investor came to the point immediately. "I want," he said, "to exchange my certificates for German marks." "Oh, do you?" queried the official. "What do you think I am, a stockbroker or what?"

A Roof Notion.

A scrutiny of the buildings with steep roofs in Germany reveals to the observer rows of iron hooks fixed firmly in the main supports at about a yard's interval. The chief reason for these, one must presume, is safety for the workman repairing the slating. As far as we know this idea is not utilised in England and a correspondent remarks that if such precautions for persons working on these elevated inclines were adopted they would be greatly appreciated by the workers in the building trade in England.

New Cafe Regulations.

Cafes and restaurants are open to all Officers and Warrant Officers till 23.00 hours daily, and to N.C.O.'s and men in possession of a pass authorizing them to be absent from their quarters after 22.30 hours. Warrant Officers are permitted to be absent from their billets until midnight without passes. Permanent passes may be issued to N.C.O.'s and men, up to midnight, by C.O.s, and daily passes up to 23.00 hours or midnight by Company Commanders.

Re-echoes.

It is possible to "express" telegrams in Germany by paying an extra fee. One rather wonders how long an ordinary peace-time telegram takes in delivery. To "express" a telegram in England in pre-war days would certainly present rather a problem to our postal authorities.

If there is one thing more than another in which the British Cavalry and Artillery man is pre-eminent it is the care of his horses, and the condition of our animals in the horseline in Rhineland evokes the admiration of all Germans.

The custom of shaving the head may have the merit of cleanliness, but it does not enhance a man's personal appearance. It is greatly in vogue among Germans old and young, however.

Kite flying seems to be an extremely popular pastime with the youngsters in Rhineland and just now appears to be almost rivalling diabolo in favour.

A fact which has struck an English visitor to the Rhine for the first time is the care which the fraulein, with the assistance of the friseur, bestows upon her hair. Perhaps the fashion of going about hatless has something to do with this.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give two prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's winners are Sgt. A.Crickmore C/245 Bde. R.F.A. Rhine Army, and Bmdr. Silcocks, R.G.A. Rhine Army.

NOTES FROM LONDON TOWN.

LONDON'S BEACH.

Yielding to the staccato importunities of a Colonial who has been pestering me to furnish him with some "real cute snapshots" of London life, I chartered a row boat on the Serpentine this noon, and sculled my Colonial and inseparable Kodak across to London's sea beach. At one o'clock to the tick, the hordes of Cockney school boys and girls are permitted—in their respective sectors—to strip off and plunge into the water. About three thousand boys, of all imaginable sizes, colours and patterns, and several hundred girls were waiting on the hour of the Serpentine bath. Three or four policeman of eminently paterfamilias aspects, armed with exquisitely flicky canes, kept watch and ward over the brigade of boys, all of whom were stripped to the skin, and sitting on their boots hours before the London clocks began to strike one. The girls—some of whom sport bathing dresses which make them look exactly like plump wasps—were just as keen. And as we simmered in the heat off the shore in the boat, I had the satisfaction of knowing that my Colonial photographer was being worried by a constant fusilade of "Eh, misters! What's the time?" Once there was an immense sensation. The senior "bobby" had been seen glancing at his wrist watch! Another time my companion, who was getting bored, nearly caused a mutiny by reporting that it was "Ten past one!". Altogether we had a very good time.

SEASIDE ECHOES OF WAR.

A friend who has been staying at a popular West Country seaside holiday resort tells me that he found the aftermath of the war unexpectedly in evidence even in that part of the country. It was quite remarkable to note how many silver buttons decorated the coats of all sorts and conditions of men on the beach. And the marks of shrapnel wounds were a familiar feature of the mise-en-scene round about the bathing vans. It was strange to note how well some fearfully lamed men were able to swim. The salt water and the exercise seemed to work miracles. But these were not the only relics of the Great Adventure even on that far away Devonshire coast. One evening, when there was a very high tide and the sea was rough with crested waves, my friend was sitting indoors playing a hand at Auction Bridge. Suddenly, about ten o'clock, there was the noise of a shattering detonation from seaward, and the houses shook. The general exclamation was "What's that!" But the only resi ent member of the party said quite prosaically "Oh, it's probably one of those drifting mines!" The coast has been swept by mine-searchers, but they reported the presence of several they could not secure.

BILLSTICKERS-IN-ARMS.

Probably the big country cities are as familiar as London with a certain patent food advertisement which figures largely on the street hoardings, and a striking feature of which, besides a small bull, is a map of the world. I saw two billstickers at work pasting up one of these pictorial aids to commerce on a London hoarding this week. They had nearly finished the job, and were standing side by side on two adjacent ladders, paste buckets and brushes in hand. Something queer about their movements arrested my notice, and on a close glance it appeared one of the men was elaborately explaining to the other by means of his brush and the map exactly how he made the voyage to Syria, and the strategic movements by which Allenby overthrew the Turks. Both men were wearing war ribbons on their coats. The incident struck me as typical of the times. Nowadays even our billstickers are travelled people. Here were two veterans side by side on ladders in the teeming London street fighting their battles o'er again, the Western front man deeply interested in the Eastern campaigns of his chum and oblivious to all the workaday world around them. But what a contrast between the mediaevel Crusader, whose effigy with crossed legs fascinates the American tourists in the quiet Temple Church, and the modern ex-Crusader billsticking in the Strand! The romance is not all on the side of the mediaeval Templar, one imagines.

OVERCROWDED HOLIDAY TRAINS.

Everybody is complaining bitterly of the shockingly overcrowded state of the holiday trains. It has been the common experience all through August that not only were all seats occupied on almost all the trains but the corridors were full up with passengers, too. On long journeys this is not only inconvenient but dangerous. And this condition cannot be entirely due to shortage of rolling stock, because I am informed that never before have the holiday trains been as a rule so long. Some people want to know whether the country has suddenly become overcrowded. But any experienced railway official can tell you that the explanation is not overcrowding of population but the amazing prosperity of the masses during the war. People are now taking distant holidays who never before went far afield. The trains are crowded with well dressed women who have obtained a new social outlook during the war. The standard of luxury has been suddenly raised for hundreds of thousands of lower middle class and working class people. And in spite of the heavier charges for travel there are many more people now travelling than ever before. One notes, too, that the cheap jewellry formerly worn has now been replaced by quite expensive rings and brooches. And whereas the men mostly wear older holiday clothes than formerly, their women folk are always arrayed in the latest notions of what is "fashionable."

SINISTER SEPTEMBER.

The grey skies and intermittent damp heats and chills of early September are playing havoc with the nerves and digestions of Londoners. Perfectly healthy people returning from holiday complain of lassitude and depression. Doctors ascribe the trouble to "liver," and prescribe the usual disagreeable medicines; but people whose livers are as normally active as an electric-power station are just as troubled and worried as the most inveterate of the Liver Brigade. The weather affects the appetite. The sullenness of the skies turns the digestion topsy-turvy. What is St. Martin about? It is his business to provide that delicious interegnum between August and early winter which has been immemorially called St. Martin's summer. If the neglected saint is desirous of producing emigration to Mesopotamia or Afghanistan, he has laid his plans skilfully. This grey weather simply will not do for white men.

BARNET'S "PHYSIC WELL."

Barnet Fair has vindicated the belief of those weather-wise Londoners who say that it always rains during fair week. Apart from the famous fair, Barnet has several claims to celebrity, though the great battle of the Wars of the Roses was not fought here, but in the neighbouring Middlesex parish of Hadley. The spot where Warwick, the "kingmaker," fell is marked by two trees. But on Barnet Common, where the battle was not fought, is a chalybeate spring, the virtues of which were extolled by Old Fuller in his "Worthies," and by Pepys, the diarist. This must have been the only endowed spa in Europe, for about 1687 a London alderman left a yearly sum for the maintenance of the "Physic Well of Barnet."

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Airplane Hunt.—Airplanes have been used in Ireland to hunt for a murder gang.

Reducing the Dole.—It is proposed to reduce the amount of unemployment-pay.

Prince Albert.—Prince Albert will visit Glasgow at the end of the month.

A Big Fish.—A pike weighing 16lb. 6oz. was taken from the Kennet at Newbury.

Old Style Barnet.—Barnet Fair—both horse and pleasure sections—has returned to its pre-war magnitude.

Chinese Generosity.—To rebuild a school at Verdun £2,000 has been given by the Chinese President.

Clyde Navigation.—Clyde navigation revenue last year showed a record increase of nearly £900,000.

A Curious Accident.—A Mold boy was killed instantly by a barrel of beer which jolted off a motor-lorry.

An animal Lover.—Mr. F. W. Young, Charlwood, Surrey, left £10 a year for the maintenance of each of her dogs.

Less Output.—There has been a big fall in the output of coal during the last six weeks.

Doing well.—One of 35 miners summoned at Port Talbot, Glamorgan, for not paying income-tax earned £116 in three months.

Generous to Soldiers.—The New Zealand Government is devoting £3,000,000 to soldiers' war gratuities.

Plum and Apple.—Though the season has been a good one for fruit, there is a prospect of a shortage of jam.

Burnt Up.—Over 200,000 pounds weight of paper are used in England yearly for the manufacture of cigarettes.

Desperate.—A women threatened by her husband at Walworth threw herself and her baby out of a first floor window.

Eternal Flow.—The oldest artesian well in Europe is at Lillers, France. From its mouth, water has flowed uninterruptedly for over 750 years.

Food News.—Australia is said to have ready for shipment sufficient surplus food to feed the whole of the United Kingdom for several months.

More money for disabled. — Bigger allowances for disabled men receiving industrial training are announced by the Ministry of Labour.

Greek setting for Skakespeare. — "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was produced before the Greek temple in the grounds of Blickling Hall, Aylsham.

Killed by 'Plane Propeller. — A man named Palmer, of Fulham, employed at a North Acton aeroplane factory, was killed by an aeroplane propeller.

Motor Bus Costs.—It costs a fraction under 1s 4d to run a London Motor Omnibus a mile and the average profit per passenger is under one-fifth of a penny.

LondonToboggans—London boys, whose ingenuity in improvising playthings is proverbial, are now to be seen careering down sloping streets on toboggans made from roller skates.

Ramsgate Naval Base.—Ramsgate Naval Base is to close at the end of the month.

Why Wash?—The City Corporation is to charge a penny more for a wash in all its lavatories.

Higher Wages.—Brewery clerks in South Wales are to receive a 30 per cent. increase of wages.

More Postal Deliveries.—Fresh postal deliveries are to come into force in London by the end of the month.

For Luck.—Among the presents at a soldier's wedding near Buckingham was a black kitten.

Boot Prices.—Prices for boots at the Australian Headquarters ranged from 24s. to 33s. per pair.

A wise Ommission.—Registrars of deaths are to omit reference to Poor Law institutions.

Would not Pay—Cinema show proprietors are of the opinion that it would not pay to curtail their programmes.

The Town Pet.—A workman in a Leeds music hall is the possessor of a tame fox, which he brings to town on a lead.

Largest in the World.—London's new dock is nearly finished, after eight year's building.

Wanted a Wife.—The Mayor of Glastonbury has received from the United States a request to search for a wife.

Spa's open market.—Bath's open market has been successfully launched. Cod sold at 4d. per lb.

Ford Enterprise.—Mr. Ford, the American motor-car manufacturer, intends to build a factory in Aarhus, Denmark.

Removal.—The British Military Permit Office has removed to 14a, Charles-st., Haymarket, from Bedford-sq.

A Magistrate's Query.—"Where is Bethnal Green? I have never heard of it."—Mr. Welleslay, a Woking magistrate.

Energy.—The Canadian Government states that 2,500,000 horse power may be developed along the banks of the St. Lawrence.

Present Day Earnings.—A labourer, aged 78, is engaged at Ashwell, and his earnings place him outside the old-age pension limit.

The Bath Season.—Bath is preparing for a big season this autumn and winter, owing to the difficulties of Continental travel.

Soldier Hoppers.—A feature of this year's hop-picking is the number of men who have served in the Forces, and who are now "hopping" in the fields.

Summer Time Extension?—Mr. W. R. Dunn, of Willesden, has petitioned the Home Secretary to extend summer time to October.

Where Justice Fails.—A Willesden magistrate: "The powers of this court are extensive, but they do not enable us to keep some women quiet."

Not Unanimous.—Whittlesey, Isle of Ely, a town of 4,000 inhabitants, is to have three war memorials owing to lack of public unanimity.

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Place		Down River 1	3	5
		Time a.m.	Time	
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Biebrich (Wiesbaden)	„	9.20	—	—
Eltville (Schwalbach / Schlangenbad)	„	9.45	—	—
Rüdesheim	„	10.35	—	—
Bingen (Kreuz-nach)	arr.	10.45	—	—
	dep.	10.50	—	—
Assmannshausen	„	11.00	—	—
Bacharach	„	11.30	—	—
Oberwesel	„	11.50	—	—
St. Goar (St. Goarshausen / Loreley)	„	12.05	—	—
Camp-Bornhofen	„	12.40	—	—
Boppard	„	12.45	—	—
Oberlahnstein (Ems, Stolzenfels)	„	1.25	—	—
Niederlahnstein (Ems, Stolzenfels)	„	1.30	—	—
Coblenz	arr.	1.45	—	—
	dep.	1.50	—	—
Neuwied (Rengsdorf)	„	2.35	—	—
Andernach (Laacher See)	„	2.59	—	—
Niederbreisig (Hönningen)	„	3.15	—	—
Remagen (Neuenahr)	„	3.50	4.00	—
Rolandseck	„	4.10	4.30	—
Godesberg	„	4.40	5.00	—
Bonn	arr.	5.00	5.25	—
	dep.	5.05	5.30	—
Köln-Mitte (Leystapel)	arr.	6.30	6.55	—

Place		Up River 2	4	6
		Time a.m.	Time	Time
Köln-Mitte (Leystapel)	dep.	10.00	—	11.30
		p.m.		
Bonn	arr.	12.30	—	2.00
	dep.	12.35	—	2.10
Godesberg	„	1.10	—	2.40
Rolandseck	„	2.00	—	3.30
Remagen (Neuenahr)	„	2.30	—	4.00
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Niederlahnstein (Ems, Stolzenfels)	„	—	10.25	—
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Boppard	„	—	11.25	—
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Oberwesel	„	—	1.05	—
Bacharach	„	—	1.35	—
Assmannshausen	„	—	2.25	—
Bingen (Kreuz-nach)	arr.	—	2.45	—
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Rüdesheim	„	—	3.05	—
Eltville (Schwalbach / Schlangenbad)	„	—	4.20	—
Biebrich (Wiesbaden)	„	—	4.55	—
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TRADE UNION CONGRESS.

DEBATE ON STRIKE ACTION AS POLITICAL WEAPON TO COERCE THE GOVERNMENT.

RETURN OF GERMAN PRISONERS.

TRADE CONGRESS.

THE STRIKE AS A POLITICAL WEAPON.

Issues of great importance are to be debated at the Trades Union Congress, which opened on Tuesday morning at Glasgow. Mr. G.H. Stuart-Bunning, in his Presidential address, defended the refusal of the Parliamentary Committee of the Congress to call a special conference to debate the question of a strike in the event of certain demands to the Government being refused. He said that to have called that conference would inevitably have identified the Parliamentary Committee with the policy of the national strike on political matters. The Trades Union Congress had never yet fully accepted the policy of the national strike on industrial matters which were its primary function.

He continued "I do not think Congress has ever seriously discussed a national strike on a political issue, still less on several political issues on some of which there were sharp divisions among our own people. We were therefore asked to do something without precedent by executives who could not say definitely whether their own members were behind them."

Mr. Stuart-Bunning added that there was no political reform which the workpeople of this country could not achieve through the ballot box. Direct action would be a confession of failure. It would be a desperate gamble and he strongly favoured constitutional methods.

LABOUR "WILD MEN."

LEADERS WARNINGS.

"Everything depends on how organised Labour uses the weapon of industrial unity which it has been able to forge."

This was the burden of Mr. J. R. Clynes' speech at Carlisle on the eve of the Trade Union Congress at Glasgow.

"Labour," continued Mr. Clynes, "is in danger of handing over completely to its opponents all the strategy of politics, and by threatening a wrong method to attain its ends it is incurring the risk of alienating the public approval and support which it must secure before Labour can attain its rightful place of parliamentary authority in the government of the nation.

"In the past year trade union forces have increased by nearly a million. The parliamentary party was nearly doubled at the last election. The by-election contests prove that Labour is no longer viewed as a freakish interference in national politics, able only to disturb slightly the settled position of other parties.

"Those of us who urge the workers to turn their minds to improved systems of production or to increase output do so primarily in the interests of the workers themselves. There can, however, be no greater output without the assurance to the workers of greater comfort for them in our social and industrial system and a higher standard of living than they had before the war."

Silly Down Tools Policy.

Mr. J. H, Thomas, M.P., had also some words of warning for the hotheads of Labour in the course of a speech he delivered at Glasgow.

"The position in the Labour world generally will be far more serious during the coming months than ever before," he said. "The coming winter, instead of finding us with more food and lower prices, will find us with larger numbers of unemployed, higher wages, and real hardship on every side.

"There is nothing so ruinous to the Labour cause as the silly notion that the only way to solve difficulties is the down tools' policy. It is making the strike policy lose its effectiveness."

Referring to the coal trouble, Mr. Thomas said: "I believe the Government will be faced with a clear-cut issue in the form of a demand for State ownership, a demand that cannot even be stilled by the soldiers being brought out."

CAR DIVES INTO SHIP CANAL.

A motor-car and its occupant plunged over the transporter bridge at the Runcorn (Cheshire) end and fell 25ft. in the Manchester Ship Canal.

The car, which belonged to Mr. Andrews, of Mersey-road, Widness, forced its way through a gate before it toppled into the water. Mr. Andrews is an expert swimmer, and was able to get out of the canal with assistance. His car remained in 10ft. or 12ft. of water.

The Italian Premier announced in the Chamber that 11,000,000 women will have votes. According to these figures there are more female than male electors in Italy.

WINTER FOOD.

ENOUGH FOR ENGLAND, BUT ONLY JUST.

Although the distribution of meat, sugar, and butter is to be on a rationed basis, the Food Controller is not apprehensive of any serious lack of food during the winter months. Butter must remain scarce and high milk prices may take English-made butter almost off the market, unless the producers are driven to using milk which they cannot otherwise sell for cheese and butter.

Cheap food is practically an impossibility until the world begins to recover from the devastating effects of the war, freights come down from their present inflated figures, and increasing exports help to improve the value of the British sovereign in America.

With the Profiteering Act in force, and the Government apparently inclined to take measures to eliminate the speculator, greed, on the part of people who have to handle the food supplies before they reach the consumer, should not add artificially to the cost of essential articles. The Board of Trade have now received a large number of replies from local authorities accepting their invitation to form local committees under the Profiteering Act, and many chairmen of county councils have already submitted names of persons selected by representative county meetings for consideration as members of the appeal tribunals.

The regulations for both local committees and appeal tribunals will include a list of the articles which will come within the operation of the Act. Among them the public may expect to find all articles of wearing apparel, most household necessities, all ordinary articles of food not subject to fixed maximum controlled prices, and in fact practically everything in common use. As time goes on, it is stated, the net may be thrown even wider, and may cover building materials required in connection with the new housing scheme.

WELL FED PRISONERS.

AGITATORS' CRAFTY METHODS.

The advance guard (about 1000 strong) of German unwounded prisoners of war coming from England to Germany arrived at Meschede, Westphalia.

The "Zeitung am Mittag" says:—

The returned prisoners look in good condition. Their bodily constitution generally may be regarded as very satisfactory and justifies the hope that imprisonment has not done so much harm to our fellow-countrymen as we feared. Account must certainly be taken of the fact that the English in the last weeks before dispatching them gave them the full ration of a working soldier, which we are assured is very liberal.

The Radical parties are bombarding the returning prisoners with leaflet, while the Spartacists are employing women as agitators in the belief that their influence will prove very effective on men who have been so long deprived of female society.

SUBMARINES.

HOW OUR DEFICIENCY WAS MADE GOOD.

In the second of a series of articles now appearing in the "Times," Lord Fisher refers to the matter of submarines. He writes:—"In a memorandum which I had printed, and circulated in January 1914, seven months before the war, these words may be found in large capital letters: 'The submarine is the coming type of war vessel for sea fighting.' The truth of this memorandum was generously acknowledged at the time by one of the most important members of the Cabinet. When I left the Admiralty on January 25th, 1910, there were sixty-one effective submarines and thirteen were in building. When I returned to the Admiralty in October 1914, there were only fifty-one. So I sent for Mr. Schwab, of the Bethlehem Steel Works, and he delivered a batch of submarines in five months—an unprecedented feat, as fourteen months was the record till then. These "H" submarines built by Mr. Schwab went unconvoyed from America to the Dardanelles and acted there prodigiously. Mr. Schwab should have been made a duke. If any man ever deserved the gratitude of England that man is Mr. Schwab."

TROTSKY'S BROTHER ARRESTED.

According to a Helsingfors telegram the Finnish police have issued an order for the arrest of Trotsky's brother, a Jew named Bronstein, who for some time has been residing on Finnish territory at Mohla, in the Karelian peninsula.

GOLD AND OIL.

FINDS IN CANADA WHICH EXCEED KLONDYKE.

A new "Klondyke" is said to have been discovered in Canada, and a gold rush greater than that to Klondyke is developing. The great gold and oil "strike" is 170 miles from Winnipeg. Specimens of ore from the Contract Bay district, seventy miles from Kenora, yielded on assay a proportion of gold beating all records. The oil "strike" twenty miles west of Lepas has developed enormous possibilities.

The gold "strike" is known as "Gordon's Golden Sidewalk," after Mr. D. Gordon, who made the discovery with Mr. Jacob Cook. Professor de Luryk, Canada's foremost geologist, declares that if present indications are borne out the "strike" will be more important than the Hollinger or Porcupine "strikes."

MOTOR TRADE.

NO AMERICAN INVASION AT PRESENT.

Much breath and ink have been spent over anticipations of an invasion of British markets by American motor-cars. Mr. Frank Lanchester, the head of the Lanchester Motor Company, does not anticipate bad times for the British motor trade for at least a year, even though the restrictions on imported motor-cars have been removed.

Mr. Lanchester deprecated the apparent panic which had set in in certain trade circles as at least premature and possibly quite groundless. Even if the threatened invasion burst upon us and showrooms were flooded with comparatively low-priced American cars, the British manufacturer whose business was on a solid footing would not be affected for at least a year, as his order-books were already filled for that period ahead.

According to Mr. Lanchester, before American firms attempt to oust the British moderate-priced car they will have to satisfy home demands, and Mr. Lanchester believes this will take a considerable time.

"I do not think that, at the worst, we shall be in a worse position than we were before the war. At that time British makers certainly held their own against the rush, as, indeed, I am fully convinced they will next time."

"On the whole," said Mr. Lanchester, "I am very decidedly an optimist, and I think I have solid grounds for it. But we must work."

FRANCE HONOURS AMERICA.

In laying the first stone of a monument in commemoration of American intervention in the war, at Pointe de Grave, Gironde, President Poincaré made a speech in which he congratulated the initiators of "an artistic work consecrating the glorification of Franco-American friendships." He declared he was addressing to America a faithful message of affection at the moment when the United States was celebrating the anniversary of the birth of Lafayette and was feting the battle of the Marne, which caused to shine upon the world the first gleam of hope and which was the first signal of defeat for the spirit of domination.

Mr. Wallace, the United States Ambassador in Paris, in an eloquent address, dwelt on the old ties between France and the United States, especially in the American War of Independence, and then, speaking of the late war said that in the days of peril France was the rampart of civilisation and the French Army its defence.

GNAT BITE CAUSES DEATH.

When Mrs. Emma Newman, wife of a Spitalfields caterer, had a slight swelling on her nose, she and her husband joked about it.

The swelling became worse however, and eventually Mrs. Newman was taken to hospital, where she died from bronchial pneumonia supervening on blood poisoning.

The husband said at the inquest that he thought the swelling was due to the bite of an insect, and a doctor said it was reasonable to suppose that a gnat bite caused the trouble.

Death by Misadventure was the verdict.

RECORD GERMAN AEROPLANE.

The aviation works at Leipzig have just finished what is said to be the biggest aeroplane in the world.

This giant machine is 22.5 meters long, and 6.5 meters high, with a wing spread of 43.5 meters. It is fitted with two motors of 750 h.p. each. Besides the six men comprising the crew eighteen passengers with luggage can be accommodated.

BOLSHEVIST MODERATES.

A report has reached London that the Russian Soviet of Tser has declared its independence of the central Soviet Government. There are indications, says Reuter, of a split in the Bolshevist ranks, especially in the North West, and of a new section springing up which is not prepared to adhere to the extremist policy of Lenin and Trotzky.

Lord Leverhulme has bought Moor Park, Herts, the stately old home of Lord Ebury, for about £300,000.

COMMERCE BY AIR.

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO BE GIVEN.

A well attended meeting of those interested in commercial aviation was held on Tuesday to discuss, with representatives of the Air Ministry, the question of the disposal of airships and also the Government's policy for assisting aerial commercial enterprise.

Major General Seely, Under Secretary of State for Air, presided. He said the Government was anxious to do the best it could for the State in the disposal of the lighter than air type of machines and at the same time to aid commercial enterprise. The Air Ministry and Admiralty would combine to offer existing machines and machines in various stages of construction to those who would undertake the formation of a sound commercial air scheme. Such assistance would include the use of wireless stations and meteorological information, and the Post Office would help in every possible way. In case any well founded scheme the airsh would be sold at very cheap rates. Business people would also have the advantage of existing sheds and trained personnel and would have help in dealing with terminal points.

The future of such a scheme was boundless and he was sure if they went into it in a businesslike manner they would retain the supremacy in air which England had gained during the war. Air machines received from Germany would be included in the total that would be handed over for commercial purposes. He was quite sure they would make the airship service of great good to the State and they would have every possible chance to take the lead in the matter of airships for the benefit of the Empire and mankind generally.

"OVER THE TOP" IN WHITECHAPEL.

Mr. Frederick Charrington, the philanthropist, whose activities in the East End are so well known, was the chief figure at a pleasing little ceremony which followed a peace tea in Brady-street, Whitechapel.

Mr. Charrington had occasion recently to use his umbrella so forcibly in a certain house in the district that it was smashed, and on Saturday the men folk gave him a new one. In handing over the umbrella to Mr. Charrington, the spokesman said:—"We have chosen one with a businesslike knob at the end, besause we are quite aware of the manner in which Mr. Charrington's umbrella was broken, and the good service he did. I know that in doing what he did he must have felt as we did when we went over the top."

SHORT HARVEST.

The season's crops in England, realized in prospect, will not fulfil the rosy expectation aroused by the favourable weather changes early last month. Wheat, which then promised rather well, is not now expected to give more than 28 bushels from the acre. Barley and oats will both be light crops. Beans, which promised excellently, are in many districts actually poor. Potatoes are now expected to make a very good yield, and hops are reckoned the best crop of the year. Root crops generally will not make up for the relative failure of mangolds.

PROFITEERS BEWARE!

A large number of local authorities have accepted the Board of Trade's invitation to form committees under the Profiteering Act, and a list of the articles to be scheduled will be issued next week.

They will include wearing apparel, most household necessities, all ordinary articles of food not Government controlled—in fact, practically everything in common use. The net will be thrown wider as time goes on, and may cover even building materials under the new housing scheme.

IRISH VOTING CLAIMS.

At Omagh (County Tyrone) Revision Sessions a woman was given a Local Government vote for a pigstye and henhouse. A doctor was allowed a similar vote for a motor shed, and a man for a stable where he keeps two horses and a cow. At Dungannon Revision Sessions the Nationalists attempted to turn the proceedings into a farce during the hearing of a youth's claim for a vote by giving evidence in support of the claimant's age that the youth had begun to shave. The claim was disallowed.

BROKEN POLICE UNION.

At a demonstration held in Hyde Park to protest against the first three clauses of the Police Bill, and to demand the reinstatement of the strikers, Mr. Zollner, formerly of the City Police, said that, being a young organization, and being possessed of only a little over £3,000, the strike had broken the Police Union financially. The strikers were working in various capacities to keep the wolf from the door, so that the union could carry on.

In the Franco-Prussian War, Cologne lost sixty men, and in this war 15,000.

The last German Bishop of Strasburg died on Monday.

Commencing on the 20th September a train will run to Warsaw from Paris via Strasburg and Nuremberg.

WAR AND SCIENCE.

MARVELS OF SKILL AND COURAGE.

Meetings of the British Association opened at Bournemouth on Tuesday. A large proportion of the papers contain accounts of what was accomplished by British science in the war by sea and land. Sir Charles Parsons, the President, set the ball rolling with a remarkable lecture on war engineering, naval and military. At the conclusion of the Congress he will dip into the future and will tell something about a twenty mile bore hole into the earth, an experiment he has suggested before and been much occupied with since.

British pride will be much flattered with the account of the amazing acceleration of invention and discovery during the war and chemists and physicists have at least as notable a record as engineers.

Great heroism has been shown during the last month or two by agricultural chemists who have been turning gas and explosives into fertilisers and insect destroyers. Most war explosives are very similar to fertilisers but the making of the small and necessary chemical changes involved experiments with sufficient masses of explosives to blow all the chemists to atoms if the least error were made. Now the discovery is perfected and the danger over. Among other revelations of the wonders of applied science will be some account of the extraordinary accuracy of sound recording and listening apparatus.

ODESSA TORTURE HOUSE.

Among the hostages rescued from the Bolshevists at Odessa is General Smirnoff, of Port Arthur fame. The majority of the victims of the Bolshevists were shot in the courtyard of the Chresvychaika premises, or in a large garage, or in the regular labyrinth of stone cellars beneath that building. Blood-stained tarpaulins, in which the dead were taken in bundles to the grave pits, are lying about the courtyard. The walls of the cellars are pitted with bullet marks and bloodstains, while portions of brains are still adhering to them. It is stated that three French ladies were arrested and shot immediately after being pushed through the door leading from the street to the courtyard. A speciality practised by a negro commissary was to cut the arteries in the wrist of the condemned and gloat over the spectacle of their bleeding to death

ITALY'S PART.

Signor Nitti, the Italian Prime Minister, speaking in the Chamber in the discussion on the report of the Caporetto disaster, said:

"We alone—for the forces which the Allies had sent to our assistance in Italy were inferior in numbers to those which we were maintaining out of Italy—we alone overthrew the Austro-Hungarian Empire."

Signor Nitti declared that as a result of the publication of the Committee's conclusions on the Caporetto disaster Generals Cadorna, Porro, Capello, and Cavaciocchi had been placed on the retired list, and that Generals Montuori and Bongiovanni had been put on half-pay while other measures had been taken with regard to the other superior officers.

£2,500 A MONTH FOR GENERAL.

Several German generals prominent in the war are said to have received offers of employment in a combined Germano-Russian "Red" Army. In one case, the sum offered in writing was £2,500 a month to take over supreme command. Though the prominent generals refused, the temptations to younger and junior officers who have difficulty in finding employment on demobilization may present a certain danger.

SPARTACIST MURDER GANG.

The Berlin correspondent of the Copenhagen "Politiken" says that the police have tracked down a gang of communistic Anarchists who are supposed to have killed about fifty people who were opposed to their opinions or who had acted as agents of the Government.

During the last few weeks several bodies have been found in the waters of the Tiergarten and in the River Spree. Those killed were known to have been opponents of the Spartacists.

MORE PAY FOR BRICKLAYERS.

The South-Eastern Conciliation Board has made an award in the building trade in West Surrey, under which carpenters and bricklayers will receive 1s. 6d. per hour, painters 1s. 5d., scaffolders 1s. 4d., and labourers 1s. 3d., the new scale to hold good for six months. As a result the cost of the erection of 82 houses by the Guildford Corporation will be increased by £5,500, bringing the total to £69,000.

SERBS SHOOT FRENCH OFFICERS.

An Agram (Hungary) message says that following alleged provocation, a number of Serbian civilians attacked some French officers. Fifty shots were fired. One French officer was killed and four were severely injured.

MAN POWER PLANE.

PRACTICAL SELF-PROPELLED FLIP-FLAPS.

A man-power aeroplane with flip-flap wings may shortly make an appearance in the skies.

Aeroplanes without engines are the latest experimental phase of aviation. Aeronautical firms in Europe and America are closely watching the few experiments with gliding and man-power aeroplanes which are being made both in this country and in France.

"Man-driven aviettes are not a 'dream,'" said Captain W. H. Sayers, the aeronautical engineer and former member of the Royal Air Force. "Experiments show that the problem is one of power, weight, and speed. With a 'glide' of one in ten it simply means that a man must 'pedal' or otherwise exert a lifting power to his machine for 100 feet in order to glide for a distance of 1,000 feet. Further more, with a steady muscular power there is absolutely no reason why the aviette should not keep its own level. It might even rise by spiral movements while still keeping a fairly good speed.

"Man-power can be reckoned as equal to one and a half horse-power, although this is considerably lessened by continued effort."

PRICE OF VICTORY.

ENTENTE'S 2,886,539 DEAD.

Figures just published tell eloquently the price paid by the Entente nations in their fight for the freedom of the world. France, the heavist sufferer, mobilized 8,000,000 men and her toll of dead is 1,385,000, Great Britain counts 835,000 dead out of her armies of 5,700,000, the United States 51,000 dead out of 3,800,000 men; Italy 569,000 out of 5,250,000; Belgium 38,172 out of 380,000 and Portugal 8,367 out of 200,000. These figures do not include the terrible losses of Russia when she was fighting on our side.

MOUNTAINEERING IN NEW YORK.

Owing to the stokers of the boilers which furnish the power to work the lifts in the Metropolitan Life Building, in Madison-avenue, New York, carrying ont a lightning strike the 10,000 persons employed in this skyscraper had to use the stairs. There are 50 flights.

During the afternoon gallant spirits having business in the building faced the climb to the upper storeys, but before long the stairs were littered with people in various stages of exhaustion. One man is reported to have struggled as far as the 38th floor, his appointment being in an office on the 45th. Then he gave up.

The building is 700 feet high, or about 200 feet higher than the spires of Cologne Cathedral.

GIRL TARRED ON IRISH ROAD.

Tarring of an Irish girl in a public road by three men dressed in women's clothes was revealed at Drumsna Petty Sessions, Leitrim, when three young men, named James Brennan, John Mulvey, and John Cronogue, were committed for trial on a charge of assaulting Lizzie Moran, aged 19.

The girl said the men were dressed in women's clothes and their faces were covered with window curtains. They wore no boots and they did not speak. The men began to jump about the road, and, picking up dirt, threw it at her. Afterwards she was caught by the men and knocked down.

She then described the assault, saying the men tarred her.

R.A.F. TEMPORARY CLUB.

The Lyceum Club, whose old premises at 128, Piccadilly, have been taken for a new club for R.A.F. officers, is to take temporary possession on the 18th inst. of a mansion near Parklane, which will serve as a clubhouse till the new permanent premises, 138, Piccadilly, are available for occupation.

£2,625 FOR A COW.

High prices were paid at the sale, at Stanford Rivers Hall, Ongar, Essex, of a portion of Mr. J. Furze's noted herd of pure-bred British Friesian cattle, 56 animals realising a total of £14,161. Ongar Doll, a 3-year-old cow, sold for 2,500 guineas, while her heifer calf, 4 months old, realised 1,050 guineas.

FORTY YEARS DELAY.

At Bermondsey Workhouse Lieutenant Elliott, R.A.F., presented to John Richardson, an inmate, aged 93, one of the Lucknow storming party, a specially-cast replica of his Indian Mutiny medal, which he lost in 1879 in an explosion at Belvedere.

INDIAN TRAIN SMASH.

A railway accident has occurred near Rawal Pindi (Punjab), where a train ran into the débris resulting from a landslide. The killed include four Englishmen. Three British officers and 40 Indians were injured.

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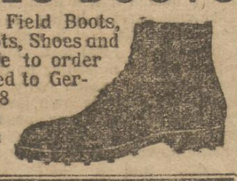

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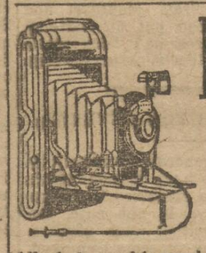

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TOMMY ON THE RHINE.

Each day sees the dwindling of forces. Demobilization—that magic word—has acquired a new meaning as the hour for departure approaches. Strange it may seem but to many the joy of prospective demobilization has passed away for it is difficult to cast aside the attachment which the average British Tommy forms wherever he finds himself.

It is no idle boast to say that the Tommy as a class has endeared himself to his hosts. His unassuming, easy-going nature and high sporting qualities have made their appeal, until strange as it may seem we have the spectacle of men, women and children deploring the impending departure of the greater part of the British Army of the Rhine.

On the whole it may be claimed that Tommy has played a great and noble part in the relationship which has existed. True there have been disturbances of a minor nature, many happily exaggerated, but the wonder is not that these have occurred on but few occasions, but that under the circumstances they have been so infrequent and so unimportant.

We repeat that it is a great testimony to the high standard of conduct exercised by the private soldier of the British Army combined with British rule that there is so little friction.

"Better twenty years of British rule than one of Bolshevism" said a Rhinelander in the early days of the occupation. His welcome to the officers and men billeted under his roof savoured of compulsion but it is a tribute to the conduct of his guests that to-day he is deploring their departure.

The most inimical Teuton is not slow to realise that since the occupation he has enjoyed a far greater freedom and less exercise of officialdom than before the war. He has shared as a spectator in the sporting activities through which we have endeavoured to maintain some degree of physical fitness and of later date drawn on our amusements in a more practical way.

If there was any animosity cherished it is not apparent. Rather would we think that there is a complete absence of resentment at our presence, but for this state of affairs Tommy is in a great degree responsible. The Rhinelander owes a great deal to him and it is to be hoped that his example will not be lost upon his hosts. It certainly will not so far as the younger generation is concerned, for Tommy never enjoyed greater popularity than he does with the youngsters of this part of Germany.

THE FUGITIVE ARROWS.

He entered the Black Lion with a whirl, a vision of flying black coat-tails, a storm-stained hat, and the sound of retreating footsteps and the banging of a door gave one the impression of haste and supressed excitement.

"That," said the landlord, "is old Swivel, the antiquary; been mucking about the village for weeks measuring the walls, digging up the barrows and getting himself lost in the marshes. He carries bags of old flints and bones about with him—bit balmy, I think."

I was interested; the Danish practice of piracy still flourished in the vicinity, thinly disguised behind a card marked "Apartments," and I hastened after the old gentleman.

I found him in his room holding a queerly-shaped metal canister in his hands, and craved permission to discuss the old days with one so learned.

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"Yes," said Swivel, "Bewareham is a quaint old spot, and during my stay here I have unearthed many wonderful things, but the wonder of all is this." He pointed to the canister. "A complete record of the Danish operations in these parts. I found it in the walls to-day, beside a skeleton of a man, and I am very excited, as I decipher the Scandinavian characters."

The old man laid the canister on the table; we drew our chairs closer to the fire, and I sat and listened to the story of Wulf the Dane, as told on the faded sheets of parchment the canister contained.

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Form No. W. 2006/596. H2 S. 04.
To Q.M.G. 1st Danish Army.
From Wulf the Dane, Commanding Special Detachment before the walls of Bewareham.
Sir,—There is much wind in the land, and I have no arrows to assist me in the attack. Ten times a hundred are needed to make a successful attack.

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Form No. O. 2006/542. S.A.A. N.C.O.
From Q.M.G. 1st Danish Army.
Please state what type of arrows you need.

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Form No. 2006/596. H2 S. 04.
Any old arrows.

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Form No. 2006/542. S.A.A.
Your reply is not official. This application should be made on A.F. S.A.A. 259½, and be forwarded in triplicate. Do you require Mark 5 or Mark 5 star?

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Form No. A.F. S.A.A./259½.
Send Mark 5 star.

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Form No. 2006/542. S.A.A.
We have no Mark 5 star, but we have instructed the A.O.D. to forward you two dozen billhooks and five bundles of feathers.

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Form No. A.F. S.A.A./259½.
Billhooks and feathers have arrived, what are they for?

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Form No. 596/267. S.A.A.
To make your own arrows. Enclosed S.S. 156 on "Arrows and their Trajectory," is passed to you for information and necessary action. Your attention is drawn to the diagrams of:

A. Arrow.
B. Arrow in flight.
C. Bow and arrow.
D. Man with bow and arrow.

Note.—Arrows should be fired with an anti-clockwise movement.

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Form No. 596/267. S.A.A.
Reference your correspondence: The arrows are not ready to be forwarded, as the men detailed to make these have not yet returned from Danish leave.
It is suggested that you practise economy with your present stock by attaching a piece of leather thong to the arrow before firing The arrows can then be pulled back and used again.

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Form No. A.F. S.A.A./259½.
Have tried the method suggested in your No. 596/267 S.A.A. and it is a failure. Nineteen men have disappeared over the walls with their arrows. The defenders pull them in as I had given strict instructions that no arrows were to be lost.

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Form No. A.F. S.A.A. 259½.
Please hasten the arrows. I have only seven men left out of my detachment, owing to the lack of these weapons.

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Form No. A.F. S.A.A./267.
Please send fatigue party of seven men to bring arrows.

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Form No. A.F. S.A.A./259½.
Last seven men disappeared over walls. Am alone and retreating rapidly in a south-easterly direction. Herewith application to be transferred to Danish Navy.

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Form No. A.F. S.A.A./267.
Arrows being forwarded at once.

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Here the faded parchment ends, but not the story; the cogs of an Army sometimes slip, but the machine goes on for ever. The attached advertisement throws some light on the missing arrows:—

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WE have received a consignment of 1,000 Arrows, made on the Saxon-Danish pattern
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MEMORY AND OBSERVATION.

A REPLY.

I have recently read, in the "Cologne Post," an article under the above heading, to which I feel constrained to address a few remarks of friendly criticism in reply.

In view of the logical sequence to W.R.P's comments it is, to my humble mind at least, somewhat difficult to fathom his real object in writing the article.

Lest I myself should be similarly taxed, may I begin by saying that this is a brief apology in favour of systems for mind and memory training.

The commence with, W.R.P. seeks to portray what he alleges to be the futility of a system, and then, with delightful inconsistency, proceeds to lay down for general use a small, a very small one, on his own account.

Whether he is aware of it or not, moreover, his suggestions, quite good as far as they go, albeit incomplete, are in actual fact among the first elementary principals, form as it were the Kindergarten, of at least one of the great schools of mind and memory training he appears to find needless, if not futile.

Again, why does he not complete his analogy on the two systems — physical and mental?

Is not all physical training, of any use whatever, performed along systematic lines — (such as the Inch, the Swedish or Sandow schools) — with slight adaptions and modifications for weaker or stronger pupils?

The "sine qua non" of any system of improvement is "persistent effort" — and where personal will-power is lacking, the systematic training under the supervision of a master who *knows*, is the best, — the only, way of supplying the deficiency.

Without attempting to touch all the great questions of will-power and it's relation to mental discipline, I must briefly point out that the minority only are in sufficient possession thereof to conduct a complete and efficient mental evolution unaided, unencouraged, and uncorrected, where wrong.

Thus then, (and this is not a paid advertisement) the best known of mind and memory training institute: — I let it here be nameless — it does not matter to the discussion) does in very sooth work along systematic lines, and with all the necessary possibilities of individual adaption and application.

Allowing for the limitation of space necessarily forced upon W.R.P., I should feel I had not completed my remarks, if I failed to point out that his suggested methods merely dabble in the very elementals of mind or memory improvement, so that he might with advantage, complete his advice in two, or even more, further articles, the probable result of which would be to demonstrate that he is more in favour of systems than he himself knows.

In conclusion, it is but fair to repeat that his suggestions are all valuable, and well worthy of adoption. They do not, however, go far enough.

W. ALRUS.

WHAT SHALL I READ?

How often is this said by people as they stand and gaze at rows of books. The selection is no doubt far from easy.

In choosing a book price is to-day no longer a consideration, thanks to the existence of the lending library, where for a guinea or so one can have access to all popular books. Out here we are for ever grateful to the organisers of the Camp Library.

The first thing is to determine whether one wishes to read from a point of view of instruction or amusement; secondly to make certain of one's favourite subject. One has to ask one's self "Shall I ask Captain Cook to show me the world" or "Shall Ruskin show me the beauties of Nature?"

From a point of view of reading in order to learn it is always comforting to remember what Richard de Bury, Bishop of Durham, wrote in 1344 concerning books:— "If you approach them, they are not asleep; if investigating you interrogate them, they conceal nothing; if you mistake them they never grumble; if you are ignorant they cannot laugh at you." Jeremy Collier said that "Books are a guide in youth, and an entertainment in age." Let us therefore bear that in mind when choosing a book; let it be one that may broaden our views and from which we may derive that experience which it took our forefathers a lifetime to accumulate.

That the pursuit of knowledge can be entertaining, one has the testimony of Confucius who "in his eager pursuit of knowledge forgot his food, who in the joy of its attainment forgot his sorrows, and did not even perceive that old age was coming on."

Everyone has not perhaps time to study. In that case one can but read for amusement, but even then one may make a study of character. Through the media of novels one may learn to recognise the characters of everyday life in their true light.

Novels have been, and are being written involving history, science and almost every conceivable subject. Let us search out the author who writes on subjects that interest us; even though it be concerning the complex problems of life it may help us to widen our views or even regard life from a different point of view altogether.

Whatever book we finally choose, do not let it be chosen as one so frequently sees it done. One has only to step into a circulating library. Here we see the last few pages of books being anxiously scanned so that the prospective readers may ascertain whether the ending be happy or otherwise. In the case of the former this criterion of its excellence is sufficient. At the railway bookstall we may see novels being picked out by reason of an attractive binding. The author seems of little import so long as the book has a paper cover illustrating an alluring phase of life.

Having chosen our book let us read thoughtfully. Most people race through a book and never stop to reflect. The result of this is generally that they form no fresh ideas in their mind but merely get doped with the ideas of other people.

H. C. W.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

COUNTING BY TENS.

Sir,—How easy it is to count French and German money! Just two columns and only one divisor — ten. Could anything be more simple.

In our antiquated method we have three columns to deal with. To reduce the pound to shillings we divide by twenty, to bring shillings to pence we divide by twelve, pence to farthings by four.

We could without difficulty make our coinage decimal by reckoning ten pennies to a shilling, dropping the half-crown and substituting for the sixpence a fivepenny piece. Then make the shilling our unit and we have a coinage just as simple to reckon as the French or German.

Why don't we act on such obvious lines instead of talking and wrangling?

PETER P.

WIVES IN COLOGNE.

Sir,—I should like through the agency of your colmns to thank Mr Howes for his kind offer. May I point out that I am permitted by reason of my rank to make use of the Officers' club and my letter was dictated by a thought as to the comfort of the wives of other ranks.

Perhaps Mr. Howes will make public the outlines of the Church Army scheme through your columns. I feel sure, knowing something of the work of the Church Army that the arrangements will do credit to that institution.

J.A.B.

ADVERTISEMENTS MISSING.

Sir—, Apropos the correspondence on "Advertisements Missing" some of your readers would seem to be suffering acutely from Anti-Aditis.

All the case for the defence is much too strong to compress into a short letter. In lieu of this, I would strongly recommend your correspondents to go to the Central Y.M.C.A. Library and borrow "Scientific Distribution," by Charles Frederick Higham, which by the way is much more interesting to the lay mind than it sounds, and most enlightening.

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LEARNING GERMAN.

Sir,—Seeing that "The Cologne Post" has recognised our arrival in Rhineland with its "Vanity Fair" column, I venture to ask for information from any readers who may know whether educational facilities exist at all in the Army Area of which our children (and they are with us in many instances) can take advantage. There is much they can learn here in acquiring a knowledge of the language and from observations of German every-day customs, but they should not lose a grip of their schooling during their stay.

A MOTHER.

THE ROMAN NORTH GATE.

Sir,—Among the notes supplied by various readers on this ancient gateway none have mentioned where it can now be seen. The structure of the Arch has been rebuilt in the shrubbery at the N.W. corner of the Wallraff-Richartz Museum.

Another interesting relic stands close by. The partico of a small Roman temple is rebuilt against the Museum wall. It was found — if we recollect aright — under the Luxemburger Strasse, and probably many an ancient wayfarer has prayed for a successful journey inside its doors.

S. T.

THE MUZZLING OF DOGS.

Sir,—Your correspondent "Not a lover of dogs" holds some very strong and very extraordinary views regarding the treatment of dogs. It is unfortunate that he should have had a couple of nasty accidents through running into dogs, but that in my opinion, is not nearly sufficient reason to justify his present attitude.

I too have had accidents: on one occasion I was badly bitten by a dog and on another I was forced to spend £17 patching up my motor bike and six weeks in hospital patching up myself. On neither occasion was the fault mine, nor the dog mine. Yet I am still a lover of dogs.

G. E. C.

TAXI-FARES.

Sir,—With reference to your correspondent's query re fares shown on taxis, and cabs not provided with workable taximeters, according to the German Police regulations, no cab may ply for hire unless provided with a taximeter, which must be in working order.

On taking a fare, the driver must lower his flag, and the taxi should then register 80 pfennigs. This is the minimum fare for 600 metres—a further charge of 10 pfennigs per 300 metres is registered. These are the original fares; four times these prices have now to be paid.

Any passenger who is driven in a cab which does not display the British orders re fares, or fails to lower the flag, or which has no taximeter or an unworkable one, will be doing a public service by handing the man over to the British Police for prosecution.

E. G.

WHY NO BRASSARD?

Sir:—In all probability because the lady did not report (as instructed) at the Military Permit Office. It IS the same with MANY other wives.

BY ONE WHO KNOWS.

MEETING AT NIGHT.

The gray sea and the long black land;
And the yellow half-moon large and low;
And the startled little waves that leap
In fiery ringlets from their sleep,
As I gain the cove with pushing prow,
And quench its speed i' the slushy sand.

Then a mile of warm sea-scented beach;
Three fields to cross till a farm appears;
A tap at the pane, the quick sharp scratch
And blue spurt of a lighted match,
And a voice less loud, thro' its joys and fears,
Than the two hearts beating each to each!

ROBERT BROWNING.

LINDENTHAL TENNIS.

Inter-Allied Tourney Opens In Ideal Weather.

1ST. AND 2ND ROUNDS.

In spite of the lateness in the season the great inter-allied tennis tournament, which opened at Lindenthal on Saturday and is being continued throughout this week, is being favoured with brilliant weather. There was a very large number of entries, including representatives of the Allied Armies of occupation and the function is proving a signal success.

The results of the first and second round are appended and further results will appear in to-morrow's issue.

Results.

Gentlemens singles (open) championship of the Rhine:—First round. Capt. Jones beat Major Morgan 4—6, 15—13; Lieut. Greene-Kelly beat Lieut. Moulins 3—6, 6—4, 6—0; Major Gross beat Lieut.-Col. Carrington 6—2, 7—5; Capt. J. Evans beat Lieut. T. H. R ade 6—2, 6—0; Major H. A. Ward beat Lieut. Inglis 6—3, 6—4; Major Hugonin beat Major Morrison 6—3, 6—1; Major Farrell beat Lieut.-Col. Connor w.o.; Major Tate beat Lieut. Poulain w.o.; Capt. F. R. Price beat Lieut.-Col. M. Spicer 6—1, 6—4; Capt. L. A. Godfrey beat Capt. A. B. Stewart 6—1, 3—6, 6—0; Major M. G. Holmes beat Capt. Moineville 6—1, 6—3; Capt. Ross beat Lieut. McBatty 2—6, 6—3, 6—2; Lieut. Albany beat Mr. A. K. Watson 6—2, 5—7, 6—0; Lieut.-Col. Hughes beat Lieut. A. H. Clark 6—2, 6—0; Capt. C. F. Miles beat Li ut. Bouvier 6—0, 6—1; Capt. C. Avery beat Major L. Gurney w.o.

Second Round.

Lieut.-Col. C. Owen beat Capt. Grehan 6—1, 6—2; Major M leod beat Lieut.-Col. Shannon w.o.; Lieut. E. S. Harding beat Major S. Wheatley 1—6, 6—3, 6—1; Capt. Sherring beat Lieut. Donpeyroux 6—3, 6—2; Lieut. de Vangelas beat Lieut. C. R. Portafield w.o.; Lieut. Martell beat Li ut. Sherman 6—1, 2—6, 6—0; Lieut. C. H. Hole beat Major W. F. Bruce 6—4, 6—2, 6—2; Lieut. Rogers beat Lieut. Benoit w.o.; Lieut. W. G. Box beat Major McCulum w.o.; Major R. E. Saul beat Capt. G. F. Kynaston 6—1, 6—2; Capt. W. Fry beat Major Vanderzee 6—3, 6—4; Lieut. Col. Mansell beat Lieut. C. Wanbush 6—1, 6—0; Lieut. Kelly beat Capt. Jones 6—2, 7—5; Capt. J. Evans beat Major Gross 6—4, 6—0; Major Ward beat Major Hugonin 4—6, 6—3, 6—0; Major Tate beat Major Farrell w.o.; Capt. Price beat Capt. Godfree 5—7, 7—5, 6—2; Major Hol- mes beat Capt. Ross 6—0, 6—2; Lieut.-Col. Hughes beat Lieut. Albany 6—3, 6—0; Capt. Miles beat Capt. Avery w.o.; Lieut. Gardner beat Capt. Thorne w.o.; Rev. L M. Andrews beat Major L. R. Boyd 6—0, 6—0 Capt. Bright Holmes beat Major Terry 2—6, 6—2, 6—4; Lieut. Chrystal beat Capt. H. A. Wardle 6—2, 6—4; Lieut. de Fage en beat Lieut. C. Hartland 8—6, 6—0; Lieut.-Col. Sharpe w.o.; Lieut. L. H. Harris beat Capt. G. G. Ziegler 6—3, 6—0; Lieut. Tuson beat Capt. H. Spicer 7—5, 6—4; Lieut. Mahon w.o.; Major C. O Hezlit beat Lieut.-Col. Mcleod 6—4, 6—3; Brig.-Gen. R. Currie beat Brig.-Gen. Lucas 6—2, 2—6, 6—3; Lieut. Petrie beat Lieut. Volmerange 6—4, 6—2;

Ladies Singles.

Ladies' Singles (open) Championship of the Rhine.

Miss Wilson beat Miss Stones 2—6, 6—3, 6—2; Miss L. C. Owen beat Miss Anderson 6—1, 6—1; Miss McMaster beat Mrs. Mansell 6—1, 6—0; Mrs. Morgan beat Miss Bunker 6—0, 6—3; Mrs. Woodcock beat Miss Hollis 2—6, 6—4, 6—1; Mrs. Chambers beat Mrs. W. Hewlett 6—1, 7—5; Miss M. Campbell beat Mrs. Poyser 6—1, 6—1; Mrs. Lord beat Mrs. Traill 10—8, 8—10, 8—6.

Gentlemen's Singles (Handicap) Class 1.—Lt. Martel beat Lt. Collin +2—6, +15; Capt. Bright Holmes beat Brig.-Gen. T. Lucas +15 scr.; Lt.-Col. M. Spicer beat Capt. Shancross +15, 15—1, 6—1, 6—4; Major R.E. Saul beat Maj. Hugonin —15, +3—6; 6—2, 6—3; Maj. Rowntree beat Maj. Boyd +16. +15 w.o.; Capt. Jerram beat Lt. Fugeras +15, +3—6 w.o., Capt. Stewart beat Lt. Alder —4—6, +15; 6—1, 6—2; Major Morrison beat Capt. Craik +3—6, +5—6. 7—5, 6—2; Lieut.-Col. G. W. G. Hughes beat Capt. G. Ziegler 6—1, 6—1; Lieut. Gardner beat Major A. Ferguson 6—3, 6—4; Lieut. A S. Harding beat Major McCulum +1—6, +3—6 w.o.; Lieut. Kelly beat Major Gross —2—6 scr. w.o.; Lieut.-Col. Mcleod beat Capt. Sherring +3—6, +3—6, 6—0, 6—2; Major W. J. Holmes beat Capt. T. Thorne 6—0, 6—3; Capt. H. Garrick beat Lieut.-Col. Sharpe +5—6, +1—6, 10—8, 6—4; Brig.-Gen. Currie beat Major Harg +1—6, +4—6, 6—4, 7—5; Lieut. W. A. King beat Capt. Robson +4—6, +3—6, 6—4. 6—8, 9—7; Major L. Gurney beat Capt. H. Wardle +4—6, 6—4, 6—2; Capt. Jones beat Lieut. Chrystal +15, +1—6, 6—4, 6—2; Lieut. Inglis beat Major C. O. Hezlit +5—6, +15, w.o.; Lieut. L. A. Harris beat Major Wheatley +3—6, +1—6, 6—4. 6—3; Capt. Grehan beat Lieut. Tuson +2—6, +4—6, 16—14, 6—2; Major Ward beat Lieut. McBatty —15. +5—6, 6—3, 6—3.

Second round.—Capt. F. R. Price beat Lieut. Thwaites: —15, +4—6; Capt. Kynaston beat Capt. L. W. Andrews +15, +3—6, 6—0, 6—0; Major Saul beat Lieut.-Col. Spicer 6—1, 7—5; Major Rowntree beat Capt. Jerram 6—3, 6—4; Lieut. Gardner beat Lieut.-Col. Hughes 6—2, 3—6, 6—4; Lieut. Kelly beat Lieut. Harding 8—6, 6—4; Brig. Gen. Currie beat Capt. Carrick 6—4, 6—0; Lieut. King beat Major Gurney 6—3, 2—6, 6—2; Lieut. Harris beat Capt. Grehan 7—5, 6—3; Lieut.-Col. McAllister beat Major Ward w.o.; Major Bruce beat Lieut.-Col. Shannon w.o. Lieut. L. M. Andrews beat Major Morgan w.o.

Ladies Handicaps.

Ladies Handicap Singles:—First round. Mrs. Chambers beat Miss Harvey scr +3—6, 7—5, 6—1; Miss Hewlett beat Miss Stewart-Moore +3—6, +15, 6—4, 6—0; Mrs. Poyser beat Mrs. M. L. Griffiths +3—6, +15, 6—3, 2—6, +6—4; Mrs. Woodcock beat Mrs. Morgan scr +3—6, 6—2, 7—5; Miss Hollis beat Miss A. Miller —15/3 —4—6, 6—3, 6—1; Miss McMaster beat Mrs. Traill —15, +5—6, 6—4, 6—0; Mrs. Phillips beat Mrs. Dix +5—6, +15, 6—4, 4—6, 6—0.

Gentlemen's Handicaps.

Gentlemens Handicap Singles Class 11:—First round. Lieut. Wrench beat Major McLeod +15/2, +4/6, 6—3, 7—5; Major Swift beat Capt. G. Mason scr 4/6, 6—4, 6—2; Capt. Lindberg beat Capt. Moineville +15/2 scr, +6—4, 6—2; Lieut. Rogers beat Lieut. Rose +15, +15/1, 3—6, 6—2, 6—1; Major Will beat Lieut. Volmerange +15, +3/6, 6—4, 6—3; Mr. A. K. Watson beat Lieut. Wanbush +15 scr, 6—4, 6—3; Lieut.-Col. Done beat Capt. Bond +15/2, +4/6; Capt. Francis beat Major Keer +15/2, +3/6, 6—4, 6—1; Lieut. Read beat Lt.-Col. Carrington +15 +2/6 6—1, 8—6; Capt. Brookes beat Lt. Eykyn +15 +3 +3/6, w.o., Lt. de Vangelas beat Capt. Allison +3/6 +15, 6—2, 6—0; Lt. Petrie beat Capt. Spicer scr. 6—3, 6—4; Lt. Box beat Maj. Pierson +15/1 +4/6 7—5, 6—2; Lt. Mason beat Maj. Farrell +4/6 scr., w.o., Lt. McMahon beat Maj. Richardson +15 +3/6, 6—0, 6—1; Lt. Jellings beat Maj. Vanderzee +15/2 +15 w.o., Lt. Matthews beat Lt. Ledingham +4/6 +15, w.o., Lt. Albany beat Lt. R. Thompson +15/1 +4/6. 6—4, 6—4.

Capt. Cronin beat Lieut. Shakleton +15, +15, 6—0, 6—2; Lieut. Hartland beat Capt. C. F. Miles +3/6, —3/6; Capt. Ross beat Capt. Fry Scr. —3/6, 6—1, 6—2; Lieut. Wrench beat Lieut.-Col. Gethen w.o.; Capt. Lindberg beat Major Swifte 3—6, 6—4, 9—7; Major Will beat Lieut. Rogers 6—2, 9—7; Mr. Watson beat Lieut.-Col. Done 6—1, 6—1; Lieut. Petrie beat Lieut. Box 4—6, 6—0, 6—3; Lieut. McMahon beat Lieut. Mason 6—3, 4—6, 6—1; Lieut. Matthews beat Lieut. Jillings 4—6, 6—2, 6—4; Lieut. Albany beat Lieut. Clark 6—3, 6—3; Col. Bush beat Lieut. Grant Scr. +4/6, w.o.; Commdt. Bergen beat Lieut.-Col. Traill +4/6, +15/1, 6—4, 6—4; Capt. Hawkins beat Major Robinson +4/6, +4/6, 6—1, 6—0.

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BUCHAN BEATEN.

Outsider Wins the Doncaster St. Leger.

DOMINION SECOND.

The Doncaster St. Leger, the last of the great classics, has been one of the most sensational racing events of the season. A number of the most fancied candidates were one after another withdrawn from the race and the result yesterday was no less surprising. The race was won by Lord Derby's filly Keysoe, an 100-8 chance, Dominion and Buchan being second and third respectively.

The most surprising feature of the race was the failure of Maj. Astor's Buchan, one of the hottest favourites of the season. Indeed it was difficult to see how anything in the field had a possible chance against this much fancied colt and he started with the betting 13-8 on He had shown himself to be a consistent performer and had always given a good account of himself when called upon. It will be remembered that he finished second to Grand Parade in the Derby.

Keysoe was not so much an outsider as to have been regarded as having no chance in the race. Indeed, this big filly had been very well spoken of in some quarters in connection with the classic.

But she had only just recovered from an indisposition and it was not quite known whether her best form had been regained.

Dominion, Lord Glanelly's colt, by reason of his poor performance in the Breeders' St Leger had lost favour and prestige, and his finishing in advance of Buchan is another surprising feature. He started at 7—1. Only colts ran in the 2,000 Guineas and Derby and in the last 25 years the only two fillies to win the last classic have been Sceptre in 1902, and Pretty Polly in 1904. Keysoe is by Swynford — Keystone II.

Details:—

1. **Keysoe** (Carslake) 100—8. Lord Derby.
2. **Dominion** (A. Smith) 7—1. Lord Glanelly.
3. **Buchan** (Childs) 13—8 Maj Astor.

Also ran:—Cheap Popularity, Mademoiselle Foch, Pomme de Terre, Sardis, Vicerey, White Heat.

PUTTING THE SHOT.

Fine Exhibition by R.G.A. Corporal at Stotzheim.

On Monday several events in continuation of the sports of 174 Siege Battery R.G.A. were contested at Stotzheim. The principal item was a splendid exhibition of putting the shot by Corporal Campbell. Using the 11 lb. shot, which was recently used at sports meeting at Euskirchen, he put it a distance of 44 ft. 10½ ins. Is this a record?

The results were as follows:—

High Jump:— 1, Gunner Atkin (5ft. 1 ins); 2, Sgt. Tabe (5ft.); 3, Signaller F.A. Birch.

Putting the shot:—1, Cpl. Campbell (44ft. 10½ ins); 2, Sgt. Tabe (39ft. 5 3,4 ins); 3, Gunner Pardoe (37ft. 11 ins.)

ENGLISH LEAGUE TABLES.

The League.—Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Sheffield United	3	2	1	0	9	4	5
Middlesbrough	3	2	1	0	6	2	5
Chelsea	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
Bradford	3	2	0	1	4	3	4
Sunderland	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
Liverpool	3	2	0	1	7	5	4
West Bromwich A.	3	2	0	1	6	3	4
Newcastle United	3	2	0	1	4	3	4
Derby County	3	1	2	0	5	3	4
Everton	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
Blackburn Rovers	3	1	2	0	6	2	4
Manchester City	3	1	1	1	7	7	3
Burnley	3	1	1	1	3	4	3
The Arsenal	3	1	0	2	4	6	2
Notts County	3	1	0	2	3	5	2
Manchester United	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
Bradford City	3	1	0	2	7	6	2
Oldham Athletic	3	1	0	2	4	7	2
Preston North End	3	0	1	2	1	9	1
Aston Villa	3	0	1	2	3	7	1
Bolton Wanderers	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
Sheffield Wednesday	3	0	1	2	0	4	1

The League.—Division II.

	P.	W.	D.	L	For	Agst.	Pts.
Tottenham H.	3	3	0	0	13	1	6
Bristol City	3	3	0	0	4	1	6
Wolverhampton W.	3	2	1	0	9	3	5
Stockport County	3	2	0	1	8	3	4
Leeds City	3	2	0	1	6	4	4
Blackpool	3	2	0	1	7	3	4
Stoke	3	2	0	1	4	4	4
Huddersfield	3	2	0	1	3	3	4
South Shields	3	2	0	1	3	1	4
Fulham	3	2	0	1	2	2	4
West Ham	3	1	1	1	5	9	3
Birmingham	3	1	1	1	4	2	3
Hull City	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Barnsley	3	1	0	2	9	3	2
Notts Forest	3	1	0	2	5	5	2
Rotherham C.	3	1	0	2	4	8	2
Grimsby Town	3	1	0	2	3	10	2
Bury	3	1	0	2	2	2	2
Leicester C.	3	0	1	2	2	7	1
Lincoln City	3	0	1	2	2	8	1
Clapton Orient	3	0	0	3	1	4	0
Coventry City	3	0	0	3	1	12	0

BECKETT'S CHALLENGERS.

Mr. Mortimer States His Views And Programme.

PERSISTENT FULTON.

In typical American style Mr. O'Rourke Fulton's manager has been persistently issuing challenges to Beckett and Carpentier, since his protege's success at Olympia when he accounted for Arthur Townley in the first round.

In this connection Mr. Bernard Mortimer, Beckett's manager, has written in the following terms to the "Sporting Life." He says:—No doubt Mr. O'Rourke is delighted with Fulton's success, but I can advise him not to be too elated, as, having had Townley down with Beckett for two weeks, I am in a position to judge the result more correctly than any other person.

Mr. O'Rourke can go on issuing his weird challenges, but he cannot forget that several weeks ago I told him that there was very little chance of Beckett and Fulton meeting, as my programme was mapped out. Had Beckett lost to McGoorty, I know what kind of a fool I should have been called, but I was anxious to show the public that Beckett was not only a two-handed fighter, but that he could and would box any opponent without relying on his strength alone. I was more delighted with Beckett's restraint and coolness against McGoorty than I was with his smashing method of dealing with Goddard.

Perhaps now Beckett will get the credit of not only being a great fighter, but also a scientific boxer, equal to any of recent years in England. His place in boxing can only be gauged by an encounter with Carpentier, representing the best in Europe. If successful Beckett will be in a position to demand a contest with Dempsey for the world's title—and "may the best man win." That is my programme.

BECKETT ON BOXING.

A Reply to Free Church Council President.

In our columns yesterday we referred to some remarks of Dr. T.A Guttery, president of the National Free Church Council, in which he described boxing as "beastly prize fights." On this subject Joe Beckett has had something to say in defence of himself and his fellow professors to a correspondent of the "Weekly Despatch." He said:

"The rev. gentleman who says fighting is beastly and is a reflection on our country can take it from me that he could have no better text for a sermon than a fighter when he has finished his training." "Think," he continued, "of such a fighter! He is perfection, and it is not physical perfection alone. That's where people who talk without knowing their book make a mistake.

"That man, that boxer, has absolutely mastered himself. He cannot be a glutton, he cannot be a drinker. He has to be abstinent and regular in his habits. It is moral perfection as well as physical perfection with him. Could you ask for a more lovely specimen of manhood?"

CRICKET FRIENDLY.

1st L.L.T.M.B. meet 1st London B.H.Q. at Loope.

T.M.B.'s batted first and compiled an innings of 55 runs, the best scores being made by Pte. Bowers 11 and Pte. Sampson 10. Pte. Penn for B.H.Q. took 6 wickets for 24 and Sgt. Wrigley 2 for 15. B.H.Q. made a score of 45 runs, the chief contributor being Pte. Barrows 26. Pte. Howard for T.M.B.'s took 4 wickets for 6 runs and Cpl. Walsh, 3 for 1.

In the second innings the highest scorers were Pte. Gothard 27, Pte. Howard 14 and L/Cpl. Gascoigne 13. Pte. Penn got 3 wickets for 19 runs and Pte. Collett, 2 for 12. B.H.Q. compiled 7st to which total Pte. Barrows contributed 24 and Pte. Roberts 12. L/Cpl. Davies for T.M.B.'s took 4 wickets for 14 runs and Pte. Gothard 5 for 18.

SIGNALS AT CRICKET.

A very interesting all day cricket match took place at Euskirchen on Sunday between E. Corps Signals and G.H.Q. Signals, the latter winning by 55 runs. G.H.Q. Signals were assisted by Lieut. Astill, the Leicestershire County player, who scored 51 and 12, and took 6 wickets for 42 runs and 6 for 27. For E. Corps Signals Mc. Donald scored 18 and 10 and took 7 wickets for 61 and 6 for 42. Other useful scorers were Lieut. Melhuish 25, for G.H.Q. and Col. Hitchens 21 not out, Wood 11 and Mr. Buddell 11 for E. Corps.

Scores:—G.H.Q. 139 and 75; E. Corps Sigs. 94 and 65.

IN OTHER YEARS.

Winners Of The Great Doncaster Classic.

THE MANTON STABLE.

The previous horse to win the Doncaster St. Leger on the Town Moor was Black Jester, a fair but not a great horse, but curiously enough the substitute race in all the four war years, which was called the September Stakes, and was run at Newmarket, was won by a horse of high class who was undoubtedly the best of his year. The horses in question were Pommern, Hurry On, Gay Crusader and Gainsborough, and that all four were well above the average classic winners in point of merit was the general opinion of expert Turfites. This year, unfortunately, the Derby winner was not engaged, and therefore Buchan who ran Grand Parade to half a length in the Epsom race stood for the best Derby form of those engaged in yesterday's race. Buchan had won two valuable stakes in the interim and is a most consistent runner, and he is trained in a stable which has done many big things in classic events during the last few years, and which indeed also sheltered Gay Crusader and Gainsborough, the last two winners of the substitute race.

SERGEANTS' "SMOKER."

Pleasing 29th Bde. R.G.A. Function at Endenich.

A highly successful Smoker was held by the W.Os., Staff Sergeants and Sergeants of the above Brigade at the Krause Saal, Endenich on Thursday Evening, 4th September. Invitations were extended to the officers of the Brigade, a gratifying number of whom were present. The President (R.S.M. W.G. Freeman) and committee B.S.M. C. Eade, Sgts. W. Burt, M. Moulton, and M. Archer are to be congratulated upon the fine way in which the "smoker" was organized, and Sgt. Burt who managed the catering, made a splendid show.

The musical part of the programme under the able chairmanship of R.S.M. Freeman was greatly enjoyed by the company, the artistes, all belonging to the Brigade, were in good vocal form and each thoroughly deserved the generous applause accorded them. The programme was opened by B.S.M. Eade, who was followed by Sgt. Burt, B.Q.M.S. Earith, Sgt. Spreadbury, B.S.M. Morgan, B.Q.M.S. Seath, Sgt. Northmore, Lt. Brown, Capt. Smith, Sgt. Cornwall, Sgt. Woomack, B.S.M. Elms, Capt. Black, and Sgt. Billing. The accompaniments were very ably managed by Bmdr. Ranican, Gunners Davison and Burnham. Capt. Smith proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of the officers. The Chairman responded, thanking the officers for their attendance and their whole-hearted support in making the evening the success it was. A most enjoyable evening terminated with a toast to the King and the singing of the National Anthem.

ARMY RIFLE MEETING.

Results Of Second Day's Shooting At Drove.

Following are the results of Tuesday's shooting in the Rhine Army Rifle meeting at Drove:—

Team event No 1:—1, 20th K.R.R.C., 33; 2, 5th Border Regt., 32; 3, 5th R. Irish, 30; 4, 52nd Kings Liverpool Regt., 29.

Team event No 2:—1, 52nd Kings, 44; 2, 20th K.R.R.C., 42; 3, 1/6th West York, 32; 4, 51st Warwicks, 53rd Northumberland Fus., 30; tie to be shot off on the 10th.

Team event No 3 finalists:—1, 52nd Kings Liverpool Regt. and 2/4th Queens; 3, 1/5th Devons; 4, 51st Durham L.I.

Team event No 7:—1, 20th K.R.R.C., 121; 2, 11th R. Scots, 100; 3, 3rd Bn. Ing. Corps, 99; 4, 53rd Northumberland Fus., 97.

Lewis gun 1 gun knockout competition, finalists:—1, 7th R. Fus. and 52nd Devons; 3, 51st Devons; 4, 51st Kings Liverpool Regt.

Unlimited event No 5:—1, R. S. M. Jagger, 20th K.R.R.C., 13; 2, Capt. King, M.G. Corps; Lieut. Moyes, 53rd Warwicks; 2/Lt. Bissett, 5th R.I.R.; 2 Lt. Tully, 5th Devons; Cpl. Baxter, 5th Borderers; Pte. Brunskill, 1/12th L. N. Lancs; Rfn. Gray, 6th Londons, each with 9 points.

Pool shooting 200 yards:— 3 mark Pool, 142 marks; 1 mark Pool, 71 marks.

Individual event No 2, tie shot off:—2nd Lieut. Moyes, 53rd R. Warwicks; R. S. M. Norris, 51st Hants.

New Players Succe s.

An outstanding feature of the Isthmian League opening games was the fine play of the London Caledonians' new players. The pick of the acquisition was W. Gaul, the big Shepherd's Bush inside right.

INTER-ALLIED BOXING.

American Promoter Anxious To Arrange Matches.

BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES WANTED.

It will be re-called that a few days since a paragraph appeared in the "Cologne Post" stating that a suggestion had been put forward for the promotion of Inter-Allied boxing matches between the British and American Armies of the Occupation. Promoter Lew Reiss, the American Athletic Director was the originator of the idea and to-day we are able to annouce that he is prepared to arrange such bouts of four rounds and upwards between British and American contestants. It is understood that the first fights will take place at Coblentz and later it is intented to arrange a return show at Cologne. As pointed out expenses of boxers journeying to Coblentz will be defrayed and, in addition, there is to be a substantial purse for each fight, win, lose or draw.

In the British Army of Occupation there is no lack of really good boxers and no doubt many will be only too pleased to have the opportunity of pitting their skill against that of their American neighbours. Such contests can only have the effect of cementing the friendly relations existing between the Allied Armies in Germany, and, if only for this reason, the movement is a creditable one.

Those wishing to take the matter up should get into touch with Promoter Lew Reiss, American Athletic Director, Y.M.C.A. Coblentz. Boxers, preferably, should be about 140 pounds.

Football at Zollstock.

The 1st Pontoon Park R.E. met the 180th Labour Coy. at Zollstock in tropical weather, but never the less the game was fought out at a terrific pace, each goal being visited in turn. At half time the score stood at one all. After the resumption the pace was faster than ever, and of a great game the Pontoon Park ran out winners by 3 to 2. Clark, Hammond and Clift were great in defence, whilst Bowden and Porter were the outstanding forwards. The Labour Coy. played well together and were very unlucky to lose.

VI CORPS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Double Success of 35 Bde. R.G.A. in Tug-of-War.

In connection with the VI Corps championships the semi-finals and finals of the basket ball and tug-of-war competitions were held on Tuesday at the Headquarters of the 41st Machine Gun Bn. at Königsforst, the winners qualifying to compete in the Army of the Rhine championship to be held shortly.

Both tug-of-war teams entered by the 35 Bde. R.G.A. maintained their unbroken records of successes, each winning by two pulls to nil. The 100st. team was opposed by the London Division Signal Coy and the catch-weight team by the East Surreys. The 1/6th West Yorks were successful in the final of the Basket Ball.

A PECULIAR BOWLER.

J. H. Lockton's Sideways Hop Run and Shuffle.

Since J. H. Lockton made his début for Surrey a few weeks ago his curious run to the wicket has attracted considerable attention. It is reminiscent of the Rev. C. J. M. Godfrey, the old Sussex cricketer, whose bowling feats for the Granville (Lee) C.C. are well known to London club cricketers of the 'nineties and the earlier years of the present century. When he begins his run Lockton is standing close to mid off and he runs to the wicket at an angle of about 45 degrees.

His run may be divided into three periods. In the first period Lockton presses heavily on his left foot, as if he were going to begin a dance. Then, just as he seems to be getting into his stride, he does a hop on his right foot, takes three very long steps and does another hop. By this time he is running nearly sideways, and in two long steps and a sort of shuffle he arrives at the crease. Of course, it is not until the very last moment that the batsman can get an idea of the line which the ball will take. Lockton's average pace is fast-medium, and he seems to have the qualities, except accuracy, which go to the making of a good bowler.

Newcastle Recover.

The main feature of Newcastle's victory over Arsenal was the complete change shown by the home team from the hesitancy and irresolution shown against Albion.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Thursday	7.30	Rigoletto	Verdi
Friday	7	Faust	Gounod
Saturday	6	Tristan and Isolde	Wagner
Sunday	7	Aïda	Verdi
Monday	7	Carmen	Bizet
Tuesday	7	Tosca	Puccini

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Another Departure.

The popular band of the Royal Dragoons is leaving us. Many who have heard the band, will regret to learn of its impending departure. One of the finest military bands in Rhineland, it has earned a splendid name for itself by the delightful concerts it has provided. The Dragoons have had the honour of appearing before their Majesties the King and Queen of Belgium, Marshal Foch, and, on the occasion of his last visit, Mr. Winson Churchill. I am sure that everyone who has enjoyed their music will join me in wishing the members every success.

Sublime and Ridiculous.

The "Imps" Concert Party gave excellent shows to record houses in the Kaisersaal, Solingen. Sgt. Ward's rendering of "Arioso" (Pagliacci) was a suitable curtain raiser, and his expression of "On with the Yotley" prepared the audience for the good things which followed. He was joined by A. Wiseman in the duet "Battle Eve" and on being recalled they gave "Watchman, what of the Night." W. Harrison pleased his audience with "Little Jane" and "You come to me" while A Wiseman was in good voice with "Old Fashioned Mother." The comedy of the performance was provided by Jerry Myers and W. Whibley, who have both earned good reputations. In the closing burlesque drama, in which Ward collaborated with Clifford Grey, Myers is the heignt of the ridiculous as Sir Wildwood Bine the villain of the play. Some very good work is also done by W. Harrison (Solingen John), W. Whibley (Muriel Hohestrasse) A. Wisemen (Mrs. Hohestrasse and Mr. Pownell (the village idiot). The latter does some Yiddish patter and a lisping song "Irish Thoup."

Dora of "The Crumps."

This little caricature is an impression of Harry Harris (Dora), the leading lady of "The Crumps" (London Division Concert Party). He has been a female impersonator since 1910, appearing with "The Buzzing Bees," "The Don Acks," "The Wunny Wuns," and lastly with "The Crumps." Harris will be remembered by many as Dicky in "The Headmaster" and Phil in "The Heart of a Child." He has also had considerable experience in film photoplay work in England before the war.

A Gala Night.

The Stadt Theatre, Bonn, bedecked with flags, flowers and bunting, was the scene of much revelry on Friday evening last when "The Pedlars" gave their gala performance. The programme was submitted by request with the result that there were many successes. Every turn went well and numerous calls were made for encores. During the interval the orchestra rendered a selection from their repertoire. The show concluded with a comedy sketch entitled "The Waiter." 'Erb (Fred Weedon) played the leading role, while Frank Hartley, Norman Kiddie, Bert Waring, Claude Coln (Dolly) and Harry Capell (Irene) also appeared. Farewell "Pedlars."

After the performance was over "Auld Lang Syne" was sung and streamers and confetti were thrown all over the auditorium. Then the artistes were presented with tokens of remembrance by members of the audience. "The Pedlars" gave their last show on Saturday; this being necessitated by the fact that many of their members are going home demobbed. We wish them individually the best of good fortune in England.

Goodbye "Greenjackets!"

The "Greenjackets"—the concert party of the 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.—gave their final performance on Saturday night in Solingen. From the opening chorus till the concluding item, everything went with a swing, and the unstinted applause showed how much their efforts were appreciated. Rfn. Bennett has a pleasing tenor voice and he sang "Time for love" in his usual way, and also duetted with "Elsie the flapper" (Rfn. Bannister) in "Have a Heart." Rfn. Overton sang "Devon Boys" with great feeling. Rfn. Pateman is a good light comedian while Rfn. Bayliss is a comedian with a style all his own. He made the house roar with laughter with his stories and topical patter. The life and soul of the party is Rfn. Cross and each item he gave was loudly applauded. He very capably impersonated Miss Teddie Gerard in the "Apache dance" and this was enthusiastically applauded. The fame of Rfn. Young has spread throughout the Division as a first class comedian, and I am not exaggerating when I say that he kept the audience shaking with laughter. The concerted items were appreciated, especially the topical allusions. The party have been fortunate in having Rfn. Wright as their pianist. He has a remarkably sympathetic touch. The electricians and the stage manager must also be congratulated. The "Greenjackets" have amused thousands of troops since the party was inaugurated, and while I know many will miss them, still all will join in wishing them every success in "civvy" life.

JACQUES.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, September 11th, 1919.

Wind light southerly, 5 to 6 m.p.h. Cool misty morning. Fine, very, warm, hazy day. Visibility indifferent.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

African Rugger.

The Western Province defeated the New Zealand Service Rugby team by 17 points to 6.

Gillingham's Feat.

There was no finer performance in the Southern League than Gillingham's win at Swansea, but Welsh credit was more or less restored by Merthyr's unexpected draw at Brighton.

Matt Well's Return.

We understand that Matt Wells, who went to America to get a return contest with Freddy Welsh, is leaving America and expects to land in England about the middle of September.

Hockey Internationals.

Whether internationals between the four countries will materialise is at present doubtful. While Scotland and Wales are slow in reorganisation, England and Ireland are fully ready for international combat.

Cambridgeshire Pointers.

Haki's success involves a 10lb. penalty for the Cesarewitch, but Clarion gets no extra for the Cambridgeshire through winning the St. Denis Stakes. This colt has given Captain Dewhurst a lot of trouble this season, but he is all right now and is expected to play a big part in the big Newmarket handicap.

Hill Again.

W. A. Hill, the sprint champion, won in even time at Southend. He dead-heated in the quarter with R. Nolan. J. C. Dixon won the mile.

New Member Wins.

The annual half-mile handicap of the Richmond Swimming Club ended in A. Suhr, a new member, winning somewhat easily by 35 yards, being in receipt of 135sec. start.

Aussies in America.

A beginning was made on Friday with a series of six matches, which have been arranged between the Australian lawn tennis players and picked representatives of the United Staates.

A Sign of the Times.

One of the best signs of the times with regard to the blend of amateur and professional in the football world is the match next November between Cambridge University and a Southern team representative of the Football Association.

Surprising Results.

The teams not yet having properly settled down, it was not at all surprising to find a number of unexpected results in Saturday's matches. Probably the greatest of these was Aston Villa's defeat at home by Sunderland in the First League competition.

West Ham's Changes.

West Ham had no fewer than seven changes in their team from last week that met Lincoln City at Lincoln.

Services Hockey.

Hockey in the Army and Navy, as well as in the Royal Air Force, is going to be highly popular, and representative matches between the "triple services" should be productive of considerable interest.

Discharged and Demobbed.

Entries are coming in from all parts of the British Isles for the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers Sports Champion meeting at Stamford Brige on Sept. 17 and 18.

Surrey's New Secretary.

Mr. John Shuter, Surrey's old captain, who was succeeded by Mr. K. J. Key, will fill the post of secretary to the Surrey County Cricket Club, rendered vacant by the appointment of Mr. W. Findlay as assistant secretary of the M.C.C.

"The Manton Wizard."

"The Manton Wizard" must have waved his magic wand over Haki this year, for the horse has undergone a wonderful rejuvenation. He has come out like a giant refreshed, and the way he battled on in the Goodwood Plate was a revelation to those people who had dubbed him a soft beast.

Outstanding Item.

In this month's motoring programme the A.C.U. Six Days' Trial for motorcycles, sidecar machines, and three-wheeled cyclecars is the outstanding item.

Everton's Revenge.

Comparative form came a cropper at Stamford Bridge for Everton gained a well-earned revenge for their defeat at Goodison Park, by beating Chelsea by one goal to nil.

Benzole Trial.

The benzole trial of 10,000 miles, which is now well under way, is given added interest by the intention of the Automobile Association to start to-morrow a 4 h. p. Triumph motor-cycle and sidecar on a shorter run of 5,000 miles.

Crouch Yachting.

The Royal Corinthian Yacht Club's race on the Crouch for the ex-24-footer limited handicap class was won by Mr. A. G. McMeekin's Gybo, Messrs. Stanley Straker and Hartley Straker's Merrymaid being second and Mr. E. H. Morris' Tartar third.

Motor-Cycling Trial.

Fifteen teams competed in the Motor-Cycling Club's team trial on roads in the vicinity of Tring. The only club to get its six men home over the 100 miles without a stop was

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Worth watching.

Our classified advertisement columns seem to be getting quite an interesting feature nowadays. Many people we find, read them daily as an informative new feature. Recently we had the first birth-announcement—of a son—to a British lady temporarily resident in Cologne. Demobbed officers dispose of surplus personal kit; cameras appear to be always changing hands, whilst "bound-for-Blighty" units sell sporting goods and cinema outfits—many of these latter, we understand, to private individuals for use in country houses. All the dentists of Rhineland seem to have discovered a little gold mine in gold-crown work for the British Army, whilst articles are lost and found daily. Now "Agony" advertisements are coming in, so we may soon expect to receive eight marks from Flossie who will be waiting to meet Algy at the Dom at 8.30. No doubt all will be forgiven. Truly, as "The Times" has recently discovered, there is news in advertisements.

Killing chivalry.

Tommy always has a warm spot in his heart for the kiddies, even though they have been unfortunate enough to possess German parents. But what matters that? Kiddies are kiddies the world over. And yet, there are folk with other ideas. For instance, the other day two soldiers were on a car and were engaged in good-humoured play with a little German mite, much to its own and its mother's satisfaction. It did not, however, meet the approval of an English lady who was accompanied by an officer, for with an ill-concealed sneer she turned to the officer and said in a voice which was, unfortunately for her, overheard by the Tommies,"—And we talk of patriotism!" The remark evidently struck the officer as being most unfair, and he refrained from comment, though obviously very embarrassed. It is to be hoped, says our correspondent, that there are few of her ilk in Cologne—or the world, for that matter.

Post Parcels.

In Germany the pre-war charge for post-parcels was 50 pfennigs for 11 pounds. A card bearing the address and attached to the parcel is provided with a blank space on which, without further charge, the sender can write any necessary message to the addressee. The post-office motors collect the parcels from the post-offices. Arriving at the station they are put in official post-office wagons. Special postmen with electric tricycle vans distribute the parcels. One can register a parcel and send it by express like a letter. Locally, within the limits of one town, the tariff is reduced fifty per cent. It is easy to understand the advantage to trade of this organization.

A rude clock.

The side of the tower of the Cologne Townhouse facing the Altermarkt shows underneath the big clock, the face of a man, who thrusts out his tongue every hour as often as the clock strikes. Many of us would like to know what this performance means. At any rate, it is quite interesting to watch him at twelve o'clock when he has to go through this performance twelve times.

Soldier-Councillors.

In view of the forthcoming elections in November, it has been decided that leave may be granted to candidates, if they apply through the Local Government Board, to stand for these elections. Leave will not exceed 21 days from the date of nomination of the candidate, and applications will be submitted to General Headquarters, Army of the Rhine.

Chivalry in a Tramcar.

In a tramcar proceeding from Schaberg to Solingen the other day, the conductor came along for fares. On appoaching a Fräulein, she offered him a one Mark note for a forty pfennig ticket. The conductor gruffly asked her if she had any small change, where upon she politely told him she hadn't. He then proceeded to upbraid her in a most rude manner and at the first stopping place, made her get off. If this is a sample of German chivalry towards his women-folk, one wonders where all their vaunted politeness comes in.

Re-Echoes.

The Army Book Shop on the Ring, has we notice, disappeared. With the reduction in our forces it is feared that many other useful institutions for the troops in Rhineland will be putting up the shutters.

If you are being demobbed why not continue to have the "Cologne Post" sent to you daily by post? It will cost you little and will be a pleasant reminder of your sojourns on the Rhine.

In a Bonn café yesterday was to be seen a German, who was proudly wearing the Iron Cross. Evidently the display of the ribbon was insufficient for him.

Contrary to general opinion, the Opera "Tosca" has been presented in Cologne before, but not during or since the war. This on the authority of Franz Bruckner, the celebrated music critic of the Kölner Tageblatt.

Many alterations have been made in the time-table of the Rhine Steamer services. An abridged time-table with new times has been published. The complete plan may be obtained at the usual agencies.

No 3 Coy Northern Div. Train subscribed during the week ending Sept. 6 the sum of £164-16-8 or 15,824 Marks, approximately £1-19-4 per head of the Coy.

The signallers of the 18th K.R.R.C. are to be heartily congratulated on the result of the classification test held recently. They have come out top of the whole 1st Light Division and Rfn. Sharke has earned the distinction of being the best signaller throughout the Division.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give two prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's winners are Signaller S.T. Hammond, Camp Commandant's Office, Light Division H.Q., Rhine Army and Private M. Friedman, Demob. Branch Genl. H.Q.R.A. Rhine Army.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Clogs popular.—There is a run on clogs in South London.

Cheap "Straws."—Men's straw hats are on sale in a Marylebone shop at 1s. each.

Banking Amalgamation.—Lloyds Bank will absorb the West Yorkshire Bank subject to sanction of Treasury.

Chase by Motor car.—When a horse attached to a van took fright at Ponder's End a resident gave chase in his motor-car.

The Prince's Eyes.—The Prince of Wales' eyes are inflamed as the result of a visit to a steelworks.

Twins in a lake.—Twins, aged eighteen months, were drowned in the park lake at Stockton-on-Tees.

Unwanted Russians.—Several Russians have been fined at Thames Police Court for landing without permission.

Britain's Credit.—Imports still continue to increase at a more rapid rate than our exports.

Lack of Building Labour.—One of the primary causes of the housing deadlock is the lack of skilled labour.

Evils of the 2d. Cheque.—One cause of the excessive demand for currency notes is the twopenny tax on cheques.

Crushing the profiteer.—Islington proposes to cancel the licences of fish traders who charge excessive prices.

Prepared.—As fuel for the winter the verandah of a house at Westminster is filled with peat.

Finished.—Of the 4,150 Women Patrols it is estimated that about half have ceased work.

A record price.—The record price of £5,250 was paid for a cow at a sale of Frisian cattle at Aylesbury.

A life in one city.—Mrs. Brimfield a centenarian, who has just died, lived in Oxford all her life.

Lived on apples.—A suicide found dying with his throat cut in a shed near Cowes, said he had lived for over three weeks on apples.

Hard Facts.—During the six months which ended on June 30 there were 910 strikes, involving 1,794,000 workpeople and the loss of 19,283,000 working days.

Many Years in the Post.—A picture postcard was posted by a lady at Southall on April 24, 1906, for delivery at Hanwell. It has just been delivered.

Yet another.—In company with Foch, the Prime Minister will visit Sheffield on October 14, to receive the freedom of the city.

Revival of Beekeeping.—Three thousand additional applications have been made for registration for sugar for winter-feeding of bees.

Lady Preacher's New Church.—Sister Hudson, the first lady preacher to be appointed in Monmouthshire, has begun her duties.

Why is it?—There are bitter complaints from officers who have their wives and families on the Rhine that the English journey is more expensive than the Continental part.

As They Stand.—The Welsh housing authorities are quoting Army huts at £66 each where they stand.

For Strand Shoeblack.—A windfall has come to a well-known Strand figure, Francis, the shoeblack.

The Secrets.—Never contradict, never explain, never apologise—these are the secrets of a happy life.

His Idea.—Mr. Balfour describes modern dancing as being like going for a country walk impeded by a companion.

For Ireland.—Large numbers of troops for the Curragh are arriving in Dublin from England.

Picking Up.—Scarborough's holiday season has resulted in the clearing off of heavy rate arrears.

Their Idea.—London tailors have decided that a fair margin of profit is 33 1-3 per cent.

No Medal.—The Ministry of Munitions has decided not to issue a medal to munitions workers.

Fewer Lunatics.—There were 9,138 fewer lunatics in England and Wales last year than in 1917.

A Repair Depot.—Sheffield has been chosen as one of the four permanent repair bases for the R.A.F.

Too Expensive.—Dr. Paget, the new Bishop of Chester, states that he will not live in the episcopal palace.

To the Savoy.—Mr. Loraine is to transfer "Cyrano" from the Duke of York's to the Savoy Theatre.

King's Sheep For France.—The King has given five Southdown ewes to the Agricultural Relief of Allies Committee.

A Bad Bargain.—"One of his Majesty's bad bargains," is how a Crimean veteran, describes himself; he has had a pension since 1880.

Farmer as Labour Candidate.—A farmer has been introduced at Dorchester as the prospective Labour candidate for West Dorset.

Memorial on Bosworth Battlefield.—A war memorial is to be erected on Bosworth battlefield in the form of a cross bearing the names of men who fell.

English Soldiers and French Girls.—The Lord Mayor of Hull has been asked to vouch for the respectability of many soldiers who have become engaged.

Tank to the Rescue.—During a power breakdown in Belfast a newspaper firm bought a tank engine and linked it up with the dynamo.

Keeping Down Expense.—For use as a sanatorium, Middlesex County Council is to buy huts which have been used as a hospital.

Berkshire's War Record.—Berkshire's war memorial is to take the form of a monument on which over 8,000 names will be inscribed.

Surprise for the Mistress.—An Ealing lady has received the following note from an expected Irish maid: "You will be surprised to hear that, instead of coming to you to-morrow, I am going to be married."

AROUND AND ABOUT.

MARCHING TO MUSIC.

The only time that soldiers keep perfect step is when they are without sound signals, such as the beat of a drum. This is the explanation: "Sound travels about 1,060 feet per second at 0deg. C., or 265 feet in one-fourth second. The soldier next the drummer, steps with the drummer, the soldier 265 feet in the rear is one-fourth second late, and has his foot in the air when the foot of the front man is on the ground. This is because they march at 120 steps per minute (two steps per second), which gives one-half a step in one-fourth second. Hence the soldier who hears the signal one-fourth second late will fall one-half step behind. The feet are seen to strike the ground in receding waves as the sound passes down the line. If the drum stops, the men in two or three seconds get into perfect step again and go with a sway and swing absent at other times.

HOUSE FLY'S CAREER.

One of the first signs of the waning season may be observed in the behaviour of the house fly. During the summer this fly takes more liberties with us than any other insect. He invades every room, and his fondness for the kitchen is explained by the fact that it is generally warmer there than in any other part of the house and, therefore, more in keeping with his activities. Baking-day he seems to know by instinct, for he will leave the merry sunshine any time and hie away to the locality of the hot stove or oven, where he relies on finding some form of food to sample and crawl over. But it is the heat rather than the food that attracts him. The female deposits her eggs in all sorts of places, but she instinctively knows that if they must hatch out there must be warmth. Where the females go, there the males dance attendance. At such times one should treat these flies without mercy. They are not only a nuisance, but they are a public danger for they carry disease by their habits and methods of travel.

SHAKING HANDS.

Certain customs in vogue at the present day, such as shaking hands or offering the left arm to a lady, are of considerable antiquity. It is said that the Phoenicians introduced the former habit into Britain, and that upon the shores of Mounts Bay many a bargain in tin between Eastern merchant and Cornishman was ratified by this method of clasping hands.

In mediaeval times he who shook hands, whether in salutation or as a defensive measure—retaining the sword hand while some treaty was being arranged—must need strip off his steel gauntlet. So at the present time men pull off their right-handed glove before shaking hands with a lady.

STRIKING A MATCH.

"It's a woman," said the detective, heatedly. "We're on the trail."

"It looks like a man to me," the reporter murmured.

"But didn't you notice how she struck that match?" said Lecocq. "She struck it away from her—a sure sign of her sex. Men always strike matches toward them."

After the arrest of the suspect—a woman, sure enough—Lecocq amplified his match statement. "It is tobacco that caused this difference between the sexes in match striking," he said. "All of us unconsciously strike matches toward what we are going to light. Woman always is going to light a lamp or a fire, that is further off than the match, so she strikes her match away from her. But man is always going to light a pipe or cigarette: that is nearer, so he strikes his match toward him."

THE PLAGUE OF RATS.

According to trustworthy estimates, the depredations of the huge army of rats in Great Britain are responsible for the destruction of some £50,000,000 worth of food annually. The chief rat inspector of the Board of Agriculture calculates that each rat, if it lives a year, accounts for 5s. 6d. worth of food in rural areas amongst grain, crops, etc. If given the choice, rats much prefer the food prepared by man, and the extension of their activities in the house will increase that figure, according to the Board of Agriculture, to about £1 per head. It should be remembered that the danger of disease being spread is so great that it is unsafe to eat food which has been nibbled by rats.

The extent to which this danger can multiply may be gauged from the fact that the present estimate of £50,000,000 total yearly damage corresponds to an estimate from the same source in 1913 of £15,000,000.

A USE FOR POISON GAS.

It has been found that poison gas, so cruel an enemy to mankind in war, has its uses in peace. When applied to the land the gas kills all the things it ought to kill and none of those it ought not. Wireworms and millipedes die instantly, as do all the tribe of noxious insects, but that kindly and invisible life which makes the fertility of the soil, remains undamaged or is even benefited by the application. The beneficial soil bacteria are relieved of all noxious competitors, and so flourish immensely. There is no doubt about the facts They have been tested by repeated experiments, and we posses many thousand tons of this gas, which is in liquid form and as a liquid harmless.

RUSTIC FRENCH.

One detects the influence of the war in the village inns of England to-day, says a correspondent who has just returned from a walking tour. The "lads of the village" are home again, and gather, as of yore, in the bar parlour to discuss the events of the day; but there is a marked difference in their vocabulary. For they remember the estaminets of France and the language talked therein. "Encore de bière" has become the formula for repeating an order, and "fini" has taken its place among the recognised methods of intimating refusal to drink again.

BOGUS HEROES.

Every other day someone appears in one of the London courts on a charge of wearing Army uniform without permission. The penalties are severe, and to most people would act as a deterrent. They would consider the illegitimate wearing of uniform as not being worth the risk. In some cases their vanity gets the better of them. They do not consider that in the long run they are bound to be caught. In other cases, for instance, the daring officer who bedecks himself with ribbons abuses the uniform in order to facilitate a career of fraud. The man who poses as a private in the Army does so usually in order to take advantage of the hostels brought into being during the war for the convenience of bona-fide soldiers.

WOMEN CRICKETERS.

A thirteenth century manuscript chronicle of England shows a game of cricket in which a man is batting to the bowling of a woman. Mr. E. V. Lucas records a match between Sussex women in the 18th century. "In June, 1796," he writes, "the married women of Bury beat the single women by 80 runs, and thereupon uniting forces, challenged any team of women in the county. Not only did these women of Bury shine at cricket, but in a Sussex paper for 1791 I find an account of two of Bury's daughters assuming the names of Big Ben and Mendoza, and engaging in a hardly-contested prize fight before a huge gathering. Big Ben won."

AWFUL LYDDITE.

The part played in the war by H. M. light cruiser Birmingham has just been told by Lewis R. Freeman. Describing the Heligoland Bight fight in August 1914, he says the Birmingham was engaged with the Southampton and the Yarmouth in the sinking of the Mainz. Smaller than any of the three of us, we had her hopelessly outmatched from the first; but I have to give her credit for making the pluckiest kind of a fight. We battered her about as we pleased, and in standing in close to her, just before she went down, I had my first opportunity to see the truly terrible effect of British lyddite. Of the terrific 'scorching' action of the latter, there was grim evidence in two scarred and naked bodies—probably those of the captain and navigator—which hung over the rail of the bridge. Apparently unscathed from the fragments of a shell which had burst near them, the clothes and hair had been completely consumed by the fierce heat, while the terrific blast of air and gas had slit the flesh of their bodies as though it had been slashed with knives.

SMELLING MEDICINE.

That medicines for all diseases may be applied by inhalation is the conclusion of a medical authority, after many years of experiment. Hitherto this method has been chiefly confined to anaestheties and remedies for respiratory affections, but marked success is claimed for it in both digestive and nervous troubles. The medicine in liquid form is used to saturate a sponge, which is contained in a tube through which nitrous oxide gas as a "conveyor" is inhaled. Risk of chemical or other change from contact with food materials is avoided, and the medicine is absorbed into the circulation from the lungs even more readily than from the stomach, smaller doses sufficing.

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THE TEN BEST BOOKS.

RESULT OF THE PRIZE COMPETITION.

The interesting contest which closed last Saturday has now been carefully judged by the Editor with the result that Pte G. Dilger, R.A.M.C., c/o D.D.M.S., VI. Corps, H.Q. Rhine Army, has been found to be the winner of the prize of fifty marks.

It will be remembered that readers were invited to send in lists of the ten books they considered the best. Every book scored one vote each time it figured in a list and the competitor whose selection embraced the highest aggregate of votes would be the winner.

The following books headed the list:

Ivanhoe	195	votes
The Scarlet Pimpernel	180	"
David Copperfield	176	"
King Solomon's Mines	162	"
Westward Ho!	150	"
Tale of Two Cities	131	"
Lorna Doone	115	"
The Three Musketeers	110	"
Count of Monte Cristo	110	"
Treasure Island	104	"
	1433	"

Nobody got their lists exactly like this, but Pte. Dilger came nearest with the following:

Ivanhoe	195	votes
David Copperfield	176	"
King Solomon's Mines	162	"
Westward Ho!	150	"
Lorna Doone	115	"
The Three Musketeers	110	"
Treasure Island	114	"
Oliver Twist	80	"
The Cloister on the Hearth	50	"
Tom Brown's Schooldays	20	"
	1272	"

In all 142 separate works were chosen by readers and the variety of books is of interest as showing the tastes of the man in the Rhine Army. One competitor went "nap" on the novels of Nat Gould, his list containing only books by that most popular writer of modern sporting fiction.

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"GAMBLING IN MENS' LIVES".

MOMENTOUS ACTION OF SMILLIE'S FOLLOWERS AT T.U. CONGRESS.

A PRAYER FROM NORTH RUSSIA.

DIRECT ACTION.

MOMENTOUS CONGRESS OF TRADES UNIONS.

Mr. Smillie, the miners' leader, won a preliminary surprise attack with regard to the question of direct action at the Trade Union Congress at Glasgow yesterday, obtaining a large majority in favour of referring back the Parliamentary Committee's report on the policy.

The president, Mr. Stuart Bunning, had previously stated that such a vote would be construed as favouring direct action on political issues.

Mr. Smillie's majority on a card vote was 710,000, the voting being:—

For reference back 2,586,000
Against.....1,876,000

Majority for...710,000

Mr. J.R. Clynes, M.P., said they were bewildering their followers and disgusting the people.

Delegates to the number of 830, representing over 5,250,000 Trade Unionists, are in congress at Glasgow. There have been no sensations; the Congress is in sober mood and shows a sense of responsibility deepened partly by the knowledge of its great strength, and partly by the expectation that before long it may have to play a direct part in governing the country.

It is a significant fact that Emmanuel Shinwell, the Clydeside firebrand, who bade the delegates welcome to this city, gave vent to no passion, but rather dwelt in calm language on the great potentialities of the Congress and its growing influence.

It may be noted also that the President of the Congress, Mr. Stuart-Bunning, in an address remarkable for its moderation of tone and firmness of purpose, urged those of the rank and file who were inclined to waywardness not to jeopardize the place which trade unions had earned in the respect of the nation, because, he said, "we may confidently look forward in a short time to a Labour Government, and no Government can continue to exist which does not enjoy the confidence of the people." The President's address was the main business of the opening day. Some of the views which Mr. Stuart-Bunning expressed, notably on direct action, must have been objectionable to certain of his hearers, yet his speech was not subjected to a single interruption or expression of dissent.

The President's Points.

The chief points in the President's address were as follows:

We are involved in a war with Russia which is thoroughly unpopular with the working classes of this country. Their feeling has been illustrated in many ways and the Government is running a grave risk by ignoring it.

The action of the Parliamentary Committee on the important question of direct action has been misunderstood and misrepresented.

To have called a special congress [to consider a strike ballot] would have identified the Committee with the policy of a national strike on political matters.

Had such a Congress rejected the proposal it would have stereotyped the very policies it would desire to condemn; had it passed the resolution on, and the members rejected it at the ballot, the result would have been a miserable and tragic fiasco.

The Government must have fought a national strike, and that meant revolution.

The project therefore resolved itself into a desperate gamble, with the lives of men, women and children for the stakes.

I do not believe in industrial strikes on political matters. I do not despair of constitutional methods.

The suggestions of direct action are due largely to the conduct of Ministers themselves.

The failure to carry out pledges destroyed confidence in the Government.

The world is five years behind in production. The wastage must be repaired, the lost time made up. There must be an increase of productivity.

This will not be obtained by screeching "slackers" at us.

Increased output can only be obtained by the cooperation of both employers and employed. We are willing to do our share.

The Congress is not weakening on the question of the nationalization of the mines.

Speaking of the vast amalgamation of labour forces he said they had grievous faults. The discipline of the movement was deficient. There are unofficial strikes and repudiations of agreements.

The reputation of trades unions for keeping the bargains they have made must be upheld.

We may confidently look forward in a short time to a Labour Government. No Government can exist which does not enjoy the confidence of the people, and that can only be obtained and retained by a well-founded belief in the integrity of the party which provides the Government.

ARCHANGEL CLERGY.

ASK BRITISH TROOPS TO REMAIN.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has received a long telegram from the Bishop, clergy, and other Christians of Archangel appealing to English Christians to ask the British Government to allow British and Allied troops to remain in North Russia.

While during a whole year, says the telegram, the citizens of Archangel have lived in safety and peace under the protection of the British nation and her Allies, parts of the northern region are still under the yoke of Bolshevist terrorists, and the people are perishing in great numbers. Now the terrible tidings have spread throughout Archangel and the whole northern region that the British troops are to be withdrawn. This decision, if carried out, will have terrible consequences. In this solemn hour the Archangel Christians ask the Christians in England to ask their Government to leave British troops in Northern Russia until after the storm has passed and the position of the Russian people has become clear.

"ILLEGAL CONQUESTS"

DE WET'S STUPID OUTBURST.

General De Wet has issued a wild manifesto through the Nationalist organ, "Die Volksblad," at Bloemfontein. He declares that he will no longer keep silence regarding the illegal conquest of German South-West and East Africa, and is sorry that he must come out with the naked truth now that General Botha is dead. The true cause of the rebellion of 1914, in which he participated, was the unjustifiable attack on German territory, and therefore he intends making a strong appeal to the people of South Africa to force the Government to restore the German colonies to their "rightful owners."

STARVING BUDAPEST.

Budapest is on the verge of famine. Official reports show that the city has now only twelve days' supply of fats, eleven day's supply of flour and corn, two days' supply of meat, and four days' supply of coal, while the reserves of corn at this season, usually about 600,000 tons, are now below 9,000. Of milk there is practically none in the city, and the sanitary department says that there is at least 50 per cent. mortality amongst the infants in the hospitals. The municipal storehouses are empty. They usually contain at this time of the year, amongst other things, some 12,000,000 eggs, but there is now not a single egg in them. Budapest itself requires 3,000 tons of provisions daily, and only 600 tons are arriving. The peasants refuse to part with their foodstuffs for mere money, but demand boots, clothing, and other articles which Hungarian towns are quite unable to furnish. Bankers say that the peasants have three-fifths of the entire money in circulation. The Budapest banks can raise only 300 million crowns for food supplies, which would only feed the town population one month, and then merely the poorer classes. Vegetables are the chief article of diet, and even dogs are being eaten.

DON COSSACKS' RAID.

A grand raid by the Don Cossacks, led by Mamontoff, the famous Master of Foxhounds, has resulted in the capture of Tambog, with only twenty casualties among the attacking forces. Fifteen hundred Bolshevist troops and 2,000 peasant conscripts surrendered. One Bolshevist battalion, which surrendered to a man, is to form the nucleus of a division of former Bolshevists which Mamonstoff is organising. Tamboff was well stocked with food supplies, which Mamontoff distributed to the civilian population. The military stores in the town were destroyed by the Cossacks, who are now advancing on Koztoff.

CANADIAN MAIL TRAIN WRECKED.

A trans-continental train of the Canadian National Railways has been wrecked near Thor Lake, 37 miles west of Cap Reot, in Northern Ontario. Three sleeping cars and the dining car left the track and were overturned, imprisoning the passengers in their berths and making the work of rescue exceedingly difficult. Twenty passengers, most of them women and children, were injured.

GERMANY TIRED OF STRIKES.

The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger states that auxiliary forces of skilled workmen are being formed to combat strikes in gas, water, and electricity works, and in the transport of food and other vitally important sevices.—Reuter.

BISHOP'S BAN.

NO MONEY FROM WHIST DRIVES OR DANCES.

A crusade is to be started throughout Essex on the 18th inst. for raising a quarter of a million sterling for Church work in the county. The Bishop of Chelmsford in a letter to the clergy in his "Diocesan Chronicle" says:

"I may as well say quite frankly that I do not desire to have any part of the sum raised by whist drives or dances. For the moment I am not venturing an opinion on either. Both may be perfectly legitimate forms of recreation; but they are not the methods of the Church for raising the money for carrying on work. I have never heard of either being opened or closed with prayer.

"I want offerings as a result of self-denial and not because of a night of amusement. I emphasise this point because I believe the Church never really gains by money obtained in the ways I have mentioned. People do not give the money for a spiritual object, but for the enjoyment of the game, and in consequence they cannot reap any spiritual benefit from the gift."

WAR SCIENCE.

HOW LIVES WERE SAVED.

Sir Charles Parsons, speaking at the British Association Congress at Bournemouth, said that perhaps the most interesting development of the war had proved to be the listening devices for range-finding. Hydrophones for locating submarines were much used and echoes from objects both above and below water had also provided means of detection. Shocks from underwater explosions could be detected hundreds of miles away by means of hydrophones and by means of leader gear, ships could follow the line of a current when conveying cable to be laid at the bottom of the sea.

The advance made during the war in sound-ranging apparatus was such that in one year over 30,000 enemy guns were located by this means and the importance of these devices as a protection against submarines was very great.

FRENCH PROFITEERS BEATEN

Senator Herriot, Mayor of Lyons, has successfully fought the food speculators through the Workers' Co-operative Productions Society.

At a meeting of delegates from these societies, he announced that the Lyons Municipality had decided to grant a subvention of £44,000. This sum has not been taken from the City's budget. It comes from the profits realised by direct sale to the consumers of Lyons of provisions of the first necessity, on which speculators had previously made immense profits.

Those in charge of the city's finances made an inquiry into these huge profits, and Senator Herriot resolved to fight the plunderers. With money entrusted to him he did business, and a result of which speculation in food was stopped.

GIFTS TO THE NATION.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has acknowledged the receipt of £2,500 Funding stock from "G. B. C."

In June "F. S. T." announced, through "The Times," his intention to invest £150,000—a fifth of his wealth—in Joy Loan and give the scrip to the nation for cancellation. He urged other rich men to do likewise. Other contributions have included the surrender of £13,200 War stock by a Birmingham resident and the sacrifice of dividends on £40,000 War Loan by an Eastbourne man.

At the humbler end of the scale have been £8 from a man who wished to reduce the National Debt, and even 6d. from children "to help to pay for the war."

AIRMAN'S SWIM FOR LIFE.

While flying alone from Plymouth to Gosport in an aeroplane attached to H.M.S. Revenge, Captain David Don, of the R.A.F., fell into the sea about 100 yards from the cliff near Bolt head (South Devon).

Clearing himself from the machine, he struck out for the shore and reached an intervening rock 20 yards from the base of the cliff.

The accident was seen by harvesters and coastguards. The harvesters were first on the scene, and one descended the cliff and helped Capt. Don through the breakers.

Capt. Don was uninjured, and after hospitality at a farm house, was able to return to Plymouth by motor-car.

EX-SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN DRIVERS.

In answer to representations made to the War Office by the Comrades of the Great War regarding the continued employment of women drivers of War Office vehicles while ex-Service men are still unemployed, a reply has been received from the Secretary of the War Office stating that, in order to enable men to be demobilized in France, it was necessary to obtain 1,000 women drivers.

NO GUARANTEE FOR BELGIUM.

Members of the American Peace Delegation deny all knowledge of the reported agreement whereby the United States and Great Britain are to guarantee Belgium against German aggression.

SMUTS ON PEACE.

SOUTH AFRICAN PREMIER'S STIRRING SPEECH.

General Smuts, successor to General Botha, made the first speech of his premiership in introducing the Peace Treaty ratification resolution in the South African Union Parliament. He characterized the British victory as the most important ever attained in history and spoke in terms of high praise of the League of Nations. He said they were witnessing the last scene of the last act of the greatest drama in history, of the most important victory ever attained. Never had there been a settlement so far-reaching.

Regarding the provisions to prevent wars in future, the Premier declared, amid cheers, that the British Dominions were equal members, with full right to be elected to the League. This was the chance of the Dominions, but at the same time nothing should be allowed to loosen the bonds of the Empire. South Africa wanted to remain in the British League of Nations, which was probably the real organiser of victory. The lofty ideal of the League of Nations had taken root and it would undoubtedly come into operation to fill the great vacuum caused by the disappearance of old forms of Government.

Paris had been a seething cauldron of human greeds and passions, but he had ever kept before him the vision of the League of Nations as the great landmark of human progress. It would keep the peace of the world and it would obtain international recognition for young and small nations. General Smuts was confident that the disarmament of the former enemy meant the far-reaching disarmament of Allied Powers.

The speech concluded with references to reciprocal respect and desire for the the unity of British and Dutch.

FOILING PUSSYFOOT.

HOME MADE WINES AS NEW HOBBY.

The American Anti-Saloon League is not opposed to the provision in the Prohibition Enforcement Bill, now awaiting the President's signature, permitting the making of light wines in private houses. The "wets" all along have contended that if a man buys, say, grapes, takes them home, extracts the juice, and that juice ferments, it is impossible for the agents of the law to follow that man into his house to see what he does with the grapes or call daily to see if the juice ferments.

As every country housewife knows, elderberry and other wines, besides cider, can develop a high alcoholic content. So a further stimulus is given to the hobby of the "wets," which is the invention of new beverages "with a kick in them."

ARTILLERY RECORDS.

Remarkable figures concerning the war were detailed to the British Association at yesterday's meeting. On one day on the British front alone 943,837 artillery rounds were fired, weighing 1,080 tons or over one hundred times more than the number of rounds fired at Waterloo and over 540 times their weight. The total number of rounds fired on the whole of the British front was over 170 million, nearly 30,500,000 tons or 622 times as many and 1,250 times as heavy as the grand total in the Boer War.

MID-VICTORIAN SUNDAYS.

Over forty Scouts from the Poor-law Schools at Hanwell (City of London and Southwark) have been camping out under the care of Mr. Lingard, who asked that he might take ten of them to Southend on some Sunday for a day's outing.

The chairman (the Rev. Thomas Grear), at a meeting of the managers, said the committee did not think it desirable to sanction a Sunday outing. Mr. M. L. Saunders said he quite agreed with the committee. They did not want Sunday pleasuring. Sunday was a day of rest.

CLOSING DOWN.

All shipping intelligence offices in the United Kingdom closed last Saturday. They were at Louth, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Hull, London, Devonport, Cardiff, Swansea, Liverpool, and Glasgow. Henceforward all merchant vessels leaving the United Kingdom will be dependent upon the ordinary channels for mine warnings and other navigational information. With the closing of these offices the official giving of routes to outward-bound merchantmen ceases.

AERODROMES FOR DISPOSAL.

The Air Ministry announces that the following Royal Air Force stations are to be relinquished and disposed of: Lowestoft, Hickling Broad, Bembridge, New Bembridge, Seahouses, Seaton Carew, Marham, Tynemouth, Leadenham, Upper Heyford, Usworth, Helperby, Ashington, and Scale Hall, Lancs.

INDOOR OPEN-AIR SERVICE.

A novel service has been held at Dover within the walls of the Wesley Memorial Hall, which was unroofed and blown to pieces by German bombs. It has now been cleared inside and made safe, but is still open to the sky.

IRISH OUTRAGES.

PRIEST CALLS DOWN CURSE OF CAIN.

In connection with the daring outrage committed in Fermoy on Sunday morning, when a soldier was shot dead, three others were wounded, and the arms of the party were seized and carried away, four arrests have been made in the Globulane district, near Fermoy, and the prisoners taken under escort to the local barracks. Private Lloyd, who was shot through the neck, is still alive, but his condition is grave. After the seizure of the soldiers' arms the police in many Irish towns examined all motor-cars as they approached or left their districts. A motor driver named McDonagh, who failed to pull up in time, was fired at and wounded by the police at Moneygall, about twelve miles from Nenagh, county Tipperary. Military and police guarded the approaches to Nenagh and searched all cars that came or went.

It is reported that the police have discovered two guns and a large quantity of ammunition in a wood not far from the spot where the Lorrha (Tipperary) shooting outrage took place some days ago, when a police-sergeant was ambushed and shot dead.

Speaking at Mass at Lorrha on Sunday, the Rev. John Gleeson, parish priest, in condemning the recent murder of a police sergeant, said if the murderers escaped human justice they would not escape Divine justice, and while they lived the face of a dead innocent man, a good father, and a good Christian would haunt their memory. They would walk like Cain, fugitives on the earth. The cause which was forwarded on murder and cemented by human blood was cursed by God and doomed to vengeance. Concluding, the priest said: "May the curse of Cain, the curse of the widow and orphans, the curse of the priest, and the curse of God fall on those who were guilty of the murder, and may God have mercy on their souls."

PERSHING HOME.

GREATEST OVATION ON RECORD.

Upon his arrival at Hoboken General Pershing received the greatest ovation ever accorded by America to any of her citizens, with the exception, perhaps, of that accorded to President Wilson on the occasion of his first return from France.

As the Leviathan docked at Hoboken whistles, syrens, and bells at Hoboken, Manhattan, and Brooklyn started a deafening clamour, which was taken up by all the craft in the harbour, drowning the bands on the piers, which were playing the "Star-Spangled Banner."

General Pershing stood on the bridge and saluted in acknowledgment of his welcome. Mr. Baker, Secretary of State for War, was first to greet the General, upon whom he conferred the full rank of General. Mr. Baker read a message of welcome from Mr. Wilson, in which the President paid a glowing tribute to General Pershing's achievements.

The General subsequently motored to the City Hall, where an official reception was held.

LAND WOMEN NOT WANTED.

The British Mission which is seeking a chance to transplant English land women to Australia is meeting with very little success, all the States declaring that the whole of their activities is required to settle repatriated soldiers. The fact is that, although there is ample land and opportunities are plentiful, the nation still does not appreciate the pressing necessity of increasing the population in order to bear the burdens created by the war.

RELIEF MISSION TO MONTENEGRO.

Lieutenant-Colonel Cheke, accompanied by his staff, has just left Paris for Trieste, on his way to Montenegro, as head of the British Relief Mission. This is the first mission of relief from this country that will have entered Montenegro. Reports received by a messenger who has just arrived in Paris tell a tale of the appalling misery of the unfortunate inhabitants of the little country.

VON LETTOW'S ESCAPE.

A revolver shot was fired at General Lettow von Vorbeck on Saturday outside a theatre in Stargard (Pomerania), where he delivered a lecture on the war in East Africa. He was not injured, and his assailant was arrested.

AGED PRISONER'S DEATH.

William Causton, aged 89, who was charged with attempting to murder his wife, Mary Ann Causton, aged 83, at their home in Theodore-road, Hithergreen, Lewisham, has died in Brixton Prison.

Causton is alleged to have attacked his wife with a chopper on August 26. It is stated that the woman is making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

MUNICIPAL VEGETABLE STALL.

Nottingham Corporation has decided, in consequence of the high prices charged for vegetables in the city, to set up a stall in the market-place for the sale of vegetables grown on the sewage farm. It was proposed that fish should also be sold by the municipality, but this was not adopted.

TWELVE MILE PIT.

TAPPING NEW SOURCES OF ENERGY.

Referring to the production of electric power the President of the British Association, speaking at yesterday's sitting, said it is cheaper to produce electricity from coal than from water, but the running costs of water power are much smaller. The cost of harnessing all the water power of the world would be, it is estimated, £8,000,000,000 or about what the war cost England. He expressed his conviction that in the end water power would prevail.

Dealing with the question of new sources of power he said the two main sources were live molecular energy and the sinking of shafts into the bowels of the earth. Referring to his suggestion to construct a shaft of twelve miles deep (seven times deeper than any existing one) which would cost £5,000,000 and take eighty-five years to sink, he said that the cost — less than one day's warfare — would be trivial compared with the enormous gains that might accrue. Boreholes have already been used in Italy and they discharge large volumes of pressure steam which is utilised for general power by turbines.

OILY RECTORY.

MARY JANE AS POLTERGEIST.

No "poltergeist," as some wiseheads suggested, but a servant girl of fifteen, is at the bottom of the oil "mystery" at Swanton Novers rectory, Norfolk. Mr. Oswald Williams, an illusionist, arranged with the rector, Mr. Guy, to lay a trap for the servant girl. She was dismissed for three days, and the house was closed; during this interval no liquid fell.

In the meantime, Mr. Williams cut off the water supply and removed all liquids from the premises except that he bestowed about the rooms haphazard several pails containing water strongly salted with common table salt. On the return of the girl yesterday morning she reported two more falls of liquid. This was found by Mr. Guy to be salted water.

Finally, through an aperture which had been made, the girl was seen to take up a glass and throw some of the salted water up to the ceiling. The watcher raised the alarm, and finally the girl after first denying her hoax, made a clean breast of the matter.

WOMEN THROWN FROM BUS TOP.

Two elderly women were killed and two men seriously injured through a bus colliding with a tree in Barry-road, Dulwich.

Where the accident ocurred the road is under repair, leaving a narrow strip for vehicles to pass. The bus swerved too closely to the near side, and struck the tree with such force that a considerable portion of the top of the bus was wrenched off, and all the seats on the left side torn away.

The two ladies were thrown from the top to the pavement, one being killed instantly, and the other so seriously injured that she died on the way to hospital.

PESTILENT PETROGRAD.

Advices from Petrograd state that the death rate in that city from cholera and dysentery has now increased to about 60 per cent. The sanitary situation is growing more and more intolerable. Owing to the lack of medicines and food, many hospitals have been forced to close. All the hospitals managed by Sisters of Mercy have been forced to discontinue their work by a decree issued by the Government. On some days from two to three hundred persons have died of cholera.

DECIMAL COINAGE REPORT.

The statement circulated by a news agency to the effect that the report arrived at by the Royal Commission on decimal coinage is of a non-committal character, and that no legislation is likely to be recommended, is incorrect. Lord Emmett says that the Royal Commission has not even begun to consider its report, nor have the commissioners exchanged any ideas on the matter.

ANCIENT CUSTOM REVIVED.

The Abbot's Bromley "horn dance" was resumed near Burton-on-Trent yesterday, after being allowed to lapse during the war—its first break in four Centuries.

The dozen dancers, who carried on their shoulders antlers weighing 50lb., toured the district, and, as is customary, called on Lord Bagot at Blithfield Hall, where they had a cordial reception.

CRUMBLING POLICE UNION.

The members of the Southampton Police Force have retired from the Police Union in a body. This was the outcome of a meeting held, when all ranks, without exception, unanimously handed in their resignation to the secretary. The present strength of the local force is about 160.

Vorwärts understands that four hundred thousand German workmen have volunteered for restoration work in Northern France.

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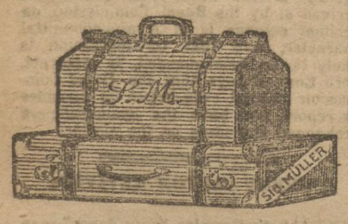

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BRITISH COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVES

In view of enquiries on the part of German manufacturers as to British Commercial Representatives in Cologne, the latter are invited to communicate the dates of their arrival and departure, together with their address in Cologne and the classes of goods in which they deal, to the

Military Governor's Bureau for Commerce & Information, 41-45, Am Hof.

COLOGNE RACES

September Meeting

To be held on the Race Course

COLOGNE

on Saturday Sept. 20th 1919

1st **Race.** DELHI PLATE. Of 3000 Marks to the winner, 300 to the second, 200 to the third, for horses of the Army of the Rhine which have never won a race and to be ridden by Officers qualified to enter.
To carry 11 stone; Riders who have never ridden a winner allowed 7 lbs.
Entrance 30 Marks. 5 Furlongs straight.

2rd **Race.** THE ALMA STEEPLECHASE. Of 4000 Marks to the winner, 300 to the second, and 200 to the third, for horses of the Army of the Rhine, that have never won a steeplechase or hurdle race and to be ridden by Officers qualified to enter.
To carry 11.7 stone. Riders who have never ridden a winner allowed 7 lbs.
Entrance 30 Marks. About 2 miles.

3rd **Race.** THE HANDLEY CROSS STEEPLECHASE. Of 5000 Marks to the winner, 500 to the second, 300 to the third. A Handicap Steeplechase for horses of the Allied Armies and to be ridden by Officers qualified to enter.
Entrance 50 Marks. About 2½ miles.

4th **Race.** FAREWELL STAKES. Of 5000 Marks to the winner, 500 to the second, 300 to the third. A Handicap for horses of the Allied Armies and to be ridden by Officers qualified to enter.
Entrance 50 Marks. 1 Mile.

5th **Race.** SOUVENIR CUP. Of 5000 Marks to the winner, together with a cup value 3000 Marks, 500 to the second, 300 to the third, for horses of the Allied Armies other than the British Army and to be ridden by Officers qualified to enter. To carry 11 stone. Winner once 7 lbs., twice 14 lbs., three times 21 lbs., oftener 2 stone extra.
Entrance 50 Marks. 1 Mile.

ENTRIES

Entries, together with the Entrance Fees, close to **SECRETARY. COLOGNE RACES, BOX No. 212. A.P.O. BRITISH ARMY OF THE RHINE, at 12.00 hours on September 15th 1919.**

Entries must be made on the Special Entry forms provided. These forms can be obtained from all Division and Corps Headquarters; French, American and Belgian G.H.Q. and from Secretary, Cologne Races.

NOTICE A box will be placed in the Hall of the Excelsior Hotel for entries and correspondence and will be labelled, Secretary Cologne Races. — It will be cleared once daily at 10.00 a.m.

BRITISH ARMY OF THE RHINE ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP

Will be held on 17th & 18th September commencing at 14.30 hours on P. & R. T. School Ground, Riehl, when the following events will be decided:

100 Yards.
440 Yards.
880 Yards.
1 Mile.
3 Miles.
120 Yards Hurdle Race.
1 Mile Relay Race.
High Jump.
Long Jump.
Putting the Shot.
Tug-of-War.
Basket Ball.
Cross Country Race.

Boxing Championships will be held at 17.30 hours on 17th and 20.00 hours 18th., in the large Hall of the Burgergesellschaft, near B.E.L. Club.

Refreshments will be obtainable on the Sports Ground.

Trams to Sports Ground.
From Deutscher Ring No. 12. From Hohenzollern Bridge No. 14 to Zoological Gardens, then change to No. 12.

HORSE SHOW

THE LONDON DIVISION

will hold a

DIVISIONAL HORSE SHOW

on Sept. 16th 1919

at OVERATH

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A great number of applications for tickets for the two

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have been received from units outside the Brigade and the Committee have therefore decided to throw these sweepstakes open to all units in the Southern Division.

Books of 50 tickets many be obtained from Captain L.J.L.SPARKE No. 3 Coy., Southern Divisional Train, price, Marks 2.50 per ticket. Remittance must accompany every application and counterfoils duly filled in for all tickets sold must be sent to Sweepstake Committee, 2nd Southern Inf. Brigade Headqtrs. before 12.00 hours on the 16th inst.

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ATHLETIC SPORTS

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21st, 14.00 hours.

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Entries to Sports officer 41 Bn. M.G.C., LONDON DIV., by 17th inst. Take Königsforst car from Hohenzollern Bridge 12.45 hrs. and every half hour. Refreshments free. All are welcome.

Amusements, Recreation, etc.

Deutsches Theatre, Bismarckstrasse.
Monday, September 8th and week, nightly at 6 p.m.
"MISS KATE COATES' COMPANY."

Next week:— The British Rhine Army Dramatic Company presents a revival of "MAN AND SUPERMAN" by G. Bernard Shaw, on Mon., Tuesday and Wednesday and on Thursday, Friday and Saturday "DAMAGED GOODS" by Brieux.

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No: 1 ARMY CINEMA.
32 Komödienstrasse
Thursday, Friday and Saturday:—
The Famous Players Film Corporation presents DONALD BRIEN in a 4 part drama entitled "THE SMUGGLERS."
Beatrice Fairfax in "THE RINGER."
"PICTORIAL NEWS."

No: 2 ARMY CINEMA.
Moderne Theatre, Breite Strasse.
Thursday, Friday and Saturday:—
Jessie L. LASKY presents SUSSUE HAYAKAWA in a 5 part drama entitled "SECRET GAME."
Grace Darling and Harry Fox in "THE FORBIDDEN ROOM."

No: 3 ARMY CINEMA.
PANOPTIKUM LEICHSPEILHAUS, Hohe Strasse
Thursday, Friday and Saturday:—
"HIS MAJESTY THE BABY," featuring Gladys Hulette, a THANHAUSER 3 ACT FEATURE.
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Friday, September 12, 1919.

PROUD TO WEAR IT!

At last the allied Victory riband has been authorised and issued; and we can wear it as a companion to the British War Riband.

The choice of colours for both medal ribands is quite a happy one and they blend harmoniously. They are appropriate and in good taste, and generally admired.

There are some, we know, who cavil at the natural desire of those who have served in the war to display these ribands on their uniform.

They hint sneeringly that what millions are entitled to wear is too cheap an honour for them.

They insinuate that there are thousands who were never actually under fire who can carry the decoration on their breasts.

Such paltry criticisms are as unfair as they are uncalled for, and they apply equally to the wars of the past as to the Greatest of all Wars.

No war — and much less one of such magnitude as this — could be carried to a successful conclusion if everyone were in the nearer zone of fire.

Organization, supplies, technical and medical services and administration generally all have their part to play and value in the field of operations.

Even those who were detailed to do their bit on the much travestied "Etaples front" had their taste of the ghastly side of modern warfare and paid their toll in hundreds of lives.

Let us be generous to all. In years to come, when we can view the war that has so recently ended in its true perspective, we shall begrudge no one their riband of service in it any more than we should think of doing in the case of a Crimean veteran.

We never stop to ask exactly what their particular job in that campaign was. It is sufficient to know that they served their country in the role that was assigned to them.

The pride in wearing the Victory riband is a legitimate and commendable pride, which we can share equally with all the Allies with whom we were linked in arms.

The man or woman—for this war was not merely a man's affair—who wears this honorable badge of service can do so with a clear consciousness of having done his or her duty to the Motherland in her hour of need.

BLÜCHER.

One hundred years ago to-day Field-Marshall von Blücher died. Let us recall the deeds by which he earned his fame and for which European civilization owed him much.

In June 1815 Wellington stood with his army south of Brussels, barring Napoleon's way to the city and the Flanders coast. From the Rhine Province Blücher marched to his aid with the Prussian force.

Napoleon—ever prompt in action—met the Prussians at Ligny on 16th June and after a fierce struggle drove them back; their grey haired leader himself being almost captured by the French cavalry.

Napoleon thought he had finished with the Prussians and at midday on the 18th June he attacked Wellington's position at the farm of Belle-Alliance on the Plain of Waterloo.

French leadership and courage were unavailing against the British levies and though by evening Wellington's men had been hard pressed, they still stood on their battle positions.

At that moment, Blücher's Prussians appeared on the French flank; the French wavered—they retired, and as twilight fell, Napoleon's aggressive militarism was ended.

What had happened? Blücher having promised to reinforce Wellington, resisted the advice of his Generals to rest his exhausted men, and saying "I must keep my word," made a forced march by a detour, in spite of rain and Flanders mud.

Times have changed. In 1815 Prussia was fighting side by side with Britain for national honour and existence and to save Europe from the military domination of one mighty leader. In 1815 Blücher kept his word.

In 1914 Prussian militarism had led Germany into an onslaught against the rights and freedom of other people. She violated her pledged word guaranteeing Belgian neutrality.

In 1914, Britain, mindful of her promises, took the field in defence of Belgium and by 1918 Germany's military aggression went under.

Both now and a hundred years ago Britain has fought for right and liberty. Does Germany now believe in these ideals? Is she convinced that militarism does not pay?

This is what the world requires her to prove before she can again be welcomed as a member of the comity of civilized nations.

IN A. C. C. S.

"Bang-rattle, Yea, Sir"—a grunt—again the sleepy voice of the night orderly, "A nice hot cup o'tea, Sir," "Oh! go to—with your tea, and don't bring me my water until half past six." After a little more grumbling the officer settles himself for another hour and a half of sleep.

At five-thirty the silvery voice of Sister awakes him, but he is careful not to betray the fact. "Mr. Johnson, Mr. Johnson, temperature please." Mr. Johnson receives a tender dig in the ribs. "Mr. Johnson, you ought to be ashamed of yourself sleeping at this hour. You ought to be washed by now, and there is your tea, stone cold." As each sentence is preceded by a pull of the ear and sundry other tortures used by Sisters in their profession, the unfortunate patient decides to wake up. Thereupon he seizes the thermometer, tries to swallow it, and shoots out his arm to the correct position for the taking of the pulse.

As an act of retaliation he keeps up a running fire of growls and grumblings, which has the desired effect of preventing Sister from "taking the count" correctly, and also of keeping the thermometer decidedly cool, so cool in fact that the thermometer is put back for another minute; and Sister has scored once more.

Again the poor patient drops off to sleep, only to be awakened a few minutes later by "Joosty" the night orderly, bringing the water. "I thought I told you to bring me my water at half past six." "Yes, Sir," is the reply, "but Sister says you leave it too late and get mixed up with the breakfast." "Could'nt make the breakfast any worse," is the retort.

After washing is over, along comes Sister and an orderly, to make the bed, this being done to everybody's satisfaction except the occupant's.

The night shift then departs, and a rattling of cups and plates heralds the advent of the day shift, breakfast, and another more or less somnolent day.

GIVENCHY.

WHAT TO SEE IN RHINELAND.

THE DABRIN CHAUSEN HILLS.

They remind you of Devonshire or parts of Yorkshire and are surpassingly beautiful.

You take the train to Wermelskirchen, pass through the town, and enter a long avenue of trees leading to the left from the station, and are at once transported in another world. The distance is about five kilometres, and the whole road is full of interest and surprises. The avenue extends nearly the whole of the way and it winds in and out down the valley. At the foot is a magnificent forest through which runs a rippling strean. You are almost tempted to leave the road and follow its course and revel in the woodland glades. Nathaniel Hawthorne in one of his books refers to the "refreshing waters of solitude and open air nature." In such a spot as this we can find renewals and refreshment for our jaded spirits. It is a fairylike glen and here we would wander and drink in the fragrance of the pines, but the call of the hills and its breezes is incessant.

So we continue our walk up the other side and admire at every turn the picturesque black and white timbered cottages and farms, the richly scented gardens and orchards, the timid goats, the ducks and hens. The laughing crowd of light-hearted children coming from school and playing their games give an added colour to the scene.

At last we come to Dabringhausen, and our souls are thrilled with a vision of beauty. It is a long struggling village, quaint and delightful. Here you are a thousand feet up, and from the cricket field of the 29th Bn. M.G.C. you have a wonderful panorama of hill and dale, field and forest. On a clear day the spires of the Dom in Cologne can be seen some forty or more kilometres away.

Here you can see villages with their clustering houses, and churches. Away in the distance on another range of hills are the towns of Remscheid and Lennep, their huge factory chimneys standing out against a background of blue sky.

A feature of interest is a magnificent Sanatorium, a retreat of the health-seekers from a large chemise factory in Cologne. Its situation is perfect, surrounded with woods and extensive grounds splendidly laid out; it is a veritable paradise. The buildings are picturesque and in keeping with the natural beauties. From the big windows you can see a vast expanse of country. The view is unequalled in Rhineland. Words cannot describe it; as you gaze upon it you are enchanted. No wonder it is so popular with the toilers from the city. Happy indeed are the officers and men billeted there.

There is a wonderful suggestivenes and charm about these hills. They are nature's sentinels, and one revels in their varying moods. Sometimes the storm-clouds move swiftly over them, like so many stern and hasting battalions from the South-West. Then a glorious morning follows a night of wind and cloud and the whole landscape is flooded with golden sunshine. Evening comes and the charm deepens, the atmospheric effects become extraordinarily beautiful. You are fascinated by the appearance of the western hilltops, behind which shines the matchless colours of the sunset. How clear and distinct are those distant outlines of the hills against the rare light and exquisite colouring of the evening sky! They seem only a few yards away instead of several miles.

In this softened glory, earth touches heaven, you drink in the breezes, it is the wine of life and invigorates the whole body.

"QUARTERS" ON LEAVE.

"Ah, well! I'm off at last. Hope you won't have much trouble with rations, old man. Good-bye" And with these words and a cheery smile our C.Q.M.S. departed, Blighty-bound.

"I shall be all-right," replied the sergeant, who out of kindness of heart, had volunteered to act as C.Q.M.S. in the Quarter's absence," there's not much to do on this job."

So he thought; as also did many others. He had forgotten however, that two platoons were on outpost duty, but nevertheless at 14.00 hours, with dauntless courage and set lips, he launched a mighty offensive against the unoffensive rations.

Now, since we have been in the forward area, I have had a splendid opportunity of seeing rations distributed from the stores. Incidentally, I may mention that I have added to my knowledge of English.

It is not surprising, therefore, that on this afternoon I chose to give the stores a wide berth. I preferred to learn German than add to my already overstocked list of English adjectives.

I had to return some time, however, and so 17.30 hours saw me wending my weary footsteps, storewards.

The scene that met my eyes on entering, defies description. Truly there had been a great struggle and if the sergeant emerged victorious, I determined to place him next to Ananias in my list of victims, I mean horrors. Kit-bags and flour, blankets and sugar, meat and potatoes; all lay about in delightful profusion.

As for the sergeant, he was nowhere to be seen and I wondered whether he would be reported missing or killed in action.

Suddenly his dulcet tones rang clarion-like through the perfumed air.

"Does five eighths of an ounce of butter, three seventeenths of a pound of bacon and tea, with 50 longitude at 53½ per cent interest equal five dead mules, well-peppered, ready to be made into bully-beef fit for human consumption?"

After getting this gibberish — and a large and varied assortment of adjectives — off his chest he popped his head up from behind a sack of flour.

I will next try to describe the state of his face. I can only suggest that he had first dipped it in tar and then added flour, sugar, tea, rat-poison, etc.

A little later he commenced this note: "Please write 'R.I.P.' on my tombstone. My head is going like a non-stop Lewis Gun in action. It is 02.00 hours. I am distraught, fed-up, don't know what. Why on earth should 'quarter's' have leave?"

R. P.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

WERE YOU IN THE SALIENT?

Sir,—I wonder if there are any of your readers, who took part in the operations in the Ypres section who remember Talbot House Club, Poperinghe and its promoter, the Rev. P.B Clayton. If so they may be interested to hear that a book is in course of publication entitled "Tales of Talbot House, Poperinghe and Ypres" by the Rev. P.B. Clayton M.C., F.S.A. with a preword by the Earl of Cavan. It is cloth bound and the price is 3 6. It may be obtained through any bookseller or direct from the publishers Chatto and Windus, St. Martin's Lane, London W.C. The proceeds from the sale are to be devoted to launching a new Talbot House in town. The promoters are already in touch with some 2,800 old members of the original Talbot house and W. Clayton who is at present in charge of the ordination candidates' school at Knutsford will be delighted to hear from anyone who remembers the old Club, which formed such a delightful oasis in the most shell-stricken area of Belgium. If you can kindly make these facts known through the medium of your paper I know now much it will be appreciated.

ERNEST J. E. BREWER, STAFF. CAPT.

WHY NOT REAL GIRLS?

Sir,—I have seen scores of concert party artistes who have cleverly impersonated the female sex. Some have been very difficult to distinguish either by appearance, voice or manner from the genuine girl.

In wartime there was a valid reason for employng men to take women's part in Army concert troupes.

But the idea has always been a little repellant to me, and not quite artistic, and now that peace is here and real girls' talent can be enlisted, why not replace the sham "girl" with the real article?

I believe the Tabs have done so. But why should not all concert-parties take the step?

W. W.

MUZZLING DOGS.

Sir,— Having read with some amusement the idiotic letter by "Not a Dog Lover," I would like to retaliate on behalf of man's finest and most faithful friend—his dog.

As a cyclist myself I will go so far as to assert that in every case, accidents with dogs are solely due to the negligence of the cyclist, often as not due to "scorching."

Cyclists often seem to forget that the world is for all, whether it be cat, dog or a millionaire's car. Therefore to threaten to consign to a life on a chain in the back yard, man's real pal, just for the selfish desire of a cyclist, who by the way does not pay 7.6 yearly to entitle him to roam at large, is beyond reason!

C. G. K.

THE MUZZLING OF DOGS.

Sir,—Most people will have read with amazement your correspondent's letter on this subject.

I quite agree that while there exists the present rabies outbreak, all dogs should be muzzled until the danger is past, but there is no occasion for such a callous and brutal letter as that of "Not a dog lover."

Judging from my own experience I should say that the two accidents spoken of by your correspondent were caused by the ineptidude of the cyclist.

There are others apart from dogs, who might benefit by a period of "strict confinement" and "muzzling."

B.W.G.

A MATTER OF PENCE.

Sir,—In various newspapers of recent date I have read of the shortage of small money in England, copper in particular.

According to the English Press all units and regimental institutes have been asked to collect the coppers passing through their hands.

If this shortage is so great, why does our Army post offices insist on having German money, or one English penny to ten pfennigs?

The canteens invariably use the one penny as equal to 40 pfennigs.

POST ORDERLY.

MEMORY AND OBSERVATION.

Sir,—One of your readers who signs himself W. Airus has written a reply, in today's Cologne Post, to my article on 'Memory and Observation," and a letter signed W. A.F. also appeared on the 6th Sept. with reference to this subject.

Both the writers of these communications seem to suggest—may I be pardoned if I have misinterpreted them—that my article was a vicious attack upon memory systems. I am accused as follows.

1. W. Airus states,—W.R.P. seeks to portray what he alleges to be the futility of a system!

2. W.A.F. says,—W.R.P. pointed out that the systems advertised for the improvement of the memory are practically of no value.

I deny that I made these statements, and I repeat that it is far better that an individual should learn to depend upon himself (or herself) rather than upon any system invented by another.

It is stated that I gave, as example, for training the memory, two suggestions which are used to-day by some well-known system. Since these two suggestions, among many others, were employed by the ancient Roman, Greek and Chinese teachers, I think I may be excused if I mentioned them, for our knowledge is based upon the learning of bygone ages.

I am convinced, through ample proof, that our memories may be made more receptive if they are given exercise enough. And this, as I stated, may be accomplished by "self."

Personally, I may state that my own memory is good in some respects and very bad in others. It is good, fortunately for me, in those things which most matter.

I wish to thank W. Airus for his most instructive article.

W.R.P.

CHANGING MARKS.

Sir,—Can anyone inform me why the English Post Offices in Rhineland won't change English money?

I was rather short of marks the other morning and went to three P.O's in Ohligs, to change a pound-note, but they refused to give me marks for English money.

CURIOSITY.

INTER-ALLIED TENNIS.

Gigantic Tourney in Progress at Lindenthal.

FINALS ON SUNDAY.

Everything continues to favour the gigantic Inter-Allied Tennis Tournament being fought out this week on the British Army of the Rhine Officers Sports Club courts at Lindenthal. Some idea of the enormity of the competitions can be gathered from the facts that no less than 300 competitors, embracing all the Allied Armies in representation, have entered, and that they involve the playing of 450 matches.

It is hoped to get through the eliminating rounds to-day, complete the semi-finals to-morrow and play off the finals on Sunday.

Results continued from yesterday are as follows:—

Gentlemen's Doubles Handicap.

First Round:—Major Swift and Major Bowles-Lyon beat Col. O'Grady and Col. T.H. Scott scr —15, 6—2, 6—4; Major Saul and Rev. A.M. Andrews beat Capt. Cronin and Capt. Brooks —30 +2/6, 6—1, 6—1; Lieut. Wrench and Capt. Jillings beat Major Martin and Capt. Filley +15 scr., 6—2, 6—3; Capt. Lindburg and Capt. Tew beat Lieut. Donpreyroux and Lieut. de Fugeres +3/6, +15, w.o.; Lieut.-Col. Sharpe and Lieut.-Col. Fuzel beat Lt.-Col. Traill and Lt.-Col. Lord +3/6 +15/1, 7—5, 6—3; Lt.-Col. McAllister and Lt. Harding beat Lt. Moineville and Collin —15 scr., 6—3, 6—0; M. j. Keer and Rev. Stockdale beat Lt. Cranford and Lt. Griffith +15 +15, 13—11, 9—7; Maj. Hugonin and Capt. Wardle beat Capt. L. W. Andrews and Lt. Grant 2/6 scr., w.o.; Capt. L.A. Godfree and Capt. Miles beat Lt.-Col. Done and Maj. Villa —15 2 +15, 6—2, 6—2. Capt. Carrick and Lieut. Alder beat Lieut. Box and Lieut. Albany scr. +15, 6—2, 6—1; Capt. Spicer and Lieut. Petrie beat Lieut.-Col. Spicer and Capt. Thorn scr. —2/6, 6—2, 6—8, 6—2; Lieut. de Vanglas and Lieut. Volmerange beat Brig.-Gen. Lucas and Major Morgan +3/6 —15, w.o.; Major Rowntree and Capt. Dickenson beat Major Robinson and Lieut. Tompson scr. +15, 6—2, 6—0; Lieut. King and Capt. G. Robson beat Capt. Sherring and Major Morrison scr., 6—2, 2—6, 10—8; Capt. Stewart and Major Biddle beat Lieut. Kelly and Lieut. Harris, 7—5, 7—5; Major Holmes and Capt. Ziegler beat Lieut. Wilke and Lieut. Stott —15 2, +15, w.o.; Lieut. Larkin and Lieut. McBatty beat Capt. Hawkins and Capt. Flindt +15, +15, 6—4, 8—6; Lieut. Hartland and Lieut. Col McLeod beat Lieut. Rogers and Lieut. Mason scr. 15/1, 6—4, 8—6; Capt. Atti on and Capt Dolman beat Lieut.-Col. Howell and Major Dickinson +15, +4/6, 4—6, 6—3, 6—4; Capt. Jones and Lieut. Inglis beat Lieut. Sharpe and Lieut. Martell +2/6 +2 6, 6—3, 6—1; Capt. Graham and Capt. Chrystal beat Major Hezlit and Major Ward +15, —30, w.o.; Capt. Jerram and Capt. Rhodes beat Lieut. Moulins and Lieut. Bonvier +15, scr., w.o.; Capt. Kynaston and Capt. Holmes beat Capt. Bond and Lieut. Hizlett +2 6, +15, 6—1, 6—4; Lieut.-Col. Shannon and Major Gross beat Major McCullum and Major Farrell scr., w.o.

—15 Lieut. Col. L. C. Owen and Major Pleydell-Nott beat +3/6 Major Thomas and Capt. Shawcross 6—2, 5—7, 6—3; —15 Evans and Major Tate beat +15 Brig.-Gen. Walls Lieut. Col. Foster 2—6, 7—5, 6—3, +2/6; Capt. Mc Fadyean and Lieut. Read beat +15 Major Jones and Capt. Emberton 6—2, 6—3 scr.; Major Wheatley and Lieut. Col. Evans beat —15 Major Bruce and Major Ferguson 6—3, 6—3; +5/6 Commdt Berger and Lieut. McMahon beat +4/6 Capt. Craik and Lieut Rose 6—1, 6—2; +15 Lieut.-Col. Hills and Lieut. Gardener beat +15 Mr. A. K. Watson and Capt. G. Mason 7—5, 8—6; —30 2/Capt. Price and Lieut. Hole beat —15 Lieut. Shakleton and Lieut. Hopwell 6—0, 6—1, +4/6; Lieut. Matthews and Major McLeod beat —3/6 Lieut.-Col. Hewes and Major Haig 5—7, 6—2, 6—2.

Second Round: Major Swift and Major Bowles-Lyon beat Capt. Lindberg and Capt. Tew w.o. Major Hugonin and Capt. Wardle beat Lieut.-Col. Sharpe and Lieut.-Col. Fuzel 6—1, 6—3; Lieut. De van Vangelass and Lieut. Volmerange beat Capt. Godfree and Capt. Miles 11—9, 3—6, 6—1; Capt. Kynaster and Capt. Holmes beat Capt. Greham and Capt. Chrystall 6—2, 6—3; Lieut.-Col. Owen and Major Pleydell Nott beat Capt. Evans and Major Tate 10—8, 6—3; Major Wheatley and Lieut.-Col. Evans beat Major Fadyean and Lieut. Read w. o. Lieut-Col. Hills and Lieut. Gardner beat Commdt. Berger and Lieut. McMohen 6—3, 6—2. Lieut. Matthews and Major McLeod beat Capt. Price and Lieut. Hole 6—3, 8—6;

Third Round: Lieut.-Col. Owen and Major Pleydel-Nott beat major Wheatly and Lieut.-Col. Evans w.o.

Gentlemen's Open Doubles Championship Of The Rhine.

Preliminary Round: Lieut.-Col. Hills and Lieut. Gardner beat Capt. Craik 6—1, 7—5; Lieut. Dompeyroux and Lieut. De Fugeres beat Lieut. Sharpe and Lieut. Merteld 6—3, 7—5; Lieut. Chrystal and Capt. Grehan beat Col. O'Connor and Capt. Gayton w. o. Lieut.-Col. Hughes and Major Haig beat Lieut. King and Capt. Robson 14—12, 6—1; Capt. Kyneston and Capt. Holmes beat Capt. Francis and Major Pierson 6—4, 6—1; Lieut. Hole and Capt. Price beat Capt. Steward and Major Biddle 6—4, 6—2; Major Saul and Rev. Andrews beat Major Hugonin and Capt. Wardle 5—4, 8—6; Lieut. Read and Capt. Ziegler and Lieut. Holmes beat Lieut.-Col. McAllister and Lieut. Hanbig 6—2, 1—6, 6—0; Capt. Lindberg and Major Villa beat Lieut.-Col. Traill and Lieut.-Col. Lord 6—2, 6—2; Major Kerans and Major Tate beat Lieut.-Col. Shannon and Major Gross w.o.; Capt. Godfree and Capt. Miles beat Lieut. Moulines and Lieut. Bouvier 6—0, 6—1; Major Hezlit and Major Ward beat Capt. Avery and Capt. Evans 6—1, 6—1; Capt. Spicer and Lieut. Petrie beat Lieut. Poulain and Lieut. Penoit w.o.; Lieut. McLeod and Major McLeod beat Major Bruce and Capt. Thorn 6—2, 6—2; Capt. Carrick and Lieut. Alder beat Lieut. de Vangelas and Lieut. Volmerange.

First Round:—Lieut. Greene K lly and Lieut. Harris beat Col. O' Grady and Col. Scott 0—6, 6—4, 6—4. Brig.-Gen. Lucas and Major Morgan beat Major Keer and Rev. Stockdale 6—2, 6—2, Capt. Sherring and Major Mor rison beat Major Wheatley and Lieut. Col. Evans 3—6, 6—3, 6—2. Lieut. Col. Owen and Major Pleydell Nott beat Capt. Jones and Lieut. Inglis 6—4, 6—3; Lieut. Col. Hills and Lieut. Gardner beat Lieut. Dompeyroux and Lieut. de Fugeres 6—4, 6—1; Lieut. Chrystal and Capt. Grehan beat Lieut. Col. Hughes and Major Haig 6—2, 6—4. Lieut. Hole and Capt. Price beat Capt. Kynaston and Capt. Holmes 7—5; Major Saul and Rev. Andrews beat Lieut. Reed and Capt. McFadyean w.o. Capt. Ziegler and Lieut. Holmes beat Capt. Lindberg and Major Villa; Capt. Godfree and Capt. Miles beat Major Kerans and Major Tate 6—1, 6—3; Major Ward and Major Hezlit beat Capt. Spicer and Lieut. Petrie 6—1, 6—1; Lieut. Col. McLeod and Major McLeod beat Capt. Carrick and Lieut. Alder, Lieut. Col. Mansell and Lieut. Tuson beat Lieut. Rogers and Lieut. Mason 6—0, 6—2; Major Rowntree and Capt. Dickinson beat Capt. Fenn and Lieut. Pilmer 6—2, 6—3; Major Swifte and Capt. Ross beat Lieut. Box and Lieut. Albany 6—1, 6—0; Lieut. Mellett and Lieut. Sharman beat Capt. Moineville and Lieut. Conin 2—6, 7—5, 6—3.

Second Round:—Brig.-Gen. Lucas and Major Morgan beat Lieut. Kelly and Lieut. Harris 6—3, 6—2; Lieut.-Col. Owen and Major Pleydell-Nott beat Capt. Sherring and Major Morrison 6—3, 6—1; Lieut.-Col. Hills and Lieut. Gardner beat Capt. Grehan and Lieut. Chrystal 6—4, 6—3. Major Saul and Rev Andrews beat Lieut. Hole and Capt. Price 6—3, 6—1; Capt. Godfree and Capt. Miles beat Capt. Ziegler and Lieut. Holmes 6—2, 7—5; Lieut.-Col. McLeod and Major McLeod beat Major Ward and Major Hezlit w.o. Major Rowntree and Capt. Dickinson beat Lieut.-Col. Mansell and Lieut. Tuson 6—2, 1—6, 6—3; Major Swifte and Capt. Ross beat Lieut. Mallet and Lieut. Sherman 6—3, 6—2.

(Continued in next issue.)

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

51st Devons Win Championships at Burscheid.

EXCELLENT BOXING.

The semi-finals and finals of the Southern Division Boxing Championships held at Burscheid on Saturday and Monday provided plenty of excellent sport. The object of the competition was to discover the strongest battalion team to represent the division at the Corps championships, and, if successful, later to be the Corps representatives in the Army championships.

The semi-finalists on Saturday were the 113 Bde. R.F.A. and the 15th Hants. After keen struggles in the various contests the 113 Bde. R.F.A. proved successful by 12 points to 10, thereby qualifying to meet the 51st Devons in the finals on the following Monday.

The semi-final results were as follows:—

Middleweights:— Major Sommerville-Smithe D.S.O., M.C. a bye.

Welter Weights (other ranks):—Spr. Rosansky, 113 Bde. R.F.A. defeated Cpl. Hinfley, 15th Hants on points. The first round produced some smart footwork on the part of both men and after some good exchanges, in which little serious damage was done, the round ended slightly in favour of Rosansky. In the second round the Sapper made considerable use of a very damaging left, but his opponent covered up well. The round was evenly contested. In round three Hinfley obviously weakened and Rosansky had things mostly his own way. He was a fairly easy winner on points.

Light Weights:—Gnr. Maloney gave in in the second round, the points going to the Hampshires.

Feather Weights:—Gnr. Rees gave in in the first round to Cpl. Cherry 15th Hants.

Bantam Weight:—Dvr. Barlin defeated Pte. Fisher, 15th Hants in the second round after a good fight.

Middle Weights:— (other ranks) Gnr. Eldrin won his fight with Cpl. Williams.

Result:—113 Bde. R.F.A. 12 points
15th Hants 10 points.

The 113 Bde. R.F.A. thus qualified to meet the 51st Devons in the finals and these took place at Burscheid on Monday.

The results were as follows:—

Middle-weights (Officers):—Lieut. Hayes, 51st Devons defeated Major Sommerville-Smith, D.S.O., M.C. The referee stopped the fight in second round; Major Smith was a very plucky loser.

Middle Weights (other ranks):—Cpl. Pollard 51st Devons defeated Gnr. Eldrin on points.

Welter-Weights:—(Officers) Lieut. Slade 113 Bde. R.F.A. a bye.

Welter-Weights (other ranks):—Spr. Rosansky defeated Cpl. Povey 51st Devons on points. In the first round Rosansky got home some straight lefts to the body, the round finishing in his favour. Some excellent fighting was seen in the second round both men taking a considerable amount of punishment. Povey had the best of the round. Round three went clearly in favour of the Sapper.

Light Weights:—Gnr. Maloney 113 Bde. R.F.A., was easily defeated by Pte. Ham 51st Devons in the first round.

Feather Weights:—Gnr. Lees was knocked out in the first round, the points going to the 51st Devons.

Bantam Weights:—Dvr. Barling, 113 Bde. R.F.A. defeated Pte. Mercer on points after a display of very clever boxing.

Consequently the Devons won on points, the totals being:—

51st Devons 12
113 Bde. R.F.A. 10.

By reason of their victory the 51st Devons qualified to represent the Southern Division at the Corps meeting.

Lieut. Col. Betts, G.H.Q. P. & R.T. was the referee.

IRISH GOLF SURPRISE.

Few golf championship meetings pass without surprises, and the Irish open event on Portrush links yesterday proved no exception to the general rule. The outstanding incident of the day was the overthrow of C. B. Macfarlane, the Scottish international, and a strong favourite for the title in dispute.

OLD SCOUTS CIRCLE.

The meeting of the Old Scouts "Circle" was held as usual on Wednesday at 6 o'clock at the Lindenthal, Y.M.C.A. Much useful work was done by the patrols. The patrols are run for scoutmaster's training class, and general refresher in scouting.

A very enjoyable time was spent last week-end, visits being made to Bensberg, Engelskirchen and Godesburg.

On Saturday we meet at 2-30 Hohenzollern Bridge for Bonn car and are bound for Rolandseck.

Sunday we intend to visit Rosrath and meet at Cöln Deutz at 1.15 and proceed by train.

DONCASTER RACING.

Tetratema wins the Champagne Stakes from Orpheus.

A FAVOURITES' DAY.

As generally expected, Major D. McCalmonts' Tetratema, following in the footsteps of his sire, the Tetrarch, won the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster on Tuesday. The question, indeed, was what would get nearest to Tetratema so certain did his chance appear. He won at Sandown on his first appearance, beating Mr. J. P. Hornung's Lady Phoebe by four lengths, but a better performance was his success in the Molecombe Stakes at Goodwood, for which event Mr. Concliffe-Owens Orpheus was fancied. On Tuesday Orpheus again proved inferior and finished second, with Mrs. H. Witworth's He Goes third. Tetratema's sire won the event in 1913 with 5 to 1 on him, easily defeating Sir Edward Hulton's Stornoway by three lengths.

In Rotnesay Bay, another favourite met with success in the great Yorkshire Handicap, Lord Derby's Tilly winning from Mr. W. De Pledge's Greek Scholar and Sir G. Murray's Coriolanus.

DETAILS.

Champagne Stakes:—
1, Tetratema (Major McCalmont;)
2, Orpheus (Mr. H. Cuncliffe-Owen;)
3, He Goes (Mrs. H. Whitworth.)

Great Yorkshire Handicap:—
1, Rothesay Bay (Lord Derby;)
2, Greek Scholar (Mr. W. De Pledge;)
3, Coriolanus (Sir G. Murray.)

TURF SENSATION.

Jockey and Trainer lose their Licences.

Another Turf sensation has followed quickly on the heels of the withdrawal, last week, by the Stewards of the Jockey Club, of the licence of Batho to train racehorses and of Cooper to ride them.

This week's sensation concerns Mullen, the trainer, and W. Smyth, the jockey. The following official statement was issued:—

At Doncaster, to-day, the Stewards of the Jockey Club investigated the case of W. Smith, who was reported by the local stewards at Haydock Park on August 30 in connection with the running of Patlander.

The Stewards (Lord Harewood acting for Lord Durham), having heard the evidence of the local stewards, the starter and the jockey, and the authorised account of the owner, were of opinion that Smyth did not do his best to win, and withdrew his licence.

They considered the statements of the trainer not satisfactory, and withdrew his licence as from September 15.

They expressed regret that the owner had not attended the inquiry in person.—(Signed) Penrhyn, Lonsdale, Harewood.

ARMY RIFLE MEETING.

Results Of Shooting At Drove On Wednesday.

Following are the results of Wednesday's shooting in the Rhine Army Rifle Meeting at Drove:—

Individual event No. 4., 300 yards slow:—
1, Capt. King, C.B.R., M.G.C. 22;
2, Sergt. Murray, 11th R.Scots. 20;
3, 2/Lt. Bissett, D., 5th R.I.R. 19;
4, Sgt. Thurston, F., 17th R.Fusrs. 19;
5, Sgt. Gee, 52nd Kings L'pl.R. 18;
6, Capt. Norris, F.J., 53rd Rifle Bde. 18;
7, Pte. Tall, 51st Devon R. 17;
8, Lt. Cowan, J.C.K., 51st H.L.I. 16.

Individual event No. 5., 300 yards rapid:—
1, R.S.M. Jagger, 20th K.R.R.C. 33;
2, Capt. Norris, F.J., 53rd Rifle Bde. 32;
3, Lt.-Col. Cranston, D., S.O. 3rd M.G.C. 30;
4, Sergt. White, 51st R.War.R. 30;
5, 2/Lt. Tawn, H.G., 3rd M.G.C. 29;
6, 2/Lt. Parkin, 12th L.N.Lcs. 29;
7, 2/Lt. Bissett, D., 5th R.IrishR. 29;
8, Lt. Hickman, A.E., 2nd Bn.M.G.C. 28.

Individual event No. 6., 300 yards snap-shooting:—
1, C.S.M. Joyce, 51st D.L.I. 18;
2, Sgt. Carman, 7th Middlsx.R. 15;
3, Sgt. Thurston, F., 17th R.Fusrs. 13;
4, R.S.M. Jagger, W., 20th K.R.R.C. 13;
5, 2/Lt. Tawn, H.G., 3rd Bn.M.G.C. 13;
6, C.S.M. Briggs, F., Xth C. Cyclists. 13;
7, Pte. Denton, W., 20th D.L.I. 12;
8. R.S.M. Smartn, 2/4.h Queens R.W.S.R. 12.

Machine Gun event No. 1., Ind. Traversing.
1, Pte. Key, 41st Bn.M.G.C. 124;
2, Sgt. Cummings, 3rd Bn.M.G.C. 113;
3, Pte. Bennett, 41st Bn.M.G.C. 108;
4. Pte. Richardson, 32nd Bn.M.G.C. 93;
5. Sgt. Taylor, 29th Bn.M.G.C. 87;
6. Cpl. Hunster, 2nd Bn.M.G.C. 84;
7, Lt. Swain, 32nd Bn.M.G.C. 77
8, Sgt. George, 29th Bn.M.G.C. 77.

Machine Gun event No. 2., 4 Gun Knockout.
2nd Bn.M.G.C. (A Team.) and
32nd Bn.M.G.C. (32nd B Team.) Finalists.
19th Bn.M.G.C. (A Team.) and
2nd Bn.M.G.C. (B Team) tie.

In Team event No. 2 the 53rd Northumberland Fusiliers gained 4th place after firing off their tie.

EXCELLENT CRICKET.

C.P.C. Finalists Easily Defeat Rhine Army at Lindenthal.

CAPT. FOWLER AGAIN.

As was only to be expected the cricket match played at Lindenthal on Wednesday, when the Rhine Army representative eleven was opposed by the team selected from the "Cologne Post" Cup Finalists the 17th Lancers, winners, and 93rd Bde. R.G.A. runners up, was productive of cricket of a very high standard. A thoroughly pleasant game, equally delightful to watch and to participate in resulted in a well-merited win for the C.P.C. finalists by five wickets. One of the most attractive features of the game was another fine innings by Capt. Fowler, who in scoring 77 not out reached his highest score for the season by one run. From the spectators point of view Capt. Fowler as a batsman, always provides the maximum of entertainment. He has a pleasing, free and easy style, never appears troubled, however strong the attack, and invariably hits out all round the wicket with great confidence. Another good performance was that of Col. Bush, Old Surrey Amateur, who played nice cricket for his 44 for the Rhineland. He was eventually stumped by the ever-watchful Capt. Stanyforth.

Rhine Army Collapse.

The Rhine Army won the toss and they were first represented at the wicket by Col. Bush and Col. Hartley. The latter was almost immediately caught in the slips by Capt. Fowler off Capt. Boles' bowling and was followed by Lieut. Astill, the Leicestershire county cricketer, who made eleven before being also caught. Col. Bush, meanwhile, was playing pleasing cricket and eventually reached 44 when he was stumped by Capt. Stanyforth. Something in the nature of a collapse ensued and eight wickets were down for 120 runs; Sig. Smythe, R.G.A., who relieved Capt. Boles with the ball being mainly responsible. Smythe is a left handed bowler and makes the ball come back from the leg in a disconcerting manner. Major Morris stopped the rot and on coming to the wicket settled down at once. His speciality was a very fine stroke to the off which brought him the majority of his runs. With Capt. Dickinson he made an excellent stand for the last wicket for which about 35 runs were added, and carried his bat for a total of 55; the total score being 203.

Finalists Bat.

For the Cup Finalists, Capt. Stanyforth and Bdr. Ellis were the first wicket partners and opposed the bowling of Dickinson and Astill. They remained but a short time together, however, Ellis getting caught by the third man when only three. Capt. Boles filled the vacancy and at once adopted the forceful game. He soon lost the company of Capt. Stanyforth who was caught in the slips. Rushton followed and with Capt. Boles added about 50 runs before the latter made a faulty stroke and was caught. The next partnership, for which Rushton was joined by Capt. Fowler, saw a display of hard hitting and quick scoring and resulted in another 60 runs being added. Rushton was caught behind the wicket and Smythe who relieved him was dismissed by the first ball from Dickinson. Palliser followed and with Capt. Fowler secured the required number of runs just on time.

Dickinson's bowling showed the best results. A feature of the afternoon was the remarkably good fielding of Lieut. Cook, of the Lancers.

SOMERSET'S VETERAN.

In the chorus of praise for veteran cricketers who have distinguished themselves this season scarcely sufficient justice was done to Ernest Robson, the Somerset professional.

Though twenty-three years have passed since he first appeared for his adopted county, he bowled this season nearly as well as ever, and was a good second to J. C. White as a mainstay of the attack. He preserves his easy action and good length wonderfully well for a bowler who was born as long ago as May 1, 1871.

WELSH RUGBY.

Great Revival Predicted By Union Secretary.

Interviewed by a Central News representative, Capt. Walter E. Rees, Secretary of Welsh Rugby Union, predicted a great Rugby revival in Wales during the coming season. Quite a number of clubs from mining villages had joined the Union, he said, the majority being first class organizations. He looked to Llanelly, Neath and Swansea for a great revival of enthusiasm.

"HAPPY HEAVIES."

Keen Competition at 41st Bde. R.G.A. Autumn Meeting.

REMARKABLE FEAT.

Crowds of "Happy Heavies" gathered at Schontal to watch the final day of the Brigade Sports. Glorious weather, beautiful woodland scenery, and an efficient committee of all ranks combined to make the occasion a remarkable one. The programme extended over three days and attracted large entries. A remarkable feat was accomplished by Gunner Upton of 250 Siege Battery who carried off the 220 yards, 440 yards and 880 yards races, and was second in the 100 yards. 260 Siege Battery also won the tug-of-war with a remarkably strong team, and the six a side football, after an exciting finish with 1/1 N. Midland H.B.

The mounted events produced some excellent results, especially the V.C. race won by driver O'Connell of the 1/1 Northumbrian H.B., the officers jumping won by Lieut. Harmer of the same battery and the N.C.O's jumping, won by Bdr. Burns of the Midlands. A road race of 5 miles was won by Gunner Jones, 153 Siege Battery in remarkably good time.

The cup for the battery gaining most points in the sports was won by 153 Siege Battery, a thoroughly deserved success and a most popular one. it was, indeed, pleasant to see Major Church's battery so well keeping up the high standard of enthusiasm and sportmanship which it has always set itself.

Among the distinguished visitors was Lord Pool, the Under secretary of State for War, who "kicked off" in the football final.

A very enjoyable day was brought to a close by the presentation of prizes by Lady Godley whose kindness was very much appreciated by all ranks. Loud cheers were given for Lieut.-General Sir Alexander Godley, the Corps Commander, and for Brigadier-General Pritchard, the IV Corps Heavy Artillery Commander, and in return Sir A. Godley made some extremely pleasant remarks on the Heavy Artillery in general.

SWEET REVENGE.

"B" Corps Siege Park v. Rhine Army Siege Park.

The above teams met in the return fixture on Wednesday evening on the latters ground at Marienburg.

Kick off was at 5—30 p.m. and a most exciting and keenly contested game was promised as on the previous occasion when these teams met at Mülheim the result went in favour of the Rhine Army Siege Park and the boys of the Corps were out for revenge.

From the start the game was very fast and slightly in favour of the Corps Siege Park team who were a fairly well balanced lot, each man playing his game; however they could not penetrate the stirling defence put up by the Army Siege Park until the game had been in progress about twenty minutes. Then, by a well concerted movement between Privates Bradburne and Calderbank the ball was taken within the opponents area and the former beat the goalie with a splendid shot; this put life into both teams and the game was now faster than ever; the Corps, for whom Corpl Iddley was playing a great game at back continuing to have the upper hand. From a good passing run by the forwards the ball was left with Bradburne who sent in a good shot which hit the cross bar and rebounded to the foot of Calderbank who had no difficulty in beating the goalie for the second time, thus making the score two nil in favour of the Corps.

The Army Press.

The second half opened with the Rhine Army pressing very hard and evidently feeling fit after the interval. From continued pressure they scored a good goal and now the game became very interesting and evenly contested, both teams putting up a good show, but unfortunately marred by a few minor accidents, caused chiefly by the rough nature of the ground.

The defence of the Corps underwent severe pressure for the first ten minutes of the second half, but came through smiling, and then, taking up the running, the Corps towards made several attacks but without success, the opposing defence (for whom a new right back was playing this half) playing extremely well. The goalie hereabouts had the misfortune to collide with one of his own men and had to be assisted from the field but returned after an interval of a few minutes. Time was now drawing near, the Corps renewed their efforts and were rewarded by a good goal scored by Elliott after the goalie had saved a splendid shot from Bradburne; the whistle went immediately afterwards leaving the Corps Siege Park winners by three goals to one.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Friday	7	Faust	Gounod
Saturday	6	Tristan and Isolde	Wagner
Sunday	7	Aida	Verdi
Monday	7	Carmen	Bizet
Tuesday	7	Tosca	Puccini

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

(BY NOVO.)

Harry Makepeace, the Everton player, hopes to return to the game shortly. Recently he has been more in the public eye as a cricketer than a footballer, and if the Lancashire County cricket authorities will re-tot up their lists and include the Australian match, they will find that his average is just better than that of Ernest Tyldesley.

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While it is unfair to condemn a team for one moderate show, it is foolish to go into raptures over one good performance. Those who think that Chelsea possess a team of "world beaters" may possibly have to revise their opinions before long, and that notwithstanding the Pensioners' victories over Everton and Sunderland. The defence needs stiffening, and there are other obvious weaknesses in the West London side.

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Newcastle United are to pay out nearly £3,000 in benefits this season.

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Tottenham have certainly started well in their campaign to walk straight into upper circles. Five goals to none is a pretty sure test of efficiency even against the babes of the division, Coventry City. This victory was followed by another (4-0) over Leicester City.

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Cowell, the Blackburn Rovers defender, injured in the practice match, has not wholly recovered. He should have rejoined his unit at Cologne, but was prevented from doing so by the mishap.

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South Shields' new centre-half, Cox, stands 6 ft. 3 in. He is the tallest player signed on by any first-class club.

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The first match of the season saw the "house full" notices go up at Highbury, where the Arsenal met Newcastle, the gates being closed, while a lot of people remained outside. As the official return of the attendance was 50,000 the necessity of closing the gates must have come as a bit of a shock, for it was confidently stated beforehand that 70,000 could be accommodated comfortably. Every seat in the stand could have been sold twice over, yet it must go down to the credit of the club, that they gave 500 free places to wounded soldiers.

Southern League.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Portsmouth	3	2	1	0	5	0	5
Watford	3	2	1	0	6	2	5
Brentford	3	2	1	0	8	5	5
Plymouth Argyle	3	1	2	0	4	1	4
Exeter City	3	1	2	0	6	5	4
Swindon Town	3	2	0	1	5	4	4
Millwall Athletic	3	1	2	0	5	3	4
Reading	3	1	2	0	4	2	4
Queen's Park Rangers	3	1	2	0	2	0	4
Swansea Town	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Norwich City	3	1	1	1	6	6	3
Gillingham	3	1	1	1	1	2	3
Northampton	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
Luton Town	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Cardiff City	3	1	1	1	7	6	3
Crystal Palace	3	0	2	1	3	6	2
Southend	3	1	0	2	4	4	2
Brighton and Hove	3	0	2	1	4	5	2
Merthyr Town	3	0	1	2	1	4	1
Southampton	3	0	1	2	2	6	1
Bristol Rovers	3	0	1	2	5	10	1
Newport County	3	0	0	3	3	11	0

Southern League.—Division II.

Abertillery	2	Ebbw Vale	1
Caerphilly	1	Porth Athletic	3
Pontypridd	1	Mardy	0
Llanelly	2	Ton Pentre	2

Scottish League.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Celtic	5	5	0	0	12	3	10
Rangers	4	4	0	0	11	2	8
Hearts	4	4	0	0	8	2	8
Motherwell	5	3	1	1	10	9	6
Airdrie	5	3	0	2	6	4	7
Hibernians	5	3	0	2	9	7	6
St. Mirren	5	3	0	2	8	8	6
Third Lanark	6	2	2	2	7	8	6
Partick	5	2	2	1	5	3	6
Queen's Park	7	2	1	4	9	13	5
Morton	5	2	1	2	10	7	5
Dumbarton	6	1	3	2	6	8	5
Kilmarnock	6	2	1	3	8	14	5
Clyde	6	2	1	3	12	12	5
Albion R.	5	2	0	3	4	7	4
Falkirk	6	2	0	4	9	15	4
Ayr	5	1	2	2	8	6	4
Dundee	5	2	0	3	7	8	4
Aberdeen	4	2	0	2	6	5	4
Raith R.	6	1	1	4	7	13	3
Hamilton	6	1	1	4	8	13	3
Clydebank	5	1	0	4	5	8	2

THE DAVIS CUP.

Challenge Round Team for Australia Complete.

The third member of the British lawn tennis team to visit Australia this autumn in the challenge round of the Davis Cup will be Captain A. E. Beamish, the old Harrovian.

The invitation has been accepted by Captain Beamish subject to his ability to make the necessary arrangements.

An old Davis Cup international, Captain Beamish has represented this country in Australia, America, South Africa, and Sweden. In 1912 he assisted to win back the Davis Cup from Australasia, and in 1913 was double finalist at Wimbledon with Major J. C. Parke.

The completed British team will therefore consist of Lieut.-Col. A. R. F. Kingscote, M.C., Major A. H. Lowe, and Captain A.E. Beamish. They leave England at the end of this month.

The Lawn Tennis Association yesterday declined to affiliate the Argentine Lawn Tennis Association, and a British team, therefore, will not be sent to that country

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Friday, September 12th, 1919.

Warm, Southerly, 10-15 m.p.h. Morning mist, fine, hot day. Visibility fair.

Note. Yesterday was the hottest day this year. The temperature at Cologne registering 95 deg. in the shade.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

The St. Leger.
Many big house parties again assembled for the St. Leger, for the first time since the early days of the war.

First Winner.
Lewis Sherwood has not had to wait long before saddling a winner for his new patron, Mr. W. Hartell. His first runner, Zea, won at Plymouth last week.

Once Again.
Once again Barnsley have proved that they are a better side than West Ham, though last Monday's victory (2—0) was hardly so convincing as the previous Monday's result.

Eastbourne Tourney.
It looks as if there will be lovely weather at Eastbourne all this week for the Lawn Tennis Tournament, in Devonshire Park. There's a record entry, including a large number of French and Belgians over for it.

Army F.A. Secretary.
The hon. secretary—and a very excellent one, too—of the Army Football Association is Brigadier-General R. J. Kentish, C.M.G., D.S.O. He is at present engaged at Portsmouth and Bournemouth, laying out recreation grounds for the Army. It is not so very long since the gallant brigadier was a captain in the 87th Royal Irish Fusiliers.

Harris Disqualified.
In a twenty rounds contest at the Ring R. Todd (Marylebone) beat J. Harris (Birmingham), who was disqualified during the tenth round.

Unfortunate.
An unfortunate animal at Derby was Lycopodium, who got shut off at the despatch, or he probably would have won Paragon's race.

Puzzling Footer.
Football form continues very puzzling. This is not, of course, surprising, though undoubtedly somewhat exasperating to the keen student of the game, and there are so many!

Pros. too good.
The professional cricketers have once again proved their superiority over the amateurs. At Scarborough the Gents' batting again broke down, and the Players won by an innings and 110 runs.

Brightest London Side!
If the Tottenham club and their supporters did feel hurt when put back to the Second Division they can find mutual satisfaction in the nice little gates they are going to get. When the word goes round that they are the brightest side in London, if not in a larger area, the White Hart-lane ground will not prove too large.

How to Lose.
In their match with Brentford at New Cross Milwall gave a complete answer to the theoretical question: "What is the best way to lose a football match?"

Spurs' Thirteen.
Are the Spurs superstitious? They may well be, for with their goals numbering 13, one has been scored against them. Mercer has the record of being the first man to beat Jacques.

Polo Final.
At the Rugby Polo Club the tournament for the challenge cup ended in the success of Chapel Brampton (Mr. H. Drage, Capt. R. H. Farmer, Mr. J. Drage, and Capt. C. M. Barton), the holders.

Stage Stars at Golf.
Theatrical people are very much interested in the mixed foursome, for a challenge cup, at Stoke Poges next week. Miss Gladys Cooper, who has had some practice at Broadstairs, will be partnered by Mr. E. Graham.

Great Joy Improved.
The King's colt Great Joy improved on his two recent "seconds" by sharing the Wilton Nursery with Charleville, the judge being unable to separate them in a desperate finish. A note should be made of the Irish importation Luss, who showed fine speed for five furlongs.

Rugby Practices.
The London Welsh R.F.C. will hold two practice matches this week at the London County Athletic ground, Herne Hill, on Friday, at 5 p.m., and Saturday, at 3 p.m.

Rangers Improve.
In defeating Plymouth by one goal to none at Shepherd's Bush, the Rangers showed an improvement beyond measure, as compared with their display against Reading on Saturday.

Blyth's Solo.
The Arsenal were good individually but were individuals and not a combination, the two wing men being the pick of the attack, although Blyth's goal was brilliant solo work.

Irish Golf.
Play in the Irish Amateur Open Championship was begun on the Royal Portrush links on Monday. Major C. O. Hezlet, the well-known Irish player, had to scratch, being unable to get leave from his military duties.

Thames Sailing.
The chief race on the Thames was the Thames Sailing

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Rabies Checked.—The spread of rabies appears to have been checked.

More Popular.—Goat farming is becoming more popular in England.

Autumn Terrier Shows.—Dog shows are being arranged now that the Board of Agriculture has raised its ban on them.

House Shortage—At Leicester as much as £205 has been offered for the key of a house.

Oysters 10s. a 100.—The first consignment of Dutch oysters is being sold at 10s. per 100.

Municipal Stall—Nottingham Corporation has decided to open a municipal stall in the market-place.

Wonderful.—Dr. Addison will be pleased to hear that two houses are being built at Cardiff by private enterprise.

Resigned.—All the Southampton police have resigned from the Police Union.

Toll of War.—1,250,000 soldier patients received attention at Red Cross hospitals during the war at a cost of £10,500,000.

Busy Theatres.—Plays are booming as never before since the early days of the war.

The Daily Haul.—The daily haul of lost umbrellas amounts to, roughly, 100, while there are walking-sticks in addition.

Another Colliery.—The Coal Controller has approved the reopening of the Walker Colliery at Newcastle.

Glut of Mushrooms.—There is a glut of mushrooms in Carnarvonshire. At Bangor they are being retailed at 2½d. a lb.

As Air Pilot.—The Queen of Norway is the first Queen to act as pilot of an aeroplane.

Going Home Again.—Our Peace Day Indian troops leave Hampton Court for home this week.

More Babies.—Reports state that births are rapidly increasing and deaths decreasing.

The Official History.—Good progress is being made with the official military history of the war.

The "P.M."—The Prime Minister is expected in London about the beginning of next week.

Where Richard III Was Slain.—A war memorial is to be erected on Bosworth's famous battlefield.

No Longer A Methodist.—The Rev. Hy. Shills, of Blackheath, a United Methodist minister, is to enter the Anglican Church.

Nephew Of John Bright.—The death has taken place at Rochdale of Mr. Frank Bright, nephew of John Bright, the statesman.

German And Funds Missing.—Frederick Saegar, a German, who for the past ten years acted as manager of the Sailors' Home at Newport, is missing.

Work For Unemployed.—To provide employment, roads and sewers in connection with the Bristol housing scheme are being constructed by "direct labour."

Vote For A Shepherd's Hut.—Giving as his qualifying residence a shepherd's hut, near Wimborne, a man was successful in maintaining his right to a vote.

Picture House Fever.—Dwellings cannot be obtained at Kingston-on Thames, yet it is proposed to erect another cinema to seat 1,400 persons.

Two-year-old's Meal.—After a meal of liver, bacon, potatoes, and onions, a Liverpool child, aged 2½ was taken ill and died.

Surplus Footballs.—A Government Department is seeking to dispose of 80,000 footballs to a City firm. These were ordered for the Army and Navy.

Woman's 15-Miles Swim.—Mrs. Willing, of Rochester, swam from Rochester to Sheerness (15 miles) in a little less than six hours.

French Standard Suits.—The French Government promises 100,000 suits of hard-wearing material for sale at £4 4s. each.

Made Twice A Widow By War.—Both the first and second husband of a Tredegar woman, were killed on military service.

Cockling The Paths.—After crushing, the hard ships of cockle-shells are used, instead of granite, for surfacing tarred pavements at Ramsgate.

Topical Fancy Dress.—"Build houses, not picture palaces" was the inscription on the side of the "building" at a Woolwich carnival.

Permanent Girl Clerks.—The Civil Service Commissioners are holding a competitive examination next month for permanent girl clerks.

"Smell" Strike.—Dockers engaged in loading a steamer with horseflesh for Belgium struck work because of the smell.

Not Afraid.—Many British toy manufacturers agree that there is a tendency to exaggerate the dangers of German competition.

Our Dwindling Army.—From the Armistice to date 134,954 officers and 3,081,088 other ranks have been discharged or demobilised.

Sensible war Memorial.—Southall V.A.D. Committee is giving £500 towards the erection of a cottage hospital as a war memorial.

Germans in British Army.—The list of naturalisations reveals the fact that a number of Germans served in the British Army.

Mystery of Crutches.—How can a man lose his crutches? Yet someone must have done so as the Lost Property Office at Scotland Yard has an unclaimed pair.

Seamen To Lord Beatty.—The lower deck dinner and presentation to Lord Beatty will take place at Portsmouth on September 22.

Learning English.—President Poincaré is learning to speak English, as he is anxious to be able to use it during his visit to London.

Widow's Bridal Veil As pall.—The widow's bridal veil of Brussels lace was used as a pall at the funeral yesterday of the rector of Allington.

Future Of Marylebone.—With the termination of the leases of its Georgian houses, Marylebone seems likely to undergo reconstruction in the next few years.

What A Shocking Horse!—A Manchester man was fined 10s. for being drunk and disorderly, and his horse was stated to have pranced about to the danger of the public. It had had shell-shock, he said.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

A Boom in Sport.

Latterly in the British Army of Occupation we have been treated to an unusual amount of sport of a very high order. Take cricket for instance. Last Sunday at Lindenthal the match between the "Cologne Post" Cup Finalists was productive of the best exposition of the game seen in Rhineland. By a merciless process of elimination the two strongest elevens were discovered and the display given was really excellent in every department of the game. Of batting there was plenty of the forceful, pretty-to-watch kind, the fielding was superb, while the bowling and wicket-keeping left little to be desired. This great match was followed on Wednesday by a meeting of the Rhine Army and a team selected from the C.P.C. finalists, and again the very best cricket was seen.

While cricket is perhaps the ideal summer game, other branches of sport have not been neglected.

High Standard In Athletics.

The various battalion, Brigade and Divisional athletic meetings have only served to show once again, how high the standard of athletics in the Army is, and how really well such shows can be run. In this connection we have the Army meeting being held shortly, when our most noted athletes will be competing. This promises to be the crowning event in Rhineland athletics. In aquatics, too splendid sport has been provided, notably at the Rhine Army meeting at Poller Wiesen. And what of football? The impending departure of so many of our neighbours makes it difficult to intelligently anticipate just what provision will be made in this, the king of sports, but already we have the announcement that one competition is being run, and this, no doubt will be followed by others when the reduced Rhine Army settles down to normal life once again.

A Query From Yorkshire.

"The Sheffield Daily Telegraph" which incidentally refers to us as "that very smart English daily" published for the troops in Germany, goes on to ask if the Opera performances and other entertainments so profusely provided in Rhineland explain the fact that the Hallamshires in Cologne are advertising their cinema projector for sale.

Traffic Sense.

A native of Cologne writes:—I quite agree with the opinion of the complaining officer that many of the Cologne population, especially as far as women are concerned lack any amount of common sense on behalf of the dangers of wheeled traffic. But to compare Cologne with London, Paris, Buenos Aires, New York is too much honour for the Metropolis of the Rhineland. Although always a very lively large town, it has never seen so much motorcar traffic as since the occupation. Whoever has lived in Cologne before the war, will have watched with amusement the tendency of the natives not to overstrain themselves in any direction, be it physical work or enjoying a walk or drinking beer, or conversation. The motto of the true Cologne inhabitant was always "For heaven's sake Not too quick."

Spreading of Disease by Flies.

Attention is directed to the danger of the spread of dysentery, diarrhoea and other intestinal diseases by the agency of flies. Breeding grounds should be destroyed by the early removal and burning of refuse and manure. When manure cannot be removed or burnt, is should be "packed close." Flies should be attacked by fly-traps, fly-papers and spraying, and latrines should be rendered fly-proof. Food should be protected by muslin.

Raw Herring.

Apropos our recent note on "German delicatessen," a reader says that raw herring is a great favourite with German people after a night's entertainment when they need a "pick-me-up". In pre-war days no thoughtful German wife omitted to have in the house a supply of fresh herrings for her husband when he returned from a night out with boon companions. Herrings and potatoes were also a much liked dish with the poor. The herrings were soaked for 24 hours in water and served in a sauce composed of milk, vinegar slices of raw union and spice, accompanied by steaming cooked but unpeeled potatoes. During the war this appetising dish was rarely seen and fabulous prices were paid for it by those able to afford the luxury.

About a Grave.

Perhaps one of our readers can answer the following enquiry we have received from Sapper W. Wight 497 (Kent) Field Coy. R.E. Southern Division, who says: I saw a puragraph on the death of Staff Sergt. Charleson D.C.M., R.A.M.C., who was killed by a train at Wiesdorf. I am a townsman of the late sergeant and just about to be demobilized so I have been thinking that I might obtain from his comrades through the columns of the "Cologne Post" the locality of his grave in order that I might photograph it for the benefit of his family!

Surprises from Fritz.

One would not expect the knack of witty or clever reports from our erstwhile enemies towards John Bull, especially knowing their characteristics of docility, narrow-mindedness, and cold logic. Still less could we expect an appropriate sally timed to the occasion when indulging in any pastimes which attract their gaze. But I present readers with a pleasant exception to this rule. It appears that a comrade of mine a few Sundays ago journeyed to an outlying village with a chum or two to indulge in fishing. Nothing in the conversation of the few local residents or passersby had indicated to English observers any tendency towards English speech, let alone any humorous British-like expressions. When, therefore, the would-be-angler had hooked something which brought his line down rather low, it was a souree of amazement to hear from Fritz the words, "Hi, you've got a shark at the end of your line!"

Area Changes.

Brigadier-General G. M. Bullen-Smith, C.M.G., D.S.O., has assumed the duties of Area Commandant, Schleiden and Montjoie, and Brigadier-General B. C. M. Carter, C.B. C.M.G. those of Area Commandant, Euskirchen and Rheinbach. These areas will be known as the Schleiden Area and the Euskirchen Area respectively.

The Wife's Influence.

In the course of an amusing sketch on life in the Occupied Area and the advent of the soldier's wife in Rhineland Mr. C. Patrick Thompson remarks: The brigade areas to the outlying towns have but recently commenced to experience the wifely influence. The tone of the local tennis-courts is raised considerably thereby, for when the little German boy who fags the balls loses you a point by intruding his face into the path of your best back-hand stroke, nothing more than "Dear me!" or "Good gracious!" is possible when the colonel's wife is playing on the next court. Nor is it considered quite the thing to drop down to the courts in singlet and shorts, as was the happy custom aforetime. The wives may be there!

Worth Reading.

We are informed that among the additions of new books to the Y.M.C.A. Central Library at 44 Friesenstrasse are: "1914"—Viscount French, Open Warfare—Philip Gibbs, Prisoners of Mainz—Alec Waugh, Christopher and Columbus—Baroness von Arnim, A Last Diary of the Great War—Pepys Junior, Five Tales—John Galsworthy, The Roll Call—Arnold Bennett, The Hohenzollerns in America, Mr. Standfast—John Buchan, Our Admirable Betty—J. Farnol, The Laird of Glenfernine—Marx Johnston, The Strong Hours—Maud Diver, Mufti—Sapper, The Lamp in the Desert—E. M. Dell, and Jimmy the Carrier—Israel Zangwill.

Study at Universities.

It has been decided that officers holding permanent commissions in the Regular Army may apply through the usual channels to the War Office for leave to be seconded in order to take a full course of study at a University either in the Empire or in an Allied country. Applications should reach the War Office supported by documents to show that the officer will be accepted at the University in question, and should show the dates of the commencement and ending of the course. Officers while seconded will receive no pay or allowances from Army funds, but they will maintain their relative position in their regiments. The Army Council, at the close of the first and second years of the course, will ask the Head of the University or College if in his opinion the officer is deriving full benefit from his course of study. An officer is liable to recall to his unit should the Army Council consider progress of his studies not satisfactory. Officers are at liberty to choose their own course of study, but are advised to consult the University authorities on this head.

Re-Echoes.

It apeears that we were wrong in supposing the Army Book Shop to be closed. It is in fact very much alive and likely to be.

We receive many complaints that whereas it is difficult and often impossible to get toilet soaps at the canteens, German shops hold good supplies. Similar complaints are still made as to "Gold Flake" cigarettes.

The shooting galleries at the lower end of the Hohestrasse appear to be particularly busy just now and well frequented by Tommy.

We saw an amusing example of the long and short of it in front of the Dom the other evening. A Scots major over six feet in height was strolling with a diminutive French captain who could not have been above 4¼ feet tall.

Have you noticed that while a considerable proportion of German males wear glasses, very few women do?

The number of British motor-cars and cycles that have been purloined lately has been exceptionally large and the thieves must be a clever gang.

A considerable number of copies of the "Post" are, we know, purchased and read daily by the German population of Rhineland.

We want more officers and men of the Rhine Army to contribute to our columns. With the departure of so many units to Blighty, we have lately lost several valued contributors. Who will replace them?

Many of the Rhineland folk who take sunbaths on the sand near Rodenkirchen, have the appearance of Red Indians, their skins being absolutely tanned by King Sol.

Much of the ancient and beautiful stained glass was removed from the Dom for safety when air raids became prevalent in the latter days of the war. It is being replaced now.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give two prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's winners are Gunner J. Morrow, 153 Siege Battery R.G.A., Rhine Army, and Corporal A. Neale, Northumberland Fusiliers, Rhine Army.

THE ORDEAL.

Patiently we waited,
Slowly passed the time,
Working up the symptoms
Till we had them fine.
Anguish indescribable,
Pain, no worse in hell,
Each in accents pleading
Had his tale to tell.

There he came upon us,
Tall and dark and grim,
Surely this our suffering
Found the heart of him,
But he, most prosaic,
Said "Do be precise,"
Muttered something soft and low
That surely wasn't nice.

There again we waited,
Pain most poignant now,
Beads of cold sweat hanging
Like dewdrops on our brow,
Then—someone had the paper
We crashed our necks to see,
O agony of agonies,
"E's give me M and D."

W. E. S.

VANITY FAIR.

A feature for the British Woman in Rhineland.

Early Autumn Fashions.

Never have the London shops been more interesting with the windows full to overflowing with autumn novelties. Velvet fabrics of a rich and silky texture, and entirely of British manufacture, are being shown in the loveliest colours, and in both the plain and corded variety. The fine, soft cloths, duvetyns, serges, tweeds and gabardines also cover a wide range of shades, including many new tones of henna and rust-brown, orange and nasturtium yellow, bright geranium pink and deep delphinium blue. The rougher kinds of tweeds and homespuns display a number of novel ideas in checks and stripes, some of which, it must be confessed, are more bewildering than beautiful, although there are certain designs carried out in black and white, and also in black and grey, which are in good taste and very suitable for tailor-made coats and costumes.

The New Styles.

As to the new styles, they show plenty of variety, especially where afternoon and evening frocks are concerned. Long, straight lines can still claim their votaries, but on the other hand panier draperies, drawn high on the hips, have a distinctive charm of their own, especially in the case of afternoon gowns in soft satin or crêpe de chine, and dance or dinner dresses in flowered taffetas and in Georgette. The coats which form part of the new tailor-made costumes are very much longer than those of last year, and in many cases the new silhouette is emphasised by the introduction of wide pockets, which give a considerable amount of extra fulness to the coats on either side, just below the region of the waist.

Autumn Wrap-Coats.

From Paris we learn that the new autumn wrap-coats are very picturesque. They are almost all wide at the hem and circular. And the collars? They are enormous, and they are in some cases quite small. But the large models, which are capable of being muffled up about the face, are the reigning favourites. High, shaped collars of Medicis outline are to be seen on many of the new fur coats; and calyx collars, which frame the chin and reach up to the mouth. I have seen autumn coats, fur-trimmed and high-collared, which were almost "princess" in outline; long, shaped to the figure, and very wide at the hem.

A Medium Of Self-Expression.

The French people, more than any other, have used dress as a medium of self-expression, and from the first days of recognized civilization in France chroniclers have given a place to fashion as one of the spontaneous ways in which her people showed their taste and distinction. In an old English chronicle on costume, it is written that "France is universally conceded the palm in the race of fashion, and she is unwearied in her exertions to retain the distinction." This is equally true of the France of to-day, with further evidence to prove that dress is one of the natural expressions of the French mind.

Bead Chains.

There is no decline in the popularity of the ubiquitous bead chain. Of all lengths, from the closely fitting throatlet to the long one that swings against the toes, these chains are very generally worn. To eke out a short supply of good beads, such as the now very valuable amber, it is a useful idea to separate the beads by cut crystal ones, and, again to economise, the beads may be strung upon strong silk in isolated splendour, each one knotted to keep it in its place. Opaque white beads are having a vogue now. They recall the meerschaum ones treasured after travels abroad in other days, and are oval, round, and in some cases quaintly carved.

Machine Embroidery.

It is a remarkable fact that a surprising quantity of machine embroidery is being used in Paris this autumn, and on the most expensive materials. Certainly it is exquisite embroidery, and almost always worked in metallic threads, but all the same it is machine-made. Some of the new materials for evening gowns are simply gorgeous, and they suggest straight and stately robes instead of the fussy, bunchy models, which are now so freely shown. I have always been convinced that straight dresses, and even long, straight tunics, will remain fashionable, side by side with the flounced and draped models, and this conviction has been strengthened by the texture of many of the new materials. It is impossible to drape or bunch metallic brocades which have a background of something like panne, and this is the latest material for dinner gowns. Lace, chiffon, crêpe, and voile frocks will be flounced, draped, and even pannicred.

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He—"How do you make that out?"

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Most Likely.

The customer eyed the rashers keenly.

"I tell you, madam," pursued the shopman, "that bacon's as right as you are."

"I say it's bad," persisted the customer.

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LABOUR WANTS STATE MINES.

FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY'S OUTSPOKEN REPLY TO CRITICS.

AUSTRIA SIGNS PEACE TREATY.

NATIONAL MINES.

LABOUR REJECTS CABINET'S COAL SCHEME.

The Trade Union Congress at Glasgow has, by a card vote, rejected the Cabinet's coal scheme and demanded national sation of the mines. 4,478,000 voted in favour of nationalisation and 77,000 against — a majority for nationalisation of 4,401,000.

A deputation is to go to the Premier and if nationalisation is refused a special congress will decide the steps to be taken to compel the Government to accept Labour's demand.

A straight vote on "direct action" is to be taken.

NAVAL POLICY.

FIRST LORD REPLIES TO CRITICISMS.

Mr. Walter Long, First Lord of the Admiralty, yesterday replied to criticisms of delay at the Admiralty in reducing expenditure. He pointed out that it had been intimated to the Admiralty that it was their duty to be prepared for renewal of operations if the Armistice ended in failure. This meant that the German fleet would have been entitled to return to its owners and the blockade would have been reimposed. The whole burden would thus have fallen on the British Navy. Up to the last day thousands of people declared that Germany would never sign the Treaty and what would have been the condemnation of these same critics if the Navy had then been unable to play its historic part?

As regards actual expenditure it had to be remembered that the war suddenly ceased when Great Britain was at its highest point of production. It was not possible, nor was it desirable, to put a stop in a moment to this vast expenditure. He was confident that neither the Admiralty nor the Government were prepared to take risks with this great Imperial heritage. At the same time they realised that one result of the war was a prospect of a considerable period of peace. Their great enemies, against whom they had had to make such costly preparations, had disappeared. In these circumstances, and in view of the fact that trade must be revived—without which neither navies nor individuals could exist—it was their duty not to build ships which were not required, not to pursue a naval programme justifiable before the war but not justifiable now, but to do everything in their power to develop those commercial undertakings which were so essential to their national prosperity and well-being. That, in general terms, was their policy.

MURDERED MESSENGER.

BOY BOND BEARER'S FATE.

Nearly a month ago Benjamin Binkowitz, 21, a messenger employed by New York brokers, disappeared with Liberty bonds worth £35,000, which he was taking to the bank. The police of Milford (Connecticut) have now found the lad's mutilated body near a road outside the town.

Owing to the frequency with which New Yorkers are being "held up" and robbed in the streets of the city, insurance companies are issuing "hold-up policies," by which people will be able to protect themselves against the loss of their valuables in this manner.

SAVING £75,000,000.

LIQUIDATING AIRCRAFT CONTRACTS.

A committee of business men engaged in liquidating contracts for aircraft outstanding at the date of the armistice has cut liabilities of £150,000,000 in half and left the Ministry of Munitions with about 12,000 engines and 3,000 machines for disposal after the Air Force has provided for its own needs.

Brigadier-General William Alexander, Controller of Supply and Production of Aircraft from 1917, has described the great growth of aircraft production occasioned by the push for air supremacy begun under Lord Weir, and said that "break" clauses in all contracts gave contractors the right to continue their output of machines and engines at armistice rates of production for three months. As soon as the armistice was signed telegrams were sent to 4,000 contractors cutting the contracts.

At the date of the armistice 4,000 aeroplanes, with spare parts equivalent to another 2,000 aeroplanes, in addition to 4,000 engines and spares equivalent to 2,500 engines, were being supplied monthly.

AUSTRIA SIGNS.

DETERMINED TO FULFIL PEACE TERMS.

Austria signed the Peace Treaty with the Allies at St. Germain at 10.15 on Wednesday, There were few spectators.

M. Clemenceau used the same words as at Versailles in inviting Dr. Renner to sign the Treaty. The American delegation signed next.

Mr. Balfour, Lord Milner and Mr. Barnes signed on behalf of Great Britain.

"In spite of difficulties," said Dr. Renner, in an interview, "Austria is firmly determined to fulfil the terms of the Peace Treaty to the extreme limit of her ability."

S. AFRICA'S TASK.

ADMINISTERING GERMAN COLONY.

The mandate under which the Union of South Africa is charged with the administration of the South-West Protectorate (formerly German South-West Africa) has been published as a Parliamentary Paper.

The mandate grants "full powers of administration and legislation," subject to an undertaking on certain specified grounds, mainly prohibition of the slave trade, the control of the traffic in arms and ammunition in accordance with the Brussels Convention of 1900, and the veto on the supply of intoxicating spirits and beverages to natives.

Article 3 prohibits the "military training of natives otherwise than for purposes of internal police and the local defence of the territory." This accords clearly with Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations, but the mandate adds, "furthermore no military or naval bases shall be established or fortifications erected in the territory."

FUTURE OF CAILLAUX.

WILL HE BE FREED?

The examining committee of the French Senate has decided, to send M. Caillaux, the ex-Premier, who has been under arrest for nearly two years, for trial before the High Court. On Tuesday of next week the text of the indictment will be drawn up.

A section of the Paris Press says that the accusation of high treason has been abandoned, and that only political offences will be charged against him. If that prove true it is more than probable that the Political Amnesty Bill at present before the French Chamber will be extended to M. Caillaux's case and as soon as it passes into law will secure his release without trial.

This would be a tremendous political event, giving him a fresh prestige.

ENGLAND AND DENMARK.

Further articles appear in the English newspapers regarding conditions in Denmark, as seen by the party of English journalists who were so cordially received by Danes of all classes on their recent visit. They speak in the highest terms of Denmark's industry and shipping development, and of course of her agricultural importance.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that Denmark is looking to England, anxious to see mutual commercial relations re-established. She wants a great many things which she can get more conveniently from England than anywhere else—coal above all things—and she desires to be in a position to resume the supply so essential to her national prosperity and well-being.

REDUCING THE NAVY.

It is officially announced that the Admiralty have given orders for the Home Fleet battleships and the fourth and fifth destroyer flotillas to be reduced to a reserve basis as from October.

The 20th Flotilla will likewise be reduced to a reserve basis on completion of service in the Baltic.

A reconstructed Fourth Destroyer Flotilla and 2nd Light Cruiser Squadron will be fully manned and will join the Atlantic Fleet. The submarine flotillas attached to the Atlantic Fleet are to be reduced to three—7 K Class, 7 L Class, and 7 H Class.

The Home Fleet battleships will remain at Portland, and the officers and men will remain in the ships until required for appointments or drafts.

SOFT GOODS.

The following advertisement appears in the "Times": Will the Vision in Pink and White standing on Maidenhead platform last Friday on arrival 4.50 train from Paddington be so kind as to communicate Box S. 107, The Times?

GERMAN VIEWS.

ON US AND ON THEMSELVES.

The semi-official "German Gazette" has published the first of a series of articles on England and English thought. The article says:—

"We knew too little about the Englishman. In Goethe's time he was the check-suited travelling lord; to the reader of the incomparable Dickens he was the jovial, rotund landlord or country squire, with a taste for pie and punch.

"We, in our time, were faced with a well-bred, thin lipped type of men which deemed itself to be the chosen race of God, and strode easily, but with keen eye, over seas and continents, steeled its nerves, formed strong friendships, and with what seemed little in the way of inner organization, enjoyed an incomparable harmony of nationality and of private and public life.

"We busied ourselves with finding out and accentuating the unavoidable discords in its expression of life, the mistakes in its character. But something else is needed if one is to know one's opponent: the discovery of the sources of his strength."

By Way of Contrast.

Last Sunday's "Vossische Zeitung" contains an article which states that England won a victory over Germany, but only after having mobilized almost the whole world against her. The writer asserts that the Englishman's confidence in his own strength has not increased in consequence, but his respect has increased for German capacity, which he fears to-day just as much as before the war.

A speech by the president of the Pan-German League in Berlin contained a bitter attack on "the cruel foes of Germany." He said:—

"To-day our hard enemies know that they could not beat us. They know what the majority of the German people can do under proper leadership. They are afraid of it to-day in spite of its collapse, and they are taking steps in accordance with their fears."

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

LOVE ON A CASH BASIS.

Mrs. London Wallick, a New York woman, is suing Mrs. MacHirsch, also of New York, for £100,000, the value of her husband's love, alleging alienation of the latter's affections.

Mrs. MacHirsch is the widow of a clothing manufacturer, who left her £200,000. This is the second time the matrimonial affairs of the Wallicks have been to the fore this summer, Mrs. Wallick having been granted an interlocutory decree of divorce in July During the trial a certain mysterious "blonde woman" was frequently mentioned. Her identity is now revealed.

AIRSHIP DE LUXE.

On Wednesday night the British airship R33 left Norfolk on a continental voyage with a party of business men, intending to fly over Amsterdam and Paris. She carries eight business men as passengers and a crew of 32 officers and men. The flight is intended to be a practical demonstration of the comfort of airship travel. The airship will cruise over the North Sea, Holland and France. Visits will be made to the Hague and Rotterdam and to the Amsterdam Aircraft Exhibition. She will then go to Paris, where a landing will be made, probably at St. Cyr.

The airship has been adapted for passenger accommodation and every possible attention has been given to comfort. Sleeping berths have been rigged up in the internal keel way of the vessel. Meals prepared by a chef will be served in a messroom by a head waiter. Hot and cold water will be available and the news of the day will be received by wireless.

REDS WANT PEACE.

A telegram from Petrograd to Helsingfors states that the Workers' and Soldiers' Council of Petrograd have passed a resolution expressing the conviction that the Peoples Commissariat will not refuse to enter into peace negotiations with the Finnish Government.

The Petrograd newspaper "Isvestia" states that the Soviet Government has approached the Esthonian Government with a proposal to open peace negotiations.

According to a telegram from Warsaw, peace negotiations between the Bolsheviks and the Lithuanian Government are to begin immediately. The Lithuanians, Reuter learns, have sent their representatives to the front.

Lithuania, on the borders of Poland and East Prussia, is Polish in population. This is the second western internal enemy with which the Bolsheviks have made a truce this week.

FIRST GERMAN GOODS IN ENGLAND.

Several consignments of German goods have reached Leith as the result of the removal of restrictions on imports from Germany.

The consignments consist chiefly of glassware and whetstones. They have been transported through Holland.

It is expected that some little time will elapse before shipping facilities are available for direct trade with Germany.

FERMOY LOOTED.

SEQUEL TO IRISH SHOOTING OUTRAGE.

Between 50 and 60 shops have been wrecked at Fermoy (Co. Cork) mainly by soldiers. The rioting followed the verdict at the inquest on Private Jones, of the Shropshire Light Infantry, who was shot dead in the attack by a band of men on a party of soldiers going to church on Sunday morning. The jury declared that the men came to get rifles and had no idea of murder, and that the crime was unpremeditated.

About 9 p.m. parties of soldiers, said to belong to the Shropshire Light Infantry and Royal Field Artillery, attacked the shops in the Square, Bank-street, and Patrick-street. They were armed with hammers and pieces of iron which they used to smash the windows. The first houses and shops attacked were those of the jurymen at the inquest on Private Jones. The jewellery shop of Mr. Barber, the foreman of the jury, received special attention.

The soldiers were joined by a large number of women and youths, who indulged in looting. Messrs. Tyler's boot shop was cleared of its stock, and women could be seen carrying off large parcels. From Messrs. Quintan's drapery stores and from Mr. Barber's shop practically the whole stock was also taken by the looters.

A district inspector and a few policemen looked on, helpless to stop the rioting. The lack of an adequate force of police is partly explained by the fact that large numbers were in the county districts on special patrol duty.

The attack by the soldiers, who numbered about 200, was obviously an organised one. It was led by a soldier with a whistle, which he blew at intervals to rally his followers and direct their movements.

By 10.30 p.m. the military pickets were in possession of the streets and dealing with the situation. They were assisted by the police, and the soldiers were rounded up and sent back to barracks.

Colonel Dobbs, the officer commanding at Fermoy, stated at a public meeting there that, as feelings were running high, the troops would be confined to barracks that night. The verdict of the jury at the inquest on Private Jones he characterised as absurd, declaring that they had not the pluck to say that it was a case of murder.

Father O'Donoghue said everybody in the town condemned and regretted Sunday's incident.

Eight men are now in custody in connection with Sunday's shooting.

CHANNEL COLLISION.

LINER BEACHED AT DUNGENESS.

The liner Marathon, of the Aberdeen Line (7,827 tons), homeward bound from Sydney (Australia) for London, was beached on Thursday at Dungeness after having been in collision with the Japanese steamer Heijun Maru off Brighton during a thick fog.

The liner had ninety-four passengers bound for London and these were taken off by the Dover Harbour tug Lady Brassey and landed at Dover.

There was no panic on board and every body behaved splendidly.

HOMAGE TO "BOBS."

FOCH PAYS A TRIBUTE.

A characteristic story is being told in Paris of an action of Marshal Foch's during his last visit to London. The Marshal seized a few moments in the interval between two receptions arranged in his honour and motored away to pay a visit to the daughter of his old friend, Field-Marshal Lord Roberts.

Before saying good-bye, Foch asked Countess Roberts' permission to walk in the garden, accompanied only by one of his staff officers.

"I want," said Foch, "to walk for a few minutes in the garden where, before the war, I walked with my dear friend, your father, and I want to repeat to my staff officer here what my old friend told me concerning the Germans' intentions. I owe this to his memory."

SPANISH INFANTE'S FLIGHT.

Prince Alfonso of Orleans, who married Princess Beatrice, daughter of the Duke of Edinburgh, has disappeared according to the Seville Press, while in the care of a legal guardian named Cajigas. He is believed to have gone into Portugal on his way to Italy to claim a fortune estimated at £ 600,000 left by his father, the Duke of Galliera, who married the Infanta Eulalia, an aunt of King Alfonso.

The guardian has been placed in charge of him, it is said, owing to his extravagance.

While Cajigas was asleep Prince Alfonso slipped out of the hotel where they were staying and drove away in a motor-car with Señor Albornoz, a leader of the Republican Party.

WIFE'S TERRIBLE ORDEAL.

A visitor from the Croydon district named Twist was drowned at Padstow while bathing with his son, who was saved by means of a fishing rod and line. Efforts to reach Twist were unavailing, and for over an hour his wife watched his body washing about in the surf until the tide carried it to sea.

WAR ENGINEERING.

SYSTEM THE CHIEF AID TO INVENTION.

Some of the great achievements of the war, known in a nebulous way, are at last being revealed in detail. Professor Petavel, President of the Engineering section of the British Association, speaking on activities during the war of British engineers, said that whereas in 1914 we were inferior to the enemy in every military asset except courage, our victory in 1918 came as the result of our mastery in practically all the thousand factors on which modern warfare depended.

The Ministry of Munitions was responsible for the formation of the required organisations. Thus, the total number of guns manufactured during the war was 20,000 and over 200,000 machine guns had been delivered by November, 1918. British engineers, civil or military, had been responsible for the transport through France. During the last two years of war large numbers of railway engines were sent across the Channel and many miles of track were taken up in England and relaid in France. Road transport was organised on an unprecedented scale and 100,000 new vehicles were delivered.

Among notable new departures were the cross-channel train ferry and portable steel bridges. The paravane enabled most ships to pass unscathed through minefields and in a slightly modified form served to seek out and destroy submarines under water.

The professor said that what was popularly known as invention, or an idea of revolutionary importance emanating from one person, had played relatively little part in the recent development of aeronautics. Success had been due to system and combined effort of many scientific workers, trained designers and practical constructors. With some exceptions the same held true in the case of engine construction. Several inventions, however, had notably influenced the course of the war. The successful manufacture of incendiary bullets, for instance, put an end to Zeppelin raids; tracer bullets increased accuracy of aim and synchronising gear made it possible to fire through the propeller at the rate of nearly 1,000 rounds per minute. A satisfactory self-sealing petrol tank was manufactured and greatly diminished the risk of fire. Much ingenuity was displayed in connection with bomb sighting and navigational instruments. Wireless telephony and directional wireless were introduced. Reliable indicators and an improved compass made accurate navigation through clouds possible and armoured aeroplanes were constructed. Increased efficiency of anti-aircraft artillery and the high rate of climb of defending machines put a check on daylight aeroplane raids, while at night and in mist both searchlights and guns could be trained on an enemy, even though invisible, by means of sound indicators. A screen of kite-balloons supporting nets formed part of the night defence of London.

SHORTAGE OF HOUSES.

WHAT IT COSTS TO DIG A HOLE.

The extraordinary extent to which labour and material costs in building have increased since 1914 is shown in the Architects' Journal by Lieut.-Col. T. E. Coleman, who has made an exhaustive analysis.

The cost of digging an ordinary hole in common soil has advanced from 8d. to 1s. 9d. a cubic foot, or 160 per cent., and painting costs are 1s. 9d. instead of 8d. a square yard.

Concrete for ordinary floors, which used to cost 3s. a square yard, now costs 6s., and practically every form of concrete has doubled in price, as also is the case with brickwork.

The same amount of wood suitable for lintels and door-plates which could be bought for 2s 6d in 1914 is now 7s. The cheapest quality of glass has risen in price from 4½d. to 1s. 2d. a foot.

A rod (16½ft.) of brickwork which used to cost £17 10s. is now £34. Plumbers' lead has advanced from £1 7s. to £2 9s. a cwt., a foot run of ½in. lead piping which cost 1s. 1d. is now 2s., and 4in. cast iron ventilating pipes have gone up from 2s. 6d. to 5s. 5d. a foot.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT STOTZHEIM.

The funeral took place at the British Military Cemetery, Bonn, on Tuesday of 221160 Gunner C. Heighway (of Liverpool) of 174 Siege Bty, R.G.A. who succumbed to injuries received in an accident which occured in Stotzheim on Saturday. The interment, with full military honours, was witnessed by practically every man in the Battery and a large number of civilians. The Band of the Border Regt. played the "Dead March" from "Saul" during the progress of the cortege from 21 C.C.S. to the cemetery. The coffin, covered by a Union Jack, was borne in a gun carriage from A/168 Brigade R.F.A. under the charge of Sgt. Hortun, the bearers being eight of the deceased's comrades. The final rites were performed by the Rev. F.A.C. Youens, C.F. (X. Corps). The firing party, all gunners of the Battery, under Sgt. Neville and Corporal Sustains fired three volleys over the grave and a trumpeter of the 1st/1st Essex H.B. sounded the "Last Post." The officers present were Major O.W. Moss D.S.O., M.C., Major H.M. Kemble, D.S.O., Lieutenants Cox, Blyton, Sinclair, (174 Siege Bty) and Heney (14 S. B.) Wreaths were sent by the Officers 174 S. B. the Sergeants 174 S.B. Right Section; Centre Section; Left Section; and 14 S. B. The 14th S. B., who share the village of Stotzheim with 174 S.B. were represented by their B.S.M.

FATAL HONEYMOON.

M.P.'S. WIFE'S FALL ON MOUNTAINS.

A distressing mountaineering tragedy has occurred in the Island of Skye, where the newly-married wife of Captain W. E. Elliott, M.P. for Lanark, was killed, while he had a narrow escape.

Captain and Mrs. Elliott were on their honeymoon. When they were climbing one of the highest peaks of the Coolin Mountains, a mist came on and Mrs. Elliott stumbled and fell. Pulling her husband with her, they both slid down the mountain side, Mrs. Elliott being killed in the fall.

Although seriously injured, Captain Elliot made the best of his way to Sligichan to report the accident and to get assistance to remove his wife's body.

Captain W. E. Elliot, Coalition Unionist member for Lanark, was married a fortnight ago at St. Margaret's, Westminster. His bride was Miss Helen Arabella Hamilton, eldest daughter of Lieut.-Colonel D. L. Hamilton, R.A.M.C. (T.), of 29, New Northroad, London, N.

"IT IS IMMATERIAL".

PHILOSOPHIC PRISONER.

At the Central Criminal Court, before the Recorder, Alfred Coates, 40, painter, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude for thefts at Dulwich and Plaistow.

In a statement to the police the prisoner admitted that after his repatriation from Germany, where he was a prisoner of war, he had lived a criminal life. He had committed a lot of offences all over England and wished to make a clean breast of them.

The Recorder observed that the prisoner had been convicted 26 times and he did not suppose that any sentence he passed would make any difference to him.

The prisoner,—I don't know. You might have a try. It's never too late to mend, you know. I blame for this the first man who sentenced me.

The Recorder reminded him that he had had several short sentences.

The prisoner.—Well, it is immaterial whether I get six months or 12 years. If I see a chance of picking up anything when I come out I shall take it.

The Recorder,—I expect you will.

On hearing the sentence the prisoner said, "Thank you. Good afternoon."

THE SYRIAN QUESTION.

Colonel Lawrence, the brilliant young British engineer whose influence with the Arabs and whose extraordinary war services to the Allies have become public since the Armistice, has written a letter to the "Times" on the Syrian Question.

He had access to documents referring to an understanding between British, French and Arabs. He asserts that they are in no way incompatible with one another, but that one of them, the Sykes-Picot agreement, is unworkable. Its geography "is the geography of the White Knight and it makes a similar irruption into economics when it lays down that the Baghdad railway may not be finished until the Euphrates railway has been built."

This being the case, he says, there is nothing to be done but for the three signatories to these documents, which were compiled in perfect good faith but under the stress of an emergency, to sit down together and find out a new scheme which all can carry out without tripping each other up.

YOUNG OFFICER DROWNED.

On Wednesday the 1/6th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment followed the body of one of their most popular officers, Second-Lieut. Jamieson, to the little British plot in the Südfriedhof Cemetery, Cologne. Mr. Jamieson was drowned while bathing in the Rhine at Rodenkirchen on Friday last, but his body was not recovered until the early hours of Tuesday morning.

His charming personality and unusual fund of dry humour won him friends wherever he went and his tragic death is felt very keenly throughout the battalion.

The funeral took place with full military honours from No. 36 C.C.S. and the procession, going through the streets in slow time, formed an impressive sight. The service was conducted by the Rev. George Kendall, C.F., Battalion Chaplain, and the Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. N.F. Barwell, M.C., gave a short address at the graveside.

Many eyes were dim after the "Last Post" had sounded and the band had played "Abide with me." Thus the Battalion paid its last tribute to a gallant officer and a true comrade.

Wreaths were sent among others by the officers and men of the Battalion.

MAKING MONEY.

The Disposal Board secured £869,858 for surplus mechanical transport in August, and among other property disposed of, machinery realised in one week £55,249, and horses and animals £27,164, while saltpetre made £88,000.

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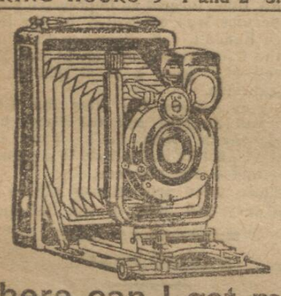

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Saturday, September 13, 1919.

TOMMY'S PETS.

He sat on his haunches a picture of misery as though he appreciated his impending fate. Yet his was to be better than others for was he not bound for quarantine? There was at least the prospect of a reunion.

"Yes, he's going home with us, Sir." We felt glad, yet sorry as one pictured this pet in strange company for the greater part of a year. But how many have to be torn away from their masters and left to form new friendships, to master the understanding of a strange tongue, to spend weeks of vain searching?

Yet how much in a greater degree does the problem arise with regard to our four legged friends, who did such good service in quarters where motor propelled vehicles were not seen. There was the nightly trek to the line, the link between ration dumps in which our long Eared friends rarely failed us.

To the lover of animals the mule and pack pony stand out in a class of their own. The mule is in like degree what the racing type is to the sportsman and whatever reputation he has built up as an awkward being when the fit seizes him, to those who know him best he is the most docile of beings.

There was the old grey fellow who would follow his driver down the village street, the brown who searched for foodstuffs in a tunic pocket, always playful and a good friend who never jibbed even where shells fell and made one thoughtful.

These too have had to part company. Time has brought a breach in the friendship, while Tommy has taken a hasty leave of his charges not without a certain sadness of heart.

Perhaps it is as well he has not stopped to see their appearance under the hammer, their being led away to perform unaccustomed tasks under a strange taskmaster.

This is their fate—the fate of many horses and mules. To-day they are to be seen in strange company. By their very appearance they are easily recognised. Their smooth sleek coats tell of the hours of labour bestowed upon them by their humane custodians. A closer examination reveals their marking and one instinctively pities them their fate.

Their good qualities will not we hope be lost upon their new owners, for as faithful servants they are entitled to that care and consideration which characterised their treatment by the British Tommy. Let us hope this fact will not be lost sight of by their new owners.

"FRITZ UP!"

"Thirty-six, A Sub!" "Thirty-four, "B Sub." It is the voice of the picquet I have come to relieve, who, with a sigh of relief, is handing over to myself preparatory to "getting down to it."

For the next two hours I have the sole charge of seventy animals who at the moment are contentedly munching at their hay nets.

It is a brilliant moonlight night and the white houses of the village near our horse lines stand out in clear relief.

How often we decried the Italian method of painting the houses white. How well they guided the German airman out on his nightly prowl.

In the distance the rugged line of the Carnic Alps stands out with the moon shining on the snow patches, whilst nearer at hand the wooded slopes of the Montello call to mind the Hog's Back at Guildford. Occasional flashes along its slopes show where the gunners are "strafing" or are being strafed.

I stroll round the lines counting the animals and incidentally disentangling one here and there, as only mules know how to get disentangled with the meshes of hay nets or steel head chains.

Whilst engaged in quietening two mules who have come to loggerheads as to the sharing of their hay I am attracted by a cry of "A Sub picquet!" Without deigning a reply I walk out from the lines knowing that one of the animals is loose.

There he goes ambling across the field as if rejoicing in his freedom. Stealthily I give chase muttering uncomplimentary things about him and mules in general. For some minutes the chase continues and success is about to crown my efforts when borne on the clear night air comes the old familiar three blass on the whistle.

The chorus is taken up nearer at hand and presently is heard in the village followed by hoarse cries to "Put those lights out."

How I revile that mule. Here am I some distance away from the lines in an open field with the all too familiar "Woof! Woof!" every minute becoming plainer. Who can describe one's feelings. Surely that German airman can see myself and the wretched mule in the middle of the field.

The thought that he has a bomb specially reserved for you is not comforting. How helpless you are.

But I do not tarry long. Leaving the mule to himself I hurry back to the lines in case of emergency.

"A Sub picquet!" "A Sub picquet!" It is "C" Sub picquet. He has heard the whistle and as if drawn by a magnet is now coming towards me. There seems to be some sort of fascination in having company during these times. One feels much bolder with a companion.

"Where is he?" I ask for want of something to say to break the strain. As if in answer to my question a hissing noise which grates on the nerves followed by a dull explosion some distance away is heard.

Immediately the air becomes filled with the clatter of Lewis guns interspersed with an occasional bark from the anti-aircraft guns.

Long lines of tracer bullets wind upwards but still the ominous beat of the engine continues. It is quite close now and that awful feeling of being seen comes over one. The animals are still feeding contentedly all unaware of the impending danger.

"Look out" shouts my companion and as if mechanically propelled we both drop flat. There is a hiss, a blinding flash and a peculiar noise of breaking glass, the pieces of which sing past one with a musical rush.

Twice more this happens and as we rise a faint smell of powder assails our nostrils. The noise of the engine is now getting fainter. Mechanically we walk round the lines together.

The animals now are thoroughly alarmed, all ears are cocked, and there is a frightened tugging at the ropes.

We do not have to go far to see the result of the bombs. Here in a huddled group are three poor animals still tethered to the line.

Another animal shaking like an aspen leaf is evidently in a bad way standing on three legs only, the fourth being doubled up as if in pain.

A shout attracts my attention. It is the Sergeant Major and the Veterinary Sergeant who have hurried out to ascertain where the bombs fell.

A hurried explanation follows and somewhat shaken I rest for a while on a bale of hay.

A pistol shot rings out, followed by another. It is the Veterinary Sergeant mercifully releasing two more poor animals.

Things rapidly become normal again, the German airman has evidently returned home by another route and troubles us no more. I wonder what his thoughts would be were he to see the result of his night's work.

HAWKEYE.

EDUCATION IN THE ARMY.

In the post-bellum army, education will form an integral part of the training of a soldier. This principle has now been definitely settled, though, as the Minister for War said at the close of the recent session, the establishment necessary to give effect to it cannot be laid down until the composition and conditions of service of our future army are finally decided.

The success of the scheme of education formulated for the Army of the Rhine naturally prompted questions in the House as to whether its underlying principle, fertile in potentialities, would be conserved after the disappearance of the Armies of Occupation. The answer could hardly have been other than in the affirmative, if it be conceded that education within the Army is a proved necessity, and when it can be confidently stated that the organization of education in all its aspects presents few serious difficulties.

Indeed from many points of view it presents fewer obstacles than in the sphere of civil education. For the ambitious pupil will find that his progress is not thwarted through want of means, and the idler that he cannot cut his lectures with impunity.

A PERIOD OF TRANSITION.

With the Armies of Occupation undergoing rapid reduction, the adaptation of the Scheme of Education necessarily means a short period of transition. But steps have been taken to ensure that education shall be continued for all soldiers going overseas, and as regards units returning to this country, the education which the men have been receiving overseas will be continued on the same lines as in the past.

Full details of the future scheme must necessarily depend upon the conditions of the post-bellum army, and until the organization of the scheme is fully worked out, it is impossible finally to say precisely what features of the scheme in vogue on the Rhine will be incorporated, or how many of the subjects so successfully taught there will be taken. It is understood, however, that the three cardinal divisions of Higher Commercial and Technical Educational will be retained and thoroughly exploited.

This is rendered the more easy from the fact that when a man enters upon the later period of his term of colour service, the demands made on his time by purely military training become less and the time for study proportionately increased.

Again in England many hours in the winter, and in India a large proportion of the hot months, unfavourable as they are for military exercise, might and ought to be devoted to education. Nor will there be any break in the continuity of a man's study or technical training by reason of his being transferred to another unit.

THE EDUCATIONAL RECORD.

The danger of this result was early foreseen in the inauguration of the scheme for the Armies of Occupation, but was gradually surmounted as experience suggested the remedy. The record of any individual soldier's educational training accompanies him, like his record of military service, wherever he may go, so that when he arrives at his new unit he takes up the thread of his training where he left it at his previous unit.

That the principle of education as an integral part of Army training is being realised in spite of its complete break with old time traditions of life in the army, seems at first sight, somewhat inexplicable. But in reality those responsible for the success of education in the Armies of Occupation have found their task the easier from the fact that scepticism has never darkened their path, nor the most cordial co-operation whether from pupils or instructors ever been lacking.

The fact is that militarism, as such, has in these times engendered a lively sentiment against its crudities. "The mere recognition of the fact that education is henceforward to be an essential part of army training," as the President of the Board of Education so truly said last June, "is one of those great steps forward in the social progress of the world for which the war has been responsible."

THE ARMY CUL DE SAC.

For years the army has been looked upon as a kind of blind alley employment, a cul de sac, into which the wastrel wandered who had failed at other things, or out of which a man well trained as a soldier emerged at the end of his time totally unfitted in spite of a fine character and a splendid sense of discipline for any other employment. But in the army of to-day the recruit will find a far different atmosphere, and wherever he may go he will, as it has been neatly said, "walk into the education scheme."

It is fully recognised that if the Army chooses to educate its men, it has abundant opportunities for doing so, and it may be confidently predicted that among commanding officers in whose hands is the duty of seeing that all officers and qualified non-commissioned officers make themselves responsible, as well as for the educational training of the men under their command as for other forms of training, there will be keen rivalry in the matter of showing the best results.

The advantages to the ex-soldier are obvious. He will leave the army, not merely an efficient soldier, trained in the high profession of arms, but a competent workman, able to find employment, a man of initiative and sense of esprit de corps, and above all a good citizen.

His passage into civilian life as a loyal trained and educated young man will surely have its influence upon those with whom he comes in contact, and as the number of these men grows, the more marked will be the influence of their ideals on the public mind. Tone, form, a cultivated manner will cease to be the monopoly of our older Schools and Universities. The post-bellum army will become in the truest sense a popular University.

IF DOUGHTY DEEDS.

If doughty deeds my lady please,
Right soon I'll mount my steed;
And strong his arm and fast his seat,
That bears frae me the meed.
I'll wear thy colours in my cap,
Thy picture in my heart;
And he that bends not to thine eye
Shall rue it to his smart!
Then tell me how to woo thee, Love;
O tell me how to woo thee;
For thy dear sake nae care I'll take,
Tho' ne'er another trow me.

ROBERT CUNNINGHAME GRAHAM.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

A WAGGISH CORRESPONDENT.

Sir,—In one of our leading dailies — I forget whether it was the "Times" or the "Cologne Post" — recently appeared a discussion on the correct spelling of the word "Ipecacuanha." I do not discuss the merits of that case, but surely we have a more interesting problem nearer at hand.

Let your reader take a Bonn car along the Oberländer Ufer and they will see in letters of startling size outside a certain Army establishment "Demobolization." In the only paper I ever read — the "Cologne Post," of course — I sometimes see questions about "Demobilization," while my officer who is rather a stickler for such things copies G.R.O's and writes "Demobilization."

Personally I am not particularly interested, as I am retainable, and there does not appear to be any particular doubt on the spelling of or the fact of being "Retainable."

NOT DEMOBILIZABLE.

COUNTING BY TENS.

Sir,—"H.R.V" seems to have little idea of the almost insurmountable obstacles in the way of altering our present system of coinage.

It would have been difficult even in normal times, but under the present conditions of reconstruction the introduction of the decimal system must inevitably cause an immense confusion throughout the commercial world.

With regard to the Daylight Saving Scheme "H.R.V." seems to think that most people agreed to the change without protest, but if he was conversant with agricultural matters he would know differently.

The scheme is a cause of great inconvenience and annoyance to farmers and their employers, and in many country districts it is ignored, and farmwork conducted by the proper method of the solar system.

B.M.G.

Sir,—With regard to decimal coinage, three places of decimals would be necessary if the pound stands; the Commission appointed found that it was advisable it should.

As there is no prospect at present of any alteration, those who have many discounts to make from small amounts can use decimals to advantage. Shillings for whole numbers and pence as decimals, they are few, and easy to remember.

For general purposes only two places of decimals are required as of course the second place is hundredths of a shilling. To effect a discount subtract the percentage from one hundred and use the result to multiply the sum to be discounted; from the product strike off the last two figures and put a decimal at two places.

This system is quicker than a discount book as practice shows many short cuts.

F. A. CHRISTIE.

A LACK OF TACT.

Sir,—Apropos the "Echo" relative to the remarks of an English lady as to the Tommy's attitude towards German children I think the fact that her escort did not support her in her view is sufficient comment upon her lack of tact.

What possible connection there is between patriotism and the appeal the youngster of any nationality makes to the lover of children I do not know, but to my mind the lady in question showed a singular lack of tact and a snobbish nature happily to be met with very infrequently.

I would remind her that but for Tommy she would not be on the Rhine at present.

1914.

LIGHTLESS TRAINS.

Sir,—May I support the complaint raised by one of your correspondents, that the coaches on the German trains, reserved for the use of the Allied soldiers, are frequently unlighted at night.

I travelled from Aachen on Tuesday by the night express. Every other coach on the train, including third class carriages, was lighted save that reserved for us.

Is this an attempt at economy or insult on the part of the State railways? The omission, if such, is becoming too frequent for even the long-suffering British soldier and needs some attention from the "powers that be."

LUMINCI AMATOR.

WHY NOT REAL GIRLS?

Sir,—Yes, why not? Some men can impersonate a woman quite well and some quite passably, but I have seen some horrible examples.

In war-time nothing else was possible, and we were grateful for any diversion. All credit and thanks should be given to those who came to our rescue with amusing shows.

But now, it is quite different. We can make a concert party much more refined and artistic if real girls take girl parts, and they are, I am sure, available.

I have often wondered, too, since I have been in Rhineland why such organisations as the W.R.A.F., etc. don't have concert parties exclusively composed of women performers. There must be plenty of latent talent.

BLACK AND WHITE.

PROUD TO WEAR IT.

Sir,—I want to wear the Allies Victory ribbon, but I cannot get a bit of it. They had some at the Leave Club but are sold out, I am told.

When I was home on leave last month everyone had it up and I sported it, too. Then a day before returning to the Rhine an order was issued for everyone to take it down. So I did, and came to Cologne without any.

Directly I got over here the order came out that it could be worn and now I am looking for some of it to put on my tunic.

TOMMY DOD.

WHY NO BRASSARD?

Sir,—I do not wonder at English ladies in Germany looking with disfavour on the brassard.

What looks more disfiguring to a neatly dressed person than to have an ugly looking breadth of cloth round one's arm with glaring letters on it.

I should suggest that a special badge be issued to them to be worn on the lapel of the coat.

REDDY.

SEMI-FINALS TO-DAY.

Inter-Allied Tennis Tourney at Lindenthal.

KEEN COMPETITION.

The Inter-Allied Tennis Tournament at Lindenthal organised by the Rhine Army Officers' Sports Club concluded its preliminary rounds yesterday. The semi-finals take place to-day, and the finals tomorrow. Competition in the early rounds has been particularly keen, which augurs well for the culminating events.

The members of the Tournament Committee are:—Lt.-Col. McAllister, D.S.O., Major Pleydell-Nott, D.S.O., Major P. Bowes-Lyon, Major Hugonin, Rev. L.M. Andrews, M.C., and Capt. H.A. Wardle. Referee: Major Pleydell-Nott, D.S.O.

Appended are the results continued from yesterday:—

Ladies' Doubles Open Championship Of The Rhine.

Preliminary Round:—Mrs. Owen and Mrs. Woodcock beat Mrs. Traill and Mrs. Harvey 6—2, 6—2; Miss McMaster and Miss Douglas beat Miss G. Bunker and Miss D. Johnson 6—1, 6—1.

First Round:—Miss Campbell and Miss Hewlett beat Miss N. Stones and Miss McCowan 6—2, 6—1; Mrs. Owen and Mrs. Woodcock beat Mrs. Chambers and Mrs. Ferguson 4—6, 6—0, 6—3; Mrs. Pleydell-Nott and Mrs. Lord beat Miss Heathcote and Miss Jones, 6—2, 6—2.

Third Round:—Mrs. Owen and Mrs. Woodcock beat Miss Campbell and Miss Hewlett w.o.

Ladies doubles handicap.

First Round:—15 Miss McMaster and Miss Douglas beat Miss Anderson and Miss Hamburg-Williams 6—0, 6—8, 6—3; scr.; Mrs. Traill and Miss Harvey beat +4/6 Mrs. Spicer and Mrs. Brownlow 6—1, 6—3. —3/6 Mrs. Chambers and Mrs. Ferguson beat +15 Miss M. Stock and Miss M. E. Stock 6—1, 6—3.

Mixed doubles—Open Championship of the Rhine.

First Round:—Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Owen beat Major Bruce and Miss Verrall 6—1, 6—1; Capt. Godfree and Miss Hollins beat Capt. Robson and Mrs. Traill 6—2, 6—2; Lieut.-Col. Shannon and Mrs. Pragnall beat Dulac de Fugeres and Madame Passale w.o. Major Saul and Miss Mc Master beat Capt. Price and Miss Hewlett 6—1, 6—3; Capt. Kynaston and Miss Miller beat Capt. Shawcross and Mrs. Poyser 6—3, 6—4; Major Holmes and Miss Bell beat Capt. Thorn and Mrs. Selby; Major Hezlit and Miss Campbell beat Col. O'Connor and Miss Leslie w.o. Col. O'Grady and Miss Stock beat Lieut. Harding and Miss Skinner w.o. Rev. Andrews and Miss Hartley beat Capt. Fenn and Mrs. Fenn 6—1, 6—2; Lieut.-Col. McAllister and Mrs. Lord beat Lieut. Sherman and Miss D. Johnson 6—2, 6—1; Capt. Stewart and Mrs. Denniston beat Major Yates and Mrs. Jackson 6—0, 6—1; Major Rowntree and Mrs. Woodcock beat Capt. Wardle and Mrs. Chambers 6—2, 2—6, 6—4; Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Mansell beat Lieut. and Mrs. King 7—5, 8—6; Capt. Holmes and Miss Heathcote beat Capt. Ziegler and Mrs. Dix 6—1, 6—4; Major and Mrs. Wheatley beat Major and Mrs. Pleydell-Nott 6—2, 3—6, 6—2.

Second Round:—Capt. Godfree and Miss Hollins beat Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Owen 6—2, 6—4; Major Saul and Miss McMaster beat Lieut.-Col. Shannon and Mrs. Pragnall Major Holmes and Miss Bell beat Capt. Kynaston and Miss Miller 6—1, 6—1; Major Hazlit and Miss Campbell beat Col. O'Grady and Miss Stock 6—1, 6—0; Major Ward and Mrs. Douglas beat Capt. Stewart and Mrs. Denniston 9—7, 8—6; Major Rowntree and Mrs. Woodcock beat Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Mansell 6—1, 6—3; Major and Miss Wheatley beat Capt. Holmes and Miss Heathcole 6—0, 13—11.

Third Round:—Major Saul and Miss McMaster beat Capt. Godfree 6—3, 6—3; Major Holmes and Miss Bell beat Major Hezlit and Miss Campbell w.o. Major and Miss Wheatley beat Major Rowntree and Mrs. Woodcock 6—1, 6—3.

Mixed doubles handicap.

Preliminary Round:— +15 Capt. Francis and Miss McCowan beat Lieut. Harding and Miss Skinner, w.o.; —2/6 Major and Mrs. Ferguson beat Capt. and Mrs. Fadyean, w.o.; +4/6 Col. and Mrs. Spicer beat +15 Capt. Jerram and Miss Goodmann 6—3, 6—0; +15/1 Lieut. and Mrs. Griffith beat +15 Capt. Andrews and Miss Tierney 6—4, 6—4; —15 Major Rowntree and Mrs. Woodcock beat —4/6 Major Saul and Miss Anderson 3—6, 6—2, 6—2; scr. Rev. Andrews and Mrs. Kennedy beat +2/6 Major and Mrs. Morgan 10—8, 6—2; —3/6 Capt. Wardle and Mrs. Chambers beat +15 Capt. Flindt and Miss Harvey 6—2, 6—2; scr. Major Bruce and Miss Verralle beat scr. Capt. Evans and Miss Bunker 9—7, 6—3; +15 Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Traill beat —3/6 Lieut. and Mrs. Gardner +3/6 Lieut. and Mrs. King beat +15 Capt. Dolman and Miss Southcote 6—3, 7—5; +15.2 Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Done beat Lieut.-Col. Shannon and Mrs. Pragnall, w.o.; Capt. Stewart and Miss Skelton beat +15 Mrs. A. K. Watson and Miss Leslie, w.o.; scr. Lieut. C. Wimbush and Miss McMaster beat scr. Lieut.-Col. Sharpe and Miss Davidson 6—1, 6—3; scr. Major Yates and Mrs. Jackson beat Capt. Ziegler and partner, w.o.; —2/6 Major Holmes and Miss Bell beat scr. Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Mansell 6—2, 6—2; —1/6 Major and Mrs. Pleydell-Nott beat +2 6 Capt. Kynneston and Miss Miller 6—4, 6—3; +15 Major Pierson and Miss West beat —30 Major Hezlit and Miss Campbell, w.o.; +1/6 Capt. Holmes and Miss Heathcote beat +15 Capt. Allison and Mrs. Vandelye 6—0, 6—2; scr. Major Hugonin and Mrs. Phillipps beat +3/6 Col. O'Grady and Miss M. Stock 6—3, 1—6, 8—6.

First Round:— —30 Capt. Godfree and Miss Holland beat —3 6 Major Biddle and Mrs. Denniston 6—1, 6—2; +3/6 Major Swifte and Miss Stewart-Moore beat +3/6 Lieut. Grant and Miss West, w.o.; —15 Capt. Price and Mrs. Dix beat +15 Capt. and Mrs. Rose 6—3, 6—2; Major and Mrs. Ferguson beat Capt. Francis and Miss McCowan 6—1, 6—2; Col. Spicer and Mrs. Spicer beat Lieut. and Mrs. Griffith 6—2, 4—6, 6—2; Rev. Andrew and Mrs. Kennedy beat Major Rowntree and Mrs. Woodcock 6—3, 7—5; Capt. Wardle and Mrs. Chambers beat Major Bruce and Miss Verrall 4—6, 6—3, 6—1; Lieut. and Mrs. King beat Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Traill 6—3, 6—3; Capt. Stewart and Miss Skelton beat Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Done, w.o.; Lieut. Wimbush and Miss McMaster beat Lieut.-Col. McAllister and Miss Hewlett 8—6, 6—4; Major Holmes and Miss Bell beat Major Yates and Mrs. Jackson 6—1, 6—4; Major and Mrs. Pleydell-Nott beat Major Pierson and Miss West 6—0, 6—1; Capt. Holmes and Miss Heathcote beat Major Hugonin and Mrs. Phillip 3—6, 6—0, 6—2; —1/6 Major and Mrs. Wheatley beat +3/6 Capt. Thorn and Mrs. Selby 6—4, 6—4; —15.1 Major Ward and Miss Douglas beat +3/6 Lieut.-Col. and Mrs Lord 6—1, 6—0; +5.6 Capt. Shawcross and Mrs. Poyser beat +15.1 Capt. Lindberg and Miss Watson 6—4, 6—1.

Second Round:—Capt. Godfree Miss Hollins beat Major Swift and Miss Moore 6—3, 6—0; Capt. Price and Mrs. Dix beat Major and Mrs. Ferguson 6—4, 6—3; Rev. Andrews and Mrs. Kennedy beat Col. and and Mrs. Spicer w.o.; Lieut. and Mrs. King beat Capt. Wardle and Mrs. Chambers 6—2, 6—3; Lieut. Wimbush and Miss McMaster beat Capt. Stewart and Miss Skelton, w.o.; Major Holmes and Miss Bell beat Major and Mrs. Pleydell-Nott 6—0, 6—0; Major and Miss Wheatly beat Capt. Holmes and Miss Heathcote 6—4, 6—4; Major Ward and Miss Douglas beat Capt. Shawcross and Miss Poyser 3—6, 7—5, 11—9.

In the Gentlemen's open singles Lieut. Hole beat Lieut.-Col. Owen 3—6, 6—2, 6—1; in the fourth round.

Miss McMaster beat Mrs. Owen in the semi-final for the Ladies Open Singles 6—3, 6—0.

Lieut.-Col. McAllister beat Major Bruce 6—1, 7—5, in the gentlemen's singles handicap.

In the Gentlemen's Handicap Singles Class 11. Mr. A. K. Watson beat Lieut. Reed, w.o.; Lieut Vangelas beat Lieut. Petrie, w.o; Lieut. Matthews beat Lieut. McMahon, w.o.; Capt. Hawkins beat Commdt. Bergem, w.o.

(Continued in next issue.)

Y.M.C.A. FOOTBALL SHIELD

Draw for first round of the Competition.

TWENTY-FIVE ENTRIES.

At the "Cologne Post" offices yesterday the draw for the first round of the football competition for the shield being put up by the Kalk branch of the Y.M.C.A. took place. Altogether 25 teams have entered, 18 of whom will participate in the first round, the remaining seven teams getting byes. The draw is as follows:—

35th Bde. R.G.A. v. 187th Bde. R.F.A.
63rd Bde. R.G.A. v. 13th M.A.C.
Southern Division R.E. v. "R" Battery A.A. R.G.A.
9th D.L.I. v. 23rd Middlesex.
G.H.Q. Signals R.E. v. 1st Pontoon Coy. R.E.
Wahn Survey Detachment v. 2/4th Queen's.
No 8 Vet. Hospital v. 11th Queen's.
93rd Bde. R.G.A. v. 1/6th West Yorks.
Kalk Bakeries v. 23 R. Fusiliers.

The following teams have byes:— 6th Corps Troops, Rhine Flotilla R.N., 87th Field Ambulance, 10th Queen's, 53rd Northumberland Fus., 17th Royal Fusiliers, and "B" Battery 190 Bde. R.F.A.

The competition is being organised and run by Lieut. J. Wood, the energetic sports officer of the 93rd Bde. R.G.A. and to him all correspondence respecting the tournament must be addressed. All games in the first round must be played by Saturday next on the ground of the first named team and sports officers of the home side will be responsible for the provision of ground, referee and ball.

The sports officer of the home team is further requested to arrange with the visitors as to date and time and also as to colours to be worn. The secretaries of the winning teams are asked to forward results of matches to Lieut. J.Wood 93rd Bde. R.G.A. as early as possible and also to send accounts to the "Cologne Post." Entrance fees should be sent to the secretary before the first match is played.

In addition to the shield being presented by the Kalk branch of the Y.M. C.A., it has been decided to present each member of the winning team with a silver cigarrette case and each member of the running-up team with a silver medal.

Lieut. Wood should be at once notified of any difficulty as to ground and he will endeavour to make provision in such cases.

ARMY RIFLE MEETING.

Commander-in-chief to Distribute Prizes Today.

Satisfactory progress is being made with the Rhine Army Rifle meeting at Drove in which competition has been exceptionally keen.

The meeting concludes to-day when the Commander-in-chief will distribute the prizes.

Following are the results of Thursdays' shooting:—

Individual event No. 7, 400 yards slow:—1' R.S.M. Norris, J., 51st Hants., 22; 2, R.S.M Elston' J., R.E., 21; 3, Cpl. Belton, E.V., 19th M'sex R., 20; 4, Pte. Robertson, J., 1/5th K.O.S.B., 20; 5, Pte. Burrell, 52nd R. Warwick, 19; 6, L/Cpl. Brown, 2/4th Queens (R.W.S.), 19; 7, Pte. Bent, A., 13th K.L.R., 19; 8. Pte. Baron, W.A., 2nd M.G.C., 19.

Individual event No. 8, 500 yards slow:—1, Capt. Mase, 52nd R.B., 23; 2, Lt. Rolph, G., M.C., 29th M.G.C., 21; 3, Pte. Richardson, W., 5th K.O.S.B., 21; 4, Sgt. Chapman, G., 51st Hants., 20; 5, 2/Lt. P[illegible]kin, F.L., 13th L.N. Lancs., 20; 6, Sgt. Noott, R.E., 20; 7, Sgt. Howley, L., 51st K.L.R., 20; 8, C.S.M. Joyce, L., 51st K.L.R., 20.

Machine gun event No. 3, 1 gun knockout:—9th Bn. M.G.C. (A Team) and 32nd Bn. M.G.C. (B Team), finalists; 3, 3rd Bn. M.G.C. (A Team); 3, 29th Bn. M.G.C. (B Team).

Team event No. 4:—52nd N.F. and 51st Devons, finalists; 3, 11th R.S.; 4, 3rd M.G.C.

Revolver Events.

Tile Competition:—1, Capt. Deacon, L., 9th E. Surrey, 20; 2, Sgt. Taylor, F.E.A., 23rd M'sex R., 18; 3, Capt. King, C.R.B., M.G.C., 15; 4, Lt.-Col. Cranston, M.G.C., 15.

Rapid:—1, Sgt. Taylor, F.E.A., 23rd M'sex R., 21; 2, Lt.-Col. Cranston, M.G.C., 17; 3, Capt. Deacon, L., 9th E. Surrey, 10.

Application:—1. Capt. Deacon, L., 9th E. Surrey, 36; 2, Capt. King, C.B.R., M.G.C., 34 3, Lt.-Col. Cranston, M.G.C., 33; 4, Capt. Blakenby, R. Innis. Fus., 23; 5, Capt. Cann, Tank Group, 20.

Unlimited event, 500 yards, slow:—1, Lt.-Col. Cranston, M.G.C., 22; 2, R. S. M. Jagger, W., 20 K.R.R.C., 22; 3, C. S. M. Joyce, 51st D.L.I., 22; 4, Rfn. Sharp, 20 K.R.R.C., 22; 5, Capt. Spence, 23rd Msex. R., 21; 6, 2/Lieut. Bissett, D., 5th R.I.R., 21; 7, Pte. Brunskill, 1/12th L.N.L., 21.

CONFIDENCE IN CARPENTIER.

M. Descamps, the manager of Georges Carpentier, writes to Mr. Cochran to say that hearing people in England are willing to lay odds on Beckett, he is very anxious to take advantage of this, and will back his man up to one hundred thousand francs.

BOMBARDIER WELLS' CONTRACT.

Bombardier Wells has affixed his signature to a contract with Mr. Cochran whereby he will box a series of matches at Holborn Stadium. The first will probably take place next month.

FIRST-CLASS BILLIARDS.

Inman's Chances in the Championship.

NO VACANCIES IN RANKS.

Happily, in the world of billiards there are no vacancies in the ranks of the leading players and thus in the professional tournaments we shall still see Inman, Reece, H.W. Stevenson, Falkiner, Willie Smith and Tom Newman, with all their varying styles. These famous men will all be seen at the tournament organised by Messrs. Burroughes and Watts, but no longer will the competitions be fought out at Soho Square, which has for long been associated with great billiard struggles. The scene of future battles will be the spacious new saloon in St. James street Piccadilly, an ideal venue.

The event of the season will, of course be the championship, and in this we shall see the real thing. Seldom was a more determined effort made than that of last season to wrest the honours from Melbourne Inman. He had gone off, said some; Stevenson and Reece are better than ever, said others; Falkiner is bound to beat him, shouted a third party. Yet, although for the first time he had, as holder, to play through, instead of just one single challenge match, he simply walked away with it.

Barring accidents, he seems just as likely to do the same thing again. He always gets there and that, after all, is the main thing. No man at present before the public can close up the game so skilfully, or take such ready advantage of an opening.

II CORPS ELIMINATIONS.

Devons, Hants and R.I.R's meet with Success.

The II Corps had a thoroughly successful afternoon's sport at Leverkusen. The events decided were—cross country running, basketball and tug-of-war. After the tea interval some excellent boxing was witnessed. The 15th Hampshires won the Cross Country run, and had also the first man home in the good time of 22 minutes 25 seconds over a four mile course. In the basketball the 12th R.I. R's outclassed the 5th Devons. and won by 16 points to 10. The teams were:—

12th R.I.R's. Lieut. Gilmore, Lieut. Turpin, Sergt. Semple, Rifmn. Puddick, and Rifmn. Crisford.

5th Devons. Captain Anderson, Lieut. Puddicome Lieut. Adams, L/Cpl. Ivy, and Pte. Perkins.

The Tug-of-War was won very easily by the 5th R.I.Rs.

Lady Jacob kindly presented the medals to the winners.

Some really good knock-outs were seen in the Team Boxing Competition and the 51st Devonshire Regt. thoroughly deserved a push forward to the Rhine Army Boxing Championships by winning the II Corps eliminating contests.

Lieut.-General Sir C. W. Jacob thanked Colonel J. Betts, D.S.O. Inspector of P. & R.T. Rhine Army for coming from Rhiel to referee the Boxing. He afterwards presented the medals to the winners.

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

(BY NOVO.)

Bolton Wanderers directorate made a pretty mix up of their team for the second match. Hulme, a left-half, was played inside-right, and Buchan, who usually occupies that berth, was tried in Hulme's position, whilst Powley, the right back, figured as centre half. Watson, left-back, took the right back position, and a new goalkeeper, left-back, and outside-right were introduced.

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Kitchen, of Sheffield United, is in good form, seeing that he recorded a double in each of the Bramall Lane team's opening games.

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Up to date, the Sunderland club have played 848 games, and of this number they have won 420, lost 274, and drawn 154. They have scored 1,602 goals and their opponents have registered 1,162 goals against them.

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South Shields will need watching. They continue to make efforts to get together a winning side, and the signing of Walker Hampson, who played for Scotswood last season is a good move. They are due at White Hart Lane next saturday. The Spurs will have no walk-over.

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Stoke have re-signed their pre-war centre-forward, Arthur Watkin, who scored 24 Southern League and 17 Cuptie goals for them in the season 1914-15.

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Plymouth Argyle Club have secured the signatures of James McLeary, a centre-forward from the Clackmacudden Club, Inverness, and of R. C. Symons, an inside forward of St. Austell, who played for the Salonika Army in the Army Championship matches at Aldershot.

THE CUP WINNERS.

Record of 17th Lancers in "Cologne Post" Competition.

SPLENDID BATTING.

We are able to publish to-day a brief history of the 17th Lancers cricket team the winners of the "Cologne Post" Cup, in the Competition. The record of the team, by virtue of success in such a severe test, is necessarily a highly creditable one, and it is only approached in all-round consistency by one other team, that of the 93rd Bde. R.G.A., the runners up in the competition.

The Lancers' strength lay chiefly in their powers as a batting side, and their averages, which we give below, probably constitute a record for the competition, Capt. Fowler, the team's captain fittingly heads the list with the excellent figures of 35.40. He has achieved this remarkable performance not so much as a result of occasional very high scores, but by reason of an unfailing ability to knock up a useful number of runs.

During the Summer the team played 21 matches of which they won nineteen, drew one and lost one, all, with the exception of one, being in the C.P.C.C. The drawn match was against the 4th Royal Sussex Regt. at Hennef, when, owing to a heavy thunderstorm lasting nearly two hours no result could be arrived at. The game as far as it had gone was decidedly in favour of the Lancers; they compiled a total of 180 to which their opponents replied with 72 for 6 wickets. "R" Battery A.A. administered the only defeat, but upon this occasion the cup winners were not quite at full strength. Bdr. Whitehouse was mainly reponsible for the victory of the Anti-Aircraft; he played a fine innings of 53 and took 7 wickets for 39 runs, an excellent performance.

A Good Wicket.

The 17th Lancers were exceedingly fortunate in having a good wicket on the Exercier Platz, Kalk, and this probably accounts to some extent for so many of the team reaching double figure batting averages and also for the bowling averages not being quite so impressive as those of many other teams. In addition to Capt. Fowler, Capt. Boles and Capt. Stanyforth did well with the bat while Major Micholls and Sgt. Payne played some splendid innings. Sgt. Shenstone and Pte. Clarke were always reliable in the tail to hit up a good score when runs were badly needed. Practically all the bowling was done by Captains Boles and Fowler and Cpl. Whitfield, the former claiming the distinction of having taken the greatest number wickets. S.Q.M.S. Wyeth and Sgt. Shenstone upon occasions displayed their ability to get wickets very cheaply.

With such a reliable wicket keeper as Capt. Stanyforth the team was always well looked after in this department; not only did he bring off a large number of "stumps," but he came through the season with a surprisingly small number of extras. Sgt. Payne proved himself a very capable understudy.

As the teams against whom the Lancers played will be only too ready to testify, the ground fielding of the team as a whole was exceptionally fine; this was plainly evidenced and commented upon when the final was played at Lindenthal. Lieut. Cooke was the shinning light in this side of the game, while Capts. Boles and Fowler were two most reliable slips.

The majority of the victories were gained by fairly substantial margins, the closest match being with the 53rd Sherwood Foresters on a bad wicket when the very modest scores of 32 and 21 were registered.

We take this opportunity of congratulating the 17th Lancers upon having won our cup and wish the team, who will shortly be proceeding to England, the very best of luck.

The batting and bowling averages for the season are appended:—

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
Pte. Clarke	5	2	6	3	2.00
S.Q.M.S. Wyeth	23.2	4	60	14	4.29
Capt. Fowler	158	41	321	57	5.63
Lieut. Wales	11	3	12	2	6.00
Sgt. Shenstone	17.5	4	56	9	6.22
Capt. Boles	206	53	497	70	7.01
Cpl. Whitfield	118.1	21	365	43	8.49
Major Micholls	12	2	41	2	20.50

Capt. Stanyforth stumped 9; Sgt. Payne stumped 2.

Batting.

	inns.	n.o.	rns.	h'st	w.
Capt. Fowler	13	3	354	60	35.40
Capt. Boles	16	2	323	76	23.07
Capt. Stanyforth	15	1	295	70	21.07
Major Micholls	16	3	267	56	20.05
Sgt. Payne	18	5	265	75	20.04
Sgt. Shenstone	11	0	180	50	16.36
Lieut. Cooke	20	0	284	42	14.20
S.Q.M.S. Wyeth	14	3	148	34	13.46
S.Q.M. Simpson	11	3	107	26	13.38
Pte. Clarke	9	3	80	31	13.33
Capt. Clarke	5	1	45	21	11.25
Lieut. Dereham	9	2	39	12	5.57
Cpl. Whitfield	7	3	9	7	2.5

GAUNT BUT GOOD.

Unprepossessing Mule Romps Home for "A" Battery.

GEN. TYLER'S CUP.

A blazing hot sun shone on a motley collection of mules, a few men with loaded rifles, a miscellaneous collection of what looked like dead or dying men, and a good many interested spectators, when the V.C. race was run off at Hangelar, which was to decide, which of the batteries or which section of the D.A.C. had gained the most points in the Divisiona competitio s to entitle them to the trophy which had been offered by Brig.-Gen. Tyler, Commanding the Lancs Divisional Artillery.

It was not the prettiest (far from it), nor the youngest of the mules present, which with Gunner Taylor up, fairly romped home, much to the chagrin of everyone but "A" Battery, 168 Bde. R.F.A., who knew that in the gaunt-looking but perfectly docile creature they possessed something that neither knew fear or fences, a good old "muley" which had evidently been trained to the hour; he knew that there was something at stake or why should he have had so many carrots of late. A second or third place would not put his battery ahead of B 1.1, D/168, C/161 or No 1 Section of the D.A.C. No wonder, therefore, that when he came in an easy first, A/168 felt very proud of him and, incidentally, of themselves. By his winning, this battery has gained three 1sts one 2nd, and two thirds with competitions which counted towards the coveted trophy which General Tyler presented on the ground.

In addition, "A" Battery (Commanded by Major R. R. Hoare, M.C.) has spent a busy time in competing and winning prizes at the Southern Division Show, and it only lost the Shield presented by General Lambert by failing in a tug-of-war competition.

No. 7 F. A. AT SPORT.

Successful Meeting At Riehl On Wednesday.

No. 7 Field Ambulance held their sports on Wednesday afternoon at Riehl and a very enjoyable time was spent. The racing was exceptionally good and some fairly fast times were made.

In the evening the Tonics Concert Party gave a very fine concert which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Freyell the band of the 52nd D.L.I. performed during the meeting. The prizes were presented by Mrs. McSheely, the wife of the Commanding Officer.

The results were as follows:—

100 yards flat:—1, Pte. Jones; 2, Pte. Teasdale; 3, S. M. Stanley.

220 yards flat:—1, Pte. Jones; 2, S. M. Stanley.

440 yards flat:—1, S. M. Stanley; 2, Pte. Sheath.

880 yards flat:—1, S. M. Stanley; 2, Pte. Stanuton.

Long jump:—1, M. Wood.

High jump:—1, M. Wood; 2, Pte. Jones.

Potato and bucket race:—1, Pte. Jones; 2, Pte. Massey.

Officers race:—1, Capt. Richards; 2, Capt. Lawson.

Sgt. race:—1, S. M. Stanley; 2, Sgt. Shier.

Section relay race:—1, A. Section.

Sack race:—1, L. M. Wood.

Band race;—1, L/Cpl. Kidd; 2. Pte. Heward.

Wrestling on Horseback:—1, "B" Team.

Ladies event:—1, Miss Mason; 2, Miss Matthews.

Throwing the cricket ball:—1, Sgt. Shier.

Stretcher competition:—1. No. 3 Squadron.

Pillow fighting:—1, Dr. Penn; 2, Pte Mac Cartney.

Three-legged race:—1, Pte. Jones and Pte. Raistrick; 2, Pte. Stanton and Pte. Garth.

Obstacle race:—1, M. L. Wood; 2, Wood.

Blind squad drill:—1, No. 1 Squadron.

9th Durhams' Sports.

The annual sports meeting of the 9th Battalion Durham Light Infantry will take place on the P. and R.T. School Ground (No. 12 tram car terminus) on Friday Sept. 19th commencing at 14.00 hours. There will be a 440 yards race open to all ranks of the allied armies, and a one mile race open to all ranks of the Durham Light Infantry. Entries which close 09.30 hours Sept. 15th are cordially invited.

41st M.G.C. ATHLETICS.

The 41st M.G.C., winners of the VI Corps championship, are holding an athletic meeting at Rath Camp, Königsforst, on the 21st inst. An excellent programme has been arranged, including in the open events a relay race and one mile. To reach the ground take the Königsforst car from the Hohenzollern bridge.

52nd Northumberland's Sports.

At the 52nd Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers Sports meeting the winner of the mile race open to the Northern Division was Pte. Boss of the 53rd Northumberland Fusiliers.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Saturday	6	Tristan and Isolde	Wagner
Sunday	7	Aida	Verdi
Monday	7	Carmen	Bizet
Tuesday	7	Tosca	Puccini

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Leave Club Whist Drive.

A most successful whist drive was held in the garden of the B.E.L.C. on Thursday. It was a glorious evening, greatly adding to the enjoyment of everybody. The gentlemens prizes were won by:—Pte. J. Feasdale, first, Pte. Darling, second, and Pte. Fletcher third. The first lady's prize was won by Pte. G. Minday with Mrs. Wibberly second.

Pussy-Foot Please Note.

Not the least successful rendezvous in Rhineland are the many new tea rooms opening everywhere since the food situation became easier. With quite enjoyable little orchestras these places are certainly a relief from the incessant hustle and hubbub of the large cafés. The latest addition is "The Ceylon" in the Stolwerk building Hohestrasse with every kind of light refreshments, elegant breakfast rooms and salon music. It opens on Saturday next at 4 o-clock.

Dont Miss It!

I hear that we are in for a treat on Sunday, when Backhaus, the eminent pianist, will again appear at the Deutsches Theatre. Those who have heard Backhaus on his previous visits will need no persuasion to be present on Sunday, while those who have not, have missed a great musical treat. Eric Morgan, the popular English tenor will sing, and Alfred Parker will play a Beethoven Sonata with Backhaus, as well as some solos. Altogether a really fine show.

To be Demobbed.

Here is a little impression of Bert Coole the comedian, of "The Crumps" (London Divisional Concert Party).

After amusing the boys out here for some time past he tells me he is going home shortly demobbed. Coole has made all his plans for his return to the English stage. As soon as he reaches England he is to produce a double act with Harry Harris (Dora of the Crumps). He anticipates a successful tour in Blighty having several dates with the L.V.T., already arranged.

More Stars At Home.

Jack Holbert and the inimitable Rebla of the White Knights M.T. Concert Party are now starring in the new revue "Bran Pie" at the Prince of Wales Theatre, London. Rebla had the honour of a cartoun all to himself in this week's "Passing Show." We wish all the best to both and a long run for "Bran Pie." You should see it when you get to town. "His little Widows," by the way, featuring our own Eric Blore, has now been transferred to the Garrick Theatre.

The great little "Tab."

Ernie Roberts has gone and the Palast will know him no more; the great little "Tab" has joined the great army of demobilized, taking with him the good wishes of every single member of the company he so ably and harmoniously produced and piloted through a long and brilliantly successful season in Cologne. Producer, creator, manager — he will be greatly missed and his place hard to fill. Ernie took his work seriously for although his business was to be funny, there is nothing particularly funny in conceiving and producing a revue, or indeed any kind of two hour show, of the standard required by Cologne audience. Ernie did it and, with the support of an excellent company, filled houses nightly. Under the more favourable conditions of civilian working, conditions with which his pre-war experience has made him quite familiar, Ernie Roberts as a comedian should go far.

Coming Events.

On Sunday the Rev. C. E. Wheeler will give an address in writing room from 5—6 and there will be a concert by the band of the 20th K.R.R.C. at 6.30 p.m. (by kind permission of O.C.) Major Bowen, Lts. Ramsay and Mearns will sing and Cpl. Rossi will play the violin. There will be an impromptu concert on Monday, from 5—6 and a dance in the theatre at 6.30 p.m. On Tuesday a dancing class will be held in the theatre from 5—6 while an impromptu concert will take place in the music room at the same hour. The Tonics Concert Party will give a show at 7 p.m.

JACQUES.

93rd BDE. R.G.A.

To Represent II Corps in Rhine Army Championships.

On Tuesday at Riehl the three best teams in the II Corps, met to decide the unit to represent the Corps in the Rhine Army Championship. The points went to units as follows:—

63rd Bde., R.G.A., 22 points.
9th London Regt., 20 points.
15th Hants Regt., 18 points.

"Footer" friendly.

On Wednesday at Ehrenfeld No 2 A. A. Workshops met Rhine Army Siege Park in a friendly match; despite very hot weather a fast game ensued resulting in a win for the "Archies" by 4 goals to 2.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday, September 13th, 1919.

Wind Southerly 5—10 m.p.h. Misty morning. Fine and hot. Visibility fair.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Death of Joe White.

We learn that Joe White, the well-known oldtime boxer, has died at Cardiff.

"Maggie" Magee.

West Bromwich Albion place great value on the services of Thomas Magee, a young man who made his name as a penetrative forward in Army football.

Silvester the Incorrigible.

Silvester appears to be going from bad to worse. After starting at 20 to 1, freely offered in a field of six for the Prince Edward Handicap at Manchester he went as far as the first turn and then bolted out of the track, pulling himself up at the paddock gate.

Hole in One.

In the first-round tie between Mr. M. Cairnes, the ex-native champion, and Mr. G. J. Ogg, the former, at the short seventh, holed his tee shot. The only previous occasion such an incident happened in an Irish championship match was at Lahinch in 1910.

No Excuse—Except.

There seemed no sort of an excuse to offer for Marshal Neil's extremely disappointing display in the Michaelmas Stakes at Manchester unless it is that, not coming from a particularly robust strain, the long journey from Berkshire took too much out of him.

Chelsea's Crocks.

Although Chelsea opened so auspiciously, they have already almost half the team crocked.

A Sparkling Race.

Tetratema's victory in the Champagne Stakes was quite the feature of the day, As befits the name of the race, it was of the sparkling variety.

Aussie's Double Feat.

At Scarborough yesterday J. M. Gregory, the Australian cricketer, who bowls fast right arm, and bats left hand, joined the band of his compatriots who during their tour in this country have scored a thousand runs and taken a hundred wickets.

Ross Well Supported.

Despite the fact that he is Manchester born, the sportsmen across the Tweed are solid to a man in supporting Walter Ross, the bantamweight champion. They believe that he will prove equal to Tancy Lee in the winning outright of the Lonsdale Challenge Belt.

Golf Record.

Mr. L. W. Vignaux has beaten the "record" for the Shooters Hill course. The old "record" was 70, by Mr. C. J. Thorn. Mr. L. W. Vignaux went round in 69, and 68. His brother, Mr. E. D. Vignaux, won the vice-president's prize on Saturday with a score of 76—9=67.

Aston Changes.

Aston Villa, who continue to lose League points, have begun to reconstruct. In the game at Derby they called up two of the young recruits.

A Lady Owner.

Mrs. Frank Wormald, who won a race at Derby with South Notts, is a one-horse owner. She is the widow of Brigadier-General Wormald, who fell in the war.

Ex-King Manoel's Win.

Ex-King Manoel of Portugal, who has long been an enthusiastic tennis player with his Belgian partner, succeeded in defeating P. H. Fitzgerald and J. D. Duncan at Eastbourne.

Half's Loss.

Portsmouth Football Club's centre half-back, John Harwood, recently missed from his house a gold watch, valued at £4 10s., and it was found that a boy who took it had sold it to a fruit hawker for 4s.

Joy Bells.

In the Second Division, only the 'Spurs and Bristol City have not dropped a point. Here only four home teams won, and the great feat of the day was the vindication of West Ham's new team at Lincoln City. A few minutes of the real Puddefoot sufficed to make the joy-bells ring out at Boleyn.

Goals Scarce.

Goals were scarce in the Southern League, on Monday, eight clubs failing to score.

Derby County's Find.

Ritchie, who scored Derby County's winning goal against Aston Villa this week, though this was his first appearance in senior football, played with all the sang-froid of an old hand.

Patterson's Quartette.

Alan C. Patterson, of the Wearside Club, won the Durham Championship for the fourth time, when he played two rounds of 79 and 78 (157). Patterson's previous successes in this competition were obtained in 1908, 1909, and 1912.

New Zealand and Salmon.

For many years it has been a matter of regret that, though brown trout and rainbows have established themselves so wonderfully in New-Zealand, the repeated experiments with salmon seemed to have resulted in failure.

More Records.

At Parsloes Park Mr. Walter Winans made a flying quarter-mile amateur driving record to wagon of 36 1-5sec. with his mare Henrietta Guy, and a mile record to wagon of 3min. 7 2-5sec. with his trotting pair Discord and Harmony. The previous record, held by the same pair, was 3min. 22sec.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Unappreciative Audiences.

Given the cool of a summer evening, a clear sky and a full moon, the Zoological Gardens formed an ideal rendezvous on Thursday evening. There was not a suspicion of a breeze to disturb one's appreciation of the capital musical programme arranged. What more provided a fitting setting for an ideal evening. Yet throughout, one's enjoyment was spoilt by the incessant babble of tongues and shuffling of chairs. Germans we are told give place to no one in their appreciation of music. Were these the same music lovers whose shouts for waiters coincided with the presentation of programme items, or those who, not content to summon the waiter in the customary manner, made various hissing and throaty noices? This was the state of things on the terrace. We cannot vouch for what happened below, but members of the British Army who wish to avail themselves of a musical treat on which we congratulate the management should make a point of securing a seat near the orchestra. At any rate avoid the terrace as you would a plague, unless you wish your attention distracted by fräuleins, whose sole aim is to display post-war plumes, or by individuals whose love for the inner man outweighs their appreciation of music.

Return of German Prisoners of War.

On Wednesday evening, those in the vicinity of the Cologne-Deutz station witnessed an interesting spectacle. Attention was attracted by the crowd of civilians waiting outside the station, the youthful and more nimble of them standing on the wall and gazing through the iron railings. The cause of the excitement was the arrival of a party of German prisoners after a period of enforced exile. Suddenly there was a rush for the main entrance. Recognition, embracement and tears bespoke a welcome too great and sincere to be expressed in words. To the onlooker the tanned faces of the prisoners gave them a healthy appearance all due credit to the treatment which they have received during their confinement in our camps.. This fact should do more to convince the Germans of the British character and help them to realise how nonsensical are the stories of starvation and the like.

Tommy's Language.

Regarding the recent paragraph entitled "Embarrassing" a private says he considers the language used by the Young Guards referred to was not sufficiently diabolical to call forth supercilious comment. Lady teachers, he adds, know only "perfect English"; therefore genuine Army verbosity is incomprehensible. He thinks that quite enough critics of Tommy exist in the Army and suggests that the feminine element should try to look more upon his virtues than upon his vices and that it would be more profitable to pay some attention to sentiments expressed by the German people.

Cat-Music.

The North African soldiers of our French Allies have a very strange form of martial music to encourage them on their marches. Their band seems to consist of drummers and about a dozen men playing a peculiar horn Flute-like in appearance these instruments emit a most mournful melody. The nearest approach to the sound is that of the wind whistling through rushes. No definable tune seems to be played, and to the unaccustomed ear, the effect is weird and not altogether pleasing. The Americans refer to it rather contemptuously as "Cat-Music" and certainly the simile is apt. We trust that this instrument will never be incorporated in any Rhineland Jazz Band. It might however prove useful to a would-be tragedian for the Ghost Scene in Hamlet.

Re-Echoes.

Complaints are reaching us from troops in the outlying districts that they cannot get British girls as partners at dances held there as units in Cologne can.

The German authorities are surprisingly liberal in their arrangements about standing on tram-platforms, but to one section of the community this is "verboten." Children unaccompanied by adults must go inside.

Is the German architecture beautiful? The Germans evidently believe so, but a French soldier—in pre-war days a student at the Beaux Arts, Paris—found it ugly and repellant. Utilitarianism is perhaps the predominant feature.

Mr. Knott, president of the British Chamber of Commerce in Cologne, says that the confidence of Germany in Great Britain has been greatly strengthened by the fair treatment they have been receiving from the British military authorities in the occupied territory.

The catering arrangements on some of the river trips would appear to call for improvement. We have had many letters severely criticising them. Whoever is responsible would do well to investigate the reason for this dissatisfaction.

In future our weekly article on Photography will always appear on Saturdays. Camera enthusiasts please note!

Many officers and men going home on demobilization are subscribing 12 marks a month so as to still receive their favourite "Post" daily at their address in Blighty. Everyone should think of this before leaving Rhineland.

Does the climate of the Cologne part of Rhineland conduce to indigestion and rheumatism? We hear of many cases of the kind from officers and men hitherto immune.

In the recent tropical spell many Germans have been seen wearing only a very thin cotton vest, a jacket and trousers, and, of course, no hat. We forgot socks and boots. Naturally they didn't leave these off.

In some cafés in Cologne whenever they serve you a liquid refreshment they invariably bring a glass of cold water on the tray, also. It is a sensible custom.

Overheard at Lindenthal: 1st Gunner "Why don't they change the bowling?" 2nd Gunner "Dunno. Expect the Captain's a Quartermaster, and never changes anything."

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's winners are Sergt. J.R. Ducker, 51st Durham L.I., Rhine Army, and Pte. E. Mullett, Publications Dept A.P. S.S., Rhine Army.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

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Intensifying.

It sometimes happens that a negative is under-exposed or under-developed, in which case it is styled "thin" or "weak."

The strength of a negative may be better judged by viewing it against white paper than by holding it against the sky. If the shadows and dark tints are not strong and the prints not clear, this defect may, to a certain extent, be remedied by an immersion in an intensifying solution. This increases the density of a negative. In order to intensify the density of a negative it must have already been thoroughly fixed in hypo and washed.

The most usual method is to treat the plate or film with mercuric chloride, but intensifying may also be attained by means of uranium, lead or silver.

Place the "thin" negative in a solution composed of

Mercuric chloride (2 parts)
Hydrochloric acid (1 part)
Water (100 parts)

The result will be that the film of the negative is bleached.

It must be left in the solution until it becomes whitish.

It should then be well washed and placed in

Sodium sulphite (1 part)
Water (6 parts)

or in the following solution

Strong liquid Ammonia (1 part)
Water (10 parts).

An ordinary hydro-quinine developer will also serve in lieu of this second bath.

After a second washing in clean water, the negative is ready for drying. It will be found to be much improved in detail. Intensifying solutions may be purchased already prepared.

Lantern Slides.

Lantern slides may be described as prints made upon glass instead of upon paper. Their usual dimensions are 3¼ ins. by 3¼ ins. but they may be smaller and inserted in a frame or edged with black paper to suit the 3¼ ins. square. Since they are intended for projection upon a large screen, it is clear that their detail must be as nearly perfect as possible and that great care must be exercised in their production.

There are special plates for the purpose, which are printed from the negative in a frame after the same manner as printing paper and subsequently developed and fixed in hypo. The exposure will vary necessarily according to the density of the negative, the intensity of the light used (candle, gas or electric,) and the speed of the plate. Some plates are more rapid than others.

It is not possible to give definite instructions relating to exposure, since this must be judged by continued trial.

When the positive has been dried, its film surface must be protected; this is done by covering it with a very thin sheet of glass, sold for the purpose, and binding the edges together with narrow strips of adhesive black paper.

In the case of negatives larger in size than 3¼ ins. by 3¼ ins., these can be reduced by any professional possessing the necessary apparatus; by reduction in size the positive becomes stronger in detail and its projection upon a screen so much the more clear.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

The third week.—Marseilles dock strike is entering upon its third week.

Aeroplanes in campaign.—In the Australian Peace Loan campaign, aeroplanes are taking an active part.

Bishop of Strasbourg.—Mgr. Adolph Fritzen, the German Bishop of Strasbourg, has died at the age of 81.

A Strike Settled.—Traffic is being resumed on the Trans-Australian Railway, the strike having been settled.

Houses First.—"Build houses first" is chalked on a hoarding in front of a cinema in course of erection at Wimbledon.

Pigeons Demobilized.—The Air Ministry have decided to dispense with the R.A.F. pigeon service.

Alien Pilots.—The Seafarers' Council have resolved to bring about the abolition of pilots' certificates held by aliens.

Viscount Grey.—Viscount Grey will leave for Washington on his special mission on September 20.

London Lock-Out.—A lock-out of close upon 3,000 men has taken place in the Port of London Docks.

Her family.—Berlin official returns of births during July include the case of a woman who gave birth to her 21st child.

Ambitious Hackney.—A self-supporting municipal winter garden in Hackney is urged.

In The Garden.—A safe stolen at Mitcham was afterwards found broken open in a market garden.

A Find.—While depositing a cart load of mud on Mitcham Common a workman found a live shell.

Taxes.—The income-tax and excess profits tax in the United States will yield £946,000,000 this year.

Against Girl Bankers.—South Wales bank officials are unanimously against the continuance of female labour.

£19,000 for "Pub."—The Duke's Head, Parsons Green, has changed hands for £19,500.

What Teachers' Rise Costs—The annual cost of teachers' salaries under the latest scale works out at £13 per child in Kent.

Vicar Dies At Altar.—When about to administer Holy Communion at Lindsell the vicar died from heart failure.

Wool for the Winter.—The Ministry of Munitions is about to release large quantities of woollen and worsted goods.

Flaming Zepp.—An attraction at the autumn meeting of the National Rose Society is the rose known as Flaming Zepp.

A Banquet for Mr. Balfour.—The City of London proposes giving a banquet to Mr. Balfour on his return to town.

Mr. Asquith's Future.—The expectation that Mr. Asquith will return to the House of Commons is likely to be verified.

On The Movies.—Major and Lady Helena Gibbs saw the film of their wedding at Bristol.

Dad "Undergrads."—A feature of the next term at Cambridge, is the number of married undergraduates, whose studies were interrupted.

Helpful.—The Postmaster-General asks London local authorities to put distinct initials and numbers on street nameplates.

Life's Savings Stolen.—While the manageress of a Hockley inn was serving customers in the bar, thieves stole her life's savings.

Officers' Rat Hunt.—To make a rat hunt at Aldershot instructional as well as sporting, regimental officers have been asked to attend.

The Last.—The last of the Shipping Intelligence offices to give information to ships regarding mines closed on Saturday.

The Royal Sovereign.—So far this season the Royal Sovereign has conveyed 75,000 passengers between London and Margate.

£6,000 Royal Visit.—The amount spent in entertaining Royalty at Leicester exceeded £6,000, equivalent to a rate of 1½d.

A Monson Memory.—Knaresborough, where railway carriages have been licensed as dwellings, was the residence of Monson, of Ardlamont notoriety.

A Discovery.—Captain Williams of Old Windsor, has discovered the site of Edward the Confessor's Palace in the Great Park.

Will They?—Fears are expressed that if the plans for obtaining economy on railways are carried into effect food prices will go up.

Strike Holds Up Ships.—Three hundred ships are held up by the strike of Bristol Channel coasting masters, mates and engineers.

Government Houses.—The number of houses already in course of construction, with Government assistance, is 7,000 to 8,000.

Mr. A.G. Gardiner.—Mr. A. G. Gardiner, who has been editor of the "Daily News" for nearly eighteen years, has resigned.

Boy Milliner.—In a quiet street near Piccadilly an ex-Eton boy, who is only seventeen years of age has started a millinery business.

Crushed to Death.—John Fletcher, Sheffield, was found under his traction engine, which overturned after running backwards down a hill.

More Doctors for the Army.—The War Office is prepared to accept the services of medical practitioners for duty with the Army.

A Mixture.—Three women summoned at the Thames Police Court were named Bullock, Bulldog, and Drake. All live in the same street.

The Muzzle.—"Of course we know muzzled dogs must feel uncomfortable, but, still, we cannot please everybody." A gem of childish wisdom.

The Demand.—The Treasury, have now demanded a clean cut of one-half of the War Office Staff, irrespective of all other considerations.

Lancs. Cotton Goods for Near East.—Many cotton goods manufacturers in South-East Lancashire are dispatching representatives to Roumania, Serbia and Mesopotamia.

Underground Wires from Manchester.—The work of laying the cables to carry telephone and telegraph wires between Manchester, Birmingham, and London is to be pushed forward.

NOTES FROM LONDON TOWN.

FUTURE OF THE FLAPPER.

Hundreds of girls are to-day tempted to wish that they had never entered Government employment. They are the Whitehall flappers, large numbers of whom are receiving their discharges from the chief Government offices. They are finding that commercial and business firms have no room for them. Even advertisements of posts sometimes state that "no Whitehall wash-outs need apply." "I have been looking for a new post all this week," said a War Office girl. "All the employers I saw seemed satisfied with my qualifications until I mentioned the words 'Government office.' Then each one said that I should be unsuitable and closed the interview." A walk down Whitehall in the luncheon hour will show you white stockings and bead necklaces no longer. The flapper proper has disappeared. The women who are receiving their discharges owing to the closing down of departments belong to a different time. They are capable, efficient girls, who have to work for a living. It is unfair to say all are untrained, because in several Government departments, classes were held during the war, and the girls were required to pass an examination.

HOP-PICKERS.

If any one doubts the moral improvement of a certain class of Londoner, let him consider the hop-pickers, now preparing to take to the fields. To-day their conduct is exemplary; forty years ago the picking season was a time of terror for every one living in the hop districts. Looting of eggs, chickens, fruit, vegetables, and even of carts was common, and the return journey of the hop-pickers was generally accomplished by rushing the trains at Maidstone and travelling free of charge. It really was a terrible time of invasion. On each estate one or two hop fields were reserved for the villagers, and the rest were handed over to the mercy of the foreigner. He, she, and it—and by "it" I mean an innumerable number of grubby little babies—used to camp out on the roadside or in the neighbouring fields. One evening they would all be there, a veritable army of locusts; the next they were gone, leaving the country-side littered with rags, tins, broken bottles, buckets, coal scuttles, and anything else they had borrowed for the hopping season and for which they had no further use.

FREAK DINNERS — AND DINERS.

The most exclusive of the West End restaurants are trying — in the spirit of Telemachus when he endeavoured by slow degrees "to make mild a savage people" — to win their patrons back to the evening dress pre-war habit. In one case the rule is that none but evening dress patrons may dance or listen to the band in the lounge. Two gentlemen not in evening dress, in attendance on a lady who was so attired, were politely told of the regulations by the head waiter at Prince's the other night when they wished to dance, and they made a great outcry about it. But even evening dress will not cover the social deficiencies of some of the new rich people who are now making a point of dining expensively at the most fashionable places. At the Carlton one evening last week three young men at a table near mine amused themselves by dining backwards, i. e., they went through the menu the reverse way, beginning with coffee and ending up with hors d'oeuvres. This might not have been a matter for complaint had they not advertised their freak dinner in the most conspicuous possible manner, and talked in loud, familiar tones about their foibles. The table manners of some "fashionable" diners, even in the elementary matter of the correct use of knives and forks, would have been unthinkable five years ago.

BOTHA AND THE ABBEY.

Why not establish a permanent link between the Motherland and South Africa by erecting a memorial in Westminster Abbey to that great Empire-builder Louis Botha? It is not, after all, such a cry to the year 1902 and the peace of Vereeniging, but who in the world would have dreamt of such a service in those days? Times have changed with a vengeance? A great scheme for filling the northern windows of the Abbey with stained glass from the designs of Mr. Cowper, a dozen or more in all, was started some years ago. Three of those windows are in position by now, and add enormously to the beauty of the place. Another, commemorating the noble and patriotic life of General Botha, might well stand beside them.

STREET MARKETS.

The pressure of public opinion is doing more to curb the rapacity of the profiteers and to bring down prices than is ever likely to be achieved by the Government Profiteering Act. No doubt there is something in the suggestion that the profiteers are seeking to get on better terms with the public by reducing shop prices to a figure which will still yield them huge profits. But the effects of the street markets in reducing shop prices is still more marked. When you see the prices that are being charged in the greengrocers' shops it is really deplorable to notice the quantity of fine vegetables which are being allowed to rot or go to waste on the allotments simply because no methods have been devised to enable allotment holders to dispose of their surplus produce. In many districts at least this has been remedied, and we may look to see a wide extension of the street market movement. This establishment of communal shops is also being advocated in some quarters, and the threat will not be lost upon traders, who are further threatened with the provisions of the Profiteering Act.

CAN YOU WRITE?

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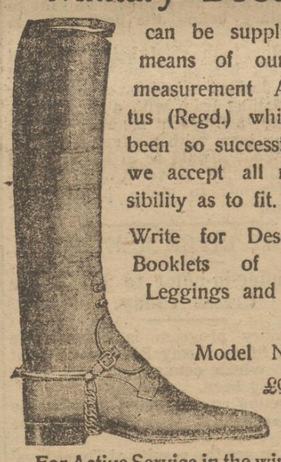

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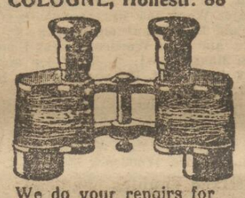

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NATION AND THE MINES.

T.U. CONGRESS REVERSE THEIR DECISION TO COERCE THE GOVERNMENT.

A FEW RIDICULOUS RESOLUTIONS.

NATIONAL MINES.

EVADING "COMPULSION" OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Another surprise was yielded by the Trades Union Congress at Glasgow yesterday. Direct action—a general strike for political ends—was shelved.

The debate ended suddenly by a delegate Mr. T. Shaw, M.P., moving the "previous question," and this was carried on a card vote as follows:—

For previous question	2,225,000
Against	2,086,000
Majority for.....	169,000

Thus a straight vote on direct action was evaded.

In moving this resolution, which is the customary method of stifling a debate or evading an awkward issue, Mr. Shaw said that Messrs. Smillie and Williams had made it clear that their idea of industrial action was to create a revolution in this country.

During the war there was a conference at Leeds, where decisions were taken to form a Soviet. If that conspiracy had succeeded, Europe would have had the chains of militarism riveted upon her as she never had before.

The country as a whole was against the use of the strike for purely political purposes.

Mr. Hayday, M.P., who seconded, said he feared that industrial actions on purely political matters would lead them into the false belief that there were greater advantages to be gained by brute force than by the exercise of their rights of citizenship.

MANY THINGS DEMANDED.

The Congress passed resolutions calling on the Government to—

Nationalise the banks: levy a direct tax on land values: Provide pensions for mothers: abolish the Poor Law system: income tax minimum of £250: more liberal allowance for dependents, with allowance for wear and tear of clothing: reinstate dismissed police officers and recognise the Police Union: provide £1 a week pension for all persons of sixty and over.

As has already been stated, the Trade Union Congress has affirmed the miners' policy on nationalization by 4,478,000 votes to a minority vote of 77,000. The resolution endorsed the miners' rejection of the Government scheme for the future control of the industry; declared for national ownership and joint control by representatives of the State and the workers; and, in the event of the Government refusing to accept this position, a special congress is to be convened for the purpose of deciding the action to be taken to compel the Government to accept the majority report of the Coal Commission.

This decision marks an entirely new phase in the agitation for nationalization. For twenty years the Trades Congress has affirmed and reaffirmed resolutions in favour of nationalization of the mining industry, of land, and of railways. They have been merely pious resolutions. This is changed. Nationalization of the coal mining industry is now within the arena of practical politics. It is the aftermath of the Coal Industry Commission, and in the coming months it is going to be the most troublesome problem with which the Government and the nation has to deal. The Miners' Federation has ranged almost the whole Trade Union movement on their side in the campaign, which will be pressed with all their resources in every constituency in Great Britain.

If the Government stand firm in resistance, then, one may take it, within two months from now a special congress of the trade union movement will be called together in London to make the momentous decision as to what action organised Labour will take to "compel the Government to accept the majority report of the Commission."

Mr. Smillie, in moving the resolution, argued that so long as the mines are privately owned, and output is the chief desire of the owner, it is inevitable that sometimes safety should be sacrificed for greater output and profit. He disclaimed any Syndicalist idea in the claim of the miners for nationalization but he added that "the time may come when they may advance a further step." He repeated that the nation will never get the greatest output as long as the mines are privately owned.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., who seconded the resolution, associated the railwaymen with the miners. He understood the character of the proposed campaign, but was apparently prepared to take his part in it and his share of the responsibility so long as it is conducted along constitutional lines.

Mr. J. Havelock Wilson the seamen's leader, led the forlorn hope of opposition. He criticised State control and State management, but his warnings made little appeal to his audience, which, however, listened to him patiently.

[We give the summary of the speeches in favour of "direct action" in order to illustrate the arguments of the extremists. The congress apparently realised the possible terrible consequences of their decision and reversed it in the manner stated above.]

FREE TO CHOOSE.

DOMINIONS TO DECIDE THEIR OWN DESTINY.

The debate in the South African Union Parliament on the ratification of the Peace Treaty gave General Smuts the opportunity of showing how the country had strengthened its position in the British Empire. General Hertzog, he said, chooses to regard South Africa's new privileges under the peace terms as an entry into the maelstrom of European politics. On the contrary, South Africa was now freer to determine her own destiny than she had ever been. During the last few years the Dominions have obtained complete powers, not only to regulate internal affairs, but to determine their own foreign policy and to decide on questions of peace and war. In future they will deal with foreign affairs through their own representatives and in the League of Nations, will be on an absolute equality with Great Britain. So far from being drawn into foreign wars at the call of the British, as was theoretically possible before, they can now make their own choice on this vital issue.

LABOUR IN FRANCE.

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES STRIKE.

The municipal employees in the Department of the Seine, which comprises seventy-eight parishes, have carried out their threat and gone on strike. When the Mayors and Municipal Councillors found that none of their employees had come to work, they began to devise means for ensuring the essential services. The Mayors at once communicated with M. Autrand, Prefect of the Seine, who replied that the military authorities would send help. The Mayors are marrying couples as usual, and volunteers from outside are digging graves and effecting interments. The streets in many communes are unswept, dustbins cannot be moved, and lavatories are unattended. Happily, the water service is not interrupted. If the strike continues, soldiers are to be employed at interments.

When the managers of music-halls met the delegate of the Central Committee a spirit of conciliation was manifest. The Central Committee is now virtually recognised, and, so far as music-halls, concerts, circuses, and dancing establishments are concerned, the managers' terms were accepted and will come into force on the 20th. The trouble with the cinema employees has yet to be disposed of.

CHAOS IN EGYPT.

Egypt is still in a state of industrial chaos. The Alexandria scavengers and the Cairo tramwaymen both succeeded, by the use of violence, in preventing the resumption of the services. All new employees were attacked directly they appeared. The Alexandria trams are still idle, and are likely to remain so, the Government, apparently caring nothing for the public's inconvenience.

The strikes are undoubtedly an attempt to damage British prestige in Egypt and every day's delay in Government intervention is interpreted by the Egyptians as a sign of weakness. The anarchical spirit is growing more arrogant, and unless checked is likely to culminate in further riots.

FINANCING GERMANY.

The Berlin "Zeitung am Mittag" concludes, from the ever-increasing number of representatives of leading American banks who have recently been arriving in Berlin, that the gradual improvement of the economic and financial position of Germany may be hoped for. American financiers, the paper says, have got into touch with leading financial circles and authorities on the question of granting long-term credits.

OPERATIONS AT ARCHANGEL.

The War Office announces fighting on three sectors of the Archangel front. Two villages on the Dvina have been captured. An enemy attack on the Pinega river was repulsed and an advance made by Russian volunteer troops along the Volgoda railway.

HUNGARY AND ROUMANIA.

Vienna messages state that a Hungarian special envoy has arrived at Bucharest to start negotiations for a separate peace Hungary and Roumania, and it is likely that the question of a "personal union" of the two countries will also be discussed.

A Leicester man, charged with neglecting six children, said he had 20 children and 20 grandchildren. He considered he was an asset to the nation. The case was adjourned for a month.

BOSTON LOOTING.

FOOTBALLERS AS SPECIAL CONSTABLES.

Serious disorders have occurred at Boston U.S.A., following a strike of the entire police force. Hooligans started smashing shop windows and looting stores in South Boston. Order was restored by the volunteer police after a sharp conflict, but riotous gangs later on sprang up in other parts of the city. Officials dashed through the streets in motor-cars of the police department, dispersing the gangs by firing revolvers over their heads.

After midnight the hooligan element became bolder and invaded the centre of the city, assaulting women and breaking open shops. Much damage was done before they were finally dispersed.

The police strike is an effort to obtain union with the American Federation of Labour. All demands, with regard to wages and hours, have been granted, but the police insist not only on the right to organise their own union, to which the Police Department does not object, but also the right to co-operate with all other trade unions. A thousand volunteers have offered themselves as emergency police, including stalwart members of the Harvard University football team. The Police Department is attempting to complete a temporary organization sufficient to prevent further disorderly outbreaks.

BALFOUR'S RETURN.

HIS EMINENT SERVICES AT PARIS.

Mr. A. J. Balfour arrived in London on Thursday night from Paris after a continuous sojourn of eight months in the French capital.

He was enthusiastically welcomed by a large crowd.

Parisian newspapers show high appreciation of his services to the Peace Conference. The "Journal des Debats" speaks of his devotion, assiduous labour and great experience of affairs, and says; "the collaboration of this eminent statesman has been of the utmost value to the Conference and the services he has rendered have been most highly appreciated."

WHAT PERSIA WANTED.

Prince Firous, the Persian Foreign Minister, in an interview with the "Daily Express" correspondent at Montreux, given on behalf of the Shah, said: "I cannot understand European reports that England, in August last, created a Protectorate of Persia. That is entirely incorrect and untrue. It was Persia who took the initiative and asked for England's help because Persia was being ruined and in a state of anarchy. Small bands of brigands who infested the country destroyed commerce and endangered lives. The Government, practically without troops, guns, rifles and money, was helpless to restore order and only retained authority in a few of the principal towns."

KILLED BY GOLF CLUB.

Robert Taint, a mining engineer, aged eighteen, employed at the South Ayrshire Collieries, Limited, has died at Girvan from the effects of an accident while golfing.

With two other engineers, he was engaged in a game on the Girvan course. One of his companions made a drive at his ball, and on turning round to make a remark about the stroke was horrified to see Tait lying unconscious at his feet.

Tait, who never regained consciousness, was found to be suffering from injuries to the neck caused in the swing of the club.

GERMAN FOOD RIOTS.

Scenes of great excitement occurred at Glogau, when a crowd collected before the large food shops, owing to the high prices of fruit and vegetables. As the position grew ever more threatening, troops had to brought up. They were attacked by the crowd, one soldier's rifle being snatched from his hand, and he himself shot, upon which the order to fire was given, and the streets cleared with machine-guns and grenades.

According to the latest news, ten persons were killed and eleven wounded during the disturbances.

LAST U-BOAT SINKER.

The funeral of Commander James Wilson, R.N.R., who sank the last German submarine accounted for in the war a few hours before the armistice, has taken place at Reigate. He was much loved by the Reigate school-children, to whom he used to distribute sweets and fruit on his return from cruises, and among the wreaths were several from the little ones, one inscribed "In memory of one who loved children."

A PADRES' FELLOWSHIP.

At a conference of chaplains convened recently at Cambridge by Bishop Gwynne, Deputy Chaplain-General in France, and by Dr. Simms, Principal Chaplain to the B.E.F., proposals were discussed for the formation of an interdenominational Padres' Fellowship, to conserve and apply the lessons of the war and to maintain the spirit of co-operation and good will that had obtained in service overseas.

TAR AND FEATHERS.

COURT MARTIAL SEQUEL TO NOTORIOUS CASE.

Remarkable evidence was given yesterday before a general court-martial at Cambridge, when Lieutenant Francis Thomas Wright, M.C., R.E., was charged with assaulting Desmond Beresford Kinahan by tarring and feathering him, and chaining him to a tree in Harvey-road, Cambridge, on the night of June 6 last.

The court was presided over by Colonel Emery, and the prosecutor was Captain H. H. Dunn, the accused being represented by Captain R. Whitehead, M.C.

The accused's wife, whose name had been connected with the case, was present in court, and Lieutenant Wright pleaded not guilty.

At the outset Captain Dunn announced that evidence with regard to the charge of assault only would be given, and Kinahan, who relinquished his commission as a lieutenant in the Navy in June, was at once called.

He said he received a letter on the evening of June 6 from the accused asking him to see him the following night at 10.30. He called at the house as requested, and was taken to see the accused in the garage in the garden. The accused was standing in the shelter of the door, and seizing his wrists tripped him backwards. The accused was assisted by his brother, Mr. Dudley Wright, and told witness if he called out they would gag him. They then undressed him, and the accused said he proposed to tar and feather him at 11.30. The accused and Mr. Dudley Wright did so. Witness was then lashed to the floor until five minutes to one, when Lieutenant Wright brought along a heavy chain, one end of which he locked round the witness's neck. He was then taken in a small light car to Harveyroad, where the other end of the chain was fastened to a tree by the accused. The car drove away, and five minutes afterwards the witness hailed a policeman, who took him to the police station.

Took It Lying Down.

Captain Whitehead: Are you aware you have behaved very dishonourably?

Witness: No, because I have seen letters from the accused to Mrs. Wright in which he said if she ever met anyone else whom she loved more than him she was to let him know and he would release her.

Questioned about the tar and feather incident, the witness said he had hardly a chance of resisting, as the accused and his brother were there. Asked if he took everything lying down, he said he did after the first few minutes. He did not consider the attack was justified, as he was prepared to prove. He admitted that he took off his overcoat and waistcoat, explaining that if he had not done so voluntarily he would have been forced. Various letters of the usual type were read in Court.

Accused Gives Evidence.

Lieutenant Wright, giving evidence in defence, said he was a civil engineer by profession, and came home from Brazil when war broke out. He was five times rejected before enlisting as a motor driver in the A.S.C. After being commissioned he was wounded, and in October, 1916, he met Hazel Robson, who became his wife in October last. In November he went back to the Balkans, and received letters of a perfectly friendly and loving nature from his wife. Subsequently he received a letter from his wife confessing her love for Kinahan. He came to England and eventually carried out his scheme of humiliation.

Addressing the Court, Captain Dunn urged that the charge was proved, but declared there were aggravating circumstances which could be put forward in mitigation. The traditions of both services had been grossly violated by Kinahan, and he was shocked that such a case should ever have come before a court-martial. A man must consider a brother officer's wife as sacred and inviolable, and he left the case with every confidence.

Mr. Cassels applied to be heard for Kinahan, but the Court refused the application, a similar result attending the application by Mr. Patworth on behalf of Mrs. Wright.

The president remarked that it was open to Mrs. Wright to go to a civil court if she so desired.

After considering in private for a few minutes, the Court was declared closed, and sentence will be promulgated in due course.

BOYS' GAMBLING HELL.

"Lads are becoming real little gamblers. I heard of a lad of thirteen years who ran quite a little gambling saloon. So I went there one night, when the mother was out, and I found about fourteen lads in the kitchen gambling. They soon bolted when they saw me," said the Rev. F. G. M. Kelly, vicar of St. Alphege's, at a meeting of the Edmonton War Pensions Committee.

The vicar moved that a letter be sent to the Ministry of Pensions expressing the view that widows should not be allowed to go out to work without the consent of the Local Pensions Committee. He gave as his reason that girls of fourteen stayed out till nine o'clock at night and schoolboys gambled while mother was away.

The motion was carried.

SIX-PINTS-A-DAY STRIKE.

Harvesters employed in some of the large vineyards in the south of France, near Montpellier, have gone on strike. The men, who already receive 12s. 10d. and 4 pints of wine a day, ask for 16s. and 6 pints.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

WORK TO BE DONE AT THE OUTSET.

Arrangements are being made for carrying out the tasks which will devolve upon the League of Nations as soon as the Peace Treaty with Germany comes into legal force. This will be the case when the Treaty has been ratified by Germany and three of the principal Allied and Associated Powers. Germany has already done so and ratification by Great Britain, France and Italy will not be long delayed. The League of Nations then automatically comes into force and will begin its operations forthwith. The early days of the League will be a period of great pressure, for according to the Peace Treaty there are certain tasks it has to carry out within a prescribed period.

Within fifteen days of its coming into force, it has to appoint a governing commission for the Saar valley and as speedily as possible a High Commissioner for Dantzig. The Council of the League will consist of representatives of Powers who have adhered to the League. Its first duty will be to make immediate appointments as required by the Treaty, to confirm the provisional appointment of Sir Eric Drummond as Secretary General and to prepare the agenda for the first meeting of Assembly of the League, which will be at Washington and will form its public inauguration. This may not take place before March.

MURDER AT FOREST GATE.

On Wednesday morning, at 16, Upton-avenue, Forest-gate—only a short distance away from the scene of the Becket fourfold murder—a man named William Davie, aged 56, murdered Lily Allum, 44, and then committed suicide, the crimes being committed with a razor. The house is in the occupation of Mr. Robert Davie, a baker, who, when his wife died last November, allowed his brother William to rent three upstairs rooms. William brought with him Lily Allum, who kept house, and generally got on very well with him. After breaktast on Wednesday morning the couple were upstairs, and screams from the woman alarmed the house. Robert Davie rushed upstairs, and found that Allum was bleeding from the throat. He carried her down the stairs, and went for medical assistance. On returning, he and the doctor found William Davie lying in the passage with his feet towards the door and bleeding profusely from the throat. He died almost immediately, and the woman was already dead.

FERMOY QUIET.

Calm now prevails in Fermoy. Major-General Williams, of the Southern Irish Command, has issued a proclamation prohibiting all meetings, assemblies, or processions in any public place within three miles of the town. Business is necessarily suspended in many of the shops which were wrecked, and gangs of labourers were still employed yesterday in removing the debris from the streets.

It is understood that the Shropshire Light Infantry will be removed from the town to-morrow. The condition of Private Lloyd, one of the three men of that regiment who were wounded when Private Jones was shot dead, is reported to have improved slightly, but he is not yet out of danger.

ENGINEERS' DEMANDS.

At a conference in London the Amalgamated Society of Engineers decided to fall into line with the Shipbuilding and Engineering Trades Federation, and to bring the whole strength of these industries to bear on an application to the Government for the consolidation of war wages. It was also suggested that as soon as consolidation of wages is effected, it should be followed by another application for a general advance.

"DIRECT ACTION" FARM WORKERS FINED.

Arising out of the Staffordshire farm labourers' strike two men were each fined £10 at Stafford Police Court for stopping a grinding mill and engine on a farm at Longnor. It was stated that about 100 labourers on strike visited the farm and were ordered off, but they entered the farm buildings and used threats. The defendants pleaded "Guilty,' one saying he thought at the time they had the right to fetch union men out. The Chairman of the Bench said there was a spirit of lawlessness abroad which must be stopped.

Two farm workers were also fined £5 each for assaulting an employee on the Wood Eaton estate by pulling him off a cart. They said they only used peaceful persuasion and denied calling the man a "blackleg" or laying hands on him.

NEW YORK VICTORY MARCH.

General Pershing, at the head of the First American Division, rode over a route five miles long through the heart of the city. A crowd of millions was in the streets to watch the procession, and gave expression to unparalleled enthusiasm. Cardinal Mercier, with other prominent personages, witnessed the procession from a special stand.

Progress has been made by the Supreme Council with the Bulgarian Treaty, the text of which is now complete. It will be presented to the Bulgarians in the course of next week.

BELGIAN RELIEF.

DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS BRITISH FUNDS.

The National Committee for Relief in Belgium, through which over £2,000,000, solely from British sources, was contributed towards relief in that country, has, after consultation with Mr. Hoover, allocated the balance of funds in hand to the following charitable organisations in Belgium: Mme. Doutremont's Children's Home, 200,000 francs; Foyer des Orphelines, Brussels, 150,000 francs; Countess van den Steen's Home for Children, 150,000 francs; Foyer des Orphelines, Charleroi 100,000 francs; Orphelinat Protestant, 50,000 francs; Gouttes de Lait, Brussels, 50,000 francs; De Wouters' Home for Young Girls, 25,000 francs.

In transmitting the gifts, Sir William Goode, Secretary to the Committee, has expressed the hope that the gifts will be accepted as a token of British appreciation of the heroism shown by the Belgian nation throughout the war, and of sympathy with the sufferings which they so courageously withstood during the German occupation.

MILK AT ONE SHILLING A QUART.

The Food Controller has decided to fix the maximum retail prices of milk per quart as follows: October 11d.; November 1s.; December 1s.; January 1s.; February 1s.; March 1s.; April 11d.

The Food Controller draws the attention to the power vested in local authorities to provide milk for expectant and nursing mothers and for children under five years of age through Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and otherwise at a reduced price or free of cost in cases in which the local authorities are satisfied that circumstances justify the provision.

"BROKE IN OUR WARS."

Harry Bohle, aged twenty-four, who was charged at the Central Criminal Court with the wilful murder of Rosie Josephine Gallmann, his sweetheart by cutting her throat at Stepney, was found to be insane at the time when he committed the crime, and was ordered to be detained during the King's pleasure.

It was stated that Bohle, an ex-soldier, was wounded at Mons and the Dardanelles. He was blown up by shell-fire three times in one day during the fighting on the Somme.

Bohle was about to be married to the woman and they were on the most affectionate terms.

GERMANY'S PEACE TANKS.

Article 171 of the Peace Treaty stipulates that Germany shall not build tanks for war purposes, but their construction for peaceful uses is not prohibited.

A number of German factories have been building tanks for agricultural purposes—ploughing, mowing, haulage, etc. Some inquisitive workmen of other factories became suspicious of certain frameworks and armoured plates which were being constructed at their own workshops, and careful investigation revealed the surprising fact that these frameworks and plates fitted exactly the agricultural tanks, which in a few hours time could be converted into fighting tanks.

PLANE CRASH IN LONDON PARK.

An Avre aeroplane had a forced landing in the centre of Southwark Park, S.E. The machine was wrecked but the pilot and two passengers—one a woman—escaped injury.

Lieut. E.A. Sullock, the pilot, was taking the passengers from Hounslow to Southend when, he states, "a cylinder blew out of the engine 2,500ft. up.

"I had to decide," he said, "between risking the lives of the passengers by alighting on the river or landing in a green field. I chose the field. I saw a man with a horse and roller on the spot where I intended to land. In landing, after avoiding them, the under-carriage was torn away and we turned over."

Lieut. Sulloch, who has carried over 2,000 passengers without accident, helped his passengers from the upside-down machine.

FAMOUS PROFESSOR DROWNED.

While bathing with his children in the River Wharfe, Yorks, Professor F. W. Moormann, University of Leeds, was drowned. With his wife, two sons, and daughter, he was spending a vocation in Upper Wharfedale.

Professor Moormann was aged 47, and was appointed to the Chair of English Language at Leeds in 1912. He was an authority on the Yorkshire dialect, and during his researches utilised the gramophone to obtain accurate records of the dialect as spoken and sung in the country districts.

AVOIDABLE WASTE.

The London barge Perseus, which put into Dover yesterday fogbound, has a cargo of 175 tons of empty shell-cases. They had been brought from France to England, were sold to a French firm as scrap metal, and are now being taken back to France.

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Sunday, September 14, 1919.

RULE IN RHINELAND.

Some uncertainty appears to reign in the minds of many of our readers as to impending changes in our administration of the occupied territory. Events and necessary measures during the last five years have called for such frequent and often drastic changes that many can hardly keep pace with the march of history. It will perhaps be useful if we summarise the situation as it is now developing.

Peace is signed. But it is not yet ratified by all of the principal belligerent powers. Ratification means the approval and acceptance by the countries concerned, of the terms which their representatives have signed on their behalf. And until that is done a state of political and military peace cannot be said to be definitely established.

Great Britain, Belgium and Germany have already ratified the peace treaty. France has the matter now in hand and there will probably be little delay. Italy will most likely not be much later. The decision of the United States awaits the result of President Wilson's explanatory tour. But it has been ruled that three of the great allied powers must ratify their acceptance of the peace-treaty before the terms can be taken as settled.

Meanwhile, in order that no time may be lost and that all may be ready for reconstruction of commerce and normal conditions preparations are being made and details worked out for the new order of things.

Coming now to that aspect of peace which has the greatest immediate interest for our readers, we understand the future arrangements to be, briefly, as follows:—

The military occupation of a part of Germany during a certain period being one of the clauses in the peace treaty, that occupation by the troops of the four Allied and Associated Powers continues, the British force remaining centered on Cologne. (It may be noted that such occupation of territory at the cost of the country thus partially occupied, is a customary form of security given by their rulers for the faithful execution of the agreed terms).

The civil administration heretofore under the direction of the Military Governor's branch of the Army Staff, will, on ratification of the treaty, pass into the hands of the normal German Authorities, whose business it will be, as in ordinary times of peace, to carry on all branches of local Government and activities and to settle purely German disputes and difficulties.

But whilst the administration of the occupied territory reverts, on the ratification of peace, to the hands of the German Government, the presence of the Allied Armies and the very fact of military occupation imply a certain control over the population of the area concerned, if the rights appertaining to the Allied troops are to be secured.

The enumeration of these rights is set forth in the Convention of Occupation, signed by the German Government at the same time as the Peace treaty; this document further provides a machinery for assuring that such rights are fully secured. The machinery provided by the Convention is not a military, but a civil body called The Rhineland High Commission, sitting at Coblenz and composed of one member from each of the four nations maintaining troops in the occupied territory, the French member acting as president. The British member is Sir Harold Stuart, K.C.S.I, whose record in India is well known, in connection with the Police Commission, then as Director of the resultant Intelligence Department, and later as Home Secretary to the Government of India.

For the purpose of securing the rights of the occupying forces, the High Commission issue ordinances which will have the force of German laws.

Sub-commissions representing, and reporting to the High Commission, will be established at the four centres of occupation. And similarly there will be representatives in the town or country districts hitherto under the control of Area Commandants.

It is fortunate that there may be available for these new administrations a number of British officers who have during the last nine months gained invaluable experience in the questions of German administration methods and personalities.

THE BATTALION PICNIC.

No one knows the origin of the idea—an idea unique I believe in the annals of the Rhine Army — A Battalion Picnic.

The novelty of it almost took our breath away and when orders appeared in which it was decreed that the Battalion would proceed by road in full marching order, less steel helmets, S.B.Rs., and other small articles of equipment, which the boys are always grieved to part with for a moment, to Rodenkirchen and bivouac, the excitement knew no bounds.

Many went to bed that night to dream of Scouting days, Red Indian warfare, sweethearting amid sylvan glades, and demobilization, the latter, however, being only in the background for who would seek it with such a prospect in view?

I told my batman to call me at 4.30 a.m. instead of which at 5.15 I jumped hastily from my feather bed to find him snoring heavily. I asked him if I should get him a cup of tea and then packed up myself.

What a rush! I lost my studs, put my shaving and hair brushes in my pocket and forgot my jewel case.

As I left my billet the roseate hues of early dawn were shedding their soft radiance over the spires of the Old Dom and the refreshing dew cooled my throbbing head.

Oh! the joy, the spirit of adventure! what mattered the unearthly hour!

Arriving at the Mess I kicked over two chairs, sang a hymn, drank one cup of cold tea and relished the one biscuit left for me.

Thus fortified in my inner man I joined our splendid Battalion at the starting point.

I noticed the beaming face of our R.S.M. How lovingly he gazed upon his boys! He too was going to leg it with the rest and his soul was at peace.

Hark! The Band is playing and the trek begins. Never did any band play with greater vigour and the results were amazing. As we passed along Lindenwall, Bonnerwall, and the outer defences of Cologne every window was crowded. What a sight!

At 8 o'clock we had breakfast on the line of march. Sitting on the banks of the Rhine we enjoyed our poached eggs on toast and other dainties.

We arrived at Rodenkirchen at 10 a.m. and proceeded to bivouac at the best place for any troops in Rhineland amongst the bushes and trees next to the famous bathing pavilion.

Soon many fair damsels appeared on the balcony in most becoming costumes and waved their lily-white hands in welcome and our Brigadier also rolled up in his German Vauxhall du luxe to see if we were comfy.

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CAN YOU WRITE?

The Editor will be glad if officers and men of the Rhine Army will contribute to this paper. The need for contributions is the greater now that so many of our regular writers are leaving for home. All accepted articles etc. are paid for and may be on any topic likely to interest the troops on the Rhine. The Editor hopes for a hearty response to this invitation. Lack of a finished literary style need deter no one from submitting something. Provided the subject matter is interesting, the Editorial staff can supply any deficiencies. No contribution should exceed 500 words and even shorter ones will be welcome.

Lunch was served al-fresco, the men and officers enjoying with keen appetites the chicken and bully beef washed down by the incomparable Rhine Water.

The men in the meantime had erected their bivouacs and also named them. Hence you were reminded at the "Northern Villa" that Jocks and Tynesiders were verboten, the terms for board being ten Marks. Likewise "Fuzzy Villa", "The Better 'Ole" and "Wishem House" were all occupied.

In the afternoon the men, in vivid bathing costumes, entered the enclosure sacred to mixed bathing and disported themselves, under the watchful eyes of certain gallant fraulein-proof subalterns, amongst the numerous fair Rhineland damsels, children, and brown backed, fierce, jealous looking men.

Never was there a more picturesque scene.

After tea the wood was reminiscent of Ivanhoe, Robin Hood and his Merry Men, for our gallant warriors entered the lists in a grand Military Tournament, in which tugs of war, wrestling, musical chairs — all on firery steeds with snorting nostrils — were the chief features.

The excitement was intense. Here you could see men locked in deadly combat and soon the spectators were flying in all directions, trees were charged and bushes trampled down. The mules sweated and laughed, the men yelled and heered.

Dancing too on the green to the accompaniment of the band was indulged in, and the Padre lined up a group of German boys who did the goose step in fine style, and were suitably rewarded with slices of cbread.

In the evening after dinner the officers sang rollicking songs and choruses, the men taking up the strain.

One moment was one of intense agony — our gallant second in Command could be heard shouting "Someone has cribbed my soap." Awful the thought! Every face turned to ashen white. Who was guilty of this shameful deed? A court of inquiry will decide. The camp fire blazed brightly, and at "Last Post" the moon shone, with Turner-like effect, through the trees on the sleeping camp of snoring officers and men and the night dew fell gently upon their happy faces. The Colonel was the last to turn in, likewise the R.S.M., for both went round to tuck the boys in and bid them a sweet good night.

It was a fitting end to a perfect day.

G. A.

THE "K" ENVELOPE.

A small Manilla paper envelope, with the magic words, "On His Majesty's Service" at the top, and a "K" just where one's signature is to be written, in the lower left-hand cornert. What can this insignificant thing have to do with national economy!

But wait; think a bit; remember some of those platitudinous but fatefully truthful truths that we had dinned into our ears when we were children, such as, "Take care of the pence, and the pounds will take care of themselves," and the like.

And now to come to the point. Those little, unattractive oblongs of Manilla paper known to the A. P. and S. Depôt as "Envelopes K."

It seems hardly credible that these ugly ducklings should exercise such a fascination as to lead men, and not ordinary men but officers whose standards of conduct becoming an officer and a gentleman is so high, to commit a wrong

Yet such is the sorrowful fact. Be it propinquity, father of many sins, or carelessness, covetousness, cupidity, or mere cussedness, officers will use these absurd-looking envelopes for their private correspondence.

This, then, is my first premise,—officers use K envelopes. Everybody will, I am sure, agree with that statement. If anyone is sceptical let him ask the A.D.P.S., or any D.A.D.P.S. of his acquaintance.

Second premise, K envelopes which are Government property are not meant for private use.

Conclusion, officers use Government property not meant for private use.

Now please don't try to pick flaws in this syllogism, for there are none. The father of logic himself could find no fault with it.

Second Syllogism,-Government property costs money; K envelopes (hideously ugly though they are) are Government property; therefore K envelopes cost money.

Third Syllogism,—The private use of Government property costing money entails a national loss;

Officers who use K envelopes for private correspondence use Government property costing money;

Therefore officers who use K envelopes for private correspondence entail a national loss.

Now don't try to quibble. Premises and conclusions are unassailable. No casuistry or sophistry will help. Note how inevitable all this is once one has started. Take it from me, old Aristotle was not such a fool as some persons who sneer at logic think.

But what is the amount of this loss entailed by officers' use of K envelopes? Here, a few statistics will be in order, and statistics are just as fascinating as logic when one takes the trouble to make their acquaintance.

We may assume, I think, without fear of contradiction, that there are at present 100,000 officers in the army. We may assume, further, I think, that each officer uses on the average one K envelope per day (I know perfectly well that there are officers who never use a K envelope, but I know other officers who average half a dozen daily, not to mention those they tear up because of an error in the address, a blot, or what not).

By simple multiplication we establish the fact, then, that officers use 100,000 K envelopes per day. Now these envelopes cost the Government say 5/- per thousand.

Dividing, then, the above total by 1000 we get as 500/- the daily cost to the Government of the K envelopes used by officers for private correspondence. Now assume the use of a certain number by orderly-room and other clerks and their friends, and we have the grand daily cost of 600/- or £30.

Now multiply this by 365 (366 for leap-years) and the cost to the Government per year for this single, and seemingly insignificant item, is £10,950.

Assume that this sum is invested at 6% compound interest, and in about three hundred years it would pay off thei entire national debt.

M. W. K.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

NOT IN BLIGHTY.

Sir,—I sat under the trees at Lindenthal on one of the recent hot evenings, at a little table with a glass of lager beer before me and a few chums around, while we watched the boating on the lake.

We saw husbands, wives and children enjoying the peaceful scene and pleasant surroundings as we were doing, and we said: how nice it would be, if when we went back to Blighty to our native town, it were possible to do the same.

But it isn't and if it were suggested the local Chadoands and Stigginseses would have fits.

For myself I shall miss those innocent inexpensive pleasures when I have to be demobbed.

A.B.W.

THE OUTDOOR LIFE.

Sir,—I have read with surprise the letter of "P.H." who complains that it will be practically impossible for many to settle down to our pre-war existence.

"Mexican pampas" and "brigands or rebels" may arouse our enthusiasm in novels, but when met with face to face it is a different matter.

I myself have had quite sufficient excitement during the past three years to last me for the rest of my life, and so, no doubt, have many others.

Dodging shells in the front line was certainly a novel experience, but could hardly be called healthy.

I shall be only too glad to settle down in England again to a quiet and intellectual existance, and regard the events of the last few years as a hideous night-mare.

B.M.G.

WHAT IS THE MEANING?

Sir—What is behind the practice of certain cabaret waiters in withholding from circulation the price list of wines, which we were led to suppose were for consumption by British officers and men?

Frequently my inquiry for such a list has been met by a look of blank amazement as though the waiter had never heard of such a thing. This is absurd.

Such lists were in use in almost every cabaret in the early months of the occupation and they served the excellent purpose of preventing profiteering. It is obvious that the hotel or cabaret proprietor is only too ready to foist his own list on to his British customers. Perhaps the A.P.M. or responsible authority will take this matter up.

JUNO.

WHY DO THEY STARE?

Sir,—I am not one of those fortunate beings to have my wife or a relation on the Rhine and have, therefore, no personal interest in the matter, but I would like to comment upon the gross rudeness of a certain type of German who not content with his objectionable staring habit, is not above displaying open insolence so far as English ladies are concerned.

The case in point came under my notice near the Dom this week. An officer and lady were waiting to board a car, when a German, who was accompanied by an overdressed female, not content with rude scrutiny, proceeded to discuss the couple. Their conversation was evidently very amusing, yet, when the officer who was apparently aware of the interest taken in him, turned in their direction, the German male, as usual, sought other sources of discussion.

Why is it that some German males have so little gallantry?

OBSERVER.

COUNTING BY TENS.

Sir,—Your correspondent B.M.G. uses the stale old argument always trotted out—that "the introduction of the decimal system must cause an immense confusion throughout the commercial world."

It is too ridiculous to have to answer people whose minds possess such a kink. Does B.M.G. not realise that the confusion exists at present and if we fall in line with the rest of the commercial world simplicity becomes universal?

Why should it be more difficult for us to make the change than all the European countries including Germany and France.

We have no more "unsurmountable obstacles" to overcome than they had. But we have people like B.M.G. who obstinately bar all progress.

BUSINESS MAN.

WIVES AND EFFICIENCY.

Sir,—It is a very pleasant thing, no doubt, to have one's wife and family on the Rhine. It makes one feel almost at home.

But does it make for efficiency? I can see the difference in my unit in the case of those who have their wives with them — more especially the newly married ones.

It's time off for this excursion or that entertainment; wifey must be taken to this sight or that; must go to the cafes and restaurants and have a good time generally.

And hubby — well his work suffers. "You don't mind carrying on for me this afternoon old chap; you understand don't you?"

Oh yes; we understand and we oblige but we single men are getting a little sick of it all the same.

I am sure from the standpoint of efficiency wives in Rhineland are a mistake. What do others say?

BACHELOR.

JEAN.

Of a' the airts the wind can blow,
I d aft like the west,
For there the bonnie lassie lives,
The lassie I lo'e best:
There wild woods grow, and rivers flow,
And monie a hill between;
But day and night my fancy's flight
Is ever wi' my Jean.

I see her in the dewy flowers,
I see her sweet and fair:
I hear her in the tunefu' birds
I hear her charm the air:
There's not a bonnie flower that springs
By fountain, shaw, or green;
There's not a bonnie bird that sings,
But minds me o' my Jean.

ROBERT BURNS.

CULMINATING STAGE.

Lindenthal Tennis Tourney Finals on Monday.

PROVISION FOR VISITORS.

In the great Inter-Allied Tennis Tournament which commenced at Lindenthal last Saturday, the process of elimination proceeded yesterday when the semi-finals were played off. The finalists only will remain and they will join in battle on Monday when tennis of a very high order will be seen. The three hundred entrants for competition included first class exponents of the game from each of the Allied Armies of Occupation and consequently the standard of play will be high. It is easily the most attractive tennis programme staged in Rhineland and a huge crowd is expected to make the pretty Lindenthal grounds their rendezvous to witness the culminating stage of the competitions. With characteristic foresight the committee have made every provision for the accommodation of visitors.

The promoters have indeed been fortunate in selecting the past week for the tournament, the weather each day having been perfect. A wet week would have upset all calculations and probably have entailed the adandonment of the concern. We give below the remaining results up to the semi-final round, and in our Tuesday's issue hope to publish the results of the last stages.

Other Results.

Mrs. Phillips beat Miss McMaster, w.o.; in the ladies handicap singles.

In Gentlemen's Doubles Hcp. Capt. Jones and Lieut. Inglis beat Lieut. Hartland and Lieut.-Col. McLeod 6—4, 6—1; Capt. Jones and Lieut. Inglis beat Capt. Kynneston and Capt. Holmes 6—4, 2—6, 8—6; Major Swift and Major Bowes-Lyon beat Major Hugonin on Capt. Wardle 6—4, 6—1.

Lieut.-Col. Owen and Major Pleydell-Nott beat Brig.-Gen. Lucas and Major Morgan 6—4, 7—5; Capt. Godfree and Capt. Miles beat Lieut.Col. McLeod and Major McLeod 6—2, 6—4; Major Swift and Capt. Ross beat Major Rowntree and Capt. Dickinson 3—6, 6—4, 6—3; in the Gentlemen's Open Doubles.

Mrs. Pleydel-Nott and Mrs. Lord beat Miss Wilson and Miss Tilney 6—3, 6—3; in the Ladies Doubles.

Major Saul and Miss McMaster beat Capt. Godfree and Miss Hollins 6—3, 6—3, in the Mixed Doubles.

Gentlemens' Open Singles, third round:—Major Gaul beat Major Ward, 4—6, 4—4; Rev. Andrews beat Capt. Price 6—0, 6—1.

Gentlemens' Handicap Singles, 1st Class, third round:—Major Saul beat Capt. Price 6—1, 6—2; Major Holmes beat Lieut. Inglis 6—0, 6—2.

Gentlemens' Handicap Singles, third round:—Capt. Ross beat Lieut. Hartland 6—1, 6—4; Capt. Lindberg beat Mr. A.K. Watson 6—1, 4—6, 10—8. Lieut. de Vangelass beat Lieut. Matthews 7—5, 7—9, 6—1; Col. H.S. Bush beat Capt. Hawkins, 6—3, 6—2.

Gentlemens' Handicap Doubles, second round:—Lieut.-Col. Hills and Lieut. Gardner 36.6, 6—1, 6—4.

Gentlemens' Open Doubles, third round:—Rev. Andrews and Major Saul beat Lieut.-Col. Hills and Lieut. Gardner 6—2, 6—1; Semi-final Capt. Goodfree and Capt. Miles beat Major Swift and Capt. Ross 6—2, 6—4.

Ladies' Open Doubles, second round:—Miss McMaster and Miss Douglas beat Miss Stock and Miss Miller 6—1, 6—0.

Ladies' Doubles Handicap, second round:—Miss McMaster and Miss Douglas beat Mrs. Traill and Miss Harvey 6—0, 6—1; Mrs. Chambers and Mrs. Ferguson beat Miss Heathcote and Mrs. Jones 6—2, 6—1; Mrs. Owen and Miss Woodcote beat Miss Williams and Miss Goodman 6—2, 6—3.

Mixed Doubles Open Championship, third round:—Major Ward and Miss Douglas; Semi-final:—Major and Miss Wheatley beat Major Ward and Miss Douglas.

Mixed Doubles Handicap, third round:—Capt. Gorfree and Miss Hollins beat Capt. Price and Mrs. Dix 6—4, 6—0; Major Holmes and Miss Bell beat Major Wimbush and Miss McMasters 6—1, 6—0; Major and Miss Wheatley beat Major Ward and Miss Douglas 6—3, 6—0.

(Continued in next issue.)

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

(BY NOVO.)

Once again it is stated that this is the last season for football at the Crystal Palace, as the playing pitch has been taken over for extensions in connection with the electric railway. Many clubs who could not win the cup at the Palace won't be sorry.

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Scotswood, a team that did well last season in the Northern Victory League, have transferred several of their players, amongst them being Robinson and Henderson to Newcastle United, Spence to Manchester United, Stothard to South Shields, Cail to Aberdeen, Tulloch to West Ham, Dairskin to Southport, and Urwin to Luton.

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What price Blackburn Rovers? In their Lancashire League days during the war they were sport for all the clubs in the tournament, but with the return of their old stalwarts, including Shea and Dawson, they are an altogether different side.

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Newcastle United's first performance of the season created a decidedly favourable impression, but to many of their supporters the gilt was badly tarnished by their second display against West Bromwich Albion. There were in the old days, some clubs against which the Tynesiders seldom shone. One of them was West Bromwich Albion, and another was Sheffield United. It looks as if history was merely being continued.

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Preston North End got off the mark in rather bad fashion. To lose by 4—1 to the Rovers, and follow up with a home defeat by 5—1 at the hands of Bradford City, was certainly a facer for the "Proud Prestonians."

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But form is all topsy turvey. It will be weeks before the clubs settle down to the game in earnest, and so surprises must be the order of the day for some time longer.

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Tommy Browell's shooting boots appear to be as reliable as ever, since he netted three goals in two games for Manchester City. By the way, the Mancurians dropped their pre-war league backs Henry and Fletcher after the match with Sheffield United.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Sunday, September 14th, 1919.

Wind between South-East and South, 5 to 10 M.P.H. At first fair and very warm, little cloudy. Visibility fair.

THE AUTUMN HANDICAPS.

Satisfactory Acceptances for Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire.

THE EXIT OF HE.

With the conclusion of the Doncaster meeting the attention of racing enthusiasts will naturally be claimed by the Autumn handicaps, the Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire, the acceptances for which have been received. Generally speaking they can be regarded as eminently satisfactory, though several which were expected to remain in have been withdrawn. The Cesarewitch entry fell but three short of the hundred, and of these thirty-five have disappeared, while twenty-five of the ninety nominated for the Cambridgeshire have been taken out.

Dealing first with the Cesarewitch, last year's second, He, had been previously withdrawn, and it is understood that this good son of Santoi, who practically broke down in the Prince Edward Handicap on Saturday, has concluded his racing career. The joint top-weight Arion, however, remains in, as does the penalised Haki, who now has 9st 2lb. Other of the heavy brigade which can face the starter next month are Queen's Square, Furore, and Racing Syndicate. Notable three-year-olds to go out are Paper Money, Tangiers, Skyraker, All Alone, and Trestle, while among the seniors Tom Pepper and Dionysos are the chief defections.

Irish Elegance to Run.

Mr. James White has accepted with Irish Elegance for the Cambridgeshire, while My Dear, Diadem, Zinovia, and Arion remain. My Dear is, by the way, Taylor's only survivor, Queen's Square, Manilardo and Flying Spear having been withdrawn. Barling's trio—Scatwell, Grand Fleet, and Dominion—are left in, and it is quite likely that one or other will develop into a well-fancied candidate.

One is somewhat surprised at the non-acceptance of Callander, who was well treated on his best form, but this colt has not been an easy animal to train. Others who have gone are Mountaineer, Good Night, Roseway, Jutland, Gay Lord, and Prince Philip. The majority of those noted in the early wagering are still, however, eligible to compete, and the opinion previously expressed that interesting contests should result still holds good.

RACING NOTES AND NOTIONS.

By Jerry M.

How many are contemplating a "splashy little autumn double?" I shall make a few suggestions after the acceptances appear this week. The original weights disclosed no great flaw, and "Bookies" are cheerfully offering 8,000 to 1 some ways.

With its little jumping meeting Plymouth scored a great success financially, and it supplied one of the most surprising happenings ever known in racing. In a handicap — not a weight for age with complicating conditions — but a plain straightforward handicap — "Sporting Parson" ridden by Mr. F. B. Rees carried 14 lb. too little weight; he won, but was of course disqualified and Turner his trainer was fined £10 for "gross carelessness!!!" But how did he pass the scales before the race?

How our old selling platers seem to thrive on plenty of work! Old "Saintly Maude" must surely be made of iron. She has run on fifteen occasions this season and moreover won the last six times off the real, a double hat trick!!! Her buying in price ranges from 65 guineas to 420 guineas and the latter price is cheap with the hurdle season in the offing.

Lord Charles Beresford, whose death will be regretted by all who knew the breezy sailor-sportsman, would have been a strong supporter of the Turf, had he not chosen a Naval career. In his earlier days he owned a few chasers and was a capable amateur rider. In the seventies he finished a creditable third in a private sweepstake to his two brothers Lord William and Lord Marcus, at Curraghmore.

AIR RACE DISQUALIFICATION.

The Royal Aero Club committee in charge of the seaplane race for the Jacques Schneider Trophy at Bournemouth on Wednesday has decided that, as the only competitor to finish, Signor Janello, of Italy, is disqualified because he flew inside the mark-boat in flying the course, the race has been declared null and void.

Wonderful Soccer Veterans.

Bob Crampton, the famous full back of Blackburn Rovers, though in his fortieth year, is not yet through with the game. Other wonderful veterans are David Stokes, Bolton Wanderers, and Meredith, the great Welshman, who is still slim and hard as hickory.

C.P.C. VICTORS.

Warm appreciation of our Cricket Competition.

PLEASANT REMEMBRANCES.

The 17th Lancers, the winners of the "Cologne Post" Cup Cricket Competition, through the captain of their team, Capt. Fowler, in the letter which we publish below, show how keenly they have appreciated our competition and add their meed of thanks to the many other expressions of felicitation we have received.

Capt. Fowler says:— I am writing to thank you on behalf of our cricket team for the very kind way in which you entertained us to lunch and tea on the day of the C.P.C. final last Sunday, and to tell you how very much the whole side have enjoyed playing in the League matches throughout the season. Your competition gave the necessary stimulus to unit cricket, which otherwise, I do not think, would have flourished in Rhineland this summer. As the fortunate winners of the cup, we thank you most heartily for having given the trophy and for all the pleasant remembrances we shall always have of our only cricket season in Germany.

RHINE ARMY ATHLETICS.

The greatest Rhineland athletic meeting takes place at on the P. and R.T. ground at Riehl on Wednesday and Thursday, when the British Army of the Rhine Athletic Championships will be decided. There is an imposing programme and the very best Rhineland talent will be participating in the events.

On both days the meeting will be followed by boxing championships in the large hall of the Burgergesellschaft, near the British Empire Leave Club. Excellent shows are promised.

ARMY RIFLE MEETING.

Capt. King, M.G.C. figures in Revolver Events.

Following are the results of Friday's shooting in the Rhine Army Rifle Meeting at Drove:—

Team event No. 6:—13th K.L.R. and 52nd K.L.R. finalists; 3, 1/5 Devon Regt.; 4, 1/4 York and Lanc.

Team event No. 8:—1, 1/6 West Yorks 13; 2, 1/5 Devons 12; 3, 51st Devons 10; 4, 13th K.L.R. 9.

Team event No. 9:—1, 20th K.R.R.C. 66; 2, 2, 23rd Roy. Fus. 106; 3, 2/4th Lanc. 129; 4, 13th K.L.R. 135.

Revolver "Sweeps."

Application:—1, Capt. King, M.G.C., 35; 2, Lt.-Col. Cranston, M.G.C., 32; 3, Capt. Cann, Tank Group, 32; 4, 2/Lt. Bisset, R.I.R., 32; 5, Capt. Deacon, 4th E. Surrey, 31.

Tie:—1, Capt. King, M.G.C., 21; 2, Sgt. Taylor, 23rd M'sex, 20; 3, Capt. Shurlock, Tanks, 15; 4, Capt Cann, Tanks, 15; 5, Capt. Deacon, 9th E. Surrey, 15.

Snap:—1, Capt. Cann, Tank Group, 29; 2, Capt. King, M.G.C., 24; 3, Capt. Deacon, 9th E. Surrey, 19; 4, Lt.-Col. Cranston, M.G.C., 17; 5. 2/Lt. Bisset, R.I.R., 17.

Rapid:—1, Sgt. Taylor, 23rd M'sex, 24; 2, Capt. Deacon, 9th E. Surrey, 20; 3, Lt.-Col. Cranston, M.G.C., 20.

Revolver Events.

Application:—1, Capt. Deacon, L., 9th E. Surrey, 36; 2, Capt. King, M.G.C., 35; 3, Capt. Cann, Tank Group H.Q., 34; 4, 2/Lt. Bisset, 5th R.I.R., 34.

Rapid:—1, 2/Lt. Bissitt, 5th R.I.R., 28; 2, Capt. Cann, Tank Group H.Q., 26; 3, Lt.-Col. Cranston, 3rd M.G.C., 20; 4, Capt. Rolling, IV Corps Cyclists, 18.

Snapshooting:—1, Capt. King, M.G.C., 34; 2, Capt. Cann, Tank Group H.Q., 31; 3, Lt.-Col. Cranston, 3rd M.G.C., 27; 4, Sgt. Daly, 23rd M'sex, 26.

Tie:—1, Sgt. Taylor, 23rd M'sex, 23; 2, Maj. Hicks, School of Musty., 20; 3, Capt. Cann, Tank Group, 18; 4, 2/Lt. Greegan, 9th E. Surrey, 18; 5, Capt. Deacon, 9th E. Surrey, 18.

PROFESSIONAL GOLF.

Draw for Southern Section in Association Tourney.

The draw for the Southern Section Competition in the Professional Golfers' Association tournament for £590 in prizes presented by the "News of the World," was made at the office of the P.G.A., Bishopsgate, last week. The event takes place at Sonning on Sept. 18, and the 26 players returning the best scores for 36 holes will qualify for the final stages, by match-play, at Walton Heath, on Sept. 29 and 30, Oct. 1 and 2.

The huge entry of 146 prevents more than one round being played on a day, with the consequence that the 73 couples will play 18 holes on the 17th, and as the first couple will go out at 9 a.m., there is a fresh draw for partners on the second day.

Favourite Breaks Down.

Visbount Rivaud's Ariodant, who was fancied for the Omnium today, met with a slight accident last Sunday in the Prix de Menneval, and will have to be stopped in his work.

PRIVATE IN LUCK.

Wins £3,350 in Lille St. Leger Sweepstake Draw.

"THE FIELD" WINS.

Pte. R. G. Bailey, the Cottage, Litton Cheney, Dorchester, who drew "the field," which included the winner, Keysoe, in the Army Victory St. Leger sweep, which was promoted and drawn at Lille among the officers, N.C.O.'s, and men of the Overseas Forces, has won the first prize of £3,350, the number of his ticket being 20,835.

The second prize of £1,675 was won by Capt. J. G. G. Noble, N. A. C. B. Headquarters, Wimereux, B.T.G.F., who drew Dominion, and the third prize of £837 10s. by Sgt. H. Goddard, 9, Longfellow-st., Pendleton, Manchester, who drew Buchan.

In addition to the above all tickets who drew probables receive £140 each, and there are 200 consolation prizes of £8 each.

All applications for prize money must be made to Major Denison, 33, Rue de Loos, Lille.

The only other sweep that will be promoted this year will be on the Cambridgeshire, to be run on Oct. 29.

COURAGE OF CONVICTIONS.

Beckett's manager's big offer to M. Descamps.

Mr. Bernard Mortimer, Joe Beckett's thick-and-thin supporter, has the courage of his opinions, and it is in accordance with the best sporting traditions of the game to find men boxing for considerable sums of their own and supporters' money instead of merely putting up a comfortable purse. It is certainly also a guarantee to the public that a genuine, all-out sporting match is going to be witnessed.

Mr Mortimer has offered M. Descamps a wager of £3,000 on £4,000 level on Beckett against Carpentier in their coming match at Olympia.

REECE v. INMAN.

Old Rivals to meet in London next Month.

The new Burroughes Hall in St. James'-st., Piccadilly, will receive its "house warming" on Monday, Oct. 6, with the first instalment of a fortnight's match between those old and tense rivals, Inman and Reece. Tom Reece is already hard at practice in view of this and other important games, and in the course of an interview with a representative of the "Sporting Life" the Lancastrian expressed a desire to make the opening game with his old rival a real test of merit.

DEATH OF A SPORTSMAN.

The death occured on Monday at the 36 C.C.S. of Captain Arnold Nimmo Brown. 113th Siege Battery, 93rd Brigade R.G.A., at the age of 25. Captain Brown, who was a Colonial, enlisted in South Africa and fought with the 7th Siege Battery in the war; he was a keen sportsman and a fine inside three-quarter, playing for the 10th Brigade and the Second Army last season and previously for his school (Watson's). He represented Watson's School in the 100 yards and threw the cricket ball 107 yards in the Public School Sports.

The whole of the 112th Battery, as well as representatives of other batteries were present at the funeral. The body was carried on a 60 pdr. driven by officers of the Brigade; the band of the 9th E. Surrey Regiment was present and the firing party was supplied by the 113th Siege Battery, R.G.A.

The mourners included Captain Brown's fiancee and her mother, Miss and Mrs. Scott. Wreaths were sent among others, by the officers of the 113th and 93rd Brigades, and the N.C.O.'s and men of the 113th.

RABIES CHECKED.

Except in the neighbourhood of Cardiff, four cases have occurred in the last few days, the spread of rabies appears to have been checked. During the past week 30 cases in which rabies was suspected were reported to the Board of Agriculture, but only the cases referred to have proved to be rabies. The London area has been free from new cases since August 4.

Unusual Cheering.

It was quite unusual to hear cheering and clapping when the red flag went up signalling an objection to King John; but this occured when Rothesay Bay was in the unsaddling enclosure after the Great Yorkshire Handicap.

THE RUNNERS-UP.

93rd Bde's Record In "Cologne Post" Cup Competition.

THE WEIGHTY WEIGHT.

Yesterday we published the history of the 17th Lancers, winners of the "Cologne Post" Cricket Cup Competition, and to-day we are able to give the record of the 93rd Bde. R.G.A. the runners-up, who may be deemed to have been somewhat unlucky to lose in the final in view of their extraordinarily good show in the earlier rounds of the tournament.

The announcement that the "Cologne Post" were to put up a cup for competition was heartily received by the 93rd Bde. R.G.A. who at once entered a team and set about construction. Every assistance was forthcoming from Lieut.-Col. Moultrie, the Brigade Commander, a keen cricket enthusiast and a fine sportsman. The captaincy was in the excellent hands of Major McLeod. Contrary to many elevens, a man was played strictly on merit; it mattered not whether battery commander or battery cook. The season opened against the Rhine M.T. Coy. R.A.S.C. on the excellent ground prepared by Gunner Weight. The A.S.C. got 35 and the 93rd Bde., replied with a hundred and seventy-seven for eight. It was seen that the team had great possibilities, and later the possibilities developed into actual facts. There was a real uphill fight in the next match when the 51st Devons were the opponents. They compiled a total of 168, having the assistance of A. J. Smith of Kent. However Gunner Weight rose to the occasion, ably assisted by Sgt. Lord, and the runs were obtained. Success followed success, high scores were the order, while usually opponents were dismissed for paltry totals. Gunner Weight, the Durham pro'. proved a tower of strength and his scores include 138 not out, 101 not out, 50 not out, 64, 49, 43 and 43. His bowling record is almost equally good; his best figures have been 6 for 14, 6 for 19, 5 for 9, 4 for 13 and 5 for 13.

Left-arm Bowler.

Bdr. Ellis has been the next most successful batsmen and he has compiled some very useful totals. In addition he has proved an excellent change bowler on more than one occasion. The conclusion must not be drawn that the team possessed only two batsmen; at times both Ellis and Weight failed and yet the score neared 200. Bdr. Rushton, B.S.M. Ford, Major Phillips, Gunner Palliser, Cpl. Heuchan, Cpl. Wilson, Lieut. Griffith, Bdr. Bloomfield, Gunner Lord and Gunner Norton and Sig. Smythe have all done well with the bat. As bowling assistants Weight has had Sig. Smythe, Cpl. Bowden, Major MacLeod, Bdr. Rushton and several others, chief of whom is Smythe, a left-arm slow to medium and a good contrast to Weight's fast deliveries. His best figures have been 4 for 11, 4 for 7, 5 for 9, 9 for 18 and 6 for 16. Upon occasion, too, he has shown himself to be a very fast scorer, a notable performance being against Wahn when he reached 98 in 70 minutes. The fielding on the whole has been good, while Lieut. Griffiths proved himself to be a wicket-keeper of no mean order. He allowed very few balls to pass him and woe betide the man who left his crease. Gnr. Norton the reserve stumper was always safe if not brilliant.

It is noteworthy that Gunner Weight, who, by the way, is now demobilized, got within six of his 1,000 runs for the competition and scored well over that number during the season. The team average the high score of 260 per match 200 being reached on no less than eight occasions, frequently for the loss of only three wickets.

The team came through to the final with an unbeaten record, a really creditable performance, and the 93rd Bde. R.G.A. has every reason to be proud of their eleven. The team always responded to the call and proved their worth in fighting uphill battes as well as when victory came easily.

The averages are as follows:—

Batting.

	I.	N.O.	M.H.	Total	Average
Weight	19	4	138	99	66.26
Ellis	18	3	80	639	42.6
Griffith	3	1	37	74	37
Ford	3	1	62	68	34
Smythe	12	1	98	364	33.9
Lord	3	0	70	81	27
Wilson	8	2	36	115	19.1
Rushton	14	2	56	228	19
Bloomfield	6	0	45	113	18.8
Palliser	10	0	46	163	16.3
Phillips	7	2	24	73	14.6
Classold	3	2	13	29	14.5
Norton	6	1	22	59	11.8
Fenchon	4	1	35	47	11.3

Bowling.

	o.	m.	r.	Wickets
Ellis	32	38	12	4.8
McLeod	23	69	14	4.9
Smythe	1 7	265	57	5.2
Weight	175	390	72	5.4
Lord	39	78	10	7.8
Bowden	71	170	11	15.4

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Sunday	7	Aida	Verdi
Monday	7	Carmen	Bizet
Tuesday	7	Tosca	Puccini

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Innocent Mirth and Joy.

"Would'st spend an afternoon of innocent mirth and joy?" ask the W.R.A.F's in advertising their "Revelry" being held at Sud Park, Marienburg, on Wednesday. The programme arranged is novel in character, including a "fair" in the afternoon with all its attractions and in the evening a torchlight tattoo. It looks like being a very lively little show and the entrance fee of one mark is going to the benefit of the W.R.A.F. "Old Comrades Society."

Backhaus and Barker.

The announcement that Backhaus, the noted pianist, is to appear at the Deutsches Theatre on Sunday evening has been received with the greatest pleasure. As a pianist, Backhaus has established a fine reputation, indeed, he is in the foremost rank of present day musicians. That he is to be acccompanied in the rendering of a Beethoven Sonata by Alfred Barker, the celebrated violinist, is an additional attraction, the talented pair having previously being associated with most pleasing effect. At the same performance Eric Morgan, the gitted tenor, will sing, sufficient in itself to attract a large audience. Undoubtedly we are going to get the real thing on Sunday.

Another View.

P.L.S's complaint regarding the standard of concert parties in the rural districts has brought the following reply from "Play-goer." He says:—"I think P.L.S.'s complaint is unreasonable. I, myself, am in a village 30 miles from Cologne. I have seen some very good concert parties and we have all been quite satisfied and delighted with the performances. I am quite willing to admit that some parties are not so efficient as others, but one must allow for that, seeing that they have been organized while they have been in Germany and it takes much time and trouble to produce a really good party. I think it rather unfair of P.L.S. to say that outlying districts have become a dumping-ground for unwanted concert parties from Cologne; he cannot always have the latest London production at his disposal."

JACQUES.

RUGBY WING-FORWARD.

New Zealand to Abolish their own Innovation.

The New Zealanders were responsible for the unfortunate introduction of the wing-forward into Rugby football which threatened to spoil the game.

It is good news for that reason to learn that they are now striving to lay the monster of their own creation.

The wing-forward at his worst ruins a rugby match, but fortunately can be rendered harmless by a wideawake referee. There exists no reason, however, why in a clean game like Rugby football it should be necessary for the referee to render any player harmless. Rugby men will rejoice, therefore, to learn that a recent meeting of the New Zealand Union voted in favour of abolishing the wing-forward.

The news is not surprising. Over here we have always loathed the wing-forward, and the New Zealanders themselves were heartily sick of him a long time ago.

VI CORPS BASKETBALL.

1/6 West Yorks in good Form at Heumar.

A very interesting afternoon's sport was witnessed at Heumar on Tuesday when the final of the VI Corps basketball was decided.

The game was full of thrills. The 1/6 West Yorks led by 6—2 at half-time. They maintained superiority during the second half and finally won by 12—2.

The teams took the field as under:—

West Yorks:— Captain G.F.G. Rees, Lieut. W. Rumney, R.Q.M.S. E. Franks, L/Cpl. Butterell, Pte. Redhead.

C 190 Batt. R.F.A.:— Captain Bray, Lieut. Devonald, Sergt. Tyles, Cpl. Blowe, Bdr. Clayton.

EMMA-TOCKS DEFEAT R.I.R.'s.

Before a good muster of spectators, the 5th B'n. Royal Irish Regiment met the Light Div. M.T. Coy. at Ohligs.

The final score after a fast and clean game was 2 (Pte. Ross and Cpl. Hood) — 1 (Cpl. May) in favour of the M.T's.

The half time score was 1 all and a regrettable incident occurred in the second half, Lt. McCracken the "Micks" Goalie, having the ill luck to dislocate a finger whilst effecting a fine clearance. Pte. O'Rourke came from the forward line to deputise for him and made a really brilliant save at full length, turning the ball round the post in a manner which roused great enthusiasm.

Sgt. Homersham, at right back, played splendidly for the R.I.R., likewise Cpl. May who showed himself to be an exceptionally speedy and smart centre forward. For the M.T's. Cpl. Hood, who led the forward line, did well, and Boyd was the best of a good half-back line.

A Fleetwood Signature.

John McGuire, son of Detective Inspector McGuire, of the Preston Borough Police Force, who has rendered good service with the Preston North End League team since he was invalided home from the Near East, has signed on for Fleetwood, a Lancashire Combination club.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

A Hitch.

There is, we now learn, a slight hitch regarding the date of the match between Bob Marriott and Billy Fry.

From Emerald Isle.

An Irish lady hailing from Kerry is to race in England, and some half-dozen horses which have been bought on her behalf by Mr. Joyce have joined McKie's team at Lewes.

Cambridge Rugger.

A strong fixture list has been arranged for the Cambridge side this season, for, apart from three trial matches at the opening of the season, no fewer than 27 games will be played.

Irish Champions.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. A. Boyd, the only Irishman, except Mr. Lionel Munn, who has won the Irish Open Championship, and Mr. H. M. Cairnes, a former "Native" Champion of Ireland, played very steady golf on Monday and got through easily.

Five-Year-Olds Doing Well.

One of the minor features of the present season is the improvement so many of our five-years-olds have been showing. Besides Laugh, Saintly Maude, and Zulanda winning races in succession, we have Shoemaker, who registered his fourth victory out of five outings this season at Doncaster.

Dispersing.

M. Brossette, the owner and breeder of the crack two-year-old filly La Chiffa II., intends dispersing his stable and stud.

Begorra for Belgium.

Capt. Armitage has disposed of Begorra privately to Mr. Walter Hopkins, and the colt is shortly to find a new home in Belgium.

New Trainer.

Martin Hartigan, a younger brother to Pat Hartigan, the Ogbourne trainer, is shortly to take up his position at Foxhill as Mr. James White's new trainer.

M.F.H. Dead.

Mr. C. W. B. Fernie, who for many years was Master of the pack known as Mr. Fernie's Hounds, which had headquarters at Medbourne, Market Harborough, has died at Keythorpe Hall, Leicestershire.

Going Abroad.

Mr. A. E. Barton has disposed of his stallion Ambassador to the British Bloodstock Agency, and the brother to Brown Prince will shortly be shipped to South America.

To Carry Silk.

Gool, the winner of the colt's section of the Prix La Rochette on Sunday, is the first produce of Opott to carry silk. He is entered in the French Derby and Grand Prix next year.

Army Fifteen.

The Army are running a regular Rugby fifteen with their headquarters at Queen's Club and they will meet all the leading clubs.

Unlike Prophets.

Champion boxers, unlike prophets, have often "no honour save in their own country." This is especially true of British champions.

Sister to Gleneskaki.

Mr. Haybourn has so many of his own yearlings by Cigar to go into training that he has decided to send his sister to Gleneskaki up to public auction.

"Will be There."

At present the composition of the Harlequins Rugby team is too indefinite for the mention of names, but that they "will be there" goes without saying.

Entries Good.

A representative entry has been received for the A. A. A. seven and ten miles championships to take place at the L.A.C. meeting on Sept. 20 at Stamford Bridge ground.

Langford Comes Back.

Sam Langford, the famous Boston negro, shaded Bill Tate, of New York, another well-known coloured heavyweight, in 10 rounds of fast fighting at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Clondir Lucky.

Gwilt started the season with a very modest team of horses at Lambourn when he came out of the Army, but he has soon got some nice platers together.

Eastbourne Surprise.

Perfect weather favoured the Eastbourne lawn tennis meeting. A surprise occurred when T.M. Mavrogordato defeated the brilliant Australian, Capt. P. O'Hara Wood.

France to Belgium.

It is said that Milton Henry, who has been riding in France, will take up his residence in Belgium, where he will train for a Belgian owner, who is buying in France.

A.I.F's Cricket Closure.

With a defeat at Scarborough yesterday more creditable than many a victory, the Ausralian Imperial Forces team brought their long tour to a close. It is not too much to say that their all-round form has exceeded all expectation.

Fair Helen's Half-brother.

Mr. Watkin Williams will start next season with many high-class two-year-olds. In July last Mr. Frank Cundell picked up a rare bargain for him when he gave 1,500gs. for the colt by Cylgad out of Helen Blair, known in future by Cylglair.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

A Summer's Plague.

An evil arising from the hot weather is the extraordinary number of gnats which were to be met with in a tramcar bound Rodenkirchen way the other evening. They danced in swarms around each of the electric globes and created quite a stir amongst the passengers. They are unpleasant little fellows to deal with at the best of times. How fräulein with her taste for openwork stockings fares we do not know, but we imagine that some discomfort must result. Gnat bites are to be avoided judging from our experience.

Slump in Business.

Small tradesmen in the outlying areas are deploring the departure of the British Tommy. Naturally so many have made small fortunes out of our occupation and are now rubbing their hands and wondering what they are to do. The Teuton is a remarkable being. One frau whose better half runs a sort of general store not many miles from Cologne to-day dislikes the few troops resident in her village, her animosity, if one can call it such, being based upon the fact that they, perhaps wisely, do their shopping in Cologne. Not far away another shopkeeper who has achieved a minor degree of affluence views his accumulated stock with a certain amount of misgiving. Perhaps like the friseur across the way he intends to remove his business to Cologne in the hope of securing more of Tommy's custom. Judging from our experience one images that there is little room for hairdressers. Like cafés, they are to be met with at every turn.

Purchase of Sporting Weapons.

It is notified that, although there is no objection to the purchase by officers of sporting weapons in Germany for taking home to England, it is necessary that all weapons taken out of the area should be inspected and that proof of legal ownership should be produced. All officers taking weapons out of the country will therefore obtain from their Commanding Officer, a certificate to the effect that they are the bona-fide property of the officer concerned.

A tidal Clock.

Between the Rhine Flotilla and the Hangebruecke there stands a small clock-tower which may have puzzled some of our readers as apparently it gives only ten hours. The "clock" does not show the time but the depth in metre of the Rhine at this point. It is verly low at present — about 2½ metres — compared with four metres a few weeks ago.

Necks and Collars.

It is strange, but while the Fraulein as a class eschews the open neck blouse so popular with English ladies, the German male has a sneaking regard for the open collared shirt. This, by the way, is being much worn at Continental seaside resorts. The fashion originally hailed from Austria just before the war, and it was baptised by its inventors the "Schiller collar," but to the Englishman the name "Byronic collar" would convey the idea more exactly. It flaps losely open in front at the neck and displays several inches of chest. Its opponents maintain that the vogue of low necks for men is effeminate. Its partisans urge on the contrary that the loose collar and untrammelled throat are the natural expression of the modern man's fondness for sport and healthy conditions, or is it a desire for comfort in these dog days?

Commendable Zeal.

With characteristic and commendable zeal Lieut. J. Wood, the hard-working sports officer of the 93rd Bde. R.G.A., who is ever alive to the value and essentiality of sport in a unit, has undertaken the organization of the football competition being run for the Kalk Y.M.C.A. Shield. The very fact that the arrangements are in such capable hands is enough to guarantee the successful running of the competition. Twenty-five entries have been received and the draw for the first round took place at the "Cologne Post" offices on Friday.

Re-Echoes.

Three French motor-lorries were to be seen in Cologne which had apparently covered the journey from Paris by road. On one was inscribed in chalk "Goods from Paris."

Two lithographs in a friend's billet have a familiar look about them. On closer inspection one turned out to be the avenue at Bushey Park on "Chestnut Sunday." Both have been used by the London "Underground" to depict the lure of the spring country-ride, but how came they to be in Cologne?

German Mark notes are just now under suspicion. In one Cologne establishment when handed over the counter each one is subjected to a critical scrutiny.

A sign of the times is a perfect epidemic of new boots. Brown is the popular shade. It must be a novel experience to the German to be able to dispense with patched soles.

Many Tommies are boasting of two ribands now. When are local organizations going to import a quantity of the Victory riband? They show a singular lack of enterprise in not being prepared for the rush.

The practice of carrying a package of sandwiches and calling at an hotel for liquid refreshment is very common in this country. The proprietor seems to get but little profit out of the transaction.

Why is it that one class of German removes his hat on entering a shop and another stalks into the dining room of an hotel and fails to remove his headgear? Is it a question of education in manners or custom?

Several hairdressers who have passed through internment camps in England and who have had long experience of English custom are very uncomplimentary as to their new surroundings. They want to return, but as one remarked "England is finished so far as we are concerned for several years now."

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's winners are Pte. T. Bratby, att'd Leicester Regt., Rhine Army; and Q.M. Sergt. P. Making, P. and R.T. G.H.Q. Rhine Army.

RELIGION AND SCIENCE.

I: THE CREATION STORY.

One of the difficulties which confronts the reader is the division of the work of creation into six days of work and a seventh of rest. There have been many attempts to explain this and we must admit that none of these attempts do really explain. We cannot reconcile the Genesis accounts with our present day knowledge of scientific facts.

1. St. Augustine explains them allegorically and not as historial facts.

"The day which God made by his words does not consist of a revolution of matter but of spiritual knowledge."

2. The first chapter is of the nature of a hymn and is to be interpreted as poetry and so fanciful.

3. The first verse is accepted as being a statement of fact but all that follows is supposed to be imaginary and of no authority.

4. In the first verse is the account of the original creation of unordered matter and that subsequently the present order was evolved by God in the course of six days.

5. God produced the present natural order in six days, but the fossils and all geological evidences of gradual evolution were relics of events which took place between verses 2 and 3. This presumes that the earth was devoid of life as the result of some great and universal catastrophe.

Related to this is the theory of an universal flood which would account for these geological phenomena, though only to a superficial observer.

6. The days are geological epochs.

7. The days are so many visions representing stages in the work.

8. The habitation theory. That the first three days were days of preparation and the second three days were days of accomplishment, e.g. 1st day Light. 4th day that which contains light, sun. etc.

If the first two chapters of Genesis be carefully read it will be noticed that there are two distinct accounts of the creation, and that the order of the events as given in them is quite different.

Doubtless the two accounts were written from different standpoints and represent two distinct lines of tradition which may have been edited by some early compiler.

In the first account the order is grass, herbs, trees, lights, sun, moon, stars, aquatic animals, winged creatures, land animals, creeping things, man, male and female.

The second account is to be found in Gen. Chap 2. Verses 7 to 22, and the order is man, trees, beast of the field, fowl of the air, woman.

According to our present knowledge of geology the appearance of living things on the earth has been as follows. It will be noticed that animals and plants appear simultaneously and that there is no distinct line of demarkation between successive epochs. Animal:—eozoon, protozoa, molluscs, corals, crustaceans, fishes, earliest insects, amphibians, spiders, beetles, reptiles, marsupials, monster reptiles, birds, extinct mammals, first living vertebrates, modern mammals, and man.

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Hopeful.—Canary breeders are hoping for a revival in trade.

The Total.—War Savings Certificates sold in the week ended August 30 totalled 2,432,449.

Waiting.—Fourteen thousand persons are waiting for passages to South Africa and Rhodesia.

A Huge Pig.—A middle white Yorkshire pig sold at Driffield Market weighed 50st. 6lb.

War on Mosquitoes.—War on mosquitoes has been declared at Fletton, Peterborough.

Gas.—Chichester Gas Company are applying for powers to raise the price of gas to 7s. 6d. per 1,000 cubic feet.

A Souvenir.—Indian troops have been given a copy of the King's speech printed in English and Hindustani.

Less Distress.—The area of distress caused by famine and scarcity is narrowing in India.

Plague of Crickets.—Crickets have invaded the houses in Leeds, and can be gathered in shovels full.

War Marriages.—"War marriages have proved the very devil among our boys," said an Australian sergeant-major.

Robert's Wages.—Under the new scale Carlisle policemen with 10 years' service will earn £4. 11s. 6d. a week.

Detained in France.—Lord Allenby is detained in France, and will not leave before the end of the week.

Mechanical.—During August the Disposal Board secured £869,856 by the sale of surplus mechanical transport.

Meat Shortage.—We are going to suffer this winter a meat shortage which will be as bad as anything experienced.

No Cinema.—Fulham Council is opposing the erection of a cinema on the vacant site adjoining the Town Hall.

In a Fog.—During a heavy fog at Bishop's Stortford a retired builder was knocked down and killed by a train.

The New Drill.—Kent County Council has asked the head teachers of elementary schools to organize tooth-brush drill.

Changed.—For the present no more sales of motor vehicles are to be held at Olympia. Future sales will be held at Earl's Court.

The Biggest.—The first catch of the first Ramsgate steam trawler realized £219. It is the biggest landed at the port for some years.

Votes Wanted.—At Santiago, a feminist movement has begun with the aim of obtaining for women equal political rights with men.

For Japan.—A Finnish Legation is to be established in Japan. Professor J. Ramstedt will be appointed the first Chargé d'Affaires.

German Supervision.—A telephone cable is now being laid between Sweden and Germany, the laying being supervised by Germany.

The Penalty.—The landlord of the Downshire Arms, Easthampstead, has been fined £5 at Wokingham for buying a soldier's uniform.

German Goods Arrive.—Consignments of German goods have reached Leith as the result of the removal of restrictions on imports.

Diamond Cutting.—Disabled men are learning the art at Brighton. Stones are often many weeks on the revolving plate.

Braille Watches.—Including 1,243 from the National Association of Goldsmiths, 1,285 Braille watches have been given to blinded soldiers.

Grandfather Cricketers.—Veterans whose combined ages total 1,750 years played in a cricket match, 15 a side, at Wycombe.

Barley Prices.—A farmer bought at Driffield 224 quarters of new barley for £1,000—£4 9s. 3d. per quarter of 400lbs.

For Commerce.—Used as a repair shop for submarines, the late Lord Crawford's yacht is to be converted for commercial purposes.

Transfer.—The administration of the Government scheme for war widows has been transferred to the Ministry of Munitions.

China Preparing.—A big order for Army supplies has been placed with a Broadway purchasing agent for shipment to China.

Small Holding.—The Small Holdings Committee of the Holland County Council has purchased land for small holdings to the extent of £97,600.

Women's Quarrels.—"I will not have the time of the court wasted on private quarrels," said the Thames Court magistrate.

In The Pulpit.—The wife of General Stuart-Wortley, has just preached at a Presbyterian church in North Shields in connection with the Red Triangle peace programme.

Advice.—The Tottenham magistrate advised a wife to speak to her husband in tones of sweet reasonableness, and in all probability he would give up drink.

Popular Blue.—At an inquest on the body of an unidentified woman found drowned in the Thames, a detective stated that a large number of women were wearing blue costumes.

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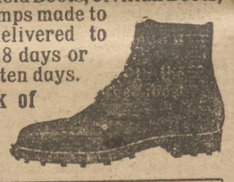

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OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

GAS AS A WEAPON.

Brigadier-General H. Hartley, speaking on "Chemical Warfare" and dealing with the impression that the use of gas in warfare is inhumane, says that this arose through the Germans introducing it contrary to The Hague convention, and because of the accounts which were circulated of the nature and number of our casualties as the result of the first gasclouds. A new weapon is always considered to be inhumane, but if war is admitted at all, then the most humane weapon is that which gives the quickest decision with the minimum amount of suffering. The death-rate among gas casualties was smaller than that arising from other casualties, and the number of men who suffered permanent incapacity was also lower. At the same time, military objects can be attained by a gas attack which cannot be secured by other means.

IS THE COALITION DOOMED?

The Rt. Hon. C. F. G. Masterman, writing on the future of the Coalition Government, says:—The Coalition is doomed and it knows that it is doomed. Governments with sentences of death upon them are often, however, an unconscionable time a-dying. Like the sick man "very near to death" in a famous poem, they hear the composed sorrow of their friends and discussion of the most suitable date "for carrying the corpse away." But they hang on in desperate hope of a recovery. During this time they are useless for all constructive reform. They write an ignominious page of political history. But they can appeal to a Parliament to support them, which is in the same dolorous plight as themselves. This Parliament sees itself disappear with a Dissolution. It has no wish to disappear. There is no Constitutional metnod of making it disappear. If it can do nothing serviceable it still can live.

SUNDAY SPORT.

The Rev. Geo. Allen, one of the best-known clergymen in Leeds, speaking on the subject of Sunday sport said:—"I don't quite see the necessity for Sunday sport. With the general shortening of the hours of labour, people are not debarred from obtaining all the physical exercise they need six days a week, and my own view is that to rest on the seventh day is quite as beneficial, if not more so, than would be recreation. But, after all, the question of whether a man should play games on Sunday is largely a matter for his own conscience. If he can fix it up with his conscience, well and good. Personally, I do not think there is to-day a loud and insistent call for sport on seven days a week."

STAGE TRIUMPH OF OLD MEN.

Mr. Vanghan Dryden, commenting upon the presence of many actors of the old school in the stage, says:—A glance round the London theatres reveals the astonishing fact that this is the time of the leading old man. So many white wigs have never been seen in the West End before. The wigmakers must have torn their own hair during their endeavours to find enough grey locks to furnish forth the heads of our leading actors. The youngmen in the majority of the plays now unning are simply tarown in as a foil, a sort of contrast. They are allowed to come on and make love to the ingenue every now and then, when the stage is not wanted for the oldsters. During most of "The Cinderella Man" three characters, whose combined ages must amount to 250 years, hold the stage.

ARE WOMEN MORE BEAUTIFUL?

Mr. Alexander Campbell, writing on the influence of life on woman says:—It is the habit of the elderly to depreciate the evening of their lives. I was, therefore, surprised, when walking the other day with a sprightly veteran, to hear him remark tnat he thought women became more and more beautiful. Compared, that was, he said, with thirty years ago. My observations tend to confirm the accuracy of the ancient's gallant remark. This declaration is, of course, subject to some reservations and qualifications. The pressure of competition in the struggle for existence leaves its effects written in stunted frame and careworn facial expression. Where this factor is absent, the remark, generally, holds good. Possibly this evolution towards beauty is in large part due to suggestion. Beauty, charm and grace display themselves to the eye and through the eye to the mind in a hundred ways. That which is ugly and grimly realistic is largely put out of sight—for good or evil as the case may be.

DIRECT ACTION.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, secretary of the Labour party, speaking with regard to "Direct Action" said he had heard with considerable satisfaction that the Triple Alliance Conference had decided to postpone a policy of direct action for purely political purposes. In his judgment that was both a wise and a commendable decision. He said for purely political purposes, for he did not admit that the organised workers could entirely forego the weapon of direct action. However much he regretted that circumstances sometimes compelled the workers to have to resort to the weapon of the strike, he was afraid that until society was much better organised the organised workers must retain that weapon of the right to strike. If he knew anything of organised labour, it compelled him to say that a Labour Government would fight to the very last ditch against any policy of direct action by any minority, by whatever name it might care to call itself. Therefore they ought not to set a bald example.

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Captain	23	6
" with 15 years' total service	26	0
" holding higher rank by Brevet, in addition ...	2	0
Lieutenant	16	0
" with 7 years' total services	19	0
2nd Lieutenant	13	0
" after 2 years' total service	16	0

There are special rates of pay for Officers in Command and for General Officers who are not in command. The scale of allowances is considerably revised, and in this section of the warrant appears the following definition: "A married officer for the purposes of furniture, lodging and fuel and light allowance is one who is, or has been married, and is thirty years of age or over."

WARRANT OFFICERS, N.C.O's AND OTHER RANKS.

The new normal rates for warrant officers, non commissioned officers and men are as follows:—

	Per day s.	d.
Regimental sergeant-major, master gunner, 1st Class, and all other warrant officers, Class I. (except tradesmen etc.	14	0
Regimental quartermaster-sergeant, quartermaster - corporal - major, quartermaster-sergeant instructor	12	0
Squadron, battery or company sergeant-major, squadron corporal-major, squadron quartermaster-corporal, squadron corporal-major roughrider, squadron serjeant-major roughrider, squadron corporal-major instructor or squadron, serjeant-major instructor in fencing and gymnastics or in musketry, Battery or company serjeant-major instructor .	10	0
Squadron, battery or company quartermaster-serjeant, Colour-serjeant or staff-serjeant	9	6
Includes additional pay of 6d. per day for keeping the pay and mess book under Article 698, Pay Warrant.		
Serjeant cook, corporal cook (Household Cavalry)	8	6
Serjeant, corporal of horse (Household Cavalry), corporal of horse trumpeter, serjeant trumpeter, serjeant drummer, serjeant piper, or serjeant-bugler	7	0
Lance-serjeant	5	6
Corporal or bombardier.	5	0
Lance-corporal or lance-bombardier	4	3
Trooper, gunner, driver, private, bugler, bandsman, kettle drummer, trumpeter, fifer, piper, or drummer	2	9
Ditto, after 2 years' service as above	3	6
Boy, until he attains the age of 18 or is placed on the recognized establishment of the band ...	1	0

Soldiers (excluding boys) up to and including lance serjeant drawing the above rates will be eligible in addition for proficiency pay at the rate of 6d. per day.

Changes in rank.

As from 1st July, 1919, non-commissioned officers of the Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers and Royal Army Ordnance Corps will be graded as follows for pay:

Royal Artillery—
Corporal 1st corporal of the band } becomes lance-serjeant.
Bombardier 2nd corporal of the band } becomes corporal.
Lance-bombardier becomes lance-corporal.

Royal Engineers—
Corporal becomes lance-serjeant.
2nd corporal becomes corporal.

Royal Army Ordnance Corps—
Lance-serjeant remains lance-serjeant.
Corporal becomes lance-serjeant.
2nd corporal becomes corporal.

The existing separation, parents' and dependants' allowances and the concession granted by Army Order 1 of 1918, under which the allotment from a soldier's pay in order to qualify for separation or dependants allowance is ussued from public funds, will continue until 31st December, 1919. The future of these allowances from that date is subject to further consideration for all who are now entitled to them.

The system of charging National Health Insurance contributions against the accounts of soldiers is discontinued and the soldiers' contributions will be borne by the public for all those who draw pay under this Warrant.

Hospital stoppages will in future only be deducted where the disability is due to the soldier's own fault.

Conditions of Proficiency Pay.

The rate of proficiency pay is 6d. per day.

In order to become eligible for proficiency pay a soldier, of whatever rank, must—

(a) Have at least 1 year's service with the Colours.
(b) Be in all respects physically capable of performing the duties of his rank in the arm of the service to which he belongs.
(c) Attain a standard of professional and educational proficiency as laid down from time to time by the Army Council.

Proficiency pay will be issuable irrespective of the length of the engagement under which the soldier is serving with the Colours.

Lance-serjeants, corporals and lance-corporals will not be entitled to draw proficiency pay in virtue of their rank, but will in all cases be required to satisfy the conditions laid down above.

FIGHTING IN SIBERIA.

CLAIM AND COUNTER CLAIM.

According to the "Times" correspondent Koltchak's counter-offensive in Siberia is progressing. The Reds have displayed skill and determination, but have been out-generalled and beaten. The outposts of the Third Army are approaching Kurgan. Cavalry are sweeping the enemy's rear, capturing transport. The Second Army has started a pivotal movement in line with the Third. Another fortnight remains before the weather will seriously impede operations. Surprises of course are possible from the resourceful foe, who is managing, despite the hardest knocks, to maintain a semblance of order during his retreat.

The spirit of the infantry, according to the reports of the officers, is on a par with that of the best troops of 1914, while the cavalry leaves nothing to be desired.

While the Bolshevists are silent about the operations of the Siberian armies, they claim further successes in the Asiatic province of Uralsk, north of the Caspian, at a point 400 miles south-west of Kurgan, where the Siberians are at present operating. They reported previously the capture of 12,000 men; it is now stated that 20,000 more have surrendered.

DREYFUS DECORATED.

At a prise d'armes at the Invalides Lieutenant-Colonel Alfred Dreyfus was decorated with the rosette of the Legion of Honour.

TURKEY PAWNING HER JEWELS.

The Porte is negotiating with an English group of financiers for a loan of £7,200,000. The Crown jewels will be pledged as security.

S. AFRICA RATIFIES TREATY.

The motion for ratification of the Peace Treaty has been carried by the South African Union House of Assembly by 84 votes to 19. In the course of his speech General Smuts defended President Wilson against the charge of bad faith regarding his fourteen points.

CRIME IN IRELAND.

SINN FEIN PARLIAMENT PROCLAIMED.

Lord French's warning that the Government of Ireland would take drastic measures to supress crime in Ireland has been followed by swift action.

A Proclamation has been published in the "Dublin Gazette" prohibiting and suppressing the Sinn Fein Parliament or Dail Eireann, which is described as a "dangerous association." It applies to the 37 counties and six county boroughs of Ireland.

Sinn Fein headquarters in each town, with other nests of sedition, were swooped on, and from the early morning of Friday prisoners were arriving in Dublin from all parts of the country in military motor-lorries.

Detective Officer Hoey of the Political Division of the Dublin Metropolitan Police, was shot dead outside the detective office in Townsend-street, Dublin doubtless as an act of revenge for the raids.

The most fruitful raid was made in Dublin. At an early hour a large party of police and troops descended on the Sinn Fein headquarters in Harcourt street. The building was thoroughly searched and a vast amount of printed matter and correspondence seized. Two Sinn Fein M.P.s—Messrs. Ernest Blythe and Patrick O'Keefe, who were on the premises were arrested. Mr. O'Keefe is general secretary of the Sinn Fein organization.

Hostile crowds and armed resistance made the task of the Londonderry searchers exciting. Sinn Fein Hall was taken possession of by troops, who held it with fixed bayonets. The police meanwhile began to search—and to find arms of various kinds, which were taken to the barracks. A stone-throwing crowd in Rossville-street, where arms were seized, melted away when the troops brought their bayonets to the "charge," but a more venturesome mob which followed a raiding party carrying arms to the barracks had to be charged with batons.

It is stated that at one suspected house a man sprang out of bed, whipped two loaded revolvers from under his pillow, and presented them at a police-sergeant's head. He was overpowered without difficulty. A quantity of gelignite was subsequently found in this house.

Aviators hovered over Galway while the raid was in progress. About 200 police and soldiers visited a dozen suspect places, including the Sinn Fein offices, the town hall, the office of the "Galway Express," and the houses of local Sinn Fein leaders. Documents were piled into lorries and taken away, and one arrest was made—that of a solicitor named Nichols, who is president of the Galway Sinn Fein club and has been several times interned.

GABRIEL D'ANNUNZIO'S COUP.

TAKES POSSESSION OF FIUME.

An extraordinary story comes from Fiume, being a report that Gabriel d'Annunzio, the famous poet and daring aviator, has emulated the feats of Garibaldi by taking possession of the town of Fiume.

According to the Europa Press, he has seized the town at the head of a corps of volunteers, armed and equipped with artillery, machine guns, armoured cars and aeroplanes.

The "Epoca" says that General Badoglo has left for Fiume to deal with the situation.

"Beautiful as a poet's gesture" is the "Popolo Romano's" description of d'Annunzio's action. The Allies will probably take a different line of criticism.

£400 WAR GRATUITY.

The demand of the Canadian war veterans for an additional gratuity of £400 per man is growing. Colonel Currie has notified the Government that he will move a formal adjournment of the House on Monday to discuss the question.

A number of threats have been made in different parts of the Dominion of marches on Ottawa by the war veterans if their demand for an investigating commission is not granted.

The Government takes the position that it is unable financially to meet the request, which would mean an additional expenditure of £160,000,000.

NASTY ERSATZ.

The Berlin public received a shock on learning that they had been eating soap-suds when they thought they were eating whipped cream. This knowledge has been vouchsafed by an order issued by the Food Ministry forbidding "Ersatz" whipped cream to be made from soap-foam and sugar without the Ministry's special permission. Permission to make "Ersatz" whipped cream will not be given while the only materials for its manufacture are such unsuitable substances as soap shavings and such scarce raw materials as sugar and gelatine.

FATHER'S VAIN HEROISM.

Joseph Grimes, a labourer, of Baillieborough, Co. Cavan, lost his life yesterday in a gallant attempt to save his children.

Fire broke out in the house and he managed to carry four of his six children to safety. He was returning for the others, aged six and nine years respectively, when the roof collapsed.

The bodies of Grimes and the two children were recovered later.

WOMAN SAPPER.

HOW SHE CONTRIVED TO JOIN THE ARMY.

"Sapper" Dorothy Lawrence, the only English woman soldier, has written a book on her adventures as a Royal Engineer in the 51st Division in France.

She says she joined the Army and saw service as a "tunneller" under fire. Meeting two British soldiers at a Paris café, she persuaded them to get her a uniform, cap, badge, and puttees. She then wrote out a "pass" for herself, she says, and got a passport to Amiens, going there by rail, and cycling thence to Albert. Eventually a sapper helped her to get to the trenches, where she was under fire with a night shift of the R.E.s.

Later a sergeant informed against her, she was arrested, tried at 3rd Army Headquarters, and sent to a convent, where she remained until dispatched to England by the Army authorities.

HENDERSON, M.P.

FIFTH COALITION DEFEAT.

The Widnes by-election has provided the fifth heavy defeat which the Government have suffered since the general election in December last. Its result was announced as follows:—

Mr. A. Henderson (Lab.) 11,404
Mr. F.M.B. Fisher (U.) 10,417
Labour majority... 987.

At the General Election the Coalition Unionist candidate, Col. W. Hall Walker, had a majority of 3,694 over his labour opponent.

Since Widnes became a separate constituency in 1885 it has never previously returned a Liberal or Labour member. Of the 30,960 voters on the register, nearly half are women. There were 5,520 absent soldier and sailor voters on the register.

The cause of the by-election was the elevation of Colonel Hall Walker to the peerage. Its progress was made notable by Mr. Henderson's disclosures concerning his visit to Russia as a member of the War Cabinet.

Mr. Fisher, who did not stand as a "coupon" candidate, but promised to support the Coalition, attributed his defeat to the Government's lack of courage.

SKELETON CASE VERDICT.

The case against William Grant, charged with Alice Grant with the manslaughter of their daughter Connie and with disposing of the body by burying it under the floor, was ended at the Old Bailey on Saturday. Both prisoners were acquitted of the charge of manslaughter but were found guilty of wilful neglect and of disposing of the body with intent to avoid a coroner's inquiry.

Each was sentenced to eighteen months hard labour.

BARONET'S TRAGIC DEATH.

In tragic circumstances Sir James Domville died at Charing Cross hospital on Saturday. He had been conveyed there by the police from the United Services Club suffering from the effects of a bullet wound. His servant had found him lying fully dressed in his bedroom, seriously wounded.

Sir James Domville, whose age was twenty-nine, was the fifth baronet. He was a Lieutenant in the Royal Navy. His name appeared in the the list of Receiving Orders in the London Gazette last week.

HOTELS HELD UP.

Four prominent hotels in the Broadway district of New York, which is exceptionaly well lighted, have been raided by motor bandits. The servants were held up at the points of pistols and the robbers got away without making any great haul. In one or two instances the robbers feigned intoxication and then, suddenly brandishing their revolvers, started to rifle the cash drawers. In every case the hotels were entered by three men while one of the gang remained outside to keep watch. There have been many "hold ups" in the city of late and many valuables stolen. So far no arrests have been made.

FIGHT AT A GRAVESIDE.

An extraordinary scene occurred at a funeral service in a Kirkcaldy cemetery, on the Firth of Forth.

The two chief mourners had words over the open grave, and, stripping off their black coats, had a free fight.

Several women who were among the mourners succeeded in separating the combatants.

HUGE CARGO BOATS.

The Cunard Company has embarked on a large programme involving more than half a million new tonnage. The vessels, orders for a number of which have already been placed, will be of an average gross tonnage of 20,000. In addition to the latest refrigerating plant they will be equipped for burning oil fuel instead of coal.

Signor Marconi and some friends have successfully carried out experiments with pocket wireless telephones.

EUSKIRCHEN CASE.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE TRUTH.

The War Office has made the following announcement with regard to the reported outrage against British soldiers at Euskirchen:—

A report from Cologne dated September 5, which appeared in the British Press on September 8, purports to describe a recent mob attack by Germans on British troops at Euskirchen, where an explosion took place on August 1 last.

This report mentions the name of a German workman, Kupper, as leader of the attacking party, and implies that he was sentenced to death as the ringleader.

It should be observed, however, that neither the Euskirchen explosion nor the trial of Kupper had relation to any disturbance.

The explosion at Euskirchen of August 1 was accidental, and a Court of Inquiry so found. The man Kupper was tried, condemned, and executed for the murder of a British N.C.O. Kupper's crime had on connexion whatever either with the explosion or with any disturbance. He was in no way the leader of a mob, nor, so far as is known, was he connected with any organization.

The inaccurate reports of these two happenings did not appear in the "Cologne Post".

CHALK PIT CRIME.

TEN YEARS FOR RED INDIAN.

William Jordan, a North American Indian serving with the Canadian Reconstruction Corps, was, at the Old Bailey found not guilty of the murder of Robert Nye, a rag and bone collector, in a chalk pit known as the Grey Hole, near Lewes, but was sent to ten years' penal servitude for manslaughter. The case had been removed from Lewes in order that the trial might be expedited.

Dr. James Samuel Russell, a specialist in nervous diseases, who has knowledge of Indians in South America, expressed the opinion that accused committed the act in a state of frenzy under the influence of liquor, and that he was temporarily out of his mind.

PLANE RAID ON GAMBLERS.

The Naples police have made a brilliantly successful air raid on a baccarat hell on the island of Capri, twenty miles away.

A brigadier and three men landed from an aeroplane towards midnight at a lonely part of the island and made their way to the gaming den unperceived.

They captured the proprietor, a self-styled Englishman who calls himself Alfred Green, as well as his mistress, a beautiful woman who acted as a decoy, and a score of cosmopolitan frequenters of the place, who are well known in Naples. Money and gaming materials were also seized.

PRISON FOR POLICEMAN.

Police Constable Husky, of the M. Division, has been sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment in the second division at Tower Bridge.

He was stated to have entered a Southwark public house at midnight and to have aroused an employee, thrown her downstairs, struck and kicked her, and then to have taken her to the police station and preferred a charge against her of being drunk and disorderly. The inspector refused the charge, and the police surgeon certified that Husky was drunk.

ATLANTIC PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

The giant liner Caronia, 20,000 tons, the largest vessel actually on commercial service which has hitherto been docked in the Thames, has sailed from Tilbury for New York, via Havre.

This voyage marks an important step both in the policy of Trans-Atlantic shipping lines and in the extension of British trade. Before the war the Cunard Company had steamers running periodically between London and Canadian ports but a regular service with large vessels is now to be instituted from the Thames to New York via Cherbourg. This will secure for British bottoms the trade in freight and passengers between the United States and the continent, the bulk of which before the war was in the hands of German shipowners.

DODGING THE EXCISE.

Fines amounting to £400 with costs totalling thirty guineas have been inflicted at Bow Street on three defendants for infractions of the licensing and excise laws by dealings in quantities of rectified spirits of wine. The defendants were Thomas James Fox, chemist, of Portsmouth, John William Chamberlain, of Isleworth, and Frank Cheavey, of High Holborn.

The evidence showed that Fox, as a chemist, was entitled to receive spirits of wine for use in making up medicines. He purchased some hundreds of gallons of spirit and sold the bulk to Cheavey, who mixed it with whiskey and brandy.

PRINCE OF WALES AS OUT-PATIENT.

The Prince of Wales was a patient at the Tuxedo Soldiers' Hospital last week, being treated for a numbed hand caused by the too fervent handshakes of the Canadian public. His right hand has become so sore and swollen that he is compelled to shake with his left hand.

CIVIL AVIATION.

POWERS SIGN INTERNATIONAL CHARTER.

The Air Ministry has issued the following:

The Convention relating to international air navigation was formally approved, subject to one or two minor reservations, by the Supreme Council of the Peace Conference, at a meeting held at St. Germain immediately after the signature of the Peace Treaty with Austria on Sept. 10.

This document, which is one of the most interesting of the agreements made by the Powers taking part in the Peace Conference, is very comprehensive, and deals, amongst other things, with such subjects as: sovereignty of the air, space above territory and territorial waters, international air law, nationality of aircraft, certificates of airworthiness, conditions of admissions of air navigation above foreign territory, rules to be observed on departure, on landing, and when under way, prohibited articles, and institution of an international commission for air navigation.

The signatories to what may be regarded as the charter for civil aviation throughout the world are as follows: United States, Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Belgium, Brazil, Cuba, Greece, Portugal, Roumania, Serbia.

PALACES FOR SOLDIERS.

ITALIAN KING'S GIFTS.

The King of Italy, in his letter announcing the cession of Crown property for national purposes and in the interests of returned soldiers, says, "A more modest manner of living should now go hand in hand with a greater ardour for work."

The palaces which the King is sacrificing include those at Genoa, Venice, Milan, Florence, Naples, Caserta, and Palermo. The ceded castles are those of Moncalieri and Stupinigi. The agricultural estates comprise especially those at Coltamo, Carditello, Licola, Astrome and Poggio Acajano.

A large portion of these properties produce considerable profits, which will be assigned to the National Organisation for Fighting Men.

LOST NOSE RESTORED.

An unusual story has been been related at King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor. A stable boy named William Robertson, aged 38, of the Broadway, Lambourn, Berks, was preparing a horse to run in a race when the skylight fell and cut his nose clean off. He was taken to King Edward VII Hospital without his nose. The arteries were tied, and the surgeon then asked for the nose. It was stated that it was left behind in the stable at the racecourse. A messenger was immediately dispatched to the stables, where the nose was found in the straw. It was taken to the hospital, where an operation was performed, and the nose was put on again. It had then been off about an hour.

FIRST BUSINESS AEROPLANE.

The first business house in the world to employ an aeroplane of its own as part of its regular organization is that of Messrs. S. Instone and Co., steamship owners and general export and import merchants, of Cardiff. The firm has purchased from the Air Ministry a large machine with Rolls-Royce engines, and have engaged as pilot Lieutenant F. L. Barnard, who holds the record number of cross-channel flights.

Mr. Samuel Instone said that serious delays had occurred during the last three months in the transport of important papers, samples, offers, and light goods, and the firm had decided to start their own service of express communication.

ALLENBY AND THE SALVATION ARMY.

Field-Marshal Sir Edmund Allenby just before leaving Egypt sent the Salvation Army a message expressing his gratitude for ths "great and good work which it has done for the Army under my command." He says:—"The zeal and energy of your workers have overcome all difficulties and their courage has made light of every danger. Their services have been of incalculable benefit to my troops, and their influence has proved of the highest value."

EX-GERMAN LINER UNDER BRITISH FLAG.

The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's steamer Maldonado, formerly the German liner Thuringia, has left Liverpool for Monte Video with a full complement of officers and men from various regiments.

A number will undertake long second journeys, one being bound for the Falkland Islands, another for Punta Arenas, the most southerly town in the world, and a third for Callao, Peru.

During a violent thunderstorm seventeen blackfaced sheep belonging to Mr. Richard Wharton, farmer, of Bullgill, near Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland, were killed outright by lightning. They were sheltering under a sycamore tree at the time.

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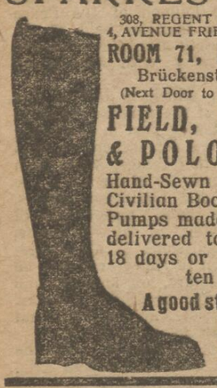

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TOMMY GOES HOME.

We wonder, what are the thoughts of the German shop-keeper now that Tommy, if he has not already taken his departure, is about to quit the Rhineland for his native heath.

We cannot imagine that the War Secretary's scheme for the reduction of forces is very popular with this particular merchant. It is obvious to any observing individual that many a shop keeper has attained to a minor degree of affluence at least through the spending capacity of the average Tommy, who with plenty of paper money to spend, has seen fit to convert it into souvenirs for the questionable benefit of his wife, sweetheart or friend, as the case may be.

Tommy was always a generous being, verging often on the spendthrift, and as a result has since the dog days of last year built up an impression that his financial backing is very substantial if not unlimited.

The German trader must have come to regard him as one of his best friends. The extremely low value of the German mark has tempted the private soldier to set little value on his share of the proceeds of the pay table and this combined with the poor pay of the average continental soldier has brought grist to the mill so far as the profit and loss account of many a small German business house is concerned.

Tommy was doubtless flattered by the remark, so often overheard, that he had "viel Geld," the greater part of which he naturally converted into kind. But now, that he has gone we wonder what is to become of the large stocks of cheap German souvenirs which are to be seen in the shops and for which men with anything approaching a taste for things artistic would not give a second glance.

The shopkeeper was often primitive in his methods of appeal to the interest of his customers. We recall that which read "Do pleace take a souvenir back home with you" and the vague guarantees, often very imposing, but of little value. These doubtless brought the desired return, but at this time it must be a little disappointing to the shopkeeper, who having fostered the idea that English troops would be in occupation in large numbers for several years, is now dismayed and wondering where his customers in the future are to come from.

This, we should imagine, is a problem, not only with the seller of cheap-jack goods, but with hairdresser, cabaret and café keeper, who have been tempted to launch out and make the most of the Rhineland's new-found prosperity. To them at any rate the new order of things is not very welcome.

THE "WHIP-PET'S" KILL.

BY TANK COMMANDER.

They stood in "line-ahead" formation, eight panting "Whippets," under the fringe of a wood. Upon the petrol tank of the leading "'bus" sat a Tank Commander, clad in overalls and Sam Brown, viewing the smoke-wreathed battle in front with gloomy disgust. Two hours previously, the big Tanks had broken through with the infantry, yet still no orders had come back to unleash the light Tanks. Even a squadron of cavalry, massed in the valley near by, had received their orders, and gone trotting up with a business-like air.

A Section Commander strolled up.

"The eight-inch battery has increased its range a thousand yards," he observed. "We shan't be long now!"

Even as he spoke, a dusty despatch rider chugged round the wood, and made for a group of officers. Two minutes later, the line of "Whippets," their tracks twinkling and glinting, were travelling hard for the curtain of smoke.

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The interior of the "Whippet's" cab resembled the steam room of a Turkish bath. Over his wheel, hunched up like a racing motorist, sat the driver, his feet on the twin clutches, and his keen eyes roving alternately from his look-out slit to the electric-lit route chart beside him. On the right, the other member of the crew, his chain mask tilted back from his forehead, was busy running a strip into his Hotchkiss gun. The Tank Commander, armed with a map, had his head and shoulders out of the manhole, picking up landmarks as the "Whippet" roared along.

The "line-ahead" formation was lost, now each "'bus" taking the shortest route to its own particular objective.

They were well in the midst of the flotsam and jetsam belonging to the first phase of the attack—bunching of prisoners herding back with stretchers and a stream of walking wounded, who waved cheering hands to the Tanks.

The Tank Commander noted with satisfaction the feebleness of the enemy's barrage. A few 5.9's were spouting spasmodically in the remains of a shattered village, and save for these and some long range shrapnel bursting high, there was a lull in the battle.

Close to the village lay one of the large Tanks, knocked out and still smoking drearily. Another, hopelessly ditched in a sunken road, pointed a fantastic tail to the heavens.

Batteries, rushed up a few moments before, were hastily unlimbering, and already the flashes of those in action were licking through the haze.

"Whirr-up!" said a hidden sniper's bullet suddenly, glancing off the steel cab with a long grating shriek.

Flapping down the manhole cover, the Tank Commander betook himself to a periscope. His objective, a railway embankment well behind the old enemy battery area, was still some distance off. Small knots of infantry were crouching down in shell-holes, some smoking, others steadily munching, waiting for the barrage which was to open the next phase of the attack. Patrols were going out, trickling cautiously from cover to cover.

They were passing over the Boche second line now. Here the trenches had been obliterated, and the ground resembled waves on a stormy sea. The "Whippet" lurched drunkenly, and the Hotchkiss boxes rattled from their stands, clattering the floor. In the line of trenches ahead, a path showed through the wire, easy and inviting.

The driver swung his wheel and made for it; but as Fate willed it, a "Whippet" on the right cut in. She disappeared with a roar and a volcanic spouting of earth.

"Mined!" commented the Tank Commander thoughtfully, and signed to the driver to change direction.

"Rat-tat-tat-tat——" The devil's tattoo of a machine gun rattled against the plates, sending out a shower of blue sparks. By a stroke of luck, the Tank Commander located the gun in a sand-bagged shell-hole, and plastered it vigorously as they passed. The acrid smell of cordite began to pervade the small cab.

Suddenly the driver touched him on the shoulder.

"There's the railway, sir—half left, where that smoke is!"

The Tank Commander looked, and saw a huge cloud of rising steam. For a few seconds he failed to grasp its real significance, and then, suddenly galvanised, hardly daring to believe his luck, leant to the sweating driver.

"That's a cloud of steam—not smoke. It's a train trying to get away, and we've got to head her off. Chance of a lifetime, so get every ounce you can out of the old 'bus!"

The driver opened throttle to its fullest, and they shivered and bumped over the ground. From the radiator in the long, steel-clad bonnet in front, a trickle of steam spiralled up.

Bullets began to rap on the plates; there were Boches here all right. A bunch of grey-green figures sprang from a shell-hole almost under the whirring tracks. They burst into flight like a covey of partridges. One, the twinkling track caught and whirled into screaming oblivion; another, of stouter heart, stayed, to fire desperately, and fell riddled.

"That's the stuff!" cried the delighted right gunner, reaching for a new strip.

The train came into being through a misty haze: and in excitement the Tank Commander bit his lip until the blood came.

"By the Saint of all the Tanks!" he cried. "It's a gun! They're trying to get a big gun away!"

It was touch and go. Busy figures were swarming from the embankment, and climbing on board, as she began to move. Then the "Whippet" got busy. Her Hotchkiss guns blazed and spluttered, spraying the train, end to end, mercilessly.

The Tank Commander fired directly into the engine cab, and smiled grimly as the driver flung himself wildly on to the permanent way. Another ran to take his place, and fell, even as his hand took the lever. The train, however, in spite of all, was still moving.

Then a bright idea struck the Tank Commander.

"Fire into the boiler!" he commanded.

A couple of bursts had immediate effects, and slowly the engine, with its load of an eleven-inch railway gun, came to a stop. The "Whippet" had made its kill!

(From the Tank Corps Journal.)

RETURNING SANITY.

It had come at last. Not to attempt to disguise the obvious, better admit at once that "It" was a release slip.

For months, Private Rodd had waited, not too patiently it must be allowed, for the word "Go!". Since that joke in such questionable taste, made by his O. C., "Spare the Rodd and spoil the Service" its victim had lived on demob. by demob, and for demob.

From the signing of the Armistice his mental fare had consisted, almost exclusively, of tit-bits of news — authentic and rumourous — relating to his pet theme.

He devoured three London papers daily when demob. was on the menu — and rose from the meal with appetite unassuaged. Rapidly was he changing from a human being into a creature of scissors, papers and paste.

He searched and scissored the papers with a zeal worthy of a young Press Clipping Bureau anxious to increase the number of its subscribers.

Yet, now that the eve of his departure had arrived, try as he might, he could not rid himself of an almost inexplicable sadness which, earlier on, he would have deemed impossib le

It was not that he did not wish to return to civil life; he did, most ardently. But psychologically, he was miles away from the thoughts and feelings which had, up to now, dominated his mind.

In the retrospect, he saw things with a better perspective; realized how insignificant were many of the happenings which had irked him during his service with the colours.

But, more than this, he saw now, for the first time, the other side of the picture. He recalled the many friendships he had formed (some, alas! interrupted in action) with men whom he would never have known, in any true sense of the term, even had he met them in civil life.

He looked back on the hundred and one adventures through which he had passed, and found in thus reviewing them a quality which had hitherto escaped him.

Impossible to define it satisfactorily. But it was there—something which comes to all men who, loving life, are yet prepared to lose it, and no less surely witheld from those who are prepared neither to face life nor to risk its loss.

His thoughts, taking a different turn, he smiled happily in the recollection of the strange mixture of humanity which life in the Army had brought into view.

Back to memory came incidents of selflessness, fortitude, courage and that spirit of cameraderie so difficult to foster in civil life, and so natural, it seems, among men united in a common object, threatened with a common danger, purified and strengthened in a common suffering.

He remembered how often he had been compelled to revise his first judgments of the men with whom he had come in contact; how often a "blackguard" in language had proved a gentleman in conduct; and, finally, he saw what is so seldom seen in every day life at home, that even a fool has feelings, and that to "suffer fools gladly" besides being kind to the fools, gladdens the heart of the sufferer.

Thus did he leave us, with the love of man in his heart—the finest antidote to that passing but perilous disease—Demobilitus.

E.J. TELLUM.

THE LITTLE DEVIL.

Many of our troops in Rhineland have acquired "pets." It seems to be bred in our blood. We need, probably from our British spirit of sportsmanship, something alive and moving, with which to amuse ourselves, some animal who will love us, something to follow us and perhaps protect us, something active with which we may play as the mood comes.

I love live, tame things, especially when they are young because they are worthy of study, revealing as they do all the instincts of their savage relations.

I want a little puppy, but since I cannot discover one to my taste, I have gathered about me, in the garden of my billet, seven chickens — and I also have a "Little Devil."

I call him "Little Devil" and the good folk of the house call him "Little Devil." It makes me laugh unrestrainedly when I hear them summon him by this title.

Let me tell you about him! He's a kitten, as full of mischief as a lower-form boy, as crafty as a fox, as destructive as a Bolshevist and yet as innocent as a vestal virgin.

The other night I lay in bed reading. Outside the rain was falling in sheets, "cats and dogs" as we say. I put out the light and settled down to sleep.

I was in that dozy state which is a preliminary to slumber when I was startled by a peculiar scratching noise as of someone or something endeavouring to climb the vine which covers the wall of the house.

I sat up- and my hair sat up! Such noises in the night don't please me at all.

Then, a dark form reared itself over the window-ledge, swaying. Thereupon, I sat more up—and my hair stood upon it's hindlegs, so to speak. But it was only the "Little Devil" bedraggled and wet to the skin.

He whined — and wanted to walk, all wet and clammy, at that time of night, remember — over my face, and say, "How do!"

He hides behind my bottle of stout while my lunch or dinner is in progress; his attitude is that of a tiger. I turn my head for a moment and turn it back again. Yes, something is sure to be missing from my plate.

I play "footer" with him by means of an old tennis ball, but he ignores all the rules of the game.

But his greatest delight is aeronautics; he revels in a "nose-dive". In order to let me understand that he desires a "nose-dive" he leaps upon my window-sill and mews plaintively.—I understand. Taking him between my hands I call the servant, she appears in the garden, one storey lower, with apron outspread and down flops the "Little Devil".

I can hear him giggling all the way down. Then, you should just see him stalking the chickens; to him that is great fun. He approaches them as a tiger would an entelope, stealthily. He drops suddenly upon them from a branch as a puma leaps upon its prey.

Yes, he certainly merits his name but — well, I like him all the same, this "Little Devil."

W. R. P.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

WIVES AND EFFICIENCY.

Sir,—Does "Bachelor" give a thought to the four years of misery of the wives and mothers, who in some cases (my own for one) have lost her sons in the war. Should she not have a little pleasure now? Why efficiency should suffer I cannot understand, for once a soldier always one. What do others say?

ONE OF THE MARRIED.

Sir,—What is the matter with "Bachelor?" Spiteful old thing! I cannot imagine that he is young.

Why does he not find a wife and bring her along? Then perhaps he would not be so selfish and would understand the delight we wives feel at being together again without the thought that at the end of a short leave we shall be separated. To talk of reduced efficiency is all nonsense.

V.A.D.

THE VALUE OF SPANISH.

Sir,—It is a fact the Germans are now taking up the study of Spanish very seriously with a view to exploiting the commercial possibilities of Argentina and other parts of South America.

In England we have been very backward with the study of Spanish but a decided effort is now needed if we are to compete with other nations for trade in South America.

G. SHERMAN, Principal
G.H.Q. Correspondence School.

THE "K" ENVELOPE.

Sir,— I hold commissioned rank yet can claim not to have used one of the "K" envelopes to which the writer of the article in your last issue refers, for the purpose of private correspondence.

That at least leaves one a day available for the use of an officer whose first attempt to address an envelope to his lady-love falls short of the required standard in copperplate and necessitates a second attempt.

JUMBO.

PROUD TO WEAR IT.

Sir,— It was with great consternation that the boys in the particular billet to which I belong, read the heart rendering appeal of "Tommy Dod". If he could make it convenient to send his address we would only be to pleased to send him a little of this precious ribbon.

We have also a few inches of General Service, Mons and the Long Service ribbon if he would care to accept same.

I might also mention that we have passed a vote of censure on the Leave Club for daving to place a member of H.M. Army in such a position as not being able to wear this particular ribbon on his tunic.

ORDERLY.

WHY NOT REAL GIRLS?

Sir,—I cordially agree with your correspondent "W.W." that many of the concert parties now showing in Rhineland should endeavour to enlist the services of the real girl, in lieu of the imitation one.

Many of these impersonations are, as your correspondent mentions, of quite a high standard, but nevertheless the idea is without a doubt repugnant to many of us.

"Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery" says the proverb, and I myself have noticed a tendency in many of our younger soldiers to become effeminate.

Why not endeavour to recruit the services of some of the girls of the W.R.A.F. or other branches of the women's service?

There must be unbounded sources of talent amongst the girls who have had the pluck to don uniform to help in the good cause.

"HAWKEYE."

THE OUTDOOR LIFE.

Sir,— If B.M.G. will re-read my article re the above, he will find that my views are quite similar to his, and it therefore appears that he has decided to criticise my opinion without studying it first.

I mentioned "that it is naturally not essential to have either the great Mexican Pampas, the periodical interruption of brigands or rebels to arouse our enthusiasm".

Why does B.M.G. therefore repeat my own words antagonistically when our views are both in accord?

I appreciate the fact that B.M.G. has actually to put it in his own words "dodged shells in the first line". He is one of about twenty million odd who have had this "novel recreation" but to suggest that all these men are content to settle down to quiet and intellectual life such as B.M.G. idealises is erroneous.

B.M.G. is not in a position to form such an opinion.

Settling down — or vice versa is chiefly a question of upbringing and constitution and although B.M.G. may have lived tied to an office stool or school-deck in the study of some special ambition, there are, notwithstanding this, others who have lived or long to live in the open air, and some willing to sacrifice all ambition to the shrine of life's greatest desire—health.

P.H.

LOVE IN THE VALLEY.

Under yonder beech tree single on the green-sward,
Couchs's with her arms behind her golden head,
Knees and tresses folded to slip and ripple idly,
Lies my young love sleeping in the shade.
Had I the heart to slide an arm beneath her,
Press her parting lips as her waist I gather slow,
Waking in amazement she could not but embrace me:
Then would she hold me and never let me go?

GEORGE MEREDITH.

TENNIS AT LINDENTHAL.

Inter-Allied Tournament Reaches Concluding Stage.

EXCITING FINISHES.

The semi-finals and some of the finals of the Inter-Allied Tennis Tournament were decided during the week-end, and the remaining games will be played off when the weather is more propitious. There was a large attendance on Saturday when some exciting sets were played.

Major Saul in a very close set, beat Lt. Hole in the semi-final of the Gentlemen's open singles. Rev. Andrews, who beat Capt. Price, is now opposed to Major Saul in the final set.

There was some particularly brilliant play when Miss McMaster, in winning a very exciting final with Mrs. Woodcock, carried off the Ladies' Open Singles.

The finalists for the Gentlemen's Handicap Singles (Class I) are Major Saul and Major Holmes, while Capt. Lindberg and Colonel H.S. Bush are the finalists in Class II.

Playing very cleverly throughout the tournament Mrs. Woodcock won the Ladies' Handicap singles, beating Mrs. Chambers in the final.

The finalists for the Gentlemen's Handicap Doubles are Major Rowntree and Capt. Dickinson and Capt. Jones and Lt. Inglis. In the Open Doubles Rev. Andrews and Major Saul oppose Capt. Godfree and Capt. Miles in the final set.

Miss McMaster and Miss Douglas, after some extraordinarily clever play, beat Mrs. Owen and Mrs. Woodcock in the final for the Ladies' open doubles. In the Ladies' Handicap Doubles Mrs. Pleydell-Nott and Mrs. Lord and Mrs. Owen and Mr. Woodcock are the finalists.

Quite a feature of the tournament were the semi-finals for the Mixed Doubles, open and handicap. In the open Doubles Major Saul and Miss McMaster beat Major Holmes and Miss Bell, 7—9, 6—0, 8—6, in the semi-final for the Handicap Doubles, while Major Holmes and Miss Bell beat Major and Miss Wheatley.

Results.

Appended are the results:

Gentlemen's Handicap Singles. (Class II) semi-finals:—Capt. Lindberg beat Capt. Rose, 3—6, 6—3, 6—1; Col. Bush beat Lt. de Vangelas 6—1, 3—6, 8—6.

Ladies' Handicap Singles, final:—Mrs. Woodcock beat Mrs. Chambers 6—0, 6—3.

Gentlemen's Handicap Doubles, semi-final:—Maj. Rowntree and Capt. Dickinson beat Maj. Swifte and Maj. Bowes-Lyon 6—3, 4—6, 6—4; Capt. Jones and Lt. Inglis beat Lt.-Col. Owen and Maj. Pleydell-Nott 6—3, 6—4.

Gentlemen's Open Doubles, semi-final:—Rev. Andrews and Maj. Saul beat Lt.-Col. Owen and Maj. Pleydell-Nott 6—2, 6—2.

Ladies' Open Doubles, semi-final:—Miss Mc Master and Miss Douglas beat Mrs. Owen and Mrs. Woodcock 6—3, 6—4.

Gentlemen's and Open Singles, semi-final:—Maj. Saul beat Lt. Hole 7—5, 6—3; Rev. Andrews beat Capt. Price 6—1, 6—2.

Ladies' Open Singles, final:—Miss McMaster beat Mrs. Woodcock 2—6, 7—5, 6—4.

Gentlemen's Handicap Singles, (Class I) semi-final:—Maj. Saul beat Maj. Rowntree 6—4, 6—3; Maj. Holmes beat Lt.-Col. McAllister 6—2, 6—0.

Ladies Handicap Doubles, semi-final:—Mrs. Pleydell-Nott and Mrs. Lord beat Miss McMaster and Miss Douglas w.o.; Mrs. Owen and Mrs. Woodcock beat Mrs. Chambers and Mrs. Ferguson w.o.

Mixed Open Doubles, semi-final:—Maj. Saul and Miss McMaster beat Maj. Holmes and Miss Bell 7—9, 6—0, 7—5.

Mixed Handicap Doubles, semi-final:—Capt. Godfree and Miss Hollins beat Rev. Andrews and Mrs. Kennedy 3—6, 6—0, 8—6; Maj. Holmes and Miss Bell beat Maj. and Miss Wheatly 6—3, 6—2.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

VI Corps School Staff v Students.

On Saturday, Capt. Seward, Adjutant of the School arranged a very pleasant afternoon for this fixture. The Deer Park was the venue, and tea was provided under the trees for the teams and their friends.

At first the game was fairly even but soon the superior combination of the Staff began to tell, and at half time the score was 2.—0 against the Students. On resuming the Staff scored again, and then Sergt. Sutcliffe with a brilliant shot gained the Students' only success. The Staff brought their score up to 6 and then some rather wild play ensued, leaving at the call of time the Staff victors by 6—1.

For the Staff good work was done in goal by Mr. Oldbury who on several occasions saved the situation by keenness and judgment. The winners' goals were due to Mr Beale 3, Sergt. Ellis 2, and Pte. Burke 1. Pearce on the outside left wing was of great assistance to his side by the prompt and unselfish way in which he centered. For the Students Sergt. Sutcliffe and Pte. Mazza put in the best efforts, but the team wants pulling together before their individual merits weigh in the mass. The game was clean and fast and with practice both teams should develop really good form in their class.

LIGHT DIV. SIGS. MOUNTED SPORTS.

The Light Div. Sig. Coy. second mounted sports meeting was held at Ohligs on Thursday. The weather was very good and the meeting was a great success. In the mounted wrestling, Dvr. Harwood beat Sgt. Cooper — thus getting his revenge for last week's defeat. The mule races were as amusing as ever, though this time a much bigger percentage of riders succeeded in staying the course. The competitors in all the events showed great keenness. The company cooks must be congratulated on the tea they served up in the neighbouring wood.

A Tough Fight.

A football match between 169 Area Employment Coy. and 42nd Stationary Hospital R.A.M.C. was played on Friday afternoon, and after a tough fight, the match closed leaving the R.A.M.C. the victors by 3 goals to nil.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, September 16th, 1919.

Wind North East 10 to 15 m.p.h. Foggy morning, brighter day. Rather cool. Visibility indifferent.

RHINE ARMY SHOOTING.

Final Results Of Successful Meeting At Drove.

The highly successful Rhine Army rifle meeting at Drove came to an end on Saturday, when the last events were decided, and the prizes were subsequently distributed by General Sir. C.W, Jacobs, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., the Commander-in-chief.

For the whole of the meeting the weather was all that could be desired and a never failing keenness in the competitions made the event a very pleasant one.

In presenting the prizes to the successful competitors the Commander-in-chief said he had been much pleased to hear and also to see that the competitions had been keenly contested in a sporting spirit throughout. The number of competitors who participated was about 1,400. Though the standard of shooting was not up to pre-war standard, it was quite satisfactory considering the majority of competitors were young troops.

Whatever developments the future might eventually bring, he personally felt sure that as in the past, so for sometime yet to come, it was necesary that the soldier should receive a good musketry training. The British Infantry Soldier, trained in the use of his rifle and bayonet, would then prove as irresistible as ever.

Finally he wished to thank General Hordern the President of the Committee, Lt.Col. Fortune, Major Cox and Major Hicks of the School of Musketry and Machine Gun School and the members of the Committee and Schools' Staffs for all they had done to make the meeting the success it had been.

Those present included—General Sir A.J. Godley, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.; Lieut. General Sir J.A.L. Haldane, K.C.B., D.S.O.; Major General Sir H.S. Jenduine, K.C.B., C.B.; Major General G.D. Jeffreys, C.B., C.M.G.: and Brig. General F.N. Tandy, C.M.G., D.S.O.

The results of the final day's Shooting are as follows:—

Individual event No 9, 600 yards slow:—
1, Capt. Clarke, 23rd Middlesex 21.
2, C.S.M. Cobbold, 52nd Rifle Bde. 20.
3, Lt.-Col. Orabston, 3rd Bff. M.G. Corps 20.
4, Capt. Forbes, 51st Dovous 20.
5, Sergt. Chapman, 51st Hants 19.
6, Capt. Cann, Tank Group Signals 19.
7, C.S.M. Bryant, 20th K.R.R.C. 19.
8, C.S.M. Broomfield, 51st Devous 19.

Team event No 5, 1 leader and 8 cpls:—
1, 20th K.R.R.C. 23.
2, 53rd Rifle Brigade 17.
3, 1/6th W. Yorks 9.
4, (tie) 1/4th York and Lancs, 5th Border Regt. 8.

Team event No 10, teams of 6 at 200, 500 and 600 yards:—
1, Irish Troops, 307.
2, English Troops, 291.
3, M.G. Corps, 287.
4, Greenjackets, 282.

M.G. 4 gun knockout:—
1, 32nd Bn. M.G. Corps "B" Team.
2, 2nd Bn. M.G. Corps "A" Team.
3, 2nd Bn. M.G. Corps "B" Team.
4, 29th Bn. M.G. Corps "A" Team.

M.G. 1 gun knockout:—
1, 32nd Bn. M.G. Corps "B" Team.
2, 3rd Bn. M.G. Corps "A" Team.
3, 32nd Bn. M.C. Corps "A" Team.
4, 29th Bn. M.G. Corps "B" Team.

Lewis Gun, 4 gun knockout competition:—
1, 10th Queens R.W.S.
2, 20th D.L.I.
3, 52nd Kings Liverpool Regt.
4, 51st. Kings Liverpool Regt.

Lewis Gun, 1 gun knockout competition:—
1, 52nd Devons.
2, 17th Royal Fusiliers.
3, 51st Devons.
4, 51st Kings Liverpool Regt.

Team event No 3:—
1, 52nd Kings Liverpool Regt.
2, 2/4th Queens R.W.S.
3, 1/5th Devons.
4, 51st Durham L.I.

Team event No 4:—
1, 51st Devons.
2, 52nd Northumberland Fusiliers.
3, 11th Royal Scots.
4, 3rd Bn. M.G. Corps.

Team event No 6:—
1, 13th Kings Liverpool Regt.
2, 52nd Kings Liverpool Regt.
3, 1/5th Devons.
4, 1/4th York and Lancs.

Football wanted.

D.O.S., G.H.Q., F.C. require fixtures for Saturday afternoons from 20th inst. onwards. Write Cpl. G. B. Watts, Secretary, c/o. D.O.S., G.H.Q. British Army of the Rhine.

A WASTED PENALTY.

A friendly game between the 128 Heavy Battery and 303 Siege Battery R.G.A. was played at Bonn on Saturday evening. Both sides showed consistency of form but 128 should have taken advantage of the penalty awarded them in the second half. B.S.M. Bliss in goal for the Heavies repeatedly saved the situation for them. The ultimate result gives a good idea as to the game, the ball moving very rapidly from end to end. The Siege left wing was weak and seems to be the only weak spot in an otherwise good team. Woodward at back for the Siege gave as usual of his coolest and best. The game ended in a draw: 303 Siege Battery R.G.A., 0, 128 Heavy Battery R.G.A., 0..

RHINE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

List Of Draws In Forthcoming Events.

ATHLETICS AND BOXING.

The attached list shows the draws in the various events of the Rhine Army Championships (Teams) to be held on the 17th and 18th September. The events on the 17th will be as follows, and take place before lunch at the P. and R. T. School:—

Heats for tug-of-war, both weights including semi-finals.

3 Miles race.

Basket Ball, 1/6th W. Yorks v. P. and R. T. School.

At 5 p.m. the semi-finals of the boxing will take place in the large hall of the Bürgergesellschaft.

On the 18th the various events will take place as per programme already issued, and the Commander-in-Chief will present the prizes about 5.30 p.m.

The finals of the boxing will commence at 8 p.m. and the prizes will be distributed at the conclusion.

RESULT OF DRAWS.

Boxing:—

Bantam,	9th Bn. M.G.C. v. 7th Middlesex.
	51st Devons, v. 32nd Bn. M.G.C.
Feather,	7th Middlesex, v. 9th Bn M.G.C.
	51st Devons, v. 32nd Bn. M.G.C.
Light,	9th Bn. M.G.C. v. 32ndBn. M.G.C.
	51st Devons, v. 7th Middlesex.
Welter, O.R.	51st Devons, v. 7th Middlesex.
	9th Bn. M.G.C. v. 32nd Bn.M.G.C.
Welter, Offrs.	51st Devons, v. 9th Bn. M G.C.
	7th Middlesex, v. 32nd Bn. M.G.C.
Middle, O.R.	51st Devons, v. 7th Middlesex.
	9th Bn. M.G.C. v. 32nd Bn. M.G.C.
Middle, Offrs.	32nd Bn M.G.C. v. 7th Middlesex.
	51st Devons, v. 9th Bn. M.G.C.
Heavy,	9th Bn. M.G.C. v. 32nd Bn.M.G.C.
	51st Devons, v. 7th Middlesex.

Basket ball:—

IV Corps Cyclists	Bye.
5th Border Regt.	Bye.
12th R.I. Rifles	Bye.
1/6th West Yorks v. P. and R. T. School.	

Tug-of-war (light):—

16th Tank Battn.	Bye.
35th Bde. R.G.A.	Bye.
5th Border R gt.	Bye.
83rd Bde. R.G.A. v. 5th R.I. Regt.	

Tug-of-war (Heavy):—

35th Bde. R.G.A.	Bye.
4th Tank Battn.	Bye.
5th Border Regt.	Bye.
63rd Bde. R.G.A. v. 41st Bde. R.G.A.	

The following teams are competing in the undermentioned events:—

Athletic sports. Cross country running.

II Corps,	63rd Bde. R.G.A.	15th Hants. Regt.
IV Corps,	5/6th R. Scots,	5.6th Royal Scots.
VI Corps,	41st Bn. M.G.C.	7th Middlesex.
X Corps,	15th Lancs Fus.,	51st Manchesters.
Tank Group,	9th Tank Bn.	4th Tank Bn.

Tickets may be obtained from the Amusements Officer 23 Komodien Strasse Cologne.

FAREWELL DINNER.

2nd Southern Division L.T.M. Battery's Function at Strasschan.

In view of the number of men being demobilized, and about to be demobilized, in the near future the 2nd Southern L.T.M. Battery held a farewell dinner at Strasschen on Saturday. The chair was occupied by the O.C. Capt. E.W. Putland, M.C. with B.S.M. A.E. Blackmoore as vice chairman. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion and would have done credit to a first class London hotel. After an excellent repast the following toasts were drunk with acclamation, "The King," B.S.M. Blackmoore; "The Battery," Lieut. E. Hollingsworth, reply Capt. E.W. Putland, M.C.; "Absent Friends," Cpl. M. Crawford, D.C.M.; "The Officers" B.Q.M.S. J. Welsh, reply, Lieut. A.T. Lutley; "The N.C.O's.," Lieut. A.T. Lutley, reply Cpl. E. Bedwell, 2nd Lieut. R.S. Dunford acted as toastmaster and carried out his duties in a most able manner.

During the evening a pleasant little surprise function was introduced. In a short speech B.Q.M.S. Welsh, on behalf of, the N.C.O's. and men, presented the O.C. with a handsome silver cigarette case and cigarette holder as a tangible memento of the good feeling that has always existed between the O.C. and all members of the Battery.

Pleasant Surprise.

In a few well chosen words the O.C. expressed his deep sense of gratitude and appreciation and added another pleasant surprise by asking B.Q.M.S. Welsh, who leaves in the course a few days for demobilization, to accept a gold fountain pen from the officers and N.C.O's.

A musical evening then followed, songs being rendered by Ptes. Bentley Wishart, Borwick, Q.M.S. Welsh, and Pte. McGruer. Before parting it was enthusiastically carried, on the motion of Cpl. Crawford that a message of greeting be sent to the Bde. Commander of the old 87th Bde. Col. G.H. Jackson C.M.G., D.S.O., who always took a keen interest in the welfare of the Battery. A most enjoyable evening, long to be remembered by those who were privileged to be present, terminated with the singing of "God Save the King."

DONCASTER CUP.

Childs Rides Three Winners At St. Leger Meeting.

Haki won the Doncaster Cup on the concluding day of the St. Leger meeting, and Childs rode three winners. The following were the results:—

Danum Nursery:—1, Fitchway (3/1); 2, Megic Ware (5/4); 3, Seidlitz (100/8).

Park Hill Stakes:—1, Flying Spear (11/8); 2, Celandine (7/1); 3, Rothesay Bay (11/8).

Town Moor Handicap:—1, Diadem (7/4); 2, Quadrille (7/1); 3, Brigand (7/2).

Doncaster Cup:—1, Haki (7/1 on); 2, Heliogabalus (7/1); 3, Vagabond (20/1).

Prince of Wales Handicap:—1, Firework (9/1); 2, Spion Kop (4/1); 3, Gallinata (25 1).

Doncaster Stakes:—1, Elcinore (7/4 on); 2, Win the War (4/1); 3, Royal Diamond (4/1).

ALEXANDRA PARK DETAILS.

Muswell Plate:—1, Planet (6/4); 2, Monazite (6/1); 3, Revolution (6/1).

Juvenile Selling Plate:—Race declared void

Hornsey Plate:—1, Flower Day (7/4on); 2 Quiln (100/7); 3, Ung je Serviray (100/7).

September Handicap:—1, The Gunyah (5/2); 2, Quick Thrust (5/2); 3, Grey Cloak (5/2).

Mile Nursery Handicap:—1, Harrier (8/1); 2, Ural (3 1); 3, White Bell (5/1).

Finsbury Handicap:—1, Tension (10/1); 2, Potentilla (4/1); Deccan (6/1).

Harringay Handicap:—1, Silvanite (5/4); 2, Golden Square (9/2); 3, Pick'Ny (5/2).

SOUTHERN DIV. CRICKET WEEK.

3rd Southern Bde. Outplay 1st Southern Bde. At Lindenthal.

At Lindenthal on Saturday the 3rd Southern Infantry Bde. completely outplayed the 1st Southern Infantry Bde., beating them by an innings and 10 runs.

Fortunate in winning the toss the 3rd Bde. batted for two hours in the morning in a very hot sun which told heavily on the fielding side. Four wickets were down for 26 runs when Major Westmorland and Sgt. Taylor came together and the score rose steadily until at 67 Sgt. Taylor was bowled by Speed who had been keeping a good length and making the ball get up sharply on the bad wicket. Major Westmorland was not tempted by Bazalgett's slows and was content to score singles and two's. After playing the right game for his side for nearly an hour he was eventually caught at the wicket defending his body against a bad bumper. His 28 was most useful and his partnerships Sgt. Taylor and C. S. M. Samways placed his side in a good position. Later Sgt. Rowe knocked up a rapid 21. Major Bazalgette going off at the pavilion end the last wickets fell cheaply and the innings closed for 138.

1st Bde. Bat.

The 1st Bde. found Goodby's bowling far too much for them. Bowling with the slight wind helping him to come in from the offshe varied his pace imperceptibly and had 5 wickets for 23. He was well backed by a smart field and only Bazalgette shaped against him at all, the side being disposed of for 64 runs.

Going in a second time the 1st Bde. fared no better and Goodby and Godley disposed of them for 64. Goodby bowled from the pavilion end this time and swerved from the leg and then came in from the off. Gotley at the other end bowled his slows with great effect and very few runs were scored off him.

WORTHY WINNERS.

C.P.C. Runners-up Congratulate 17th Lancers.

Lieut. J. Woods, 93rd Bde., R.G.A., Sports-Officer, writes as follows:—

"In common with our Bde. Cricket Team I offer my congratulations and thanks for the very good work you have done in the past cricket season. "The Cologne Post" Cup Competition gave the necessary interest, that made Rhineland Cricket. Our team had many fine games. We lost the final, but this loss was compensated by losing to the 17th Lancers worthy winners and what is still better, splendid sportsmen. I take this opportunity, on behalf of the 93rd Bde., R.G.A., in congratulating the 17th Lancers on their victory and I wish them the very best of luck in the future—they deserve it."

BOXING AT COBLENZ.

In the final of the boxing competition at Coblenz at the week-end Hugh Weyer of the 2nd Pioneers wop in the second round by a knock-out over Ferguson of the Qmrs.

Young of Headquarters and Scott of Qmrs. fought a 4 round draw.

Smith of 8th Infantry Headquarters won over Dooley of Supply Coy of 8th Infantry.

Eddie Gardiner of Qmrs. won over Ironbux of Base Hospital.

Huggins of Base Hospital got a draw with Red Bell of 8th Infantry. This was one of the fastest bouts of the evening.

Flannigan of the 8th Infantry won over Zahl of the 8th. Referee — Stassord timekeeper — Brown; Promotor — Reiss, Y.M.C.A. Coblenz.

CHESS COMPETITION.

The 12th L.N.L. played 6 boards with the Anti-Aircraft Battery on Thursday at Bonn. The former were much the superior team, but both teams were more or less scratch. Big improvements are expected.

Both teams are desirous of further matches and would welcome challenges from other units.

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL.

Full List Of Soccer And Rugby Results.

ELEVEN MATCHES DRAWN.

The following were the results of all the leading football matches in Britain on Saturday, the home teams being first:—

Division I.

Blackburn	2	Burnley	3
Bradford	2	Oldham	0
Chelsea	0	Newcastle	0
Derby	3	Bradford	0
Liverpool	2	Aston	1
Manchester City	1	Bolton	4
Middlesboro	1	Sheffield United	3
Sheffield Wed	0	Notts County	0
West Bromwich	4	Everton	3

Division II.

Birmingham	4	Coventry	1
Bury	0	Stockport	2
Lincoln	0	Bristol City	0
Clapton Orient	0	Wolverhampton	0
Grimsby	1	Huddersfield	0
Leeds	1	Hull	2
Leicester	3	Fulham	2
Notts Forest	0	Barnsley	1
Stoke	2	Blackpool	0
Tottenham	2	South Shields	0
Rotherham	0	West Ham	1

Southern League.

Bristol Rovers	1	Millwall	1
Brentford	0	Portsmouth	2
Gillingham	0	Exeter	0
Luton	2	Cardiff	2
Merthyr	3	Newport	0
Norwich	3	Northampton	1
Plymouth	1	Brighton	0
Reading	1	Swindon	1
Southampton	2	Queen's Park	1
Southend	1	Crystal Palace	1
Swansea	0	Watford	1

Scottish League.

Aberdeen	2	Ayr	1
Airdrieonians	2	Hibernians	0
Clyde	0	Glasgow Rangers	0
Clyde Bank	1	Greenock	0
Falkirk	2	Dundee	1
Heart of Midlothian	0	Celtic	1
Kilmarnock	3	Dumbarton	1
Motherwell	4	Raith	1
Partick Thistle	4	Hamilton Academicans	3
St. Mirren	1	Albion Rovers	2
Third Lanark	1	Queen's Park	1

Rugby Union.

Cardiff	14	Penarth	0
Leicester	32	R.N.D.	0
Neath	5	Glyn Neath	3
Plymouth	6	Paignton	0
Gloucester	13	Lidney	3
Torquay	20	Plymouth Ramblers	3
Abertillery	11	Pill Harriers	3
Old Novocastrians	9	Percy Park	3
Nortn. Union Keighly	3	Barrow	23
Batley	3	Dewsbury	10
York	11	Bramley	0
Wakefield Trinity	11	Bradford	3
Broughton	3	Warrington	4
Oldham	10	Hudderfield	3
Hull	2	Rochdale Hornets	0
Widnes	7	Hull Kingston	0
Leeds	19	Halifax	5
Hunslet	0	Salford	2
St. Helens Recreation	4	Wigan	9
Swinton	7	St. Helens	5

HOCKEY FINAL.

12th L.N. Lancs. v. 13th King's Liverpools.

This final in the Lancs. Div. knock-out hockey competition, played on the latter's ground on Thursday, proved to be as keenly contested as it was exciting. In the first half the Lancs. certainly seemed the better team. C. S. M. Stott (Kings) scored the first goal, but the Lancs. equalised two minutes later. Half time:—1—1.

The second half was certainly the King's Liverpool's. The Lancs. tried several dashes but could not penetrate the defence. The King's right back and C. S. M. Stott were the pick of the team, while Capt. Creagh, R.A.M.C., was certainly the best on the Lancs. side. Lieut. Kennedy, Lancs., made a solo effort in the second half and just narrowly missed the goal. The Lancs. commenced play with good combination and short passes, while the King's were hitting hard and using long passes. Fifteen minutes before half-time the King's took lead. Capt. Creagh, L.N.L., scored one goal and C. S. M. Stott, 15th King's two goals. The King's are now in for the Army of the Rhine.

SHELTON'S OFFER ACCEPTED.

The sports officer of the 51st Bn. The Rifle Bde. writes to accept the challenge thrown out by Pte. Young Shelton in the "Cologne Post" on behalf of Rfm. R.C. Jackson 51st Bn. The Rifle Bde. Rfn Jackson wishes to meet Pte. Young Shelton about 10th October, and is willing to box 10 rounds.

Another Acceptance.

Pte. P. McMahon, "B" Coy, 5th Royal Irish Regt. writes:— In reply to Pte. Young Shelton's (415 Labour Coy) challenge I will be pleased to accept at 9st. 6lbs, "The Cologne Post" to have control of arrangements. Failing Shelton any lad can be accommodated at that weight in the Army of the Rhine.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Tuesday	7	Tosca	Puccini
Wednesday	7.30	Tiefland	d'Albert
Thursday	7	Tales of Hoffmann	Offenbach
Friday	7	Arlecchino Turandot	Busoni
Saturday	7	Zar and Zimmermann	Lörtzing
Sunday	7	der Rosenkavalie	Strauss
Monday	7	Aida	Verdi
Tuesday	7	Waifsnschmied von Worms	Lortzing

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Sunday at the Deutsches.

Very short notice notwithstanding, there was not a vacant seat at the Deutsches Theatre on Sunday evening, when another delicious musical treat was arranged by Captain Hagarth. First and foremost there was Wilhelm Backhaus, who is all but idolised by the British. His artistry is so superb and he is so free from mannerisms that there is nothing to detract from the sheer beauty of his renderings or his stupendous mastery of his instrument. Take Brahm's variations on a theme by Paganini, for instance, the most difficult composition of its kind ever written. There are twenty-seven variations. each absolutely distinct, and by his flawless rendering of this one item alone Backhaus stands among the greatest of living pianists. His other contributions comprised Brahms' Rhapsodie in G Minor and Mendelssohn and Chopin excerpts.

Barker at his best.

Alfred Barker was at his best. He playen Beethoven's No. 3 (E Flat) Sonata with exquisite phrasing and tone, and though his E string snapped at the outset of the last movement, its absence was not noticed by the audience. This in itself is a tribute to the genius of this popular violinist. In addition to this big classical work he played three of his own compositions — a Reverie, an Oriental Meditation and "Pierette". In spite of a mixture of styles in the second item the pieces are attractive and when published will be appreciated.

A Baker's Dozen.

The third artist of the evening was Mr. Eric Morgan, who sang twelve songs, including a straight flush of six by Roger Quilter, in two instalments. He has a pleasing tenor voice on the light side. We should have appreciated a wider choice. "Three Fishers went sailing", with which he made up a baker's dozen, by insistence of the audience, was the best His accompaniments, and those of Alfred Barker, were finely played by Herr C. Theo Steinbach, who made his first but surely not his last appearance at the Deutsches. It was really a wonderful evening.

Sunday Concert at the Leave Club.

The Band of the 20th K.R.R.C. although rather depleted by demobilization gave a most excellent concert at the Leave Club on Sunday (by kind permission of the O.C.) Their well chosen programme included the overture of "Putspiel," played quite charmingly, an excellent selection from the Mikado and a beautiful overture from "French Comedy." A Piccolo Solo, the "Wren" rendered with much musical feeling was greatly appreciated by the audience who insisted on an encore, which was readily given. Major Bowen, was enthusiastically received, and sang "Capt. Mac," the "Sea Road" and as an encore "If I can live", and Lte. Mearns and Lt. Ramsay greatly pleased the audience with a humorous duet "Tenor and Baritone." Towards the end of the programme, Pte. Gatch gave a beautiful rendering of Dvorak's Humoresque.

Sentiment and Romance.

On Friday a dance was given by Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Howden and officers of Headquarters, 168th Brigade R.F.A. at their beautiful castle at Ramersdorf. The grounds and verandas were artistically illuminated with coloured lanterns. The full moon added a sentimental and romantic glamour to the surroundings, the extensive gardens offering an eloquent appeal for nocturnal peregrinations. Dancing commenced at 9.30 p.m. The ground suite of the officers' quarters was set aside for dancing; one room illuminated by subdued rose light, another by a delicate shade of green gave a decidedly artistic effect, wholly enhancing the beauty of the scene. The string band of the "Pedlars" did yeoman service. In the background, last but not least, the catering department toiled unceasingly. Among the guests were Lady Gataker and ladies of the B.E.L.C., Major-General A. B. Ritchie, C.B. and Staff, Colonel and Mrs. Jackson, officers of the Lancashire Divisional Artillery Headquarters, Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Thurston, Major and Mrs. C. M. Bayne, Capt. and Mrs. Hackforth Jones, Capt. and Mrs. H. C. Terry, Major R. R. Hoare, Major J. O. Williams, and "one Walter Bird, Capt. R.F.A."

JACQUES.

G.H.Q. No. 1 SERGTS. MESS RIFLE CLUB.

The weekly Spoon Shoot took place on the Merheim Ranges on Saturday, the winner being Conductor Luker, R.A.O.C. with a score of 90, which included a "possible" at the 200 metres Range. Teas and refreshments were provided on the Range and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Club Membership is open to Officers and Senior Ranks stationed in or near Cologne. The next Spoon Shoot is on Saturday, September 20th. Meet at G.H.Q., No. 1, Sergts. Mess, Salomon Gasse., 1.30 p.m. prompt.

WEEK-END NEWS IN BRIEF.

Carl Bretherton, Handsworth, beat T.D. Armour, Lothiancurn, by 4 up and 3 to play in the Irish Golf championship.

Grand Parade, The Panther, and Silonyx have been struck out of the Irish St. Leger, to be decided at The Curragh on Sept. 24.

The Victory walk from London to Brighton on Saturday was won by T. Payne, Yorkshire, his time being 8 hrs., 36 mins., 23 secs.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Irish Elegance.

"The best horse I have ever ridden," is Carslake's opinion of Mr. James White's champion.

C.M. Buchan.

C. M Buchan, Sunderland's famous forward, is a candidate for the post of physical instructor to the Sunderland boys' elementary schools.

A French Spur.

An interesting member of the Tottenham Hotspur XI. is Chayriques, a French international amateur goalkeeper of great repute, He is the first Frenchman to play in League Football.

English v. Scots.

For the first time in the history of the Dulwich Bowling Club an English v. Scots match has just been played. There were four rinks aside, and the result was a heavy defeat for the Scots, the being:—English 102, Scots 60.

Withdrawals.

Owing to ground and other difficulties it has been necessary for Highgate Rovers to withdraw from the premier division and R.A.O.C. from the junior division of the Middlesex and District Football League, but the executive has been fortunate in securing the 5st Coldstream Guards (Premier) and Straker Squire (Junior) to fill the vacancies.

Medals for L.C. Winners.

The London Combination have decided to give medals to the winners and runners-up in their competition.

An Extension.

The committee of Division V. of the London F.A. have extended the date for playing the London professional charity fund matches from October 31 to November 13.

Irish Guards v. "Pensioners".

Chelsea directors do not usually let the weeds sprout under their feet, but perhaps they never made a better move than when they engaged the band of the Irish Guards to play at their home matches.

To Restart.

Carshalton F.C. have decided to restart operations. The first eleven have entered for the Southern Amateur League and A.F.A. Senior Cup. Most of the old members are available, including W. P. Gann, G. M. Reay, and F. W. Buckland.

Olympic Trainer.

Walter Brickett, the trainer of the British Olympic swimming team, and a fine all-round athlete, is promoting a swimming gala at Kentish Town Baths on September 22. The 440 yards Southern Counties championships will be one of the features.

Veteran Turns out.

George Boots, the veteran Welsh Rugby forward, is going to turn out again this season, and will captain Newport's second fifteen.

More Pay.

Southern League referees will have more to draw from clubs in future. Their fee has been increased from one guinea to £1 11s. 6d., plus expenses.

Doncaster Features.

A breakdown in the weather; three winners for Taylor as a sort of consolation for the defeat of Buchan, and another brilliant victory for Diadem were the features of Doncaster's concluding stage.

Hockey Amalgamation.

The Richmond and Kingston Hill Hockey Clubs have decided upon amalgamation. They will play on the Richmond cricket ground, and will run four teams each week. Mr. Lindsay Holt, the captain, predicts a boom in hockey this season.

Famous Links.

North Berwick, which is crowded with golfers, used to be the favourite holiday links of Mr. A. J. Balfour until the "mobbing" to which he was subjected became insupportable. When he was Irish Secretary detectives used to follow him round.

To Race Again.

The fact that Sir William Bass gave 550gs. for a Lomond filly—Saindoux appears to indicate that that the one-time owner of Sceptre and other famous animals is again going in for racing.

A Model Handbook.

The Great Western Suburban League have issued a model handbook, which reflects great cricket on the compiler, Hon. Secretary W. G. Gough. It contains the rules, fixtures, list of referees, and other useful information.

Warm Time for Spurs.

Tottenham Hotspur would appear to be in for a warm time when they play Bristol City in Second League matches. "Wait till the City get hold of them," writes a Bristolian. "All local boys bar Howarth. Not a collection from the United Kingdom."

Haki's Improvement.

The wonderful improvement made by Haki has been one of the features of the season. Incidentally, he forms a glaring illustration that it is not always necessary to pay fabulous prices for good horses. Less than a year ago he cost no more than 820 guineas, and his victories this season inlude the Ascot Stakes, the Goodwood Plate and the Prince Edward Handicap.

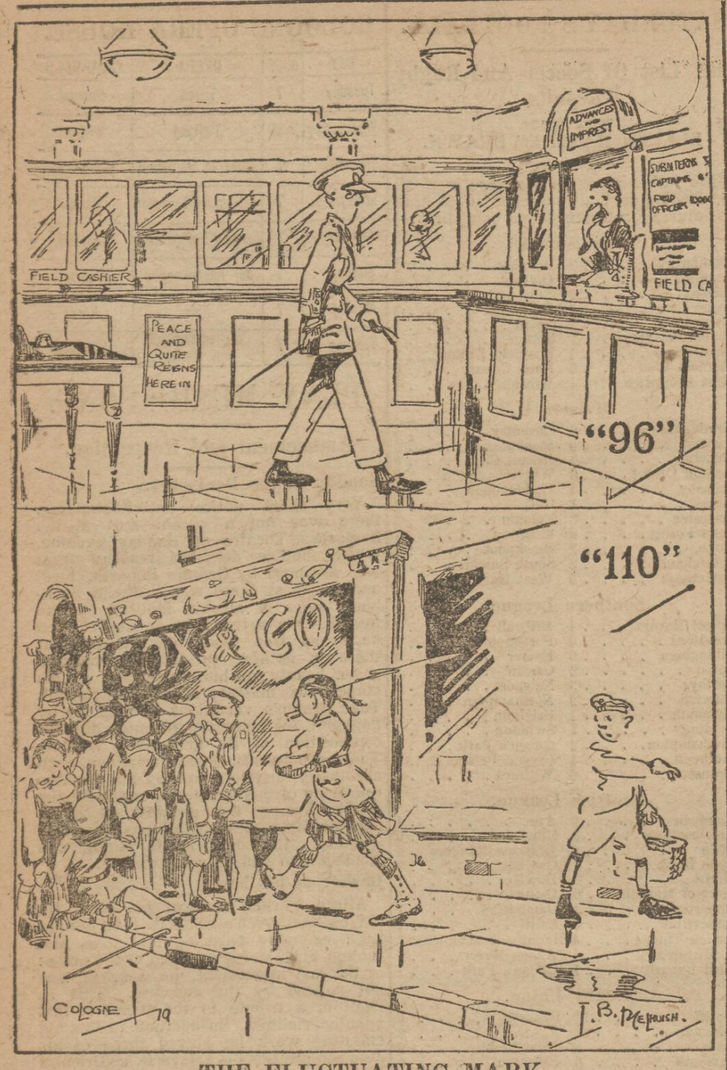

THE FLUCTUATING MARK.

Sometures the above situation is completel reversed.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Where "Polly" Comes From.

Those who have travelled on the railway from Bonn to Coblenz may have noticed the little town of Apollinarisberg, just before Remagen is reached. This small place is noted for its "Apollinarisbrunnen" a spring impregnated with Carbonic Acid Gas, and discovered in 1851. It is exploited by the English Apollinaris Company Ltd., which has made Apollinaris wares familiar throughout the world, thirty million bottles being exported annually before the war. Special permission is, we believe, necessary for a visit to the extensive bottling works.

The Blindfold Maiden.

A reader says that when visiting Treves last week-end, his attention was drawn to part of the sculpture on the porch of the Liebfrauenkirche. A maiden was depicted, blindfolded, with a crown in the act of slipping off her head. The effect was so strange that it aroused his curiosity as to the history or legend which gave the idea to the old-time sculptor. He asks if any readers can enlighten him as to its origin.

Touching.

It happened at the Divisional Cinema, Solingen, the other night. The play was an oriental tragedy, and to say the best, was full of heart-throbbing and emotional interest. It told the story of an English woman married to a Chinaman, who, when their child was born, callously took it away from its mother and caused it to be reared in Chinese manner. The result was that the poor mother went out of her mind and took to nursing an ugly wooden doll. Twenty five years were supposed to elapse, and the next scene showed the wild-eyed mother in an untidy condition, still hugging the doll. It was all very sad, and heart-stirring and the quietness in the hall was intense. Suddenly the silence was broken by a voice which very audibly exclaimed, "Blimey! the blighter hasn't grown much in 25 years, 'as it, eh?" This unexpected remark caused those within hearing of the speaker to nearly double up with laughter.

Nightmares.

It is difficult for minds bred on old traditions to decide what the latest developments of the young school in Germany mean to them. The violence, aggressiveness and crudity of decoration that one sees about one, existed before the war, but they have developed enormously since, and they exercise a certain fascination. One decides, however, that it would be nightmare to live in a house furnished and decorated by the young German artist, though some of the decorations and hangings are refreshingly bright. Those whose interest in these things goes beyond a casual glance at street posters, may spend an interesting hour in looking at the latest productions of Munich in some Cologne bookshops.

The German Way.

An idea which is the essence of simplicity is adopted by Germans in order to bring to the public notice what is and what is not the correct form of speech. It is brought to everyone's notice by the use of transfers affixed to various parts of the street cars.

The transfers are about eight by six inches in size. They contain a list of common words which are misnamed and the common slang or dialectic words side by side. The whole surmounts a couplet which exhorts people who consider themselves to be German to show that they are German by speaking their native language correctly.

There are several parts of England in which a similar method might be adopted with advantage. The places referred to are of course those which possess a dialect which is to the Man in the Street practically unintelligible until he has been in the neighbourhood for some time.

Re-Echoes.

There was a general rush for the Rhine on Saturday and the bathing crowds were much larger than usual. The bank at certain points resembled a crowded seaside resort.

How many English ladies on the Rhine find the German cup of tea unsatisfying? From comments we have overheard an English café in the best sense of the word would be welcome. The sloppy delicacies offered for sale fall very short of the English standard.

In Cologne, as at home, watchmakers have plenty of work on hand. A month is asked for to complete a simple repair to a watch.

If it is possible to retain a coach for the use of English officers and men going Ostend way, why cannot a similar arrangement be come to for the journey from Ostend to Cologne? This is a question put to us by a correspondent.

"Pity these fellows cannot speak German" said one of Teuton ilk in a tramcar the other night. Yet when he was addressed in his own language he was surprised. Of course, he was apologetic.

Is it a sign of the times that a tram conductor was to be seen yesterday holding up a file of males in order to allow several fräuleins to board his car? As a class, tram conductors are most obliging.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's winners are Sergt. C.W. Young, Army Science College, Bonn and Cpl. E.M. Fisher D. of S. and T., G.H.Q. Rhine Army.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

The Shah.—The Shah and his suite are now staying at Interlaken.

Charges increased.—Swiss telephone and telegraph charges are to be increased.

Dearer Toffee.—A confectioner says toffee is to be dearer this autumn.

Cheap houses.—Ebbw Vale District Council have decided to erect 3,000 houses. Rentals are fixed at 10s. 6d. per week.

Women Journalists.—Lady Northcliffe is to be president of the Society of Women Journalists.

New British Two-Seater. — A new British light car is to be placed on the market to sell complete at 110 guineas.

Weather Strike.—"Pussyfoot" weather is responsible for the shutting down of many works at Llanelly.

A City of Gloom.—Berlin will wear a gloomy look during the coming winter months.

Cholera.—An outbreak of cholera has occurred at Honau; over 200 deaths have taken place in ten days.

The Gleaning Bell. — The "Gleaning Bell" is still rung at Farnham, to notify the commencement of gleaning.

Boston Police.—Serious disorders occurred at Boston following a strike of the entire police force.

Yet another.—A general strike has been called at Marseilles by the departmental federation of workmen's unions.

The Peruvian Way.—The Peruvian Government has ordered the arrest of a number of political leaders.

Bristol Wool.—With the Government control ended, Bristol half-yearly wool fair has been revived.

Watch-chain "Seasons."—Season-tickets to hang on the watch-chain are the latest innovation on the Metropolitan Railway.

After the Cloth.—German merchants are buying all the British cloth they can lay their hands on.

Resigned. — Lord Londonderry has resigned his commission in the Royal Horse Guards.

Cheaper Boots Soon.—Boots and shoes may be considerably cheaper in the near future.

Transatlantic Air Stamps.—The famous postage stamp souvenir of the trans-Atlantic flight has been sold for £210.

Off to the States.—One by one, our English stage favourites slip over to the States. Miss Blanche Tomlin is the latest.

Corinthians Again.—Those famous football amateurs, the Corinthians, are to be revived this winter.

Retiring Judge.—Judge Gent is to retire from his work in the county courts of Cornwall.

A Binyon Play.—The play which Mr. Martin Harvey is to produce in London is by Mr. Lawrence Binyon.

The "Ref's" Recompense. In the general advance of football wages, the referee has not been forgotten.

Gaiety Profits.—The Gaiety Theatre Company reports a profit for the year 21,633 12s. 5d; a dividend of 15 per cent is to be declared.

Prohibited.—The import of German pork into Belgium is prohibited.

Fatal Swim.—A Catholic priest, when shooting from a boat on a lake in County Cavan, entered the water for a swim and was drowned.

Great Empire Exhibition.—The British Empire Exhibition, 1921, has now received official recognition through the Board of Trade.

Pinero's new Play.—Sir Arthur Pinero has completed a new comedy. It is called "Quick Work", and the first production will be in New York.

A new League.—Sir Abe Bailey was unanimously elected president of the new South African League for combating the Asiatic menace.

Not True.—There is no truth in the statement that a secret agreement exists between his Majesty's Government and the Government of North-West Russia.

Big Fire.—In a fire at St. Ouen-sur-Seine, which destroyed a repair shop for trucks, damage to the extent of £48,000 was caused.

What Britain Lost.—How many people know that General Smuts, now Prime Minister of South Africa, nearly became a potential Premier of Great Britain?

Food Control.—The housewife will find food control about as stringent this winter as it was during the worst of the war.

Shunter to Captain.—A former railway shunter, of Monmouthshire, has been promoted a captain in the Indian Army.

Alarming. — A party of bathers at St. Leonards were startled to find a dead girl floating beside them near the beach.

Services Rendered.—Lady Mar and Kellie has been given a silver inkstand in recognition of her services to the Red Cross.

The Cost.—Each house when completed under the auspices of the Housing Department will cost the Government £10 a year, on an average.

A Four in Hand.—For the first time in the history of the Zoo, four Lamas, trained by the head keeper, took children for a drive the other day.

"Chinks" and "Fags."—An enormous business in exporting Virginia cigarettes to China is being done. These are for consumption by the natives.

P. M. Back.—When the Prime Minister got to Downing-street he found the tape-machine had been taken away. This is one of the economies put in force.

Where Bishops Differ.—A question in ecclesiastical circles just now is that of the interchange of pulpits between Anglicans and Nonconformists.

Revived.—Victorian women must have had some good ideas, for not a month passes but one of their fashions seems to be revived.

Closing.—The Horse Shoe Inn, once familiar in the old coaching days to passengers between London and Holyhead, ceases to supply thirsty travellers after this month.

VANITY FAIR.

A Feature For The British Woman In Rhineland.

Meeting the Profiteer.

The one-time unthinkable and unimagined has happened. Washing suspended from a line has been seen in broad daylight in the garden of a Park-lane mansion. This is surely the thick end of the wedge? A sign of the times is the steady "undercutting" of the laundries by enterprising old ladies in country villages. These old ladies remember their girlhood days, when they helped their mothers to "wash." Tentatively it has been suggested to them that they might like to earn "a bit extra." And they have jumped at the suggestion. Some of them had not very much to do; they were regarded as very decidedly on the shelf. But the call of the tub has done much to banish the disabilities of age. They are in process of becoming girls again—merry girls who laugh and gossip at the wash-tub. They cannot work as fast as the laundries, but their prices are reasonable, and therefore they are assured of as much work as they want.

On Brushing The Hair.

It is astonishing how many people, to whom the morning tub is an institution as fixed as the laws of the Medes and Persians, nevertheless fail to recognise the necessity of equal cleanliness in the matter of the hair. The skin is everywhere being renewed hour by hour and the dead particles removed by washing and by friction, a process which is just as continuous on the scalp as anywhere else, and obviously here they need more assistance for their removal than elsewhere, more especially if the hair is thick or inclined to be greasy.

Ventilation Of The Scalp.

But apart either from the question of cleanliness or of the desirable gloss produced on the hair itself by brushing there is another purpose to be served—i.e., ventilation. Light and air are essential to the health of all growing organisms, and hair, falling under this category, naturally requires regular brushing in order to enable the roots to be thoroughly ventilated. It is always best to brush the hair in the mornings rather than at night, as when one is tired the muscles beneath the skin relax, and vigorous brushing will then cause the hair to come out. Finally, the kind of brush used is important; long bristles set wide apart are good for heavy, straight hair, while short ones set close are better adapted for curly locks.

Cheaper Dresses.

Women customers of the West End shops have been pleasantly surprised to find that the prices of costumes, street dresses, and blouses have started to drop. Well-made coats and skirts, which would have cost £10 10s. or £11 11s. last spring, can now be bought for £8 8s. or £9 9s.; blouses, although still high priced in some of the more exclusive establishments, are selling for much less than formerly in the larger stores, while under-clothes are 25 per cent. cheaper. Garments which sold readily at £3 are now offered at £2 and less. "Now that a decline in prices has set in," writes the manager of a large West End establishment," I think it will continue steadily. The only articles which remain unaffected by the falling prices are hats, evening dresses, and gloves. Hats particularly are still fetching fantastic sums."

Stick To It.

Women have got to find their job in life, and do it and stick to it. Those who make mistakes of choice are wise to change the nature of their employment; but such changes should not be made merely from freak of desire to do "something different," or merely because somebody else peculiarly fitted for it makes a success of a job. The post-war restlessness which has attacked women, and which is spreading among them, is a dangerous growth, and one which needs to be watched for and guarded against. It is one thing for a woman to be a pioneer and to have the courage of her convictions; but a woman who is constantly jumping from one sort of work to another like a cat on hot bricks injures the mass of women workers.

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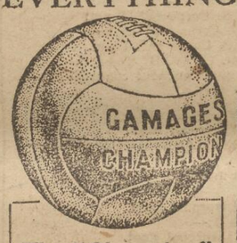

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No. 2. OFFICERS HOLDING APPOINTMENTS.

NEW PAY WARRANT.

SECOND ARTICLE OF THE SERIES.

Yesterday we gave the bare scales of pay granted by the New Pay Warrant which apply to the bulk of the Army. The figures stated were the minimum rates, which in very many cases are augmented. In order that everyone may have a clear understanding of what he is entitled to—and a large number of queries on the matter have already reached us—we shall publish (not necessarily in sequence) such details of the new Warrant as affect the Army of the Rhine.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

Among the general conditions attached to the Royal Warrant are the following:

2. In any case in which transfer from the rates of pay and allowances hitherto in force to the new rates involves a loss of emoluments, the officer may continue in receipt of the rates of pay and allowances hitherto in force until such time as, on change of appointment or on account of increment or promotion, or abolition of special war emoluments (e.g., Army of Occupation bonus), the new rates are equal to or exceed the old. An officer who has once accepted the new rates of pay or half-pay will not be allowed to revert to the old rates.

3. The new rates will not be taken into account in the assessment of gratuities under Article 497, Pay Warrant, under the Royal Warrant of 10th February, 1919 (published in Army Order 85 of 1919) or in accordance with the terms of any special contract in connection with service during the Great War. Where dependent upon rates of pay, these gratuities will be calculated on the rates of pay in force prior to 1st July, 1919.

4. For the most part consolidated rates of pay are abolished and in such cases staff officers, in common with regimental and departmental officers, will be eligible to draw allowances under the usual conditions according to the classification of their appointments, or according to their ranks if not otherwise classified.

5. Engineer and corps pay under the new scheme will be drawn only by such officers of the Royal Engineers and Royal Army Service Corps as qualify for these additional emoluments under the conditions laid down in the tables appended hereto.

6. The following are abolished for all officers who draw the rates of pay and allowances provided in this Warrant:—

(a) Guards pay.
(b) Armament pay.
(c) Special rates for officers commissioned from the ranks.
(d) The bonus for the Armies of Occupation granted by Army Order 54 of 1919.
(e) Children's allowance as from 1st January, 1920, for all officers whether they draw the new rates or continue to draw those in force prior to 1st July, 1919.

Up to 31st December, 1919, officers will not become ineligible for children's allowance by reason of the fact that the increase in pay may raise their emoluments beyond the limits laid down for the grant of the allowance. The same ranks and Staff grades and classes as are now eligible will continue to be eligible.

7. Additional pay, extra-duty pay, working pay, charge pay and specialist pay.—The existing rates and conditions will continue for the present, except when specifically modified by the present Warrant, but are subject to early revision. The rate will be reduced by the amount of armament pay hitherto applicable to the rank.

The additional 1s. a day for the senior major and the 5s., &c., a day for adjutants, provided in the existing Warrant, will continue to be issuable.

8. Command pay.—The rates hitherto in force are doubled, unless otherwise specifically provided for by the present Warrant.

9. Rewards for distinguished or meritorious service.—The future application of the funds now provided to meet the cost of rewards under Article 633, Pay Warrant, is under consideration.

10. This Warrant does not apply to officers of the West African Regiment or of the Royal Malta Artillery, to non-European officers, or to any officers who, although drawing consolidated rates of pay, are not specifically provided for in this Warrant. Such officers will, pending further instructions, continue to draw pay and allowances under the Warrants hitherto in force.

Note. The expression "total service" means "commissioned service on full pay," and the expression "service as such" means "full pay service in the rank indicated."

Normal rates of pay for Combatant officers [Table I appeared in yesterdays issue.]

Table II. Pay of Quartermasters, Riding masters, Directors of Music, Commissaries, Deputy Commissaries and Assistant Commissaries of Ordnance, Assistant Inspectors of Ordnance Machinery, Assistant Inspectors of Armourers, Assistant Inspectors of Royal Engineer Machinery, Assistant Paymasters, Inspectors of Army Schools.

Service	Pay per day. Pay
On appointment	19s. 0d.
After 4 years' service	21s. 0d.
After 8 years' service	23s. 0d.
After 12 years' service	25s. 0d.
After 15 years' service	30s. 0s.
When specially promoted Lieutenant Colonel	35s. 0s.

The conditions of existing Warrants as regards the promotion of these officers will continue to apply, with the exception that all these officers other than Commissaries, Deputy Commissaries and Assistant Commissaries of Ordnance will be eligible for promotion to the rank of Captain after 8 years' commissioned service on full pay instead of after 10 years, as at present laid down.

Table III concerns War Office Staff.

Table IV. The rates of pay of officers holding appointments specified in this table will in all cases be those laid down and will not vary according to the rank of the holder. Similarly, allowances will be drawn on the classification of the appointment as shown.

A.—Pay of Officers in Command—

Rank	Pay per day £	s.	d.	
General Officer Commanding, 1st Class	8	10		(1)
General Officer Commanding, 2nd Class	7	10		(2)
Major-General's Appointment	5			(3)
General Officer Commanding Troops, Jersey and Guernsey (holding appointment as Lieutenant-Governor)	5			(3)
Divisional Commander, T.F.	5			(3)
Brigade-Commander	3	4	6	(4)
Other Brigadier-Generals	3	4	6	(4)
Commander of Royal Garrison Artillery	3	3		(5)
Officer Commanding a District	2	12	6	(5)
Officer Commanding a T.F. Mounted Brigade a T.F. Brigade and T.F. Divisional Artillery (other than an officer commanding a regiment of Foot Guards)	*1,000 per annum consolidated. (*Inclusive of all allowances except field and travelling, with no free issues in kind.)			

Rank	Pay per day £	s.	d.	
General's Appointment	7			(1)
Lieutenant-General's Appointment	6			(2)
Major-General's Appointment	4	10		(3)
Brigadier-General's appointment (except Brigadier-General, c Administration)	3	4	6	(4)

(The figures in parentheses denote classification for allowances.)

PROBLEM OF SYRIA.

RECONCILING THE DIFFERENCES OF FRIENDS.

Mr. Lloyd George has returned to Paris from Deauville and, assisted by Lord Allenby, will confer with the French Government respecting the future of Syria.

One great difficulty lies in the attitude of the Arabs, who, in common with all the Mohammedan people, are impatient of European control.

The Arabs, like the French, are our Allies, and British policy must be directed towards finding a method of reconciling the differences of friends.

In connection with the Conference Pertinax writes in the "Echo de Paris": "The definite settlement of the Syrian question is probably impracticable as long as the whole Turkish problem remains unsettled. But without further delay there should be a provisional settlement on the following lines:—The recall of the British troops, which occupy both the direct and indirect administrative zone alloted to France in 1916, and the acceptance of the principle that in these two zones the Emir Faisul must do busines only with us in the matter of subsidies. These measures will place us, as regards the Arabs, on a footing of equality with Great Britain."

USING SIR J. BYNG'S FUND.

How General Sir Julian Byng's travelling committee of six will assist him to allot £250,000 for the benefit of ex-service men in Greater London was explained by the members in conference.

The Borough of Camberwell was the first to be approached, and the mayor at once volunteered to be first chairman of the local committee, appointed from ex-service men in the borough, to draw up a scheme of requirements, and they will not be hampered in any respect. Should they desire to have a social club, a swimming bath, a library, an athletic club, it shall be theirs, the only stipulation being that it shall be open to every ex-service man, irrespective of his organisation, creed, or politics. Other boroughs which have been approached in similar fashion are Lewisham, Deptford, Bethnal Green, Stepney, and Islington. More will follow as quickly as possible.

TO THE NATION.

PREMIER'S PLEA FOR A NEW WORLD.

The Prime Minister has addressed the subjoined message to the people of Britain through the medium of "The Future," a national publication issued with Mr. Lloyd George's authority:—

"Millions of gallant young men have fought for the New World. Hundreds of thousands died to establish it. If we fail to honour the promise given to them we dishonour ourselves.

"What does a new world mean? What was the old world like? It was a world where toil for myriads of honest workers, men and women, purchased nothing better than squalor, penury, anxiety, and wretchedness. A world scarred by slums and disgraced by sweating, where unemployment through the vicissitudes of industry brought despair to multitudes of humble homes. A world where, side by side with want, there was waste of the inexhaustible riches of the earth, partly through ignorance and want of forethought, partly through entrenched selfishness.

"If we renew the lease of that world we shall betray the heroic dead. We shall be guilty of the basest perfidy that ever blackened a people's fame. Nay, we shall store up retribution for ourselves and for our children. The old world must and will come to an end. No effort can shore it up much longer. If there be any who feel inclined to maintain it, let them beware lest it fall upon them and overwhelm them and their households in ruin.

"It should be the sublime duty of all, without thought of partisanship, to help in building up the new world where labour shall have its just reward and indolence alone shall suffer want."

"RUTHLESS ECONOMY."

SPLENDID CREATIONS TO BE SCRAPPED.

The Prime Minister has sent a letter to the First Lord of the Admiralty, who is now visiting the dockyards and other naval establishments. Mr. Lloyd George says:—

"It is always an unwelcome task to dispense with the services of men and women who have rendered real service to the country in a time of emergency. It must go to their heart to see the splendid creations of their hard endeavours put by and scrapped, but I know that the patriotic spirit which inspired them to build up will also enable them to face the winding up of enterprises and efforts to which they must be greatly attached.

"When the expenditure of the country as a result of the war debt and war pensions must necessarily be very high, we are driven to economise ruthlessly in every direction. Please explain to these loyal men and women that if we dispense with their services it does not mean any want of gratitude on the part of the Empire for what they have accomplished."

BELGIUM AND HOLLAND.

EARLY UNDERSTANDING PROBABLE.

At a meeting of the Commission for the revision of the 1839 Treaties, M. Swinderen, the Dutch delegate, announced that Holland would support the interpretation formulated by the President. The Commission reached a complete understanding as to the procedure to be followed in deciding the various questions. Belgian and Dutch delegates will meet with experts to consider formulas relating to navigable waterways. Questions concerning the security of Belgium will be considered by the whole commission, which commences the examination of such questions at its next sitting.

An official Note communicated by the Peace Conference allows it to be understood that a spirit of conciliation tends to prevail in Holland. According to special information received, the instructions given by Holland to her delegates are less rigid than formerly. It is believed there is a possibility of soon finding the ground for an understanding. The view which seems to prevail consists in allowing freedom of navigation in the Scheldt for Belgian vessels and even warships. The provision of buoys and beacons would be entrusted to the Belgians, and all Dutch fortifications would be destroyed, including the forts at Flushing.

CANADA AND PEACE.

PARLIAMENT APPROVES TREATY.

The Canadian Parliament has unanimously adopted a resolution approving the ratification of the Peace Treaty. Before taking this action the House rejected a reservation moved by Mr. Fielding, ex-Finance Minister, to the effect that nothing in the Treaty or the League of Nations Covenant should impair the sovereignty of the autonomous authority of the Dominion Parliament. In the course of his speech Mr. Fielding declared that Canada's part in the Peace Conference was a colossal humbug, because she was not a nation and never could be a nation. Major Power, member for Quebec, urged the rejection of the Treaty because the claims of Ireland were not heard.

VICTORY LOAN.

KING'S FLAG WON BY SCOTTISH BURGH.

North Britain has secured a great triumph in the Victory Loan contest for the flag offered by the King for the city, borough, or urban district which had the highest average subscription per head of population.

The burgh of Dornoch, which is as far north almost as it is possible to go, heads the list with the fine average of £272 per head, beating the City of Westminster, whose average was £180 per head.

But that is not all. Fourth on the list is Edinburgh, fifth is Falkland, a Fifeshire burgh with a few spinning mills; six is Troon, the Ayrshire seaport and resort; eighth is Stornoway, the great fishing centre in the Outer Hebrides; ninth is Melrose, known to all tourists; eleventh is Haddington, centre of the great agricultural district of East Lothian; and twelfth is Duns, the county town of Berwickshire—eight names in the first twelve!

The other four are such large and wealthy centres as Westminster, Liverpool, Holborn, and Maidstone, the county town of Kent.

The King has signified his intention of presenting the flag to the Provost of Dornoch.

During the campaign his Majesty promised a second flag to the city borough, or urban district showing the largest number of individual subscribers to the Loan in proportion to the population. As it was found impossible to secure sufficient and accurate information on which to base such an award the King has approved the suggestion of the Chancellor of the Exchequer that the second flag shall be presented to the Borough of Westminster. His Majesty will present this flag to the Mayor of Westminster after his return to London.

AMERICA'S VETO.

MR. WILSON ON BRITAIN'S VOTES.

President Wilson has delivered a speech at Spokave in which he replied to the objection that Great Britain would have a preponderance of voting power on the League of Nations.

He said any possible danger on that score was removed by the fact that the decisions of the League must be unanimous. This was the only way the League Assembly could decide important questions. The opposition to the Covenant was that it was a Covenant arranged for the dominance of Britain, based upon the fact that in the Assembly six units of the British Empire were represented, whereas the United States had only one. "Alike in the Assembly and in the Council," declared the President "the vote of the United States is an absolute veto. We can always veto and always offset with one vote the British six votes. I must say I look with perfect philosophy on the difference in the number of votes."

WOMEN ATTACKED.

ASSAILANT TRACKED BY BLOODHOUNDS.

Two outrages on women, committed on a lonely road near Tring, and the tracking of the assailant by a bloodhound, are reported. The first victim, a Miss Grange, the seventeen years old daughter of a farmer and corn merchant, was pushing her bicycle up a hill when a young man rushed out and struck her. She screamed and struggled and the man eventually made off. The following afternoon an elderly woman, Miss Carter, employed as a cook in Tring, was found unconscious on the roadside, with her head battered. A blood-spattered stone was beside her. She was taken to a nursing home at Tring, where she lies in a serious condition.

A bloodhound was employed to track the assailant. The animal picked up the scent after some hesitation and followed it two miles to a farmhouse. The police subsequently detained a young man named Eggleton. He has recently been demobilized, and is a labourer and the son of a small farmer.

DREAM DELUSIONS.

CAUSE OF A TRAGEDY.

Hearing the sound of firing, the policeman on duty at Canada Dock gate Liverpool went towards the quarter from which it came and saw Samuel Emmett, a young dock labourer, lying on the ground groaning and in great pain. There was blood on his shirt.

Asked if he knew who shot him, he said he had never seen the man before. He died in hospital.

Harry Theman, chief engineer of the American steamship Victorious, went up to another policeman and said: "I shot him; the revolver is in my pocket." He was arrested, and at Bridewell he said: "I had a dream last night. I saw my dead mother, my grandmother and my aunt, and they told me if I went into the street and saw a desperate burglar I had to shoot him, and then I would go to Heaven."

A verdict of Wilful Murder was returned against Theman, who was later remanded.

KISSED THE WITNESSES.

A soldier who was committed for trial at Thetford on a charge of bigamy received permission to speak to the witnesses. A policeman informed the court when he returned that he had kissed them all.

IMPERIAL UNITY.

MAKING AMENDS FOR PAST NEGLECT.

Writing in "The Future," the new national publication, Lord Milner, Secretary for the Colonies, says: "The encouragement of trade within the Empire and the progressive improvement of means of communication by sea and air are the methods by which we must seek to strengthen the community of interests which is the only sure foundation of imperial unity. The time may come when one or more of the British Dominions will equal or even surpass the United Kingdom in wealth and population, as they already surpass it in geographical extent. For want of transport, for want of capital, for want of training, many races of the Empire are not producing one tithe of what they could easily produce. More enterprise, more vigour, more initiative in developing this great estate for the benefit of its inhabitants and for our own people here at home are urgently called for. This side of our imperial responsibilities has been too much neglected in the past. It is the intention, as it is the duty, of the Government to make amends for that neglect. The six million loan for the Sudan, just approved by Parliament, the agricultural progress already effected in Mesopotamia, the projected railway extension in East and West Africa are illustrations of this forward policy. The restoration of peace renders a great increase of such activities possible. Opportunities for them are almost infinite, and the examples of Egypt and Nigeria show with what phenomenal rapidity they produce splendid results. Side by side with the suppression of waste must go the constructive work which is necessary to increase production, and there is no more promising field for such work than the huge undeveloped areas of the British Empire.

RHINELAND CENTRUM.

CONGRESS AT COLOGNE.

On Monday a congress of the Rhineland Centre Party was opened in the Bürgergesellschaft in Cologne. The ministers Dr. Bell and Stegerwald were present. Deputy Trimborn explained the policy of the Centre Party, which can be summed up in the two following points: (1) The Centre Party has accepted the Republic as basis of the state system; (2), the Centre Party has formed the Government in collaboration with the Socialists.

On the first point the Centre Party becomes the adversary of the Nationalists who remain faithful to the monarchy. "We condemn the Revolution," said Deputy Trimborn, "not because it caused our defeat, for the war was already lost, but because the Revolution had a very unfavourable influence on the armistice and peace. To-day many people are afraid that the winter will bring with it a recurrence of Spartacist disorders, because the Revolution has destroyed all discipline in the German people. However, we accepted the Republic which was born of the Revolution, because it was the only way to save the Fatherland. We made peace possible by the creation of a Government able to negotiate."

The Deputy then spoke of the co-operation of the Centre with the Socialists, saying that the black and red block was the best guarantee for the holding together of the Empire. As regarded foreign policy they must try to live in good relations with their neighbours. "We must follow the policy of a League of Nations, not a policy of hatred." He concluded his speech with some remarks about the interior policy of Germany, the question of the Rhineland and the finances of the Empire.

SHARING OUT GERMAN SHIPS.

The Paris "Journal" says: "The allocation of German vessels will probably be discussed at the next meeting of the Allied Supreme Council. The large vessels, which aggregate 188,000 tons, number 10. They have been used for the repatriation of American troops by contract, and the working of them was entrusted to the United States. The contract has now expired, as the task of repatriation has been completed.

"France has been compelled to suspend all shipbuilding during the war, and she likes to think that the Allies, who have maintained and in certain cases even increased their tonnage since 1914, will bear this particular situation in mind."

BOLSHEVIST REPULSE.

The War Office announces that the volunteer army under General Wrengeed, after a successful defence of Tsaritsin against the Bolshevists on the Volga (General Denikin's front) has repulsed the enemy and taken ten thousand prisoners.

FOOTPADS' ROPE TRAP.

While cycling home the other night, Arthur Sweetmore, 17, son of a Macclesfield tradesman, was thrown from his machine by a rope fastened across the road at Cheney Gate, five miles from Macclesfield. Two men came from a field and sat on him while they took from his pockets a £1 note and three 10s. notes, leaving him with 1s 7d. The police are said to have a clue to their identity.

1921 EXHIBITION.

RESOURCES OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

For some time past a movement has been in progress towards the organisation of an exhibition of industries, inventions, products and raw materials of the British Empire, to be held in 1921. A large and influential meeting was recently held in London, attended by the Premiers, High Commissioners and representatives of the overseas dependencies and others interested in the scheme. A resolution was carried that an exhibition on the above lines would be the best means of firmly binding together the peoples of the British Empire and restoring its commercial and financial supremacy to its original position. It has been decided that the exhibition shall be held under the auspices of the British Government, the Prime Minister being president of the Council, Mr. Bonar Law vice-president and Mr. Walter Long president of the administrative committee. Extensive preparations are being made throughout the Empire, and to ensure complete representation local committees have been formed in most of the large centres of industry. No exhibition previously held has had the advantage of such influential support. The British Empire Exhibition will offer the opportunity of demonstrating the magnitude of British resources at the time when such demonstration is most needed.

"A SILLY LITTLE PUSS."

GIRL'S REMARK AFTER SHOOTING HERSELF.

"Am I not a silly little puss for doing this?" remarked Mabel Venn, 22, daughter of a Coventry licensed victualler, just before she died from self-inflicted wounds. Her father stated at the inquest that the girl had assisted in his business. Three weeks ago she cried, and said she wished she were more useful, and he told her to dismiss such thoughts, as he valued her services highly. She was brighter afterwards, but later she shot herself in the left side with a revolver, which he had secured for protection during the recent Coventry riots.—Mr. Venn admitted that his daughter had a young man, but there was no trouble in this respect, as he thought a good deal of him.—The coroner, remarking that the circumstances pointed to a sudden mental breakdown, returned a verdict of "Suicide while temporarily insane."

COMPLAINTS TRIBUNALS.

Any member of the public who has legitimate cause for thinking that a tradesman is charging an unfair profit can complain to his local committee which will investigate the grievance. If the tradesman can satisfy the authorities that he is charging only a reasonable profit, the burden of proof is shifted to the wholesaler, who will have to convince the central committee that he is innocent.

Mr. McCurdy, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Food, in a speech on the Act, said that although profiteering might not be the most serious cause of high prices, it was certainly the most irritating.

WORK FOR DISABLED.

Complete details of the national scheme for the employment on a percentage basis, of disabled ex-service men which was outlined a few weeks ago have been issued by the Ministry of Labour.

Nearly seven-eighths of these men are already employed, and the memorandum states that it is urgently necessary in the national interest that the remainder—about 100,000—should be absorbed into industry.

Every employer in the United Kingdom who employs ten or more workers is urged to undertake to employ as many disabled ex-service men as possible, with a minimum of 5 per cent. of his total establishment.

MUTINY VETERAN'S DAILY PINT.

An Indian Mutiny veteran, John Richardson, 94, was recently presented with the replica of a war medal which he lost many years ago. The investiture took place at the Bermondsey workhouse, where he has been an inmate for 25 years. Anxious to mark the occasion, the master (Mr. Butcher) asked the aged warrior what he would like for the remainder of his days. "Well," said the old man, "I should like a drop of beer occasionally." Mr. Butcher replied: "You shall have a pint a day for the remainder of your life." The veteran quaffed his first pint with great relish.

SENTRY ATTACKED.

Hearing shots in the early hours of the morning, the guard at Uxbridge Armament School turned out and found the sentry at the transport entrance lying on the ground in a serious condition, as the result, apparently, of blows on the head.

A thorough search of the district was made, but without success. It is believed that the attack on the sentry was made by motor thieves who wished to steal one of the vehicles belonging to the school.

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Capt. Flynn's	Billet Doux
Lt. Mason's	Daylight
Major Eden's	Betty
Lt. Young's	Fidget
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2.45. **THE ALMA STEEPLECHASE.**
About 2 Miles.

Major Cobb's	Ray
Lt Travers'	Ballintaggart
Lt. Muskett's	Hiawatha
Lt. Davies'	I Wonder
Lt. Col. Thorburn's	Paddy II
Major Bather's	Bobby
Lt. Col Terrot's	Sindorf Lad.
Lt Col. Brooke's	Stamon
Lt. Campbell Russell's	Remember Me.
Lt. Col Alban's	Agag
Capt. L. Learmonth's	Tango
Capt. Stanyforth's	Tim
Capt. Stanyforth's	So Long
Major Hewer's	Old King Cole
Lt. M Weaver's	Ruby Light
Lt. Drew's	Splinter
Major Atkinson's	Grey Bird
Lt. Killeen's	Circe
Major-Gen. Tudor's	Polly Dear
Capt. McCullough's	Light Brigade
Capt. Humfrey's	Maori
Major Lord's	Greater Britain
Lt. Petge's	Patricia
Lt. Campbell's	Footman
Lt. Alcock's	Nile R
Major Morrison's	Old Man
Capt. Eckstein's	Mike II
Lt. Tait's	Sticks
Lt. Parsons'	The Parrot
Lt. Lambkin's	Pretty Jane
Capt. Eckstein's	Bowman
Capt. Maxwell's	Patchwork

THE DELHI PLATE.
3.30. (Second-Division).
5 Furlongs straight.

Capt. Montgomery's	Vulcanite
Lt. Kemmis'	Jingling Geordie
Major Hewer's	Pongo
Capt. L. Learmonth's	Tango
Lt.-Col Alban's	Not Lost
Capt. Terry's	Harmony
Major Martin's	Peach
Lt. Dutton's	Tiny III
Lt. Slade's	Aeroplane
Capt. Brumwell's	Gordelphus
Capt. Lewis'	Squirrel
Major S. Smith's	Fife G.
Major Lemon's	Why Not
Capt. Thorpe's	Kitty
Capt. Mathew's	The Apostle
Capt. W. Maxwell's	Patchwork
Major Kerr's	Polly III
Lt. Rees'	Geelong

4.15 **THE HANDLEY CROSS STEEPLECHASE.**
About 2½ miles.

Lt. R. Usher's	Golden Sunset	13. 0
Lt. Coles'	Rednal	11.10
Capt. Birkenshaw-Idle's	Firefly III	11. 7
Lt. Anderton's	Ugly	11. 4
Maj.-Gen. Tudor's	Polly Dear	10.12
Capt. Eckstein's	Mike II	10. 0
Capt. Livingstone-Learmouth's	Rio Grande	10.10
Major Maskell's	Blaze	10.10
Major Bert's	Double Ruff	10. 8
Lt. Col. Brooke's	Morning Star	10. 7
Lt. Bulteel's	Late Report	10.
Major Mullins'	Patsy	10.
Count d' Oultremont's	George	10 5
Count d' Oultremont's	Radius	10. 0

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1 Mile.

Maj.-Gen. Tudor's	Mascot	13.12
Major Bather's	Billy	12. 0
Lt.-Col Melvill's	Johnnie Walker	11 12
Maj Gen. Tudor's	Polly Dear	11. 7
Capt. Maxwell's	Eau de Cologne	11. 4
Lt. Lumsden's	Digby Grand	11. 0
Lt. Bulteel's	Golden Syrup	11 0
Lt. Col. Terrot's	Sindorf Lad	10 12
Lt.-Col Hunt's	Billy P.	10 12
Major Jones'	Romeo	10.12
Capt Tully's	Argyll	10 12
Lt McCleery's	Golden Valley	10 12
Lt.-Col Alban's	Agag	10 12
Lt. Allen's	St Chris	10 12
Lt. Muskett's	Hiawatha	10.12
Capt. Wynne-Jones'	Dark Prince	10 10
Lt. Fenwely's	Ballyhooley	10. 9
Major Mullins'	Patsy	10. 8
Lt. Col. Mackenzie's	Jimcrack	10. 8
Capt. Forbes	Byron	10. 7
Lt. C L Jackson's	Swan Song	10. 7
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THE "POST" ON THE RHINE.

The opening sentence of our leading article yesterday may have been misunderstood by some.

We all know that the Army of Occupation has been greatly reduced from its early strength. Many of all ranks have gone home, of course, and many are being demobilized at the present moment, but we are maintaining and shall maintain a sufficient force in our zone, in accordance with the terms of the Convention of Occupation.

We wish to make this quite clear to those who wrongly gathered from our opening remarks that the British Army on the Rhine might soon fade away. We think it was evident to most readers that this was not really the impression we wished to convey.

What the ultimate size of the Army of Occupation may be has yet to be definitely decided by the authorities. Many things in this connection necessarily have to be considered with the greatest care, and in any case its sojourn on the Rhine can scarcely be a brief one, by virtue of the Terms of Peace.

The continuance of a sufficiently powerful Army in Rhineland means too, that "The Cologne Post" becomes a necessity, and its future can be in little doubt.

This will be welcome news to all, for its value as the Organ of the British Army on German soil is increasingly admitted and every day its circulation goes further and further afield.

It is being subscribed for by soldiers wherever British units are stationed in all parts of the world, and large numbers of those who have been and are being demobilized are continuing to subscribe to it, so that they may still keep in touch with the days they spent and the men they knew on the Rhine.

"The Cologne Post" is, we know from the numerous letters we receive daily, being appreciated more and more by all ranks. It is the soldiers' own paper—produced by soldiers for soldiers—and looked upon as a personal friend.

The Army on the Rhine and "The Cologne Post" are closely linked and inseparable, and so long as an adequate force is maintained in Germany we hope to carry on our successful existence.

A MATTER OF FORM.

With a sigh of relief the demobilization Officer threw down his pen. For two hours on an unusually warm afternoon he had been busy autographing Z. forms—an occupation necessary rather than delightful.

"Hope these chaps' jobs when they get into civvies won't be as hard as this one is," he yawned, turning to the Sergeant Major. "That the lot?" he continued, languidly.

"All but Private Rawdon's Z18, Sir," answered the S.M. "You said you would consider that after you'd finished the others, if you remember?"

"Did I? Oh, yes . . . . What is Z18? Nominal roll, isn't it?"

For a minute the S.M. struggled furiously with his emotions, won a great victory, and without a trace of the struggle through which he had passed, answered:

"No, Sir, Certificate of Employment During the War. Part 5, dealing with work done, qualifications and skill acquired, is the difficulty. Rawdon's done no work since he came to us a month ago, and though he may be qualified to do some, he's acquired such skill in dodging it, that—well, there you are, Sir."

"What has he been on since he came?" enquired the demobilization officer.

"Red wine at nights and the peg in the morning, chiefly" grinned the S.M. "Enlisted as a loader, but all the loading I've known him do has been after pay parade, and that load has generally proved more than he can carry."

Turning up Rawdon's conduct sheet, he read: "Date of last drunk 10/9/19."

"Um!" muttered the other, "rather an awkward case. Don't like to spoil the chap's chance of getting employment.... What's your advice?"

"Oh, I don't think it'll matter much what you say. Don't suppose he'll worry employers much—more likely to go on the rates after he's spent his furlough money. "Sober and Industrious" is what we usually say in these cases. After all, the Government ale will keep him sober the other side, and he'll have to be pretty industrious before he gets all he wants of it at the present price."

"Very well," answered the demobilization officer, glad to accept any solution of a difficult problem.

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Two months later, the Post Orderly entered the demobilization officer's room and handed him a letter. Opening, it, he read:—

Empire Temperance Club,
Wine Office Court, E.C
16/9/19.

My dear Nephew.

Very glad to hear that you expect leave next month. I do hope you will be home in time for the Friends of Industry and Sobriety League Demonstration on the 8th of October. We've secured a host of speakers—representative of all parties in the State.

By the way, I had occasion recently to advertize for a messenger for our League office. I narrowed down the field of selection by telling only ex-service men to apply. About a dozen turned up, but none of them were total abstainers, and you know how important it is in a league such as ours to have sober employees — particularly for messengers, who have peculiar facilities for obtaining drink due to the outdoor nature of their duties. I had almost despaired of finding any one able to satisfy this essential condition, when, to my surprise, a man arrived and handed me a form bearing your signature. Chap of the name of Rawdon who had, it seems, served in your company. I was anxious, as you can imagine, to take him if suitable, as I remember your remarking what a fine lot of men you had under you, and when I read your report on his character I engaged him on the spot. I wanted him to start at once, but he said that he had to meet his mother-in-law who was up for the day, but that he would report here this morning. I expect him every minute

Your affectionate Uncle,
Fred.

The demobilization officer whistled. If Rawdon turned up, he knew that he stood no chance of even "honourable mention" in his Uncle's will. Bad enough, as things were, with the old man spending his fortune — no small one — in, so to speak, "riotous leagueing", but his nephew saw that even the small legacy he had anticipated would follow the rest of the estate should Rawdon's true character become revealed to his employer, as inevitably it would, if he kept his appointment. "Better defer my leave a little", he muttered to himself; then, brightening, "perhaps he won't turn up after all. Can't be too careful, though," and he started to write:

"My dear Uncle..."

But whether he finished the explanatory letter, whether, if he did, it satisfied his uncle; whether, if he didn't, Rawdon kept his appointment — of none of these matters have we any definite knowledge. All we do know is that the demobilization officer went on leave, and, returning, extended his service for another year. Our own opinion is that uncles are a greatly over-estimated financial investment, and it is to be feared that the demobilization officer, if ready to discuss such a painful subject, would confirm our view.

E. J. TELLUM.

ON LEAVE.

There is no need to dwell on the superlative comfort of the leave train-de-luxe or the pleasant (or otherwise) Channel crossing. Sufficient to say that I arrived home in the wee small hours of a foggy August morning and it was only after numerous tattoos on the door and a cheery assurance that it was I, in the flesh and not a wandering spirit, that I was allowed to cross the threshold of my home.

After a refreshing sleep and a more than appetising breakfast I set out for a walk round my native town.

The first impression I received was that of the conspicuous absence of khaki. Walking along a crowded thoroughfare of a busy northern industrial town I only saw about half a dozen men dressed in the familiar S.D. Uniform.

And this in a place, where a few months previously, khaki had been the predominant colour. They must be demobilizing soldiers after all!—at least that was the conclusion I arrived at.

"Why are you in khaki?" seems to be the question uppermost in male friends minds and when you promptly explain to them that you are not on "demob" and that you have not re-enlisted you generally get a vacant stare of mild interest and drop the subject.

Oh! but that tiresome eternal question asked by the equally eternal feminine. What soldier who has been home on leave from Rhineland and has not heard it? What are the German girls like? Now the answer to this question depends largely upon your position at home and in any case must be answered thoughtfully and tactfully.

If you are one of those poor chaps who have entered the realms of matrimonial bliss it pays you to profess complete ignorance in the following manner, "Ho, my dear, I assure you I have hardly looked at them, let alone spoken to them."

By the single young fellow this question is sometimes relished as a means to an end. By professing undying devotion to his English sisters and renouncing the German girls for ever and a day he will find that the course of true love (even if it is only a sea-side flirtation) will run on oiled wheels.

If you wish to annoy your fair questioner don't say, "the majority are very nice" until your leave is drawing to a close or you will most probably find yourself highly and dryly left on the shelf. "Love laughs at locksmiths" but it doesn't at Fräuleins — in England at any rate.

This article would not be complete without mention of that worst of all fiends — the souvenir collector.

To him it appears rather strange that you have not returned with German bayonets and rifles. His enthusiasm however is rather dampened if you suggest the possibility of your coming home the next time with the Dom in your haversack.

Philosophers tell us however that variety is the spice of life and in my own humble opinion incidents such as described above, add to, rather than diminish the joy of living fourteen days in Blighty.

ARGUS.

BOOKLAND IN COLOGNE.

The Rhine Army Bookshop.

Nobody visiting the Rhine Army Bookshop can find anything but praise both for its management and for the vast quantities of books, of excellent selection, which those in charge have been able to accumulate for the benefit of our troops.

The War Office is working admirably towards a splendid goal, the education of our soldiers, many of whom have not long since left school and have still much knowledge to acquire before they proceed to take part in the great battle of life, in their own and their country's interests.

The shop exists at present in embryo, but even in this state, one foresees that it is a most useful institution capable of immense developments.

The Bookshop occupies itself with the sale of instructional books to both students and instructors. There is also a complete Lending Library from which our troops may borrow all manner of works, fiction and eductional, on payment of a deposit of but five per cent. of the value of the book.

A comfortable Reading Room is being arranged in order that students may consult treatises and periodicals at their leisure.

One of the most attractive features of the place consists of the albums of the Photographic Depot which contain British war photographs, photographs of general interest and German war photographs.

The prices, at which these are to be sold will be quite moderate and the delivery prompt.

There are, too, dark rooms which are necessary for photographic development, etc., being fitted up with chemicals, dishes, water and lamps. These are to be controlled by qualified instructors who will advise and offer assistance during the various processes. Only a small charge will be made for the chemicals employed.

Next, an examination of the bookshelves disclosed the fact that almost every subject is represented. There are books upon languages and literature, the various sciences, economy, mathematics, farming bee-keeping, poultry, engineering and various useful works of reference. Fiction may also be obtained.

To the private student as well as to the class student and instructor, the Rhine Army bookshop is well worth a visit. You may call there from 09.00 to 12.30 hours and from 14.00 to 19.00 hours with the exception of Sundays. The address is No 80 Hohenzollern Ring, Cologne.

CAN YOU WRITE?

The Editor will be glad if officers and men of the Rhine Army will contribute to this paper. The need for contributions is the greater now that so many of our regular writers are leaving for home. All accepted articles etc. are paid for and may be on any topic likely to interest the troops on the Rhine. The Editor hopes for a hearty response to this invitation. Lack of a finished literary style need deter no one from submitting something. Provided the subject matter is interesting, the Editorial staff can supply any deficiencies. No contribution should exceed 500 words and even shorter ones will be welcome.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

WIVES AND EFFICIENCY.

Sir,—Seeing in the "Post" of to-day's date, a hint about bachelor's feelings, on the subject of "Wives and Efficiency" signed by Bachelor, I would like to remark that he knows nothing of either.

I have my wife in Cologne with me, and as far as my duty is concerned, I have put in more hours since her arrival than I did before, and would not think of asking a bachelor to relieve me, because I know them, being one myself once.

And as to efficiency, well, it would be a queer man who could not do better, owing to being able to enjoy the pleasures of a real home in his off-duty hours.

But I suppose this is useless information to one who suffers from such an attack of "Sour Grapes."

MARRIED.

ON THE RHINE BOATS.

Sir,—If any of your readers have taken Sunday trips on the Rhine steamers they must have been struck by the enormous consumption of food and drink that goes on all day long by the Germans—mostly I should say the nouveaux riches, judged by their bulky well fed proportions and profusion of jewellery.

I myself saw a party of three consume 35 bottles of Niersteiner wine on the return journey to Godesberg the other Sunday,

I wonder if this is a record?

NOUVEAU PAUVRE.

THE VALUE OF SPANISH.

Sir,—Your correspondent yesterday writes as though the study of Spanish were rather a new thing for the German people.

But I know for a fact that they have never neglected that language in recent years.

I heard that 50,000 German prisoners in England were studying it in their confinement.

Spanish, in my opinion, is much more useful to learn than German, for after English it is more used commercially than any other language.

Why do we neglect it so?

ESPANOLA.

WHY NOT REAL GIRLS?

Sir,—In reply to Black and White's letter re "Real Girls in Concert Parties," does he realize the difficulties that are in the way, especially with a concert party which is continually touring.

Imagine the feelings of a young lady who had to travel thirty or more kilos in a lorry packed full of "props" artistes, and the band.

On arrival, had to be content with a make-shift-meal in the visited battalion's mess-hall, which is invariably the theatre, mess-hall and billet in one.

Had to dress and make-up in any small place, which, of course, would have to be found for her.

Do the same uncomfortable journey back at night after the show, and generally arriving the wrong side of midnight.

For myself, I wish that real girls were possible, but there are too many obstacles in the way of a concert party which is not continually performing at the same theatre.

DORA.

A COLOGNE WRAF'S ALPHABET.

A — Is for Alphabet made by a Wraf
In order that you may indulge in a laugh.
(Editor's note: this verse should be read with a Yorkshire accent.)

B — Is for "bitte" that's German for "please."
(The Wrafs are acquiring this language with ease.)

C — Is for Chiefs, we've a dozen or more
Though I'm sure we could very well manage with four.

E — Is for Empire, the Leave Club in town,
Some Wrafs went there for tea, but, poor things, got turned down.

F — Is for Friseur who shampoos, waves, and curls,
And makes all of us Wrafs look quite beautiful girls.

G — Is for Germany where we are now,
Where a man is a "Herr" and a woman a "Frau."

H — Is for Hoojah, a most useful word
Though it sounds, I admit, most extremely absurd.

I — Is for Ices, which Wrafs all adore,
If you gave one fifteen she would still ask for more.

J — Is for Jerseys, some green and some grey;
We wear them for P.T. and Cricket each day.

K — Is "Kartoffel," that's German for "spud"
The new ones are good, but the old ones are dud.

L — Is for Letters, by Aerial Post
The things that the Wrafs all look forward to most.

M — Is for Music; we have got a Jazz Band
Some think it too noisy, but most think it grand.

N — Is for Newspapers, both of them fine.
The "Post" of Cologne, and the "W.R.A.F. on the Rhine."

O — Is for Opera, loved by the Huns,
Though the Wrafs, someone said, just went there to eat buns!

P — Is for Peter, a wonderful pup.
He eats quite a lot, but is never "fed up."

Q — Is for Quills; they are quite useful things.
Huns make brushes (scrubbing) of dicky-birds' wings!

S — Is for Sports; our favourite's cricket
Though some of us don't know a bat from a wicket.

V — Is "Verstehen" which we hear all day long.
It's proceeded by "nicht," when we talk German wrong!

(Editor's note: It will be noticed by observant readers that several letters are missing. This is accounted for by the author's admission that that she is not quite sure of her alphabet yet.)

From "The W.R.A.F. on the Rhine."

SOUTHERN DIV. CRICKET.

Enjoyable Games At Lindenthal: Ideal Conditions.

2nd BRIGADE VICTORY.

Under ideal cricket conditions attractive games were witnessed at Lindenthal in connection with the Southern Division cricket week. On Thursday the 1st Southern Infantry Bde. met the 2nd Southern Infantry Bde., and, winning the toss for the 1st Bde., Major Bazalgetts elected to take first knock. Capt. Petheram and Lieut. Smith opened the bowling for 2nd Bde. the former getting Major Bazalgett's wicket in his first over. At the other end Rev. Tyndal succumbed to Smith and two wickets were down without a run on the board. Things continued to go badly for the 1st Bde. and the whole side was out for 82.

Batting for 20 minutes before lunch the 2nd Bde. scored 29 without loss. The score after lunch was taken to 36 before a wicket fell. Major Williams, the next to bat, gave a splendid display of hitting, scoring his 57 in just over 20 mins. Mills and Smith continued the good work and enabled their side to declare with the score at 240 for eight.

Going in to bat a second time the 1st Bde. had a very bad time Smith making the ball turn awkwardly from leg on a wicket which appeared to have crumbled. The 1st Bde. narrowly escaped an innings defeat, losing 9 wickets for 90.

The best bowling averages were those of Capt. Petheram and Lieut. Smith, a Kent player, the former getting 9 wickets for 39 runs and the latter 9 for 62.

The 2nd Bde. have a very strong side and have several county players.

Scores:—

1st Southern Inf. Bde.

1st Innings.

Major Bazalgetts b Petheram	0
Rev. Tyndal b Smith	0
Lieut. Hardy b Petheram	25
Lieut. Lees b Petheram	8
Pte. Starmer b Petheram	10
Lieut. Mills c Hunter b Smith	14
Lieut. Moon b Smith	1
Pte. Moon b Smith	1
Pte. Speed not out	7
Pte. Parlater c Smith b Petheram	0
Pte. Burrell b Petheram	0
Lieut. Fox b Petheram	1
Extras	16
Total	82

2nd Innings.

Major Bazalgetts c Dorrington b Smith	5
Rev. Tyndal l.b.w. Smith	1
Lieut. Hardy c Mills b Smith	20
Lieut. Lees b Smith	6
Pte. Starmer run out	1
Lieut. Mills b Petheram	5
Pte. Moon b Petheram	0
Lieut. Moon b Petheram	0
Pte. Speed b Smith	0
Pte. Parlater not out	5
Pte. Burrell b Smith	0
Lieut. Fox not out	29
Extras	18
Total 9 wickets	90

2nd Southern Inf. Bde.

Capt. Hill b Starmer	22
Lieut. Adams b Burrell	21
Major Williams c Starmer	57
Lieut. Smith b Lees	38
Capt. Mills l.b.w. Moon	31
Capt. Petheram b Speed	11
Lieut. Cairns c Parlater b Lees	13
Sgt. Dorrington not out	22
Capt. Hunter c Hardy b Lees	5
Pte. Fox not out	0
Rev. Carlisle, Major Simcox } Did not bat	
Extras	20
	240 for 8 declared.

Field Officers Southern Division v. Field Officers Light Division.

This match ended in a draw but at the close of the play the game was very much in favour of the Southern Division. Major Simcox is to be congratulated on the enjoyable cricket he provided and thanks are due to Lieut.-Col. Collas, D.S.O., for the services of the 51st Devons band.

Scores:—

Southern Division.

Major Mills c Hunter b Harrison	50
Major Smith c Rankin b Whitfield	34
Major Westmorland b Tupper	10
Major Williams c Whitfield b Harrison	4
Major Bazalgetts not out	49
Brig.-Gen. Lucas c Gilmoss b Farrell	18
Major Harding not out	27
Major Martin)	
Major O'Brian } Did not bat;	
Major Mayne } innings declared	
Major Terry } closed.	
Major Simcox)	
Extras	26
Total for 5 wickets	218

Light Division.

Major Harrison c Hardie b Bazalgetts	13
Major Farrell b Smith	13
Major Hunter c Bazalgetts b Smith	3
Major Kelly c Westmorland b Bazalgetts	24
Col. Powell c Hardy b Smith	14
Major Copp b and c Bazalgetts	7
Major Rankin b Smith	2
Major Gilmore b Bazalgetts	0
Major Whitfield b Williams	29
Major Tyrie not out	22
Major Tupper b Smith	9
Major Cust not out	4
Extras	16
Total	156

"BUST UP" FUNCTION.

Fire Brigade Provokes Hilarity.

An excellent "bust up" dinner was provided from the canteen funds one evening last week, for the personnel of the 42nd Stationary Hospital. Col. Collins made an admirable chairman, and the little function was a great success. The O.C. took the opportunity to wish the lads "Goodbye", and during the interval, while the tables were being prepared for the whist drive, much amusement was caused by the fire brigade turning up, some person having rung the alarm attached to the Hospital.

The whist drive commenced at 8 o'clock, and during the whole of it the orchestra played selections that were enjoyed by all during the interval. Pte. Daniels gave a song "Pay-day" which everybody enjoyed, also a few jokes of his own composition.

The prizes were won as follows:—

1st Prize Sgt. Peters (A wrist watch).
2nd Prize Cpl. Collins (a set of Clapp razors).
3rd Prize Pte. Butler (a set of brushes).
4th Prize (booby) Pte. Parker.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, September 17th, 1919.

Wind light, between north and north east, misty morning, fine day. Moderate temperature, visibility fair.

BIG RALLY AT RHIEL.

Ex Members of Brigades and Scouts in Rhineland.

On Saturday and Sunday next, a rally of past members of the various Boys Organisations (Brigades, Scouts, etc.) takes place at Durham House Y.M.C.A., Rhiel, Cologne. There must be quite a large number of such members scattered amongst the units in the Rhine Army.

Statistics give evidence of the big part they played in the war. Well over half-a-million men in the two services, Navy and Army, had received their early training in the Boy's Brigade alone—the oldest of the organisations for boys, while the present members, too young for military service, did their bit in many different ways. The B.P. Scouts provided a Recreation Hut at Etaples and a Cinema Hall at Rouen and the Boy's Brigade equipped and maintained largely staffed huts at Rouen and Edinburgh.

Durham House near the Zoo—the venue of Saturday's rally—is the Boy's Brigade Hut of the Y.M.C.A., transferred after four years service from Rouen to the Rhine.

Saturday's programme includes tournaments in tennis, quoits, etc., a photographic competition, tea, while later there will be a smoking social in the library with a discussion on "The Future of the Boy's Organisations." On Sunday there is to be a short service followed by visits to places of interest.

All past members of the various brigades and scouts should make a point of seeing the full programme and seizing the opportunity to meet old comrades and to keep in touch with the old work.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE VILLA?

One Point from five 1st Division League Games.

Many football enthusiasts in the Midlands are feeling perturbed owing to the continued disappointing form of Aston Villa, who with one point for five matches occupy the inglorious position of the bottom of the First Division League Table. "Brum" in the "Sunday Express" writes as follows on the subject:—

It must be confessed that there is a wide difference between the Villa of pre-war times and the Villa of to-day. Most of the famous players who used to carry the colours to victory are still available, but the attack in particular has lost much of its ability to force the ball through the goal. So far the forwards have played raggedly and failed to finish off their assaults efficiently, while the backs have displayed weakness in several of the matches. The Villa at the moment of writing has secured only one point from games. The supporters are beginning to lose faith, and a radical improvement is necessary if the old club is to take its proper place among the great clubs.

D.L.I. SPORTS.

The annual athletic sports meeting of the 9th Bn. D.L.I. has been postponed from Thursday Sept. 18th, to Friday Sept. 19th, commencing at 14.00 hours, on the British Army of the Rhine P. and R.T. School ground at Riehl. Entries for the 440 yards race, open to all ranks of the Allied armies, will be accepted up to 09.30 hours Sept. 19. Refreshments will be obtainable on the sports ground. Two bands will be in attendance. Trams from Deutscher Ring, No. 12; from Hohenzollern Bridge No. 14 to Zoological Gardens, then change to No. 12; from Opera House No. 16 to Zoological Gardens, then change to No. 12.

LAST OF THE SEASON.

The cricket season winds up this week with the match between Yorkshire, the champion county, and the Rest of England, which began on Monday at the Oval. The teams are:—

Yorkshire (from):
D. C. F. Burton, E. R. Wilson, Hirst, Rhodes, Dolphin, Denton, Kilner (R.), Holmes, Waddington, Sutcliffe, Robinson and Williams.

The Rest:
R. H. Spooner (capt.), J. W. H. T. Douglas, D. J. Knight, J. N. Crawford, Hobbs, Woolley, Mead, Kennedy, Hitch, Hendren, and Strudwick.

One half of the proceeds will be given to the Cricketer's Fund, the other half to Yorkshire, to be distributed as the committee desire. The match is scheduled for four days.

EASTBOURNE TENNIS FINALS.

The finals in the South of England tennis championships were played at Eastbourne on Saturday. Results:—Men's Singles:—Mavrogordato beat Mishu 6-3; 6-2; 6-4. Ladies Singles:—Miss Ryan beat Mrs. Satterthwaite 6-1; 6-2. Ladies Doubles:—Mrs. Lambert Chambers and Miss Ryan beat Mrs. McAir and Mrs. Parton 6-2, 6-1. Mixed Doubles: O'Hara Wood and Mrs. Chambers beat Radcliffe and Miss Lee 6-1, 6-4. Men's Doubles:—Woosnam and Turnbull beat Watt and Tuckey 6-0, 6 2, 6-3.

SPLENDID NEW FEATURE.

Striking "Cologne Post" Series of Football Articles.

BY FAMOUS PLAYERS.

A new, and what is likely to prove tremendously popular, feature is being introduced for the benefit of "Cologne Post" readers, and more especially for those—and who is not?—who are interested in football. We shall be publishing periodically, articles treating the great Association game from novel and attractive points of view by eminent authorities on the subject. Altogether there will be eight contributions, six of which will be written by international footballers and the remaining two by men of high standing in the football world. In view of the unprecedented popularity of football this season the articles will, doubtless, prove immensely interesting and will be one of our most pleasing features.

Below we give the names of our contributors, with the titles of the articles in the order in which they will appear.

Contributor	Title
Col. Sir Henry Norris, M.P. Late Chairman of Fulham and Director of the Arsenal Club.	"What Makes a Good Football Ground?"
W. McCracken, Newcastle United and Ireland's Full-back.	"Holding an Advantage."
J. W. Bache, Mid-Rhondda and England. (For many years Aston Villa's Captain.)	"The Cares of a Captain."
A. Donaldson, Bolton Wanderers' Outside-right and Scottish International.	"Can Foul Play be Stopped?"
Horace Barnes, Manchester City, for whom that Club paid £2,500.	"When Science meets Dash."
C. M. Buchan, Sunderland and England. Admittedly the brainiest forward at present playing.	"Football's Silent Signals."
Jesse Pennington, West Bromwich Albion and England.	"Gambling and the Game."
S. Puddefoot, West Ham United and England's Centre-forward.	The feelings of an International.

31st LABOUR GROUP FOOTBALL.

5th Labour Coy's Unbroken Record of Success.

In the 21st Labour Group Football League the 5th Labour Coy. met the 180th Labour Coy. on Friday evening. The 180th Coy. have a very fine record in all the sports promoted by the 31st Labour Group. Last May they won the football knock-out competition when the 5th met them in the final tie.

Interest in the game was very keen, both Coys. fielded strong sides, which were well supported by spectators, especially 180th Coy.

The game started at a very fast pace, both sides striving hard to open the score. The 5th forwards, could make little headway against the home defence, as the backs especially were playing a grand game. The home forwards repeatedly challenged the visitors goal, and but for the fine goalkeeping of Lt. Wilkinson the score would have been more than 1—0 at half time. Stevenson found the net after 15 minutes play.

In spite of the heat, the game on restarting showed no tendency to slacken, rather the contrary, as the 5th men were bent on the equaliser, 180th men were putting all they knew in for No. 2. About twenty minutes of the second half had gone when Stevenson again found the net with a beautiful "left footer." A penalty was awarded against the 5th for hands, but Lt. Wilkinson brought off a grand save from Walker's kick. There was very little doubt now as to the winners for the 180th forwards were showing a marked superiority in combination.

In the closing stages Crabtree (centre half) wormed his way through, and his drive left the 5th goalie helpless.

The final whistle came with 180th Coy. victors by three goals to nil, and, incidentally, leaving them with an unbeaten record in the Labour Group matches.

"B" SIEGE PARK WHIST DRIVE.

The personnel of Headquarters and Workshops of "B" Corps Siege Park held a very successful whist drive in the recreation room at Carlswerk-Mülheim on Monday evening.

Although all tables prepared were not occupied, a good number sat down and a pleasant evening was spent.

Following were the prize winners:—1, Sgt. Bellenger, F.E.: 2, Pte. Cassel, G.C.: booby. Pte. Edwards, P.J.

It is hoped to hold another drive in the near future and judging by the enthusiasm shown by those taking part in the above, a much larger assembly will be expected.

LABOUR CORPS CRICKET.

Presentation of Medals to 180th Company Team.

The 31st Labour Group cricket league was brought to a close on Thursday by the presentation of medals by the Labour Commandant Col. Skipwith. The winning team (the 18th Labour Coy.) was opposed by a team selected from the remainder of the group and most enjoyable cricket was witnessed.

The Group team went in first led by Walker and Wilson who soon seemed quite at home with the bowling. Runs came fairly fast and the pair seemed fit for a long stay. The fielding was not at all good at first but the ground was very hard and the condition of the out-field made conditions very difficult. The first wicket to fall was Wilson's to a good ball from Smart. The next three fell quickly but Walker remained steady and kept the scoring going. A stand was made when Withington joined him and the score was nearly a hundred before Smart spoilt the partnership. Walker's 38 included a 5 and several 4's, an excellent innings which kept his team together. The remaining wickets fell quickly and the side was all out for 92. Smart's bowling was responsible for most of the wickets, his record being 6 for 27.

A Big Task.

The 180th Coy. had a big task before them and the chances were all against a win in the time, though by careful play a draw seemed possible. Smart and Windle opened the innings but the wickets collapsed in a most disheartening way till five were down for less than thirty. When Capt. Brown went in play became more lively and one realised there were still hopes of a draw. He was joined by Hoppe and the pair began hitting in splendid style all round the wickets. The score crept up and with only a few minutes to go stood at 80. Hoppe evidently thought a win was possible, and in the excitement was run out after making 24, including four 4's. Burroughs who replaced him kept up the pace and Capt. Brown soon scored the winning hit. A moment later he was caught and bowled by Werkmen and then chaired off the field. Stumps were drawn at six o'clock when the score was 100. After an almost hopeless start the match was pulled off by Capt. Brown and Cpl. Hoppe who put on 54 between them in half an hour.

After the match Col. Skipwith who umpired throughout the game, presented medals to the 180th Labour Coy. as winners of the cricket league. A most successful afternoon was made the more enjoyable by the presence on the ground of tea and refreshments as well as the company canteen.

Season's Summary.

The following is a summary of the 180th Labour Coy's. cricket season. The team also took part in the "Cologne Post" competition and did very creditably in the Cologne Southern League.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
28	10	7	2

Batting average, Pte. Smart 20.33.
Bowling average Cpl. Stevenson 6.14.

League Table.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn.
180th Coy.	9	8	1	16
29th Coy.	9	7	2	14
78th Coy.	9	6	3	12
91st Coy.	9	5	4	10
41st Coy.	9	5	4	8
49th Coy.	9	4	5	8 +
153rd Coy.	9	4	5	8 +
715th Coy.	9	3	6	6 +
5th Coy.	9	2	7	4 +
17th Coy.	9	2	7	4

+ Awarded two points for scratched games

"AUF WIEDERSEHEN."

Battery's Farewell Function and Presentation of Medals.

"C" Battery of the 245th Bde. (W.R.) R.F.A. (T) on Thursday evening took the opportunity of holding a farewell gathering in the Battery's dining hall, Solingen, prior to demobilization. The O.C. (Major J. Powley) was responsible for the happy idea of presenting the medals which the men under his command carried off at the Bde's. sports at Kirchtroisdorf. On that occasion they were the champion battery of the Bde. united efforts bringing off first prizes for officers' driving drill and men's driving drill. Individual prizes won were Dvr. Hodgson first in the potato race, V.C. race, led-horse jumping; Dvr. Ford first in individual jumping and third in the potato race, Dvr. Levin third in the jumping competition, while Dvrs. Hodgson and Ford won first prize for half section jumping.

The O.C. who was supported by Lieuts. Castle, Daubuz, Ritchie and Scroggs, thanked the men for their co-operation with him. Since they had been under his command he said, they had worked very hard and could not have done better. He was very pleased with the spirit in which they entered the sports, and he congratulated the drivers who did so well on that occasion. He would always have happy recollections of the time he had spent with them.

A good repast was provided, on which the O.C. congratulated the kitchen staff. After dinner an excellent entertainment was given by members of the "Imps" Concert Party, Lieut. Ritchie, Sgt. McCall, Gunners Clarke, Bennett and others.

B.S.M. Bedgrave, who excellently carried out the arrangements, made an able chairman.

TWO-DAY-MATCH.

Rhine Army Eleven Prove Too Good For Sixth Corps.

PLEASING CRICKET.

On Sunday and Monday the Officers Sports Club Cricket Ground at Lindenthal was the scene of a struggle between the Rhine Army eleven and the VI Corps. Both sides were strongly represented, and while the Rhine Army were somewhat easy victors, winning by nine wickets, the game was marked by a number of pleasing incidents and really good cricket was the order. The VI Corps won the toss and batted first but were unable to overcome the Rhine Army attack and were all dismissed for the modest total of 60. Col. Montgomery (19) and Capt. Graham (14) were the only batsmen to reach double figures.

Major Morgan and Lieut. Astill each got three wickets while Capts. Dickinson and Fowler accounted for two apiece.

Capts. Stanyforth and Chrystall first represented the Rhine Army at the wicket but the latter remained only a short time. Capt. Dove succeeded him and gave a delightful display of hard hitting; in quick time he reached 74 before being caught at mid-off. Stanyforth meanwhile played steady cricket and compiled a useful 46 when he was dismissed by a ball from Col. Montgomery. A collapse ensued and the only other players to reach double figures were Col. Thurston (21) and Capt. Fowler (18 not out) Col. Hartley bowled in splendid form when he went on a second time and had the remarkable avarage of 5 wickets for 4 runs. The Rhine Army total was 178.

Second Innings.

Brig.-Gen. Tandy and Capt. Graham opened the second innings for the VI Corps and put up 52 for the first wicket; Capt. Graham who was caught contributed 29. Gen. Tanby continued to bat well until a rising ball from Lieut. Astill was reponsible for his dismissal by a catch in the slips. His total was 42. The good example of the first wicket pair was not emulated by their successors with the exception of Col. Hartley who played forceful cricket for his 24. The total was 154, which left the Rhine Army only 35 runs to get to win. Capt. Chrystall and Lieut. Astill, however, failed to reach the total before being separated, but they were obtained for the loss of Capt. Chrystall's wicket, Lieut. Astill being 21 not out.

VI. Corps.—1st Innings.

Capt Grehan b Dickenson	14
Lieut. C. H. Fishpool b Dickenson	0
Major C. G. Arkwright b Astill	6
Lieut.-Col. H. F. Montgomery l.b.w. Morgan	19
Major E. R. Morris c Skipwith b Astill	1
Major A. Q. Perkins c and b Astill	0
Brig.-Gen. E. N. Tandy c Astill b Fowler	2
Lieut.-Col. J. C. Hartley c Deighton b Fowler	3
Capt. E. F. Rees std Skipwith b Morgan	2
Capt. C. G. Gibson run out	9
Richardson not out	2
Hanson c Chrystall b Morgan	0
Byes	2
Total	60

Rhine Army.—1st Innings.

Capt. Stanyforth b Montgomery	46
Capt. M. M Chrystall c Hartley b Richardson	2
Capt. G.R.M. Done c Richardson b Fishpool	74
Lieut. W.E. Astill c Fishpool b Montgomery	3
Capt. R. St. L. Fowler not out	18
Lieut.-Col. Thurston c Rees b Hartley	21
Major Morgan b Hartley	7
Col. Skipworth b Hartley	0
Lieut. Scotter b Hartley	0
Capt. Dickenson c and b Hartley	0
Lieut. Deighton c Fishpool b Hartley	0
Byes	7
Total	180

VI. Corps 2nd Innings 154; Rhine Army 2nd Innings 35 for 1 wkt.

Football Required.

"B" Corps Siege Park have a few open dates (Wednesdays and Saturdays) and will be glad to play any team in the vicinity of Cologne.

Will secretaries of teams requiring fixtures kindly drop a line to the Sports Secretary of "B" Corps Siege Park who will be pleased to arrange dates.

ARMY FOOTBALL.

Important Fixtures for the Season.

At the annual meeting of the Army Football Association it was decided to run a series of Army matches, and arrangements have already been made as follows: October 23rd v. Cambridge University (away); November 15th, v. R.M.C., Sandhurst (home); November 22nd, v. Oxford University (away); December 27th, v. Corinthians (home); February 11th, v. R.M.A. Woolwich (away); and February 14th, v. Corinthians (away). Other opponents that will be met are the Royal Navy F.A. and the Royal Air Force F.A., Vivian Woodward's XI., Swindon, and probably Chelsea and Queen's Park, Glasgow. The home games will be played at Aldershot. The Army team will be under the direction of Captain F. Martin, of the Grenadier Guards, who for many years was the honorary secretary of the Household Brigade Cup. Owing to the formation of the Royal Navy Football Association, the Royal Marines have withdrawn from the Army Cup.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Wednesday	7.30	Tiefland	d'Albert
Thursday	7	Tales of Hoffmann	Offenbach
Friday	7	Arlecchino. Turandot	Busoni
Saturday	7	Zar and Zimmermann	Lortzing
Sunday	7	Der Rosenkavalier	R. Strauss
Monday	7	Aida	Verdi
Tuesday	7	Waffenschmied von Worms	Lortzing

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Oyez! oyez! oyez!

I hope to see a large crowd spending an afternoon of innocent mirth and joy at the W.R.A.F. Revelry this afternoon at Süd-Park, for which I hear a most delightful programme has been arranged. The Wrafs are overflowing with inventive genius and noted for their powers of organisation and it will not be their fault if the affair is not a bumping success.

Another "Buzzer's" Blow.

Demobilization has again dealt the "Buzzers" a severe blow. The inimitable Doctor Dozie (Spr. Unwin) and Tom Gallon have put away their khaki and their departure has left a big gap in the party. Are there any out-of-work comedians in the Rhine Army who would like to fill up this gap? If the party can be reinforced there is no reason why its Buzz should not soon be heard again in the Rhineland.

Can You Act?

Owing to demobilization there are more vacancies for actors in "Strife," and I am asked to publish the following:—"Will any officer or other rank who has the slightest knowledge of acting call or communicate with Lieut. S. E. Percy at Amusements Office, Kommödien Strasse or at the Deutsches Theatre between 5 and 6 in the evening? "Strife" will be produced at the Deutsches Theatre on Monday, October 6th. for one week and full rehearsals of the play will start on Thurday 25th Sept., and take place daily at the theatre from 2.30 to 5 p.m.

"Man and Superman."

Than in their production of "Man and Superman" at the Deutsches Theatre for the first three days of this week the ever popular Rhine Army Dramatic Company have seldom been seen to greater advantage. George Bernard Shaw's play is correctly styled a comedy and a philosophy. While the author's treatment of social and moral questions provides food for a fund of serious thought, there is a wealth of comedy throughout. The feature of the production is the battle of wills between Ann Whitefield and John Tanner, in which the former eventually gains a somewhat doubtful victory. These remarkable characters demand the very highest talent and in Miss Shirley King and Lieut. S.E. Percy this was forthcoming. John Tanner is a unique personality, the impersonation of which calls for the maximum of self-assertion and strength of character, for he is the champion of a philosophy embodying drastic changes in the moral code.

A difficult Task.

Mr. Percy is given plenty of scope for his wonderful powers, the piece being especially suited to his particular style. And by Miss Shirley King the equally strong part of "Ann" was faultlessly portrayed. She sets herself a very difficult task, no less then the subjection of the adamant will of "Jack," but, woman like, she perseveres until her heart's desire has been realised. The other characters were also finally sustained, Capt. Gordon-Blight handled the somewhat difficult part of "Octavius" with great skill and gave a realistic presentation of the weaker, artistic temperament.

The Prudish Old Gent.

Lt. Humphrey-Hope made an excellent Roebuck Ramsden, inimitably representing the prudish old gentleman of antiquated principles. "Violet," with a predominant weakness for the good things of this world, is well suited to Miss Gabriele Paul's delightful mannerisms, while Miss Inez Bensusan in the part of Miss Susan Ramsden, the well-meaning, but easily shocked old maid, is quite at home and displays marked ability. Major A. C. Pollock had a somewhat minor part in that of Hector Malone, but he gave evidence of his capabilities, as did also Lieut. R. D. Linford as Old Malone. The observant cockney chauffeur was well played by Lieut. D. A. Onions. Altogether a very pleasing production, worthy of the reputation of the Company and upon which they are to be warmly congratulated.

JACQUES.

Tom Reece.

Tom Reece, who has been racing a good deal during the summer, gave Doncaster a miss in order to get into strong practice for his many important billiards engagements ahead.

BRITISH ARMY OF THE RHINE ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP

Will be held on 17th & 18th September commencing at 14.30 hours on P. & R. T. School Ground, Riehl, when the following events will be decided:

100 Yards.
440 Yards.
880 Yards.
1 Mile.
3 Miles.
120 Yards Hurdle Race.
1 Mile Relay Race.
Hign Jump.
Long Jump.
Putting the Shot.
Tug-of-War.
Basket Ball.
Cross Country Race.

Boxing Championships will be held at 17.30 hours on 17th and 20.00 hours 18th., in the large Hall of the Burgergesellschaft, near B.E.L. Club.

Refreshments will be obtainable on the Sports Ground.

Trams to Sports Ground.
From Deutscher Ring No. 12. From Hohenzollern Bridge No. 14 to Zoological Gardens, then change to No. 12.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Ready to Challenge.
Alf Felton, the Australian sculler, is now in a position to issue a definite challenge to Ernest Barry, champion.

The Motor-Cycle Trials.
There has been a very fine entry for the Six Days' Motor-Cycle Trial, which is taking place this week. Private owners and manufacturers have entered teams.

Over Six Feet.
Iremonger, the veteran goalkeeper of Notts County, stands 6ft. 5¼ ins; Crabtree, the Blackburn custodian, 6 ft. 2½ ins; and Lawrence, of Derby, another goalkeeper, goes 6 ft. 2¼ ins.

Beckett-Carpentier Date.
Prior to the commencement of the contest between Eugene Criqui and Walter Ross at the Holborn Stadium to-morrow Mr. C. B. Cochran will personally announce from the ring the date and place of the contest between Beckett and Carpentier.

Diadem and Donoghue.
Donoghue scored his first victory since his accident at York when Diadem won a great race in the Town Moor Handicap from Quadrille and Brigand. It was indeed a brilliant performance under 9st 12lb., and it was generally regretted that Lord D'Abernon's mare did not oppose Irish Elegance on the previous day.

Doing Well.
Tottenham Hotspur are at the top of the Second Division table. The Spurs are doing exceedingly well.

Walking Entries.
No fewer than 94 entries were received for the open scratch walking race from London to Brighton for the "Victory" Cup, which started from the Clock Tower, Westminster.

Keysoe.
The St. Leger winner, Keysoe, must now come into the argument for the Cesarewitch. A filly capable of winning the final classic in a trot simply cannot be left out.—"Sporting Life."

The Brothers Gunn.
Following upon the recent announcement of George Gunn, the famous Notts and England cricketer, going to South Africa, comes the news that his brother, John Gunn, is to undertake a similar trip.

Dr. Guttery Again.
Dr. Guttery, president of the National Free Church Council, said an asylum superintendent had written him declaring that boxing was clean sport, and made of the best elements of national life. "An asylum," said Dr. Guttery, "was just the place whence one would expect a defence of modern pugilism."

Thames Week-End.
The programme for the week-end on the river looked more like that for the middle of the season. There were three regattas.

Tall and Heavy.
Of the three goalkeepers engaged by Millwall F. Sparkes, of Newcastle, is the tallest and heaviest man in the side. He stands six feet high, and tips the beam at 12 stone, 8lbs.

Joe Bowker.
It will come as an agreeable surprise to all who love scientific boxing to learn that the famous little ex-bantam-weight champion of the world, Joe Bowker, will be seen in the ring again shortly.

Mr. A. E. Barton's Bloodstock.
Mr. A. E. Barton having disposed of his stallion Ambassador is now going to sell off his mares and foals, and these come under the hammer at the Second October sales at Newmarket.

A Nerve-Bracer.
There can be no doubt whatever that, to the average spectator, football is a nerve-bracer when taken in reasonable doses. Some people it affects detrimentally. Like new wine, it gets into their heads and causes them to talk and behave queerly. Such folk are not numerous, however.

A Different Crowd.
It is very pleasing to be able to record a very welcome change in the manner of the crowds attending the big football matches in England. They are watchful, critical, appreciative, and well controlled.

Quietly Training.
In the delightful surroundings of Wembley, Walter Ross, the bantam-weight boxing champion, is quietly training for his contest with Eugène Criqui, the Frenchman, at the Holborn Stadium tomorrow.

The One and Only.
Portsmouth's defeat by the Palace leaves Queen's Park Rangers with the distinction of being the only club in the three principal leagues that has not yet lost a goal this season.

Like Auld Lang Syne.
There is a prospect of a money match in the old-time fashion between Mayo and Abe Mitchell on the one hand, and George Duncan and Alec Herd on the other.

Where Driscoll Excelled.
People often ask me to explain the secret of Driscoll's cleverness—just where he excelled compared with other champions—and my answer is: "By his wonderful timing of punches and his uncanny judgment of distance."—Charles Barnett in "All Sports Weekly."

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

The Old Rhine Bank.

Just as York water gate in the Embankment Gardens and the Strand itself mark old-time positions of the Thames bank, so we can find traces here of former limits of the Rhine. At the back of the Railway Administration building runs a street called "Altes Ufer." We can trace the old bank again in the street called "Yor St. Martin," somewhat to the north of the Heumarkt; inscriptions on the houses at either end of this street show that the river was once here. It is probably 1000 years since the Rhine flowed in this latter position, as one reads of the river being filled in about this spot in the 10th century to connect the island, on which the earliest Roman altar was erected, with the main land.

A fine Record.

In sport the 93rd Bde. R.G.A. have probably the best record of any unit in Rhineland, thanks mainly to a keen sporting spirit among the men, rightly guided and controlled by their capable sports officer. Last season both their "rugger" and "soccer" teams were undefeated and in the "Cologne Post" cricket cup competition they were only beaten in the final. This is a record of which the 93rd Bde. R.G.A. may justly be proud and of which many other units may well be envious.

The Bootblack.

We all know that the bootblack is an essential part of modern life. At every railway terminus at home he is to be found plying his brushes, but more especially for men. Very rarely does one see a lady solicit this service, a fact which made all the more noticeable an incident near the Cologne station on Sunday morning. Here a bootblack plies his trade on a chair and screened by a huge umbrella. Perched on the chair was a frau who, quite oblivious of the crowds entering and leaving the station premises, was displaying high legged boots for the application of a high polish. Not an extraordinary incident but one many would avoid.

To become Army Schoolmasters.

Competitive examinations to fill about 20 Studentships at the Duke of York's, Royal Hibernian, and Queen Victoria Military Schools, are to be held during the four days, 9th to 13th December, 1919. Candidates must be between 18 and 19 years of age on 30th November, 1919. Applications to be admitted as candidates should be made not later than 20th November, and should be addressed in writing (in unstamped letter) to the Deputy Director of Staff Duties (Education), War Office, Cornwall House, Stamford Street, London, S.E.1., who will furnish intending candidates with any further information they may require. Students at these Schools will be trained for the appointment of Army Schoolmaster. An Army Schoolmaster is eligible, at the discretion of the Board of Education, to be recognised as a certificated teacher should he desire civil employment on discharge.

On Striking Matches.

Many are the ingenious deductions of the detective of fiction, but their observations are often limited and their deductions inaccurate. The theory of Lecocq about the manner in which men and women strike matches is not strictly true. Admittedly, in sweeping lackdaisical sort of manner, woman invariably strikes a match away from her: this is due to the peculiar perverseness of her nature and not from any other reason. Why, even the inveterate female smoker does not deviate from the habit. Then again, have you ever observed a Chinaman, a typical denizen of the East, strike a match? No? Well, he, as is the custom in his country, makes a stabbing movement with his match, which, when the head strikes the box, ignites and he lights his weed. But, then, perhaps our friend Lecocq has never come in contact with Chinamen.

Conceit.

"It would be a great pity if such a charming young doctor would not marry" allmy friends say to me. They also say that I am pretty, lovable, smart even very smart, and possess just enough carelessness and cheerful dispositions to make happy a young lady, etc. So runs a German marriage offer. English ladies should be thankful they are spared this.

Oxen in Agriculture.

The use of oxen in agriculture has now, it is to be believed, entirely ceased in England. A few years ago they were used for ploughing on hill farms of the South Downs about Lewes, but the best of their picturesque race is now gone. In the Rhineland, however, oxen are still largely used, not for agriculture only but for draught purposes. A few days ago the writer of this paragraph saw a yoke of oxen dragging a heavy load up the steep hill from St. Goar to Rheinfels, and another loaded ox cart, driven by an old man who might have come out of the pages of Grimm, drive out of a woodland clearing on the hills between Rhens and Boppard. The slow, impassive beasts may also be seen patiently ploughing many acres, as one goes south up the Rhine. It is a sight that brings pleasant memories of Southern Europe, the creaking ox-carts of Spain and the teams of the Roman Campagnia.

At the Opera.

Smoking, of course, is forbidden in the Opera House, and one's only opportunity to indulge in that habit is to go outside between the acts. Now when promenading outside one does not hear the warning bell preceding the rise of the curtain, and the consequence is much confusion in finding seats in the dark. This is both annoying to the artistes and the audience. A remedy is needed. So why not a coloured warning light placed conspicuously outside? It would prevent the seeming bad form of the late-comers.

Re-Echoes.

The number of War Savings Certificates sold in France and Flanders during the four weeks ending August 23rd, is 8,980 as compared with 7,423 during the four weeks ending July 26th, 1919.

Single medal riband to be worn correctly should be on the left breas midway between the first and second buttons from the bottom of the collar, 1½-in. from edge of tunic. In many cases ribands are being worn immediately over the centre of breast pocket, and when only one riband is worn it is invisible it carrying the pack.

Why can't the orchestras in the cafés give us something new? We have heard "Alexander's Rag-time Band" repeatedly during the last fortnight.

Judging by the amount of handkerchief wavings and leave-taking associated with the departure of the Rotterdam demobilization boat, Tommy is leaving many friends behind in Germany.

The "Hindenburg" carried a huge crowd on Sunday morning and at least one elderly German couple were visibly affected by the departure of one of the boys on board. Their farewell reminded one of the departure of the "Goodbye train" from Victoria.

The fruit stalls near the Dom do a flourishing trade on Sunday morning, depending for the most part on picnic parties bound for the country.

In the month of May 1919 the electric cars of Cologne carried 16,541,782 persons against 16,150,441 in May 1918.

In the week August 31st to September 6th 413 births were announced; that is 33.77 a year per 1000 inhabitant

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It is proposed to hold a 17th Divisional Dinner at the 6th Corps Officers' Club on Wednesday, September 24th.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's winners are Pte. B.M. Gilbert, B. Coy. 9th East Surrey Regt., Rhine Army, and Sergt. D.W. Stonehill R.E. Signal Corp. H.Q. Rhine Army.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Ratified.—The Canadian House of Commons have ratified the peace treaty.

No Gas.—Antwerp is without gas on account of a strike.

No Trains.—Railways are not running in Lorraine on account of strikes.

In Form.—Mr. Balfour has returned to London looking the picture of health.

No Ceremony.—Birmingham is employing demobilized soldiers to build her 1,000 municipal houses.

Royal Gift.—The King has sent a brooch to the nurse who aided him after his accident in France.

Back to Stage.—Miss Hilda Moore has sailed for New York to resume her old part in "Dear Brutus."

The Mark.—One Dutch florin is worth nine marks. That is to say that a mark is worth fifteen pre-war pfennigs.

Pioneers.—The Bishops of Hereford and Norwich have appeared in Nonconformist pulpits.

Grants.—Grants to hospitals totalling nearly one million pounds are to be made by the British Red Cross Society.

Bitten by an Adder.—A women is in Abergavenny Hospital in a serious condition through being bitten by an adder.

Women Street Sweepers.—Women are still employed in this capacity at Motherwell.

The Last.—H.M. aeroplane carrier Hermes will probably be the last big ship put into the water for some time.

Engaged.—Miss Dorothy Turner, actress and dancer is engaged to Mr. Malcolm Ambrosio, Kansas City.

"Here Lies a dog."—This inscription is said to appear over the grave of Szamuely, a "Red" Hungarian leader.

Office Boy to Town Clerk.—Lichfield's new town clerk, was his predecessor's office boy in 1881.

Tallest Sunflower.—Mr. W. F. Brook, of Southsea, has a sunflower, which is 12ft. 1in. high.

Coal Output.—The Board of Trade figures show an increase in coal production during the week ending August 30.

"Lent."—Major the Hon. H. Alexander, D.S.O., has been lent to command the Baltic Landwehr.

Margarine Prospects.—The margarine trade is likely to benefit through the short supplies of butter.

Unearthed.—An ancient vase believed to be a Roman burial urn, was unearthed by a ploughman near Aldershot.

Catalogued.—Nearly 3,000 cemeteries in France and Belgium are catalogued in a War Office pamphlet issued.

The Big Rat Push.—Most local authorities are preparing schemes for October 20-27, rat-hunt week.

Cheeky. Thieves stole a new motor-van and carried off in it a steel safe from a Chester shop.

An Inman Rumour.—It is rumoured that Melbourne Inman may not defend his billiards championship title this season.

Dr. Gore's London Pulpit.—Dr. Gore is associating himself with the work of Liddon House and will make Grosvenor Chapel his London pulpit.

Martin Harvey's New Play.—Mr. Martin Harvey has decided to produce his new play, "Arthur," at Covent Garden Theatre next January.

Hopping for the Disabled.—People who have seen the hopfields are struck with the number of disabled men who are "hopping."

The Tearful Altruist.—A "wanted" advertisement: Gentleman, independent, travelled, retired from business, bored to tears, would travel if expenses paid.

For The Prince.—A shorthorn at Mr. F.B. Wilkinson's sale at Edwinstone, was bought for the Prince of Wales at £735.

London Fire.—Part of the roof of Victoria Station was burnt and a fireman slightly injured in connection with the fire at the Grosvenor Hotel.

War On High Prices.—Authorities all over the country are displaying anxiety to get their anti-profiteering machinery into operation.

"Broncho" Prince Of Wales.—Amid the lusty cheers of western cowboys the Prince of Wales rode a bucking broncho at Saskatoon.

Women At Hotels.—Women are unpopular in hotels; they give more trouble and spend less money than men do, says a manager.

Not Of The K Type.—A very early type of submarine has been found on the Russian coast. It is about nine feet long and was worked by hand.

The Law.—The barristers of Brussels have invited the Benchers of Gray's Inn to a reception on October 2 at the Brussels Palace of Justice.

Fight At A Funeral.—A scene took place in a Kirkcaldy cemetery. Two mourners stripped off their black coats, and had a fight.

Corsets Out Of Fashion.—Leading Paris corset-makers are in despair, for French-women have discarded this part of their attire.

A Report.—It is reported that the French have decided to return to Germany 1,700 engines. Owing to the bad quality of the coal now available the engines cannot be used.

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NOTES FROM LONDON TOWN.

ANOTHER RISE.

Furnishing nowadays is like falling out of the end carriage of an express—you have to be quick or you will be badly left. A "demob.," under the foolish impression that he would feel the draught less if he furnished his flat by stages, ordered half a set of a particular kind of chair last June. The other day, wishing to complete the set, he found that there had been one or two strikes among the chairmongers lately, and the price had gone up fifty per cent. The shopman swore by the bones of Hepplewhite that there is every prospect of a further rise shortly owing to unrest among the men who fill the varnish pots for the men who hold them for the men who varnish.

FROM MONS TO MILE-END.

During an incursion into the East this week I encountered a very pleasing spectacle—at least it pleased me greatly. It was a middle-aged coster, perched up behind a typical coster moke on a small coster cart. The coster was geniall characteristic of his tribe, and on his coat was the Mons ribbon with the still unauthorised rosette and a silver badge. In face and figure he was as good a reproduction of Old Bill as Capt. Bairns-father himself could have asked to meet, and he was obviously as well pleased with himself and life as any man could be who had fought in the Mons retreat and lived to tell the tale in pure Cockney to his friends and his relations down the Mile-End road. It certainly has been a wonderful war. Here was a hero of the grandest epic in the thrilling history of British arms, a man who had served with the Old Contemptibles when the Hun had things nearly all his own way, flipping his whip above the insolent ears of a moke who evidently knew it was all crack and no sting, and selling windmills and toy balloons for old clothes. No doubt he could tell a story about another kind of balloon, and recall glimpses of windmills with tragic histories. But his entire pose was that of complete and joyous restoration to the serious and happy paths of real life. One did not need the burnished badge of the Middlesex Regiment in his buttonhole to identify an old Die Hard. And instantly there came back to memory the tale, long popular on the Western front, of the irate Die Hard who, after a bad ten minutes with his R.S.M., exclaimed: If ever I meet the perisher apres la guerre, I'll bust every single balloon on his barrow.

THE LAST MAN.

Almost imperceptibly the vistas of the Strand resume their old appearance. The Strand has for five long and thrilling years been the chief happy hunting ground and rendezvous of overseas khaki. Only a few months ago there were more men in than out of khaki to be met there at any hour of the night or day. Now already a Colonial soldier in the Strand is once more becoming almost an object of novel interest. Soon the last of these upstanding sons of the far-flung Empire will have gone back home across the ocean, and the Strand will retain only memories of the days when it was a bivouac for Colonial troops. The colour scheme of the famous London street has completely changed in a few months. The autumnal tints of khaki used to predominate strikingly when one looked down from any window over the colour scheme. We all know the last Anzac to leave the Beach in Gallipoli. They were all the last, and so were our own men. But who will be the last Colonial soldier to leave the Strand. It will be an even more conspicuous distinction. Especially if he leaves without an escort.

"LITTLE DOE" AS A GOLFER.

It is generally thought that H. Doherty did not play golf until he had finished with lawn tennis, but that is a mistake. Fifteen years ago I remember meeting him at the Ganton Links, Yorkshire. He had come over from Scarborough, five miles away, before the start of the Yorkshire tournament. Unfortunately, the afternoon turned out wet, and we sat in the club-house waiting for a tram back to Scarborough. There were few motor cars in these days. To pass the time "Little Doe" proposed a novel form of amusement. He opened a window about two feet, took his mashie and pitched a ball through the opening. He soon found someone to "take him on" at his game, and after each shot the window was lowered a little further. You can imagine what the end was. But before the window was smashed the original stake of half-a-crown had risen to a substantial amount. At the time of his death Doherty had a handicap plus three at golf. He played several rounds in the last Amateur Championship at Sandwich in 1914, and in the previous year he won the London Amateur Foursome in partnership with H. E. Taylor.

BUSMAN'S UNDERSTUDY.

Now that happily the danger of a general transport strike seems remote, it is permissible to mention one rather amusing step taken some time ago by our responsible authorities against such a contingency. A circular was privately sent round the Inns of Court to barristers—practising and otherwise—asking whether they would volunteer for some form of public service in the event of national necessity. There was a very gratifying response by the gentlemen of the long robe, I believe, and a great many of the eminent lights of the law seemed particularly anxious to try their hands as bus conductors. It would have been quite an interesting experience to have a K.C or some leading junior barrister standing on the conductor's step and collecting the fares. But I doubt whether it would have worked very well. There is a lot to learn before one becomes a fully qualified and "alive" bus conductor. Among other obligatory subjects are the instantaneous detection of bad and foreign coins, and an instinctive knowledge of where old ladies really want to get off.

GOLF AND THE SEXES.

Should women join golf clubs on the same terms as men? The question is agitating many committees just now. Of course, the general practice where there is not a separate course for women is to admit them to five-day membership at a reduced entrance fee and a reduced annual subscription. This means that they are not permitted to play on Saturdays and Sundays, when the links are most crowded. But during the war, when most golf courses were more or less deserted, this rule was relaxed to a great extent, and though no change was made in the annual subscription, women were allowed to play freely on every day of the week. This privilege is now in process of being withdrawn, and the women players are protesting rather vehemently. The suggestion is put forward that they should continue to enjoy the privileges of full seven-day membership if they elect to pay the same subscription as the men. This seems a reasonable compromise and will probably be adopted in a good many instances. One new club has been started near London, where no distinction whatever is drawn between the sexes, though efforts are being made to bring in girl players with short handicaps who may be trusted not to hold up the course too much by foozled shots. The experiment is being matched with a good deal of interest. So far as it has been tested it is said to have been attended with a considerable degree of success.

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HIS MAJESTY'S APPEAL.

MEDALLION FOR PATRIOTIC EMPLOYERS OF SOLDIERS DISABLED IN THE WAR.

ENTENTE DECIDES TO QUIT RUSSIA.

THE KING'S CALL.

COUNTRY'S DEBT TO DISABLED HEROES.

The Government voluntary scheme for securing employment for men disabled in the war came into force on Monday. A proclamation by the King reminds the nation of its duty to the fighting men "broken in our wars."

The proclamation charges.—

"Employers of labour, that they do bind themselves to take into and keep in their service as many, being thus disabled, as their several businesses will allow, not being held back in their performance of this high and solemn obligation either by fear of inconvenience or loss, but rather omitting nothing which will secure that occupation be found without delay for all these whose lack of employment would offend the general conscience

"To this end We have signified Our will and pleasure that the National Roll of those who undertake to employ such men in accordance with the plans prepared by Our Minister of Labour shall be styled and known as the King's National Roll."

It is estimated that 700,000 disabled men are already employed, leaving 50,000 on the labour market, and another 50,000 awaiting discharge from hospital.

A scheme for distributing the men among employers has been drawn up and discussed with the principal trades of the country. In the engineering and shipbuilding trades discussions are still taking place. Briefly, the scheme proposes that every employer having 10 or more workers should have among them a proportion—where possible not less than 1 in 20—of disabled ex-Service men. The employer will then be entitled to a place on the King's National Roll, and may use a "Seal of Honour" on his correspondence, an official device which will show that he is helping the disabled.

The Ministry of Labour states that the disabled men will not be used to dilute skilled labour. Unskilled men are to be trained by the Ministry, or by arrangement in the employer's own establishment. The employer is to be relieved by the taxpayer of the extra liability under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Wages of disabled men are to be fixed according to agreements made on their behalf, with the Trade Advisory Committees. In no case will the possession of a disability pension be taken into account in computing the rate of wages, and there will be no State subsidy to enable the employer to make up the wages to the amount fixed.

Already Government departments employ disabled men to the extent of 4% per cent. of their total permanent and temporary staff.

The "disabled man" is defined as

(a) Any man in possession of a disablement pension.

(b) Any man who has received from the Ministry of Pensions a gratuity for a minor disablement or aggravation of a complaint, and who is adjudged by the Local Employment Committee to be incapacitated, wholly or in part, from following his normal occupation.

All employers are to be circularised with a form of undertaking to join in the scheme.

DEFIANT SINN FEIN.

"WE SHALL GO AHEAD."

"Business as usual" is the Sinn Fein's motto. The staff at 6, Harcourt-street, Dublin where the police made a thorough search and carried away a bulky parcel of documents, are still carrying on.

"The significant part of the raid," said Mr. Arthur Griffith, who is in charge during Mr. de Valera's absence in America, to me, "is that the police seized correspondence and documents relating to trade relations in the course of formation between the Sinn Fein Parliament and firms in America and foreign countries. On the average they make a raid every six weeks, but this is the first time they have seized documents relating to trade matters which have nothing to do with the political side of the question."

"We shall still go ahead," said Mr. Griffith, referring to Viscount French's proclamation of the Sinn Fein Parliament. "As we represent three-fourths of the people of Ireland, it is strange that a British field-marshal should be able to declare these people illegal in their own country."

Dublin is quiet at present. No arrests have yet been made in connection with the murder of Detective Hoey.

CASTLE IN SPAIN FOR CARL.

It is reported from Santander, Spain that the ex-Emperor Charles of Austria and his family are expected there in a few days. The royal Magdalena Palace is being prepared for them.

ABANDONED.

RUSSIA TO BE LEFT TO ITS OWN FATE.

The Supreme Council of the Powers in Paris has approved of the British policy of evacuation of North Russia. The Powers adhere to the principle that Russia must work out her own salvation on her own lines, always provided she does not interfere with the rights and liberties of her neighbours. The recapture of Onega from the Bolshevists has been effected, and there are reports of other successes in the Archangel province, and between Moscow and the Volga.

A TISSUE OF LIES.

The charges made by Mr. William C. Bullitt, formerly of the American Peace Commission in Paris, against Mr. Lloyd George of having misled the public by denying in the House of Commons that approaches had been made by the Russian Soviet Government to the Allies have stirred Mr. Lloyd George into a double denial.

One of Mr. Bullitt's allegations before the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee was that after Mr. Lloyd George's statement in Parliament Mr. Philip Kerr, the Prime Minister's Secretary, had called upon him (Mr. Bullitt) and apologized for his chief's action. Mr. Bullitt affirmed that he had gone to Russia, taking with him suggestions from Mr. Kerr, containing terms upon which peace with the Bolshevists might be considered, and that Lenin sent back proposals "which virtually tallied with the conditions laid down by Colonel House and Mr. Kerr."

"Mr. Kerr explained," said Mr. Bullitt to the Committee, "that when Mr. Lloyd George got home intending to recommend favourable action on the Soviet proposal, he found that Lord Northcliffe and Mr. Winston Churchill had rigged up a Conservative majority which intended to slay him if he did so."

The first denial was from Paris, and in the following terms:—

Paris, Sept. 15.—Reuter's Correspondent is authorized to state that the account given by the American, Mr. Bullitt, to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations of private conversations between himself and Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Philip Kerr (the Prime Minister's Secretary), as reported in the New York telegrams printed in Paris this morning, is a tissue of lies.

Later in the day the following statement was also issued in London:—

The Press Association is authorized to state that the reports appearing in the Press yesterday of conversations suggested by Mr. Bullitt to have taken place between the Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, and himself are entirely unfounded.

SYRIAN PROBLEM.

BRITISH TO EVACUATE NORTHERN AREA.

As the result of the meeting between Mr. Lloyd George and M. Clemenceau a temporary arrangement was arrived at on the Syrian question, and this has been approved by the Supreme Council. The decisions give full satisfaction to both countries, especially to France. The agreement will remain in force until America announces her intentions regarding the future of the Turkish dominions. A telegram from Paris states that the Syrian arrangement provides that the British will withdraw their troops to Lower Syria and Palestine and will leave the French in Upper Syria. The French will not, however, occupy Aleppo, Damascus or Homs. It is understood, the telegram continues, that the French will negotiate with Emir Feisul concerning the exact boundaries of the region which they will occupy. Great Britain will probably be represented at the Peace Conference by Sir Eyre Crowe, who will be made Minister Plenipotentiary.

ARMY COUNCIL'S RHINE VISIT.

The following telegrams have passed between General Sir William R. Robertson, and the Secretary, Army Council, War Office, London:

"All ranks Rhine Army desire to express their pleasure at the historic visit of the Army Council, and hope that their stay with Army has been an agreeable one."

"Please convey to all ranks Rhine Army the thanks of the Army Council for their message of Aug. 21. The Council have greatly valued the opportunities of personal touch with the troops afforded them by their visit, of which they retain the pleasantest memories. The Council were deeply impressed with the soldierly bearing and the fine spirit shown by the troops under your command, who worthily uphold the best traditions of the British Army."

WAR GRATUITIES.

70,000 PAYMENTS IN SIX WEEKS.

The war gratuity granted in December last has now been issued to the legal representatives of over 100,000 officers and men who died in the War. Of these issues 70,000 have been made during the past six weeks. The cases of all officers and men who died on or before 30th June, 1916, have now been taken in hand, and if the representatives of any of those who died on or before that date have not already received a communication from the War Office on the subject of the gratuity, they should send particulars at once to the Secretary, War Office, Imperial Institute, London, S.W. 7. Until further notice, no application should be made in respect of officers or men who died after 30th June 1916.

In view of numerous applications received from representatives of officers who were appointed direct to temporary commissions, it is announced that a war gratuity is issuable only in the case of Officers who held permanent commissions or were promoted from the ranks to permanent or temporary commissions. Officers appointed direct to temporary commissions are entitled only to the gratuity issuable under the Royal Warrant for Pay and this gratuity is paid when the officers' balances are issued.

108 DEATH SENTENCES.

COST OF INDIAN RIOTS.

At a meeting of the Viceroy of India's Council, sixty questions were asked by Indian members regarding the riots. In the replies it was stated that 852 persons were tried, 108 sentenced to death, 265 transported for life, 104 sentenced to prison for terms over three years, 356 to forfeiture of property, that 18 had been executed, that 488 sentences had been reduced, and 332 forfeitures remitted. Three hundred and one persons had been killed at Amritsar, where the number of wounded was not known. Six were killed and forty-six wounded at Lahore, and fifty-eight persons were flogged at Lahore. Eight hundred and fifty-two persons in the Punjab were tried by the Martial Law Commissions, and 581 convicted; 1,437 were tried by the summary courts, and 1,179 convicted.

The Council expressed its loyal devotion and congratulations to his Majesty, and its heartfelt thanks to the Army and Navy forces.

"PEACEFUL PENETRATION."

GERMAN DESIGNS IN CANADA.

English despatches warn Canada that the Germans are planning, through emigration societies, to make renewed efforts in the direction of "peaceful penetration" of the Dominion as soon as the embargo on the entry of enemy aliens is raised. No official announcement is forthcoming, but it is hardly probable that the authorities would welcome any extensive German peaceful invasion; they are more likely to follow Australia's course of prohibiting the settlement of Germans in Canada during a stated period. The general feeling of distrust towards Germany is as strong as ever, probably stronger owing to the rapid demobilization sending large numbers of Canadian overseas troops home. It is probable that the matter will be dealt with in the present session of Parliament, now that the Peace Treaty has been ratified without useless amendments and reservations.

BELGIAN EX-SOLDIERS DEMONSTRATE.

The Belgian National Soldiers' Federation to-day organised a demonstration at Brussels which was attended by more than 120,000 demobilised soldiers. The object of the demonstration was to protest against the present position of widows and orphans of soldiers who fell in the field, of disabled men, and all ex-soldiers. A delegation handed to the Minister of Finance the claims of the soldiers and a petition to the King, declaring that the Grants Bill was only a lamentable deception. The petition demanded legislation to compel employers to employ demobilised soldiers in conditions which will enable their families to obtain the necessities of life and enable the soldiers to rebuild their homes; greater speed in the payment of gratuities and pensions; the punishment of traitors, informers, and profiteers.

TAR AND FEATHERS SEQUEL.

Lieutenant F. T. Wright, of the Royal Fusiliers, who was the prime mover in the sensational "tar and feathers" drama on June 6, has been released from arrest, and will no longer be obliged to report to the assistant provost marshal.

No information is to be obtained with regard to any decision having been arrived at by the court-martial which tried Lieutenant Wright last Wednesday.

Owing to objections to the Austrian Peace Treaty, M. Bratiano, the Rumanian Premier, has resigned.

The resignation of the Serbian Cabinet is also announced for a similar reason, but has been authorised by the Prince Regent to remain in office until the crisis has been solved.

"DRY" PERILS.

EVILS THAT PUSSYFOOT BRINGS.

Although Prohibition has had no real test in the United States, even after a period of more than two months, much evidence has been obtained of the numerous evils which have arisen as the result of the restrictions placed on the consumption of alcohol. The great majority of cities so far are not deprived of whisky cocktails or wines, because it has been impossible to prevent restaurateurs and public-house owners from getting rid of their stocks to trusted customers, but the poorer classes by this time are really living under prohibition conditions, and, in consequence, many are resorting to harmful substitutes. It is reported by the National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness in New York, for instance, that there is an alarming increase in the number of deaths and blindness resulting from drinking wood alcohol as a substitute for grain alcohol. The lesser evil is the increase in chewing tobacco and the gum habit, and the Board of Health is protesting that it is becoming impossible to keep the public streets and conveyances sanitary as a result.

Even the half-hearted Prohibition now in effect here promises to be the most expensive moral crusade ever conducted by the Government, and the Attorney-General and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue between them declare that they require £120,000 a month to enforce it. Americans generally anticipate one or two years "hard scratching" for their liquor, but in the large cities it is confidently believed that before the General Election next year the impossibilities of national prohibition will be so apparent that a Government pledged to nullify the terms of constitutional amendment will be elected.

10,000 HELD UP.

MARSEILLES PARALYSED.

Economic life at Marseilles is almost entirely suspended by the general strike. In sympathy with the dockers, the tram workers struck for a day, and threaten to take further action if the strike is not settled. Forty ships are in the roadstead, as they cannot be unloaded, and with the sailors on strike passenger traffic to Corsica, Tunisia, and Algeria is stopped.

The latest news is more hopeful. It is reported that the Labour Federation and the secretaries of the principal trade unions and the various trades on strike have accepted the proposals previously made by the masters, which they had rejected.

The sailors have no grievances; they have joined the strike movement in order to help the dockers to obtain the increase of wages sought. Their action has caused great inconvenience, for no fewer than 10,000 passengers have been held up on the quays, many of them in a pitiable condition. An appeal was made to the sailors, and as a result several vessels are to start for Corsica, Algiers, and Bizerta.

Huge quantities of food reach Marseilles, and colonial workers are being employed to unload it. It may be that if a settlement of the strike is not reached soon, the Government will intervene. Meanwhile there is trouble at Cherbourg, where the crane workers in the coal port at Le Homet have struck work.

WE WON'T WORK.

Output in the worsted industry of the Bradford district is restricted because the operatives engaged in the first process of manufacture, viz., woolcombing, will not work overtime, although there is not sufficient labour to run all the machinery available. The employers offered increased wages some weeks back and later offered a bonus to those who worked full overtime. The revised offer has, however, been rejected by an overwhelming majority. It was stated after the meeting that they will not work overtime at any price. Wool warehousemen at their meeting held at the same time, accepted the employers' proposals, but there will be little work for the warehousemen if the woolcombers will not work.

FRIEND, FOE, OR NEITHER.

The Swiss newspapers are gravely exercised by a complicated question of international law raised by the return home of Captain von Freudenreich, a member of a well-known Swiss family.

Captain von Freudenreich, during the war, served in the German Navy as commander of a submarine which sank several Allied vessels. Later he entered the Zeppelin service, and was one of the officers of an airship which bombed Paris.

He has now returned to Berne, and the newspapers ask what the Government will do if the Allies ask for his extradition for trial among the other German submarine and Zeppelin commanders.

FROM GERMAN TO FRENCH ARMY.

Among the recruits who will be drafted for service into the French Army this autumn will be 21,000 men from the liberated provinces of Alsace and Lorraine. Most of these have been in the German Army, from which they were released by the revolution last November. Many of them do not speak French, and the officers speaking German will be put in command of them at first till they learn.

GERMAN WAR PLANS.

PROMISES AND THREATS TO DENMARK.

A White-book has been issued in Copenhagen containing the documents relating to the discussions in 1906 and 1907 between Captain Luetken, representing the then Danish Premier and Minister of Defence, M. J. C. Christensen, who is now the leader of one of the Opposition parties, and General von Moltke, the then Chief of the German General Staff, regarding the position of Denmark in case of war.

Von Moltke demanded that better preparations should be made by Denmark to resist a possible attack by Great Britain, and threatened that if Denmark took the enemy's side in a European war it would mean her end. At the same time he promised assistance in resisting Great Britain and every consideration if she took Germany's part.

In a conversation on July 2, 1906, von Moltke said that he had certain knowledge that King Edward had promised M. Delcassé a British landing in Jutland, and in the same conversation he refused to give a declaration that Germany would respect the neutrality of Denmark.

On July 3 von Moltke is represented to have said that a rectification of the frontier of Slesvig could hardly take place until after a war in which Denmark stood on Germany's side.

M. Christensen, in his defence, incidentally says that the King promised him on February 9, 1906, to talk both to the Kaiser and to King Edward about the possibility of a treaty guaranteeing Denmark's neutrality and the preservation of her territory inviolate. King Frederick told him later that he had been unable to secure such treaties.

LEAF FROM LONDON'S BOOK.

DISCIPLINE FOR BOSTON POLICE.

The Boston U.S.A., police strikers have petitioned the municipal authorities for reinstatement on the old conditions, without affiliation to the American Federation of Labour. The authorities, however, refuse this request, and declare that a new force will be organised.

The Attorney-General in his decision states that the policemen lost their positions by striking, which ranks with desertion. Hence reinstatement is impossible. All policemen who want their old positions back again must pass the new civil service examination, and make formal applications for the posts, like newcomers to the force. This attitude is everywhere approved as a lesson in discipline to municipal police throughout the United States.

HOW LONDON WAS SAVED FROM U BOATS.

Interesting revelations of naval warfare were made at Folkestone by Admiral Sir Sydney R. Fremantle. Thirty German submarines were sunk trying to get into the English Channel, said the Admiral, who is in command of the First Battle Squadron. Sir Sydney was speaking at a dinner to officers of the battleships Revenge, Resolution, and Ramilies, and said Folkestone had witnessed the execution of the measures that secured the full effect of the barrage from Folkestone to Cape Gris Nez. Germany had left the bones of thirty submarines at the bottom of the Channel, and gave up the attempt to pass through the Straits of Dover. Had the barrage not been effective, German operations in the Channel would have been greatly facilitated. Seaborne traffic would either have been stopped or very materially reduced. London, as they knew it, would have ceased to exist, and our national life would have been difficult to imagine in the circumstances.

"ALLENBY OF MEGIDDO."

Sir Edmund Allenby in future will be known as Lord Allenby of Megiddo. Megiddo is in Northern Palestine and the scene of one of Lord Allenby's finest exploits. It is said to be identified with the Armageddon of the Scriptures where the last decisive battle will be fought at the Day of Judgment.

DYING POLICE UNION.

Officers and men of the Nottingham City Police to the number of 350 have passed a resolution withdrawing from the Police Union, and the moneys and books have been returned to the head office. The Nottingham men until recently were very active in support of the organization, but with the removal locally of all grievances they have recognized that the necessity no longer exists.

The Dudley and District Branch of the union has also resigned. The decision affects about 150 men in the northern part of Worcestershire.

LAND FOR EX-SERVICE MEN.

Up to last week-end 17,898 ex-Service men had applied for 316,729 acres of land for small holdings in England and 7,473 civilians for 114,716 acres— a total of 25,371 applications for 431,445 acres. Of the 12,322 applicants interviewed by 47 county councils, 10,799 were approved. These comprise over 16,000 who require small holdings amounting to more than 184,000 acres, and 715 who require cottage holdings amounting to 2,430 acres.

ROYAL WARRANT.

PAY OF OFFICERS FILLING APPOINTMENTS.

THIRD ARTICLE OF THE SERIES.

Table IV (continued). Class C.—Pay of officers filling appointments which are classed as under:—

Rank	Class	Rate per day £	s.	d.	
Colonel	T	3	3	0	(5)
Colonel	V	3	0	0	(5)
Colonel	W	2	17	6	(5)
Colonel	X	2	15	0	(5)
Colonel	Y	2	7	6	(5)
Major	Z	2	2	6	(9)
Major	AA	1	18	6	(9)
Major	BB	1	16	0	(9)
Captain	CC	1	13	0	(11)
Captain	DD	1	11	0	(11)
Captain	EE	1	11	0	(11)
Captain	FF	1	8	0	(11)
Lieutenant	GG	1	2	0	(13)
Lieutenant	HH	0	19	0	(13)
Lieutenant	II	0	16	0	(13)
Lieutenant	JJ	0	13	0	(13)

Officers, graded for pay under Army Order 223 of 1918, now drawing consolidated rates of pay will draw the new rates corresponding to the consolidated rates now drawn by them unless special rates are fixed under this Warrant for the appointments held.

D.—Pay of officers filling special appointments, as under:—

Appointment	Pay per day £	s.	d.	
Major-General i/c Administration	4	10	0	(3)
Brigadier-General i/c Administration	3	10	0	(4)
Officer i/c Records (other than R.E. or R.A.S.C.)...	2	12	6	(5)
Officer i/c R.E. or R.A.S.C. Records	2	15	0	(5)
Military Attaché	2	15	0	(5)
	plus additional pay.			
General Staff Officer, 1st Grade, Assistant Adjutant-General or Assistant Quartermaster-General ..	2	15	0	(5)
General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade, Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General, Deputy-Assistant Quartermaster-General or Deputy-Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport	1	16	0	(9)
Major-Instructor in Gunnery	1	16	0	(9)
Brigade-Major	1	13	0	(11)
Captain, Instructor in Gunnery	1	11	0	(11)
Assistant Military Secretary and Aide-de-Camp	1	11	0	(11)
Assistant Military Secretary	1	11	0	(11)
General Staff Officer, 3rd Grade, or Staff Captain	1	8	0	(11)
Aide-de-Camp	1	2	0	(13)
Staff Lieutenant, 1st Class	1	2	0	(13)
Staff Lieutenant, 2nd Class	0	19	0	(13)
Technical Staff— Assistant Director of Military Transport, Woolwich, Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport of a Command	2	15	0	(5)
Chief Engineer	2	15	0	(5)
	with Engineer pay if qualified.			

The remainder of this Class comprises special appointments at Home Establishments.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

(i) Colonels' appointments requiring technical engineering qualifications held by Colonels, Royal Engineers, duly qualified for Engineer pay, will carry Engineer pay in addition to the normal pay for a Colonel (viz., £2 15s. per day), but this additional emolument will not apply to appointments the functions of which consist in the administration of personnel only.

(ii.) Majors and Captains who fill appointments which are classed for allowances, Class 9 (Majors), Class 11 (Captains), respectively, and who as regimental officers would draw the higher rate of regimental pay for length of service, will draw in addition to the normal pay of the appointment the difference between the lower and higher regimental rates.

A Major who fills a Class appointment will draw 2s. 6d. a day in addition to the normal daily rate of pay laid down for the appointment but with no further addition in respect of length of service.

A Captain holding higher rank by Brevet will draw the rate to which he would be entitled if a Captain not holding Brevet rank.

Quartermasters granted temporary combatant rank while filling staff appointments will be permitted to count their service as Quartermasters towards these increments.

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(To be Continued.)

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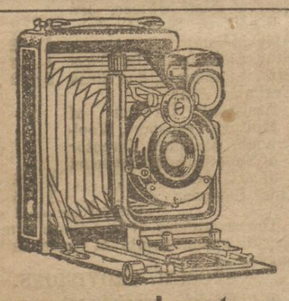
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SEPTEMBER 20th

Amendments to entries as published in "Cologne Post" of Wed. 17th September.

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For Capt. Graham's NIGGER read NIGER
2.45 THE ALMA STEEPLECHASE
For Major Bather's BOBBY read Capt Laidman's BOBBY III
3.30 THE DELHI PLATE (2nd Div.)
For Capt. Thorpe's KITTY read KITTY IX
4.15 THE HANDLEY CROSS STEEPLECHASE
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Thursday, September 18, 1919.

HONOUR AND DISHONOUR

The King has made a timely appeal on behalf of the hundred thousand disabled men who are still prevented from returning to work.

It is a touching reminder of the lack of fulfilment of the promise that was made to our men when they left everything to fight in the nation's cause, that none should suffer by serving his country.

Most employers have loyally kept that pledge but many have not. These have placed individual convenience and sordid commercial interest before patriotic duty.

Hence the thousands of disabled who still walk the streets seeking in vain for the job that should be theirs by right.

According to the scheme of the Ministry of Labour for the employment of disabled Service men which the King urges his subjects to support, every employer in the United Kingdom who employs ten or more workers is asked to undertake to employ as many disabled ex-service men as possible, with a minimum of 5 per cent of his total establishment. Those employers who can absorb more than 5 per cent. are strongly urged to do so.

It has to be remembered that the employment of disabled men entails but little hardship on the part of the employer, as experience tends to show that by careful selection of the work, disabled men can, generally speaking, be remuneratively employed. Employers are relieved by the State of any extra liability under the Workmen's Compensation Act which the employment of disabled men may entail.

And the King's proclamation ensures that every employer who gives his support to the national scheme will receive a certificate issued by the Ministry of Labour, and his name will be inscribed on the National Roll referred to in the Royal proclamation.

Every employer whose name appears upon this roll will be entitled to use an official device on his correspondence — a seal of honour — indicating that he recognises the national obligation to the disabled, and that his share therein is gladly undertaken.

This idea has much to commend it and we hope it will have the desired effect of reducing the number of unemployed disabled to a reasonable minimum.

That any appeal from the head of the State should have been necessary is not too creditable to the attitude of many of our business men and in addition to such a Roll of Honour we strongly urge that all who fail to comply with it should be placed upon a Roll of Dishonour.

If there are any employers who still refuse to help the disabled man but for whose gallantry and sacrifice they might not be in business at all, let them bear the public odium of a black list, if no greater punishment is possible.

A GREAT ENGLISHMAN.

To-day is the 210th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Samuel Johnson, "the great Cham of literature," and after six years quiescence, due to more stupendous happenings, enthusiastic Johnsonians have arranged a celebration on an unusually imposing scale. Within the Three Crowns Inn at Lichfield, where the lexicographer and his friend Boswell were wont to pitch their tents from time to time, a sanded floor, candles in brass candlesticks, punch and churchwardens have been requisitioned.

For us, however, the most attractive item in the celebration is the address which Sir Sidney Lee, the new president of the Johnson Society, will deliver at the Guildhall this afternoon. His subject is "Dr. Johnson and Current Affairs."

Had Johnson been alive during the recent protracted struggle one can scarcely imagine he would have been a particularly happy companion, for he keenly resented that curtailment of personal liberty to which we had all perforce to submit.

Great men have sometimes great thirsts, moreover, and Johnson was scarcely partial to milk or lemonade. What was there in Fleet Street and adjacent thoroughfares during Armageddon with which a journalist and man of the world could adequately quench a natural thirst, and what sort of hours prevailed for a confirmed night bird, whose favourite haunts were the taverns of the town? "Fleet Street open day and night," says Mr. Augustine Birrell, "This is what he meant by public order."

Nor, despite the memory of poor Mr. Cecil Chesterton, can we imagine Johnson as a corporal, say, in the London Regiment. No quartermaster in the Army could possibly fit him. The one legislative enactment which would have favourably appealed to him would probably have been the suspension of payments of debt which a kindly Government in its wisdom thoughtfully instituted.

On the other hand Samuel Johnson possessed indomitable courage, a tender heart, powerful mental endowments, unlimited good sense, and a dignity of pride which would have enabled him to weather the recent storm with tolerable ease, and, probably to instil into his fellow-men, if only by his example, that bravery of spirit under vicissitudes, which enabled him to speak of "Death, kind nature's signal of retreat."

The present generation may know more of Jack Johnson than they do of Samuel, but the latter, who is more a personality than an author, is well worthy of the affectionate regard of others besides "lettered hearts." As one critic remarks "his character will bear investigation, and some of his books perusal."

TRAM CATCHING.

A NEW AND EXCITING GAME.

I reside in that peaceful suburb of the Perfume City known as Marienburg, pronounced, so the natives insist, Ma-ree-enbourshl!

My trouble is this; on the remote occasions when I am able to go uptown certain queer things occur. Every tram-car official on No 14 line appears to receive—presumably via telepathy—the knowledge of my intention and thenceforward proceeds to do his utmost to frustrate my desire.

It may be hate, prejudice, or eccentricity; but, on the whole, from rumours I have heard, I am inclined to regard it as a new form of sport adopted to relieve the monotony of their task—anyway, no doubt it is very amusing.

The following little incident takes place every time.

Properly dressed, and with a smart and soldierlike bearing, I stride briskly down Bayenthal Gurtel in the direction of the Rhine embankment, and, upon reaching the rear of the formidable Bismark monument I am gratified to see, invariably, glimmering over the hedge-top, the roofs of a No 14 car—at the moment, stationary at the haltestelle. But there are still a further hundred yards to be covered, and, aware of the object of the game, and of the duplicity and playfulness of my opponents, I make a dash for it!

In a cloud of dust, and perspiring profusely, I whirl round the little decorative garden, trip over a length of water-hose and bound on to the roadway just in time to be mangled by the flying wheels of the aristocratic Rheinuferbahn travelling madly in the opposite direction.

With a brilliant piece of footwork for which, in the ring I am noted, I escape this unpleasant experience, observe that No 14 has disappeared, and lean flabbily against the fence under the sardonic gaze of an adamant Bismark.

The street-car people enjoy themselves even more when, late evening, I, in Cologne, endeavour to return home!

At this psychological moment all the tramway staffs seem to be in collusion!

I have recently noticed that No. 14 stops his car near the Dom, in such a position that he can at once spot me as I approach from around this edifice. No sooner do I come into view than there is a rattle, a crash, a slam on the gong; several would be passengers closely explore the intersticies of the cobbles, and I arrive at the precise moment when the hind legs of No. 14 are vanishing down Bischofsgarten Strasse!

'Still, only fifteen minutes to wait,' I reflect, comfortingly.

Are there?

From that minute Destiny rearranges her entire programme!

After a quarter-of-an-hour has passed I emerge from my brown study and the waiting-hall and search fatuously for my lucky number.

Firstly a No. 6 glides gracefully by; then a couple of No. 18's—a No. 20, following which, Providence having nothing else, at this juncture, with which to provoke me, half-a-dozen No. 6's arrive simultaneously!

A space of a few minutes; and then I am presented with the spectacle of an outlandish road-watering contraption masquerading as a tram-car. This, for an unknown reason, comes to a stop — ostensibly in order that I may inspect same. It departs without an encore and the stage is taken consecutively by a bevy of No. 18's, with a sprinkling, of No. 11's. Then ——

"Gigantic Geraniums! A No. 14!"

To show my independence, and to annoy the strassenbahn humorists, I lounge nonchalantly forward with no semblance of enthusiasm.

I think it was Browning who said —

Someone murmers 'Last car'; the said vehicle moves off with a sudden jerk and clamour; I chase it three-quarters of a mile, and subsequently cling on to its rear with my eyebrows!

No. 14, realizing his defeat, rolls on sulkily until he reaches a particular point. The lights go out, there is a confused roar intermingled with guttural Teutonisms, and my car is unpretentiously shunted into a siding.

A melancholy trudge of a couple of miles, and an undesirable interview with an M.P. or two, completes my Perfect Day.

H.R.P.

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THE VI. CORPS CLUB.

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Since it was first opened at Avesnes le Comte in August 1916 it has had a chequered career and many homes. A movable club is a novelty and one of the great surprises of the war, a more appreciated one than many others.

What memories are recalled of those palaces of delight at Arras, Behagnies, Bavincourt and other places. To enter the Club after the trenches and miseries of the front line was like being in Heaven.

The jolliest crowd of officers could always be found there and there was always an atmosphere of good fellowship.

During the great retreat of March 1918 the club at Behagnies had to be hastily evacuated, but it is to the credit of all concerned that not a thing was lost, even the billiard tables being carried away.

In our great advance the Club also played a noble part and branches were opened at many places.

A red letter day in its history was its reopening at Maubeuge in November 1918. The armistice was celebrated there in great style. A still greater event was its re-establishment on German soil first of all at Düren in December 1918—Boxing Day—and then at Cologne, on the first day of spring in this glorious year of 1919.

There is no Club in London more beautiful and better conducted than the one in Augustinerplatz, Cologne. It is an ideal spot. The oval garden of trees and shrubs, the massive building with its balcony and Corinthian columns impresses you. It is of regal proportions but above all a home from home, to the crowd of officers who frequent its doors. There is no entrance fee, no financial burdens, no profiteering. Here you can see general and subaltern, nurses, chaplains and doctors, all enjoying the warmth of hospitality extended to them.

You are lost in wonder, love and praise as you make a tour of the rooms. As you enter the swing doors you see the magnificent stairs with the rich velvet pile carpet. To the left is a well-stocked canteen in charge of very courteous orderlies, to the right a splendid dining room which, on the occasion of the dinner to the Army Council, was a wonder to beheld. Such a scene of brilliance has seldom been equalled in any club.

The lounge with its settees, palm trees, and huge mirrors is a delightful place. The clock room is a marvel, the billiard room, with its fine tables and walls covered with hunting pictures is a joy, but the most brilliant and impressive of all is the great chamber used as a tea-, writing-, reading- and dining-room. Here there are the most comfortable chairs and couches. The tables are tastefully decorated with plants. In the centre are huge palm trees. The room itself is richly decorated in gold and white. The balcony running all round, the huge mirrors, the tasteful window hangings and the stately columns at the extreme end are truly glorious. It is worthy of Versailles, a hall of mirrors. In the evening when the seven huge glittering chandeliers are lighted and the coloured lamps on the two stands, the room is flooded with brilliance.

The orchestra is one of the finest in the city and greatly appreciated.

The variety and quantity of newspapers and periodicals reflects great credit on the management. The excellent hairdresser's establishment is a great boon and the staff all that can be desired.

G. K.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

THE STARING HABIT.

Sir,—It is said that to stare is the outward sign of an empty mind and lack of culture—yet the habit thrives.

One finds one's self quite unintentionally scrutinising one's fellow passengers in train and tram, in hotel and cabaret, not that their conduct is extraordinary, or calling for notice, but because staring has become a habit.

Particularly was this the case in small towns at home. It is claimed that in London one is immune, but from my experience on leave ten minutes on the London tube is sufficient to convince one that here as elsewhere a curious interest is taken in fellow passengers. The only remedy is to carry reading matter.

JUNO.

THE VICTORY RIBAND.

Sir,—How is it, sir, that the victory riband is on sale in certain German shops while it is unobtainable at our regimental institutions?

It seems to me that this opens the way to profiteering; this is a riband which is worn by our Allies, so it seems to me that if representations had been put through the usual channels supplies could have been forthcoming. By such methods we are playing into the hands of the German trader.

WILLIE.

AN EXPLANATION.

Sir,—As one of the lady teachers who are supposed to have protested in the "Cologne Post" against the use of bad language by a Tommy in Ohligs station, I should like to state that we knew nothing of the incident. We did not hear the language referred to, and if we had heard it, the last thing to enter our heads would have been to write to the "Cologne Post" about it.

ORANGE BAND.

WIVES AND EFFICIENCY.

Sir,—I as one of the others replying to Bachelor's letter which appeared in your Sunday issue liken him unto a bear with a sore head. I would strongly advise him to try matrimony.

But alas! if he is too selfish to carry on for a pal for an afternoon then I fear possibly he is too selfish to support a wife.

If every Britisher had his selfish sentiments then where would the poor old Empire be?

MARRIED MAN.

Sir,—Judging by the tone of Bachelor's letter one would imagine him to be the champion of the right of fiancés and other members of the weaker sex to make the journey to the Rhine about which we heard so much a few weeks ago.

Having failed to convince the authorities of the desirability of promoting a Rhine matrimonial agency he now discusses the anxiety of husbands to make the most of summer days in relation to the question of decreased efficiency. In other words he claims that he as a bachelor is called upon to perform extra duty because of the presence of wives on the Rhine.

Whatever the calls made upon him in his unit he will as a sportsman admit that many a hubby has at any rate some claim to a respite and a little less regimental duty under the circumstances after as in my case two years of separation apart from leave.

HUBBY.

ON THE RHINE BOATS.

Sir,—The experience of Nouveau Pauvre on a Rhine steamer and his observations as to the enormous consumption of food and drink that goes on during a trip are by no means unusual.

He however asks if the 35 bottles of Niersteiner wine consumed by a party of three is a record. By no means.

A few Sundays ago I journeyed to Godesburg and back by steamer. A decidedly rotund German and his equally massive Frau sat at a table the whole of the day and when the steamer returned to Cologne there was the respectable total of 54 empty bottles in front of them.

VERITAS.

SPELT CORRECTLY NOW.

Sir,—With reference to Not Demobilizable's "waggish" observation in a recent issue of "The Cologne Post", its timely appearance at least proves the power of the Press.

For, lo, instead of an obnoxious and redundant 'O' we now find in its place an extremely shame-faced and bashful 'I'.

GLORY B.

A STAGE POINT.

Sir,—"Turandat", a Chinese fable, is billed for the Opera here on Friday next. I fancy a spectacular play of this title was produced at the St. James' Theatre, London, a short time before the war. Can any of your readers confirm my recollection on this point?

P. Q.

THE STUDY OF SPANISH.

Sir,—I should like to endorse Mr. Sherman's letter as to the necessity of urging the study of Spanish amongst our troops.

Judging by the numbers attending the Spanish classes at the Army College, numbers which increase with each succeeding course, the usefulness of Spanish is not by any means underestimated and it is up to us to see that the great opportunities for business enterprise in South and Central America are not lost through a lack of Spanish speaking representatives.

Spain, too, offers a fair field for business, business which was formerly done with Germany.

MIENTRAS.

HAME, HAME, HAME.

Hame, hame, hame, O hame fain wad I be —
O hame, hame, hame, to my ain countree!
When the flower is i'the bud and the leaf is on the tree,
The larks shall sing me hame in my ain countree;
Hame, hame, hame, O hame fain wad I be —
O hame, hame, hame, to my ain countree!

ALLAN CUNNINGHAM.

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ARMY ATHLETICS.

Opening Day's Results: Excellent Talent.

FINE PROGRAMME TO-DAY.

The final stages of the great Rhine Army Athletic Tournament, for that is what it can be most correctly styled, have been reached. To-day at the P. and R.T. ground, Rhiel, the finalists meet to decide to whom the honour of the Rhine Army Championships in the various rounds will go. For the possession of such a coveted title the competition must necessarily be extraordinarily keen and consequently the standard of athletics is expected to be unusually high.

The process of elimination for the championships commenced long ago, the successful battalion competitors passing on to Bde. meetings, where success was a passport to the Divisional contests. The last test was at Corps, the winners of the various events qualifying to compete at the great Army meeting. So that the men who will be competing to-day can safely be said to be the very best talent that Rhineland can produce, in itself a sufficient inducement to attract a large number to the meeting.

Yesterday the only final decided was the three miles, the reason being that some of the competitors had also entered for the cross-country taking place to-day. Other events, yesterday were the semi-finals of the tug-of-war and the first round of the basket ball.

The Results.

In the tug-of-war (light) the 83rd Brigade R.G.A. beat the 5th Royal Irish by two pulls to one, pulls 90, 59 and 60 seconds.

The 35th Brigade R.G.A. beat the 16th Tank Battalion by two pulls to nil, pulls 14 2/5 and 19 seconds.

The 83rd Brigade R.G.A. beat the 52nd Kings (Liverpools) by two pulls to nil, pulls 16 4/5 and 59 seconds.

In the tug-of-war (heavy) the 63rd Brigade R.G.A. beat the 41st Brigade R.G.A. by two pulls to nil, pulls 29 and 31 2/5 seconds.

The 35th Brigade R.G.A. beat the 4th Tank Battalion by two pulls to nil, pulls 20 4/5 and 37 1/5 seconds.

The 63rd Brigade R.G.A. beat the 52nd Kings (Liverpools) by two pulls to nil, pulls 17 1/5 and 11 4/5 seconds.

The three miles race in the athletic sports event was won easily by Cpl. Ward, 9th Tank Battalion in 15.54 2/5 minutes, Hayes, 9th Tank Battalion being a good second and Slade, 41st Battalion Machine Gun Corps (VI Corps) close up for third.

Basket Ball.

A tie in the basket ball event was played in which the P. and R.T. School beat 1/6th West Yorks, by 11 points to 2. The first half was very closely contested and ended with a score of 2 points all, but the better combination and shooting of the P. and R.T. School team told in the second half, though the struggle was keen to the last moment.

POINTS GAINED IN BOXING.

The following were the points gained in the boxing contests, full details of which will appear in our issue of tomorrow:—

32nd M.G.C. (10th Corps).....15
7th Middlesex (6th Corps).....12
51st Devons (2nd Corps).....11½
9th M.G.C. (4th Corps)..... 3

Proceedings to-day commence at 14.30 hours prompt.

FRENCH ST. LEGER.

Baron Rothschild's Stearine Wins in a Canter.

There was a very large attendance at Longchamps for the decision of the French St. Leger, and the famous Omnium, the handicap of the autumn season. Despite her victory at Caen, Baron Rothschild's filly Stearine was not generally fancied for the big race, as it was doubtful whether she could stay the distance. She disappointed in the French Oaks for which she started favourite, but she has at last reproduced the form she showed in her home gallops, and proved herself the good mare they thought her. Hallebardier ran well, but could never get up to Stearine, who led throughout and won in a canter.

Backers made no mistake in the handicap, for everyone was on the winner. A L'Ordre won the race for the Belgian sportsman Baron Baeyens with great ease.

KENSINGTON REGATTA.

The Kensington Rowing Club had a splendid entry for their forty-second annual regatta held at Hammersmith, and the names of many celebrated oarsmen figured on the programme. Amongst them were W.D. Kinnear, the Olympic champion of 1912, H. T. Blackstaffe, Olympic champion of 1908, Major C. E. Liles, the veteran president of the club, and Major Beddington, president of the Coast Rowing Association.

ATTACKS ON CYCLE RECORDS.

Under the auspices of the Kentish Wheelers three important cycle record attempts are to be made at Herne Hill to-day. W. A. Ormston and H. H. Lee (tandem champions) will attack the quarter-mile flying start record; H. Ryan and H. Lance will endeavour to lower the time for the standing start quarter-mile, and W. G. Stewart (the 50 miles champion) will attack the hour tandem-paced record of 30 miles 1.170yds held by W. J. Petts. The racing will begin at 6 p.m.

MANY RECORDS BROKEN.

Records went by the board at a weight-lifting tournament at the Camberwell Palace in aid of the Mayor of Camberwell's scheme to endow a ward in King's College Hospital, "in memory of those who remembered us."

J. Hayes, the amateur champion of Great Britain, broke three world's records, which he himself had set up in the eight-stone class. In the one-hand swing he raised 113lbs., an advance of 5½lbs., while he lifted 132lbs. in the two-hands snatch and beat his old figures of 136lbs. by 4lbs. in the two-hands dead lift.

J. V. Wheeler established a record at 148lbs. in the nine stone one-hand swing. Hayes gained first prize, followed by J. G. Paine, Wheeler, and G. Knights.

Back Stroke Record.

Miss May Spencer, Garston S.C., has set up a new 150 yards' back-stroke world's swimming record for ladies of 2min. 15sec.

TURF STATISTICS.

Present Positions in the Winning Lists.

Lord Derby by the success of Keysoe in the St. Leger last week has greatly improved his position in the list of winning owners, and has now won a little over £4,000 less than Lord Glanely. Carslake rode six winners during the week, but is still a long way behind Donoghue.

Owners.

	No. of horses.	Races won.	£
Glanely, Lord	14	27	23.119
Derby, Lord	17	29	19.014
Hulton, Sir E.	10	16	10,642
McCalmont, Major D.	6	14	9,201
Joel, Mr. S. B.	16	28	9,171
White, Mr. J.	12	23	8,510
Jersey, Lord	7	14	8,080
Cazalet, Mr. W.	7	10	7,810
De Pledge, Mr. W. T.	9	13	7,020
Astor, Major	2	4	6,650
Owen, Mr. H. C.	8	17	6.469
Black, Sir A.	2	2	5,838

Trainers.

	No. of horses.	Races won.	£
Taylor, A.	20	27	28,594
Barling, F. B.	14	28	22,709
Lambton, Hon. G.	23	42	24,451
Persse, H. S.	18	34	17,125
Lines H.	20	38	10,798
Hartigan, F.	16	24	10,154
Gilpin, P. P.	11	15	10,192
Day, R.	15	25	9,585
Loates, S.	16	28	9,291
Cottrill, H. L.	13	25	8,948
Sadler, jun. A.	7	14	8,043
Dewhurst, Capt.	13	18	7,888

Jockeys.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unp.	T'tl.
Donoghue, S.	111	103	60	143	417
Carlslake, B.	82	52	33	92	259
Smyth, V.	60	49	44	162	315
Colling, G.	50	43	37	176	306
Whalley, A.	49	42	26	125	242
Fox, F.	44	42	38	205	329
Templeman, F.	42	25	39	65	171
Hulme, G.	38	34	27	106	205
Wheatley, E.	38	41	25	97	201
Slade, F.	37	29	24	127	217
Childs, J.	30	30	23	74	157
Cooper, R.	29	27	25	95	176

Winning Horses.

	Races won.	£
Keysoe (3 yrs), f by Swynford—Keystone II	3	7637
Grand Parade (3 yrs), c by Orby—Grand Geraldine	2	7266
Buchan (3 yrs), c by Sunstar—Hamoaze	3	6170
Arion (4 yrs), c by Valens—Post Horn	4	5446
Tetratema (2 yrs), c by The Tetrarch—Scotch Gift	3	5287
Bayuda (3 yrs), f by Bayardo—Jessica	1	4950
Roseway (3 yrs), f by Stornaway—Rose of Ayrshire	2	4894
The Panther (3 yrs), c by Tracery—Countess Zia	1	4850
By Jingo (5 yrs), c by Aquascutum—Minnesota	2	4675
Haki (aged), br h by Rabelais—Hasseki	4	4595
Sarchedon (2 yrs), c by The Tetrarch Perfect Peach	3	4106
He (4 yrs), c by Santoi—She	4	3521

TENNIS AT COBLENZ.

Inter-Allied Tournament To Be Held On Saturday.

On Saturday, Sept. 20th, an Inter-Allied Tennis Tournament is being held on the American Tennis Courts at Coblentz, commencing at 10 a.m. Events:—Men's open singles, Men's open doubles, Mixed open doubles, Ladies open singles, and Ladies open doubles. All events are open to ladies and officers in the Allied Armies of Occupation and in the Allied Rhineland, High Commission.

Cups will be presented by the Y.M.C.A. to the winners of each event.

Entries to be made to Capt. A.P. Withers at the Athletic office, Coblentz before 6 p.m. on the 18th inst. There is no entrance fee.

RACING AT WARWICK.

The following where the results at Warwick on Monday:—

Arden Selling Plate:—1, Twenty-one; 2, Witch Doctor; 3, Paravaria.

Wellesbourne Nursery Handicap:—Tetricus; 2, Aerolite; 3, Claudette.

Charlecote (8) Welter Handicap:—1, Governor Wood; 2, St. Ives; 3, Dot's surprise.

Corinthian Handicap:—1, Killes..er; 2, Sari Bahr; 3, Walton Heath.

Kenilworth T.Y.O. Plate:—1, Statuar; 2, Coralie; 3, Ocean Light.

50,000 Spectators.

A huge crowd of 50,000 people were at Stamford Bridge, where Chelsea and Newcastle United halved the points without scoring. On the run of the play Chelsea deserved to win.

Making Holiday.

As in pre-war days, Newmarket trainers and their families vill make holiday at Yarmouth this week where again the two-year-old events promise the best sport.

TENNIS FINALS.

Close of Inter-Allied Tournament at Lindenthal.

EXCITING PLAY.

For the finals of the Inter-Allied Tennis Tournament at Lindenthal there was a fair number of spectators and play was very exciting. In the Gentlemen's Open Singles Rev. L. M Andrews beat Major R. E. Saul in a very exciting set, the scores being 6—2, 5—7, 6—3. Capt. Jones and Lieut. Ingl s carried off the Gentlemen's Handicap Doubles, while Rev. L M. Andrews and Major Saul won the Gentlemen's Open Doubles. After some exceptionally good play Mrs. Owen and Mrs. Woodcock beat Mrs. Pleydell-Nott and Mrs. Lord in the Ladies Handicap Doubles.

Major R.E. Saul and Miss McMaster beat Major and Miss Wheatley 6—0; 6—4 in the Mixed Open Doubles, while Major Holmes and Miss Bell were the winners of the Mixed Handicap Double.

Later the prizes were presented to the winners by Lady Lawford. Thus ended a most successful tournament.

Final Results.

Appended are the final results:—

Gentlemen's Open Singles:—Rev. L.M. Andrews beat Major Saul 6—2, 5—7, 6—3.

Gentlemen's Handicap Singles, Class I:—Major Holmes beat Major Saul w.o.

Gentlemen's Handi ap Singles, Class II:—Capt. Lindberg beat Col. H.S. ush w.o.

Gentlemen's Handicap Doubles:—Capt. Jones and Lieut. Inglis beat Major Rowntree and Capt. Dickinson 8—6. 3—6, 6—1.

Gentlemen's Open Doubles:—Rev. L.M. Andrew and Major Saul beat Capt. Godfree and Capt. Miles 6—2, 6—4.

Ladies' Handicap Doubles:—Mrs. Owen and Mrs. Woodcock beat Mrs. Pleydell-Nott and Mrs. Lord 6—2, 8—10, 6—4.

Mixed Open Doubles:—Major Saul and Miss McMaster beat Major and Miss Wheatley 6—0, 6—4.

Mixed Handicap Doubles:—Major Holmes and Miss Bell beat Capt. Godfree and Miss Hollins 8—6, 6—3.

LONDON BETTING.

Cesarewitch Stakes.

(Run Wednesday, Oct. 15. Two miles and a quarter).

17 to 2 agst Keysoe, 3, 8 1 (t and o) Lambton
100 — 8 — Silver Bullet, 4, 7 8 (t and o) Taylor
16 — 1 — King John, 4, 8 3 (o) Gilpin
16 — 1 — Langdon Hill, 4, 7 12 (o) Powney
16 — 1 — Gay Lord, 3, 7 2 (o) Cottril
18 — 1 — Chuette, 3, 8 1 (t and o) Beatty
20 — 1 — Happy Man, 3, 7 2 (t anh o) Hogg
20 — 1 — Royal Welsh, 3, 7 4 (t and o) Barling
25 — 1 — Greek Scholar, 6, 7 13 (o) J. Rhodes
25 — 1 — Golden Melody, 6, 6 3 (o) Gore
25 — 1 — Silver Bridge, 4, 7 3 (o) Persse
25 — 1 — Silonyx, 3, 7.9 (o) W. Waugh
25 — 1 — Unitoi, 4, 7 5 (o) P. Hartigan
25 — 1 — Warwick, 5, 7 9 (o) Tabor
28 — 1 — Alasnam, 3, 6 (o, 33—1 t) R. Day

Cambridgeshire Stakes.

(Run Oct. 2). One mile one furlong).
1000 to 30 on the field (o).

GARRISON OF MONTJOIE SPORTS.

A very successful sports meeting took place at Montjoie on Saturday, under the patronage of Brig.-Gen. G.M. Bullen Smith C.M.G., D.S.O. (Area Commandant) Lieut.-Col. A.C. Clarke, Capt. H.W. Cowling, M.C. Capt. G.G. Glanville, M.C. Capt. E. Barry and officers of the Garrison. All the races were well contested, and a very interesting afternoon's sport was the result. By kind permission of Col. N.F. Barwell M.C. and officers the band of the 6th West Yorks Regt. played an attractive programme of music. At the conclusion of the events Mrs. Sullivan, wife of Capt. P.S. Sullivan M.D., R.A.M.C. distributed the prizes.

The winners of the principal events were:—

100 yds:—L/Cpl. H. Howarth, 5th W. Yorks Regt.

220 yds.:—(open) Sgt. Blackhurst, 13th Tank Corps.

220 yds.:—(Reconnaissance School only) Cpl. H. Palmer, 3rd M.G.C.

440 yds.:—L/Cpl. H. Howarth, 5th West Yorks Regt.

Ob table race:—Pte. F.G. Burne, 52nd R. Warwicks Regt.

Bottle race:—L/Cpl. S. Kinder, 5th W. Yorks Regt.

Land and boat race:—No. 4 Syndicate Army Reconnaissance School.

Potato race:—Cpl. Wright, 5th Bde. Signals, R.E.

Tug-of-war:—5th West Yorks Regt.

Relay race:—5th West Yorks Regt.

Boot race:—Pte. G. Riss, Army Reconnaissance School.

Pillow fight:—Pte. F.T. Osterfield, 51st D.L.I.

120 yds.:—(Sergeants) Sgt. A. Smith, Army Gym. Staff.

Band race:—Bandsman Butler, 6th West Yorks Regt.

Holborn Stadium Manager.

Lieut.-Col. Arthur Wilson, M. C. just demobilised, is to manage Holborn Stadium for Mr. Cochran. Col. Wilson was mainly responsible for the birth and pros perity of the Stadium in Liverpool.

LEAGUE SOCCER.

Results of Monday Evening Football Matches.

The League.—Div. I.

Blackburn Rovers . 0 Middlesbrough . . . 2 (Elliott 2.)

The League.—Div. II.

Fulham . . . . . 2 (Cock 2.) Clapton Orient . . 1 (Bowyer.)

Southern League.

Millwall . . . . . 4 (Broad 4.) Northampton . . . 2 (Manning, Whitworth.)
Southampton . . . 0 Reading . . . . . 2 (Chorley, Andrews.)

Midland League.

Sheffield United . . 2 Barnsley 1

London Challenge Cup.

Leytonstone . . . . 3 (Hardy 2, Spooner.) Ilford . . . . . 2 (Lewis 2.)

Scottish League.

Kilmarnock . . . . 1 Glasgow Rangers . 7
Hibernians . . . . 2 (Miller, Sage.) Hearts . . . . . 4 (Ross, Low, Sinclair 2.)

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

(BY NOVO.)

West Ham have got their eyes on Donkin, the Barnsley forward, and have offered the Colliers a good price for him. So far there is nothing doing.

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The Burnley directors are continuing to play Jimmie Lindsay in defiance of the Irish Association's suspension of six weeks from August 20th.

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Fred Pentland, the well known forward who was coaching a German football club when war broke out, and was interned for a considerable period, has again signed for Queen's Park Rangers.

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Wartime football, though mainly of a friendly character, served to reduce the debt of Bristol Rovers, who had gates of £360 and £325 for their opening games with Queen's Park Rangers and Cardiff City. The carnival held on behalf of the club last month realised over £2,000.

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I cannot see Sheffield Wednesday winning many games with their present forward line. Arnold Birch in goal has made good as Davidson's successor, and the halves and backs, if not brilliant, are quite sound. The front line however will have to be strengthened somewhat if the Wednesday are to rise from their present lowly position in the league.

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In looking through the list of record gates, it will be noticed that in many cases Sunderland were the visiting team. They provided the records at Aston, Burnley, Manchester (Hyde Road), Newcastle (both league and cup-ties), Preston and South Shields. In addition to these they were one of the teams at the Crystal Palace in April 1913 when 121,919 spectators paid for admission.

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Glasgow Celtic, like the famous brook, seem to go on forever. They have already collected 12 points in 6 games, The Celtic and Rangers seem to have the Scottish League Championship safe between them, season after season. Whereas one could, even now, so early in the season, tip the Celtic to win the Scottish League, who would dare prophesy the Club that will head the English League next May.

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Both the "Spurs" and Chelsea are due on Tyneside next Saturday, the former at Horsely Hill the home of South Shields, and the latter at St. James Park, Newcastle. I think it is quite possible that Tottenham will be beaten for the first time this season when they play their return game with the Seasiders, although they managed to win 2-0 last Saturday.

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Mr. M'Kenna has promised to take a team to Turf Moor on September 22 to play Burnley and district for the benefit of Mrs. Hodgson the widow of E. Hodgson, Burnley's famous inside left. As Mr. M'Kenna's eleven will be composed of Mew (Manchester United), Cook (Oldham Athletic), Fletcher (Manchester City), A. Walmsley (Blackburn Rovers), M'Call (Preston), Grenyer (Everton), Turnbull (Bradford), Chambers (Liverpool) Cock (Huddersfield), Smith (Bolton) and Quinn (Blackpool), the opposing side will not have an easy task to win.

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Quaint letters are written to football clubs. Here is one:—"I attended Arsenal v Newcastle match, but though I paid a shilling I didn't see the game. If you don't send me a P.O. for that amount by return I shall issue a County Court summons." Our friend not only failed to see the match, but he also failed to discern the stern declaration "No money Returned". As a result of the bad packing on the terraces, the Arsenal, I reckon, owe quite a lot of money to their patrons.

THE HOLBORN STADIUM.

Ross Meets Criqui at Re-opening To-night.

DIFFICULT PROPOSITION.

The re-opening of the present season at the Holborn Stadium will take place this evening, when a big programme is headed by the contest between Walter Ross, the British bantamweight champion and holder of the Lonsdale belt, and the French ex-soldier, Eugene Criqui, whose game display with Tommy Noble in the same ring last spring will be well remembered, as will his subsequent twenty round draw with the same opponent in Paris. Those two performances stamp the Frenchman as a difficult proposition for Ross to solve, for while we have it on record that Ross in turn defeated Noble in the tenth round of their belt match, the fact cannot be ignored that the loser's hard fight with Criqui in Paris only three days previously, followed by a long journey across Channel and by train to town, must have contributed largely to that defeat.

Boxing Challenge.

Replying to Pte. McMahon 5th Royal Irish Regt. B. Coy. I am willing to accept his challenge at 9 stone 6 lbs. and to meet him about the second week in October to box 10 rounds, the "Cologne Post" to have control of arrangements, says Pte. J. Rayner of "B" Coy. 9th D.L.I. (Pioneers) (T.F.)

Aiken Comes Back.

Tom Aiken, of whom little has been heard during the war period, has decided to enter for the English championship this season, probably for the last time. He hopes to arrange a series of three exhibition matches in Scotland, Inman providing the opposition in two of them.

BATTERIES AT CRICKET.

A/187 Bde. R.F.A. v. C/187 Bde. R.F.A.

A/187 Bde. R.F.A. defeated C/187 Bde. R.F.A. by 37 runs at Eil after an interesting game. "C" Battery's batsmen played with no confidence against the bowlers of the home side. Score:—

"A" Battery.

Major R. Hewer c. Johnson b. Pitt	47
Dvr. Garner b. Pitt	0
Gnr. Wood b. Justice	0
Lieut. Thomson b. Pitt	4
Dvr. Spruce b. Pitt	11
Gnr. Wilde b. Justice	1
Dvr. Harrison b. Justice	0
Bdr. Whitewick b. Pitt	0
Gnr. Thomson c. Middleton b. Pitt	0
Bdr. Clarke b. Pitt	9
Dvr. Smith not out	2
Extras	6
	80

"C" Battery.

Justice b. Clarke	1
Johnson run out	0
Lieut. Fister b. Clark	0
Travis b. Hewer	4
B.S.M. Eaton b. Hewer	2
Kelk b. Clark	3
Capt. Pitt run out	2
Brickwood c. Thomson b. Clarke	1
Middleton b. Hewer	7
Howard b. Hewer	2
Udall not out	3
Extras	8
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DUNCAN IN FORM.

Prince Albert, who is a keen golfer, motored from Balmoral to witness exhibition matches between the famous professionals, H. Vardon and G. Duncan, at Banchory, Kincardineshire.

Vardon, playing the steadier golf, beat Duncan by two up in the morning match, but Duncan had the better of a medal round in the afternoon with a fine score of 68 to Vardon's 72.

CALCUTTA CUP TOURNEY.

The Calcutta Cup tournament commenced at St. Andrews on Tuesday. In the first round the chief matches were:—Mr. Angus Hambro, M.P. (plus 2) v. Major G. Richardson (handicap 4), Mr. V. A. Pollock (plus 1) v. Colonel St. Clair Oswald (7), Mr. G. A. Boothby (6) v. Mr. P. C. Quilter (plus 1), Mr. H. T. Taylor (plus 1) v. Mr. W. A. Cargill (2), Mr. W. H. Fairlie (plus 1) v. the Rev. L. J. Percival (5), Mr. W. F. Blackwell (plus 1) v. Captain Dashwood Moir (5), Mr. J. A. Shaw (plus 1) v. Lieut.-Col. A. G. Barry (plus 2), Mr. W. Herbert Fowler (scratch) v. Lieut.-Col. C. F. H. Davidson (6).

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Thursday	7	Tales of Hoffmann	Offenbach
Friday	7	Arlecchino. Turandot	Busoni
Saturday	7	Zar and Zimmermann	Lortzing
Sunday	6	Der Rosenkavalier	R. Strauss
Monday	7	Aida	Verdi
Tuesday	7	Waffenschmied von Worms	Lortzing

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

The Italian Front.

The very last subject calculated to arouse interest among those who have been engaged in the war, and are eagerly anticipating demobilization one would imagine is that of war. However on Monday night at the Central Y.M.C.A. in the great hall, Mr. Julius Price, the British war correspondent, deeply interested his audience with his lecture on the war on the Italian front.

The Temple Bells.

The attraction at the Palace Theatre this week is the "Temple Bells," a concert party from Valenciennes. They are presenting a burlesque musical comedy entitled "Oh! Whatever's that" in two acts and five scenes. On Tuesday evening, when they opened the show, there was a full house. There is a big caste and many gorgeous dresses.

Another Madie Scott.

Perhaps the most appreciated items on the programme were the delightfully risque little songs by H. Trevor Smith, whose impersonations of Madie Scott were very good. Cpl. A. C. Strong carried through the part of Reggie very creditably: and in his "gay dog" ditty, accompanied by tortuous perigrinations about the stage, was deservedly encored. J. Reduzzi, as "Dreamy," figured conspicuously in the comedy department. The eight girls were all elaborately dressed:—L. A. Tiller in Egyptian ballad costume, F. J. Maffat, and J. R. Thomas being particularly attractive. Ginger alias Cohen (P. A. Curlender) was responsible for a lot of the humour.

Leave Club Programme.

To-day the Drum and Fife Band of the 2/4th Queens Regiment (by kind permission of the O.C., will play in the garden at the Leave Club from 5—6 p.m. and there will be a whist drive out of doors (if fine) at 6.30 p.m. To-morrow there will be a dancing class from 5—6 in the Music Room and the cinema will be continuous throughout the afternoon and evening There will be an impromptu concert in the Music Room from 5—6 on Saturday, September 20th, followed by a dance in the Theatre at 6.30 p.m.

W.R.A.F. Revelry.

There was much merriment at the Süd Park when the W.R.A.F.'s held their Revel yesterday. It was a function of colour and gaiety; and pretty girls at tastefully decorated stalls told fortunes, ran lotteries, and served refreshments. A military band and pipers discoursed music throughout the afternoon and evening. In the evening the grounds were illuminated very prettily with fairy lights, and after the firework display dancing became the order of the evening. A full and detailed account will appear to-morrow.

"Pleasant Sunday Evenings."

For the Bonn Y.M.C.A. pleasant Sunday evening pleasing pictures are presented and Tommy finds something of a homely nature. A musical prelude of exceptional quality is provided by the musical directors, Mrs. Romer L.R.C.M., and Mr. Charles Seward, followed by a sing-song in which the men join with great heartiness. The creation of the atmosphere of home is the ideal kept in view, and in some measure at least, there is a distinct appr ach to this. Stripped of the artificial and the conventional the service is essentally a democratic one, the musical items being furnished by the soldiers themselves. Soloists of ability are always forthcoming, and the soldiers male voice choir, under Mr. W. Seward's leadership, as heard last Sunday night, gives promise of really effective work.

Tonics Concert Party at Leave Club.

The Tonics Concert Party gave a highly successful programme at the B.E.L.C. on Tuesday evening. Indeed it was striking how the artistes held the audience for hardly anyone left until the end. They knew exactly how to make each turn "tell," the sentimental song after the comic turn and then a wonderful blaza from the "Riehl Jazz Band" which was cheered to the echo. The choruses went with great eclat and the step dancing by Sangar and Fenn was fascinating, also the banjo solos of Sgt. Hallmark were greatly appreciated. "Some Servant" in the largest trousers and shoes ever invented, caused peals of laughter. The pianist, Frank Collinson, was as brilliant as ever. It was altogether a splendid show.

Civilians and Cinema.

Sgt. G. H, Marshall, now in charge of the Deutsches Theatre booking office and late of the Moderne Cinema, wishes, in answer to a letter signed "Tock Emma" to make these points known. That during his management, only three per cent. civilians were allowed in the cinema, and these only under special circumstances. "Tock Emma", admitting having arrived late, could not reasonably expect to have ejected (as is the usual case) a girl accompanied by a Tommy who arrived in time to get a seat. The allegation that 30 per cent. of the audience were German is untrue; even at the afternoon performance, when there was plenty of room, not 10 per-cent. were civilians. Although "Tock Emma" does not mention the name of the cinema, Sgt. Marshall, having conscientiously carried out his duties at the Moderne, is naturally anxious to vindicate himself.

JACQUES.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Thursday, September 18th, 1919.

Wind light Northerly, Mostly cloudy and hazy but with clearer intervals. Moderate temperature. Visibility indifferent.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

I.B.U.

Efforts are being made to start again the International Boxing Union, which was prevented by the outbreak of war.

Balzac and Day.

According to a Reuter's telegram from Paris Bert Day, the London boxer, was knocked out in three rounds at the Nouveau Cirque by Balzac, the French Middleweight champion.

N.Z. Victory.

A delayed Reuter's wire says a return match between the New Zealand Service Rugby team and Western Province at Capetown on Thursday was won by New Zealand by 20 points to 3.

Carpentier-Beckett Bet.

In reference to the assertion of M. Descamps that he will match Georges Carpentier against Beckett for any part of £5,000, Mr. Bernard Mortimer has accepted the bet, and agrees to wager up to £3,000 or £4,000.

Year's Best Sport.

Few people will be inclined to quarrel with the opinion that the Doncaster meeting furnished the best sport seen this year. The performances of Irish Elegance, Diadem and Tetratema will provide discussion for quite a long time, whilst the only regret is that the two first-named did not come together.

London Challenge Cup.

The London Challenge Cup tie between Dulwich Hamlet and The Arsenal will be played at Highbury on Sept. 22.

Bad Luck.

It is bad luck for Tottenham that Cantrell is about to undergo an operation which will keep him out of the team for a time.

Decisive Victory.

In the First League Derby County remain the only side who have not been defeated, and their victory over Bradford City was a decisive one.

Billiards Boom.

Harry Stevenson and Arthur Peall on Monday in Portsmouth Town Hall inaugurated another first-class billiards season that is fully expected to beat all records.

A W. Bromwich Youth.

Millard, the West Bromwich youth, who is leading Birmingham just now, promises to develop into a splendid centre forward. He scored two fine goals against Coventry City on Saturday.

Albert Hill.

Albert Hill may consider his turn has come for winning honours at the longest journey on the A.A.A. championship list. If so, we may have the opportunity of hailing him as ten miles' champion next year.

Brussels Motor-Cycling.

The Brussels motor-cycling championship, over a course of ninety-eight kilometres has been won by Eugene Taymens.

C. Buchan as Cricketer.

Buchan, the Sunderland captain, tops the batting averages in the Durham Senior League with a total of 547 runs. His best score was 138.

Beaten in One Round.

Rather a sensational result occurred at the Ring when Charlie Wood, better known as Young Nipper, beat Fred Housego, of Paddi gton, in one round. Housego, taken unawares with a left hook, was knocked out.

Magic Fails.

Magic Ware has been a disappointing animal to Sir Abe Bailey, but she was fully expected to win the seller, for which Amastris was not pulled out again. Again the filly failed, for when challenged close home by Witchway she curled up, and was beaten a short head.

R.A.S.C. Sports.

Following were the winners at the R.A.S.C. Sports held at Shooters Hill. 100 yards scratch, Lieut. Danbury; quarter mile Sgt. Fox; half mile, Cpl. Slater; one mile, Cpl. Slater; Relay Race R.A.S.C. Tug-of-war:—19th Reserve R.A.F. beat R.A.S.C. Woolwich.

At the Ring.

Bob Mariott, lightweight champion, and Billy Fry (Tylorstown) have been matched for 20 rounds at 9st 12lb for £100 a side at the Ring on October 6.

Heavyweights' Chances.

All the sporting world seems to be speculating upon the chances of the various heavyweights, but strange to say Wales is not able to take a hand in the competition.

Still Undefeated.

In the Southern League, Watford, who were hard pressed to beat Swansea on the latter's ground, and Exeter City, are now the only clubs undefeated, for Brentford came a cropper before Portsmouth at Griffin Park.

Paris Racing.

The Omnion (1½ miles) was run at Longchamps (Paris) on Sunday. Result: A l'Ordre (Sharpe), 1; Eckmuhl (Marsh), 2; Plantagenet (Garner), 3. Won by 2½ lengths.

Worthy Object.

The object of all competitions, trials, and races promoted by the Auto-cycle Union—including the Tourist Trophy Race itself—is to improve the breed of motor-cycles; to make them more efficient and serviceable in the hands of the general public.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

The Black Button.

This is the title of the magazine published by the 18th Battn Kings Royal Rifle Corps which makes its appearance under the guiding hand of Lieut-Colonel H. A. Vernon, D.S.O. It is a bright and breezy publication, one which strikes a note likely to appeal to the men of the regiment. It is essentially, as the officer commanding points out, a record of battalion doings in Rhineland, a chronicle of work and play, and of any subject of battalion or regimental interest. The contents include an admirable resumé of the achievements since the battalion was raised in June 1915; an account of the Paris Victory march; while its articles cover a wide range of subjects from one on "The Rhine Army and its future" to "The City of the Salient". There is much interesting reading between the covers and we congratulate the officer commanding and his assistants upon the results of their endeavour to make the magazine attractive.

For Soldiers' Wives.

To meet the case of many soldiers who are getting their wives to be with them in Cologne and who have difficulty in finding accommodation for them, the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. will in a few days open a Hostel which has been kindly put at their disposal by the British authorities and is now being put into proper condition so that it should be ready for use by the end of this week. Application for admission of soldiers and their wives to this "Central Annexe" should be made, in person or by letter, to Miss E. K. Beale at 44, Friesenstrasse. Wives coming to Cologne from the provinces, and who may have to spend a night in London, are invited to write about accommodation there to Mr. W. H. Drake, Y.M.C.A., Bedford Square, London, W.C., 1; and arrangements are being made to have the travellers met at Ostend and Cologne. Tours will be organised for the residents in the Hostel, so that they may see Cologne and its neighbourhood to advantage; and the soldiers' wives will have the same privileges as the soldiers at the Central Y.M.C.A. For further particulars, soldiers should apply to Dr. Francis.

Reverence and Knowledge.

A special correspondent of the "Church Times" writes in a recent issue: "The official provision for the education of the Rhine Army is admirable and deserves to be understood. It is such as has never been known in the history of our own or any other army. The soldiers are learning every day. Only last week, in speaking of the outdoor procession at Bonn in honour of the Assumption of the Mother of God, a correspondent of the "Cologne Post," the admirable paper published by the Army of the Rhine, commented on the exceeding reverence of the British soldiers who witnessed the solemn function. Since then in the same journal I have seen a sympathetic account of the way in which the carrying of the Viaticum impressed our men, and Sunday's issue contained a delightfully written description of Mass in the garrison church. All this and much more to the same effect, in the paper which is their own, and which every soldier reads regularly, is not without meaning. Surely, in matters religious, as in many another direction, our young soldiers are learning much and can never be prejudiced, narrow-minded islanders, knowing nothing outside their own little island."

The Shoe Shine Habit.

Coblenz is one of the prettiest of the larger towns in Rhineland, though paradoxically it is the domicile of dust and dreariness. So extremely dusty is it that you need to have your shoes shined three and four times a day. No doubt the Americans have inaugurated the system but wherever you go you find the "Shoe Shine parlour." In after years it will be a standard phrase: "Oh yes, remember Coblenz; I had my shoes shined there."

Continued education.

The continuation classes of the ancient capital of Scotland will be well known to many of our readers. Great advancement has been made there in day continuation classes for workers who meet in special schools during the working hours, and in the provision generally of classes in all the staple trades and industries. It is recognised that the three outstanding essentials for our future citizins are (1) skill in trade, (2) soundness in health, and (3) a better general education.

Points to keep in view.

These points have been kept in view throughout the whole continuation class scheme, and this should be particularly noted by any of our readers who are demobilized soon and are contemplating a resettlement into civil life in this vicinity. The fee for the complete session is only 5/- and is returned to those students making 80 per cent of the possible attendances. The subjects comprise an exhaustive list of commercial, technical, domestic, industrial, art, and recreational classes. Full particulars of these can be had from the Education Offices, Edinburgh. Particular attention is being given this year to the training of men and women whose courses of study have been interrupted by the War. The classes begin on the 29th September.

Our Occupation.

Whatever were the fears of the population of the occupied territory when the Armistice was signed, and they knew it would be their fate to be under the control of another nation, they certainly never imagined to be treated as they have been, in a strict but just and even benevolent manner, was the opinion expressed to us by a Cologne resident recently. Most of the innabitants of the British occupied territory seem to appreciate the peace and orderliness they enjoy in comparison with many other parts of Germany and are thankful for it. They have grown quite accustomed to the British uniform and the whims and ways of our Tommies, and from them they have adopted many English ejaculations and slang words which they intermingle in a most amusing way with their own language.

Private Telegrams.

Officers and Other Ranks in France and Flanders who are stationed within the delivery area of a French or Belgian Civil Telegraph Office and are in a position to give a civil address may arrange with correspondents in the United Kingdom to forward their private telegrams through the Civil Telegraph Administration. Of course there are certain regulations to be complied with.

French Street Names in Cologne.

Interesting traces of the French occupation of a century ago are to be seen in the street names, which appear on some old houses in both French and German. For example we can find, "Rue de l'Ecrevisie," "Rue du Joblin de Eereon," "Rue de l'Universite," and "Rue des Casquettiers." It may serve as a useful exercise for some of our readers to turn those into German. The two latter may be somewhat of a problem as the present German name is entirely different. At another point the former Rhine bank is indicated both in French and German.

The enchanting Rhine.

At the moment there has been a slump in the weather, but we are sanguine enough to imagine that it will pick up again. How many, however, during the beautiful evenings of last week discovered in the Rhine embankment a great feast of beauty. True by day heat was well nigh unbearable and wearers of thick khaki serge instinctively turned envious eyes in the direction of the cool, flimsy dresses of the weaker sex. But what of the evening! On those fine September days and nights Cologne by the river seemed a city of enchantment, the Embankment a veiled avenue leading to fairyland. Under a harvest moon the river makes an irresistaile appeal, but so far as one could judge only to lovers.

Re-Echoes.

The sight of our Indian troops walking through the streets in single file quite amuses the Germans. But they weren't so amused when the War was on.

How is it that English shaving soap can be more cheaply purchased in the German shops than in our own canteens? There is something wrong somewhere.

The bootblacks in the centre of the city do substantial business on Sunday mornings with every German anxious to look his best.

Is it a sign of light heartedness that Rhine bathers as a general rule wave their hands and appear to welcome a passing steamer? There is certainly a complete absence of modesty about the female element.

Why do so many tradesmen go out of their way to advise prospective English buyers that they can get so many marks for the pound sterling? Evidently a stock argument to induce purchase from the number of times we have heard it.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's winners are Pte. S. Darling, 482 Great Horton Road Bradford, Yorks, Capt. A.H. Powell II Corps Troops M. T. Coy. and Sergt. J. W. H. Green, 52nd Rifle Brigade, Rhine Army.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Paris Gay Once More.—The strike at the Paris music halls has ended.

Australia's Roll Call.—The next census in Australia is to be taken in April 1921.

Novelist's Estate.—"Nat" Gould, the novelist, left estate of £7,797.

A Sinking Street.—Residents of a street in Dunmow complain that it is sinking.

British-Made Dolls.—Girls are making them by the thousand in the West End.

Their New Uniform.—The Boy's Brigade are to have a grey uniform.

Cabinet-Making.—Labour forecasts that Mr. Arthur Henderson will be the first Labour Premier.

A Clever Girl.—Miss Bunyan, aged twenty, has risen to the rank of superintendent in an Army Pay Office.

"Hand-to-mouth."—Mr. Hoover declares America must supply half Europe's food for next year.

Her Visit.—The German ex-Crown Princess, after visiting her husband, is now staying with the ex-Kaiser.

Uneatable Bacon.—Complaints come from all parts of the country of the difficulty in obtaining eatable bacon.

A Competitor.—There is a growing recognition of the power of Japan as a competitor with Western nations.

Cleaning Nelson.—Steeple-jacks working on the Nelson column, a spectacle not seen for years, were watched by crowds.

London-Paris Air Express.—A third week of continuous daily flying between London and Paris has been completed.

Getting Things Done.—On a Wiltshire farm a woman has cut more than 120 acres of wheat in a week.

A Golfer's Feat.—Golfing at St. Anne's-on-Sea, a ball driven by a Lytham President smashed a seagull's head.

Water Shortage.—So short of water is Cowdenbeath, that the townsfolk are dependent on water from a coal pit.

Convenient.—Paris telephone subscribers are to be allowed to listen to their calls being put through.

An Anniversary.—Monday was the anniversary of the first appearance in action of tanks.

Cost of Dress.—A single dress in Paris is often now as costly as a motor-car, say the buyers.

"Seeing" a Joke.—Deaf people are often able to "see" the words spoken by cinema actors.

Model of a Slum.—Major Astor, M.P., has given a model of a slum to the Plymouth Corporation.

Cinema Profiteering.—All over the country are to be heard complaints of cinema profiteering.

The Turkish Variety.—The shortage in Turkish cigarettes is due to delay in resuming the growth of Turkish tobacco.

Lace Boom.—Nottingham lace manufacturers find it difficult to cope with the wonderful trade boom just setting in.

More Babies.—The fact that the birth-rate is beginning to rise is hailed in some quarters as satisfactory.

Gravel Tennis Courts.—The tennis boom is creating a demand for gravel courts in cities.

"Pill-Box" Bathing Machine.—East Coast "pill-boxes," erected when there was danger of an enemy landing, are now being devoted to happier purposes.

For Sale.—Jewellery is finding its way into the London auction rooms. Most of it is the property of Russian Grand Dukes.

Saves Trouble.—A station inspector has invented an arrangement whereby milk churns can be slid down from the coaches and caught.

Creditable.—The tiny borough of Dornoch (Sutherland), with a population of 741 subscribed the relatively huge sum of £201,800 to the Victory Loan.

The New Chairman.—Sir R. Kindersley is to be the chairman of the Treasury Committee to go into the question of housing finance.

World's Shipping.—An optimistic view of the world's shipping future is held by the president of the International Mercantile Marine Company.

Unknown for Pantheon.—The body of an unknown private killed in the war is to be buried in the Paris Pantheon in homage to the French dead.

The King's Rates.—It is not generally known that rates have to be paid on Marlborough House precisely as on any other residence.

A Chinese Newspaper.—The Chinese coolies working in France now have a newspaper brought out in Paris by a compatriot.

Another Medal.—On the signature of peace it was semi-officially stated that a medal and ribbon would be issued to all those connected in any way with the British Peace Delegation.

The Latest.—A milliner says the smart little toque will be fashionable this coming winter. It will fit the head closely, with flaplets over the ear.

A Wright Eleven.—An eleven composed entirely of members of the Wright family, eight of whom served in the war, played in a game of cricket at Kettering.

Will You Buy?—If you want an historic island you can now buy one. The Island of Piel, near Barrow, is to be sold by auction.

AROUND AND ABOUT.

OUR OLDEST GAMES.

The boom in bowls serves to remind us that this is one of our very oldest games. So it is, undoubtedly! Bowling greens and alleys were once plentiful in London. Henry VIII was an enthusiastic bowler, and he caused an alley to be made in Whitehall, and another at Hampton Court, and the game can be traced back at least 300 years before his time. But all mere men's games, nevertheless, must give pride of place as regards antiquity to those played by children. Hopscotch, for instance, is at least 2,000 years old. Some of the "singing games," as, for example. "Sally, Sally Water," are of Norse origin, while tipcat was played in ancient Egypt 4,000 years ago.

VALUATION OF GERMAN LINERS.

According to the New York "Journal of Commerce," the value of 97 German vessels seized in United States ports have been appraised by a Navy Department Board as having a value of only D 34,193,190 (£6,839,000 at the normal rate of exchange). The Vaterland (now renamed the Leviathan), of 54,000 tons, has been valued at D7,020,200 (£1,404,000); the George Washington, of 25,570 tons, at D 2,357,300 (£471,460), and the Kronprinzessin Cecilie, of 19,503 tons, at D1,765,960 (£353,192). The only other vessels which were considered to be worth more than a million dollars were the Cincinnati, Amerika, Kaiser Wilhelm II., President Grant, and President Lincoln. The journal adds that "it is not known upon what basis the appraisals were made, for it would seem that the passenger liners have been given a rather penurious survey."

THE PRINCE'S PRIVATE CARS.

During his tour of Far West Canada the Prince of Wales is living on the special train put together for him by the Canadian Pacific Railway during his 8,000 mile trip. In deference to the wish of King George that there should be no undue ostentation during any part of the trip, all the cars, except two, are the ordinary railway ones, though some of them are quite new. The exceptions mentioned are the two private cars, the "Killarney," occupied by the Prince—belonging to Lord Shaughnessy—and the "Cromarty"— belonging to Commander J. K. L. Ross, each of which has been lent the Prince by its owner.

ANCIENT WASHING DAYS.

There is the Homeric plan still in vogue in many parts of the Continent to which we may yet return unless the British laundries come to their senses. Readers of the Odyssey will remember the delightful scene in which Princess Nausicaa asks her father to let her have a good big wagon and a team of strong mules. "I want," she told him, "to take all our dirty clothes to the river and wash them." So down to the river she went with her maidens in the golden spring-time. Here they trod the dirt out of the linen on the stones and laid the glistening garments on the sun-warmed shingle to dry. "By and by, after dinner, they began to play at ball, and Nausicaa sang to them." It is a picture of a golden age. But a golden age that might well return. For what healthier exercise could young people find than treading out the year's linen on the banks of a running stream?

THE GIRL OF TO-DAY.

Take a pair of sparkling eyes
With lips and cheeks (the whole touched up a bit),
A phrase or so like "absolutely bon,"
A penchant for a boy with whom to sup a bit;
A pair of startling hose,
With dazzle skirt and jazzle jumper gay,
But very little else by way of clothes—
That seems to be the damsel of to-day.

THE BOY OF TO-DAY.

He wears a hat that's dented in,
He strides a motor-bike;
A startling tie bedecks his chin,
His socks the optics strike,
A flapper "Wendy" rides behind
This modern Peter Pan,
Whom boyhood's fetters do not bind;
He "wants to be a man."

A VETERAN STEAM ENGINE.

Amongst the numerous items included in the programme of the James Watt Centenary Commemoration now being held at Birmingham is a visit to Ocker Hill, to examine one of Watt's early pumping engines which will be shown working under steam This engine, which was built in 1776, was originally erected at Smethwick for pumping work in connection with Birmingham Canal, and it remained there until 1893, after working for more than 100 years. When it was taken down it was, due to the action of Mr. G. R. Jebb, at that time engineer to the Canal Company, re-erected at the Ocker Hill Canal Works, where it has been maintained in working condition.

NO WAR METHUSALAHS.

A clever London nerve specialist, with whom I was discussing some probable tendencies of the war, asserted quite positively his conviction that most of us, whether we realise it or not, have suffered considerably from war nerve strain. This applies not alone to those who have been actively engaged in the venture, but rather especially to the civilian population of London and other big towns, particularly those within the area of naval or air raids. In the specialist's opinion there has been a heavy wear and tear on all our nerves, which cannot be without its consequences, and he inclines to the belief that, as a general rule, the generations of the war epoch will not be so long-lived as usual. The number of old people who cracked up under the strain of the war was prodigious, and the strain was equally present in most cases, and must, he believes, operate as years advance, even in the case of younger people. He was not disposed to accept my suggestion that experiencés of this kind exercise a tonic effect on healthy persons by producing excitement, and that the nerves would entirely recuperate in time. But he admitted the sound philosophy in most cases of accepting the prospect of curtailed old age with resignation. Living beyond the allotted span, or sometimes within ten years of it, he agreed, was "no catch as a rule."

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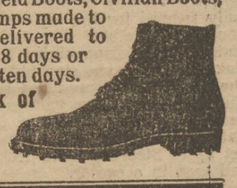

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YES OR NO?

SMUTS' CHALLENGE TO SOUTH AFRICAN SECESSIONISTS.

Before the adoption by the National Assembly of South Africa of the second reading of the Union's Mandate for West Africa Bill, Gen. Smuts, the Premier, closing a long and brilliant reply to its critics, faced Gen. Hertzog, the Nationalist (Opposition) leader, and demanded an explicit reply to the question: "Did the Nationalist Party intend to persist in its effort to secure the secession of the Union from the Empire?"

The House was thrilled. There was a prolonged pause and Gen. Smuts repeated the question.

Gen. Hertzog rose and said that his party was a democratic party, which was bound by the decisions of its congress, and that congress had not yet decided. (Laughter.)

Gen. Smuts, proceeding, said that such a reply was an evasion of a most serious question. He had been challenged to say if the Union had a right to secession. "My answer," said Gen. Smuts, "is an absolute and decisive 'No.' (Prolonged cheers.) Parliament consists of the King, the Senate, and the National Assembly. None of them can separate from the others. Parliament cannot renounce the King nor can the King renounce Parliament." Gen. Smuts, proceding, said only a revolution could bring about secession. The King not only had the right but also was in duty bound to veto any Act passed by the Union Parliament which declared for secession from the Empire. (Prolonged cheers.)

The Prime Minister concluded in grave terms by warning the country that if the Nationalists were not staging a preposterous farce, then they were bent on precipitating civil war. The speech was hugely enjoyed by the Dutch Ministerialists, while British members greatly appreciated Gen. Smuts' almost vehement declaration that South Africa had no right to secede from the British Empire.

HELPING SERBIA.

HUGE GIFT OF CATTLE AND POULTRY.

The largest consignment of live stock for breeding purposes yet sent to Serbia from Britain is leaving Cardiff shortly. It will comprise between 600 and 700 head of cows and a proportionate number of bulls of British breeds, which have been collected by the Royal Agricultural Relief Committee. The animals have been given by British farmers to the farmers of Serbia as a nucleus with which to commence the re-stocking of farms. The cows have been specially selected by experts as being typical of the dual purpose of shorthorns, while the males with which they are to be mated are pedigree stock. They should be of great value in enabling the Serbian peasantry to resume cultivation of the land, as well as in alleviating the milk scarcity in the Balkans. The consignment also includes for distribution several thousand head of the best strains of British poultry. The British Government is providing a vessel for transport.

BELGIAN REVIVAL.

Mr. Herbert Samuel, the British Government's Special Commissioner in Belgium, in an interview given on his return to England, says that Belgium shows a marked revival and all staple industries are at work. Although some of the plants, particularly in the iron and steel trade, were injured so ruthlessly by the Germans during the occupation that the resumption of work is in many cases still only partial, there can be no doubt that a wave of economic activity is spreading over the country and that there is in consequence a far more hopeful spirit among the people. The number of unemployed is still large but shows a remarkable improvement since February. Destroyed houses have been rebuilt here and there, but the progress of rebuilding along the battle front is still very slow. The prospects of Belgium he considers at least as good as those of any other European country. Industrial intercourse between Belgium and Britain is likely to become far larger than existed before the war. He says: "There is among all classes marked goodwill towards the United Kingdom and the desire is constantly expressed for ever closer friendship."

FUGITIVE PRINCE.

Prince Antonio of Orleans, Infante of Spain, who, in defiance of a Royal decree issued last May, recently made his escape from Spain, after five days spent in Lisbon, left on board a vessel specially freighted for London.

LABOUR INSISTS.

DIRECT DEFIANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Mr. J.H. Thomas, M.P., the new Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress, has made a statement on the main decisions of the Glasgow Congress.

The public would make a very grave mistake if it were not clearly understood that the acceptance of the principle of nationalisation was not only the almost unanimous decision of Congress, he said, but was put forward and accepted as a direct challenge to the Government's position.

"I anticipate that the Congress decisions on nationalisation will be conveyed to the Government in a short time, and the reply, if unfavourable, will then be submitted to a special Congress, which will be called for that question alone," he added.

D'ANNUNZIO'S PRANK.

ALLIES AND FIUME TROUBLE.

The situation which has arisen through the raid on Fiume led by the Italian airman-poet Gabriele d'Annunzio has been discussed by the Allied Supreme Council. It is learned that the British Premier and Signor Tittoni exchanged views on the subject before the Council met, the discussion between them being of such a nature that there is every reason to anticipate a satisfactory settlement of the matter.

Meanwhile the Italian Government is determined to restore order, and General Badoglio who has been sent to Fiume, will demand the surrender of the raiders.

It is difficult to know precisely what is happening at Fiume. According to a telegram circulated by the Serbian Press Bureau. Fiume is at present plunged into anarchy. One brigade of Italian troops who had evacuated Fiume returned without their officers and by force overturned the local authorities and also arrested the Italian General Pittaluga. The union of Fiume with Italy has been proclaimed by Gabriele d'Annunzio, supported by his Arditi (storm troops).

The Serbian authorities still remain at Shushak, which, however, is isolated. The English and French troops in Fiume have barricaded themselves in their quarters, expecting to be attacked. Crowds have torn down the British and Allied flags. The principal buildings are protected by Maxim guns. So far no encounter has occurred between the various bodies of troops, but the situation is serious. General Francois Savi declares he cannot state what turn affairs may take, as the population is greatly excited.

CHAOS IN HUNGARY.

The situation in Hungary is causing uneasiness in Peace Conference circles, for the Roumanians are reported to be about to withdraw from the country hurriedly, and as all the Hungarian military and police forces were dissolved by the invaders, Hungary will thus be exposed to the risk of grave disorders. The Conference has asked the Roumanians to leave a sufficient force in the country to maintain order until the Hungarian Government is able to cope with the situation.

American members of the Conference state positively that Roumania will be held responsible for whatever disorders may occur in Budapest and other parts of Hungary if the Roumanian Government ignores the request of the Conference to leave a limited force in the capital and the surrounding districts, where the extremists are awaiting an opportunity to throw the country back into a state of chaos.

LATEST REVOLUTION.

Reuter's Agency learns that disturbances have broken out in the Republic of Honduras. Definite information as to what has actually happened has not yet been received, but telegrams which have reached London report that the President and his family have escaped to San Salvador. Fighting has occurred, and the town of San Pedro has been partially destroyed. A Provisional Government has been established, and the new administration has granted an amnesty to political prisoners.

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR FOR BERLIN.

A New York paper says it is understood in diplomatic circles that President Wilson has decided to name Mr. George McAmeny as the United States Ambassador to Germany as soon as the Peace Treaty is ratified. Mr. McAmeny was formerly Borough President of New York.

WINESHOP MURDER.

OLD BAILEY TRIAL AND VERDICT.

The trial of Arthur John Biggin, aged eighteen, a Sheffield clerk, who is charged with the murder of John Thomas Gregory, aged fifty-nine, at the Coindale Wine Stores, Hendon, on July 4, took place at the Old Bailey.

"The case will involve our going into certain details which no decent woman ought to remain in court to listen to," said Mr. Justice Darling before the case opened.

A number of women in the gallery at once left the court.

Biggin pleaded not guilty.

Sir Richard Muir, K.C., who appeared for the prosecution, told the story of the tragedy and of the arrest of Biggin at a Sheffield hospital, where he was suffering from the effects of poison.

Sir Richard explained that Sergeant Cooper saw Biggin in the hospital at Sheffield on July 11. Biggin said to the sergeant:—

"Yes, I was expecting this. I tried to take my life because I did not think any one would believe the circumstances in which I was driven to commit the act."

Sir Richard Muir repeated statements made by Biggin to Chief Inspector Neil, in which he said that he met Gregory on June 21, and was invited to the wine shop, where they had cigarettes and wine. Biggin afterwards wrote a note to Gregory, in which he said:—

Dear Old Bean.—I called this morning and found you out. Was very disappointed. Will call later in the week.

A description was then given of a meeting on July 4, a lunch at the wine shop, the drinking of ale and sherry, and the tragedy which followed.

"Biggin alleged that Gregory brought in some coloured mixture," said Sir Richard. "Biggin stated that when Gregory attacked him with a poker he struck Gregory with a bottle in self-defence. He said that he could not remember what took place after that."

The jury empanelled for the trial stayed the night at the Old Bailey, owing to the difficulty of obtaining hotel accommodation. The necessary beds were hired, and meals were supplied by the court caterer.

Biggin, giving evidence, said Gregory eventually seemed to lose control of himself and took up a poker and struck at him. Then they struggled furiously.

"He looked like a fierce, dangerous animal. He called me 'young viper' and said I should pay for it. I was very much frightened. I struggled to get away from him. He was raving and seemed to go absolutely mad. He dashed across to the fireplace and picked up the poker.

"He aimed a terrific blow at me. If he had managed to hit me I would not have been standing here to-day. He again came for me, and I picked up a bottle of wine from the table and struck him over the head with it. The bottle broke, but had no effect in stopping him. I then picked up the tongs to defend myself and guarded his blows from the poker. The tongs were broken by him and I then closed with Gregory in an endeavour to get the poker from him. After a struggle I succeeded."

Biggin said it was not until the evening of the following day that he knew that Gregory was dead. He then saw it on a newspaper placard at Brondesbury. After that he bought cyanide of potassium and went to Sheffield.

After an absence of 20 minutes the jury returned a verdict of Manslaughter with a strong recommendation to mercy on account of his youth.

Prisoner was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour.

Mr. Justice Darling in passing sentence said he agreed with the verdict, but if the prisoner had been an older man he should have passed a much more severe sentence.

MORE PAY, MORE RECRUITS.

The new and increased rates of pay in the Army have already had a marked effect on recruiting. It was noticeable at the London Central Recruiting Office that more men presented themselves than had been the case for some time, and the officials confidently anticipate that a heavy rush will have to be dealt with in the next two or three weeks. Up to the publication of the new rates of pay, about 85 per cent. of the recruits were new men; but the belief is entertained that under the improved conditions a larger proportion of ex-service men will again be attracted to the colours.

PLYMOUTH AGAINST PARASITES.

Plymouth Town Council has decided not to appoint a committee under the Profiteering Act. One member, Mr. Pengelly, contended that by appointing a committee they would be creating an additional army of parasites to bleed the public. Alderman Jacobs said he was told that it would cost thousands to administer the Act, and this would come out of the rates. The Mayor said he thought it would be a futile committee, but it was wise to appoint one.

"OLYMPIC'S" CAPTAIN KNIGHTED.

The King has knighted Captain Hayes, R.N.R., for his valuable services in connection with the transport of troops during the war. Captain Hayes commanded the "Olympic" when that vessel rammed and sank the German submarine U-103.

ALLENBY HOME.

MAGNIFICENT RECEPTION IN LONDON.

London has welcomed Field Marshal Lord Allenby, the victor of Palestine. At Dover Lord Allenby had already had a great reception. Replying to an address of welcome he paid a tribute to the work done by his predecessor in the Palestine command, Sir Archibald Murray. He referred to the cosmopolitan character of his army in which, he said, Christian Jew and Mahommedan were all represented. "Towards the close of the campaign two-thirds of my troops were Manommedans and there are no troops more loyal to the cause and to the Empire." He concluded with a glowing tribute to his men. "To their courage and self-sacrifice I owe every honour and distinction that I have."

At Victoria Station Lord Allenby was greeted by a brilliant gathering of military officers, Including Lord Haig and Sir Archibald Murray. Lord Athlone represented the King. The Coldstream Guards with their band formed a guard of honour. Lord Allenby received a great welcome from a large crowd as he left the station.

"LEGACY OF DAMNATION"

LABOUR LEADER ON LABOUR FOLLIES.

"Restriction of output can only create for the people a legacy of damnation," stated Alderman Beard, of Birmingham, presiding at Glasgow at the triennial conference of the Workers' Union, representing 400,000 workers.

They might not be able to persuade them to break the habit, he continued There was thus the danger that if they nationalised industry instead of making progress the position would simply crumble. They could never unite the workers on such a plan.

Three days would see the end of a general strike of all workers, and then the workmen would, metaphorically speaking, be battering each other's lives out, and children would be crying for bread. Our forefathers had suffered to get the ballot-box; now Labour was organising to destroy it.

U.S. AND PEACE TREATY.

APPEAL FOR RATIFICATION.

When the Peace Treaty came up for debate before the full U.S. Senate, every member of that body received a written appeal for the ratification of the Treaty without delay or amendment. It was signed by 250 men and women of national reputation from both parties. Among them are ex-President Taft, ex-Attorney-General Wickersham, President Lowell, of Harvard University, Mr. Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labour, and financial and business magnates.

LOVERS STABBED IN WOOD.

The condition of the two young lovers — Thomas Evans and Cissie Stradling — who were attacked by a man in a wood near Usk (Monmouthshire) on Sunday night has become so serious yesterday that their depositions have been taken.

They were walking in a wood when a man came suddenly up and stabbed them both in the face with a sharp instrument, after throwing carbolic powder in their faces. Their assailant is alleged to be Richard Mallen, a man of fifty-five, who, it is stated, was jealous of the girl. He has been formally remanded at Usk on a charge of attempted murder.

A FATAL EMBRACE.

On a charge of murdering Matthew Rogers, thirty, demobilized soldier (her husband), Elizabeth Rogers, aged twenty-eight, was remanded at Gloucester.

It was said that late on Saturday evening Rogers' next-door neighbour, with his wife and baby, accepted an invitation to go into Rogers' house to hear a gramophone. Rogers, who was nursing the neighbour's baby, made, it was alleged, some observation which his wife resented, and she went out of the room. Returning a little later she went up to her husband, as if to embrace him, saying, "I do love you, my dear," and then drew a sharp instrument across his throat, nearly severing his head from the body.

NEW CAMBRIDGE CHANCELLOR.

We understand that Mr. A.J. Balfour is to be nominated for election as Chancellor of Cambridge University in succession to his brother-in-law, the late Lord Rayleigh. The Electors are the members of the Senate. It is improbable that there will be any opposition to Mr. Balfour's election.

THIEF UNDER THE STAIRS.

Harold Pearson, formerly a second Lieutenant in the Army, was remanded on bail at Hull, charged with stealing a single stone diamond ring valued at £50 from a jewellers shop.

Detective-Sergeant Burton said he found Pearson hidden in a gas cupboard under the stairs. When arrested he said: "I know all about it."

HIS LAST LETTER.

DEAD BARONET APOLOGISES TO HIS CLUB.

"I much regret that my death should take place in this club, and I should be glad if you would convey this sentiment to your committee, pointing out at the same time that I have paid them the compliment of dressing for the occasion."

Such was the apology—seemingly the last words he ever wrote—stated at the inquest at Westminster to have been left by Sir James Domville, Bart., in his bedroom at the United Services Club.

Sir James was found in a dying condition at the club on Saturday morning, suffering from a gunshot wound. He was conveyed to Charing Cross Hospital, where he died.

At the inquest a verdict of suicide whilst of unsound mind brought about by physical, financial and domestic trouble, was returned.

The first witness at the inquest was Sir Cecil Lionel Domville, the new baronet.

He said that his brother had contracted enteric fever while serving in the Mediterranean in 1918; he was very bad after he came home. On top of that, witness added, he suffered from pyorrhea. He did not know that his brother was in financial difficulties until he read so in the newspapers. He believed that his brother had domestic troubles, and that there was a petition out against him for a divorce.

POLICE BURGLARS.

PENAL SERVITUDE FOR WHOLESALE THEFTS.

Two police officers, Thomas Maxwell and Alfred Shaw, pleaded guilty at the Old Bailey to receiving stolen property, and were each sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

Mr. Travers Humphreys, prosecuting, said the defendants were expert housebreakers on a wholesale scale. Maxwell was a sergeant with 13 years' service, and Shaw, a constable, with 10 years service. They were stationed at Hampstead, where it was the custom for residents who were going away for a holiday to give notice to the police. They used that knowledge to rob the houses themselves. There were five cases in the indictment, and the house of Sir Edward Elgar was amongst those robbed. Maxwell was afterwards found wearing a coat and trousers which had belonged to the composer.

It was stated that the total value of the stolen property was about £1,000, and only about £400 worth had been recovered.

The Recorder, in passing sentence, said the case had come as a great shock to him, as he had always found the police conducting themselves admirably. It must also have been a great shock to the confidence which the public placed in the Force. He would not be doing his duty if he did not pass an exemplary sentence.

DIAMONDS WORTH £80,000 VANISH.

Four small packets containing diamonds valued at £80,000 have disappeared in a remarkable manner. On August 7 a London firm dispatched the gems to a firm in Colombo, but when the vessel arrived at Bombay the packets were missing.

Police authorities have lost no time in taking steps to recover the diamonds, and even at this stage of the inquiries it is possible to suggest that the mystery can be associated with the operations of a gang of expert international thieves. This it not the first case of the kind, for early this year £50,000 worth of diamonds were stolen from a vessel making a similar journey.

"WHITE AUSTRALIA" POLICY.

Mr. Hughes, in the Australian House of Representatives, speaking on the Peace Treaty Bill, said, referring to Japan and the "White Australia" policy, "Our destinies, ideals, impulses, and history are different. I hope Japan will remain on terms of most perfect friendship with us, but we claim the right to say who shall come in and who shall not come. This is our house. Our soldiers sacrificed their blood to keep it for us, and placed the keys of this house in our hands. This war was fought for liberty. We had this right before the war, and we claim the right now."

LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM.

Here is the latest heart-cry from the "Times" agony column — love at 1s 2d a line: "On Thursday, at about 5.20 p.m., a little vision in blue (?) jumped or glided from a taxi (in which were two others) at top of Burlington-arcade. Having fetched something (?) from a shop halfway down she returned to the taxi, both journeys being done at extreme economical speed. A weary wight in grey (that's me) saw her. I'm sure we both like dancing (when its not so cold), so please change down to first speed next time we meet, and write now."

Romeo did these things better.

ANOTHER ULTIMATUM TO GERMANY.

It is stated that the Supreme Council will send an ultimatum to Germany, demanding that General von der Goltz shall immediately evacuate the Baltic provinces.

ROYAL WARRANT.

OFFICERS' APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED).

FOURTH ARTICLE OF THE SERIES.

TABLE V.

R.E. and R.A.S.C. and Tank Corps (Technical).

1. The following are the rates approved for Engineer pay and Corps pay:—

	Pay per day. s.	d.
Royal Engineers—		
Colonel, employed on technical Royal Engineer duties (this does not include appointments the sole function of which is the administration of personnel)	8	0
Lieutenant-Colonel	7	0
Major	5	0
Captain	3	0
Lieutenant	2	0
Sec. Lieutenant	2	0
Royal Army Service Corps—		
Lieutenant-Colonel	7	0
Major	5	0
Captain	3	0
Lieutenant	2	0
Sec. Lieutenant	2	0

The above rates will be drawn in addition to those shown in Table I. by officers commissioned to the Royal Engineers or Royal Army Service Corps, or transferred to these arms, after the date of this Warrant, only in those cases where the officers have technical qualifications according to the professional standards set up in civil life, viz.:—

2. Royal Engineers.—Engineer pay will be drawn by officers who have qualified as Associate Member, Institute of Civil Engineers; Associate Member, Institute of Mechanical Engineers; or Associate Member, Institute of Electrical Engineers, or who have such other equivalent professional qualifications as may be accepted be the Army Council.

3. Royal Army Service Corps.—Corps pay will be drawn by officers who are qualified as Associate Member, Institute of Mechanical Engineers, or who have such other equivalent professional qualifications as may be accepted by the Army Council.

The issue of these rates will not be dependent on performance of the duties of the Corps, but, with this exception, will be subject to the rules for the issue of Staff pay.

4. In the case of officers of the Royal Engineers or the Royal Army Service Corps serving on the date of this Warrant the conditions of drawing Engineer pay or Corps pay will be as follows, pending a further announcement:—

Officers of the Royal Engineers will draw the new normal rate of regimental pay plus the new rate of Engineer pay, for which he would be eligible if duly qualified.

Officers of the Royal Army Service Corps, if not qualified for Corps Pay under paragraph 3 above, will draw the new normal rate of regimental pay without Corps pay, except that a Sec. Lieutenant will draw a minimum rate of 14s.

Further instructions will be issued as soon as possible.

5. Royal Army Service Corps—Inspectors of Mechanical Transport.—These officers will be paid at the rates laid down for Inspectors of Ordnance Machinery.

Tank Corps—Technical.—Corps pay will be issuable to the technical branch of the Tank Corps at the rates and under the conditions applicable to the Royal Army Service Corps.

7. If an officer (other than an officer of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps) is appointed temporarily to act as an officer of the Royal Engineers, the Royal Army Service Corps or the Tank Corps (Technical), Engineer or Corps pay will be issuable under the conditions applicable to officers of those arms who have the requisite professional qualifications.

Table VI.

Army Medical Service and Dental Surgeons. Army Medical Service—

	Per day. £	s.	d.
Major General	4	10	0
Colonel	3	5	0
Lieutenant-Colonel	2	10	0
Lieutenant-Colonel, after 20 years' total service	2	12	6
Lieutenant-Colonel, after 25 years' total service	2	15	0
Major	1	15	0
Major, after 15 years' total service	2	0	0
Captain	1	5	0
Captain, after 5 years' total service	1	7	6
Captain, after 10 years' total service	1	10	0
Captain, holding higher rank by Brevet, in addition	0	2	0
Lieutenant	1	0	0
Dental Surgeons—			
Major	1	13	0
Major, after 15 years' total service	1	16	0
Captain	1	3	6
Captain, after 5 years' total service	1	6	0
Captain, after 10 years' total service	1	7	6
Lieutenant	0	18	0

The rates shown for officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps and for dental surgeons will not apply to officers who are in receipt of special rates of pay under contract.

Officers serving under contract who are granted the pay and allowances of their rank while filling certain specified appointments will be eligible to draw the rates provided in this Warrant.

TABLE VII.

Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

	Per day £	s.	d.
Major-General	4	10	0
Ordnance Officer, 1st class ...	3	0	0
Ordnance Officer, 2nd class ...	2	12	6
Ordnance Officer, 3rd class ...	1	16	6
Ordnance Officer, 3rd class, after 5 years' service as such	2	2	0
Ordnance Officer, 4th class ...	1	8	6
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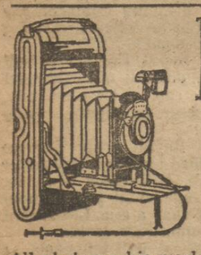

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SEALING HER DOOM.

General Ludendorff's memoirs have evoked lively interest and a good deal of criticism from German statesmen, who are by no means in agreement with all his statements.

This has induced Ludendorff to publish a brochure entitled, "The break-down of the Peace negotiations, August-September 1918." In this he reiterates the accusation levelled against the German Foreign Office of incompetency and failure to follow up the efforts towards mediation set on foot by neutral Powers.

Admiral von Hintze, who filled the post of Secretary for Foreign Affairs during this phase, now comes forward in the "Vossische Zeitung." He states that in the middle of July, in his official capacity, he asked General Ludendorff to give a final and definite reply to the question as to whether he was certain of achieving the final and definite defeat of the enemy by means of the present offensive.

To this question Ludendorff returned a definite affirmative, and this formed the foundation for the policy pursued by the Imperial Government up to August.

About August 13th, however, General Ludendorff informed Herr von Hintze that he no longer possessed this confidence. Upon being questioned on his ideas as to the continuance of the War, Ludendorff stated that a strategic defensive would cripple the enemy's desire to continue the war, and thus gradually to bring about peace.

At a Crown Council held on August 14th however, in which the Kaiser declared for "an unvarnished settlement of the world war," Ludendorff remained silent, and had not a word to say regarding the military situation.

Herr von Hintze proceeds to prove that, until Sept. 29th 1918, Ludendorff and German G.H.Q. never pressed for a speedy peace. Although well aware of the situation, knowing that the Allies would listen to no peace pour-parlers which did not contain an abandonment of all annexations in the East as well as in the West, Ludendorff, as late as August, was still pressing for a virtual annexation of Belgian as well as of Polish and Russian territory.

All this simply goes to prove what we have continuously maintained that it was the military clique with Ludendorff as its figure head which dragged Germany to its doom. And this is his condemnation.

Ludendorff never knew the people—he simply took it for the feudal, conservative and large capitalist circle by which he was surrounded. There never glimmered in his brain the slightest idea that the moral power of the great mass of the people could be reinforced only by the guarantee of freedom and the conviction that, outside the confines of Germany, the German people were fighting for the freedom of the world.

"CHESS-NUTS."

In place of that heated antagonism toward the little party of gentlemen who recently rested from their task of issuing instructions, in order to pay this Army a friendly visit, a sense of injustice now pervades our little circle, or what remains of it—for we can no longer whip ourselves into a fury of anger over the subject of demobilization.

Even the cynical query,—"Demobilization? what does that mean?" has lost its point, for the vacant places at the Mess table where we were wont to foregather have drawn the sting from such remarks, and the fact that release is no longer a hazy speck on the distant horizon, precludes any prolonged argument on the subject.

Hence the feeling of injustice; the powers that be had withdrawn our one interest in life, and left an uninteresting blank between supper and bed; obviously something had to be done, then it was suggested—a quiet game of Chess.

A great deal has been written about chess and its charms, but I may say that the game can be either dull and monotonous, or interesting and exciting, according to how it is played.

Such mediocrities as Capablanca, play the former type in Hastings and other villages.

The board and pieces are set out, there are two players, a large audience, and perfect silence; the players sit down, one at either side of the board and commence to push the pieces about.

There is an interval at the end of each day to permit the players to shave, and next morning they continue to push the pieces about.

After a week or two, the more up-to date newspapers begin to report developments and immediately following this one of the players resigns, (the audience has been resigned from the very first day.)

Such is the game of chess, as played at Hastings,—very dull and very uninteresting.

Now at our Mess, things are entirely different, after supper the board is set out and (at first) there are only two players, but after the first move matters begin to develop and an audience gathers round.

Even in our chess it is almost impossible to criticise the first move, but the omission is more than rectified by the criticism of the second; the spectator on the left shakes his head; the one on the right remarks "Good move."

"Why was it a good move?" asks the first.

"Why wasn't it?" replies the second.

While they are discussing details the original players have executed another six moves, various pieces have become casualties, the remaining spectators are warmly discussing the respective merits of "exchanges;" the possibility or impossibility of taking "en passant" in the middle of the board, and in place of th perfect silence which blessed the Hastings Congress, there are "umpteen" arguments regarding..... Knights, ... Bishops, and other types of pieces which—judging by the "Times" reports—are non-existent at Hastings.

Then No. 1 spectator, in order to demonstrate the weakness of move No. 2, commences to re-arrange the board in order to carry out a "mate" in 12 — to the violent dissatisfaction of "White" who has just calculated that he can "mate" in 3 — if "Black" keeps his Queen on the same square during the operation.

"White" endeavours to keep the pieces in their correct position but without much success, because various spectators are also endeavouring to replace the pieces in their positions at various phases of the game.

"White" gives up all hope of carrying on the game and insists on the resignation of "Black."

"Black" refuses to resign because at the time of the interruption he had an absolutely infallible "mate" in 2.

In the meantime the electric lights twinkle as a reminder that it is time the Mess was cleared, and in one's and two's we retire, all arguing and each convinced that he is perfectly correct in his particular argument.

In bed, preparing to sleep, the pleasant thought strikes us — for two hours we have had no thought of demobilization, or the lack of it.

Chess is a wonderful game!

R. A. S.

A STRICKEN VILLAGE.

There is something particularly poignant about a recent appeal in the Agony Column of "The Times" by the curé of a stricken village on the Somme for funds to assist in the re-building of his church.

Many of us can picture in our mind's eye a particular village or villages away behind the lines where it was sometimes difficult to realise that there was a war on.

Here we were wont to gather in the village estaminet and like the Walrus talk of "cabbages and kinds".

Curiously enough the war was not often a subject of conversation.

The main theme of conversation usually centred round Madamoiselle Suzanne, or perchance, Germaine, the bewitching daughter of the proprietor of the estaminet.

How she mothered us all. Her smiles were strictly meted out to all and sundry, no ration cards being necessary, be he a hot and dusty Despatch Rider who had just looked in for liquid refreshment or one of the regular patrons from the troops "resting" in the village.

Now and again one of the boys would suffer from light headedness after a visit to Suzanne's establishment.

She had been slightly more attentive to him that day, he thought.

He was, in the vernacular, "quids in."

How soon his delusions were dispelled on his next visit to see the fair Suzanne paying hospitable attention to a somewhat dusty and dishevelled looking A. S. C. lorry driver who had dropped in casually in passing through the village.

At times the meeting place would be the establishment where Madame sold such delicious coffee.

Here too the prior attraction would be one of France's fair daughters.

What feats in coffee drinking were performed within its precincts.

How many plates of luscious eggs and "chips" were demolished while one lingered to chaff Madamoiselle on her latest conquest, or to watch Madame's efforts to keep pace with her customers' demands, which at times became most amusing.

And then the tide of war rolled against us. Suzanne and Madame joined the frightened stream of refugees flowing westward.

The Germans heralded their approach with a 5.9 or two, usually directed at the church, and the village then became a place to be avoided at all costs.

For a few weeks the daily systematic shelling went on, local geography quickly became altered and then the dog days over we again went forward, this time to the end.

Alas! what had once been a smiling village was now only a relic. Suzanne's estaminet was represented by a heap of rubble, the church was a mere framework.

"HAWKEYE."

THE EPISTLES OF PETER BIRSE, JUNIOR.

A SENSATIONAL VENTURE.

Dear Maister Editor,

Throwin' aside m' "Polis Budget," disgustit mair or less wi' the veeshyus ineequity o' the human race, aw stappit oot the lenth o' the bonny Fowks' Gairden th' ither nicht t'communicawt wi' natyure undefil'd. On a widden sait 'at wad be nane the waur o' a coat or twa o' pint, sat a stoodyus lookin' objeck in solitary grandyure. A pair o' thick, clumsy specks surmoontit his protroodin' nib, a massiv' doam denoatin' intelleck form'd th' upper pairt o' his sin- brunt dial, an' in his lady-like han' was a publicawshun resem'lin a buik o' German poetry.

He was a "Jerry, "an' judgin' b' appairance a pussy-fittit craiter wi' impossibel ideels, unco little in seempathy wi' things mateerialistick. But that's just far aw made a styoupendus blun'er. He was deeply engroass'd in an ultra-mundane volyume on pottygrafick apparawtus.

"Goot evenin' corporal," he said in freen'ly enooch fashun "would you like to make a millionair?"

Th' illustrus Birse faimly, lang afore Docktor Johnson was boarn, was weel ackwantit wi' the vainity o' human wishes, but aw ejackulawtit speedily "Dae ye mean, wid aw like t' mak' masel or you a millionair?"

"Yourself, sarjint, "he confidently replied, promoatin' me on the spoat, whereupon aw anser'd like a pantymime fairy:- "Proceed, illustrious youth, And virtue guard you to the throne of truth."

"Well, Captain" said he wi' conteenit ashoorance an' furtner speedy promoshun, "if you can cooperate viz me in a leettle bizness deal in ze Twisters' Cloister, Köln, you will soon become reech beyond vat you calls ze dreams of ham and rice." (At laist it soondit like that.)

"Indid," says I, raither skeptically, "an' fat wye?" Here he handit me a Canteen De Reszke wi' a grandeeloquint air an' proceedit t'unfold his winderfu' skeem. Braifly his plan was as follos. He was th' owner o' a pottygrafer's styoudio i' the Twisters' Cloister, far he claim'd t' mak' a speeshiality o' tablo pickters, sma groops or figgers, ye ken, representin classickal seens or incidents, th' impersonawtors bein' the sitters 'at cam' t' hae their fottos tane in th' auld-fashun'd, orthodocks menner.

Supposin' m' freen' Sandy Mc Flummocks—fa's been draw'n his oot-o'-wark benefit siller this sax ouks an' maircam' in t' be pottygraf'd, he wid be deckit up t' resem'le Fightin' Mack, General Gordon, Piper Findlater, Judas Iscariot, Abraham Lincoln, Sexton Blake, Old Bill, Landru, Peter the Painter, or some ither celeebrity. Or supposin' half-a-dizzen Toammies cam' in they wid be speedily convertit int' a groop posin' as "The Ten Tumbler Club," "Committee Meeting of Pussyfoots," "Napoleon and his Marshals," "Tym Reads the Grand Remonstrance," "Cromwell and his Ironsides," "Founding the Anti-Demobilization League," "Horatius at the Bridge," "Landing of Julius Caesar without his Embarkation Card," or "Peeping Toms at the Roman Baths."

M' pairt i' this highly arteestick bizness was t' ack, so t' speak, as a decoy duck b' impersonawtin' a karacter in ilka tablo, an' bringin' in aboot ither mugs t' compleet the pickters. For m' services i' the consern 50 per sent o' the proceeds was t' gang t' m' exchecker alang wi' a free fotty in a bonny gowden frame ilka time a tablo was produc'd. He said if aw gaed aboot m' bizness in a sober, industryus, an' workmanlike menner aw wid be able t' buy a civvy soot within sax month o' m' demobilizawshun.

For three days an' three nichts aw thocht the projeck oot, oilin' the brain weel wi' hefty potawshuns o' this, that, an' the neist beverage. Enammer'd tho aw was at the prospeck o' early afflooens, an' mummlin' t' masel mony a time aboot the tide in the affairs o' men, aw had m' suspeeshuns. The bawbees were to come ower aisy, an' aw had m' doots aboot th' legallity o' th' operawshun. T' mak' siccar aw call'd at the company offish, far a corporal infoarm'd me wi' the air o' a Solon 'at the hale bizness was grossly illeegal an' irreglar. M' only chance t' encourage fine art amo' the troops on the Rnine was t' ack in a purely honorary capaisity withoot ony perkwisit or emolumint fatever.

On m' infoarmin' m' "Jerry" freen' he fain'd the deepest sympathy wi' me in m' sore an' sad bereavement, in fack crockodile teers trickl'd doon his oily cheeks saturawtin his fusker like a shoor o' weety sna. Then he mutter'd incoheerently, "As an Art patron, Colonel, vy not help me in my vork without ze prospect of reward?"

That touch'd a weak spoat i' the Birse anatomy an' I ackwiess'd.

A fortnicht syne oor first pickter was produc'd an' aw'll wager 20 marks, it'll be m' last. The subjeck—nane o' m' choosin', tho the sitters a' hurl'd abuse at m' inoffensiv' heid—was "The Sultan in his Harem." I was the Sultan, Maister Editor, as nane o' the mugs wid pey enooch t' be permittit t' play the leadin' role. So far everything in that exotick gairden was luvely, espeeshally the dancin' quoins 'at cluster'd roond the dazzlin throne ticklin' the royal chin. But some dirty snipe o' a craiter i' the tablo sent the pickter hame t' m' spouse!! Noo the fat's i' the Printfield fire, an' aw'm searchin' Coloan for a timely peace-offerin' o' substanshal vailyou an' immediate uteelity. T' mak' things waur aw'm t' be demobileez'd within a fortnicht's time! While thus preparin' for hosteelities on the hame front, aw'll bid you and your readers an affeckshunat' guid-bye. Vale!

Peter Birse, Junior.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

WIVES AND EFFICIENCY.

Sir,—I am quite sure my husband who invited me out here last month has not neglected his duties by reason of giving up his time in dancing attendance on me, and I should not think of trying to make him.

He has put in just as many hours in his official duties as before I came—indeed he tells me he has done even more.

I go about by myself in the daytime visiting the points of interest in Cologne and the surrounding country and the evening, when his work is done, is the only time we spend together.

There are, perhaps, wives who are different from me and hamper their husbands in their work. I merely tell you my own case.

H. V. S.

Sir,—Surely after four years of separation except for uncertain leave the married soldier has earned some right to give his wife a good time now that the couple have come together again.

"Bachelor" is, if I may say so, narrow minded. By all means maintain efficiency but I have yet to learn that the number of wives on the Rhine is so large that their presence is likely to interfere with that efficiency which has made the British Army what it is. "Bachelor's" quarrel is with his fellows who have called upon him to undertake extra labour. Surely not with husbands as a whole.

SERGT. MAJOR.

Sir,—V.A.D. says "Bachelor" is a selfish old thing. I do not agree with her. "Bachelor" is quite right and perhaps V.A.D. would think so too if she lost the hours of pleasure I lose through "Wifey." Hubby must go out with her.

Not only myself but others suffer through her. If Hubby did his duty work could finish at 4 o'clock but we must wait and catch him in at dinner.

Let wifey have her pleasure but don't deprive others of theirs.

ONE OF THE SUFFERERS.

WE ARE APPRECIATED.

Sir,—I am now on the eve of demobilization and would like to put on record my appreciation of your valuable paper.

I have followed its career with great interest and appreciate the difficulties under which the staff have carried on.

There is no doubt that the "Post" has been and is an immense boon to all ranks. We have seen many sources of grumbling put right, many improvements made through the publicity of its columns.

Those in authority have been quick to act on suggestions from all grades and have been quick to recognise that many grouses have been justified.

All honour to "The Cologne Post;" it has rendered signal service to us, and I, for one, thank you.

CORPS.

THE ELEVEN O'CLOCK RULE.

Sir,—I had a shock last night—the Germans can now demand to see our passes. You cannot believe it? Then let us deal with the facts.

At 22.15 hours last night—I had been on duty up till that time—it occurred to me that the new regulation extending the hours for the opening of cafes to troops might be taken advantage of. I entered a near by cafe, and was met with a demand to see my pass. I could not understand. It was explained by a very polite and suave individual that after 22.00 hours N.C.O.'s and men could not be served if they had not a pass to show.

Although cafes are open to officers and warrant officers and,—N.C.O.'s and men with passes, until 23.00 hours,—and, although N.C.O.'s and men are allowed out until 22.30 hours without a pass, they cannot enter a restaurant after 22.00 hours sans pass. The possibilities of the situation stagger me—more especially as I had a dry throat and found a blank wall of real Prussianism construing our orders.

J.R.H.

THE VICTORY MEDAL RIBAND.

Sir,—I am in complete agreement with your correspondent as regards the sale of the riband of the Victory Medal.

Surely all ranks of the British Army have waited long enough for permission to wear the riband and it should have been possible for the necessary issue to be made promptly.

Instead we are told that indents for riband will not be submitted until notification is given that supplies are available.

LANCE-JACK.

THE CANTEEN SUPPLIES.

Sir,— At intervals we are apprised of the nature of the goods available for sale at the N.A.C.B. canteen, but, when, oh when, will the officer in charge look round his stock and realise that there are other things required besides cigarettes and toothpaste?

I am not a company shareholder and therefore hesitate to name the articles I have in mind, because of my respect for your advertising revenue, but always it is the same tale, "We are expecting supplies."

I have heard this with unfailing regularity. You, Sir, have been instrumental in securing many benefits for us, and I now put forward the idea that a suggestion board or something of a like nature be hung up in the canteen.

SIGNALS OFFICER.

REMINISCENCE.

I dream of youth and its sparkling rays,
Of life and its beauties — of bygone days
Of carelessness and easy joy
In those glad days when but a boy —
Of tender fancies — happy hours
Spent in woods amidst sweet flowers;
Of ease now gone, of joy now fled —
The peace of soul which now seems dead
Of fancies faded in the past,
As flowers fade in the wintry blast.
For the bright Spring of Youth has now given way
To the Summer's warm blooming breath;
And Autumn — preluding the end of the day
Shall be passed by the Winter of Death.

ARCHIE L. PEARCE.

RHINELAND CHAMPIONS.

Winners of Finals at Athletic Sports Meeting.

Everything favoured the finals of the greatest Rhineland Athletic Meeting at the P. and R. T. Ground, Riehl, yesterday afternoon. The weather was perfect and there was a large and keenly interested spectatorate. As was to be expected, the athletics reached a very high standard, surpassing anything previously presented by the British Army of Occupation.

In the events only the best talent participated, the teams having previously had to show their worth in the eliminating contests held by brigades, divisions, and corps. Each corps was represented by one unit, survivor of the earlier rounds, and the successful team yesterday won for itself the coveted title of champion unit, battalion, or equivalent strength in the Rhine Army.

CORPS REPRESENTATIVES.

The corps were represented as follows:—

II Corps, 63rd. Bde R.G.A.; IV Corps, 5/6 Royal Scots; VI Corps, 41st. Bn. M.G.C.; X Corps 15th Lancashire Fusiliers and Tank Group, 9th Tank Battn. Points were awarded as follows:—1st—3, 2nd—2, 3rd—1, in each event, the unit having the largest aggregate being the winner. Each corps was well supported, revealing a real esprit de corps. The times considering the somewhat indifferent nature of the track, were good.

Delightful music was provided by the band of the 9th D L.I., by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. J. W. Jeffreys, D.S.O., while refreshments were served by the Y.M.C.A.

List Of Officials.

The officials were:—

Judges (for track events):—Brig.-Gen. C.G. Fuller, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lt.-Col. H.C. Maitland-Makgill-Crichton, C.M.G., D.S.O., Capt. M. Brown, M.C., Maj. A.V. Keene, T.D., Rev. C. Wheeler, Maj. M.C. Morgan, M C.

Judges (for field events):—Capt. J. MacSween, S.I. R.K. Starkey, S.I. J.A. Maynard.

Starter:—Maj. W. Delany, O.B.E.

Timekeeper:—Maj. Wheeler, D.S.O.

Chief-Marshal:—Lt.-Col. J. Betts, D.S.O.

Asst:—C.S.M. A.P.J. Howlett.

Official recorder:—Capt. G. Hibbert, O.B.E., M.C.

Asst:—C.S.M. E.C. Peirce.

I/C., track events:—Capt. H. Sedgwick.

Asst:—C.S.M. H. Butcher.

I/C., field events and cross country run:—Capt. A. Best.

Asst:—C.S.M. C.E. Tyler.

Registrars:—C.S.M. J. Harper and C.S.M G.E. Ware.

Recorders for cross country run:—Corporal W.J. Perry and Corporal E. Stuckey, R.A.S.C.

Results.

The results were as follows:—

100 yds:—1, R.Q.M.S. Spruce 41st M.G.C., VI Corps (10 4/5 secs.); 2, Sgt. Whetlor 63rd Bde. R.G.A. (2nd Corps); 3, Pte. Hanlon, 5/6 Royal Scots (4th Corps).

880 yds:—1, Pte. Hanlon, 5/6 Royal Scots; 2, Lt. Speedy, 9th Tank Battalion (Tank Group); 3, Lt. Brett, 41st Bn. M.G.C.

Long Jump:—1, 2nd Lt. H. Goodman, 15th Lancs. Fus. (20ft., 1in.) 10th Corps; 2 Major Arkle, 41st Bn. M.G.C.; 3, Cpl. Wicks, 63rd Bde. R.G.A.

120 yds. hurdles:—1, Major Arkle, 41st Bn. M.G.C. (17 2/5 secs.); 2, Capt. Booth, 63rd Bde. R.G.A.; 3, Sgt. Murray, 5/6 Royal Scots.

Basket Ball, semi finals:—The P. and R. T. School defeated the Royal Irish Rifles by 13 points to one.

The 440 yards was an excellent race; the 63rd Bde. R.G.A. representative went away at a great pace and maintained his lead until fifty yards from the tape, when he was overtaken and beaten by the 5/6th Royal Scots competitor who ran an excellent race. Details:—

1, Pte. Hanlon, 5/6th Royal Scots (53 3/5 secs.); 2, Sgt. Whetlor, 63rd Bde. R.G.A.; 3, Sgt. Brown, 41st M.G.C.

High Jump:—1, Major Arkle, 41st M.G.C.; 2, Cpl. Teece, 9th Tank Bn.; 3, Cpl. Booth, 63rd Bde., R.G.A.

1 Mile:—1, Cpl. Ward, 9th Tank Bn.; 2, Sgt. Hay, 9th Tank Bn.; 3, Lt. Riley, 15th Lancs. Ins.

In the final of the light-weight tug-of-war the 63rd Bde. R.G.A. defeated the 35th Bde. R.G.A. by 2 pulls to nil, and in the final of the heavy-weights they were again successful by 2 pulls to nil.

Relay race:—1, 9th Tank Bn.; 2, 41st M.G.C.; 3, 63rd Bde. R.G.A.

Putting the shot:—1, Pte. Ruddy, 32ft. 2ins.; 41st M.G.C.; 2, Lt. Crookshank, Tank Corps; 3, Staff-Sgt. Arnott, 63rd Bde. R.G.A.

Final Points.

The final points for the athletic championship were:—6th Corps, 19; Tank Group, 19; 2nd Corps, 10; 4th Corps, 8; 10th Corps, 4. The Cup was awarded to the 6th Corps by reason of their having the largest number of firsts.

Basket-ball final:—P. and R.T. School defeated 5th Border Regt. by 8 points to 3.

Cross-Country run:—1, 15th Hants; 2, 7th Middlesex; 3, 5/6th Royal Scots; 4, 51st Manchesters.

At the close the prizes were presented by Lt.-Gen. Sir A. Godley, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., commanding 2nd Corps, who apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Commander-in-chief.

EXCELLENT BOXING.

There was a good attendance for the boxing semi-finals at the Burgergesellschaft, Cologne, on Wednesday evening, the competing teams being well supported. The many bouts provided a fund of excellent boxing and excitement ran high. A feature of the meeting was the remarkable display of pluck by Pte. Sprayson of the 51st Devons, who in his contest with Pte. Glinnain was floored in both the first and second rounds and saved by time. During the brief intervals he made splendid recovery and went the full distance despite the maximum of punishment, being deservedly awarded an extra half point for his gameness. The teams engaged were:—51st Devons representing 2nd Corps; 9th Battalion M.G.C. 4th Corps; 7th Middlesex Regt. 6th Corps; 32nd Bn. M.G.C. 10th Corps.

The Fights.

Semi-finals bantam weights:—L/Cpl. Dean, M.G.C., v. Pte. Sutton, 7th Middlesex. The fight ended very abruptly; Sutton immediately asserted his superiority, handed out a tremendous amount of punishment and the referee stopped the fight in the first round.

Pte. Anthony, 51st Devons, v. Sgt. Robinson, 32nd M.G.C. Robinson had all the best of the opening exchanges Anthony being unable to get his measure and only succeeding in getting in one or two decent lefts in return for which he took a deal of punishment. The second round saw a change, the Devon man showing marked improvement and using his left to advantage. It was clearly Anthony's round. The third meeting was fairly evenly contested and the verdict went to Robinson by a narrow margin.

Semi-finals feather weight:—Pte. Woodward, 7th Middlesex, v. Pte. Craik, 9th M.G.C. Both men immediately got busy and there was some very hard hitting. Woodward had the best of the mix up and Craik after being floored in the first round, gave in.

L/Cpl. Sherry, 51st Devons, v. Pte. Whithead, 32nd M.G.C. At the first meeting very little boxing was provided but things livened up in the second round and Sherry went twice to his knees after some lively exchanges. The final round saw Sherry easily master of the situation and he rapidly piled up points and was a good winner.

Light weights.

Semi-final, light-weights:—Pte. Gallagher, 9th Middlesex v. Pte. McKenna 32nd M.G.C. This contest ended in the first round, McKenna getting home a heavy right to the jaw and knocking his man out.

Sgt. Barker, 51st Devons v. Cpl. Stevens, 7th Middlesex. Stevens had the advantage in reach and made good use of it at the opening. Stevens relied on a damaging left whilst Barker replied with a punishing right hook. A really good bout ended in a win for the Middlesex man, Barker being a good loser.

Semi finals, welter-weights:—Pte. Ham, 51st Devons v. Pte. Clarke, 7th Middlesex. In the first round both men sparred for an opening and showed no desire to mix things, but the second set-to, saw Ham using a dangerous right hook which Clarke failed to counter. Clarke was down for two or three seconds but at the last meeting Ham boxed very cleverly; he used both hands freely and earned a popular verdict.

Pte. Ryan, 9th M.G.C. v. Sgt. Ritchie, 23nd M.G.C. Ritchie was the only man in the fight and with comparative ease knocked out his opponent in the first round.

Semi finals, middle-weights:—Pte. Sprayson, 51st Devons v. Pte. Glinnain, 7th Middlesex. Glinnain had a great advantage in height and weight and with a straight left found no difficulty in keeping Sprayson off. For sheer gameness against odds Sprayson was marvellous. He was sent to the boards and saved by time both in the first and second rounds, but he came up for the final meeting and saw the remainder of the fight out. He was awarded an extra half-point by the referee for being such a plucky loser.

Semi-final, welter, officers:—Lieut. Fairclough, 7th Middlesex was knocked out by Lieut. Lee, 32nd M.G.C. in the first round.

Heavy weights:—Cpl. Pollard, 51st Devons v. Sgt. Pearl, 7th Middlesex. This proved one of the best bouts of the evening. Pollard boxed very steadily and got slightly the better of some good exchanges at opening session. Pearl at one time was obviously groggy. There was some excellent boxing at the second meeting both men taking their share of punishment, Pollard still maintaining his lead on points. Pearl was more in the picture at the last set-to but was disqualified for holding after having been repeatedly warned.

Byes were obtained by Sgt. Miller, middle-weight, 32nd M.G.C. Lieut. Hayes, 51st Devons, officers' welter and Pte. Hollinsworth, heavy-weight.

BECKETT AND DEMPSEY.

Englishman's chances in Meeting with Champion.

Beckett is one of the most conscientious and persistent trainers among all the British boxers. He is a plugger who set to work to develop himself with the same dogged determination that marked Jack Dempsey's preparation for Willard at Toledo. While McGoorty, from the accounts, was looking on bright lights, Beckett was working with boxers of every sort and weight who could be induced to join his camp, says an American in the "Sporting Life." The Britisher reaped the just reward of his efforts, and it is well for the game that he did. If England, Australia, and France can develop a few first-class heavies it will tremendously stimulate the interest in that class in this country.

Naturally, the big talk now will be about matching Beckett with William Harrison (Jack) Dempsey. If they should meet Dempsey would be a big favourite in the betting, and properly so, but Beckett might not be an impossibility by any means. Beckett's best asset seems to be a straight right with knockout therein. He is a fairly clever boxer, who is still learning. How well he can use his left to drive back a rushing and powerful opponent is hard to say. The man who beats Dempsey while Dempsey is on top of his form will almost certainly have to do it with straight punches.

Dempsey is a swinger and hooker, but his swings are not of the round-house variety. They are so swift that they come through almost as quickly as a hook. If Beckett has a strong enough left to pierce through Dempsey's swings and hooks and drive him back so that Beckett's right can come into play, then Beckett has a chance with Dempsey; otherwise not.

Fred Fulton.

Fred Fulton, the discredited heavy-weight maker of confessions and repudiator thereof, knocked out Arthur Townley, British heavy, in one round. Fulton made a favourable impression upon the boxing experts in Paris, where Tom O'Rourke took him some weeks ago, and where he gave several sparring exhibitions. He then went to London, and his match with Townley was a sort of tryout.

W.R.A.F. REVELRY.

Merry-go-rounds, Mirth and Merriment at Sud Park.

HUGE SUCCESS.

The Revelry organized by the W.R.A.F's H.Q., for the purpose of raising money for the "Old Comrades Fund" which took place on Wednesday was a huge success. Thanks to numerous willing helpers and to the kindly assistance of the Y.M.C.A. who provided the fairy lights, etc., the entire programme was carried out without a hitch.

From 3 o'clock until "God Save the King" was played the revelry went on apace. It was a scene of gaiety and colour and festoons of bunting; flowers and flags were everywhere. Pretty girls in fancy costumes flitted hither and thither, or presided over the side shows. An Indian maid—but, no, she was addressed as "chief" — sold tickets for a raffle. The W.R.A.F. colours were sold by a Chinese lady and gentlemen. There was plenty of variety in dress—cowgirls, pierrettes, Spanish dancing senoritas, girls in Italian and Tyrolese costumes, charming maidens marked "?" (Why?—well it remains a question) did a manner of useful things.

Then there were the merry-go-rounds and all the kindred attractions of the old village fair. The inevitable clowns were there, grotesquely attired, armed with ratties and trumpets — and other fun provoking things. Under the shade of the trees, in tastefully decorated stalls, delightful young ladies sold buns and lemonade. Teas were provided in gaily festooned tea-rooms.

In the afternoon there was an al fresco concert, quite a happy little affair. And there were a hundred and one other attractions. Meanwhile the band of the 9th Durham Light Infantry and the Pipers of the 15th H.L.I., played intermittently throughout the afternoon.

Towards dusk the crowd increased and the amusement became more brisk. Dancing was indulged in on the green, the D.L.I. band providing the music. The press-photgrapher came and frightened everybody by taking flash-light photographs. Shortly after a whistle was blown and the green was cleared for the firework display.

YORKS. v. THE REST.

Champions' big Task: Woolley's fine display.

Yorkshire went from bad to worse at the Oval on Tuesday in the second day's play of the four days match against the Rest, and though their bowling was good—very fine for the first hour—and their fielding always above par, the Rest held too many guns for the champion county, and taking the lead after the fall of the fifth wicket, were at the close of play 218 runs ahead with one wicket to fall.

Head and shoulders above anybody else—even Hobbs, who scored 101 on his home pastures—stood Wolley, whose 164 (two 6's and nineteen 4's) was the acme of perfection, sharing in the most prolific partnership of the day with J. N. Crawford—116 runs in fifty-five minutes—the Kent man played with that ease that seems second nature to a left-handed batsman.

Hobbs, of course, was handicapped, playing as he did with his left wrist swathed in bandages—a memento of the Scarborough Festival. Added to that Hobbs was at the wicket at a time when the Yorkshire bowling was perhaps at its best. Consequently his 101, which occupied him two and a quarter hours, paved the way for the batsmen who were to follow.

J. N. Crawford played a characteristic innings of 41, hitting the inevitable six; but the polished Spooner failed to get going, and gave Dolphin his fourth victim of the match. During the last half-hour's play Hitch gave his usual electrical display, and the crowd had something to talk about as they left the ground. Incidentally, Waddington took his hundredth wicket of the season during the afternoon:

Details:—

Yorkshire.—First Innings.

Holmes b Kennedy	32	Robinson lbw b Woolley	23
Sutcliffe b Kennedy	26	E. R. Wilson not out	13
Denton b Kennedy	31	Dolphin b Kennedy	26
Kilner c Woolley b Kennedy	6	Waddington b Kennedy	0
Rhodes c Spooner b Woolley	19	B 8 l-b 4 n-b 2	14
Hirst lbw b Douglas	23		
D C F Burton c Knight b Woolley	33	Total	246

Rest of England.—First Innings.

D J Knight c Dolphin b Waddington	8	J N Crawford c-b Rhodes	41
Hobbs st Dolphin b Waddington	101	J W H T Douglas c Burton b Rhodes	34
Mead (P) st Dolphin b Wilson	13	Hitch lbw b Wilson	19
Hendren run out	25	Kennedy not out	11
R H Spooner c Dolphin b Robinson	19	Strudwick not out	7
Woolley run out	164	B 17 l-b 4 n-b 1	22
		Total (9 wkts)	464

Bowling Analysis.

Yorkshire.—First Innings.

	o.	m.	r.	w.		o.	m.	r.	w.
Hitch	4	1	5	0	Kennedy	32	11	100	6
Douglas	15	1	48	1	Crawford	5	0	11	0
Woolley	33	10	58	3					

KEYSOE SCRATCHED.

St. Leger Winner Struck Out Of the Cesarewitch.

Lord Derby's Keysoe, who was installed favourite for the Cesarewitch in the wagering which took place over that event in London on Monday evening, was struck out of the race the following day, the information being on the authority of the filly's trainer, the Hon. George Lambton. No reason has, so far, been assigned for the scratching, but it is learned on good authority that Lord Derby does not wish his beautifully bred filly to have her prospects for her valuable weight-for-age engagements next season in any way jeopardised. Hence it was decided not to put her through the hard work that a Cesarewitch preparation must necessarily entail.

As a consequence of the withdrawal of Lord Derby's filly, says the "Sporting Life," the "market" on Tuesday underwent considerable alteration. A new favourite has been found in the Manton candidate Silver Bullet, the fancy, it may be said, of several of the shrewdest followers of the sport. Silver Bullet, who is, like Keysoe, a daughter of Swynford, has run but three times this year, failing to obtain a place in any of these races; but she was a smart filly last autumn, winding up with two victories. It should not, however, be overlooked that Silver Bullet has a prior engagement in the Newbury Cup, the winning of which would entail a penalty for the Cesarewitch. Others backed at a comparatively short price were Gay Lord, King John, Chuette, and Langdon Hills, all of whom figured at 100 to 7. Royal Welsh and Alasnam were also noted, and the latter, who has the minimum weight, is a quiet tip of the street-corner variety.

SAILORS v. SOLDIERS.

"B" Corps Siege Park v. Rhine Flotilla (Patrol).

A football match was played between the above teams on the latter's ground, Cologne, on Wednesday evening and resulted in a win for "B" Siege Park by 3 goals to 1.

From the commencement of the game it was apparent that the Siege Park were the better team, and although no player exerted himself, all played well. The game had only been in progress a few minutes when Bradburn opened the scoring with a shot that was well placed out of the "goalie's" reach. This proved to be the only goal scored in the first half.

On resumption of play the Park continued to have the best of the game, the sailors seldom crossing the half-way line. Siege Park had the misfortune to lose Elliott from left half, he sustaining a very severe sprain of the left knee which necessitated his admission to hospital. However, the Park continued to press and further goals were scored by Bradburn and Calderbank. With fifteen minutes to play Pte. Bradburn had the goal at his mercy when he stumbled and sprained his ankle, having to be assisted from the Field. With only nine players the Siege Park had a little extra work. Just on time the sailors scored a good goal from a breakaway, the match ending in favour of the Siege Park as above stated.

All players played well, the outstanding lights being the sailors "goalie" and Edwards, Calderbank and Bradburn for the Siege Park.

On the conclusion of the game three hearty cheers were given for the losing team who suitably responded and expressed the wish that the teams meet again at a very early date.

Hockey.

The 51st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers require hockey matches and their sports officer will be glad to hear from other teams requiring fixtures.

Young Shelton's Challenge.

Seeing that the sports officer, on behalf of Rfn. Jackson (51st Bn. Rifle Bde.) has accepted my challenge, I shall be only too pleased to box him the stated number of rounds (give or take two pounds), the place and date to be arranged at the offices of the "Cologne Post" writes Pte Shelton.

Football Coach.

W. Garbutt, the old Blackburn Rovers, Woolwich Arsenal, and Reading outside-right, who attained commissioned rank and has recently been demobilised, is now in London. He will shortly go to Genoa in the capacity of football coach, to renew the engagement he had there before the war.

A Goal-Getter.

J. Broad, the hero of four goals against Northampton on Monday night, was transferred to Millwall from Greenock Morton at the commencement of the season at a fee which, it is stated, has only once previously been beaten by the New Cross club.

COLOGNE RACES.

"I Know's" Selections for To-Morrow's Meeting.

JOHNNIE WALKER AND REVENGE

"I Know," our Rhineland racing correspondent, sends us the following selections for to-morrow's meeting:—

Dark Prince

did not produce his best form at the last meeting, and he has not much to do in the Delphi Plate (1st Div.). He has only to reproduce his running with "Polly Dear" at the previous meeting to make the race a good thing for him.

Jingling Geordie

engaged in the 2nd Div. of the Delphi Plate may prove to be the best of a very moderate lot, and it is with no great confidence I give him my vote.

Bowman

stands out by himself in the Alma Steeplechase, being of a quite different class to the others engaged. He, however, bolted out of the course at the last meeting in the race won by Winamere and it is only in the event of his repeating this trick that I would advise a saving stake on Remember Me.

Golden Sunset

with all his weight will be hard to beat in the Handloy Cross Steeplechase and if danger does come it will be from Late Report who is good for a place, and would win in the absence of Golden Sunset.

Johnnie Walker

will just about take his revenge on Mascot in the farewell stakes for his Crefeld defeat. Eau de Cologne looks good for a place.

LANCS DIVISIONAL CUP.

"C" Battery 161 Brigade v. 13th Battalion King's.

Played at Beuel on Sunday. This was the third meeting of the teams, the previous games having been drawn 2—2 and 1—1 respectively. The teams were evenly matched and a hotly contested game ensued in which the Battery succeeded in winning by 2—0.

The game opened by a smart run on the right by the gunners which nearly ended in a goal. After ten minutes play the Battery came again resulting in Gilbert registering the first point. This reverse roused the Kings to further efforts and a ding-dong struggle marked the remainder of the first half. The whistle sounded the interval with the Battery leading 1—0.

On re-starting both teams exerted themselves making the game fast and furious. The feature of the re-opening was a brilliant individual run by Baker, which he finished by scoring with a fine shot, leaving the King's goalie helpless. No further scoring took place and "C" Battery earned the right to enter the semi-finals by 2—0. It should be mentioned that the King's had a player badly injured in the first ten minutes of the game and he was unable to participate further.

SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Barry and Felton meet and Disagree.

The projected race for the world's sculling championship came a bit nearer realisation on Tuesday, although nothing was definitely fixed. The backers of Ernest Barry, the holder of the championship, and Alf Felton, the Australian soldier-oarsman who aspires to step into Barry's shoes, met to sign articles if terms could be agreed upon, but after a two hours' discussion the gathering broke up with each man having deposited a cheque for £100 for a match on his own conditions, the point of difference being the question of the time of starting.

AMATEUR GOLF.

Midlands Well Represented at Moseley.

The amateur golfing strength of the Midlands was well represented at Moseley on Tuesday when 19 club teams competed for the Midland Challenge Cup. The competition has not been held since 1914.

The best round of the day was made by Carl Bretherton, the Irish champion, who played for the Handsworth Club, and returned a card of 79.

A 24 HOURS' CYCLE RACE.

The North Road Cycling Club's 24 hours' invitation unpaced road race was won by M. G. Selbach (United C.C.) with a total of 405 miles. F. M. Inwood (North Road C.C.). 382 miles, was second; J. G. Shaw, Sharrow (Sheffield C.C.). 375 miles, third; and F. E. Armond (North Road C.C.). 360 miles, fourth.

The winner's distance beat Harry Green's record by eleven miles, but, the ride being done in competition, the existing record of 394 miles stands.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Friday	7	Arlecchino. Turandot	Busoni
Saturday	7	Zar and Zimmermann	Lortzing
Sunday	6	Der Rosenkavalier	R. Strauss
Monday	7	Aida	Verdi
Tuesday	7	Waffenschmied von Worms	Lortzing

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

The Tonics.

I omitted to state in my report of the performance given by "The Tonics" concert party at the British Empire Leave Club on Tuesday evening, that Finlay danced very successfully with Sangar. Much credit is also due to George Fenn for the assistance he ably gave to Sangar in the comedy doubles.

Village Entertainment.

P.L.S. writes:— It is a consolation to know that there is, at least, one village in which really good concert parties appear and I thank "Playgoer" for his reply. I fully agree with him that the musical talent of the Rhine Army is labouring under difficulties and that one cannot expect the "latest London productions," but there is a limit in all things, and I am only voicing the opinion of my Battalion when I say that the limit has certainly been reached in this village. I still maintain that the outlying districts are having far poorer concert parties dumped on them, than those enjoyed in Cologne. Perhaps other readers will give their views?

New Y.M.C.A. Venture.

Among the members of the staff of the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. are several talented musicians, and they, assisted by Major Bower and the "Central Soldiers' Quartette Party" gave a delightful concert in the great hall on Wednesday to an audience of not less than 1,500 men. This was a new venture, and by the enthusiastic applause that greeted each item of the programme, as well as by a formal resolution an invitation was given to the Y.M.C.A. Central staff to make their own concert one of the features of the Central weekly entertainments. In the Loreley hall there is a weekly classical lecture concert by Miss Merriman (lecturer and violinist), Miss Nash (pianist), Miss Hammond (vocalist), Rev. A. D. Mackenzie (accompanist and music director) assisted by soldiers. This evening (Friday) an impromptu concert will be given in the Loreley Hall by Miss Ada Moore of the British Empire Leave Club.

JACQUES.

OLD SCOUTS NOTES.

The Rhine Army Old Scouts Circle met as usual on Wednesday at Lindenthal Y.M.C.A. and spent a very enjoyable evening. The Scoutmasters' training class did very good work again.

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Last week-end we visited Rolandseck and the volcano crater and had a most enjoyable time. On Sunday a party went to Rossrath and had a good time.

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On Saturday we have been invited to a Rally of all Boys' Organisations at the Durham House Y.M.C.A., near the Zoological Garden and a good programme has been arranged. Roll up old Scouts and bring your cameras.

X CORPS TROOPS FOOTBALL.

Knock-out Tournament: 1st and 2nd rounds draws.

A football knock-out competition has been organised for 10th Corps Troops and the preliminary draws have been made. The matches in the preliminary round must be played by Sept. 21st, the 1st round completed by Sept. 30th and the third by Oct. the 7th.

Following is the draw:—

Preliminary Round:

195 S.B. R.G.A. v. X Corps School } A

1st Round		2nd Round	
Winner of A v. H.Q. 29 Bde. R.G.A.	B	Winner of B v. Winner of C	K
77 S.B. R.G.A. v. 336 S.B. R.G.A.	C		
363 S.B. R.G.A. v. X Corps H.Q.	D	Winner of D v. Winner of E	L
129 H.B. R.G.A. v. 128 H.B. R.G.A.	E		
276 S.B. R.G.A. v. 69 S.B. R.G.A.	F	Winner of F v. Winner of G	M
X Corps Sigs. v. 121 H.B. R.G.A.	G		
X Corps Cyclts. v. 152 H.B. R.G.A.	H	Winner of H v. Winner of I	N
47 Gen. Hospl. v. H.Q. Corps H.A.	I		

Middlesbrough F.C. Complaint.

In reply to a complaint from Middlesbrough F.C. against Andrew Wilson being allowed to play for Dunfermline F.C., the Scottish F.A. has replied that there is nothing in the International Board agreement relating to players on the retained list, and that so far as the association is aware, Wilson is not registered for Middlesbrough. In consequence, no action can be taken.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Friday, September 19th, 1919.

Surface wind between south and south west, 10 to 15 m.p.h., weather cloudy, mist at first, probably later; visibility fair.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Donoghue's Wrist.

Donoghue's damaged wrist is getting stronger daily, but he does not intend to overtax it.

Sensational Jumping.

A Reuter's wire from Sydney says there was some sensational jumping at Albury Agricultural Show, when Sundown, ridden by an aboriginal, cleared 7ft. 9in.

Loch Lomond's Future.

The Irish Derby winner, Loch Lomond, will not run again this season, which means that the colt will forfeit his engagement in the Irish St. Leger on the 24th inst.

"Incidents" Sequel.

Owing to several "incidents" in the League match at Dublin a week ago, between the Bohemians and Belfast Celtic, it is not unlikely that the Irish League and Southern League match, fixed for October 4, may be transferred to Belfast.

Wedding Bells.

Southampton's directors were busy making presentations after the match between Southampton and Reading. Dominy, the captain, Andrews, the ex-"Saint," and J. J. Blake were recently married, and as a mark of appreciation of their services to the club the officials presented each happy man with a clock.

Surrey A.C. Winner.

At Stamford Bridge on Monday Hector Phillips, of the Surrey A.C., won the 100 yards open handicap, with 4¾ yards start, in 10 1-5sec.

Lucky Luton.

Luton were lucky in drawing (two goals each) with Cardiff City. They scored the equalising goal in the last minute of the game, when it appeared that all hope had gone.

International Draughts.

The English Draughts Association will meet in Liverpool to-morrow when it will be decided whether or not to accede to America's request for a return international meeting.

Top of 1st League.

Beating Blackburn Rovers at Blackburn on Monday by 2 to 0, Middlesbrough registered their fourth victory in the course of five matches, and as a consequence now stand at the head of the First League competition.

Irish Bloodstock.

The Irish bloodstock market is clearly in a very healthy condition, for without the aid of the foreigners, new records have been made.

Clem Lewis.

Clem Lewis, the popular Welsh and Cambridge University half back, will again be seen in the light blue jersey, but will meantime play at centre three-quarter for Cardiff.

Benefit Match.

The Surrey Committee have decided to give the proceeds of a three-day match next year as a benefit to Mr. J. J. Reid, who has been pavilion attendant at the Oval for the last twenty-six years.

"A Most Serious Rival."

Ernest Barry discussing the probability of Felton, the Australian, challenging him for the world's sculling championship, said: "No one realises more than I do that Felton must be regarded as a most serious rival."

Ilford out of It.

Leytonstone, playing on their own ground on Monday evening, beat Ilford in the first round of the London Challenge Cup by 4 goals to 2.

Indian Rajah's New Purchase.

The Indian rajah General Sir Hari Singh has purchased in Ireland the three-year-old Brickeen Bridge and the two-year-old Rosey Tread, by Tredennis.

Referee's Death at Durham.

Ex-Sgt.-Maj. W. T. McCann, after acting as referee over several contests at Durham on Saturday, collapsed and fell into the arms of the promoter, subsequently expiring.

Advised to Give up "Footer."

The Rev. Alban Davies, who is an Army chaplain in France, now home on leave, has been advised to give up football. The old Welsh international has decided to settle in Canada when he leaves the Army.

Southern v. Irish League.

The Southern League team against Irish League at Dublin on October 26 is: Price (Brentford); Elvey (Luton) and Knight (Portsmouth); F. Gregory (Watford), Mitchell (Queen's Park Rangers), and McAlpine (Millwall); Jefferson (Swindon), Dominy (Southampton), Weir (Swansea), West (Cardiff) and Dixon (Plymouth).

LOOK OUT FOR OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION, DETAILS OF WHICH WILL APPEAR IN TOMORROW'S COLOGNE POST.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Patience Unrewarded.

Lately the N.A.C.B. gardens on the Rhine Embankment have been retailing English beer. Consequently the greater part of the Rhine Army have lined up outside every evening with unlimited patience. The other evening however an additional unit fell in the long queue in the form of an Indian trooper and awaited his turn with the unruffled calm peculiar to his race. The evening was very warm and the crowd of waiting Tommies beguiled the time with good natured banter at his expenes; all of which he bore with a Puzzling grin. After forty minutes of painful progress he reached the bar and asked for "three cigarettes in packet missie please." Where on the N.A.C.B. damsel prettily smiled and replied: "The other queue for cigarettes please." Perhaps it is as well that she does not understand Hindoostani swear-words.

A Little Knowledge.

This conversation was overheard in the Cologne Opera house recently.

Officer (to lady who had been discussing operas they had seen in Cologne and elsewhere): What strikes me about the productions here is that they are so well staged. Have you seen Bayreuth?

Lady: No, not here. (Sudden silence of officer.)

Crossed Keys.

Many of us in Rhineland must have been puzzled over the meaning of the small circular enamelled plates to be seen on many doors with crossed keys and the words "Kölner Wach und Schliess-Gesellschaft". These refer to an institution which has no counterpart at home. This private company undertakes the watching and locking of the houses of its subscribers. This of course is one of the normal functions of the police in the United Kingdom.

Kegelspiel.

What is it? Every English boy and girl knows it well from childhood, and every English inn within the confines of the Midland Counties, at least, has its "Kegelbahn" — though many in recent years have gone into disuse because the lads of the Village "Kegel" Clubs have been "spieling" with larger or harder "woods." Now, reader, after reading the above lines you will have guessed it is a game of some sort. Well, it is skittles, or as the "kleine Kinder" would have it,—ninepins. In the smaller towns and villages of Germany the game is exceedingly popular and there are quite a number of Clubs devoted to it. In at least one Battalion of the Rhine Army, Kegelspiel takes place on most evenings of the week, and one evening recently there was a tournament between officers and sergeants. The play was productive of keen competition, the sergeants winning by a fairly good margin of points. The alleys are well-arranged, and the German players are mostly expert at the game. The "woods" are of varying size and weight and the game requires a strong arm and "level" eye before the highest form of play can be attained; so that "Kegelspiel" or skittles, forms an excellent pastime for the soldier, where other attractions are limited.

What Caused It?

A reader says that while walking along the pavement during the hottest part of the day, he was astonished to see thousands of caterpillars, all seemingly making in one direction, towards a row of houses. Some of the venturesome ones had climbed up the sides of the sides of the buildings to a height of at least ten feet; others straggling behind but continually on the move, with the strange surroundings and curious back-hunching wriggle appeared rather out of place on the hot pavement. On the opposite side of the road, numerous small allotments depicted their late homes. Perhaps some of the readers can explain the reason of such a strange invasion. Evidently no trifle would tempt these voracious many-legged insects away from the succulent cabbage leaf to the cold realities, and leathershod foot of man in the outer world.

A Sporting Retort.

The following amusing incident has just come to light. Four soldiers were walking along one of the paths in the Zoological Gardens when they saw a young woman coming towards them. One jokingly remarked to his companions, "Isn't she charming?" Imagine his surprise when the young lady turned to him and laughingly said "Yes. Isn't she absolutely tip-top?" The soldier was rather crestfallen and apologised for his rudeness, after which he had a hasty retreat. The young woman was wearing an armlet signifying that she was a British wife, a fact which had escaped the notice of the soldier.

"Dry."

The sun was blazing down from a cloudless sky as a perspiring Tommy, rushed up to one of the numerous "dry" stalls in Cologne. "Lemonade" said Tommy tersely, to the elderly man behind the counter. The stall-holder immediately placed the sparkling beverage before the khaki boy. "Dry eh? said Tommy as he proceeded to swallow the contents. "Ja, Ja," said the German, as he quickly placed two more glasses before the astonished Englander. Tommy was nonplussed for a few seconds and then realising the mistake paid up like the generous person he is after making the mental vow in future to avoid any English which sounds like German.

Re-Echoes.

Owing to the shortage of coal the use of gas for heating and lighting is prohibited in Cologne between the hours of 8 and 10.30 a.m. and from 1.30 p.m. till dusk.

Is any officer or man eligible for "demob" looking for a castle on the Rhine to settle down in? There is one for sale.

We are preparing the details of a football skill contest which should interest all followers of the game. They will be published tomorrow

The large number of subscriptions for copies to be sent to Blighty we are receiving from all ranks proceeding home is gratifying.

In Cologne there is great political activity as in the next ten days new town councillors will have to be elected.

Of great interest and importance to all those whose relations have fallen in the war is the list of cemeteries in France and Belgium with map reference just issued officially.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's winners are Pte. J. R. Bell, E. Surrey Regt., Command Pay Office, G.H.Q., Rhine Army, and Pte. A. Mills, R.A.S.C., Cöln Deutz.

AROUND AND ABOUT.

NOT FOR THE PUBLIC.

It will be news almost to everybody that Field Marshal Haig kept a most voluminous and careful diary all through the war. It extends to many thousands of pages, and no matter what the demands upon him, even when Commander-in-Chief, he daily devoted an hour to its compilation. So anxious was he for it to have meticulous accuracy, that he used to send extracts to certain trusted officers, asking them to verify the details of what he believed to be correct. The diary contains literally everything; not only the manoeuvres of troops and a resumé of the discussions at G. H. Q., but also a very complete epitome of his contact with the politicians and Allies. On everybody there is an opinion preserved in a pithy sentence. A good many folk may say that all this is not like "D. H.," but then they do not appreciate the scrupulous care with which he determined to have a reply ready to any attack. Here would be a book on the war of great importance. But Lord Haig will never allow his diary to be printed.

LABOUR.

Here is an item of secret war history. A company of Labour leaders were expected at a French port, under Government patronage, to see something of conditions at the front, and orders had been given for their reception. "Are the members of the Labour party aboard?" hooted one of the reception committee of brass hats through the megaphone as the vessel came in. "They are, indeed, sir," shouted a man on the deck, who, in the staff officer's opinion, looked the part. The Labour men came ashore—seven of them—were cordially greeted, ushered into motor-cars, provided with cigars, and carried swiftly to the local headquarters. "And now gentlemen," announced their chief guide, "I have instructions to introduce you to the Commander-in Chief." "Well," said the spokesman of the Labourities slowly, "that's very kind, but I don't see that we want to see 'im, particular. Me and my mates come over, ye know, to mend some old boom in the 'arbour."

WHO DISCOVERED IT?

Who really discovered Scapa Flow? Sir Walter Scott thought he had done so in 1814 from the deck of the official lighthouse yacht, yet we read over Lord Fisher's signature that once, when looking at a chart in his secluded room at the Admiralty, he lighted on a large inland, land-locked sheet of water, unsurveyed, and nameless. "It was Scapa Flow." What a pleasant surprise for the First Sea Lord of the Admiralty, and how did he know what its name was? That, however, is a matter of no importance, but Lord Fisher's hurried and secret expedition into the unknown was most important, for he thereby discovered that the Admiralty chart was correct.

KEEP SMILING.

["Does the interminable state of unrest in these islands show," asks a weekly paper, "that we Britons are losing our sense of humour?"]

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VANITY FAIR.

A Feature for the British Woman in Rhineland.

Autumnal Renovations.

Washleather gloves can be utterly ruined if not washed with care. Place the gloves on the hands and rub gently in soapy tepid water. Do not rinse, as, by leaving the soap in, the gloves remain, soft and pliable. Coloured ink makes an admirable dye for freshening up faded silk and crêpe de chene blouses. A few drops of red, purple or green ink dissolved in cold water will give a new lease of life to an old blouse. Knitting needles are not as strong as they used to be. When accidents happen and the needles break a piece of sealing wax will soon join the pieces together. With the aid of a small file, the rough edges can be smoothed, and the jumper or sock can be finished with ease. Dainty handbags are those fashioned out of the pieces of material left over from one's evening gown. Stencilled roses was the design employed by an artistic woman on her bag of black charmeuse.

The Ultra-Decollete Fad.

Black silk jersey-cloth is more fashionable than ever. It is used for the most elaborate and expensive evening gowns. For instance, I noticed a dinner-frock made of black silk jersey-cloth and black tulle. The elastic material formed an eel-skin fourreau, and there were billows of tulle at either side to give a Louis XV. outline. The corsage was so small that it hardly calls for description, but there was a wide, folded ceinture of bright scarlet panne, with was caught down at the left side by a cut jet clasp. With a little more corsage it might have been described as ideal. The mania for ultra-décolleté evening dresses is passing all decent bounds. The American buyers, almost to a man, have protested against this fad; it is to be hoped that their dictum will have some effect.

Should the Husband Shop?

An old domestic custom is being revived. Twenty or thirty years ago it was a common sight to see men going on a shopping expedition armed with a carpet bag. The custom, as I say, is being revived and husbands are now doing the shopping instead of their wives. If you doubt this watch the menfolk scuttling home in the evening after a day spent in warehouse or office. You will find that the majority of them are carrying bags or parcels. Do not run away with the idea that Mr. Peace-Year-Husband has acquired the shopping habit willingly. Oh, dear, no! It has been forced upon him. The profiteering shopkeeper is held responsible. Hubby is seething with revolt over the prices which his wife tells him she has to pay the suburban gentlemen who dispense food to suburban households. And so he decides to do his own shopping and at the same time save money.

How to Know a Diamond.

There will be many English ladies who will be tempted to buy diamonds but I would remind them that some imitations of diamonds are cleverly made and, at first glance, it is not always easy to distinguish the real from the false. Here are a few tests by means of which the real diamond may be detected. The first one is simple, and consists in placing the gem in clear water. A real diamond will look almost as bright as it does out of the water, and the cut edges will stand up with great sharpness. On the other hand, an imitation and most inferior stones seem to mingle with the water, and the whole thing looks hazy. Another plan is to place a drop of water on the diamond, and try to move it about with the point of a needle. If the diamond is genuine the drop will retain its globular shape, and it can be rolled about in this state. On the other hand, with an imitation the water spreads all over the surface of the paste article.

Woman's Wander Spirit.

"The Colonies for me directly an opportunity comes!" said a girl the other day. "I'm sick to death of my present job—it's good enough, and has excellent prospects, but I want a change of ideas, change of everything!" she added, laughing. "It just maddens me to sit at my desk all day." That girl is not an incompetent worker, but a specialist in her way. She has been successful, and has a good future before her at her present work, but she is bitten by the post-war spirit of restlessness and adventure which is so strong and prevalent among women workers of all sorts at the present time. Nowadays you constantly hear of girls throwing up good posts in order to take up something new. It may be that they relinquish uncongenial for vocational work—that is all very well. In nine cases out of ten, however, the desire is simply for change, and many women sacrifice substance for shadow—they throw up work for which they are eminently suited in order to take up some other work of which they are more or less ignorant. *AGNES.*

BENEDICK'S RING.

The suggestion that the wearing of wedding rings by married men should be made "compulsory" is amusing, in that it is surely custom rather than any compelling which makes women flourish the "badge of slavery." If the wearing of the ring is to be made compulsory, let the compulsion be applied to both parties to the contract, or those social philosophers who assert that the law has a ways favoured the woman as against the man will be provided with one argument in support of their contention. Anyway, the custom of the wearing of wedding rings by men has greatly increased of late years—and custom is more potent than compulsion.

BRENT GEESE.

At Holy Island, off the coast of Berwick, there exists a little population which, has descended directly from the pirates of a more adventurous age. There are to be seen old men scanning the horizon with oldfashioned telescopes. Suddenly a signal is given, and the whole island becomes a busy hive of industry. A little speck appears in the sky. In the course of half an hour it has grown to a huge cloud of brent geese from Norway, who darken the air as they descend to rest on the shallow waters off the sandy beach. They are allowed to rest and then the boats creep out and surround the birds. A shot is fired, and over three hundred plump geese fall in a shower. Within a couple of hours the dead birds are on their way to Berwick in a fishing smack.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Changing Hands. — More than half Cheshire is changing hands at high figures.

Breaking Up.—The Land Army is to be broken up before the end of the year.

Docks Idle.—Hull dockers' strike has spread to all the docks in the port.

More Control.—Labour is demanding now the extension of food control.

Not Done.—Soft collars must not be worn by naval officers in uniform.

Tea.—There is no tea shortage. Last week three ships brought 100,000 cases to London.

What's in a Name?—One curious outcome of the war is that nowadays girls call each other by their surnames.

Fish.—The weight of fish delivered at Billingsgate market during July was 14,694 tons.

The Inscription. — A quotation from Haig's last despatch is the inscription on a memorial dedicated at Upper Coulsdon.

Douai's Distinction.—President Poincaré presented the Cross of the Legion of Honour to Douai.

Dickens Cheque.—A cheque signed by Charles Dickens fetched $23 at auction at the Royal Albert Hall.

Downing-street Renovated. —Downing-street looks spick and span in its coating of new paint.

The King's Roll.—A King's National Roll of Honour for employers who take back disabled men is to be kept.

Chief Secretary's Health. — There is talk in Dublin of Mr. Macpherson's resignation.

An Outdoor Dormitory. — During the heat wave the open-air-sleeping habit was the general rule.

The Message.—The Premier's message to the people will be distributed free throughout the country.

A Thrill.—The sinking of a steam picket boat was the thrill experienced by thousands on Llandudno Pier.

Rush to Enlist. — The announcement of the new Army rates of pay had its effect on recruiting.

Water Shortage. — Sea water is to be tried this week in the making of tinplate at Llanelly.

Victory Loan Dealings.—Dealings in the new Funding Loan and Victory Bonds have begun.

To Extend Borough. — Peterborough Corporation are to promote a Bill to enlarge the borough boundaries.

War Gratuities. — Gratuities have been issued to representatives of 100,000 officers and men who died in the war.

Alterations.—Alterations are being made in the Australian naval wireless stations to increase their efficiency.

To Cease.—The system of relief to civilians is to be discontinued by the National Relief Fund.

Voluntary Helpers.—German lorry-drivers are helping the British to demobilize at Cairo.

Mutt and Jeff.—Two baby alligators at the Zoo have been named after the famous characters created by Fisner.

Cheap Bananas.—The banana, succulent and nutritious fruit, has greatly come down in price.

Striking Footwear. — In Chelsea a lady was wearing boots made of gold brocade with a sort of crocodile pattern.

Future Uniforms. — The Army as a vocation will have a fair imitation of the old pre-war kit to wear.

Re-opening. — Ciro's will be opened early in October as a dining and luncheon club.

Their Demand.—Returned New Zealand soldiers are asking for a gratuity of $150 for each two years' service abroad.

In Bulgaria.—General Claude is the new Commander-in-chief of the Allied troops in Bulgaria.

Doggie will be Glad.—Modification of the muzzling orders in London and Devonshire is expected.

Salvage.—In his back garden a Harlesden resident has grown 18lb of fine potatoes from peelings.

Off to Canada.—Among 800 Canadian officers who sailed recently were many with English brides.

The Day's Bag.—A Monmouthshire headmaster pays his pupils 3d. per rat's tail. Boys bring him 40 and 50 at a time.

After the Gold.—A woman diver has made a second descent at Tobermory in the search for Spanish gold.

The Petersen.—Mr. Petersen, inventor of the Petersen patent pipe, has died in Hamburg.

Lancashire's Example. —The school medical officer at Finchley, suggests clogs to prevent wet feet.

Up Again.—Sunk in 1916, the Italian Dreadnought Leonardo da Vinci has been refloated.

So are We.—I am among the optimists. —Sir Horace Marshall, Lord Mayor of London.

Seven miles Up.—Roland Rohlfe, the American airman, has climbed to an altitude of 34,000ft. in a biplane.

Dinners for 2½d.—Tottenham School for the Deaf supplies each day a two-course dinner for its pupils at a cost of 2½d.

Will It Come?—The last few days have seen a shortening of the odds about a General Election this winter.

Flew The Atlantic.—At the Princes Gallery is a pigeon which has flown twice across the Atlantic.

Repatriating Himself.—Brigadier-General Macpherson, who has just vacated his post at Winchester, is returning to California.

English Play for America.—"Trimmed in Scarlet" has attracted the attention of the American stage.

The Zoo Genet.—The latest arrival at the Zoo is a genet from Spain. This animal is rarely caught alive.

For Cologne. — Florence Bayfield, a wonderful 13 year old dancer, is coming to entertain the troops in Cologne.

Now then Meyer.—Sir A. Conan Doyle has sent a challenge to the Rev. F. B. Meyer on the question of the sanity of mediums.

Irish Court Once Again. — The Vice-regal garden party in Dublin the other day was the biggest society function in Ireland since 1914.

The End.—The decree putting an end to the state of war between France and Germany will be promulgated the first week of October.

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TRIAL OF THE EX-KAISER.

HE WILL PROBABLY BE LEFT IN HOLLAND TO HIS OWN CONSCIENCE.

PRIME MINISTER ON BROTHERHOOD.

FATE OF EX-KAISER.

EXTRADITION CONSIDERED IMPROBABLE.

The Central News says that no confirmation of the report that the Supreme Council have arrived at an agreement regarding a decision to demand from Holland the ex-Kaiser's surrender and to place him on trial could be obtained in London yesterday. It is understood that the question of the trial has been several times under consideration by the Council and that on each occasion Mr. Lloyd George has maintained the attitude which he originally adopted in demanding that the trial should take place. In this he was supported by M. Clemenceau, but opposition was forthcoming from other quarters.

It was contended by the opposition that the ex-Kaiser had been sufficiently punished, and that by a trial he would be made a martyr and that he was no longer a menace to the peace of the world. In addition it was urged that the greatest difficulty would be experienced in making him personally responsible for the guilt of the war.

It is learned that up to the present no steps have been taken to obtain the Kaiser's extradition from Holland and that there has been no development in the position. In well-informed circles the long delay in commencing proceedings is taken as an indication that despite Mr. Lloyd George's desire to place the Kaiser on trial, the trial will not take place but that Wilhelm Hohenzollern will be permitted to remain in Holland to make peace with his own conscience.

WILSON ON LEAGUE.

DETERMINED TO SEE THINGS THROUGH.

President Wilson, in a speech at Portland, Oregon, declared that if America stayed out of the League of Nations she would do so at a great cost to democracy, and in violation of all her material as well as moral interests.

"Whether you will or not," continued the President, "our fortunes are tied up with those of the rest of the world, and the choice we have to make now is whether we will receive the influence of the other nations, and be affected thereby, or dominate the world with our own influence and lead it." He himself came of those covenanters in North Britain who once signed a covenant to stand by the principles of religion as long as any of them lived. "Now," he went on, "I have seen men from all the nations sit round a table in Paris and sign the solemn league and covenant. They have become covenanters, and I remain one; we are going to see this job through, no matter what evil influences oppose us."

LEVANT'S FUTURE.

LINE OF DEMARCATION.

Before his departure for London Mr. Lloyd George had a final interview with M. Clemenceau, and the "Temps" understands that the two Premiers reached an understanding on the changes to be effected regarding the military occupation of the Levant by French and British troops. It is understood that in accordance with this agreement the British troops will evacuate on November 1st all territories north of the frontier between Syria and Palestine. This frontier is now only of a provisional character and may be re-drawn when the Peace Conference has definitely decided the political organisation of the Levant. British troops will also be relieved by French troops in Silicia, where there are already French units and a French military mission under Colonel Bremont. This redistribution of responsibilities and of the forces of occupation will not affect the subsequent negotiations between the two Governments concerning the political questions awaiting solution in Syria, nor the definite solutions which may be decided upon by the Peace Conference.

COAL FROM SPITZBERGEN.

The steamship Petunia has returned to Scotland with the members of the Scottish Spitzbergen expedition aboard. Mining engineers attached to the expedition report that they discovered a new coalfield in Spitzbergen. Much activity was found at the Norwegian mines on the island, from which 100,000 tons of coal has been exported this year, and it is stated that coal cannot be got quickly enough to meet the demand. The Petunia made the homeward journey on Spitzbergen coal, and her officers report very favourably on its quality.

The War Office intimates that the statement which has appeared in certain newspapers to the effect that all conscripts and youths of eighteen are being withdrawn from the Army of the Rhine by Christmas is untrue.

BROTHERHOOD.

CLEARING THE WAY FOR THE IDEAL.

At the International Brotherhood Meetings now being held in London, Mr. Lloyd George made a great speech on Wednesday night. He said that great armaments must disappear—not only in Germany—or the sacrifice of thousands will have been in vain. He looked forward to seeing waste of every kind disappear, and the long drawn out misunderstanding between Ireland and the rest of the Kingdom disappear also. A new spirit has arisen out of the sacrifices of war—a spirit that will lead us to the land of promise so many of us had dreamed about and which is within our reach. He did not expect to see Great Britain sitting in its armchair with stuffed trophies of its victories around it. He intended to reclaim the wilderness, to clear the jungle of slums, poverty, drunkenness, wrong and tyranny. That was a great career, not merely for a man but for a people.

In reference to the League of Nations the Premier said:

"I know there is a good deal of criticism here, in France, and in America, of the machinery of the League. Well, no proposal was ever submitted or ever drafted by the hand of man but you could find another man who came to say how defective it was and how much better it could have been done if he had done it. They must bear in mind that it was a compromise between opposing susceptibilities, opposing fears, perhaps opposing prejudices.

"A house or structure which is prepared from the designs of a conclave of architects, each with his own particular style, has not necessarily the same unity as a house prepared by one man. All the same that structure will provide shelter for the oppressed of all lands if the nations of the world will loyally guard its ramparts. That is what we want. You can improve and build; later you can beautify it, you can adorn it or perhaps you can pull it down. But that is the best beginning that anybody hoped for years ago. Everything depends on the League being worked, not in the spirit of one nation using it to get an advantage over another, but in the spirit of true comradeship amongst the peoples of the earth. If that is done it will be one of the greatest institutions ever planned by the hand of man."

FIUME COUP D'ETAT.

PLOT HATCHED AT VENICE.

It is learned from an authoritative source that the situation at Fiume is quiet. Firm steps are being taken by the Italian Government to prevent any further untoward incidents. The desire among regular troops to support the insurgents is apparently keen in some districts and in Rome it was due to the efforts of its officers that the Sixth Regiment of Artillery did not join them. The artillerymen demonstrated but eventually returned to their quarters.

The plot to march against Fiume, it is stated, was engineered in Venice and as a result the Prefect there has been removed from office. Fiume is now surrounded by troops and all communication is suspended.

JAPAN AND KIAO-CHAU.

REPORTED ACTION BY U.S.

According to cable advices received at Honolulu by the Japanese newspaper Nippujiji, the United States has asked Japan to fix a definite date for the return of Kiao-chau to China.

The correspondent of the Associated Press at Washington reports that, in the absence of President Wilson and Mr. Lansing, the White House officials refuse to comment on this, but the general impression in official circles is that the report is well founded.

TAR AND FEATHERS CASE.

FINDING OF THE COURT MARTIAL.

The Central News understands that the finding of the Court Martial held at Cambridge upon Lieut. Wright, who is alleged to have tarred and feathered Sub-Lieut. Kinahan, will be published shortly. It is learned that the Court found Lieut. Wright guilty, but in view of all the circumstances the sentence is that he be reprimanded, but without loss of rank or seniority.

The French High Court Commission of inquiry appointed to examine into the Caillaux case has sent it forward to the Court of Justice. It has decided that there is no case against MM. Loustalot and Comby.

OFF TO MEXICO.

GENERAL CRITCHLEY SELECTS HIS PIONEERS.

Between forty and fifty ex-officers met on Wednesday at the Criterion restaurant and were selected by Brigadier-General Critchley to proceed to Mexico and there plant a British colony on an estate comprising over one million acres, situated about 400 miles North of Mexico city.

General Critchley, who sails today, impressed upon the ex-officers that they are in no sense adventurers going out to stir up strife. They are simply going out to join him on the estate. They will be given one year's tuition in whatever branch of ranching they prefer. In their second year they will be ready to commence on their own account and will lease their land from the estate. The prospects are certain but it will be very hard work at first.

Each man will provide £200 for his keep, etc., for the first year, but the money will be entrusted to a committee of themselves, similar to an officers mess. This committee will also have power to fire a man who becomes a nuisance, for goodwill and harmonious working are essentials to success. The party leaves England about the middle of October.

CRIME IN IRELAND.

AUTHORITIES' DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

An opinion is expressed by some people in Ireland that Mr. Walter Long's visit is for the purpose of tightening up the screws of Government. Labour and thoughtful public opinion view with alarm any idea of the proclamation of martial law. They say it is just what the revolutionaries desire to see brought about, for it would then give them the opportunity they have long been seeking, namely, to say that a state of war exists.

It is conceded that the authorities have as difficult a problem to deal with as ever confronted them. The police are of the opinion that they have an organised band of assassins to deal with, and that the isolated murders which have been shocking the country are the work of an organised secret vendetta, direct from a central headquarters, whose partisans strike, not indiscriminately, now here, now there, and leave no trace.

The police and military have arrested John Hogan, farm labourer, and Peter Callaghan in the Ballynoe district in connection with the recent shooting of Private Jones at Fermoy. They are both young men, and were brought under escort to Fermoy police barracks. When charged with the crime Hogan said: "We do not recognise this court."

Large stones were on Sunday found on the railway line near Newry.

In the western suburbs of Cork on Tuesday a clerk of the District Lunatic Asylum and a companion were driving to the institution from the Munster and Leinster Bank with £1,300 for payment of the wages of the asylum staff, when they were stopped by masked and armed men near Wellington Bridge. One of the men held the horse while the others covered the occupants of the car with revolvers and demanded the bag containing the money. Resistance was useless, and the clerk had no option but to hand over the bag and contents. The thieves then mounted bicycles and rode in the direction of the city.

SOVIET PEACE.

PROPOSED FEDERATION OF BALTIC STATES.

Peace between the Baltic States and the Russian Soviet Government is still being debated.

A conference of Lett, Esthonian, and Lithuanian statesmen has been deliberating at Riga, but the deliberations have not yet ended, and no reply has yet been sent or any other steps taken. The peace question, is being considered in close touch with the Entente representatives.

The Baltic federation scheme has already so far materialised that the conference has decided on a customs union and a common currency. The Baltic statesmen have now repaired to Reval, where, it is learned from a reliable source, they have been joined by Finnish representatives. It is understood that the Baltic alliance is under discussion, and the peace question is presumably also being discussed with the Finns, as well as the Russian North-West Government. It would seem that there is certainly an inclination in some quarters in the Baltic States to conclude peace with Moscow, in the absence of more effective assistance from the Entente.

R.A.F. STATIONS GIVEN UP.

It has been decided to relinquish and dispose of the following Royal Air Force stations, and arrangements are being made accordingly:—

Wight, Cowes (aerodrome), London Colney (aerodrome), Beaulieu (aerodrome), Lydd (Balloon School), Dover (seaplane station, temporarily transferred to Admiralty).

RAT CATCHERS 1s 6d AN HOUR.

Two more rat catchers have been appointed by the Surrey Agricultural Executive Committee, making six in all, for the Chertsey district. There are now six, the other four being for the Guildford area. A charge of 1s. 6d. an hour is made to farmers and others requiring the services of the rat catchers.

CINEMA RIOT.

EX-SOLDIERS FIGHT PRO-BOLSHEVISTS.

A free fight took place outside the Clapham Majestic Picture Palace on Wednesday night, where a film entitled "Bolshevism" was being shown. The combatants were a number of extremist Socialists and members of the Discharged Sailors' and Soldiers' Federation. It is said that threats had been made by some members of the Clapham Independent Labour Party to rush the screen to prevent the film being shown, and the management were duly prepared. A special force of police were on duty, and 20 or 30 members of the local branch of the Discharged Sailors' and Soldiers' Federation.

Shortly after 8 o'clock a crowd, numbering between two and three hundred, led by some of the extremists made a rush on the building, but were forced back by some of the discharged men and the police. A free fight resulted, sticks and other weapons being used, and some of the discharged men, many of whom had been wounded, were roughly handled. A number of rushes were made on the building, but each time the invaders were repelled, the police barring the entrance.

The film was meanwhile being shown inside, and during the exhibition there was a protest from a member of the audience, who was ejected.

Foiled in their attempt to enter the place, the agitators held a meeting in a street near by, a crowd of several thousand people assembling. The discharged soldiers and sailors rushed the platform, which they overturned and smashed, effectually preventing any speaking. An official of the Federation said afterwards: "We fought for a free country and we are not going to be ruled by Bolshevists. We have seen enough of that."

AMERICAN POLITICAL FOOTBALL.

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, of the American Mission to Poland, returned to Paris yesterday and in the course of an interview stated that the peoples of Central Europe are in a state of abject despair and are looking forward with dread to the coming winter. It was incomprehensible to Europeans and to those Americans who had studied the situation in Europe that anyone in America should be willing to jeopardise the welfare of their brethren in Europe by using the Peace Treaty as the football of American politics. The actual lives of millions of people and the health and strength of the next generation, in fact their very civilisation, was at stake. He solemnly declared that it is one of the greatest crises in the history of the world. There can be and there must be no delay. The American people must decide promptly whether they will courageously assume their full share of the great task of reorganising Europe or whether they will revert to their former isolation and leave Europe to its uncertain fate of continual warfare, rampant militarism, bankruptcy, and finally exhaustion.

POLICE FIGHT WITH CROOKS.

Three Scotland Yard officers have had a desperate struggle with a gang of men whom they suspected of being "crooks."

The detectives were watching the arrival of the crowds at King's Cross from Alexandra Park race meeting, and they decided to arrest six members of what is spoken of as a "Yorkshire gang." There was a struggle, and other members of the gang came to the assistance of the six men. The detectives were hopelessly outnumbered, and presently one of them—Detective sergeant Wilkins—was dragged on to the line, in front of an incoming train. He was beaten about the head with sticks and was kicked brutally, receiving such injuries that he had to be treated at the Royal Free Hospital. It was then that the crowd interfered to stop the savage attack, and the six men were taken into custody.

"DIRECT ACTION" IN AMERICA.

The United Mineworkers of America have endorsed the Plumb plan for the nationalisation of railroads. The resolution says that the proposed alliance with the railway workers will be for the purpose of "acting jointly in all matters of mutual interest, such as the democratic administration of industries, with the workers having equal representation on the management."

The preamble to the resolution declares that the present worldwide unrest is not the work of Bolshevists and Anarchists, but mainly the justifiable revolt of the workers against well-nigh intolerable conditions.

PENNILESS MILLIONAIRE.

On the same day that he had practically cornered the world's supply of Canadian steel by signing a cheque for £800,000, Mr. Charles Schwab, the steel magnate, was detained in a barber's shop in Pittsburg (Pennsylvania) until a friend came in and lent him the price of a shave. The multi-millionaire, having left home without any money, did not discover the fact until he put his hand in his pocket.

On Saturday night British aviators again attacked the fortress of Kronstadt, which maintained a vigorous but ineffective fire upon the aeroplanes.

"GLORIOUS DEAD."

RAISING THE FIRST GREAT WAR STONE.

The first Great War Stone in the cemeteries of our dead abroad is now being raised at Treport. Sir Edwin Lutyens, A.R.A., the designer of the Great War Stones and of the Cenotaph in Whitehall, has gone to France in order to supervise the work personally.

Like the Cenotaph, these stones will be of simple classic dignity. Sir Edwin himself writes of them:

"I most earnestly advise that there shall be one kind of main monument throughout, whether in Europe, Asia, or Africa, and that it shall take the form of one great fair stone of fine proportions, twelve feet in length, lying raised upon three steps, of which the first and third shall be twice the width of the second, and that each stone shall bear in indelible lettering some fine thought or words of sacred dedication.

"They should be known in all places and for all time as the Great War Stones, and would stand, though in three continents, as equal monuments of devotion, suggesting the thought of memorial chapels in one vast cathedral, whose vault is the sky.

"Each great stone would stand facing westward, towards the graves, on greensward in northern countries, and would be flanked with sentinel cypresses or pyramidal oaks. The graves will face eastward, as our men faced when they fell."

The inscription on the stones is to be:

"Their name liveth for evermore."

It has been pointed out that both the Cenotaph and the Great War Stones are memorials which do not involve sculpture. They are a proof of the power of suggestion and beauty lying in the simple line.

KING AND DISABLED.

EX-SERVICE MEN'S TELEGRAM.

With regard to the recent Royal Proclamation to employers in respect to the employment of disabled men, the following telegram has been sent to His Majesty:

"On behalf of the Executive Council of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers, I beg to tender His Majesty the King our sincere and grateful thanks for the Royal Proclamation he has been pleased to issue on the subject of the employment of disabled men.

"I can assure His Majesty that we will do all in our power to assist the scheme, and feel confident that, given the cordial co-operation of all concerned, a successful solution of the disabled men's unemployment problem will be reached. S. W. Jackson, General Secretary."

SCHOLARS AND KAISER'S PORTRAITS.

The recent notification issued by the German Minister of Public Worship that portraits of the ex-Kaiser must be removed from the schools has had an interesting sequel.

Two thousand five hundred scholars of the higher educational institutions and girls schools at Cassel held a public protest meeting, when, according, to the "Lokalanzeiger," a large number of young workmen intervened. Fights ensued and the police and the troops were obliged to take action.

Trouble also occured at the Maria Magdalena High School in Breslau, where the scholars protested against the removal of two portraits of the ex-Kaiser and hung up two Kaiser portraits of their own, to the singing of the National Anthem. In another class room of the same school, the "Schlesische Zeitung" states, the picture of President Ebert and Herr Noske in bathing costume was hung.

GERMAN GOLD IN BANK OF ENGLAND.

It is understood that £4,500,000 in German gold has reached the Bank of England from Germany by way of Amsterdam. The coins probably came from the store of gold in the Spandau tower, near Berlin, where the indemnity paid by France in 1872 was kept intact.

Some of the gold is believed to be already on its way to Canada, in payment of food-stuffs sent to Germany from Canada.

FIRST PIONEER BATTALION.

Over one thousand men employed on the North Eastern Railway system who served in the 17th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers as pioneers were entertained at Hull on the occasion of the anniversary of their departure for France in 1915.

A telegram was read from Sir Eric Geddes eulogising the service of the battalion, which was known as the first pioneer battalion in the army.

TWENTY ACRES OF BLAZING OIL.

One of the greatest and most spectacular fires Jersey city, N. Y., has ever experienced, swept the Standard Oil plant on Sunday last and quickly spread to the U. S. Industrial Alcohol and other factories. The damage is estimated at five million dollars. Fourteen hours elapsed before the fire was got under control and at one time twenty acres of oil tanks were blazing.

ROYAL WARRANT.

OFFICERS' APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED).

FIFTH ARTICLE OF THE SERIES.

These rates will be applicable to officers appointed permanently to the Corps, and to those on probation, provided, in each case, that they have qualified as laid down in Article 407, Pay Warrant. If they have not so qualified they will receive these rates, less 5s. a day.

If an officer is appointed to act temporarily as an officer of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, he will receive the ordinary emoluments laid down for the arm to which he belongs without additional pay, unless he is qualified under Article 407, Pay Warrant, for appointment as Ordnance Officer, in which case his pay will be made up to that of his rank in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

In the case of officers holding temporary commissions in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps the rates of pay will be as laid down in Table I. of this Warrant without any additional pay.

In the case of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps the civil professional qualifications required in the case of the Royal Engineers and Royal Army Service Corps are replaced by the service qualification laid down in Article 407, Pay Warrant.

The special consolidated rates of pay which were granted to certain officers of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps serving with Expeditionary Forces will cease as from 1st July 1919, and the officers concerned will draw the pay and allowances provided in this Warrant for their grade (substantive or temporary) in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

Commissaries, Deputy Commissaries, and Assistant Commissaries of Ordnance will be paid at the rate shown in Table II. with no additional pay. They will remain eligible for 2s. 6d. a day extra-duty pay when performing the duties of an officer of the Directing Staff under the conditions laid down in Article 428, Pay Warrant.

Inspectors of Ordnance Machinery—

	Per day £	s.	d.
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Major after 5 years' service as such	2	2	0
Captain (Chief Inspector of Ordnance Machinery or Inspector of Ordnance Machinery, 1st class, with less than 18 years' total service, and Inspector of Ordnance Machinery, 2nd class)	1	8	6
Captain with 15 years' total service	1	11	0
Lieutenant (Inspector of Ordnance Machinery, 3rd class)	1	1	0
Lieutenant with 7 years' total service	1	4	6

Assistant Inspectors of Ordnance Machinery will be paid at the rates shown in Table II.

TABLE VIII.

Army Veterinary Service.

	£	s.	d.
Colonel	2	15	6
Lieutenant-Colonel	2	9	0
Major	1	13	0
Major, after 5 years' service as such	1	19	0
Captain	1	5	0
Captain, after 2 years' service as such	1	7	6
Captain, holding higher rank by Brevet, in addition	0	2	6
Lieutenant	1	0	0

TABLE X.

Army Pay Department.

	per day. £	s.	d.
Chief Paymaster	2	17	6
Staff Paymaster after 5 years service as such	2	10	0
Staff Paymaster and Paymaster after 16 years' service ...	1	14	0
Paymaster after 5 years' service	1	6	0
Paymaster	0	18	6

The above rates apply to new entrants, subject to attainment of a standard of proficiency in accounting to be laid down by the Army Council. Officers already in the Army Pay Department at the date of this Warrant, other than those on probation, will draw the new rate of pay pending further consideration.

TABLE XI.

Military Accountant Officers.

The new rates will be as follows:—

—	Rank	per day. £	s.	d.	
Command Accountant	Colonel	2	17	6	(5)
Group Accountant	Major	1	13	0	(3)
Accountant—					
Grade I	Captain	1	8	0	(11)
Grade II	Captain	1	2	0	(11)
Grade III	Captain	0	19	0	(11)

TABLE XII.

Inspectors of Works.

The following shall be the rates of pay of Inspectors of Works, which shall be inclusive of all allowances (other than ration, field and travelling) and of all war bonuses:—

Chief Inspector of Works, 1,020/. yearly, increasing by 48/. yearly to 1,260/.

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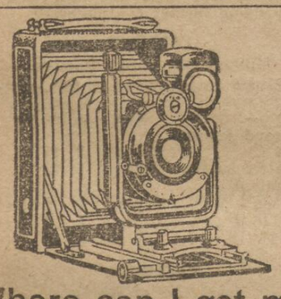

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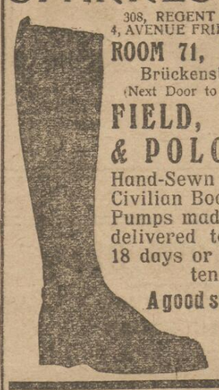

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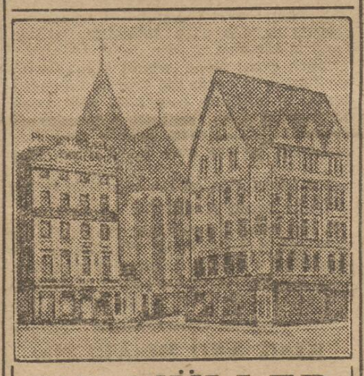

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DREAMLAND JESTS.

One of the pleasantest, and certainly one of the most health-giving features of normal Army life is the generous amount of time one can devote, if one chooses, to "Nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep."

And the repose which we seek on our virtuous couches can in many cases be not only lengthy but secure, as a guard is frequently furnished to protect our portals. There is nothing quite so tranquillising in the life civilian.

Our dreams, assuredly, if not so richly fanciful, so poetically fantastic as those of Coleridge with his sunny pleasure-domes, incense-bearing trees, and enchanted chasms, ought neither to be tame nor prosaic.

No need is there for that mortification of soul which the poverty of his dreams brought to Charles Lamb. No cause should exist for such a troubled soliloquy as Shakespeare puts into the royal mouth of Henry IV.

We might even aspire to that ecstatic frame of semi-consciousness when we could concoct a merry jest in our dreams and—better still—remember it in the morning.

Such is the happy achievement of a correspondent who relates to the Editor of the "Observer" an account of this all-too-rare experience. Could the priceless habit be cultivated, the world we venture to think, would be a happier place to dwell in.

Certainly the breakfast-tables of the universe would be the resort of more cheerful beings. In view of the fact that Man is the only jester in Creation, he does not joke enough.

As it happens, the sparkling jest to which the "Observer" correspondent gave birth in his twilight sleep, is not unconnected with our sojourn in Rhineland.

He dreamt he was on a beach frequented by many bathers and covered with heaps of clothes. Suddenly a young rhinoceros, as agile as it was fierce, appeared on the scene, and everybody getting into the sea he vented his rage on the clothes. Then he stalked away bearing triumphantly on his horn on old gentleman's gold watch and chain.

"What do you make of it?" asked a sporting looking young man of the dreamer, who replied that he did not know. Whereupon the sportsman ejaculated, "I know, it's the watch on the rhino'!"

Some may think that burial alive, so fashionable at one time, would be the most fitting reward for the perpetrator of a joke of so frivolous a character. But it is the frivolous things that are often so difficult, and Gilbert Chesterton spoke good sense when he asserted that it was easier to write a "Times" leading article than a "Tit-Bits" joke.

The point, however, is that the above quoted jest was conceived in the dark solitudes of night in the midst of a dream and recalled without difficulty with morning light. It seems to us a fitting subject for Professor John Adams and the cognoscenti generally who make a profound study of the psychology of dreams.

THE CALVARIES.

One day, I walked over fields that were fresh and green and through woods rich and luxuriant with their opening leaves. The flowers were springing up at my feet, and the breeze, laden with a thousand delicate perfumes, rustled softly by.

Birds filled the air with twittering music and the hushed voices of nature whispered gently in my ears. The sun, radiant and glorious, in the full strength of summer, shone upon a world at peace. Neither in sound, colour nor movement was there a discordant note to break the restful harmony of the scene.

I reached the cross-roads and there, nestling among the beauties of nature, were a Calvary and a wayside shrine. With lips that trembled and with a heart prepared by the hallowing influences of nature, I sought Him of whom the Calvary was the symbol and towards whom nature in her silent moods ever leads the responsive soul.

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Some time after I walked these fields again and traversed the same path through the woods. But I saw no flowers, and the grass, trampled by thousands of feet, was dead.

The trees were splintered and torn as by a giant's blows and the ground, erstwhile so smooth, was scarred and ploughed and blackened by the destroying hand of war.

The debris of the battlefield lay everywhere around. Amid the desolation and discord I could not detect a single note of harmony or joy. The birds had fled, and, in their place, guns bellowed forth their discordant notes and shells shrieked defiance at the skies.

The glory of the sun was hidden behind dark and lowering clouds, and the wind moaned heavily like a thing in pain, carrying on its bosom, instead of the perfumes of flowers the stenchof death.

I looked for the Calvary and the shrine but they were missing. A heap of bricks and dust and twisted irons alone marked the place where they had stood.

But, near by, was a mound of earth, long and narrow; and, at one end of it, a wooden cross. Roughly pencilled by an unskilled hand, it bore the simple words, "To an Unknown Hero."

I remembered that, once before, amid the beauties of nature, impelled by those influences that spoke of peace and God, I had knelt and worshipped there.

So, by this tiny mound, clasping the wooden cross, I prayed again; for this, like the broken Calvary, spoke of sacrifice and love even unto death.

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They say that, centuries ago, the noblest man the world has ever known offered Himself — a sacrifice — upon a cross of wood. That cross has perished, though the fact remains, and millions worship Him to-day.

Yet it may be that the Calvary of years ago and this poor wooden cross mean very much the same. Perhaps there is some relationship between that "Noblest Man" and this dead "Unknown Hero."

Who, then, can say that one was nobler than the other or did a greater work? Did not they both do all they could and give their utmost mite? And who dare say that the utmost sacrifice of one of whom we know shows greater love than that of one whose grave is nameless and whose death unmourned?

W. CROXFORD C.F.

CAN YOU WRITE?

The Editor will be glad if officers and men of the Rhine Army will contribute to this paper. The need for contributions is the greater now that so many of our regular writers are leaving for home. All accepted articles etc. are paid for and may be on any topic likely to interest the troops on the Rhine. The Editor hopes for a hearty response to this invitation. Lack of a finished literary style need deter no one from submitting something. Provided the subject matter is interesting, the Editorial staff can supply any deficiencies. No contribution should exceed 500 words and even shorter ones will be welcome.

BLESSED ARE THEY.

A PARABLE.

(With apologies to the allotment system of Cologne Opera House seats.)

The games at the Amphitheatre were about to commence; the tiers of seats were being rapidly filled by the wealthier Germani.

Never had the ancient city of Trèves known such prosperity previous to the invasion of the Romans. The Romans had honoured it by making it the seat for the General Headquarters of the Roman Army of Occupation. Magnificent buildings were being erected, and to crown all, a huge Amphitheatre had been built on the slopes of the hills rising above the city.

On this particular day, a great show was being given in the Amphitheatre in honour of Jupiter. Numerous gladiatorial combats had been arranged, and it was rumoured that several hundred prisoners of war were to be thrown to the lions. It was truly to be a great spectacle.

The Roman soldiers naturally expected a prominent place among the spectators. Their hopes, however, were dashed by a mandate restricting them to fifty places; these seats to be allotted in turn to the respective legions.

On hour before the commencement of the show, a little queue of legionaries had gathered at the entrance. A look of subdued hope was on their faces. Military dignitaries, resplendent in burnished steel and waving plumes passed them with high disdain and swept to their respective boxes, some accompanied by beauties of the Germani. Even the Germani themselves passed this patient queue with haughty indifference. Who are these men, and why do they wait thus? They are those upon whom the gods do not shower allotments, and are standing like mendicants, to claim any crumbs falling from their master's table, in the shape of unclaimed seats.

Pudens, the centurion, waiting in the queue, complained to the gatekeeper that his legion never received an allotment. "There is little accommodation for the foot soldiers, the real fighters," he said, "Why do the gods favour the man of peace in preference to the soldiers? Why do these Germani, who have been our enemies occupy thousands of seats, while we struggle for fifty?"

The gatekeeper shook his head. "I understand it not," he continued, lowering his voice, "but a few denarii in my hand will secure you a seat."

The centurion laughed, threw down some coins, and said, "One has to bribe Cerberus to enter Hades, so I shall have to grease your palm to enter here."

So he went into the Amphitheatre, vowing an extra sacrifice to Jupiter for his good furtune, while the little queue of men, his former comrades in distress, went on standing without the door.

Half an hour later, the gatekeeper turned to these patient waiters and told them that all the seats were filled. The men, disappointed, turned away, and one was heard to mutter as he left, "Blessed are they who expect nothing, because their expectations will be realised.

F.R.D.

THE MEMO.

Labour Commdt. 1.
Please supply me with a servant. H. Jones, Capt.

Ordnance, Base. 2.
Passed to you, please. J. Smith, Major, Labour Commdt.

Capt. Jones. 3.
Not an Ordnance issue. Try Jamrach's. A. Brown, Lieut. for Col. C.O.O.

Ordnance, Base. 4.
Not understood. What is Jamrach's? Please treat as urgent, and expedite reply. H. Jones, Capt.

Capt. Jones. 5.
Reference attached. Do you intend to keep this in quarters? W. Robinson, Col. C.O.O.

C.O.O. 6.
Certainly. H. Jones, Capt.

Capt. Jones. 7.
Please note that, unless you have received special permission from G.H.Q. application cannot be granted. W. Robinson, Col. C.O.O.

C.O.O. 8.
Why not? H. Jones, Capt.

Capt. Jones. 9.
See K.R. (Pets in Bks., etc.). A. Brown, Lieut. for C.O.O.

C.O.O. 10.
What does this mean? I have not applied for permission to keep pets in barracks (or anywhere else). The matter is still urgent. H. Jones, Capt.

Capt. Jones. 11.
Reference foregoing. As you have not been granted necessary special permission to keep any animals (whether pets, or otherwise) in Bks., no further action can be taken by this Dept. The correspondence is returned herewith. W. Robinson, Col., C.O.O.

C.O.O. 12.
Kindly instruct some officer who happens to be in his right mind (if you have one on your staff) to reply to my various minutes. H. Jones, Capt.

Capt. Jones. 13.
For your information. Please note, (1) every officer on this staff is in his right mind; (2) you have already been told that your application is not in order; and (3) your handwriting is not very clear. W. Robinson, Col.. C.O.O.

C.O.O. 14.
Still not understood. Why the (*delete by Censor.*) Also, what on earth do you think I am asking for? H. Jones, Capt.

Capt. Jones. 15.
A serpent. W. Robinson, Col., C.O.O.

SKIPPER.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

ON THE RHINE BOAT.

Sir,— Recently Nouveau Pauvre asked if the 35 bottles of Niersteiner wine consumed by a party of three whilst on a Rhine steamer is unusual.

Veritas says this is by no means a record. A robust German and his massive Frau, he states, consumed 54 bottles between them in one day.

But, Sir, on a recent voyage to Coblenz, I observed a German sitting by himself whose proportions were Falstaffian. He consumed 158 bottles of Rhine and before we reached Coblenz. Alone and unaided he did it. I came back by train. I feared the boat might sink on the return trip.

NIX VERITAS.

WIVES AND EFFICIENCY.

Sir,— Your correspondent "Bachelor" has drawn attention to an interesting fact. My own experience in the matter is similar to his and I quite agree with him as to loss of efficiency.

No wives were allowed in France when serious work was on foot. The powers that be who issued this order were particularly concerned with efficiency and sought to remove distractions. A principle which is right one year cannot be wrong the next and one therefore concludes that the married man does suffer in efficiency.

V.A.D. suggests the letter was written by a spiteful old thing. Perhaps he is, but that hardly proves him to be wrong. To abuse the opposing side when you have no argument is, I believe, tactically sound but is not very convincing.

Another correspondent states that some husbands spend more time at their duties since the arrival of their wives. If such is the case they have my sympathy.

I am sure no one grudges the happiness of the married reunited, but that has but little to do with the subject. Lateness in the morning is one which might be included in the half dozen little items which make for reduced efficiency. *MARTINI.*

Sir,—Re the letter from "Bachelor" concerning wives, I take it that the writer is a youngster of perhaps eighteen years or so, and does not understand the meaning of the word "wife" nor yet the value of one.

It certainly does not mean inefficiency, because Tommy has his wife here, but the reverse. I should say leave it to his C.O. if he neglects his duty.

Again I would remind "Bachelor" that every soldier is entitled to one half day off a week. Even if he were asked to do a little extra for a married Tommy he ought to be proud to do it.

I consider the whole thing to be sheer jealousy on the part of "Bachelor" who by the way ought to be taxed. As I said before, he is doubtless a young man who is getting double the money that we got during the war, and is too miserable or too mean to make a woman his wife.

A WAR GUNNER, R.F.A.

THE OUTDOOR LIFE.

Sir,—P.H., in his second letter on this subject, remarks that his own views are in accord with mine and to a certain extent he is right; although afterwards our ways lie in quite different directions.

If P.H. refers to my letter again he will see that he has inadvertently quoted me wrongly. I spoke of my period in the trenches as a novel experience and not as a novel recreation. Nobody would regard it in this latter way, unless he were a particularly ferocious or bloodthirsty person.

P.H. states that I am not in a position to form an opinion on this subject, but this is a pure conjecture. I, at one time, thought an adventurous and out-door life the ideal existence, but my experience has shown me what a fallacy it is.

The greatest objection is not the hardship and dangers experienced— one gets used to them—but the intense mental pain caused by the separation from all interest in life, and the absolute stagnation of the mind which ensues.

One may follow a sedentary occupation, and yet, by means of suitable and regular exercise, attain and enjoy perfect health, and what is more—keep it. *B.M.G.*

GERMAN EMIGRATION.

Sir,—Just lately there have been several German publications dealing with future German emigration. One, by Carl Hagenberg, enitled "Where shall we go?" states that all the world is now closed to Germans. South America seems the only place open to Germans, in particular Mexico and the Argentine.

Dr. Stichel has just published his book on the Argentine through a Hamburg publishing company. In it, he deals very fully with the prospects offered to Germans in the Argentine. He mentions the interesting fact in 1914 Argentine contained 2,357,952 people of European nationality. There were only 17,407 Englishmen and 18,945 Germans there. Italians and Spaniards numbered more than half a million each.

It is clear that Germany intends to develop her connection with the Argentine, and the study of Spanish is becoming a matter of importance in Germany.

In the "Cosmopolis", the monthly review published in Madrid for the month of April, it is pointed out that the study of Spanish is taking priority in the United States. In England, however, the study of Spanish has been very much neglected. If we are to explore all the possibilities which South America offers, we must pay greater attention to the study of Spanish.

The Germans mean to make every effort to utilise South America to the utmost.

S. SHERMAN,
Principal G.H.Q. Correspondence Schools.

TIMES GO BY TURNS.

The sea of Fortune doth not ever flow,
She draws her favours to the lowest ebb;
Her time hath equal times to come and go,
Her loom doth weave the fine and coarsest web;
No joy so great but runneth to an end,
No hap so hard but may in fine amend.

Not always fall of leaf nor ever spring,
No endless night yet not eternal day;
The saddest birds a season find to sing,
The roughest storm a calm may soon allay;
Thus with succeeding turns God tempereth all,
That man may hope to rise, yet fear to fall.

ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

OUR NEW COMPETITION.

Test of Skill for Followers of Football Form.

So keen is the interest taken in football by almost everyone in the Rhine Army that we have decided to start a prize competition in which readers can show their skill in judging the form of first-class English football teams.

Below will be found a coupon giving twelve matches which are to be played on Saturday, Sept. 27th. All that competitors have to do is to strike out in ink the names of the teams they think will lose. If, in the opinion of the competitor, any match, or matches, will be drawn, the names of both teams should be left untouched.

Coupons which must be accompanied by an entry fee of 1 mark per coupon must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 1
COLOGNE POST
A.P.O., S./40 Rhine Army

and must reach that address not later than Thursday, Sept. 25th. The total amount received in the entry fees (without any deduction whatever) will be paid out to the senders of the correct, or the nearest correct, forecast of the results of all these matches.

List Of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Thursday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 1.

Date of matches, Saturday, Sept. 27th
Closing date, Thursday, Sept. 25th.

Blackburn Rovers	v. Woolwich Arsenal
Bradford	v. Aston Villa
Chelsea	v. Burnley
Derby County	v. Bolton Wanderers
Birmingham	v. Huddersfield
Bristol City	v. Fulham
Bury	v. Hull city
Clapton Orient	v. South Shields
Brentford	v. Crystal Palace
Bristol Rovers	v. Newport
Exeter	v. Watford
Gillingham	v. Queen's Park Rangers

I enter football competition No. 1 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Unit .....
Address .....

LIEUT.-COL. BARRY IN FORM.

Rhine Championship Finalist does well at St. Andrews.

Lieut.-Col. A. G. Barry, D.S.O., M.C., (plus 2), the amateur golf champion of 1905 (of the 41st Bn. M.G.C.), who was recently defeated by Capt. Read in the Rhineland Golf Championship, played capital golf at St. Andrews in the Calcutta Cup Competition. He met J. A. Shaw (plus 1), the winner of the Cup in 1901, on the opening day and it quickly developed into a very onesided affair, the ex-champion playing well and steadily, while Shaw was frequently weak especially in driving. Lieut.-Col. Barry was 6 up at the turn, and won easily by 8 and 6. He also won his afternoon match comfortably, defeating Commander R. D. Cox (scratch) by 5 and 4.

BEATEN IN 3rd ROUND.

The feature of the third round on Wednesday was the defeat of Lieut.-Col. A. G. Barry (+2).

He was beaten by F. D. Maitland-Heriot (10) by 3 and 2. The latter went down in the fourth round, and the "survivors" at the end of the day were A. V. Hambro (+2), H. E. Taylor (+1), P. R. Selby (3), and W. A. Sievwright (scratch).

A Boxer Suspended.

Mr. J. R. Bell Hart, hon. sec. of the British Boxing Board of Control issues the following:—"The conduct of Alf. Mansfield in his contest with Doyle at the Ring on July 21, having been considered by the British Boxing Board of Control, the evidence of both parties and their witnesses having been taken, and a representative of the management having been heard, it was decided by the Board that Alf. Mansfield be suspended for three years."

GERMAN LAWN TENNIS CRACKS.

Herren Froitzheim and Kreuzer, two famous lawn tennis players, and representatives of the Fatherland in the Davis Cup competition of 1914, are showing splendid form, and can still be reckoned as the two best exponents of the game the country possesses.

It is not generally known that Froitzheim, who was an officer in the army, and Kreuzer, who held non-commissioned rank, took no active part in the war. Thanks to the Navy, Germany's tennis stars were waylaid and removed from a neutral liner bound from New York to Genoa. After spending some time on the hospitable Rock at Gibraltar, Froitzheim was transferred to England and sent to enjoy the amenities of the now famous Donnington Hall.

LIGHT v. SOUTHERN DIVISION.

There will be an interesting cricket match to-morrow at Lindenthal between the Light Division and the Southern Division. Both divisions have selected strong sides and the match should be well worth seeing.

U.S. Boxing.

At Jersey City Johnnie Kilbane, the featherweight champion defeated Frankie Burns of Jersey City, knocking him out in the fifth round.

Sheldrich to McMahon.

Seeing that Pte. Shelton already has a match on hand with Rfn. Jackson (51st Rifle Bde.) and so cannot accept McMahon's challenge just now, Pte. Billy Sheldrich will box him ten rounds, and will attend the "Cologne Post" office at any time, to make arrangements.

YORKSHIRE STRUGGLE.

On Thursday Yorkshire were struggling hard against the Rest of England but with four wickets to fall they still required 23 runs to avoid an innings defeat. Scores:—
Champion County 246 and 224 for six; Rest 493.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday, September 20th, 1919.
Changeable. Dull. Some rain. Visibility poor.

MID-WEEK FOOTBALL.

First League.

At Middlesbrough: Bolton Wanderers 3, Middlesbrough 1.

Southern League.

At Gillingham: Southend United 1, Gillingham 0.
At Luton: Merthyr Town 4, Luton Town 0.

South-Eastern League.

At Portsmouth: Portsmouth 2 (Shaw, Warden), Watford 2 (Toone, Barnes).

Scottish League.

At Ayr: Ayr United 4, Albion Rovers 0.

London Challenge Cup.

At Tufnell Park: Nunhead 3, London Caleys 0.

GLASGOW CUP,

Playing in the Glasgow Cup competition on Tuesday evening Partick Thistle defeated Clyde by 3 goals to 1.

EX-SOLDIERS' SPORTS.

The first section of the first annual meeting of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers was decided on Wednesday at Stamford Bridge, when a championship trophy, presented by Mr. J. M. Hogge, M.P., President of the Federation, was won by the Metropolitan Division, with 40 points. V. D'Arcy, the Polytechnic crack, won the sprint in 10 3-5sec, R. C. Lightwood the half-mile in the good time of 2min. 3 2-5sec., Percy Hodge the two miles steeplechase in 12min. 35 2-5sec., L. Cummings the three miles in 15min. 20 3-5sec., and A. Hanson the quartermile in 52 4-5sec. H. J. Storey did well to win the mile in 4min. 36 3-5sec.

A ONE-HAND JOCKEY.

Capt. Shirley Gives a Fine Display at Warwick.

A novel and plucky spectacle was seen at Warwick this week, when an amateur with only one hand made a surprisingly good attempt to win on his own horse. This was Capt. Shirley, on his mare Sari Bahr. He held his mount remarkably well in spite of his great handicap, and waited in the rear of his field for the Corinthian Handicap until halfway down the straight, where he brought his mount up on the rails to make a good race of it with Killesher. It is not by any means the first mount Capt. Shirley has had, for he won the Amateurs' Plate at the Curragh in June on the same animal. The unusual spectacle appealed to onlookers, who accorded the rider of the second a great reception on his return to the paddock. They also had a cheer for Mr. Eccles, who acknowledged the compliment by touching his cap to the occupants of the stands.

OVERATH HORSE SHOW.

Successful Event Held By London Division.

FULL PRIZE LIST.

The London Division held a successful Horse Show at Overath on Tuesday. The day was fine and bright and pleasantly warm. Judging commenced at 10 a.m. and terminated at 5 o'clock, when the Divisional Artillery School gave an admirable display of vaulting and trick riding. The prizes were then distributed by Major-General Sir Sidney Lawford, K.C.B. The competition in the various classes, especially the jumping, was very keen. The Divisional Commanders Cup given for jumping open to officers of the London Division went to Major C.E.G. Woollcombe-Adams. Some of the lighter events such as musical chairs on mules, and the mule scurry, afforded considerable amusement. There was a good attendance of spectators throughout the day. The Officers of the London Division were "at home" during the afternoon.

The following are the prize winners:—

Six Horse Team R.F.A. Gun or Wagon:—1, C/190th Bty., R.F.A.; 2, A/187th Bty., R.F.A.; 3, D/187th Bty., R.F.A.; H.C., B/187th Bty., R.F.A.

Four Mule Teams—G.S. Ammunition Wagon:—1, No. 1 Sec., London D.A.C.; H.C., No. 2 Sec., London D.A.C.

Four Mule Teams—Any Vehicle:—1, "B" Coy., 41st Bn. M.G.C.; H.C. London Div. Sig. Coy. R.E.

Pairs, Heavy Draught. Ambulance or G.S. Wagon:—1, No. 4 Coy., London Div. Train; H.C., No. 1 Coy., London Div. Train.

Pairs, Heavy Draught. Field Cookers:—1, 26th Bn. Royal Fus.; 2, 23rd Bn. Middlesex Regt.; 3, 17th Bn. Royal Fus.; H.C., 9th Bn. East Surrey Rgt.

Limbered Wagons.

Pairs—Limbered Wagons. Light Draught:—1, No. 1 Coy., London Div. Train; H.C. 237th Field Coy., R.E.

Pairs—Limbered Wagons. Mules:—1, 11th Bn. "Queens" R.W.S. Regt.; 2, 10th Bn. "Queens" R.W.S. Regt.; 3, S.A.A. Sec., London Div. Ammn. Col.; H.C., "C" Coy., 41st Bn. M.G.C.

Pairs—Water Carts, Light Draught:—1, C/190th Bgde., R.F.A.; 2, No. 4 Coy., London Div. Train; 3, C/187th Bgde., R.F.A.; H.C., 233rd Field Coy., R.E.

Pairs—Water Carts—Mules:—1, 17th Bn. Middlesex Regt.; 2, 17th Bn. Royal Fus.; 3, 9th Bn. East Surrey Regt.; H.C. 11th Bn. "Queens" R.W.S. Regt.

Single Harness—Light Draught (Mess Carts):—1, C/190th Bgde., R.F.A.; 2, H.Q. 41st Bn. M.G.C.; 3, D/187th Bgde., R.F.A.; H.C. 11th Bn. "Queens" R.W.S. Regt.

Single Harness—Mules (Maltese Carts):—1, H.Q. M.G.C. 41st; 2, 9th Bn. East Surrey Regt.; 3, 10th Bn. "Queens" R.W.S. Regt.; H.C. 19th Bn. Middlesex Regt.

Pack Mule or Pony:—1, 9th Bn. East Surrey Regt.; 2, 17th Bn. Royal Fusiliers; 3, 26th Bn. Royal Fusiliers; H.C. 19th Bn. Middlesex Regt.

Horses and Mules. To be shown stripped. H.D.:—1, No. 1 Coy., London Div. Train; 2, No. 4 Coy., London Div. Train; 3, 23rd Bn. Middlesex Regt.; H.C. 10th Bn. "Queens" R.W.S. Regt.

Horses and Mules. To be shown stripped. L.D.:—1, A/190th Brigade, R.F.A.; 2, No. 1 Coy., London Div. Train; 3, No. 4 Coy, London Div. Train; H.C. C/190th Brigade, R.F.A.

Mules—To be shown stripped:—1, 41st Bn. M.G. Corps; 2, 17th Bn. Royal Fusiliers; 3, 23rd Bn. Middlesex Regt.; H.C. 9th Bn. East Surrey Regt.

Jumping Competitions.

Jumping—Officers. Infantry and M.G. Battalions:—1, Capt. L. A. M. Dunlea, 26th Bn. Royal Fusiliers; 2, Lieut.-Col. Longbourne, 11th Bn. "Queens" R.W.S. Regt.; 3, Lieut. A. J. Slade, 41st Bn. M.G. Corps; H.C. Lieut.-Col. C. H. Pank, 7th Bn. Middlesex Regt.

Jumping—Officers—Open to Officers of the London Division. (Divisional Commander's Cup):—1, Major C. E. G. Woollcombe-Adams, C/190th Bde., R.F.A.; 2, Capt. E. J. Bray, C/190th Brigade, R.F.A.; 3, Capt. E. Fenn, D/190th Brig., R.F.A.; H.C. Lieut. J. S. Steward, No. 4 Coy., London Div. Train.

Jumping—(Other ranks) Open to W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and Other ranks of the Division:—1, Dr. W. Herbert, B/187th Brigade, R.F.A.; 2, Sgt. Herbert, S.A.A. Section, London D.A.C.; 3, Cpl. Blow, C/190th Brigade, R.F.A.; H. C. F/Sgt. Truss, A/187th Brigade, R.F.A.

Officers Chargers—Other than Infantry and M.G. Bns.:—1, Major R. K. Hewetr, A/187th Brigade, R.F.A.; 2, Major Bollam, London Divl. Signal Coy., R.E.

Officers Chargers—Infantry and M.G. Bns.:—1, Lt.-Col. E.A. Cameron, 9th Bn. East Surrey Regt.; 2, Lt. E.F. Kennett, 41st Bn. M.G. Corps; 3, Capt. W.F.E. Thorpe, 41st Bn. M.G. Corps; H.C. Capt. F.L. Cranfield, 41st Bn. M.G. Corps.

Best Turn Out—Mounted—Other ranks:—1, Sgt. Clarksen, No. 1 Coy., London Div. Train; 2, Sgt. Vigar, C/190th Brigade, R.F.A.; 3, Sgt. Wood, 26th Bn. Royal Fusiliers; H.C. Bdr. Davison, S.A.A. Section, London D.A.C.

Best "Rider"—W.O's and other ranks:—1, Sgt. Vigar, C/190th Brigade, R.F.A.; 2, Bdr. Davison, S.A.A. Section, London D.A.C.; 3, Sgt. Kettle, D/190th Brigade, R.F.A.; H.C. Sgt. Willmott, 9th Bn. East Surrey Regt.

Musical Chairs on Mules—Other ranks:—1, Dr. Scott, No. 1 Section, London D.A.C.; 2, Pte. Massey, 2/4th Bn. "Queens" R.W.S. Regt.; 3, Bdr. W.C. Smith, C/190th Brigade, R.F.A

Bending Race—Officers:—1, Lt.-Col. Longbourne, 11th Bn. "Queens" R.W.S. Regt.

Mule Scurry—Other ranks:—1, Dr. Dearlove, No. 2 Section, London D.A.C.; 2, Pte. F. Williams, 23rd Bn. Middlesex Regt.; 3, Cpl. Clemence, C/190th Brigade, R.F.A.; H.C. London Divl. Signal Coy., R.E.

Most Original Turn out—Vehicle and Team:—1, 23rd Bn. Roy. Fus.; 2, B/187th Brigade, R.F.A.

Chauffeurs Competition:—1, Pte. A. Baldwin, R.A.S.C.

The prizes for the best clown were awarded:—1, 11th Bn. "Queens" R.W.S. Regt.; 2, 9th Bn. East Surrey Regt.

BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

32nd Bn. M.G.C. Win Rhine Army Cup by One Point.

SPARKLING BOUTS.

The Rhineland unit, battalion or equivalent strength, boxing championship was decided at Burgergesellschaft on Thursday evening when the finals of the competitions were fought. The struggle resolved itself into a neck and neck race between the 32nd M.G.C. the 7th Middlesex Regt. and the 51st Devons. When the semi-finals were concluded the previous evening the issue was very much in doubt and not until the last fight was the trophy made secure for the 32nd M.G.C. The final points were:—

32nd Bn. M.G.C.	21
7th Middlesex	20
51 Devons	18
9th Bn. M.G.C.	3

The hall was full to overflowing long before the programme commenced and the machine gunners were very much in evidence. Each team however, came in for a fair measure of support and good performances, whether of winner or loser, were enthusiastically greeted. The boxing was even better than that of the previous evening; there were some eleven exhibitions of the noble art, while, without exception the contestants fought pluckily and gamely.

The officials were:—

Referee:—Lt.-Col. J. Betts, D.S.O.

Judges:—Major A. V. Keene, T.D. and Capt. M. Brown, M.C.

Timekeeper:—Captain G. Hibbert, O.B.E., M.C.

M.C.:—Major W. Delany, O.B.E.

Recorder:—Major M. C. Morgan, M.C.

Asst. Recorders:—C.S.M., E. C. Peirce and C.S.M., J. T. Harper.

Dressing Room Stewards:—C.S.M., H. Butcher and S.I., R. K. Starkey.

Ring Steward:—C.S.M., A. P. J. Howlett.

Whip:—C.S.M., G. E. Ware.

i/c Seating:—R.S.M., A. Stevenson; Q.M.S., E. Watkins; Q.M.S., A. J. Helsdon; Q.M.S., F. J. Hammond, D.C.M., and Q.M.S., P. R. Making.

Hon. Sec.—Lt.-Col. H. C. Maitland-Makgill-Crichton, C.M.G., D.S.O.

M. O.:—Captain D. C. Scott, R.A.M.C.

The Fights.

Bantam-weight (other ranks):—Pte. Sutton, 7th Middlesex v. Sgt. Robinson, 32nd M.G.C. At the opening session Sutton had the best of matters and though he was at fault with a number of his swings, he got in several hard blows to the body receiving little in return. Early in the second round Robinson was knocked out.

Feather-weight (other ranks):—Pte. Woodward, 7th Middlesex v. L/Cpl. Sherry, 51st Devons. The first meeting was fairly evenly contested, Woodward countering well. Sherry went to his knees four times to avoid punishment and was warned by the referee. In the second round both men dealt some hard blows, the Middlesex man continuing to have slightly the better of the exchanges. The final meeting saw Sherry using his left to great advantage, and, though he had the better of the round, he failed to work off the points piled against him early on, and Woodward was a winner on points.

Light-weights (other ranks):—Pte. McKenna, 32nd M.G.C. v. Cpl. Stevens, 7th Middlesex. Stevens did most of the leading but McKenna countered splendidly and shewed superiority at close quarters. In the second round McKenna repeatedly got through Steven's guard, and neutralised the advantage his opponent had in reach. At the final meeting Stevens showed improvement making use of a damaging left swing to the head. The fight ended somewhat tamely the verdict going to Stevens.

Welter-weight (other ranks):—Pte. Ham, 51st Devons v. Sgt. Ritchie, 32nd M.G.C. Ritchie had considerable physical advantages and made good use of them in the early stages. He got home repeatedly with both hands. Ham relied on a favourite right swing with which he was successful on two occasions. The second session saw some really good boxing in which the machine gunner continued to lead on points.

Ham was the more aggressive, but Ritchie countered well with damaging upper cuts. In the in-fighting he also handed out more than he received. In spite of the punishment he had received, Ham fought very strongly in the last round getting home repeatedly with both hands; it was his round. The verdict went to Ritchie, but Ham was awarded an extra half-point for being a good loser.

Welter weight (officers):—Lt. Hayes, 51st Devons, v. Lt. Lee, 32nd M.G.C. Hayes, who has an exceptionally fine physique, went all out from the commencement dealing heavy blows with both hands. Lee went down in the first round and the referee stopped the fight.

Middle-weight (other ranks):—Pte. Glinnain, 7th Middlesex, v. Pte. O'Rourke, 32nd M.G.C. This fight also ended very abruptly; O'Rourke started very aggressively but was no match for the Middlesex man who accounted for him in the first round.

Middle-weight (officers):—Lt. Woodward, 32nd M.G.C., v. 2/Lt. Daw, 7th Middlesex. Daw did most of the attacking, but Woodward showed fine defensive powers and blocked most of his opponent's leads in the early stages. Daw, however, had slightly the best of matters and won on points.

Heavy weight:—Cpl. Pollard, 51st Devons, v. Pte. Hollinsworth, 32nd M.G.C. Hollinsworth started very briskly but Pollard soon got his measure and with heavy rights to the jaw sent him down twice in the first round. The end came at the next meeting when the Devon man had Hollinsworth at his mercy and after dealing him tremendous punishment the referee stopped the fight in Pollard's favour.

The cups and prizes were subsequently presented by Major General Sir H.S. Jeudaine, K.C.B., C.B., who congratulated the competitors on the excellent show they had put up, winners and losers alike had shown hearty good-will and the right spirit. He also thanked the officials and those responsible for bringing the tournament to such a successful conclusion.

GREAT AUTUMN DOUBLE.

Back-end Handicaps—Small Sums At Big Odds.

BY "JERRY M."

Now that the "Leger" is over all interest in future events is centred on the "Back-end Handicaps" the Cesarewitch and Cambridgesnire. Many are amusing themselves by investing small sums at tremendous odds on likely doubles. There is always the chance "It may come off."

The chance of gaining a fortune with a small outlay has always appealed to the public fancy. The annual Calcutta Derby sweep is perhaps the best proof of this. In latter years the subscriptions to this sweep reached such tremendous proportions, that it became necessary to confine the tickets to members only.

But the amount of money that yearly changes hands over the last two big handicaps at Newmarket if it could be calculated would no doubt make the Calcutta affair look "very small fish."

Of course the odds against a successful choice being made are huge but nevertheless it is an amusing and occasionally a profitable pastime. I know one lucky punter who took 1,800 to 1 to 10 S., Air Raid and Zinovia last year. He bought a very nice house and appropriately called it "Zinovia Lodge."

The eagerly awaited acceptances for this years events appeared on Wednesday but there were no sensational developments at the first stage. Most of the fancied ones remain in.

An Excellent Chance.

A careful study of the handicap in the Cesarewitch leaves me with the impression that in taking Chuette, Keysoe, Silver Bullet and Silonyx against the field we have an excellent chance of including the winner.

But a final choice is necessary, Keysoe has earned a 10 lb. penalty by her easy victory in the St. Leger. But she won so easily that I am loth to discard her. Chuette is a grand filly that seems to improve each time she runs. Silonyx too made a good impression when winning at Ascot. But I prefer an older horse in spite of the good display the 3 year olds made last year, and as I am assured that Silver Bullet will, bar accidents, bel. Manton's best, I make him first choice.

So, our first string in the "double" iwil be Silver Bullet quoted in my list to-day at 33 to 1 which I think fairly good odds.

In the Cambridgeshire I like most the chances of Zinovia, Bruff Bridge and Sir Douglas.

Zinovia has certainly been leniently treated with those she won from last year, whilst Bruff Bridge appears to have been pitchforked into the race on some of his form. In the "Free Handicap" at the end of last season he was reckoned near the top of the tree, whilst his earlier efforts this year, will bear close inspections.

There is at the moment a cloud over Sir Douglas who would probably have gone very close in the Leger.

So for the time we must discard him, leaving Bruff Bridge to carry our hopes. This one is quoted at 50 to 1, so our double Silver Bullet and Bruff Bridge works out at 1,650 to 1. So quite a modest outlay would show a substantial return if our luck is in.

THE SCOTCH DERBY.

Felim Wins The Leading Event At Ayr.

Ayr races opened on Wednesday when the principal event was the Scottish Derby won by Felim, Good-night running second.

Results:—

Doon Handicap:—1, Mascot (4/1); 2, Still Better (100/12); 3, Summers Joy (6/1).

Stewards' Plate:—1, All White (7/4); 2, Snow Crest (100/8); 3, D'avade (5/1).

Scottish Derby Stakes:—1, Felim (10/1); 2, Good-night (5/1); 3, Stoique (8/1).

Craigengillan Plate:—1, Parisian Diamond (9/4); 2, St. Marzella (7/1); 3, Athleta (100/8).

West of Scotland Stakes:—1, Redhead (7/2 on); 2, Bold Buck (4/1); 3, Euphrates (100/8).

Auchencruive Handicap:—1, Corney Grain (4/1); 2, Woden (100/8); 3, Enniskeen (100/8).

Yarmouth Results.

Monument plate:—1, Seamstress (20/1); 2, Rose lad (5/4); 3, Buzzbuzz (3/1).

Hastings nursery:—1, Germinate (5/1); 2, Lent Lily (20/1); 3, Sorrel (5/1).

Southdenes Plate:—1, Athletic (Evens); 2, Genevieve (6/1); 3, Happy Maid (10/1).

Norfolk and Suffolk Handicap:—1, Pickny (8/1); 2, Clapgate (10/1); 3, Ocydrove (6/4).

Great Yarmouth Plate:—1, Hecla (9/4); 2, Deslioni (7/4)); 3, Catchup (100/7).

Nelson Plate:—1, Jack Point (Evens); 2, Double Chance (5/2); 3, Holbeach (3/1).

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Saturday	7	Zar and Zimmermann	Lortzing
Sunday	6	Der Rosenkavalier	R. Strauss
Monday	7	Aida	Verdi
Tuesday	7	Waffenschmied von Worms	Lortzing

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Rush for "Damaged Goods."

Owing to the enormous demand for seats for "Demaged Goods" at the Deutsches Theatre, four extra performances will be given of this great play next week—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday and Saturday "Man and Superman" will be repeated by special request. "Hindle Wakes" will be produced during the week of the 28th and "Strife" the following week.

In Another Part.

In my comments on the Rhine Army Dramatic Company's fine presentation of "Man and Superman" at the Deutsches Theatre, for the first three days of this week, Miss Inez Bensusan was shown as having taken the part of Miss Suzan Ramsden, This character, however was excellently portrayed by Miss Francis Chisholm, while Miss Bensusan was seen to great advantage in the minor part of Mrs. Whitefield.

Leave Club Whist.

The weekly whist drive was held at the British Empire Leave Club and as usual was largely attended and went very well. The gentlemen's prizes were won by the following:—1st, Pte. Day (149); 2nd, Pte. P. K. Sherton (142); 3rd Pte. W. Hudson (142). The ladies prizes were won by:—1st, Pte. J. Teasdale (148); 2nd Pte. S. Greaves (148); 3rd, Pte. W. G. Delamont (147). Many thanks are due to Pte. Beales, R.A.S.C., M.T. for his splendid work as M.C. and above all to Lt. Halley, who has organised the whist drives from the early days of the Club. He is leaving Cologne very shortly and will be greatly missed.

Leave Club Programme.

On Sunday, the Rev. C. E. Wheeler will talk to the men in the writing room from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by a concert by the band of the Southern Division. Miss West has kindly consented to play a violin solo and Major Greenless and Bombardier Ruston are singing solos. There will be an impromptu concert on Monday, from 5 to 6 followed by a practice dance in the theatre from 6.30. On Tuesday, a dancing class will be held in the theatre for beginners from 5 to 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. the Jingle Johnnies Concert Party will give a show.

An Evening with Heine.

At the Y.M.C.A. one evening this week Miss Muriel Smith, lecturer on German Literature at St. Andrews University, gave a critical appreciation of Heine as a man and a poet and of the Liberal movement of his time. The Rev. A. D. McKenzie and Pte. Brickwell and Miss Muriel Smith herself sang a number of Heine's songs as rendered into English, and by request of the audience the lecturer sang some of the songs in the original German. One of the most interesting features of the evening was the singing in German of "Die Lorelei" in which many of the soldiers, members of Miss Smith's German class, heartily joined. Miss Smith has been asked to speak next week on the Rhine legends.

A Magic Man.

The visit of Mr. Hugh Herring, the Y.M.C.A. illusionist, to Bonn, furnished a really first class entertainment, and, for a large gathering of soldiers provided two hours capital enjoyment. As an entertainer, Mr. Herring has quite a reputation, earned after nearly four years among the troops under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A., penetrating even to the firing line in the days of war. The soldiers in Bonn gave him a great reception, and, in return, were served with a programme laden with magic and merriment where thrill succeeded thrill in almost constant succession. To old conjuring tricks Mr. Herring is able to impart an added charm, improving upon old methods, and introducing many new and thoroughly up-to-date turns, while all the while a reserve under-current of humour is finding its way to the surface and proving the quality irresistible.

Impressions at Sud Park.

I spent an hour at the W.R.A.F. Tattoo the other evening; the function appealed to me as a series of impressions. It was a pretty sight. Pin wheels performed weird revolutions amid the trees, coloured flares were lit and the reflection turned the foliage to red, to green, to blue, and rip-raps cracked at intervals in the darkness. Suddenly all was still, and a dazzling searchlight focussed its rays on a distant coppice. There was a whirl of pipers and, right in the range of the light, the band of the H.L.I. swung into view. How weird yet beautiful, is the sound of the pibroch at night! The scene changed. The band of the D.L.I. struck up a stirring military march, then from out of the trees on either side came figures carrying fairy lanterns. Round and round they marched, now breaking into picturesque evolutions, now counter-marching, ending finally in line. It had a most charming effect.

Morris Dances.

The music of the march ceased and again there was quiet. Presently one could hear the faint tinkle of the piano and the limelight, focussing once more on the green revealed a small group of girls dressed in blue and yellow. With a graceful charm, and in perfect concord, they commenced a Morris dance. The light changed from red to blue and from blue to orange in turn and the effect was almost magical. How refreshing were those old world dances after the strenuous present-day jazz madness. The dance was perhaps the most appreciated feature of the evening and the dancers were loudly applauded. Once more the pibroch sounded; again the fairy lanterns flitted through the trees like will o' the wisps; for the second time the fireworks cast their fiery fervour; and finally the band of the D.L.I played "God Save the King."

JACQUES.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Clear Goals.

A team that wins by 4—1 does not win by three clear goals. The only three clear goals win is 3—0.

Scotch Racing.

It is not often that Scotland has more important racing to offer than the predominant partner, but such is the case this week.

Regrettable.

It is much to be regretted that, at a time when international interests of lawn tennis are expanding im most directions, there are obstacles in the way of the Lawn Tennis Association officially recognising the Argentine L.T.A.

Voysey's Injury.

Voysey's injury, which kept him off the field at Sunderland on Saturday for a total of some fifty minutes, is rather serious, and will be a distinct handicap to the Arsenal team for a month or six weeks.

"Aussies" in S. Africa.

It is stated that the Australian Imperial Forces team, which has now completed its tour in England, will play in South Africa on its way home. The Australian military authorities have laid down conditions for a six weeks' tour, and these have been accepted by the South African Cricket Association.

Remarkable Things.

There were several remarkable things about the lawn tennis tournament which started at Hurlingham on Tuesday.

Mike Blake to Ross and Criqui.

The supporter of Mike Blake is prepared to match him against the winner of the Ross and Criqui bout for £100 a side if desired.

Maisons-Laffitte.

The meeting at Maisons-Laffitte was a huge success and the attendance large. There has been but little racing since Deauville, and the horses having had a well-earned rest, they turned up in large numbers.

Welsh Rugby Rule.

The Welsh Union has decided that those who played for a particular club during the season 1913-14, and are desirous of transferring from that club, must obtain a transfer from the Union before doing so.

Autumn Golf.

A popular feature of autumn golf will be the "Ladies' Field" Victory knock-out foursome tournament for ladies, which will be held at Ranelagh on October 20, 21, and 22. Entries will be accepted until October 11, but already many well-known players have signified their intention of playing.

Retiring.

Glyn Stephens, the Neath and Welsh international Rugby forward, is retiring from the game.

Bdr. Wells as Swimmer.

At the Port of London Gala, at the Old Kent-rd. Baths, Bdr. Billy Wells, the well-known heavy-weight boxer, won the 75yds. Open Handicap from the 12sec. mark, his net time being 57 3-5sec.

Licensed Victuallers' Asylum Tourney.

A tournament in aid of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum will take place at the National Sporting Club on Tuesday, Nov. 18, when the programme will include three open amateur competitions at 8st, 9st, and 10st 4lb.

Pole Vault Record.

Frank Foss, Chicago A.A., put up a new world's record in the pole-vault at Chicago on August 23, when he cleared 13ft. 3 9-16in. Another notable performance at the same meeting was the mile run by Joie Ray in 4.18 2-5.

A Post-War Fashion.

Before the war it was seldom one heard clapping of hands on a racecourse when a popular favourite wins. It seems quite a new fashion, and Little Boy and Lane were the recipients of this form of applause at Warwick when returning to the paddock after the race.

All-American Team.

The All-American football team is still in Scandinavia, and has another couple of matches to play before its return to the States.

Hotel Sports.

At Stamford Bridge the West End Hotels, Clubs, and Restaurants Association held their annual sports carnival. A programme of interesting events was provided.

Appeal Against Baldoyle Decision.

An appeal has been lodged with the Stewards of the Turf Club against the decision of the Stewards of the Baldoyle Meeting in disqualifying Stage Favourite, who came in first for the Strand Plate at the fixture last Saturday.

An Amateur's Lost Ride.

Mr. Sandy Blair was to have ridden Killesher in the Warwick Corinthian Handicap this week, but, motoring from town, he had a puncture, and reached the course just as Mr. Eccles was presenting himself at scale.

Hurlingham Lawn Tennis.

The first lawn tennis tournament ever held by the Hurlingham Club was begun this week. The entry includes S. N. Doust, P. O'Hara Wood, P. W. Dawson, M. J. G. Ritchie, and N. Mishu in the men's events, and Mrs. McNair among the ladies.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Returning Fit.

Repatriated German prisoners of war on a train which stopped near Hohenzollern bridge last night were to be seen handing out cigarettes to their compatriots who had gathered round. Their general physical condition was in striking contrast to that of those who have stayed at home and gave the lie direct to the stories which have been drummed into the ears of the German public. "1915" was one of the inscriptions chalked on a carriage and the writer must have been gathered in early on. Doubtless his compatriots who arrived at a later date were quashed by the old argument "Before you come up."

Confirmation in Cologne.

The Chaplain General of the Forces, the Right Rev. Bishop Taylor Smith, D.D. is on a visit of inspection to the Army of the Rhine. On Sunday next he will preach at both morning and evening services at the Military Church, 57 Schilder Gasse, Cologne He will also hold a Confirmation service in the same church on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A Fine Series of Photographs.

All who are interested in photography should make a point of inspecting the series of photographs, not yet complete, by the way, at the Army bookshop in Hohenzollern Ring. The fighting soldier is able to view many photographic scenes which are familiar to him, sidelights of "Wipers," Albert, Peronne and Amiens, to quote a few, and bring back to mind many little escapades of war. One gets a certain amount of pleasure from these and one hundred and one scenes showing the lightnearted Tommy under all conditions. Of course, additional pleasure is derived from recognition of individuals, places and units, but even the civilian will find a perusal entertaining. There is no posing for the photographer, so often the case with the miserable specimens of war photography to be seen in the German shops, but a natural chronicle of life in and about the various war zones. One word for the efficiency and courtesy of the staff of the bookshop. This makes a visit all the more pleasurable.

An Infatuated Fraulein.

Just how Tommy does his lovemaking we do not know but with the language difficulty, he must at times find words fail him. That the difficulty is overcome is to be seen any evening where courting couples foregather. But as a gem of composition the appended takes some beating. It was written by an infatuated Fraulein:—

"My Deer Charlie, waffor jou chelles mit mei. Ich denken jou lov mi un ei lov jou. ei kann never louck wunn jou louck chelles. pflis komm for 1 minute in Restauration. jou lov Elisabeth."

A Muzzled Cat.

Much has been heard of late re the muzzling of dogs, but the idea of applying the order to cats is estimated to be not only inconvenient to the quadruped named, but also to the general community, as the following incident will show. In the quiet hours of the morning between a certain billet and the cookhouse, a most unusual sound was heard. The cook who had just got settled down to sleep, after drowsing and beating off the "flies," was in a state of alarm. What could it be. Surely no one come to steal. And the noise was not at all like a returning Tommy with a heelplate lose. No, an unfortunate cat had chanced to put its head into a Standard sized "Pork and Bean" tin. No one saw how it got its head there, but the tinkling of the tin on the concrete pavement was sufficient to proclaim the fact that it could not get it out. The boys in the billet having heard the clatter went to the rescue of the cook and pussy with her well-covered head was bouncing herself at the cookhouse door. The tin is now on the way to the incinerator. The cook will once more be able to sleep.

Changing Over.

During the past week an interesting phase in the migration of population has been taking place in Germany. As is generally known, throughout the war there has been a large element of Italian ice cream vendors living in the more prominent towns of Germany. Berlin and Cologne have had their full representation. During the past few days Cologne Italian ice cream vendors have been leaving the district for their sunny homeland and their Berlin confreres have been taking over their establishments. These it is said in their turn will give place to others in Germany, all making eventually for Italy.

Low Water In The Rhine.

Anyone who has renewed their acquaintance of the Rhine during the last few days will have been struck by the remarkable drop in the water level, due, no doubt, to the almost tropical conditions which have prevailed during the past few weeks. This has been a source of enjoyment to the adventurous bather who if of average stature has found it quite easy to walk along the bed of the stream at given points. It has its disadvantages however, for with the low water the river bottom is visible and a considerable quantity of debris has been left on mud banks. Tin-kettles, tin-pots and other river rubbish is to be seen in large quantities. The present affords a capital opportunity for cleansing at least the mud banks of the Rhine.

A Battalion Garden.

The 18th Battn. King's Royal Rifle Corps is amongst the first units of the Rhine Army to take up gardening on a big scale. A start was made about the middle of May when two acres of land were taken over. The plot was on the left of Worringen-Dormagen Road. Lance-Corporal Frere, Riflemen Humphrey and Simmons had the job in hand under the supervision of Lieut. Reader who has had long horticultural experience. The ground after being broken, thoroughly manured and cleared of weeds was sown with beans, turnips, marrows, beet and onions. Some days later the first sowing of flower seeds in several varieties was made.

Not Abandoned.

Just as the gardeners were looking forward to the fruits (or vegetables) of their labour, and had begun to make calculations of their marketable value the battalion was ordered to Solingen, the Worringen area being taken over by the H.L.I. To have abandoned this scheme in the hour of its success was unthinkable, so the gardeners were left to continue the work, and, if possible to break down the proverbial tight-fistedness of the Scotsmen when the time comes for selling their wares. Reports of the garden's continued progress are to hand and there can be little doubt of the ultimate success of this novel venture.

Financially Successful.

The experiment has been eminently successful not only as a financial venture, but as a means whereby every rifleman interested in horticulture was enabled to learn at first hand the rudiments of gardening for pleasure or for profit. Many there were who spent three or four evenings a week at the plots, learning in the easiest possible manner some of the mysteries of gardening and making a groundwork for more advanced instruction.

The Essentials.

The following was overheard in a certain G.H.Q. Office the other day:— "I say old chap, why do you always type your letters?" To which the reply was: "Saves brain fag deah, Boy. You see I just put 'My Darling' and then tap away at the jolly old X, and then—well, there you are."

Re-Echoes.

Our letters on "Wives and Efficiency" are attracting as much attention as the famous "Agnes" correspondence recently. "The Daily Mail" has just devoted some space to it.

Are you a follower and judge of football form? If so the skill competition on the previous page will interest you.

Returning German prisoners yesterday were to be seen waving Union Jack pocket handkerchiefs.

A correspondent would be obliged for information as to whether the 1/6th North Staffordshire Regiment is still with the Army of Occupation.

The fares on the Rhine steamers are a hundred per cent. higher than before the war.

Some idea of the immense pile of correspondence dealt with by the staff of the Army Post Office can be gathered from the loads dealt with at the Railway Station prior to the departure of the Cologne-Boulogne leave train.

Those individuals who desire to get rich quickly at the expense of the mark, will find that purchases of postal orders are limited.

In the same connection only English sterling or cheques are taken in the purchase of war savings certificates at Army Post Offices.

Queries relating to demobilization continue to reach us in shoals! For the benefit of correspondents whose questions are ignored may we point out that we cannot undertake to answer them. These queries would be best directed to the orderly room.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's winners are Cpl. H. F. Farren, R.E. Signals, 245 Brigade R.F.A., Rhine Army and Pte. W. Hallam, R.A.S.C. (M.T.), Rhine Army Siege Park.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

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By LIEUT. W. ROBERT PATTERSON.

This week the question of developers arises. For the sake, not only of economy, but of interest in anything chemical, many of us prefer to mix our own solutions.

There are several standard types; those principally used are *Adurol, Amidol, Hydroquinone, Metol, Pyro* and *Rodinal*.

Adurol is clean, does not stain, and is in two solutions. Take one part of *a*, one part of *b* and one of water.

(a)	Adurol	85 grains,
	Sulphite of Soda	1¾ ozs.
	Water	10 ozs.
(b)	Carbonate of Potash	1¼ ozs.
	Water	10 ozs.

Amidol (diamidophenol) produces fine black tones. It is a very practical developer for warm weather work, but does not keep well in solution so that it is better made up as required.

Amidol	50 grains,
Sulphite of Soda	1½ ozs.
Bromide of Potassium	10 grain.
Water	20 ozs.

Hydroquinone (quinol). The following solution is a good one. Add to it a ten per cent solution of bromide of potassium in cases of over exposure and water alone for under-exposure,

Hydroquinone	90 grs.
Sulphite of Soda	2 ozs.
Carbonate of Soda	2 ozs.
Water	10 ozs.

Metol is fast; it is very useful in cases of instantaneous exposures, since it gives detail in the shadows without rendering too dense the high-lights. Use equal parts of both *a* and *b*.

(a)	Metol	75 grains.
	Sulphite of Soda	1¼ ozs.
	Water	10 ozs.
(b)	Carbonate of Soda	1¼ ozs.
	Bromide of Potash	8 grains,
	Water	10 ozs.

Pyro (pyrogallol). The usual formula is styled 'Pyro-soda' of which the stock solutions are as follows:—

(a)	Water	10 ozs.
	Potassium metabisulphite	½ oz.
	Potassium bromide	60 grains,
	Pyro	1 oz.
(b)	Sodium carbonate	2 ozs.
	Sodium sulphite	3 ozs.
	Water	10 ozs.

Use equal parts but increase the quantity of *b* for under-exposure and of *a* for over-exposure.

Rodinal is prepared from paramidophenol. It is a highly concentrated developer in one solution, much used here in Rhineland.

Warning! Avoid, as much as possible, personal contact with your solutions. Several bad cases of skin-eruption, attacking the fingers, have come to my notice.

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

REUNION IMPOSSIBLE.

Dr. F. B. Meyer, speaking on the subject of a religious rapprochement, said he felt thankful for signs that the Anglican Church had gone as far as it would and might. Free Churchmen did not regret it, for although perfectly willing to remain on a basis of co-operation, friendship, and brotherly love, they absolutely refused to be incorporated, and would take no further steps towards reunion with the Church of England so long as she remained attached to the State. They reciprocated very heartily the advances made by leading Anglican friends. The reply of Free Churchmen was co-operate in the betterment of the national life, but as for incorporation in the Church, it is not to be thought of.

EMPLOYMENT OF THE DISABLED.

Mr. William Arnold, a well-known boot manufacturer, speaking on the subject of the employment of disabled soldiers, said he did not think the request to employers was an unreasonable one. His own firm had taken back every man who joined the forces and had returned, irrespective of any physical disability which might have been caused through the war. The employment of more disabled men was a matter of organization. It was no use discharging men at present employed to engage disabled men, and, at the moment, the boot trade was in a difficulty with regard to engaging men, because of the shortage of labour.

READING ALOUD.

Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, professor of English Literature at Cambridge, writing on "The teaching of English," says: The English teacher must cast away shyness in conducting the child's first reading lesson, and having chosen some simple and beautiful passage, show how winningly the words can fall from his lips. There, oddly enough, lies a great part of our troubles. We have fenced our literature off like a Turkish woman. We are shy of speaking it out. As for training the young to enunciate their own magnificent language, well, listen to the clergy, what noises they make! I know well enough the value of silent reading, and our want of it in our elementary schools. It is the master key of all knowledge. But let us read aloud as well, and learn to read aloud that we may be able to teach.

NOT TAUGHT AT SCHOOL.

Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the Chief Scout, in a letter to parents, says "What shall I do with my boy?" is a question that puzzles most fathers. I expect that you feel as I do, that it is a bit of a responsibility to be the father of a boy. The lad may be working all right at school, yet if one looks back at one's own schooling and then at the way in which one had to make one's way in life afterwards, one feels that, although that schooling teaches him, among his classmates, a lot of the three R's (reading, writing, and 'rithmetic), it doesn't definitely teach him, as an individual, some other things that are quite as necessary to success in making a career. I mean such things as—character, handicraft and skill, physical development and health knowledge, helpfulness to others and sense of duty to the community. These are things that are left to the father to impart, or, what is too generally the case, if he is a busy man, to the boy to pick up as best he can in his out-of-school or out-of-workshop time. It often results in his not doing so at all, and thereby becoming a failure.

MUST WE TRADE WITH GERMANY?

Mr. Hartley Withers, the Editor of "The Economist" pointing out how a boycott would injure our country says:—Must we trade with Germany? We cannot help it. Whether we like it or not, we are bound to receive and pay for a large number of German goods unless we forbid the import from all countries of any goods of a kind that is grown or made in Germany. Even if the Government chose to put a special tariff upon goods of German origin and to make a rigorous examination of certificates of origin at all our ports of entry, this would happen; much more so if the attempted boycott were worked through voluntary action on the part of people who do not want to buy anything German. Fraud and evasion would be rather difficult in the former case, but would certainly happen in either case. If the prices at which German goods can be sold in this market are high enough to attract them, they will come here But with this difference, that if we try to keep them out they will come through neutral countries and disguised as Swiss, Dutch or Scandinavian articles. The neutral broker will take his toll on the transaction.

CURSE OF SLACKNESS.

Mr. G. B. Hunter, of the well-known Wallsend firm of shipbuilders, in a letter discussing the serious effect American shipbuilding may have on British industry, says:— Unless the miners and shipyard workers, as well as others, spend less and do more work, it is certain that the prosperous times they are now having cannot last. Mr. John Hill admits that the higher paid workmen in the shipyards are working less than 44 hours per week (he should have said less than 3.). Why is it that so many are not at work on Mondays? Was it from causes beyond their control that the shipyard men took three days instead of one for the peace celebrations in July, and a large number of them another day after it? Counting holidays the members of Mr. Hill's society in the shipyards do not average more than four and a half days' work a week, and that is not from causes beyond their control.

IF WOMEN DIDN'T GO TO CHURCH!

The Rev. D. Kennedy-Beel, thinks that if women left off going to church, the nation would sink into materialism. He says:—If women didn't go to church it would mean that the bulk of our population ceased to believe in a God. The most beautiful sight in the world—that of a mother hearing her children say their evening prayers—would be seen no more. The coming generation would be reared on a gospel of materialism. May Heaven avert that day! We are told that we never really value anything till we have lost it. Britain would soon realise what she had lost if she let go her Christian faith. There is hope for a people that has shown so keen an appreciation of the words "duty" and "self-sacrifice" as we have done during the past five years. And it is the women of Britain, perhaps even more than the men, that have made her what she is; for a man is very largely what a woman makes him. They teach us the best that we learn, and much that they teach us they have learned themselves through going to church. May we not, in our anxiety to secure the men, undervalue the attendance of the women, for our nation and Empire would be the poorer if women stopped going to church.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Women and Land.—There where 589,000 men and 75,000 women employed in agriculture at the end of July.

Dutch Parliament.—The British Chamber of Horticulture was represented at the opening of the Dutch Parliament.

A Loss.—In a food stores in the Manchester district rats destroyed £800 worth of food in a week.

Silk Suits.—"Nucluth" is the name of a silk fabric just produced by a Pudsey manufacturer.

Swimming Feat.—A girl aged 14 of the Medway Swimming Club, swam 10 miles in less than 4 hours.

Bad Jam.—Marylebone Food Committee urge public protection against jam made out of cheap ingredients.

A Bait.—Advertising for two unfurnished rooms in South London, a milkman offers free milk to the landlady.

A Novel Idea.—Appeals for subscriptions to Chiswick's war memorial are being circulated with the new ration cards.

Your Chance.—Six thousand prismatic binoculars are for sale by tender by the Ministry of Munitions.

To London.—There is a probability that London will ultimately be the peace conference centre.

Another "Coolgardie"?—Fresh discoveries of gold have been made twenty miles from South Boulder, West Australia.

Stopped.—Owing to the gasworkers' strike the whole of the Antwerp diamond industry is stopped.

A Paris Lead.—The Paris police, in collaboration with the judical authorities, are hot on the trail of profiteers.

Storming a Cinema.—The exhibition of a film entitled "Bolshevism" led to a free fight at Clapham.

Who is to Blame?—The soft collar has come into vogue. Who is to blame for this—the war or the washerwoman?

Trundlers' Generosity.—Leicestershire bowling clubs have provided a "bowlers' cot" in the Leicester Infirmary.

New Barley.—On King's Lynn Corn Exchange new barley fetched 110s. per quarter of 448lb.

All Bathing.—The attendance at the open-air bath at Chiswick last week broke the "record".

Mr. Grossmith.—The will of Mr. Weedon Grossmith, contained several unwitnessed amendments.

Rain.—A report from Poole, states that during a heavy rainstorm 500 rats were seen drinking from the gutter.

All Night.—A British officer was left in the top carriage of the Paris Great Wheel when it made its last turn in the evening.

His Poor Rate.—Nottingham Guardians report a deficiency of £30,000, equal to 8d. on the poor rate.

Expensive Theft.—For stealing eight tomatoes from an allotment on Hackney Downs, a boy was fined £5.

How He Got In.—A boy who was fined at Willesden, for stealing fruit, cut the barbed wire fence with pliers.

Drew Double.—A girl aged 18 at Rochester obtained double out-of-work pay by misrepresenting her age.

Influenza beaten in Australia.—In Australia the Influenza epidemic has now been practically overcome.

In the Dock.—A clergyman, who was fined at Marylebone for being drunk wore a handkerchief to conceal his collar.

Economies.—Aerodromes at Cowes, Colney and Beaulieu are being given up by the Air Force.

War Savings.—Savings Certificates sold during the week ended September 6 amounted to 1,904,408.

Low Prices for Pedigree Cattle.—Aberdeen Angus cattle sold at low prices at Swaylands, near Tonbridge.

The Glorious Dead.—The work of replacing the cenotaph in Whitehall by a permanent structure is to be taken in hand.

War Stone.—The first Great War Stone in the cemeteries of our dead is now being raised at Treport.

Only at Week-ends.—"He only gives way to drink during week-ends," said a wife, at a London Police court.

The Outlook.—Cloth for next season's suits is being bought at 4s. a yard dearer than this year.

The Only One.—"The only one vacant in London," is the description of a Willesden hotel, offered for sale.

Sunday Training.—So many runners do their training in Ashington Park, Northumberland, on Sundays that the council have decided to stop it.

Half a day's work.—"He has done only half a day's work in two years" said the chief constable regarding a Plymouth beggar.

Another Record.—The number of people who have visited the Maze at Hampton Court Palace this season has exceeded all records.

The Guards' Pay.—There is grumbling, at Chelsea and Wellington Barracks that the special "Guards' pay" has been abolished.

A Combination.—"Capital, labour, brains—that is the real Triple Alliance," says Sir John Eaglesome, director of railways, Nigeria.

A Souvenir.—M. Clemenceau has offered the pen and inkstand used for the signature of the Austrian Treaty to the Municipal Museum at St. Germain.

Why be a Civvy?—A recruiting officer says that youths feel that the Army as a profession is better than anything the labour market can offer.

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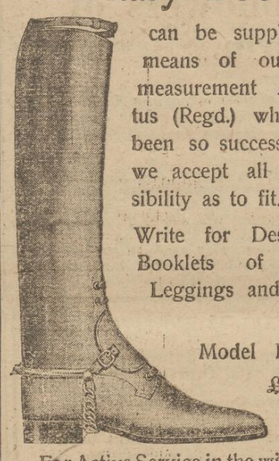

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ULTIMATUM TO GERMANY.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO ENFORCE OBEDIENCE TO ALLIES OR TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES.

BRITISH AGREEMENT WITH PERSIA.

BALTIC STATES.

ENTENTE DECIDES ON STERN MEASURES.

The Allies have at last decided to bring to an end the situation created in the Baltic provinces by the stubborn refusal of General von der Goltz to remove his troops from those states and take them back to Germany. The "Echo de Paris" of yesterday says that Marshal Foch, who was present at the last sitting of the Supreme Council, gave energetic advice which gained the day. He has therefore been authorised to notify Germany that the occupation of Lithuania by the army of von der Goltz constitutes a violation of the armistice for which the German Government at Weimar will be held responsible. If Germany persists in asserting that von der Goltz refuses to submit to its authority the Entente will then adopt the necessary measures.

It can be seen that this Note is a veritable ultimatum. The "Matin" also describes the Note as an ultimatum, which, according to another telegram, has already been sent.

In the meantime, while von der Goltz and his officers continue to pretend that their object is to protect the Baltic provinces against the Bolshevists, part of the German press declares his aims to be reactionary and that he is really preparing the way for a Monarchist restoration, using the Baltic provinces as a base for the organisation of an attempt in favour of the Hohenzollerns. "Vorwarts," for instance, yesterday published a communication received from a Social Democrat just returned from the the Baltic provinces stating that when he left there a week ago a large number of officers and men were arriving there daily from Germany, where they had been enlisted. In Courland even the smallest villages are occupied and there are more troops now than at any moment of the war. The plans for these German forces are admitted quite openly. He himself saw in the offices of the military command placards saying that the soldiers were to fight for the Kaiser against democracy. In order to give an appearance of acceding to the Government's instructions a few of these forces have been dissolved. These men are being sent to join Koltchak's army.

HERTZOG'S DISMAY.

S. AFRICAN NATIONALISTS' SET-BACK.

Signs are accumulating to prove that the Republican movement in South Africa has received a severe set-back. One of the South African party delegates at the late Reunion Congress makes the interesting statement that they were given clearly to understand that the Nationalists were prepared to drop the Republican cry, but the resolution passed was left rather vague, and some Nationalists have now tried to construe it in another sense.

It is evident that General Hertzog has made the dismaying discovery since his return that the feeling for restoration of political unity which is now common among the Dutch leads the more moderate section of his supporters to deprecate persistence in Republican propaganda as fatal to reunion. Hence his plea that it is for the coming Nationalist congress to decide what shall be the future policy of the party.

AUSTRIA OFF THE MAP.

"GERMAN ALPINE LANDS."

The Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Renner, speaking at a conference in Vienna, said the name "German Alpine Lands" would best correspond to the State's territorial composition, and the German-Austrian lands would probably in future be so described constitutionally. The way to union having been momentarily postponed, their State had the same geographical, legal, and economic position as Switzerland; and it would most likely be expedient for them to organise the State as a federation of self-governing towns and provinces.

STRIKE AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

On Friday night there was no performance of Arlecchino and Turandot at the Opera House as the choir declined to work in consequence of the Town Council having refused the demands of the choir and ballet. These demands were 6,000 marks a year for the men and 5,400 marks for the ladies. They were rejected because the Town Council held that such salaries would be disproportionate to those of other municipal employees. As the matter could not be settled at once the performance of Zar and Zimmermann was also cancelled. Money paid for tickets for the Friday and Saturday performances will be refunded.

PERSIAN AFFAIRS.

TRUTH ABOUT BRITISH AGREEMENT.

Lord Curzon, speaking on the Anglo-Persian agreement, said that in some quarters suspicion had been aroused as to the real character of the agreement. This arose in the main from misconceptions. It was stated that the agreement amounted to a protectorate by Great Britain over Persia but that was not the case. He would have opposed any idea of a protectorate as contrary to our repeated agreements, and he would have opposed it in the last resort because he would have regarded it as inimical to British interests. As a result of the great war Britain would have enough to do in the Eastern parts of the world without having to assume the responsibility of a protectorate over Persia. Those who believed that Great Britain as a result of this agreement was going to sit down in Persia to Anglicise or Indianise or Europeanise it were grossly mistaken. All they wanted to do was to give Persia expert assistance and financial aid which would enable her to carve out her own fortune as an independent and still living country. He had also seen it stated in some quarters that the agreement was a disparagement or a deliberate neglect of the League of Nations, to which most of us looked forward with such keen anticipations as the one agency which might save us in the future from the horrors of recent events. He contended that this was not the case. He said emphatically and on behalf of the British Government, and after a conversation with his Highness the Persian Minister that both the British Government and the Persian Government accepted unreservedly Articles 10 and 20 of the Covenant. When the Treaty of Peace was ratified and as soon as the Council of the League of Nations came into effective existence, it was the intention of both Governments to communicate the agreement to the Council of the League of Nations with an explanation and full defence of its conditions.

The Persian Minister, speaking in French, referred to his country's century-old friendship with Britain, which he said had not been the result merely of geographical circumstances, but also and above all of the unshakable devotion with which the British Government had upheld the Persian nation in its efforts for progress, liberty and prosperity.

FRENCH FINANCE.

REMINDER TO THE ALLIES.

France is perturbed concerning her industrial position after the Peace Treaty. "It would be too cruel that France, victorious on the field of battle, should be left destitute on the field of finance" said M. Viviani in the Chamber in a striking appeal to the Allies to help in his country's restoration. M. Viviani ridiculed the views of those who believed that Germany could suddenly raise thousands of men in spite of the Allies control, and added:—"Can you think that Germany would dare to provoke France in the face of mighty England and in the face of mighty America?"

The speaker drew a graphic picture of the economic situation in which France had been left by the war, and said that it was essential that the Financial Section of the League of Nations should become a reality. M. Viviani referred to the efforts made by the British, the Italians and the Americans at the side of France, and asked the Allies to remember that France was the bulwark of liberty.

FRENCH OFFICER DEGRADED

Capt. Castellbon, of the 14th French Colonial Infantry Regiment, has been condemned to five years' penal servitude and military degradation. On the eve of the offensive before Verdun on February 20, 1916, he surrendered to the enemy and thus involved his company.

Capt. Castelbonn, the War Council was informed, was slightly wounded, and affected by the violence of the bombardment and liquid fire. He refused to engage the enemy, notwithstanding the order to fight to a finish.

SUBMARINE DETECTORS.

A new corps of specialist submarine detectors is to be started in the Navy. They will be drawn from the present personnel, and no one outside the service will be enlisted for the work. The corps will start with sixty men, who will be drafted to the listening school at Portland in batches of twelve, training taking three months. The men, when qualified, will be entitled to extra pay of 3d., 6d., or 1s. a day according to the skill in detection with hydrophones which they attain.

FINSBURY MURDER.

WARREN SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Two seamen—Frank George Warren, alias Burke, a ship's cook, aged forty-one, and Harold Horatio Morgan, ship's steward, aged nineteen—were before Mr. Justice Darling at the Old Bailey charged with the murder of Mrs. Lucy Nightingale at Prah-road, Finsbury Park, on the night of Sunday, July 27.

The murder took place at the house of a man named Ball, where the woman was lodging. She was visited by Warren, and in the early hours of the following morning her body was found in the bedroom, bound, gagged and strangled.

Warren met at Cardiff a young woman named Olive Parton and brought her to London. Morgan followed. The two prisoners met Ball and Nightingale at the Blackstock public-house, and Warren and the woman went home together.

During the night screams were heard in the bedroom, and at a quarter past one Ball, who was very drunk, went upstairs, where he found the body of Nightingale lying on the floor.

At a quarter past two in the morning Warren and Morgan returned to Parton's lodgings. Next morning Warren gave Olive Parton three rings, which were undoubtedly the property of Nightingale. She noticed that Warren had a scratch on his face.

Nightingale was in the habit of secreting her money in unlikely places, and £9 was afterwards discovered hidden in an orange box.

Olive Parton told how, when out with the two men, she noticed a placard: "Woman Strangled at Finsbury Park." Warren and Morgan also saw it and looked at each other and smiled.

"I said to them 'My God; you have had nothing to do with that, have you?' Warren said: 'Why should you think we had anything to do with it? I said: 'It seems rather funny, but you came home in the early hours of the morning.'"

The trial was here interrupted by the witness fainting.

Henry Ball, of the Prah-road house, in his evidence said his recollection of the events was hazy until the Sunday night, when he woke up in the darkness and shouted for "Lizzie." He then found the woman's body.

Warren was sentenced to death. Morgan was found not guilty of murder and of being an accessory after the fact and was discharged.

Addressing Morgan, the Judge said: "Let me say a word to you. You have been in a very unpleasant position for a long time owing to the company you keep, and to your own immorality. You are now undergoing sentence for theft from your ship, and when you come out, make up your mind to lead a better life."

Morgan: Yes, sir.

The jury were only seven minutes absent in considering their verdict.

The judge, in passing sentence, said that Warren, who was already a thief, had made up his mind to rob the woman and strangle her.

Warren received the sentence unmoved.

GABRIELE DEFIANT.

DESTRUCTION BEFORE SURRENDER.

The Roman Idea Nazionale says that D'Annunzio's army consists of 10,000 regular troops, besides four battalions of Fiume volunteers. D'Annunzio has occupied the fortified line round Fiume as well as strategic positions. The National Council has seized stocks of foodstuffs lying in the harbour warehouses, and announces a blockade. There is a lack of meat but abundance of flour, rice and sugar. The soldiers and citizens have now thrown in their lot with D'Annunzio, and are determined to go to any extreme rather than give up Fiume.

Measures are being taken to destroy the town should resistance prove impossible. General Badoglio, Italian Military Commissioner, has arrived at Fiume. It is believed that the Government mean to starve out the town. General Diaz and the Duke of Aosta have been summoned to Rome.

GERMAN NAVY OUT.

For the first time since the war a German warship, viz., the small cruiser Regensburg, is to make a trip abroad. The Regensburg will, according to the Zeitung am Mittag, be ready to leave next week for South America, where she will first ascertain whether all the men of the interned crews of German merchantmen have been liberated, and next, the paper adds, conduct investigations into the question of the re-establishment of commercial relations with Germany.

BATTUE OF MOTOR BANDITS.

A sensational story, reminiscent of the doings of the motor bandits Bonnot and Garnier, comes from St. Germain-les-Arpajon, France.

Imitating these famous criminals, three young men drove up to a bank in a motor-car, and as soon as they were presented to the employee in charge covered him with revolvers and ordered him to give up all money in the bank. Not at all afraid, however, he defied the bandits, who fearing arrest, made off, pursued by the employee and another man. During the chase one of the would-be robbers fired several revolver shots, wounding both pursuers. Gendarmes subsequently organised a battue in La Folie Wood, assisted by sportsmen and a fusillade began. One of the bandits was shot in the breast and died in hospital. Another was arrested, and the third man escaped.

"DRY" CHICAGO.

TWO THOUSAND EXTRA POLICE ASKED FOR.

A favourite contention of pussyfoot orators is that prohibition lessens crime. This does not seem to be the experience of America. The Chicago Chief of Police has requested the city authorities to permit the addition of 2,000 constables to Chicago's police force because of the great increase in crime since prohibition became effective. Last month's crime records were 50 per cent. higher than those of any winter month this year, and 58 per cent. higher than in August of last year. Prohibition became effective on July 1 of this year, since when there has been a constant upward trend of criminal activities.

The same conditions exist in New York, where there has never before been such a series of daring and reckless crimes perpetrated as during the past two months. Burglary insurance companies report a 50 per cent. increase in business over that of last year because of the wide-spread alarm caused by the prevailing lawlessness of New York. The reason is said to be that the criminal classes are satisfying their craving for intoxicants by taking far more drugs than ever before, and while under the influence of the drugs they become practically irresponsible and engage in criminal activities which they would never have contemplated under the old conditions.

WYCOMBE LOCK-OUT.

CHAIRS BURNT IN STREET.

Disorderly scenes in connection with the furnishing trade lock-out at Wycombe, culminated in several disgraceful acts. A party visited the bowling green of which Alderman Walter Birch, chair manufacturer, is president, and smashed gates, threw a lawn mower into the road, also a sprayer, smashing both, and deck chairs. The unruly gang then went to a neighbouring chair manufacturer's premises, breaking windows, and Police-Sergeant Cordery narrowly escaped serious injury, being struck with a stone near the eye.

At a third furniture factory the crowd broke down the iron gates of a timber yard, overturned immense stacks of timber, and, going into the factory, took possession of a number of rush-seated chairs, smashing them up and setting fire to them in the public street. The mob pelted one of the heads of the firm with fish, which had been distributed during the morning by the Salvation Army to relieve distress in the town.

DEMORALISING DOLES.

Inquiries at Labour Exchanges show that unemployment doles have a demoralising effect on workers generally. While some men scorn the dole as they would the workhouse, others deliberately refuse work.

An employer who urgently required a cabinet-maker was put in communication by the Labour Exchange with a man who described himself as an aeroplane propeller finisher. "But you must have been a cabinet-maker to do that sort of work," said the employer. "I'll give you 3d. an hour above the trade union rate if you will take the job." The man refused, maintaining that his trade was that of an aeroplane propeller finisher. "This is the type of man who is a snow-shoveller in summer and a hay-maker in winter," said the disgusted employer. "We shall not make any real progress until the Government doles are stopped. They make wasters of honest men."

COMRADES AID EVICTED SOLDIER.

Extraordinary scenes were witnessed in Upper Clapton in connection with the impending eviction from his house of a discharged soldier with his wife and child. The man in question is ex-Corporal Saggers, who has a record of fifteen years' service. He is totally disabled, and despite every effort to find rooms elsewhere, has been unable to secure accommodation.

In anticipation of Sagger's goods being put into the street, a number of ex-service men yesterday paraded the thoroughfare carrying boards on which were printed posters with the words "Thou shalt not evict a disabled soldier," "Where are the homes for disabled heroes?" "The country's gratitude—eviction after fifteen years' service."

The reason given by the landlord for evicting the tenant is that he requires the premises for his own use.

1,000 DEAD IN STORM.

A heavy death roll and great damage to property are reported as a result of a tropical storm in South Texas on Sunday. The commander of the National Guard on duty on the coast has telegraphed that reliable information has been received that at least a thousand bodies are strewn along the shores of Corpus Christi and Nueces Bays.

In the neighbourhood of Corpus Christi the damage done to property is estimated to amount to three million dollars ($600,000) and 5,000 families are homeless.

News has been received that an aeroplane while trying to land in the Residency at Quetta crashed to the ground and burst into flames. As passenger, Captain Steele, and two Brahmins were killed. The pilot, an officer of the Air Force, was severely shaken.

DISABLED MEN.

SIR R. HORNE DENIES THEIR GRIEVANCES.

Should disabled men receive larger allowances while undergoing training for occupation in civil life?

A deputation from the Discharged and Demobilised Sailors' and Soldiers' Federation has urged on Sir Robert Horne, Minister of Labour, the need for increased grants, with a minimum of 40s a week.

The deputation complained that the allowance at present given includes the pension to which the disabled man is entitled. This, they held, was unfair.

Sir R. Horne pointed out that under the scale a single man in training received in all 40s. a week, plus 5s. bonus; a man with a wife and no children received 50s. a week, plus 5s. bonus; a man with a wife and three children received 69s. 6d. a week, plus 5s. bonus. He said he did not believe that these rates would be regarded as unreasonable, especially when it was kept in view that a man who had before the war been so skilled as to earn high wages was entitled to claim an alternative pension, the amount of which under the new scale came to the full wage he made before the war, with the addition of 60 per cent.

The claim put forward by the deputation, on the other hand, involved such a anomalous result as this—that a man with three children, being 70 per cent. disabled, but still capable of taking training, would receive 123s. 1. d. per week, plus the free training, while a man in similar circumstances completely disabled, and who was rendered incapable of taking any further active interest in life, would be receiving only 69s. 6d. He regretted that he was unable to meet the suggestions of the deputation.

UNITY OF POLICY.

COMPLETE ACCORD ON SYRIAN SETTLEMENT.

The "Times," in its principal leading article, welcomes a grateful change in the tone of French newspaper discussion on the Syrian question. Fuller explanations have cleared up all misunderstandings, and as the "Times" remarks it would have been "a stupid misprint on the page of history" had this not been done. The lesson to be learned from the matter is that "candour is the talisman of friendship."

The Emir Feisul has arrived in London as the guest of the British Government, and the "Times," after expressing the hope that his visit will afford an opportunity of bringing the new agreement into accord with Anglo French unity of policy, continues: "There was a time when France distrusted our motives, both in our Palestinian and our Arabian policy, and the same reasons that have brought the French to see that in Palestine our policy is unselfish and purely liberal, will incline her to honour the spirit of our engagements with the Arabs. Alike in Palestine and the northern portions of Arabia the joint motive of England and France is to see strong and independent states arise. If the Arab rule in Syrian towns can maintain order and conditions of progress there will be no French military occupation and the French interest will limit itself to securing the communications between the Syrian coast and its hinterland and to assisting Northern Arabia to make itself strong, independent and wealthy. France does not, any more than ourselves, want any extension of her military responsibilities in the East. There is delay in fixing the trans-Jordan frontier of Palestine as near as may be to the edge of the desert. We shall be careful not to sever communications between Arabia, Syria and the new federated states which lie to the South. Our motive will be to secure a good military frontier for Palestine and an eastern port on the Syrian desert to enable us to fulfil our mandate in Mesopotamia."

LIVING 115 PER CENT. UP.

It is reported in the Board of Trade Labour Gazette that the average increase in retail prices of the principal articles of food at Sept. 1 was 116 per cent., as compared with July, 1914, the corresponding figure for Aug. 1 being 117 per cent., taking the pre-war standard of consumption. For all the principal articles ordinarily entering into the pre-war working-class family budget the average increase in retail prices (including rents) was about the same as a month earlier, viz., about 115 per cent.

WAYS OF THE PROFITEER.

At Marylebone Police Court Mr. Biron passed sentence of three months' imprisonment, with hard labour, on James Smith, 28, a coal carman, for stealing two hundredweights of coal. The prisoner was sent out to deliver four half-ton loads of coal to poor people, but in two instances he delivered one sack short, and afterwards offered to sell the sacks for 5s. One of the customers he cheated was an invalid who was unable to check the number of sacks of coal put into her cellar.

£100 FOR A GLASS OF BEER.

For selling beer by glass instead of by imperial measure the maximum penalty of £100 was imposed by Rugby magistrates on a publican named George Tebbutt. The prosecuting solicitor stated that with a turnover of £300 weekly an illegal profit of £6 would be made by the practice adopted by Tebbutt.

ROYAL WARRANT.

OFFICERS' APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED).

SIXTH ARTICLE OF THE SERIES.

TABLE IX.

Royal Army Chaplains' Department.

The rates are under consideration and an early announcement will be made.

TABLE XI.I.

West Coast of Africa.

New regulations as to extra emoluments during service on the West Coast of Africa will shortly be issued. In the meantime officers serving on the West Coast of Africa will remain in receipt of the emoluments admissible under existing Warrants and will not draw any increases granted by this Warrant.

When new provisions are settled they will have retrospective effect, where possible, from 1st July, 1919.

ALLOWANCES.

TABLE XIV.

1. The following new rates and conditions will apply as from 1st July, 1919, unless otherwise stated, for all officers who draw the revised rates of pay provided in this Warrant. The existing classification under the Allowance Regulations will remain in force (except that a Colonel will be Class 5 in all cases), unless provision is made to the contrary in this Warrant. In the case of staff or other appointments allowances will be drawn on the classification of the appointment and not on the rank of the officer holding the appointment unless where provision to the contrary is made in this Warrant.

2. Ration Allowance.—Rations in kind or an allowance in lieu will be issuable to all officers serving at home or abroad for each day for which full pay is drawn.

3. Forage Allowance.—Staff officers whose pay under this Warrant is not consolidated will be eligible to draw forage or the allowance in lieu for the number of horses laid down for their appointments.

4. Hospital Stoppages.—From the date of this Warrant these stoppages will be made under normal peace conditions as laid down in the Allowance Regulations. The rates are subject to revision.

5. Furniture Allowance.—Married officers of the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and below and all married officers of higher rank not already provided for under paragraphs 268 and 269, Allowance Regulations, will, when not drawing consolidated rates of pay, be granted a furniture allowance of 2s. per day when occupying unfurnished quarters, or when drawing lodging allowance.

A Director, Class A, at the War Office will not be eligible for furniture allowance.

Quarters for unmarried officers will be furnished as at present.

The daily charge for furniture in furnished quarters and messes is permanently cancelled.

For the definition of married officer see paragraph 8.

6. Lodging Allowance at Home Stations.—For married officers as defined in paragraph 8:—

2nd Lieutenant, Lieutenant	Classes 13 and 14, 3s. 6d. per day.
Captain, Major, Lieut.-Colonel	Classes 6 to 12, 4s. 6d. per day.

For higher ranks and unmarried officers of all ranks the rates will remain as at present.

A married officer will not forfeit lodging allowance by reason of not occupying a single officer's quarters except that if he declines to occupy a single officer's quarters allotted to him under paragraph 9 he will not be entitled to the allowance in lieu.

7. Fuel and Light Allowance at Home Stations.

For married officers as defined in paragraph 8:—

	Winter Daily rates s. d.	Summer Daily rates s. d.
Class 1	5 3	2 9
" 2	4 9	2 6
" 3	4 3	2 2
Classes 4 and 5	3 5	1 9
" 6 to 12	2 4	1 4
" 13 and 14	1 2	0 8

For unmarried officers of all ranks the rates will remain as at present.

8. A married officer for the purposes of furniture, lodging and fuel and light allowances is one who is, or has been, married and is 30 years of age or over; but all officers serving on the date of this Warrant who are then or have then been married will be eligible for the grant irrespective of age.

9. When, owing to the exigencies of the service or to the absence of accommodation, it is impossible for the family of a married officer to be with him at the station at which he is serving he will be eligible to draw furniture, lodging and fuel and light allowances at home rates laid down for married officers in paragraphs 5, 6, and 7. He will, in addition, be entitled to the provision of a single officer's quarters for himself or, if he cannot be provided with such quarters, to the rates of lodging and fuel and light allowances laid down for an unmarried officer at the station at which he is serving.

10. Servant Allowance.—The rate will be 2s. a day, for each European servant, at home and abroad. This rate will also apply to the allowance in lieu of a mess servant provided for in paragraph 521, Allowance Regulations.

(To be Continued.)

Provisional figures of the weekly tonnage output of coal during the four weeks ended Sept. 6 are given in the "Board of Trade Journal." The production for the week shows an improvement of 154,000 tons.

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EACH AND ALL.

The cry of Reconstruction is becoming almost as tedious as that, now happily forgotten one of "Business as usual," so common at the commencement of the war.

But whereas in the latter there was much that was really despicable, a steady disregard of hard facts, there is much that is thoroughly praiseworthy in the former.

No one but a fool would close his eyes to the fact that Reconstruction is necessary. And the facts have been faced and the Government has tried to deal with them. Yet little has been done.

And where does the fault lie? One is impelled towards the answer that it is in the individual. We are not, as individuals, taking the strain as we should be doing. We are not pulling to the last ounce.

Never were advantages so great and so numerous in the Service as to-day for a young man to fit himself to take his place in the ranks of British citizenship. If he wants more training in the arts, the schools are there to give it him, if in the trades, the shops are ready to help him. And though one is bound to admit that many come forward for training yet there are many more who should do so.

There must be men left in the ranks, who at some time, perhaps at no too far off a date, were members of a public school. Do they think that because they have left it and gone into the Service their training is completed? They owe a duty not only to themselves but also to the State. They hold advantages many would give their all to possess.

They should, therefore, endeavour to reconstruct themselves by completing as far as in them lies possible, the training begun at school and probably all too soon cut short.

And the same thing applies to those who were apprentices. No knowledge is ever wasted. Some day an opportunity will atise where the knowledge of a certain small fact will be of use.

Lastly, there are those who have seen more of life and its duties than the majority of their comrades. They are running with the youngsters with the handicap of years. But it is never too late to reconstruct one or two ideas.

Age should bring with it experience and discretion, and hence, in acquiring fresh knowledge the older man will not rush off after some new and fascinating idea without bringing the microscope of a balanced mind into the judgment on the matter.

If every individual member of the British Army were to adopt this personal attitude towards the question of Reconstruction the character of the British Empire would be revolutionized within five years.

Miracles are said not to happen to-day. Possibly that is so, but it would be a great thing if only one out of every five who read this would attempt to follow out the idea.

A DAY IN WIESBADEN.

There is about Wiesbaden an air, an atmosphere, a "je ne sais quoi" of entrenched luxury and rich refinement, and it does a poor man good to dwell for a week-end in this mansion of the blessed.

Having determined to visit Wiesbaden, one takes some food for the train, leaves Cologne at 7.30 hours, and five hours later one is at Mainz. Opposite the station in this benighted city, one catches the tram that, in half an hour, lands one opposide the Kurhaus in Wiesbaden.

The tram will be full, because the ladies of Mainz shop in Wiesbaden; it is much cheaper. Also, the ladies of Wiesbaden shop in Mainz; it is not so dear. My private opinion is that Ali Baba was the founder of both cities.

Accommodation in Wiesbaden is no difficulty. There are many and good hotels, and everyone speaks English.

Waking up early, one goes to the Kaiser Friedrich baths. One could spend four hours there undergoing the treatment that, with vast labours, leaves fat men fat, and lean men lean. But I suggest just a soak in the famous hot spring, and then a plunge in the white, blue and gold swimming bath on the Pompeii pattern.

A WONDERFUL PROSPECT.

After that, a walk to the top of the Neroberg is essential. About half an hour it takes; and on the top, from the observation tower, one gazes at a landscape of wide extent and the rarest beauty. Amid tossing hills and valley covered with forest and vine as far as the horizon, one sees the whole toy town of Wiesbaden at one's feet, Bieberich and Mainz extending from it, and the silver ribbon of the Rhine winding in and out at the base of the further foothills, and beyond them the mountains of Lorraine.

The Neroberg is clad with stately firs and oaks, and from the observation tower can be seen, through an avenue in the trees, the golden minarets of the Russian Church erected by a Grand Duke of Hesse-Nassau to the memory of his wife, a Russian Princess. The gold of the minarets will now be eclipsed by the tints of Autumn; man's art seems insignificant beside Nature's tribute to dying summer.

A ROMANTIC WALK.

I had a friend once, who loved with a deep and abiding love, a maiden fair. The maiden plighted her troth to him, but there appeared a wealthy lover, and the maiden broke her troth and spurned the rich offering my friend had laid at her feet. My friend for five years travelled and laboured the world over, thinking that the heat and burden of the day would dull the anguish in his heart. And then, heart-whole, he took a holiday in Wiesbaden, and walked the same walk that I recommend and, having gazed his fill upon the wonderful carpet that Nature spread in front of him, he walked pensively into the green forest. And there, on a bench in a secluded spot he found the maiden of his thoughts. She had married her wealthy lover, and they had been unhappy, and the marriage had ended; and now she was crocheting the story of her love and sorrow, her treachery and retribution, into a table-centre of wonderful design. Shortly afterwards she married my friend.

GLORIOUS SINGING.

Walking in the woods of the Neroberg one green and golden Sunday, there burst on my enraptured ears the full tones of a male choir. Service was being given in the open. The singing was beautiful, and the full chords of the choir and melting tones of the tenor were wafted to me through the glades between the greenfringed trees. The sun, the sky and the forest joined in a paean of praise to the Maker of them all. Parsifal before the Grail was not more entranced than I at this singing in one of Nature's Cathedrals.

For lunch, I leave the tourist to his own devices. Salmon and Niersteiner or periwinkles and beer are equally delightful in those surroundings. And besides, it is one's sentiments and not one's soup that make a dinner.

Tea is taken only on the Marble Terrace of the Kurhaus. Orchestras discourse sweet music, the patisserie is exquisite, and the grounds are alive with the colours of frocks and flowers. Wiesbaden is sunning itself.

BACK TO LOUIS XIV DAYS.

Dinner is also to be had in the same place. The choicest wine, music heard affar off, the illuminations of the grounds, the chic toilettes of the Wiesbadenoises, and the atmosphere of well-bred gaiety take one back to the Court of Louis XIV. There has been no war, nor could anything disagreeable happen in this Dresden China world. Why, at the next table there are two Princesses of the House of France. They have glanced once or twice—not unkindly I thought—in our direction during dinner. Ah! for a moment's intimacy with those peerless creatures, gazing deep into those languishing eyes, fringed with long lashes that droop occassionally on a velvet cheek. But no; without the ceremony of an introduction it never could be. There is a sedate old lady with them.

A dance will take place in the Kurhaus to-night. The music starts, A thrill of expectancy raises all heads. Princess Louise looks at me again with the faintest entreaty in her eyes. Drinking hurriedly a glass of champagne to nerve myself, I rise and make my bow to the Chaperone, and ask if Madame will pardon the liberty I am taking. But there is dancing, and I would sell my soul to dance. Would she allow Mademoiselle, if Mademoiselle would care?.....Avec plaisir!

There is an opera at Wiesbaden, and a theatre, and a museum, and many walks of interest. What avails it to write them here? Are they not written in the Chronicles of the Book of Baedeker?

"NUMPUS."

CAN YOU WRITE?

The Editor will be glad if officers and men of the Rhine Army will contribute to this paper. The need for contributions is the greater now that so many of our regular writers are leaving for home. All accepted articles etc. are paid for and may be on any topic likely to interest the troops on the Rhine. The Editor hopes for a hearty response to this invitation. Lack of a finished literary style need deter no one from submitting something. Provided the subject matter is interesting, the Editorial staff can supply any deficiencies. No contribution should exceed 500 words and even shorter ones will be welcome.

THE DREAM—AND THE REALITY.

It was Saturday evening in Cologne. Doubtless, it was Saturday evening in other places also, but nowhere was the usual bustling, frolicsome, cork-popping atmosphere of that joyous week night less in evidence than in Cologne on this particular Saturday.

As 19.00 hours approached the waiters in the cafés rubbed their hands in anticipation of the usual influx of Tommies and the tips which invariably followed the serving of the wine.

At 20.00 hours, the waiters were still rubbing their hands, but more slowly, and, so to speak, reflectively, their countenances mirroring the anxiety in their minds.

At 21.00 hours they were wringing their hands in depair, and at 22.00 hours they had given up hope of Tommy and were making valiant efforts to cut their losses by assiduous attention to the requirements of their compatriots.

In the same cafes, during the same hours, many a disappointed Fraulein mingled her tears with her wine, weeping for the cavalier that was not; eventually, bereft of hope, astonishing her relations by the unusually early hour of her return home.

At the Deutsches', Shaw was played to an audience even smaller than was customary with him in the days when he was a fad rather than a habit. The Opera House was in scarcely better case.

The cinemas "reeled" under the blow of diminished audiences; Charlie Chaplin cut his customary capers, whilst Mary Pickford smiled her sweetest; but of Tommies few were there to pay tribute to the the humour of the one or the sentiment of the other.

In the large hall of the Central Y.M. the position was tragic. The Francis-Mackenzie combination met, but found no subject for jest in the empty seats confronting it.

Each party blamed the other's witticisms as responsible for a situation which each claimed to have predicted more than once.

For the first and last time, the Doctor lost his usual good humour as no front line of resplendent cigarrette cases opened to his view.

Finally, not a cigarette queue was seen — a fact affording conclusive proof of the extraordinary state of affairs which prevailed.

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Yet, despite appearances, the Rhine Army had not gone home. There was practically the same number of troops on the Rhine as on the day previous to this Saturday of unhapoy memory.

Some were in their billets, a few were in klink, a few, more fortunate, were in the Excelsior; but by far the greater number crowded the writing rooms of the different Clubs and Institutes.

But wherever they were, they were all feverishly at work. Never had there been such a craving for buckshee note-paper; never so extraordinary a demand at the A.P. & S. Depot for A.B's 152; never had the unfortunate duty men there so envied their comrades' freedom.

Throughout the whole area of British occupation pencils were flying over paper as fast as the Allied aviators flew over Germany territory during the later stages of the war. The Rhine Army seemed to be writing for dear life.

To such a state of chaos had the "Cologne Post" reduced the Forces by the innocent, harmless-looking question, "Can you write?"

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The Editor woke with a start. Turning to his Sub, he enquired:

"Our last appeal brought in anything?"

"Only one article, Sir," replied the Sub, and he handed his chief this.

The Editor cast a sleepy glance through it.

"Oh! shove it in if nothing decent turns up" he muttered, and resumed his slumbers.

E. J. TELLUM.

THE LIGHTER SIDE.

THE DOCTOR KNEW.

The conversation in the village hostel had turned on war, when one of the company asked: "Which is the most war-like nation?" "Vacci-nation," replied a doctor, "it's always in arms."

HIS REASON.

New Recruit (to Quartermaster): "Can I have my puttees changed, sir?" Quartermaster (eyeing puttees): "But your puttees are new—you've only had them a few days. Why do you want them changed?" New Recruit: "They're too tight, sir."

BEATEN.

Yankee: "You talk about your buildings here, why, I saw our skyscrapers put up in a week!"

Britisher: "That's nothing; I was going to work yesterday morning and I saw the builders starting on a row of 50 houses, and when I came home at night, what do you think was being done?"

Yankee: "Oh, I guess they were drawing the foundations out."

Britisher: "Nay, they were turning the tenants out for the back rent."

SPOLLING THE PLEASURE.

Sandy: "There's no muckle pleasure in smokin', Jock."

Jock: "Hoo, dae ye mak' that oot?"

Sandy: "Well, ye see, if ye're smokin' yer ain 'bacca ye're thinkin' o' the awfu' expense, an' if ye're smokin' some ither body's yer pipe's rammit sae tight it winna draw!"

UNANSWERABLE.

Doting Father: "What my dear, a new gown and outfit for your confirmation? Won't your last dress do well enough?"

Wheedling Daughter: "Now, papa dear, how could you think of it? Surely you wouldn't have your little pet confirmed in her old habits?"

A MILITARY JOKE.

In giving vent to his feelings on his discharge, an old soldier wrote to his late colonel:—"Sir,—After what I have suffered, you can tell the Army to go to hell." In due course he received the following:—"Sir,—Any suggestions or inquiries as to movements of troops must be entered on Army Form 123 XYZ, a copy of which I enclose."

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

THE MEDAL HABIT.

Sir,—We notice that it is proposed to present a medal and ribbon to all those connected in any way with the British Peace Delegation.

If medals are to be given for a well-paid trip on the Continent under practically normal conditions, little wonder some Tommies are too disgusted to wear the medals they fought so hard for on the battlefields of France and Flanders.

ROSE AND THISTLE.

A STRICKEN VILLAGE.

Sir,—I read the article under the above heading with a certain amount of interest and am glad to find that Hawkeye cherishes sweet memories of at least one estaminet, but I readily call to mind estaminets — at least they were called by that name — whose owners must now look back on the presence of English troops in their locality with a certain amount of satisfaction.

Profiteering was a word little used in those days but then Tommy had not his daily newspaper. Prices out of all proportion to the value of the article were asked and Tommy had no alternative but to pay up. Other readers have doubtless had some experience of Belgian shopkeepers.

SCHOOL CAMP.

WIVES AND EFFICIENCY.

Sir,—What must be the thoughts of many English wives when they read letters written by individuals of Bachelor's kidney?

Have not these same wives and many hundreds of others done their bit at home, carrying on without the excitement which at least buoyed up officer and man in the line? Many must have spent weary hours of anxiety.

No right-thinking individual will deny that they have not earned some right to that consideration which our respected C-in-C has extended to them in allowing them to come to the Rhine.

Better this at any rate and extra work for Bachelor than Fraternisation. I have yet to learn that that makes for efficiency. What has Bachelor to say on that point?

ASTRAL.

Sir,—As far as I am concerned, I wish my hubby, who is a Signals officer, was one of those who neglect their duties to take me out.

I should be having a much nicer time if he would, but he is conscientious and keen on his work, and as his wife, although I believe he is glad to have me here, I suffer.

I have not had one joy ride with him and am left to my own devices. After a week or two of this existence on the Rhine one feels a bit home-sick. I shan't stay as long as I intended.

I expected the time of my life, but regret to say I'm not having it. I feel envious of other women I see who are thoroughly enjoying themselves. Please don't print my name.

SECRET.

A PAY CONUNDRUM.

Sir,—With regard to the joyous tidings contained in "The Post" could some kind super-mathametician reply to this riddle?

If a soldier receives 4 3 per day under the present scale of pay, how much will he be in credit if the scale is altered to 2 9 and dated back to July 1st, and can he draw the credit accruing in hard cash, War Loan or surplus rolling stock!

GIFT HORSE EXAMINER.

ON THE RHINEBOATS.

Sir,—A point seems to have been made of the supposed distinction existing between the Germans and English in their eating and drinking capabilities. Your correspondents are evidently out to make the average German appear a mere gourmandiser; he lives for eating and not eats to live.

In the interests of fair-play I protest against this libel on the German people as a whole. It is quite easy in England to pick out isolated instances, as your correspondents have on the Rhineland steamers, of Englishmen who set themselves out to beat records in either eating or drinking.

I have heard of Englishmen who have sat down and drank thirty and forty pints of beer, but do the English or the Germans as a nation eat or drink to excess?

I say that the Englishman eats far more than the German. Your correspondents should remember that in a German household breakfast is practically unknown. It usually consists of a cup of coffee and perhaps a piece of bread and butter. Lunch or dinner is a very small affair and it is only in the evenings that the German partakes of his main meal of the day.

The average Englishman usually has a breakfast consisting of porridge and egg and bread and butter and marmalade at eight o'clock. Then at twelve o'clock he has fish, cold meat, vegetables and sweets. At four o'clock he has tea, bread and butter and generally cakes and at seven o'clock soup, fish, meat, two or three kinds of vegetables, sweets, cheese and dessert.

You mention these facts to an average German family and they are aghast at what the Englishman eats.

FAIR-PLAY.

LOVE AND LIFE.

All my past life is mine no more;
The flying hours are gone,
Like transitory dreams given o'er,
Whose images are kept in store
By memory alone.

The time that is to come is not;
How can it then be mine?
The present moment's all my lot;
And that, as fast as it is got,
Phillis, is only thine.

Then talk not of inconstancy,
False hearts, and broken vows;
If I by miracle can be
This-live-long minute true to thee,
'Tis all that Heaven allows.

ROCHESTER.

COLOGNE RACES.

Capital Sport At September Meeting At Merheim.

A threatening morning developed into a delightful afternoon for the Cologne September race meeting at Merheim yesterday. The races have been increasingly popular since their inauguration early in the year, and in spite of a depleted army of occupation there was a huge attendance, including a larger percentage of English ladies.

The programme was well up to the usual standard and for the various events the most noted Rhineland performers had been entered. Consequently the quality of the sport provided was very high, some excellent racing being witnessed.

There was a chilly autumn atmosphere and "British warms" were for the first time very much in evidence.

2.00 DELHI PLATE. (1st DIVISION).

5,000 marks to the winner; for horses of the Army of the Rhine which have never won a race and to be ridden by officers qualified to enter. To carry 11 stone; 5 furlongs straight.

Remember Me., 11st., Maj.-Gen. Tudor 1 (Lt. Campbell Russell, R.A.S.C.).
Flaming June, 11st., Owner . . . . . 2 (Lt.-Col. M. Stopford, Rfle. Bde.).
Dark Prince, 11st., Capt. Stanyforth . 3 (Capt. C. Wynne-Jones).

Also ran:—Cunning Katie, Jane, Debility, Lily, Lady III, Nigger, Jimcrack, Billet Doux, Daylight, Betty, Fidget, Pretty Jane and Hellan Laddie.

Winner:—16 to 10, Places 12—10, 27—10 and 13—10.

Remember Me led from the start, Maj.-Gen. Tudor, hugging the fence for the full distance, and won comfortably by two lengths, one length second and third.

2.45 THE ALMA STEEPLECHASE.

4,000 marks to the winner; for horses of the Army of the Rhine that have never won a Steeplechase or Hurdle race and to be ridden by officers qualified to enter. To carry 11.7 stone; about 2 miles.

Sindorf Lad, 11st. 7lbs., Lt. Usher . . . 1 (Lt.-Col. C. Terrot, Innis. Drgs.).
Maori, 11st. 7lbs., Owner . . . . . 2 (Capt. J.C. Humphrey, Innis Drgs.).
Agag, 11st. 7.bs., Owner . . . . . 3 (Lt.-Col. C. Alban, Kings Regt.).

Also ran:—Stanton, Remember Me, Tango, Old King Cole, Rubylight, Splinter, Grey Bird, Greater Britain, Patricia, Poobah, Old Man, Mike II, Sticks, Roy, Ballingtaggart, Paddy II, Bobby III, Civil, Light Brigade, The Parrot and Bowman.

Winner.—24—10, Places 17—10, 43—10 and 57—10.

Sindorf had made most of the running and, though challenged at half distance, shot ahead again, winning by two and a half lengths from Maori. One length second and third. There were several horses in close proximity at the finish.

3.30 DELHI PLATE. (SECOND DIVISION).

3,000 marks to the winner; for horses of the Army of the Rhine which have never won a race and to be ridden by officers qualified to enter. To carry 11 stone, 5 furlongs straight.

Geebung, 11st, Maj.-Gen. Tudor . . . . . 1 (Lieut. C. Rees).
Jingling Geordie, 11st 11b Owner . . . . 2 (Lieut. W. Kennis, Inakg. Drgs.)
Why Not, 11st Lieut. Lumsden . . . . . 3 (Maj. C. Lemon, R.F.A.)

Also ran: Pongo, Harmony, Peach, Gordelphus, Squirrel, Fife G, The Apostle, Patchwork and Polly III.

Winner:—25—10. Places, 12—10, 14—10 and 15—10.

Major-Gen. Tudor brought home his second winner in this race. Jingling Geordie got well away and led until near the post when Geebung successfully challenged and won by half-a-length. Two lengths divided second and third.

4.15 HANDLEY CROSS STEEPLECHASE.

5,000 marks to the winner. A handicap steeplechase for horses of the Allied Armies and to be ridden by officers qualified to enter. About 2½ miles.

Late Report, 10st. 6lbs., Owner . . . . 1 (Lt. R. Bulteel, 17th Lancers).
Firefly III, 11st. 7 bs., Lt, Bloodworth 2 (Capt. J. Birkenshaw-Idle, R.A.V.C.).
Golden Sunset, 13st., Owner . . . . . 3 (Lt. R. Usher, Innis Drgs.).

Also ran:—Rednal, Blaze, Double Ruff, Morning Star, Patsy and George.

Winner:—20—10, Places 11—10, 13—10 and 12—10.

From the fall of the flag Late Report led, Firefly III lying second. Golden Sunset was well to the rear. Midway Firefly assumed the lead and Golden Sunset was creeping up. Late Report was not to be denied, came to the fore half a mile from home, and won comfortably. Golden Sunset struggled hard for a second place, but a magnificent effort failed by a good head. It was a great race.

5.00 SOUVENIR CUP.

5,000 marks to the winner; together with a cup value 3,000 marks for horses of the Allied Armies other than the British Army and to be ridden by officers qualified to enter. To carry 11 stone.

Radius, 11st, Owner . . . . . 1 (Cmdt. H. Comte d'Oultremont, 1st Guides)
Batuclan, 11st, Owner . . . . . 2 (Lieut. de Garffien, 2nd Guides)
Paulette, 11st, 5lbs. Owner . . . . . 3 (Lt. L. Servais, 1st Guides).

Also ran: Peck and Silex.

Winner:—15—10. Places 12—10 and 19—10.

Of the small field Radius and Batuclan proved themselves superior and this pair made all the running with Radius leading. Radius won in a canter by three lengths, and five lengths separated second and third. After the race the cup was presented to the successful owner and rider amid applause.

5.45 FAREWELL STAKES.

5,000 marks to the winner; A handicap for horses of the Allied Armies and to be ridden by officers qualified to enter. One mile.

Ballyhooley, 10st 9lbs Lt. Bloodworth 1 (Lieut. W. Fenelly, R.A.V.C.)
Polly Dear, 11st 7lbs Owner . . . . . 2 (Maj.-Gen. Tudor)
Johnnie Walker, 11st 12lbs Owner . . 3 (Lieut.-Col. T. Melvill, 17th Lancers)

Also ran:—Billy, Eau de Cologne, Digby Grand, Golden Syrup, Sindorf Lad, Romeo II, Byron, Swansong and Peach.

Winner:—51—10, Places 13—10, 12—10, 15—10.

Ballyhooley took the lead at once and maintained it to the post. Byron kept in close attendance for a time but failed to stay, and Polly Dear and Johnnie Walker then came into the picture and finished second and third, a length and a half dividing them. By two lengths.

LANCS. DIV. ARTILLERY.

Gymkhana Cup Presented to "A" Battery 168 Bde.

An interesting presentation was made on Friday to "A" Battery, 168 Bde., R.F.A. in the shape of a handsome silver cup inscribed "Lancashire Division Gymkhana Cup presented by Brig.-Gen. T.A. Tyler, C.B., C.M.G., won by A/168 Bde. R.F.A. Bonn 1919."

Gen. Tyler, who was accompanied by Major Burne (Brigade Major), in handing the cup to Major Hoare, made some very eulogistic remarks on the Battery's success in the Divisional show. In the course of his speech, he referred also to the good work of the Battery in all departments during the year, and especially to the quality of its horeflesh, than which he thought no better would be found in the Army of the Rhine.

The General, who is a lover of sport and actively participates in golf, running, swimming, fishing, polo etc, was greeted with rounds of applause when Major Hoare received and thanked him for the cup on behalf of the Battery,

ENGLISH RACING.

There was a remarkable market on the Durham Handicap at Yarmouth on Thursday, 9 to 2 the field being obtainable for a long time, and all the halfdozen runners were brightly backed.

Details:—

Selling Nursery Handicap:—1, South Notts; 2, First Leaf; 3, Inquirer.
Gorleston Nursery Handicap:—1, La Hogue; 2, Verna; 3, Trinia.
Yare Selling Handicap:—1, Of Chance; 2, Double Deck; 3, Caxton.
Durham Handicap:—1, Neutral; 2, Greek Star; 3, Rescue.
Two-year-old Plate:—1, Cicerone; 2, Gilden Spurs; 3, Flower Cup.
Sandringham Maiden Plate:—1, Sanitarium; 2, On Leave; 3, Brussiloff.
Alloway two-year-old Selling Plate:—1, Bal Masque; 2, Billbeck; 3, Favilla.
Cuninghame Selling Welter Handicap Plate:—1, Radius; 2, Kingraig; 3, Midton.
Ayrshire Handicap:—Wildwood; 2, Fair Thorn; 3, Gotha.
Kyle Handicap:—1, Valley; 2, Lady Sylvia; 3, Mount Lebanon.
County Cup:—1, Jabbock; 2, Chaltof; 3, Eaton Hero.
Juvenile Handicap:—1, Septonville; 2 Loro; 3, Wintringham.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Sunday, September 21st, 1919.

Wind westerly, 10 to 15 m.p.h.; squalls, continuing cold, with occasional rain. Visibility fair.

THE "WHIP-HO'S" WIN.

The Grunting 127 H.B. Heavies unbeaten Record.

The heavy tug-of war team of the 127 Heavy Battery reached the zenith of success by defeating by two pulls to nil the team representing 35th Bde. R.G.A. and VI Corps at the Rhine Army Championship meeting, thereby winning the Rhine Army heavy-weight tug-of-war trophy. Both teams entered the final unbeaten in all the eliminating competitions. Great credit is due to Sgt. Higginson (coach) and the team, for their hand work in training. All honour is due to them for remaining as a Battery team; what with the coach, the battery war-cry of whip-ho and the famous growl, they carried all before them. The majority of the team will shortly be demobilized, having stayed behind to pull right through to the final, but they take away with them pleasant memories of their stay on the Rhine and the sportsmanlike spirit that runs through all ranks and units.

WALTER ROSS DEFEATED.

Criqui Knocks out British Champion in 15th Round.

AN EXCITING FINISH.

At the Holborn Stadium Eugene Criqui, of France, knocked out Walter Ross, the British bantam-weight champion, in the fifteenth round after an exciting contest. On the result of the contest £800 in side stakes depended and a purse of a similar amount. Criqui showed his superiority from the commencement; his form was a revelation to those who had seen him in his contest in the same arena with Tom Noble, and had judged him accordingly. He showed cleverness, strength, and speed, and helped by his height and longer reach he frequently got through Ross's guard to the face with a fast and accurate left, while once in the second round the little champion was countered splendidly with a right on the chin.

At long range the Frenchman had distinctly the best of matters, shooting out his left to the face with precision and power, and side-stepping his opponent very smartly and cleverly. Having been very successful with his right in the early stages of the bout, he became rather too fond of that hand, against which Ross was well on guard by now, for he was not again "caught" by it until the ninth round. In this round, however, Ross did some damage on his own account, a left hook opening a severe cut over Criqui's left eye. This naturally became a target for Ross subsequently, and, partially blinded for a moment in the tenth round, Criqui fell into a hard right to the jaw which unsteadied him, and then made him run into a clinch. Indeed, the Frenchman seemed a bit tired about this time, and often held, and lay on his man, Mr. Corri parting the pair half-a-dozen times in the twelfth round, in which Criqui got home with his right on the jaw almost as the bell rang, though Ross just turned his head sufficiently to avoid the full force of the blow.

A Sensational Finish.

The "fatal thirteenth" came and went without incident. There was again some holding and laying-on by Criqui, who meanwhile was gaining his second wind, and half-way through the fourteenth round, on breaking from a hold, he suddenly flashed a left to the jaw and a right to the other side. Ross was obviously shaken, and a few seconds from the end of the round received two similar blows which sent him down. At the count of "seven" the round ended, and the gong sounded, but as no one had heard the counting it was assumed that Ross had been counted out, and Criqui's friends crowded into the ring to congratulate him. Mr. Corri was informed of the circumstances, and of course, after the proper interval ordered the men to "box on." Criqui was alive to the situation, but Ross was not, and was an easy prey to a right-hand blow on the jaw which put him down for the full count.

GREAT BOXING FIXTURES.

Beckett and Carpentier to meet in London in December.

Prior to the contest between Walter Ross and Eugene Criqui at the Holborn Stadium, Mr. C. B. Cochran made two important boxing anouncements. He said that having been unable to obtain a date at Olympia until next May he had arranged for the Carpentier-Beckett match, at great financial sacrifice, to take place at the Holborn Stadium on Thursday December 4th. He was anxious for the contest to be decided this year in order that the winner might meet Jack Dempsey at Olympia in May for the world's title.

BIG TRIO FAIL.

Vardon, Taylor and Braid Go Under at Sonning.

Three of the most famous players in golfing annals, Harry Vardon, the present and six times champion, J. H. Taylor, and James Braid, both five times champions, failed to qualify in the Southern Section's thirty-six holes eliminating competition for the Professional Golfers' Association tournament for £590, presented by the proprietors of the "News of the World," at Sonning.

Vardon took 157, Taylor 158, and Braid 162. Another ex-champion in Jack White failed with 156.

The only ex-champions to qualify were Edward Ray and Alec Herd, and these two shared the top position with the home professional, Abe Mitchell, at 146. The best return for yesterday's eighteen holes was 72 by Ray, and the young assistant, A. Boomer, from St. Cloud, France.

THE CALCUTTA CUP.

The semi-final stage of the Royal and Ancient Club's competition for the Calcutta Cup was entered upon at St. Andrews in the first match, Augus Hambro, M.P. (plus 2), beat H. E. Taylor (plus 1), and in the second W. A. Sievwright (scr) beat P. R. Selby (handicap 3) by 1 up.

In the final, Augus Hambro, M.P. (plus 2), beat W. A. Sievwright (scratch), by 4 up and 2 to play.

SUCCESSFUL SPORTS.

9th Durham Light Infantry Hold Annual Meeting.

The 9th D.L.I., considered themselves very fortunate in getting the use of the British Army of the Rhine P. and R.T. ground at Riehl on Friday. As the event took place the day after the Army Championships Meeting considerable labour and trouble was saved in finding and preparing another ground elsewhere. With this initial advantage, a good list of entries, and an all-round keenness the meeting might have been one of the most successful held in the history of the battalion had the rain kept off.

Headquarters Company just managed to beat "B" Coy. for the Company Athletic Challenge Cup, while Pte. Gurnett, "A" Coy. succeeded in winning the Champion Athletic Cup.

At the close Mrs. J. W. Jeffreys distributed the prizes. The band of the 52nd Durham Light Infantry played during the afternoon (by kind permission of the Commanding Officer).

Results.

Cross country race:—1, Pte. Gurnett; 2, Pte. Archer; 3, Pte. Shearstone; 4, C. Q. M. S. Etherington.

100 yds:—1, L/Cpl. Smith; 2, Pte. Marsh; 3, Pte. Brooks.

High jump:—1, Lieut. Davenport; 2, Pte. Schultz; 3, Pte. Ramsden.

440 yds.:—1, Pte. Gustard; 2, Lieut. Cross; 3, Pte. Brooks; 4, Pte. Reynolds.

Obstacle race:—1, Cpl. Cumberledge; 2, Pte. Hammond.

Pillow fight:—1, Pte. Ogle; 2, Pte. Capes.

220 yds.:—1, L/Cpl. Bussey; 2, Pte. Marsh; 3, L/Cpl. Smith.

Throwing the bomb:—1, Pte. Lord; 2, Pte. Malcalfe.

Wheelbarrow race:—1, Pte. Ogle and Gray; 2, Pte. Kidney and Senior.

Tug-of-war:—1, "C" Coy; 2, H.Q.

Sack race:—1, Pte. Ogle; 2, Sgt. Stelling.

Cycle race:—1, Sgt. Stelling; 2, Pte. Arcaer.

Long jump:—1, Pte. Brooks; 2, Pte. Ramsden.

Bareback mule wrestling:—1, Transport Officers team.

Three legged race:—1, Ogle and Gray; 2, Pte. Powell and Pissey.

One mile:—1, Pte. Gurnett; 2, Pte. Wilson; 3, Cpl. Pridmore.

Veterans race:—1, Pte. Hammond; 2, Lt. Clubbe; 3, Pte. Middlemass.

Relay race:—1, A Coy.; 2, C Coy.; 3, H.Q.

Fancy dress:—Cpl. Pridmore.

Open 440 yds.:—1, Sgt. Whellow; 2, Lt. Pinder, 3, Capt. Soltenstoll.

Band race:—1, Pte. Heward; 2, Pte. Usher.

Officers' mule race:—1, Capt. Dodds, 2, Maj. Moore.

D.L.I. mile:—1, Lt. Mitchell, 20th D.L.I.; 2, Capt. Andrews, 51st D.L.I.; 3, Pte. Bell, 51st D.L.I.

Boot race:—1, Cpl. Ogle; 2, Pte. Hammond.

Boat race:—H.Q. Sgt. Dickens' team.

Regtl. relay race:—N.C.O.'s team.

OUR FOOTBALL FEATURE.

Attractive Series Of Articles To Commence Shortly.

We are able to announce to-day that the first of the splendid series of football articles, being published for the benefit of our many readers who are football enthusiasts, will appear shortly. As previously announced the articles are written by great international exponents of the game or by men of equally high standing in the football world, and, dealing with the great game from attractive points of view, cannot fail to prove immensely interesting.

HOCKEY FRIENDLY.

13th King's Liverpool Regt. defeat 1st King's Bde. School.

The above friendly hockey match was played on Wednesday last at Beuel. The first half was evenly contested, only one goal being scored by C.S.M. Stott, 13th Kings. The second half was all in the favour of the 13th and with the exception of one breakaway from which L/Cpl. Bebe scored, the Bde. School were kept on the defensive. The combination of the 13th King's forward line was excellent and had it not been for the sound defensive play of Lieut. Potter a bigger score would have been compiled. Two goals were added by C.S.M. Stott the result being 13th King's Liverpool Regt. 3 goals, 1st King's Bde. School, 1 goal. For the 13th, 2/Lt. Heriot, C.S.M. Stott and Sgt. Marsden were the outstanding players, while Lieut. Potter of the Bde. School played a great game at right back.

GIRLS' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Girls' Open Golf Championship—the first event of its kind—which was brought to a close at Stoke Poges on Thursday, ended in a victory for Miss Audrey Croft, of Ashford Manor, who in the final beat Miss Christiana Clarke, of Reddish Vale, by 1 up. Miss Croft is 17 years of age.

A CHANCE FOR ALL.

Our new Football Competition a Test of Judgment.

SEND YOUR SELECTIONS.

Are you a judge of football form, and if so have you made your selections for next Saturday's matches? Our Competition is a real test of judgment and skill and a rare opportunity for displaying an intimate knowledge of the great game.

Below will be found a coupon giving twelve matches which are to be played on Saturday, Sept. 27th. All that competitors have to do is to strike out in ink the names of the teams they think will lose. If, in the opinion of the competitor, any match, or matches, will be drawn, the names of both teams should be left untouched.

Coupons which must be accompanied by an entry fee of 1 mark per coupon must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 1
COLOGNE POST
A.P.O., S./40 Rhine Army

and must reach that address not later than Thursday, Sept. 25th. The total amount received in the entry fees (without any deduction whatever) will be paid out to the senders of the correct, or the nearest correct, forecast of the results of all these matches.

List Of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.

2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.

3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.

4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.

5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.

6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.

7. Any entries received after Thursday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mis aid or delayed Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.

8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 1.

Date of matches, **Saturday**, Sept. 27th
Closing date, **Thursday**, Sept. 25th.

Blackburn Rovers	**v. Woolwich Arsenal**
Bradford	**v. Aston Vilia**
Chelsea	**v. Burnley**
Derby County	**v. Bolton Wanderers**
Birmingham	**v. Huddersfield**
Bristol City	**v. Fulham**
Bury	**v. Hull city**
Clapton Orient	**v. South Shields**
Brentford	**v. Crystal Palace**
Bristol Rovers	**v. Newport**
Exeter	**v. Watford**
Gillingham	**v. Queen's Park Rangers**

I enter football competition No. 1 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Unit .....
Address .....

FAST FOOTBALL.

A very fast and interesting game took place on Thursday between 1st Northern L. T. M. B. and 2nd Northern L. T. M. B. on the latter's ground at Blucher Park.

After twenty minutes play Capt. Moore opened the score for the visitors with a splendid shot; hereabouts the visitors outside left had a fall which made him a passenger during the rest of the game.

A very ding-dong struggle ensued during the second half but both defences prevailed leaving the 1st Northern L.T.M.B. the winners of a hard fought match by one goal to nil.

ENGLISH RACE FIXTURES.

The remaining English race fixtures for September are:—

Mullingar	22	Newbury	26, 27
Maisons Laffitte	22	Auteuil	27
Wolverhampton	22, 23	Paris	28
Rambouillet	23	Birmingham	29
Curragh	23, 24, 25	Wye	29
Maisons Laffitte	24	St. Cloud	29
Gatwick	24, 25	Fermoy	30
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PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

"Damaged Goods."

Departing from the usual three-act comedy, the Rhine Army Dramatic Company are presenting something new. On Thursday last they commenced a run of "Damaged Goods" by Brieux; there was an air of expectancy, a feeling of suspense that savoured of a first night. The nature of the play, its outspoken dialogue, and the fearless honesty of the author left the large audience curiously anticipatory as to the portrayal of the various characters.

The Plot.

Of the plot there is but little to say. Unique in theme, it seeks to visualise the ravages of a perplexing malady in its relations to family life. A young Parisian, not a profligate, but a comparatively clean living man, becomes a victim of the dreaded scourge, and disregarding the warning of his physician, marries with disastrous results. His wife and child become contaminated—the old story of the sins of the father being visited upon the children. Thoughtful throughout, the play is punctuated with dramatic incidents.

New Members.

Most remarkable was the initial performance of Sgt. A. Shilsky, playing the part of the Doctor, one of the most difficult characters; he gave a wonderful portrayal. Lieut. Hope as the young Parisian, George Dupont, was clever; though I think he is more suited to the part of an elderly character. As Henriette Dupont, Miss Francis Chisholm scored yet another success. Miss Edith Ry and, who made her first appearance with the R.A.D.C., is to be congratulated upon her performance. In a part that called for rather delicate treatment Miss Gabrielle Paul gave abundant proof of her histrionic talent. Capt. C. Spiegelhalter played the part of Loches with his usual ability, and the only sprinkling of humour in the production was provided up Miss Inez Bensusan as the nurse. Playing in the smaller parts Miss Shirley King, Lieut. H. L. Farnell and Lieut. E. G. Stevenson were equally good.

Four Crumps.

Despite depleted numbers "The Crumps" managed to fix up a programme to entertain the boys at Wahn on Thursday evening. "Dora" (Harry Harris) gave several good numbers including a dance. "Tolly" de Mache was funnier than ever and was seen at his best in the song "Nobody Noticed Me." The single items, also the duet of "Tina" Whetten and Ted Moody, were greatly appreciated, while a violin solo by G. Goldswain and a trio by R. Rendall (cello) G. Goldswain (violin) with Harry Loveday at the piano, completed what was an altogether pleasing little performance.

Miss Ada Moore at Y.M.C.A.

Miss Ada Moore of the British Empire Leave Club conducted an impromptu concert on Friday evening in the Loreley Hall of the Central Y.M.C.A., Cologne. Miss Moore sang songs that were asked for by the audience. A most delightful evening was spent and Dr. Francis, in proposing a vote of thanks to Miss Moore expressed his great satisfaction in having a member of the Leave Club staff associated with the Y.M.C.A. in an entertainment for the troops.

A Suggestion.

In his remarks Dr. Francis hoped that on an early occasion, in the Y.M.C.A., or the Leave Club, a united entertainment would be given by the musical members of the staffs of all the associations with the Rhine Army, by way of giving an outward and visible sign of their unity of aim and effort. The Loreley Hall was crowded both downstairs and in the galleries, and the vote of thanks and Dr. Francis' suggestion were adopted unanimously.

JACQUES.

SEVEN TO ONE.

"D" Coy. 11th Royal Scots too good for T.M.B.'s.

Quite good sport was witnessed at the tussle at Duren on Thursday between the 2nd Lowland T.M.B. and "D" Coy. of the 11th Royal Scots. The "Tock Emmas" have suffered much in their football personnel from demobilization, and on the present occasion several of their best remaining players could not resist the big attraction in Cologne in the shape of the British Rhine Army Sports. "D" Coy. of the 11th Royal Scots had a strong side. A large number of spectators added to the interest of the game by their encouraging remarks, and if the T.M.B. representatives were of necessity greatly in the minority they shouted the louder.

Play opened with a sprint from the Trench Mortars towards the opposing goal in which fine footwork was shown by McInally, but the move came to nothing. For a long time both sides took it in turn to press and well on towards the end of the first half blood was drawn by the Royals, L/Cpl. Paterson sending the ball from the centre into the net. This nettled the "Tock Emmas" who determined to equalize, but when the whistle blew for the interval the Royal Scots were three goals ahead.

In the second half the T.M.B. side showed better play and good work was put in by Stanton Bradshaw and Mac Dougall. For the Royals the outstanding players were Cpl. Kingsley, Barbour and the Melville brothers, one of whom had three goals to his credit. Towards the end of the second half McInally scored for the T.M.B. The game ended with the following results:—"D" Coy. 11th Royal Scots 7 Goals; T.M.B. 2nd Lowland 1 Goal.

Y.M.C.A. FOOTBALL SHIELD.

Wahn Survey Detachment played 2/4th Queen's in above competition at Wahn on Thursday, the result being a win for the home team by four goals to nil. The game opened up very fast and continued keen throughout. Cpl. Jones scored with three fine shots after breaking through the defense, and Spr. Clayton scored from a corner kick.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Welsh Amateur Cup Draw.
Entries for the Welsh Football Cup and Welsh Amateur Cup constitute a record.

Keysoe.
Keysoe, it is stated, is to run in the Irish St. Leger and the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket.

Yacht Measurement.
The International Conference on Yacht Measurement will be held in London on October 20 under the management of the British Yacht Racing Association.

Australian Lady Swimmers.
Fanny Durack and the other Australian lady swimmers have cancelled their proposed tour of America, as they declined to swim in scratch events except where a championship title was involved.

The Late Tom Pepper.
Mr. Watkins Williams's Tom Pepper, winner of the Chester Cup this year, died recently. He was a four-year-old bay colt by Lemberg—Back Answer, and belonged to Mr. Reid Walker when he won the important handicap referred to.

Girl Golfers.
Some amazing golf was seen at Stoke Poges on Wednesday, when sixteen girls, under 21 years of age, drawn from all parts of the British Isles, took part in the Girls' Open Championships and for the trophy presented by Princess Mary.

National Hockey.
When the council of the Hockey Association meets on September 26, the revival of international matches will be discussed.

Cub Hunting.
Cub hunting by the rival Whaddon Chase packs has been begun in the vale of Aylesbury, and is arousing considerable interest.

Yarmouth Surprise.
At Yarmouth backers had an unpleasant beginning, when the despised Seamstress brought off a 20 to 1 chance at the expense of the much-fancied Rose Lad.

Sporting Guns.
A courageous bid for the world's trade in sporting guns is being attempted from Birmingham, one of the traditional homes of the industry.

Pointless.
Coventry City are the only team in the three big leagues without a point. Aston Villa and Newport County are little better off, neither having won a match, and only once succeeded in sharing the spoils.

Hurlingham Tourney.
Both M. J. G. Ritchie and S. N. Doust got through two rounds of the Men's Open Singles at the Hurlingham Tournament on Wednesday, and N. Mishu advanced another stage. The final should be contested by Mishu and either Doust or Ritchie.

A Go-Through Player.
Morris, the West Bromwich Albion centre forward, is the sturdy, go-through player who scored so freely for Watford in the early days of the war.

Racing Pigeons.
All the finest strains of English racing pigeons are descended from Belgian stock, but both the French and American officers considered that the English-bred birds put up the best work in the war.

"Off-Side."
The suggestion offered by "The Daily Mail" that a quarter line be introduced in the football field of play and that forwards cannot be declared off-side until they are over it is finding a great deal of favour.

"Brum's" New Centre.
Birmingham's new centre, Millard, is a West Bromwich boy who was wounded several times in the war. He is doing so well that Godfrey, recognised as the regular leader, may not be called on for some time to come.

Millwall's Centre.
Southern League full-backs are not too fond of meeting Broad, the Millwall centre. He has a knack of being in the right place at the right time, and his first-time efforts with either foot have already brought him a nice bag of goals.

Old-time Jockey Well Again.
Tom Osborne, the old-time jockey, came out of hospital this week and is looking forward to enjoying the Newmarket back-end meetings.

Braid Takes a 7.
To what he called a short hole, Braid took a 7 in the first half of the Southern Section of the Professional Golfers' Association tournament at Sonning.

Top of the League.
Middlesbrough have so far done extremely well in League warfare, and their success against Blackburn Rovers by 2—0 at Ewood Park makes their fourth victory in five matches.

Driscoll v. Ledoux.
The contest between Driscoll and Ledoux, which was to have been held at the National Sporting Club, Covent Garden, on September 20, has been postponed until some date, yet to be decided, in October.

Popular "Rugger."
The revival of the London Scottish affords further testimony to the power of Rugby football. Every member of the first fifteen of the 1913-14 season was either killed or wounded in the war, which took almost equally tragic toll of the men who played for the "A" and other teams.

AN IMPRESSION OF THE COLOGNE RACES.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Literary Wrafs.

The amount of literary talent among the Wrafs in Rhineland must be considerable. Their monthly magazine is full of gems. We printed one only the other day, and its Editor in calling upon the overseas units of the W.R.A.F. in other theatres of action to contribute, hints that it may be possible to unearth another Ethel Wheeler Wilcox or an Edith M. Dell. By the way, Major General J. F. A. Higgins, C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C., Commanding the R.A.F. in Rhineland, has sent the Editor of "The Wraf on the Rhine" a cheering congratulatory message in which he says that the introduction of the W.R.A.F. into the Army of Occupation has been an unqualified success in every way.

Overheard In An A.P.O.

Uniformed one:— Ten War Savings certificates, please!

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U.O :— Won't you take marks?

P.O.:— Contrary to orders, Sir.

U.O.: Oh, nothing doing then. Good morning!

A Photographic Essay.

His enthusiasm burst out suddenly a few days ago when he purchased a camera intended as a gift to a friend. Yes—he would do some photography himself, so he again visited the shop and purchased the necessary developing stuff refills and mounts, and some patent flares for night photography. Forthwith he determined to test his camera. At the bottom of the garden is a delightful arbour white enamelled, standing between trees, quite a nice spot for a backround, so he invited four of his friends to have their photographs taken. Off they hasten adjusting their attire on the way; and are placed for the photograph. He fetches a chair to rest the camera on and props the camera with a potato. We are all ready—silence—click—click—finished. Its a good job he didn't give us his long exposure or we would have been there now. The next day we see the result. Some one described it as four machine gunners in a smoke barrage on a dark night. Anyhow we think the friend will get the camera.

"Rod, Pole or Perch."

Attached to the main wall of the Hahnentor is a public standard measure, a Prussian half "Ruthe," dated 1816. "Ruthe" is German for "rod" and is the equivalent of an old school friend the "rod, pole or perch." The use of the "rod" as a measure dates back to the days when the ploughman carried a goad with which to prod the oxen, and the goad was employed as a rough and ready measure for the width of the strips of arable land allocated annually to the householders in a manor. As this system of land tenure prevailed in early days over most of Europe we naturally find the "rod" used as a measure not only in England but also in France, Germany, etc.

The Appeal of Boxing.

As a draw so far as Tommy is concerned the noble art takes first place. Rig up the usual appointments to boxing, fix up a few bouts and there is no need to worry about supports. Tommy will flock in crowds. Whatever objections may be heard so far as opponents to the art go, we cannot call to mind a more manly sport, and things will be lacking if weekly tournaments are not promoted in the Rhine Army during the coming winter months. Such will form a usual counter attraction to the cheap cabaret and give our lads on the Rhine something clean and wholesome to think about. Whether in unit or formation such efforts will have our support and the fullest publicity.

Guide Book English.

Evidently the German is doing his utmost to "educate" the Army of the Rhine. With laudable endeavour an enterprising tradesman has produced "A Guide to Cologne" which he considers "almost" indispensable for the troops of occupation. Its pages contain a feast of good things, due mainly to the compiler's scanty knowledge of English. But he courageously maintains that he has given what the English officer and soldier requires "the most," and presumably he knows. At any rate his pages on the Cologne churches are charming. St. Gereon's church he describes as a "special architectonic attraction" with a "sacophage" under the altar, and other churches are just as remarkable. As to the "Tales and Legends" with which this offering to the British soldier is enriched, these must be read to be appreciated.

Cologne Town Council.

The old Town Council of Cologne held its last sitting on the 18th at the Gürzenich, an important date in the history of Cologne. The first meeting of a Town Council was in 1846 when the members were elected according to the three classes system. The number of inhabitants of Cologne was then about 90,000 as compared with 650,000 at present. The municipal expenditure each year was about one million marks as compared with 1,516,000 at present. The election of a new Town Council will take place on October 5th.

Re-Echoes.

There was a rise in the value of the mark yesterday morning.

Five francs (France and Belgium) now equal 2s 10d English money.

Near Deutz numerous grenades and arms which were thrown into the river are to be seen owing to the low river level.

When an English hubby had failed to make himself understood, a German official tried a last resort in an appeal to "Fraulein"—an English wife.

A request for hatpins in a Cologne shop the other day was met by the production of every class of pin ever put on the market. Yet the German shopkeeper is always polite.

Fares have to be paid by all women of British nationality—except those in uniform or wearing official brassards—travelling on tramways in the area of the British Army of the Rhine.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give three prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's winners are Pte. B. M. Gilbert, 9th E. Surrey Rgt., Rhine Army, and Cpl. E. Fisher, D. of S. and T., G.H.Q., Rhine Army.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Birds Catch Fish.—Japanese fishermen employ tame cormorants to catch fish.

Soldiers' Pigeons. — All home defence military lofts are to be demobilized.

Re-assured.—French opinion is now reassured on the question of Syria.

Kaiser Insures Furniture. — The Kaiser has insured his furniture for £800,000.—.

The End—China has declared war with Germany to be at an end.

Cholera.—Athens telegrams report an outbreak of cholera in Rumania.

A Denial.—It is denied that the Duke of Sutherland is selling Dunrobin Castle.

Had Their Day.—"Jumpers have had their day," said a fashion expert recently.

Flax Shortage.—The possibility of the shortage of flax continuing is discussed in the "Draper."

By Moonlight.—A Kingston husband and wife, have been engaged in the moonlight in painting their house.

Cost of a Hut.—A hut 40ft. by 20ft. has changed hands at Saffron Walden for £155—or £15 a square yard.

Freedom for Haig.—Wolverhampton has decided to confer the freedom of the borough on Earl Haig.

Declined.—Three district councils have refused to have anything to do with the Profiteering Act.

Retiring.—Commissioner and Mrs. Booth-Tucker, are retiring from their Salvation Army work in India.

Protest.—Manufacturers are protesting against the withdrawal of the import restrictions.

An Ocean Gateway.—Southampton is resuming its commercial importance as one of the ocean gateways.

Proposed Transfer.—The proposal to transfer Dudley from Worcestershire to Staffordshire has been revived.

East Ham's Soldiers.—Five hundred returned soldiers of East Ham, were given a dinner in the Town Hall.

Found Asleep.—A colliery inspector was ordered, at Blackwood, to pay a fine for sleeping in Bedwas Colliery.

The First Effect.—The first effect of the Profiteering Act is seen in the fall in prices in some districts.

To Meet Shortage.—In view of the milk shortage, dairy farming is allowed in Phoenix Park, Dublin.

An Appointment.—Mr. Aldington, general manager G.W.R., is appointed to the Railway Executive.

How Nice!—"We say 'Thank you!' now,"—says a notice on the counter of a Fleet street tobacconist.

Girl Gardeners.—The children of St. Pancras are allowed to cultivate small plots in the churchyard in Euston-road.

Equal Rights.—A tobacconist says there is a slump in the perfumed cigarette made for sale to women.

Unwanted.—French Ministry of Marine has decided not to continue the construction of five Dreadnoughts.

From the Dead.—A lady living in Auvergne, recently received a letter addressed to her mother, who died 15 years ago.

Blue.—The French War Minister has adopted horizon blue as the universal uniform for all French regiments except the Chasseurs.

Lady Owners.—Women are taking more interest in Turf matters than they used to in the days when a lady owner was a rarity.

Free.—Free transportation of wives of Canadian officers and men can only be granted to those who leave on or before December 31.

Postponed.—The production of "The Girl for the Boy" at the Duke of York's Theatre has been postponed to Tuesday next.

By Barrel.—Barrels of water are being sent out by the Paris authorities to provide the householders with the necessary supply cut short by the strike.

Christmas Fare. — Christmas pudding will probably cost more. Raisins and sultanas will be dearer, though the crop of currants has been plentiful.

Leader of the House.— It is not at all unlikely that Mr. Bonar Law will give up the Leadership of the House of Commons.

Workhouse to Board Room.— Starting life in the workhouse, the late Councillor J. Potter, of Derby, became vice-chairman of the Guardians.

A Modern Dick Whittington. — One of the Manchester ex-service men who are marching to London has a kitten mascot picked up on the war.

Paris Prices. — In connection with the prices inquiry the French police have taken the account books of the Bon Marche in Paris.

Unwanted.—A sale of surplus military stores at a Killindini (East Africa) auction included 5,000 pairs of khaki woollen gloves.

The Film.—"Robinson Crusoe" is to be filmed by a British company which is leaving shortly for a Robinson Crusoe island.

Diamond Cutting.—At Wrexham, works in which discharged Service men can practise diamond cutting are to be established.

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Snow fell on Saturday in many parts of Great Britain. In Paris there was a further drop in the temperature, which was five degrees below normal.

The extraordinary sight of snow during harvesting operations was witnessed on the Yorkshire Wolds. After sunrise the corn standing in stucks was white with hoar frost, and at ten o'clock snow fell in heavy flakes for a while, the weather being bitterly cold.

Holiday-makers had the unusual experience of snow in September. No one had anticipated the sudden change to winter condition, makintoshes generally being the only adjunct to the usual seaside attire. There were heavy falls about nine o'clock, and later it was bitterly cold.

In the east of Scotland snow lies half an inch deep in many districts.

Five and six degrees of frost were recorded in the Thames Valley.

LINER AGROUND.

ONE THOUSAND TROOPS IN DANGER.

During a gale on Friday night the White Star liner Vedic went ashore off North Ronalshay, Orkney. She was refloated at 4.30 a.m. early on Sunday morning. The Vedic was bound from Archangel to Leith. She had about a thousand troops on board but the majority of her passengers were British civilians coming home from Russia. She is proceeding to Leith under her own steam and is only slightly damaged.

The United States warship Turkey and the three British destroyers Lark, Robin and Wildgeon went to the Vedic's aid and with the powerful admiralty tug, Alliance, helped to refloat her.

The Vedic, which is one of the White Star Company's 9,332-ton new cargo vessels, was taken over by the Ministry of Shipping recently for use as an additional troopship during the evacuation from North Russia.

GERMAN FINANCES.

SUGGESTED REMEDIAL MEASURES.

Dealing with the extraordinary fall in the exchange rate, which is still the subject of much concern in Germany a representative of the Finance Ministry in the "Lokalanzeiger" urges the necessity for increased taxation, a funded loan, an increase of productive work, and for a healthier balance of foreign trade. The Finance Ministry, he states, intend very shortly to issue a loan. He incidentally complains that the Entente are admitting quantities of goods into Germany in defiance of the import prohibitions, and declares "the hole in the West must be closed by the establishment of the old customs frontiers."

SUCCESS ON MURMAN FRONT.

The War Office states that on the Murman front a successful operation has been carried out by British, Serbian, and Russian troops, which has resulted in the capture of Kavgora and Lijma (twenty-three miles south of Kapeselga). Our total captures include 512 prisoners, two field guns, and several machine guns. Our casualties reported up to the present amount to eight wounded.

The Bolshevist fleet of fifteen vessels, which sailed north-east from Petrozavodsk to intercept one of our columns which was being landed on the west shore of Lake Onega, was attacked by our aircraft with machine guns and bombs, and forced to return to its harbour in confusion.

EGYPT RUMOURS DENIED.

A recent German wireless message stated as follows:—

The Egyptian Committee has advised the Swiss newspapers that the Egyptian revolution has broken out afresh. The suppression of the last rising has led to a revolt of the Egyptian population without distinction of class.

There is no confirmation whatsoever of this report, and a Reuter telegram of Thursday's date from Cairo does not suggest that the situation has undergone any change, for better or worse.

WHERE IS MRS. PANKHURST?

Mrs. Pankhurst landed in New York last Monday in connection with propaganda work against Bolshevism. She is now reported "missing" by the New York Press.

BULGARIA'S FATE.

DELEGATES RECEIVE THE PEACE TERMS.

The Allies' Peace Terms were presented to the Bulgarian delegation on Saturday morning at the French Ministry for Foreign Affairs. The Bulgarian Delegates have been given twenty-four days to make such observations as they wish. The Bulgarian Premier Theodoroff, made a speech in which he said "We understand the full extent and gravity of our responsibility. History will say that the policy of ex-King Ferdinand and of ex-Premier M. Radoslavoff was the exercise of violence against the wishes of the Bulgarian people. If an overwhelming majority of the Bulgarian people are innocent yet the Bulgarian State is responsible. We recognise Bulgaria's fault and the excesses committed, the authors of which we will ruthlessly punish whatever their rank. We regret that our people through compulsion of our Government should have found itself at war with its neighbours in the opposing camp to the coalition of right, and democracy."

The terms provide for an indemnity of two milliard francs whereof two hundred and fifty millions is to be in gold. Payment is to be spread over thirty-seven years in yearly instalments, with five per cent interest.

Territorial cessions on the west to Greater Serbia and on the south (in Western Thrace) to the Allies, who will decide as to the final settlement;

The reduction of her army to 20,000 men and the annihilation of her naval and air forces;

Restitution to Greece, Rumania and Yugo-slavia of all records, artistic and archeological articles stolen during the war.

The supply of 50,000 tons of coal annually to the Serb-Croat-Slovene State, and payment of the cost of the Allied military occupation and of the various Control Commissions appointed to supervise the execution of the Treaty provisions.

IRISH PAPERS SEIZED.

RAID ON DUBLIN OFFICES.

Three Dublin printing establishments where Sinn Fein and Labour journals are produced were raided by the police and military on Sunday. At least six journals are concerned. The vital parts of the machinery were removed and all copies of the papers found on the premises were seized. It is assumed that the publication of the prospectus of the Sinn Fein loan is the cause of the raids. All the type for next week's issues of the "Voice of Labour," which is Jim Larkin's paper, and the "Republic" was melted down. "Nationality," the organ of Mr. Arthur Griffiths, is another of the papers suppressed. No exciting incident marked the operations.

BRITAIN'S PART.

PART OF THE PRICE WE PAID IN FRANCE.

The War Office, in an official communiqué, refutes the suggestion made in certain quarters (notably in the French newspapers) that Great Britain, in order to make sure of a firm footing in Palestine and Syria, employed an undue proportion of her military strength in this theatre in 1918, and thereby left her Allies to bear the brunt of the fighting in Europe.

The communiqué points out that, whereas the British losses during the German offensive from March 21 to May 31 amounted to 343,000 men, yet on June 1, these losses had been more than replaced, and the British army in France was stronger than it had been before the German offensive began. The same applied to armament. The Germans during their offensive captured 981 guns from the British, but on June 8 the British guns in France numbered 6,698, against 6,083 when the German offensive opened.

Again, British losses in men between May 31 and the date of the armistice were 358,000, but on November 11 the British army in France numbered only 10,000 less than at the end of May.

The communiqué also points out that, whereas the British in 1918 took 254,000 prisoners and 2,840 guns, the French captures for the same period were only 160,000 men and 1,830 guns.

"It is not true to state that an undue proportion of the strength of the British Army was being employed in Syria at the expense of the western front, whether this statement applies to the year 1918 or to the whole war."

"The military prestige of France stands so high that it can suffer no hurt from a plain statement of the truth. In the victorious campaign of 1918 in France there is glory enough for all, and the claim here made for the due share that belongs to British arms cannot in any way harm the mutual friendship of the two countries which has been cemented by common sacrifice and common achievement."

PONTEFRACT.

COALITION WINS EXCITING BY-ELECTION.

The coalition has managed to hold Pontefract, though by a reduced majority. The by-election was caused by the death of Sir J. Compton-Rickett, Paymaster-General, and the result was declared as follows: Adderman Forrest (Co. L.) 9,920; Mr. Isaac Burns (Lab.) 8,445 — Coalition Majority, 1475. Mr. Burns contested the seat at the General Election, when the Coalition majority was 3,014.

The electors on the register in December last numbered 29,841, while the register on which the by-election took place contains 30,833 names. The total votes cast at the by-election, however, have increased by 4,757, and of the increase the Coalitionist has secured 1,359 and the Labour candidate 3,398 votes.

Excluding Oxford University, eight by-elections under the new Parliament have now been fought in Great Britain, and the Coalition have retained three.

JUTLAND HEROES.

DANISH MEMORIAL TO BRITISH.

On the suggestion of the British Red Cross, the Scaw municipal authorities have put forward a proposal for a permanent memorial in honour of the British sailors washed ashore on the Danish coast after the battle of Jutland and buried in the local churchyard. The Scaw County Council has taken upon itself the future tending of the graves.

No monument as yet marks the graves of the British sailors who were washed ashore at Scaw, though the German Government has long since commemorated by a great granite memorial the German seamen whose bodies were buried by the Danes after the Jutland battle.

NO SEPARATE PEACE.

BALTIC STATES TERMS.

Representatives of Esthonia, Lithuania, and Latvia have decided at Riga on a joint policy as regards the Bolshevist peace offer. They agreed not to conclude a separate peace with the Bolshevists; Not to enter into peace negotiations until the Bolshevists had agreed to guarantees against propaganda in their countries; in the event of peace not to establish formal diplomatic relations with the Bolshevists; that there must be a neutral zone between Russia and the Baltic States.

It is not believed that the Bolshevists will agree to these demands.

The next Baltic conference will be held at the Esthonian university town of Dorpat, when it is probable that Finland will also be represented, and possibly Poland. The question of the relations between the Baltic States and the Bolshevists is complicated by the continued activity of the Germans in Courland under General von der Goltz.

THE BALTIC MENACE.

GOUGH REPORTS ON GOLTZ.

The Supreme Council has received a report from General Gough on the situation in the Baltic States. General Gough states that investigations made on the spot show that all people in the country are dominated by the presence of German troops, who find in the Baltic provinces a political basis for German intervention in Russia. German soldiers have created in the country a dangerous situation from both the military and political point of view. The report finally records General Gough's opinion that the German Government, if it so desires, can perfectly well make its troops obey its orders and can recall Von der Goltz's soldiers,

FIUME REBELS.

HAS ULTIMATUM BEEN SENT?

According to reports via Laibach and Vienna, all the warships of the Allies, after a conference between the Allied Commanders at Abbazia, left the harbour of Fiume, and levelled their guns on the town.

It is assumed that an ultimatum has been sent to the rebels, according to which Fiume must be evacuated within twenty-four hours, otherwise steps will be taken against the mutineers with all the means available.

CONGRESS THANKS PERSHING

The galleries of the House of Representatives at Washington were crowded when General Pershing, attended by every member of the Senate, received the formal thanks of Congress for his services in the war. Glowing tributes were paid to the General by the Speaker, Mr. Gillett, and other Congressmen.

General Pershing in his reply said: "The generous assistance of the seamen of Great Britain in the arduous task of transporting the American forces overseas deserves lasting appreciation." He also declared: "Our admiration goes out to our war-worn Allies, whose tenacity after three years of conflict made possible the effectiveness of our effort. Through their loyal support and hearty co-operation a general spirit of comradeship sprang up among us which should firmly unite the peoples as it did their armies."

MASKED BANDITS.

TWO DESPERATE YOUTHS IN THE DOCK.

The violent attack by two masked men on Mr. W. J. Curry, clerk to the governors of Guy's Hospital, when he was in his office on June 20, was described at the trial at the Old Bailey.

Peter Albert Vincent, aged twenty, and Natale Auda, aged eighteen, were placed in the dock on indictments which charged them with:—an attack with arms on Edmund George O'Flaherty, manager of the Elysée Restaurant, Coventry-street, and Jaques Abden Holden, a night watchman, and the theft of £430 from a cafe; robbery with violence from Horace Byard on June 14 as he was walking down Belsize-lane, Hampstead; and an attack on William James Curry, clerk to the governors of Guy's Hospital.

Mr. Curry stated that he was in his office between five and half-past on the afternoon of June 20, when two masked men entered and shouted "Hands up." "I thought I would take my chance," he said, "and stepped towards the man on my left, who was holding a revolver close to my left side. The man on my right side was shorter, and I immediately closed with him. We then struggled to the hall, and I received a heavy blow on the head with a steel weapon. I received many other blows, and lost a great deal of blood. I then became unconscious and the men broke away."

The hearing was adjourned.

IRONFOUNDERS OUT.

BIGGEST STRIKE FOR 15 YEARS.

There has been no eleventh-hour settlement last night of the ironfounders' dispute, and, as the notices of 50,000 men have now expired, yesterday saw the beginning of a strike which, if it is protracted, will have incalculably serious results. Unless an early settlement is reached, engineering output will begin to decrease, shipbuilding will slow down, repairs will be delayed, and before long a number of industries will be dislocated. The fight is with the Engineering Employers' Federation, who have uncompromisingly refused even to discuss the demand of the ironfounders for an advance of 18s. per week. On the men's side, a section of the executive plunged into hasty action and committed the union to a procedure which quickly led to a deadlock. There has been no such great strike of ironfounders for fifteen years.

BRITISH PLANES LOST.

AIR RAID ON KRONSTADT.

British fliers who left the naval base at Bjorko, Finland, to bomb Kronstadt, encountered a gale of wind and rain. Two failed to return. Their fate is unknown. Two landed in Finnish territory, and one crashed in three feet of water at Bjorko, the pilot being killed. The rest of the airmen reached Kronstadt and dropped their bombs.

The Bolsheviks claim to have brought down one aeroplane of a very large type, near their forts. The airman was drowned.

NAILING DOWN BULLITT.

The American journalist, Mr. Bullitt, has just received a striking refutation. He did not hesitate to declare before the United States Foreign Relations Committee that the American delegates to the Peace Conference were in total disagreement with President Wilson on the majority of questions.

The American delegation, which includes three of its leading members in Paris, Colonel House, General Bliss and Mr. Henry White, has signed the following declaration: "The American delegation seizes the opportunity to put an end to all remarks which have been attributed to it, or invented, by giving both the Peace Treaty and the Covenant of the League of Nations the complete support and mature judgment of its members."

ANNUITY FOR MRS. BOTHA.

The Senate of the South-African Union has passed the third reading of the Mandate Bill for South-West Africa.

On the motion of General Smuts the House of Assembly unanimously voted an annuity of twelve hundred pounds sterling to Mrs. Botha in consideration of the late Premier's distinguished and valuable services to the Union. Addressing a crowded House in moving the grants, General Smuts said he hoped the annuity would be passed by general consent as a tribute to the memory of General Botha. He said the late General never spared himself and died in harness. He devoted himself to the service of the State and not to his private affairs.

NEW POLISH NAVY.

Organisation of a Polish Navy with a definite naval programme will be carried into effect by the Polish Government after the final ratification of Peace. According to details which have reached London, says Reuter, the Baltic force will consist of four armoured cruisers and twelve large torpedo boats. Crews will number 3,500 including 150 officers,

The former German liner Prinz Friederich Wilhelm has been turned over to the White Star Line.

PLAGUE IN POLAND.

RISK OF IT SPREADING OVER EUROPE.

Most great wars have been followed by an epidemic, induced by privation and the lack of hygiene inseparable from operations in the field. It is a curious fact that devastating epidemics always sweep from East to West. Those, and they are many, who fear that history will repeat itself are very apprehensive about Poland and Western Russia. They consider that unless a determined effort is made to combat the epidemic at present raging, there is grave danger of Western Europe being swept by a plague which would be more fatal than the ravages of the war.

The Inter-Allied Medical Commission sent by the League of Red Cross Societies to investigate the situation created by the typhus epidemic in Poland has just returned to Paris. Colonel Cumming, Assistant Surgeon General of the American Public Health Service, who is Chairman of the Commission, expressed the opinion of members of the Commission as follows.

The epidemic is continuing, nothwithstanding the conditions, and fresh cases are constantly being introduced from the East by refugees, prisoners of war and repatriated people. The Polish Ministry of Public Health and the Army Medical Service are carrying on an active campaign against typhus but have insufficient personnel and supplies. The hospitals throughout Poland are deficient in sheets, blankets, drugs and other essential equipment. Not only typhus but relapsing fever, typhoid and dysentry are prevalent and the Commission considers that very severe epidemics will break out this winter unless the most energetic measures are taken to deal with the situation in Poland and prevent the spread of typhus and other diseases to Western Europe and America.

LUNATIC TAXICAB DRIVER.

The allegation was made at a Southwark inquest that a woman was killed by a taxicab driven by a lunatic.

The inquest was on Mrs. Lucy Taylor Hawkins, aged seventy-three, of Weston-street, Bermondsey, who was knocked down by a taxicab without lights as she was crossing Old Kent-road. It was stated that the taxicab, which was proceeding at a fast pace, did not stop, but Lieutenant Charles Schwerdt, of the Naval Staff College, Greenwich, who was driving a car, went in pursuit and found the taxicab outside a public house near Great Dover-street. A policeman afterwards stated that the driver had been taken to Champion Hill Infirmary, to be kept under observation as a supposed lunatic. Detective Inspector Story told the coroner that the taxicab driver would probably be certified as insane, and the inquest was adjourned.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF GRAVES.

The Secretary of the War Office announces that the Directorate of Graves Registration and Enquiries is unable to receive any further applications for photographs of graves in the various theatres of War, but that it is hoped that the requests already received will be completed before the close of the present year.

The work of photography was originally undertaken by the Directorate owing to the prohibition on military grounds of the use of private cameras in France and as otherwise relatives would have had no other means of obtaining a photograph of a grave. Moreover, as there is now no pronibition on the taking of photographs, the necessity for the work done by the military photographers no longer exists.

Since the work was undertaken, 120,000 photographs taken in France and Belgium and 2,400 photographs taken in other theatres of war have been supplied to relatives. The outstanding requests that have still to be dealt with number 35,795.

'PLANE HITS GOVERNESS CAR.

A remarkable disaster, in which an aeroplane and a governess car were involved, has occurred at Llanelly.

David Watts, a retired tradesman, of Llanelly, took his three children for a drive in his governess car on the beach. An aeroplane was preparing to make an ascent close by, and the pilot apparently misjudged his clearance, or else had no time to avoid the mishap, for the bottom part of the machine as it rose caught the governess car. Mr. Watts and two of the children were badly injured. The father, after lingering for a week in hospital, has died.

KIAO-CHAU RUMOURS DENIED.

It has been authoritatively stated that there have been no exchanges of Notes between Washington and Tokio regarding Shantung since the statement made by the Japanese Foreign Minister, M. Uchida, on Aug. 2, in spite of the rumours to the effect that the United States and Japan had been in communication concerning the fixing of the exact date for the return of Kiao-chau to China.

FATAL MOSQUITO BITE.

The first case he had heard of in which a mosquito bite had caused death, was the comment of the Wimbledon Coroner in returning a verdict of Accidental death on Mrs. Annie May Taylor, nineteen, of 89, Haydons-road, Wimbledon.

ROYAL WARRANT.

OFFICERS' APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED).

SEVENTH ARTICLE OF THE SERIES.

11. Mess Allowance.—The allowances granted under paragraphs 534 to 543, Allowance Regulations, in aid of officers mess expenses, is abolished as from July 1, 1919. The special allowances under paragraphs 544 and 545, Allowance Regulations, will continue to be issuable.

12. Subsistence and Travelling Allowance.—The new rates are as follows:—

	Up to 8 nights in one place	After 8 nights	Daily 5 to 9 hours	Daily over 9 hours
Classes 1 to 5	30 0	15 0	6 0	15 0
" 6 to 14	22 6	12 6	4 0	11 6

13. Travelling.—The cost of removal of officers' families and their baggage (within the authorized scale) by land, on change of station will be borne by the public. This concession is limited to married officers as defined in paragraph 8 above. The scale of baggage allowed for married officers will be revised shortly.

14. Outfit Allowance.—A grant will be made to all officers on first appointment to permanent commissions in the Regular Army towards the estimated cost of provision of the necessary outfit. The rates will be promulgated in due course.

15. Field Allowance.—From October 1, 1919, the conditions of issue will, except as provided below, revert to those laid down in Allowance Regulations, and the special conditions of issue laid down in Army Order 337 of 1914 and Army Order 501 of 1914 will cease to apply. The rates will be subject to early revision and possibly to reduction.

The existing conditions will, however, continue to apply to officers serving on or after October 1, 1919, in an area of active operations. The areas to which this rule will apply will be determined by the Army Council, and will be published from time to time.

16. The issue of lodging and fuel and light allowances, under the provisions of Army Order 501 of 1914 to officers while serving with an Expeditionary Force, irrespective of whether free billets are provided or not, will continue up to March 31, 1920, or the "statutory end of the war," whichever comes first, after which date they will universally cease. Up to that date married officers, as defined in paragraph 8 above, if they draw the revised rates of pay provided in this Warrant, will draw the rates laid down in paragraphs 6 and 7 above, and unmarried officers, and married officers not in receipt of the new rates of pay, will draw the rates at present in force. The grants made under this paragraph are not in addition to those under paragraph 9.

17. Paragraphs 4, 15 and 16 apply to officers who retain the existing rates of pay and allowances as well as to those who draw the new rates.

Officers who elect to retain the existing rates of pay and allowances will not be eligible for the new allowances and rates granted under paragraphs 5, 9, 10 and 12, or for the new concessions for married officers, while they continue to draw the existing rates. Paragraph 11 above will not apply to these officers.

HALF-PAY.

TABLE XV.

The rules as to the conditions of issue of half-pay will remain as at present.

The rates will be uniform for all arms as follows (except for certain ranks in the Royal Army Medical Corps as stated below and for Royal Army Chaplains' Department):—

Substantive rank when placed on half-pay.	Per annum. £ s. d.
Field-Marshal	1,800 0 0
	Per day.
General	3 5 0
Lieutenant-General	2 15 0
Major-General	2 5 0
Colonel	1 7 6
Lieutenant-Colonel	See below.
Major	0 15 9
Major after 5 years' service as such	0 18 6
Captain	0 11 9
" after 15 years' total service	0 13 0
Captain holding higher rank by Brevet, in addition	0 1 0
Lieutenant	0 8 0
" after 7 years' total service	0 9 6
2nd Lieutenant	0 6 6
Quartermasters and other officers enumerated in Table II:—	
On appointment	0 9 6
After 4 years' total service	0 10 6
After 8 years' total service	0 11 6
After 12 years' total service	0 12 6
After 15 years' total service	0 15 0
Lieutenant-Colonel	0 17 6

The half-pay of combatant Lieutenant-Colonels, will be as follows:—

a) After 4 years on full pay as Lieutenant-Colonel—half-pay equal to full-pay as a Lieutenant-Colonel for 6 months without command pay and without allowances, and subsequently half-pay at the rate of 23s. 9d. per day.

b) In all other circumstances—23s. 9d. per day.

Other Lieutenant-Colonels not specially provided for—23s. 9d. a day.

For Colonels and Lieutenant-Colonels, Royal Army Medical Corps, the daily rates will be, viz.:

	£ s. d.
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Lieutenant-Colonel	1 3 9
" " after 3 years' service as such	1 7 6

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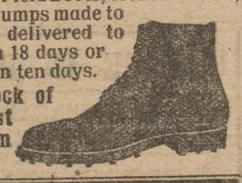

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A STEP IN THE DARK.

Less than six years ago many of us were looking forward to a future more or less definitely planned. Those unfortunate or fortunate enough to have to earn their own livings had decided upon the means to this end. The trade or profession to which our energies were to be devoted in order to win the necessaries of life had been chosen; many had already embarked upon their careers and prospects of success for some were particularly bright.

Then came the great European upheaval and in a trice the hopes of every budding business man and promising professional pupil were revolutionised.

With the declaration of war the clarion note was sounded claiming the young blood of the nation to sterner duties and by millions the call was readily heard and answered.

In the hour of the country's danger the ruination of personal prospects was only a minor consideration and individual ambition gave place to national necessity. In the following years many were destined to sacrifice far more than their dreams of success in the sphere to which they had belonged—thousands were fated to fall in freedom's fight.

Those of us who have survived the conflict have much for which to be thankful; at times we cannot help wondering why we have been allowed to come through the fire unscathed while other and better men have fallen and lie buried on the battlefields of France and Flanders.

At the same time, however, the lot of the man, who though perhaps of good education has by reason of his long absence, no trade business or professional knowledge sufficient to guarantee him a living wage on return to civil life, is not an enviable one.

For many such, demobilization is a step in the dark; the future is full of uncertainty and fraught with endless anxieties. Does it mean that after five years nobly spent in the service of his country a man has to return and start afresh where he left off?

That the period spent in the Army is to be written down as of no account and that his value professionally or commercially is to be guaged from his pre-war experience?

Such appears to be the attitude of many employers of labour at home and this attitude is probably responsible for much of the unrest and unemployment at present prevailing.

After enduring the hardships and horrors of the hell of modern warfare he is confronted with the unpleasant prospect of his inability to command a living salary. Many of the lads who used to seal the envelopes and lick the stamps in pre-war days, by reason of their having been unfit for military service, are now elevated to positions of responsibility and a return to the same business house would probably mean the receiving of orders from the erstwhile office boy.

Such a position, of course, is an impossible one and there is a plain need for strong action on behalf of such men. Much has been done by the Government; University courses have been organised with the object of giving an opportunity to make up for the lost time, but this cannot be said to entirely meet the case as meanwhile more valuable time, which could be better spent on practical work, is being lost.

What is required is a full realization of the unique position by employers. They and only they can satisfactorily solve the problem and make the necessary adjustments. It is for them to realise that technical knowledge is not the only qualification, and that in the men returning there is a wealth of untapped genius and ability which, rightly cultivated and applied, would more than compensate for lack of experience. In the strenuous period of reconstruction ahead we require the full utilization of our best brain power if Great Britain is to keep her place in the great world race. There is room in the great machine for every man of ability, who is willing to work, and it is for those who have it in their power to see that good material is not wasted. All must agree that no man should be penalised because he has fought for his country.

CLUBLAND IN COLOGNE.

THE SOLDIERS' CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION CLUB.

You can find it at 19, Apostelnstrasse, in this city by the Rhine. It is a magnificent building and was formerly a popular restaurant. The outside impresses you, but you are charmed when you enter its doors. The windows are of stained glass depicting country scenes, the ceilings are richly ornamented and the walls panelled in dark wood.

It is one of the most popular clubs in Cologne and is always crowded with men. One Tommy described it as "a veritable Elim in the desert" and even a gay city can be a desert at times. It is a home from home and no man is ever denied admittance. There is a real social and spiritual atmosphere about it.

The large tea-room is quite a picture with its little tables and chairs. The canteen is in one corner and here you can see the fair lady workers, representing England, Scotland and Ireland, attending to the wants of the men. How fatigued they must be at times! Their winsomeness, kindly disposition and devotion, have won for them the intense admiration and grateful appreciation of all ranks of the Rhine Army.

There is a well stocked library and a side table, with a plentiful supply of all kinds of newspapers and periodicals, also little writing tables where paper is provided free of charge. On the walls you will see the appropriate notice "Have you written that letter to mother?

The large classroom is charmingly decorated with flags and very comfortable. A service is held here each night, and to show that it supplies a real need, I might add that it is always full. On Sunday a Bible class is held at 2.30 and in the evening a "Sing-Song" and service. These services are always characterised by great earnestness, the men themselves taking a part. The genial Superintendent is the Rev. Walter Millar, who has seen nearly four years war service, and is loved and respected by the boys, who appreciate his great work. He is ably assisted by Mr. A. Baker.

There are several other clubs in Rhineland, Bonn, Linz, Wahn and Siegburg. The General-Superintendent of the whole area is the Rev. George Harper of Edinburgh who has rendered excellent service and shown himself to be a brilliant organiser.

The Siegburg Hut is run entirely by ladies and there is a much appreciated Bible class held here weekly for officers; this I think is unique in every respect.

Mr. Donald Cornack, an old Argyle and Sutherland Highlander, who has done a great work amongst our men on active service since 1916, is shortly succeeding the Rev. George Harper as the leader of the movement in Rhineland. The Soldiers' Christian Association has been established for 33 years and it is under the patronage of Field-Marshal H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. Amongst the Vice-Presidents are many famous Generals. The Chairman is Col. D.F.Douglas-Tones R.A.; the treasurer Capt. G.A.K. Wisely R.E.; the Secretary Mr. G.J. Byrnell, who has recently visited Cologne.

During all these years it has done a magnificent work amongst our men in many lands, and there are numerous centres, especially in India. Throughout the war it was represented in nearly every Battalion and even in trench and dug-out its members had their little meetings. Who can measure the good, that has been done through this distinctively soldiers' association?

Each month it publishes a record of Army work in a delightful magazine named "Ready" and this is well known to our men.

We have described in our Army of the Rhine paper, the work of all our philantropic and religious organisations and we gladly pay our tribute to one of the very best—the Soldiers' Christian Association. *G.K.*

CAN YOU WRITE?

The Editor will be glad if officers and men of the Rhine Army will contribute to this paper. The need for contributions is the greater now that so many of our regular writers are leaving for home. All accepted articles etc. are paid for and may be on any topic likely to interest the troops on the Rhine. The Editor hopes for a hearty response to this invitation. Lack of a finished literary style need deter no one from submitting something. Provided the subject matter is interesting, the Editorial staff can supply any deficiencies. No contribution should exceed 500 words and even shorter ones will be welcome.

SHOPPING.

The Rhine Army is rapidly disproving the old saying of foreigners that the English will not learn their language so they have to learn ours. Ever since the war the majority of us make attempts, however painful to others, to parley to the natives in their own tongue.

The possible exception to this is Bimbo.

Bimbo is a terrible example of an Englishman. Anything that isn't English is rubbish, "trash" and therefore not worth troubling about. He is quite amazed if a foreigner doesn't understand a remark of his made in English.

Behold him, then, entering the portals of the famous firm, "Dankershun and Bittershun," in quest of a box of drawing pins for the blankets in his too brilliant dark-room and (the remainder) for some rather flabby targets in the miniature range.

Mr. Dankershun greeted him with a polite "Gooten tag."

"Morning," growled Bimbo, "I want a box of drawing pins."

"Bitte?" Mr. D. was apologetic but slightly fogged.

"Have you such a thing as a box of drawing-pins?" Bimbo had great faith in changing the phrasing. "You might hit upon the right one by luck," he holds.

Mr. D. became mildly puzzled. He grinned sheepishly and slowly shook his dead. "Nix fasteen."

"Do you speak English?"

Again that inane grin and head shaking. "Nix!"

Bimbo began to lose patience. This was too absurd. The fellow can't even speak English. So he braced himself up to explain matters. The old idiot knows what a drawing-pin is; it's only a matter of driving it into his thick skull.

"Look here! Don't you know what a drawing-pin is? Fasteen Dra-a-aw-ing Pin?"

Mr. D's head indicated that he didn't.

Patience began to ooze rapidly out of Bimbo. He had quite expected "Fasteen" to do the trick. He glanced wildly round the shop for a possible illustration.

Mr. Dankershun meanwhile began, in a dazed manner, to dig up from some dark depths behind the counter an assortment of razors, paper-knives, miniatures of the Dom, some post-cards, and helmets, in the vain hope that Bimbo only wanted souvenirs after all.

Suddenly Bimbo darted across to the window, followed by the flustered but eager Dankershun, and began violently to hammer the edges of the curtain. Mr. D. hesitated, murmured something about "moment," and shuffled off to the next room. While he was away Bimbo took the opportunity to groan aloud, "These stupid foreigners!"

Despair seized Bimbo as Mr. Dankershun brought in the affable Mr. Bittershun instead of the drawing-pins.

Bowing and smiling and rubbing his hands, Bittershun opened his barrage.

"Gooten tag."

"Morning. I want a box of drawing-pins."

"Parlez vous Francais?"

"No! I want some drawing pins! DRAWING-PINS!!"

Mr. Bittershun told Mr. Dankershun to try him again with a razor. Bimbo swept this aside.

"Damn!"

"Ah! Ja! Damn, nix goot," remarked D and B, chuckling. They understood that.

In despair. Bimbo's bulging eyes swept the room once more. Why won't these beggars understand. Surely the thing's plain enough. Drawing-pins! Any child of six would understand him in England. Then a sudden light sparkled in his eyes. A chair! The very thing! With a bound he reached the chair, sat quickly down, and then leapt up in the air, at the same time giving vent to a blood-curdling scream. Dankershun hid behind the counter; Bittershun stood rooted to the ground, pale as death.

"Pins! do you see? Now do you get me?" Then with great condescension he did it again. "Look here. Ich sitten down; Pin pricken me; ich jumpen up again. Fasteen?"

The colour came slowly back to Bittershun's cheeks, his face lit up, and with a "Ah! Ja, Ja! Fasteen" he went behind the counter and brought out a packet of pins.

"That's better! Now then. Nix dis. Uders like dis, Fasteen?"

Dankershun and Bittershun searched the cupboards and drawers like ferrets while Bimbo looked on, perspiring and out of breath, but rather pleased with himself. The fellows knew all the time, of course. Idiots!

Out came packets of safety-pins, tie-pins, needles, and everything else with a sharp point. The stock of Dankershun and Bittershun seemed inexhaustible. At last came a box of drawing-pins! Bimbo pounced upon this.

"How much?"

"50 Pfennigs."

While Bimbo was paying this fabulous sum, Bittershun, smiling and self-possessed once more, asked the "Engleesh for dis?"

"Drawing-pins."

Even then Bimbo didn't ask him the German for it. But Bimbo is an exception. *WILFORD.*

THE FALLEN SAUSAGE.

The history of German sausages is instructive. Formerly Germany, undoubtedly, was a country, where sausages were eaten with pleasure and in great quantities. It was for instance the custom at Königsberg in Prussia that at the new year the butchers presented the bakers with a giant sausage. The chronicle of the town tells us that the sausage of the year 1558 was carried by forty-eight persons and had a length of about 130 yards; the sausage of the year 1595 had to be carried by 85 persons and weighed 454 German pounds, its length was 417 yards. The fattest butcher at this sausage festival marched in front, having the end of the sausage round his neck as a necktie. He was followed by the other members of the corporation carrying the sausage on their shoulders. A band accompanied the procession. But "tempora mutantur". A joke told about the 1919 sausages is that a man bought a sausage in a Berlin shop. It was so small that it was almost necessary to take a magnifying glass to see it. As the buyer had no paper to wrap it in he took his tramway-ticket for the purpose; but as he went home he noticed he had lost the sausage; it must have slipped out through the hole made in the ticket by the tramway conductor.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

SALUTING DIFFICULTIES.

Sir,—I try to do my duty as a subaltern in saluting my superior officers, but often, I regret to say, inadvertently pass an officer of field rank without giving the recognition I should, for the simple reason that it is difficult to know what his rank really is.

With the regulation uniform bearing the marks of rank on the cuff, it is easy enough to distinguish whether anyone is a Lieutenant, Captain, Major or even something higher. But now it seems increasingly the fashion to wear plain sleeves and merely have the stars or crowns or both on the shoulder strap.

The result is that until one is abreast of an officer it is practically impossible to see what he is wearing. A crown looks almost the same as a star some yards off.

Once age used to be some guide as to rank, but to-day we have majors and colonels of twenty—and subalterns over fifty.

Personally I wish the Army authorities would put their foot down and stop the style of wearing badges of rank on the shoulder straps. *K.R.R.*

WIVES AND EFFICIENCY.

Sir,—Your correspondent Martini has committed the common error of building up a perfectly sound fabric of reasoning on a rotten hypothesis.

His comparison of the conditions in France during the war with those in Germany after it, is most unhappy.

Does he not realise that very few of the officers who have their wives with them in Occupied Germany were ever, during the war, in an area even comparatively safe for women.

Martini must really try to stretch his imagination beyond an Army or Corps Headquarters; he will then realise the weakness of his argument.

His worn-out gibe regarding lateness in the morning is contrary to fact. My experience is that the married man who goes to bed at a reasonable hour gets to work earlier than the unfortunate bachelor or grass-widower. *BENEDICTINE.*

Sir,— Your correspondent "Bachelor" asks the question, Do wives in Rhineland make for efficiency? I would like to point out to Bachelor that it is none of his business. The commanding Officer of the unit is responsible for the efficiency off all its members.

If Bachelor is so devoid of moral backbone as to be unable to say "no" when unwilling, his subsequent fatigue, if any, is the reward he merits!

Perhaps, with Bachelor it is a case of sour grapes! *SHORTY.*

Sir,—Though I am a single man myself, I do not agree at all with Bachelor. Why should wives cause inefficiency now, any more than before the war?

Apart from this I heartily deplore the spirit in which Bachelor has been attacked by some correspondents.

By all means let us air our views, but let us refrain from unpleasant epithets and personal abuse such as has marred an otherwise interesting discussion. *TOUJOURS LA POLITESSE.*

TALL STORIES.

Sir,—'Nix Veritas' states that he saw a German consume 158 bottles of wine on the Rhine trip from Cologne to Coblenz, but that he returned by train for fear the boat should sink. That was a pity as he would have witnessed as I did, the same "human being" indulge in another little drink to the extent of 51 bottles on the return journey thus having the grand total of 209 bottles to his credit. *S. P. A.*

Sir,—Reference the tall yarns in your column of the Germans' unquenchable thirst.

I once saw in a railway journey in 1913 between Cologne and Berlin one German consume 500 bottles of champagne.

This man afterwards made a fortune in empty bottles. *Y. M. D.*

THE VALUE OF SPANISH.

Sir,—I do not agree with "Espanola" that this language is more useful to learn than German, only in so far as it is used extensively in South America.

The two languages usually taught before the war were: French (most important) and German, to the needful acquisition of which latter we have recently awakened, it having been "taboo" during the European struggle.

Spanish is a fine and high-sounding language, having an accent and pronunciation difficult to attain directly, but as easy as Italian when French is mastered.

Personally I would study all the Latin tongues in preference to the guttural German, whose relation to the mother medium is more obscure, but the consideration of its commercial advantages is entirely different to a question of taste.

I note, in conclusion, that Spanish is now being taught extensively in the German schools. *W. B. LAVENGRO.*

A MATTER OF SPELLING.

Sir,—The Army establishment on the Rhine embankment about which 'Not Demobilizable' and 'Glory B' were pleased to be facetious, has now, fearful of the intense notoriety it is gaining, hung out still another legend — which is tersely to the point.

Eluding any complexity of spelling it now reads: 'Demob'! *'PASSER-BY.*

THE ENCHANTMENT.

I did but look and love awhile,
'Twas but for one half-hour,
Then to resist I had no will,
And now I have no power.

To sigh and wish is all my ease;
Sighs which do heat impart
Enough to melt the coldest ice,
Yet cannot warm your heart.

O would your pity give my heart
One corner of your breast,
'Twould learn of you the winning art,
And quichly steal the rest.

THOMAS OTWAY.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

London Clubs' League Match Successes.

SPURS' FINE WIN.

The London clubs in the First Division of the League were engaged in the return matches, on Saturday with the two North Eastern clubs, the first encounters of which both resulted in drawn games. Arsenal were at home to Sunderland and won by the odd goal in five after being a goal down at half-time. Chelsea failed to hold their own with Newcastle, in fact being badly beaten by 3 goals to nil. The feature of the other games played was the away wins of West Bromwich Albion and Liverpool.

Not one of the Southern teams in the Second Division suffered defeat. The outstanding feature of the day's play was the fine win of the Spurs at South Shields where the home team had not lost a goal on their own ground. Fulham and Bristol City scored runaway victories over Leicester City and Lincoln City, whilst West Ham also won by a narrow margin at home. One of the best performances of the day was Clapton Orient's draw with Wolverhampton Wanderers at Wolverhampton.

First Division.

Arsenal	3	Sunderland	2
Bolton Wanderers	6	Manchester City	2
Manchester United	5	Preston North End	1
Newcastle United	3	Chelsea	0
Notts County	3	Sheffield Wednesday	1
Oldham Athletic	2	Bradford	2
Sheffield United	5	Middlesbrough	1
Aston Villa	0	Liverpool	1
Bradford City	3	Derby County	1
Burnley	3	Blackburn Rovers	1
Everton	2	West Bromwich Albion	5

Second Division.

Fulham	5	Leicester City	0
West Ham United	2	Rotherham County	1
Barnsley	2	Notts Forest	2
Blackpool	1	Stoke	1
Bristol City	6	Lincoln City	0
Hull City	1	Leeds City	1
Huddersfield Town	3	Grimsby Town	0
Wolverhampton Wanderers	1	Clapton Orient	1
Coventry City	1	Birmingham	3
South Shields	0	Tottenham Hotspur	3
Stockport County	1	Bury	1

Southern League.

Crystal Palace	3	Norwich City	1
Millwall Athletic	1	Reading	1
Northampton	1	Brentford	1
Queens Park Rangers	4	Luton Town	0
Cardiff City	5	Gillingham	0
Portsmouth	4	Merthyr Town	2
Swindon Town	1	Southampton	2
Watford	1	Southend United	1
Newport County	2	Plymouth Argyle	1
Exeter City	2	Swansea Town	1
Brighton & Hove Albion	3	Bristol Rovers	1

Midland League.

Sheffield Wed.	0	Notts County	1
Chesterfield	4	Silverwood Colliery	1
Scunthorpe United	0	Sheffield United	0
Mexborough Town	4	Barnsley	1
Worksop Town	2	Lincoln City	2
Rotherham Town	5	Halifax Town	2

Central League.

Manchester City	2	Bolton Wanderers	2
Crewe Alexandra	0	Southport	0
Leeds City	0	Oldham	1
Stalybridge Celtic	2	Huddersfield	2
Liverpool	0	Aston Villa	1
Nelson	3	Bradford City	5
Bury	2	Stockport	0
Preston North End	3	Manchester United	0
Blackburn Rovers	1	Burnley	2
Port Vale	4	Everton	0
Rochdale	2	Blackpool	1

Scottish League.

Airdrieonians	0	Clyde	0
Ayr United	5	Kilmarnock	0
Dundee	1	Heart of Midlothian	0
Hamilton Academicals	2	Aberdeen	1
Hibernians	2	Falkirk	0
Greenock Morton	0	Motherwell	1
Raith Rovers	3	St. Mirren	0
Glasgow Rangers	4	Dumbarton	0

The Clydebank-Albion Rovers match was cancelled.

Glasgow Cup—Semi-Final.

Celtic	3	Queen's Park	1
Partick Thistle	2	Third Lanark	0

RUGBY RESULTS.

Northern Union.

Rochdale Hornets	6	Barrow	3
Hull Kingston Rovers	24	Batley	4
Bradford Northern	11	Salford	0
Dewsbury	17	Swinton	3
Warrington	2	St. Helens Recreation	2
Leigh	0	Widnes	5
Wakefield Trinity	9	Oldham	2
Halifax	3	Hunslet	0
Bramley	0	Leeds	18
Broughton Rangers	31	Keighley	0
York	3	Huddersfield	17
Wigan	5	Hull	11

The Rugby Union.

Bath	3	Llanelly	6
Bristol	21	Bridgewater	6
Cardiff	17	Pontypool	5
Leicester	39	Coventry	3
Newport	46	Blaenavon	0
Plymouth	0	Torquay Athletic	3
Northampton	21	Bedford	13
Gloucester	13	Abertillery	0

BATTERY FOOTBALL.

A/187 Bde. R.F.A. v. D/187 Bde. R.F.A.

A friendly game was played between A/187 Bde. R.F.A. and D/187 Bde. R.F.A. on the former's ground at Eil. The play at the start was fairly even, but after about 15 minutes play, A Battery's right wing got away; and from a nice cross Dr. Garner opened the scoring. The remainder of this half was pretty evenly contested and neither team managed to increase the score.

Shortly after the opening of the second half, the visiting centre forward who had all along been playing a good game got away, and, after getting clear of both backs, scored a fine goal. After this the home team pressed and added No 2. They continued to press and were unlucky on several occasions in not increasing their lead. For the visiting team the centre half, left half and centre forward were conspicuous, while for the home team Sgt. Winter at right back and Drivers Goudie and Garner on the left wing all played well.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, September 23rd, 1919.

Wind between West and South-West 10 to 15 miles per hour. Squally, cloudy and showery, with fine intervals. Cold, fair visibility.

OUR NEW COMPETITION.

Big Prize Assured for Opening Contest.

"Some mail" exclaimed our office-boy as he struggled with yesterday morning's post. It contained a weighty response to our Football Competition, No 1, and so numerous were the coupons that a fairly substantial prize is assured to the winner, or (in the event of ties) the winners.

The results of Saturday's matches which we publish to-day should be a further indication of the current form of play. To-morrow we shall publish the various league tables.

The rules of the competition appeared in Saturday's and Sunday's issues.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 1.

Date of matches, Saturday, Sept. 27th
Closing date, Thursday, Sept. 25th.

Blackburn Rovers	v. Woolwich Arsenal
Bradford	v. Aston Villa
Chelsea	v. Burnley
Derby County	v. Bolton Wanderers
Birmingham	v. Huddersfield
Bristol City	v. Fulham
Bury	v. Hull city
Clapton Orient	v. South Shields
Brentford	v. Crystal Palace
Brist ol Rovers	v. Newport
Exeter	v. Watford
Gillingham	v. Queen's Park Rangers

I enter football competition No. 1 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Unit .....
Address .....

KALK SHIELD COMPETITION.

1st Round Results and 2nd Round Draw.

35th Bde. R.G.A.	2	187 Bde. R.F.A.	1
63rd Bde. R.G.A.	4	13 M.A.C.	1
G.H.Q. Signals	3	1st Pontoon Coy.	0
Wahn Survey	4	2/4 Queens	0
11th Queens	3	No 8 R.A.V. Hos.	0
1/6th West Yorks	4	93rd Bde. R.G.A.	0
23rd R.F.	2	Bakeries Kalk	1

Draw for 2nd round.

To be played on ground of first named by Monday 29th:—

35th Bde. R.G.A. v. 53rd Northumberland Fus.
Wahn Survey v. 6th Corps Signal Coy.
1/6th West Yorks v. 11th Queens.
10th Queens v. 17th Royal Fusiliers.
Rhine Flotilla R.N. v. 63rd Bde. R.G.A.
"B" Bty. 190 Bde. R.F.A. v. G.H.Q. Signals.
23rd Royal Fus. v. 87th Field Ambulance.
9th D.L.I. or 23rd Middlesex v. Southern Div. R.E. or "R" A.A. Bty. R.G.A.

Teams must endeavour to get matches off by this date. The 3rd round will be played on neutral grounds.

THE Y.M.C.A. SHIELD.

93rd. Bde. R.G.A. v. 1/6th. West Yorks At Kalk.

These teams met in the above competition at Kalk on Friday. During the first half the crafty methods of the Gunners backs decidedly upset the "Tykes" forwards, in that they were repeatedly pulled up for offside. However, not to be dismayed, they kept pegging away and Wraithby finally scored with a lovely daisy cutter from 30 yards range. Half time arrived with the Yorkshire men leading one goal to nil. During the second half the Tykes played clever and nippy football and L/Cpl. Butterill, their centre forward, who played a thrustful game, performed the hat trick, the final score being: 1/6 West Yorks 4; 93rd. Bde R.G.A. nil.

35th. Bde. R.G.A. v. 187 Bde. R.F.A.

The 35th. Bde. R.G.A. played a tie in the 1st round of the Y.M.C.A. Football Cup Competition and were successful in defeating 187 Bde. R.F.A. by two goals to 1. The match was played on Friday on the 35th Bde. ground at Haus Vorst.

G.H.Q., SERGEANTS MESS RIFLE CLUB.

The members of the above club spent another enjoyable afternoon on the Merheim Ranges on Saturday last. Conductor Luker, R.A.O.C., won the spoon for the second week in succession with a score of 91—handicap 9 points.

The next Spoon Shot will take place on the above Ranges next Saturday. Meet at No 1 Sergeants Mess, Salomongasse, at 1.30 p.m. prompt.

41st BATT. M.G.C.

High Standard Of Athletics At Konigsforst.

RAIN CAUSES ABANDONMENT.

An unpropitious morning was followed by a dull afternoon and rain in the evening, somewhat damping the ardour of the M.G.C. enthusiasts at their sports meeting at Konigsforst on Sunday. The cold weather, however, was conducive to sport, and, with a fine field, and well trained competitors some excellent running was witnessed. There was a large attendance, including many ladies. Numerous side-shows and competitions added gaiety and variety to the entertainment. The catering was admirably carried out by the Y.M.C.A. The names of the officials were:—

Referee:—Maj.-Gen. Sir S. T. B. Lawford, K.C.B.

Judges:—Lt.-Col. G. M. Lindsay, C.M.G. D.S.O., Maj. A. V. Keene, Maj. A.D. Needham, O.B.E., M.C., Maj. D. Boumphrey, M.C.

Starter:—Capt. G. G. Zeigler, M.C.

Time Keeper:—Mr. Cutbush, Y.M.C.A.

Clerks of the Course.—Sgt. T. Morley, Sgt. J. McChesney.

Recorder:—Pte. H. Murray.

Owing to the rain the sports were abandoned at 6 o'clock three events remaining for decision, and the presentation of prizes had to be deferred.

The Results.

100 yards flat:—1, R.Q.M.S. Spruce; 2, Pte. Sutton.

1 mile flat:—1, Pte. Card; 2, L/Cpl. Ellmore; 3, Lt. Hill.

Bicycle race 1 mile:—1, L/Cpl. Houston; 2, L/Cpl. Blackmore; 3, Cpl. Rowe.

High jump:—1, Maj. Arkle; 2, Sgt. Crosbie; 3, Pte. Kilcoyne.

440 yards flat:—1, Sgt. Brown; 2, Sgt. Barker; 3, C.S.M. Parsons.

Mile open:—1, Cpl. Ward, Tank Corps; 2, L/Cpl. Cottmore, R.I.R.; 3, Lt. Elliot.

220 yards flat:—R.Q.M.S. Spruce; 2, Pte. Sutton; 3, Lt. Sandford.

Pillow fight:—1, Cpl. Barker; 2, Pte. Ladd; 3, Pte. Watkins.

Throwing the cricket ball:—1, Lt. Andrews; 2, L/Cpl. Blackmore; 3, Sgt. Briggs.

880 yards flat:—1, Lt. Brett, 2, Sgt. Brown; 3, C.S.M. Parsons.

Saddle up and V.C. race:—1, Pte. Porter; 2, Pte. Busby; 3, Pte. Fraser.

Relay race open:—1, 41st Bn. M.G.C.; 2, Tank Group; 3, Southern Div. Sig.

120 yards hurdles:—1, Maj. Arkle; 2, Capt. Cranfield; 3, Pte. Poole.

Putting the shot:—1, Pte. Ruddy; 2, Lt. Kinnimont; 3, Sgt. Meak.

Potato race:—1, L/Cpl. Parsons; 2, Pte. Simpson; 3, Pte. Shipway.

Three legged race:—Sgt. Britton and Cpl. Wood.

Long jump:—1, Sgt. Briggs; 2, L/Cpl. Hodgkinson; 3, Sgt. Crossby.

Potato race on mules:—Pte. Jordan.

Two miles flat:—1, L/Cpl. Ellmore; 2, Lt. Hill; 3, C.S.M. Campbell.

The remaining events were run off yesterday and the results are appended:—

Sack race:—1, Pte. Fox; 2, Cpl. Hodginson; 3, Pte. Barry.

Company tug of war:—1, C Coy.; 2, A Coy.

Company relay race 220, 440, 880, 220 yards:—1, A Coy.; 2, C Coy.; 3, H.Q. Coy.

1st CLASS CRICKET ENDS.

Hendren Tops Batting Averages For The Season.

First-class cricket ended for the season on Thursday with the defeat of Yorkshire by the Rest at the Oval. Appended are the batting and bowling averages of the leading players for the season:—

Batting.

	No. of Inns.	Runs.	Most in Inns.	Times Not Out.	Aver.
Hendren	34	1655	214	7	61.29
J. N. Crawford	12	488	*144	4	61.00
Hobbs	49	2494	*205	6	60.32
Mead	38	1720	207	7	55.43
Gunn (G)	25	1451	*185	2	53.8
Ducat	35	1695	*306	3	52.96
W. M. Turner	8	361	172	1	51.57
Hearne	35	1350	*218	7	49.28
Payton	20	671	*54	6	47.92
Hardinge	26	1101	*172	3	47.86
Gunn (J)	24	903	*111	5	47.52
J. H. Naumann	10	413	*134	1	45.88

Bowling.

	Overs.	Mdns.	Rns.	Wkts.	Aver.
Hardy	81.5	16	234	18	13.00
Rhodes	1048.3	306	2365	164	14.42
J. O. White	880	243	1913	128	14.94
Parkin	266	58	661	41	16.12
Field	137.2	32	378	23	16.43
Woolley	956.2	277	2196	128	17.15
Heap	440.4	105	1147	65	17.37
E. R. Wilson	321.5	108	699	40	17.47
Burrows	123.4	22	356	20	17.80
V. W. Jupp	105.2	16	342	19	18.00
R. Kilner	377	124	824	45	18.31
Horsley	205.3	39	662	36	18.38

A QUOITS CHALLENGE.

A challenge of interest to quoiters has been made on behalf of Wm. Watters, Lochgelly, Fife in which he offers to play any man in the world for the championship and a stake of anything up to £1,000. At present Watters holds the titles in Scotland for both 18yds and 21yds.

WINDSOR RACING.

Challow Wins Royal Borough Handicap.

Excellent fields turned out at Windsor on Saturday. The chief event attracted eight runners, and of these Challow was made favourite. Ridden by Donoghue, he quickly gained a leading position, and never being dispossessed of it won by half a length. Results:—

Queen Anne's Welter Handicap.—1, Svindune (10—1); 2, Double Dew (7—1); 3, Sans Atout (100—8).

Herne Oak Nursery Handicap:—1, Mexican Eagle (9—2); 2, Ambassadress (4—1); 3, Tivoli (10—1).

Royal Borough Handicap:—1, Challow (7—4); 2, South Parade (7—1); 3, Ninon (7—1).

Merry Wives Nursery Handicap:—1, Flittervil filly (4—1); 2, Illuminator (11—2); 3, Dayspring (9—1).

Falstaff Handicap:—1, Storm Witch (5—4 on); 2, Prevovant (11—2); 3, Londoner (7—1).

Castle Maiden Plate:—1, Auramine (9—2); 2, Digby (100—30); 3, Treasury Bill (20—1).

IMPORTANT SCRATCHINGS.

Irish Elegance and Silonyx withdrawn.

Two more scratchings though fully anticipated, will be noted with a parting pang by early seekers of a likely double, were Silonyx from the Cesarewitch and Irish Elegance from the Cambridgeshire. Silonyx could not be trained, and it has been strange to see him paraded in the market.

There is a limit to everything, and it would have been unfair to ask Irish Elegance to carry 10st. 9lbs. Naturally it is going to be a difficult matter to place him now, but he has been entered for a Newmarket sprint and also for the Norwich Handicap over the Cambridgeshire nine furlongs. He has been given 10st, 10lbs.

LONDON BETTING.

Cesarewitch Stakes.
(Run Wednesday, Octob. 15. Two miles and a quarter.)

100 to 6 agst Langdon Hills, 4, 7 12 (o, after 20 to 1 t) . . . . . Powney
20 — 1 — Gay Lord, 4, 8 3 (t and o) Gilpin
20 — 1 — Ivanhoe, 6, 7 12 (o) . . . Cottrill
20 — 1 — Alasnam, 3, 6 (o, after 25 to 1 t) R. Day

Cambridgeshire Stakes.
(Run Oct. 29. One mile one furlong.)

100 to 8 agst Zinovia, 4, 8 11 (t and o) . Hunt
100 — 7 — My Dear, 4, 9 2 (t and o) Taylor
20 — 1 — Tetrarchia, 3, 7 1 (t and o) Nugent
22 — 1 — Alasnam, 3, 6 (t and o) . R. Day

RACING NOTES & NOTIONS.

By "Jerry M."

Our double candidates "Silver Bullet" and "Bruff Bridge" are progressing in their preparations in capital form. I have received most satisfactory news of the latter and I am somewhat confident that if facing the tapes fit and well he will trouble the best of the others. "Silver Bullet" says one well-known regular punter is only waiting for the word "Go" and if this is for the Cesarewitch then many will have a fleeting vision of the "Bullet's heels."

Appearance would suggest that Lambton erred in his judgment with regard to the St. Leger situation, but there are other points to be considered in connection with the "Classic Race."

Many experts declare it was a badly run race; "Keysoe" was allowed to get too far ahead. The riders of Buchan and Dominion were waiting on each other and they waited all too long! The consequence was that, as between these two, the affair finally resolved itself into a tussle for speed and it is certain that Dominion is the faster of the two. Meanwhile "Keysoe" continued on her own and refused to be "pegged back." Had Buchan been made more use of in the earlier stages quite another story might have to be told. But all honour to the winner—a grand filly.

After the drastic action taken by the Stewards in the Batho and Mullen cases trainers are going very gingerly—for a time!!!

At the jumping meeting to be held in the Isle of Wight next month there are two races confined to riders who are, or have been, officers in his Majesty's Services. This type of event originated at Sandown Park and proved such a big success that other managements are making them quite a feature of their programmes. This should certainly be the case when "the jumps" get into full swing. "Over the sticks" was ever a popular pastime with amateur riders, and they helped greatly to place the sport on its present sound foundation.

ARMY BOXING.

Criticism of the Method of Point Scoring.

INFORMATION WANTED.

The following letters have reached us with reference to the Army Boxing Championships held recently in which considerable doubt is expressed as to the Army method of point scoring. We publish them in the hope that some readers will volunteer the information required.

Sir,—The method of point scoring in the Army Boxing championship seems, to put it very mildly, rather extraordinary to an outside individual. The winning team viz: the 32nd Machine Gun Batt. won one contest as compared to 5 wins by the second team and 2 wins by the third. The 32nd M.G. Batt. had an advantage of 2 points over the second team by reason of a walk-over in the semi-final and their bantam-weight who scored 3 points although he was 4 lbs. over weight, was protested against and should not have been allowed to enter the ring.

They then won the championship by one point although, as stated, winning only one competition and being to the onlookers an obviously inferior team.

If there were ever "moral" champions who did not earn the title, the 7th Bn. Middlesex Regt., are the "moral" boxing champions of the Army of the Rhine.

"Wondering."

Sir,—I should like to ask any of your readers their opinion of the result of the Army of the Rhine Boxing tournament. There were eight fights during the evening of the eighteenth, and all these were finals.

The results were as follows—7th M'sex Regt 5 wins, the wins for the remaining 3 fights being divided between the other 3 teams.

This would appear that the 7th M'sex were easy winners, but instead of their being awarded the first prize, it was given to the 32nd Batt. M.G.C., who had only one win to their credit.

Could any reader inform me under what rules the tournament took place.

Yours etc.,
"A Neutral."

MORE BOXING CHALLENGES.

Cpl. Syd Marshall issues a challenge to any man of his weight, 9 stone 9 lb. in the Rhine Army. He bars none; all communications to be sent to Sports officer, 5th Royal Irish Regt. Rhine Army.

At 10st. 7 lbs.

L/Cpl. Stuckey, 4th Field Survey Batt. R.E. is prepared to meet any man in the Rhine Army at 10st. 7lbs. Four ozs. gloves preferred.

A Disappointment.

The Sports President 35th Bde. R.G.A. writes:—Some short time ago we accepted on behalf of one of our gunners a boxing challenge which came through your columns from L/Cpl. Corbett, R.A.S.C. Will you please note that we are unfortunately obliged to disappoint Cpl. Corbett owing to the gunner in question being demobilized.

JIMMY WILDE'S ADVICE.

What was described as Jimmy Wilde's farewell before leaving for America attracted a big crowd to the New Brighton Tower Theatre, when the popular little Welsh champion boxed a couple of exhibitions, and made a short speech, in the course of which he advised his hearers—speaking of his American engagements—that "if they didn't back him, not to back the other fellow."

THE £590 TOURNAMENT.

J. H. Turner (Frilford Heath), E. Bannister (Sandy Lodge), B. Seymour (Molesey Hurst), and D. Ayton (Clacton-on-Sea), who tied for the last two of the twenty-six qualifying places for the £590 Golf tournament, played off over eighteen holes at Sonning.

Bannister and Seymour qualified with scores of 77 each, Ayton taking 79 and Turner 86.

GEORGE ROBEY AND FOOTBALL.

George Robey celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his birth on Saturday. The vigorous health he enjoys is attributed by him to the whole-hearted manner in which he has played various outdoor sports.

In his time an Association player of no mean ability, he made his first appearance for the Millwall F.C. nineteen years ago, and in commemoration of this, and of the fact that it was his fiftieth birth day, he signed a Southern League form for the club in whose welfare he has for so long taken a deep interest.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

"The Prongs."

On Saturday evening I looked in to see "The Prongs" (92nd Bde. R.G.A.) Concert Party at the Central Y.M.C.A. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity and there were many unable to gain admission. The show was very bright and versatile, and in many respects, quite different from the other parties I have seen. The concerted numbers are clever, the vocalists are good and comedy abounds, while the dresses, effects, and production leave nothing to be desired. The manager and producer is Bert Rudd.

A Versatile Party.

Although I have seen Jimmy Robinson on several occasions I don't think I've seen him in such form as he is at present. In the sketch he created roars of laughter. Bert Rudd, is also conspicuous in the comedy department. Will Pawson, a clever ventriloquist, Charles Castle, L. Arthene, J. Norton, and E. J. Bailey make up the male portion of a very capable party. Fred O. Bayman, the female impersonator, has a pleasing voice, and suitable mannerisms, and is a big favourite.

At the Palace Theatre.

Last night "The Jesters" Concert Party presented their show to a crowded house at the Palace Theatre. An excellent party from London, under the auspices of the N.A.C.B., they proved themselves capable of providing an exceedingly bright entertainment. It is gratifying to see that "The Jesters" after amusing us since 1915 have not yet deserted us. By the bye you should book early if you want to see the show at the Herzogstrasse Theatre.

Leave Club Concert.

An excellent concert was given on Sunday night by the Inniskillings, when the hall was absolutely packed. Owing to an accident to the transport the band were not able to arrive before 7.30, but Miss Ada Moore kindly gave one of her delightful impromptu concerts during the interval, and was encored to the echo. Among other items, she sang "The Kingdom within your Eyes" and "Wake up." Sgt. Hugh Williams sang delightfully "Follow the Golden Star" and "Once More.' The band then gave some charming selections. The rendering of "Tangled Tunes" was received with tremendous applause, as was also "The Voyage on a Troop Ship," which was very realistic. Bdr. Ruston sang the "Lute Player," and "The Trumpeter" as an encore, both given delightfully, and received with much applause.

The way of all things.

Frequenters of the Y.M.C.A. Central and British Empire Leave Club will learn with regret that the "Merry Micks", the concert party of the 5th Royal Irish Regt. is now no more. Haworth (tenor) and Armes (comedian) have been demobilized, and Livingstone (comedian and business manager) has gone into hospital. The "Merry Micks" gave their final performance at the Kaisersaal Solingen, on Saturday, before a packed house. Several new numbers were introduced, and an original song by Livingstone entitled "O her Face" being one of the features of the evening. This comedian has a style all his own, and his facial contortions are extremely funny. Although quite a small troupe the party ranked as one of the foremost in the Rhine Army, and their loss will be felt by all concert goers, particularly in the Light Div.

In few words.

I understand that McCracken, Weeks, Livingstone and Armes of the "Merry Micks" will shortly make their bow on the music hall stage in "Blighty."

JACQUES.

BY THE ODD GOAL.

R.A.O.C. Companies Cologne v. Detachments Nippes.

Played at Nippes; this was the first match of the season for the Nippes men and although beaten by the odd goal in five they put up a very creditable performance. The homesters were the first to score and this put new life into the visitors who on the resumption immediately transferred play to the homesters goal. The second goal of the match was obtained by the Companies from a corner. Half-time scores equall.

The Nippes men outdoed the lead from a breakaway; a scrimmage ensued in front of the goalmouth and one of the halves handled. A penalty was awarded and McGowran, who was entrusted with the kick made no mistake sending the ball well out of the goalie's reach at a terrific pace.

Nettled by this reverse the visitors again took up the running and kept play in the vicinity of the home goal. Their forwards played very nicely together and some fine combination was seen. Time after time they seemed on the verge of scoring but the homesters backs and goalie cleared. Not to be denied however the visitors came again and pretty play by the right wing ended in the Companies notching their second point.

The visitors got away again and with 15 minutes to go obtained their third and winning goal. The ball was taken down by the left wing and from a splendid centre the Companies centre forward headed in nicely.

INTER-COMPANY FOOTBALL.

Keen Games Provided by Royal Irish Regt. League.

Inter Company league football provided the 5th Royal Irish Regt. with keen games, Headquarters v. C Coy. being the tit-bit. The game was fought out at a fast pace and ended in a fitting result, a draw of one all. For Headquarters Cpl. Norris, the well-known London Amateur, showed brilliant form at right back. Murray, who has played in Irish football, was a success at outside left, an unselfish pass from him let his partner L/Cpl. Gregory through to score with a rocket drive. Allen the goalkeeper was heartily cheered for his performance. For C. Coy. Sullivan was the man of note, a splendid solo effort by him resulting in the equalizing goal.

B Coy beat A Coy.

The B Coy and A Coy match, while splendidly contested, was won somewhat easily by the former, who put on three goals to their opponents 1.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

London Rugger.
Most of the London Rugby clubs played practice matches on Saturday.

N.Z. Rugby Victory.
The New Zealand Service Rugby football team last week defeated Natal by 11 points to 4.

Golf Tourney.
Abe Mitchell, Harry Vardon, James Braid, and Ted Ray will take part in a professional golf tournament at Edgware on October 8.

Sloley for Aston.
R. W. Sloley, the Cambridge University and Corinthians forward, played for Aston Villa against Liverpool on Saturday and in future will be in the team as regularly as possible.

Cycling Records Stand.
Attempts to beat cycling records failed at the Kentish Wheelers meeting at Herne Hill. Ryan and Lance were a second outside the previous best for the quarter-mile tandem start.

Hat-Trick for Ordnance.
Brompton were outclassed by Royal Ordnance in their replayed F.A. Cup tie at Chatham and lost by three goals to one. Clarke scored twice in the first half for Ordnance, and completed his hat-trick early in the second half. Brown scored Brompton's only goal.

Unfortunate Spurs.
Tottenham Hotspur have only 26 players from which to select their two teams.

Miss Shirley-Kellogg's "Gee-gee's."
Miss Shirley-Kellogg's horses that have left P. Hartigan's stable for France will be trained at Chantilly by Davison.

Corinthians at Golf.
A number of famous footballers were golfing at Stoke Poges on Friday, when the Corinthians held an eighteen-hole stroke competition.

Another Victory.
N. Misbu, the Rumanian lawn tennis player, whose original methods have proved successful of late, gained another victory in the final of the men's singles at the Hurlingham tournament.

Derby's Reserve Goalkeeper.
Good side as Derby County are this season, they are lamentably short of reliable reserves. The directors, recognising this fact, have engaged James Kidd as a possible deputy for Lawrence.

Northern Nomads.
Northern Nomads F.C., one of the leading amateur clubs before the war, has been revived this season. They opposed Everton in a friendly at Goodison Park last week, and were defeated 3—1. B. H. Baker, the high jump champion, is still a prominent member of the side.

White Prince Sold.
S. Pickering has disposed of White Prince privately to Sir Abe Bailey.

French Fly-weight Boxing.
In a boxing match for the fly-weight championship of France, Bouzonnie, the holder of the title, beat Cram, who retired in the sixteenth round.

Too Small a Course.
Rapidan did not run in the Sebastien Grand Prize, his owner realising that his colt could not do himself justice on that course, which is too small.

Wonderland.
Wonderland is being rebuilt after many years. Great crowds gathered at that resort before it was burnt down, and no doubt it again will be the scene of stirring contests when it reopens.

Referee's Death.
The death has taken place at Nottingham of Mr. Wm. Proctor at the age of 65. He was at one time a well-known linesman and referee, and was for many years associated with the Notts F.A.

All about the F.A.
The Football Association Handbook and Referees' Chart for 1919-20 have made a welcome appearance. They contain in concise form all the information which officials and players can require and are invaluable as works of reference.

Mr. J. Hare's Loss.
Mr. James Hare has lost his two-year-old filly, Martin's Daughter, who recently put her hip out, and had to be destroyed.

Diabetes Prevalent at Newmarket.
Veterinary surgeons at Newmarket are rather puzzled to know the cause of so many horses suffering from diabetes.

Man of Many Clubs.
T. Knighton, an inside forward, who has played for the 'Spurs, Watford, Grimsby, and Glossop in the past, has signed amateur forms for Lincoln City.

An Army Centre.
Coventry City have signed on Harry Thompson, who, when playing for the British Army as a centre forward, distinguished himself by scoring four out of five goals against the Belgian Army.

Jockeys Replaced.
The special from Paris to Maisons-Laffitte was late in arriving, and two jockeys, Marsh and MacGee, who had mounts in the first race, had to be replaced by Clout and Garner.

Corinthians Meet.
A meeting of the Corinthians Football Club was held at Stoke Poges. Mr. C. Wreford-Brown presided. The meeting elected thirty-four players and gave power to the committee to complete the full number of fifty during the season.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Cologne Chamber of Commerce.

A special meeting of the members of the British Chamber of Commerce in Cologne, was held on Friday the 19th September 1919 in the Hotel Disch at 9 p.m, in order to discuss matters relating to the internal organisation of the Chamber. After a careful examination and discussion of the points raised it was decided that the majority should be dealt with at a larger meeting, owing to the important nature of the questions involved. In this connection therefore a special meeting of the members of the Chamber will be convened for Friday the 26th. inst., at which the presence of all members is earnestly requested. The attention of officers and men of the Army of the Rhine, who are shortly to be demobilized, and who intend returning to Cologne for business purposes, is drawn to the existence of the Chamber and their future membership cordially invited.

The Barrier.

Officer, anxious to afford his batman the chance of improving his education:—"Why don't you go in for learning German while you are in Cologne?" "Well, Sir, I don't see as 'ow it would be much use. If they wants anything off us they always makes us understand all right; but if we want anything from them it's always 'nix versteen'!"

American Impressions.

A writer in a recent issue of the "Amaroc News" talking of the question of "Impressions of Germany" says it is full of odd quirks and turns, lights and shad ws. Their methodical practices, resulting in many material conveniences such as excellent roads, fine water transportation, extensive electrical development, productive farming, and many other conveniences, deserve admiration. On the other hand, their lack of courtesy toward women, their suppression of the individual under the caste system, their simple-minded credulousness of almost anything spoken by those in authority, and their decidedly commercialized manner of thought, excite the severest condemnation in the minds of the American who has come into close contact with Germans during the war and here in the Rhineland.

On the Water.

Apropos of a recent article on Germans at indoor games, it is a peculiar fact that, although on the whole the German does not care for most sports that tend to violent exercise he is none the less singularly partial to the joys of boa ing. A visit to the lake at Lindenthal Park, particularly on Sundays, will show all the boats occupied by Herr and Frau and all the kinder, and Herr apparently enjoys pulling the heavily laden craft round the lake no matter how hot the day. Probably, however, what will strike the average Englishman most forcibly is to see children of almost tender age rowing crowded boats about with the greatest of skill and a minimum of effort.

A Slump in the Weather.

At the time of writing the purveyors of open-air pleasure cannot be very sanguine folk for with a decided drop in the temperature the temptation was to spend the weekend indoors. On the whole, however, we cannot grumble for King Sol has been generous and the Sundays of the last few weeks have been all that could be desired in the matter of weather. The shortening days tell of the approach of winter, a fact which will become more apparent with the end of the month when summer time will cease. Many are inclined to the view that in view of the serious shortage of coal, which naturally affects gas and electric light, it would be a great boon to householders this year if summer time were extended to the end of October. They argue that during the autumn the mornings are much lighter in proportion than the evenings, and it is light at six o'clock in the morning when it is dark at six o'clock in the evening.

Tank Corps N.C.O.'s And Artificers.

The War Office makes an urgent appeal for a limited number of ex-non-commissioned officers and artificers who have served in the Tank Corps to fill certain non-commissioned officer and artificer vacancies. Those accepted will be required to serve for 2, 3, or 4 years. Physical and educational standards for the Tank Corps are very high and only the best type of ex-soldier can be accepted for these vacancies. There is every probability that those who present themselves early and possess the necessary qualifications will be permitted to re-enlist in their former rank. Application should be made to the nearest Recruiting Officer.

Run on Fish.

Many messes were without fish on Saturday. A perspiring batman who had made a round of the few fish establishments in the city reported that supplies had been disposed of by 10.00 hours. The reason was to be found in the fact that there was a shortage of meat, with the result that the German house wife turned her attention to the other staple source of diet rather than incur the displeasure of her Lord and master. What is wanted is a union of P.M.C.'s.

Royal Military College.

The following War Medals and prizes have been made in the Senior Division of the Royal Military College: Under Officer Young, F.W., awarded the King's Medal and Sword. Gentleman Cadet Misselbrook, V.L., awarded the Normal Medal. Under Officer Brooke, R.A.L., awarded the Sword of Honour. Gentleman Cadet Wyatt, A.W., awarded prize for Military Administration. Under Officer Nugent, O.St.G.P., awarded prize for Military Law. Under Officer Young, F.W., awarded prize for Tactics, etc. Gentleman Cadet Hewitson, D.A.J., awarded prize for Hygiene. Gentleman Cadet Beedle, E.B., awarded prize for Musketry. Gentleman Cadet Lindley, H.G., awarded prize for Bayonet Fighting, etc., Under Officer Nugent, O.St.G.P., awarded prize for Drill. Corporal Beech, G.J., awarded prize for Riding.

Sunday in Rhineland.

Sunday was not an ideal day on which to parade the country in a set of white ducks and a thin vest, but there were several parties to be seen in the neighbourhood of Cologne on Sunday. They were carrying banners and though not large parties swung gaily along the road and appeared to be enjoying themselves. "Sport" was the ultimate object of these bands but just what sport we were unable to ascertain, owing to our imperfect study of the language. One could not but admire their keenness and the animation they put into their parade as though trying to outdo the rival parties in smartness.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give prizes 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's winners are Pte. D. Clark 1/6 West Yorks Rgt., c/o 41 C.C.S. Ward B2., Rhine Army, and Lieut. W. Bronson R.A.S.C., Investigation Dept. G.H.Q., Rhine Army.

NOTES FROM LONDON TOWN.

A FAMOUS RESTAURANT.

"Stone's," the famous Bohemian restaurant in Panton-street has been sold. For more than a century it has been a meeting place for many celebrated men. Oliver Goldsmith and Edmund Burke frequently dined here, and the place was known and recommended by Dickens. It is stated that for 30 years no woman has been known to dine at Stone's, and another tradition is that in the thirties of last century it was the only restaurant in the West End where clay pipes were allowed to be smoked. Panton-street derives its name from Col. Panton, a famous gamester, who, having realised a sudden fortune by keeping a gaming house in Piccadilly, had the good sense to invest his money in land and houses in the street, which at that time was avoided by respectable people after dark on account of the robbers who infested the neighbourhood.

ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS.

The artificial flower-making industry which is mainly carried on in London is one of the trades whose prosperity is threatened by the opening of the door to unlimited competition. Before the war the trade in artificial flowers was largely in the hands of German merchants. When their products were prevented from coming in the number of British manufacturers considerably increased. Thousands of women are now employed and earn a good wage on piece-work. German and Austrian products are admittedly good in quality, but the methods and conditions of work result in very much cheaper production. Most of the manufacturing trade is situated in country towns in Saxony and Bohemia.

ETON MILLINERY.

The latest London sympton is an ultra-fashionable hat shop in Mount Street, in the exclusive purlieus of Piccadilly, opened and run by an Eton boy still in his 'teens. This precocious young artist calls himself "Artist-Milliner," all the models exhibited in his window are of his own design, and workmanship, and the West End connoisseurs declare that his hats are "simply too charming." This enterprising young gentleman is a son of the late Mr. William Allen, head of the well-known poster printers, who married Miss Cissie Graham, the popular and very clever actress, and no doubt inherits business capacity and artistic sense on both sides. Mrs. Allen was a great help to her husband in his business during the latter years of his life, and we may reasonably suppose that the charming lady is also taking more than a passing interest in her son's venture. But all the same it is rather wonderful, and, no doubt, we shall be told, quite a sign of the times.

WESTMINSTER BRIDGE.

Westminster Bridge, after years of strain through the increasing volume of wheeled traffic, has developed noisy vibrations in its superstructure. Engineers will tell you that there is nothing to be alarmed at in an iron bridge shaking, or a suspension bridge swinging under the weight of traffic; but Westminster Bridge does more than that. It rattles and groans, and makes a noise like stage-thunder. To quote the words of an eminent City engineer, who inspected the bridge, "it vibrates like an Atlantic liner and the vibrations are not only visible but audible."

DEMOBILIZING THE MOTORS.

A pageant akin with the procession of Victory Day through London is going on daily now. From far off on the London Road, at about breakfast time, there is a rumble. It comes nearer, and then for two or three hours there goes past a roaring string of skeleton cars of a heavy build, like land relatives of the bluff Thames tugs. There is sometimes a hiatus for a matter of five minutes; but a lady of half-an-hour gives the average result of one per minute. They generally come in threes, purring along each with a spare man on the driver's seat. They start from Bellingham (and a few from Slough), and go to Dover and Folkestone.

WHAT THE MODERN GIRL READS.

The girl in one corner of the carriage was reading Charlotte Brönte's "Villette." Her companion was buried in the first volume of "Sinister Street." These girls were not exceptional; they were typical. From careful observations in train and tube, tram and bus, one comes to the conclusion that there is little doubt but that the modern business girl is cultivating a taste for the finer things in literature. A suburban bookseller, questioned on this point, remarked that the sale and circulation of the more ephemeral type of novel is as extensive as ever, but its chief patron is the middle-aged woman.

MISSING LANDMARK.

The thermometer which for years has hung just inside Burton's screen at Hyde Park Corner has disappeared from its place. There are numbers of clubmen and other habitués of the neighbourhood who have never failed daily to consult this instrument, and who have felt all the better for knowing what the lowest temperature was during the preceding night. There will miss it badly. When people have nothing to do it is remarkable now a little self-imposed task like this will help to get one through the morning. It is to be hoped that the authorities will restore the thermometer to its old position without delay.

VANITY FAIR.

A Feature for the British Woman in Rhineland.

Winter Frocks Ready.

One of the first autumn shows of models has been held at Paquins, and left little doubt that the most notable change in women's gear in the coming winter will be that of width at the hips. The gowns were invariably broadened at each side below the waist line by pleated bunches, paniers, folds orfrills. But let nobody imagine that this means better times for the plump woman. Slimness is still essential to the new silhouette, for while what an architect would call the front and back elevations of a gown have a wide aspect the profile is no wider than before.

Still Short.

Gowns are still short. The Paquin winter models were as short as the early autumn frocks of the potential purchasers who sat about the white salon while the tall mannequins made their rounds. None, however, were so narrow as to hinder a moderate stride. Other notable points are that velvet, in rich sober tones, makes nearly all the hats, which still pull well down on the head, that wrap coats have very wide arm-holes and large collars, and that embroidery appears on nearly everything from gloves to hats. The the dansant fashion has evolved a type of afternoon gown which is so low-necked and fragile that the evening frock must be designed with great splendour or originality to give it distinction from the tea frock.

Topsy Turvy Fashions.

We are in for a topsy-turvy winter—and this in more senses than one. In the world of dress there is an extraordinary tendency to put unexpected materials to unexpected uses. For example, it is "the correct thing" to use furniture fabrics for elaborate gowns and to utilise thin crêpes, and even muslins, for pillow covers, chair covers, tablecloths, and so on. There is quite a craze for evening dresses made of furniture brocade and printed material—half cotton, half silk. I have also seen heavy metallic braids adopted for girdles and as borders for evening frocks! But the most curious fact of all is this: we are using organdie muslin for every possible and impossible purpose, very specially for pleated frills on satin, taffetas, serge, and duvetyn dresses."

Velvet Popular Again.

Velvet has come into its own again. It reappears this season as the fabric of fabrics for the indoor gown. Also it makes a further bid for favour as a hat material. Black velvet definitely leads the way for the first-mentioned purpose, but where the indoor dress is not black the richest possible colourings are chosen, either for the whole dress length or combined with the fairest of tulles and most fragile laces. Brocades, tissues, and flowered minons play a part in velvet evening wraps. These last are very voluminous affairs, much collared with linings so wonderful that one would fain reverse the position of the two materials, or else discard the cloak on the smallest possible pretext in order to display its beauties over theatre stall or chair-back.

Our Recipe.

By way of response to the expressed wish of a correspondent, we make a feature of a cookery recipe. Pick and wash two pounds of spinach, and cook it till tender; then drain, press well, and chop finely, or pass it through a sieve; season to taste with salt and pepper, and reheat with a little milk. Poach six eggs in water, containing a little salt and lemon juice to flavour. Butter the same number of scallop shells, and put a tablespoonful of spinach in each. Upon this place a poached egg, and spread over more spinach. Sprinkle the top with a little grated cheese and bread-crumbs. Place here and there a tiny piece of butter or margarine, and bake in a hot oven or brown under a gas grill for a few minutes. Dish up, garnish with sprigs of fresh parsley and serve. *AGNES.*

CABARET MUSIC.

"Why can't orchestras in the cafés give us something new? We have heard "Alexander's Ragtime Band" repeatedly during the last fortnight." Extract from "Cologne Post."

I.

O, Herr Conductor, can't you see
You're boring me to tears?
Why can't you play a melody
Less stricken grey with years?

II.

"Alexander's Ragtime Band," I know,
Is music classical;
But Adam sang it, sweet and low,
To Eve before the Fall.

III.

I cannot and I will not stand
The strains of "Parlez-vous;"
And, had you lived in the Holy Land
In B. C. Umpty-two,

IV.

You would have heard Methuselah
With all his bosom pals,
Strumming it on his guitar,
And singing to the gals.

V.

"Après la guerre finie," at best,
Has whiskers on it, hairy,
So play it not, but let it rest,
Or, if you do, — be wary!

VI.

For oft in dreams, I've heard it yelled
By shades of Julius Caesar,
Who, after he a war had held,
Sang to his wife to please her.

VII.

Poor Wife! — but that is not my yarn,
I would not start a quarrel;
So, if you would my pleasure earn,
Just listen to the moral.

VIII.

Don't play these tunes of Ancient Rome,
And ditties old as Eve,
I'd rather far hear "Home, Sweet Home,"
Or Vesta's "Six Day's Leave."

IX.

Let Ragtime yowling be taboo,
And syncopated measure;
I cannot stand the hullaballoo
Of darkies taking pleasure.

X.

So play the songs my father knew,
The songs that were my uncle's;
But don't play rags, whate'er you do,
Or I'll drown you in my "dunkels."

FROM EVERYWHERE.

The Court.—The Court is likely to remain at Balmoral till about October 7.

Bristol Looking Up.—Four warships have been docked at Avonmouth.

Evacuation.—British troops are evacuating the Caucasus.

A Bumper Crop.—There is a bumper crop of apples in the Isle of Wight.

Furs.—The coming winter season is going to be a great time for furs.

For England.—The Queen of Norway is going to England early in November.

Rat Artillery.—Catapult warfare on rats is recommended as being effective.

No Chocs.—The Home Office still denies playgoers the privilege of buying chocolates in the the theatres after 8 p.m.

Through Disease.—Owing to disease stocks of British bees have been reduced to 32,000.

The Reproof.—In the Belgian Chamber of Deputies a Socialist deputy had his ears boxed.

London Conference.—A conference of Empire meteorologists is assembling in London this week.

More Hops, Less Beer.—This year's hops are 16,781 acres; 1,115 more than last year.

For Fuel.—For winter fuel, trees in Eton Workhouse grounds are to be cut down.

Silly Practice.—Reading a newspaper while cycling, an air mechanic collided with a lorry at Cardiff and was killed.

Poplar's Idea.—A mileage levy on omnibuses towards the cost of the roads is recommended by Poplar.

In One Family.—Held by one family for over a century, the White Hart, a public-house at Cuxton has been sold.

Quite An Artist.—A man, fined at Hampstead for drunkenness was said to be "quite an artist" in bad language.

Chop House Revival.—The City chop house, which languished during the war, has come into its own again.

Absolute.—Mr. Justice Greer made absolute decrees nisi granted in 124 divorce suits in one day.

Hiring Land. Local bodies can now hire land compulsorily for between 14 and 35 years.

New Prodigy.—The big potato has taken the place of the 2in. gooseberry and 12ft. hollyhock among garden prodigies.

Coalition And Labour.—Another attempt will be made to induce Mr. Clynes to join the Coalition.

Our Trade.—Colonel J.W.F. Thelwall has been appointed senior British commercial commissioner in Germany.

Cutlery Boom.—The Sheffield cutlery trade has sufficient orders to ensure full activity for twelve months.

His Apartments.—President Poincaré will occupy the Belgian suite of apartments on his visit to the king.

"Some" Kit.—It required three motor-cars and a lorry to handle Lord Allenby's kit at Victoria.

Wild Duck.—Wild duck are reported to be extraordinarily plentiful on the marshes along the fringe of the Wash.

Date Of Arrival.—As at present arranged, President Poincaré will be the guest of the King from October 13 to October 15.

PublicFlouted.—Many municipal authorities still resolutely decline to appoint profiteering committees.

Lord Grey And His Tea.—Viscount Grey has taken cases of special tea to America.

To Retire.—The resignation of Mr. Justice Lush will be announced with the judicial changes which are imminent.

Non-Church Campaign.—Four Twickenham parsons have started a fortnight's campaign among non-churchgoers.

Allowed to Marry.—An Army deserter in custody at Sunderland was allowed to get married at a local church.

Dover Command to Go.—Dover naval base as a naval command will be closed down about the middle of next month.

First in England.—A London woman has died from the effects of a mosquito bite.

Blind But Useful.—Camberwell Guardians have arranged with a blind girl to make stockings for Poor Law children.

Not Wanted.—100,000,000 rifle bullets are to be sold by the Disposal Board for "breaking down."

All Gone.—The last contingent of the Indian troops has left Southampton for India.

Women Best.—Women inspectors of house plans are to be appointed at Abersychan, Mon.

Anklets.—Woman has broken out in a new direction. This time it is a pair of anklets.

Big Trawl Market.—Yarmouth has opened a new fish trawl market containing floor space of 12,000 feet.

One Way.—Higher penalties are to be placed by the Mersey Dock Board on goods which congest the docks.

Not Popular.—Complaints are heard of the commandeering of an ice store in Tottenham to store Government bacon

Improving.—For the first time since July 12, the weekly coal output has reached 4,500,000 tons.

Anxious.—Politicians are coming back to London in great haste to discuss the future of their own and other parties and policies.

Nothing doing.—The Canadian Government announces that it cannot consider a proposal to give an additional gratuity of £400.

Archbishop Of Wales.—The Welsh Church Organising Committee recommends a separate see and Archbishop for Wales.

It Struck Him.—"What strikes me most about life in England to-day, is the absolute nonchalance of people about spending money," says an officer.

The Profits.—The profits from the Military Tournament held at Olympia amount to upwards of fifty thousand pounds.

In the Weeds.—At an Exeter inquest It was stated that there was more than a wheel-barrow load of river weed on the body.

Checkmating the Check.—A Chicago business man has started a "Carry Your Own Lunch" campaign, which is intended to make the middle-class cafés feel a draught.

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KING ALBERT INTERVIEWED.

FORCIBLE OPINIONS ON FUTURE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN BELGIUM AND GERMANY.

TAR AND FEATHERS COURT MARTIAL.

KING OF BELGIUM.

INTERVIEWED BY ENGLISH CORRESPONDENT.

The King of the Belgians, who left Ostend on Monday on a visit to the United States, consented to be interviewed in Brussels by Mr. Greenwall, the "Daily Express" correspondent.

King Albert, who spoke in English, said he was going to return the visit paid by President Wilson and to thank the American people for what they did for Belgium.

"We Belgians," he said, "can never be sufficiently grateful to England and the English people for what they did for us during the war. And your Press, too; not only did it keep up our morale but it afforded us very material assistance. The British Navy played a very great and decisive role in winning the war and I consider it a pity that people throughout the world are not more conversant with the part your Navy played. Your soldiers, of course, were magnificent, as we knew they would be when England came into the war for Belgium's sake. And your flying men! Do you know that one day I saw a solitary Englishman attack a whole German squadron? But that was not out of the way. They were always attacking and flying in all kinds of weather. Your airmen were best of all."

The correspondent asked the King to say what he thought of the future of Belgium's relations with Germany. "Hatred of the Germans must continue for years" he replied. "No doubt commercial relations will be resumed. That is natural; but hate — can you imagine what it is like? The worst thing the Germans did, after violating Belgium's neutrality, was the shooting of civilians, about six hundred of whom were shot. Then there was the wanton destruction of factories and the deportation of civilians, which took the Germans back to primeval times. These things will never be forgotten or forgiven."

In reply to the correspondent's remark on the wonderful courage of the Belgians who were working whole-heartedly to repair the damage done to their country, King Albert said: "My people are among the most industrious of the world. In 1830 we had only three and a half millions population: to-day we have seven and a half millions."

Asked for his opinion on the League of Nations the King replied that wise statesmen believed in it but he agreed with Mr. Lloyd George that its success depended on the spirit in which the nations entered it. "Your Majesty," the correspondent asked, "Should the League of Nations not be successful and should war again threaten Europe, would your people act as they did in 1914?" "The King," says the correspondent, "looked me straight in the eyes and speaking in a most emphatic manner said 'There is no doubt of it, no doubt at all.'"

BOLSHEVIST EXCESSES.

Reuter's correspondent at Poltava sends details of Bolshevist excesses in that district. Peasants in the surrounding villages were threatened with death unless they denounced "landowners." Huge levies were made on some villages, one being fined seventy thousand roubles. Grain was confiscated wherever found. When evacuating Poltava the Bolshevists threatened to shoot all males between fifteen and forty-five unless they joined them. Most refined ladies were arrested and imprisoned with the lowest class of criminals and prostitutes. Every kind of property was seized for the needs of the Red Army, even including ladies' hats, dresses and underclothes.

SMUTS' DECLARATION.

The special session of the South African Parliament concluded with another speech by General Smuts, After hinting at the possibility of new elections he appealed for a new start. In South Africa they had ample scope as a free nation. He urged the close o-operation of the Whites, declaring that never again would he be a party to racial division in South Africa. He emphasised the fact that the great task ahead was not a racial but an industrial one. South Africans, while preserving their sacred national traditions, must join in the world's great work.

GENERAL HOOTED.

When General Mannerheim, the Finnish General, arrived at Stockholm from Helsingfors on Wednesday big crowds assembled on the quays. They were composed chiefly of Socialists and greeted the General with whistles and shouts of "Long live the Republic" and "Down with Mannerheim." Three arrests were made.

The freedom of the city of Edinburgh is being presented to President Poincaré during the course of the next month.

TAR AND FEATHERS CASE

COURT MARTIAL DECISION.

The decision of the court-martial in the tar and feathers case was announced to Lieut. F. T. Wright at the military headquarters, Cambridge, by Major Braithwaite Wallis, the Assistant Provost Marshal, in the presence of Major Minchester, commanding the Provisional Company of Royal Fusiliers at Cambridge. The court found Lieut. Wright guilty and sentenced him to be reprimanded.

Lieut. Wright said in an interview that both officers shook hands with him and congratulated him on the result. He expressed himself quite satisfied with the result. Neither his rank, seniority, nor pay was touched.

He expects instant recall to his military duties in the East. To the suggestion that he must have found the affair expensive, he said that from beginning to end he had not spent more than £12, and he had never had better value for the money. His biggest expense was £4 15s. for the chain with which Sub-Lieut. Kinahan was fastened by him to a tree in Harvey-road, Cambridge.

GERMAN EXPORTS.

CARGOES MAY GO TO ARGENTINA.

Among the questions decided by the Allied Supreme Economic Council at Brussels at its meeting was: That in cases where no Allied cargo is available, ships formerly belonging to Germany which are going to the Argentine to load with cereals for Germany shall take out German goods.

This concession was made at the request of the German Government.

Among the other questions studied were the supply of medicines to Poland, the coal supply and transport of Central Europe, and the requests for supplies by Germany and Austria. The measures proposed by the Committee on Maritime Transport for the distribution and handing over of German oil ships to the Allies was approved. The immediate suppression of the black lists suspended since April 28 was decided. A long discussion also took place on the Allied policy with regard to raw materials and the situation created by insufficient production and defective distribution.

PRISON FOR PROFITEER.

Reginald Bevan, butcher's manager, of High-road, Streatham, London, summoned by the Wandsworth Food Control Committee in connection with an excess charge of 4d. a pound on a joint of veal, was sentenced to twenty-one days in the Second Division at the South-Western Police Court, London. His employer, Harold Rogers, was fined £50, with £5 5s. costs, and Frank Elliott, shopman, was fined £5.

The magistrate said that there had been a deliberate attempt to override the regulations. Notice of appeal against the sentence on Bevan was given.

TROTZKY'S WAY WITH GUARDS.

Stockholm telegrams from Petrograd state that the Soviet has received an official communication from Trotzky saying that in the near future several Bashkirian divisions will arrive to reinforce the Petrograd garrison and the troops on the North-West front. The Soviet has sent its congratulations to the Bashkirian Republic in South-West Russia and has resolved to grant the Bashkirs special pay, rations and accommodation. These Bashkirs will either replace or reinforce the Chinese Communist battalions which act in rear of the Red troops in order to compel them to go in to attacks.

GABRIELE CUT OFF.

According to the latest reports, the situation at Fiume is unchanged, no reliable information regarding what is actually happening in the city being obtainable, as all communications are cut off. It is estimated that D'Annunzio has about two thousand troops under his control, including a hundred sailors.

A Rome newspaper says that no volunteers have left Rome for Fiume and from other towns there has only been one volunteer, an officer who formerly served under D'Annunzio.

GERMAN CRUISER NOT TO SAIL.

A Berlin evening newspaper recently announced that the German cruiser Regensburg is being prepared with a view to bringing back from South America all the Germans interned there. The Board of Admiralty announces that no permission has been given for the Regensburg to proceed to South America under the armistice terms.

SMILLIE'S LATEST.

STILL SHORTER HOURS AND MORE PAY.

The disregard of Mr. Smillie, President of the Miners' Federation, for the elementary laws of economic, becomes more fantastic. Speaking at a demonstration in Hanley Park, Staffs, he said they were going to nationalise the mines in spite of the Duke of Northumberland. Under nationalisation they would be able to increase the output of coal and reduce the price to the utmost possible limit. If the miners could obtain nationalisation by the influence of public opinion and by the support of other Trades Unions without a strike they would be only too pleased, but whatever happened they were absolutely firm in their demand for nationalisation. The miners, proceeded the speaker, wanted a still shorter working day and more pay.

A resolution was carried unanimously calling upon all concerned to support the Federation's endeavours by all legitimate means to secure nationalisation, an effective voice from the workers in the control of industry, reduced hours, substantial rates of wages, adequate compensation for the injured, pensions for the aged, the elimination of profiteering, and improved inducements and facilities for increasing output.

RISKS OF AUSTRALIAN FLIGHT.

General Borton and Captain Rossmith, of the Australian Flying Corps, have returned to England and presented the report of their mission (the surveying of the air route between Calcutta and Port Darwin) to a conference of representatives of the Air Ministry and the Australian Government Royal Aero Club in connection with the flight from England to Australia for a prize of ten thousand sterling offered by the Australian Government.

They report that beyond Calcutta the country is very unfavourable for flying, the only landing grounds between Calcutta and the Dutch East Indies being the racecourses at Rangoon and Singapore. Beyond Singapore the only possible landing place is Bandoorg and thence to Port Darwin, a distance of 1,760 miles, there is no landing ground. General Borton said that only an aeroplane with a range of at least two thousand miles could make the attempt with any hope of success. The route between London and Delhi is more favourable but owing to the abnormal weather conditions after November competitors might have to fly via Malta and the North coast of Africa to Cairo, entailing greater difficulties between there and India owing to the vast stretches of uncivilised country.

MARSHAL JOFFRE.

TO VISIT COLOGNE TO-DAY.

We understand Marshal Joffre is paying a visit to Cologne to-day, and that he will arrive on the square in front of the Cathedral at 5 p.m. where he will be received by the Commander-in-Chief. Two troops of the 6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons, the 20th Bn. of the Durham Light Infantry, and a unit of the Tank Corps will be on parade in the square.

HALDANE PROPHESIES.

Addressing the Manchester Liberal Federation Viscount Haldane said the Liberal Party is not in a good way. It had been too conservative. While the by-elections showed a general determination to turn out the Coalition they did not indicate any desire to put the Liberals in.

He prophesied that the next election would result in the formation of six groups in the House of Commons. There would be about 150 Liberals, 120 Labour members, 100 Lloyd-Georgites, 100 Progressive Conservatives, 100 old Conservatives, and 100 detached Irish members of various shades of opinion.

The Liberals really needed to shake off traditionalism. Only so would they regain their lead. He concluded by saying that underlying essentials, the necessity of the nation was to increase production.

EXIT WAR OFFICE TEMPORARIES.

It is reported that by the end of this month practically all temporary officers employed at the War Office will be demobilized. In most cases their duties will be taken over by regular officers whereby considerable economy, it is hoped, will be effected. The Treasury has issued a White Paper relating to the staffs of various Government departments. As compared with the numbers on July 1st, August showed an increase of 2,237. The Ministry of Munitions, Ministry of Labour, Admiralty, War Office, and Board of Trade show decreases, but the Post Office and the Pensions Ministry large increases.

A NEW SHAW PLAY.

Mr. George Bernard Shaw is shortly publishing a new play under the title "Heartbreak House," which is described as a fantasia in the Russian manner on English themes. Mr. Shaw explains in a long preface why the play, which was written during the war, could not then be produced. The war, he says, had completely upset the economic conditions which formerly enabled a serious drama to be produced in London.

FRENCH ARMY.

CONSCRIPTION REGULATIONS REVISED.

In the French Army Senate Commission M. Doumer communicated the text of a note, from the sub-Committee on Armaments, dealing with the reorganisation of the French Army. The note says that the army will be recruited in the first place by calling up of the annual class for active military service (reduced to one year), which will yield two hundred thousand men instead of six hundred thousand as previously. In the second place enlistments for the regular section of the army are expected to yield one hundred and fifty thousand, making the total strength three hundred and fifty thousand.

Six infantry divisions will be kept in the Army of Occupation, including one each from the North African Army and the Colonial Corps. The cavalry will be reduced to four divisions, including one for the Rhine.

Thus on a peace footing the French Army will number three hundred and fifty thousand and on a war footing one million three hundred thousand. Territorials and reserves will constitute a further force of about two millions for possible emergencies.

NO MORAL SENSE.

BOY PUSHES HIS BROTHER INTO THE WATER.

The story of a boy who did not know the difference between right and wrong was told at an inquest at Horwich, near Manchester. The inquiry was into the death of a six-year-old boy named John Ferris, whose body, with his ankles and wrists tied, was found in a weir.

This discovery was made six days after the boy was missed, and his elder brother Harold, aged 12, had taken part in the search for him. Afterwards, according to the police evidence, Harold said he met John near the water and, saying to him, "Let's play," tied his hands and feet with string and "pushed him into the water and left him." He did not know what made him do it, Harold added.

The headmaster of the school Harold attends said he is in Standard VII. but "apart from his lessons showed utter callousness and did not seem to know the difference between right and wrong."

SMARTEST THIEF IN ENGLAND.

"You are one of the smartest men in England," said Mr. Montague Sharpe at Middlesex Sessions, to Harry Frank Young, 27, a well-dressed man, who was charged with stealing two motor-cycles and £5 10s. at Hendon. He induced the owners of the cycles to let him try them, and he never returned.

The prisoner had confessed to having stolen twenty-five other motor-cycles and to fourteen cases of cheque fraud. The cheques were made out to ex-soldiers and were to the order of the Ministry of Pensions.

He is said to be one of the cleverest motor-cycle thieves in the country.

Mr. Sharpe said had prisoner not asked the court to take into consideration all his offences he would have, on completing one sentence, been brought up to answer another charge, and so he would have spent the rest of his life in prison. He ordered the prisoner five years' penal servitude.

ADMIRAL'S RETORT COURTEOUS

Lord Fisher's latest letter to the "Times", written in his usual breezy but obscure vein, is followed by one from Admiral Sir Arthur Fanshawe, who doubts whether "so unnecessary a number of forcible adjectives not usually employed between gentlemen and certainly hitherto never employed between naval officers in the many controversies of the past, can promote either respect for himself or add force to the opinions he expresses."

NO VOTES FOR FRENCHWOMEN.

The French Senate Commission has rejected the Bill passed by the Chamber of Deputies granting women the right to vote and stand for election.

A munitions explosion at Park Royal shook the Northern and Western suburbs of London. Many windows were smashed. One man was injured.

A Geneva paper states that marriages are being arranged between Princes George and Paul, two sons of the ex-King of the Hellenes, with heiresses of humble birth residing in the Canton Vaud.

The Rev. H. J. Martin, vicar of Holy Trinity, Old Brompton, has been fined £2 and costs for assaulting a servant girl in his employ. It was alleged that he kissed her in the bathroom.

8,000 men are to be discharged from Portsmouth Dockyard by the end of next March. This will bring the Dockyard establishment to its pre-war numbers of about 12,000 men, excluding officers.

Antiquities valued t £30,000 have been stolen by burglars from the William Tower at Dillenburg, Holland, where a collection of objects associated with William the Silent and the House of Orange-Nassau were preserved.

The British Government has promised to advance £500,000 to foster the treatment of spelter in Australia, it is intended to make a systematic scientific search for oil in Australia and in the new Pacific possessions.

BABY FARM.

HEAVY SENTENCE ON INHUMAN WOMAN.

The trial of Henry Melville Hatchard, 52, a clerk, and Beatrice Hatchard, 47, his wife, for the manslaughter of two children and the neglect of four others, was ended at the Old Bailey in the man being acquitted and the woman being sentenced to five year's penal servitude.

When the police entered the prisoners' house in Carlton Road, Leytonstone, they found nine children in a terrible state, and one baby dead in a perambulator. The children were removed to the workhouse, where four of them were so ill that they had to be placed in the infirmary.

The male prisoner, giving evidence, said he worked early and late and went to the Salvation Army meetings three times on Sundays. He had not been in the upper rooms for two years, and only knew of three children being in the house. They were always well and strong.

The woman declined to give evidence.

Mr. Justice Darling said the evidence showed that the children were underfed and kept in a state of almost incredible filth.

If the woman had been indicted for murder she would have stood in very grave danger.

BRITAIN'S AID TO FRANCE AND ITALY.

Many fascinating and hitherto unpublished facts are contained in the British War Cabinet's second annual report. It is made known that in 1918 France had the equivalent of over one million tons gross of British shipping in her service, that 43 per cent. of the total imports into France and 45 per cent. of French imports of coal were carried in British ships.

Out of 2,732,000 tons, 1,725,000 tons of cereals for human consumption were carried in British ships in the cereal year ending August 31, 1918, to France. France had in her service over 400,000 tons gross of neutral shipping obtained by our assistance.

The following facts are given in respect to Italy. Italy had the equivalent of about three-quarters of a million tons gross of British shipping in her service. About 49 per cent. of her total imports, 79 per cent of her coal, and 960,000 tons of cereals for human consumption out of 2,774,000 tons were carried in British ships.

BRITISH MISSION CAPTURED.

A British mission has been captured in Arabia. The mission, of about twenty to thirty members, which had been sent to the Iman of Yemen, was captured by the Ouhra Sheikhs at Bajil.

Their lives were at first threatened, but it is now reported that no harm was done to them, and their release is probable. It is expected, however, that the Sheikhs will make use of the fact that they hold this mission prisoners to extort better terms from the Imam with regard to the points on which they differ.

SPANISH LINER SUNK 450 MISSING.

It is feared that the passengers and crew of the Spanish steamer Valbanera, sunk in the Gulf of Mexico, have all been lost. She had been missing since the hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico a fortnight ago. The hull has been found off Rebecca Shoals light Florida. The vessel was on a trip from Spain to Havana.

Divers report that the name Valbanera is plainly discernible. There is no trace of the 300 passengers and 150 crew which the steamer had on board. The vessel lies in 40ft. of water. Nothing has been heard of the Valbanera since she appeared off Morro Castle, Havana, on September 9, and put to sea, endeavouring to ride out the storm.

WOOLWICH DISCHARGES.

Discharges from Woolwich Arsenal, which have been somewhat heavy during the past few weeks, are again numerous. Probably more than a thousand employees were paid off on Saturday. The protest committee, which appointed a deputation to wait upon the Prime Minister, was received by Mr. Lloyd George on Monday. It placed before the Premier the view of many workers that the assurance given in December last that alternative work should be given to the Arsenal is not in process of fulfilment.

GOOD NEWS FOR DOGS.

The Board of Agriculture is preparing orders to remove entirely the dog muzzling restriction from that part of Essex included in the London area, a small portion of East Surrey and a number of parishes in Middlesex, Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire. The whole of Kent, Devonshire and Cornwall will be freed from the control orders.

The ironfounders strike commenced on Monday, no settlement having been reached. Some fifty thousand men are affected.

Delegates representing eighteen South Wales tin plate works met at Cardiff and decided that work shall cease on Saturday next unless all employees benefit under the recent 12½ per cent award.

ROYAL WARRANT.

OFFICERS' APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED).

EIGHTH ARTICLE OF THE SERIES.

Officers already holding vested rights to special rates under the Pay Warrant, dated December 1, 1914, will continue to retain them under the same conditions as hitherto in force.

RETIREMENT AND RETIRED PAY.

TABLE XVI.

1. Retired pay will consist of two parts, (a) a service element based on the officer's total service; (b) a rank element for the rank from which the officer retires. An officer with less than 15 complete years' service will not be eligible for retired pay.

2. For combatant officers, other than those mentioned in subsequent paragraphs, the scale will be as follows:—

(a) Service element—£150 a year after 15 years' service, with an increment of £15 a year for each completed year over 15.

(b) Rank element:—

Rank from which retired.	After completing 1 year's service in the rank.	After completing each additional year's service.	Maximum rank element.
	£	£	£
Major	12	12	120
Lieut.-Colonel .	150	50	240
Colonel	290	50	390
Major-General .	440	50	540
Lieut.-General .	590	50	690
General	740	50	840

The retired pay of an officer retiring with less than one complete year's service in the rank from which he retires will be assessed as though he had retired from the rank below.

Maximum rates of retired pay (a) and (b) together:—

	£
Captain and Subaltern	300
Major	450
Lieutenant-Colonel	600
Colonel	800
Major-General	1,000
Lieutenant-General	1,200
General	1,400

An officer with 10 and less than 15 years' commissioned service may retire with a gratuity of £100 for each completed year of commissioned service.

3. The scale of retiring pay in paragraph 2, will also apply to officers of the Royal Army Ordnance Department, of the Army Pay Department, the Army Medical and Veterinary Services, to Inspectors of Ordnance Machinery and Mechanical Transport, to the Military Accountant officers, and to officers of Military Detention Barracks and Military prisons.

It will also apply to Quartermasters, Ridingmasters, District Officers, Royal Artillery, Coast Battalion Officers, Royal Engineers, Directors of Music, Assistant Paymasters and Inspectors of Army Schools, but in the case of these officers the only rank element will be that for the rank of Major.

It will not apply to officers of the Royal Army Chaplains' Department, to Inspectors of Works, or to officers of the Royal Malta Artillery. The rates to apply to these officers are under consideration.

4. The gratuities and retired pay of officers commissioned from the ranks during the Great War as shown in Article 572a of the Pay Warrant, will be modified as follows:—

(1) The gratuities will be increased by 50 per cent.

(2) The retired pay will be £50 instead of £80.

(3) In addition to the gratuity as calculated under (1) of this paragraph, the sum of £200 or £500 will be paid to Majors or Lieutenant-Colonels respectively on retirement under Article 572A provided the rank had been held in the aggregate for 182 days, any period less than 182 days as Lieutenant-Colonel counting towards the qualifying period for the extra gratuity of £200 as Major.

Increases of gratuity under this paragraph will apply to officers who retired under Article 572A before April 1, 1919, as well as to those who retire after that date.

5. The rates of retired pay in the foregoing paragraphs will be payable as from April 1, 1919, to all permanent regular officers who, being otherwise entitled, have given paid military service to the satisfaction of the Army Council during the Great War, including officers who, having retired on retired pay, before the war, have been re-employed as officers during the war and have thereafter reverted to retirement. The retired pay of the latter officers will be reassessed on their service prior to original retirement.

Retired officers taken into employment during the war under Article 496, Pay Warrant, will not draw the new rates of retired pay while they are in receipt of full pay (either of their rank or of the appointments they hold while re-employed) in addition to retired pay. Officers employed before the war under Article 499, Pay Warrant, who continue to serve under that Article, will be eligible for the new rates, notwithstanding that they draw pay under Article 499.

The position of officers who have, under Article 120 and 482A of the Pay Warrant, been retained beyond the date on which they became liable to be retired is under consideration.

6. The present regulations as to counting of service, the age of service at which voluntary retirement in the several arms and ranks is allowed, and the conditions for compulsory retirement will remain as at present in the absence of instructions to the contrary.

(To be Continued.)

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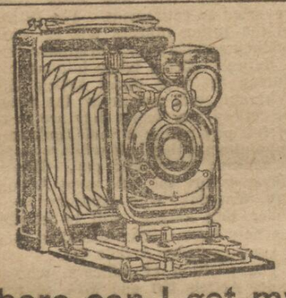

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THE WIFE ON THE RHINE

"Do you understand women?" asks a cynical character in one of the works of a gifted and popular author, to which the person interrogated boldly answers "Yes." "Are you married?" is the next query, to which the reply is again in the affirmative. This brings the parting, categorical shot, "Oh, then you don't understand women!"

In our correspondence columns the everlasting subject of women has been unquestionably the topic most fruitful of discussion, some of it serious but most of it gay.

The latest theme, which has not gone unnoticed in our "sea-girt isle", where the "Daily Mail" and other newspapers have given it publicity, concerns the presence of soldiers' wives on the Rhine, and whether they interfere with the military efficiency of the partners of their joys and sorrows.

Some of the critics manifestly understand women, but others do not. After a separation, which in many cases has not only been lengthy but painful, the opportunity has arrived for a welcome reunion, albeit on alien soil, of husbands and wives.

Who shall ever plumb the depths of tearful sorrow, bitter anguish, poignant distress, fitful melancholy, and nerve-racking anxiety experienced by thousands of lonely heroines at the domestic hearth when the lord and master went forth to battle for kith and kin?

"It were better for me to go down to the grave if I lose thee," wails Andromache to Hector in the "Iliad" on the eve of his departure for the fray, "for never will any comfort be mine when once thou, even thou hast met thy fate, but only sorrow."

Thousands of hitherto happy homes, from the lordly mansion to the humble tenement or flat, housed a Hector and Andromache, whose grief no immortal Homer has sung in priceless verse. Who can recall without a heavy heart the last day, the last meal, the last tearful embrace?

Who is he at this late hour who will deny them the happiness of the conjugal state almost under any circumstances?

For years the British Army has provided for the living together of husbands and wives, which is ample proof that in the eyes of the authorities no impairment of efficiency has resulted. If in Rhineland, as is alleged, a husband here and there, owing to the propinquity of his spouse and the attractions of the Perfume City, is not performing his duties satisfactorily, there are official ways and means by which the delinquent can readily and easily be chastised, and obliged to reform his erring ways.

It is inevitable that the voice of the croaker must ever be heard in the land, but his grievance concerning the wife on the Rhine is ungenerous, unmanly, and uncalled for. Let him find another windmill, or if necessary another petticoat, at which to tilt.

WHAT TO SEE IN RHINELAND.

THE CHURCH OF ST. GEREON.

Many people imagine that when they have visited the Dom, they have exhausted the city's treasury of ecclesiastical architecture: in reality they have only just begun.

There at at least five of the Parish Churches which are quite as interesting, for they are much older, certain things far more worth seeing, and in many ways are much more beautiful. These are St. Maria im Capitol, the Apostles Church, St. Ursula, St. Martin and best of all St. Gereon.

The Church of St. Gereon, which one can easily reach by taking a No. 18 car from the Dom, is a building of extraordinary beauty and interest and is certainly one of the most wonderful churches in Europe.

As one approaches it from the Unter Sachsenhausen one is at once struck by the picturesque effect of the arrangement of the East-end, with its two slender towers, and its miniature gallery, showing behind, the bulk of the decagonal Nave, but the exterior, beautiful as it is, does not prepare one for the wealth and richness of the interior and few will forget their first glimpse of this early Christian fane.

The entrance is through a quadrangular vestuble which contains a beautiful mediaeval "Entombment" (which should be compared with the one at St. Maria im Capitol) and a striking modern Pietà.

Passing through the iron screen one enters the Nave; it is decagonal in shape, and lighted by four tiers of windows filled with richly coloured stained glass. In recesses all round are small chapels which hold the stone coffins of the martyrs, half built into the walls. In the East-Chapel but one on the right, a door leads to the octagonal Baptistery, a jewel of early Gothics, which contains some defaced mural paintings.

The High Altar is approached by a flight of 19 steps, and behind is a long Romanesque Choir (11th century). This contains some most beautiful fifteenth century stalls, each of which is worth a minute inspection, for the carving is very remarkable: and in the walls above under gilded arabesques are arranged the skulls of the martyrs whose bones rest in the stone coffins in the chapels of the Nave. On the right is the 14th century Sacristy.

But even yet the interest of this wonderful Church is not exhausted, and descending to the Nave, we take our way to the Crypt. This is approached through two archways on either side of the steps leading to the Chapel. It consists of three aisles divided by eighteen light and delicate Romanesque columns, and it contains a very interesting Mosaic Pavement of great antiquity, with scenes from the lives of Samson and David, and also the Signs of the Zodiac.

The best time to visit the Church is in the early evening when the sun is pouring through the Western windows and lighting up the paintings on the ceilings and walls; it is a perfect riot of colour: and the best view of the Church is obtained by climbing up the organ top over the West door.

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A.W.R.M.

CAN YOU WRITE?

The Editor will be glad if officers and men of the Rhine Army will contribute to this paper. The need for contributions is the greater now that so many of our regular writers are leaving for home. All accepted articles etc. are paid for and may be on any topic likely to interest the troops on the Rhine. The Editor hopes for a hearty response to this invitation. Lack of a finished literary style need deter no one from submitting something. Provided the subject matter is interesting, the Editorial staff can supply any deficiencies. No contribution should exceed 500 words and even shorter ones will be welcome.

THE TRACTOR DRIVER.

AN INCIDENT OF YPRES.

It is seldom that Field Artillery men have very much connection with Mechanical Transport although they may often envy the motor car of their Garrison brethren dashing off to the nearest large town for officers' mess or canteen stores.

In November 1917, however, in moving one of our guns from one horrible position on the Steenbeck to an almost equally bad one near Langemarck, the guide forgot that at one place the road had completely ceased to exist, and the way should have led on fascines round a twenty-foot shell-hole.

In the dark the team, limber and gun plunged into the hole and it was only with difficulty that the drivers got their horses out of the clinging mud.

As soon as it was light enough to see, next morning, the gunners were busy attempting to get them out, but although with the united efforts of the men of another battery of the brigade, the limber was pulled out of the mire, even with the aid of five garrison gunners,—the really "hefty" six-foot-three-inch sort — who happened to be passing we only pulled the iron hooks of our drag ropes straight, and the gun remained firm.

The whole of the ridge behind the Steenbeck on which we were working being in view of the enemy, the work was hampered and finally stopped by the attention paid by the enemy Artillery to our waiting team—C sub's prize Greys—which had been ordered up in anticipation of the gun having been salved. Further work with spades and levers next morning only seeming to have the effect of settling the wheels more firmly in their bed, it was finally decided that help should be requested. At no other place on the whole British front should we have dreamed of such a thing, although there had been some soft spots on the Somme, but at Ypres that winter abandoned guns in shell holes, etc., were only too common.

It is probable that at "Kansas Cross" on the Passchendale side of the Salient, the number of "derelicts" at one time averaged over a dozen per thousand yards square.

We had heard rumours of Tanks being sent to the aid of such guns as ours, but on reporting the position to the Brigade Head Quarters we were speedily paid a visit by a young A.S.C. subaltern. After consuming a rather hurried breakfast with us in our tiny pill-box, he was able to inspect the road and promised if we could mend various holes therein, he would send up a real live "Holt" caterpillar tractor. Dates and hours having been arranged, he departed with our blessing.

Throughout that and the following day we worked at every possible moment carrying pit-props, bits of concrete from demolished pillboxes and every other kind of solid material we could lay hands on, and dumping it in the holes. By night we had made quite a passable job of it and were able to report "All ready."

At dawn next morning the tractor arrived—certainly at that moment the most advanced tractor in that part of the British front.

Unfortunately we had reckoned without the Bosche gunners, a lucky shell from whom, during the nightly "hate," had pitched on the road about thirty yards from the gun, not merely making a hole, but blowing away part of the side of the road.

There were neither materials, nor the time available to mend it, so the tractor driver stopped, saying that the remaining portion of the road was too narrow to carry the machine. There was nothing else to do but to try and reach it with his cable, but after two wire hausers and some odd lengths of chain had been paid out, we still wanted about five feet to reach the trail eye. Although doubtful of the result, we had to use doubled and trebled drag ropes to complete the connection. On the signal being given, the driver slowly let in his clutch and took the strain, but with a loud "crack" the drag-ropes snapped like tinder.

This was very discouraging and we were still debating what we should do next when we heard a sudden snort and a roar behind us and found that the trusty driver had succeeded in some mysterious way in making his unwieldy-looking machine leap across the narrow part.

It was only a matter of a few seconds to now connect up the chain direct to the trail, and on the signal again being given, with a "pop" the old gun came out of the mud like a cork out of a bottle.

Before the morning mist had rolled away to reveal them to the Bosche, both gun and tractor were well away beyond "Iron Cross," the former to the wagon-line for a thorough cleaning and the latter to its home in some old ruin near Elverdinghe.

We never knew whether the tractor driver got any special reward for his work, but we thought he deserved one.

(*From "The Gunner."*) *UNICORN.*

CUPID IN RAGS.

German visitors to London seeking signs of the destruction wrought by war would not find much satisfaction. The scars of peace are, on the other hand, very much in evidence. Nelson's Column braved the years of war unscathed, but the Armistice revels left their mark on the granite of the plinth, while the column itself is still under the care of the official steeple-jack. It is swathed in ropes and crowned with scaffolding. Something seems to have happened also to the Crimea Memorial in Waterloo-place, for it is surrounded with scaffolding. Queen Victoria's statue at Temple Bar was damaged during the removal of the Peace decorations. Another Queen Victoria memorial, the obelisk in front of Kensington Town Hall, is disfigured with the brightly-coloured appeals of the Air Force. But saddest and most disreputable of all is the winged cupid in Piccadilly-circus. He was a jolly fellow enough when he emerged from his retirement and presided once more over the flower-sellers round the fountain. But peace time has been too much for him. His bow is broken and twisted, while, to complete his air of rakish decrepitude, a girdle of flapping rags encircles his middle, sorry remnants of the brighter moments of the Peace celebrations.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

"NO CHILDREN."

Sir:—I was astonished at the reception afforded me to-day when I entered the "Ewige Lampe" to give a tired wife and a still more tired daughter some much needed tea.

I was coolly informed by a Corporal that, "Children are not allowed," so we had to make an undignified exit and enter the rival establisment over the way, where we were received with all courtesy.

If hospitality can be shown to Belgian nurses, surely it may be offered freely to the sons and daughters of our British fighting men!

PATERFAMILIAS.

LEARNING SPANISH.

Sir,—"Let's learn Spanish" is the new cry of those up against the language problem. "Let's learn Russian" was the cry early in the war, and yet these languages are useful only in a very limited sphere.

Let the foreign representative who actually lives abroad, learn the language of the particular country, but for all other business matters Esperanto is the practical language, because it brings the world's markets and the world's buyers together, not two countries, but all countries.

But still "Let's learn Spanish", anything difficult, and mysterious, but don't do the practical thing, learn Esperanto.

W. F. M.

GERMANY AND SOUTH-AMERICA.

Sir, - It is perfectly certain that Germany is casting longing eyes on the possibility of re-establishing her enterprises in the Spanish speaking countries in the Western Hemisphere hence the despatch of a man-of-war manned, presumably, by commercial agents.

It is up to us to get there first and to get there with a knowledge of the language in use there.

The moral is "Learn Spanish and learn it quickly." Italian would be another valuable asset.

MIENWAS.

PRICES TO SOLDIERS.

Sir,—Last month I bought an alarm clock in Hohestrasse, for 15 marks, and to-day I went to get a similar thing for my pal and they charged me 25.50.

Another instance is when I bought two furriers knives for 13 marks, and this week I got another two and they charged me 20.50 marks and I could mention a score of other things.

I think our authorities ought to compel these profiteers to put the price on all articles, and make the same price for soldiers and civilians, as at present a soldier has only to walk into a shop and ask for an article and he generally finds no price attached and therefore they charge what they like.

I think this is a matter that ought to be seen into straight away. What do others say, who have been had in a similar way?

FAIRPLAY.

THE APPEAL OF WAGNER.

Sir, — Opportunities of hearing good opera are rarer in England than here in Cologne, yet perhaps many soldiers return to England with regret that they were unable to hear more opera while in Cologne.

Indeed our chances of hearing Wagner are restricted by the shortness of our stay here and by the scarcity of seating accommodation. Soldiers who wish to get the best out of their visit to Germany should put in as many attendances at Wagner's operas played in Germany as they can manage.

I wonder if Bachelor would agree with my wife, who considers that the English in Cologne who are not on duty there should deny themselves the pleasure of visiting the opera house on crowded nights so that they may not deprive those on duty of their right in this matter.

MARITO MA NON TROPPO.

WIVES AND EFFICIENCY.

Sir,—The reason for the wives of officers and men coming out to Rhineland was to cheer up the hubbies a bit, but now I want to know what about letting the N.A.C.B.'s the W.A.A.C.'s and the W.R.A.F.'s have their husbands out here too?

N.A.C.B.

Sir,—Having followed the correspondence regarding "Wives and efficiency" pretty closely may I as another of the bachelor tribe be allowed to take up the cudgels.

"V.A.D." with the peculiar perverseness associated with the other sex comes forth with a vitriolic outburst against "Bachelor" and promptly retires behind her sandbags, but she does not help us in any way to solve the question as to whether the presence of wives in the Rhineland tends to decreased efficiency.

"War Gunner" and others with a lofty wave of the hand bring forth the argument of "Sour Grapes"

I consider the whole thing viewed with a cold impartial eye to be summed up in the answer "Yes". The presence of wives naturally tends to decreased efficiency in the fortunate ones who have their wives out here. It follows most naturally that hubby wants time off here and there to do the honours to wifey.

I cannot agree with "Bachelor" however in bringing his grievance to publicity. Personally, as a bachelor, I should be only too pleased to oblige a pal who was lucky enough to have his better half with him in Rhineland.

The question of "Sour Grapes" is quite beside the point.

"HAWKEYE."

TRAVELLING ON FRENCH RAILWAYS.

Sir,—I understand that the wives and families of officers travelling from stations in France to the occupied area are to be allowed to travel at half-rate fares.

Why is not a similar concession available over the Belgian railways? Much of the rolling stock is German, yet the full fare is demanded over the much used route Ostend to Cologne.

My own experience is that it is a route to be avoided; but since this is impossible, the Belgian State railways should, for reasons which will readily come to mind, fall into line.

ENGLISH LADY.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE TABLES.

Up to and including Saturday's matches the League tables were as follows:—

The League.—Division I.

Table to Date.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
West Bromwich A.	6	5	1	0	18	8	10
Burnley	7	4	1	2	12	10	10
Middlesbrough	7	4	2	1	11	11	9
Derby County	6	3	1	2	10	4	8
Liverpool	6	4	2	0	10	7	8
Manchester United	6	3	1	2	13	7	8
Sheffield United	5	3	1	1	14	6	7
Bradford	6	3	2	1	8	6	7
Sunderland	6	3	2	1	11	9	7
Arsenal	6	3	2	1	9	9	7
Newcastle United	6	3	2	1	7	6	7
Bolton Wanderers	7	3	3	1	17	6	7
Bradford City	7	2	3	2	13	13	6
Everton	6	3	3	0	12	12	6
Notts County	5	2	2	1	6	6	5
Manchester City	6	2	3	1	13	18	5
Chelsea	6	2	3	1	7	9	5
Blackburn Rovers	6	1	3	2	9	10	4
Oldham Athletic	6	1	4	1	7	14	3
Sheffield Wednesday	6	4	4	2	2	10	2
Preston North End	6	0	4	2	6	19	2
Aston Villa	6	0	5	1	4	11	1

The League.—Division II.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Tottenham Hotspur	6	6	0	0	22	3	12
Bristol City	6	4	0	2	10	1	10
Wolverhampton W.	6	3	0	3	11	4	9
Birmingham	6	4	1	1	15	4	9
Blackpool	6	4	2	0	16	6	8
Fulham	6	4	2	0	11	6	8
Stoke	6	4	2	0	10	8	8
Huddersfield Town	6	4	2	0	11	4	8
Leeds City	6	3	2	1	12	7	7
Stockport County	6	3	2	1	11	5	7
Barnsley	6	3	2	1	13	6	7
West Ham United	6	3	2	1	8	12	7
Hull City	6	2	2	2	8	9	6
Grimsby Town	6	2	4	0	4	14	4
Rotherham	6	2	4	0	6	11	4
South Shields	6	2	4	0	3	10	4
Nottingham Forest	6	1	3	2	7	8	4
Leicester City	6	1	4	1	7	18	3
Bury	6	1	4	1	7	18	3
Lincoln City	6	0	4	2	2	20	2
Clapton Orient	6	0	4	2	3	7	2
Coventry City	6	0	6	0	3	23	0

Southern League.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Watford	7	5	0	2	12	5	12
Exeter City	6	3	0	3	9	6	9
Portsmouth	6	4	1	1	12	4	9
Brentford	6	3	1	2	11	8	8
Queen's Park Rangers	6	3	1	2	8	2	8
Reading	7	2	1	4	8	5	8
Merthyr Town	7	3	2	2	12	4	8
Millwall	7	2	1	4	11	9	8
Cardiff City	6	2	1	3	14	8	7
Crystal Palace	6	2	1	3	9	9	7
Southend United	7	2	2	3	7	6	7
Swindon Town	6	2	2	2	7	7	6
Plymouth Argyle	6	2	2	2	6	4	6
Gillingham	7	2	3	2	3	8	6
Norwich City	5	2	2	1	10	10	5
Northampton	7	1	4	2	11	16	4
Luton Town	7	1	4	2	7	16	4
Southampton	7	3	3	1	7	11	4
Brighton and Hove	5	1	2	2	7	7	4
Swansea Town	6	1	4	1	5	8	3
Bristol Rovers	6	0	3	3	7	14	3
Newport County	7	1	5	1	5	16	3

Scottish League.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Glasgow Rangers	8	7	1	0	25	5	15
Motherwell	8	6	1	1	18	10	13
Celtic	6	6	0	0	13	3	12
Ayr United	9	4	2	3	19	9	10
Heart of Midlothian	7	5	0	2	12	6	10
Airdrieonians	8	4	2	2	9	5	10
Partick Thistle	7	4	2	1	10	6	10
Hibernians	8	4	0	4	13	13	8
Greenock Morton	8	3	1	4	13	10	7
Clyde	8	2	3	3	12	12	7
Third Lanark	7	2	3	2	8	9	7
Kilmarnock	10	3	1	6	12	28	7
Aberdeen	7	3	0	4	10	11	6
Dundee	7	3	0	4	9	10	6
St. Mirren	7	3	0	4	9	12	6
Queen's Park	8	2	2	4	10	14	6
Falkirk	9	3	0	6	12	20	6
Dumbarton	9	1	4	4	8	16	6
Albion Rovers	7	3	0	4	6	12	6
Raith Rovers	9	2	1	6	13	20	5
Hamilton Academicals	9	2	1	6	13	14	5
Clydebank	6	2	0	4	6	8	4

BRAIN v. BRAIN.

The Only Solution of the Offside Problem.

Once again the offside topic is arousing a great controversy and we have the "Daily Mail" suggesting that a new rule be introduced which should read that a forward cannot be played offside until he has passed a line halfway between the present half-way line and the goal-line. This would greatly hamper the one back game and prevent opposing players being played offside during the initial movements of an attack. An alternative suggestion is that no player be given offside when he has two rival players between him and the goal-line. The present rule reads three. This suggestion is favoured by the Rules Revision Committee of the F.A. who have discussed the subject.

Again we have "Charlie" Buchan the popular Sunderland skipper saying:—"I would give the referee the right to disregard a claim for offside when, in his opinion, a back instead of tackling a man preferred to throw his opponent offside."

The above proposed alterations to Law 6 of the soccer code have all a great deal to commend them, but, despite all the football writers' and scribes' statements, one is apt if one thinks deeply, to come to the conclusion that no change will be made. Most of our writers forget that the football laws are made as much for the player as for the spectator and think what would happen in junior circles if the first proposed alteration was put into force. How many clubs can afford to mark off their lines for every match, as their wealthier brethren do, and how often does one see the lines nearly obliterated, and especially so in wet weather? Would it not reduce football to a farce, and what about the poor referee? This hard worked official is also forgotten.

Coventry's New Back.

Coventry City have signed on Copeland, a full back, who used to play for Leeds City. As Coventry's goals against record is one of the worst in the three competitions it is obvious that the defence needs improvement.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Wednesday, September 24th, 1919.

Wind westerly 10 to 15 m.p.h., Squally changing to North-west or North. Weather cloudy, some showers, probably improving. Cold, Visibility bad.

TORCHLIGHT TATTOO.

13th K. R. R. C's. Impressive Spectacle at Solingen.

The 13th Bn. K. R. R. C. (commanded by Major F. W. Parish D.S.O.) on Friday evening last held a very successful Torchlight Tattoo on the Battalion parade ground at Solingen. Brig. Gen. G. V. Hordern, C. B., C. M. G., was present, and gave the signal for commencement by firing a Verey light from a balcony overlooking the Schutzenburg, and commanding an excellent view of the proceedings.

In response to the signal, concealed buglers sounded the "Assembly", following which the attention of all present was immediately fixed by a weird and clever surprise effect. This was obtained by the sudden illumination of a number of red flares outlining a rectangle within which the subsequent manoeuvres were performed. In answer to a spirited rendering of "First Post" Verey lights were fired, accompanied by a really enthusiastic "mad minute" from a small battery of merciless Lewis Guns. There now emerged from cover one hundred torch bearers, who advanced at first in single file, but very soon commenced to assume other formations, during which time the flaring lights offered a very picturesque spectacle.

The men moved in twos, fours, eights, and sixteens; they showed us two files crossing diagonally; they marched in narrowing or widening circles and at one moment they formed four and eight spokes moving round on a counter-revolving central ring. During the period of the march the Battalion band and buglers alternated with some excellent music; and the movements were invisibly but effectively controlled by the Adjt., Capt. S. S. Scott, assisted by 2/Lt. J. B. Buck, M. M. Bn. Signals Officer.

In the concluding stages, the men suddenly formed a semi-circle "Last Post" was sounded, and two verses of the hymn "Abide with me" were sung.

EFFECTIVE SPECTACLE.

After an effective pause the torch-light bearers again suddenly placed themselves into groups which together made up the description "13th K.R.R.C." While the men stood in this formation the band played "God bless the Prince of Wales" and concluded with the National Anthem, torches meanwhile being held high. On the sounding of "Lights Out" the place was once more thrown into darkness but the crowd when they dispersed went away extremely satisfied.

A word of credit is due to the band and buglers who under Bandmaster Wilkins, worked hard, but congratulations for a successful show are principally due to Major Parish, the C.O., who originated the whole affair, selected and designed the movements, and himself personally trained the men. The latter, be it said, showed great keenness in a very successful enterprise.

OLD BOYS' RALLY.

At Durham House Y.M.C.A., The Boys Brigade Hut, on Saturday last was held the Rally of ex-and present members of the Boys' Organizations. The afternoon was given to sport. Tennis and quoits were indulged in and a basket ball match was played, Brigades v. Scouts, the former being victorious by 14 points to 0. Tea was done justice to, and later in the evening a conference took place under the presidency of Rev. A.H.H. Organ (representing the Boys Brigade) when a good discussion took place on the future of the Boys' Organization.

So keen were those present that the conference was adjourned to Sunday evening when a still keener discussion took place. Among the topics discussed were unity between the various organizations, discipline, esprit de corps, financial aid, future workers, sex problems and their teaching, boy welfare etc. Before closing it was resolved to meet again on Sunday next at 8. p. m. at Durham House. All other old members of Brigades or Scouts will be welcome.

Shelton Accepts.

Will the sports officer on behalf of Rfn. Jackson (51st Bn. Rifle Bde.) kindly communicate with Young Shelton 715th Labour Coy. Rhine Army as soon as possible, with regard to the arranging of a match, place and date, also the number of rounds with Rfn. Jackson.

THE B. A. R. WELTER TITLE.

R.Q.M.S. J. French, H. Q. 2nd London Infantry Bde. wires as follows:— Will you please spare me space in your valuable paper to issue a challenge to the B. A. of the R. I have already challenged twice without result, and feel justified in claiming the welter-weight boxing title. I am prepared to meet anyone at your offices by appointment to arrange a match.

STILL THEY COME.

Entries Rolling in for our Football Competition.

HAVE WE HAD YOURS?

Still they come! By every post our pile of "Football Competition" entries is considerably increased and the larger the number of coupons the greater will be the prize for the fortunate competitor or competitors. Don't leave it too late. Remember that to-morrow is the last day for the receipt of coupons and any received later are by our rules disqualified. All you have to do is to cross out the teams you think will lose, or, if you anticipate a draw, leave both teams untouched, and forward the coupon, together with one mark entrance fee, to "Football Competition No 1, Cologne Post, Cologne". The whole of the money received in entrance fees will go to the winner, or winners, of the competition. As stated in the rules published in Saturday's and Sunday's editions there is no limit to the number of entries which may be sent in by any one competitor, providing each coupon is accompanied by one Mark.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 1.

Date of matches, **Saturday, Sept. 27th**
Closing date, **Thursday, Sept. 25th.**

Blackburn Rovers v. Woolwich Arsenal
Bradford v. Aston Villa
Chelsea v. Burnley
Derby County v. Bolton Wanderers
Birmingham v. Huddersfield
Bristol City v. Fulham
Bury v. Hull city
Clapton Orient v. South Shields
Brentford v. Crystal Palace
Bristol Rovers v. Newport
Exeter v. Watford
Gillingham v. Queen's Park Rangers

I enter football competition No. 1 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Unit .....
Address .....

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

Rising Stars In The "Soccer" World: By W. Le C.

Williamson, the Middlesboro international custodian, declares that Albert Shepherd and Billy Hibbert, were the most dangerous forwards he ever faced. Shepherd's rocket drives and Hibbert's ability to put "screw" on a ball always earned his appreciation. Shepherd is now out of first league football, but Hibbert is still with Newcastle United.

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What would Dumbarton give for Andrew Wilson, the Teeside player whose case is causing such comment in "footer" circles? But he won't go to Boghead.

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Harry Chambers the Liverpool's inside right is a Tynesider who comes from the same school, produced "Jacky" Rutherford the Arsenal's idol.

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Edmonds who opened the English Leagues "hat trick" records for 1919—20 against the Palace is one of Watford's pre-war finds.

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Crisp, Morris and Gregory, the three youngsters of the Throstle's forward line are stars in the making; they are shining examples of "first time" shooting.

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Derby Villa, whose undefeated championship victory in the Northern Junior Combination League 1911—12 created such a record, have surely another unbeatable record. All their players joined the colours and but two survive, 14 paying the great price. The last to fall was A. Chapman, their centre forward, who was booked for first-class circles. Killed on Oct. 1918, his passing robbed the North of a budding international.

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Tottenham are playing like prospective champions and thus supporters are jubilant, but there's many a slip, and its a long road to next May.

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Cooper, who broke his leg when "keeping" for Barnsley, is now displaying brilliant form for Newport.

TURF TOPICS.

By "Jerry M".

After Doncaster the racing both at Warwick and Yarmouth was very tame. Not until Gatwick and Newbury this week shall we be able to work up to any enthusiasm. However the Newbury Cup will be watched with great interest as, in this event, there are several horses that are engaged also in the Cesarewitch and many are hoping to get a line from the Newbury running, to assist in solving the greater problem next month.

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Now that "Keysoe" has been withdrawn, "Silver Bullet" has been seized on, and is now a pronounced favourite for the "Cesarewitch" I cannot profess to be highly pleased at this happening, for the Manton wizard does not shine with favourites in the big events, and I for one shall keep a watchful eye on the other candidate Taylor has, viz "Queens Square." Events before the day of the race may give us a definite lead as to which is to carry the stable's chief hopes.

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G. Colling, like his father, is a keen hunting enthusiast and hopes to put in a lot of time with the Newmarket and Thurlow hounds this winter. He had quite an unrehearsed experience the other day when "Dots Surprise" jumped the road on the Warwick course and caused George to "sit back some." Which happening in Colling's opinion caused the filly to lose by half a length instead of winning somewhat easily.

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It is indeed difficult to please everyone. This was again demonstrated the day after "Keysoe" was scratched from the Cesarewitch. One half of the sporting press commended the Lambton for his promptitude in so quickly striking the filly out, when it had been decided not to expose her to the necessary rigorous preparations for the big race. Having in view some "easy" weight for age engagements and also eye on the cups next year.

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Surely a very reasonable precaution to take with such a valuable horse. But many papers heaped coals of fire on the "luckless" (?) Trainer's head. "Why?" said these "experts" was not the decision arrived at immediately "Keysoe" had won the St. Leger and before the poor punters had backed her down to favourite?" I doubt very much that it was public money that made "Keysoe" favourite, the layers never offered more than 10 to 1 from the moment he passed the post at Doncaster.

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And one cannot expect an owner to scratch a horse with a favourite's chance from a big race without due consideration. And after all is said and done owners and trainers would have something to do if they ran their horses solely as the public dictated.

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The "layers" have up to now had a very lean time, favourites coming up with as one put it "monotonous regularity." Many have taken the knock," especially new comers, who are quickly seized on by the "Job workers" who are otherwise held pretty firmly in hand by the old school of "Bookies."

LIVERPOOL CUP ENTRIES.

(Run Friday, Nov. 7. One mile, three furlongs.)

	yrs		yrs
Silver Bullet	4	John Jackett	6
Tomatina	3	Arion	4
Warways	3	Good Night	3
Zinovia	4	Win the War	3
Roamer	3	Zulanda	5
My Land	4	Silvanite	4
King Carnival	4	Glaciale	3
Tangiers	3	Rothesay Bay	3
Poilu	4	Roseacre	4
Planet	5	Danegelt	3
Patrick's Day	7	Grand Fleet	5
Square Measure	4	Seatwell	4
Kerry Lass	3	Dominion	3
Rich Gift	5	African Star	3
Thermogene	4	Daphne	3
Randa	6	Mapledurham	3
King John	4	King's Idler	3
Dionysos	4	Alasnam	3
Durelus	3	Chuette	3
My Dear	4	Tourville	3
Flying Spear	3	Sandmole	7
Royal Bucks	6	Carados	4
Control	3	Lady Earn	4
Shamyl	7	Pastures New	9
Sir Berkeley	4		

Dansellon.

Dansellon, the highest-priced racehorse ever imported into India, died a few days after landing in Bombay, owing to an illness contracted on the voyage.

Forsaken Soccer.

J. E. Raine, the amateur international outside right, once of Sunderland, has forsaken soccer; he is now captain of the Percy Park Rugby Club.

COBLENZ CARNIVAL.

Gigantic Programme: Success Of British Competitors.

TENNIS RESULTS.

The athletic carnival and sports under the auspices of the American forces in Germany started in Coblenz on Saturday, when the Tennis Tournament opened with about fifty entries, among which were six entries from the British Forces on the Rhine. This gigantic athletic tournament, which is the first as well as the largest sporting event since the gigantic third Army atletic carnival held in March of this year, is the work of Capt. A. P. Withers athletic officer of the A.F.G. and Earl Brannon, head of the athletic department of the Y.M.C.A. These two men, assisted by the company, regimental, and Y.M.C.A. athletic director hope to make this athletic week a memorable one in the minds of the soldiers along the Rhine.

The Tennis Tournament secured a good start and how well the British competitors shaped in the opening show can be ascertained from the results below. Of the players from the B.A.O.R. only one, Saulfield lost. He was defeated by Pinkerton 6—3, 6—3. Showing excellent form six British players defeated their American rivals.

Results.

Sherman, American, won from Allen, American, 6—3, 6—3. Kelly, British, won from Tate, American, 6—0, 6—1; Boyd, American, won from Vaugelas, French, by default: Saul, British, won from Avery, American, 6—0, 6—3; Pinkerton, American, won from Saulfield, British, 6—3, 6—3. Steel, American, won from Valmrage, French, by default; Saulstead, British, won from Heard, American, by default; Kearns, British, won from Butler, American, by default; Price, British, won from Burel, American, 6—0, 6—1; McLeod, British, won from Wood, American, 6—1, 6—0.

Boxing started on Monday and wrestling yesterday and these two sports will go through their process of elimination until the finals are staged on Friday and Saturday. Several Britishers are entered in these sports, and from reports ought to go good.

Baseball will start to-day and will continue until the finals are staged, like all other sports, on Friday and Saturday.

Track and field will occupy most of the final two days, and Capt. Withers and Mr. Brannon are hard at work on this gigantic programme. Already the different organizations have held their preliminaries to pick their best men and on Friday and Saturday only the select will appear. Close on two hundred entries have been received, and the British have their share of entries. Besides the above mentioned sport, there will be racing and hurdle events and the wild and woolly horse show in which the American from the Western States takes so much delight.

GERMANY'S FOOTBALL QUEST

Attempt to Persuade British Coaches to Return.

A determined attempt is being made by German football authorities to persuade British players to resume their services as coaches in Germany.

Mr. Bensemann, who professes to be seriously perturbed as to the future outlook for Germany in international football, is the principal agent in this attempt to get our men to continue the jobs they were forced to relinquish in 1914, but his task, as it should be, is a difficult one.

Pentland is one of the players who has been approached, and he forwarded the correspondence in connection with the matter to the secretary of the Football Association.

In his first reply to Mr. Bensemann. Pentland asked if the German football authorities proposed to compensate him and his colleagues for broken contracts, their long incarceration in Germany, and four years' loss of income. Mr. Bensemann replied that, while he could not advise the Germans to recognise any legal reponsibility, he assured Pentland that should the players return everything possible would be done to make their positions remunerative and comfortable.

Pentland wrote Mr. Bensemann to the effect that unless the German football authorities were prepared to make some offer of compensation for the past there was little prospect of any British players returning to Germany.

KALK FOOTBALL SHIELD.

In the first round of the Kalk Y.M.C.A. Football Shield Competition the 9th D.L.I. met and defeated the 23rd Middlesex on the former's ground by two goals to nil, after a keen game. The Middlesex captain won the toss and elected to play the first session with wind and sun in their favour. For the first ten minutes play was fairly even, then the D.L.I. settled down and had the greater part of the game. Half time came with no score.

In the second half the visitors had the misfortune to lose their centre forward who fell and broke a thumb. The homesters continued to have the best of matters and were rewarded by two goals, the first by Conway the inside right while the second was netted by Capt. Gibson after a fine solo effort.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Good-Bye "Rascals."

"The Rascals," the Cavalry Division M.T. Coy. Concert Party, has ceased to exist. Owing to demobilization they find continuance impossible. The presenters of a bright little show, running successfully for the past few months in Rhineland, they leave a void in the entertainment world. I wish the members of the party every success.

Leave Club Programme.

There will be an impromptu concert at the Leave Club to-day from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by a dance in the Theatre at which the band of the 9th Durham Light Infantry will play. To-morrow there will be an impromptu concert by Miss Ada Moore from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by a whist drive at 6.30 p.m. A Dancing Class will take place on Friday, from 5 to 6 and the cinema will be continuous throughout the afternoon and evening. On Saturday there will be another important concert from 5 to 6 followed by a dance in the Theatre at 6.30 p.m.

"The Jesters."

Can you conceive a concert party, an English civilian party who can present a show equally bright and topical as a first-class army party? You can't? Then you haven't seen "The Jesters" at the Palace Theatre, Cologne. This talented London company comprises Joe Morley, the most famous of banjoists Chass Lewis, a ventriloquist, Harry King and Frank Hook, comedians, and two delightful ladies, Misses Jessie Mountjoy and Mabel Martin. Mr. Alfred Hurley, a well-known figure in English theatrical circles, is in charge of the party.

A Melange.

Variety besides being the spice of life is also the essential element in a concert party performance. In Mr. Alfred Hurley's party you have a melange of melody. Is there a banjoist in England with a bigger reputation than Joe Morley? I doubt it. Also, one would go far to find a more fascinating entertainer at the piano than Miss Jessie Mountjoy. And picture the personification of cuteness, neatness, perfect artistry, and a pleasing voice and you have Miss Mabel Martin.

Comedians Three.

The number three is curiously associative with comedy, and Harry King, Frank Hook and Chass Lewis are no exception to the rule. Harry King, is, of course, an artiste of repute and is as funny as ever. I remember Frank Hook in the old days when he played with Miss Mona Vivian, Fred Allandale, and J.H. Scott and. Decidedly he is a man that knows his business. Then there is Chass Lewis, a ventriloquist with a distinct style and refreshingly free from the hackneyed dialogue that so bores in a performance of this kind. Incidently his paper-tearing stunt is both unusual and clever. "The Jesters" change their programme on Thursday: this is a good idea and such a party are undoubtedly worthy of a second visit.

JACQUES.

MID-WEEK MATCHES.

The following League matches are down for decision before Saturday next:—

Wednesday.
LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.
Newcastle United v. Derby County.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE.
Brighton v. Portsmouth
Exeter v. Brentford.

Thursday.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE.
Queen's Park Rangers v. Southend United.

A FOUR-NIL VICTORY.

D.O.S. (G.H.Q.) F.C., v. D. of S. & T. (G.H.Q.).

A match between the above teams was played on the Klettenberger Sports Ground on Saturday, and resulted in an easy victory for the D.O.S., team by 4 goals to nil.

From the commencement of the game it was apparent that the D.O.S., were the better team, and Pte Watty scored the only goal in the first half.

In the second half the "Ordnance" continued to have the best of the game, their opponents seldom crossing the half-way line. Pte. Watty added other two for the "Ordnance" and Pte. Barton put in the last by a fast drive from the left.

DO SALMON FEED ON EELS?

English Fisherman Witnesses Remarkable Sight.

A correspondent to "The Field" makes the following remarkable statement:—

"On June 12, 1919, I was, after fishing the river Dee, leaning over Dinnet Bridge with my fellow-fishermen watching the salmon. Suddenly one jumped on to the ledge of rock just below the manse and slid along it some feet into the pool. There were four of us, and we thought it was hunted by an otter, and went down to the sandy bank to look for pads. Finding none, we returned to the bridge, and while talking it over, saw the salmon, about 12lb., floating down the pool with a large eel protruding quite a foot out of its mouth. The eel was tail end out, and apparently the salmon was being choked and was evidently in difficulties. Several eels, quite a dozen, were worrying at it, and pushed it both up and down stream for quite half an hour, and finally over the ledge below the bridge into the deep black water.

"The question is was the salmon trying to swallow the eel for food? The water was quite clear, and a bright sun shining, and we could watch every move of the game."

An American Record.

Gaston Chevrolet has won a 150-mile motor-car race at Sheepshead Bay in 42min 54 1-5sec, which is an American record.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

A. Lane.

A. Lane is no longer in the employment of M. Ranucci, the Italian sportsman who has a large stable in France.

To Reconstruct.

The Divisional Committee of the L.F.A. intend to reconstruct some of the junior leagues and mid-week competitions which ceased during the war.

La Hogue.

La Hogue is a trifle narrow in her girth, and when last she ran her saddle slipped back. To safeguard against a repetition of this in the Gorleston Nursery at Yarmouth she ran in a surcingle breast plate.

Serpentine Swimming.

The final swimming race in the Serpentine for the Duke of Westminster's trophy was won by A. Middleton 100secs. start, who finished the 110 yards course half a yard in front of F. Dalla (55secs.), with E. J. Richards (38secs.) a foot behind the second.

Twelve Amateur Entries.

Twelve clubs have so far entered for the Lancashire Amateur Football Cup. They include Liverpool University, Manchester University, Old Xaverians, and Whalley Range. Entries close October 1, the draw will be made on October 3, and the first round played on October 11.

Football Tax.

Every followed of football who pays a shilling to see a League match pays threepence to the national Exchequer.

Affleck Returns to Leeds.

G. Affleck, who has been demobilized, has been again signed on by Leeds City, for whom he played as full back before the war.

N.Z's in Africa.

The New Zealand Service Rugby football team, winners of the King's Cup at Twickenham in April, finished a highly successful tour in South Africa last week.

A Dundee Signatury.

Dundee F.O. has signed on A. Rawlings, who has previously played for Barnsley, Shirebrook, Northampton, and Rochdale Rawlings has not yet been demobilized.

For Charities.

As the result of the practice games by West Ham United £201 has been given to local charities, while charities benefited to the extent of £202 as the outcome of Clapton Orient's games.

Ash Defeats Bishop.

Frank Ash, of Plymouth, and Arthur Bishop, of Caerphilly, met in a fifteen three-minute-rounds contest at the Cosmopolitan Gymnasium, Plymouth, and Ash proved the winner on points by a comfortable margin.

Frank Forman.

Frank Forman, who played for England in the three internationals in 1889, has again joined the Nottingham Forest directorate.

Young Players Prices.

Belfast United are asking £300 for Toner's transfer, and £100 for that of Hopkins. Both are young players who have had trials with the Arsenal.

Seven Times Not out.

Dipper, the Gloucestershire cricket professional, has done wonderful work for the Gloucester City Club this season, having scored 915 runs in thirteen innings. As he was seven times not out, his average is the extraordinary one of 152.5.

Railway Fares.

The Welsh Football Association have decided to take steps to press the Government to grant reduced railway fares to football clubs. An effort is being made to arrange victory internationals between Wales and Ireland.

W.A. Hill Fails.

The special 250 yards handicap, in which it was hoped that W. A. Hill (Surrey A. C.) might beat E. H. Pelling's long-standing record of 24 4-5secs. was duly won by the amateur champion, but he could accomplish no better time than 25 2-5secs. over this most difficult distance.

Boxing in Paris.

McGoldrick, the Scotch boxer, beat Journet (France) at the Nouveau Cirque. The Frenchman was knocked out in the fourth round.

F.A. to play Universities.

The Football Association will play Cambridge University at Cambridge on November 20, and it is intended to send down a strong team. A match will also be played with Oxford University.

New Billiard Hall.

Messrs. Burroughes and Watt's new billiard hall at 48, St. James'-street, W., will be opened on Monday, October 6, when Inman and Reece begin a match which will cover two weeks.

New Walking Champion.

One of the chief events in connection with the L.A.C. autumn sports meeting at Stamford Bridge was the A.A.A. seven miles walking championship, which was won after an exciting finish by W. Hehir, of the Surrey A.C.

Beckett at Scarborough.

Scarborough will have an opportunity this week of seeing Joe Beckett, the aspirant for the world's championship boxing honours. The Southampton man is billed to take part in a sparring competition with a Navy champion at the Floral Hall to-day.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

No Marriages.

A report appeared recently in "The Times," stating that a number of British soldiers had been married to German girls at the Dom, Cologne. On enquiry we are informed by the Ecclesiastical authorities that not a single marriage of the kind has been celebrated in Cologne Cathedral.

The cold spell.

The change of temperature has given to Cologne a quite different aspect. Straw hats and light summer dresses have disappeared. Furs and winter clothes are to be seen instead. On Sunday last the Strandbad at Rodenkirchen which was overcrowded the Sunday before, was empty. Fires were burning in many houses. Cafés and cinemas were "sold out."

A swing door joke.

Five schoolboys were playing with the revolving door of one of the big restaurants in Cologne, when two French ladies arrived. One of the boys invited the ladies to join him in one of the partitions. His four comrades in the next partition then pushed the door so forcibly that the ladies landed in the Restaurant in a rather indignified manner. The door continued to turn and three empty partitions appeared successively. Then one saw the five boys coming out from the fourth and running away as fast as they could. Out rushed the Oberkellner, looking very cross. But the urchins had flown. The whole thing had lasted only half a minute but everybody in the street roared with laughter at the scene which was intensely comic.

Travelling on French Railways.

Officers wives and families, travelling from stations in France to the occupied area, may obtain half-rate fares on the French railway systems. Application must be made at the booking office of the station of departure. But means of identification of the applicant as belonging to the family of an officer actually resident in occupied territory must be available for production, if required.

No Queues.

Judging by the amount of khaki to be seen in Hohe Strasse of an evening one would think the Cologne garrison was as strong as ever. It is in the cigarette queues one notices the difference. There is practically no queuing to-day for cigarettes. The majority of the soldiers parading Hohe Strasse at night are from the Demobilization Camp and are having their last look round the Cathedral city.

Machine Gunners Magazine.

The August number of the 3rd Bn. M.G.C. Magazine is well up to the high standard of excellence achieved in the previous three issues. The hon. editor, Lt.-Col. W. J. Cranston, D.S.O. contributes another bright, sound article, while the event of the month, the Battalion sports, is happily treated. The chronicles of the Battalion are continued recording activities during August 1918. Numerous short, crisp articles included in the magazine cover a very wide range of subjects and their selection and arrangement reflect considerable credit upon the acting editor, Lieut. H. V. Wallace King.

A Deserted Town.

One cannot walk through a town like Brühl wit out being struck by its deserted appearance. Where Divisional staff officers were to be seen going to and fro all is now quiet; no longer do lorries roll through the streets in the direction of the Divisional park; a branch of the Y.M.C.A. remains as a sole survival of occupation of the Schloss; piles of beds speak of occupation and now one is able to walk through the streets without so much as seeing a single uniformed Tommy. We cannot imagine that the tradesmen are very happy about it, neither, should we imagine, is the atmosphere of quietness and the deserted nature of the place palatable to residents who appreciate life and movement. Formerly a busy military centre, Brühl now suffers by the contrast. Only the derelict military signs and direction posts remain as evidence of occupation.

Some Howlers.

Even marking examination papers has its lighter moments, and some of the following naive remarks by candidates for the 2nd Class Army Certificate exam, deserve to be recorded. The subjects for writing the essay were "Rhineland" and "The uses of Photography in Warfare." — Here are some of the opinions on these subjects by the men of the 'nth Battn. Blankshire Rifles. "The chief use of photography in modern warfare is to find deserters." "Rhineland is situated on the S. E. of England and the N. E. of France." "Photographs have been taken of war scenes and then sent to England and put in the newspapors." "The Dom is built in Goethe architectural style, and is very prepossessing in its looks." "The Germans take sheep into their houses to rear lambs."

Leave and Demobilization.

In future no officer, N.C.O. or man who is eligible for demobilization will be given leave of absence. In cases where the presence of such may be urgently required in the U.K., as in cases of illness of near relatives, etc., they will be sent for dispersal.

High Prices for Papers.

In transactions involving five pfennigs or ten pfennigs Tommy is not particular about his change. He is not struck on the German "Klein geld," but that is no reason why he should be mulcted in sixty or seventy pfennigs for an English penny paper, which at Cologne Main Station he can get for forty pfennigs. The street-hawkers are adepts at profiteering in pfennigs, but the one paper they can't diddle you on is "The Cologne Post." Moral—well, the moral is obvious.

Re-echoes.

What has the Permit officer to say as to the idea of two English ladies who were in Cologne on Monday and were carrying their armlets fastened in some way to their hand bags?

A dinner for Old Cliftonians on the Rhine is suggested, on the lines of those held for Old Etonians, Old Harrovians and others.

All ranks are strictly forbidden to travel in the brake vans of trains.

Two Germans in Cologne who offered to accompany two British ladies without being introduced, have been fined 200 marks each.

The manager of the Cologne Opera House hopes and expects that performances will begin regularly again before the end of next week.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's winners are Pte. G. Pollard Dental Section 44.h C.C.S. Rhine Army and Cpl. E. Fisher, D of S & T, G.H.Q. Rhine Army.

AROUND AND ABOUT.

ROYAL ACCEPTANCES.

The presentation to the Prince of Wales of an address engrossed on vellum and sewed on the purple silk lining of a yellow-furred coyote skin by the people of Edmonton, is a reminder of the other queer presents made to royalty. There was the silver oar, weighing nearly 74ozs., which was presented to his father though he returned it for safe custody to the Dartmouth Corporation just before his Coronation. Then there was the cricket bat made specially for the late Duke of Clarence. It was constructed entirely of walnut, mounted in silver, and was valued at £50. And who has not heard of the late King's unique collection of white hats? This is the sort of gift the Americans love, for the hat presented to the Secretary of State in Lincoln's Cabinet, was valued at £200, while General Grant received an even more expensive hat in 1882. It was a splendid panama, worth at least £300.

THE EAGLE UP-TO-DATE.

The revision of the German eagle marks yet another change in a long heraldic tradition. Persia was probably the earliest nation to adopt this symbol of power, but the German bird is of direct Roman descent. It began with Tarquin, to whom an eagle heralded royal power, and later became the Imperial standard. Frederick II.'s grant of the Imperial eagle to the Teutonic Knights as a special mark of honour was the origin of the Prussian eagle now erased from the shield borne by the Imperial German eagle. The shield also disappears. The double-headed eagle of the Holy Roman Empire and of Austria appeared occasionally towards the end of the Thirteenth Century, and is first definitely found in 1325 on the coins of Ludwig the Bavarian. Charlemagne's eagle was one-headed. There is no evidence that the Romans themselves symbolised the Eastern and Western Empires by a double eagle.

CAT'S EYES TELL THE TIME.

In various parts of Turkey the watch and the clock are extremely rare, but the natives have an exceedingly ingenious way of approximating the time, and some of them hit it with considerable accuracy. They locate two cardinal points of the compass, and then folding their hands together in such a manner that the fore-fingers point upward and in opposite directions, they observe the shadow cast. In the morning or the evening at certain known hours one finger or the other will point directly at the sun. A comparison of the two shadows will determine the hours between. Another system followed in Turkey and some other countries of the Orient is to observe the eyes of a cat. Early in the morning and evening the pupils are round. At 9 and 3 o'clock they are oval, and at noon they consist of a narrow slit.

A PETRIFIED FOREST.

Within the stretch of Arizona's painted desert of brilliant hues lies one of the marvels of the land, the sixty square miles of petrified forest. There lie preserved for all time fallen tree monarchs, millions of years old, turned to rocks. Mammoth trunks, sometimes five feet in diameter and fifty feet in length, or cracked smoothly into blocks, are transformed into everlasting stone, beautiful in quality and colouring—quartz, agate, chalcedony, jasper and exquisite opal, infinite in the variety of delicate tint and rich shading. The method of petrification, by which the giant trees became rock, was one of the strange alchemies of nature. Probably the wash of water from hot mineral springs rich in silica was the cause. The chemical, permeating the tissues of the plant, acted as a hardening agent, preserving the original structure and detail of the tree with astonishing perfection of detail.

OLDEST LONDON HOUSES.

There is a tablet at the corner of Great Peter-street and Marsham-street, Westminster but near the other end of Great Peter-street there is one older by 64 years inscribed: "Ths is Sant Peter Street, Anno, 1624," with the initial sR. W. and a heart between. The front of the house to which the tablet is affixed seems to be more modern by a century or so. The names of many of the surrounding alleys are marked on a map of about the year 1700: Laundry Yard, for instance, and Perkins Rents. Few houses of antiquity remain in the street; and he would be a hardened antiquary who would watch the destruction of the survivors dry-eyed.

SPIDER WEBS AS FISH NETS.

In some of the forests of New Guinea there is to be found a spider which, although itself possessed of no great dimensions, spins a web about six feet in diameter, and the natives have for generations been making use of them as fish nets. At first they laboriously transferred these webs from the supports upon which they had been placed by the insects and attached them to bamboo sticks which had been looped, but latterly they conceived the idea of taking their loops down into the forests and inveigling the spider to make his web in the loop of bamboo, after which they had only to take the stick from the ground and go after the fish. The native uses this net with great dexterity to catch fish of about one pound in weight, neither the fish nor the water being sufficient to break the mesh. The usual practice is for the fisherman to stand on a rock at a favourable point and when the fish appears within reach they quickly dip it up and throw it on the shore.

WHY MAC SIGNED ON!

I entered the Mess last night and found Mac executing a hornpipe.

"What's the game, Mac," I enquired, "Irish Elegance anything to do with it?

"Noa, leddie, ma peppers are thro'!!"

"Fine," I exclaimed, "come to the Café Bauer and I'll drink your health in Rhenish wine!

"But tha cost, mon — —."

"Never mind the cost, Mac; look who we shall be missing!"

At this doubtful compliment, he agreed and that same evening we drank many toasts, and the bill ran into many marks, but Mac forgot his Scottish descent, and forked out without a murmur.

Presently, the wine, combined with the strains of "Let the Great Red Dawn keep Shining" played in wedding march time, began to tell on Mac, and he grew talkative.

"Mon," said he, "I'll no' be heppy till a'm in Aberrrdeen. Jeannnie maun hev been verra lonely wi'out me these past two years exceptin on leave, ye ken. Leddie, t'will be fine, jus'fine."

It was very late when we left the Café Bauer, and I had a never-to-be-forgotten experience in getting him back to the billet.

Twice in the Aachener Strasse he flung his arms around my neck, and between the hiccoughs he murmured "Jeannie, ma'sweetie, your hair is like to sunset o'er Loch Lomon'!"

Finally I saw him safely tucked in, and left him.

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'T was a very sad Mac I saw at dinner next day, and it fairly chilled my blood to find my usually cheerful pal in such a state of depression.

"Why, Mac," I exclaimed, "What on earth's the matter?"

"A've signed on," was the laconic reply."

"Signed on!" I echoed, "but your papers —demob—"

"Read this!" he interrupted.

"This," was a telegram, characteristically Scottish in its briefness, yet one which conveyed a world of meaning. It ran:—"Twins— Jeannie."

I grasped Mac's hand. Words failed me.

S. T. G.

THE INITIAL VENTURE.

A camera — Yes! That is what Abe ached for and to gratify his desire he only waited a mere six months before the magnate of his company threw 400 marks into his patriotic countenance, at the same time informing him that if pay were to be measured by the amount of work done he would be sadly in debt.

Our hero did not in the least mind the slur cast on his industrial capacity — he was only in need of an afternoon pass and then his long cherished ambition would be realised. Yea, verily, it was good to live — more so when 400 marks, money for dirt, is reposing in one's zwei mark note case.

He duly obtained the necessary pass and proceeded to Cologne walking on air, his head held high in the heavens, only becoming prosaic when a military policeman sharply told him to walk straight.

However, to come to the point, he, after much "sprechening", purchased "Cameras Mk. IV, Soldiers, for the use of one" and almost ran back to the billet, there to be surrounded by the admiring fräuleins aud budding meinherrs, only extricating himself from the crush which threatened to engulf him, by promising to photograph the ten members of the family separately the following day.

Accordingly, when another day dawned, he paraded "the animals one by one" in the garden, and although his previous experience of photography had only run to printing ha'penny plates in his childhood's day of Steve Bloomer, General Buller etc etc, he managed to impress the Fraus, Fräuleins and members so much at the time of taking, that they were so grievously disappointed a few days later when he held up for inspection, ten films of ten strong soupy London fogs that the good people at once changed their opinions of "der Englisch Sohldat". — and that is why Abe nightly goes without a buckshee supper.

Moral to the beginner: Always direct your lens on the clouds and then the result won't disappoint you. *A. D.*

THE LIGHTER SIDE.

"My dear, we can't take such a dark house as this." "Why not?" "Aren't we going to do light housekeeping?"

Mistress: Does this hat make me appear younger, Mary? Maid: Yes, mum. When you went into town yesterday they took you for my daughter.

Mrs. Hockins: I'm going down town this morning. Mr. H.: Shopping, my dear? Mrs. H.: No, I haven't time for that. Just to buy a few things that I need!

Mudleigh: I trust Miss Emily, that I am not taking up too much of your valuable time. Miss Emily: Oh, I assure you that the time I spend with you is of no value whatever!

Edith had been to the church for the first time. "And what do you think of it?" asked her mother. "I didn't like the organ very well." "Why not?" "'Cause there wasn't any monkey with it."

Old Lady (with swollen jaw): It 'urt me something cruel, dearie. The dentist wanted to give me gas, but my old man wouldn't 'ear of it. Yer see, 'e's been gassed 'isself out in France.

"Tommy," said the teacher, "can you tell me the meaning of 'repentant'?" "Yes, ma'am," answered Tommy. "It's how a fellow feels when he gets caught."

He: If you could have two wishes come true, what would you wish for? She (frankly): Well, I'd wish for a husband. He: That's only one. She: I'd save the other wish until I saw how he turned out.

The grocer observed that his best customer was a bit ruffled. "I think." he said, blandly, "living is getting cheaper. For instance, a year ago, those eggs would have cost you twopence more." "A year ago," replied the customer, "when these eggs were fresh, they would have been worth more."

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Sandwichmen Scarce.—There is a shortage of reliable sandwichmen nowadays.

The Cost.—Deptford's peace celebrations cost £2,526 7s. 8d.

The Latest.—Quite a craze has set in among theatrical people for toys.

Held Up.—Hundreds of ships are held up at Copenhagen by a dock strike.

The Figures.— Demobilized to date: Officers, 138,040; other ranks, 3,167,148.

Another Rumpus.—In the Republic of Honduras serious political disturbances are taking place.

Using German Craft.—Ten German steamers are being used by the Admiralty for the repatriation of German prisoners.

Lending Fuel.—Germany is coming to the assistance of Austria with coal supplies.

A Relic.—A relic of the last Gotha raid in Kent is a piece of shell embedded in the tower of Bearsted Church.

Retired.—The manager of the Harrow School workshop for the last fifty years, has retired on account of age.

Still Growing.—The staffs employed in Government offices, instead of decreasing, are still growing.

Housing.—Huntingdon proposes spending £100,000 on houses for police and school teachers.

Her Contribution.—New Zealand's war expenditure up to March 21 was nearly £63,000,000.

Oxford's Memorial.—Oxford's war memorial will be an impressive cross in St. Giles'.

Botha's Widow.—The South African House of Assembly has voted an annuity of £1,200 to Mrs. Botha.

Turned Over.—The ex-German liner "Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm" has been turned over to the White Star line.

Poincairé And Edinburgh.— President Poincairé will receive the freedom of Edinburgh next month.

Still Active.—Miss Betsy Wootton went for a walk on her 103rd birthday. She has lived at Harrow for a century.

Effect Of The Act.— Suits are being marked £1 less than they were a few weeks ago.

The First.—The first woman to enter a theological college to train for the pulpit is Miss Ellis of Llanfyllen.

Labour Active.—Labour in London is taking up the profiteering scandal with considerable energy.

Unfit Food.— Aldershot is protesting against the quantity of foodstuffs coming into the town unfit for consumption.

The Press.— Without the Press we should not have won the war.—Lord Ampthill.

The Century.—"Tilly of Bloomsbury" has reached its one hundredth performance at the Apollo.

Robey's Record.—Twenty-seven years on the stage stand to George Robey's credit.

The Largest.—Sir Alfred Butt is now easily the largest theatre proprietor in London.

Civil and Military.—Many of the dismissed strikers have been absorbed into the A.P.M.'s department as military policemen.

The First.—Holborn Profiteering Committee has received its first complaint, a charge of £1 for pressing and cleaning a suit.

Horse Forgets Himself.—"He is an old war horse. Somebody shouted 'Charge!' and away he went," said a Swansea defendant the other day.

Postal Workers' Policy.— Post Office workers have decided that "the strike policy be a plank in the programme of the new amalgamated society."

Who Will Be Dismissed?—Excitement reigns in the homes of aircraft factory workers owing to the threat of wholesale dismissals.

Hythe's Member.—To Sir Philip Sassoon belongs the distinction of being the first to buy an aeroplane for ordinary travelling.

Boots Cheaper.—Boots show a tendency to fall in price. It should be possible in about a month to bring down the prices 10s. a pair.

Their Return.—Aldershot hairdressers are indignant because German hairdressers are restarting business, and opening on Sundays.

No Armchairs.—We do not want to see Britain sitting in its armchair with the stuffed trophies of its victories around it. —Mr. Lloyd George.

No Division.—The Australian House of Representatives passed without a division the Bill for the ratification of the peace treaty.

A Labour Government?—"There is hope that a Labour Government will be returned at the next election," declared Mr. Ramsay McDonald at Edinburgh.

Allied Exhibition.— A big commercial exhibition will take place at Brussels next year, for allied and neutral firms only.

Fact.—The fact that a fourteen-year-old boy was earning £6 a week while his father was receiving £2 "out-of-work" donation was divulged at a North London Court.

Prohibited Colours.—The German Minister of National Defence has prohibited the carrying of black-white-red flags by the troops, to avoid "disagreeable incidents."

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Where no refreshing breezes blow
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I see again through Memory's haze
The dear old happy autumn days
When I would roam the pleasaut ways
Of Bingen on the Rhine.

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MARSHAL JOFFRE'S VISIT TO COLOGNE.

COMRADES ALL.

ADMIRAL BEATTY THE GUEST OF HIS MEN.

Admiral of the Fleet, Earl Beatty, and a great number of his Admirals and other officers were on Monday night the guests at Portsmouth of their comrades of the Lower Deck. It was a dinner given in celebration of peace and it was a magnificent indication of that superb efficiency and discipline, characteristic of the British Navy, which have been attained without loss of mutual esteem and affection among those whose duty it is to give orders and those who must obey.

Never before had the Lower Deck played host to the Quarter Deck, and the Lower Deck, imbued with the Navy's principle that if a thing be done at all it should be well done, took care that the event was carried through in a manner worthy of its importance. As one of the stewards said "When you're rejoicing, rejoice; when you're fighting, fight; and see that you're well munitioned for both occasions."

There were no distinctions of rank at the tables. A bluejacket and a Petty Officer sat next to Admiral Beatty, and guests and hosts took alternate seats, one Able Seaman, for example, being placed between an Admiral and a General. Admiral Beatty was of course received with tremendous enthusiasm. His automobile was dragged at the trot to the Town Hall (where the dinner took place) by a gun team of H.M.S. Excellent. He was there greeted with great cheering and an Admiral's salute was fired with rockets from the roof. The guests included all ranks of the Navy, from Admirals to second-class boy and buglers.

For the first time in the Navy's history the toast of "Squadron Commanders" was proposed by an engineroom rating. Another toast, the first of its kind, was "The boys of the Navy" and a boy now serving in the King's yacht responded with a neat speech.

A most picturesque incident occurred on the stroke of midnight. Just before midnight on the 31st of December it is the usual custom in the Navy to announce the birth of the new year by striking sixteen bells—a double watch. The chairman announced that sixteen bells would be struck to announce the new era in the Navy. This was done and as the bells ceased, the company joined hands and sang "For Auld Lang Syne."

It was a remarkable sight to see Lord Beatty reaching over the table with about a dozen bluejackets shaking him by one hand and a number of petty officers shaking the other. Famous Admirals could be seen on all sides singing heartily and shaking hands with sailors and Petty Officers.

The chairman, Chief Writer Lane, made a presentation of a silver cigar box to Admiral Lord Beatty, the gift bearing the inscription "A tribute of loyalty and affection from all ratings of the Lower Deck of the Royal Navy." In making the presentation Mr. Lane said the gathering was a positive proof of the perfect unity which existed among all grades of the Navy.

Lord Beatty, in his speech, referred to the Navy's share in the war. Never, he said, did a great navy have a task to perform that was so difficult and that gave it so little opportunity for achieving honour and glory, but when opportunity did occur the navy acted up to its glorious tradition. At Coronel: in the incident of the Cap Trafalgar, in which their brothers of the merchant service showed what British seaman could do: in the sinking the Shark, when her crew displayed the spirit of the Revenge in a glorious page written in letters of gold: at Zeebrugge: in the performance of the submarine, the full story of which had not yet been told; and in the battle of Jutland, when the remnants of the British vessels which sank cheered their comrades as they sailed by—courage which was utterly invincible. Beatty said the fleet was never more efficient than it was to-day and it offered opportunities for a boy joining in the humblest capacity to reach the highest rank.

"We have lived great days together," he added reminiscently," and it will be a proud reflection for all of us that the British Navy has never stood higher in the estimation of the civilised world than it has during the great world war."

ARMY OF THE RHINE.

STRENGTH TO BE INCREASED.

According to the "Morning Post" a decision has been made to maintain a British Division in the occupied area in addition to the mixed brigade as originally determined.

Certain German goods recently imported to Australia via America have been seized by the customs authorities at Melbourne and will be destroyed.

MARSHAL JOFFRE.

COLOGNE WELCOMES FAMOUS SOLDIER.

Dense crowds thronged the Cathedral square, Cologne, yesterday afternoon to extend a welcome to Marshal Joffre, who is paying a brief visit to the town as a guest of the Commander-in-Chief.

When the distinguished visitor alighted from his car in front of the Excelsior Hotel, a dull, wet day had given place to a short spell of bright sunshine. His arrival was the signal for the clicking of dozens of cameras.

Paraded on the square were the 20th Bn. of the Durham Light Infantry and two troops of the 6th (inniskilling) Dragoons who performed the various drill evolutions with exceptional smartness and finish. The band of the former unit played the French and British National Anthems as Marshal Joffre proceeded on the square to inspect the troops. Considerable interest was displayed in the four tanks which formed part of the parade and circled round at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Numerous English ladies were present at the reception.

BOLSHEVIST TERROR.

REVELATIONS OF MURDER AND OUTRAGE.

Stories of Bolshevist atrocities continue to reach England from Russia.

Following a strike at the Putiloff and other works at Petrograd, which the Bolshevist authorities suppressed, several hundred men were arrested and 60 of the ringleaders shot.

A woman named Bertoloff, the mother of five children, heard that her husband was among those executed, and applied to a commissary for permission to have possession of her husband's body, to give it Christian burial. The commissary said he regretted that he could do nothing, as the body had been sent the day before to the Zoological Gardens. The widow stammered, "What for?" The laconic reply was, "To feed the animals." She rushed to the Zoo and found that the commissary had spoken the truth; her husband's body had been devoured. The shock caused the woman to lose her reason, and she had to be removed to an asylum.

Professor Guido Schneider, who has arrived at Stockholm from Riga, and who had been a victim and eye-witness of the Bolshevist terror in Riga, in a public lecture which he gave disclosed many terrible details of the occupation. He said that within a short period 13,632 persons, men, women, and children, were shot in Riga. The victims were stripped of their clothes and dragged out with bare feet into the snow-covered, blood-soaked prison yard. The Bolshevist executioners, intoxicated and unable to aim, hit the legs and stomachs of the unfortunate victims, laughing at their agonies, which sometimes lasted a whole day and night. Young girls, elegantly dressed, volunteered as executioners, and coquettishly promenading up and down with rifles, fired at the unfortunate prisoners.

NEW MINISTRY FORECAST.

In a forecast of Mr. Lloyd George's reconstruction of the Ministry "The Sunday Times" says that probably the changes will be few, for Labour has refused overtures to co-operate. Lord Rothermere, who is a zealous economist, will probably become Minister for War and Mr. Winston Churchill may be appointed to the Colonial Office as Lord Milner is anxious to retire. Mr. A. J. Balfour will probably retire and be succeeded by Lord Curzon. It is doubtful whether Mr. Balfour will accept the peerage which it is expected will be offered him. Sir William Sutherland may be appointed Chief Whip. Captain Guest will be elevated to the peerage and will receive a Colonial Governorship.

The paper also states that Mr. Lloyd George has decided to offer another olive branch to Ireland.

SHOT BY STEP-DAUGHTER.

A terrible family tragedy has occurred at the Chateau of Varenne, France. As the result of a domestic quarrel, Mlle. Marthe Maglari killed her stepfather, Monsieur Bosquillon, the proprietor of the chateau, with a revolver.

The dead man had decided to separate from his wife, who is the mother of the girl assassin. This enraged the latter, and after pleading in vain for a reconciliation, she picked up a revolver and fired five times. All the shots took effect, and Bosquillon fell dead with his cigarette still in his lips.

Before her departure for America Madame Tetrazzini will give a farewell concert at the Albert Hall on the 6th of November.

MONARCHIST PLOT.

SCHEMING TO RESTORE THE HOHENZOLLERNS.

The alleged monarchist plot to set up the Hohenzollerns in power again in Germany is said to be passing from rumour to definite shape.

There are a number of speculations about the mysterious visit to Amerongen last week-end of the German agent Trebich Lincoln, the former M.P. for Darlington, who was released from prison in England five weeks ago.

With him is a certain "Herr Anderson," said to be prominent among the German monarchists.

The ex-Kaiser's agent had a long conference with Lincoln before the latter departed for Berlin.

It is said that the Kaiser's advisers do not think the time is yet ripe for the supporters of restored monarchy to show their cards too openly.

There seems no doubt, however, that the Monarchist movement is gaining ground. Its leaders say that its main object is to crush Bolshevism in Germany by establishing a constitutional monarchy on the English plan, with a Hohenzollern—perhaps the Crown Prince or Prince Henry of Prussia—on the throne.

Noske, the present German Minister of Defence, is said to favour the movement, and the ring-leaders of the movement believe that the Allies will consent with a view to breaking Bolshevism.

Meanwhile, it is reported that the demand by the Allies to Holland for the extradition of the ex-Kaiser is to be made during the next fortnight.

RUSSIA AND PEACE.

OVERTURES ON ALLIES' TERMS.

A Helsingfors message says it is reported from Petrograd that the Soviet there has authorised a Commission to open peace negotiations with the Entente on the base of the conditions already made by the Allied Powers.

A report from Moscow states that the Workmen's and Red Guard's Council of the Government of Tver has resolved to proclaim a Government independent of the Moscow Soviet.

The "Helsingin Sanomat," in a message from Reval, states that the Esthonian Peace Delegation returned to Reval on September 19.

The paper says that the negotiations, which were of a purely deliverative character, were broken off on account of the demand of the Esthonian Delegation that the negotiations should be carried on at the same time with the neighbouring States, and consequently the Esthonian Delegation regarded itself as unable to take the peace offer into positive consideration until an answer from the other Baltic States had been received.

Fighting between the Poles and the Tithuanians has momentarily been suspended while negotiations are proceeding for the settlement of the territorial dispute.

SHIP CAPSIZES.

Nine lives have been lost through the foundering of the Norwegian steamer Hortense Lea off the Tyne.

She was carrying wood pulp from Norway to the Tyne, and had on board a crew of 19 and two women passengers. Heavy seas breaking over the vessel burst open the hatches. She shipped large quantities of water and began to sink, eventually turning turtle. Her signals of distress were answered by the steamship Wargon, a Swedish vessel, which picked up all those who could be seen, but six of the crew, firemen and enginemen, are missing.

The rescued were taken to Sunderland, but three of them—two members of the crew and a woman passenger—have died from the effects of exposure.

FIUME SUSPICIOUS.

The newspaper Tempo says that before the arrival of D'Annunzio at Fiume some Yugo-Slav contingents were ready to enter the city if necessary, in support of the British police. The entire population had taken oath that no policemen of foreign nationality should be allowed in the streets of the city. In this there was no resentment against the British but a suspicion that the Croats were trying to strike at Italy through the British police.

It is notified from Trieste that a liner, formerly the "Prinz of Hohenlohe," carrying five hundred volunteers for D'Annunzio's force at Fiume, has been stopped by an Italian destroyer.

LANSBURY'S S.O.S.

This S.O.S. message speaks for itself: "Following for Letvinoff, Moscow, from George Lansbury. Please say where is Keling at present. Wife, children and friends all anxious as to whereabouts. Have assured them no harm will come to him but a wire from you will put matters straight."

MARRIED WHILE IN THE CLINK.

An Army deserter detained in prison at Sunderland awaiting an escort was married in the local church. He was accompanied by two constables in plain clothes. After the ceremony he returned to the cells.

GREAT STRIKE.

STEEL INDUSTRY PARALYSED IN AMERICA.

Both sides profess confidence in the result of the nation-wide strike in the steel industry which has started in the United States. The number of employees in the Steel Corporation and subsidiary industries affected, directly and indirectly, is estimated at 600,000, in addition to which there are a thousand working independent plants, some of which are reported to be already making terms with the unionists. The demands of the men include the right of collective bargaining, an eight-hour day, a six-day week, the abolition of twenty-four-hour shifts, a standard wage scale, increased wages, double payment for overtime, the abolition of company unions, the abolition of physical examinations, and the adoption of seniority principles already 284,000 men are out.

It is reported from Pennsylvania, which is the headquarters of the industry, that thousands of deputy-sheriffs (i.e., special constables) are being sworn in, particularly in the Pittsburg district. For the first time in the history of the trade the majority of these guards are composed of loyal employees. This element of stability in the mills is expected to have an influence on the officials of the steel companies generally, It is expected that the shops will be opened, or that work may be given to all employees who present themselves. The Labour leaders predict that the number of outgoing men, both members of the unions and sympathisers, will be sufficient to tie up practically the entire industry.

President Wilson has made every effort to prevent the strike, but he has had no success. Also, after using every argument against a strike Mr. Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labour, is reported to have been forced to guarantee the support of his organisation. The great danger to the country, therefore, would be the calling of a strike in the allied trades affecting 2,000,000 men.

HAMPSTEAD CELLAR MYSTERY.

As a result of an unexplained happening at the Sir Richard Steele public-house. Haverstock-hill, Hampstead, Ena Pyke, aged 21, a domestic servant, died two hours after her admission to Hampstead General Hospital.

Screams were heard coming from the cellars, and immediately afterwards the girl rushed upstairs with her chemise and hair in flames. Blankets were thrown round her, the flames were extinguished, and medical assistance summoned. Pyke, whose home is at Streatham, is said to have had no business in the cellars, and it is declared that before going there she had taken off nearly all her clothing.

PRAGUE'S TERRIBLE PLIGHT.

A letter received from Colonel Larsson, of the Salvation Army, who is stationed in Prague (Bohemia) gives a dreadful picture of the conditions there. He says it is sad to see how everybody—grown-ups and children—steal. This year alone 913 children have been arrested for thieving, some of whom have already been convicted over twenty times. Five thousand friendless girls are roaming the streets of Prague and three hundred families are living in one large house containing a hundred rooms and are sleeping on straw like cattle.

PRINCE AS INDIAN CHIEF.

A strikingly picturesque ceremony took place at Banff, Alberta, when the Prince of Wales was proclaimed Chief of the Stoney Indian tribe. He was presented with a suit of buckskin clothing and the full regalia of an Indian chief. The Indian chief Young Thunder proclaimed the Prince head of the tribe, under the name of Chief "Morning Star."

MILLIONAIRE AND CHORUS GIRL ELOPE.

Miss Shirley Bennett, a member of the chorus of the "Bon Ton Girls," has been married at Cincinnati to Herbert Strasser, the twenty-year old son of a millionaire soap king. Young Strasser, fearing the wrath of his father, is travelling with the company,

CUNARD GETS IMPERATOR.

It is announced in New York, that the Cunard Company has secured the huge liner Imperator, formerly belonging to the Hamburg-America line, for its Atlantic service. The Imperator, which took refuge in New York Harbour at the outbreak of war, is a vessel of 51,969 tons. She is exceeded in size only by the Leviathan (ex-Vaterland), of 54,282 tons.

HAVE YOU HEARD THIS ONE?

The district council of Nenagh, County Tipperary, has accepted the War Office offer of two German field guns, as war trophies on condition that they are in good order and that a supply of shells is included.

The general workers in South Lancashire are asking for an immediate advance of ten shillings per week, while lamplighters want seventy shillings per week with fourteen days holiday and free uniforms.

WALLFLOWERS.

PRINCE'S GALLANTRY AT A DANCE.

Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, junior, who recently became a "cub" (or untried) reporter on the staff of the New York Herald, describes in that paper his impressions of the Prince of Wales, whom he met at a dance at Calgary (Canada).

"The Prince," writes Mr. Vanderbilt, "distinguished himself by his gallantry. Noticing girls who were not getting many dances, he went over and asked the pleasure of dancing with them. His preference appeared to be for younger girls, especially small brunettes."

"At a glance you can tell that he is most likeable," adds Mr. Vanderbilt. "He carries himself very erect, and is shorter than expected, but much better looking."

Referring to the Prince's fondness for outdoor sports, Mr. Vanderbilt describes two of the Prince's days in Calgary, when he rode 30 miles "punching cattle, taking a 12-mile walk, and dancing in Calgary armoury till three in the morning."

Next day he played golf all the afternoon, took a swim before dinner, danced till one in the morning, and went swimming again in an outdoor pool with a large party of dancers. "The Prince enjoys aquatic stunts," says Mr. Vanderbilt, "and is an excellent swimmer and a fair diver."

RASH YOUNG PRO-BOLSHEVIST.

There was an exciting scene at Clapham Common by way of a sequel to the disturbance at the Majestic Picture Palace last week. The National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Soldiers and Sailors, who defend the film showing the methods of Bolshevists, held their customary meeting on the Common. Their supporters were present in strong force.

It is alleged that the leader of the pro-Bolshevists was challenged. He did not personally answer the challenge, but a young man, said to be his son, was roughly handled and an attempt was made to duck him in the pond. This was frustrated by a large force of police. The youth eventually escaped on an omnibus amid a chorus of groans.

PLACING THE DISABLED.

The King's Proclamation, in which he appeals to employers on behalf of disabled ex-Service men, 100,000 of whom have still to be found permanent means of livelihood, was read in places of worship throughout Great Britain on Sunday.

Interesting placings in the West Midlands include those of a man with valvular disease of the heart as a hall porter; a man who has lost his left leg and two fingers of each hand as a telephone operator; and in the art metal work trade of a man who has lost both legs.

CHRISTMAS BEEF SAFE.

In the opinion of Mr. H. Adams, the president of the Union of London Retail Meat Traders, the winter meat shortage will not be felt until the New Year, and the public have no occasion to worry for the present. The long spells of hot weather has lessened the demand for meat, and has thus improved stocks, but apart from that there is no real shortage, and will not be this side of Christmas.

WORK OF THE TRANSPORTS.

An Official Return just issued shows that 92,640 officers and other ranks were conveyed in transports on long sea routes from 1st to 31st August. Of this number 11,791 were conveyed from Egypt to the United Kingdom; 3,372 directly or indirectly from Mesopotamia to the United Kingdom. 10,780 officers and other ranks were repatriated to Canada and 10,368 to Australia.

SYNTHETIC CAST IRON.

Synthetic cast iron formed the subject of a paper read by Mr. C. A. Keller at the meeting of the Iron and Steel Institute. It had been employed to a very great extent during the war, he said, and he believed there was now a very wide field for its application, while from a commercial point of view it could compete with Swedish iron.

FIRE AT MILITARY HOSPITAL.

A serious fire broke out shortly after midday on Sunday at the Shaughnessy military hospital (Vancouver). All the patients were removed in safety and all hospital equipment saved. The east wing was completely destroyed.

KING INVITES POINCARÉ.

His Majesty the King has officially invited President Poincaré and Madame Poincaré to visit England in October. Many festivites are being arranged in connection with the visit, including a reception by the City of London.

EXIT THE LEICESTER LOUNGE.

Messrs. Russell, the well known firm of milliners, have acquired the lease of the Leicester Lounge, adjoining their premises off Leicester Square.

ROYAL WARRANT.

OFFICERS' APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED).

NINTH ARTICLE OF THE SERIES.

7. Temporary rank held in the Great War, followed by substantive promotion to that rank will count as service in the rank towards retired pay. Service in the temporary rank of Brigadier-General, or higher rank, will count as service in the rank of substantive Colonel or lower substantive rank held by the officer on retirement.

8. Any officer now serving who would receive on retirement, for the rank he now holds, higher retired pay or gratuity under the Warrants hitherto in force, may elect to draw such retired pay or gratuity in lieu of the rates now provided.

Army Council's Instructions on the foregoing Warrant.

1. Allowances for officer hitherto on consolidatad rates will be drawn as laid down in paragraph 18. Allowance Regulations, expect that officers serving at the War Office in staff appointments will draw their allowances through the Command Paymaster, Eastern Command.

2. In cases where an increased rate of pay is given for length of service, the officers interested will be responsible for submitting to the Army Agent or Paymaster concerned an application for the higher rate. The onus will rest with the officer himself, and not with the Army Agent or Paymaster.

3. When an officer is temporarily in a staff appointment or attached to another arm and is eligible, under the conditions laid down in this Warrant, for increased pay in virtue of such appointment or attachment, the difference in pay, or the Engineer or Corps pay, will be issued by the Command Paymaster concerned.

4. First issues of lodging and fuel and light allowances at the higher rate and of furniture allowance will be supported by the officer's marriage certificate, and, when required, where the date of the officer's birth cannot be determined by reference to the quarterly Army List, by his birth certificate. These certificates will be returned after notation, but no charge in connection with their provision will be allowed against Army funds. No birth certificate need be furnished by officers who are married on the date of this Warrant.

On change of station involving a fresh paymaster, the claimant will attach to his claim a last allowance certificate from the paymaster from whom he last drew these allowances.

Claimants will certify on Army Form P 1934:—

That in all cases in which furniture allowance or the higher rate of lodging and fuel and light allowance is claimed the claimant is married and is 30 years of age, or was married on or before 13th September, 1919.

The officer in charge of barracks will certify that where furniture allowance is drawn the officer was not provided with furnished quarters.

5. With reference to paragraph 9 of Table XIV, the areas or stations to which the conditions apply to all married officers will be notified by the Army Council. Individual cases at other stations will be determined by the General Officer Commanding concerned. Claims for furniture, lodging, and fuel and light allowances at the married rate will be supported by a reference to the authority of the Army Council or General Officer Commanding for the issue.

6. Income-tax.—It is notified for information that the following emoluments of officers are subject to income-tax:—

In all cases: pay; corps pay; engineer pay; additional pay and extra-duty pay; children's allowance; furniture allowance.

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7. Special Reserve and Territorial Force.—In the absence of special instructions the present rules as to the counting of service towards increases of pay continue to apply (see Army Order 286 of 1914, which provides that only mobilized service counts).

8. Servant allowance.—From 1st October, 1919, servant allowance will be issued in all cases by the Command Paymaster. Arrears of the increased rate payable to officers who where in receipt of the allowance for the period 1st July, 1919, to 30th September, 1919, will be claimed from the Army Agent or Paymaster by whom the issue of the lower rate was made. In the case of officers whose pay is provided in Table IV, of this Warrant and who will draw servant allowance by virtue of their reversion from consolidated rates of pay the allowance will be issued by the Command Paymaster as from 1st July, 1919.

9. Retired Pay.—Officers retired before the Great War and claiming re-assessment of retired pay under paragraph 5 of Table XVI. must apply in writing to "Secretary, War Office (F. 3) S. W. 1."

(To be Continued.)

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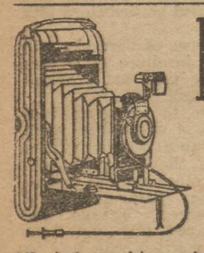

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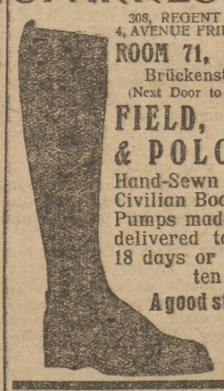

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THE GERM OF CONFLICT.

The former Württemberg Minister, von Weizsäcker, has recently been publishing some interesting notes on the attempts which were made by the British Government in 1912 to limit the race in armaments between Great Britain and Germany.

In May of 1912 Lord Haldane had been dispatched to Berlin in order to endeavour to arrive at an understanding with the Berlin Government with a view to a reduction in ship-building programmes. From the drift of von Weizsäcker's remarks it is evident that von Bethmann Hollweg played a double game over these negotiations. In his recently published Memoirs he states that an assurance was furnished to Great Britain that the rate of construction would be retarded and three Dreadnoughts would not be laid down according to the original programme. This assurance, it is stated, satisfied Lord Haldane, but not the British Admiralty.

We can understand this the better, as von Weizsäcker never states than von Bethmann Hollweg did not meet with that measure of support from Admiral von Tirpitz which he desired. At the same time Count Wolff Metternich, the German Ambassador at the Court of St. James, who had endeavoured to bring about an understanding between the two countries, sent in his resignation.

As early as 1908 King Edward had, in a conversation with the Kaiser, asked whether an agreement on the basis of a mutual reduction of naval armaments was not possible, but met with no response.

In 1908 Spahn, a Reichstag deputy, put a question in the House concerning the incident, and urged that concrete proposals should be accepted. He repeated this in March 1911. Lord Haldane's mission showed plainly how greatly the British Government was interested in the question. Mr. Asquith's Ministry had promised the electors a reduction in the naval estimates, and this was rendered impossible by the heavy German shipbuilding programme. Bethmann-Hollweg was therefore correct in assuming that Sir E. Grey was in earnest in making an offer for reduction of programmes.

The failure of these attempts created a feeling of depression in England. Lord Haldane could only lay stress on the necessity for maintaining our naval supremacy. The Belgian Minister at Berlin in a memorandum to his Government drew attention to the fact, pointing out the fatal error made by the German Government in not seeing how the continuous increases of the German Navy estimates threatened the peace of the world, thus making a conflict inevitable by compelling Great Britain to adopt counter measures.

Here lay the germ of the coming world conflict. Our record is clear in the matter. It is to be hoped that when the German Government proceed to carry out their promise of publishing the documents lying in the archives of the Foreign Office, they will find confirmation of these interesting revelations as to the responsibility for the race in armaments which brought about the Great War.

GERMAN RAILWAYS.

RANDOM NOTES BY A RAILWAY ENGINEER.

Passing over what everybody who has travelled on these lines cannot help having noticed — that the trains run on the right hand line of double lines and loops in place of the left, as in Belgium, France and with us; that the semaphore signal arms work upwards in place of downwards etc. etc., the first things one sees are some of the direct results of State control.

One of these is that the stations, and often the bridges, are usually very creditable, handsome buildings which are very well planned indeed. The chief stations are usually right in the important parts of the towns through which the railways run. Another result is that the rolling stock is very "standard." There are very large quantities of each pattern and comparatively few patterns.

The advantages of this standardism are obvious. Where there are large quantities of exactly the same kinds of stock; where the same nut or bolt or screw or other component will do for any of thousands, the saving of expense in upkeep is very large.

The permanent way is very good. The rails are heavy, but of a flat bottomed pattern resting in "sole plates," usually on steel sleepers and on all important sections a good quantity of broken stone ballast is used.

HANDLING LUGGAGE.

The high passenger and low baggage platforms, one at either side of the carriages in the Cologne station strike one as an excellent idea. The high platform like ours is much more convenient for passengers, and saves the climbing up and down one has to do in other countries. All the big baggage, parcels, mails etc. are dealt with at the other side of the same train by the other platform to which passengers have no access; thus one is not being constantly impeded by barrows full of luggage etc. getting in one's way as at home.

One notices all the older six-wheeled rolling stock and some of the earlier bogies have a hand brake worked from a little covered cabin at the end of each carriage, with a window overlooking the roof for the brakesman. Thus, seemingly, they could get the effect we obtained by the introduction of the continuous brake (before that we depended on the hand brakes on the tender and in the guards' vans) namely, a brake which would act on every wheel of the train, if they cared to employ a man per vehicle. And Government forced labour was probably very cheap in Germany. Thus any proportion of brake power could be got according to the number of men used.

All the German stock has now the Westinghouse brake. This was probably added to the rolling stock long after it was built, but I think there is a hand-brake still on every German carriage. Some at least of the newer ones with end platforms have hand brakes on them.

SAFETY DEVICES.

Another very excellent idea making for safety, always carried out in Germany, is this. As in England every carriage has a screw coupling at each end, but whereas in our case only one is used between every two coupled carriages, in Germany after one screw coupling has been fastened to the next carriage and screwed up tight, as with us, the other one at that end of the carriage to which the first carriage has just been coupled is joined slackly under the one screwed tight, to a hook in the first carriage provided for the purpose.

Thus if the screwed tight coupling breaks, the other will still hold the coaches together; but being slack, will stretch out, and therefore probably not prevent the break pipe being torn asunder and the break going on.

Signal boxes, like the stations, are solid and often ornamental structures. The block system, or a form of it, appears to be used. There seem to be no "pulls" for points as we have.

These are either operated by electricity or pneumatic power, or the point pulls are underground.

The remarks above about standarism apply very much to the locomotives. Most of the express work is done in Rhineland by 4.6.0 engines with bogie tenders of two types the second type having a larger boiler.

GERMAN LOCOMOTIVES.

I think everyone knows this way of describing locomotives nowadays by the wheel-grouping, 4.6.0 meaning a six-wheeled coupled engine with a leading bogie, 0.8.0. an eight wheel coupled with nothing but driving wheels (none before or behind.

There are 4.4.0. engines used on passenger trains which probably were originally express engines. Goods and mixed traffic engines are 0.6.0., 2.6.0., 0.6.2., 2.8.0. and 0.10.0., the latter ten-wheel coupled type seemingly being the latest standard goods. They are remarkably fine specimens.

There are several classes of tank engines and also "Atlantic" type (4.4.2.) express passenger engines. There seem to be a large number of each type. All the stock bore (and most of it still bears) the Prussian arms with the letters K.P.E.V. (King of Prussia's Railway Union). It was on a plate at the side of the cab in the case of the engines. This is slowly disappearing and being replaced by the letters P.St.E.V. meaning Prussian State Railway Union.

Some of the worn-out carriage cushions have been replaced during the war by various coverings of "substitute" cloth, in some cases made, I believe, of woven paper! The difference in colour and appearance of these substitute coverings and the original ones in the same carriages gives the latter a vary patchy appearance.

But everyone here knows, little or no effort seems to be made to keep up anything but the essentials of the railways. Matters such as cleanliness of carriages, smartness and painting seem, at any rate at present, to receive no attention at all.

Germany is well supplied with branch lines and feeder light railways of standard, narrow and "mixed" guages and at the large centres as well as other places there are many loops and such connections which would greatly facilitate the handling of large amounts of through and other traffic with as little shunting, reversing and delay as possible. *FITZ.*

ACTING RANK.

Here, at length, mused Pte. Audrey Hamilton, was the long sought for opportunity. The Rhine Army Dramatic Company required Actors.

Audrey had lived for some months prior to the war with only two things to sustain him. The first was a deep conviction of the exceptional quality of his histrionic powers; the second, an allowance from a relative.

Lucky in possessing this accommodating relative, his conception of his theatrical importance, though mistaken, was comparatively harmless. True, it had brought him into touch with obscure theatrical agents into whose pockets a goodly portion of his allowance had disappeared, without his procuring any engagement.

Having failed to make good in what are, somewhat erroneously, generally known as the humdrum occupations, he decided that his general inefficiency proved that he was pre-eminently fitted for the Stage—a decision highly flattering to, but scarcely shared by, the profession.

Yet, Audrey was not altogether to blame for the hallucination from which he suffered. The trouble had started very early in his life. At the age of six he had recited to two fond parents the perilous adventures of Jack and Jill and had filled them with amazed pride that they should have conceived such a prodigy.

True, a slightly elder brother who was present, cold-watered, as only brothers can, the performance, but Criticism was sent prematurely to bed with smarting ears.

At school, Audrey's rendering of Mark Anthony's famous funeral oration was regarded by a prematurely worn out Council teacher as unique, which, indeed, it was, in a class composed mainly of boys whose early morning occupations provided them with no better practice in elocution than is obtainable by the constant repetition of "Melko!" and "Pi-er!" Most of them found, after their early morning jobs, that they were far too tired to concentrate, and quite incapable of memorising more than four consecutive lines of Caesar.

These youthful adventures, with sundry others of a like nature at Sunday School and Temperance Anniversaries, represented all Audrey's credentials for entry to the Theatre by the stage door.

When, therefore, he read the invitation in the "Cologne Post" he decided to attend at the Deutsches' Theatre.

Fortified by some very ancient notices from his local paper, referring to his rendering of "The Fireman's Wedding," "Paul Revere's Ride" and "The Wreck of the Hesperus" he reached the theatre one evening a few minutes before six and in due course was admitted into the presence of the Rhine Army Dramatic Company's producer. He explained his business, and waited.

"Any experience of acting?" he was asked.

Audrey's reply was cinematographic. Silently, but proudly, he passed the ancient press-cuttings.

"Um! I'm afraid these don't help much. Haven't by chance done any amateur acting, I suppose?"

"Amateur acting!" Thank heaven, no; he had not fallen so low as that, Audrey reflected . . . But doubtless the Producer shared his opinion of amateur actors, and wanted no recruits from such quarters. Accordingly, it was with a thrill of pride that Audrey responded:

"Never!"

The other's response surprised him.

"Pity!" . . . "However," he added, "it can't be helped." He paused a few moments; then continued.

"By the way, suppose you've never by chance been in a public meeting when the temper of the crowd starts to get ugly, and the speaker begins to think of his wife and family."

"You see," he continued explanatorily, "in the play we're staging next week, there's a big strike meeting scene, and we want a crowd. Not the ordinary good humoured crowd you see in London—but a crowd composed of men at war with their employers and suspicious of their leaders—a crowd threatening, angry, and difficult to handle."

"You want Me to be one of the crowd?" gasped Audrey.

"That's the idea; it's quite easy: all you have to do is to make sounds, at various stages of the meeting, indicating anger and distrust. Think you can manage it?"

"Ugh-r-r-r-rrrr!" growled Audrey.

"Splendid" commented the Producer. "Here's your part . . ."

"Damn the part," exclaimed Audrey, "can't you tell the difference between real and simulated wrath?"

Snatching his hat and his press cuttings he made an angry exit.

"Bet he's never done anything in the acting line to beat that," muttered the Producer. *E. J. TELLUM.*

THE MYSTIC VEIL.

Thou didst call me to the valleys, and I went
Through silent places where the mornings shine
Thou gav'st me the red vintage of Thy vine
Crowned wert Thou with vine and rose leaves blent.
O Love, I followed Thee in wonderment
And drank the cup filled with Thy maddening wine.
Thy breath was like unto the rose's scent
The day time and the night time I was Thine,
Thine from red morning till the night far spent
When stars grow white like roses fading in the firmament!

Thou didst call me to the mountains, far beguiled
I followed Thee although my heart had bled;
Thou drewst the dawn about Thee for Thy bed
And Thou did'st shake the golden vineyards of the Wild!
Pressing the grapes of passion to thy lips morn red —
And yet wert sighing when Thou might'st have smiled.
I only gloried that my will was dead
And that Desire and Fear were reconciled
But when the last rampart of my Reason fled
Love's mystic veil lay rent between us shred on shred.

W. ROMAINE PATERSON.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

WIVES AND EFFICIENCY.

Sir, — I am surprised to see another correspondent, "Martini," who agrees with "Bachelor". I should like to meet both of them, because really I cannot imagine what kind of a pair they are. Anyhow they will be a different type from any I have had the pleasure of knowing since 1914.

I am very thankful to the powers that be who have made it possible for wives to be here. I also think we have earned the right to it. "Bachelor" and "Martini" ought to remember what the wives have suffered and what the women of England have done in the Great War.

Let them remember there were wives in France during the war, and they willingly took part in the serious work that was on foot. If "Martini" never needed woman's aid in those terrible times, he has a lot to be thankful for.

As for married men suffering in efficiency, it is too absurd to think about. A man with principles won't neglect his duties at any time. It is ridiculous for "Bachelor" to judge the married men in the Army of Occupation by a few he personally knows. My advice is for him to get married, thus making himself more efficient. *OFFICER'S WIFE.*

Sir,—I should like to point out one or two facts which appear to have escaped your contributors' notice.

In the first place sufficient stress has not been laid upon the rush for pleasure and amusement here in Cologne, which is at the bottom of the trouble. It is not the wives who are to blame for this.

We live in a constant whirl of gadding about — theatres, opera, concerts, dances not to mention music halls, variety concerts etc. All these must be visited, and the consequence is that we all arrive at the office in a snappy frame of mind, engendered by over indulgence in pleasure.

In England the happy husband would come to his smiling wife, and dig contentedly in his garden or allotment, thus gaining health and recreation.

An occasional visit to a theatre or restaurant would be regarded as a real treat and enjoyed accordingly.

Now we are suffering from a surfeit of pleasure, and Nature is making us pay the penalty accordingly.

Let us return to the sane and healthy pre-war habits which we practised in England and there will be no complaints from Benedickts or Bachelors.

VERITATIS VOX.

(*This correspondence is now closed. Ed.*)

THE NEW PAY.

Sir,—In your issue of 21st inst. the correspondent writing under the nom de plume "Gift horse examiner" has apparently not been thorough in his examination of the said "Gift horse."

For such cases as the one he quotes a proviso is made in the Army Order which promulgates the new rates of pay; I refer to Army Order 325 of 1919. The Army Council's Instructions in this Order are that where the new rates of pay are not more advantageous than the old, the soldier will remain on the old rates until the new ones equal or exceed the old. *OLD BILL.*

WHY RAISE THE HAT.

Sir,—I see it suggested in some quarters that the idea of raising hats to ladies should be washed out in favour of the plain military salute.

While scarcely so picturesque, I think the salute much more finished. In addition it saves one's hats, which lose their shape through being constantly lifted at the brim. Ladies as a general rule raise no objection to the salute. What do other readers think about it?

SKIPPER.

WAR MEDALS FOR ALL.

Sir,—Who is responsible for the action of the authorities in extending the privilege of wearing the 1914—15 Star to Y.M.C.A. workers who served over-seas between August 1914 and Dec. 1915?

All honour to these individuals, who have done excellent work, a remark which may, however, be applied to two-thirds of the nation, but, oh, what a fall for the officer and man who through the dark days carried on, in or near a front line trench.

I am in complete accord with "Army Chaplain," who writing to a contemporary says:—"Can nothing be done to stop this great injustice? Tommy has risked his life in the trenches, and now his much-prized and dearly bought ribbons are to be shared with Y.M.C.A. helpers, who have worked well behind the lines for periods of six months at a time."

If serving in a canteen in a back area is of equal value to that of a man who in the trenches held up the German hosts, then the sooner Tommy allows these individuals to have a monopoly of the riband the better. *AMAZED.*

OFFICERS' CLUB READING ROOM.

Sir,—Until recently the Cologne Officers' Club Annexe boasted a delightful reading room adjoining the Senior Officers' dining room, where one could sit and peruse the daily newspapers and magazines in comfort and without annoying interruptions.

Recently, however, the management have apparently decided that the daily papers shall be placed in the smoke room on the left hand side of the entrance hall.

May I, as a frequenter of the Annexe, suggest that the old system of having the newspapers placed regularly in the reading room proper be reverted to? A reading room should really be a reading room, and not a bar or chatter-house.

The old reading room was ideal on account of its quiet and seclusion. In the reading room proper to-day there are only a few old illustrated weeklies, the daily newspapers being strewn about anyhow in the smoke room quite unappreciated.

In carrying out my suggestion, I feel sure, the N.A.C.B. would be meeting the wishes of the major portion of the Clubs' patrons. *WELL-WISHER.*

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MONDAY'S FOOTBALL.

Spurs Score Six Goals Against Millwall.

BRILLIANT FORM.

Millwall were dismissed from the London Challenge Cup on Monday evening on the 'Spurs' ground, the all-conquering North Londoners winning by six goals to none, before 10,000 enthusiastic spectators. If the 'Spurs' can maintain this form against the other teams in the competition, the trophy should find a home at Tottenham.

Although the game was one-sided, it was good to watch. The 'Spurs' "reserve" backs McDonald and Goodman, justified their inclusion in the team, and the best man on the Millwall side was Grant, the right back, who proved a stumbling-block to Chipperfield.

Wilson has now scored seven goals in two matches.

The following were the results of Monday's matches:—

London Challenge Cup.

The Arsenal (Hardinge, Groves).	2	Dulwich Hamlet	0
Tottenham Hotspur (Wilson 4, Banks 2).	6	Millwall	0
Chelsea (Brittan, Dale).	2	Clapton Orient (Parker).	1
Tufnell Park	0	West Ham United (Puddefoot, Butcher).	2

Scottish League.

Aberdeen (Connor, Hulton).	2	Dundee	0
St. Mirren (Wilson, Thomson).	2	Hibernians (Williamson).	1

Central League.

Crewe Alexandra	2	Blackburn Rovers	1
Stalybridge	1	Burnley	0

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

(BY NOVO).

Quite a number of professionals are pointing out that they cannot work at everyday occupations and play football of the standard required in the League at the same time. Theory is not always practical.

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West Ham are not, so far, enjoying their Second League experience. Not only did they lose five points in their first four games, but no fewer than 23 players have been called upon. Hufton, Cope, McCrae, and Puddefoot alone had full attendance.

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Several of the First and Second League clubs are finding it a difficult matter to discover a business-like side and up to last Saturday the only teams that had not found it necessary to make changes were West Bromwich Albion, Birmingham, Blackpool and Tottenham Hotspur.

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Leicester City—they are no longer known as Leicester Fosse, although they will always be dubbed "The Fossils"—have secured the signature of George Jobey, the former Newcastle United half-back. He will have as one of his directors an old Newcastle United back in Dick Pudan.

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Bentley, the Sheffield Wednesday player, has occupied no fewer than three different positions in the opening games for the Hillsborough Club. He started as an inside-left, appeared twice at left-half and then was changed to right-half.

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Sheffield is a city of contrasts, for whilst the Wednesday cannot get going, their neighbours and rivals, United, are doing splendidly. Kitchen scored five goals in three games, in each of which his club found the net three times.

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No wonder Blackpool are postponing their extension scheme when they have to face a bill on account of the present stand amounting to upwards of £3,000, even though their president is at the head of the contracting firm, which means as low a figure as possible. This is what improvements mean to-day.

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Mention of Blackpool recalls to mind that Lane is still proving that he knows how to get goals. In pre-war days he was usually amongst the leading scorers of the league, and he has already scored six goals in four games. There are many covetous eyes Blackpool way.

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The Middlesborough supporters are delighted with the fine understanding that has up to now been apparent between the halves and forwards. They certainly combine in excellent style, the wing halves, Davidson and Fox, having been particularly conspicuous in tackling and feeding. If there is a weakness in the 'Boroughs' really good team it is at back, and even the defence is by no means so weak as some critics are inclined to think. The club is also rich in goal-keepers. Tim Williamson has in George Harrison and Hewison two understudies who promise to make names for themselves.

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It is only just 25 years ago since Sunderland played Derby County in an opening match at Sunderland. The referee appointed by the League was Mr. Markham who did not arrive at the match until half-time, Sunderland then leading by 3 goals to nil. Mr. Markham took charge and ordered the game to be started afresh. There was a strong protest, but the official was obdurate, and the players had to turn out for another 90 minutes. Sunderland won by 8 goals to nil. Amongst the players who took part were Doig, Campbell, and Hannah for Sunderland, and A. Goodall, Bloomer, Fletcher, and Robinson for Derby County.

Kalk Y.M.C.A. Shield.

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TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Thursday, September 25th, 1919.

Wind light, westerly; cloudy; bright intervals; some further showers still probable. Moderate temperature. Fair visibility.

ENGLISH RACING.

Victory Beats King Sol At Wolverhampton.

The following were the results at Wolverhampton on Monday:—

Kingswinford Handicap:—1, Skookum Joe; 2, Birvani. Betting 1 to 7 Skookum Joe 8 lengths.

Staveley Nursery:—Fly and Bucknot deat heat; 3, Glimpse. Betting evens, Bucknot; 9 to 2, Glimpse; 10 to 1 Fly.

Dunstall T.Y.O. Plate:—1, Down Stream; 2, Light Blue; 3, Mailly Maillet. Betting 6 to 4, Down Stream; 7 to 4, Mailly Mallet; 100 to 7 Light Blue.

Thorneycroft Handicap:—1, Verdun; 2, King Sol; 3, Dumb Waiter. Betting 9 to 4 King Sol; 100 to 8 Verdun; 8 to 1 Dumb Waiter.

Autumn Handicap:—Rich Gift and Pallene dead heat. Betting 100 to 11 Pallene.

Kinlet Plate:—1, Sober Wisdom; 2, Sword Lily; 3, Bomb-proof. Betting: 4 to 6 Bomb-proof; 3 to 1 Sober Wisdom; 6 to 1 Sword Lily.

LONDON BETTING.

Cesarewitch.—100 to 9 agst Gay Lord (t and o), 100 to 7 Silver Bullet (t and o), 100 to 6 Langdon Hills (t and o), 17 to 1 Alasnam (o, 18 to 1 taken), 28 to 1 Golden Melody (t and o).

Cambridgeshire.—14 to 1 Zinovia (t), 100 to 6 Alasnam (o, 18 to 1 taken), 25 to 1 Clarion (t and o), 25 to 1 My Dear (o).

Jutland Scratched.

Jutland, the King's four-year-old, who was entered for the Cesarewitch, was officially scratched out of all engagements on Monday.

LAST DAY FOR COUPONS.

Another Football Competition Next Week.

All coupons for our Football Competition No. 1 must reach us to-day, and adjudication will commence as soon as the results of Saturday's matches come to hand.

The Rules of the Competition appeared in our issues of Saturday and Sunday last. Competitors can send in as many coupons as they like, but one mark must accompany each coupon.

Details of Football Competition No II will appear on Saturday.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 1.

Date of matches, **Saturday, Sept. 27th**
Closing date, **Thursday, Sept. 25th.**

Blackburn Rovers	**v. Woolwich Arsenal**
Bradford	**v. Aston Villa**
Chelsea	**v. Burnley**
Derby County	**v. Bolton Wanderers**
Birmingham	**v. Huddersfield**
Bristol City	**v. Fulham**
Bury	**v. Hull city**
Clapton Orient	**v. South Shields**
Brentford	**v. Crystal Palace**
Bristol Rovers	**v. Newport**
Exeter	**v. Watford**
Gillingham	**v. Queen's Park Rangers**

I enter football competition No. 1 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Unit .....
Address .....

HORSE SHOW AT COBLENZ.

Unlimited Entries to all Allied Armies Classes.

The Committee of the Horse Show which is being held by the American Forces in Germany at Coblenz on Monday 29th Sept. ask us to announce that entries to all classes open to Allied Armies are now unlimited, and not confined to two per Allied Army as originally laid down in the conditions.

The programme of the mounted portion of the Army Tournament is as follows:—

Sunday 28th Sept., 10.30 a.m. Point to Point Race (about 3 miles) 2.30 p.m. Gymkhana; 4.30 p.m. Pole finals) open to American teams only).

Monday 29th Sept. 9 a m. Horse Show.

IMPRESSION OF DEMPSEY.

Wonderful Physical Development but little Skill.

INDIAN-LIKE DISPOSITION.

Dempsey, the world's heavy-weight champion is a much smaller man than reports would have the world believe. When he was training to fight Willard the publicity agents of the affair—they were innumerable—seemed to fear that it would not attract patronage unless Dempsey was made a big man. So they made him 6ft. 2in. tall and 201 lb. in weight.

His disposition is Indian-like. When he goes into the ring his face becomes rigid, he is cool, and apparently deadly in earnest. At Toledo he looked neither to the right nor to the left, while Willard, a very handsome, courtly, large man, bowed and waved graciously to greetings sent him from the crowd. His face was black and hard as anthracite coal. There can be no question of the beauty of the man's proportions, or of his hitting power. Dempsey is marvellously constructed about the chest, shoulders, arms, back, and neck.

He is not so out of proportion as Fitzsimmons, but he is quite as formidable, and of harder, tougher material, with better legs and better proportioned arms. His hitting power seems to be localised in his shoulders. He has enormous pectoral and deltoid muscles, and the muscles, over his shoulder blades bulge in small knots, as large, in places, as billiard balls. This would lead the observer to imagine that he would be muscle-bound as Sharkey was. He is, to a certain extent.

His arms are very powerful. His wrist is as thick as his forearms and his bone is big and heavy all through. He has a deadly punch in either hand, but I think that his left is more dangerous than his right. Dempsey is a beautifully built man. His limbs are long and lithe. feet, good knees like those of a mountain sheep, powerful upper thighs, and no malformation anywhere. He is like a greyhound, great economy of weight except where weight is most to be desired. His hips and waist are small, there is no apparent over-development anywhere save in the back and deltoid muscles, which are abnormal, but not offensively so. As any eye can tell that a greyhound is built for speed, so any eye can tell that Dempsey is built to battle with his hands.

As regards his skill, he has none according to established standards, or, I doubt, by any standards. He stands full face to his opponent, with feet parallel, and should therefore be easy to knock down, though it is unlikely that a knock-down would hurt him much. Willard had no trouble in hitting him, and Willard is not clever. Nor should any other fighter have any trouble in hitting him. Yet he has an uncanny way of protecting the vital point, shifting the jaw just far enough to spoil the effect of an opponent's punch, of sottening the blow. His face is quite unmarked so far, but he has not fought many rounds.

What sort of a man can beat Dempsey? A cool, resolute man, with a ripping good punch, who gets home first. Dempsey is easy to hit, but I doubt whether he is easy to hurt. Of one thing I am sure; it will not be safe for any man to let Dempsey hit him with either hand while the American is fresh and strong.

REEVE BEATS ROLPH.

Verdict On Points In 20-round Contest At The Ring.

At the Ring on Monday Harry Reeve, of Plaistow, beat Harold Rolph, of Norfolk, on points.

Reeve is the ex-"cruiser" weight champion who beat Dick Smith for the Lonsdale belt, and early in the war knocked out Joe Beckett in five rounds.

Rolph was a member of the Canadian Force, and is heavy-weight champion of Canada. He contested the light heavy-weight championship with Boy McCormick, who, after a poor fight, gained the championship on points at the National Sporting Club.

The contest was not a brilliant one, it being spoiled principally by the clinching and laying-on tactics of Rolph.

LAWN TENNIS.

Mishu Defeats the Player with the Big Racket.

Exceilent lawn tennis was seen in the opening day's play at the London Flying Club's first open tournament, at Hendon. Particularly interesting was the reappearance of the old English international, C. P. Dixon, who was drawn against the Hon. F. M. B. Fisher. Fisher won the first set easily, but Dixon then played excedingly well, and tied at 5—2. He fell away badly, however, and Fisher took the next five games.

N. Mishu, who was opposed by F. W. Donisthorpe, went off at a great pace, and won the first set with ease. Donisthorpe, whose big racket, sooner or later, always slows down the game, made it 5 all in the second set before Mishu won. M. J. G. Ritchie and S. N. Doust had easy victories.

THE AUTUMN HANDICAPS.

Gay Lord Coupled with "Cambridge" Fancies.

You must have a genuine stayer for Cesarewitch purposes and one that has been specially prepared for the race (writes "The Scout" in "The Daily Express.") I think we can safely assume that—whatever the plans with Ivanhoe—Gay Lord will see the post, and I regard him as really well handicapped.

Colling is hopeful of winding up Buckthorn, and last year's third should know his way round, but Buckthorn is not sound enough for me to stand until the day of the race. I believe that Happy Man, Mlle. Foch, and Old Bill will be found genuine candidates, and Alasnam will probably be saddled first for the Cesarewitch, but—like Brown Prince, from the same quarter—I fancy the light-weight more for the Cambridgeshire. Jutland and Splutter have been struck out of all engagements, and of the "safe" little lot I have mentioned I undoubtedly lean towards Gay Lord.

The Cambridgeshire.

Now let us have a little canter over the Cambridgeshire course. Until Barling shows his hand with Scatwell, Grand Fleet, and Dominion, it is no use butting in, but, all to remain unpenalised, I would fancy Dominion as well as anything in the race. Still, Buchan seems the main barrier between him and a £5,000 victory next week in the Jockey Club Stakes. The probability is that My Dear and Zinovia are intended for the Cambridgeshire, but the Kempton shadow intervenes, and it is the unexpected which you have to endeavour to anticipate in racing.

I know that Paper Money is undergoing a genuine preparation for the race, and I reckon nine furlongs at Newmarket about his best course. Clarion has been a sharp's tip for months. I prefer light-weights in the Cesarewitch to the Cambridgeshire, but if Clarion is half the horse that his admirers claim, he should not be stopped by 6st. 8lbs. So I am inclined to think that those who couple—

Gay Lord and Paper Money,
Gay Lord and Clarion

will be "in the market," at all events, up to the day of the Cesarewitch. Some of you have already on my advice taken 1,000 to [illegible] about Gay Lord and Zinovia, and 3,000 to 1 [illegible] and Tetrarchia. We will not get such long odds about the horses I have suggested now to be coupled, but any sort of double is lucrative enough when it materialises.

FIVE FORWARDS DIDDLED.

Amusing Incident In Newcastle United—Chelsea Match.

An amusing incident occurred during the Newcastle United—Chelsea match last Saturday. McCracken, the cause of the Chelsea players' anger the previous Saturday, had been playing a splendid game, his offside tactics being conspicuous by their absence. The Chelsea backs later on in the match adopted the one-back game, and first one and then another of the United's forwards was pulled up for offside. The home crowd were rather displeased with this because it was asking too much that McCracken would not adopt his brainy moves.

A Chelsea attack began, then the whistle; and the whole of the visitors' forward line was offside. McCracken had cleverly outwitted them and the genial Irishman signified his approval of his own action by clapping his hands. The crowd roared at this, for it is the first time United played the move and to catch the whole five forwards napping was an amusing item. It had the effect of stopping the Chelsea defenders' offside tactics and a splendid match, keenly contested, finished with good temper all round.

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ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

VI Corps School Staff v. Students.

The above teams played a return match in the Deer Park on Saturday, when some improvement in the play was noticeable, both sides having acquired some idea of combination, but the kicking was wild and eccentric.

Some of the blame for this must be given to the ground which was hard and bumpy, so that the course of the ball was erratic, defying all calculation. The Students team had at first the best of the game but their shooting was poor, while their opponents utilised their chances to the utmost, and at half time found the score: Staff 3 goals to Students Nil.

In the second half the Students pressed vigorously but still failed over and over again to get the ball between the posts, till at last Mizza succeeded and the game ended 3 to 1, Mr. Beale, Kingston, and Burke being the scorers for the Staff.

It would be a good thing for the School football if a good coach could be found. The material is there but it wants shaping.

INTER-ALLIED REGATTA.

Racing for sailing vessels at Outer Harbour, Brussels.

PRIZE FROM KING ALBERT.

An Inter-Allied Regatta for sailing vessels will be held on Sunday, Oct. 5th, at the Outer Harbour, Brussels, by the Royal Yacht Club and Royal Motor Club of Brabant under the patronage of King Albert, King of the Belgians, the Ministers for War and Marine, and with the co-operation of the Town Council of Brussels, etc.

The following are the regulations:—

REGULATIONS FOR RACING.

1. The regatta will take place on Sunday, October 5th, 1919, in the Outer Harbour at Brussels.

2. There will be two classes, one for 6 metre boats of the "Serie Nationale de Belgique," the other for open boats, 5 metres in length, and 15 square metres sail area.

3. These races are open to soldiers and sailors or any others who took part in the war under the Allied colours. Each crew will consist of two members who will race in their war service dress.

4. Arrangements have been made for placing craft of the two categories above mentioned at the disposal of competitors without charge. All craft of the same—or approximately the same—sailing qualities which can be obtained by the Royal Yacht Club of Brussels will be allocated among competitors by ballot. If the number of entries exceeds that of craft available heats will be run off. Winners of these alone are eligible to take part in the finals.

5. Competitors will be responsible for any damage done to the craft placed at their disposal.

6. The limits of the course will be determined on October 5th one hour before the start of the first race which will take place about 10 a.m. Competitors will be able to obtain their instructions for the race from the Judging Committee from 9 o'clock onwards.

7. Entries are free. Names should be submitted to the Secrétarial General du Bruxelles Royal Yacht Club, 84 Rue des Ailes, Bruxelles, not later than October 3rd. Competitors should state:—1, Name, rank and present unit; 2, Unit in which they rendered their war service; 3, Club under which colours they intend to race; 4. whether entry is for 6 metre, or open boat class, or both.

8. The first prize for the 6 metre class has been offered by his Majesty King Albert and the 2nd prize will be a cup presented by the Belgian Minister for War. The winners of the open boat class will receive a cup presented by the Belgian Minister of Marine. If preliminary heats are run special cups or objects d'art will be presented to the winners of each heat.

9. The Judges—under the Presidency of the Brussels Royal Yacht Club—will be composed of one representative from each Belgian club belonging to the Federation, and one representative from each Allied club represented in the races.

The Judging Committee will take all steps necessary to ensure that these regulations are duly carried out in conformity with the International Racing Regulations. Further particulars can be obtained from the Military Attache, British Embassy, Brussels.

LIVELY CRICKET.

Southern And Light Divisions Play A Refreshing Game.

The Southern Division opposed the Light at cricket at Lindenthal on Sunday, the match resulting in a win for the Southern Division by 28 runs. The feature of the Southerners innings was a magnificent display of batting by Lieut. Astill, while for the Light Div. Bdr. Hope played a good innings of 35. The Light Division was very comfortable against the two county bowlers of the Southern Div. who secured five wickets apiece. For the Light Division Pte. Seal bowled well, scoring six wickets for 80. The weather was bitterly cold for cricket, but nevertheless a most enjoyable game ensued.

Details:—

Southern Division.

Sgt. Dorrington b Seal	9
Bom. Rowell b Seal	9
Lieut. Astill ct Farrell b Seal	90
Major Williams b Seal	7
Lieut. Smith c and b Hope	1
Major Harding c and b Hope	16
Lieut. Adams ct McCullum b Seal	2
Major Kendall b Seal	7
Gunr. Jefcoat ct Rankin b Hope	0
Capt. Hunter l.b.w. b Hope	7
Major Simcox not out	6
Lieut. Baxter l.b.w. Harrison	13
Extras	24
Total	190

Light Division.

Capt. Jones b Smith	20
Capt. Mase b Astill	4
Lieut. Gooch b Astill	9
Bom. Hope st. Harding b Smith	35
Major McCullum b Astill	0
Capt. Harrison ct Williams b Astill	4
Major Farrell ct Kendall b Powell	9
Lieut. Gracie ct Baxter b Smith	1
Lieut. Whitefield b Astill	17
Major Cobb b Smith	17
Col. Rankin b Smith	17
Pte. Seale not out	6
Extras	23
Total	162

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

The Opera House.

The trials and tribulations of the Opera Company in Cologne appear to be adjusting themselves, so that there are prospects that the walls of the Opera House will soon re-echo with wonderful music as of yore. Meanwhile arrangements for the accommodation of military devotees is likely to undergo a change. There is a proposal under consideration to open the building to the public generally and to do away with the system of alloting definite parts for military and civilians. In the earlier days of our occupation the present system may or may not have been desirable, but there seems little doubt that the adoption of the "first come, first served" principle will now be hailed with satisfaction by all patrons.

About Matinees.

I have received the following letter from the Assistant Amusements Officer:—"Some time ago you published amongst your letters one signed by 'Exile' demanding matinees. Since then I have had several communications supporting 'Exile's' plea, and I have therefore decided to give a Matinee of 'Hindle Wakes' on Saturday next, October 4th. at 2—30 p.m. This is in addition to the usual evening performance. Should this prove succesful I will continue giving matinees on Saturdays. But I would like to point out to 'Exile' and others that when 'By special request', we gave matinees of 'The New Sin' and 'General Post', the house on the former occasion was practically empty and on the latter occasion scarcely a quarter full.

Sympathetic With "Exiles."

"Fortunately the B.R.A.D.C." he continues is not purely a commercial concern and the Box Office with us is not an all-powerful despot; at the same time with economy as the order of the day, we cannot afford to produce matinees at a considerable loss for the benefit of a few unfortunate enthusiasts, to say nothing of the detrimental effects a poor house has on the sensibilities of the less hardened performers. The fact that we are giving a matinee for Saturday October 4th., is sufficient proof that we are entirely sympathetic with all 'Exiles'.

R. A. D. C. New Policy.

The B.R.A.D.C. have decided in future to devote the Mondays of each week to revivals of their repertoire, and the rest of the week for their new productions. Next Monday September 29th., "The Title" will be revived and on Tuesday September 30th. "Hindle Wakes" will be produced. Monday October 6th. "The Importance of Being Earnest" will be revived and Tuesday October 7th "Strife" will be produced. It is also the intention to give Saturday matinees if there is sufficient demand for the same.

British Empire Leave Club.

Owing to sudden demobilization, the "Jingle Johnnies," were not able to give their performance at the B.E.L.C. on Tuesday. Much gratitude is due to some members of the "Tonics" Concert Party and the Y.M.C.A. who stepped into the breach, and made the evening performance a great success. Bert Findlay danced with wonderful go and finish, Lew Hallmark played the banjo with great eclat, Edward Messiner sang most efficiently and Collinson got a very well deserved encore for his brilliant piano solo. He excelled himself in his accompanying. The G.H.Q. Jazz Band was great fun, as usual. The Y.M.C.A. party consisted of Miss Hammond, contralto, who gave great pleasure by her songs, amongst which were "There's a Long, Long, Trail" and Miss Merriman, violin, who played an air by Tenaglia, and a Scherzo by Warner with much finish and good tone.

Prelude and Allegro.

A finished artiste, Miss Nash played some of her own compositions at the piano, a concert study in F. and a prelude, and allegro, which were very attractive. The Rev. Mackenzie caused peals of laughter by such songs as "Bill the Kaiser." He accompanied himself and also showed himself a finished artiste. Altogether it was an evening of great variety. Georga Sangar, dancer and comedian, who was demobilized on the 23rd. Sept., will be greatly missed from the Tonics Concert Party and through that by countless people in the B.A.O.R. Every one will remember him in his famous part as waiter.

In a few words.

The price of admission for other ranks at the Opera House will in future be five marks.

Winter amusements in Rhineland are now under consideration and some interesting announcements may soon be expected.

Joe Morley, the famous banjoist, showed distinct signs of discomfort on Monday owing to having to appear in the "Jesters" programme in a lounge suit. Two double encores, however, were sufficient to convince him that a clever artiste in any other garb would go as well.

On Sunday, September 28th, The B.R.A.D.C. will perform "Man and Superman" at Ohligs.

JACQUES.

LADIES' GOLF.

The draw for the ladies' open championship, which takes place at Burnham on Oct. 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, was made in London on Monday.

Besides the present holder of the title (Miss Cecil Leitch), ex-champions in Miss Grant Suttie (1910), Mrs. G. V. Hurd (Miss Dorothy Campbell) (1909 and 1911), Mrs. Dobell (Miss Gladys Ravenscroft) (1912), and Mrs. Allan Macbeth (Miss Muriel Dodd) (1913), are among the 95 entries.

There will be no international matches this year, as England is the only country which can raise a representative team.

Andy Ducat.

Aston Villa have an unwritten law that "No player shall keep a public-house or engage in the trade," but Andy Ducat, famous alike as a half-back or cricketer, is the exception. He is landlord of the Holte Hotel adjoining the Villa's ground; and is also a teetotaller.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

15-Rounds Contest.

Billy Fry defeated George Poole on points in a 15-rounds contest at Bargoed.

Brilliant Display.

Wilson is to be congratuled on a brilliant display at Shields. As a deputy for Cantrell he performed the hat-trick in sure style.

Unlike Lancashire.

Lancashire, though represented by three clubs in the first six places in the League chart, has four in the last half-dozen—not quite Lancashire form.

Fine War Record.

Lieut. J. Bailey, who reappeared in the Reading team on Saturday, possesses a fine war record, and has been decorated for bravery on three occasions.

Fatal Accident.

H. B. Winfield, the Welsh Rugby international full-back, died on Saturday evening as the result of a motor-cycle accident. He played in 13 international matches and in 1906 was in the Cardiff team which defeated the New Zealanders.

Training Fulham.

James Sharp, probably the most stylish Scots full back ever seen in London football, is now training Fulham. He was wounded and captured by the Germans, and while a prisoner lost a lot of weight. He is getting it back now.

Golf Foursomes.

In four-ball and ordinary foursomes at Totteridge Vardon and Ray beat Braid and Abe Mitchell 2 and 1.

No Undefeated Team.

With Derby County beaten by Bradford City, there is now no undefeated team in the First Division of the League, and West Bromwich head the table.

Pompey's Attack.

Armstrong, who has has displaced Turner in the Portsmouth attack, has made good. He scored two clever points against Merthyr.

Barling's Representative.

Few of Cesarewitch horses have been doing stronger work at home lately than Royal Welsh. He is Barling's only representative in the race.

Bristol City Elated.

The early successes of Bristol City have sent many of their supporters into the seventh heaven of delight. In fact, some of them are so elated that they regard promotion as assured.

Ten Failures.

Double Dew must have cost her two owners—she originally belonged to an Irishman—a small fortune this year. Time and again she has been backed with confidence, and there are now ten failures to go to her name.

S. League Captain.

Mitchell, Queen's Park Rangers' centre half, will captain the Southern League side against the Irish League on October 4.

Newbury Cup Problem.

Taylor has left three in the Newbury Autumn Cup, which will be run on Friday, and Silver Bullet is one of them. The others are Haki and Queen's Square.

Goal Finder.

Broad's goal for Millwall on Saturday was his fifth in six days. Of the 11 goals scored by Millwall to date 9 stand to his credit.

Badly Wanted.

The Chelsea F.C. manager tried very hard to get Buchan for Chelsea, but other voices prevailed. They could do with the Sunderland genius at Stamford Bridge just now.

Moral Support.

All the moral support boxers require can be given between the rounds. They are then in the hands of their seconds, and it is at such a time that applause comes very sweet to them.

Provincial Programmes.

Boxing is another sport which is on the crest of a wave of success, and outside London the best programmes in the country are staged at Liverpool and Manchester.

Hard to Beat.

Slade is riding in fine form. Like most riders with Continental experience, he is quick from the gate, and is hard to beat at any part of a race.

"Offside" Expert.

McCracken waited until the closing stages of the Newcastle-Chelsea match to exploit his "off-side" tactics. He did it so successfully that the Chelsea forwards were caught every time.

Turned Down.

Albert Jenkins, the Llanelly centre three-quarter, who is regarded as one of the finest centres that Wales has produced for many seasons, was offered £375 to join the Wigan Northern Union Club. He turned it down.

Sadly Missed.

At Highbury, Sunderland sadly missed Cuggy, who was taken ill in the train on the way to London. Without him Mordue seemed lost, and apart from Buchan and Martin, Sunderland's forwards were disappointing.

Goddard's Ambition.

Frank Goddard is anxious to get back to the boxing game. He would rather box Beckett than anyone else, but it will be difficult to find a promoter to stage such a match owing to the swiftness of the big fellow's defeat.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

A Good Samaritan.

The entente between Tommy and the Indian soldiers on the Rhine seems to be an excellent one. The other night for instance this incident was noticed. An Indian soldier in a suit of hospital blue was standing in the Hohestrasse looking very miserable and puzzled. A Tommy went up to him and asked what was the matter, but failed to make him understand. Suddenly Tommy remembered the only words of Hindustani he had ever learnt, and soon was able to grasp the situation. It seems that the Indian who had never been in Cologne before had left the hospital for a stroll with some of his compatriots and had lost them. He was bewildered in a strange town and wanted to reach the hospital again. So Tommy lost no time in endeavouring to see him safely there. After two or three futile tramrides to different hospitals he landed him at last at the right one. The Indian soldier was exuberant in his expression of thanks.

What caused it.

Apropos a recent paragraph a reader says:—Not only in Germany but all over the world there is a period in the year when a great number of caterpillars climb up walls. If we observe these caterpillars we notice that some of them who have reached a certain height are dead and surrounded by yellow particles. Usually these small bodies are taken for caterpillar eggs but these so called eggs give birth in the spring to small black wasps called microgaster glomeratus, the caterpillar eater. The wasp's mother had a few weeks before stung the caterpillar with a sort of hollow tube through which a certain number of eggs were laid. These eggs gave birth to larvae which fed on the humours of the caterpillar's body; they cut through the skin of this body and having got outside form a cocoon. This feeling of having such a strange family of larvae in their own body is the reason why these caterpillars had no more interest in the succulent cabbage leaves.

Tommy's Honesty.

In the local paper of Bruhl appeared last week an announcement stating that a gold wrist-watch had been lost by a German lady. A few days later an English soldier came to the printer, Mr. Becker, and, referring to the above mentioned announcement, the soldier gave him the lost gold watch. A good reward offered to the finder was declined and as soon as he came Tommy disappeared. We regret not to be able to give Tommy's name.

Animal Keenness.

The antics of a retriever who every time the pistol was fired at the Army Championship went in search of game calls to mind the keenness of animals as a general rule. The writer has in mind the watchfulness of a collie who, at the approach of meal time exhibited a certain restlessness and led the way to the mess; of the pack ponies who broke into a canter at a given point on the way to the line where shells fell uncomfortably close on one occasion; of the rider who would persist in keeping close on the heels of another because he had as a groom's mount been accustomed to it; of the hound who could not be kept off the platform of a tram; of the pet who would not take heed of civilians but who resented their presence near the camp and many others, all of which go to prove the sagacity of our four footed friends. These are always interesting to the lover of animals.

Opera Seats.

We are officially notified that from 29th inst. the system of allotting seats reserved for officers and other ranks of the Rhine Army will be cancelled. Seats can be booked by application to the Opera House which is open daily between 9.30 hours to 13 hours, and 14 hours till one hour after the performance commences, Tel. 658. Not more than two seats may be booked by any one individual. Bookings will open four days prior to each performance. Seats booked by telephone must be claimed four hours before the performance commences, by personal application or by letter containing money for tickets. Boxes will be allotted as previously.

They work.

Barbers the world over put in fairly long hours. My barber, writes a reader, begins at eight in the morning and closes at eight in the evening. "Long hours," complained the assistant the other day. Of course, he has two hours off for his midday meal, but I was surprised to learn that before the war his working hours were from 7 a.m. to 9 or 9.30 p.m., and there was no dinner hour interval!

New German Arms.

The German Government has decided that the armorial bearings of the new German Empire shall be a one-headed black eagle, represented in a simple heraldic form without any accessory. The new Republican eagle differs from the old Imperial eagle in that it has no crown over its head, that it has no shield on its breast showing the Prussian eagle and the Hohenzollern coat of arms, that the chain of the order of the Black Eagle no longer hangs from its neck, and that its wings are not outspread. The beak, tongue, and claws of the new eagle however, are red, and the tone of the shield on which the eagle appears is a golden yellow.

A Pedlars' Paradise.

Apparently the Mecca of all German pedlers in Cologne is the N.A.C.B. Beer Garden in the Kaiser Friedrich Ufer. These "travelling trades-people" range from small children to old men and women, and offer Tommy a weird assortment of goods from matches to braces. But easily the most enterprising are the urchins who peddle newspapers; as these budding capitalists are not content with selling you one, but await a favourable opportunity of filching the paper back and reselling it. Lately the crowd has been reinforced by our old friend the Armenian vendor of shawls, who starting at 100 marks a shawl will eventually, with many protests, accept 25 marks.

Drinking Customs.

In the restaurant when you leave your empty beer glass open it means that you want another one. If you shut the lid, the Oberkellner will leave you alone, but if you leave the lid open when the glass is still full, or contains still some liquid, your friends on the same table may force you to pay for drinks for them all. That is a well-known German custom.

Boot shop Queues.

We have heard of milk shop queues, and watched with some amazement folk queue for tobacco and chocolate, not that is is extraordinary to queue, for we have advocated the system in and out of season as the only fair means of supply. But a boot queue strikes one as extraordinary. This was to be seen in a Cologne thoroughfare on Saturday. It was not a large congregation of prospective buyers yet they were admitted in twos and threes into the shop. Evidently there is a big demand for boots and shoes these days or was it that there was a drop in prices brought about by a more liberal supply?

Something to read.

Have you noticed in barbers' shops, cafés and other places, the number of weekly publications, including Germany's principal comic papers, available for the perusal of customers? Each is bound in a substantial brown paper cover and the supply is changed twice weekly. These papers are supplied by what is known as a Reading Circle adopted by an enterprising newsagent, and for less than two marks weekly, the barber or café proprietor has always something fresh for his customers to read, and it may be pointed out that most of the papers are priced at half a mark or over. This reading matter, especially the comic papers, seems to keep in circulation for several weeks, finishing up, the older the papers get, in the more remote establishments. The pigeon fancier, the gardener, and others with hobbies are all catered for, and the comic papers in the central districts at any rate always include one of the current issue.

Re-Echoes.

When the German prisoners return to Cologne by train they wave from the carriages decked with evergreens, red handkerchiefs and Union Jacks.

Two Tommies were discussing boxing on a Cologne tramcar the other day. One said to the other, "I would fight any man under nine or over ninety and I'm going to send a challenge to the Cologne Post; see!"

How is it Tommy can get a cup of tea for ten pfennigs in one club in Cologne, whereas in other institutions he has to pay anything up to half a mark, and at one place as much as sixty pfennigs for a cup of coffee?

The daily variation of the mark and the fact that no two banks seem to agree as to the real value of the English pound is causing a great deal of dissatisfaction.

Although the Brühl Schloss no longer houses the Midland Divisional caterers it is pleasing to find the Y.M.C.A. now in possession.

Some curious wines are being sold at exorbitant prices in many of the cabarets, cafés at present. Dope would be a better description instead of wines. The only thing attractive about these purchases is the label bearing a high sounding name.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's winners are Cpl. J. P. Quinlisk, York & Lancs Rgt. Rhine Army, and. Pte. J. Holton, R.A.S.C. (MT) 2nd Corps H.Q. Rhine Army.

THE A.B.C. OF A C.C.S.

A is the Anaesthetic, which saves me from pain,
You think that I like it, well, just think again.
B is for Breakfast, the meal I hate most.
I think I should faint if they brought buttered toast.
C for the Chart, which my past history shows,
In the drawing of graph Sister's skill daily grows.
D is the Dorothy bag, beloved of Tommy.
They fill them with sand to balance this Johnny.
E for the Excuse I always have ready
To offer to Nurse when her temper's unsteady.
F is the Fruit the Boche sells on a stall
You call this an apple; more like wormwood and gall.
G's the Geranium, with tobacco ash grey,
"Please, Sir, remember, we've provided a tray."
H is the horrible, horrible sound,
Of the five a.m. tea man buzzin' around.
I is the Interest we can't help but display
When Doctor first murmurs, "Might send him away."
J is the Journey I had on a stretcher,
Don't want another I'm willing to betyer.
K is for K-Katy, that amorous song.
It's ramped and it's whistled here all the day long.
L for the drink of Lemon and Lime,
The bettin it's "ersatz" is "odds on" each time.
M is for Matron, so stately of mien,
I think her deportment excels any queen.
N for the Nightshift, about whom I once wrote.
That day's "Cologne Post" was rammed down my throat.
O is for Orderly, on night or day shift,
Of the gab, the young scoundrels have more than a gift.
P is the Push bell, you can push it all day,
But never an orderly saunters your way.
Q is the question you'd like to ask Doc.
But his manner deters you, it's too like a rock.
R is the Rub on your back with the aid
Of Meth. and of powder, thus soreness is stayed.
S is for Sister, who in tennis excels,
Proper praise of her work is beyond H. G. Wells.
T for Thermometer, twice daily you're worried,
Read your own temperature and Sister get's flurried.
U is the Untruth, we'll tell it again,
If the result, for our lunch, is a glass of Champagne.
V for the Visit of Matron each day,
All tidy the rooms, till she's passed on her way.
W's the Wash which I get at the dawning
And the taste of the soap suds makes me stop yawning.
X is the X ray, whose expert once cried
When a photo of femur showed his watch left inside.
Y for the Yawns of the C.C.S. Staff
At this feeble attempt for raising a laugh.
Z is the Zeal with which I contend
That every good thing must come to an end.

GIVENCHY.

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

CAN THE STAGE TEACH RELIGION?

Miss Lillah McCarthy says: "I wish someone would give me a church! In the theatre people don't care for religion treated seriously. They like it sugary—with frost and pretty angels, like a Christmas card." Her idea would be to revive the old morality plays, to have new ones written, and to give them in a church, as was done in olden times. The scheme has great possibilities; it would probably bring many people to church who seldom or never go there now, and it would be especially attractive to children, to whom the average church service is often extremely tiresome. "How many people really know their Bible?" asks Miss McCarthy. "It is taken for granted that everyone has read it, but I think you would find very few people who could pass any sort of an examination on it. Perhaps it is partly the way it is printed. I believe if it were printed just like a modern novel, people would find it much easier to read."

THE DRINK DRUG.

Judge Henry Neil says:—I think it is practically impossible to have improved home conditions for the working classes in Britain until the drugging and stupefying of the working people by drink is discontinued. Henry Ford, the world-famous manufacturer of the Ford cars, has, I think, discovered the secret of industrial efficiency and happiness. Some years ago he raised wages to a guinea a day (they have lately been increased to 30s. per day) for "clean" men, and he found that this paid in increased product. Ford told me that men who spent their evenings in public-houses instead of in a decent home could not come to work the next morning with a clear brain and steady hands. Instead, such men came with trembling hands and muddled brains, and the result was lessened production.

A SELF-SUPPORTING EMPIRE.

Sir Charles G. Wade, K.C., Agent-General for New South Wales says:—One of the great lessons taught by the war has been the necessity for closer and more effective organisation in order to conserve the raw materials of the Empire for the benefit of its people, and that we may be no longer dependent upon foreign countries for manufactures and products which are vital to our daily sustenance and to our existence as a great nation. We did not know in 1914 how close we were to starvation. Our reserves of food supplies were estimated at a few weeks' duration; for the continuance of our supplies we were dependent on the good will of foreign nations, and even the necessaries of war were in the hands of our enemies. This must never occur again. However great may be the disarming power of the League of Nations, I cannot close my eyes to the possibility of another world-wide conflagration and the risk of our supplies being cut off. In our own interests and for the purposes of national defence this country must be self-supporting.

TRIPPER DESECRATION.

Mr. Philip Page, touching on tripper desecration of battlefields says:— In America they call them "rubber-necks," and we know them well enough in England too. They stand in groups, and gaze at anything or nothing—a motor-car with engine trouble, a dog-fight, a man painting railings, or juiciest tit-bit of all, a street accident, increasing in value according to the amount of gord visible. And now the "rubber-necks" are in France, morbidly joyful, having the super-trip of their lives. That groune sanctified by the blood of heroes should be the resort for blatant trippers is surely a scandal. Yet it is a scandal impossible to check because of the difficulty of drawing any line of distinction between those who are paying a visit to these hallowed places in a spirit of decent reverence, and those who make the journey not a pilgrimage, but a holiday jaunt. The former include those whose primary aim is to seek out the last resting-place of some loved one. The latter think the Vimy Ridge or Sanctuary Wood a pleasant change from the sands of Margate, and "so thrilling, my dear. I simply adored it!"

AUGEAN STABLE OF SOCIETY.

Dr. John Clifford, President of the International Brotherhood Congress at the City Temple, said: The inhumanity of man to man fills me with horror. I cannot endure it. I feel like Jeremiah, and wish that my head were a fountain of waters that I may weep day and night. And then, like the same prophet, I find hot indignation burning like a fire in my bones, and I dash away my tears and would fain start out like Hercules to cleanse the Augean stable of society from floor to roof from all the accursed evils that infest it. To cleanse the habits and customs of all countries, to destroy the diabolical factors in some of the oldest institutions in the world; to get rid of the remaining tyrannies of aristocratic fendalism, to recover lost liberties, and to introduce freedom where it does not exist; to reconstruct the Governments of the world; to make democracy a reality in spirit and in form, such was the work of the brotherhood. Surely for this they would need the heroic temper that stood by principles and suffered anything rather than sell them.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Cummunism in Germany is expected to cause more trouble in Bavaria.

The Curfew.—Petworth (Sussex) has revived the curfew bell.

That Bill.—Parents are finding a distinct rise in the price of education this term.

Joffre.—Marshal Joffre was received by General Mangin at Mayence on Tuesday.

A Million.—One million tourists have applied for passports to Italy.

Expected.—Argentine cereals for Germany are expected at Antwerp.

Rumanian Honours.—Lord Allenby has been given the Grand Cross of the Order of the Crown of Rumania.

Judicial Dictum.—It is not a criminal offence for a man not to keep his wife in order.—Mr. Justice Darling.

To be Cheaper.—Tea will be cheaper soon, and there are signs that other articles of food may decline in sympathy.

Not New.—The wearing of anklets is not a new fashion, merely a revival of a fad of last century.

Dance Doctor.—Dr. Knight, of Witham, advocates dancing as a means of destroying snobbishness.

Entertained.—A native of Cheltenham, Mr. Handley Page has been entertained at a banquet.

Civil Service Memorial.—A memorial to Civil Servants who fell in the war is to be erected in Whitehall.

Spick and Span.—In London suburban districts houses are being made spick and span with paint and whitewash.

Fees Up.—The doctors of Eastbourne have decided to raise their fees by a minimum of 50 per cent.

The Guest.—Lord French will be the guest of the Cambridgeshire Regiment, at the regimental dinner.

A good Idea.—A Glasgow firm of boot repairers has put its business on a subscription basis.

Unpopular.—There seems to be little enthusiasm for the "hoop" dresses which the modistes are trying to introduce.

Uncanny.—By coincidence General Maude died in the same room, and in the same bed, as Field-Marshal von der Goltz.

Abnormal.—At an inquest at Marylebone it was stated that the deceased's liver weighed 113oz. instead of 45oz.

Removing.—The German delegation in Paris will move early in October to the former Embassy.

The Popular Pipe.—Three out of every four smokers in London are pipe smokers.

No longer.—"Since the war loin chops no longer have great flaps on them."—A solicitor in a Willesden case.

A New Recruit.—Miss Doreen Dearing, a young actress, will be seen in "The Girl for the Boy," the new musical play.

Improvements.—The chief inspector of factories suggests improvements in places where preserving of fruit is carried on.

90 Marries 76.—At Reading a man aged 90, who is employed on the railway, was married to a widow, aged 76.

Houses for Flats.—In London 1,100 houses have been scheduled by the Ministry of Health for conversion into flats.

Next Meeting.—The German National Assembly will meet at Berlin on September 30.

Whole Sale Divorce.—Two thousand divorce cases, will occupy the courts during the coming sitting.

Poland's Navy.—Poland is to have a navy consisting of four armoured cruisers and twelve torpedo-boats.

The Cause.—Newly appointed teachers at West Bromwich are having to relinquish their posts owing to house famine.

Prussian War Minister Resigns.—The Prussian Minister of War, Herr Reinhard, has handed in his resignation.

Why not?—Bored bachelor (demobilized Major) seeks thrilling and romantic adventure. Why not get married?

Only One.—Only one candidate is taking Greek in the new Little Go at Cambridge next month.

Stable Boys' Demand.—Epsom racing stable lads have given the trainers notice of their intention to strike.

Influenza Again.—The doctors are preparing for another influenza outbreak in the early spring.

Gee!—In salons where the ultra-fashionable folk foregather stencilled legs will be the rage this winter.

Harrow Film City.—The film city at Harrow will be large enough to reproduce the battle of Jutland.

Yankee Invasion.—A vast American "invasion" of Europe is anticipated next spring.

Fur Coats Return.—Fur coats, no longer the hallmark of the munitioness, are coming back into public favour.

Still out.—There are still 100,000 disabled men from the Army, Navy, and the Air Force who have not found permanent means of livelihood.

Onion Harvest.—The great demand for onions last year and the high prices have led gardeners to grow more this season.

British Art.—Sweden and Norway have sent invitations for the holding of British exhibitions of applied art in those countries.

From "Bran Pie."—"Many a man nowadays has got to earn twice as much as he's worth in order to live half as well as he should!"

Mechanic's "High Life."—A mechanic who was sued at Acton for income-tax was stated to have earned over £297 a year.

Kitchener's Life.—Sir George Arthur, who was Lord Kitchener's private secretary, is writing the official life of the Field-marshal.

House Hunt Manners.—At Newport a man, hearing that the tenant of a house was dying, persuaded the landlord to give an option on the premises.

King and Hero.—The British Military Attaché at Brussels went to Liége to express to General Leman the regret felt by King George at his illness.

From "The Great Day."—"Not one of the men who made Peace-day possible should have any anxiety about his future.

The Comb Out.—A drastic "comb out" is taking place at the Aircraft Factory at Farnborough. Four hundred discharges have been made.

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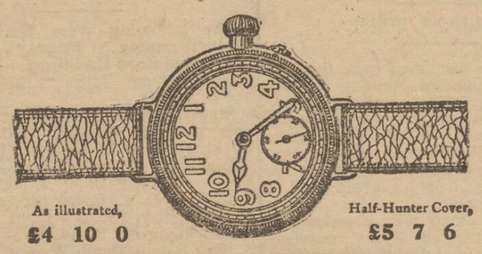

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NATIONAL RAILWAY CRISIS.

PROBABILITY OF COMPLETE SUSPENSION OF ENGLISH TRAIN SERVICES.

HIGH SEAS FREE FROM MINES.

RAILWAY CRISIS.

PROBABILITY OF NATIONAL STRIKE.

A grave crisis, out of which it is feared a national strike may develop in the immediate future, has arisen on the railways.

It was expected by the men that the new standard wage agreement to be negotiated would tend to a higher scale, but in proposals submitted by the Government for all grades except locomotive men the opposite is the case.

In a statement issued yesterday Mr. J. H. Thomas said the proposals would mean a reduction of varying amounts up to 14s. a week in some grades.

The Railwaymen's secretary warned the nation of the gravity of the situation, but while expressing the opinion that a rupture seemed inevitable, declared his intention of avoiding a strike if it were humanly possible.

The Ministry of Transport has issued a statement saying that the action of the Executive Committee of the National Union of Railwaymen in sending an ultimatum on the very day of the transference of powers nitherto held by the Board of Trade to the Ministry of Transport appears to be quite unjustified. The advance of wages, if applied to the whole of the railway staffs, would involve the Companies in a ditional expenditure estimated at over forty-five million pounds annually, as compared with pre-war costs. This took no account of any proportion of war wages which might have to be continued under the agreement of last March, Other concessions already granted were estimated to cost another twenty millions annually, making an estimated total permanent increase of over sixty millions per annum on the pre-war paybill of about forty-seven millions. To meet this, goods rates probably by more than fifty percent, and all passenger fares might have to be raised.

Mr. J.H. Thomas stated yesterday afternoon that unless a satisfactory reply is received from the Government by noon to-day a railway strike will begin at noon on Friday.

The Cabinet met during the afternoon and had a prolonged discussion on the railway situation. It is understood that the Government is prepared further to discuss the position and it is possible that further negotiations will take place which may remove the strike menace.

After the Cabinet discussion a communication was sent to the National Union of Railwaymen pointing out that a misunderstanding seems to exist in regard to a continuation of the war wage. Sir William Marwood, representing the Ministry of Transport told a press representative at the conclusion of the Cabinet meeting, that this communication would provide a basis for re-opening the negotiations, if the Union Executive were willing. The outlook is therefore rather more hopeful.

VON DER GOLTZ OBDURATE.

The Supreme Council in Paris has discussed the question of the evacuation by the Germans of the Baltic Provinces. Von der Goltz, whose army now numbers 100,000 men, refuses to withdraw.

At the end of July General Gough, accompanied by Major Wilson, handed Marshal Foch's third ultimatum to von der Goltz, ordering total evacuation by the end of August and the abandonment of all material to the Allies. This visit exasperated the German chief, who got into a violent temper.

General Gough remained impassive and simply repeated his demands. Von der Goltz finished by accepting an agreement, the last clause of which he has not yet fulfilled, while his army continues to grow.

AMERICAN STEEL STRIKE.

Reports from New York indicate little change in the steel strike situation. The industry in the Ohio region is completely paralysed. Conflicting claims regarding the great strategic sectors are radiating from Pittsburg and Chicago, where company officials allege an improvement although the Labourites deny any defections. Spasmodic rioting and disorders continue. At Clevelands four men were stabbed, two fatally, in a battle between strikers and non-strikers.

CZECHO-SLAVS IN SIBERIA.

The Peace Council has decided that the Teschen plebiscite should take place within a maximum period of three months. The council is also of the opinion that the time has come for the repatriation of the 50,000 Czecho-Slovaks still in Siberia. It is hoped that Great Britain, France and America will be able to collect sufficient tonnage to ship them from Vladivostok to Europe.

ALL CLEAR.

SEA ROUTES PRACTICALLY FREE FROM MINES.

The mine clearance services cease at the end of November. This official announcement gives little indication of the immense and dangerous labour involved in sweeping away the minefields in the neighbourhood of the British Isles within one year of the armistice. All that now remains to be accomplished is the removal of the remnants of the huge minefields between the Shetlands and Norway and the remaining German mines off the Heligoland Bight.

Although the entire clearance of all mines laid is not claimed, it is sufficient to enable the routes for normal sea traffic to be guaranteed. The task involved the close search of forty thousand square miles. A large proportion of the areas had to be covered twice and some times thrice. To the end of August 19,000 German mines were accounted for in home waters and 3,500 in the Mediterranean. Of 33,000 British mines laid in Southern waters only a very small proportion remain.

The fine spirit shown by officers and men in this dangerous and monotonous work has been phenomenal. One crew were twice mined but still continued working on other vessels. In one ship the men were known to cheer whenever they went over shallow mines which they could plainly see under water and where there was little clearance for their ship. During the progress of the work three minesweeping vessels have been lost at home and two in the Mediterranean. The great value of their work is indicated by the fact that only six merchant vessels have been lost through striking mines since November 1918. Three of these did not comply with instructions and the other three struck waterlogged drifting mines.

and by 30th November for the Mediterranean Great Britain will have finished her task.

MISSION TO EGYPT.

The Constitution is officially announced of the special mission under the presidency of Lord Milner which will proceed to Egypt shortly. It will inquire into the causes of the late disorders and report on the existing situation in that country; the form of constitution which under the protectorate will be best calculated to promote its peace and prosperity; the progressive development of self-governing institutions and the protection of Foreign interests.

Lord Milner's colleagues will be: General Sir J. G. Maxwell, who served in the Egyptian War of 1882; Sir J. Rennell Rodd, formerly Acting Agent and Consul-General at Cairo; Brigadier-General Sir Owen Thomas, M.P.; Mr. J. A. Spender, (Editor, "Westminster Gazette"); and Mr. C. J. B. Hurst (Foreign Office).

BUDAPEST CHEERS BRITISH.

The news that trans-Danubian Hungary will be occupied by British troops has been received with much enthusiasm in Budapest and in the country generally.

At a performance in the Opera House there was a great demonstration in favour of Great Britain. When General Corton appeared in the Royal box the whole house rang with cheers, and the orchestra played the British national anthem. The Prime Minister (M. Friederich), who was present, was hissed.

U-BOAT TREATY EVASION.

Although the German Government agreed under the Peace Treaty to hand over all seaworthy submarines and to break up the remainder and it was specifically laid down that no material arising from the breaking up of submarines should be sold to foreign countries, Scott's shipbuilding company at Greenock have received an offer from a German firm to sell U-boats in sections which can be assembled there.

POLICEMAN WHIPPED.

Drunk while in charge of a horse and cart at Dalston. John Davis, dealer, of Hamilton road, Highbury was pulled up by a constable. He urged on the horse and lashed the constable with his whip. The cart collided with a lamp-post and Davis was thrown out and badly bruised. The horse ran away. At North London Police Court Davis, who denied the assault, was sent to 14 days' hard labour.

BEAUTIFUL BUT DESTRUCTIVE.

Farmers in the Barmouth district of North Wales have caught a Pine Marten, a very rare animal. It was preying on lambs, rabbits and poultry and was run to earth by dogs after a hunt lasting several hours.

HIDDEN PLAGUE.

VIEWS OF FAMOUS PUBLIC MORALIST.

Our racial destruction is threatened by venereal disease, writes Dr. C. W. Saleeby, the vice-chairman of the National Council of Public Morals, in the "Daily Telegraph." He points out that a committee on prophylaxis has rejected the official application of a packet system to the civil community, and that the scheme of "Early treatment centres," well-thought out and comprehensive as it was, is "hopelessly, widely, tragically impracticable. The London County Council for instance, has rejected its application to London. There are no means, nor skilled doctors, nor locomotor resources to make it possible . . . . We are being beaten." What are the remedies? First and most important, continence, secondly the application of disinfectant knowledge.

The Royal Commission, reporting in 1916, clearly foresaw the importance of future data and the possible need for further inquiry. That need now exists. I heard enough in the United States this summer to convince me that we should inquire again into compulsory notification and treatment, in view of the American experience. I suggest that the political and moral warrant for such a bold policy is incalculably strengthened if we make available for all persons for a few pence at a chemist's shop the means and the knowledge of venereal disinfection. But to-day the best means at our disposal is forbidden by law.

PUSSYFOOT SCARE.

KEEPING THEM OUT OF HARM'S WAY.

The U.S. State Department, or Foreign Office, has, it is understood, taken certain action in regard to the "Pussyfoot" prohibition campaign in this country.

Recently two agents of the Anti-Saloon League sought to obtain passport facilities in Paris for visiting England. They were unable to obtain the necessary visa, and it now appears that this was not the result of any casual ban but of diplomatic action.

The American State Department is fully alive to the detrimental effects which an extension of the Anti-Saloon League's energies to Europe might have on international relations, especially at the present time, possibly misunderstanding to avoid any

In this connection an objection registered by the Italian Government last year may be cited. When it became clear that the U.S. was "going dry" the Italian Ambassador at Washington protested that this would seriously affect Italian commerce as much Italian wine was exported to the United States. The State Department sent the objection to Congress, which overruled it.

It is now considered unlikely that many more Pussyfoot campaigners will be allowed to embark for England—at least for the present. About a dozen were expected, including Mr. Cherrington, the virtual chief of the "dry" organisation.

DENIKEN LIBERATES ONE FOURTH OF RUSSIA.

It was announced yesterday that Deniken's army had captured Kursk, an important city and railway centre 333 miles South West of Moscow. A Bolshevist wireless report now announces that the Red forces have abandoned Logff, forty miles West of Kursk. The importance of Deniken's effort and of his front continues to grow day by day. Great Britain has hitherto supported Deniken with munitions, uniforms and other equipment such as tanks, and will continue to do so.

The amount of territory in South Russia won by Denikin's armies from the Bolshevists amounts to about one fourth of European Russia and contains a population calculated at thirty millions. The third, fourth and fifth of the greatest cities of Russia are in his hands and his armies at the present time number from three hundred to four hundred thousand. It is a matter of supreme importance that trade should be revived in the liberated territories and the re-opening should offer great opportunities to British commerce. The part played by British forces in Denikin's successes is very small. Only one British officer has been wounded in nine months operations.

ROYAL ECONOMY.

The King held a Privy Council at Balmoral on Monday. Formerly it was the custom for at least some of the councillors and the clerk to go to councils at Balmoral, but, in view of the formal character of the business and of the high cost of travelling, it was arranged that the Duke of Connaught, the Lord Chamberlain, and Lord Stamfordham should act and so obviate the cost to the State of special journeys to Scotland.

LONDON SCOTTISH ANNIVERSARY.

About three hundred members of the original first battalion of the London Scottish, who took part in the charge at Messines on the 29th October 1914, will be present at a great reunion to be held at Olympia on the anniversary of that day. It is expected that Field Marshal Earl Haig and Lord Allenby will be present.

OH! O'SULLIVAN!

THREATENED TO THROW COLONEL OUT OF WINDOW.

The report of the Court of Inquiry ordered by the Air Council to deal with matters raised by Miss Eileen O'Sullivan, Assistant Commandant and Clothing Contractor to the W.R.A.F., was issued yesterday as a Bluebook.

Miss O'Sullivan was associated with Miss Douglas Pennant, whose allegations against the Air Council will be shortly considered by the House of Lords Committee.

The report on the whole exonerates the officers concerned at the same time saying that the only charge against Miss O'Sullivan that could fairly be made was that she was not easy to get on with and entertained an exaggerated idea of the importance of her position.

In their general observations the Court states that Miss O'Sullivan did her best in circumstances of considerable difficulty. She was not inefficient but the state of friction between herself and Colonel Gadsby was acute. The Court found that Colonel Latimer's unfavourable opinion of her was not justified but was honestly entertained and honestly acted upon by General Fletcher. The opinion was based partly on a stormy interview with Miss O'Sullivan, in which she threatened to throw Colonel Latimer out of the window.

NOTTS NOT BUILDING.

£2,000,000 HOUSING SCHEME REJECTED.

After six hours' heated debate the Nottingham City Council have reversed their previous decision to proceed with two instalments of a £2,000,000 garden city housing scheme, and rejected the entire proposal. An invitation was extended to the Housing Committee alternatively to prepare a new proposal for tenement dwellings. The original scheme was agreed to some days ago by the Council. Owing to the excessive cost, however, a requisition was made by six members for a special meeting, which resulted as stated.

Alderman Huntsman declared that each house let at £25 would cost the ratepayers or taxpayers £50 annually, or a quarter of a million a year for 4,000 houses.

FLAX CAMOUFLAST.

HIDING CARGO OF LITERATURE.

The Bolshevist ship Eskilstuna from Petrograd has been captured by a British destroyer. The cargo was described as flax, but the real cargo was suspected to be Bolshevist literature. The Eskilstuna recently was stopped by a Finnish patrol and under a top layer of flax was found a mass of Bolshevist literature printed in English, French and German, also a valuable collection of art objects and Bolshevist films. The crew were Bolshevist agents disguised as sailors and the cargo was consigned to the American legation at Stockholm ostensibly for American museums.

TEN THOUSAND W.R.A.F'S. TO GO.

Orders have been issued to the Royal Air Force for the immediate demobilization of 10,047 W.R.A.F'S. The remaining 3,298 must leave by the 1st April next.

This sweeping reduction has been brought about by the reduction of the estimates from sixty-six and a half millions to twenty-five millions. It is probable that a strong effort will be made to retain the women cooks, who have not only served better meals but have effected great economies.

"MY LITTLE WOODEN HUT."

Support for the scheme of providing wooden houses in order to overcome the house famine is accumulating. Something must be done and done quickly to supply the demand for dwelling places. Frame buildings can be erected in one month, whereas brick or stone takes at least four, the cost being about three hundred and eighty against seven hundred and fifty pounds. No architect or contractor is required. The owner can put his up house by himself with a hammer and nails. The immediate difficulties are lack of cargo space to import the sections and local by-laws which forbid the erection of wooden houses.

JUNGLE DEMOCRACY.

"Bad as autocracy is, Bolshevism is a thousand times worse, and England will have none of it." Sailors and firemen at a conference loudly cheered this statement by Colonel John Ward, M.P.

What existed in Russia to-day, Colonel Ward proceded, was democracy as understood by Mr. Ramsay Macdonald and his friends. Russia to-day was a country reduced to the state of a jungle. Bolshevism was national suicide, and those who advocated it ought to be treated as insane.

DEVON MOTOR BANDITS.

An attempt to steal a motor-car is reported from East Devon. Two men asked the proprietor of a Yeovil garage to drive them to Weymouth, and while he was putting on his overalls made off with the car in the opposite direction. The missing car was discovered unattended near Honiton the next morning.

CROPS AND STOCK.

UNDER PRODUCTION IN STAPLE FOODS.

Interesting returns of land under cultivation are published by the Board of Agriculture. There are falls in the acreage under wheat, which amounts to 2,221,000 acres—a decrease of 335 000 acres; and in oats. Potatoes have fallen heavily; the total acreage, 47,000, is only three-fourths that of last year, and is little greater than the pre-war average. Barley, rye, beans, peas, turnips and swedes show increases.

There are about 10,000 more horses on the farms. Cows in milk are more numerous than in 1918 by 85,000, or 4½ per cent.; the total. 1,944,000, is the largest on record. Cows and heifers in calf show, however, a material decline, but the total of cows and heifers, in milk or in calf, amounts to 2,554,000, or only 25,000 less than last year's record. The total of all cattle, 6,195,000, is just 6,000 below last year's figure. Sheep show a decline of 1,350,000, or 8 per cent., the total number being 15,123,000, which is the lowest on record. The total of all pigs was just 1,800,000, or 6 per cent. more than last year.

EXIT FROM FIUME.

TROOPS RUSHED AWAY.

Rear Admiral Hope, on board the light cruiser Cardiff, accompanied by the Ceres after disembarking some five hundred men of the York and Lancaster Regiment has left Malta and returned to Fiume. Apparently the Yorks and Lancs were rushed away unexpectedly as large quantities of stores were left behind. Besides Italian, British and French warships at Fiume there is also the American cruiser Pittsburg, while the American cruiser Olympia has been ordered to proceed there.

A letter from Fiume received at Malta states that D'Annunzio's photograph has been distributed broadcast among the inhabitants together with a warning that any action taken against the poet will be strongly resisted. Many thousands of demobilized Italian soldiers at Fiume have made common cause with the insurgents. Reports say that the British, French and American troops are not allowed to carry arms and are even deprived of bayonets when on patrol duty in Fiume.

VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION.

IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL IN RHINELAND.

The funeral has taken place at Cologne of the victims of the accident which occurred some days ago at Wermelskirchen and which resulted in the deaths of Sgt. S. Chipling and Cpl. I. Howe, 2/4 Bn. Hampshire Regiment, Ptes. F. Pitwell, C. Jones, H. Habgood and F. Bridle, 3rd Southern L.T.M.B. Quite a hundred of the dead soldiers' comrades were present, and among the many officers who attended were Brig.-Gen. Caley, C.B., C.M.G., commanding the 3rd Southern Infantry Brigade and Lt.-Col. T. D. Sidney, D.S.O., commanding the 2/4 Bn. Hampshire Regiment. The service was very impressive. The Dead March in Saul was rendered by the combined bands of the 51st. Bn. and the 2/4 Bn. Hampshire Regt. At the graveside the Rev. Grindon, C. F. officiated. A volley was fired over the graves and the Last Post was sounded by the buglers of the 2/4 Bn. Hampshire Regt. Many flowers were sent by the dead soldiers' comrades.

MASKED BANDITS TO BE RE-TRIED.

The jury being unable to agree, Peter Albert Vincent, 20, mechanic, and Natalo Auda, 18, waiter, charged with armed robbery at the Elysée Restaurant, with an attack on Mr. Curry, clerk to the governors of Guy's Hospital and with robbery with violence at Hampstead, were discharged for re-trial at the next sessions. Bail was allowed.

While Auda was in the witness-box a mask found at Guy's Hospital was handed to him, and he was asked to put it on. Made of brown linen with a white patch in the centre, and slits for the eyes, it completely covered the face of the wearer.

Both men denied the charge.

LUXURIOUS TAXIS FOR LONDON.

The first of the new taxicabs, which will be the last word in luxury, should be on the London streets within a fortnight. Members of the owner-drivers' branch of the Cabmen's Union are acquiring one thousand of these new taxicabs of a special type from Messrs. Beardmore of Glasgow. This new cab costs £650 and 250 are contracted for by the end of December. They are being made to the drivers' specification and will embody many improvements suggested by practical experience. At present London is about four thousand short of the pre-war number of taxis.

VERY EXPENSIVE BREAD.

At Highgate yesterday Messrs. Gyles, of Muswell Hill, were fined one hundred pounds for exposing for sale thirty-four loaves of bread short in weight. Previous convictions were proved.

The Bishop of Carlisle (Dr. Diggle) will shortly resign his see. He has been in ill-health for some time.

ROYAL WARRANT.

PAY AND PENSIONS OF SOLDIERS.

TENTH ARTICLE OF THE SERIES.

10. With reference to paragraph 2 of the General Conditions, in cases where the rates of pay provided in this Warrant equal or exceed the existing rates of pay plus Army of Occupation bonus it will be assumed that it is to the advantage of officers to draw the new rates of pay and allowances. Army Agents and Command Paymasters will proceed to issue these rates and to adjust arrears unless officers notify at once that they wish to remain on the existing rates until, owing to promotion, increase of pay or cessation of any special emolument, the new rates of pay and allowances equal or exceed the old. In making the notification, officers should state clearly the command in which they are serving. Army Agents will at once notify to Command Paymasters the names of any officers electing to continue on the old rates. When the new rates become more advantageous Army Agents will notify Command Paymasters concerned the date from which the new rates have been issued.

In the case of temporary officers of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps under the rank of Captain who, by virtue of the existing rates of additional pay, benefit by a continuance of the rate of pay, &c., at present in force the rates provided in this Warrant will not be issued until promotion or the cessation of any special emolument cancels the existing advantage.

11. Every endeavour will be made to expedite adjustments of pay due under this Warrant, but it must be borne in mind that considerable administrative complications arise and some delay is unavoidable. The pay for October, 1919, will be issued at the new rates in every case, but the adjustment of arrears from 1st July, 1919, will take some time. Officers in the payment of Army Agents above the rank of subaltern will be notified by the Army Agents directly the arrears have been credited to their accounts. Pending this notification officers should not draw on their accounts in anticipation of the credits for arrears.

Officers who were serving on 1st July, 1919, but had ceased to serve on the date of this Warrant, are not entitled to receive the new rates of pay and allowances.

With the exception of normal tables showing in a concise form how to calculate one's full pay and emoluments, and a short appendix of definitions [both of which we shall publish at an early date] the Officers' Warrant ends here.

The following is the Royal Authority for Increase of Pay and Pensions to Soldiers, which will appear in daily instalments:

INCREASE OF PAY AND PENSIONS OF SOLDIERS.

GEORGE R.I.

Whereas We deem it expedient to revise the general scheme of emoluments of British warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men laid down in Our Warrant for the Pay, Appointment, Promotion and Non-Effective Pay of Our Army, dated December 1, 1914, and in such other Warrants granted since that date as are still in force, and in the Regulations governing the Allowances of Our Army, issued by Our Warrant of September 28, 1914, as modified by such other warrants granted since that date as are still in force:

Our Will and Pleasure is that as from July 1, 1919, the pay and allowances of all British warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men, serving on the date of this Our Warrant, the depôts, of whose units are situated in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man, with such exceptions and additions as may be authorized by Our Army Council, shall be modified as laid down in Tables 1 to 4 attached to this Our Warrant; and that as from April 1, 1919, the pensions of warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the above classes—

(a) Who are granted service pensions on or after the date of this Our Warrant,

(b) Who have been granted service pensions during the Great War, or.

(c) Who were service pensioners before the war and have given satisfactory re-enlisted service during that war,

shall be as laid down in Table 5 attached to this Our Warrant.

In any case where transfer from the rates of pay or pension hitherto in force to the new rates involves a loss of emoluments, the soldier may continue in receipt of the rates hitherto in force until such time as on change of appointment or on account of increment or promotion, or abolition of special war emoluments, the new rates are equal to or exceed the old. Warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men who on the date of this Our Warrant are already demobilized or who are already on furlough after dispersal pending demobilization shall not be eligible for the new rates of pay and allowances.

And Whereas it is now desirable to fix a limit to the period during which service may count for the earning of war pay approved by Our Warrant of December 3, 1917:

Our Further Will and Pleasure is that no service rendered subsequent to the date of this Our Warrant shall count for such war pay.

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THE LIES THEY TOLD US.

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To all who can read German we suggest that they should read this book themselves. It is illuminating. The title is "Wie wir belogen wurden" by Dr. Kurt Muhsan and the book is obtainable of many booksellers in Cologne: it costs 4 marks,

It shows how the authorities realised how strenuous an effort was neccessary, in spite of many years' steady preparation for war and the national cult of "Might justifies all," to carry with them the whole nation in such an unjustifiable adventure, and to excuse inexcusable methods.

"Qui s'excuse s'accuse" and the laboured attempts to justify the invasion of Belgium, the atrocities committed there, the introduction of new horrors into warfare, the unbridled piracy of the U-boats, the failures of the General Staff to achieve their promised results,—all show how strongly was felt the necessity for such explanation and excuse even to a people trained in credulity and mechanical discipline.

It is only now that the Germans are beginning, here and there, to recognise some of the real truth about the war, though a good deal of what was said in their discussion over the Peace Treaty before signing, and a number of books such as Lichnowsky's, Ludendorff's and others are gradually opening their eyes to the untruths with which they have been deluged and which doped them all along the road to catastrophe.

But even now the great majority are uninformed, and this little book will do its part in leading to that recognition of facts which alone can form the basis for future good understanding, peace and development.

But, deceived though they were, the nation as a whole cannot take shelter behind the lies of its rulers. For a nation chooses its system of government which can only exist as long as the people tacitly acquiesce therein and in the policy adopted.

The arrogant materialism and adoration of might which for years past has as a cult suffocated the higher qualities of the German people were for them to accept or reject—with the results.

One can but hope that wiser views and a return to the best that was in Germany of old may come as a result of hard experience and of an impartial desire for enlightment as to the real truth of the past.

THE BATTLEFIELDS TO-DAY.

After the Armistice was signed the battle-area was for a long time deserted. The troops moved forward or backward, and traffic grew less and less until the noise and bustle of war were replaced by a haunting silence and desolation that it would be hard to surpass even among those great belts of waste that girdle the world.

There is no more awful companion than silence and no more pitiable sight than a once fertile and prosperous country side turned into a wilderness and purged of all life save the very lowest.

Troops and traffic had lent some colour to that area and relieved it of much of its sadness, but to-day it is a heart-rending sight and to pass over the original front into the miles and miles of tortured country is to be overcome by a depression that it is impossible to resist.

Thousands of tourists are daily making a pilgrimage to the more famous districts that they may see for themselves those places they have read so much about, while others come to visit the cemeteries that dot the area and are a grim reminder of the price of Victory.

The scene in the forward area of the old line is quite an animated one. Trains, trams, motors, bicycles, and horse-vehicles bring hundreds of people hourly, and pedestrians tell of fabulous distances they have walked by stages.

The hundreds of people who catered for the troops during the war have refused to see their prosperity ended by the withdrawal of their customers. They find that a lucrative trade is still ensured to them for several years at the hands of the sight-seers who are only too glad to have their meals there and buy up all kinds of souvenirs and post-cards as mementoes of their visit.

The front is studded with the well-known wooden houses, and there, under well-known war names, the tourist is able to find all he wants.

The troops who after Christmas began salvage work spend their spare time acting as guides and making souvenirs.

As guides they excel themselves and give lengthy descriptions of everything of interest in a manner worthy of the professional guide who never allows fact to play too big a part in his narrative.

Pride of place however, falls to the Chinese labourers in the making and fashioning of souvenirs. They exhibit great skill and ingenuity and apparently seem very satisfied with the results of their trade.

Their method of sale however is rather disconcerting to the more nervous tourists as the sound of a motor brings a number of them rushing out wreathed in smiles and brandishing shell-cases and other articles. They also appear to have been smitten by the disease of profiteering but as a rule accept the assessment of their customers.

Out of this area the tourist moves into the battle-fields proper. There he finds much to interest and much to sadden. There in the cock-pit of the world he can picture for himself the terrors that reigned both day and night and try to imagine the intensity of the war that blotted out almost every feature and created from Switzerland to the sea a devasted area unparalleled in the history

The only bright feature to him is the care and attention that have been given to the graves and so he returns home deeply moved but always with the memory that the last resting-places of the Great Dead stand gloriously majestic on the earth they have made their own.

A FALLEN IDOL.

It was in a cafe in the Hohestrasse that I came across him.

I had dropped into the only vacant seat available, and had noticed that he was one of a party seated at an adjacent table.

The loudness of his conversation gave one no choice in the matter of not overhearing him.

Instinctively I thought of those words of Shakespeare's in "Henry VIII."

"In peace theres's nothing so becomes a man as modest humility."

It was quite apparent that he was not acquainted with the wisdom of Shakespeare.

With some slight assistance from Foch and one or two others he had won the war, at least his conversation impressed one that way.

Calling for a glass of beer I settled down in my chair to enjoy the music of the orchestra.

My luck was in. For once the charms of Texas and Dixie were not being interpreted in music.

But it was not to be.

A furtive glance at my tunic by the loquacious one apparently gave him courage, he edged nearer to me and soon I became a polite but unwilling listener to his tales of the horrors of war.

He was as full of them as an orange is of juice.

Deeds of daring simply oozed from him, in many of which I gathered, he had taken no mean part.

Names that are now household words he mentioned.

Ypres, Cambrai, Arras and others.

My interest was aroused. I became enraptured.

The orchestra vanished in a haze. (Perhaps it was the tobacco smoke.)

I was wafted to open spaces where the Very light played, and where the orange flash of the guns and the scream and whine of high explosive played a prominent part.

The orchestra supplied the side effects of shell bursts, the drummer figuring largely.

I saw again the shattered villages, heard the metallic rattle of the machine guns, followed the fortunes of ration and working parties.

He was certainly adept at describing the thrills of modern war. His "local colour" was perfect.

In the midst of a hair raising account of a wiring party my idol was shattered.

Stretching forth his right arm to have another pull at his glass I noticed a solitary blue chevron adorning it.

It had a most forlorn look on his otherwise undecorated tunic.

My thoughts came to earth with a rush.

For once I was unthankful to the Quartermaster for issuing me a new tunic on which I had had no time to sew my chevrons. *"HAWKEYE."*

CLUBLAND IN COLOGNE.

BRITISH ARMY INSTITUTE N.A.C.B.

It is an imposing building with turrets and battlements, fronting the Rhine near the Hohenzollern Bridge. Gargoyles and numerous shields bearing coats of arms, with the German eagle in the centre are the most striking of exterior decorations.

The memorial stones bear the names and dates: Erbaut 1558-69. Erneut 1900-01.

In front of it are trees and to the right a beer garden with numerous little ables and chairs and an ornamente verandah. There is a band stand in the centre.

It is delightfully cool here and the outlook upon the busy Rhine and wonderful bridge is exceedingly plea ant. There is no wonder that it is a favou ite spot with our men for it is restful and quickens the imagination.

Like all other public buildings it has a number — 33 — and it is known by the name of Stapelhaus. It has three stories; the lower one is the Club and the two upper ones are used as a Natural History museum.

After the boys have enjoyed a quiet rest and refreshment they can proceed to contemplate a really wonderful collection of stuffed animals above.

A fine specimen of a lion guards the entrance and the arrangement of the subjects in the various rooms is perfect. Here you will see groups of animals amongst artificial grass and rocks—wolves, reindeer, wild bears, zebras, elephants, hippotamii and gorillas climbing trees.

The Club proper, is perhaps the most unique of its kind in Cologne. When you enter you are impressed with two things — the great crowd of men and the magnificent rooms.

The huge tea room is like the grand hall of some ancient castle. The windows are of stained glass, the walls are painted with views of Cologne and other subjects.

At one end is a well stocked canteen which equals any display to be found in a huge London store. It pleases the eyes and gives one a thrill of anticipation to see the tiers of tins and fancy boxes. In the centre is a platform for the orchestra and piano.

The writing and reading rooms have vaulted roofs and are decorated in gold and other colours. There is also an excellent room for games with many attractions.

The most ancient part of the building is the housekeeper's room. This dates back over 400 years and is a perfect gem of architecture. Leading from this is an old fashioned staircase which, if you ascend, brings you to a little room previously used by a famous artist.

Here are one or two fine examples of antique furniture and two priceless engravings. The room is not in use and it is a privilege to be allowed to have a peep into it.

The Club is served by an efficient staff of girls whose uniform is a now a familiar sight in the streets of Cologne. When engaged in their duties they wear a most becoming blue overall. They are under the capable management of Mrs McTavish, from bonnie Scottland. The also two men orderlies and four military police engaged on the premises.

A peep into the kitchen is a revelation of how well things are done. Here many dainty dishes are prepared.

The whole club is a busy hive of industry and is spotlessly clean. All the arrangements for the comfort and happiness of the men are well planned and carefully carried out.

That the men are grateful and appreciative is beyond question. The proof is to be seen in the constant crowds ever coming and going. *G. K.*

A CHANCE FOR BRAINS.

To what exteat the war was won by sport and sporting instincts it is impossible to estimate with an exactness that would satisfy a mathematician, but no one can gainsay the fact that numerous lessons inculcated on the playing fields of Britain, and the fine physique derived from healthy, vigorous out-door games and pastimes contributed very largely to our success in the clash of arms.

An opportunity now presents itself for sport taking a leaf from the Army's book. In England for the moment a wordy warfare ensues over the old and embarrassing problem of "off side" play, the high-priest of which, McCracken, the Newcastle United full-back and Captain, with the commendable use of his brains has raised his troublesome but perfectly justifiable tactics to a fine art. He does not always employ them but can do so very effectively with or without provocation.

As a result two hostile camps have been created. On the one hand there are the football enthusiasts who condemn McCracken and his methods, and who suggest the adoption of a three-quarter line, on his own side of which a forward cannot be "off side," or some other alteration of the law. On the other hand there are those who merely recommend present-day forwards to use their brains sufficiently to thwart the high-priest and his followers, there being in their opinion no need for an alteration of the law.

Herein lies the opportunity for a quietly dispassionate study of characteristic Army methods when the enemy sprang upon us some disagreeable innovation. When the gas peril appeared on the Ypres front, there was no hurried meeting of protest in a forward shell-hole. Brains set to work in England as well as in the battle-zone. Gas masks were evolved which in time became one of the most serviceable articles in the British soldier's equipment. The soccer forwards on the playing fields of England must bestir themselves mentally.

It was Aristotle's view that the life of contemplation is higher and more desirable than the life of action. The tactics of McCracken, who seems to combine the two in a very skilful and spirited manner, are surely not so formidable as to defeat the combined brain power of the country's leading football club committees and players. If the one-back professor continues to be unbeatable, room must speedily be found for him in a more exalted sphere of public activity.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

TRAVELLING ON ALLIED RAILWAYS.

Sir,—The reasons why Belgian State Railways should allow British civilians to travel at half fare are not apparent, and the fact that the French Authorities have shown their usual "galanterie" in giving special concessions to officers' wives does not make it incumbent on the Belgians to do so.

It would be bad form, to say the least, to use this French concession as the thin end of the wedge to make the Belgians fall into line.

If "English Lady" had looked about her on her journey through Belgium, she would have noticed the ruined state of that country's permanent ways and bridges and would perhaps have realised how badly the Belgian railways are in need of money.

Are any of our Allies' or even British officers' wives given special concessions on British Railways?

H. W. L.

BOOKING SEATS.

Sir,—To change the subject for a brief spell from soldiers' wives and bachelors' grievances, I should be grateful if some kindly spirit could provide me with a specific for obtaining a respectable seat at the Deutsches Theatre.

At present, if one applies at the Amusements Office or Theatre box-office more than 48 hours before the date required, one is told that tickets are not yet issuable; and, if 47 hours before date, the result is a poor seat.

What remarkable things must happen in that one short hour. One is forced to the conclusion that either the seats are sold on the principle of "first come worst served," or else that the best seats are earmarked days a head.

I have, in common with many others, a great admiration for the Rhine Army Dramatic Society, but, if the present system of booking is the best that can be devised, I would much prefer to "queue up" and take my chance with the crowd, thus getting my deserts. *H.H.T.*

WHY NO CHILDREN?

Sir,—I suppose there is a reason for the refusal of the N.C.O. to allow a child to have tea at the "Ewige Lampe," although it is not apparent at first sight.

Perhaps it is that the authorities fear that as the occupation progresses we shall see babies in arms within the sacred portals of the club.

Here is a tip for the officer in charge. Why not make provisional arrangements for a creche and nursery?

Joking apart, however, I sympathise with Paterfamilias' for I presume that he with his wife desired a cup of refreshing English tea. That is where the German café falls short.

A further suggestion: why not a reading and rest room for officers' wives?

ANOTHER FATHER.

DON'T BE OVERCHARGED.

Sir,—May I make use of your letter column for the purpose of warning the troops here against being overcharged in

From one or two experiences I have had lately it seems to be becoming a practice on the part of waiters and shopkeepers to make a "mistake" to their own advantage in reckoning up, even to the extent of 25 or 30 per cent increase.

They appear to take advantage of Tommy's ignorance of German, but as one of those who knows the language pretty well, I like to know that I am not being overcharged and ask for details when I have reason to think I am, with the above mentioned result.

Tommy unfortunately encourages that sort of thing as he is only too ready to pay what they choose to ask. In dealing with Germans it is not advisable to reckon the value of the mark according to the rate of exchange, but rather as a shilling (its pre-war equivalent) which has depreciated from two to three times as much in value as our own shilling.

We do not want to spoil the Germans too much; they do not understand generous treatment. *WAG.*

CALL FOR ACTION.

Sir,—I notice through the columns of your American contemporary that the authorities in Coblenz are making an example of Germans who are brazen enough to wear goods of military pattern.

Similar action is called for in and around Cologne. Any observant individual will notice khaki shirts and collars of the pattern worn by officers, being worn. Two cases come to mind,—a German wearing khaki breeches with strappings and puttees, and another was to be seen wearing an American tunic without having removed the buttons.

We appreciate the desire to copy us. Instance the tendency to let the hair grow to a respectable length, but the line should be drawn when Germans wear articles of clothing of military pattern.

W. A.

PROSPECTS IN JAPAN.

Sir,—Soon after I am demobilized it is my intention to go to Japan, but before doing so I should like to know something about that country.

Can any of your readers kindly inform me as to the cost of living there, and what opportunities might exist for an Englishman to obtain employment.

EMIGRANT.

TO DAGONET.

In reply to his "Boys On The Rhine."

Ah, Dagonet, you vainly pine
To be at Bingen on the Rhine.
Oh, would that I could drink the wine
In London on the Thames.

The skies at Bingen daily weep,
Guard duty mars my gentle sleep.
No vigil must a fellow keep
In London on the Thames.

By Father Rhine I hate the lyre
I used to strike ere Fortune dire
Enticed me from my blazing fire
In London on the Thames.

Roll on, dear Time, and bring me home
To view once more the misty dome
Of old St. Paul's no more to roam
From London on the Thames.

J. W. O.

MID-WEEK FOOTBALL.

Newcastle United draw with Derby County.

LEAGUE RESULTS.

The following were the results of the league football matches in England on Wednesday:—

First League.

Newcastle 0 Derby Cy 0

Southern League.

Exeter City 0 Brentford 0
Brighton 0 Portsmouth 3

London Challenge Cup—1st Round.

Crystal Palace 5. Leystonstone 0.

LONDON CHALLENGE CUP DRAW.

The draw for the second round ties to be played on Monday, October 6, was made as follows:

Queen's Park Rangers v. West Ham.
Fulham v. Arsenal.
Crystal Palace v. Tottenham Hotspur.
Nunhead v. Chelsea.

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

(By Novo)

Rotherham County consider they have made a valuable discovery in Hedley, the half-back, who has distinguished himself in each of the games so far played.

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R. O. Evans, the old Blackburn Rovers, Coventry City, and Welsh international goal-keeper, has so far recovered that he has taken up refereeing.

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W. Spratt, the Manchester United full-back, who injured his knee while playing for Chelsea last season, and broke down in practice, has been operated upon successfully by a Manchester specialist.

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Swansea Town have signed on W. G. Brown, the old Bristol City inside-right. Brown's signature is rather in the nature of a speculation, for he was very badly wounded in March of last year, and has only played in one game for Queen's Park Rangers since leaving hospital.

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Although the Metropolitan teams generally made a capital start, several of the clubs have thus early struck a bad patch in respect to injuries to players, and in some cases the lack of capable reserves may prove serious.

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Chelsea's troubles began when Dickie, who had been showing magnificent form at centre-half, broke a bone in his wrist. In the next match Browning developed a loose cartilage in the knee, which will probably necessitate an operation, and Halse is at present hobbling about on sticks through a severe kick on the ankle

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The first representative game of the season is due to take place on October 4 at Dublin — though there is a possibil- Belfast — when the Irish League meet the Southern League. The Southern League team will be as follows:—Price (Brentford), Elvey (Luton), A. E. Knight (Portsmouth), F. Gregory (Watford), Mitchell (Queen's Park Rangers), M'Alpine (Millwall), Jefferson (Swindon), Dominy (Southampton), Weir (Swansea), West (Cardiff), and Dixon (Plymouth Argyle).

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There has been much speculation in football circles in Manchester as to which club will secure the services of W. Meredith, for it is generally believed that his association with Manchester United has been definitely severed. The United in fact have practically given up hope of ever being able to persuade him to return, and he has for sometime past been on the open to transfer list. Meredith however strongly objects to any transfer fee being demanded, and I believe he has placed his case before the Football Association. I would not be surprised if he is seen again, very soon, in the colours of his old club—Manchester City.

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Do the Sunderland people expect too much of Buchan? It would appear so as when he fails the whole team seems to fall to pieces. When Buchan is held the whole front line seems to be put of its game. This occurred at Chelsea and again when Sunderland played the Arsenal. The secret of Buchan's success is that the majority of defenders are inclined to back away from him as he advances. This is asking for trouble as Buchan, once on the move, is about as slippery as an eel.

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As the English Press has been devoting so much space recently to McCracken, the Newcastle United full-back and off-side-specialist, perhaps I may be allowed to enlighten my readers on how he came to play the off-side game. Most people are of the opinion that the famous Irish International is the originator of these wily schemes. However I believe it was Notts County who first introduced scientific offside tactics, and Newcastle took up the same game, after having suffered severely at the hands of the County defenders. Peter M'William and Colin Veitch, Newcastle's international halves then persevered with the theory, which they perfected, and, what is more, McCracken for a considerable time took badly to the new tactics. However he is now a pastmaster of the offside game and at the present day there is'nt a back to equal the United skipper.

Two Casualties.

Tufnell Park were unlucky in their tie with West Ham United. Within 15 minutes of the start W. Hawkins, one of their forwards, sprained his knee, and 20 minutes before the close C. Hannaford sprained his ankle.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Friday, September 26th, 1919.

Surface wind between west and south west, 10 to 15 m. p. h., fair, mild day with good visibility except in the early morning.

BOXING FOR BOYS.

Amateur Association's Highly Promising Scheme.

School boxing, as apart from public school boxing, has always suffered from a certain lack of organisation, and it is good news therefore to learn that the Amateur Boxing Association has definitely taken the matter in hand, and is coming forward with what seems a highly promising scheme.

The A.B.A. will hold championships this winter open to boys at schools in England, Scotland, and Wales, at weights ranging from 6st. and under, to more than 10st. 8lbs., the contests to be over three rounds.

Eliminating competitions will take place in various districts within the jurisdiction of the local centres of the association. The winners and runners-up in these competitions will be eligible to compete for the divisional schools championships of London, South of England, Midlands, North, Scottish, and Welsh local associations.

Winners and runners-up in the divisional championships will in turn qualify for the A.B.A. schools championships, which will be held in London next January, the date and place having yet to be fixed.

FOOTBALL GROUNDS.

Arsenal Chairman Discusses Ideal Enclosure.

As already announced, arrangements have been made to publish a series of articles on the ever interesting subject of football, written by leading authorities on the great game.

The first of these, entitled "What makes a good Football Ground?" by Col. Sir Henry S. Norris, M. P., chairman of the Woolwich Arsenal Football Club and late director of Fulham, will appear on Saturday.

Those who are interested in the controversy anent the improvement of accommodation for football spectators will enjoy reading the original views on the matter which Sir Henry reveals in the course of his brightly written article.

WILSON AND MIDDLESBORO.

Reported Signature.

W. Le C. writes as follows:—

"Information reaches me from a generally well-informed source that Andrew Wilson has signed for Middlesboro. The breach would thus appear to have been healed and I believe an official statement will be issued in a few days.

"If my informant is correct Middlesboro will have three star centres, Elliot, Butler and Wilson, and the disturbing query arises as to who will be dropped. It is certain it won't be the last."

3rd. M.G.C. v. 9th D.L.I. (Pioneers.)

Gunners Score the Only Goal Just Before Time.

As neither the Gunners nor the Pioneers have a football ground, this match was played on the ground of the 20th Bn. the game was very evenly fought out. The defences of both teams being very reliable, but the D.L.I. were the hardest pressed. O'Neil, in goal, proved very steady, while Shepard was a little the better of the D.L.I. backs.

The play in the second half was very much a repetition of the first, except that the D.L.I. with the help of the slope, did most of the attacking, but the inside forwards lacked finish. The two wing men, Buckle and Reynolds both did well, while Hogg the D.L.I. centre-half played a very strong game throughout. Result:—3rd. Bn. M.G.C. 1. 9th Bn. D.L.I. 0.

On Friday afternoon next the 9th D.L.I. will be opposed to the Royal Engineers, Southern Division, in the 2nd. round of the Y.M.C.A. (Kalk) Shield at Riehl.

C 187 BDE. R.F.A. v. A/187 BDE. R.F.A.

This Inter-Battery match was played at Eil on Monday night. Right from the start to the finish the game was played at a fast pace, and the "duels" between both defences and sets of forwards was quite exciting to watch, but although the "A" Battery forwards snatched the victory by one goal through an unlucky misunderstanding on the part of the visiting team's defence it was the general opinion that on the run of the play the visiting team ("C" Battery) deserved to have won, as besides having most of the game they were superior in combination and a better balanced team. It was also good to hear the amusing "chaff" and jokes passed between both sets of supporters. The referee is to be complimented for the way in which he conducted the game.

OLYMPIC GAMES.

To Be Revived At Antwerp Next Year.

BRITISH COMPETITORS.

The Olympic Games are to be revived at Antwerp next year, and to them Belgium has extended a cordial and pressing invitation to all our athletes. This invitation was accepted on their behalf at a meeting of the British Olympic Council, of which Lord Downham was unanimously offered and accepted the position of chairman. To this meeting came representatives of the governing bodies responsible for the conduct and development of athletics, boxing, fencing, gymnastics, claybird shooting, football, lawn tennis, wrestling, and cycling. Major Clarke, Chief Inspector of Gymnastics, Royal Air Force, and an inspector of Army physical training were also present.

A special "competitions committee" was appointed, whose first duty will be to co-ordinate the criticisms of the different governing bodies of sport on the tentative programme issued in May last—and to make a report to be submitted to the Belgian Olympic Committee.

The definite programme will be communicated to the Press as soon as it is received from the Belgian Olympic Committee. The Finance Committee of the Council was instructed to draw up estimates for the current year, and to formulate a scheme for securing the necessary funds.

France, America, Italy, Holland, Denmark, and Sweden have already agreed to send competitors. Athletes from Germany, Austria, Hungary, Turkey, and Bulgaria will not be allowed to take part in these games.

ARMY FOOTBALL.

Revised List of Fixtures for Coming Season.

The following is the revised list of fixtures arranged by the Army Football Association through its energetic honorary secretary, Brigadier-General Kentish, C.M.G., D.S.O.:—

Oct. 22, v. Chelsea, at Aldershot; Oct. 25, v. Cambridge University, at Cambridge.

Nov. 5, v. R.M.C., Sandhurst, at Aldershot; Nov. 92, v. Oxford University, at Oxford.

Dec. 27, v. Corinthians, at Aldershot.

Jan. 17, v. Royal Air Force, at Queen's Club.

Feb. 11, v. R.M.A., Woolwich, at Woolwich; Feb. 14, v. Corinthians, at Queen's Club; Feb. 28, v. R.N. and R.M.F.A., at Aldershot.

Mar. 3 v. Swindon, at Aldershot.

The dates of the Army F.A. Cupties are as follows:—First round, November 15; second round, December 13; third round, January 31; fourth round, February 21; fifth round, March 6; semi-finals, March 20; final, Easter Monday, April 5.

The winners will meet the winners of the Navy Cup on April 14 or April 17 on the Navy ground.

STYMIE TO REMAIN.

At the meeting of the Royal and Ancient Club of St Andrews, the Rules of Golf Committee announced that they had no intention of making the hole bigger or of removing the fun and the skill which the stymie provided.

With regard to the standardisation of the ball, the committee proposed to consult the U.S. Golf Association and other interested bodies before submitting a definite proposal.

£590 GOLF TOURNAMENT.

The Scottish section of the Professional Golfers' Association held a thirty-six-hole stroke competition on the Bruntsfield Links Club's course, near Edinburgh, the five leaders qualifying for the final stages of the £590 tournament at Walton Heath on September 29 and following days.

The first four were Tom Fernie (Turnberry) 141, W. Thomson (North Berwick) 142, L.B. Ayton (St. Andrews) 146, and J. Soutter (Edinburgh) 147, while A. Butchart (Kilmarnock) and A. Marling (Aberdeen) tied at 149 for the last place.

GOLF AT RODENKIRCHEN.

Ladies will play on the course after 3.30 p.m.

He: Let's have a two-some.
She: What do you mean?
He: I should say, a match.
She: But the stymies?
He: We'll get over them.
She: And the bunkers?
He: We'll get out of them.
She: And the rough?
He: There's a fair way, too.
She: It's a long round.
He: For all our lives.
She: All our lives?
He: Yes, if it's a match.
She: A two-some!

HENDON TOURNEY.

N. Mishu In Fine Form: 4th Round Entered.

Some interesting play was seen at Hendon in the second day's play of the London Flying Club's tournament.

Mr. N. Mishu entered the fourth round at the expense of Mr. P. F. Glover, a naval player, playing some beautiful shots.

Mrs. Larcombe and Miss Ryan had easy wins, but Miss Holman had to fight hard against Mrs. O Neill. Results:

Men's Open Singles.

Third Round: Mr. N. Mishu beat Mr. P. F. Glover, 6—0, 6—3.

Women's Open Singles.

Second Round: Mrs. Larcombe beat Miss A. L. Leete, 6—2, 6—1; Miss C. Arnholz beat Miss G. A. Gilbert, 6—1, 6—4; Hon. Mrs. Creston beat Miss N. B. Palmer, 8—6 6—2; Miss Ryan beat Miss M. Preece 6—4, 6—0.

Men's Open Doubles.

Second Round: Mr. S. P. J. Merlin and Mr. L. T. Gooding beat Mr. H. W. Peterson and Mr. J. B. Brinkley, 6—4, 6—2.

Women's Open Doubles.

Second Round: Miss K. McKane and, Miss "St. George" beat Mrs. E. M. Lushington and Miss Baynton, 6—0, 6—0.

Open Mixed Doubles.

First Round: Capt. P. O'Hara Wood and Mrs. Larcombe beat Mr. S. C. Wu and Mrs. Gordon Lowe, 6—1, 6—0; Mr. S. N. Doust and Miss Ryan beat Mr. C. Grahame White and Miss A. L. Lister, 6—2, 6—1; Mr. W. Powell and Mrs. Curgenven beat Capt. Southgate and Mrs. Southgate, 6—2, 6—3.

BRILLIANT FOOTBALL.

Former Arsenal Player in Rhineland.

A very interesting Inter-Division Football match took place at Haus Garath (H.Q. Light D.A's. Ground) on Monday, between H.Q. Light Divisional Artillery and A 246th Battery R.F.A. Much brilliant football and headwork was effected by both sides and in spite of the fact that the H.Q. team had both sun and wind against them, they managed to obtain two goals to their credit before the whistle blew for half time. During the second half, the Battery seemed to shake off their lethargy and played a very fast and furious game, battering the H.Q's goalmouth unmercifully. Eventually they managed to obtain a goal, the result of a splendid shot by Dempsey (late Woolwich Arsenal). This was quickly followed by three more. The H.Q. strived very hard to score, but unfortunately both the Staff Captain and Gr. Leader were put out of action early in the second half. The result of the match was 4-2 for the Battery.

"C" BATTERY, 187 BDE. R.F.A. v. 12th SQUADRON R.A.F.

This match was played on the Battery ground at Osthnim on Sunday last and owing to the keen rivalry which exists between these two branches of the Army a good exhilarating game resulted. It [illegible] on in the game before the all deciding goal was scored, and that was secured by Cpl. Leete with a beautiful long shot. Though the R.F.A. tried hard to score towards the end (and there were several exciting incidents) the R.F.A. retired winners of a good game by one goal to nil.

NO 3 v. NO 2 COY. LANCS. DIV. TRAIN.

Teams representing the above Companies met on the ground of the former on Tuesday. The visiting team showed marked superiority throughout and emerged winners by four goals to nothing. The home team were never allowed to become dangerous all their attacks being easily broken up by No 2 Coy.'s half backs and backs.

For No 2 Coy. C. S. M. Davies added to his reputation as a goal scoring centre forward by notching three goals, Keegan at inside left being responsible for number four with a shot which gave the home goalkeeper no chance. Thornton at centre half proved his worth for the visitors. The home goalkeeper was in good form and had no chance with any of the goals scored against his team.

Corporation Ground.

Neath Corporation has acquired, at a cost of £6,500, 11½ acres of the Gnoll Park Estate for an athletic ground and park. Part of it is now the Neath Rugby football ground.

PARENTS
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W'HAMPTON WINNERS.

Old Chris and Device Win for Kingsclere.

DUKE OF PORTLAND'S SUCCESS.

The Wolverhampton Meeting closed in quieter style than was the case with the opening day, which was punctuated with dead-heats. A feature was two wins for Kingsclere, the winners being Old Chris (in the Nursery) and Device (in the Stanton Plate), in the Duke of Portland's colours. Considering his very fair record and his low weight, Old Chris started at an excellent price, but a shade of odds had to be betted on Device to account for a moderate opposition in a mile race.

Result:

Bunbury H'Cap.—Anisette (3-1, K. Robertson), 1; Nachdorne (11-8), 2; Red Tartan (5-2), 3

Shrewsbury Plate.—Needlecraft (4—11, Whatley), 1; Jack's Lass (1 0-6), 2; Belovar (3-1), 3.

Newport Nursery.—Old Chris (5-1, Robbins), 1; The Drummer (5 1), 2; Light Blue (6-1), 3.

Oxley H'Cap.—Miss Cheek (3-1, V. Smyth), 1; Pickny (8-11), 2; Exiorn (6 4), 3.

Stanton Plate.—Device (5-6, Piper), 1; Redouble (8-1), 2; Zized (13-8) 3.

Corinthian Plate.—Daybreak (13-8, Mr. Roberts), 1; Walton Heath (8-1), 2; Trench Warfare (13-8), 3.

IRISH ST. LEGER.

Cheap Popularity wins the Race by 12 Lengths.

The following were the results of the Irish St. Leger at the Curragh on Wednesday:—

1. Cheap Popularity (3—1);
2. Kilkerley (5—2);
3. Ballyeaston (6—4).

Cheap Popularity won by 12 lengths: half a length separated the second and third.

LONDON BETTING.

Cesarewitch Stakes.

(Run Wednesday, Oct. 15. Two miles and a quarter.)

100 to 9 agst Gay Lord, 3, 7 (t and o)... Cottrill
100 — 7 — Alasnam, 3, 6 (o after 100 to 6 t) .....R. Day
20 — 1 — Happy Man, 3, 7 2 (t and o) Hogg
25 — 1 — Golden Melody, 6, 6 3 (t).. Gore

Cambridgeshire Stakes.

(Run Oct. 29. One mile one furlong.)

100 to 8 agst Zinovia, 4, 8 11 (t and o).. Hunt
20 — 1 — Tetrarchia, 3, 7 1 (t) Nugent

AMATEUR FOOTBALL.

Outstanding Elevens in the Leading Leagues.

With the amateur teams rapidly settling down, it is now possible to form a reliable estimate of their capabilities. In the Isthmian League Tufnell Park appear to have the most consistent eleven. In their first three away matches they have gained five points, and the play of the forwards against Woking was excellent. The next best side to Tufnell Park is Dulwich Hamlet, who lost unluckily to London Caledonians.

London Caledonians are rebuilding a resolute team, with weight in defence and speed in attack. Clapton, the Amateur Cup-holders, on their display against Ilford are another dangerous side.

In the Athenian League Summerstown, on their showing against Cheshunt, have a chance for the championship. Bromley, with three successive victories, are another good combination. Luton Clarence are playing fast bustling football and Hampstead Town, having won their first League victory, are carefully rebuilding a strong side with capital new defenders.

SHARPSHOOTERS.

Kitchen (Sheffield United), Lane (Blackpool), and Broad (Millwall) have each scored nine goals this season. Kitchen, who did the hat trick on Saturday against Middlesbrough, remains at the head of the First League scorers, being one in front of Joe Smith (Bolton Wanderers) and two ahead of Buchan (Sunderland), both of whom netted twice on Saturday. Smith has registered all his eight goals since September 11.

Lane, Blackpool's centre forward, strengthened his position at the head of affairs in the Second League by scoring twice on Saturday, and is followed by Cock (Fulham) with seven goals. Millard (Birmingham), Bliss (Tottenham), and McLeod (Leeds City) have each scored six times.

In the Southern League, Broad, of Millwall, is still three ahead of Boyne, of Brentford, who has now six goals to his credit. Both players scored their side's only goal on Saturday.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Boots Taboo.

It has been decided that from October 11th, no boots of any kind will be allowed on the ball-room floor of the Leave Club. Members coming to the dances must either bring their own shoes or change into those provided by the Club. Owing to the wet weather, damp and muddy boots on the floor spoil it for dancing.

Male Voice Choral Society.

This Society resumes rehearsals on Monday, at 5.45 p.m., in the Lecture Room, on the first floor of the Soldiers' Club in Antoniter Strasse. Rehearsals will take place each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Membership is open to any officer, N.C.O. or man possessing a voice of reasonable quality and ability to read simple music at sight.

Mixed Whist Drive.

"A very pleasant evening was spent on Tuesday at No. 2 G.H.Q., W.O. and Sgts. Mess. Commencing at 7 p.m. a mixed Whist Drive occupied most of the evening and during the supper interval Sgt. Jones and a piano produced some fine musical selections assisted by some "Jazz" (?) effects by S.S.M's. Early and Jarvis. Play was resumed afterwards and ended at 9.30 p.m. An prompt dance was then arranged in which all joined, the fun ending at 11 p.m.

The Prize Winners.

Ladies:—1st Mrs. Harrison, 2nd Mrs. Cook, sealed No. C.S.L. Anderson, W.R.A.F. Gents: 1st S.S.M. Crooke, 2nd S.S.M. Pelgate, sealed No. B.S.M. Watson. There were two aspirants for the booby prize, viz,—Mrs. Stockley and Sgt. Davies. In the cut Mrs. Stockley won and was rewarded with "a tin of sardines." Great credit is due to the entertainments committee under S.S.M. Carr, R.E. for a splendid turn out and it is hoped that this is only one of many happy evenings.

A Child Dancer.

In the course of an excellent concert, in the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. by Miss May Joseph's Company, several classical dances were performed by Florence Bayfield, who gave the 1500 soldiers in the Great Hall a novel entertainment which elicited hearty demonstrations of delight. The vocal and instrumental pieces were all of exceptional merit and the recitalist was one of the best that I have heard in Cologne. Miss May Joseph is to be congratulated upon her very strong Company.

Another Y.M.C.A. Venture.

Miss Dorothy Nash, who is a member of the staff of the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. is already known in Cologne as an accomplished pianist. From a notice of a concert that is to be given in the Loreley Hall, I learn that Miss Nash is also a composer, and that, assisted by a violinist and a vocalist she will gave a pianoforte recital entirely of her own music at the Central on Monday next at 7 o'clock. This will probably be the first time such a recital has been given in the Rhine Army and so unique an occasion should attract to the recital all in Cologne, who are interested in music.

Leave Club Programme.

On Sunday, September 28th, the Rev. C. E. Wheeler will hold a chat in the Writing Room from 5 to 6 p.m. and at 6.30 there will be a concert by the Band of the Inniskilling Dragoons. Major Greenlees and Sgt. Ward have kindly consented to sing. There will be an impromptu concert from 5 to 6 p.m. on Monday, September 29th followed by a practice dance in the Theatre at 6.30 p.m. A dancing class will be given on Tuesday, September 30th, from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Theatre and an impromptu concert will take place at the same hour in the Music Room. At 7 p.m. the Fragments Concert Party will give a performance in the Theatre.

In Few Words.

I hear that the Opera House re-opens tonight with a performance of "Tosca."

The members of the "Jesters" variety company, who are attracting packed houses at the Palace Theatre, Cologne, this week had an enjoyable river trip yesterday.

Sergts. Short Large and Trim (the first two are the artistes correct names) well known members of the "Pedlars" Concert Party are about to leave for England. They will be badly missed, particularly by "Bonnites."

A facetious correspondent asks if it is true that with the concluding performance of "Damaged Goods" by the R.A.D.C., Cologne will cease the reek of iodoform.

JACQUES.

OLD SCOUTS' CORNER.

On Wednesday a very pleasant evening was spent at Lindenthal Y.M.C.A. by the above circle. Demobilization has deprived us of yet another Leader, Lt. Charters having left this week for home. On Saturday we have been invited to an Amateur Art and Photographic Exhibition at the Y.M.C.A., Lindenthal, organised by Mr. E. F. Carver, Librarian, VI Corps Y.M.C.A., to be followed by tea and Folk dancing. All old scouts will be welcome and are specially invited by Mr. Carver.

There must be a number of members of the Boy Scouts Association with the Army of the Rhine, and we shall be pleased to see them along at any of our meetings and assure them a "Scouty" time.

Full particulars can be had from the Secretary 315,869 Dr. G. Butler, 573 Army Troops Coy., R. E. Cologne.

"Jock" Simpson Retiring.

The famous Blackburn Rovers' forward, John Simpson, has been ordered by his doctor to give up football. He has just returned from Harrogate Spa, where he has been undergoing medical treatment.

No Opposition.

Lady Torrington's Rich Gift, conceding 27lb, and Brigadier-General Lambton's Paliene had the Autumn Handicap at Wolverhampton very much to themselves. They were not bothered by any opposition.

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SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

"Barracking" Sequel.

"Barracking" has been too prevalent at Upton Park recently, and the West Ham committee are taking action to stamp out the practice.

A Modest Meeting.

Wolverhampton is run upon modest lines and makes no appeal to classic horses, but even their poor relations will on occasion provide capital entertainment.

Old Order Reversed.

The sudden reversal of the old order which finds Vardon, Braid, and Taylor with their backs to the wall and the younger players attacking triumphantly seems to have given a new interest to professional golf.

Unlucky Orient.

Clapton Orient were distinctly unfortunate to lose to Chelsea at Stamford Bridge by two goals to one. Their forwards did almost as much of the attacking as the Chelsea front line, and twice as much of the shooting.

An All-Round Cricketer.

Kent relied to a very large extent on Woolley, who may fairly rank as the best all round cricketer in England, for in addition to his batting he is an extremely good field anywhere, excelling particularly in the slips and at short leg. —Correspondent in the "Times."

Heavy Toll.

Mid-Surrey Hockey Club will open their season on September 27 on their old ground at Richmond. They have lost many of their players in the war.

Off to S.A.

Australian I. F. Cricketers embarked on Tuesday for South Africa, for a short tour there on their homeward journey.

Everton Going Through It.

West Bromwich have been doing so well that their victory over Everton was not surprising. The extent of it, however, was startling; nine goals they have chalked up against the champions in eight days.

"I Can't Putt."

Mingling with famous golfers—amateur and professional—this season, one is struck by a confession in which they are unanimous. "I'm all right up to the green, but I can't putt," is their melancholy declaration.

Light Blue Rugby Prospects.

Some 6,000 men are expected to be in residence at Cambridge this term, which commences in October, and among them there are sure to be many fine Rugby players, especially as this entry will include the public school players of the past five seasons.

Dainty Passe.

White's dainty passes to Cook and McDonald brought out some of the best work of these young players at Fulham on Saturday.

Brighton's Unerring "Bullet."

A feature of Brighton football this season has been the remarkable form displayed by "Bullet" Jones at inside-right.

Haphazard Opening.

The Rugby season has begun in the usual haphazard fashion. Some of the provincial clubs have already played several matches, while the London organisations are still concerned with trial games and the selection of teams.

Wedlock Still a Power.

Bristol City's six to nil victory over Lincoln gives them a remarkable goal average. No player has had a bigger share in their success than Wedlock, their International captain, who was absolutely confounded.

Ex-Amateur Champion.

A few seasons ago Alec Lambert, the ex-amateur champion, was in the front rank of feather-weights. In fact, he competed, though unsuccessfully, for a Lonsdale belt. Lambert engaged at The Ring on Saturday night in a contest with Jack Josephs, of Pontypridd, and was defeated.

Benefit Of Hurdling.

Curiously enough, Svindune was a "soft" animal at one time, but a course of hurdling seems to have instilled more confidence into him.

Consul as Footballer.

The well-known Welsh Rugby footballer, Mr. Percy Bush, has been elected captain of the Stade Nantais Football Club. Mr. Bush is British Consul at Nantes.

Women's Golf.

The entry for the women's open golf championship, wich will be revived on the Burnham and Berrow links, Somerset on October 6 and following days, is in some respects the most interesting in the history of the event.

Sprained His Wrist.

Having sprained his wrist, Jack White (Sunningdale) was unable to take part in the Tom Ball memorial tournament at Raynes Park on Wednesday and his place was taken by Rowland Jones (Wimbledon Park).

The Autumn Handicaps.

It is rarely that we have so many doubts about prominent Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire horses at this late stage. Few people can mention with any inspiration half a dozen horses of note in either race which are sure to see the post and remain unpenalised.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Marriages with Germans.

Supplementing our recent note written after enquiry of the Cologne Cathedral clergy, the War Office has issued the following further denial of the statements, which have recently appeared in the press to the effect that it is "quite a common thing to see British soldiers marrying German girls," and a Leeds soldier in particular being said to have declared that "he went to Cologne Cathedral and there saw twenty-three British soldiers being married to German women." In response to an enquiry by the War Office as to the truth of these statements, the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Army of the Rhine, has replied as follows: "Report absolutely untrue. No marriages between British soldiers and Germans have taken place in the occupied territory as far as can be ascertained after interrogation of the German authorities. Request that steps may be taken to prevent such entirely false statements appearing in the Press, which cause great annoyance to troops here."

The Circular Route.

A Lance Corporal a day or two ago arrived in Cologne from leave and solemnly hoisted himself and his appurtenances on to a four-in-hand near the station. The vehicle "did" the sights of the town and returned, much to the amazement of the N.C.O. who, deceived by the address of the owner on the footboard, believed he was being driven to Wann.

Tramway Indicators.

Regarding a recent paragraph on the subject of tramway direction boards in Germany, a correspondent points out that at all the principal tram stopping places in the big towns these boards, in addition to indicating the routes and numbers of the trams that pass, supply information as to the times of the first and last trams running each day.

Tommy as Guardian.

Each evening you will find him there. He is not a soldier in the strict military sense of the word, although doubtless he has done his bit. One can picture him more as a father seated in a small English back garden a host to several tiny tots, enjoying their pranks. Evening after evening he now acts as host to a party of German children, yet one would not suggest that his patriotism suffers thereby. It would be a pity to locate him, although many of our readers who pass through that open space will have noticed him the centre of a merry party, seated on a stone balustrade often with a flaxen haired baby seated on his knee, Banbury cock-horse fashion. Around him are usually half a dozen youngsters. Just how they make themselves understood we do not know, but sufficient that he is foster father, friend and playmate, who revels in their fun,—just a big, warm-hearted Tommy.

Gender.

One of the greatest difficulties of the German language is the question of gender. For instance it is not very easy for the learner to grasp the fact that only marriage makes a woman a real female; das Mädchen and das Fräulein being both neuter gender and become feminine—die Frau—only when married. Of course we remember having heard that the German Minister of the Interior declared in a special order that a Fräulein may call herself Frau without being married, but perhaps this was only when she has reached a certain age.

Prosperous Newsvendors.

The great strides made in the newsvending business in the occupied area since the arrival of the British Army are apparent everywhere. The headway made by the vendor of reading matter outside the N.A.C.B. Officers' Club, for instance, is remarkable. Commencing activities on March 31st (when the "Cologne Post" made its bow to the world) with a dozen or so copies of this journal for disposal, a woman possessed of a keen eye to business has steadily added variety to her wares until her stand now resembles a Smith's bookstall. Newspapers, books and magazines of quite recent date are exhibited in large numbers and bought to the extent of several hundreds a day by officers passing in and out of the club.

The Language Bogey.

A lot of people seem to have "the wind up" about the German as a linguist. Granted that many citizens of Cologne speak good English, but when it comes to writing English or reading one of our newspapers, they are—the majority at any rate— out of action. Look at the announcements in English to be seen in the windows of so many city establishments Comparatively few are grammatically correct though the words are invariably simple enough in all conscience.

The Family List.

According to regulations there has to be a list with full particulars of the inhabitants of the house fixed on every entrance door in Cologne. Most of these lists are no longer correct as all the inhabitants have grown older since they were made, but women and girls refuse to change the age which appears on the list. Young men who call upon a family for the first time never fail to consult the list before entering.

Re-echoes.

Any British or Allied ladies wishing to use Officers' Clubs must either wear uniform or an official armlet.

No officer or other rank is allowed to belong to more than one War Savings Association operating in the Rhine Army.

A Rhineland doctor, writing in a German newspaper, says that the way a man's clothes hang from his shoulders is as sure an indication of the state of his health as that supplied by the amount of rust there is on the bunch of keys he carries.

During Marshal Joffre's inspection of the troops on Wednesday in Cologne, a German in uniform apparently anxious lest he should not do the correct thing, was observed to remain at the salute throughout the whole proceedings.

Owing to the coal shortage, it is proposed to limit the hours of cooking in Euskirchen restaurants to a very brief spell each day.

The wet state of the road at the top of Hohestrasse yesterday caused a motor cyclist to skid completely round and dash into the shop door of a jeweller's. No one was hurt.

Since May 1st War Savings Certificates to the value of over £55,000 have been sold in the Rhine Army.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's winners are Bdr. C. R. Sensier, R.G.A. c/o, I.Q.M.G., Services G.H.Q., Rhine Army, and Pte. C.W. Lee, R.M.L.I., Rhine Flotilla, Cologne.

NOTES FROM LONDON TOWN.

PACING THE DECKS OF THE TUBE.

What London people call "exercise" arouses pity, amusement, or contempt in visitors from the open country. "I met a man who was pacing up and down on a Tube platform the other day," writes a correspondent. "He told me he was taking exercise. Past the crowd in the middle of the platform he rushed until he reached a comparatively clear space at the lower end, where he raced to and fro with astonishing speed. Presently three other men and two women sought that end of the platform and joined him in his frenzied rush. 'I must get some exercise,' he said, when I expressed astonishment at his remarkable behaviour. Exercise! Good heavens! Exercise in that stuffy hole, where fresh air and sunshine can never penetrate!"

LONDON'S HILLS.

Many people, not over-observant, imagine Central London, with the exception, perhaps, of Ludgate-hill, to be a place of perfectly level streets. Any horse could undeceive them, especially during and since the war, when most vans and drays have been shamefully overladen. One is reminded of this because of the sign which the National Equine Defence League has just set up at the bottom of John-street, in the Adelphi asking all drivers of horse-drawn vehicles to avoid the streets in that neighbourhood. John-street itself, which runs down to Villiers-street, is probably the steepest short hill in Central London. But there are plenty of long and trying slopes elsewhere in the town which, when covered with traffic, are not very apparent to foot passengers.

THE LEAST VISITED MUSEUM.

There is at least one museum in London which probably has fewer visitors than the Guildhall, and that is the Geological Museum, in Jermyn-street. Most Londoners don't even know of its existence, which, perhaps, is not surprising. You may go there and often have practically the whole place to yourself, with many admirable specimens before your eyes and a mass of information at your disposal. To one class, at any rate, the Geological Museum has been of value—mining engineers.

THE LAST POST.

The mystery of a pillar-box is the latest London sensation. A hooded van pulled up in Fleet-street, and then backed up against a receptacle for letters. A minute later five hefty workmen had dismounted from the van and were surveying their prey with critical eyes. Satisfied that they could manage the job, they extracted tools from the van. In turns they delved until the base of the pillarbox was laid bare. "Heave!" shouted the foreman—and with one accord they all hove. Plonk went the pillar-box in the gutter. The hefty workmen smiled and the crowd burst forth into an encouraging cheer. It was a tedious business. Four of the men hauled and pushed; the other shovelled stone and earth beneath the base in order to retain the advantage gained. At last the job was completed, and the crimson trophy lay securely in the van. Then the van drove away. And now the question is: Has the Postmaster-General missed a pillar-box lately?

LONDON "UP"

London at the present time is in the hands of the repairers and is undergoing a kind of soleing-and-heeling operation before the winter comes. The streets everywhere are "up", and both in City and suburbs one encounters brigades of brawny men wielding picks and shovels, brewing tar, stacking pyramids of wooden blocks, or mixing mysterious compounds of sand and cement. Roads are like human beings. They cannot go on for ever. They require to be periodically overhauled, but in a city like London the process of repairing is not only costly, but it holds up and delays traffic until it becomes almost a public nuisance. Thousands of people turn up to shop or office late. Employers look angry, feel angry, but they cannot say anything.

THE PREMIER IN HOLBORN.

How many people have noticed, one wonders, that in Holborn, in full view of every passer-by, there is a life-like representation in stone of Mr. Lloyd George as he appeared some 10 or 15 years ago? Over the entrance porch of the derelict Inns of Court Hotel is a strange medley, from some mid-Victorian sculptor's studio, showing a male and female figure, half-draped, reclining against a shield, the meaning of which is not quite clear. The figures are not classical in pose, expression, or execution. But the likeness of the man to Mr. Lloyd George is so remarkable that it cannot fail to strike anyone who troubles to glance up at it in passing.

INDIANS SHOPPING.

The Indians have gone from Hampton Court, and with them goes a good deal of the picturesqueness of London shopping, for they were great patrons of the shops and very good customers, since what was bought by one was generally bought by others. Among the little fancies of the warriors was one for spectacles in gold rims, and one stalwart soldier was a good deal put out when he was told that his eyesight was still so perfect that he had no possible use for spectacles. However, he was not to be beaten, and went off happy with a pair—with plain glass for the lenses.

VANITY FAIR.

A Feature for the British Woman in Rhineland.

Fashions in Furs.

To delay any longer the duty of making the most of the furs in possession would be sheer foolishness as well as false economy. Peltry will be very costly again this winter, therefore all that is available already should, if necessary, be submitted to an expert for renovation and remodelling, or be dealt with at home. A big flat scarf or blanket, just large enough to cover the back and to be caught together below the chin by leather thongs or the limbs of the animal, is the barbaric fancy of the moment. An ordinary stole that has been in wear in the past, if split, can be made to simulate the shape, particularly if it be long and wide, while if it be fur on both sides the possibilities are made still brighter.

Expensive Peltry.

We are to see fur capes and mantles this autumn and winter in such peltry as sable-dyed squirrel, mole, seal musquash, Persian lamb, and mink. Mole will be highly favoured and its graceful appearance is undoubted. It tones in exquisitely with a grey frock and hat and is suitable for any occasion. It is not inexpensive—what fur is?—particularly when allied, as I have seen it, with skunk, costing for a cover-all cape over a hundred guineas, or with beaver eighty-nine guineas. But, of course, it can be used less profusely. A cape of grey satin with barrel bands of mole from collar to hem would be exquisite, and in proportion to the economy with which the fur was used the cost would decrease.

That Hat.

We all know the Cinema hat. Many of us have sat behind it. After all, it is a very real grievance. The cinema is among the most popular of modern recreations. Seats are not so cheap that the average patron of the "movies" cares to chance his luck whether he sees the screen or not. Nor are they, in these crowded times, so easily changed as to solve the difficulty that way. It is significant that the most outspoken protest against the selfishness and thoughtlessness of some women come from other women. If nothing can touch the conscience of the over-decorated sisterhood, we hope that cinema authorities themselves will do something practical and prompt for the removal of the obstructive headgear. They can bank on general support.

Paris Craze for Rings.

The smart Parisienne must possess now a ring for almost every occasion, and with the new fashion of entirely naked arms and hands a new importance attaches to the rings and bracelets worn by the smart woman. Supple gold serpents coil round supple white arms, bands of platinum encrusted with precious stones glitter on the skin, and finely-chiselled chains are greatly in vogue. If the arms are adorned the hands must be in keeping, and now more than ever are numerous rings worn on both hands. The general taste, however, among smart people is for more or less ancient rings. The eighteenth century style of wide enamelled rings with big emeralds, blood-red rubies, and long opals is much in favour. In fact, there is what is more or less a passing craze for the famous Venetian "rings of death."

New Wrap Coats.

Hints from the weather that autumn is on the wing warn us that the subject of the wrap coat must have immediate attention. Charming are the new designs in wraps. Most of them have something of a borrowed grace due to the recent popularity of the cavalier cape and thus we find sleeves that really only consist of the cleverly attached folds of a circular model, or are diminutive enough to be scarcely more than extra large cuffs on the arm slit. Even when of longer dimensions, they spring from very near the waist line. The huge collar is another marked feature. The longer waist line is distinctly noticeable where the Magyar influence is not so much in evidence, and belts and pockets seem a matter of personal liking or convenience. Two-colour schemes are much to the fore, grey and that copper tomato tint being almost tiresomely insistant.

Evening Wrap Models.

There is a decided feeling for the cavalier cape in evening wrap models, the long arm slit being noticeable, but, following otherwise in the way of their daytime prototypes, they yield to the egg or barrel shape for general outline. A lovely design seen the other day, and which possessed the attraction of being suitable for day or evening wear, was realised in bronze green duvetyn with very short, wide sleeves emerging at the waist line. Another, of rather less ample proportions, had a tracing of vivid blue and gold threads encircling its sapphire velvet folds hip high and so suggesting a greater width than it actually possessed. The collar that is really a small cape covering the line of the shoulders is well established, and ostrich feather and fringe trimmings retain a hold on the modes of the moment.

AGNES.

HOUSING EMBARRASSMENTS.

We are told that one reason why the housing problem does not solve itself quite so helpfully as most social vexations are wont to do is because there is no prospect of furnishing a house when you get one. At many of our once most popular East Coast resorts the congestion has this summer been "summat awful." And the fact that so many people found it difficult, if not impossible, to get reasonable accommodation was not sugar-coated by the other fact that there are so many houses standing empty. When the East Coast became an unhealthy area during the war, there was a general exodus. Only the veteran seaside boarding-house keeper in most cases gallantly "stuck it out." And there are now at most of the East Coast resorts big houses for which there would be a great and eager demand, but for the fact that none of the people who would gladly take them over could hope to make the investment pay at present prices for furnishing. The same applies to many big houses in the West End, which have been vacated by their former tenants, who have helped incidentally to make congestion worse congested by going into small houses in the suburbs or into a flat in town. Once we can burst the bubble of inflated prices anywhere, the rest will follow.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

The Only One.—Exeter's only centenarian has died aged 100.

Full up.—Except for carpenters, cooks, and clerks, the R.A.F. is full up.

On Hire.—A West End milliner announces that ladies can hire from him a blouse.

More Trains.—There seems a likelihood of a better winter service in England.

The Check.—There are now 850 local profiteering committees.

Savings. — Business at Birmingham Municipal Savings Bank exceeds £10,000 a week.

The "W.O."—There is no foundation for a report that Lord Rothermere is going to the War Office.

Off to Africa.—Brigadier-General Guggisberg, the husband of Miss Decima Moore, has left for West Africa.

The first.—The first institute given to the R.A.F. opened at Netheravon, has accommodation for 600.

At No. 10.—Four workers from Woolwich Arsenal have been received at Downing-street, with reference to discharges.

Fatal Fall.—Getting out of bed at Grimsby, a naval petty officer walked in his sleep through an open casement.

Over prison wall.—For throwing tobacco and cigarettes over Newcastle Prison wall two men were fined.

Volunteers' certificates.—The date of discharge of the Volunteers who enlisted for home defence has not yet been fixed.

St. Dunstan's closing.—Mr. Kahn, the American, will resume occupation of St. Dunstan's, Regent's Park, early next year.

For £12 Cottage.—A freehold cottage, let at £12 a year, in Tewkesbury, has been sold to a local resident for £600.

A slump.—There is a boom in courtesy and a tendency towards a "slump" in charges in the shopping centres.

Increasing.—The production of frozen meat in the world is increasing very much.

No Funds.—The repairs to Cologne Cathedral have had to be stopped on account of lack of money.

Received.—Both the new bishops of Metz and Strasburg have been received by the Pope.

Belgian Elections.—The Belgian troops of occupation will participate in the new parliamentary elections.

Ready.—The Russian Soviet Government is reported to be ready to negotiate with the Entente.

A Response.—The King's appeal for the employment of disabled men is having satisfactory results.

One-Handed.—A soldier, who lost his right hand in the war, was the winner in a hat-trimming competition at Coalville.

Lord French.—It is rumoured at Dublin that Lord French intends to resign the Lord Lieutenancy.

September Strawberries.—Numbers of strawberries have been picked in a Golder's Green garden.

Down In Price.—Restaurants and cafés are amending their menus. Vegetables which, cost 6d. are priced at 4d.

Cheaper Toys.—In toyland, dealers are busy altering price lists, and dolls and mechanical toys are cheaper.

Protection.—A society has been formed in the Lake District for safeguarding the natural beauty of the neighbourhood.

The new Era.—"Reduction of personnel by 42 per cent., regardless of efficiency," is the mot d'ordre issued to all Government offices.

Arsenal Deputation.—Yesterday the Premier received at 10, Downing-street a deputation of Woolwich Arsenal workers.

Women Colonists.—The first of the Board of Agriculture's land settlements to number women among its colonists is Wantage.

A Lost Soul.—"I cast myself away, and have lived sixteen years with a lost soul," was the message of a Greenwich Suicide.

Double Honour.—With a sword of honour, the freedom of the City of London will be presented to Lord Allenby on October 7.

Pensioners' Friend.—Capt. Wilson, blinded in the war, has been appointed Assistant Secretary of the Parliamentary War Pensions Bureau.

Horsehair Economy.—The garrison authorities at Woolwich announce that a market has been found for horsehair clippings.

Suicide?—The body of a miner has been found under a hedge on Lysdon Moor, with a silk scarf tied round the throat.

Novel Conveyance.—After a wedding at Shorewell, the parties were conveyed home in the bridegroom's own farm wagon.

A Glad Reunion.—Pte. C. Morris, Duke of Cornwall's, and his wife, were reunited by chance at Brighton. He had been reported as dead.

Coming Back.—During the next few days 120,000 German prisoners coming from Great Britain and France will pass through Düsseldorf.

"Millionaire Private".—Sir H.H. Raphael, who enlisted as a private in the 2nd Sportsman's Battalion attended a memorial service to men of the unit.

The Realist.—A Liverpool boy who gave a false alarm, told the magistrates that attending cinemas had made him want to see the fire brigade turn out.

His Successor.—Though Mr. Macpherson has not resigned the Irish Chief Secretaryship, possible successors are being discussed. One mentioned is Mr. Cecil Harmsworth.

CAN YOU WRITE?

The Editor will be glad if officers and men of the Rhine Army will contribute to this paper. The need for contributions is the greater now that so many of our regular writers are leaving for home. All accepted articles etc. are paid for and may be on any topic likely to interest the troops on the Rhine. The Editor hopes for a hearty response to this invitation. Lack of a finished literary style need deter no one from submitting something. Provided the subject matter is interesting, the Editorial staff can supply any deficiencies. No contribution should exceed 500 words and even shorter ones will be welcome.

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AUSTRIAN REVELATIONS OF DUPLICITY.

RAILWAY CRISIS.

FACTS ABOUT THE MEN'S DEMANDS.

The ultimatum sent to the Board of Trade on Tuesday by the Executive Committee of the National Union of Railwaymen took the form of the following resolution:—

That, having received further proposals from the Government laying down basic rates of wages for the various grades in the conciliation board schemes other than drivers, firemen, and cleaners, this executive committee notes the great difference between the rates suggested by this organisation and those submitted by the Government, varying in certain cases up to 16s. per week, and as this offer would ultimately mean such a serious reduction to many of our members as would not allow them to maintain a decent standard of life, we instruct the general secretary to inform the Government at once that their offer cannot be accepted by us, and that this committee is a present in session awaiting a further offer.

In the event of such further offer not being received by 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, September 25, we shall have no alternative but to instruct our members to cease work in support of our claims. We further instruct the general secretary to get into touch immediately with our branches and instruct our members to hold themselves in readiness to act on any instruction issued by this executive committee.

The Reply.

A reply to this was issued by Sir Eric Geddes on behalf of the Government. He states—

The facts are, in brief, that, apart from the concession of the eight-hour day, the principal addition to railwaymen's wages during the war has been a flat war wage of 33s. a week to all grades, which applies until the end of this year.

Under the agreement no man can be in any way worse off than he is to-day until the end of the present year, which has still more than three months to run.

The time allowed for negotiations as to revised standard rates of pay extends to the end of the year.

While in some cases the new standard rate of wages might exceed the present wage plus war wage, in other cases it might be less.

The settlement which has already been arrived at in regard to the wages of drivers, firemen, and cleaners, and the proposals relating to men in other grades recently put forward to the National Union of Railwaymen have been worked out on the basis that the standard rates of pay of the whole of the men engaged in the manipulation of traffic will be advanced by approximately 100 per cent., on the average, above pre-war rates, and a minimum rate of 40s. per week for adult male railway employees throughout Great Britain, including rural districts, will be established.

This advance of wages applied to the whole of the railway staff would involve the railway companies in an estimated additional permanent expenditure of over £45,000,000 per annum as compared with pre-war cost, to which must be added the cost of the concessions already granted to the railwaymen in the shape of shorter hours, increased pay for night duty, overtime and Sunday work, increased holidays, etc. There are estimated to cost another £20,000,000 per annum, giving an estimated total of over £65,000,000 permanent increase per annum on a pre-war pay bill of about £47,000,000.

The Agreement.

The agreement of March 27 provides that:—

"At the end of the year the whole situation will be reviewed. The war wage will have to be looked at in the light of the circumstances of the time generally, and it will be open to the men to ask for a revision of the new standard rates if they think a case can be made for it."

FRENCH PROFITEERS.

France as well as England groans under the profiteer. The evil is probably worse and the profiteer more ingenious in France. The police are campaigning against the offenders, but the public is surprised and offended by the small fines and the short terms of imprisonment imposed.

At present Parisians are anxious to fill their coal cellars, but while they are prepared to pay dearly for coal, they do not expect to pay illegal prices. One coal dealer has been fined £20 and sent to prison for three months, another has been fined £4 and a week's imprisonment. Thirteen other speculators were let off with fines ranging from £2 to £12. The police force instituted to put down frauds is now paying attention to bootshops, and pairs of shoes for which £6 and £8 were being charged have been seized. These dealers will be prosecuted.

TRUTH WILL OUT.

SECRETS OF AUSTRIAN FOREIGN OFFICE.

Revelations of the Austrian Foreign Office continue to command great attention. Once and for all the absurd pretence that both sets of belligerents shared the responsibility for the war is completely shattered. That the documents now published confirm in every particular the presentation of these matters made by Allied Governments is not surprising. What is surprising, and what the cool judgment of posterity will find so appalling, is the additional revelation of sheer wickedness, of inhuman cynicism and deliberate conspiracy against the peace of the world.

The central point of it is that both in Berlin and Vienna it was not the possibility of war being prevented by the mediation of other powers which was regarded with anxiety. Wilhelm II, and Bethmann Hollweg, Berchtold, Stuergk and the rest, all sound the same note in these plain official records. "Now" they all say, "is a favourable time."

How many times has Wilhelm II pledged his honour that he strove unremittingly for peace? In these documents we find him urging his ally to fall upon Serbia.

How often has Bethmann Hollweg declared his perfect innocence of warlike intentions? Here we find him, with the assent of his master and his colleagues, definitely recommending that Austria should disregard the British Government's attempts at pacific intervention.

They insisted on war and would not allow it to be prevented. The truth now revealed justifies up to the hilt every word that has been responsibly uttered in denunciation of the conduct of the two autocracies in 1914 and it adds new infamy to their record. It lends fresh significance to all that has been said to the effect that such crime must never again be possible. "Future generations" said M. Clemenceau, "must be saved from the abominations of the past." "There will always be criminal states" —said Mr. Lloyd George—"until the reward of international crime becomes too precarious to make it profitable and the punishment of international crime too sure to make it attractive." The German paper "Freiheit" says "If the German press, on a semi-official cue, attempts to speak of exoneration of German policy by Austria, it is a useless swindle. The lies and liars are definitely unmasked."

CAPTURE OF KIEF.

DARING RECONNAISSANCE.

The Warsaw correspondent of the "Morning Post" made a daring aeroplane trip of three hundred miles over the Ukrainian Bolshevist armies to Kieff and found that Denikin had been in secure possession of the town for a fortnight. The Bolshevist defence of the city was surprisingly stubborn. For thirty-six hours preceding its recapture the city was doubly bombarded by Petlura and by the Bolshevists, who, realising the impossibilty of holding the city, shelled it from twenty-seven monitors in the river.

Actually Petlura entered the city some five hours before Denikin. The latter issued an order recognising the Poles as Allies but refused to enter into a pact with Petlura, considering him a traitor to Russia. The correspondent says that Polish co-operation with Denikin should establish a solid anti-Bolshevist front from the Urals to the Baltic which would probably speedily terminate the chaos existing in the Ukraine. The Bolshevist occupation of Kieff was a terrible ordeal for the inhabitants. At least three thousand were executed, and one thousand bodies were found in the operating theatre at the university.

The correspondent was impressed by the bitter reaction against Bolshevism on the part of the inhabitants, combined with hatred of Germany and gratitude towards Great Britain as the saviour of Russia. Besides the tricolour of the old Russian regime no flag appears in Kieff except the Union Jack, which floats over a score of buildings.

FIUME TO BE ITALIAN BUT NEUTRAL.

American circles in Paris state that the Supreme Council may possibly agree on a settlement of the Dalmatian question by a formula making Fiume Italian but neutral. Italy would not be permitted to keep troops there and the railways and docks would be internationalised, thus safeguarding Jugo-Slav and central European interests.

This plan was submitted to President Wilson last week and awaits his decision. France and England have signified their approval and the Jugo-Slavs are reported to be favourably inclined, although awaiting the decision of President Wilson before giving a reply. The Italians meanwhile are maintaining the blockade of Fiume, while the Allied navies are merely watching the course of events.

DOM WEDDINGS.

RIDICULOUS STORY FROM YORKSHIRE.

What *did* the Leeds soldier—demobilised from the R.A.S.C., M.T.—see in the Dom on September 6th?

Certainly not twenty-three simultaneous marriages between English soldiers and German girls, for no such ceremony took place. No English soldier has ever been married in the Dom. This is an explicit statement, on the authority of the Dom Capitular, who has issued a certificate to that effect.

The statement about these wholesale weddings first appeared in the "Times" of September 6th and was naturally contradicted by the G.O.C. Rhine Army, whereupon the Leeds correspondent of that paper again sought his informant, who stated that "he was not a bit surprised at the denial; as a matter of fact he had expected it; yet his statement was true in every detail. He saw the marriages and he was prepared to believe his own eyes."

He then repeated his statement as follows:—

"On September 6, the day he witnessed 23 such marriages with German girls in Cologne Cathedral, he was with a friend having a look round the building. A German he spoke to said there were some weddings going on, so they went inside to see for themselves, and were very much astonished to see 23 couples standing in a half-circle round the priest. In each case the bridegroom was a British soldier. After staying there a few minutes, he and his friend left the building in disgust. He also spoke to another soldier he knew returning to Germany last Friday for the purpose of getting married to a German girl who was very well off."

What, then, did the soldier see in Cologne Cathedral, (the Dom)? Probably a party of visitors being shown round by a priest, a very common sight.

Although several betrothals of British officers and men to German girls have been announced in the German newspapers (the usual and eminently sensible German practice) the fulfilment of these pledges is another matter. It is not easy for a British soldier to marry a German girl and it is an impossibility unless written permission is produced.

Enquiries at three out of the four registration offices at Cologne reveal the fact that not a single marriage has taken place.

Before a soldier can marry a German girl he has to produce to the Registrar documentary evidence that he is free to marry, certificates of identity, and written permission from the military authorities. If these be satisfactory the civil ceremony takes place before the Burgermeister. Not until all these laws and regulations have been complied with can anybody be married at the Cathedral or any other church.

In final and emphatic contradiction of the Leeds lie can be cited the fact that marriages between British soldiers and German girls are absolutely prohibited, at least until such time as the status of the wife is determined—her right of entry into such countries where Germans are barred for instance — which status will certainly not be determined until after the Peace Treaty has been fully ratified.

But the question remains. What did the soldier see in the Dom? Or was he in the Dom at all? We doubt it.

TWO SISTERS SUFFOCATED IN A PANTRY.

The story of a brother's discovery of his two sisters dead in a gas filled pantry was told at an inquest at Liverpool on Ethel Maud Brown, aged forty-two, and Beatrice Brown, aged thirty-six, who were found suffocated in their home.

"I went to Brighton on September 6 for a holiday," said Mr. William Brown, brother of the women. "I returned on Sunday night, and found the place in darkness. I thought that my sisters had retired for the night, and I went to bed. They did not appear the next morning, and I summoned assistance. The door of the butler's pantry was forced, and Ethel was discovered sitting on a chair and Beatrice on the floor. Both were dead, and the taps of a gas stove and bracket were turned full on. My sisters were slightly eccentric." It was stated further that the women had been dead about ten days.

The coroner said that the evidence showed that the women had designed to take their lives, but there was no evidence of their state of mind.

BOMBS TO SETTLE ARGUMENTS.

In view of the dastardly and cowardly murders of police, the Irish Government have directed the constabulary authorities to provide the men with all possible modern means of defending themselves and their barracks. Amongst other measures, it was directed that in disturbed localities the police should be provided with small hand grenades for use on patrol or in defence of their barracks. These weapons are only to be used by men who receive special instruction in the method of employing them.

CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL TO CORNWELL, V.C.

Steps are at last to be taken to place a memorial stone over the grave of Jack Cornwell, the East Ham boy V.C., and hero of Jutland. The cost of the stone is being defrayed out of funds furnished by the school children in the Borough, Cornwell having been a pupil at one of the Council's local schools.

HASTY DENTIST.

EX-SOLDIER DIES FROM LOCKJAW.

Bertram Davies, a dentist, and his employer, George Chaloner Smith, a dental mechanic, trading as the West Brompton Teeth Institute, were censured by a Kensington jury at an inquest on one of their patients who died from lockjaw. A young ex-soldier, named Sidney Clark, had four teeth extracted by Davies, and as the bleeding was excessive, cotton wool plugs were inserted. Later Clark was fitted with four artificial teeth, and nine days afterwards he complained of great pain, his jaw became fixed, and he was removed to the infirmary, where he died.

Dr. Hobbs attributed the death to lockjaw, and stated that he found four plugs of cotton wool still in the jaw.

Dr. H. B. Spilsbury said he traced the tetanus bacilli to the jaw at the place where the teeth were extracted, but he could not say that the bacilli were introduced by the cotton wool.

A verdict of "Death from tetanus" was returned, the jury adding that the dentist's work had been inefficiently and hastily performed.

GIFTS FROM KINGS.

AMERICAN ANGER WITH PRESIDENT'S PARTY.

Senator Penrose, in the course of a speech in the American Senate, charged the members of Mr. Wilson's peace party attending the Paris conference with having returned with "millions of dollars" worth of presents from European rulers. The charge has caused a sensation because of the long-established American feeling against any members of the Government accepting gifts from the rulers of other nations.

Mr. Penrose declared, "I am told that the President returned to America laden and overburdened with presents from crowned heads and foreign Governments. Even the women in the Executive party brought back jewellery worth hundreds of thousands. An official of the Custom House, I am informed, stated that jewellery amounting in value to £200,000 has been brought back."

Mr. Ashurst, a Democratic senator, declared: "When officials accept presents of great value they dissolve the pearl of independence in the vinegar of obligation." Mr. Ashurst nevertheless accused Mr. Penrose of attacking women.

Mr. Penrose replied: "I am simply stating the fact that the Presidential party, including women, brought back presents from crowned heads and foreign Governments aggregating several millions of dollars."

GERMAN METAL-WORKERS STRIKE.

Representatives of the German metal-workers have unanimously resolved to recommend a general strike. The decision requires the endorsement of a two-thirds majority. The German Government's wireless report states that about 5,000 workmen are already out, whilst 7,000 workmen have been dismissed by the employers.

HOUSE HUNTER'S SUICIDE.

Despair at being unable to find a house caused Frederick James Taylor, aged fifty-three, chauffeur, of College-road, Kensal Rise, to commit suicide. He was found by a policeman on Wormwood Scrubs with his throat cut and a blood-stained razor in his hand. It was stated at the inquest at Hammersmith that Taylor had been depressed and worried because he was separated from his wife, as they were unable to find a house or rooms. He had often suggested taking his own life.

A verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind" was returned.

STEEL STRIKE SPREADING.

Both sides in the American steel strike are claiming that they are winning, but from a mass of conflicting accounts it would appear that the strikers have gained some more supporters. There has been further rioting, resulting in numerous injuries and one death. The Senate has ordered an investigation into the strike and proposes calling the leaders of the employers and employees to Washington in an effort to determine the cause of the strike and decide whether federal action could be taken. Mr. Foster, Secretary of the Steelworkers Union, announces that 327,000 workers are now participating in the strike.

LONDON—BRUSSELS AIR SERVICE.

A Handley-Page twin engined passenger aeroplane, for the London — Brussels service, made a special trial flight on Wednesday. She left Hounslow at 8.5 and reached Brussels at 10.15. After a stay of four and a half hours she left again at 2.45 and was back in London at 6.55. The combined flight there and back thus occupied six hours and twenty minutes. The flight homeward was made in the teeth of a thirty mile wind. The service between London and Brussels was officially inaugurated yesterday by a similar type of aeroplane which left London with nine passengers.

IRISH TURMOIL.

EXTRAORDINARY RAID ON A DISTILLERY.

According to a report from Cahircaneevan, West Clare, three police-constables on patrol were attacked by a band of men armed with guns and revolvers. The police returned their fire and the assailants fled, abandoning among other things 11 overcoats, some firearms, and a blood-soaked handkerchief. None of the policemen was hurt. No arrests have been made.

Another extraordinary robbery is reported from Cork City. It is stated that six or seven men rowed down the river in a boat to the Cork Distillery's premises at night, and, having hidden their boat under some trees, crept towards the watchman's box. Before he could raise the alarm they dashed upon him, closed the doors of his box, and locked them. His cries were not heard, for there was no one in the vicinity at that hour. The burglars next broke open the door of the bond house, and rolled several casks of whisky down to the boat, after which they rowed off, and have not yet been traced. The value of the missing whisky is set down at £300.

Three Limerick tri-weekly Nationalist newspapers have been suppressed. A force of military and police visited the offices of the Limerick Leader, and under a warrant dismantled the machinery and stopped the issue. The machinery of the Munster News and the Limerick Echo was also dismantled, the vital portions being taken away. It is stated that the suppression of the journals is due to the publication of the prospectus of the Sinn Fein loan.

"POLICE DISCREDITED".

CONSTABULARY INSPECTOR'S STRAIGHT TALK.

Addressing members of the Southampton Police Force at the conclusion of the anual inspection, Sir Leonard Dunning, his Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary, in a straight talk to the men on parade, said that the last year or two had been a very critical period in the history of the police force of the country, for recent events had to some extent deprived the force of the public confidence they had enjoyed for so long. It was because in the past the public had been able to look upon the police as trustworthy that their strength had been so great; but in the eyes of the public now the police stood discredited, and the reason was not far to seek. Every man on parade had been before the magistrates and had made a declaration which in the eyes of the law amounted to an oath, and on the keeping of that oath very often depended the liberty and sometimes the life of a fellow-citizen. The reason why public confidence had been shaken was because some misguided comrades of theirs had broken their oath, and had consequently been declared unfit to do their duty. It was up to every one of them to do their share in the reinstatement of the police force in the public confidence.

HANGED BY KIT BAG CORD.

A jury at Wandsworth Prison returned a verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind" in the case of Private Cyril Fiveash, aged nineteen, R.A.S.C., who was found hanging by a piece of cord taken from his kit-bag in his room in the Military Detention Barracks, where he was undergoing confinement for being an absentee.

The coroner said that, under the Army Act, 1906, soldiers who had committed military offences, instead of being sent to prison, could be put in a detention barracks. They did not perform ordinary prison work, but were trained, among other things, in musketry.

Evidence showed that Fiveash served in France, where he was wounded in the head and arm. He was admitted to Wandsworth on Thursday night, and was found dead on Friday morning.

PENSIONS CONCESSIONS.

The "Comrades of the Great War" announce that they have secured from the Pensions Minister a statement that important pensions concessions are in prospect.

Regarding men who received injuries other than on active service or widows of men who were so killed, who at present do not profit under the new pensions warrant, the Pensions Minister states that it is proposed to represent special cases to the Treasury for an award under the dispensing warrant, at such rates as the men might have received had they been injured in the course of the war.

RATS' £110 MEAL.

Mr. Edward Carter, an East Upton farmer and a magistrate, was fined £110 at Ryde for permitting wheat to be damaged. It was stated that he had five 1918 wheat ricks which were infested with rats and mice, and the wheat was not threshed until last August, when the tailings (the straw and husks of the grain) were enormously in excess of the average owing to the mischief caused by the vermin. Seven ricks on another of Mr. Carter's farms were stated to be in a deplorable state.

According to the Brussels Soir, the Belgian Minister of Railways has bought from the British Government 8,750 trucks, formerly used by the British Army, which are still in France.

ROYAL WARRANT.

PAY OF WARRANT OFFICERS N.C.O.'s AND MEN.

ELEVENTH ARTICLE OF THE SERIES.

TABLE 1.

Pay of Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men.

1. For purposes of pay, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men, the depôts of whose units are situated in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man, will in future be divided into two main sections:—

(i) Those drawing normal rates. These comprise Cavalry (including Household Cavalry), Royal Artillery (Horse, Field, and Garrison). Infantry (including Foot Guards), Army Cyclist Corps, Machine Gun Corps, Labour Corps, School of Musketry, Military Provost Staff Corps, and Corps of Military Police, except tradesmen in each case; also such categories of Royal Engineers, Tank Corps, Royal Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Royal Army Veterinary Corps as are not classified as tradesmen;

(ii) Those drawing tradesmen's rates—viz., Tradesmen of all Arms, Schoolmasters, Army Pay Corps, Military Accountant clerks and other clerks rated as such under War Office authority.

2. The normal rates are as follows:—

	Per day. s.	d.
Regimental sergeant-major, master gunner, 1st class, and all other warrant officers, Class I. (except as stated in Table 2) ...	14	0
Regimental quartermaster-sergt., Quartermaster-corporal-major, Quartermaster-sergt. instructor	12	0
Squadron, battery, or company sergeant-major, Squadron corporal-major, Squadron-quartermaster corporal, Squadron corporal-major roughrider, Squadron sergeant-major roughrider, Squadron corporal-major instructor or Squadron sergeant-major instructor in fencing and gymnastics or in musketry, Battery or company-sergeant-major instructor	10	0
Squadron, battery, or company quartermaster-sergeant, Colour-sergeant or staff-sergeant ...	9	6*
Sergeant cook, corporal cook (Household Cavalry)	7	6
Sergeant, corporal of horse (Household Cavalry), corporal of horse trumpeter, sergeant trumpeter, sergeant drummer, sergeant piper, or sergeant bugler ...	7	0
Lance-sergeant	5	6
Corporal or bombardier	5	0
Lance-Corporal or Lance-bombardier	4	3
Trooper, gunner, driver, private, bugler, bandsman, kettle drummer, trumpeter, fifer, piper, or drummer	2	9
Ditto, after 2 years' service as above	3	6
Boy, until he attains the age of 18 or is placed on the recognized establishment of the band	1	0

* Includes additional pay of 6d. per day for keeping the pay and mess book under Article 898, Pay Warrant.

3. Soldiers (excluding boys) up to and including lance-sergeant drawing the above rates will be eligible in addition for proficiency pay at the rate of 6d. per day under the conditions shown in Table 4.

4. Soldiers of the Military Provost Staff Corps and of the Corps of Military Police (except tradesmen) of the rank of sergeant and below will draw a rate of pay of 6d. per day in excess of the rates shown in paragraph 2.

5. The rates for tradesmen of all arms and departments are as follows:—

	Group. A. per day. s. d.	B. per day. s. d.	C. per day. s. d.	D. per day. s. d.	E. per day. s. d.
Warrant officer, Class I, (except as stated in Table 2) ...	16 0	16 0	16 0	16 0	16 0
Regimental quartermaster-sergeant	14 0	14 0	14 0	14 0	14 0
Quartermaster-sergeant; Quartermaster-sergeant-instructor; Quartermaster-corporal; Troop, company or squadron sergt.-major, or staff quartermaster-sergeant, company sergt.-major-instructor	12 0	12 0	12 0	12 0	12 0
Troop, company or squadron quartermaster-sergeant, or staff sergeant	11 0	11 0	11 0	11 0	11 0
Sergeant	9 0	9 0	9 0	9 0	9 0
Lance-sergeant	8 0	7 9	7 6	6 9	6 0
Corporal	7 3	7 0	6 9	6 0	5 6
Lance-corporal	6 6	6 3	6 0	5 3	4 9
Sapper or private Class I..	5 0	4 9	4 6	—	—
Class I after two years' service	6 0	5 9	5 6	—	—
Class II	4 6	4 3	4 0	3 9	—
Class II after two years' service	5 6	5 3	5 0	4 9	—
Class III	4 0	3 9	3 6	3 3	3 0
Class III after two years' service	5 0	4 9	4 6	4 3	4 0
Boy, when handy at a trade	1 6	1 6	1 6	1 6	1 6
Boy on enlistment	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0

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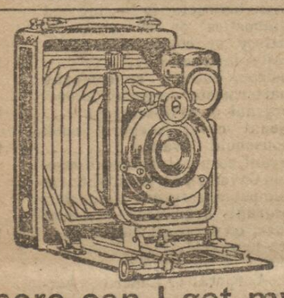

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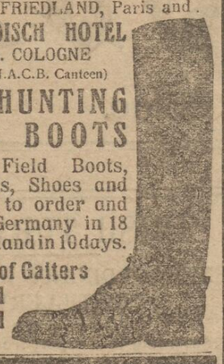

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THE ARMY'S HEALTH.

A new Army Council Instruction which has just been issued gives particulars of the new organization of the Hygiene and Pathology Services for the Army. The main objects of this new organization are of vital interest to soldiers in particular and to the commonwealth in general, among them being the safeguarding of the health and efficiency of the Army by men who are recognised leaders in hygiene and pathology, the utilization of the latest knowledge affecting the health of the troops, and the furthering of research as to disease in overseas possessions.

A further object, none the less important, is the creation of an organization within the Army Medical Service, which will furnish inducements to officers who have made a special study of hygiene or pathology to perfect their knowledge by increased research.

With unhappy memories of "Number 9's" which seemed to be the only stock in hand in some necessarily limited pharmacopoeias, and unpleasant recollections of the stiffening effects of vaccine injections, one might be tempted, in a peevish moment, to regard the Army medico about as highly as the country esteemed George IV. One of the greatest marvels of the war, however, was the absence of epidemics, and the high standard of the health of the British troops generally. For this we are indebted to the excellence of the Army Medical Service.

Time was when disease was an infinitely greater obstacle to victory then the enemy in the field. On the eve of Agincourt dysentery broke out in the camp of Henry V and so great were its ravages that out of a force of 24,000 archers and 6,000 men-at-arms only 900 men-at-arms and 5,000 archers remained efficient. What the sick parade was like one shudders to think, and it is better not to inquire too profoundly into the nature of the language in the company offices or the M.O's uarters.

To take a more recent example we have the ill-fated Walcheren Expedition in 1809, when 40,000 soldiers under the command of a holiday general, Lord Chatham, were landed on a fever-stricken island at the mouth of the Scheldt. The force was utterly prostrated by disease, to combat which hardly the simplest medical appliances were available. After the French style a duel followed between the Foreign Secretary and the Secretary for War, but the country would doubtless have gladly sacrificed this mild sensation to have secured immunity from the pestilence for the British soldiers on the Continent.

In the region of pathology and hygiene both the British and American Medical Services have performed brilliant work, the common object of their labours leading to the employment of cumulative intellect and resource to an extent hitherto unknown. How far Science aided our efforts in the Great War was fully and ably demonstrated in several of the papers read at the recent meeting of the British Association, and it is eminently satisfactory to learn from the new Army Council Instruction that this good work on behalf of soldiers is not only to continue but to be adequately fostered. A well paid Army to be thoroughly happy must also be healthy.

CUTTING DOWN.

EXTRACTS FROM THE DIARY OF A THRIFTY CUSTOMER.

Sept. 20th.—Drew 300 marks and left Pay Parade determined to go steady for next 14 days. Fired with new born zeal for thrift, went to Y. M. Cinema. Spent 3 hours and nix marks. Returned to billet—tired but triumphant. Thence to "kip" to dream of cigarette issues, writing paper, concert parties, lectures and other "buckshee" pleasures. 300 marks still intact.

Sept. 21st.— Harrison arranges 5 Mk. Football Sweep. One man wanted to compete. Will I? Very virtuous after yesterday's victory for economy, feel I can let myself go to this extent. Song: Two hundred and ninety five marks!

Sept. 22nd.—Meet "Spotty" on route for Cologne Races. Asks me to accompany him. Don't care for races, but fond of "Spotty" and anxious to cure him of his extravagant habits of which his passion for gambling is one. So accept invitation. Despite my counsel, "Spotty" persists in throwing all his cash coursewards and quickly drops 200 marks, his explanation of how he just failed to win 750 marks betraying an uncanny knowledge of the higher mathematics. If only he'd another 100 marks, knows what he'd back. Resist temptation to help "Spotty" to plunge more deeply, but, in weak moment, enquire for horse's name . . . . Put 150 marks on "Standstill." It does! Balance in hand 145 Marks.

Sept. 23rd.— Recall resolution of Sept. 20th and decide to go to "Man and Superman" to escape temptation to yield to greater extravagance. Safe for 3 hours, anyway! Arrive at Deutsches', remember urgent necessity for improvement of "Spotty's" dramatic tastes which incline to the lighter forms of the drama. So book 2 seats and conscript his unwilling body into one of them. Furious discussion after performance, centreing round character of Ann Whitfield. Adjourned to Ring Cafe where discussion continued, though nothing settled except wine bill, leaving 100 marks on which to continue steady.

Sept. 24th.—"Spotty" and I on "Peg" for absence from previous night's roll call. Awarded 1 day's "Excused Pay" and silently curse Shaw's stimulating drama. Depressing letter from "the only girl in the world" who complains of my epistolary shortcomings, and opines that "I'd love her more loved I the army less," — and "isn't Chris Powell rather a nice boy"? Dismiss "the only girl" and her "Powell" in one all embracing oath, and console myself with a Fraulein of dubious charm but seemingly insatiable thirst. Mark! How it falls! On my last 50.

Sept. 25th.—"Yorky" having made night hideous by vain attempts to learn the instrument, decides to raffle his melodion. Don't want the wretched thing, but do want peace, so take a 1 in 8 chance in the hope of obtaining possession of the box of concentrated noise and throwing it into the Rhine. Left with 40 marks whilst "Sam Soon" in adjoining bed, wins the "prize" which he understands about as well, and performs twice as long as did its former owner.

Sept. 26th.—Learn I'm next on list for Demob. May go any day. Borrow 100 marks from various quarters and embark on urgent souvenir hunt . . . . Return with many parcels and 12 marks.

Sept. 27th.— Take out subscription to "Cologne Post" to keep in touch with things out here.

Sept. 28th, 29th, 30th, Oct. 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Stick to resolution of the 20th ultimo.

October 4th.—Hurrah! Fall in for pay!

E. J. TELLUM.

CAN YOU WRITE?

The Editor will be glad if officers and men of the Rhine Army will contribute to this paper. The need for contributions is the greater now that so many of our regular writers are leaving for home. All accepted articles etc. are paid for and may be on any topic likely to interest the troops on the Rhine. The Editor hopes for a hearty response to this invitation. Lack of a finished literary style need deter no one from submitting something. Provided the subject matter is interesting, the Editorial staff can supply any deficiencies. No contribution should exceed 500 words and even shorter ones will be welcome.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views on Many Topics.

TRAVELLING ON ALLIED RAILWAYS.

Sir,—May I be allowed to take up the cudgels on behalf of "English Lady" in her point re travelling facilities over the Belgian railways. "One who marched through Belgium" argues that if the writer had looked about her on her journey through Belgium, she would have noticed the ruined state of the permanent way and realised how badly the Belgian railways were in need of money.

Did French railways escape damage then? I not only fought in Belgium and marched through it, but also observed on my tramp through part of the devastated area of France how these railroads had suffered. Yet we are given special concessions, concessions which Belgian railways should extend in like manner to the wives and families of officers and men of the British Army for obvious reasons.

The point with regard to British railways is of no account. The British are on the Rhine for a purpose, not for pleasure. *INFANTRY.*

DRINKING CAPACITY.

Sir,—In reply to "Fair-play" I would say that I am quite familiar with the enormous drinking capacity of the Germans; having been in a position many years to act as hostess in so called high circles.

All men may like to drink more or less, but here they don't call it real hospitality unless one greets their guests at the door, so to speak, with bottle and glass.

Even at private dinners these are not left out of sight, from the moment of arrival till departure. And an afternoon tea is not complete, or considered "swell" without wine or champagne.

The German—not to mention the other sex—must have a bottle before him on every occasion, be it joy or grief, and isn't satisfied, like other nations, with a glass or two, but consumes bottle after bottle.

So this sort of thing on a Rhineboat is nothing new or at all remarkable.

AN AMERICAN.

WHY RAISE THE HAT?

Oh "Skipper" what a great idea!
What subtle wave of brain
Has lead you to propound a plan
By which in later life I can
Salute yet once again.

That old time courtesy with which
We raised our bowler hat,
Could only be a real success
If one provided, more or less,
A brim both hard and flat.

And now that hats of other shapes
By fashion are decreed.
The task of raising them with grace,
When meeting ladies face to face,
Is difficult indeed.

Let me but proffer a salute
How happy I should be,
For I have studied in the part
To make it quite a work of art
A thing the girls should see.

That little touch behind the ear,
That finished "follow through,"
The hand so smartly cut away
Will cause my lady friends to say
"I like that style, don't you?"

And yet another thought occurs
Why I should like your plan.
It serves to keep their memory green
Lest they forget that I have been
A military man!!!!

N. I. TERRANT.

PRICES WHICH VARY.

Sir,—We are all aware that prices in Cologne shops vary considerably so far as the troops are concerned, principally because of the reduced value of the mark and the impression which has been created by Tommy himself that he is indifferent as to prices so long as they do not run into double figures.

I believe it is an Order that the prices of all articles shall be clearly marked. In the case of the better class shops this is carried out and the purchaser can then judge of the value of the article, but it seems to me that present high prices are induced by the troops themselves.

My advice to shoppers is to ask the price, shop warily and promptly decline to be a party to profiteering. At the same time he should make the shopkeeper understand the reason for his refusal to buy.

On the other hand the authorities should to my mind take drastic action in any gross cases which come to notice. Profiteering in wine should be brought to a close and each seller made to display the card which was in evidence in the early days of the occupation.

NIGHT HAWK.

MESSENGER DOGS.

Sir,—Can any of your readers give me information as to what was the daily ration given to our messenger dogs during the war and how was it given to them? I might mention that one I have acquired — a collie — is off colour and the Vet. has recommended that I put him back on to the old diet that he was born and bred to. *DOG.*

THE CANTEEN SYSTEM.

Sir,—Recently reference was made to the American Y.M.C.A. Hut at Coblenz, but the system in operation at the light refreshment counter was not mentioned, nor have I seen it in operation at any of the canteens in Cologne.

Briefly it is as follows:—

A price-list of goods for sale is hung in a prominent position, (which can be read at 10 yds. distance). At the end of the counter is a pile of small cardboard trays; the customer takes one or more and collects what cakes etc., he desires from large trays laid along the counter, as he passes along, and pays for what he has collected at the cash desk at the other end of the counter. Attendants along the counter supply ices, or drinks.

Taking note of the price-list a customer can calculate the cost of his refreshment and practically have the exact amount ready when he gets to the cash desk.

I do not claim that this suggestion will solve all difficulties, but it many help.

AYCHELPEE.

THE WINE TAX.

Sir,—A few days ago there appeared a notice in one of the German newspapers here, whereby British and Allied troops and subjects residing in Cologne were informed by the Burgermeister that on and after the 15th of September, taxes have to be paid on every bottle of wine consumed by us.

This was pointed out to the writer and a party of English friends visiting one of the cafés. We told the manager that the German papers were no authority to us and we shall pay when we see the order in the "Cologne Post" which is the only paper on which we rely in Cologne.

The German threatened us with the police as we refused to pay. Will you please be good enough to insert this in your paper and let us know what we have to do in order that we may know how to guide ourselves in the future?

S.H.D.

(The order regarding payment of the Wine Tax was issued by the British Military Governor of Occupied German Territory under whose authority the Oberbürgermeister puts it in force. The order in full is given on page 4 of this issue.—Ed.)

MEDALS FOR ALL.

Sir,—I notice with pleasure that some of the workers connected with our organisation are opposed to the suggestion that the 1914-15 star should be issued to workers of the Y.M.C.A.

I for one out of respect for the feelings of the fighting man shall decline to wear it, because as I have contended all along it was a decoration intended for fighting men and should be worn by them alone.

A special medal for such workers who have done good work, is another matter, but to put Y.M.C.A. workers on the same footing as men who fought in the trenches is absurd. As a matter of fact war medal issues have to my mind been made on wrong lines. The fighting man who after all alone counted has been the last to be considered. *Y.M. WORKER.*

SALUTING DIFFICULTIES.

Sir,—The letter of K.R.R. voices a complaint I have often heard from junior officers and I am glad he has brought the matter forward.

The difficulty he mentions is increased when officers wear extra small stars or crowns on the shoulder-straps as so many do.

In the case of a short man like myself it is practically impossible to tell the difference in the case of a tall officer, between a second "loot" and a major, while a full "loot" and a Lieut.-Colonel appear the same.

One must be abreast of and taller than the officer to properly distinguish the marks.

It was a great mistake I think, to permit any variation of the standard uniform with the stars and crowns on the braided cuffs. The bands of braid thereon are an additional great aid to identification. *TANKER.*

GERMAN WOMEN IN OUR CLUBS — A PROTEST.

Sir,—May I be permitted through your columns to protest against the VI. Corps Club being used for the entertainment of German women?

On more than one occasion I have noticed these persons being brought in to dinner, and it hardly seems to me to be quite fitting,

Apart from the unpleasantness of having to subject English ladies to the embarrassment of sitting at the next table to people who drown the band in their efforts to assimilate soup, it is surely not the intention of the founders of the Club to turn it into a public restaurant.

If anyone wishes to dine with German acquaintances there are surely plenty of German restaurants where they may do so quietly and unobtrusively.

We who have wives, feel it a great privilege to be able to entertain them at the Club, and feel sure that they in their turn do not desire that this privilege should be extended to the women of the nation we have so recently been fighting.

CLUBLOVER.

POSTAL ORDERS.

Sir,—May I point out how badly some of us have been affected by the G.R.O. issued last week, limiting the purchase of postal orders to 10/-.

A married man I know is in the habit of sending the equivalent of 500 marks per month to his wife. When the rate was at 52, he drew 500, but was only able to obtain postal orders to the value of £1 during that month. The remainder he had to hold.

Meanwhile, the rate fell to 70. — He drew anotner 500, and was unable to obtain postal orders again, and at the present time he holds 1500 marks, vainly trying to send them to his wife, and at the same time, losing considerably, by the fluctuating rate.

Could not power be given to Company Officers to ascertain whether these cases are bona-fide ones and not "dishonest profiteering," and then be allowed to issue a written permission for obtaining money orders for transmission to England over the value of £1.

SERGEANT.

THAT MARRIAGE MYTH.

Three and twenty soldier boys were married at the Dom;
Ananias (A.S.C.) served up the tale at home;
Said he saw them with their frauleins standing in a ring;
Might have added "organ played and choir began to sing."

Hurried off to Yorkshire as he hadn't got a "schatz,"
Sundry boon companions started talking through their hats.
Enterprising journalist, more gullible than wise,
Troubles us to contradict his Leeds demobi-Lies.

N.E.V.

What makes a good Football Ground?

By Col. Sir Henry G. Norris, M.P.

(CHAIRMAN OF THE ARSENAL FOOTBALL CLUB, AND LATE DIRECTOR OF FULHAM.)

Given the right frame of mind, and seated in a comfortable arm-chair, it would be about the easiest thing in the world to dream of a football ground which would please everybody who wanted to attend the matches at that ground. In the first place, of course, the dreamer would see himself in a comfortable seat in which, leaning back and smoking at his ease, he could watch the players. In fair weather or foul this seat would be there, and there would be no need to worry about the elements, although in the depth of winter the addition of a foot-warmer might be advocated.

Again, travel to and from the ground would be made in comfort, and there would be no crushing at the turnstiles before the match or at the exit gates when it was all over. Alas! such dreams are never likely to come true, and the ideal football ground, like the ideal of anything else, is not likely to be attained.

In the first place, of course, the public wouldn't pay for it, and although it doesn't always work out that way football clubs should be run upon business lines which means that they should be able to pay their way—that the receipts should meet the expenditure.

THE SHILLING GATE.

Even this season already there have been in some parts of Britain organised attempts to persuade people to stay away from football matches because the big clubs unanimously decided to increase the pre-war price of admission from sixpence to one shilling. How the agitators against the shilling gate expected the clubs to carry on at the old price of admission I don't know. In actual revenue to the club the increase means an advance of fifty per cent, on pre-war price only, for threepence of every shilling goes to the Government by way of Entertainment Tax. I confidently hope that if we at Highbury have a good season we shall be able to meet the increased cost of everything in the football line, but it is doubtful if there is a single club in the country which would have finished on the right side if the old price of sixpence had been retained.

It must be remembered, primarily, that this fifty per cent. increase is absorbed at one bite by the fifty per cent increase which the clubs are paying to their professionals. So it is obvious that the clubs which were only barely paying their way before the war will not do that even with a shilling gate unless the average attendance goes up considerably. Increased expenditure has to be met on every hand, and to take one item only I should say that at a rough guess the travelling and hotel expenses of a football team this season will be three times as much as before the war.

A MILD AGITATION.

Possibly I am wandering from the subject, but after all it is not so irrelevant, for even the mild agitation against the shilling gate shows that the spectators will only pay a limited amount for their football, and clubs must of necessity cut their cloth accordingly.

At Highbury we have big schemes on hand, and we are out to make the new home of the Arsenal Club a good ground from every point of view. But those schemes of ours have to be proceeded with very cautiously. Our experience with the stand is a case in point. I believe it is one of the finest and biggest in the country—nearing the ideal, in fact—yet we wanted to make it even more comfortable by putting seats with arms throughout. Then the war came to stop the work, and now—well, you probably have some idea of the price of chairs!

At the present moment too, we are in a bit of a quandary, for the ground is not doing what it was intended to do in the way of providing accommodation for spectators, which is the same as saying that is it not ideal. Our architect tells us that we ought to get 70,000 people on the ground in comfort. Statistically, he is probably quite right, and if we could pick up each spectator and place him in his appointed and allotted space, I rather imagine we should carry out the architect's ideals. Unfortunately, the people get packed near the entrances, while there is yet plenty of room away from them, and in our very first match this season we had to close the gates when, if the crush near the entrances could have been relieved, we could have found room for thousands more.

HIGHBURY NOT IDEAL.

Obviously, the good ground is one around which the spectators distribute themselves evenly, and so that all have an equal chance of seeing the play. But for the time being, at any rate, it is quite impossible to make another way in at Highbury, so we have to be content with something less than our ideal.

Even as it is, the public could help very materially towards the ideal from this point of view if they would make a point of arriving at the ground at least half an hour before the time appointed for the kick-off, and take up their stand in a position where they would not be the means of preventing others from entering the ground. As a rule, this jamming near the entrances is caused by want of thought, not want of heart, but it is none the less distressing to the management.

However, so far as the Arsenal ground is concerned we are by no means satisfied. We want more covered terraces, more turnstiles, more exits, but unfortunately they cannot be obtained without more money, and until we have paid off some of the debt which is hanging over us, further large expenditure seems impossible. It is human nature to grumble, and we don't object to—in fact we have asked for—legitimate grumbles, but I just want to say this. We have had an attendance of 50,000 already this season. If each one of those fifty thousand would take up only one share in the fortunes of the club—that is one pound each—then our ideal ground would soon be there.

TO VIEW THE GAME.

It is nothing more than ordinary commonsense from a director's point of view that every man who pays to see a football match should be able to see it: to get an uninterrupted view of the game. There are some grounds, though, which are far from the ideal in this respect, and the Crystal Palace enclosure, where the F.A. Cup-finals are played, is one of them. Practically any number can be got on the ground, but I am afraid that quite a few of the 120,000 people I saw there some years ago did not see a lot of the game. But to provide a football ground on which, say, 140,000 people could get a comfortable and uninterrupted view of the game, would mean an expense over which, at the present price of things, even a Football Association might well shudder.

The huge ground at Hampden Park, Glasgow, comes much nearer the ideal than does the Crystal Palace, and it is a wonderful sight to see it packed with excited onlookers on an International match occasion.

I have hinted that the good ground should be easily accessible, and I think our choice of a site at Highbury comes comparatively near to the ideal in this respect. There are two stations just outside the ground, while tram and 'bus services from many parts pass quite near. Naturally there is a scramble for these 'bus and tube services after a match, but we can't help that. We take it that to the companies concerned a football match is a business proposition, and that, as far as they are able to do so, they will take most strenuous steps to deal with the crowds which want to attend the games.

OUR NEW COMPETITION.

Another Chance For Football Form Followers.

Competition No. 2.

Over a thousand coupons have been received from entrants to our football competition No. 1, so that in the event of there being only one winner a substantial sum of money awaits him.

The rules of the contest appear below together with the coupon for "Football Competition No. 2," which contains a selection of twelve matches to be played on Saturday, Oct. 4th.

The last day for sending in coupons, each of which must be accompanied by one mark, is Friday, Oct. 3rd.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 2,
"Cologne Post,"
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List Of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Thursday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 2.

Date of matches, Saturday, Oct. 4th.
Closing date, Friday, Oct. 3rd.

Oldham	v. Preston N.E.
Bolton Wan.	v. Derby County
Newcastle U.	v. Liverpool
Everton	v. Sunderland
Bradford C.	v. W. Bromwich
Wolverhampton	v. Leeds City
Fulham	v. Bristol City
Coventry C.	v. Leicester C.
Cardiff C.	v. Exeter C.
Southend U.	v. Brentford
Morton	v. Hearts
Queen's Park	v. St. Mirren

I enter football competition No. 2 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Unit .....
Address .....

52nd K.L.R.'S INTER-COMPANY LEAGUE MATCH.

An inter-company League match took place at Romlinhoven on Thursday, between A Coy. and D Coy., 52nd K.L.R. From the start D Coy. worked hard to open their account but they found A Coy.s' defence too sound for their liking. A Coy. then gave the home defence trouble. Up to the interval there was no score.

About ten minutes after the interval, Taylor scored for D Coy. The same player registering another the following minute. Faced with this big reverse A Coy. tried hard to reduce the lead but when about twenty minutes from the end the full back helped a shot from Capt. Foss into the goal they slacked off considerably. The final came with D Coy. the winners by 3 goals to 0.

A.C.U. SIX DAY'S TRIALS.

The full results of the Auto-Cycle Union's six day's trials for motor-cycles, sidecar-machines, and three-wheeled cycle-cars, at Llandrindod Wells, have now been announced subject to confirmation by the committee.

Of the 115 machines which had entered, 111 started on the Monday, and 81 finished on Friday night. The awards were distributed in the following manner:—Gold medals, 22; silver medals, 36; bronze medals, 14. Nine of those who finished failed to secure any award.

The team prize was won by the three B.S.A. riders ("A" Team), with 557 marks. The other teams, in the order of merit, were:—Scott (539 marks), Rover (536), Enfield (526), Sunbeam (521), Blackburne (519), Matchless (507).

AQUATIC SPORTS.

1/6 West Yorkshire Regiment's Interesting Function.

THE PRIZEWINNERS.

The above sports were held at Nepteen Baths, all preparations being made by the German Baths officials, who were by no means the least enthusiastic amongst the spectators. A varied and interesting programme, drawn up by Capt. Rees, M.C., was witnessed. The most exciting event of the day was the Inter-Company Pole match. What the teams lacked in skill, they certainly made up for by their energy and enthusiasm.

In the afternoon, the prizes were presented by the wife of Brig.-General Potter, commanding the 2nd Northern Infantry Bde. In replying on behalf of Mrs. Potter the General commented on the splendid record achieved by the Battalion in all branches of sports since coming into Germany.

PRIZE WINNERS.

High dive:—1, L/C Megson; 2, L/C Hodkinson; 3, Pte. Sykes.

100 yards:—1, Cpl. Hume; 2, Sgt. Turner.

Egg and spoon race:—1, L/C Schulze; 2, Pte. Keeling.

Relay race:—1, "B" Coy.; 2, "D" Coy.; 3, "A" Coy.

Plunge (Distance):—1, Pte. Sykes; 2, Pte. Catling; 3, L/C Smith.

50 yards race:—1, Sgt. Barker; 2, Pte. Settle; 3, Sgt. Hailstone.

Running spring dive:—1, L/C Megson; 2, Pte. Sykes; 3, Pte. Eyre.

Nightshirt and candle race:—1, Pte. Catling; 2, Pte. Conboy.

Quarter mile race:—1, Pte. Ratcliffe; 2, L/C Staton; 3, Pte. Keeling.

Officers' race:—1, Lieut. Albiston; 2, Lieut. Birch; 3, Lieut. Shoesmith.

Obstacle race:—1, L/C Staton; 2, Sgt. Galvin; 3, Pte. Conboy.

Consolation race:—1, Pte. Nash; 2, Pte. Rowley; 3, Pte. Walker.

Final water polo:—1, "B" Coy.; 2, "A" Coy.; 3, "D" Coy.

Individual highest no. of points:—1, L/C Megson; 2, Pte. Sykes; 3, Pte. Catling.

STOOLBALL REVIVAL.

Proposed Establishment Of An Association In Sussex.

Major W. W. Grantham, J.P., well known as having revived the ancient Sussex game of stoolball, is still working hard to foster a wider knowledge of, and a keener interest in, the game.

At Lewes the other day a conference on the various details of the game, which he had arranged, was held, among those present being Mr. Ishiburo Yoshida, C.M.G., first secretary, Japanese Embassy. A motion, expressing the hope that Major Grantham would consider the possibility of a Sussex Stoolball Association being formed, was passed, and Major Grantham said he would be pleased to consider the matter.

Two interesting stoolball bats were exhibited by Major Grantham. One was used by him in the historic matches which took place at Lord's on Aug. 31, 1917, May 18, 1918, and May 24, 1919, and which he is presenting to Lord's; and the other was one which has been presented to him by the Princess Louise Military Hospital (Chailey) Stoolball team.

Y.M.C.A. FOOTBALL SHIELD.

1/6th West Yorkshire Regt. v. 11th Bn. Queen's.

The above teams met in the 2nd round at Blucher Park on Thursday. The Queen's, winning the toss, decided to play with the wind in their favour, with the result that they kept the Yorks defence busy and had hard lines in not taking the lead; but they only had themselves to blame, for they missed an open goal, their centre shooting wild. Play was now taken to the Queen's goalmouth where 2nd Lieut. Hunter, taking a goal opening, scored for the Yorks. Half time arrived with the Yorks leading 1—0.

The second half commenced with the play in favour of West Yorks which ended in a good run down the field by Cpl. Butterill whe beat the "goalie" with ease. The Queen's forwards were now playing a pretty game their inside left being very smart indeed. He was the best player on the Queen's side. The Yorks defence wa a firm as a rock their half-back playing very well.

Result:—
1/6th West Yorks Regt. 2.
11th Queen's 0.

BOXING CHALLENGE.

We have received the following for publication:—

"Pte. McMahon of the 5th Royal Irish Regt. wants all." would be" champions to arrange a meeting and get to business. He will meet any 9 st. 9 pounds lad on the Rhine over 10, 15, ar 20 rounds. Should anyone be anxious for a go, would he kindly communicate with Sgt. Brennar, B Coy. 5th Royal Irish Regt. when all details can be arranged."

GOLDEN MELODY.

Tuning Up For Cesarewitch Handicap.

GATWICK AND PONTEFRACT RESULTS.

Golden Melody certainly enhanced his Cesarewitch chances by a ready win over Ivanhoe and Happy Man in the two miles handicap over the galloping Gatwick course. The mount was entrusted to a little-known youngster named Speck—who is apprenticed to Escott—who shaped well at the finish, and he would not have to put up more than one or two pounds overweight if he renewed associations with the horse in the Cesarewitch, which will be the Melody's next race, as he will not be saddled for the Newbury Cup.

Gatwick details:—

Field Selling Plate:—Irish Fair 1; Red Flyer 2; Montludier 3.

Willow Selling Handicap:—Prevoyant 1; Simon's Craft 2; Chaplain 3.

Stayers' Handicap:—Golden Melody 1; Ivanhoe 2; Happy Man 3.

Crawter Nursery:—Pretty 1; Hebe 2; Betsy's Barn 3.

Redhill Welter Handicap:—Little Cell 1; Polygonum 2; Sea Song 3.

Gatwick Plate:—Kentish Cob 1; Neil-Girl 2; Handsworth 3.

Pontefract Details.

Leeds Three-Year-Old Handicap:—Flying Duck 1; Enniskeen 2; Rescue 3.

Town Two-Year-Old Selling Plate:—Nellie Allenby 1; Black Peter 2; Jaylan 3.

West Riding Autumn Handicap:—William Allenby 1; Black Lamb 2; Radiacy 3.

Newby Nursery Handicap:—Willblend 1; Redwings 2; Wendy 3.

Byram Plate:—Alderton 1; Sanitarium 2; Dornoch 3.

Nosteh Plate:—Hanway 1; Flying Squadron 2; Auramine 3.

LONDON BETTING.

Cesarewitch Stakes.

(Run Wednesday, Oct. 15. Two miles and a quarter.)

100 to 9 agst Gay Lord, 3, 7 (t and o)... Cottrill
100 — 7 — Golden Melody, 6, 6 3 (t and o) Gore
100 — 7 — Alasnam, 3, 6 (t and o)...R. Day.

Betting on the Cesarewitch.

After Golden Melody had won the Stayers' Handicap the following transaction on the Cesarewitch was noted:—

7000 to 600 agst Golden Melody (t)

Golden Melody.

Golden Melody seems to wipe out quite a lot of Cesarewitch aspirants, writes "Robin Goodfellow" in the "Daily Mail." All the form linked up with Ivanhoe and Happy Man goes into the dustbin. A prominent jockey with a mount in the big handicap, viewing Golden Melody as he stood in the unsaddling place, said he would "keep us thinking," and it certainly was a fine public trial for a horse weighted at 6st. 3lb. Speck, though, goes a little beyond this, and he will probably have to declare 3lb. overweight.

COL. SIR HENRY NORRIS, M.P.

"London's football knight" is the title bestowed by his many admirers on Col. Sir Henry Norris, Chairman of Woolwich Arsenal, who contributes a splendid article in to-days issue. "Six feet of humanity, invariably carrying an umbrella and wearing the air of a philosopher" is the description of him given by a well-known journalist, and his is a case where appearances are very deceptive. It was mainly due to his efforts that London football came more and more into the limelight; and to him is due the uplifting of the Arsenal club. The results of his foresight are accruing to-day.

He has been a director of Fulham and while in this position, took a leading part in opposing Chelsea's admission to the Southern League, this opposition resulting in Chelsea entering the Football League. So, there are to-day three of London's leading clubs who owe a great deal to the Member for Fulham.

Thick As Blackberries.

Tips for the Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire are as plentiful as blackberries at this period of the season. The majority are mostly bad or indifferent; but once now and again the "good thing" justifies itself.

Another Tetrarch.

Those who took notice of The Drummer when he was being saddled would have banked on his being of the Roi Herode breed. so much like The Tetrarch is he: but reference to the card disclosed the fact that he is a son of Book.

A Quaint Toy.

The Brussels griffon is probably the most whimsical-looking of all the toys, and he has the heart of a terrier behind that impish face which makes him different from most. Men seem to take to him as much as women.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Saturday	7	Carmen	Bizet
Sunday	7	The flying Dutchman	Wagner

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Leave Club Concert.

A delightful concert was given at the Leave Club on Thursday by Miss West's choir. This choir had only met together during the last ten days, but the results were quite excellent. The concert began with a solo "Friend of mine" charmingly sung by Pte. Browning after which the choir sang various part songs among which were:—"The Chafers," "Upidee," and "Annie Laurie" rendered with good tone and finish. Miss West herself then played two attractive selections on her violin, the Valse Triste by Sibelius and a Norwegian Folk Song. Pte. Hallwell was the next soloist and his song "My old Shako" met with well deserved applause.

Deutsches Theatre.

"Man and Superman," generally admitted to be one of the best things our Dramatic Company has done, was last night revived at the Deutsches Theatre by special request. As was only to be expected, Shaw's play again admirably acted, filled the cosy theatre to overflowing. The performance will be repeated to-night.

Rhine Army (Male Voice) Choral Society

New members are wanted for the above society. It was formed in January last and has been the means of providing much entertainment for the troops of the Army of Occupation, both in Cologne and the outlying districts of the occupied areas. Demobilisation has greatly affected its membership, but it is thought that amongst the troops still left in Cologne, there must be many men who would welcome the opportunity the Society offers of sustaining their interest in choral music. It is to those men that the Society now appeals.

The First Rehearsal.

On Monday next the first rehearsal for the new session will be held from 5.45 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Church Army Soldiers' Club, Antoniter Strasse, (in the lecture room on the first floor). Thereafter rehearsals will take place each Wednesday, Friday, and Monday at the same time and place. Any officer, N.C.O., or man possessing a voice of reasonable quality and being able to read very simple music at sight, is cordially invited to attend the first rehearsal.

"The Jesters."

I am glad to see that the "Jesters" continue to do bumper business at the Palace Theatre. Those who have not yet heard Miss Mabel Martin sing divinely, Mr. Chas Lewis "ventriloquise" and tear paper with great skill; Mr. Joe Morley play the banjo brilliantly, Miss Jessie Mountjoy entertain at the piano charmingly and Messrs Frank Hook and Harry King provoke peals of laughter, then waste no time. Next week I hear the "Jesters" are due at Solingen.

Comprehensive Entertainment.

In the great hall of the Central Y.M.C.A. on Thursday to the accompaniment of old English music and folk songs a demonstration of English country dances was given by soldiers who had been taught in the classes of Miss Daking and her trained staff, who danced with the soldiers. The raised sides and the galleries of the hall were filled with many hundreds of interested spectators and after the demonstration, an orchestra appeared on the scene and general dancing was enjoyed till 9.30 p.m. I was particularly gratified to see two poilus dancing with our own men; and I overheard them asking Miss Daking whether they might join one of her classes. I also noticed some soldiers dancing with their wives who were the only ladies other than members of the Y.M.C.A Staff who were allowed in the hall.

Leave Club Whist Drive.

With a score of 151 Pte. Cox won the first ladies' prize at the whist drive held at the B.E.L.C. on Thursday, while Pte. E.A. Tallis won the second ladies' prize with 148, and Cpl. Eveleigh got the 3rd prize with a score of 146. The gentlemen's prizes were awarded as follows;—1, Pte. J. Sutcliffe, (137); 2, Pte. Menore, (136); 3, Pte. Cort, (135). Gnr. J. S. Foote was a splendid M.C., while Leut. Hailey again presided.

In Few Words.

Frank Collinson, the brilliant pianist of the "Tonics" and the G.H.Q. Jazz Band, has now gone home demobilized. He leaves behind a host of friends and admirers of all ranks.

Satisfaction is expressed on all hands at the re-opening of the Cologne Opera House which after the strike, resumed its merry career yesterday evening. A full house witnessed an excellent performance of "Tosca".

JACQUES.

PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS.

Eight leading professional golfers played at Raynes Park on Wednesday in aid of a fund for the widow and children of Tom Ball, who was engaged by that club at the time of his death last spring.

The morning stroke competition was won by Abe Mitchell with 71, a fine score considering that all the tees were set back to the fullest extent. He was somewhat weak in his approaching over the first nine holes, but played a splendid long game, and putted soundly.

Ted Ray and Rowland Jones tied at 72 for second place, followed by Harry Vardon 73, James Braid 73, A Herd 75, J. Ockenden 76, and George Duncan 77.

Two four-ball matches were played in the afternoon. Ray and Ockenden stood three up on Mitchell and Duncan at the turn, and won by two up and one to play. The golf was better in the other match. Vardon and Braid were two up at the turn on Herd and Jones, and three up at the fourteenth hole, but they lost the next three, and the home hole being halved, the game ended all square.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday, September 27th, 1919.

Surface wind between S.W. and S. 10 to 15 m.p.h. Weather fair but cloudy at times. Moderately warm. Fair visibility.

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

(By Novo).

The failure of many of the pre-war "cracks" to get into the list of goal-scorers is surprising. The cases of Hampton and Stephenson (Aston Villa), Shea (Blackburn Rovers), Freeman (Burnley), Jefferis (Everton), Pagnam (Liverpool), and Peart (Notts County), are only instances by the way but they serve to show how old marksmen are being held.

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Coventry City are not finding the Second League so pleasant after all. In five games they have scored only one goal and lost 20. It is not surprising therefore, that they were at the foot of the table with a cypher in the points column.

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Notts Forest may not be going very well this season, but the policy of the directors in not making weekly changes in the team will likely bear fruit before long. At any rate the players cannot complain that they are not being given a chance to settle down.

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It has been often noticed this season how Newcastle United seem to improve if they are the first side to score. In several of the matches they have played so far, there had been nothing brilliant about their forward play until they managed to get a goal, after which there seemed to be no holding them.

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West Bromwich are to be envied, for they possess an all scoring forward line. It would be interesting to know what the Aston Villa directors think of Crisp, to whom they gave a trial and then turned him down because he was considered too small. There are several little 'uns in the League who have other qualities.

WIVES read "The Cologne Post". Send it daily to yours.

Unusual Wagering Incident.

"Sporting Life" hears of a man having a "pony" double on two horses at Newmarket last year, and although both horses won the backer lost money. He, however, had the unusual experience of being on one horse in a race over which there was no betting, while in the other event he was on one of two deadheaters, which started at long odds on. Though the same thing did not happen at Wolverhampton this week, we hear of more than one backer who laid slight odds on Rich Gift, and lost over the transaction.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Curran And The Giant.

Plymouth will have the opportunity of seeing Fulton, the 6ft. 5in. giant, in action against their favourite, P.-O. Matthew Curran, on October 10.

Nothing Doing.

Canute easily landed the odds of 5 to 2 laid on him in Belgium at the Stocke races. Offered for sale for £400, he failed to elicit a bid.

What Coventry Missed.

It is one of the ironies of fate that Wilson, the new 'Spurs centre-forward, should have formerly played for Coventry City. This club badly needs a goal-scoring forward.

Amateur For The Villa.

It is many years since an amateur played for Aston Villa's League team, and the debut of R. Sloley, the Corinthian forward—he hopes to play to-day—in the famous claret and blue colours will be watched with interest.

Billy Fry And Charlie Webb.

The management of the Liverpool Stadium are prepared to offer a purse of £150 (including expenses) for the match between Billy Fry, of Tylorstown and Charlie Webb, of Bow, who have signed "Sporting Life" articles to box 20 3-min. rounds at 9st 9lb for £100 aside.

Victorious Suzanne.

Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen won the ladies' singles championship at Le Touquet, defeating Mrs. O'Neill, while A.E. Beamish won the men's singles.

Alasnam.

Alasnam is a colt by the Franco-American sire, Alpha II., out of Sunny Lass, and his only appearance this year was in a sprint won by King's Idler at Sandown in June.

Yearlings Sale.

At the Brussels Tattersall's eighteen yearlings were offered, and the highest price was £340 for a filly by Cornimont—La Milo. The others sold at prices ranging between £40 and £200.

Brompton F.C.

In future the New Brompton F.C, will drop the word "New," and be known as Brompton. The F. A. Cup-tie between Ashford and Maidstone, next Saturday will be played at Maidstone by arrangement.

Chances of Promotion.

The Tottenham directors are very pleased at the style in which their reserve players have risen to the occasion, and now that the critical question of the quality of the understudies has been so satisfactorily answered, there is optimism as to the chances of promotion.

Good Day's Work.

Ernest Barry, the world's champion sculler put in a good day's work in the Richmond district on Tuesday.

London to Bath.

Hart's run to Bath and back to London, a distance of 216 miles, is fixed to start next Tuesday.

Mr. Balfour At St. Andrews.

Mr. A.J. Balfour took part in a medal competition at St. Andrews on Wednesday. He started with Mr. Anthony de Rothschild.

Good N.H. Stakes.

One or two of the Wolverhampton directors having discussed their Boxing Day Meeting, it has now been decided to give £1,000 a day in stakes.

Much-Talked-Of.

Andrew Wilson, the much-talked-of Middlesbrough player, was at Tynecastle, Edinburgh, on Saturday, playing for Dunfermline Athletic against the Heart of Midlothian Reserves in a Central League game.

At A Premium.

Owing to various happenings good jocheys are at a premium in Belgium. Ashworth sprained his wrist at Boitsfort; at Spa Morjau prained his foot, and Heapy hurt his leg, while Garnier has been put down for a fortnight.

Manchester To Blackpool Walk.

The Victory walk to be held on Saturday, October 4, under the auspices of the Lancashire Walking Club promises to turn out a great success.

Boxing Nursery.

The Stansfield Boxing Club—nursery of such well-known boxers as Sid Smith, Bob Marriott, Charley Thompson, and the late George Williams—have secured large premises at Bermondsey.

Mr. W. Parrish's Races.

Mr. W. Parrish contemplates bringing a number of chasers to England for the National Hunt season, and next season he may have all his horses trained again in England.

Benefit Match.

The Cardiff City directors have decided to give their popular trainer, Capt. George Latham, M.C., a benefit match on Oct. 6. Swansea Town have accepted the invitation to play in the match at Ninian Park.

Keenest Rivals.

The news that Inman and Reece have signed articles to play a billiards match of 15,000 up for £100 a side will whet the appetites of the many enthusiasts who have for years missed no opportunity of watching perhaps the keenest rivals in any game.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Have You Seen a "mo' Bike"?

An amusing story of the adventures of an amateur motor-cyclist is at present going the rounds. It is told that an officer in the neighbourhood of Bonn, who was the lucky possessor of a motor-bicycle was approached the other night by a friend who was in desperate haste to keep an appointment. For this reason he borrowed the said "mo'-bike," promising to return it the following morning. He subsequently turned up bearing a piece of the clutch and an explanation. "I was throbbing along in fine style," he said, "when for some extraordinary reason the engine gave a cough and stopped. After some difficulty, I started up again but forgot the engine was in gear, so that it dashed from under my legs. When I saw the machine last, it was careering towards Cologne at about 50 miles an hour." What the owner of the bicycle thought and said is not recorded.

Selling to Tommy.

They say that history repeats itself. Almost any Tommy would prove that in his own experience. Take the following examples for instance:—On going home on leave for the first time after a year or two in the "Danger Zone" everybody must have noticed when approaching the quayside at Calais or Boulogne the crowds of French women, girls, boys and old men diving in and out amongst the ranks of the happy "blighters" marching to the ship. Their cries of "souvenirs", "oranges," "to-morrow's 'John Bull'" and "watches" always have a welcome sound in the ears of those bound for "Blighty.' On arrival at Victoria the Tommy had another kind of "barrage" to go through. Here he was surrounded by numerous English folk and pressed to have some refreshment. Cries of "buns" "tea," "bread and butter" filled the air.

A German Barrage.

In Germany the Tommy still has his barrages to contend with. Alighting from a tram at some of the "haltestellen" on the outskirts of Cologne after an evening in the city, he is at once surrounded by a dozen or so German womenfolk and girls and boys—the din of the barrage is awful. "Eine mark 'peers'" "'peers' eine mark" is yelled on all sides. With difficulty the Tommy shakes himself free, the tram is already out of sight and the sellers of 'peers' retire into the darkness, awaiting the arrival of the next tram.

Ways and Means.

Quite a noticeable personality in Cologne is the "Frau" who uses her head as a means of carrying parcels etc. which are usually too cumbersome to be carried by the hand. Not a day passes without one seeing women walking majestically along and crossing busy thoroughfares with apparent indifference to the continuous stream of traffic. This was particularly noticeable the other afternoon when a women was seen making her way through the maze of traffic that is always to be seen at the rear of the Cathedral and the approach to the Hohenzollern Bridge. Besides two good sized boxes wonderfully balanced with the aid of a small cushion, evidently to make the carrying of articles in this way more comfortabe, her hands were occupied in leading two small children across the road. This must be an everyday experience to the German public who took no notice whatever of what looked like quite a clever performance.

The wine tax.

A new official order regarding the wine tax is now in force in Rhineland. When wine (including sparkling wine) is purchased in bulk, i. e. in quantities of twelve bottles or more, the wine tax will not be paid by members of the Allied Forces. In such cases a certificate stating: (I) Number of bottles purchased, (II) Sum paid, (III) Name of wine merchant, (IV) Nature of wine, will be given to the vendor. This certificate will be signed and stamped by an officer. When wine is purchased in quantities of less than 12 bottles the wine tax will be paid. This order came into force on September 15th.

Harvest Festival.

To-morrow (Sunday) Harvest Festival Services will be held at the Garrison Church (57 Schildergasse). The ladies of the Q.M.A.A.C. will be decorating the Church from 2.30 p.m. on Saturday and will be grateful for gifts of flowers, fruits or bread. The services will be as usual—at 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m and after the morning and evening services.

Army Lists.

We understand that a limited number of sets of the Monthly Army List for the period, July 1915 to December 1918, during which copies were not on sale, as well as for the period, August 1914 to June 1915, are now available for officers of the Army and others. Applications for sets or individual copies should be addressed to the Secretary, War Office and marked (C 2) so as to arrive not later than October 31st. No remittance should accompany such applications, as no distribution will be made until after that date. A communication will be sent in due course to applicants when the distribution has been decided upon, as it may be possible that the applications received may exceed the number available for sale.

Re-Echoes.

Inadequate available rolling stock is apparently responsible for the coal shortage in Germany, and not lack of the commodity itself.

A new type of pocket knife, containing, as well as a miniature tool outfit, a telescope corkscrew, is a souvenir now in great demand.

Farewell dinners to officers about to be demobilized have been very frequent in the clubs lately.

The departure from Cologne of Lieut. Duffin, officer-in-charge of the N.A.C.B. Clubs will grieve his many friends.

Overheard in the sleeping quarters at Riehl Barracks, after long argument—1st voice: "Only fools are certain". 2nd ditto: "Are you sure?" 1st., voice "I'm—positive".

A small fare for soldiers is charged on the tramways in French occupied territory. This we are informed is to prevent misuse of the cars.

After our S.O.S., and the verses which followed we were delighted to hear a comparatively recent London success played in a cafe the other evening.

If you are ever in Wiesbaden on a Sunday you should not fail to attend the orchestral concert at the Kurhaus. It is perhaps the finest orchestra in Rhineland and the performance commences at 4 p.m.

During the "Cologne Post" advertising campaign, which begins next week, thirty-six cinemas in Rhineland will exhibit screen notices. The campaign should be an unqualified success.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's winners are Signaller C. Thorne, Wireless section Rhine Army, Signal Coy. and A. Steel A. I. Army General and Commercial College Cologne.

AROUND AND ABOUT.

UTILITY HOMES.

Men who have roughed it in dug-out and trench will appreciate the significance of the change which is coming over the home. Husbands may not know it, but there is a revolution pending. The Army has returned expecting comfort, and soldiers do not find it sitting gingerly on the edge of frail drawing-room chairs. The old-world drawing-room in moderate homes is doomed, and the inlaid chair with it. The 'couch' is giving way to the 'Chesterfield,' and the Victorian round-chair in a few months will be seen only in the antique shops. In fact, the drawing-room is going to be the ante-room as the housewife sees it, a combination of the workman's 'best parlour' and my lady's boudoir."

DEEP WATER PHOTOGRAPHY.

Details are available of the method by which a remarkable photograph of the wrecked liner Laurentic was taken at the bottom of the Atlantic ocean off the coast of Donegal. A camera was enclosed in a watertight iron tank with a glass porthole. A diver then took it down and electric bulbs were lowered from the salvage steamer to provide light for the picture. An exposure of ninety minutes was given and an admirable picture of the wreck was secured.

RATS AND BAD TELEPHONES.

An official of the Board of Agriculture states that there is a large increase in London of the Alexandrinus rat, the black rat. This destructive animal comes from the East and is known in its native place as the tree rat, being famous for its climbing abilities. According to this official it is quite possible that one of the causes of the present bad telephone service may be the damage done to the cables by these rats. The insulating material used for cables is partly composed of fat which has a great attraction for rats of all kinds. It is said that numbers of rats have recently been seen crossing the streets of the city on telephone wires.

OLDEST FREE LIBRARY.

Though the oldest of the municipal public libraries represented at the Southport congress of the Library Association—those of Manchester—date only from 1852, quite a number of English towns had free libraries of a sort as early as the beginning of the 17th century. Norwich opened a free library in 1608, and Dr. Toby Matthew Archbishop of York, assisted a Mr. Robert Redwood to found a similar institution at Bristol in 1615. Leicester, too, had a free library in 1632, and in 1653 Sir Humphrey Cheetham founded the noble Cheetham library at Manchester. Despite many ups and downs these and other similar town collections remained in use until, for the most part, incorporated in modern municipal libraries.

COLD LIGHT.

Now that the Greenwich Experimental Station has commenced operations, we may hope that some method of producing artificial light less prodigal than the existing methods may be evolved. At present we make light by heating certain substances until they are incandescent, and in the most efficient light some 96 per cent, of the energy producing it is wasted as unnecessary heat—in most cases, indeed, not 2 per cent. becomes available as light. Users of electric light, have to buy a whole sheep to get a single chop. When electric light and gas engineers discover how to make cold light, as does the firefly, whose light represents practically 100 per cent. of the energy at the back of it, the fuel problem will be enormously simplified.

DENBY DALE'S PEACE PIE.

Denby Dale, a West Riding village famous for its festival pies, is considering whether it will celebrate Peace in accordance with its usual custom. The village has five gigantic pies to its credit. The first was made in 1788, to celebrate the recovery of George III.; the second in 1815, to mark the conclusion of peace between England and France; the third—a Repeal pie—in 1846; the fourth, to commemorate the 1887 Jubilee; and the fifth, in the same year. The Jubilee pie weighed over two tons and cost £250, but was so "high" that it was uneatable. Another was made, and this furnished a meal for over 3,000 persons. It contained 47 stones of beef, one calf, one sheep, 48 stones of flour, and 100 stones of potatoes.

TRAGIC FERMOY.

Fermoy, now added to the list of Ireland's tragic names, is a charming little town of County Cork, on the Blackwater. Three centuries ago, in the adjacent Kilcoleman Castle, Edmund Spenser wrote the immortal "Faerie Queene," while as the agent of the Government, he was carrying out the merciless Elizabethan policy, in association with Sir Walter Raleigh. Turn now to Spenser's "View of the Present State of Ireland," with its horrible details of repression, and you may be able to form some idea of the long and bitter memories of South-West Ireland. In 1598 the poet-oppressor was driven out of Kilcoleman, and had to fly in a destitute condition to London.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

(XXIV.)

By LIEUT. W. ROBERT PATTERSON.

Amateur photographers are usually impatient to see the results of their efforts; they become restless when the shopkeeper suggests a delay of a week or so. I have already advised amateurs they should learn to develop their own plates and films. Some have replied that they could not be bothered with the encumbrance due to the necessary paraphernalia. But there is no need to be encumbered at all. In Cologne we have at least two institutions—and I shall be glad to hear of others,—which have excellent dark rooms on their premises, well installed. These are the Y.M.C.A. in Friesenstrasse and the Rhine Army Bookshop in Hohenzollern Ring.

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Nor need the beginner feel anxious as to results, for if his exposure has been correct as regards duration and the power of light at the moment, the instructors in photography will lend him all assistance and coach him up in the various processes. All amateurs will find this not only economical but likewise instructive.

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And another thing! Now that the autumn is upon us, those of us who really intend to make photography a hobby, should attempt that most fascinating branch—pictures in their natural colours. The varied autumn tints, yellows, reds, browns and indigos, lend themselves, to such work, particularly when illuminated by direct sunlight. It is a good plan for all to learn something of the values of colour and shade. Charming studies of flowers may be made and admired long after the blooms themselves have gone the way of all living matter. Portraits of those dear to us may be retained, in their natural "nuances," for quiet inspection in later years.

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The simplest things, too, present a sweet beauty of their own when reproduced in colour,—for instance, an old grey ruin, crowned with dark and light verdure, and with bright moss between the fissures,—nothing in a plain photograph, perhaps, but delightful when viewed through a colour-plate.

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This branch of photography is more expensive, it is true, than the simple process but I consider it worth both the trouble and expense. One does not print them on paper; the negative itself becomes a positive by immersion in a prepared solution, and may then be employed as a lantern-slide. Such plates are also used as panels, giving a most beautiful effect against the light. They may, too, be arranged several together round an electric lamp and, here again, the effect is pleasing. Sunrises and sunsets are good subjects, too, producing splendid depth of colour, with clear-cut outlines. Having been properly developed, fixed and varnished, the plates may be preserved almost for ever.

THE PRONUNCIATION OF GERMAN.

The troops in Rhineland, with foresight and much to their credit, are rapidly acquiring a knowledge of the German tongue. It is going to be of extreme assistance to some of them in the future.

I feel it my duty, however, to warn them against learning the 'Platt', i. e., the Rhineland dialect, the tongue of the the proletariat. Never learn your German from the peasant or other humble, however estimable folk.

It may prove useful to one in many cases, to understand the dialect, but for those who intend to use the German language later for commercial, military, diplomatic and other reasons, I strongly advise the student to imitate the pronunciation and acquire the phraseology of the educated people here.

Most of the young soldiers with whom I have spoken in Cologne on the subject of pronunciation are able to "make themselves understood" as one says. Nevertheless, this is not sufficient.

The 'ch' and the 'ü' seem to present difficulties to many of them. Now, there are two kinds of 'ch' in German as in Scottish pronunciation. Let us take, as an example, the word 'Nachricht' which signifies 'news', and we shall discover that the two 'ch's' which occur therein, are entirely distinct sounds.

Before an 'a' or an 'o' or an 'u' the 'ch' is equivalent to that of the Scottish word 'loch' signifying 'lake' as in 'Loch Lomond'.

It is called a 'guttural' sound which means that it is uttered in the throat. When it follows either 'e' or 'i' it resembles more the soft sough of wind through leafy branches. One must always bear in mind that it should never be pronounced as in English 'sh', such as in 'shame'.

Now, ask an educated German to give you the pronunciation of the following words and listen attentively!

Ach.	Loch.
Echt.	Geruch.
Ich.	Nachricht.

The 'ü' is sounded like the French 'u' as in 'tu', 'vu', etc. I know only one place in the British Isles where the natives pronounce approximately this sound, and that is Glasgow.

But it is not difficult to acquire, if one will but practise thus:—Open your mouth and pronounce aloud the vowel 'ee' as in 'meet', 'feet', etc. Then gradually, and very slowly, purse and protrude the lips as though to end up with a whistle, and continue to sound the same 'ee'.

If you pay particular attention you will notice a change in the tone of this 'ee' as you proceed. In fact, it becomes, by degrees, some other sound, and, when the lips are thrust forward and pursed, so to speak, as in the act of whistling the vowel then produced is no more 'ee', it is the German 'ü' and the French 'u'. The German 'u' is equivalent to the English 'oo' in 'boot', or in 'book'.

Now, ask a German to pronounce the following words for you!

Buch.	Bücher.
Mutter.	Mütter.
Tuch.	Tüchtig.

Ask him to tender you a few more examples.

And then study with all your might for our country needs linguists. German will be very necessary in the future.

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FROM EVERYWHERE.

Scrapped.—Nottingham has scrapped its housing scheme.

Combined.—The water-cycle is becoming popular in Belgium.

Washing Done Here.—Swansea is to have a municipal laundry.

Speeding up.—Time taken for an officer to get his gratuity is a week.

Cold.—It has been so cold at Balmoral that the Queen sent South for her furs.

Economy.—There have been big reductions in Army pay staffs at Nottingham.

Olympic Games.—The Olympic Games will take place at Antwerp next year.

More Suppressed.—Two more Limerick newspapers have been suppressed.

A Rat's Attack.—A rat attacked a sleeping child in an East End house.

Bombs for Police.—Sections of Irish Police have been supplied with bombs.

Albert Hall.—Objection is taken to the use of this hall for boxing.

Freedom To-Day.—Earl Beatty is to receive the freedom of Manchester to-day.

No More "Wrens."—The W.R.N.S., will cease to exist in a few months' time.

No Review.—The King will not review troops in the Scottish Command.

Tank Names.—Hove's Tank has been named "Hova."

Mines "Spare."—Last week-end's storm has set loose many mines in the Baltic.

Big Deal.—Belgium has bought nearly 5,000 British Army huts for £415,271.

On The Move.—The latest letter from the Wyrley Gang is addressed from Walsall.

On Strike.—German school children have struck against undenominational teaching.

A Candidate.—Caillaux is to be a candidate for re-election to the French Chamber.

Now Permitted.—Money for maintenance may now be sent to persons in Austria without licence.

Why?—Dover Council will inquire why a lad works 74 hours weekly at the baths for £1.

Prolific Breeder.—A sow belonging to an Uxbridge hotel-keeper has had 40 young in 16 months.

Take Note.—Belgian clocks will be put Back 60 minutes as from the night of October 5.

Possible.—M. Clemenceau and Marshal Foch may visit the United States in December,

Freedom.—General Sir W. Hickie, who commanded at Dover has received the freedom of the borough.

Rabies.—Two cases of rabies were confirmed last week, making the total number of cases 143.

Back Again.—Princess Henry of Pless, the "Fairy Princess," as she was called has returned from Germany.

The First Lesson.—One-armed soldiers at Kitchener House, Hampstead, are being trained as pianists.

"Pontius Pilate's Bodyguard," as the 1st Royal Scots are known, are on their way to India.

When?—The problem of when is an egg "new laid" is engaging the attention of poultry experts.

Cutting Down.—The staff of the Board of Agriculture, has now been reduced to 3,737.

Trucks for Belgium.—Belgium has bought 8,750 British railway trucks formerly used in France.

Temporary War Memorial.—Hastings is using a bandstand until funds are raised for something permanent.

Hire-Purchase.—Army horses on the hire-purchase system have been acquired by a North London local authority.

Vaccine.—Inoculation against influenza is being practised by doctors all over the country.

"Right Away!"—London women conductors will all have disappeared by next week.

A Candid Inebriate.—"Why do you take it?" asked a London magistrate. "'Cos I likes it," was the reply.

"Goosey, Goosey, Gander!"—A Seacombe railway guard has a goose, which follows him about.

Novel Presents.—At a recent Society wedding the bridesmaids received cigarette holders as presents.

Government Housing.—The Government's housing scheme is unlikely to bring relief to the homeless this winter.

Poincaire.—M. Poincaire will be entertained at a State dinner at Buckingham Palace.

Three Weeks.—A woman knocked down by a motor van in London has been unconscious for three weeks.

Municipal Bank.—Over 2,000 new accounts have been opened within three weeks at the Birmingham Municipal Bank.

Medals For Buglers.—Battersea is presenting bronze medals to air raid buglers.

Shot a Pal.—Demonstrating the working of a Serbian revolver, a Warrington soldier shot his friend.

Victory Balls.—Balls to celebrate the anniversary of the signing of the armistice are being arranged.

The New Act.—Under the new Act in Ireland a private in the Essex Regiment has lodged a claim for injuries.

G.H.Q. of Peace.—Constantinople is suggested as the headquarters of the League of Nations.

Travelled Troops.—Few battalions have travelled over a greater distance than the Middlesex returned from Russia.

Shopping Ways.—Women at home are said to be shopping with greater care than formerly.

Nurse Cavell.—Workmen are engaged on the concrete foundation of Nurse Cavell's memorial in St. Martin's Place.

Named After Street.—A baby found in a Brentford thoroughfare has been named after the street.

Novel Decoration.—Harvest festival decorations in a Mansfield village included coal, soap and a clothes brush.

Improved.—The restaurant car service between Waterloo and the West is to be improved.

Proud Record.—Of the 60 players composing the four fifteens put in the field to represent the London Scottish Rugger Club in the spring of 1914, 45 fell in action.

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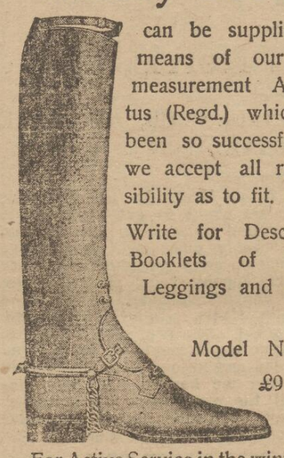

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RAILWAY STRIKE STARTS.

GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO BE COERCED AND WILL USE FORCE IF NECESSARY.

LEAVE AND DEMOBILISATION CANCELLED.

NO TRAINS.

ENGLISH RAILWAYS AT A STANDSTILL.

The general railway strike with which England has been threatened for months is a fact! The spasmodic disturbances which have occurred at intervals during this year have given the public a forecast of the perils and discomforts of a general strike. No one will seek to minimise the gravity of the situation which has arisen, and the time has come when the Government must either govern or surrender to organised force. The interests of the nation are before those of a section of its workers. It is certain that the nation will not be forced into accepting the railwaymen's terms.

The earlier happenings, since the National Union of Railwaymen, launched its ultimatum, were reported in yesterday's "Cologne Post". Thursday was spent in negotiations between the Government and the Railwaymen's Union.

Abortive Conference.

The result of these conferences, which culminated in a meeting with the Prime Minister at Downing-street lasting three and a half hours, was the issue by Mr. Lloyd George's private secretary of the following official statement:

The Prime Minister, with Mr. Bonar Law, accompanied by other members of the Government, discussed fully and frankly the whole situation from the point of the National Union of Railwaymen. It was agreed to have a further discussion to-morrow (Friday) at twelve noon.

Beyond this bald statement no official information about the progress of the negotiations was available. Had the Government however not been willing to reconsider these terms in the light of any representations which the railwaymen might wish to make, obviously they would not have been ready to parley further with Mr. Thomas and his colleagues, especially under a public threat of a strike on the expiry of a short time limit.

Pre-determined Action.

At the same time the threat to call a general strike at midnight on Friday was a serious obstacle to a peaceful settlement by negotiation. All branches of the union had been instructed not merely to hold themselves in readiness to strike but actually to cease work on Friday night unless in the meantime they received countermanding instructions from the Executive Committee. The Government were therefore in presence of a strike not simply threatened, but actually declared, and by the terms of the railwaymen's ultimatum the strike could only be called off if the Government made a new and more favourable offer by noon on Friday.

It is announced that the point of view of the Government is that nothing more grave could have happened to the country at the present time. The country is just beginning to rehabilitate itself after the exhaustion of war, to get its industries going and to set the wheels once more revolving to take part in the general world trade. Any stoppage of our trade at present must necessarily be disastrous and nobody can exaggerate the importance of that aspect of the strike. It is pointed out by the authorities that the strike in their view has taken place with great precipitancy. There seems to be no reason at all why it should come now. It is taking place because of a supposed fear on the part of the railwaymen that their wages are going to be reduced below their present level but they have an absolute guarantee that the present wages will continue at least until the 21st December and will keep at the present level until there is an appreciable change in the cost of living.

Force of Arms if Necessary.

The Government considers that to bring about a strike just now is extraordinarily callous and shows complete disregard to common public interest. The attitude of the Government is that now the matter has reached this pass the strike

must be resisted and fought with all the forces of the country.

A good deal of organisation exists already, viz:— specially prepared organisation to deal with the distribution of food supplies. If necessary all motor vehicles will be commandeered for the purpose. Whilst it is hoped that the matter can be settled without civil disturbance the Government is determined to see it through. Wherever it is possible for volunteers to do the work, when they are ready to volunteer protection will be given them where necessary. It is a strike against the community under conditions which the Government considers unreasonable and if necessary it is going to be fought with the full resources of the country on the side of authority.

How London Received the News.

London received the first news of the great strike with feelings of incredulity and even levity. Young people in the trains returning homewards from the city seemed to regard the matter as a huge joke with prospects of extra holidays, but as the evening wore on with warnings from all sides of the paralysation of food and other supplies the matter quickly assumed a serious aspect, and London is now awaiting what is going to happen next.

Crocodile Tears.

Mr. J. H. Thomas has issued a statement in which he says:—"This is the saddest day of my life. It is with deep regret that I have to announce a failure to arrive at a settlement. No effort has been spared by the Executive Committee to find some bridge that would avert a crisis the consequences whereof it is impossible to foresee."

Mr. Thomas hopes that the members of the Union will realise that neither disorder nor rioting will help their cause. Damage to property will not be countenanced.

A Sympathetic Union.

A special executive council meeting of the London and Provincial Union of Licensed Vehicle Workers was held last night to discuss what action the Union is prepared to take. Mr. Smith, the organising Secretary said: "This Union has never been a party to allowing its members to blackleg for any other section of transport workers and I don't see any reason why we should alter our policy on this occasion."

No Leave or Demobilization.

The War Office announces that owing to the railway strike all leave and demobilization is suspended forthwith. It is further announced that the railways will be guarded by troops, but no arrangements have yet been announced for the running of trains by troops.

BEAUTIFUL ADVENTURE.

D'ANNUNZIO'S MAD ENTERPRISE CANNOT CONTINUE.

During the last twenty-four hours the international situation at Fiume has considerably improved. Italy has now realized that D'Annunzio's adventure, though beautiful in itself, is extremely dangerous and is destined to create endless embarrassment for the Government, which is already facing a difficult situation. The leading newspapers throughout Italy are now rallying to the support of the Government, but political controversy is still raging between the supporters and opponents of the Premier, Signor Nitti.

The national subscription on behalf of Fiume, which was expected to yield one million Lire in two days, yields instead only a few thousand daily.

PEACEFUL BLOCKADE OF RUSSIA.

The Supreme Council yesterday decided to take legal advice as to whether there is any satisfactory formula under which the Allies may peacefully blockade Bolshevist Russia. It is suggested that the Powers enforcing the blockade would warn merchant vessels against entering the prohibited zone and might pay compensation for a ship which was forcibly prevented from proceeding.

Precedents for such blockade—that is, without a previous declaration of war—can be found in the blockade of Greece in 1916-1917 before the fall of King Constantine and the blockade of the Venezuelan coast by British, French and German naval forces in 1903.

FUTURE OF SPITZBERGEN

IMMENSE COAL FIELD DISCOVERED

The Supreme Council at Paris yesterday approved the report of the Spitzbergen Commission giving Norway political sovereignty over that island. During the war we destroyed the wireless station and other establishments erected by the Germans at the Ebeltoft Harbour, and hoisted the British flag. The Germans also made use of Spitzbergen as a submarine base. A few days ago the Scottish Exploring Expedition under the direction of the well-known Arctic explorer, Dr. Bruce, returned after completing an exhaustive geological survey of the island. They discovered rich seams of coal estimated to contain five million tons in one square mile. The Foreign Office has already guaranteed the rights of established exploring companies without regard to the future sovereignty of the island.

AUSTRIA FILES ITS PETITION.

On account of the disastrous condition of her food and fuel supplies, Austria is said to be about to declare herself bankrupt and place her Government in the hands of the Allied Missions now in Vienna.

KNOTT NOTIFIED.

REPUDIATED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

"All statements which have appeared in the newspapers relating to future trade relations between Great Britain and Germany, and to schemes for controlling imports and exports, which have emanated from one of its responsible officers are deprecated by the Chamber. Such statements being unauthorised, do not receive the approval of its members. Neither the Council nor the members of the Chamber were consulted on the subject, and the statements were made entirely without their cognisance.

"A resolution was passed disapproving of Mr. Knott's action and calling upon him to resign his position as Honorary President of the Chamber.

"It was furthermore decided that the title of the Chamber in the future should be "British Chamber of Commerce, Cologne" instead of "British Chamber of Commerce in Germany," which has been the title up to the present.

For and on behalf of the British Chamber of Commerce (pending incorporation)

F. E. Jordan

Assistant-Secretary."

The above statement is printed exactly as received from the British Chamber of Commerce, Cologne.

It is their own summary of the proceedings at a special meeting of members held at the Hotel Disch on Friday evening, a meeting to which we were not invited.

Behind this repudiation of the ex-Honorary President, Mr. C. Knott, lies an interesting story, culminating in a grandiose but unworkable and onesided plan of trade operations, an investigation by a Daily Mail sleuth and the discarding of Mr. Knott by the British Chamber of Commerce, Cologne.

It was on the 1st August, the day on which Mr. Knott succeeded to the Honorary Presidency, that the title "British Chamber of Commerce in Germany," was adopted. Although trade and trading conditions in occupied territory have afforded unbounded scope for the operations of such a body, Mr. Knott went much further afield. He went to Berlin, where he spoke with Herr Erzberger and others. Then he announced his scheme, the main feature of which was to be a clearing house in Berlin for trade between England and Germany and a system of permits which were described as for regulating trade but which practically amounted to commercial espionage.

Heralded by the publicity accorded the proposal of this self-constituted go-between Berlin and London, Mr. Knott went to London to see Sir Auckland Geddes, President of the Board of Trade, who was, however, too busy to grant him an interview.

The London Chamber of Commerce and commercial men generally looked askance at the scheme and began to ask "Who is Mr. Knott?" The Trade Correspondent of the Daily Mail found him and questioned him about the scheme.

"I am on a confidential mission from the German Government to the British Government. Therefore I cannot discuss it now," he said.

"Then the scheme originates with the German Government?" pursued the correspondent.

"I would rather not discuss that now. The simple aim is to show the British people that the Germans do not want to dump their goods here. They do not, on the other hand, mind our sending our goods there."

"Are you working with the London Chamber of Commerce?"

"No I am not."

In a subsequent article the "Daily Mail" printed a record of some of Mr. Knott's business activities but Mr. Knott failed to keep an appointment he had made with the writer of the article.

He was en route for Cologne. When he arrived the Chamber of Commerce lost no time in giving him his quietus.

OPERA STRIKE OVER.

England may be trainless, but Cologne has the opera again. The strike of the chorus and ballet at the Opera House is over. It has ended, after lasting a week and involving a loss to the authorities put at 70.000 marks, in a compromise between the municipality and the strikers. The claim of the strikers was in the case of men, an increase of salary from 2,410 marks a year to 6,0 0 marks, and in the case of women, from 2.000 marks to 5,040 marks. Under the settlement, married men have been granted an increase of 550 marks a year, unmarried men 340 marks and women 300 marks. "Tosca" was presented on Friday night, and music lovers again have the prospect of happy evenings before them.

ARGUE—BUT LOAD THE GUNS.

The Esthonian Minister to Finland states that peace negotiations with the Soviet must not cause a break in the united fighting front of the Baltic States, which must continue to be maintained while negotiations are proceeding. In view of probable Bolshevist agitation and propaganda a neutral zone should be established between Esthonia and Soviet Russia.

The Ministry of Health is now preparing a new set of regulations which will make the building of wooden houses permissible.

FRENCH-ASQUITH.

ASSERTIONS, DENIALS AND RECRIMINATIONS.

The French-Asquith controversy is taken a step further by the publication yesterday of the ex-Premier's reply to certain remarks made by Lord French in the new preface to his book "1914." In this preface Lord French has replied to Mr. Asquith's criticisms contained in his speech on the 3rd of June. He emphatically denies that he has ever stated that the Army in the Spring of 1915 had as much ammunition as it could use in the next advance. Mr. Asquith's present reply is contained in a letter to a correspondent in which he says "What you call the controversy between Lord French and myself is not of my seeking. I preserved complete silence: but when Lord French, apparently in pursuit of a vendetta against the fame and memory of a great soldier and a former colleague of my own—Lord Kitchener — who can no longer speak for himself and to whom Lord French stood under strong personal obligations, proceeded, in my judgment, to falsify history, I felt bound to intervene."

With regard to the two letters of warm commendation and appreciation of his services from Mr. Asquith, cited by Lord French, Mr. Asquith remarks that it was his practice to convey with all possible emphasis to the General in supreme command in the field an expression of confidence and encouragement, but if he had known then what Lord French has avowed since — that at the date of this last appreciative letter Lord French was engaged behind Kitchener's back in manoeuvring to upset the Government at home, it is probable that the communication would have been couched in somewhat different terms. Mr. Asquith concludes his letter with: "To have a bad memory is a misfortune, not a crime. But people who have bad memories should not attempt to write their own or other people's lives."

CLEMENCEAU'S HOMAGE.

FINE TRIBUTE TO BRITISH EMPIRE.

In his speech in the French Chamber on the Peace Treaty M. Clemenceau spoke of the solidarity with which the Allied plenipotentaries had produced a scheme out of a political and material chaos of the most complicated nature. He made a graceful allusion to the story of Mr. Lloyd George's question: "Would you have won the war without Great Britain's help?" His answer was "No."

The Premier spoke with emotion of the events of March and April 1918, and showed that England and France in those serious circumstances gave a proof of the most perfect solidarity. Continuing, M. Clemenceau said: "What made the action of the United States so fine was that they came to fight in order to pick up the challenge of one who had said: 'Our future lies on the water.' Nothing obliged American statesmen, nothing obliged America to come, but the American Army did come at the precise moment when despite our courage we were resisting across our ruins, and America brought us hope."

Referring to the extensive use of the English language at the Peace Conference, M. Clemenceau pointed out that Britain had increased her population since the eighteenth century by two or three hundred millions, whose language was at present the most widely spoken in the world. "I thought," he said, "that we ought to show a spirit of generosity towards the men who had come to shed their blood for us. Their plentipotentiaries considered that they owed it to their people to speak their own language. Could we refuse it?" He spoke with deep emotion of the heroism of the American, British, Canadian and Australian troops and particularly recalled the sacrifices made by the Australians. "Are we," he exclaimed, "to refuse to those men, to Mr. Hughes, to Sir Robert Borden, to Mr. Massey, the gratitude we owe them? The same blood is in their veins. Never would England secure from them a vote contrary to the interests of their own countries. I have found them to be friends of France. Must there not have been something in the minds and hearts of these men from the confines of the Pacific to induce them to spring to arms and come to us, to equal in courage anything known in history. Do you not realise the solidarity which is being created and that it is folly to reproach us with having introduced them into the Council of the League of Nations?"

M. Clemenceau's tribute caused loud applause.

THE 200-BOTTLE MEN.

Apropos our recent letters from modern Munchausens on the subject of wine consumption the fact which is stronger (not stranger) than fiction has just transpired. It concerns the President of the German Republic! The leaders of Germany are continually urging the necessity for counting every penny; therefore, the details of the entertainment of Ebert and Noske during their recent visit to Darmstadt are severely criticised. Luncheons and dinners cost nominally £218, exclusive of wine, of which over 200 bottles were consumed; £10 was spent on motor-cars and £21 on floral decorations. The cost of the entertainment falls on public funds. Germans are remarking that they have all the expense of an imperial régime and none of its dignity.

Arrangements were completed yesterday for over twelve thousand men to return from Archangel via Leith and Hull.

WOMEN IN CLUBS.

6th CORPS CLUB AND GERMAN GUESTS.

Reference has frequently been made in these columns to the social amenities—without which life would indeed be humdrum—provided by the VI Corps Club in Cologne. Such references have invariably been eulogistic of the manner in which the institution is managed. Consequently, in view of the protest of "Clublover," which appeared yesterday in the "Editor's Letter-Box" column, in which the writer objected to German women being entertained in the Club's precincts, a representative of the "Cologne Post" had a chat with the officer in charge. "There is absolutely no truth," he said, "in the suggestion that Clublover makes, that German women are wilfully permitted to be entertained in the Club of which I am in charge."

"As far as my own knowledge goes," he continued, "no German—either man or woman—has ever been a guest, but should this by any extraordinary and isolated chance have happened, the visitor must have been introduced by a British officer and have been to all outward appearances a British or Allied subject, speaking the English language fluently."

Our informant went on to say that every precaution was invariably taken to ensure that the Club's doors were open only to legitimate members. On more than one occasion officers had complained to him that German women were taking a meal or some form of refreshment in the lounge. Investigation had, without exception, brought conviction that the complainant was mistaken, bona fides of a positively unquestionable nature having been produced, proving the identity of the person in question.

In some cases, admitted the officer of the Club, superficial evidence appeared to be so positively concrete as to justify the complaint, but the explanations of the individual whose nationality appeared to be under discussion were sufficiently convincing to leave not the slightest doubt in the mind of the enquirer as to her being a native of a friendly country.

"Only a day or two ago," proceeded our informant," I had occasion to approach a female diner who wore no external badge of identification to enquire the right of her presence. The lady in question replied in perfect English but displayed great indignation at the fact of being questioned. She resolutely refused, beyond verbal declaration, to prove to what country she belonged, and I had consequently no alternative but to ask her to leave the club.

"Getting back to the point, however," the speaker continued, "it appears fairly obvious that the writer of the letter which appeared in the "Cologne Post" yesterday is woefully ignorant of the elementary etiquette of club life. If be were present when the offending women were supposed to have made their appearance I should have imagined that his first instinct would have been to find the individual responsible for the place with a view to having enquiries made, and, if his suspicions were confirmed, of having the people removed."

OUR HOLY PLACE.

SAVING YPRES FROM DESECRATION.

British newspapers welcome the statement made in the Belgian Chamber by the Minister of the Interior, who declared that in concert with the British authorities it has been decided to keep the Cloth-hall, market, cathedral and adjacent houses at Ypres in their present state, and that steps have been take to preserve them from vandalism. As the Minister stated, these ruins will constitute a place of pilgrimage whither members of the Allied nations will come to honour the memory of their countrymen who fell while striving to keep inviolate the remaining shred of Belgian soil. To Britain, whose men for four long years, exhibited superb tenacity and unmeasured heroism in defending the region around Ypres this decision is particularly welcome.

No convention has yet been formed for settling the final allotment to Canada of part of the ramparts of Ypres and the Porte de Menin, but the Belgian Government has agreed to the request of the Dominion that the emplacement where General Mercier fell shall be allotted to it with a view to the erection of a museum on the spot. British colonial soldiers share with the troops from England the honour of defending this ground in no mean degree.

GERMAN AS PRIVATE.

JOINED BRITISH ARMY IN 1914.

Can a German join the British Army? Speaking in perfect English and ignoring the services of an interpreter, a German resident in Cologne declared before the Summary Court yesterday that he served in the British Army from August 1914 until he was discharged as medically unfit in December 1914.

"And would you have continued to serve in the Army but for this rejection?" asked the President of the Court. "Yes" was his reply.

He was charged with being in possession of certain military clothing, his defence being that he was minding them for an R.A.S.C. corporal at present on leave.

The case was adjourned for the attendance of an essential witness.

ROYAL WARRANT.

PAY OF WARRANT OFFICERS N.C.O.'s AND MEN.

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6. The trades of all arms and departments classified in five groups (A—E) are shown in detail in Table 3. After a soldier has been enlisted for a trade in one of the groups he will be eligible for advancement in that group to a higher class or rank, but will not be transferred to any other group unless he is remustered in another trade in a different group. Soldiers of the rank of private will be classified according to qualifications. There will be universal standard tests for each trade for all arms, and soldiers will be placed in their appropriate class according to their qualifications. Should a soldier after having been placed in a class subsequently fall below the standard prescribed for that class, or fail to show diligence in his duties he will be disrated to a lower class or he may be removed from the tradesman's groups altogether.

Increments dependent on service will be subject to a satisfactory standard of military efficiency. Service in a class will count for increment in any higher class to which the soldier may be promoted.

No soldier will be paid under paragraph 5 who does not belong to a trade shown in Table 3.

7. Service during which a soldier is paid under paragraph 2 will count for increments under paragraph 5, in the case of transfer to a tradesman's group.

8. Clerks hitherto paid under Articles 821, 835, 880, and 1009, Pay Warrant, will be paid as tradesmen. In the absence of instructions to the contrary, promotions by time will continue as laid down in those Articles, but no increments will be given for length of service in a particular rank. The question of increments and conditions of promotion generally for clerks are under consideration, and are subject to revision.

9. The term "regimental quartermaster-sergeant" in the tradesmen's groups denotes quartermaster-sergeants who are in charge of stores or equipment for a group of companies or equivalent units, and such other cases as may be specially authorized by the Army Council.

General Conditions.

10. Detailed tables for each arm and branch, where the ranks or appointments are not provided for in paragraph 2 or 5 are appended in Table 2.

11. As from July 1, 1919, non-commissioned officers of the Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, and Royal Army Ordnance Corps will be graded as follows for pay:—

Royal Artillery, Corporal, 1st corporal of the band, becomes lance-sergeant. Bombardier, 2nd corporal of the band, becomes corporal. Lance-bombardier becomes lance-corporal.

Royal Engineers, Corporal becomes lance-sergeant. 2nd corporal becomes corporal.

Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Lance-sergeant remains lance-sergeant. Corporal becomes lance-sergeant. 2nd corporal becomes corporal.

12. Men and boys who are unskilled at any trade on enlistment will be paid at normal rates (paragraph 2) while learning a trade, and until they passed the necessary trade test for classification as tradesmen.

Men who have a trade on enlistment, and are enlisted for service under one of the tradesmen's groups, will be paid in their group under Class III, from the date of enlistment although not actually working at their trade while doing their recruit drills. After passing their recruit drills they will be paid the rate of the class for which they are qualified.

13. (*a*) Engineer pay, corps pay, war pay, proficiency pay as hitherto provided for in the Pay Warrant, service pay, and Army of Occupation bonus are abolished for soldiers who draw pay under this Warrant. Additional pay and working pay remain as hitherto, unless specifically modified by the present Warrant, but are subject to revision at an early date. Soldiers drawing pay under this Warrant will have no claim to any additional or working pay which may be abolished in consequence of such revision.

(*b*) Additional pay under the following Articles of the Pay Warrant is abolished for all those who draw pay under this Warrant: Articles 748, 750 (*b*) (*c*) (*g*) and (*k*), 905, 906, 910, 920, 1003, 1011, 1022, 1023, and 1030. Additional pay above 6d. per day under Article 750 (*a*) is also abolished.

(*c*) Working pay under Articles 845 and 946 to 951, Pay Warrant, is abolished for those who draw pay under this Warrant. Where a soldier is employed on tradesmen's duties he will receive the appropriate pay for the trade, according to rank, group, and class, in substitution of pay under paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of Table 1.

(*d*) The deductions of 1s. 6d. per day provided for in Articles 872 and 873 of the Pay Warrant are abolished for those who draw pay under this Warrant.

14. The existing separation, parents' and dependents' allowances and the concession granted by Army Order 1 of 1918, under which the allotment from a soldier's pay in order to qualify for separation or dependents' allowance is issued from public funds, will continue until December 31, 1919. The future of these allowances from that date is subject to further consideration for all who are now entitled to them.

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A FEW SIMPLE FACTS.

In the whirlwind of insistent demands for higher wages, shorter hours, altered control and better conditions, the average man, even among those joining in the shouts, needs to clear his mind of the resultant confusion, and get down to a few elementary and undeniable facts which alone can form a basis for the possibility of obtaining those improvements so widely desired.

Are not the following statements quite obviously and necessarily true? And if so, is not any action contrary to each or any of them clearly to the detriment of the community and thus to the individuals who depend, as we all do at every hour, upon the production and services of that community?

WAGES. Money being only valuable as a token of what it will bring us in goods or services, wages cannot be measured by mere figures, but alone by what those figures will purchase. If increase of true wages is desired, it means that more commodities and more service are needed for the sum at our disposal. Otherwise it is meaningless. A rise of wages all round means that before anything we need can get to us it has cost more to produce, more to transport and distribute. Our own individual increase thus has to cover all the other increases on the various stages of everything we buy. Clearly, this is worse than useless.

SHORTER HOURS. Hours must be short enough to comply with the calls of health and to give fair opportunity for reasonable leisure and recreation. That of course; and in some employments a good deal remains to be done in this connection. But more than this is harmful, for it means that during all that decrease of time less wealth is being produced for general distribution (hence keeping prices up), or that less service is being rendered to the public generally, which means less convenience for everybody.

RESTRICTIONS ON PRODUCTION. This can only mean that the amount of commodities and their accessibility to everyone, workmen and their families included, is lessened and the price increased. It is obvious that the more there is in the market the greater is the share easily attainable. You cannot share what does not exist. Big production and facile transport mean wealth and low prices for all. And the excess of any commodity over the national requirements means that we can barter it with other lands for those of their products which we need for our own trade or comfort and which otherwise we cannot obtain.

LABOUR, MANAGEMENT AND CAPITAL. No one of these can keep things going without the other two. What the terms of co-operation between them may be is a matter for adjustment. Unless we are to return to the primitive state of every family subsisting on what itself can produce, foregoing everything else, labour must have its work directed by management and its opportunities created by capital. And outside its working hours, the comforts, amenities and even amusements depend on organised brains and money employed to those ends.

DIRECT ACTION AND STRIKES. In days now past, when labour had no political power, no immediate promise of dealing with its own problems by constitutional means, strikes were, though wasteful and reacting on the strikers and their dependents, a natural weapon. But now, when Labour is conscious of its numbers and of its consequent power when so large a proportion of the manual workers have become instructed in economic and political subjects, they must recognise that the constitutional means within their grasp are the only justifiable ones, are indeed those which they aspire to control when their turn of Government comes. And since every strike means direct loss of goods or business that would otherwise have been added to the nation's stock; and this reacts on other industries; the nation, and especially the working-class, is each time the poorer; for, once more, there is less to share.

Surely these facts must be obvious. Why continue to impoverish the nation? We all want more—not money, as figures, but more for our money. Then, that everyone's share may be the greatest possible, we must have the maximum of production with the best possible distribution, management, and expansion of trade, all of which mean more goods and lower prices.

Meantime, by constitutional means, by wise organisation and co-operation, by seeking all means of better understanding (through Whitley Councils or otherwise) of all grades of industry, by steady education on to-day's problems, difficulties can be adjusted, and increasing loss averted.

JUST A LETTER.

With a sandbag containing the day's mail slung over his shoulder, the post orderly came down the communication trench whistling cheerily.

The Sub. had just returned from a tour of the front line and meeting the "bearer of good tidings" caused him to break off rather spasmodically and grope in the depths of the sandbag from which he finally produced a small parcel of mail which he handed to the Sub. with the remark "Officers' Mess Sir."

Hastily glancing through the parcel, the Sub. found and pocketed a pink envelope addressed in dainty handwriting and bearing the faint fragrance of a delicate perfume. Making his way to the dug-out that was for the time being the home of the company officers he tossed the parcel on the table with the remark "Mail from Blighty" and the joyous shout that greeted his words would have caused the head of many a fair damsel in Blighty to flutter in sympathy.

As each member possessed himself of his letter or periodical the Sub's hand strayed to his pocket while his eyes searched the dug-out in the hope that a quiet corner might present itself.

There were plenty of vacant seats but then who could read a letter from "her" amongst such din and chatter.

No, there was a quiet spot he knew of, just a short distance away and thither he went and seating himself drew out his precious missive and settled down to the enjoyment of its contents.

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Ten minutes later a dazed and speechless Subaltern stared with unseeing eyes at a cloudless sky, that suddenly had become dark and lowering. The letter was crushed in his hand. Surely it could not be true: surely she could never be so heartless.

After a few agonizing moments he smoothed out the letter and commenced to read it again. Yes it was true! and those hard cruel words seemed to sear his brain.

".....there is a new lot of Engineers in huts on the golf course now. The Major is a very nice man and mother is simply infatuated with him. Poor man he is not strong enough to go to the Front.....but I think our engagement was a mistake dear..... so write and tell me you don't mind....."

A few minutes longer the Sub. sat there alone with his misery, then rising he stumbled off to his own dug-out leaving the heart rending missive behind. Life was hardly worth living now, still there was the attack in the morning, and his platoon's objective was a German pill-box; anything might happen, who could say?

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Extract from local paper.

"At Buckingham Palace to-day His Majesty the King presented to Mrs. A. W. Douglas the V.C. awarded to her son the late 2/Lieut. J. R. Douglas 1st.....for conspicuous gallantry in raiding an enemy machine-gun emplacement single-handed and throwing himself across the barrel of the weapon rendering it useless."

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My batman found a crumpled letter and an envelope addressed to Douglas and brought them to me. I read the letter. I wonder.

J. M. S.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.
Our Readers' Varied Views on Many Topics.

GERMAN WOMEN IN OUR CLUBS!

Sir,—Bravo "Clublover" for your letter on the subject of the admission of German women to our clubs. Publicity was very necessary.

I cannot imagine that the authorities of the VI. Corps Club are parties to this deplorable practice and I trust they will make an example of the officer who has the audacity to escort a German woman into a club.

The way out of the difficulty is to make the wearing of the brassard compulsory and certainly a condition of admission to the club at the same time reserving the right of demanding further proof of identity. The brazen impudence of these German females is only equalled by the lack of feeling and tact shown by their escorts.

CLUBLOVER II.

Sir,—With reference to Clublover's letter, German women are not allowed to use the VI Corps Officer's Club. Should the presence of one be suspected, the officer accompanying her is questioned as to her nationality, and, up to the present, in no case has a German woman been found in the Club.

Should any officer suspect the presence of German women in the Club it is his duty to immediately draw the attention of one of the officials to the fact.

J. W. HAYLIN, Major.
Hon. Treasurer.
VI. Corps Officers' Club.

BUSINESS NOW.

Sir,—Have any of your readers observed that the whole tone of life in Cologne has greatly changed in the past month or two?

The atmosphere of a military occupation has been transformed into one of money-grabbing and sordid commercial self-interest.

All our resorts are invaded by hordes of nondescript dealers, many of them most undesirable people.

The talk is all of finance and bargaining. It makes one sick to see the influx of many of the worst elements in the business world—people without a thought of the millions who have laid down their lives that they might carry on their callings in security, — literally trampling over the graves of the dead to snatch their miserable profits and commissions.

No; I feel that is is no longer the fine thing it was to be part of a conquering army occupying the territory of a fallen foe.

To-day seems to be the day of the huckster and bagman rather then the soldiers, — alas!

W.W.R.

SALUTING DIFFICULTIES.

Sir,—Has Tanker realised the wisdom of carrying stars on the shoulderstraps? It must be obvious that the continual alteration of such badges spoils a tunic, whereas pips on the shoulder are altered very easily.

How often during the war did an officer change his rank? One day he was a company commander with the rank of acting captain, next day a second lieutenant.

Tanker thinks braided cuffs are better than shoulder titles because the braid is an aid to identification. How often may I ask is a Lieut.-Colonel taken for a full "loot" or vice versa?

JAQUES.

PREFERENCE FOR TOMMY.

Sir,—Why are German girls so partial to the military section of the Cologne-Bonn tram service?

I don't mind surrendering my seat to a member of the other sex at any time, but when there is plenty of room in the civilian coaches, surely Gretchen ought to go there.

But being a girl and only human after all, she knows where true courtesy is to be found, and travels with Tommy.

BULL DOG.

WHY?

Sir,—How is it that some officers cling to the idea of leathered tunics?

Agreed the tunic required some reinforcement in order to get it to stand the wear and tear of active service, but is it necessary in Cologne that officers should walk about with leather at the elbow point of the sleeves?

It creates an entirely wrong impression.

JACKO.

FRIENDLINESS TO GERMANS.

Sir,—A soldier's statement appeared in "The Times" a few days ago that there were Anglo-German marriages in Rhineland. Although it has been officially denied is it to be wondered at that such statements should creep into the Press?

Walk down the Hohestrasse or go into the cafes, etc. of Cöln and you will observe the Germans greeted in many cases as "long lost brothers."

Although allowance can be made for the British spirit, and Cupid is responsible to a large degree, should not a little restaint be exercised? — especially when one realizes that less than twelve months ago these Germans were torturing our prisoners, bayonetting our wounded, and generally proclaiming "Gott strafe England."

It is deplorable that so many of our countrymen in England have shown ignorance of a war since the German delegates crossed No Man's Land to receive the armistice terms.

How can we, as Britishers, sing "Land of Hope and Glory" when the demobilized officer tramps the streets in quest of a living salary; the selfish employer rejects the idea of engaging his former employee because the latter through wounds will not be as useful, or profitable, as he was.

If the lessons of the war do not remain indelible on the minds of most of us then the time will not be long before Mars again threatens the shores of old England.

When one is tempted to fraternise would it not be only just and rigt to catch a glimpse in one's mind of the hundreds of thousands of wooden crosses which do the lonely battlefields, and realize that although the war ha mellowed in the background there are countless numbers whose lives will never be the same to them again.

A MAIMED OFFICER.

SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS.

Sir,—Now the Army is drifting back to a peace time footing the question of improving the equipment of the fighting man will doubtless be taken in hand. I believe that quite early in the Occupation officers were invited to express their views on the subject, it being apparent that the fighting man is best qualified to express an opinion on the point.

Improvements suggest themselves in the carrying of the ground sheet which to my mind should be discarded in favour of a light waterproof coat or lenghtened. At present it is carried under the flap of the valise which means that equipment has to be taken off to remove it. Meanwhile a man gets wet.

Another point is the entrenching tool. It has struck me that means by which this part of the equipment could be brought into action quicker might be devised.

Other improvements come to mind, but I will leave them for discussion by others.

P.E.F.

DRAMATIC COMPANY'S SERVICES.

Sir,— The Officers, N.C.O.'s, and men of the British Rhine Army Dramatic Company strongly resent the persistent rumours that they are in receipt of salaries for their services with this Company.

I beg to state that Officers N.C.O.'s and men who work for the Rhine Army Dramatic Company do this entirely in their spare time and receive *no remuneration whatever.*

I should be grateful if you would give this full publicity in your issue of to-morrow.

S. E. PERCY
Officer i/c. British Rhine Army Dramatic Company.

WAR MEDALS FOR ALL.

Sir,—Whoever is responsible for granting the '14—'15 star to Y.M.C.A. workers who served overseas during the period stated is only doing that which is quite right.

Those splendid people did not merely serve in back areas, as anyone with experience "in the line" knows.

True it is that the Y.M.C.A. and kindred bodies did not establish themselves in the frontline actually, but they have been well under shell fire. Thousands of men have been and are still grateful for services rendered.

It ought also to be remembered that a great many of these workers have been further afield than France. They have risked their lives in submarine infested waters, waters wider, more dangerous and not quite so close to a dressing station as the front line sometimes was.

In any case, they are much more entitled to the medal than those who came out just prior to the armistice, saw no fighting and who, from all appearances, were the first to wear the ribbon.

PLEASED.

A QUESTION OF GENDER.

In a recent issue the difficulties of the gender question are referred to.

It would, no doubt, interest some of your readers to know that the word for feminine is weiblich and is derived from the word Wein, the woman, and that the woman is not of feminine gender but is neuter.

Students, however, should have no difficulty in recognising the gender of the words quoted, das Fräulein and das Mädchen, as all nouns ending with the deminutive "chen" or "lein" are of neuter gender.

Thus Fräulein denotes little Frau and Mädchen little maid or little girl. When a man wishes to be very affectionate to his wife he calls her "Frauchen," while she would call him "Männchen" both the man and his wife thus becoming "neuter gender."

G.L.M.

THE WINE TAX.

Sir,—What is the reason for the removal of the Order exempting British troops from the payment of the tax on wine?

Is it that unscrupulous individuals have been saddling Tommy with the consumption of the greater part of the total, thus escaping their liability? This struck me as a reason.

With one German consuming the contents of 58 bottles on one steamer trip to quote your correspondent I should have thought the German authorities would have received sufficient revenue from their folk alone.

WINE.

PAYING TRAM FARES.

Sir,—With reference to the warning order just published that British troops in the occupied area will require to pay their fares on the trams on the ratification of the Peace Treaty.

Might I suggest, through the medium of your paper, that the British Authorities arrange for the Tramways Committee of Cologne, to display posters in the cars on all routes, showing the cost of tickets from the starting points to all the main stops.

This would enable the men to be sure that they are paying the regulation fare only, as, without some means of letting them know the various fares, it would be quite easy for the conductors to give them a ticket for, perhaps, quite double the distance they wish to travel.

"FAIR PLAY".

THEATRE SUPPERS.

Sir,—We all know that it is possible to obtain "snacks" at the Officers' Club before the Opera. Could our friend, the Officer in charge possibly arrange for something more solid, either before or after, as an alternative to "Häring-Salat" and such like stuff?

R.S.

AUTUMN LEAVES.

The leaves in their robes of russet
Whisper 'tis time to die
Let us join our friends the flowers
Together in death we'll lie.
For the summer is past and over
The sunbeams that kissed us fled.
The zephyrs have turned to autumn winds
'Twere better that we were dead.
So a last farewell they whisper
To the swallows that southward fly
Then gently down to their mother earth
They float with a lingering sigh.

A.S.

16 GOALS TO NIL.

Heavy scoring in 5th Hants inter-company football match.

Splendid Shooting.

In a match on Thursday at Bergisch Bon "A" Coy beat "D" Coy by 16 goals to nil. The heavy score was chiefly due to the splendid shooting of "A" Company's forwards, and the perfectly placed corners of Pte. Henson, three goals coming in quick succession from his corner-kicks. The chief scorers for "A" Company were Pte. Gingele (6) Lieut. L. F. Sharp (4) and Cpl. Johnson (3). "D" Company put up a plucky fight but stood no chance against the perfect play of "A" Company.

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

(By Novo).

Millard has proved a "find" for Birmingham as a leader of the a tack. Godfrey, in three games, had scored once, Millard in his two outings against South Shields and Coventry, got two in each game.

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Bury are having rather a lean time of it so far. Probably no other club in the League has suffered more from injuries to players than the "Shakers." The roll call totalled 19 for 5 games.

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South Shields completely held Tottenham, up to half-time, in last Saturday's game, but after the 'Spurs had scored early in the second half, the "Seasiders" appeared to lose all heart and finally retired beaten by three clear goals.

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What trouble many clubs are having with the centre-forward problem. Half of the Frst League teams have had to make changes, some of them having already tried three, whilst of the Second League clubs only eight centres who opened the campaign have retained their places in each game.

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Newcastle United's trips to London this season, have attracted 45,000 spectators on each occasion, and if the figures were possible it would be rather interesting to know how many of them were Tynesiders.

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Watch Cresswell, the South Shields back. He has come in for quite a lot of praise recently, and played two exceptionally fine games against the 'Spurs. He was the outstanding back at White Hart Lane and it is not surprising that Peter McWilliam looked envious. Cresswell was nearly booked by the 'Spurs a few months ago and several of their officials were heard sighing "What a miss."

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The Corinthians have issued their programme for the first half of the season, and their list includes games with the Varsities, Fulham, and Queen's Park, the Scottish amateur club. For the second half of the season it is hoped to arrange games with some of the First League teams.

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Fulham have discovered a real live centre forward, who they reckon is the "goods." His name is Cock, and in two games he has scored four goals. It was not until after the third game that the "Cottagers" directors turned their attention in his direction, after having tried two other players.

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Leicester City officials are rather disappointed with George Jobey who has not realised expectations as a centre-forward. Jobey generally plays in the half-back line and Newcastle United could have informed the Leicester folk that he was not a centre, for they tried him in that position in one of the Cup Finals with Bradford City.

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Newcastle United new forward line of youngsters promised great things. Robinson, outside right, will star the bill "some" day as also will Wilson the centre forward, but I'm thinking the "Magpies" will ere long have another forward line. No names, but Newcastle ever favoured Scotsmen.

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P. O'Connell, the famous Irish International half-back, and Bradford, the Scottish League keeper, will not be long with Dumbarton and Norton respectively. Bradford has yet to re-sign.

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Irvine Thornley, the ex Manchester City captain, who was largely instrumental in getting South Shields into first-class football, is now leading Hamilton Accies attack and going great guns.

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Everton when playing in London, will confound football form. When in the metropolis, they have three stars in Kirsopp, Chedgzoy and Harrison available, these being still in khaki, and stationed there.

BALZAC v. McGOORTY.

There is strong talk at present of the principal event on the card for the much-awaited reopening of the "Wonderland Francais," the "premier" Parisian boxing club, taking the shape of an international encounter, the principals being Balzac, middle-weight champion of France, and Eddie McGoorty, the proposed date being some time during the first fortnight in October.

Will He Beat The Record?

The National Trotting Horse Breeders' Association have arranged to hold a trotting meeting at Parsloes Park, Barking, Essex, on Thursday, October 9, the whole of the proceeds to be given to St. Dunstan's-day After-Care Fund for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors.

An interesting programme is being prepared, and Mr. Walter Winans will drive one of his famous horses in an attempt to create a record.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Sunday, September 28th, 1919.

Wind South-west to West 5 to 10 m.p.h. Weather mainly cloudy, perhaps occasional showers. Moderate temperature. Clear visibility.

TURF TOPICS.

Cesarewitch Form: Some Notes and Notions.

By "Jerry M."

On Monday last came the news that Silonyx had broken down and had finished his racing career. Turning up the sporting papers on Wednesday it was indeed surprising to find in the London betting that Silonyx had apparently been supported on the previous evening for large sums at 500 to 20, 33 to 1,25 to 1 and finally closed at 25 to 1. Indeed to anyone not knowing "the game," Keysoe and Silonyx read as representing the best business done. Within 45 hours both horses appeared in the "Latest Scratchings." We have before pointed out how little reliance can be placed on these quotations. A moment's reflection will doubtless convince the Turf student that the best business is of necessity done quietly, and often does not leak out till long after, while the "dud" stuff is given prominence. Bookmakers always get the best information and no one knows better than they the "goods to put in the shop window."

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Something of a record was put up by Fox at Wolverhampton on Monday, he being concerned in two dead heats. Both finishes being very similar. Fox persevered when his chance looked hopeless, getting up in each case practically in the last stride to make a dead heat of it.

Always a popular horseman, his services will doubtless be even more eagerly sought after, after such a brilliant display.

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The mid Autumn Handicaps continue to provide the chief interest for Turf habitues. Although the betting on the Cesarewitch has hung fire somewhat since the withdrawal of Keysoe, this is a wise attitude on the part of backers as the running of various events during the next few weeks can have an important bearing upon it. In Friday's Newbury Cup for instance it is possible for several of the Cesarewitch candidates to be in opposition, viz: Queen's Square, St. Eloi, King John, Greek Scholar, Unitoi, Silver Bullet, Langdon Hills, Limpfield Control, Splutter and Polictinelle. In fact it is a miniature Cesarewitch and the winner is sure to become a first choice for the latter event. It must be remembered that this race entails a 10 lb. penalty on the winner so that a close second would perhaps be better served for the bigger prize at Newmarket. The Duke of York Stakes to be run four days before the Cesarewitch can also shed some light on form. So a waiting policy is to be commended. There is a possibility of a brisk market on the Cambridgeshire within the next few days. Several heavy commissions are about to be launched and the present quotations will be turned "topsy turvy." My Dear and Zinovia however are ones that the layers will take no liberties with. Here again interim running will have its effect.

FINEST FOOTBALL TEAM.

Leading Light Plumps For Aston Villa Club.

Peter McWilliam's statement to the Daily Sketch that the Newcastle team of a few years ago was the finest that ever stepped on a football field, including the famous Preston North End eleven which first introduced the combination game to English football, has aroused keen criticism in Midland football circles.

A leading light in Midland "Soccer" circles boldly contends that the Aston Villa team which won the League Championship and Cup, and then beat the hitherto undefeated Glasgow Rangers in the same year, was the most brilliant set of players who ever juggled a ball between goal-posts.

"The Newcastle eleven," he says, writing to the "Daily Sketch," "were undoubtedly a clever combination, but look at the Villa team for the year mentioned. It included such stalwarts of the game as James Cowan (in my opinion the finest centre-half that ever played football), Howard Spencer, Freddy Wheldon, "Baldy" Reynolds, Jimmy Crabtree, etc. To many present-day followers of the game these names will be no more than a memory, but anyone who saw them play enjoyed a football treat." So that's that!

Tom Ball's Clubs.

An auction sale in aid of the widow and children of Tom Ball realised £101. Ball's clubs were bought for £25 by a visitor, who intends to put them up for auction again in aid of the fund.

"The Goods."

"This young fellow is the goods; he will go far." The speaker was an old international who is not in the habit of talking "through his hat," and the subject was young Wilson, the 'Spurs centre forward.

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9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 2.

Date of matches, Saturday, Oct. 4th.
Closing date, Friday, Oct. 3rd.

Oldham	v. Preston N.E.
Bolton Wan.	v. Derby County
Newcastle U.	v. Liverpool
Everton	v. Sunderland
Bradford C.	v. W. Bromwich
Wolverhampton	v. Leeds City
Fulham	v. Bristol City
Coventry C.	v. Leicester C.
Cardiff C.	v. Exeter C.
Southend U.	v. Brentford
Morton	v. Hearts
Queen's Park	v. St. Mirren

I enter football competition No. 2 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Unit .....
Address .....

CRUELTY TO HORSES.

In the course of a letter to "The Field" the Chief Secretary of the R.S.P.C.A. says: "Now that many Army horses have been returned for civilian work may I point out that such horses, at all events, should not be made to follow the fashion of wearing blinkers, bearing reins, and hame reins (to which they are not accustomed); neither should they be made victims of the senseless custom of docking. Shortly before the war it was officially stated that the Army authorities would not buy any more docked horses. This wise decision had to be cancelled in war time, but it should now be upheld. The initial operation of docking must now be done under an anaesthetic and the horse does not suffer, but the after effects are painful. A horse deprived of his tail cannot switch the flies from his body. To turn a docked horse out to grass in summer time is, therefore, sheer cruelty. We have ourselves experienced during the war the horrors of fly plagues and therefore should sympathise with those horses who cannot remove the flies from their bodies because man has robbed them of their tails."

Challenge To All "Bantams."

Con O'Hara, late of South Africa, will box any first-class bantam-weight in the country at from 8st 6lb to 8st 10lb for £25 a side and the best purse, Joe Symonds, Tommy Noble, Tal Jones, or Tom Gardner preferred.

DISTANT FRIENDS
read The Cologne Post. Send it daily to yours.

"MUSTY OLD GENTS'."

English Rugby Union Condemned By N.Z. President.

POSSIBLE BREACH.

Evans, the president of the New Zealand Rugby Union speaking at Christchurch, strongly condemned the English Rugby Union for its conservative attitude in not allowing amendments.

He declared the musty old gentlemen on the English Union should have learned some lessons from the war and cultivated a closer connection between Britain and the dominions in Rugby football. He urged New Zealand to secure confederation with other Rugby countries and to cut the painter from the English Union.

The "Daily Mail" remarks that trouble has long been brewing between the two elements in New Zealand Rugby football. The one wishes to hold tightly to the connection with the mother country and the other regards the various alterations of the rules as of more importance. It further says that the talk about securing confederation with the other Rugby countries may be lightly dismissed. South Africa, for instance, would not look at the suggestion of severing relations with the home unions and the only other Rugby playing country to which New Zealand could appeal is Australia.

Nevertheless a breach might be caused if New Zealand adopted new rules before they had been submitted to and approved by the international board and if New Zealand is determined to take this step there can be no more meetings between New Zealand and England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales.

SUNDAY FOOTBALL.

Possible Opinions Of Some Famous Players.

Much has been and is being written re the playing of football on Sundays. But what do the players say? Appended are what might be the opinions of some of our famous players on this subject:—

I wouldn't play on Sunday, I consider it very **Low (Newcastle United)**.

Sunday football is not for a **Goodchild (Manchester City)**.

Certainly, if it didn't disturb this modest young **Mann (Huddersfield)**.

It is a subject on which I refuse to **Speak (Preston)**.

The mention of Sunday football makes me **Wild (Bradford City)**.

If is pleases, why not, its lesson will **Scattergood (Bradford)**.

No, Sunday footballing is condemned by my **Peers (Wolves)**.

Sunday games would be **Allwright (Bristol City)**.

Why not follow the lead of the **French (Morton)**.

I often played on Sundays while the wearer of a **Sam Browne (Swansea)**.

Yes, to play on Sundays has the consent of a **Bishop (Wolves)**.

W.Le.C.

FOOTBALL PRICES.

Complaint Lodged Against Prominent Glasgow Club.

A matter of great interest to the footballing public is announced for discussion before Glasgow's profiteering committee, which will be formed during the week.

A complaint has been lodged against one of the best-known football clubs in the city for its admission charges for reserved portions in the stand and enclosure.

It is pointed out that other clubs charge less for superior accommodation, and the complaint embodies a comparison with prewar prices.

In London and the south there is no sign of protest. The big crowds have willingly paid a shilling for admission to the cheapest portion of the grounds and five shillings for a numbered seat in the centre of the grand stand.

Clubs were forced to increase their admission prices owing to the enormous increase of expenditure, particularly players' wages.

Fine Professional Sculling Entry.

A record entry of over 150 has been received for the 51st annual North Side of the Thames and Joint Docks Rum-tum handicaps managed by Mr. W. ("Spud") Murphy. The event is fixed for Saturday, October 4.

Mal Quart d' Heure.

But for an unfortunate quarter of an hour in the first half, when their defence fell to pieces, Leytonstone might easily have made a very close fight against Crystal Palace in the first round of the London Challenge Cup at Selhurst.

BOXING CONTESTS.

Welsh Saints Perturbed By "Wild Beast Show".

RESOLUTION PASSED.

The increase of boxing contests in Wales was violently denounced in a resolution passed by the Welsh Baptist Union on Friday evening.

The Rev. D.C. Jones said boxing was reducing men to the level of tigers and must be a source of great grief to old saints of Wales to see their country turned into a wild beast show.

The Rev. Hugh Jones, seconding said the nation must demand less boxing contest reports in the newspapers.

WILDE LEAVING FOR AMERICA

Series of 8 and 10 rounds contests with U. S. Boxers.

Jimmy Wilde is about to go to America. Interviewed by the "Daily Mirror" he said a long ambitious tour had been arranged consisting of eight and ten round contests with the best boxers America can provide.

He always found Americans good sportsmen and is confident he will receive a sporting reception and fair play wherever he goes.

Beckett's Paris Engagements.

Beckett takes part in an exhibition bout in Paris on Oct. 11th. Thereafter he fulfils a fortnight's music-hall engagement in Paris.

Driscoll v. Ledoux.

The National Sporting Club season opens on Oct. 6th. The first important international match is that of Jim Driscoll against the Frenchman Ledoux over twenty rounds for a purse of £1,450.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Glos. Senior Cup Final.

Bristol City 4. Bristol Rovers 0.

Northern Union.

Lancs. 15. Yorks. 5.

CRACK PENALTY SAVER.

Emblam, Southend's goalkeeper, saved two penalties on Friday against Queen's Park. He also saved two against Watford on Saturday last.

Death of Noted Cricketer.

The death is announced of Frank Laver, the well known colonial cricketer who came over with the Australian teams of 1899, 1905, and 1909.

Newbury Cup Result.

1, 6/1 Silver Bridge (Hulme); 2, 9/4 Landon Hill (Donoghue); (20 1) 3, Stolor (Templeman). Two lengths; same. Also ran:—Haki (Childs); Greek Scholar (V Smyth); Unitoi (F. Lane); Silver Bullet (Brennan); Limpsfield (G. Colling);

Hendon Tennis Results.

Mixed doubles semi-final:—S. M. Doust and Miss Ryan beat A. C. Hunter and Mrs. Colston 6 1, 6 0.

SAILORS' GOAL BOMBARDED.

"B" Corps Siege Park v. Rhine Flotilla R.N.

The above teams met on the former's ground at Mulheim in the return football fixture on Monday evening and a well contested and even game ended in a draw of 2 goals each.

The R.N. turned out a much better team than on the former occasion and made the Park go all the way to make a draw, the sailors leading by two goals to nil within fifteen minutes from time, when the "Lights" started business and scored two good goals through Calderbank who was as usual playing a good game, although suffering from a cold. The Park had the misfortune to lose Edwards from centre-half in the first fifteen minutes of the game, he severely damaging his left leg which necessitated his removal to hospital. This no doubt upset the whole of the "Lights" as Edwards has become quite a strong player and is equally good in attack and defence. The sailors very kindly let a substitute come on the field, but, although playing a bustling game, he was handicapped by having to play in "marching order."

During the latter part of the game the "Lights" fairly bombarded the sailors' goal but could not beat the sterling defence put up by the "goalie," who undoubtedly saved his side from defeat, and a very pleasant game ended in a draw as above stated. The game was well handled by Lieut. F. Barker R.A.S.C. who at the termination of the game called for three cheers for the R.N. which were heartily given and responded to.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Sunday	7	The flying Dutchman	Wagner
Monday	7	Cavalleria rusticana / Bajazzo	Mascagni / Leoncavallo
Tuesday	7	Freischütz	Weber
Wednesday	7	Merry wives of Windsor	Nicolai
Thursday	7	Madame Butterfly	Puccini
Friday	7	Othello	Verdi
Saturday	8	Concert	
Sunday	7	Tosca	Puccini
Monday	5.30	Walküre	Wagner
Tuesday	7	Zar und Zimmermann	Lortzing

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Cologne Opera House.

Starting to-morrow there will be adopted a new scheme for the distribution of Opera tickets. Henceforth boxes and not seats reserved for officers and other ranks will be allotted. The details issued go on to say that boxes will be for General and Field Officers and each box must be occupied by the officer for whom it is booked. Those allotted to Corps will be at the disposal of Corps Commanders and the allocation should as far as possible be by seniority and in rotation. Six boxes are to be held by the box office for General officers and for which application should be made on the day prior to the performance either in person or by telephone.

The Seats Available.

There will be 123 seats reserved for Officers, 28 for Warrant officers and senior N.C.O's and 200 for other ranks. These may be booked at the box office. Bookings will open four days in advance of each performance. Seats booked by telephone must be claimed two hours before the performance commences either by a personal call at the box office or by letter containing the money. Not more than two seats may be booked by one individual. The box office will be open daily at the Opera House from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to one hour before the performance. The telephone number is 658.

In Malen Partem.

Exuberance of high spirits is an excellent antidote for the blues; but there is a time and place for boisterous merriment. For instance when a well-known banjoist is delighting his audience with such a delicate piece of work as "Dresden China" it is hardly decorous to express one's appreciation by inane giggling. And what is more, the behaviour of the three members of the W.R.A.F. who were at the Palace Theatre on Friday evening was not in good taste.

A Brilliant Accompanist.

It does not necessarily follow that a brilliant solo pianiste is equally as successful in accompanying a vocalist. Most people, by experience, will agree. But exceptions there must be to all things and in the present case one is supplied by Miss Jessie Mountjoy. This charming young lady, who added considerably to the all-round excellence of the "Jesters" programme at the Palace Theatre last week, is equally happy whether playing a difficult pianoforte solo, supplying the instrumental part to one of her own dainty songs at the piano or accompanying the numbers of the remainder of the company. "Solingenites" will have an opportunity of hearing Miss Mountjoy's ability to-morrow night and during the week.

The Temple Belles.

An Ohligs and Solingen correspondent writes that the "Temple Belles" have much more than captured all the public fancy in those parts, and that they delight crowded houses nightly. We learn that they are lucky enough to have many good-looking members who can play female parts, who are all elaborately and tastefully frocked, and at all times and in all scenes (many of which were large, with many performers on at the same time) all the little mannerisms etc. of girls are excellently imitated. Pte. Trevor Smith looks very dainty, and gives an inimitable imitation of Maidie Scott in four songs. Pte. F. Moffatt is also very fetching as "Second Girl." He too has a nice high voice, and also, after his third song, dances well. Pte. L.A. Tiber as a lady too, also calls for special mention, and his dancing (he does a "Death Dance" as "Gaby") should prove a great attraction in future.

Other Artistes.

The male parts are quite as well done. Corporal Strong as the hero, plays in the George Lashwood style. The two comedians—Pte. Curlander and Cpl. Lambert, as waiters in the first act, and various other roles as the play goes on, are very clever, and make one shout with laughter, as does Lieut. Fulham as "P.C. Lightning". Pte. Curlander as a Jewish comedian is also very good. Reverting to the smaller parts, as "Chorus lead," Pte. J.R.Thomas makes a splendid girl, and is supported by a bevy of "girls" almost as good. All the other men are good. A very well directed and good orchestra plays its integral part in making the performance a success.

A Recital.

To-morrow evening at the Loreley Hall, Central Y.M.C.A., Miss Dorothy Nash is to give a recital of works of her own composition. She will be assisted by Miss Elizabeth Morriman, Miss Maud Hammond and Pte. Birckett. Miss Nash is a very gifted young lady and a pianist of note, so that you can look forward to something extra special. I have seen a programme and the excerpts augur well for the complete success of the performance.

Sunday Concert.

At the concert to-night in the theatre in the British Empire Club Miss Marjorie Moore's niece who has just come out from England will make her first appearance. Miss Marjorie Moore has won such artistic success with her recitals, "song and story," in which she sings, recites music, and tells stories with much charm and finish, that her songs to-night will, I am sure, add greatly to the enjoyment of the audience.

JACQUES.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Jim Jayes.

At the Leicester Corn Exchange Jim Jayes, of Northampton, beat W. McDonagh, of Nuneaton, over 15 rounds on points.

Awarded M.M.

The well-known breeder M. du Four, member of the Belgian Jockey Club, has been awarded the British Military Medal for services rendered in occupied territory.

Australians' 1920 Visit.

On inquiry at Lord's on Wednesday it was stated that no information was available yet regarding an invitation to Australia to send a cricket team here next summer.

Still Playing Cricket.

An interesting cricket match was played at Wood Green Recreation Ground on Wednesday between a Bowes Park Sixteen and J.W. Hearne's XI., for the benefit of the upkeep of the Wood Green Passmore Edwards Hospital.

Good News Of Walden.

"Fanny" Walden, the Spurs' flying outside right, is mending rapidly, and will probably be fit for duty in a fortnight's time. In his absence Lorimer is doing duty. Lorimer made rather an unhappy first appearance, but he was much more in the picture at South Shields, and evidently is going to justify his engagement.

London Rugby Opens.

Yesterday witnessed the entry into the Rugby field of the London Scottish and Rosslyn Park, the first London clubs to start the season proper in the metropolitan area, while the London Welsh went to meet Bath.

Sober Wisdom.

Mr. C.J.C. Hill is very proud of Sober Wisdom, whom he bred himself. That he thought a lot of the colt is evident from the fact that he had a genuine offer of 1,200gs, for the son of Wisemac and Sober before the Kinlet Plate at Wolverhampton.

Mr. Cottrill's New Quarters.

Mr. H.L. Cottrill has taken the Seven Barrows training establishment at Lambourn, which has been vacant for some time, and was formerly tenanted by H. Randall. Mr. Cottrill will take up his quarters there when he leaves the Foxhill establishment.

In Days Of Yore.

In pre-war days, when a football team fulfilled an away engagement, it was always accompanied by a large following. The excursion rates ranged from 3s. to 5s. for distances from thirty to fifty miles, and it was sometimes necessary to put on special trains to accommodate the crowds.

Handicapped By Injuries.

In meeting Portsmouth at Brighton the home team were handicapped by injuries to Holley, Longstaff, and Pugh, and had to bring in three reserves.

Carpenter V. Newmann.

Tom Carpenter and Tom Newman have fixed up a game of 8,000 up, Carpenter receiving 2000, to take place at the Grand Hotel, Cardiff, for the week commencing October 13.

N.C.A.S.A. Record Broken.

At Liverpool at the Westminster rood Baths, in the 75yds ladies' junior championship of the N.C.A.S.A., no fewer than four of the nine competitors broke the record.

Among The Trees.

Trees on golf courses have been condemned by many players as difficulties that present too wide a margin of luck, but they lend their touch of charm to the scene and sometimes inspire very skilful shots.

Off His Game.

Mr. A.J. Balfour played badly, in the Autumn stroke competition at St. Andrews and did not return his card, while others who failed to make a return were Lord Cochrane, Lord D'Abernon, Mr. H.W. Foster, M.P., and Mr. John L. Lowe. Lord Dunedin returned a card of 102.

To Meet The Spurs.

Crystal Palace, by beating Leytonstone at Selhurst, in their London Challenge Cup tie, earned the right to receive Tottenham Hotspur in the next round, on October 8.

Sprint Race.

In Bordeaux, a four-cornered match sprint race resulted in a handsome win for Bob Spears, of Australia, while Dupuy (France) was second, Sergent third, and Poulain fourth.

Kid Doyle, Coal-Owner.

Kid Doyle, the well known welterweight, is now domiciled at Lydney (Forest of Dean), where he has secured possession of a coal-level and employs miners to work the precious mineral.

Scored 10 Goals.

Joe Smith, the international and Bolton Wanderers footballer, keeps on adding to his crop of goals. Playing for a League side against Burnley he took three out of five. Smith has scored ten goals in his last four games.

Raymond Vittet To All At 10st.

Raymond Vittet, not being able to get a match with Bob Marriott at 10st, is prepared to meet any boxer in England at the same weight for £200 a side. Anybody posting a deposit will be immediately attended to.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Gruesome Advertising.

For the information of many enquirers it may be stated that the hideous poster that at present disfigures the advertising boardings in Cologne, depicting two emaciated specimens of humanity, the man with an arm off, is an effort of the Independent Socialists calculated to influence the electorate in the forthcoming elections. The picture is intended to convey the ghastly consequences of war against which of course, the body is opposed.

A good notion.

Another happy addition to the amenities of the VI Corps Officers Club in Cologne, is the introduction of a complete music programme, printed tastefully between red covers and decorated with gold. The repertoire comprises eight hundred numbers, all carefully grouped, any of which the excellent orchestra undertake to play by request. The writer was in the lounge yesterday discussing this latest institution when an exasperated voice floated from the writing room declaring, "If only a few pen nibs that would write were provided one could appreciate the comforts of this club completely".

"Watch em' Die"!

A remarkable incidint, which hugely tickled all who saw it, occurred yesterday in Hohe Strasse, Cologne. A vendor of dying pigs, toy balloons etc, ambled slowly along the edge of the kerb, his wares being tied in profusion to the end of a long stick which rested over his shoulder. With downcast eyes he failed to notice a spirited Tommy, riding slowly past on a motor lorry, carefully pluck the whole of his inflated stock-in-trade from the top of the stick. His expression of blank amazement when the goods were returned after the lapse of a few minutes, with suitable reward by the way, was perfectly ludicrous.

More Howlers.

An Army college instructor writes:—It has been most judiciously remarked in your paper that "even correcting examination papers has its lighter moments." Speaking as one who has been engaged in the same amusement, may I be permitted to contribute a few "howlers"? I do not believe a word exists that creates such obstacles as the word "proximo" in a dictation; the most noteworthy attempts were as follows:—"proxamo," "proxemo" "proccimo," "ploximo," "ploxemal," "ploxemon," prochsimon, "aproxemate," "proxmo," "aproxemal," and nearly all the writers must surely have seen the word in orders!

Still More Howlers.

Again, in the same piece of dictation, a sentence ran:—"Demands for the new pattern badges may be submitted through the usual channels." Numbers wrote "submited," and one man talked about "the new butter budget" and another "the useful saddle". In an essay on "Sports in the Rhine Army" a budding Macaulay wrote:—"As Napoleon said, 'An army marches on its stomach'; he might well have added, So is it kept fit by sports." And a confrère similarly states, "Napoleon might well have added that the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton."

A Good Shunting Plan.

A system of shunting goods trains in use by the German railway authorities appears to be very efficient. The general arrangement of the shunting yard, one main line with a number of lines branching from it is the same as in England, but differs in that the main line is carried over a mound which makes a sharp rise and fall in the gradient. The train to be split up is pushed slowly, at less than a walking pace, up the main line on the side of the mound remote from the branch lines. Each truck, just before it reaches the summit of the mound, is uncoupled from the train by a shunter, stationed there for the purpose, and marked with the number of the siding into which it is to be put. As soon as the truck thus uncoupled passes over the summit and is on the downward grade it gathers speed and in consequence is some distance away before the next truck follows it, thus there is sufficient distance between each truck for them to be easily switched into the siding for which they are marked.

Happy German Prisoners.

Relatives in Cologne of German soldiers taken prisoner by the British in the early days of the war received enlightenment on Thursday night, when many of them met the trains bringing back their men to give them a welcome home. Instead of greeting pinched ill-nourished creatures as some of them expected (bearing in mind German propaganda) they were surprised to see emerge from the carriage doors tanned, robust, smiling faces. Greetings having been exchanged, the German soldiers were full of eulogy in explaining the treatment they had received during their enforced absence from the "Vaterland". Thus, tangible conviction squashed yet another German delusion.

Materialistic.

We have quoted more than once the strange advertisements inserted in the German papers by men who want to marry, Here is a girl's advertisement: "Young girl, 20 years old, with constitutional ailment, daughter of a peasant (2 cows, 6 pigs, 18 hens, 3 hams, sausages, bacon) wants a companion for life, who does not care for externals and considers good living as the main thing in life."

Re-Echoes.

There is a steady rise in the value of the mark.

It is now forbidden to fish in ponds, connected to streams which act as breeding pools.

Permission of owners of land is necessary for the hunting, shooting and killing of game.

There will be no free issue of Christmas puddings this year. Arrangements will be made regimentally as before the war.

The Army repair rates for boots and shoes have been increased. Long soleing and heeling is now 8s. 6d. a pair.

It is noticeable how khaki has given place to civilian attire in cabarets where practically all khaki was to be seen.

Signaller H.M. Anderson, 23rd. Battn. R.F. has been commended for a gallant rescue of a comrade from drowning at Hoffnungstnal on the 30th of last month.

There is an increasing number of English wives and children in Germany judging by the number of blue and white brassards to be seen.

Judging by the café crowds on any evening in the week a lot of money changes hands nightly and there seems no shortage.

Why do not cabarets change their programmes weekly? A show with the approach of the third week of a month is positively boring.

A woman in a Cologne hotel yesterday was seen to send a dish away and then commence to cry. A few minutes later she was laughing at something said by her male escort.

It is interesting to note that while the three-ply trams are favoured in Cologne, two-ply vehicles are the order at Mayence and Wiesbaden, and single trams run at Coblenz.

Cannot civilians be restrained from entering military carriages? It is a practice exclusively peculiar to the night trains; there seems to be little or no control by the civilian authorities on duty at the smaller stations.

Owing to the low level of water in the Rhine the passenger service of the Cologne—Düsseldorf Steamship Company has been suspended. This curtailment of the service will affect all river boats running on schedule between Mayence, Coblenz and Cologne.

Prizes for Echoes.

Every day we give prizes of 10 marks each for "Echoes." Contributions are invited from all readers. To-day's winners are Lieut. H.G.A. Phillimore, Light Divisional College, Rhine Army and Pte. C. White 10th Royal Hussars, B 3 ward, 44 C.C.S. Rhine Army.

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

HOW TO STOP BAD PLAYS.

The Rector of St Anne's, Soho, speaking on present day plays says:—It is a regrettable thing that in the centre of London, where there are the finest theatres and the best acting in the world, plays should be staged which have a distinct tendency towards the lowering of the nation's morals. I do not care how clever an actor is, or how pretty or talented an actress may be, those of them who take part in such productions are not the friends, but the foes, of their fellow-creatures. Unfortunately, it is not art so much as the pay box that regulates our theatres to-day, but the public has a duty to perform in the matter, and can do a lot to put an end to such debasing plays. Let every man and woman who goes to see a play which offends his or her sense of decency write to the manager and tell him so. This will soon make him withdraw the objectionable production.

THE LORD MAYOR AND BROTHERHOOD.

Sir Horace Marshall, receiving the International Brotherhood Congress, at the Mansion House, said: During the last ten months, I have tried to maintain its fame for brotherly hospitality and co-operation. In my private affairs I have found that ideal to be the guiding star along life's happiest roads to life's fairest havens. Brotherhood is essential to the scheme of things. One may liken it to a golden thread running through the whole fabric and giving it both beauty and strength. More happiness comes from an acceptance of the ideal of brotherhood than from any material possessions.

LUCK.

Mme. Tetrazzini, the famous singer, writing on "Luck," says: Successful people, I am often told, believe that their triumphs are due solely to their own deserts. I suppose I am successful, but I believe most firmly in luck, and what is more unusual, in luck-bringers. Remember, I spring from a superstitious race! All around me are signs of those influences which are at work affecting my fortunes for good or ill. I know I shall have good luck if I meet a hunchbacked man; a soldier with a friar who carries an umbrella, or a wagon full of hay drawn by a white horse. Other signs speak to me of bad luck, which is, I think, a positive thing, not merely the absence of good luck as some people suppose. To find a needle on the floor the day I have to sing is most unlucky. To break a glass, to meet a load of straw, to meet nuns or priests—all these are unlucky for me. Luck alone, however, is not enough for success. Each day I work for hours at my singing. One must do all that one can with the power that is in one's self, for luck is something beyond our own control and we must be ready to fight ill-luck or make the most of good luck when it comes.

"LUDICROUS" SOFT COLLAR.

A Sartorial expert writing with regard to the crusade in favour of the soft collar with evening dress says: The idea is too incongruous to be entertained for one moment. I cannot believe that any man possessing the slightest element of good taste would ever appear at a ball or a dinner clad in a soft collar. A man usually looks his very best in evening attire, and the majority of men make a special feature of attaining that ideal when going out, and the thought alone of a soft collar in these circumstances is too ludicrous. The question of soft cuffs is an assured certainty; but the soft collar will never appeal to one man in a thousand. What sort of evening tie would be worn with the soft collar? I am of opinion that a man's neck would present a sorry spectacle after the first dance. No, the question of soft collars for evening wear, I am afraid, can be banished for ever.

THE OLD FOLKS AT HOME
read The Cologne Post. Send it daily to yours.

THE DRAMA OF LIFE.

"All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players."—Shakespeare.

Life is a drama, and not a long monologue, and in that drama there is no use for the idle man or woman. The name which comes from a Greek verb means "to do" thus signifying that every actor must do a part to help on the whole, and fulfil the object for which the author created him.

In the greatest of all dramas, that of the struggle for existence, it is meant that each one should work for the progress of that Great Play, which links together the lives of men, all striving for the ultimate end, when the curtain shall be rung down, and the ears of the workers be gladdened by the words which will come from the Divine Author—"Well done thou good and faithful servant."

The problem of reconstruction seems to predominate at the present time, but for years the world has been busy with destruction—destruction of cities and towns—destruction of lives and happiness, but now another act is being performed, and the world must work, and do, in that act.

Harmony is required that this new act may succeed, harmony among the players of the drama. To some is given a part which to them seems small and insignificant, but which after all is part of the great plan of things, and that part should be performed with the whole of the energy at the disposal of the player.

It is not given to all to stand in the limelight of human affairs, while the world looks on and sees every action and listens breathlessly to every word; to such a man there is a great responsibility, but that responsibility does not lessen the duty of others who seem only to glide almost unnoticed across the stage of life.

In the production of an ordinary drama, it would not do for the thread of the narrative, or the stage effect to be lost sight of in a futile controversy, as to which are the best words to use, or a continual wrangling on the part of the players as to the best way of producing those words or actions.

But alas, we know that in the drama of life such is the case, and on all sides there seems to be a sudden cessation of work both spiritual and material, while the actors abuse one another.

The drama of life goes on and waits not for those men who are fast losing their opportunity of making good their part.

God has need of every man, and requires that he shall do his best in the world, and God will help him to reach that ideal for which the world is longing.

The individual makes up the whole, and to-day is the opportunity of the individual.

C.F. WHEELER C.F.

TEACHING THE RHINE ARMY.

THE ARMY GENERAL AND COMMERCIAL COLLEGE.

There has been much controversy upon the all important subject of education, and many arguments, both for and against the various schemes in operation amongst battalions in the Rhine Army.

Education with battalions is, more or less, a failure, due to the fact that the programme arranged by the Education Authorities is invariably interfered with by the daily routine as dispensed by the powers that be; for instance to-day Private Jones may be struggling manfully with the present tense of "avoir", but tomorrow he is perforce engaged in the realms below, removing superfluous grease from the company "dixies".

Of course there are often voluntary classes in the afternoons, but the average Tommy prefers to sacrifice his time at the altar of the popular Goddess "Sport".

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WILL CARRY ON.

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Indigestible.—A Perthshire boy has died through swallowing a collar-stud.

Military Fashion.—There is a military touch about women's fashions.

Real Value.—According to an expert baths worth 35/- are selling at £3.

Warned.—The Birmingham magistrate promises future profiteers imprisonment.

Lifeboat Drama.—The coxswain of the Rhyl lifeboat recently saved his own son.

Irish.—"Veal and ham tongues" ar eon sale in a Marylebone shop.

Coming home.—There is a steady stream of troops from India.

More economy.—Another big naval "cut" is pending.

In exchange.—The Germans offer potash in return for cotton.

Any old thing.—Ex-officers are being trained as hotel managers.

More trains.—L.B. and S.C.R. London-Paris service is being accelerated.

Falling.—Cliff falls are again prevalent in East Kent.

Take notice.—No further mails will be dispatched to the troops in North Russia.

After more.—National Health Insurance agents are demanding more pay.

A luxury.—Record prices are being asked for fish at home.

Yankee bank.—American banks have completed arrangements for opening branches in Germany.

Epicure.—A Paris beggar having collected pence in a cafe left but returned to dine.

The penalty of greatness.—The Chief Secretary for Ireland has received several letters threatening assasination.

To retire.—Sir Charles Darling will not resume his seat on the bench when the courts reopen.

Cheerful outlook.—Mr. Illingworth's successor is to be given a free hand to reorganise the telephone system.

Another kind.—Because the Vicar discharged the organist a Grimsby choir has gone on strike.

Worse.—"Memories are bad in this district, but lies are worse,"—the Whitechapel County Court judge.

Then and now.—The tenders for Newcastle baths total £88,000 against £23,000 pre war.

Barefooted.—Some of the unemployed ex-soldiers marching to London did some of the journey barefooted.

Loud enough.—"Speak just as you do to your husband when he comes home late at night."—London Magistrate.

Higher, higher.—The uppers of Paris boots now reach half way up the calf of the leg.

The universal complaint.—Swansea Docks hoistmen struck work for more wages.

Meddling.—The American "Pussyfoot" compaign is impudent meddling.—Major Lowther, M.P.

Dear silver.—Silver has reached the highest price ever quoted—63s. 0½d. an ounce.

The next!—If there is another war it is practically certain that it will begin and end in the air.—Sir A. Denny.

As mayor.—Sir Walter de Frece is likely to become Mayor of Brighton for the coming year.

Climbs down.—Brighton has climbed down and appointed a Profiteering Tribunal.

Seaman's boycott.—The boycott of all British ships carrying Germans is to be continued.

Clergymen's union.—There is every likelihood of a trade union for clergymen who threaten revolt on the wages question.

Appealing.—Mrs. Selma Isaacs, who was recently convicted has lodged an appeal.

Woman's Eye.—Acton profiteers view with alarm the presence of women on the local tribunal.

In Danger.—The battleship "Queen Elizabeth" has had a narrow escape on the Capstone rocks.

The Bulldog Spirit.—Six Albereon miners offered themselves for transfusion of blood to save a miner's wife.

Assets.—A Bridgewater cattle dealer had garden produce valued £1 as his sole assets.

Determined.—A Hampstead suicide saturated her nightdress with paraffin oil and set light to it.

Theatre Roof Garden.—Leicester-square is to have a variety theatre with roof garden restaurant.

Plucky Rooster.—A rooster belonging to a Sheffield district farmer attacked and killed a rat.

Back Again.—Stage-door crowds outside the West End theatres are prominent once more.

The Scottish Horse.—A London branch of the Scottish Horse Association is being formed.

As Usual.—I suppose we shall find the usual public apathy over profiteering.—Mayor of Holborn.

Down.—Scotland's birth-rate for the last recorded year was the lowest since 1856.

No Increase.—Bedford council refused by a large majority to vote money for increased police pay.

Expensive Sleep.—£5 was paid for a single room for one night by a visitor to Brighton.

Carried Away.—During a football match at Llanelly a spectator dropped dead through excitement.

New Scale.—A comprehensive revision of the pay and pensions of officers in India has been approved.

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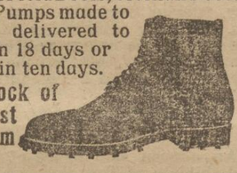

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BLUDGEON OF ANARCHY.

GREAT RAILWAY STRIKE BRINGS HOSTS OF VOLUNTARY WORKERS.

TIGHTEN BELTS AND KEEP SMILING.

STRIKE FACTS.

MEASURES TO MEET ALL EMERGENCIES.

Great Britain is up against the biggest organized conspiracy — "anarchist conspiracy," to use the Prime Minister's own words — it has ever had to face. On the surface it would appear to be but the latest and biggest of the industrial troubles which have racked the nation both during and since the war. The cumulative effect of these exorbitant demands, however, is so serious that at last the Government has been compelled to cry "halt," as much in the interests of the community as in the exercise of law and order.

The railwaymen's might easily prove to be the first of the fangs which are striving to reach and rend the main artery of the British Empire.

One cannot believe that blind obedience to the command of a small group of agitators will suffer itself to go to the very extreme. Many of the men now on strike do not know why they are out. They have merely obeyed orders. Others — men in receipt of £5 to £7 per week — are also out — in sympathy! One has no sympathy with either set and can but hope that sanity will speedily take the place of madness.

The solid facts remain that the Men's Executive refused even a few hours delay; that the Triple Alliance of which they form part was absolutely ignorant of their intentions; and that the men were not consulted in any way. They were told to strike and they struck. That is not the action of thinking men but resembles the automatic response of sheep. The British Nation will have none of it.

Official Communiqué.

The following official communiqué was issued from 10, Downing-street, London, on Saturday night:—

"Reports from the country indicate that the stoppage of the train service is now practically complete. No disturbances have been reported. A road transport service is being organized rapidly by the Government to ensure the food supply. The Government are receiving very large numbers of offers of assistance from all parts of the country and particularly from discharged soldiers and sailors and their organizations and are taking all necessary action to deal with the situation."

Situation in Brief.

Five hundred thousand railwaymen are idle, and the funds of the National Union of Railwaymen are sufficient to provide strike pay for a month. Officials say, however, that starvation will force the Government to negotiate for a settlement before that time.

Meantime drastic steps to meet the food situation are being taken by the Government. Hyde Park is to be used as a motor park and a centre for the provisioning of London. About a thousand lorries are available, some having been commandeered while in response to the appeal for help 250,000 offers from volunteer drivers have been received.

In a telegram cancelling an engagement at Carnarvon the Premier states that he can recall no strike entered into so lightly, with so little justification and with such entire disregard for public interest.

"The precipitancy of this action," he says, "gives the impression of deliberate and matured intention on the part of some individuals to seek a quarrel at any cost." He is convinced that majority of trade unions are opposed to "this anarchist conspiracy."

Adverse Public Opinion.

Public opinion generally strongly supports the Government in the firm stand they are taking against the strike, which on all sides is condemned as unjustified. It is considered that the railwaymen's officials have shown a complete disregard for the interests of the public, and it is realised that the Government, in refusing to meet all their demands, have been actuated solely by a sense of duty to the nation. Almost without exception the newspapers, even those which are the most acute critics of the Government, are unanimously opposed to the strike.

An official statement issued on Sunday evening says the traffic situation is unchanged.

Fight The Good Fight.

The Government has issued a proclamation headed "Fight for the Life of the Country." It appeals to every citizen to help. This can be done, it suggests, by working, by saving petrol, light, coal and food; by using the telephones, telegraphs and post as little as possible; by keeping up good spirits and by generally making the best of things. It asks for the services of volunteers qualified to work on the railways and experienced motor transport workers, especially demobilized officers and men. Special constables and wireless operators are also asked to lend their aid.

The Shipping Controller has issued an appeal to officers and men of the mercantile marine to keep the shipping running as far as possible and to re-create the spirit which saved the country during the war.

How The Nation Is Being Fed.

Food distribution arrangements are proceeding smoothly. Offers of service are pouring in from all quarters, and arrangements are being completed to make immediate use of volunteers.

Hyde Park is closed and is being used as a clearing centre for the distribution of food, especially fresh milk. The spot chosen for the milk dump is near the Hyde Park Corner entrance and is the scene of immense bustle and excitement. Hundreds of empty milk-cans sent by London shops are stacked near one main road, labelled with the names and addresses of their owners. The cans were handled by volunteers and the lorries were very quickly loaded. It was estimated on Saturday that about 4,000 cans had passed through this clearing centre. Hundreds of lorries, mainly belonging to the Royal Air Force, have already been collected in the Park, inscribed in big letters "Food only." From all the Government motor depots lorries are being rushed to various other centres for the distribution of food. About 1,000 of these lorries were available in London alone.

D.O.R.A. Proving Useful.

The Ministry of Food is also requisitioning the lorries of private firms, the register compiled during war under D.O.R.A. enabling this to be done quickly. The country has been divided into areas for food distribution. Meanwhile hundreds of telegrams are pouring in from all parts of the country offering motor vehicles and drivers for food distribution. Several hundred naval men were transferred from Chatham to London to take charge of naval motor lorries detached for the same task.

Cold Storage Reserves.

It is officially announced that besides the arrangements for distributing milk from Hyde Park the Government has provided for possible emergencies by placing a large quantity in cold storage.

On Saturday and Sunday Londoners received at least fifty per cent of their usual quantities. Lorries returning to the country with the empty churns take back also full cargoes of foodstuffs which are conveyed to Hyde Park from the docks by horse transport. Similar schemes are being applied to all big provincial centres, nearly five thousand lorries being thus employed.

Stocks of frozen meat are well distributed all over the country and full arrangements have been made for the maintenance of supplies and their distribution. Retailers throughout the country hold adequate supplies of other foodstuffs and the Government has sufficient reserves to prevent any serious local shortage.

Few Trains-Many Helpers.

The Great London termini were deserted yesterday. One train was dispatched from Crewe, the driver being an inhabitant of the town, who wanted to get home. A few other trains were dispatched from other big provincial towns. The Brighton Railway Company announced the suspension of the Continental service via Newhaven and Dieppe but the boat train to Folkestone left Victoria in the morning at its usual time with 300 passengers. The same company started a service to the Crystal Palace of three trains hourly but no trains will be run after dark. There is every hope that during the week other services will be set going. "We anticipate the position will be easier tomorrow", said the general manager, Sir William Forbes. "Already we have many volunteers and they are coming forward every moment."

The South Western Railway is gradually extending its suburban services. A number of trains were run into and out of Bristol during daylight on the time interval system. In Scotland heavily-laden trains were dispatched from Edinburgh to Aberdeen, Perth and Glasgow.

A very attenuated daylight service was run yesterday on the Brighton, Midland and Great Eastern local lines. Long distance journeys were almost entirely suspended, A crowded train left Kings Cross at 6.45 on Friday night and reached Edinburgh at 3.30 on Saturday afternoon after an extraordinary journey. The train officials were compelled to alight in order to open the gates of level crossings and shift the points. The passengers were all exhausted.

R.O.D. To The Rescue.

The only train from London to Manchester on Sunday started from Marylebone. It was driven by two officer passengers, Major Burns and Major Fay, both thoroughly qualified for the task. Changing into overalls borrowed from women cleaners they made the initial preparations in a workmanlike fashion. Passengers were hastily collected from other Northern termini and taken to Marylebone. They were everjoyed, many having been waiting all night.

Passengers arriving at Folkestone by the Boulogne boat on Saturday were unable to proceed to London until Sunday afternoon, and this delay will continue.

Pickets removed the engines from two main-line trains at Fife and left the passengers stranded.

(*Continued in next column.*).

STRIKE RATIONS.

ALL FOOD TO BE STRICTLY RATIONED.

The ration system has been reimposed and will be rigidly enforced.

The full list of weekly rations was issued on Saturday night. It is as follows:—

Meat to the value of 1/8d, bacon, 6 ozs; sugar, 6 ozs; margarine, 4 ozs; lard, 2 ozs; butter, 1 oz., and coal 1 cwt.

Milk will not be rationed, but the priority scheme on lines previously in operation will be applied locally immediately supplies begin to fail. The sale of condensed milk will then be subject to the production of a priority card.

Meales In Restaurants.

The Food Controller has also issued a new Public Meals Order by which the total quantities of meat, flour, bread, and sugar used in or by any public eating place in any week shall not exceed the gross quantities ascertained in accordance with the following scale of average quantities per meal:

	Meat.	Sugar.	Bread.	Flour.
Breakfast.....	2 oz.	¼ oz.	2 oz.	Nil
Luncheon including middle-day dinner)	4 oz.	¼ oz.	2 oz.	1 oz.
Dinner (including supper and meat tea)	4 oz.	¼ oz.	2 oz.	1 oz.
Tea	Nil	¼ oz.	2 oz.	Nil..

Post Office Arrangements.

The transport of the mails by road is being organized and extended. It is expected that a fairly efficient service will be working in a few days. Meanwhile, in view of delay to the mails, there has been an immense rush of telegrams and in consequence the Post Office has arranged an air service between London and Paris, to be used for urgent letters only.

Aerial Overcrowding.

Aerial passenger companies have been inundated with bookings and are running special services to various large provincial centres.

Two Norwegians who had flown from Paris to London on Saturday chartered a special machine to catch a steamer at Newcastle.

The Handley-Page Air Services to Paris and Brussels have been doubled, and the British Aerial Transport Company is inaugurating an aeroplane service of two trips daily between London and Birmingham.

Strikers Are Jubilant.

A big demonstration of railwaymen was held at the Albert Hall on Sunday and approved the action of their executive in calling a strike.

Mr. Thomas, who was loudly cheered, said the Executive were unanimously of the opinion that if Mr. Lloyd George had been left to himself he would have found a settlement. In another passage Mr. Thomas said:— "I cannot allow the Premier's statement to go unchallenged that we declined to grant a respite of two or three days." Mr. Thomas categorically denied this, and in concluding his speech said that if the Premier is prepared to concede to all railway servants the same principle as to the drivers and firemen the strike can cease immediately.

Mr. J. H. Thomas has issued instructions forbidding a railway strike in Ireland.

Other Sympathetic Unions.

Mr. Bromley, Secretary of the Drivers and Firemen's Union, said his Union heartily supported the National Union of Railwaymen because their demands were fair.

Mr. Robert Williams, of the Transport Workers Union, says: — "The Triple Alliance will be involved and the country will be paralyzed." No immediate action however is expected. Moreover Mr. Robert Smillie, President of the Miners Federation, said on Saturday: "There is a possibility of the miners coming out but I imagine the fight will have to be borne chiefly by the railwaymen themselves." The officials of the railwaymen say they do not want the Transport Workers to strike as they are confident that they can obtain their demands unaided.

The Executive of the Licensed Vehicle Workers' Union resolved on Sunday that, if the Government refuses to re-open negotiations with the railwaymen, they will recommend to the Transport Workers' Federation that the dispute be made a national question.

A meeting of London bus, tramway and taxi-men held on Saturday night deferred their decision with reference to striking.

Thanks To Lloyd George.

According to the official notes of the Conference between the Cabinet and the railwaymen Mr. J. H. Thomas, in conveying the decision to strike, said, addressing the Premier, "Our Executive during your absence passed a resolution recording its appreciation of the fair and impartial way in which you endeavoured to conduct the case from your side and the fair and frank way in which you endeavoured to meet us."

What The Premier Said.

With reference to Mr. Thomas's denial, the shorthand verbatim report of the Conference shows that Mr. Lloyd George, referring to the proposal to declare a strike, said,—"I would ask you to put it off, at any rate for two or three days, so as to give us a real chance of talking matters over." Mr. Lloyd George simultaneously undertook that the Government would do nothing to stop the men's notices in order to prevent a declaration of a strike, or in any way take unfair advantage of such delay.

DEATH OF PATTI.

FAMOUS OPERA SINGER'S CAREER.

Mme. Adelina Patti, the great Prima Donna, died on Saturday at Craig-y-nos Castle, Brecknockshire, Wales at the age of 76.

Of Italian extraction, she made her first appearance in opera in New York, when she was fifteen and a half, as Lucia in Donizetti's opera.

In 1888 when she made a tour of the Argentine Republic she was paid £1,200 a night, and when she retired in 1906 it was said that she had earned during her career of over fifty-six years at least £750,000 by her voice.

Mme. Patti was three times married. Her first husband, whom she married in London in 1868, was the Marquis de Caux, from whom she was divorced. In 1886 she was married to Signor Nicolini, the tenor singer, who died in 1898. The following year she married Baron Olof Cederstrom, who became a naturalised Englishman.

RAILWAY COMPANIES AFFECTED.

The number of men affected by a general strike on the leading railways is approximately as follows:

London and N. Western . .	120,000
Great Western	95,200
Midland	80,500
Lancashire and Yorkshire .	40,000
Great Central	38,000
Great Northern	35,000
Great Eastern	33,000
London and S. Western . .	25,000
L. B. and South Coast . . .	20,000
Caledonian	18,800
South Eastern and Chatham .	18,000
North British	17,800
Metropolitan District & Tubes	11,200
Glasgow and S. Western . .	9,800
Metropolitan	4,500
Total . . .	534,800

Booking clerks, attendants, etc., would swell this number to over a million, but an official at the headquarters of the Railway Clerks' Association stated that the association would not be affected.

Will the Government Impound?

The funds of the National Union of Railwamen amount to £1,500,000 and strike play, according to the rules of the union, will be distributed at the rate of 2s. 6d. a day for adults and 1s. a day for juvenile employés.

That will mean that the financial resources of the strikers will last for 4 weeks at the utmost, but it is the view of the officials of the N.U.R. that the strike will not last anything like that time. "Great Britain will be on the verge of starvation within a week," said one of the most prominent officials, "and the Government will be compelled to give in."

FEAR BEGETS WISDOM.

The Secretary of the German "Bund des neuen Vaterlands" (Union of the new Germany) which is chiefly composed of adherents of the Conservative Party, is on a visit to Stockholm. Lecturing on the Association's Peace Reform Programme he said: "Germany does not mourn her two million dead in the war but only grieves for having lost the war and dreams of revenge, for the old spirit still survives in spite of all apparent changes. Amongst all influential circles, officials, teachers and the military, a reactionary spirit prevails. Only the fear of the Entente prevents former officers from carrying out a coup d'etat, removing the Social Democratic Government and restoring the Empire."

VOLUNTEERS DISBANDED.

The Secretary to the War Office announces that it has been decided to release from their obligations all members of the Volunteer Force other than those R.A.S.C. or M.T. units still required for special transport duties. Instructions have been issued accordingly to commence the disbandment of the force.

His Majesty the King has sent a message to all the Lord Lieutenants of Great Britain expressing his appreciation of the services rendered by all ranks of the force.

NAVAL LOSSES DURING WAR.

According to an official statement issued in London the British Navy's losses during the war amounted to 254 ships, including:—13 Battleships, 3 Battle cruisers, 13 Cruisers, 6 Light cruisers, 64 Destroyers and 54 Submarines.

The auxiliary vessels lost numbered 815, among them being 244 steamers carrying coal and 246 steam trawlers.

SALVAGE EXPLOSION.

Six men were injured by an explosion at Richborough Salvage Camp on Saturday. They were burning a large heap of scrapped war material, including a quantity of tins, when the explosion occurred within a few feet of them.

WAR MEMORIAL EXHIBITION.

The Royal Academy has arranged a second exhibition of war memorial designs during October and November, including sculptured and architectural memorials, tablets, crosses, screens, rolls of honour in stained glass, etc. Detailed information will be provided for the benefit of artists and craftsmen.

WRONG DOERS

PLAUSIBLE TALES FROM THE COURT.

In the course of serving one sentence of four months for fraud, Heine von Brauser came under the notice of the British police in another direction.

He claimed, however, to be a British subject, saying that he was born in Manchester in 1897 of an English father and French mother, and where his patrician name came from being beside the point. He said his young criminal life included a ten year stay in France and employment at Krupp's during the war.

Charged with giving false information he confessed that he was born at Duren, so he is back in durance vile, under remand from the Summary Court.

STOLE FROM THE POLICE.

Heinrich Schultz, a German cook, pleaded at the Summary Court that he had no leisure whatever from morn till night. He found time however to pack up and take away from the place where he was employed—a Military Police Mess of all places—10 lbs. of meat, 5 lbs. of bacon and other Army rations. He now has leisure for reflection, being under remand pending the result of further inquiries.

DEPUTATION TO THE KING.

Thousands of members of the Federation of Discharged Soldiers and Sailors held a demonstration at Hyde Park on Sunday to call the attention of the Government to grievances in respect of the war gratuities and employment of ex-service men.

The chief speaker was Mr. Hodge, M.P., who demanded the immediate replacement of all persons of either sex occupying temporary war positions by discharged men who are competent to fill their posts.

The demonstrators included a deputation of unemployed ex-service men who had marched all the way from Manchester.

The latter received a telegram from H.M. the King, expressing his willingness to receive a deputation. Sir Robert Horne, Minister of Labour, will also receive them next week.

TWICE ROUND THE CLOCK.

The Home Secretary has appointed a Committee to consider the question of adopting for official and public purposes in the United Kingdom the twenty-four hour system of reckoning time as employed by the services during the war.

MORE AGRARIAN OUTRAGES.

The Leitrim residence of Colonel James Kirkwood was raided for arms by a gang of masked men on Thursday. The Colonel was absent from home at the time and Mrs. Kirkwood was threatened at the muzzle of a revolver while the search took place.

Two shot guns were carried off but a sum of money and other valuables, including the Ascot Gold cup, were left unmolested and no damage was done.

WHISKY RAIDERS.

It is not only the quest of arms which is the object of the constant outrages in Ireland. The search for whisky is a good second. At Londonderry on Wednesday night marauders attempted to break into the bonded warehouse of Watts' Distillery in Abbey-street. The raiders were disturbed, however, and cleared off, taking all the samples of whisky in the outer room.

PREMIER TO VISIT WOOLWICH.

As the result of a thirty minutes conference at 10 Downing-street yesterday, the Prime Minister promised a deputation from Woolwich that he would visit the Arsenal on Wednesday next. He will meet the workers and the Town Committee of Woolwich to investigate existing grievances as to discharges.

NO FREEDOM FOR IRISH PRESS.

A combined force of police and military yesterday raided the offices of the Kerry News, the Kerry Weekly Reporter and the Killarney Echo at Tralee. All three papers were suppressed and the machinery dismantled. These papers had published the prospectus of the Irish National Loan.

Fourteen Irish newspapers have now been suppressed.

POINCARÉ'S TRAVELLING.

The seven official journeys to foreign countries made since 1897 by the Presidents of the French Republic have involved an expenditure of 2,135,000 francs. This does not include the credit of 125,000 francs just voted for M. Poincaré's visit to London next month.

PROFITEERING ITEMS.

The Profiteering Acts have been extended to Ireland. Women and Labour representatives are now competent to sit on all tribunals.

Pipes, tobacco, matches, cigarettes have been added to the schedule of articles affected.

IMPUDENT LETTER.

VON DER GOLTZ TO THE ALLIED MISSION.

General Burt, Chief of the Entente Mission at Riga, addressed a letter to General von der Goltz, Commander of the German troops in Courland, asking for the names of the Germans who made propaganda for the establishment of German troops in Courland.

Von der Goltz answered by an insolent letter in which he said:—"You dare to ask me to indicate as culprits a certain number of my compatriots. I see in this pretension a grave insult against my nation and the German national feeling. I should like consequently to advise you for the future not to ask such mean things from me or from my subordinates, otherwise I shall be forced to break all relations with you and to expel every Britisher from the area still occupied by the Germans."

CAB FARES IN COLOGNE.

A WARNING TO BRITISH SOLDIERS

Several cases have happened recently where the taxi-driver in Cologne has been anticipating the increased charge that is to come into force shortly, and instead of the present regulation fare of two marks a kilometre for British troops in Rhineland has demanded four marks. This, the D.A.P.M. informs us, is all wrong, and any such attempts should be firmly resisted. Germans only, need pay at the four mark rate, until the official notification of the increase is posted inside the cabs of Cologne. This posting is expected to be done shortly, but meanwhile two marks only is the rate per kilometre for the British.

LONDON HOUSING PROBLEMS.

Of 3,000 dwelling-houses in London inspected by the London Housing Board 1,150 have been found suitable for conversion into working-class flats. The Ministry of Health has appointed a Committee in view of the clearance of slum areas.

Edmonton District Council has prepared a scheme for the erection of 2,000 working-class-houses on the Hyde estate hitherto occupied by the Royal Air Force. The estimated cost is two million pounds.

SELF-DISINFECTION.

In view of the recent decision that official recognition of self-disinfection for civilians as preventative of venereal disease is advisable, a number of prominent medical men has formed a Venereal Prevention Committee, with Lord Willoughly de Broke as chairman. Its object will be to extend the knowledge of self-disinfection and to this end it will welcome inquiries.

LABOURER BLUFFS COX'S.

A well-dressed man, Clive Aylmer. 65, described as a labourer, was charged at Marylebone with forging a cheque and thus obtaining £78 from Cox's Bank, Charing Cross. Evidence showed that he called at Cox's, saying he was Major Champion, and asked to be shown his account. After seeing the ledgers he drew a cheque for £78, which was paid. He was committed for trial.

STRIKELETS.

The strike has created a grave industrial position in South Wales. Most of the collieries will have closed by today, and steel, iron, tin plate, copper, telephone, engineering and other industries are also closing down. The majority cannot go beyond Wednesday. Other coal-fields and the Nottingham lace industry are similarly affected.

Hundreds of East Coast fishermen are idle owing to the absence of trains for conveyance of their catches to market.

Steel works at Hartlepool have shut down.

Since the strike the General Manager and four assistants have been working the pumps to keep the Mersey tunnel clear of water. Cessation of pumping even for a few hours will render the tunnel unusable for months.

Coal exports have been prohibited and all police leave stopped.

Troops have arrived at Liverpool and are guarding the stations, while a detachment has also arrived at Swindon.

In all cases food will have priority of transport. Local stocks of coal have been placed under the custody of the local fuel overseer.

All the big London and Provincial stores reported that the demand for tinned meat and fish was abnormal but the greatest rush was for tinned meat and flour.

Attempts to hoard were thwarted by refusal of the dealers to execute panic orders, customers being limited to normal quantities.

A number of Admiralty steamers have been assigned to the service of conveying yeast from the distilleries in Ireland and Scotland to convenient ports for distribution.

The Ministry of Health has despatched a malaria expert, Lieut-Colonel James, to investigate the outbreak of malaria at Fitton, near Peterborough. At present it is attributed to mosquitoes.

Owing to extreme pressure on our space the next instalment of the Pay Warrant is held over until tomorrow.

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"ONCE MORE UNTO THE BREACH."

"In my long and varied experience I can recall no strike entered into as lightly, with so little justification and with such entire disregard for public interest."

Thus writes Mr. Lloyd George with reference to the grave cessation of work precipitated by the railwaymen of Great-Britain or rather by a few hot-headed extremists engaged in what the Premier calls an "anarchist conspiracy."

At the moment of writing we have no official information as to whether both the other members of the Triple Alliance have entered the fray, but Mr. J. H. Thomas has no shadow of doubt that the miners and the transport workers, should the struggle continue, will throw in their lot with the railwaymen.

Just at the time when the country was endeavouring to consolidate and expand the national market into a world market, the storm bursts with precipitate fury. Another social and "industrial revolution," rather different in character from that which inspired Arnold Toynbee to coin the phrase, seems to be in the making. The whole economic fabric is gravely threatened.

Into the merits and demerits of the dispute we do not propose to enter. Life is a series of fermentations and—happily for mankind — the side with justice, wisdom, and moderation on its side usually gains the day. No opportunity will be missed, we may rest, assured for the parties conferring at frequent intervals.

To us, as soldiers, one of the brightest glimpses in an otherwise sullen and sombre sky is the characteristic promptitude with which numerous ex-soldiers have again stepped into the breach.

As in August 1914, the life of the nation is endangered, and true to their finest instincts these men have once more rallied to the standard in the hour of their country's peril.

The philosophy current in certain vicious circles in this grossly materialistic age is "What do I care?" compared with which the spirit of Montaigne's days expressed in the motto "What do I know?" is eminently respectable. Happily a leavening still remains after the storm and stress of war who have sufficient thought for their fellow-man to stifle any selfish spirit.

"I have but an angry fancy; what is that which I should do?" exclaim these fervid patriots when the crisis falls. "Service and sacrifice" is their motto and will be to the end of time. Verily they are the salt of the earth.

THE MARK.

In June 1914 an English sovereign was worth 20 marks in Germany.

Early this year when our troops first arrived in Cologne the £1 note was worth about 35 marks.

On August 21st an English £1 note realised 107 marks.

On September 16th the value was 130 marks.

At a time when the fall of the value of English sterling on the American Exchange is creating a hubbub of alarm and exhortation to work and export goods from England it is astounding to find that the far greater fall in the value of the German mark attracts practically no attention in Great Britain.

It seems that, should the German exchange be noticed at all, it is with a complacent serve-them-right air that the Englishman dismisses the subject. Yet, the fall in the German exchange is a considerable factor in the rise on the American exchange against us. To the uninitiated this may seem difficult to follow but it is really very simple.

The depreciated value of the pound in America occurs because we owe for imports more than we can pay by exports: therefore we have to buy dollars to settle our account instead of sending goods—result up goes the dollar and down goes the pound sterling.

But why do we import more than we export — well one reason is lower production due to short hours and war weariness, another the lack of shipping and dock facilities, another the cost of coal, but yet one more is that we have lost the German market and therefore our exports in that direction are stopped. We have lost it because the mark originally worth 1/- has fallen to less than 2d and the Germans cannot afford to pay 6 times as much for our goods as they did before the war in addition to the actual increase in our prices. They have therefore ceased to buy and our exports have ceased to flow in this direction.

BUYNG RECKLESSLY.

When the Armistice was signed Germany and Austria were bare of many of the necessaries of life—food, clothing, boots and the raw material to manufacture. Immediately the French, Dutch and Americans leapt in with millions of pounds worth of supplies at fabulous prices which were eagerly bought by the conquered, starving populace and marks began to flow in streams across the frontiers.

In fact Germany began an orgie of excess imports which compared with our present adverse balance is as 10 to 1. No one cared a straw about exchanges—money was plentiful, and if food and clothing could be bought they were going to have them and did.

It would all come right when the Blockade was lifted and Germany could export her chemicals, cutlery, hardware, glass, artificial manures etc. Loans would be obtained from the wealthy United States, trade would be put on its feet, the hard working German would soon capture the world's market again and doubtless the Peace Terms would be modified by the Allies when the first exultant demands of their peoples had been forgotten.

THE WRITING ON THE WALL.

The awakening is coming and the first writing on the wall is the fact that the mark is worth under 2d to the outside world and may be worth still less before long. The anticipated loans have not materialised. Coffee, tobacco, rice, sugar, milk and all foreign raw materials are 10 times as expensive as before the war and whereas, compared with war prices, they were much reduced 2 months ago, now they are climbing back again with every fall in the mark. Merchants dare not buy any but spot supplies since they cannot foresee what their goods will cost in marks when they arrive 2 months hence—manufacturers who had planned big outputs find that the raw material they bought in June at, as they thought, 60 marks has now when it reaches them to be paid for at 120 marks, and their sale prices and trade are disorganised. Their export prices would, it is true, be very much lower than the rest of the world since the cost of labour does not increase proportionately with the exchange rates but their home markets at present absorb all their output, and the future is too obscure to justify their launching out with big programmes.

Labour has obtained its 8 hours day and is vitiated by the Bolshevist theory of the less work per man, the more for many, so that the workmen laze in their factories and demand extra pay every time they see signs of a new contract being started on.

RUIN STRAIGHT AHEAD.

And so the snowball of bankruptcy goes on, gathering impetus and unwieldiness in its downward path whilst the Socialist Government faced with the carrying out of the Utopian ideas it has preached for years talks and achieves nothing. Blindly, and yet with many outward signs of prosperity, the country is drifting to a far worse ruin than had its foes marched to the Capital and, as conquerors, ordered its going out and its coming in. In that event the national spirit might have survived in its adversity—now there is no national spirit and the whole nation is falling to pieces, morally and commercially, for want of the strong directing hands which ruled it before the war—and led it so unnecessarily to that greatest of all mistakes.

And where do we come in? How is our indemnity to be paid? 5000 million pounds is our first instalment and we are reckoning on it, or a considerable part, to alleviate our taxes and reduce our huge debts. And as fast as we count our hoped for millions they evaporate with the decline of the mark. We cannot enslave the German nation; therefore we must have our payment in money, English, French and Belgian money, — and to supply this the Germans must pay 6 times the amount because their mark is only worth 1/6th of its normal value; in other words 600,000 million marks instead of 100,000 million, or 8000 marks for every man, woman and child in the country, say every penny of 2 years average earnings!

It is time we woke up to the facts of the case and realised that the bankruptcy of Germany means no payment for her creditors, no export trade to her from us and no indemnities for the Allies. And the fall in the mark is the exact indication of the extent and progress of the danger.

E. R. H.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views on Many Topics.

WAR MEDALS FOR ALL.

Sir,—Is it not disgraceful the number of canteen workers who are now entitled to War Medals?

To start at the beginning of the trouble—the 1914-15 Star. Men left their homes, wives, and children, they gave all, they were willing to give their lives, as many did, made sacrifices that nobody will ever realise, and in recognition of these sacrifices the 1914-15 Star was struck, not for dispensing "Tea and Buns" in a Leave club or canteen in the neighbourhood of Paris.

Similarly the other two Medals, were intended for the "boys" who came out later, and who offered their lives, that England could secure an "Everlasting Peace" not for instigating "Impromptus" down at Calais.

What will the Younger Generation (the son of an Old Contemptible) think, when he finds that Mrs. Jones has the same Medal for serving Tea, as his Father has for serving his Country.

I appreciate the work done by canteen workers, and think they deserve a Medal, but let it be a disunctive one.

RENE.

Sir,—May I suggest that "Amazed" should go away into some corner quietly and grouse by himself?

The ribbon in question is given solely for length of service, and is not intended to convey any idea of combatant service.

There are scores of thousands of men wearing the ribbon to-day whose sole risk in this war has been a quarterly air-raid—possibly not even that.

The Army generally knows what it owes to Y.M.C.A. helpers, and it's appreciation will not be effected by "Amazed's" sloppy sentimentality.

Where has he spent his time during the war? Has he never known cases of Y.M.C.A. helpers carrying on inside the shelling zone?

T.W.P.

DRAMATIC COMPANY'S SERVICES.

Sir,—It is rather distressing for admirers of the above company's excellent work to have to read a letter like that in your issue of Sunday under the above heading.

I feel sure that the great majority of the R.A.D.C's patrons do not associate themselves with the rumours which have made the publication of Lieut. Percy's letter necessary.

To use words from a more eloquent pen than mine, "Truly we are an ungrateful people".

N. C. O.

TRAVELLING ON ALLIED RAILWAYS.

Sir,—No one can deny that the French railways suffered, just as much as those of Belgium. In spite of this, the French have given our wives special concessions. All honour to them. We should now turn to the Belgian taxpayer and say: "Why don't you fall into line with the French? We are only poor British officers. Our Government, as you know, pay us a bare wage for coming to Germany to keep watch on the Rhine. Won't you ease the financial strain, by granting our wives half fares over your railways?"

An alternative is to approach the British taxpayer and say: "Dear John, your fellow countrymen are on the Rhine for a purpose, not for pleasure. How is it you are so slow in giving our wives and families special travelling facilities for proceeding to the theatre of their martial activities?"

F. E. X.

TOMMY'S SPARE MARKS.

Sir,—Why does'nt the Post Office let Tommy buy War Savings Certificates with German money?

A Tommy — who is not a capitalist can easily save thirty to sixty marks every week, but if he does, what is he to do with it? He cannot change it unless he gets an officer's permission. He cannot buy War Saving Certificates.

Well, what does he do? Spends every mark he draws. If the Post Office would accept marks for Saving Certificates he wouldn't.

T.R.E.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE.

Sir,—I am an ex-officer from the Rhine Army recently demobilized and now in Cologne on business.

I feel very strongly coming again among British officers and men that I am something more than one of the many civilians of all nations now over here on business and who have never seen a day's service in the Great War. What I think people like me should have mean is a little ribbon or rosette in the button-hole — nothing more.

I am sure all ex-soldiers will share my feelings. When one casts off one's uniform and becomes one of the ordinary crowd there are people who have grown fat and prosperous in safety from whom one would like to be distinguished.

I really think the ex-soldier — officer or man—deserves some mark of service such as I have indicated.

It would cost the country nothing and would also form a link of fellowship and a bond of mutual recognition between all who have fought for their country.

DEMOBBED.

WAKE THEM UP.

Sir,—Have officer readers of your paper noticed the apparent slackness on the part of German uniformed officials in the saluting of Allied officers?

Such slackness calls for drastic action on the part of the authorities and intimation of penalties for non-observance of the order on the point. Officers should insist upon this mark of respect.

ASTRAL.

"BUSINESS NOW."

Sir,—What is wrong with W.W.R.'s mental balance?

Are we really to believe that because millions have laid down their lives the business of the world is to stop? How are we to reconstruct England, and restore the finances of the country if we don't trade?

Does he realize that the huckster and bagman to whom he refers are for the most part ex-members of the great Army which contributed the millions of dead?

Or is he annoyed because he cannot get demobilized?

CHEERY.

THE WINE TAX.

Sir,—Apropos the correspondence in your paper regarding the payment of the wine tax by British Troops on the Rhine why not adopt the coupon system as used in France to enable exemption to be obtained.

This system worked very well in France and there is no reason why it should not be used in Germany. It would satisfy the troops on the Rhine, and the coupons handed in would be produced by hotel proprietors as part payment of the amount of tax they would have to hand in.

R.A.F.

PRICES WHICH VARY.

Sir,—I am fully in accord with "Night Hawk's" letter re the inflation of prices.

On several occasions I have been served in exactly the same manner, and I agree that what we want is the wary shopper, who will not give the impression that he is prepared to pay any price in order to get the article required.

Surely if the value of the mark is so little, we are the people to benefit, and not the Germans.

Being in Bonn one day, I espied in a window a fountain pen of a very cheap make, and requiring it for a special reason, I went in to purchase, but was shown everything but the one required, and after considerable trouble eventually got the required article, at the price advertised in the window.

CORPORAL H.

Sir,—It is with great pleasure that I note that this subject has at last been brought into prominence.

The British soldier, having been exploited to some extent during his training days, arrives in the Rhineland expecting to derive a few advantages from the victory that he is supposed to have won, and finds profiteering more rampant than ever.

I think it is fairly well established that the procedure in many German shops in Cologne is:—

(i) The prices are raised to British soldiers according as the value of the £1 rises.

(ii) The prices are anything up to 100% higher for soldiers than for civilians.

Any reader will easily call to mind examples of what I mean; the establishments where profiteering is worst are. cafés and restaurants, hairdressers, camera shops, opticians, ironmongers etc

The remedy is simple, namely to adopt the order already in force in the French area. At Wiesbaden there is a strictly-enforced regulation whereby all articles in shops have to be clearly marked with the price. It would appear that a similar edict issued by the authorities here would be greatly to the advantage of the British Army.

ACTION.

OUR FOOTBALL CONTEST.

Sir,—As an interested competitor in your football competition No 1, may I suggest that you publish the name of the successful entrant (or entrants as the case may be) as early as possible. When one competes in one of the many competitions running in English journals the waiting for the result is very irritating to the competitor.

A COMPETITOR.

[As announced elsewhere the results will be published to-morrow.—Ed.]

ON THE RHINE BOATS.

Sir,—After reading your correspondent's article on the above I was naturally impressed by the way he described the variation of an English every-day meal, to an ordinary German meal.

In the first place could he tell me what working-man with a moderate income, can provide for his house the luxuries, which Fairplay mentions.

To my idea the average Englishman is happy when he has sat down to an ordinary meal with the usual smoke afterwards, instead of this so-called lunch and sweet desserts. I for one, am not in a position to give my family the good things Fairplay names, and I know there are more than me.

WORKING MAN.

THEATRE SEATS.

Sir,—Might one be privileged to inquire whether the admission of apparently unlimited numbers of German civilians to the performances at the Deutsches Theatre, greatly facilitates the obtaining of seats by humble members of his Majesty's forces? One would imagine not.

Presuming that the fräuleins do not book seats personally, one cannot blame the theatre authorities for the actual issue of tickets, but they might with advantage make it a rule that no German civilians should be permitted inside the theatre whatsoever.

There are only two British theatres in Cologne, whilst there are many German cabarets and playhouses.

The Germans, apparently, use the theatre as a means of improving their English. That they should be allowed to do so at the expense of the amusement of the British soldier is regrettable.

H.A.C.

TEACHING BRITISH CHILDREN.

Sir,—Could not something be done for the English children here, in the way of their education?

I often admire the splendid work done by the Y.C.C.A. and other societies, for the troops, could not, therefore, something similar be organised for our children, so that they can continue some sort of schooling until their return to England. Are there no qualified teachers among the voluntary workers, who could form a class? Many ladies I am sure, who have a spare hour, would be only to pleased to help.

All one would require would be suitable books for all ages, a good large, airy room and support.

Surely many parents would be grateful.

A MOTHER.

FALSE THOUGH SHE BE.

False though she be to me and love,
I'll ne'er pursue revenge;
For still the charmer I approve,
Though I deplore her change.

In hours of bliss we oft have met:
They could not always last;
And though the present I regret,
I'm grateful for the past.

WILLIAM CONGREVE.

RHINELAND ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

KALK Y.M.C.A. SHIELD.

6th Corps Signal Success in the Second Round.

The 6th Corps Signal Co., having drawn a bye in the 1st round of the Kalk Y.M.C.A. Shield were drawn against the Wahn Field Survey in the second round. The match was played in ideal weather on Friday at Wahn. The "Bulldogs" were unfortunate in having their right half, Lieut. Hunt "crocked" during the first five minutes of the game; nevertheless the home team were kept fully extended for the whole game.

Twenty minutes from the start C.Q.M.S. Shepheard, after a fine piece of individual work, scored a brilliant goal for the visitors. The home side after this made strenuous efforts to equalise but the visitors' two remaining halves and backs were more than equal to all tests. Half time arrived with the visitors leading by 1—0.

On resuming Lieut. Gregory, during a melée, added a second goal. The game became more strenuous after the line ud free-kicks being the order of the day. Play was finished by deafening cheers from the "Bulldogs" supporters who had gathered in great force and supplied a miscellaneous collection of noise producing instruments, including tin cans and motor horns. By beating Wahn Field Survey by 2—0 the 6th Corps Signals Coy qualify for the third round.

OTHER 2nd ROUND RESULTS.

2nd "B" Battery 190/R.F.A. 4; 1st Pontoon Park R. E. 1.

1/6th West Yorks 2; 11th Queen's 0.

NEXT ROUND ITEMS.

Thursday; 6th Corps Signals v. 1/6th West Yorks. Ground: 93rd Bde. R.G.A. Kalk. Kick off 2.30 p.m. Referee Lieut. J. Woods. 6th Corps Signals to supply the ball. Yorks play in amber and black stripes. 6th Corps Signals arrange for contrasting colours. Ground situated at the Mulheim end of the Exercier Platz, Kalk. Berg.-Gladbach car runs within 5 minutes of the ground.

Friday: "B" Battery 190 R.F.A. v. 63rd Bde. R.G.A. or Rhine Flotilla R. N. 93rd Bde. Ground kick off 2.30 p.m.

9th Durham L. I. v. Southern Div. R. E. Signals.

After a fast game in which both teams played scientific football, the Durhams deservedly entered the 3rd round of the competition yesterday by the only goal of the match. Early in the game the Pioneers were awarded a penalty, but Cpl. Rutter shot hard at the goal keeper who cleared. Fast play was the rule, and L/Cpl. Clark for the visitors hit the cross-bar with a beauty.

The second half saw the Durhams doing the bulk of the pressing but the visitors' defence, in which C.S.M. Eves and Capstick shone, held out. Slack, Conway and Gray came very near to the objective with good efforts. Time was almost up when the home centre forward, Slack, who throughout the game had worked like a Trojan, fairly scrambled the ball into the net. The visitors made a good effort to equalise before the end but the defence of the homesters in which Pte. Lord was the outstanding figure, was quite equal to all calls.

The teams were as follows:—Southern Div. Signal Coy.—L/Cpls. Clark Whitcombe, Kemp, Harris, and Sgt. Heard; Smallwood, Capstick and Sgt. Oakes; Sgt. Hunter and C.S.M. Eves; Goal-keeper, Jackson.

9th Bn. The Durham Light Inf.:—Sgt. Rocks; Pte. Middlemass and L/Cpl. Lord; Cpl. Rutter, Pte. Hogg, and Lieut. Taylor; Ptes. Gosling, Conway, Slacks, Gray and Reynolds.

"Y.M." FOOTBALLERS.

"Camera Fiends" Temporarily Forsake Kodaks at Bensberg.

The members of the photographers section of the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. Weekly Excursion Club are popularly known as the "Camera Fiends," but when they went last Saturday, in lorries, to Bensberg for the avowed purpose of taking photographs, one of their party produced a football. Instantly all cameras were, metaphorically, cast to the winds; sides were chosen; captains and referee were appointed; a field was found which a kind providence seemed to have made into a suitable ground; and a topping game was played. The keenness of the sport was illustrated by the fact that no "Camera Fiend" thought of taking a snap-shot of the photographers transformed into footballers. Doubtless the excursionists returned to Cologne feeling fit all round after having exercised their feet as well as their eyes and hands.

TWO PENALTIES.

"B" Company 52nd K.L.R. Easily Defeat "C" Company.

Both teams showed great keenness in the game. There was only one goal scored before the interval, and this was from a penalty against "C" Coy, whose centre forward prevented the ball from going into the goal by stopping it with his hands. From the resulting penalty, Barry gave his side the lead, which was maintained until the interval. After the resumption, "B" Coy were soon away and Monks increased the lead with a fine shot. Shortly after, Barry scored again. "B" Coy did not get all their own way for, in a scrimmage, one of the defenders handled, and Aldred scored from the ensuing penalty kick. Just before the finish, during a scrimmage in front of "C" Coy's goal mouth, the custodian put the ball into his own goal, thus strengthening "B" Coys lead.

Result "B" Coy 4; "C" Coy 1.

For the losers Lamb, Williams, Spence, Aldred and L/Cpl. Cooligan played a fine game, while L/Cpl. Hartley in goal was not to blame for so many goals being registered against him. For the winners Barry and Beatty were the two best on the field.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Tuesday, September 30th, 1919.

Surface wind light and variable. Weather mainly fair and cool. Day visibility good.

EDUCATIONISTS' FAIL.

VI Corps Headquarters v. VI Corps School.

This match was played on Wednesday afternoon on the Deer Park Ground. A surprise goal in the first minute of play was placed by Johnson, the Headquarters centre, from a smart pass by Unsworth. The School then bestirred themselves and the game was very even of ading-dong backwards and forwards type, many chances on both sides being missed by poor shooting. Towards half time, Hoare, inside left, scored a second for Headquarters.

The latter half of the game added nothing to the score, so that Headquarters were victorious by 2-0. This does not really represent the general superiority of their team, since the School team were outplayed from the start, but Mr. Oldbury's defence was adequate to baffle their imperfect attempts. Medlar, right half, Rogers, outside right, Hoare, Johnson, and Unsworth, were the pick of the Headquarters team, while outside the goal Mazza and Ellis were the most reliable of the School Team.

BATTALIONS OPPOSED.

52nd Beat 51st K.L.R. By A Narrow Margin.

A football match between the 51st and the 52nd Bns. K.L.R. was played on Saturday to decide which Battalion should represent the King's Bde. in the forthcoming Corps event.

The game opened very fast and the speed was kept up throughout. In the first half Miller scored for the 51st and just before the interval Barrow equalized from a penalty. The scores were still level at half-time. Five minutes after the resumption Capt. Foss gave the 52nd the lead, which they kept until the whistle went for time. The 51st "goalie" gave a very creditable display and saved his side from a heavier defeat.

Hockey at Bonn.

The 12th L.N. Lancs. Officers played the O.R.'s at Bonn, on Friday. The match was very fast throughout. The O.R.'s scored the first goal, 8 minutes after the commencement. The Officers soon equalized and before the end of the game brought the score up to 4-1.

Some of the O.R.'s however, had not handled a stick before and yet showed great promise. Capt. Onagh and Lieut. Johnson were the most conspicuous for clever play on the ground, while Sgt. Cane on the O.R.'s side was perhaps their best man.

AT SHORT NOTICE.

2nd Corps H.A., H.Q. v. 9th D.L.I. At Stammheim.

The other morning a D.R. arrived at the 9th D.L.I. Sports Officer's Quarters about 10.30 hours and asked if they would play a soccer match at Stammheim at 14.30 hours. The Heavies sent a motor lorry over for the team and up to time the following players for the D.L.I. turned out:—

Sgt. Rocks (goal); Pte. Middlemass and L/Cpl. Lord (backs) C.S.M. Pinder, Pte. Hogg, and Lieut. Taylor (half-backs); Pte. Buckle, C.M.S. Etherington, Ptes. Slack Gray, and Reynolds (forwards).

The "Heavies" won the toss and elected to play with the wind up a slight slope. The surface of the ground was very uneven, making accurate football difficult. The D.L.I. had most of the play but it was 25 mins. before Reynolds took on the first goal chiefly the result of a bad mis-kick by one of the "Heavies" defenders. At half time the scores were:—9th D.L.I. 1; 2nd Corps H.A., H.Q. 0.

HEAVY PRESSURE.

On changing ends the "Heavies" seemed to tire with the result that their goal was subjected to even more pressure. After 10 mins Reynolds scored a second goal and about 10 minutes from the end C.Q.M.S. Etherington put on a third, with a hard shot from close quarters. Result 9th D.L.I. 3; 2nd Corps H.A., H.Q. 0.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

By W. Le. C.

J. Kasher, Sunderland's promising centre-half has been a prisoner of war. Prior to his capture he captained the Royal Naval Division's team.

Irvine Thornley seems the only English player among the many who went to Scottish Clubs, that has struck anything approaching true form. Scottish spectators are greatly disappointed with many of the English stars.

While Miller of Everton is claimed to be the fastest winger in first class circles, Dorrell of the Villa will take some beating. The latter occupies the same position as his father did for the Aston club, viz. outside left.

Sixteen years of age, standing 5ft. 8½ins. and weighing 11st. 4lbs. J. McGrae is on Everton's books as an inside forward. The "Toffees" have great hopes.

Dicky Downs' name is again being bandied about by purveyors of football rumours. But Barnsley are not "at home" to team builders who seek his signature.

London is football mad, yet it is a fact that the only real team seen in the metropolis for the past 20 years was—well, which team won the Cup?

J. Carr is far from comfortable as outside right for Middlesboro. This weak spot must be remedied, or the Boro will lose many more points.

Peter Boyle, the old Sheffield United defender, now manages the Ebbw Vale club.

"Fifteen years and never dropped." That was Doig's record. The famous custodian was Sunderland's idol. No wonder.

Sunderland's pre-war halves were Cuggy, Low, Cringan and Thomson. Cuggy is still part of the "human triangle" but the others no longer serve. Cringan is with Celtic, Low was not retained and the Scottish International (Thomson) has retired.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Aston Villa Heavily Trounced by Bradford.

"SPURS" AGAIN IN FORM.

The following were the results of the principal football matches in England and Scotland on Saturday:—

English League.—First Division.

Blackburn Rovers	2	The Arsenal	2
Bradford	6	Aston Villa	1
Chelsea	0	Burnley	1
Derby County	1	Bolton W.	2
Liverpool	1	Newcastle U.	1
Manchester C.	4	Notts County	1
Middlesbrough	1	Manchester U.	1
Preston N. E.	2	Oldham Ath.	1
Sheffield Wed.	2	Sheffield United	1
Sunderland	2	Everton	3
West Bromwich A.	4	Bradford City	1

Second Division.

Birmingham	4	Huddersfield	2
Bury	2	Hull	0
Clapton O.	4	South Shields	0
Grimsby	1	Blackpool	1
Leeds	1	Wolverhampton	1
Leicester	1	Coventry	0
Notts Forest	1	Stockport	1
Rotherham	1	Barnsley	0
Stoke	2	West Ham	1
Tottenham H.	6	Lincoln City	1

Postponed.

Bristol v. Fulham.

Southern League.

Bristol	2	Newport	1
Brentford	0	Crystal Palace	0
Gillingham	0	Queen's Park R.	1
Plymouth	1	Portsmouth	2
Reading	2	Brighton	0
Southampton	4	Millwall	1
Swansea	2	Cardiff	1
Luton	3	Swindon	1

Postponed.

Exeter v. Watford.
Norwich v. Southend.

Scottish League.

Aberdeen	0	Greenock M.	0
Celtic	3	Clyde	1
Dumbarton	4	Hamilton	1
Falkirk	3	Airdrieonians	2
H. of Midlothian	4	Clydebank	2
Motherwell	1	Glasgow Rangers	0
Partick Thistle	2	Queen's Park	0
St. Mirren	1	Ayr United	4
Third Lanark	4	Raith Rovers	3

Postponed.

Kilmarnock v. Dundee.

Rugby.—Northern Union.

Batley	10	Halifax	nil
Huddersfield	41	Bradford	16
Leeds	38	Broughton R.	3
Widnes	2	Rochdale H.	nil
Oldham	16	St. Helens R.	10
Keighley	nil	Hunslet	19
Swinton	3	Leigh	5
Hull	8	Hull K. R.	8
Salford	5	Wigan	6

Rugby Union.

Llanelly	10	Swansea	5
Cardiff	3	Bristol	21
Newport	39	Penarth	nil
Leicester	11	Devonport A.	5
Blackheath (1914)	16	Blackheath (1919)	14
London Scottish	23	Rosslyn Park	3
Manchester	29	Headingley	3
Conventry	27	Nuneaton	14

COMING INTERNATIONALS.

English Teams For Victory Games With Wales.

The F.A. International Selection Committee met at Manchester and chose the following teams to represent England in the two victory games with Wales.

The team for Stoke on Saturday, Oct. 4 is:

Hardy (Aston Villa), goal.
Smith (West Bromwich) and **Hudspeth** Newcastle United) (capt.), backs.
Bagshaw (Derby County), **Parker** (Stoke), and **Grenyer** (Everton), half-backs.
Turnbull (Bradford), **Whittingham** (Chelsea), **Puddefoot** (West Ham), **Smith** (Bolton Wanderers), and **Hodkinson** (Blackburn Rovers), forwards.
Reserves: **Thorpe** (Burnley), **Carr** (Middlesbrough).
Referee, Mr. **Leigh** (Hanley). Linesman, Mr. **S. D. Jones** (Wolverhampton).

At Cardiff, on Saturday, Oct. 11, the side will be:

Williamson (Arsenal), goal.
Ball (Birmingham) and **Knight** (Portsmouth). backs.
Voisey (Millwall), **Hilditch** (Manchester United), and **Grimsdell** (Spurs), half-backs.
Hendren (Brentford), **Buchan** (Sunderland), **Kitchen** (Sheffield United). **Barnes** (Manchester City), and **Brooks** (Wolverhampton Wanderers), forwards.
Reserves, **Mitchell** (Queen's Park Rangers), **Edmonds** (Watford).

Irish League Team.

The following is the Irish League team chosen to meet the Southern League at Dublin on October 4 and the English League at Liverpool on October 6:—

Walsh (Shelbourne): Rollo and McCandless (Linfield); McCracken (Linfield), Hamill (Belfast Celtic), Emerson (Glentoran); Lyner (Glentoran), D. Reid (Distillery), Ferris (Belfast Celtic), McDonald (Linfield), McMillan (Distillery).

Football Inquiry.

The F.A. and the Football League at Manchester held a joint inquiry into the allegations against the Leeds City F.C. as to having paid players during the war in excess of the stipulated amount. After hearing evidence for 45 minutes the committee adjourned to an indefinite date no decision having been arrived at.

Welsh Rugby Union.

The Welsh Rugby Union Committee at Cardiff continued the inquiry into the Treorchy professionalism question, and after hearing the explanations, removed the suspensions of John Scofield. Fred Lewis, Charles Harris, Lewis Roberts, John Morris, John Harris, David Williams, and D. W. Jones. Permission was granted F. Goeron, the Cardiff captain, to take a team to play Treorchy. A vote of condolence was passed with the widow of H. B. Wienfield. The committee accepted the tender of Messrs Simmonds & Co., Cardiff, to re-erect the stands at Cardiff Arms Park at a cost of £3,900.

BONN AQUATICS.

Lancashire Division Swimming Gala Results.

EXCITING RELAY RACE.

The Lancashire Division held water-sports on Friday at the Corps Baths, Bonn, before a rather poor attendance. Among those present were Major General A. Solly-Flood, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. The relay race provided great excitement as the 52nd K.L.R. just got home inches ahead of the Div. Sig. Coy.

Results In Divisional Aquatic Sports.

Held at Victoria Baths, Bonn, on 23rd September.

50 yards:—1, Sapper Jones, Lancs. Div. Signal Coy.; 2, Pte. Baker, 52nd K.L.R.; 3, Pte. Millington, 52nd K.L.R.

Life-saving:—1, L/Cpl. Good and Dvr. Marsden, Lancs. Div. Signal Coy.: 2, Pte. Hanson and Partner, 51st Manchester Regt.

Plunge and still dive:—1, S/Sergt. Prince, 51st Manchester Regt.; 2, L/Cpl. Ridley, 52nd K.L.R.

Water-polo:—1, Div. Signal Coy.,3; 13th K.L.R., 0.

Go-to-bed race:—1, Signr. Deeley, R.A., H.Q.: 2, Pte. Greenwood, 51st Manchester Rgt.; 3, L/Cpl Good, Div. Signal Coy.

100 yards:—1, Mr. Skeless, Y.M.C.A.; 2, Sergt. Gunson, 51st Manchester Regt.; 3, Pte. Hanson, 51st Manchester Regt.

Diving:—1, L/Cpl Ridley, 52nd K.L.R.: 2, Sergt. Prince, 51st Manchester Regt.; 3, Pte. Bainbridge, 51st K.L.R.

Variety:—1, Sapper Jones, Div. Signal Coy.; 2, Mr. Skeleos, Y.M.C.A.; 3, L/Cpl. Good, Div. Signal Coy.

220 yards:—1, Sergt. Gunson, 51st Manchester Regt.; 2, Signr. Deeley, R.A.H.Q.; 3, Sergt. Jones, 52nd K.L.R.

Relay:—1, 52nd K.L.R.; 2, Div. Signal Coy.; 3, 51st Manchester Regt.

Open 100 yards:—1. 2/Lieut. Philp, X Corps Signals; 2, Pte. Dott, 51st Manchester Regt.; 3, Lieut. Carson, X Corps Signals.

HOCKEY RESTARTS.

At the council meeting of the Hockey Association it was decided that International matches be arranged with Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. The divisional matches are to be rearranged, and a final International Trial match, "England" v. "The Rest," will be played, probably in London.

LAWN TENNIS AT HENDON.

In the men's open singles semi-final at Hendon N. Mishu beat Major R. W. Heath, 6—3, 2—6, 6—4; Hon. F. M. B. Fisher beat S. N. Doust 7—5, 6—4.

Ladies' Open Singles (Semi-Final Round).—Miss E. D. Holman beat Mrs. Larcombe, 6—4, 1—6, 6—3; Miss Ryan beat Mrs. "Albert," 8—6, 6—0.

Aldershot Polo.

The fortnightly challenge cup was contested last week for the last time this season, the holders, Aldershot, being challenged by the 13th Hussars. The latter just won after a fast game and an exciting finish.

COBLENZ CARNIVAL.

Notable Success of Rhine Army Athletes.

The results coming to hand of the athletic events contested at the Sports Carnival at Coblenz are highly flattering to the British Army of the Rhine, whose representatives under the charge of Lt.-Col. J. Betts, D.S.O., gave an excellent account of themselves.

Perhaps the finest race was the 440 yards, which the British won in brilliant style. Full details of the athletic programme with list of events and winners will be published in our issue of to-morrow.

BOXING FIXTURES.

October.

2.—Johnny Basham v. Bermondsey Billy Wells, 20 3-min. rnds. Holborn Stadium, 8 ("Sporting Life" stakeholder and referee).
4.—Fred Housego v. George Colbourne, 20 rnds, &c. Drill Hall, Shaftesbury-st., Shepherdess-walk, N. 8.
6.—Joe Conn v. Francis Rossi, 20 rnds at 9st, for £100 a side and £350 purse; Johnny Broker v. Frank Kestrell, 15 rnds at 7st 4lb, for £50 a side, &c., National Sporting Club, 8.
6.—Frank Moody v. Albert Brown (Otley) for £50 a side, 30 3-min. rnds. Gaiety, Grimsby, 8.
6.—Cardiff Athletic Club opening.
9.—Joe Bowker v. Charlie Ward (Hackney) 20 3-min. rounds. New Cross Empire.
9.—Charity tournament on Palace Pier, Brighton.
10.—Fred Fulton v. P-O Curran, 15 rnds. Cosmopolitan Club, Plymouth, 8 ("Sporting Life" referee).
13.—Fred Blakeborough v. Dick Moss, 20 rnds, &c., Windsor Hall, Bradford, Yorks.
16.—Bombardier Billy Wells v. Jack Curphey, 20 rnds, &c., Holborn Stadium, 8.
20.—Jim Driscoll v. Charles Ledoux, 20 rnds, &c. National Sporting Club, 8.

RACE MEETINGS.

October.

Newport	1, 2	Hexham	8
Limerick	1, 2	Leicester	8, 9
Edinburgh	2, 3	Isle of Wight	8, 9
Down Royal	3, 4	Kempton Park	10, 11
Alexandra Park	4	Haydock Park	10, 11
Nottingham	6, 7	Cardiff	10, 11
Listowel	7, 8	Phoenix Park	11

ROYAL DEERSTALKING.

Deerstalking in Craiggowan Forest on Friday, the King shot two stags and Prince Henry one.

Prince Albert shot a magnificent Royal stag weighing 22 stone 8 pounds, the largest killed in the Royal Forest for 13 years.

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AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

Gratitude for Music.

Concerts were given to crowded houses in the Great Hall of the Y.M.C.A. Cologne by Miss Kate Coates' Company on two successive evenings last week. The vast audiences testified their gratitude in a fashion that was as gracious as it was unique. In the interval they took up a collection which they asked the Concert Party to be good enough to forward to any philanthropic scheme that they might select, and to send it as a gift from Miss Kate Coates' Concert Company. Miss Coates, who was manifestly deeply touched, said, in a few graceful words, that she and her friends in consideration of the fact that the money had been subscribed by soldiers would like it to be used for the benefit of soldiers and that therefore they would send it to the Y.M.C.A. Farm Colony in Dorset, for discharged and disabled soldiers. I hear that the amount contributed was 3,836 marks; and a cheque for £40-8-0 has been sent to the colony.

Leave Club Announcements.

There will be an Impromptu Concert on Wednesday next, at the B.E.L.C. from 5 to 6, in the music room followed by a dance at 6.30 in the Theatre, at which the London Division String Band have kindly consented to play. On Thursday, there will be an Impromptu Concert from 5 to 6 and a Whist Drive at 6.30 p.m. A dancing class from 5 to 6 in the Theatre and Impromptu Concert at the same hour in the Music Room will be Fridays attractions and at 7 p.m. the ladies of the B.E.L.C. will present their Revue, "Hullo Cologne" in the Theatre. On Saturday, there will be an Impromptu Concert from 5 to 6 followed by a dance in the Theatre from 6.30 p.m.

Miss Ada Moore's Concert.

Miss Ada Moore gave an excellent concert in the Music Room of the Leave Club in Friday, at which she sang many songs chosen by the audience. These included a large number of old favourites such as the "Old Fashioned Town," "Smoke Clouds" and various sentimental numbers including "All the world will be jealous of you," and "Me and my Gal" in which the audience joined in the chorus most heartily. This concert was the last of a series of 107 which have been given by Miss Ada Moore in Cologne and outlying districts, during her stay of two months with the Army of the Rhine. So many officers and men both at the B.E.L.C. and outlying districts have been entertained by Miss Ada Moore that her departure will be keenly regretted by her many admirers.

Leave Club Concert.

The band of the Inniskillings again gave a brilliant concert at the Leave Club on Sunday. The Bandmaster E. Adams has wonderful control over the band who played with splendid rhythm and finish. The audience (which filled every nook and cranny in the hall) enjoyed the programme enormously, especially the selection of Landers songs by Hume and the descriptive piece "The Bold Dragoons" with all the cavalry calls, some of which were sung by the men. The soloists were equally good. Miss Marjorie Moore brought the house down by singing the waltz song from Paul Jones by Edward German, and then sang "Every little While" to the great amusement of everybody, and "Nothing but love" and "Bit of love divine." Major Greenlees sang magnificently "Songs of Araby," "Maire my Girl" and "Myself when young" and was encored again and again. Driver Harrison sang "You came from me" by Baxendale with much charm and musicianship, being encored.

Machine Kaput.

The "Crumps" Concert Party seeking a respite from rehearsals recently, in the shape of a trip up the Rhine, in a small motor launch, very nearly had to abandon it. They hadn't left the quay at Bonn many minutes when there was a general cry of "machine kaput." The fun stopped as suddenly as the engine had done, when it was realized that the launch was being carried away by the swift tide. Practically at the same moment three other motor launches dashed out to the rescue, and after a heated gument as to who should take them in tow, they were eventually brought back to where they started from. Another launch was soon procured and everybody smiled again. I understand that the "Crumps" have now been re-organised and will be seen shortly in Cologne with an entirely new programme.

Porter-Conductor.

Another impression by Roy—not to be confused with Poy—shows Conductor Porter, the gifted leader of the "Tabs" Orchestra. He has been with us all the time in Cologne and rendered yeoman service in the musical department. Now that we have a musicians' strike in Cologne and cabarets are struggling to carry on "ohne" orchestra it is more than ever impressed upon us how essential a part of our existence a good orchestra really is. Porter has done wonders with his band of musicians, and is equally popular both as a conductor and a comrade.

Not a River Tragedy.

From the banks of the Rhine recently, a number of people were alarmed to see two men apparently engaged in a desperate struggle on the roof of a motor launch proceeding down stream towards Bonn. A third man meanwhile stood calmly at the further end of the boat watching the proceedings. It seems that the anxiety of the witnesses was wasted since two actors in this seeming tragedy were well-known cinema artistes while the third man was a producer. They were rehearsing a new picture.

JACQUES.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Tuesday	7	Freischütz	Weber
Wednesday	7	Merry Wives of Windsor	Nicolai
Thursday	7	Madame Butterfly	Puccini
Friday	7	Othello	Verdi
Saturday	8	Concert	
Sunday	7	Tosca	Puccini
Monday	5.30	Walküre	Wagner
Tuesday	7	Zar und Zimmermann	Lortzing

RACE MEETINGS ABANDONED.

According to reports received on Sunday the strike of railwaymen was almost certain to kill the race meetings fixed for Birmingham and Lanark on Monday. It was stated that it would be impossible to get horses to the former, and the fate of the Lanark meeting depended on the number of horses that could get there by road from Ayr.

Olympic Games.

It is hoped that the programme of the Olympic games at Antwerp will include a long-distance road walk from Antwerp to Brussels and back.

Famous Runner As Coach.

The famous runner Albert Shrubb has been engaged as a coach by Oxford University athletic club this winter.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

Only Ten Results Required For Contest No I.

PRIZE-WINNERS' NAMES ON WEDNESDAY.

Saturday's football again provided surprises and adjudication of the coupons in connection with our opening competition, which is now proceeding apace, reveals infinite variety.

The names of the successful winners—we anticipate there will be more than one—will be published in our issue of Wednesday.

Woolwich put up a fine performance by taking a point from Blackburn, whilst the defeats of Derby and Chelsea were totally unexpected, Bolton's win over the "Rams" stamping them as dangerous opponents. These matches naturally upset a large number of our would-be prize-winners, and Hull City's defeat by Bury also tripped many.

The other results of our coupon matches were not unexpected, and as the Bristol City-Fulham, and Exeter-Watford games were not played, competitors were set the task of forecasting only 10 results.

OUTSTANDING EVENTS.

The outstanding event of the week-end was Bradford's terrible trouncing of the Villa. Aston have certainly struck a bad patch. Everton put up a fine performance by winning at Roker Park, and Sheffield Wednesday only followed history by beating their near neighbours.

In the Second Division South Shields "came a cropper" at Clapton, while Tottenham continued their all-conquering career by putting up 6 goals to Lincolns' 1.

Portsmouth in the Southern League did a fine thing by defeating Plymouth Argyle, and the win of the "Saints" over Millwall was very convincing. Brentford were at home and the taking of a point from them by the Palace was a fine performance.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Scottish League followers received a rude shock when the Rangers' result came through; to be beaten at Motherwell was a nasty blow. Celtic continued their ever-victorious career, this time at Clyde's expense, and the Airdrieonians' victory over the "Bairns" at Falkirk was a smart performance.

The railway strike was largely responsible for decreased gates and the postponement of some of the matches. Several teams reached their destination by motor charabanc including Millwall, who "charabanced" to Southampton, and West Ham's team motored to Stoke.

Appended is the coupon for competition No. 2. The rules appeared in our issues of Saturday and Sunday. One mark must accompany each coupon.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 2.

Date of matches, Saturday, Oct. 4th.
Closing date, Friday, Oct. 3rd.

Oldham	v. Preston N.E.
Bolton Wan.	v. Derby County
Newcastle U.	v. Liverpool
Everton	v. Sunderland
Bradford C.	v. W. Bromwich
Wolverhampton	v. Leeds City
Fulham	v. Bristol City
Coventry C.	v. Leicester C.
Cardiff C.	v. Exeter C.
Southend U.	v. Brentford
Morton	v. Hearts
Queen's Park	v. St. Mirren

I enter football competition No. 2 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Unit .....
Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Sans Armlet.

Consequent, I suppose upon the letters we have printed on German women in our clubs it has been very noticeable how closely scrutinised by everyone have been all the women accompanying officers to the N.A.C.B. Officers' Clubs in Cologne—at least those not wearing the official armlet. It would not surprise me if the result is to make the hitherto neglected "brassard" more popular with the British women amongst us.

Wet and Cold.

Sunday was one of the most miserable days of the present year. Many excursions in the country which had been planned, had to be abandoned and the day spent in billets.

Grumbles and Grievances.

We have received many expressions of approval of the increased space we are giving to "The Editor's Letter Box." It is the Englishman's privilege to grumble and this feature provides an outlet for many a justifiable "grouse." It results in a great many grievances, large and small, being remedied, too.

Are they so Bad?

A correspondent writing to us the other day said "Please excuse this indistinct scrawl. I am writing with an Army School pencil."

Thrift Indeed!

On the Cologne trams can be seen a ledge conisisting of six numbered grooves near the conductor's place. What is it for? It seems that it is intended for smokers entering a non-smoking car to rest their partly consumed "fag" or cigar, which they can rescue and re-light on descending.

Ordnance Less Packed.

I am told, but haven't had the pluck yet to test its truth—that one stands a reasonable chance now of buying a toothbrush or a pair of bootlaces at the Officers' Clothing Depot without having to spend half a working day in the queue.

Dom Weddings.

Our article about Dom weddings in Saturday's issue of the Cologne Post was translated and published by several local papers. Yesterday German girls were heard asking for Saturday's "Post." They seemed to be very anxious to have the original text itself stating that marriages between British soldiers and German girls are prohibited until the ratification of the treaty.

A Cheery Worker.

Frequenters of the Scottish Churches Club in Schildergasse will miss the cheery presence of Miss Clarke, who is leaving for Wimereux to take up new duties there.

Jack of all Trades.

One of the sergeants in a certain Anti-Aircraft Battery of Rhineland has suffered a severe blow to his dignity. Owing to the rapidity with which demobilization is proceeding in this particular Battery the staff became depleted to such an extent that it became necessary to appoint him to the onerous position of cook in the Sergeants' mess. But worse is yet to come. The position of Post orderly became vacant and he was also honoured with this position.

Undaunted.

In spite of the rain and cold one enthusiastic officer in Cologne has still been indulging in his morning swim and sculling vigorously in a skiff on the Rhine every day, just as he did in the sun and warmth.

Good Investments.

An officer who is an ardent philatelist tells me that one of the things one can buy advantageously in Cologne is foreign stamps. They are usually marked at reasonable figures and the luxury tax is deducted for the military. Added to this there is the advantage gained by the present low value of the mark.

British Planes.

Small model aeroplanes bearing the well-known bulls-eye markings on the under plane are being sold in the German shops.

"Against Profiteering."

In an open letter to the Oberburgermeister of Cologne a member of the council declares that "the exasperation and indignation of the suffering population against the national profiteering now going on has reached a critical stage. The profiteers do their dirty work quite openly and are not afraid to display their abundance of money by overdressing, overfeeding and indulgence in all kinds of luxuries." Evidently the Germans are now experiencing a repetition of what the British public had, and still have to stand.

Often Quoted.

We appreciate the interest taken in our columns by more prosperous English dailies. We frequently find ourselves quoted; though sometimes without acknowledgment.

Using a Whip.

A constable of police had a rather alarming experience in the vicinity of the Hohestrasse a few nights since. Hearing sounds of merriment proceeding from an adjoining street he went to investigate and was confronted with the spectacle of four Germans in a waggonette singing in anything but dulcet tones and disturbing the peaceful slumber of the inhabitants. On remonstrating with them one of the occupants of the vehicle administered two very severe lashes with a whip to the energetic corporal. The sequel was heard at the Summary Court next day.

Wives can Borrow.

Incidentally it is not generally known that the library at the Central Y.M.C.A., Friesen Strasse, Cologne, is open to English wives.

A Temptation to Resist.

The temptation for all ranks on the Rhine to dabble in business transactions is often great, but it means playing with fire. Soldiers should remember they are soldiers and keep their hands unsoiled by even the suspicion of mercenary dealings. The Kings's uniform deserves to be kept quite clear of buying and selling.

Collars and Cuffs.

Some of the wearers of Air Force blue on the Rhine are sporting white starched cuffs like French officers, and stand-up "wing" collars like civilians. Neither notion intrigues me greatly.

Rib-Ticklers.

If some of the sorry looking horses, tied to the cabs outside Cologne station were asked if they approved of the crinkly shafts that are apparently becoming popular, their answer would probably be a decided "neigh". Their utility is presumably to tickle the animal's ribs to prevent his becoming too somnolent.

In Spite of Chill.

While the German men seem to seize the first opportunity of donning an overcoat on these chilly days, it is noticeable that the average fräulein clings to her summer finery.

Capable M.M.P's.

The ease with which the Mounted Military Police can handle a German crowd was proved on the recent visit of Joffre to Cologne. They are, indeed, a fine body of men. One mount resented being mixed up with the cavalry on parade. Its policeman rider at once took in the situation and a very dejected horse was hauled out of the melee.

Not Worth Living.

It is rumoured that an English lady claimed her demob — or whatever you like to call it — from the institution with which she is engaged because Cologne was unbearable when the operas were suspended through the recent strike.

Late Merrymakers.

For nearly a month the native of Cologne has been able to enjoy his newly given freedom and to stay out until midnight. The streets of Cologne after eleven testify that he takes great advantage of the privilege. From the doors of all the restaurants pour out a stream of merry and talkative folk mostly of the younger generation. It appears that these merrymakers are a source of annoyance to those hardworking individuals who are awakened by their roystering from their first well deserved sleep. These folk sigh for the early days of our occupation when everyone had to be off the streets by nine.

"Old Bill's Double."

If Captain Bairnsfather had been in the region of the demob. boat the other morning he would have had no difficulty in finding "Old Bill's double." The individual had the same stubby moustache and rubicund nose. It only remains to add that he was one of the merriest of a merry party.

Another Disappearance.

With the enforced exodus of the Wrafs from Cologne I suppose the Book Club and Reading Room they started in the arcade of the Hohestrasse will go. It appears to have been in a state of suspended animation for some time past.

Where Wives are Efficient.

I know of a certain officers' mess in Cologne which was being catered for none too well and complaints were rife. Then an officer whose wife had just come to Rhineland was elected mess secretary. Since she took over the marketing it has aquired the reputation of being perhaps the best fed mess in Cologne. And most of the members are letting out their belts.

Ancient.

Passing by the Officers' Club last night the chorus of a song very popular in England in the 'eighties' — "Ehren on the Rhine" — could be heard being sung by a jovial party.

RHINELANDER.

The Traffic Controller (whose signals to go to the right have been absolutely ignored) "What the 'ell d'yer think I'm 'ere for—a blinking ornament?"
German carman (pleasantly): "Ja! Ja!"

VANITY FAIR.

A Feature for the British Woman in Rhineland.

The Latest Idea.

The latest idea in connection with furs is the little tie with a big muff or the big tie with a very small muff; but never a big tie and big muff together. On the other hand, I have seen several admirable fur sets in which both tie and muff were quite small. The small muff of the future is almost round. Linings are going to play an important rôle in the world of furs. Rich brocades will be used to line muffs in conjunction with plain and shot taffetas or soft satin.

An Unexpected Note.

Rather an unexpected note is struck by the newest, short fur ties. They frame the head and face at the back and sides while opening in rather a generous V in front. This is not very practical, but it is a becoming fashion. I have seen this V opening at the throat on Medicis collars, and also on straight ties which were wide enough completely to cover the ears.

Popular Mink.

All the new cape and coat collars—in fur—stand up erect at the back. Musquash is much used for fichu capes, also for straight ties and round muffs. Squirrel is more popular than ever; and rabbit dyed a pale beaver shade is much used to trim gowns and capes of natural camel's hair cloth. The fur of the year is mink. Never have I seen so many coats, capes, and voluminous wraps made of mink. Mink is almost as expensive as sable nowadays, and in the present condition of affairs no prudent woman cares to spend a fortune on a fur coat.

Paris in Furs.

Autumn coming in with a cold snap has completely transformed the boulevards and other promenades of Paris, where the lightest and brightest garments have given place to furs and overcoats. As if by a touch of a magic wand, shops which were full of garments to suit broiling sunshine are now filled with furs and heavy clothing, at prices so high as to suggest that they are intended for profiteers alone.

Plumage Hats.

The day has long since gone by when the hat of feathers resembled nothing more artistic than a squalting bird. To-day plumage hats and toques of a quite different style will be much worn. While yet your feather hat is new, get a length of tulle of the most prevalent colour displayed in the model and tack it tightly over the whole. Turn the tulle well up under the brim, and renew it from time to time as it gets torn by hatpins or destroyed by weather conditions. Properly matched, this simple protective process practically defies detection and trebles the life of the hat.

French Genius In Dress.

Fashion. The word has been played with by careless hands throughout the centuries. Many evils have found their beginning under its name, countless follies have been committed by those who follow its dictates blindly. It stands in the eyes of many for frivolity, extravagance, and many another human weakness; yet it also stands for other and quite different qualities. It means intelligence, imagination, hard work, trade. It is a valuable human record, for fashion is a reflection of the human mind.

AGNES.

RHINELAND "BARGAINS."

Before I came to Cologne, I had heard glowing accounts of the wonderful "bargains" offered by the enterprising shopkeepers, opportunities of acquiring cheap souvenirs which were simply irresistible.

With the rate of exchange at anything over 90 marks to the £1, I was assured that I was "quids in," and was given numerous commissions by my friends to send them "Jerry" razors, watches, cameras, field-glasses, etc., articles considered to be the extreme of quality and cheapness.

Having recently been a reader of a certain newspaper which in pre-war days expounded the policy of Protection, and now informs us that the wily German manufacturer is only awaiting his chance to swamp the British market with cheap goods against which we cannot compete, I may be pardoned for thinking that Cologne was really the Mecca of the bargain-seeker.

But experience has disillusioned me. I have made an extensive tour of the principal shops, and I am forced to the conclusion that if I desire an article whose quality makes it worth possessing, I can purchase it as cheaply in England —at any rate, the difference in price hardly compensates the trouble of sending the German article home.

It would be unfair to the Germans, however, to deny them the credit of being past-masters in the art of attractive display, the cunning skill of putting a highly-polished finish to an inferior article designed to captivate the individual who does not exercise much care in the outlay of his money. We were familiar enough with this class of goods in England before the war. That the cute Cologne shopkeepers have fully realised their opportunity of reaping a rich harvest of marks while opulent Tommy is still in their midst, is only too obvious.

I wonder how many of the homeward bound Tommies I have seen recently passing through the city, struggling under their self-imposed burdens of "souvenirs" have not already discovered that their surplus cash could have been spent with much better advantage in Blighty. There is apparently still food for reflection in the old adage we were taught in our schooldays that the fool and his money are soon parted!

What I have seen of Cologne and its alleged "bargains" convinces me more than ever that "Made in England" still remains the hall mark of quality, and that if capital and labour pull together at home the British manufacturer need have no qualms regarding his position in future competition for the world's commerce.

Having been in khaki for the last four years, I am sentimental enough to believe that home industry is at least worth supporting.

W.G.M.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Fini.—The V.T.C.s are to be disbanded.

Francs Rising.—The value of the French franc is displaying an upward tendency.

Revelations?—Admiral Lord Fisher is writing his memoirs.

War's Cost.—Germany issued more than £6,000,000,000 worth of war bonds.

Building Ships.—Australia is starting a shipbuilding industry.

"Coffee."—Most of the coffee served in German cafés is made of brown grain.

In London.—A hangar shelters motor cars near Aldwych.

Beatty Sells Cattle.—Earl Beatty has sold his pedigree shorthorn cattle.

Patrol Memorials.—Obelisks are to be erected on the cliffs of Dover.

Women Must Go.—Last week-end all women employees on the L. and N.W. Railway received dismissal notices.

The Comb-Out.—Two-thirds of the employees at the Woking aeroplane works have been discharged.

The Limit.—"There is no more horrible noise than that of a parrot."—The Marylebone magistrate.

Their Goal.—The disabled Manchester ex-Service workers reached London during the week-end.

Cheap.—Serviceable Government Ford vans are being sold at prices ranging from £36.

Another Record.—A French airman has set up a new flying speed record of more than 165 miles an hour.

Verboten.—The making of pastries and cakes in Cologne and district is prohibited.

For the Nation.—Scafell Pike has been presented to the nation in honour of Lake District soldiers.

Removing.—The Coldstream Guards are removing from Windsor to Chelsea.

At an End.—Payment for overtime in Government departments has finished.

Another "Cut".—Permanent commissions in R.A.F. have been reduced to 2,000.

The Paradise.—Cologne is known in Germany as the Paradise of profiteering.

Poincare's Visit.—A credit of 125,000 francs has been voted President Poincaré for his journey to England.

Direct.—The direct repatriation of German prisoners from Great Britain via Rotterdam has now begun.

Grave.—Lord Weir says the crisis in British industry is comparable with the emergency of August 1914.

At Letter Rate.—Kisses on the wrapper of a newspaper have been charged for at letter rate.

Likely.—Earl Beatty is likely to succeed Mr. Walter Long as first Lord of the Admiralty.

Drug Burglars.—From a chemical factory near Marseilles nearly £50.0 worth of cocaine and morphine have been stolen.

Counterfeits.—A large number of the French War Bonds has been forged; ten suspected forgers have been arrested.

The Town that Was.—Mr. Philip Gibbs describes Ypres as "the peep-show of the War."

Airjaps.—Under French instructors the Japanese are building aircraft on an extensive scale.

How Gold Goes West.—For the same cost as firing a 12-inch shell a small motorcar can be built.

In the Fashion.—All the stable lads at Auteuil and Chantilly—mostly English—are on strike for better pay.

Unrest "Down Under."—Australia is having its share of political troubles as part of the aftermath of war.

Dominion Wealth.—Extensive deposits of asbestos are being discovered in Canada.

Value of Wood.—There are wooden houses off Stamford-street London which were built 200 years ago.

Cheap Breakfast Dish.—The price of bacon at Enfield's open-air market ranged from 6d to 1/- a pound.

Amusement For Miners.—Rhondda Valley miners have bought a cinema for £3,500.

Possible Extension.—The U.S. steel strike is likely to extend through the attitude of the masters.

Sculptor's Gift.—The bust of Lord Kitchener by Mr. Richard Belt has been presented to the nation.

Dog in Box.—A Bradford dog dealer who sent a dog by rail in a wooden box has been fined.

No Action.—The complaint is made that people grouse about profiteering but do not act.

Newspapers "Carry On."—Newspaper distribution is being carried out at home by motor.

France's Friend.—Lord Bertie, our late Ambassador in Paris, who has just died, was one of the prime movers with King Edward in promoting the Entente Cordiale.

A Come-Down.—Mr. Winston Churchill, whose gorgeous red motor car has been sold, is said to have been practising on a motor scooter.

Lacks Slumber.—The Premier, usually a very sound sleeper, is said to have suffered from insomnia of late. Is it to be wondered at?

Not Impossible.—Many people look for a speedy downfall of the Government and the possibility of a Labour regime afterwards.

Everybody Using Them.—The Agricultural tractor is booming. The United States will produce nearly half a million this year.

Through the window.—A brick was thrown through the window of a pork shop owned by naturalised Germans at Hull.

Miners' motor-cycles.—Miners with motor-cycles use Leicestershire roads as though they have the sole right to them, according to the police.

Silly boys' tricks.—"Silly boys' tricks," was the term applied by Herr Hoffmann in the German National Assembly to the scuttling of the German fleet.

Lover in rabbit-hutch.—A Tottenham man who had been paying unwelcome attentions to a girl was found in a rabbit hutch in the garden.

Into court.—Four men who escaped from the cells at Willesden walked into the police court in their endeavour to escape.

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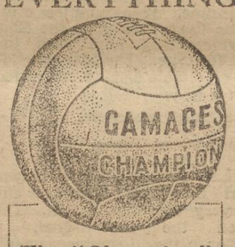

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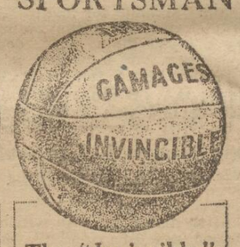

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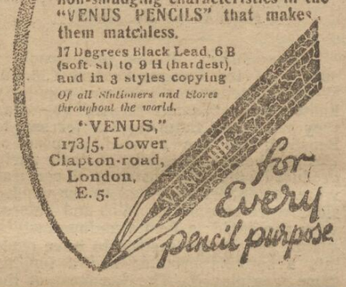

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STRIKE PROGRESS.

MAINTAINING THE PUBLIC SERVICES.

When the Railwaymen began the strike they greatly underrated the magnitude of the preparations for maintaining the food supply. There has never been so great a quantity of motor transport as exists at the present time, and aeroplanes are also being used for necessary services. Quite a good number of trains are being run. Suburban services are very efficient in some parts of London and the number of trains is expected to increase. Despite the inconvenience the public are accepting the situation in excellent temper and the bulk of the strikers themselves have so far followed the advice of all the labour leaders to conduct themselves in an orderly way. Railway leaders have shown anxiety to confine the strike only to the railways. It is certain that a large number of railwaymen themselves disapprove of the reckless action of their organisation.

It is understood that the Government considers the strike is so well in hand that it will be unnecessary to summon Parliament before the appointed time for re-opening on the 22nd of October.

The most remarkable feature of the offers of voluntary service is the large number received from local branches of the Federation of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers and Comrades of the Great War, who are offering to do all they can to assist the Government.

A Government communiqué issued on Monday afternoon states that traffic conditions are unchanged. More trains are running. Extraordinarily large numbers of volunteers are coming forward.

The Admiralty announces that owing to the strike, demobilization of mobile members of the W.R.N.S. is suspended but demobilization of immobile members is to proceed.

Press Unanimous.

With one solitary exception—the "Daily Herald'—the London newspapers are unanimous on the folly of the railway strike.

The "Times" says that the public have grasped the most essential points in the case, namely, that the strike has not been declared for any grievance or existing hardship but against a problematical grievance that might arise in three months time and, under the Government's latest offer, not even then. The second point is that this is not a quarrel with capitalists or employers over a question of distribution of profits of a paying concern, but a demand from the Government for more money from a concern that is not paying its way, which means passing on the burden to the general public in the form of taxes or higher charges. This strike is therefore an attempt to enforce that demand by an attack on the community.

The Morning Post says, "From to-day, till this dangerous and discreditable strike is broken, every man should regard himself as enlisted in the King's service, and where he can render no other help he should resolve at least to endure without complaining the hardships and discomforts which must be the price of victory."

"The Daily Telegraph" says: "The Railwaymen demand that a porter at a little wayside station should have wages at the same rate as a porter at Paddington, and that a signalman with five trains per day shall receive the same as a signalman at Crewe or Cardiff. Because these demands were not instantly granted they declared an immediate strike. This is not a strike against employers but against the Government and the community, and by an odd irony is also against orthodox Socialism and against that national control of industry for which Mr. Thomas and his friends are continually clamouring. There is no doubt of the temper of the people. Never in all industrial history was a strike received with condemnation so general, so emphatic."

In a second leader the same paper lays stress on the existing economic condition of the country, which at best can only be described as in a critical stage of convalescence after the fearful drain of the great war. While in these conditions, industry is assaulted with a shower of blows the effect of which must be cumulative.

"The strike is a challenge by a few conspirators," says the "Daily Express," "to the liberties, rights and honour of Great Britain. If it were to succeed, as it cannot, this great nation would go under. Every citizen must fight for the life of the community."

Mildest of all is the "Daily News." After saying that the men have struck unfairly and unreasonably, regardless of what their action means to the community, it adds that even such misuse of the right to strike does not mean that the right to strike does not exist, and accuses Mr. Lloyd George of provocative folly in telegraphing to Carnarvon about an "anarchist conspiracy". The first and dominant question is a settlement. Some bridge must be found, the first condition of which must be the return of the men to work.

Mr. Thomas stated yesterday that no negotiations of any kind had taken place between the Government and the Railwaymen's Union. Mr. Bromley, Secretary of the Associated Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, says he is afraid it is going to be a severe struggle. He had not the slightest doubt that practically all other trade-unions would come to the assistance of the railwaymen if there is any danger of their being beaten for want of funds.

Agitator's Veiled Threat.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Railwaymen's Secretary complained to an interviewer that the newspapers are not reporting his version of the men's case in full. He declared that this treatment of their fellow trade-unionists has greatly incensed the compositors, and said, "When war is being waged against trade unionists in this fashion, trade unionists must not be blamed for accepting the challenge. I give this clear intimation to newspaper proprietors."

A meeting of the Executive of the Transport Workers Federation was held on Monday evening, but owing to the inability of provincial delegates to reach London no decision was taken in reference to striking. Considerable disinclination to call out members of the Federation was expressed, though all delegates present declared they were in fullest sympathy with the Railwaymen.

Troops Under Orders.

Large contingents of troops in full marching order and with bandoliers of small arms ammunition left Aldershot yesterday for strike duty at various important railway stations and in Hyde Park.

Late last night the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, part of the old 51st Division which earned such fame in France, was hurriedly rushed in motor wagons from their camp at Duddington across Scotland to Glasgow. They were equipped with machine-guns.

Troops who arrived at Leith yesterday from Russia were unable to proceed to their destinations.

Many Firth of Forth steamers and fish trawlers are laid up through lack of coal.

Train Wreckers at Work.

It is reported that two attempts were made to wreck trains on the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway. The first was at Pulborough on Monday, flat stones being placed on the line, and the second near Warnham yesterday morning, when large boulders were placed on the track. The line is now protected by troops.

Two trains have been held up by strikers in Scotland and in one case a fireman was injured. A body of strikers attacked a train from Aberdeen at Ladybank. The driver and fireman were taken off the engine, but were subsequently allowed to return and the journey was completed. A fireman was badly cut by a stone near Kirkcaldy, and a number of signal boxes in the West of Scotland damaged by missiles.

Owing to a disposition on the part of a number of strikers to return to work the Railwaymen's Union has doubled the pickets at the majority of the London stations and at many provincial stations.

Father Thames Helps.

Richmond and Kew business men and women, to the number of 450, travelled to town yesterday by water. The journey from Richmond to Westminster pier occupied about an hour and a quarter. Two steamers were employed, named Viscount and Royalty, each of them capable of holding three hundred. The return fare was half a crown. It is hoped to run an hourly service of boats.

The General Manager of the District Railway said yesterday that the Chelsea power station at Lot's-road has been fully manned with volunteer workers and is now working again. Already trains have been run on the District and Hampstead tube to familiarise these volunteer workers with the lines, and the company hopes to open these with a partial service this evening. Other tube lines will follow.

Slough Of Activity.

One effect of the strike has been the rousing into activity of the much criticised motor transport depot at Slough, which has suddenly become a very live and useful concern. Hundreds of derelict and broken down lorries were being busily repaired there during the week end and will be used immediately for the relief of London's food supply. At Slough the staff consists of some three thousand men, practically all demobilized soldiers, of whom about one thousand are drivers. Fifteen hundred lorries have already been prepared for instant road service. It can repair and overhaul a further fifty per day. There is also a large store of petrol in addition to the vast stores at the London docks.

The Air Ministry has made a comprehensive survey of its resources with the view of assisting the Government. Aircraft companies are doing what they can to help persons whose need to travel is urgent. Most companies are placing all available machines at the disposal of the public. Aeroplanes have also been busy during the week end carrying goods and mails. On Saturday twenty Avro machines left Hounslow with goods for Bristol, Cardiff, Norwich and Birmingham. They all returned by mid-day, and in the afternoon journied to Rugby, Brighton, Eastbourne, and Hull, while other machines made trips to Worcestershire, Somerset and other parts. Aerial services to Paris and Brussels have been doubled. The official mails for Belgium will be carried from to-day, while an emergency aeroplane service between London and Birmingham starts tomorrow.

Stoppage of work in the South Wales coalfield is expected to be complete to-morrow. Thousands of ironworkers are already out of employment and in view of probable disturbances troops have been despatched to various points in South Wales. In the Middlesborough district 20,000 steelworkers are suffering enforced idleness. Practically all the North Yorkshire iron and stone mines have ceased operations owing to the strike. Blast furnaces are being damped down and the outlook is very serious.

The food controller has fixed maximum prices for potatoes and other vegetables.

Stock Exchange Normal.

Attendance at the Stock Exchange, despite the travelling conditions, was almost normal, and members accepted the situation calmly. There was some unimportant selling by nervous holders but any moderate decline in good class securities found ready buyers. The volume of business was of the smallest description, and very few transactions occurred in home railways. French bonds afforded the only firm feature, being due to the rapid recovery in the value of the franc.

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CIVIC CEREMONY.

THREE ATTEMPTS TO HANG THE MAYOR.

The Mayor of Omaha (Nebraska), a Mr. Smith, is suffering from grave injuries sustained at the hands of a lawless mob when he was endeavouring to prevent the lynching of a negro charged with assaulting a white girl.

The mob placed a rope round the Mayor's neck, and after dragging him for some distance threw the rope over an electric pole. Thrice he was hauled up but each time the police succeeded in cutting the rope. The Mayor was subsequently taken to hospital bleeding at the nose and mouth and he is still unconscious.

After attacking the Mayor the mob, meeting with resistance from the Sheriff, set fire to the court house and cut the fire hose. Finally they succeeded in securing the negro by means of ladders and they forthwith hanged him on a neighbouring telegraph pole. Firemen saved the rest of the prisoners in the court house.

PRICES PLAINLY MARKED.

Much attention was concentrated yesterday on the latest placard on the hoardings, headed "Preisschild." The order, although it will not prevent profiteering, will be very useful to British soldiers. It enacts that goods offered for sale must be plainly ticketed with the price — which must be stated at per lb. in the case of articles sold by weight.

Thus, 4 M — 1, in fruit, will indicate one lb. for four marks. Hitherto it has frequently meant one kilo to Germans and one pound to British soldiers.

Articles of luxury are not mentioned in the order, which is, however, so wide as to include practically everything.

An Adelaide merchant has been fined two thousand pounds by the High Court for attempting to trade with the enemy at the end of 1915.

PAY ADVANCES.

RATE OF EXCHANGE LOSSES AND GAINS.

It has been no secret during the past few days that on the 1st October, the mark would fluctuate a little more vigorously than usual and strike the 120 to the pound level. Such, indeed, has actually come to pass and this morning finds the German currency even less valuable than it has been for over a week. This of course refers only to the military rate of exchange.

But the change has brought with it something in the nature of a bombshell for those thrifty officers who, for the past few days, have been living frugal lives, with the idea of making the very most of the advantageous terms anticipated.

An order has been issued stating that from to-day onward, no advances of pay may be made from Field Cashiers. The instructions, which emanate from the D.A.A.G. inform officers that henceforth they must make their own arrangements for drawing cash, the only exceptions being in the case of officers whose transactions are direct with the Command Paymasters.

Other Ranks Benefit.

The closing of the Field Cashier's doors on the officer will have no effect upon imprest accounts. Money will be drawn for the payment of troops in the ordinary way. Thus the "other ranks" will reap the benefit in respect of the latest financial vagary.

The military rate of exchange is influenced by a financial adviser in Paris in collaboration with the D.A.A.G., and although its fluctuations are made in anticipation of the turn of financial events in the commercial world, it does not, of course, necessarily follow that commerce will follow the lead and adjust its rates accordingly.

The military rate will be fixed for a fortnight as hitherto and the period of variation will be maintained in future as far as practicable.

Officers are warned to hold on to their advance Pay Books until their banking accounts are cleared.

PROS AND CONS OF THE DISPUTE.

In order that our readers may grasp the actual points of the dispute which has led to the disastrous Railway strike, the following synopsis will be of use, as it shows at a glance the main causes of the great industrial struggle that is in progress in Great Britain to-day.

Railwaymen's Case.

We want to remove the unfairness of one man in one grade receiving one rate of pay and another man in the same grade receiving a different rate.

This was granted in August so far as drivers and firemen were concerned.

Their wages were practically doubled, the 33s. war wage being made permanent and even added to.

We want a minimum of £3.

The lower-grade men are now offered a permanent wage lower than they are now receiving, i.e. less than 51s.

Hence the strike.

If the Premier agrees to grant to other grades the principle applied to drivers and firemen, the strike will cease at once.

Government Case.

Pre-war wages of 100,000 of the lowest grade were 18s. to 20s.

War-wage (33s.) brought these up to 51s.-53s.

The men claimed at about the end of last year: "Make our present wage permanent." That is, ordinary wage plus war wage, the 18s. man becoming a 51s. man.

The Government refused this, but agreed that wages should remain at the Armistice figures till December 31 next.

Then the war wage was to be reviewed in the light of the cost of living, which might then be lower.

But no reduction was to be made on present earnings until three months after the cost of living had decreased by 5 per cent.

The present war wage was to remain for at least six months from now.

In any case, double the pre-war rates were guaranteed, even if the cost of living fell to pre-war level.

The Government promised special consideration for harsh cases of anomalies.

GERMAN WAR MATERIALS.

In the French Chamber Deputy Lefèvre asked the Government to begin negotiations with the Allied and Associated Powers with a view to effecting the disarmament of Germany and her Allies by the suppression of certain war industries, like gun manufactures and ammunition factories.

M. Clemenceau said that Article 168 of the Peace Treaty gave sufficient securities. In any case, he declared, he could not accept M. Lefèvre's motion before the ratification of the Treaty.

It has been stated that since November last Germany has actually manufactured over 8,000 big guns and enormous quantities of ammunition.

DEATH OF VISCOUNT BERTIE.

The death of Viscount Bertie, the doyen of British Ambassadors, whose funeral took place yesterday, removes one of the best-known and most popular figures from British diplomatic circles. Born in 1844, he was attached to the Foreign Office for 39 years and was British Ambassador in Paris from 1905 to 1918. He was created a Viscount on his retirement.

With King Edward VII he was responsible to a large extent for the success of the Entente Cordiale. He was extremely popular in Paris, where his death will be very keenly regretted.

ARCHANGEL EVACUATED.

All the British troops at Archangel have now embarked for home. The last to leave were 200 men of the Highland Light Infantry. The bulk of the men went aboard early on the 27th. The warships remained in the harbour and at the quayside, and the transports anchored in the river awaiting the Highlanders.

Martial law prevails at Archangel and no civilians are allowed in the streets after eight in the evening. This, however, is a purely precautionary measure as the town is now most tranquil. It is understood that Bolshevists are surrendering all along the line.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S HEALTH.

Viscount Grey will be among the first to be received by President Wilson, when the President's condition permits him to see visitors.

The King and Queen of the Belgians will not pay their official visit to the White House until they have completed their tour of the United States.

SUMMARY COURT.

CIGARETTES, RANGEFINDERS AND RATIONS.

That traffic in cigarettes stolen from canteens and dumps is extensively carried on is no secret. We ourselves have been offered Haversacks, Ruby Queens, Kingfishers and similar choice and exclusive brands at anything from 3.50 upwards.

When however, Gerhard Zimmerman, of 11 Am Bollwerk, was found in possession of 8,610 (note the odd packet) English canteen cigarettes, the authorities had only got one of the criminals. Cigarettes being so scarce, the man who sold them merits a heavier penalty than Zimmerman, who has not only forfeited the cigarettes but is 4,300 marks the poorer.

An Expensive Souvenir.

A smart sergeant who had occasion to call on one Mathias Fashener, noticed a German rangefinder, which is not exactly an article of household furniture. The excuse that it was a souvenir did not prevent him being fined 300 marks for not handing it to the British Authorities as per order of the Allies.

Cook Goes to Prison.

Foolish Heinrich Schultz, whose pilferings we recorded yesterday, will not get such excellent food during his three weeks in prison. The legal gentleman who pleaded for him failed to season justice with mercy and the Military Police are now looking for a cook, experienced—and honest.

PRAYERS AND GUNS.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT AT CHURCH.

Another murderous assault on the police has been committed at Dripsey, a small village near Cork. Two constables named Sweeney and Walsh, on leaving Mass at the local chapel, were set upon by armed members of the congregation. Sweeney received three bullets in his side and now lies in a dangerous condition in Cork hospital, while Walsh was knocked down and kicked and otherwise savagely maltreated.

Large forces of police and military have been sent in motors to the village but no arrests are yet reported.

MOTHER OF 23 CHILDREN.

Until war privations modified their views, German women, almost without exception, held it to be their duty as well as their privilege to present their husbands—and the Fatherland—with babies without stint.

In the Humbold quarter of Cologne-Deutz there is a good wife, who is expecting her twenty-fourth child! Seventeen of the twenty-three have, however, died. The remarkable feature of this prolific union is that the woman is only forty-three years of age; while her husband was at the war she served for three years as conductor of an electric car.

ARMY EDUCATION.

Lecturing on "Post War Education" Col. E. C. Heath, D.S.O., the Commandant of the Army General and Commercial College, Cologne, described it as the model of the future educational system in the Army. In a six-weeks course could be laid the foundation of an education which would fit a man to pursue his studies, especially with a view to his business equipment for the commercial battle of civil life.

The lecturer gave an interesting resumé of Germany's educational development.

RED CROSS FOUNDER DEAD.

Sir John Furley, C.B., one of the founders of the British Red Cross Society and one of the original organisers of the St. John Ambulance Association has died at Oxford, aged 83.

When the late war broke out in spite of his advanced age, he was able to render valuable service. For instance, the original 25 huts at Netley were designed under his personal supervision. He also devoted all his skill and experience to the designing of hospital trains for use at the front, and their efficiency was in no small degree due to him.

BLOCKADE OF RUSSIA.

The Supreme Council has decided to insist on Germany surrendering all proceeds of the sale of aeroplane materials. They have also discussed the form of communication to be made to the German neutral Government with reference to the blockade of Bolshevist Russia. The American delegation maintained its objection to such blockade.

KRONSTADT "TAKE COVER."

According to reports in Stockholm newspapers British airmen are keeping Kronstadt in a state of uninterrupted suspense. During the last few nights nearly 180,000lbs. of explosives have been dropped there.

FORTUNE FOR MEDICINE.

Mr. Rockfeller has given £4,000,000 to endow medicine during the next fifty years. His actual benefactions are now over £60,000,000.

The American Shipping Board has cancelled all sailings to British ports, because of the railway strike.

ROYAL WARRANT.

PAY OF WARRANT OFFICERS, N.C.O.'s AND MEN.

THIRTEENTH ARTICLE OF THE SERIES.

15. As from October 1, 1919, field allowance for warrant officers serving other than in an area of active operations will be drawn on the same conditions as in peace as laid down in the Allowance Regulations, and Army Order 337 of 1914 is modified accordingly. Warrant officers serving in an area of active operations will continue to draw field allowance under present conditions. The definition of an "area of active operations" will be promulgated from time to time by the Army Council.

16. The system of charging National Health Insurance contributions against the accounts of soldiers is discontinued and the soldiers' contributions will be borne by the public for all those who draw pay under this Warrant.

17. Hospital stoppages will in future only be deducted where the disability is due to the soldier's own fault.

18. On or after the date of this Warrant, soldiers enlisting, re-enlisting, extending their colour service, re-engaging, voluntarily rejoining the colours or continuing in the service beyond 21 years will draw the new rates of pay from the date on which they enlist or enter upon their new engagement, except that those re-enlisting under Army Order 124 of 1919 on or before the 30th September, 1919, may elect to draw pay and allowances under the provisions of that Army Order. Prior service with the colours will count for increments of pay in the rank of private.

19. Subject to paragraph 18, soldiers now serving will be entitled to continue in receipt of their present rates of pay, if higher than those now approved, under the same conditions as hitherto in force during continuance of their present engagement, but this confers no claim to the continuance of special war emoluments or concessions, e.g., Army of Occupation bonus and war pay, beyond the date of their general abolition.

20. The sums payable by soldiers purchasing their discharge are under consideration and are subject to increase in view of the higher rates of pay now approved.

21. In view of the increased rates of pay now approved the establishments of ranks in the tradesmen's groups are liable to reconsideration, especially with relation to the cases where soldiers are enlisted in, or are promoted shortly after enlistment to, higher ranks than private.

TABLE 2.

Rates of pay not specifically covered by paragraphs 2 and 5 of Table 1.

(The paragraph numbers refer to corresponding Articles in the Pay Warrant dated 1st December, 1914.)

I.—Warrant Officers, Class I.

The pay will be that of a warrant officer, Class I., as shown in paragraph 2 or 5 of Table 1, according as the warrant officer is classed for normal or tradesman's rates, except that in the following instances the rate of pay will be:—

	Per day
	s. d.
Master gunner, 2nd class, Royal Artillery	13 0
Sub-conductor, Royal Army Ordnance Corps; Staff Sergeant-major, Royal Army Service Corps	15 0 or 13 0

according as he is classed as a tradesman or otherwise.

II.—Warrant Officers, Class II., Non-commissioned Officers and Men.

797. Garrison and District Staffs.

Pay will be according to rank, as laid down in Table 1, without increments for length of service as quartermaster-sergeant.

813. Cavalry—

	Per day.
	s. d.
Assistant at the Cavalry School	10 0

815. Royal Artillery—

Master gunner, 3rd class ...	12 0
Sergeant of the band	7 0
1st corporal of the band ...	5 6
2nd corporal of the band	5 0
Musician	2 9 to 3 6

818. European non-commissioned officers serving with the Hong Kong-Singapore Royal Garrison Artillery and Sierra Leone Company of Artillery.

The rates of pay are under consideration and pending further instructions the rates hitherto in force will continue. Any increased rates approved later will have retrospective effect from 1st July, 1919.

825. West India Regiment (Europeans).

The normal rates will apply. The question of additional pay for service on the West Coast of Africa is under consideration.

The sergeant master tailor will be paid as a tradesman.

857. West African Regiment.

The rates of pay for European non-commissioned officers serving with the West African Regiment are under consideration, and pending further instructions the rates hitherto in force will continue.

West Coast of Africa.

Pending further instructions, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men serving on the West Coast will receive the rates of pay and coast pay hitherto in force. New rates of additional pay for service on the West Coast will be promulgated shortly, and these together with the rates under paragraphs 2 and 5 of Table 1 will be issuable with retrospective effect from 1st July, 1919.

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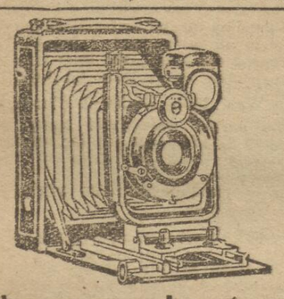
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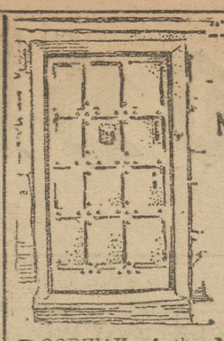
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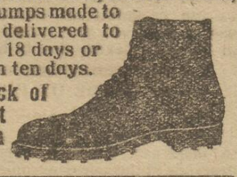

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MORE TRUTH ABOUT LIES.

We make little apology for returning to the article we published recently under the title of "The Lies They Told Us."

It appears to us extremely important that our readers should have a clear realisation of the extent to which the German public allowed themselves to be hoodwinked during the war. Dr. Mühsam's little book, "Wie wir belogen wurden," furnishes abundant proof of this.

State supervision and penetration of all forms and phases of public and private thought was the rule in Germany before the war.

Even in peace time the Press direction exercised by the Government was very rigid.

During the war this control was intensified so as to include the whole of the Press.

An examination of the methods employed, for details of which we refer our readers to the book itself, throws a powerful light upon the range and scope of the manipulation of public opinion.

The censorship worked in a variety of ways. Reports of battles, even if accurately reported, were followed up by "inspired" comments which sought to minimise any setbacks.

The statistics giving the number of U-Boat sinkings were cooked so as to make the Germans believe the success of this policy to be so great that Britain and her Allies would soon be brought to their knees. Still more striking was the extent to which public opinion was mobilized at the outbreak of war.

The legend of Russian aggression was so presented as to make that country seem the attacking party. When we are surprised at the readiness with which the Socialists threw in their lot with the Government in August 1914 we realise how thoroughly the ex-Kaiser's Government gulled them with tales of Belgian atrocities; the legend of the franc-tireur was so fully exploited that the German public were fully convinced that their troops were perfectly justified in shooting down defenceless men, women and children, and burning numbers of unoffending villages.

Inspired or semi-inspired articles were put forth leading the German public to believe that war weariness was more prevalent in enemy countries than at home. Equally cunning was the method whereby articles were inserted in neutral newspapers extolling the morale of the Germans; such articles were then reproduced for home consumption as emanating from impartial sources.

Space forbids the enumeration of the hundred and one methods whereby public opinion was controlled and regulated.

We may perhaps wonder whether any inkling of the extent to which they were being deceived, reached the German public. As victory followed victory in the official bulletins, the hungry householder must have asked himself with mild surprise how it was that the food shortage could be reconciled with the triumphs of the U-Boat campaign.

The fact is that no nation was ever so easily led or so docile as the German people. The French have styled them "une nation moutonnière"—a sheep-like race, ready to swallow any official dope put before them.

This it what Dr. Mühsam's book sets out to prove. Herr Giesberts, one of the Peace delegates at Versailles, once said, that a people which for four and half years had drained the cup of privation and suffering, had a right to sleep off their torpor for four months—and a right to a further four months to awaken slowly from their drunken orgy.

The German people have now had more than eight months to recover from the anaesthetics with which their late Government drugged them. It is high time for them to awake and prove to the world the sincerity of their desire for a new and regenerated Germany. In such a Germany there can be no place for the old evil system of Press control, which wrought such untold harm in the past.

A LEAVE TRAGEDY.

When I went on leave from Rhineland I was the happiest creature breathing. Returning, I wished I had never been born. This, you will say, is no unique experience. But listen!

The first person I met at Victoria was Skillings, who used to be cashier at my old firm. He was just off for his vacation, but he found time for a chat.

"Well, and what sort of a time have you been having?" he asked.

"Oh, not too bad," I replied.

"I should jolly well think not! From what I've heard, you boys are having the time of your young lives. Theatres and cabarets every night, trips up the Rhine, wine, music and pretty girls, and over a hundred marks to a pound! Not too bad, indeed!"

I smiled a superior smile, and in a few telling stentences, put him in possession of the facts. I need only say that they anything but tallied with Skillings' description.

He was disillusioned, and evidently disappointed. I now think that most people, in spite of their professions of virtue, have a certain sneaking leaning in favour of vice. When we parted Skillings' interest in me had clearly evaporated.

In the pleasure and excitement of getting home I soon forgot Skillings. Next day, when I visited my old Tennis Club, I was reminded of him.

Here I found universal envy of the good time I was supposed to be having. The general view precisely coincided with that of Skillings. Again I had to lay bare the prosaic actuality, and again my auditors seemed disappointed. The truth bored them.

After that the thing began to get monotonous. Every day I was refuting charges of rakishness by somebody. Finally an idea struck me. To save myself further loss of prestige, I would make up with fiction the deficiencies of fact.

I accordingly invented a story involving all the dissipations with which I had been identified. It was a record the Crown Prince would have blushed at. I resolved that the next person who asked me what sort of a time I had been having would not be disappointed.

The next person turned out to be my old boss.

Now, the Boss is a very patriotic old boy. He has lost two sons in the war, and done no end of good to various War Charities. He is also taking back everyone who left to join up. I considered that it would be a shame to explode his cherished notions about the Rhine.

He greeted me effusively. Almost before I had seated myself came the eternal question.

"And what kind of a time have you had?"

But this time I was ready. Fixing my eyes reminiscently on the ceiling, I led off with the revised version, and I believe I did full justice to it. At any rate, I have no fault to find with the impression it made.

The Boss's face expressed extreme disgust.

"I had hoped that these disreputable Cologne stories were exaggerated" he said, icily. "Evidently they have some foundation. Personally, I consider it an insult to the dead that any Britisher should reduce himself to such a level. I am sorry, Atkins, but in view of what you have confessed I cannot guarantee to keep my word about your job. I do not wish to see you again. Good morning."

So, when I am demobbed, I shall go in for journalism. *E.S.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views on Many Topics.

ENGLISHWOMEN IN CAFES.

Sir,—As the wife of a British soldier in Rhineland I have a grievance to make There are cafés in Cologne, which are reserved for officers. But having the misfortune to be merely the wife of a non-commissioned officer I cannot spend an idle hour with my husband in the quiet precincts of a café.

Now, Mr. Editor, cannot something be done so that these less noisy cafés can be enjoyed by the wives of all our soldiers? I am sure all the English ladies in occupied territory will agree with me. *MRS. ATKINS.*

WAR MEDALS FOR ALL.

Sir,—"Pleased" misses the point altogether and is evidently confusing the 1914-15 Star with the British war medal.

Y.M.C.A. workers are now wearing the latter riband and rightly so, but I took exception to the granting of the Star. It is obvious that if such a worker came out just prior to the armistice he would not be entitled to the Star. "Pleased" has failed to understand the point under discussion. *AMAZED.*

IS IT APPRECIATION?

Sir,—Replying to "H.A.C." may I be allowed to state that while I fully agree with him in the opinion he holds that all the seats in our English theatres should be reserved for our own people, it is hardly fair to the German civilians to allege that they go there solely to improve their English.

May I suggest they appreciate good drama or comedy, and it is a splendid tribute to our Army performers that so many German civilians are present. *CIVIE.*

A PLEA FOR RUGGERS.

Sir,—Since I have been with the Rhine Army I am very much disappointed at not having seen any of that most interesting game of all games—Rugby football.

I feel quite certain that if an attempt was made to form a league it would be successful, as the game is both interesting to watch and play and it is just the right time of the year for that kind of sport.

I shall eagerly wait to see any reply that might be printed in your paper for or against the suggestion. *GUNNER R.F.A.*

LEATHER-REPAIRED.

Sir,—I am really quite hurt by "Jacko's" remarks about leather on officers' tunics. I happen to own a tunic so decorated, and I wouldn't dream of parting with it.

It is invaluable to me as a good old working garment. Poor thing, it is not its fault that leather had to be used to hide its lack of elbows and cuff edges. In fact these patches are honourable badges of war service and have regained for it the respectability to which it was entitled.

Now that there is some likelihood of our both being demobilized it would seem churlish to give it the sack, and until this happens I hope we shall remain the closest of old friends. *LEATHER.*

WINTER DANCING.

Sir,—During the coming winter months dancing will most likely be the favourite recreation of many men in Cologne. I am very fond of dancing myself and I have spent many happy hours at the British Empire Leave Club, but it is so overcrowded that dancing loses much of its charm.

May I through your popular paper suggest that the great hall of the central Y.M.C.A. would make an ideal dancing hall owing to its great size and ample seating accommodation for spectators. I am sure it would be much appreciated by the dancing community of the troops in Cologne and would relieve the B.E.L.C. considerably. *MAXIMA.*

RESERVED FOR OFFICERS.

Sir,—Might I draw attention to the way in which carriages reserved for officers on railways are abused?

Take any train leaving Cologne and you will find these reserved carriages filled with either neutrals, privates or Germans, the result being officers are obliged to stand.

If these are reserved for officers why allow neutrals and other civilians? Let us remember the old saying "Those who are not with me are against me." If neutrals require special carriages why not supply them; but it is obvious that "reservé aux officiers" should be reserved for them and their wives only. *G.F.D.*

REFRESHING ENGLISH TEA.

Sir,—Refreshing English tea, indeed. "Another Father" must have been very lucky in his calls at the Club, for on each occasion when I have taken tea there it has been of a wishy-washy nature and often not even hot. *FREQUENTER.*

SENDING MONEY HOME.

Sir,—I read in a recent issue a letter signed "Sergeant" calling attention to alleged hardships arising from the G.R.O. limiting the purchase of Postal Orders.

May I point out that Army Form O 1727 A & B may be used for remitting money home? This form should be available in every Orderly Room, and by its use the risk attending sending postal orders is obviated, also registered envelopes are not required.

It is possible this form is unknown to many who may wish to make use of it. *A.E.D.*

DRAMATIC COMPANY'S SERVICES.

Sir,— As one of the members of the B.R.A.D.C. I was delighted to see Mr. Percy's denial of the rumour that we were in receipt of salaries for work done for the B.R.A.D.C.

He did not however make his own position sufficiently clear. I have since been informed, though possibly the members of the Company were not in receipt of salaries, he himself was.

This is entirely false. The work done by Mr. Percy is part of his duties as Assistant Amusements Officer, G.H.Q. Furthermore I think it only fair that it should be known that he has refused no less than three important offers to play leading parts in London productions, so that the B.R.A.D.C. might carry on.

I need hardly say, it would be impossible to do so without him. *D. A. ONIONS, Lieut.*

SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS.

Sir,—A point which strikes me about the equipment which I carry is that my burden is added to through my inability to keep the webbing belt tight. The consequence is that the pack pulls it up, the tunic is dragged out of place and one's powers of marching are reduced.

A leather belt is infinitely preferable, for it does not contract in wet weather or give when put to the test. *D.L.I.*

VARYING PRICES.

Sir,—How is it that the prices at the N.A.C.B. Club show a continuous tendency to soar in favour of that institution?

Many of the eatables supplied are in rations and I have yet to learn that the price of vegetables, etc., purchased from Germans has varied to such an extent as to warrant the wholesale rise in prices chargeable at the Club at present.

It seems to me that those responsible jumped upon the high rate of exchange as a reason for putting up the prices. If this was so can we have an assurance that they will be reduced as the value of the mark goes up not at the end of the month but from day to day? *B.A.B.E.*

DIRTY RAILWAY CARRIAGES.

Sir,—How long are we expected to tolerate the filthy railway carriages which are allotted to members of the British Army?

Some are a positive disgrace. Another point is Germans are making a general practice of use of these compartments and when spoken to plead that they were unaware that they were reserved. This can be overcome by the use of more prominent notices than the small paper ones which are in use at present. *A.K.*

WIVES AND BADGES.

Sir—The other day I was stopped by a D.A.P.M. and asked politely and very civilly, to produce my white pass. Whereat I must say I felt rather indignant (for some reason for which I cannot account) until the officer concerned went to the trouble of explaining the necessity and importance of the precaution that was being taken.

In calmly thinking over things I realize that tremendous difficulty must be experienced in ensuring that none but those women entitled to it wear the official brassard. *OFFICER'S WIFE.*

WAKE THEM UP.

Sir,—I am at one with "Astral" for the simple reason that it is apparent that there is a falling off in the saluting by German uniformed officials.

The Americans have a sharp way of dealing with offenders which might well be copied here. In a recent case at Coblenz the official who omitted to salute was sent to prison for a spell. A few such sentences would have a salutary effect in Cologne. *JOEY.*

PRONOUNCING GERMAN.

Sir,—Your suggestions from time to time re study of the German language and its pronunciation would appear to be very necessary.

I thought it particularly priceless the other evening to hear one British officer, with great show pulling out a cigarette case, say to a pal "Rauchen Sie?" What a "rustle", "frou frou", "rush" etc. has to do with a cigarette case, well I don't know, and no wonder the waiter smiled. *H.T.*

WITH THE "ARCHIES."

Our troops had made an attack and had pushed the enemy back, until his front line trench was out of our range.

A mud-spattered despatch-rider tears up, and hands over an order to "advance within 1000 yds. of the enemy line."

The order "Pack up" is given; then follows a scene of activity in which gunners, blocks, scotches, ammunition, telescopes, range-finders etc. seem inextricably mixed up, until in an incredibly short space of time the gun lorries move off.

The road for a short distance is good, until a village, that has been the recipient of the enemy's delicate attention is reached when Thud! the leading gun lorry stops suddenly though the drive wheels still continue to revolve.

There is a decided sinking of the rear end of the lorry and a corresponding sinking of our feelings, as we dismount to enquire into the trouble.

The rear wheels are buried up to the axle in a mud-hole which has been filled in by the Labour Corps with various kinds of rubble, and we are, in common parlance, "Hung up."

The gunners dismount and the rear gun is hooked to the derelict, then with the reverse gear and a willing heave from the gunners, we are once more on solid ground.

A near-by ruin affords a supply of bricks and timber with which the hole is filled and we are able to proceed on our way once more.

The next obstacle is an entire wall of a building which has fallen across the road. We ascend carefully, trundle gently over the loose bricks, to descend as carefully at the other side.

Now we reach the position decided upon and another scene of activity follows the order "Action."

Jack arms are drawn out, blocks and scotches placed in position, instruments are unloaded and set up, ammunition boxes are opened and the rounds placed in readiness and all not a second too soon for a shrill blast on the whistle from the look-out announces an enemy 'plane.

An L.V.G. shows up at a range of about 7000 yds. well over the enemy lines. It's object evidently is to gain information as to the position of our infantry and outposts, the new positions our batteries occupy and the principal roads we are using for the transport of our rations and ammunition.

The range-finder calls out a range, charts are hurriedly consulted and the order "up 4 right 2 fuze 18 Fire!" is rapped out.

Then follows a burst of firing peculiar to Archies, for the anti-aircraft gunner is second to none in efficiency, and the Hun, after nosing around, ineffectually, to pass the barrage, finally decides that the neighbourhood is rather too unhealthy for him and turns homeward.

We have done our job. We have not brought the enemy intruder "down in flames" but we have prevented him from sending back information regarding the distribution of our various forces, and many a Battery Ammunition Column, and Transport Line have reason to thank the Archies for their immunity from 5.9's during the day and those nerve shattering visits from bombing planes during the night. *F. H. S.*

JOHN v. SAMMY.

Rhine Army Members' Successes at Coblenz.

OPEN EVENT WINNERS.

At the invitation of the American Army, a small party of British athletes from the British Army of the Rhine took part in a Sports Carnival at Coblenz on Friday and Saturday to compete against representatives of their French and American Allies.

The only Athletic events open to the British were:—100 yards dash, 1 Mile run, Cross Country race, High and Long Jump. On arrival at the Sports Ground, however, it was found that other events had been thrown open, so the British representatives decided to try their luck, with what results will be seen below. Some extremely fine running and jumping was seen, and on the two days' performance the Britishers, as a team, would want a lot of beating.

Lieut.-Col. J. Betts, D.S.O., was in charge of the team, and has every reason to be proud of them and their splendid performances. Major Holmes and Capt. Godiree won the tennis doubles.

The first day's running was very good as the weather held fine, but rain fell on the second day, thus making the track heavy and against good time.

Perhaps the finest race seen for many a day was the 440 yards. At the start the American representatives forged ahead amid tremendous excitement, the Britishers looking as if they would be hopelessly beaten. They, however, had timed their opponents beautifully, for when two-thirds of the distance had been covered, they all came along in a bunch and practically left the remainder of the field standing. Needless to say, this performance created great enthusiasm among the British supporters present.

The following are the results of Events won by the representatives of the British Army of the Rhine.

Results.

100 yards:—1, Lieut. Pinder, 57th Siege Bty. R.G.A.; 2, Q.M.S. Spruce, 41st Bn. M.G.C.; (Time 11 secs.)

220 yards:—1, Lieut. Pinder, 57th Siege Bty R.G.A.; 2, Q.M.S. Spruce, 41st Bn. M.G.C (-34/5).

440 yards:—1, Lieut. Pinder, 57th Siege Bty. R.G.A.; 2, Lieut. Riley, 15th Lancs. Fusrs.; 3, Lieut. Airey, 53 d Northd. Fusrs. (56 1/5).

880 yards:—1, Corpl. Ward, Tank Corps; 2, Lieut Elliott, 15th Lancs. Fusrs.; 3, Lieut. Speedy, Tank Corps. (2.3 3/5).

1 mile:—1, Corpl. Ward, Tank Corps; 2, Lieut. Elliott, 15th Lancs. Fusrs.; 3, Lieut. Riley, 15th Lancs. Fusrs. (4.44).

Nos. 4, 5 and 6 in this race were all British entries.

220 yards low hurdles:—1, Major Arkle, 41st Bn. M.G.C. (26 4/5).

110 yards high hurdles:—1, Major Arkle, 41st Bn. M.G.C.; 2, Capt. Zeigler, London Div. H.Q (18 1/5).

Medley relay race:—1, British Team. 220 yds. Q.M.S. Spruce, 440 yds. Lt. Pinder, 880 yds. Lt. Elliot, 1 mile, Lt. Speedy. (8.46 3/5.)

Half mile relay race:—1, British Team. (Each man ran 220 yards). Q.M.S. Spruce, 41st Bn. M.G.C., Pte. Sutton, 41st Bn. M.G.C., Sgt. Briggs, 41st Bn. M.G.C., C.S.M. Huggett, A.G. Staff. (1.42 2/5).

1 mile relay race:—1, British Team. (Each man ran 440 yards). Lt. Pinder, Lt. Speedy, Lt. Airey, Lt. Riley. (3 53).

Cross country race, about 8 miles. (5 men per team). Team placings:—1, 1/7th Middlesex Regt.; 2, 52nd Lang's Liverpool Regt. (5 .15).

Individual placings:—1, Sgt. Clarke, 1 7th M'sex Regt.; 2, Q.M.S. Baker, 1/7th M'sex Regt.

High jump:—Won by Capt. Manisby, U.S.A. (5 ft. 8 ins.); 2, Major Arkle, (5 ft. 7 ins.); 3, C.S.M. Huggett, (5 ft. 6 ins.); 4, Capt. Bailey, Tank Cps., (5 ft. 3 ins.); 5, Capt. Zeigler, (5 ft. 2 ins.).

Long jump:—1, C.S.M. Huggett, (20 ft. 3 ins.); 2, Lt. Pinder, (20 ft. 1/2 ins.); 3, Maj. Arkle and Lt. Goodman, (19 ft. 7 1/2 ins.).

Standing broad jump:—3rd C.S.M. Huggett. (9 ft. 5 ins.).

Hop, step and jump:—3rd C.S.M. Huggett, (39 ft. 2 1/2 ins.).

Putting the shot:—3rd Capt. Zeigler, (30 ft. 6 ins.).

Wrestling. (Feather weight):—1st Pte. Oliver, R.A.S.C.

FLYING CLUB LAWN TENNIS.

The London Flying Club's hard court lawn tennis tournament at Hendon was concluded on Saturday, when N. Mishu, the Rumanian, defeated the Hon. F. M. B. Fisher in the final of the men's singles.

Miss Ryan won the ladies' singles and (with Mrs. Larcombe) the doubles. S. N. Deust and P. O'Hara Wood took the men's doubles, and O'Hara Wood and Mrs. Larcombe the mixed doubles.

McCracken's Partner.

Frank Hudspith, the "Magpies" dandy defender, will captain England's team against Wales. His cap has been long overdue.

Ladies' Golf.

After being practically non-existent during the war, the Prince's Ladies' Golf Club is being revived, and will hold its autumn meeting at Mitcham on October 28 and 29.

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LEAGUE TABLES.

How The Clubs Stand In England And Scotland.

CELTIC UNBEATEN.

The position of the clubs in the various League competitions up to and including Monday is as follows:—

The League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
West Bromwich Albion	7	6	0	1	22	9	12
Burnley	8	5	2	1	13	9	12
Middlesbrough	8	4	2	2	12	11	10
Bradford	7	4	1	2	14	8	9
Bolton Wanderers	8	4	1	3	18	12	9
Manchester United	7	3	3	1	13	8	9
Liverpool	7	4	1	2	11	8	9
Derby County	8	3	3	2	11	8	9
Newcastle United	8	3	3	2	8	7	9
Everton	7	4	0	3	15	14	8
The Arsenal	7	3	2	2	11	11	8
Sheffield United	6	3	1	2	15	8	7
Sunderland	7	3	1	3	17	19	7
Manchester City	8	2	2	4	14	17	6
Blackburn Rovers	7	1	3	3	11	12	5
Notts County	6	2	1	3	7	10	5
Chelsea	7	2	1	4	7	10	5
Preston North End	7	1	2	4	8	20	4
Sheffield Wednesday	7	1	2	4	4	11	4
Oldham Athletic	7	1	1	5	8	16	3
Aston Villa	7	0	1	6	5	17	1

Second Division Of The League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Tottenham Hotspur	7	7	0	0	28	4	14
Birmingham	7	5	1	1	19	6	11
Bristol City	6	4	2	0	10	1	10
Stoke	7	5	0	2	12	9	10
Fulham	7	5	0	2	14	6	10
Blackpool	7	4	1	2	17	7	9
Wolverhampton Wdrs.	7	3	3	1	12	6	9
Stockport County	7	3	3	2	12	6	8
Leeds City	7	3	2	2	13	8	8
Huddersfield Town	7	4	0	3	13	18	8
Barnsley	7	3	1	3	13	7	7
West Ham United	7	3	1	3	9	14	7
Hull City	7	2	2	3	8	11	6
Rotherham County	8	3	0	5	7	14	6
Clapton Orient	7	2	1	4	8	7	5
Nottingham Forest	7	1	3	3	8	9	5
Bury	7	2	1	4	5	10	5
Leicester City	7	2	1	4	8	18	5
Grimsby Town	7	2	1	4	5	15	5
South Shields	7	2	0	5	3	14	4
Lincoln City	7	0	2	5	3	26	2
Coventry City	7	0	0	7	3	24	0

Southern League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Portsmouth	8	6	1	1	17	5	13
Watford	7	5	2	0	12	5	12
Queen's Park Rangers	8	4	3	1	11	4	11
Reading	8	3	4	1	10	5	10
Exeter City	7	3	4	0	9	6	10
Brentford	8	3	4	1	11	8	10
Southampton	8	4	1	3	12	12	9
Southend United	8	2	4	2	7	6	8
Crystal Palace	7	2	4	1	9	9	8
Millwall	8	2	4	2	12	13	8
Cardiff City	7	2	3	2	15	10	7
Merthyr Town	8	2	3	3	12	10	7
Plymouth Argyle	7	2	2	3	7	6	6
Swindon Town	7	2	2	3	8	10	6
Luton Town	8	2	2	4	10	17	6
Gillingham	8	2	2	4	3	9	6
Norwich City	5	2	1	2	10	10	5
Swansea	7	2	1	4	7	9	5
Northampton	8	1	3	4	13	18	5
Bristol Rovers	7	1	3	3	9	15	5
Brighton and Hove	7	1	2	4	7	12	4
Newport County	8	1	1	6	6	18	3

Scottish League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Celtic	8	8	0	0	20	5	16
Glasgow Rangers	9	7	1	2	28	11	15
Motherwell	9	7	1	1	19	10	15
Heart of Midlothian	9	7	0	2	21	11	14
Ayr United	10	5	2	3	24	10	12
Airdrieonians	9	5	2	2	11	5	12
Partick Thistle	9	5	2	2	14	9	12
Hibernian	10	5	0	5	16	16	10
Aberdeen	9	4	1	4	12	11	9
Third Lanark	9	3	3	3	13	16	9
Clyde	10	3	3	4	16	17	9
Greenock Morton	9	3	2	4	13	10	8
Dumbarton	10	2	4	4	12	17	8
St. Mirren	9	4	0	5	12	18	8
Queen's Park	10	3	2	5	12	16	8
Kilmarnock	10	3	1	6	12	28	7
Dundee	8	3	0	5	9	12	6
Falkirk	11	3	0	8	12	24	6
Albion Rovers	8	3	0	5	7	14	6
Raith Rovers	10	3	1	7	16	24	5
Hamilton Academicals	10	2	1	7	14	25	5
Clydebank	7	2	0	5	8	12	4

Bristol City have protested to the Football League secretary that Fulham did not make adequate arrangements to anticipate the railway strike by arriving in Bristol on Friday. They ask, therefore, that the return fixture on Saturday shall be played at Bristol instead of at Fulham.

G.H.Q., SERGEANTS MESS RIFLE CLUB.

At the weekly spoon shoot which took place on the Merheim Ranges on Saturday last, Staff-Sergt. Hart, Royal Engineers., won the spoon with a score of 91.

Good scoring was the order of the day the average working out at 71.

The next spoon shoot will take place on Saturday next. Meet at No. 1, Sergts. Mess, Salomonsgasse, 1.30 p.m. prompt.

NEWBURY DETAILS.

Keysoe Defeated By Flying Spear: Manton Success.

HORSES STRANDED.

The feature of Newbury's second day was the defeat of the St. Leger winner, Keysoe, by Flying Spear, and at 1¼ miles there is no doubt that the Manton filly is Keysoe's superior.

There are still a number of horses stranded owing to the railway strike Details:—

T.Y.O. Selling Plate:—1, Conjecture colt (A. Smith), 5—2; 2, Luckpenny III., 5—2; 3, Tacoronic, 7—4.

Long Distance Handicap:—1, Sheringham (Hulme), 4—7; 2, Lucky, 9—4; 3, Carol Singer, 7—1.

Kingsclere Stakes:—1, Flying Spear (Childs), 7—4; 2, Keysoe, 4—6; 3, Mobilisation 10—1.

Highclere Nursery:—1, Gairoy (Carslake), 6—1; 2, Wimasu, 2—1; 3, March Along, 10—1.

Lambourn Welter:—1, Chamarmin (Robbins), 3—1; 2, Quadrille, 6—1; 3, Tom Powrie, 8—1.

Whatcombe Handicap:—1, Vanity (W. Saxby), 3—1; 2, The President, 7—2; 3, Wally, 7—1.

RHINELAND SOCCER.

18th G.H.Q. Reserve M.T. Coy. R.A.S.C. 2, Rhine Army Troops M. T. Coy. 1.

The above teams met at Poller Wiesen on Saturday. The Army Troops opened with the wind in their favour and kept the 18th defence busy. After about twenty minutes play their inside left scored the first goal. The 18th tried hard to draw the level, but half time arrived without any further score.

The second half commenced with the play in favour of the 18th who pressed almost continuously and eventually succeeded in drawing level by a fine effort from their centre forward. After this, they fairly bombarded their opponents goal and the winning goal was scored two minutes from time from a well directed shot by L Cpl. Philips. The R.A.T. goalie gave a fine display and undoubtedly saved his side from a bigger defeat. The game was well handled by C.S.M. Tucker.

KALK SHIELD.

33rd Northumberland Fusiliers 3; v. 35th Bde. R.G.A. 2.

In the 2nd round of the competition on Tuesday the N.F.s started the ball going and went off at a terrific pace, which took the gunners of their feet. As a result of this they were one goal up in five minutes. They scored again before half-time. The second half pace was not so fast and the gunners drew level by some persevering football. The N.F.'s, however, were playing better together and their third and winning goal was a beauty. The game was very fairly contested and the better team won. The N.F.'s diminutive right half-back played a very sound game.

Other Results.

23rd Royal Fusiliers, 1; 87th Field Ambulance, 0.

SIX MATCHES WON.

B Coy. 23rd Middlesex Regt's. Notable Record.

The above company has so far played six football matches and won all. The following are the details:—

B Coy.		Score
v. Headqrs. Coy.	won	1—0
v. C Coy.	"	2—0
v. Transport	"	6—0
v. A Coy.	"	4—0
v. C Coy.	"	5—0
v. A Coy.	"	2—0

P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
6	6	0	0	12

Officers v. N.C.O.'s.

On Monday, at Klettenberg, a most enjoyable and very fast game was played between the Officers and Warrant Officers and Sergts. of the 51st Northumberland Fusiliers, which ended in a goalless draw. The forwards of both sides played very well, but lacked finish when in front of goal. The Sgts., attack was well led by R. S. M. Hullyer, and Sgt. Osborn at back played very well. For the Officers Capt. N. B. Pigg, Lieut. Veitch, and Lieut. Thomas played a good game.

London D.A. Mule Sports.

Great interest is being taken in the forthcoming mule sports for all units of the London Divisional Artillery. These will be held on the London D.A.C. Sports ground at Westhoven next Saturday.

SWEETHEARTS
read "The Cologne Post". Send it daily to yours.

RANGERS AGAIN BEATEN.

Heart of Midlothian's Success at Ibrox.

LEAGUE RESULTS.

Scottish League football on Monday provided another shock for Rangers' supporters. Beaten at Motherwell on Saturday last, they again bowed the knee this time to the sprightly Hearts. The defeat is all the more bitter, as it occurred at Ibrox.

Hibernians won, defeating Albion Rovers at home a really smart performance, while the "Old Firm" easily trounced Third Lanark and mount to the head of the table, their usual place. Appended are the results:—

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—MONDAY MATCHES.

Lanark	1,	Celtic	4.
Clyde	3,	Partick	2.
Rangers	3,	Hearts	5.
Partick	2,	Falkirk	0.
Albion	1,	Hibernians	2.

Second League.

Fulham 3, Rotherham 0.

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

Jimmy Logan as Bradford spectators will ever know him, is now Captain James Logan M.C. and secretary manager of Raith Rovers.

What football "spotter" has not been to South Bank on business? The North can produce the goods.

A splendid Rugby player, keen tennis enthusiast and a custodian of merit, is Hoffman of South Shields. When a paper states Holt as keeping for the Northern club, don't get confused. Hoffman has been registered under this name.

From ranker to commissioned rank, and then earning the M.C. is Jimmy Crabtree's war record. The Blackburn keeper is still a good 'un.

Writers of offside law suggestions should note that no alteration can take place until the International Board meet next June. Carry on, McCracken!

Worboys of Clapton is one of their "war boys" who helped them in war time football.

It is not generally known that Colin Veitch lectures Newcastle's players every week. It is not stated if he instructs McCracken, on how to play an opponent, offside.

The value of an old head is demonstrated when one sees Pennington play. His generalship is ever gaining points.

£590 TOURNEY TO GO ON.

At a meeting of the Professional Golfers' Association, held at Walton Heath on Saturday evening, it was decided that the existing arrangements for the "News of the World" tournament for £590 in prize money shall hold good.

Earlier in the day Mr. Perrins, the secretary, officially announced that a postponement would take place, but when it was learned subsequently that some 37 of the 64 players had arrived at Walton Heath, and that many others had reached London from distant parts the committee had no alternative but adhere to the original arrangements and carry through the tournaments.

WELSH TEAM TO MEET ENGLAND.

The Welsh team for the "Victory" international match with England at Stoke next Saturday has been selected as follows:—

Peers (Wolverhampton); Goodwin (Oldham Athletic), Russell (Plymouth Argyle); Hughes (Manchester City), Jones (Stoke), Jennings (Bolton Wanderers); Meredith (Manchester United), Wynn (Manchester City), Matthews (Liverpool) Jones (Southend), Vizard (Bolton Wanderers).

FOOTBALL AND THE STRIKE.

The fact that so many football fixtures were fulfilled last Saturday was in many cases only due to long and tiring journeys by motor. West Ham in particular have reason to attribute their defeat to the strike, as it took eight hours for their conveyances to cover the 150 miles to Stoke. They only arrived at the ground a few minutes before the kick-off, with just time to scramble into their football clothes.

Swindon had a similar tiring journey to Luton, arriving very late. Fulham were unable to fulfil their engagement at Bristol, owing to the char-a-banc they engaged being unable to get petrol.

The Arsenal, who accomplished a fine performance at Blackburn, made the journey by motor char-a-banc, taking fourteen hours, but this appeared to have little effect on the team, who played a very hard, fast game and took home one point.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

The "Prongs."

Many concert lovers will regret to learn that the "Prongs" make their final bow this (Wednesday) evening. They have made four score appearances and visited 67 towns and villages in the occupied area. The final concert will be given at the Alysium, Opladen, when a programme consisting of their numerous old and new successes will be submitted. All friends — and they are many — are cordially invited to what is to be a free entertainment.

Piano, Violin and Voice.

To play three groups of piano pieces, accompany five songs and a minuet for violin, all from memory, even although they are all one's own composition, is a severe test of a musician's power and skill. But the feat was so well achieved by Miss Dorothy Nash at her recital in the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. on Monday (where she is one of the staff) that at the end of the performance the audience insistently called for more from the same source. There is a directness of outline in all Miss Nash's compositions that is very refreshing is these days of "atmospheric vapourings", and her delightfully rhythmic playing brings this out to perfection. This does not mean that there is an absence of poetry and imagination. Her beautiful little pianoforte solo "Songs of the Mist" is full of fairylike ideas that are skilfully woven in the melody and countermelody.

Some Notable Items.

"A Country Dance" breathes the atmosphere of "Sir Roger de Coverley" although its melody borrows nothing from it. In her songs, Miss Nash makes one realize the truth of Henry Purcell's saying, that "music is the exaltation of poetry" and I trust that we shall be able to purchase copies of Miss Nash's songs and violin and pianoforte solos while the memory of the beautiful rendering of them is fresh in our memories. Miss Nash had a great personal success, and at the close of her performance bouquet after bouquet of lovely flowers were showered upon her by the soldier-audience. She was most ably assisted by Miss Merriman, who is a brilliant violinist, and by Miss Hammond and Pte. Brickell whose singing was full of intelligence and charm. Miss Hammond's enunciation, whereby the words of her songs were understood by all, deserves special and grateful appreciation.

A French Play.

On Friday last, the comedy "Le Voyage de M. Perrichon" was acted by some of the students attending French classes at the Army General and Commercial College. The part of Mons. Perrichon was taken by L Cpl. McComach whose acting elicited continuous applause; Mme. Perrichon was played by Pte. Broctor, who gave an amusing version of the practical and unromantic French woman; Pte. Sherrard, who took the part of Henriette, was ably supported by her two suitors Armand des Roches (Lieut. Ramsay) and Daniel (Lieut. Miller). Pte. Proctor played Marjonin, the clerk, which being a more serious part, contrasted well with the comedy of the rest of the play. Miss Steel was responsible for the preparation and rehearsals.

G.H.Q. Signals Dance.

A most successful dance was held on the 28th inst at the Zugweg Barracks when 34 members of the W.R.A.F. were present and six ladies of the Military Governor's staff. From the start the whole affair went with a swing, notable features being the twilight effects in the Grand Parade Lancers and other dances. A Waltz Chance was a novelty as far as Rhine Army dances are concerned and caused much amusement. The whole affair was organised by Lt. Murdoch, L/Cpl. Handscomb and Spr. Sealey of the Signal Office staff, to whom much credit is due for their apparently unlimited energy. Mention should also be made of the two members of W.R.A.F. who spent all the afternoon helping with refreshments.

Music and Speeches.

The orchestra (also from the Signal Office staff) did remarkably well. Considering the short notice they had and the fact that they had never played together before, one might say wonderfully well.

Spr. Sealey in a short but pithy speech thanked the ladies for their presence, the O.C. and Officers of the company for the kindness shown and help given to the organisers, and assured the men that the success of the dance was due to the great efforts of Lt. Murdoch (loud applause). Lt. Murdoch responded, thanking the band and helpers for their services.

Cheers being given for these and the ladies, the dancing recommenced and "The King" brought to an end a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Wednesday	7	Merry wives of Windsor	Nicolai
Thursday	7	Madame Butterfly	Puccini
Friday	7	Othello	Verdi
Saturday	8	Concert	
Sunday	7	Tosca	Puccini
Monday	5.30	Walküre	Wagner
Tuesday	7	Zar and Zimmermann	Lortzing

"Guten Morgan."

This is an impression of Joe Morgan, the well-known tenor of the "Tabs" G.H.Q. Concert Party. He has been a member of the party through its early vicissitudes, and has latterly shared in its many triumphs here in Rhineland. Morgan has a pleasing voice and plays a straight part in revue admirably. In the recent revue, "Well I'm!—!!", which brought the "Tabs" such great renown, he created quite a character as Morgan Evans, the gullible Welshman. Needless to say, Morgan is a native of "the land of the leek."

In few words.

On Wednesday next, an orchestral concert will be given in the 6th Corps Officers' Club, Cologne, by Herrn Blum, from 3.30 till 5.30.

JACQUES.

TEN SHARE 1400 MARKS

Result of Football Contest No 1: No All-Correct Coupon.

In our contest No. 1 no single competitor was successful in forecasting an all-correct coupon. Two matches were postponed and this left ten results to be supplied.

There were several notable attempts to win our prize, and the following ten competitors who correctly forecasted all the results but one share the total amount subscribed. The competition attracted an entry of 1,388, to which we have added a further twelve marks, making a sum of 1,400 marks. Thus each of the successful entrants receives 140 marks.

Appended are the names and addresses of the prize-winners:—

W. Stagg, 16 A.A. (H) Coy., Rhine Army; W.A. Clark, Southern Div. Sigs., Altenberg; Thomas Murray, Signals. 41st Bn. M.G.C., Rhine Army; Cpl. J.H. Critch, Train Hqrs., Northern Div.; Pte. Jas. Brims, Civil Administration Dept., No. 1 Sub Area, Solingen; S.Q.M.S. H.H. Jeeves, R.A.S.C., c o D.D.R., G.H.Q.; C.Q.M.S. H. Jackman, 1st Pontoon Park, R.E., Zollstock; O.R.S. Simpson, 114595, B.O.R. 52nd Bn. D.L.I. Riehl Barracks; Sgt. A.S. Goddard, 36th C.C.S. Cologne; Pte. H.S. Best, No. 101048, A Coy 3rd Platoon, 9th D.L.I. Rhine Army.

Many competitors failed to read our rules correctly, and we would point out that one mark must accompany each coupon. These must be cut, not torn out. Now then enthusiasts turn your attention to Contest No. 2. Our prize must be won outright. Why should not you be the lucky one?

NEXT SATURDAY'S GAMES.

Some confusion seems to exist re the possibility of next Saturday's League matches not being played. Many doleful and dismal souls are forecasting that the railway deadlock will put an end to all the matches.

We think this highly improbable. The F.A. will sanction any means by which matches can be played off, for obvious reasons. Our big clubs, one may rest assured, will do all in their power to bring about this end. Mid-week matches at the season's end are never successful in raising big gates and this will play a big part in any consideration of this matter.

Competition No. 2.

In connection with our Competition No. 2, the last day for sending in coupons, each of which must be accompanied by one mark, is Friday, Oct. 3rd.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 2,
"Cologne Post,"
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List Of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 2.

Date of matches, Saturday, Oct. 4th.
Closing date, Friday, Oct. 3rd.

Oldham	v. Preston N.E.
Bolton Wan.	v. Derby County
Newcastle U.	v. Liverpool
Everton	v. Sunderland
Bradford C.	v. W. Bromwich
Wolverhampton	v. Leeds City
Fulham	v. Bristol City
Coventry C.	v. Leicester C.
Cardiff C.	v. Exeter C.
Southend U.	v. Brentford
Morton	v. Hearts
Queen's Park	v. St. Mirren

I enter football competition No. 2 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Unit .....
Address .....

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Ringstead's Cesarewitch Mount.

C. Ringstead has been engaged to ride Sheriff's Officer in the Newmarket long distance handicap.

Ashford Manor Golf Club.

Mr. Frank Beams has been appointed secretary to the Ashford Manor Golf Club Ashford, Middlesex. He is a member of the East Brighton Club.

Another International Air Race.

For an international seaplane race over the Solent and Southampton Water in the last week of October the Royal Aero Club have offered a price of £500, with a trophy valued at £100.

Players' Injuries.

Two well-known players received serious injuries last Saturday. Keenleyside, the South Shields captain, having a foot bone broken, and Seymour of Luton receiving a sprained knee.

Surrey Football Association.

At the Surrey Football Association annual meeting in Kennington Oval, the balance-sheet for the war period showed a deficiency of just over £71. It was announced that 80 resuscitated clubs had been elected to the association. Sixteen clubs had entered for the Senior Cup and 75 for the Junior Competition. No County Championship competition will take place this season.

Mr. Bottomley's Horses.

Mr. Horatio Bottomley is getting a lot of new blood into his Dicker stable with a view to the forthcoming N.H. season.

Dillon in Belgium.

J. Dillon is riding well in Belgium, and one of his recent successes was the Warringham Steeplechase.

High-priced Horses.

A contemporary states that Dansellon was not the highest-priced horse ever imported into India; that distinction belongs to Dark Legend.

W. Griggs To Ride in Scotland.

William Griggs has several riding engagements to fulfil at Lanark and Edinburgh this week.

Pedestrianism.

Jack Gill, of Bilston, and Harry Whitehouse, of Tipton, have been matched to run under "Sporting Life" rules 100 yds for £10, open for £25 a side, at the Victoria Grounds, Rough Hills, Wolverhampton, next Saturday.

Are They Good Enough?

The decision of the British Olympic Council to send a team to next year's games at Antwerp is good news from a sporting point of view. But are our athletes good enough to uphold British prestige worthily? writes a well-known runner.

By Collier.

South Shields returned to Sunderland after their match with Clapton in a collier.

Looking Ahead.

"Spurs" and Bristol City for Division I next season, is a tip worth noting.

Not For Northern Union.

E. Caswell and J. Coghlan, the promising Cardiff half-backs, have refused tempting offers to join the Northern Union.

Coventry City's Acquisition.

Coventry City has secured the transfer of Frank Crowe from Birmingham F.C. Crowe has played as a left wing forward, but mostly as a half-back. He is 23 years of age, weighs 13st 6lb, and stands 5ft. 9in.

Heartbreaking.

Aston's luck is certainly heartbreaking, and their inability to score must make their supporters weep. It reads like a fairy tale that the Bradford debacle was largely contributed to by Hardy, who will keep England's goal on Saturday first.

Football League For Ex-soldiers.

An effort is being made to form a Birmingham League for ex-Service footballers. There are twenty-nine branches of the N.F.D.D.S.S. in the district, and a team is to be run in connection with each. If the League is established a cup will be provided for annual competition.

Wye Wins At Liverpool.

In a fifteen-round contest at the Liverpool Stadium, Alf Wye, of Hoxton, gained the decision on points over Charlie Stone, of Taffs Well.

To Race in Belgium.

The Sportsman states that Lord Torrington proposes to race in Belgium, and that he is getting together a string of horses at Stockel.

Golf's Difficulties.

Putting remains the only thing difficult in golf so far as professionals are concerned, and in this the test is higher in the case of nerve than in the mere matter-of-fact process of striking the ball, says Mr. F.M. Carruthers.

Suspended.

F. Lane, the rider of Unitoi in the Newbury Autumn Cup on Friday, was called before the Stewards to explain why his mount had been left. He was severely reprimanded and suspended for the remainder of the meeting.

"Brum" Old Edwardians.

At the annual meeting of Birmingham Old Edwardians, Lieut.-Colonel R.A. Broderick was elected captain of the first fifteen. H. Donovan deputy-captain, P. Adams hon treasurer, H.N. Bradsworth hon. sec., and B.R. Saunders hon. match secretary.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

The Batman's Day.

What does the average officer's batman in Cologne occupy himself with all day? It is to be hoped that some at least are devoting the long hours to study, either of German or anything else that is useful. An officer I know asked his servant how he was going to fill in the day after he had cleaned his belongings the other morning. "Oh, I shall have plenty on hand, Sir," he replied, "I'm going to have a bath."

Free Rides to Stop.

All ranks should know that from the date of ratification of peace free travel by tram for British troops will cease.

The "Earwig Lamp."

I hear that the No. 1 N.A.C.B. Club, Cologne, (now generally referred to as "The Earwig") is likely to remain open for a few weeks at least. At all events there appears to be plenty of scope for the continuance of the institution. Empty bedrooms are always a scarcity, the dining-rooms are comfortably filled at meal times, and the lounge invariably has plenty of patronage bestowed upon it. So, why shut its hospitable doors?

After Long Years.

A remarkable discovery was made, I hear, in a mess in Rhineland yesterday. It caused quite a flutter of excitement. After four weary years of searching a corporal discovered a piece of real pork in the ration of pork and beans.

Political Warfare.

There is great political activity prevailing in Cologne in view of the Town Council elections which will take place next Sunday. Political placards are to be seen on every wall, one being quite original. On the top are the heads of an ox, a sheep and a donkey, the three symbols of stupidity to a German. Underneath we read the text: "There are human beings who vote for X. We vote for the Centre Party or the majority Socialists." It is quite evident who put up the placard.

A Deputy.

Who was the genius responsible for the notice at an Army Cinema the other evening announcing that "owing to a certain film being destroyed a "deputy" would be shown?

Their "Pinard."

There are a certain number of French messes in Rhineland, and they have the privilege of a daily ration of the wholesome, palatable red wine of Bordeaux to which the French troops during the war gave the nickname of "Pinard." Our Allies certainly score in this respect, for as a beverage it is superior to most of the Rhine and Moselle wines on sale, and is a free ration as well.

With the News "Red-hot."

The Cologne newsvendors' grouse this strike week has been "Empty are our stalls." But the "Cologne Post" with the latest news by special cable has always been there.

No More Advances.

On and after to-day Field Cashiers will cease to make advances of pay to officers, who will have to make their own arrangements for securing cash. This does not mean the passing of that estimable individual, the Field Cashier, for these establishments will continue to be used for the other branches of business associated with them. Many officers will regret the change.

A Dancing Craze.

Just now there is an acute dancing craze in and around Cologne and individuals who are able to command the use of a hall are making considerable revenue. As many as 33 dances were advertised in one edition of a district newspaper.

Try Your Football Skill.

To-day on page 3 will be found the names of the successful competitors in our Football Contest No. 1. The division of the prize money works out at 140 marks per man. Quite a nice return 140 to 1; and a far better investment than the Totalizator ever offered. We again publish the coupon for No. 2 contest. Fill it in and post to-day.

Overheard.

"Yes, I've seen a bit of war, old bean. I came over on November 10th last year."

"Oh, I was in France in 1916."

"Were you? There wasn't much of a war on then, was there?"

The Legal Mind.

Apropos the Echo dealing with family nominal rolls which appear on the back of entrance doors, there is at least one householder who has done the thing well. In addition to other particulars the date of birth of each inhabitant of the house is neatly typed on a sheet of foolscap. Incidentally the only alteration that has been made is in the case of a girl, her natal year being altered from 1835 to 1892. The householder is of the legal profession, a fact which no doubt accounts for the thoroughness with which he has complied with regulations.

Repatriation of Prisoners.

During 48 hours fifteen British prisoners' transports passed through Cologne with about 18,000 unwounded men. The last was the 63rd British transport. So far 86,000 unwounded and 16,000 wounded prisoners have been repatriated through Cologne. Only 70,000 Germans remain in Northern France.

A Strike Rumour.

In Cologne and its environs on Monday persistent rumour had it that the railway strike was settled. The explanation lies in the revival of an old war joke. A Tommy called across the street to a friend, "The strike's over in England." "Is it?" enquired another friend at his side. "Of course it is," was the reply, "it's all over England."

From Holland.

A tobacconist was telling me that as there is practically no native grown tobacco in Germany this year, most of the cigars sold in the shops are of Dutch origin.

Tommy's Spare Marks.

A correspondent asked why does not the Post Office let Tommy buy War Savings Certificates with German money? A member of the staff of the "Cologne Post" visited the Army Post Office yesterday in order to test the accuracy of our correspondent's statement. He tells me that the clerk was willing to take German currency in exchange for War Savings Certificates.

Not to be Done.

I hear of many cases where British officers are franking letters from civilians to go through the Army Post Office. It does not seem to be properly understood that this practice is irregular.

N.A.C.B. Accounts.

To meet the fluctuation in the mark and to maintain canteen prices at the lowest possible point, it will no longer be possible to give extended credit and at the same time accept marks at the rate current at the date of delivery several weeks afterwards. The Canteen Board are prepared to accept payment at the Army rate current at the date of delivery up to and including seven days after the date of delivery. Payment for credit accounts outstanding beyond this date can only be accepted at the Army rate of exchange on the date on which payment is made.

The Rising Tide.

As in England, the cost of labour and materials keeps mounting up in Germany, and these increases are affecting "The Cologne Post." The Editor, I hear, will have something to say to all our readers on the point very soon.

Nothing for Nothing.

The German nature as a whole, does not appear to be in the habit of recklessly giving much away and "nothing for nothing" seems to be their foremost motto. However this rule occasionally appears to be rather overdone. For example in the matter of shop sunblinds. These will always be lowered on sunny days in order to protect the goods in the window, but the first spot of rain will send the shop keeper out in a hurry to draw up the blinds, no doubt, in order to preserve them as long as possible.

Rhine Army Talent.

The "Bulletin" of the Central Y.M.C.A. offered a prize of 250 marks for the best short story. Mr. E. W. Hornung the famous author of "Raffles" was the judge and he has awarded the prize to Rifleman Leslie Harrison, attd 2nd Light Brigade H.Q. Rhine Army.

Rate of Exchange.

Yesterday we had a curious state of affairs in relation to the value of the mark. Once again the Field Cashier was paying a slightly higher rate than the banks; but a change can be expectedto-day.

R.O.D.

These letters at one time signified Railway Operating Division and were to be found on all locomotives of the British Army. At a recent examination they were found at the bottom of several papers and caused no little speculation as to their meaning. It was ultimately discovered however that the ever ingenious Tommy had given them a new meaning and to-day they signify "Roll on Demob."

A Grievance Ends.

I am informed that the limit on the sale of postal orders to any individual in any one day will now be raised to £1 if covered by a certificate of the O.C. Unit as to necessity for issue. Thus the grievance voiced by a correspondent recently is removed.

A Companion Still.

"The Rhineland soldiers' own paper seems to get brighter and better every day. I shall miss it terribly on demob" writes a gunner. But he need not be without it daily, for by subscribing at the rate of twelve marks a month it will reach him in Blighty just as regularly as in Cologne.

The Army Leads.

I see that a Committee is going to deliberate in England on the advisability or otherwise of adopting the eminently sensible 24 hours clock, which works so well in our Army. I expect it will result just as most of these Committees and Commissions do, in masterly inactivity, and those old stagers, "Ack Emma" and "Pip Emma" may look forward to a renewed lease of life in Blighty.

Illegal Sales.

The trafficking which has taken place in cigarettes is responsible for an order that not more than 20 cigarettes can be sold in any one day to any N.C.O. or man at any canteen, etc.

RHINELANDER.

WHAT TO SEE IN RHINELAND.

THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM.

How many British soldiers, we wonder, have visited this museum, which is situated not far from the N.A.C.B. canteen by the river?

Both to the advanced naturalist and the beginner it is crammed with interesting objects, and any lover of animal life can profitably spend two or three hours in inspecting them.

The range covered is wide, and perfect specimens of a great number of creatures can be seen, from elephants and hippopotami to tropical reptiles and insects, some of the most interesting being the enormous fur-covered spiders of Central Africa.

Some very curious items are the remains of pre-historic animals, discovered during the process of excavations in Cologne.

A particularly striking object is the giant walrus in the entrance hall, one of the largest ever seen; while other Antarctic creatures form a good collection.

What, however, must compel the admiration are the magnificent tableaux or representations in which the various animals of the world are seen in their natural state. They include an elephant's combat with a tiger, wolves attacking a stag, a gazelle in the grip of a boa-constrictor, and scenes of life in the jungle, buffaloes in the plains, deer grazing and many similar scenes.

All these are arranged with the utmost care, and it is with difficulty one realizes that one is not transported to the wilds of Africa or to some wind-swept Transatlantic prairie.

Here, also, the bird-lover and egg-collector will be in his element, and will view with delight the enormous number of specimens, — all exhibited to the best advantage, — while any student of plants, fossils or metallurgy will find much to hold his attention.

Not the least interesting feature of this museum is the excellent system of magnifiers, by means of which many fine views of the world's wonders may be seen in a most clear and realistic manner. These include the ruins of Pompeii, Athens and ancient Rome and Egypt.

Every stone and carving can be seen as clearly as if one were but a few feet away. Besides these representations of the ancient world there are to be seen the Niagara Falls, Venice, St. Peter's, Rome, and views of some of the finest lake and mountain scenery in the world.

Admission is free, and an afternoon could scarcely be spent in a more pleasant way than paying this exhibition a visit.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

Why not grasp it and learn German?

Although it is generally admitted that the best way to learn a language is to go to the country where it is spoken, it is surprising how few British soldiers out here are making use of the opportunity to learn German.

They are making a great mistake, for it will never be so easy to learn as it is now while they are in this country.

German is by no means a difficult language to speak—the pronunciation being consistent and easily understood. There are fixed rules for the sounds of the vowels and these never change—there are no exceptions such as we have in England.

Of all languages, too, German is the one most like our own. There are many words that are the same in both languages and many more that are so similar that anyone can tell what they mean at sight. "Haus, Buch, Wein, Platz," are a few of them. There are also many verbs that are similar, very often through most of the tenses. Here are some of them, just the present and past tenses: To see, sehen, sah. To drink, trinken, trank. To give, geben, gab.

This similarity between the two languages is probably due to the fact that our ancestors, the Saxons, came from parts of Germany. This, of course, helps to make it easy for an Englishman to learn.

Perhaps the most difficult part of the German language is the declension of the adjectives, but here again there are only four as against the six we encountered at school when learning Latin! Once having mastered these endings of the adjectives, the task is half done.

It is not nearly such an idiomatic language as French, and the general construction of a sentence is very little different from our own. "Ist sie nicht oben?" (Is she not upstairs?) "Es ist nicht hier und nicht dort" (It is not here and not there) are a few examples which will show what I mean.

Anyone obtaining a knowledge of the German language would take a far greater interest in the surroundings and people on the Rhine, and would go back to his own country richer than he came out, having another language in his possession.

All this is within arm's length of every soldier out here, and it is his own fault if he does not grasp that which is his for the taking.

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French Summer Time.—In France summer time ends next Sunday.

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Closed.—The officers' rest house at Abbeville has been closed.

Clerks Wanted.—Soldiers are urgently required for training as clerks.

To Visit Paris.—The King and Queen are to visit Paris next spring.

Overhauled. — Kensington Palace has been thoroughly overhauled and renovated

To Retire. — Justices Bray and Lawrence are to accompany Mr. Justice Darling into retirement.

Fisher.—The name of Sir W. F. Warren Fisher displaces that of Sir John Bradbury on Currency notes.

"P. M." has Toothache. — Mr. Lloyd George snatched time between railway conferences to be treated for toothache.

Shelved.—Discussion on the Irish question has been shelved by the railway crisis.

Ironic.—Lord French has a fine collection of Zeppelin souvenirs in the centre of which is a photograph of the ex-Kaiser.

Belgians Getting Rid.—Belgium is now repatriating German prisoners at the rate of 1,000 a day.

A New Line.—A Polish American concern is establishing a steamer line between New York and Danzig.

Speeding Up.—German prisoners numbering 14,000 passed through Cologne in 36 hours.

Impudence.—A Solingen firm has sent a Hampstead man an account incurred in 1914. Interest has been added.

A Telephone Story.—Government telephone charges for an installation at Uxbridge dropped from £61 to £4.

Stopped. — Mr. Wilson has had to abandon his League of Nations tour owing to illness.

The Only Alternative.—Because of the railway strike travel by air is being extensively advertised in London.

Wanted, a Hunting Box.—Before leaving for Canada the Prince of Wales sought a hunting box.

The Light Fantastic.—London is promised a great dancing season during the coming winter.

Taking a Chance.—"We have three bicycles for sale" was the announcement in a house in Camberwell.

One Way.—Single bedsteads have been delivered at the offices of the Ministry of Transport in Whitehall.

Returned to Ship.—A mail steamer from Ostend reached Dover with 350 passengers, who returned and slept in the ship.

The Blame.—Discomfort in a London tramway-car was forgotten when a man blamed the Daylight Saving Act for the strike!

Early Risers.—London is a city of early rising. The hour's sleep gained by putting back the clock was welcome.

Determined.—Determined to get to London, two naval men stranded at York fired up a locomotive.

New Order.—Orders have been issued at some London hotels that no meals will be served after 9 pm.

Give a Lift.—"Give a lift, no matter for how short a distance," is the appeal to motorists by the A. A.

New Rates.—Five pounds was asked by a taxicab driver for taking a fare from Swindon to Bristol, about 40 miles.

Supply Fails.—So many have been the passengers on London trams that the ticket supply has given out.

Take Notice.—The Headquarters of the M.T. Vehicles Reception Park is now at Austellungs Halle at the junction of the Durener Strasse and the Aachener Strasse.

Lonely Premier.—Mr. H.W. Massingham says that Mr. Lloyd George returned from Paris one of the loneliest men in England.

Speedy Promotion.—The new chief goods manager of the G.N. Railway entered the company's service in 1901 as a clerk.

Robert in Demand.—In a few minutes a London policeman was asked the best way to Newcastle, Hastings and Basingstoke.

Will it be Better?—Many officers are wondering if ultimately they will benefit at all by the new pay. The complaint is that there is much "taking away with one hand what is given with the other."

A Big Seller.—A novel by a Spanish Author.—"The Four Horses of the Apocalypse," has sold more than a quarter of a million copies in the States. Its vogue is starting now in England.

Another War?—M. André Lefevre, a French deputy declares that since the Armistice Germany has constructed seven to eight thousand 77 guns and twenty-five million shells.

Nearing Completion.—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, in spite of his spiritualistic activities, has found time to complete the fifth volume of his history of the Great War.

School of Cookery.—The 32nd Course for Officers' Mess Cooks, the 49th Course for Company Cooks, and a Refresher Course for Sergeant Cooks will assemble at the School of Cookery, 73, Agrippa Strasse, next week.

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OUR RISING CIRCULATION
READ ABOUT IT ON PAGE 2

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FIFTH DAY OF THE STRIKE.

UNION LEADERS TRAVEL IN TRAINS DRIVEN BY "BLACKLEGS."

MAIN LINE SIGNALS TAMPERED WITH.

CARRYING ON.

NO STARVING INTO SURRENDER.

The great railway strike has now lasted five days. The first full working day, affording a real test of its effect on the public, showed that the disorganization entailed was surprisingly less than the greatest optimist could have imagined. Everyone who tries to get to work gets there somehow, though perhaps a trifle late.

This result is achieved by the readiness with which everyone with a motor vehicle assists pedestrians, and the cheerfulness with which men on bus and tram services have undertaken the heavy work entailed by carrying additional passengers. The splendid autumn weather has done much to preserve the general good temper of the public. There is still practically a complete absence of all disorder or ill-feeling, public and strikers alike showing no disposition to be provocative. The wonderfully complete measures taken by the Government to ensure the supply of food and necessities and delivery of mails have pleased everyone and, assisted by a large army of volunteers, the Government are rapidly perfecting their organization. There has been as ready a response to the Government's call for help in this crisis as there was in August 1914.

There is a considerable body of railwaymen opposed to the strike and though the hold of their Union is strong these men are reporting for work in increasing numbers. Volunteers with engineering experience are also of utmost help. Indeed yesterday alone 30,000 persons volunteered for work on the railways. Milk trains, main line express and London suburban services are all being set going and London feels absolutely no shortage of even perishable foodstuffs.

Foodstuffs are substantial and distribution continues satisfactorily, says an official communiqué of Tuesday night. The public should understand, however, the necessities of the circumstances and are asked to exercise strict economy in the use of all foodstuffs, particularly milk, in order that children may not suffer. The most rigorous economy in the use of petrol and coal should be practised in the interest of the whole community.

Diversity of Opinion.

In a leading article on Tuesday the Times reviews the situation and comes to the conclusion that the outlook is more promising than might be expected. Conditions cannot be described in any way as intolerable, yet some improvements might have been suggested in the preparations made by the Government, which on the whole were admirable. More use, it considers, might have been made of the Thames, for instance. The same paper disapproves strongly of the Jockey Club's decision to proceed with the first race meeting at Newmarket. Saying that there is no reason why it should be held and every reason why it should have been abandoned, it describes the decision as unpardonable and unpatriotic.

The strikers have lost their cause already, says the "Morning Post," which adds, their leaders are not only false but incompetent.

The "Daily Telegraph" praises the Government for having effected organisation more than was expected under the test, but says "we are well aware that the strike is only in its infancy and the time for optimism is not yet come. It cannot yet be said what extensions of the strike may not take place."

Still continuing to concentrate its eloquence on the necessity of finding a bridge towards a settlement, the "Daily News" thinks that the tram and busmen are eager to come out.

Will the Strike spread?

So far the strike has not spread to any other industry. Mr. J.H. Thomas, the Railwaymen's leader, who was credited with the desire to prevent sympathetic strikes, now says he will not refuse such offers of help. The Railway Union is a member of the "Triple Alliance," which includes also the Transport Workers and Miners' Unions and it is always possible that these organisations will come to the assistance of the railwaymen.

Mr. Smillie, the miners' leader, has expressed a hope that his union will not be implicated. The general impression is that the strike, so sudden and inopportune, threatened to have ill effects on the community which far outshadow the debatable questions at issue and that the Government has not been unreasonable in the definite stand it has taken against the Railwaymen's officials. Unquestionably the Government has the country behind it and therefore the issue of the dispute cannot seriously be doubted.

The President of the Busmen's Organisation, after the Executive Council had sat for fourteen and a half consecutive hours, declared last night that they were waiting until the National Transport Workers had had an opportunity of conferring with the Executive of the National Railwaymen's Union.

It is stated authoritatively that if the bus and tram employers decide to strike the vehicles will be commandeered and run by volunteer labour, offers of which are quite sufficient for the purpose. Responses to the Government's appeal for volunteers continue unabated and indeed surpass all expectations. Members of the Cavalry Club and the Royal Air Force Club, colonels, majors, barristers, accountants, consulting electrical, mechanical and civil engineers are among those doing the work of stokers in underground power houses, undertaking traffic duties, working lifts, etc. etc.

The further appeal issued for economy in petrol, large quantities of which are necessary for the rapid delivery of food, say: "In this sense petrol is food. Unless voluntary economy is ruthlessly practised the use of private cars will be prohibited."

Traffic Improving

Both in London and the Provinces the traffic problem is distinctly easier. Whereas upwards of one hundred trains were run on various lines throughout the country on Monday, that number has now been considerably exceeded. On the Great Western Railway no fewer than 200 trains are stated to be running.

There is little doubt that in the next twenty-four hours a fairly good "skeleton" service will be established between London and provincial towns. In London the Metropolitan Railway has been able to maintain partial service on its lines in North London, while other underground railways expect to open a partial service, mainly with volunteers. Some railway companies report that a few strikers are returning to work.

Union Official denounces strike.

Interviewed by a Daily Chronicle representative, Mr. Appleton, Secretary of the General Federation of Trade Unions, made several remarkable statements. He said that had the Railwaymen been balloted there would have been no strike! He pointed out that every day the strike lasts adds a definite percentage to the cost of food and any hopes of cheaper food within the next twelve months are out of the question. For himself, he had always been against political strikes, but insisted on the men's right to strike against bad wages or oppressive conditions. At the beginning of the war, he said, when the Government began to interfere in industry, he warned the public of what was likely to happen, pointing out that the animus hitherto directed against Capital would now be directed against the Government. In the present case the Railwaymen were demanding to be masters and claimed the right to determine the fate, not only of the Government, but of the whole community. His great fear was that the Government must ultimately take steps to stop strikes altogether if this sort of thing continued, and because he did not want any interference with the right to strike he was anxious to avoid unnecessary strikes.

Aerial Mail Service.

The Postmaster General announces that by agreement with the Air Ministry, aeroplane services for the conveyance of letters only have been arranged between London and Birmingham, Bristol, Newcastle, Manchester and Glasgow. Letters must be prepaid with two shillings extra in stamps. The service is experimental and subject to modifications, but it is hoped to extend it to other towns.

Diabolic Sabotage.

An official communiqué issued from Downing-street says that some minor acts of sabotage are reported.

In one case red danger lights of certain signals were altered to green during the night, but fortunately no loss of life resulted. The communiqué calls attention to the admirable spirit and efficient work of the volunteers. Offers of service have been over whelming. Those already received are being collated as rapidly as possible and calls for service will be issued in increasing numbers from day to day.

This is really Serious.

Owing to the impossibility of procuring casks brewing is suspended at Burton and Edinburgh.

The effect of the strike in the provinces is extremely bad. Many thousands of workers are thrown out of employment at mines, engineering works and other big centres of industry. Collieries in South Wales, Yorkshire and other districts are rapidly closing down, shipping is held up and complete industrial paralysis is threatened.

Inducements to Work.

The Government desires to make it clear that Railwaymen who remain at work or who return to work at once will be afforded every protection and their interests will be safeguarded.

At North Leith station on the Caledonian Railway the goods manager has posted a notice offering men who start work now twenty-five per cent. over their present wage while the strike lasts and precedence over other men for promotion in the future. He promises also protection while at work or at home.

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KING'S MEDALLION.

VAUXHALL MOTORS SPLENDID EXAMPLE.

Satisfactory progress is reported in the administration of the National scheme for employment of disabled men. The number of undertakings received from firms in London and the South-Eastern Division to Monday last was 961.

A statement has been submitted to the Ministry of Labour from the Vauxhall Motor Company at Luton giving particulars of the number of disabled men already employed there. It proves that the problem of employing disabled men in the engineering trade is not insolvable. Out of a total of 1,193 people employed in the Company's works 149 are disabled, of whom three have lost an arm and four a leg.

FOOTSORE BUT HAPPY.

LABOUR MINISTER'S KINDNESS.

The Ministry of Labour states that the deputation of ex-service men who marched from Manchester to London left for home on Tuesday. Sir Robert Horne, realising when he received the men that they were footsore and weary, endeavoured to arrange for a conveyance and succeeded in obtaining a large motor charabanc which had come from Lancashire with supplies. The men set out about noon from Montague House. Before leaving they expressed their appreciation of the Ministers thoughtfulness and consideration.

BRITISH MISSION'S DANGER.

Reuter learns that according to the latest telegrams the members of the British Mission to Yemen, under Colonel Jacoby, which was stopped and captured by Zunra tribes, who objected to the Mission going to Sinai, were well as late as the 19th September.

They had been threatened with death and it is impossible to say when they are likely to be released as the tribes are unanimous as to the terms. The Iman of Yemen has warned the tribesmen of their responsibility.

(Yemen is the Southern strip of Arabia bordering the Eastern side of the Red Sea.)

PRINCE TURNS EASTWARD.

The Westward journey of the Prince of Wales is over and his homeward journey has begun. At New Westminster, British Columbia, where he opened an exhibition, planted trees, and presented war decorations, he received a wonderful welcome in which Japanese residents participated. Subsequently the Prince began his return journey through Canada via the Southern Canadian Pacific Railway. Crowds waited for hours to cheer him at every station.

Supply of Food.

Food distribution reports are most satisfactory and showed a very great improvement over Monday. From Hyde Park depot forty per cent. of London's normal milk supply of 215,000 gallons was distributed.

The Ministry of Food announces that the stocks of bread and flour are good. Reserves of flour sufficient for two or three weeks are in hand. Meat arrangements are working well and bacon is plentiful. The distribution of milk in large centres is going very well. Supplies of margarine are good and arrangements have been made for the distribution of an advance supply of butter and cheese throughout the country.

Adding to the Cost.

An important issue arises in connection with the enforced idleness of the miners who thereby become entitled to a war wage of three shillings per day during the idleness caused by circumstances over which they have no control. In South Wales alone there are 200,000 men and boys who will be claiming either war wage or out-of-work pay. The cost for South Wales alone will be £200,000 weekly.

Varieties of blacklegs.

A very humorous position arose yesterday in connection with the fateful meeting of the Transport Workers Federation.

Mr. James Sexton, M.P. and two high officials of the Federation were compelled to travel from Liverpool to London by train in order to attend. They seemed rather guilty about doing so and apologetically explained to the meeting that they had no option but to make use of services of "blacklegs", as the strikers in cutting communications for the public had also cut off their own delegates.

Lorries from France.

Slough Depot has already sent out six hundred motor lorries for service in connection with the strike. The head of the depot hopes to deliver from 100 to 150 daily together with repair shops for keeping the vehicles in good order.

The War Office has also been bringing motor transport from France to Richboro by the train-ferry. These lorries are first sent to Slough for overhaul. The Government's ability to deal with the situation by road transport thus increases daily.

War Time Restrictions.

General Booth is urging the Government to close all public houses in the larger towns for the duration of the strike. He declares there are already indications of increased drinking. Dr. Guttery, President of the Free Church Council urges the restoration of war time restrictions or preferably absolute prohibition during the crisis.

TOLD IN COURT.

MORE CIGARETTES AND TWO UNDESIRABLES.

Anne Burgherhausen, of 40 Buttermarkt, arrived in Court weeping copiously and departed with her face wreathed in smiles. Anne was found in possession of 2,930 English cigarettes but she protested with tears in her eyes that they had been left in her charge by a Fräulein. Her story was believed and she was given the benefit of the doubt. Bobbing in acknowledgment, she smiled broadly and retired.

Crossing the Border.

When Solomon Barren, an Austrian, and Ben Westnovote, a Russian, attempted to cross the Belgian frontier without permits the Belgian authorities hustled them quickly back again. Barren stated that he kept a barber's shop in London for a number of years. Westnovote claimed to have served in the Russian Army and stated that he had four cousins and two brothers-in-law serving in the British Army.

Both pleaded hard to be allowed to remain in Cologne, urging that their knowledge of English would enable them to make a good living.

Back they must go, however, to unoccupied territory.

CAIRO PLANE CRASH.

PILOT BURNT TO DEATH.

A British aeroplane, en route from Cairo to London, which landed at an aerodrome near Bracciano (Italy) on the 28th September, struck a tree when taking off to resume its journey and crashed. It at once took fire, the pilot, Captain C.H. Darley, being burned to death. His brother Charles was severely injured but is doing well.

PENNANT INQUIRY.

The remainder of the statements in connection with the inquiry by the House of Lords Committee into the dismissal of Miss Violet Douglas Pennant from her post in the W.R.A.F. have been lodged with the secretary, This completes the preliminary steps before the public hearing, which will commence on October 14th. Several eminent counsel have been briefed and the proceedings will open with the presentation of Miss Pennant's point of view.

AMERICAN STEEL STRIKE.

The second week of the Steel strike in America has opened and both sides are still confident of the outcome. At the Bethlehem Steel Corporation's works 40,000 men struck work yesterday but a number of mills have reopened at Pittsburgh and elsewhere.

NOW LET US BE FRIENDS.

The Austrian Chancellor of State, interviewed in Vienna by Reuter's correspondent, suggested the employment of intelligent Austrians in British Colonies, asserting that they are specially adapted for colonization work. He is also anxious that British and Austrians should visit each other's countries as much as possible.

STRIKE AFFECTS REPATRIATION.

The British Naval Commandant at Hamburg has asked the authorities to postpone the departure of the steamers told off to bring German prisoners of war from England. Two steamers which had already left Hamburg were stopped at Cuxhaven.

CANADIAN AWARDS TO BRITISH CREW.

Awards have been made by the Canadian Government to members of the steamship British Empress, of London, in recognition of their services in rescuing the crew of the schooner Mildred, of Sydney, N.S., in the North Atlantic Ocean, on November 30, 1918.

FRENCH NEMESIS.

The Gazette des Ardennes, a German propaganda newspaper issued at Charleville during the war, was produced partly by Frenchmen. These are now being tried for that offence.

STEAMER SAILINGS CANCELLED.

The sailing of ten cargo vessels scheduled to leave New York yesterday for British Ports, has been cancelled owing to the British railway strike.

ONE STRIKE OVER.

The Scottish shale oil dispute has been settled, the workers accepting the terms offered by the employers, which they had twice previously rejected.

President Wilson's condition shows a slight improvement.

It is announced from Paris that the Jugo-Slavs will sign the Austrian Peace Treaty.

Field Marshal Sir Henry Rawlinson has been appointed Aide-de-camp in General to the King.

STRIKELETS.

ODDS AND ENDS OF THE SITUATION.

Official schedules issued by all railways show that over six hundred trains were running yesterday.

The Food-Controller has prohibited the sale of light or fancy pastries from Saturday next.

It is announced that the new schedule of meat prices shows a general all-round increase of 2½d per pound.

Earl Beatty, speaking at Kirkcaldy said he noticed that the Railwaymen's leaders congratulated the men on their loyalty to the Union, but it seemed to him that loyalty required a much broader interpretation.

The Central London Tube expects to reopen to-morrow and other tube railways shortly.

Railway horses, and live stock in transit, callously abandoned by the strikers, are now being cared for.

The National Union of Vehicle Workers has instructed its members not to touch any railway work whatever, including food supplies.

The immense demand for bicycles has caused some shops to raise the prices.

In view of the coal shortage in Ireland and the necessity for conserving coal for transport of foodstuffs an order has been issued suspending this year's racing fixtures in Ireland.

At two of the three main passenger stations at Liverpool a number of strikers evaded the pickets and resumed work.

As showing the manner in which the strike is monopolising the papers the "Star" published on Tuesday about half a column of miscellaneous items headed "Not about the strike."

A volunteer guard in charge of Tuesday's boat train kept it back for ten minutes at Charing Cross station to enable half a dozen soldiers returning to France to indulge in a final drink.

The demeanour of the public continues to be one of imperturbable good humour. Fortunately the weather so far has been gloriously fine, thus greatly reducing hardships.

Many of the large hotels are now displaying notices to guests returning to distant provincial towns by automobile stating that so many seats are available, the prices varying from five to ten pounds per head for, say, Edinburgh or Glasgow. The charge to other places is usually a shilling per mile, with a minimum payment of three or four pounds.

LUXEMBOURG'S CHOICE.

ECONOMIC UNION WITH FRANCE.

Under the Peace Treaty, it was left to Luxembourg to decide its future allegiance. The result of the plebiscite shows a large majority in favour of economic union with France and otherwise to retain independence under the Grand Duchess Charlotte.

MARRIED IN INFANCY.

Containing statistics relating to British India from 1907 to 1917 a blue book reveals the fact that infant marriage is still a flourishing institution. When the census was last taken in 1911 there were 151,518 "married men" under five years of age. There were 302,425 "married women," 6,668 widowers and 17,703 widows of the same tender age. Of Benedicts between the ages of five and ten there were nearly a million. The wives over five and under ten number well over two millions.

PITY THE POOR TAXPAYER.

The total revenue from taxes for the year ended March was £786,803,000; the non-tax revenue was £104,950,500.

Over £27,000,000 was received in Customs duty on sugar and £2,154,000 came from the import tax on petrol. The Secret Service cost £1,141,000 and the nation's stationery and printing £1,406,500. Old age pensions took up £11,792,000 and the Board of Education £19,278,500.

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN REVIVAL.

The opening of the Gilbert and Sullivan season last night at the Prince's Theatre with "The Gondoliers" was a brilliant success. The artists had travelled from Bristol to London by aeroplane or motor.

Notwithstanding the strike, business is proceeding much as usual in all the London theatres.

D'ANNUNZIO'S COMIC KINGDOM.

A telegram from Fiume states that Gabriele D'Annunzio has ordered the severance of telegraphic communications with Agram saying that he is warring against Jugo-Slavia.

NAVAL ECONOMY.

1,500 employees in the dockyard at Devonport have received a fortnight's notice.

The Admiralty have also decided to close the boys' training ship Impregnable at Devonport, in view of the intention, on the ground of economy, to reduce considerably the number of boys to be retained for the Navy.

It is announced by the Postmaster General that no further mails will be despatched to troops in North Russia.

ROYAL WARRANT.

PAY OF WARRANT OFFICERS, N.C.O.'s AND MEN.

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The rates shown in paragraphs 2 and 5 of Table 1 will apply.

III.—Royal Engineers, Tank Corps, Royal Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, and Army Pay Corps.

Warrant officers, Class II, and non-commissioned officers down to and including serjeant, if classified as tradesmen will be paid at the rates for their ranks shown in paragraph 5 of Table 1. If not tradesmen they will be paid as in paragraph 2 of Taole 1.

Non-commissioned officers below the rank of serjeant and privates will be paid according to their trade group; those not classified in a trade in any group, will be paid as in paragraph 2 of Table 1.

	Rate per day
823. Royal Engineers.—	
Quartermaster-serjeant... ...	14s.
861. Royal Army Medical Corps.—	
Quartermaster-serjeant	12s.
872. Royal Army Ordnance Corps.—	
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	Rate per day.
995. Experimental quartermaster-serjeant	12s.
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	Rate per day.
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1024. School of Musketry—	
Serjeant instructor	8 6
1025. Gymnasia—	
Serjeant instructor	8 6
1026A. Camel Corps School, Egypt—	
Pay of rank in arm or corps to which the non-commissioned officer or man belongs.	

TABLE 3.

Group A.

Armament artificer.	Lithographer.
Chemist.	Millwright.
Computer.	Operating-room attendant.
Diver.	Pattern maker.
Draughtsman.	Pharmacist.
Electrical engineer.	Railway engine-driver (war).
Electrical engineer (wireless).	Shipwright.
Engine fitter.	Surveyor.
Fitter.	Toolmaker.
" (wireless).	Turner.
Instrument maker and repairer.	

Group B.

Acetylene welder (Royal Army Service Corps and Royal Army Ordnance Corps).	Machine-gun artificer.
Armourer and gunsmith.	Mason.
Barge builder.	Military accountant clerk.
Blacksmith.	Miller and machine hand.
Bodymaker (motor).	Motor cycle fitter.
Boilermaker.	Moulder.
Bricklayer.	Optician.
Cabinet maker.	Panel beater.
Carpenter and joiner.	Permanent linesman.
Clerk (of specially selected categories).*	Plumber.
Coach painter.	Steel erector.
Cooper.	Switchboard operator.
Copper smith.	Telegraph operator.
Dental mechanic.	Telephonist (Fortress).
Dispenser.	Trained nurse.
Gas fitter.	Watchmaker (Royal Army Ordnance Corps).
Grinder (precision).	Wheeler.
Hospital cook.	Wireless operator.
Laboratory attendant.	Wood turner.
	X-ray attendant.

* Clerks who are classified as such after the prescribed tests only are included. Soldiers employed temporarily as clerks are not treated as "tradesmen" during such employment but receive such additional pay as may be applicable under the Pay Warrant.

(*To be Continued.*)

LILLE'S GREAT ANNIVERSARY.

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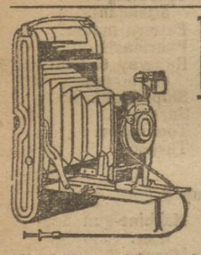
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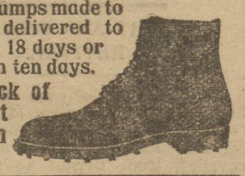

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TO READERS ALL.

We have two things we wish to tell our many thousands of readers on the Rhine and elsewhere.

The first is to let them into the secret that for a week or two past "The Cologne Post" has been severely handicapped by difficulties that arose over the supply of news by cable from London.

The result was, that for some little time we were unable to achieve what had always been our privilege before—the earliest dissemination of the world's news in the Area of Occupation. Many of our items of intelligence had perforce to be given secondhand, much to our chagrin.

But now a change has occurred. We are glad to say that all difficulties concerning the use of the cable have been swept away. Happily this took place on the eve of the Great Strike in England with the result that we were the first to give the vastly important news of the outbreak and all the details of the momentous industrial struggle to the troops in Rhineland.

Day by day since the menace began we have been able to continue this service and our circulation has shewn a marked upward tendency in consequence.

We hope that henceforward we shall continue to be the pioneer in bringing news red-hot over the wire, news good and news bad if necessary, to the Army watching on the Rhine.

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The next thing we have to say may not come exactly as a surprise to our readers. The cost of everything all over the world as a result of the aftermath of war is mounting up.

Labour in Germany as well as in our own and other countries is demanding, mainly because of the increased cost of living, a higher wage.

The price of material shows no sign of falling—on the contrary it is soaring to greater heights.

Our bill for setting up the paper in type, for machining and for clerical work has jumped up considerably of late.

We are on the eve of a further rise in the cost of production including a far heavier paper bill.

"The Cologne Post" does not by virtue of its mission as the soldier's own paper attempt to be a money-making concern. It has no desire to earn dividends. It is content if in its role of daily journal for the Rhine Army it pays its way.

To enable it to do this, it becomes necessary therefore to raise slightly its price. The increase which is essential, and cannot be avoided, is one of merely ten pfennigs a copy. From Saturday next it will be sold at 35 pfennigs instead of twenty-five.

But when the present extremely low value of German currency is considered, this sum is really a bagatelle. What is 35 pfennigs after all? "The Cologne Post" will still be one of the cheapest articles obtainable in Rhineland and we do not anticipate that we shall have one supporter the less, because everyone must realise that present conditions make the trifling extra outlay imperative.

A PRETTY TANGLE.

It was on the first day of his leave that he met her. In a bus. Not the girl's distress, but his own, had occasioned the introduction. Buckshee travelling on the Rhine had played havoc with his memory so far as travelling in Blighty was concerned.

Hence came it that he had boarded the vehicle at Victoria without giving a thought to the question of payment for his waftage. Only when challenged by the conductor did he remember that all the English money he had on him was two Bradbury's.

Explaining the position, he was on the point of leaving the bus when he became aware of the intervention of a third party.

At first, he was conscious of a feminine voice, of unusual sweetness, and did not, immediately, appreciate the purport of the girl's remarks.

Soon, however, he gathered that she was anxious to help him out of his dilemma by settling with the conductor on his behalf.

The polite refusal his lips were starting to form died as he gazed on the girl who, reversing the usual order of things, had come to the rescue of the male in distress.

She was neither very youthful (probably nearer 30 than 25) nor ravishingly pretty. No illustrated daily would have admitted her photograph to its Beauty Gallery.

Yet she was not devoid of attraction, and if eyes are the windows of the soul, and the tone of the human voice affords any indication of the human character, it was not surprising that he accepted the girl's offer.

Anyway, Jim (you may as well know his name now as later) was attached to no woman, if one excepts a pre-war attachment to his landlady and that only for rations and shelter — Jim, I say, took the fullest advantage, within the limits of his retiring disposition, of the situation.

The friendship between him and the girl ripened, watered as it was by dances, concerts, theatres, tramps abroad, mutual confidences — with (to vary the metaphor) chocolates to cement the structure.

Not that the structure was cemented. Ten days could scarcely suffice for a much bolder lover than Jim to convert a friendship into an engagement.

Thus it happened that when his last day of leave arrived he had progressed in his suit only to the extent that the girl had signified her willingness to receive letters from him without making a reciprocal promise to respond.

In the result, she did respond — to the tune of some 120 letters in four months. You, bold reader and I, without wider experience of the miscalled "baffling" sex, would have regarded this fact as justifying steps to clinch matters.

Not so Jim, who lacked both our assurance and our knowledge of femininity. Nevertheless, as his turn for another leave approached, he realized the urgency of the necessity for ascertaining the exact nature of the girl's feelings towards him.

Useless to wait till he was home, as he was certain to bungle matters if he attempted a verbal proposal.

A passion which lies too deep for words was best expressed, he reflected, in the absence of the cause of it. In desperation he commenced to write the letter, on the answer to which so much depended.

At the end of an hour a half-filled waste-paper basket testified to the failure of his first attempt at a proposal in writing. His first letter, of which he was rather proud at the time of writing, read through when the heat of composition had cooled, struck him as deplorably sloppy and noveletty.

He tried again — and the result was as prosaic as a tailor's circular soliciting custom.

He even attempted the humourous vein — and the proposal read like a piece of cruel satire. He was on the point of despair when his glance fell on two notices in "The Cologne Post" which had been functioning as a pad to his notepaper.

The first notice read:

"The Old Folks at Home" read the Cologne Post. Send it daily to yours.

The second, in close juxtaposition to the first, ran:

"Sweethearts read the Cologne Post. Send it daily to yours."

In this last notice, it seemed to him, might be found a way out of his difficulty. He would encircle the notice in blue, adding after the word "yours" "Shall I?" and despatch it to the object of his bashful affections.

Unfortunately, writing under the stress of excitement his enquiry was written mid-way between the two notices. To make matters worse, after despatching his "proposal", he received from the girl one of those letters which make men contemplate retirement to a monastery. It was a "catty" letter such as the best girls write at times.

The result is that a really nice girl is now wondering (1) whether Jim meant to send "The Cologne Post" to his parents and addressed it to her in error; (2) If so, whether his parents are now reading a letter intended for herself and no less wrongly addressed; (3) if neither of these theories is correct, did Jim mean to propose to her through the "Post", or (4) had her "catty" letter provoked him into a cruel reference to her age, through the agency of the notice about "The Old Folks at Home."

Meanwhile, Jim goes on Leave to-morrow, anxious and surprised at having received no answer to his novel proposal. He should have an exciting time.

E. J. TELLUM.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views on Many Topics.

ARE WOMEN CARELESS?

Sir,—If "Officer's wife" was able to produce her permit for the benefit of the D.A.P.M. then she is to be congratulated.

Few will envy the D.A.P.M. his job, yet how necessary it is judging by the duplication of brassards which has taken place.

I cannot imagine from my own experience that the white pass will be readily available. In all probability it will repose within the pages of the latest book playing the role of a marker. As an alternative it will be stored away with a bundle of correspondence, hidden under the writing pad, left in the pockets of another costume or boat or repose in a bag which is not being carried at that particular moment.

Fearing the inevitable I have emphasised the necessity of having the pass on hand until I am tired, and if the D.A.P.M. in the performance of his duty puts his powers into operation then I for one shall not be surprised.

MARRIED MAN.

BUSINESS NOW.

Sir,—I think "Cheery" misses the point of W.W.R's letter. No serving soldier can offer the slightest objection to the presence of ex-soldier on the Rhine with the desire to trade, but what he to my mind takes exception to is the number of individuals of varied nationality, the riff-raff of the business world judging by their general conduct in hotel smoking rooms, who have come in droves to Cologne.

The majority, but for the opportunity presented by the plight of Germany, would be playing a very insignificant part in commercial life and to any intelligent observer are not to be confused with the commercial man proper as we understood him.

CHEERIO.

CLOSING THE CLUB.

Sir,—I hope any attempt to close the "Earwig Lamp" will be resisted by officers. Cologne without the old club would be impossible.

To many of us who have been in Rhineland since the beginning of the year the call of the club is persistent and to hand it over to the Germans would be something in the nature of a calamity. No, the doors of the club must remain open so long as there are officers in Cologne, and I hope they will make their wish known through your columns or one morning we shall find the doors closed.

LOUNGE.

GERMANS AT ARMY THEATRES.

Sir,—In reply to H.A.C.'s letter, may I add a correction. Tommy has at no time been precluded from the Deutsches Theater by the precence of numbers of German civilians.

On no occasion since the signing of peace have more than at most half a dozen Germans been sprinkled throughout the theatre. The management have no intention of taking steps to keep out such few Germans interested in the productions of the R.A.D.C.

On the contrary they consider it as on the whole a good thing, that Germans should learn that the English stage is not entirely concerned with musical comedy and revue, a belief largely, and with some reason, held in Germany before and during the war.

Nor are they alarmed by your correspondent's dark hint that the intruders are there in order to snatch some small commercial advantage from a defenceless

TOMMY COOLHEAD.

LEATHERED TUNICS.

Sir,—I don't agree with "Jacko" one little bit. Why, if I wanted to make friends with an officer, I should always give the preference to one with leather patches on his tunic.

They seem to be marks of honour, something akin to scars of battle. They show he is no armchair soldier and has had to rough it in the real struggle.

I expect Jacko is one of those Base wallahs now up on the Rhine who is too immaculate in his attire for words. That isn't my ideal of a soldier.

A CLUB WORKER.

TEACHING BRITISH CHILDREN.

Sir,—The appeal of "A Mother" addressed to Y.M.C.A. does not fall on deaf ears. Some of us had already been thinking over the complex problem of the British children who are to be seen in Cologne.

Their stay here must be to them "a savour of life unto life or of death unto death" according to the eternal law.

I have already met one or two who are coming too much under the influence of German children and their parents in the houses in which they are billeted and even on the streets; and most of them are without opportunities for either proper work or proper play.

It requires little imagination to realize how fruitful of good in a thousand ways their visit to this foreign town during the plastic period of their lives might become; and the difficulties of protecting them from the harmful, and bringing them under the helpful influences can, and must be, overcome.

I am a man under authority; but I am sure that Mr. Walter Ashley, who is in supreme command of the Y.M.C.A. forces in the occupied area, will be sympathetic to, and helpful of, any well considered scheme for the soldier's bairns. And, as always, we can rely upon the sanction and powerful aid of the Army authorities in any matter that touches the welfare of the troops and their dependents.

I hope to be in a position to make a further communication upon this most important matter in a few days.

ALEX FRANCIS, Cologne Central Y.M.C.A.

PROFITEERING.

Sir,—The Profiteering Commission might well extend its field of activities to Cologne, amongst the various canteens. Apart from the question of raising the price of goods in anticipation of a fluctuation in the value of the mark, as was recently done in one of the largest of Tommy's clubs in Cologne, there is no reason why the German shopkeeper should be able to sell English-bought goods cheaper than the soldiers' own canteens.

Instances might be quoted, but every Tommy is acquainted with them, though beyond an occasional grouse or two nothing is done.

LESIL.

REFRESHING ENGLISH TEA.

Sir,—It strikes me from the tone of many letters you receive that if anyone on the Rhine is not living like a prize fighting cock he rushes into print with a grumble.

I must say a word in defence of the tea served in the Officer's Club. It may not always be of the same high standard, but I have never known it to be anything but good—at least good enough for the average individual.

Of course it is Army ration tea and that may not appeal to fastidious epicures, but these people should patronise other resorts than the average Officer's Club.

Really, I sometimes feel it would be a good thing for some of these "grousers" if the war started again and they would then have something more to occupy their minds than sipping tea to the strains of an orchestra and afterwards grumbling about its quality.

H.E.L.

WHEN THE OPERA ENDS.

Sir,—I would suggest that in addition to giving each day in the "Post" the hour at which performances of the Opera starts you should also state at what time approximately they finish.

This would be a great convenience to many and I think the point is worth considering, if practicable.

OPERA-GOER.

(We are adopting our correspondent's excellent suggestion.—Ed.)

WAR MEDALS FOR ALL.

Sir,—Since replying to "Pleased" my attention has been drawn to the letter from T.W.P. His question as to where I spent my time during the war forms the crux of the whole matter. It is just because of where I spent my time and what I saw which led to my protest against wholesale distribution of honours.

Assuming he was a fighting soldier he will know that the bulk of the Y.M.C.A. work was done in back areas. That being the case such workers should not become entitled to the 1914-15 Star.

The fact that thousands who are wearing the riband experienced air-raids solely is not my fault. My idea is to preserve at least two distinctions for the others.

"Rene's" letter to my mind disposes of the arguments put forward by "T.W.P.

AMAZED.

Sir,—I suggest to "Pleased" that if he has knowledge of any soldier who only came overseas just prior to the armistice and who wears the ribbon of the 1914-15 Star, that he immediately places him under arrest, the reason being obvious.

A. W.

PRICES FOR SOLDIERS.

Sir,—With the historic example of the nine-penny rabbit still present in our memories, those of us who need such essential articles as alarm clocks and furriers knives cannot offer "Fairplay" any support.

The authorities have, by establishing the N.A.C.B. and the Ordnance Stores, seen to it that the necessities of Life on the Rhine are provided for.

People, then, who of their own free will go to German shops and contribute indirectly to the revenue of the German State can hardly be justified in calling upon the authorities for help if they find themselves less astute than the wily shopkeepers.

LAISSEZ-FAIRE.

TOMMY'S SPARE MARKS.

Sir,—With reference to the letter headed "Tommy's Spare Marks" I wish to draw the attention of the writer to G.R.O. 3428, extract of which is quoted herewith: "Pending further instructions, individual officers may only purchase War Savings Certificates at Army or Field Post Offices in the Rhine Army by cheque or cash in British currency. Other ranks may not purchase more than twelve £1 certificates (or one £12 multiple certificate) in any one week, unless the certificates are paid for in British currency or by means of a cheque drawn in British currency." All ranks can purchase certificates up to the value of £12 in German currency in any one week through a War Savings Association.

LOCAL SECRETARY
NATIONAL WAR SAVINGS COMMITEE.

PRONOUNCING GERMAN.

Sir,—I agree with your correspondent "H. T.", that "your suggestions from time to time re study of the German language and its pronunciation would appear to be necessary," and I would recommend him to make full use of them.

Either his knowledge of the German language is very limited, or his dictionary very unreliable. "Rauchen Sie" means "Do you smoke?" The enquiry, being addressed to a personal friend, the familiar form "Du" might have been used, in place of "Sie," and the verb conjugated accordingly. ("Du" is of course the German equivalent of the old English "Thou"—now fallen into disuse). Otherwise, the British officer's question was perfectly correct.

The waiter's smile might have meant anything—he was probably expecting a tip, and wished to appear affable.

SUBSTANTIVE GUNNER.

THE LAND O' THE LEAL.

I'm wearin' awa', John,
Like snow-wreaths in thaw, John,
I'm wearin' awa'
To the land o' the leal,
There's nae sorrow there, John,
There's neither cauld nor care, John,
The day is aye fair
In the land o' the leal.

O, haud ye leal and true, John!
Your day it's wearin' through, John,
And I'll welcome you
To the land o' the leal.
Now fare-ye-weel my ain John,
This warld's cares are vain, John,
We'll meet, and we'll be fain,
In the land o' the leal.

CAROLINA LADY NAIRNE.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Thursday	7	Madame Butterfly	Puccini
Friday	7	Othello	Verdi
Saturday	8	Concert	
Sunday	7	Tosca	Puccini
Monday	5.30	Walküre	Wagner
Tuesday	7	Zar and Zimmermann	Lortzing

"The Jesters."

From Solingen comes the message, "If you want to see a party embracing all the qualities that go to make a variety show all it ought to be, go to see 'The Jesters' at the first opportunity." I have seen them, and I agree as to the ability of these merry entertainers. By the way, at the Palace Theatre, Cologne, last week, "The Jesters" played to record houses since the theatre was taken over by the military authorities.

Friday at the Palace.

To-morrow there is to be a bumper gala-performance at the Palace Theatre, Herzogstrasse, commencing at 6.30 p.m. It is a special occasion set apart as a benefit night to the "Tabs" (G.H.Q. Concert Party) all the people connected with Army Theatres and Cinemas, and in fact all the other ranks on the amusements staff. Naturally seats will be at a premium because all the stars will be there.

Some of the Stars.

I am informed that among the artistes that will certainly appear are Geo Huntley, Bert Rex, Geo Baines, Joe Morgan, and Alfred Barker (the violinist) of the "Tabs." "Erb" (Fred Weedon) of "The Pedlars," and Billy Matchett of "The Jocks" will come up from Bonn and Antwerp respectively. The "Jesters" are also to appear; in fact there will be a galaxy of talent from everywhere. Undoubtedly it will be the biggest show ever presented in Rhineland. So take my advice—book right away!

British Empire Leave Club.

The "Fragments" concert party gave a most varied and cheery show at the Leave Club on Tuesday night. It was their first performance at the B.E.L.C., and unfortunately their last in Rhineland, as they are all being demobilized. The entertainment began with an Overture ably played by the pianist and his two fiddlers; then C. Cavanagh and Syd Grossley gave some of the funniest impressions we have seen for a long time. "Dear Little Shamrock" was a delightful item on the programme and "The Henry Ford" and "Get Well" by the company provoked roars of laughter from the very large audience.

One of the "Tabs" Concert Party.

Rob Norrie, one of the oldest and most versatile of the "Tabs" concert party (you see him here) is shortly to be demobbed. Before the war he was an entertainer and toured extensively with the "Zeniths," the "Nobodies," etc. Norrie joined the original "Tabs" in 1918. Scoring an initial success in Cologne as Mephistopheles in the Deutches Theatre panto, he has gained even greater glory in the recent revues, "Get Busy" and "Well I'm!—!!" at the Apollo and Palace theatres.

"Hindle Wakes" Author.

"Hindle Wakes" which is being produced at the Deutsches Theatre, Cologne, this week, was written by the late Stanley Houghton, one of the most brilliant members of the "Manchester Guardian" staff, and a gifted raconteur. One of his favourite stories was that of the editor of an obscure Irish weekly who went on a holiday to Paris. On his return, he entertained a number of his confrères with an account of his travels, and after extolling the merits of the French people wound up with "And sure, they are years ahead of us in the way of education. Why the very children in the streets can speak French!"

In Cologne.

Miss Boulnois, who has done good work in the entertainment of soldiers, has arrived in Cologne from Coblenz and is at present the guest of the Y.M.C.A. where she will continue her talks on soldiers and incidentally have some amusing stories to tell. Miss Boulnois has had considerable experience of work amongst soldiers in the devastated area. On Tuesday evening she was at the Church Army Club, on Wednesday at Ehrenfeld, to-night she is at Overath, and to-morrow at Loreley Hall, Central Y.M.C.A., while on Saturday she visits No. 3 General Hospital, Leichlingen and Durham House.

Dramatic Company's Future.

On Monday next, in accordance with their programme of revivals, the B.R.A.D.C. will give the "Importance of being Earnest", a trivial comedy in three acts by Oscar Wilde. On Tuesday "Strife" will be produced. Owing to the big caste, it is unlikely that "Strife" will be given for more than five performances and possibly one matinee. Patrons of the B.R.A.D.C. are advised therefore to book their seats early. On Monday, October 13th, "The Younger Generation" is to be revived and on Tuesday "You never can Tell," by Bernard Shaw, will be produced.

Miss Bensusan's Versatility.

Later on the B.R.A.D.C. hope to produce the "Singer of the Veldt," a three act play by Miss Inez Bensusan. I feel sure that the patrons of the B.R.A.D.C. who have had the opportunity of enjoying Miss Bensusan's versatile talent in parts ranging from charwomen to duchesses, will appreciate the opportunity of applauding her as a playwrite. Circumstances permitting, Sheridan's immortal comedy "The School for Scandal" will be produced early in November.

"The Crumps" Again.

I was privileged to attend the latest rehearsal of the "Crumps" Concert Party the other day. The combination was scarcely recognisable, so changed is the show. In common with the majority of Army concert parties, that of the London Division has suffered severely at the hands of "Dame Demob." Among the absentees that were most conspicuous were W. H. Coole, the principal comedian, Tom Walsh, baritone, Freddy Fryle elocutionist, and Phileox, the able flautist of the orchestra, all of whom added in no small measure to the success of the party's previous performances. Lieut. "Jackie" Knight has, however, successfully reorganised the party so that its members present every promise of being capable of submitting a first rate entertainment. The first concert of the reorganised party will be at the British Empire Leave Club, Cologne, on Tuesday next.

Successful Experiment.

I confess that when I saw it announced that the weekly staff concert of the Central Y.M.C.A. had been transferred from the Loreley to the Great hall, I was apprehensive lest the audience should not be as large, or as interested, as is usual when entertainments classified as "popular" are advertised. The experiment, however, was fully justified, for more than 1,500 men flocked to the hall, and they were held to the end of the concert in delighted appreciation, to which they gave expression by repeated encores. This is a testimony both to the performers and to the audience, for all the pieces rendered were of the kind not generally supposed to make a popular appeal.

Appreciation of Classical.

It becomes increasingly evident that the musical culture of the British Army is greater than we had dared to believe, and that a severely classical programme, well executed, may be more appreciated by the Army than the kind of music that is often provided in response to what has been thought to be the popular demand. The Y.M.C.A. staff was efficiently assisted by Major Bowen and a quartette of O.R.'s.

Mess Dance.

A very enjoyable dance, organized by No. 2 G.H.Q. Sergeants' Mess, was held in the Burgergesellschaft on Tuesday. Dancing commenced at 6 p.m. and finished at 11 p.m. A large number of members of W.R.A.F. from H.Q. R.A.F. were present, by kind permission of the Chief Administrator; and there was also a goodly sprinkling of British wives. Sgt. Jones on the piano and Cpl. Cotton (violin) provided a very enjoyable musical programme. Great credit is due to them for the able way in which they met the insistent demands of the dancers for "some more."

And Jazz Band.

During supper, the Mess Jazz Band gave selections from their extensive repertoire: considering the short time that has been available for practice the results attained were very creditable. Flashlight photos were taken during the dance. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the President (S.M. Carr, R.E.) and members of the Committee and the band of willing helpers, all of whom worked unselfishly to make the dance a success. S.M. Felgate proved a very capable M.C. It is a matter for considerable regret that the W.R.A.F's are leaving us: they have made dances possible in the past by the ready way they have responded to invitations, and when they eventually leave for England they will carry with them the good wishes and heart-felt thanks of those for whom they provided so much enjoyment.

In Few Words.

There will be a second performance of "Hullo! Cologne!" at the British Empire Leave Club on Saturday, October 4th from 3 to 4.30 p.m.

On Tuesday next the B.R.A.D.C. produces "Strife" by John Galsworthy. This will coincide with the hundredth performance of the B.R.A.D.C.

JACQUES.

GOLF TOURNEY.

Herd, Ray And The Irish Champion Beaten.

"The News of the World" tournament started yesterday at Walton Heath. The railway strike prevented several who had qualified from competing.

The results in the first round provided several surprises, both Herd and Ray being defeated by Roberts and Rainford respectively. Batley made a plucky fight against Abe Mitchell but was defeated 2|1.

A notable success in the later games was that of Johns, of Purley Downs, who beat the Irish champion, O'Hara, of Dundalk.

BASHAM-WELLS MATCH.

To-morrow's Contest At Holborn Stadium Postponed.

BERMONDSEY MAN'S RECORD.

Owing to the strike and uncertainty as to the continuance of buses and trams to-morrow's boxing match at Holborn Stadium between Basham and Billy Wells has been postponed.

Johnny Basham having so thoroughly proved his right to the welter-weight championship since winning it from Johnny Summers some years ago it has become something of a habit with those closely associated with boxing to regard him as invincible when contronted with a man eligible by birth to challenge his superiority. But good as Basham is he must, like other crack boxers who have preceded him, meet his master in his own country.

A little time ago there did not seem to be any English boxer in sight worthy to pit against the champion, but there has loomed up on the fistic horizon a man who had been forgotten owing to his being on service abroad in the Army. To wit, Billy Wells, the Bermondsey man, who some time ago was spoken of as a "probable" for light-weight supremacy.

Wells showed considerable boxing ability when he first took up the profession, and the record he has built up, if not brilliant, is at least creditable. His weight increased with the donning of khaki and over-seas service, and he came home some months ago after winning the middle-weight championship of the 2nd Army on the Rhine to invite Basham to defend his title.

DING-DONG CONTESTS.

Gunner Loses Fast and Keen Match at Plymouth.

Gunner Lelliot, of Portsmouth, and Young Kennedy (Plymouth) had a hard boxing contest over fifteen rounds at feather-weights at the Cosmopolitan Gymnasium, Plymouth.

A fast pace was set at the outest, both men going to work vigoronsly. Kennedy was the cleverer, and, using his feet smartly, often had Lelliott out of distance. The Portsmouth boxer aimed chiefly at the body, and endeavoured to mix matters, the exchanges for a time being level.

The gunner was not lacking in enterprise and strength, and the local man received some gruelling blows. Kennedy, however, maintained his superiority and gained the verdict on points.

Young Lake, R.M.L.I., beat Wally Trainer, of Hoxton, by a substanial margin. The bout produced clever boxing, and each kept up a good speed to the close, but the marine was the cleverer with his left.

Taff Brian (Cardiff) forced Joe Drake (Plymouth) to retire at the end of the fourth round and Private McSweeney, R.M.L.I., after six rounds with Kid Walters (Caprera A.C.,) threw in the sponge, Walters making full use of his longer reach. Alf. Walters and his brother Jack fought to a draw, as did Ginger Simpson and Tommy Blagdon (Devonport Devonia B.C.)

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET TEAM.

Official Statement by the Marylebone Club.

With regard to the inter-change of visits between English and Australian cricket teams, the following official statement has been issued by the M.C.C.:—

In response to an invitation from the Australian Board of Control to send an English team to Australia in 1919-20, the M.C.C. replied in January apprehending insurmountable difficulties. In June the M.C.C. received a cable asking for a decision, to which a reply was sent regretting inability to send a team.

In July the M.C.C. cabled that it was doubtful if a team could be sent from England before 1921-22, and asking if the Australian Board of Control would prefer an invitation to send a team to England in 1921, to which a reply has now been received asking whether, if the Board decided to send a team in 1920, it would be welcome, and whether the M.C.C. would send a team to Australia in 1920-21.

This cable has been circulated to the first-class counties, asking their opinion before Oct. 7, when a reply must be sent.

Amateur Cycling Champion Dead.

The death has taken place at Barrow-in-Furness of F.J. Osmond, who was several times amateur cycling champion of the world.

CHUMS

read "The Cologne Post". Send it daily to yours.

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

A Few points about the Saturday's Victory International.

BY W. Le. C.

On Saturday, England versus Wales will be a star attraction in football circles. The English team reads all right on paper, and despite Hardy having six goals against him last week we may, I think, look to him to perform with his usual ability at Stoke. He will have a safe pair of backs in front of him, and a half back line of merit. Parker is at centre half and we can rest assured that this most important position will be one of the team's strong points. The forward line, with Puddefoot as pivot, reads well, albeit I should prefer Whittingham, great player as he is, to make way for another man.

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The Welsh eleven have a splendid custodian in Peers, and the defence should make good. The half back line promises well, and with Jones at centre half, a curious position occurs. Both the Welsh and English centre halves are Stoke players, and will both appear before their own crowd, on their home pitch. Truly an unusual occurence and one that will tend to prove of great value to the elevens they represent. Each will be out to shine, and while I think Parker will earn more applause, Jones is well worthy of his place.

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The forward line includes "Billy" Meredith and one is apt to wonder what a Welsh eleven would be like without the Manchester wizard. I am thinking he will be up against it this time, however, and so will Vizard, the opposite winger. I cannot look elsewhere than to the English eleven as the winners. If they fail I shall be disagreeably surprised.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

Lawrence Burkinshaw now playing for Birmingham is a brother of the famous Sheffield Wednesday player, and assisted Barnsley and the Wednesday during the war.

Brown, Dundee's scoring centre, anticipates his club will finish well up the Scottish League table. Centre-halves take note.

James Smith, Glasgow Rangers' new left back, will come on. Sunderland are vexed now they let this player slip through their hands. They could have had him for the asking.

Neil Turner whom Sunderland picked up may prove a rare inside player yet. Leeds City and Raith Rovers have each had his services.

Fox, Bradford City's forward, and **Ewart** their goalkeeper, were each discharged from the Army through wounds. Bradford folks think the Army doctors made a mistake in each case.

Banks, Liverpool's forward, was at one time thought completely "crocked" through wounds. To-day he belies this statement.

C. Symons who played as an inside forward with the Salonica Army is now with Plymouth Argyle.

"Knocker" West, the Manchester United player suspended for life, has again been refused a removal of his suspension.

J. Browning, the ex-Celtic star now operating with Chelsea, thinks Scottish goal scoring methods far superior to the English way.

Scottish footballers are ever inspired with one ambition, they want to play for Rangers or Celtic before they die.

Ridley now with Wallsend, was at one time voted one of the fastest wingers in first-class circles. He used to assist Newcastle United.

Grimsdell, the Tottenham half-back, is included in England's eleven for Oct. 11th. He deserves his second cap. He played for his country in last year's Victory International.

Bromilow of Liverpool is a brother to the holder of Everton's citadel of a few seasons ago.

Only once before in all their history have Aston Villa got so badly off the mark.

ROVERS' UNLUCKY NUMBER.

Blackburn Rovers have experienced more than their fair share of bad luck this season, and having reached the unlucky 13, are hoping for an improvement in future matches. Thirteen of their players have been on the sick or injured list though several have resumed.

It has been stated that the condition of Percy Dawson, their centre forward, is causing anxiety. He is suffering from gastric ulcer, aggravated by injuries received on the field. Dawson joined the Rovers in 1914, his transfer from the Heart of Midlothian costing the club £2,000.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE RESULT.

Clydebank 3; St. Mirren 1.

LAWN TENNIS "REFORMS."

How Smith And Doherty Improved The Game.

SHOULD RACKETS BE UNIFORM?

Lawn tennis in Victory (or Peace) year has had a great boom and it is one of the penalties that in the silly season it must suffer from a sniping of suggested reforms. It is worth while to discuss some of these (writes A. E. Crawley in the "Observer"), as they are typical of the way in which the would be reformer and—more likely—deformer, goes about his self-imposed crusade.

As I travelled home from a tournament last June, in which Mr. Gerald Patterson had been wiping the floor with an English international, thanks to his wonderful service, I heard my vis-a-vis say, "It's a scandal and ought to be stopped." I replied, "Which?" He explained, "This—service; it ruins the game." I ventured to suggest that it was up to the other people to find a counter to it.

It is a truism that in doubles the side serving has the advantage. When the server comes into court, as Messrs. Davis and Ward did, with a new delivery, they have a still further advantage, and so has Mr. Patterson. But it is men like these who improve the game, and help it towards perfection.

THE AMERICAN SERVICE.

When the Americans showed us the "American" service a well-known critic wrote that the service was a "foul stroke," the ball being hit, not merely twice, but three times, off the wood at one side of the racket, then on the centre, and lastly off the wood at the other side. Some criticism! Certain gentlemen, interested in the matter, tested it by the simple method of using a racket smeared with wet paint. From the marks left on the ball it was proved that the length of contact with the racket was never more than one inch. It is well known how Messrs. S. H. Smith and H. L. Doherty dealt with this American service. And their dealing improved the game; there was no more question of ruling out this service.

Now a suggestion is made (in view of the dominance of the server—if he can serve) that the ball shall not be "in play" until the striker-out has returned the ball over the net. If this proposal were adopted, it would mean that the striker-out has the right to refuse to return a service, and will refuse unless it is easy enough for him to make a good return. It is a curious thing that in the early days of ball games the initial stroke (service) was regarded merely as an institution of play, not as an offensive operation. A boy was employed to throw the ball in, or a ball throwing machine did the work. Another suggestion is that the server shall not be allowed to volley the return of his service. Still another is to limit the service to one delivery.

THE CHARM OF THE GAME.

Times without number it has been suggested that the server should be handicapped; a line was to be marked some way behind the base-line; or he was to replace his swinging foot behind the base line before advancing to the net after delivering the service. But more than half the charm of the game, and it is so in cricket between batsman and bowler, is the rivalry between server and striker-out. Make that as keen as possible, and the game will look after itself. If there should be an overwhelming preponderance then rules committees will act.

Matches have often been lost and won by a ball which hits the top of the net and trickles over, impossible of return. Many have suggested that a net-cord ball should be a "let," as it is in service; some that it should score against the striker.

THE LARGER BAT.

The laws of the game do not limit in any way (as they do in cricket) the size of the bat. Mr. F. W. Donisthorpe (and one disciple) has been playing for some years with a mammoth racket, which gave the Frenchmann Gobert a fright at Wimbledon. The extra size gives the player a longer reach, but it makes his stroke less crisp; its increased weight also renders his stroke slow. Some players have been so bothered by the pudding character of the balls coming from this racket that they want the authorities to fix a standard of size and weight. As a matter of fact, Mr. Donisthorpe his had to work enormously hard to learn the body movements necessary for manipulating this huge weapon, and, as a matter of practical politics, the giant racket has killed itself.

There are rumours that the L.T.A. is shortly about to revise the laws of the game. In the matter of wording they seem here and there to need it. But we trust (concluded Mr. Crawley) that the committee will deal sternly with such suggestions as have been mentioned above, which would only result in deforming the game. And when a game is spoilt by excessive tinkering it will be given up by serious athletes.

KALK FOOTBALL SHIELD.

Draw and dates for the Third Round.

FOUR DAYS' FIXTURES.

To-day: 6th Corps Signals v 1/6th West Yorks.

Friday: 3rd "B" Bty. 190 R.F.A. v 63rd R.G.A. or R. Flotilla, R.N.

Saturday: 53rd North'd Fus. v 23rd North'd Fus.

Sunday: 9th D.L.I. v 17th Ryl. Fus.

All games will be played on the ground of the 93rd Brigade, Kalk (Mülheim end of Exerzier Platz). Kick off 2-30 p.m. The first-named team will be responsible for securing a ball for the match.

Games must take place on the day stated to ensure the competition being completed in the three weeks allotted.

Irish "Strike" Threatened.

There is trouble brewing in Dublin football between the referees and the senior clubs, and there are strong rumours that there may be a "strike" at any moment. This would act as a sequel to the Leinster Association demanding the services of the linesmen (who are referees) in Irish League matches for the Leinster Senior League games.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

Don't Be Too Late With Your Entry In Our Skill Contest.

The success of our football competition continues, entries rolling in in large numbers from all quarters.

Below will be found the coupon for competition No. 2, which you should lose no time in filling up and sending along. There is no object in leaving things until the last minute. Such policy might mean that the closing date has come stealthily along and that your opportunity has skipped past.

Imagine the tragedy of finding that you had filled up a coupon correctly and had failed to send it in!

There is no limit to the number of coupons that may be submitted, but do not forget—as many did last week—to enclose one mark for each coupon.

The more entries we receive the bigger will be the prize, of course.

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

On our coupon for Saturday many of the teams will be playing without some of their stars, who will be figuring in the International.

Take the Bolton-Derby county match. Derby will be without Bagshaw, while Bolton will be minus Jennings, Smith and Vizard; the absence of the three last-mentioned will make a tremendous difference to the "Trotters," and the "Rams" have a good chance to obtain revenge for the beating they received at Bolton's hands (or rather feet) last week. W. Bromwich will be without Smith, their left-back, but they have a capable understudy to fill his shoes.

Southend will badly miss Jones, their clever forward, and Hudspeth, Newcastle United's capable defender, should be very much missed at St. James' Park, where Liverpool, who oppose them, generally do well. The latter will be without Matthews, their dashing centre, and his loss will cause a reshuffling of the Merseysiders' line. Everton will be without Grenyer, their clever half, and Oldham minus Goodwin, whose absence should materially affect the Lancashire Club's chances against Preston.

Wolverhampton are not so well supplied with goalkeepers that they can easily dispense with Peers, and this fine custodian's absence is Leeds' opportunity. We may expect some more surprises on Saturday.

Coupons must be addressed:—

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List Of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
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FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 2.

Date of matches, Saturday, Oct. 4th.
Closing date, Friday, Oct. 3rd.

Oldham	v. Preston N.E.
Bolton Wan.	v. Derby County
Newcastle U.	v. Liverpool
Everton	v. Sunderland
Bradford C.	v. W. Bromwich
Wolverhampton	v. Leeds City
Fulham	v. Bristol City
Coventry C.	v. Leicester C.
Cardiff C.	v. Exeter C.
Southend U.	v. Brentford
Morton	v. Hearts
Queen's Park	v. St. Mirren

I enter football competition No. 2 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Unit .....
Address .....

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Amateur Riders.

Races for amateur riders are popular at Newbury, and a lot of interest was taken in the United Services Cup.

Ill Times.

Gillingham appear to have fallen on ill times, as they have not secured a win in four successive matches.

Faulty Forwards.

Arsenal had to be content with one point at Blackburn, because luck was against them, and their forwards were not as deadly as usual.

Exhibition Golf.

Harry Vardon and Ted Ray, the famous professional golfers, played exhibition matches on the Grims Dyke course, Hatch End, Middlesex, on Saturday, in aid of St. Dunstan's Hostel.

Clapton Orient.

Clapton Orient's unexpected win at Wolverhampton added interest to their meeting with South Shields at Homerton on Saturday, and 15,000 spectators watched them.

Billiards Tourney.

Carpenter, by defeating Brady in the last heat of the billiards tournament at Thurston's on Saturday, received third prize of £20, the first and second having gone to Lawrence and Raynor respectively.

Fishing in The Ouse.

Fly fishing in the Ouse (Sussex), Mr. W. Holland, at Barcombe, has taken a 5lb seatrout, and roach anglers have also been successful in this river.

Hendon Tennis Finals.

Misu made great use of his favourite cross-court drives, and played throughout with considerable judgment. Fisher seems to have cultivated rather a taste for trick shots, and this led to his defeat.

Why Fulham Stayed at Home.

Fulham were unable to travel to Bristol on Saturday to play the City owing to the firm from whom the motor had been hired being unable to obtain a supply of petrol.

Handicapped by Crisis.

Such difficulties were experienced by players in getting to Richmond on Saturday that neither the London Scottish nor Rosslyn Park could place in the field at the Athletic Ground the team selected for the occasion.

West Ham's Defeat.

If excuses are to be made for West Ham's defeat at Stoke they will probably be found in the fact that they made a hurried rush on the field at the last moment, after a long and uncomfortable journey of eight hours in taxi-cabs from London.

Home Again.

Matt Wells, a former light-weight champion of England, arrived at Liverpool on the Aquitania the other day.

Croquet Result.

The croquet competition for the Victory Cup ended at the Roehampton Club in a win for Trevor Williams.

475,000 Spectators.

The attendance at 30 matches in England on Saturday numbered about 475,000, comparatively larger than the recent maximum of half a million.

Chelsea's Failure.

Chelsea cannot check the run of misfortune that set in with injuries to players and consequent alterations in their eleven. Bad play led to further changes on Saturday, with no better effect.

Record At Wimbledon.

In winning the senior monthly medal of The Royal Wimbledon Club on Saturday, with a return of 68 plus 1—69, Mr. F.S. Bond beat the amateur record for the course, the bogey of which is 77.

Rugby Trial.

Travelling troubles notwithstanding, Blackheath on Saturday brought off their final trial game between the players of 1914 and those who have recently joined "The Club." 1919 had to admit defeat by 16 points to 14.

Turn of The Tide.

Bristol Rovers secured their first brace of League points this season at Eastville, against Newport County.

Terrier Show.

A joint terrier championship show was held on Wednesday at the Holland Park Rink, Shepherd's Bush.

"Victory" Regatta.

The London Rowing Club held a "victory" regatta at Putney on Saturday. Most of the events were confined to members.

Fortunate Teams.

The Albion are fortunate in being able to rely on the same side week after week. They are a well-balanced team, individually clever, and, in combination, well nigh irresistible.

Scottish Foursomes Final.

The Scottish foursomes championship was won on the Lundin course by Mortonhall (represented by W.W. Mackenzie and D.M. Moore), who beat Carnoustie (J. Mason, jun., and W. Whyte) in the final by 3 up and 2 to play.

95 Goals.

Fine weather and many goals—there were 95 in the 30 games—made the football specially attractive on most grounds, on Saturday and with 17 home clubs winning and five drawing, spectators generally had every reason for satisfaction.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Why is This?

The English "movies" in Cologne undoubtedly prove a great attraction to the German population, but it seems a great pity that so many small urchins of the ages of nine and ten are allowed to occupy seats while Tommy has to be content with a makeshift seat on the floor.

An Oriental Dance.

Great preparations, I hear, are being made for the Arabian Nights Ball to be held at the Leave Club on the 16th inst. It should be a feast of Oriental colour, as only officers in Eastern dress will be permitted.

The Unimpressive Dom.

Everybody who comes to Cologne visits the Dom and most of them express a sense of disappointment. Somehow the great building does not impress as it should. But go and look at some of the smaller churches of Cologne—there are several within a stone's throw of the Cathedral—and you will be charmed by their antiquity and their beauty.

What He Would Do.

"I know what I should do, I should jump a lorry," was how one Tommy said he would settle any difficulty in getting about at home. But England is not France.

A Hand at Cards.

Perhaps you have noticed that whenever two or three French officers or poilus are together in a restaurant or café in Rhineland they nearly always indulge in a game of cards. What particular game they mostly play I don't know, but speaking generally I should imagine cards to be much more popular in the French Army than in ours.

A Great War Writer.

I understand that Mr. Philip Gibbs, the famous war correspondent and novelist, is again on a visit to Rhineland.

No Leave Trains.

Funny what pranks Dame Rumour plays us. An officer, who is expecting leave, came to me yesterday with the news that the railway situation at home had materially improved, with the result that the authorities had sent a leave train away. As a matter of fact the R.T.O. tells me that the familiar Arctic and Oceanic are not running.

In Demand.

"Sold out" has been the state of affairs very early in the day at most news stalls in Rhineland since "The Cologne Post" has been giving the earliest news of the Great Strike.

Many Miles Afoot.

The average German girl can claim one characteristic which makes for robust health. She is a great pedestrian. I heard of a Cologne girl clerk who on a recent Sunday tramped all day with friends and late at night found herself near Bonn; but the last tram and train home had gone, so she cheerfully set out to walk all the way back and did the long journey on foot "without turning a hair," as they say.

The Popular Paletot.

Paletots of a rather military style of cut are becoming very popular in Germany now that the chilly autumn weather is here. It is interesting to observe that fawn and khaki shades are more in demand than the slate-grey varieties.

Sporty.

At a recent Army Education Examination I am told the students were asked these questions on a "General Knowledge" paper: "Name the winners of the Derby and St. Leger," "What is the distance of these two races?" and "What age are the horses that run in them?" Evidently the authorities understand the sporting tastes of the soldier even if he is a student.

Mourning Tokens.

In Germany, mourning bands round the arm are worn at the end of the sleeve, and not, as in England, above the elbow. As far as I know, there is no special significance in this.

A Fatal Omission.

Several competitors in our football contest omitted to enclose the mark entrance fee. Fifty coupons in fact were received without the money. If this non-compliance was due to not reading the rules correctly it would have been unfortunate had any been correct; it would be a calamity if the sender of a winning coupon had not complied with our rules.

For Traders.

Business men are advised to watch the columns of "The Cologne Post". Very shortly they will see a new feature that will interest them daily.

All They Want.

I met him quite by accident. As a matter of fact I was trudging along when the inevitable lorry hove in sight and the driver as usual obliged. On the same conveyance was a typical Cockney lad, the type of officer's servant so valuable in the line. He had with him a parcel of dainty cakes which would have given delight in feminine circles. "Like a cigarette?" I asked. "No thanks Governor," he replied with his mouth full of these dainty morsels. "My blokes 'as all they wants and they don't mind 'me helping myself." He continued to make an impression on his luxuries.

A Distinguished Visitor.

Sir George Paish, Editor of "The Statist," is on a brief visit to Cologne, en route, we understand, for Berlin. Sir George rendered notable service during the war as Chairman of an important Government Commission on World Economics, and lectured in the War Area to large audiences of fighting men. I am interested to see from our advertisement columns that he is to lecture on the League of Nations this evening in the Central Y.M.C.A. Loreley Hall.

Can't Forget 'Agnes'.

The "Sketch" refers to the "Agnes letters of deathless fame" which recently appeared in our columns, and describes that fair correspondent as "the immortal Agnes."

A Camera Group

Have you ever taken the trouble to study the display of photographs in a German establishment, preferably of the cheaper class? If so you will find a source of entertainment. In a window not far from Hohestrasse are to be seen several amusing groups. A party of pioneers have armed themselves with long pipes beloved by the German; beer-pots show signs of recent replenishment, one of the party sits astride a barrel, another is displaying a picture playing card while a comrade is scratching his head as though in a dilemma. Another has a broom over his shoulder and a dustpan suspended from his chest.

A Huge Prize.

I hear of a very big "sweep" being organised in Lille for the Cambridgeshire. If 100,000 tickets are sold the first prize will total £12,000,—a nice sum to take home on "demob." Major Denison, 33 Rue de Loos, Lille, is the Secretary.

Money Exchange.

Yesterday the money market revealed an extraordinary state of affairs. At the Field Cashier, where, as I explained yesterday, the Field Advance Pay book is now "napoo" the rate rose as anticipated from 93 to 120. At the English banks 90 was paid and at the German banks 90 for cheques. Meanwhile the commercial rate hovers in the neighbourhood of 98. I am inclined to the view of a philosophic friend. Take your chance when you want money. There is nothing in it.

At The Marricor.

I hear excellent reports of the Marricor Hotel for married officers and their wives and also that the social side of life is being well catered for. Dances are very popular. One was held last Saturday evening and another is arranged for next Saturday at 8 p.m.

"Chivalrous Tommy".

Chevalier Sambucetti, in the course of a fascinating lecture on Anglo-Italian Friendship, in the Loreley Hall of the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. recently compared the British soldiers on the Rhine to the Roman soldiers who once were in occupation of Cologne, in respect of their high courage in fighting an undefeated enemy and their generous forbearance towards the enemy when victory over him had been won.

At the Club.

Quite a crowd of officers are in the same plight as the men. Many are kicking their heels at the clubs and speculating as to whether the trouble is likely to last a month. You see Club prices for meals regularly make inroads on one's exchequer.

Back to Their Units.

The whole of the men who had been collected together for demobilization have been returned to their units through the strike. Just what their thoughts are as regards the offending railwaymen can well be imagined. I heard it suggested in one quarter that men due for demobilization should be got through by hook or by crook and they would then make it hot for strikers. I imagine they would.

Musicians won't Play.

The cabarets in Cologne are mostly carrying on without music owing to a strike of musicians; the vocal and dancing turns are working under the greatest difficulties. At some places visited I found gramophones being employed.

Brush, Pencil, Camera.

Recently at Lindenthal Y.M.C.A. there was an exhibition of paintings and photographs which Lady Cooper opened and I am told it was a huge success. Mr. E. Carver organised it, and prizes were awarded to Spr. Carr, R.E. and Pte. F. Elderton, Pte. Oliver Bull, M.G.C., Pte. N. Burrows 52nd Devons, Pte. R.E.H. Basker and Pioneer C. Furth, 20th D.L.I. There are some clever artists with brush, pencil and camera in the Rhine Army.

On the Hoardings.

Political circles in Rhineland appear to be getting very busy just now and preparing for an active winter season, judging by the number of striking posters daily appearing on the hoardings announcing election meetings.

"Disguised."

The young German seen in the Hohe Strasse the other evening dressed in all the glory of jockey costume, was either out for a moment's airing from a fancy dress ball, or else it was a distinctive form of garb adopted by some "gesangverein."

RHINELANDER.

ARGENTINA FOR EX-SOLDIERS.

As one who has had several years' experience of the Argentine I have frequently been asked what sort of a place it is and what chances there are for one going to the country for the first time.

The whole problem cannot be thrashed out within the limits of the present article, but one may presume that those seeking fortune in the Argentine are divided into two classes.

First of all there are those who are sent out by the London office of some firm having branches in the country such as the British banks, the railways, shipping or insurance companies or the various firms of accountants. In most cases the adventurer has little to fear.

The firm he joins will generally look after him, and immediately after his arrival lodgings will have been found for him. He will work with English-speaking people and will rapidly pick up enough Spanish for all ordinary purposes. His advancement will depend entirely upon his own efforts just as it would in England. If he learns Spanish properly his value to his firm will be increased.

The other class consists of those who are going out in the hope of finding "some job or other"; this was the attitude of many early settlers who are now rich men but it cannot be too clearly stated that the Argentine is not a Micawber's Paradise.

A man who is not going out to a post should be possessed of not less than £500 and should certainly know Spanish fluently. Letters of introduction should also be obtained if possible.

Although the salaries paid are high all living is most expensive, for example the pre-war price of clotnes was exactly that now charged in England.

Between these two classes comes that group composed of men who are going to a post on a ranch. Formerly a man with little capital, plenty of initiative and average luck could do well in ranching, but nowadays land and stock are a very high price and the settler must face the prospect of remaining an employé for many years.

He will probably work for a couple of years for his keep and about £50 to £70 a year, whilst he is learning his job.

During this time he will live comfortably with the owner or manager and want nothing. After this, if he is capable, he will be offered the management of a small ranch or the post of "second in command" of an important one at a salary perhaps of £120 a year, with everything found for him.

He will always have a chance of making some money by judicious speculation in cattle. But it is a hard life, cut off from all civilization and demanding severe and continuous effort, albeit those who experience it seldom abandon it.

What is characteristic of nearly any civilised country to-day applies to the Argentine. There is no room for "quitters" or "remittance men." Perseverance, hard work and belief in one's own ability will go a long way towards helping one on the road to success. A large and hospitable English colony will make one always welcome.

On the other hand, customs, speech and land are strange and the settler must be prepared to drop the insular aloofishness characteristic of too many of us and be prepared "to do as Rome does".

The Argentine is only partially developed, is sparsley populated and has a great future ahead of it. The right type of man will be welcomed and will succeed. The wrong one will go under.

PORTENO.

WHY WE SHAKE HANDS.

How many people know what is the origin of the custom of shaking hands. In olden days, when every man who had any pretensions to being a gentleman carried a sword it was the custom when meeting another, to show that there was no intention of treachery by offering each other the weapon hand, free from the weapon. To hold back the hand was equivalent to a challenge to combat. This habit became so fixed that long after swords ceased to be worn men still offered the weapon hands to friends and declined to do so to enemies. Among savages who never carried swords the custom of shaking hands is unknown, and it affords them a great deal of amusement to see white men engage in the practice.

FLINT AND STEEL.

Tobacconists are essentially conservative—that is, if they are really first class. Somehow old cigars, old customers with special favourite Latakia and Perique mixtures, and old-fashioned pipes and smokers' requisites, seem to create a special distinctive atmosphere reminiscent of the early 'eighties. One would hardly expect to find a London shop still keeping smokers' essentials of the flint and steel period before matches were invented, but in one wonderful old shop was to be seen a drawer of stuff that looked like dried sponge. This was "amadou," or German tinder, and was actually stock that dated back nearly a century. I asked if they ever had demands for it. "Not now," said the old man. "Gentlemen going to foreign parts used to ask for it. Speke had some, and Sir Richard Burton—he used to come to the old shop for it; but there is no demand to-day, and never will be till the price of matches goes up again!"

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Officers in Command.—Officers are directing heavy motor traffic at home.

Bicycle Sail.—An Ilford baker has invented a bicycle sail device.

Many Men Recalled.—All Naval leave has been cancelled.

Help the Post.—The public at home are asked to write only urgent letters.

Police Alert.—All leave to the Metropolitan police has been cancelled.

Scootamota.—The popularity of Scootamotha has gone up by leaps and bounds

Breakdown.—Mr. Wilson may have to give up his official duties for many weeks.

Expensive.—Two men paid £36 for a taxi-run from Carlisle to London.

No More.—The Government sale of surplus motor cars has been stopped.

Long 'Un'.—A Tottenham 12-year-old girl is 6 ft. in height.

A Previous Strike.—The great French strike of October, 1910, was over in a few days.

Facetious.—"Milk for mamma and the new baby" ran the inscription on a motor lorry.

Kissed.—An American lady who sang to U.S. wounded received 200 offers of marriage.

Like Father.—Young Beatty wears his hat on one side at the approved Beatty angle.

A Doctor's Threat.—A Southport doctor has declared his intention of refusing to treat strikers and their families.

Vicar's Invitation.—A Herne Hill Vicar invited his congregation to study the papers and confer with him on the strike.

One Word.—The food rationing scheme was put into operation by the use of one code word.

Amongst the Sweets.—A South Shields tramcar left the rails and ran into a confectionery shop.

Homeless.—M. Poincaré had four residences all of which were destroyed by Germans.

Goodbye.—When the Prince of Wales left a Canadian town he sat on the back of his car.

"Compree?"—Many of the inscriptions appearing on motor lorries in London are evidently the work of ex-soldiers.

For Washington.—The Prince of Wales is leaving Ottawa for Washington on November 10.

Another Instalment.—Another 1,000,000 gold marks is on its way from Germany to England.

Prepared.—Judging by the mountains of stores on Salisbury Plain the troops were prepared for the strike.

Motor Car Census.—Police at home are taking a census of motor cars on the move.

"Cut" in Size.—Several London newspapers have been cut down in size—evidently a precautionary measure.

Healthy.—The compulsory walking caused through the strike is likely to increase the health of the nation.

Royal Family's Return.—The Royal family will probably return from Balmoral to London by motor car.

Collections for Drivers.—Drivers of locomotives at home are getting collections from passengers.

Opera Company's Transport.—The D'Oyly Carte Company journeyed from Bristol to London in 18 motors.

In Pince-Nez.—A fireman on the train which ran from Edinburgh to King's Cross was a young gentleman in pince-nez.

No Women.—Lord Bertie before his death asked that no women should attend his funeral.

His Own Porter.—A Flying Corps officer was his own porter at a London terminus on Monday.

Trains Collide.—There has been a serious railway collision at Grenoble. Twenty people were injured.

Booked but . . .—A party booked for South Africa were stranded at Waterloo on account of the strike.

By Airship.—The R. 34 and her sister airships will be brought into service for the carriage of mails.

Permitted.—The Order prohibiting fraternisation has been lifted by the American authorities.

Congratulated.—The producer of "Reparation" at St. James Theatre is receiving many congratulations on the highly artistic setting of the play.

By Char-a-Banc.—Mr. Cyril Maude's theatrical company journeyed from Brighton to Portsmouth in a char-a-banc because of the strike.

No Souvenirs.—A Prussian woman who attempted to keep her dead son's rifle and equipment has been sent to prison for four years.

Handed Over.—The Post Office has placed the carriage of mails by road and rail in the hands of the Ministry of Transport.

A Recent Strike.—The British railway strike of 1911 caused by grievances in connection with the Conciliation Board lasted three days.

The Strike Mania.—Spain has caught the strike fever. A general strike is threatened if certain railway employés are not re-instated.

An Air Pioneer.—The German airship "Bodensee" has been the first to succed in establishing wireless telephonic communication for any considerable distance.

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Methods of dealing with the strike are improving daily. Aeroplanes and trains by hundreds, motor lorries by thousands and volunteers by tens of thousands are fast making up for much of the transport which is idle through the strike.

All classes of the community have responded to the Government's call and offers of skilled help have been overwhelming. Distribution of food proceeds in a wonderful manner. Supplies are thoroughly satisfactory and nobody has yet suffered any hardship or experienced any real difficulty in obtaining sufficient food.

So reasonable was the Government offer and so unreasonable was the railwaymen's stoppage of work, over a point which does not in any way arise for some months hence, that the strikers have resorted to spreading grossly distorted versions of the Government's standpoint in order to justify their reckless action. They pretend that the Government is figthing Trade Unionism but nothing could be further from the truth. It is in no sense a fight against organised Trade Unionism but on the contrary it is a defensive measure to protect the community from an arbitrary minority.

An Exploded Belief.

Certain sections of labour had come to believe they could secure any demands, regardless of economic laws, simply by threatening to withdraw labour and hold up the whole community. Their belief that a sudden railway strike would paralyse the life of the country and bring the question to an issue within two or three days has proved unfounded. So Mr. J.H. Thomas, the men's leader, who has hitherto declined offers of sympathetic strikes by other workers, now announces that he will no longer decline. This may reasonably be regarded as a signal of distress. At the same time Mr. Thomas insists on his readiness to let no question of personal pride stand in the way of effecting any possible settlement, which, he says, is desired both by strikers and community.

Building the Bridge.

The great conference of the National Transport Workers Federation was held at Caxton Hall under the presidency of Mr. Harry Gosling. The hall was crowded.

A prominent delegate, who left the conference about midday, remarked "I think a bridge will be built." At 1.45 the Conference adjourned until five in the afternoon, after passing a resolution asking Mr. Lloyd George to receive a deputation. The Premier agreeing, the deputation proceeded to Downing-Street at 3 p.m.

The Essential Preliminary.

The Conference at Downing-street lasted three and three-quarters hours. Mr. Lloyd George told the deputation that the Government considered it quite impracticable to continue negotiations unless work is resumed. Apart from other considerations the Ministers who would be concerned in such negotiations could not possibly attempt to deal with the questions involved while their whole energy was devoted, as it must necessarily be, to improvising means for carrying on the life of the nation.

mbiguous statement.

Mr. J. H. Thomas announced later that the Railwaymen's Executive had "accepted the Government's offer to talk things over" and said they would proceed to see the Premier at once. It is not yet clear whether this means that the Railwaymen accepted the Government's conditions regarding resumption of work as the condition of resumption of negotiations, but apparently it does not. At a late hour on Wednesday the railwaymen were conferring with Mr. Lloyd George.

"Purely Trade Union."

The conference called by the National Transport Workers Federation, at which representatives of most of the Trade organisations involved, or likely to be involved in the strike, were present, was held in private. Mr. Thomas and Mr. Bromley, the Railwaymen's leaders were also invited. They made a statement regarding their case and then withdrew.

A statement was subsequently issued regarding the proceedings. It declared, after hearing the statement of the Railway Unions' representatives that it was unanimously resolved that the strike is "purely a Trade Union strike for wages and conditions."

It is a noteworthy fact that Mr. Smillie, the Miner's president, who is credited with extreme views, points out the seriousness of the strike and says the consequences ought to be avoided if common sense and interest in the nation's welfare are observed. He declares the door is still open for negotiations and states that he has advised that the deputation on mines, which was to meet the Premier next week, should be postponed in order not to embarrass the Premier.

Unscrupulous Arguments.

Several great trade societies, including the Engineers and Boilermakers have ordered their members to keep at work. There are, however, extremists among the Transport Workers' Organisation who are attempting to force the transport strike and are grossly misrepresenting facts in an effort to bring it about.

Rates of Strike Pay.

The National Union of Railwaymen has fixed strike-pay at twelve shillings weekly for Scale A men. The remainder will receive six shillings weekly, with one shilling extra for each child under twelve years of age. Seventy-five per cent of the strikers come under Scale A.

Out-of-work Donations Forfeit.

Normal deliveries by the railway companies are re-starting. Food, coal and petrol must be used with strict economy in view of the possibility that the dislocation of traffic may continue for some time. A rumour flew round London yesterday that the omnibuses and trams had stopped running. It was, however, not due to the strike but to the fact that the cars on the London County Council system were held up for half-an-hour owing to the failure of the electric current. The cars resumed running soon after 10 o'clock.

Many railwaymen are returning to work. On the London line alone 170 members of the traffic staff have been reinstated during the last twenty-four hours. Full arrangements have been made whereby substitutes will be found for any men employed on the London omnibus services who may leave work.

Ten thousand tons of perishable foodstuffs were cleared by the Ministry of Food from Metropolitan stations without the use of Government lorries.

The Government has decided to continue payment of out-of work donations, but with certain important modifications. Any one identified with the strike or any member of an organisation giving active support to it, will be refused.

Still they come.

Offers from ex-service men are coming in not only from individuals but from entire organisations. The President of the Bristol branch of the Federation of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers wired to Mr. Lloyd George: "I and my 7,800 members back law and order up to the hilt. We are ready to give any help we can."

A similar offer was received from the 1,600 members of the Gillingham Branch of the Comrades of the Great War. Replies have been sent indicating how the offers will be utilized.

The British Engineers Association, comprising 600 of the leading engineering firms, has offered the Government any service which lies in its power. The offer points out that their staffs constitute a vast store of technical knowledge, engineering skill, organising and administrative ability and enormous experience.

A Dastardly Threat.

According to the Paris Matin, the strikers have sent to the Government a 48 hour ultimatum that if the troops guarding the Severn tunnel are not withdrawn within that period the pump men will cease work and allow the tunnel to be flooded.

The wise old brigade.

Yesterday Trade Unionists in uniform were working the electric trains to Hampton Court.

One driver declared his intention of sticking to his job. He said he had been a Trade Unionist for thirty-four years and though he was willing to strike for a just cause he could not make out what the strikers wanted. Another Unionist guard said he had been a railway worker for forty years and was not going to "chuck it up" now.

Exciting accident to express.

At Waterloo the officials were in an optimistic mood and thought there would be a service to all important places to-day. Further improvement was also effected on the Great Western line. The mid-day train from Paddington reached Cardiff at 6.30 p.m. with four hundred passengers, who had an exciting experience near Gloucester. The gate at a level crossing was closed and the train dashed through it at fifty miles an hour. No damage was done except to the gates, the wreckage of which was piled up on the engine. The train was pulled up a little further on and passengers assisted to clear away the wreckage, after which they proceeded to their destination.

As per time table.

Thanks to the most excellent response from all classes of the community to the appeal for volunteer helpers, the train services in and out of London are increasing rapidly and promise soon to exceed one thousand daily.

The Great Western Railway announces that over 300 trains are running, the Great Eastern has 217, and the North-Western 200. The following additional services recommenced yesterday: Central London: Shepherds Bush to Liverpool-street. Metropolitan: Edgware-road to Liverpool-street. The Hampstead-Golders

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Green Tube: South-Eastern: Crystal Palace, London Bridge and Cannon-street. Brighton and South Coast: Victoria to Denmark-Hill. Midland; Kentish Town and Wanstead Park, St Pancras to Hendon.

As all services. even on the Tubes, cease at dusk, the return of the workers to their homes is a much more difficult matter than the morning journey to the City. The bulk of the business houses are allowing their staffs to leave in time to catch trains. As, however, many of those released early travel by trams and buses the evening street traffic is thus extended over a longer period and the pressure is correspondingly eased. It is pointed out that the simple expedient of continuing summer-time, which ended on Sunday, until the strike is over would have given the railways an extra hour of daylight. Besides the extension of the passenger services an ever increasing number of goods trains are now running.

Catching up the mails.

Yesterday fifty-four aeroplane services were employed throughout the country in the distribution of mails. One Handley-Page machine took 1,400 lbs weight of letters to Brussels for Holland and Norway and returned with 2,000 lbs. The mails were also carried to Paris. Besides these, civil aeroplanes, with a total mail-carrying capacity of 4,750 pounds, left London for Bristol, Birmingham, Newcastle, Manchester and Glasgow. Surplus mails are being rapidly cleared and the postal delay is now only about twenty-four hours.

Upwards of 153,000 gallons of milk were brought to London yesterday, consumers receiving sixty-six per cent. of their normal consumption. Adequate supplies of preserved milk for infant feeding are being distributed to municipal uthorities.

RUSSIAN AMBUSH.

BRITISH GENERAL'S NARROW ESCAPE.

An account of the withdrawal of the Dvina force is forwarded from Archangel by Reuter's correspondent. The British troops evacuating Ustvaga should have been relieved by Russians but the latter arrived very late. The enemy consequently were able to cross the Vaga and lay in ambush at the confluence of the Vaga and Dvina.

From this position they fired on the British boats coming down the river. One bullet smashed the cabin window of the first motor boat descending and passed within a few inches of General Sadleir Jackson's head. The Royal Fusiliers, who were in the next boat, lost four killed and eleven wounded.

BLESSING IN DISGUISE.

LORRY AND PLANE DEVELOPMENT.

Viewed in regard to further developments of the motor lorry and of the aeroplane, it is conceivable that the strike could not have occurred at a more opportune moment. It will definitely establish the aeroplane in the world of commerce. During the last few days the demand for accommodation in large machines now flying between all parts of the country has enormously increased, while aeroplanes have been extensively utilised for the transport of goods for which prompt delivery is essential.

Hounslow Aerodrome, just outside London, is particularly busy with continental air traffic, for there all aeroplanes leaving or arriving in Britain must report to the Customs authorities. Since the strike was declared at midnight on Friday work at Hounslow has been more than doubled. Up to midday on Tuesday 111 machines had left Hounslow for the Continent, among the objectives being Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, Rome and Madrid, while there had been eighty-one arrivals. Practically every machine carried a full cargo both of passengers and goods. The value of the cargoes varies greatly, but it sometimes is as much as four thousand pounds. Directly parcels arrive they are examined by Customs officers, and the contents make a strangely varied collection, skins, cinematograph films, jewellery, important documents and dresses being often included.

TWICE ROUND THE CLOCK.

An effort is being made to introduce into the United Kingdom the 24 hour method of expressing time.

A Committee has been appointed consisting of the following:—

Major J. L. Baird, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.P., Under-Secretary of State for the Home Department (chairman), Lord Ashton of Hyde, Mr. John Cairns, M.P., Sir Francis Dent, general manager of the South-Eastern Railway Company, Captain J. M. Harvey, Board of Trade, Mr. A. Maxwell, Home Office, Captain Webster, R.N., Admiralty.

NO NEW BRITISH CARDINALS.

The Pope will create several new cardinals shortly, but there will be no new British cardinals.

The view is expressed in Vatican circles, that, although Australia has not had a cardinal since the death of Cardinal Moran, the political agitation in the Commonwealth, especially by the Irish, makes it difficult for the moment for the Pope to confer the Red Hat on any Australian bishop.

SWEET INNOCENCE.

AN OLD STORY WITH A MORAL.

Should anybody come across a young German girl with a fur trimmed brown winter coat and a plausible story, let them take heed!

Such an one was discovered in the Scottish Churches Hut in the Schildergasse at an early hour recently, but she then had only the plausible tale, which although very old and threadbare, served her purpose. Here it is.

Travelling from Mainz to Saarbrücken to visit her mother she confided her innocent young self, her ticket and her money to a sympathetic young stranger and went to sleep, a sure sign of good breeding. She woke up at Cologne, which is on a different line, minus ticket, papers, purse, and the considerate young man.

She was recommended to the Scottish Churches Hut, where the good ladies took the "puir wee lassie" in and were themselves taken in, for when, after consultation with the D.A.P.M., the R.T.O., and sundry other authorities, she was provided with food and money and sent, under escort of a woman in German nurse's uniform, to the station, the reception committee awaited her in vain.

Incidentally the brown winter coat trimmed with brown fur, the property of Miss Halliday, had disappeared. So had the girl.

Thus must the innocent suffer for the guilty.

And the name of this true story is the Confidence Trick.

120 TO THE POUND.

ERZBERGER EXPLAINS THE CAUSES.

The first important discussion in the German National Assembly since the reopening of the session concerned the rate of exchange.

Conservative deputies attributed the decline of the mark to Erzberger.

Herr Erzberger, Minister of Finances, pointed out two methods by which the value of the mark could be raised, viz: Long foreign credits and payment in goods. The long credits will only be possible after complete ratification of peace.

Payment in goods makes it necessary that everybody works. "I am against compulsory labour" he said, "but we shall get it in another manner. The taxes will become so heavy that only a few will be able not to work."

Several other pertinent remarks were made by Erzberger. He said for instance that Germany is actually selling much too cheaply to foreign countries. He further declared that while the Entente refused to allow the customs frontier in the West to be re-established, it is impossible to have a sound financial policy. "As long as we have this bleeding wound in the West, Germany has not the strength to fulfil the conditions of the Peace Treaty."

HIGH WAGES NO REMEDY.

At a meeting of the Central Profiteering Committee held in London Mr. McCurdy, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, presided and said they had to discover where unreasonable and unconscionable profits were being made and to endeavour to eliminate the evil, and to restore public confidence. Merely to increase wages could never be a satisfactory remedy for high prices. Every increase of wages increased the price of commodities and made living more difficult for others. What was wanted was to increase production and reduce prices.

CAMBRIDGE WAR RECORD.

In his valedictory address on relinquishing the Vice-Chancellorship of Cambridge University, an office which he had held for two years, Dr. Shipley, Master of Christ's College, stated that out of 16,000 soldier students serving in the war 2,652 were killed, 3430 wounded and 497 were reported missing and prisoners, most of whom had been accounted for.

Among the honours gained were twelve Victoria Crosses, 5,036 mentions in despatches, 1,861 Military Crosses and many other distinctions.

The new Vice-Chancellor is Dr. Peter Giles, Master of Emmanuel College.

TARDY HUNGARIAN JUSTICE.

The Hungarian Government has begun criminal proceedings against 1,500 persons charged with misdeeds during the Bolshevist regime. Five arrests have been made at Buda-Pesth in connection with the murder of Count Tisza last November.

BIG GERMAN COMBINE.

The two principal electric lamp factories in Germany are combining with the object of "strengthening German production as against foreign competition, which has become increasingly influential during the war."

THEIR OWN HANDIWORK.

Six German experts, accompanied by a French officer, have left Versailles to visit the devastated areas of Soissons and Rheims, in order to take account of the restoration work to be carried out there.

GERECHTIGKEIT.

IGNORANCE, ALLEGED BEER AND MOONSHINE.

Wilhelm Kautz, of Rosenstrasse offered 5000 marks bail but it was politely pointed out to him that this is only equivalent to about £50 so he had to increase the amount to 10,000 marks.

The charge against him was that of stabbing a British soldier but as the injured man is still in hospital the case had to be further adjourned. Thus it was that Wilhelm had to offer this large mount in guarantee that he would not attempt to evade the consequences of his alleged act.

THE WATCH THAT FAILED.

A corpulent and bald headed legal gentleman, sporting the Iron Cross of the 2nd class, defended Hilda Neunerdt of the Thurnmarkt on a charge of supplying what is facetiously called beer, to English soldiers at 3.42 p.m.

The defence was worthy of the legal gentleman, and was that the woman's husband always put his watch forward half an hour in order that soldiers might leave early. Unhappily he forgot to restore normal time on the day in question so that when the soldiers were found there it was apparently past 4 o'clock. The Court was of the opinion that the husband should be included in the charge and the case was adjourned for this to be done.

WHERE IGNORANCE IS BLISS.

That she was not aware of the new regulations governing the hours of opening for cafes was the defence put forward by lustige witwe Hoever of Cecilien-strasse who catered for the needs of two thirsty soldiers at 11.30 a.m. — the hour of opening being now 12 o'clock. The plea succeeded and in view of the fact that the offence was committed on the day following the alteration in opening hours she was allowed to go with the contents of her purse intact.

"ALL MOONSHINE."

Ernst Zadasch of 10 Zugweg made the aquaintance of a gentleman with a strange hobby — the manufacture of spurious notes. He expressed a desire for 500 English cigarettes for which he promised Ernst 53 marks of his own make. A compact was entered into and in the meantime Ernst reported the man to the authorities. He valiantly stood by his agreement however, and had the goods ready for delivery, when the ubiquitous policeman appeared on the scene.

The Court listened patiently to Ernst's romance and then summed it up in two words "All moonshine", and he has now to spend 14 days in gaol for being in illegal possession of the smokes.

LORRY TRIUMPHS.

INVALUABLE OBJECT LESSON.

Necessity is teaching Great Britain the use of many hitherto undeveloped methods of transport and locomotion. Most remarkable perhaps is the triumph achieved by the motor lorry. The new Ministry of Transport came into existence only last week and its first serious problem has been to organise a motor lorry service to safeguard the food supplies of the country. Although the task is one of immense magnitude, undertaken under pressure of urgency, it is being fulfilled with complete success and apparent ease. At present over 5,000 lorries are being employed, 1,000 dealing with the London milk supply alone. Petrol refilling points, canteens and sleeping accommodation for drivers have been prepared and everything is working smoothly.

The despatch with which this service has been organised has led to much thought as to how this object lesson may be utilised in public service when the strike ends. That motor lorry services of some kind will be run as a permanent feature of our means of communication, particularly for light goods traffic, is regarded as certain. Increased use of big motor vehicles should afford relief to congestion from which the railways for some time have been suffering.

FAMOUS EDITOR DEAD.

We regret to announce the death, which occurred on Wednesday, of Sir Edward T. Cook, the distinguished newspaper editor, at the age of sixty-two.

Sir Edward Cook first entered London journalistic life by means of occasional contributions to the "Pall Mall Gazette" under Mr. Morley's editorship. He then succeeded Lord (then Mr.) Milner as assistant editor to Mr. Stead and became editor in 1892. Subsequently he edited in turn the "Westminster Gazette" and the "Daily News."

Knighted in 1912, he became joint director of the Press Bureau in 1915.

NEW ITALIAN PARLIAMENT.

A Royal decree has been issued dissolving the Italian Chamber of Deputies, announcing elections for November 16, and the reassembling of the Senate and Chamber on December 1.

AUSTRIA TO KEEP SOLVENT.

The reports that Austria intends to declare herself bankrupt are officialy contradicted and declared to be "malicious and irresponsible inventions."

Nomination day for the Chancellorship of Cambridge University has been fixed for the 10th October.

STRIKELETS.

AMATEUR PORTERS' RICH HARVEST.

On most of the railways elaborate time tables have been drawn up.

A train arrived at Paddington with a Colonel in mufti acting as fireman.

Several others on being questioned said they had made well over a sovereign.

Police protection has had to be given to a number of strikers in different parts of London.

Meat rationing only applies to beef and mutton. Pork, veal, bacon etc. are not rationed.

Trawlers which had been diverted from Hull arrived in the Thames yesterday with fish direct to Billingsgate.

Ex-service men, both officers and men, are figuring largely in dealing with the crisis. A general, for instance, is working in a goods yard.

Ninety-two people were injured in London streets yesterday. This is a very small number considering the amazing conditions which prevail.

The discharged soldier porters at Paddington worked like niggers in handling passengers' luggage. "I made 23s 4d in tips before dinner" said one.

Strikers yesterday stoned a Berwick train going to Edinburgh. Many windows were broken but nobody was injured. A train was also stoned at Swansea.

An R.A.F. officer, who was wearing overalls over his uniform, was acting as a porter at Euston while waiting for the train on which he was to serve as a fireman.

The first mail steamer from Ostend arrived at Dover on Wednesday and is expected to return to-day. A number of passengers have been waiting at Dover for several days.

Two motor char-a-bancs arrived at King's Cross on Wednesday night bringing eighty passengers from Leeds. Nearly all the seats had already been booked for the return journey.

The Ministry of Transport is considering the question of utilizing the river to a much greater extent and it is expected that a service of shallow draught steamers will soon be running.

An ex-officer of the Guards, when volunteering yesterday said: "I don't care what I do. Send me to Nine Elms to haul heavy stuff about." He was, however, put to work as a porter at Waterloo.

Road motorcar passenger services continue to develop. Fifty-five shillings, the fare from London to Manchester in a luxurious car, compares very favourably with the first class railway fare of 39s 6d. Passengers leave London at 10 a.m., lunch at Coventry and arrive at Manchester at 6 p.m. Similar services from London to Birmingham and other provincial towns are all run by private companies, but in conjunction with the Ministry of Transport.

FALL OF THE MIGHTY.

HINDENBURG EFFIGY TO GO.

The nail studded statue of Hindenburg is about to be removed from the place in the front of the Victory Monument in the centre of Berlin.

The authorities, with unconscious humour, announce that the removal will be carried out with "the deepest respect for the feelings of the Fatherland."

PRESIDENT WILSON.

ALL ENGAGEMENTS CANCELLED.

President Wilson's illness turns out to be serious and although a slight improvement in his condition is reported he must go into complete seclusion. Accordingly the receptions of the King and Queen of the Belgians and of Viscount Grey, the British Ambassador, have been postponed indefinitely.

EX-INTERNED CIVILIANS MEET.

On Wednesday evening German civilians who were expelled or have been repatriated from Allied countries, formed themselves into an Association. Dr. Hammann presided, and informed the meeting of decisions emanating from Berlin.

Those who left neither property or funds behind them will receive 3000 marks. Fifty per cent. ad valorem will be paid those who suffered through the sequestration of property etc. One milliard marks has been allocated by the German Assembly for this purpose.

It is unlikely that German private property or effects in England will be confiscated.

STRIKES IN AMERICA.

America, the land of big things, is out after the strike record. A statistical bureau announces that about 2,000 strikes are actually in progress. The monthly increase is as follows:—January, 105; February, 110; March, 102; April, 134; May, 219; June, 245; July, 364; August, 308.

Great anxiety is felt concerning the trike of metal workers which is announced for the 22nd of this month. These strikes are not for wages or hours but have as their definite object the expropriation of capital.

College servants at Cambridge have agreed that their demands for more pay shall be submitted to arbitration.

The fifteenth instalment of the Royal Warrant appears on page 3.

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ARMY SUPERSTITIONS.

To the students of types, Tommy in his whims and weaknesses must have provided a rare and refreshing source of study. Few who have been thrown into close contact with him will fail to have been attracted by his fancies; his adaptability and above all, his unfailing fund of humour. He is an enigma, a fatalist, a worshipper of superstition, a good fellow.

His leanings in the direction of superstition, are unique. He would be the first to disclaim his weakness and indignantly deny its existence, yet in trench, dugout and billet there existed small idiosyncrasies which stamped him as a worshipper at the shrine of superstition.

There is the old match superstition, the refusal of a third to light a cigarette from one match even when matches were regarded as a real possession. Strange as it may seem, those who were inclined to pooh-pooh the idea secretly observed it.

In contrast we have the respect shown for a magpie and the fact that he has earned a salute as a source of spell breaking.

Who, on the other hand, has not respected the black cat superstition at some time or other? Possibly the mascot was only of the stuffed variety, yet it served its purpose, gave comfort; and good fortune or escape from injury were attributed to the protection it afforded.

A personal reminiscence will be excused. One day in the war, a small black kitten appeared on the parapet of a front line trench from where no one knew. Counter front line barrage work on the part of enemy gunners stove in neighbouring trenches, but the platoon in the centre escaped a casualty. It would be of little use trying to convince Tommy that his leaning towards superstition was not responsible.

"I attribute my luck to a pet black cat which was given me as a mascot in France." This is the view of the winner of the Army Victory St. Leger sweepstake. His success he attributes to luck.

The old belief in superstition prevails. How much more was it likely to survive when one's life counted for nothing in the general destruction of things? Few will cavil at Tommy for his weakness or his beliefs.

BILLETS.

From cellar to chateau, from barn to brewery, and even under the ubiquitous "bivvy" sheet.

During the course of the war many of us can remember the variegated assortment of billets we have occupied whilst on the line of march.

It hardly mattered how nice a billet happened to be, we always had some fault to find with it, but that was only a matter of form.

It was considered a privilege to "grouse."

The Brigade had been on the trek since earling morning.

The billeting party had gone on in advance to get the lie of the land and to arrange billets.

Hour after hour we had trekked under a broiling sun, with just the customary halts for water and a rest for the horses.

Entering a small village a figure comes to meet us.

It is one of the billeting party. No; this is not our village. Our halting place is three kilometres farther on.

He has just spotted the head of the Column in time to emerge from an estaminet and assume an attitude of having just met us.

And so another three kilometres. At last. Here is the village where we are to spend a few hours. What a dreary looking place it is, are our first thoughts.

"Sergeants' Mess" is chalked on the only estaminet to be seen. "Q.M. Stores" is the legend adorning a nice little house in the main street.

One might almost have guessed this. Look at that pretty girl standing in the doorway.

Trailing through the village the Battery pull into an adjacent field and soon lines are stretched from limber to limber and the animals are contentedly munching their oats.

"Fall in!" And then away we go to be introduced to the billets allotted to us.

This time it is a barn. There is an abundance of straw (and other things) and a very few minutes suffice for each and every one of us to stake claim to a particular spot, before we scurry off to see what the cooks have ready for us to satisfy the inner man.

But it was not always a barn. Sometimes it was a cottage with a large spare room. Here we all crowded in much to the confusion of the good lady of the house. It needed but a very slight introduction for us all to crowd into the kitchen there to imbibe coffee.

A brewery makes a splendid billet. I remember sleeping in the grain room of one and enjoying it. There was a comforting air of warmth about the place.

Quite a tit-bit in the way of billets was a deserted chateau which held the Battery comfortably. True some of the rooms were a trifle musty but that only served to give an air of distinction to the place, and I often think of a pleasant night spent in Pont-St-Pont near Waterloo, in a lace factory. It was one of those in which the celebrated Brussels lace was manufactured, although it had ceased work for some considerable time.

What a trail of chalk markings the Army must have left during the course of its travels in France and Flanders!

HAWKEYE.

AN UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIAL.

After digesting the numerous and varied puff-paragraphs and articles concocted by Brains, Ltd. — the mind-training experts — I was horrified to discover that, after all, I was possessed of a very third-rate thinking apparatus!

These literary jewels from the volatile pens of Master Minds soon convinced me of the futility of continuing life burdened with a brain so inefficient as my own. The only alternatives were: suicide, and the mind-improving course as offered by this remarkable concern!

"Have you a good memory?" screamed the advertisements! This was surmounted by an arresting lithograph of an exceptionally severe and forbidding physiognomy, the owner of which levelled, with unerring persistency, an accusing digit at the reader.

It then propounded a series of startling conundrums, and, serenely conscious of their bafflingness, instructed the aspirant to psychological perfection to append his replies thereto "spontaneously, and without outside reference," whereupon the promoters promised to supply full particulars of their mind-training course and also the first lesson — free of all charge and obligation.

Here was my opportunity to develop into a veritable super-man!

But, first, I must endeavour to provide suitable answers to the test questions, and this I did to the best of my ability.

The completed document read:

1. Q. How many paving-stones exist between your home and the railway station?
A. None. All the paving is asphalt.
2. Q. How many volts are used to drive the local tram-cars?
A. Again, none. We use electricity.
3. Q. What is the meaning of: "Honi soit qui mal'y pense"?
A. I cannot say. I am not conversant with Latin.
4. Q. What town in the British Isles boasts of having produced the greatest number of poets?
A. Bigglesville, but it doesn't boast.

Attaching the various coupons, vouchers, and application forms, I posted the whole to Messrs. Brains, Ltd., and then feverishly awaited a reply.

Some days later I was overjoyed to receive a communication from this firm of brain specialists. The letter intimated that the paper of test questions and answers had been examined by their "special Commissioner" who had classified my allotment of grey-matter as "C 3."

It continued:

"We are sending herewith Lesson 1. of the series (gratis) and trust that you will conscientiously study the mental exercises, advising us when you are ready for Lesson 2."

Then followed remarks relative to payment required for the rest of the Memory Course.

Someone recently asked me if Lesson 1. did me any good!

I am afraid not. You see, Brains, Ltd., forgot to enclose it!

H.R.P.

Commencing to-morrow the price of "The Cologne Post," owing to increasing cost of production, has to be slightly raised it will be 35 pfgs. a copy.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views on Many Topics.

REGIMENTAL EDUCATION.

Sir,—I noticed that one of your contributors the other day referred to educational efforts in units as not being successful.

That may be the case in some units — they differ — but I know of many in which education is being carried on most successfully.

Much depends on the Education Officer in charge. If he is not keen then slackness appears in the ranks.

But given due encouragement there is much good work to be done, and one must admit much is being done to improve the education of our troops.

Every assistance and encouragement are given by the Education Staff at G.H.Q. and this is worthy of acknowledgment.

In my unit we are making fine progress, I am pleased to say.

EDUCATION OFFICER.

A PLEA FOR RUGGER.

Sir,—I quite agree that we ought to see the Rugby game encouraged more in Rhineland.

To me, Association does not appeal. I never played it at school or after, and the older form of the game is in my opinion infinitely superior both to play and to watch.

I am afraid football generally isn't being taken up among the troops this autumn as it ought to be, although I know the present difficulties, the uncertainty of our movments and future, the large number of demobilizations etc.

But if football is going to be a big feature with us out here, then don't on any account neglect the dear old "Rugger" game.

If there aren't enough players of it in one unit let us form combined teams with men from a number of units playing together.

I would like to hear the views of other adherents of the Rugby game.

OLD BLACKHEATHIAN.

CLOSING THE CLUB.

Sir,—I am at one with "Lounge." To close the "Earwig Lamp" would be little less than a calamity to British officers in Cologne.

Not all of us are married, and only a small percentage are able to enjoy the society of our wives on the Rhine, and to rob us of our principal meeting place would be unkind, to say the least.

I have made many good friends there and spent many enjoyable hours in its cheerful precincts. And so have many others. Why can't we continue?

Is it because the N.A.C.B. authorities fear it may have to be run at a loss?

If it is true, as I hear, that we are still to remain in considerable force in Rhineland aren't they a little premature in fearing this?

And even if it didn't quite pay, has not the N.A.C.B. plenty of accumulated funds to stand the racket for the benefit of officers generally?

I hope the result of these expressions of disapproval will lead to a reconsideration of the decision to close our own favourite rendezvous.

J. J. C.

PRONOUNCING GERMAN.

Sir,—Some correspondence seems to have arisen out of what was obviously a printer's error. The words written by me were "Rauschen Sie" and not as printed "Rauchen Sie." Perhaps this explanation will satisfy "Substantive Gunner"?

My whole idea in writing was to give you an incident, which was really current matter in relation to the series of articles appearing in your columns.

H. T.

ORCHESTRA CRITICIZED.

Sir,—I am sure that all your readers who visit the Deutsches Theatre appreciate the splendid performances given by the Rhine Army Dramatic Company, but I know that for many the evening is marred by the nerve-racking attempts of the present orchestra.

So far as an outsider is able to judge, the large receipts should enable the management to provide a far better orchestra, especially in view of the fact that the officers and men receive no remuneration.

An attempt in this direction is all that is needed to make the R.A.D.C. the most popular source of entertainment in Cologne.

A.W.

YOUR TEA WILL COST YOU MORE.

Sir,—Long live the old firm! May its business acumen, like the war medals of its staff, increase! Now that the mark is 120 to the pound they have promptly put ten pfennigs on to the price of tea, a none too clean pot being now sold at half a mark, and what tea!

Meanwhile at another Cologne institution which does not issue any bulletins, the pot of tea still sells at ten pfennigs.

Evidently there are others beside the civilian shopkeepers after Tommy now that he has "viel geld."

But I remember Picardy cigarettes and am not surprised; "sack the lot," I say.

Y. A. P.

APPRECIATION.

Sir,—The Editor's "Letter Box" has always been one of the most interesting features of the "Cologne Post" so that many will be thankful for the increased space allotted to us for the further "letting off of steam."

Truly it is the Englishman's privilege to "grouse" over the trivialities of life, but when it comes to the larger issues he is rarely "weighed in the balance and found wanting."

Published in book form what an interesting and instructive collection of "grouses" we should have!

G. A.

CLOSING OF FIELD CASHIER.

Sir,—Why, oh why, has our old friend, the Field Cashier, closed his doors to us? No longer will the possession of A.F.W. 3241 F with the knowledge that there is another withdrawal possible before the end of the month afford comfort. Instead we are at the mercy of the bankers.

Bachelors perhaps are unmoved, but what about the poor old married man? Fancy buying food coupons with the military rate at 120 marks to the pound and the bank obliging with 90. No wonder one hubby was in a bad temper yesterday morning.

BUFF BOOK.

ARE WOMEN CARELESS?

Sir,—How can anybody generalise on such a subject? "Married Man's" experiences with a careless wife may be true but exceptions do not prove any rule.

My husband is a careless man and would be the first to admit it. But that doesn't show that men generally are of the same stamp.

Most mornings when he turns out I have to put his Sam Browne belt under instead of over his shoulder-strap, because in his absent mindedness he omits to do so. And often I find he has put on odd boots.

The keys of his office he frequently forgets, and has to return for them. These are only a few of his acts of carelessness. His is an unmethodical nature.

It's all a matter of temperament. And "Married Man" needs to cultivate a more impartial mind.

He has shown up the failings of his better half in print and I have only done the same with those of my "Hubby" in defence. For apart from this failing of carelessness in small things he is splendid.

CAREFUL WOMAN.

LEATHERED TUNICS.

Sir,—I am sorry to have offended "A Club Worker" and regret that she should have classed me with soldiers of the armchair variety.

As her admiration for her soldier friends is influenced by battle scars in the shape of leathered patches I am digging out an old friend and intend to sport my very beleathered tunic even if it lands me into the arms of the A.P.M.

Now, brother subalterns, please don't copy. Many of you doubtless have similar old friends of earlier days stored away in the recesses of a German wardrobe, but leave the coast clear for

JACKO.

Sir,—An admixture of rough and happy memories will undoubtedly be recalled in the years when, occasionally, the leather patched tunic of service days is brought to light. But why "Leather" should advocate, in your issue of yesterday, the wearing of these garments in respectable Cologne I cannot understand.

The duties of the average officer nowadays are by no means strenuous and I certainly cannot imagine a man, doing corresponding work in England, decorating his blue serge suit thus, even remenbering the present price of clothing.

LOOT.

GERMANS IN OUR CINEMAS.

Sir,—On going to No. 2 Army Cinema to-night I was greeted with what seems to be coming rather frequent "Standing Room Only."

Other comrades who had received the same cheerful welcome were still standing just outside the entrance earnestly discussing this problem — why are German civilians allowed into an Army Cinema which, as far as we are aware, is for British and Allied Troops only? Can anyone enlighten us? We wonder why the authorities let such things go on.

If Germans are allowed to go in, let them wait until all our own boys who wish to do so may have that chance.

It is not always convenient for us to be there fifteen or twenty minutes before starting time to ensure ourselves of procuring a seat, and because we come along about 6 o'clock this is what we get. What do others think?

SURPRISED.

TEACHING BRITISH CHILDREN.

Sir,—"A Mother" writes from the fulness of her heart, rather than from her knowledge of facts.

Does she realize how few are the spare hours of the voluntary workers in the Y.M.C.A. and other institutions, and to ask that these few spare hours should be spent teaching other people's children, whether in an "airy room" or not, seems rather unreasonable.

Are the wives and mothers, at present in Cologne, so fully occupied that they have no time to spare for the education of their children, or do they not feel themselves competent to take the task, even though "some sort" of schooling only is suggested?

VOLUNTARY WORKER.

WAR MEDALS FOR ALL.

Sir,— As I was not fit to be in the Army, I joined up in one of the Associations with the Army at the earliest possible moment, having come at top speed many hundreds of miles to England, so soon as the war broke out, in order that I might do my "bit".

During the war, I spent no inconsiderable time continuously, on more than one occasion, underground, within a few hundred yards of the German front line.

I took my turn, with many eager volunteers, in the support trenches giving away tea, cigarettes, biscuits and chocolates to many hundreds of men every night.

During a two day's battle, a number of us were in charge of "the walking wounded", helping them to a dressing-station.

One of us was blown up and rendered unconscious for some hours; in other parts, at various times, many were wounded and others were killed. I have had no pay; and I have paid all my own expenses, including those of the journey to England.

I came on to Cologne when the Armistice was signed; and am prepared to carry on so long as the privilege is extended to me of being with the Army, in which, alas, I am not qualified to be.

There are many in the Associations with the Army, and especially perhaps in the Y.M.C.A. which has the longest record, who have a similar and more satisfactory record.

I fail to understand that "Amazed" or any other generous man should be found to dispute their right to wear a badge which is worn without dispute by many hundreds of men, such as the Army bakers, who spent all their time in relative safety and comfort, at a Base.

For my part, I consider that all badge wearing whereby one proclaims the length of one's service, or the quality of one's courage, or the number of one's wounds, is a vulgarity and ought to be condemned as "bad" form.

UNBADGED.

(This correspondence to now closed. Ed.)

ROYAL WARRANT.

PAY OF WARRANT OFFICERS, N.C.O.'s AND MEN.

FIFTEENTH ARTICLE OF THE SERIES.

Group C.

Clerk (including Orderly Room sergeants and Orderly Room clerks and wage clerks).*
Coach trimmer.
Cutler.
Donkeyman.
Driver, internal combustion (lorry and car).
Driver, steam (lorry and steam tractor).
Engine driver (marine engineers, crane driver, steam driver).
Engine driver (stationary, steam, internal combustion, derrick or pile).
Excavator.
Farrier.
Field linesman.
Glass grinder.
Ledger keeper and storeman.
Masseur.
Mental attendant.
Miner.
Motor driver (Royal Army Service Corps).
Nursing orderly.
Oxy-acetylene welder (Royal Engineers and Tank Corps).
Painter and paperhanger.
Photographer.
Plasterer.
Platelayer.
Printer.
Riveter.
Rockdriller and powderman.
Saddler and harness maker.
Saddle-tree maker.
Schoolmaster.
Shoeing and carriage smith.
Shoemaker.
Shorthand typist.
Signalman.
Slater.
Stonemason.
Storeman (technical and departmental).
Tailor.
Tinsmith.
Vulcanizer.
Well borer.
Whitesmith.

Group D.

Baker.
Blockman.
Brakesman.
Butcher.
Diver's linesman.
Driller (machine and hand).
Forward observer (sound ranging).
Leather stitchers.
Lighterman and waterman.
Mercurial rubber.
Observer (meteorological).
Painter.
Pipe fitter.
Push-cycle repairer.
Quarryman.
Rigger.
Sanitary orderly.
Sawyer.
Shunter.
Signaller (seaman).
Stationmaster.
Stevedore.
Survey post observer.
Timberman.
Wireman (permanent line).
Traffic controller.
Wood machinist.

Group E.

Blacksmith's mate.
Blacksmith's striker.
Bricklayer's mate.
Carpenter's mate.
Cleaner.
Coppersmith's mate.
Electrician's mate.
Fettler.
Fireman.
Fitter's mate.
Glazier.
Hammerman.
Holder-up.
Motor cyclist.
Pioneer (R.E.)
Plasterer's mate.
Plumber's mate.
Riveter's helper.
Sail maker.
Seaman.
Shipwright's mate.
Stoker.
Stonemason's mate.
Tent mender.
Timberman.
Tyre presser.
Upholsterer.

* Clerks who are classified as such after the prescribed tests only are included. Soldiers employed temporarily as clerks are not treated as "tradesmen" durin such employment but receive such additional pay as may be applicable under the Pay Warrant.

TABLE 4.

Conditions for the issue of Proficiency Pay.

1. All soldiers (except boys) up to and including lance-serjeants who draw pay under sub-section (i) of paragraph 1 of Table 1 are eligible for proficiency pay, with the exception mentioned in paragraph 8 below. Soldiers up to and including lance-serjeants who draw pay under Table 2 and are not paid at tradesmen's rates are also eligible. Soldiers who draw pay under sub-section (ii) of paragraph 1 of Table 1 are not eligible for proficiency pay.

2. The rate of proficiency pay is 6d. per day.

3. In order to become eligible for proficiency pay a soldier, of whatever rank, must—

(a) Have at least 1 year's service with the Colours.

(b) Be in all respects physically capable of performing the duties of his rank in the arm of the service to which he belongs.

(c) Attain a standard of professional and educational proficiency as laid down from time to time by the Army Council.

4. Proficiency pay will be issuable irrespective of the length of the engagement under which the soldier is serving with the Colours.

5. Lance-serjeants, corporals and lance-corporals will not be entitled to draw proficiency pay in virtue of their rank, but will in all cases be required to satisfy the conditions laid down in paragraph 3.

6. Proficiency pay may be withdrawn by a soldier's commanding officer if, in his opinion, the soldier falls below the requisite standard. It may be restored if the soldier subsequently re-attains the standard from the date of his re-attaining it.

7. A soldier transferred to another arm in which proficiency pay can be granted will continue in receipt of any proficiency pay which he may be drawing at the time of transfer pending the result of the next classification in his new arm.

8. A soldier enlisted for service as a tradesman and drawing normal rates of pay while he is learning a trade is not eligible for proficiency pay.

9. The general conditions of Articles 1063, 1067 and 1068, Pay Warrant, will apply to the grant of proficiency pay under this Warrant.

TABLE 5.

Soldiers' Service Pensions.

1. A private's pension will be 1½d. a day for each complete year of qualifying service.

2. For each complete year of qualifying service in higher ranks, there will be added to the private's rate according to class for pension under Article 1134, Pay Warrant—

½d. a day for each year as			Class IV.
1d.	"	"	Class III.
1½d.	"	"	Class II.
2d.	"	"	Class I. (including warrant officer, Class II).
2½d.	"	"	Warrant officer, Class I.

(To be Continued.)

"SOCIAL" AT HILDEN.

Presentation To 52nd Bn. Rifle Brigade R.Q.M.S.

A POPULAR M.O.

On Saturday evening last the members of the Sergeants' Mess of the 52nd Bn. The Rifle Bde. assembled to do honours to one of the most popular warrant officers it has been their privilege to serve. For this purpose a social evening had been arranged, and it is only giving credit where credit is due to say that the function was a thorough success in every way. R.S.M. A. Goode, M.M., was the genial chairman and he was well supported in the absence of Col. E. P. E. Riddel, C.M.G., D.S.O. by Major Woombell M.B.E., Capt. Hawkins, M.C., Capt. Mase, Capt. Coulson, Capt. Baynes, and other officers and warrant officers and sergeants of the 52nd Bn. and 53rd Bn. R.B.

An exceptionally good musical programme was rendered, foremost amongst many pleasing items being the selections of a first-rate orchestra, whilst songs, recitals, etc. were contributed by members of the company.

Coffee Set Presented.

During an interval in the musical programme Major Woombell, M.B.E. presented to R.Q.M.S. Blanchard a souvenir as a parting gift from his fellow members of the mess on his leaving the Battalion for demobilization. In an excellent speech Major Woombell expressed regret at losing so able a warrant officer. R.Q.M.S. Blanchard, he remarked, had carried the onerous duties of his post to the satisfaction of everyone. He hoped when he returned to civilian life he would always remember the happy times he had spent in the battalion. R.Q.M.S. Blanchard in joining up at the beginning of the war had given up a great deal for the service, and handed him the silver coffee set with the best wishes of the officers and members of the 52nd Battalion of the Rifle Bde.

R.Q.M.S. Blanchard in accepting the gift made appropriate response, expressing the hope that they might meet again on a future occasion, and that the friendships made during the war might be of lasting duration.

It was announced that Capt. Shaw (M.O.) was also shortly leaving the Battalion and this too was a source of regret to all, for during the time he had been with the Battalion as medical officer he had become most popular as a sportsman in addition to having carried out his duties always with a kindly consideration for the men under his charge.

The health of the guests of the evening having been duly honoured, that of the "Officers" being submitted in an apt speech by R. S. M. Goode, M.M. and responded to by Major Woombell, the remainder of the evening was devoted to music and merriment by quite a host of talent and the function will be remembered as one of the happiest in the annals of the Battalion.

HOCKEY.

51st North'd. Fusiliers v. 12th Loyal North. Lancs.

Played at Bonn on Wednesday. The game opened in fine style, the Fusiliers pressing hard. Flay remained in the Lancs. 25 yards for some time after which Lieut. Ruddock put the ball in the net with a good shot. The Lancs. equalised shortly after and 2/Lieut. Greaves put the Fusiliers ahead just before the interval. Half-time: Fusiliers 2; Loyal North Lancs. 1.

After the interval, play proceeded in the rain, the Lancs. trying hard to equalise, but failing through good play on the part of the Fusiliers' defence. Major Arkwright played well in goal for the visitors.

Result: Fusiliers 2; Loyal North Lancs. 1.

HOCKEY MATCHES WANTED.

Captain Hume Wright, Military Fowarding Officer, Cologne, is desirous of fixing up hockey matches with his eleven, known as the Transportation team. Two hockey elevens at least exist in Rhineland and more may be in the making. If any of these teams get into touch with Captain Wright he will speedily arrange for fixtures in the immediate future. Ring up the M.F.O.

"Mule National."

The London Division Artillery are holding a Mule Gymkhana on Saturday next October 4th at Westhoven. The three races open to the Army of the Rhine have attracted big entries. A Field of 34 in the Open Officers' "Mule National," a one-mile Steeplechase, should give speculators, with a good eye for a mule, a sporting chance. The first race starts at 14-00 hours. The Course is reached by the Westhoven tram which starts from the Suspension Bridge (not the Hohenzollern Bridge) at frequent intervals.

£590 GOLF TOURNEY.

Great Duncan-Ayton Match In Third Round.

WALTON HEATH RESULTS.

There was a lot of good golf at Walton Heath in the 2nd and 3rd rounds of the £590 Tournament and there was also a great deal of indifferent golf. One saw the great players winning hole in bogey; and one saw also some terribly bad "halves." But most of it was interesting golf, and especially was this the case in the Duncan-Ayton match.

Details:—

Second Round.

G. Gadd (Rochampton) beat A. Baker (Limpsfield) at the 19th hole.

H. Roberts (Holmer) beat H. J. Fernie (Northumberland) 6 and 5.

J. W. Gaudin (Alwoodley) beat W. H. Horne (Durbat) 3 and 1.

P. Rainford (Reddish Vale) beat Arthur Mitchell (E. Sussex) 3 and 2.

G. Duncan (Hanger Hill) beat C. R. Smith (W. Middlesex) 6 and 5.

L. Ayton (St. Andrews) beat B. P. Weastell (Stinchcombe Hill) 4 and 3.

S. Whiting (Ilkley) beat J. Adwick (Olton) 3 and 1.

R. May (Benton Park) beat W. H. Ball (Bangor) 3 and 2.

E. Risebro (Sheringham) beat R. G. Wilson (Croham Hurst) 4 and 2.

T. Williamson (Notts) beat C. H. Mayo (Burhill) 2 up.

Josh Taylor (Acton) beat T. E. Grant (Tenby) 2 and 1.

F. Robson (Cooden Beach) beat F. Leach (Northwood) 3 and 2.

S. Wingate (Ravensworth) beat E. Bannister (Sandy Lodge) 1 up.

R. Jones (Wimbledon Park) beat A. Havers (Norwich) 2 up.

Abe Mitchell (Sonning) beat B. Seymour (Molesey Hurst) 1 up.

C. Johns (Purley Downs) beat J. Scarth (Doncaster) 5 and 4.

Third Round.

Roberts beat Gadd at the 19th:
Rainford beat Gaudin 3 and 2.
Duncan beat Ayton at the 19th.
Whiting beat May 6 and 5.
Williamson beat Risebro 5 and 3.
Robson beat Taylor 6 and 5.
Jones beat Wingate 4 and 3.
Abe Mitchell beat Johns 2 and 1.

SERGEANTS AT FOOTBALL.

Sgts. 51st Northumberland Fusiliers v. Sgts. 1/6th West Yorks.

Played at Sulz on Wednesday. Sgt. Spencer put the Fusiliers ahead after ten minutes play. After the interval the West Yorks equalised. The game proved very fast towards the finish and in the last ten minutes the West Yorks scored from a penalty. For the Fusiliers, C.S.M. Murray, C.Q.M.S. Martin, Sgts. Osborne, Wrightson, and Thompson played very well, and for the visitors the goalkeeper kept goal in fine style.

Result: West Yorks, 2; Northumberland Fusiliers, 1.

OLD RIVALS.

8th Vet. Hospital v. Rhine Army Troops M.T. Coy.

The meeting of these two teams on the Hospital ground on Wednesday was looked forward to by each side with more than usual interest, owing to the tussles they had last season. An enjoyable game, both from the players and spectators point of view, resulted in a win for the Rhine Army Troops by the only goal scored. The point was notched by Cpl. Widdowson midway through the second half, after one of his characteristic dashes between the opposing backs, the goalie having no chance. Result:—

Rhine Army Troops M.T. Coy.	1
8th Vet. Hospital	0

A SPLENDID RECORD.

The following is the unbeaten record held by B/246 Bde. R.G.A. this season:—

v. G/246 Bde. R.F.A.	4—0
v. A/246 Bde. R.F.A.	14—1
v. 51st Rifle Bde.	6—4
v. M.T. Column Light Div.	4—2
v. 51st Rifle Bde.	3—0
v. 53rd Rifle Bde.	7—0
v. 3rd Light Bde.	8—1

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It would be interesting to know if there is a team in the Rhine Army who could beat B/246 Bde. R.F.A. on their present form.

Chess.

The 12th L.N. Lancs. would be glad to arrange matches with any other Battalions in the Rhine Army—five boards. They are running both officers' teams and an O.R.'s team. Battalions desiring to arrange matches with them, please address to the sports officers.

RACING SUSPENDED.

Newmarket Meeting Abandoned at Request of Government.

TUESDAY'S DETAILS.

Tuesday's Newmarket programme was carried through, but at the request of the Government the remainder of the meeting has been abandoned. Details of the racing are as follows:—

Trial Plate.—Troutsdale (Wheatley), 2-5, 1; Le Vergoier, 4-1, 2; Ring Again, 20-1, 3. 5 ran.

October Nursery (Div. I.).—Fair Simone (Martin), 11-10, 1; Deslioni, 7-2, 2; Abdicate, 100-7, 3. 9 ran.

Foal Stakes.—The Midshipmite (A. Smith), 10-11, 1; Viceroy, 2-1, 2; Carapace, 100-15, 3. 5 ran.

Tuesday Plate.—Internationale (Wing), 7-2, 1; Quartz, 5-1, 2; Sybilline, 5-2, 3. 13 ran.

Buckenham Stakes.—Southern (Fox), 6-4, 1; Archaic, 9-4, 2; Poltava, 2-1, 3. 3 ran.

October Nursery (Div. II.).—Hecla (Whalley), 11-2, 1; Creole, 7-1, 2; Indenture, 100-7, 3. 9 ran.

Produce Stakes.—Scatwell (A. Smith), 4-9, beat Neutral, 9-4. 1 ran.

Visitors' Plate.—Atrocity (Garnett), 5-1, 1; Trogon, 9-4, 2; China Doll, 3-1, 3. 11 ran.

CANCELLED SPORT.

Racing, Golf and Football Fixtures abandoned.

The Stewards have cancelled the Alexandra Park fixture for Saturday.

The football match arranged between the English League and the Irish League at Liverpool next Monday has been postponed.

The fixture between the Southern League and the Irish League at Dublin on Saturday has met the same fate.

The championship show of sporting terriers, arranged to be held on Wednesday in the Holland Park Rink, Kensington, was by the permission of the Kennel Club, postponed.

The golf match between strong sides of lady and gentlemen players, which was to have taken place on Tuesday at Stoke Poges, was also postponed.

The sale of yearlings by Tattersall should have commenced on Wednesday but this was similarly postponed.

"MACLEAN CHALLENGE CUP."

Player's Leg Broken in C/50 v. B/50 Match.

This match which was the deciding game of the league was played at Elsdorf on Wednesday afternoon before a large and enthusiastic crowd. Immediately from the start "C" went away with a swing, and after a little duel round the "B"'s goal, the ball was sent out to McCarthy who promptly whipped it across, and Gregory scored the first goal after three minutes play. The "B"'s goalie played a sterling game, and it was largely due to him that half time arrived with "B" only one goal down.

At the restart, the rain was falling briskly, making the ground very slippery. Lieut. Lee struck the crossbar with the goalie hopelessly beaten. Twenty minutes from the restart "C" scored their second point. After a bout of midfield play Logan slung the ball out to the left, and Lawson taking it on the run, outwitted the visitors right back, and registered the second goal, with a lovely low shot, at 20 yards range. Later Donovan centred beautifully but both Logan and Gregory missed the ball, owing to the slippery state of the turf. Just hereabouts, a regrettable accident occurred, the more so because it marred a really pleasant game. The home centre half was making rapid headway for the "B"'s goal, when he was tackled by Chaplain Both fell to the ground, and it was found that the "B"'s defender had sustained a broken leg. Both sides resumed with ten men, and consequently the play deteriorated towards the end. Time was called with "C" leading by two clear goals, a lead they thoroughly deserved.

Southern League Matches.

The Emergency Committee of the Southern League have informed all Southern League Clubs that they are expected to fulfil Saturday's engagements.

Kalk Y.M.C.A. Shield.

On Monday, at Deutz, the 63rd Bde., R.G.A. defeated R. Flotilla, R.N. 2—0 and will thus play in the 3rd round against 3rd B Battery 190th R.F.A.

On Saturday, in the same round, the 53rd Northumberland Fus. will oppose the 28th Royal Fus.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

"Hindle Wakes."

The plot of "Hindle Wakes," Stanley Houghton's delightful three act play, is simple but thoroughly effective. The scene is laid in a small Lancashire town and the dialogue, in its presentation, requires a decided northern accent as a natural consequence. Several members of the Rhine Army Dramatic Company fall rather short in this respect, in submitting the play at the Deutsches Theatre, Cologne, this week. Otherwise the performance is thoroughly good. The story concerns the affairs of the pretty daughter of a cotton weaver, who leaves the Wakes at Blackpool and motors over to Llandudno with the son of the mill owner for the week-end. The fact is accidently disclosed to the girl's parents and subsequently communicated to those of the youth.

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With one accord they agree that the couple should marry and they proceed to make arrangements accordingly. The boy and his former fiancee break off their engagement. The ideas of the girl delinquent are never consulted upon the matter until there is a meeting of all the parties concerned in the mill-owner's house. She then calmly announces, when the marriage arrangements are almost completed, that she does not intend to wed the boy at all. General annoyment follows. The girl is informed that henceforth there is no room at home for her and the boy leaves smilingly to re-propose to his former sweatheart. The book is extremely well written and sparkles with clever dialogue.

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Miss Inez Bensusan is extraordinarily successful as Mrs. Hawthorn, the flint-hearted mother of the girl. Her every gesture and facial expression are remarkably true to life and she loses no opportunity to give the part a full measure of effect. Fanny Hawthorne, the wayward girl in the story, is admirably sustained by Miss Shirley King. Her role is a long and difficult one, and many and varied are the emotions to be observed. Miss Kings fills all requirements splendidly. Miss Frances Chisholm makes a perfectly charming Beatrice Farrar while Miss K. Beale, a successful Mrs. Jeffcote, and Mrs. Oates, as Ada, complete the female members of the caste.

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Capt. C. Spiegelhalter, Lancashire Fusiliers, as Christopher Hawthorne, experiences no difficulty in giving the requisite accent to his speeches, but Lt. D.A. Onions, Monmouth Regt., occasionally overlooks this little item in the important part of Alan Jeffcote. Both, however, are extremely good. Lt. Humphrey Hope R.E., as Sir Timothy Farrar, adapts himself with considerable skill, as usual, but undoubtedly, one of the best performances in the play in that of Lt. Linford, R.A.F., who fits the part of Nathaniel Jeffcote very well indeed and acts with conspicuous success. Altogether, this newest effort, produced by Lt. S.E. Percy, sustains the excellent reputation of the B.R.A.D.C.

To-night's the Night.

To-night is the occasion of the great gala benefit performance at the Palace Theatre. As I said yesterday all the stars will be there and the house will be packed to its utmost capacity. The booking is particularly brisk and it behoves you to get along to the booking office early if you wish to reserve seats.

A Successful Tour.

"The Mountebanks", the 93rd Bde. R.G.A. concert party, have completed a very successful tour in the Light Division area, where, at each town visited, full houses have been the rule. The party includes several first rate artistes. L. Vigar, who is appearing at the Palace, Cologne, benefit performance on Friday, is a splendid character comedian, and as a low comedian Lieut. Griffiths is genuinely funny. Capt. R. Andry, who runs the show, makes a charming girl.

A Pianoforte Recital.

There is to be, I hear, a pianoforte recital at the College, Commerstrasse, Euskirchen on Friday, 10th October, by Archie Mozley, the well-known pianist, assisted by Alfred Barker, the violinist, and Miss Hammond is the vocalist. Pte. Will Hartley will be the accompanist. It is Mozley's first recital in Rhineland and will attract quite a lot of attention. I have seen a programme and I was much impressed by the range of the items. The recital commences at 7 p.m.

To Those . . . etc.

It will be fresh in many minds that "Little Tich" once walked off a famous London stage when he was first turn, because the late comers annoyed him and spoilt his act. One is apt to think that many frequenters of the Deutsches Theatre have yet to hear of this occurence. The annoyance and irritation of both players and those who witness the performance, caused by the shuffling and movements of late-comers endeavouring to reach their seats, tends to spoil one's evening. The curtain rises at 6 p.m. and I hope ticket-holders and others will attempt to reach the theatre at least a few minutes before the stated time.

Bad Taste.

Why will many of our troops persist in making unnatural sounds when any of our artistes, following the "book," attempt a kissing scene? It shows a sad lack of taste and understanding. To-day many wives are present in our cinemas and theatre, and one would fain ask of the thoughtless ones if they were in the company of a lady would they act so? I think not, and if this catches the eye of any of the offenders, I trust they will see reason and refuse in future to participate in any action which savours of bad taste.

JACQUES.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	HOUR	OPERA	COMPOSER
Friday	7	Rogoletto	Verdi
Saturday	8	Concert	
Sunday	7	Tosca	Puccini
Monday	5.30	Walküre	Wagner
Tuesday	7	Zar and Zimmermann	Lortzing

OLD SCOUTS NOTES.

On Wednesday, at Lindenthal Y.M.C.A., the Rhine Army Old Scouts met as usual in the music room and spent a very pleasant evening finishing up with a good old sing-song.

Two new members were enrolled, but more are wanted. The circle is open to all members of the Boy Scouts Association, or those interested in that movement.

On Saturday we are going to Siegburg if the weather permits, meeting at the Bonn car Hohenzollern Bridge at 1.50 and proceeding by the 2 o'clock car Any members at Siegburg or district could meet us at Siegburg about 3.15.

If wet we propose to visit the Natural History Museum near the N.A.C.B. canteen by the river.—Old Scout.

Australian Cup.

The qualifying round for the Ladies' Australian Cup was played at Hanger Hill this week, the four ladies who qualified being: Mrs. Woodward, 87, less 5—82; Mrs. Schidrowitz, 98, less 16—82; Mrs. MacIntyre, 97, less 14—83; and Mrs. Jameson, 112, less 21—91.

MONEY FOR SKILL.

Swell The Prize In Our Football Competition.

If every member of the Rhine Army had a shot at winning our football skill competition, the fortunate individual who forecasted the results of Saturday's matches would be in a position to live in luxury for quite a considerable time.

The more entries there are, the greater will be the prize money. But whatever anybody else does don't neglect your opportunity. Somebody has to win the prize offered and you might just as conceivably be the fortunate one as anybody else.

Last week the prize money amounted to 1,400 marks, which would have been quite a useful amount to win had any one individual successfully forecasted the winning teams in all the matches given. No competitor succeeded in this, however, but the ten whose coupons contained only one error were rewarded with 140 marks each.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 2,
"Cologne Post,"
A.P.O. S./40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 2.

Date of matches, Saturday, Oct. 4th.
Closing date, Friday, Oct. 3rd.

Oldham	v. Preston N.E.
Bolton Wan.	v. Derby County
Newcastle U.	v. Liverpool
Everton	v. Sunderland
Bradford C.	v. W. Bromwich
Wolverhampton	v. Leeds City
Fulham	v. Bristol City
Coventry C.	v. Leicester C.
Cardiff C.	v. Exeter C.
Southend U.	v. Brentford
Morton	v. Hearts
Queen's Park	v. St. Mirren

I enter Football Competition No. 2 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Unit .....
Address .....

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Scottish Golf.

Next year's competition for the Scottish Amateur Golf Championship will be held at Gleneagles, Perthshire, on July 26.

Atherstone Hunt.

To the great satisfaction of her old followers, Mrs. Inge has come to the rescue of the Atherstone country. It had been without a Master since Aug. 1.

Coming Back.

Former feather-weight champion, Abe Attell is coming back to the game, and so is ex-champion Johnny Coulon. The latter is angling for a 4-round bout with Wilde.

Sincere Thanks.

Mr. H.L. Collins, captain of the Australian Imperial Forces cricket eleven, on behalf of the team, has sent a telegram conveying to the cricketing public of England their sincere thanks for the generous support given them during their recent tour of England.

Weeding Out.

Mr. Sol Joel is having a weeding-out sale at the Second October meeting. Rivershore, on which, on more than one occasion, we have been closely concerned, along with Syndian, Racket, Sardis, Pandion, Sundari, Polyscope, and Polygnotus are amongst the lot than come under the hammer.

Offers Declined.

Albert Whalley has declined a couple of tempting offers to ride in India this winter.

Raising "Spuds."

Jess Willard is raising "spuds" on his 640-acre ranch in Kansas. Good job it isn't sugar or he might raise Cain.

A Surprise.

Very few people imagined for a moment that the St. Leger winner, Kaysoe, could be beaten in the Kingsclere Stakes, with odds laid on.

Charlie Trigg.

Charlie Trigg has relinquished his jockey's licence. Will he follow Walter Griggs' example and blossom forth as a trainer?

Backing Dead-heaters.

A dead-heater is reckoned a winner. But many who backed Rich Gift and Pallene lost money at Dunstall Park, for though they dead-heated odds were laid on each in turn and those who laid the odds on lost on the transaction.

Ex-Lancer's Intentions.

Joe Taylor, who served his apprenticeship with John Dawson at Newmarket, intends to ride over fences and hurdles during the approaching cross-country season. He served with the Lancers in France.

Proposed Recreation Ground.

It is suggested that the Severalls at Newmarket should be transformed, as a war memorial, into a recreation ground.

Value Of Stakes.

It is reported that the Jockey Club Stewards are keeping an eye on the value of the stakes being offered by race executives.

Girl Angler's Catch.

Miss A.S. Clay (13), daughter of Lt.-Col. S. Clay, M.P., while fishing on the Spey with fly, caught a salmon weighing 47lb. This is said to be the largest fish taken in the river with fly for over 30 years.

"Bobbies" v. "Otters."

The London City Police, who have up to the present carried all before them in water polo this season, will meet the Otter S.C., holders of the Southern Counties A.S.A. Water Polo championship, in the final, at Buckingham Palace-road Baths, on October 7.

Trotting Meeting.

The directors of the National Trotting Horse Breeders Association have arranged to hold a trotting meeting at Parsloes Park, Barking, Essex, on Thursday, Oct. 9, the whole of the proceeds to be given to St. Dunstan's Day After-Care Fund for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors.

9½lb Trout.

Fishing in the Arun at Pulborough (Sussex), a boy, named Harold Simpkins, of Clapham, caught a fine sea trout of 9½lb.

Selling Platers' Prices.

Are prices of selling platers going down? After winning at Windsor Mr. Bottomley had to go to 1,500gs. to keep Hardbake. At Gatwick on Friday the buying in price was only 830gs.

Varsity Oarswomen.

It is rumoured that an Oxford and Cambridge University Boat Club for Women is shortly to be formed in London, with a boathouse on the Thames, where the girls will practise serious rowing in eights and fours.

Selling Plate King.

Who is the present selling plate king? Mr. Galstaun has a sound claim. He put up a puzzle on Friday by running both Golden Square and Clondir at Newbury, and for a time the pair were equal favourites at 2 to 1 each.

Surrey F.A.

It was stated at the annual meeting of the Surrey Football Association that 80 resuscitated clubs had been elected to the Association. Sixteen clubs have entered for the Senior Cup and 75 for the Junior competition.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Cruelty.

Is there an organisation in Cologne similar to the English R.S.P.C.A.? The question is suggested by an incident which occurred in Schildergasse yesterday afternoon. The driver of a very heavily laden drag was whipping his horse in a most brutal manner. The load was evidently too much for the animal and although there were several German officials of one kind and another in the vicinity they did not even remonstrate with the driver.

The Trink Halles.

Despite the cold weather the drinking kiosks in the streets of Cologne and the other Rhineland towns are still doing a flourishing business.

Clock Ticks.

No doubt encouraged by a recent note in these columns, which expressed surprise at the large number of public clocks allowed to remain out of repair for protracted periods, clock-makers have been getting a hustle on with a vengeance. During yesterday, I traversed most of the principal streets of Cologne and, without exception, all the timepieces were ticking away merrily.

Why?

It has been pointed out to me that, strangely enough, more is invariably charged in the German shops for Woodbine cigarettes than Player's and Gold Flake.

The new Proclamation.

I notice that the new proclamation on the subject of theft by German civilians, the first, I believe, to appear on the hoardings over the signature of Major General Clive, C.B. is attracting considerable attention. Small groups of both sexes are to be seen reading it. The authorities are determined to stop the leakage of Government stores and are taking firm action. Perusal of the reports of police court proceedings at Coblenz convey the idea that this being tackled in a thorough manner by the American authorities.

Unappreciative Folk.

Our criticism of the lack of appreciation shown by audiences at the concerts at the Zoological Gardens was scarcely so severe as that of a German newspaper published in Cologne. Reference is made to profiteers who had gone to the Garden to eat instead of listen of the music.

German Brides: British Grooms.

An order has just been issued concerning marriages of British soldiers to fräuleins. It lays down definitely once and for all that "no marriage between British soldiers and German women before the ratification of the Peace Treaty can be permitted. And only then if and when proper arrangements have been made with the German Government as to the formalities and precautions to be observed. When these have been made, further orders on the subject will be issued." Those are the words of the Army Council. So that's that!

One More Day.

I would advise everyone who wants the "Post" sent to friends or relatives in "Blighty," to hurry up and send in the order form and 12 marks to-day, for from to-morrow the sum necessary will be 15 marks.

"Dusky Warriors."

The cigarette queue at one of the N.A.C.B. canteens was being marshalled by a military policeman, who noticed that a number of dusky warriors were not satisfied with one visit to the counter and were performing what is known as the "follow-my-leader" trick. With the help of dumb signs and gesticulations he managed to convey to them the error of their ways and they were forced to retire, crestfallen, but not without many withering glances of contempt at the representative of law and order.

Shell Shock Confectionery.

Many will have noticed the absence in the confectioners' shops of the dithering, shapeless type of atrocity that masqueraded under the name of confectionery. Now, however, there is something more tangible and perhaps more edible.

Pay Advances.

The closing of the Field Cashier's doors against officers armed with advance pay books is resulting in many complications. For instance, a married officer told me yesterday that he purchased a number of food coupons from the Field Cashier for which he had to pay at the rate of 120 marks to the pound. He then went to Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son to re-line his pocket and his cheque was cashed only at the rate of 90 marks to the sovereign.

The Chamber of Commerce.

I am told that the offices of the British Chamber of Commerce are being transferred to 100 Hohestrasse, Cologne. I understand that Mr. Knott is not taking the recent decision of the Chambers lying down and some interesting developments in this quarter may be expected.

"Clicked."

In a cabaret the other evening might have been noticed that one of the civilian habitues, a dapper little chap of close on forty, was rather better groomed than usual, while in his buttonhole he wore a white rose. My attention had previously been attracted to this individual on account of his somewhat excentric appearance, but this evening he repeatedly consulted his watch besides occasional glances at the clock. At last he disappeared amid expressions from his friends of "Auf Wiedersehen."

Fizz for all.

He was back in an hour as excited as ever and looking as pleased as Punch. The party had been drinking beer hitherto, but the little man on return ordered champagne, the while he shook hands with the company and related his recent experience. It turned out that he was a bachelor who had inserted a matrimonial advertisement in the paper, and had that evening met the fair one by appointment at the Museum at eight o'clock. The white rose he wore for identification purposes.

Take Notice.

Wintertime will come into being on Saturday night at 24.00 hours, when clocks will be put back one hour.

A Clever Woman.

Miss Cicely Hamilton, I see, finds time from her strenuous entertaining duties in Rhineland to write most interesting articles in "The Northern Weekly Leader". This week her contribution is entitled "A German Soldier on the War". Miss Hamilton will be remembered as the author of the most succesful play "Diana of Dobson's."

A Silly Practice.

Why do newspaper boys persist in selling their papers in the entrance hall of the Modernes Cinema? Could not the papers be sold inside the hall before the performance starts? It would save the obstruction and inconvenience on entering the theatre.

Vorsicht.

Troops are warned against accepting any fifty-mark notes which are issued, bearing the following numbers:—A069, G109, F109, E144, H144, D069. They are stated to be false.

"Wat will we do?"

Under this heading appears a highly amusing example of Germanised English praising the features of a game called "Propello." We are indebted to a Solingen reader, a German girl, by the way, for the example:—"On flying out—in the summer-fresh—in hours of recreation—in sea- and other baths—on the strand—to use the time pleasant and wholesame—wellfairly in Good condition—steeling the weakened nerves—to stir up the appetite—inhaling the good, aromatic air with fill respiration? We play Propello! the newest attraction for young and old!"

Cheap, Isn't it?

Though our price from to-morrow will be 35 pfgs. a copy, think what that represents; only about three farthings at the present value of the mark.

No Tips.

When I entered my hotel yesterday I must admit that I rubbed my eyes for on the wall was an intimation from the management in three languages that tipping is forbidden. When I suggested to my waiter that this was something in the nature of a calamity, he took the view that it was of little importance. Imagine my surprise when he declined a tip. To be in Germany and not to tip seems impossible.

Football Judges, Remember.

To-day the second of our football skill contests is closing. Do not miss the chance of a substantial money prize. In the first contest 1,400 marks were distributed.

Souvenir de la Guerre.

Have you seen the souvenir of the war made by German ration coupons? It consists of a small picture and verse framed with multifarious ration tickets pasted on a sheet of cardboard. The verse is a parody of Heine's "Loreley" and begins:—

Ich weiss nicht was soll es bedeuten,
Dass ich so hungrig bin . . .

Welcome Home.

"Welcome Home" reads the message which is to be seen in several of the smaller villages. Evidently this is intended for the returned German prisoners who are dribbling through. There have been many reunions in and near Cologne.

Our Staff.

The whole of the journalistic staff of this paper are officers, N.C.O's and men of the Army, and in case anyone suspects otherwise, I would whisper in your ears that they are working solely for ordinary regimental pay and receive no extra emoluments whatever. Producing "The Cologne Post" is entirely a labour of love with them.

Morris Dancing.

I met Miss Dakin boarding the train for Brühl the other afternoon. She is just as enthusiastic as ever about the Morris dancing she is teaching the boys on the Rhine, and is giving many exhibitions of her pupils' skill every week.

A Little Late!

A Weymouth tradesman, whose son is serving as a captain in the Army of Occupation in Germany, has just had delivered by post a box addressed to his son containing a smoking outfit and a card of greeting, conveying him the best wishes of Princess Mary for a happy Christmas in 1914!

Of The Silent Order.

A common sight in the streets of Cologne is the Trappist monk in his picturesque garb and sandals hurrying along. He seems to have eyes for no one except little children, for whom he has ever a smile. The little ones curtsey, touch the hem of his garment, and the father smiles benignly and makes the sign of the cross in the juvenile face.

RHINELANDER.

VANITY FAIR.

A Feature for the British Woman in Rhineland.

Smoke.

Women's cigarette-holders are amusing in their variety. The smartest are long, gold-mounted tubes of shell, amber or ivory, though many women use the coloured ones which match their earrings, pendant and beads.

From Reason to Folly.

We have seen some neat, reasonable tailor-mades, well worn, and with becoming toques and hats. Now we are beginning to see the most fantastic things—tailor-mades with pannier coats: hats soft, immense, slouched: skirts so short and tight as to make walking difficult, and high draped neck-bands of fur, cachemire, satin, or velvet.

Blue Leather.

The vogue for leather-trimmed hats and garments for autumn and winter wear is producing some very pretty effects. Extremely artistic is a natty motoring cap in which blue leather and beaver are the principal constituents. A blue silk tassel hung cheekily over the wearer's left shoulder completes the latest thing in headgear.

Evening Shoes.

There is charming variety about the latest fashions in evening shoes. Those with the brocade, for instance, are most chic. A particularly pretty shoe is that in which the front is adorned with a large brilliant buckle from which trail strands of pale blue ostrich plumes.

Beads and Bracelets.

Fancy jewellery of all kinds is much in demand. Combinations of coloured stones give novel effects, and pastel shades of blue, green, pink and lavender used in one necklace are distinctly attractive.

Toilet Accessories.

The woman who loves nature need not despise certain clever arts and crafts that assist her to become more comely. It is wise to use pure creams and lotions, free from concoctions. Some who have dry skins, and others with too greasy a complexion, should naturally remedy the deficiencies in their respective cases, which is only common sense. It is far from hygienic to apply powder over a half-clean face, or to use rouge indiscriminately over a dull and jaded one. Discretion is required; and a sense of the fitness of things aids in the betterment of woman's looks.

Tammies.

Noticeable among this year's shapes is the tam-o'-shanter, that has taken unto itself many new lines of late. Mostly following the old rule of being higher one side than the other, it is found with quite a deep bandeau lifting it well away from the face, as well as placed low upon the brows with distinct intentions of covering the eyes. Again, we meet the popular "beret" shape, and also a model that has all the appearance of being four-cornered without actually being so.

Feminine Feet.

I have come to the conclusion that, from an artistic point of view, not more than one woman in twenty should be allowed to show her ankles, writes a male correspondent. This is what I see: Flat feet, feet turned out too much, feet turned in too much; heels too high, heels too low, heels worn off at the outer edge, heels worn off at the inner edge, heels worn off at the back. There are ankles too thin and ankles too thick; ankles like sparrows' legs, ankles like stovepipes, ankles which turn in so much that they seem in imminent risk of breaking. Then there are the high-booted pedestrians. Those with thick ankles cannot make the front edges meet. There are feet which mince and feet which come down like sledge-hammers, and feet which are placed too far apart.

AGNES.

HOW NOT TO CATCH FLIES.

The fly is commonly regarded, and quite rightly so too, as an enemy of mankind, and as such should be destroyed. How to destroy these pests is one of the problems of to-day. A case is reported where a respectable householder hit upon an ingenious plan. The other evening he armed himself with a vacuum cleaner, walked about the house with it, and gloated over the spectacle of the flies being drawn into the tube. Apparently a very successful method. Next morning, however, the maid had an experience similar to that of the King who found the blackbirds alive in the pie. She was almost smothered in a cloud of active insects who celebrated their release from captivity by buzzing round and settling on her head.

WHAT IS SHELL SHOCK?

The term shell shock has misled many persons to believe that it is due to the profound impression or shock produced on the nervous system by the detonations of high explosives. No doubt, there are cases of actual brain or nerve injury due to concussion of the air accompanying shell explosions, but these mechanical causes are a great deal less frequently responsible for war neuroses than the mental effects of general war strain. It is remarkable that these war neuroses, common as they are among privates and officers alike, are seldom found in men who have been actually wounded. Perhaps this seeming anomaly is due to the actual wound-shock offsetting the mental impression affecting the controlling nerve-centre in such cases.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Next Lord Mayor.—Sir Edward Cooper is to be the new Lord Mayor of London.

Fiasco.—The strike at the American steel works at Bethlehem has failed.

Full Swing.—Aerial mails are in full swing, throughout Great Britain.

Under the Dentist.—The Prime Minister is still receiving dental treatment.

Better Value.—The French franc still continues to increase in value.

Exit Matadors.—Bullfights are no longer to be permitted in Bordeaux.

Stopped.—The British Government has stopped the exportation of coal.

Fighting the Moors.—Spain has its little war in Morocco just now.

Belgium's Recovery.—Ostend has known one of the jolliest seasons in its history.

Payment for Councillors.—The new demand that county councillors should be paid will meet with refusal.

Coupon Control.—The sale of cigarettes in the American zone is now controlled by coupon.

Monocars.—It is said that monocars at £40 apiece will be the popular vehicle of the future.

The City Temple.—Miss M. Royden who is popular in Congregationalist circles will be the new Minister at the City Temple.

Bad Port.—Foreign speculators are said to have dumped a great amount of bad port into England.

Breaking Faith.—Germany has been selling her aircraft material to neutral countries contrary to the terms of Peace.

Seats of the Mighty.—The German National Assembly held a first sitting in Berlin in the building of the Reichstag.

Portfolio.—It is expected that Mr. Barnes will succeed Sir Robert Horne at the Labour Ministry.

Silk Hats.—Temporary grooms for railway horses at Birmingham wore frock coats and silk hats.

Necessary.—Anyone owning more than ten tons of sugar at home is required to report the fact.

Peer-Stoker.—On the footplate of a train which ran from Liverpool to London was a peer.

Dispositions.—The Worcestershire Regt. is doing duty at Birmingham and the Cheshire Regt. at Manchester.

Licensed.—It is said that travel licenses will be issued when the service of trains has been improved.

What they do.—Railway strikers took part in the daily whisky queue in Old-street, E. C.

Provision.—There are two million tins of condensed milk in London and 4½ million tins in the whole country.

Early.—The Food Controller was on duty in Hyde Park at 6 o'clock the other morning.

Mummers Stopped.—The strike has practically put an end to theatrical touring.

In Lorraine.—The Cardinal Archbishop of Paris is making a pastoral tour of Lorraine.

Actors Unsatisfied.—The theatrical strike in Paris is only partially settled and many playhouses are still closed.

Paris Representative.—Germany has appointed as its Charge d'Affaires in Paris, Dr. Olgeard Grasmatt.

Enterprising.—Three demobilized soldiers have invested their gratuities in a cabinet business in Edgware-road.

Week-end on the Battlefields.—Every week brings an increasing number of visitors to the battle area.

The Coming War.—Count Berthold says that the next war already appears on the horizon.

When to Buy Cars.—An expert thinks the prices of motor cars will have fallen very much by next February.

At lightning speed.—Generally, in Belgium, the work of reparation goes on at lightning speed.

Film as Propaganda.—The French Government believes in the power of the film to disseminate the doctrines of remembrance.

Labour and Municipal Elections.—The only party which is planning a campaign to sweep the municipal elections is the Labour Party.

Taking a Chance.—A Düsseldorf lady who says she is experienced in housekeeping advertises her desire to go to America.

Keeps Separate.—Luxembourg, by a general vote of the inhabitants, has decided to remain an independent State under the Grand Duchess Charlotte.

Busier.—Coblenz is said to be busier at present through the activity of civil commissions than during the full military occupation.

Salutary.—Two Cologne Germans, who were concerned in the theft of tyres, etc. were each sentenced at Coblenz to six months and fined 5,000 marks.

Hostile.—The ordinary man feels that the railwaymen have been fairly treated considering the impoverishment of the country.

Summer Time.—Those with whom Summer time is popular are asking when a statue to the late Mr. William Willett is to be erected.

Theatre Boom Over?—There is not so much desparate financial bidding for West End theatres. Evidently the halcyon days are past.

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SLIGHT INDICATIONS THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL SOON BE REOPENED.

GOVERNMENT WITHHOLDS MEN'S WAGES.

SEEING IT THROUGH.

PUBLIC RESOLVED TO BREAK THE STRIKE.

"The Government is not fighting Trade Unionism. Trade Unionism is recognised as a factor in the industrial life of the country."

"The Government is fighting to prevent extremists of any industrial body from attempting to gain their ends by attacking the life of the community and so bringing untold misery upon thousands of innocent people."

This message from the Prime Minister was flashed on every cinema screen throughout the country yesterday. It gives the lie direct to those agitators who have caused the present strike, and given out that the Government is resolved, in the present conflict, to smash Trade Unionism.

Prospect Improving.

Though the position is still uncertain the "Times" thinks the prospects of a comparatively speedy end to the struggle have improved. It points out, however that the essential condition of lasting success in any resumption of negotiations is that they should not be conducted in an atmosphere of secrecy. This habit of secrecy is a war habit of which the Government should rid itself forthwith.

Situation Unchanged.

The latest communique issued from Downing Street yesterday recapitulates the proceedings between the Government and the Railwaymen at the previous night's meeting and states that the position remains as defined in the Premier's answer to the deputation.

It also states that as a result of the improved railway service one column of milk lorries is already being withdrawn.

The Beginning of the End.

Mr. Lloyd George has received a telegram from an important railway centre stating that a pledge had been obtained from the chairman of a meeting of railwaymen that the men would return to work forthwith if they were assured that wages would not be reduced before the end of next March.

The Premier replied that wages would certainly not be reduced before then.

Strikers' Wages Withheld.

The Government has issued a statement justifying their action in withholding wages, which would have been due for payment to the Railwaymen this week if they had not struck. The statement points out that the men broke their contracts by striking without notice, thus inflicting unexampled injury on the community. The damages to which they are legally liable vastly exceed the payments withheld and the Government would not be justified in making payments which would only be used to prolong the struggle which is endangering the whole life of the nation. Different considerations may arise if an early resumption of work is made.

No Progress to Report.

Reuter learns from a well-informed source that in the conservations with the deputation from the Transport Workers Federation, Mr. Lloyd George did not recede one iota from the condition that resumption of work must precede resumption of negotiations with the Railwaymen.

After the interview the President of the Railwaymen's Union said "There is no progress to report. The proceedings are for the moment adjourned."

As an indication of the eagerness of many of the railwaymen to abandon the fight much significance is attributed to the following passage in a statement made yesterday by Mr. J.H. Thomas.

"To those men in the country and to the branches which are wiring all manner of instructions to the Executive and myself, I merely say 'We are not striking for strikings sake, We will not prolong the dispute an hour longer than is warranted'."

Late on Thursday night the Secretary of the Transport Workers Union stated that his committee would meet on Friday morning after which they may ask Mr. Lloyd George to see them once more. They will then report to meetings of representatives of other Unions which are being requested to consult with a view to the taking of such action which they may deem necessary.

The following communiqué was issued from Downing Street at 5 p.m. on Thursday: "Representatives of the Transport Workers and Associated Unions saw the Prime Minister this afternoon. They retired to confer with the Railwaymen's Executive. The train service continues to improve."

Efforts to Negotiate Fail.

"The efforts made by the Transport Workers to bring about a re-opening of the negotiations with the Railwaymen without resumption of work have definitely broken down." Mr. Thomas made this statement on Thursday night admitting this and added: "Trade Unions whose views on the Government offer are the same as those of the Railwaymen are themselves, before taking any action, making another effort. The Government's action in withholding the men's uages is a grave mistake and will only stiffen the men's backs."

Open Negotiations Wanted.

In connection with this matter of open negotiations the same journal publishes a letter from Lord Robert Cecil headed "Urgent summons to Parliament", in which he says that even if negotiations are resumed it is a question whether Parliament should not be consulted—but if they are not resumed, or if they break down, Parliament should surely be summoned forthwith.

Lord Robert emphasises the fact that in all industrial, as in all international disputes, the great force that makes for peace is "instructed public opinion", while the great enemies of peace are misunderstanding and suspicion.

"It is really incredible that the present crisis could have occurred but for the presence of these elements in the present dispute. For instance, the men have been told that the Government is out to smash Trade Unions. If Parliament were in session this charge could immediately be tested and refuted."

"Conversely, there is grave reason to suspect that extremists among the labour leaders are out to substitute Government by Trade Unions for our present consitution. The charge is denied and we all hope it is untrue, but it can only be adequately disposed of by open debate in Parliament."

Northcliffe's Employees Protest.

The printing machine managers at the Daily Mail office have sent a letter to Lord Northcliffe entering a strong protest against the treatment meted out to the National Union of Railwaymen by the Northcliffe Press.

Lord Northcliffe replied, pointing out all that his press had done for the Labour Party during the recent election and saying that he has no intention of allowing his newspaper to be influenced by anyone, either in this or any other matter. He is entirely satisfied with the attitude of his papers towards this national calamity and rather than submit to dictation will stop publication.

Pessimists Confounded.

Improvement in the train services is increasing and the number of Government lorries picking up workers for the city has greatly relieved the pressure on trams and buses. In yesterday's trek to town the stream of people on the pavement was noticeably thinner. People are gaining confidence and the skill of the volunteer workers on the District and Tube railways is such that the gloomy prophets of disaster are confounded. All trains are filled. In fact it is impossible to notice anything different from usual in the way the trains are driven and the lifts managed.

In many cases volunteers work all day without relief, bringing a lunch basket with them or snatching hasty refreshment at stations where they have established their own buffets. The District service is now extended from Mansion House to Aldgate Street.

Theatrical Slump.

While business people are thus increasingly well catered for, not since the Zeppelin raids have the London theatres suffered such a tremendous slump. Most of the West end theatres and halls are practically empty. Some of the larger "libraries" which during the last twelve months have been doing big advance deals in large blocks of tickets are so badly hit that a meeting of library and theatre managers has been arranged with a view to sharing the loss. In some cases their loss represents between £200 and £300 a day and it is not to the interest of the theatres to allow the libraries to collapse.

Exclusive of the underground services the number of trains run in and out of London yesterday was 2,593 including 190 good trains.

Besides the boat train to Folkestone, the boat trains from and to Dover, connecting with the Ostend boat, were resumed. The Great Eastern "margarine special" also restarted running.

Regents Park is closed to the public. It has been converted into a new food distributing centre, especially for frozen meat, fish and vegetables.

Famous Men In Humble Jobs.

Among the famous and well-known men, who are working hard in this national determination to break the strike, may be mentioned the following:

Lord Lawrence, grandson of the Indian Mutiny hero, is acting as stationmaster on the Metropolitan Railway.

Major Hamilton, D.S.O., of the Grenadier Guards, son of Lord Claude Hamilton, drove a crowded train yesterday from Crewe to Stafford, the passengers being mostly holiday makers from North Wales.

(*Continued in next column.*).

"ROB THE TROOPS".

WARNING TO OTHER SHOPKEEPERS.

A large establishment in the Hohestrasse has been closed by the authorities as a result of not complying with the recent order which makes it obligatory on all shopkeepers to mark in plain figures the price of all articles offered for sale. The order has only been in operation a few days and the majority of business houses have hastened to act in confirmity with it. Some, no doubt, will try to evade it, knowing that Tommy does not generally cavil at the prices charged, exorbitant though they may be.

The manager of one of the leading jewellers in Hohe-strasse stated in an interview that in his opinion the new order was very urgently needed. Personally he had always marked his goods and never made any difference in price to civilians or soldiers. Some of the smaller establishments, however, he knew had reaped a harvest from soldiers, sometimes charging as much as 50 per cent in excess of the prices charged to civilians.

MAIL PLANE CRASHES.

The aerial mails from London to Newcastle got into difficulties through petrol shortage yesterday when nearing its destination. The pilot tried to land the machine on a football ground, but a wing caught the building and the aeroplane was smashed. Lieutenant Sheppard, the pilot, was severely injured about the head but Lieutenant Page, the observer, escaped with a shaking.

Admiral Sir Sackville Cardone, is driving an engine on the Freshwater-Yarmouth (I of W.) railway.

Brigadier General Nicholson is also working on the same line.

Sir R. Cooper M.P., is in charge of a signal box on the District Railway.

Major C.G. Hamilton M.P., Mr. Baldwin Raper, M.P., and Mr. Grahame White are working as motormen.

A large proportion of the volunteers on the underground system are accommodated in a number of hostels. Each hostel is in charge of a "Captain" chosen from the volunteers themselves. One is a Colonel in the Royal Air Force whose present job is that of a gateman on an electric train. Another of these captains is Agent for one of the Colonies and a third is a famous engineering expert. A number of railwaymen and administrative officers from India, Egypt and other parts of the Empire, now in England on leave, are also giving their services.

"Such Quantities to Eat."

The food position continues to improve. All the great London markets report that the motor convoy system, assisted by horse transport, water transport, and to some extent by trains, is proving successful beyond the most optimistic expectations.

The possibility of a sympathetic strike on the part of the Transport Workers causes no alarm. In fact the situation is being coped with as if they were already out and Food Control officials in London are confident of their ability to carry on without their assistance if they do come out.

Plentiful supplies of fish arrived and quantities were despatched to various parts of the country by road and train.

The Government has also arranged to carry fish by their own trawlers from Grimsby to London, Southampton and Brighton, while steam drifters will also carry fish to Northern ports, including Shields and Aberdeen.

It is officially announced that the food position continues most satisfactory. Flour mills are dispatching over 50 per cent of their output, while in London and Hull the distribution from the mills is normal. Potatoes had been running short but two train loads, totalling 550 tons, arrived at Kings Cross during the day. Meat supplies are plentiful. Bacon stocks are ample. In the provinces supplies are but little short of those in London. Milk distribution yesterday was again excellent, reaching 75 per cent of normal. It is very significant that about half the supplies came by rail. Reports from the country were equally satisfactory regarding the distribution of vegetables and fruit.

Provincial Clearing Houses.

As the result of a conference yesterday between the Government and private traders, enormous strides were made in the organisation of the food distribution over the entire country. All trading corporations dealing with foodstuffs, including the multiple shop concerns, have voluntarily placed their resources at the Government's disposal. The country has been divided into twelve areas, the local commissioners of which have been given full powers in dealing with foodstuffs.

Huge clearing houses for food are established and are able immediately to make good for shortages in any district.

Convoys will be run regularly between these clearing houses and the warehouses. Thus, although works are closing and unemployment is increasing, the inhabitants of big towns are not suffering hardships through lack of food as the result of the cessation of railway transport.

Cattle on the Roads.

A curious reversion to old-time practices is the wholesale driving of cattle and sheep from the grasslands in the Midlands to populous towns in the North. There are some 25,000 more bullocks on grass than normally and thousands of them have already been driven by daily stages averaging twenty miles to their destination.

KEEN CRITICS.

SOLDIERS' QUESTIONS TO FAMOUS ECONOMIST.

The lecture by Sir George Paish, at one time editor of "The Statist" and (during the war) Financial Adviser to the Government, attracted an audience that overflowed the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. at Loreley Hall on Thursday. His subject was the League of Nations. Other lecturers have dealt with this subject in the same hall, but Sir George's treatment of it was peculiarly convincing, as he advanced economic reasons and not sentimental considerations in support of his contention that the League is necessary. He said the League will save the world from the disasters that threaten it as a result of the destruction of means of production, the dislocation of industry, the piling up of debt, the diminution of capital, the waste of food and the general suspicion and unrest caused by the war.

Soldiers as Questioners.

At the close of the Lecture, Sir George invited questions and his audience was not slow to take advantage of the opportunity. One was as much impressed by the intelligence of the questioners as by the lucid, comprehensive and informative replies. The following are some of the problems that were asked and answered:

Will Bradburys depreciate as seriously as the mark; seeing that the issue is greatly in excess of the gold reserve?

Should the Government fix a minimum rate of interest to be charged by Bankers and others in order to encourage borrowing for the purpose of re-starting industries?

Does the depreciation of the mark aid or hinder the recovery of German commerce?

Was not the Prime Minister's statement that our national expenditure is in excess of our reveuue by two millions a day an exaggeration, in view of the fact that his comparison was made between a period at which our expenses were at their highest and our income at its lowest?

The large audience was held in delighted interest for two hours and Sir George was earnestly requested to speak again in the Loreley Hall on his return from Berlin.

BRITISH SOLIDARITY.

FRENCH OPINION OF THE STRIKE.

"It is in circumstances like these that the British nation, needs to be seen," says the "Echo de Paris's" London correspondent writing on the strike, "so as to understand and admire the strength it derives from the respect and even devotion which each individual member of it feels for the community.

"It is this feeling of national solidarity which brought 250,000 volunteers in answer to the Government's appeal for motordrivers. It is the same sentiment which inspires the movement of protest against the strike throughout the country."

NORTH RUSSIAN V. C.

The King has awarded the Victoria Cross to Cpl. A. P. Sullivan, 45th Bn. Royal Fusiliers, for a splendid example of heroism at Sheika River, North Russia. Under intense fire he rescued an officer and three men from a deep swamp into which they had fallen while crossing on a narrow plank.

FRANCE RATIFIES PEACE.

The French Chamber of Deputies has ratified the Peace Treaty by 372 votes to 52. Seventy-three members abstained from voting.

FAMOUS NAME DISAPPEARS.

A Bill was introduced into the Dominion House of Commons at Ottawa yesterday to amalgamate the North West Mounted Police with the Dominion Police under the new title of "Royal Canadian Mounted Police." The force is at present about 2,000 strong.

WAR GRATUITY FOR AUSSIES.

It is understood that the Commonwealth Government of Australia is considering a proposal to pay a war gratuity to all members of the Australian Expeditionary Force. This will involve an expenditure of some five million sterling.

THE "BLACK FAST."

To-day is the Day of Atonement, or "Black-Fast", in the Jewish Calendar. A service will be held in the Loreley Hall, Central Y.M.C.A. Friesen-strasse, at 10.30 hours, and will be conducted by the Rev. H. P. Silverman, Jewish Chaplain to the Army of the Rhine.

VON DER GOLTZ RECALLED.

A Berlin semi-official telegram via Copenhagen says that, according to reliable information, General von der Goltz has been finally recalled from the Baltic Provinces after his endeavours to persuade the troops to withdraw proved unsuccessful.

STRIKELETS.

AL FRESCO MEALS IN HYDE PARK.

At Hyde Park 2,000 substantial meals are served daily to the milk distributors, beginning with a hot breakfast at 6 a.m. and continuing to supper at midnight. Additional marquees are being erected.

One hundred and fifty tons of Dutch margarine arrived in London from Harwich by rail.

Piccadilly tube re-opened yesterday morning with voluntary assistance. As on the District Railway the service will be maintained from 7 a.m. till 7 p.m.

Over 1,500 fresh volunteers signed on yesterday.

A party of public school men are working at Leeds clearing the ashpits of engines and so forth.

The Eccentric Club has placed the services of the club and its 2,000 members at the disposal of the Government.

The Admiralty has issued an order warmly appreciating the manner in which officers and men of the Royal Navy have come to the assistance of the country in the emergency.

Grenadier Guards have taken up duty at Stratford main station.

Yarmouth Corporation has arranged to send 500 stranded visitors to London by motor car. The fare is 27s 6d, children half price. The visitors' own endeavours to charter a steamer were unsuccessful.

The Automobile Association has promised the Postmaster General that thousands of its country members will assist in carrying the mails between distant and rural post offices.

At Cardiff yesterday bluejackets unloaded fourteen vessels and will continue working on eighteen other ships which arrived. The dockers refused to unload the ships but placed no obstacles in the way of voluntary workers removing perishable goods or foodstuffs.

"FROM WAR TO WORK."

NATIONAL PARTY'S CAMPAIGN.

The autumn campaign of the National Party was opened at the Hove Town Hall, Brighton, when a mass meeting was addressed by Sir Richard Cooper, M.P., Brigadier-General A. L. Macfie, and others.

The motto for this campaign is "From War to Work," and a resolution was put at all the meetings against nationalisation, Bolshevism, and direct action, and in favour of drastic economy, security for traders and workers against unfair competition, and wholehearted co-operation of the nation in increasing production.

MORE IRISH TROUBLE.

The Irish question will not be ignored. At a meeting at Belfast to inaugurate a new campaign against Home Rule, a letter was read from Sir E. Carson, in which he wrote:—

"The conspiracy against our civil and religious liberties backed up by cruel assassinations in Ireland and lies and misrepresentations in America to bring about our separation from the British Empire, must be countered by the organisation of all our forces.

"We stand by our convenant in the letter and the spirit, and with God's help we will defeat our enemies as we did before."

IN SPITE OF THE STRIKE.

Large payments by the Government on account of dividends on National War Bonds and other bonds were made yesterday to the extent of over sixty millions sterling. Compared with prices ruling a week ago, Consols show an advance of one to 51½, and War Loan 5 per cents are ⅜ higher at 94⅞. The Home Railway Stocks generally are above last week's prices.

FIRE AT NEW L.C.C. HALL.

Fire broke out at midnight on Wednesday at the partly built new London County Council Hall at Westminster-bridge. Part of the building is occupied by the Ministry of Food. The South-East wing was considerably damaged.

FLIGHT TO MELBOURNE.

The well-known airman Poulet, who intended to leave Paris yesterday on his flight to Melbourne, has been obliged to postpone his departure because the British authorities have not yet forwarded the necessary papers.

AUSTRALIA RATIFIES PEACE.

The Australian Senate has ratified the Peace Treaty. It has also sanctioned the new defence scheme, which provides for an Army of nearly 115,000 men, fully equipped for war.

OUR SIGHTSEEING PRINCE.

The Prince of Wales has been visiting the famous Kootenay mining and fruit growing district. He then proceeded on one of the Canadian Pacific Lake Steamers to inspect the military tuberculosis hospital.

A scheme has been drawn up by the Cambridge school of flying for the formation of a flying club, at a subscription of fifteen guineas per term. An aerodrome has been secured near the town.

WAR IN RUSSIA.

DENIKEN AND KOLTCHAK MAKING PROGRESS.

The most outstanding event in South Russia during the past week is Deniken's rapid advance beyond Kursk towards Veronej, while on most other portions of the front his forces have continued to make progress.

He is now only some 240 miles from Moscow, where the Bolshevists are reported to have proclaimed martial-law.

In East Russia Koltchak's armies continue to push back the Bolshevists, who have now evacuated Tobolsk and appear to be retiring on the whole front.

NORTH WEST FRONTIER.

RENEWED DISTURBANCES.

There are still indications of unrest among the tribes on the North West Frontier of India. On September 19th the post at the head of the Khyber Pass was sniped at, while a picket some ten miles to the N.W. of Tank was ambushed by Mahsuds on the 23rd, a further attack being made on telegraph parties and their escort on the same day. The situation is quiet in Afghanistan.

SPAIN'S PERMANENT WAR.

Madrid papers state that Spanish troops have already occupied Fondak, which is Raisuli's usual place of retreat.

Official reports from Morocco say that fighting continued throughout the 26th September. In order thoroughly to clear the region occupied by the rebels artillery spotting aeroplanes were used and proved especially useful, the enemy being completely beaten and sustaining heavy losses. The Spanish losses were chiefly comfined to native troops, Not a single officer was killed or wounded.

WORLD'S SUGAR SUPPLY.

Information to hand shows the extent to which the sugar industry has suffered in France and Germany from the effects of the war. The coming season in Germany will see about fifty fewer raw sugar factories in operation than in 1913. In France the damage has, of course, been on a vastly larger scale. Before the war there were 250 factories turning out one million tons of sugar annually. The invaders destroyed 150 factories, and to-day the production of sugar is less than 150,000 tons per annum. The world sugar supply has fallen greatly below the demand and will apparently continue to fall.

PRIZE FOR PACIFIC FLIGHT.

To mark the visit of the Prince o Wales to the capital of British Columbia to encourage in Canada development of industry, and incidentally to improve the good feeling between Canada and Japan, Mr. Norman Yarrow, of Victoria, the head of Yarrow's Limited, has offered a prize of £10,000 for the first non-stop flight across the Pacific ocean from Vancouver Island to Japan. The flight is to be made by a lighter-than-air machine, to be manufactured in Canada, navigated and manned by Canadians. The flight must be a non-stop one and must be performed before December 31st, 1921. The award will be made by the Premier of British Columbia.

TO PREVENT TRAFFIC IN ARMS.

The Allied Delegates at the Peace Conference have signed a Convention regulating traffic in arms and munitions. The Convention, which comprises twenty-five articles, is designed to prevent the sale of arms and munitions which exist in enormous quantities at certain points, the indiscrimnate disposal of which might constitute a serious danger to public peace and security. The League of Nations will renew the Convention in seven years' time if occasion demands.

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The Zurich correspondent of the Matin wires to that paper that Slatin Pasha has been appointed Austrian Ambassador in London.

KING ALBERT REACHES AMERICA.

The "George Washington," with the King and Queen of the Belgians aboard, arrived at New York on Thursday.

The City's memorial to London troops is to be set up in front of the Royal Exchange. It will take the form of a square panelled pillar, flanked by statues on pedestals of men of the London regiment in full marching order. The designer is Sir Aston Webb.

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FIGHTING THE STRIKE.

One soft and muddy morning a Signal Officer and one of his men—a veritable Aeneas and Achates when danger was abroad—were cautiously treading the duck-boards in the treacherous Ypres salient.

Suddenly a shell exploded almost at their feet, burying both of them in a shower of clammy water-logged earth. Simultaneously they sat up, a pair of "muddied oafs," whereupon the officer quietly took his cigarette-case out of his pocket and remarked "Have an Abdullah, Peacock?" They might have been sitting at their ease in a Piccadilly club.

Throughout the war this stolid good humour under conditions of the most trying and vicissitudinous character, which frequently manifested itself even in wild exuberance of spirit, was witnessed time and again. Tommy rapidly became a laughing philosopher.

In the stubborn fight with the railwaymen now raging in Great Britain it is comforting to note that the people of the country are revealing an excellent morale, sustained in many places, particularly among the agile and the young, by a nonchalant hilarity that can only provoke high spirits.

A cartoonist depicts John Bull defiantly exclaiming "Damn 'em, I'll walk" and hundreds of thousands are now gaily tripping to their daily work in these fine autumnal mornings and footing it home again at eventide, who would otherwise be "strap-hanging" with obvious discomfort.

The less sprightly have been exploring their lumber-rooms and some wierd and terrible contraptions have been dragged into the light of day to defy the missing "iron horse" and incidently amuse pedestrians. Ancient velocipedes with sufficient rust and dust to delight an Edie Ochiltree have gaily sallied forth, and the highway smiles again. The pleasant toot of the coachman's horn resounds o'er hill and dale. And we have Dr. Johnson's opinion — not to be lightly disregarded — that the most pleasing thing in existence is to travel accompanied by a pretty woman in a mail-coach.

Wise in their day and generation, the Government have also requisitioned the clerk of the weather, who is duly providing the climatic conditions best suited to the open-air habits which the industrial crisis has imposed. Each fresh and bracing morning gives way to a radiant noon which in turn slowly mellows into a rich and golden dusk.

Dictator Thomas and his friends, as far as they are concerned, could scarcely have selected a more unfortunate time for opening hostilities. Lessons learned during the war are not yet forgotten, and the habit of "doing without" was too recently acquired for the tactics of the conspirators to succeed as they would like. The existence, morever, of so many efficient volunteers for transport work whose war duties taught them much timely and valuable knowledge, has proved equally detrimental to what success the agitators might otherwise have attained.

So long as an ample supply of volunteer workers is assured and there seems to be no dubiety on this point, and the public continue to exercise forbearance and self-denial, there will be less danger of the Executive Committee of the N.U.R. strangling the State and committing suicide. The latter operation is a contingency which the hot-headed malcontents do not appear to foresee. If they are wise they will again sheath the sword as speedily and decorously as they can.

DRAMA IN RHINELAND.

THE WORK OF THE B.R.A.D.C.

The British Rhine Army Dramatic Company has during the five months of its existence become an institution that troops in and around Cologne know well.

From small beginnings it has grown to one of the most remarkable enterprises of the English stage, and with the advent of the Company's 100th performance which takes place next week it might not be amiss to take some slight review of what has been accomplished.

The Company has produced eleven three-act plays, as well as three one-act plays, many of which have been performed not only in Cologne but also in other parts of the occupied territory.

They have been all that is best in modern English literature—Bernard Shaw, Arnold Bennett, Stanley Houghton, Oscar Wilde. They have shown that there is much among those writings that many of us are apt to dismiss with the comprehensive phrase "high-brow stuff" that can and does appeal to anybody.

They have shown that the British stage is not altogether limited to what Americans call "girl-and-music" shows. One proof of this is to be seen at 5.30 any evening outside the Deutsches Theatre. Many a demobilized soldier will carry this knowledge back with him to civilian life and will realize in future that it is not essential to turn to the music-hall for an evening's amusement.

So much has been said and written recently of the degraded state of the English stage that perhaps this aspect of the Company's work is the most striking.

But it is not only in the army of occupation that this is seen. An occasional stray German is to be found in the audience and Germans read "The Cologne Post" widely so that to a section of them at least the B.R.A.D.C. must be known.

With these we hope that our artistic prestige has been raised.

During the war a scheme was proposed by Mr. J. T. Grein for an English Repertory Company to visit neutral countries as an antidote to the German literary propaganda with which those countries were flooded. To a certain limited extent the B.R.A.D.C. is carrying out this scheme.

All this has, of course, meant hard work, the bulk of which has fallen on the shoulders of the producer. The Army of Occupation is fortunate in possessing Lt. S. E. Percy, who is not only capable of bearing the burden but is inspired by sufficient zeal to give his services to the task of carrying it.

Any production, even one in which he does not actually appear, means an immense amount of work for the producer, and if what he actually does were known we should probably be inclined to applaud all the more.

Performances and rehearsals, however, are by no means a holiday for any member of the caste, and the staging of a fresh play almost every week is a proposition that would appal most managers if their performers were actors only in their spare time as in the case here.

In addition to other things it demands keenness, and for the sake of the future efforts of the B.R.A.D.C. we hope that the supply of this may always be as plentiful as it has been in the past.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views on Many Topics.

WHAT DO THE BANKS SAY?

Sir,—Since the Field Cashier has ceased to make advances of pay to individual officers, it naturally remains for either Messrs. Cox or Cooks to supply officers with their immediate wants.

In the case of the majority of officers it is not always possible to come into Cologne before 1 p.m. at which time Cox and Cooks close for the day.

It is realised that both these firms put in a fair amount of work each morning but unless their establishments are available for business during the afternoons as well, I can clearly foresee a queue as long and as disappointed as that seen any day outside the Clothing Depot not many months ago.

Those officers who are stationed some considerable distance from Cologne will feel the benefit if the two afore-mentioned Banking houses are open in the afternoons. *W. J. C.*

LEATHERED TUNICS.

Sir,—"A Club Worker" must have a very incomplete knowledge of the history of many who wear leather-patched jackets.

They are not all the battle-scarred heroes her fancy paints them.

It is no guarantee of having been in the thick of the fray in the front line trenches that anyone has his clothes repaired in this fashion, though I know in some instances it has that significance.

I know several men who had never seen a shellhole till after the Armistice, whose uniforms are patched up with leather and whose batmen shine up the patches with brown polish daily.

And only yesterday I met a second "loot" adorned — or disfigured as you like—this way. Well, he couldn't have seen much fighting as a commissioned officer, because of the newness of his rank.

So "A Club Worker" had better adjust her ideal of a soldier in conformity with facts.

Leather patches are out of place in peace-time soldiering. *ANTI-LEATHER.*

SWEETHEARTS.

Sir,—Do you think the authorities would raise any objection to a soldier bringing his sweetheart out here?

I have been sending my girl "The Cologne Post" daily, and she is so interested in various matters raised in your letter box that she has written asking if she and her oldest sister would be allowed to visit me.

I am "sweating" on leave and if everything is in order they could come back with me. *LONELY.*

THE MASONIC LODGE.

Sir,—I have been asked by many fellow officers if there is a Lodge in Cologne and how they can get particulars of it.

Several civilians — some of them ex-officers arriving in Rhineland — have also enquired about it.

Now, as the information seems wanted so much, I would like to suggest that there should be a permanent notice or advertisement of the Lodge in the "Post" giving the Secretary's address, times of meeting, etc. for the information of everyone.

I believe the address was given in your paper once or twice but one cannot keep backnumbers and it would be much better if it was always to be found there. *KEYSTONE.*

RATE OF EXCHANGE.

Sir,—No doubt the reason for fixing the present official exchange value of £1 at 120 marks is excellent, but it is difficult to see why officers should be debarred from availing themselves of it.

Profiteering is practically speaking, out of the question, owing to the limits beyond which advances cannot be made. Would it not be equitable to let officers draw this month the same number of marks as they did last month when the official rate averaged below the commercial? *SUBALTERN.*

Sir,—Owing to the Field Cashier being closed, as far as Officers' advances of pay are concerned, I am faced with the following problem.

I have to buy ration coupons for my wife at the Army rate of exchange i. e. £1=120 marks; to obtain these marks I have to pay Cox's rate i. e. £1=90 marks.

So I lose 30 marks on every £1. Although I don't profess to be an expert on these matters this does not seem quite right to me.

Others of your readers who are affected in the same way may be able to explain this. *EXCHANGE.*

WINTER DANCING.

Sir,—As another who has spent many happy hours dancing at the British Empire Leave Club, having attended practically every dance since the Club opened, might I be allowed to endorse your correspondent "Maxima" that the large hall of the Central Y.M.C.A. would make an excellent hall for dancing?

The attendance at the dances held at the Leave Club points clearly to the popularity of dancing, and I heartily agree with your correspondent that owing to the overcrowding of the splendid hall at the Club much of the enjoyment is taken away.

With cheerful lighting the Y.M.C.A. Hall should provide an ideal meeting place for the devotees of the light fantastic. *HAWKEYE.*

RESERVED FOR OFFICERS.

Sir,—With regard to the letter under the heading "Reserved for Officers," if the second paragraph is printed correctly, I think the grievance might be aired more delicately than by classing those who abuse his preserves as "neutrals, privates and Germans." Such a classification is an insult to the British Tommy and I am sure will be resented by many others who have read this letter.

I for one am content to take my proper place, while I am a Tommy; but certainly not to stand down to such a classification as this. *R.A.S.*

Sir,—Who is G. F. D.! What is he? I take no small objection to the position in which he places the British Tommy. He remarks "Take any train leaving Cologne and you will find these reserved carriages filled with either neutrals, privates or Germans."

He evidently places Tommy under the category of "dirt," to which I must consider it my duty to point out that there were and are hundreds of Tommies —volunteers for the British Army, irrespective of their positions in civilian life.

I am acquainted with varsity men who were volunteer Tommies in the Great War. What thinks he of that? We cannot all be officers, you know, because somebody has to do the rough work.

Where does G.F.D. expect the wife of an N.C.O. or a private to go? In a cattle-truck? The selfishness and priggishness of G. F. D. must be odious to many Tommies, including myself, although I am just a mere *SAPPER.*

Sir—Replying to G.F.D. who refers to officers' carriages being invaded by "Neutrals, privates, and Germans" may I take exception to his bracketing the British Tommy with Germans?

Tommy is only human, and it stands to reason if he finds, as A.K. points out, filthy unlighted carriages being put on for his convenience and noting an officers' compartment empty he will take this one.

I have yet to see, as the writer suggests, trains leaving Cologne with the officers' compartments filled with O.R.'s and civilians, and officers standing. This also is an insult to the usual courtesy of Tommy Atkins. *ONE OF THEM.*

THE WINE TAX.

Sir,—Since the publication of the order dealing with the tax on wines, we have seen in the "Post" a number of letters, but so far no one has described it from the point which most affects Tommy on the Rhine.

The order states that quantities of twelve bottles and over may be purchased "Tax free" if the necessary authority is produced, but where do we find Tommy buying a dozen bottles "all at once?" Probably he buys many during a week, but on each bought singly he pays tax.

The point now is—Is Tommy to be the only one who is to help the Germans pay their £8,000,000,000 Indemnity?

According to the general comments heard in various "wirtschaften," much frequented by Tommy during the past few days, the idea does not seem to appeal, and I for one agree.

As all ranks are allowed "Luxus-Steuer" on jewellery, etc., why the difference regarding wine? *1914 JUSTICE.*

GERMANS IN OUR CINEMAS.

Sir,—I don't know who "Surprised" is who wrote to you about "Germans in our cinemas" but I should imagine that he was one of those individuals who roll up late and expect to find a good seat.

I personally was in the box office of the Modern Cinema on Thursday night and can positively state that there were not more then twelve German civilians in the hall.

This cinema is capable of holding close on 2,000 people and I fail to see what "Surprised" has got to growl about. The fraulein does not go into the cinema "on her own", but is on all occasions accompanied by an Englishman, and if "Surprised" imagines we should tell him that he cannot take his friend in, he is sadly mistaken.

As for what others think, I think that "Surprised" could find something more profitable to do than write rubbish. *CECIL. R. WATSON.*

ARE WOMEN CARELESS?

Sir,—Are women careless, indeed. When I arrived on the Rhine the state of my husband's billet was something appalling. The German frau had given up in disgust all endeavour to keep the rooms tidy.

There was no semblance of order. Nothing could be found. Clothing required overhauling and a careless nature was apparent on all hands.

At home he was always the tidiest of men and now everything is left about and forgotten until that particular article is required.

I think it is a good thing I came along or the German frau would have died of apoplexy. *T. B.*

A COMPARISON OF PRICES.

Sir—A stick of Erasmic shaving soap cost me recently 4.50 marks at the B.E.L.C. I later saw the same description of goods at four marks in a German shop. Judge, however, of my surprise when a Scottish Churches worker informed me their price is only 3.50 marks.

Cannot a regular price be charged all round? It savours very much of profiteering at Tommy's expense on the part of one concern. *WAS HAD.*

THE BILLET BENEATH.

I have been three months in that billet and although I knew that there was another representative of the British Army in the building I had not seen him until yesterday morning, when he emerged from his room, just as I descended to that landing.

Like true Britons, anywhere in this world or the next, we passed several entirely useless remarks about the weather before descending to the street-door together.

I noticed that he looked rather care-worn and over-worked, and as the latter circumstance eliminated the possibility of his being employed in G.H.Q., I began to feel curious; but before I could formulate any questions, he commenced to speak.

"I say, old man, I hope you don't mind my mentioning it, but my nerves have got into a perfectly rotten state since the armistice. I wonder if you would mind, when you are undressing at night, to put your boots down quietly. I'm just under you y'know, and it quite puts me off my sleep when you drop them with a bang."

By the time he had finished we were in the street, and I just had time to apologise for the past and give a hasty promise for the future, before I jumped aboard a tram and was carried toward the Mess.

I thought of him again during the day, and decided that he was entirely justified in bringing the matter to my notice, for my boots are the regulation pattern only more so; in fact I believe that the Quarter who issued them thought that I had engaged for another twenty-one years.

It is rather curious, but this boot-dropping habit has been quite a "fetish" or religious ceremony for the last three years. Each night I have soliloquised in this sort of fashion:— Well; that's another day gone—thud!! — a pause while I draw off the other boot, then — Roll on demob thud!! so I would fall asleep with a peaceful heart; more or less.

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Last night I climbed the stairs to my room. I detest this oppressive weather. I had been "unlucky" with the mail: in short, I was utterly "fed-up" with everything and anything.

In my room I commenced to undress, and according to habit, I was soon murmuring, Well: another day gone. Thud!! Then I remembered and was thoroughly annoyed with myself, and as I slipped off the other boot I placed it gently and silently on the carpet.

I wound up my watch, it was just 22.30 and I was soon asleep.

I awoke with a start and switched on the light, a glance at my watch showed the time to be 00.30, there came a knock at the door, so that's what had wakened me. "Come in!" I shouted.

The door opened and my friend from below entered. His face was lined with worry; his hair was all awry, and he had a haunted look; altogether his whole appearance was extremely pitiful.

"I couldn't get to sleep until you dropped your other boot" he said, in the voice of one who has faced the horrors of the Pit: "The suspense has been *awful.*"

RAS.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

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Saturday	8	Concert	
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"Hullo Cologne!"

There was great stir and excitement on Thursday night at the British Empire Leave Club over the performance of "Hullo Cologne!" by the B.E.L.C. Unit. The Theatre and gallery were packed and it has been decided to repeat the performance to-day at 3.p.m. so that none of those who were disappointed on the opening night will miss such a charming and artistic production. To the strains of Eastern music, the curtain rises on a magnificent scene of bronze and gold. Abdullah the Emperor seated in state on a luxurious couch surrounded by his guards and pages looks weary and bored and his Vizier anxious to please him introduces his slaves brought from the West.

A Revue.

They shew him the latest acquisition in the western lands, a revue, in the hope of dispelling the melancholy which broods heavily upon their master. The first dance to eastern music is a most charming one by Mrs. Bamford, Misses Littleton, Christian, Trimble, Hanbury Williams, and Bell in gorgeous coloured robes and this is followed by a ragtime song delightfully sung and danced to by Miss Bell. Then with a clap of the hands the Vizier summons two more slaves who sing an enchanting song called "Wild Thyme," dancing all the while to the lilting rhythm of the refrain. Mrs. Shorten and Miss Jameson were loudly encored and scored one of the greatest successes of the evening.

Dutch Boy and Girl.

Abdullah still anxious for more diversions demands yet more singing and the Vizier calls in a Dutch Girl Mrs. Bamford, who sings a little "Pink Petty from Peter" with topical verses, while Miss Acland as the Dutch Boy scored the greatest hit of the evening when she appeared with a brass hat and rows of ribbons. The Emperor then fancies a song of his own country and Miss Trimble and Chorus sing a beautiful song called "Siesta Time". This is followed by a Quartette "Meet me at half past two" by Mrs. Shorten, Jameson, Trimble, Bell, and a Comic Dance by Mrs. Bamford and Miss Littleton which amused the audience vastly.

Sunshine and Rain.

Still clamouring for more music, the Vizier accedes to his masters wishes by calling for two more slaves, Misses Acland and Jameson who appear in a little wooden house and sing "Little Miss Sunshine and Little Mr. Rain" one of the cleverest items on the programme. As they are wheeled off in their little wooden house, the stage is blackened and there follows a Fantasy most cleverly enacted by the Misses Tilney, Dalrimple and Waterhouse under a fascinating blue and yellow lime-light. Abdullah's entertainments ends with the valse triste beautifully danced by Mrs. Bamford and a topical chorus where the Emperor relaxes from his imperial dignity and joins his courtiers in a merry song and dance, which was encored again and again, "Hullo Cologne!" makes its final appearance in Cologne this afternoon at 3 p.m.

Sunday Vocalist.

Miss Marjorie Moore is going to sing some more songs from her repertoire at the Sunday band concert on October 5th. Those who had the pleasure of hearing her last week, will receive this intimation with gladness.

Playing for U.S. Troops.

The B.R.A.D.C. hope to be able to arrange to play for the American Troops of occupation during the week commencing October 20th when they will add to their repertoire. Zangwill's "The Melting Pot" will be presented at the Deutsches during the week commencing October 27th.

Are We Forgetting?

When the war was in full swing people were very kind to wounded soldiers, especially those who had lost a limb or limbs, says "The Encore." They used to be admitted free to the theatres and music halls and received passes and all sorts of kindly and thoughtful privileges. Some theatres still give free passes to wounded soldiers and certain kinds of entertaining is still being given to the men in hospital. All this, however, is falling off so much that it is almost negligible.

There are Still Sufferers.

People seem to think that with the signing of the Armistice all the suffering of the war casualties ceased. As a matter of fact there are many now in hospital moving towards slow and painful recoveries. Some have been in hospital for a year and are still undischarged. Many have lost limbs. Whatever the reason for this decline, it hits the disabled man extremely hard. Wearied out as they are with their monotonous days in hospital and dull loitering about the streets, they feel like the forgotten wreckage of a great storm.

In Few Words.

A matinee performance will be given at the Deutsches Theatre this afternoon at 2.30 when Stanley Houghton's "Hindle Wakes" will be presented.

JACQUES.

CARRYING ON.

All Scheduled League Matches To Be Played.

"SPURS" CASUALTY LIST.

The League and Southern League announce that the Government has no objection to teams travelling by motor car. Therefore all scheduled matches will be played to-day. Following this decision, Fulham on appeal received notice from the Football League that the decision ordering Fulham to play at Bristol next Saturday cannot be altered.

The news apers have been discussing not only the advisability of cancelling all football fixtures with a view to preventing people from motoring thereto, thus economising petrol but also with a view to the disadvantage under which many visiting teams will suffer, after long tiring motor journeys.

In the event of the Harlequins being unable to get to Gloucester on Saturday, Cheltenham will fill the vacancy.

The Spurs casualty list now includes seven players. They are Waldon, strained muscles; Lindsay; Cantrell nasal trouble; Wilson kick on the ankle; Chipperfield poisoned foot; Clay ditto; and Minter sprained ankle. The last four are unlikely to play at Lincoln to-day, when the team will be much weaker than usual. The other three are not expected to play for some time.

EXCITING ENCOUNTER.

9th D.L.I.—"A" v. "C" Coy. Football Match.

The above match was played on the 9th D.L.I. ground on Wednesday. As it was the outcome of a challenge by "C" to play any team raised in the Battalion, the encounter was awaited with intense interest and evidences of excitement and enthusiasm were manifest. The result — a draw — forms a good criterion of the evenness of the game, which was marked throughout by an excellent camaraderie.

At the outset "A" Coy. were the slightly superior side and deserved the goal which rewarded their efforts after five minutes play. Reynolds at outside left reeeived the ball from a weak clearance by Harbron and scored through and open goal. Spurred on by this reserve, "C" Coy. pressed, and Gray, who played a grand game throughout made a brilliant individual effort, which was frustrated by Newman's splendid work in goal. During the give and take that followed, Newton had to retire as the result of a stroke up near "C"'s goal, and "A" had to continue without him. "A" now increased their pressure on "C"'s defence, and would have scored but for the erratic shooting of their forwards and the sound work of the opposing backs, Lieut. St. George and Middlemiss. At the end of half an hour's play, "C" Coy. scored from the last of a series of free kicks awarded against either side. Hogg placed the ball neatly in front of the goal and Gray headed past.

WELL CLEARED.

After the resumption of the play, the football was less fast, but still clever. Both sides conceded corners without result and then Dickenson ("C") took a splendid shot, which was well cleared by Newman. Pretty footwork between Fotheringham (left half) and Capt. Gibson was marred by inaccurate shooting, and "C" Coy. retaliated with a good well placed shot by C.Q.M.S. Etherington, followed by a magnificent effort from Gray on the left wing, which Newman gathered in fine style. Shortly before time, "A" Coy. displayed delightful combination and Reynolds would have scored with a high shot but for Harbron's skilful save. The game ended with "C" Coy. fighting for the winning goal.

It is difficult where most excelled to select players worthy of special praise. Apart from those already mentioned Lord was a powerful back and Lieut. Taylor and Putter played sound football for "A." For their opponents, Middlemiss, Dickinson, Gray, Etherington and Hogg were the outstanding players.

"SOLDIERS v. CIVIES."

An XI picked from the "B" Company, 6th London's retainable men, known as "the soldiers," met a demobilizable XI glorying in the title of "the civies," at Ohligs on Tuesday afternoon. At the end of the game the score stood at one point each. So keen were the players that it was decided to play ten minutes extra each way. The "civies," who had the better of the game eventually, won by 2-1, Betts the redoubtable "soldier" goalie letting a shot through in the last few minutes.

OLYMPIC GAMES.

Britain's Chances Of Success At Antwerp.

PROBABLE COMPETITORS.

Having regard to the present low standard of performances in Great Britain, at most of the Olympic events, caused partly by the disorganisation of sport during the war, but principally by the apathetic indifference of the Amateur Athletic Association to the Olympic Games, it will be impossible for us to produce winners in any number (says the "Observer"), but we may, with a little forethought, at least obtain adequate representation in most of the events.

For the short sprint races we have W. A. Hill, the English 100 yards and 220 yards champion, and Sergt.-Major Mawby, the Inter-services champion, the latter having shown 9 9-10 sec. and 22 sec. for the two distances. G. M. Butler, C.U.A.C., who won the English championship in 49 4-5 sec., is our hope for the quarter-mile, but against these three we must remember that the Americans will show figures approximating to world's record at the distances, that is to say, 9 3-5 sec. for the 100 yards, 21 1-5 sec. for the 220 yards, and 47 2-5 sec. for the quarter-mile, times being slightly varied by the translation of yards into metres.

For the middle distances we can rely upon A. G. Hill, English half-mile and one-mile champion, to prove a worthy successor to A. N. S. Jackson, Q.U.A.C.

Long Distance Runners.

At the present moment it is difficult to say just what our long-distance runners are capable of. C. E. Blewitt, English ten-miles champion, may train on into a second Hutson, who was third in the 5,000 metres (five miles) race to Hannes Kolehmainen, and the late Jan Bouin at Stockholm in 1912, when the winner's time was 31 min. 20 4-5 sec., and Hutson recorded 35 min. 7 sec. odd.

One of the younger school who has a great future before him as a sprinter is H. M. Abrahams, the brother of S. S. Abrahams, the Cambridge Blue and English long jump champion.

Sergt. Colhoun, who sent the 16lbs. shot 40ft. 2½in. at the Army Championships last August, is our best hope for the weight-putting event.

In the high jump B. Howard Baker, the English champion, has accomplished 6ft. 2½in., and it is probable that T.J. Carroll, who in 1913 established a new British record of 6 ft. 5 in., will reproduce his old form next year, when he has recovered from the injury to his ankle which has kept him down to 6 ft. all this season.

Even so, our best men will have to reckon with a new American star, L. A. Watson, who has been credited with 6 ft. 6 in.

SPECIAL FOOTBALL ARTICLES.

The series of special articles on the ever interesting subject of football, have this week to be suspended, the strike having interfered with the transit of the manuscript from England.

It is hoped that the series may be resumed on Saturday next and continue without further cessation. We feel sure our readers will forgive the omission from this issue in view of the abnormal circumstances at present prevailing.

IRISH RACING STOPPED.

The following notice has been issued from Dublin Castle by the Privy Council:—

The Irish Railway Executive Committee having recommended that restrictions should be placed on the holding of race meetings, the Lords Justices of Ireland have decided that sanction given to the Stewards of the Turf Club and the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee for this year's race fixtures should be cancelled as from this date. The public will appreciate that this step has been rendered imperative by the necessity of conserving the coal supply, so as to ensure that railway transport will be available for foodstuffs nd perishable articles.

AMERICAN LADIES' GOLF.

The American ladies' gold championship opened on the links of the Shawnee Country Club on Monday with the qualifying competition over eighteen holes. The entry was representative and included Miss Alexa Sterling (Atlanta), the last winner in 1917, and Mrs. W. A. Gavin (South Shore), runner-up in 1915 and formerly of the Huntercombe Club, England. Miss Sterling and Mrs. Gavin led the field with 87 each, Mrs. Barlow coming next with 89.

Condition Serious.

Dawson, the Blackburn Rovers' centre forward, is suffering from a gastric ulcer, and his condition is reported as being serious.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

1/6th West Yorkshire Regt. 9; 6th Corps Troops 1.

KALK SHIELD—3rd ROUND.

The above teams met on Thursday on the ground of the 93rd Bde. R.G.A. to contest the right of entry in the semi-final of the Kalk Shield competition. The Yorks kept their opponents hard pressed, their half back line working like niggers. A pass by Pte. Womersley set R.Q.M.S. Franks going down his wing in splendid style, his centre being met by Lieut. Rummers, who opened the scoring for the Yorks. The Corps Troops now put ginger into their work and had hard lines in not scoring. Their forwards were lacking in shooting ability as one or two chances came their way. The Yorks now got going again and after pretty play by their forwards, C.Q.M.S. Thane did the needful. Shortly afterwards, a penalty was awarded to the Yorks for "hands." Lieut. Rumney taking the kick scored the third goal of the match. Play re-opened very fast. The Yorks now warmed to their work with the result that it was one long procession to the Corps Troops goal mouth, Lieut. Rumney adding four more goals and Cpl. Butterill two. The star performer of the day was Lieut. Rumney, the Yorks captain, who was credited with six goals, all well earned. The Yorks supporters went on their homeward journey rejoicing after a very enjoyable afternoon's sport. Results:—1/6th West Yorks Regt., 9; 6th Corps Troops, 1.

WORTHY WINNERS.

No 2 Coy. Lancs. Divnl. Train v. A Coy. 13th King's Liverpool Regt.

The above teams met on the ground of the first named on Tuesday afternoon. The visitors started with a rush but were met by a resolute defence which gradually wore them down. After some even play, the home forwards broke away and C. S. M. Davies, getting in one of his "expresses," the visitors were one down. No 2 Coy. kept up the pressure and Keegan made the score two with a good shot. The King's did not lose heart and before the interval they opened their account from a penalty kick. The home team got the only goal in the second half, C. S. M. Davies again doing the needful, and retired worthy winners by three goals to one. No 2 Coy. were the better balanced team and were well served by Acton, Walker, Earnshaw and Thornton in defence. The forwards, well led, were always dangerous. For the King's, the backs and half backs played well, the left half and left back being especially good.

VI Corps School v Northern Division Trench Mortar Battery.

In spite of rain a very interesting match was played on Wednesday in the Deer Park between the VI Corps School and Northern Division. T.M.B.

Owing to the lack of combination between the School forwards the play was confined to the School half of the ground, but the strenuous defence of the backs led by L.T. Beale and the fine play of Lt. Oldbury in goal prevented the T.M.B. from scoring for 25 minutes; until Capt. Moore scored from a corner, thanks to a clever pass from L/Cpl. Mac Farlane.

During the second half the School end of the ground was a morass, which although it hindered the T.M.B. repeatedly from pressing home any advantages, also prevented the School from breaking away more than a few times, though Sergt. Ellis gave the T.M.B. some anxious moments.

The T.M.B. forwards were always dangerous, especially L/Cpl. Mac-Farlane and Cpl. Hynd, but the backs were weak, and had Sergt. Ellis been supported by the remainder of the School forwards the result of the match would probably have been different.

Score: T.M.B. 1 — VI Corps School 0.

CELTIC OR RANGERS?

A correspondent (Nightingale) recently asked who had topped the Scottish League most in the last six seasons, Celtic or Rangers? Appended are the League leaders for the past six seasons. Our correspondent will thus see Celtic easily come first.

Season	Leaders
1913-14	Celtic
1914-15	Celtic
1915-16	Celtic
1916-17	Celtic
1917-18	Rangers
1918-19	Celtic.

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ROYAL WARRANT.

PAY OF WARRANT OFFICERS, N.C.O.'s AND MEN.

SIXTEENTH ARTICLE OF THE SERIES.

The maximum rates of pension are as follows:—

	Per week.
Private	26s.
Class IV.	31s.
Class III.	36s.
Class II.	41s.
Class I. (incl. warrant officer, Class II.)	46s.
Warrant Officer, Class I.	55s.

3. Any broken period of qualifying service of less than 12 months in a rank will count as qualifying service in a lower rank, e.g., a non-commissioned officer with 2 years 5 months in Class I. will count 5 months on to his service in Class II.

4. Qualifying service for pension will be unforfeited Colour service, only including service in the Great War, mobilized or embodied service in the Special Reserve or Territorial Force, given after attaining the age of 18 years.

5. The additions under paragraph 2 will not be given for any higher rank than that held on discharge, and that rank must have been held throughout the 12 months immediately preceding discharge.

6. A total of 21 years' service is necessary to give a right to pension, but a minimum of 10 years' qualifying service is also required. To be eligible for pension a soldier must be serving with the Colours on final discharge, or on ceasing to count service.

7. A soldier re-engaged to complete 21 years, or who has re-enlisted to complete a term of service which with former service makes a total of at least 21 years, who is allowed to take his discharge prematurely, after 18 years at his own request, may be granted a pension, if eligible, assessed as in earlier paragraphs, but with a reduction of 10 per cent. If discharged for inefficiency after 18 and less than 21 years, he may be granted a pension at such rate—not exceeding 90 per cent. of the rate as assessed in previous paragraphs—as the Army Council may approve on the recommendation of the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital according to the merits of each case.

8. An additional pension of 5d. per day will be granted (subject to good character as a pensioner) at age 55 and a further increase of 4d. at age 65.

9. Soldiers granted pensions under this Warrant will remain eligible for the additional pension awarded in respect of gallant conduct provided for in Article 1157, Pay Warrant.

10. In the case of re-enlisted soldiers, past service will not count if there has been an interval of more than 5 years. (This does not refer to pensioners re-enlisted during the Great War.)

11. These new regulations will apply to all soldiers admitted to pensions in future. Soldiers who have been granted service pensions during the Great War, and those who were service pensioners before that war and have given satisfactory paid military service during that war (including service as officers), will have their present pensions re-assessed under the rules in this Table, according to their service on original discharge to pension; but the increased pensions will not be issuable while pensioners are serving with the Colours or as officers, and are drawing pay as well as pension.

12. Service with temporary rank during the Great War will count as though it were substantive rank if the soldier is subsequently promoted to the substantive rank; or it may count as service in any lower substantive rank to which the soldier may be promoted. (Thus, if a private were a temporary serjeant during the war and afterwards never rose above the substantive rank of corporal, time as temporary serjeant would count as time as corporal for pension.

13. The conditions governing the grant of annuities for meritorious service under Article 1228, Pay Warrant, are under consideration.

14. A soldier now serving retains his rights under the Pay Warrant and any other Royal Warrants now in force if more beneficial to him than the terms of this Table; but a soldier must be dealt with either under this Table as a whole, or under previous regulations as a whole.

Army Council's Instructions on the foregoing Warrant.

I.

Soldiers of the South African Overseas Contingent in receipt of full British rates of pay and those who do not elect to remain on Union rates; and British soldiers transferred or appointed from units, the depôts of which are situated in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man, to serve with the following units raised outside the United Kingdom, may come under the provisions of this Army Order:—

The Royal Malta Artillery.
The Malta Division Royal Engineers (Militia).
The King's Own Malta Regiment of Militia.
The Bermuda Militia Artillery.
The Bermuda Volunteer Rifle Corps.
The West India Regiment.
The British West Indies Regiment.
The Cape Corps (Infantry).
The Cape Auxiliary Horse Transport Company.
The Cape Coloured Labour Battalion.
The South African Native Labour Corps.
The Chinese Labour Corps.
The Imperial Camel Corps.

(To be Continued.)

COMPETITION No. 3.

Another Coupon For Students Of Football Form.

Our second football competition expired yesterday, the number of coupons received being in excess of those for the opening contest, so that a substantial sum of money falls to be won by the lucky winner or (in the case of several being successful) to be divided.

Some doubt existed as to whether several of to-day's games would be played owing to the industrial crisis, but as will be found in another column all scheduled league games will be contested.

Below another set of matches, comprising coupon 3, are published.

The home teams are given first, and it is worthy of note that from the start of the season the percentage of wins for home teams has been remarkably high.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 3,
"Cologne Post,"
A.P.O. S/40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 3.

Date of matches, **Saturday, Oct. 11th.**
Closing date, **Friday, Oct. 10th.**

W. Bromwich	v. Bolton
Bradford	v. Newcastle U.
Preston	v. Aston Villa
Leeds City	v. South Shields
Lincoln	v. Barnsley
Notts Forest	v. Hull City
Rotherham	v. Bristol City
Bristol Rovers	v. Northampton
Gillingham	v. Millwall
Airdrie	v. Queen's Park
St. Mirren	v. Clyde
Falkirk	v. Clydebank

I enter Football Competition No. 3 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Unit .....
Address .....

BOXING CONTESTS.

Series Of Excellent Sporting Bouts At Leichlegen.

A very pleasant evening was spent at G.H.Q. Con. Depot, Leichlegen, on Thursday, the O.C., Lieut.-Colonel J. McHammond, O.B.E., M.C., having arranged a series of Boxing Competitions among the patients. The bouts were exceedingly well contested and of the true sporting spirit which appeals so much to the British soldier.

Officials:—Referee—Lt.-Col. J. Betts, D.S.O.; Judges—Major H. Colvin, V.C., Capt. M. Brown, M.C.; Time-keeper—C.S.M. Reynolds; M.C.—C.S.M. Clery.

Results.

Pte. Carruther, R.A.F. beat Gnr. Parker after a gruelling 6 rounds, both boxed hard and well, and there was little margin at the end.

Gnr. Hughes, R.F.A. beat Pte. Costello, R.A.S.C., in a fine three round bout.

Pte. Drain, Gordon H'drs. beat Pte. Nash, Surreys, after a hard-hitting and fast three rounds.

Pte. Stacey, R. Bde. beat Pte. Bernstein, D.L.I. The former was at work all through the six rounds and won comfortably on points.

Sgt. Storey, R.A.F. beat Sgt. Keenan, R.E. The latter, who was not very fit, had to give in after a hard hitting first round.

Pte. Berry, R.A.F. was beaten by Pte. Dewar, R. Scots. This bout aroused much enthusiasm and created much laughter owing to the antics of Berry, who appeared to be well known. Although an absolute novice, he put up a good show and won much applause.

Pte. Clements, Queens, beat Cpl. Cooke, K.O.S.B., after a very fine bout in which both contestants displayed a gentlemanly and sporting spirit.

Pte. Phillips, R.A.S.C., held out his hand to Pte. King, York and Lancs., after the second round of what should have been a six round contest.

Lieut.-Colonel Betts said a few homely words on Sport, after which the prizes were presented by Lieut.-Colonel McHammond, who, in a few well chosen words, thanked all those who had helped to make the show the great success it undoubtedly was.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Strike Football.

In South Wales, "strike concerts" and football matches are being arranged to keep the men off the streets.

Famous Footballer Dead.

James Douglas, one of the Blackburn Rovers' team that won the English Cup in 1884-5-6, died recently.

A Coincidence.

The Great Eastern Railway team is one of the football sides inconvenienced by the strike. For a cup-tie match they had to journey by cycle.

Irish Elegance.

Irish Elegance will be seen out once or twice more this season, and next year he will go to the stud, and stand at a fee of 200 guineas.

Cock Scores Twice.

Fulham won their Second Division match at Craven Cottage against Rotherham County by 3 goals to nil. McIntyre scored in the first half, and Cock added two more after the interval.

Inter-Varsity Match.

The Association football match between Oxford and Cambridge Universities will be played at Queen's Club, West Kensington, London, on December 8, the day before the University Rugby football match will be decided, also at Queen's Club.

Successful Substitute.

Rowland Todd took the place of Harry Curzon at the Ring and beat Harry Shoop on points in twenty rounds.

Davis Cup Matches.

The "Times" Sydney correspondent says that the Australian lawn tennis authorities are arranging for the Davis Cup matches to take place in January.

Scotch Racing Off.

With no immediate prospect of a settlement of the railway strike the Lothians Racing Club decided to postpone their meeting arranged for this week.

A Big Reputation.

Foley, who was seen in the saddle last week at Pontefract, is a jockey from Sydney, Australia. He comes with a big reputation, and is now attached to De Mestre's stable.

A Busy Scribe.

Mr. Fairfax Blakeborough must be a busy man if, as he says, he wrote 15 columns about the St. Leger meeting. He did not trouble the Doncaster Press-room a great deal.

Stable Lads' Strike.

The strike of stable boys in the Paris district still continues, and the prospects of a settlement are somewhat indefinite, owing largely to a difference of opinion among the trainers.

Chance Of Lifetime.

Laurence Ayton, of St. Andrews, in his match with Duncan at Walton Heath threw away the chance of a lifetime.

Abandoned.

The ladies' open championship (which is set for Oct. 6 and following days at Burnham, Somerset) has been abandoned.

Ex-R.A.F. Player.

C.F, Krige, the South African forward, who was in the R.A.F. team last year, is playing for Birkenhead Park this season.

170 Miles Flying Speed.

During some speed trials over short distances at Villacoubley aerodrome Sadi-Lecomte, the French airman, attained a speed of 176 miles an hour, with one passenger.

A "Super-Run."

Among the many messages of goodwill received by Hart on the eve of his run from London to Bath and back was one from Lord Lonsdale wishing Hart the best of good luck in his "super-run."

15,000 At Football Match.

At Highbury in the first of the London Professional Charity Fund matches. Tottenham Hotspur beat the Arsenal 1—0, Minter heading the goal in the second half. There were 15,000 spectators, the gate amounting to £700.

Rugby Blues.

G.E.C.Ward, A.E.R.Gilligan, and G.A. Rotherham, the three Cambridge cricket Blues, are mentioned as likely Rugby Blues this season.

War-Time Finds.

Manchester United's experimental team is doing exceedingly well under the circumstances, and in Silcock and Hilditch, war-time finds, they have secured a fine back and half-back.

Unheard Of Victor.

In the first round of the News of the World golf tournament played at Walton Heath Alec Herd was beaten by H. Roberts (Holmer), a young man originally from Harlech, whom no one had heard of before.

"Wowsers" Busy.

Once more the "wowsers," to use the American colloquialism for professional kill-joys and spoil-sports, are attacking boxing, and making the expert practitioner a mark for all manner of abuse and obloquy.

An International Code.

The root of many dangers and dissensions will have been extirpated when the three chief pugilistic countries—Great Britain, America, and France—have accepted an international code of rules and a standard scale of weights.

Oxford University Fixtures.

The Oxford University Association fixtures are not yet complete. Miles Howell, the cricket captain, will also have charge of the Association Eleven, and will have with him one other Old Blue, G. B. F. Rudd, the Old Westminster centre forward. D. J. Knight and R. L. Holdsworth, both in the victorious cricket eleven, will probably be available.

Walton Heath Tourney Result.

"The News of the World" Tournament at Walton Heath resulted in Mitchell beating Duncan by one hole.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Cases not Used.

Why is it that the average German makes little use of the cigarette case which is part and parcel of the average Englishman's outfit? It is noticeable that the German smoker keeps his cigarettes, nearly always of English manufacture, in the cardboard packet.

Talked Of.

Two topics of conversation hold the field to-day in Rhineland—the Great Strike and the Little Mark.

Strike Re-action.

The orchestra in a certain Army theatre in Cologne were struggling through a rather intricate passage in "Lohengrin" when a head appeared at the side of the curtain and requested them to cease. Enraptured in the glories of the Wagnerian composition they heeded not. Frantically gesticulating the man at the curtain tried in vain to attract their attention. Finally a voice near by shouted "Halt!"; then they stopped—and the curtain went up.

The Official Rate.

The official rates of exchange which are now in operation put the equivalent of ten marks at 1s8d and five francs (Belgian or French) at 2s8d.

Compensation.

A young sub I know lent his cane the other day to a fellow officer going to Bonn, who came back without it. This conversation ensued. "Look here, old egg, I'm sorry, but I've lost your bally old stick." "Well, you'll jolly well have to stump up for it!" "Righto! What shall we say?" "Two-hundred marks and I'd say no more about it. I treasured that cane." "Two-hundred — marks!!!" "Yes, why not? It cost me one-and-six in England."

After the Edict.

Frantic requests for cheque books are being wired to Cox's in London by many officers who have always relied on their Field advance books.

Re-Painting.

After a lapse of five years the Cologne painter is again busy touching up various establishments and one result of his activities is the disappearance in hotels and cabarets of the pre-war legends setting forth prices, which must have gone by the board years ago. Nevertheless one can still see such signs as:— "Glass of beer, 10 pfg;" "Evening meal, 60 pfgs."

Missing.

The most noticeable of all the recent exoduses from Cologne is that of the Air Force. R.A.F. officers and men are almost rarities in Rhineland now.

A False Notion.

There seems to be a sort of idea that this journal is a general informative bureau, a Money Changing Office, a Library of Research, a Dictionary of Dates, a Who's Who, a Directory of Rhineland, an enlarged Encyclopedia Britannica, a Home for Lost Dogs, a Police Station, a Railway Guide to the Continent, and many other things besides, judging by the extraordinary number of callers who drop in asking questions on almost every subject under the sun. Yet we are not.

Have Fed Well.

In cabaret, tram or street you have no difficulty in recognising the repatriated German prisoner. He is bronzed, looks as fit as a fiddle, and has evidently been rationed on a generous scale. Also he has taken to wearing his hair longer than he used to.

No Change in our time.

Quite unwittingly in calling attention yesterday to the introduction of winter time in France and Flanders I omitted to state that the order applied to those areas alone. The introduction of winter time in the Rhineland is, I believe, dependant upon the result of a conference between the representatives of the Allies and pending this summer time will continue in force in this area. From midnight of the 5th inst, however, Railway time in Rhineland is to be put back. Thus for example, 0400 hours becomes 0300 hours. This should be palticularly noted, or there may be many cases of trains being lost.

No Improvement.

I was eager to see whether the enforced principle of an eight hours day had had the effect of speeding up the waiting in any hotel yesterday. What did I find? Stagnation! At a neighbouring table four English children sat waiting for breakfast. Across the way a German frantically called for coffee. A waiter signalised his appearance by upsetting sugar while singularly enough two of the English children engaged in removing milk from their dresses as a result of another little mess. Really from what I could judge the eight-hour day lowered efficiency in waiting.

A Zoo Attraction.

The young hippopotamus at the Cologne Zoo is getting quite big. Only a few months ago we announced his birth in this column.

The Lodging Difficulty.

Because of the shortage of dwelling places in Cologne a commission appointed by the municipal authorities is to visit every house and make a note of empty rooms or beds. These will be presumably allocated to someone in need of lodging.

Came by Air.

The few English newspapers that reached Cologne yesterday — presumably by aeroplane — fetched fabulous prices, so the soldiers' own paper with the latest news was very cheap by comparison.

Self Improvement.

All batmen are not alike. I know of one who has quite a passable knowledge of the German language picked up in the kitchen in the performance of his duties. In turning over his officer's kit he came across a French dictionary and promptly borrowed it. You see there are several French servants employed in the kitchen and he is out to master French. Already he is making fair progress.

Popular.

Another great success has been scored in our second Football Skill contest, so a substantial bunch of marks will go to the winner or winners.

Another Atrocity.

Have you seen or heard a Bumbass? It is the latest invention for the use of Jazz Bands, now on sale in a German musical instrument store in Cologne. Its appearance seems to fully justify the proper name given to it—"Teufel's Geige" (Devil's Violin).

How Many.

Some one has asked me what is the total number of German prisoners who have been returned to Rhineland in the past week. Judging by the number of trainloads arriving daily at Cologne station the number must run into many thousands.

The Lure of the Shop.

I noticed an English officer and his wife strolling down Hohestrasse a few evenings ago. The lady became attracted by a tempting display of millinery in one of the windows. Daunted, possibly, by the prospect of having to disburse an unlimited number of marks, hubby did not at first appear inclined to hurry by, but with a wheedling "please, Jack, dear," the lady eventually prevailed on him to go inside. I hope he emerged a wiser, if a poorer, man.

Not Quite Correct.

Quite contrary to all codes of discipline an officer and N.C.O. were discussing men and matters; incidentally Battalion happenings. "Now, if you ask me, I should say the Colonel is not ineffable," was the rather startling remark let drop by the N.C.O.

Rising Prices.

A thirsty correspondent complains that in various restaurants the price of beer has gone up. Is the British notice on the subject, which appears in every bar, now being treated as a scrap of paper?

Late Trains.

The trains arriving in Cologne yesterday were all very late and when they did turn up they ran into the wrong platforms, causing some inconvenience to military and civil passengers alike. What the cause of this was, noone at the station could explain.

Ever Alert.

It is a tribute to the watchfulness of the British Military Police that a consignment of cycle tyres of British manufacture was held up in the Cologne streets on Friday. The interest taken in the incident by German pedestrians proved once again how many folk there are with time to waste on their hands. They must have been disappointed at the climax.

Back in Cologne.

Miss Morrison, a well-known worker at the Church Army Club, Antoniter Strasse, Cologne, has returned from Antwerp after a brief sojourn there. Antwerp she describes as quiet and she says she is glad to get back to Rhineland.

Muzzled and Unmuzzled.

Dogs with English or French owners can afford to laugh at others of their breed for while German owners are by regulation compelled to muzzle their dogs the others escape the penalty. Should they stray, however, the likelihood is that they will go the way of German stray dogs unless their ownership is clearly marked on the collar.

Just a Story.

At a German cinema the other evening we engaged a box, but being unable to ascertain which way to go—upstairs or down—we made the enquiry: "Wo ist die Loge?" To which the commissionaire replied, "Ah yes, sirs, the box is overground—up the treppe." Some Germans can, of course, speak English rather well

Why Not Take a Vote?

The lounge of the "Earwig Lamp" is by no means the crowded resort it was. Obviously under present conditions only one officers' club is called for in Cologne. It is only a question which should go—Number 1 or Number 2 Club.

Most Familiar.

If Tommy were asked what phrase he has heard most from German civilians I will wager he would plump for "Vor dem Krieg" (before the war). No matter what the subject of conversation is, whether it be food or drink or clothing, the old favourite crops up, and Herr citizen mournfully recalls the good old days when a few pfennigs went a very long way.

RHINELANDER.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Postponed.—Prince Albert's visit to Glasgow has been postponed.

Poor Outlook.—A beer famine at home is threatened.

Yet Another.—Norway is to enter the League of Nations.

Numbers.—Every Russian child will at birth be given a number instead of a name.

Removed.—All remaining restrictions on French telegrams have been abolished.

Easier.—Tea prices at Mincing Lane are easier.

Now Going.—The fifth Lyon Fair is now in progress.

More Cardinals.—The Pope is to create several new cardinals next month.

Foch.—Marshal and Mme. Foch have just paid a visit to Lourdes.

Forty-Four Hours.—Canadian labour is demanding a forty-four hour week.

Race War.—Fears are entertained of a serious race war in America.

The Prince.—The Prince of Wales is on his return journey through Canada.

Cologne Elections.—On Sunday next the municipal elections in Cologne take place.

Back.—The Earl of Derby has resumed his duties at the Paris Embassy.

Women M.F.H.—Mrs. Fernie is to carry on the pack of foxhounds bearing her late husbands name.

Cheap.— An R.A.S.C. private who stole a lorry worth £1,000 sold it for £100.

The Game.—Many laundries at home are making a charge for wrapping paper.

Progress.—Twenty-one vessels were turned out on the Clyde last month.

Municipal.—Willesden has appointed two municipal dentists.

Evacuation.—British naval authorities will evacuate the Belgian coast next Wednesday.

Intentions.—Mr. Hughes, the Australian Premier, will seek dissolution in December.

Costly.—Five million pounds is to be spent in celebration of the Bolshevist revolution.

At the Aldwych.—Mr. Arnold Bennett's "Sacred and Profane Love" is due at the Aldwych in two week's time.

An Outcome.—One effect of the strike is to reduced the value of the pound sterling.

Family Accommodation.—Kingston Guardians are accommodating eleven families at a cost of £500.

Fire Hydrants.—The practice of using fire hydrants for drawing water for general use is to cease.

42nd Division.—An old Member's Association in connection with this Division has been started.

For a Stamp.—A firm of stamp auctioneers say they have obtained £480 for a Mauritius stamp.

Restaurant Hints.—A fancy in table decoration is that for trees in coloured glass.

Cambridge.—In view of the strike supplementary examinations are to be held at this Varsity.

Land of Strikes.—In July and August there were 664 industrial strikes in the United States.

Italy and Peace.—Will Italy ratify the Peace Treaty? There is an acute political crisis in Rome.

Grandmere Foch.—Marshal Foch has been visiting the birthplace of his grandmother—Arreau.

At a Glance.—"World's drama at a glance" is how one newspaper summarises all but strike news.

No Pay.—Soldiers who refuse to evacuate Baltic provinces are to have their pay stopped.

Calculating.—German delegates are visiting Soissons and Rheims to calculate restoration expenses.

Why?—The Ministry of Health has refused to allow Willesden to build concrete houses.

The Proviso.—Ex-Service men only are to apply for the position of entomologist to the Board of Agriculture.

The Way.—Coal production in Belgium has risen to 87 per cent. of the pre-war amount.

Again?—Saccharine tablets have made their appearance on the tables at restaurants.

Five Thousand "Up." There are expected to be 5,000 undergraduates at Cambridge this term.

A Comparison.—A leasehold house at Harrow, sold for £390 three years ago, realized £830.

Will they Strike?—There are vicars and rectors in Northumberland whose gross income is £140 per annum.

The Difference.—According to official tariffs it costs 16 francs to keep a French soldier in Rhineland and 30 francs an American.

Signs of the Times.—The agony columns of newspapers are full of appeals from stranded people for accommodation in motor-cars.

Frivolous.—"The railwaymen have certainly put the rest of the nation on their feet" said a City man who was walking to his office.

French Troubles.—The municipal employees of Metz, the building trade of Lyons and the Tramway men of Toulouse are striking.

NOTES FROM LONDON TOWN.

BACK TO TOWN.

The fag-end of September sees London getting into its stride for the activities of autumn and winter. Most of one's friends are back, bronzed and blooming, from brilliantly sunny holidays at the coast, on the moors, or among the hills. The lifting of the war clouds had its fitting counterpart in a summer of glorious splendour and warmth, with hardly a break to mar the peace-time revel of the holiday crowds. But summer has been left behind. Almost to the very day when autumn was due by the calendar, snow swept down on the Scottish bens and glens, whitened the hill tops of England and Wales and was seen even as far south as Dartmoor. It was only a cold snap, but it meant good-bye to summer, and the coming of the equinoctial gales. Overcoats, gloves, and furs, are now the order of the day, and in the early hours of to-morrow we close a golden chapter of the year by putting back our clocks and watches and taking "Au revoir" of summer-time.

A BUSY AUTUMN.

Crowded still with visitors and in spite of high prices for everything, London anticipates a full and busy autumn season. The theatres are certainly preparing for one. In the whole of the West-end, there is not a vacant entertainment-house and two or three large new theatres are about to be built. There is no lack of new plays, musical comedies, and revues, but I fancy that an exeptionally warm welcome awaits the revival of the well tried favourite, "The Gondoliers" which opens a twenty weeks' season of Gilbert and Sullivan opera at the Princes' Theatre on Monday. Something like £30,000 has been drawn already in advance bookings. Most popular of all the concert programmes is the illustrated Travelogue, "With Allenby in Palestine and Arabia," which has been running for weeks at Covent Garden and fascinating huge audiences. Mr. Lowell Thomas, the lecturer, has an unusual gift of picturesque description, and invests the splendid pictorial record of Allenby's campaign with all the colour of actuality.

GREAT DAYS.

Londoners can never forget the wonderful scenes of the summer that is gone. The festivities even of a coronation year were eclipsed by the pageants of Victory and Peace. For months we lived in a fever of celebrations, while first the Guards Division, than the Imperial troops, next the great column of British and Allied Armies, and finally the Indian contingent marched through tumultuous scenes of enthusiasm, and through streets decorated as they had never been before to salute the King at Buckingham Palace. There were other great days when we gave a special welcome to Haig and his Army Commanders, and to Foch, and another unforgettable scene, when London paid its tribute to the merchant Service as the river procession passed slowly up the Thames with the King in his barge at its head. These things are over. We have taken down the flags and bunting and are settling down, as well as may be, to the routine of more hum-drum times. But they have left indelible and inspiring memories.

VANISHED KHAKI.

One could have no better evidence of the demobbing of the Army than that of one's own eyes. Six months ago, or even less, there was a haze of khaki in our crowded streets. To walk along the Strand at any hour of day was to rub shoulders with an endless procession of uniformed men, from every unit in our fighting forces and every section of the imperial Army. The theatres and picture palaces were too small to hold them all. They literally swarmed in the streets, squares and parks and swelled the takings of restaurants and entertainment houses as no American Summer invasion has ever done. "Where is dat barty, now?" The man in khaki is vanishing from our midst. He is a rarity, where only a few months ago he was superabundant. But he is there alk the same, a civilian once again, with his wound stripe on a mufti sleeve, and his regimental badge or war ribbons proudly showing. The ex-Service man is everywhere—a bronzed, policeman ruling the traffic of Trafalgar Square like an autocrat, a bus or tram conductor or driver, a comfortable commissionaire, lift attendant, club servant, or hotel porter.

OFFICERS IN MUFTI.

I notice too the almost complete disappearance of the "brass hat" from Whitehall. With only a few exceptions, all the officers from generals downward, engaged at the War Office, have reverted to civilian dress. Whitehall and Charing cross may thus be robbed of some of their martial glamour, but there are compensations, for officers and men alike are saved the tedium of an almost continuous salute. On this topic of officers in mufti, a friend tells me the other afternoon while looking at a window in Bond street, he suddenly became aware that a sturdy figure beside him was Lord Beatty, dressed in a blue suit and crushed hat. And the interesting thing is the Admiral was gazing intensely at little models of ships made by French prisoners in the days of Trafalgar and Waterloo.

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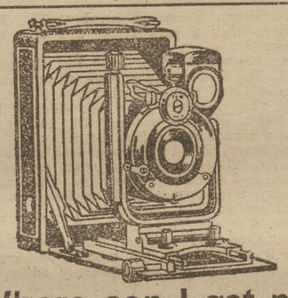

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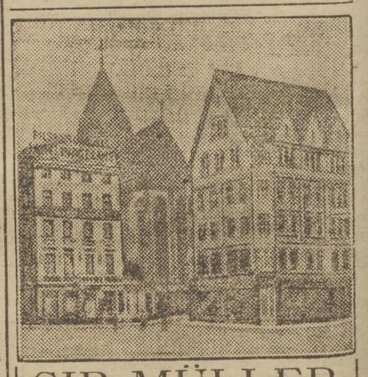

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NOT ACCORDING TO PLAN.

MEN'S LEADERS REFUSE OVERTURES OF THE GOVERNMENT.

SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO WRECK TRAINS.

SECOND WEEK.

EFFORTS TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT.

The failure of the efforts of the Transport Workers Federation leaders and other Trade Unionists to secure a resumption of negotiations between the Government and the railwaymen does not necessarily imply that there is any immediate prospect of an extension of the strike to other industries. This is indicated in the statement that other Trade Unions are to make another effort before themselves taking any action. Throughout the discussions between the Government and the deputation the spokesmen of the deputation sought to make it plain that while they were anxious to avoid any stoppage out of sympathy with the railwaymen their chief concern was to restore the relations between the Government and the railwaymen in order to bring the strike to an end.

No Desire For Extension.

They were more anxious about obtaining a settlement of the strike than about getting any justification for an extension of it. It is stated in particular that Mr. Williams, Secretary of the Transport Workers Federation, whom nobody would accuse of excessive moderation, exercised a moderating influence from beginning to end of the discussion. These other Unions have given evidence by their strenuous and persistent efforts to compose the railwaymen's dispute that they have no desire for symathetic action the end of which they could not possibly foresee.

There is good ground for stating that some members of the deputation are by no means convinced that they could justify to their own members the calling of a sympathic strike on the present that the pretext whereon the railwaymen acted is too slender to form a good case for corresponding action by any other responsible leaders of organised labour. In these circumstances it is too early yet to assume that there will be any authorized or general extension of the strike to other trades.

Not According To Plan.

The fact is that the strike is not going according to plan. The railwaymen's leaders never imagined the magnitude of the resources at the back of the Government. The Government exhibit extraordinary vigour and efficiency: the people show resolute courage and are ready to meet any emergency, and the vital point is being realised that the power of the State is far stronger than one section alone. It is significant that when Mr. Thomas announced that he would no longer refuse help from other Unions those Unions, instead of immediately coming to his aid, took up the role of mediators. The struggle has really come to the point where the Trade Unions are trying to find a way out which may save the faces of the railwaymen's leaders. The magnificent manner in which both Government and people have taken the business of the country in hand has been a revelation and the strikers find that they had a grossly exaggerated view of their own importance and of their power to paralyse a national life.

Government Offer Rejected.

A further conference was held yesterday morning at Downing Street between the deputation of Transport Workers and Associated Unions and the Premier. It is generally felt that this interview is the most fateful of any held since the outbreak of the strike. At the conference at Downing Street with the Transport Workers no settlement was reached.

An official statement shows, however, that the Government offered:

Firstly, to resume negotiations if the railwaymen would agree to a seven days truce, resuming work for that period, with a view to a resumption of negotiations; secondly, they guaranteed that there should be no reduction of wages before 31st March 1920, and they would be prepared after 31st December to discuss an extension of that date; thirdly, they are prepared to discuss any cases of hardship arising from the Government standardisation scheme and in the event of failure to agree upon them that the matter shall be referred to arbitration.

If at the end of five days the men's representatives concluded that the negotiations were useless, they would then give forty-eight hours notice of a resumption of the strike and hand over all plant in good order. The men to agree to work harmoniously with non-strikers, the Government agreeing that there shall be no victimisation of the strikers.

The railwaymen rejected these proposals and the conference terminated.

Situation Easier.

The conference between the Labour Deputation and the Premier ended at five minutes to two. Mr. Brownlie, seen afterwards, said the situation is much easier.

After the conference the deputation went to Unity House and resumed its conference with the joint executive of the N.U.R. and the Amalgamated Society of Locomotive Engineers. At three o'clock a Government official from Downing-Street arrived at Unity House with an urgent message for Mr. Gosling.

Wanted, 2,000 bus Conductors.

The Government are appealing for a citizen army to meet the crisis.

The following message was posted yesterday morning in the London Stock Exchange, "The Ministry of Labour is asking for 2,000 volunteers for bus conductors. This is of extreme urgency."

Ballot papers have been sent out to all taxicab owners and owner-drivers on the question of striking in sympathy with the railwaymen. They are returnable to-night.

The Taxicab Mutual Insurance Company has circularised its policy holders informing them that policies do not cover damage from strike riots or civil commotions.

Train Wreckers Busy.

A fiendish attempt to wreck a train near Swindon was a very deliberate affair. A "Jim Crow" was fixed to one rail, while a piece of "Bull headed rail" seventeen feet long, also a large beam, were placed across the metals. The "Jim Crow" was broken by the wheels of the train, three chairs on the permanent way were fractured and the beam was carried 700 yards. Similar obstacles which had been placed on the down line were removed in time to prevent a catastrophe.

A large piece of iron was discovered on the London and South Western line between Camelford and Exeter last night, It was placed in such a position that the well laden passenger train from Waterloo must have crashed into it had it been undiscovered and terrible consequences must have ensued. Armed guards and police made a fruitless search for the perpetrators.

[illegible] the line at Dunfermline. Other trains were stoned. Strikers entered the engine-shed at St. Enoch station at Glasgow and damaged the locomotive of a passenger train running between Glasgow and Greenock.

The drivers of two vehicles had corrosive fluid thrown at them in a South Eastern suburb of London and there were also a few cases of stone throwing, but generally the Central Police Administration declares that molestation is conspicuous by its absence.

King Leaves for London.

The King left Balmoral Castle on Friday morning by motor car for London.

Concerning the Wages.

The Editor of the Liverpool Express telegraphed to the Prime Minister: "If Railwaymen return will they be reinstated and back money due paid immediately?" to which the Minister replied: "Every man who returns to work immediately will be reinstated and receive his back pay."

London's Broad Smile.

Owing to the enormous improvement in the train services it has been decided to discontinue the inland civil aerial mail services. The weather holds gloriously fine, brilliant sunshine mitigating the rigour of the strenuous game of getting to work. The bus loads, lorry loads and dray loads of passengers are all most cheery. In fact, London keeps smiling and is full of optimism. Moreover the multifarious emergency services brought into being by the strike are improving every day, while the employers themselves are bent upon carrying on. Many of them have devised and perfected their own plans for bringing their employees in, but when all is said and done, the average working day, between leaving and reaching home, has been extended on the average by two hours.

Saturday Holiday.

In this connection the appeal of the Early Closing Association to City firms not to open Saturday, met with a most gratifying response, especially from dry goods firms and insurance companies. It is estimated that a hundred thousand young persons were thus released.

The Jewish Fast of Atonement which began on Friday night also kept thousands at home.

Traffic Still Improving.

The Government official communiqué issued yesterday says there is a marked improvement in railway traffic. Goods trains in particular continue to increase in number and more men are returning to work. The general machinery of distribution is running more smoothly every day and the food stocks of retailers are being kept at a satisfactory level.

More Lines Reopened.

The London lines reopened or extended yesterday include: Broad street to Poplar, North London, Hammersmith and Ealing. Metropolitan: Aldgate to South Kensington, Moorgate and Finsbury Park tube and the several branch lines. The following reopen to-day: Bakerloo tube between the Elephant and Paddington and

(*Continued in next column.*).

IRISH RACE RIOT.

PAVILION WRECKED AND MANY INJURED.

Stormy scenes occurred at Limerick on Thursday when the second day's racing was cancelled at the last moment and the crowd failed to get their money back at once.

They broke into the reserved enclosure and mobbed the race company's secretary, who took refuge in the Post Office under the grandstand. On attempting to escape he was kicked and beaten with sticks. The staff succeeded in escaping through the Post Office windows. The crowd then wrecked the premises and tore up all the railings. Police reintorcements arrived and fired volleys over the heads of the crowd, following with several baton charges. Many police were injured.

CHIEF "MANY SMILES."

PRINCE OF WALES GETS FAMOUS WARRIOR'S TITLE.

Visiting the Blackfoot Indian camp near Lethbridge, Alberta, yesterday, the Prince of Wales was invested as Chief with the title of "Many Smiles."

The Prince's installation was conducted by an old one-eyed chief, who is reputed to have had an eye removed during his youth to qualify him for succession to his one-eyed father.

WORLD'S CORN CROP DOWN.

Estimates of the year's corn crops are issued by the Board of Agriculture. The yield of wheat in Spain, Scotland, Italy, Canada, United States, India, Japan, and Tunis is put at 929,525,000cwt, or 5.6 per cent. less than the 1918 crop, and 1.1 below the average for the five years 1913-17. Rye, barley, and oats, while below last year's production, are above the average for the 1913-17.

LEEDS LABOUR LORD MAYOR.

Leeds is to have its first Labour Lord Mayor next year in Mr. Thomas Beveridge Duncan. Mr. Duncan, who is a shop past.

the Hampstead tube between Charing Cross and Highgate. All the above are daylight services but the Metropolitan services between Harrow and Baker street and Edgware road and Liverpool street are now running after dark. The Great Northern announces that it will run no trains to-day (Sunday).

The extent of the resumption of goods traffic is a notable feature of the reports from various companies. Last night the South Eastern notified that it can accept perishable food consignments at their London termini. The same company states that there has been no molestation of the men who have returned and are returning to work, the conduct of the pickets having been exemplary.

Messrs Cook, the tourist agents, have established motor char-a-banc services to Peterborough, Leeds, Harrogate, Bath, Southampton, Bournemouth, Exeter, Ilfracombe, Hastings, Eastbourne and all intermediate points.

Regent's Park Depot.

Regent's Park is being utilized not as a food centre but as a lorry centre for the distribution of foodstuffs. The vehicles will cover a radius of about 120 miles round London, the depot providing the transport for distribution to and from the different markets—Covent Garden, Smithfield, Billingsgate etc. as required. It will also send convoys of food into the country and bring farm, market garden and other produce back to the markets.

Regent's Park depot already controls facilities for handling 20,000 tons weekly by means of heavy lorries. Numbers of such types were commandeered yesterday from private owners by officers stationed at Oxford Circus.

Food Controller's Early Round.

The Food Controller, Mr. G. H. Roberts, visited Smithfield before breakfast, but earlier still he had been to Billingsgate. After Smithfield he went on to Hyde Park and found that everything was working quite smoothly.

At Billingsgate he saw how the riverside workers are striving to maintain London's supplies. Unloading was in full swing and fish porters were handling the cases of fish in the same spirit as they dumped ammunition in past days. Owing to lack of suitable cases the fish was actually placed in ammunition boxes.

Before the strike the average amount of fish handled daily exceeded 600 tons. That figure dropped considerably at the beginning of the week. On Friday, however, pre-strike figures were reached, while yesterday it is estimated that 700 tons passed through the market. Regular supplies of fish are reaching Lancashire and Yorkshire towns by sea and Midland towns by rail.

Industries Which Suffer.

Except in trades where huge quantities of material and coal are necessary there has been little cessation of production nor will there be for some time, declares the Federation of British Industries. The industries chiefly affected by the strike are those employing furnaces and kilns, such as the iron and steel, glass, textile, engineering and leather industries.

STRIKELETS.

IN THE FRONT LINE AT WOKING.

The 2nd Royal Fusiliers travelled in lorries from Borden Camp to Tilbury, en route for India.

At Smithfield 4,399 tons of meat have been received during the past four days. This is up to the average.

A striker detected riding to the city yesterday morning on a Government service dray was seized in the Edgware road by the other passengers and pitched out headlong.

According to the [illegible], machine guns, protected by sandbags and barbed wire, have been placed beside several bridges on the South Western line, and wire entanglements have been erected on the platforms at Woking station.

The 5,000 naval ratings from Rosyth, who volunteered for railway service, have been distributed between the North British and Caledonian systems.

Over 1,000 passengers for London left Carlisle yesterday morning in two trains. They formed the last body of passengers from various points who have been stranded at Carlisle since the outbreak of the strike.

A train conveying fish workers from Aberdeen reached Yarmouth yesterday after a journey of eight days. They were held up for three days at Berwick, again at York and South Lynn.

Steamers with accommodation for 550 passengers will leave London to-day or to-morrow for Newcastle and Middlesborough, the fares being 12s. 6d. third class, 20s. second and 30s. first.

Lord Montague of Beaulieu drove the Bournemouth express to London yesterday.

Mr. Hansell, formerly tutor to the Prince of Wales, is working as a stableman at King's Cross depot.

The millionaire shipowner, Sir Edward Nicholl, M.P., is engine driving on the Great Western. In early life he was an engineer.

The number of trains run yesterday was 3,480, exclusive of 900 run on the tubes and the Metropolitan.

Three volunteer workers, including one woman, who have been attending to the railway horses abandoned by the strikers, were badly assaulted at King's Cross yesterday evening.

Receiving a telegram that her child was seriously ill at St. Andrew's Home, Hayling Island, a poor woman living in the East-end of London tramped the eighty miles to see her little one, accomplishing the journey in two days and one night, [illegible] ing for and receiving priority for milk for their children.

Colonel Ker Fox, the City Swordbearer, finding it impossible to get to London by train, did the seventeen miles from his residence in a motor-hearse.

"I've dented the front of your 'bus and you've called me a—fool, so we're quits. Good-bye," said a motorist to an omnibus driver after a collision in Theobald's-road, W.C., and even the policeman smiled.

WAY TO LABOUR PEACE.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S PROPOSALS.

President Wilson's health will not permit him to preside at the White House conference on Monday between Capital and Labour and either Secretary Tumulty or Secretary of Labour Wilson will take his place. One of the chief topics of the conference will be a proposal for the establishment of a council for the settlement of labour disputes, which will replace the defunct War Labour Board. The steel strike and the general railway situation will be thoroughly threshed out. President Wilson will probably submit a system of arbitration which would not prevent the men striking, but which would destroy the incentive to strike.

Meanwhile Judge Gary, chairman of the U.S. Steel Corporation, states that if left alone the strike will soon end in a signal defeat for a body of men who do not represent his employees but are trying by extremist and intimidatory methods to force such representation.

SIX FEET OF HAILSTONES.

Appalling stories of the havoc wrought by floods are reaching Madrid from towns in Valencia, Alicante and Carthagena. At Alicante the hailstones which wrought considerable damage to property are lying six feet deep. All traffic is rendered impossible by the breaking down of bridges and railway lines. At Carthagena, where eighteen dead bodies have been recovered, the water is subsiding but the streets are encumbered with masses of debris from demolished houses.

MAKING THE BEST OF IT.

The news of the ratification of the Versailles Peace Treaty by the French Chamber was received by the German Press without comment. In spite of the opposition to the Treaty nobody had any doubt that it would be ratified by a great majority.

QUIEN REPRIEVED.

Quien, at one time alleged to be Nurse Cavell's betrayer, and sentenced to death on September 5 for intelligence with the enemy, has been reprieved.

General Denikin has introduced Russian as the national language in the Ukraine. Ukranian street names have been replaced by Russian names.

SUMMARY COURT.

PENALTY FOR INSULTING A LADY.

The wearing of a brassard did not prevent an English lady from being insulted in the Hohe Strasse. Mrs. A. L. Foster, who is on a visit to her husband, was shopping in that thoroughfare when she noticed two men following her. She took no notice and walked on. One of the men followed her, took off his hat and said something which she did not understand. To escape attention she walked through an Arcade but he followed and again raised his hat and spoke to her. She sought the advice of two soldiers and while speaking to them the man disappeared. On a subsequent day when walking with her husband, she saw the man and had him arrested. His name is Markus Barterer and he resides at 9 Krummer Büchel.

Barterer's defence was that he took the lady for an acquaintance. He did not notice the brassard. He further pleaded that he had a wife and three children.

The Court administered a severe castigation to Barterer and said it was abominable that a defenceless woman could not walk about without being insulted by pests like Barterer. He was fined 1,000 marks or ten days imprisonment.

Kindness Rewarded.

The excuse given by Martin Marx of 17 Unter Goldschmied, when found in possession of 250 cigarettes, was that he was taking them to a friend of his in hospital, but this kind intention did not mitigate the offence and he was fined 123 marks.

Harbouring Deserters.

When L/Cpl. Matthews, of the Military Police, visited the house of Margaretha Stahl of 62 Sternengasse he found three soldiers in hiding—two deserters and one absentee. She denied their presence in the house but he found two locked in a lavatory and one hiding on the stairs.

Her defence was that the men went there for refreshments and had not been there many minutes when the policeman arrived. She had never seen the men before, and in fact she gave the policeman a lamp to assist in the search.

She was **sentenced to two** months imprisonment.

PETROGRAD IS WATCHING BOLSHEVISTS DRIVEN INTO MARSHES.

General Rodziansky and Baron von Wolff, in an order of the day to the North West Russian Army, state that large quantities of war supplies have been received, notably bread from America, boots, guns, rifles, aeroplanes and tanks from England. The order adds that the enemy has been "driven into the marshy districts where they must either perish or surrender. Petrograd is watching and Tsarkovels it is expected will soon be set free."

THE FUTURE OF PALESTINE.

Emir Feisal, interviewed by the Jewish Chronicle, said that Palestine must remain part and parcel of Syria, as there is no natural boundary between the two countries. Palestine is a province from the Arab standpoint. Their intention is to build up an Arab Empire consisting of at least Mesopotamia, Syria and Palestine. He appealed for Jewish co-operation in the formation of an Arab Kingdom, when the concentration of the Jews into the country might "make of Palestine a Jewish province of an Arab Kingdom."

PRESIDENT WILSON'S CONDITION.

A bulletin issued yesterday by Admiral Grayson regarding President Wilson's conditions says: "The President is a very sick man. His condition is less favourable to-day. He remains in bed throughout the day. After consultation with other doctors at which all agreed concerning his condition it was determined that absolute rest is essential for some time."

ARCHIVES AS WASTE PAPER.

According to a report from the Russian Archives Commission, a large number of most valuable documents have been lost. During the first days of the Revolution, it says, the archives of Petrograd, Moscow, Saratoff, and Minsk were sold by weight as waste paper.

NOSKE'S WINGED WORDS.

In his speech delivered at the conference of the Social Democratic Party officials of Greater Berlin, Herr Noske said:—"If we are to get through, we must have the courage to be severe and rather sacrifice a couple of thousand mad fools than a nation of 60 millions."

HIS ONE EWE LAMB.

The United States Senate has rejected twenty-nine of the amendments to the Peace Treaty proposed by Senator Folls, leaving only one still undealt with, namely, that eliminating American representation on the Reparation Commission.

STRIKE AT BENRATH

VIOLATION OF BRITISH PROCLAMATION.

Thirteen men employed in a tube manufactory at Hilden, near Benrath, struck work without having submitted the matters in dispute to the military Authorities. As a result they were charged at the Summary Court with having violated the Proclamation of the 16th April last making strikes illegal. Considerable interest was taken in the case and there were a large number of the strikers' friends in court.

The presiding officer said he wished the men to understand that the first duty of the British Authorities was to provide for the safety of the English forces, and it was obvious that if strikes were permitted they would endanger the peace of the Occupied Territory.

If masters and men could not settle a dispute amongst themselves it should be referred to the British Authorities, who would ensure that the men's demands received every consideration. He did not look on the present case as a very serious one because there had been no violence, and in all probability they had just cause for striking. In view of the fact that the men had been in prison for some time awaiting trial he would award them one day's imprisonment each, which meant that they would be immediately released.

FAMILY PERISH IN FIRE.

INQUEST ON DRAYTON PARK VICTIMS.

No definite explanation of the explosion and fire at Drayton Park, in which five persons, the wife, two sons, a daughter and niece of Robert Jones, a letter sorter at the G.P.O., lost their lives, could be given at the inquest at Islington.

Robert Jones stated that he was on night work, and went to bed at 3.45 p.m. on the day of the tragedy. The remainder of the family were out. There was then no fire or gas burning in the house. His son William had a motor-cycle, which was out of repair, and which was kept in the bath room on the hall floor. He had never heard his son say he was going to use the cycle, and he did not think he had any paraffin or petrol. He was awakened from his sleep by the cries of his son William. On opening his bed room door flames were rushing up the stairs. He closed the door and got on the coping of the next house, from where he dropped into the arms of the [illegible] account for the origin of the fire.

George Brown, sub-officer L.C.C. Fire Brigade, stated that when the front door of the house was burst open the bodies of Esther Mary Gough Jones and Ella Doris Hall were found at the foot of the stairs. Witness had come to the come conclusion that the fire originated on the ground floor. A two-gallon petrol can, with the screw off, was found in the basement. It was empty, but if the flame of a light came in contact with the vapour it would cause an explosion.

The inquiry was adjourned.

ARGENTINA'S PROFITEERS.

"La Nacion' of Buenos Aires, counsels the Government to take action against the high cost of meat, and states that Commissions for the regulation of the sale and prices of meat, similar to those in the United States, are badly needed in Argentina. Meanwhile Argentina sugar manufacturers demand the modification of the laws so as to permit the exportation of sugar.

ARMENIA'S NEIGHBOURS WARNED

Colonel Haskell, High Commissioner in Armenia, representing the Allied and Associated Powers, has gone to Baku to warn the Government of Azerbaijan that if the violation of the frontiers assigned to Armenia does not cease, and if their military operations are not concluded, grave consequences will ensue

PROFANING HOLY RUSSIA.

According to Soviet newspapers which have reached Omsk, it appears that in Moscow the Bolshevists have closed all the monasteries and transformed them into prisons. Lenin recently addressed a dramatic appeal to the peasants requesting them to deliver to the Army all their excess corn under penalty of being excommunicated by the Socialist State.

TROOPS FIRE ON BERLIN MOB.

A collision has occurred in Berlin between soldiers and a crowd of 15,000 people in connection with a meeting of workmen in the Muellerstrasse. The soldiers fired, killing one civilian and wounding ten. Thirty meetings of metal workers which had been convoked were prohibited by the authorities.

FOCH'S LOURDES PILGRIMAGE.

Marshal Foch has been on pilgrimage to Lourdes. He stayed a considerable time in the grotto and sanctuaries, and then left by motor for Tarbes.

Admiral von Tirpitz's recollections have now been published in Berlin, the first chapter appearing in the "Tageblatt", which expresses the hope that the public will read them with the necessary caution.

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READY-MADE BATTLES.

War revelations, as was inevitable, are descending upon us "thick as Autumnal leaves that strew the brooks in Vallombrosa". Demos, in his increasing plenitude of power, is slowly extracting cold truth from hidden archives that have so far defied the light of day, and statesmen and generals, particularly in the Central Empires, are themselves divulging many secrets of peculiar interest. Much is being revealed which will prove of the utmost value to the future historian.

The official Austrian Red Book is one of the latest disseminators of this vital, and at times fascinating information. On the eve of the opening of hostilities an experienced diplomat would scarcely have looked upon the Wilhelmstrasse as the centre of unsullied integrity; hardly more exalted, as one may readily perceive from the pages of the Austrian Red Book, was the morality of the Baliplatz.

To what Bismarckian lengths did Count Berchtold, the Austro-Hungarian Minister for Foreign Affairs, go to bring about war that he submitted an urgent report to the aged Emperor at Ischl on July 28th, 1914, stating that Serbian troops had fired from Danube steamers on Austrian and Hungarian soldiers at Temes-Kubin. Accompanying this report was a declaration of war for the Emperor's signature, which explicitly alluded to this Serbian "attack".

After the Emperor affixed the fatal signature, Count Berchtold deleted the reference to the affair at Temes-Kubin subsequently explaining in a letter to Francis Joseph that he had taken upon himself to eliminate this sentence, as the report had not been confirmed.

Turning to the pages of "Great Britain and the European Crisis", an invaluable collection of diplomatic correspondence and statements in Parliament published by the British Government, we find abundant references to this resourceful Count, who was as courteous in deportment as he was conciliatory in debate. He and his Under-Secretary, Count Forgach, were apparently both averse to "banging the door" on compromise or cutting off conversations.

M. Schebeks, however, the Russian Ambassador in Vienna, like his Allied diplomatic friends, "scorned delights and lived laborious days" in the attempt to bring about peace, repeatedly asserting that he was prepared to accept any reasonable compromise. To what extent Count Berchtold was responsible for this failure to arrive at a settlement by negotation at the eleventh hour and how far he was a servant of the German Government, are doubtless well known to Herr von Tschirsdky, the German Ambassador in Vienna, who seems to have been a busy stage-manager with the invisibility characteristic of that profession. In time a strong revealing light may shine in that dark quarter for the benefit of the people who were so cruelly and persistently deluded.

For the present, in view of the grave deception he perpetrated on the Austrian Emperor, we can only regard Count Berchtold, at least in one phase of human character, as a worthy disciple of Bismarck. Since the famous Ems telegram of July 1870 there has been nothing quite so masterful in the annals of diplomatic crooks as the story of the "attack" at Temes-Kubin, and possibly nothing quite so tragic in its consequences.

THE JOYS AND SORROWS OF A TOWN MAJOR.

When I received a chit from the adjutant telling me to take over as Town-Major of that particular area where my Battalion was situated, I was assailed by beautiful visions of the future.

I pictured myself sitting in a spacious room with a crowd of Burgomasters and other big-wigs all kow-towing to me, with beautiful Boche belles bringing me refreshments the while I dispensed justice to all and sundry amidst the plaudits of the multitude.

Filled with these visions I hied me to my future abode intent on taking up my duties immediately.

Having explained my presence in his office, the Town-Major suggested that I should spend a few minutes reading up the regulations which I was expected to know off by heart.

He thereupon handed me about 250 pages of close typewriting, airily remarking that "there was not much in it."

After a few minutes scrutiny I thoroughly agreed with him, as the contents seemed to be a mixture of the Police Code, the Manual of Military Law, and a war article by Hilaire Belloc!

that the "To be answered" file was the big fat one in the corner, and that his clerk would assist me for a few days, vanished from my gaze for ever.

I was just engrossed with the happy thought that now, at any rate, I could safely promenade in spurs and leggings, even though my only mount was a bicycle, one, W.P.D., when the clerk aroused me with those familiar words "Sign please!"

Oh, the joy of seeing my name followed by those wondrous words, "Town Major." Even though all I possessed was, by an unaccountable oversight, but a humble pip instead of a gorgeous crown, still, by covering the first word with my hand, I could place myself amidst that happy band of brothers.

But disillusionment followed speedily. Was it fair to ask me to find out how many pints of milk per day a cow would give if fed on:

(a) Quaker Oats (1) a fine day
(b) Corned beef on (2) a wet day
(c) Ditto (3) a cloudy day.

How could they expect me to render a return by 16.00, showing the birthmarks, tattoo marks etc. on all German males between the ages of 16 and 35, when I only received it at 15.00?

What was the "necessary action" I was expected to take with regard to a document which informed me that there was an outbreak of foot and mouth disease at Wigan?

But enough of this harrowing tale. I am fed up with being the local magistrate, policeman and sanitary inspector, and if any one knows of a Platoon, that is wanting a perfectly good second-in-command, well, all I can say is "that's the stuff to give me!"

V.L.R.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.
Our Readers' Varied Views on Many Topics.

GERMANS IN OUR CINEMAS.

Sir,—Reference above, and the letter from "Surprised" which appears in your issue of to-day, I can hardly agree with the letter in question, as I was at the No. 2 Army Cinema on Monday evening last at 5.30 and German civilians were then being turned away to give Tommy a chance to obtain a seat, and again the same thing was happening at 5.40 last night. Notwithstanding this a seat was not procurable.

One cannot blame the German civilian for wishing to see a good show, and it certainly reflects great credit on the enterprising authorities who provide such attractive programmes.

We British pride ourselves on our sense of fairness and I do not think our boys would like to be told at the German places of amusement that we had our own places to go to and must wait till the civilians had filled the places they required.

If the same method of procedure, suggested by "Surprised", was adopted by the management of the Opera House, English lovers of music would stand a very poor chance.

S.S.M.

LEATHERED TUNICS.

Sir,—This is a wicked world for many of us and the letter of "Club Worker" the unkindest cut of all. One dashing soldier thought "Club Worker" would like him for his manly bearing. Another thought the neatness of his tie, in the choice of which he spent the whole of a morning, could not fail to attract and please. But no! No longer will this sadden me.

Instead, I rejoice exceedingly. No longer shall I look askance at my old civvies, the threadbare coat, the knee patched trousers.

No longer when demobbed shall I sigh for jingling spurs and shining field boots, nor even for the medal ribbons which hitherto had meant so much; for when in rags and tatters clad shall I not find more favour in my lady's eyes?

APOLLO.

AUNT SALLIES.

Sir,—One feels that the present crisis teaches one lesson that should be hammered home hard. It is that the Government are far from being the incompetent fools that fashionable gasbags try to make them.

What can the Slough busy bodies do but hide their heads in shame? Or are they too blind to realize that at last the truth is out? Some one who knew his job must have foreseen the need for a reserve transport depot and therein lies the history of Slough.

One deplores the present day habit of electing men to govern us and then, instead of giving them our confidence, we use them as Aunt Sallies, and hurl every kind of derision at them so that we can have the fun of putting up new ones. Truly we are a wonderful nation.

A. P. G.

ADVANCE OF ADVANCES.

longer gives money for field advances for officers.

To-day the rate of exchange at Cox's was 90 marks to the £1, the military being 120 marks to the £1, a difference of 33 1/3 per cent.

This means that an officer's pay in marks is reduced by 33 1/3 per cent or goods bought at the N.A.C.B. clubs or canteens have increased by 33 1/3 per cent.

Thus, having cashed a cheque at Cox's at 90 marks to £1, and I have dinner at the club for 15 marks or 2/6 at N.A.C.B. rates, I pay for it at 15 marks at 90 to £1, i.e. 3s 4d.

Or again my pay is 12/- a day and an N.C.O. in my unit receives 9/- a day; being privileged to get money from the cashier through the imprest accounts he gets 333, or £3 more marks than I do, and buying goods at a German shop he has exactly the same amount as myself.

Officers who live away from Cologne must get their money through German Banks or stay a night in Cologne before they can get any money.

P.W.F.B.

SPARE TIME GERMAN LESSONS.

Sir,—Being most anxious to acquire a workable knowledge of the German language, and only having about three evenings a week free for study, will some correspondent kindly let me know through the columns of your paper if there is any Army Institution or College in Cologne where one can get a few German lessons a week, and, roughly, how long it would take an intelligent man to obtain a workable knowledge of the language? Such information would be gratefully accepted by myself and no doubt many others.

"NIX SPRECKEN DUTCH."

ENGLISH WOMEN IN CAFES.

Sir,— May I be permitted to make a few observations on the alleged grievance of your correspondent "Mrs. Atkins"?

"Is Mrs. Atkins" under the impression that only in cafés reserved for officers she is likely to spend an idle hour in enjoyment, or that they are in any way less noisy than those cafés frequented by other ranks? If so, she is very much mistaken.

I could submit a list of first class cafés, where not only an hour, but an entire evening may be spent with enjoyment in the quiet precincts so ardently desired, and they are not reserved for officers.

PIP.

SOLDIERS' WIVES: CHURCH ARMY SCHEME.

Sir,—With the approval of the Military Authorities the Church Army scheme for the accommodation of the wives of soldiers has been completed.

Arrangements have been made so that the Church Army Rest House (Hotel Mittlehauser) may be temporarily used by wives and their husbands, whilst billets are being found.

Rooms are free, but meals, viz, breakfast, dinner, tea, and supper, will be provided at the cost of 3/6 per day.

In the case of soldier's and their wives bringing their own rations a charge of 1/— per day will be made for vegetables and extras. A sitting room (with piano) and a mess room are provided.

If a soldier cannot meet his wife on arrival, a lady will meet the train. And when necessary the Church Army H.Q. in London will arrange for wives to be met in London where free accommodation will be given, and their departure in the morning arranged.

R.O. HOWE,
Commissioner, Church Army.

THEATRE SEATS.

Sir,—I felt greatly amused after reading "H.A.C's" article in the "Cologne Post" dated 30. 9. 19, with reference to theatre seats.

Surely "H.A.C." does not wish to infer that British soldiers taking their German lady or gentleman friends should be debarred from entering the Deutsches Theatre, simply because he (H.A.C.) happened to be unlucky in obtaining a ticket for a certain performance?

If a soldier wishes to take a fraulein to the English theatres why should he not? Has "H.A.C." any objection?

We soldiers go into the German theatres and picture houses and cabarets without any objection being made—in spite of the fact that we have requisitioned a fair number of these places for our own use.

A MERE DEVON.

THE R.O.D. AND THE STRIKE.

Sir,—The railway strike now taking place in England, having brought to light a hitherto little-known branch of the Army, viz. the R.O.D., it probably might be of interest to your readers to know that there are many of these men—lots though with two or three years' service—in Flanders and Germany.

As you are aware, practically all the railway working for the British Armies is now being done by the civilian railwaymen in the different countries and one wonders why the Government who is calling out for volunteers to work the English lines does not send these R.O.D. men home to help by carrying on at their proper work, instead of keeping them out here doing trivial jobs, which could be done by any Labour Corps man.

As every railwayman knows, the majority of these R.O.D. men were enlisted straight from the Railway Companies, so obviously they would be much more useful to help to break the strike than civilians who have had no actual experience of railway work.

THREE R. O. D's.

A PLEA FOR RUGGER.

Sir,—I read with pleasure in your today's issue a letter under the above heading, by Gunner R.F.A.

Rugby football, although hitherto not over popular in the services, is most healthy and interesting sport. In my opinion it surpasses "Soccer"

Let the soldiers in Rhineland, particularly those who represent the West of England, rally to support the "fifteens", and we should be privileged to see some rare games.

SGT. R.G.A.

ORCHESTRA CRITICISM.

Sir,—I was present at the Deutsches Theatre the other night and the performance of "Hindle Wakes" was excellent, but words fail to express the agony which the audience had to suffer at the hands of the so-called orchestra. Apparently every instrument had been tuned from the piano which was itself hopelessly out of tune. The total result is far better imagined than heard.

HARMONICUS.

ARE WIVES CARELESS?

Sir,—You ask, Are wives careless? I had occasion to interview the Command Paymaster re allowances yesterday and was in rather a hole owing to the fact that I had not, as I believed, my marriage certificate in Cologne.

Judge of my surprise when my wife remarked that she had brought it along with her. If you ask me if my wife is careless I say most emphatically, No.

JAZZ.

MISINTERPRETATION—A CHARGE.

Sir,—"Hindle Wakes," as performed by the B.R.A.D.C. is an absolute misinterpretation and misrepresentation of what is acknowledged and accepted as "a modern play of high moral standard, treating a difficult subject with refinement and reserve."

The play is clean and straightforward, and when produced in England received no adverse criticism. But at the Deutsches Theatre an atmosphere is created both questionable and suggestive, and the audience — to judge from the continual sniggering and half-ashamed giggling, evidently considered it of low moral character and tone, seeing allusions and insinuations where none existed and thoroughly misunderstanding the whole aim and idea of the play.

C.A.R.

THE FATALIST.

Adolphus Fitzherbert was a fatalist. To him the whole scheme of life was cut and dried.

Years before the war ever started Adolphus had been convinced that it had to be.

It was with a light heart therefore that he joined up in 1915 and prepared for any hard knocks that Fate had in store for him.

Smilingly he bore the verbal attacks of an irate Sergeant Major, thereby increasing that worthy's rage.

To him summary awards of C.B. were as water on a duck's back.

Did he arrive late on parade he put it down to a malignant Fate which persisted in dogging his footsteps.

The bugle call for "Defaulters" became as sweet music to his ears.

Behold then our fatalist arriving in due course in France.

Fate (at least he said it was) decreed that he should be one of a draft going up to the salient almost immediately.

To the fact that our hero lost his train at a wayside station whilst on a "scrounging" expedition, he also credited Fate.

An unsympathetic R.T.O. thought otherwise, and lost no opportunity of saying so.

However all good things must have an end and eventually he found himself well up in the salient energetically engaged in handing out hate to brother German.

But Fate was insistent. It seemed to take a fiendish delight in buffeting the worthy Fitzherbert.

Twice was he mixed up with shell bursts, and he began to think it beyond a joke when his portion of stew was one day wafted skywards, leaving him holding the handle of a "dixie" with a somewhat sheepish expression.

But the culminating point in his career came later.

Back to the wagon lines our fatalist had been sent to recuperate.

A pair of mules had been allotted him to assist in the process.

Whilst engaged in "stroking" one of them down one day, the said mule handed the worthy Adolphus a straight left.

He took the full count.

On once more awaking to the glad light of day he found his "badge, cap, regimental" missing

From that day to this he has never recovered from the cruel knock of Fate that allowed the Quartermaster to charge him 2½d for a new one.

"HAWKEYE."

All ranks of the Rhine Army are invited to contribute to this paper. Every article published will be paid for and none should exceed 500 words in length.

ROYAL WARRANT.

PAY OF WARRANT OFFICERS, N.C.O.'s AND MEN.

SEVENTEENTH ARTICLE OF THE SERIES.

II.—Classification of Tradesmen.

1. For the purposes of immediate classification of sappers or privates under paragraph 5 of Table I., pending the introduction of a universal standard test for all arms, the following rules will apply:—

(a) Where a man has already been classified for Engineer or Corps pay a provisional classification under this Warrant may be carried out on the same lines, viz.:—

Pay Warrant.	Classification for	Corps pay.			Engineer pay.
		R.A.V.C.			
		R.A.M.C.			
		R.A.O.C.			
		R.A.S.C.	M.T.	1st rate	Very superior
				2nd and 3rd rates.	Superior..
			Horse.	...	...
				5th, 6th, and 7th rates.	Skilled .. Proficient.
					corresponds with
This Warrant					Class I.
					Class II.
					Class III.

Corps pay.	
R.A.V.C.	4th rate.
R.A.M.C.	3rd rate.
R.A.O.C.	3rd and 4th & 5th rates.
R.A.S.C. M.T. 1st rate	3rd and 4th rates.
R.A.S.C. M.T. 2nd and 3rd rates.	4th, 5th, 6th and 7th rates.
R.A.S.C. Horse.	5th, 6th, and 7th rates.

Men temporarily classified as above will be reclassified with retrospective effect from 1st July, 1919, as soon as the necessary tests can be held.

(b) Where no such classification exists, e.g., in the case of Royal Arrtillery or cavalry artificers, tradesmen will be brought on pay provisionally as Class III. in the group to which their trade belongs, and will be re-classified with retrospective effect from 1st July, 1919, as soon as the necessary tests can be held.

(c) Where Corps pay is drawn at rates lower than those shown above as corresponding with Class III. a man will draw provisionally the normal rate of pay under paragraph 2 of Table 1 unless he is already definitely classed as a tradesman, in which case he will draw Class III. rates under paragraph 5 of Table 1.

2. In the absence of instructions to the contrary the number of soldiers in each Class will be determined by the number qualified for that Class within the total numbers allowed for the particular trade. There will be no establishment for each, other than Military Accountant Clerks, will be passed under Group C.

III.— Special Reserve and Territorial Force Counting of Service.

In the absence of special instructions the present rules as to the counting of service for purposes of increments of pay dependent on length of service will continue to apply (i.e., only mobilized service counts).

IV.—Proficiency Pay.

1. The standards of professional efficiency for the grant of proficiency pay will be published as soon as possible both for cavalry, artillery and infantry and for the soldiers drawing normal rates in Arms or Corps for which proficiency pay was not previously issuable.

2. Soldiers already drawing proficiency pay, Class I., may draw provisionally the new proficiency pay provided they have at least one year's Colour service. They will, however, be required to pass the tests for professional efficiency when they are published in order to continue drawing proficiency pay, but, in the absence of instructions to the contrary, they will not be required to pass the educational tests, as a condition of continuing to draw proficiency pay.

3. Soldiers in receipt of Class II. proficiency pay or those re-enlisting will be required to satisfy all the conditions attending the grant of the new proficiency pay.

V.—Transfer to New Rates.

Where the rates of pay under this Warrant are more favourable than those under previous Warrants paymasters should take steps as early as possible to adjust the soldiers' accounts. Where the rates are less favourable than those drawn hitherto no adjustment will be made until the new rates equal or exceed the old.

VI.—Pensions.

Revision of pensions of those eligible will be undertaken by the Commissioners of the Royal Hospital, and applications for revised pensions need not be submitted by the pensioners.

By Command of the Army Council,
R.H. BRADE.

MR. WALTER WINANS.

Efforts To Break Further Trotting Records.

At a trotting meeting at Parsloes Park, near Barking, next Thursday, in aid of St. Dunstan's fund for blinded soldiers and sailors, Mr. Walter Winans will endeavour to break the world's two-mile pair horse record of 6 minutes 40 seconds, which he holds. He will also drive to beat the single horse to wagon amateur record of 2 minutes 34 seconds and the amateur paced-mile record of 2 minutes 40 seconds, both of which are held by him.

Colonel Cecil Bevis, the well known steeplechase rider, will ride "Trotter" to endeavour to establish a mile record for amateurs.

SWEETHEARTS
read "The Cologne Post". Send it daily to yours.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

D/190 Bde, R.F.A., 2; 159 Siege Battery R.G.A. I.

7 WINS OUT OF 8.

The above teams met on Wednesday on the former's ground at Poll, and a fast game ensued. The Siege were the first to score, and pressed strongly, but the excellent play of Bingham and Howard at back wore down the Siege forwards. The Field front line getting into their stride, a goal was scored by Odgen at centre. Half time found the score level, and "D" pressing hard.

In the second half, "D" had most of the game, though their goalkeeper had some anxious moments. The Siege goalie also played a very sound game, and kept off repeated bombardments of his goal. He was eventually beaten, however, by a penalty kick by Driver Bingham. No further scoring took place, "D" Battery retiring winners by 2-1.

"D" Battery has now won seven out of eight matches played.

5th BORDER'S SUCCESS.

X Corps Senior Football Competition 1st Round.

The 5th Border Regt. met the 29th Bde., R.G.A., on the Hofgarten, Bonn, on Wednesday afternoon, in the presence of large crowd of enthusiasts, who braved the heavy rain. The game was very fast considering the state of the ground and the diminutive Border team counterbalanced their lack of weight by their ability to keep their feet on the sticky turf. After about twenty minutes play, a break-away on the gunners left resulted in a goal. Shortly after, a penalty was given against the Borders for "hands". The goalie saved smartly. On recommencing the Border forwards made tracks for the gunners goal and a hard drive left the goalie helpless. The pressure was continued and from a melée in front of goal the Borders took the lead. Play was transferred to the opposite end, but the backs and goalie were safe and frustrated all the Gunners efforts. Time came with the Borders winners by two goals to one.

9th Tank Corps beaten by 11th Royal Scots.

The above match was played on the former's ground at Krazau on Wednesday. The "Royals" were the first to get going and were deservedly rewarded with a goal scored by Pte Livingstone after ten minutes play. The "Royals" kept up the pressure and again scored by means of a superb individual effort by Pte Kelly who ran through all opposition and scored a lovely goal. After this further reverse, the "Tanks" rallied and following a mix-up by the visitors backs, the home centre forward made no mistake from the opening presented and scored easily. Soon after this, the whistle sounded and half time was reached with the score 2—1 in favour of the Royal Scots. There was no scoring in the second half and rought game by two goals to one.

"D" Coy. 52nd K.L.R. v. "C" Coy. 52nd K.L.R.

This match was played at Obercassel and resulted in a win for "D" Coy by the odd goal in three. "C" Coy opened the scoring through Massey, "D" Coy's goalie, letting the ball slip out of his hands from a shot by Lieut. Long. "D" equalised just before the interval.

In the second half, "C" Coy. kept up a heavy bombardment of "D" Coy's goal, but as a result of Massey's cool play, "C" failed to get the lead. After about half an hour's play, Carrol scored for "D" Coy from a penalty. "C" now tried hard to equalize but Massey and his colleagues managed to keep them out until the whistle went for time, leaving "D" the winners by 2 goals to 1.

Lieut. Long played a fine game for "C" Coy., while Massey undoubtedly saved "D" Coy from a heavy defeat.

BY MOTOR.

Clapton Orient Left for South Shields on Thursday.

The Football League carefully considered the question of suspending or re-arranging yesterday's matches, but considered it most inadvisable to alter the fixture list. Many teams travelled by train but a good number went by motors. Several crack teams travelled by road on Friday, while some even started on Thursday, including Clapton Orient who had one of the longest journeys to South Shields and in order to run no risks left by motor in the afternoon.

MILITARY SPORTS.

G.H.Q. Technical College Sports At Siegburg.

INTERESTING EVENTS.

A very successful sports meeting was held at Siegburg by the staff and students of the G.H.Q. Technical College. Lieut. C. W. Bream (sports officer), and his capable staff are to be congratulated on the initiative displayed and the results achieved. The arrangements made to ensure the success of the meeting left nothing to be desired.

Colonel F. W. Gossett, C.M.G., D.S.O., at the close, strongly commented the efforts of both organizers and competitors, very appropriately pointing out that sport is one of the Britisher's greatest and most valuable characteristics, and one that cannot be too keenly fostered.

Mrs. R. T. L. Beckett graciously presided at the distribution of prizes to the successful competitors. Lt.-Col. G. N. Gibbs, R.E., Commandant of the College, acted as referee. Among the Judges were Colonel F. W. Gossett, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Major Colvin, V.C.

The principal events were won by Pte. A. Young, 5th K.O.S.B., and Lance Corporal C. Walker, 9th London Regt. A handsome silver cup, presented by Captain and adjutant S. A. Egerton-Hine for the highest aggregate points, was awarded to Pte. Young, of whom one may expect to hear great things as a sprinter in the future.

A good band gave a liberal programme of music, and the proceedings terminated with cheers and the National Anthem.

RESULTS.

100 yards flat race:—1, Pte. Young, A., 5th K.O.S.B.; 2, Pte. Howe, J., 11th Queen's.

Putting the shot:—L/C. Walker, C., 9th London Regt.; 2, C. S. M. Berrymann, 7th R. I. Regt. (College Staff).

220 yards flat race:—1, Pte. Young, A., 5th K.O.S.B.; 2, Gnr. Carter, E., 260 S.B., R.G.A.

Three-legged race:—1, L. C. O'Malley, 12th R.I. Rifles, and Sgt. Dwyer, J., 354 Coy. R.E.; 2, Pte. Murray, J., 5/6 R. Scots, and Pte. Ives, R., 51 R. Warwicks.

High jump:—1, L./C. Walker, C., 9th London Regt.; 2, Pte. Young, 5th K.O.S.B.

440 yards flat race:—1, Pte. Young, A., 5th K.O.S.B.; 2, L. C. O'Malley, 12th R.I. Rifles.

220 yards officers handicap:—1, Lt. A. J. Butcher (Staff); 2, 2nd Lieut. T. P. Kotchie (Student), 3rd M.G.C.

Sack race.—1, Pte. Fisher, A., 11th Queen's; 2, Pte. Rogers, G., 51st R. Warwicks.

Long jump:—1, L.C. Walker, C. (17ft. 9in.), 9th London; 2, Pte. Young, A, 5th K.O.S.B.

Pillow fight:—1, L. C. Marshall, W., 13th Tanks; 2, Pte Rogers, G., 51st R. Warwicks.

Boot race:—1, Pte. Hornsby, S., 52nd N. Fusrs.; 2, Dvr. Jowett, F., C/168 R.F.A.

880 yards flat race:—1, Pte. Young, A., 5th K.O.S.B.; 2, L./C. O'Malley, W., 12th R.I.Rifles.

One mile open:—1, L./C. O'Malley, W., 12th R.I. Rifles; 2, Pte. Fulford, S., 52nd Devons.

Obstacle race:—1, Pte. Rogers, G., 51st R. Warwicks; 2, L./C. Walker, C., F.S. Bn. G.H.Q.

220 yards race (open):—1, Pte. Howe, J., 11th Queen's, Gnr. Carter, E., 260 S.B., R.G.A.

Tug-of-war:—1, Sergt. Instructor's Team (College Staff); 2, Officers Team.

Officers' relay race:—1, 2nd Lt. T. P. Kotchie, 3rd M.G.C., Lt. J. T. Hamilton, 9th M.G.C., and 2nd Lt. J. F. Dare, C/187 R.F.A.

Inter shop relay:—1, L./C. Walker, C., 9th London Regt., Rfm. Wood, E., 12th R.I. Rifles, and Dmr. Newell, 53rd R. Warwicks.

Consolation race:—1, Dvr. Powell, W., B/168 Bde. R.F.A.; 2, L./C. Deakin, J., 51st R. Warwicks.

NEW YORK'S N.S.C.

U.S. Boxing Enterprise That Will Cost 500,000 Dollars.

A Reuter New York correspondent telegraphs that a Membership Boxing Club, modelled on the lines of the National Sporting Club, London, will open in February in New York. Included among the sponsors of the project are 100 of the most prominent men in the United States. The building, which is to be of marble, will cost half a million dollars.

The new club proposes to organise a series of tournaments.

WORLD'S ARMY AND NAVY CHAMPIONS.

The heavyweight champions of the British and American Armies and Navies will box for the world's Army and Navy championships and belts, presented respectively by Major-General Wood and Admiral Sims, and these will be contested there.

The arrangements will be under the direction of the noted American promoter Rickard.

U.S. GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

The American women's golf championship was continued at the Shawnee Country Club on Tuesday. All the favourites won their matches with the exception of Miss E. Rosenthal, runner-up in 1914. Miss Alexa Stirling, the holder, defeated Mrs. Caleb Fox, and Mrs. W. A. Gavin (South Shore), the English International player, who was runner-up in the American championship in 1915, easily defeated Miss Cummings.

COUSINS
read The Cologne Post. Send it daily to yours.

DRAMATIC FINAL.

Duncan Beaten By Mitchell On 36th Green.

£590 GOLF TOURNEY.

The final on Thursday between Duncan and Mitchell, at Walton Heath, for prizes amounting to £590, given by the proprietors of the News of the World, was replete with dramatic surprises. The interest was sustained to the thirty-sixth hole, and the excitement became more and more intense as the end drew near. Each one of the thousand spectators felt instinctively that here was the supreme test as to who was the better golfer. Duncan had declared it so; therefore the cards were on the table, and the issue was fought out from that standpoint. Duncan lost on the thirty-sixth green; he should have settled the matter on the thirty-fifth, but in the most extraordinary manner possible he simply hurled his chances away.

MATCH DETAILS.

At the end of the first round thanks to brilliant putting Mitchell was 3 up with 75 strokes to 80. On the second round, however, Duncan put up a fine fight, reducing an adverse balance on the first hole where he laid Mitchell stymie.

Duncan became all square at the 16th hole and at the 17th hole had a great chance of becoming up for the first time but missed a yard put and halved the hole. There was great excitement when the two started for the last deciding hole on level terms. Duncan took three to get on the green to Mitchell's two, both being ten yards from the pin. Duncan putted a yard shot while Mitchell ran two feet past the hole.

Mitchell holed with the next stroke amid great enthusiasm, winning by one hole, the scores being Mitchell 78; Duncan 77.

D.L.I. DERBY.

Victory For 9th Against 51st At Amsterdamer Strasse.

A good game was witnessed on Friday between the 9th and 51st D.L.I. Battalions on the ground in Amsterdamer Strasse. A large number of supporters of both teams added to the interest of the game and their vocal efforts were as successful as the play. The teams selected were as follows:—

9th D.L.I.:—Sgt. Rocks, L/Cpl. Shepperd and Pte. Hattersley; Cpl. Jinks, Capt. Gibson and Pte. Fotheringham; Sgt. Martin, C.Q.M.S. Etherington, Lieut. Cross, Pte. Mooney, and Cpl. Beckton.

51st D.L.I.:—Sgt. Wise and Cpl. Stanway; L/Cpl. Pearson, Lieut. Miller, C. S. M. Lister, Pte. Ovington, Lieut. McGreehin, L/Cpl. Widdeson, Pte. Herringson and Pte. Cartellich.

THE GAME.

The game commenced in favour of the 51st but the 9th soon settled down to good play and were unfortunate in not scoring quite early on—Sgt. Wise having to kick over his own line to effect a clearance. The 9th continued to have the better of the game and both C.Q.M.S. Etherington and Lieut. Cross came very near to success. During a scramble in players handled and from the ensuing penalty Capt. Gibson drew first blood for the 9th. Half time arrived with the score: 9th D.L.I., 1; 51st D.L.I., 0.

The "breather" appeared to have revived the 51st for they went off with a rush on the resumption. However Sgt. Rocks was very cool in goal and he effected some excellent saves. Some clever combinations by the 9th followed even play and C.Q.M.S. Etherington found the net with a beautiful shot. The 9th continued to have the better of the game but could not add to their scores. Result: 9th D.L.I., 2; 51st D.L.I., 0.

For the 9th Capt. Gibson did some excellent work at centre-half, his attack being a constant source of trouble to the opposing forwards. Lieut. Cross and C.Q.M.S. Etherington did well in the forward line whilst Pte. Hattersley was very successful at left back. For the losers good form was displayed by Sgt. Wise at right back, Lieut. M. Greehen and Cpl. Widdeson in the forwards, whilst Capt. Miller was a tower of strength at centre-half.

THURSDAY MATCH.

League I.

		At'ndce.
Notts County	2 Sheffield Utd. 2	8,000
(Henshall, Peart)	(Kitchen, Foster, own goal)	

SECOND LEAGUE RESULT.

Notts Forest 2; Blackpool 0.

FOOTBALL DIRECTORS RESIGN.

A sensation was caused in Leeds on Thursday by the announcement that the whole of the Leeds City Football Club directors have resigned.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

The Benefit Performance.

Gala nights and benefit performances are not uncommon in Rhineland, but a show like the one at the Palace Theatre on Friday has no precedent and will set a standard that will take some reaching in the future. The auditorium was packed to its utmost capacity; probably never before has the Herzogstrasse theatre been more crowded. Long and varied, the performance was unflagging, but sustained one's interest and evoked appreciation right to the last. It would be useless to treat all the numbers in turn; taken in its entirety the show appealed to one as a series of impressions, bright, sparkling, gay—and otherwise; a wealth of colour and melange of music and merriment.

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Embracing everything from dancing to character studies, from Jazz bands to things classical, it astounded one with its versatility. The "Tabs," including Alfred Barker the violinist and Miss Hilda Potts, were as bright as ever. The new topical ditty by the quartette "Nix Fustein" and the double number by Harry Harris and Tom Fenwick certainly enhanced the reputation of "The Crumps." In a wartime cafe scene Erb (Fred Weedon) really brought down the house. Claud Cole, a colleague of Weedon's in "The Pedlars" cleverly played the lady. Jerry Joyce and Bobby Macauly, of the same party, gave us one of their delightful dancing acts.

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But that wasn't all. Lew Hailmark, L. Vigar, and other members of "The Tonics" were there; so was the G.H.Q. Jazz Band. Really, it would be tedious to run through the names on the programme, so I will deal with the rest of the turns more or less collectively. "The Jesters," by kind permission of Mr. Alfred Hurley, who appeared personally, lived up to their reputation and kept things going merrily to the end. Incidentaly Black and White, a coloured gentleman and a fair lady, were deservedly encored for their exceedingly clever dances.

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A word of commendation must be accorded to the combined orchestras of the "Tabs" and the "Crumps" under the direction of Conductor Harold Porter. Capt. Haygarth, too, is to be congratulated upon the success of the project, and the work of Cpl. Cowling, running the front of the house, also deserves praise. I do not know exactly the result financially, but I am told it exceeded the most sanguine expectations.

Return of "The Jesters."

The return of "The Jesters" to the Palace Theatre, Cologne, next week is being eagerly anticipated by those who were privileged to witness their excellent entertainment on the occasion of the previous visit as well as by those who are acquainted with this merry party only by their reputation. I hear that arrangements are being made by the genial Mr. Hurley who runs the party, to perform before units in outlying districts.

Y.M.C.A. Forthcoming Events.

A varied and attractive programme has been arranged for next week. On the attraction as well as analyses of a concerto with illustrations. The "Tabs" and "Tonics" will give a concert on Tuesday and the theatre and music hall will be discussed. For Wednesday, a concert and a discussion, "Germany, yesterday and to-day" have been arranged while for Thursday, cinema and orchestra and a further discussion entitled "Germany, to-day and to-morrow" are announced. Friday will see a return of the "Tabs" and "Tonics" with a new programme, a whist drive being billed for the same evening. Saturday's arrangements include a Miss Illingworth concert and folk-dance class. No charge is made for admission to any of the entertainments or lectures.

A.G. and C.C. Dance.

A successful and enjoyable dance was given at the Army General and Commercial College, Hansa Ring, on Wednesday evening by Colonel E. C. Heath, D.S.O., Staff and officer students to their friends in Cologne. Mingled with the bright hues of the ladies' costumes and the officers' drab khaki was the ever welcome blue of the Royal Navy. The band deserves special mention as it greatly contributed to the success of the evening, and much indebtedness is due to Colonel and Mrs. Heath for their successful efforts in catering for the enjoyment of their many friends. It is understood that a similar entertainment is taking place on Saturday night in the same place for Other Rank students, to which the Colonel has invited members of the N.A.C.B. and W.R.A.F. Dolmagen.

"Hullo Cologne!" Matinee.

The splendid performance of "Hullo Cologne!" was repeated yesterday afternoon at the British Empire Leave Club to a crowded house. The production was the same artistic success as it was on Friday night and the artistes were ably supported by the orchestra. The performance was a most finished one and much enjoyed by all present. Among those who were present on Friday and Saturday were Lady and the Misses Robertson. Lt.-Gen. Sir A. and Lady Godley, Lt.-Gen. Haldane, K.C.B., D.S.O., Brig.-Gen. Clive, C.B., C.M.G., Gen. and Lady Hutchinson, Maj.-Gen. Chichester, K.C.M.G., C.B., Brig.-Gen. and Mrs. Tandy, Maj.-Gen. Heneker, K.C.B., D.S.O., Brig.-Gen. and Mrs. Rogers, Brig.-Gen. Shewen, C.M.G., D.S.O., Brig.-Gen. Hobbs, C.M.G., D.S.O., Mrs. Vernon Lloyd, A.C., Q.M.A.A.C., Miss Curlett, A.C., W.R.A.F., Lady Cooper and Miss Weldon, Y.M.C.A., Miss Holway, Catholic Club, and the ladies in charge of the Church Army and Scottish Churches and Victoria Club and many others.

In Few Words.

Alfred Barker, the well-known English violinist, in addition to his appearance at the Deutches Theatre next Sunday, is playing at Euskirchen on Friday.

I hear there is a possibility of a new "Tabs" Concert Party being organised. If this is so there should be some fine openings for really clever artistes; for names are to be made in Cologne.

By the way, I announced the other day that Miss Hammond would assist at Archie Mozley's recital on Friday; it now transpires that Walter Brickell will be the vocalist, Miss Hammond being unable to be present.

JACQUES.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	BEG.	END
Sunday	Tosca	Puccini	7	10
Monday	Walküre	Wagner	5.30	9.30
Tuesday	Zar and Zimmermann	Lortzing	7	10
Wednesday	Lobetanz	Thuille	7	9.30
Thursday	Othello	Verdi	7	10
Friday	Die Entführung aus dem Serail	Mozart	7	10
Saturday	Mignon	Thomas	7	10.15
Sunday	Fidelio	Beethoven	7	10
Monday	NO PERFORMANCE			
Tuesday	NO PERFORMANCE			

OUR FOOTBALL CONTEST.

Entries Already Arriving For Skill Competition No. 3.

Already, football competition No. 3, the rules of which are published below, is well on its way. Yesterday morning, entries commenced to arrive in large numbers within a few hours after the competition was available. This is a cheery sign, and indicates that there is good reason to suppose that record entries may be received.

There were several competitors in last week's competition who omitted to enclose the necessary mark with each effort, despite our warnings, and these, obviously, are automatically disqualified in fairness to those who took the precaution to comply with all the rules before submitting their entry.

The result of competition No. 2 will be published on Wednesday and as we indicated yesterday the sum to be disposed of is in excess of the previous contest.

Read the rules below and then make your forecasts for matches to be played next Saturday.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 3,
"Cologne Post,"
A.P.O. S./40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 3.

Date of matches, Saturday, Oct. 11th.
Closing date, Friday, Oct. 10th.

W. Bromwich	v. Bolton
Bradford	v. Newcastle U.
Preston	v. Aston Villa
Leeds City	v. South Shields
Lincoln	v. Barnsley
Notts Forest	v. Hull City
Rotherham	v. Bristol City
Bristol Rovers	v. Northampton
Gillingham	v. Millwall
Airdrie	v. Queen's Park
St. Mirren	v. Clyde
Falkirk	v. Clydebank

I enter Football Competition No. 3 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Unit .....
Address .....

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Keenly Watched.

Stephanson, Scotswood, is another player of this "Nursery" Club, who is being keenly watched, by "spotters."

Art of Shooting.

Middlesboro's halves are a splendid line and Fox has shown his forwards how to shoot. The "Boro" are very fortunate in this department.

The Sculling Championship.

Ernest Barry is now training for the race on October 27 from Tom Green's boat house at Bares. Felten, his opponent, is boating from Bower's and Phelps', at Putney.

Major League Baseball.

Major league baseball (the highest professional grade of the American "national game") ended with the playing of one contest in the American League, New York defeating Philadelphia by 4 runs to 2.

Gifted Players.

Blackburn have some gifted players on their books. Besides being brilliant exponents of "footer," Hawksworth Byrom and Danny Shea are shining stars in another direction. The former is a gifted pianist, Byrom a splendid vocal artist and "Danny" can give a fine exposition of step dancing (as his opponents will often testify).

Standing Long Distance Kick.

Milton, once of Sunderland and now one of Sheffield United's defenders, was the winner of the standing long distance kick, at St. James Park a few years ago.

A Big Success.

There was a big crowd at Altrincham—the first big pigeon show since the war. Catalogues were sold out, and the tents were so crowded it was almost impossible to get near the birds.

Good Sport.

Anglers from Birmingham have done well on the Severn above Bewdley. One rod had 40 good roach and several club, chiefly on the worm. In the Worcester district sport has been good.

Barbel And Club.

Mr. Bridgman, fishing near Windsor, has had 40 more barbel and club, but the cold weather has interfered with sport. Beyond a few roach and dace Mr. Stanley Mead bas nothing to report from Henley.

Giants In Those Days.

When we read of "footer" matches today and the inability to lead and score of so many centre-forwards one conjures memories of G.O. Smith, Appleyard, Peddie and Shepherd and others of their class. Shades of stars, but those were the times.

Metropolitan Matches.

In all his Metropolitan matches, Johnny Basham, the welter-weight champion, has proved successful.

"Human Triangle."

The "Human Triangle" Cuggy, Buchan and Mordue, have yet to strike their pre-war form. One wonders if Charlie Thomson's steadying influence is missed.

Driscoll And Another Belt.

Will gim Driscoll compete for another Lonsdale Belt? Providing be beats Charles Ledoux at the N.S.C. on October 20, you may be certain that the incomparable Irishman will want to have another tilt for a Lonsdale trophy.

Big Transfer.

A contemporary recently stated £2,000 was the highest transfer paid for a football player. The writer concerned, evidently forgot Horace Barnes whom Manchester City secured from the "Rams" for £2,500. This famous forward has yet to touch pre-war form.

Joe Bache.

"Oh! for Joe Bache" is Aston's supporters lament. With him between Dorrell and Bourne what a different tale might have been written. "Once he used to net, now he stops others netting," is a witty spectators description of Exeter's fisherman "goalie."

"Magpies" And Mooney.

When will Newcastle United give Mooney one of their reserve halves a show at centre? We have good reasons for asking.

Willie Smith.

Willie Smith, of Darlington, who is conceding Fred Lawrence 4,500 start in a match of 18,000 up, at Thurston's, scored 965 in an hour and a half to his opponent's 94.

Mares In The Cesarewitch.

So many mares have won the Cesarewitch during its history that one is naturally impelled to consider the prospects of such a good class filly as Chuette now that Keysoe has gone out.

Severe Preparation.

There are many horses who cannot stand the gruelling preparation so essential to success in a Cesarewitch, and a lot of those who have gone through the ordeal have not been of much account afterwards.

A Record.

In 1898-99 Glasgow Rangers won every match in the Scottish League which constituted a record. The same season saw Preston North End undefeated champions of Div. I of the English League, and they also won the cup without a goal in the against column. "Some" season.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Rhine Colour Effects.

The Rhine is taking on new beauties in these early autumn days, and those who are abroad in the early morning and evening will have been happily surprised to note how harmoniously and delicately, seen from a little distance, the Dom and the Hohenzollern Bridge compose in the softened lights. Perhaps the vistas up and down stream have not the peculiar colour and beauty of the Thames in London in autumn, but Whistler, Manet and Sisley would have loved to paint them.

An Ill Wind.

Those who have been on leave in Blighty this week have been offered a week's extension to ease the railway situation. And very nice, too.

Pricing all Goods.

I was amused at the almost feverish anxiety with which German tradesmen have been ticketing their goods. The possibility of a penalty for exposing articles which did not bear the price aroused them to sudden activity. Coincident with this action there seemed a greater interest taken in the shops by passers-by. The strict enforcement of the regulation is certainly an incentive to straightforward dealing and also saves the time of both shopper and salesman.

Saluting.

A G.R.O. calls attention to the saluting of officers of Allied Powers and to the return of all salutes given by officers and other ranks of these powers.

An Amusing Interlude.

There was an amusing interlude at the Benefit Concert at the Palace the other night. The orchestra struck up the preliminary bars before an artist appeared when who should come on the stage but a corporal acting as a stage hand. Of course, the audience roared with laughter, but the corporal took his call and bowed his acknowledgments.

Putting up Prices.

I hear that the prices in the N.A.C.B. canteens are likely to undergo revision next week, presumably in accordance with the changed rate of exchange.

Musical Taste.

Funny how musical tastes differ. I discussed with my batman the merits of the Palace benefit performance yesterday morning and ventured the suggestion that it was a good show. He agreed. Strange as it may seem the works which have stood the test of time and are always favoured by music lovers had no place in the items he preferred. But ragtime—well he went into rapture over it.

More Leather for Germany.

Leather is apparently becoming cheaper in Germany. The fancy shops now expose for sale many souvenirs such as revolver holsters, cigarette cases, handbags etc, that some weeks ago were quite unobtainable.

Bondage.

Our Indian soldiers have some quaint ideas. Two of them had lately arrived in Cologne, and were astonished to find everything practically normal. One remarked on the trams running; the other on people going to work as usual. His conception of Cologne and a beaten enemy was of trainless streets, no shops open, everyone in prison, and what few were allowed out should have been walking in chains and fetters.

River Very Low.

The Rhine is so low just now that I saw yesterday quite a number of children paddling right in the middle of the channel.

Ploughing in Germany.

Those who have found themselves billeted in the agricultural parts of Rhineland, may have noticed the double plough which the farmer uses. This enables him to plough all the time on the same side of the furrow, merely turning round his horses and dropping his other spade previously elevated, into action. This appears to be an advantage over the English plough, for our ploughmen have to walk their horses to the other side of the furrow. On the other hand the German method must be harder work for the horses because actually they drag along two ploughs.

No Grousing.

Everyone readily realized why we had to raise our price a trifle and paid the extra 10 pfgs yesterday without a murmur. Three farthings, after all, is not much, is it?

Live and Dead Donkeys.

Are there any donkeys in Cologne? I do not wish to be misunderstood—I am referring to the four-footed species. A dead donkey is supposed to be something of a rara avis in England, but up to now I have failed to see one, either dead or alive, in Rhineland. Perhaps some of our readers have been more fortunate.

English Weekly Magazines.

Why should a Tommy pay 1.50 marks for a 1½d English weekly? There appears to be some profiteering somewhere. Why not buy "The Cologne Post" for 35 pfg. and be sure that you are getting full value for your money?

A Motto.

The German passion for mottoes is spreading. Only the other evening I passed a Fräulein whose shapely calf and ankle were covered by a lacy open-work stocking on which a motto had been worked. Modesty, of course, forbade my reading it.

Got Yours?

The Command Paymaster had quite a busy time at the Excelsior yesterday morning inspecting the marriage certificates of officers. You see each claim for the higher rate of lodging, fuel and light allowance and furniture allowance for married officers must have a certificate that the officer is married and still eligible to draw the rates provided for in the new Royal Warrant Army Order. Many urgent requests for the necessary "marriage lines" must have been dispatched, post haste to England, during the last few days.

By Way of Paris.

Officers returning from England—and a few have managed it in spite of the strike—have to travel to Cologne via Paris, as no leave trains are running either way at present.

Hauled Back.

A walk towards Venusberg the other evening proved reminiscent of an unoffending trick one meets with in schooldays. Lying on the ground was a worn note case and wallet with the edges of musty looking notes easily visible. The natural action when one notices such wealth is to stoop down and pick it up, but if you wish to be considered prudent, or if you have a knowledge of the youthful and inventive brain, you will "let wealth alone." On bending down to grasp the case you suddenly discover it has been drawn to the other edge of the road where in the adjoining field a "Knabe" grins at you inanely as he winds up an almost invisible thread.

Their Metier.

Since I wrote of that wife of an officer who has succeeded so well in doing the marketing for his mess, I hear quite a demand has sprung up in the messes of Cologne for other wives to do the catering.

The Compétition Craze.

A German contemporary announces that a new serial detective story is to commence in a few days time. They do so by means of a pamphlet giving the first chapter; inform you that the continuance will be found in to-morrow's paper—and finally offer 1000 marks if you can guess the name of the individual who is to be murdered—or is it the murderer? I'm not quite sure—during the course of the story. Sounds delightfully simple, doesn't it?

Wee Dictionaries.

Everyone in Rhineland must have seem those miniature vestpocket dictionaries in the shops. They are wonderfully popular. It is easy to buy the English-German volumes, but the German-English seem to be scarce.

Cost Of Repairs.

If you intend to have a clock or watch repaired, then the best thing to do is to have it inspected and ask for an estimate or otherwise you will receive a rare shock when you go to claim your property. Many of the charges are altogether out of proportion to the work done, but what can one do but pay up and smile? The same applies to a hundred and one things which one is obliged to put into the hands of a German tradesman.

Which Arm?

[illegible] wear their brassard, asks a lady correspondent. Members of the staff wear it on the right arm, but many ladies wear theirs on the left. After all it strikes me as a matter of little consequence.

Ware.

The Germans who attempted the other night to introduce themselves to the wife of one of our soldiers will doubtless find it a costly amusement, but the very fact that Germans have the audacity to attempt to treat English women as they would their own should convert our womenfolk to the idea of wearing the brassard on all occasions. The German has a nasty way of pleading ignorance when charged with an offence. Instance his invasion of reserved railway carriages. The only thing he understands is "Verboten" in large type.

Post Card Atrocities.

Cannot something be done to prohibit the display of objectionable postcards in shop windows? Some of these cards are an outrage on good taste and examples of German "wit" in its crudest form.

Where?

Some individuals are very fortunate in their wanderings. A writer in an English contemporary arouses our curiosity by references to wine at four and a half marks a bottle. It could not have been in or near Cologne that he refreshed himself at so low a rate. Many writers about Rhineland to the home press are singularly ill-informed.

Saving Gas.

Gas is now turned off in Cologne for several hours during the day. Until they get used to this state of affairs, cafe proprietors will find themselves involved in difficulties. Yesterday, for instance, a popular rendezvous for afternoon tea had to suspend operations, because being dependant upon gas cookers, no hot water could be prepared.

Mark Your Envelopes.

When sending in coupons in our football contests always see the envelope is marked "Football Contest" in the top left hand corner. This saves time in sorting and removes all possibility of oupons going astray. *RHINELANDER.*

THE TREASURE SEEKERS.

Man has ever been seeking from the earliest times in the history of the world, for something he knows not what; still amidst all the seekers it is given to the few to shout "Eureka" — I have found.

When the Vikings in the old days set out from their homes into the unknown seas, they hoped to find new lands to conquer, new wealth to add to their store. When men braved the bitter cold of the North, when the lust for the treasure of earth took them into the vast stillness of Alaska, it was for gold, and in that quest some laid down their lives with the treasure still unfound.

Plato dreamed a dream of a new Republic, and wrote for men what he had visions of finding in the future, but centuries have rolled on, and that ideal state has not been found, only appearing once again in the dreams of a man like Sir Thomas Moore, who gave to us his ideal, his Utopia, but only in theory.

When Saint Paul stood on Mars Hill he knew that men of the ancient civilization were ever seeking for some new ideas, some new philosophy, and we know how futile were their longings.

Socialism has tried to find the Ideal, and now this world is slowly recovering from the blow which was almost the end of all things, men through different means are seeking for that Utopia of the old writer's dreams.

The treasures of earth, whether they are things material or the ideas of the mind, seem like the fleeting shadows of the cloud as its glides swiftly across the face of the earth, and men grasp, and in grasping fall to the ground. It was only a shadow.

There is one treasure that if man seeks he shall find, there is the promise of He who made all things, to whom the Universe belongs, that promise written in the hand book of the Divine, which tells the weary searcher after rest and peace; "Seek and ye shall find." That promise comes from one who has never failed the human race in its dire neccessity.

"What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and lose his own soul?" we read in the old Book, and it points out to us how useless are the efforts of men, who only look for the fleeting things of this life, who only look for the treasures they can pile up on earth, when there is that grander, nobler life to come, when man is not held by the bonds of time and space, beside which the material things of earth are only seen as through a glass darkly, that larger life when we shall see face to face, when the treasure of heaven, the Love of God, shall predominate all through the seaons of eternity.

C. E. R. WHEELER, C.F.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

(XXV.)

By LIEUT. W. ROBERT PATTERSON.

It may occur that you wish to secure a photograph during the dark hours—a group of friends or the interior of a room.

This is done by what is termed "flashlight," and either magnesium ribbon or a special mixture may be employed for the purpose. Both may be obtained from any picture, the operator should leave the lens open, since the flash itself performs the exposure necessary, according to the dimensions of the interior or the number composing the group. After exposure, one should cap the lens of portrait cameras or, in other apparatus, close the shutter. Mixtures are always preferable to ribbons for they give a much brighter flash. I take this occasion to give the amateur a useful formula, which can be made up by any chemist, although the worthy editor of our "Cologne Post" has forbidden me to make my articles too technical.

In spite of that here it is!

Chlorate of Potash . .	60	grains
Magnesium Powder . .	30	„
Sulphide of Animony	10	„

This mixture must be placed on a metal base—the lid of a small tin will suffice—and then flashed by the application of a match or spill. There exist, too, small burners of flash-light mixtures which may be obtained at low prices.

Care must be taken, as in daylight photography, with reference to the position of the camera, and the object or objects to be portrayed.

The correct focus may be obtained by directing any artificial light upon the object in question. It is clear, also, less of the mixture will be required for a near object than for a distant one and sometimes it is even necessary to use two simultaneous flashes should the scene or group be very large. One needs practice in this branch of photography since much must necessarily depend upon the speed of the plate, the colour of the object, the aperture of the diaphragm and the duration of the flashlight, but by a little study the amateur will soon acquire the art of taking such pictures.

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Sometimes—more especially in warm weather—the gelatine edges of the surface of a plate reffle up, resembling miniature waves. This may be remedied by placing the negative after washing in a bath of methylated spirit. This produces contraction of the gelatine to its former condition. A solution of alum or formalin will also diminish the danger of "frilling" as it is called.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

The Youngest Guards.—The history of the Welsh Guards is being written.

To Visit America.—Mr. J. R. Clynes, M.P., is due to visit America next month.

Good to Start.—Coventry is to give 70 s. a week to constables on appointment.

Inevitable.—The visit of M. Poincaire to England is likely to be postponed.

Begun.—Pheasant shooting has begun at home.

Abolished.—The French censorship has been abolished.

In Surburbia.—There is an acute shortage of cycles in London suburbs.

Topography.—Street hawkers are selling maps in London. Pedestrians require them.

Economy.—Sports coats and flannel trousers are popular in the city just now.

Novel.—An esculator for moving petrol cans has been erected in Hyde Park.

Back.—The King and Queen were due back at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

Convenient.—Ships in British ports can now communicate by wireless.

Suppressed.—Another Irish newspaper at Sligo has been suppressed.

In Mufti.—Lord Haig is wearing mufti in the performance of his duties.

Nothing Doing.—Lord Haig has declined all offers to publish his memoirs.

Opposed.—The National Free Church Council has entered a protest against various proposals of the Licensing Bill.

Revived.—The London Lord Mayor's banquet is to be revived with all its pre-war magnificence.

Strange Find.—A complete set of ladies' underclothing has been found in St. Paul's churchyard.

Removed.—Removal of Madame Patti's body for burial in Paris is indefinitely delayed.

Municipal Enterprise.—East Ham has a deficiency on both its tramways and electricity undertakings.

Concession.—Though Hyde Park is closed, wounded soldiers are allowed to fish in the Serpentine.

Discharged.—Men discharged from the naval service need not register themselves.

Would-be Specials.—Clubmen are grumbling at the age limit imposed upon would-be "specials".

Phoenix.—A society formed for the purpose of reviving Ben Jonson's plays is to be known as the Phoenix.

Necessity Knows.—The rule that "passengers may not cross the line" is a dead letter at present.

The Dole.—A London pickpocket with eleven convictions was found to be drawing unemployment pay.

Royal Education.—Princess Marie of Roumania is completing her education near Ascot.

Services.—A service with reference to the crisis is being held at Westminster Abbey daily.

Adjourned.—All the country cases down for hearing in the Vacation Court have been adjourned.

The Total.—At the time of the Armistice the Army Medical Service had 578,000 patients.

get bacon from Tilbury to London.—Food Commissioner.

Ejection.—Liverpool stipendiary made orders ejecting police strikers from their houses.

Fatal Doze.—Nursing his infant child, a Jarrow man dozed, and his cigarette set fire to the child's clothing.

Home Ruler.—General Egan, a founder of the Home Rule movement in Ireland, has died in America.

Cow Hold Up.—Delay was caused to a train near Hitchin through a cow having calved on the line.

The Only Way.—A London taxi-driver who refused to take a fare has had his license revoked.

Relatives Wanted.—A London man worth £500 has just died. Relatives cannot be traced.

In One Day.—Forty-five divorce decrees nisi were made absolute in the vacation Court in one Day.

Use of Transport.

Restrictions upon the use of mechanical transport by officers and other ranks throughout France and Flanders have been imposed. One of the regulations is that such transport shall only be used by players going to or returning from outdoor games within a radius of five kilometres of the headquarters of a unit.

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RAILWAY STRIKE ENDED.

TERMS OF SETTLEMENT WHICH BOTH SIDES REGARD AS VICTORY.

FULL SERVICE TO BE RESUMED TO-DAY.

The Railway strike ended at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday. Following are the terms of the settlement.

1. Work to be resumed forthwith.
2. Negotiations to be continued with the understanding that they shall be completed before the 31st of December 1919.
3. Wages will be stabilised at their present level up to 30th September 1920, but may be reviewed after the 1st August 1920, in the light of circumstances then existing.
4. No adult railwayman shall receive less than fifty-one shillings weekly so long as the cost of living is not less than 110 per cent. above pre-war level.
5. The men will work harmoniously with those who remained at or returned to work and no man shall be prejudiced in any way as a result of the strike.
6. Wages withheld as a result of the strike shall be paid after the resumption of work.

The Conference between the Premier, the Railwaymen's Executive and the Mediation Committee of the Transport Workers' Federation lasted five hours. It was then announced that a settlement had been reached.

The railway services of Great Britain will be resumed in full to-day.

NINE DAYS WONDER.

MEN TO RESUME WORK AT ONCE.

After nine days the Great Railway Strike which, in the present critical condition of world economics, will turn out to be one of the most disastrous on record, is ended. Both sides claim a victory, the Government winning on the insistence of resuming work and on the minimum wages question.

The men win, in that they have secured a nine months' postponement of any possible reduction of present rates and a guarantee that no reduction will take place unless the cost of living falls below a given figure.

The crowd in Downing Street on Sunday morning loudly cheered the Railway delegates. Before the Conference the Premier conferred with several Ministers including Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. G. N. Barnes, Sir Robert Horne, Sir Eric Geddes, and Sir Auckland Geddes.

The King's Satisfaction.

The King heard the news that a settlement had been reached with great satisfaction, receiving it both from Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. J. H. Thomas. A little later the Premier visited His Majesty, to give an account of the negotiations.

Scene at Unity House.

The result was received at the Unity House with great jubilation and the House flag was hoisted to the mast head.

Mr. Brownlie, the Railway Engineers Secretary, described the settlement as satisfactory.

Men Meet at Albert Hall.

At a great meeting of the Railwaymen at the Albert Hall Mr. Cramp, President of the Railwaymen's Union, said they had won a great battle.

Mr. J. H. Thomas insisted on the purely economic character of the strike and declared that the Railwaymen had had no quarrel with the Constitution of the country.

It spoke well for the men, he said, that during the nine days struggle wherein 700,000 men had participated they had conducted themselves in a manner which set an example to the whole world. He denied that any large number of Trade Unionists had returned to work and declared that the men are as solid as ever. The settlement which was largely due to the Premier's efforts, was an honourable settlement affording credit to both sides. It could not be said that either side had capitulated or gained the victory. He appealed to the men to return to work without any trace of bitterness.

Mr. Thomas resumed his seat amid prolonged cheers.

A resolution was adopted accepting the terms of the settlement and undertaking loyally to abide by them.

Result of Mad Impulse.

The Minister for Labour, Sir Robert Horne, in an interview published in the Observer, says it is almost impossible to fathom the spirit of unreason which induced the leaders of the Railwaymen to bring the country to such paralysis when there remained so long a period wherein, if their fears were well founded, action could be taken to inform the country and persuade the Government that their proposals were wrong.

If anything were wanted to prove that some other influence had been behind this strike it would be found in this singular and significant circumstance. There was no evidence that the ordinary railwaymen wanted the strike. His opinion was never asked and no ballot was taken. "I am sure" he said "Mr. Thomas was as much surprised as anyone at the wave that swept him off his feet. I don't pretend to be able to trace the source of this mad impulse but no sane person who considers the facts can doubt that it was mad. A guarantee for six months of an assured minimum amounting to double the pre-war wages, even on the basis of pre-war cost of living, and arbitration before any re-adjustment of wages; what is there in these conditions to justify a strike?"

"I do not hesitate to assert that if the railwaymen had been allowed to ballot, no persuasion would have induced them to strike."

"When the men whose leaders have not yet told them the facts realise what the facts are then they will begin to understand the precipitate character of the action which rushed them into inflicting a blow of unparalleled brutality on their innocent fellow citizens. Happily the community had risen to the occasion. They had shown the world during the past week what British ingenuity can contrive. They have gone a long way to demonstrate that the services of the railwaymen are not absolutely indispensable to carrying on."

Loyal Dock Labourers.

The labourers under the Port of London Authority met on Saturday and decided that under no circumstances would they strike even if their leaders ordered them to. A similar resolution was passed by the dockmen at the East India docks.

A meeting of Railwaymen at Teignmouth on Saturday was broken up by ex-soldiers and sailors.

Last Attempts at Train Wrecking.

A few more attempts at train wrecking were made on Saturday. One was near Fort William, where the fishplates were removed and the lines slewed round towards the bridge. Fortunately surfacemen discovered the outrage in time to save the oncoming train.

Railway points at Hull were tampered with and apparatus in the signal box at New Cross was altered and some tracks greased but no serious damage was done.

Premier's Summons to Mayors.

Mr. Lloyd George sent the following telegram to the heads of the principal civic authorities throughout England. "Circumstances arising out of the present regrettable conditions in regard to railway communications and their effects on trade, industry and the life of the community generally, render it necessary that I should have an opportunity of conferring with the heads of our great civic authorities upon matters of urgent public importance and I shall be glad if you can attend to meet me and the Ministers concerned on Tuesday. If, as may well be the case, the responsibilities of your office at this time render it undesirable for you to be absent I trust that you will be able to send a responsible deputy."

Surplus in the Markets.

In the Metropolitan markets on Saturday all requirements of buyers were met and a considerable surplus was left over. Wholesale prices showed a small decline. Milk delivered in London on Saturday again amounted to 75 per cent. of the normal supply. Two thirds of it came by rail.

Comrades to the Rescue.

A number of dockers left their work at Plymouth on Saturday because, owing to the regular staff being on strike, the dock gates at Plymouth were opened by Comrades of the Great War to permit several steamers to put to sea and another laden with timber to enter the inner harbour. The local secretary of the dockers described the action of the Comrades of the Great War as pure "blacklegging."

Export of Petrol Prohibited.

It is officially announced that no further exports of petrol or other petroleum products from the United Kingdom will be permitted to any destination unless under license.

Propaganda by Cinema.

Both Government and strikers made considerable use of propaganda. On Saturday the Government stated their case by posters on the hoardings and they have for some time advertised their offers in the daily press. The strikers replied in the same manner and utilised also pictorial advertisements.

Cinema films were also used to explain the various points of view. On Saturday Mr. J. H. Thomas had an announcement flashed on the screens saying that if the wages of the Railwaymen were reduced other trades would follow. "This is only the first battle in the campaign. It is your fight as well as ours and we want you to help us."

KING ON THE ROAD.

LONG MOTOR JOURNEY FROM BALMORAL.

Their Majesties the King and Queen arrived in London on Saturday, having motored from Balmoral. Their journey was unprecedented. They left Balmoral Castle at 8.30 a.m. on Friday and motored through Braemar over the Spital-pass off Glenshee, where the mountain peaks reach a height of 3,000 feet. Thence the route ran through Perth, Stirling, Lanark, and Carlisle to Lowther Castle. This involved a journey of 240 miles which was done at an average rate of twenty-seven miles per hour, despite the difficulties of the country.

Friday night was spent at Lowther Castle and the southward journey was resumed at eight o'clock on Saturday morning via Appleby, Wetherby, Doncaster, Grantham, Biggleswade, Baldock and Hatfield. The second day's journey totalled 301 miles.

"JACK'S PARLIAMENT."

NEW OUTLET FOR LOWER DECK GRIEVANCES.

The Naval Welfare Committee, or "Lower Deck Parliament," as the sailors call it, has just concluded its inaugural sittings at Portsmouth.

Chief Writer Lane, who presided at the Naval dinner to the Admiral of the Fleet Sir David Beatty, was chosen "speaker" of this Parliament, which discusses a variety of subjects connected with living accommodation aboard ship, pay anomalies, etc. An Advisory Committee of 18 Lower Deck ratings, chosen from the members of the Welfare Committee, will assemble at the Admiralty at an early date.

When the representations, made from the larger body, are under consideration, the members of the Advisory Committee will be consulted by the Admiralty.

STRIKELETS.

The first Great Eastern train from Yarmouth since the strike began, left on Saturday morning for London, the engine being in charge of the regular driver, who had refused to strike.

Acton railwaymen marched about with a placard, "Please, Mr. Landlord, don't be offended. Call for the rent when the strike is ended."

Volunteers at Charing Cross Underground station have been so industrious that they have actually scrubbed the moving stairway.

To perform an operation Sir JamesPurves Stewart, the Harley-street specialist, flew from Hendon to Leeds in a Grahame-White aeroplane, and then motored 50 miles.

A convoy of motor lorries with troops on their way to India passed through the City. One of the cars bore the following, written in chalk, "India, non-stop. The Boys that never grumble."

Two Manchester trade unionists, Councillor Whelan and Mr. J. T. Fox, of the textile workers, walked from Manchester to London to attend the conference. They declined to travel in any train.

The driver and fireman of the Midland and Great Northern joint train from Lynn to Peterborough were greeted at one level-crossing by some pleased women with a jug of beer. At the next crossing the engine met with stone throwing.

R.A.F. AERODROME BURNT.

A disastrous fire occurred on Thursday night at Shotwick Aerodrome, near Chester, one of the R.A.F.'s important centres in the North of England, and a civilian flying station. About seven o'clock the officers noticed flames burst through the roof of a hangar, which was soon alight. The promptitude of two local fire brigades prevented the conflagration from spreading, but the hangar was burned out, and a number of aeroplanes destroyed. The cause of the fire is unknown.

PRINCE AT MEDICINE HAT.

An immense crowd gathered at Medicine Hat on Friday to greet the Prince of Wales and witness the blowing off of a gas well. When the well was fired a flame fifty feet high shot up.

Afterwards the Prince visited some potteries, where all the power and heat is supplied by natural gas.

Passing through the ranching portion of the Southern prairies the Prince generally found the towns deserted, the entire population having lined up at given points to welcome him.

EX-KAISER'S SISTER DEAD.

A German Government wireless message says that the ex-Duchess Charlotte von Saxe-Meiningen, a sister of the ex-German Emperor, died in Baden-Baden on the 1st instant. The second child and the eldest daughter of the late Emperor and Empress Frederick of Germany, she was born on July 24, 1860, and married in February, 1878, the late Duke of Saxe-Meiningen, who died in 1914.

GREEK PREMIER IN LONDON.

M. Venizelos, the Greek Premier arrived at Folkestone from Paris on Friday evening and motored direct to London, reaching the Ritz Hotel about 10.30 p.m.

WILSON BETTER.

TOO ILL TO SEE THE KING OF THE BELGIANS.

The latest bulletins from Washington state that President Wilson's condition is about the same, with perhaps a slight improvement. He is confined to bed and not permitted to work but talks freely with those at his bedside. The patient is greatly weakened but Admiral Grayson denies the rumours that an operation is contemplated.

The King of the Belgians telegraphed requesting permission to see the President unofficially but his request was declined with regret.

Owing to President Wilson's illness the King of the Belgians cancelled all his engagements to tour the United States, except his visits to Boston and Buffalo. He will afterwards proceed to California.

"DOWN IN TENNESSEE."

BLACK AND WHITE BATTLE.

Serious race rioting has broken out in the region of Memphis, Tennessee, on the Mississippi River. Pending the arrival of troops the whites and the blacks are opposing each other in battle array, and many casualties on both sides are already reported. The trouble started when Missouri-Pacific Railway officials triedes, arrest two white men and negro thiev of who fired upon their pursuers, killing one and wounding two. A passer-by who went to the rescue was shot through the face, but managed to give warning at the little village of Elaine, and the whites quickly armed and went in pursuit. They were met by several hundred negroes, mysteriously equipped with rifles and revolvers, and a pitched battle was soon in progress.

At Omaha, Nebraska, where, since the burning of the Court House, General Wood has been in control, the situation has been aggravated by another attack by a negro upon a white woman, and the whites are prevented from invading the negro section of the city to-day only by the presence of 1,000 United States regulars, who command every street corner with machine-guns. The feeling against the blacks is made all the more bitter because large numbers that are arriving from the South have been placed in packing houses to work with white women and under-bid white labour.

The Secretary for War, Mr. Baker, declares that he is not afraid of any widespread disturbance between whites and blacks, but advises the Governors of all States that they have power to call upon Federal troops in an emergency without consulting Washington.

WOMEN'S LAND ARMY.

TO BE DISBANDED NEXT MONTH.

The Women's Land Army, will be disbanded at the end of next month. At the present time only 8,000 out of 23,000 are left in the service. There are two awards of merit in the Land Army, the first being the Good Service Ribbon, awarded to all workers who have given six months' thoroughly satisfactory service, both in and out of hours, and the second the Distinguished Service Bar. The relative values of the two may be best estimated by the fact that some 8,000 of the first have been given and fewer than fifty of the second, which is known as the V.C of the Land Army. and is a reward for acts of gallantry and devotion.

GENERAL JADWIN.

EXECUTED BY POLISH BOLSHEVISTS.

From Reuter's Warsaw correspondent comes the astounding news that Brigadier General Jadwin, of the American Army, who accompanied Senator Morgenthau on his mission to Poland, has been captured and executed by Bolshevists while attempting to reach Kieff from Luck.

It is also feared that his British companion, Lieutenant H. R. Bowe, may have shared a similar fate.

GERMAN INFLUENCE ERADICATED.

In an after dinner speech given by the Melbourne Metal Exchange on the 1st October, Mr. Hughes, the Australian Premier, dwelt on the great strides made by the iron and steel industry in Australia during the last four years. He added that there was no country in which German influence had been so destroyed as in Australia.

ITALIAN TRANSPORT FIRED ON.

While the Italian transport Epiro was in the Gulf of Cattaro, carrying demobilized Italian troops and 200 civilians, she was fired on by Serbian troops. An Italian soldier was seriously wounded. The Epiro completed her voyage to Bari, escorted by a French torpedo-boat.

BRITISH EXPEDITION SAFE.

The British trade expedition which went to Siberia via the Kara Sea has reached Norway on its return voyage with a carge of Siberian goods.

SUMMARY COURT.

A BAD LITTLE BOY TO BE BIRCHED.

Little Franz Groschen of 44 Marsiliusstrasse has got into the clutches of the law very early in his career. He is only twelve years old and he was charged with stealing three shirts, and four pairs of pants from a school in Lobergstrasse at present used as a billet. When found by a sergeant he had the articles in the bottom of a basket, and on top were two packets of tomatoes.

"Do you think," the Presiding officer asked the Sergeant, "that any of your men are capable of constructing one of those ingenious instruments called the birch rod?"

"Oh! yes" replied the Sergeant.

"Well then" said the Presiding Officer, "see that he is supplied with the necessary materials and when it is finished the boy will be given five strokes of the birch, on that part of his anatomy which nature intended for the purpose."

A Bogus Policeman.

A soldier called at the house of Martha Barterer, of 9 Krummer Büchel and representing himself as a military policeman, left 3,000 cigarettes there, stating that he would return for them in an hour. He failed to put in an appearance however and Frau Barterer adopted the very sensible course of sending one of her friends for a policeman, a genuine one this time. When the policeman arrived she informed him of what had happened. The cigarettes were confiscated but a formal charge had to be preferred against her of being in possession of the cigarettes. The charge was dismissed—but the bogus policeman is still missing.

The Cost of a Smoke.

It is contrary to regulations for workmen employed at the Rhine Hafen Docks to indulge in the pipe that soothes, but Jacob Zepp ignored the rules laid down and when ordered to remove his pipe by Sergeant Chidley of the Military Police he only grinned and continued to smoke. There is a good deal of inflammable material, especially oil, lying about the docks, and Jacob was fined 50 marks for disregarding the regulations.

Escaped Prisoner Re-captured.

L.-Cpl. Matthews of the Military Police was in charge of three prisoners when one of them broke away. Handicapped as he was by the other two he could not attempt a re-capture. Subsequently, however, when passing the house occupied by Theodor Richartz and his wife Therese at 18 Agrippastrasse he thought he heard the voice of the missing man. He knocked for admittance in vain and was compelled to burst the door open. On entering the house he found his man on the stairs. Theodor and Therese were charged with harbouring a deserter, but they both denied emphatically all knowledge of the matter and said they were in bed when the door was burst open. They never heard the policeman's knock. Their story did not find favour with the Court. Theodor was given two months imprisonment with hard labour and Therese was discharged.

CYCLONE IN INDIA.

TERRIBLE DAMAGE TO CROPS.

An intense cyclone, the most severe since 1909, passed over the Eastern Bengal jute district on the 25th September, lasting more than six hours and causing indescribable havoc. The jute industry is at a complete standstill. Thousands of small craft were sunk and many lives lost. Vast numbers of peasants are homeless. For these a relief fund has been opened. The damage was exceptionally severe at Dacca, where the Government House and other buildings were damaged.

ADMIRALIY APPEAL.

The Admiralty calls for forty-five volunteers from the Navy, including seven officers for service with the British Military Mission to the Russian volunteer army. They are needed for instructional purposes and to care for British naval guns on trains, in the Volga and Dniester flotillas and the Volga shore batteries. Also to provide a number of signallers for communication between the Mission and war vessels.

ARCHANGEL FORCE HOME.

Three troopships arrived at Lerwick on Friday from North Russia with seventeen hundred British officers and men from Archangel and Murmansk including General Ironside and his staff, who were on the Czaritsa.

PRAYER QUICKLY ANSWERED.

Bishop Ryle, Dean of Westminster, conducted a service of intercession at Westminster Abbey on Sunday. There were special prayers for industrial peace and for a speedy and rightful end of the Railway dispute.

VERY SHORT WAGES FOR SOME.

In an article on the railway strike, the Temps says that the problem raised really comes to this:—"Should a worker be paid according to the good which he does, or the evil which he might be capable of doing?"

LOCAL ELECTIONS.

COLOGNE VOTES FOR NEW MUNICIPALITY.

The municipal elections took place in Cologne on Sunday. Every man and woman over twenty years of age has the right of voting, giving an electorate of about 440,000, but only about half of them fulfilled their duty. The number of polling places was 404.

There was no excitement round the doors of the polling booths where the usual party agents and isolated men could be seen holding boards bearing the familiar "Vote for . . ."

To one category of voters, the nuns, the task was most unusual. They had received special permission from the Pope to leave their convent for this occasion. A procession of about fifty in the Brühler Strasse led by a priest to a polling booth situated in a café attracted much attention.

As far as the results are known it may be said that the leading parties will be the Centre (or Catholic) party, followed by the Majority Socialists. The Independent Socialists polled a very strong vote, and with the Democrats and Conservatives will constitute the opposition.

The official results will be published on Saturday next. Up to now the following unofficial figures are given: Centre, 85,000; Majority Socialists, 75,000; Independent Socialists, 14,000; Democrats, 12,000; Nationalists, 4,000; Volkspartei, 1,000.

FLOODS IN SPAIN.

DEATH AND DISASTER.

Belated telegrams from the Spanish provinces give further details of the floods and resultant devastation. Crops were totally destroyed and two children were drowned under the debris of a house which collapsed. The rice crops, which had been cut, were carried away by the floods. The full violence of the storm was felt at Ferrol and a number of small British steamers which had put to sea were obliged to run for shelter to various ports. At Cartagena the telegraph station had to be abandoned as the water was higher than the level of the instrument tables. Two women were crushed to death by the fall of a wall which was undermined by the floods and a man was killed by the fall of a telegraph pole.

WAR "VETERAN" OF 12.

A French boy, twelve years of age named Daniel Vasseur, who went through four years of the war with British troops, has been handed over to the French authorities.

The boy was living with his mother at Barneville, near Doullens, when the war broke out. He wears the British and inter-Allied military medals. He was once wounded.

DERBY WINNINGS MIS-SPENT.

Charged with embezzling moneys of the Handley Page Athletic Club, Frederick Hodgson, 40, clerk, of Glengall-road, Kilburn, told the Hendon justices yesterday that he had won £1,010 on Grand Parade at the Derby. He spent on an average £5 a night at a Kilburn public-house, and had spent as much as £200 a week. He had been robbed of the last £34 by a woman whom he had taken home. He had since received a remittance, and was willing to hand over to the club the amount due. This was done in court, and the accused was discharged, but advised not to be so prodigal in his expenditure.

DEFENCE OF THE SCHELDT.

It is understood that Holland is prepared, on resumption of the Belgian-Dutch negotiations in Paris, to give guarantees to the great Powers in relation to the defence of the Scheldt. A permanent mixed commission will be appointed to decide questions regarding those pertions of the Scheldt under Dutch sovereignty.

WILL HELIGOLAND BECOME BRITISH?

According to a Berlin telegram a message from Cuxhaven to be Vossische Zeitung says that a strong agitation is proceeding in Heligoland for separation from Germany and union with Great Britain. A plebiscite on the question is contemplated.

SPAIN'S CHRONIC TROUBLE.

The "Times" Tangier correspondent says there have been further cases of revolt among native troops in the Tetuan district and more Spanish soldiers have been massacred.

NEW OIL FIND IN SCOTLAND.

Oil has been discovered in the course of boring operations in Midlothian. The extent of the field, however has not yet bee ascertaired.

ROUMANIANS QUIT THE DORUBJA.

The Roumanians have formally agreed to evacuate the Dorubja to a line some twenty-two milles from Buda-Pesth.

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THE END OF THE STRIKE

The course of the railway strike and the return to normal conditions have proved once more the sanity, resource and good-humour with which the British character deals with a great crisis, and the tranquil determination with which it recognises differences of opinion and sets about reconciling them.

These great crises in which both sides are convinced of the justice of their respective views must from time to time arise in the stress of modern conditions; but we may justly be proud that in our own land, argument and reason, at once the most powerful and the least dangerous of weapons, are invoked rather than the forces of disorder and violence; while, pending settlement, the nation cheerfully sets itself to disciplined organisation and ready resource, so that the public life and needs may suffer as little as possible.

We do not comment here on the rights and wrongs of the case; we merely record our pride that England has proved once more, and has shown to a watching world, that she knows how to judge calmly, to act readily and capably, and to use the unequalled powers of her people in reasoned resourcefulness instead of flying to hot-headed methods of foolish violence and increased difficulties.

It has been amusing to note the bewilderment of foreigners in England at the general air of goodwill and cheeriness evinced by the public, the absence of sabotage and excesses, and the calm confidence that the national commonsense of all grades of the people would satisfactorily settle a difficulty which might otherwise have been of extreme danger.

The strike has brought losses and serious inconveniences, of course; all big strikes do. But its chief lesson is of happy augury for it shows us, and proves to the rest of the world, that disputes, however great and however keenly felt on both sides, can be best solved by the British way of keeping cool and carrying on.

WHAT BRITAIN DID.

Who won the war? Why, all the Allied and Associated powers together. But since in some insufficiently instructed quarters among our good friends who fought with us, and some of whom knew little outside their own efforts, there has been at times an endeavour to belittle Britain's share in the long resistance and ultimate victory, a few simple truths and some significant figures should be known to all.

FIRST, THE NAVY.

The British Navy's complete readiness for action at the outbreak of war ensured the command of the sea, protected the coast of France from attack or invasion and prevented the isolation of France and Belgium.

It made possible the blockade without which the war could not have been won.

During the war it enormously increased its tonnage and personnel, defeated the U-boat menace, ensured the arrival of food and raw materials, held the enemy's fleet helpless and secured the arrival of the American Army and the transport of men, arms, munitions, coal and other supplies to our own Army and Allied countries.

In addition to the countless millions of men who have crossed and recrossed the sea, over 2,260,000 animals, over 500,000 vehicles, just under 48,000,000 tons of British Military stores, and 5,000,000 tons of Allied stores, over 60,000,000 tons of oil and fuel have been protected on their way out; while 130,000,000 tons of food and other material were brought to England by ships, whose work was only possible through the Navy's command of the sea.

Other navies helped loyally according to their powers; but in the main, this essential work was that of the British Navy. As an example, out of some 200 enemy submarines destroyed, about 150 were accounted for by the British. The Navy's casualties were over 40,000 dead and 25,000 wounded.

We paid, too, in merchant and fishing tonnage. Britain alone lost 7,830,000 tons of such shipping, and over 15,000 lives with them.

THE SOLDIERS' SHARE.

Then the Army. At the beginning of the war our troops, trained to a hair, leapt to the aid of France and took part in the first victory of the Marne. Britain and her Empire went into training for the long struggle, throwing aside all private considerations.

The Empire became a vast camp, and its industries, war industries. The total enlistments of the Imperial Armies amounted to 8,689,467 including 1,500,000 Indian and coloured troops. Our casualties up to 13th July, 1919, were 3,058,985 of which 2,725,411 were in France and Flanders. Of these, 724,407 were killed and 2,064,451 wounded. Our principal theatres of war were:—France and Flanders, Italy, Dardanelles, Salonica, Mesopotamia, Egypt and Palestine, East Africa, Afghanistan, and N. Russia.

There were others, too. The almost continuous heavy fighting of 1917 in France which wore down the best of the German Army, the brunt of the great German attacks of early 1918, and the decisive central break through of the Allies between the Sensee and St. Quentin, in Foch's great arpeggio, were decisive elements in the defeat of the enemy, who must have triumphed early in the war had it not been for the sea-hold of Britain and the constancy with which she drew upon her land forces a great proportion of the German military might.

IN THE AIR.

What our Air Force did may be hinted at when we remember that since July, 1916, on the Western Front nearly 5,000 enemy machines were destroyed and some 2,500 driven down out of control by our airmen. The rate at which we were increasing our air-power can be judged from the fact that in October 1918, the air personnel was about 23,000 officers and 234,000 other ranks, while the number of planes constructed from January to October of that year was over 28,000 and the rate was increasing.

THE MUNITIONS EFFORT.

The war supply work at home was incredibly great. The numbers engaged on munition work about the date of the armistice were 2,300,000 men and 900,000 women. In the third quarter of 1918, 746,000,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, 15,780,000 shells, thousands of guns of all calibres and increasing quantities of all the war necessaries were turned out.

During the war we supplied for France and other theatres of war, 4,134 miles of broad gauge and 2,745 miles of narrow gauge railway, 3,333 locomotives, 77,724 wagons. The value of goods (military, leather, cotton and wool, machinery, foodstuffs coal, etc.) shipped to the Allies during the war from the United Kingdom (not counting other parts of the Empire) amounted to the stupendous total of over £872,000,000, of which about half was for the French.

Of the total direct cost of the war, Britain has borne, and still bears, an incomparably larger part than any of her Allies. Our war expenditure from August 1914 to March 31st, 1919, gives the colossal figure of £9,531,000,000. Our loans to Allies have amounted to £1,568,000,000 and to our own Dominions £171,000,000.

This is but the briefest summary of some of the more salient figures. And each of these facts stands for uncountable individual instances of sacrifice, devotion, endurance and grim determination to see the thing through. That Britain would count no cost in a great cause and would sacrifice herself to the utmost for the friends to whose aid she had come, surprises none who knows the real Britain. But the magnitude of the power, organisation, and resolution of her tremendous effort must astound even those who knew better than to believe the old cries of "effete England."

It is not the Englishman's way to depreciate the glorious part played by his associates in a common cause; but for the honour of our nation, and in memory of those who gave themselves and all they held dear, let us see that no-one makes light of the part that Britain played.

W. I.

CAN YOU WRITE?

All ranks of the Rhine Army are invited to contribute to this paper. Every article published will be paid for and none should exceed 500 words in length.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

WHY?

Sir—I give place to no one in my admiration of Englishwomen. For my part I would like to see an even greater number of wives here than there are at present.

Let them make the fullest possible use of our clubs. We can do with their presence in the dining rooms. For one gets heartily sick of the sight of khaki, but even so there are moments when a little quiet and comfort is very welcome to a man.

Hence my growl, and the risk I run of being called selfish or narrow-minded, and perhaps advised to get married. But I do enter an emphatic protest against the invasion of the reading room of the N.A.C.B. club by the other sex.

HABITAT.

TEACHING BRITISH CHILDREN.

Sir,—With reference to "Mother's" letter in the "Post", I should have thought that being near her husband, and having the bairns with "Daddy" would have been quite sufficient to expect.

After all, this is the Army of Occupation, and is not peacetime soldiering, and to expect education of the children thrown in besides the favour of visiting husbands on the Rhine, is a little beyond a joke.

SUVLA.

WINTER DANCING.

Sir,—In reference to "Hawkeye's" suggestion that the Great Hall at the Central Y.M.C.A. should be made into a dance hall.

Has "Hawkeye" ever thought about the hundreds of Tommies who go there to see the excellent concerts etc., held there? What is to become of those?

Would he like to take away their amusement to gratify his own and perhaps one or two more of his dancing pals' selfish ideas? I write this in accordance with the wishes of many others who visit the Central and I hope this will catch the eye of someone who would if necessary take steps, to prevent any alteration in the present running of the Central Y.M.C.A.

ONE OF MANY.

ORCHESTRA CRITICISM.

Sir,—You recently had a correspondent "throwing mud" at the orchestra at the Deutsches Theatre.

While agreeing with him on one point, it is only fair to give them credit for doing their best, even though they do fall short of the result attained by some of their more complete contemporaries at large cafes or cabarets.

I admit that their attempts are amateurish but be merciful. They are scarcely "Nerve-racking". *MUSICIAN.*

WIVES AND THEIR PASSES.

Sir,—I cannot conceive why "Officer's Wife" should feel rather indignant when a D.A.P.M. politely and civilly requested the production of her white pass.

She evidently displayed her indignation at the time, otherwise the officer would have simply examined her pass and passed on, instead of entering into a lengthy explanation.

"Officer's Wife" must learn not to feel indignant at the precautions taken to ensure that the wearing of the official brassard is not abused, but on the contrary assist as much as possible by immediately establishing her identity and so saving the Provost Officer's time.

As a matter of fact "Officer's Wife" should consider herself very fortunate in being out here at all. There are many officers' wives at home who would only be too glad to produce white passes on demand would circumstances permit their being out here with their respective husbands. *ANOTHER D.A.P.M.*

ORDNANCE SHOPPING.

Sir,—When will the Ordnance Department make better arrangements for business in the Officer's Clothing Store in Cologne?

For about the ninety-ninth time I attempted to purchase a pair of boots yesterday. I arrived there at ten minutes past four and found the door closed. Another officer was disconsolately standing outside and informed me that he had made three trips from Düren to buy some necessaries but had failed in his ambition each time.

If one can get served without waiting in a queue for a couple of hours or so, the department has not got what he wants. On the occasion of other visits the place has been shut.

DOWN-AT-HEEL.

SWEETHEARTS.

Sir,—A little ceremony at the Parish church to the accompaniment of wedding bells, will settle "Lonely's" problem. That can easily be arranged while he is on leave, and when the girl is Mrs. Lonely all that remains to be done is to apply for passport and brassard. *Q.E.D.*

ARE WOMEN CARELESS?

Sir,—I rather think your correspondent "T.B." of yesterday, has given her husband away.

It seems rather an unfortunate admission to make, especially when written in conjunction with "Careful Woman's" letter of the day before.

I wonder if "F.B's" husband was the officer who used to inspect my barracks and expect to find everything in its place? How these little matters do leak out.

TIDY.

WOMEN DANCERS WANTED.

Sir,—I write on behalf of the proposed dances for senior N.C.O's on G.H.Q. staff. A Committee has been formed to inaugurate a series of Subscription Dances open to wives and friends of senior N.C.O's resident in Cologne.

At present, however, there is a slight dearth of ladies and anyone who would care to attend the proposed dances would be made most heartily welcome. Ladies are invited to write to Secy, Sgt. L. Goldie A.P.O. S. 40, from whom full particulars can be obtained. *A.B.C.*

A PLEA FOR RUGGER.

Sir,—I quite agree with "Gunner R.F.A." that Rugby should be played more in the Rhine Army. Why not form a "Cologne Post" League, all wishing to enter to apply to the "Post". I think a League could be formed in a very short time. *R. O. DEMOB.*

CLOSING OF FIELD CASHIERS.

Sir,—Why, oh why, "Buff Book?"

Don't sigh married or single officers but let me refer you to G.R.O. 3424 of 19 9 19.

When the bank rate was anything over 100 Marks to the Pound sterling, the Field Cashier's services were not required.

Why moan now the speculation is over?

I should imagine that if "Buff Books" had been used instead of "Cheque Books" in the past few weeks, the Field Cashier would still be able to oblige. *C.V.*

A PROFITEERING COMPLAINT.

Sir,—I wish on behalf of several other soldiers to protest most energetically against the system of some institutions which are making a good thing out of the fluctuations of the mark.

For example, on Wednesday evening the N.A.C.B. on the Rhine Embankment advanced their prices to correspond with the fall of the mark, despite the fact that Tommy was paid at the late rate of 96 marks to the £1.

This sort of thing is decidedly unfair. More especially as it is highly probable that the N.A.C.B. purchased the goods also at the old rate. *TWISTED.*

Sir,—No doubt, "Exchange" has good reason to think that it "does not seem right" that he should lose 33 1/3 per cent on a £1 as at present.

On the other hand I presume "Exchange" took every advantage of the rates of exchange during August and September whereby one could realize a profit of 25 per cent. Did "Exchange" raise any objection then? I think not. *CHANCE.*

RESERVED FOR OFFICERS.

Sir,—With regard to the letters appearing in your to-day's issue from "R.A.S.," "Sapper" and "One of them," I beg to offer my sincere regrets to all O.R.'s if my letter was taken as classing them with Germans.

Nothing was further from my intention; I joined as a private myself, so I think that is sufficient indication that I do not regard O.R.'s in the manner suggested by "Sapper."

But I still maintain that carriages reserved for officers, should be used by them and their wives only. *G.F.D.*

(This correspondence is now closed. Ed.)

"HINDLE WAKES"—A REPLY.

Sir,—I was greatly surprised when I read C.A.R's letter on the production of "Hindle Wakes" by the B.R.A.D.C. for it is so contrary to the criticism published in your Friday's issue, to my own humble opinion and to the opinions I have heard expressed by numerous friends of mine who saw the production.

Everyone will understand, of course, that it was the isolated opinion of one person but it seems a pity that the splendid endeavours of the B.R.A.D.C. should be open to criticism not backed by public opinion.

C.A.R's letter is really a criticism of part of the audience too, and here I am somewhat in agreement with him, but I think most people will agree with me in testifying to the splendid work being so loyally carried out by the energetic personnel of the B.R.A.D.C. *A.P.D.*

[We have received a great number of letters heartily disagreeing with C.A.R's statements, so opposed to our criticism, but are unable to lend any further space to this subject Editor.]

TWO MONTHS—A CONTRAST.

SEPTEMBER.

Corporal Chifford is a typical, mystical cockney and like his famous predecessor in the pages of Kipling, is sighing for a sight of the streets of London, the taste of a Chantilly trifle at the Maison Riche, or the sound of the voice of Delysia singing about a "Paradise for two" at the Pavilion. Every morning as soon as his eyes open in the Bierhalle billet he begins his litany which has as its theme "demobilization" or rather the delay of it. "I'm fed up with Army life.. sick of being in khaki . putting putties on when the sun is hot enough to frizzle your hair.. dodging down side streets when an M.P. comes in sight and you ain't got 'em on.. everlastingly polishing brass buttons.. trying to make Jerry understand what you want in German shops.. give me England every time, English girls, English everything.. just because I didn't take the oath in 1916.. me, what offered my valuable services to the King in 1915 and was rejected.. chaps that didn't join up till 1917 and haven't been within 50 miles of the firing line, getting demobbed and me still here.. O, Divinity what would I not give to be back in Blighty again with a nice civvy suit on" etc., etc.

OCTOBER.

Sunday morning. Mr. Chifford is sitting on a bench in Hyde Park with a friend who has also recently become reacquainted with work. "Ah! sighs Chifford," those were happy days out in Cologne.. next to nothing to do.. buckshee rides in trams and trains.. ices and ice coffee, German wine and music at the Kaffee Palast.. high-brewed drama at the Deutsches Theatre at one mark a time.. "Remember when we paid 14 marks to get in the Opernhaus?" asks Alf. "Rather, and it was worth it, I'd a'paid 50 marks to see that scene where old Mephisto stands on the top of the stairs with a diabolical grin on his counting house, and the fräuleins was lying all about, and dancing round Faust." "Hadn't got much on, had they?" comments Alf. "It was a voluptuous bacchanale," explains Chifford. He falls into a dreamy reverie. "Ah! those were happy times.. tram rides to Bonn and Mehlem.. river trips to Coblenz.. buying souvenirs in the Hohestrasse.. strolling along the Rhine banks in the moonlight and talking about the wonderful things we were going to do.. snapshotting everything in sight.. dances at the British Empire Leave Club.. good grub.. buckshee cigarettes.. 96 marks to the quid.. O Divinity! I wish I was back again."

WEEK-END FOOTBALL.

140 Field Ambulance Beaten by R.A.O.C. Detachment, Nippes.

THE HAT TRICK.

At Kalk, a keen and interesting game was played on Saturday between 140 Field Ambulance and R.A.O.C. Detachment, Nippes. Although the visitors finished up the winners by six clear goals, the score hardly represents the run of the play, and had the medical men been in possession of a more reliable goalkeeper the score sheet would have read differently when the whistle blew for time. The R.A.O.C. won the toss and the teams lined up as follows:—140 F.A. Pax; Peasey and Page; Mansbridge, Mortimer and Parkes; Ray, Strachn, Nelmes, Gorman and Reddie. R.A.O.C. Pugh; Dunsmore and McGowan; Morley, Langton and Butterworth; Hurley, Burton, Wallace, Croasdale and Humpries. Referee: Sgt. Major Dodds.

The Ordnance soon took up the running and within the first minute secured their first goal, Wallace sending in a shot which Pax only partially cleared and Croasdale, following up, had no difficulty in finding the net. The Medicals made a very determined attack on the visitors goal and Pugh was obliged to give a corner from a shot by Nelmes, The homesters kept up the pressure and were unfortunate in not opening their account, Pugh just managing to punch away a splendid cross shot from Ray. The Nippes men now came away and Burton found the net, but the whistle had gone for offside. From a clearance by McGowan the visitors secured their second goal. Wallace receiving from Langton, put the ball well out of the goalie's reach. Enlivened by this success, the Ordnance men were soon on the attack again, Burton hit the crossbar, and from the rebound Croasdale meeting the ball registered the visitors third point by heading in.

On the resumption, Mortimer passed the ball out to Ray who, along with Strachn made a splendid run for goal, but Pugh managed to clear. Nice play by Butterworth and Langton saw the visitors on the attack again and Humpries, receiving, sent in a good shot which Pax fumbled. Croasdale had no difficulty in securing the ball and netting. A solo effort by Croasdale ended in a further score being registered for the Nippes men. Midfield play followed for a time, but with only a short time to go the Ordnance forwards made another attack on the home goal, and Pax again failed to clear a shot by Wallace and it was left to Croasdale to turn the ball into the net. Nothing further was scored and a very clean and sporting game ended with the score:—R.A.O.C. Detachments, Nippes, 6; 140 Field Ambulance, 0.

FOOTBALL RECORDS.

Splendid Performance of A/187 Brigade R.F.A.

Enviable achievements of Rhineland football teams have from time to time been published in these columns and many elevens have contested for the distinction of holding the record.

The latest details of meritorious performances come from A/187 Bde. R.F.A., the writer of which says.

"We have played since the beginning of June, 26 matches. Won 21. Drawn 2, Lost 3. Goals for 58, Goals against 10.

Included in the teams we have beaten are several belonging to Infantry battalions who have several hundred men to pick from. Whereas we have never had more than two goals scored against us in any match and this has only happened on two occasions." This is certainly a record to be proud of.

"HAT-TRICK" EXPERT.

Meadowcroft's Success in 5th R.T.C. v. 1st L.R.S. Match.

A return match took place on Saturday between the above, played on the former's ground at Mülheim, which resulted in a good and well earned victory for No. 5 R.T.C. who played good all round football. The most outstanding player was Slack a very clever winger. It was his efforts which enabled Meadowcroft to do the "hat trick" for the second time in a week. The away team scored first after ten minutes play and after a very clever run through Meadowcroft equalised two minutes before half time.

In the second half the home forwards outplayed their opponents. Play was fast on both sides until Meadowcroft obtained the ball from the wing and went through beating two men. He caught the goal-keeper napping with an oblique shot. Within five minutes he scored again. Result:—No. 5 R.T.C. 3; 1st L.R.S. 1.

THE HAT TRICK.

A. Coy v. D Coy. 1/6 West Yorkshire Regt.

The above teams faced each other at Blucher Park on Sunday in splendid football weather to decide who should enter the 2nd round of the 2nd Northern Bde. inter-company knock-out competition.

2/Lt. Hunter, the captain of A Company, winning the toss set his opponents to face a strong sun with the result that they were placed on the defence, but splendid half-back play by Pte. Cockayne relieved the situation for "D" Coy. A word of praise must be given to Pte. Phillips for his fine full-back play for A Coy who repeatedly pulled up "D" Coy forwards when all seemed over. "D" Coy by now were playing a fine game especially their half-backs with the result that "D" Coy opened the scoring, Cpl. Butterill doing the needful. Half-time arrived with the score:—"D" Coy 1 "A" Coy. 0.

After the interval "A" Coy. somewhat fell away with the result that Cpl. Butterill further increased their lead by adding two more goals, thus performing the "hat trick." "A" Coy. had hard lines in not scoring but their shooting was not so good. In the closing stages Pte. Readhead who had played a good game scored with a shot from 20 yards range. Pte. Barker scored in the last minute of the game with a splendid header. A word of praise must also be given to 2/Lt. Hunter, who played a brilliant game. Result:—"D" Coy. 5; "A" Coy. 0.

KALK SHIELD.

Y.M.C.A. Football Competition Nearing the End.

DRAW FOR SEMI-FINAL.

The Kalk Y.M.C.A. Shield Competition is rapidly nearing the end and interest in it is still being maintained at a high standard. Appended are the results in the third round:

1/6 West Yorks 9; 6th Corps Signals 1.
"B" Bty. 190/R.F.A. 2; 63rd Bde. R.G.A. 0.
23rd, Royal Fus. 1; 53rd Northumberland. Fus. 0.
9th D.L.I. 2; 17th Royal Fus. 1.

The draw for the semi-final has now been made with the following result:

Tuesday:—23rd Royal Fusiliers v. "B" Bty. 190/R.F.A. Kick off, 2.30 p.m. Referee, Sgt. J. Dowie.

Wednesday:— 1/6 West Yorks v. 9th D. L. I. Kick off 2,30 p.m. Referee Lt. J. Woods.

Both games will take place on the 93rd Bde. ground which may be reached by the Berg.-Gladbach tram.

INTERESTING MATCH.

Tuesday's game is bound to attract considerable interest, the 23rd R.F.'s being the favourites. The team is a well balanced one, composed of yougsters who are particularly keen. They made an excellent show against the 53rd Northumberland Fus. Their opponents for next Saturday's game lack combination and method, but they have won twice and it is quite possible they may spring a surprise.

In connection with Wednesday's match the West Yorks have five forwards who are always capable of scoring goals. The wing halves are not too good and the backs occasionally show unsteadiness. Nevertheless, the side is a particularly strong one all-round and indications go to show that they will win the Shield.

The 9th D.L.I. are also very strong and if their performance against the 17th Royal Fusiliers on Sunday is any criterion, they should make a keen bid for the prize.

A PYRRHIC CONTEST.

9th D. L. I. v. 17th R. F.'s at Kalk.

The meeting of these teams on Sunday afternoon in the third round of the Y.M.C.A. (Kalk) Football Competition provided a game full of first-class sport and lively with incident. The match was played on the 93rd. Bde. ground, Kalk under ideal weather conditions. The D.L.I., being victorious by the odd goal in three, won the privilege of meeting the 1/6th West Yorks in the semi-final next Wednesday. Both teams were well, not to say boisterously, supported, and the band of the R.F.'s supplied music before and after the match.

Handicapped with the sun in their faces and the slope against them, the Durhams were soon aggressive, but the R.F.'s found their feet when following an offside decision against Gray, Capt. Gibson, the Fusilier outside left, delivered a beautiful drop shot which was kicked away by Sgt. Rocks, the Durham goalkeeper.

FIRST GOAL SCORED.

Then at the end of 8 minutes' play, came a goal which gratified the D.L.I. supporters. Gosling, their outside right, after clever work, forced a corner. Reynolds met the return from his own kick and put in a fast shot. From the rebound, Conway scored at close quarters, Howard the R.F. custodian having no chance of saving. The Durhams were now playing artistic football, their heading, particularly Slack's, being skilful and effective.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

The North-countrymen were now struggling to retrieve their form, and the R.F's had an anxious time when Sgt. Darrah (right back) fouled Slack just outside the penalty area, but Howard easily reached Slack's shot. The Durhams in turn had a narrow escape when, following a long kick by Lt. Carson (left back) the R.F's forced a corner and Saggers' shot just fell clear.

Halfway through the second half, the Durhams recovered and re-asserted themselves. Their star was once more in the ascendant. Gosling, their fast outside-right, travelled past all opponents, finishing up with a dropping centre, which Reynolds headed past. With only a quarter of an hour to go, enthusiasm was great, and the Fusiliers seemed revitalised in turn, so that the Durhams had to fight to maintain the lead. Reynolds was responsible for a hard drive, which Howard did well to save. Then the referee gave a questionable decision, pulling up Slack for offside when he looked like scoring.

Breaking away, the R.F's bombarded their opponents' goal and Rocks had to punch away several times from Smith. The Durhams reciprocated and Gray shot well from a centre by Gosling, but Howard fisted the ball away.

Play was still fast and exciting when the whistle blew.

The R. F's retaliated, and after pretty combination, Smith dropped in a high shot which Rocks just tipped over the cross bar. The Durhams returned to the attack, Slack, Reynolds and Conway forcing corners, and the R.F. goal had several narrow escapes. One of these was when Reynolds aimed a shot inches too high, as also when Slack sought success with a shot just over the bar.

SPEED AND SCIENCE.

In the second half the Fusiliers dispelled any idea of the result being a foregone conclusion by their display of speed and science. They broke away, and Rocks did well to punch out a corner kick from Saggers, whose delightful centres from the wing were admirable.

Monopolising the play, the R.F's scored five minutes after the recommencement, to the unbounded exultation of their supporters. Saggers dropped a lovely centre, and in the ensuing scrimmage, Smith (centre forward) tapped the ball through. Fate hung in the balance! The Durhams seemed under the spell of an evil genius, and the Fusiliers should have profited from the many corners which they forced. Once Gray (D.L.I.) broke away, only to put a feeble shot wide, and Reynolds, after a brilliant run, shot high. The Durham goal had hair-breadth escapes when Saggers, hugging the line, ran down and was a few inches wide; and when Buckland, after pretty head work, skied a long shot, which Rocks cleverly caught.

SURPRISE RESULTS.

Turn Of The Tide At Last For Aston Villa.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

Surprising football results on Saturday were Chelsea's atonement at Burnley and the Rovers taking two points from Highbury. Aston Villa at last have turned the corner, taking the full spoils from Bradford. One hopes they will now get back into their old stride for a regularly beaten Villa eleven reads like a fairy tale.

In Division 2, South Shields accounted for Clapton and climbed nearer their goal, the top of the table, while Hull put on 4 goals to Burys 2, wiping out last weeks disaster. Tottenham only drew at Lincoln this being their first check, albeit a fine performance, considering their weakened forces.

The Southern League was responsible for the highest score of the day in English football, Swindon defeating Gillingham by 5 goals to 2; Plymouth chalked four against a nil return for Northampton, a smart performance, and Exeter received a shock at Cardiff, the Welshmen putting a stop to the City's conquering career. Brentford were surprised by Southend, the latter taking two points from them somewhat easily.

Scotland had its sensation, Hamilton drawing at home with Raith Rovers. Ten goals in one match is rare. Rangers got five against Kilmarnock and made some amends for the previous slump, while Clydebank also had a scoring fit, their forwards contributing a quintette. Dumbarton did well to draw with Hibs, but Boghead folk must be getting tired of drawn matches.

Celtic again won the Glasgow Cup defeating Partick Thistle by one to nothing. The "old firm" are as reliable as Big Ben, and always out for victims.

Seven English teams won away from home but no Scottish League visiting eleven was successful. One draw in the first Division, four in the second, and three in the Southern League, were not unlooked for. The Scottish League, however, had five, an unusual happening.

Appended are the results:—

English League.—First Division.

Newcastle United	3	Live pool	0
Sheffield United	3	Sheffield Wed	0
Notts County	4	Manchester City	1
Oldham Athletic	4	Preston N.E.	1
Manchester U.	1	Middlesbrough	1
Aston Villa	1	Bradford	0
Bradford City	3	West Bromwich A.	0
Everton	1	Sunderland	3
Woolwich Arsenal	0	Blackburn R.	1
Bolton W.	3	Derby County	0
Burnley	2	Chelsea	3

Second Division.

Blackpool	2	Grimsby	0
Huddersfield	0	Birmingham	0
Coventry	1	Leicester City	2
Lincoln City	1	Tottenham H.	1
Stockport	0	Nottingham Forest	0
West Ham	1	Stoke	1
Bristol City	0	Fulham	3
Hull	4	Bury	2
South Shields	2	Clapton Orient	0
Wolverhampton	2	Leeds	4
Barnsley	4	Rotherham	0

Southern League.

Cardiff	1	Exeter	0
Nort ampton	0	Plymouth	4
Brighton	1	Southampton	0
Swindon	5	Gillingham	2
Watford	0	Norwich	1
Queen's Park R.	2	Swansea	0
Millwall	2	Luton	0
Crystal Palace	1	Merthyr	1
Portsmouth	0	Bristol R.	0
Southend	3	Brentford	1
Newport	0	Reading	0

Glasgow Cup.—Final.

Celtic	1	Partick Thistle	0

Scottish League.

Ayr	2	Third Lanark	0
Falkirk	1	Clyde	1
Dundee	1	Airdrieonians	1
Hamilton Acad	5	Raith Rovers	5
Hibernians	3	Dumbarton	3
Greenock	2	Heart of Mid	0
Motherwell	3	Aberdeen	3
Queen's Park	1	St. Mirren	1
Rangers	5	Kilmarnock	0
Clydebank	5	Albion R.	2

Rugby Union.

Bristol	13	Bath	3
London Welsh	0	London Irish	3
Richmond	5	London Scottish	14
Cardiff	3	Newport	29
Swansea	18	Britonferry	3
Leicester	58	Burton	0
Guy's Hospital	44	Catford	0

Northern Union.

St. Helens R.	37	Barrow	3
Swinton	4	Batley	0
Bramley	18	Salford	8
Dewsbury	2	Wakefield	2
Keighley	5	Hull	26
Hunslet	0	Leeds	24
Leigh	3	Warrington	2
Widnes	13	St. Helens	0

EARNED HIS BENEFIT.

An Appreciation of Bob Hawkes, Luton's Ex-International.

It is difficult to estimate what Robert M. Hawkes, the old captain and left half-back of Luton Town, has done for football, especially in the South. No player has done more to keep the game clean and attractive, and none has been more impervious to the gold bags of wealthy clubs.

He is now playing with the Reserves, and making them quite a happy little company, but he has lost none of his skill, and very little pace, and his return to the first eleven would not surprise anyone.

In recognition of his sterling services the directors have granted him a benefit, and the Watford club have agreed to come to Luton for that purpose on Oct. 15. It is the match the spectators, as well as Bob Hawkes himself, would choose, for he has captained the Herts County XI. on many occasions.

Hawkes was born at Breachwood Green, on the borders of Hertfordshire, and close to Luton. He is in his seventeenth season with the Town, but did not sign a professional form until 1912. He got his International cap against Ireland in 1907, has played in the Olympic games, and in almost every country where football is played.

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MULE GYMKHANA.

London Division Artillery's Successful Meeting.

COMPLETE DETAILS.

The London Division Artillery were favoured with a fine afternoon for their Mule Gymkhana at Westhoven on Saturday. Sport was interesting and good. The three races open to the Army of the Rhine all attracted large fields. The most important race of the day, the Rhine Mule Oaks, was won from a field of 19 by a great mule of the 10th Queen's, "Be Careful." The same mule won the Rhine Scurry from a field of 30, the odds being 6 to 1 and 4 to 1 respectively.

A Field of 31 went to the Post for the Open Officers "Mule National". Lieut. Wilsdon's (Southern D.A.C.) "Black Jess" won by a length from Lieut.-Col. Harrison's (51st D.L.I.), "Dick," Capt. Hetreed-Brunt's (29th Bn. M.G.C.) "Fly by Night" being a good third.

The preparation of the course and the general ground arrangements were most admirably carried out by Captain Hart, R.F.A., who also acted as starter.

By kind permission of Colonel Cameron and officers, a composite band of the 1st London Infantry Brigade played during the afternoon.

RESULTS.

Indian V.C. Race. (Open to the London Division.):—1, Gr. Sher Mohamed, bl.g. Sprint; 2, Dr. Baldes Singh, b.m. Rat; 3, Dr. Petain, b.m. Topper.

Mule St. Leger. (Open to the London Divisional Artillery. Distance, a straight 3 furlongs:—1, Dr. Stafford, London D.A.C. b.g. Number 13; 2, Gr. Rooney, London D.A.C. b.g. Charlie II; 3, Dr. Pierce, London D.A.C. b.m. Why not.

A Field of 15. Totalisator paid 12 for 5.

Lloyd Lindsay Race. (Open to Gunners of the London Division):—1, No. 4 Team, London D.A.C.; 2, No. 1 Team, London D.A.C.; 3, C/187th Brigade R.F.A.

Rhine Scurry. (Open to the Rhine Army.) Distance—4 furlongs straight:—1, Sgt. Green 10th "Queens" br g. Be Careful; 2, BSM. Kynaston, London D.A.C. b.g. Charlie; 3, Pte. Hook, 3rd Bn. M.G.C. bl.g. Black Jester.

(A Field of 30. Totalisator paid 4 to 1.)

Donkey Derby. (Open to the London Division.) Distance—3 furlongs:—1, L/Cpl Ellis, 10th "Queens" b.g. slow but sure; 2, Pte. Howland, 19th Bn. Middlesex Regt. bl.m. Jenny III; 3, Gnr. Hales, London D.A.C. b.g. The Slug.

A Field of 23. Totalisator paid 10 to 1.

Rhine Mule Oaks of 800 Marks. (Open to the Rhine Army.) Distance—3 furlongs straight:—1, Sgt. Green. 10th "Queens" br.g. Be Careful; 2, Dvr. Levy, Southern D.A.C. b.g. No. 47; 3, BSM. Kynaston, London D.A.C. b.g. Charlie.

(A Field of 19. Totalisator paid 6 to 1.)

Mule Pig Sticking. Ridden in 2 Heats and Final Heat:—1, Gnr. Marrison, A/187th Brigade R.F.A. b.g. Paddy.

(12 started. Totalisator paid 5 to 1.)

Mule National. A Steeplechase for a Cup presented by Lt.-Col. J.H. Meikle, D.S.O. R.F.A. (Open to Officers of the Rhine Army.) Distance about 1 Mile:—1, Lieut. Wilsdon, Southern D.A.C. b.m. Black Jess; 2, Lt.-Col. Harrison, 51st D.L.I. b.g. Dick; 3, Capt. Hetreed-Brunt, 29th Bn. M.G.C. b.g. Fly by Night.

(31 started. Totalisator paid 4 to 1.)

Farewell Scurry. (Open to the London Division.) Distance—4 furlongs straight:—1. L/Cpl. Ellis, 10th "Queens" br.g. Harkaway; 2, B.S.M. Kynaston, London D.A.C. b.g. Charlie; 3, Dvr. Death, Lon. Div. Sig. Co. g.g. Deadshot.

(13 started. Totalisator paid 12 to 1.)

ATHLETICS.

75th Brigade, R.F.A., Final Monthly Sports Meeting.

The final monthly sports were held at Dansweiler on Thursday by kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel S.W.L. Ashwanden, D.S.O., R.F.A. A very successful programme was carried out, the enthusiasm of the Batteries being intense as the award of the Monthly Sports Shallenge Shield largely depended on the day's results.

The Alarm Race was easily the most popular and most exciting, only a few seconds separating the firing of the 1st round and the last.

Tilting the bucket caused great amusement, especially when one Officer made his second run in a Mackintosh after receiving a couple of buckets of water between his shirt and breeches.

There was a large attendance in spite of all Batteries being sadly depleted owing to demobilization, and many ladies favoured the proceedings with their presence.

RESULTS.

220 yards flat:—1, Bdr. Elford; 2, Sgl. Bamford; 3, Major Worrall.

Despatch race:—1, Cpl. Hampton; 2, Gnr. Radcliffe; 3, 2/Lt. K. G. Chilman.

Gun team turn-out:—1, "C" Coy. 78½ pts.; 2, "D" Coy. 77½ pts.; 3, "B" Coy. 68 pts.

Tilting bucket:—1, Gnr. Done; 2, Sglr. Penny; 3, Gnr. Wylie.

Three-legged race:—1, Cpl. Hampton and Sgl. Coulson; 2, Gnr. Wylie and Sgt. Bamford; 3, Dvr. Cox and Gnr. Radcliffe.

Lloyd lindsay:—1, "D" team; 2, "C" team; 3, "A" team.

Alarm race:—1, "D" Coy.; 2, "B" Coy.; 3, "A" Coy.

440 yards flat:—1, Bdr. Elford; 2, Major Worrall; 3, Dvr. Dean.

Signallers race:—1, Sig. Hill and Sig. Wilson; 2, Bdr. Davis and Sgt. Coulson; 3, Sgt. Boardman and Sgt. Hoborough.

Obstacle race:—1, Major Worrall; 2, Bdr. Elford; 3, Dvr. Dean.

Band race:—1, Pte. Rain and Pte. Brooks; 2, Pte. Gilston; 3. Pte. Usher.

Total points for the day:—
D/75 27 pts. C/75 14 pts.
B/75 11 pts. A/75 5 pts.

BIG BOXING PURSES.

In America recently five 6 round contests were fought for purses aggregating £4,227. This was surely worth sharing The winner of the chief bout received £2,271, and his opponent £1,101. The attendance was 22,000 and the total sum obtained from these was £7,201. They certainly do things in great style over the pond, and Mr. Cochran's mouth must have watered when he learned of such a show. We would advise Billy Wells to go there and try the 'come back' stunt; it would be worth it, even if he did encounter another fateful "73."

5th LABOUR COY. v. 78th LABOUR COY.

This match in the Labour Group League was played on Saturday at Nippes. The first half was evenly contested each side scoring twice. One of the 78th goals was from a penalty. Pace scored both goals for the 5th.

In the second half the 5th had the better of the play, and scored another three goals through Grant (2) and Williamson. In this half Bainbridge, the 5th goalkeeper made a brilliant save. An interesting game ended 5th Labour Coy. 5; 78th Labour Coy. 2.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

The R.A.D.C.

"The Importance of being Earnest" (Oscar Wilde) was revived at the Deutsches Theatre by the Rhine Army Dramatic Company yesterday evening and was given an enthusiastic reception by a crowded house.

A New Programme.

Last evening "The Jesters" made their re-appearance at the Palace Theatre before a full house. Presenting an entirely new programme the show went better than ever. Since their arrival in Cologne "The Jesters" have established themselves firm favourites and packed houses are anticipated throughout the week.

Leave Club Concert.

The band of the 13th. K.R.R.C., gave a most enjoyable concert at the British Empire Leave Club on Sunday night. The hall as usual was packed. They played various selections, amongst which their rendering of Chu Chin Chow was particularly appreciated. Miss West played, in her usual delightful style, a Sonate, by Handel which met with great applause, and was followed by a most charming Cradle Song. Miss Marjory Moore aroused much enthusiasm by her singing of "Roses of Picardy", and "Back Home in Tennessee." "Behold the Dawn" and "To-morrow", a new song by Frederick Kiel, were beautifully sung by Major Bowen, and were very much appreciated, while L/Cpl. Williams sang "Eleanor", which met with a well deserved encore. The band concluded by playing Rogan's "Military Tattoo", a delightful finish to the evening's entertainment.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	BEGI	END
Tuesday	Zar and Zimmermann	Lortzing		10
Wednesday	Lobetanz	Thuille		9.30
Thursday	Othello	Verdi	7	10
Friday	Die Entführung aus dem Serail	Mozart	7	10
Saturday	Mignon	Thomas	7	10.15
Sunday	Fidelio	Beethoven	7	10
Monday	NO PERFORMANCE			
Tuesday	NO PERFORMANCE			

Another Attraction Suggested.

There is a proposition before the amusement authorities which, if it materialises, should provide one of the most attractive entertainments we have had in Cologne. Half a dozen or so members of a comic opera company have made their appearance here and it is suggested that they should produce a Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera at the Deutsches Theatre, in conjunction with the Rhine Army Choral Society, whose members could undertake the choral work. It would certainly be a very agreeable change to have an opportunity of seeing one of these delightful plays once again and provided the performance was well done and there is every reason to suppose that it would be the effort would undoubtedly be extremely popular.

JACQUES.

ROWING ON THE RHINE.

The Bonn Station Boating Club's Operations.

There is considerable activity on the Rhine at Bonn where the Bonn Station Rowing Club carries out its operations. There are 80 to 90 members although a large number of these are not active participants in the healthy sport of rowing. Still, a considerable number are frequently on the river. The club has the use of a good boathouse and has bought a second-hand racing skiff from one of the colleges at Cambridge.

An officer who has taken a lively interest in the club from its inception last spring states that the interest taken in rowing by the German male population of Bonn is very noteworthy. He further says that a German translation of Woodgate's wellknown manual on rowing is in circulation and largely read. Germany seems to be indebted to England for much of its knowledge of the sport, and the Germans are not slow to accept any hints that are given.

TURF TOPICS.

By "Jerry M."

Two recent races have shed some light on the Cesarewitch and the big race looks like proving one of the most interesting for many years past.

At Gatwick "Golden Melody" made a great impression, winning comfortably from Ivanhoe and Happy Man with the remainder "out with the washing." So easily did he win that it is difficult to see what is to prevent him capturing the bigger prize at Newmarket with only 6st 3lbs. to carry.

Stay-at-home backers must have been delighted at the S.P. return of 9 to 2. This generous price was due to the fact that a "chalk" jockey (W. Speck) was given the mount. In all the early books "Golden Melody" was a firm favourite at 9 to 4 with 7 to 2 and 4 to 1 offered about Ivanhoe. Immediately the jockies names appeared the market underwent a lightning change. Ivanhoe received heavy support and came down with a rush to 2 to 1, "Golden Melody" weakening to 7 to 2 then 4 to 1 and finally on offer at 9 to 2. "Golden Melody" in the race laid nearly last till 1/4 of a mile from home then came through his field and forged ahead to win pulling up.

A word of praise must be said for his young rider who showed up in remarkably good style. And if able to get down to the weight he will probably be given the mount in the big race.

NEWBURY RUNNERS.

The Newbury Cup was marred by the start when "Unitoi" was left at the post and took no part in the race. A firm favourite right from the opening of the books, it was not surprising that a groan went up when it was seen that his case was hopeless from the first moment the tapes flew up. He was broadside on and making for the left rails. F. Lane appeared to have some difficulty in preventing him dashing into them. By the time he got his mount straight the others were a furlong away. The Stewards held an enquiry and Lane was severely reprimanded and suspended for the rest of the meeting. Of the race nothing held much chance with the winner, Silver Bridge, who strode along in good style to win easily from Langdon Hills.

Haki found his big weight too much and finished last. None of the runners appear to hold any chance in the Cesarewitch against the Gatwick winner "Golden Melody" who is now favourite at 100 to 12.

Cambridge University Team.

Mr. J. S. F. Morrisen (Charterhouse and Trinity) will captain the Cambridge University Association Football team during the coming season. He obtained his blue as a full back in pre-war days. Mr. G. Ashton (Winchester and Trinity), centre-forward, will be the honorary secretary, and several of those who played in the few matches at the latter part of last season are expected to go into residence again.

Transferred To Arsenal.

Toner (Belfast United) has been transferred to Woolwich Arsenal, and it is stated that the Irish club will receive £300 out of the transaction.

Macs Galore.

Celtic's preference for "Macs" is very noticeable. McNair, McStay, McAtee, McInally, McMenemey and McLean all figured in a recent match.

"B" Coy 1/4 York and Lancaster Regt. v. 142nd F. A.

This match one of the first round contests in the 2nd Northern Bde. Company Knock-out Competition, was played at Blucher Park on Wednesday afternoon. The York and Lancs, soon showed their superiority and Capt. Darnell opened the scoring in their favour. Just before the interval Smith also scored after a pretty piece of footwork by "B" Coy's forwards. In the second half with the wind in their backs the York and Lancs had things much their own way and goals were added by Guest, Captain Darnell, L Cpl. Shirtcliffe and Ashforth, leaving the final score: "B" Coy 1/4 York and Lancs 6; 142nd Field Ambulance nil.

The winners forwards all played a good game whilst Cpl. Simpson (back) and L/Cpl. Brown, centre-half, were the outstanding figures in the defence.

OUR SKILL CONTEST.

Successful Competitors' Names In To-Morrow's Issue.

Our coupon matches last Saturday provided us with some surprises.

Everton fell to Sunderland at Goodison Park, an altogether unlooked for event, and Bradford City silenced the chirping "Throstles" at Valley Parade. These results stumped a number of competitors, whilst the defeat of the Wolves by Leeds City also upset many calculations.

Fulham who were playing at Bristol (not as stated at Craven Cottage) were worthy winners. Leicester City proved too good for Coventry and Queen's Park shared the honours with St. Mirren at Hampden Park, where the Saints always do well.

The names of the successful competitors will be published in our issue of tomorrow (Wednesday).

Meanwhile coupons for this week's contest—No. 3—are reaching us by every post. Have you filled up yours?

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 3,
"Cologne Post,"
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of this, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 3.

Date of matches, Saturday, Oct. 11th.
Closing date, Friday, Oct. 10th.

W. Bromwich	v. Bolton
Bradford	v. Newcastle U.
Preston	v. Aston Villa
Leeds City	v. South Shields
Lincoln	v. Barnsley
Notts Forest	v. Hull City
Rotherham	v. Bristol City
Bristol Rovers	v. Northampton
Gillingham	v. Millwall
Airdrie	v. Queen's Park
St. Mirren	v. Clyde
Falkirk	v. Clydebank

I enter Football Competition No. 3 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
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ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

The Two Times.

There were some bewildered folk in Cologne on Sunday morning, and the looks of blank astonishment when people compared their watches with the clock on the station tower were remarkable. Everybody didn't know, although they were warned in this column, that although summer time still remains in force in occupied Territory, railway time has been put back an hour. Until railway and ordinary time synchronise there is bound to be much confusion and probably cases of gnashing of teeth as well.

The Wrong Order.

A Padre points out that the monk mentioned the other day who is so popular with the street children of Cologne can scarcely be a Trappist, that being a strictly cloistered order. He is more likely a Franciscan.

Overcharging for "The Post".

Our publishing department tell me there have been some glaring instances of overcharging by newsvendors lately. Forty pfgs. or even more has been demanded for "The Cologne Post" whereas the price printed on the paper is only 35 pfgs. Any information our readers can give us will be welcomed, as it is a practice we are endeavouring to stop.

Two Points.

There seem to be only two weak points about the Cologne-Bonn electric tram service. One is the overcrowding at times — which perhaps can't be remedied — and the other is the extremely bad ventilation, which of course can.

Motor-Smash.

While motoring to a village on Friday to address one of his popular and informative lectures to an outlying unit, Sir George Paish was involved in an accident which effectively prevented his arrival at the appointed place. Swerving to avoid an obstruction in the road, Sir George's chauffeur was unable to prevent a skid, so that the car in which he was riding collided with a tree on the road side.

Which to Choose.

The "Earwig" was emptier than ever last night and most of those present were talking sadly of its approaching closure. But the concensus of opinion seems to be that if either club must close it should be the Annexe rather than the old favourite "Earwig."

A Cologne Incident.

A rather amusing incident, occurred on Saturday. A fruit hawker's barrow was standing beside a baker's van and hanging from it was a short length of rope. Two urchins seizing a favourable opportunity tied this to the rear of the van. A few minutes passed, then the driver mounting his perch, drove off. Immediately yells, imprecations and curses filled the air, apples, pears and plums were rolling around in glorious profusion, while the hawker strove manfully to save the rest of his stock from going the same way. What this cost the fruit merchant I could not say, but I saw a lot of his goods "going west," many would-be helpers thinking these fair prey.

A Tragic Accident.

A British soldier was killed by a motor car on Friday last on the Aachener Strasse between Müngersdorf and Melaten. The chauffeur who tried to avoid the soldier ran his car against a tree and was wounded, while a man sitting in the motor car lost an eye in the smash.

Cheap Fuel.

Every day one may see carts leaving the goods station at the Bonner Tor on the way to Bonn. These cars are mainly loaded with briquets; as soon as a car comes out on the road about a dozen children climb on it from the back and steal the coals. Usually one throws the brickets on the road; the others pick them up and fill bags and sacks. Coals are cheap this way.

New Books.

I hear from the Librarian that among the books just added to the Y.M.C.A. Central Library in Friesenstrasse are: Stephen McKenna's Sonia Married; Shiela Kaye-Smith's Tamarisk Town; Helen Boulnois' Some Soldiers and Little Mamma; André Maurois' The Silence of Colonel Bramble; Rudyard Kipling's The Years Between; Patrick MacGill's Diggers, and Conan Doyle's British Campaigns in France and Flanders, 1918.

A German Ball Game.

What is the game played by the Germans with a thin stick and a moderate sized ball? I saw it in full swing on the ground in front of Bonn University on Sunday. It seemed to call for considerable skill.

Printers' Errors.

I came across two printers' errors this week which I think rank as gems. An "assault at arms" appeared as "assault at Arras" (that comp. must have been a soldier), while the pretty saying "Heaven is around us in our infancy", was distorted into "Heaven is around us in our infamy."

Better Beds.

Correspondence has been passing in an English newspaper on the respective merits of German and English beds, and the writers of the letters seem to come pretty generally to the conclusion that the German bed scores in comfort. That will be the opinion of most of those billeted in Rhineland as it was probably the opinion of most of those who had the fortune to find private billets in France.

Beware!

There is a lot of profiteering going on Rhineland. At the hairdressers the other day I bought an antiseptic tablet for use after shaving for three marks. Next day my friend purchased the same article at another shop for two marks. Yesterday in a different part of the town I saw the identical article priced at 1.50 marks. So it is up to Tommy to keep his eyes open

Skilful Dentistry.

I am told, though I'm happy to say I have not had any occasion to need dental treatment since I've been in Rhineland, that the dentists of Cologne as a rule are particularly skilful. Many of them have studied in the clinics of the United States where dentistry is a very advanced science.

The German Short Story.

There seems a dearth of short stories in Germany. The novel is popular and works of the modern authors run into many editions. Probably the Teutons have no time for the shorter gems of fiction; though it seems strange to me that those wonderful stories of E. T. A. Hoffmann, weird and uncanny as they are, should be read so little in Germany.

Old and New.

The Wraf Book Shop and Reading Room in Cologne which has always been a mystery to me, for it seldom seemed to be functioning, has now I see, disappeared, but there are rumours of a new and much better one on different lines occupying the same premises in the Hohestrasse Arcade.

A Bonn Boon.

When I visited the X Corps Club at Bonn the other day, I was surprised to to find it so empty. One would scarcely think it paid to run it, now that the military personnel in the University town is so reduced in number. But all the same its existence is a great boon to any officer happening to be in Bonn. I have seldom tasted better tea than is served there.

Is it the Last?

In striking contrast to the corresponding day the week before, last Sunday was perfect. There were sunshine and warmth and it was ideal weather for country excursions. It is somewhat unlikely that we shall get many more of such days this year.

Straight Prices Best.

I am sure the shopkeepers will find it pays them well to have every article in their windows plainly marked with the price. Their turnover will be greater, even if the strict observation of the order checks profiteering on certain articles. Many people will buy if they know what the price is before they enter a shop, who would otherwise pass one and perhaps go without altogether.

Green Leaves.

The trees are retaining their green foliage very well at this late season, and the country of Rhineland looks charming just now. The chestnut trees are in great form and the youngsters are securing a huge harvest of "Conkers".

A Happy Man.

That the happiest man in town is a Tommy and not a civilian is perhaps not surprising, but when I tell you that this serene individual, after six months' residence here, has never been inside a theatre, cinema, or operahouse, you may wonder how on earth he evades dull care or sidetracks boredom.

Where Does He Go?

Even canteens are but a name to him, and he has not yet had the democratic pleasure of riding on a tramcar. "Where does he go?" you ask. "How does he succeed in currying favour with the gods?" Simply by spending most of his leisure hours in the Army Book Shop in the Hohenzollern Ring.

A Bookman's Paradise.

Hoping to catch the infection I dropped into the Book Shop yesterday morning to find a very "substantial world both pure and good." The library at the Y.M.C.A. is wonderfully large and comprehensive, but it must yield to the Army's depot in point of size and the number of the volumes on the shelves. A more skilfully selected collection of educational and general literature it would be difficult to find. These can all be borrowed on making a humble deposit.

The Occupation.

According to a French journal the fifteen years of occupation of Rhineland will start on November 1st, 1919.

The Elections.

So far as I could see, apart from an additional use of printer's ink and paper, and the free use of hoardings there was little about the municipal elections on Sunday which would lead one to regard it as any other than an ordinary Sunday. If any interest was taken in the event, it was not very apparent. One piece of billsticking attracted my attention. If you have travelled Merheim way you will have seen a statue emblematic of the dignity of labour. On the chest portion of this imposing creature a handbill had been stuck.

Furniture Vans.

Everyone must have remarked the immense length of the furniture removal vans in Rhineland. You almost wonder how the horses, of which there are never more than two, manage to pull them so easily, even when loaded. It is remarkable too how skilfully the drivers steer and manage them in traffic.

RHINELANDER.

VANITY FAIR.

A Feature for the British Woman in Rhineland.

No Clean Lines.

The cape collar on big coats or coat dresses is an established fact. It drapes the shoulders or folds round the head, and is quaint rather than graceful, especially when worn with a big hat, as it generally is. Enormous pockets widen the hips, and it is astonishing that women look as slim as they do, for there is no sense of clean line in any of the new modes. The shoulders are heavy with drapery, the hips likewise, and the feet and legs look like flower stems.

Right or Left.

The controversy as to the desirability of the wooden house is bringing out sketches of kitchen arrangements which show that men have not yet realised that a woman washing dishes takes the articles from the water with her left hand and requires the draining-board on that side. An otherwise admirably planned kitchen sink hailed with delight by the men on a building committee was condemned by the only woman member because the draining-board was on the right hand side.

The Florentine Haircut.

Children in France are charmingly dressed just now in straight short frocks in light tones or vivid colours with ribbon trimmings or bold embroideries, always gay and simple in design. Checks, stripes, bright green, vivid blue are used for coats, and hats are of every shape and kind, from the poke bonnet to the close cap. Long black velvet streamers float from hat or bonnet and short hair is the fashion for many, cut à la Florentine.

A Simple Solution.

How to clean suede shoes is a little domestic problem that puzzles most women. The solution is really very simple. Take a piece of fine sandpaper and rub the shoes with it gently. The result will be surprising. Doeskin and buckskin gloves can also be cleaned in the same way.

Resentful of Censure.

The reproach brought against some of the present fashions has caused a French writer to explain that the Paris dressmakers only make the eccentric modes for foreigners. She says that no Parisienne would dream of wearing the strange models which cross the seas as the latest fashions from Paris. This is true enough of the Parisian lady, but it is equally true of the ladies of other countries. It is also true that the eccentricities born in Paris are just as much worn by Frenchwomen as by foreigners.

To Restore Furs.

Fur that has lost its freshness in wear should be well combed, then brushed with a damp brush. It should then be left to dry, and when dry a piece of brown paper should be placed over the hair side and ironed with a warm iron. The fur should be then thoroughly shaken and beaten on the right or hair side with a thin cane.

AGNES.

LOSING A CHUM.

Jack came to me this morning with a buoyant step and a glad light in his eyes. "Peter, old boy" he said, "it's come at last, I'm off home to-morrow, have to report at Reception Camp, Cologne, at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning, and then Good-bye, Germany and khaki, and back in the old civvies again." "By Jove," he added, "won't the old lady be pleased?"

I received the news with a smile, but with a little ache of the heart, for the friendship which we had cemented amongst the mud and horrors of Paschandale, and the hell when Mont Kemmel fell, was to be broken, and we were to part perhaps for good, for our homes are far apart.

"I'm sorry you're going, Jack," I said quietly, "I shall often think of the times we have had," and remember that you write when you get home."

"Sure thing, "Jack replied, "and don't you forget either to write."

We were both silent for some time, and my thoughts strayed back to the pals we had made, fellows who were pals in the truest sense of the word, some who had "gone West," some maimed and broken, and others who had come through and got their "ticket," and as I remembered, a feeling of sadness and loneliness came over me, and I tasted again of the bitter fruits of parting, for if there is one thing in the world that is hard to part from, it is from a good chum.

The times we have had, the mud of the trenches, then the "rest" billet with the evenings in the old barns that did for billets, with the lights from the brazier flickering amongst the beams, and we, singing in chorus the old songs, "Nellie Dean," "Fred Karno's Army" and all the doggerel that we knew.

Then again, chaffing Marie, of the Café de Station, about her fiancés, and saying "no comprée" to the old farmer, as he poured forth torrents of abuse upon us for taking his fuel for our fire.

And then the dug-out by candlelight as we listen to "Jerry" crumping, and we light cigarettes and try to talk nonchalantly as we hear them dropping nearer.

Those were the days when friendships were real and — and then I came back to reality as I heard Jack say, "Well, I must be looking over my kit. S'long, we will have a farewell bust-up to night."

PETER.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Agreed.—The Berlin Government has agreed to the Baltic evacuation.

Postponed.—The Caillaux trial has been postponed until after elections.

Fatal.—The airman from Kenley who crashed at Newcastle has died.

Caught.—Naples outlaws committed 900 burglaries before being rounded up.

What Does he Want?—The ex-Crown Prince is on a visit to his father.

Six Feet.—At Alicante, following a storm, hailstones were lying six feet deep.

Without Bread.—Owing to a bakers' strike, Amsterdam is nearly without bread.

Fishy Finance.—Billingsgate workers are demanding four pounds a day.

Unable.—President Poincaré is unable to accept the freedom of Edinburgh.

Huts for Homeless.—Army huts are to be erected for Islington's homeless.

Unemployed.—Sheffield's unemployed total is 25,000 and is increasing.

Italy's Present.—Italy has presented two seaplanes to Brazil.

Wimbledon's Example.—Wimbledon is to have an open market.

City Doss Houses.—There are 134 common lodging houses in London.

Staff of Life.—Paris is faced with increased bread prices.

The Total.—A Swedish Bill reduces compulsory military service to 120 days.

Really.—Bradford operative woolcombers have agreed to work overtime.

Retiring.—The Dean of Hereford announces his intention of retiring.

No Coal.—Two paper mills at Maidstone have closed owing to lack of coal.

Grippe.—An epidemic of grippe has broken out in Argentine.

All Back.—German prisoners interned in Belgium have all been repatriated.

Taking the Offensive.—The Spanish troops are taking the offensive in Morocco.

Battle of Posters.—Strikers tore down some of the posters put up by the Government.

Election Pending.—The belief that there will be a general election is gradually growing.

Re-opening Time.—Christie's will re-open its doors during the first week of next month.

State Hospitals.—Edmonton Council urge that hospitals should be taken over by the State.

Retained.—Mrs. Hope of Luffness, although re-married is to retain that name "for political purposes."

For Copenhagen.—An Anglo-American Exhibition is to be opened at Copenhagen at the beginning of next year.

Tobacco.—One of the largest tobacco factories in the United Kingdom is to be erected at Willesden.

Generals.—A new Rumanian Cabinet has been formed, composed mainly of generals.

Queen's Westminster's.—A dinner in connection with this Regiment is being held at the Trocadero on October 23.

Driven out.—Hyde Park "orators" are holding meetings at West London street corners.

Unwanted.—"Strikers not wanted," is a notice outside the Paddington Labour Exchange.

Alfonso Incog.—Paris is excited at the presence of the King of Spain incog. amongst them.

New Revue.—"Ding Dong" is due in London. This week the principals begin rehearsals.

Length of Skirts.—Despite all that is said to the contrary, short skirts are still the rage in France.

The Alternative.—Clemenceau has promised firewood to Paris to compensate for lack of coal.

Going Up.—The Birmingham coroner says suicides are increasing towards the pre-war level.

The Parisian Way.—Anti-profiteering raids have been made by officials of leading Paris stores.

No Market.—There being now no market for waste paper East Ham suggests burning it in the refuse destructor.

The Latest.—An American seaplane, has "spoken" by wireless to a submarine submerged several fathoms.

The Outcome.—Alcoholic poisoning cases have increased in America since the "dry regime."

A New Judge.—It is said that Sir Edward Marshall Hall may shortly accept a judgeship.

First Aero Funeral.—A casket containing the body of a child was conveyed to Toronto by aeroplane.

No Remedy.—"There is no legal remedy for a cruelly treated husband."—North London Magistrate.

War Workers.—A Women's Membership is being formed by the National Women's Auxiliary of the Y.M.C.A.

Without Bread.—Norwich has been practically breadless on account of shortage of yeast.

Against.—The Highways Committee of the L.C.C. has recommended that no steps be taken to establish a passenger steamboat service on the Thames.

Good Idea.—For the convenience of London tram passengers, illuminated direction signs are to be placed on the lamp-posts.

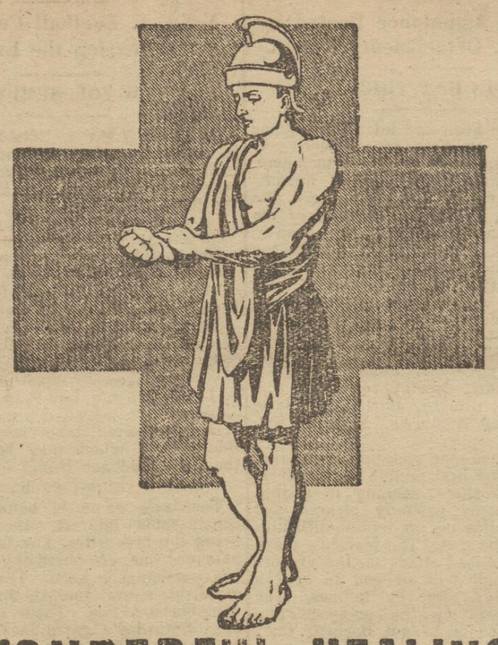

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Mrs. Bell-Lewisholm,
Hyde Terrace,
Gosforth,
Newcastle-on-Tyne, England.—ADVT.

News is asked for of 38848 Pte J. C. Toplis 4th Lincolns missing March 22nd 1918 near Bullecourt. Disc returned to Berlin July 5th or 6th 1918 without details. Can any reader oblige, if so communicate with J. W. Toplis, London Road, Grantham, England.

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VOLUNTEER SERVICES TO BE RETAINED WHILE ARREARS ARE CLEARED UP.

TRADE UNIONISTS WHO MADE THE PEACE.

THE AFTERMATH.

FINAL INCIDENTS OF THE STRIKE.

The success wherewith both Government and people met the railway strike is greeted on all sides, though care is taken, in the interest of good feeling, not to emphasise too clearly the absolute defeat of the strike. The terms of settlement do not go beyond the terms offered by the Government before the strike was declared, with the exception that the guarantee for maintenance of the present wages is extended from March next for an additional six months. Even this is merely a repetition of the general undertaking not to reduce wages until the cost of living has fallen to below 110 per cent. over its pre-war level and it is not considered probable that this fall will have taken place during the period for which the present wages are guaranteed. The men are to resume work at once, as the Government insisted all along, and then negotiations will be resumed on the fixing of standard rates.

The men themselves express satisfaction with the settlement and if they are satisfied it is certain that the general community is satisfied. Mr. J. H. Thomas, the strike leader, said the settlement was honourable and a credit to both sides. Mr. Cramp, another leader, said that although the men had not obtained their strike formula he was satisfied with the terms.

It is generally agreed that the success wherewith this sudden strike has been combated will have a most wholesome effect for the future. It probably means an end of lightning strikes and it also proves that a determined community with the resources which Britain possesses, is not at the mercy of a minority as, in this instance, the minority had calculated. Modern mechanical developments have changed all that and it was this object lesson that showed the labour leaders the urgent necessity of accepting the Government's terms before worse befell them. The organisation of the public services met with amazing success.

Peace with Honour.

The nine days railway strike has ended in peace with honour. There is little talk of victory either by the railwaymen or their opponents, but instead there is a general feeling of satisfaction. The Railwaymen have obtained an assurance which gratifies them that wages will be stabilised at their present level until September 30th 1920 an extension of six months from the date on which the Government intended to revise the rates paid in accordance with the cost of living at that time, and they have also received a renewal of the promise that no adult railwayman shall receive less that fifty-one shillings so long as the cost of living is not less than 110 per cent. above pre-war level.

Actually, however, these assurances will probably be found not to go beyond the general undertaking of the Government made at the beginning of the dispute, that they would in no case reduce wages until the cost of living falls below a figure 110 per cent. over pre-war level, as the likelihood of such a fall occurring during the period over which the assurance to the railwaymen extends is unfortunately small.

Strike Lessons.

There was throughout the strike an absence of sabotage and no unruly behaviour or provocation—a remarkable fact when the number of men involved and the steps taken by volunteers to undertake their work is considered.

It was purely an industrial dispute which has taught several lessons. One is that no section of the community can hope to succeed in any dispute without the support of the public. In this case the sympathy of the public was alienated by the short notice which the Union officials gave of the intention to cease work.

As Mr. J.R. Clynes, the leading Labour member, points out, "It has proved that, however great the provocation may appear, lightning strikes or efforts to subdue the Government by acts of surprise are more likely to fail than are stoppages at the end of the term of a notice given in the customary manner. Just as workmen resent being put to inconvenience the public in the mass is indignant when they suddenly find themselves involved in loss and inconvenience through a surprise act of someone else."

In this sense the strike has been a heavy blow to the extremists. They are indeed an insignificant body, as is demonstrated by the fact that the leading Unions in the country acted not as an influence in the dispute but instead provided the deputation which did invaluable work as mediator between the Government and the Railwaymen. As the "Daily News" says, the meeting, representing thirty Trade Unions, which appointed this conciliatory body deserves as signal a mark in the national calendar as many a military victory. Tributes are also numerous to the sound judgment and sense of justice displayed by the Prime Minister, to whom the strike settlement is one more personal triumph.

Transport Development.

To the public the most amazing discovery during the strike was the rapidity with which the organisation was completed to ensure a working supply of trains and abundant supply of foodstuffs. None suffered the slightest shortage of any kind. Furthermore the strike provided a useful stimulus to commercial air service, to the renewal of coastwise shipping services, which had not recovered from the effect of the war, and to the greater utilisation of motor action in the service of commerce and the State. These methods of transport had been much discussed. During the strike they were put to a practical test with excellent results and they are not likely now to be abandoned.

Chief Labour Member's Conclusion.

Mr. G.N. Barnes, the Labour Member of the Cabinet, when interviewed, said that the impressions he drew from the strike were its revelation of class solidarity on the part of labour; the sense of responsibility as citizens displayed by the mediating Unions; the restraint and general orderliness of the men; the equal restraint of the Government, and the remarkable revelation of the new resources of the State, which would have a moderating effect on extremists in the future. The strike was a needless and wanton attack on the well-being of the community. The strikers could have obtained everything by negotiation. The Government should be relieved of the settlement of disputes in which it was a party. Adjustment should be made by an independent authority, as they were for other Government workers, preferably by a Board comprising representatives of the men, the Railway Executives, and the users of the railways.

Fourteen Peacemakers.

The Fourteen Mediators appointed by the Conference of Trade Unionists which was convened by the Transport Workers' Federation who succeeded in making peace were:—

Mr. H. Gosling (President Transport Workers),
Mr. R. Williams (Secretary Transport Workers),
Mr. Clynes, M.P. (National Union of General Workers),
Mr. Henderson, M.P. (Secretary of the Labour Party),
Mr. Bevin (Transport Workers),
Mr. O'Grady, M.P. (General Workers),
Mr. J. T. Brownlie (Gen. Sec. A.S.E.),
Mr. Bowen (Postal Workers),
Mr. Muir (Electrical Trades Union),
Mr. Naylor (Printing Trades),
Mr. Walker (Parliamentary Committee Trade Union Congress),
Mr. Frank Hodges (Miners' Federation),
Mr. Bowerman (Secretary Parliamentary Committee, Trade Union Congress), and
Mr. Stuart Bunning (Postal)

Hymns of Thanksgiving.

The news of the termination of the strike was celebrated in many parts of the country by the ringing of the church bells and singing of hymns of thanksgiving at the evening services.

A man entered Chertsey Church during the recessional hymn and handed the Vicar a slip of paper bearing the words "Strike is ended—official." The vicar read the news to the congregation, which sang "Oh God, our help in ages past."

Meetings of railwaymen at Carmarthen, Peterborough and elsewhere sang the Doxology.

Many similar incidents are reported. A thanksgiving service was held yesterday at the Mansion House.

A Few Malcontents.

In some parts of the provinces some dissatisfaction with the terms was shown and strong feeling displayed against the non-strikers. One meeting at Taunton, attended by over 1,000 strikers, adopted a resolution demanding that the Executive should resume the strike if blackleg and non-Union labour is not removed within the week.

Retaining Lorry Service.

Government lorries will for the present continue work on food distribution thus relieving the congestion on the railways due to the partial suspension of goods traffic during the nine days strike. This will leave the railways more free for the transit of coal and raw materials. Regents Park will consequently continue to be closed to the public, but Hyde Park, which was used for milk only, will be opened in a few days.

Better Than Pre-Strike Days.

Officials at the Great Northern goods yard, King's Cross, declare that they sometimes had bigger accumulations than at present. The yard will be working normally by Wednesday night. Throughout the week all perishable stuff has been promptly cleared, including huge consignments of potatoes.

Two Volunteers Killed.

A motor food lorry struck the parapet of the bridge at Penicuick, Midlothian, and fell into the river. Two of the four occupants were killed.

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PEACE AT HAND.

TREATY PROBABLY OPERATIVE NEXT WEEK.

The debate on the German Peace Treaty in the French Senate is expected to be brief and a vote in favour of the ratification will probably be given before the end of the present week. It is also believed here that Italy will signify her approval almost immediately. In the event of ratification having been accorded by England, France, and Italy by Sunday next, which it is expected will be the case, a formal record will be made of the fact by the Peace Conference at its seat in Paris, and the date on which this record will be made will be that on which the Treaty will come into operation. Simultaneously the state of war will come to an end and official relations between Germany and the Entente Powers will be resumed.

The importance of this date lies in the fact that as soon as the Treaty of Versailles becomes operative it will be necessary, under its provisions, to convoke a meeting of the Council of the League of Nations. This Council, which is composed of delegates representing Great Britain, France, the United States, Italy, Japan, Belgium, Brazil, Greece, and Spain, will have the duty of intervening immediately in regard to several urgent questions. It will have to nominate a High Commissioner at Danzig, and also within a fortnight three of the five members who (with one French and one German representative) will constitute the fixed Commission to settle the exact frontier of the Saar territory in accordance with Article 48 of the Treaty.

STRIKERS BECOME STRIKE BREAKERS.

In view of the fact that the dustmen, road-sweepers, and other employees of the Paddington Borough Council, who recently struck work and were afterwards re-engaged, have since been loyally carrying out their duties, the Council will be asked by the works committee, at a meeting to-morrow, to allow the men, as an act of grace, to come once more within the provisions of the Superannuation and Pensions Act, and count their previous service with the Council for pension purposes, on payment of the arrears of their contributions.

THE MILNER COMMISSION.

There is in Egypt a growing agitation to boycott the Milner Commission and the Ministry is showing great lack of decision in the matter. At any rate it is not desired that the Commission should arrive before peace is signed with Turkey. There are indications that attempts will be made to engineer a general strike when the Commission arrives, and students are already threatening to come out, although they have not yet returned to work.

PETROGRAD BIRTH RATE.

During the last six months 40,000 persons have died in Petrograd, whereas the births registered total only 5,800.

Leave Re-Opened.

The following is officially announced: All officers and men whose leave was curtailed owing to the strike will now receive their leave due, plus an extra seven days. Officers not on leave, who volunteered for service in connection with the strike have received seven days leave. Demobilization is being resumed.

It is also officially announced that now the strike is over leave will be re-opened for all troops stationed in France, Flanders, Italy and on the Rhine, to admit of their sailing from France by the 14th October.

Belated Gondoliers.

The Carl Rosa Opera Company, unable to proceed from Wolverhampton to Nottingham by rail, owing to the strike, travelled by motor, sending their properties by two barges. Although these were loaded on Saturday they had not arrived by Monday morning. Members of the company were continually going to the banks of the Trent hoping to catch a glimpse of the "Gondoliers." They were faced with the prospect of having to play in ordinary clothes, as several other companies were compelled to do during the strike.

Comedy of Stolen Lorries.

During the motor lorry mobilization in Regents Park two men, assumed to be volunteer drivers, entered the park and drove off lorries unchallenged.

As an offset to this loss it was discovered from the engine numbers that three of the lorries commandeered at Oxford Circus and elsewhere were lorries stolen from the Government during the war. The Government is accordingly one up on the balance.

No "Stand Down" Yet.

Rationing regulations will remain in force until the congestion caused by the nine days' stoppage is relieved and volunteers will continue working on certain railways until superseded by regular employees.

Sir Eric Geddes' Denial.

A news agency is authorised to deny the report in circulation that Sir Eric Geddes has resigned his office as Minister of Transport. The report is absolutely without foundation.

LEAVING N. RUSSIA.

ALLIED FLAGS REPLACED BY REPUBLICAN.

The last British troops to leave Archangel arrived at Liverpool on Saturday aboard the Cunard liner "Tsar", which disembarked some 1,000 officers and men chiefly belonging to the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry. While the troops expressed themselves as glad to get home, they viewed the railway strike with some dismay.

An officer stated that all difficulties connected with the evacuation were successfully overcome and the Bolshevists held in check until the operation was completed. Warships covered the rear, while gunboats and monitors offered protection at strategic points along the upper reaches of the Dvina, which is very narrow in places.

As the last men of General Grogan's and General Jackson's forces left, the Allied flags were replaced on the principal buildings by flags of the new North Russian Republic.

General Ironside remarked to a journalist that he thought too much had already been said about the Russian expedition. It has done its work and Russian loyalists should now be able to stand by themselves.

BIG WHISKY RAID.

DISTILLERY IN A BELFAST VILLA.

Irish constabulary have made another successful raid on an illicit distillery.

Entering a large detached villa at Lisavon, East Belfast, approached by a spacious avenue, they found an extensive distillery in full working order.

The raid was made just before dawn, and resulted in the seizure of two large stills, still heads, worms, 160 gallons of poteen, and numerous empty barrels.

The owner, who was formerly in the licensed victualling trade, was arrested on the premises.

RE-ENLISTMENTS TO CEASE.

An Army Order states that re-enlistments of serving soldiers for two, three or four years under Army Order 124 have ceased, the necessary numbers required under the provision of this order having been obtained.

A Royal Warrant states that it has been deemed expedient to cancel the provision for the grant of temporary commissions in the Cavalry, Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Infantry, Machine Gun Corps, Tank Corps, and Royal Army Medical Corps to Warrant Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and men serving on ordinary peace attestations in the regular army and of emoluments to officers so promoted. Army Orders 159 and 293 of 1918 are cancelled accordingly, but officers promoted under these Warrants who were serving on the 29th September 1919 are not affected by the new Warrants.

BALTIC STATES WANT PEACE

A report issued by the General Staff of the North West Russian Army says the offensive is proceeding satisfactorily in the direction of Luga. General Judenitch's troops have crossed the river Sabba and occupied fifteen villges. They captured about twenty villages on the Pskoff front.

Reports from Reval state that a conference of representatives of the Baltic States at Dorpat has decided to send Tenicherin a telegram announcing the willingness of the Baltic states to open peace negotiations at Dorpat, among the terms laid down being recognition of the independence of the Baltic states.

An answer is requested by October 25th.

CROWN PRINCE VISITS HIS FATHER.

It is stated at Amsterdam that the purpose for which the German ex-Crown Prince is paying a ten days' visit to the ex-Kaiser at Ameron en is to arrange some urgent questions regarding the settlement of his property in Germany for the benefit of his children. This is the first time that the ex-Kaiser has seen his son since their arrival in Holland.

AN IRISH COURT-MARTIAL.

The result of the Court-martial in connection with the brothers Kelly in Londonderry is announced as follows: Hugh Kelly, a carter, was sentenced to one year, mitigated to thirty days, for having a live bomb in his possession. His brother James for having revolvers was sentenced to ninety-one days, mitigated to thirty days.

D.S.O. WORTHILY WON.

The D.S.O. has been awarded to Major (tempy-lieut.-colonel) Henry Ernest Lavie, attached 13th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment, to whose personality and power of command the entire lack of success of enemy attacks made on his front in North Russia are principally attributed.

To combat smuggling the German Government has instituted a system of control on the border of the whole of the territory occupied by the Allies.

SUMMARY COURT.

THREE MONTHS FOR THREE OFFENCES.

There were three charges against Margarita Wilsberg of 22 Kämmergasse:—(1) Harbouring a deserter, (2) obstructing the police and (3) allowing soldiers on her premises while it was out of bounds.

L/Cpl. Matthews, M.F.P., in searching the house, found a soldier's greatcoat and tunic and a pair of spurs. The woman refused to give any information as to the whereabouts of the soldier, but on a search being made he was found on the roof. The man was an absentee, his unit being at present in England.

Three months imprisonment was the sentence.

A Varied Assortment.

When Sergeant Simmons, of the M.F.P., searched the house of Heinrich Utzerath at 19 Wissmann Strasse, Ehrenfeld, he found the following Government property:—One overcoat, three pairs socks, one leather sheet, one boot, one can of petrol, one can of lubricating oil, and one gas container—quite an interesting assortment.

The explanation given by Heinrich at the Summary Court was that he found the tins of petrol and lubricating oil in the street and that he picked up the other articles in a field where they had evidently been discarded as useless.

He was sentenced to three weeks imprisonment, although he pleaded hard to be allowed to pay a fine.

ITALY AND FIUME.

SETTLEMENT SAID TO BE IMMINENT.

A Rome newspaper publishes a letter from General Peppino Garibaldi, who denies the report that he has accepted a candidature for Parliament.

General Garibaldi says he is fully convinced of the necessity of annexing Fiume but believes it indispensable to restore the discipline of the army by withdrawing the regulars and leaving only volunteers for the defence of the town. He condemns the tendency to imperil foreign alliances, sympathies and friendships by rash acts like D'Annunzio's, but thinks the Allies should not oppose annexation of Fiume by the Italians if they wish to avoid serious complications.

In a further message from Rome the solution of the Fiume question is considered to be imminent. It is understood that the first meeting between the Duke D'Aosta and D'Annunzio's delegates was satisfactory.

"DRIEST" YEAR ON RECORD.

England and Wales were "drier" in 1918 than in any previous year, according to statistics in a Blue-book issued on Saturday.

It is pointed out that the decrease in convictions for drunkenness began in the latter months of 1914, and continued down to the end of 1918, in which year the total of 29,075 was recorded. This figure is 84.61 per cent. below the total for 1913, when the figures reached 188,877. The figures for convictions of men in 1918 were 21,853 and for women 7,222. The proportion of total convictions contributed by Greater London was 34.9 per cent.

GENERAL'S MURDER CONTRADICTED.

A message from Warsaw states that Brigadier General Jadwin, of the American Peace delegation, and Lieutenant Bowe, his companion, have reached the Polish lines safely. They were reported as having been captured and murdered by Bolshevists.

ENGLAND TEACHES.

Apropos our report in yesterday's issue concerning the boy who was ordered a birching for stealing some Army underclothing, the Kölner Tageblatt of to-day completes the story. It describes the culprit as a "three-cheese-high, too ripe for his age" and after detailing the facts of the case, relates that while crying in anticipation of his punishment the urchin fell asleep. The manufacture of a birch caused some delay and the president of the Court provided, at his own expense, a good lunch for the boy.

The paper adds: "In England such punishments are the rule for children, brutal people and souteneurs. Britannia docet."

HONORARY CHAPLAIN'S BADGE.

Some uncertainty appears to exist in the minds of Temporary Chaplains who have been granted the rank of Honorary Chaplain to the Forces as to the use of the badge which was sanctioned by Army Order 294/1919. In view of this the War Office states that the badge may be worn only by Honorary Chaplains to the King, and not by Honorary Chaplains to the Forces.

Since May 1st War Savings Certificates to the value of over £55,000 have been sold in the Rhine Army.

TANK INVENTORS.

ELEVEN CLAIMANTS FOR CROWN REWARDS.

The Commission on awards to inventors which is to decide on various claims in connection with the tanks, opened its sittings yesterday under the Chairmanship of Mr. Justice Sargant.

There are eleven claimants, viz., Major-General Swinton, Sir E. Tennyson D'Eyncourt, Commander Sulter, Lieut.-Colonel Bootney, Sir William Tratton, Colonel Crampton, Lieut. R. E. McFie, Major Wilson, Major Hetherington, Mr. A. C. Nessfield, and Mr. Legros.

The Chairman said that each of these was making a claim to the Bounty of the Crown, although it did not necessarily follow that the Crown would grant a bounty, as it might be that no claimant is entitled to anything. Having regard to all the circumstances the Crown stood in the position more or less of defendants. The Attorney General would make a general statement regarding the history and evolution of the tanks. This would open the field, upon which the various claimants would have to state their cases, which would be taken in historical order.

After the Attorney General's opening, Mr. Winston Churchill, Secretary for War, as the first witness, would place his knowledge on the matter before the Commission. It would then be open to any Counsel to cross-examine Mr. Churchill, but within very narrow limits. His Lordship hoped that all the claims would be finished by the end of the week.

The Commission then adjourned.

MAD JURYMAN'S ACT.

The manner in which the strain of serving on an Old Bailey jury at a murder trial affected a man's brain was told at an inquest at Paddington on Saturday on Mrs. Emily Payne, aged seventy-one, wife of Walter Payne, a Kilburn greengrocer, who died from injuries to the head alleged to have been inflicted by her husband with a hammer while she was in bed. Her three daughters were also attacked and injured.

Miss Currington, who lives in the house, said that Mr. Payne had been strange in his manner and unable to sleep since the Prah-road murder trial, and had said that it was a terrible experience to listen to a judge sentence a man to death.

The inquest was adjourned.

FATAL CIGARETTE SMOKING.

It was stated at an inquest at Islington on Margaret Crespe, late living at Albiongrove, Barnsbury, that she was in the habit of smoking a good deal, and liked to have a cigarette in bed because it soothed her nerves.

Early on Wednesday loud screams were heard, and she was found lying on the floor of her bedroom badly burned, while her matitress was also on fire. She was removed to hospital, and died from blood poisoning resulting from the burns.

In hospital she said that she had been smoking and had fallen asleep.

INDIAN ARMY PAY RAISED.

The Secretary of State for India announces increased rates of pay for officers of the Indian Army. These are granted in consideration of the high cost of living.

LATEST BALKAN FASHIONS.

A message from Bukarest states that the American Red Cross has distributed more than four hundred thousand suits of pyjamas in the Balkans. These garments were originally intended for use in the hospitals but lack of clothing is so great that the women and children have been glad to make use of them as ordinary day garments.

ALLIED LOAN TO GREECE.

It is stated that an agreement has been concluded between the Greek Government and the Allies for a loan of 50 million dollars to Greece.

M. Venizelos, the Greek Premier, will probably stay in England until the date fixed for the signing of the Bulgarian Peace Treaty in Paris.

GERMAN CONFESSION OF GUILT.

At the final meeting of the World Alliance Church Congress, Dr. Fred Spiecker, of Berlin, made, on behalf of the whole German delegation, a frank confession of Germany's moral guilt for the invasion of Belgium.

WAR TROPHIES REFUSED.

The London Borough of Bethnal Green declines to accept four pieces of German heavy artillery and four field guns with carriages in addition to a number of less bulky souvenirs.

NORWEGIAN PUSSYFEET.

The two days plebiscite which is proceeding in Norway concerning prohibition of the sale of alcohol is extremely keen. Both sides are distributing masses of propaganda literature by motor car and aeroplane.

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BRITISH PATRIOTISM.

Life in Germany at the present time makes every thoughtful man want to examine the different forms which patriotism takes among the nations of the world.

English patriotism is probably the most interesting and most subtle of them all

It is often misunderstood by foreigners who fail to grasp the really remarkable fastidiousness which characterises almost every Englishman, and makes him constantly suspicious of any exaggeration.

Our love of country cannot be expressed in at all the same kind of words as Germans use in their song "Deutschland über alles."

Any excessive glorification of England seems to us bad taste and absurd. Rupert Brooke, enumerating in exquisite language the qualities that lie hidden in the dust of the English dead in foreign soil, wrote of "The thoughts by England given....
And Laughter learnt of friends, and gentleness
In hearts at peace under an English heaven".

The words "Hearts at peace, under an English heaven" express exactly the dumb ideal of many an Englishman and boy out here. He is homesick for English fields and lanes, even for English industrial towns. Love of country is the deepest thing in him, and made him an incomparable soldier in spite of his national and reasonable dislike of war, because he realized that the thing he cared for most—his ideal of home and his love of kind English ways—was being attacked and he knew that he was ready to face death, wounds or disfigurement to protect them.

The ostentation of patriotism is distasteful to us. It is probable that no race—not even the Greek—had a more inborn dislike of pageantry than we have. The Roman, crowned with laurel, returning to drive in triumph through the streets of Rome, was the reverse of the modern Englishman, who, be he general or private soldier, would usually be very glad to be let off from taking part in a triumphal march through London.

The fact that so many of our soldiers do not join in singing the National Anthem is much commented upon by our critics, and indeed it is difficult to understand.

If you ask a private soldier why he does not sing he does not seem able to give any satisfactory explanation.

There may be many reasons, but the underlying fact is that the more showy sides of patriotism—the flying of flags, the singing of national songs, do not strike the Englishman as quite real. His love of country is far deeper and far quieter than any outward expression. What he loves is "Hearts at peace, under an English heaven."

We love and admire French patriotism, It is a most beautiful plant, but its roots are no deeper than English patriotism though its flower be different. The Frenchman can express what the Englishman feels compelled to hide. Among the many verses which have been written by the most poetical of all nations about the war, we recall the lines in memory of the Contemptibles who fell in 1914.

"Their shoulders held the skies suspended.
They stood, and Earth's foundations stay."

And we remember the men who, joking and grumbling outwardly, gave their lives for their ideal of an English heaven that they carried hidden in their hearts.

MERELY POTATOES.

If we were honest with ourselves we should acknowledge that some of our most vivid memories hung about meals. A man grows old, he can know once only the raptures of first love — but the joys of good food and wine remain perennial. And yet a meal need not be exquisite, it need not even be good to be savoured, time and again in memory.

Most campaigners could tell us of food which was more than a banquet, though it was swallowed in a trench. One remembers a hard grey morning before the war, when a mug of greasy cocoa, drunk perilously, while the cutter nosed into green seas near the Owers, was beyond an exalting Burgundy.

Food was certainly the pre-occupation of the three of us who descended in the falling dusk to Boppard by a stony path among the vines. High on the hills between Rhens and Boppard we had come upon two things—a field in which a board warned us to beware of "böse stiere", and a field of potatoes. We had met — or surmised that we had met — the cattle, which seemed meek enough milch cows, driven easily by their herd. And in the potato field, remembering that we were very hungry, we had rooted up potatoes, with a watchful eye on the hedges, till our pockets and our packs were heavy with them.

It was night and we were dog tired when we reached the level at last and came down to the Rhine bank. The two German lads washed the potatoes in the river, peeled and sliced them. It was left to the "Englander", who had boasted that he could make omelettes, to fry them. But it is not easy to cook in the dark, for it was densely twilight, in spite of a thin slip of a moon and a sky which grew full of stars.

The "Englander" stretched himself luxuriously on a blanket laid on the grass, watched the pale blue flame of the spirit-lamp and listened to the sputtering of the fat in the pan. It was no time for niceties, one could not wait to see the blue smoke rising from the fat, even if the electric torch could have shown it. We were hungry and we guessed, and the potatoes went recklessly into the pan. There followed a meditative pause, while one turned over the chips with a fork and thought of watched pots. We had the luck to sprinkle the dish with salt and not with sugar.

Of course the potatoes never browned, but they cooked and they smelt aromatically. Fork, taking the air, walked on the bank above us, discerned the "Englander" dimly, and talked, one guessed, of English madness. If I were charitable, I should say they talked of "Wanderlust."

Anyway, the interminable minutes passed, the potatoes softened beneath the fork, and I pronounced that they were done. My reputation hung on the moment. We groped for mislaid forks; the German boys tasted and sighed with content. I breathed—but I did not flatter myself. I was as hungry as they were, and hunger is as blind as love.

We ate, and no food ever tasted better than those badly cooked, stolen potatoes, in that relaxation of ease and contemplation. The Rhine chimed below us; the thin moon slipped down the sky; a sweet air breathed down the valley and the hills were solemn and darkly violet. Life and the Rhine and Germany were very good.

Presently we hunted in the grass for lost things, slung our packs on our shoulders and went along the avenue of pollarded limes into Boppard. We found our inn; the wine was golden in the glasses, and the tobacco in the pipes a herb from Paradise. The Germans sang appropriate songs after the manner of their race, and we turned to bed with the melody which has been set to Uhland's distressing ballad in our souls:

"Es zogen drei Bursche wohl über den Rhein,
Bei einer Frau Wirtin da kehrten sie ein."

And the next day found us heating Maconachie among the ruins of Rheinfels.

LOOKER ON.

ARE YOU LITERARY?

We pay for all literary contributions to "The Cologne Post," and are pleased to consider articles, humorous sketches and poems by members of the Rhine Army. No article should exceed 500 words, and even shorter ones can be submitted.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

DUTY ON SOUVENIRS.

Sir,—There are now many of us returning to England on demobilization and the majority will take with them souvenirs of the Rhineland for their relations and friends. As duty is now charged on certain articles, a definite statement by the Authorities on this subject would be welcomed by all.

What is needed is a list of all articles on which duty has to be paid and the amount chargeable.

This would obviate a great deal of unnecessary trouble and confusion to all concerned. *B.M.G.*

CLOSING THE FIELD CASHIER.

Sir,—With reference to the inconvenience caused to officers by the closing of the Field Cashier, may I quote the following incident which occurred to me a day or two ago?

Owing to the fact that the Field Cashier is no longer available for making advances of pay to officers, I had to cash a cheque at Cox's at the civil rate of 90 marks to the pound.

Later I went to the N.A.C.B. Club, and, while there bought a ticket for the Cambridgeshire Sweepstake, having to pay 60 marks for it, in other words thirteen shillings and four pence for a ticket marked ten shillings, because the Military rate of exchange is 120 marks to the pound! Is this fair or right?

I do not know where the authorities responsible for selling these tickets will change the marks they get for them into English currency, but, I presume, at a bank, where they will get the civil rate of exchange for them, and will be making a clear three shillings and four pence on every ticket sold!

In short, at present, officers on the Rhine can only obtain money at the rate of 90 marks to the pound, and, when ever they go to make a purchase at a Military club or Canteen, they have to spend it at the rate of 120 marks to the pound! *DONE.*

OUR MUSICAL TASTE.

Sir,—I think one effect of our sojourn on the Rhine will be that when we return to old England we shall want more and better music.

The numbers of our troops of all ranks who have become regular habitués of the Cologne Opera is, I feel sure, bound to have its effect at home.

There are large numbers of us who will miss the frequent enjoyment of the musical works of the great masters and will demand it.

It is to some extent true perhaps that we English are not a musical people, but it is largely a matter of opportunity. Given the chance to appreciate the best most of us will respond.

Those who cater for our amusement at home usually underrate the average person's intelligence. People go to what is provided for them, not always from choice, but by reason of necessity.

B. FLAT.

THE ENDED STRIKE.

Sir,—I thought your leading article on the great strike, happily ended, was one of the best of your editorial efforts.

It struck the true note. It was most impartial and showed how you realise that in a conflict such as that just concluded there must necessarily be two sides.

Some of the London papers have, I am sorry to see, been far from fair in their comments. The fault could not have been entirely on one side as many of them tried to make out.

Although a soldier—and a loyal one, I hope—I am a Trade Unionist with every sympathy for fellow labour men in Blighty and I must pay tribute to the fairness of your editorial opinion in reviewing the strike just finished. *LABOUR.*

THE MARRIED OFFICER.

Sir,—It seems about time somebody in high authority took up the troubles of the married officers.

1. No Field Advances. The Government Exchange—120 Marks. The Monopoly Banks 90. Loss 30 Marks in the £1.

2. The married officer whose wife is out here has to pay at the Government exchange for her rations—a further 30 Marks loss.

3. The new rates of pay consist largely of increased allowances. The married officer has to produce a marriage certificate. What about the poor devil whose wife is out here and the marriage certificate locked up at home, and no means of getting it unless one of them goes personally. English ladies don't usually carry their marriage lines sewn in their clothing.

Result:—No allowances until produced. I for one have already produced mine to my bankers when claiming child's allowance; should not this be sufficient or if not, a certificate from C.O's? *P.B.O.*

NO RUSH FOR BUSINESS.

Sir,—As an ex-officer over in Cologne trying to do business I must say my eyes have been opened.

I find England crying out for certain goods and thinking that the Germans are on their knees for our business.

But to be honest they are not. They are extremely busy and very independent as to future orders.

I am not by any means satisfied with my trip to the Rhine for I find I can make very few purchases of any size.

TRAVELLER.

ADVANCE GRIEVANCES.

Sir,—I have read with much interest the letter written by "P.W.F.B." in which he complains of the difference in the rate of exchange between the Banks and the Field Cashier.

I would like to bring to his notice a fact that he has obviously forgotten, i.e., that when the Military Rate of Exchange was 96 Marks to the English Pound, the civilian Banks were paying at the rate of from 120 to 130 Marks to the Pound and instead of complaining, the N.C.O.s and men, who now apparently receive as much as a Second Lieutenant, did not complain and take the trouble to see how much they were losing, but took things as they came, which is an optimist's point of view. *AN N.C.O.*

BOOKS FOR REFERENCE.

Sir,—On visiting the Rhine Army Book Shop Reference Library the other afternoon, I was informed by the N.C.O. in charge that no one was allowed inside the rail to examine the books.

If this is the rule, it seems a pretty foolish one, since no book can be properly judged merely by its outside, and the books are exhibited on shelves that are too far from the rail to permit of even the titles to be seen properly, much less their contents to be judged.

On the not unnatural assumption that the Reference Library is intended for use, it is suggested that prompt steps be taken to rescind the order in question.

STUDENT.

OVER FASTIDIOUS.

Sir,—I can't help thinking that comfortable living in Rhineland is making us all over-fastidious in our tastes.

I find that entertainments got up entirely as a labour of love for our special benefit are carpingly criticised, dramatic companies compared with crack London castes, orchestras sneered at by those who couldn't play a tin whistle or a jews' harp if they were asked.

The difficulties of all who do their very best to entertain us are immense. Demobbing has depleted everything and we on the Rhine are growing far too critical.

Let us remember we are soldiers and try to put up with things in a cheery spirit, I should like to see less tendency to pick holes in other people's well meant efforts. Could we do better ourselves, is the question. Of course not, and so let us be more reasonable and more charitable. *E.E.D.*

NUMBERED THEATRE SEATS.

Sir,—"Book your seats at the Palace Theatre" was the advice freely and publicly given on the placards announcing the recent Benefit Concert.

Surely the common idea of booking your seat means that any person doing so is assured a seat at the performance, without having to stand in a queue or rush in immediately the doors are open and patiently wait for the curtain to rise.

Apparently the management of the Palace Theatre does not intend its announcement to be read in this light.

On this and previous occasions I have been beguiled into "booking a seat" under the impression that accommodation would be available at the time the performance commenced, but I have yet to learn where the advantage comes in.

Would much extra expense be entailed or extra staff be necessary if the simple and universal system of numbering tickets and seats were adopted at this theatre?

At any rate it would prevent the irritating disappointment caused by innocently "booking your seat" and finding none vacant upon arrival.

HAD SOME.

WIVES AT OUR CLUBS.

Sir,—Yesterday morning I went into the N.A.C.B. Officers' Club in Cologne where my husband, who was with me, desired to see some friends about business.

I went into the reading room meanwhile, and had scarcely got seated when one of the members of the club staff approached and requested me to leave. The consequence was that for quite half an hour I had to remain standing in the entrance hall awaiting my husband's return.

If officers' wives are permitted to have meals in the club why on earth — if the reading room accommodation is inadequate —cannot a small room be allotted as a waiting-room for the wives of officers who have absolutely nowhere else central to go while trying to kill time during the temporary absence of their husbands.

ANNOYED WIFE.

AN INVITATION TO BOYS.

Sir,—Scoutmasters and Scouts at present serving in the Army of Occupation, have formed a circle which meets every Wednesday evening at 5.30 at the Y.M.C.A. Lindenthal.

There are several English boys staying in Cologne and if any of these lads, from 11 years old, whether scouts or not, would care to take advantage of such scout training as can be given them here, the members of the circle invite parents to allow their boys to come any Wednesday evening.

At the meeting held last week it was decided to devote the first hour i.e. 5.30-6.30, to any boys who may wish to take advantage of this invitation.

Should any parents desire any further information, will they kindly write to Scoutmaster c/o The Secretary Y.M.C.A., Lindenthal. *SCOUTMASTER.*

WINTER DANCING.

Sir,—Who would dare to interfere with the Y.M.C.A. amusements by suggesting that the Great Hall in the Central Y.M.C.A. should be used as a dance hall?

"Maxima" and "Hawkeye" must understand that we are not all dancers. And just to satisfy their craze everything is to be turned into a dance hall.

I am sure the Y.M.C.A. authorities themselves know what is best for the army's welfare without any help from dancers. *S. M.*

ENGLAND.

Far from the hearts of friends, where love
Is but a name, and fellowship
With men does nought save stronger prove
How close the ties, that daily grip
My heart, acclaim it,—ENGLAND.

England, thy glories I would sing,
Till every wind from overseas
Afar resounds, and mountains ring
With all thy praise. Upon my knees
I'd murmur soft a name,—ENGLAND.

May I be worthy of that name,
That parenthood, that English sons
Upon a foreign field in victor's fame
Have whispered ere they died, and won
Fresh laurels for the crown of
ENGLAND.

T. S. HUSS, Sgt.

BAYONET FENCING.

Southern Division Organise Interesting Competition.

2/4th HANTS ON TOP.

An exciting bayonet fencing competition was organised by the Southern Division, at Burscheid, when there was a large audience in the Gymnasium.

The officials were: Lt.-Col. Betts, D.S.O. Referee; Capt. Brown, M.C., Judge; C.S.M. I. Murray, A.G.S. Judge; and C.S.M. I. Stubbs, A.G.S., Recorder.

Nine Battalions competed and the 1st round was contested by the 52nd Devons and the 51st Royal Warwicks. The Warwicks won by 14 wins to 9. Other results are appended:—

SECOND ROUND.

51st R. Warwicks 16 15th Hants . . 7
53rd R. Warwicks 14 15th Devons . 9
51st Hants . . . 12 51st Devons . . 11
52nd R. Warwicks 9 2/4th Hants . . 14

SEMI-FINAL.

51st R. Warwicks 10 53rd R. Warwicks 13
51st Hants . . . 6 2/4 Hants . . . 17

FINAL.

53rd R. Warwicks 9 2/4th Hants . . 14

FIGHT FOR 3rd PLACE.

51st Hants . . . 14 51st R. Warwicks 9

Some exciting fencing took place in which the 2/4 Hants excelled. The whole proceedings were splendidly carried out by Lieut.-Col. Betts, D.S.O. and his able officials. The event should go far to further this grand old sport of which Lt.-Col. Betts is a past master.

THE LEEDS CITY SENSATION.

What Led Up to the Directors' Resignations.

The announcement that the whole of the Leeds City F.C. directorate had resigned was a bombshell to the football world, except to those who were acquainted with recent developments.

"Sporting Life" published some time ago the information that allegations of grave irregularities had been made against the conduct of Leeds City's affairs during war emergency football. The prima facie case established was so strong that a joint commission of the Football Association and the Football League, with Mr. J. C. Clegg as chairman, was appointed to investigate it.

Certain documents, which, it is believed contain important evidence, and which have been in possession of solicitors, were asked for, but the directors of the club assured the commission they could not produce them, as other parties were concerned, and the solicitors would not release them until the consent of all parties to this course had been obtained.

When the commission sat last week at Manchester the directors were again ordered to produce the documents, but again they sheltered themselves behind the plea that they could not persuade the solicitors to hand them over. The commission arrived at the conclusion that they could not proceed further without them, and they decided that unless they were produced on or before Oct. 6 the club should be suspended as from that date.

The documents have not been handed over to the F.A., and the voluntary resignation of the directors presumably follows unsuccessful attempts on their part to obtain the documents. The hope is entertained that, should a new set of directors be at once appointed, the Commission will not enforce the suspension until further efforts have been made to comply with their orders.

KILLED IN RUGBY MATCH.

Demobilized French Officer Succumbs to Injuries.

Lieut. Logues, just demobilized after four years' service in a French chasing squadron, who was taken prisoner and escaped from Germany, was killed on Monday playing in a rugby match between the Racing Club and the University Paris.

He was playing for the former when he was tackled and sustained injuries to his neck from which he died in the evening.

FEATHER-WEIGHT MATCHES AT N.S.C.

Feather-weight matches loom large at the National Sporting Club this month, seeing that one occupies pride of place in the programme each Monday night.

Thus on Oct. 13 we find Mike Honeyman, who is in the same interest as Conn, matched at 9st with Billy Marchant; on Oct. 20, the "special" night of the month, Jim Driscoll and Ledoux are to decide their match for stakes and purse money amounting to £1,450, although this is not at the standard feather-weight limit, but at 3lb less; while on Oct. 27 there is the match at 9st between Charlie Stone, of Taffs Well, and Fred Jones, of Rushden, a couple of boxers who have been doing exceedingly well of late.

From among all these men of the same division the committee should be able without difficulty to choose a couple of belt contestants.

AUSTRALIAN DERBY.

The Australian Jockey Club Derby, resulted in a dead-heat between Mr. A. D. Murphy's and Sir S. Hordern's Artilleryman and Mr. J. Baron's Richmondmain. The stakes were divided.

The Metropolitan race at Randwick, New South Wales, was won by Rebus (10—1), Kenilford (5—1) being second, and Amazonia (33—1) third. The winner won by a head, two lengths separating the second and third.

LONDON BETTING.

Cesarewitch.

100 to 12 Golden Melody; 9 to 1 King John and Unitoi; 100 to 7 Gay Lord; 20 to 1 Alasnam and Silver Bullet; 25 to 1 Invanhoe and Langdon Hills; 28 to 1 Sheriff's Officer and White Heat; 40 to 1 Warwick, Bridgend and Buckthorn.

Cambridgeshire.

100 to 7 Alasnam and My Dear; 100 to Zinovia and Rizzio; 20 to 1 Rivershore; 22 to 1 Domino; 25 to 1 Clarion and The Panther; 28 to 1 Glanmerrin.

MONDAY'S FOOTBALL.

Tottenham Hotspurs Defeated By Crystal Palace.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Millwall 5; Newport 1.
Gillingham 0; Plymouth 2.

Scottish League.

Raith 3; Clyde 1.
Dundee 3; Motherwell 0.

London Challenge Cup—2nd Round.

Fulham 0; Arsenal 0.
Queen's Park 2; West Ham 1.
Crystal Palace 3; Spurs 2.
Nunhead v. Chelsea postponed.

T.M.'s BEAT SCHOLARS.

VI Corps Schools v. Northern Division T.M.B.

In an interesting match, Pte. Mazza, the School's right back, played well throughout and Lt. Beale excelled himself.

The T.M.B. outside right played remarkably well, and made repeated attacks on the School goal. There was no score till after a half-hour of exciting play, when a splendid pass from L/Cpl. McFarlane was secured by Pte. Carr who beat Lt. Oldbury in the School goal with a difficult shot, making the score one-nil in the T.M.B. favour at half-time.

In the second half the game became still more furious, the T.M.B. forwards pressing again and again. However, the School backs did not allow them to have it all their own way, Pte. Costin especially distinguishing himself, while Lt. Oldbury made repeated saves, preventing the T.M.B. from any further scoring. Result: T.M.B. 1; VI Corps Schools 0.

ARCH FOOTBALLERS.

Rivalry of Record Breakers Elicits a Challenge.

The rivalry of the many Rhineland football teams whose records are much above the ordinary average is as keen as ever. A few days ago in these columns, was published the record of the B/246 Bde., R.G.A. team with the remark that it was doubtful whether any team in the British "Army of Occ." could beat them on their present form.

This has elicited a letter from the secretary of the A/187 Bde. R.F.A. team, whose achievements were enumerated in yesterday's issue of "The Cologne Post". He writes, "I consider the record of our team is quite as good as that of B/246 Bde. R.G.A. and we are open to play them on our ground at Eil on any day they wish."

A match between these tough customers should be interesting.

BETTER TEAM WINS.

No. 2 v. No. 3 Coy. Lancashire Divisional Train.

On Sunday, on No. 2 Coy.'s ground with a considerably strengthened team since the last meeting, coupled with the fact that No. 2 Coy. were without their dashing centre forward, No. 3 entertained visions of victory. The home team, however, with a re-arranged forward line, took command of the game right from the kick off and never looked anything else but winners. A few minutes from the start Earnshaw opened the scoring. This was soon followed by a good goal by Keegan. Before half time the visitors broke away and opened their account, Acton the home goalkeeper making a plucky attempt to save.

After the interval No. 2 kept the visitors penned in their own half of the field and had it not been for a splendid display by their goalkeeper, No. 3 Coy. would have been a few more goals down. Shots of every description were rained in on him and it says much for his ability that he was only beaten once this period, a shot from Earnshaw giving him no chance. No. 2 Coy., in winning this match by 3 goals to 1, still keep their undefeated record and on recent displays are likely to do so for some time. The winners' defence, after properly settling down, gave nothing away, Walker, Thornton and Dixon being unbeatable. The home forwards gave a good display, being all over their opponents.

D/190 BDE. R.F.A. V. 69TH AUX. STEAM COY.

Played on the Gunners' ground, at Polo Wiesen. First blood was drawn by the "Field," through neat combination in the forward line, after fifteen minutes. The home team continued to press hard, but were met with a stubborn defence, and sides changed over without further scoring. The second half was characteristic of the first, no scoring taking place for either team, though the Artillery pressed hard throughout. Result:—D/190 Bde. 1; Aux. SteamCoy., 0.

D/190 BDE. R.F.A. v. INNISKILLING DRAGOONS.

On the former's ground. This proved to be a very level and fast game, the ball swinging from one end of the ground to the other. The home forwards were a little too fast for their opponents, however, and managed to find the net after 20 minutes hard work. The Inniskillings pressed hard at the end of the first half, but the excellent play of Dvr. Bingham and Howard, and the cool game of Dvr. Morphew, in goal, kept them out. In the second half the play was confined more to the Inniskillings goal, and after some exciting minutes, a goal was again scored for the Gunners. The whistle blew shortly afterwards, leaving "D" winners by 2-0. The Battery team really played up splendidly, against a far heavier side, and every credit is due to their organisers, Sgts. Harris and Gaymer.

Death Of Noted Cricketer.

The death is announced of Ernest Halliwell, the well-known South African wicket-keeper, who collapsed following an amputation for a gangrened leg.

LEAGUE TABLES.

Position Of Clubs In Various Competitions.

W. B. ALBION LEADING.

The position of the clubs in the various League competitions on Saturday was as follows:—

The League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
West Bromwich Albion	8	6	0	2	22	12	12
Burnley	9	5	2	2	15	12	12
Bolton Wanderers	9	5	1	3	21	12	11
Newcastle United	9	4	3	2	21	7	11
Middlesbrough	9	4	3	2	13	12	11
Sheffield United	8	4	2	2	20	10	10
Manchester United	8	3	4	1	14	9	10
Bradford	8	4	1	3	14	9	9
Sunderland	8	4	1	3	16	13	9
Liverpool	8	4	1	3	11	11	9
Derby County	9	3	3	3	11	11	9
Notts County	8	3	2	3	13	13	8
Bradford City	9	3	2	4	17	17	8
Everton	8	4	0	4	16	17	8
The Arsenal	8	3	2	3	11	12	8
Blackburn Rovers	8	2	3	3	12	12	7
Chelsea	8	3	1	4	10	12	7
Manchester City	8	3	1	4	18	23	7
Oldham Athletic	8	2	1	5	12	17	5
Preston North End	8	1	2	5	9	24	4
Sheffield Wednesday	8	1	2	5	4	14	4
Aston Villa	8	1	1	6	6	17	3

Second Division Of The League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Tottenham Hotspur	7	7	1	0	29	5	15
Birmingham	8	5	2	1	19	6	12
Fulham	8	6	0	2	17	6	12
Blackpool	9	5	1	3	19	9	11
Stoke	8	5	1	2	13	10	11
Bristol City	7	4	2	1	10	4	10
Leeds City	8	4	2	2	17	10	10
Barnsley	8	4	1	3	17	7	9
Stockport County	8	3	3	2	12	6	9
Huddersfield Town	8	4	1	3	13	8	9
Wolverhampton	8	3	3	2	14	10	9
Notts Forest	9	2	4	3	10	9	8
Hull City	8	3	2	3	12	13	8
West Ham United	8	3	2	3	10	15	8
Leicester City	8	3	1	4	10	19	7
Rotherham County	9	3	0	6	7	18	6
South Shields	8	3	0	5	5	14	6
Clapton Orient	8	2	1	5	8	9	5
Bury	8	2	1	5	7	14	5
Grimsby Town	8	2	1	5	5	17	5
Lincoln City	8	0	3	5	4	27	3
Coventry City	8	0	0	8	4	26	0

Southern League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Portsmouth	9	6	2	1	17	5	14
Queen's Park Rangers	9	5	3	1	13	4	13
Watford	8	5	2	1	12	6	12
Reading	9	3	5	1	10	5	11
Southend United	9	3	4	2	10	7	10
Exeter City	8	3	4	1	9	7	10
Brentford	9	3	4	2	12	11	10
Millwall Athletic	9	3	4	2	14	13	10
Cardiff City	8	3	3	2	16	10	9
Crystal Palace	8	2	5	1	10	10	9
Southampton	9	4	1	4	12	13	9
Plymouth Argyle	8	3	2	3	11	6	8
Merthyr Town	9	2	4	3	13	11	8
Swindon Town	8	3	2	3	13	12	8
Norwich City	6	3	1	2	11	10	7
Brighton and Hove	8	2	2	4	8	12	6
Bristol Rovers	8	1	4	3	9	15	6
Luton Town	9	2	2	5	10	19	6
Gillingham	9	2	2	5	5	11	6
Swansea	8	2	1	5	7	11	5
Northampton	9	1	3	5	13	22	5
Newport County	9	1	2	6	6	18	4

Scottish League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Glasgow Rangers	11	9	1	1	33	6	19
Celtic	8	8	0	0	20	5	16
Motherwell	10	7	2	1	22	13	16
Ayr United	11	6	2	3	26	10	14
Airdrieonians	10	5	3	2	12	6	13
Partick Thistle	9	5	2	2	14	9	12
Heart of Midlothian	10	6	0	4	16	13	12
Hibernian	11	5	1	5	19	19	11
Greenock Morton	10	4	2	4	15	10	11
Aberdeen	10	4	2	4	15	14	10
Clyde	11	3	4	4	17	18	10
Queen's Park	11	3	3	5	13	17	9
Dumbarton	11	2	5	4	15	20	9
Third Lanark	10	3	3	4	13	18	9
St. Mirren	11	4	1	6	14	22	9
Clydebank	9	4	0	5	16	15	8
Dundee	9	3	1	5	10	13	7
Falkirk	12	3	1	8	13	25	7
Kilmarnock	11	3	1	7	12	33	7
Raith Rovers	11	2	2	7	21	29	6
Hamilton Academicals	11	2	2	7	19	30	6
Albion Rovers	9	3	0	6	9	19	6

McLEAN CHALLENGE CUP

A/50 v. C/50: Replayed Tie At Niederembt.

These teams, after having played a drawn game on C/50's ground, proved a great attraction on Saturday. C 50 at once became aggressive but good half-back work by A/50 prevented any danger. Each end was visited and a fine piece of forward work by the home team resulted in Bdr. Munsie, the speedy inside right, forcing his way through C/50's defence and sending in a fine low oblique shot which the goalie just managed to scrape past the upright. Half time came without either side scoring. The second half was even more keenly contested. C 50 had rearranged their forward line but failed to overpower the good defensive work of A 50, the r half-backs working like niggers. A word of praise is due to A/50's midget left-half, Dvr. Foster, who, by keenness and trickery invariably came out on top and fed his forwards well. C 50's defence was splendid, their right back, Bdr. Truefoot, being the team's salvation from defeat. The game ended in a goal-less draw which well represented the play.

51st V. 52nd NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Played at Marienburg Barracks on Saturday, in fine weather. The game had only just started when the 51st through some fine footwork broke through the 52nd defence, and Cpl. Atkinson, making no mistake, shot a fine goal. The 51st, still keeping up the pressure, scored another goal through Cpl. Atkinson. The 52nd with a desperate rush reached their opponents goal and the outside left tricking the defence scored brilliantly.

On the resumption on the game, the ball passed from one end of the field to the other, but neither side was able to take the opportunities offered. For the visitors, Capt. Pigg took an able command of the forward line and was conspicuous throughout the game for his fine judgment and head-work. Result. 51st Northumberland Fusiliers 2; 52nd Northumberland Fusiliers 1.

SWEETHEARTS
read "The Cologne Post". Send it daily to yours.

CHAMPION WRESTLER.

Winner of First Bout Rendered Unconscious.

CONDITION SERIOUS.

The world's wrestling championship took place at Geneva on Saturday night resulting in a victory for Cherpillod.

Deriaz won the first bout but became unconscious in the 2nd and Cherpillod was declared the winner amidst great cheers.

Deriaz was still unconscious after one hour. The doctor states his condition is serious.

CARPENTIER WINS IN SPAIN.

Georges Carpentier was to have boxed in the open air at San Sebastian on Sunday, Sept. 21, but owing to rain the affair was postponed for a week. Again, however, the contest had to be postponed for the same reason, and rather than take any more chances the promoters decided to bring off the match indoors last Monday evening.

Carpentier's opponent was Croisilles, who proved no match for the French champion, and was knocked out in the second round.

The King of Spain was present and offered his congratulations to the victor.

BASKET BALL CUP.

6th Corps Trophy Presented To 1/6 West Yorks Regt.

An interesting presentation took place on Monday morning when Lt.-Col. Barwell M.C. presented the 6th Corps Basket Ball cup and medals to the above team. He congratulated the players on their fine performance, adding that he was sure he was voicing the appreciation of his Battalion when he said that he was proud to command such a sporting unit. The unit he continued, was very disappointed in not winning the "Cologne Post" Cricket Cup but they had since satisfied themselves that the Cup had found its rightful resting place.

The C.O. said he was very sorry that he was parting with some of his best men owing to demobilization, but he hoped that those who remained would carry on the sporting traditions of the Battalion. The young guards should be taught so that they could follow.

Capt. Rees M.C. replying on behalf of the players, thanked the C.O. for his kind words and appreciation.

The cup was then handed to R.Q.M.S. Franks, no accommodation at present being available in the prize case.

SPORT IN BRIEF.

Disputed Goal.

Chelsea were rather lucky to beat Burnley, for the score was level at half-time, and the deciding goal, obtained by Abrams, was disputed, the ball lodging on top of the net, which was broken.

An Excellent Game.

A crowd of nearly 35,000 people watched an excellent game at Highbury, where The Arsenal had the better of the play but failed to score, and a goal shot by Shea half-way through the second half enabled Blackburn Rovers to win.

Scratched.

The following Rugby football matches, which should have been played on Saturday, were scratched:— United Services v. Blackheath, Pontypool v. Swansea, Moseley v. Manchester, and Rosslyn Park v. London Hospital.

Sporting Form.

Form more often works out correctly in golf and lawn tennis than in any other sport. It has done so again in the final stages of the "News of the World" golf tournament at Walton Heath.— "Sporting Life."

Not Won a Match.

Lincoln City and Coventry City, of the Second Division, are the only clubs who have not won a match.

Ring's New Chief of Staff.

Divisional Detective-Inspector C. Hawkins, who for the past six and a half years has had charge of the M. (Southwark) Division of the Metropolitan Police, having resigned the force after 30½ years, has now been apointed chief of staff at The Ring:

Cross-Country Season.

The cross-country season may be said to have generally opened on Saturday, although a few are holding over their opening runs until this week.

Greyhounds.

The two greyhounds Telesilla and Glad Surprise, by Hadfield out of Haggard Witch, have been purchased privately by Mr. W. Allinson and Mr. S. H. Child for 250gs., but they will remain under the charge of their trainer, J. Chields-Tomlinson, of Newmarket.

Feature of Game.

One of the features of the game between Richmond and London Scottish was the success of Robert Jones, of Bedford, at stand-off half-back for Richmond.

530,000 Spectators.

The strike did not prevent the playing of the important League matches arranged for Saturday. There was, indeed, an increase in the attendances, which, for the 33 matches, amounted to about 530,000 people.

Record Entry.

The autumn meeting of the St. Andrew's Artisan Club was held on Saturday over the Old Course. There was a record entry. Mr. John Melville won the scratch medal with a return of 79.

Isthmian League.

The two matches in the Isthmian League, arranged for Saturday—West Norwood v. Woking and Oxford City v. Civil Service—had to be postponed owing to the railway strike.

N.S.C. Season.

The National Sporting Club season opened on Monday night, when the chief contests were between two of the best feather-weights in the country, Joe Conn and Francis Rossi.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

A Concerto.

It was gratifying to find a large audience assembled in the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A., on Monday, for the announcement, "A Concerto Analysed and Illustrated" did not seem likely to make a wide appeal. Doubtless the reputations of Miss Merriman as a lecturer and violinist, and of Miss Nash as a pianist, attracted the music lovers in the Rhine Army; and certainly they had an evening of deep delight. Mendelssohn's concerto for the violin was the subject; and both in the lecture, in which it was analysed and in the playing by which it was illustrated, it was treated with exceptional knowledge and skill. Miss Merriman speaks with as much precision and force as is found in her playing; and by the use of a blackboard, she initiated her hearers into many mysteries of music which some of them must previously have thought to be above their powers of comprehension.

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At several points of the lecture, there were violin and piano illustrations of the exposition of the theme, and then Miss Merriman gave a brilliant rendering of the whole Concerto, entirely from memory. It was necessarily a long performance; but the audience was held spell-bound from the beginning to the end, finding new significance and therefore deeper delight in an old piece of music. Acknowledgement should be made of the aid given by Miss Nash at the piano where she proved that she can interpret "the Masters" as well as she renders her own compositions. Dr. Francis, in proposing a vote of thanks, stated that next Monday a concert will be given in the same Hall by Miss Nash (piano) Miss Merriman (violin) and Miss Beale (songs).

"The Jesters" Return.

With a brand new programme that remarkable combination of talent, "The Jesters" are once more back at the Palace Theatre, Cologne. They opened a week's engagement on Monday before a packed house and, without exception, the numbers were received with considerable enthusiasm. For variety, and the very high ability of each individual artiste, the performance of "The Jesters" would indeed be very, very difficult to equal anywhere. The company includes Mr. Joe Morley, the celebrated banjoist from the London Palladium; Miss Mabel Martin, an altogether delightful soprano with a voice of wonderful purity and power; Miss Jessie Mountjoy, a young lady who dispenses the daintiest little songs at the piano; Mr. Chass Lewis, a ventriloquist who has been described as being right in the front rank in his own particular line of business; Mr. Harry King and Mr. Frank Hook two of the richest comedians I remember seeing for a very long time. Under the direction of Mr. Alfred Hurley, the party is always bound to meet with approbation.

"The Indispensables."

During the summer months there was not a great deal of demand for indoor amusements in Duren, the delightful surroundings within easy reach of the town affording ample and healthy facilities to while away one's leisure time. Now, with the arrival of cool and dark evenings, however, entertainment caterers are once more coming to the forefront. Among the indoor amusements available, I notice that "The Indispensables," the concert party of the 5th Tank Bde. M.T. Coy. are due at the Stadt Theatre, on Thursday and Friday. Several of the many who saw this party during the recent tour in the Montjoie area are unstinting in their praises of the excellence of the performance they submit.

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A feature of the programme announced will be a spy farce entitled "A Collection will be Made," in which the successful comedian Cpl. Ellis will appear as the Rev. Cuthbert Cheese. He will be assisted in the laughter producing business by Sgt. Clark while others included in the programme will be Capt. Paltersen, Sgt.-Major Tribe, Q.M.S. Caulll, Cpl. Crisp and Ptes. Clark, Kaye and Voorsanger. There will be an orchestra under the conductorship of Cpl. Lamb.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	BEG.	END
Wednesday	Lobetanz	Thuille	7	9.30
Thursday	Othello	Verdi	7	10
Friday	Die Entführung aus dem Serail	Mozart	7	10
Saturday	Mignon	Thomas	7	10.15
Sunday	Fidelio	Beethoven	7	10
Monday	NO PERFORMANCE			
Tuesday	NO PERFORMANCE			

Schumann Oratorio.

The "Jatho Choir," well known in Cologne is giving a concert on Friday evening at 7.30 p.m. in the Bürgergesellschaft. With the participation of an orchestra of 50 artistes, the oratorio "Paradise and Peri" by Schumann will be performed.

INMAN v. REECE.

Opening Match at London's New Billiard Hall.

The billiard season in London opens this week with a match between Inman and Reece for £100 a side. The match, which is bound to attract considerable interest, commenced yesterday in the new match room opened by Messrs. Burroughes and Watts, in St. James Street. The two great rivals will play 15,000 up, of which the champion concedes 1000 start.

The meeting of Inman and Reece is always an appetising dish for followers of the game, says "The Sporting Life", but they have never met under such conditions as will surround the occasion under notice. In assisting at the house-warming of a new and up-to-date billiards hall the champion and his greatest rival will be playing under conditions that will fully test their adaptability and skill. The neutral playing conditions render a forecast of the result much in the nature of a gamble. Under normal circumstances Inman would probably start a pronounced favourite and more likely than not justify it, but Reece, ever an optimist, is unusually sanguine of being able to extend the champion during the next fortnight. Reece is particularly fit just now, and as he has been practising diligently for some time he should be in excellent trim. Inman is also very well, and as confident as always that the match will end in what he terms the usual discomfiture of Reece.

CAMBRIDGE RUGBY CAPTAIN.

Capt. John Greenwood, who captained Cambridge University Rugby XV in 1913, is going up again and has agreed to captain the XV this year. He will be in his fifth year, but the Oxford Union, recognising the need of Cambridge for matured players and a re-organisation of their team, has agreed to wave the old regulations limiting the number of years players can represent a university.

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1864 MARKS DIVIDED.

Eight Winners In Our Football Competition No. 2.

As we anticipated the number of coupons sent in in our second football competition was considerably in excess of the number in the opening contest.

The total number of entries was 1864 and no one succeeded in forecasting accurately the results of more than nine matches.

The sum of 1864 marks falls to be divided among eight competitors, all of whom sent in nine correct results out of a possible twelve.

An unusual feature of one of the coupons was the forecasting of winners in every case instead of losers, so that if the competitor had reversed his prophesies he would have been the winner of 1864 marks.

It is also interesting to note that a very large percentage of competitors correctly forecasted the draw between Queen's Park and St. Mirren.

Draws should be indicated by leaving both teams unmarked, and wins should not be recorded by affixing a cross, but by leaving the name of the winning team untouched. Losing teams should always be completely deleted.

Appended are the names of the prize-winners:—

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Sgt. C. Simpson, B.O.R., 52nd D.L.I.
Sgt. A. Turner, 12th R. Irish Rifles.
Pte. T. Myers, A. Mess, London Div., D.H.Q.
Pte. G. Cave, 91st Labour Coy.
A. Croft, 145 Army Troops, Bonner Wall, Cologne.
R. Baker, 153 Labour Coy.
Dvr. W. G. Fenby, R.E., 1st Pontoon Park, Zollstock.

Meanwhile coupons for this week's contest—No. 3—are reaching us by every post. Have you filled up yours?

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List of Rules.

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2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 3.

Date of matches, Saturday, Oct. 11th.
Closing date, Friday, Oct. 10th.

W. Bromwich	v. Bolton
Bradford	v. Newcastle U.
Preston	v. Aston Villa
Leeds City	v. South Shields
Lincoln	v. Barnsley
Notts Forest	v. Hull City
Rotherham	v. Bristol City
Bris of Rovers	v. Northampton
Gillingham	v. Millwall
Airdrie	v. Queen's Park
St. Mirren	v. Clyde
Falkirk	v. Clydebank

I enter Football Competition No. 3 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
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Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Evading the Lights Order.

I am told there are cases where riders of motor bikes are evading the regulation as to carrying a light at night. Riders of push bikes get hauled up but no one has the temerity to stop riders of mo, bikes travelling at thirty miles an hour, so they get off. Hardly sportsmanlike, to take advantage of speed in this way, though.

Not Solo.

In our Football Contest this week one of the competitors managed to forecast ten results wrong—some achievement. But unfortunately a football competition isn't solo whist; so the accomplishment counted for nought.

The Flotilla Mascot.

I saw quite a crowd the other morning watching the playful antics of a small monkey, tied to a capstan of one of the boats of the Rhine Flotilla and clad in a "regulation" blue naval coat. Once he nearly fell overboard during his tricks, and only his halter saved him from an unwilling plunge into the river, and dignified English soldiers, stern-faced Germans, and little children, looked each other straight in the face, and indulged in a hearty laugh.

Does She?

As a variation from the stereotyped "English spoken," a cafe propietor at Bonn announces in his window, "The waitress speaks English."

Eastern Pests.

One wonders if it is the presence of Tommy that accounts for so many Eastern hawkers in Cologne. These profiteering pests dog the soldier in cafe, cabaret and canteen, and are always at a pinch ready to part with their wares at a third of the figure which they first mention. But the merchant who last evening tried to sell a table centre with a representation of Albert Cathedral to a German must have had a sense of humour, for needless to say, no business was done.

Pay Only the Price.

Never on any account pay more than the proper price of 35pfg. for this paper. If any one demands more, will you report the case to this office?

As in England.

Down by the riverside the other evening I saw something which took my thoughts back to the early days of '15. Up in the North Country the humbler streets were always lavishly decorated with flags to celebrate a soldier's home coming. Now here in Cologne residents celebrate in like fashion the return of prisoners. One street was gay with bunting while the individual concerned held a reception on his doorstep.

From a Chess Player.

I have been asked if there is a British Military Chess Club formed anywhere in Cologne and if not whether such a club could not be started and the meetings held at some suitable centre such as the Empire Leave Club or Central Y.M.C.A.

A Weird Effect.

Brassards like everything else get dirty. At least that is the complaint of a lady correspondent. The white portion is changing colour and she fears the effect produced by the German weekly wash. One English wife was to be seen the other day wearing a brassard of Cambridge blue effect. The washing has not been exactly successful.

Motor Cars for England.

A point which has aroused considerable difference of opinion relates to the importation of motor cars into England. As cars are not now on the list of restricted imports members of the British Army may remove them from Germany without condition as regards re-sale.

Railway Notices.

A visitor to Cologne Hauptbahnhof will have noticed that the German notices—entrance, exit, no entrance, not exit, platform—have been left severely alone by the British Authorities, no English renderings having been added. The French, however, differ from us on this point, as may be observed in Mainz station, where each of the aforesaid notices has a French translation appended.

Mostly Captains.

I have been asked which is the rank of officer most commonly seen in Rhineland to-day. I pump for that of Captain.

Didn't Comply.

One at least of the big establishments that have been closed by the Cologne authorities because of their failure to comply with the conditions of the order as to price-marking is I hear up in arms and threatens legal proceedings against the City of Cologne for loss of trade.

Not so Small.

The reduction of troops in Rhineland will probably be found to be less drastic than some people suppose. A good many drafts replacing demobilized men have arrived, I hear.

Beautiful Bensberg.

I would advise any nature lovers who wish to view a beautiful blending of colours to pay a visit to Bensberg; they will be well rewarded. Around here are many meadows where hyacinths and autumnal blooms are growing in wild profusion. I noted too the "Autumn Crocus" a flower which like Shamrock grows only in certain parts. There is but one other spot in Europe where this pretty flower can be found and that is in the wilds of Galloway in Scotland.

Profits from Fruit.

The fruit trees bordering the country roads, the produce of which I am told, contributes to the local rates, must be bringing in a goodly sum this autumn, for the crops are splendid.

A Roof Garden.

There is an old lady living quite close to my billet who is passionately fond of flowers. She had even converted the roof of the house into a flower garden and each morning, might be seen, watering-can in hand, tending to her treasures. I had begun to take quite an interest in the progress of the little garden Heavenwards, but alas illness has overtaken her, and the flowers are now left neglected.

Sock Displays.

Do those young subs who float about Cologne with slacks at least a foot from the ground and displaying a plenitude of gay coloured sock consider they look very smart in the military sense? If so, I don't agree with them.

An Old Excuse.

Tradesman are quick to seize upon any old excuse for the non-supply of an article, particularly in the way of foodstuffs. The railway strike in England was put forward a day or two ago as a reason for non-delivery of an article that does not come from England at all.

For Business Men.

Starting to-morrow the Editor tells me he is arranging for a column to appear twice weekly which will especially appeal to those who are commercially engaged in Rhineland. It will be written by a business expert.

Mutual Benefit.

A Staff officer was telling me yesterday what a help to those in authority is our "Letter Box." It enables them to hear of grievances which otherwise might not come to their knowledge and thus they are able to remedy them promptly.

RHINELANDER.

WHAT TO SEE IN THE RHINELAND.

THE BERGISCHES LAND.

A few miles to the south-east of Solingen lies a district of rolling hills and narrow valleys, covered by thick woods, which the Germans speak of affectionately as Das Bergisches Land.

Undoubtedly the best way of seeing the country is to go with a native who is familiar with it, but if that is impossible, here is a route which takes one to several of the most noted places, and from beginning to end passes through a countryside of exceptional beauty.

Starting from Solingen market place, we take the tram to where the roads branch to Müngsten, Salberg, and Burg. From there we walk along the Burg road for about half a mile, until we come to a footpath on the right, leading downhill through the woods to Glüder.

THE ROUTE TO FOLLOW.

We follow this to the bottom of the valley and then up again past a water mill and along the side of the opposite ridge, through woods the whole way. A stream runs along the valley below us, and beyond rises the tree covered slope of the opposite hill. If we shout across the valley a fine echo answers us.

At length we come to a bridge across the little river — the Wupper — and crossing it climb, the other hill, and follow the path through the pines and heather and bilberries, until we reach the Glüder Talsperre, or reservoir.

Here a wall a hundred feet or more in height and a out fifteen or twenty feet wide at the top, has been built across the narrow valley, forming a dam which converts the upper half into a lake. Instead of crossing the dam, we turn back and go over the hill towards Burg, which soon comes into view, perched on a hill across the next valley, and dominated by the Schloss.

Very little of the old building remains, but the original style of architecture has been preserved in the modern additions. With its squat round towers, steep roofs, with dormer windows peeping out one above the other, and little turrets crowned with night caps, it has a quaint mediaeval air.

MANY ANCESTORS.

We can climb the hill to the Schloss, but it is occupied by troops and so the museum which is housed there is temporarily closed. However if we can find a friend there, we may go inside, and see the genealogical tree which traces the ex-Kaiser's descent from Adam.

Coming down again and into the main street, we see in the shops little rings of the bread for which Burg is famous, decorated with sprigs of heather, and supplied with ribbons, so that the visitor can go home with a "bröstel" from Burg hanging round his neck.

We follow the main street to the bridge and then turn off to the right along the path by the Wupper until we reach the toll-bridge. We cross that and find ourselves in the woods again.

The footpath leads us along the hillside by the Wupper until at last the Kaiser Wilhelm Bridge comes into sight, and after many windings we reach it and stand underneath it. It is a tremendous iron railway viaduct, with a huge central arch a hundred and seven metres in height and a length of five hundred metres.

If we like we can climb the hillside and go over the bridge, and then recrossing it, strike the Solingen road from Müngsten, or we can follow the lower pathway until it becomes a road, and after a long walk, brings us to the Schaberg-Solingen road, and so finally to the trams to Solingen, and the end of our day in the Bergisches Land.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Deptford as Garden City.—A garden city for Deptford is proposed.

A Striker!—A Dudley J. P. was among the strikers.

A Gift.—Lord Joicey has given Morpeth Town Hall to the borough council.

Going Up.—Faversham rates, including the water rate, are 16s. 5d. in the pound.

No Light.—The Palatinate is without electric light on account of coal shortage.

Turkey Again.—A ministerial crisis has broken out in Turkey.

King Albert's Tour.—King Albert is to visit Boston, Buffalo and California.

Ratified.—Italy ratified the Peace Treaty by a special order of the King.

Retained.—Some 6,000 temporary officers are to be retained in the American Army until 1920.

Returned.—The ex-Crown Prince, who went to Amerongen to call upon his father, is back in Wieringen.

In the Mendips.—The war memorial to Somerset men is to be erected on the Mendip Hills.

Women and Clubs.—Ex-service men are asking if it is not time Service Clubs at home did away with waitresses.

Rankers' Club.—There is a movement on foot to set up a Rankers' Club in London.

Wanted.—The Rhine Army Amusements officer wants actors and general assistants in theatrical business.

London's Troops.—The memorial to London troops will be placed in front of the Royal Exchange.

Generous.—A West Ham "vet" gratuitously examines horses bought by ex-soldiers.

The Effect.—In South Wales ex-service men's open air markets have brought down prices forty per cent.

Their Choice.—Lady Ludlow is likely to stand as a Town Council candidate at Luton.

Wanted: A Baby Camp. — Deptford Council suggests the making of a grant of £300 for a baby camp.

Why? — L.C.C. Housing Committee is opposing wooden huts as permanent dwellings.

Fatal.—Sergeant Bunting died from burns caused by an explosion in an R.A.F. motor-launch in Poole Harbour.

Small Beginnings. — Dudley Quarter Sessions were delayed a the motor with the prisoners broke drown.

Kid Gloved Stoker.—The stoker of a G.W.R. train which stopped at West Ealing wore kid gloves.

Back.—Some of the Forest of Dean collieries which had been idle half the week began work yesterday.

No Grooms.—Twenty-eight South Wales weddings were postponed through the non-arrival of the bridegrooms.

The Motor Show.—The November Show of the Society of Motor Manufacturers will be held at Olympia.

"Co-Op." Profiteers.—An anti-profiteering raid cost the Cinderford Co-operative Society, nearly £400.

Canadian Repatriation.—No free passages for men of Canadian Forces will be granted after December 31.

Royal Exhibitor.—The Prince of Wales was a prizewinner at the show of the Bristol Shorthorn Association.

The Bill.—According to German papers Germany has paid already 892,000,000 marks for the upkeep of occupation troops.

Relations Resumed.—Diplomatic relations between Italy and Austria have been resumed.

Novel.—An advertiser offers tea five days weekly for six months in return for two City rooms suitable for a tea room.

Economy.—Kensington having discarded street sweeping has saved £2,000 in fifteen months by the use of motor brooms.

Big Capital.—Four of the largest agricultural engineers in the country, have amalgamated with a capital of three millions sterling.

Silly Practice.—A Barnsbury woman died from burns caused by her nightdress catching fire when she was smoking a cigarette in bed.

Those Canteen Funds.—The National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers asks for direct representation on Lord Byng's Committee.

Price of a Seat.—The price of a seat at Vienna Opera house for the first performance of Strauss' new opera "The woman without shadow" was 200 crowns.

An Impost.—A conference will take place between the Allies and Germany on the question of custom taxes on goods entering occupied territory.

Census To-day.—A census is taking place throughout the whole of Germany to-day. The results will serve as basis for the distribution of foodstuffs.

Verboten.—Judging by the number of Germans prosecuted, the American authorities are intent upon stopping the wearing of military garments.

Refused.—East Ham has refused to license a slaughterhouse for the killing of horses for human consumption abroad.

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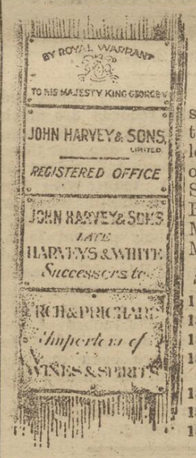

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NOTES FROM LONDON TOWN.

BEAU BRUMMELL AGAIN.

A number of London tailoring firms are going to make a bold experiment. Why not—they say—the ruffles, knee-breeches, and bright-coloured coats of the 18th century? They have started a movement to bring back the coloured garments of a couple of centuries ago. It is hoped to dress up a number of brave young men in costumes reminiscent of Beau Brummell and Monsieur Beaucaire, and set them perambulating the London streets on a missionary enterprise. A smart city suit, in this new-old era, will consist of something like this: A plum coloured, waisted lounge coat and breeches, yellow waistcoat with white stock, black hose and black shoes with silver buckles, a golden soft felt hat, and light cane. In evening dress stock and ruffles will take the place of the shirt front, and half an inch or so of trimming will be seen at the cuffs. The colours of evening suits will vary from scarlet to royal blue. It is pointed out that well-cut knee breeches will outlast any pair of trousers.

THAMES TUNNELS.

The place of Thames tunnels in London transport is recalled by the sixtieth anniversary of the death of the younger Brunel. His father's Thames Tunnel, begun ninety-five years ago, had been preceded by more than one projected subway, attempted and abandoned, the earliest, as far back as 1799, between Gravesend and Tilbury. The Brunels undertaking was only completed in 1847, after weary suspensions and by Government aid. But the first man through, from the Wapping side—where during the war the "old stairs" have been replaced by swift lifts—was the younger Brunel, who as a mere boy had assisted his undaunted father in his twenty years' fight for what looked like a lost cause. Wrongly advised by the geologists, the engineer tunnelled at a level which brought the crown of his arches within four feet of the river water. When P.W. Barlow, just fifty years ago, joined Tower Hill with Tooley-street, he drove his subway at an average of thirty feet below Thames water, through the solid London clay.

THE STRATFORD PLACE LIONS.

Before the war the house at the south-west corner of Stratford-place, in Oxford-street, was demolished. The fine residence at the opposite corner had long since made way for a bank. It is a pity that Stratford-place, dominated by the splendid Adam house in which Lord Derby lives to-day, could not have been left untouched. At the entrance to this notable cul-de-sac are two little eighteenth-century watchman's boxes, each surmounted by a lion. That on the City side was carefully preserved when the bank was built. Recently the long-delayed work of demolition was begun again at the other corner, and it is satisfactory to note that the lion there is carefully shielded from harm in a little wooden box. So that it would seem that the watchman's hutches, with their beasts atop, are to be preserved for all time.

OLDEST LONDON HOUSES.

Now that Crosby Hall has been removed to Chelsea and the Dick Whittington Tavern in Cloth Fair demolished, it will be difficult to find a more ancient dwelling-house in London than the picturesque building above the early Thirteenth Century archway, which has been for fully six centuries the western entrance to the oldest church in the City—St. Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield. The gateway, which shows the moulding and dog-tooth ornament characteristic of its period, and the fine superstructure were saved from obliteration in 1908-9. The old house and six feet of the adjoining, which hid the south side of the archway, cost £2,100, and the obstructive portion is now cleared away, thus leaving in full view one of the most interesting examples of Mediaeval architecture in London.

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News is asked for of 38848 Pte J. C. Toplis 4th Lincolns missing March 22nd 1918 near Bukecourt. Disc returned to Berlin July 5th or 6th 1918 without details. Can any reader oblige, if so communicate with J. W. Toplis, London Road, Grantham, England.

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ALLENBY'S FREEDOM.

PALESTINE VICTOR AT THE GUILDHALL.

Field Marshal Lord Allenby yesterday received the Freedom of the City of London in the presence of a notable company of soldiers, statesmen and civic dignitaries gathered in the Guildhall.

The victor of Palestine delivered a racy speech. He began by correcting a sligh error made by the City Chamberlain, who in his address said that Lord Allenby was not originally intended for the Army, having passed for the Indian Civil Service. Lord Allenby said that he had tried but failed to pass and he was happy now that he did fail.

With regard to the campaign in Palestine Lord Allenby emphasised his indebtedness to the 60th (London) Division under Sir John Shea, which took the leading part in the capture of Beersheba and was the Division which ultimately accepted the surrender of Jerusalem.

The General commanding had given orders to preserve Jerusalem from injury and the city was gradually surrounded and it surrendered without a shot having been fired in the neighbourhood.

He had such an army as no other man had ever commanded. Ten or twelve nationalities were represented. The 60th Division worked so hard that on one occasion the General commanding had to order the men to eat more, drink more and work less.

Emir Fiezul was a picturesque and majestic figure at the ceremony at the close of which Lord Allenby proceeded with the Lord Mayor to the Mansion House.

At luncheon the Premier said he had come to join in honouring a great soldier, who had contributed in a great degree to the overthrow of the Central Powers. Speaking of the recent strike he said that now the episode on the home front was over we must work together all ranks and classes for the good of the country. Prussianism in the industrial and economic world must not prevail. Great Britain had once more rendered a deep and lasting service to real freedom by defeating an effort to hold up the community and to strangle it into submission. He wished to thank the multitude who had come to the defence of the country and proved their efficiency. The nation meant to be strong and firm, a just master in its own household, but always master.

EUROPEAN AIR SERVICE.

FIRST LINK ESTABLISHED.

The Airco express aeroplanes, which fly daily between London and Paris, on Saturday completed their sixth week of continuous operation.

"I started this service," said Mr. Holt Thomas in an interview, "to show that besides providing transport at 100 miles an hour, aeroplanes can now be flown to a time-table in bad weather. We have since we began scheduled 86 flights. Of these, though on 28 days the weather was unfavourable, we accomplished no fewer than 83. Only one flight had to be abandoned through weather. On that day conditions were worse than they had been for years. The progress of another flight was interrupted by mist and exceptionally low clouds. As a proof that the aeroplane is no longer unreliable, I may mention that once only during 20,750 miles flying has a pilot alighted through mechanical trouble.

"The service is the first link in a European chain of 100 miles an hour aerial ways. Before long we shall be able to save, not merely hours, but days, in the transport of letters from London to some of the great Continental cities."

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS RESUMED.

It is a remarkable fact that no Railway accidents occurred during the strike. Yesterday, however, after the resumption of normal working, a train dashed into another at Carstairs Station. Two carriages were telescoped and a number of passengers were badly injured, one of whom has died. Soldiers and sailors assisted in the work of rescue.

WILSON IMPROVING.

Last night's bulletin from Washington says that President Wilson passed a comfortable day and continues to improve.

The "Echo de Paris" states that General Mangin, brother of the General commanding at Mayence, has been sent on a mission to Deniken.

Statistics for 1918 show that 92,132 civilian cases of tuberculosis were notified in England and Wales. There were also 4,273 cases among soldiers and sailors.

The death is announced at Sydney of Mr. Alfred Deakin, Premier of Australia from 1903 to 1910.

TANK CLAIMANTS.

FULL SIZED MODEL AT LINCOLN'S INN.

The old hall at Lincoln's Inn was crowded on Tuesday with claimants who desired bounties from the Crown for various inventions in connection with the evolution of the tanks. A fine specimen tank stood at rest in the sequestered courtyard of the Inn, brought there for demonstration purposes, while a scale model tank of the old fashioned variety stood behind Mr. Justice Sergeant, who presided. A brilliant array of Counsel was present.

The Attorney General, Sir Gordon Hewart, opened with a general historical survey of the development of the tank, pointing out the differences between the Mark I tank of 1916 and the subsequent improved edition of 1918.

He was emphatic on the point that solution of the question of credit or responsibility was not in itself the object of the enquiry. Its object was to decide who among the claimants was entitled to any and to what awards. He paid a warm tribute to the foresight, energy and persistence of Mr. Winston Churchill in connection with the development of the tank.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Secretary for War, then gave evidence. He mentioned the idea of the tanks as having been suggested by Mr. H. G. Wells, in an article written some years ago. Replying to the Attorney General, Mr. Churchill said he thought there was never a time when it was possible to say that the tanks had been invented, and it was impossible to say of any man that he invented the tank. Certainly, however, there was a time when the efforts of certain men culminated in its perfection.

In October 1914 he sent for Admiral Bacon, who subsequently produced a machine which crossed trenches by carrying a bridge which it laid down and after the crossing picked it up again as it proceeded. A certain number of these machines were made, but in June 1915 the War Office rejected the machine on account of its inability to cross a double line of trenches.

Incidentally, Mr. Churchill mentioned that had the war continued, the tanks would this year have been fitted with apparatus enabling them to discharge smoke clouds. Meanwhile he consulted Major Hetherington and Sir Tennyson D'Eyncourt and experimental work proceeded from which was evolved the model of those tanks which fought on the Somme in September 1916. These were the prototypes of all their successors. He himself was not a claimant.

General Swinton then opened his case. He contended that the tanks used to the end of the war were in general conformity with the suggestions originally advanced by him.

Mr. Churchill, cross-examined on behalf of Colonel Crompton, said the latter played a very useful and valuable part in discussions.

The enquiry was then adjourned.

DERELICT MINES.

DANGERS OF NAVIGATION.

The Prince of Monaco, who is one of the greatest authorities on ocean currents, has informed the French Academy of Science that stray mines will be a source of danger in the Atlantic for many months, particularly on European coasts, the Canaries, Madeira, the Azores and the Sargasso Sea.

The chief factor, he says, is the Gulf Stream, in which mines have been floating for four years. This current brings them back to Europe from America.

MIXED MARRIAGES.

HYMEN BUSY IN PARIS DURING THE WAR.

Official statistics of civic marriages in Paris during 1915-16-17, have just been issued. They show that 726 Belgians married French women; 336 Belgian women married Frenchmen; 149 Englishmen married French women; 72 English women married Frenchmen; 61 Americans married French women and 15 Frenchmen married American women.

ITALY RATIFIES PEACE.

The King of Italy ratified the Peace Treaties on Tuesday with Germany and Austria by virtue of his Royal Decree.

A large number of demobilized members of the City of London Regiment met at Anderton's Hotel on Monday night and decided to form a regimental association. It was resolved to hold an annual dinner and smoking concert to keep old comrades to touch with each other.

OUR BIG TEST.

EXAMPLE TO LABOUR THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

Various international aspects of the strike have been much in the minds of thoughtful people during the past few days. The "Times" says "An industrial crisis of such magnitude cannot pass in this country without causing repercussion in others where similar conditions exist and similar forces are at work. The war has left a world-wide social ferment behind it. In some countries the result has been a violent eruption, which has burst through the bounds of social order. In others with more liberal institutions and less explosive materials to hand the ferment has worked more quietly, but it is present and its force cannot be easily gauged. Much depends upon example, for the passions that underlie it are contagious. And Great Britain is a sort of testing ground. If disorder gained the upper hand here the effect would travel round the world like the shock of a great earthquake. Ours was the first country to develop industrialism, which is the special mark of our age, and the first to evolve those social problems that accompany it — problems of the modern town and the factory, relations of employers and employed and economic conditions of the people. Out of these have arisen the labour movements and we have led the way in all of them. Other countries have followed as they became industrialized. What happens here in regard to labour questions still gives the lead to other countries or at least exercises a strong influence. But there is another and perhaps in the present connection more important sense in which Great Britain is a testing ground. We possess a long-standing and well-founded reputation for sobriety and solidity of character. It is called stolidity by critics and common sense by admirers. They mean different aspects of the same quality. It was conspicuously displayed in the war, as our friends and enemies alike admit. The underlying question since the war has been whether it would see us safely through the ferment of peace. Interest abroad is natural and indeed inevitable, for if British common sense or stolidity failed to stand the test our enemies would rejoice and our friends' confidence would be severely shaken. It is impossible to set any limit to the results of a real breakdown here. On the other hand the triumph of the national quality makes for stability everywhere. For these reasons the railway strike and its outcome are events of world wide importance."

CABINET PARTNERS.

FUTURE CONTROL OF INDUSTRY.

Mr. Harry Gosling, President of the Transport Workers' Federation and Chairman of the Committee of mediators in the railway strike, advocates in an article in the "Daily News" a permanent central Trades Union committee empowered to act on behalf of Labour in negotiation with the Government. At present each unit of Labour has its head but there is none for the whole Labour movement when it comes to the matter of industrial action. The new body would be similar in constitution to the Executive of the Trade Union Congress but more closely knit, more powerful, and more readily brought into action. Mr. Gosling maintains that there is a tremendous and irresistible tide advancing, which is the movement of the workers toward a fuller share in the control of industry, a movement in the status of the employé to that of partner. He and his friends believe that the flow of such a tide is not only natural but right and they hold it to be their duty to direct it into valuable channels instead of trying to check it with brooms or send it rolling over all our ordered institutions. Briefly, he says, the time has come for our political cabinet to take an industrial partner, lest a worse thing befall us.

GERMAN EVASION.

SUPREME COUNCIL NOT SATISFIED

The Supreme Council in Paris considered yesterday the German reply regarding the evacuation of the Baltic provinces and decided that it is unsatisfactory. They have accordingly instructed Marshal Foch to send a fresh note.

AMERICAN OFFICERS RESIGN.

The American War Department announces that since the Armistice more than 1,700 officers of the United States Regular Army have resigned their commissions owing to inability to live on their present pay.

In a few weeks' time it is expected that this number will be considerably increased by the resignation of those officers who are relinquishing temporary ranks.

LIBERTY OF THE BRITISH PRESS.

At a meeting of the Committee of the London District of the Institute of Journalists, held yesterday, a resolution was passed recording strong disapproval of the attempt to apply trade union pressure in certain newspaper offices in order to prevent the free expression of public opinion, and expressing warm appreciation of the firm action taken by newspaper publishers to maintain, in the public interest, the traditional liberty of the British Press.

IRISH GAOL RIOT.

SINN FEINERS' DESPERATE OUTBREAK.

A serious outbreak occurred among Sinn Fein prisoners in Mountjoy prison, Dublin, About forty prisoners, twenty-six of whom were recently brought from Cork after hunger striking, have been agitating for so called political treatment and presented an ultimatum to the Governor threatening trouble unless their demands were granted.

Through the intervention of the Chaplain they consented to remain quiet through Sunday but at midnight they proceeded to wreck their cells, smash the windows and furniture and started to break through the walls.

All the prison warders were summoned to quell the outbreak but the disorder continued for several hours and numerous casualties were sustained by both sides.

WRAFS AND WRENS.

TRIBUTE TO SPLENDID WOMEN.

In view of the termination of the railway strike the demobilization of the W.R.E.N.S. and W.R.A.F.'s is being resumed. In the case of the former it is to be completed by the 15th October and the latter by the 8th November.

The Air Council has issued an order expressing appreciation of the good work of the W.R.A.F.S. The order says that despite difficulty and in face of hostile and unjust criticism, the W.R.A.F.'s have left a record of which they can well feel proud. Their good work went far towards enabling the Royal Air Force to reach the dominating position in the air which had been a direct influence in the achievement of the final victory.

NEGRO CONSPIRACY.

DISCOVERY OF PLOT TO MASSACRE WHITES.

Despatches from Arkansas report that sundry negros arrested there have revealed the existence of plans for a rising among the blacks of that district to massacre the whites. Confessions indicate that the negroes had arranged to assemble at certain points to shoot down the whites at sight. The Mayor of Pine Bluff reports that he has discovered 50,000 rounds of ammunition in the school house.

ROMANCE OF PAGE FOUR.

Have you the priceless gift of imagination? If so you can invariably find romance, tragedy and comedy in "The Rhineland Exchange," in which they jostle each other at the rate of four marks a line.

Look at to-day's announcements on page four. Lady Robertson has lost a brooch made of two tiger claws. Does that suggest the Commander-in-Chief's career in India and a personal trophy of the chase?

Then somebody who read a book during a performance at the Deutsches Theatre was too shy to speak to a fair neighbour. His plea for a letter is costing him twenty marks daily.

Again, although the Germans had not advanced as far as Bullecourt by the 22nd March last year, a private of the 4th Lincolns disappeared on that date and news is desired of his whereabouts.

Only the other day the late Sir H. Beerbohm Tree's car was advertised for sale. How did it get to Cologne? To-day, for 50 marks you can participate in a sweepstake for a this-year's 12 h.p. car.

Read the announcements daily. Sooner or later they will be of use to you.

FULL RATIONS NEXT WEEK.

Only sugar and butter will be rationed this week in England and the Ministry of Food hopes that it will be possible to resume full rations next week. The last consignment of milk for distribution from Hyde Park arrived yesterday and many lorries hitherto engaged in milk distribution have been diverted to other work.

At the end of last week there were 25,000 motor vehicles working for the Food Ministry all over the country, including privately owned and requisitioned vehicles, which are now being released.

MEDALS FOR CONDUCTING OFFICERS.

The Army Council has decided that draft conducting officers will be entitled to the War Medals awarded for service in the theatres of operations in which they served.

The communiqué says that the work of these officers (usually men having done considerable service and incapacitated for duty in the front line) if unobtrusive and not brought to public notice, yet contributed materially to the efficient conduct of the war.

FIRST PEACE HOUSE.

Without rate aid or State subsidy a private builder has completed a house which is now occupied at Clapham.

This is believed to be the first house in London built and occupied since the armistice.

SUMMARY COURT.

MILITARY POLICE SERGEANT ASSAULTED.

A savage assault on a military policeman at Dunwald had its sequel when Wilhelm Steinkruger of 116 Schnellweiderstrasse was charged with assaulting Sgt. Cobley. The Sergeant was in charge of a detachment of police, who were searching for six civilians wanted for assault. They entered a café and found Wilhelm and another man with two girls. Whilst examining their passes, Sgt. Copley was struck from behind and was set upon by all four. As a result of the assault he had seventeen cuts on his face. In the struggle the accused kicked him. His face was smothered in blood and altogether he was very badly knocked about. He was unable to draw his revolver or blow his whistle for assistance. The other man and the two girls escaped but he managed to stick to the prisoner.

Steinkruger's defence was that he wanted to stop the fight, but the other got away and the Sergeant overpowered him. He denied having committed any assault.

Steinkruger was sent to prison for five months.

While in charge of a wagon and two horses Georg Goldschmidt, of Riehl went to sleep and left the wagon drawn diagonally across the road. When a motor tender attempted to pass, the horses took fright with the result that there was a collision and Q. M. S. Byrne of the Rhine Army Troops M. T. Coy. was rendered unconscious. Goldschmidt, who stated that he had been driving for three days, practically without rest, was fined 100 marks

BALTIC EVACUATION.

GERMAN REPLY TO ALLIED NOTE.

A semi-official message published in Berlin reproduces the orders issued by Herr Noske, the Defence Minister, to the effect that the troops of the Sixth Reserve Corps shall be immediately brought back to the region of Schaulen, whence the transport to Germany of all troops will be arranged.

No further pay shall be given to any failing to obey marching orders. Transfer to Russian service is forbidden and made henceforth punishable. Germans already transferred are to be summoned to return to their regiments.

The Government declares that it is grimly determined to do everything in its power to fulfil its obligation in the matter of evacuation, but it protests strongly against the threat of a renewed blockade, pointing out the consequences for the civilian population. It finally suggests the appointment of a mixed German and Entente commission to take and supervise the necessary measures.

"OH! TO BE IN ENGLAND."

Complaints continue to be made by demobilized French soldiers who, having worked in England before the war, and having obtained positions there again, are prevented from going to them by the British passport authorities in Paris.

The explanation given at the Passport Office is that Frenchmen who have obtained positions in England must, before being permitted to enter the country, obtain authority from the Ministry of Labour and the employers. It is complained, however, that in almost every case authority is refused.

LEADERS OF THOUGHT.

According to the votes of the readers of Great Thoughts, the living leaders of thought are: Mr. Lloyd George, President Woodrow Wilson, Sir Oliver Lodge, Lord Leverhulme, Mr. Rudyard Kipling, Mr. H. G. Wells, Signor Guglielmo Marconi, Viscount Grey of Fallodon, Earl Haig, Marshal Foch (France), Mr. Thomas Alva Edison, Mr. H. A. L. Fisher, M.P., M. Clemenceau (France), Lord Northcliffe, Earl Beatty, Mr. H. H. Asquith, Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P., the Rev. Dr. J. H. Jowett, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and Mr. J. R. Clynes, M.P.

SHIPBUILDING SUPREMACY.

That mercantile marine supremacy, hard won by the United States during the war, is now passing back to Great Britain is the assertion of an American writer on shipping and commercial topics.

"The American shipyards have passed the peak of production," he writes "while the British yards are on the ascent, with every prospect of continued progress. Within a very short time Britain may have regained her lost laurels, the palm of production may have passed across the Atlantic for the second time."

LLANELLY BOXING STORY.

When the Llanelly Town Council yesterday dealt with an application by soldiers for the use of the Market Hall for boxing contests an amazing story was told by Alderman Joseph Roberts. He said that these contests did not end where they began and declared that after a recent match at Halfway Park, from 200 to 300 men were found at night in the People's Park. The majority were stripped to the waist and they were all fighting each other. The Council refused the application.

TEMPORARY RANK.

IMPORTANT CONCESSION TO W.O.'s AND N.C.O.'s.

An Army Council instruction states that Warrant Officers Class 1 or 2, or Non-Commissioned Officers serving at home or overseas may be promoted to temporary rank for the period of the Armies of Occupation (i. e. to 39th April 1920.) in the R.E., R.A.S.C., R.A.O.C., R.A.V.C., R.A.M.C., M.P.S.C. and Corps M.P. Promotions to temporary rank will not be made however from a date prior to September 25th, 1919.

Acting rank will not be given on regimental establishments except that in the interests of efficiency a vacancy for which promotion to temporary rank is permissible may in the first instance be filled by acting rank, but at the end of a period of two months the soldier so appointed, if considered qualified, must be given temporary rank equivalent to his acting rank, or if not considered fitted to perform the duties of his acting rank he must be reverted.

NEARING PETROGRAD.

BOLSHEVIST COMMUNICATIONS SEVERED.

According to reports from Stockholm the railway line between Pskoff and Petrograd has been cut and the Bolshevists forced to retire along roads which are very difficult owing to lack of horses. It is added that tanks have rendered valuable services in the offensive against Pskoff.

Intercepted Bolshevist wireless messages confirm the report that the Red Troops have lost Devinsk after violent street fighting.

The Swedish Foreign Office learns from private sources that the Swedish Legation in Petrograd has been sacked by Bolshevists. Enquiries are being made.

FINNISH REGENT'S POLICY.

General Mannerheim, former Commander in Chief of the Finnish White Army, and Regent of Finland, is now in London. In an important statement on Finnish aims and policy he considers that if the Allies only give the sign, Finland could still liberate Petrograd and the surrounding region from Bolshevist misrule. If the attempt is to be made at all, it must be made within the next few weeks before the frost sets in.

WAR GRATUITY PROGRESS.

The War Gratuity granted in December last has now been issued to the legal representatives of over 170,000 officers and men who died in the war. The cases of all who died on or before December 31, 1916, have now been taken in hand, and if the representatives of any of them have not already received a communication from the War Office on the subject of the gratuity, they should send particulars at once to the Secretary, War Office, Imperial Institute, London, S.W. 7. Until further notice, no application should be made in respect of officers or men who died after December 31, 1916.

LONDON CITIZEN GUARDS.

At a meeting convened by the Lord Mayor of London at the Mansion House yesterday it was resolved that citizen guards be enrolled. They will be affiliated for purposes of command, administration and finance with the City Police Reserve. These companies of citizen guards would only be utilized for protection of life and property in the City of London and only when the Commissioner of Police declares a state of emergency. Colonel Tempest Stone has been appointed organising officer.

MEMORIAL SCHEME ABANDONED.

The Vicar of St. Matthew's, Ealing Common, has abandoned his church colour scheme as a parish war memorial. A poll of the congregation resulted in an adverse vote of 83 to 71. The idea was to paint the interior "a warm shade of white" and to have medallion portraits of fallen soldiers above the ten pillars connected with festoons of flowers.

LIVING WAGE IN N.S.W.

In the New South Wales State House Assembly, Premier Holman announced that the standard "living wage" is to be increased from 60s to 77s 6d. weekly. He explained that this increase meant an additional burden on New South Wales industry of 6,500,000 pounds sterling per annum.

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

Baron von Eckardstein, formerly Counsellor of Embassy in London, professes to show in a book he is writing that between the years 1895 and 1901 the ex-Kaiser and Prince von Bülow rejected a number of offers from the British Government to form an Anglo-German alliance.

IRISH RIOTERS FIRED ON.

At Banbridge, near Belfast, the police fired on a crowd which was attempting to rescue a prisoner who had been arrested for placarding a notice concerning a proclaimed meeting. One lad was wounded in the thigh, and the crowd fled.

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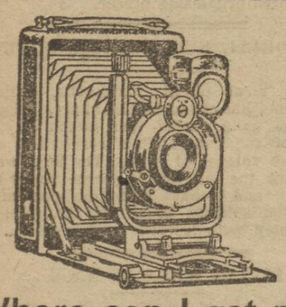
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BLOCKADE.

A blockade is merely a siege on a large scale, with a view to cutting off economic supplies and using this pressure, rather than the direct slaughter or mutilation of field-fighting, to compel surrender. Sieges have of course always been a recognised form of warfare and Troy is as famous as Marathon, the sieges of Metz and Paris in the war of 1870-71 as the battles of Gravelotte and Sedan.

A blockade is a siege from the sea, and is, except in the case of an island, necessarily only partial. While Paris in 1871 could be and was completely surrounded by the Germans so that the population, including of course the women and children, was entirely cut off from food supplies, the pressure exerted on a section of the frontier of a country which contains large agricultural tracts is of necessity far less severe than any other form of siege.

Yet the Germans, who would have been amazed had anyone suggested that their siege of Paris was not an ordinary method of warfare, and who in the late war sought by unrestricted submarine warfare against merchant vessels to starve England, consider our blockade of their coast an inhuman and wicked measure, and based much of their "hate" on it. This surely shows a most extraordinarily illogical mentality and perversity of judgment.

The fact is that their attempt was defeated, ours was successful. Hence the rancour. Had the reverse been the case, what would have been their astonishment had anyone protested against siege methods being a recognised form of warfare?

It is interesting to note the one essential difference in the power of blockade to-day as compared with previous wars. Take, for instance, the Civil War between the North and South of the United States in the sixties of the last century. All the elements of modern blockade were there, though mostly in their infancy. Armoured vessels with gun turrets, torpedo attack of a primitive kind, mines etc. were employed, though the rapid development of applied science, with the enormous use of electricity and the invention of the petrol engine, has intensified and improved these elements beyond comparison.

However, that knowledge is at the service of attackers and defenders, the old principles being merely developed and their application carried out on the increased scale made possible by greater production and improved technical knowledge.

But there is now as, I said, one new factor, so important to-day and so certain to be more so in the future, as to change essentially the possibilities and conditions of blockade. It is the appearance and swift development of aircraft—of travel in three dimensions instead of confined to two.

The submarine also comes to some extent under the three dimensional conditions, but the sea near the coasts being extremely shallow as compared with the air, blockade measures by mine or otherwise can be brought into line with the war in two dimensions.

It is evident that, given clouds at various altitudes, given the present power of aircraft to manoeuvre up to 20,000 feet and the rapid improvement in speed, range of action, and carrying capacity of both kinds of aircraft, the possibility of establishing an effective blockade is a new problem.

The difficulty of maintaining a thorough surveillance and, when required, an effective barrage curtain in any weather along a whole coast, and of catching or destroying air blockade-runners who have not just a single path to port but a wide and deep extent of country for which to make through heights of air and cloud—this difficulty is something which changes entirely the age-long principles and conditions of blockade. One thing is clearer than ever—the command of the air becomes as important as that of the sea

A DOUBTFUL "ISSUE."

Private Spratt had consistently refrained from wearing Service decorations. Neither chevrons nor ribbons added their touch of colour to relieve the drabness of his khaki.

It was not that he was a Bolshevist conscripted into service. He was quite regularly attested during the reign of Lord Derby, and his political opinions, so far as he expressed them, were as free of revolution as was his crime sheet of crime.

If asked to explain his reason for his failure to put up ribbons or chevrons, he invariably answered perfunctorily and hastily changed the subject.

He might easily so have continued till the day of his discharge had he not paraded one morning on the only subject for which men do parade — nowadays — Demobilization.

He obtained but little information on this subject — nothing, in fact, more definite than that his release would not take place till he was properly dressed.

In more direct language, he was told to put his ribbons up. He did so — at least, he put one of them up, and enabled us all to appreciate his failure previously to do so.

It was to Playhard to whom the solution of the mystery was first revealed, though we who "kipped" with him were all similarly favoured an hour or so later.

The revelation was made to Playhard in somewhat painful circumstances and is best described in his own words, as we heard them on the following morning.

"I was hanging round the Billet last night" he said, "wondering where to pass an hour and silently anathematizing the rain, when Spratt came to the door. I asked him where he was going, and he answered to a Cafe for some cocoa and would I care to come with him.

"As you know, Cocoa isn't exactly a cousin of mine, and it didn't seem quite the medicine for drooping spirits, so I tried to persuade him to come with me to the 'Coliseum,' for some liquid of a somewhat lighter hue and more exhilarating qualities.

"But he was in a Pussyfoot mood and as set on cocoa as most of us are on Demob, and thinking that perhaps cocoa in company might be better than champagne in solitude, I agreed to accompany him.

"The cafe was a bun-struggling sort of flare-up with scarcely any food worthy of a plate, and in desperation we plumped for four doughnuts — fit solid for our liquid.

"We had just given the order when, following my lead, Spratt removed his greatcoat. You could have knocked me down with a 'Z' form! He'd certainly got one ribbon up, and I could only give silent thanks to Heaven that he had decided to carry out the O. C's order by instalments.

"The ribbon, as it appeared on his tunic, resembled a tailor's sample suiting more than anything else of which the mind of man could conceive.

"He had spent the whole issue exactly as he received it, so that it sprawled from the end of his pocket to the button. It was a case of raw material usurping the position — and more than the position — of the finished article. It was more than a decoration: it was a challenge.

"If Jerry had any doubts on the subject of 'Who won the War?' Spratt's ribbon would have killed them at a five miles' range.

"I began to see the finger of Providence which had directed us to a comparatively deserted cafe and shuddered as I tried to imagine the scene had Spratt yielded to my entreaties to go to the the "Coliseum."

"Luckily, no troops entered, but some might arrive at any moment and I was beginning to feel that the atmosphere was getting a little unhealthy and the necessity for "taking cover" was becoming urgent.

"I began to seek means of escape as Spratt, perfectly unconcerned, and quite oblivious of the mental agony I was enduring, proceeded slowly on his doughnut debauch. Would he never finish? Apparently, he was there for "duration."

"The situation was getting desperate. Nearly choking myself with the comestible, I "remembered" that I had forgotten to lock my kit-box, containing, among some other valuables, a wallet in which reposed some 300 Marks.

"Thus excusing myself I escaped; three Jocks entered the cafe as I left it. What happened then I don't know, though I'd given my chances of demob. to have watched the scene unobserved."

We were all feeling pretty low in spirits that night. A drizzling rain had been falling throughout the day, and "kip" seemed the only place worth patronising.

It was about 9.0 when Spratt entered, throwing off his great-coat in a manner suggesting anxiety to furnish proofs of his compliance with the order he had received.

At 10.30 our billet still rang with echoes of the laughter which followed the removal of that garment. "One ribbon for making up his mind and another for coming up"—this, and similar pleasantries demonstrated the hilarious condition to which Private Spratt's ideas on the wearing of the ribbon had reduced the troops.

When, at length, his comrades had laughed themselves hoarse, Pte. Spratt, now bereft of all pride in his achievement, remarked, as if in extenuation,

"Well, I broke three needles putting it on, anyway."

The question now dividing our billet into parties is, "What will happen when Spratt puts up his chevrons?" After Playhard's narrow escape, none of us care to run the risk of his company on rainy days. We tremble for what new monstrosity may be revealed when next he removes his greatcoat.

E. Y. TELLUM.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

OPERA HOURS.

Sir,—Now that the closing hour in Cologne is so much later than it used to be would it not be possible for the Opera performances to start at a more rational hour than they do.

Most of us have to forego our dinners and be content to munch chocolate or a few biscuits during the performance. When we turn out it is usually too late to get a satisfactory meal.

What do others say? *CARMEN.*

WINTER DANCING.

Sir,—I have read with interest and appreciation the letters upon this subject addressed to you, and especially those of them that have suggested and those that have repudiated the suggestion that frequent dances should be given in the Great Hall of the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A.

Dancing may be not merely a recreation but also an educational influence; and those who afford facilities for it, under proper conventions are undoubtedly rendering great service to our troops.

The British Empire Leave Club deserves well of us all, for this, as for the other features of the varies activities promoted by its resourceful staff. "Maxina" and "Hawkeye" may rest assured that we shall give effect to their suggestion, if and when that can be done without detriment to our general scheme of work which as we believe, experience has proved to be the best that can be devised for the use of our premises and our resources in the interests of the troops in Cologne.

Every evening we have our great hall filled with men who come to our concerts and other entertainments: not infrequently it is "heaped up, pressed down, and running over." That means that we have an audience of from 1500 to 2000 men. Owing to certain structural peculiarities only a relatively small proportion of the Hall is level floor, and in consequence, every time that we had a dance, we should drive from 1000 to 1500 men from our doors. Possibly a few of them might care to be spectators; but certainly even these would prefer to see and hear such entertainments as we now provide. This gives us pause. *ALEC FRANCIS.*

OFFICERS' WIVES AND HOSPITALS

Sir,—Now that there are a large number of officers' wives in Rhineland I am sure some of them have a lot of spare time that they find difficult to occupy and I might suggest that they would fill in those weary hours visiting the patients in the different C.C.S. hospitals in Cologne.

Hospital life here is naturally dull and a daily visit from some of those ladies should play a big part in the rapid recovery of patients who always crave for sympathy and consolation from woman in their agonies.

I believe some officers' wives would be quite pleased to do this charitable and human work if they realised how much it would be appreciated by patients who must lie in bed for weeks without chatting with anyone except the busy sister and orderly. *A BED PATIENT.*

BRASSARDS—WHICH ARM?

Sir,—Reference the question raised, as to the correct arm on which brassards should be worn, it is a matter of little importance, but brassards being a distinctive sign should be worn on the "outside" arm. The "outside" or sword arm of a man is the "right," consequently that of woman the left.

Hence the difference in the position of buttons on male and female coats, so arranged as to permit of the outer hand being inserted for the sake of warmth, gloves or muffs not being contemplated when the garment was originally designed. *LIEUT-COLONEL.*

A PROFITEERING COMPLAINT.

Sir,—In answer to "Chance" I would like to refer him to G.R.O. 3424: if he has broken this order, is it wise to advertise the fact? *EXCHANGE.*

THE RATE OF EXCHANGE.

Sir,—In reply to "Twisted," I should like to point out that since the N.A.C.B. have raised their prices they have been prepared to change English money at the corresponding rate i. e. 120 Marks. for £1. I can vouch for the truth of this, having changed a £1 note myself a few days ago. This seems to me to justify them in altering their prices.

"SATISFIED."

TRIVIALITIES.

Sir,—I am a little tired of the reiterated complaints of some of your correspondents as to profiteering by Germans or in our canteens, the value of the mark, the quality of cups of tea and kindred commonplace and some time trifling topics.

I would like to see less reference to L. S. D. in your correspondence and more discussion on the bigger things of life.

Most of the complaints I see ventilated seem to me petty and make one feel that those who make them have nothing more vital to occupy their minds and their time. *VERAX.*

CABARETS AND LADIES.

Sir,—I wonder whether through your columns I could learn exactly what rule is in force with regard to cabarets and lady guests.

Last week I was at the Kaiserhof with an officer and his wife when I was asked if I was with my wife. On replying that the lady was the wife of the other officer, I was left in peace, but two officers who were sitting at the next table with two German girls had their names taken.

Although I am far from wishing to hold a brief for officers or men who fraternize with the late enemy, I must say it is universally believed that this is allowed.

If there is a G.R.O. against it perhaps one of your readers could quote the number and explain whether it extends to prohibiting one from sitting at the same table as a German, of whom one may know nothing?

If so, should not this be known to café proprietors, as was formerly the case, so that they might warn officers and men against sitting at a table where a German already was, and Germans against sharing a table with an Englishman?

CLEAR HEAD.

OVER FASTIDIOUS.

Sir, — I support E.E.D. in his timely protest. It is out of place for those whose wants are catered for so generously to cavil if certain shows provided may not happen to be quite up to the mark or up to the standard these hard-to-please people set up.

Do they realise the immense amount of voluntary work that is entailed and that while they can sit still and criticise these fellows are spending hours in preparing these entertainments for them?

I am glad E.E.D. has spoken out because I know he voices what many have felt but have not cared to write about. *Y. McC.*

OUR MUSICAL TASTE.

Sir, — Your correspondent "B Flat" complacently pats us all on the back with the self-satisfied remark: "We are a musical nation, we are, we are, we are."

But these are only words. Turn to facts and what do we find? London — the greatest city in the world — can with difficulty support one Opera house for a limited season.

Is there any other place in Great Britain of the size of Cologne or larger that can boast an Opera house at all?

Quite apart from opera going, however, what proportion of the people of England can play a musical instrument or even know the notes of music or how to sing a tune?

No, "B Flat" you are hopelessly wrong. We, British can justly claim to be good business people, good engineers, and good shipbuilders, good miners and explorers, but when it comes to the arts such as music, let us please be more modest.

C. SHARP.

ORDNANCE SHOPPING.

Sir,—If all those who have reason to complain of their wasted time at the Officers' Clothing Store were to write you, it would be necessary to publish a series of supplements to the Cologne Post merely for typical extracts from their letters.

Surely a better system could be devised with quicker service. Why, for instance, should officers whose requirements could be settled at once be kept fuming outside the barrier whilst an attendant is only occupied in waiting for the decision of another officer who is trying on pairs of boots.

Assuming that the time of officers is worth something to their country, the aggregate loss resulting from repeated fruitless visits and hours of protracted waiting must be enormous, to say nothing of the inconvenience and annoyance caused to the individual officers.

DISGRUNTLED.

THE WINE TAX.

Sir,—I see by Battalion Orders to-night that one does not pay wine tax on one dozen or more bottles.

Officers and Sergeants' Messes are protected by the above order, but anyone who wants a glass or bottle in a cafe must pay what the German wants to charge.

On the wine cards one used to see the cost of the wine and then the tax. Now the wine cards have one price which says "Incl. Steuer". Can any of your readers tell me what percentage is charged as tax? I understood it to be ten per cent, but in two cafes in Bonn on wine priced at M. 20 the tax was 3.70 and 5.60. Why the difference?

In the U.S.A. area, soldiers do not pay the wine tax, and the wine card is stamped and dated. I am given to understand that this card cannot be altered unless made out again and restamped.

Something of this sort would be very welcome in the British area, and would stop the British soldiers from being robbed.

W.O.

ARE WOMEN CARELESS?

Sir,—Of course they are! Don't they marry US. *O. WYNOTT.*

LEEDS CITY SUSPENDED.

Lord Mayor Proposes To Manage The Club.

DOCUMENTS STILL MISSING.

The reported resignation of the Leeds City F.C. directorate is now followed by the announcement that the club has been suspended.

As stated yesterday, it appears that the directors were ordered to produce certain documents in connection with the Football Association investigation into the charge against the club of making illegal payments to players. As these documents were not forthcoming, the club has been suspended.

Meanwhile the Lord Mayor of Leeds, who was a former director of the club, proposes that he should be allowed to take over the management of the club until a new company is formed. In the hope that such an arrangement may be acceptable to the Football Association, the present directors offered to resign.

The Lord Mayor interviewed a member of the Football Association Commission yesterday and it is hoped that as a result the club may be saved from permanent suspension.

ENGLAND V. AUSTRALIA.

Team to be sent to Antipodes in 1920-21.

The Marybone Cricket Club Committee sent a telegram to the Australian Board of Control on Tuesday saying:—

"Regret we cannot contemplate Australian visit in 1920 but we will endeavour to send a team to Australia in 1920-21 and would be glad to receive a visit from Australia in 1921."

The first class counties who were all consulted were about equally divided as to the Australians being asked to come here next summer.

YACHTING IN BELGIUM.

Lt.-Col. Stone Finishes Third In King's Trophy.

There were six starters in the yacht race for the King's trophy at Brussels. The result was as follows:—

Argonaute (Colonel Cornely, Belgium), 1;
Aeronaute (Lieutenant Connerade, Belgium), 2;
Duckling (Lieutenant-Colonel Stone, Great Britain), 3.

NEW BILLIARDS HALL.

Inman and Reece Begin a Match of 16,000 Up.

Messrs. Burroughes and Watts opened their new billiards hall at the corner of St. James's street and Piccadilly on Monday afternoon, when Inman and Reece began a match of 16,000 up, Reece receiving 1,000 start, for £100 a side.

Reece was the first to find his touch, and in the opening hour he scored twice as fast as the champion, putting up breaks of 78, 95, 53 and 63. Late in the session Inman contributed a brilliant break of 357, and afterwards ran to his points with 59 unfinished; previously his best had been 54, 77 and 61.

Interval scores: Reece, 1,349; Inman, 638.

In the evening Reece made breaks of 226 and 217. Closing scores:—Reece in play 2,100; Inman 1,235.

Rugby Result.

Pontypool 3; Newport 3.

LAWN TENNIS.

Covered Courts Meeting At Queen's Club Postponed.

It has been decided to postpone until the 20th inst. the start of the covered courts lawn tennis championship meeting at Queen's Club, originally fixed for this week, owing to certain structural alterations not having been completed. The programme will include men's singles' ladies' singles, men's doubles, and ladies, and men's doubles championships. The entries will close on Thursday, the 16th inst., and the draw will take place on the following afternoon at three o'clock.

TENNIS MATCH.

No. 1. R. S. Coy v No. 6. R. T. Coy at Mulheim.

An interesting tennis match took place on Tuesday afternoon between No. 1 Light Railway Signal Coy and No. 6 Railway Telegraph Coy on the latter's ground at Mulheim.

The game was keenly contested, but the visitors, who had journeyed from Duren, found the terrific service of Captain H. M. Chrystal rather demoralizing and the home couple secured an easy victory. Result:—6—2; 6—1.

HOCKEY.

3rd Bn. M.G.C. beat 51st Northumberland Fusiliers at Riehl.

A good game was witnessed two days ago when the Gunners were at home to the 51st Northumberland Fus. From the bully-off, the team started to press, and after a short time a nice shot from Major Bennett put them one up. The game continued to be in the visitors half, for the most part, and before half time Lieut. Winchcombe added another goal for the "Emma Gees."

On resumption the visitors seemed to get together better, but all their attacks were broken up by the defence of their opponents especially the half backs where Lts. Roberts and Derry and Pte. Rees played a sterling game. Lieut. Smith and Sergt. Neal each added to the score of the home side, and a fast and sporting game ended with the result—3rd Bn. M.G.C. 4, 51st N.F's. 0.

London Betting.

The latest London betting over the Cesarewitch discloses a shortening in price of King John which has dropped from 9—1 to 7—1.

ANGLO-BELGIAN GOLF.

Royal Golf Club Brussels v. British Army Of The Rhine.

The following were the results of an interesting golf match played at Brussels on Sunday between the Royal Golf Club, Brussels and the British Army of the Rhine. The names of the Belgian players are given first.

SINGLES.

Mr. J. Pannell (4 and 3) 1 v. Lieut.-Col. A. G. Barry 0.
M. E. Solvay 0 v. Captain A. H. Head (5 and 4) 1.
Baron Lambert 0 v. Lieut.-Col. W. F. Lumsden (4 and 3) 1.
M. P. Hamoir 0 v. Comdr. The Hon. F. Acheson (4 and 3) 1.
Baron Sadoine 0 v. Colonel D. H. Biddle (4 and 3) 1.
M. H. Charles (4 and 3) 1 v. Major-Genr. Sir R. Hutchinson 0.
M. P. Houget (2 up.) 1 v. Captain Dabell 0.
M. du Vivier (9 and 7) 1 v. Major R. G. F. Saunders 0.
M. Paquet (4 and 2) 1 v. Major-General Sir A. Chichester 0.
M. St. Paul de Sincay 0 v. Mrs. Acheson (2 and 1) 1.

FOURSOMES.

Pannell and Solvay 2 v. Barry and Read 0.
Lambert and Charles 0 v. Lumsden and Hutchinson 2.
Hamoir and Sadoine 2 v. Acheson and Biddle 0.
Paquet and de Sincay 2 v. Dabell and Mrs. Acheson. 0.
Du Vivier and Houget 2 v. Chichester and Saunders 0.

CESAREWITCH PROBLEM.

Some Light on the Big Newmarket Handicap.

The problem of the Cesarewitch run on October 15th is occupying the attention of many racing scribes. Writing on the subject "Boris" in the "Referee" says:

Immediately after the publication of the acceptances for the Cesarewitch I named five horses which I thought included what would probably be my final selection or selections for that event. Since then Keysoe has been scratched, but the remaining four still hold good, so far as such probability is concerned. They are Golden Melody, Gay Lord, Ivanhoe, and Chuette. Golden Melody beat Ivanhoe fairly and squarely in the Stayers' Handicap at Gatwick and with a couple of extra furlongs to go in the Cesarewitch the weights only favour Ivanhoe to the extent of 1 lb.

Still if I were compelled to back one or the other I am not at all certain which I should choose, and if Gay Lord is better than Ivanhoe at the weights, and should represent Mr. James White at Newmarket, I fancy that I should be tempted to back both of them. At Gatwick Golden Melody was quite capably ridden by one of Escott's apprentices named Speck, and I understand that the boy will ride the gelding in the more important race.

On the next day at Gatwick Speck scored again by winning on Longerline for Mr. Bottomley. The Newbury Autumn Cup on Friday, won by Silver Bridge, showed us that Langdon Hills, beaten a couple of lengths, may have to be reckoned with in the Cesarewitch, but told us nothing about Unitoi, whose change at Newmarket is highly thought of in some quarters. Unitoi was left at the post, and cantered in after the others.

Later in the afternoon it was announced that the jockey concerned, F. Lane, had been suspended for the rest of the meeting. Unitoi had opened a strong favourite, and finished up a firm second at 7 to 2, so that many were naturally disappointed at what amounted to not getting a run for their money.

Tattenham in the "Sunday Express" writes as follows:

ALASNAM.

What about Alasnam? The question has greatly troubled those who are interested in Cesarewitch prospects, for Sir Abe Bailey's colt has undoubtedly been substantially supported, and he belongs to a stable which is not in the habit of making many mistakes. Four or five weeks ago, when every one seemed to have Gipsy Lad as a supposed "good thing" for the Cambridgeshire, I was assured that Alasnam would be the best from Reginald Day's stable in that race. It came as a surprise, therefore, to find him a strong order for the long-distance event, and the story now is that he is expected to bring off the double!

The student of form is baffled when he endeavours to estimate the prospects of a three-year-old who has only once been seen in public this season, and was then "down the course," in a five-furlong affair. If you turn up Alasnam's two-year-old running, however, you will realise that the handicapper may easily have blundered badly in letting in Sir Abe Bailey's colt with bottom weight in the two autumn handicaps. On one occasion the colt finished in front of Sir Douglas at even weights, and proved himself to be very little behind Mademoiselle Foch. Alasnam is essentially one to watch in the market.

THE PUZZLE.

We all looked forward with keen expectancy to the Newbury Autumn Cup, and now that it has been run what help does it give us in the task of unravelling the Cesarewitch problem? Its effect has been to make the big Newmarket race more interesting than ever. Instead of making the issue appear clearer, it has tied it into even a more difficult knot than before. First, you have to consider Unitoi. Most unluckily for his hundreds of backers, he took no part in Friday's race, but you cannot overlook the fact that he was supported with much confidence by those connected with his stable, and it is just possible that he will compensate for their bad luck by carrying off the Cesarewitch. Obviously, Unitoi had been well tried to get the distance, and it is expected that he will have no difficulty in staying the Cesarewitch course.

THE LATE CHARLES HART.

At The Ring a collection was made on behalf of the widow of the late Charles Hart—son of the well-known distance runner, C. W. Hart—who was knocked down by a heavy motor lorry while assisting his father in his attempt to run from London to Bath and back last Wednesday. £56 8s. was quickly collected.

"NO CONTEST."

Tame Fighting in Opening Day's Programme at N.S.C.

CONN v. ROSSI.

The chief event in the opening programme of the new boxing season at the National Sporting Club, on Monday, petered out in a disappointing manner.

The contest, over 20 rounds, was between Joe Conn, of Bow, and Francis Rossi, Pontypridd, but so tame was the display that a "no contest" verdict was returned in the seventeenth round.

Both men appeared to box much below real form and the opening rounds were quiet, Conn being slightly more aggressive than his opponent. Rossi livened up somewhat in the 10th round, scoring with the blows to the face. The boxing was clever, but each man seemed to be adopting safety tactics. The exchanges continued in a monotonous manner, so much so, in fact, that by the 12th round the spectators began to file out.

As the pace failed to increase to any appreciable extent the referee, without previous warning, stopped the fight in the 17th round saying he was satisfied that neither man was trying. As stated he declared the fight "no contest."

NOT FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The match was originally intended to decide the feather-weight championship in connection with which the Lonsdale Belt would be awarded. Events during the "close" season caused an alteration in the arrangements, however. Rossi won certain renown by drawing with Jim Driscoll in a fifteen round contest, but when he could achieve no more decisive result against George Hinds (Wickham) his sanguine future received a set-back. This was intensified when, later, Hinds was defeated by Mike Honeyman. Conn also lost a match, the decision of which, according to form, should have fallen to him. Hence the re-arrangements in Monday's match.

The principal fight which ended so tamely was preceeded by a contest between Johnny Broker, of Marylebone, and Frank Kestrell of Cardiff. In a 15 rounds fight, Broker was given the verdict on points.

BASHAM V. BILLY WELLS.

A welter-weight contest between Johnny Basham and Bermondsey Billy Wells has been fixed for Saturday, at the Holborn Stadium.

McGOORTY AND CARPENTIER.

Eddie McGoorty, the American boxer, is proceeding to Carpentier's training camp to act as a sparring partner and to assist Carpentier in his preparations for his forthcoming fight with Beckett, the English champion.

BOXING AT THE RING.

In a 20-rounds contest at the Ring between W. Fry (Tylorstown) and J. Starmer (Kettering), Fry won in the second round.

A FAST GAME.

78th Labour Coy. v. 5th R.T.C. at Kalk.

An exciting game was witnessed at Kalk on Tuesday afternoon when the 78th Labour Coy. entertained the 5th R.T.C. in a friendly match. The 5th R.T.C. won the toss and elected to play with the wind, in spite of which the 78th Labour Coy broke away and Withington, the centre forward, scored, within the first five minutes. The game now became pretty even both sides playing good all round football. Half time:—78th Labour Coy 1; 5th R.T.C., 0.

In the second half Withington again got through and scored within the first few minutes, beating four men. The superiority of the 78th Labour Coy. now became evident; after a few more minutes Clark scored the third. The 78th now pressed and after ten minutes hard play one of the 5th R.T.C. fouled within the penalty area. C.S.M. Fox took the penalty and scored with a fast ground shot, the goalkeeper having no chance at all. Nothing further was scored and a very good fast game ended with the score:—

78th Labour Coy. 4;
5th R.T.C....0.

SOUTHERN DIV. SIGNALS.

H.Q. Section beat Sand in Inter-Section Final.

The match was played on the Signal Ground at Altenberg, and proved the best of a series of hard fought games. Sand opened with the wind which was blowing strongly down the ground. From the start the game was very fast, Sand getting slightly the better of the play. After good combination on the left, Spiers scored for Sand with a nice cross shot. The Sand forwards continued to press strongly, but the opposing defence was equal to the occasion, and half time arrived with Sand leading by one goal.

On resuming, the H.Q. forwards, making full use of the wind which was now in their favour, assumed the attack and took the game well into their opponents half. At this period of the game an H.Q. forward was brought down outside the 25 yards area, and from the resultant free kick Ketteringham scored a lovely goal. H.Q. were not to be denied, however, and after good work on the left wing Whitcombe put in a perfect centre which Lyons converted. The H.Q. supporters now feeling assured of victory gave full vent to their vocal powers and amidst great excitement time arrived with H.Q. winners by 2—1.

NEWMARKET TOWN PLATE.

The race for the Newmarket Town Plate will be run at Newmarket to-day. The race was established by King Charles II. in 1666, to be run at noon on the second Thursday in October for ever on the Round Course at Newmarket. The prize is the rent of a parcel of land together with the entries for the previous year's race. Mr. Robert Sievier won it last year with Green Falcon.

ARMY RUGBY.

Fifty Players Invited To West Kensington.

PROBABLES V. POSSIBLES.

Prevented, through the railway strike from bringing off the first of their trial games at the Queen's Club, the Army Union have little time left in which to build up the first-class side necessary for the formidable programme arranged. There exists, of course, plenty of material, but the quality is at the moment unknown, and a fifteen well equipped at all points must be ready within the next fortnight. To this end (writes Col. Philip Trevor C.B.E. in the "Daily Telegraph.") some forty or fifty players from all parts of the country have been asked to put in an appearance at the West Kensington enclosure next Saturday, and in the course of the afternoon all who do so are to be given a trial.

A week later a team of Probables oppose a side of Possibles, and four days afterwards the Army take the field against the University at Cambridge. With so much uncertain at the moment, it is fortunate, that if next Saturday's match fails to reveal any large amount of fresh talent, the Army executive have available something more than the nucleus of a powerful fifteen in several of the players who last spring, appearing for the Mother Country in the Inter-Services Competition, made such a close fight for the King's Cup. Among these are Lieutenant H. L. V Day, the wing three-quarter, and scrummagers in Captain Finlay, Captain Hedderwick, Major Lawless, C.S.M.I. Jones. Possibly also Major E. S. N. W. Harrison, a very speedy three-quarter, will turn out, and Captain McIlwaine, the England international; while others of good experience on the Rugby field are Major Rodrick (Llanelly), Captain Hedley (Durham), and Lieutenant Jones (Newport).

RHINE ARMY TROOPS M.T. COY. v. D. of S. and T. G.H.Q.

The meeting of these two teams on Saturday at Poll resulted in a win for the Rhine Army Troops by five goals to two. The first half was evenly contested, first one side and then the other striving hard for the opening goal, which eventually came to the M.T. Coy. the scorer being Lieut. Hodgson, whose shot the goalie was unable to hold.

During the second half, further goals were registered by Lieut. Hodgson, Cpl. Widdowson, Eatch and Hamilton for the winners but the G.H.Q. team were not entirely out of the picture, as they managed to score twice before the whistle sounded for time. Result: Rhine Army Troops M.T. Coy., 5; D. of S. and T. G.H.Q. 2.

"C" COY. v. DRUMS 52nd K.L.R.

This match was played at Obercassel on Monday. There was only one goal scored before the interval and that was obtained for "C" Coy. by Hampson from a penalty. "C" Coy. opened the second half rather sensationally. Lt. Long, leading the attack, helped splendidly by the inside men, rushed down and scored with a shot which left the goalie helpless. Later, another goal was obtained by Spence who scored with a fine shot. Good play was seen on both sides after this but the "Drums" although they tried hard could not penetrate "C" Coys. defence, and the final came with the score:—"C" Coy. 3; "Drums" 0.

G.H.Q., SERGEANTS' MESS RIFLE CLUB

At the Weekly Spoon Shoot which took place on the Merheim Ranges on Saturday last, Staff/Sergt., Withers R.A.S.C., won the Spoon with a score of 88.

The next Shoot will take place on Saturday next. Two prizes will be given. Meet at No 1. Sergts. Mess., Salomongasse 13.30 hours prompt.

SPORT IN BRIEF.

Hole In 1.

Playing on the Tooting Bec Club's course, S. Yotsumoto holed out the eleventh hole—238 yards—in 1.

Newport v. Reading.

Newport did most of the attacking in their home game with Reading, but the visitors' defence was very good.

Percy Jones' Benefit.

Rhondda sportsmen intend to make a huge success of the "benefit" for Sgt. Percy Jones, the ex-fly-weight champion. It is likely that Joe Beckett and Eddie McGoorty will be present.

Royal Liverpool Club.

Seventy members competed on the first day of the autumn meeting of the Royal Liverpool Club. The Dowie Cup for the best scratch score was won by G.Q. Diver with 78.

At the Ring.

Charlie Webb (Bow) beat Young Nipper (Bermondsey) in the sixth round of what was scheduled as a twenty-rounds light-weight boxing contest at The Ring.

Jacks And Gardner Matched.

The well-known feather-weights Fred Jacks, of Aldgate, and Tom Gardner, of Smethwick, are to meet in a 20 3-min. round contest at The Ring, Blackfriars, on Monday afternoon, Oct. 13.

Warwick's Chance.

A Cesarewitch candidate for whom quite a good case can be made out is Warwick (7st 9lb), who up to a point this year was a strangely unlucky animal.

Pontypool's Achievement.

In drawing with Newport at Pontypool, the Pontypool fifteen accomplished a very fine performance, seeing that Newport, who last Saturday defeated Cardiff in decisive fashion, placed their full strength in the field.

Cardiff 'Chases Abandoned.

As the local railway authorities are unable to deal with any horse traffic this week, the Stewards had no option but to abandon the Cardiff Club Steeple-chase meeting fixed for Friday and Saturday. A new fixture in November has been applied for, when a similar programme to that abandoned will be put forward.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

"Strife."

Very appropriately, when one considers the present state of industrial turmoil in the world, the R.A.D.C. staged John Galsworthy's great play "Strife" on Tuesday. The performance was honoured by the presence of the Commander-in-Chief of the Rhine Army, and when I arrived at the Deutsches Theatre "House Full" was displayed at the doors.

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I have seen Galsworthy's "Silver Box"—one of the most impressive plays ever written, but "Strife" of was new to me. It is a realistic piece work and a difficult one. The Rhine Army Dramatic Company undertook a severe task therefore in presenting it. On the whole the members came off with flying colours. "Strife" is the story of an industrial strike in which the obstinacy of the capitalist is set against the obdurate demands of the workers. The poignancy of the bitter struggle which has lasted for months until the men and their families are reduced to starvation is dramatically brought out in the three acts of "Strife." The story is too long to tell in detail, and will be familiar to most playgoers, and each development of the plot and all the telling lines were followed intently by the large audience.

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One of the successes of the evening was the realistic crowd of strikers harrangued by leaders and men. It was most effective. Of the characters in the play it is hard to select those who most distinguished themselves, but one noteworthy performance was that of Pte. T. Turner in the part of Henry Thomas the old Welsh worker. Lieut. Humphrey-Hope was excellent as the obstinate unbending chairman of the Trenartha Tin Works which was originally played by Mr. Norman McKinnel, and Lieut. S. E. Percy as David Roberts the men's leader, and Lieut. Cornish as the union official were almost equally good. Other male members of the company who did praiseworthy work were Lieut. Landon Ronald as secretary of the works, Lieut. E. Mearns as the manager, and Capt. C. F. Ball as a plump self-satisfied director. Capt. Dennis, Lieut. Linford and Lieut. D. A. Onions as directors all played their respective parts creditably. Turning to the ladies, the difficult role of Enid Underwood was extremely well played by Miss Frances Chisholm and that of Madge Thomas forcibly enacted by Miss Gabriel Paul.—The other female parts were capably played by Miss Shirley King, Miss A. E. Drew, and Miss Y.H.M. Hughes, Mrs. Mearns and Miss E. K. Beale.

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A very large caste is needed to present "Strife" and the crowd of strikers alone numbered over thirty. The waits between the acts were rather long, but owing to the large amount of scene-shifting necessary this could not be helped. The waits were enlivened by the orchestra, and although not quite equal to rendering very difficult classic works their efforts generally were successful. An enthusiastic call at the close brought Lieut. S. E. Percy to the front and a neat little speech resulted. At a somewhat late hour we all departed thoroughly satisfied with the result of a sincere and ambitious effort.

"The Crumps."

For the re-entry of the "Crumps" on the Rhine stage I can have no word of adverse criticism. True, events were against them, in providing for their first re-appearance — a theatre with bad accoustic properties and rules that forbid the playing of sketches. A splendid performance was nevertheless the result. Perhaps the hit of the evening was the song — "A little of what you fancy" sung by Tich Whetton, an artist whom we shall be sorry to lose in Rhineland. I hear he is shortly to be demobilized and prophesy a golden future for him.

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In spite of "sketches" being "verboten" the play "The Rosebud of Stinging Nettle Farm" was graciously allowed to be produced and — needless to say — received the applause it deserved. Lieut. "Jackie" Knight as "Sir Narcissus Slapdash" scored a distinct dramatic success whilst utterly failing in his nefarious attempts to carry off the village beauty — "Rose Turnipfield" — thus deserving his-thrice-inflicted death at the climax oft he farce. It is difficult to pick out members of the "Crumps" for individual a praise — the *tout ensemble* is too good — but Tolly de Mache" and "Dora Harris" are "some" girls — believe me!

In few Words.

On Oct. 16th a series of interesting boxing matches will commence at the Munich Beergardens, Luna Park, near the Zoo. Further particulars are given in our advertising columns.

I hear that Mr. Alfred Hurley is well pleased with the reception in Cologne of "The Jesters." During his short stay, he has made numerous acquaintances in Rhineland by reason of his sunny disposition.

Lieut. Knight tells me that "The Crumps," completely reorganized, will be busy on tour for some time to come.

Tuesday's performance of "Strife" marked the 100th performance of the British Rhine Army Dramatic Company.

JACQUES.

GOLF MATCH.

Ladies' Parliamentary v. United Services at Northwood.

The Ladies' Parliamentary Golf Association will play a match by singles and foursomes against the Ladies' United Services Association, at Northwood, on the 24th inst. The teams are not yet complete; but Mariota Countess of Wilton will act as captain of the Parliamentary side, while Mrs. Martin Hall will lead the United Services.

Mixed Foursomes at Addington.

A Mixed Foursome Tournament will be played at Addington on October 18, when the Addington Golf Course will be opened The four couples who will play in this tournament are:—

Miss Barry and Lord Charles Hope.
Miss C. Leitch and Mr. A. H. Read.
Mrs. Olaf Hambro and Mr. Angus Hambro.
Miss Griffithe and Mr. G. C. Mellin.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	BEG.	END
Thursday	Othello	Verdi	7	10
Friday	Die Entführung aus dem Serail	Mozart	7	10
Saturday	Mignon	Thomas	7	0.15
Sunday	Fidelio	Beethoven	7	10
Monday	NO PERFORMANCE			
Tuesday	NO PERFORMANCE			

"Zar und Zimmermann."

Many who visited the Opera House on Tuesday last were pleasantly surprised by "Zar und Zimmermann," so little known to English audiences. The acting throughout was excellent. Especially well done were the caricatures of the Burgomeister and the envious lover, by Herrn Mertens and Salomon, respectively; and the playing of Frl. Klemperer, as the lady love, was entirely charming. Those taking part seemed to enter thoroughly into the spirit of the play, to the extent even of making successful additions to the printed text. The whole piece was an alternation of bizarre humour and pretty music, and all the music and all the songs, with the exception perhaps of the sextettes, were well sung; the chorus, too, were in excellent form. The music is simple, so that there were none of the harsh effects due to sudden changes or the need for outsinging a powerful orchestra. Very pleasing too were the neat, bright Dutch costumes and the clog step dance. The audience was throughout very appreciative, Herr Renner who played the "Zar" being encored in his last song but one. Those who wish for an evening of good light opera (including a considerable amount of acting, unaccompanied by music) should not miss seeing "Zar und Zimmermann" if it is again played.

J.o.J.

NO WAITING.

Appreciated Feature Of Our Popular Skill Contest.

One of the most satisfactory features of our weekly football competition, according to the prize winners, is the promptitude with which the result is made known and our liabilities disposed of.

It is a fact familiar with the majority of competitors in competitions organised by most journals, that there is invariably a tedious wait before the entrant knows his fate. And, should he be fortunate enough to secure a place in the prize list, another long delay usually ensues before the prize-money arrives.

There is nothing like that about "The Cologne Post." Matches are played in England on Saturday, the results come buzzing along hundreds of miles of wires to Cologne and then our competition staff "get busy" as the Yank would have it.

Saturday's competition result was made known on Wednesday morning and several of the fortunate winners—as a reward for forecasting only nine out of the twelve matches—were each in receipt of a cheque to the value of 233 marks in the evening. The others, living further afield, should receive theirs this morning.

May we point out the importance of giving complete particulars as to rank, number, address etc. to obviate the risk of the prize money going astray. This applies to each entry as of course everyone stands his chance of winning. To meet the requirements of the A.P.O. the official postal address should be given.

Coupons must be addressed:—
FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 3,
"Cologne Post,"
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this Journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 3.

Date of matches, Saturday, Oct. 11th.
Closing date, Friday, Oct. 10th.

W. Bromwich	v. Bolton
Bradford	v. Newcastle U.
Preston	v. Aston Villa
Leeds City	v. South Shields
Lincoln	v. Barnsley
Notts Forest	v. Hull City
Rotherham	v. Bristol City
Bristol Rovers	v. Northampton
Gillingham	v. Millwall
Airdrie	v. Queen's Park
St. Mirren	v. Clyde
Falkirk	v. Clydebank

I enter Football Competition No. 3 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Chilly Nights.

Marvellous how British warms are being trotted out these chilly evenings. Lots of men I know are using their handkerchiefs more than usual. There is a mild epidemic of colds.

Buffet Hints.

Would it not be possible to serve other drinks than merely wine in the officers' refreshment buffet at the Deutsches Theatre? Coffee and beer would be acceptable to many and another suggestion is the provision of sandwiches or other snacks especially when the play lasts from 6 until 9.30 as "Strife" does.

Like Civvies.

Soon, very soon, alas! the free riding on the trams will cease and we shall all be on the civvy level tendering our 25 or 50 pfg notes for fares.

Next!

A young and comely Fräulein had been bitten by a savage dog. The usual crowd had gathered round and a Tommy, commenting on the occurrence, remarked to a German civilian, "bloomin' dawg ought to be shot." "Bitte?" said the "Jerry" interrogatively. "Bit'er!" exploded Tommy, "'es got 'arf of 'er leg in 'is mouth, anyway!"

Better.

Officers changing cheques at Cox's yesterday were agreeably surprised to find they were receiving 100 marks to the pound sterling.

German v. British Beds.

One of our readers objects strongly to my recent note on the comfort of German beds. His bed consists, he says, of three straw-filled 'biscuits', with a pillow of such dimensions that he is invariably cramped in the lower end of the bed, while the whole thing is capped with a preposterous bag of feathers which has a nasty habit of falling off. Well, opinions differ.

The Current Bloom.

The Michaelmas Daisy is the flower almost monopolising the stalls of the Cologne street sellers just now.

A Composer's Son.

I wonder how many who have seen Lieut. V. Landon Ronald in "Strife" at the Deutsches Theatre are aware that he is the son of Mr. Landon Ronald the famous composer and orchestral leader so well known to London concert-goers. Young Landon Ronald has considerable dramatic talent and can write humorously, too.

To Chessplayers.

Somebody asked about chess in Rhineland, and now I hear that there are to be chess tournaments every Monday at the Central Y.M.C.A. for prizes.

Tramway Accidents.

On two successive mornings I have witnessed tram accidents in Friesen Strasse, Cologne. Yesterday, a woman slipped from the pavement in front of a tramcar and disappeared underneath. She was extricated only after considerable difficulty, rather badly cut and bruised. On the previous morning, a German, in attempting to board a passing tram, stumbled and was thrown violently on his back.

Ramshackle.

There is generally a certain smartness about anything connected with the State in Germany, but I think the Post Office vans in Cologne are the most ramshackle, shabby concerns I have ever seen.

Antiques and Baths.

For antique shops, hotels, boarding houses and baths commend me to Weisbaden. They are almost as plentiful in that princely pleasure resort as the trees and the seats. In one antique dealer's shop, the other afternoon, I saw a copy of one of Sir Walter Scott's novels, published in 1826. The price was only 10 marks and it would now have been mine had the day of my visit been other than Sunday.

For Business Men.

Our new column for business men on the Rhine which starts to-day, is to appear every Monday and Thursday in future. I think it will appeal and be useful to many.

Less Khaki.

There is a marked falling off in the patronage given to certain cabarets. I dropped into one last evening to find it crowded and two subalterns the sole representatives of the Army. Earlier on it would have been difficult for a civilian to find a seat. Is it that the attractions of the cabaret have palled?

What is the Truth?

Yesterday I was told at the "Earwig" Lamp that there is no likelihood of that popular resort being closed yet. But whether the Annexe will go, I couldn't find out.

The Supreme Optimist.

I met him yesterday — the super-optimist and in a cemetery of all places. He is the caretaker of the Crematorium at Westfriedhof between Cologne and Bocklemund and when I visited him there were twelve adults and ten children awaiting cremation. He sleeps alone on the premises and when I asked him if his surroundings had not a depressing effect on his spirits, he smiled, and replied that he was perfectly happy. "My charges never give me any trouble," he added with a grin.

The "Moke."

Apropos my note on donkeys, one of my readers, tells me he saw three real live ones, of the four-footed species too, in the Hohenzollern Ring yesterday morning. They were quite young donkeys and judging by the crowd of children, grown-ups and soldiers who surrounded the trio, these animals must indeed be a rarity in Rhineland.

Unpopular With Conductors.

A tram conductor in Cologne was telling me he is not looking forward to time when every soldier has to pay his fare. It will mean a tremendous amount of extra work for him.

The New Way.

Have you noticed the new scheme in operation in at least one Cologne business house? It certainly demonstrates above all else upon which section of the present community the tradesmen in question relies for his trade. All the goods are duly marked, but civilians are reminded that over and above these prices they must pay the ten per cent luxury tax.

The Right Figure.

I dont know how one of my colleagues fell into the error of saying yesterday that the amount of War Savings Certificates sold by the Rhine Army since May 18th was only £55,000. The correct figure is much greater, being £139,707.

More Cafés.

The café idea must be a profitable one judging by the number springing up on all hands. It is a source of wonderment to me how it is possible to make them pay in view of the competition. There is every likelihood of an all English café in Cologne in the near future controlled by enterprising ex-officers.

Parents Note.

I learn from Dr. Francis that he is asking parents, who are concerned about the Education of their children in Cologne, to meet him in the Central Y.M.C.A. to-morrow at 3 p.m.

Then and Now.

You will be familiar with the fall from state of the many German accoutrements and the anxiety with which the average German tradesmen got rid of his stock. Classed as souvenirs they found ready buyers. A certain ex-German officer produced for inspection an imposing helmet and suggested that a Britisher might like to acquire it. When he learned the price at which similar articles were being sold in Cologne his surprise was very apparent.

About a Plough.

Some correspondents point out that the double or "one-way" plough used in Germany was introduced into England three or four years ago, but to what extent it is used at home I cannot find out.

A Place for Everything.

An orderly place is the average German kitchen. Nails for the towels, each for different use, and labelled for such; rows of pots and jars, also labelled as to what is or should be contained therein. One finds very little of the usual motley assortment of tins and dishes containing one knows not what till one looks inside.

Not Good.

A English official formerly resident in Cologne is now exiled in the course of his duty to a small township where English rations are unobtainable. That is his one grouse, his inability to get a meal after his English taste.

A Pair of Wheels.

Visitors to Mayence will have noticed that the Arms of the city, painted on the electric cars and elsewhere, have a pair of wheels as the leading feature of the design. They look curiously modern for such an ancient town, but in reality they date from the 8th century. The first Bishop of Mayence was the son of an English wheelwright, and the prelate assumed a pair of wheels as his armorial bearings. Hence the arms of the City.

Didn't Use Their Eyes.

Many readers who write us as to German customs which they consider differ from ours can't, I imagine, have been very observant when at home. Many of the things pointed out are common to most civilized countries and not peculiar to Germany.

Lightning Conductors.

The majority of lightning conductors on German buildings protrude a considerable height above the top of the protected building. Some people think this is a waste of material and that should the lightning flash towards the building, it would be diverted down a conductor that only extended a few inches above the structure just as well as down one that soared several yards above it. But that is not the case. The long conductor adds to the safety of the building.

To Units.

The Business Manager ask us to say that in future he cannot supply units with a smaller daily number of "Posts" than two dozen copies unless they pay in advance. With reduced personnel is is necessary to keep down bookkeeping to a minimum.

A Change.

When I passed the Army Bookshop in the Hohenzollern Ring the windows were empty — probably for re-arrangements. Now I see they are full of interesting books and fine photos.

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PROS AND CONS.

It is no part of our business to enter into the pros and cons of trading with late enemy countries. Our only concern is to render some assistance to those British traders who are here to take advantage of the openings afforded by the removal of Government restrictions and the new conditions prevailing. We leave it to the powers that be to present points of policy and to impose such restrictions and regulations as are deemed necessary for the protection of British manufacturers and British trade. Such official information and notification of restrictions will be published from time to time in this column as information is received from reliable and authentic sources.

WHERE TO GET ADVICE.

The Military Governor's Bureau of Commerce and Information, with offices at Domhof, has been established for the assistance of commercial men coming to Cologne and has rendered invaluable service from the earliest days of occupation. All representatives should call there to secure information and advice so necessary before commencing operations in this country. The British Chamber of Commerce, Cologne, now settled in new offices at 100, Hohestrasse, is another useful organisation, and all business men are invited to avail themselves of the services of the Chamber. Further information respecting these organisations will be given later.

THE FRANKFURT FAIR.

There is still time to visit the International Import Fair at Frankfurt-on-Main which continues until October 15th. Frankfurt is known as the oldest banking and exchange locality in Germany and as one of its most important metropoli. The fair will accept the products of every land, including raw material and partly manufactured goods. The exposition of German goods and fabrics will convince visitors of the existence of goods which can profitably be exported in exchange for objects purchased by Germany. The Fair Palace will be the imposing hall in the grounds near the main Railway Station; it is an ideal building, everything can be easily accommodated in this splendid place including private Post Office and all other necessary departments. Frankfurt is not only accessible by the Rhine, but is also at the junction of the Mid-European Railways. The address of the fair is Internationale Einfuhrmesse, Festhall, Frankfurt-on-Main Germany. The invitations to the fair are printed in 10 languages and also in Esperanto.

For the convenience of visitors as well as exhibitors, the management has opened a tourist office at the office of the North German Lloyd, at No. 76 Kaiser Str. this city in immediate vicinity of the Grand Central Railway Station. Visitors are therefore requested to address all enquiries relating to travelling matters to the Messamt, Stadtstelle, Verkehrsbüro, Norddeutscher Lloyd, Frankfurt-on-Main.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Lee of Flights Ltd., crosses for England to-morrow and hopes to return to Cologne on the 15th instant bringing with him goods delayed in transit owing to the railway strike.

Mr. Jones of Baggs, Jones & Co. of Lille and Cologne is expected to arrive from England in a few days.

Messrs. Robarts and Quantock of London and Calais have now opened up in Cologne.

Mr. A. Schiska, of the Ormond Cigarette Co. London has now returned to England but expects to visit Cologne again in about a month.

Mr. Frederick L. Wilson representing Charles Urban Kinemacolor, London has returned to England.

Representatives are invited to notify arrival and departure for publication in this column.

A Distinction.—The champion horn blower of the world has just died.

Aged Cyclist.—A Whithorn man aged 81 has just cycled one hundred miles in order to keep an engagement.

Milk Protest.—Ealing Food Control have just lodged a protest against the winter price of milk.

Still In Scotland.—Princess Mary is remaining at Balmoral because of a slight cold.

Boom In Clubs.—The Public Schools Club has been revived and a new London Club is the Forum.

Once More A Manager.—Mr. Arthur Bourchier hopes to be in management again some time next month.

Ammonia For Beer.—A Leith woman drank ammonia in mistake for beer with fatal result.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Forced Loan.—Holland is promoting a forced loan of £37,500,000.

For Paris.—Council of the League of Nations will probably meet first in Paris.

Still Out.—Ironfounders' strike in South Staffs shows no sign of settlement.

No Flats.—Not a flat is to be obtained in Paris.

Shocking.—Four hundred South Wales public-houses are without intoxicants.

Islington's Memorial.—Islington's war memorial fund has reached £7,398.

A Club's Losses.—About 30 members of the "1900 Club" were killed in the war.

A Capital Hobby.—Returns show an increased interest in bee-keeping.

At Work.—Rochdale evening school teachers have returned to work.

American Ships.—Ships 300 metres long, of 55,000 tons will be built in America.

Evacuation.—The German troops are evacuating the Baltic provinces.

Wonderful. — Wireless telephony is said to be making wonderful strides.

Downing Street.—The houses in Downing Street were built by Downing, a Canadian.

Wilson.—President Wilson's improvement continues.

Full Term.—Cambridge University full term begins to-morrow.

Recovering.—South Wales collieries are in full swing again.

Dash From Parkhurst.—Two convicts have escaped from Parkhurst prison.

Allenby. - Lord Allenby has received the freedom of the City of London.

The "P.M."—Mr. Lloyd George is to take a few days rest.

Back To Egypt.—Lord and Lady Allenby are shortly returning to Cairo.

Theatre Boom.—A big London theatre boom is expected this week.

Gentlemen Cadets.—The new regulations for Sandhurst have just been issued.

The First.—For the first time since 1914. a foreign aeroplane, conveying an Italian courier has landed at Berlin.

Sportsman Candidate.—Mr. C.B. Fry is to make his first public appearance as a Labour Candidate.

Royal Auction.—Princess Marie Louise is holding an auction sale of her furniture at Eaton Gate.

Lowest.—Last year the number of convictions for drunkenness was the lowest on record.

Cheap.—Five hundred fowls and geese were sold at Bangor at from 6d to 2/- each.

Only Right.—Employers have been asked not to accept premiums from ex-service men being trained in a profession.

For London.—After visiting Paris, the King and Queen of Spain intend to go to London.

Above Normal.—The Durham and Northumberland pits are yielding 60 per cent. above the normal output.

Suicide.—A Peterborough man undergoing sentence for wearing military decorations has hanged himself.

The New Highwaymen.—Armed bandits on motorcars are operating with some success in the outskirts of Paris.

Portuguese Unrest.—There are grave labour troubles in Portugal; a general strike is now on.

One Sided.—American N.C.O's are complaining at not being allowed to wear their rank on both sleeves.

In the Bread.—An advertiser asks for the return of a ring lost while mixing dough at the American bakery at Coblenz.

In the Post.—Letters posted in North Scotland on September 24 have just got to London.

No Parlours.—Of 130 houses to be erected at Worthing, only 66 will have a parlour.

Ban Removed.—U.S. Shipping Board has removed the ban on ships sailing for Great Britain.

Back Again. — Nottingham furniture workers resumed, after 11 weeks' lock-out, at 2d. per hour advance.

Quite Right.—Disabled men directed to appear before medical boards are to be compensated for loss of wages.

Getting on.—War gratuities have now been issued in respect of 170,000 officers and men who died.

Exeter Fire.—Victoria Hall, Exeter, one of the largest meeting places in the city, has been destroyed by fire.

Dignified Labour. — Rhondda miners refuse to continue the banking and storage of coal.

The Penalty.—The Vicar of Moreland, who worked at the engine sheds at Carlisle, has been attacked by an angry crowd.

Militia Strike Breakers.—Militia are being sent to Chicago where rioting is occurring in connection with the steel workers strike.

Waiting for the States.—The first meeting of the League of Nations will be held as soon as America has ratified Peace.

Feting Foch.—Marshal Foch continues his triumphal progress and there will be big fêtes at Cassel when he visits the town shortly.

In Budapest.—British troops have arrived at Budapest. They will have to do police work on the departure of the Roumanians.

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VISCOUNT HALDANE AND THE KAISER.

TANK HISTORY.

CATERPILLARS' NUMEROUS SPONSORS.

The Commission of Inquiry into the Tank Awards was resumed yesterday. Counsel for Colonel Boothby, who commanded the armoured cars; emphasised the point that Colonel Boothby desired rather recognition of his services than a reward in the shape of a bounty.

Colonel Boothby, giving evidence, claimed that he was the direct cause of the first caterpillar being assembled in June 1915.

The Solicitor General, while not disputing Colonel Boothby's zeal and ability, opposed the grant of a bounty on the ground that the services rendered were not such as to entitle him to a reward.

Counsel for Commodore Murray Sueter read a letter from the Lords of the Admiralty dated 8th November 1917, stating that the idea of the tank was the outcome of a proposal made by Commander Sueter, Wing-Commander Briggs and Squadron Commander Hetnerington.

Earl's Court Wheel.

Commander Sueter, giving evidence, said that Squadron Commander Hetherington's big wheel scheme was a very crude proposal. The wheel was about the size of the big wheel at Earl's Court. He got his assistants to boil the idea down and subsequently demonstrated with a caterpil ar-supported vehicle on the Horse Guards parade, when Mr. Winston Churchill was much impressed. The witness specially emphasised that not only the caterpillar wheels, but the upturned bow for getting out of holes was also his idea. He mentioned that Sir Tennyson D'Eyncourt once told him he wished to resign the chairmanship of the Land-ship Committee, as he believed there was not much of a future for land-ships. Witness however, persuaded him to stay on, but he said he would only do so if Colonel Boothby were removed from the committee. The chairman (Mr. Justice Sergeant) deprecated his going into this story.

Commander Sueter's claim was supported by Commander Briggs, who was his Chief Engineer Adviser, Lieut.-Commander Berry, Mr. Booth, his Engineer Technical adviser, and other witnesses. Crown Counsel opposed the claim declaring that nothing in the caterpillar idea was new to Mr. Winston Churchill when Commander Sueter communicated it.

The claims of Lieutenant McFie, were then submitted by counsel, He also claimed to be the originator of the caterpillar idea, the scheme of which he submitted to the D'Eyncourt Committee.

FRENCH MINES.

FIVE YEARS TO RESTORE THEM.

A message transmitted through the German Government wireless stations says that the Commission of German mining experts who have undertaken a tour through the damaged mining territories of Northern France estimate that the length of time which will probably be required for the work of restoration in the pits will be two years in the eastern districts and from six to eight years in the western districts. The French mining administrations have already elaborated plans for the work.

NORTH RUSSIA.

EFFECT OF BRITISH INSTRUCTION.

Events of last week, says Reuter's Archangel correspondent, have definitely proved the fighting capacity of the Russian Northern Army. The strategical withdrawal on the Dvina front necessitated by the departure of the British troops is now accomplished. Russian troops successfully repulsed all enemy attacks. Reserves then took the offensive and drove the Reds back seventeen versts, causing great losses. Volunteer units recruited from prisoners took part in the action. Denikin's communiqué announces the capture of 15,000 prisoners and fifteen guns in the Voronezh region.

GERMANY'S GOLD FOR AMERICA.

Germany's first consignment of gold to the United States, in part payment of $158,000,000 worth of food and supplies, arrived in New York on Monday aboard a United States destroyer, and was conveyed safely to the New York Federal Reserve Bank. The shipment amounted to 5,125,000 dollars, and included a quantity of English sovereigns dated 1870 and French napoleons of the same date. There were also Austrian, Belgian, and Russian gold coins in the consignment, but no German gold.

HALDANE SPEAKS.

STORY OF HIS PRE-WAR VISIT TO GERMANY.

The first instalment of Viscount Haldane's recollections was published in the "Westminster Gazette" yesterday.

As to the German people generally Viscount Haldane thinks they are very like the British except that they are trained to obey and do simply what they are told by their rulers. Brutality by German soldiers in the war he attributes to instructions from their superiors.

In conversation with Von Moltke during his visit to Berlin in 1906 Viscount Haldane was satisfied that Von Moltke "did not look with any pleasurable military expectations to war with the United Kingdom alone" which Von Moltke thought might prove indecisive. Recounting incidents which occurred during a review of troops at Berlin, Viscount Haldane described how the Kaiser rode up to him and said: "A splendid machine I have in this army, Mr. Haldane. And what could I do without it? I am between the Russians and the French. But the French are your Allies, are they not? So, I beg your pardon." Viscount Haldane replied that were he in the Kaiser's place he should in any case feel safe from attack.

Next day he had a full and cordial talk with the Kaiser, who said he believed the Anglo-French Entente must even facilitate good relations between France and Germany. In the course of further conversation the Emperor said that what he wanted was not territory but trade expansion. He also trusted that disarmament would not be proposed at the Hague conference as, if it were, "he could not go in."

Viscount Haldane also describes the ex-Kaiser's visit to Windsor in 1907, when the proposal to hold a conference at Berlin between Great Britain, France, Russia and Germany relative to the Bagadad railway interests was accepted, but subsequently rejected by Germany, who did not wish to bring France and Russia into the discussion.

IN THE KING'S NAME.

HONOUR FOR ESTHONIAN GENERAL.

Colonel Herepath, Head of the British Military Mission to Esthonia, conducted an investiture on Saturday last. In the name of the King he conferred the Order of K.C.M.G. on General Laidoner, Commander in Chief of the Esthonian forces. This honour was bestowed on the General "For having, firstly, freed Esthonia from Bolshevists; secondly, repulsed the German invasion of Esthonia; thirdly, aided the national movement in Latvia; and fourthly, organised help for the Russian North West Army."

FIUME FUMINGS.

D'ANNUNZIO'S LATEST PROCLAMATION.

D'Annunzio has issued a remarkable appeal to the Croatian people wherein he attacks vehemently "The so called League of Nations" which he says was invented by International Jews and aims at laying hands on the port of Fiume.

He declares that Italy would gladly guarantee every race inhabiting the hinterland freedom of access to the Adriatic for their commerce. Both Italians and Slavs have a common interest in preventing other nations from gaining a footing in the Adriatic. D'Annunzio has also issued a decree fixing November 16th as the date of election at Fiume for the Italian Chamber. The only candidate is Captain Rizzo, who sank the Austrian dreadnought Viribusunitis.

BOLSHEVIST PANIC EXECUTIONS.

Recent telegrams from Omsk report that in consequence of the successes of the anti-Bolshevist armies the Soviet authorities have issued orders for a revival of extreme terrorist measures.

An extraordinary commission in Moscow recently condemned sixty-seven politicians, professors and officers to be shot on the pretext of an alleged plot.

Among those shot were Astrof and Shohopkin both influential members of the Cadet party, and Prince Andronnikoff.

ELECTIONS IN FRANCE.

It is now stated that the French Parliamentary elections will take place on November 16, and it is expected that before the opening of the electoral campaign M. Clemenceau will deliver a political speech in one of the towns of South-West France.

The Federal Government offers a reward of ten thousand sterling for the discovery in Australia of oil, suitable for commercial use.

NEEDLESS STRIKE.

STRIKING REVELATIONS BY A MINISTER.

It has been stated on more than one occasion that the officials of the railway unions and the men could have obtained without stopping work for one minute all they got by the agreement reached at Downing-street on Sunday night after holding up the whole railway system of the country for nine days.

This was fully and absolutely confirmed by Mr. G. H. Roberts, the Food Controller, at a meeting of the Industrial League and Council.

In the course of his speech he made some very pertinent remarks about the strike.

"Many of the strikers," he said, "are going to ask themselves, 'Why were we brought out on strike and compelled to inflict suffering on neighbours who have not done us any injury, when we might have had all we have got the day before we came out?'

"I was present at the negotiations," Mr. Roberts continued, "and, therefore, know of what I speak. I say publicly that the agreement which was signed on Sunday last was obtainable on Friday week. It is true you do not give everything away at once. But the Prime Minister clearly indicated the directions in which the Government were willing to go."

"I say it was a little short of a calamity that negotiations were broken off then—not by the Government—because we were prepared to go on. The Prime Minister appealed for an extension of time for those negotiations, and that was denied and the strike took place, with the expressed intention of holding up the community and thereby compelling the Government to yield by force what they failed to convince them by argument and reason was right and proper."

These disclosures evoked a strong protest from Mr. Cramp, President of the National Union of Railwaymen.

Mr. McCurdy, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, said at an interview that within a few days of the strike the Ministry had ensured practically a normal supply of essential foodstuffs. He emphasized the fact that the Ministry's work had been strictly neutral. "We fed strikers and non-strikers alike. Our priority certificates for infants' milk went to the families of strikers just as freely as to the general public." He paid a warm tribute to Trade Unionists for the exemplary order maintained and said that syndicalists in France and direct actionists in Great Britain had been shown that in Great Britain it is not so easy to throw society into a state of anarchy as they had imagined.

VON DER GOLTZ.

HAS HE GONE OVER TO THE RUSSIANS?

The German intrigue in the Baltic States deepens. According to an unconfirmed Berlin report General Von der Goltz and his Staff have "joined the Russians," and are now officially disavowed by the Germans.

Last week Von der Goltz, posing as a man with a mission to "save the world from Bolshevism," said that some of his troops would return to Germany, but 15,000 would remain in the country "not as Germans, but under Russian command."

WILSON'S PROGRESS.

Last night's bulletin stated that President Wilson had passed a comfortable day and his condition is slightly improved. Dr. Dercum, the neurogolist, says the President's mind is clear and alert. His two married daughters have returned home from the White House, where they had been staying for the last few days.

FAMOUS NEWSPAPER FOR SALE.

The "Freeman's Journal" (Dublin), the "Weekly Freeman," "Evening Telegraph," and "Sport" are offered for sale by tender as a going concern. Established in 1763, the "Freeman's Journal" has long played an important part in Irish politics. As the recognised organ of the National party, its editorial chair has been filled by many distinguished Irishmen, amongst them in latter days being Mr. Thomas Sexton, who, with Mr. T. M. Healy, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, and others, did so much to strengthen the hands of Mr. C. S. Parnell in his prolonged battle for Home Rule.

TROOPSHIP ROBBERIES.

An adjutant on a troopship told the Liverpool magistrate that he had tried for four years to capture thieves who had preyed on soldiers on board.

He said he had never experienced such a perfect system of thieving as by members of the crews of these vessels.

Returning home from Russia on the Czaritza £250 had been stolen from soldiers. Eighteen revolvers and a number of other articles had also been taken.

"SO I MURDERED HIM."

Johann Jäger, a farmer, of Weissenbach, Bavaria, was envious of his brother Sebastian, whose appetite was such that he consumed more than twice as much food as Johann did.

Johann therefore slew Sebastian with an axe and flung his body over a precipice into a stream. He was sentenced to fifteen years' hard labour.

ALLIES' FORCES.

IMPORTANT CHANGE IN COMMAND.

It is announced in Paris that General Mangin has been recalled from Mayence and placed at the disposal of the Ministry of War. The Tenth Army, which he commands, and all troops occupying Rhenish Prussia and the Palatinate will be grouped into one army under General Degoutte, who also replaces General Fayolle as Commander in Chief of the Allied forces in Rhineland.

The "Temps" understands that General Fayolle is to be Head of the Commission to supervise disarmament in Germany. The "Matin" states that General Gouraud, the hero of Champagne, who lost an arm at Gallipoli, will shortly take command of the French troops in Syria and Silicia.

AMERICAN AIR RACE.

BRITISH GENERAL COMPETES.

Brigadier-General Charlton, the British Air-Service Attaché at Washington, was among the competitors who left Mineola, Long Island, on the 2,700 mile air race to San Francisco. Twenty-one stops are allowed and all flying must be done between sunrise and sunset.

The Brigadier said he entered the race not with the idea of competing with American aviators but in the spirit of sportsmanship common to all aviators. He has since telegraphed that he was compelled to descend at Ithaca and is now out of the race.

While the competitors were starting, a military aeroplane carrying Mr. Crowell, Assistant Secretary for War, as passenger, fell 150 feet and was wrecked. Mr. Crowell and the aviator were badly shaken but otherwise unhurt.

LUTON RIOT BILL.

HEAVY PRICE FOR PEACE CELEBRATION.

A portion of the bill for Luton's unhappy peace celebration on July 19, when the town hall was burnt down, amounts to £6,597. This includes the cost of personal property destroyed and the cost of police protection.

The claims for property destroyed totalled £2,137 11s. 9d., and for police assistance £2,164 1s, 1d., the largest item in the latter amount being for police meals, £729 14s 6d.

Municipal Mutual Insurance, Ltd., state that they cannot make any payment in respect of the loss sustained by the destruction of the town hall.

In addition, there will be a large bill for the temporary accommodation of the corporation staff, and eventually the provision of a new town hall.

KING'S CERTIFICATE.

FOR INVALIDED R.A.F. OFFICERS.

It is announced by the Air Ministry that the King has approved of the issue of a certificate to R.A.F. officers who have relinquished their commissions during the war through having been invalided.

The King has further approved of the issue of a special distinctive certificate, to be entitled the King's second certificate, to officers who, after having become eligible for the award of the King's certificate, voluntarily served again, and again were invalided and relinquished their commissions during the war.

GERMAN DEPUTY WOUNDED.

Herr Haase, leader of the Independent Socialist Party, was shot at and wounded on Wednesday as he was proceeding to the Reichstag to make a speech.

Fortunately he was only slightly wounded. The motive of the would-be assassin, who is feeble minded, was a personal grievance.

OVER 51 YEARS IN PRISON.

Sentence of six months imprisonment was passed at Marylebone Police Court on Wednesday on Ellen Adams, otherwise Greenwood, for stealing two hats from the premises of Messrs. Marshall and Snelgrove, Vere-street.

It was stated that the woman was seventy-nine years of age, and that she had spent fifty-one years and five months in prison, having been first convicted at the age of sixteen.

WOODEN HUTS DEPRECATED BY THE L.C.C.

The London County Council Building Acts Committee, in reporting on the question of using Army and other wooden huts in order to relieve the housing scarcity, expresses grave anxiety on account of the liability to fire. If such huts are used at all it should be only until the housing problem is relieved and in any case for not more than seven years.

DEUTSCHLAND IN THE THAMES.

Towed by three tugs, the commercial submarine Deutschland, with which Germany endeavoured to evade the Allies' blockade, was brought up the Thames yesterday.

The vessel was moored off the Embankment, opposite Cleopatra's Needle.

SUMMARY COURT.

NECESSITY FOR BILLETING CERTIFICATES.

The Town Major of Cologne appeared to give evidence in a case in which Frederick Bourart, manager of the Hotel Du Nord, and Director Zeuzen, manager of the Hotel Kronprinz, were charged with permitting civilians to stay on their premises without a billeting certificate, or permission of the British Authorities.

These hotels, the Town Major said, were largely occupied by civilians, who had no billeting certificates, a practice contrary to the regulations affecting requisitioned hotels. In his opinion the porters at the hotels were really the guilty parties. They were evidently doing a little profiteering on their own account.

One of the defendants stated that he had a number of English gentlemen staying at his hotel. They informed him that they were unable to procure billeting tickets and refused to leave when requested to do so.

The case was adjourned for the hotel porters to be summoned.

Prefers Cologne.

Pleading guilty to entering British occupied territory without permission Catharina Müller of Düsseldorf pleaded she was not aware of the gravity of the charge. This was her second offence. She was found in Cologne on the 24th September without the necessary permit and was sent back to Düsseldorf. For the second offence she was fined 500 marks or ten days imprisonment and ordered to be deported.

PUT BACK THE CLOCK.

SUMMER TIME TO CEASE ON SATURDAY.

At midnight on Saturday, October 11th, all clocks in the British Occupied Area will be put back one hour, and on Sunday civil and military clocks will (or should) coincide.

All thoughtful people will therefore get an extra hour in bed next Sunday morning. The thoughtless will pay the usual penalty.

DRAPERS AND GROCERS.

REFUND THE PROFITEERING HALF-PENCE.

The investigations of the Hackney Profiteering Committee—the first to get to work—have resulted in a local draper being ordered to refund three-half-pence to a customer, whom they considered he had overcharged by this amount. In another case in which a draper had charged 5½d for a roll of cotton of which the pre-war price was 2d, it was decided to report the matter to the Board of Trade. A third delinquent was ordered to refund 2½d to a customer who had paid 5d for one ounce of pepper.

LABOUR CONFERENCE IN U.S.A.

GERMAN DELEGATES TO ATTEND.

Mr. C. W. Bowerman, Secretary to the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress, stated yesterday "The Committee have been informed that the German and Austrian Governments have accepted an invitation to send delegates to the Labour Conference at Washington. Therefore nothing stands in the way of the British delegation proceeding to Washington."

BUS AND TRAM WAGES UP.

The award was issued yesterday of the arbitration enquiry into the application of the National Transport Workers' Federation for an increase of twelve shillings per week for tramway and omnibus workers in London and the provinces.

The court granted an increase of four shillings to workers over eighteen and two shillings to workers under eighteen.

CANADIAN PROHIBITION.

Mr. Doherty, the Minister of Justice, has introduced into the Dominion House of Commons at Ottawa a Bill to amend the Canadian Temperance Act. The Bill seeks to provide that where the majority of electors in any province declare in favour of prohibiting the importation or manufacture of alcoholic liquors, such manufacture or importation shall be prohibited by proclamation. This course has become necessary owing to the expiry of the war-time prohibition Order in Council.

VIA THE HOOK OR ANTWERP?

The Great Eastern Railway Company resumed yesterday the boat services to the Hook of Holland and Antwerp. All the boats are those which were running before the war but they have been refitted throughout.

NORWAY DRYING UP.

So far as they have been counted, the votes in the prohibition plebiscite of Norway show a majority of over four to three in favour of prohibition.

BURNT TO DEATH.

FOUR WOMEN TRAPPED IN BLAZING WAREHOUSE.

Five persons — four women and a lad — were burned to death and several others badly injured in a fire which broke out in a building in the heart of the city of Manchester on Tuesday in a warehouse in Turner street, in the centre of the business quarter. It consisted of four floors, the first occupied by Isaac Wolff, a dealer, the second by Isaac Osschinsky, a dealer, who employed 19 hands, the third by C. H. Seddon, a mantle dealer, and the fourth by Hermann Goldstone, a mantle and cos ume manufacturer, who employed about 30 hands.

A police officer noticed flames bursting from the first floor. He raised the alarm, and the fire brigade were soon on the scene, guided to the spot by the screams of the workers, mostly women, in the building.

It was found that a number of the workers in the upper floors had escaped through the roof. There was a danger of their being cut off, but the brigade got their ladders into position and the fugitives on the roof were brought to safety amid cheers.

By the time the fire was got under control the four floors of the building had been burnt out. It was then found that several lives had been lost, and five bodies, badly charred, were recovered. Eight other persons were taken to the infirmary suffering from burns and injuries of various kinds.

INSURANCE BUSINESS.

GERMAN COMPANIES BANNED FROM POLAND.

From the 1st October all German insurance companies have been compelled to cease operations in Poland, and only insurance concerns from Great Britain and the Allies in the Great War are to be allowed to undertake insurance work for the future. Arrangements have already been made to open up agencies in the principal centres, such as Warsaw and Konigsberg.

UNIVERSITY HOUSING PROBLEM.

The university authorities both of Oxford and Cambridge, are finding extreme difficulty in providing room for the large body of students anxious to come into residence for the Michaelmas term.

At Cambridge the entry for next term will be a record in numbers and includes Princes Albert and Henry, who become undergraduates at Trinity. The difficulty of lodgings has largely been surmounted by extending the area wherein undergraduates may lodge from a one mile radius from St. Mary church to two and a half miles.

Oxford has made a similar arrangement to enable men to find sleeping accommodation in country districts, while Keble has added to its room by erecting wooden army huts.

RELIEVING DOCK CONGESTION.

About one thousand lorries are said to be going to Liverpool to relieve the congestion at the docks. It is hoped that the employment of these lorries, of which the Government were using over twenty-five thousand at the end of last week, will assist the system of inland distribution, the breakdown of which was the chief cause of congestion at the docks.

Their use should also provide further experience showing how far road transport of this kind is a practical proposition for commercial purposes. At present, of course, any loss in working will be more than offset by the lessening of the enormous loss resulting from the detention of ships unable to discharge their cargo.

FAMOUS MEN HONOURED.

Cambridge proposes to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws on the King of Italy. Admiral Sims, General Diaz, Lord Jellicoe, Lord Allenby and Admiral Hall.

ALIENS NATURALISED.

Certificates of British naturalisation were granted in September to 202 aliens, of whom 4 were American, 5 Austrian, 3 Czecho-Slovak, 5 Danish, 9 Dutch, 9 French, 13 German, 4 Italian, 11 Polish, 125 Russian, and 14 of other nationalities. Sixteen of the persons naturalised including 3 of the Austrians and 7 Germans, are widows of British birth.

GEN. IRONSIDE KNIGHTED.

General Sir Edmund Ironside, who commanded the British Forces in Northern Russia, was received by the King at Buckingham Pa ace yesterday, and was invested with the insignia of a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath and also that of a C.M.G.

MARRIED AT 81.

Guildford's oldest tradesman, Mr. R. Shillingford, aged 81, was married on Wednesday to a lady aged 69. The minister who performed the ceremony was aged 93.

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LETTER WRITING.

Few blessings, it is to be feared, accrued from the recent industrial conflict in England, but one of them was the excuse, as plausible as it was rare, which the Postmaster-General provided for the dilatory writer of letters.

He recommended us not to utilise the post for other than urgent or important correspondence, which seemed to be a very good reason for resting our oars a little while in epistolary waters. How seldom can we do so with as calm and easy a conscience! How rarely do the inventive faculties obtain so placid a respite!

During Armageddon most of us were inveterate writers of letters, some of them tedious to conscientious censors, many of them gay even in the hour of darkest peril, but all of them it may be hoped profoundly welcome to recipients. Even the trusting mater who received the weekly assurance "Dear Mother, I am enclosing a postal order for half-a-crown, but not this week" must surely have been rewarded some day.

Since the Armistice, however, quills have become more sluggish, the welcome cessation of anxiety at home rendering the despatch of personal news less pressing. The arrival of many wives in our midst, moreover, who were ever the eager recipients of such intelligence, has given the pen a holiday.

In one sense this easing off in our letter-writing is to be regretted. At the present time our prose is vastly inferior to our poetry. "I am not happy about the the prose of to-day," says Mr. Edmund Gosse, who recently celebrated his seventieth birthday. "The poetry is so good and the best that you can say about the prose is that it is indifferent."

Now the only prose that the vast majority of us write is solely expressed in letter writing, so that any decline in the practice of that art means less opportunity for the cultivation of good prose. If by writing less we wrote better, such a diminution, far from perturbing us, would be a source of gratification. But it is gravely to be feared that in the majority of cases the quality deteriorates in proportion to the quantity.

Many of our readers with commendable wisdom have started writing to us. It is an excellent habit. Most of these correspondents we have no doubt pay more attention to their thoughts than the manner in which they are expressed; to them the body is more than raiment, the wine more than the bottle, but, notwithstanding, the quality of the style is uniformly and agreeably high. The number of people who can compose well in their letters is higher, we are convinced, than most critics imagine. Hyper-criticism, fortunately, need not corrupt one's style.

It was Dean Swift who wrote as follows to his correspondent, Isaac Bickerstaff Esquire—"Sir, There are some abuses among us of great consequence, the reformation of which is properly your province, though, as far as I am conversant in your papers, you have not yet considered them."

That is the burden of the song of most of our correspondents, but we prefer to hear from them rather than be doomed to silence. We are as fond of the disputatious as Sarah Battle was of whist.

WHY NOT?

With educational training in the Army at such a high pitch, surely now is an opportune time for introducing classical and poetical language into the humdrum routine of life.

Think how much nicer it would be to the finer feelings of a defaulter being "weighed off" by the Colonel, or an innocent recruit trying to "wangle" a "hard case" Quartermaster, were the following scene enacted:

(Scene: Quartermaster's Stores, Umpteenth Battalion, Umpshire Regt.)

Quartermaster: "Hail to thee, blithe spirit! What ails thee?"

Recruit: "In all humility I crave the wherewithal to encase my legs, O kind Sir!"

Quartermaster, (aside): "A scurvy knave; fain would I teach him a lesson".

Quartermaster (To recruit): "I am not coveteous for gold, nor care I who doth feed upon my cost; it yearns me not if men my garments wear; such outward things dwell not in my desire.

A thousand pardons. To-day I have none!"

(Takes a sip at a mysterious bottle to sustain his part.)

Recruit: "A thousand thanks. Peace be with you. I will call again."

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An air of gallantry underlies the whole business; there is a complete absence of those riotous assemblies so often to be deplored in the vicinity of the Quartermaster's Stores.

Or imagine the following:

(Scene: Orderly Room, Umpteenth Battalion, Umpshire Regt. Dejected looking prisoner being "weighed off" after having imbibed too freely).

Colonel (to prisoner): "Come, come! 'Twere better far to follow the paths of virtue, bearing thyself with modest humility. What sayest thou? A lapse forsooth!"

Defaulter: "A privileged occasion, Sir. A comrade in arms departing for his native heath."

Colonel: "Justice shall be done, though the heavens fall. Far be it from me to administer it with a heavy hand. I sentence you to one day's fatigue in cleaning my pet canary's cage."

(Scene closes showing Colonel engaged in reading "The Merchant of Venice" whilst the Sergeant Major is seen on the verge of an apoplectic seizure.)

HAWKEYE.

A MEETING.

He stood on the hill by the Observatory at Greenwich contentedly looking over London as it lay spread out at his feet.

He was just demobbed and had returned to his once favourite spot for a view of London previous to setting out once again to make a living in that huge city.

It was obvious he was just demobbed. He wore his Balmoral at an acute angle and although only a Lance Jack, sported slacks, (neatly pressed) and carried a silver headed cane, only permitted in the army to sergeant-majors. smoked a pipe and carried his disengaged hand in his pocket.

Another figure in khaki came up the main Park road towards the Observatory. One glance at him showed clearly that he had once belonged to the Sanitary Section of the R.A.M.C., by the twitching of his nose in search of drain smells, and two watchful eyes, and ears kept open for the sight or hum of a stray late mosquito.

At the sight of the Balmoral adorning the head of the man still gazing over London he quickened his step, forgetful of drains and quitoes. At the sound of the steps the first figure turned lazily round, but at the sight of the other his face lit up and his hand met that of his friend in a firm grip. "Billy!"—"Jack!"

They laughed together as they shook hands, and dispite several waiting vacant seats stood and talked. They had met twice previously since donning khaki.

The first time in Hazebroeck, dead, dreary, dismal Hazebroeck still within shell fire end subject at intervals to be further demolished by bombs.

Then again at Cologne. — What a difference! Cologne gay, full of life, Opera, cafés, theatres, clubs, a fit town to be occupied by a cheerful victorious army,

This was their third meeting, when each was entitled to wear civvies—when he could get them—and the Observatory frowned grimly at their laughter. Forgotten was London, civvies and the delight of civilization: they were back again in the old times of mud, shells, trenches and still more mud.

Some time later a glance at the Observatory clock warned them it was tea time and with a last look over grey old London, nearly enveloped in the evening mist, they turned back towards Blackheath, this time flaming for the future in which tales of "out there" would be kept for the winter hours over a cheerful fire while duly paying homage to My Lady Nicotine.

R.Y.W.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

ENGLISH YET NOT ENGLISH.

Sir,—May I make a plea for the position of the English wife of a German? I have always maintained that the English are first, yet this evening I was refused admittance to the Empire Leave Club, concert, because I wore no brassard, being the wife of a Repatriated German.

Am I any worse than the British soldier or officer who openly escorts a German girl, and this at a time when we are still if not actually at war, not yet friends?

At least, when I got married so many years ago there was no question of war. I have only been away from England a few months, am terribly homesick, and feeling very patriotic towards England and proud of my country, I only count the months when I hope to return there, even if leave my husband.

What more natural than that I should want to go to amusements organised by the English. There is no more patriotic English woman in Cologne to-day than I am. In spite of the law I still am and intend to be an English woman.

Is it fair then I ask to refuse a place at an English Concert to a poor English woman who has no "right" to a brassard? May I just mention that it was the fact that the British were here, that finally induced me to come to Germany at all to join my husband and it seems hard not to be able to go to an English concert.

AN EXILE.

BOOKS FOR REFERENCE.

Sir,—Your correspondent signing himself "Student" must surely be shortsighted if he cannot read the names of most of the books on the shelves at the Army Book shop.

If he is, that is his misfortune as special arrangements can hardly be expected for such as he. There exists a complete catalogue of all the books however and this can be consulted with ease at any time.

As I have found from experience there is practically no limit to the patience of the assistants who will show one any number of books one fancies, in the catalogue.

It is but right in my opinion that only the staff should be permitted to remove books from the shelves as this ensures the return of volumes to their proper places.

ANOTHER STUDENT.

Sir,—I read with interest "Student's" remarks with regard to the Rhine Army Book Shop. Being a student he is probably a learned and well read man, but if he can point out to me a reference library of any note in England run on the lines he suggests I shall only be too pleased to visit it, and, incidentally to appropriate as many books as possible without undue reference to the librarian.

I believe students are usually versed in the character of books also in the names of good writers on the subjects they study, and, in consequence, should be in a position to walk into the library and ask for the book they want. In case of requiring a book for perusal or reference, I understand there is always a librarian on duty to remove the volumes from the shelves as required, and may he remain there to hand a few more tomes of learning to

A DUNCE.

UNSEEMLY.

Sir,—I went to a Fancy Dress dance in the Church Army Hall, Hotel du Nord, the other evening.

I am sorry to have to bring this forward, but an otherwise enjoyable evening was spoilt by a certain number of men, who seemed to regard the Dancing Hall as a bear-garden. I refer to some of those that make a habit of attending these dances in female attire.

As there were English ladies present, I consider their conduct very infra dig, as I happen to know that several of the ladies have taken a very decided objection to the behaviour and remarks of these would-be female impersonators.

Nothing, it seems to me can be done to stop this nuisance, unless the pressure of opinion is brought to bear upon it.

The general tone of these dances is excellent and is only spoilt by these few mentioned.

TERPSICHORE.

WIVES ON THE RHINE.

Sir,—Your letter box has lately contained a large number of letters from husbands and the wives who are now resident with them on the Rhine. One lady to-day asks that special accommodation be set aside in the Officers' Club for her use.

Husbands are daily beating their breasts because they cannot now, as they did last month buy their ration coupons at a lower price than the official valuation.

Do they calculate the joys of marital reunion in terms of marks? If so let me appeal to them to conceal from the bachelor's wondering eyes an aspect of conjugal felicity which verges on the sordid.

To all these good people of both genders I would say; please do not give the impression that you think the Army of Occupation exists for your special convenience and remember that you are a small minority who cannot have everything run entirely as you wish, be your soprano ever so shrill.

MEFIEZ VOUS.

THE MARRIED OFFICER.

Sir,—I have read "P.B.O.'s" letter in the "Cologne Post" and consider it rather unfortunate that one of your correspondents should venture to pass a verdict on a subject with which he does not appear to have made himself conversant.

I refer to the last paragraph of his letter where he states that failure to produce a marriage certificate involves forfeiture of allowances. This is certainly not the case, and if "P.B.O." is temporarily deprived of the increased rates in the absence of his marriage certificate, he will certainly continue to receive allowances as heretofore.

If on the other hand he cares to consult the authorities responsible for the issue of allowances, I have no doubt they will be able to comfort him considerably and probably find some means of avoiding delay in increasing his allowances by obviating the necessity of producing his marriage certificate in consideration of some other suitable evidence such as he refers to. I feel confident he will find that Paymasters are very sympathetic in the matter.

Furthermore your correspondent's lament seems somewhat inopportune having regard to the fact that the adjustment of the increase is not due until the beginning of next month — under a G.R.O. — and he can hardly know, therefore, what is to be done in his case.

ALMOST QUITO.

OUR MUSICAL TASTE.

Sir,—I am interested in this subject because I am a lover of catchy tuneful music and do not agree that to be musical one must slavishly worship the heavy classical compositions so much favoured by the German.

Because I cannot sit through four or five hours of opera, I won't admit that I or British folk generally are unmusical.

Each country has its own taste in music and provided they get the kind they like I believe we British are just as music-loving as any other nation.

At home you will find every street boy whistling the latest music hall ditty. Here in Germany I dont hear this, nor do I find piano-organs playing in the streets to enliven the inhabitants with the newest popular airs.

In my billet the family never play the catchy tunes Englishmen love; they never dream of Ragtime, that most exhilarating of music, but, instead they have a repertory of all the classic musicians — stuff which bores me stiff — and makes me long for the airs we can hear at home.

POPULAR.

YOUR TEA WILL COST YOU MORE!

Sir,—May I give you another instance of discrepances in prices charged to troops in Rhineland?

In the Market Place at Bonn two institutions for the welfare and convenience of the British soldiers exist, one comes under the category of the "old firm", and the other is apparently a women's philantrophic institution working at a great loss.

At the Triangle depot, where the place is placarded with numerous notices to the effect that you are effusively welcomed, the beverage of doubtful quality and certain weakness will cost you 50 Pfgs. per cup.

Walk across the road and a much better, larger cup of good brew is served for 25 Pfgs.

Considering that one association is a much larger concern than the other, and therefore in a position to buy in greater quantities, the 100 per cent increase in charge is not easily understood. In fact the business seems to savour of profiteering.

TOCK.

THE RATE OF EXCHANGE.

Sir,—I was just sitting down in the Club to add another to the stream of indignant letters you have received on the rate of exchange and the closing of the Field Cashier when someone came in and told me that official was at work again and merrily handing over the shekels.

I was dazed at first by the unexpected news but when I recovered I began to put two and two together. And then I wondered!

HUNDRED AND TWENTY.

PHOTOGRAPHY IN WINTER.

Sir—So many men in The Rhine Army have taken up the pursuit of photography in the past summer, that it must seem to many of them a hardship to have to, as many less enthusiastic people would instruct them to do, pack the camera away for the winter. Let us for a moment consider the facts and fallacies, which have given rise to this most erroneous idea.

First and foremost, one must suppose, is the out-door discomfort of many winter days. But what is that to the man who is determined to express nature, in picture form, as he sees her? Whether it be a howling gale, tossing the tree tops, whirling the last leaves of Autumn from the parent stem, or whether it be a quiet, misty, morning with the early sun licking up the vapours for its morning toilet, what matters it? Is it not Nature, powerful, glorious in its might, or again, Nature loving and kind and beautiful?

Secondly, the technical difficulty of an impoverished light. It is the great factor of exposure once again, that will make for success or failure. A rapid modern plate should not leave much wanting in the way of sufficient exposure. Of course a tripod is practically a "sine qua non" for pictorial work in the depths of Winter.

To the ardent pictorialist what better scope can he have for his energies, than an undulating expanse of pasture-land, backed up by a group of dark trees, the whole sprinkled with a light mantle of snow, and in the foreground a few sheep huddled together for mutual warmth and comfort.

I say to those who would join me in a tramp through the coming Winter bringing their cameras with them: "May your journey, your struggles with the difficulties of winter be met with success, and your album be garnished with the beauties of Winter as well as those of Summer."

AN AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER ON THE RHINE.

(Many letters from our readers are unfortunately crowded out Ed.)

BOULOGNE.

The Sea is awake.
D'ye hear the song of his waking
Where the waves break.
In thunder of symphonies, shaking
Earth chords that mix in the music they make?
And the wind, the invisible Rider
With invisible whip
Guider, misguider
Of cloud and of wave and of ship,
Laughing confider
Of morning — red dawn at her lip —
Scatters over the glimmering floor
Hither to me
Where it falls, jasper heaps on the shore
The white dust of the Sea.

W. ROMAINE PATERSON.

KALK SHIELD.

Last Lap in Popular Y.M.C.A. Football Competition.

SEMI-FINAL RESULTS.

From the commencement, considerable interest has been displayed in the Kalk Y.M.C.A. Football Shield Competition, and the process of discovering the best team among the many entries has produced keen and exciting games. High pitched rivalry was revealed in the semi-final encounters which resulted as under:—

23rd Royal Fusiiers 1; "B" Bty. 190/R.F.A. 0.
1/6th West Yorks 2; 9th D.L.I. 1.

The final will be played on Sunday on the 93rd Bde. ground Exerzier Platz, Kalk (Berg.-Gladbach Car). The kick-off is timed for 2.30 p.m. and the shield and trophies will be presented after the game.

COMPOSITION OF FINALISTS.

The 23rd R.F. are a hard-working, rather than a brilliant team. They have won all their Shield games by the odd goal, and give one the impression of just rising to the occasion. In each game they have played, their opponents set the pace. The goalie is very safe covered by a good pair of backs. Of the halves, the centre is the only man with a true conception of the game, the wing halves being too wild. Forward, the two wingers are far above the average, especially the outside left but it's the inside forwards who mar the team; they are slovenly. Still the team should give a good account of itself, and make the 1/6 West Yorks go all out.

The teams record in the competition is as follows:—

1st round beat Bakeries Kalk. 2-1.
2nd „ „ 87th Field Ambulance 1-0.
3rd „ „ 53rd N. Fus., 1-0.
Semi-final „ "B" Bty. 190/R.F.A. 1-0.

WEST YORKS TEAM.

1/6th West Yorks possess a well-balanced team, with two or three brilliant players, i.e. centre-half, centre forward and inside left. They have won all their games by clean football. The desire to play the game for the games sake is fully installed into the players by their admirable skipper. The goalie is useful and the backs, if not great, are at least safe. The wing halves are plodders and the forwards real match-winners. They certainly have the more impressive record.

Their record to date is appended:—

1st round: beat 93rd Bde. R.G.A. 4-0.
2nd „ „ 11th Queen's 2-0.
3rd „ „ 6th Corps Sig. 9-1.
Semi-final: 9th D.L.I 2-1.

CUP TIE FORM.

1/6th West Yorks v. 1/9th D.L.I. Semi-Final.

The semi-final of the Y.M.C.A. (Kalk) Shield competition proved a stiff tussle. The fact that the same teams met under similar conditions last season heightened the interest among their supporters, and the West Yorks were successful in their resolve to settle the account. The match was played in perfect autumn weather on the 93rd Bde. R.G.A. Ground, Kalk. Both teams were strongly supported from batman to brigadier, and the band of the West Yorks played selections before and at the close of the game.

In the first half the Durhams, suffering the disadvantages of slope and sun, were ill at ease and never attained their usual form. After five minutes play the Yorks became dangerous, and Middlemas, the Durham left back, conceded a corner, but Lord (right back) easily cleared Bennett's kick from the right flag. Next the D.L.I. missed an easy chance. Jones at left back made a weak clearance, and Gray (inside left) misfired with an open goal before him.

A Magnificent Game.

Then ensued a continuous pressure on the part of the West Yorks, who were playing scientific football. But for Sgt. Rocks their custodian, who played a magnificent game, the Durhams would have been nonplussed. Early on he skilfully robbed C.Q.M.S. Thaine when the latter was dribbling through. Then Womerley, who played a clever game for the Yorkshires at centre-half, shot inches wide.

The centre-forward, Lt. Rumney, was equally brilliant and kept sniping at the D.L.I. goal. These two players were ably supported by their outside-right, R.Q.M.S. Franks, who was very speedy, and put in a good drop shot, from which Lord conceded a corner-kick that Rocks did well to touch away. A little later Rocks saved brilliantly from a high header by Lt. Rumney.

Well Deserved Goal.

At the end of twenty minutes' play, the Yorks gained the goal they well deserved. Womerley made an individual effort and found the net with a low drive at close quarters. This reverse acted as an incentive to the Durhams, whilst the West Yorks slowed down considerably. After pretty headwork by the miners' forwards Conway headed just over.

Then followed the goal by which the Yorkshires won, Butterill scoring at close quarters though he appeared to be yards off-side. Next Middlemas deliberately handled, and Womerley aimed a high shot which Rocks did well to divert over the bar. On yet another occasion Rocks was the saviour of his side when Lt. Rumney sent in a low drive which he saved, throwing himself full length.

When half-time arrived, the West Yorks were easy favourites. Early in the second half, Lord handled near the danger area, but kicked away Lt. Rumney's low shot. Then the Durhams resuscitated themselves and played as though for their lives. They were rewarded a quarter of an hour after the resumption. Reynolds centred from the left wing and Stock easily beat Trill with a low cannon drive. Time and again Slack broke through, but success seemed elusive, and Reynolds and Gray headed over.

Put up a Barrage.

Shortly after, Gray had to retire as the result of a collision, but returned 5 minutes later. Again Gosling had to withdraw after a shake-up with Phillips and the Durhams had to play on with ten men. They were now putting up a barrage on the Yorks' goal and Rutter, Conway and Slack came near to success. Rocks saved again from Bennett and C.Q.M.S. Thaine, and then Slack scored.

LEEDS F.C's FUTURE.

Possible Election of Port Vale to the League.

JOINT COMMISSION MEETING.

It is expected that a definite future regarding Leeds City Football Club will result from Wednesdays meeting of the joint Commission.

In the event of suspension being continued it is understood that the Football League is ready to substitute another club for Leeds City which will probably be Port Vale who have already attempted to secure election to the League.

Rule 28.

There is one aspect of the matter, on which a few sentences may usefully be written, (says G. Wagstaffe Simmons in an article in "Sporting Life.") Rule 28 of the F.A. states:

"The Council shall have power to call upon any associations, clubs, or players to produce any books, letters, or documents, and other evidence the Council may desire."

That rule is so plainly worded that there cannot be any mistake as to its meaning. To that rule Leeds City subscribed. It bound itself to observe it, but when asked to produce documents that are believed to throw important light on certain transactions of the club, the directors state they are unable to do so because they are in the custody of their solicitors, who are under a pledge not to release them unless the consent of all parties is first obtained.

The solicitors, of course, are blameless. They are acting upon the instructions of their clients, and as they have not received the formal consent of all the parties to release the documents they still retain them under lock and key. It is the club that must be held responsible. The Commission naturally takes the view that if the club was stupid enough to get itself into a difficulty of this kind the club must get itself out of it. Those documents the Commission has made up its mind it must have, and it is for the club to produce them. The directors say: "We cannot get possession of them." Here is a deadlock so far as the documents are concerned, but it threw upon the Commission the onus of suspending the club for a serious infringement of the F.A. rules, and there the matter remains for the immediate present. There may be interesting developments at Sheffield.

MID-WEEK FOOTBALL.

Southern League.

Exeter 3; Southend 0; Reading 1; Merthyr 0; Portsmouth 0; Brighton 0.

ENGLAND v. WALES.

Cardiff International to be Played.

Mr. F. J. Wall the secretary of the Football Association, yesterday morning got into communication with the Great Western Railway, and the information he received was so satisfactory that he was able to state definitely that the "Victory" international match arranged for Cardiff to-morrow between England and Wales would be played.

With regard to the first of the two matches, that was postponed from last Saturday, a new date for this is not likely to be fixed until the International Select on Committee meet in London next Monday.

The England team to meet Wales next Saturday is:—Williamson (Arsenal), Ball (Birmingham), A. E. Knight (Portsmouth) captain, Voyzey (Millwall), Hilditch (Manchester United), Grimsdell (Tottenham Hotspur), Hendren (Brentford), Buchan (Sunderland), Kitchen (Sheffield United), Barnes (Manchester City), Brooks (Wolverhampton Wanderers). Reserves: Mitchell (Queen's Park Ranger), and Edmonds (Watford).

LONDON CUP SEMI-FINALS.

The draw for the semi-final of the London Challenge Cup, to be played November 10, has been made as follows:—

At Chelsea.—Fulham or Arsenal v. Crystal Palace.

At Highbury.—Nunhead or Chelsea v. Queen's Park Rangers.

The Fulham v. Arsenal replay will take place at Highbury on Monday next, unless the Football League order Fulham to meet Bristol City on that date, in which case the Challenge Cup replay must take place on or before October 20.

LEADING GOAL SCORERS.

The following is the list of the leading goal scorers in the First, Second, and Southern Leagues, down to date:

First League.—Kitchen (Sheffield United) 12, Buchan (Sunderland) 10, Smith (Bolton) 10, White (Arsenal) 7, Barnes (Manchester City) 7, Browell (Manchester City) 7, Elliott (Middlesbrough) 6, Woodcock (Manchester United) 6. McIlvenny (Bradford City) 6, Roberts (Bolton) 6.

Second League.—Lane (Blackpool) 12, Cock (Fulham) 11, McLeod (Leeds City) 9, Bliss (Tottenham, 8, Newton (Barnsley) 7, Bate (Wolverhampton) 6, Puddefoot (West Ham) 6. Cock (Huddersfield) 6, Millard (Birmingham) 6.

Southern League.—Broad (Millwall) 11. Stringfellow (Portsmouth) 7, Grimshaw (Cardiff) 6, Boyne (Brentford) 6, Evans (Cardiff) 5, Turner (Merthyr) 5, Armstrong (Portsmouth) 5. Burrill (Southend) 5, Edmonds (Watford) 5.

SCOTTISH GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

The draw for the Scottish Professional Championship, which takes place at Monifieth to-day and tomorrow, was made in Edinburgh on Tuesday, when the record entry of 46 was received.

The principal pairings in the first day's draw are: L. B. Ayton (St. Andrews) and A. Thomson (Macrihanish); B. Syms (North Berwick and J. McAndrew (Cruden Bay); Tom Fernie (Turnberry) and H. Bain (Carnoustie); A. Kirkcaldy (St. Andrews) and P. Robinson (Braids).

BILLIARDS.

Closing Scores:—Reece 3187; Inman 2501. Reece 295 and 393; Inman 312.

KING JOHN.

Favourite At The Moment For Cesarewitch.

"AN A1 CHANCE."

The situation for the Cesarewitch becomes increasingly interesting, King John, Unitoi, and Eton Rambler being the horses most talked of this week.

The first-named came remarkably well out of a recent gallop over two miles, and there is certainly a probability that he will add to Mr. P.P. Gilpin's successful record in this race (writes "Watchman" in "The Morning Post.") King John is already as good a favourite as any in the entry, and I expect he will be in first request on the day.

A NOTE ON KING JOHN.

Another racing scribe, "Captain Heath" in the "Daily Chronicle" writes as follows:—At the moment the Newmarket correspondents favour King John above and before all others for the Cesarewitch. They have a good word to say for Bridgend, and also for Eton Rambler, but King John is the reigning candidate for the great event next Wednesday. In a fast gallop the other day King John "lost" White Heat before the end of the journey, and Mr. Gilpin's horse finished the long journey alone without faltering.

When I was at Doncaster I saw King John beat Rothesay Bay over a mile and a half, but he went over to Lord Derby's horse and interfered with him to such an extent that he was promptly disqualified. When a horse does this it is usually the result of distress at the end of a tiring journey, and at the time I noted the fact that King John might not be a real Cesarewitch horse.

Gilpin, however, is, like Taylor, a wizard in training horses for long distance events, and if he thinks that King John has got an A1 chance, then I am sure that it would be folly to leave the horse out of calculations.

MR. BOTTOMLEY'S SUCCESS.

Third On List of Winning Owners in Belgium.

Mr. Bottomley's raid on the Ostend meeting has resulted in his occupying third place in the list of winning owners in Belgium.

The Stockel Stud comes first with 126,041fr., proceeding M. R. de Bocarme with 125,338fr., then Mr. Bottomley with 102,141fr.

The Stockel Stud's winnings have been earned on the flat, while M. de Bocarme and Mr. Bottomley have scored under both rules.

The latter's total is formed of 80,731fr. won on the flat and 21,410fr. over jumps—the highest figure for the year.

LONDON BETTING.

Cesarewitch.

6/1 King John; 9 1 Gay Lord; 10/1 Unitoi; 100 6 Ivanhoe; 100,3 Warwick and Zinovia; 20/1 Clarion and Dromio.

SPORT IN BRIEF.

Abandoned.

The Cardiff races, fixed for Friday and Saturday, have been abandoned owing to railway difficulties.

At Manchester.

In six round contests F. Wood (Salford) beat Young Tatt (Rochdale) and Eddie Matthews (Salford) beat J. Lancaster (Salford).

Smith v. Lawrence.

Smith and Lawrence are playing a match of 12,000 up at Thurstons Leicester-square Hall, Lawrence receiving 4,500 start.

Postponed.

The Southern League match between Queen's Park Rangers and Newport County fixed to take place at Shepherd's Bush on Thursday has been postponed.

Too Late For Cup Tie.

The Chelsea players were unable to get back from Burnley in time for the cup-tie at Nunhead and the match was postponed until Monday next.

Aldershot Boxing.

The 4th K.R.R.C. held a successful tourney at Marlborough Lines Gym., Aldershot, when the novices' competitions produced some keen boxing.

Exmoor Staghunting.

From the meet at Alderman's Barrow the Devon and Somerset Staghounds had over a two hours' run. A stag was roused in Hawk Combe, and was eventually killed at Horser Green.

Hitting Low.

A ten round contest between Jim Connor (Miles Platting) and Andy Geraghty (Rochdale) was going strongly in favour of Connor when he was disqualified in the third round for hitting low.

Racing At St. Cloud.

Sportsmen who had been deprived of a week's racing turned out in numbers at Saint Cloud. The fields were large and gave backers plenty of scope for speculating, and they managed to prove fairly correct in their choice.

New Billiard Rule.

The new rule 21 (relating to the referee's duties) renders any misconception impossible, for it is enacted that the referee "shall (at any time), on appeal by a player, decide any question of fact connected with the play."

Beaten On Points.

At the Alhambra Theatre, Openshaw, Manchester. Jim Riley (Wigan) beat Kid Lees (Oldham) on points in a 13 round contest at catch-weights, the persistency of the winner gaining him the verdict in a stubborn bout.

DESTROYED FOOTBALL DAMAGES

In Peterborough County Court this week a small boy named Sebastian Trentlein claimed compensation for a football destroyed. He was playing in his father's field when the wind blew the ball into a neighbour's garden. The man thrust his garden fork through the ball three times.

The judge awarded the boy half a guinea damages.

BASHAM-WELLS MATCH OFF.

Why the Great Welter-Weight Fight is Postponed.

SUBSTITUTE PROGRAMME.

It was announced in these columns yesterday that the important welter-weight contest between Johnny Basham and Bermondsey Billy Wells would take place at the Holborn Stadium to-morrow evening. The match has now been postponed, however.

The fixture was originally billed for to-day at the Stadium and then came the railway strike. This led Mr. Cochran to cancel the contest but with the sudden finish of the labour trouble, it was decided that the fight should take place on Saturday.

But the two men chiefly concerned had something to say about this. They argued that since they had both suspended training on account of the cancellation of the original date they would be unable to get fit again at so short a notice. The plea is certainly reasonable enough, and so the contest has been held over until a later date.

In the meantime, another attractive bout has been arranged as a substitute in Saturday's bill. Willie Farrell and Joe Attwood, welter-weights, will try conclusions.

GIANT v. GIANT.

Fulton Matched to Box Gordon Coghill.

Fred Fulton's perseverance, or rather his manager's, is not to go unrewarded, as Captain Gordon Coghill has consented to meet him on October 30. Coghill hails from Australia, where he was generally regarded as the heavy-weight champion, and only the outbreak of war stopped him from securing that distinction. He distinguished himself on active service by his daring and initiative, for which he received promotion from the ranks.

Though not quite so tall or so heavy as Fulton, he is big enough for the job. He is 6ft. 3½ins. in his stockinged feet, and weighs about fourteen stone. His pluck is unquestionable, and now that he has fully recovered from his wounds he may be expected to give Fulton a stiff argument; stiff enough, maybe, to make our other "heavies" regret the shyness they have shown whenever Mr. O'Rourke has invited them to meet his protégé.

McGOORTY AND BECKETT.

On Saturday night, in Paris, Eddie McGoorty, the American, will have a contest with the French middle-weight, Balzac, and Joe Beckett and many other notable boxers will give sparring exhibitions. Francois Descamps, manager of Carpentier, writes to say that McGoorty, after his affair with Balzac, will proceed to La Guerche to assist the French champion in his training for the match with Beckett on Dec. 4. Charles Ledoux is preparing for his contest with Jim Driscoll at the National Sporting Club on the 20th inst. at Manitot. Carpentier, who left for La Guerche last Monday, states that, except for a visit to Paris next Saturday in order to see Beckett box, he will remain at his training quarters until he crosses the Channel for his match with the English champion. He is especially pleased to have McGoorty as his principal sparring partner.

TOMMY NOBLE REPEATS HIS CHALLENGE.

The ex-bantam-weight champion Tommy Noble has posted a deposit of £200 to make a match at 8st 10.b with the winner of the contest on Oct. 20 between Charles Ledoux and Jim Driscoll. He is also open to give Eugene Criqui his revenge in a match at 8st 10.b, for £200 a side and the best purse.

A VIGOROUS GAME.

37 C.C.S. V 36 C.C.S. Football Match at Deutz.

These teams met on the former's ground at Deutz on Wednesday afternoon, the visiting club winning an interesting and well-contested game by two goals to nil.

There was a lively opening. Both goals were vigorously assailed, but the defences proved equal to the occasion, and it was not until midway through the initial half that Thompson, taking advantage of the miskick of a home back scored with a fast shot which landed high in the net. Stung by this reverse, the home side played up in spirited fashion and Ayres in the "36" goal had an anxious time, but by some admirable goalkeeping and aided by Lewis at back he kept his charge intact, half time arriving with "36" leading by a goal.

Strong Pressure.

The second half was also evenly contested up to the last quarter of an hour of the game. It was during this period that the visitors, keeping up a strong pressure, scored a second goal, the goalkeeper badly fumbling a long shot from Kirk. Up to the final whistle 36 C.C.S. held the upper hand and ran out winners as stated.

"36" were full value for their victory, the re-arranged forwards playing good football. The main feature of the game, however, was the capital display of Sergt. Lewis at left back. Both his tackling and kicking were of a clean order.

The losers, who played a vigorous, but thoroughly clean game, had hard luck on two occasions, their forwards when well placed shooting wildly. Their defence was of a high order, Mason and Burkenshaw at back both kicking in resolute fashion. Fagan was the best of a good middle line, whilst of the home forwards Burnett and Cottage were the most conspicuous.

Pre-War Form.

They got back to pre-war football at Selhurst when Crystal Palace defeated the 'Spurs before 4,000 spectators by 3 goals to 2.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

By W. Le C.

The defeat of the Spurs by Crystal Palace, may be ascribed to the fact that Tottenham's team contained eight reserve players. What is surely a record for penalty kicks happened in this game. Two against each team and each producing a goal was the order.

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Tonner, the Arsenal's new outside left, did not get much chance to shine against Fulham in Mondays cup-tie, but he will show his paces ere many days have passed.

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West Ham need a right wing, and badly too. When this deficiency is remedied, the "Hammers" will win matches.

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Queens Park Rangers possess a grand pivot in Mitchell, his mastery of Puddefoot on Monday must have made the English Selectors wonder. He is reserve for the match at Cardiff.

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The new date for the postponed international game at Stoke will be fixed on Monday next. The game with Wales, at Cardiff, takes play on Saturday as arranged.

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Plymouth Argyle have a forward who is making "Blotts" on other teams records.

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Cox, South Shields new centre-half, is probably the tallest player in first class circles, he stands 6 foot 3 inches.

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All the players transferred from Scotswood last season have already appeared in first class circles.

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Aston Villa are looking for new talent, One or two famous players in their ranks may doff the famous jersey ere 1919-20 closes.

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The 5th Border Regt. are fortunate in possessing players of the type of Capt. Rasser, who will be remembered as the well known Oxford player, and is a centre-half who will not be denied; L/Cpl. Aston, who was a popular player in the Central League while with Nelson his play, at left half despoils many dashing right wings, and Pte. Dixon right back who, on his present form, will catch some "spotters" eye in Rhineland.

PENALTY SECURES POINTS.

R.A.O.C. Detachments, Nippes, v. C/187 R.F.A.

A very fast and interesting game was played at Nippes on Wednesday between teams representing the R.A.O.C. Detachment, Nippes and C/187 R.F.A. Play was of a very even nature both ends being visited in turn, and poor shooting was the only reason that goals were not registered. A nicely placed corner by Humphries caused a little excitement and Whitfield was responsible for a very smart save off Croasdale.

On play being resumed, the homesters took up the running and made several attempts to get through the gunners defence, and only good play by Davies and Wilde kept them out. Langton receiving the ball set the home forwards going and Wallace when about to shoot, with only the goalie to beat was fouled in the fatal area. McGowan took the kick and although Whitfield reached the ball, he was unable to hold it and the first and what proved to be the winning goal was registered for the Ordnance men. Jones was obliged to concede a corner to relieve a critical situation. Harrison however kicked over the line. The gunners tried hard to get on level terms, but were unsuccessful, and a very clean and sporting game ended in a win for the home team by the only goal of the match.

"A" v "D" COY., 51st R. WARWICK REGT.

The above teams met at Kurten on Tuesday. The opening exchanges proved very keen and interesting "A" Coy doing most of the pressing, but from a breakaway, Cpl. Layton secured and, eluding the backs, opened the scoring for "D" Coy. Even play followed and "A" Coy had very hard lines in not equalising, their forwards making repeated attacks, but D's defence held out. From another breakaway, Phipps added a second goal for "D". Following a shot from Lieut. Lycell, Stokes handled in the penalty area and from the resultant kick, Cpl. Kempton opened "A" Coy's account. Half time arrived with no further scoring.

The second half opened with "A" Coy making tracks for "D's" goal and from a centre by Sgt. Dee, "A" Coy had hard lines in not equalising, Cpl. Kempster shot, just grazing the bar. After smart who combination, Sgt. Dee got the equaliser with a shot that glanced off Stokes' leg. The goalie had no chance to save. No further scoring took place and a hard fought game ended in a draw, 2-2.

HOCKEY.

3rd Battalion M.G.C. v 51st Bn. North'd. Fus. (Officers).

Played at Riehl barracks on Monday. The game started with the M.G.C. dribbling up the field and the centre forward, (Major Bennett) broke through the 51st defence and shot a fine goal. The 51st then made a good effort and through a piece of fine combination, reached the shooting circle, only to put the ball outside. The 51st continued to press and had another piece of very hard luck with a shot from Capt. Parry. Just before half time the M.G.C. scored a rather lucky goal. Half time. M.G.C. 2 51st. Bn. North'd. Fus. 0.

During the second half of the game the 51st. fell off, the M.G.C. scoring two more goals. Result: M.G.C. 4; 51st. North'd. Fus. 0.

Beckett Fixture.

Joe Beckett, the heavy-weight champion, is due to box an exhibition bout at York next Tuesday evening.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Thurs.	Othello	Verdi	7	10
Fri.	Die Entführung aus dem Serail	Mozart	7	10
Sat.	Mignon	Thomas	7	10.15
Sun.	Fidelio	Beethoven	7	10
Mon.	NO PERFORMANCE			
Tues.	NO PERFORMANCE			

"Damaged Goods" at Solingen.

Continuing their programme of Sunday performances, the B.R.A.D.C. is performing "Damaged Goods" at Solingen on Sunday next. On this occasion, the part of Mme. Dupons will be played by Miss Adeline Bourne, of the B.E.L.C., by kind permission of Miss Decima Moore.

Sunday at the Deutsches Theatre.

The first of a series of concerts will be given at the Deutsches Theatre on Sunday evening next at 6 p.m. The artistes are Modest Menzinsky, Wanda Achsel and Alfred Barker. Barker of course, is well-known but the others, beyond their reputation at the Opera House are still strangers to the English fraternity in Cologne.

Modest Menzinsky is Swedish born and has sung many times before his king. His last appearance in England was at Covent Garden in June 1905 when he played "Lohengrin," "Tannhauser" and the "Mastersingers" under the direction of Dr. Richter, who, in those days used to be conductor of the Hallé orchestra and Covent Garden. On Sunday, he will sing selections from Richard Strauss and Wagner and also several songs by Sjogren, a prominent Swedish composer.

There are but few who have not heard Wanda Achsel in "Madame Butterfly," "Mignon," "Faust" or "Othello." She is one of the best known operatic stars in Cologne. Among other items she will render an aria from "Mignon" and the Jewel song from "Faust" on Sunday evening.

To-night's Recital.

Archie Mozley is holding his first recital in Rheinland at the College Commerner Strasse, Euskirchen, this evening at 7 p.m. He will be assisted by Alfred Barker, the violinist of the Backhaus concerts and Walter Brickell the tenor. Sgt. Beindie, who is directing the affair, tells me the recital augurs well to be very successful. Will Hartley will be the accompanist.

JACQUES.

READ THE RULES.

Mistakes Made By Competitors In Our Football Contest.

Before filling in the coupon for our third football competition, make quite sure you understand the rules. Coupons frequently arrive wrongly marked. For instance, several forecasts last week were made out with the winning teams indicated by means of a cross, instead of the probable losing team being struck out.

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ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

A 'Tish' oo.

The epidemic of colds is spreading. The sudden change from warm summer to chill autumn has been too much for many of us. By the way can anyone tell me of an infallible cure for rheumatism?

Ending "Summer-Time."

There is an important announcement as to this on our first page to-day. Soon ordinary and railway time will be the same.

Translation Difficulty.

Another translation peculiarity in the programme of music at the N.A.C.B. Officers' Club Cologne, was observed on Wednesday. "Anna, what is then with you, waltz," appeared in the list of items to be rendered by the orchestra. The English equivalent should of course be "Anna, what is the matter with you." "The Magic Flute" recently appeared as "the wonderful whistle."

Heard The News?

The Command Cashier is weighing out once more and is giving 120 marks to the pound. Follow the crowd.

Habits of German Beds.

Concerning my recent paragraph on the subject of the relative comfort of German and English beds, a correspondent reminds me that Mark Twain once wrote in a description of a holiday in Germany:—"They were fully as narrow as the usual German bed, too, and had the German's ineradicable habit of spilling the blankets on the floor every time you forgot yourself and went to sleep."

A "Pro" Wanted.

I hear that the Rhine Army Golf Club is needing the services of a professional player.

Be on Your Guard.

So many cases of theft from soldiers on leave to the United Kingdom have occurred of late that men are again warned to be on their guard against thieves at railway stations and rest places in England. Tunies, it appears, have been stolen while men have been washing themselves.

Good for the Office.

Looking around the shops of Cologne, it does strike me that all articles of Office equipment and furniture are reasonably priced and very good. I notice many notions too that spell economy.

Prophylactic Stations.

The following lists of prophylactic stations in Cologne is published for information:—Staple Haus, on embankment, near Hohenzollern Bridge; Brinkgasse, towards Opera House; Elster Gasse near Art Museum; Folier Strasse, towards Ubier Ring; Empire Leave Club, Langgasse. Zoological Gardens, near Y.M.C.A. Hut. In addition there are prophylactic stations at Divisional Hostels.

Here They Come.

They are rolling in more merrily than ever. I refer to the Football Coupons. One of these days perhaps there will be a solus winner and then he will scoop in a tidy sum. Will it be you?

An Interesting Statue.

One of the most interesting statues in Rhineland is that of Gutenberg the inventor of printing. It stands in the oldest quarter of Mayence and was designed by Thorvaldsen and executed in Paris, the subscriptions coming from all parts of Europe. All round the statue the buildings are old and quaint, among them being the "King of England" the golden sign of which delights the eye of every English traveller.

The Favourite.

The national musical instrument of Germany would seem to be the guitar. I have yet to enter a Rhineland household where the ubiquitous instrument is not conspicuously displayed.

Why Cold Water?

Why does the German barber always use cold water when lathering? I put the question to my friseur the other morning and he assured me that warm water was injurious to the skin. Still it is not very pleasant to have a cold brush dabbed on your face, particularly when there is a wintry atmosphere about.

Shutting Down.

I learn that the Scottish Churches premises in the Schildergasse will shortly be closed and the ladies at present there will return to their native heath. The passing of this popular canteen will be greatly felt by all the troops with whom it was a favourite rendezvous.

The Victory Medal.

The Allies' War Medal is designated the "Victory Medal" because it is the one title for a war medal which the German cannot copy. On the obverse there will be a winged figure of Victory, the borders and back-ground will be plain without either description or date. On the reverse there will be inscribed, "The Great War for Civilisation," translated into the different languages.

Tram Line Points.

Whatever may be the real reason for constructing the points in the tramway lines so that they may only be manipulated by means of a special long hook, there is the obvious advantage that mischievous children are unable to tamper with the metals.

Command Cashier Re-opens.

The news travelled rapidly round Cologne, yesterday morning that the Command Cashier had opened his doors again and was paying out at the generous Army rate of 120 marks to the pound. There was an immediate rush for cash, and to-day, I shouldn't be surprised if there is a huge queue to deal with. Subalterns may draw up to 600 marks and Captains up to 800.

The Cologne Baths.

In future the Cologne baths near the Opera House will be reserved for officers on Wednesdays from 14.00 to 19.00 hours instead of on Mondays and Thursdays.

Barristers and Wigs.

The German barrister is not quite such a picturesque figure as his English confrere. He wears the orthodox silk gown but the absence of the awe-inspiring wig robs him of that dignified mien which we have come to associate with the legal profession in England.

Not in Great Request.

Speaking of lawyers, the legal profession does not appear to be a very lucrative one in Rhineland, judging by the proceedings at the summary Counts, where it is the exception rather than the rule for a lawyer to be engaged. Perhaps it is that the litigants agree with Bumble's famous dictum that the law is a "Hass."

All Satisfied.

The share out of the surplus canteen profits amongst the members of the clerks and orderlies messes at the Monopol has I hear, given great satisfaction and certainly suggests careful supervision of money earned from Tommy by business-like methods.

A Silly Joke.

During the performance of the "Walküre" at the Opera House last Monday it was noticed that during the first act several false notes were given on the wind instruments. The manager of the Opera House tells me that these false notes were the result of a mischevious trick perpetrated by a practical joker who added them to the scores from which the Orchestra played.

A Tragedy.

I met a sad, very sad young subin the Club yesterday morning. He had just cashed a fiver at a Bank and received a shade over 100 marks to the pound, only to hear five minutes later that the Command Cashier was functioning once more and was giving as much as 120.

Held up.

Extraordinary is the number of traffic breakdowns that occur daily in the town. Even in crowded business streets it is nothing unusual to come across some huge wagon which has become "kaput." Yesterday morning in the Hansa Ring the wheel of a furniture van came off holding up the tramcar on which I was riding. The usual crowd quickly gathered, and struggled in vain for some time to put the vehicle in going order, after which the occupants of the crowded tram decided that their best policy was to alight and walk.

Visitors to Cologne.

According to the statistics now published 2,683 foreigners visited Cologne in July last. These comprised 563 British, 722 Belgians, 1201 Frenchmen, 184 Dutch, 77 Italians, 12 Austrians, 40 Russians, 14 Swiss and 10 Americans.

Promiscuous Literature.

Some German booksellers do not seem to have much idea of classifying books in their windows. In one shop I noticed six volumes side by side. The first was a volume of Schiller's works, next to it was a problem novel, while a text-book on German grammar, a novel of Storm's, Nietzsche's "Thus spake Zarathusa," and "Huckleberry Finn" in English, completed the row.

Can't Be Answered.

The Editor complains to me that a great many questions still reach him from readers which could easily be answered in the Orderly Room of the enquirers' unit. Don't, please don't, address such questions to the Editor.

Interest.

Have you noticed the interest displayed by the average German of the professional class in internal happenings in England? I was talking to one the other day and he was singularly well informed on all things at home. There was nothing touched upon about which he did not speak with knowledge gleaned no doubt through English newspapers.

A Mild Sensation.

There are parts of Rhineland occupied by our Allies, where the appearance of a British soldier makes a mild popular sensation. One such, arriving the other day at Kempen, beyond Crefeld, was amused and embarrassed when the Belgian guard at the station presented arms, and Belgian soldiers in the street saluted him, while German officials, taking their cue from the Belgians, did likewise. And in the house he visited, the children of the family were solemnly brought to see him, as the first English soldier who had been to Kempen. Kempen, a clean dull little town, has a memorial to Thomas à Kempis, who is reputed to have been born there, and as a curiosity what must be one of the ugliest statues on earth, set up to a local worthy.

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AROUND AND ABOUT.

NO SMOKE WITHOUT FIRE.

A new smokers' fashion has been introduced from France, and seems to be catching on among folk of discrimination. It consists of a specially-cut kind of cigarette paper, about three inches broad, and shaped like a heraldic rose. The smoker packs into this a charge of his favourite tobacco and puts the whole into the bowl of his pipe, and it is claimed that it smokes cooler, more economically, and is far better than the usual primitive process, as the paper projects from the pipe bowl in a kind of mushroom head, the new fashion cannot fail to attract notice; but an old smoker tells me that there is nothing very new in it.

CLAYS.

During the whole time the Germans were in occupation of Belgium, there was actually one industry which was not idle for a moment. It was only a small one, to be sure, and consisted of the making of clay pipes by hand labour in the neighbourhood of Andenne. This fact is the only cheerful item one can discover among a host of sad statistics showing how difficult is the road of reconstruction. It is a remarkable feature that the subjects which adorned these clay pipes were the features of generals and prominent persons *among the Allies!* It was even permissible to send the pipes to prisoners of war, and their sale was never prohibited. The reason seems to be that they were so much cheaper than wooden pipes, and then, "business is business".

BRITISH CINEMA ENTERPRISE.

Two big British film companies have recently been formed to fight American cinema enterprise. Mr. Charles Higham, M.P., founder of one of the new companies, explains the reasons why he has such good hopes of success in the prevalent keen competition. "People speak of the wonderful scenery of the Rocky Mountains, the orange groves of California and the Pacific coast, but Italy, Spain, Portugal and Switzerland are much nearer to London than California is to New York. British films propose to give to the world real Florence, Naples and Monte Carlo scenes."

Mr. Higham says his Company is completing the largest studios in the world at Harrow Weald park, and he hopes to induce dramatists like Pinero, Carton, Sims and others to write their own scenarios.

THE ORIGIN OF THE "LOVING CUP."

It is said that the origin of the "loving cup" is traceable to Henry IV. of France. While hunting he strayed from his companions, and, feeling thirsty, called at a wayside inn for a cup of wine. The serving maid, on handing it to him as he sat on horseback, neglected to present the handle. Some wine was spilled, and the king's white gauntlets were soiled. As he was riding home the thought came to him that a two-handled cup would present a recurrence of this accident, so he had a two-handled cup made at the royal potteries and sent it to the inn. On his next visit he called again for wine, when to his astonishment the maid, having received instructions from her mistress to be very careful of the king's cup, presented it to him by holding it herself by each of its handles. At once the idea struck the king that a cup with three handles was the thing needed. The idea was promptly acted upon, for, as his Majesty quaintly said: "Surely out of three handles I shall be able to get one!"

VANITY FAIR.

A Feature for the British Woman in Rhineland.

Sensations Everywhere.

They are to be seen everywhere—at the races, in restaurants, at the theatres, They cause sensations, as they are meant to, and everyone knows that the sort of woman who wears them is to be found in all nations, although Paris produces the greater number, because the Parisienne is so clever in making and wearing the most striking fashions. She creates fashions, other women follow them.

Renovating Furs at Home.

Just at the moment furs loom largely on the horizon of Fashion land. Many a woman is contemplating her peltry unpacked from its wrappings, with an anxious eye. She is conscious of the alterations and renovations that are necessary and conscious also of the cost they will entail. There is no doubt that any extensive alterations to furs should be placed in the hands of a good furrier, but on the other hand furs may be restored and altered very successfully at home.

Women Hotel-Keepers.

There never was a time when the strain on hotel accommodation was so great. The manager of a hotel combine states that this will probably continue and that, in his opinion, we are becoming very American in our hotel-living habits. Obviously the main reason for this is the expense and the difficulty of present-day housekeeping. People are giving up their houses, for they find that by living in hotels they are spared the troubles of catering. A habit of this kind once cultivated is apt to grow. Here, then, is a golden opportunity for the woman who is an expert hotel-keeper. The trouble is that not many women have all the experience or the gifts required for this particular occupation. The perfect hotel-keeper must combine in herself the talents of a good caterer, a bookkeeper, a tactful manager of staff and of guests; she must have patience, good health, and a business brain.

AGNES.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Colonial Super-tax.—New South Wales has re-adopted the super tax.

For Egypt.—Lord Milner leaves for Egypt next month.

More Fish?—Isle of Man is to spend £30,000 in developing fisheries.

Some Stock.—Ealing had 25,000 tins of condensed milk when the strike ended.

Home.—Many British troops from North Russia have arrived at Hull.

Death in Salmon.—An Eastwood doctor's wife died after eating tinned salmon for tea.

Bridegroom at 81.—Guildford's oldest tradesman, aged 81 has been married.

Goodbye.—"Wrafs" are to be demobbed by November 8th.

French Rails.—French Railway men are demanding a rise of 100 per cent.

Votes.—Votes for women in France has again been passed by the Chamber.

Improved.—President Wilson's improvement is continuing.

French Education.—A French Secondary school has been opened at Mainz.

Dry.—At Christiania there is a considerable majority for prohibition.

Generous.—A lumberman bequeathed £20,000 for a new hospital in Ottawa.

Not Cheap.—Cologne is said to be most expensive town in Germany.

Caught.—Both the convicts who escaped from Parkhurst have been recaptured.

Gored.—An Elphinstone cattleman was gored to death while exercising a bull.

Distinction For Arras.—The Legion of Honour has been conferred on the town of Arras.

Ex-Crown Princess.—The German Crown Princess has left Holland for Potsdam but is expected to return.

Giant Bus.—M. Bleriot has completed the building of a giant aérobus. Twenty-eight passengers can be carried.

Tasty.—Thirty coolies have died at Canton from eating a dish prepared from a dead dog.

At the Top.—Mr. Vanderbilt heads the list of winning owners in France to date.

Scarce.—Milk, butter and eggs are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain in Paris.

French Elections.—The elections for the French Parliament will take place on November 16th.

The List.—The Allies have delivered a list of these Germans who are to be extradited.

The End.—The Spartacist Leader Levien who led the Munich revolutionaries has been arrested.

The French Way.—Martial law has been proclaimed by the French at Saarebrucken on account of strikes.

Touching.—Yesterd ay's "In Memoriam" notices in "The Times" included one from an officer to his batman.

In the Open Air.—French babies born in the devastated area are being baptised in the open air.

Golden Days.—A considerable number of gold coins are in circulation again in Blighty.

The Penalty.—Warren has been hanged for the murder of Lucy Nightingale at Finsbury Park, last July.

Delayed.—The threshing of corn in Lincolnshire is being delayed owing to lack of coal.

Enough.—Bethnal Green has declined the offer of the War Office of four German "heavies" and four field guns.

Big Fire.—Damage to the extent of £50,000 was done in a fire at a Bath timber yard.

The Telephones.—The P.M.G. is to receive a manufacturers' deputation on telephones shortly.

"Raffles."—While Kingston detectives were investigating a theft at an hotel a thief took notes from other bedrooms.

Comedian's Order.—A receiving order in bankruptcy has been made against Mr. Fred Evans, variety artiste.

Never Missed.—A Watlington sohoolgirl has eight years unbroken attendance at school to her credit.

By Steamer.—A useful lesson of the strike was the possibilities of travel by coasting steamer.

Seasons.—Season ticket holders are asking for a concession because of the strike.

Venice Bells.—The Italian Government has provided bronze and tin to replace church bells of Venice stolen by the Austrians.

The Wraf Case.—A petition has been lodged with the Home Secretary for the release of the Wraf undergoing imprisonment.

The R. A. O. C.—Volunteers (non-releasable men) are required for transfer to the R. A. O. C. for duty as clerks and storemen.

Test of Battle.—I want the men to forget any passion and to recognise that the battle tested us all—Mr. J.H. Thomas. M. P.

Croix de Guerre.—Decoration of the City of Paris with the Croix de Guerre will probably take place between October 21st and 26th.

Penalty of Greatness.—The leader of the German Independent Socialist party was shot at as he was entering the Reichstag.

Love Ledger.—A lover, who sued his sweetheart for the return of presents produced a book in Court in which they were entered.

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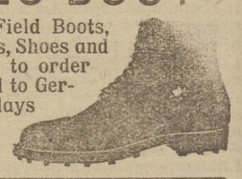

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FUNNIEST IDEA OF THE WAR. A TANK TO CROSS THE RHINE.

AUDACIOUS PLAN OF VON DER GOLTZ.

BALFOUR RETIRING.

IMPORTANT POLITICAL CHANGES.

Several changes are imminent in political circles. Lord Milner leaves in the course of a few days to direct the Commission of Inquiry into the troubles in Egypt. Mr. A.J. Balfour has asked the Premier to relieve him as soon as possible of the office of Foreign Secretary, as he wishes to retire. He will probably be succeeded by Lord Curzon. Lord Inverforth is also expected to retire very soon from the Ministry of Munitions, while rumour says that Earl Beatty will succeed Sir Rosslyn Wemyss as First Sea Lord.

GOLTZ'S INTENTIONS.

ALLEGED DESIGNS ON PETROGRAD.

The Supreme Council will probably decide to-day upon what will be the answer to Germany's observations on the ultimatum demanding evacuation of Lithuania under pain of the reinstitution of the blockade. Marshal Foch has prepared a new note to Germany reiterating the demands of the Allied and Associated Powers that German troops shall evacuate Lithuania immediately. It is possible that a Commission of Inter-Allied representatives may go to Lithuania to superintend the evacuation.

The Helsingfors correspondent of the "Times" sends the following message from General Nassilovsky: "Just returned from Reval. Von der Goltz's troops beginning careful movement on Latvia and in less than a fortnight with advanced guard under Colonel Bernont, will begin offensive in direction of Pskoff, occupy Esthonia and march on Petrograd with object of installing German monarchical regime. Request forward this message to Marshal Foch."

SCAPA FLOW.

NO MORE GERMAN VESSELS TO BE SALVED.

Of the German war vessels which were scuttled at Scapa Flow, the battleship Baden, three light cruisers and eighteen destroyers have been salved. This work was carried out in a period of less than four weeks, Commander Kay, of the Liverpool Salvage Association directing the operations.

With regard to the other submerged vessels, the cost of salving and reconditioning would be anything up to five hundred thousand sterling. The anchorage at Scapa is so extensive, however, that the wrecks do not constitute any serious restriction to navigation and the authorities are therefore not recommending further salvage operations.

WAR ORPHANS.

TO BE PROVIDED WITH REAL HOMES.

A new scheme has been devised by the Ministry of Pensions by which several thousands of British war orphans are to be found real homes. The children will be placed in families of their own religion, brothers and sisters being kept together as far as possible, and provision will be made for the maintenance, health and education of the orphans. The scheme will be put into operation by Local Pensions Committees, acting through special sub-committees. A weekly allowance of twelve shillings will be made for the first child and eleven shillings for each of the others.

PIG PENALTY.

PROFITEERING ACT EXTENDED.

The Profiteering Act is to be greatly strengthened. Under the new schedule the following articles will probably be brought within its scope: fuel, smokers' requisites, tools, glass or stone bottles, toilet accessories, medical or surgical appliances, stationery and photorgaphic materials.

Fines amounting to £918 were imposed yesterday on William Gyte a Sheffield pigdealer, who was charged on nine summonses for selling pigs above the maximum price.

UKRANIA DECLARES WAR.

The Ukranian press bureau reports via Copenhagen that the Ukranian Government has declared war on Denikin and that heavy fighting is proceeding, Denikin's advance westward being held up. The bureau alleges that Denikin first attacked the Ukranians.

TANK TALKS.

"ONE OF THE BEST IDEAS OF THE WAR."

The Tanks Commission of Inquiry continued the hearing of the claim of Lieutenant Macfie, who in April 1915 submitted to the Tank Committee drawings of a tank with caterpillar tracks of a triangular form.

Counsel for Lieutenant Macfie related that Colonel Boothby gave permission to his client to make a large model. While this was being done Lieutenant Macfie missed a small model which he had made. Towards the end of June, on entering a room at the Admiralty, he was astounded to find a number of senior officers before whom two civilians were demonstrating with his model. He was so amazed that he immediately picked up the model and took it away. Shortly afterwards, said counsel, the Tank Committee began building a tank containing the distinctive features of his model.

After Lieutenant Macfie had given evidence, Colonel Boothby and others gave evidence in support of his claim. Lieut.-Colonel Delacombe told how, at a meeting of the D'Eyncourt Committee, Major Hetherington said "If you are going in for a land-ship, why not take the gasometer at the Oval, put wheels on it as big as the Great Wheel at Earls Court, and put 10-inch guns inside. Then it could not only go across country but even across the Raine." Witness added that he thought that was one of the best ideas he had heard during the war. (Laughter).

Major Hetherington was called for the Crown. He said he advocated a big wheel for a particular landship of, say, 300 tons. He took Lieutenant Macfie to the Committee because he was an able officer, very keen on the question of "caterpillars."

The Solicitor General submitted that Lieutenant Macfie had no claim whatever. He had altogether failed to show that he had been a useful factor in the solution of the problem.

The case of Engineer Nesfield, who claimed that he was the inventor of the upturned track as well as other improvements, was then heard.

COLONISING RUSSIA.

800,000 GERMANS TO BE NATURALISED.

The "Matin" learns from Berlin that the Council of Workers charged with the Eastward emigration, and whose headquarters is at Leipzig, is negotiating with the Government at Moscow for the sending of 800,000 German unemployed to Soviet Russia.

Entire factories will be placed at the disposal of the unemployed, who will have the privilege of acquiring Russian nationality.

Doubtless this is the beginning of the colonisation of Russia by Germany.

MOSCOW AMENITIES.

LENIN, TROTZKY AND PETER THE PAINTER.

A message from Helsingfors states that the troops in Courland are said to have received a wireless communication, according to which serious rebellions are taking place in Moscow.

Lenin is reported to have ordered Trotzky to be taken prisoner, but instead Lenin was arrested.

According to a communication from Reval social revolutionaries have begun a reign of terror against the Bolsheviks at Moscow.

It is reported that among the killed is the Bolshevik leader Peters.

INFLUENZA RETURNS.

Though only in a mild form, influenza has returned with the colder and damper weather. It caused eleven deaths in the London area last week, compared with nine, four, and four cases in the preceding three weeks, but, as the average is nine, the mortality rate is little beyond the normal. The deaths in the 96 great towns from the disease numbered 32. The general death rate in London was the same as the average for all the great towns—12 per thousand.

"MENTIONEL" CERTIFICATES FOR NURSES.

The War Office states that nurses whose names are mentioned in despatches will receive a certificate of the King's appreciation of their services provided that their mention is for work in France, Egypt or other places overseas.

The negotiations between the Railwaymen and the Government will be resumed on Tuesday.

THE GREAT STRIKE.

BRITAIN'S LESSON TO AMERICA.

The American ambassador has placed it on record that he has never seen any public phenomenon which was more impressive or of greater promise, not only to the people of Great Britain but to the people of the civilized world, than the good temper and tolerance shown during the railway strike. It was a demonstration of inherent, innate, deep-seated love of order that prevailed among the people of Great Britain, a reverence for established institutions, an eagerness for the reign of law and determination to preserve order, even if a fight had to be made for it.

It was that quality which year after year and age after age had made the forces of despotism and anarchy beat against this island as against a rock. That was the contribution which the English people had made to civilization, which they were ready to make again and for which civilization might thank them and its divinity through all the years. There were common problems that confronted the world at this time. What happened to-day in England might happen tomorrow in America and what took place to-day in America might take place tomorrow in England. It was the same problem, the relation of man to man. "We shall learn from Great Britain," said Mr. Davis, "we must learn from Great Britain. I am devoutly thankful that we learn from a race that has an innate love of order."

PENNANT INQUIRY.

PROMINENT WITNESSES TO BE CALLED.

The Committee appointed by the House of Lords to inquire into the dismissal of Miss Violet Douglas-Pennant from the command of the Women's Royal Air Force will meet at the House of Lords on Tuesday next.

Sir Edward Carson has, owing to his political engagements, given up his brief for Miss Douglas-Pennant, Mr. J. A. Hawke, K. C., will now lead for her, with Mr. Stuart Bevan, K.C., and Mr. Buchanan.

Several past and present heads of Air Ministry Departments will be seen in the witness box.

Miss Pennant's chief witness will probably be Miss Eileen O'Sullivan, who held an appointment in the clothing branch. General Branker, General Paine, Major Baird and Mr. Winston Churchill may also be called.

IRISH AFFAIRS.

CABINET COMMITTEE TO TRY AGAIN.

A Cabinet Committee has been appointed to draft a new scheme for Irish settlement.

Mr. Walter Long is the Chairman, and among the members will be Mr. Shortt (Irish Secretary), Sir Auckland Geddes, Lord Birkenhead, Mr. MacPherson, Lord French, Mr. H. A. L. Fisher and Mr. Worthington Evans.

POLICE CHARGE A PROCESSION.

There was a scene of wild disorder in Fifth Avenue and Washington Square New York, yesterday, when a body of fifty mounted and 300 unmounted police dispersed a crowd of 5,000 Reds who were attempting to parade the streets with banners demanding that the United States should recognise the Soviet Government in Russia. Five of the Red leaders were arrested and many persons were hurt.

HARD LABOUR FOR A ROGUE

Sentence of twelve months' hard labour was passed at Dorset Quarter Sessions yesterday on Reginald Heald, who said he was the son of a clergyman, for obtaining £12 from the proprietor of a Weymouth hotel by means of bogus cheques. It was stated he had been posing as the son of a Devonshire Peer, and that he was wanted all over the country on similar charges.

DISCHARGED POLICE APPEAL.

A deputation from the Police Union waited yesterday on the Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Council and asked the latter to introduce a Bill repealing certain clauses in the Police Act in an endeavour to get discharged men reinstated. The Committee promised to consider the matter. The deputation also asked for financial assistance for the dismissed men. An appeal will accordingly be issued to affiliated societies.

PRESIDENT WILSON IMPROVING

A late bulletin last night stated that President Wilson had spent a good day but there was no decided change in his condition. Subsequently the physician in attendance said that the President is holding his own and improving slowly.

PRINCESS MARY'S EXAMPLE.

Princess Mary and her two brothers have set a good example in the matter of travelling. They did the journey from Scotland to London by sea. The two Princes go into residence at Cambridge to-day.

BEFORE THE WAR.

VISCOUNT HALDANE POINTS THE MORAL.

The second instalment of Viscount Haldane's recollections, which are appearing in the "Westminster Gazette," deals especially with his visit to Germany in February 1912.

He considers that both Bethmann-Hollweg and the Kaiser were at that time sincerely in earnest in desiring to improve relations with us and to keep the peace. The Kaiser, however, was pulled at by his naval and military advisers and by the increasingly powerful Chauvinist party, which became decidedly stronger in the course of the next two years. Viscount Haldane formed the opinion that the power of the Kaiser in Germany was considerably misinterpreted and overestimated. The really decisive influence was that of the Minister who managed to secure the strongest following in the country and clearly Von Tirpitz was the man at that period.

There was also a decided tendency to swollen headedness in the German nation. Personally he believed that phase of militarism would pass, but he quite recognised the possibility of an explosion and when he returned to England and explained to his colleagues the reason for his hopefulness he also reported three matters on which he felt uneasy. The first was his strong impression that the new German fleet law would be insisted upon. Secondly the possibility of Von Tirpitz becoming Chancellor, and thirdly, the want of continuity in the supreme direction of German policy, more especially foreign policy.

With regard to the outbreak of war itself he considered that Bethmann-Hollweg let himself be swept into a course of which at heart he disapproved.

"To-day" he concludes, "Germany lies prostrate but not dead. We must prepare ourselves by study and organisation against her competition in scientific industry. She will not attempt for generations to build again on military foundations but there are other fields of activity open and we must begin to realise this."

DRIVER'S NERVE.

SAVES PASSENGER TRAIN FROM DISASTER.

Messages from Barcelona say that at many places in Valencia the rivers are still rising and overflowing their banks and several villages are flooded. Passengers in a train had a terrifying experience, which but for the nerve of the engine driver would have ended in disaster. As the train was nearing a bridge over the river Todors, the driver noticed that it was on the point of collapse. It was too late for him to pull up, so he put on full steam and the train literally hurled itself across the quivering bridge, which collapsed and fell into the torrent just after the train was safely across. The passengers overwhelmed the driver with thanks and tangible expressions of gratitude for his remarkable coolness in the critical emergency.

DOINGS AT FIUME.

GENERAL AND ADMIRAL D'ANNUNZIO.

A communiqué issued by the chief command at Fiume on the 2nd of October states that D'Annunzio has 15,000 troops, also one dreadnought, one old cruiser and two torpedo boats, seaplanes, aeroplanes and ample munitions. In view of the concentration of armed bands in Jugo-Slavia the command has taken all precautions. Owing to the protest of the National Council, the blockade has been raised as regards foodstuffs and mails.

THE TRUE TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., speaking at Stepney said the true victors of the railway strike were the community, and the losers were the stirrers up of strife. Suspicion must give way to good will and ill will to understanding. The true Triple Alliance was brains, capital, and labour. It was on the true partnership of all three that the future of the country depended.

LOW RATES DUE TO RACING.

In East and West Molesey the rates for the ensuing half-year are only 1s. 7d. and 1s. 6d. in the pound, a reduction of 4d. and 3d. in the pound respectively. The reason given for this happy state of affairs is that, with the resumption of racing, Hurst Park racecourse is now paying full rates.

THEATRICAL WORLD'S RECORD.

On Friday, the 17th November, the longest run in the history of the English stage will be celebrated at His Majesty's theatre. On that night "Chu Chin Chow" will reach its 1,467th performance, beating "Charley's Aunt" by one point.

PADEREWSKI IN LONDON.

Paderewski, the Premier of Poland. has arrived in London to consult Mr. Lloyd George about important Polish affairs. He leaves again immediately for Warsaw.

SUMMARY COURT.

STEROTYPED EXCUSES OF NO AVAIL.

The traffic with English cigarettes still continues, despite the heavy fines inflicted, and there is a curious similarity about the excuses offered in Court by the accused. They almost invariably plead that the cigarettes are left in their charge by English soldiers. This was the excuse offered by Arnold Eupen of 10 Kupfer Gasse when charged with being in possession of 4,000 cigarettes but it was of no avail and he was fined 2,000 marks or three weeks imprisonment.

48 of the "Veribest."

In a private room adjoining the bar in the house of Peter Pambertz, Café proprietor of Vorgebirgs Strasse. Detective-Sergt. J. McMasters found 48 tins of corned beef of the "Veribest" brand. Asked for an explanation Lambertz stated that two German civilians whom he did not know placed it in his room and then departed, remarking that they would call for it later.

Lambertz amplified his story at the Court and said that the civilians returned for the beef the same night, but in the meantime it had been confiscated. When he informed them of this, one of them struck him. His son was also struck after which the men ran away.

He was fined 500 marks and paid the amount into Court immediately.

Unlicensed Cafes.

Else Blattheim, who keeps an unlicensed cafe at 19 Friesenplatz was charged with selling alcoholic drinks to civilians at 11.35 p.m. Three civilians were charged with remaining on the premises after eleven o'clock and with consuming liquor. The latter charges were dismissed the Presiding Officer being of opinion that there was no regulation in force regarding the hours during which such cafés may remain open, but the licensee was fined 2,000 marks or one months imprisonment on the count of selling alcoholic drinks.

PRIVATE LETTERS.

CURIOUS AGONY ADVERTISEMENT

In the "Times" personal column of Wednesday appeared the following announcement:—

Wing-Commander Ranken desires to inform his correspondents that their letters to him at his office are being opened under a. M. of M. Order, and that the addition of the words Private, Personal, or the act of sealing or registration is not necessarily a protection. He will be glad to receive letters at his private address.

The assistant secretary of the Ministry of Munitions commenting on the matter, explained that.

"Under an official standing order, dated May 8, 1919, all correspondence addressed to an officer is opened in the registry, unless the envelope is marked 'Personal.'

He added that it is, of course, quite possible that by inadvertence specially marked letters may be opened.

POPE RECEIVES BRITISH SOLDIERS.

One hundred British soldiers with a number of officers were received by the Pope on Wednesday in the Consistorial Hall. They were introduced by Father Butler, their chaplain, who said that the soldiers, owing to having lived in Italy some time, understood Italian. The Pontiff accordingly addressed them in this language. He urged them to be loyal to their religion, their country, and their superiors, remembering obedience and discipline were the first virtues of a soldier. His Holiness imparted to them, together with their families, the Apostolic benediction.

AERIAL DERBY'S BAD START.

The United States trans-continental aerial Derby, for which sixty-three competitors entered, some flying from Long Island to San Francisco and others the reverse way, started very badly. Three aviators were killed and one seriously injured on the first day of the race.

BE GRAFTED AND GROW YOUNG.

Startling statements were made by Dr. Serge Voronoff at the Surgical Congress in France in connection with the prolongation of life. He claims that he has succeeded in grafting certain glands of a monkey on old goats and rams, which immediately recovered their youth. A similar gland grafted on an old man would, he contends, restore his lost youth and strength.

DEMOBILIZATION RESUMED.

The transport service with troops for demobilisation was resumed on Wednesday, about 4,000 men from France and Germany landing at Dover from various ships. These men had been held up at Boulogne and Calais for ten days owing to the railway strike.

THE FIRE AT LONDON COUNTY HALL.

The estimated damage caused by the fire at the New County Hall last Thursday is officially stated to be £1,500, but this figure does not cover repairs to the permanent concrete floors, which are now being examined.

END OF THE WAR.

TREATY ABOUT TO COME INTO FORCE.

Replies having been received from all the British Dominions. the King's ratification of the Treaty of Peace is imminent.

The Peace Treaty Bill, it may be recalled, received the Royal Assent on July 31. Approval of the various Dominions was signified on the following dates: New Zealand, Sept. 2, Canada, Sept. 12, South Africa, Sept. 12, Australia, Oct. 1.

The French Chamber of Deputies has adopted the Bill dealing with the date of the cessation of hostilities. The Bill, which contains only a single clause, reads as follows:

"For the execution of laws, decrees, regulations, and contracts, the application of which was subordinated to the state of war, the date of the official promulgation of the Bill authorising the President of the Republic to ratify the Treaty with Germany will be that of the cessation of hostilities."

The Bill is the symbolic action signifying the end of the war. If there were any delay in the Senate voting on the Treaty, the Government might consider the question of postponing the date.

60,000 DOCKERS STRIKE.

NEW YORK SHIPPING PARALYSED

The strike of 60,000 dockers which is almost completely paralysing the port of New York is in direct violation of orders issued by the men's Union leaders. The Union had agreed to accept the decision of the National Adjustment Commission of the United States Shipping Board which awarded the men 3s per hour for regular work and 3s 5d an hour for overtime. The Carmania was unable to leave as scheduled on Tuesday night though all the passengers were aboard. The ship's crew were hard at work getting luggage aboard and filling the bunkers with coal. The Baltic was in a similar plight. The strikers declare their intention of preventing all trans-Atlantic steamers from leaving. Mr. O'Connor, President of the Union, yesterday served notice to the strikers that the Union intends to finish with them unless they return to work forthwith.

Later news says both the above liners sailed on Thursday although the Carmania was compelled to leave 500 tons of cargo and 1,000 tons of bunker coal behind. Fifteen hundred steamship office clerks have joined the strike.

T. U. DEMANDS.

FOUR HOURS INTERVIEW WITH PREMIER.

The Prime Minister yesterday received a deputation representing the Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress and the Miners' Federation, who presented the demands of the Congress for the nationalisation of mines, the abolition of conscription and the withdrawal of troops from Russia. The proceedings were private but it is understood as regarding the mines that the deputation indicated that they were not acting independently but in association with the Trade Union movement generally. The deputation was engaged for four hours in Downing-Street. Mr. Smillie and other miners' leaders presented the case for nationalisation and Mr. Lloyd George replied in a long speech, in which it is understood that he adhered to the attitude indicated by his speech in the House of Commons.

ARTIFICIAL LIMBS FOR OFFICERS.

An Army Council instruction just issued provides that an officer who requires an artificial limb in consequence of having been wounded in action or being injured in the performance of a military duty may either obtain it under article 647 of the Pay Warrant or be provided with it at a special fitting hospital.

An officer who continues to serve may be supplied with a spare or duplicate limb under the same conditions.

The scale on which grants may be made under the Pay Warrants range from £10 to £40 in the case of mechanical arms required for an officer's future profession.

"THE QUEEN'S" REUNION.

The regimental dinner of the 22nd Battalion, London Regiment (the Queen's) will be held at Oddenino's Restaurant on Monday, October 20. Past, present, and attached officers wishing to attend should communicate with Captain W. B. Wray, M. C., Drill Hall, 2, Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, S.E.16.

M. POINCARE'S VISIT.

President Poincare will visit London on November 10, says an official announcement issued yesterday.

He was to have visited England next week, but the visit was postponed on account of the strike.

COAL EXPORT RESUMED.

The Coal Controller has agreed to permit the immediate shipment of coal from the Tyne abroad, providing no coastwise tonnage was available.

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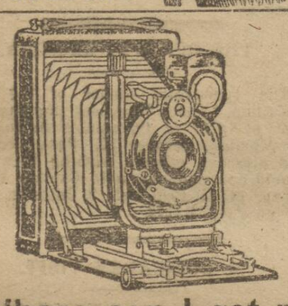

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Evening Service at 18-00 hours.
Organ Recital every Sunday from 17-45 to 18-00 hours.
WEEK-DAYS: Holy Communion Daily 7-45 hours.
excepting on Thursday when it is at 10-30 hours.
Evening Prayers at 18.00 hours excepting on Thursday.

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Catholic Services in Cologne on Sundays.

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Mass in Cathedral at 8 a.m. (north Transept) High Mass in Cathedral at 9-15 a.m.
Parade Mass in Minoritenkirche (Minoritenstr.), 2 minutes from Cathedral at 10 a.m.
Rosary and Benediction in Minoritenkirche at 7 p.m. Confessions in Cathedral on Saturdays from 5—7 p.m.

EHRENFELD. Church at the junction of Mechteren Strasse and Vogelsanger Strasse:—
Mass on Sundays 9 15 a.m. Confessions on Saturdays 5 p.m.

LINDENTHAL. Chapel of the Hospital in Jose Stelzmann Strasse—continuation of Giebel Strasse:—
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Scottish Churches and English Free Churches.

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THE SERVICE—AN IDEAL.

After nearly five years of incessant warfare, often against overwhelming odds, it is only natural that there should come into many men's minds a feeling of distaste for things military. Involuntarily there are thoughts of beating bayonets into pruning hooks and using entrenching tools for the more peaceful art of digging allotments.

Hence there is much talk about demobilization, the joys of civil life and the hardships of the service.

But while this attitude of mind is quite understandable up to a point, there comes a time when it may become a source of grave danger. The remedy may be sought in what, for want of a better term, one can call Idealization.

At the moment there are a number of young fellows coming forward to join the colours urged by the desire to be part and parcel of that great body of men which their fathers and brothers helped to make famous, some at the cost of their lives.

Is it fair to meet them with grousings and grumblings? They knew full well that they were not entering upon a life which would be either easy or quiet.

But they came, called by that irresistible desire for travel, and possibly adventure, so proper to every healthy boy's mind. One can hardly say they have the glitter of a gay uniform to attract them. Khaki is a sombre and most workmanlike dress.

Naturally, on hearing their older comrades grumbling they will ask themselves the question is this what the service means? Is there no chance of ever doing anything? Is the regiment really like this? And gradually their minds will be warped and twisted and turned away from that for which the Service really stands.

The antidote for such unhealthy grumbling is, of course to teach the rising generation of soldiers to look at the Service through the eyes of Nicholson or Roberts, of Gordon or Kitchener, They were men who feared God and honoured the King. To them the service was everything, even unto death.

Those old Indian Troopers who yet survive the mutiny still sing a song of the death of Nicholson. Indian and British alike adore the name of "Bobs" as a man who loved the ordinary ranker.

The recruit can be taught something of what the service meant to these men, so that he can realise that to share in their life-work is to hold common lot with Kings and Princes.

The duty of teaching him lies in the hands of his officers, and we feel sure this is realised by those who rule the destinies of the British Army.

The method can best be done by personal example illustrated by precept and when all who hold His Majesty's Commission realise the importance of the duty incumbent on them, then we shall have reached a point attained our ideal.

"I'M ENGLISH."

About a week ago a friend and I were visiting Mainz. We were standing in the market place looking up at the Cathedral which rises over the tops of the houses, when a little boy of about ten years of age rushed up to us and rather out of breath, shyly placed his hand in mine.

For a moment or two he said nothing but just looked at us each in turn—with as much contentment in his face as if he had found a long lost friend.

Rather startled by this familiar greeting in a German town where I thought I knew no one I spoke to the boy.

"Well what's the trouble, little man?"

"I'm English" he stammered out, his voice quavering as if he were trying to stifle down a sob.

"I'm English;" ah, that explained a great deal. Then that was why, seeing two English soldiers dressed in the familiar khaki in a town where French blue prevails he had run as hard as he could through the crowded market-place, because he wanted to have speech in his own mother tongue with two of his own countrymen.

"I'm English!" and we continued to hold each other's hand. He was such a bright little fellow evidently from one of our big towns—with shrewd but sad eyes, and he looked about at the staring people as though he were half-afraid to stay lingering there in a public place with us.

I asked him one or two questions and discovered that he had recently come over to Germany with his German father and English mother and now, after ten years of England and English life, English schools and English friends, English games and English speech he had been uprooted and set down in the midst of those who had been enemies of England.

And he was miserable, he hated his new surroundings, he had "no use" for these Germans who had bombed the great city in which he had lived all through the war.

"I'm from Battersea Park, I am" he said with a nice rich London accent; and a ringing note of pride in his voice told us that his heart was in London and that he was quite aware that he must stand up as a representative of London in this quaint old German town.

I well understood much that was passing in the boy's mind and I could almost feel the hot resentment he felt against the fate which had flung him from the arms of an English mother to the arms of a German father—from the soil of England to that of Germany.

I hoped he would be happy in his new home and among his new surroundings and make friends with his schoolfellows and told him so. For seeing his box-shaped satchel on his shoulder (which seemed to indicate his burden of sorrow) I asked him how he liked his new school.

"I hate it," he flung out and I pictured in my mind the lonely English boy in a class of Germans and I thought of all the childish malice that was no doubt hurled at this fierce proud son of an Englishwoman and I saw him taking part in many a battle of words or fists and with his back to the school wall, answering his tormentors in defiant tones with the words in which he had greeted us, "I'm English."

It was with real regret, that, shaking hands with him and telling him to stand up for England because England would want him again, I wished him goodbye and he disappeared into the crowded market place once more. I shall never forget that meeting and those ringing words of welcome, "I'm English."

I thought often of that little chap that day and on many days since and I think of how there must be many boys and girls like him, born of English and German parents who are just as lonely as he—their lives made miserable and wretched because in one country or the other, or in both, they are derided and scorned.

A.E.H.

THE RATE OF EXCHANGE AND PRICES.

There still seems to be quite a number of people who have not yet grasped the truth as regards the effect of variation on the rate of exchange on the price of commodities. A correspondent writes indignantly calling attention to the "extortionate charges" of the N.A.C.B. for cigarettes and compares the price with that charged in June: in each case he gives the rate of exchange.

Here are his figures:—

June. G.F. Cigarettes. 65 pfgs. per packet.
Rate of exchange:—£1-52.40 marks.
Sept. 30th. G.F. Cigarettes. 130 pfgs. per packet.
Rate of exchange:—£1-120 marks.

But is there a great deal to shout about here?

A little simple arithmetic shows us that on the two dates named the respective charges for the cigarettes were 0.0105 and 0.0108 of a sovereign, in fact, in more intelligible figures, they cost 2.52d. and 2.59d. respectively, a difference of about seven hundredths of a penny. A less difference could only be secured by fixing a very awkward figure, in fractions of pfgs. as the price.

We quite agree with our correspondent that "the figures speak for themselves" and would add that a little careful study of the facts would probably do away with many other "grouses" of like nature.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

A THEATRE SUGGESTION.

Sir,—The "Cologne Post" has become a medium for the ventilation of grievances, but might I, whilst expressing one of my own, which doubtless is shared by many others, suggest what would appear to be an effective remedy. Would it not be possible for the management of the Deutsches Theatre to devise a scheme of warning its patrons when intervals are about to terminate?

A full-toned bell rung about five minutes before an act is likely to commence, would suffice. This would materially add to the comfort and enjoyment of many supporters of the B.R.A.D.C., and would minimise the annoyance caused by those late-comers who have not the common sense or good breeding to deter them from noisily scrambling in to their seats after acts have commenced.

A particularly noticeable offence of this kind was perpetrated on the first night of the production of "Strife", and provoked not a few audible and pointed comments.

J.E.C.

SWEETHEARTS.

Sir,—In reference to "Lonely" concerning Sweethearts on the Rhine I wonder if he would like mother and family as well.

To me it seems that men think we are here for pleasure alone; certainly the authorities make it as comfortable and pleasing as possible for us, but we are here for a purpose.

Therefore I say let "Lonely" be lonely until he is demobbed, and then he can bring them all at his own expense.

1914 NOT LONELY.

VARYING WINE TAX.

Sir,—Is there any reason why the average Tommy's ignorance of the language and likewise his ignorance of the wine tax payable by British Troops, should be allowed as a means to swell the pockets of German waiters?

In the very numerous variety shows and cabarets in Cologne, a charge varying from two to five marks is made for admission and it is quite natural that Tommy, when ordering his wine, is often influenced by the prices stated on the Weinkarte, yet when paying his bill, as often as not, he learns that a considerable number of marks have been added as taxation.

Experience, however, shows that this amount varies according to the waiter's fancy, or the nature of the victim.

E.B.T.

ORDNANCE SHOPPING.

Sir,—The experience I have had at the Ordnance Department in Cologne has been different from what "Down-at-heel" alleges his has been.

I have been there several times, and on all occasions have been served in my turn, as promptly as possible, with the utmost courtesy, and have obtained everything I desired. If "Down-at-heel" and his disconsolate acquaintance have stood in queues and failed to get what they demanded, I cannot see that it is the fault of the Ordnance Department in Cologne, and if, on their arrival, they have found "the place" closed surely the fault is theirs.

Why did they not ascertain beforehand the opening and closing hours, as fixed by the R.A.O.C.? I may state that I am not in the R.A.O.C. nor am I any way biassed in favour of that most efficient Corps.

"Down-at-heel" has evidently joined the ranks of the chronic grousers.

"PERSPICACITY."

CONTINUOUS COUGHING.

Sir,—Is coughing a habit? It was at the Deutsches Theatre on Wednesday evening and during the whole performance a persistent loud coughing went on.

It brought forth a determined "Shh..." now and again from those who went there to listen to the play, but the effect was only momentary.

After the curtain has risen at the Opera House Tommy scarcely makes a sound until it falls again. Surely we can look for the same quietness in our own theatres, especially when listening to the excellent productions of the R.A.D.C.

A. PEEL.

OUR TASTE IN MUSIC.

Sir,—I read with amazement "C Sharp's" letter and cannot help thinking that he does not take a sufficiently broad view.

We may fall short in England in the way of Opera, but what about our orchestral and choral concerts, festivals, vocal and instrumental recitals etc.

He also asks what percentage of people can play or sing. We cannot all be executants, and I would point out that for a vast number more good may be derived by studying musical appreciation and learning how to listen to first-rate artists, than by being able to strum the "Spanish Chant" for hours.

The last paragraph jars one a little. If "C Sharp" has heard of such names as Elgar, Stanford, and Bantock, to choose a few at random, does he look upon them as mere ciphers to be dismissed with a wave of the hand, or does he regard them as important enough to rank with the stars in the business, engineering and exploring constellations?

Over-modesty, to my mind, is quite as dangerous at the other extreme. What we want to aim at is to

"B NATURAL."

Sir,—Is not your correspondent "C. Sharp" a little hard on the British people as far as musical taste is concerned?

If he has followed to any extent the articles in our leading musical journals he must have noticed that it has been pointed out time after time that the British people have not been educated sufficiently in Grand Opera.

In Germany the state looks upon music as an essential part of education and if necessary runs some of the greater operatic works at a loss in order that the people can educate themselves in this important branch of the art.

Until we British are given an opportunity of hearing the works of the great masters at more reasonable prices of course we cannot become musically educated.

W. W.

PITY THOSE WITH COLDS.

Sir,—Are we unsympathetic to other individuals who have colds yet expect a lot of sympathy when we have one ourselves?

This thought has struck me during the last few days with the advent of the autumnal cold. Individuals who have fallen early victims are treated as nuisances. When they are not so conversational as usual in mess we class them as bears yet when our turn comes, well!

BREAKER.

UNSEEMLY.

Sir,—"Terpischore" has my sympathies; what he witnessed was without a doubt a scandalous breach of decorum and the sooner such behaviour is checked the better for the reputation of the troops on the Rhine generally.

One or two thoughtless individuals can so easily do much harm in this way.

The matter seems to me to be linked to some extent with the too long prevalent custom of men impersonating concert parties, which you allowed to be discussed recently? This ought to cease also.

In Blighty, I know, as an ex-policeman, it is a criminal offence for a man to wear woman's attire in public.

I know of course that this doesn't mean at Fancy Dress dances, but it shows the view the law takes, of it anyhow.

X.

OPERA HOUSE HOURS.

Sir,—"Carmen" asks what others say. I'm afraid he would have felt somewhat abashed had he heard the remarks passed when his letter was read aloud in at least one billet room to-day.

Poor creature, having to forego dinner to attend the opera! I wonder if "Carmen" is aware that the average soldier has tea about 4.30 p.m. and has nothing more until breakfast next day.

Moreover when the latter is fortunate enough to get to the opera he does not display the arrant bad taste of munching chocolate and biscuits during the performance.

M.R.P.

CABARETS AND LADIES.

Sir,—I think a paragraph in your Rhineland Echoes of the 9th is explained by a letter in the same issue.

Cabarets are being avoided by officers on account of a feeling of uneasiness, founded or unfounded, which "Clearnead" courageously brings to light.

Nothing is gained by hurking facts; everyone knows the feeling to which I refer, and its cause.

A plain statement on the subject of fraternization generally is badly needed.

SOMME.

BOOKING THEATRE SEATS.

Sir,—As everyone is aware it is practically impossible to obtain a seat at the Deutsches Theatre, unless it has been previously booked.

To book a seat I must get to Cologne before 16.00 hours, which I can only do on Saturday afternoons; and I feel sure there are many in a similar position to myself.

The Booking Office at the Opera House remains open to 19.00 hours. Cannot the Deutsches Theatre follow suit?

L.M.S.L.

BOOKS OF REFERENCE.

Sir,—Over the nom-de-plume "Student" a correspondent has dealt with what, in his opinion, is a defect in the Reference Library at the Rhine Army Book Shop.

In one particular all will agree with him for we must admire his perspicacity (presumably the result of hard study) which enables him to assume "that no book can be properly judged merely by its outside" and "that the Reference Library is intended for use."

Quite so, use, not abuse.

There are many others who use the Library and to these consideration is due. Not all would-be students are of such an orderly nature as I venture to hope he may be, and it is questionable what guarantee we later visitors would have of finding the books we desired if free and unmolested access were allowed to the contents of the Library.

Again, is not order an asset to a Library even as to a parade?

The outcome of "Student's" suggestion would be the crowding of numerous people around the shelves, which, to quote again from his letter, would certainly look "pretty foolish" and doubtless detract from the utility of the Library.

Surely the contents of a book can be as well and even more satisfactorily judged by perusal in ease and comfort at the tables provided by the authorities for the purpose.

Surely it is far more simple to ask the assistant for books dealing with the subject required than personally to have to hunt the shelves.

But perhaps it is beneath the dignity of budding professors to ask!

The writer has always found the existing system quite satisfactory and cannot therefore support the motion of "Student."

"LEARNER."

TO MADELON.

I laughed at you, you did'nt seem to mind,
Because you could'nt talk our tongue, at all,
You used to smile at me when I tried
hard to find
The words to tell you what was in my mind.

I laughed with you, because I found it hard,
To speak the words you had explained to me,
But you were cruel, you would not
promenade,
Perhaps because you thought us Tommies bad.

You were a teacher patient and discreet,
And gradually you let yourself unbend,
Although my progress was not tout de suite
I learnt a lot. More than I dare repeat

* * *

You smile again. Those eyes of yours
are bright,
But now perhaps for Gustave or for Paul.
'Tis too, too true, you have forgotten quite,
The hours we spent that were such
sweet delight.

REX.

From the 2nd Battn. M.G.C. Magazine.

The Cares of a Football Captain.

By J. W. Bache, Mid-Rhondda and England.

FOR MANY YEARS ASTON VILLA'S "SKIPPER."

As a man who had the pleasure of being captain of the Aston Villa side for some time, I supppose it is quite possible that I may be inclined to over-estimate the importance of the position, and of the part which the captain plays in the winning or the losing of matches. I must try not to do so, however, and at the very outset I must admit, from what I know of the two games, that generally speaking, the captain of a football team has not so many cares as the captain of a cricket side. While that is so, however, I am inclined to think on the other hand that the average man in the crowd is apt to under-estimate the part which he ought to play if he is really captain of a side, and not a mere figure-head. The spectator knows, of course, that the captain of a football team has the honour of being first out of the dressing room. He also shakes hands with the referee before the commencement of the game, and while the press photographers gather around he is deeply concerned about how the halfpenny will drop—whether it will come down "heads" or "tails." If the onlooker holds the impression that these duties sum up the beginning and the end of the cares of a football captain, he is quite a long way from reality. In the first place, the captain of a football team must be held mainly responsible for the type of football played by his team—I mean, the captain has it in his power to mould the whole play of the side. Doubtful play by any member of the team must of necessity reflect on the captain.

PLAYING THE GAME.

Thank goodness that during the years in which I was captain of the Aston Villa team my cares in this respect were very light indeed. We always tried to play the game as it should be played, though I don't wish to infer that we were plaster saints who were never guilty of a foul from the beginning to the end of a season. We weren't. But we always tried to keep the game clean, for when a side gets a reputation for doubtful play, then the captain must shoulder the responsibility to a large extent.

Naturally, too, the captain who has the real interests of his side at heart will do everything within his power to set an example of playing the game and nothing but the game. If the captain "does the dirty" how in the world can he expect the rest of the team to play fair and square? Hence the necessity for every side to make its choice of captain carefully, remembering that it is in the interest of every man who plays that the game should be kept as free from doubtful tactics as is possible for a strenuous game to be kept.

Again, while the care of the fair name of a team must rest upon the shoulders of the captain, so in the style of play adopted by the side the captain must of necessity play a big part. It is here especially that the value of a wise captain on a side is apt to be underestimated. A style of play which will beat one side will not of necessity beat another side, and lucky the team which has a captain who is quick to spot when things are going wrong, and who has the knack of knowing what to do to put them right.

SPOTTING A WEAKNESS.

It may be, for instance, that a team is playing on the strength and not on the weakness of its opponents. Suppose, to take an actual case, your opponents are weak in defence on the left. The captain ought to be able to spot that weakness, and having spotted it, he must give instructions that the play must be more or less concentrated on that side of the field. Just in the same way if a man on your side shows signs of being off form, obviously it isn't wise to feed him too much, or if the player who is having an "off" day happens to be a full-back then the captain must give instructions for the half-back in front of the weak player to help all he can.

Because it should be the duty of a captain to mould the team's play. I have always held the opinion that, other things being equal, the centre-half position is the ideal one for the captain of the side. The centre-half is the pivot of the team, and more than any other player on the field he is the determining factor of the methods adopted by his side. If the forwards of a side are playing too close, the centre-half is in the best possible position for opening out the game.

Perhaps of all times, however, the real cares of a captain arise when a member of the team is so badly hurt that he has to leave the field. Upon the actions of the captain then must depend to a large extent how the side shapes under the handicap of playing a man short. I don't think I am ever likely to forget my experiences in this direction connected with the cup-final of 1913, when I was captain of the Villa side.

A GRIM STRUGGLE.

We were playing Sunderland before a record crowd of 120,000 people, and those of you who were there will remember what a grim struggle it was—a game which will live in my memory as one of the greatest fights for victory in which I have ever taken part on the football field. The second half of that match was entered upon and up to then neither side had scored a goal. Then our goalkeeper—Sam Hardy—was hurt so badly that he had to leave the field. To lose any member of the team even in an ordinary match is bad enough, but to lose your goalkeeper in a cup-final is about the limit in calamity.

Practically speaking, it means throwing the whole team out of gear. I had to ask Harrop to come back from the half-back line and take the place of the injured Hardy in goal. That meant a gap in the half-back department which had to be filled from the forward line by Hampton dropping back. Fortunately everything came out right, for in a few minutes Hardy was sufficiently himself again to re-appear, and if you know anything about sighs of relief, you may bet your life I gave one when I saw him coming back.

"Gosh!" said one of our players to me after we had won the match and could afford to laugh, "I thought you were going to faint when Sam went off." I didn't know I looked like that, but I did know I had felt pretty bad.

There were other cares connected with our cup-tie experiences that year, but if the position of captain had its responsibilities—it also had its compensations. It makes up for quite a lot of things when you drive through the streets of the town in which the club has its headquarters, holding on high that coveted prize of the football world—the English Cup.

LANCASHIRE DIV. TRAIN.

No 2 Company Beat No 1 Company at "Soccer."

Played on the ground of the former on Tuesday. The game was very tame until the home team scored from a beautiful centre from a corner kick, Moores doing the needful. From that time onward the home team were continually attacking, but the score was still 1—0 at half time, the home goalie not having been troubled at all.

The play was much faster in the second half and some pretty play by the home forwards ably supported by the half backs was seen. Earnshaw who scored the next two goals played a great game at centre forward. A few minutes before time, Keegan got his foot to a good pass and the home team were 4 up. Walker at left back was always there to stop the visitors rare rushes, and Thornton, at centre-half was also continually in the limelight and kept the home forwards well fed. Result:—No 2 Coy 4; No 1 Coy 0.

No 4 Coy go under to No 1.

Played at Geislar on Tuesday. After only five minutes play, No 1 opened the score from a penalty which Crawford, the home keeper, first saved but was slow in recovering and the ball was eventually netted by the opposing centre. Play was now transferred to the opposite end of the field and it was not long before Cpl. Hill equalised from a splendid centre by Hillier. Following this surprise, 4 Coys' centre, overcoming all resistance, would certainly have scored but for Crawford's masterly clearance. Two minutes from the interval, Fisher added a second for No 1, and the same player put his Coy another goal ahead three minutes after the resumption.

This was followed by the visiting centre scoring with a glorious shot which Crawford was unable to turn over the bar. Each goal was then visited in turn but without effect until the visitors left back put through his own goal and a few minutes from time, Ayres added a fifth for No 1 Coy. For the home team, Fisher played a splendid game and Crawford kept a good goal. Cap. Crean played well at right back and Lieut. Penswick proved too tricky for the four opposing men who, in the second half, were set to watch him. For the visitors, their centre was well up to the mark and well deserved his two goals. Their outside right also played a good game but the lithe form of Cpl. Hill often hampered him. Score:—No 1 Coy 5; No 4 Coy 2.

THE SPORTING SPIRIT.

CORRESPONDENT COMPLAINS OF DISGUSTING CONDUCT.

"On Wednesday" writes a correspondent, "I witnessed a football match between two teams who were contesting the right to enter the final tie in a well organised competition. The behaviour of the spectators supporting one of the teams absolutely disgusted me. From start to finish, they did everything possible to discourage and hamper their favourite's opponents."

"Beginning by crowding round the goal to annoy the goalkeeper the "crowd" later abused the linesman—an old Blackburn Rovers player, by the way—and later the referee and players came in for many uncomplimentary epithets and even threats. Some of the members of the team were equally objectionable and unsportsmanlike."

"The pity is that there is no football association in Rhineland. If there had been such an organisation, the obvious thing that would have happened on Wednesday would have been the prohibition of any team affiliated to the body to arrange any fixture with the offending team for the remainder of the season. In the particular match in question the referee would have been perfectly justified in stopping the game and awarding the decision in favour of the other side."

"I do not desire to mention the name of the particular team I am discussing, but I have been unfortunate enough to witness a game played (or misplayed) by them previously. It struck me then that the men entered the field determined to win, apparently labouring under the delusion that it is preferable to win by foul means than to lose by fair tactics. I am glad to say that they lost both matches."

No 5 v. No 6 R.T.C.

These old rivals met at Mulheim on Thursday and after an exciting game 5th R.T.C. were victors. Play was very even until after a good run, Merrim's centre was headed in by Meadowcroft, the goalkeeper being helpless. This was all the score in the first half. The game was fairly even in the second half No 6 R.T.C. were pressing hard but failed to break the defence. After 15 minutes play, Meadowcroft secured the ball, and beating two men, soon found the net. The 6th broke away and after a muddle in front of goal, Dayle scored. There was no further score result:— No 5 R.T.C. 2; 6 R.T.C. 1.

LEEDS CITY F.C.

Match Against South Shields not to be Played.

2½ HOURS CONFERENCE.

The Joint Commission of the Football Association and the Football League renewed their inquiry at Sheffield on Wednesday into the allegation against the Leeds City F.C. of excessive payments to players during the war.

After 2½ hours' private conference, the Commission adjourned its inquiry until Monday, in London, and ordered the match against South Shields not to be played.

J. W. BACHE.

Writer of Special Article in to-day's, "Cologne Post."

"Joe" Bache the old Villa skipper whose article on the duties of a captain appears to-day has had many seasons of first class football. To-day the ex-Villan is getting on in years but he is yet a great force with mid-Rhondda.

It is interesting to note that "Joe" (as Aston folks will ever remember him) states that his most remarkable season was that of 1915. The Villa were cup winners, despoiling Newcastle United at the Palace, and on the same ground England beat Scotland in the international match. The only goal of what, Bache describes as the best international game he ever played in, was scored by this famous forward. He states he was very proud of this fact and goes as far as to say "It was my finest goal".

A well known football celebrity once said of him "He is a gentleman, a sportsman and a born tactician" and with this no follower of football can ever disagree.

RUGGER AND SOCCER.

Forthcoming Matches on the Hofgarten, Bonn.

Oct. 11th: 5th Border Rgt. v. 52nd K.L.R. (Association. Semi-final. Senior Tournament.)

Oct. 11th: X Corps School v. X Corps H.Q. (Association. Semi-final. Junior Tournament.)

Oct. 13th: 84th Bde. R.G.A. or X Corps Trps. v. 51st Man. Regt. (Association. Semi-final. Senior Tournament.)

Oct. 14th: 15th Lancs. Fus. v. 52nd K.L.R. (Rugby. 1st Round. Tournament.)

Oct. 15th: X Corps Cyclists v. 121st Heavy Bty. (Association. Semi-final. Junior Tournament.)

Oct. 16th: 51st Man. Regt. v. 13th K.L.R. (Rugby. 1st Round. Tournament.)

Oct. 18th: Final (Association. Senior Tournament.)

Oct. 19th: 52nd Man. Regt. v. X Corps Troops. (Rugby. 1st Round. Tournament.)

Oct. 22nd: Final (Association. Junior Tournament.)

N.C.O's v. MEN.

Interesting Rhine Army Troops M.T. Company Match.

To settle many long discussed arguments, this match took place on Wednesday before a good number of spectators, most of whom were quite as interested in the result of the game as the players. The Men's supporters had good reason to be satisfied with the show put up by their favourites, who at the finish ran out easy winners. There was not a lot to chose between the two teams during the first half, although the Privates always seemed to have something in hand, and they eventually scored through Eatch, the score at half time being 1—0 in favour of the Men.

In the second half the N.C.O's defence could not hold the opposing forwards, who combined very well and shot at every opportunity. The N.C.O's goalie had a very warm time, and was unable to prevent further goals being added by Eatch, Handel and Sallows (2) the final score being 5—0 in favour of the Men. The Men are now looking forward to a return match and hope that the N.C.O's will be able to find some new talent and thus give them a closer run for their money.

145 FIELD COY R.E. v. 43rd BATT. R.F.

The above met on Wednesday at Hentha Garden and after a splendidly contested game, the R.E.'s won by 5 goals to 3. Pte. Crowther, Pte. Watts, Williams (2) and Pte. Ball scored for the winners while for the Fusiliers, L/Cpl. Watson, Pte. Spaling and Pte. Evans found the net. Sgt. Horn refereed.

MORE FOOTBALL RECORDS.

"A" Company, 51st Highland Light Infantry have a record that appears to cap even the splendid performances detailed in the "Cologne Post" on various dates. The correspondent who sends this information has unfortunately failed to preserve a record of the matches played, but he adds that his statement can be confirmed.

The Company team has played numerous matches during the past eighteen months and still remains unbeaten. The secretary invites other record holders to participate in pitched battle with his team.

ARMY HOCKEY.

The Army Hockey Association announce that an inter-unit tournament will be held this season, open to all units stationed in Great Britain and Ireland. Each of the eight commands will find its best team by March 1, 1920. A knock-out tournament between the eight selected teams will commence at Aldershot during the third week in March, 1920.

THE AMERICA CUP.

In his challenge for the America Cup, which will be considered by the New York Yacht Club in the course of the next few days, Sir Thomas Lipton asks that the first race for the trophy shall take place on June 24. Mr. Charles E. Nicholson, the designer of the challenger, Shamrock IV., is now in New York to superintend a thorough overhaul of the yacht.

LEICESTER RACING.

CLARION WINS BIG PRIZE IN £1500 RACE.

CESAREWITCH FAVOURITE.

The racing at Leicester on the opening day was interesting enough to those on the spot, but excepting for the £1,500 race, had no bearing on coming events. Clarion unexpectedly turned up for the Leicestershire Stakes, and won the big prize from Knight of Blyth, who is rather an unlucky animal.

Details:—

Marden T.Y.O. Plate (5f., 10 ran):—Lord H. de Walden's Sabotage (Jelliss), 4-1, 1; Incense, 3-1, 2; Parisian Diamond, 4-1 3.

Rawcliffe Plate (6f., 3 ran):—Mr. H. Leather's' Maroon (Garnett), 7-2, 1; Some Scribe, 4-9, 2; Jewel of Ulster, 6-1, 3. ½:2.

Leicestershire Stakes (1¼m., 4 ran):—Sir G. Noble's Clarion (Lane), 11-8, 1; Knight of Blyth, 6-4, 2; Ninon, 7-2, 3.

Gopsall Plate (5f., 6 ran):—Mr. A. Boutall's Brilliant Sunshine (Robertson), 4-1, 1; Off Chance, 4-1, 2; Lesson, 5-2, 3.

Midland Nursery (5f., 7 ran):—Mr. S. Joel's Peah (Jelliss), 9-4, 1; Nova, 3-1, 2; Like Magic, 8-1, 3.

Camp Handicap (1½m., 6 ran):—Mrs. Cayzer's Jupiter (Robertson), 9-1, 1; Laugh, 2-1, 2; Sea Voyage, 8-11, 3.

King John.

The Cesarewitch field has been reduced by the scratching of Confessor and Happy Man. King John, who has become a firm favourite, is doing the best preparation of any horse at Newmarket. On Wednesday he was ridden by Martin in a two miles gallop. The Hon. G. Lambton's Devonpore went the first seven furlongs with him, whilst his companions over the last mile were Fitzclarence and London Pride.

London Betting.

Cesarewitch:—3/1 King John; 100/12 Golden Melody; 9/1 Gay Lord; 10/1 Uniter; 100/7 Ivanhoe; 100/6 Warwick; 100/3 Whiteheat; 40/1 Silverbridge.

Cambridgeshire:—10/1 Zinovia; 20/1 Clarion and Dromio.

ARMY ATHLETICS.

Cross-Country Championship to be Run Next Year.

An Army unit cross-country championship will be held during the last ten days of March, 1920, on a neutral ground in England, teams to consist of 15 of any rank, and 12 to count. The championship will be open to all Regular units serving in Great Britain and Ireland, units to be eliminated by commands so that not more than two teams from each command will run in the final race.

An individual championship will also be run at the same time, five entries to be allowed from each command at home, additional to members of unit teams competing. Individuals on leave from Armies abroad may compete at their own expense, subject to the approval of the Army C.C. Association Sub-committee.

TIME TABLE OF FIXTURES.

Many would-be spectators miss interesting matches, and many excellent matches lack would-be spectators, because the latter are not aware of the time and place in which they can function.

We propose with the help (which, of course is essential) of sports officers and club secretaries to publish daily a list of the chief matches etc. taking place in the occupied area.

We do not wish to restrict our list to football matches only; every kind of match, every kind of entertainment will, we hope, appear.

Organisers! let us have your lists at once; many people are wanting to see your future plans.

EXTRA TIME.

52nd King's Liverpools Beat 32nd M.G.C. In Final Spurt.

A very interesting game was witnessed on the Hofgarten ground Bonn on Saturday. The game was fast from the start, but there was no score at half time. In the second half both teams pressed hard to get a goal and the M.C. took the lead 15 mins. from time. Then the King's pressed and got a penalty which was put into the net by Barrow. Result: M.G.C., 1; 52nd King's, 1.

It was then decided to play 20 mins. extra time. From the start the King's were all over the M.G.C. and goals were scored by Carroll and Capt. Foss (2), and then the M.G.'s got a goal. The game ending with the King's winners by 4—2.

For the winners Fletcher, Carrolls, Capt. Foss and Barrow played a good game, and the 1,000 spectators present saw Macey, the King's goalkeeper, at his best.

SPORT IN BRIEF.

Golden Rule's Cesarewitch Rider.

J. Evans has been retained to steer Golden Rule in the Cesarewitch.

In Sale List.

Sir Thomas Dixon's three-year-old colt Ballyeaston, who started favourite for the Irish St. Leger, is in the private sale list.

Bulldog Cup.

The number of entries for the Bulldog Cup has been increased to 20. The draw for the first and second rounds will be made next week.

To-day's Boxing.

An interesting match is announced for The Ring to-night, this being between those well-known middle-weights Sid Burns, of Aldgate, and Nicol Simpson, of Newcastle, who are due to box 20 3-min. rounds.

Four Figure Gate.

The Bristol City v. Fulham match, at Bristol last Saturday, supplied the first four-figure gate in the history of the Western club. Over 21,000 paid for admission, and the takings fell very little short of £1,200.

RUGBY WANTED.

Facilities for Handling Code Inadequate, say our Readers.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

That there are many keen rugby players in Rhineland is clearly evidenced by the numerous letters on the subject received at this office from time to time. Yesterday's mail-bag contained several additions to the ever growing heap. One correspondent writes:—"May I suggest that a Rugby Football Club be formed in Cologne. Even if it is difficult to raise a fifteen in units out here, surely a sufficient number of members will be available to form two teams, so that we may keep our hands in until we can get home. There is a ground in the Deer Park, Lindenthal, complete with posts, which it seems a pity to leave unoccupied."

This is perfectly true, and there should be but little difficulty in getting together 30 or 40 players from among the large number of troops in Cologne. Furthermore, there are numerous men who would welcome the opportunity to learn the game that is steadily increasing in its popularity.

Another correspondent, after championing in enthusiastic language, the claims of the "Rugger" code submits a brain wave in the way of a scheme, the practicability of which certainly seems to be perfectly sound.

A BRIGHT IDEA.

Like the writer of the first letter, this correspondent admits the unlikelihood of individual units having sufficient players to turn out fairly respectable teams with any regularity. "But," he proceeds, "there is no reason why units should not amalgamate for this reason."

"Central areas might be decided upon—those adopted by you in connection with your excellent cricket cup competition, for instance—and all keen rugby players brought together from the various units stationed there. Then, according to the number of players available, teams could be formed to correspond numerically. One, two or three fifteens might be formed in each area and one ground to be played on on different days by the various teams would be sufficient for each area. Home and away matches would provide enjoyable visits to other units perhaps once a week.

"All that is necessary" concludes our correspondent, "is for one keen sportsman in each area to start the ball rolling by asking a representative from each unit in the neighbourhood to meet him to discuss the preliminary arrangements."

The idea seems to be an excellent one. Perhaps other readers would care to offer further suggestions.

LEAGUE TEAM CHANGES.

West Ham's Reshuffle For Match with Grimsby.

West Ham, who travelled to Grimsby by motor yesterday have again to reshuffle their team, consequent upon their poor display at Shepherd's Bush on Monday.

In the half-back line Kay is the only one that keeps his place. On the right it will be either Burton or Lane, while on the left Tresadern, who is now fit, will complete the line.

Biggin is dropped from the forwards, and his place will be filled by either Morris or Leafe. There may be eleventh-hour changes in the front line if the two new men the club are after are signed on

Arsenal at Everton.

The Arsenal are endeavouring to get a 3 o'clock kick-off at Everton so that they can return home the same night. A 3.30 start means that they will have to stay in Liverpool all night and return to London by a slow train on Sunday.

CORINTHIANS' GOOD START.

In the first of their games arranged with some of the leading schools the Corinthians beat Charterhouse at Godalming by 6 goals to 2.

F. W. H. Nicholas (Oxford University), R. H. Allen, N. W. Sloley (the Cambridge Blue), A. G. Doggart (Cambridge), and H. F. Dupuis made too good a forward line for the School defence, but, apart from the actual scoring, the game went fairly evenly.

Moss in defence allowed Sloley, Doggart and Allen to get goals in the first 20 minutes. Sloley, Dupuis and Doggart added others in the second half. Mordaunt-Smith and Gilliat, the only colour playing, replied for Charterhouse.

£16,000 OFFER REFUSED.

Carpentier Declines Exhibition Fight With Dempsey.

According to a Paris newspaper Carpentier has refused an offer of £16,000 for a 6-round exhibition fight with Dempsey.

Carpentier says he wishes to beat Beckett in London on the 4th of December, then be ready to arrange a meeting with Dempsey not in an exhibition bout but for the world's championship.

REECE'S LEAD REDUCED.

There was little good play at Burroughes Hall on Wednesday afternoon until towards the end of the session, and then Inman made a break of 356 and Reece one of 218. Inman reduced Reece's lead from 686 to 538, the scores at the interval being: Reece (receives 1,000 in 16,000), 3,730; Inman, 3,192.

Closing scores Reece 4035; Inman 4001.

The interval scores at Thurston's were: Smith (in play), 12,751; Lawrence (receives 4500 in 18,000) 11,975. Breaks: Smith, 258, 117, and 205 unfinished.

FRENCH STABLE LADS' STRIKE.

The French trainers' syndicate have recognised the newly-formed stable lads' syndicate, and have agreed to look into all their grievances. In the meantime, to bring the strike to a close, they agreed to the following terms, which were accepted:—(1) Not to discharge any lad through the strike movement; (2) the days out during the strike to be paid at the rate of 5 francs; (3) wages fixed at 14 francs minimum for men living out; (4) lads with board and lodging to receive 140 francs a month.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Fri.	Die Entführung aus dem Serail	Mozart	7	10
Sat.	Mignon	Thomas	7	10.15
Sun.	Fidelio	Beethoven	7	10
Mon.	NO PERFORMANCE			
Tues.	NO PERFORMANCE			

Leave Club Whist Drive.

Many would-be players had unfortunately to be turned away at the Whist Drive held on Thursday evening at the Leave Club owing to lack of room, but the fortunate first comers had a most enjoyable evening. The scores were very nigh, Pte. H. Davis carrying off the first ladies prize with 161, while Pte. W. Howley and H. E. Cornwall were second and third with 157 and 155 respectively. Pte. F. Kirkland won the first gentleman's prize with a score of 157 and Ptes H. J. Jellis and G. Andrews were second and third with 153 and 152. It was in fact a most successful evening. Much gratitude is due to Lt. Rouch who presided and L/Cpl. Foore who acted as M.C.

B.R.A.D.C.

In "The Editor's Letter Box" column correspondents have frequently asked why the British Rhine Army Dramatic Company do not provide matinees for the benefit of those who cannot be in Cologne during the evening. A letter from Lieut. S. E. Percy, producer of the Rhine Army Dramatic plays on the subject, provides adequate reply to such questions. He says: "In response to appeals from "Exile" and others for matinees, the B.R.A.D.C. gave a matinee of "Hindle Wakes" last Saturday. The house was about an eighth full!—if that! This was the third matinee given by the B.R.A.D.C., and much as we like doing our utmost for the entertainment of the troops, we do not feel justified under these conditions in giving matinees again."

JACQUES.

Cardiff R. C.'s Misfortune.

Three members of the Cardiff Rugby Club have sustained accidents, and will be kept out of the game for some time. Each has a fractured collar-bone. At Bristol Dai Llewellyn was the victim, and on Saturday, in addition to Idris Richards, Bob Allison sustained a like injury whilst playing for the Reserves at Newport.

OUR COMPETITION.

Record Entries for No 3 Football Contest.

Yesterday was the last day for receiving coupons for our Football Competition No 3 and it is satisfactory to announce that the number of entries beats last weeks record by a considerable number.

The result will be published in Wednesday's issue of "The Cologne Post." As the Leeds City-South Shields match is cancelled only eleven forecasts will be required.

Below will be found coupon No 4 containing twelve matches to be decided a week to-day. Look up your back numbers of "The Cologne Post" for league tables and past results, and then forecast the results by striking out the team you think will lose. If you predict a draw, leave both teams standing. Send the coupon to this office but don't forget to enclose one mark with each effort.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 4,
"Cologne Post,"
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 4.

Date of matches, Saturday, Oct. 18th.
Closing date, Friday, Oct. 17th.

Bradford City	v. Sunderland
Hamilton A.	v. Dundee
Manchester U.	v. Manchester City
Sheffield U.	v. Burnley
Arsenal	v. Everton
Stockport C.	v. Stoke
Hull City	v. Notts Forest
Clyde	v. Hearts
Blackpool	v. Birmingham
Rangers	v. Celtic
Swindon	v. Exeter City
Watford	v. Brentford

I enter Football Competition No. 4 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed _____
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. _____

Unit _____

Full Address _____

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

An Unfamiliar Tongue.

The British mules bought by the Germans do not seem to understand German yet. Yesterday I saw one stopping at the word "Vorwaertz."

Can you sing?

Passing the Soldiers' Club in the Antoniter Strasse, the other day I heard a chorus of male voices singing "Ye Mariners of England" charmingly. Entering, I found it was the Rhine Army Choral Society, rehearsing. I was told that it needs recruits.

A Question of Light.

"Now it will soon get dark with the new change of the clock" a Tommy on the platform of a tram said to another, who replied "No, it is just the contrary; it will keep light until later at night" A discussion began which lasted until I left the car and I do not know what was the result.

Their "Police Budget".

Have you ever noticed the "Criminal Zeitung" on the new paper stalls in Rhine and? It is almost an exact replica of our own "Police Budget." The heading follows the same style of lettering and the contents are just as full of horrors.

Ladies at the Clubs.

The presence of English ladies at the various officers' clubs is so common now as to pass unnoticed.

No Fish.

There was no fish to be bought in Cologne town during the first three days of this week. Yesterday I noticed prospective purchasers being admitted by twos and threes into one establishment.

The old Buff Book.

The news that the Command Field Cashier was prepared to do business through the familiar Advance Pay Book was eagerly passed from mouth to mouth in places where officers are to be found. It was treated as a rare tit-bit and I imagine that the Command Cashier did record business. Many, however, were unable to take use of the opportunity for the simple reason that their buff books were not available.

Why the Difference?

An officer friend has a watch which he wants to dispose of and as a preliminary to sale endeavoured to ascertain its present value. Judge of his astonishment when at one establishment they anpraised its value at £10 and at another 40 marks. He is trying a third expert.

Business Men Remember.

By a slip of the pen, forgetting that we don't issue our paper on Mondays, I said that the new Business column would appear on that day and on Thursdays. Now I have to tell you that Tuesdays and Fridays are the appointed days.

Successful Students.

In the recent results of Examinations for the Special Army Education Certificate the 51st Northumberland Fusiliers had another successful candidate, in Pte. T. S. Armstrong, to add to their list. I am told that this unit holds a record number of Special Army Certificates for The Rhine Army.

A "Locality"

Apropos my note on translation peculiarities, here is a notice which is exhibited in the window of a restaurant on the Nippes route, "This locality is now open to British Troops."

A Wounded Artist.

Above you will see some sketches of Cologne life by Captain E. Lander. I knew him before the war, when his clever work adorned the principal London magazines. In 1914 he joined up and subsequently lost his left arm. Someone in hospital said to him "Well, Lander, old chap, good thing it's not the arm you use in your work." "But it is" was the reply. And now Captain Lander is beginning to draw with his right hand.

The Fourth.

The fourth of our popular Football Skill contests starts to-day. It is expected to beat all previous records. Are you entering?

Station Signs.

A reader says he was interested in my allusion to the station signs at Mainz. Travelling recently in the Belgian sector he says he was surprised to observe that the signs of even the merest wayside railway stations have a rendering in no less than four languages Here is the most common example, "Sortie, Uitgang, Way out, Ausgang."

Unrecognisable.

I saw a funny printer's error the other day. It was perpetrated by a German compositor who set up "tunishelling progroms" instead of "inniskilling Dragoons."

Solomon's Double.

With the members of a certain Sergeants' mess in Rhineland it is a recognised custom to hang, on entering the mess, one's belt and side-arms immediately under one's own cap: for, some people make more of an exchange in belts than in one in the value of the mark. Last week, sergeant X hung his nickel-plated bayonet and adjuncts under the wrong cap, and of course, the natural consequence ensued. The case duly came up before the R.S.M. for decision. Held plaintiff would not be allowed to recover, having negligently but knowingly hung his belt under the wrong "heading."

Cinema Advertising.

The system of showing advertisements on the cinema is not so well done out here as in Blighty. There is a great lack of style in the matter screened. Our advertising manager informs me he could make his fortune designing plates, if he had the time at his disposal.

The Short Story.

Is it true to say that there is a dearth of short stories in Germany, asks a reader. He adds that there is in German literature a great and characteristic body of fiction called the "novelle," a form considerably longer than the short story as conceived in France and England, but shorter than the regular novel. The "novelle" is popular, judging from the number of books by such authors as Theodor Storm, which are on sale in the bookshops.

Chink's Festival.

All Chinese in France were given a day's holiday on Wednesday, the occasion being the Chinese Autumn Festival. Yesterday being the Chinese National Day, a further half day's holiday was given.

Near the Roof.

Have you noticed how much gymnastic artists monopolise the cabaret stage? Many of them are undoubtedly clever, but why they persist in getting as near the roof as possible when performing, beats me. Perhaps they think that if an accident does happen, it will be worth seeing.

A Wrong Practice.

The authorities view with disfavour the practice of officers' reserving sleeping berths on trains in their own names, but which are not for their personal use. The name of the person who will use the berth must always be given when registering.

The Only One.

For many months there was no busier place in Cologne than the Church Army Buffet at the Main Station. From 4 a.m. the lady workers had scarce a minute to themselves attending to the wants of British and Allied troops. During the early morning hours I have seen as many as fifty French soldiers there and as many Belgians, not to mention our own men who after forty-eight hours leave to Cologne, were out to catch the early morning trains to Duren, Euskirchen or Montjoie. Yesterday morning I dropped in there at half past seven to find that I was the only soldier in the place.

A Lost Camera.

A private in the Tank Corps tells me that he left a valuable camera in the cloak room of the Church Army Hostel in the Zum Hotel Cologne the other night, but in the morning was told that it had been stolen. He asks, first if he has any means of obtaining compensation and secondly if he may warn others from using this particular cloakroom.

Humorous Billsticking.

There is a billposting station which attracts my attention from day to day, not only because of the multi-coloured posters thereon, but because of the innumerable bills which seem to be given about half a day's publicity. You will find a sticker freely bedaubing and obliterating posters which were displayed for the first time the previous day while last week's election notices remained intact for but a few hours when others, issued presumably by a rival, were stuck over them.

Strange to Us.

I have noticed several times lately that German ladies accompanied by a gentleman pay for both seats in an electric car.

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AROUND AND ABOUT.

DRAFT CONDUCTING OFFICERS.

The decision of the Army Council to make draft conducting officers eligible for the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal is a well-merited recognition of the services of these officers. Many of them were men well on in years and their job was by no means one of the most agreeable in the War. Yet I believe they generally succeeded in getting their drafts either to the railhead or base without losing a man. Sometimes they went through air-raids and shell-fire; while in one case, in Salonika, a certain by no means youthful officer so ruined his already enfeebled health at this work that he merely returned to England to die. But for the fact that they were not attached to any particular units, draft conducting officers would no doubt have always been eligible for the various War Medals.

THE LITTLE CORPORAL.

Most people have heard Napoleon spoken of as "The Little Corporal", but it is not generally known that the incident which led to the application of this epithet to the great general occurred at Coblenz. The story goes that in 1814, Napoleon was sorely defeated at Coblenz by the Cossacks, and would have been taken prisoner, had it not been for the presence of mind of one of his faithful followers, Corporal Spohn, who implored him to make an exchange of clothes to hide the Emperor's idenity. Before the battle had ended, Corporal Spohn, the pretended Napoleon, was being led a prisoner to the Russian General. When the discovery was made, the Cossacks were so enraged at being deceived, they slew the brave corporal. Napoleon, in appreciation of the self-sacrifice of this soldier, who had voluntarily given his own life to save that of his master, very frequently wore the uniform of a corporal, from which his friends familiarly called him "The Little Corporal."

HENDON FLYING CLUB.

The new Hendon Flying Club is more than likely to be very popular with members. The Club House is being erected by workers of the Grahame-White Aviation Factory who, as soon as aircraft building stopped, were turned on to this job. The decorations internally are truly Olympian and the furniture—chairs, tables and couches—was all made by the same workers whose skill in dainty work is well-known. The colour scheme, a dinky blue chintz affair, is said to be the work of Ethel Levey, wife of Mr. Grahame White. Her hand in the organization is by no means a hidden one if one may judge by the presence of the Hawaiian band which has come from Honolulu especially for the Club. The instruments of the native Hawaiian musician are quite wonderful, especially that large harp-like instrument from which they thrum the most eerie melody, and their rag-time music is really superb. One officer expressed the opinion that the music is perhaps bizarre to a person who cannot boast of being a futurist, but then, after all, he said, to be a modern dancer one has to be a bit of a futurist. Erstwhile patrons of Claridge's will rejoice to hear that the maitre d'hotel of that hotel has come to the new club, while the genius who made cock-tails at the American bar of Ciro's has also been imported. Perhaps however the main feature of the Club is the fact that it is a gigantic sports centre. You can hire an aeroplane for a week-end or short-flight, fish or learn fly-fishing in a real trout stream, and play almost every conceivable game from golf to tennis.

CHINA HATS.

Ta-jong, the wisest monarch who ever governed Korea, worked on more ingenious lines than those followed by its Japanese rulers of to-day. When Ta-jong came to the throne his subjects were the most quarrelsome of Oriental races, and the number of deaths caused daily by sudden brawls had reached alarming proportions. It was, therefore, decreed that no adult male should appear in public without a china hat in the shape of an inverted flower-pot. Hard fighting was impossible in such fragile headgear, the removal of which in any public place rendered the culprit liable to a dose of the bastinado for the first offence and decapitation for the second. Within a brief space brawling ceased almost entirely, and Ta-jong issued another decree congratulating his subjects on their peaceful behaviour. The Koreans still wear hats of this shape made of straw instead of china.

OPERA.

AN APPRECIATION AND A DIGRESSION.

Tommy is indeed privileged in Cologne. When one considers that for five marks (less than tenpence, English money) he can go to the Opera, and on different nights hear the strains of Puccini, the soul tearing arias of Verdi, the magic of Mozart, and the thunder and majesty of Wagner, one wonders if he really wants demobbing.

Will he be so fortunate when he gets home? I think not.

Here, for tenpence every night, he can have the whole panorama of human existence unfolded to him, comedy and tears, love and hate, jealousy and rage all skifully portrayed, and surrounded by the mystery of music.

Truly an education in itself, and I am at one with Browning when he said "There is no finer truth obtainable, than that which comes to man by music." Personally I am the happiest of fellows in such an atmosphere, for I revel in grand opera.

Only a day or two ago a friend of mine said to me. "You won't want demobbing, surely, with all these privileges around you," and yet I do and very earnestly, too.

Shall I tell you why?

I'm married, and being touched with a very romantic spirit, I am eager to be playing my part on the grand stage of life, where laughter and tears are real; and where hopes and disappointment crowd the stage in swift succession.

There are hundreds of others like me who will almost hear floating across the channel, Verdi's beautiful aria "Ah che la morte" telling as it always will, the world's sublimest tragedy.

Cologne is splendid, the operas are great, but when the grandest overture is ended, and the finest aria sung, the human heart still cries out for home and love.

W. R. H.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

No Halfpennies. — A famine in halfpennies is reported from home.

Many new Plays. — A busy time lies ahead for London critics and first-nighters.

Bootwear.—The boot trade is anticipating a big boom in patent leather wear.

Dear Footwear.—Little hope is held out for an early reduction in boot prices.

Ninepenny Milk.—Milk is selling at 9d a quart at Oxford.

Dear.—A 68 acre holding at Richmond has been sold for £7,600.

Woman's Whim.—Many women "demobbed" are adopting the puttee for wear.

Use For Army Huts.—Army huts are to be used as classrooms at Ealing.

The Date.—President Poincare will visit London on November 10.

Norway Goes Dry.—Norway has voted itself "dry" by 420,000 to 280,000 votes.

British in Brusa.—British troops have occupied Brusa in Asia Minor.

New York Dock Strike.—The New York Dock Strike has brought out nearly 60,000.

On Tour.—Lord Jellicoe is on his way to Fiji.

For Sheffield.—The Premier goes to Sheffield next week.

To Visit England.—Basuto chiefs are due in England shortly.

Over.—The Paris theatre strike is over, the actors having obtained satisfaction.

Honoured.—Mr. Francombe, a retired schoolmaster, will be Bristol's Lord Mayor.

Not So Full.—There are more rooms to let in London than there were six months ago.

Royal Movement.—The King and Queen will go to Sandringham on Monday for a short stay.

Imminent.—Peace treaty ratification is imminent, replies having been received from all the British Dominions.

Going Home.—One of the last batches of Anzacs has just left Tilbury. Many had wives with them.

Getting Fit.—Felton who will meet Barry in the sculling championship is using a bicycle for training purposes.

Guardians' Romance.—Two fellow guardians at Westcliff have just got married.

Decree.—Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt has obtained a divorce on the ground of desertion.

Young Hero.—A Broughty Ferry miner aged 14, has saved three lives within thirteen months.

Society Divorce Case.—The hearing of the Carbery divorce case has been adjourned.

Socialist.—M. Anatole France, the famous French writer is to contest a constituency in Paris as a Socialist.

Beautiful.—The Indians are the most beautiful people on earth.—Mr. Booth-Tucker, Chief of Indian Salvation Army.

Rejected.—Swansea trawler men, after a month's strike have rejected employers' new terms.

Economy.—Broadstairs street lamps are not to be lighted on moonlight nights owing to coal shortage.

No Demand.—A West End agent states that since March, the market in flats has gone down.

Labour.—Among the new J.P.'s for London are the assistant secretary of the N.U.R. and a compositor.

Must Be Tall.—"Billposter, must be a 6 foot man," is an advertisement at a West London labour exchange.

Another Deal?—Mr. Martin of Government linen fame, has gone to America on urgent and important business.

Closed.—Swansea public houses having nothing to sell as a result of the strike, have closed.

Oil Wanted.—Australia is offering £10,000 for discovery of oil in the Commonwealth.

Esthonian K.C.M.G.—The King has conferred the K.C.M.G. on General Laidour, G.O.C. Esthonian Army.

King Alfonso for London.—The King and Queen of Spain visit Paris and London at the end of the month.

Closed.—The Army Printing and Stationery Depot at Havre has been closed. Supplies can be obtained from Boulogne.

At The W.O.—Callers at the War Office have included Japanese labourers returned from North Russia.

The Ideal.—Invented by an officer, an oil fuel burner has been evolved which is quite smokeless.

Only Nine.—It is estimated that only nine people a day have dinner at Lewisham National Kitchen.

Happy.—It took two hours to catch Eastbourne horses that had turned out to grass owing to the strike.

Half-hour Walk.—Owing to non-arrival of a taxi-cab a Handsworth bride had half an hour's walk to her house.

Unwelcome.—The Bulgarian Premier resigned because the Peace terms have been badly received by his country.

On Cruise.—The Battleship Temeraire has sailed from Plymouth on a six months cruise.

Echo Of Falkland.—H. M. S. Kent, which did good work in the Falklands is to be sold.

No Permits.—Temporary passes giving admission have been abolished by some departments.

Small Holdings Railway.—A light railway to serve an estate of small holdings at Rawcliffe is to be laid down.

Standard Boots.—Standard boots will be in the shops at home early in January.

All Pauls.—It is curious that all Lord Methuen's three sons were christened with the name Paul.

Fatal Ride.—Colliding with a tramway standard on a new motor-cycle an ex-Army officer of Norbiton was fatally injured.

Wanted a Lead.—Before letting the Town hall for boxing exhibitions, Hull Corporation is inquiring what other councils do in the matter.

Beer.—At a luncheon of the Chertsey Agricultural Association, General Hutton welcomed the presence of beer on the tables.

First Girl "Spot Boy."—For the first time in history, a girl is officiating as "spot boy" in a billiard match at the Burroughes Hall, Piccadilly.

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THE STATE AND THE MINES.

PRIME MINISTER'S PLAIN WARNING ABOUT NATIONALISATION.

TACKLING THE IRISH PROBLEM.

NATIONALISATION.

"NEVER A MORE INOPPORTUNE MOMENT."

The text of the Premier's reply to the Trade Union deputation which waited on him yesterday regarding nationalisation of the mines has been officially issued.

It shows that he adhered to the policy announced by him in the House of Commons.

In the course of his reply Mr. Lloyd George said that Mr Smillie was right in saying that coal is the industrial life of the nation. It is also a great political issue and like very other political issue it is one which must be decided by the nation as a whole. If the nation is convinced that it is right in the interests or the people as a whole that this experiment should be tried, the nation has got the machine whereby it can express its will and carry that will into effective operation.

The Government can only state clearly what is its view and if that is not acceptable to the country there are means whereby the nation can not only carry out nationalisation but carry the Government out as well.

Proceeding, Mr. Lloyd George drew distinctions between the mineral resources of the country and the actual management of the mines by the State and said that the Government had definitely decided that it could not undertake State management of the mines. He also denied that State management would either save expense or increase the output. Referring to the suggestion contained in the report of the Sankey Commission that with the State as owner, the relationship between the miners and the community would be an improvement on the relationship between the miners and capitalists, he said "I might have thought so three weeks ago. I do not want to refer to episodes which are closed but they are printed pretty deeply in the public memory. There never was a more inopportune moment for pressing claims for nationalisation."

LABOUR CONGRESS.

BRITISH DELEGATES FOR AMERICA.

The representatives of the British Government to the first International Labour Congress at Washington will be Mr. G. N. Barnes, M. P., and Sir Malcolm Delevigne, K.C.B., Assistant Secretary to the Home Office.

The technical advisers for the Government are Dr. Legge, Senior Medical Inspector, Mr. Billhouse, Senior Factory Inspector, and Mrs. Constance Smith, Senior Lady Inspector, all of the Home Office, while Mr. Isaac Mitchell and Mr. Hodgson, the Secretary, have been appointed by the Ministry of Labour.

The Labour delegation includes Mr. Stuart Bunning, Chairman of the Trades Union Congress and Secretary of the Postmen's Federation, Mr. Arthur Henderson M.P. Mr. C. W. Bowerman, Mr. Sexton M.P., Mr. Onions M.P., Mr. Tom Shaw M.P., and Miss Mary MacArthur and Miss Margaret Bondfield.

Mr. G. M. Barnes will leave for America within the next few days and the bulk of the British delegates will sail in the Mauretania on the 22nd October.

IN THE FIELD.

GOLTZ ARMY STARTS FOR RIGA.

The German troops in Courland, recently under the command of General von der Goltz, have begun an offensive against the Letts, using aeroplanes, armoured cars and gas.

Numbering 20,000, their object is to occupy Riga and depose the present Lettish Government.

General von der Goltz who has gone to Berlin, is ordered to appear before the Council of war to answer for the proclamation inciting his troops to disobey the orddrs of the Government.

He declares that his army of 100,000 will stay where they are, turning themselves into Russians, thus converting the rich Baltic provinces into a state which will be nominally Russian but in reality German.

The Lettish Government meanwhile has appealed to Marshal Foch for Allied help, saying that the country will defend itself to its last drop of blood.

KING GEORGE RATIFIES THE PEACE TREATY.

His Majesty the King has ratified the Peace Treaty and the document has been dispatched to Paris.

IRISH PEACE.

NAMES OF CABINET COMMITTEE.

The Cabinet Committee which has been appointed to make recommendations for the future government of Ireland has now been finally constituted. It is a large committee, consisting of the following 10 Ministers:

Mr. Walter Long (First Lord of the Admiralty; Chief Secretary for Ireland 1905).
The Lord Chancellor (Lord Birkenhead).
Mr. Shortt (Home Secretary; Chief Secretary for Ireland 1918-19).
Mr. Fisher (President of the Board of Education).
Sir L. Worthington-Evans (Minister of Pensions).
Sir Auckland Geddes (President of the Board of Trade).
Sir Robert Horne (Minister of Labour).
Mr. Kellaway (Deputy-Minister of Munitions).
The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland (Lord French)
The Chief Secretary for Ireland (Mr. Macpherson).

Mr. Long will be the chairman of the Committee. No secretary has as yet been appointed.

The Committee has not yet met, and it will not hold its first meeting until next week. It will probably assemble on Tuesday, when Mr. Macpherson will have returned from his week-end consultations in Dublin.

OUR TRADE.

ANALYSIS OF LAST MONTH'S RETURNS.

Board of Trade returns for September give imports approximating 148½ millions, and exports 66½ millions corresponding increases of 50½ and 26¼ millions respectively. Imports during the last nine months aggregate 116½ millions and exports 541¼ millions.

"The Times" points out in a leading article that comparisons with a year ago are of little significance owing to radical alternations in prices and conditions. The only satisfactory basis is the previous month and taking the returns for August and making a small allowance for the railway strike we find a decline of over eleven million in exports of British manufactured goods while there is an increase of 2½ millions in the value of exports of raw material, almost all of which is accounted for by coal.

On the import side the totals for the two months are almost identical but imports of manufactured goods for September were valued at five millions more than for August. Summing up, "The Times" finds an adverse balance of 527 millions for the first nine months of this year, September's quota being 66½ million against fifty-nine for August.

It can hardly be suggested that invisible exports account for so enormous a sum, consequently there is no escape from the conclusion that we are getting deeper into difficulties with every succeeding month.

MURMANSK EVACUATION.

Although they were offered the chance of leaving the country aboard a British war vessel, the Russian General Miller and his troops in North Russia elected to remain from patriotic reasons. Many British troops also would gladly have remained as volunteers but in order to prevent any misunderstanding it was decided to bring every British subject away, leaving it open to any who wished to volunteer to return.

General Rawlinson sails to day and the British evacuation of Murmansk will be completed within the next few days.

PRINCE'S HOLIDAY CAMP.

The Prince of Wales returned on Thursday to the Royal train at Edenwold, walking most of the twenty miles to the station. He greatly enjoyed the four days under canvas with Commander Perry's North-West Mounted Police. He spent the time shooting and camping on the banks of lake. The duck shooting was especially good, despite an icy blizzard which froze the swamp and nearly carried away the tents.

M. P. SENT TO PRISON.

Mr. Patrick O'Keeffe, the Sinn Fein member of Parliament for North Cork, was yesterday sentenced by Court-martial to eighteen months imprisonment for seditious utterances.

A member of the King's household who acted as porter at a metropolitan station during the strike has forwarded £1 10s. 8d., the result of "tips" received by him, to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association.

TANKS AND CLAIMS.

JUDGE MAKES SCATHING COMMENTS.

On the reopening of the Tank Enquiry yesterday considerable time was consumed by a dispute as to whether the ideas embodied in Lieutenant Macfie's model and Mr. Nesfield's specifications were wholly Macfie's or Nesfield's. Various witnesses gave evidence and Counsel adduced arguments for each side.

The Chairman, interrupting Mr. Nesfield's Counsel, said: "We are very unfavourably impressed by the date of the application for provisional patent and specification. If a person with ideas goes to an expert to get his ideas embodied in a drawing it is very peculiar for the expert to proceed to take out a provisional specification."

In the course of the discussion Counsel mentioned that Lieutenant Macfie's tank was watertight and was intended to float.

Mr. Justice Sargant was incredulous and said he did not see how a thing of that size, weighing twenty-five tons, could possibly float.

Mr. Gordon K.C., who opened the case for Major Hetherington said that while the latter was acting as Chief Mechanical officer for the armoured cars at Dunkirk, he designed a car with very large wheels for use over broken ground. This design being rejected, Major Hetherington then worked out in his own mind the alternative viz, the Caterpillar tractor.

Counsel preceeded to refer to Major Hetherington's work as a member of the Land ship Committee when the Chairman interposed. "That is not a case for special remuneration," he said, "these gentlemen were simply carrying out their duties. To say that any one on the committee is entitled to special remuneration is a monstrous proposition."

After Major Hetherington had given evidence briefly, the Solicitor General contended that although Major Hetherington's energy had doubtless helped the Land Ship Committee and he had served the country well, he had not contributed a single definite factor to the evolution of the tank.

Mr. Justice Sargant also said that if the commission were unable to recommend any bounty for Major Hetherington it must not be understood as casting the slightest reflection on the way in which he had discharged his duties.

Sir Eustace D'Eyncourt's claim was taken next. The essentials to make the tank a practical engine of war were mobility, stability, strength, armour and armament and he claimed for the successful correlation of successful ideas. The selection of the proper combination practically amounted to invention. The Commission adjourned to the 20th October.

WAR NERVES.

OLD COMPLAINTS UNDER NEW NAMES.

In his presidential address to the Birmingham and Midland Institute Sir Hickman Godlee said that the war had shown how a large proportion of the male population was of a neurotic disposition. The conscript army contained more neurotics than the voluntary army, because few neurotics had volunteered. It was the universal opinion in the medical profession that no new nervous diseases had been caused by war. They had all previously been met with in civil practice.

PELTED WITH BOMBS.

JILTED LOVER'S TERRIBLE REVENGE.

An amazing drama of disappointed love has just been enacted with tragic results at Cottbus, in Brandenburg.

A young man, recently demobilized had been jilted by his sweetheart, who refused to see him. He wrote, warning her that he would be revenged.

As the girl stood, yesterday morning, among a crowd at the railway station, where potatoes were being distributed. the forsaken lover appeared, and hurled a number of bombs at the girl with terrible effect.

Six persons, including the jilted lover, were killed and twenty-one wounded.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.

All the foreign Ambassadors in England will attend the Mansion House meeting of the League of Nations Union next Monday. M. Venizelos, Prime Minister of Greece, has accepted the invitation of the Union to speak. In the evening Lord Robert Cecil and the executive committee of the Union will give a dinner at the Ritz Hotel at 7.30 to meet the Lord Mayor of London.

BALTIC STATES AND PEACE.

The Baltic States have received M. Tchicherin's reply to their proposal that peace discussions should take place at Dorpat. M. Tchicherin says that Soviet Russia would have preferred to negotiate within their own territory but nevertheless consents, and suggests that negotiations begin on the 12th October.

POOR RATEPAYERS.

The rates at Merthyr Tydvil have reached 17s 5d in the £1, earning for the town the unenviable distinction of having the highest rates in Great Britain or Ireland.

REPRIEVED!

FOX TERRIER'S PLEA FOR MERCY.

After the railway strike—a dog, to catch the public fancy.

A sensational trial which thrilled all London was begun and concluded yesterday at Clerkenwell sessions. The appellant was "Bobs", a black and white terrier from Fulnam, who appealed against a sentence of death pronounced on him by the West London magistrate on the ground that he was "ferocious."

Bobs came to court in a motor char-a-banc, accompanied by twenty witnesses, all of whom were prepared to swear that he was docile. His plea for life was put forward through his "next friend" as they say in Courts-martial,—Mr. Curtis Bennet K.C.

In support of the magistrate's decision, various witnesses gave evidence of unprovoked attacks by Bobs, which it appeared had among other crimes flown at policemen. When he was produced in Court and accommodated with a seat on the Barristers' bench, Bobs made a very favourable impression. His appearance bore out the statement of his mistress that he was the pet of the children and went regularly to the pictures.

Eventually Sir R. Wallis, Chairman of the Sessions allowed the appeal and quashed the conviction, subject to an undertaking being given that Bobs would in future be kept under proper control.

Bobs left in a subdued frame of mind but was warmly cheered by his supporters.

Twenty thousand signatures had been obtained to a petition against his death sentence.

AMERICA'S TURN.

MINERS, CHALLENGE TO THE COMMUNITY.

America finds itself faced with the prospect of having to fight for the life of the Community against yet another strike. Apart from the steel and dock workers demands, the most formidable menace to industrial peace now is the demands of the miners, who have declared their intention of laying down picks on November 1st unless before that date the owners concede a 60% increase of wages and a five day week of six hours daily.

The special commissioner of the New York Tribune describes the men as thirsting for a strike and believing that they can reduce the country to a state of starvation in a very short time, compelling a Soviet ownership of the mines.

One of the most sinister features of the miners' programme is a demand for the elimination from the new agreement of all automatic penalties for non-observance of conditions.

The New York Sun calls upon the American nation to imitate Great Britain's effort and fight back. It says the example of the triumphant British public is not likely to be lost upon other hard pressed public bodies.

BLACK SEA MUTINY.

FRENCH SAILORS WHO CREATED A SOVIET.

The naval court martial at Toulon has passed sentences on the men who mutinied on board the cruiser France in the Black Sea in April last.

The highest sentence passed is one of sixteen years on one man. Other men are given eight, seven, six and five years' imprisonment and degraded.

Sentences ranging from one to five years—in two cases with the benefit of the First Offenders Law—are passed on 21 men. Six of the accused are acquitted.

MEN SHOT IN DUBLIN STREET.

A sensational shooting incident took place at Rathmines, Dublin on Thursday afternoon. Shortly before four o'clock there was great commotion in Belgrave-square, where a large crowd had assembled. Three men were seen rushing out of a hotel in the vicinity, and after covering about fifty yards two of them fell. A third man, who has behind, ran back to the hotel, where a struggle took place between him and the police. The two men who fell, John Morris and Robert Purcell, were removed to hospital Both lie in a serious condition suffering from gunshot wounds. One of the injured men is a military officer. A policeman was injured in the struggle with the assailant. It is understood that an arrest has been made.

COAL CONTROLLER RESIGNS.

It is officially announced that Sir Evan Jones, Bt., M.P., who consented to accept the position of Controller of Coal Mines for a limited period at the urgent request of the President of the Board of Trade, has found it necessary to resign the position as from Oct. 8.

CHANCELLOR BALFOUR.

The Right Hon. Arthur J. Balfour yesterday was elected unopposed as Chancellor of Cambridge University in succession to Lord Rayleigh.

News has just been received at the War Office from the Head of the British Military Mission at Riga that all members of this Mission are safe and well.

SUMMARY COURT.

KNUCKLE-DUSTER LEADS TO IMPRISONMENT.

Friederich Tobst, of Mulheim, was described by a German policeman as a very bad character, who did no regular work and was always giving trouble. When the policeman asked him for his identity card he refused to produce it on the grounds as he said, that only the British police had power to make such a demand. He was taken to the police station and on being searched a knuckle duster was found in his possession. He was given ten days imprisonment.

A 20 years Character.

A tramway inspector named Josef Pollig was seen carrying three empty petrol tins in Schol-strasse, Lindenthal. Recognising them as Government property a Military policeman confiscated them and preferred a charge against Pollig of being in illegal possession of the tins.

Pollig, who has been twenty years in the employment of the Tramway Company, and produced a letter testifying to his good character, stated that he found the tins and was taking them to a military police station. In view of his good character and the doubt in the case Pollig was discharged.

New Line of Defence.

A two fold defence was put up by Jacob Peters of 9 Engelgarten, who has charged with the unlawful possession of 2,000 cigarettes. He contended that cigarettes, if wrapped in tinfoil are not canteen goods, and secondly that small numbers of cigarettes can come through the post and be sold in shops without being banded. His first line of defence was shattered by a witness who stated that canteen cigarettes are almost invariably wrapped in tinfoil and a customs officer deposed that none but banded cigarettes may be sold. Peter was fined 1,000 marks.

EXPERIENTIA DOCET.

NEW CRUSADER TILTS AGAINST OLD AGE.

Captain Oswald Mosley, the youngest member of Parliament (being aged twenty-two) who is Chairman of the London Branch of the League of Youth, has opened a campaign against "entrenched old age." He invites the youth of the country to "burst open the parlours of secret diplomacy, where old men are wont to barter the life of youth as counters in an after-dinner game."

He says the real division lies between the type that merely desires to return to 1914 and the type that longs to march forward to the winning of a better world: "Youth," Captain Mosley concludes, "has learned to distrust old age and loath its attributes."

S.R.D. AGAIN.

GOOD ADVICE TO TEMPERANCE SPEAKERS.

The conference of Church of England Temperance Societies which is sitting at Chester discussed yesterday the rum ration in the Army and Navy. After several speakers had condemned it an ex-soldier justified it and declared that while he was serving in France it saved his life. The Rev. P. A. Thomas, an ex-army chaplain, said it was a mistake for temperance advocates to speak in unrestrained condemnation of the rum ration. He knew many soldiers who would have died but for a tot of rum.

RAISULI'S RETORT.

Natives arriving here to-day from Raisuli's headquarters report that the Spanish authorities have requested Raisuli to release certain Spanish officers and men held prisoners by him and to allow the Spanish dead to be collected and buried.

Raisuli is reported to have replied that he will grant this request if the Spanish authorities will hand over to him all the Anjera tribesmen who have betrayed their country and their faith and are fighting on the side of the Spaniards.

GERMAN PRISONERS FROM ENGLAND.

The War Office announces that 4,187 German prisoners of war are being repatriated from England, beginning next week. The rest will be sent off at the rate of more than 400 per day. Repatriation from France and Belgium is nearly complete.

HIGH MASS IN WELSH.

Probably for the first time since the Reformation High Mass in Welsh was celebrated in St. Mary's Church (Church of England), Shrewsbury, yesterday. The occasion was the annual festival of the Catholic society of the Welsh Church.

LESS COAL FROM SILESIA.

Considerable decreases in the coal production are reported from Upper Silesia. Only 3 373 wagon loads have been produced, as compared with 13.000 in peace times and 10,000 in war time.

ONLY SHADOWS.

BRITISH TRADERS NEED NOT FEAR.

Sir Auckland Geddes, speaking at a luncheon at the Aldwych Club yesterday, said that careful investination showed that never had there been greater opportunities for British trade and never would there be greater opportunities in the future. Every nation of the world was short of something which Britain could supply. Germany for many years could not hope to rank among the great manufacturing nations. Many of her factories to-day were closed, either partly or wholly, material was lacking in every direction, and the men were hopeless, dispirited and unsettled. The cost of production was far higher in Germany than was commonly realised. Indeed he wished that Germany showed more signs of elasticity and development than she does, because she is one of Britain's great markets and could not buy from us unless she was producing wealth within her own borders. Britain must not be frightened by shadows and this fear of Germany, existing in many quarters, was a shadow.

As to Japan, said Sir Auckland, it must be remembered that Japan had to buy her raw material and machinery in the markets of the world, and her cost of labour was rapidly rising. Referring to American competition he declared that America was not well placed for world trade. Our exchange with her was hindering her exports to Britain. America was too rich for the world and because of her wealth could not drive us out of the market.

SAARBRUCK RIOTS.

FRENCH COLONEL KILLED BY SPARTACISTS.

Following a strike which was declared on Sunday, fierce rioting occurred at Saarbrück, owing to the arrival of a new Spartacists from the other side of the river. These changed a purely professional meeting into a revolutionary movement. This was stopped, but on Tuesday the workers delegates, on their promise to maintain order and return to work, obtained the liberation of the Spartacists. The same evening these men returned armed with revolvers and began an organised pillage and attacked the central telegraph station.

A state of siege was proclaimed and French troops intervened, with the result that a French battalion commander was killed and three soldiers wounded. Five Germans were also killed.

By Thursday morning most of the strikers had returned to work. The council of war has condemned one man to death and eight others to twenty years penal servitude.

KING OF ITALY'S THREAT.

WILL D'ANNUNZIO BE EVICTED FROM FIUME?

It is authoritatively stated that there is no truth in the rumour that Gabriele D'Annunzio has been murdered

While D'Anpunzio's forces have refused to leave Fiume the Italian Army and Navy is showing reluctance to carry out their orders to compel them to do so. It is reliably reported that the King of Italy has threatened to abdicate if the Army and Navy persist in this attitude.

"UNHEALTHY TREES."

Woking medical men have approached the local council with the suggestion that "all unnecessary trees in the district" should be felled or topped, on the ground that the trees are detrimental to health.

The doctors say that overgrowth of trees, especially near houses, prevents free ventilation, and that the trees "emit an injurious carbon dioxide during night hours."

The removal of the trees, they add, would "improve health and provide fuel at a time of national scarcity."

SWEDISH LEGATION SACKED.

The Swedish Foreign department issues a communiqué that it has received confirmation of the report that the Swedish Legation and Consular offices in Petrograd have been sacked by the Bolshevist authorities, who confiscated all valuables. The private apartments of the Swedish Minister, General Braendstroems, were also looted. According to the Bolshevists own statement the value of the goods plundered is about twelve million roubles. All the other foreign Legations are being treated in the same manner.

A FAMOUS ARTIST.

An exhibition of paintings by the famous Bavarian artist, Hans Thoma, who is now eighty years old, was opened at the Wallraf-Richartz Museum, yesterday by Dr. Witte, director of the Museum. The collection comprises twenty paintings and a number of sketches and are all in Hans Thoma's best style.

KING OF SPAIN INCOG.

The King of Spain will leave for Paris and London on the 18th or 19th inst. He will travel incognito as the Duke of Toledo and will be unaccompanied by either the Queen or a Minister.

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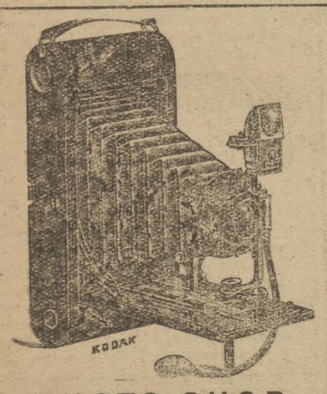

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SOLDIER CHARACTERS.

The evening air now falling appreciably in temperature is as "full of strange oaths" as was the air of Picardy and there is still a sprinkling of old "swads" with an outlook slightly more extensive than that of a parson's daughter, but throughout the length and breadth of Rhineland the stuff of which "old Bills" are made is apparently lacking.

There is even in promising abundance, that "dram of folly" in our mixture the absence of which betokens, in Charles Lamb's opinion, "pounds of much worse matter in our composition," but "worthies" remain exceedingly rare.

Can it be that with the scraping off of the mud of France and Flanders men have also parted company with the qualities of heart and mind that constitute an original character whose mode of life and conversation is a source of perpetual amusement to numerous friends or acquaintances? With the departure of barbed wire have we also discarded barbed wit?

Mayhap the material is there only awaiting an Ian Hay or a "Sapper," a Mr. Service or a "Woodbine Willie" to start prospecting. So far, the Armies of Occupation have not given birth to a literary work of the type of "The First Hundred Thousand" or "Carrying On", and nothing in any way approaching the finest verse of Flecker, Nichols, or Siegfried Sassoon has been written by or about any soldier on the Rhine. This seems to call for immediate remedy.

Artists, like their literary half-brothers, sometimes create characters of enduring fame, and numerous admirable sketches of Army life as it is lived out here have come from both British and German craftsmen. Some of the work of the former, it pleases us to record, has greatly enlivened the pages of this journal from time to time. But the character or personality who will stir a continent like a Gibson Girl or a Buster Brown has still to be born.

Both in real life and in the realms of fiction no unit in our midst seems to have on its ration strength a type of humanity who could command an admiration such as the world bestows on the worthies who fill the sprightly pages of "Soldiers Three" or the "Three Musketeers".

If there is, let him make his bow to a grateful world either in the flesh or at the hands of a literary artist. Almost every calling in life has been blessed with a leavening of these choice and original souls, and the army in the past has not been without its share. While the war raged our portion in that respect was rich beyond the dreams of literary avarice.

Surely the fountain has not run dry! Professor Saintsbury once had the courage to name five nineteenth-century literary heroines whom he would have been glad to marry—let us hope not simultaneously! We could name five literary heroes whom the war produced and whom we should dearly love to meet. Cannot the British Army of the Rhine provide a sixth?

OUR HARVEST FESTIVAL.

It was distinctly inspiring to sing the old thanksgiving hymns that recalled happy memories of the past.

In our boyhood days the harvest festival appealed to us in many ways. It quickened the imagination, encouraged our love of the beautiful, stirred our hearts with gratitude and boylike made us long to taste the luscious fruit — grapes, apples, pears and plums — which were spread out before our fascinated eyes.

What times we had decorating the church with flowers, wheat sheaves and evergreens the night before.

How rich was the fragrance pervading the atmosphere It seemed to go through all the avenues of our being and reach our innermost natures.

So we did well to celebrate this ancient festival in Cologne and bring our gifts to the service. The October sun was shining outside and all nature seemed to sing a hymn of praise.

True the fruit was purchased in the German market and we were strangers in a strange land but what mattered it? God's gifts of the fruits of the earth are the same everywhere and in the hour of worship our thoughts were in the homeland.

With what deep feeling the men sang the old hymns —

"Come ye thankful people come."

"We plough the fields and scatter."

In front of them was a long table covered with flowers and fruit to remind them of the fulfilment of the ancient promise—

"While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest... shall not cease."

The Colonel read the lesson. It is inspiring to see him standing there taking a part in the service, and the appropriate text:

"Cast thy bread upon the waters for thou shalt find it after many days."

At the close the fruit is distributed, the choice bunches of grapes, the loving gift of a Tommy, going to the sick lads in the hospital.

In a German Protestant church not far away they too were celebrating their Harvest Festival. The altar table was covered with choice gifts and all around the walls were hung numerous "In Memoriam" cards of members of the congregation who had fallen in the great war.

A strange contrast indeed.

Memory is at work in other directions; even on the field of battle in France we celebrated our Harvest Festival one day in the shadow of Ploog-Street Wood.

The Red Reaper had been at work and was still to gather in many more of our lads but we sang our harvest hymns even though the shells were screaming through the air. How much that service helped us. It took our minds away for a time from the dangers and privations which were our every day lot.

We need no cards to remind us this Harvest Festival day of our fallen comrades. They live in our hearts and above the noise of this City by the Rhine we hear the voice from heaven saying:—

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them."

C. K.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

DIFFICULTIES OF BUYING.

Thought your readers night like to know my experience this week in obtaining Mess goods:—

Monday. Visit canteen to hand in list of goods required at a stated time on the following day. Position taken up in queue. Window reached and list presented in 35 minutes. List then filed by N.A.C.B. representative.

Tuesday. At stated time present myself at canteen taking up position in queue. Twenty minutes wait without getting perceptibly nearer window, retired from the struggle with intentions of "pouncing" in at a more favourable time.

Second appearance two hours later, same effort, same result. Retired beaten for the day. Dismissed Box Car.

Wednesday. Matter serious, Mess requires replenishing in order to appease members. Appear at canteen determined to "do or die." Position taken up in queue, window reached in 30 minutes. List taken from file, order made up and passed through to Cashiers Office. Position taken up in queue for Cashiers Office, window reached and money paid in 20 minutes. Attention given at counter. Examination of case of wine. Find two broken, notice of same given over counter. Chit for refund received with instructions to hand it to Cashiers Office. Position for Cashiers Office taken up in queue. Window reached in 15 minutes, chit presented. Informed chit must be handed in at "Orders" office. Remonstrations. Position taken up in queue, "Orders" office reached in 25 minutes chit presented. Refund voucher made out and handed through to Cashiers office. Position taken up in queue for Cashiers office. Window reached in 20 minutes, Money refunded. Finished. Mess members satisfied. Four days respite in which to prepare for the next bout.

P.M.C.

OUR MUSICAL TASTE.

Sir,—I agree with "Popular". He has the courage to speak his mind even if some musical cranks would dub him "Philistine.".

I know lots of folk who go to the opera just because they think it is the correct thing to do. They come back to the mess and bore every one with so-called musical talk but I don't believe they have more taste for music than I have.

Melody is what appeals to me and most Britishers.

We like a good lilting air with a bit of "go in it," something you can hear once and carry in your head.

When we get the good old gramophone going in our mess not many of us want to hear "Lohengrin" or "Tosca" played on it. We want something that will set the feet tapping on the floor, cheerful and tuneful.

M. P. W.

CONTINUOUS COUGHING.

Sir,—I agree with "A. Peel" as to the "cough competition" which is held nightly at the Deutsches Theatre. A fellow near me won last night with umpteen thousand and nine spasms, but the number of runners up were tremendous.

Whilst sympathising deeply with the individual with a genuine cold I do think some restraint is possible. Doubtless irritation is caused by smoke and it makes one consider whether the management would not do well to prohibit smoking in the auditorium—it would at least do away with the match striking evil. Might I suggest that it is given a week's trial.

Nobody enjoys a smoke more than I do but if it is for the general welfare of the community then I'll be perfectly willing to take my pleasure of the weed between the acts.

C.B.C.

UNSEEMLY.

Sir,—Your correspondent "Terpsichore" has performed a real service in drawing attention to the behaviour of these would be female impersonators at fancy dress balls.

Cannot the promoters of these functions make it a rule that men dressed in female attire will in future be refused admission?

C.C.S.

BRITISH CHILDREN IN COLOGNE.

Sir,—In response to our invitation a number of parents met at our place on Friday and discussed the problem of the education of their children in Cologne.

We see our way to commence classes in "the three R's" on an early date and to arrange for private lessons in special subjects such as Latin as the need may arise. As the teachers are voluntary workers, and the classes will be held on our premises, there will be no charge for tuition except when special teachers are engaged. Of course the parents—they would not consent to have it otherwise—will bear the cost of books, slates, etc.

A number of children have already enrolled and a commencement will be made with a dancing class that will bring them into friendly relations with us and each other and enable us to know and classify them.

Further notices, as to dates and hours etc. will be given in the announcements of our lectures, entertainments etc. that appear daily in the advertisement columns of your paper.

We are acting in this as in all matters, on behalf and with the aid of Mr. Walter Ashley, the Y.M.C.A. General Secretary in the Occupied Territory, who takes a very special interest in this educational scheme.

For the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. Staff
ALEX. FRANCIS.

OPERA HOUSE HOURS.

Sir,—I see by your edition of the 9th that "Carmen" would like the Opera performances to commence at a later hour.

I wonder if he is aware that people who do not live in Cologne also like to go to the Opera, and that if the Opera commenced later this would be impossible on most occasions, as it would mean staying the night in Cologne, which could not be done.

If "Carmen" is a lover of Opera the fact that he has to eat chocolate in place of a good dinner should not be a very great hardship; besides one can get an excellent cold supper in the Opera House Cafe between the acts.

"OPERA LOVER."

OVER FASTIDIOUS.

Sir,—I quite agree with "E.E.D.'s" letter, and have often thought of the same thing myself after hearing certain remarks being passed with regard to some of the shows—which are entirely the labour of love—set up for the benefit of Tommy.

I really think it is about time some of us in Rhineland, appreciated more fully the efforts, and the pains taken, to amuse, and to make our Army Life as pleasant as possible; and it is really surprising to me how anyone can pass any uncomplimentary remarks.

The splendid work that has been done in this respect for the benefit of the English troops is wonderful, and in this respect the British Army stands entirely on its own, and I can assure those who are unceasingly giving the best of their ability and talent for our benefit, that they have the highest appreciation of the great majority of the "Boys."

There are some of these "hard-to-please" people we know, whom an angel, in all his purity and perfection, could not please. Let them, and their remarks be set aside as not worthy of paying any attention to, and just "carry on."

SINCERE SUPPORTER.

A HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.

Sir,—Much has been said about the influence which military service may have on one's future life in relation to our fellow men and on our National life generally. How many—or how few—of the hopes and surmises in this direction will be realised has yet to be seen. But I believe that out of this great union and co-operation of all classes towards one great ideal—this unprecedented throwing together of men of every trade calling and social status should come a deeper sympathy and understanding between man and his fellows than have ever before existed.

Our great democratic Army was formed,—clerks, labourers, barristers, "gentlemen of independent means", managers, porters, farmers—all sleeping eating and roughing it together.—All were obsessed by the one great common cause. Gradually they learned to understand each other and to value their fellows for the men that they were, apart from any social status, and for the great hearts which beat beneath such various exteriors. The blessings of the war may be said to be few when compared to its horrors and sorrows, but surely this was one of them.

And now men are going back to their own little world once again will they forget the lessons they have learned? Will they get once more into the old ruts? Or will the outcome of it all be something akin to that great love and fellowship which the Man of Nazareth came to tell us about. If so, I dare to hope great things for England, and for the world—of the future.

H. M.

THE CONVERT.

During that week which marked his evolution from civilian to soldier, when he was not a civilian yet wore civilian clothes, a soldier but un-uniformed, "Ed" was at great pains to make known the fact that although his age had hitherto prevented his enlistment, he was at heart a volunteer.

Later however, with the realisation that the brilliancy of a soldier's buttons was entirely dependent on certain external and altogether deplorable activities, there came a distinct change in his attitude; a change which became noticeable as he withdrew his support from the voluntary system and declared publicly and frequently that he was proud to be a conscript.

The advantage which this attitude carried with it was brought prominently to the notice of the unfortunates who were fated to share the same barrack-room as "Ed," for he, while cursing the "powers-that-be" for their unwarranted interference with his life, was never tired of pointing out that certain people who had chosen this path of martyrdom and drudgery had no one in this world but themselves to blame for any inconveniences which they had suffered, were suffering, and would surely suffer.

To say that he never tired of this sort of soliloquising gives a negative view of the case; he absolutely gloried in it from the time he rolled grumblingly out of bed, mentioning that while he had a perfect right to ratify "Reveille" and all its echoes and associations he didn't see what people who had asked to come into the army had to grouse about, until the sounding of "Lights Out" found him only beginning to make his bed and unloosed a flood of oratory which invariably terminated with proofs of his title to the monopoly of all grousings regarding military life.

So it went on until the Armistice found him still on the safe side of the water and changed his wail from the unauthorised liberty "they" had taken in pulling him into the Army so that he could be sent overseas to get killed, to the unauthorised liberty "they" had taken in pulling him into the Army, and then never sending him overseas or giving him a chance to do anything to justify the weary months he had spent in training.

This grouse in time was superseded by the more general one of demobilization, and because his lack of wound stripes, war service, and other necessary matters prevented any other means of release, he suddenly evinced a laudable and hitherto unsuspected consideration for the welfare of his widowed mother.

His Commanding Officer and other authorities so appreciated this consideration that his release was authorised and "Ed" was soon at home. His mother, I may say, did not in the least appreciate the credulity of the C.O. concerned, for as she explained to "Ed", with the demise of her bibulous husband and the mobilization of her son (who shared the paternal failings) she had found vastly more pleasure in this life than when she had been working to feed the trio.

In the days which followed, "Ed" found that an intricate knowledge of the "innards" of a machine gun is not of any marketable value, and although for a month after his return a thoughtful Government supplied him with sufficient funds to live on, he soon realised that one must work hard to acquire the wherewithal to provide the necessaries of this life, and it therefore required confoundedly hard work if one wished to indulge in even the smallest luxuries.

About this time too, he began to lose that self respect which glittering buttons and highly polished boots were wont to impart and the last straw was the dawning knowledge that when his present outfit was unserviceable, replacements could not be obtained by the mere presentation of his signature. "Ed" began to think of his late Quartermaster as a sort of fairy godfather, a thought widely diverted from his previous opinions of that personage who had usually been considered as a mephistophilian type of character existing only to thwart the legitimate aims of honest persons.

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A week ago a small draft arrived for a certain unit. A barrackroom was allotted and as soon as they had settled into their places, one reached for his haversack, removed his tunic and having prepared his "Soldier's Friend" by — in the usual manner, was immediately busy polishing up, the while he whistled an accompaniment as tuneless as it was cheerful.

"Oh shut it 'Ed'" said one of them, "You give me the ear-ache."

RAS.

"RUGGER FOOTER."

13th Bn. v. 52nd Bn. The Kings Liverpool Regiment.

13th LEAD THROUGHOUT.

A very interesting game was witnessed between the above teams on Tuesday last, on the 52nd Bn. Kings' ground at Romlinghoven. A good deal of loose play marked the opening stages but gradually the visiting team improved and on more than one occasion had distinct ill-luck in not scoring. A feature of the game was a brilliant run by Lieut. Christian, who was brought down on the line, after running practically the length of the field. After repeated attacks on the home fort, Lieut. Cox opened the scoring with a good try. The goal kick was wide. Half time arrived with the 13th leading by 1 try to nil.

Resuming the visiting forwards carried play into their opponents half, Lieut. Costello adding the second try, which Lieut. Whittaker converted, with a beautiful kick. The 52nd now assumed the offensive. From a line-out on the 13th line, Cpl. Swift forced himself over at the corner. The goal kick fell short. Time arrived with the 13th victorious by 2 tries 1 goal (8 pts.) to 1 try (3 pts.)

91st FIELD AMBULANCE v. No 8 COY LANCS DIV. TRAIN.

This match was played on the Sports Platz at Bonn, on Thursday. The "Medicas" showed marked superiority throughout the game and emerged winners by fourteen goals to nil. The 3rd Lancs D.v. Train Coy became dangerous once or twice but their efforts availed nothing. The goal getters for the Ambulance were Sgt. Brown, Ptes. Graham, Bowler and Brown.

SIX GOALS TO ONE.

Southern Div. M.T. Coy Beaten By Light Div. M.T. Coy.

These teams met at Thilenbruch on Wednesday. Scoring was opened by Hawes for the Light Div., after about 15 minutes play, and this was quickly followed by another through Woodward, whose forward play was beautiful. A regrettable incident then occurred. Cpl. Broadhead, the Light's left half, had the misfortune to hurt his ankle and had to be carried off the field. Just before the interval he again took up his position but not before the Southern Div. had got one home.

The Light Div. opened well in the second half and played beautiful football. Woodward added another couple of goals to his credit, one being the result of a penalty. Carton also added two more for the Light Div. and a very pleasant game resulted in a win for them by 6 goals to 1.

Seven matches have been played by the winners of which they have won five, drawn 1 and lost 1, with a total of twenty one goals for and ten against.

THE AMERICA CUP.

Designer Of The Challenger On Her Construction.

The "New York World" expresses the view that the Cup Committee of the New York Yacht Club at its meeting next week will without doubt accept Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge to race for the America Cup next summer, probably in July instead of June.

Mr. Nicholson, the designer of the Shamrock IV., prior to sailing on the Baltic, gave out the first description of the challenger. The details of her construction show that lightness was the main consideration, and that the yacht is virtually without timbers except longitudinal, strength being derived from triple planking—two strakes diagonal and an outer one running fore to aft. Her mast is of hollow wood, and is the largest ever made. It is not even braced with steel. The yacht will carry more sail than either the Resolute or Vanitie. She will also have more beam and length, and therefore will have to give the defender a considerable time allowance. She has withstood the climate during her five years' stay here splendidly, and the aluminium frames are in perfect condition, some of the aluminium deck fastening being about all it will be necessary to remove. Mr Nicholson says the result of the inspection has much pleased him, and he will report to Sir Thomas Lipton that Shamrock IV. will be fit and ready when the time of the race arrives. He added that Mr. W. P. Burton will sail the Shamrock IV.

BREAK OF 401 BY INMAN.

Only 4 Points Separating Him from Reece.

The feature of Thursday's play in the billiards match between Inman and Reece at the Burroughes Hall, London, was a break of 401 by the champion. This is the highest of the match, so far. Other leading breaks were 71, 93, 89, 69, 70, and 101 (unfinished) by Inman, and 89, 122, 82, 98, 120, 155, 87, and 63 by Reece. Closing scores: Reece 5,194, Inman 5,190.

Lawrence, whom Smith is allowing 4,500 in an 18,000 up match at Thurston's Hall, London, is falling further behind. His best break was 147. Smith made a 130, 138, 178, and 103, and led at the close by 15,001 to 13,339.

CRACK CYCLIST REAPPEARS.

W. J. Bailey, the English crack professional cyclist, made his reappearance in open competition since the war at the meeting held at Brussels recently.

In the semi final heat of the Grand Prix he was shut out by Van Kempe, of Holland, the final being ultimately won by Bob Spears, of Australia.

POPULAR TENNIS.

The All England Lawn Tennis Club is contemplating extensive stand developments at Wimbledon. So keen is public interest in the game nowadays that applications have been received already for seats for next year's championship meeting.

'NATIONAL CHANGES.

Vizard And Jennings Not Allowed To Assist Wales.

BOLTON WANDERERS' ACTION.

As Kitchen of Sheffield United, and Grimsdell, of Tottenham Hotspur, are both on the injured list, Puddefoot (West Ham United) led the English forwards yesterday at Cardiff, and Grenyer (Everton) was at left half. These players were chosen for these positions for the postponed match at Stoke last Saturday, and presumably when that game is played Kitchen and Grimsdell will be given their places in the side if fit.

The refusal of the directors of Bolton Wanderers to allow Vizard and Jennings to assist Wales has caused considerable disappointment in Welsh football circles. The vacancies were filled by the inclusion of Keenor and J. Evans, both of Cardiff City.

The F. A. Council on Monday will consider the question of playing the match that should have taken place at Stoke last Saturday.

FULHAM v. BRISTOL CITY.

Match To Be Played At Craven Cottage On Monday.

The Football League has ordered Bristol City to play their return Second League fixture with Fulham, at Fulham on Monday. This is the game that should have been played last Saturday, but the League decided that Fulham must first fulfil their engagement at Bristol, which should have been kept on Sept. 27, but which fell through owing to the impossibility of securing the necessary transport facilities. The kick-off next Monday will be at 3.30 p.m., and Fulham expect to play the side that won at Bristol.

The London Challenge Cup replayed tie between The Arsenal and Fulham, at Highbury, was been fixed for Monday, Oct. 20.

ARSENAL'S NEW FORWARD.

Arsenal have signed on Sidney Lewis Lawrence, a centre-forward who has made a big reputation in the Army. He originally came from Southampton, stands 5ft. 9in., and weighs 12st. 4lb.

THE F.A. COUNCIL.

Proposed Extension Of The Season For Cup Ties.

At the meeting of the F.A. Council, to be held at Russell-sq., the Lancashire F.A. will make an application for permission to play the semi-final and final ties of the Lancashire Cup on May 8 and 15 next.

On behalf of the Association of that county Mr. Sutcliffe will also move:—

That, in view of the increased expenditure when County Associations will in future be called upon to bear, and the difficulty of arranging dates for the semi final and final ties in their County Cup competitions through the increased list of League fixtures, and with a view to encouraging the County Associations to do all in their power to foster and develop the growth of juvenile football and also to prevent mid-week matches, permission is hereby given to the various County Associations to play the semi-final and final ties during the month of May so that such competitions shall be completed not later than the third Saturday in May in each year.

That the clubs shall be allowed to pay to the players taking part in such matches and the reserve players in attendance not exceeding thirteen players £3 each.

The County Association shall pay all the expenses, including the railway fares of the visiting team reserves and officials actually paid not exceeding sixteen in number, and shall retain the net proceeds for the purpose of the county funds.

HOCKEY.

12th Loyal N. Lancs. v. 15th Lancs. Fusiliers.

The Fusiliers were the visiting team. Five minutes after the start, the North Lancs. secured the first goal. With this advantage, the spectators expected them to add yet another victory; however, the Lancs. Fus. equalised. The game proceeded very evenly until fifteen minutes before half time, when the Fusiliers put in a good shot and the goalkeeper was unsuccessful in stopping it. After half time, both teams played well and fast, but repeatedly the ball was in the Fusiliers goal mouth. The N. Lancs. failed to score.

Result: 15th Lancs. Fus., 2; 12th Royal N. Lancs., 1.

HOCKEY FIXTURES.

Army Trial Matches.

(a) Aldershot Command v. Southern Command, Dec. 11, 1919.

(b) London District v. Eastern Command, by Dec. 31, 1919.

(c) Western Command v. Northern Command by Dec. 31, 1919.

(d) Army Trial, Possibles v. Probables, Jan. 14, 1920, Aldershot.

Army Fixtures.

Feb. 4, 1920.—Army v. Oxford University, at Oxford.

Feb. 18, 1920. — Army v. Cambridge University, at Cambridge.

March 27, 1920.—Army v. Royal Navy, on a Naval ground.

March 31, 1920. — Army v. R.A.F., at Aldershot.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY CLUB.

The Gloucestershire County Cricket Club report a loss of £403 on last season, this being largely due to the bad weather experienced for the Cheltenham and Clifton Festivals, but the county started the season with a reserve fund of over £4,000 to its credit. It has been decided to re-engage Parker, Dipper, Smith, and Mills, and offer Huggins the post of official scorer. Ellis is to be retained until April, when, if reported fit, he will be added to the permanent staff. If Captain George Dennett, who is making a good recovery from the operation he has undergone at Plymouth, leaves the Army, he will also be offered an engagement.

FINE JOCKEYSHIP.

Favourite Beaten In Nursery Race At Leicester.

STRONGER FIELDS.

Stronger fields than on the preceding afternoon were seen on the concluding day at Leicester but the quality of the sport was not particularly good. One of the best races of the day was the nursery with which the programme began. It was expected that Pleasure Ground, who had been substantially backed at Ayr, would now prove successful. He made a good effort to justify his favouritism, but could never quite get on terms with La Hogue, who, aided by stronger jockeyship, scored just by a head, thus repeating the success she recently gained at Great Yarmouth.

Village Nursery (6f., 11 ran).—Mr. H. Kent's La Hogue (Griggs), 10-1, 1; Pleasure Ground, 7-4, 2; Gattamelata, 6-1, 3.

Welbeck Plate (5f., 7 ran):—Mr. A. Barton's Ambassadress (Jelliss), 6-1, 1; Some Scribe. 100-8, 2; Mother Shipton, 7-4, 3.

Kegworth Handicap (7f., 10 ran).—Lord Glanely's Sea Song (Whalley), 2-1, 1; Sabian, 7-1, 2; Main Royal, 6-1, 3.

Leicestershire Plate (1½m., 4 ran).—Major J. Foster's Marcato (Griggs), 5-6, 1; Periscope, 3-1, 2; Brandwine, 10-1, 3.

Bradford Handicap (5f., 11 ran).—Mr. J. White's Sans Atout (Templeman), 4-1, 1; St. Gingouph, 8-2, 2; Monte Faro, 7-1, 3.

October Plate (1¼m., 4 ran).—Major Holiday's Auramine (Wing), 6-4, 1; Blood Royal, 5-6, 2; Nichivo, 50-1, 3.

CESAREWITCH STAKES.

List of Probables After Final Call Over.

The following in the list of probable starters after the final call over for the Cesarewitch which is the chief event at the October meeting at Newmarket next week. The race is run on Wednesday, Oct. 15.

Arion (Ld. Jersey	Sadler, jun.	4	9 3
Queen's Square (Mr. A. R. Cox)	Taylor	4	9 2
Baki (Mr. W. Cazalet) (10lb ex)	Taylor a	4	9 2
Furore (Mr. C. Hatry)	Tabor	6	9 0
Racing Syndicate (Mr. G. Milton)	Private	4	9 0
St. Eloi (Mr. W. Williams) . .	Cundell a	8	8 7
Golden Fleece (Mr. W. Parrish)	Ireland a	8	8 4
King John (Capt. G. Loder) . . .	Gilpin	4	8 3
Buckthorn (Mr. C. Garland)	Colling, jun.	4	8 2
Chuette (Capt. G. Davy)	Beatty	3	8 1
Greek Scholar (Mr. de Pledge)	J. Rhodes	6	7 13
Silver Bridge (Mr. B. Parr) (10lb ex)	Persse	4	7 13
Langdon Hills (Mr. C. Christenson)	Harry Powney	4	7 12
Ivanhoe (Mr. J. White)	Cottrill	6	7 12
Golden Rule (Mr. G. Barclay) . .	Tabor a	7	11
Warwick (Mr. C. Hatry)	Tabor	5	7 9
Rizzio (Ld. Rosebery) . . .	F. Hartigan	3	7 8
Silver Bullet (Mr. W. Cazalet)	Taylor	4	7 8
Waterbed (Sir H. B. Birks) . . .	Sievier a	7	0
White Heat (Capt. L. Montagu)	Blackwell	3	7 6
Unitol (Mr. P. Hartigan) .	P. Hartigan	4	7 5
Morning Star (Mr. R. Tilley)	C. Leader	4	7 4
Limpsfield (Mr. R. Jeffrey) .	De Mestre	4	7 3
Prince Philip (Mr. P. Gilpin) . .	Gilpin	4	7 2
Wilson (Sir A. Bailey)	R. Day	3	7 2
Gay Lord (Mr. J. White)	Cottrill	3	7 0
Maloppo (Mr. W. Parrish) . . .	Ireland	5	6 13
Chalhoi (Mr. T. Pipps)	N. Scott	6	6 13
Mademoiselle Fifi (Maj. J. Paget)	R. Colling	3	6 13
Old Bill (Capt. L. Montagu)	Blackwell	3	6 12
Dromio (Mr. C. Burn)	Persse	3	6 12
Sea Voyage (Mr. W. Blythe) . . .	Pope a	6	6 12
Minthos (Mr. T. Butler)	Swash	5	6 12
John Jackett (Mr. G. W. Smith)	McCormack	6	6 12
McLean (Sir A. Bailey)	Cook	5	6 11
Monteith (Mr. R. Thorburn) . . .	Gwatt	3	6 9
Eton Rambler (Ld. Wilton)	H. Leader	3	6 9
Bridgend (Mr. W. Griggs)	Griggs	4	6 8
Dinan Morris (Mr. J. Morrison)	Nugent	3	6 7
Contra (Lady Queensberry) . .	Sievier	3	6 7
Sarnis (Mr. Sol Joel)	Leates	3	6 7
Sheriff's Officer (Mr. W. de Pledge)	J. Rhodes	4	6 7
Golden Melody (Mr. V. Stewart) .	Gore	6	6 3
Greenwich (Mr. E. Wills) .	De Winton	5	6 2
Alasnam (Sir A. Bailey)	R. Day	3	6 0
Phalonie (Mr. R. Redford)	A. Day	3	6 0
Hen-at-Law (Mr. F. Darling)	F. Darling	4	6 0
Starflower (Mr. J. Pearce)	J. Renwick	5	6 0
Lady Minto (Capt. P. Lewis) .	Craven	5	6 0
Corydon (Mr. H. Bottomley) . . .	Hare	5	6 0
Polichinello (Mr. P. Nelson) .	Pickering	3	6 0

TURF MARKET REPORT.

The special correspondent of "Sporting Life" reports the following transactions on the London Turf Market:—

King John was a shade easier, 1,300 to 200 being laid and again offered.

Golden Melody was very firm, only trifles being invested at 8 to 1 before 750 to 100 and 500 to 70 were laid and 100 to 14 again offered.

Unitol also improved. Opening at 900 to 100, he closed at 1,000 to 200.

The stable companions Gay Lord and Ivanhoe each had a few admirers at 900 to 100 and 500 to 35 respectively.

Warwick opened at 1,000 to 35 and closed at 1,000 to 40.

John Jackett and Eton Rambler were each backed to win a few thousands at their quoted rates.

As to the Cambridgeshire, Zinovia again hardened, closing at 1,500 to 200 (taken three times) after 100 to 100 and 1,000 to 120 had first been secured.

Minor sums only went on Clarion at 20 to 1 before layers reduced their offers to 1,000 to 60, at which rate nothing was done. Prices:—

The Cesarewitch.

(Run Wednesday next; 2¼ m.)

13 to 2 agst King John, 4-8-3 (t & o) Gilpin
100 to 15 — Golden Melody, 6-6-5 (t & o) Gore
17 to 2 — Unitol, 4-7-5 (t & o) F. Hartigan
9 to 1 — Gay Lord, 3-7-0 (t & o) Cottrill
100 to 7 — Ivanhoe, 6 7-12 (t & o) Cottrill
25 to 1 — Warwick, 5-7-9 (t & o) Tabor
33 to 1 — John Jackett, 6-6-12 (t & o) McCormack
59 to 1 — Eton Rambler, 3 6-9 (t) H. Leader

The Cambridgeshire.

(Run Wednesday, Oct. 29; 1m. 1f.)

15 to 2 agst Zinovia, 4-8-11 (t & o) Hunt
100 to 6 — Clarion, 3-7-4 (o, after 20 to 1) Dewhurst

EPSOM STABLE LADS.

Threat to Cease Work Next Week for Higher Pay.

Epsom stable lads are demanding a minimum wage of 50/- per week. They offered to meet the trainers at a conference to discuss the matter, but the National Union of General Workers, not having received a favourable reply from the Trainers Federation, has advised the lads to hand in their notices to-morrow to cease work on the 18th inst.

NO RACING AT MERHEIM.

There will be no race meeting held on the Course at Merheim during the month of October.

FOOTBALL GATES.

Does The Shilling Charge Admit Of Profiteering?

BY "W. Le C."

When reading the reports of football matches again and again one sees the statement "before a record gate," or the scribe may add "before 40,000 spectators." May I say that it is good "copy" but how often is it far from the truth? In many cases the estimate is made by some one who knows nothing as regards the holding capacity of a ground or who bases his estimate from a position where it is a practical impossibility to judge the number present. Many indeed are wild guesses.

Take a case in point. I read three papers' estimates of a certain gate last Saturday, one was 60,000, another 50,000, and the third 40,000. The official statement said 43,209. However, you buy your favourite paper and take your chance of it being correct.

A gate of let us say 50,000 reads as good business for a club and one can hear remarks such as "They are coining money," "Money for nothing," or "So-and-so's doing well," etc., etc. But look at it this way; 40,000 spectators present presumably 10,000 of whom are boys, that means 30,000 at a shilling £1,500, and 10,000 at sixpence £250, or in all £1,750. To this add extra for enclosures and stands and here let us remember that a number will be shareholders and also many ladies. Let us suggest £250 and we get a total of £2,000.

OTHER SIDE OF PICTURE.

Now for the other side. Entertainment tax will require £450, referee, linesmen, police, checkers, gatemen, advertising and printing say £100. These deductions will leave us with roughly £1,450, but there is the visiting club's share, and this being 20 per cent works out at £290 and you have the so-called "Money for nothing" gate reduced to £1,160.

But again, we have to remember that many grounds have yet to be paid for and frequently a third of the gate will go to meet the demands of the builders then we find that the imaginary gate of £2,000 reduced to somewhere about £800. Rather a big difference and we have not taken into account wages, rent, rates, ground repairs and a small host of incidental items.

So when one reads of these record gates and money making of a club do not forget the other side of the picture and then ask yourself the question: "Where is the profiteering even in the shilling gate?" The gate we have dealt with was taken on a fine day; what of the bad weather gates? It is not altogether a bed of roses directing the fortunes of a football club. Ask yourself.

BOWKER STILL BOXING WELL.

Although many years have elapsed since Joe Bowker, of Deptford, won the bantam-weight championship of England, he still retains much of his former cleverness.

At New Cross Empire he knocked out Charlie Ward, of Hackney, during the 15th round. In a ten-rounds contest his brother Arthur beat Gordon Noble of Catford.

SPORT IN BRIEF.

N. U. Cup.

The first qualifying round of the Northern Union Cup is to be played on December 30.

Time Will Tell.

Oxford soccer was undoubtedly under a cloud before the war, and it remains to be seen whether it is really as decadent as the pessimists would have us believe.

Prize Money Increased.

There will be a big increase in prize money at the Warwick November Meeting. The total money set apart for this purpose is £4,150, and no race will be worth less than £150.

Public Schools Football.

Football, both Rugby and Association, is now in full swing at all the big Public Schools, and this week will see the winter programme of matches commenced in earnest.

Sportsman Honoured.

The Brazilian sportsman, M. Paula Machado, who races extensively in France, has been made a Knight of the Legion of Honour for services rendered to the French cause in Brazil during the war.

Chuette.

It would have been a great pity, from a sporting point of view, if Chuette had been unable to fulfil her engagement in the Cesarewitch. She is the heaviest-weighted of her age, and her weight—8st. 11lb.—is exactly the same as that carried to victory by Air Raid last year.

Welter-Weight Contest.

The welter-weight contest between Jerry Sea, of Newport, and Jim Falcus, of Newcastle, which was to have been the feature of Thursday night's show at the Liverpool Stadium, was postponed on account of the railway strike until to-morrow.

£50 Purse.

Mr. Harry Marks, who reopened the Queen's Hall, Cardiff, on Monday, states that he is prepared to give a £50 purse for the contest between Tommy Phillips of Neath, and Idris Jones, of Ammanford. If this is accepted a slight alteration will be necessary in the date agreed on by the boxer —Nov. 3 instead of Nov. 1.

A Bad Spell.

Coventry City have had a dreary experience of Second Division football to date. They have played eight games, and Tottenham Hotspur, Leeds City, Birmingham, and Leicester City have each taken four points from them.

Compulsory Athletics.

Harvard University has decided on a system of compulsory athletics for its freshmen. Each man will be allowed to choose a game in which he is particularly interested. Three hours of exercise will be required each week.

CHUMS
read "The Cologne Post". Send it daily to yours.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

THE ELOPEMENT FROM THE SERAGLIO.

While nearly all composers have given the principal role in their operas either to the tenor or the baritone, Mozart, in the "Elopement from the Seraglio," performed at the Cologne Opera House on Friday, places the chief part in the hands of the bass singer. This was Julius Glass and he made the best use of his great opportunities as Osmin. What a splendid part it is! The manner in which Mozart introduces the character is in itself a masterpiece. After Belmonte's aria, which breathes the noblest feelings of love and sincerity, Osmin sings a love song — but one born of jealousy. The effect produced is colossal when Osmin repeats the last words of the song in the lower octave.

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But his love song is interrupted by Belmonds and both emerge into a duet which is glorious in its realistic efforts. The refrain, "Ich habe auch Verstand" is intended to display all the dignity of Osmin and seems to crush poor Pedrillo. The striking effect of this refrain lies in the intonation, inasmuch as the orchestra accentuates the first beat in each bar while the singer uses first a fifth, and gradually, in the crescendo that follows, the octave. In the duet with Blonde, Osmin poses as a poltroon, and his jeremiad "You Englishmen, are you not foolish to let your wives have all their own" is just the reverse of his former love song. One is forced to enlarge on this performance of Herr Glass because of the importance given to the bass role by Mozart. It was written originally for the greatest of all bass singers, Fischer, of whom he wrote "His voice has the range of a violincello."

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Karls Schröder was also splendid in the character of Belmonte and his rendering of the aria "O wie ängstlich, o wie feurig," was very fine. The part of Constance was well played by Kate Herwig. Hans Robert, as Selim Bassa, H. Clemens as Pedrillo, and last, but not least, Johanna Klemperer as Blonde, contributed their best to the excellent performance which was attended by a large and appreciative audience. *C. L.*

Mixed Voices Choral Society.

It is proposed to resume rehearsals of the Rhine Army Mixed Voice Choral Society, which made a successful start in April last. Work was suspended in June for the summer months. Membership is open to all officers, N.C.O's and men, and to all English ladies resident in Cologne, who are interested in unaccompanied choral music. The first rehearsal of the new session takes place, I hear on Wednesday, October 15th, at 5-45 p.m., in the Lecture Room on the first floor of the Church Army Soldiers' Club, Antoniter Strasse.

Archie Mozley Recital.

Friday's pianoforte recital at the Gymnasium, Euskirchen, fully came up to expectations. A large audience in no uncertain manner signified their complete approval of the excellent items submitted. Archie Mozley was the chief artiste and he opened the programme with a capital rendering of the ever popular Rachmaninoffs prelude. His subsequent items included such varied works as Beethoven, Chopin, Mendelssohn and Brahms. His playing throughout was always finished and artistic to a superlative degree. Other artistes who contributed to the programme were Alfred Barker, the well known English violinist; Walter Brickell, tenor; and Will Hardley, accompanist, all of whom were excellent. Edward Brindle was the director.

"The Crumps" at Lindlar.

After their success at the B.E.L.C., the "Crumps" gave another excellent show at Lindlar on Friday, this time producing their sketch "Green-Eyed Lobsters," the comedy part of the man-servant being successfully played by "Tolly de Mache." A burlesque entitled "The Rosebud of Stinging-Nettle Farm," re-written and produced by Harry Harris ("Dora") was a feature of the programme. The characters were ably portrayed by Jack Knight (the Squire) Tom Fenwicks (the Villain), Tich Whetton, as the Rosebud, Ted Moody as the Farmer and "Tolly" as the love sick yokel, while Willy Lamb was the surprising "Climax." A new member of the "Crumps" is Billie Howell who gave some pleasing specialty dances. An excellent coster "rag" concluded the programme.

Programme at the Leave Club.

This afternoon the Rev. C. D. Wheeler will converse with the men in the Writing room from 5—6 p.m. and at 6.30 the band of the 52nd D.L.I. will give a concert assisted by the Pipers of the 51st H.L.I. Miss Marjorie Moore will give an impromptu concert in the Music room to-morrow from 5—6 and there will be a practice dance in the Theatre at 6.30 p.m. On Tuesday, a dancing class for beginners will be held in the Theatre and an impromptu concert will take place at the same time in the Music room.

Fancy Dress Dance.

I hear that on Wednesday, October 15th, there is to be a Fancy Dress Dance at the British Empire Leave Club, and that only those in costume will be allowed in the ball room, also that arrangements have been made for the two dressing rooms near the stage to be kept for the use of men coming from a distance. Those in Cologne are being asked to come as much dressed as possible with overcoats and caps on. The dance begins at 6.30 and finishes at 10 p.m. and the G.H.Q. Jazz Band has kindly consented to play, so that the evening should prove the usual great success.

Indispensables Concert Party.

The Indispensables Concert Party which has won such great success at Duren during the last week has kindly consented to give a performance on Tuesday, October 14th at the British Empire Leave Club and a record house is expected to see this excellent Concert Party of the 5th Tank Bde M.T. Coy.

In Few Words.

On Friday, Oct. 17, the longest run in the history of the London stage will be celebrated at His Majesty's when the 1,497th performance of "Chu Chin Chow" will be given.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
To-Day	Fidelio	Beethoven	7	10
Mon.	NO PERFORMANCE			
Tues.	NO PERFORMANCE			
Wed.	Aida	Verdi	7	10.30
Thurs.	Der Waffenschmied von Worms	Lortzing	7	9.45
Fri.	Cosi fan tutte	Mozart	7	10.30
Sat.	The Gipsy Baron	Strauss	7	10
Sun.	Königskinder	Humperdinck	7	10
Mon.	Cavalleria rusticana Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo	7	10
Tues.	Orpheus and Eurydice	Gluck	7	9.15

Just "Erb."

This is an impression of Erb alias Fred Weedon, otherwise Sgt. Trimm, of "The Pedlars" (Lancashire Division Concert Party) as he appears in the war-time café scene. Weedon is a big favourite with the boys at Bonn and Cologne, and his appearance is invariably greeted with cries of "Erb!" "Erb!" The slogan of "Erb", a name which he calls his fictitious cat, has gone far to make him well known — but, then when you've seen him once you can never forget him. He is one of the funniest, most spontaneous and versatile comedians in Rhineland. In "a Sister to assist'er" Weedon scored one of his biggest successes.

JACQUES.

DEATH OF A CHAMPION BORZOI.

Champion Pavlova the famous borzoi bitch, belonging to Mr. Arthur Ashton, Newcastle, died the other morning. She was champion of England and held the championship of Dublin, Regent's Park, Ranleigh, Croft's, Crystal Palace, and had won over four hundred first prizes, as well as the silver bowl given by M. Bleriot. She was seven years old.

RECORD ENTRIES.

Increasing Popularity Of Our Football Skill Competition.

There will be busy times in this office to-morrow, when the adjudication of our football competition No. 3 will commence.

As announced yesterday, the entries are much more numerous than they were in either of the previous contests, a very substantial sum being available as prize money, in consequence.

The result will be published in "The Cologne Post" of Wednesday next, but in the meantime, don't forget competition No. 4.

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FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 4.

Date of matches, **Saturday, Oct. 18th.**
Closing date, **Friday, Oct. 17th.**

Bradford City	v. Sunderland
Hamilton A.	v. Dundee
Manchester U.	v. Manchester City
Sheffield U.	v. Burnley
Arsenal	v. Everton
Stockport C.	v. Stoke
Hull City	v. Notts Forest
Clyde	v. Hearts
Blackpool	v. Birmingham
Rangers	v. Celtic
Swindon	v. Exeter City
Watford	v. Brentford

I enter Football Competition No. 4 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

In Motley.

It has been whispered that at the Thursday Officers' Subscription Dance on October 16th at the B.E.L.C., fancy dresses of all kinds will be allowed in the ball room of eastern splendour.

Dazzling Car Lights.

A great many people are complaining to me of the excessive glare of head-lights on motor-cars which are a source of danger to pedestrians by reason of their dazzling effect. Certainly it does not seem quite necessary to have veritable searchlights in front of one's car.

Arrived in Cologne.

I saw a very happy family party yesterday. A Tommy was carrying in his arms, a tiny child, his young wife and two other children were by his side and he looked the picture of joy.

An Argument.

I came across a little party of sergeants in the heat of an argument the other evening. I wondered if they were debating demob problems or the intricacies of the mark. Nothing of the kind. There was a marked difference of opinion on two points, the age of Marie Lloyd and the winner of the Cesarewitch in 1897.

Thousands To Spare.

I am told that after all these months of "Gold Flake" famine there is now a glut of "Yellow devils" at the Clubs and canteens. It never rains but it pours.

Vanity.

I was an amused observer of a little incident at a Cologne Hotel yesterday. A typical German who had obviously taken great care of his toilette escorted the fraulein of his choice into the dining room. The fair one retired where upon my Adonis produced a small hand mirror and carefully examined his features and re-arranged his tie. Diners in the vicinity were obviously amused.

Be Soldierly.

Some soldiers who have been pulled up for walking arm-in-arm with members of the fair sex seem to resent it. Possibly many have not been long enough in the army to know that taking a woman's arm in public "isn't done" when you are in uniform.

Comparisons.

In a certain mess recently might have been seen the unusual spectacle of a German waiter and a Lance Corporal of the Northamptonshire Regiment exchanging experiences of treatment as prisoners of war respectively at Oswestry and Cologne. The Englishman who evidently had made good use of his unwilling sojourn in Germany before the Armistice spoke fluently in German.

Our Contemporaries.

A few days ago I remarked upon the fact that I found this paper frequently quoted by English contemporaries. This is the case, but not to the extent practised by German newspapers, who invariably acknowledge the source and "lift" "Cologne Post" specials from day to day.

At German Banks.

Owing to difficulty experienced in cashing officers cheques at German Banks I am informed that G.R.O. 3478 is cancelled for the present.

Note.

I learn that the Base Cashier in Paris will not in future exchange francs for marks. Other ranks granted leave of absence to France may exchange marks for francs at the Field Cashier's up to the value of £1 per day of leave. Officers will make their own arrangements for exchange.

Identification.

Officers and other ranks who visit hotels in France and Belgium will in future supply to the hotel management not only their names, but the battalion or unit to which they belong. They must also produce for inspection their leave passes or other identity papers when requested to do so.

Getting Things Done.

Not more than a week ago a lady wrote a letter to this paper suggesting a school for the children of soldiers on the Rhine. Already this letter has had its effect. From another letter published to-day you will see that such a school is being started. This is only one instance of the value of ventilating views in our invaluable "Letter Box".

Fewer Bathers.

Have the attraction of the Turkish baths in Cologne paled? Where earlier in the year it was difficult to secure a cubicle, on Wednesday, I found half a dozen available. My favourite attendant tells me that there has been a slump in officer patrons and he bemoans the fact the more because he is reduced to paying three marks fifty for ten of a popular brand of cigarettes. Wednesday is to be set aside for officers in the future.

The Link.

Don't forget that the folks at home are most interested to read of your doings in Rhineland and like to know about all the countless matters of interest out here. You cannot possibly write it all in your letters. The Cologne Post does the whole thing for you and, if you send to-day, it will only cost you 15 marks for a whole month.

Black and White.

At a variety show in Cologne in which the auditorium was as nearly as possible half khaki and half civilian there was a dancing turn, the principals being a coloured male and a white girl. They were rather clever dancers but somehow this black and white turn did not appeal to Tommy and he was not at all lavish in his applause. The Germans however seemed to think it the star turn of the evening and applauded accordingly.

White Bread in Demand.

If you are dining at an Hotel and see a diner at the next table surreptitiously unearth a bulky package, do not get alarmed. In all probability it is only a loaf of white bread. It reminds me of leave in wartime when we carried a tin of sugar from the hotel bedroom and having breakfasted carried it back again. These individuals are invariably of French or British nationality but not all take the trouble to conceal the objection to German bread.

Where do they go?

Take a walk through the streets of Cologne, late in the evening and you will be able to count the Brassards worn by English ladies on the fingers of one hand. This is in striking contrast to the morning when they are to be met with at every corner. Is there a disinclination to walk abroad after dinner or do they regard their armlets as unnecessary when escorted by their men?

The Cheerful Pub.

My friends advise me of increasing signs at home that returned soldiers familiar with the cheerful interior of Continental cafés intend to demand something of the same sort on that side of the channel. There is a real demand for the public house which is a "real refreshment house to which everyone of whatever degree or kind could freely resort without concealment or hesitation" The difficulty, of course, is that the licensing laws as at present administered stand in the way.

RHINELANDER.

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

TRAFFICKING AT THE GATE.

Mr. Philip Gibbs, the war correspondent writing on his pilgrimage to Ypres says:—"There are many people in Ypres, and at the very gate through which our men used to go on their way to Hooge, there are now crowds of women and children selling picture postcards of their own ruins to tourists in motor-cars and pilgrims afoot, outside restaurants and cafés and booths like those in a country fair. There is something that shocks one's mind in this if one knew Ypres in time of war, and the blood that soaked this ground, until reason reasserts itself over weak emotion, and says, 'This is good. This is life. This is revival after death.'

TRIALS OF GETTING DEMOBBED.

A woman writer, on returning to the ways of womanhood says:—"Demobbed and debobbed—the latter usually follows. But the debobbing presents the greater difficulty. The debobbed go through three stages. The first is the worst, when the hair is too short, defies pins and straggles out in wispy ends. The second stage is long and mournful; one looks like a neglected, overgrown schoolgirl and feels equally absurd, wasting anxious moments wondering whether it will ever grow longer. Triumph only comes at the third spasm, when the new locks are actually long enough to twist."

HOW TO SCRAP "BRADBURYS."

Sir John McLaren, a well known commercial man, speaking of finance says: What is wanted is to scrap "John Bradburys" and get back to currency, but we can only do that by the exercise of thrift and industry. High wages I do not object to, but big output we must have. It is no use obtaining orders unless they can be executed. I have £100,000 worth of orders in sight, but cannot touch them because my customers say they cannot afford to pay the price made necessary by the increase of wages, 120 per cent., and of material, 200 to 300 per cent.

THE HUMAN EMPLOYER.

Lord Weir, who was an engineer before he became Director-General of Aircraft Production, appealing for a more human employer, says:—"Let the employer remember the human side, the essential relationship of man to man, the side which calls for tolerance and a universal sympathy. And equally must the trade unions revise their attitude and accept the responsibilities which the progress of economic thought demands from them. They must swing their whole strength round to eliminate the elements in their present policy which obstruct progress."

LITTLE NATIONS.

Mr. Sisley Huddleston, the author, writing on the danger to Europe's peace of little nations says:—I have been touched many times when Ministers from little new nations have come to me, almost with tears in their eyes, demanding my feeble aid for their country, showing a pathetic trust in my power simply because I am an Englishman and belong to that great little nation which dominates the world. They realise that without help they are lost. They belong to pauper States, not strong enough to possess a separate life. To them I have always said: "My nation, too, is comparatively small, but she has become all-powerful because she forms part of a great Confederation!"

MISTAKES OF DESPOTIC PARENTS.

Lady Askwith, writing on the mistakes of parents says:—"No doubt marriage prohibitions are given with the very best intentions, but they are often the cause of much trouble and unhappiness to those must directly concerned. Nobody will deny that all young people need cautioning against the folly of "boy and girl" marriages, but there are cogent reasons why men and women should marry young. Such unions are not invariably attended with disaster, as many would have one believe."

BOMBS BEFORE RIFLES.

Lieut.-Colonel Croft writing on his work with the 9th Division says: "The majority of the British Army in the autumn of 1916, if they met a Boche above ground, would unhesitatingly chuck a bomb at him rather than use the rifle. We always used to tell our people that it was just as dangerous for them to chuck a bomb in the open as it was for the man it was meant for because the radius of explosion was a good 20 yards. Think of it! Chucking a bomb like a blighted anarchist at an enemy instead of shooting him with the most accurate weapon in the world."

SOUND ADVICE.

The Editor of the 3rd M.G.C. Magazine says:—Labour, straining at a gnat, has swallowed a camel, and until we get rid of this agitator pest, labour will remain unsettled. Here in Germany, it is easy to see the gigantic efforts being made by our late enemy to secure again a 'place in the sun' as far as exporting goes. Under the new scale of pay, it is possible to save quite a large sum in three months, whilst advantage could be taken of the time to study one or more subjects that will be of assistance in the future.

COMRADESHIP.

To have a real pal has meant much to men who for years have been cut off from loved ones in the homeland. When the tide of adversity was flowing in full force over the lives of men, the grip of the hand of a friend, the look of sympathy, has often helped a man to bear up under the stress of life and to surmount those difficulties which crowded into that time of action during the long days and nights of untiring watch over the enemy, during the days of anxious waiting, when the fate of Empires hung in the balance, when the powers of evil seemed almost to have snatched the victory from the forces of righteousness.

To fully understand a person one needs to be in sympathy with him; and sympathy is born either of similarity or love. To understand the music of Mozart, one must either have a soul to appreciate music, or love the man. To read aright the paintings of a Turner, one must either be artistic, or love the artist. To understand the longings of a human soul, one must have similar ideals, or love that soul for its own worth.

In the complex lives of men and women of to-day, who can enter into their thoughts, or understand those trials which come to the sons of men? Only a great soul who loves God's highest creation, or one who has had to fight those bitter trials and temptations, and through it all gain that great and glorious victory, when self is eliminated and the welfare of one's fellow men is all that matters.

Comradeship has truly meant much to men, and now when the lives of men are changing, when the friend of years departs, there will be a gap to fill, there will be a longing for a true pal, to share one's joys and sorrows, the true friend to help in the time of adversity and danger, and that gap must be filled.

Standing waiting and ever ready to help is the Great White Comrade, Jesus Christ, who can befriend a man both now and through eternity. No man need be friendless, no man need stand alone, for the Son of God can fill the void that the horrors of war have made. God Incarnate is waiting to be the Comrade of all. He knows, He loves.

Can such a comrade be found? Can it be possible that there is one to whom mankind can go, and however deep that sorrow and however great that trial, there will be found that wonderful sympathy for which a man longs?

Jesus Christ, The Man of Sorrows, One whom we are told was acquainted with grief, can be that true friend. He both understands the human life and can appreciate those times of despair which creep over the soul, for was ever man's sorrow like his sorrow, those awful hours of agony in the Garden, but hours which brought the victory with the words. "Nevertheless not my will but Thine be done", and there is also that Divine love for the world which could give life itself for love of the human race.

C. E. R. WHEELER, C.F.

OUR DAILY BREAD.

How we get it in Rhineland.

Do we ever ask ourselves the question when eating the excellent white bread provided for us each day in the Rhine Army, how and where it is made?

A visit to our splendid bakeries will open one's eyes to a new world, so full of interest, where hundreds of men toil night and day so that the oft repeated prayer can be answered:

"Give us this day our daily bread."

The Hoffnung Bakery at Kalk, formerly used by a German Co-operative Society, is a busy hive of industry. Its orderliness and spotless cleanliness impress you just as much as the remarkable character of the building.

You mount the stairs to the loft and are lost in wonder as you gaze upon the huge stack of flour. It is conveyed here by a double electric lift at the rate of six tons an hour.

It is pleasant to see the pile increasing and you ask the question, "How much flour can this vast chamber hold?" The reply staggers you:

"One million pounds."

Still pondering this immense total you turn to the mixing department and see the process of dough making.

Here you see two great mixing machines, whirling round at a terrific speed. It is most fascinating to stand there and with an inquisitive turn of mind you ask about the ingredients. There is no secret about it; we have often seen dough made by hands but not machinery or in such huge quantities. We are told that each mixing contains a two-sack dough, that is, five hundred and sixty pounds of flour to which is added half that weight in water and another mixture, made in a separate pail, from three and a half to four pounds of yeast, seven pounds of salt, and water at the same temperature as that already mixed with the flour.

Each machine can turn out five thousand pounds of dough an hour. After being allowed to prove in troughs for eight hours the doughs are cut out and slide through the floors to the dividing and moulding machines beneath. These machines weigh, cut and mould forty portions of dough (sufficient for a two pound loaf) a minute.

The Baking floor is a joy to behold. Here are fourteen huge twin draw-plate ovens which can turn out one hundred thousand loaves a day.

The bakers, when at work drawing bread from those ovens, have to endure the terrific heat of anything between four hundred to four hundred and fifty degrees.

The electric power for the machinery is derived from two generating engines of one hundred, and one hundred and sixty horse power.

At Ehrenfeld there is another bakery run on similar lines but with only six ovens, each one capable of turning out six hundred pounds of bread an hour or about fifty thousand loaves a day.

The genial officer in charge of these bakeries is Captain A.J.R.Parnell a technical bakery expert with very considerable experience. He was formerly in charge of the Bakeries at Dieppe, which during the war, turned out sufficient bread for nearly one million men each day.

Mention should be made of the fact that these bakeries are open to British visitors each Wednesday afternoon.

All ranks are invited to contribute articles etc. to the columns, all contributions are paid for.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Boy Scouts.—Eton is the first public school to adopt the boy scout movement.

On a Visit.—M. Paderewski is in London.

Yet Another.—A General strike has been proclaimed in Lisbon.

Settled.—The Amsterdam bakers' strike has been settled.

Resigned.—The Coal Controller, Sir Evan Jones, has resigned.

Chair takings.-Eastbourne parade-chairs record takings last season were £7,000

The Ideal.—Brighton ex-service men are to have a club.

Gone.—Bobbed hair is no longer the fashion.

Progressive Cardiff.—Cardiff now has a College of Pharmacy.

Talk to Farmers.—The Premier will address the farmers this week.

Down.—Ram prices of twelve months ago are fifty per cent down.

Royal Engine Driver.—King Albert drove his own train at one point in his tour.

Refused.—Canon Green of Manchester has refused the Bishopric of Lincoln.

End of Romance.—The engagement of Baroness Furnivall has been broken off.

From "Over There".—The effect of Pussyfoot has been to drive American stocks of liquor over to Britain.

Italian Strikers Shot.—Twenty seven striking farm hands were shot, seven fatally—in an encounter with police at Riese.

Unhealthy.—Woking medical men have petitioned the council to "top" all unnecessary trees as detrimental to health.

Strayed.—As part of a train of empty trucks at Neath was a wagon containing several full barrels of beer.

Cold But No 'Flu.—There is not the slightest indication at home of the return of last winter's scourge.

His New Job.—Mr. Tom Mann has returned to active trade Union work and is Secretary of the A.S.E.

Will They Strike?—Cardiganshire Police Committee have declined to increase police pay.

Express.—Express train service will be instituted between Flushing and Southern Europe shortly.

Woman's Clothing.—A Trade Board has been established for the woman's clothing trade.

Recognition.—To mark War Services of old Etonians, Eton has been given a German Gun.

Railway Accidents.—In three months there were 31 accidents on French railways.

The Effect.—During the Strike L.C.C. trams carried 500,000 passengers a day above the normal.

The Casualty List.—It is estimated that 4,000 South African natives were killed on the various fronts.

Still Idle.—Sixty thousand men are still idle in South Wales, the result of the railway strike.

Dear.—The price paid for a freehold site at Cardiff worked out at £90,000 an acre.

Profiteering.—Twelve guineas a week for one room was the price asked at Edmonton.

Hunting.—Hunting begins on the first of next month and the season promises to be a good one.

Going Abroad.—Immense quantities of English cloth are being sold to continental countries.

Still Out.—Nearly 1,800 North Riding elementary school teachers have been out on strike for 14 weeks.

Mayoral Recognition. — Welcome-home receptions for discharged Ealing men are being held by the Mayor.

Saving Soap.—Poole Medical Officer estimates that £5,000 a year might be saved on soap by a water-softening scheme.

"The Street of Misadventure."—Fleet street has been in the hands of the road breakers for more than half a year.

Comforts.— A London lorry full of Government girls was labelled "Comforts for Australian troops.".

Died.—Mr. Pullar, of Perth Dyeworks fame and a personal friend of John Ruskin, has died.

"Some" Staff.—The 215 feet Victory flagstaff—the second largest in the world—is being erected at Kew Gardens.

What?—"What would happen if women struck for an eight-hour day?"—Acton councillor.

Underground.—A Glamorgan man has worked underground as a miner for seventy-one years.

Railway Employee.—A former railway brakesman is to be elected Mayor of Workington.

Restitution.—A French Commission has been appointed for the recovery of works of art stolen during the German occupation.

Water Scarcity.—Water famine in South East Scotland is assuming alarming proportions.

Their Mascot.—The Polish Legion at present at Edinburgh has as their mascot, a polar bear.

"Buckshee" Motors.—There are 40,000 American Motor cars waiting to be sold on the Plateau de Langres.

Bulgaria's Demand.—The Bulgarian Peace delegation have asked for further time to examine the Peace conditions.

King Albert's Tour.—King Albert is in California.

For America.—Five million dollars in gold sent by Germany have arrived in America as payment for foodstuffs.

"Babs Babette."—Babs, Beattie's sister, will shortly appear in a new West End production under this name.

To The South Pole.—Commander Cope the organiser of the British Imperial Antarctic Expedition will sail next June.

Souvenirs.—German placards including one announcing the execution of Miss Cavell are advertised for sale in a London contemporary.

A Girl's Anguish.—A Weybridge domestic servant, drank chloride of mercury, with fatal result, on hearing that her sweetheart had died.

Solomon.—The Bath County Court Judge had to settle the problem of whether the owner of bees which left their hive retained property in them.

An Italian Incident—By force of arms demobilized Italian soldiers prohibited from immigrating into Switzerland threatened to force an entry.

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STRAYED from Deichmann Haus on Thursday 9th inst: Smooth haired Fox Terrier; brown patches on head. Answers to name of "Jock". Will finder please return to Sergt. McDonald, R.E., c/o Engineer-in-Chief, G.H.Q. Room 254, Deichmann Haus, Cologne.

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GERMAN BALTIC CAMPAIGN.

VON DER GOLTZ'S ARMY CAPTURES RIGA AND IS STILL ADVANCING.

PEACE TREATY TO COME INTO FORCE.

FALL OF RIGA.

GERMAN TROOPS ENTER THE TOWN.

On Friday last after severe fighting in the marshes before Riga, Colonel Bermondt's forces captured the suburbs of Riga. The following day they captured Thornberg by assault and now occupy the Dvina Bridge.

According to the latest telegrams received at the British Foreign Office about the fighting in Lettland and around Riga, General Judenitch has issued a proclamation declaring Colonel Bermondt to be a traitor. He describes the attack on Lettland to be unauthorized and orders all officers and men of the Lettish Army to join the Russian North-West Army which he commands.

According to reliable reports from Königsberg, strong Esthonian columns are marching from Segwald towards Riga and Estonian troop transport is said to be en route for Libau.

The "Local Anzeiger" learns that the British Fleet in the roads at Riga suddenly weighed anchor and put to sea for an unknown destination.

According to the "Vossische Zeitung" a German detachment under Major Bischof will remain with the West Russian Army.

General von der Goltz has addressed an ultimatum to all the German troops asking them to declare their attitude on the question of evacuating the Baltic provinces, otherwise adds the ultimatum "the threats of the Imperial German Government will be carried out." An answer to the ultimatum is expected within the next few days.

FISHER WRITES.

TWELVE YEAR OLD PREDICTIONS.

Publication of selections from Lord Fisher's Book of Memories commenced on Saturday. "The Times," in which the recollections are appearing, justly describes the book as a remarkable and challenging work. The first extract is chiefly concerned with the late King Edward, and includes two interesting letters from Fisher to him.

In the first letter, dated March 1908, Lord Fisher writes, "For a naval war against Germany we want Russia with us and we want the Aland Islands fortified." Further on he says, "Russia and Turkey are the two Powers—and the only two Powers—that matter to us against Germany, and that we shall have to fight Germany is just as sure as anything can be, solely because she cannot expand commercially without it."

Several extremely racy stories diversify the selection, and Lord Fisher has no false shame about telling stories against himself.

GOURAUD FOR SYRIA.

Interviewed by a representative of the Petit Parisien General Gouraud, the new High Commissioner for France in Syria, said he believed he had been chosen for the post because of his colonial career and experience in the Mussulman world, and owing to the excellent relations he had always had with the British, whose troops he was going to relieve. The same paper thinks that Gouraud will be a brilliant and energetic representative of France at Beirut.

SINN FEIN FIGHT.

A Sinn Fein meeting attended by ten thousand people was suppressed at Ballinasloe on Saturday afternoon by a force of four hundred Royal Irish constabulary, including a body of some seventy-five policemen with rifles and grenades in support. Several casualties have been reported at the hospital and elsewhere.

PLAGUE IN TURKEY.

Reuter's Constantinople correspondent states that several cases of plague have been reported there, of which four proved fatal. Some alarm has been caused among the populace, but the authorities are taking prompt measures to stamp out the disease.

CHINESE GOING HOME.

The Leyland Liner Bohemian, which has just sailed from Havre to Canada, has aboard a number of Chinese labourers returning via Canada to China. Some sixty-five thousand Chinese still remain in France.

AERIAL DERBY FATALITIES.

Another competitor in the trans-continental aerial race was killed on Saturday, crashing on a mountain in Wyoming in a blinding snowstorm.

PEACE AT LAST.

TREATY COMES INTO FORCE AT ONCE.

The French Senate yesterday unanimously ratified the Treaty of Versailles. The two Treaties with the United States and Great Britain were also concluded concerning the aid to be given to France in case of unprovoked attacks by Germany.

Consequently the Peace Treaty with Germany becomes fully applicable when the Senate's decision is published in the official gazette.

The acceptance of three great Allied Powers was required. Great Britain and Italy have already ratified the Treaty. The decree announcing the cessation of hostilities will probably be promulgated during the course of this week.

WAR SENSATION.

UNITY OF COMMAND IN 1917.

Saturday's debate in the French Chamber led to sensational revelations regarding the failure of the French Army in Champagne in April 1917. Painlevé the then Minister of War, was called before the Chamber and stated the Germans discovered the plans of operations, with the result that the French offensive was smashed before reaching the German second line. In ten days the French lost 34,000 killed and 30,000 wounded.

Ex-Premier Briand dramatically intervened in the debate, declaring that it was on the authority of the British and French Governments that General Nivelle took command of the French-British Armies in January 1917 and was entitled to give instructions to the British Commander in Chief.

OPENINGS IN SIGNAL SERVICE.

The War Office announces that it has decided to open the Signal Service of the Royal Engineers to strong, healthy men, not over twenty-one years of age, who possess more than average ability, but who are not qualified tradesmen. Preference will be given to those with some electrical knowledge, or who understand the morse code, or telephones, or motor-cycling, but this is not essential. Those accepted for service will be specially trained. Steps are also being taken to train promising men as signalmen, field linesmen, switchboard or wireless operators. Men over twenty-one and not exceeding thirty-five, having special knowledge of any of these trades, will be accepted and should have excellent prospects of advancement.

R. E. WAR HONOURS.

Adressing a meeting of the Royal Engineers Old Comrades Association General Sir George Scott Moncrieff spoke in glowing terms of the part taken by the sappers in the war.

He suggested that the reason so little had been said in the press about the work of the Royal Engineers was that it was above the comprehension of those who would otherwise have written about it. Despite this omission honours had come where honours were due. Fifteen thousand honours had been gained by the R.E., including sixteen Victoria Crosses. As regards casualties 839 officers and 10,970 men were killed or had died of wounds.

HANDS OFF TOBACCO.

The American Tobacco League was organized at Cincinnati yesterday to prevent the prohibition movement extending its scope to tobacco. Headquarters will be opened at New York, San Francisco, Detroit, New Orleans and other cities to direct a counter-campaign against the anti-tobacco agitators, which formally began with a manifesto issued by the Women's Christian Temperance Association.

FIRE BRIGADE'S REFUSAL.

Called to a farm fire at Orton, the Carlisle Fire Brigade went to the scene but finding that the farm was 30 yards beyond the parish of Cummersdale (which pays a retaining fee for the services of brigade to the Carlisle Corporation) the brigade returned home without doing anything, Orton parish not being on their list.

HONOURS FOR NANCY.

To-day President Poincaré decorates the town of Nancy with the Croix de Guerre and Legion of Honour. He will pin the insignia on a white satin cushion embroidered with the arms of Lorraine. The day will be observed as a fete throughout the district.

STOLEN VOUCHERS.

TRAFFIC WITH WOULD-BE DESERTERS.

At Tower Bridge Police Court on Saturday four men were charged with being in possession of various army forms, passes and rubber stamps. A detective said there was a gang of men engaged in circulating and distributing these forms, chiefly in the neighbourhood of Waterloo Station amongst would-be deserters. For this purpose they frequented Y.M.C.A. Huts where they also made a practice of stealing soldiers' overcoats, for which by using some of the stolen voucher forms, they could get twenty shillings each. The men were remanded for further inquiries.

"HIS UNOFFICIAL WIFE."

CURIOUS COURT MARTIAL STORY.

False representations for the purpose of obtaining leave and demobilization were the allegations at a Dover court-martial. It was alleged that accused, while stationed in Germany, applied for special leave, stating that his wife was seriously ill. While in hospital in England, it was stated, he applied to be demobilized, making the same statement. In defence accused said he was serving in South Africa in the mounted police when the war broke out and came to England to enlist in 1914. He was eventually promoted to captain. He married shortly after coming to England, and left his wife as he found she was about to become a mother by another man.

He then became attached to another girl. While stationed in Germany he received information that his wife was taking divorce proceedings, and also that the other girl, whom he called his "unofficial wife" and intended to marry, was seriously ill. It was his "unofficial wife" to whom he referred when he made the application for leave and demobilization. He thought he was entitled to be demobilized as his father was lonely and greatly depressed on account of his mother having been drowned while crossing from Ireland to England. He had 5 other brothers serving.—Sentence will be promulgated in due course.

EARL BEATTY AS FIRST SEA LORD.

It has been definitely decided that Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss will leave the Admiralty shortly, and that Admiral of the Fleet Earl Beatty will succeed him.

It is understood that Admiral Wemyss is badly in need of a rest, and that it is solely on these grounds that he asked to be relieved of his duties.

"SAM BROWNE" CIRCLE.

NEW ORGANISATION FOR HELPING EX-OFFICERS.

The "Sam Browne" Circle is the latest organisation for helping officers who have served and are serving in the forces. Offices have recently been opened at 32, Victoria-street. Among the objects of the circle are:

Provision of a permanent central ex-officers' association, and a building for the housing of all existing Battalion Associations.

Provision of means for the intercommunication of members.

Classification of members in their respective civil occupations, and a scheme of mutual co-operation in finding employment.

Financial help where needed.

Rendezvous in London and big provincial towns.

The dissemination of information regarding local trade conditions and conditions affecting emigration.

The fundamental idea underlying the scheme is to provide, without in any way conflicting with existing organisations, a definite self-help circle for the fit amongst ex-officers. Hitherto all such societies have catered for the disabled men.

MAN-DRIVEN AEROPLANE.

In connection with the recent efforts of the Frenchman, M. Poulain, to fly on an "aviette", a British mercantile captain named Callaway has put forward a claim as the inventor of the first man-driven aeroplane.

Captain Callaway believed in the "ornithopter" or wing-flapping method of flight and his machine is the outcome of his watching the albatross rising from the water. He dispenses with a bicycle and obtains the motive power from hand levers which work the wings while the flier stands in a little cage to which the wings are attached.

HIS FAVOURITE JUDGE.

"I dearly want to see Justice Darling for the last time. He is an old friend of mine," said John William McCarthy, a grey-haired man, who was charged with burglary at Darwen yesterday.

He was committed to the Preston Sessions, and he appealed piteously to be sent to the Assizes in order to see his "old friend," but the magistrates did not accede.

FORTUNE TELLING.

MAGISTRATE'S UNORTHODOX DECISION.

Mr. Banks, the magistrate at the South Western Police Court, gave a decision on Saturday in a fortune telling case which will give great satisfaction to adherents of the spiritualist movement. Hitherto the Courts of Justice have declined to recognise such things as mediums or spirit control and anyone professing to hold converse with the spirit world was in law an impostor.

In the case under notice the accused gave evidence that she had studied spiritualism for twenty-two years and honestly believed that she was able to get in touch with spirit people and to foretell the future.

In giving judgment Mr. Banks said he was satisfied that accused believed she had power of foretelling the future and, startling though it might be in the opinion of some, he would dismiss the case.

It is probable that the decision may be challenged, and the Appeal Court may be asked to decide whether spiritualism is a good defence against a charge of fortune telling.

PENSIONS FOR WOMEN.

INGENIOUS COMBINED SCHEME.

An original scheme, which he described as "combined income tax and national insurance," was suggested yesterday by Mr. A.E. Beck, of the Charity Organisation Society, to the Royal Commission on the Income Tax.

This scheme involves the graduated taxation of all incomes, commencing with a rate of a schilling in the pound for those under £100 a year, the present abatements disappearing. On the death of any married male taxpayer his widow would receive a pension of one-half the amount of the average earned income, on which he had paid tax, provided that she had children under 16, or one-third if she had no such children.

"BIG FOUR" FURNITURE AT AUCTION.

There was an interesting sale in the Paris Public Sale Rooms when the contents of Mr. Balfour's flat were sold at public auction. Mr. Balfour's study table fetched 2,350 francs, and his bedroom furniture 6,650 francs. A number of armchairs used by the "Big Four" were knocked down for well over 1,000 francs each. There was keen competition for the articles to which historical interest attached, many English people being among the purchasers.

NEW A.S.E. SECRETARY.

At the age of sixty-three, Mr. Tom Mann has accepted the responsible office of general secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, and will take up his official quarters at Peckham.

A great orator and a wonderful personality, his life has been crowded with incident. Always to the fore in strike movements, Tom Mann has fallen foul of the police in both England and Australia.

With the workers Tom Mann has always been popular, and his return to the secretarial chair of his old Union will be welcomed by many.

The position became vacant owing to the election to Parliament of the former secretary, Mr. Robert Young.

RUSSIANS CONFIDENT.

It is only a fortnight since the departure of British troops from North Russia but that time has been sufficient to prove that the Russians are able to take the initiative. The morale of the population is improving. It is anticipated that with the arrival of Serbian and Czecho-Slovakian troops, the Northern region can not only be defended but material assistance given on other fronts in Russia.

RED FLAGS WANTED.

A Bolshevik wireless message from Petrograd acclaims the British Railway strike and urges the Railwaymen to pass from a general strike to an armed rising, to institute a Government of workers and peasants. The message concludes "We will fight until the whole world is covered with red flags. Down with the League of Nations. Long live British Soviet Power."

SERIOUS NEWS FROM FIUME.

News from Fiume is very grave. General Ceccherini, commanding an army corps at Florence, has renounced his loyalty and joined D'Annunzio, who has conferred on him the military commandership of Fiume. Government negotiations with D'Annunzio have failed.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY RECTOR.

Mr. Bonar Law has accepted an invitation to become the Coalition Unionist Candidate for the Rectorship of Glasgow University. The Socialists have adopted Mr. Bertrand Russell. The election takes place on the 25th October.

RACE SUICIDE.

WESTERN NATIONS' DOOM FORETOLD.

Sir Rider Haggard, giving evidence before the National Birth Rate Commission on Saturday, dwelt on the dangers of artificially limiting the birth of children, a practice which is now wide spread in every western nation except perhaps Russia and Germany.

He expressed the opinion that unless a startling change happened, the Western races, within the next two centuries, would be submerged beneath a great new influx from the teeming myriads in the East.

He doubted the effectiveness of appealing to the conscience of the Empire to stop this race suicide, but thought the State might stamp out the diseases which are tending to sterilise the race. The State might also subsidise motherhood and as a desperate and ultimate resort, it could either directly or indirectly bring up all children, even those not born in wedlock.

AN UNTIMELY END.

SENTRY SHOT WHILE ON GUARD.

We regret to announce the death of Private Benyon, 51st Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, which occurred at No. 44 C.C.S. as the result of a gunshot wound received whilst on guard. The funeral, which was very largely attended, took place at the British Military Cemetery, Südfriedhof, on Friday last the cortege being met at the gates by the band of the 52nd Northumberland Fusiliers. The burial service was conducted by the Rev. D. Conway, M.C., C.F.

The deceased, who was only in his twentieth year, was very popular with all ranks and would have been demobilised but for the railway strike.

Wreaths were sent by the officers 51st North. Fus. W.O.'s and Sergeants, N.C.O's and men, signal section, and the N.C.O's and men of "A" Coy, the Coy to which deceased belonged.

NO BLOCKADE.

EXPLANATION OF ALLIED NOTE.

It is authoritatively announced that some misunderstanding has been occasioned concerning the new note to Germany. There has been no decision on the part of the Supreme Council to reimpose the blockade as a result of the aggression of Von der Goltz, but it may be necessary on the part of the Supreme Economic Council to refuse consideration to Germany's request for the supply of foodstuffs and raw material which are now the subject of negotiations between the German Government and the Supreme Economic Council.

EXTRADITION DEMANDED.

The Court-martial, which is sitting at Lille is continuing its demands for the extradition of German officers in accordance with the terms of the Peace Treaty. Among those included is Captain-Major Evers, who at Le Catelet is alleged to have condemned five British soldiers to be shot without any justification, making them carry their own coffins to the place of execution.

LEAPT FROM HOSPITAL TRAIN.

An officer, who is a mental case, leapt from a hospital train which was travelling at 45 miles an hour between Faversham and Sittingbourne on Thursday night.

He sustained only a cut on the forehead, and, after walking to the neighbouring village of Ospringe, was attended by a nurse. The train stopped at Sittingbourne, and the officer was fetched back to it in a motor-car.

M.P. CHASED BY POLICE.

Mr. McCabe, the Sinn Fein Member of Parliament for South Sligo, was arrested at Sligo yesterday by a large force of police after an exciting chase of several hundred yards. The Mayor subsequently called at the police barracks to see him but was refused admission. His arrest is believed to be connected with a speech delivered on the 5th October at Ballinacarrow.

SOLDIER ATTACKS MR. SNOWDEN.

Mr. Philip Snowden is suffering from injuries inflicted by a crippled soldier. As he was alighting from a motor-car to address a meeting in Yorkshire the soldier struck him a violent blow in the face. He fell, and was so badly injured that he was unable to address the meeting. He has forgiven the man, and will take no proceedings against him.

WANTED: A MAYOR.

The Lancashire cotton spinning town of Middleton, Lancashire, is in a dilemma. The retiring mayor has declined re-election and four other members of the council have refused the invitation to occupy the civic chair.

Despite the alleged shortage of factory operatives, many cotton firms in Lancashire are enlarging their mills or building new ones.

IRISH CRIME.

APPALLING TOTAL FOR FIVE MONTHS.

A return of Sinn Fein outrages in Ireland from the 1st May to the 30th September includes sixteen murders, sixty-six persons fired at, sixty assaults, 478 cases of raids, highway robbery or larceny to secure arms, ammunition and explosives, 55 incendiary fires, 261 cases of damage to property, thirty cases dwellings, 141 threatening letters, and 186 miscellaneous offences, a grand total of 1,293.

LABOUR TACTICS.

KEEPING PACE WITH NEW METHODS.

Mr. Cramp, President of the National Union of Railwaymen, speaking in the East end of London, foreshadowed possible new developments in the constitution of the National Union of Railwaymen and other transport organizations. He said the lessons of the great struggle have not fully manifested themselves, but one of them was that there must be closer unity between the Unions of various industries. Just as fast as new methods of transit were brought into operation, just as rapidly as science made new strides, so it ought to be their task to organise men and women in their industry on the most scientific basis in order to prepare for the new needs which some day might arise. The outlines of industrial organisations of the working classes must be so modelled as to keep pace with the developments of industry.

SHIPWRECKED.

SIX DAYS IN AN OPEN BOAT.

Eleven survivors of the British steamer Bayrout, which foundered off Havana, have reached Southampton after a terrible ordeal. They spent six days in an open boat. All they had in the way of stores was about one hundred biscuits and a small quantity of water. The men were constantly baling out water and all were broken with despair and hunger when they saw a sail on the horizon. They were eventually rescued and landed on the coast of Florida.

WORK OF WOMEN POLICE.

Interesting details are supplied by Scotland Yard relating to the work of the women police. The number of persons cautioned by them for various offences towards women, and offences by women and girls for the month of September were well over 1,800.

The cases of 46 girls were taken during the month to the Welfare Assistant to be looked after, and in 15 cases women police were summoned to give evidence in police court cases. Women police have also given valuable assistance in directing people, and first aid was rendered by them in 7,000 cases during September.

FIERCE WOMEN BURGLARS.

Eight women burglars, wearing men's clothes and disguised with false beards and black masks, have been captured in Vienna after a fierce encounter with the police, one of whom was shot dead by the leader of the band, Appolonia Schiftner.

In one house entered by the gang the occupants were discovered bound with ropes, guarded by one of the women bandits with a revolver, while the work of plundering lasted six hours.

"GIVE US EVERYTHING."

A mass meeting to demand nationalisation of land, mines and minerals, and peace with Russia was held on Saturday night at the Albert Hall. Mr. George Lansbury presided. Mr. Frank Hodges, Secretary of the Miners Federation, in moving the resolution demanding that the Government adopt the Sankey Report, said the miners had a strategic policy which they might put to the test during the next three months. The resolution was carried. Mrs. Philip Snowden proposed and Mr. Ramsay Macdonald seconded another resolution demanding the withdrawal of British troops from Russia. This was also carried.

PRINCESS MARY CHEERED.

Following the example of her brothers, Princes Albert and Henry, Princess Mary travelled from Scotland to London by sea. The Princess landed at Woolwich, where the Arsenal workers gathered in thousands on the wharves and along the main streets and cheered her loudly as she passed.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S CONDITION.

After consultation the physicians in attendance on President Wilson, including the noted neurologist Professor Dercum, issued the following bulletin on Saturday: "The President, shows signs of continued improvement but his condition is such that it necessitates his remaining in bed for an extended period."

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INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION.

The narrow escape of Great Britain from industrial disaster through the "lightning strike" of the railwaymen is prompting all manner of suggestions for the creation of machinery to prevent or at least to lessen the probability of recurrences of such troubles.

One proposal now often mooted in the Press is for legislation to provide for compulsory industrial arbitration, the view being that experimental Acts like the Barton Act and the Wise Act in Australia do at least provide some guarantee that strikes will not be fought out on a false issue and that even if litigious references are multiplied the chance of strikes is considerably lessened,

The nearest approach to this machinery in England was the Conciliation Boards formed by Mr. Lloyd George, then President of the Board of Trade in 1907 whereby indeed a serious railway strike was averted, though it eventually broke out in 1911.

In 1912 as a consequence Compulsory Conciliation Boards were set up and these helped to end the coal strike of that year Bnt these various devices lacked one essential in that they made no provision for arbitration in the event of the failure of conciliation.

No doubt the idea of compulsory judicial settlement of Labour disputes involves an interference with pre-conceived notions of the liberty of the subject which is repugnant to British traditions, besides inviting the objection that legal codes do not altogether prevent the evils against which they are aimed.

But it must be clear to everyone that paralysing strikes mean a far greater deprivation of liberty all round than that involved in a compulsory reference, while even if enforced arbitration would not infallibly stop all strikes, experience shows that it goes a long way in the desired direction.

No doubt these two Australian Acts we have referred to, have not proved an unqualified success, but at least they enable the Australian people to take the measure of a dispute and prepare for any emergency. We live in an age when arbitration is on all hands the admitted antidote to crude force.

Such an admission must pave the way for industrial arbitration. Time alone can effect improvements in the machinery. The primary desideratum is to set up the machinery in some form or other.

"PROSIT!"

We had loafed most of the morning on a beach of shining sand on the Rhine shore, bathed at intervals and dried in the sun and wind.

A little way up stream stood the Pfalz, like a high-built galleon moored mid-way in the river, and a castle perched on the opposite bank exactly where it should have been.

The benignant sunshine brimmed to overflowing all the hollows of the hills; the woods that feathered the slopes behind us sang in the light wind.

Meanwhile we sprawled idly in the hot sand and were chiefly conscious of a sense of physical cleanliness and fitness.

The steamers went up and down the river on their own business or with long strings of barges in tow. A great raft passed with a singing crew, and to us idle watchers it seemed beyond all things desirable that we should live in the little white wooden house, gay with flags, that stood at one end of the raft and float peacefully down the Rhine through the fastnesses of the hills and on to Holland.

One looked and felt the love of the noble river strong within one. For next after the sea a man can come to love the Rhine, though it be a German river, and though a stranger he can come to know what the Rhine means to a German soul. The Rhine legends and poetry and song swam about one in a haze as golden as the day.

The morning drifted on, and at length we dressed reluctantly and took the road to Bacharach. It was not long before we got a lift in a long clumsy waggon, where we sat insecurely on narrow barge boards and were shaken mercilessly.

Three jolly small boys, of real German type, with rosy faces and flaxen polls, sprang up from nowhere with cans of blackberries and ran valiantly behind the waggon when we started to rattle down the slope. We dropped two, but one held on manfully till we came beneath the climbing vineyards into Bacharach, where the waggon turned into a yard and we got down and looked about us.

I believe that all sorts of legends hang about Bacharach and that pedants have sought fantastic origins for its name. It is enough that it is a home of the grape and that the genial spirit of the vine breathes about it and its kindly folk.

Big-bellied casks stood in the coopers' yards and up all the hillsides above the little town rose the terraced vineyards that bear famous names and that now had their grapes ripening for harvest.

It is ordained that no man shall pass through Bacharach without drinking wine, and we turned accordingly into an ancient inn with a vine wreathed about the door and sat down in an old room full of beams and rafters.

The mädchen, appealed to, parleyed with someone invisible, and reappeared, walking delicately, with a precious bottle. She uncorked it, and as the wine streamed brightly gold into the glasses and we caught its aroma, we knew that here was nothing but wine, none of the compounds that masquerade as wine in Cologne.

For this bottle held nothing but the grape and the sun that had fed and ripened it — a noble wine with a great race behind it. It was a wine of which the first drops should have been poured in libation; instead, we raised our glasses and solemnly said "Prosit."

We sat and drank and felt content all about us. It became an insoluble mystery why Pussyfoot should hate this source of human joy. We tasted lingeringly, talked of nothing in particular, and were at peace with all men. Time drifted on, but we had nothing to do but take our ease in our inn.

"Another bottle, please." You see, it was still a long way to Bingen.

LOOKER ON.

TEMPUS FUGIT.

For a half hour my breakfast trembled in the balance. On Sunday mornings the rule of the mess is in no way relaxed. At 9.15 one is entitled to breakfast but at 9.16 one is not. When I set out from my billet I had five valuable minutes to spare and twenty odd public clocks en route to regulate my pace. I passed the Hohenstaufen Baths at 8.50.

The next hundred metres I covered in minus 57 minutes and it took me 58 minutes to reach the Opera house. My five minutes went out of hand waiting for a tram which did not materialise. Plunging down Mittel Strasse and striking a debit and credit balance on the erratic hours and minutes, it took me plus 5 hours 45 minutes to reach Im Laach, where I nearly collapsed.

There is a clock shop in the Im Laach. Porcelain clocks, cuckoo clocks, grandfathers, oeux des boeufs, bracket, wall, alarm, carriage—in fact every conceivable kind of clock except church clocks and recording clocks. Had I gone by these clocks I could have reached the far-off mess in time for last night's supper or any one of the current day's meals But to my horror I spied in a corner a malevolent eight day clock without a pendulum and the hands were moving.

Round and round they went thirty seconds to the hour. Fascinated—and hungry—I watched it until for one fleeting instant it indicated 9.5. Then I jumped a tram.

At the far end of the Neumarkt stands a three faced clock. Two dials I could see and they were not in accord; so acting on impulse I dismounted. As I feared, the third dial gave me a third choice!

Sadly I walked to the mess, only raising my eyes from the pavement once—against my will—to notice a Schildergasse clock—10 15!

When I reached the mess at 9.15 (new style) I found that breakfast had been served according to old style, and a start was being made on the tea ration in lieu.

Now I am wondering how much time I actually did lose. The Dienstmädchen brought me my coffee at 7,15 (old style) and—'. There is no need to recall that hideous state of anxiety. Thank goodness it only occurs once a year. There is one other thing to be grateful for—that the 7.30 train starts at 7.30 instead of a camouflaged 8.30.

N.E.V.

All ranks are invited to contribute articles etc. to the columns, all contributions are paid for.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

OUR MUSICAL TASTE.

Sir,—I regret I did not see "B Flat's" letter in your paper, but "C Sharp" is much too modest and is evidently putting Opera before everything else as regards music; but even so, he must realise that Covent Garden is run on the lines of every other theatre in London i.e. as a money making concern, also the salaries paid to the artistes, conductor, orchestra etc. are far greater than those paid to any artiste in Germany.

But looking at music from a broader point of view, where in Cologne can you near an orchestral concert that can compare with (to take two places in England far apart) Bournemouth Winter Gardens or Harrogate Kursaal? Also how many inhabitants of Cologne know anything really about music, including their own country's?

Have they got glee clubs, as hundreds of places in England have, and village choral societies and orchestras? Do they have musical festivals, choral and instrumental competitions all over Germany as we have them all over England? Can their folk songs compare with ours?

I think that when it comes down to which nation has the real musical feeling (not temperament, because temperament is an excuse for being neurotic or adopted as a pose) you will find that England more than holds her own, which explains the reason why every foreign artiste of note used to come to England in pre-war days; for a good "critique" from London, Manchester or Birmingham, meant all the difference in the world to them as regards future engagements on the continent or in America.

I should like to write a great deal more on this subject, but have already taken up too much of your valuable space.

ROBERT CHIGNELL, Capt. R.A.S.C.

THE DISPLAY OF DECORATIONS.

Sir,—There seems no limit to the display of decorations by civilians.

We see ribands on coat lapels, on the breasts of waistcoats, regimental badges, prominently displayed, chevrons and wound stripes until one wonders where it is all going to end.

Ex-service men are not the only offenders. Two cases come to mind—a woman wearing a wound stripe on the right arm of a great coat and another, this time in Cologne, with the riband of the British War Medal pinned to the lapel of her costume.

At home waiters sport their war medal and Victory ribands. The 'bus conductor has them, every Tom, Dick and Harry has them as part of his stock-in-trade. These distinguishing marks should finish with demob.

JUMBO.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

Sir,— I have seen recently a plea for the encouragement of Rugby footer. As an old member of the Finchley Harriers I wish to say a word in favour of the energetic fostering of cross country running in the coming winter months among the troops in the Rhine Area.

I am aware that plenty of units go in for it, some enthusiastically, others only half-heartedly, but it is one of the most health-giving of sports, provided due care is taken that only those physically fit take part in it, and I hope to see more and more of our young troops participating now that the proper season has arrived.

What I would like to see would be plenty of inter-unit competitions and if possible in the early spring of next year a properly organised Cross Country championship for the whole of the Rhine Army.

It would be interesting to hear the views of others who love the sport.

OLD HARRIER.

YOUR TEA WILL COST YOU MORE.

Sir,—With reference to "Tock's" letter might I draw attention to the fact that the "women's philanthrophic institution" mentioned although providing tea at 25 pfgs is not run at "a great loss", enough profit being made to cover all running expenses—this being essential as the club has no voluntary contributions whatever to back it. May I be allowed on behalf of the institution to thank "Tock" for his recommendations.

EMMA.

SHIVERING PLAYGOERS.

Sir,—Surely something can be done in these cold days in regard to the heating of the Deutsches Theatre.

One does not expect to be made a fuss of for four marks, but again one does not expect to be almost blown out of one's seat with the intensely cold draught.

I was seated in the Parkett and the draught from the radiators (which were not in use) was to say the least atrocious, as was evidenced by the number of overcoats in use.

If it is not found practicable to provide coal for this theatre surely some arrangement could be made to cover up the radiators. I am sure that such a step would be greatly appreciated.

COLD CORPORAL.

A PLEA FOR GAY UNIFORM.

Sir,—Our glorious old army of pre-war days has almost disappeared and but fragments—strong, sturdy, heroic fragments—remain.

But in making our new Army let us try to equal the old both with its faults and its good points! Let us have again the red-coats and the 'blancoed' trappings and the glittering metal and the glossy busbies and bear-skins and the tin-weskits as of old!

Let us see the old uniforms with their bright colours and sparkling brass as we knew them but a few years since. They impress the people and ensure confidence—and both these things are necessary.

We always were wont to experience a thrill and a sense of pride as our gay and well disciplined troops swung past whilst we watched them from the pavement, and we ought, on no account, to allow this righteous pride to slacken.

It is essential that our children should see bright uniforms and sturdy men and polished guns and prancing horses, for war will never cease whilst men live upon the earth.

W.R.P.

MORE RINKS WANTED.

Sir,—I am pleased to notice that another form of amusement has been opened for the troops, viz, roller skating. Judging from the enthusiasm shown by those indulging in this art last evening at the Stadt Hall, Mulheim, it bids well for success.

"No more skates for hire" was the order of the evening. I heartily congratulate the management on their new enterprise; they have certainly scored one on Cologne. A better floor and hall for this purpose would be hard to find.

It is now up to Cologne to open one or more rinks; then perhaps rink hockey clubs would be forthcoming. As an evening pastime this sport is hard to beat. My only regret is that I being in Cologne, I shall have to wend my way to Mülheim of an evening when it might be much nearer.

"RINKER."

APPLAUSE AT THE THEATRE.

Sir,—May I call attention to a difference in the manner of showing approval which might lead to some misunderstanding?

On Sunday night, at the excellent concert given at the Deutsches Theatre, the majority of our troops signified their approval in the usual way, but a fair number, being very enthusiastic, let themselves go to the extent of long and strident whistles.

There was not the slightest doubt that they meant to display unbounded enthusiasm, but to German artistes and audiences, whistling is not understood. It is the recognised method so giving the artist "the bird."

Under these circumstances might we not restrict ourselves to the international forms, entirely unambiguous, of signifying our approval?

ENTHUSIASTIC.

PAYING TRAM FARES.

Sir,—Reference the recent statement to the effect that in the near future Tommy is to pay for his tram journeys, I would like to make a suggestion which might simplify matters for him.

Would it not be much easier if the British authorities issued a monthly ticket for a specified amount that would cover any tram rides taken. They could then in turn hand the amount received (after deducting necessary expenses) over to the German authorities.

Without doubt this would obviate any undue arguments that are bound to arise between Tommy and the conductor, as to the correct charge for the journey to be taken. Seeing that a large percentage of the troops are not too well versed in the German language, it would be exceedingly difficult for Tommy to give the necessary details in order to purchase the ticket required.

SIMPLEX.

UNSEEMLY.

Sir,—I most certainly agree with the views of "X" and "Terpsichore" if the parties mentioned were behaving in the way he writes about.

However I don't think it fair that other female impersonators should be included in his scathing remarks. I am sure there any many more like myself who are only doing female impersonation so that a more varied and original programme may be offered to the boys.

With a concert party devoid of "girls" you are obliged to stick to the ordinary straight numbers, but if you happen to have one or two good female impersonators you can then produce the latest sketches and burlesques.

DORA.

MEYERBEER MISSING.

Sir,—I should be very grateful if you or one of your readers could explain to me why no works by Meyerbeer are ever given at the Cologne Opera, and indeed, in Germany.

Is it because they are not thought to be of sufficient merit?

I remember reading somewhere or other Wagner's opinion of Meyerbeer—"a Jewish Banker to whom it occurred to write operas"—which was base ingratitude in the light of what Meyerbeer did for him.

I wonder if Germany endorses Wagner's opinion.

T.F.H.

LOST MINIATURES.

Sir,—At the recent art exhibition at Lindenthal amongst many other exhibits a lady kindly lent two miniature portraits of some friends, which she valued very highly.

These I am sorry to say were taken away and I therefore appeal to anyone who may have seen them and know where they are now, if they would do their utmost to have them returned. Needless to add, a suitable reward will be given to anyone who may be able to return them to me as they are of great value to the owner and of little value to others.

EDWARD F. CARVER, Y.M.C.A.,
VI CORPS LIBRARIAN.

HAME.

O Rhine ye are bonny, your banks fresh and fair.
Wi' mony a scene that can lichten could care.
And your bonny bit toons wi' their wee kirks an' a'
Frae Mainz tae Cologne, wi' its' spires sae bra'.

Oh it's oft hae I stood on your banks o' a nicht.
When the sun has gane doon an' the licht was a glame.
But my thochts were aye far with the leal and the true.
In my ain little hoose in the north — in my hame.

Oh it's better, far better, to stand by the Tweed
Where it runs in the North country, doon tae the sea;
Tho' its banks are nae fresher than yours, bonny Rhine.
It's the place for a Scotch hert tae be.

Yet it's no' for the grass, or the birds, on the trees
For they're here in the Sooth juist the same
But it's there I was born and my heart turns for aye
Tae my ain little cot in the north — tae my hame.

R.S.M.

RHINELAND FOOTBALL.

SOCCER AT BONN.

Xth Corps Senior Tournament Semi-Final.

5th BORDERS v. 52nd "KING'S.

This match was played on Saturday last before 4,000 and proved one of the fastest games seen on the Hofgarten this season. The Borders broke away and Fletcher cleared in the nick of time. A few minutes later found the "King's" pressing but nothing came of the resultant corner, and clever footwork by Jebb transferred the play rapidly to the other end where Ellis lost a good opportunity by shooting high.

Hereabouts the Borders halves were responsible for some fine tackling which led up to the "King's" having to concede two corners in quick succession. Faulty passing by the "King's," let in Green but Macey was equal to the occasion. An excellent chance to the "Borders" forwards was muffed at close quarters and time after time, Macey saved the situation in work-man-like fashion. Play continued to rule very fast and from a melee close in, Carrol put the "King's" one up.

On resuming, the "King's" had the misfortune to lose Fletcher for a few minutes, he being knocked out in a collision, and soon after Green made the scores level for the "Borders" with a rasping shot. The "Kings" however took up the running and Lieut. Edey was prominent with some good tackling. Baxter for the "Borders" with a clever first timer missed by inches, the ball continuing to travel from end to end amidst tremendous excitement but time sounded with the honours even.

EXTRA TIME.

In the first half of the extra time, the Borders continued to press and good work on the left wing resulted in two further corners in quick succession but nothing further was added to the score.

After the interval Baxter increased the score for the Borders after Macey had dealt with a difficult cross shot from the right wing. Exciting play in which Jebb was conspicuous, for the Borders, brought the side a further corner and eventually Green scored another goal after Macey had fisted away. The Borders ran out winners, by three goals to one, thereby qualifying for the final next Saturday.

The teams were as follows;—52nd. "Kings", Macey; Fletcher and Mansfield; Lt. Howard; Lt. Edey and Hornby; Lutas, Carrol; Capt. Fosse; Barron and Redhead.

5th Borders:—Irving; Dixon and Baker; Stones, Capt. Rosser and Astin; Lt. Dodd, Ellis, Baxter, Green and Jebb.

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT.

Semi-final: Xth Corps School v. Xth Corps H.Q.

This match took place on the Hofgarten Bonn, on Saturday and resulted in an easy win for Corps H.Q. 10-0.

In the final, Corps H.Q. meet the winners of 121st Heavy Battery and Xth Corps Cyclist Bn. on Wednesday October 22nd.

No. 11 STATIONARY HOSPITAL v. 36 C.C.S.

These teams met on the former's ground at Düren on Friday and a rather scrappy game ended in a win for the home team by 2 goals to 1. The game opened in promising fashion. The ball was quickly rushed from end to end, and in the course of a determined attack by No. 11 forwards, the visiting defence broke down and the ball was bundled into the net. The play that followed was very moderate and no further scoring took place before half time.

The second half had only lasted about five minutes when Smith scored a second goal for the homesters, after two good saves by Ayres. No. 11 continued to attack, corner kicks were forced, but to no purpose, the 36 full backs being equal to every emergency. During the closing stages of the game, the visitors improved considerably and a smart run by the right wing, which had played rather poorly up to now, ended in Harrison scoring a splendid goal from a difficult angle. In the last minute the "36" forwards made a combined rush, Thompson, with the goal at his mercy, hitting the post as the final whistle blew.

Sergt.-Major F. Shepley was a capable referee.

5th R.T.C. v "A" BRANCH, G.H.Q.

Played at Volksgarten, on Saturday afternoon, this match afforded keen interest to supporters of both parties. For the first 15 minutes the game was evenly contested, then "A" commenced to show their superiority. Although the condition of the ground was much against good play, half-time saw "A" with a lead of three goals, all being scored by their centre Pte. Watty, which by the way, constitutes his third hat-trick in five matches. The game was resumed in rather a tame manner but soon quickened, Watty putting on another goal. After several game attempts on the part of the 5th to decrease the lead, the centre-half specially distinguishing himself by his clean and clever play, a tussle in the goal-mouth resulted in a well-deserved goal. For "A", Idle and Ridings were most prominent. The right wing of the 5th distinguished itself on more than one occasion. The game ended with "A" Branch leading 4—1.

20th D.L.I. WIN AGAINST THE 9th.

On Saturday the 9th D.L.I. were the guests of the 20th, and were defeated by 4 goals to 2. The game opened in very tame fashion mostly in favour of the visitors, who after neat combination practically walked the ball through for the opening goal. Then the 20th began to find their feet and very soon drew level, and by excellent shooting on the part of their centre forward put on two more goals before half time.

In the second half, Hunter, the visitors outside right, scored with a hard drive and the 9th made determined efforts to draw level, but found the 20th too strong. The 20th put on another goal and won deservedly. Without in any way wishing to belittle the performance of the 20th it is only fair to state that the 9th had to find substitutes for five of their regular players, three of whom are still suffering from injuries received in the semi-final of the Y.M.C.A. (Kalk) Shield, played last Wednesday.

KALK SHIELD.

Lieut. Rumney's fine display in final tie.

1/6th WEST YORKS EASY WIN.

The above final was played on Sunday on the ground of the 93rd R.G.A. at Kalk, in splendid weather before a large crowd. Clever mid-field play took the game to the Yorks goal mouth, where Pte. Jones miskicked, nearly letting in the Fusiliers centre forward. His shot went wide however. From the goal kick, the Yorks attacked and clever play by the forwards produced a score. Pte. Wormersley the Yorks centre-half gave the ball to Cpl. Butterill. Beating several opponents, he passed to Lieut. Rumney who was well placed and beat the goalie with a splendid shot. The Fusiliers warmed now to their work and some exciting play was seen in the Yorks goal-mouth. Relief came from a huge kick by Capt. Rees who was playing splendidly at back. The Yorks now got going again, the ball being sent out to R.Q.M.S. Franks who, after beating the wing half, gave it to C.Q.M.S. Thane Taking the ball on the run, he beat the back and scored from close range. The Fusiliers now attacked in force and after exciting play in the Yorks goal, Capt. Rees put through his own goal. Heartened by this success, the Fusiliers had the Yorks defence in a tangle but the goalie saved them in fine style.

4 UP AT HALF TIME.

Play was now transferred to the other end, where a pretty pass from Pte. Wormerley put R.Q.M.S. Franks in possession. After beating several opponents by tricky play, he forced a corner, the same player sending over a perfect flag-kick for Lieut. Rumney to score with a header. The Yorks by now were all over their opponents with the result that Cpl. Butterill with a brilliant solo effort scored a well deserved goal. Half time arrived with the score:—1/6th West Yorks Regt., 4; 23rd Royal Fusiliers, 1.

Play opened very fast after the interval. The Fusiliers having a equal share of the play, attacked the Yorks goal in determined fashion but were well held by the defence. Hereabouts Lieut. Rumney shot over with only the goal-keeper to beat. A splendid pass by Pte. Philipps set Lieut. Rumney going at top speed and after passing the ball out to Pte. Bennett, the latter player returned a centre for Lieut. Rumney to score again. Their opponents, not being able to withstand the attacks, fell to pieces with the result that Lieut. Rumney and Cpl. Butterill, each added goals. The Yorks captain had to leave the field owing to an injury but soon returned after receiving attention. A fine pass by Pte. Redhead put Cpl. Butterill in possession who raced through the defence to beat the goalie with ease. Result:—1/6 West Yorks 8; 23rd Royal Fusiliers 1.

PRESENTATION OF THE SHIELD.

In a few well-chosen words, Brig-General Howard, D.S.O., congratulated the Yorks team on their splendid display and said he was very pleased to hand over the shield to them as he was a Yorkshireman himself. He also congratulated the losing team for their clean display and the sporting spirit in which they had taken their defeat.

Lieut.-Col. Barwell, M.C., replied on behalf of the West Yorks. In doing so he thanked Brig-General Howard, D.S.O., for so kindly consenting to present the Shield in the absence of the Corps Commander. Three cheers were given for Brig-General Howard, bringing to a close the last phase of a successful competition.

The competition was run entirely by Lieut. J. Woods, 93rd Bde. R.G.A. and proved that competitions are certainly needed in the Rhine Army.

20th v. 9th DURHAM L.I.

Saturday last saw the 5th successive win for the 20th Bn. The Durham Light Infantry. The 9th kicked off and immediately began to press the 20th goal, with the result that their Centre Forward scored before the game had been running 5 minutes. This immediately had the desired effect, causing the 20th to break away and a lapse of 5 minutes saw three goals standing to their credit. The game now became fairly even, and fast play ensued, with the result that the ball went from one goal mouth to the other, but nothing further was scored in the first half. Two corners occurred in the latter portion of the first half and it looked as though the 9th must score, but two brilliant punches by the 20th goal keeper saved the situation and the ball got into safer regions.

After half time, the game again started fast and even, the 9th scoring after about 10 minutes play. This again spurred the 20th on with the result that another goal stood to their credit. In the latter portion, the 8th pressed heavily, but without avail. Several corners occurred on either side, but although the result was nil, both goals had very narrow escapes. Altogether a very clean game was played, enjoyed by both players and spectators.

The final score was four goals to two, the majority being with the 20th.

FIELD AMBULANCE v. BRIGADE H.Q.

The above met at Riehl Barracks on Saturday afternoon, and the match terminated in a win for the Field Ambulance. After the start, the 7th began to press, finding plenty of trouble for the opponents' backs. The 7th were awarded a penalty but Jones failed to score, shooting wide. The visitors backs lacked speed, thus allowing Walker to centre the ball for Coldwell to open the scoring with a fine header. Sgt.-Major Stanley, playing a fine game, scored the second four minutes before half time.

In the second half pressure was still maintained by the home team. They were awarded another penalty, which Teasdale gave the visitor's keeper no chance of saving.

Result:—7th Field Ambulance 6; Bde. H.Q. 0.

BROTHERS

read "The Cologne Post". Send it daily to your.

WALES VICTORIOUS.

Unexpected Result Of Football International.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

In the victory international, Wales were unexpectedly victorious and the result is all the more pleasing because the Welsh eleven had to be re-arranged at the eleventh hour. Meredith who was on the top of his form scored the winning goal.

Newcastle did well at Bradford as also did the Arsenal at Goodison Park. The Manchester Derby ended in a fitting draw, while the defeat of the Villa by their lowly opponents, Preston, was a bitter pill to those who thought they had turned the corner.

Five away winners in Division 2, upset all calculations, Hull's victory at Nottingham deserving special note. Tottenham continued to gather points, Clapton being their latest victims.

In the Southern League Exeter have struck a bad patch, Queen's Park in defeating the City, providing the only away victory of the competition.

In Scotland Celtic provided the sensation of the day, putting on seven to the Hibernians three. Morton did well at Kilmarnock and Boghead folks got a nasty surprise, Dundee winning by three clear goals.

Appended are the results:—

Victory International.

Wales	2	England	1

English League.—First Division.

Bradford	0	Newcastle	1
Burnley	2	Sheffield United	2
Chelsea	1	Live pool	0
Manchester City	3	Manchester U.	3
Derby County	3	Notts County	1
Everton	2	Woolwich Arsenal	3
Middlesbrough	1	Oldham	0
Preston N.E.	3	Aston Villa	0
Sheffield W.	0	Blackburn R.	0
Sunderland	2	Bradford City	0
West Bromwich	4	Bolton Wand.	1

Second Division.

Birmingham	4	Blackpool	2
Bury	2	Wolverhampton	0
Coventry	0	Fulham	1
Grimsby	0	West Ham	1
Leicester	0	Huddersfield	4
Lincoln City	0	Barnsley	4
Nottingham Forest	0	Hull	2
Rotherham	2	Bristol	2
Stoke	2	Stockport	1
Tottenham H.	2	Clapton Orient	1

Leeds City v. South Shields match off.

Southern League.

Bristol	3	Northampton	0
Brentford	1	Norwich City	1
Watford	0	Cardiff	0
Exeter	0	Queen's Park R.	1
Gillingham	2	Millwall A.	0
Luton	2	Brighton	0
Plymouth	0	Crystal Palace	0
Reading	2	Portsmouth	1
Southampton	2	Newport	0
Swansea	1	Swindon	1
Merthyr Tydvil	1	Southend	1

Scottish League.

Airdrieonians	3	Queen's Park	0
Celtic	7	Hibernians	3
Dumbarton	0	Dundee	3
Falkirk	1	Clydebank	0
Heart of Mid	0	Albion	0
Kilmarnock	0	Greenock	1
Motherwell	1	Ayr	1
Partick Thistle	0	Aberdeen	1
Raith Rovers	1	Glasgow	2
St. Mirren	0	Clyde	0
Third Lanark	1	Hamilton Acad	3

Rugby.

Blackheath	55	Merchant Taylors	0
Newport	9	Cross Keys	0
Leysians	0	London Scottish	25
Leicester	6	Llanelly	9
Richmond	8	Harlequins	4
Bristol	0	Gloucester	10
Swansea	4	Cardiff	0
Roma	31	Guy's Hospital	11
Northampton	74	London Hospital	0
United Services	30	Rosslyn Park	0
Manchester	23	Bradford	5

Northern Union.

Broughton R.	6	Leigh	0
Dewsbury	10	Wigan	7
Hunslet	7	Hull	14
Oldham	7	Halifax	8
Warrington	12	Swinton	2
Wakefield	7	Trinity	11
St. Helens	27	Barrow	13
Salford	18	Widnes	0
York	0	St. Helens R.	1

LONDON v. PARIS.

The London Football League has arranged to visit Paris to play against the Paris League on Nov. 1st.

RECORDS BROKEN.

C.V. Wheeler's Brilliant Right Hand Swing Performance.

At a sports meeting held at Brockley, C.V. Wheeler made a successful attack on the British Amateurs right hand swing record of 148 pounds held by himself which is two pounds more than his own weight. He thus broke the British amateur records of the 11 stone 12 lbs. and heavy weight classes, and elevated the status of his list in the 11 stone class into the world's amateur record.

GOOD HOCKEY AT REIHL.

On Saturday last, the 52nd. D.L.I, played the 3rd. Bn M.G.C. on the formers ground. Major Bennett scored for the Gunners in fifteen minutes. The 52nd. tried hard to equalise, but at half-time, the "Emma Gees" were leading one—nil. The second half was fought at a great pace, both sides attacking in turn. Midway through Lt. Roberts (Gunners) scored again, and although the D.L.I. made great efforts, they had to submit to defeat, the final scores being two—nil. It was a splendid game, and the Durhams were rather unfortunate to be beaten.

DUKE OF YORK STAKES.

The following were the results at Kempton Park on Saturday:—

Brentford Selling Welter Handicap, £200, 1m.—Mr. H. Hallow's Handsworth (Balding), 1; Gunda (Smith), 2; Jack Sheppard (Speck), 3. Four ran. S.P.: 2-1, 9-4, 2-1. Length; three.

Vauxhall T.Y.O. Selling Plate, £300, 5f.—Mr. A. Barton's Aprille f. (Hulme), 1; Hard Bake (Speck), 2; Sudden Fancy (Whalley), 3. Eleven ran. S.P.: 7-4, 13-8, 100-8. Length; head.

Duke of York's Stakes, £2,000. 1½m.

Lord Glanely's Grand Fleet .... Whalley 1
Duke of Portland's Sir Berkeley . Robertson 2
Mr. F. Darling's Vice Versa ..... Speck 3

Also ran: Chuette, My Dear, Palestrina, Linysfield, Glaciale, Frank Webber, Planet.

S.P.: 100-15, 7-1, 7-1. Three-quarters of a length; two.

WITH THE HOUNDS.

Capital Sport With Northern Divisional Pack.

A STIFF HUNT.

A meet of the Northern Divisional Pack took place at Lindenthal on Thursday last, when a large field met the Master on what promised to be an excellent hunting day. The Master decided to draw the home coverts and in an incredibly short space of time hounds got away on a really hot scent. Reynard headed straight for Deckstein and good open grass country.

Leaving Deckstein to the right he turned left until reaching the Military Ring along which, again left handed, he proceeded for some distance until headed by an approaching motor car. At the junction of the ring and the Berrenrather Strasse, he swung right and crossed the Duffesbach. The latter, a running stream, proved somewhat too formidable an obstacle to many horses thus early in the season and in consequence the field became very strung out. Those fortunate ones, who still remained on terms with the hounds, now enjoyed an exceptionally fine burst over an excellent galloping country.

The line now travelled over the Luxembourg Strasse passed East of Efferen and when approaching the Pottery Works, the hounds experienced their first check. After several casts, which enabled many stragglers to regain touch with the hounds, the huntsman once more got on the line, which now turned right and joined the Luxembourg Strasse South of Efferen.

A GOOD CHASE.

Thence the hounds travelled along the road heading for Hermülheim and when close to that place, swung at right angles northwestwards and once more crossed the Duffesbach. This stream again proved a serious obstacle to many, who from this point had no further interest in the hunt. The pace had now become much slower, owing to what appeared to be a very catchy scent, and hounds experienced no small difficulty in retaining the line. With several checks, the hounds worked well over a difficult country in a northerly direction, and it became obvious that the fox was now heading for his starting point.

A blind brook here proved the cause of yet further grief which once more depleted the field. Heading straight for the Military Ring the hounds ran into view of a bedraggled fox and in a good fast five minutes over timber, bank and ditch finally pulled him down near Deckstein, within a few hundred yards of his original starting point.

CURRAN OUTCLASSED.

Easy Victory for Fred Fulton at Plymouth.

Fred Fulton, the American heavyweight, who recently beat Townley in a round, had another easy task at Plymouth against Petty Officer Curran, who was beaten in four rounds. Curran rushed at Fulton directly the gong sounded, and clinched. Twice the referee parted them. Curran made another rush, but Fulton beat down his lead, and Curran fell on his face. In the second round, Fulton sent Curran down twice with lefts. Fulton feinted with the left, and Curran shot home a left to the jaw, which did not hurt Fulton. In the third round Curran was felled twice in succession for eight seconds. Curran got in a hard rigat to the jaw, but Fulton retaliated with the left, and Curran dropped. The latter was sent down with rights following light left leads, and just as the round closed Curran's knee sagged after a hard right. The fourth round saw the finish. Curran covered up, and Fulton shot his left to the face, apparently lightly. But every blow staggered Curran, who was on the floor most of time. Fulton was too clever, and in the middle of the fourth round Curran retired.

BECKETT TO MEET SMITH.

Whatever the result of his match with Carpentier, Joe Beckett is to meet Dick Smith. We gather that the match will in all likelihood take place at the Albert Hall on Boxing Night. In February, 1918, Smith defeated Beckett on points for the Lonsdale light-heavy-weight belt.

BRITISH v. AMERICANS.

Fine Display By Corbett At Coblentz.

Several lively encounters between British and "Dough Boys" fistists were witnessed at the weekly Y.M.C.A. Meeting at Coblentz on Saturday evening. One of the finest displays ever seen there was given by L/Cpl. Corbett, of the Lancashire Div. Train, and though defeated, a tremendous reception was accorded to him for his bull-dog tenacity and sterling pluck.

Murphy, Coblentz v. Whittaker (Lancs. Divn. Train) was a slogging affair, Whittaker retired after the fourth round, owing to the punishment he received.

In the international wrestling bout, Lawrens (champion heavy weight of Belgium) was thrown in 9 mins 20 secs by Anderson, of the Engineers.

BOXING IN ENGLAND.

At the Holborn Stadium on Saturday, in a 20-round welter-weight contest, Joe Attwood beat Willie Farrell on points after a fairly good struggle. The winner was much the fresher of the pair at the finish.

In a 15-round middle-weight contest between Jack Blumenfield, Islington, and Charles Woodman, the former was declared winner, Woodman retiring after the fourth round.

Young Tib. Watson knocked out Billy Affleck, of Shepherds Bush, in the 10th of a 15-rounds bout.

A MATCH ARRANGED.

S. Sergt. Blake, S 4 Coy, Northern Divl. Train, will meet S. Sergt. Short, 1 Coy, Northern Divl. Train in a six three-minutes rounds contest at Bocklemont on the 31st inst.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

Sunday Concerts at the Deutsches.

There is no doubt that the Achsel-Menzinsky-Barker concert at the Deutsches Theatre on Sunday night was an unqualified success. It was venturesome pernaps to try a German concert on a British audience but the experiment was eminently justified by the result. To music lovers the words matter but little so long as the singing is good, and it was so.

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The singing of songs in English by the two famous operatic stars was undoubtedly to the liking of the audience and evoked enormous enthusiasm, the artistes being recalled again and again and having to repeat at least portions of the songs. Many floral tokens were handed across the footlights, Sunday rather appropriately being Fraulein Achsel's birthday. Wanda Achsel gave us a number of excerpts from operas, a long aria from "Faust", and the British songs, "An Old Fashioned Town" and "Bonnie Mary of Argyle".

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Modest Menzinsky sang songs about love and devotion finishing with a masterful interpretation of a wonderful German song on the theme of the blacksmith. His song in English was "For You Alone", the only song ever sung in English by Caruso. One can imagine Menzinsky's passionate rendering of this delightful song in spite of his uneasiness in enunciating some of the words. In view of the fact that neither of the artistes speak more than half a dozen words of English they are to be highly complimented on their initial efforts at singing in this language and the almost perfect enunciation of the words.

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Alfred Barker seems to play better every time I hear him. Whether this is the natural impression one receives from a great artiste or whether it is that he is really making great strides in his art I hesitate to say.

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It is sufficient to remark that he played with more than his usual brilliancy on Sunday and received a bigger reception than ever from an audience composed of those who must be quite familiar with his playing. Barker is standing the acid test of appearing continually before a familiar audience and standing it well. Congratulations are also due to that brilliant accompanist, Professor Krogel.

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I am pleased to learn from the Amusements supplement that this Sunday concert is to become a weekly feature at the Deutsches Theatre. The programme will be varied to include vocal, orchestral, and instrumental performances and already many excellent features have been booked for the near future. Among these we are glad to see the names of the Inniskilling Dragoons band, Gerta Bender, Backhaus, possibly Schroeder, and a repetition of Achsel, Menzinsky and Barker. Such features cannot fail to attract and I look forward to seeing the Deutsches packed with an enthusiastic audience each Sunday evening during the coming winter.

Boom in Roller Skating.

In search of amusement I hied away in the direction of Mülheim, last evening intent upon testing my skill on the rollers. I found the brilliantly illuminated Stadt Hall in Frankfurter Strasse, but much to my regret had to postpone my venture on wheels. You see this admirable adjunct to our Army amusements is in its infancy and for the present at any rate as far as the skates are concerned it is a case of first come first served and for other folk a long wait until skates are available.

Small Beginnings.

This admirable project for which we have to thank the Rhine Army Signal Company (R.E.) had small beginnings. It was a Company show pure and simple urn through the co-operation of the Church Army, who loan the hall. The Engineers with commendable consideration decided to permit admission for all and sundry with the result that last evening I found ranks from many battalions disporting themselves while a party of patient Tommies were awaiting their turn. As in the old days of the craze at home the eye-witness finds plenty of entertainment in the antics of the skaters.

Good Prospects.

To my mind there are good prospects in view for the enterprise during the dark evenings ahead. The promotors are I believe prepared to consider the provision of an afternoon session for both sexes so all who feel they would like to renew acquaintance with the art should make their desires known through the medium say of the Amusements Officer, who with Officers of the Company is interested in the venture. Once the preliminary expenses has been paid off, can we hope for carnivals, etc.

Sunday Concert at the Leave Club.

The band of the 52nd D.L.I. gave a splendid concert at the B.E.L.C. on Sunday evening under the able conductorship of Bandmaster Etherington. Their delightful programme included "The Great Little Army," "Tonight's the Night" and the "Tales of Hoffman" and other selections played with excellent rhythm and good tone. Bandboy Etherington, aged 13, made a great success by his singing of "Give me a Cosy Corner" in which his words were most distinctly heard in all parts of the hall and the audience joined in the chorus. Variety was also added by the playing of the pipers of the 51st Bn. H.L.I.

Empire Leave Club.

The programme for the next few days includes many interesting items. To-morrow (Wednesday), there will be an impromptu concert from 5 to 6 in the Music Room followed by a fancy dress dance at 6.30. Only those in fancy dress allowed on the floor. The G.H.Q. Jazz Band have kindly consented to play for the Dance. On Thursday, there will be an Impromptu concert from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by a waist Drive at 6.30 p.m. There will be a dancing class from 5 to 6 p.m. on Friday, and the cinema will be continuous througnout the afternoon and evening. On Saturday, there will be an Impromptu Concert from 5 to 6 followed by a Dance in the Theatre at 6.30 p.m

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Tues.	NO PERFORMANCE			
Wed.	Aïda	Verdi	7	10.30
Thurs.	Der Waffenschmied von Worms	Lortzing	7	9.45
Fri.	Cosi fan tutte	Mozart	7	10.30
Sat.	The Gipsy Baron	Strauss	7	10
Sun.	Königskinder	Humperdinck	7	10
Mon.	Cavalleria rusticana Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo	7	10
Tues	Orpheus and Eurydice	Gluck	7	9.15

10th Queen's R. W. S. Dance.

A fancy dress ball was held on Thursday at Forest Camp' Lomar by the officers, N.C.O's and men of the 10th Bn. Queen's R.W.S. Regt. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by R.Q.M.S. Pratt. Not many turned out in fancy dress but those who did so, gave a pleasing effect to the dancing. An interval was called at 8.30 for refreshments. Then dancing was resumed until 10.15 and after a very pleasant evening had past away all retired in the best of spirits. The popular orchestra of the 10th Queen's played throughout for the dancing.

"The Braganza's."

A very successful concert was given last week at the Y.M.C.A. Hall at Siegburg by the "Braganzas", 11th Bn. Queen's Concert Party, to the 10th Bn. The excellence of the show threw very great credit on the personnel of the party.

In few Words.

There will be an orchestral concert given in the VI Corps Club on Wednesday 22nd October from 3.30 to 5.30.

The dress worn by Miss Shirley King in the B.R.A.D.C.'s production of "You Never Can Tell" at the Deutsches Theatre was designed by Lieut. Jammet of the Rhine Army Art School.

JACQUES.

MONEY FOR SKILL.

Result of Contest No. 3 to be Published To-morrow.

In our contest No. 3., Leeds City v. South Shields, was not played and this left only eleven matches to be forecasted.

Numerous competitors were surprised by Hull's victory over Notts Forest and Barnsley's defeat of Lincoln also tripped many. Newcastle's winning at Bradford was not unexpected but St. Mirren drawing with Clyde, upset a number of forecasts.

The names of the successful winner or winners in the competition will be published to-morrow.

Contest No. 4 like its predecessors is booming and every post brings us a spate of football coupons.

Competitors are sending in all kinds of local bank notes for their entrance fees. This practice must cease forthwith. As all the money we receive is paid out in prizes to the lucky winners, we cannot afford to go down to Duren to change five one mark notes, to Siegburg to change another lot, and so on. It cannot be done. We have neither the time nor the money, maybe not even the desire.

So in future send "Reichsbank" notes with your coupons, otherwise your attempt will be disqualified and your local notes will remain in this office until you collect them.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 4,
"Cologne Post,"
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 4.

Date of matches, **Saturday**, Oct. 18th.
Closing date, **Friday**, Oct. 17th.

Bradford City	v. Sunderland
Hamilton A.	v. Dundee
Manchester U.	v. Manchester City
Sheffield U.	v. Burnley
Arsenal	v. Everton
Stockport C.	v. Stoke
Hull City	v. Notts Forest
Clyde	v. Hearts
Blackpool	v. Birmingham
Rangers	v. Celtic
Swindon	v. Exeter City
Watford	v. Brentford

I enter Football Competition No. 4 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

All British.

Those who like a real English tea-room will be glad to hear that one is to be opened shortly by the N.A.C.B. It should meet the taste of British residents in Cologne—military and civil, and I hope to be able to say more about it soon.

Are you a Speechmaker?

I hear that a debating society is to be started at Düren. The idea should be emulated by units in other places, for properly organised, there is no more pleasant and instructive way of spending a winter's evening.

Science, Wake Up!

From a boy on the Rhine to his sweetheart in Blighty.

Imagine just for instence
How sweet will be existance
When science can
Devise a plan,
For kissing at a distance.

A Teaser.

"Achthundertachtundachtzig" (eight hundred and eighty eight) is for many Englishmen the most difficult German word that I know. Attempt to articulate it and then ask a German to give the correct pronunciation.

Always Bright.

A remarkably clever drawing of its acting Editor by "A.G.S." forms the frontispiece to the last number of "The 3rd Bn. Machine Gun Corps Magazine." The production sparkles as brightly as ever and there is not a page that can fail to interest every member of the Battalion on whose behalf the magazine is produced.

Lieutenants Lose.

If you want to make a "loot" really cross ask him about his "increased pay." It would appear that Lieutenants actually receive a smaller amount as pay under the new schedule than their combined pay and bonus before it came into force.

The Sands Running Down.

The period for free rides on the trams is growing woefully short, if, as I learn, the ratification of peace is imminent.

Busy Checkers.

To-morrow the result of our third Football skill contest will appear. So many entries were received tnat extra help had to be commandeered for checking the coupons. At the time of going to press the result was in doubt.

Officers' Clothing.

It is not surprising to learn that the Officers' clothing depots at Etaples, Rouen, Abbeville and Havre have been closed. It is to be hoped, however, that the authorities will hesitate before they close those at Boulogne and Calais for with indifferent supplies up here the only way one can renovate one's kit is on the return from leave.

"Wandtafel".

I heard of a lance-corporal in Rhineland who invested in a box of coloured crayons. It was inscribed "Wandtafel Krude". "What a damnable way to spell wonderful'" said he.

The Mammoth "Sweep".

At first I believe tickets for the big "Victory" Cambridgeshire Sweep were not selling too fast in Rhineland although going well in France and Flanders and England. Now I hear they are going much better. They can be bought at most of the clubs and canteens or direct from Major Denison, 33 Rue de Loos, Lille at 10s each.

Who is He?

In the building now used as a Y.M.C.A. Theatre at Porz may be seen on either side of the stage a painting of a Royal personage in full regalia. The figure on the left is the Kaiser Frederich der Grosse, but his companion on the right has during the war evidently, suffered wilful facial disfigurement.

A "Moke" Found.

The news has come at last. A real live donkey has been discovered in Cologne. It belongs to an old villager who brings the moke into market daily with garden produce.

Cool.

One evening last week, an officer of the German Police force walked into the Earwig Lamp, cooly seated himself and removing his hat, summoned the waiter, and demanded a drink. The "ober" promptly told the German official that the club was only for the use of Allied officers. The offending gentleman then removed himself.

The Other Way.

I hear of more than one ex-soldier who has come over to Rhineland to sell goods on the German market who is returning to London to start an agency for selling German goods in England.

Pleasing.

Not the least pleasing side of life in Cologne at weekends is the number of officers and men escorting wives and children round the shops. Some bachelors confess to a certain amount of envy when they see these little family parties.

Starvation v. Rheumatism.

The other day I asked for an infallible cure for rheumatism, which is prevalent in Rhineland. Somebody advises never taking bread, sweet biscuits and cakes, beef, veal, pork, bacon, sausages, liver, game of all kinds, potatoes and all root vegetables, puddings and pastries, sauces, higly flavoured soups, beer, wine and spirits tea, coffee and chocolate. This regime may be all very well, but it doesn't leave much to live on but water and cabbages.

An Immense Queue.

The longest queue I have ever seen in Rhineland was one in Hohestrasse yesterday. I couldn't ascertain exactly what the crowd was waiting for. Somebody said opera tickets. Or was it chocolate?

Took the Hint.

A braw wee laddie in a Highland Battalion was "doing" fourteen days "C.B.", and for the third time in one evening had been detected attempting to pass the sentry. "Noo, look ye here, I'm tellin' ye" said the sentry. "Gin I find ye at this game again I'll put a hole through your carcase. D'ye understan?" "Ay, I understan," was the reply, "but look ye here. I've a mither in heaven, and a faither in the ither place, and I've a wee girlie in this toon, and I'm set on seein' ane or the ither o'them this night. An 'noo, maybe, ye understan."

Russians.

There seem to be a fair number of Russian officers and men in Cologne again. They are generally of very fine physique and all anti-Bolshevik.

A Tramp Abroad.

There is at present a great demand for Mark Twain's delightful book "A Tramp Abroad." This is not surprising in view of the fact that the greater part of the experiences related concern places in Germany which are now thoroughly familiar to thousands of soldiers.

Like a Snowball.

Every day the number of subscriptions received from all ranks on the Rhine wishing to send the "Post" to Blighty increase. Yesterday's receipts were a record. Have you sent 15 marks for this service, yet?

Taking Chances.

What a number of shops there are in Cologne that sell nothing but state and municipal lottery tickets. There seems to be a perfect shoal of such affairs of chance taking place and the number of tickets sold, is, I am told, enormous.

Careful Buying.

You will often find in Cologne—as in London and other places—that if you patronise the smaller shops away from the fashionable thoroughfares you will get identical articles at a considerable saving.

RHINELANDER.

NOTES FROM LONDON TOWN.

THE PROFITEERS SQUIRM.

Mr. Justice Astbury's letter to the "Times" advocating an emergency tax on capital preceded by the restoration to the State of all unearned war increment has sent cold shivers down the spines of the nouveaux riches. They or their champions will no doubt cry out on the impossibility of the whole thing, the outrageousness of unsettling the very pillars of Society. But Chancery judges and quondam patent lawyers of the standing of Mr. Justice Astbury are not in the habit of making impossible or impracticable suggestions. It is one of the peculiarities of a British judge, that when he speaks out, peer and commoner, rich and poor alike, listen with intuitive respect, for the British judge's position above the rancour of politics or sectional interests is as unassailable as it was in the days of Coke and Ellesmere.

SHY OF MR. WHITLEY.

I really fail to appreciate why the railwaymen's leaders should "shy" at Mr. Whitley, Deputy Chairman of the House of Commons. Some of them seem to object to the use of the words "arbitrator" and "umpire"; and while quite agreeable to conciliation are against arbitration. I believe, however, others are by no means averse from arbitration in some shape or form, and the confidence that all alike repose in Mr. Whitley would seem to mark him out as exactly the man best fitted for the work. In any case the Conciliation scheme is still in existence though this seems to have been overlooked in the heat of the Nine Days Battle; and one of the fundamental provisions of that scheme is that in the event of the Board's failing to agree the Independent Chairman decides.

CHU CHIN CHOW'S RECORD RUN.

It is curious that a farce like "Charley's Aunt" which like Tennyson's book has become proverbial, should now have yielded pride of place to "Chu Chin Chow" in the matter of record runs. There always seemed a chance that the 1466 nights of "Charley's Aunt" at the "Royalty" and "Globe" would be beaten by various musical comedies at Daly's; but that a musical pageant with a rather nebulous story should have ousted the trousered Brazilian Aunt is symptomatic of the decay of public taste. A musical pageant or comedy can be metamorphosed from time to time in all but name and so prolong its run like an outworn patent; but the plot of a play in legitimate drama cannot be so altered and therein lies its disadvantago, apart from the fact that in this particular case the musical farrage "Chu Chin Chow" happens to be well above the average. Other long runs that will occur to theatregoers like those of "Caste" and "The Private Secretary," were not in it with more modern pieces; while in former days plays of the standing of Congreve's "Plain Dealer" or Farquhar's "Beaux' Stratagem" were considered lucky to run for a hundred nights or so.

A GREAT PREMIERE DANSEUSE.

There is no question of the popularity of the dancing of Ettorina Mazuchelli in "Joy-Bells." I believe it is not generally known that Mr. Albert de Courville happened to see this clever Italian Première danseuse at Monte Carlo a short time ago, and was so delighted with her performance that he promptly engaged her services for "Joy Bells." She was dancing at the leading Italian theatre in Milan at the early age of 16.

THE BEACH OF DREAMS.

Readers of fiction will always welcome a new novel by H. de Vere Stacpoole. The success of this writer's "Blue Lagoon," where two tiny castaway children, a boy and a girl, grow up together in happiness and tragedy and the tutelage of a rough but kindly sailor, may well be repeated in this striking story of two lovers thrown together by circumstances on bleak Kerguelen, on whose coast the sea-waves thunder and riot like Stevenson's "Merry Men." It is the elemental most of us like, and Mr. Stacpoole's "Beach of Dreams," with its juxtaposition of the refined, and of course, beautiful Cléo de Bronsart, and the bluff Raft a sailor of the Enoch Arden school, fulfils all that the most ardent lover of the 'human document' may wish. The theme, it is true, is as old in its way as the story of Miranda and Ferdinand in the "Tempest" and finds a more modern expression in that brilliant short story by Gouverneur Morris in which a shipwrecked man, freed at last from social conventions, reasserts his prehistoric right of capture against a woman who slays him for his pains.

REGENT.

FOR BUSINESS MEN IN RHINELAND.

TRADE WITH GERMANY.

The Board of Trade have issued as a Parliamentary paper [Cmd. 350, price 1d.] for the guidance of British traders, some notes on the conditions under which trading is now permissible with Germany and certain other countries. The notes supersede those published last July in the Parliamentary return Cmd. 274.

It is pointed out that a considerable demand for all kinds of goods in the late enemy countries may be expected. As this market is now open to all the world, it is no part of the policy of the Government to discourage British traders from competing therein, and it is desirable that British traders should make every effort to secure a proper footing in Central Europe.

The conditions set out for trading with various countries are given and the following are those relating to

GERMANY.

Exports.—Any goods may be sent to Germany without licence, except goods on Lists "A" and "B" of prohibited exports. Applications for export licenses in respect of goods included in those lists should be addressed to the Export Licence Department, I, Queen Anne's Gate-buildings, Westminster, S.W.I. It is understood that at present the import of all goods into unoccupied Germany is subject to import licence, for which the German consignee has to make application to the competent authority in Berlin.

Imports.—Any goods may be imported from Germany, and paid for, without licence, except goods whose importation from all foreign countries is prohibited. Import prohibitions now apply only to a small number of goods, a list of which will be found in the "Board of Trade Journal" of August 28, 1919.

Other Transactions.—Other transactions of a commercial or financial nature with firms in Germany are permissible without further licence, provided they do not involve any of the following matters—namely:—

(a) the payment of money arising out of pre-war transactions;

(b) the delivery of or dealing with property held in this country for persons in Germany since before the outbreak of war;

(c) the transfer of securities by or on behalf of a person in Germany;

(d) the allotment or transfer of securities issued by a company to or for the benefit of a German subject;

(e) the transfer of any debt or other obligation due to a person in Germany.

It should, of course, be understood that, as regards the financing of transactions, traders must make the best arrangements they can, and, in case of uncertainty as to the best mode of procedure, they should consult their bankers.

Further information regarding the export of goods to Germany and other countries will be found in the "List of Export Prohibited Goods," which is published fortnightly by the Export Licence Department of the Board of Trade, 1, Queen Anne's-gate-buildings, Westminster, S.W. 1.

Consular Certificates of Origin and Interest.—These certificates are no longer required for goods imported into the United Kingdom.

Declarations of Ultimate Destination and Disclosure of Names of Consignees.—These declarations will no longer be required to be made in respect of exports from the United Kingdom, and disclosure of the name of the consignee on bills of lading or shipping manifests is unnecessary, except in a limited number of cases where the Export Licence Department may continue to specify on an export licence the name of the consignee.

ITEMS FROM ALL SOURCES.

There is a great demand for rice and sugar in Cologne.

Up to the end of July, cigarettes to the value of four milliard marks were imported into the Rhineland.

The first shipment of goods has arrived in America from Germany. It carried seed of sugar beet, toys and glassware.

The price of zinc is to be increased in Germany.

General Vanderbilt is arranging to establish a new banking firm, by the express Co., for the American Occupation Troops and civilian authorities at Coblenz.

The output of cellulose in Germany will be very greatly increased.

Foreign countries are again buying big quantities of German securities on the Berlin Stock Exchange.

The clerks at the Berlin Stock Exchange are working day and night in order to cope with the enormous influx of business consequent upon a sensational rise in prices.

The Frankfurt Fair is to be an annual affair and already over one thousand firms have applied for allotments for next year.

America is losing Germany's coffee orders to Dutch firms whose prices are now lower.

A British Commercial Commissioner has been appointed for Germany in the person of Colonel J.W.F. Shelwell, M.C. who may be addressed at the British Military Mission, Berlin.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Strange.—A heron has been discovered in a chicken run at Harrow.

The new Job.—A great many old conductorettes at home are taking on waiting.

Wooden Houses.—The idea of wooden houses at home is slowly catching on.

In France.—The Gaekwar of Baroda is in France.

More Trouble.—A Spartacist coup, declares the "Matin", is feared in Berlin.

New Irish Bishop.—The Dean of Belfast is to be Bishop of Down and Connor.

Restive.—A strike of stable lads is threatened.

Expensive.—The cheapest reliable alarm clock at home now costs a guinea.

Long List.—Divorce Judges began yesterday the hearing of over 2,000 divorce suits.

The Scourge.—A Bill to combat tuberculosis is to be introduced by the German Government.

Paris Honours.—As well as the French Croix de Guerre, Paris is to receive the Belgian War Cross.

New Experience.—Agassiz, a village in British Columbia was excited when aeroplanes passed over for the first time.

Cat's Warning.—Aroused by the screaming of a cat, occupants of a Gosport Hotel found the house on fire.

Prince's Choice.—The Prince of Wales, will hunt with Lord Willoughby de Broke's hounds this season.

Demand!—Conscientious objectors suspended from the Civil Service demand unconditional reinstatement.

By Aerobus.—An aerobus, completed the trip between Berlin and Stockholm and back in 17 hours.

A good Effort.—A Leghorn pullet at Abingdon, Berks, has laid an egg nearly nine inches in circumference.

At Harrow.—The son of the Persian Foreign Minister is being educated at Harrow School.

Unwanted.—The War Office has cancelled contracts at Northampton for Army huts.

Still Closed.—In a London suburban shop still appears the notice "Closed for the Duration of the war."

Too much Expense.—The War Office decline to grant free visits to graves in France and Flanders.

Prince in Blizzard.—Duck shooting in Saskatchewan the Prince was caught in a blizzard.

The Sequel.—Strikes for the first eight months of the year caused an aggregate loss of £65,000,000.

Peace Souvenirs.—Armchairs in which the "Big Four" sat at Paris have been sold at £3 each.

Fair Price.—The Holborn Profiteering Committee held that 11 gs. is a reasonable price for a suit of clothes.

Too Much.—It is reported that the Dublin dock sheds are congested with consignments of whisky and wine.

Then.—Not until the Rhine Army demobilization is complete can the Dover-Calais passenger service be resumed.

Prevalent.—A severe form of cold which demands the greatest care is now prevalent.

Lost for a Coin.—A London boy in endeavouring to recover a coin from a lift was killed.

Four Million Deal.—Lever Bros. have taken over two more soap firms, the price being four millions.

Polish.—A Newcastle woman refused to sell milk to an inspector and poured it down a sink.

At Eighty.—An old man of 80 won the third prize at the Coreley ploughing competition.

Women Brave the Gale.—In all 85 women took part in the angling competition at Deal.

Ford Liners.—Ford Atlantic liners from U.S. to Ireland are under consideration by Mr. Ford.

"Fishers."—Treasury notes bearing the signature of Sir Warren Fisher have just been issued.

The Highest.—Merthyr Tydvil's rates 17/5 in the pouud, are the highest in Britain.

A Gift.—An African lion and lioness have just arrived at the Zoo, the gift of the Rajah of Piazore Ouah.

Plumber de Luxe.—A London surburban plumber uses a motor-bicycle and sidecar to get round to his job.

Genteel Broadstairs.—Broadstairs Council is out to stop the nuisance of dust created by carpet beating.

War Inspiration.—War inspiration has played its part in the invention of French Christmas toys.

Paper Sir!—Baron von Dankelmann who held a high position in the German Army is now selling newspapers in Hamburg.

Convincing.—An Australian teacher addressed tattered lingerie to the authorities as proof that she needed more pay.

Haig as Author.—Earl Haig will contribute to the Royal Artillery War Commemoration Book, which it is hoped to publish before Christmas.

Ex-Service Men's Generosity.—Wigan soldiers have given to the infirmary £500, the amount of the refreshment allowance made to them by the peace celebrations committee.

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WILSON'S MYSTERY ILLNESS.

SERIOUS REVELATIONS CONCERNING THE PRESIDENT'S CONDITION.

KING AND NORTH RUSSIA TROOPS.

PRESIDENT WILSON.

MYSTERY SURROUNDING HIS ILLNESS.

The latest medical bulletin reports that President Wilson is in good spirits. While the physicians believe that he is on the road to recovery, they say the process will be slow and tedious and the President must be resigned to strict observance of their orders. He must put aside all thoughts of office and remain in bed until the danger of a relapse is passed.

His condition dispels the hope of an early resumption of his presidential duties and revives the discussion of possible procedure should the press of public affairs make executive action imperative.

The difficulty of the situation is emphasised by the publication in several New York newspapers of a letter written by Senator Moses declaring that the President is suffering from a cerebral lesion, one of the results of which is a slight facial paralysis. The letter states that President Wilson's condition is such that "while the lesion is healing he is absolutely unable to undergo any experience requiring concentration of mind and consequent suffusion of blood to the brain, the pressure of which would be likely to reopen the lesion or cause new ones with a probable fatal result." Senator Moses adds that the President may recover but he is unlikely to be any material force or factor in anything.

While the American Constitution provides that the vice-President shall act as Chief of the Executive in the event of the President's disability, there is no precedent for such transfer of authority and opinion is divided as to how it should be effected. In some quarters it is held that decisions could properly be made by the Cabinet; others urge by Congress; while certain legal authorities think the matter is one for determination by the Supreme Court.

The Vice-President declines to make any comment on this letter, regarding it as unprofessional to go outside the bulletins.

GERMAN TRADERS.

ABOLITION OF THE BLACK LIST.

The Foreign Office announced last night that the Black Lists have been definitely abolished, according to a decree of the Supreme Economic Council.

The Black List was established early in the war by the War Trade Intelligence Department, and contained the names of "firms of enemy nationality or enemy association with whom persons in the United Kingdom were forbidden to trade."

It was the first real attempt to carry the economic war into the enemy's territory, and the Germans at once realised its power. Wolff's Bureau was soon busy on propaganda insinuating that Great Britain meant to make herself commercial mistress of the world. America was worked for all it was worth, but the economic screw kept turning.

Firms were blacklisted every day, from China to Peru—indirect supplies to Germany grew fewer and fewer, ships were stopped from carrying goods to Germany from blacklisted firms, and a real stranglehold on German trade was begun. Valuable information of the nature of the goods which the enemy most needed was obtained, and economic pressure applied accordingly. The blockade completed the work of starving Germany into submission.

The black lists were withdrawn, with certain qualifications, six months ago, and now the German agent is free again to trade with the world.

M. POINCARE'S VISIT.

It is proposed by the London County Council General Purposes Committee that the Council should present an address to President Poincaré on the occasion of his forthcoming visit to London.

They further recommend that the Council should accept the invitation of the Paris Municipal Council to send representatives to attend the celebrations which will take place towards the end of October, in honour of the award to the city of Paris of the Croix-de-guerre. They suggest that the chairman, the vice-chairman, the deputy-chairman, and the clerk should represent the Council on that occasion.

NEW YORK'S PLIGHT.

The carmen and vandrivers of New York have struck work. This strike involves 10,000 men. It will tie up virtually every railway terminus in great New York and prevent delivery of milk and other perishable foods.

HUNGER STRIKERS.

All the Sinn Fein prisoners at Mountjoy prison, Dublin, have declared a hunger strike to enforce their demand for treatment as political prisoners.

NORTH RUSSIA.

KING'S CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL RANKS.

The evacuation of North Russia is now completed. The last transport sailed from Murmansk on Sunday afternoon. Field Marshal Sir Henry Rawlinson and his staff were expected to reach Glasgow on the transport "Toloa" yesterday.

The King has sent the following telegram to the Field Marshal: "On completion of the evacuation of the Allied Troops from North Russia I desire to congratulate you and all ranks under your command on the successful manner in which this difficult operation has been accomplished. I wish to express my appreciation of the skill displayed by the commanders, and the courage, discipline and power of endurance of all ranks. These qualities have enabled the forces both at Archangel and Murmansk to be withdrawn from their advanced positions in contact with the enemy, transported over great distances to their bases and embarked with practically no loss of life. It is especially gratifying to me to note that the withdrawal has been carried out in such manner as to leave the loyal Russian forces in a favourable position for continuing an active and resolute defence. G. R. I."

ALLENBY AND WELSH TROOPS.

THEIR VALOUR IN PALESTINE.

Field-Marshal Viscount Allenby, having had his attention drawn to the fact that there exists in Wales a feeling that Welsh troops who served in Palestine have not received the praise in official despatches which they deserve, has addressed the following letter to the "Western Mail":

"I am sorry that Welsh troops who served with me should think their deeds were overlooked or their merits insufficiently appreciated. I can assure you that their work was admirable, and that I can speak of it in the warmest terms of praise. In the fighting at Tel-el-Khuweilfeh, near Beersheba, they covered themselves with glory. They fought their way to Jerusalem, via Hebron; they fought round the Holy City in the winter and in the early spring of 1918, and they took a prominent part in the attack on the Turkish positions in the mountains of Samaria in the autumn of that year. In this, the decisive battle of the campaign, they displayed splendid valour and endurance, driving the enemy from positions of great natural strength and capturing every objective. They may well be proud of their achievements."

THE THREE SERVICES.

CUTTING DOWN THE EXPENSES.

Vigorous reductions in the three fighting forces have been decided upon by the Cabinet Retrenchment Committee. Seventy-five millions for the air force are the latest maximum figures allowed from now onwards. There must be an immediate further reduction in the number of ships in commission.

A Treasury circular calling for estimates from various Government departments also emphasises the necessity for economy, and says, "provision to be made for years 1920/21 must be restricted within the narrowest limits consistent with carrying out essential public services."

ALLIED JOURNALISTS IN LONDON

Thirty-two Allied journalists met in London yesterday as guests of the British Government. The programme arranged for them includes a luncheon given by Viscount Northcliffe at "the Times" office and a visit to the Fleet to-day, followed by a Government dinner in the evening at the Carlton Hotel and a visit to Manchester on Thursday.

PRINCE'S VISIT TO U. S. A. DOUBTFUL.

It appears increasingly probable that President Wilson will not have recovered sufficiently to receive and entertain the Prince of Wales before the latter is due to return to England. The "New York Herald" anticipates that the Prince will abandon his visit to the United States and return direct from Canada. It is expected also that the King and Queen of the Belgians will also cancel their visit to Washington.

CHARWOMAN'S FATAL FALL.

A charwoman employed at the Exchange Station Hotel, Liverpool, was killed by falling from an upper window through the glass roof of the station on to a platform where a number of people were assembled.

NEW MOTOR FUEL.

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT OF CHEAP POWER.

Great interest has been aroused by tests made at Nottingham in the grounds of Alderman Ball, (father of the celebrated airman, the late Captain Albert Ball) with a new motor fuel invented by a South American named Asdrade. The fuel is produced by mixing water with a powdered composition, the secret of the inventor.

On some of this liquid being poured on the ground it burnt steadily without smoke. Half a bucketful was then poured into the petrol tanks of Alderman Ball's car, which travelled swiftly and smoothly over thirty miles on one gallon. According to the inventor one gallon of mixture costs fivepence.

Engineers and other experts are decidedly sceptical as to the practicability of the new idea, especially in view of the assertion that in Saturday's trials the new substance cleaned the cylinders and pipes of the engine. They assert that this is only possible by corrosive action or great heat, either of which would soon ruin an engine.

PIER MYSTERY.

MYSTERIOUS FATE OF GIRL CYCLIST.

Fishing on the pier at Walton-on-the-Naze, a man named John Hipkin was surprised to find that a girl who had been looking into the water a moment before had disappeared. He heard no splash and saw no girl in the water.

Against the railings of the pier was a woman's bicycle with a handbag containing money and trinkets. As no one returned for the bicycle he reported the matter to the pier-keeper.

In the evening a man named Gould, who had not heard of the disappearance, while walking on the beach near the coastguard station, saw a girl near the water's edge. He thought she was asleep, but when he went to rouse her he found she was dead and had been washed up by the tide.

The girl was afterwards identified as Miss Lillian Parry, employed as clerk at Frinton-on-Sea Post Office.

RATION CARDS.

TROUBLE WITH CONTROLLED ARTICLES.

After to-day the public will only be able to buy sugar, butter and meat from the retailers to whom they have given the counterfoils from their new ration cards. These counterfoils the retailer has to forward to the local office for his allocation of supplies. They are already a source of anxiety. For example, there are 16,000 defaulters at Southport alone. Their cards, which were sent out in August and September, were apparently delivered too long in advance and many people have put them aside and forgotten or lost them.

PRACTICAL HARVEST GIFTS.

The Rev. B.G. Bourchier, vicar of Hampstead Garden Suburb, in an appeal that gifts for his harvest festival shall be serviceable, says, "You can't do Monday's washing with the aid of a turnip, or nail down the carpet with a ripe banana." In the past, he reminds his congregation, gifts of innumerable vegetable marrows, green apples, bullet-like plums, and colossal pumpkins have only added to the work of the local doctors and given pain instead of pleasure. Faded flowers or overripe bananas do not increase happiness, and while tomatoes and cabbages are all very well in their way, eggs, soap, and tintacks are better. Under the term "useful" he asks for such things as tobacco, cigarettes, scrubbing-brushes, blacking, firewood, candles, bootlaces, pictures, drugs, and even a year's subscription for a daily or Sunday newspaper.

GOVERNMENT RETAINERS FOR ATHLETES.

The French War Ministry has informed the National Committee of Sports that the French Parliament has voted a credit of 200,000 francs to be devoted to the training of the French athletes selected to take part in the Olympic games in 1920, and for their journey to and stay in Antwerp.

PRISONER ESCAPES FROM CUSTODY.

After the East Ham magistrates had committed him for trial on Thursday, on the charge of being concerned in a burglary, Hugh Leonard Caldcott, formerly secretary of the East Ham branch of the Comrades of the Great War, escaped from custody and has not yet been found.

ROYAL LIFE BOAT INSTITUTION.

Since January 1st the Committee of Management of the Royal National Life Boat Institution has voted rewards for the saving of 390 lives. The total number of lives for which rewards have been granted since 1824 is 37,840.

IRISH TRAIN ROBBERY.

Fourteen men attacked a train between Cork and Queenstown and after disarming three soldiers disappeared with their booty. There is no clue to the miscreants.

ARMY DRESS.

BLUE AND KHAKI TO DISPLACE RED.

The Committee on Army Dress, under the chairmanship of Sir Archibald Murray, has completed its report, which is now ready for the consideration of the Army Council. The recommendations are not unanimous and there is a possibility of a minority report.

The general tenor of the recommendations is to maintain in ceremonial dress, so far as economy permits, all those features which have a bearing on regimental traditions. There is a marked tendency, however, to replace the old red tunic by blue.

Khaki is recommended on all occasions when full dress is not essential. Until approved by the Army Council these recommendations, including the putting of the Highland Light Infantry into kilts, will not be carried out.

22/8 IN THE £1.

RUINOUS LOCAL RATES.

The enormous and ever-increasing rises in the rates, due to increased wages of police and municipal employees, the raising of teachers' salaries and the higher cost of all materials, are causing general concern.

West Ham heads the London Boroughs with a rate of 15s 7d in the pound, Kensington being lowest with 8s 10d. In the provinces Merthyr Tydvil's 17s 5d has been completely eclipsed by Duffryn Clydach, near Neath, where it was announced yesterday that the rate for next year will be 22s 8d in the pound!

VINDICTIVE ABANDONED.

Attempts to raise the Vindictive, sunk at Ostend to block the harbour in the immortal raid of May 10, 1918, have been given up.

After a full year's work on the Belgian coast the British naval salvage men under Commodore Young and Captain Evans are leaving Ostend. The Anglo-Belgian Club yesterday gave a dance in their honour at the town hall, when all the local authorities attended.

C.O.'s THREE YEARS IN GAOL.

Mr. J. Scott-Duckers. who served three years in military and civil prisons as a conscientious objector, attended the Brotherhood Church, Southgate-road, yesterday, and gave his experiences of "Three Years Behind Prison Bars." He paid a tribute to the warders of British prisons, and said that prisoners, both military and criminal, owed a great deal to the warders for the humane consideration they displayed towards those in their charge—always, of course, paying due regard to the strict discipline which they have to observe.

INTERNATIONAL M.P.'s.

The first meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Union since 1914 was held at Geneva under the presidency of Lord Weardale. Ten countries, including Germany, were represented.

Resolutions were passed expressing profound satisfaction at the foundation of the League of Nations—"the only hope of humanity."

MOVEMENTS OF ROYALTY.

The King and Queen and Princess Mary went to Sandringham yesterday, but out of consideration for the transport needs of the public the King declined a special train, the royal saloon being attached to the ordinary train.

The King and Queen of Spain are due in London on the 23rd on an informal visit. The King will only stay a week or ten days but the Queen will remain longer, staying with her mother at Kensington Palace.

LING SING LOCK v. AH POW.

At the Thames Police Court a Chinaman named Ling Sing Lock was remanded on the charge of murdering Ah Pow, another Chinaman, in West India Dock-road. Detective Inspector Smith said that Lock, when arrested, said:—"When I stopped at Salter-street Ah Pow came and asked me for £5. I gave him £5. To-night he see me and asked me £10. I say 'No money.' He got chopper from inside pocket. I caught his hand and took chopper from him. I hit him on head. He fell down. I hit him again. I run away and throw chopper near bridge."

ALIEN RELIEF TO CEASE.

A limit has been fixed for the future payment of relief to aliens.

The Minister of Health announces that allowances to British-born wives of interned or repatriated aliens and to the dependants of Russians and other destitute aliens are to be continued till December 31.

PREMATURE REJOICING.

A statement has been issued by the ironfounders strike committee denying that the strike is ended and adding that it cannot be terminated before a ballot is taken on the proposed terms of settlement. The earliest possible date for the resumption of work is the 20th October.

SUMMARY COURT.

A TWO-HUNDRED-MARK SALUTE.

An ex-Prussian officer named Harry Schoene was charged with failing to salute a British officer. He is now under-stationmaster at Cologne Eifel-Tor station and had been previously warned for a similar offence.

Schoene denied having seen the officer, but admitted that he had been given an opportunity of apologising for his conduct and had not done so. He further admitted having stated that, as an ex-Prussian officer, the humiliation involved would be too great and that he would prefer to go before a Court.

The Presiding Officer said that the saluting of officers in the British Army by German officials was absolutely essential. The Germans required the civilians in the occupied territory in France and Belgium to salute their officers and were very severe in enforcing it. It did not matter whether Schoene had been a Prussian officer or not, he would have to obey the order, and if he did not he would have an opportunity of saluting the prison governor. He warned Schoene that if he appeared before him again he would send him to prison. As it was he would be fined 200 marks or go to prison for ten days.

CARBONIZED CRANKS.

LORD FISHER'S ADJECTIVES.

The second instalment of Lord Fisher's memories now appearing in the Times contains the usual very mixed assortment of material, enlivened with a few good stories and a great deal of very forcible language. The writer says that two great personalities came across his path during the three years he commanded in the Mediterranean:—Sultan Abdul Hamid and Pope Leo the Thirteenth. Each of these greatly admired the astuteness of the other, but, wily as was Abdul, the Pope was subtler.

The Boer war was then being waged, and curiously enough both Sultan and Pope descanted on the great risk of a big coalition against England. Lord Fisher says he was so impressed by their words that he set to work on his own account and got a central forwarding station for news fitted up in Switzerland and was thus able to get all cipher messages passing from various foreign embassies, consulates and legations and also the key to the respective ciphers. Then he diverges, via the Dardanelles, to the "hush-hush" ships and his hatred of the brainy men, who insisted on handicapping these monsters of speed with armour, thereby knocking knots off their pace. The concluding words of the article are perhaps worth quoting. "So it is with these carbonized cranks who wield the pen, actuated by the wrong kind of grey matter of their brain, and their tongues acidulated with lies, sway listening Senates and control our wars. It requires a Mr. Disraeli to deal with these victims of their own verbosity, who are the facile dupes of their vacuous imaginations and the servile copyists of the Billingsgatean line of argument."

CHANGES AT OXFORD.

The Oxford University Colleges have reassembled for the Michaelmas term. Freshmen number nearly 1500, which is 500 more than in pre-war days. The total number of undergraduates still numbers about 4,000. Several important appointments are vacant, including three heads of colleges. Jesus and Lincoln lost Sir John Rays and Dr. Merry respectively during the war, and the vacanies are not yet filled, while recently Worcester has lost the Rev. C. H. O. Daniel.

RECORD COTTON CONGRESS.

Between 5,000 and 6,000 delegates meet to-day for the opening of the World's Cotton Conference at New Orleans. It is the greatest assembly of delegates of the industry on record. The British delegates number about 100, led by Sir Herbert Dixon, and represent every branch of the home cotton trade, chambers of commerce, banks, and other commercial bodies.

THE WAR'S OLDEST SOLDIER.

The oldest soldier who served in the war is said to be William Clarke, who is now living at Shamley Green, near Guildford. When in his 73rd year, 60 years after he enlisted in the Royal Welsh Regiment, he joined the Royal Defence Corps, and served at Felixstowe until invalided. He is in his 76th year.

PROFLIGATE BERLIN.

According to a writer in the "Neue Berliner Zeitung", 80,000 persons spend their evenings in the 400 dancing saloons at present open in Berlin. He calculates that Berlin people spend six million marks (nominally £300,000) monthly on this form of amusement.

HONOUR FOR WEMYSS.

On the occasion of Admiral Wemyss' resignation of the post of First Sea Lord. the King has promoted him to be an additional Admiral of the Fleet, in recognition of his eminent services on the Board of Admiralty.

HOUSES TO LET.

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For eighty-two houses, comprising the first instalment of Guildford's housing scheme, no fewer than 350 local applications were received.

The Town Council has adopted the following rules for allocation. Only local applications will be entertained. Discharged soldiers and sailors with wives and children will be given priority. Married couples without children will be excluded, and non-serving men must have a minimum of two children.

EYE STRAIN.

ILL EFFECTS OF CINEMA FILMS.

The Theatres Committee of the London County Council, in a report to the Council, state that they are cosidering the question of eye strain in cinematograph halls, and the possibility of preventing or lessening its ill-effects. The Illuminating Engineering Society, it is stated, have given some attention to the matter, and they were asked if they could assist the Council with any observations or advice. The society propose, with a view to a thorough investigation of the whole question, to appoint a committee consisting of the members of the British Ophthalmologists' Society, and the Physiological Society, representatives of the cinematograph industry and of the Cinema Commission, and also, if possible, of representatives of the London County Council.

STRIKERS USE REVOLVERS.

The strike which broke out recently at Brest among dockers and transport workers at the Arsenal has led to disorders, compelling the authorities to act with energy to restore quiet. On Saturday some shops were damaged by rioters and on Sunday troops had to intervene during demonstrations by the strikers. Some revolver shots were fired by workmen of whom several were wounded. The strikers' leaders have requested the authorities to close the cafés in order to avoid regrettable incidents.

THE GLOBE'S NEW EDITOR.

On Monday the "Globe," the oldest London evening newspaper, appeared in a new form under the editorship of Mr. Robert Donald, formerly Editor of the "Daily Chronicle." A feature of the change is a series of articles by Lord Robert Cecil on the outlook in politics, the first of which advocates international co-operation as a cure for what he calls the "lawless exuberance of international competition."

ANTI-MORMONISM CRUSADE.

Miss Winifred Graham, the novelist, who for several years has played a prominent part in the anti-Mormon crusade in Great Britain, is shortly leaving London for Pittsburg, U.S.A., to preside at a world commission on Mormonism. Widespread interest is being taken in the commission, the first meeting of which is announced for October 25.

FIVE YEARS' ADJOURNMENT.

Among the many French trials deferred by the war is that of engineer Louis Pierre, who is charged with the murder of his employer, the owner of a powder factory in Brittany early in 1914.

Investigations were not concluded when war broke out, whereupon Pierre was released on bail and mobilized as an officer of the reserve. The case comes before the Quimper Assizes on the 27th October.

D.S.O. FOR AIRMAN.

Lieut.-Colonel Robin Grey, Grenadier Guards and R.A.F., who was invested by the King on Saturday as a Companion of the D.S.O., was one of the first British airmen to be taken prisoner by the Germans. He came down over the enemy lines in the autumn of 1914.

DUTCH QUEEN'S TITLE.

Queen Wilhelmina will shortly proceed on a state visit to the Dutch East Indies. She will travel under the Japanese title of "Sri Baginda Rajah Putri" meaning "illustrious and gracious Empress."

FIRST BELGIAN AMBASSADOR.

The King at Buckingham Palace on Saturday received Baron Meneheur, Belgium's first Ambassador to Great Britain.

It may be recalled that prior to the war the Belgian diplomatic representative in London and the British diplomatic representative at Brussels held the rank of Ministers, but now their status has been raised, and each is an Ambassador.

TRADING ON THE CREDULOUS.

A Paris paper states that there are now in Paris alone 35,000 clairvoyants, fortune-tellers and seers of various kinds doing great business. Never has occultism had so many disciples.

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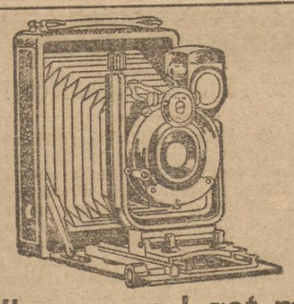

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MUSIC—A HEALER.

A notable XVIIth century Scot, Andrew Fletcher of Saltoun, once wrote as follows to the Marquis of Montrose:—"I know a very wise man that believed that if a man were permitted to make all the ballads, he need not care who should make the laws of a nation."

The dictum occured very forcibly to us on Sunday evening as we went out into the night from the Deutsches Theatre. For two delightful hours we sat enthralled under the bewitching spell of music.

Not once or twice have we felt the same blissful exhilaration when under the potent sway of a master-singer or instrumentalist, but on this occasion we experienced "a sense sublime of something far more deeply interfused."

There was the planting of a seed, albeit unconsciously, which at least to men of hospitable reflection gives promise of a flower of radiant hue. The concert was good but the train of thought to which it gave birth was better.

Two bright stars of the German operatic world shone in a British firmament which for the moment contained one orb in solitary grandeur. Not only did the gifted vocalists appear, however; they also sang in English songs with which we are familiar and which are among the glories of popular English melody.

With her amazingly accurate rendering of those charming lyrics "Bonny Mary o' Argyle" and "There's an old-fashioned house in an old-fashioned street" Wanda Achsel completely captivated her audience.

Is it too much to expect of human nature that the singing of each other's songs and ballads on the part of British and Germans will eventually soften bitter memories of a tragic past?

Scotsmen have every reason to be proud of the exalted position to which the Germans raised them in their "Newgate Calendar" and possibly ample reason to revile them. But after hearing a German operatic star singing "Bonnie Mary o' Argyle" their asperity is mollified, deny it as they may.

Slowly but surely' grim-visaged war will smooth his wrinkled front, and in the process music will unquestionably play a fundamental part. The concert of Sunday evening was doubtless only intended as a musical treat for musical people and the remainder of the series will have an identical object.

But they cannot be other than healers of grievous wounds,—"parmaceti" as Shakespeare calls it, "for an inward bruise." As to when the ointment should be applied or whether it should be applied at all, that is precisely where men and peoples differ.

WHAT TO SEE IN THE RHINELAND.

NIDEGGEN.

About eight miles south of Düren there lies a romantic spot called Nideggen, where a light railway climbs the romantic valley of the Ruh. Here we enter the Eifel, that volcanic district in which rugged piles and columns, gorges and defiles of sandstone conglomerate meet the eye on every side. We get out at the Station and our attention is at once attracted by the massy ruins of the castle of Nideggen. It towers over 600 feet above the village nestling at its base.

This ruin, once the seat of the Counts of Jülich, has played its part in the past history of the Rhineland.

We wonder whether those who visited it last August, when IV Corps gave their marvellous torchlight display, ever realise that this haughty ruin has seen English soldiery there three hundred years ago and more.

Germany at the commencement of the 17th century was torn by dissension and strife.

At that time religion was the great source of discord. The lands of the Archbishop of Cologne were surrounded by three little states — Jülich — Cleves — Beng and Mark. In 1610 Germany was on the eve of the terrible 30 years War. Her lands formed part of the Holy Roman Empire and were ruled over by a Hapsburg Rudolf, successor to the great Charles V.

In 1609 a dispute arose as to the succession to the Duchies of Jülich Cleve. John William, Duke of Cleves, Jülich and Beng died without children.

There were two claimants — John Sigismund, Elector of Brandenburg, and the son of the Duke of Neuberg.

One day young Neuberg hit upon an excellent idea as it seemed to him of solving the difficulty. He was ready, he said, to marry the Elector's daughter, if only he might have the territory. The enraged John Sigismund boxed the would-be suitor's ear and thereby precipitated the crisis.

England and France were both interested in this dispute and became involved. The Emperor Rudolf claimed the right to settle the point and a Catholic Army advanced to take possession of the country.

This at once brought in France, ever jealous of the power of the Hapsburgs.

Led by Henry IV the French an allied force consisting of French, Dutch and English contingents stormed the castle of Jülich at Nideggen.

The defence was conducted by Maurice of Nassau, who put up a stout fight. We can picture the scene. The pikemen with their steel helmets, forerunners of the tin hat of to-day, repelling onrushes at close quarters: the musketeers with their flintlocks laboriously loading and reloading their cumbrous weapons, an earlier edition of the "Brown Bess" used by Wellington's soldiers during the Peninsular War. Artillery, including cannonades and mortars was then in its infancy. Their range hardly reached a couple of hundred yards at most. There were also bomb-throwers who used a primitive weapon, the ancestor of the Mills grenade.

At the critical moment, however, an assassin put an end to this Alliance. As Henry IV passed through the streets of Paris a fanatic named Ravillac plunged a dagger into his heart.

With his death the combination of which he was the heart and soul died, and the English contingent returned home to give an account of what fighting in Germany was like in 1610.

ON PACKS.

It is not everyone that can speak tenderly of a pack. But there are packs and packs. Some cling to us like Sinbad's "Old Man of the Sea," others like ivy, lovingly, or as brothers.

My first pack! With what anxious glee I laced my moccasins that morning, strapped a pair of snowshoes to my brand-new pack—yclept a "turkey" in those parts—and set out through the bush silences of Northern Ontario, to my first mining camp. It was a day that began many a strange adventure, and associated with it all was my pack. It was like burying a pal when I had to dump it just this side the Tête de Jaune Pass, and beat the freights south for the warm weather.

I had many another between that and the old black bag, now shelved in an ancient lumber-room at home, dusty, I expect, and as broody as can be. Its broodiness is a constant reproach. I cannot make it understand that the wanderlust is not strong these days, and that we can never overtake the skyline, anyhow. But we'll have many a quiet yarn together before one of us shall scan the Final Horizon.

We have seen the Pacific of nameless blue, curl and flash against the corals that enring the golden-green lagoons, down Hawaii way; and felt that dead, awful silence that comes before the hurricane. Many a day have we tramped the tortured out-back roads and the glorious rainbow tinted beaches of Maoriland, or slept the heavy heat away in the shelter of the crimson rata.

Flying fish, albatross, strange constellations; black tropic night, or sea a-glare with the moon swinging at the masthead; phosphor-lights, fireflies, temple bells, the dull-thump of elephant feet on the road to Candy; palm and magnolia bloom—ye gods! and that morning when the camel-bells sounded through the lifting mist and we watched the caravanserai mingle with the dust of the Arabian Desert. And hundreds of other things that we shall recall to one another in the old lumber-room at home when feeling disgruntled and grown old too soon.

So, there are packs and packs. Or we'll say there are packs and "turkeys" and "bags" and "swags" and "gunny-sacks" and "blueys" and all the other one-and-the-same-things that wanderers cherish in lieu of goodwife and hearthstone.

It is to be regretted that the Khaki-Blanco variety does not come within the scope of the affections. I dread what the old black bag would say to me should I, in some weak moment armed with polish and brush, set about his dust and scratches. It would be a sure sign of imminent disintegration. Then would be epitaph time, but oh! I would that my dust could mingle for ever with that on the old black bag.

EUSKIRCHEN.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

THE DISPLAY OF DECORATIONS.

Sir,—I resent "Jumbo's" sentiments in regard to wearing decorations.

Because a man has to leave the Army is that any reason why he should not still be proud of the part he has taken in the greatest war in history?

Surely when one knows of the thousands who evaded military service and got cushy jobs at home, often making fortunes while their brothers were going through hell in France, Flanders, Gallipoli or Mesopotamia, it is only right that those who served should have some mark of distinction, even if they are no longer able to wear the King's uniform.

When I go home and see a railway porter or bus conductor or any one else wearing his ribbons I am not like "Jumbo" whodescribes sueh heroes as "offenders", but I feel inclined to give them a grip of the hand.

These are the men who saved England in her time of peril. Honour them, I say, and let us have no more cheap sneers because they wear the decorations a grateful King and country have bestowed on them.

BE-RIBBONED.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Sir,—Reference your article entitled "Rugby wanted" published on 11th instant I suggest that some keen Rugby footballer should volunteer to organise a club for players in their own particular unit or village, and act as secretary for them that also their names and addresses might be published in the "Cologne Post" so that they could get into communication with one another, and arrange matches. Captain W. C. Grant. M. C., of 145 Heavy Battery R.G.A. has volunteered to be Rugby Football Secretary for the 35th Brigade R.G.A. at Frechen.

I hope you will be kind enough to consider this suggestion.

C. S. DODWELL, Major.

SHIVERING PLAYGOERS.

Sir,—It seems to me that those who run the theatrical amusements for the troops at the Deutsches Theatre will soon have their hands full if they take seriously all the complaints that I see frequenters are making in your columns.

First it was admitting Germans, and the arrangements for booking seats, then the unhappy orchestra was attacked. There have been carping criticisms at the acting by people who expect to find the characters enacted by prototypes of Garrick, Edmund Kean, Henry Irving, Charles Wyndham or Forbes Robertson, Mrs. Siddons, Sarah Bernhardt, or Ellen Terry.

There have been other minor complaints, and now the latest from "Cold Corporal" whose fragile frame is shaken with shivering as he watches the drama on the stage. Poor fellow!

One wonders if he was ever in the real war. Then he would have been only too glad to get some form of entertainment anywhere and anyhow.

These people who are having the time of their lives and want to be coddled and nursed at every turn make me tired.

HOT STUFF.

OUR MUSICAL TASTE.

Sir,—"C Sharp" is apparently very eager to pick a quarrel with "B Flat" but I would recommend him to study "B Flat's" letter a little closer before he rushes into print.

"B Flat" states "It is to some extent true perhaps that we English are not a musical people." "C Sharp" practically makes the same assertion but at the same time tells "B Flat" that he is hopelessly wrong.

I feel quite sure that visits to the Opera have been an education to a great number of our men, and I notice with pleasure the interest with which some of them follow the music. This too, while it is being sung in German.

How much more would they enjoy it if it were sung in their native tongue? Give them the same opportunities at home that they have here and I think that they will follow it up with increasing interest and pleasure.

No one would claim that we as a nation, are as musical as the Germans but that, to a great extent, is the fault of our system.

The Germans are educated to appreciate and understand opera from their youth to which fact the large number of young people who are generally present at Cologne Opera is witness.

To the vast majority of Englishmen this education is impossible, since for those who live away from London, the only opportunity they have of hearing Opera is when a Touring Company pays a visit of a week or a fortnight once a year to their native town, and this only to towns of decent size. Then the repertoire is very limited, the staging crude and the performance often only medium. Frequently the leading vocalists are indifferent actors which in a good many instances mars the performance.

I feel quite sure that if facilities were given to the British public to hear Opera well performed and staged, at a moderate cost, they would take the opportunity. The cost of visiting Covent Garden is prohibitive to a large number of people.

Give the average Englishmen good music, well performed, and he will give it the appreciation that it merits.

I quite agree with "B Flat" that the average person's intelligence is very frequently underrated by performers.

HARMONY.

Sir,—I would like to remind W.W. that a nation gets just the music it deserves. If we in England don't have the opportunity of hearing grand Opera oftener it is just because we have not sufficient musical taste to demand it.

The State in Germany fosters music because of the pressure of public opinon.

I will just give an instance of our national apathy to Operatic Music. A few years ago a German-American, one Hammerstein, built at enormous expense the magnificent London Opera House. How long was it possible to maintain it as such? Perhaps a month or two—not more. To-day what should have been one of the finest musical resorts in the world is nothing better than an ordinary cinema.

It is notorious that the short opera season at Covent Garden is mainly a social affair providing a rendezvous with a musical setting for the world of wealth and fashion.

One has not far to look in Rhineland to see how musical the ordinary people are. Do you ever see in England parties going out in the country singing beautiful glees and folk songs in perfect harmony as the working-class Germans of both sexes do, to the well played accompaniment of a guitar.

To compare our musical taste with that of Germany requires clever special pleading. Some of us are musical of course, but that doesn't prove that as a nation we are.

ARPEGGIO.

Sir,—If "Popular" and "M.P.W." are typical Britons, they seem to me to uphold the contention that we are not a musical nation. But, I believe, the appreciation of good music is growing, even in England.

Real music has an uplifting effect on the mind. It can inspire, sadden, cheer, and control the emotions to a wonderful extent.

I doubt whether "M.P.W." is well acquainted with operatic music, or he would know that there also he can find "lilting airs" and "with a lot of go in it." I would recommend "Rigoletto" "Faust" and "Aida" in particular.

I can quite understand "M.P.W." objecting to hearing "Lohengrin" and "Tosca" on the gramophone. It must be awful.

FIDELIO.

GLANDS TO PROLONG LIFE.

Sir,—Just imagine taking advantage of the new discovery of perpetual youth and living say three hundred years always eligible for military service and always A 1.

The prospect would be unthinkable.

JOCKO.

GAY UNIFORMS.

Sir,—To a great extent I am at one with W.R.P. in his appeal for gay uniforms and all the gorgeous trappings of the past.

And if we are to have a small army in future and it is a volunteer force, let us make it as attractive in this way as possible.

But if, as I think, war is just as possible in the future, as it always was, in spite of idealist leagues of nations, then Britain can't afford to have an insignificant force.

Our greatest soldiers have warned us of the danger of cutting down our Army to a mere shadow and if their wise counsels prevail we should have a large body of men always ready to bear arms.

With an adequate national army and universal training on the lines advocated by Lord Roberts it would not be possible on the score of expense to indulge again in all the costly showy uniforms that W.R.P. delights in. That seems to be the whole point.

A. J.

BOOKING SEATS.

Sir,—Can anyone explain what is wrong with the booking system at the Deutches Theatre?

On the last two occasions I have arrived to find the seats which I had booked already occupied and by people holding to same tickets as myself.

On Saturday evening I applied at the theatre for seats in the first three rows, but was informed that none were vacant in the first five rows.

This morning I accompanied a friend to the Amusements Office and was surprised to find he was able to book seats in the first three rows.

I can't understand why I was informed in the first case that all the seats were taken and yet find that seats are still being booked two days later.

ANNOYED.

WALK A LITTLE WAY.

There's a crowd upon Life's Highway,—
It's a crowd of lonely folk:
Some are grimly hustling others,
Some will meet you with a joke:
But you catch a glance entreating
From an eye with sorrow aim;
Greet the griever with a smile,
Turn your footsteps for a while,
And walk a little way with him.

Or maybe you're limping, lonely,
Bowed beneath some secret care
You would fain unburden, only
'Tis a thing you cannot share.
Here comes one who's stepping bravely,
— Cheery heart and sturdy limb, —
Whose glad sympathy with you
Will your failing heart renew;
So walk a little way with him.

There are children on the Highway,
Smiling lips and sunny eyes;
What to you is dull and common
Brims for them with bright surprise.
You see only Life's sad garment;
They, its iridescent hem:
They are full of joy and truth,
They will bring you back your youth;
So walk a little way with them.

Here's a greybeard, moving slowly,
With a face on which there shows
All the knowledge Time has taught him
Of the Thorn and of the Rose.
Neither sad nor merry, knowing
Life is not all glad nor grim,
On his staff, Experience leaning
He will teach you Life's true meaning;
So walk a little way with him.

And I doubt not he will tell you
That the Master-key on earth
Is the sympathy of brothers
Proving out each other's worth:
So, along our common pathway
When a seeking glance you see,
— Be it joy or be it pain, —
Let it never ask in vain
"Come I walk a little way with me."

W. INGE

BATTLE OF THE "B's."

Record Breakers Come To Grips At Benrath.

TWO PLAYERS INJURED.

The publication of claims by certain Rhineland football teams to have established records in various phases of the game has created a mild sensation, and challenges are now the order of the day. As a result, "B" 51st Bde. and "B" 243th Bde. R.F.A. (both of which teams have splendid records) met at Benrath last week-end.

The visitors immediately made tracks for the home goal. A spirited run down the right wing by Smith ended in that player getting across a centre, but Cruickshanks cleared. After about 15 minutes play a free kick was awarded the visitors from near the half way line. This was the signal for a great outburst of excitement among the spectators who had journeyed so far to support their team. After this, the home team worked hard to equalise. Their right wing, which consisted of Moore, Sunderland and Stephenson (Aston Villa), were responsible for some really clever passing at this point, but the visitors' full backs, Piper and Clarridge, were more than equal to these onslaughts.

GOALKEEPER INJURED.

The second goal of the match again fell to the visitors, Hopkins scoring from a scrimmage. Later the home team's left wing, securing the ball, swung it across to Moore, who, hanging on, worked his way to goal and scored. Broome, the visitors' goalie, rushing out to clear, received a kick in the ribs and was carried off the field, remaining off for ten minutes.

Again misfortune overtook the visitors, Parkes, their left half, who had played a good game, fell in tackling and was unfortunate in having his shoulder put out. With only nine men, for a few minutes the visitors more than held their own, and just before time the issue was placed beyond doubt, when the visitors' outside right secured the ball. Heading it past the full back, he took steady aim and with a left foot drive, sent the ball well out of the goalkeeper's reach into the corner of the net. An exciting game ended:—"B" 51, 3; "B" 246, 1.

12th L.N. LANCS v. D.A.C.

Played on Saturday on the Sportsplatz Rhinsdorf. The Lancs had a very good defence but their forwards were lacking in combination and though they had many openings they found the net only once. For the D.A.C. the forwards were much better than the defence, which was certainly weak at times. However their forwards by vigorous work managed to equalise the score. Up to half time the game was the Lancs, but in the second half the D.A.C. were dangerously near the goal more than once. Results:— 1—1.

SCOTTISH GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

The feature of the play in the penultimate round of the Scottish Professional Championship, which, with the concluding round, was carried through on the Monifieth course, Forfarshire, was the creation of a new record of 70 strokes for the green by A. Buchart, Kilmarnock.

At the end of the third round, Laurence Auchterlonie, a former American open champion, Tom Fernie, who had twice previously won the Scottish Championship, and Peter Robertson, Edinburgh, tied for leading position with 224 each, Laurence Ayton, the internationalist and old Bishop Stortford and Rye professional being three strokes behind.

The result was a win for Tom Fernie, with an aggregate of 296. His rounds were: 75, 75, 74, 72. L. Auchterlonie was second with a total of 299 (76, 74, 74, 75).

Charity Match.

The London Professional Charity Fund match, West Ham v. Millwall, will be played at Upton Park on Monday, Oct. 20.

LENGTH OF GOLF DRIVES.

Braid Averages 232 and 237 Yds. —Herd Outdistanced.

TEST AT EPSOM.

The length of the drives of the leading golf professionals has been a subject of frequent discussion, so the visit of Braid, Herd and Duncan to the R.A.C. course, at Woodcote Park, Epsom, was seized upon in order to settle the question as to their respective length from the tee.

The first nine holes of this course measure 3,452 yards, while the length of the homeward nine is 2,881 yards. This gives a fair test of the driving powers of players, and at the 1st, 4th, 8th, 14th, 15th, and 16th holes the drive of each player was measured, with the following results:—

Braid: 196 yds., 222, 236, 201, 271, and 265—average 232 yds.

Herd: 180 yds., 228, 230, 204, 239 and 266—average 224½ yds.

Duncan: 252 yds., 236, 202, 219, 260, and 265—average 231 yds.

Watt: 194 yds., —, 214, 222, 261 and 243—average 227 yds.

In the afternoon the drives were again measured, and Braid had an average length from the tee of 237 yds., Herd of 230 yds., Duncan 228 yds., and Watt 224 yds.; while their separate drives at the respective holes were as follows:—

Braid: 210, 253, 232, 235, 244 and 247.
Herd: 200, 224, 231, 215, 232 and 250.
Duncan: 198, 235, 220, 220, 235 and 241.
Watt: 204, 232, 243, 205, 239 and 223.

The medal competition resulted in a tie for leading place between Braid and Duncan with 79 each Watt totalling 81 and Herd 83. In a four-ball match Braid and Herd halved with Duncan and Watt.

"IFS" and "BUTS."

52nd King's Liverpool Supporter's Weird Epistle.

Several correspondents have kindly sent in reports of the match played at Bonn on Saturday between the 5th Border's and the 52nd King's, in the semi-final of the 10th Corps Senior Tournament. We thank these scribes for their kindness and feel sure they will realise that all the reports could not be published in the limited space available. The description we gave in yesterday's issue appears to be representative of the majority of the onlookers views. All the writers agree that the match was one of the best played in Rhineland.

However, a letter received at this office yesterday evening may interest the players and supporters of both sides. Here it is:

"Although the 52nd King's lost on Saturday by 4—2, it was generally known by the spectators that if Sgt. Gidey and Pte. Haslam had replaced Lieut. Howarth and Pte. Hornby in the half back line, the King's would surely have held their own against the Border's. Also, in my opinion, if Pte. Fletcher had not gone off hurt the Border's would not have equalised and if the referee had controlled the game better the spectators would not have grumbled so much. I am sending this for publication."

The epistle is just about as extraordinary a one as we have received for some time. There are no "ifs" and "buts" in football any more than there are in horse racing or tennis or golf or ping-pong. A result is arrived at, and there it is. Our correspondent might have added that if Sam Hardy had only been in the team and the referee had stooped down to pick up a ten-pfennig note when the King's forwards happened to be offside and, in short, if a few more goals had been scored by the losing side, it is quite within the bounds of possibility that the result would have been reversed. Quite. But these things didn't happen, so there you are!

Semi-Finals Draw.

The draw for the semi-finals of the London Charity Cup Competition is as follows: Leytonstone v. Nunhead, at Leytonstone; Dulwich Hamlet or Casuals v. Tufnell Park.

MY TURN NOW.

LEAGUE TABLES.

Q.P. Rangers Jump To Premier Position.

CELTIC'S BRILLIANT RECORD.

The position of the clubs in the various League competitions on Saturday was as follows:—

The League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Goals. Agst.	Pts.
West Bromwich Albion	9	7	0	2	26	13	14
Newcastle United	10	5	3	2	12	7	13
Burnley	10	5	3	2	17	14	13
Middlesbrough	10	5	3	2	14	12	13
Sheffield United	9	4	3	2	22	12	11
Bolton Wanderers	10	5	1	4	22	16	11
Manchester United	9	3	5	1	17	12	11
Sunderland	9	5	1	3	18	13	11
Derby County	10	4	3	3	14	12	11
The Arsenal	9	4	2	3	14	14	10
Bradford	9	4	1	4	14	10	9
Liverpool	9	4	1	4	11	12	9
Chelsea	9	4	1	4	11	12	9
Blackburn Rovers	9	2	4	3	12	12	8
Everton	9	4	0	5	18	20	8
Notts County	9	3	2	4	14	16	8
Bradford City	10	3	2	5	17	19	8
Manchester City	9	3	2	4	21	26	8
Preston North End	9	2	2	5	12	24	6
Oldham Athletic	9	2	1	6	12	18	5
Sheffield Wednesday	9	1	3	5	4	14	5
Aston Villa	9	1	1	7	6	20	3

Second Division Of The League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Goals. Agst.	Pts.
Tottenham Hotspur	9	8	1	0	31	6	17
Fulham	9	7	0	2	18	6	14
Birmingham	9	6	2	1	23	8	14
Stoke	9	6	1	2	15	11	13
Barnsley	9	5	1	3	21	7	11
Huddersfield Town	9	5	1	3	17	8	11
Bristol City	8	4	3	1	12	6	11
Blackpool	10	5	1	4	21	13	11
Leeds City	8	4	2	2	17	10	10
Hull City	9	4	2	3	14	13	10
West Ham United	9	4	2	3	11	15	10
Stockport County	9	3	3	3	13	8	9
Wolverhampton Wand.	9	3	3	3	14	12	9
Nottingham Forest	10	2	4	4	10	11	8
Bury	9	3	1	5	9	14	7
Leicester City	9	3	1	5	10	23	7
Rotherham County	10	3	1	6	9	20	7
South Shields	8	3	0	5	5	14	6
Clapton Orient	9	2	1	6	9	11	5
Grimsby Town	9	2	1	6	5	18	5
Lincoln City	9	0	3	6	4	31	3
Coventry City	9	0	0	9	4	27	0

Southern League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Goals. Agst.	Pts
Queen's Park Rangers	10	6	3	1	14	4	15
Portsmouth	11	6	3	2	18	7	15
Reading	11	5	5	1	13	6	15
Watford	9	5	3	1	12	6	13
Exeter City	10	4	4	2	12	8	12
Millwall Athletic	11	4	4	3	19	16	12
Plymouth Argyle	10	4	3	3	13	6	11
Brentford	10	3	5	2	13	12	11
Southampton	11	5	1	4	14	13	11
Southend United	10	3	5	3	13	13	11
Cardiff City	9	3	4	2	16	10	10
Crystal Palace	9	2	6	1	10	10	10
Merthyr Town	11	2	5	4	14	13	9
Norwich City	7	3	2	2	12	11	8
Swindon Town	9	3	2	4	13	13	8
Bristol Rovers	9	2	4	3	12	15	8
Luton Town	10	3	2	5	12	19	8
Gillingham	11	3	2	6	7	16	8
Swansea	9	3	1	5	8	11	7
Brighton and Hove Albion	10	2	3	5	8	14	7
Northampton	10	1	3	6	13	25	5
Newport County	11	1	2	8	7	25	4

Scottish League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Goals. Agst.	Pts
Glasgow Rangers	12	10	1	1	35	7	21
Celtic	9	9	0	0	27	8	18
Motherwell	12	7	3	2	23	17	17
Airdrieonians	11	6	3	2	15	6	15
Ayr United	12	6	3	3	27	11	15
Heart of Midlothian	11	6	1	4	16	13	13
Greenock Morton	11	5	2	4	16	10	12
Partick Thistle	10	5	2	3	14	10	12
Aberdeen	11	5	2	4	16	14	12
Dundee	11	5	1	5	16	13	11
Clyde	13	3	5	5	19	22	11
Hibernian	12	5	1	6	22	26	11
St. Mirren	12	4	2	6	14	22	10
Dumbarton	12	2	5	5	15	23	9
Third Lanark	11	3	3	5	14	21	9
Queen's Park	12	3	3	6	13	20	9
Falkirk	13	4	1	8	14	25	9
Clydebank	10	4	0	6	16	16	8
Raith Rovers	13	3	2	8	25	32	8
Hamilton Academicals	12	3	2	7	22	31	8
Albion Rovers	10	3	1	6	9	19	7
Kilmarnock	12	3	1	8	12	34	7

ENGLAND v. WALES.

Return International to be Played on Saturday.

The Football Association agreed with the Welsh F.A. at Cardiff on Saturday, that the "Victory" international, postponed from October 4 because of the railway strike, should be played next Saturday at Stoke.

The team originally selected for the Stoke match will be called on, except that Grimsdell and Kitchen, who were not able to turn out on Saturday, will be at left half and centre forward respectively, for Grenyer and Puddefoot.

It is likely that the team to meet Ireland, at Belfast, on October 25, will not be selected until after the game at Stoke.

MONDAY FOOTBALL.

Second League.

Hull 3; Clapton Orient 1.
Fulham 1; Bristol City 1.

LADY'S SWIMMING RECORD.

Miss Jeans, of Nottingham, Wins 220 Yards Championship.

A wonderful swimming feat, twice beating her own record (3 min. 7 3-5 sec.), was accomplished at Nottingham by Miss Constance Jeans in the ladies' swimming 220 yds. A.S.A. championship, last held in 1913 by Miss Daisy Curwen, Liverpool.

In the final heat Miss Jean's time was 3 min. 4 sec. Miss Jean holds the five miles Thames and the 100 yds. of England. The second in the race was Miss McKenzie, Garston (3 min. 20 sec.), and the third Miss Billson, Leicester (3 min. 22 sec.).

INMAN v. REECE.

Continuing on Saturday, Inman could only add five points to his unfinished break, making it 729, but once again he monopolised the play, and ran to his points in just over an hour. His efforts included a 280, 195, and 99 (unfinished). Reece could never get going, scoring only 30 points during the session. Interval scores: Inman 7,333, Reeec 6,058.

McGOORTY DISQUALIFIED.

American Slow From Start In Fight With Balzac.

WELL-TIMED LEFT HOOKS.

Eddie McGoorty looked in poor condition when he met Balzac, the French middleweight, in Paris on Saturday night, and during the eighth round the American was disqualified because one of his knees was said to have come in contact with the lower part of Balzac's body.

The decision was given after Balzac had been examined medically, so that there was really nothing to prove that McGoorty fouled intentionally. It is probable that the affair was accidental, inasmuch as the incident occurred during some in-fighting.

When the finish arrived McGoorty was in such condition that no one could have expected him to last out to the end of 20 rounds. There was an obvious lack of condition about his middle, although his weight was but 12st. 2lb. to the Frenchman's 11st. 2lb.

McGoorty was slow from the start, and seemed to have entered the ring content to rely upon his skill to get him through. Balzac, however, scored very frequently with well-timed left hooks.

Prior to this contest Joe Beckett gave exhibitions with Jack Harrison and his brother, and the prospective opponent of Carpentier had a tremendous reception.

MANCHESTER TO BLACKPOOL.

Tom Payne Winner of Open Amateur Walk.

Tom Payne, who recently won the Surrey Club's London to Brighton walking race, followed up that success by gaining his fifth victory in the open amateur walk from Manchester to Blackpool, a distance of 51½ miles.

The first six to finish were as follows:—T. Payne, Yorkshire, time 8hrs. 18mins. 7 1-5secs., 1; F. E. Roberts (holder), Essex, 8hrs. 49mins. 5secs., 2; T. P. Fox, Lancashire, 8hrs. 54mins. 23secs., 3; J. B. Kershaw, Yorkshire, 9hrs. 2mins. 26secs., 4; R. Wallwork, Lancashire, 9hrs. 18mins. 3 2-5secs., 5; E. Thomas, Lancashire (first veteran, age 50), 9hrs 9mins. 30secs.

HAYDOCK PARK RESULTS.

Maiden Handicap, £200, 6f.—Sir W Cooke's Divide (Slade), 1; Devonport (Colling), 2; Lothian Lad (Leach), 3. Twelve ran. S.P.: 11-10, 10-1, 100-8. Short head; two.

White Lodge Selling Nursery Handicap, £200, 5f.—Mr. R. Evett's Tonio (Foley), 1; Crescent (Jones), 2; Glenoma (Colling), 3. Eight ran. S.P.: 3-1, 100-8, evens. One length and a half; three-quarters.

Haydock Park Autumn Handicap, £600, 1m.—Mr. F. Benson's Mintleaf (Leach), 1; Sally Cray (Weston), 2; Rich Gift (Saxby), 3. Eleven ran. S.P.: 100-8, 7-1, 11-2. One length and a half; three.

Garswood Nursery Handicap, £500, 5f.—Sir W. Cooke's Flittervil f. (Slade), 1; Flower Day (Earl), 2; St. Marcellac. (Flanagan), 3. Eight ran. S.P.: 9-4, 10-1, 7-1. Short head; two lengths.

Saturday Selling Welter Handicap £200, 7f.—Mr. F. Benson's Landorf (Earl), 1; Le Connetable (Saxby), 2; Dot's Surprise (Flanagan), 3. Nine ran. S.P.: 7-1, 6-4, 10-1. Three-quarters of a length; half.

Park Taree Year-Old Maiden Plate, £200, 1½m.—Lord Durham's Tilbury (Colling), 1; Dorset (Tawaites), 1. Two ran. P.S.: 8-11. Tilbury won by a length and a half.

NO. 37 v. NO. 44 C.C.S.

The above teams met at Deutz on Friday on the former's ground. The Home team had the advantage of the wind in the first half, but in spite of countless attacks on the opposing goal, were unable to score. Several good shots went wide owing to the slippery nature of the ground, which was naturally a great disadvantage. Great credit is due to Pte. Bettan, "44" Centre Forward who showed great individual form throughout the match. At half time neither side had managed to score.

The second half opened with some pretty combination by the forwards of the home team, Sgt. Hill being particularly conspicuous by his clever foot work on the right wing. It was here that Pte. Cocker of "44" showed brilliant form in frustrating the repeated attacks made upon the goal by "37" forwards. He was admirably aided by Pte. Hudson, the visiting team's right back. Ten minutes after the opening of the second half Pte. Birkenshaw scored by a splendid long shot completely beating the goal keeper, only to be followed by another scored by Pte. Cusworth. Five minutes before the closing of the game, Pte. Hopper secured two more goals for the home team in quick time, which made them winners by 4 goals to Nil. Great credit is due to the losers who showed much perseverance and keenness, this being their first appearance on the football field in Rhineland.

Rhine Army Troops M.T. Coy. v. D. of S. and T., G.H.Q.

The return match between these two teams took place on Saturday at Poll. The G.H.Q. turned out a much stronger team than the previous week, having a 5—2 defeat to wipe out and consequently being out for revenge. They were, however, unfortunate enough to find the M.T. Coy. team at the top of their form and suffered defeat by 5—0. During the first half the G.H.Q. defence had a very busy time but they put up a good display and the Coy. had to be satisfied with being one goal up at half time. There was one exciting incident during this half, the G.H.Q. inside right getting away, but being handicapped with an injured ankle, was not able to take full advantage of his breakaway, his final shot hitting the crossbar and being eventually cleared. The only goal during this half came from a surprise shot from Lieut. Hodgson, the ball travelling at a fast pace just inside the upright. With the wind behind them during the second half, the Rhine Army Troops had matters much their own way and succeeded in notching four more points through Hamilton, Eatch (2) and Cpl. Widdowson. Result: Rhine Army Troops M.T. Coy., 5; D. of S. and T., G.H.Q., 0.

TROTTING RECORDS.

Mr. Walter Winans, at Parsloes Park drove his double-gaited mare, The Elf, half a mile trotting and half a mile pacing the waggon and established an amateur record, his time being 2min. 57 2-5sec. With his three-year-old, Henriette Guy, he equalled the mile record in 2min. 34sec.

THE CESAREWITCH.

What the Racing Scribes Say On Eve of Race.

KING JOHN THE FAVOURITE.

There was no betting worthy of the name on the Cesarewitch on Saturday, but the favourite, King John, I notice did what would be his winding-up gallop, over a mile and three-quarters, with his usual companions, Fitz Clarence and London Pride, assisting him at different stages. Martin rode him, as he will, of course, do in Wednesday's race, and there can be no question that all concerned are very sanguine indeed regarding the colt's chance. Another of the Newmarket candidates, Bridgend, galloped 1½ miles, and though this horse has hitherto figured in a much humbler sphere, he is certainly not without a chance for Wednesday's big contest.—"Augur" in "Sporting Life."

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No important changes have occurred in the Cesarewitch betting. King John maintains his favouritism, and is not likely to be ousted from that position.

Little that is fresh can be written regarding Cesarewitch prospects excepting that Langdon Hills, said to be an improbable starter a week ago, is likely to be ridden by Donoghue, and may be expected to return to his former position in the market. — "Watchman" in the "Morning Post."

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At the moment King John and Golden Melody are favourites. The former must improve on his Doncaster running if he is to stay the course, and it is difficult to see how he is to give 29lb. to Golden Melody, about whose stamina there is no doubt. If Speck, the midget jockey, is equal to the occasion, Golden Melody will win. — "Captain Heath" in the "Daily Chronicle."

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The latest gossip on the Cesarewitch reveals confidence in more stables than usual. The connections of King John and Unitoi do not anticipate defeat; they are just speculating what distances their respective hopes will win by. No secret is made of this, for the commissions have been worked. All Newmarket echoes the praise for King John. Those behind Langdon Hills (who is himself again) are also talking of the length of the judge's verdict.—"The Scout" in the "Daily Express."

LATEST PROBABLES.

CESAREWITCH:—Haki (J. Shields); Sainteloi (F. Templemen); King John (Martin); Bucklethorn (Carslake); Silverbridge (Holme); Langdonnills (Donoghue); Ivanhoe (Whalley); Golden Rule (Robbins); Warwick (Blank); Whitehead (Fox); Unitoi (Lane); Gay Lord (Colling); Matoppo (Hamshaw); Mademoiselle Foch (Blank); Sea Voyage (Flanagan); John Jackett (Weston); Eton Rabler (Garnett); Budgend (Leach); Sheriffs Officer (Ringstead); Golden Melody (Speck); Alasman (A. Baldin); Polichinelle (Whestley).

CESAREWITCH BETTING.

9,2 King John; 6/1 Golden Melody; 17/2 Unitoi; 9/1 Gay Lord; 100/1 Silverbridge; 20/1 Alasman and Langdonhills; 25/1 Briageno; Ivanhoe, Sainteloi; 33/1 Sheriff Officer; 40/1 Greek Scholar, Haki and Eton Rambler.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Newmarket. — Cesarewitch Stakes: Phalonic, at 4.50 p.m. on Thursday; Morning Star, after 5 p.m. on Friday; Heir-at-Law, at 10.57 a.m. on Saturday; Dinan Morris and Lady Minto (at 9 a.m. Friday), Monteith (at 12.12 p.m. Friday), and Silver Bullet (at 5.27 p.m. on Thursday).

ADDITIONAL SCRATCHINGS.

CESAREWITCH:— Rizzio, Furore, Greenwich, Mintbed and Ario.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE:—Rizzio.

DAVIS CUP TEAM DILEMMA.

There is considerable difficulty in securing passages to Australia for the Davis Cup team and unless something definite can be arranged soon the lawn tennis association may be compelled to surrender their challenge.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Wed.	Aida	Verdi	7	10.30
Thurs.	Der Waffenschmied von Worms	Lortzing	7	9.45
Fri.	Cosi fan tutte	Mozart	7	10.30
Sat.	The Gipsy Baron	Strauss	7	10
Sun.	Königskinder	Humperdinck	7	10
Mon.	Cavalleria rusticana; Der Bajazzo	Mascagni; Leoncavallo	7	10
Tues	Orpheus and Eurydice	Gluck	7	9.15

At the Deutsches.

"You Never Can Tell", by G. Bernard Shaw, was produced at the Deutsches Theatre, Cologne, by the Rhine Army Dramatic Compagny yesterday evening. Performances will be given nightly during the remainder of the week.

HOCKEY.

51st v. 52nd Northumberland Fusiliers.

Played on Marienburg Hockey Ground on Saturday in fine weather. During the first few minutes the play was fast and even, and through some fine combination on the part of the 51st Forwards and from a good centre from Capt. G. H. Parry, the right wing, Lieut. W. E. Richardson made no mistake in finding the goal. The 51st continued to press and had hard luck from a shot by Lieut. Ruddock which just grazed the goal-post.

The 52nd then recovered and after cleverly drawing the 51st defence scored a fine goal. The 51st not being quite satisfied with this, again visited their opponents' goal. A pass by Lieut. Thomas, the centre half, was given to Capt. G. H. Parry, who took the ball up the right wing, and just as he was attacked centred hard at the correct moment. Lieut. Greaves was successful in gliding the ball between the posts, in spite of having his legs taken from under him by the 52nd's left back.

On the resumption of the game, the 52nd did their best to break through the defence of the 51st, both on the left and right wings, but the backs, Maj. C. Arkwright and Lieut. G. A. Oswald, proved to be too much for them. The 51st again determined to break through, which they did, scoring three goals in quick succession through Lieuts. Ruddock, Richardson, and Greaves. Lieut. G. Thomas and Capt. Pigg both played an outstanding game as halves. Lieuts. Fentum and Connolly kindly lent their services as umpires. Result: 51st Northumberland Fusiliers, 5; 52nd Northumberland Fusiliers, 1.

KEEN FOOTBALL.

41st M.G.C. v. 17th Middlesex Regt. at Wahn.

This match played at Wahn between the two above teams on Saturday saw the M.G.C. win by 3-1. They won the toss and played with a slight breeze. Some clever footwork by McCoy and Purvis led to an attack on the "Middies" goal which ended with the first named missing by inches. Midfield play followed, after which the "Middies" left wing broke away and the winger, putting in a lovely square centre, enabled the inside right to open the score after twenty minutes play. Their success was short lived, however, the M.G.C. equalising after 25 minutes play. The M.G.C. still kept up the pressure and just before half time they took the lead through McCoy shooting.

A lot was expected from the "Middies" after half time but the M.G.C. still had the lead and were playing much the better football. Towards the closing stages of the game the Machine Gunners were awarded a free kick. McCoy taking the kick notched the M.G.C.'s third goal with a fine drive. There was no further scoring. Lieut. Kinnimont at centre half for the M.G.C. was the outstanding player of the game.

R.S.M. WINS 2833 MARKS.

Our No. 3 Football Competition Won Outright.

Despite the topsy-turvy results of the Notts Forest, Lincoln, Bradford and St. Mirren matches last Saturday, one competitor was successful in entering an all-correct coupon, this being

R.S.M. W. Hayward,
8th Veterinary Hospital,
Fort. 8,
Cologne.

He is the recipient of 2,833 Marks.

Many entrants were successful in forecasting ten correct results out of the eleven required, and scores of coupons with nine correct were handled by our competition staff.

By the time this is read, the fortunate winner will be in possession of a cheque for the amount subscribed. To-morrow we hope to publish an interview with this lucky "Regimental."

Coupons for this week's competition are showering upon us daily and another substantial prize is assured.

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FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 4,
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2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 4.

Date of matches, Saturday, Oct. 18th.
Closing date, Friday, Oct. 17th.

Bradford City	v. Sunderland
Hamilton A.	v. Dundee
Manchester U.	v. Manchester City
Sheffield U.	v. Burnley
Arsenal	v. Everton
Stockport C.	v. Stoke
Hull City	v. Notts Forest
Clyde	v. Hearts
Blackpool	v. Birmingham
Rangers	v. Celtic
Swindon	v. Exeter City
Watford	v. Brentford

I enter Football Competition No. 4 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Frank Fisher.

Wherever soldiers meet just now the racy memoirs of Admiral Lord Fisher appearing daily in the "Times" are discussed. For breezy outspoken views nothing so refreshing has appeared for ages.

If he had Sung.

The Adjutant was away on leave and his servant was consequently back with the Company at duty. One night he got a little merry and was reported for singing after lights-out. In due course he came before the C.O. who got annoyed with him and deprived him of ten days' pay. On the Adjutant's return the aggrieved servant complained. "I got ten days' pay, sir, just for humming, sir. If I had been singing I suppose I should have lost all my gratuity".

Say it Quickly.

Here's a nice mouthful. Altewipperfürtherstrasse is the simple little title of a street in Cologne where a certain reception camp is located.

Housewifery.

With us the making at home of preserves and pickles is becoming a lost art. Not so in Rhineland. At my billet I notice the mother, her daughters and the domestics are extremely busy just now preparing all sorts of wonderful preserves and confections of fruit and vegetables.

Play Chess?

Any officers interested in forming a Chess Club for the winter months are asked to communicate with Major Elliott Bell, VI Corps School, Rhine Army.

Washing—a Luxury.

Soldiers who have been sending home to England for toilet soap thinking to save thereby have been disillusioned lately. I hear prices are soaring up in the old country. It seems that some philanthropist has been cornering the oils and fats of which soap is composed and a shilling a cake is expected to be the normal price soon.

In Mufti.

I am told that quite a number of soldiers go out in Cologne at night in "civvies." Is this wearing of mufti always authorised, is what several readers want to know.

Army Mules.

I was amused at an incident which happened in a Cologne thoroughfare. A party of British Army mules were being shepherded through the streets when they came to a pompous German policeman doing point duty in his magnificent uniform. The first party seemed immensely tickled at something and the "neigh" was taken up down the column. The grooms in charge and passers-by were obviously amused. The mule has a keen sense of humour.

Glut of Apples.

There is a glut of apples in the country districts around Cologne. The size of the fruit is in many cases exceptional.

Why?

I notice that many who frequent Cologne dining resorts have fallen into the Russian habit of smoking between courses at dinner. I noticed three Englishmen drink soup and immediately light cigarettes. A few minutes with my Lady Nicotine and they turned their attention to the next course.

Italy's Sons.

Besides the Russian officers and men now in Cologne I see there are several Italians in Rhineland. A little group, of Italian officers were seen dining together in a Cologne restaurant the other evening.

Where Germans Score.

I know a certain number of briquettes are made in England but they are very inferior to those used as fuel in Rhineland. The housekeeper at my billet was telling me that before the war they could be bought for as little as 80 pfg. a hundred.

Murdered English.

The other day an instructor at the Light Divisional College gave me some amusing variations of the word "proximo" from recent exam papers. He has now told me of some curious ways in which "facilities" is interpreted—Some examples are—"vacillities" "vissillities" "villectis" "passivities" "pascilateis" "picevities" and "fercillitis."

A Concession.

When troops are going to and from a properly organised dance, they may in future wear slacks.

C. B.

An O.C. tells me he had this letter from the mother of one of the young soldiers in his Battalion; "My son tells me he has been awarded the C.B. I believe this is a coveted honour and as he is of a modest nature he will only say he did not do much to get it. Could you favour me with full details please?"

The Big Sweep.

Readers will be glad to hear that the Editor has made arrangements for the winning numbers in The "Victory" Cambridgeshire Sweep about which I have written once or twice to be published in this paper as soon as they are drawn.

Will They?

I see that a German newspaper referring to the present low value of the mark states, "We have only ourselves to blame. Since the Armistice chocolate to the value of 200 million marks and cigarettes costing 4000 million marks have been imported into Germany. Eat less chocolate and smoke less cigarettes!

Snowy White.

Some officers' collars I have seen lately must have been born khaki-coloured and washed white but others obviously were born white, in spite of all dress regulations.

Exportations of Motor Cars.

Owners of motor cars should take note of the fact that no private owned motor car or motor bicycle is to be shipped to the United Kingdom before the owner has satisfied a representative of the Base Commandant at the port of embarkation that the car or cycle is the personal property of the officer concerned. The D.A. and Q.M.G.'s authority to import a privately-owned vehicle will in all cases be produced.

No Matches.

At home the tobacconist always supplies you with matches. Not so in Cologne. If you want a light you must seek elsewhere for it, at a grocer's or oilman's shop. All smokers have noticed this, of course.

The Arms of Mayence.

Apropos the arms of Mayence to which I referred the other day, a reader gives me a very interesting legend concerning their origin. He tells me that the Bishop named Willigis, who was the son of a wheelwright, once reproved the citizens for thinking too much of mere descent. This vexed the supercilious citizens, and one night, as a revenge, they drew enormous wheels in chalk on all the doors of his house. The Bishop noticed these as he was going to Mass the following morning. The Chaplain who accompanied him, expected that he would burst forth with a torrent of rage, but instead of that, he smiled and ordered the drawing to be painted in white with a scarlet background with the words underneath "Willigis, Willigis, just think what you have risen from." This, according to the legend, silenced the scoffers, and the present arms of the city came into being.

Cologne's Populace.

They tell me that the population of Cologne as taken at the census on September 1st is 640,509.

RHINELANDER.

A DANGEROUS SHEET.

Reminiscences of "The Gazette des Ardennes."

The trial at Paris of French subjects alleged to have assisted in the production of "The Gazette des Ardennes" reminds me that just twelve months ago in the village of Cattenieres off the Cambrai-Le Cateau road, I came across complete files of that notorious propaganda organ. They had evidently belonged to some German official, probably the Orts Commandantur, who was unable at the last moment to find the necessary transport for them when our push made it necessary for him to evacuate.

It was an exceedingly well printed journal and seemed to have a very thorough news service from the various communes. Of course its great feature was to print the names of French prisoners in German hands, and in the case of air raids by the Allies, when French and Begian civilians became casualties, their names were always given with the gratuitous addition that the injured person had a brother or father (as the case might be) fighting with the Allied Armies.

As a soldier who was in Marcoing and Graincourt in November 1917 during the first Cambrai battle, I read with interest news from these places of happenings in October of that year when life there was comparitively normal. But it did require more than an ordinary effort of the imagination to appreciate the local value of the district news given under the captions, Bapaume and Achiet.

The paper seemed to be in some demand as an advertising medium, and each number boasted quite a respectable number of "smalls".

One hoped, however, that its Douai, Cambrai, and Lille effusions were not penned by a son or daughter of France, the Douai contributor being particularly bitter in his references to the "seemingly everlasting and senseless bombardment of our dear old town."

What the people of the occupied region thought of the "Gazette" may be summed up in the words of an English Lady at Gommegnies on the edge of the forest of Mormal.

We were the first British troops to enter the little town, — it wanted but a few days to the Armistice — and the writer happened to have a London Daily only two days old.

Madame was delighted

"It's the first English newspaper I've seen since 1914" she said. "We could get nothing to read but the lying 'Gazette des Ardennes' and I would not have it in my house."

PELICAN.

FOR OUR BENEFIT.

N.A.C.B. DEVELOPMENT IN COLOGNE.

We are pleased to learn that several striking developments in the activities of the N.A.C.B. are shortly to take place in Cologne. The chief event promised is the opening of a large general stores in a handsome emporium situated in 27, Obermarspfortplatz, just off the Hohestrasse. The shop is now being prepared with numerous counters where Officers and their wives will be able to purchase anything from boots to hats. Eatables and drinkables, clothing and ornaments, souvenirs and sports goods will all be on sale; nor will the would-be purchaser be asked to wait in a queue for bootlaces while the people in front of him, or her, buy scent or sausages. The island counters will each be labelled plainly, so that the buyer may proceed at once to the department where he may expect to find the articles he seeks.

In the rear of the selling departments there will be a handsomely decorated refreshment room where British ladies and gentlemen may take coffee in the mornings and tea in the afternoons For afternoon teas, fancy cakes and pastries all home-made by the N.A.C.B. will be on sale.

The idea is in no way to compete with ordnance. Thus khaki handkerchief and "ordnance boots" will not be offered by the N.A.C.B. stores but one will be able to purchase silk handkerchiefs and the lighter types of footwear.

The present Officers' Stores in the Brückenstrasse will be retained for the exclusive use of W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s and there they will be able to purchase for themselves and their families all kinds of goods and comestibles. Important modifications are planned for the men's stores, also in Brückenstrasse, which will make the matter of purchasing necessities and luxuries a simple one.

There are many minor ventures or improvements about to be inaugurated by the N.A.C.B. which will tend to brighten the existence of such of us as are forced to sojourn in this strange land. We briefly outline some of them.

Saturday evening family dances are being held at the Marricer Hotel, where everyone knows everyone else, and a very comfortable and enjoyable evening may be spent by lovers of dancing and sociability. An invitation from a resident is all that is necessary to gain admittance.

(*Continued in next column.*).

VANITY FAIR.

A Feature for the British Woman in Rhineland.

The Concertina Muff.

This is one of the newest fads of the fashionable. One of soutache braid was banded with skunk and had the owner's initials worked in bright colours on the front. Made long, the muff could be crushed into the desired size.

How to Clean Ermine.

A soiled ermine fur can easily be cleaned. Buy a fair quantity of fine magnesia or corn starch and rub the fur well with the powder on a piece of clean white muslin. Repeat the process several times and the fur will soon become quite clean and will not have the faintest trace of that yellow tinge which is so often the result of shop cleaning.

Patent Leather Boom?

The boot trade is anticipating a big boom in patent leather wear, which was practically unobtainable during the war, as no patent leather is made in this country. Supplies mostly came from Germany and America, and the latter is now sending over considerable quantities. As a result, some expectionally smart patent leather footwear is being exhibited.

The Latest Craze.

We are threatened with coloured lingerie, but—coloured! I do not mean delicate under-garments made of palest pink or mauve muslin or crêpe, but similar garments made in such colours as emerald green, japonica, pink, bright purple, and cobalt blue! It sounds like a nightmare, but in reality such vivid colours as these are already appearing in the showrooms of very famous lingeres.

Women's Feet Bigger.

Women's feet have become bigger! Such is the cold, brutal truth which anyone can see for herself if she visits the Shoe and Leather Fair at the Agricultural Hall. Blame the war. For five years women "footslogged" in a noble cause, and they found out that in boots and shoes comfort comes before appearance. "I should say that, on an average, women are wearing shoes two or three sizes larger than formerly," said a saleswoman. "Recently I was actually asked for a size nine in women's shoes!"

Dearer Dancing.

Your dance shoes will cost you more this season. Labour troubles have affected this as well as other industries. The long, slim heel, beloved of ardent dancers, is especially hard to get. If people will have them they must be prepared to pay for them. Brocade slippers are undoubtedly the most popular for evening wear. They are more durable. One reason for their increasing evidence on the market is the fact that these shoes are made inside out, and consequently have to be turned. A satin pair would not stand this treatment.

A Dwindling Commodity.

Money is a dwindling commodity in England, and for the time the utmost economy is desirable. It is up to us to cultivate the art of cutting our coats according to our cloth. I am a firm believer in the little things of dress arranged and bought with brains and discretion. Desultory, haphazard shopping is fatal, a silly game only indulged in by the very young, who are incapable of learning the value of money. The smart American woman can teach us a great deal in the wise administration of a dress allowance. Even the moneyed ones decline to be "done"; they are, somehow or other, trained to understand values.

Fashion Foibles.

High neck black velvet gowns, topped with fur, make an ideal background to a string of pearls.

The newest striped woollen skirts have narrow box-pleated fronts and flat sides adorned with large pockets.

The rumour grows that quite long skirts will come in with a rush very soon.

Tulle dance dresses in delicate shades of champagne, ecru and biscuit are worn with black velvet sashes, finishing at one side with a loop and end.

AGNES.

Hitherto W O's and N.C.O's who have brought their wives to Germany have lacked a place where they could all meet for social intercourse and refreshment. In a few days the Dutch bar next to the Ewige Lampe will be opened to fulfil this function.

Thé dansantes at the Ewige Lampe will commence on Thursday Oct. 16 and will probably appeal to many who have the tea hour to fill in.

The "Cologne Post" Correspondence columns have frequently aired the writing-room grievance at "The Earwig". Under the old arrangement the allotted room faithfully answered the query "When is a writing room not a writing room?" But all this is altered.

One of the narrow bays on the ground floor, always an awkward shape for a dining room, has been curtained off and furnished with comfortable little writing and card tables. There the scribe and bridge-player should find much comfort.

Such developments as these will do much to relieve the monotony of our "watch" while the profits, instead of going to German pockets, will enrich the various institutions of the Navy and Army.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Marseilles Quiet.—There is no shipping traffic at Marseilles on account of strikes.

On Tour.—The King of Spain intends to make a journey to South America.

Berlin Strikes.—The workmen of fifteen Berlin metal manufactures are on strike.

Expensive Crockery.—Pottery has gone up 140 per cent, since 1914.

Good Find.—A hill of solid copper has been found in New South Wales.

Still Building.—America is still building Tanks.

No Trams.—Brussels tramway men are on strike.

Firemens' Hours.—L.C.C. firemen are to have a six-hour week.

New Records.—U.S. railroads are doing the heaviest business in history.

Up Trees.—Rats climbed a damson tree and ate the fruit at Matlock.

East Coast Season.—East Coast resorts had a record season.

Depressed.—A Bayswater consumptive became depressed and hanged himself.

Settled.—The three weeks deadlock in the ironwork trade at home has ended.

Tweeny Collars.—A type of collar not stiff and not soft is promised.

Dead.—Home Rule to-day is as dead as Queen Anne.—Mrs. Sheehy Skeffington.

Increased.—Old age pensions in Australia are to be increased to 15s. a week.

New Naval Base.—Lord Jellicoe says Suva (Fiji) may become a Pacific naval base.

On the Stage.—"Bobs," the dog hero of recent court proceedings, has gone on the stage.

The Value.—£55,000 a year is the rent demanded by the L.C.C. for the island site, Aldwych.

Suppressed.—Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has suppressed its propaganda department.

The Pumpkin.—Covent Garden dealers are trying to popularise the pumpkin in England.

Unwanted Women.—Rome tramwaymen threaten a strike if women employees are not dismissed.

The Canadian Way.—Canada has made land grants to nearly 4,000 returned soldiers.

Supplies. — Large consignments of "Pussyfoot" whisky have arrived in Dublin from America.

No Big Store.—The rumour of a big store on the site of Devonshire House is denied.

Died on Parade.—A Lieutenant on parade with the Church Lads Brigade at Leicester collapsed and died.

Fought for Boers.—Senator Joubert, a commandant in the Boer War, has just died at Capetown.

For Heroes.—An impromptu appeal for limbless soldiers at a Brighton dancing hall yielded over £300.

What About it?—Charges for suites at the Savoy have increased from 35/- per night to four guineas.

English Relatives—General Nivelle is related to the Rector of St. Clement Danes.

Kamerad.—A Bridgend farmer marched two men to the police station with their hands up.

Through Station Roof.—A woman fell through the roof of the Exchange station, Liverpool.

Youngest Medallist. — Although only twenty a sergeant in the "Queens" has six medals.

Earl Beatty's Ideas.—It is said that Earl Beatty's policy will be to maintain a strong navy.

Getting Rid.—German civilians interned in France will be released in a few days and sent home.

Joffre's Honour.—The town of Perpignan will present Marshal Joffre with a sword of honour.

For Sale.—Austria is trying to sell the Galliera palace in Paris where the Austrian Embassy was formerly.

French Aid.—France has given one hundred engines to the Tschecho-Slovak Republic for the transport of coal.

Sinn Fein Crime.—Over twelve hundred crimes, including sixteen murders, were committed by Sinn Feiners in the last three years.

Minimum Wage.—The bills to fix a minimum wage and establish a 48-hour week will come before Parliament next week.

Pensioners Angry.—Ealing Town Council has asked the Ministry of Pensions to inquire into the grievances of Ealing ex-service men.

One Penny.—At Liverpool the compensation to a workman who refused to undergo a slight operation was reduced to a penny a week.

Generous.—A walking stick, a cigarette case, and a purse containing 24s. have been given to each discharged soldier at the Leeswood collieries.

The Professional.—It is expected that the British Ambassador to Berlin will be selected from the ranks of professional diplomats.

Unwanted.—A firm of Australian manufacturers replying to a German inquiry after trade said the vile treatment of prisoners alone would damn Germany for generations.

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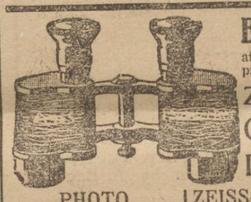

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SIGNALS. Will Lieut. F. Deans please communicate with W. E. BOOTH. 25th K.R.R.C. Light Division.

R.A.O.B.—GLE. Important Question for discussion—Lodge night Thurday, Oct. 16th Attend if possible.

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DOUGLAS PENNANT CASE.

HOUSE OF LORDS INQUIRY INTO W.R.A.F. ADMINISTRATION.

GERMAN OPERATIONS AGAINST RIGA.

MISS DOUGLAS PENNANT.

HOUSE OF LORDS INQUIRY BEGINS.

The Committee of Inquiry, presided over by Lord Wrenbury, better known as Lord Justice Buckley, into the dismissal of Miss Violet Douglas Pennant from the Women's Royal Air Force began its proceedings in the House of Lords on Tuesday.

Lord Wrenbury intimated that he would treat the case similarly to an action for wrongful dismissal.

Mr. Hawke, K.C., opening for Miss Pennant, said she was invited to become Commandant of the W.R.A.F. on April 22nd 1918. She was so dissatisfied with the conditions that she asked leave to resign on July 7th but leave was refused. On the 17th August Lieut.-Colonel Bersey who was one of the difficulties in the position was superseded, while on the 23rd August Sir Godfrey Paine, Master General of Personnel, who had asked in the first place for the appointment of Miss Pennant, was promoted and went to France.

Miss Pennant was summarily dismissed on the 28th August.

A few days before that Major-General Brancker had succeeded Sir Godfrey Paine and it was alleged that Miss Pennant's dismissal took place without any recommendation from Major-General Brancker. There were apparently two grounds for her dismissal—her alleged gross unpopularity and her failure to obtain co-operation between certain women's organisations.

Was Hercules Unpopular?

One point which Miss Pennant wished to emphasise was that the proposition that unpopularity would justify summary dismissal was as dangerous a proposal as could be introduced into public life. He (Counsel) did not suppose that Hercules was very popular with the anthorities when he turned the waters into the Augean stables.

Continuing, counsel said that Miss Pennant found throughout the W.R.A.F. a general state of disorganisation. There were no medical arrangements for treating the sick and there was a serious shortage of officers, of which there were only seventy-three for 500 camps, containing 14,000 to 15,000 women.

Miss Pennant's enthusiasm as a reformer was not popular with those who were leaving things in this state and this might account for a good deal of the lack of co-operation which ensued. Discussing the dealings between Miss Pennant and Lieut.-Colonel Bersey, counsel described the latter as "an agreeable gentleman who said 'right oh!' to her proposals and then did nothing." Counsel stated that one day General Livingstone told Miss Pennant that unless she was prepared to work under Colonel Bersey and himself the whole W.R.A.F. scheme would break down. That was beyond General Livingstone's authority and directly contrary to the orders of the Master General of Personnel. The fact was that Miss Pennant's desire for independence was interfering with the authority and conduct of these gentlemen and did not meet with their approval.

The inquiry was adjourned.

NEW LABOUR COUNCIL.

TO CO-ORDINATE WORK OF THE MINISTRY.

The Minister of Labour has appointed a Departmental Council with a view to ensuring the effective co-ordination of the work of the several Departments.

The Council will consist of:

Sir Robert Horne (Labour Minister), President.

Sir D. Shackieton (Permanent Secretary), Vice-President and Chief Labour Adviser.

Mr. G. J. Wardle, M.P. (Parliamentary Secretary).

Mr. E. C. Cunningham (Second Secretary), Secretary of the Council.

Mr. F. G. Bowers (Accountant-General).

The following will be the principal assistant secretaries: Mr. H. B. Butler, Mr. T. W. Phillips, and Mr. H. J. Wilson.

NO BUYERS FOR GERMAN BAGS.

A considerable consignment of German handbags for ladies has arrived in England. The value of the consignment, it is stated, is about £13,000. It is said that a purchaser has not been forthcoming. The goods are described as below the corresponding British articles in style and also when the value is compared.

SHIPPING STRIKE.

The Marseilles shipping strike is extending. No vessels left yesterday and the number of passengers now waiting exceeds nine thousand.

RIGA FRONT.

GERMAN GENERAL ASSUMES TITLE OF PRINCE.

The War Office has issued the official report from the British Mission at Helsingfors dated 10th October. It states that at that time all the Lettish troops were being withdrawn to the East bank of the Dvina and the bridges over the river broken. Letts and Germans were exchanging rifle shots across the river. Riga was therefore still in the hands of the Letts and was being bombarded by German artillery, firing gas shells, and also bombed from aeroplanes.

Esthonian armoured trains on the Riga-Pskoff railway had come up in support of the Letts and were replying to the German fire. The Government of Latvia had retired to Segewald, but a later report dated the 12th states that they have now returned to Riga.

General Bermondt, who now calls himself Prince Avalor, has proclaimed himself Governor-General of Courland (or Latvia). He has addressed a Note to the Allied Missions in the Baltic States, stating that the Letts and Esthonians were the first to commence hostilities against his troops and that the operations were being caused by the necessity of restoring international order and for the prosecution of further hostilities against the Bolshevists. There is no foundation in fact for these statements.

The British Mission was still at Riga on the 10th and reported that all was well with them.

It now appears that Colonel Bermondt and his Russo-German Army never took the whole of Riga but only the suburbs south of the river. Yesterday's message states that he is being driven out of the town altogether. According to the Lettish communiqué Allied warships participated in the defence.

AN INSIDE VIEW.

BOLSHEVISM AS IT IS IN RUSSIA.

The first of a series of articles entitled "Bolshevism at Close Quarters" appeared in yesterday's "Times." It records the experiences of an Englishman named Paul Dukes, who was a professional musician before the war at the Mannisk Theatre, Petrograd. Recently he returned to Russia and for nearly ten months lived as a Russian among Russians under the Bolshevist regime. Thus he is able to set forth a viewpoint different from that of all other writers on the subject, who have seen Russia only under official Bolshevist auspices.

The writer says he has not met a single man or woman in Russia—commissaries, communists or otherwise—who really believes that the Bolshevist regime will last in Russia. If the death-blow is not dealt from the outside it will eventually be dealt from the inside as the ever-increasing number of strikes, peasant risings, and movements of Green Guards show. If dealt from inside, however, it will be unorganised and consequently violent and brutal, leading not only to massacres of the commissaries and Communists but probably to fearful pogroms of Jews. There are no leaders of the people in Russia to organise this movement and lead it into proper channels.

One of the cleverest things the Bolshevists have done is to pick out the leaders of the workmen and remove them. At the first suggestion or sign of agitation or opposition to the existing rule these leaders are arrested and simply disappear.

Mr. Dukes emphasises the extraordinary darkness in which Russia lives as regards the outside world, darkness equalled, however, by ours in England as to the happenings in Russia. He describes the sensation caused shortly before his departure by the arrival of a six-weeks-old copy of the "Times" of early July. This changed hands first for one thousand, then two thousand, then three thousand roubles. The last owner refused to sell it but lent it out at prices ranging from 100 to 300 roubles per day.

FISHER AND THE DARDANELLES.

Lord Fisher's memories to-day deal chiefly with the Dardanelles and contain a full narrative of his own part in the operations conducted there.

The writer lays great stress on the fact that he only withdrew his resignation of January 27th, 1915, because he was convinced of the vital importance to the nation of the building programme initiated by him, which his resignation would have imperilled or delayed.

WORCESTER COLLEGE HEAD.

The vacancy in the Headship of Worcester College, Oxford, caused by the death of Dr. Daniel, has been filled by the appointment of the Rev. F. J. Lys, Chaplain and Bursar of the College.

WAR HONOURS.

FAMOUS SOLDIERS IN MANY CAMPAIGNS.

A supplement to the London Gazette issued yesterday gives the following promotions and honours:—

For services in France and Flanders:—G.C.M.G., General Sir Henry Horne; K.C.M.G., Colonel H.J. Elles; K.C.B.E., Colonel H.W. Wilberforce. Promoted Major-General, Lieut.-Colonel A.W. Peck. Promoted Brevet Colonel, Lieut.-Colonel R A. Gillam, Major A.C. Gridwood, Major R.J. Kentish, Major C.L. Porter and Major M.G. Taylor.

For services in Egypt:—K.C.M.G., Major-General P.C. Pallin, Lieut.-Colonel H.A.D Simpson Baikil, Colonel Granville Delauney.

For services in Syria:—K.C.B.E., Major Sir G. Bohun Macaulay. Promoted Major-General, Col. F.R.C. Butler.

For services in the Balkans:—K.C.M.G., Colonel A.W. Gay; K.C.B.E., Major-General E.C.W. Mackenzie Kennedy, Colonel W.C. Ross.

For services in Mesopotamia:—G.C.M.G., General Sir John Nixon; K.C.M.G., Major W.M. Thomson. Promoted Major-General, Colonel T. Fraser.

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PARIS BY NIGHT.

NO RETURN TO PRE-WAR HABITS.

With the termination of the State of Siege and the abolition of the censorship, France does not go back entirely to the régime that existed before the war. It is true that the civil authorities regain their powers hitherto exercised by the military, who could search the dwellings of citizens day and night, remove suspected persons, seize arms and munitions, and forbid publications and meetings.

But the raising of the state of siege does not mean an immediate return to old customs. For the moment there are economic difficulties to be considered. With coal scarce and dear, higher wages for waiters, and an eight-hour day, many café proprietors will be satisfied if midnight is the closing hour. Besides, war-time measures have changed the habits of the people, who are now going earlier to bed.

RHEIMS CATHEDRAL.

WHAT GERMAN SHELLS REVEALED.

The German shells which crashed through the vaults of the cathedral of Rheims and pitted the ancient dust beneath the pavement have brought to light remains which archaeologists are now studying with the greatest interest. The present Gothic building was erected during the thirteenth century, probably on the foundations of the old Frankish basilic, enclosing the tomb of Saint Remi, who died in the sixth century. It is the foundations and crypt of this building that have been unearthed by the German shells; as far as can be judged, they date from the ninth century.

UNITY IN TURKEY.

The negotiations between the new Cabinet and the Nationalist leader, Mustapha Cemal Pasha, has led to an agreement whereby the Cabinet has adopted the views of the Nationalist leaders. On their side the Nationalists undertake to support the present Government. The Turkish press is jubilant, while the Nationalist and Government leaders have exchanged telegrams of rejoicing at the restoration of National unity.

TROOPS FROM INDIA.

Nearly 200 officers and over 2,000 men from India were landed at Plymouth on Tuesday. Many of them were red chevron men, and among over 100 representatives of the Devon Battalion there were several who had been overseas since October, 1914. Most of the men went to India from Mesopotamia. They were sent to the frontier, and took part in the Afghanistan campaign.

FALSE WEMYSS RUMOURS.

The Board of Admiralty states that Admiral Wemyss resigned his post as First Lord simply because that now the Navy is returning to peace conditions and the various tasks which he undertook in war time are finished, he feels at liberty to resign. The report that he has been offered any other post is incorrect.

AMERICAN COAL STRIKE.

Negotiations between the American coal miners and mine owners have practically broken down. The country is thus faced with a strike throughout the bituminous coal mines. It has been fixed for the 1st November. Over 225,000 miners will be affected.

TO THE ANTIPODES.

ENTRANTS FOR THE GREAT AERIAL CONTEST.

The entrants for the flight to Australia include, in addition to Mr. Matthews, the Australian aviator Captain Howell, who will fly a Martynside machine capable of a speed of one hundred miles an hour. The third contestant will be an Alliance aeroplane piloted by Lieutenant Douglas, who is expected to leave Hounslow on the 27th October. This machine is capable of a 3,000 miles flight and is equipped with a powerful wireless installation. The fourth and largest machine to attempt the flight will be a Blackburn aeroplane which will carry a crew of four under Captain Wilkins, who is the well-known Polar explorer. He was second in command to the Stefansson expedition. Their machine is also equipped with wireless.

The Australian Government has arranged to send out a cable steamer fitted with wireless to patrol the long stretch of sea between Timor and Port Darwin in order to pick up wireless calls from the aviators.

All four competitors declare that if they succeed in reaching Port Darwin they will continue the journey across Australia to Melbourne.

Matthews was due to start from Hounslow yesterday on the Sopwith biplane with which he will try to win the Australian Government's prize of £10,000. His route is being kept secret, but he will possibly touch Athens or Constantinople, thence via Egypt, the Persian Gulf and India. The other Australian aviators will probably fly via Otranto, Malta, Egypt, Constantinople, Bagndad, Bashire, Calcutta, Rangoon and Singapore. The flight is exciting the greatest interest.

Meanwhile the French aviator Poulet left Issy-Les-Moulineaux, near Paris, at 7 a.m. on Tuesday for Melbourne.

RAILWAYMEN.

HARMONIOUS MEETING WITH PREMIER.

The Executive of the National Union of Railwaymen had an interview with Mr. Lloyd George yesterday regarding the resumption of negotiations. The interview lasted ninety minutes and at the conclusion Mr. J. H. Thomas said:—

"We have had a full and frank discussion on every aspect of the case. The Premier has promised to go into the whole case submitted by us and at the meeting arranged for next week will further discuss matters with us. I am well pleased with the spirit and atmosphere of the meeting. There was no recrimination on either side but a genuine desire was shown to effect a settlement."

ANGRY RAMSGATE.

WANTS A BIG GUN AS WAR TROPHY.

The Ramsgate Borough Council have ordered the return with thanks of a German field gun sent to the town to be exhibited as a war trophy.

As the most bombed town in the country, the local authority felt that some evidence should be available to mark its part in the struggle. At first a damaged German machine-gun was sent, but this was merely acknowledged with disgust. Then came a small aeroplane, which, although received six months ago, has never been shown to the public. The latest representations have resulted in the arrival, not of a captured gun of large calibre, as expected, but a much damaged field-piece, declared to be scarcely recognisable as a weapon of war and suitable only as scrap iron.

When this gun reached the railway station the local authorities were so angry that they decided not to accept delivery.

BOLSHEVISTS FUTILE ATTACK

Denikin reported yesterday by wireless that he had been violently attacked near Orel by eighteen Bolshevist regiments. All attacks were repulsed and severe losses inflicted on the enemy, who lost 3,500 prisoners, four guns and over thirty machine guns. The result of the battle was an advance by Denikin's forces to within twelve miles of Orel.

LORD ALLENBY'S MOVEMENTS.

No explanation is available of the announcement made yesterday that Field Marshal Lord Allenby was returning to Egypt to-day, nor of to-day's announcement that his departure has been postponed for a week. Reuter learns, however, that before returning to Cairo Lord Allenby will make a tour of the battlefields in France.

PARIS ITSELF AGAIN.

President Poincaré has signed a decree abolishing the state of siege at Paris and allowing the cafés to remain open till 1 a.m.

Field Marshal Allenby started on his return journey to Egypt has.

The Shah of Persia will be the guest of the King from the 31st October to the 4th November.

PURE CHIVALRY.

MARRIAGES IN NORTH RUSSIA.

In the course of a statement to Reuter's Agency describing the evacuation of North Russia, an Englishman just returned from there says that the British Government agreed to evacuate a large number of persons compromised by our occupation.

There were, however, many who could not be included in this invitation. The most pathetic cases were those of unmarried women, some of them perhaps of not untarnished reputation—who greatly dreaded the miseries and perils likely to follow our departure, as far as they were concerned. One of the things to be counted to the eternal honour of the forces was the number of cases of marriage, for indisputable motives of purest chivalry, by British and Allied soldiers with these lonely and unfortunate beings.

WOODEN HOUSES.

VERY LITTLE CHEAPER THAN BRICK.

The Ministry of Health has issued a long statement with reference to the proposals to relieve the housing crisis in part by the erection of wooden houses. Although the statement says that regulations are being issued sanctioning the erection of such houses, it strongly deprecates their adoption and says that the cost of wooden houses such as to meet ordinary British requirements, would be not more than 6% below the cost of brick houses.

CATTLE SALES.

RECORD PRICES FOR PEDIGREE CALVES.

At Aberdeen shorthorn sales yesterday, which were attended by buyers from all over Great Britain, the United States, and South America, sensational prices were obtained.

Mr. Duthie, the "shorthorn King," and two neighbouring breeders sold sixty-nine head, realizing a total of £53,151. Five thousand three hundred guineas were paid for a bull calf, and two thousand for a heifer calf. Both were easily record prices.

LET THE WOMEN PAY.

According to an announcement in the "Schweriner Zeitung," the young bloods of that region of Germany are tired of paying for the entertainment of their womenfolk, and have put their foot down.

"We, the young men of Schwerin," runs this ungallant announcement, "are tired of paying for women. Why should we who work hard for our money spend it on Sundays on dance tickets, wine and other refreshments for the benefit of women? Let them pay for their own pleasures.

"We notify all our female friends to bring their own purses, well filled—otherwise they had better stay at home on Sundays."

This cold-blooded announcement bears 260 signatures.

TOO OLD AT FORTY-SIX?

The executive of the National Union of Railwaymen, are credited with the intention of recommending to the general meeting which is to be held in November that in future no parliamentary candidate on behalf of the railwaymen shall be older than forty-five.

It is also suggested that adopted candidates who do not secure election within three years should retire.

MINERS' STRATEGIC POLICY.

Mr. Hodges, the Secretary of the Miners' Federation, in the course of a speech on nationalisation of the mines, said that the miners have a strategic policy and within the next three months the loyalty of the men may be put to the test.

DEVIL'S DYKE FOR SALE.

That noted beauty spot the "Devil's Dyke," near Brighton, is about to be put up for sale. Fears are expressed lest, if it is bought by a private purchaser, it may be closed to the public. Suggestions are being made that the Brighton Corporation or the Brighton Railway Company should buy it with a view to preserving it for public use.

NEW OXFORD COLLEGE HALL.

The Minister of Education, Mr. H. A. L. Fisher, yesterday opened the new Hall at Mancher College, Oxford. The building will be known as Arlosh Hall, having been erected through part of the bequest of the late James and Isabella Arlosh of Cumberiand, amounting to nearly £40,000.

GOLD RUSH IN AUSTRALIA.

Reuter's correspondent at Perth (Western Australia) telegraphs that another gold rush has followed a rich discovery near Feysville on the Hampton Plains.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

OPENING OF NATIONAL CAMPAIGN.

The great national campaign in support of the League of Nations was inaugurated at a Mansion House meeting yesterday afternoon, Mr. Asquith being the principal speaker.

The King wrote emphasising his belief that a strong and enduring League of Nations is essential in order to secure a lasting peace, and commanding the cause to all citizens of the Empire.

The Premier also wrote appealing to his fellow countrymen to participate in the great crusade in support of the international order and goodwill.

Mr. Asquith moved a resolution approving the aims of the League and endorsing the proposal that November 11th be celebrated throughout the country as the "League of Nations Day." He emphasised the point that the success of this great experiment lies not so much with the Governments as the peoples of the world. There were a multitude of disquieting factors in the international atmosphere, and outspoken and resolute support of the people is necessary to carry the League of Nations through its present difficultes. Urging the importance of Articles 12 and 16, he said that if these were properly recognised and carried out the crime of 1914 could never be repeated. One of the first steps towards realization of the benefits of the League must be a drastic reduction of armaments by all powers which still immeasurably exceed the maximum necessary for national safety.

CROWDED VARSITIES.

QUEUES OF STUDENTS AT EDINBURCH.

Remarkable scenes occurred at the opening of Edinburgh University yesterday. New students arrived in such great numbers that they had to be lined up in a queue before the matriculation office. Included among them were many demobilized soldiers. There will be great difficulty in accomodating everybody.

The authorities at Manchester University were faced with the same difficulty, over 2,000 new students having already completed their entry. The medical students number 633, including 373 women.

KILLED BY GRIEF.

An old man named Parker, 80 years of age, has died at Shaldon (Devonshire) from grief following the disappearance of his adopted child, aged two and a half years. The little boy left home with a small rake made for him by his foster parent to look for cockles, and as he failed to return a search was made for him without success. The rake, however, was found in a pool left at low water. So stricken with grief was the old man that he died 48 hours before the boy's body was washed ashore.

MINEFIELD SWEPT CLEAR.

The American ships which have been helping to clear up the vast minefields between the Orkneys and Norway have completed their task. They have accounted for twenty-one thousand mines. Only four sweepers of the thirty-six engaged escaped unscathed.

GERMAN SEA LEAGUE.

The German Navy League is to be rechristened "The German Sea League," and is to work for the development of the German Mercantile Marine and the resumption of German maritime trade and shipping.

GERMANY'S ILLEGAL SALES.

The Supreme Council has directed Marshal Foch to warn Germany that sales of aeronautical material in Sweden are considered null and void by the Allies, being contrary to the stipulations of the Peace Treaty.

MANCHESTER TRAMWAY PROFITS.

Since the electrification of the Manchester tramways in 1901 £1,326 891 has been devoted from the net profits to the relief of the local rates. The largest amount contributed in any one year was £111,891 in the year ended March last.

IN THE TWILIGHT.

By a new order, the Berlin restaurants are only to be allowed to use for lighting purposes 35 per cent. of the amount of gas and electricity consumed by them per month in the year 1916.

BELATED GOOD NEWS.

It was not until July that the inhabitants of Easter Island, in the Pacific, learned that the Armistice had been signed, no correspondence having reached them for eighteen months.

INDIAN CADETS.

The India Office announces that five Indian gentlemen will be nominated for cadetships at Sandhurst with a view to obtaining permanent commissions in the Army.

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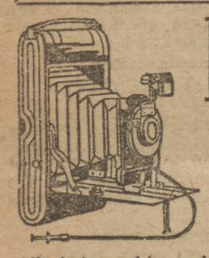
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Everybody in Rhineland has noticed the eagerness with which the average German picks up English. He seems to be continually on the look-out for something to add to his "havings," as Emerson calls one stock of ideas. What is the reason of this strange phenomenon?

The argument that the German is out to learn all he can of our language and business ways has been put forward many times. But this does not explain matters. It takes us no farther. Why is he more eager to learn than the average Englishman?

The reason lies in his early education. He leaves school eager to learn. If this is the case, then, and the average Englishman does not learn, there must be something very much the matter with our system of education. What can be the matter with it? Our range of subjects is extensive enough. Our years of schooling from five years to fourteen years are long enough and are to be extended. What more can be done?

If we examine all the facts and look back on our own particular schooldays we shall find that they used to bore us to death. Yet many of us are studying now the same subjects we used to hate at school. Why then did we not take an interest in them at school?

The answer to this is not difficult to find. Those things which we do best are those which we find most interesting. If a man plays football better than he casts up figures it is only because he is more interested in football. The boy who gets most marks for history and the least for English grammar or French takes more interest in history than in the other subjects. The good actor, scientist, goalkeeper, linguist, merchant, horseman, is interested in his occupation and therefore learns quicker than another man not so intensely interested. Interest, then, is of primary importance.

Secondly, desire to learn. We seldom have this desire at school, mostly because our lessons are not made sufficiently interesting. But when we do want to know something we are too often told we "are not old enough to understand." In the junior classes we are informed that the sun is a ball of fire, but we will be told later what it is. I remember being told in the seventh standard that there was a fortune waiting for the man who discovered its composites. That was in 1912. In 1914 I read a book which told all about it and said that we now knew nearly everything of which the sun was composed. The date of the book's publication was 1903! Why don't our schools foster a child's intelligent curiosity instead of "choking" the child off?

In the third place a good memory and a reasoning mind are of great importance. In the case of the people of Germany who allowed themselves to be rushed into a war of aggression by a few military heads, and in the case of the railway strikers who came out for they knew not what reason, we see the absence of intelligent thought. Led by newspapers and public men armed with all the trickery of false logic, the masses of the world are swayed to and fro in answer to the whims of the minority.

"Think for yourselves!" should be placarded on every wall in England. "Think for yourself!" should be the advice of our teachers to every boy and girl. For, until we turn out of our schools and colleges, boys and girls with trained and reasoning minds with an interest in life, with eagerness to learn and with ambition, that vital force which elevates its possessors to the highest places among men, the new world we are promised, will remain the myth it is to-day.

COLLABORATION.

George and I have hit on a great scheme. The idea really originated with me. Ideas always do—great ones, that is. We are going to collaborate and write a serial for the "Cologne Post." With this great object in view we shall collaborate thus: I shall do the Hero and George will create the Heroine. He is great on heroines having spent much of his leisure in studying the subject at first hand. What he does not know about Heroines is not worth knowing.

Last night, we had a sort of council of two for the purpose of discussing our plot. Of course, in a serial, a plot is not necessary so long as you leave your readers (if any) in a worried state of mind as to what will happen after the interval of twenty-four hours covered by the words, "Another instalment of this powerful human story will appear in tomorrow's issue of this paper."

Nearly all successful serial writers have been briefless barristers. This is a great point in favour of our success, because in civil life, George is a solicitor's clerk which is almost the same thing. The legal profession seems to be a regular school for story-tellers—in the best sense of the word, of course.

I am a great student of literature, having read the Hundred Best Books and "Deadwood Dick," and after much deep research I have discovered that great men of letters such as Dr. Johnson, consumed a large amount of Port. Therefore, the best thing to do, we decided, was to repair to some "Hof" and discuss the great subject. Some day that place will be pointed out to tourists on our account.

After a little argument with "Herr Ober," we persuaded him that we wanted "Portweine" not "Halb-und-halb"—and settled ourselves to our task.

First of all the Hero. Now, my unlimited persual of Magazine literature has given me a rooted conviction that he must be:—(1.) A Major. (Army pattern.) N.B. Subalterns are only used in "flapper" stories—two pips are always ignored—and Captains are always villains. (2) A D.S.O. (3) Have killed 50 Germans single-handed to gain it. Another N.B. Is a Major allowed to kill? (4) Be painfully modest about ditto. (5) Very much afraid of the fair sex, with a deep rooted objection to noisy flappers.

The last item brings us to the Heroine. Anyone with a knowledge of modern literature will arrive at the logical conclusion that she must be: (1) A Flapper (2) Noisy, and must (3) Call Subalterns boys. (4) Adore Captains. (5) Hate the Hero.

There will be twenty-four chapters of hate, in each of which the Hero systematically rescues her from one scrape or more, ad lib. In Chapter 25 (the last) she will discover that for hate the word love must be substituted. Of course she marries the poor dev—man I mean.

We had got to this point (and the second bottle of Port) when Alfred Barker (the violinist of Deutsches Theatre fame) joined us. He very kindly introduced us to a new kind of drink which is served in half-gallon jugs with lemon.

The result is that we cannot continue until pay day, with Port Wine at Mks. 27.60 a bottle. But perhaps the "Cologne Post" will advance some money on an article we are writing entitled "Celebrities we have met."

GEMS FROM LORD FISHER'S MEMORIES.

Brains never yet moved the masses—but emotion and earnestness will not only move the masses, they will remove mountains.

I humbly confess I am neither a diplomat or a politician. I thank God I am neither. The former are servile and the latter are liars.

The only thing in the world that England has to fear is Germany and none else. (Written in 1907.)

King Edward was not in any way a clever man. I'm not sure that he could do the rule of three; but he had the heavenly gift of proportion and perspective.

What annointed cads are those who sell Nelson's letters to Lady Hamilton, letters written out of the abundance of his heart and the thankfulness of an emotional nature.

Imagine! nearly a year after the Armistice and yet we are spending two millions a day beyond any income ever yet produced by any empire or any nation.

To be a good admiral a man does not need to be a good sailor. That is a common mistake. He wants good sailors under him. He is the conceptionist.

Myself, I hate a brainy man. All the brainy men said it was impossible to have aeroplanes.... We still have ancient admirals who believe in bows and arrows.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

THE WAILS OF MESS ORDERLY.

Sir,—I can imagine readers saying "Poor old P.M.C." His waits at the Canteen evidently trouble him, but to my mind these are but a detail compared with the daily duties of a poor old mess orderly.

So he dismissed the box car. How I wonder would he enjoy the task of shouldering in a sack a miscellaneous collection of eatables and drinkables fearing a breakage at every step. Apart from the calamity of a bottle of the best going West what of the wrath of the powers that be!

Then there is the perpetual watch in a kitchen where whisky, butter and the like disappear as if by magic if one's back is turned, the daily fraternising tour of fishmongers' establishments and the like, the daily search for something to augment the rations apart from the daily collection thereof, and explanation of why the bacon or the cheese has not come up. As if I know why these things do not come up.

P.M.C. has four days' respite. I should be glad of one day or failing that four hours.

Why, the wait at the canteen of which he complains I regard as my half holiday.

MESS ORDERLY.

N.A.C.B. ENTERPRISE.

Sir,—My thanks and best wishes to the authorities of the Navy and Army Canteen Board.

Too much money has already found its way into German pockets. We have been fleeced right and left. Give us a good article and a fair price and we shall be happy. *WIGGY.*

REVIVING CHESS.

Sir,—I was glad to see in "Echoes from Rhineland" that the good old game of chess is going to be revived in the Y.M.C.A. and that a club is in process of formation.

Chess seems to have been forgotten during the war with no doubt good reasons, but there are no doubt many officers now who would be glad to take up again this interesting and fascinating game. *UN QUI AIME LE JEU.*

GAY UNIFORM.

Sir,—Your correspondent, W.R.P., is I suppose an old soldier, who even now has not got properly reconciled to the serviceable, yet I think very smart khaki uniform we all wear to-day.

I suppose he is one of the old "spit and polish" Brigade. I know the type.

Now, while admitting the glamour of the scarlet and blue and knowing its glorious traditions, is it not the fact that khaki has a record of heroism that puts everything else in the shade?

There has never been such a war. Its extent was almost greater than we realise. It involved millions of lives whereas other wars have only meant thousands. The whole nation has been in arms and in khaki, and that I think is the outstanding reason apart from all questions of economy, why the colour should be retained.

It is appropriate in hue, can be made to look very smart indeed and does not need to be discarded in time of war.

Perhaps one exception might be made—the Guards, foot and mounted. Otherwise let us keep to the khaki in which we fought as a nation in arms. *H.W.C.*

Sir,—Why appeal for gay uniforms? Are they not gay? Take a walk and see for yourself.

White leggings, silk puttees, all shades of khaki, vari-coloured socks, white collars and fawn ties, white and yellow gloves, dink swagger canes, breeches strappings of all colourings, tabs and brassards of many hues.

And when it comes to the blue uniform of our airmen—oh my! *REGULAR.*

OUR MUSICAL TASTE.

Sir,—The person who wrote to you saying that the British are a musical nation is altogether wrong. From all I have seen and heard I am quite sure we are not.

Here is one example: On Sunday night at the British Empire Leave Club there was the band of the Durham Light Infantry which during the programme played "Poet and Peasant," well known as a wonderful piece of music and it hardly got any applause.

But when a popular comic song was sung I thought the roof was coming off, owing to the tremendous applause given to it.

The audience was representative of the average Briton. What does your correspondent say to this?

REALLY MUSICAL.

Sir,—No one will deny for a moment that it is melody we Britishers want and I would put it to your correspondent "M.P.W."—can he not get it even at the Opera house.

What is wrong with—to mention the Opera he names—"Elsa's dream" "Lohengrin's Narration" "The procession to the Minster" "The Bridal Chorus" and last but not least the beautiful prelude to the third act.

These and scores of other melodies will live as long as there is a singer to sing them or an instrument to play them.

We know that the gramophone is not one of the best instruments for interpreting "Wagner" but it is a means of calling to mind the real thing.

We "musical cranks" have already met the listeners who "listen" with the tapping of feet on the floor to the strains of "Mendelsshon's Spring Song" and who afterwards thought we were rendering "Put me on an Island." *N.C.O.*

Sir,—M.P.W. talks about "folks who go to the opera because they think it is the correct thing to do."

He sneers at them without thought. Surely taste for music is cultivated just as is one's taste for other delicacies. It is impossible to understand and appreciate music except by frequent attendance at Opera and high class concerts, so that instead of sneering at the man who wishes to educate himself, I say "More power to him."

M.P.W. is evidently a lover of hackneyed music, because he talks of the "good old gramaphone" which sets one's feet tapping by playing cheerful music. He is evidently quite unable to appreciate good music and I cannot see that he is qualified to express an opinion at all.

Shakespeare says:—

"The man that hath no music in himself
Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds
Is fit for treasons, stratagems and spoils."

I quite agree that ragtime may be cheerful, but such tunes are seldom fit to be classified as music.

Training is necessary to appreciate Science or Art, and there is no doubt that the cultivated ear will more and more appreciate the beauties of Music. While we are in Germany let us study music even though we only "think it is the correct thing to do." *H.C.W.*

GLANDS TO PROLONG LIFE.

Sir,—Assuming monkey glands afford perpetual youth I have no objection to military service, but what fills me with horror is the prospect of pork and beans in each successive war. But perhaps three hundred years hence the rations will come up in tabloid fashion—perhaps by wireless.

ANTI-MACONOCHIE.

THE DISPLAY OF DECORATIONS.

Sir,—"Be-ribboned" is, I imagine, one of those who would wear his war ribbons on all civilian attire.

Has he forgotten his pyjamas? A string above the breast pocket would look very imposing and serve to remind him of the fact that he merely did his duty.

I imagined that my letter would arouse the ire of at least one correspondent but "Be-ribboned" falls into the usual error of writing about pride in the part one has taken in the war. That in part explains my objection to the display of ribands and war decorations.

Putting on one side self-advertisement of one's deeds, is "Be-ribboned" unable to appreciate the fact that many of the wearers of these ribands have no moral right to them? That being the case I say, away with them. *JUMBO.*

TRIVIALITIES.

Sir,—In reply to "Verax" I would like to say that in life it is a recognised thing that it is the smaller things that matter. If it were not for the "commonplace and sometime trifling topics" written in letters to "The Cologne Post," perchance the Field Cashier would still be closed to officers, and perhaps the beautiful wives of officers would not visit "Verax" if he happened to find himself sick in a C.C.S., "craving for sympathy and consideration from woman in his agony." Again if "Verax" went to a dance he now would no doubt easily be able to find a partner. "Agnes" and her like have been killed.

All this is owing to the publicity afforded these matters.

No—I am afraid I shall have to look farther afield for his reason and I come to the conclusion that he is one of those unfortunate people possessing only leathered tunics whose life has been made miserable by having to scrape and khaki-blanco the leather in order to escape notice. *"VERACISSIMUS."*

A SENSE OF HUMOUR.

Sir,—A sense of humour is a difficult thing to define, but most people will agree that it depends largely on an appreciation of the incongruous in the affairs of life.

We laugh at a person dressed absurdly, because we instinctively measure their appearance by a standard against which they appear incongruous or out of place. We laugh at a large man riding a small donkey because our instinctive sense of proportion feels it to be incongruous. In the same way, we sometimes save ourselves from making ourselves ridiculous realising how incongruous and disproportionate is the amount of dignity we are trying to adopt, compared with the importance we really possess.

But the German people appear totally to lack this saving grace. At any rate they seem to find nothing incongruous and absurd in their change from the "Gott strafe England" point of view to their present flattery of the British. This was illustrated very forcibly in a cabaret entertainment at which I was present a few nights ago. A German ventriloquist making his puppet sing, burst into "Britannia rules the waves" as a suitable ditty, singing with great feeling, "Britons, never, never shall be slaves" to an apparently entirely apathetic audience.

One wonders what would happen, say in a Dublin Music hall, under similar conditions, if an Irish artist ventured such a thing; his compatriots would certainly signify their feeling by some necessary action, but the Boche, be it understood, betrayed no patriotic spirit which translated itself into comment, wordy or practical! The turn, which was an extremely clever one, was loudly applauded by Germans and British alike, and a friendly waiter, seeing the enthusiasm at our table, leant over and whispered confidentially "He wears always in his cravat a needle from King Chorch." When, after this had been repeated, we realised that he was boasting proudly that the performer had been presented with a tie-pin by a British sovereign, the problem of the German character became more insoluble than ever. *E.A.D.*

TO OUR HERO.

Money buys rifles, cannon and shell,
And all the weapons of War,
But who gave his life at the mouth of Hell
Manning the rifles and cannon as well?
Tommy.

Shilling a day — that's all — was his pay,
But he never struck for more.
To stand at his post, rain, shine, Night and Day
With a cheery smile was ever the way,
Of Tommy.

Victory at last, and the end of Strife,
And Tommy lays down his Gun.
Goes back to his sweetheart, Mother or Wife,
Here's to the health and a long happy life
Of Tommy.

REX

OUT OF THE LEAGUE.

Leeds F.C. Officials Suspended By F.A.

PORT VALE CHOSEN.

Drastic action has been taken by the football authorities as the outcome of an inquiry into the way the Leeds City F.C. was conducted during war time.

The F.A. has suspended the club, and a number of officials, whilst the club has been expelled from the Football League, of which body it was elected a member in 1905.

Official Report.

The Commission of the F.A. and the Football League which have been inquiring into the allegations held a final meeting on Monday at the F.A. offices, London, and after again meeting the Lord Mayor of Leeds (Mr. Joseph Henry), Mr. Platts, and Mr. W. H. Clarke they announced their decision as follows:

"That the Leeds City F.C. suspension be continued until the books and papers required are produced, and that Messrs, J. Connor, J. C. Whiteman, F Glover, and J. Sykes, members of tho syndicate, and H. C. Chapman and G. H. Cripps, late officials of the club, be suspended sine die. and not allowed to attend any football matches or to take any part in football management. Mr. Platts, the other member of the syndicate, is absolved from all responsibilities for the irregularities."

"The Commission are of the opinion that there are other persons involved, but the evidence did not justify the Commission in imposing any penalty."

Port Vale in the League.

After the decision of suspension by the F.A. had been announced, the Football League authorised the statement that "Leeds City have been expelled from the Football League."

Port Vale, who have been chosen to fill the vacancy, will take over the Leeds City fixtures, the first of which will be at South Shields next Saturday.

Mr. J. Lewis, one of the vice-presidents of the League, stated that the League would look after the Leeds City players and pay them their wages until they obtained suitable employment.

Apropos the taking over by Port Vale of Leeds City's fixtures, games will be so arranged that there is no clashing with Stocke.

NEXT SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

The League Matches to be played next Saturday are as follows:—

The League.—Division I.

Arsenal v. Everton.
Aston Villa v. Preston North End.
Blackburn Rovers v. Sheffield Wednesday.
Bolton Wanderers v. West Bromwich Albion.
Bradford City v. Sunderland.
Liverpool v. Chelsea.
Manchester United v. Manchester City.
Newcastle United v. Bradford.
Notts County v. Derby County.
Oldham Athletic v. Middlesbrough.
Sheffield United v. Burnley.

The League.—Division II.

Barnsley v. Lincoln City.
Blackpool v. Birmingham.
Bristol City v. Rotherham County.
Clapton Orient v. Tottenham Hotspur.
Fulham v. Coventry City.
Huddersfield Town v. Leicester City.
Hull City v. Nottingham Forest.
Stockport County v. Stoke.
West Ham United v. Grimsby Town.
Wolverhampton Wanderers v. Bury.
South Shields v. Port Vale.

Southern League.

Brighton and Hove Albion v. Gillingham.
Crystal Palace v. Bristol Rovers.
Millwall Athletic v. Swansea Town.
Northampton v. Reading.
Norwich City v. Merthyr Town.
Newport County v. Luton Town.
Portsmouth v. Southampton.
Queen's Park Rangers v. Cardiff City.
Swindon Town v. Exeter City.
Southend United v. Plymouth Argyle.
Watford v. Brentford.

Scottish League.

Aberdeen v. St. Mirren.
Raith Rovers v. Airdrieonians.
Albion Rovers v. Motherwell.
Queen's Park v. Ayr United.
Rangers v. Celtic.
Clyde v. Hearts.
Clydebank v. Third Lanark.
Greenock Morton v. Dumbarton.
Hamilton Academicals v. Dundee.
Kilmarnock v. Falkirk.
Hibernians v. Partick Thistle.

FULHAM CLUB FINED £200.

At a meeting of the Management Committee of the Football League, held in London, Fulham were fined £200 as the result of their failure to carry out the Second League fixture at Bristol against Bristol City, on Sept. 27, during the height of the railway strike. The additional expenditure incurred by Bristol City on that date will be paid out of the fine.

NO FINAL AT THE PALACE.

The Football Association announce that as the trustees of the Crystal Palace have not replied accepting the F. A. proposals, it has been decided to make inquiries elsewhere for a ground for their final Cup-tie.

ENGLAND'S LEFT HALF-BACK.

Owing to the fact that Grimsdell (Tottenham Hotspur) is still suffering from the effects of an injury, the F. A. Selection Committee have chosen Watson (Burnley) to play left half-back for England next Saturday, at Stoke, upon the occasion of the second Victory International against Wales.

BILLIARDS.

Closing scores:—
Inman 9929; Reece 7903.
Breaks during day:—
Inman 121, 103, 390, 103 and 233;
Reece 470, 157.

W. SMITH IN FORM.

Willie Smith, the Darlington player, bids fair to be a thorn in the side of the best this season, for he is in capital form. At Thurston's he defeated Lawrence by 3,021 points.

Final score:— Smith 18,000; Lawrence (reed 4,500), 14,979.

N.S.C. BOXING.

Exciting Affair between Young Chips and Hussen Abbas.

VERDICT ON POINTS.

There was another very excellent attendance at the National Sporting Club when the second of the series of feather-weight contests set down in the programme for the present month at headquarters was down for decision. The contestants were the young Canning Town "feather," Mike Honeyman, and Billy Marchant, of Salford. Honeyman gained the verdict on points.

Worrying and Tearing.

Another bout, that between Young Chips, of Tylorstown, and the Arab protege of Victor McLaglen, Hussen Abbas, was an exciting affair. Abbas, inches the shorter, proved very strong and aggressive, and made matters most uncomfortable for the Welshman. The brown-skinned Arab kept worrying and tearing into his opponent, who had to take many hard digs on the body, as well as some well-delivered blows from both hands on the head and jaw. The foreigner was, however, a bit erratic with his punches, several of which went suspiciously low, one in particular bringing Chips to the boards for a count of seven. Chips won on points in the end, but he had to fight very hard indeed to earn the decision.

BASHAM v. MATT WELLS.

The postponed match between Johnny Basham and Bermondsey Billy Wells having been abandoned, it has been arranged for Basham to meet Matt Wells, the ex-light-weight champion, at the Holborn Stadium, on Nov. 11 next. In April, 1915, Basham beat Wells, at the London Opera House, on points, in a 15-rounds contest.

"BRAWN" v. "BRAINS."

51st Devons Basket-Ball Match at Burg.

The Padre with the utmost recklessness recently challenged the members of the Educational Staff to a game of basket ball, he wisely deciding at the last minute to referee. The game was played before a distinguished crowd with a sprinkling of the fair sex; the medical staff were in attendance. The result 36 points to nil, which was foregone conclusion, shows that brains must inevitably triumph over brawn.

After the first ten minutes the "Brawn" were completely run off their legs and in spite of as much assistance as possible from the referee were quite outclassed. One fair spectator was continually imploring the victorious team to slacken their speed in order to allow her to follow the game.

DIVISIONAL COMPETITION.

51st Manchester v. 84th Brigade R.G.A.

The above teams met on the Hofgarten, Bonn, on Monday last, in the Divisional knock-out competition. The Manchesters got away strongly at the start and scored in the first ten minutes through Lieut. Lenswick with a lovely shot. But they were unlucky soon afterwards, as this player crocked his knee badly, and although he played on through the rest of the game, he was unable to do himself justice. From the first goal until nearly half time, neither team could score, but with a few minutes to go Lieut. Hamilton got the ball, and cleverly beating the opposing backs, scored with a great shot from 20 yards range.

Upon resumption the R.G.A. seemed to take a new lease of life and in about ten minutes had piled on three goals. From then onwards, the Manchesters had very little chance, although they played very pluckily against a stronger notwithstanding that they had another of their best men hurt 15 minutes from the end, Lieut. Hamilton getting a nasty kick which caused him to retire for a time.

The R.G.A. put on another couple of goals before the whistle blew and ran out winners by five goals to two.

RUGBY.

Army Trial Match.

For their final trial match at Queen's Club, West Kensington, next Saturday, prior to their meeting with Cambridge University at Cambridge on the following Wednesday, the Army Rugby Union have selected the following powerful fifteens:—

Whites.—Lt. R. M. A. Welchman (R.E.); Maj. O. E. W. W. Harrison (R.G.A.), Capt. H. L. Bor (Connaught R.), Sgt. L. N. Lewis (R.E.), Capt. O. T. Frith (R.F.A.); Capt. C. H. Hedley (R.F.A.), Lt. Gethin (Warwick Regt.); Capt. A. H. MacIlwaine, D.S.O. (R.A.), Maj. P. H. Lawless, M.C. (G.S.), C.S.M. C. W. Jones (Welsh Regt.), Capt. A. P. B. Roberts (Tanks), Cpl. Hyland (2nd Life Guards), Cpl. Addison (2nd Loyal N. Lancs), Lt. L. H. Kitton, M. C. (Northern Command), Capt. C. H. O. Pennycock (Middlesex Regt.).

Reserves.—Sgt. Wilcox (R.F.A.); Cpl. C. F. Meek (R.F.A.), Lt. Lillington (4th D.G.); Cpl. L. Burt (A.P.C.). Lt. E. N. Burlton (2nd South Lancs); Cpl. W. T. Jones (R. Welsh Fus.), Maj. A. D. Spark (M.G.C.), Maj. P. G. Humfrey (M.G.C.).

Colours.—Capt. C. A. Baker (S.W. Borderers); Lt. H. L. V. Day (R.A.), Capt. R. M. Scobie, M.C. (R.E.), Capt. R. W. Rutherford, D.S.O., M.C. (Northern Command), Lt. F. G. L. Fairlie (1st Scots Guards); Lt. Penny (R.G.A.), Lt. R. J. Rea (R.A.M.C.); Maj. W. N. B. Roderick (Coldstreams), Lt.-Col. B. C. Freyberg, V.C., D.S.O. (Grenadier Guards), Lt. Young (4th Cavalry Depot), Lt. H. B. T. Wakelam (R.A.), Lt. S. B. G. Simmons (Leinster Regt,), Lt. J. A. Ross (H.L.I.), Lt. J. B. Garland (R.A., Northern Command), Capt. W. R. C. Penny (R.E.).

Reserves.—Lt. Mitchell (R.A.); Lt. Wedgwood, M.C. (1st Lancs. Fus.), Lt. Armitage (1st Lancs. Fus.); Lt. Craig (4th Dragoon Guards), Lt. E. D. Graham Brown (R.F.A.); Lt. D. R. Title (R.D.F.), Lt. H. C. Franklin (R.D.F.), Lt. A. A. Richardson (R.A., Northern Command).

The teams will undergo changes at half-time, in order that the reserves may be tried as well as those chosen for the two fifteens.

DISTANT FRIENDS
read The Cologne Post. Send it daily to yours.

CESAREWITCH RESULT.

King John the Favourite out of the Picture.

IVANHOE THE WINNER.

The following is the result of the Cesarewitch run at Newmarket yesterday afternoon:—

Mr. J. White's **Ivanhoe** (Whalley) 1,
Mr. V. Stewart's **Golden Melody** (Speck) 2,
Mr. W. Grigg's **Bridgend** (Leach) 3.

NEWMARKET COURSE BETTING.

Cesarewitch:—2000 to 60, Sheriff Officer.
Cambridgeshire:—1000 to 50 Scatwell; 6000 to 300 The Panther, (before the Champion Stakes); 3300 to 100 Planet.

CESAREWITCH—LATE NIGHT BETTING.

9 to 2 King John; 5 to 1 Golden Melody; 7 to 1 Unitoi; 17 to 2 Gay Lord; 100 to 2 Silver Bullet; 20 to 1 Ivanhoe (offered); 22 to 1 Sheriff's Officer; 25 to 1 Alasnam and St. Eloi; 28 to 1 Bridgend; 40 to 1 Haki, Eton Rambler, Queen's Square, and Warwick; 50 to 1 any others.

NEWMARKET MEETING.

Buchan Winner of the Champion Stakes.

The second October meeting opened at Newmarket on Tuesday, a large attendance being present despite the cold and cheerless weather. The going was hard. Details:

Apprentices Plate:—1, Church History (7—1); 2, Oberto (9—4); 3, Flying Duck (6—1). 9 ran.

Allington Stakes:—1, Swinburn (20—1); 2, Spion Kop (5—4); 3, Lord Quex (5—1). 15 ran.

Clearwell Stakes:—1, Sarchedon (evens); 2, Eighth Division (3—1); 3, Lord Thanet (6—1). 6 ran.

Champion Stakes:—1, Buchan (2—1); 2, Perion (5—2); 3, African Star (100—7). 5 ran.

Suffolk Plate:—1, Lady Peg (10—1); 2, Heriodican (20—1); 3, Catchup (20—1). 22 ran.

Newmarket Oaks:—1. Keysoe (7—2 on); 2, Palatina (4—1); 3, Mollification (20—1). 3 ran.

Visitors Handicap:—1, Leandros (3—1); 2, Lady Sibell (6—1); 3, Jack Point (3—1); 8 ran.

DEAUVILLE RACES.

The Stewards of Deauville Races are so pleased with the success of their first peace gathering that they intend increasing the value of the stakes next year. They propose devoting £40,000 to the meeting, leaving the Grand Prix at £4,000 and creating several new prizes of the value of £2,000.

THE CLOSE SEASON.

F.A. Council Discuss Lancashire's Position.

At a meeting of the F.A. Council yesterday, an application was received from the Lancashire F.A. for permission to play the semi-final ties of the Lancashire Cup on May 8 and 15 next.

In connection with this application Mr. Sutcliffe, on behalf of the Lancashire F.A., moved:—

That, in view of the increased expenditure which County Associations will in future be called upon to bear, and the difficulty of arranging dates for the semi-final and final ties in their County Cup competitions through the increased list of League fixtures, and with a view to encouraging the County Associations to do all in their power to foster and develop the growth of juvenile football and also to prevent mid-week matches, permission is hereby given to the various County Associations to play the semi-final and final ties during the month of May so that such competitions shall be completed not later than the third Saturday in May in each year.

That the clubs shall be allowed to pay to the players taking part in such matches and the reserve players in attendance not exceeding thirteen players £3 each.

The County Association shall pay all the expenses, including the railway fares of the visiting team reserves, and officials actually paid not exceeding sixteen in number, and shall retain the net proceeds for the purpose of the county funds.

After considerable discussion the Council agreed to the following amendment:—"That county associations may arrange to play the semi-final and final ties of their county cup competitions on the second and third Saturdays in May."

RHINELAND ANGLING.

Pollution of the Waters Responsible for Lack of Fish.

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS.

Angling enthusiasts in Germany are fairly unanimous in opining that the excellence of Rhineland fishing waters is not fully appreciated, chiefly by reason of a lack of interest on behalf of the Press. With very few exceptions the German newspapers fail utterly to support the fishing fraternity and those exceptions do not excite sufficient interest to make the sport a live one.

Compared with the considerable interest displayed in angling in England, it is surprising that the splendid waters in Germany are not more carefully preserved. To a great extent this may be accounted for by the unsympathetic eye directed by the general public towards the follower of "Isaak". He is regarded with a certain degree of ridicule and consequently pursues his hobby with extreme shyness.

NOXIOUS PRODUCTS.

Angling gets but little consideration from the builders of industry who do not hesitate to divert noxious waste products into fishing waters if such action means the saving of a little time or trouble.

During the war, the destruction of fish was even more extensive than previously, especially in view of the considerable amount of hand grenade fishing that was carried on in all parts. Necessity knew no law in those days, so that consideration of the future was ignored in the anxiety of both soldiers and civilians to procure material to satisfy the inner man. No protection was offered by the authorities so that all means possible for securing fish were resorted to.

All things considered, it is surprising that there should be any fish left at all, but that there is still some excellent sport here and there has been proved during the past summer by members of the Rhine Army. Trout, grayling, salmon, pike, perch, eels, roach and other fresh water fish have been caught in fairly large quantities, but the steady deterioration of angling in Rhineland is fairly obvious to all who have followed it closely during the past nine months.

An authority tells us that there is still time to restore the profuse habitation of the waters. A thorough cleaning of the rivers and restrictions on works preventing them from diverting noxious by-products into the fishing waters would undoubtedly restore the former abundance of fish. This, says our informant, would be an important factor in solving the shortage of food problem.

A. Coy. v. H.Q. 51st Royal Warwick Regt.

This match took place at Kurten on Sunday. Even play marked the opening exchanges, but it was soon evident "A" Coy. were out to avenge their former defeat. Fine work by "A" Coy.'s right wing ended in H.Q.'s defence giving a corner. From the goal kick Sgt. Reynolds secured, and catching "A"'s defence napping opened the scoring. Even play followed, H.Q.'s making good efforts to increase their lead. Fine work by Shepperd ended in a scramble in H.Q.'s goal, and Cpl. Harrison, securing, equalised the score. Half time arrived with the score 1-1.

The second half opened with a good effort from A's right wing, Lieut. Lycett forcing a corner. Smart play by H.Q.'s ended fruitless, and both sides strove to gain the lead. However, this was not long in coming. From a throw in near H.Q.'s goal Cpl. Kemster secured, and evading the defence scored with a beautiful drive. An unfortunate accident occurred here, Lieut. Jack and Cpl. Kempster heavily colliding, the latter being carried off the field with a broken nose. A Coy. struggled gamely with 10 men and H.Q. made vain efforts to get on equal terms. Play of a bustling nature ensued, but neither side could bring their efforts to success. The final whistle blew with "A" Coy. winners of a strenuous game by 2-1.

G.H.Q. SERGEANTS RIFLE CLUB.

The weekly shoot of the above club took place on Saturday last on the Merheim Ranges. Staff Sergeant Kelsall, R.A.S.C. won the spoon with a score of 82 and Sergeant Dunn, Royal Engineers won the prize in "B" Section, his score being 69.

SPORT NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

Bridgend.

Bridgend who was brought by Griggs for £100 has been backed by some knowing people for the Cesarewitch.

Football-Cricketer.

A. E. Knight, who captained England's team against Wales, in the well-known Hampshire cricketer.

Standard Weight.

The Golfing Association has reduced the ball to a standard weight, but not to a standard size.

First Win in France.

Lord Derby won his first race in France last week at the little meeting at Compiegne with Senechal.

Ladies' Sea Angling Competition.

The ladies' sea angling competition at Deal attracted 85 competitors, whose ages ranged from 10 to 70 years.

Dropped.

George Hunter and George Arnold are out of the Portsmouth team. The reason they have been dropped is likely to cause much talk in football circles.

To Resume Shortly.

Charles Hawkins, the well-known steeplechase jockey, who was badly injured by the falling of his mount, Bayshore, at Manchester, is now under the care of Dr. Frank Romer, and is going on so satisfactorily that he confidently expects to resume riding shortly.

Lord Dewar's New Trainers.

Lord Dewar has terminated his arrangement with Sherwood, the St. Gatien House trainer, and in future his horses will be under the care of S. Pickering, with the exception of one or two which have been placed in the hands of T. Cannon.

Distemper in Hunt Pack.

The ancient and famous Bilsdale Hunt has been reduced to two and a half couples owing to the ravages of distemper

Scottish v. Irish League.

At a meeting of the Scottish League it was intimated that the game against the Irish League would be played on Wednesday, Nov. 5, instead of Monday, Nov. 3. There will be no match with the Southern League this season.

All-the-year-round.

The lawn tennis season is far from being over, and the game is rapidly becoming an all-the-year-round sport, the covered courts supplying the medium for play when the season on grass closes down.

Fortunate Owner.

It is seldom a week goes by without Lord Glanely winning a race. So far this season 15 of his horses have between them carried off 34 prizes, worth just over twenty five thousand pounds.

Golf Swing.

While it is probable that the maxim "Follow through" has done more good to golfers than any other piece of instruction, except "Keep your eye on the ball," it is a remarkable fact that a shortened swing has been adopted by most of the first-class professionals.

Dan Jenkins.

Halifax were expecting to again have the services of Dan Jenkins, the Welsh three-quarter back, who played for them before the war. Jenkins, however, who is a miner, has notified the club that he is suffering from eye trouble, and will therefore be unable to assist them.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

"You Never can Tell."

Described as "a pleasant play in four acts," Mr. G. Bernard Shaw's "You Never can Tell" was produced by the Rhine Army Dramatic Company at the Deutsches Theatre, Cologne, on Tuesday evening, before a crowded audience.

As the title implies, the story emphasises the fact that truth is, indeed, stranger than fiction. It concerns the reunion of a father with his family after eighteen years, and the love affairs of one of the daughters of the said family with an impecunious but thoroughly sentimental dentist. To give more of the plot would be to run the risk of spoiling the performance for intending visitors. Suffice it to say that the dialogue and the situations are perfectly typical of "G.B.'s." work and full advantage was taken on Tuesday of the scope provided for really clever acting.

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Act two, for instance, depends almost entirely for its success upon the ability of the two chief members of the caste, who are called upon to reveal the emotions of completely different personalities. Lieut. S.E. Percy, D.L.I., and Miss Shirley King are the two concerned in this week's production, and that they thoroughly succeeded in the initial performance will be admitted by all who witnessed it. Miss King presented the unsophisticated but soulful Gloria Clandon to perfection. The gradual awaking of the instinct of affection, as a result of the passionate love-making of Valentine (Mr. Percy) was indicative of a true sense of the dramatic. Mr. Percy, — but I am getting along a little quickly!

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We are first introduced, when the curtain rises, to Dolly Clandon, a sparkling vivacious young lady, who immediately wins the affection of her audience. Those who know the members of the Rhine Army Dramatic Company will readily conceive that no more suitable member for such a part could be selected than Miss Gabrielle Paul. She has, as a matter of fact, been allotted the character of Dolly, and the sparkling irresponsibility of the girl, maintained throughout the play, is an extraordinary clever piece of acting. She has an inseparable companion in her brother, Philip. He is a young man of much the same temperament, and Lieut. D. A. Onions (2nd Monmouth) is more successful in this part than in any he has played in the previous efforts of the Dramatic Company, unless, perhaps, "The Younger Generation" may be excepted. These two career right through the play with a cheeriness that eventually becomes infectious, even to the extent of including the perfectly proper William, the waiter.

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William, by the way, is undoubtedly an extremely difficult part, although some of the cleverest lines of the dialogue fall to his lot for utterance. He is presented by Capt. C. F. Ball, (Border Regt.) who may be heartily congratulated upon an excellent performance. In the role of Fergus Crampton, we see Lieut. J. Humphrey Hope in yet another mood. Mr. Hope has the rare faculty of being able to adapt himself to practically any type of character, with equal success. As Fergus, the flint-hearted father, he has a part vastly different from any in which he has previously appeared, but this fact seems to trouble him not in the least. He presents the crusty old father to perfection. Then there is the versatile Miss Inez Bensusan who, as Mrs. Clandon, submits a wonderful impersonation of the neglected mother, and Capt. C. Spiegelhalter, (Lancs. Fus.) who makes an extraordinarily good Finch M'Comas, a pompous solicitor.

Particularly striking is the vigour with which Major H. Bowen, M.C. (R.O.Y.L.I.) plays the part of Mr. Bohun, K.C., whose commanding presence reduces everybody to immediate submission.

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Space is now getting scarce, and I can only add that Pte. J. Terry, (R.A.S.C.) as the servant; R.Q.M.S. C.E. Lowder (R.A.O.C.) as a chef, and sub-conductor Ailwood, (R.A.O.C.) as Jo, all maintain the high standard of the company.

The production of the play is admirably carried out by Mr. Percy. Mr. Hope is the stage director, and the stage management is in the capable hands of Cpl. Mossey (Lancs. Fus.) and Pte. W. Plump (Area Emp. Coy.)

Lt. Jemmett, of the Rhine Army Art School, by the way, is henceforth likely to be inundated with requests for dress designs. His conception of the gown worn by Miss King in the last act was particularly happy, and his creation was commented upon very favourably by many of the lady members of the audience on Tuesday.

"Indispensables" at Leave Club.

The Indispensables Concert Party (5th Tank Bde. M.T. Coy.) gave a splendid performance at the B.E.L.C. on Tuesday evening. They have quite the professional touch, and their costumes and staging were the most effective I have seen for some time. Among many enjoyable items on the programme was an exciting spy play entitled "A Collection will be Made" in which George Ellis plays the part of the Rev. Cuthbert Cheese and provokes roars of laughter, while Harry Kaye as the German Secret Service Agent, S. Lamb, Capt. D. K. Patterson and Jim Cahill as Lt. Roget. Col. Watkins and Capt. Anstruther kept us thrilled. The Indispensables Orchestra was also very good, and a violin solo by Pte. Voorsanger was much appreciated.

Departure of "Erb."

I have received a letter from Sgt. E. L. Trim, better known as "Erb" of "The Pedlars Concert Party," who left Rhineland yesterday to be demobilized. He sends his best wishes to the many friends he leaves behind and expresses the hope that at some future date in England he may drop across some of them. "Erb" has done wonders in the entertainment line during his army career, not merely when taking part in properly organised concert parties but in many impromptu entertainments in less congenial circumstances. His numerous friends will, I am sure, reciprocate his farewell wishes.

JACQUES.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Thurs.	Der Waffenschmied von Worms	Lortzing	7	9.45
Fri.	Cosi fan tutte	Mozart	7	10.30
Sat.	The Gipsy Baron	Strauss	7	10
Sun.	Königskinder	Humperdinck	7	10
Mon.	Cavalleria rusticana Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo	7	10
Tues	Orpheus and Eurydice	Gluck	7	9.15

WINNER OF 2833 MARKS.

Interviewed By Representative Of "The Cologne Post."

It was a smiling sunny morning, albeit cold, when I wended my way towards Marienburg to convey to R.S.M. Hayward the cheque for 2833 marks, which he had been successful in winning in our Football contest No 3. I entered No 8 Veterinary Hospital there and after inquiries elicited the fact that the R.S.M. was then "in the lines" but would be down any minute.

After a short wait I met the winner and handed to him the envelope containing the all important slip of paper. The "Post" had not then reached the Veterinary Hospital and I was able to judge of the "Major's" surprise and delight at receiving our award.

In a conversation I had with him he stated that while he was aware he had forecasted a correct coupon, he was surprised that he was the only winner, and that the prize money had jumped up to nearly the three thousand level. Asked how he accounted for his all correct coupon, the R.S.M. smilingly answered in one word "Luck."

A FOOTBALL PLAYER.

He is a native of Hayes End, Hayes, Middlesex, and is well known in football circles there. Incidently I may add he is a left-half and regularly assists the "Vets" team.

When I inquired what he was likely to do with the prize, I received the laughing answer "Oh lots; and War Savings certificates and I are not strangers."

Our prize winner entered only five coupons, each of which I may add where neatly and clearly filled in, a point which I would impress upon all competitors.

I bade this popular Regimental "Good-bye," with the thought in my mind that the award could not have fallen into better hands.

Football coupons are reaching us in shoals for No 4 competition and we are sanguine that No 3's total will be exceeded. Don't delay, fill up your coupon, cut it out, and send it in. You may be the lucky one. Why not?

Coupons must be addressed:—
FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 4,
"Cologne Post,"
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 4.

Date of matches, Saturday, Oct. 18th.
Closing date, Friday, Oct. 17th.

Bradford City	v. Sunderland
Hamilton A.	v. Dundee
Manchester U.	v. Manchester City
Sheffield U.	v. Burnley
Arsenal	v. Everton
Stockport C.	v. Stoke
Hull City	v. Notts Forest
Clyde	v. Hearts
Blackpool	v. Birmingham
Rangers	v. Celtic
Swindon	v. Exeter City
Watford	v. Brentford

I enter Football Competition No. 4 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Rank and No. .....
Unit .....
Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Delicious Bivalves.

Oysters have become a popular snack in the N.A.C.B. Officers' Club, Cologne, and although these tasty morsels have only been available for a couple of days several thousands have been sold.

Why not?

Cannot the average soldier be induced to wear gloves now that an autumnal nip is making itself felt? One cannot fail to notice the number of men who walk about with their hands in their pockets. Inside five minutes I noticed two military policemen speak to half a dozen men on the subject. This can be avoided.

In Civil Hands Soon.

The days of the Summary Court in Cologne as at present constituted are numbered. Very soon it will be a civil court administered by the Germans with their own magistrates.

An Unfortunate Word.

Apropos those shops where lottery tickets are sold in Cologne to which I referred the other day I noticed a bill in one yesterday. It said, in German, of course, "Lose 3 marks." Perhaps one would.

Peeping Tom.

The other night at a Camp in Rhineland the Adjutant was working on some returns in the Orderly Room at about 1 a.m. The R.S.M. who was out on a late pass happening to return, was suspicious about the light he saw burning, so crept up to investigate. Suddenly challenged by the alert sentry as he was peering through the window he answered with an angry whisper of "Fiddlesticks" but the sentry not to be bluffed replied "Advance, Fiddlesticks, and be recognised".

The Wraf Bookshop.

I see that the old Wraf bookshop in Hohestrasse is in new hands and notices convey the impression that an Army bookshop will very soon be found there. Its convenience should appeal to all ranks.

Evening Walks.

The crisp cool evenings at present prevailing are tempting men to take long walks into the country. The other night, cycling from Siegburg to Cologne I overtook two parties of ramblers as well as several individual soldiers walking in the bright moonlight.

Any More Racing?

Disappointed because there is to be no October race meeting, many people are inquiring if there will be any more this year.

A Good Leave.

I met a cavalry officer going off on Paris leave yesterday. He looked so supremely happy that I enquired why. "Combining a honeymoon with leave, old bird," he replied with his face wreathed in smiles. "Sweetest little girl in all France," he added with conviction.

Due Respect.

Two repatriated German prisoners gravely saluted two British N.C.O's in Dom square last evening.

A Keen Buyer.

The young son of a Staff officer now in Cologne, is, I hear, a terror to the various stamp-dealers. He seems to be a walking encyclopedia of stamp values. He must have memorised all the standard philatelic catalogues and refuses to pay a pfennig more than the true market price for the stamps they offer for sale.

Lottery Fascination.

Apropos my note about queues a correspondent suggests that as likely as not it was a queue for the purchase of lottery tickets. Such queues are quite common in Cologne, and last May when according to the British papers every German was weighted down with sorrow on account of the peace terms, our correspondent noticed a queue of men women and children fully three hundred strong outside a lottery establishment in the Hohestrasse.

Mystery of a Hansom Cab.

A hansom cab was seen in Bonn a few days ago. I hear also that this almost obsolete type of vehicle round which have been written countless sensational novels was much in evidence in London during the strike.

Baked and Suffocated.

Now the chilly weather has set in, we are all beginning to experience the horrors of central heating. Resorts ordinarily none too well ventilated, are becoming as intolerable as ovens to lovers of fresh air. It's the Continental way, but we English don't take kindly to this suffocating "hot air."

A Book of Honour.

I see that the Tank Corps is issuing a "Book of Honour" as a permanent record of the honours won in the war and a fitting memorial of the work done by the corps in France, Egypt, Palestine and at home. It can be had for 6d post free from the Editor, "Tank Corps Journal," Wareham.

A Predicament.

I know an officer whose batman went on leave about the time of the railway strike and before going was told to take his British Warm, a tunic and two pairs of boots to be repaired. Now the batman has got his leave extended and is not expected back for at least a further week. The officer badly wants his things—especially his British Warm—but hasn't the slightest notion where his man took them for repair.

For Widows and Orphans.

In a Cologne cabaret the other evening I was surprised to find a German woman collecting from the British officers present on behalf of the Cologne Widows and Orphans fund. It seemed to me that she reaped a more generous harvest from the British Military than from the German civilians present.

Plenty of Chances.

All the world loves a flutter of some sort. Even in dear respectable old Blighty lotteries seem to be openly advertised to-day. There is one I notice called the "Golden Ballot" with 5s. tickets, the prizes including £2,500, £1,000, £500, a motor car, a pearl necklace, a lunch for two at the Savoy every day for a month, and hundreds of other things worth having. It is to benefit the Settlements for Disabled Sailors and Soldiers and Mrs. G. F. Leyal, 8, Marble Arch, London, W. sells the tickets.

Not Alfonso.

A rumour got round Cologne yesterday that King Alfonso of Spain had been seen in the Hohestrasse. Two officers pointed out the individual to me with the remark, "We're positive about his identity". The suspected royalty was certainly like the King and seemed keenly interested in some Spanish licorice in a shop window. But for all that he was not Alfonso.

Soap Supplies.

Although the windows of German shops seem to be full of soap it will be noticed that much of it is French. British bath soap is very much in demand.

Preferred his Own.

It was on parade the other morning not a thousand miles from Kalk. A wild looking private was unshaven. The Sergeant snapped, "Haven't you got a razor?" "Lost it" "Well couldn't you borrow another?" "No! Nobody's razor will cut as deep as my own."

Dance Classes for Children.

I am interested to learn that to-day, at 11 o'clock, at the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A., 44 Friesenstrasse, a class will be opened for teaching dancing to British children. Certificated and experienced lady teachers of the Y.M.C.A. Headquarters have kindly offered their services, and this is the beginning of the school for British children—an enterprise which is receiving the invaluable support of the Army Educational authorities.

Cologne Dearer.

According to soldier visitors, prices in Cologne shops are nearly fifty per cent more than in places like Duren and Solingen.

Popular.

The proposal to make better use of the organisation of the N.A.C.B. is, I hear, very popular with lady visitors to Cologne. Particularly do the womenfolk of our W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s welcome the idea of a gathering place, a proposal which was by the way first mooted in our "Letter Box."

Extensions.

Those who had the misfortune — or is it luck? — to go home on leave during the recent railway strike are getting liberal extensions of leave in compensation for being held up on the outward journey.

Snowed Under.

I hear that the Registrar General at Somerset House is being inundated with requests from officers for copies of their marriage "lines", so that they may claim the new allowances. It is surprising how few married officers possess the necessary document.

Smart at Repairs.

Anyone who has had to get his uniform repaired in Cologne—and most of us have to resort to patches to make old kit last out till demobilization—must admit that generally the work is done with surprising neatness and much ingenuity. One must give the German his due; he is a topping tailor.

Chess Club.

The Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. Chess Club has re-opened for the winter and a tournament will be held every Monday commencing at 6. p.m. Last Monday's tournament was hotly contested, and finally the first prize was won by Sergt. Major. Yates, R.A.M.C., 92 Field Ambulance. Both officers and other ranks and also members of the Y.M.C.A. Staff were amongst the competitors.

Canteen Surprises.

I hear there is an excellent brand of whisky being sold at the wholesale canteen to messes this week. After a long run of varied seals and labels it is good to see a well-known brand on the table.

RHINELANDER.

EAU DE COLOGNE.

THE LIGHT SIDE OF RHINELAND.

Dear Folks at home:

I have tried—but in vain—to write to each and all of you but have miserably failed in my good resolutions. Last night a brilliant inspiration flashed across my mind as to how this awful difficulty could be solved. I hear that the "Cologne Post" is becoming almost as popular in England as it is on the Rhine, and I feel that it would be an excellent medium through which you can all get news of me and of our gay doings out here.

You will shortly hear why my good resolutions have so utterly failed. You see Cologne is a gay place and combining both work and play takes up most of the 24 hours—we do work you know, but we do get a few hour's relaxation when we can get away to watch cricket or polo, play tennis or go to the races or sports—all these delightful pastimes are waning and giving place to football and golf, and I hear from good authority that the enterprising Rhine Sports Club are shortly to introduce a Badminton branch to their club.

I might tell you that most of our nights are spent in dancing—the fever is raging. Since my arrival the outstanding dance was one given by Lady Robertson; people of note—and others—came from miles around. The floor, dancing and band were excellent and I should love to tell you of all the beautifull dresses especially of one lovely gown which became its tall wearer so admirably but there are so many things to tell you about that time and space forbid. Good dancers abound on the Rhine and it is a rare occurrence for one to be "bobbed" round the room like a cork though it is rumoured that the dancing of a luckily limited few ever causes a celebrated dancing mistress to gasp with surprise at their fantastic evolutions.

Now that the cavalry has nearly disappeared we miss our periodical race-meetings—though some of us are feeling a little richer on its account. However, they were great fun, and for the sum of twenty marks one stood to win 500 times that amount in the sweepstakes—I might tell you that the winners were usually Germans but just think of the delightful things one could buy by merely investing a weekly washing allowance!

Of course you will all recognise us when we come home by the amber necklaces and bed bags and—did you say furs? One is told that they are cheap—but, my dears I think I must persuade some of my friends to shoot rabbits for me to get furs to keep me warm this winter—which reminds me of a story I overheard a few days ago. A little shooting party—and one of the sportsmen, having loosed off at a hare, thought he had accidentally maimed the animal. Thereupon, delighted at the idea of having at last bagged a hare, gave chase—but she turned round, smiled, and away she gaily went.

By the way to return to the subject of dancing I hear that a club has recently been opened in Cologne called the "Lions Club". It is run on the Ciro-Murrays style where supper tables surround the dancing hall, and to the strains of a lively jazz band you sup and dance alternately. Once a week the "Lions" meet and I hope some day to tell you more about it, that is, if I am ever fortunate enough to be included in the favoured few who enter its sacred portals. I regret to have generalised so much in all our doings but I hope to give you more detailed accounts in my next letter.

Love to all.

JOAN.

HAVE YOU MET HIM?

We find him everywhere. He was more in the limelight during those days of food shortage than ever before—to-day we have him with us in Germany, just the same as ever.

I refer to the man that can get you anything. No matter what it is, he can get it when you can't and he can let you have it cheaper than you can get it for at the shop!

It is always the same old story that he tells—"Why did you pay that price when I can get it for you at wholesale value?"

And if it happened to be something in the way of domestic wants it was a similar yarn—"My old pal at the factory can get you dozens of them at next to nothing—you see he makes hundreds of them every day."

And that man will also urge you to come to him when you are in trouble; he will put you right and only too glad to do it.

In those days when sugar was so scarce and everything else was rationed and limited supplies could only be obtained, he was always able to be independent of the shopkeeper—food tickets had no worries for him, he could always manage to get plenty of everything at a reduced price.

Some people believed in him. I did myself—once, but not now! Someone remarked at some time or other "experience is the best lesson"—it certainly is, as I have found out many a time, and this occasion was no exception It was only a short while ago, that I was waiting patiently at the end of a long line the beginning of which I could hardly see, but I could faintly discern the words "Canteen—open at 7 o'clock" and it did not take the brains of a Sherlook Holmes to discover that those elusive cigarettes were obtainable within.

If it were not so, why that long line of khaki?

And the legend "Open at 7 o'clock" surely that must most certainly point to a Divisional Canteen!

After waiting for about half an hour, and having moved forward what seemed to be a few inches I met him!

And then I believed myself to be in luck! "What the deuce are you waiting here for?" he said after a few casual words. "Cigarettes, I suppose?" Well, I can get you hundreds of 'em at our Canteen, many as you want—come on, let's have a drink,—suppose you've got enough to last you another day?" I admitted that I had enough for at least one day, and when he had "talked me round" I went with him to our favourite cage, and later arranged to see him—and incidentally receive quite a large number of cigarettes—at seven o'clock the following night.

I was there quite early you can be sure, and waited as patiently as I could for him to arrive.

He came at last—late—but minus the much longed-for cigarettes. And the excuses he made were of the most profuse description. I had to be content with his promises of absolute certainty for them to arrive on the morrow.

Of course, I was at the same place again the next evening, after a smokeless day—save what few I could "scrounge"—and once again waited patiently for his arrival.

He came—yes!—but where were those promised smokes?

"Here you are" he blurted out, as he neared me, "don't say I never do anything for you."

"But where are——" I was a little bewidered.

Hel extracted a couple of decidedly grubby packets of what appeared to be cigarettes, and extended them to me—which I took with an almost mechanical motion.

"That will be two marks"—— And I paid up with mingled feelings! I am not so sure that those two packets weren't "issue" now I come to think of it!

And as I fully expected, but nevertheless hoped not, I found the time-honoured inscription "No Cigarettes" staring mockingly at me on my next visit to the Canteen!

When, oh when? shall we be rid of that individual?

R. S. J.

All ranks are invited to contribute articles etc. to our columns. All contributions are paid for.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

"P. M." Sees Paderewski.—The Premier saw Paderewski on his visit to London.

Re-Opened.—Regent's Park is again available for the public.

For America.—Mr. Henderson is to sail for America next week.

Sharks.—Sharks are being caught in the Bristol Channel.

His Estate.—Mr. Frank Potter, G.W.R. General Manager left £19,000.

Helping Apprentices.—State aid is to be given to apprentices.

The Total.—A total of 77,000 German prisoners remain in Blighty.

Note.—Eclipses of both sun and moon are due next month.

A Ton.—Shipowners in London have been paying as much as £5-10-0 a ton.

Apples Coming.—Supplies of Californian apples are expected at Covent Garden

Bullfights Tabooed.—French authorities have forbidden bull fights.

Plague.—Nine cases of plague have been reported in Constantinople.

The Latest.—There is a strike in Paris of booksellers' employees.

The Ploughshare Now.—Krupp's factories are making harvest engines now.

French Purchases.—The French are buying land at Wiesbaden, Baden-Baden and Homburg.

The Shah.—Shah of Persia will be entertained by the City Corporation on November 1.

Took Blouses.—Thieves made a haul of blouses worth several hundred pounds at Ramsgate.

Worse.—Herr Haase, who was shot at as he was entering the Reichstag, is worse.

Back at Work.—Lord Curzon is now able to attend to his duties at the Foreign Office.

Windfalls.—Treasury windfalls through big wills during the past week amounted to £402,200.

A Fortune.—Mr. Vickers, chairman of Vickers, Ltd., and of other companies, left £759,747.

Less Now.—I had nothing when I went into Parliament, and have less now.—Mr. F. O. Roberts, M.P.

No Embassy.—France will not send an ambassador to Berlin, only a chargé d'affairés.

The Grimsby Way.—Three couples discovered in a hut at Grimsby were fined for sleeping out.

Anyone Beat This?—A Kingston constable has lifted from his allotment a potato turning the scales at 2lb.

Welcome Notice.—"Railway strike over. Margarine—have as much as you please," a South London shop notice.

All Australians Going.—All Australian soldiers are expected to be out of England by the end of the month.

Berlin's Outlook.—Berlin is threatened with a potato famine owing to a bad crop.

Will they Strike?—South Wales insurance agents are demanding 25 per cent. increase.

And Cards?—A card player told Bargoed magistrates that his wages were 30s a day.

Effect of a Strike.—The moulders' strike has caused some large Black Country works to close.

A Candidate now.—Caillaux is to be a candidate at the next French Parliamentary election.

German Coal.—German coal to the extent of 100,000 tons is going every month to Holland.

A Feat.—An aviator flew from New York to San Francisco by aeroplane in 25 hours.

To Help.—Polish workmen will be sent to Northern France for the rebuilding of the devastated area.

Returned With Thanks.—Ramsgate has returned the barrel of a heavy gun sent as a trophy.

Their Record.—Lifeboats were launched over 1,800 times during the war and saved 5,300 lives.

Going Up.—The total of demobilized or discharged men since the armistice is near three million.

Agreed.—There was no opposition to Mr. Balfour's election as Chancellor of Cambridge University.

By Instalments.—It is hoped to enable ex-naval Officers to purchase Admiralty trawlers by instalments.

Going West.—The trend of business in London is to move gradually westwards—Sir David Burnett.

For Sale.—The freeholds, Drury Lane, the Strand and Aldwych Theatres are in the market.

For Charity.—In consideration of two days extension of Hull fair a showman gave £250 to charity.

Tar Women.—Westminster City Council still employs women in the tarring of streets.

The Chance.—The War Office have decided to open the signal service of the R.E's to certain classes not over 21 years of age.

Col. Sherwood-Kelly.—Undefended cases in the Divorce Court include a petition by Mrs. Sherwood-Kelly for an order against Lieut.-Col. Sherwood-Kelly. V.C.

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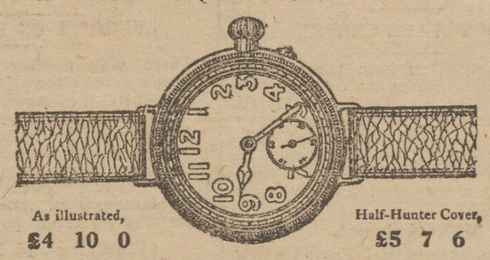

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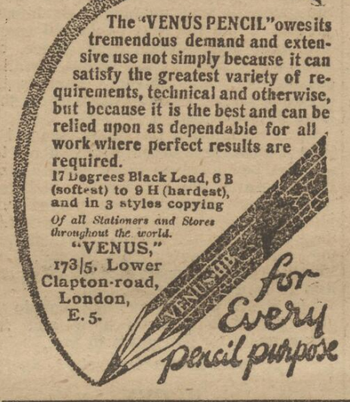

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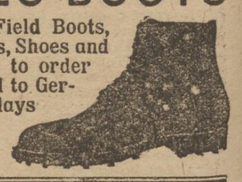

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BURNING TOWN BOMBARDED BY ALLIES' FLEET AND GERMAN ARTILLERY.

PIQUANT REVELATIONS IN PENNANT CASE.

RIGA ON FIRE.

NAVAL ULTIMATUM TO BERMONDT.

The British Commander of the Naval forces in the Baltic sent Colonel Bermondt and the troops occupying the surburbs of Riga an ultimatum to evacuate the place under threat of bombardment if it were not accomplished by midday on Wednesday.

An earlier report says that one part of Riga was burning as the result of the German bombardment.

NELSONIAN FOUR.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE NAVY.

Admiral Fisher, in to-day's batch of memo rs in the "Times" has something to say about our magnificent merchant navy. Seven million tons were sunk under these men, many of whom were torpedoed at least three times. They did not even get paid for the clothes they lost and in most cases their pay was stopped from the day their ship was sunk.

With Mr. Havelock Wilson, Lord Fisher hopes to see all this changed. The Merchant Navy should be incorporated in the Navy and have the sa ne rights as regards money, rank, uniform and widows pensions etc. All this has to come, says Lord Fisher, who declares himself as Mr. Havelock W n's colleague in these matters.

He has some pertinent remarks on education, for which his practical method is "Explanation followed by execution", a lecture on optics in the morning and the making of a telescope in the afternoon.

Regarding the selection of boys for the Navy he advocates the abolition of examinations, except that the boy and his parents should have been "vetted." An interview with the boy would reveal his personal likes. The great thing to be aimed at would be to furnish the boy with Nelson's four attributes, namely:—self-reliance, fearlessness of responsibility, fertility of resource and power of initiative.

In conclusion Lord Fisher says that the most sickening of all the events of the war was the neglect of the Humber as a jumping-off place for our light cruisers, etc. After enormous cost the Humber had been made submarine proof and batteries laid down for its protection.

GERMAN S.W.-AFRICA.

BENEFICENT EFFECT OF BRITISH RULE.

Lord Buxton has just completed his tour of the protectorate of S.W. Africa. He has had numerous private interviews with deputations representing various German interests. The Germans clearly recognised the advantages of the territory becoming part of the Union of South Africa, and were relieved to find that after the German military and official classes have gone there will be no further repatriations except for misconduct.

Lord Buxton attended many meetings of natives all of whom expressed appreciation of their better treatment since the British have administered the country. They were assured that they will always be treated justly, and their persons and property protected.

IRISH HOME RULE.

COMMITTEE WISH TO WORK IN SECRET.

Mr. Walter Long presided on Tuesday at the first meeting of the Cabinet Committee which has been appointed to consider the Home Rule question, and, if possible, to frame a Bill for the consideration of the Cabinet.

All the Committee members were present, as well as Professor T. Jones and Mr. G.N. Evans (of the War Cabinet Secretariat), who are acting as Secretaries of the Committee.

It is understood that the main business of the meeting was to consider the course of procedure. The Committee, which has full discretion as to its methods of investigation, may decide to call evidence; but its desire is to work in secret, and no official statements as to its doings are to be issued, at all events for the present.

RELIGIOUS ORDERS BARRED.

Mr. Charles William Walker, of Burwash, Sussex, who left £64,630, stipulated in his will that if any child of his became a member of any religious order or a secular or regular priest, the interest of such child should cease but that if he ceased to be a member of such order or priesthood he should receive £2 a week for life.

PENNANT ENQUIRY.

ABOUT REPUTATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS.

When the House of Lords Committee of Inquiry into the dismissal of Miss Violet Douglas Pennant from the W.R.A.F. was resumed yesterday, Counsel continued his opening speech on behalf of Miss Pennant. He suggested that the resignations of other women holding important positions in the W.R.A.F. were concerted, the action being designed to show disapproval of Miss Pennant. Her dismissal was also partly brought about by the influence exercised by Dame Katherine Furse, (who was then head of the W.R.N.S.) upon Lord Weir.

On the 28th August Miss Pennant was called to see General Brancker, who said "I am sorry to tell you that you are to go. It is not because you are inefficient—I understand you are very efficient—but because you are so unpopular with everyone with whom you come in contact. No one will work with you. You have been the cause of the resignations of a very efficient staff."

General Brancker's account of the matter was that he merely acted in accordance with the instructions of the Air Council but, said Counsel, we don't accept that he had nothing to do with the matter.

Subsequently Miss Pennant saw Lord Weir and was told that her dismissal was due to lack of co-operation with other women's organisations.

Giving evidence, Miss Pennant stated that while she was looking round before actually taking up the Commandantship, Sir William Robinson, of the Air Ministry, said to her, "I know all about you, you quarrel with everybody."

She replied "What a dreadful reputation seems to have preceded me" and he said he had means of knowing what went on in the Welsh Insurance Commission, upon which body Miss Pennant has been serving. "As a matter of fact" added Miss Pennant, "I cannot describe the kindness I have received from my colleagues on the Insurance Commission in England, Scotland and Wales."

She described the bad conditions existent in W.R.A.F. camps and the inadequate provision for the training of officers. She made preparations for opening a training centre at West Hampstead but there was delay in completing the scheme owing to want of co-operation on the part of Colonel Bersey.

HEADING FOR RUIN.

PRIME MINISTER'S GREAT TASK.

Official figures published last night give a disquieting view of the financial position of the country, though it is probable that the economies ordered by the Cabinet Committee will have their effect on subsequent returns.

Last week's expenditure exceeded the revenue by nearly £12,000,000, the figures being, Expenditure, £26,967,313 and Revenue, £15,196,179. This huge difference is probably partly accounted for by emergency expenditure arising from the railway strike.

At the same time the figures for the last six months indicate the most urgent need for ruthless handling by the Premier.

WOMEN MOTOR DRIVERS TO GO.

The War Office announces that demobilization has reached a point which now enables the military authorities to dispense with the services of members of the women's Legion of Motor Drivers.

These drivers, says the order, are deserving of the highest praise. For every one fortunate enough to have comparatively easy work there were a score working throughout the long winter nights in the evacuation of wounded and other important military work. The gratitude of the country is due to these women for their devotion to duty and self-sacrifice.

FOX ARRESTED AND SHOT.

A fox, which had played havoc recently in local poultry yards, was yesterday first "arrested" by the wife of a Boston (Lincs) detective inspector and then shot by a police sergeant. The animal was seen by the lady to enter her washhouse, and "acting on instructions" she made him a prisoner and sent for help to the police station. A sergeant armed with a revolver was sent, and shot the fox, which was taking cover behind a wringer.

HOUSES IN GLASGOW.

The Housing Committee of the Glasgow Town Council has approved a draft scheme for the erection of 57,000 houses including 500 temporary wooden houses

NORTH RUSSIA.

HOW THE EVACUATION WAS EFFECTED.

The evacuation of the Allied troops from North Russia, which has been carried out under the command of General Lord Rawlinson, has now been completed.

At Archangel the positions held by the British troops on the River Dwina were 200 miles from the Base and at Murman k the front line West of Lake Onega was 500 miles from the port of embarkation. In each case a successful local operation was carried out to strike a blow at the enemy in order to facilitate the disengaging of our troops. The withdrawal was then carried out and the troops transported by river to Archangel, and by railway to Murmansk, the bases, where they embarked for the United Kingdom. The Royal Naval flotilla ably cooperated with the rearguard of the land forces on the Dwina, and the Royal Navy were responsible for the success of the river transport and the embarkation of the troops in their transports at the bases.

The operation was carried out with scarcely any loss to ourselves, the enemy having been severely punished. At the same time the local Russian forces have been left in an excellent position to defend themselves, and at Archangel have been able to undertake offensive operations since our withdrawal.

Official Sarcasm.

It should be added that the Military Authoritices are much indebted to a certain section of the Press, who by their repeated asseverations as to the doubtful sincerity of the Government in their policy of evacuation and suggestions of intended offensive operations far into the interior of Russia, succeeded in mystifying the Bolsheviks as to our real intentions even more than the British public. This atmosphere of uncertainty, which could never have been created so effectively by any censorship, was exactly what was required to cover an operation of this kind.

GERMAN MURDER GANG.

CRIMES IN OCCUPIED ZONE.

The German police have at last succeeded in arresting a German named Hahn who has been wanted for several murders, followed by thefts, committed during the past four months.

On Sept. 10 he invited a German merchant to walk with him out in the country on the pretence of having important business affairs to discuss. He suddenly shot the merchant and robbed him.

On Sept. 23 he attacked a merchant from Ehrenbreitstein and robbed him. On Oct. 2 he murdered an American soldier in the Army of Occupation at Coblenz. Hahn stole all the money and watch and chain of the soldier.

Three of his accomplices have since been arrested. They have confessed to other crimes as well.

"FLOATING SIXPENCE."

CHANGE IN SYSTEM FOR PANEL DOCTORS.

The "Floating Sixpence," which came into being with the Insurance Act, is in process of abolition. The circumstances in which it was introduced have changed, and but for the war it would already have been abolished.

Under the present system the "floating sixpence" goes to the panel doctors if the cost of their prescriptions in a given area falls below 6d. per annum per insured person. If it is above this sum it is payable to the chemists.

CAPTURE OF OREL.

IMPORTANT STEP ON ROAD TO MOSCOW.

The War Office announced yesterday that Denikin has captured the city of Orel. This is the capital town of a Government, a Cathedral City and an important railway junction, where the main line from Moscow to Kharkov and the Crimea crosses that from Riga by Smolensk to Tsaritsin and Astrakhan. Its capture marks an important step in the advance on Moscow.

THE SPORTSMEN'S BATTALION.

The officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the 23rd Royal Fusiliers, 1st Sportsman's Battalion, have arranged a reunion dinner, which is to be an annual affair. It will be held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 7.0 p.m. Col. E. A. Winter, D.S.O., M.C., the officer commanding the battalion, will preside, and the guest of the evening will be Brigadier-General Kellett, commanding 99th Brigade, 2nd Division. As it is obviously impossible to communicate with all the men they should apply to P. C. Essex, Stock Exchange, for tickets, 8s. each, and further particulars. The function is limited to members of the battalion who have served overseas or original members who served overseas with other units.

DEATH OF AN M.P.

Lieut.-Com. Norman Craig, K.C., M.P. for the Isle of Thanet, died in a nursing home last evening after an operation.

BABIES WANTED.

OUTSPOKEN CRITICS OF FALLEN BIRTH RATE.

Outspoken views on the birth-rate problem were voiced at the Church Congress at Leicester. The Bishop of Birmingham, who opened the debate, emphasised the enormous increase in the cost of living and deprecated the idea that birth restriction was a purely selfish action on the part of parents. He thought there was greater selfishness in uncontrolled indulgence. Parents desired to do more for their children and wanted their children to do better than themselves. The clergy and professional classes were finding the difficulties of the problem were very grave indeed. He also mentioned as a fact that infantile mortality rose in proportion to the size of the family.

What is wanted, he said, is more children but of better quality and surrounded by better conditions. The State should therefore undertake the care of the prospective mother and see that throughout a child's early life, both mother and babe were assured healthy surroundings. "As regards birth control, what need we say more than this—that we condemn every control which is purely selfish, and leave the decision to the conscience of each individual."

Dr. Armand Routh insisted that the usual motive for voluntary restriction was a selfish one. He deprecated any extension of knowledge as regards birth control and asked what would happen if, as the result of incautious advice, the masses limited their families to one or two? In this connection the housing problem was of the first importance. The nation must see to it that children are enabled to live in hygienic houses and breath fresh air.

The main factor in the birthrate question, however, was ante-natal mortality due to parents being tainted with venereal disease or alcoholism. About twenty per cent of ante-natal and neo-natal deaths (27,000 yearly in England and Wales) were due to the former cause, while chronic alcoholism could seriously affect the hereditary elements in the germ plasm for several generations, leading to prematurity and the mental and physical degeneracy of the race.

RASPUTIN'S SLAYER.

ROBBED OF CROWN JEWELS IN LONDON.

It has just transpired that Prince Felix Joussoupoff, the Russian noble who slew the notorious charlatan Rasputin, has been robbed in his London flat of royal jewels to the value of £7,000 sterling.

Among the gems were one hundred Cape diamonds, which the Prince had during the past week removed to his flat in Knightsbridge from a West-end jeweller's establishment.

On Monday night the Prince had entertained a number of friends in his rooms and early in the morning, after all had departed, he missed the packet of diamonds. So far detectives have failed to discover any clue to the perpetrators.

SHIPPING STRIKE BROKEN.

The harbour strike in New York is practically broken. Tugmen and bargemen have accepted the railroad company's terms and the ferrymen have accepted a nine per cent. increase of wages. Six Unions of Longshoremen, aggregating 15,000 workers, have voted in favour of returning to work but the carters are still out.

MONS MEMORIAL TO BRITISH TROOPS.

An interesting ceremony took place at the cemetery at Herchies, near Mons, where the fighting ceased on November 11 last, on the occasion of the unveiling of a monument erected by the inhabitants of the district in memory of the British Army.

COLONEL ARRESTED.

It is understood that Lieut.-Colonel Sherwood Kelly, who created such a sensation on returning from Russia by his allegations that the Relief Force was being used for offensive operations, will appear in due course before a Court-martial. He was yesterday placed under arrest for contravening the King's regulations by writing a certain letter for publication criticising the object and conduct of the campaign in North Russia.

PRISONER WITH BOMB.

As a man named Mitchell was being taken into Leicester Police Station after arrest, he dropped a bomb, apparently home-made and filled with small pieces of iron. There was a great noise, but no personal injuries were caused except that a man named Earl was cut just under the eye and lost a good deal of blood.

SOUND LUNGS ONLY.

In future no man who has ever suffered from tubercle of the lung will be enlisted for any category of military service.

An engine driver on the Somerset-Dorset Railway has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for Somerset.

SUMMARY COURT.

AN IRISHWOMAN WHO LOST HER PASS.

Katherina Kaldenbach of 34 Schnurgasse is an Irishwoman married to a German. She spoke with a real Irish brogue when defending herself against the charge of not being in possession of an identity card, and "circulating without a night pass" at 1 o'clock in the morning.

"Can you speak English" asked the Presiding Officer.

"Yes sir" was the reply, "I am an Irishwoman and am married to a German."

"Well, then you are a German," the Presiding officer retorted.

She went on to state that she had been in Germany nine years but had in the meantime been to Ireland to see her friends. She had lost her original identity card and when she applied for another it was refused because she had not a photograph. She was fined thirty marks.

Harbouring Deserters.

For harbouring two deserters an old woman, Elisabeth Docker, aged seventy seven and her daughter Franziska Vierions, both residing at 6 Marienagartengasse, were fined 300 marks each.

TAILORS' PROFITS.

PLEA OF JUSTIFICATION FAILS.

At the first sitting of the Manchester Profiteering Committee, each of the three defending firms brought before the Court was ordered to refund the amount ruled as having been overcharged, and prosecutions were ordered in two cases.

The most remarkable case was that brought forward by Professor Tout, of the Manchester University. A firm of tailors had charged him eleven guineas for each of two suits for youths, and £3 15s. for each of five extra pairs of trousers. The firm was ordered to refund £4 12s. 4d. on the two suits, and £4 13s. 8d. on the trousers.

The firm justified the prices, and when it was pointed out that they had made from 14s. to 15s. per yard net profit from the cloth, which was bought in 1916, they claimed the right to take full advantage of the rise in the market.

WHEATSHIP FOUNDERS.

NARROW ESCAPE IN THE ATLANTIC.

Thirty-five officers and men, comprising the crew of the steamship Sizergh Castle, 2,400 tons, of Cardiff, were landed at Portland, their vessel having foundered in the North Atlantic on the 7th inst. The Sizergh Castle was bound from Galveston to Antwerp with a cargo of wheat. In the Atlantic she encountered a gale, which lasted three days, during which time the steamer sprang a leak. All efforts to cope with the inrush of water having been unsuccessful, an S.O.S. was sent out.

The message was picked up by the American cargo boat Afel (Philadelphia to Rotterdam), and the officers and crew of the Sizergh Castle were taken off with great difficulty owing to the heavy seas. Half an hour later the vessel foundered.

MEDALS FOR SINKING A U-BOAT.

Captain David Simpson was at Liverpool yesterday presented with Lloyd's silver medal in recognition of the sinking of a German submarine by the steamer Wandby on April 2, 1917, on a voyage from Bilbao to La Rochelle. The submarine fired 36 shells with her two 4-inch guns at the Wandby, which replied, sending the submarine to the bottom with the 15th shot.

MARRIED OFFICERS' ALLOWANCES.

It is provided by an Army Council Instruction just issued that married officers in all stations abroad other than India who, owing to the exigencies of the Service or the absence of suitable accommodation, are unable to have their families with them, will be eligible to draw furniture, lodging, fuel and light allowances up to 31st March 1920.

BELFAST SLIGHTED.

There was mingled surprise and resentment in Belfast when it was learned that the Lord Mayor of the city had not been invited to attend the League of Nations meeting in London. The Lord Mayor, voicing the opinion of the citizens, has addressed a strong protest to Sir Horace Marshall, Lord Mayor of London.

GENERAL'S WIFE DIVORCED.

Brigadier-General Albemarle Bertie Cator, of the Scots Guards, was yesterday granted a decree nisi on the ground of his wife's misconduct with Major Esme Arkwright. The suit was undefended.

Petitioner was Commander of the 58th Division in France, with the rank of Major-General.

Major-General Sir Edward Northey, Commander-in-Chief in East Africa, has met with an accident at polo, necessitating the removal of his right eye. He is on his way to England to consult an oculist.

WILSON'S HEALTH.

FALSE REPORTS WITH POLITICAL MOTIVES.

Last night's bulletin says that President Wilson had passed a restless and uncomfortable day but was better.

Further telegrams from Washington say that searching investigations have been made by journalists regarding the various rumours afloat.

They disclose the following: firstly, responsible officials declare their belief that the President will resume work in a month or six weeks time, secondly, that no matter what caused his illness, the President is now getting well; thirdly, Democratic members of the Senate say that the President is even now handling some executive affairs; fourthly, that the reports about the President never recovering completely and the suggestions that he will retire in favour of the vice-President are declared by the Democrats to be designed to snake faith in President Wilson and the League of Nations scheme.

SPIRITUALISM.

DIVERGENT VIEWS AT CHURCH CONGRESS.

Spiritualism was one of the subjects dealt with at yesterday's session of the Church Congress at Leicester.

Canon MacCluere stated that the cult of Swedenborgianism first took shape in America, in spiritualistic systems, through the activities of a certain neurotic named Andrew Jackson Davis. The wave did not reach England from the United States till about 1850.

One would naturally think, said the Canon, that the exposure of medium after medium would have brought superstition to an end before now, but in spite of everything there are still some who believe there is something in it after all. Whatever this might be, he asserted that it constitutes a danger to the mental sanity of the nation, that neurotic persons should be accepted as channels between the living and the dead.

The Dean of Manchester was more tolerant and thought it altogether too late to dismiss the whole subject as a fraud. There are no really good grounds, he said for the infliction of the capital penalty on Sir Oliver Lodge.

Dean Inge said he felt sure he need not warn his hearers against a pitiable revival of necromancy, in which many desolate and bleeding hearts have sought a spurious satisfaction.

PREMISES, PROMISES AND PRIMUSES.

At Brixton a Jew offered a landlady 30s, a week for four unfurnished rooms, a premium, a handsome present and "friendship for life". The offer was immediately accepted.

Now that the above is taken, what is probably the only other available flat in London is advertised exclusively in today's Cologne Post (page 4). Our advertiser desires no premium but wants a motor trip from Ohligs to Ostend! The advertisement savours of romance.

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READING GAOL TO BE CLOSED.

Reading Gaol is to be closed in about a month's time and the staff will be transferred to Chelmsford. At present only five prisoners—aliens—are interned in the building, which has accommodation for 224. No criminals have been housed there since the war; they have been sent to Oxford Gaol instead.

The present building is about 70 years old. It was here that Oscar Wilde wrote the "Ballad of Reading Gaol" and part of "De Profundis." Mrs. Dyer, the notorious baby farmer, was another prisoner. During the war four dangerous aliens escaped from the gaol and one of them took refuge in the Spanish Embassy in London. Other occupants have been well-known Sinn Fein leaders.

SHIPBUILDING RECORD.

The tonnage of ships building in the United Kingdom on the 30th September aggregated 2,816,773, an increase of 293,000 tons as compared with June and 1,670,000 more than was in hand a year ago. The output of the past quarter however, shows a decrease of 112,000 tons as compared with the previous quarter.

Shipbuilding abroad aggregates 5,231,809 tons, about 262,000 tons lower than June. This is due to the considerable decrease of tonnage building in the United States. The total figures actually form a record of 130 per cent. over the highest total ever reached in pre-war times.

LAND FOR EX-SERVICE MEN.

The Hampshire County Council, at a special meeting under the chairmanship of Lord Northbrook, authorised the raising of £90,800 for the purchase and equipment of land for the settlement of ex-service men. The Small Holdings and Allotments Committee of the Council have already acquired 1,334 acres by purchase, for the sum of £42,387, and have 91 acres on lease.

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From the commencement of our occupation of German territory it has been our good fortune to travel by tramcar and train free gratis and for nothing. To the parsimonious Scot to whom frugality is a religion and the spending of "bawbees" a necessary (if not an unnecessary) evil, the privilege was a boon and a blessing of substantial worth. To the brassarded female and the average male it was none the less satisfying as it obviated searching one's pocket for the wherewithal with which to pay the fare.

It is one of the commonest of platitudes that we do not value a good thing until we lose it. It is safe to prophesy that ere the last Michaelmas daisy has faded and died we shall miss the inestimable boon of mounting a car without as much as the thought of an elusive "fünfundzwanzig" or expressing our needs in passable German.

Never again will the democratic Tommy visit the castles and the watering places of Father Rhine at so small an outlay.

Time was when the monarchs of the earth visited these resorts with their entourages; darlings of Society, reared on Fortune's lap, travelled leisurely at the close of the season to these favoured haunts where every prospect pleases and Nature is kind.

If only because of the novelty many of us have taken the waters at Wiesbaden or explored old world Bingen, and incidentally these delectable trips have broadened our minds and widened our outlook. For many it was the chance of a life-time, and all thoughtful men who took advantage of their opportunities in this respect will not only recognise but commend the policy of the powers that be which enabled us to travel so easily and so well.

Winter is rapidly approaching and our trips will cost us more, but a curtailment of a healthy "Wanderlust" need not follow.

Travelling in Germany has always been and still is comparatively cheap.

"ABDULLAH!"

No, this is not about cigarettes.

I have not discovered a store of these delectables.

It is about a mule.

"Abdullah" was the name we all knew him by.

Where or how he came by this appellation I know not, but I do know that the names given him by a long line of victims were more high sounding if not so romantic titles.

For a more concentrated conglomeration of mischief even the Argentine would find it difficult to produce his equal.

The Section Sergeant, one of the old Brigade, was almost reduced to tears, before Abdullah finally reduced him to a hospital case.

For a whole week the Corporal Rough Rider wore a black look and black eye after his introduction to the redoubtable Abdullah.

Many were the Army Forms W. 3247 directly traceable to his misdeeds.

But there came a time when one Driver Smith was posted to us and in him Abdullah found his affinity.

At least I can only put it down to that.

A short heavy built chap he was, and it needed no great insight to foretell his civil occupation.

Carman was written all over him.

In his hands Abdullah became as clay to the potter, although he still continued to show a fine discrimination in the selection of his victims.

And so things went on.

Many were the extra journeys Abdullah made up to the line; well, you know, there was just a chance of him stopping one, but no, he came through unscathed.

Right to Rhineland he came with us, till one welcome day he left us "for sale locally."

The whole Sub-Section turned out to see him off.

That we thought was the last of him.

A week passed and we had almost forgotten him.

One day we had just fed the animals at midday when who should make his appearance but the worthy Abdullah.

Like a bolt from the blue he swept into the lines decorated with sundry pieces of leather that had once been harness and with the remains of a pair of shafts trailing behind him.

In the adjacent village a hoarse shouting indicated his victorious and destructive advance.

In the far distance a portly German was extricating himself from a miscellaneous collection of beer bottles and the remains of a dray, whilst nearer at hand a venturesome dog was giving its last yelp with its legs pointing skywards.

It was truly marvellous the amount of damage he had managed to do in his whirlwind advance.

After all how were we to know he had been standing peacefully harnessed to the dray in the village street, when the whistle was blown for "Feed!"

HAWKEYE.

THE OFFICERS' KITCHEN DAY.

It happened in this way, the Mess Staff were given a day's holiday and went off to Coblenz with light hearts and full pockets, and the gallant officers decided to carry on the Mess entirely on their own. What a day! Shall we ever forget it? Never! Six officers readily volunteered for the great task; it meant so much to them and still more to those whom they served. So they donned their white caps and overalls and whilst it was yet dark forsook their cosy beds and made their way to the mess kitchen.

Arriving there our stern-hearted Mess President called the roll and took supreme command. He exhorted his assistants to do their duty and set an example of orderliness, cleanliness and above all thoroughness in all their efforts that day.

A certain company commander, assisted by a stalwart subaltern, were detailed to act as cooks, three subalterns were to do the waiting and washing up, the Mess President himself acting as butler in charge of the wine cupboard. He is a canny Scot and very proficient in serving out drinks.

All other officers were strictly forbidden to enter the kitchen and some who attempted to do so were rudely thrown out, whereat there was much commotion and indignation.

The stove was lighted and things were soon humming. The officers warmed to their work. It was the day of their lives and they were like a lot of schoolboys playing at boy scouts. Some unkind and jealous-minded of their comrades suggested that it was all because they were let off their military duties for the day.

The first to arrive for breakfast had a whole tin of bully beef with a big piece of fat served him. He resented this most keenly; others were treated in a similar way, and it almost looked as if a free fight would be the result until the offending articles of diet were removed and well-cooked bacon and eggs substituted.

At the close of this meal a collection was made in a bully beef tin for the waiters and cooks, and rumour says a huge amount, which will swell the bank balances of these fortunate men, was realised.

The preparations for lunch were on an extensive scale. One of our waiters, on going outside for a breather, was addressed by a German civilian: "Well chef, how are things going; you have a good job here, haven't you?" He replied in his best German: "Top hole". Another camouflaged himself exceedingly well, and by the aid of a cushion, which he inserted under his overall, looked like the fat man of Barnum's Freak show.

The lunch began with a choice cocktail, an unheard-of surprise, and this won universal praise. The steak and onions, apple pie and other dainties revealed the cooking abilities of the two officers engaged in the task.

The tea and supper were not up to par owing no doubt to the staff wangling matters.

At the close of the day they cheekily demanded free drinks for their services, and are presenting a petition to the Commanding Officer to send the usual Mess staff about their business as they want a permanent job of this sort to qualify for the Hotel Cecil staff on demobilization.

G.K.

A SPORTING CONTRAST.

In the history of British sport prospects have never been quite so rosy and the certainty of success in every branch never so clearly promised as in the season which has so auspiciously opened.

For five years the British public have voluntarily sacrificed their love of indulgence in the healthiest of pastimes in the interest of the common cause.

League football for the period of the war was ruled out of our national life, county cricket went by the board, our gr at racing meetings were abandoned or substituted, and, in fact, in every department of sport there was a total abandonment or severe curtailment of activities.

The men whose work it had been to provide pleasure for millions of enthusiastic supporters received a call to a higher game and set out to win honour in other and less congenial fields.

Player and spectator at once realised that while professional sport and peace were inseparable, the former could not with success be linked to war. And as we look back we cannot but be filled with surprise and admiration that such a drastic change in what had become the natural order of things aroused so little animosity and caused such a small amount of dissatisfaction and discontent.

JOY AT SPORT'S RETURN.

The tremendous and unprecedented enthusiasm with which a return to a pre-war sports season is being hailed and acclaimed leaves no doubt as to the reality of the self-denial necessitated in demonstrating their joy at a resuscitation, of the normal state of affairs the public resemble a wild animal set free from enforced captivity. They welcome a return to an unlimited menu of their particular pleasures as rapturously as did many a lad his daddy's return from the war.

And can we wonder at such a demonstration of excitement? Have not sporting instincts and sporting qualities become an inherent part of the constitution of every true Britisher?

For years the inculcation of such attributes has been one of the main items in the agenda of our educational curriculum. In a Britisher a love of sport is regarded as almost as essential as a love of country. With the acquirement of his a b c he also imbibes the essentials of a sportsman.

The hard lesson of give and take is early administered, on the school playing field; he is taught to play cleanly, to refrain from gloating over victory and to be manly in defeat.

BRITAIN'S LOVE FOR SPORT.

This, we suggest, is mainly responsible for the popularity of every kind of game where the British flag flies, and, incidentally, for the hilarity with which this winter's programme is being received. For football, racing, boxing, golf, billiards and all other forms of recreation, both professional and amateur, the signs of the times point to a greatly enhanced popularity and the breaking of many records is plainly predicted.

Such is the state of affairs in the British Isles, and turning to Germany we are at once confronted by a pitiable contrast. Over here we fail to see even the mildest symptoms of sport fever; the German public can welcome the return to full season's programme of sport for the very good reason that such a programme never existed in pre-war days.

The German has managed to exist, how we fail to understand, without sport being a prominent feature of his national life, and as yet we see no signs that this state of things will be changed in the near future.

True, we occasionally see posters advertising boxing matches, football and cycling, but the expositions of the various games are almost invariably of a very poor standard. For a town the size of Cologne outdoor sport must be said to be sadly neglected, and this, we believe, applies to other parts of the country.

THE POSITION IN GERMANY.

Sport and all that the world conveys to us is virtually an unknown quantity, the German appears to have little love for the strenuous athletic game in which a man's physical powers are taxed to their utmost capacity. He apparently prefers to spend his leisure hours in a cabaret consuming the liquid produce of Rhineland and listening to the strains of an orchestra.

We, naturally, fail to fathom the psychology of such a person and are surprised at such forms of amusement finding general favour. The reason is to be discovered as a result of a study of the nation, rather than the individual.

A strong backing of public opinion is essential to the success of any national feature and in Germany the public have been systematically trained to look upon the sport with disfavour as calculated to undermine rather than uplift the national character. Their thoughts and energies have been purposely guided into other channels and the few sporting enthusiasts have received no material support; their efforts consequently have failed miserably. Germany's boys have been trained with a view to their becoming successful as soldiers and not with an eye to their winning fame in the world of sport.

Little wonder, then, that the German has not developed into a sportsman and that there is such a marked disparity between him and the Britisher in this respect.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

GAY UNIFORMS.

Sir,—I don't approve of going back to the scarlet tunic, at least not of the old, tight, uncomfortable pattern without pockets or the blue trousers tight at the knees and slightly bell-bottomed, that used to be worn before the Great War. Nor would I favour the pipe-clayed belt.

But what I do think would look very smart and would be appreciated by men who take a just pride in their regiment would be to have the colours of the old facings—blue, yellow, red, buff or green—used as a band round the cap. Guards officers have this band now and it looks very fine, I think.

Khaki uniform is much smarter than it used to be, and little splashes of colour are being introduced on the shoulder straps etc., I see. It is a splendidly serviceable shade of cloth and looks workmanlike and soldierly without being gaudy.

H.W.C's arguments in its favour are irresistible, I consider.

FUZZY.

NOT KING ALFONSO.

Sir,—Reference the paragraph in "Echoes from Rhineland" which appeared in yesterday's issue about King Alfonso, having been seen in the Hohestrasse.

It is now known on the very highest authority that the personage seen was "Alfonso Spagoni the Toreador."

MILLY BERSON.

DISPLAYING DECORATIONS.

Sir,—With reference to the recent letter by "Jumbo," why should not the ex-service man, wear any decorations that he may be entitled to? And why should he be called an offender?

Is it an offence to wear any decorations, that perhaps he may have gone through hell to gain?

As regards these "distinguished marks" as he calls them, if he were in the firing line during the war he only needs to look back to find that many of these men received "distinguished marks" that will have to be worn for the rest of their lives.

However, perhaps an Army of Occupation medal would alter a lot of people's opinions.

WHIZZ-BANG.

IS THIS TRIVIAL?

Sir,—Perhaps somebody will say this is only a trivial matter, but it has worried me a lot lately.

I am not married, but one of these days I might be; I've been thinking that if I were and had my wife over here and happened to be walking in Cologne with one arm linked in hers and carrying a baby in the other while I was suffering from a stiff neck, how would I salute supposing I met an officer?

If I could be certain what to do, for one ought to look ahead and be prepared for everything, it would relieve me of the dread of some day being the accused in a Court Martial; and with my mind at ease I could get my proper night's sleep.

SOME DAY.

WAILS OF A "P.M.C."

Sir,—Agreed "Mess Orderly" has a good case, but what of the P.M.C? I fear the day when an officer rolls up on the appointed day for the collection of subscriptions and, unasked, presses a wad of notes into my hands with the observation that the conduct of the Mess affords satisfaction.

I am sure the shock will kill me.

WHAT HO.

WOULD HE DO IT?

Sir,—Do you know of an English tradesman allowing for the closing of his shop during the luncheon hour who would turn away the few customers in his shop at the time appointed for closing?

This happened at the officers' clothing department yesterday. A staff officer desiring to purchase a pair of gloves was turned down, presumably to return in the afternoon.

SUNSHINE.

MEYERBEER MISSING.

Sir,—"T.F.H's" letter with regard to Meyerbeer's compositions is most opportune. Others have been asking the same questions.

Certainly much antipathy exists among certain sections of the German people with regard to this musician.

Some years ago I was at a London concert when the orchestra played "The Reminiscences of Meyerbeer." The audience heartily applauded but a German next to me gave an exclamation of disgust and said "too much heavy stuff."

Your correspondent is not quite correct however when he suggests that none of Meyerbeer's operas are ever given in Germany.

A friend of mine in London was once a student at Berlin and he tells me that he frequently used to get tickets. Among the most frequently billed operas were those of Wagner and Meyerbeer.

I should heartily welcome such productions as "L'Africane" "Star of the North" and "Les Huguenots" in Cologne. No doubt others would also.

G.W.M.

IN BEETHOVEN'S HOUSE AT BONN.

It was at the close of a wonderful summer's day that I knocked at the door of the humble little house in Bonn that had been the birthplace of Beethoven. For some reason it had been closed to the public that day; but I had travelled far to pay my homage at the shrine, and the old dame who acted as caretaker was kind, and let me in.

I saw a tiny hall, swept and garnished, and beyond it a garden full of old fashioned flowers and creepers. But the light was fading fast, and without delay I climbed the narrow staircase, until I reached the garret, right up in the roof, where the master was born.

In the gloaming I saw a very small, bare room, with low wooden ceiling and floor of rough boards. A single casement window in the eastern wall let in all that there was of light; most appropriately there is no artificial illumination permitted in that intensely touching room. A glimmering white bust on a pedestal, and three great wreaths of bay are all the tangible things that this holy place contains. And it is well. But what thoughts crowd upon one as one gazes. Here, in abject poverty, was born, and, here for a long time in poverty lived the genius who has given peace and happiness to millions, who in unnumbered passages has thrilled man with the conviction of humanity's divinity—solace man, re-nerved him, borne indisputable witness to the eternal.

I thought of the wealthy "composers" of the rag-time horrors of to-day, and, as I did so, through the open window there came the strains of a gramophone playing an up-to-date dance.

But these things cannot harm Beethoven, nor end the magic of his story. They are as thoughts and sounds such as sometimes in a solemn church may come to us from the ugly slums outside.

It was too dark to do more than peer dimly at the objects in the Beethoven museum hard by. Instruments upon which the master had played, pages of his score, letters, portraits, and again more wreaths. Who can look upon these things without a lump in his throat, a clutching at his heart?

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THE CESAREWITCH.

Favourite Unplaced In Wednesday's Big Race.

KING AND QUEEN SPECTATORS.

Although we were able to publish the bare result of the Cesarewitch in yesterday's issue, details of the race did not come to hand until after the paper had gone to press, and they could not therefore be included.

The failure of King John, who was regarded by many to be as near a "dead cert" as anything in racing could be, reminds one of the ignominious performance of The Panther and other red-hot favourites that have been beaten this season.

The sudden shortening in price of Ivanhoe during the few days prior to the race indicates that he was not altogether unexpected while Golden Melody was strongly fancied.

The weather was fine and crisp for the meeting and there was a large attendance including the King and Queen. Appended are details of the race:—

1, Ivanhoe (Whalley) 100 to 6,
2, Golden Melody (Speck) 4 to 1,
3, Bridgend (Leach) 20 to 1.

Also ran: Queen's Square (Donoghue), Haki (Childs), St. Eloi (Templeman), King John (Martin), Silver Bridge (Hulme), Golden Rule (Evans), Warwick (Robbins), White Heat (Fox), Unitoi (Lane), Gay Lord (Collin), Matoppo (Hamshaw), Chaltoi (Taylor), Sea Voyage (Robertson), Eton Rambler (Garnett), Sheriff's Officer (Ringstead) and Alasnam (Weston).

The Race.

On settling down Gay Lord led from Silver Bridge, Unitoi, Warwick, Alasnam, Bridgend, King John, Ivanhoe and Golden Melody. After leaving the bushes, Ivanhoe went to the front and, although Golden Melody came along with a great rush, Ivanhoe held his own to the end and won easily by a length and a half. A neck separated the second and third. Alasnam close up was fourth.

Other results on Wednesday were as follows:—

Kennet Plate:—1, Lady Peregrine (100-7); 2, Sundial (15-8); 3, Beresina (5-2). 6 ran.

Autumn handicap:—1, Santa Cruz (100-8); 2, Wilson (100-8); 3, Sangelo (100-8). Ten ran.

Cheveley Park Stakes:—1, Bright Folly (5-4); 2, Plunkette (100-8); 3, Cicerole (100-8). Nine ran.

Two-year Old Plate:—1, Ecila filly (8-1); 2, Prince Herod (5-4 on); 3, Ardvourlie (100-7). 18 ran.

The victory of his Majesty's filly was received with a tremendous outburst of cheering and hat waving.

2nd October Nursery (Division one):—1, Solo Bridge (10-2); 2, Jaunting Car (7-4); 3, Abdicate (5-2). Nine ran.

2nd October Nursery (Division two):—1, Indenture (6-1); 2, Happy (8-1); 3, Aerolite (5-1). Thirteen ran.

Select Stakes:—Irish Elegance walked over.

A "TIP" IN RHYME.

My first is highest in the land,
A proper noun my second,
My whole, I'd have you understand,
A certainty is reckoned!
"Eash" in "Sporting Life."

King John, however, only appeared among the "also rans."

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN JOCKEY.

The "Echo de Paris" announces that the well-known jockey, William Escott, died on Monday as the result of an accident which he met with at Auteuil on Saturday.—Reuter.

Escott was the son of the well-known Lewes trainer, Harry Escott, and had been riding for some months in France. The accident occurred in the Prix Congress, in which his mount, Le Releve, fell. Escott joined up early in the war, and served for a considerable period on the French front. Though not in the front rank of cross-country riders, he met with a fair amount of success in his profession, and had a good average number of winners.

FRANCE AND OLYMPIC GAMES.

Government Training Grant of 200,000 Francs.

The National Committee of Sports has been informed by the Minister of War that its demand for a credit of 200,000 francs has been voted by Parliament. This sum is to be devoted to the training of French athletes who will take part in the Olympic Games of 1920, and to their journey to, and stay in, Antwerp.

G.H.Q. SERGEANTS' RIFLE CLUB.

Will members kindly note the last shoot of the season will take place on Saturday next? Meet at No. 1 Mess Salomonsgasse, 1.30 p.m. prompt. Three prizes will be competed for.

TWO MATCHES—14 GOALS.

18th G.H.Q. M.T. Coy. defeat Service and Ordnance Corps Men.

TEAM LEAVES THE FIELD.

On Saturday and Sunday, the 18th G.H.Q. M.T. Coy. scored two decisive victories at football. The first match, against "C" Group, R.A.O.C., was very fast and the play on both sides skilful and clever. 18th G.H.Q. were leading by 3 goals to 1 at the interval. On the resumption, play was again very fast, the home forwards combining well, cleverly backed up by the halves. Twenty minutes from the end, when 18th G.H.Q. were leading by 7 goals to 1, they were awarded a penalty, but the captain of the R.A.O.C. team refused to quit the penalty area and allow the kick to be taken. He elected to take his men from the field, thereby leaving the home team victors by 7 goals to 1. The goal scorers for 18th G.H.Q. M.T. Coy. team were as follows:—L/Cpl. McKinnell 4; Cpl. Phillips 2; and Pte. Hulme 1. C.S.M. Tucker refereed.

60th. AUX. STEAM COY. R.A.S.C.

The above team paid a visit on Saturday and their fate was similar. A very pleasant game ended in 18th G.H.Q. M.T. Coy. winning by 7 goals to nil. The scorers were L/Cpl. McKinnell 3; Cpl. Phillips 2; and Pte. Morrison 2. The visitors goalie played extremely well, and saved his side from a much heavier defeat. The play of the 18th G.H.Q., M.T. Coy. reached a very high level, their forwards being particularly good and the goalie, backs and halves firm and strong. The referee was C.S.M. Tucker.

Xth CORPS TOURNAMENT.

84th Brigade, R.G.A. v. 51st Bn.: Manchester Regt.—semi-final.

84th Brigade R.G.A. qualified for the final of the Xth Corps Senior Tournament by defeating the 51st Manchesters by 5—2, after a well contested game. The gunners started with ten men, owing to the late arrival of one player. From the kick-off the 51st went away, and only by fine defensive play by Hennings and the backs was a score averted. After ten minutes, the 51st registered their first goal, the shot giving Joyce no chance. Give-and-take play followed, in which the 51st left back showed splendid form. Higginson for the gunners made many fine runs, but obtained no results. The 51st met with another success, their centre forward after a magnificent run, scoring with a first-class shot. At half time the score stood at 2—0 in favour of the 51st.

EXCITING SECOND HALF.

The opening of the second half provided much excitement for the spectators the 51st raided the gunners' end, and for a period of 10 minutes held them entirely on the defensive. Their goal had several very narrow escapes, but the defence prevailed. The gunners' first goal came as the result of a clever run and shot by Mallock. This success roused the gunners to greater efforts. The forwards, ably led by Denars, attacked vigorously, and despite the splendid defence at the 51st left back, Merwick, with a splendid first timer, equalised. The 51st were now kept entirely on the defensive, the gunners pressing very hard. They took the lead as the result of a very fine run by Lieut. Mermagen, who all along had been playing very hard. This success was followed quickly by another, a splendid shot by Mallock finding the net. Shortly after, as a result of continuous pressure, the score was increased by a great drive from Thornton, which gave the 51st goalie no earthly. Despite the fact of being three goals down, the 51st played hard, and twice almost found the net, their centre forward playing like a Trojan and making very dangerous openings. Full time arrived with the score, 84th Brigade 5, 51st Manchesters 2.

The game was contested in a thoroughly sportsmanlike spirit, and was ably handled by Captain Best as referee.

HOCKEY.

12th L. N. Lancs. Score odd Goal in Nine.

The 12th L. N. Lancs. played the 52nd King's Liverpool Regt. on their ground on Monday. As it had been raining heavily for two hours prior to the game, the ground was none too good for brilliant play. The Lancs. in the first half scorned two clever goals, one from Sgt. Boddy on the left wing and the other from Lieut. Laithwaite. The King's in the second half, after about ten minutes play, equalised, only to find the Lancs. break away once more and score. The King's again equalised, but the Lancs. persisted in getting back the lead. The score ended after an exciting game in the Lancs. favour: L. N. Lancs. 5; 52nd King's, 4.

HIGH CLASS BOXING.

Keen Sport in Inter-Battalion Competition at Duren.

ROYAL SCOTS IN ACTION.

Enthusiasm raged high in a Boxing Competition held at Duren last Monday between the 5/6 Bn. The Royal Scots and the 11th Bn. The Royal Scots. A large crowd assembled in the Gymnasium at the Hindenburg Barracks where the sport provided was of a clean and high standard.

The boxing opened with the first round of the feather-weight to and brought Pte Ellis, 11th R.S., and L/Cpl. Liddle, 11th R.S., together, resulting in a win for the former. At the same weight Pte Berry, 11th R.S., and Pte White, 5/6th R.S., exchanged blows, showing a lot of clever work, proving Berry the better.

An Extra Round.

Some excellent boxing was given between Pte Armstrong, 11th R.S., and Pte Hanlon, 5/6 R.S., in the semi-final of the light-weight. This bout necessitated an extra round being fought to allow the judges to decide, the decision being given to Pte Armstrong.

In the second round of the feather-weight, Pte Renny, 11th R.S., and Pte Darling, 5/6 R.S., came together. The former set off a great pace forcing his opponent to adopt defensive measures. Soon however the tables were turned when Darling got a fine right home to his opponents jaw. Renny who was now standing a lot of hard hitting retired saving himself further punishment.

The bout between Sgt. Wallace, 11th R.S., and Pte Brown, 5/6th R.S., in the welter-weight saw the latter retiring in the first round, Wallace having the advantage of reach and weight. In the same weight Sgt. Hunter, 11th R.S., received the decision over L/Cpl. Jameson, 5/6th R.S. The boxing in this bout was clean but not remarkably clever.

Results.

In the finals of the different weights the following were the results:—

Bantam-weight:—Pte. O'Neill, 5/6th R.S., defeated Pte. Johnston, 5/6th R.S. by a narrow margin.

Feater-weight:—Pte. Darling, 5/6th R.S., gained the verdict over Pte. Berry, 11th R.S., the former showing fine skill and clever footwork.

Light-weight:—Pte. McCudden, 5/6th R.S., beat Pte. Armstrong, 11th R.S. This was one of the best fights witnessed during the afternoon. The first round finished in favour of McCudden, the second showed both men about equal, and in the third McCudden had a slightly better advantage. In an extra one minute round McCudden gained the judges verdict.

Welter-weights:—Sgt. Wallace, 11th R.S., beat Sgt. Hunter, 11th R.S., the latter retiring in the first round to save himself unnecessary punishment. An exhibition spar was given between Lt. Cornford, 11th R.S., and Lt. Kirkwood, 5/6th R.S., which caused great excitement.

WELLS IN FORM.

Wells who is meeting Jack Curphey, the Grenadier Guardsman, at the Holborn Stadium to-night is not only physically fit, but his frame of mind is distinctly reassuring. He seems more assertive, and his chin has a defiant upward thrust it never used to wear. His legs, thanks to rowing exercise, are stronger and better developed, and his two sparring partners, Tom Berry, and Charles Panwell, of the Guards, have felt most emphatically the power of his punches. Wells is still as clever a boxer as ever, and the camp are very hopeful of his chance against Curphey. He weighs half a stone heavier than when he lost to Beckett.

HENNEF HORSE SHOW.

51st Manchesters' Success in 3rd. Infantry Bde. Event.

At the 3rd. (Manchester) Infantry Brigade Horse Show held at Hennef on Saturday, the 51st Bn. Manchester Regiment (Lt. Col. H.F. Watson Commanding) obtained the following results:—

Officers' turnout (open). 1st Lt. F.C. Gower.

Coy. commanders jumping. 1st 2/Lt. Bates.

Relay race. 1st L/Cpl. McEvoy, Pte. Anthony, Pte. Pearson and Pte. Claber.

Loaded pack animals. 1st Pte. Bradley, 3rd. Pte. Dougherty.

Polo on mules. 2nd. Lt. Fox, 2/Lts. Bates, Collens, D.C.M. and Chantler.

V.C. race. 2nd. Pte. Pearson, 3rd. Pte. Claber.

Mule jumping. 2nd. L/Cpl. McEvoy.

Officers' riding class. 2nd. Lt. Galloway.

Ride and drive. 2nd. Pte. Arnold.

Apple and bucket, 3rd. Pte. Kennedy.

KNUR AND SPELL.

Knur and spell is as popular as ever in Yorkshire. There was a big crowd at Parkside, Hunslet, to watch the match between G. Brogden, of Leeds, and T. Stoddart, of Hunslet, with ½oz. put knurs and 3ft. 9in. sticks, for £50. Stoddart, who was conceded three yards, started favourite, but victory rested with Brogden by 3ft. 10½ins

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

Newcastle United No Longer Blind to Local Talent.

BY W. LE C.

Three times this season McInally of Celtic has performed the "hat-trick."

F. Bond, a nephew of the famous "Dicky" has joined Preston North End. It will be remembered that the now Bradford City player made his name with "Proud Preston's" team.

Mr. Jack Howcroft, the popular Bolton referee, has been invited to hold the "whistle" in the Association International between Sweden and Denmark, which is down to be played at Stockholm in November.

Philips, Sunderland's Scottish centre forward, has refused to return to the Wearside club.

Great Harwood F.C. are now playing Suttie the old Blackburn left back. His return to football has surprised many followers of the game.

Marr, the old Gillingham centre, who at present places work before football may wear Newcastle's jersey ere long.

Newcastle United in the past paid large sums for players with reputations. To-day they are playing a line of young local discoveries and it is paying. As a correspondent suggests "They have been blind to the talent at their door."

Clapton Orient possess the youngest first-class team in England. But what a change an old "general" might work.

Lyall the old Sheffield goalkeeper, recently demobbed, is very desirous of again figuring in the limelight.

LEEDS CITY'S EXPULSION.

Statement Issued By Lord Mayor For Publication.

The failure of the Lord Mayor of Leeds to save Leeds City is explained in a statement made by his lordship for publication. In the course of this he says:—

After a night of very careful consideration I have come to the conclusion that but for the action of the League the Commission would have let the club off with a fine. But the League committee were very firm for expulsion. I am sure that Port Vale did not act in a sportsmanlike way in pressing their claim before the final decision was arrived at.

I was also very much handicapped by local people sending letters to members of the League, making suggestions of which no copy had been sent to me.

IRELAND'S TEAM.

Players To Meet England On Saturday Week.

The Irish team to meet England at Windsor Park, Belfast, on Saturday week has been selected as follows:

O'Hagen (St. Mirren); McCracken (Newcastle United) and McCandless (Linfield); Lacey (Liverpool), Hamill (Belfast Celtic), and Emerson (Glentoran); Lynes (Glentoran), Gallagher (Glasgow Celtic), Gowdy (Glentoran), Ferris (Belfast), and McCandlish (Bradford).

Reserve—J. Harris (Cliftonville).

CLUBS FINED £50.

At a meeting of the Southern League Management Committee it was decided that, with regard to the two matches not played on September 27—Norwich City v. Southend and Exeter City v. Watford—the Watford team should go to Exeter and the Southend team to Norwich on days chosen by their opponents. The Watford and Southend Clubs to be at home for the other games, which will be played in mid-week. Each club was fined £50.

MID-WEEK FOOTBALL.

Southern League Result:— Crystal Palace 1; Swindon 2.

FOOTBALL CHALLENGE.

A sporting correspondent writes as follows:—

Almost any day one lifts a "Cologne Post" and in the sporting items challenges are to be found in football. The 5/6th Bn. The Royal Scots who have been "lying low" so far think it about time they had a say in all these challenges to determine which is the best football team in the Army of the Rhine. They are willing to play any team. Communications should be sent to the Sports Officer, 5/6th Bn. The Royal Scots, Duren.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

Fancy Dress Dance.

A most enchanting Fancy Dress Dance was held at the British Empire Leave Club on Wednesday evening. The whole scene was one of great Eastern splendour, Persian rugs and gorgeous coloured draperies hung from the galleries and there were pagodas and golden lamps swinging from Eastern awnings. Gilded railings enclosed many cushioned recesses where reclined such interesting figures as Billy Bunter (in an Eton jacket all correct) and Father Time in long flowing garments with white hair and beard. Other figures who caused great amusement were a melancholy clergyman labelled "the Indispensable," a munition girl with a notice on her back, "Back to the old trade," and two cheery Johnnies in the most surprising check suits ever seen.

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Then there was a gorgeous Crusader in coat of mail with a brother in arms and Beau Brummels in profusion and amongst the many Pierrots, two wonderful visions in mauve and black. The two M.C's, Sergt.-Maj. Felgate as a Hussar, and Bombardier Taylor in powder period costume were splendid to look upon and accomplished their official duties admirably. The success of the evening was largely due to the playing of the G.H.Q. Jazz Band who generously gave their services and played with their usual eclat and rhythm. In the interval the new B.E.L.C. Jazz Band performed and were much encouraged by their reception.

Smoking Concert at Kirchherten.

A pleasant evening was spent on Saturday, when the W. O.'s, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants of the Lowland Divisional Artillery entertained their officers at a Smoking Concert a Kirchherten. About 100 officers and sergeants were present and a jolly atmosphere was created from the beginning. The programme was opened with a pianoforte solo by Dr. Wadsworth, followed by a toast. "The King." Dr. Oates then gave an excellent recitation, after which the Chairman R.S.M. Rose, proposed the toast of "Our Officers." In a short speech the Chairman mentioned that this was the first occasion on which the Officers, W.O.'s and Sergeants of the Lowland Div. Arty. had met together.

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Brig.-Gen. Sandys, C.B., C.M.G., replying, thanked his hosts on behalf of the Officers for entertaining them and said that the occasion brought back to his memory many pleasant evenings spent with the Sergeants, Mess. He mentioned that Major Gen. Tudor much regretted his inability to be present, but he had made certain private arrangements before receiving the invitation and had been unable to alter them. Brig.-Gen. Sandys reviewed in brief the record of the Royal Regiment and the Division, both of which were, in his opinion, second to none. He then proposed the toast "Our Hosts", which was drunk with much enthusiasm. The musical items were then resumed, and included a stirring song by Major Rickeards, a ragtime effort by Campbell and McLennan, and some first-class items by Capt. Cleeve, Cpl. Argent and others.

In Few Words.

Lt. Linford, R.A.F. who leaves Rhineland to-day, prior to being "demob'd," will be greatly missed by the Rhine Army Dramatic Company. His acting has won for him many eulogistic comments.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Fri.	Cosi fan tutte	Mozart	7	10.30
Sat.	The Gipsy Baron	Strauss	7	10
Sun.	Königskinder	Humperdinck	7	10
Mon.	Cavalleria rusticana Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo	7	10
Tues	Orpheus and Eurydice	Gluck	7	9.15

AFTERNOON JAZZING.

Tea-Time Dances at the Officers' Club, Cologne.

Yesterday afternoon, the clatter of drums, the twang of banjo strings and blasts from a trombone caused me to halt outside the "Earwig" Club. The sounds continued, so I entered to investigate and then remembered that the first of the daily tea dances, announced to take place in the long room, was due. Sure enough, the "light fantastic" was in full swing, with the Headquarters Jazz Band (conducted by the well-known banjo soloist, Lew Hallmark) providing the most irresistible music. The privilege of being the first couple to dance fell to the lot of a Staff Captain and a lady from the Empire Leave Club, and for some time they were the sole occupants of the splendid floor. It was not long, however, before many others caught the spirit and glided round the room.

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The latest innovation of the N.A.C.B. Club authorities is bound to meet with wholehearted approbation and henceforth the period from 4 to 5.30 p.m. should be a particularly gay one each day. The originator of this latest addition to the many recent improvements in the club is to be congratulated upon hitting on a particularly happy idea. There is certainly something rather thrilling about a dance while waiting for one's tea to cool, and the music is much too tempting to resist. I am told that the Jazz band will show up twice a week and the usual excellent orchestra will function for the other days.

"The Crumps."

After having broken all previous records and successes with their new programme, which has been presented at Lindlar, Marialinden, Rösrath, Overath and Siegburg during the week, I hear that "The Crumps" have arranged for a special performance for one night only at the Y.M.C.A. Theatre, Kalk, this evening commencing at 6.30 p.m.

JACQUES.

Y.M.C.A. BILLIARD TOURNEY.

Pte. B. Monbert, 51st King's Regiment, and Pte. H. Robbins, 266 Employment Coy, met in the final game of the Y.M.C.A. Billiard Tournament at Kalk on Tuesday.

Play commenced at 18.10 hours, the game being 250 up, and evenly contested up to 150, when Pte. Monbert drew away and won comfortably by 56 points.

Miss Graham kindly presented the Shield and Cups to the winner and runner-up.

A competitor has to make three successive wins to become the owner of the Shield and it is hoped to get together the best players in the Rhine Army for the next Tournament, which will be the "Rhine Army Championship."

"DON'TS" FOR COMPETITORS.

How to Help Adjudicators In Our Football Contest.

Our competition staff have a busy time every Monday sorting out the entries in our football contest but their task can be greatly assisted by competitors refraining from falling into the errors we mention below. In publishing the following we trust competitors will take note and thereby facilitate the work of our staff.

Many competitors send in coupons but omit to enclose the mark required for each. No less than 45 entrants failed to read our rules regarding this in No. 3 contest. Had one of these submitted a correct coupon he would have been of necessity disqualified. Do not forget to enclose your marks, and therefore avoid disqualification.

Entrants should not enclose local bank notes with their coupons. Many have fallen into this error, and in future such notes will disqualify a competitor. We can only accept "Reichsbank" notes. We would ask all entrants to submit the amount required in one, two, or five mark notes. The sending in of 10 pfennigs, 25 pfennigs, and half mark notes greatly hampers the work of the adjudicators.

No Folding Necessary.

Do not fold your notes or coupons. It is quite easy to slip them into envelopes without the unnecessary folding, so many aspirants for our prize indulge in.

Cut your coupon out of the paper. Do not tear it out. One competitor last week sent in two coupons with the rules attached. This is quite needless, our staff know the rules off by heart.

Pins and paper fasteners should not be used, simply place the mark and coupon into the envelope.

No correspondence must be enclosed with coupons. One entrant in No. 3 enclosed a note which read "Pay up and look pleasant." The humorist as it happened was miles off the mark.

Print your name legibly. The ink will not run if the coupon is slightly heated before being written upon.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 4,
"Cologne Post,"
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.

2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.

3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.

4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.

5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.

6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.

7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.

8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.

9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 4.

Date of matches, **Saturday,** Oct. 18th.
Closing date, **Friday,** Oct. 17th.

Bradford City	v. Sunderland
Hamilton A.	v. Dundee
Manchester U.	v. Manchester City
Sheffield U.	v. Burnley
Arsenal	v. Everton
Stockport C.	v. Stoke
Hull City	v. Notts Forest
Clyde	v. Hearts
Blackpool	v. Birmingham
Rangers	v. Celtic
Swindon	v. Exeter City
Watford	v. Brentford

I enter Football Competition No. 4 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Definitely Retired.

Harry Low, Sunderland's left half-back, has definitely retired from the game.

Coming South?

It is being freely rumoured that W. Meredith, the famous Welsh international, contemplates going south.

U.S. Jockey.

R. Carter, the American jockey, has been granted a licence by the Stewards of the Jockey Club, and will ride for Gray's stable at Epsom.

Jesse Pennington.

Jesse Pennington the West Bromwich Albion back, is a candidate for the Smethwick Town Council. He has a sports outfitter's business at Smethwick.

Bookman Signs For Luton.

In an endeavour to strengthen the forward line Luton Town have engaged Louis Bookman, a strongly built left winger who played for Bradford City and West Bromwich Albion in pre-war days.

Helping The Juniors.

The Yorkshire Northern Union Committee are keen to help junior and school Rugby teams. They have recently made a grant of £20 both to the Huddersfield and Leeds District Leagues, and also promised to provide two sets of medals for each district.

Off To France.

Claud Halsey has gone to France to take up an appointment as trainer.

Players Tried.

West Ham have tried twenty-four players this season, Chelsea seventeen, and the Arsenal fourteen.

Still Racing.

Sir John Thursby, although he is terminating his lease of the Blink Bonny stud at Malton, is not relinquishing breeding or racing.

French "Goalie."

Pierre Charriques, the best goalkeeper ever produced in France, has been ill for a long time, and his club, the Red Star, is organising a benefit game for the 18th inst.

Beckenham Club's Loss.

C.J. Tindell Green, the well-known lawn tennis player and hockey international, has returned north, and will not be available for the Beckenham Hockey Club this season.

Captain For 21 Years.

To commemorate the twenty-first year of the captaincy of Felix Hotchkiss of the North London Cricket Club, past and present members have formed a committee with a view to according him a tangible recognition of his valuable services.

Football In Shoes.

R.H. Allen, the Corinthian forward, wears shoes when playing.

A Treasure.

Glasgow Celtic have found a treasure in John Gilchrist at right-half.

Football Cricketers.

The Corinthians won their first match against Charterhouse by 6—2. There were three Essex cricketers in the team.

Goal Scorer.

The great part Buchan is playing in the Sunderland forward line this season is reflected in his position among the leading goal scorers.

New Three-Quarter.

Batley N.U. have signed on a new three-quarter in David Evans, a Welshman, who has been transferred from Wigan.

Eye Trouble.

Dan Jenkins the Halifax three-quarter, who played so well for them before the war, has notified the club that he is suffering from eye trouble and will be unable to assist them.

Trainer's Death.

George Cunnington, sen., one of the best-known trainers in France, has just died at the age of 69. He trained Gospodar, who won the French Derby for M. Michel Ephrussi in 1894.

Ex-Newsboy Athlete.

Henri Suit, the former street newsboy, for the sixth time in twelve years won the race round Paris, covering the distance of 26½ miles in 3 hours 56 minutes.

For French Derby.

Lord Derby has entered Malik a bay colt by Macdonald II., in the French Derby for 1921, and Mourmane, a filly by Rabelais, in the Oaks.

Marble Arch To Bristol.

F. Perry, the long-distance runner, will attempt to run from the Marble Arch to Bristol and back, a distance of 236 miles, starting on December 15.

Rugby and Cricket.

Dr. T.P. Whittington, medical officer for Neath, whose sudden death is reported, in his younger days represented Scotland at Rugby and Wales at cricket.

Barson's £430 Benefit.

Footballers entitled to benefits this season are likely to do very well indeed. Barson, the Barnsley skipper, whose benefit match was played just recently, has received £430.

Rhodes Rumours Killed.

There have been rumours recently that Wilfrid Rhodes, the great Yorkshire cricketer, would be seen in a Lancashire League team next season. Fortunately, the rumours turn out to be false.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

In the Way.

"Why don't they clear away the rubbish boxes from the paths earlier?" indignantly asked an officer newly arrived in Cologne. "Why, when I was going along to break — I mean lunch — at the mess yesterday I tumbled over two of the bally things" he added.

Plenty of Paper Money.

What strikes the average British visitor to Cologne is the abundance of paper money, but just how the poor manage to meet the high prices asked for clothes is just what an English housewife cannot understand.

Not Required.

When you see the sign "ohne marken" in a provision shop, don't run away with the idea that the customer gets something for nothing. It's simply the German way of saying that ration tickets are not required for that particular commodity.

Cosmopolitan.

It is doubtful if in this cosmopolitan city there is a more cosmopolitan building than the Dom Hof by Cologne Main Station. In addition to numerous British Establishments, it houses the French, Belgian and Italian Missions, also the "restitution industrielle," and representatives of Poland and other small states born of the war. The stream of visitors of all nationalities is continuous, and within five minutes the other day, a British soldier on duty at the door, was addressed in six different languages.

What is the Reason?

An officer's wife complained to me that she had to pay 1/—3/4d at the N.A.C.B. for evaporated milk she can get at the German shops for 11d., the same price as in England.

The Business Manager's Story.

I was surprised to find this forenoon that our accountant knew nothing of the opening of the Douglas Pennant enquiry. He pleaded guilty, but asked to be excused on the grounds that he has no time to read the "Post" until lunch time. He then usually forgets to take a free copy from the office and has to buy it in the street on his way to the mess.

The old Attendant.

A familiar figure is missing from the Cologne Officers' Club. I mean the venerable attendant who studied one's needs when requiring a "wash and brush up." I don't know why he has gone but his genial wit and quick repartee were priceless assets.

More Art Exhibits.

The recent Amateur Art Exhibition at Lindenthal having proved a success from an art point of view, it is now proposed to hold a further one for Black and White sketches, Designs and Photography. The exhibition will be held early in December and for those who intend to exhibit and who may be meanwhile demobbed, their exhibits will be welcomed and returned to them in England; also the prize should he be successful. Mr. E. F. Carver, Y.M.C.A. VI Corps H.Q. Lindenthal is the Secretary.

Up to Date.

In the opening chapter of a serial now running in a popular German weekly the heroine, a beautiful and lonely fraulein, finds herself stranded on Cologne Main Station in a crowd where "Khaki Englander" and "Tartan Scotlander" bustle to and fro.

Need Instruction.

Walking down the Hohe Strasse yesterday afternoon I met dozens of soldiers who displayed war ribbons, and it struck me that there are still some regimental tailors who need to be reminded of the regulation way of wearing decorations.

Breaking Up.

We shall not have the Scottish Churches Hut much longer in existence in Cologne. Its valued activities close down almost immediately.

The Sandwich Men.

For a moment I imagined myself back in the Strand yesterday when I saw a number of sandwich men advertising a boxing contest. This form of publicity does not seem to be very popular in Rhineland.

Immune.

What a scorn the Dom pigeons have for motor cars, and indeed all forms of traffic! If they are pecking in the roadway, they never attempt to get out of the way; yet despite the continuous rush of traffic one never hears of a casualty.

Spick and Span.

I ran into a valued friend—a N.C.O.—the other morning in the Hohe Strasse and hardly recognised him. His buttons in the past were never famed for their lustre, and a blacking every fourth day sufficed for his boots. But now buttons and boots rivalled the sun at noonday. "Hullo, old man" I remarked, eyeing him up and down, "What's up?" "Being demobbed?" "No" he meekly answered, "wifey's joined me."

Prices still Soaring.

The price of wrist watches is soaring. I was asked a hundred marks yesterday for a watch that a month ago I could have bought for fifty. On remonstrating I was informed that the English soldier had "viel geld." Needless to say I did not become its possessor.

Money Waiting.

The business manager asks me to make an appeal on his behalf. At the present moment there are over a score of cheques which have been sent by the "Cologne Post" to various contributors, prize winners, etc., but which have not yet been presented to the Bank. Much as he regrets having to part with good money, still—owing to lack of staff—he urgently requests that all cheques be paid to bank as quickly as possible. Also please do not remit cheques in marks to England as it takes about three months to clear them.

Paters and Prams.

I am being forced to the conclusion that the German paterfamilias is a very modest individual indeed. In my peregrinations in and around Cologne I have never met him giving his offspring an airing in a perambulator. Is it considered 'infra dig'?

Foodstuffs Pay.

As many Cologne tradesmen as possible seem to be selling foodstuffs and confectionery. Yesterday, when I went to my usual friseur I found he had relinquished barbering and had turned his place into a sweet and chocolate shop. Not far off I saw, what was before exclusively a book store now devoted in part to the sale of comestibles.

Architectural Lectures.

I am informed that a course of six lectures on Architectural History and Ornament will be given at the G.H.Q. Commercial college, (53 Hansa Ring) Cologne, by Mr. G. A. T. Middelton (past Vice-president of the Society of Architects), Instructor in Architecture and Building Construction with the British Army of the Rhine, from 18.00 hours to 19.00 hours on Monday 20th and 27th, Wednesday 22nd and 29th, Friday 24th and 31st Octr. The course, I am told, will deal approximately with the following periods:—1. Egyptian and Greek; 2. Roman and Byzantine; 3. Romanesque and Norman; 4. English Gothic; 5. Continental Gothic. 6. Renaissance. All ranks are invited to attend all or any of these lectures, which are being illustrated by lantern slides.

Rather Stale.

Cabaret artistes seem to have a mania for unearthing ditties popular in England a dozen or more years ago. The other evening I listened to German versions of "In the shade of the old apple tree" and "Won't you come home Bill Bailey?"

RHINELANDER.

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

THE NEW SPIRIT OF MARRIAGE.

Mr. Charles Dawbarn in an article argues that the prospective bride of today is prepared to take risks undreamed of by the girl of yesterday. He says:—"Marriage isn't what it used to be. It has changed tremendously—almost as drastically as the map of Europe. Young people took at things so differently now. There is a feeling that marriage is no longer such a fateful, desperate venture. Parents also have modified their attitude. The old dreadful ordeal of "asking father" has changed into something that is positively kindly."

ENGLISH TYPE ALTERING.

Professor Parsons, the great authority on anatomy says:—"Definite facts that mark real changes affect, so I have found, the colonial settlers chiefly. The passing of time has brought about changes physically in the Colonial type; it has grown a bigger type, with bigger stature than we find among the English. Anyone studying old armour at the Tower realises, however, that the English race has expanded its proportions vastly within recent generations. Modern knights never could get into old armour. Neither has increased development stopped with the male sex; modern women top their grand-parents by several inches."

HOW WE SAVED COLOGNE.

Mr. Philip Gibbs, the War Correspondent writing on the Army of Occupation says:—"The humiliation of the Occupation is hurtful to a proud people, and its memory will always be painful, but it has been wonderfully mitigated in actual experience by the knowledge that the presence of our troops has saved Cologne and the country districts from political and criminal disorder, and that the zone of occupation favours the industrial revival of the Rhinelanders beyond all comparison with other parts of Germany."

THE PUBLIC HOUSE OF TOMORROW

Mr. J. J. Mallon, Joint Secretary of the Labour Campaign for the Public Ownership and Control of the Liquor Trade, writing on the future of the Public House, says:—The universal anger with the Trade is one of the considerations that have determined a host of trade union leaders to try to get rid of the Trade altogether. These men, like the vast majority of trade unionists, are not prohibitionists, and they regard the theatricalisms of Pussyfoot with resentment and dislike. Their programme is not to close the "pub" but to make it something more than the nasty drinking den it so often now is. They desire "pubs" in which men (and their families with them) can obtain not merely alcoholic but any kind of refreshment. They desire "pubs" where the tired man can rest and the studious man read, and the sociable man talk with his cronies.

A DEAL DEMOCRACY.

The Duchess of Westminster writing on "Hard Times for the Rich" says:—Those who are in need should not feel they are dependent on charity, which to natures with any pride must be an unbearable feeling. It is sympathy and understanding that is wanted. It should be for the rich man to see how he can better the conditions of life of his poorer brother. A little more real help on these lines would go a long way towards bringing about a real democracy.

IF I WERE A MILLIONAIRE.

Will Thorne. M.P., writing on this subject says:—"If I were a millionaire I might—I do not say I would—but I might change my views with regard to the question of the distribution of wealth. I am sufficiently a philosopher to know that possession almost invariably brings a different point of view. It is a common experience that once we get anything actually within our grasp—wealth, or the realisation of some cherished ambition—there is usually a change in our sense of values."

A CUSHY JOB.

The Editor of the 3rd Battn. M.G.C. Magazine says:—"For those who have not employment awaiting them just at present, England does not present the opportunities that it did some time ago, or that it will do in the near future, and the Army of Occupation offers an ideal stop-gap. It is possible to volunteer for short periods of three or six months, and it would certainly seem that the spring is a better season to seek employment than winter. Think about it. Under the new scale of pay, it is possible to save quite a large sum in three months, whilst advantage could be taken of the time to study one or more subjects that will be of assistance in the future."

FOR BUSINESS MEN IN RHINELAND.

A TIMELY WARNING.

INFORMATIVE ITEMS FROM ALL SOURCES

It is necessary to impress on British business men operating in occupied Germany the importance of avoiding commercial relations with Germans in this territory who are not in the possession of a trading licence (Handelserlaubnis) authorizing them to trade in the commodity which they are seeking to purchase.

The German authorities have of late confiscated a large amount of merchandise owing to persons resident in this territory traffiking in goods for which they have no licence. These persons in their turn sell them to others, the goods passing from hand to hand, each traffiker gaining a profit thereby out of all proportion to the transaction involved.

The practice results in retail prices being much higher than they otherwise would be, had the allied trader sold direct to legitimate German firms. This licence is issued by the Handelskammer of the town in which the German trader has his business and is more or less a guarantee, on which the British representative can base the integrity of the would-be purchaser.

If British traders would bear this fact in mind, there would be fewer cases of confiscations of allied goods, the settlement of which involves considerable expense and trouble and possible loss to the British trader, besides entailing wearisome enquires as to whether the goods in question have actually passed into the purchaser's hands or not.

The articles for which a traders licence is necessary are Foodstuffs, Fodder, Wine, Alcohol, Tobacco. Trade transactions in other commodities can be undertaken without a special licence.

The M.G.'s Bureau for Commerce and Information is willing to give all information to British business men with regard to the standing of German buyers. This should do much towards helping British trade interests in this territory.

Sir John Ferguson, one of the founders of the Bankers' Battalion, and now general manager of Lloyds Bank, states that the Institute of Bankers are inaugurating a scheme to send men abroad to learn a phase of the business which had not been much understood in this country—namely, the exchange business. In the past it had largely been done by men who were bred in exchange business, but that was no reason why the present staffs should not be just as good as men who were trained in the German banks in London.

BUSINESS NOTES IN BRIEF.

The German press declare that the value of the mark will not change as long as the frontier in the West is open to all luxury articles. When the German frontier is closed by a regular system of customs duties the rates of exchange may assume a more normal aspect.

It is rumoured that some Germans may secure permits to go to Paris in order to reconstitute Franco-German relations.

Eighteen thousand tons of cotton have arrived at Hamburg for Czecho-Slovakia.

A great fair of all the products of the Rhineland is to be held in Cologne at an early date not yet decided. It is open also for foreign firms to exhibit their manufactures and material.

The congestion of traffic in the port of Cologne is now becoming considerably eased owing to an increase in the number of customs officials employed and for various other reasons.

In our last article we quoted from a contemporary the appointment of a British Commercial Commissioner for Germany at Berlin. We regret the name was wrongly given. It should read Lieut.-Col. F. Thelwall, M.C. and he may be addressed at the British Military Mission.

The Frankfurt Fair after all, developed into more of an export than an import fair. Results indicate a greater percentage of export business the principal buyers being Switzerland, Holland and Spain.

According to official statistics the value of British exports to occupied Germany in the first half of 1919 amounts to 200,000,000 marks.

At the Frankfurt Fair articles were exhibited made of a metal called electron. It is very similar to aluminium the price falling somewhere between that of aluminium and copper.

A new light was also demonstrated. This new light is created during the distillation of liquid air and is much more visible than ordinary light through mist.

A new French Chamber of Commerce has been established in London at 153, Queen Victoria Street. A perusal of the clauses in its constitution conveys the impression that it will be a live organisation for all interested in trade between Gt. Britain, France and Germany.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

No Dancing Shoes.—Dancers are faced with shortage of dancing "pumps".

Closed.—Reading Gaol is to be closed.

Freeman.—The King of the Belgians has been made a freeman of New York.

Revived.—Coaching days have been revived on the Brighton Road.

Agreed.—The press is one of the most arduous of professions — Mr. Asquith.

Extending.—The Marseilles shipping strike is extending.

Wrens.—Wrens requiring repatriation must claim their passage before Dec. 31.

To Washington.—British labour delegates to Washington Congress leave to-morrow.

Ugh!—There has been half an inch of snow in Scotland.

Shortage.—Berlin is threatened with milk shortage.

Italian Rumour.—There is a rumour that d'Annunzio is ill.

At Last.—The trial of Caillaux by the French Senate will begin next week.

The Noble Art.—Cardiff Schoolboys are to be taught boxing.

Crusade.—There is to be a big Labour campaign in favour of nationalisation.

Huge.—An apple grown at Purfleet weighs 21 ounces.

King Leaves Town.—The King and Queen are now at Sandringham.

Boy V.C.—Adequate provision has been made for the family of Jack Cornwell.

Paris Cafes.—Paris cafes are to remain open until 1 a.m.

Herrings for Germany.—The German Government have bought the whole catch of Norwegian herrings of this year.

Off on Holiday.—The German deputies of the National Assembly are to have three weeks holiday.

Avoiding Sunday.—The date of the Lord Mayor's show has been changed to Saturday November 8th.

"Dry U.S."—A cable from U.S. to a British firm offers to dispose of 25,000 cases of whisky.

Change of Mind.—Plymouth Town Council has changed its mind and is now to have a profiteering tribunal.

In the Market.—The Duke of Sutherland's estate in Staffordshire is to be sold by auction.

The Reward.—A Paddington ex-soldier unable to get a house is living in a harness room in a mews.

More Remunerative.—Two Liverpool teachers have resigned their positions to enter the Police Force.

Wrong.—Hackney Borough Council is up in arms against the demolition of houses for the provision of cinemas.

Good.—Liverpool Education Committee has declined to re-appoint two "conchy" teachers.

Bournemouth's Freemen.—Beatty and Haig are to receive the freedom of Bournemouth.

Old Iron.—Wandsworth is to receive twenty German heavy and field guns and six machine guns.

Degouette to Come.—General Mangin has been replaced by General Fayolle until the ratification of peace.

Controlling the Air.—The convention concerning international air traffic has been signed in Paris.

Devil Boats.—British motor scooters are known to Russian sailors as devil boats.

Present Day Prices.—Tenders for workmen's houses in Newport average £983 each.

Thames Steamboats.—L.C.C. is re-considering the revival of the Thames steamboat service.

The Birthday.—"Vorwaerts" wants to celebrate the Republic's birthday next month in big style.

Their Pay.—The Parliamentary agents of the N.U.R. each receive £240 per annum.

Two Minute Divorces.—Many divorce cases recently have been disposed of in two minutes.

Going.—The next fortnight will see the last of the L.C.C. women tram conductors gone.

An Honest Man.—A farmer patient of the Buckinghamshire Asylum has paid off his maintenance expenses.

For a dog.—A Liverpool Labour leader rescued a dog from a 60ft. well in the dark.

At it Again.—The old Spanish prisoner fraud is engaging the attention of the police at home.

For Soldiers.—A dozen plots on the Duke of Sutherland's Trentham estate have been set aside for soldier settlers.

Fares for Scholars.—London Education Committee is to pay the travelling expenses of children compelled to go to school beyond their home area.

Never Do.—When a ship's steward charged with crime at Lancaster was urged to turn over a new leaf he said that would never do.

GEMS FROM LORD FISHER'S MEMORIES.

Usually earthly judgments on heavenly subjects are wrong.

A man I heard of—his wife separated from him—died at Florence. They telegraphed "Shall we cremate, embalm or bury?" "Do all three" she replied: "take no risks."

War is the essence of violence. Moderation in war is imbecility.

I am heartfelt in my thankfulness to a benign Providence for being capable in 1919 of enjoying suet pudding and treacle with a pleasure equal to that which I quite well remember, of having suet pudding and treacle in 1854.

I have not had even one single "thank you" for anything that I have done since King Edward died. I have no doubt the slight has done me a lot of good!

Dolts don't realise that the brain improves while the body decays—provided of course that the original brain is not that of a congenital idiot or an effete poltroon who never will run risks.

We really are a very peculiar people. Lions led by asses!

Pathetic was the usual "Gazette" notice of those killed in the war: "Second Lieutenants, unless otherwise mentioned" There was little "otherwise."

Who is going to deny that the merchant navy shall be incorporated in the Navy of the nation and with all the rights and money and rank and uniform and widow's pensions and pensions in old age?

In the world you are a lunatic if you go too fast.

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STIRRING CALL TO CAPITAL AND LABOUR FOR GOOD WILL AND CONFIDENCE.

SHORT-CIRCUITS IN THE PENNANT CASE.

PRODUCTIVE PEACE.

PREMIER'S STRIKING CALL TO INDUSTRY.

Speaking al Sheffield on Wednesday night, Mr. Lloyd George made an eloquent appeal to the nation to settle down to work in an earnest endeavour to increase production. Our national debt before the war was 645 millions but to-day it is nearly 8,000 millions. The whole nation had to bear heavier burdens than ever before; the labouring classes had higher wages, shorter hours and a better standard of living than ever before and they dreaded a return to pre-war conditions. There was, however, only one mode of escape therefrom. They must increase the national income by increasing national production. That was the urgent need of the day in our country and every other country. The perpetuation of the spirit of war was fatal to industry and fatal to good will among peoples. Now that the worst was over he could see symptoms,—even in the most desperate areas—of the coming peace.

Continuing, the Premier said: "We must also have peace at home. To secure goodwill there must be confidence. Capital must have confidence that its enterprise will be fairly remunerated; Labour must feel confident that it will share the rewards of prosperity and feel that it is a real partner in business."

GERMAN LINERS.

QUESTION REGARDING THE IMPERATOR.

The United States War Department has formally transferred to the Shipping Board eight ex-German steamers, including the Imperator and Zeppelin. The ships will probably remain in the custody of the Shipping Board until their final fate is settled. Discussions are proceeding by cable between the officials at Washington and Paris regarding the disposal of the Imperator and other ships which Great Britain claims under the award of the Reparation Commission and it is regarded as probable that that Commission will finally settle the question. There is some urgency in the matter, since the British steamship companies to which the ships were allotted still maintain in New York crews to man the vessels.

KOLTCHAK'S POLICY.

Colonel J. Ward, speaking in London yesterday on Russia, said it was almost criminal to leave the Russian people to the terrorism by which they are surrounded.

America had the greatest number there of any Allied Power but they are all on the East side of Russia, where America's chief interests lay, rather than in the North. The speaker said that if the facts were known about Admiral Koltchak's policy and influence, the public would not have taken up such an antagonistic attitude towards him. In this matter the public had been grossly misinformed.

CAPITAL AND LABOUR.

The Industrial League has adopted a practical method of bringing masters and men together.

At the annual dinner next week at the Connaught Rooms, the company will include employers, managers, shop stewards and workmen. The Secretary of the League says, "Our object is to improve the relationship between employers and employed, and we have found from past experience that one of the best ways of doing so is for the parties to sit down together at dinner."

OPERATIONS IN RUSSIA.

General Judenitch continues to press forward to Petrograd. Latest reports state that he is less than thirty miles away, steadily advancing on a wide front and capturing men and material.

Denikin's capture of Orel is expected to have most important results. The city is of great strategic and commercial value.

Both Koltchak and the North Russian Army are also active.

AMERICAN LOAN TO BELGIUM.

The Belgian Government has arranged for a loan of fifty million dollars with banking concerns in America. A portion of this will be used in paying off a sum of two and three-quarter million dollars for machine tools sold to Belgium industrial organisations by the United States War Department.

Four hundred Russian officers who have been undergoing a course of training at the camp at Newmarket sailed for Russia yesterday.

PENNANT CASE.

DEAD WEIGHT AND SHORT CIRCUITS.

At the resumption of the Douglas Pennant Inquiry yesterday Counsel for the Air Ministry stated that he had made enquiries and had ascertained that there was no meeting of the Air Council, and it was a mistake on the part of General Brancker when he said it was the decision of the Air Council that Miss Pennant should go.

Miss Pennant, continuing her evidence, spoke of the annoyance which Dame Katherine Furse had shown towards her on one occasion, and declared that at the beginning of August last year she was convinced that if she only had fair play she could make the organization a success. She was equally convinced, however, that if they could prevent her there were certain people who would do so. "I was working single-handed against the dead weight of Colonel Bersey and other departments," she said. "I was short circuited at every turn."

CHURCH ARMY.

KING'S APPRECIATION OF HOSTEL WORK.

The King has caused the following letter to be sent to Prebendary Carlile, Chief Secretary of the Church Army, in reply to a letter of thanks to His Majesty for lending a portion of the riding school at the Royal mews for service men on leave in connection with the Church Army Hostel at Buckingham Palace Hotel.

"Dear Prebendary Carlile,—The King has read with much appreciation the letter you addressed to His Majesty on September 30th conveying the gratitude of the Board of the Church Army for the facilities granted by His Majesty for Hostel work among sailors and soldiers in the riding school at the mews at Buckingham Palace during the war.

"The King is gratified to learn that 27,500 men were given sleeping accommodation on their way to and from the various battle fronts, and I am to assure you of His Majesty's warm appreciation of the welfare and supervisionary work so ably carried out under the auspices of the Church Army.

"Believe me, Yours faithfully, Cromer."

WHY THE TURKEY WINKS.

CURIOSITIES OF MEN AND MONKEYS.

At the opening of the 85th Winter Session of the Middlesex Hospital Medical School Sir John Bland-Sutton, senior surgeon to the hospital, delivered the introductory address.

Sir J. Bland-Sutton's subject was muscles, with particular reference to the muscles of the eye. He said that all animals, except men and monkeys, possessed a third eyelid. Many people would have noticed how birds, notably the turkey, operated this third lid by means of special muscles. The turkey was constantly winking without knowing that it did so. The third lid in this case was an opaque white curtain, but in certain birds and animals, and in some fishes, the third lid was a transparent covering. The lizard of trans-Caspian deserts used its transparent lid as a protection against sand, while the American fish known as the star-gazer used it effectively for watching its prey. It was interesting to note that the prey was secured through the operation of powerful electrical muscles, and considerably over 50 small swimming fish so caught had been found in the interior of a star-gazer.

INSULT TO A GREAT UNIVERSITY.

Sir Robert Horne, Labour Minister, spoke at Glasgow University in support of Mr. Bonar Law's candidature for the Lord Rectorship. Referring to the Socialists' selection of the Hon. Bertrand Russell as candidate, the Minister declared it was an intolerable insult to a great university that a man should be nominated who took part in active pacifist propaganda, which, had it succeeded, would have put Great Britain in the same position as Russia.

CHURCHMEN TALK.

Many subjects were handled yesterday at the Church Congress at Leicester, ranging from the attitude of the State regarding the place of religion, to spiritualism, citizenship and the birth rate.

The Clearing Office for dealing with R.H. and R.F.A. sick and wounded soldiers from Expeditionary Forces, which was established at Woolwich in 1917, will be closed, with effect from the 31st instant.

ESCORT BOUND.

DARING ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY.

daring escape from a train after the overpowering of their armed escort by six Australian military prisoners occurred near Basingstoke on Tuesday evening. The Australians were being taken to Winchester prison from France by a guard of three men. When Basingstoke was reached the prisoners suddenly attacked and overpowered their guard, handcuffing them, taking off their puttees, and winding the cloth round the heads of their escort.

As the train slowed down at Micheldever the prisoners jumped from the train and disappeared into the darkness.

Not until Winchester was reached were the escort relieved from their bonds, and they were then hardly able to speak or move. There being no key available, the handcuffs had to be forced.

At four o'clock yesterday morning si bloodhounds were put on the search for the escaped men. Hitherto only one has been caught and detained, near Andover.

THE "BARNSTORMERS."

OFFICERS WHO LOST THEIR INVESTMENTS.

At London Sessions on Wednesday, Basil Reginald Jarvis, 32, an entertainer, gave evidence at his trial for obtaining money by false pretences with intent to defraud. It was alleged by the prosecution that the defendant, claiming to be the originator of the "Barnstormers," an Army concert party, induced demobilized Army officers to invest money in his enterprise for running seaside concert parties. The ex-officers were appointed managers, went to the seaside, found no concert party there, and lost their money.

The defendant denied that he told anyone that he founded the original "Barnstormers." He might have said that he ran a company called "The Barnstormers" in Egypt and France, because he had done so. "My whole object was entirely sincere," he said. "I took the thing up on a big scale entirely for Tommy's benefit. I put in advertisements for officers because I wanted them to be managers, and invest in the show to give comradeship and a helping hand to the boys."

The trial was adjourned.

INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL.

HITCH IN THE PROCEEDINGS.

A difficulty has arisen in connection with the establishment of the National Industrial Council which was decided upon by the great National Industrial Conference last March. The Trades Union side of the provisional Industrial Committee refuses to take part in the establishment of the council owing to the proposed exclusion of agricultural labourers, seamen and supervisory workers from the Government's forty-eight-hour a week Bill. The Trade Union side now announces that it has arranged to discuss the whole position with the Government on Tuesday next. In the event of the Government reply being still unsatisfactory it will demand a reasonable industrial conference to enable it to report upon the situation.

THE MAN FRA' SHEFFIELD.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Lloyd George received the freedom of Sheffield. In the course of his reply to the address he reviewed Sheffield's services during the war and urged her to do as well in the arts of peace.

He referred incidentally to President Wilson's illness as a serious blow to the peace of the world and the cause of humanity.

LUNAR INFLUENCE.

At the Berkshire Assizes yesterday John Hibberd, landlord of a Reading publichouse, was charged with attempting to murder his wife, whom he attacked with a razor.

It was stated that Hibberd usually had fits of depression at the times of the moon's changes, and that he made the attack upon his wife while suffering in this way.

Mr. Justice Rowlatt said he was convinced that the prisoner was not responsible for his action at the time, and bound him over.

HUNGER STRIKE & HANDCUFFS.

Orders were given yesterday to remove the handcuffs from Sinn Fein prisoners in Mountjoy Gaol, Dublin. The men had been under this form of restraint since the disturbance last Sunday week, created as a protest against not being treated as political prisoners. The hunger strike still continues, and John Kenny, one of the prisoners, has been removed to the hospital outside the prison.

A REAL SHERLOCK HOLMES.

An ex-police constable, Arthur Page, known in the force as "Sherlock Holmes" because of his detective ability, has been presented with a gold watch and a gold-mounted walking stick on his retiring after 29 years' service. He was a man with little ambition and repeatedly declined promotion.

HOUSING SCHEMES.

COUNCILS UNABLE TO RAISE MONEY.

A new check to housing schemes was revealed yesterday at Acton, when the treasurer informed the District Council that he could obtain only one hundred thousand pounds at 5½ to 6 per cent of the quarter million required by the Council for Housing and Sewerage Schemes.

The Insurance Companies he stated, refused to advance money on housing schemes, doubting their economic soundness, nor could any money be got from Trades Unions. Municipalities throughout the Kingdom are competing against each other in the money market for one thousand million pounds.

Meanwhile the prices demanded by contracting firms are rising to appaling heights. Chepstow Corporation has actually accepted a tender to build a hundred houses at one thousand pounds each, exclusive of the cost of the land, roads and sewers.

Southgate Council rejected all tenders, the lowest being between nine-hundred and one thousand pounds per house, which would mean the imposition of an economic rent of fifty shillings per week.

TREATY DELAY.

RATIFICATION WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK.

The exchange of the ratifications of the Treaty of Versailles is not likely to take place this week, as had been expected. Hence the Treaty will not come into force, nor will the League of Nations be created, until next week, when the last legal act of the conclusion of peace with Germany by Britain, France, and Italy will take place.

It is curious to note that while we shall be at peace with Germany, a state of war will still exist between that country and America. The Supreme Council decided this morning that the military and diplomatic representatives of the principal Allies should at once consider the measures to be taken for the occupation of the territories, such as Upper Silesia, where a plebiscite of the inhabitants is to be taken.

The Supreme Council has dealt with the German Note, which asked that the members of the Inter-Allied Commissions of Control in Germany should not wear uniform after the ratification of the Treaty in order to avoid unpleasant incidents. The request was refused.

WEDDED AT SUPPER.

SENSATIONAL APPEAL PENDING.

An early hearing is to take place of an appeal in the sensational "Lady Dolly" marriage case. The appeal is by Margaret Tannahille McArthur, or Blackwood, who declares that at a supper party at Leithplace. Edinburgh, she was married to John Lionel Blackwood, formerly a captain in the Field Artillery, but now an inmate of a mental hospital.

Her case was that at the supper party Captain Blackwood took her as his wife and put on her finger a wedding ring inscribed with the words. "Because of man-made laws." The defence was that the marriage never took place, and in dismissing the original case Lord Blackburn said he believed the story of the marriage was concocted.

Mr. Gentle, who to-day asked for an early hearing of the appeal, said that, following Lord Blackburn's judgment, plaintiff and three of her witnesses were arrested and indicted on a charge of perjury. A question of status and a good many interests were involved.

FEDERAL DEVOLUTION.

COMPOSITION OF COMMISSION.

The composition of the Federal Devolution Commission was officially announced last night. It consists of sixteen members of the House of Lords, including Lords Emmott, Farringdon, Harcourt, Gladstone and Inchape, and sixteen members of the House of Commons, including Sir Ryland Adkins, Mr. Hogge and Capt. Charles Craig.

BOLSHEVISTS EVACUATING PETROGRAD.

A telegram from Reval to a Copenhagen newspaper states that General Judenitch's forces have taken Gatchina and continued their advance to Krasneoselo and Zarckoyeselo. A Helsingfors telegram states that the Bolshevists have begun to evacute Petrograd, the army having refused to fight.

GENERAL JACOB'S PROMOTION

Lieutenant General Sir C. W. Jacob has been appointed Chief of the General Staff in India in succession to Lieutenant-General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, who vacates the appointment in January.

VERY FEW LEFT.

Two more aviators, Lieutenants Kirby and Miller, have been killed in the transcontinental air Derby in America. Their machine crashed in Utah.

SUMMARY COURT.

"IT'S THE SAME THE WHOLE WORLD OVER".

A British officer entered a taxi in the Dom Square and requested the driver to take him to Schnurgasse and thence to Marienburg. A boy in uniform jumped on the box and although the officer said he had been in the cab first the driver refused to accept him as a fare and was most insolent in his manner.

The officer demanded to be taken to the office of the A.P.M. and after some altercation he was taken there, and eventually was driven to his destination.

Josef Mandt, of 86 Lindenstrasse, the driver of the cab, denied that he was insolent, and said that the boy in uniform was first in the cab. He could not understand, he said, where the officer wanted to go.

He was sent to prison for fourteen days without the option of a fine.

Attempted Bribery.

Carl Blumenhoven, of 41 Agrippastrasse, was found with a parcel of 3,000 Gold Flake cigarettes by a military policeman. He offered the policeman 100 marks to hush the matter up, but from the fact that a sentence of ten days' prisonment was imposed, the policeman's line of action is obvious.

NO ENCORE.

GIRL WHO WHISTLED IN COURT.

A chorus-girl, whose shrill whistles at night outside her house annoyed the neighbours, gave an exhibition of her talent at the request of the judge at Edmonton County Court. An action had been brought by Thomas Robinson, of Finsbury Park, to recover possession of four rooms occupied by Mrs. Rollasin, the mother of the chorus-girl.

Counsel said it was complained that the chorus-girl, when she came home, whistled half-way down the street and outside the house for a long time. It woke the neighbours. Several of the latter gave evidence that they were roused from their slumbers at midnight.

"Who is the whistler?" asked the judge.

"I am," said the chorus-girl, standing up.

"Please step this way," said the judge. "Let me hear you whistle."

The girl gave a rather subdued example of her art, and the judge remarked: "Come, you can do it louder than that; try again." Then came a number of loud, clear notes that caused the judge to look at the girl in astonishment.

It was decided to adjourn the case for further witnesses. As the chorus girl made her way out of court, the crowd cried for more whistles. But there was no encore.

"IN THE GUTTER."

DUCAL CRITICISM OF TORY PARTY

Very outspoken was the Duke of Marlborough last evening when he opened the new University Carlton Club, Oxford.

It was possible, the Duke said, to draw a dismal picture of what Toryism was at the present time. In his judgment it had got no real leaders. The leadership of the Tory Party, he considered — if he might paraphrase an historic remark of Napoleon's — was "in the gutter." The members of the club ought to frame their judgment as to who they thought was the right man to lead the party.

FISHER'S MEMORIES.

The current instalment of Lord Fisher's memories in "The Times" is called "Some personalities," and deals among other things with some of the thirteen First Lords of the Admiralty with whom he had to deal. In his opinion Lord George Hamilton and Lord Spencer were both men to whom he owed a great deal. They had very tough jobs and neither received the credit he deserved. Lord Northbrook and Lord Selborne also come in for warm praise as well as Admiral Sir Francis Bridgeman and Sir Arthur Wilson.

Lord Fisher remarks that the very first thing he did on becoming First Lord in the first year of the war was to get Admiral Percy Scott back into the fighting line. He had but one answer to all detractors—"He hits the target."

SINN FEIN SUPPRESSED.

A Supplement to the "Dublin Gazette" contains a proclamation prohibiting and suppressing Sinn Fein organisations, Sinn Fein clubs, the Irish Volunteers, Cuman Na Mban, and the Gaelic League within the County of Dublin and the County Borough of Dublin.

The annual Convention of the Sinn Fein Organisation was to have been held at the Mansion House. Dublin, yesterday, but at 8 a.m. police surrounded the building and prevented any assembly. Delegates from all parts of Ireland gathered outside but there was no disorder.

END OF GLADSTONE LEAGUE.

The Gladstone League is to be dissolved at the end of the year, the step having been decided upon at a general meeting of the league at Westminster, when it was pointed out that the league's original aims have been achieved.

TELEPHONES.

LONDON SERVICE TO BE THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

The Postmaster General, replying to a deputation of manufacturers who waited on him with reference to the telephone service, said it was proposed to spend three millions on improvements during the coming year. Traffic was increasing to an enormous extent. Since the armistice 14,000 new lines have been laid in London alone. Before the armistice calls in London averaged under one million a day, but they now average over one million and a-quarter. A number of new exchanges are being erected in London and he believed that before long Great Britain's telephone service, like the postal system, would be the best in the world.

A LA SUFFRAGETTE.

MAN BOUND IN CHAINS PETITIONS THE PREMIER.

There was a remarkable incident in Downing-street on Wednesday morning. A man bound in chains from head to foot had marched from Sherwood-street. Piccadilly, and arrived at No. 10 shortly after 11 o'clock to present a petition to the Prime Minister.

The man was a discharged soldier named Arthur Harry Wagstaff, of Hamstead-road, Handsworth, Birmingham, and his object was to call attention to the grievances of his fellows.

In the course of his petition to the Premier he wrote: "I approach you bondaged and chained as you see me, as a lover of liberty. What do you personally think of the picture? I have adopted this scheme to attract public attention to the ill-treatment and the brutality which is administered to the men of my class who made such great sacrifices in the interests of the country. They thought it was for democracy, instead of which they now find they have been shedding their blood in the interests of the most scandalous and greedy profiteers the world has ever known. We approach you, sir, as the Goliath of the capitalists . . . seeing as we do now the country in a state of chaos and the men who made this great sacrifice in a state of starvation and want, with no houses to occupy, no work, and their wives and families dependant."

After waiting for a few minutes on the doorstep of No. 10, Wagstaff, who is ex. R.G.A., was told that an answer to the petition would he sent him in due course.

OH DEAR! OH DOCTOR!

FLAT-FOOT FLAPPERS AND SHORT SKIRTS.

A dreadful charge is brought by Dr. Walter Kidd, of Cheltenham, against the women of England.

Dr. Kidd, in his walks abroad, has been observing the feet—and ankles—of the ladies he meets or overtakes. He has noted carefully 2,000 examples in our large towns, and has taken a casual glance at a large number more. For three years he has been engaged upon what he calls "this miserable subject," and he now reports that:

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Short skirts are the cause of these revelations. By abbreviating their petticoats the ladies have revealed their shortcomings to the eye of science.

FAMOUS NOVELIST DEAD.

HEROES' VAIN SACRIFICE.

The Welsh soldier-novelist, Colonel A.O. Vaughan, D.S.O., died on Thursday at a nursing home in London.

Recently an appeal was made on his behalf for volunteers who would give blood for transfusion. Dozens came forward, but unfortunately the sacrifice was in vain.

A SAD HOMECOMING.

The son of a Mecklenburg peasant had just been repatriated from England, arriving home at night. Entering his father's farm he noticed in the stables two men busy skinning a stolen cow and a fight ensued. The next morning, when the father entered the stables, he found the body of his dead son wrapped in the skin of the cow. The murderers had disappeared.

PUSSYFOOT DISGUISED.

The "Strength of Britain" movement has adopted a new policy, advocating the immediate abolition of spirits and limitation of the output of beer and wine to half the pre-war quantity, followed by a further gradual reduction. The movement contemplates a five-years educational programme, to be launched at the Albert Hall in January.

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WHERE TRUTH WASN'T WANTED.

One of the reasons given by the German Government for the declaration of War and the launching of the German forces upon France and Belgium was the allegation that French aviators had flown over the Eifel district near Karlsruhe, and over Nuremberg where bombs had been dropped. This statement was embodied in the letter of recall handed by Baron von Schoen, the German ambassador at Paris to M. Viviani, Minister for Foreign Affairs on August 3rd. 1914.

It now appears beyond a shadow of doubt that this was another instance of how the German public as well as the outside world was befooled by the Berlin Government.

A certain M. Unné an engineer of the Salmson Motor Company who has recently been tried on a charge of bribery, has made the following statement at his trial.

Towards the end of July 1914 a Salmson aeroplane piloted by M. Laporte set out on a trial flight to Constantinople. While flying over Bavaria, the motor broke down, and M. Unné was sent from Paris to mend it.

The German authorities however put obstacles in the way of a fresh start. It was not till August 1st that they were granted the necessary permission to continue the flight, on condition that M. Laporta should follow a fixed itinerary leading him over Nuremberg. As the aeroplane passed over the town it was fired at. Whereupon a Wolff telegram was sent out from Berlin on August 2nd to the effect that French aviators had dropped bombs in the neighbourhood of Nuremberg, and that, as a declaration of war had not yet taken place between Germany and France, this was a violation of international law and a casus belli.

This story is not only to be found in the German declaration of war, but also in Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg's great speech in the Reichstag giving the story of the rupture from the Berlin point of view. On the same day, however, an official contradiction of this tale was issued by the highest local military authority before Baron von Schoen had given in his declaration, or the Chancellor had made his speech. In the "Kölnische Zeitung" morning edition of August 3, as well as in other German papers, there appeared the following telegram from Munich: "The Bavarian Minister of War doubts the exactness of the report which announces that aviators have been seen above the Nurnberg-Kisringen and Nurnberg-Anspach railway lines dropping bombs."

This official contradiction of the story must have been sent by the Bavarian military authorities to Berlin at the same time that they communicated it to the newspapers. Therefore on the 4th August, the Chancellor was knowingly making use of a rumour which had been officially contradicted 36 hours before.

If further confirmation of this false statement were needed we can turn up the file of the "Deutsche Medizinische Wochenschrift" of April 1915.

In it Dr. Schebalbe states as follows:—

"The Nurnberg magistracy writes on the 3rd April of that year:—"To the Commanding Officer of the 3rd Bavarian Army Corps. Nothing is known of the fact that either before or after the outbreak of war the railway line between Nurnberg and Kissingen, and Nurnberg and Anspach was bombed by enemy aviators. All such reports are proved to be false. I consider my proper duty to notify this fact, which removes from the French a load of serious accusation."

Further comment is superfluous.

OUR DANCE NIGHT.

It was not held in any club decorated with fairy lights and flowers, but in the magnificent concert room which forms part of the school where our men are billeted.

The room itself is a wonder to behold. It is lofty, with a splendidly decorated ceiling and walls. All around to the height of five feet is a panel painted in dark green. The floor is of wood block covered with cork linoleum. In one corner is a pipe organ and there is also a large platform faced by a decorated archway draped with rich red velvet hangings. It is lighted with electricity, the lamps being of various tinted shades.

At the given hour the Battalion band ascends the platform, and the men assemble in large numbers. The officers also are present, for they too are sharing with the men the joys of the evening.

What a scene it is. One hardly notices the absence of the fairer sex. The band strikes up and partners are taken and soon the floor is like glass. How gracefully some of the men waltz! They are born dancers, and it is both fascinating and contagious to watch them. There are also a few who are learners and it is amusing to see their antics. They are always getting into the way of the practised dancers and so there is a lot of good-humoured chaff.

The lancers as usual cause a lot of merriment. Here is the Padre being swung round at a violent speed and a look of agony is seen upon his face. He is let down gently and staggers to the side like a drunken man, for a time his mind and body are in a whirl.

Here are two officers doing the foxtrot, cake walk and other figures; their weird contortions cause roars of laughter and others try their hand at the game.

A change is introduced in the programme and the men crowd around the platform to watch their officers take charge of the band. The gallant subalterns blow the trombones, cornets, bassoons and big bass instruments.

The Padre plays the kettledrum; another officer is beating the big drum with great vigour. It is a fearful noise, and the men are convulsed with laughter. Some one drops a cap, a brush, and a book down the bell end of the big bass, and the unconscious player blows away and wonders what is the matter.

So the evening passes away and the spirit of good fellowship is increased, and the men appreciate their officers who thus join them in their play and fun.

At the close a hot potato pie supper is given to the men, the officers acting as waiters.

It is just such an unconventional evening like this which cheers our boys in Rhineland. *G. K.*

SQUARING ACCOUNTS.

"Talkin' about the war," remarked the old soldier, "reminds me of a little 'appening in '14."

We were sitting round the barrack-room fire.

The discussion had gone from women to mules, from cards to quartermasters, a diversity of subjects that can only be heard properly sifted in a barrack room.

The ancient warrior was in a reminiscent mood.

We settled down to hear another of those stirring tales of the days of that fateful year, 1914, when there was a real war on, before the horrible messy business that it finally developed into, where Mill's "lemons" and "fairy" lights loomed largely.

"We 'ad been on the 'op for three days and nights and were in the Marne country.

The weather was somethin' cruel. It was enough to make a billiard ball perspire. Nearly as bad as Africa.

We 'ad just got across the river and 'ad 'alted in a village for a spell.

I can tell yer I could 'ave slept on the point of me baynit, I was that knocked, and it did'nt take long for me to get down to it in a barn that was 'andy.

I must 'ave slept a good time 'cos when I woke up everythin' was that quiet it put the wind up me.

The battalion 'ad gone on and left me on me "Jack Jones" Well, I can tell yer that just about caused it.

'Ere was I with a empty village all to meself.

Well, I 'as a scrounge round and finds a bit of grub and then 'as I didn't know 'ow long ago the battalion 'ad gone I gets down to it again in one of the 'ouses.

This time I must 'ave only slept for a few hours for I woke up to feel someone goin' through me pockets, and who should it be but a "Jerry?"

Well, I ups and gives 'im one to go on with, before he made a line for the door, but 'e was a quicker runner than me for the last I saw of 'im 'e was makin' good time for Berlin."

The ancient warrior paused triumphantly to light his pipe.

Silence reigned supreme.

"Well, and what then?" enquired the latest recruit, with that sweet innocence that goes hand in hand with early youth.

The veteran fixed him with an icy stare.

"What then?" he said "why, I was in a cafe in Cologne the other night, when who should I see but that same "Jerry?"

He tried to sell me me old baccy box for "funf" mark.

I never could make out where that old box went."

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

GAY UNIFORMS.

Sir,—It was with feelings of regret that I read and re-read the letter headed "A plea for gay uniforms."

I, like many more, bear in mind the appeal of August 1914 which induced the flower of our British manhood to leave their loved ones and don khaki.

It was because the Central Powers had impressed and obsessed the mind of their people with the glorification of militarist ideas, that they were enabled to make a bid for world domination.

It was a menace that threatened civilization, and the lads were told that it was to end all the horrors and misery that war entails.

After more than four years' sacrifice of life and treasure, peace is now being ratified.

Surely W.R.P. realises that there is now a pressing need for economy without spending the public money upon needless and expensive trappings just for ornamental purposes. Or is he pleading for the gratification of his own personal vanity?

The last words of his letter emphasise his own personal opinion, which, if his prognostications are correct, creates the impression that our boys have died in vain.

I find some consolation in the fact that the vast majority think otherwise including *R.J.P.*

AFTERNOON AMUSEMENTS.

Sir,—A large number of soldiers are now free during the afternoons, and in that state generally described as "all dressed up and nowhere to go". What few Army Cinemas that do have an afternoon session, choose the hours of 3 to 6, which is entirely useless.

Would it be possible for these hours to be altered to 2 to 4 and thus enable a man to appreciate a holiday which so far is not an unmixed blessing? *G.H.E.*

LIGHT AND DARKNESS.

Sir,—As I was travelling from Bruhl to Cologne by the last train I noticed the military part of the train was in complete darkness, and remained so to the end of the journey, whilst the civilian carriages were brilliantly lighted.

Surely our own boys deserve to be comfortable whilst travelling. *NACEB.*

A SALUTING PROBLEM.

Sir,—Thank goodness "Some day's" problem is only in his imagination and has not come within the range of reality.

For, if it had, I can point out more than one way in which he oversteps the regulations.

In the first place if he had a stiff neck he ought not to be out promenading at all; he should have reported sick.

Then its all against Army Orders to walk arm-in-arm with any female, wife or no wife. Whether a uniformed soldier may act as a nurse is perhaps uncertain. I give him the benefit of the doubt.

Altogether I think "Some day" would be "for it" quite apart from saluting. *D.D.H.*

Sir,— "Some day" has my sympathy yet I venture to think that I can help him in his dilemma.

I suggest, from long experience, as a married Sergeant, that when two paces from the approaching officer he should raise the baby in his arms until its left toe is level with the peak of his cap and then cut it away sharply.

If "Some day" acted on this hint I don't think he would stand much risk of Court Martial. At any rate I could promise there would be no death penalty. *V. S. M.*

WHY NOT DRAUGHTS?

Sir, — I have seen several references lately to efforts that are being made to run chess clubs and tournaments in Rhineland.

As an enthusiastic draughts player I put in a plea for this fine indoor game to be considered as well.

Many unthinking people decry draughts as a "kids" game. Well, let me tell them that it is nothing of the kind, and though perhaps not as intricate as chess yet it is full of science and skill and ought to be played much more than it is.

What about a Draughts Club? *BLACK KING.*

OUR MUSICAL TASTE.

Sir,—It would appear that your correspondent M.P.W. does not know what music really is—one of the greatest and noblest of arts, perhaps most eloquently expressing the highest and best things in life, things beyond expression in mere language.

Surely he does not imagine that the crowds who throng to the Opera-house after a great deal of trouble to get seats—I frequently commit all sorts of crimes to get them—merely do so because they think it "the correct thing" and not because they are going to enjoy and appreciate something really worth the discomfort of being seated in an uncomfortable "tip-up" for three or four hours?

I do not wish to write a dissertation on music, but M.P.W. does not seem to be able to distinguish between "cheerful tunes" whose attraction lies in catchy rhythm, and music which really expresses some great emotion—or to put it differently says something worth saying.

They have no more claim to be called music than the average limerick has to be called poetry.

Personally, I derive a great deal of enjoyment from dancing to ragtime or other lively tunes, but it is a totally different form of enjoyment from my appreciation of what I would call real music, which appeals very strongly to both one's emotions, and (to a certain extent) one's intellect, and not merely to one's "muscular senses", though of course it does make some appeal through that also.

My advice to M.P.W. is to read some decent text-book on the appreciation of music, and then perhaps he will see why people go to the opera or listen to decent music, and what they find in it.

Furthermore it is the greatest injustice in the world to perpetrate Wagner on a gramophone. It isn't fair to him, even to give good selections from him with a good orchestra, because he intended the music to be a part of a composite whole, the music drama, and something is always lost when it is performed away from the stage; and it is to his great glory that so much of his music will stand the test of separation so splendidly as it does. It is the highest form of "programme music" only that can pass the standard of judgment of "absolute music". *M.K.*

Sir,—There is one aspect that I have not seen mentioned in the interesting correspondence you have published under this head, viz, the relation of musical talent to other national qualities of character, or shall I say its influence on national character.

Without a doubt Germany is, not streets, but worlds ahead of Britain in musical culture. I am not competent to speak of the rival merits of the schools of music in the two countries but no one can be blind to the fact that the Germans as a race are musical and we are not. Latent potentialities do not affect the matter of present fact.

The question that puzzles me is: to what extent does musical culture affect the morale of a nation?

In his memoirs Ludendorff deplores the lack of spirit which his countrymen, military and civil, displayed during the crucial periods of the war. He attributes the loss of the war to this fact. We always thought so too, but we are surprised to find this recognised not only by the chief of the General staff but also by the civilians here.

Is it possible that music, by reason of its appeal to the emotional faculties, tends to unbalance character? My experience may have been unfortunate but I have long suspected special devotion to music to be responsible for vagaries and deficiencies of personal character. Perhaps it was Plato's strictures on Lydian airs that first suggested the horrible thought to me.

Anyhow it removes the sting of any reproach against British musical inferiority. British character braced by British sport needs no apology in its contest with musical Germany. *SORRY BUT FRANK.*

SOARING PRICES.

Sir,—I think there is only one answer for impudent observations on the part of German shopkeepers as to the depth of a Tommy's exchequer.

"Rhinelander's" experience is that of many hundreds, but it can be overcome by purchasing from British institutions.

In comparison German goods are very inferior to British and why anyone should want to buy a German watch passes my comprehension. *TOCK EMMA.*

SURELY NOT TRIVIAL.

Sir, I don't consider any grievance is too trivial to be ventilated in your columns, because it is so wonderful how publicity gets things put right, and quickly too.

Now, Sir, here is my trouble. My billet in Cologne is about a hundred yards off the route of No. 18 tram service. Nearly every morning on the way to my job I find the tram has just passed the end of my street. This means a considerable wait for the next one and this often makes me late for my work.

I might catch it perhaps if I ran, but then I've just finished my breakfast, and why should I have to?

Immediate action by the authorities is called for so that an intolerable state of things can be remedied. *MARTYR.*

DANGEROUS BARRIERS.

Sir,—Who is responsible for leaving village barriers unlighted and unattended at night? You will find the barriers to which I refer mounted at two ends of many Rhineland villages.

Doubtless they are very necessary but are they not a source of considerable danger to motorists? An experience the other night makes me think they are. *JUDGE.*

SHAKESPEARE ASKED FOR.

Sir, — Might it be suggested that the most, excellent R.A.D.C. might sometime in the near future present us with a Shakespearean drama?

Greatly as we enjoy the present productions we should read with delight, and are sure every player would, the announcement that "Othello", "Hamlet" or "Romeo and Juliet" or any of Shakespeare's dramas was to be presented at the "Deutsches". *P. B.*

GEMS FROM LORD FISHERS' MEMORIES.

Of all the awful people in the world nothing is so terrible as the vacillator. 'I am not sure that the Devil isn't right when he says "Tell a lie and stick to it."'

Stagnation in my opinion is the curse of life. I have no fellow feeling with those placid souls who, like a duckpond, torpid and quiescent, live the life of a cabbage?

I don't believe anybody can say "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven" because it is immortally shown that strife is the secret of a good life.

It was Sir Percy Scott and he alone who made the first start of the Fleet's hitting the enemy and not missing him

Only war finds out poltroons.

Nelson was nothing if not insubordinate. Nelson's four immortal big fights are brilliant and everlasting testimonies to the virtues of self-assertion, self-reliance, and contempt of authority.

Of all the famous men I have met Lord Kelvin had the greatest brain. He had the wonderful gift of being able to pursue abstruse investigations in the hubbub of a drawing room full of visitors.

I was urged to attack only one vested interest at a time, but I said "No, if you kick everyone's shins at the same time they won't trouble about their neighbours", and it succeeded.

Can Foul Play Be Stopped?

(By A. DONALDSON, THE SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL.)

Bolton Wanderers' Popular Outside Right.

I am not sure that a direct and unqualified answer can be given to the question which appears at the head of this article, because I am not quite certain what is meant by the words "foul play." If they mean, for instance, that we might be able to adopt some means by which football would be made a game absolutely free from fouls, then the answer is certainly "No." So long as football is played as it is played to-day then we shall always require the services of a referee on the field who will from time to time be compelled to pull the players up for a foul.

Let me explain my point. Football is a game full of life and energy, and I don't know of anyone who would make it into a contest which might be played in a drawing-room without the risk of breaking some of the glass. That being so, then fouls of a sort you will always have, for the best-intentioned player in the world will sometimes be guilty of unfair play.

An actual incident occurred in a game I played this season which may serve to show better than anything what I mean. I was racing full tilt after a full-back with the ball, and getting quite near to him I thought I spotted a chance to snatch it from his possession. I swung out my right leg with the object of doing so, but at that self-same second the full back swerved unexpectedly, and instead of my getting the ball, I simply swept his legs from under him.

INADVERTENT FOULS.

I expect to the man in the crowd that looked like a bit of very doubtful play, and the people certainly expressed their disapproval of it in no uncertain manner. And of course the referee blew his whistle, as he was in duty bound to do, yet my intention was perfectly fair, even though the quick change on the part of the full-back made me foul him quite badly.

Such instances are bound to occur in every match. You go to charge a man fair and square on the shoulder. Just as you get there he turns, and what should have been a shoulder charge catches your opponent right in the middle of his back. These things can't be helped, and that is why I say that so long as we have football we shall have foul play in a greater or lesser degree, or perhaps it would be better expressed if I said that we shall have play which breaks the rules of fair tackling.

It is none the less a fact, however, that one takes part in a game now and then in which there are quite a lot of fouls which certainly do not come under the head of accidents. Thank goodness these are not very frequent, and taken all round I think our football matches are amazingly clean when you consider the enormous pressure at which they are played, and the big issues which are often at stake.

The habitual foul player is very scarce, but in regard to games in which he appears, and also those games which develop into a rough and tumble exhibition, I think quite a lot might be done in the way of stopping foul play.

Already certain movements in the right direction are being made. At the very last meeting of the Football Players' Union, for instance, it was unanimously agreed that every possible step should be taken to keep the game clean and worthy of its rightful place as Britain's national game.

THE UNION'S DUTY.

Obviously a Players' Union which has the interests of its members at heart cannot possibly do other than be quite energetic on the matter of stopping foul play. The professional footballer loves the game, of course, but it must also be remembered that to him professional football is the means by which he gets bread and butter for himself and the people dependent upon him. Foul play results in accidents, and accidents clearly imperil the ability of a player to earn his living by the game. Therefore, if the Union efforts to keep our contests clean meet with success, I think everybody connected with football, either from a playing or a watching point of view, will consider that the Union has done something really worth doing.

I sometimes wonder if the man in the crowd realises the power which he possesses for stopping foul play, and whether it occurs to him sometimes that he is more or less responsible when a game develops into a contest which tends to spoil the fair name of the best sport we have?

In the first place, the man in the crowd has such an influence over the player that if he decided that foul play should be stopped—deliberate foul play that is—he could quickly achieve that end. I know the average spectator will "boo" hard enough when the member of a visiting team is guilty of unfair tactics. But that doesn't do much good. I should like to see the football spectator equally severe on a member of the home side who stoops to foul play. That would be about as effective a check as anything I can think of at the moment.

SPECTATORS RESPONSIBLE.

It is a regrettable fact, however, that the spectator himself is often responsible when a game becomes unnecessarily rough. Everybody who has attended a number of football matches will be able to recall at least one incident which has run on the following lines. A member of the visiting team has been guilty of a foul on one of the home team. It may have been accidental or it may have been deliberate—the point doesn't matter. The crowd has hooted the guilty one and in loud tones has advised the sufferer to "get his own back." If the player, a bit ruffled in temper, perhaps, carries out the advice, you have all the essentials for a really rough game. Out of one foul spring other fouls, and perhaps out of one "get your own back" incident, a really dirty game materialises. In order that foul play may be stopped, players must keep themselves under restraint, and nothing helps the players to attain that end so much as restraint on the part of spectators.

Some referees, too, rather contribute to doubtful tactics by a too frequent use of the whistle for trivial and harmless offences. The shoulder charge is fine for letting off steam, and moreover, a good square shoulder charge never hurt anyone. Yet some referees seem to consider it a breach of the rules, and when a player is denied this method of stopping his opponents, it is the most natural thing in the world for him to yield to the temptation to stop the other fellows by less innocent and more harmful tactics.

Summed up then, it amounts to this. Fouls of a sort there always will be, but deliberate foul play can be largely checked by a strong pull altogether, and the hands on the rope must be in the following order: first, the players, then the spectators, and lastly the referee.

PERFECT BILLIARDS.

Reece v. Inman Match at New Burroughes Hall.

Reece in play 12627; Inman 12397.

Reece went to the table five times in succession without scoring. Inman, on the other hand, made progress with 97. Reece now seemed to recover form, and played perfect billiards while subscribing 298, when he had the bad luck to miscue in attempting a long red loser. Inman retaliated in great style, a sound break coming from his cue immediately afterwards. He missed a white loser, but Reece could make no progress, and the champion added 65, 31, and 48 in successive hands. Reece meanwhile put on 94 and 32. Inman aggregated 860 at an average rate of 78, against Reece's figures of 492 and 40½.

HOCKEY AND BASKET BALL.

Latest Enterprise of Y.M.C.A. Athletics Director.

The Y.M.C.A. propose to organise a Hockey League for all ladies with the Army of the Rhine providing sufficient entries are sent in.

Teams desiring to enter should communicate with W. F. Cutbush Esq., Athletic Director, Y.M.C.A. Hotel Continental, Cologne, not later than Saturday, Oct. 25th, 1919.

Equipment may be had at the Y.M.C.A. Headquarters, Cologne.

Basket Ball.

It is also proposed by the same institution to organise a Basket Ball League, and units desirous of entering should communicate with the Y.M.C.A. Athletics Director. For this League the Y.M.C.A. propose to offer a cup and medals to the winners and medals to the runners-up.

WORLD MOTOR CYCLE RECORD.

At Acheres (France) on Wednesday morning the motor-cyclist Penan established a world's record by covering the kilometre in 32 1-20sec—a speed of seventy miles per hour.

FAREWELL TO ESTEEMED C.O.

Presentation of Silver Rose Bowl to Lt.-Col. Riddell, 52nd R.B.

Many changes are being brought through demobilization and the necessary re-construction of units; happy associations which have existed for the past few years of warfare between officers, N.C.O's and men are almost daily being severed, with the regrettable yet inevitable farewell. But few if any adieux could have been more reluctantly expressed than those of the leave-taking of Lieut.-Col. E. P. A. Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O., on his relinquishing command of the 52nd Bn. the Rifle Bde.

Since Col. Riddell came with the Battalion to Germany in February efficiency has been marked in every direction, whilst good feeling has amounted throughout the battalion almost to personal friendship, keen attention having been always paid to the welfare of everyone under his command.

Tribute of Esteem.

When, therefore, the members of the Sergeants' Mess of the 52nd Bn. met this week to ask their Colonel's acceptance of their best wishes and a tribute of the esteem in which he has been held by them the little function had its pleasing as well as its pathetic side.

R.S.M. A. Goode well voiced the feelings of the members in a neat speech in making the presentation of a silver rose bowl as a souvenir of the pleasant time spent under col. Riddell's command.

In acknowledging the gift Col. Riddell expressed his keen appreciation of the N.C.O's, which had resulted, he said, very considerably in the present efficiency of the Battalion. He was assured that the same loyalty and devotion to duty would be accorded his successor, and that so far as they were concerned everything would work smoothly in future. He looked forward to the time when they might meet and have a chat over the happy times of the past.

Healths were then honoured and the pleasing function terminated with the usual leave-taking.

AUSTRALIANS' TOUR.

A Capetown telegram, dated Monday, states that the Australian Imperial Forces Cricket Team arrived on that day for a six weeks tour. The team was accorded a hearty reception.

GERMAN BOXERS.

"Grosser Box-Match" Provides Excellent Sport.

FORMER LONDONER'S SUCCESS.

Many British troops—sufficient to comprise half the audience, in fact—assembled at the Munchner Bierhalle, Lunapark, near the Zoo, Cologne, on Thursday evening, to witness the first of a series of boxing meetings organised by a German Sports Committee. The rules were identical with those of the National Sporting Club.

It was fairly evident that the majority of the Britishers attended with the idea of witnessing some comedy boxing. Never was disillusionment more complete.

The staging and accommodation of the bouts left little to be desired; the lighting was excellent, and the fighting much above the novices' class.

Dutch Feather-weight Champion.

The first match was between Fritz Rohloff, feather-weight champion of Holland, and Willy Wieprecht, of Berlin. Rohloff displayed considerable technique before knocking his opponent out in the fourth round. Immediately after this fight, Young Cohen, a well-known British Rhineland boxer who recently won a Brigade championship, challenged the winner and was accepted, the German stipulating that the referee should be an Englishman. The match has been arranged for to-morrow night.

Then followed an interesting bout between Willy Muller, introduced as an Australian, and Walter Buckszun, a hefty Berliner.

Muller boxed with extraordinary care and succeeded in avoiding his opponent's strong rights. He fought with remarkable tenacity and gradually wore Buckszun down, until he took the opportunity of landing an upper-cut which effectively disposed of his man.

In the third, and probably the chief fight of the evening, Willy Sporl, light, weight champion of Bavaria, opposed Hans Kabelitz, of Berlin. The latter had an advantage in height, weight and reach, but from the commencement it was obvious that Sporl was a boxer of class and when the Berliner stopped one of his terrific crosses, in the second round, the fight ended.

British Methods.

From the spectators point of view, the last bout of the evening was the most interesting, providing, as it did, considerable excitement. The contestants were Curt Sasse, Berlin, and Willi Luhr, Hamburg. The latter was introduced as being formerly of London, and that this was so was fairly apparent when the fight started, from his typical English methods.

After a little while, it was feared that Luhr would tire himself out as a result of the considerable amount of energy he put into his work. This was emphasised by the fact that the other man boxed particularly carefully, rarely exposing himself, and never wasting a scrap of energy. Luhr undoubtedly fought very cleverly, for he contrived to dodge his opponent's numerous and often unexpected right hand swings altogether or allow them merely to graze his chin.

In the sixth round, Luhr rushed his man persistently, and, getting him into a corner, battered him with left and right, subsequently knocking him out. The verdict was extremely popular, probably because of Luhr's English associations.

There is to be another meeting to-night at 7-30 p.m.

BOXERS SUSPENDED.

Echo of the Rossi-Conn "No Contest."

Much interest has been taken in the events which have occurred since the "no contest" verdict was given in the match between Francis Rossi and Joe Conn last week. The British Boxing Board of Control have been deliberating over the matter, and as a result, have addressed the following pronouncement to the National Sporting Club, Ltd.

"Having heard all these boxers had to say and having taken into consideration anything which could be urged in their favour, the Board does not accept the explanation offered by them. They therefore stand convicted of one of the worst offences a boxer can commit—that of deliberately not trying in the ring—and they will both be suspended for three months.

"The Board consider this a lenient sentence and their object in this leniency is to enable them to rehabilitate themselves comparatively soon, and earnestly hope they will avail themselves of that opportunity when the time comes."

FINE CONTEST AT BRADFORD.

The boxing season at Bradford was opened most auspiciously this week, when a great contest resulted from the meeting over 20 rounds of Fred Delaney, the rising young local boxer, and the seasoned veteran Jim Harris. Delaney opened in splendid style, using his superior strength to advantage, but Harris sent him down twice. Delaney recovered and did well up to the fifteenth round, but then fell away, and was knocked out in the twentieth round.

Nipper Fox (Leeds) beat Harry Chester (Bingley) and Sgt. Hewitt (Hull) beat Jock McLay (Queensbury).

RUGBY REFEREES "CONFAB."

Mr. G. Rowland Hill presided at the first general meeting of the London Society of Rugby Union Referees held for five years.

In future the Navy and Army, as well as Oxford University and Cambridge University and the four Home Counties, will be represented on the committee, to which Dr. Burrell, Mr. Calver, Mr. Cotter, Mr. Devonshire, Mr. Parkinson, and Dr. Cargill were elected. Mr. E. Andrews was elected a vice-president, in the place of Mr. Harry Taylor, who fell in the war. Mr. Rowland Hill, as president, and Mr. A. J. Trollope, as hon. secretary and treasurer, were re-elected, with votes of thanks for their services.

At the commencement the company stood in silence in memory of those members who had fallen in the war.

ENGLAND v. WALES.

Some Random Notes on the Football Internationals.

By W. Le C.

To-day will be played the return victory International between England and Wales. It is to be decided at Stoke and as we have previously mentioned in these columns the rival centre-halves, Parker and Jones, are each Stoke players and will be playing before their own supporters. This is a unique occurrence. While there is little hope of Bolton releasing Jennings and Vizard, Wales will need them and I think Bolton are rather selfish in this. They have a duty to the game as well as to the club.

The teams have been previously given, and it is little use looking beyond the English team for the winners. Last Saturday the English eleven were decidedly unlucky and a draw would have been a fitting end to the game, it being unfortunate that Williamson should have been at fault when each goal was scored. It is interesting to note that "Billy" Meredith realised the hope of his career when he captained the victorious Welsh team. He has had 19 caps against England since 1895, and for the first time appeared on the winning side.

First Victory Since 1882.

This was Wales's first victory since 1882. He was given a "lucky penny" by a member of the Welsh Council with which he won the toss and secured the initial advantage. He captained his side and scored the first goal, and no man was more prouder than the popular winger when he left the field with the ball as his prize. After the match finished Meredith laughing grimly, was heard to say "I can play for my country but not for my club. It's a mad world".

The Irish team against England appeared in our columns yesterdsy. It contains the great offside exponent "Billy' McCracken and if England rely again on Hudspeth in their defence, it will be a unique experience for both. Club-mates forming part of the finest defence in First Division football, they are both deserving of their place, but what will Newcastle do without them? Suffice it that the "Magpies" will not follow Bolton's lead and prevent these players appearing for their respective countries.

Wales are awarding caps and medals to their players but the Football Association are only giving medals to their representatives. The games played this season will not figure in "Official" — blessed word — records of the countries concerned.

LEEDS CITY GROUND.

Proposed Conversion to a Brick-Works.

The future of Leeds City's Football Ground is forming a prolific topic of conversation among football enthusiasts in the Yorkshire town, but the fate of the enclosure has not yet been settled.

The presence of rich clay under the turf has resulted in an offer being made to purchase the ground for conversion into a brickworks. Another suggestion is that the Yorkshire Amateur Association Club shall be allowed to rent the ground, while others consider that a new club should be inaugurated called Leeds United to replace the Leeds City Club and take over their fixtures in the Central League.

Regarding the disposal of players, of whom there are 30 on the books, the Football League Management Committee have issued a notice calling the attention of clubs to the fact that all Leeds City players may only be signed on through the Committee.

SOUTH EASTERN LEAGUE.

Positions to Oct, 18, 1919.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Watford	9	6	2	1	18	12	14
Southampton	6	1	5	0	29	15	7
Portsmouth	6	2	3	1	17	13	7
Luton	6	2	3	1	17	14	7
Brighton	7	1	3	3	18	27	5
Reading	5	1	0	4	12	18	2
Thornycroft's	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Southend United	4	0	1	3	5	9	1

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Southern League: — Norwich 2; Brighton 0.

Rangers 1; Newport 0.

F.A. CUP TIE.

In the replayed tie in the English Cup qualifying round Sittingbourne beat Worthing by four goals to two.

SPURS v. ORIENT GATE.

The official figures of the attendance at last Saturday's game between the Spurs and Clapton Orient is given as 44,458. This does not constitute a record for the Tottenham enclosure, 47,109 spectators having passed through the turnstiles when the Arsenal visited the Spurs on Christmas morning, 1911.

ANGLO-FRENCH FOOTBALL.

Team to Visit Paris to Compete for the Dewar Cup.

As briefly reported in our issue of Wednesday the London League has accepted the invitation of the French football authorities to resume the annual contest for the Dewar Cup, and in visiting Paris will be the first British team to test the strength of the now united French associations.

The party, consisting of twelve players, together with officials and friends, will leave London on the morning of October 31, play the Paris League for the cup on November 1, meet the Paris League in a friendly on November 2, and arrive in London on the evening of the 3rd. The winners will receive gold medals, these having been given by Mr. A. W. Holmes, vice-president of the London League.

Islington Town have taken the place of Fulham Invicta in the London League Premier Division, and the vacancy caused by the withdrawal of the Royal Army Service Corps has been filled, in the First Division, by L.G.O.C. (Acton).

HARES AND HOUNDS.

51st Northumberland Fusiliers' Paper Chase.

AN EXCITING EVENT.

An interesting paper-chase took place on Tuesday in which over a hundred participated. The hares consisted of Lieuts. Fentum, Mason, and Pte. Norcliffe. The course was a good five miles over fine rough country, several natural obstacles having to be negotiated. The hares (heavily laden) left Battalion Headquarters five minutes before the pack and commenced to lay the trail one mile S.W. of Sülz. The hares, making for the Militar Ring, lay two false trails which held up the pack for about a minute. Then Pte. Norcliffe struck off to the left for half a mile, the other two hares running parallel to the Militar Ring under cover of a good high hedge.

After travelling about half a mile the hares came to a large gap in the hedge, and while crossing this were sighted by some of the leaders of the pack, who immediately left the scent and gave chase in the direction in which the hares had been located, thus gaining over half a mile on them. Three or four of the pack followed hot on the false trail laid by Pte. Norcliffe, who, endeavouring to make a wide detour to enter the Stadtwald under cover, was strategically run to ground by Pte. Brydon of "D" Coy. However, this did not prevent Pte. Brydon from continuing in the chase and following close on the heels of the other two hares, who, having been spotted, discontinued to lay the trail, and, panic-striken, dashed into cover of the trees of the Stadtwald.

HARES BECOME FATIGUED.

This considerably out-manoeuvered the pack (under Lieuts. Loadman and Dick) with the exception of one exceedingly plucky youth, Pte. Robson of "D" Coy. The remaining two hares, under the impression that they had shaken off the pack, restarted to lay the trail and slowed down to a very quiet pace for the next mile. They were, however, quite disillusioned, Pte. Robson having picked up the trail soon after the hares had entered the Stadtwald and very much surprised the two hares when they again came into the open. Then followed the fastest pace of the chase for the next three-quarters of a mile. The hares put up a plucky fight, but were fatigued with their heavy load. Pte. Robson was much too good for them and gained yard by yard, finally running them to ground just as they were leaving the Stadtwald, about half a mile from home.

Meanwhile, the remainder of the pack wasted a few minutes casting for the trail at the entrance of the Stadtwald. Eventually it was picked up and some twenty hounds followed a few minutes behind the leader of the pack. Much credit was due to Lieuts. Loadman and Dick, the "pack-masters," in the way false trails were overcome, and the handling of the pack generally. Of the starters, about sixty finished the complete course.

All who participated in the chase expressed their entire satisfaction with the afternoons sport. It is proposed to raise a similar chase weekly, and the 51st Northumberland Fusiliers would welcome any other pack to join them.

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Alasnam Becomes one of More Prominent Candidates.

The first result of the race for the Cesarewitch as far as the London Turf market is concerned was that Alasnam became one of the more prominent candidates for the Cambridgeshire.

Zinovia remained favourite at 800 to 100, but the rate was again offered, while Alasnam had friends at 500 to 50.

Royal Bucks, who had yesterday been supported down to 1,000 to 60, touched 100 to 7, and Sir Berkeley (second for the Duke of York Stakes) was on offer at 100 to 6, with 20 to 1 tentered bar four. Prices:—

8 to 1 agst Zinovia, 4-8-11 (t and o) . Hunt
10 — 1 — Alasnam, 3-6-0 (t) . . . . R. Day
100 — 7 — Royal Bucks, 6-7-10 (t and o) Sievier
100 — 6 — Sir Berkeley, 4-6-11 (o) W. Waugh
20 — 1 bar four (o).

Later Betting.

Cambridgeshire:—8 to 1 Zinovia; 9 to 1 Alasnam; 100 to 8 Sir Berkeley; 100 to 7 Royal Bucks.

Cambridgeshire Scratchings.

Earna and The Panther 9 a.m. Thursday.

NEWMARKET SALES.

Some sensational prices were realised at the Newmarket sales on Thursday.

Capt. Dewhurst gave 10,000 guineas for Galroy belonging to William Clark. Other high prices were 5,500 guineas for Pandion 4,700 for Sundari and 6,000 for Rivershore and Polynotus.

NEWMARKET RACES.

Thursday's racing at Newmarket took place in fine weather, The going was good and the attendance large. The results were:—

Bretby stakes:—1, Lemonade (5—1); 2, Cinna (11—4; 3, Queen of Jest 6—1) and Sunblink (7—1) dead heat. Seven ran.

Selling plate:—1, Summers Joy (6—1); 2, Sudden Fancy (4—1); 3, Happy Gleam (11—4). Seven ran.

Ditch mile plate:—(Division on one) 1, Fancy Man (6—1); 2, Lycopodium (7—2); 3, Mavona (10—1.) Eleven ran.

Challenge stakes:—Diadem (9—2 on) beat Freesia. Two ran.

Prendergast stakes:—1, Orphius (13—8); 2, Maxwell (10—1); 3, Carborundum (10—1). Eight ran.

Heath plate:—1, Church History (11—8); 2, Baal Gad (8—1); 3, Ocydrome (9—1). Five ran.

Ditch mile plate (Division two):—1, Great Seal (11—4); 2, Llama (10—1); 3, Be Sure (20—1). Eleven ran.

Lowther stakes:—Buchan (100—6 on) beat Jackpoint. Two ran.

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PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Sat.	The Gipsy Baro	Strauss	7	10
Sun.	Königskinder	Humperdinck	7	10
Mon.	Cavalleria rusticana Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo	7	10
Tues	Orpheus and Eurydice	Gluck	7	9.15

Arabian Nights Ball.

The fancy dress ball for officers and ladies, held at the B.E.L.C., on Thursday evening, was indeed a gorgeous affair. The hall was beautifully decorated, and lighted to produce the most wonderful oriental effects. In ten short minutes one was transported, as by the magic carpet, from the cold miserable atmosphere of the Dom Square to the glorious light and colour of East of Suez. Arriving there, one found the orchestra of the 51st D.L.I. discoursing the sweetest of music, while during the interval the ladies of the B.E.L.C. Jazz Band energetically and artistically produced the "jazziest" of jazz music.

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Would not a superannuated German gas alarm siren add to the effect? Prizes were given for the best two dresses of either sex, and we do not envy the judges their task. Where so much was super-beautiful it must have been Solomonian business. "Aladdin" and "Egypt" were loudly applauded on receiving their prizes, and one really felt awestruck by the stately appearance of the winning Rajahs. Never has the Leave Club looked gayer and prettier, and we are sure that the reality of all the sham was frequently beyond question. Some of the "Eastern" potentates were "it" exactly, and we are convinced that if British ladies habitually dressed in Eastern fashion, our character for sedateness would stand in constant peril.

Britsh Empire Leave Club.

The weekly whist drive was held at the B.E.L.C. on Thursday evening and the number of players was as large as ever. Captain Rouch again presided and L/Cpl. Foote was M.C. The ladies 1st prize was won by Pte. G. Andrews with a score of 153, the second prize by Pte. A. Hatherley with 150 and the third by Pte. J. Threeves with score of 145. The first gentlemen's prize was won with a score of 149, while Bombardier Ratcliff carried off second prize with a score of 147 and Pte. L.G. Bisgrove third with a score of 146.

JACQUES.

TRY YOUR SKILL.

Another Coupon Awaits A Few Scratches From Your Pen.

Contest No. 4 closed yesterday, and the entries which have reached us afford an excellent idea of the prize which is waiting to be won. Post after post brought us piles of coupons which goes far to prove how much appreciated has been our scheme for the amusement, interest, and enrichment of "Tommy."

We publish to-day the coupon for No. 5 contest, and a few strokes of the pen may mean a sum sufficient to put you on your feet, when you return to civil life.

We give the football results on Tuesday and the competition awards on Wednesday.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 5,
"Cologne Post,"
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.

2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.

3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.

4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.

5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.

6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.

7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.

8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.

9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 5.

Date of matches, Saturday, Oct. 25th.
Closing date, Friday, Oct. 24th.

Preston N. E.	v. Newcastle U.
Sheffield U.	v. Manchester U.
Bradford	v. Chelsea
Grimsby	v. Hull C.
Bury	v. South Shields
Lincoln	v. Clapton Orient
Notts Forest	v. Wolverhampton
Swansea	v. Brighton
Exeter	v. Millwall
Luton	v. Portsmouth
Airdrieonians	v. Hamilton A.
Motherwell	v. Kilmarnock

I enter Football Competition No. 5 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Oyster Mania.

A friend of mine has virtually lived on oysters ever since they were introduced into the "Earwig" Lamp a few days ago, and has never been near his mess for meals. What his score is up to date I dread to divulge.

Who was He?

Some people I hear, are still unsatisfied as to the identity of the person in Cologne at first supposed to be King Alfonso, and refuse to credit the assertion so confidently made that it was Alfonso the Toreador. I am told that the Intelligence Corps have been requested to solve the mystery. Hush!

The Originals.

Anyone who is interested can see at the Leave Club the original coupon sent in by R.S.M. Hayward who won our last football competition and the actual cheque cashed by him for 2833 marks.

Odd Badges.

Everyone knows that the collar badges of the Artillery and Engineers are almost alike, but not quite. In a Cologne cafe yesterday I saw an officer seemingly in blissful ignorance of the fact, wearing the gunner's badge on the right and the sapper's on the left. Which did he belong to?

A Good Idea.

I learn that the American authorities at Coblenz have started an employment bureau as a means of assisting families of the American forces to procure competent and experienced household help.

Lady Singers Wanted.

I hear that the Rhine Army Vocal Society is particularly desirous of obtaining recruits from the fair sex. I dropped in to hear the Society's first rehearsals at the Church Army Hall, Antoniter Strasse on Wednesday evening. The singing was really delightful.

A Sad Case.

A private complains that his best girl —a charming V.A.D. in Rhineland—is not allowed to be seen in his company in public because he is not commissioned. The path of true love never did run smooth.

Stupendous.

It was in the VI Corps Club and we were drinking tea — yes tea! He said "You know I was late coming out for the last war, old egg, and hadn't really time to get my brain going, but if the War Office takes up my big notion the next one will be a pinch for us." "What is it?" I asked breathlessly. "Well, a sort of subterranean aeroplane, if you get me," he replied in a whisper. Then louder "I say the next bottle's with me, you know!"

Hadn't Melon Flavour.

In view of the fact that a party of Tommies invested in pumpkins the other day at a Rhine village believing them to be melons somebody suggests that botany might be more generally taught in the Army Schools.

Tinfoil.

The tinfoil in which certain brands of English cigarettes are wrapped seems to be something unknown in Germany. Of course it is quite common in England and is used for wrapping various commodities, but a German who has been all his life in the paper trade confessed the other day that it was something new to him—in fact he regarded the "silver paper" as a sort of souvenir.

Good Technical Reading.

I am told that there are hundreds of technical and trade journals at the Army Book Shop merely waiting for any applicant who would care to have copies to take away to read, free, gratis and for nothing, and "for keeps."

Coal Cellars.

Where the housewives in some of the flats in Cologne have their coal-cellars is a question which puzzles many visitors from Britiain. In quite a number of houses containing flats there is only one aperture on the level of the street into which coal could be tipped and therefore only one coal cellar for all the householders. The explanation is that in such cases the central heating system has been installed.

Queer Headgear.

I saw a student at Bonn the other day with a curious college cap. It reminded me of a concertina more than anything else and was bright yellow in hue.

Sand on the Rails.

One may notice these "slippery days" sand along the car lines, sand released by the driver to prevent skidding and make the wheels grip. I was interested to learn that in England the sand was released by the foot and on one rail only. Out here the driver turns a lever with his hand and sand is released on both rails, thus making a prevention of accidents doubly sure.

Prolific Writing.

A soldier with literary ambitions writes telling me that as he has written three letters each of about 3.500 words to his lady love this week, no doubt he could manage something to suit the literary requirements of the "Cologne Post."

Not Real Jazz.

Yesterday at tea in a well-known resort in Cologne there was a fearful clatter at the end of the room. At first everyone thought the management were emulating the "Earwig" Club and had introduced a Jazz band at tea-time. But it transpired that a waiter had smashed a trayful of crockery.

Not Ours after All.

A good many of the songs one hears in Rhineland sung to what were supposed to be English tunes some years old, turn out to be pukka German airs which have been sung at home to English words.

Good-bye W.R.A.F's

With the approaching complete departure of the W.R.A.F's from Rhineland their excellent little magazine has come to an untimely end. The final number lacks all the sparkle of the previous issues. It is a very serious production indeed, and is devoted to a detailed history of the sojourn and work of the W.R.A.F. in occupied Germany, illustrated with many interesting photoes.

Method in it.

Have you noticed that a waiter always puts a little wine in the gentleman's glass, fills the lady's and then completes the filling of the former's? Apart from the question of politeness this is due to the fact that the wine at the top of the bottle may contain foreign bodies through contact with the cork. Hence the custom.

Rendezvous for W.O's and N.C.O's.

The Dutch Bar next door to the Ewige Lamp is now open as a British restaurant for W.O's, N.C.O's, and their wives. Thus when the lady has to meet her husband in town after his duty is finished she can pop in there and be sure of civil treatment and comfort.

A Dainty Bar.

The place is quaintly fitted in Dutch fashion and the shining table tops are left uncovered in their pristine freshness It is all very comfortable. As it is exclusively for the British, brassards must invariably be worn.

What can be Had.

Not only can the usual refreshments be obtained such as minerals, beer, wine and spirits etc. but the place is stocked with the better canteen supplies. We expect that the present quarters will soon be found to be too small and we hope to see, before long, the neighbouring room thrown open to N.C.O's and their wives.

Welsh Service.

Now that the Scottish Churches Hut is not available, I understand that the Welsh Service will now be held at 2.30. p.m. every Sunday at the Y.M.C.A. Central, Friesen Str. in a class room next door to the Library Hall.

The Gunners' Own.

I would strongly urge every one in the Royal Artillery to subscribe to "The Gunner," the Royal Regiment's own particular magazine and record. It is issued free to all members of the R.A. Institution, Woolwich, but I believe anyone may buy it for 2d. a month. Those gunners I know who have once had it, say they wouldn't care to miss a single copy now.

AROUND AND ABOUT.

WHENCE COME DREAMS?

Manifestly there is a part of your brain that goes on thinking while you are asleep. Were this not the case you would have no dreams. What part? Nobody knows with certainty, but there is good reason for believing that it is the untutored half of the brain—the right half. Each one of us has really two brains, right and left, just as we have a right leg and a left leg. The left brain does our thinking for us, while the right if we are "right handed" is uneducated and does almost no thinking at all. Having almost no work to do, the right brain needs no rest. It does not get tired, and so stays awake, or at least partly so, while we sleep. Its thoughts are what we call dreams.

THOSE RED TROUSERS.

The originator of the red trousers of the French soldiers was Napoleon, who was prompted in his "reform" by a desire to help the native cultivation of madder root—at that time and for many centuries previously the chief source of red colour throughout the world against the Dutch and Italian rivals. As a result the industry expanded considerably, and some fifty years ago was worth nearly £2,000,000 per annum.

THE ORIGIN OF "BOLSHEVIK".

What does "Bolsheviki" mean? The answer is that during the revolution of 1905 in Russia, anarchists met together at Kuakolla in Finland. A majority advocated an Anarchistic programme, which is being carried on to-day, while a small minority favoured a milder programme. The word majority in Russian is "Bolchenstwo"; the word minority is "Mienchestwo". Both expressions were corrupted into the two party designations of "Bolchewiki" and "Mienchewiki". The corruptions stuck. The term "Mienchewiki" has been lost because its representatives were swamped by the overgrowing clamour of their opponents.

THE DEMOBBED TUNIC.

Mixed.

One of the most amusing features of Thursday night's "Arabian Nights" ball occured during the departure of the dancers. I spotted the lower extremities of an Indian Rajah, a Chinese mandarin or a Turkish Pasha sticking out from a conventional British Warm, and the number of pips on the latter was not always commensurate with the glory indicated by the nether garments.

Dancing Shoes.

A correspondent complains that, having come from a distance and having only walking boots with him, he was not allowed to join in the dancing at the B.E.L.C. He says that his boots would not harm the floor. One pair might not do irreparable damage, but everyone must realise that one evening's general dancing in boots would irrevocably ruin the floor for all. One must be guided by commonsense and respect for general convenience in such matters.

Another Children's School.

At Coblenz I hear that the American Y.M.C.A. has started a school for the purpose of educating American children, just as our Y.M.C.A. in Cologne has.

Between Courses.

I drew attention recently to the custom of smoking cigarettes between courses in Rhineland. A reader adds, "The wonder rather is that in many restaurants (and even a few clubs) no diners have arrived complete with pyjamas and toothbrush as necessary adjuncts to an undisturbed siesta." Cases, he says have even been reported of waiters in Cologne restaurants burying grandmothers in the interval between the soup and the fish.

A Regretted Departure.

I hear regret on all sides that Lieut.-Col. E. P. A. Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O., is leaving Rhineland. His command of the 52nd Rifle Brigade since it came into Germany in February has been marked by efficiency and thorough good feeling.

Creeping Things.

Have you ever penetrated into the Insect House at the Cologne Zoo? It contains a remarkable collection especially of creatures that simulate leaves and twigs. Then, too, there is a fascinating colony of ants at work.

Friend or Foe.

I asked a man the other day what he had missed most since being in Rhineland. "The drone of aeroplanes overhead at night, and wondering whether they were ours or Jerry's. Going to bed is too humdrum now" he said.

RHINELANDER.

WHY HANDKERCHIEFS ARE SUARE.

Ask your friends why their handkerchiefs are square. Round, oval, or oblong would be just as useful. At one time they were made in various shapes, but this irregularity displeased Queen Marie Antoinette, who suggested one evening at Versailles that a uniform shape would be an indication of good taste. The result was a decree by Louis XVI., issued in the early days of 1785, enacting that all pocket-handkerchiefs should have right-angle edges hence-forward.

SPANISH DANCES COMING.

The dancing season brings with it a whisper that a Spanish element will be noticeable in the new measures. One of these is the Paso Doble, which is described as a fascinating one-step. It comes from Spain via Paris, where it is immensely popular. A modified version of the shimmy-shake (the savants say) is a pleasing movement, neither vulgar nor sensational, as the name undoubtedly suggests. As regards accompaniment, Hawaiian music is out-favouring the jazz. Its peculiar haunting sweetness is irresistible.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Rather Late.—A sun helmet was seen in London this week.

Coming Home.— Over 1,000 Germans are on their way from Hull to Germany.

Costly.—Seventy houses being built at Stratford-on-Avon will cost £60,000.

Resigned. — The Prime Minister of Queensland has resigned.

Still on.—The furnishing traders' dispute at home continues.

Lincoln.—A bust to Abraham Lincoln has been unveiled at Hingham in Norfolk.

Herald of Winter.—Considerable snow has fallen in Scotland.

At Leith.— A thousand refugees have arrived at Leith from North Russia.

Finis.—The strikes of Marseilles and Brest are ended.

Foch's Movements. — Next Monday Marshal Foch will visit Dunkirk.

Popular.— America has 1,000 schools giving lessons by cinematograph.

Complete.—The Belgian ratification of the Peace Treaty has arrived in Paris.

Extra Leave.—Lord Allenby's departure for Egypt has been postponed for a week,

Long Service.—A clerk of the L and Y Railway has retired after 53 years service.

Large Potato.—A potato dug up at Kenilworth weighs 2 lb. 6 oz.

Fed Up.—Two German prisoners of war have escaped from the Newark Camp

Up.—Croydon hairdressing charges have been raised from 6d to 8d.

Nothing Doing.—The Queen of Holland recently refused to see the ex-Kaiser.

Re-assembly.—Parliament re-assembles next Wednesday.

Going Home.—Four thousand Chinese labourers have sailed for Canada.

Berlin's troubles.—Berlin municipal auxiliary clerks are on strike.

The Estimate.—France's war material is estimated to be worth £600,000,000.

Tips.—A waiter in a Chinese cafe in Oxford street said his tips averaged £6 weekly.

Not Going.—Mr. J. R. Clynes M.P. is not going to Washington with the Labour leaders.

Strange.—The Government has no power to prevent the building of cinemas instead of houses.

No Leaders.—According to the Duke of Marlborough the Tory party has no real leaders.

Aussies' Windfall.—Australian soldiers and sailors are to receive a war gratuity of 1/3 a day.

Dear.—An East Ham woman complains that she was charged 7½d a reel for cotton.

Thanks.—At the present time the influence exercised by the Press is paramount.—Sir Auckland Geddes.

No Militarism.—The headmaster of Eton said in the public schools there was no passion for militarism.

Problem Solved.—Kingston Guardians are accommodating a man and his family at a rental of 6/6 a week.

Why?—A gentleman with a grey beard was to be seen in Victoria Street wearing a Derby armlet.

Her Hoard.—A munition worker found dead in a Waterloo tram had stuffed boots and socks with bank notes.

Colchester's Freeman.—Lord Byng has been presented with the freedom of Colchester.

King and Busmen.—The King has expressed appreciation of work of London busmen during the war.

A New Record.—A French aviator has beaten the record by flying 305 kilometres an hour.

Costly Labour.—The 1919 corn harvest will be the most costly in the history of British farming.

"Nickytoes".—"Nickytoes" are individuals opposed to smoking; they have started a campaign at home.

Rail Conference.—It is hoped to settle the difficulty without the the aid of an umpire.

The Cottesmere Master.—Lord Lonsdale is to retire from the Mastership of the Cottesmere.

Army Exams.—The entrance examinations for Woolwich and Sandhurst are to be held next month.

The Total. — Nearly 400,000,000 War Savings Certificates have been sold to date.

Thanks.— Belgian children back home have written thanking the London Education Authority for their assistance.

One Shilling.—A soldier at Tidworth admitted having sold a Military Medal for one shilling.

Eye Strain.—The question of eye strain is to be considered by the L.C.C. in plans for new picture houses.

A 70/- Suit.—A Bloomsbury man sued in respect of a suit said it was made of "straw and potato peelings."

Reshaping Shopping Centres.—Considerable architectural alterations in Regent and Oxford Streets are promised.

The Cecil.—The Hotel Cecil is to be handed over by the Government in a few days.

A Protest. — Vienna University protests against the sale of artistic works to foreign countries.

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WILL AMERICA STAND OUT?

LLOYD GEORGE SPEAKS ON TURKISH PROBLEM BUT SAYS LITTLE ON ECONOMY.

MISS PENNANT'S FURTHER CHARGES.

TURKISH PEACE.

WHY AMERICA IS HESITATING.

Speaking on Thursday evening at Hadfield's works the Premier again emphasised the equal necessity for exercising economy and increasing production. It was a question whether the Government could do more to save the temporary expenditure which marked the transition of war to peace without imperilling greater and more permanent interests. He pointed out that the permanent expenditure of the country must remain far higher than in pre-war days owing to increased interest, amortization and pay. These have increased in all forms of State service. The bread subsidy must soon disappear.

The delay in signing the Peace with Turkey is attributable to the fact that it is not known whether America is going to share the burdens of civilisation outside the United States.

He was rather pleased that the Americans had been brought face to face with this, because some Americans used to accuse the "great grabbing English Empire" of getting pieces of land at every opportunity. He thought the Americans were now realising that Great Britain was undertaking a great civilising duty at a great cost. It was the task and mission that Providence had sent us and one which we are discharging in various parts of the world. We begged our kith and kin in America to join us in that task. Unless they did so, said the Premier, he did not know what was going to happen to parts of the Turkish Empire. Neither we nor France could undertake it all. A people who have been living in the shadow of a great tyranny for centuries is appealing with uplifted hand to America to come and help to protect them. He hoped their appeal would not be in vain. We are undertaking a similar responsibility ourselves and find we are approaching the limit of our strength and it would be unwise for us to go farther. It would be the height of unwisdom for us to disarm until the Turkish problem is settled and a proper and prompt settlement is vital to the British Empire and the whole world.

Dealing with certain criticisms of the Government Mr. Lloyd George concluded by quoting a notice often seen on country roads—"Please slacken reins when ascending the hill." He often wished the ministry could be similarly treated. When the Government was going up hill there were men pulling and prodding and tightening the reins. The burden was heavy and the road steep. It needed all one's muscle and brain, all the inspiration obtainable from one's fellow men and from above to enable one to keep up and carry weight.

PRAYERS AND PENNIES.

PARSONS PROTEST AGAINST PARSIMONY.

The vicar of St. Luke's Church, Preston, has some very drastic things to say regarding the parsimonious proclivities of some of his parishioners.

Writing in his parish magazine he says: "To hear them, full of emotion, sing 'Were the whole realm of nature mine' is enough to make Ananias blush. But emotion is not true religion.

"Possibly they counted their money and invested it in War Bonds, or retained it for the pictures. One explanation suggests that they were wandering worshippers. This explanation, though satisfactory to our people, is not satisfactory to me.

"Sunday after Sunday we have too many well-dressed folk claiming free seats, free books, warmth, light, music, preaching — generous in fault finding, but only valuing their religious privileges at a penny."

PRESIDENT WILSON'S CONDITION.

Yesterday's bulletin says that while President Wilson is feeling fairly well, the prostatic condition from which he has been suffering for several days is checking his progress towards recovery. A specialist will be summoned to determine whether an operation is necessary.

PRISONER RECAPTURED.

The name of the prisoner who was captured near Andover, after having escaped from the escort en route, is Pte. Marriot, Northumberland Fusiliers.

The remaining five men are still at large.

HUNGER STRIKERS RELEASED.

All the Sinn Fein prisoners in Mountjoy prison, Dublin, were released yesterday. They have been hunger-striking.

PENNANT'S CHARGES.

"LOW INTRIGUES IN HIGH PLACES."

At the House of Lords Inquiry into the circumstances attending the dismissal of Miss Violet Douglas Pennant from the Women's Royal Air Force, which was resumed yesterday, counsel for Miss Pennant read a letter which she sent to Mr. Winston Churchill, in which she said":

"I was dismissed as the direct result of a successful intrigue. The movement against me proceeded not only from within but from outside the W.R.A.F. Amongst those outside the W.R.A.F. who engaged in the movement was Dame Catherine Furse, in whom Colonel Bersey found a ready coadjutor. She endeavoured to undermine my position. The decision to dismiss me was not the unfettered decision of Lord Weir, but was the decision of Sir Auckland Geddes, who had no personal knowledge of me or my work."

Mr. Churchill had said that the pinch of the case was whether Miss Pennant's superior officers, who had power to continue her in office or to supersede her, acted from honest motives.

Cross-examined by Mr. Rigby Swift, representing the Air Ministry, Miss Pennant said her supercession had been brought about by an intrigue whereto Colonel Bersey, General Livingstone, General Brancker, Dame Catherine Furse, Sir Auckland Geddes and Lady Rhondda were parties.

KRONSTADT.

REPORTED SURRENDER TO BRITISH FLEET.

Reuter's Helsingfors correspondent states that it is officially announced that the North West Russian Army has acupied Krasnaya Gorka and Krasnoiselo, and that a British fleet was heavily bombarding Kronstadt, which was returning the ships' fire.

According to Finnish newspaper reports Kronstadt has surrendered to the British fleet and Helsingfors papers also report the surrender of Petrograd. This is not confirmed in London.

TO WRECK ELECTIONS.

MANY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYES THREATEN SABOTAGE.

A strike is threatened by the employes of seventy-eight municipalities of the Department of the Seine. They demand satisfaction as to salaries and the institution of Councils of Discipline composed of officials and employes which will take out of the hands of Mayors the power of discharging men.

If their claims are not granted by the end of the month they threaten to resort to sabotage when the Parliamentary elections are held.

DISPOSING OF DOUBTS.

"Herr Erich Heiland writes to "The Times" from Mettmann, near Düsseldorf:—"I, formerly German officer in American captivity, beg to inform you that Lieutenant Cedric Dalton, Manchester Regiment, died from a bullet shot in his right temple, 400 yards from the cemetery of Roupy (St. Quentin), on March 22, 1918, 3 p.m. In my opinion, he lies buried in the churchyard of Roupy, but I am not quite sure. Please inform his unhappy relations."

ELECTRIC TRAINS IN PARIS.

An innovation was seen in Paris on Wednesday when an electric train ran through the streets following the outer boulevards. It was composed of a front carriage with a generator of 80 h.p. and five cars, all provided with motors. Accumulators were attached to each to enable them to be run independently when required.

ANZAC GRATUITIES.

The New Zealand Government has sent a telegram to Sir Thomas Mackenzie, High Commissioner, authorizing the payment of the New Zealand war gratuity to those New Zealand Expeditionary Force discharged soldiers in the United Kingdom entitled to it.

THE KING'S FUND.

It has been decided to extend the scope of the King's Fund for disabled nurses who have been pensioned in respect of War Services. The idea is to assist applicants to start in business or to emigrate.

THE BARNSTORMERS.

PENAL SERVITUDE FOR BOGUS PROMOTER.

At the London Sessions yesterday, after three days' hearing, the trial was concluded of Basil Reginald Jarvis, 32, an entertainer, who was charged with obtaining by false pretences sums of money amounting to £300 from five demobilized officers. The circumstances have been reported. The prisoner engaged the officers to become acting managers of a number of concert parties, called the "Barnstormers," which he was running in various seaside towns. They were each to receive a salary of £5 a week with 20 per cent. of the profits, but when they went to take up their duties they found no concert party, got no money, and lost what they had invested.

Detective-sergeant Gooding said that the prisoner began his criminal career in 1901, when he was sent to a reformatory for four years for stealing a purse. Since then there had been numerous convictions against him, and in 1915 he was sentenced to three years' imprisonment at Manchester for false pretences. He had then posed as an Army doctor. He was released to join the Army in 1917, and during his military service he was ordered 80 days' detention for illegally wearing the D.C.M. and a wound stripe. He engaged a secretary at £10 a week for the "Barnstormers" enterprise, but paid him nothing. According to the secretary the prisoner owed £1,500 and he had no assets. He did not spend more than £200 in financing the concert parties. About 150 men and women performers were sent by him to various places and left stranded. They suffered great hardship and one young girl was nearly ruined.

The prisoner wept in the dock. He declared that he never had had a chance, and added, "Don't send me to my death. Give me a chance, and I will live an honest labourer's life."

Mr. Lawrie, in passing sentence of five years' penal servitude, said that Jarvis had dealt with the performers in a most cruel way. He would pass on him the most severe penalty he could.

DEATH OF LORD PORTMAN.

ROMANCE OF A GREAT LONDON ESTATE.

Viscount Portman, one of the greatest of London's ground landlords, died yesterday morning at his town residence, 22 Portman-square, after a few days' illness. He was in his 91st year, and is succeeded by the Hon. Henry Berkeley Portman, his eldest surviving son.

The Portman estate in London is enormously valuable, comprising all that part of Marylebone in the vicinity of the Edgware-road and Oxford-street. The story of the manner in which these lands came into the possession of the Portmans is one of the romances of London property.

More than two centuries ago an ancestor of the late peer came to London from the West Country and, longing for the rich milk and fresh butter he had left behind purchased a couple of meadows on the outskirts of the London of his day, on which he placed a herd of Dorsetshire cows. Those meadows are now the Portman estate and what a mine of wealth they have proved is known to everybody.

Lord Portman was twice married, and his second wife, whom he wedded in 1908 when in his 80th year, survives him. Until comparatively recently he enjoyed remarkably good health and in the last decade of his life he still rode with the hounds, besides taking an active interest in political and municipal matters.

He entered Parliament, at the age of 23, as member for Shaftesbury, sitting and voting, as a Whig, with the Liberal Party until the Home Rule split in 1886 when he became a Liberal-Unionist. He remained in the House of Commons until 1885, and succeeded to the peerage three years later.

GERMANY AND RUSSIA.

"Until you know what is going to happen to Russia you will not know who has won the war," declared Mr. Aylmer Maude, in an address on the Russian problem, delivered under the auspices of the United Russia Societies Association. "It is quite possible," he proceeded, "that Germany is going to gain a very great deal more in the East than she has lost in the West." As surely as we abandoned Russia Germany would inevitably dominate her. He had had it on good authority the previous day that the anti-Bolshevist forces, which in the spring of this year were in the proportion of three to four compared with the Bolshevik forces, were now three to two.

GERMAN EMBASSY IN PARIS.

Although it has been stated that Baron von Lersner, the Chief of the German Delegation, will not yet take up his abode in the German Embassy in Paris as German Chargé d'Affaires, it is possible that before long the members of the German Delegation will be authorised to remove to the Embassy in the Rue de Lille in Paris.

PROFITEERING FINES.

There are no fewer than 1,600 profiteering tribunals already working in England. Since the Profiteering Act was passed the Food Minister has instituted 1,350 prosecutions, obtaining 1,320 convictions and fines totalling £1,700.

PAYING THE PIPER.

HEAVY COMPENSATION FOR IRISH OUTRAGES.

The wild scenes which occurred at Letterkenny (Co. Donegal) in March last year on the occasion of the arrest of a local Republican had their sequel at the Londonderry Quarter Sessions when Judge Cooke awarded Constables Geraghty, aged fifty, and Tumelty, aged twenty, £100 compensation each for personal injuries. Following the removal of the prisoner to the police barracks on the occasion in question a howling mob of several hundred Sinn Feiners, as well as Irish Volunteers in military formation, armed with hurleys, assembled outside the barracks, shouting, "Up rebels and bring out your guns." Constable Geraghty received a severe blow on the face, which induced paralysis. Next day the police were unable to get a motor to take the prisoner to the station, drivers being intimidated, and they had to commandeer a motor. The mob endeavoured to render this useless, but Constable Tumelty remedied the defects and volunteered to drive the prisoner to the station, which he did. While the constable was returning with the motor a Sinn Fein mob surged round the car. He was struck with stones, bottles, and hurleys, while a girl hit him with a flag-pole. He became unconscious as the result of his injuries and his nose and ear are permanently injured.

Judge Cooke said that the Irish people must realise that it was to the interest of the community to preserve the law, and if they refused to assist the police they must pay for the consequences.

DIAMOND THEFT.

STOLEN FROM LINER'S MAIL BAGS.

On the arrival of the Holt liner Eneas at Liverpool a packet of diamonds was found to have been stolen from the mails. The liner was homeward bound from Australia and had called at Capetown, where the mails, including a registered packet of diamonds worth many thousands of pounds, were packed aboard. On the mail bags being inspected at Liverpool one was found to have been ripped open. A packet containing rough diamonds weighing 1,000 carats, consigned to a London firm, was missing. Nine loose diamonds were found in the hold. The police believe the theft occurred while the liner was anchored at Capetown.

TRUCK SHORTAGE.

CLEARING OUT OF FRANCE.

The Ministry of Transport announce that they are pressing on with the work of bringing back railway material from France. Wagons are now returning by the train ferry at the rate of 500 per week, and it is hoped eventually to increase this to 900 per week. This would restore all wagons in six months. Locomotives and trucks are being allotted to railway companies according to priority of need so as to relieve traffic congestion as much possible.

PRINCE VISITS GOLD MINE.

The Prince of Wales visited the mining town of Timmino (Ontario) which has a population of some 10,000 people and is the headquarters of one of the richest goldfields in the world. After the usual civic reception and inspection of returned soldiers, the Prince proceeded to the Hallinger mine, which at present is producing one million pounds worth of gold annually. Machinery is installed for an output of one third more, the only requisite being more labour, which it is hoped will be secured. Some hundreds of unskilled hands are required at from three dollars daily upwards. The Prince was conducted over the entire works by Mr. Timmins, the original proprietor of the mine.

CLAIMANT TO PEERAGE.

Mr. John G. H. Rackstraw, of Monkwearmouth, a bricklayer, is the claimant to the Scottish title of Lord Lennox of Dumbarton, and to a rent-roll reputed to be worth £36,000 a year, and an estate covering ten square miles. The case is to be heard next week in the Court of Session, Edinburgh. Mr. Rackstraw, who was born at Sunderland in 1851, claims that his great-great-grandmother was a descendant of the Duke of Hamilton, who was a nephew of Mary, Queen of Scots. He believes that he has traced his ancestry back to the year 1581.

TWENTY YEARS AFTER.

A witness at an inquest yesterday at Hornsey on Charles Algernon Hobblethwaite, aged 71, who was found in his room shot, said the deceased man suffered great pain in damp weather owing to a disease of the nose and brain, caused by being struck with a cricket ball 20 years ago.

A verdict of suicide while of unsound mind was returned.

14TH CENTURY INN SOLD.

The Crown Inn, Chiddingfold, dating from the 14th century, and believed to be the oldest licensed house in Surrey, was sold on Thursday for £3,000. The house contains much well-preserved old oak.

QUEEN'S DARING.

ENTERS LION'S DEN IN CALIFORNIA.

The Queen of the Belgians stepped into the cage of a mountain lion at the Government ranger station in the beautiful valley of the Yosemite, California.

So sudden was the Queen's impulse that King Albert and the astonished members of the party accompanying their Majesties had not time to make a move to prevent her.

A nice, quiet creature the lion appeared to be. Queen Elizabeth had stroked its ears through the bars of the cage, and it had submitted docilely and with apparent gratification to the caress.

But the instant the august visitor invaded its domain the lion showed fight, snapping at her and snarling viciously.

Quickly, but very calmly, her Majesty stepped backward out of the cage, and closed the door. Then she laughed heartily at her frightened escort who had rushed to assist her, and at the gentle chiding of the King.

STATE LORRIES.

GOVERNMENT SCHEME TO RELIEVE DOCKS AND RAILWAYS.

In order to relieve the congestion at docks and ports and on the railways serving them an emergency scheme for the use of motor lorries has been prepared by the Ministry of Transport and will be immediately put into operation through the Port and Transit Executive Committee, of which Sir Norman Hill is chairman.

Local committees are being appointed in London, Liverpool, Manchester, Bristol, Cardiff and Hull, consisting of representatives of the Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Food, Ministry of Munitions, the local Port Authority, the railways and the road haulage interests, both employers and employed.

These committees, working in conjunction with the Port and Transit Executive Committee in London, will, so long as the present congestion continues, allocate motor lorries which will be made available to relieve congestion.

The lorries available for these purposes will be Government lorries provided and equipped by the Ministry of Transport. Commercial rates will be charged for all the services corresponding to those which would be charged in the ordinary course of business.

CRYSTAL PALACE.

OLD ATTRACTIONS NEXT YEAR.

The Naval and Military occupation of the Crystal Palace will end on the 31st December. After that date the Palace grounds, which now belong to the nation, will again be organised as a public resort, beginning with a British Industrial Fair organised by the Board of Trade.

The season proper will commence in May, the first attraction being a great exhibition arranged by the Imperial War Museum authorities, which may continue for a year or two, but even this will occupy only a part of the huge floor space and grounds, leaving ample room for amusement, music etc. Firework displays will again form a feature at the Palace.

BRITISH GOODS IN GREECE.

Preparations for the exhibition of British industries, which is to be opened by the King on October 19, are in full swing. There are over a million pounds worth of exhibits arranged in the spacious Zappeion rooms, representing nearly 500 British firms, and approximately 500 million pounds of capital.

The exhibitors, who before leaving England were rather sceptical as to the value of the exhibition, are now enthusiastic on the prospects of the Greek market.

IRONFOUNDER'S STRIKE.

The ballot of the Ironfounders resulted in the rejection of the agreement negotiated with the employers by 27,938 votes against 1,688. As the total membership of this Union is only 50,000 it will be seen that nearly half the members abstained from voting.

The result is a serious blow to engineering trades which depend on castings from foundries and will lead to further serious unemployment.

SEAMEN'S MEDALS.

The King has approved of the Sea Transport Medal which was instituted in 1903 as a standing decoration for award to Mercantile Marine officers for service in chartered troop transports during wars subsequent to that date, being regarded as superseded—so far as the present war is concerned—by the Mercantile Marine Medal.

BANBURY FAIR.

Banbury Michaelmas Fair, after being in abeyance during the war years, was revived yesterday in splendid weather. It is one of the oldest statutory fairs in the country. Hiring of farm and domestic servants was limited; otherwise the fair was run on traditional lines.

After two women had each complained at Acton of having been assaulted by the other, the magistrate remarked: "It is a pity you women can't put the gloves on and fight it out."

NAVY STAFF.

SEA OFFICERS WITH SHORE APPOINTMENTS.

Lord Fisher, in yesterday's "Times," devoted considerable space to the subject of the Naval War Staff. He says that the mischief of this institution to the Navy is that the ablest officers, both young and old, get attracted to the brainy work and shore-going appointments, and the land is shocking bad training for the sea. Thus the tendency of these thinking establishments on shore is to convert splendid sea officers into very indifferent clerks. The Admiralty is filled now with sea officers who ought to be afloat, and the splendid civilian element is swamped. A sea officer can never be an efficient clerk. His life unfits him. He cannot be an orator as he always has to hold his tongue. He cannot argue as he has never been allowed.

Some interesting notes on Jellicoe appear in a letter from Lord Fisher to a certain Privy Councillor. In it Lord Fisher wrote "Carnaghan, I got where he was. He was a great friend of mine, but Jellicoe was a better, and Jellicoe, in spite of mutinous threats, was appointed Admiralissimo on the eve of war. Like poets, Fleet Admirals are born, not made. Jellicoe is incomparable as the commander of a fleet but to prop up an effete Administration he allowed himself to be cajoled away from his great post of duty. I told the Dardanelles Commission (why they asked me I don't know) that Jellicoe had all the Nelsonic attributes except one—he is totally wanting in the great gift of insubordination. Alas! Jellicoe is saturated with discipline."

PROFITEERING.

LEGAL IN IRELAND BUT NOT IN SCOTLAND.

A big Belfast whisky firm was fined £200 at Glasgow yesterday for selling 650 gallons of whisky to Glasgow publicans for £700 above the control price.

Mr. Sheriff Foile refused to accept the vendors' contention that control prices did not apply to Irish whisky. It was true that in Ireland whisky could be sold for any price, but whisky sold in Scotland, whatever its origin, was subject to the spirit order. Had the defendants been individuals instead of a company, said the Sheriff, both imprisonment and a fine would have been inflicted. It was a case of stealing a march on honest Scottish traders.

VARSITY RAG.

PREMIER ENTERS INTO THE FUN.

When Mr. Lloyd George arrived at Sheffield University on Thursday to receive the degree of Doctor of Laws, a crowd of undergraduates surrounded him and prevailed on him to enter a Sedan chair swathed in a Union Jack. The Premier good-humouredly acquiesced, whereupon eight white-coated students triumphantly carried off the Premier, followed by a procession of other students, headed by a tin-batted drummer and a drum-major in motley and tinsel. The procession went gravely round the grounds and through the corridors of the building. The onlookers were greatly amused and the Premier thoroughly enjoyed the "rag."

THE NEW ARMY BOOKSHOP.

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BRITISH GOODS.

At a meeting yesterday of the London Corporation a letter from the Industries and Manufacturer's department of the Board of Trade, suggesting the desirability of stipulating in all contracts, so far as practicable, that the goods to be supplied should be of United Kingdom manufacture, was referred to the General Purposes Committee.

Mr. Hayward pointed out that the wording of the resolution passed by the Court during the war, which was aimed at alien enemies only, might also appear to rule out friendly countries. It should be made perfectly clear that the latter was not the intention of the resolution.

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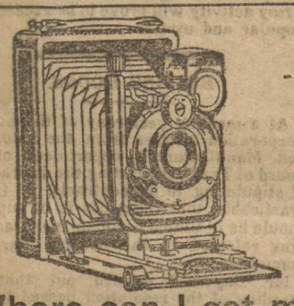

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MASQUERADING.

From our earliest years most of us have been addicted to "dressing up." Within the nursery walls this universal "make believe" was at its purest and best. Even inanimate objects were easily impersonated and infused with an animation, which the wisest philosopher or scientist has failed to produce.

Now it was an enginedriver, greasy and alert, now a Red Indian, and now a pirate bold. Sex did not trouble us, neither propriety nor age. There was nothing impossible in those halcyon days.

With the passing of the years it became increasingly difficult out of Bedlam to make believe, but the penchant for "dressing up," which is surely innate, remained. The Fancy Dress Ball is an institution as permanent as it is popular.

In Rhineland, as our amusement columns have amply testified, this picturesque diversion has been freely indulged in, the British Empire Leave Club — that Palace of Delight — being the customary venue of the garish and the gay when on masquerading bent.

How comes it, one wonders, that so many of us of both sexes find an irresistible fascination in being if only for a little while someone else?

It seems to be the survival of a harmless custom which has little but antiquity to commend it. In the spacious days of Queen Elizabeth the Londoner decorated his house front and subsequently his person on the slightest provocation, and when Ben Jonson and others, with the artistic help of Inigo Jones, produced masques for the stage which were splendid shows or pageants rather than dramas, an example was furnished which the public naturally followed.

Ever since these actors and actresses have cast a spell over peers and peasants, lords and louts, even monarchs themselves have been more than enthralled. The Fancy Dress Ball provides a convenient opportunity for "play-acting" in our own little way on our circumscribed stage. No other means quite so handy or so pleasant apparently exists for the gratification of what has become for many a natural craving.

After all, who is not more or less an actor throughout most of his working hours? The habit of "kidding" oneself is perennial and universal. If in an inspired moment we sometimes choose to fortify the fancy with an adornment of the person appropriate to some character other than ourselves, what of it?

TOUCHED!

The Pathetic Story of an Ex-Quartermaster.

In July, 1914, "Suitings, Ltd." doing a large business in ready-made suits with the proletariat of a South East London suburb, had no more courteous and efficient salesman than Charles William Clark.

The bulk of the firm's business was done with poorly paid clerks whose chief anxiety was to be up to date as regards "cut and style" to which vital questions the firm paid special attention.

Occasionally, a customer would enter more concerned about the durability of the material than the newness of the fashion. It then became Clark's duty (and habit) to fib on behalf of his principals.

The truth could hardly be expected by customers whose sartorial aspirations, as expressed in what they were prepared to pay in order to attain them, fluctuated between 35/- and 45/- for a suit, and 28/- to 35/- for an overcoat.

Five years with the firm had made Clark exceptionally efficient in dealing with these customers, and it was not surprising that his employers should move Heaven, earth and the local tribunal to retain him when Military Service became compulsory.

Varicose veins—another result of his five years' service—obtained one short exemption for Clark, and probably influenced the tribunal in its decision to extend the exemption for a few months on his employers' application.

There came, however, a period when neither his varicose veins nor his value as a salesman could be permitted to stand in the way of the urgent need for men.

As this is not a history of Clark's life in the Army, it is not necessary to show, in detail, how he worked his disability in the cause of a cushy job.

Sufficient that he "swung" on his varicose veins so successfully that they landed him, eventually, into the Q. M. Stores.

By forgetting all those charming counter-manners and enthusiasm for "cut and style" which had made him all but indispensible to "Suitings, Ltd." he soon attained those stripes which add weight to the opinion of men on such questions as the proper life of a shirt, the fit of a tunic and the breaking point of a pair of braces.

With the fear of the Ordnance and its delays ever before him, he looked on clothing with new eyes, discovering months of life in trousers, great-coats and tunics which were obviously on their last legs—and shoulders. Customers were turned away in scores every week. They came, they saw, they were conquered.

There comes an end, however, to all good things, and pressing domestic problems at home resulted in Clark taking his release when his turn came, albeit, but for the gravity of the domestic situation, he would have extended his service.

"Suitings Ltd." having had their premier salesman cast upon, or rather, over the waters, he was returned unto them after many days. Alas! the promise of Scripture in the somewhat different case of which the reader is probably now thinking, was not fulfilled.

It was about 10 o'clock on the first morning of his resumption with "Suitings Ltd." that the effect of his Army employment became apparent.

A pasty-faced, smoke-dried looking youth of 21 entered the shop and asked to be shown some grey tweeds. Clark, gazed deeply on the suit the youth was wearing, and the following dialogue ensued:

"How longa yer had that?" he enquired quartermasterfully.

The youth looked surprised but answered, politely enough:

"Three months—bought it here in July."

"Three months!" thundered the ex-Quartermaster. "Can't do anything for you, me lad. Nine months yer supposed to make em last. Besides, what's wrong with it? Months of wear in it yet. Next man," adding, as the customer started to protest, "Outside, or yer for it."

Thus encouraged, the youth got a move on, determined to lodge a complaint with the manager.

The next customer was a middle-aged woman, desirous of a suit for a boy of 9, whom she was leading by the hand. More fortunate than the previous customers she was treated by Clark in his best pre-war manner. Having wrapped up the parcel of clothing, he handed it to the lady, and made out the bill.

It was fortunate, or unfortunate (according to where your sympathies lie) that the pasty faced youth, at this moment, entered with the manager to whom he was explaining the extraordinary treatment to which he had been subjected.

Cutting across the youth's rather disjointed narrative, such phrases as "Sign on re-payment, please;" "Ay, young feller me lad, what about my change?" "That's where you sign, lightning. THERE"; "Rum issue at 7.30" "You'll have to take tobacco, ma'am; no cigarettes this week" assailed the manager's ears.

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They led him away gently that same morning. Visitors to the asylum which harbours the poor chap are particularly struck with the happy smile which lights up his countenance as he turns the pages of the Priced Vocabulary of Stores—with which alluring publication he beguiles his time spent in "Retreat."

E. Y. TELLUM.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

PRESENTATIONS.

Sir,—I have noticed from time to time that popular officers and others on leaving Rhineland are feted by their regiments and given substantial testimonials.

Now the sentiment that prompts these offerings may be very commendable and I don't want to say a word against it, nor to hint that the recipients do not deserve such recognition. My knowledge of King's Regulations,—far from perfect as is that of most people—gives me a clear recollection of having seen it distinctly laid down that such testimonials and gifts are forbidden in the Army. Am I not right? *BRIG.*

SHIVERING PLAYGOERS.

Sir,—How sad it is to read of the "poor fragile frame" of "Hot Stuff" being fatigued by the exertion of reading the few but very excellent suggestions that have been made for the increased comfort of patrons of the Deutsches Theatre, and doubtless he will, in justice to the authors of those suggestions, credit them with a sense of appreciation of the programme offered, at last equal to his own. Surely he is not suggesting that all that we experienced during the war should be continued now.

He states that he was very glad to have any form of entertainment, which leads one to ask the question, "Was he in the real war?"

Certainly in the localities where I spent my time, viz: Passchendaele, Armentieres, and the Cambrai sector, we were too seriously occupied to enjoy the entertainments that "H.S." appears to have had.

Admittedly when comparing the present situation with that of a year ago, when my Battery, like all other units, was experiencing a very unpleasant time, we are having a good time.

Perhaps "H.S." has been tired so long, that his weary brain has not yet realized the transition stage from war to peace and so he is content with his old standard of comfort.

Finally had "H.S." been seated in the vicinity of this radiator on the night in question, he would have experienced a rude awakening. *CORPORAL.*

GAY UNIFORMS.

Sir,—I could not but think after reading W.R.P.'s letter and then the King's letter to the League of Nations that W.R.P. would be better employed "doing his bit" to further a cause to benefit humanity, than pleading for gay uniforms because he felt a sense of pride as he watched our troops on the march.

Such sights are an incentive to the same spirit possessed by our enemies in 1914, and we now see the results of that spirit.

Whereas gay uniforms would benefit a section of the community, universal peace would benefit us all and those who made the supreme sacrifice would not have done so in vain.

Considering the influence one person has over another, it is not wise to make such a statement as "Wars will never cease whilst men live upon earth".

We must end wars, or wars will end us, and can anything be done without an effort? *SIGNALLER.*

N.A.C.B. ACCOUNTS.

Sir,—The N.A.C.B. has decided that all goods not paid within a week will be charged for at the current rate when the cash was paid after the lapse of the stated time.

That was very nice as far as the N.A.C.B. are concerned when the rate went up to 120, but now it has gone down to 109 do they intend to make a rebate to the fortunate or unfortunate units that may have a weekly account not yet paid?

I want to bring this matter to light, as I don't think the N.A.C.B realise the startling state of canteen funds at present. The largest percentage of units are now breaking up and all surplus profits are naturally being divided amongst the men from whose money the profits have been made, and owing to the great increase of prices and to the fall of the mark funds will not allow of making a full payment at the time of purchase, that is if enough stores are to be obtained to satisfy all them. The N.A.C.B. do not make allowances for the fact that they have put their price at 120 when they had the advantage of buying on the civil rate of 100 to 108. *GEORGE.*

(We are informed that the N.A.C.B. work one week behind the exchange. Thus 120.00 did not operate for seven days and the 109.50 will be delayed similarly. Ed.)

THE OLDEST SOLDIER.

Sir,— Recently an article appeared in the "Post" stating that Mr. William Clarke of Shamley Green was the oldest soldier who served in the war.

The following record may be of interest. No. 2293. L/C E. Pearce. 27 Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, after completing 12 years in the Senior Service enlisted into the above on the 28th August 1866 and is still serving.

His foreign service extends over 41 years without a break, and includes Burma, India, Africa, Egypt, and Malta.

E. WATKINS Q.M.S.I.,
Army Gym. Staff.

AFTERNOON AMUSEMENTS.

Sir,—The letter of G.H.E. provides an opportunity of calling attention to the Reading Room and Bookshop just opened in the passage or Arcade between Hohestrasse and Brückenstrasse.

Although it is not yet at the full development of its activities, one finds there the principal English papers, daily, weekly, illustrated and otherwise, magazines, French reviews, and even Parisian fashion papers for the lovelier sex.

There is a display of large photographs of varied interest, and a considerable selection of books for all tastes and on a variety of subjects.

There are—and will be more—technical trade and hobby papers, the chief provincial newspapers are on order, and the principal commercial papers and periodicals in different languages will soon be found on the tables. Other features are in prospect.

It is proposed, beginning on Monday next, to have the Reading Room and Bookshop open continuously from 10 a.m. to 7.30 p.m., or as we say nowadays from 10.00 hours to 19.30 hours.

This source of recreation and interest has already been discovered and used by all ranks and by members of their families including children. Now that it is in running order, it is hoped to welcome many more. Suggestions as to developments other than those now in hand will also be welcomed. *W. INGE.*

THE DISPLAY OF DECORATIONS.

Sir,—"Jumbo" has most aptly stated his case against this universal wearing of ribbons so dear to the heart of "Be-ribboned" and similar gentry.

Any man who has satisfied his own conscience that he has discharged his debt to his own country as far as it lay within his power to do so should have little need of this peacock glory that he regards as essential.

Perhaps "Be-ribboned" can explain how one can distinguish between a man who spent all his foreign service in a French base miles away from any "noise" in comfortable quarters and three regular meals a day, and the man who has spent all his time in the line, and yet both could be entitled to the same decorations.

JACKO.

DEFEATING EXTORTION.

Sir,—Many, no doubt, have experienced a difficulty in reading the taxi-meter, and if you are dependant on asking the driver to read it for you and to ask how much he wants he will with fair certainty "stick it on."

The other night I took a taxi for quite a short run and not being able to read the distance I asked the man how much it was.

The price sounded absurd, so I asked him how far he had come and the reply was three kilometres—Well, any fool can judge a kilometre or two, so I said, "I will pay you what you ask, but I want your number and address." The price was reduced by half in a few seconds.

As it is always difficult and sometimes inconvenient to quibble with people of this sort, I suggest that anyone having a similar experience should merely take a pencil out of his pocket and take the number of the cab. I don't think much argument will be needed. *M. M.*

ARE THEY "GUNNERS?"

Sir,—Reading an account of a football match between a M.G. Battn. and another team the term "Gunners" was used several times.

Surely the term "Gunner" is misused when applied to a member of the Machine Gun Corps.

The M.G.C. originated in infantry battalions, and since its evolution it has had no connection with the "Royal Artillery."

No one wishes to cast aspersions on the work of this newly fledged wing of the service, but everyone who wears the artillery badge with its proud "Ubique" feels resentment, tolerant though it may be, at this misappropriation of the name by which he is known the whole world over. *GUNNER.*

OUR MUSICAL TASTE.

Sir,—In connection with several rather startling opinions indulged in by some of your contributors under this heading I should like to point out that Chauvinism is only commendable when it does not expose its adherents to the danger of being regarded as complacent "farceurs."

As a race of great administrators we are credited with having built up "a long-standing and well-founded reputation for sanity, sobriety and solidity of character." Here is surely abundant food for consolation, even for eager Alexander.

Our claims to musical distinction are, to say the least, obscure. Why not be honest if we cannot be generous, and grant Germany her predominance in music and abstract thought?

However, we are neither fond of nor good at advertising, and it is a little trying to reflect on the malicious amusement which one letter in particular, from a captain in the R.A.S.C., must have caused in circles where we may still be respected but are certainly not loved.

H.F. ANGOLD.

(This correspondence is now closed. Ed.)

GEMS FROM LORD FISHER'S MEMORIES.

The naval officer makes a very bad clerk. He hasn't been brought up to it. He can't write a letter; he is both verbose and diffuse. The Clerk is terse and incisive.

The vulgar error of Lord Haldane and others who are always talking about "clear thinking" and such like twaddle is that they do not realise that the Army is absolutely different from the Navy.

When Lord Kitchener went to Australia to manage the scheme of defence he forgot Australia was an Island. What Australia wants to make it impregnable is not conscription—it's submarines.

I am very glad Nelson never went to the Admiralty; he would have made an awful hash of it. Nelson was a fighter, not an administrator and a snake-charmer. That's what a First Sea Lord has to be.

I once heard one bluejacket say to another the reason he believed in the Bible was that in heaven there is "no more sea."

Jellicoe is saturated with discipline. He is the one man to command a fleet but he is not the man to stand up against a pack of lawyers clothed with Cabinet garments and possessed with tongues that have put them where they are.

I know great men who never came to a prompt decision.—men who could talk a bird out of a tree!

Tirpitz is the one German sailor who understands war. Kill your enemy without being killed yourself. I don't blame him for the submarine business. I'd have done the same myself, only our idiots in England wouldn't believe what I told 'em

WELLS ATONES.

Curphey Receives "K. O." in the Second Round.

"BILLY" IN GREAT FORM.

There was an electrical atmosphere in the Holborn Stadium on Friday night, and a crowded house was on the tip-toe of excitement when the Wells-Curphey contest was staged.

"Beautiful Billy," as the famous Bombardier is styled, despite his defeats and short-comings, is still a popular idol. Added to this was the knowledge that he was making his boldest and biggest bid to recover some of his old renown. Both boxers received a great ovation, and yet it was apparent, by the reception given Wells, where the sympathies of the audience lay. There was none of his old nervousness visible as he entered the ring, a splendid specimen of British manhood. The contest was scheduled to last 20 rounds, but the second round saw the eclipse of Curphey. He took the full count amidst a scene of great enthusiasm and excitement.

DETAILS OF THE FIGHT.

Round one: At the outset Curphey rushed his man, and scored with a couple of good rights to the head. He came again but Wells cleverly stopped him and with one of his old time straight lefts sent his opponent down for a count of seven. This shook Curphey considerably, and for the rest of the round, which favoured the Bombardier, he was continually seeking safety in close quarters. The confidence displayed by Wells was greatly appreciated by his admirers.

Round two: Curphey opened with his former tactics and rushed in, to be met with left and right swings to the head, the ex-champion keeping him off cleverly. Wells was boxing in great style, and was obviously in splendid form. Curphey's next rush received its reward from a good left, which steadied the Salford man, and ere he could recover, Wells whipped in a splendidly-timed blow with his right, and Curphey went down a beaten and wiser man.

It was a rousing and exciting contest and created great enthusiasm. Wells boxed with all his old-time skill and showed a complete absence of that lack of confidence which was his greatest handicap in former contests.

WHAT WELLS SAID.

Before his fight with Colin Bell, Wells said that if he failed he would return to his former employment. He made a similar promise before this fight and again has been victorious. During the interval between the Beckett fight and Friday's contest, he has been fitted with a complete set of teeth, and stated he felt heaps better in consequence. Sculling and swimming hardened him up, and persistent exercise, seriously undertaken, had its reward.

Curphey has as lengthy and an even wider experience than Wells and provided a real test. He has had only one setback in his home fights, that being at the hands of Goddard, seven weeks after he was "demobbed," when it should be remembered he was distinctly short of training. In America, he fought his way into the front rank of the "heavies," and the success of Wells reads as a good omen for the future.

Who will be "Billy's" next opponent? Has he come back to stay? are questions everyone will be asking. Whate'er befall, we hope the answer to the latter will be in the affirmative. Admittedly the cleverest exhibition boxer we have, we trust Wells has now acquired the confidence he so badly lacked. It is not too late for him yet to top the tree, and no event would be more popular among the boxing public, who have ever a warm corner for popular "Billy."

Goddard v. Fulton.

It was announced at the Holborn Stadium on Friday evening that Frank Goddard offered to box the American, Fred Fulton, if the latter laid him 10 to 1. Fulton accepted the challenge. They will fight for Mr. Cochran's purse of £1,000, and the American is willing to have a side bet of £1,000 to £100.

The proferred terms by Fulton have raised a lot of discussion in boxing circles, and as no sane promoter would or could accept his terms, Goddard had an excuse for regarding the American's challenge as pure bluff.

The acceptance of his challenge by Fulton clears the air somewhat, and the "Big Boy" will now have his desire realised. Fulton is to meet Garden Coghill on the 30th inst. and was contemplating returning to the States early in November, a proposition which will now be cancelled.

DAVIS CUP TEAM.

British Players to Embark for Australia on Oct. 30th.

The British Davis Cup team for Australia have at last succeeded in finding passage room, and embark on Oct. 30th.

The Lawn Tennis Association has cabled to Sydney stating that it is not proposed to play any matches before Jan. 9th, which allows a minimum of 3 weeks for practice.

COVERED COURT CHAMPIONSHIPS.

An attractive entry has been received for the forthcoming London Covered Court Championships, which begin on Monday at Queen's Club. Among prominent players who have sent in their names are T. M. Mavrogordato, P. M. Davson, N. Misu (son of the Roumanian Minister), M. J. G. Ritchie, C. P. Dixon, A. M. Lovibond, M. R. L. White, and Hamilton Price.

The Ladies' Singles is noteworthy for the appearance in a championship event of Mrs. Winston Churchill, and the holder (Mrs. Herbert Edgington), Mrs. O'Neill, Miss K. McKane, and Mlle. J. Liebrechts (a member of the Leopold Club, Brussels) are also competing. In the Open Mixed Doubles Major A. H. Lowe (the Davis Cup International) is paired with Mrs. Winston Churchill.

CHUMS
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'NATIONAL CHANGES.

Alteration in both English and Welsh Teams.

COCK SUPPLANTING KITCHEN.

There was one alteration in the Welsh team opposing England at Stoke yesterday in the return "Victory" match.

M. Russell, of Plymouth, could not be spared by his club, and his place at full back was taken by the veteran Lloyd Davies, of Northampton.

In the English team Cock (Huddersfield) played instead of Kitchen (Sheffield United.

LEEDS CITY'S SUSPENSION.

League President's Warning to Clubs and Players.

Interviewed on the suspension of Leeds City, Mr. J. McKenna, president of the Football League, made the significant remark:

"Perhaps others have thereby escaped being found guilty of malpractices, but they need not imagine we are not keeping our eyes open. If they are found out, we shall not stand on ceremony or sentiment.

"The authorities of the game intend to keep it absolutely clean. We will have no nonsense. The football stable must be cleansed, and further breakages of the law regarding payments will be dealt with in such a severe manner that I now give warning that clubs and players must not expect the slightest leniency."

NEW CENTRE FOR THE VILLA.

Aston Villa are keen on getting new players, and they have signed on Boyman, the centre-forward of Cradley Heath, St. Luke's. The transfer fee is a substantial one, and a record for a Combination team.

The terms also include a benefit match, to be played at Cradley Heath, by the Villa first team. Boyman has been showing striking form this season, and has been a prolific goal-getter. During the war he was associated with a Naval team.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

51st Manchester's v. 13th King's Liverpool's.

An exciting and keen game was witnessed on the Hofgarten, Bonn, on Thursday last between the above teams in the 1st round of the Corps Tournament. The weather was fine, but the ground very soft from the recent rains. The first 15 minutes of the game was exciting, but neither side could score, although they were both working hard for a try. Then after some nice passing by the Manchester's the ball was punted forward and Sgt. Mason, rushing to it, got away and, dodging the opposing backs, seored a good try close up to the goal post. Lieut. Bates converted.

In the second half the King's made a great fight for it and gave the Manchester's some anxious moments, but their team did not fail them and although they did not score again, neither did they allow their opponents to do so, the game ending with the score 5 points to nil in favour of the Manchester's.

The outstanding players for the winning team were Major Wood, Sgt. Gunson and Drummer Marsden in the forwards, and Lieut. Collins and L/Cpl. Lewton in the backs.

Of the losers the right centre and the scrum half played an exceedingly good game.

GLOS. THREE-QUARTER FOR HULL.

The Hull Northern Union Football Club have signed on A. Stone, a centre three-quarter-back, of the Gloucester Rugby Union Club. Stone, who reached Hull with the deputation who saw him play last week end, is only 20 years of age, having recently been demobilized from the Army. He scales 11st. and stands 5ft. 6in. He made his debut in Northern Union Football for Hull against Wakefield Trinity yesterday.

It is anticipated that a half-back from the same locality will shortly follow Stone to Hull.

PORT VALE AND CENTRAL LEAGUE.

At a meeting of the Management Committee of the Central League Port Vale made application, in view of their election to the Second Division of the Football League, for permission to play their reserve team in all Central League matches. The application was granted. A vacancy has been caused by the suspension of Leeds City, and Tranmere Rovers asked to be allowed to fill it, but the matter was adjourned.

51st Northumberland Fusiliers v. A.S.C., M.T., Rhine Army Troops.

At Klettenberg on Wednesday. After the recent rain the ground was in a very wet condition, which made it exceedingly difficult for the players to control the ball. From the kick-off the Fusiliers took the ball well into the M.T. half and the centre forward, Sgt. Spencer, scored from a neat pass by L/Cpl. Steele. Four more goals were scored in quick succession by Sgt. Spencer for the Fusiliers.

After the interval, the Army Troops showed better form, making a fine attack. Drawing the Fusiliers defence, Pte. Hamilton, the left outside, put in a fine centre from which Cpl. Reasy, the centre-forward, netted the ball. From a penalty, the Fusiliers put another goal to their credit. The Army Troops again made an advance, once more gaining their objective. Their inside-left, Pte. Eatch, after having a tussle with the 51st goalkeeper, managed to put the ball in the net. Further goals were added by Pte. Oxley for the 51st Fusiliers, and Pte. Eatch for the Rhine Army Troops. Result: 51st Northumberland Fusiliers 7; A.S.C., M.T. 3.

723 TO 5.

Brilliant Display In Reece-Inman Billiard Match.

CHAMPION'S RALLY.

In his billiard match of 16,000 up with Inman Reece gave a brilliant display on Friday afternoon.

He scored 986 to 519, converting a deficit of 319 into a lead of 148.

During the first hour he actually scored 723 to Inman's 5, but the champion made up some ground towards the end of the afternoon.

Reece began by increasing an unfinished 83 into 120, and in addition he put on 284, 255, 147, and 213, while Inman made 182, 159 and 113 unfinished Interval scores:

Reece 13,456
Inman ..... 13,111.

31st LABOUR GROUP LEAGUE.

5th Labour Coy v. 49th Labour Coy. at Nippes.

This match was played at Nippes, the first-named team playing throughout with ten men. After a goalless first half the 5th, despite their handicap, proved to be the superior team and scored three times through Williamson (2) (one of these after some good work on the part of Sgt. Grant) and Lieut. Wilkinson, who forsook his usual position of goalkeeper to play centre forward. Final Score:—

5th Labour Coy. 3; 49th Labour Coy. 0

FOOTBALL FRIENDLY.

5th Labour Coy. v. No. 2 Coy. London Divisional Supply Train.

This match was played at Königsforst. After the home team had entertained the visitors to lunch the game was proceeded with, and was evenly contested up to half time. This reflected credit on the home team, considering that they had not previously played together as a team. At half time there was no scoring.

In the second half the 5th Labour Coy. having become accustomed to the inequalities of the ground showed their superiority by scoring 2 goals through Pte. Williamson and Sgt. Grant, the latter goal being very smartly taken. An enjoyable game ended: 5th Labour Coy. 2 goals, No 2 Coy. London Divisional Supply Train, nil.

The visiting team and supporters were thereafter provided with tea, and returned to Cologne having had a very enjoyable outing.

21 GOALS IN TWO MATCHES.

No. 2 C.C.S. versus 44 C.C.S. on Volksgarten Ground.

A friendly match took place between the above teams on the Volksgarten Ground on Friday. No. 2 forwards were early visiting the opposing goalkeeper, and soon opened the scoring, L/Cpl. Apps shooting a splendid goal. A few minutes saw Pte. Foggan snatching a second goal, and ten minutes later the same player added a third.

No 2 were playing a brilliant game, and were again successful in beating No 44 custodian, S/Sgt. Green scoring a fourth goal with a low fast shot, this bringing the total at half time to No. 2 four goals, No. 44 Nil.

Play resumed with No. 2 still displaying the much superior game, and within five minutes Pte. Dodd scored a fifth goal with a good shot. Four minutes elapsed and Pte. Dodd, after a splendid piece of individual play, again scored.

The "Hat Trick."

No. 44 were having a busy time, and were unable to check the onrushes of No. 2 forwards, and Pte. Foggan, performing the "hat-trick," brought their total to seven.

Two minutes later Pte. Foggan bagged another goal, and S/Sgt. Green followed quickly after with their ninth goal. There was no holding No. 2, and Pte. Dodd, also performing the "hat trick," made no mistake in placing home a tenth.

No. 44 now came away with a bit of a rush, and were rewarded with a good goal from the centre forward. From a well placed corner by S/Sgt. Green, No. 44's right back kicked through his own goal, thus ending the game with the result No. 2 C.C.S. (Eleven Goals.) No. 44 C.C.S. (One.)

Another Match.

On Wednesday on the same ground No. 2 C.C.S. played a match with the 20th M.A.C. whom they defeated by ten goals to four, thus scoring in their first two matches of the season 21 goals.

9th D.L.I. defeat 7th Field Ambulance.

The 9th D.L.I. played sterling football in their match on Wednesday against 7th Field Ambulance. From the start they were continually pressing and had several good shots at goal which were cleverly saved by the home goal keeper, Cameron. Lieut. Croop played a fine game, scoring the first goal for the 9th from a pass given by Sgt. Dickinson at short range. Cameron had not the slightest chance of saving. Time after time the 9th forwards got away well, making very heavy work for Cpls. Boolt and Williamson, the latter tackling brilliantly.

In the second half, a penalty kick against the Ambulance was saved by Cameron, but the ball was instantly netted by Price. Result:—9th D.L.I., 3; R.F.A. nil.

THE AMERICA CUP.

In New York it is expected that the New York Yacht Club will accept Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge to race for the America Cup in June 1920.

Driving Record.

At Parsloes Park, Barking, Mr. Harry Smith, a gentleman farmer of Chigwell, Essex, created an amateur three miles driving record of 6min., 14⅕sec. with his mare Little Rice, driven to wagon.

A DERBY WINNER?

Another Success For Champagne Stakes Victor.

MAJOR McCALMONT'S TETRATEMA

Friday's meeting at Newmarket was held in fine weather the going being good and the attendance large. Details:—

The Whip:— Furore had a walk over.

Royal Stakes:—1, Viceroy (11-8 on); beat Glaciale. Two ran.

Two year old Plate:—1, America Bay, filly (8-1); 2, L'Espion (10-1); 3, Roi de Castile (5-2). 17 ran.

Middle Park Plate:—1, Tetratema (4-1 on); 2, Southern (100-7); 3, Light Hearted (20-1). Five ran.

Mile Plate:—1, Shoemaker (7-4); 2, Clapgate (9-4); 3, Fair Oaks (20-1). Nine ran.

Exning Handicap:—1, Trogan (13-8); 2, The President (8-1); 3, Sunny Rhyme (100 8). 13 ran.

South Field Plate:—The Midshipmate (4-1 on) and Kentish Bay (5-1); a dead heat, 1st; Filigrane (20-1), 3rd. Four ran. Stakes divided.

COURSE BETTING.

Cambridgeshire:—3000 to 360 Alasnam; 5000 to 500 Zinovia.

Derby:—600 to 100 Tetratema.

TETRATEMA—BEST 2 YEAR OLD.

There have been occasions when the race for the Middle Park Plate has enabled us to ascertain which is the best two-year-old of the season. No new demonstration is this time required, for the question has been settled beyond reasonable doubt in favour of Tetratema. It is just possible that something very special in the way of a two-year-old has yet to be seen, but this appears extremely improbable. Tetratema stands out so far beyond his rivals, there is so much leeway for others to make up, that his position may be accepted as beyond dispute.

Next year there is no saying what may happen (writes the racing correspondent of the "Times"). Tetratema may win the Derby as easily as he won the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster; on the other hand, it is on the cards that he may be found unable to stay, or that some at present big overgrown two-year-old will come out next season and do astonishing things.

LIVERPOOL AUTUMN CUP.

List of Entries Received For Coming Handicap.

The following is the list of entries received for the Liverpool Autumn Cup run on Friday, Nov. 7th:—

Silver Bullet (Mr. W. M. Cazalet)	Taylor 4
Tomatina (Mr. W. M. Cazalet)	Taylor 3
Warways (Mrs. H. Nugent)	Nugent 5
Zinovia (Mr. Z. G. Michalinos)	F. Hunt 4
Roamer (Mr. J. A. de Rothschild)	Pratt 3
My Land (Mr. H. G. Keswick)	Burns 4
King Carnival (Mr. R. B. Hopkins)	Peacock 4
Tangiers (Sir W. Nelson)	Brodie 3
Poilu (Mr. M. D. Blair)	Private 4
Planet (Mr. G. Barclay)	Tabor 5
Patrick's Day (Mr. P. Broome)	J. Rhodes a
Square Measure (Mr. Reid Walker)	Rogers 4
Kerry Lass (Mr. Reid Walker)	Rogers 3
Rich Gift (Lady Torrington)	Faulkner 5
Thermogene (Mr. J. McLean)	J. McGuigan 4
Ramda (Mr. T. Pipps)	N. Scott 6
King John (Capt. Giles Loder)	Gilpin 4
Dionysos (Ld. D'Abernon)	De Mestre 4
Dorelus (Mr. E. G. de Mestre)	De Mestre 3
My Dear (Mr. A. R. Cox)	Taylor 4
Flying Spear (Mr. W. M. Singer)	Taylor 3
Royal Bucks (Lady Queensberry)	Sievier 6
Control (Lady Queensberry)	Sievier 3
Schamyl (Mr. J. Renwick)	J. Renwick a
Sir Berkeley (D. of Portland)	W. Waugh 4
John Jackett (Mr. G. W. Smith)	McCormack 6
Arion (Ld. Jersey)	Sadler, jun. 4
Good Night (Mr. W. L. Christie)	Sherwood 3
Win the War (Mr. P. Nelke)	Pickering 3
Zulanda (Mr. R. Wootton)	Wootton 5
Silvanite (Sir E. Hulton)	Wootton 4
Glaciale (Ld. Derby)	Lambton 3
Rothesay Bay (Ld. Derby)	Lambton 3
Roscacre (Ld. Derby)	Lambton 4
Llanegelt (Ld. Derby)	Lambton 3
Grand Fleet (Ld. Glanely)	Barling 5
Scatwell (Ld. Glanely)	Barling 4
Dominion (Ld. Glanely)	Barling 3
African Star (Mr. T. Martin)	Lines 3
Daphne (Mr. Sol. Joel)	Loates 3
Mapledurham (Ld. Rosebery)	F. Hartigan 3
King's Idler (Mr. J. Shepherd)	F. Hartigan 3
Alasnam (Sir A. Bailey)	R. Day 3
Chuette (Capt. G. C. H. Davy)	Beatty 3
Tourville (Mr. T. Davidson)	Beatty 3
Sandmole (Maj. M. A. Bell)	M. Bell a
Carados (Mr. W. H. Savill)	Pickering 4
Lady Eau (Mr. D. Sillivan)	Ireland 4
Pastures New (Mr. W. McElroy)	Ireland a

SPORT IN BRIEF.

Signed On Again.

W. Batty, who was with Swindon Town for three seasons before the war, has just been demobilized. He signed on again for the club on Tuesday evening.

Great Golf Boom.

There has been a great golf boom at the seaside resorts this past season. The receipts at the nine holes course of the North Cliff Club, Scarboro, have been more than sufficient this year to enable the club to pay off five years' rent, unpaid during the war.

Good Catches.

Boat anglers have been making exceptionally good catches of plaice at Llandudno, four rods on one occasion taking 100 fish, weighing 190lb.

"Victory" Foursomes.

At Ranelagh on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next there will be decided the Ladies' Field "Victory" foursomes. Eighty-six couples have entered with varying handicaps.

Trial Match.

The first of the Oxford Association football trial matches was played at Oxford on Wednesday between two sides of Freshmen. The game was drawn, the Colours and the Whites each scoring two goals.

At North Berwick.

Among those taking part in a friendly game over the North Berwick West course one day this week was Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P. Mr. J. E. Laidlay, a former Amateur Champion, was his partner against Captain C. K. Hutchison and Mr. W. M. De Zoete.

Really Lucky.

Those lucky people who backed Ivanhoe for the Cesarewitch may be interested to learn, on the authority of the trainer, that they really were lucky. Cottrill says that Gay Lord was the chief hope of the stable.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

The Opera House.

When Mozart's "Figaro" was received with extraordinary enthusiasm at Vienna, the great composer was at once commissioned by the late Kaiser Joseph to write a further opera. In compliance, Mozart gave of his best in "Cosi fan Tutte," the text of which was supplied by da Ponte.

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The opera was revived after a long interval in Cologne on Friday, when the technique of the great master seemed more emphasised then ever. In the full, charming, melodies with which the opera abounds the orchestration was perfect.

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"Cosi fan Tutte" is considered by many not to equal "Figaro" and "Don Giovanni," but it is generally admitted that the former work, especially in the chief aria, brings out more fully than the others certain phases of Mozart's genius and artistic temperament. It is remarkable, indeed, to contemplate that this great composer received only 200 ducats for this immortal work, while now-a-days, huge sums are received for inferior work. It is even more incomprehensible that such a master of music should have become so inpecunious as to have to end his days in a poor-house, by which institution his funeral expenses were subsequently paid.

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Friday's performance at Cologne was all that could be desired. The singers were at their best, and the orchestra—ably conducted—was wonderful. Sophie Wolf and W. Achsel were both splendid, their duets being particularly artistic. Johanna Klemperer was a charming Despina, while Herr Kraus and his colleagues, Renner and Gless, worked in perfect spirit with their parts. *C.L.*

Later Starts.

For various reasons, chiefly for the benefit of those affected by the change in the hours of duty, the amusement authorities have decided to change the hour of commencement of the various entertainments in Cologne from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The adjustment of times will be welcomed by some and regretted by others. Troops stationed outside the town will find difficulty in returning to billets in reasonable time, owing to the late hour at which the shows finish, but the advantages of the change of hours far outnumber the arguments for retaining the old time. The change will come into operation to-morrow.

The Deutsches Theatre.

To-morrow will commence one of the most comprehensive weeks in the successful history of the British Rhine Army Dramatic Company. For the first evening, the bill will be filled by a revival of "Helen with the High Hand"; Tuesday will see the re-appearance of "Damaged Goods". On Wednesday and Thursday "The New Sin" will once more be staged, and on Friday and Saturday "Candida", followed by the production of still another "G.B.S." play. "The Man of Destiny", will be the attraction. Several changes in the various castes have become necessary. A notable absentee will be Lieut. Mellor, who, as the degenerate youth in "The New Sin", was a striking success when the play was produced.

"The Jesters" Return.

Already, "The Jesters" have succeeded in filling the Palace Theatre, Cologne, for twelve nights, on the occasions of their two previous visits, and an indication of their great success as entertainers is provided by the announcement that they are to commence another weeks engagement at this cosy theatre to-morrow. It is doubtful whether any band of entertainers has won more spontaneous popularity than "The Jesters". They have been in Rhineland but a comparatively short time, yet they have provided bright original performances for the edification of many thousands of troops in all parts. They have, purely by the variety and excellence of their show, won fame far and wide.

Rhine Army Choral Societies.

It has been decided to alter the time of the rehearsals of the Male and Mixed Voice Societies from 5.45 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. All rehearsals take place in the Lecture Room on the first floor of the Church Army Soldiers' Club, Antoniter Strasse, Cologne, those for male voices being held on Mondays and Fridays, and the mixed voices practise on Wednesdays. All officers and other ranks, and all wives or English ladies resident in Cologne are cordially invited to become members. There are now almost 40 members of the Male Voice Society, and these, together with about 20 ladies, form the mixed voice choir. It is hoped to raise the membership of the latter to 100 voices in order that, after a preliminary canter with some well known part songs, larger choral works such as "Messiah" or "Elijah" may be rehearsed.

Empire Leave Club.

To-day the Rev. C. E. Wheeler will chat in the writing room from 5—6 p.m. and at 6.30 the band of the 20th K.R.R.C. will give a concert at which Miss Marjorie Moore, Major Bowen and Rflmn. Green have kindly consented to sing. Miss Marjorie Moore will give an impromptu concert in the music room at 5 p.m. on Monday and there will be a practice dance in the theatre at 6.30 p.m. A dancing class for beginners will be held on Tuesday, October 21st at 5 p.m. and an impromptu concert in the music room at the same hour. At 7 p.m. the Braganzas Concert Party will give a performance in the Theatre.

B.R.A.D.C. Next Week.

On Monday, October 20th at 7 p.m., the British Rhine Army Dramatic Company will revive "Helen With a High Hand;" on Tuesday, "Damaged Goods;" on Wednesday and Thursday, "The New Sin;" on Friday and Saturday, "Candida," followed by a production of "The Man of Destiny" by Bernard Shaw.

JACQUES.

POLICE DOGS ON VIEW.

For to-day is announced a special exhibition of police dogs in the Weidenpescher Park (race course). In the morning there will be a training examination, Police Commissary Wolfram being judge. In the afternoon at 2 p.m. defence exercises will be performed by the best trained dogs.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Tues.	Orpheus and Eurydice	Gluck	8	10.15
Wed.	The Flying Dutchman	Wagner	7	10
Thurs.	Tosca	Puccini	7	10
Fri.	Cosi fan tutte	Mozart	7	10.30
Sat.	Tiefland	d'Albert	7.30	10
Sun.	Faust	Gounod	6.30	10.30
Mon.	NO PERFORMANCE			
Tues.	NO PERFORMANCE			

RULES OF GOLF.

Interesting Decisions by the Royal and Ancient Committee.

The Rules Committee of the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews has decided, in answer to a question from the Ringway Club that when couples in a foursome competition are once drawn and advised, should any partner fail to appear the couple of which he was one loses its place in the competition.

Another of the committee's decisions relates to an incident which happened on the second day of a stroke competition at the Walthamstow Club. Some of the later competitors found the flag removed from the 14th green, the hole filled up, and the tin almost hidden by dry earth taken from another old hole. The decision is to the effect that as this hole was therefore unplayable the round should be replayed.

YORKSHIRE GOLF TOURNEY.

In the final of the Yorkshire professional foursomes tournament played on Pannel course, Harrogate, on Wednesday A. Beck (Filey) and O. Sanderson (Bradford) beat E. Smith (West End) and H. Loveridge (Shipley) by 4 up and three to play.

PRESS GOLF MATCH.

The annual match between a team of London pressmen and a side representing the Provinces was revived this week at Hoylake. In the singles London were beaten by 9 pts. to 7. The Provinces won the foursomes by 5 to 2, and on the day's play were successful by 14 to 9.

ROLLING IN

Have You Filled Up Your Coupon For No. 5 Contest?

Contest No. 4, which closed on Friday, promises to be even more successful than was the previous week's competition.

Now turn your attention to No. 5; fill in your coupon (you can enter as many as you wish provided the proper amount is enclosed) and post it to the address given below.

All the entrance fees received go to the winner or winners. We make no deductions, as all the expenses of the contests are borne by this paper.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 5,
"Cologne Post,"
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 5.

Date of matches, **Saturday**, Oct. 25th.
Closing date, **Friday**, Oct. 24th.

Preston N. E.	v. Newcastle U.
Sheffield U.	v. Manchester U.
Bradford	v. Chelsea
Grimsby	v. Hull C.
Bury	v. South Shields
Lincoln	v. Clapton Orient
Notts Forest	v. Wolverhampton
Swansea	v. Brighton
Exeter	v. Millwall
Luton	v. Portsmouth
Airdrieonians	v. Hamilton A.
Motherwell	v. Kilmarnock

I enter Football Competition No. 5 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Boxing Now.

An officer friend who has just returned from duty in Berlin tells me there is enormous interest in boxing in Germany's capital. He saw a really first-class tournament and predicts that before long the Germans will take a pronounced place in international boxing.

Old Razor Blades.

I referred recently to the sale of spurious Gillete razor blades in Rhineland and now I hear of another fraud being practised. Old and used razor blades are put up in an envelope which is a facsimile of the original, and the blades are wrapped in tissue paper.

Short and Long.

I heard yesterday of an officer who asked for his hair to be sl ghtly trimmed at a Cologne barber's. Engaged in reading the "Post" he failed to notice that the man was giving one side of his head a close crop with the clippers. Immediately he realized this he jumped up and refusing to allow the tragedy to culminate, left the shop. When I met him in the street five minutes after the incident he had one side cropped like a convict and the other with the flowing locks of a musician.

An Example.

An example of how not to be had has come to my notice. A friend purchased an inkpot and other office accessories mounted as he thought on marble. Judge of his amazement when he found that spilt ink had percolated through the "marble."

The Awakening Later.

Each morning my meditations are violently disturbed by ringing cheers and a glance through our office window shews a trainload of German prisoners returning to their native land. One can sympathise with their joy at seeing "home" once more, but it probably won't be long before many of them begin to wish themselves "back there". My barber is willing to bet that this will be so in many cases. "They get stuff, food and the like there, they find they cannot get here at any price."

Strange.

While there is actually some excellent boxing taking place in Cologne not one of the leading local papers devotes any space to it.

Full of Beans.

That very energetic officer I wrote of recently, who swims, rows, runs, walks, rides and punches the ball daily, wet or fine, although something like a half-century old, is adding to his athletic repertoire. I found him in his billet yesterday polishing up his skates and writing to England for his snow-shoes. "I wonder if one can get any curling out here?" he asked.

As a Ship's Steward.

A reader who is wait ng for demobilization enquires if there is any school in Rhineland where he can be trained as a ship's steward. This seems to be somewhat outside the regular curriculum of Army Schools.

The Cup they Won.

The handsome silver cup we gave for the "Post" Cricket Contest this summer and the equally handsome miniatures for the individual members of the winning team have just been formally handed over to the 17th Lancers at their Depot at Catterick, Yorkshire, by one of our representatives.

No Gay Bathers.

I was walking near Rodenkirchen the other afternoon. All the gaie y and li e one was accustomed to in the summer months have disappeared. It looks rather forlorn.

Cash on Sales.

The practice of forwarding the amount through Army Agents for settlement has, I notice, been abolished by the N.A.C.B., which has the control of the Officers' Clothing Department. A pay desk has been put up and you pay for go ds on purchase. Much time is saved thereby.

A Flyer.

One of our staff, tired of the extensions granted to his leave in England—he was one of those who got to Blighty in strike times—used his persuasive powers with the air people and got back to Cologne by aeroplane yesterday.

Youthful Precocity.

The German youth is nothing if not precocious. It is quite a common sight to see boys of fourteen and fifteen in cafes drinking, sometimes in company with their parents. They sip their beer and smoke their cigarettes with an air of gravity not at all in keeping with their years.

Our Fifth.

Are you trying your skill in the new football competition just opening? Should you win—and why not?—the amount to be distributed is again likely to be substantial.

Just as Tireless.

I met a man yesterday who said he had taken my tip and been to see the ants at work in the Insect House at the Zoo. "What do you think it reminded me of?" he queried. I couldn't guess. "Why, a Divisional Headquarters after the Armistice".

Cameras Out Of Use.

The winter slump in photography has set in with a vengeance, and the shops specialising in developing films are having a slack time, I hear.

Dropped in.

I wonder who the generous soul was who slipped a case containing sixty marks into a Colonel's coat hanging in the vestibule of the Leave Club during the "Arabian Nights" dance. Nobody is so k nd to me.

Not Now.

The fine quarters on the riverside occupied by the Rhine Naval Flotilla were, I believe, in Peace days the swagger rowing club of Cologne, and many a banquet and entertainment has been given there by the German rowing fraternity.

Lived too Sumpt Uously.

I know an officer who when he first came to Cologne brought a dog with him from a place ten kilometres away. It got so fat and bilious with high living in the town that he had to send it back to the country to live the simple life. Now he keeps a canary.

A Cruel Show.

The other evening I witnessed a performance by trained dogs. While it was undoubtedly a clever show, one thing struck me as being very different to a British trainer's display. Three of the animals made mistakes which were rewarded by smart blows from the performer's cane. These blows elicited painful yelps from the animals concerned, and were dealt with force. On a British stage this would have brought forth a strong condemnation. As it was, the civilians present evinced no resentment.

Supping Late.

Midnight passes are not altogether an unmixed blessing for Tommy. One result of the concession has been that he is developing the late supper habit, to the enrichment of cafe proprietors and the depletion of his War Savings account.

Not so Bad.

A friend back from Berlin yesterday tells me that things are not so bad in that city as they are painted, although he admits that anything may happen this winter because of the high prices asked for food.

RHINELANDER.

CHIVALRY.

"Let us recollect" said George Russell "that, if the true soul of chivalry has died among us, all that is good in society has died."

The characteristic virtue of chivalry is that, where the true chivalry is found, the vices that make for the downfall of a nation are absent. Lust, oppression and crime must for ever hide their heads in shame, for while they do not lose their potency for evil, they cannot exist in the pure clean atmosphere of a chivalry wh ch compels the strong to help the weak, and ennobles the lives of men, urging them on to greater eff rts. Chivalry will make the world a better place, and give hope to the down-trodden people of this earth, instil into the hearts of those who hold the destiny of millions in their grasp, a love for their fellow men, thus turning the grosser elements of national character into the greatness of self surrender.

The nation whose love of chivalry lies dormant, will ever seek for expansion, not of ideals, but of boundary lines and wealth. The conscience of that nation will fail them in the hour of need, fail them when a little thought would lead them to see the noblest aims of life, and bring the spirit of chivalry into thought, word and deed.

In the history of nations of to-day one is almost led to believe that chivalry is dead. In both national and foreign policies of all peoples, one may truly ask where is the "Civic Conscience" that guides the ideals of nations into the light of peace? On all sides the egoism of life is found, in the mansions of the great, in the cottage of the poor.

What can bring that chivalry back again to guide the affairs of men? Is that chivalry dead or only sleeping through the crises of human emanc pation? Surely, the best in human nature leads to chivalry, and it must be that the power only lies dormant and that something can stir that spirit into life.

Yes. Chivalry sleeps, while the tide of human life rolls on with all its misery and despair, and the world is losing a power for good in its midst, that could turn the darkness into light, and bring peace upon the turbulent waters of international dealings, and teach the world true happiness.

All true chivalry, to succeed in changing this tide of battle, murder, and sudden death which rolls with irrestible force through the countries of the world, must be based on a sure foundation and one strong enough to hurl back those mighty waves, which dash with an angry roar, seeking the destruction of all who would dare to withstand their seeming omnipotence.

Through the centuries men have sought for a foundation, and have failed to see that only in the teachings of Christ of Nazareth can be found that mighty force which can awake the chivalry in men, and teach them of an ideal life both now and for ever.

"Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy." "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

In these two, men can see the chivalry for which the world longs. The acme of human greatness.

C.E.R. WHEELER, C.F.

THE SCOTTISH HUTS.

WAR-TIME CLUB FOR THE "JOCKS".

When war was declared in August 1914 the writer, who was then at Stobbs Camp, amid the peaceful border scenery of Scotland, winding up after a successful camp season among the Scottish territorials, wondered what could be done to meet the great emergency that had arisen.

At first it was not very easy to say what could be done: but opportunities of usefulness quickly arose. As troops were mobilized, work was begun in school rooms, in village halls, in tents, or in any suitable place where a Canteen and Recreation Room could be carried on. Willing workers came forward. Ministers gave of their valuable time, and ladies ungrudgingly gave not only their time, but often of their means as well.

Much good work was done in this way in different parts of Scotland, and especially in Edinburgh and along the East Coast. Chaplains wrote home from France and Flanders, asking why the Church of Scotland could not venture further afield and come to their aid.

MAKING A START.

At last, in March 1915, Mr. George M'Alpine, the Secretary of the Life & Work Committee of the Church of Scotland, along with the writer, were deputed by the Committee of the Church of Scotland to visit selected camps for which they had been granted permits. In this way Etaples, Abbeville, Rouen, Havre and other places were visited and reported upon.

As the result of this visit the Church of Scotland Committee decided to erect two Huts in the large camp at Etaples, then one of the largest camps in France. These Huts were opened in June 1916, being known as the "Edinburgh" and "Glasgow" Huts respectively.

Success was so great and overwhelming that the stores brought out to the Business Manager seemingly in very large quantities, larger than he had ever handled before), speedily disappeared, and from that moment the success of our work in France was assured.

The Church of Scotland Committee had been joined by the United Free Church in this venture, and the Joint Committee, now known as the Scottish Churches Huts' Committee, rapidly spread its work to other centres. Clubs or huts were opened in camps as far north as St. Pierre Brouck, north of Calais, Dunkirk, Audruicq, and other places. Clubs were opened in Boulogne, Calais, Rouen and other towns, and the work went on with unvarying success until the Armistice was signed on November 11th, 1918.

FOLLOWING THE ARMY.

Since then the work has followed the advance of the British Army, and, as every one knows, wherever the Scottish Churches Huts' sign has appeared on the Rhine, it has been met with similar success.

Owing to the fact that the Joint Committee of the Scottish Churches' Huts, which has been responsible for the carrying on of this work, was appointed as a War Emergency Committee, and as that emergency is now regarded as being over and any call for such work having been fully met, the Home Committee resolved some time ago that the work on the Rhine would be wound up. Accordingly, the various Clubs have been closed, the last to close its doors being the Club in the Schildergasse, Cologne.

Throughout the course of its work on the Rhine the Scottish Chu ches' Huts' Committee have been wonderfully fortunate in having for helpers some able and efficient ministers from both the great Scottish Churches. The band of ladies also sent out by the two Committees has nobly maintained the traditions of the Society, with the result that, as one club after another has been closed, the unvarying comment has been made, both by officers and men, that they wished it had been possible for the Committee to have re-considered their decision.

BIG FIGURES.

What such work costs is known, of course, only to a few. At a busy hut during the course of the war as many as 3,000 sheets of notepaper and envelopes would be given away in one night. Parcels of games and books were sent to chaplains along with supplies of notepaper for the use of the men in scattered dug-outs and in isolated billets, and much good work was done in other directions than in the huts or clubs.

One of the latest ventures of the Committee has been to send out caravans from Boulogne and Calais to different sections of the devastated areas. These caravans have been welcomed by the men belonging to the various Labour Companies wherever they have gone, and in every instance repeated invitations had been given—"come back as soon as ever you can." Unlike many other ventures, the great difficulty which has faced the Committee was not how to carry on, but how to bring the work to a conclusion.

The writer feels that he is only voicing the sentiments of the Committee when he says that, in concluding their work on the Rhine and in leaving the area occupied by the British Troops, they do so with very mixed feelings, one being a feeling of regret that the work they came out to do is finished, the other a feeling of gratitude to officers and men for the hearty support they have received and for the many kindnesses they have enjoyed during these last few months.

R.F. GARDINER.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

For Upper Silesia.—American troops are going from Coblenz to Upper Silesia.

Great Scourge.—Typhus is raging in Siberia.

Another Peacemaker.—Bulgaria will sign peace within a week.

Dry Idleness. — 25,000 South Wales workers are idle through the drought.

Falling Off.—Alexandra day Collections in London this year totalled £30,018.

King Alfonso's Health.—King Alfonso's visit to England is on account of his health.

Not after Honours.—M. Anatole France will not seek Parliamentary honours.

Kilts to Stay.—Army kilts are not to be abolished.

Bricky's Claim.—A bricklayer of Monkwearmouth claims the Scottish title and estates of Lord Lennox of Dumbarton.

Their Turn.—The repatriation of German civilians interned in France will begin next week.

Cologne's Oldest Citizen.—The oldest citizen of Cologne, Herr Löh, has died at the age of 102½ years.

Cinemas Galore.—Blackburn is to have eight new cinemas costing £120,000. The town already possesses eight.

Where?—A package of diamonds worth £1,000 has mysteriously disappeared from an Australian liner.

Trainless Engine.—A locomotive ran merrily into Lyons station, but the carriages had become detached miles away.

Speedy.—An airman has crossed from Farnborough to Paris in only eighty minutes.

Britain's Lost Ships.—2,479 British vessels of 7,750,000 tons, were destroyed during the war by the enemy.

Now Sexton Blake!—A mysterious unknown man is attacking women in the roads round Tin ewick, Bucks.

India's Vice-King.—It is rumoured that the next Viceroy of India is to be the Duke of Northumberland.

A Find.—A young actress, Miss Edith Pither, has been "discovered" for the new West End play "The Net."

Wearing Wealth.—In a new film play "Playthings of Passion," Miss Kitty Gordon wears jewels and dresses worth £40,000.

Washing Now.—Girls who made shells during the war are being taught laundry work at Shepherd's Bush.

From The Streets.—Mary Connolly, discovered singing in the streets of Dublin is now a prima donna.

Prefer Trains.—Farmers complain that country lads are leaving the farms for railway jobs.

Great Openings.—There is an enormous field for British activity and British Capital in Russia.

Mee-ow.—Village clubs for the protection of cats are suggested by an English parish council.

Only Riding.—A man charged at Willesden with being drunk said he had only been riding on a brewer's dray.

Lucky.—Bath schoolchildren are to have spray baths and mineral water treatment if they require it.

On the Way.—Polish delegates are on their way to the Washington Labour Conference.

Joined "The Union."—Princes Albert and Henry have become members of the Cambridge Union Society.

But Not Ours.—South Russia's grain harvest will be better than it has been for thirty years.

No use for Them.—Farnborough Town Council has refused the offer of German machine guns.

Vicar's Ban.—The Vicar of Moulton, Northants, has banned dances in the Church room.

Pioneer Institutes.—A maternity home for working women has been started at Islington.

The Anniversary.—Cambrai kept holiday on the anniversary of deliverance of the town from the Germans.

Conserving it.—France's surplus powder is to be sunk in the Pyrenean Lakes for the purpose of conserving it.

Down.—A giant aerobus bound from England to Italy come down at Charolles in France.

Paris Offices.—Offices have now been opened in Paris for the German Mission from Versailles.

A R.A.A. Book.—Three and a half guineas will buy the Royal Artillery's War Commemoration Book.

Related To Kruger.—Colonel Vaughan otherwise Owen Rhoscomyl, the Welsh novelist, married a niece of Kruger, the Boer president.

Without Knowledge. — The assertion by Dr. Addison that wooden houses cost very nearly as much as brick is ridiculed by experts.

A Football Injury.—A West Midlands Pensions Committee is supporting an appeal for a man disabled while playing football.

Apple of Discord.—An elderly couple complained to the Lambeth Magistrate that they had had a few words over an apple dumpling.

"Deliverance"—A fine symbolical statue by the eminent French sculptor Guillaume entitled "Deliverance" is being erected in a dozen large towns in France and Belgium.

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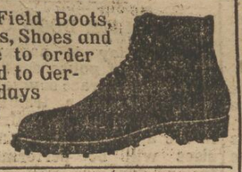

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NEW INTERNATIONAL CHARTER FORMULATED FOR ALL SEAMEN.

WAITING TO RUSH FOOD INTO PETROGRAD.

SEAMEN'S CHARTER.

INTERNATIONAL REFORMS DEMANDED.

A new charter for seamen has been drawn up which, if carried into effect, will revolutionise the conditions of service in the Mercantile Marine.

Mr. G. N. Barnes, M.P., recently received a deputation from the Seafarers' Joint Council, headed by Mr. J. Havelock Wilson, M.P., who discussed with him the arrangements for summoning an international meeting devoted exclusively to the affairs of seamen.

At the request of Mr. Barnes the Seafarers' Council have now formulated their demands, which are as follows:—

Minimum wage.
Load line (table of freeboard).
Prohibition or limitation of deck loads.
Life-saving appliances.
Manning scale.
Standard of accommodation on board ship.
Hours of labour at sea and in port, and a standard number of days to the month.
Standard of victualling and serving of food.
(All the foregoing are international.)
Right of seamen to portion of wages earned and standing to their credit when in a foreign port.
Payment of wages to commence from date of signing articles and to terminate on day crew are paid off.
In case of shipwreck, payment of wages to continue until seamen reach home.
International standard of compensation for loss of life, accidents, and loss of effects.
Pilotage (a) Compulsory (b) Restrictions as to nationality, (c) Ship's officers not to undertake pilotage duties.
Reconstruction of wireless maritime telegraph service.
Establishment of National Joint Maritime Councils and an International Joint Maritime Industrial Council.

Great Britain is the first of the countries who will take part in the forthcoming World Labour Parliament to prepare a programme of demands on behalf of seamen.

DEATH OF H. B. IRVING.

ACTOR AND CRIMINOLOGIST.

We regret to announce the death of Mr Henry Brodribb Irving at his London residence, Cumberland-terrace, Regent's Park, at the age of forty-nine. The news of the death came as a surprise to his many friends, comparatively few being aware that his illness had become critical. He was educated at Marlborough and at New College, Oxford, and after completing his education at the University hesitated for a time between the Stage and the Bar. In 1894 he was called to the Bar, but the same year took the name-part in M. Buchanan's "Richard Sheridan" at the Comedy Theatre. It was not, however, till he joined Mr. Frohman's company at the Duke of York's in 1902 that he really came to the front as an actor. In the course of his career he visited America, Australia, and South Africa. He was a profound student of criminology and wrote numerous books on the subject.

GERMAN WAR DOCUMENTS.

The publication of German official documents up to the outbreak of the war is imminent. The so-called "Kautsky documents" will also be published over his name and with the full approval of Herr Kautsky. For the time being four volumes will appear dealing with the period immediately previous to the war, and will contain about 900 documents. Two further volumes regarding earlier periods will appear a little later.

AMERICAN STRIKE BREAKERS.

The longshoremen of New York, not having returned to work, despite the supposed settlement of the strike last week, arrangements have been made, if the men do not return to work to-morrow, to employ strikebreakers under protection of police and soldiers. The Secretary of Labour has appointed a conciliation committee headed by the Mayor of New York.

SET-BACK FOR BERMONDT.

The Mitau correspondent of the Berlin Lokalanzeiger admits that General Bermodt has lost Ustdvinsk. Bolderaa, outside which place his army is entrenched, is successfully resisting his heavy attacks.

The London County Council has decided to discontinue the employment of women as tram conductors.

RUSSIA.

FALL OF PETROGRAD INEVITABLE.

The reported imminent fall of Petrograd has caused great commercial activity at Helsingfors and there has been a sudden rise in the value of the rouble. Contracts for large deliveries of food supplies other than necessities to Petrograd have been hurriedly concluded. M. Margulies, Minister of Commerce in the North-west Russian Government, has arranged for eleven million kilogrammes of rice to be rushed to the capital as soon as it is occupied.

In naval and military circles in London it is admitted that Petrograd is so closely invested that little short of a miracle can prevent the capture of the capital. The taking of Gatchina and Krasnoeselo is admitted by the Bolshevists, while the War Office states that the Esthonians, co-operating with General Yudenitch, are within four miles of Krasnayagorka, facing Kronstadt.

Denikin, advancing on Moscow, has captured 20,000 prisoners during the past week, but he is no nearer Moscow since the capture of Orel, while he has still to recover Kieff, which was taken by a Bolshevist surprise attack on the 15th October, and where, according to a Bolshevist bulletin, Red troops were pursuing the enemy amid the burning suburbs.

FORTY FRAUDS.

PRISONER ASKS FOR MORE PUNISHMENT.

When Harry Ernest Chatfield, a Brighton engineer, pleaded guilty at Scarborough to two charges, the prosecuting barrister astonished the Recorder by saying that the man wanted 40 other charges to be taken into account when sentence was passed.

The two charges brought against him were of obtaining £5 by means of a worthless cheque from the manageress of the Salisbury Hotel, Scarborough, and of stealing a leather suit-case and contents, worth £50, at Hull.

According to counsel Chatfield was wanted on the other 40 charges on warrants issued in various towns throughout the country. The charges were chiefly of passing worthless cheques, stealing bags from hotels and railway stations, and obtaining food and lodgings by fraud.

Sentence of 15 month's hard labour was passed.

GENERAL SMUTS.

PRESENTED WITH A SWORD OF HONOUR.

A distinguished assembly crowded the Town Hall at Pretoria on the 10th Oct., when the Mayor, amid scenes of great enthusiasm, presented General and Prime Minister Smuts with a sword of honour subscribed for by the citizens.

General Smuts, in replying to the address, dwelt with pride on South Africa's part in the war and the provision made for returned soldiers. He added that owing to the country's prosperity there would be no difficulty in absorbing them and concluded a stirring speech by saying that for the fifteen millions spent in conquering German South West Africa, the Union had received an absolutely adequate asset.

RHINE ARMY BOOK SHOP.

British ladies will be pleased to learn that at the book-shop in the Arcade (Hohestrasse) a room has been fitted up for their exclusive use. All the fashion journals are available and for comparison of ideas, chats about clothes, cooks, kiddies or any womanly interests, it will furnish a very convenient and pleasant rendezvous.

PREMIUM BONDS.

The question of adopting the principle of premium bonds in Great Britain has been revived owing to the unsatisfactory result of the Victory Loan. The London Chamber of Commerce is again taking up the matter.

QUIET IN PORTUGAL.

The Portuguese Legation at the Hague denies the Spanish reports of a revolutionary strike at Lisbon and declares that the country is quiet.

LESLIE HENSON ENGAGED.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Leslie Henson, the well-known comedian, to the South African musical comedy artiste, Miss Madge Saunders.

NAVY CUT.

STARTLING RUMOUR OF DRASTIC REDUCTIONS.

An extraordinary statement appeared in the "Portsmouth Evening News" on Saturday. That paper declares that it has received from an "authoritative source" information to the effect that the personnel of the Navy is to be reduced to fifty-thousand and that of the marines to ten thousand, when the United States ratifies the Peace Treaty. The paper adds that it is also said to be the intention of the Government to close all overseas naval stations, to bring home the ships in foreign waters and to show the British flag only by means of small flying squadrons.

A Press representative was informed that the Admiralty had no information on the subject and that "the statement did not appear to be one to be regarded seriously."

TUBERCULOSIS.

FAMOUS PREACHER'S PLEA.

Father Bernard Vaughan, speaking at the Tuberculosis Conference in London on Saturday declared that it would be better if some women, instead of driving about in motor cars, trundled baby carriages through the streets.

It was a terrible thing, he said, that while the death rate was above the birth rate by 124 per cent; that while nurseries were silent and divorce courts clamorous, the tubercle was taking such heavy toll of our people.

Some folks were depressed about their country, but any man who could be depressed about an Empire like ours was not fit to have a foothold upon that Empire. We had done superbly, splendidly and had come out on top. There was nothing the nation could not do if it made up its mind to it.

A C3 NATION.

NEED OF PHYSICAL TRAINING.

At the distribution of medals to the Croydon High School Cadet Corps, Major the Marquis de Bucy, Director of Physical Training under the Lucas Tooth Fund, said it was not sufficiently realised that England was a C 3 nation and behind all our Allies in physical fitness. One of the causes was that we were largely an industrial country and another that in our schools, especially the public schools, we were apt to give particular encouragement in sport to about ten per cent of the boys and neglect the other ninety per cent. He suggested as a remedy the organization of school games in sections or classes.

AMERICAN AERIAL DERBY.

The first competitor flying eastward on the return journey in the American trans-continental air Derby to land at Mineola on Saturday afternoon, was Lieutenant Maynard.

Discussing his flight he said: "My flight demonstrated that it is easy for a fleet of battle planes to fly from coast to coast in three days. I believe I could have made the flight myself in two and a half days if I had not been obliged by the rules to visit every controlled station."

Speaking of the number of accidents which have been such a sad feature of this race, resulting in ten deaths, of which seven were those of actual participants, Lieutenant Maynard predicted that the time was approaching when it would be as safe to pilot an aeroplane as an automobile.

FOOD COMMITTEE EXPENSES.

The Food Controller, has issued a circular to the 1,800 Food Committees calling attention to their expenditure for the year ended 31st March last, which amounted to £1,500,000, and urging that every effort must be made to control expenditure, especially as less voluntary help is to be expected than was forthcoming in war time. He warmly thanks the voluntary workers.

VERY HEAVY BOOKINGS FOR BATTLEFIELD TOURS.

Messrs. Cook, the tourist agents, anticipate a tremendous rush to the battlefields of Belgium and Northern France in the spring and summer 1920, especially from America, whence the number of tourists will be limited only by the steamer accommodation available.

Advance bookings in England have also been on an unprecedented scale.

ARMY CHAPLAIN ARRESTED.

Captain the Rev. Father O'Donnel, Catholic Chaplain to the Australian forces, has been arrested in Dublin and conveyed to Richmond Barracks. It is understood that the charge will be under section 40. He has been on sick leave in Ireland.

DUBLIN POLICEMAN SHOT.

A Dublin policeman named Dowling was shot at and wounded in the side while he was approaching three men in Christchurch place, early on Saturday morning. His condition is serious.

Canon Pierce, Vicar of Brighton, is urging the town to purchase the Devil's Dyke estate as its own war memorial.

FIRE AT SEA.

DRAMATIC RESCUES FROM BURNING LINER.

The French liner Chicago arrived at New York on Saturday and furnished full details concerning the rescue of 355 passengers from the steamship Venezia which was abandoned at sea on fire last Monday.

The fire started amidships at two o'clock in the morning while the ship was in mid-ocean. Owing to the inflammable nature of the cargo, which consisted largely of casks of rum, the S.O.S. signal was sent out. The Chicago, which was only about eighty miles distant, immediately responded, but so rapidly did the fire spread that the Venezia's engines were out of commission an hour before the rescuer hove in sight. Fortunately the sea was calm and the weather moderate.

The Captain, first officer and two of the crew remained on deck until everybody else was safe in the lifeboats. The Venezia was then one mass of flames.

CONFIDENCE TRICK.

STORY OF CHARITABLE GIFTS TO THE BELGIAN POOR.

A Belgian mechanic living in Hammersmith is the latest victim of the confidence trickster.

As he was about to return to his own country, the Belgian had drawn his savings out of the bank. After leaving the Belgian Consulate in Bedford-square, he was spoken to by a stranger, who told him that he had to distribute thousands of pounds, under the will of his uncle, to poor people in Belgium. The Belgian agreed to assist in this charitable work, and to show his confidence deposited his valuables in a package containing a supposed bundle of notes.

They got into a taxi-cab, and then the stranger, saying he would fetch the will, slipped away from his victim, taking with him 6,000 francs, over £20 in gold, £60 in Bank of England notes, and some French gold pieces.

The police are searching for an Italian and a Swiss in connection with the robbery.

NEW GLANDS FOR OLD.

LIFE PRESERVED IN COLD STORAGE.

Professor Voroneff, who recently urged the grafting of certain glands from monkeys on human beings in order to rejuvenate and promote longevity, has gone a step further. In an article in "Le Journal" he points out that the secretive glands, such as the thyroid, suprarenal, etc. live for some three hours after the death of the body. He accordingly advocates the removal of such glands from healthy persons who have been accidentally killed, and the grafting of same on persons suffering from illness, which the grafting of new glands would remove. He mentions that such glands can be conserved for a considerable time in cold storage.

FRENCH DEMOBILIZATION.

Official statistics issued by the French Under Secretary for Demobilization show that demobilization in France is now virtually complete. Already 4,322,000 men have been sent back to civil life. The work of finding employment for the demobilized is going forward so rapidly that suitable employment will shortly have been found for all ex-army men. The demobilization of material is incomplete but the present figures show that whereas France during the war had three and a quarter million horses, the number demobilized is already over three millions, and only fifty thousand remain to be sold. Similarly the number of motorcars already sold is six thousand. All buildings have been returned to their owners and twenty-one hectares of ground have been given up by the air services.

L.C.C. HOUSING SCHEME.

The Finance Committee has submitted to the London County Council an estimate of a million sterling for the acquisition and partial development of three thousand acres in the neighbourhood of Barking Town, Ilford, Dagenham and Romford. The land, on which it is proposed to erect working-class dwellings, is at present almost entirely occupied by market gardens.

ROYAL EXILES.

Reuter learns that the Grand Duke and Duchess Nicholas of Russia, the Grand Duchess Anastasia and the latter's father the King of Montenegro, are living in the Prinkipo Islands, where the Grand Duke is writing his reminiscences.

EXIT CHINESE LABOURERS.

The British and French Governments have decided upon the necessary measures for the replacing of Chinese labourers in France. Repatriation will take place at the rate of fifteen thousand monthly.

On his return from Canada the Prince of Wales intends to reside near Kineton, Warwickshire, and hunt with the Warwick hounds.

INFLUENZA SCOURGE.

BLEEDING SUGGESTED AS A REMEDY.

The transport City of York, which has just arrived at Plymouth from India, reports over one hundred cases of influenza on the voyage. Troops were not allowed to disembark.

The Ministy of Health is taking measures in view of a possible return of the scourge during the coming winter, and has appointed a committee of medical experts to examine suggestions made to the Ministry. The medical officer of Poole has urged a resort to the old practice of bleeding. The official view is that while it might be beneficial in individual cases there is no evidence that bleeding can be considered as a general remedy for the complaint.

MAN OF MYSTERY.

SOLDIER OF WHOM THE ARMY KNOWS NOTHING.

Police and military have been baffled by the mystery of a man who claims to be a deserter from the Royal West Surreys. He has given the names of Smith and Panter, but no trace of him can be found in Army records.

The story began a mouth ago, when he, in the uniform of a sergeant, was charged at Highgate with being an absentee. He was sent to Mill Hill Barracks, but, as nothing was known about him there, he was sent back to the civilian police, who then charged him with falsely representing himself to be a deserter, and with wearing military uniform.

He has made various statements of his army career, but a sergeant from the West Surrey Regiment informed the Highgate magistrate yesterday that all these were wrong. But Smith, or Panter, persisted in his story, and produced a diary which read:—

Enlisted March 15, 1915; taken prisoner September 1915; released January 1919; volunteered Russia, February; from Russia, August; on leave from France September 15 till September 28.

It further said that he had been gassed twice, and also gave the names of two German governors of Lille.

He was again remanded.

PROFITEERING.

DUTCH COMBINE WITH CORNER IN QUININE.

The Bermondsey Profiteering Tribunal has decided to appoint a deputation to wait on the Board of Trade and ask for powers to enter wharves and dock warehouses to stop profiteering by wholesalers.

Mr. MacCurdy, of the Profiteering Commission, announces that a Central Committee has been formed to tackle profiteering by wholesalers and trusts. It has already investigated fish prices and the quinine monopoly. The latter he described as a disgraceful affair, in which a Dutch combine were holding British sick to ransom by charging more than double the proper price for quinine.

ALLENBY'S NEW POST.

It is officially announced that General Lord Allenby has been appointed High Commissioner for Egypt in succession to Sir Reginald Wingate. It will be remembered that in March last Lord Allenby was appointed a Special High Commissioner.

This appointment of Field Marshal Allenby is greeted with the utmost cordiality and satisfaction. His name, among all others, carries the most weight in the middle East, as he has the great advantage of being fully versed in Egyptian problems and difficulties. He left Marseilles for Egypt on Saturday.

BIG SHIPPING DEAL.

Messrs. W.R. Smith and Sons, managing owners of the St. Just Steamship Company and the Leeds Shipping Company, have acquired the fleet of the English Steamship Company and the Letricheux Lines.

The deal is said to involve over £750,000, and will place Messrs. Smith and Sons in control of the largest fleet of steamers managed by a single firm in South Wales. They will now control 23 steamers of over 167,000 tons.

COTTON PROSPERITY.

Lancashire cotton spinning manufacturers have been so flooded with orders from foreign customers since the beginning of October that it is feared there will be a scarcity of yarn and cloth before the end of the year, owing to the demand greatly exceeding the supply.

CONSCRIPTION OF MONEY.

The New Zealand victory loan of ten millions having been under-subscribed, compulsion will be employed to secure the ballance.

Colonel Thesiger, ex-minister to Abyssinia, has relinquished the British Consul Generalship in New York for private reasons.

Prince Arthur of Connaught represented the King at Saturday's investiture, as the Duke of Connaught is suffering from a cold.

VARSITY NOTES.

CHANGES AT OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE.

Among the important posts to be filled at Oxford are the Lady Margaret Chair of Divinity, rendered vacant through the resignation of Dr. Sandey. The Secretaryship to the delegates for University Extension Teaching becomes vacant in March, when Mr. T.A.H. Marriott M.P., the President and Secretary, resigns after twenty-five years' service. It is pointed out that since the formation of tutorial classes the responsibilities of this delegacy have very greatly increased, and ennanced financial provision is therefore required.

All Souls' College is taking steps to provide a pension fund for its professors.

At Cambridge arrangements are now approaching completion for the establishment of a Readership in Geography and Agricultural Physiology and another in Estate Management, for which the Board of Agriculture has offered to allocate five hundred pounds for the Reader's stipend.

The Cambridge University Services Club, which was formed by discharged and demobilized officer members of the University just before the Armistice, has elected Mr. C. R. Fay, a young Don of Christ's College, as its President, and has issued a programme of lectures by influential service and public speakers.

The financial anxieties of the Cambridge Union Society are becoming a thing of the past. New members have joined this term at a great rate, and already the total is 567, including Princes Albert and Henry. The opening debate secured a full attendance. A motion that the tendencies of organised labour are a menace to the present interests of the country was adopted by 242 against 190. The two Princes occupied "neutral" seats on the cross benches.

LONELY NELSON.

LORD FISHER'S SYMPATHY.

The memories of Lord Fisher are concluded in the "Times." The final article is entitled "Apologia pro vita sua" and details some of the writer's early experiences. Lord Fisher entered the Navy on July 12th 1854 on board H.M.S. Victory, after being medically examined by a doctor, writing out the Lord's Prayer, and, so far as his memory serves, doing a rule-of-three sum. He narrates how he became Gunnery Lieutenant on the first ironclad—the Warrior—in 1863. At the bombardment of Alexandria he was Captain of the Inflexible and when ashore at Alexandria was struck down by dysentery and nearly died.

He concludes his reminiscences with a short chapter on Nelson, in which he points out that the great Admiral looks down from his column aud sees not one single Admiral honoured with a statue among the cloud of nonentities. Neither Hawke, Hood, Howe, Dundonald, Rodney, Cornwallis or Benbow are visible!

CLOTH FOR SALE.

WAR STOCKS BEING RELEASED.

The Ministry of Munitions is releasing for sale over 5½ million yards of cloth suitable for costumes, dresses, overcoats, raincoats and uniforms. Included in the materials are serges (over two million yards), black cloth, seal and brown mohair cloth, whipcord and Bedford cord, also huge quantities of material suitable for women's wear only, including half a million yards of cream serge and half a million yards of white lining.

SUPREME COUNCIL DECISIONS.

The Supreme Council has adopted a resolution that delegates of the Great Powers shall sit on the various commissions created under the Treaty of Versailles and vote irrespective of whether or no their Governments have ratified the Treaty.

It has also decided that General Mangin, the French member of the Inter-Allied Commission to superintend Von der Goltz's evacuation of the Baltic States, shall leave Paris immediately, the representatives of the other great powers following in a few days.

COALFIELD ROMANCE.

A romance of the South Wales coalfield is disclosed by the appointment of Mr. John Kane as general manager of the whole of the colliery undertakings of the associated concerns of the United National Collieries, Ltd., of Messrs. Burnyeat, Brown and Co., with an annual output of three million tons.

Mr. Kane is a native of the Rhondda Valley, and commenced life as a pit boy. Through his own perseverance he has now been appointed to one of the highest positions in the coalfield.

CRIME AGAINST TWO COUNTRIES.

Werner Horn, the German agent who blew up the St. Croix Bridge (joining the U.S.A. and Canada) in 1915, has been re-arrested after serving his sentence at Atlanta, U.S.A., and will be taken to Canada for trial. He is liable to imprisonment for life.

General Seely, the Air Minister, who spent the week-end in the Isle of Wight, took part on Saturday in lifeboat practice at Brooke. He has been a member of the Brooke lifeboat crew for many years.

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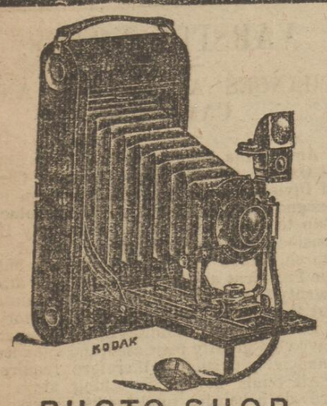

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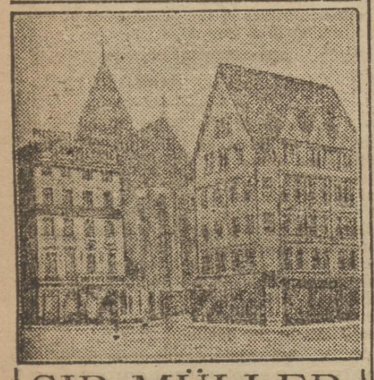

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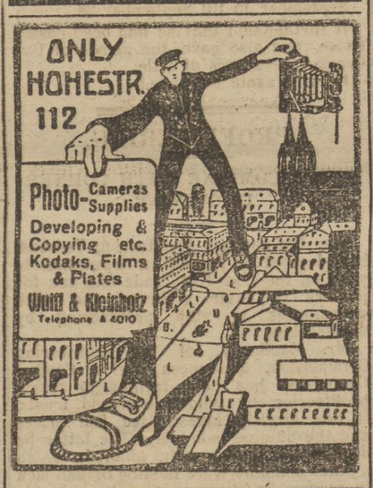

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THE SWIFT CURRENT.

There are numbers of people to-day who cannot keep pace with the rapid march of events. History is being made at lightning speed. Ideas that were regarded as fixed principles have been and are being thrown over daily.

Since the beginning of war the world and its problems bear a new aspect. It is all amazing and bewildering and it is not surprising that try as they will, the older generation fail's to respond to the swiftly moving changes.

That was always the way with the passing generation in normal humdrum times, but to-day it sees policies, habits, opinions and beliefs changing completely. The world is in a turmoil; bewilderment and uncertainty hold the field.

Nobody knows what the surprise of to-morrow may be. Though most people endeavour to adjust their minds to the new forces and altered conditions, very few succeed. With the majority the cry is "The world is moving too fast for me."

To see the shifting panorama of events overtaking the capabilities of the average mind tends to foster a feeling of pessimism. Uncertainty and fear of the future supplant faith and hope. Some try in their feeble way to stem the tide but are speedily overwhelmed. Very few are able to keep even reasonably abreast of the swift current and those who do, have not the vaguest conception where it will carry them.

Meanwhile all these disturbing elements keep the world from legitimate industry. In such thrilling times ordinary work at the bench or desk, in the pit or the foundry are difficult to concentrate upon. Great movements promising new and better things for all are going on around us. We cannot settle down. Is it to be wondered at?

And who will lead us at this critical stage? The older type of statesman—certainly the average politician—is already effete. The honeyed promises, the too transparent subterfuges, the tendency to temporise and compromise are of no avail to-day. The old formulae and the old practitioners are finished.

Strong far-seeing leaders—men of vast strength and grip are called for. They must be able to see with eyes unblinded by past conventions, unfettered by worn out shibboleths. They must be great in the truest sense.

Where are they? At the moment they fail to appear among us. But there must surely arise before long, some who will stand out among the hesitating, faltering mass as giants.

And they will be young men, born of these present times, able to grasp the problems and see the possibilities of the future with a clear eye and to act with a firm hand. For them the world will not have moved too fast.

IT'S A LONG WAY TO COLOGNE.

When I went out to Cologne to join my husband I made a mess of it.

I was out in the garden, waiting for the breakfast bell, on the morning the wire arrived. It was a perfect summer's morning and I was strolling round enjoying the delicious scent of the flowers, and I remember I had my nose in among the sweet peas when Jane came rushing out with the telegram.

Well, it was from Algernon all right, with orders for Cologne, and I never put in such a week in all my life as that which followed.

Clothes and passport, principally passport, and broiling weather. St. James' Park, offices, crowds, heat, shops, buses, rushes, and more heat. Home for an hour or two's sleep, then start all over again. Rushes, buses, crowds, heat, St. James' Park queue, patience, impatience, desperation, passport, taxi, Bedford Square, more crowds, queues, heat, wait, no lunch, prolonged wait, heat, continued wait, desperation, exasperation, and at long last, attention.

Well to get on with it. I awoke one morning to find that I really was ready, and actually awaiting the taxi that was to carry me to Charing Cross. It was ordered in plenty of time to catch the 8.35 a.m. to Dover, and contentedly I sat chatting to various relatives waiting for it to roll up, and I waited, and went on waiting, and continued to wait, and still it came not.

"You'll never catch that train", said someone from the gate, "there's not a sign of it". My heart began to beat terribly and I could see the train, in my minds eye, going without me. Someone rushed to the 'phone, and I rushed too, and upset a chair and a cup and a spoon.

"Now, keep cool," the 'someone' cried, "What's the good of getting excited?" and he rattled the 'phone. So I tried to keep cool and swallowed a lump in my throat, and all the family kept looking at the clock, and then at me, and then trying to look cheerful when they caught my eye. At last, after hours and hours, —seven minutes—excited clamour.

"Here it is, you'll manage it." We all rushed out, the dogs as well, (without their muzzles), kisses, scrambles, chatter, and off we raced. Well, we caught it, the train; I stepped into the corridor with just thirty seconds to spare.

The train was packed, and of course someone had my seat. Never mind, I was in the train, and we were off, and my poor heart was pounding away too. The guard was a dear, and found me another seat; I had a nice little breakfast all over again, and so cooled down and became happy.

We soon left old London behind, with her smoke and bricks and dirt, and the grass began to look green and refreshing. After a while the sun came out, and pleasant fields, with countless scarlet poppies waving in the breeze, slid by.

It was a pleasant journey, and quickly over, and soon enough we ran into Dover, and then the crowd began again. I couldn't get out of the train for the crowd, and then when I did get out the crowd was formed into an endless queue, while passports were examined.

I waited twenty minutes, when my porter called me away and ushered me through a door. I handed my passport over. Fatal moment, shall I ever forget it?

The passport was glanced at, then thrown back to me. Oh! What a horrid man that passport man was. "It's not in order," he said, and went on to the next person. My heart stood still, then dived right down into the station floor.

I looked at the man, he was nothing but a machine, with no heart. "What is the matter with it?" I cried, and my voice wobbled, and my throat was full of lump and tears. The wretch looked at me.

"Wants the Belgian visa," and he passed on to the next. My porter came to the rescue. He told me that there was just a chance of my reaching the consul and catching the boat. He raced me down the platform, round to the King's Head, and phoned for a taxi.

A weird vehicle arrived; we tore through the streets of Dover, the Consul, of course, hanging out at the other end of the town. We raced up narrow streets, round some heart-lifting corners. I nearly fell out of the weird, open conveyance often. However, we found the Consul—such a dear—and soon back we whirled.

Alas, just as we reached the level crossing close to the docks, the gates clanged in our faces, and there we stuck. I can't attempt to describe my feelings. Of course I lost the boat, and for hours I was swallowing tears and lumps.

It was a painful thing to see that boat go sailing away without me, all my luggage on board too, and Algernon meeting it at three o'clock that afternoon, and me not there. More tears and lumps swallowed. I walked round to the Post Office and sent wires, though what earthly use that was I couldn't see.

The boat was gone without me—tear splashed. There was Algernon walking about Ostend Quay and me walking about Dover Quay and the great sea rolling between,—shower of tears, much sniffing and swallowing.

Fortunately at this point I met a partner in distress of exactly the same nature as myself. Oh! I was glad. We condoled. We put up at the King's Head and lunched together. At 3 p.m. we each vanished to our respective rooms, and I wept.

Algernon dear, 'tis no use you looking anxiously at the gangway, I'm not there!! I'm here in this beastly Dover!!!

Well, we had tea together, dined together, and strolled out in the lovely summer gloaming and listened to the band. There was a charming sunset, and the castle was a picture, but oh! how I hated it all! What I longed for was bed, sleep, and to-morrow morning. And it came, like everything else, morning, boat and all.

And who can imagine the joy I felt as we sailed away from Dover town? It was a glorious morning too, brilliant sun, perfect sea, perfect run across, but we were both still somewhat anxious.

"Suppose they should not be there"! We looked at each other, and we looked at the blue, blue sea. All sights of interest were blotted out for me, as we neared Ostend; all I could see was the crowd on the quay. And my poor heart was pounding. But there, sure enough was Algernon, looking anxious too, and, his smiling old phiz warmed my heart.

"There's mine", I cried joyously, and waved an excited hand.

"I can't see mine", said my friend in a faint voice. "Surely he must be there. Why", suddenly changing her tone, "there he is, and waving to another girl!"

Well, to cut it down, a ter long last, we met on the quay, we clasped hands, and I never before knew how nice Algernon's clasp was.

DANDELION.

BACK TO THE EAST.

THE PICTURE SHOP IN THE HOHENZOLLERN RING.

It was one of those cold, dark days, such as one meets with in Cologne, right in the middle of a fine autumn spell. The Ring was gloomy and uninspiring; but a splash of eastern colour in the windows of a picture shop caught my eye, and I crossed the broad thoroughfare to look.

In a moment I was transported from the murk of Northern Europe to the brilliant sun of India. While in reality gazing into a single window, I seemed to be looking out through a number of magic openings — for they were not so much mere pictorial expressions on a flat surface that I saw, as embrasures through which I caught enthralling glimpses of the East.

I saw again Agra, the city of the Taj Mahal. I was back in spirit on the banks of the Jumna, and the evening hush had fallen on the wide Indian landscape. I stood by a plashing fountain on the long marble causeway of the Taj, and watched the glow fading from the jewel-like mausoleum which enshrines, besides the dust of Nur Mahal, the essential beauty of all time, of all thought, of all creation. I heard the lowing of the buffaloes drawing water from the river, and saw the night mists rising from its banks and spreading across the scene. I looked to the left (as oftentimes I had done of old) for the red sandstone mass of the Akbar's fort. But there was only the frame of the picture.

I moved a little until I could see out of another of those mystic windows. This time I was in Benares, the sacred city. I saw the long procession, on either shore, of pilgrims approaching their hallowed sports. The scene was veiled in distances of time and space. The squalors and failings of India were forgotten. One only felt a longing, piercing to one's heart, to be back in the past, amid these surroundings.

There were pictures in that shop window of regal Jaipur, that city of places and glaring sunshine — of Udaipura and its lake — of imperial Delhi the multiplication of desolation, with its Kutub Minar soaring to the turquoise sky.

And then last of all, I was looking through a frame at the most beautiful of cities in the most beautiful of all lands —Srinagar in Kashmir!

It was a picture of the main waterway of that river capital, and it presented just the view that used to be so well known to officers of the Old Army. One looked, at midday, down the broad surface of the Jhelum, between a double row of tottering wooden houses, reared crazily upon foundations of massive stone.

Their roofs were carpeted with grass, out of which grew gorgeous tulips and great mauve and white irises, and every here and there a dark, narrow opening between the houses led up from the river to a silver plastered mosque. How joyously the sun glanced from those burnished surfaces!

The picture showed only this main "street", but I knew where, round the corner to the right, lay the Dal Lake, from whose clear depths the "rainbow visions" of the song were waiting to be conjured; that a little way to the left the Mar Canal began its windings through the city—a lazy backwater where kingfishers and golden orioles flashed in and out between overhanging creepers. And I knew that if one raised one's eyes they would see the snowy ranges of the Pir Panjal, raised like stupendous altars to overtop the world.

I seemed to hear again the rhythmic beat of the shikara paddles, as one's softly-singing crew propelled one through the waters, in quest of richly embroidered silks and cloths or wonderful carvings or . . .

But I had dreamed enough. I turned reluctantly from that window in the Ring.

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A motor lorry splashed me with black mud. It had begun to rain. *B.*

COLOGNE ELECTRIC CARS

A USEFUL GUIDE.

No.	Destination	Lights
1.	Lindenthal-Dom-Deutz-Kalk	(blue-green)
2.	Lindenthal-Dom-Deutz-Müllheim	(blue)
3.	Ehrenfeld-Dom-Deutz-Kalk	(yellow)
4.	Ehrenfeld-Dom-Deutz-Müllheim	(green-white)
5.	Ehrenfeld-Neumarkt-Chlodwigplatz-Bonnerstrasse	(white-red)
6.	Bickendorf-Ehrenfeld-Dom-Heumarkt-Chlodwigplatz	(blue-red)
7.	Nieh-Nippes-Dom-Chlodwigplatz-Bonnerstrasse.	(red-yellow)
8.	Müngersdorf-Melaten-Neumarkt	(yellow-white)
9.	Chlodwigplatz-Neumarkt-Dom-Sechszig	(green)
10.	Südfriedhof-Zollstock-Volksgarten-Neumarkt-Dom-Nippes	(green-red)
11.	Merheim-Dom-Heumarkt-Bayenthal-Südpark	(blue)
12.	Rosenstr.-Neumarkt-Zoolog. Garten-Flora-Mülheim.Schiffb.	(yellow)
14.	Rodenkirchen-Marienburg-Dom-Zoolog. Garten-Flora	(white-green)
15.	Nippes-Neumarkt-Sülz (Sülzburgstr.)	(blue-yellow)
16.	Ubierring-Rudolfplatz-Zoolog. Garten-Flora	(red)
17.	West-Friedhof-Ehrenfeld-Neumarkt	(blue-white)
18.	Rundbahn. — Round journey, Dom and the Rings	(white)
19.	Neumarkt-Sülz(Berrenrath.Str.	(white)
20.	Nippes (Escherstr.)-Schlachthof-Dom-Heumarkt-Südbahnhof-Sülz-Klettenbergpark	(yellow-green)

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

ARE THEY "GUNNERS"?

Sir, — Why do the M.G.C. insist on calling themselves "Gunners"? I see in today's "Cologne Post" a result of a football match, and the "Gunners" did this and the "Gunners" did that.

Possibly it is the fault of the young boy soldiers, but surely some of the M.G.C. N.C.O.'s and men who have actually fought in the war should be able to inform the yougsters of their mistake.

Having been out continuously since 1914 and knowing from what arm of the service men were taken to form the M.G.C. one can realise the absurdity of calling the users of these small weapons "Gunners". The misuse is enough to make the late Earl Roberts and other famous real gunners turn in their graves.

INFANTRY 1914.

ROLLER SKATING.

Sir,—I was very pleased to read the article from "Rinker" concerning roller skating, and most heartily support his suggestion of more rinks, and particularly the proposal of rink hockey. I have played many sports, but rink hockey is absolutely the fastest and most exciting of any, whether played on the ice or a maple floor.

Skate dancing too would find great favour if it could be introduced in Rhineland, and I can only hope for an early revival of this graceful and health producing pastime. *BROGREE.*

ARE THEY NECESSARY?

Sir,—One appreciates the inconvenience of getting lost in Cologne between the mess and the billet or of being knocked down by a tram.

Doubtless because of these we still cling to those gold and silver identification discs attached to delicate chains and suspended from the wrist. *WILLIE.*

SURELY NOT TRIVIAL.

Sir,—In reply to "Martyr's" letter, it grieves me beyond words that such a barbarous state of affairs exists in an enlightened city such as I imagined Cologne to be.

I am pleased, however, he has given publicity to the wretched incompetence of the local car service. On his behalf I shall put it before the Board that a taxi be specially commandeered for his convenience.

If however, my influence is unable to do this, I should advise him to rise ten minutes earlier every morning.

M. F. P.

BRASSARDS CRITICISED.

Sir, — With reference to the many suggestions put forward in respect of gay uniforms may I be allowed to draw attention to the ugliness of many of the brassards at present in use.

Personally I am authorised to wear a blue and white band, which by itself is a thing of great beauty, but when placed in position fails miserably in its endeavour to tone with the monotonous khaki, and must give many a heartrending shock to the artistic temperament of the people amongst whom we must parade in all our glory. *UDDY IMPTY.*

A SENSE OF HUMOUR.

Sir,—The sense of humour is not only difficult to describe, it is impossible. As well try to explain a perfect sound, a beautiful colour, or the gift of appreciation itself; in which lies all the romance of life.

We all understand what E.A.D. means; we have all probably had experiences similar to his own. But has it not struck E.A.D. that his laborious effort to explain the subtleties of the position argues in itself a lack of, let us say, humorous inspiration?

The German mind is trained to work. We English are also taught to laugh, but a man has not reached the highest standard of this branch of his education until he has learnt to laugh himself.

LAUGHABLE.

OVERCROWDED LONDON.

Sir,—I should like to warn officers who may be coming to London on leave from the Rhine, of the utter impossibility of obtaining rooms in any London Hotel.

I arrived in London recently, and after trying quite thirty hotels, gave up the attempt, as they were all crowded out; beds on landings and in drawing rooms all taken, and no empty rooms for a month.

The only course is to book a room weeks in advance if possible, though I was assured in many cases that there would be no vacancies until after Christmas. *A.W. ARNING.*

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

Sir,—As a member of an old harrier Club I read with interest "Old Harrier's" letter on cross country running and I most heartily agree with his excellent suggestion of a properly organised Cross Country Championship for the Rhine Army in the early spring.

Now that the winter is rapidly approaching and the weather is becoming more and more unsettled I would hardly like to suggest cross country running owing to the state of the ground during the winter months but what I should love to see are properly organised teams for road running and plenty of inter-unit competitions and I am quite certain that they would be a great success and most beneficial to all who take part.

All that is necessary is for an Officer or N.C.O. in each unit to organise a team and take them for a run of from two to three miles twice weekly and arrange that a hot bath be available on return. The distance can gradually be increased if desired to 8 or 10 miles and the pace quickened.

To-day, in the Rhine Army, afternoons are devoted to Recreational Training and to many this merely means lying about in their barrackrooms or being compelled to watch others play football or hockey, the reason for this being that they are either not considered good enough to play for battalion or company teams or because they have never played these games before and know very little about them.

Some of these lads are very keen and I know would be very pleased to take an active part in something themselves.

BONNY MARY.

ENGLISH v. GERMAN.

Young Cohen Beats Willi Lohr on Points at Lunapark.

FURTHER CHALLENGES.

Although obviously out of condition Young Cohen, who recently won a Brigade championship, was given the verdict on Sunday night at the Münchener Bierhalle Lunapark, Cologne, after going the full ten 3-minute rounds against Willi Lohr.

The fight was the outcome of a challenge issued by Cohen to the German at the conclusion of a bout which the latter won against one of his fellow countrymen.

The hall was packed to the door and the evening sport was thoroughly enjoyable. Cohen boxed beautifully and his display was such as to indicate that he will go far in the pugilistic world. Lohr who was stronger and in better training also fought very well, but he could not overcome the agility of his opponent. The verdict was received with extraordinary enthusiasm.

The German then threw out a further challenge to Cohen for a prize offered by the Officers present. The fight will be arranged for this week.

Two Hefty Teutons.

Sunday night's programme also contained other interesting events. One of these was a heavy-weight bout between two hefty Teutons, one of whom recently held out for fifteen rounds against Otto Fant, champion of Berlin.

At the conclusion of the proceedings, challenges were handed out far and wide. Young Rohnoff, a promising German, offered to fight the winner in the Cohen-Lohr match.

Sgt. Harry Stone, whose name is not unknown in boxing circles, refereed.

BOXING AT COBLENTZ.

Royal Irish Pugilists Tackle Clever Yanks.

The weekly series of bouts was held on Saturday evening at Coblentz, when the following were the results:—

Sonberg v. McMahon, 5th R.I.Rgt.

This six-round bout was of a very clever and hard-hitting type, the Irishman getting slightly the better in the last three rounds which earned him the decision.

Murphy v. Marshall, 5th R.I.Rgt.

Both men were very clever, mixing freely, and fought a hard fight to a draw.

White U.S.A. v. Murray, 5th Royal Irish Rgt.

First round opened with both men watching closely for an opening with no success. In the second round White got to work, knocking the Irishman out.

Sgt. Brennan, Royal Irish v. Weingarten, M.G.C.

In round one a very sharp exchange was given, the Irishman getting the round. During the fighting in the second session the verdict was given to Brennan on a foul against Weingarten.

Pte. McMahon is well known in British circles and during his time on the continent has fought many contests,

Cpl. "Sid" Marshall is the clever London boxer of that name, and is late of the Royal Irish Fusiliers. When with this famous regiment his trainer was Cpl. McFerren, the English Amateur Champion.

Pte. Murray is a clever and skilful fighter, and has many wins to his credit.

Sgt. Brennan, who won on a foul, has several victories to his name, and is a past master at administering K.O's.

1st LONDON BRIGADE TOURNAMENT.

Interesting Bouts at Cologne Y.M.C.A., Yesterday.

There was a large gathering at the Central Y.M.C.A., Cologne, yesterday, when the 1st London Infantry Bde. staged an attractive tournament. The boxing, throughout the afternoon, was clean and invigorating. Lieut-Col. Webb-Bowen, D.S.O., 19th Middlesex, was the referee, and the judges were Major Keen, 6th Corps; Capt. Brow M.C., P. and R.T. and Capt. Wilkins, D.S.O., M.C.

The results were:—

Catch-weight:—1, Sergt. Pearl, 7th Middlesex Regt.; 2, Pte. Jacques, 24th Mx.

Middle-weights:—1, R.O.M.S. Fogg, 23 Mx: 2, Pte. Searby 23rd Mx.

Welter-weight:—1, Cpl. Stephens, 7th Mx.; 2, Cpl. Walters 23rd Mx.

Light-weight:—1. L/Cpl. Jewell 7th Mx.; 2, Sergt. Lipstake, 23rd Mx.

Feather-weight:—1, Pte. Colnet 23rd Mx.; 2, L/Col. Cripps 7th Mx.

Bantam-weight:—1, Pte. Sutton, 7th Mx.; Pte. Williams 23rd Mx.

Officers:—Major Johnstone, M.C. 23rd Mx., beat Lieut. Kerklove, 9th East Surreys.

Brig.-Gen. W. N. Williconbe, C.M.G., D.S.O., presented the prizes and referred in his speech to the sporting rivalry that existed between the Battalions in the Brigade. He announced that the 23rd Middlesex just topped the list in the tournament by a very small margin of points.

ROSSI-CONN SUSPENSIONS.

In regard to the suspensions for three months of the principals in the Rossi-Conn fight, a correspondent sends us the following:—

"In my opinion both boxers were so anxious to make certain of the right to meet the winner of the Honeyman-Marchant contest that they were disinclined to take risks, or provide openings. No gain could accrue to either boxer were any collusion aimed at, and I am convinced both were trying all they knew."

However the B.B. of C. have given their decision and there the matter rests. It has brought the manly sport into a certain amount of disrepute, and an early reproof by the referee might conceivably have brought about a different result. Boxing authorities are generally agreed that cautions should not be extended to "limelight" boxers, as they cannot plead ignorance of the subject concerned, but recent happenings seem to suggest that a change is necessary.

LINGFIELD MEETING.

Sou'wester Wins the October Nursery.

LARGE FIELDS.

The following were the results at Lingfield on Saturday when the weather was dull and the attendance large. The going was hard. Details:—

October Handicap: — 1, Sou'wester, colt (100—7); 2, Germinate (100—7); 3, Like Magic (100—6). Twenty-one ran.

Rustic Handicap: — 1, Paroisie (7—2); 2, Baguette (4—1); 3, Gally Strickland (10—1). Eleven ran.

Grimstead Plate: — 1, Marcia Blanch (5—2); 2, Pavomids (5—2); 3, Lord Quex (6—1). Eight ran.

Cage Plate: — Sudden Fancy (4—1); 1, Dapa filly (7—4 on); 3, Helencourt (20—1). Five ran.

Westerham Handicap: 1, Aris (2—1); 2, Good Game (4—1); 3, Black Lamb (100—8); Thirteen ran.

Non-stayers Plate: — 1, Flower Bed (5—1); 2, Goily Eyes (2—1); 3, Sundial (5—1). Eleven ran.

THREATENED STRIKE.

Failing Settlement, Stable-lads come out on Saturday.

At a meeting on Saturday night of Epsom stable-lads a report on the conference with the Trainers' Federation at Newmarket on Thursday respecting stable-lads' demands was considered.

It was decided to suspend the strike notice which should expire on Saturday for one week, and a deputation of stable-lads was appointed to meet the Trainers' Federation at Epsom on Thursday next.

Failing settlement then, the lads will come out on Saturday next.

A CLOSE TUSTLE.

A. D. Supplies. v. 37th Casualty Clearing Station.

The above teams met on the former's ground on Saturday and the game resulted in a win for the "Medics (1—0)., after a very evenly contested game.

After a spell of play in front of the home goal, Hopper opened the score for the "Medics." This put the home team upon their metal, who made many attacks upon the visitors goal, buth the 37th defence aided splendidly by the halves withstood all attacks and half-time arrived with the score 1-0 in favour of "37."

Play in the second half opened rather tamely, and then a fine run on the right was made by Smith, who centred very accurately to Wallace who sent in a good shot which was saved in splendid fashion by Cpl. Burgess, the 37th's custodian. A fine run was then made on the right by Sgt Hill, of the "Medics," but his centre was cleared by the home backs. Then followed an anxious time for "37," Wallace, of the home team, being a regular thorn in the side of the "Medics" defence. Both defences proved equal to the attacks and the final whistle blew with the result as stated. For the home team special mention must be made of Wallace, Smith and Williams who played a good, clean game throughout, and for the visitors, Birkinshaw, Cottage and Sgt. Hill were most conspicuous.

LEEDS CITY F. C.

Arrangements Made For Future of the Players.

The representatives of thirty English League clubs visited Leeds at the week-end to bid for the services of the twenty-five players attached to the Leeds City club, which recently collapsed as a result of inquiry into the conduct of its affairs.

A sub-committee of the League Management Committee, consisting of Messrs McKenna, Lewis, Sutcliffe, and Charnley, supervised the arrangements. The players, to the number of 25, were first called before the sub-committee, who paid their wages to date, and informed them that the player in every case would have the option of exercising his own choice as between the clubs desirous of obtaining his services.

With regard to the manager, Mr. R. Hewitson, and the trainer, Mr. R. Murrell it was explained that special arrangements were being made either to secure their future or to compensate them for any loss they might sustain.

Principal Transfers.

The transfer fees in the principal cases were fixed by the Committee as follows:—McLeod (inside left), Millership (right back), Hampson (left half), and Bainbridge (outside left), £1,000 each; Walker (goalkeeper), Lamph (right half), and Edmondson (centre-forward), £800 each; Price (inside right), £750; Affleck (left back), Goodwin (outside right), Kirton and Ashurst and Foley (half-back), £300.

In a few cases the transfer fees, by consent of the committee, were reduced. The following transfers were definitely arranged:—McLeod to Notts County; Walker and Hopkins to South Shields; Hampson and Kirton to Aston Villa; Millership and Lounds to Rotherham County; Price and Edmondson to Sheffield Wednesdey; Lamph to Manchester City; and Bainbridge to Preston North End.

It was also understood that Lincoln City had secured Ashurst, Linfoot, and Chipperfield from the Reserves team.

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

Burnley's defence possesses in Jones and Smelt the youngest pair of backs in First Division football.

What would Aston give to be able to play R. Sloley the old Corinthian regularly. This famous amateur made all the difference in their only victory.

Lillycrop now with South Shields, made his name with North Shields Athletic. He is a resident of the south side of the river town.

In a recent game Brownlie, the famous "keeper," made a brilliant save with a host of opponents around him. "Why did you bounce the ball instead of getting it away first time?" he was asked. "Man", was the swift retort, "Did you no' see the photographers at the back wanting as napshot?"

WOLVERHAMPTON SCENE.

Referee Chased and Tripped up by the Crowd.

CELTIC'S RECORD BROKEN.

The match between Wolverhampton Wanderers and Bury on Saturday ended three minutes before time, the crowd resenting a penalty awarded to Bury. They chased and tripped up the referee, who reached the dressing-room with difficulty.

At Stoke, England won against Wales by two goals to nil. The game was fought at a good pace throughout, but England were superior, their rear Division being very sound, Hardy making none of the mistakes which Williamson was guilty of in last week's battle.

In the First Division the inability of the Villa to provide a win at home against lowly Preston created another big disappointment. The hope that they had turned the corner has not materialised. Newcastle's victory over Bradford by 4 clear goals makes interesting reading. Their young team is blending nicely, and they are making a bold bid for the head of the table.

Everton, as we have stated in these columns, will always do well in London. This is evidenced by a meritorious draw with the Arsenal. The away successes of Middlesboro', Burnley, and Chelsea rank as fine performances. While the Throstles' win at Bolton has pleased many followers of the game, the "Trotters" have lost popular sympathy by their refusal to allow Jennings and Smith to assist their country's teams.

Port Vale's Debut.

In the Second League, Port Vale, taking over Leeds City's fixtures, failed at Shields but this is no reflection on the Midland club. Tottenham succeeded to a good tune at Clapton, and Coventry upset all form by drawing at Craven Cottage.

Southern League football had its surprise when Reading accounted for the "Cobblers" at Northampton, the "Biscuit Town" men providing the only away win of the day. Crystal Palace and Portsmouth were each in a scoring mood, five goals being put on by both.

In Scotland the Celtic, hitherto all-conquering, bowed the knee at Ibrox. Considering Rangers recent form, this ranks as a splendid performance on their part. Ayr United had a scoring fit as also had Queens Park, six apiece being their contributions to the goal scoring list. Dundee upset Hamilton's home record and St. Mirren did well to win at Aberdeen.

Appended are the results:—

Victory International.

England	2	Wales	0

English League.—First Division.

Woolwich Arsenal	1	Everton	1
Aston Villa	2	Preston N.E.	4
Blackburn R.	1	Sheffield Wed.	0
Bolton Wand.	1	West Bromwich A.	2
Bradford City	2	Sunderland	0
Live pool	0	Chelsea	1
Manchester U.	1	Manchester City	0
Newcastle U.	4	Bradford	0
Notts County	2	Derby County	2
Oldham A.	1	Middlesbrough	2
Sheffield United	1	Burnley	3

Second Division.

Barnsley	5	Lincoln City	3
Blackpool	3	Birmingham	0
Bristol C.	2	Rotherham	1
Clapton Orient	0	Tottenham H.	4
Fulham	0	Coventry C.	0
Huddersfield	0	Leicester	0
Hull City	2	Nottingham Forest	0
South Shields	2	Barnsley P. V.	0
Stockport County	3	Stoke	1
West Ham	1	Grimsby	0
Wolverhampton	0	Bury	1

Southern League.

Brighton	3	Gillingham	0
Crystal Palace	5	Bristol R.	0
Millwall A.	2	Swansea	1
Northampton	1	Reading	3
Norwich City	4	Merthyr	0
Newport	0	Luton	0
Portsmouth	5	Southampton	1
Queen's Park R.	0	Cardiff	0
Southend	1	Plymouth A.	0
Watford	1	Brentford	0
Swindon	1	Exeter City	1

Scottish League.

Aberdeen R.	0	St. Mirren	1
Albion	1	Motherwell	1
Clyde	0	Heart of Mid	[illegible]
Clydebank	0	Third Lanark	0
Hibernians	6	Partick Thistle	2
Kilmarnock	3	Falkirk	0
Greenock	4	Dumbarton	0
Queen's Park	6	Ayr U.	3
Raith Rovers	3	Airdrieonians	1
Rangers	3	Celtic	0
Hamilton Acad	0	Dundee	1

Rugby.

Blackheath	5	Newport	13
London Welsh	4	Whitgiftians	0
Swansea	0	Llanelly	3
Leicester	24	Bristol	16
Richmond	6	United Services	1
Bath	11	Exeter	8
Northampton	27	Moseley	0
London Scottish	11	Rossiyn	9
Oxford	37	Merchant Taylors	0
Blackheath	0	Newport	4
Gloucester	10	Cardiff	3

WEST BROMWICH AND L. BOOKMAN.

Last week Luton Town made a great capture in securing the signature of L. Bookman, the Irish international outside left. When the attention of West Bromwich Albion was called to the fact that he had been registered by Luton with the Football Association and with the Southern League, they notified the club that he was their retained player, as they had offered him an engagement at a rate of remuneration which entitled them to his services.

The circumstances are peculiar, but it is clear that the Albion have a right to the player, and Luton at once admitted this. They are anxious to keep him on their books, and they are negotiating in a friendly way with the Albion for his transfer.

If the Albion, who paid £850 for his transfer, are willing to part with him, the only question to be settled will be the amount they will expect Luton to pay. If the sum demanded is too great for Luton, then Bookman must either play for West Bromwich or go out of first-class football in this country unless the Albion come to terms with another club.

SWEETHEARTS
read "The Cologne Post". Send it daily to yours.

VICTORY FOR INMAN.

Fine Display by Champion in Match with Reece.

OVERPLUS SPECTATORATE.

The rush of enthusiasts to witness the conclusion of the Inman-Reece billiards match at the Burroughes Hall on Saturday was so great that extra chairs had to be requisitioned to accommodate some of the overplus of spectators.

It may be recalled that Inman conceded Reece 1,000 start in 16,000 up for stakes of £200 deposited with the Editor of the "Sporting Life," and after apparently having had the game practically won last Tuesday evening (when he was 1,470 in front), he had latterly to struggle hard to avoid defeat.

The closing scores on Friday were as follows:—

Reece 14,322
Inman (in play) 13,986

At the final session on Saturday night Inman gave a fine display and the match concluded:—

Inman..... 16,000
Reece 15,452

RHINE ARMY BILLIARDS.

Schedule of Second Y.M.C.A. Tournament.

The second Y.M.C.A. billiard tournament is fixed to commence on Oct. 27th, 1919. All who wish to compete should enquire at the nearest Y.M.C.A. hut at once. Entrance fee is two marks.

Four prizes are offered, so that all semi-finalists in the Tournament receive a prize.

A Shield is offered to the winner of three Championship games consecutively.

SCHEDULE. 1st SERIES — 100 UP.

Y.M.C.A. hut leaders will arrange for eliminating games to be played during the period Oct. 27th—30th inclusive.

The name of the winner of final game must be sent to Corps Librarians to reach him or her by first post, Nov. 2nd.

2nd SERIES — 150 UP.

Corps will arrange for the winner of each Hut centre to play in eliminating games during the period Nov. 4th—8th inclusive. The winner's name of the final game must be forwarded to W.F. Cutbush, Esq., Y.M.C.A. H.Q. Rhine Army, not later than Nov. 11th.

SEMI-FINAL and FINAL — 250 UP.

These games will be played at Kalk Bakeries, Y.M.C.A., on November 15th, 1919. Play will commence at 15.00 hours. A full-sized billiard table will be used for the semi-finals and final.

"MEDICALS" BEATEN.

51st NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS v. 36 C.C.S.

At Sulz on Thursday. Shortly after play commenced, the 51st broke away and L/Cpl. Pigg put in a good centre from which L/Cpl. Storey scored. The same player, a few minutes after, put the Fusiliers further ahead with a good shot. After this, the 36th C.C.S. got going and through a misunderstanding on the part of the 51st defence Cpl. Thompson had no difficulty in scoring. L/Cpl. Storey completed the hat-trick shortly before half time. After the interval the 51st were awarded a penalty from which Lieut. Veitch scored. Further goals were added by Sgts. Mole and Wood. For the visitors, Pte. Ayres in goal and Sgt. Lewis at back were in fine form and for the 51st L Cpl. Pigg, L/Cpl. Storey and Pte. Wilson were the outstanding players.

The teams were: 36 C.C.S. Pte. Ayres; Sgt. Lewis, Cpl. Hilton; Pte. Taylor, Pte. Nicholson, Pte. Kirk; Pte. Trotts, Cpl. Thompson, Cpl. Gregory. Pte. Harrison and Pte. Raby. Fusiliers: Lieut. Renshaw; Sgt. Osborne, Pte. Cope; Pte. Wilson, Lieut. Veitch, Lieut. Thomas, Sgt. Wood, Sgt. Mole, L/Cpl. Storey, C.S.M. Murray, L/Cpl. Pigg. Result: Fusiliers 6; 36 C.C.S. 1.

SPORT IN BRIEF.

Birchfield Harriers.

The assets of the Birchfield Harriers amount to £992. At a meeting in Birmingham it was reported that a profit of £223 had been made.

Joe Beckett at York.

The heavy-weight champion, Joe Beckett, assisted on Tuesday night at the first of a series of tournaments to be held this month at York, where he boxed exhibitions with his sparring partners.

W. Escott's Death.

W. Escott, whose death is reported, was only married this year to the daughter of the trainer bachelor. It may be remembered that he rode Troytown to victory in the Grand Steeplechase de Paris.

Lowe's Injuries.

Mr. R.O. Lowe, the Old Merchant Taylors' forward, who in the match with Blackheath on the Rectory Field last Saturday was carried off the ground suffering from bad concussion, is making satisfactory progress towards recovery from the injury.

Lady Earn's Jockey.

In the event of Lady Earn not changing hands before the race, Ringstead will probably ride her in the Cambridgeshire. She, however, comes under the hammer shortly.

Fleming Well Again.

H. Fleming, the international inside-right, who strained some muscles when last out for Swindon, is now fit again. He is expected to turn out on Saturday for his club in their important home game with Exeter City.

Yorkshire Golf Professionals.

The Yorkshire Professionals Foursomes Tournament, played on the Pannal course, Harrogate, resulted as follows:—A. Beck (Filey) and O. Sanderson (Bradford) beat E. Smith (Halifax West End) and H. Loveridge (Shipley) by 4 up and 3 to play.

Walton Heath Ladies.

The ladies' autumn meeting of the Walton Heath Club concluded yesterday, when the bogey competition ended in a win for Mrs. Gordon Brown, all square, with Mrs. Patay, 4 down, second.

MATCH AGAINST TIME.

Pony Backed to Trot One Mile in 2 min. 50 secs.

BRILLIANT ATTEMPT.

A mixed meeting of trotting and other events was held last week in the Blackpool Meadow, Micheldean, Gloucestestershire.

The principal item was a trotting match against time, in which Mr. Wilce backed his pony Master Wally to trot one mile in 2 min. 50 sec. The match arose through a previous event which was won by Master Wally, and in which he trotted the mile in 3 min. 35½ sec.

On this occasion he was driven in fine style by Ben Gough, of Cheltenham, and crossed the line amidst loud cheering in the time of 2 min. 47⅘ sec., which, considering the nature of the course, was an excellent performance.

FOUL PLAY.

Some Remarks By Notable Football Official.

I want to write a few words about foul play (says W. Pickford in the "Daily News"). I have just had to sign the suspension of a player for kicking an opponent, and I am unable to understand why skilled and expert players do it. There is aggravation in all games, but if Stevenson pots Reece in a billiard match, the latter would not dream of clouting him on the ear. No one ever heard of Dr. Grace taking the law into his own hands at cricket.

Football is, I am still acutely aware, after many years, a game that inflicts bruises and sharp pains at times. That is no reason for retaliation, though I always understood the case of the young artilleryman, who hit an opponent and then apologised with the naive remark, "Sorry, sir, but it's so — exciting."

When Football was Forbidden.

After all the correct diagnosis of an offside doubt is of no importance compared with the proper conduct of a game. Football has always suffered from the bad blood of a minority ever since the day when Edward II. forbade it, and James I. (of Scotland) enacted that "no man shall play football hereafter, under a penalty of 50d."

The tendency has been, and is, to leave the matter entirely in the hands of referees. Of course they have a duty to the game, and no wise man would seek to shield an incompetent handler of players; but I do think there are at least three factors in the question quite equally responsible. These are the referees, the players, and the clubs.

Primarily, the referee is the chief factor. Players may ostracise a colleague who brings the game into disrepute; officials may use their influence, and spectators can show their disapproval; but the referee has alone full authority to act.

LONDON CLUB CRICKET.

Radius Increased to within Thirty Miles of Charing Cross.

The cricket fixture meeting of the London Club Cricket Conference at the Fyvie Hall, the Polytechnic, Regent-st., was preceded by a council meeting, presided over by Mr. W. H. Wheeler (North Middlesex), at which it was agreed to reconstruct the conference, and increase the radius for membership to within about thirty miles of Charing Cross. The conference has now 182 affiliated clubs, and county sections have been allocated for Kent, Surrey, Middlesex, Essex, Bucks, and Herts.

The council regretted having to accept the resignation of Sir Home Gordon, Bart, as president; and it was reported that a joint deputation of the Cricket Conference and the National Sporting Conference had met the L.C.C. as to the preservation of the London private sports grounds. The council decided to defer the question of district representative games to the general meeting.

TOLL OF THE WAR.

Famous Yachts Mined or Sunk by Gunfire.

An interesting return has just been made by the Admiralty, which shows the number of steam yachts lost on war service, chiefly in the auxiliary patrol. The total of thirteen includes many famous vessels.

In 1915 five were lost. The first was Rhiannon, 137 tons, sunk by a mine over eleven months after the outbreak of hostilities. A few days later Clementina, 625 tons, was abandoned after having been in collision. Sanda, 351 tons, was next sunk by gunfire off the Belgian coast, and amongst those who lost their lives were Lieut.-Commander H. T. Gartside Tipping, R.N., a very popular East Coast and Isle of Wight yachtsman, who rejoined the Navy although well over age.

Other craft sunk were the Duke of Leeds, Aries, 268 tons, and the Royal Motor Yacht Club's floating clubhouse Enchantress. Aries was sunk by a mine and Enchantress destroyed by fire.

Curiously enough, the losses in 1916 also totalled five. They were Sir Walpole Greenwell's Hersilia, 454 tons; the Duc de Montpensier's Mekong, 899 tons (both wrecked); Sir Thomas Lipton's Erin, which was sunk either by a mine or submarine in the Mediterranean; Lord Rosebery's Zaida, 350 tons, sunk by submarine in the Gulf of Alexandretta; and the Duke of Manchester's Conqueror II., mined.

In 1917 the losses were only three in number. These were Verona, 437 tons, and Zarefah, 279 tons, sunk by mines, and Kethailes, 611 tons, which sank after a collision off Blackwater Lightship.

MEASURED GOLF DRIVES.

Remarkable figures were achieved in a stroke contest at Sandylodge on Saturday. For the morning round Braid averaged 230 3/4 yards, Herd 221, Vardon 213, and Taylor 203.

In the afternoon the averages were Braid 225, Taylor 212, Vardon 211, and Herd 205.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Tues.	Orpheus and Eurydice	Gluck	8	10.15
Wed.	The Flying Dutchman	Wagner	7	10
Thurs.	Tosca	Puccini	7	10
Fri.	Cosi fan tutte	Mozart	7	10.30
Sat.	Tiefland	d'Albert	7.30	10
Sun.	[illegible]	Gounod	6	10.30
Mon.	NO PERFORMANCE			
Tues.	NO PERFORMANCE			

At the Leave Club.

On Sunday, the Band of the 20th K.R.R.C. very kindly gave a most enjoyable concert to a crowded hall at the British Empire Leave Club. Among their selections were the "Passing Show," "O solo mio," by Capua and "Valley of Laughter," by Saunderson, all of which were very much appreciated. Rfmn. Green sang with great charm, "There's a Land, dear Land" which met with great applause, and "For you alone," and later in the programme he gave "Nirvana" which was loudly encored. Major Bowen, who, I regret to say, will not be able to sing for us again owing to his departure for England, gave four most delightful songs, amongst which were the "Deathless Army" and "Behold the Dawn," which were received with well-merited applause. Miss Majorie Moore was unable to sing owing to a severe cold.

Substitute Programme.

Demobilization has so depleted the ranks of the Braganza Concert Party that they will be unable to give a performance at the British Empire Leave Club to-night, but by kind permission of the Y.M.C.A., Mr. Herring, who is so well-known for his illusions, is most generously coming to give a performance, which will be looked forward to by all.

In Few Words.

At the orchestral concert at the 6th Corps Officers' Club to-morrow the brilliant lady harpist, Frau Hauskeller, will appear.

Still they go. One of the latest entertainers to be "demobbed" is Jack Knight, late of the Rascals Concert Party. Would that I could add, "He never will be missed!"

JACQUES.

IS YOUR COUPON POSTED?

Results of Contest No. 4 to be Published on Thursday.

Saturday's results which are reviewed in another column again deceived numerous competitors, the defeats of Celtic and Sunderland tripping many.

We hope to publish the result of No 4 contest on Thursday. This week's appears below. You may send any number of entries providing the correct amount required is enclosed.

Our prize money is steadily mounting, and the winner is certain of a substantial amount. Do not fold your coupons or pin them together. Slip them into an envelope and post it now.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 5,
"Cologne Post,"
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.

2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.

3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.

4 In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.

5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.

6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.

7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.

8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.

9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 5.

Date of matches, Saturday, Oct. 25th.
Closing date, Friday, Oct. 24th.

Preston N. E.	v. Newcastle U.
Sheffield U.	v. Manchester U.
Bradford	v. Chelsea
Grimsby	v. Hull C.
Bury	v. South Shields
Lincoln	v. Clapton Orient
Notts Forest	v. Wolverhampton
Swansea	v. Brighton
Exeter	v. Millwall
Luton	v. Portsmouth
Airdrieonians	v. Hamilton A.
Motherwell	v. Kilmarnock

I enter Football Competition No. 5 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Popular Soccer.

Rambling on Sunday morning I was struck by the number of football matches that were taking place. In every glade there seemed to be a game in progress, the linesmen in most cases being small boys while the adults played. At one match the referee was a clergyman.

Railway Carriage Doors.

The opening of carriage doors as a train enters a station is always a dangerous practice. I notice that cases have occurred at Cologne Main station resulting in injury to railway personnel.

Another Hardship.

The nobleman who complained in the "Letter Box" that the trams always passed the end of the street before he reached it and wanted the authorities to do something about it, reminds me forcibly of the agitator in Hyde Park who demanded in raucous tones, "Let them bring the food to our 'omes. Why should we perishing toilers be forced to fetch it? Bring it to our 'omes, I say!"

Hard Times.

It is rather pathetic to hear of the number of ex-officers who were so eager for demobilization early in the year, writing to their comrades out on the Rhine and expressing their regret at having left the Army for what: Disillusion, I fear.

Car Lights.

The electric headlights on the cars of Cologne are not, as many suppose, put there to illuminate the destination boards. They are part of a system of coloured indicators which can allow one to tell the number and route of the car while yet afar off.

Did he See Double?

I saw him gazing at the Dom yesterday morning. He seemed fresh to Cologne. "I can't make it out what they do with the other two spires in the daytime", he said with a puzzled air, "I'll swear there were four last night."

Object to the Wine.

The number of Officers in the cabarets still remains small. Very many object to be under the obligation after having paid for admission to swallow the inferior wines for which high prices are asked. Rhine wine, especially the stuff sold today, is not everyone's fancy.

What is Wanted.

Undoubtedly the great need in Cologne is of a proper variety theatre such as we have at home and in other large towns in Germany, where you pay a fair price for your seat and are not expected to contribute to the artistes' salaries out of the profits on high-priced drinks.

Too Demonstrative.

An officer was giving a demonstration in the N.A.C.B. Club the other day of German methods of boxing. After a vivid description of what he witnessed at Luna Park, he did a sudden side-step to add colour to his arguments. Having failed to observe a table, well laden with glasses and bottles in the vicinity, he collided violently with it. Result:—An irate major, half saturated with varied drinks; a heap of broken glass and a blushing, very embarrassed sub, making voluble apologies.

Be Wary.

Difficulty in obtaining alcohol is holding up the manufacture of Eau de Cologne. Beware of substitutes.

For Old Cliftonians.

On the 25th I hear there is to be a dinner of Old Cliftonians in Cologne and any who wish to attend should communicate with Major G. Flemming, X. Corps, H.Q. stating house and dates between which they were at the school.

Historic.

The N.A.C.B. Canteen and recreation hall in the Sternengasse should be visited, if only by reason of the fact that it is housed in a building historically famous. Peter Paul Rubens is said to have been born there, and this is inscribed in a plaque on the front of the building. Then, too, Maria de Medicis, wife of Henri IV of France, died there.

Impressive.

I dropped into the Apostles' Church off the Neumarkt on Sunday afternoon. It was the only church I hadn't seen in Cologne, but I came away impressed with its atmosphere of almost Oriental mystery. It was shrouded in semi-darkness throwing up the lighted altar — entirely golden — into strong relief.

A Mystery.

Have you seen that striking and rather gruesome poster with a masked head under the slogan—"Dead or not Dead?" It advertises a new serial detective story in a German paper and a prize of 1000 marks is offered for a correct solution of the mystery.

Like our Fags.

There seems to be an absolute glut of Virginia cigarettes in the shops that used to be exclusively devoted to cigars. The Germans have got the "yellow peril" fever very badly, it appears.

Rates of Exchange.

The rate of exchange from the 16th to the 31st of this month fixes the value of 10 marks as 1s. 10d. One mark equals 31 centimes (French or Belgian) and 5 francs (French or Belgian) equals 2s. 10d.

From Knockaloe.

With commendable enterprise the German promoters of a boxing tournament state on the programmes the British associations of some of the competitors. "Late of London" may mean anything or nothing, but surely it is stretching matters to put Knockaloe behind the names of two pugilists. Knockaloe of course was the big internment camp in the Isle of Man, and it is possible the boxer learnt his art there.

Will the Blow Fall?

What is this terrifying rumour as to the withdrawal of Field Allowances? Many officers with blanched, frightened looking faces have been making anxious enquiries lately.

At Great Personal Risk.

Not long ago at Heumarkt a pair of horses drawing a wagon bolted, throwing the driver of the box. Corporal Watkins, M.M.P., galloped alongside the runaways and seized hold of the reins of one of the horses. He succeeded in bringing the animals to a standstill, although he was dragged from his own horse and along the street. By his disregard of personal safety he undoubtedly averted a serious accident and possibly saved the lives of two valuable horses. The Commander-in-Chief has expressed his appreciation of this act of courage.

The Real Stuff.

A Mess near Cologne was growing heartily sick of German pastry family. The other day they found a cook who had served with a North Country family and now they revel in unlimited "plum-duff" treacle "roly-poly" and Yorkshire pudding.

Welcome Home.

The German prisoners arriving from England and France at Coln-Deutz are met by German Red Cross Frauleins who provide them with food, chocolate, cigarettes, newspapers, souvenirs, flowers, smiles and kisses.

Zepp Street.

I see there is a Zeppelinstrasse leading off the Neumarkt in Cologne

Souvenirs.

Talking of Zepps and things like that, have you noticed those photos sold in the shops, of wrecked houses taken just after our airmen had been at work last year avenging the German air raids. They are instructive.

Open Windows.

The custom of leaving shop windows unshuttered during Sunday — one that is growing too in England — always strikes me as an excellent one. Very often you have leisure on Sunday to select from a window something that you go and buy on Monday.

An Indignant tram Driver.

I have often deplored my ignorance of the German language but never more than a few evenings ago in Marzellen Strasse. An irate driver of a tramcar was evidently pouring a flood of vituperation on the head of a lorry driver who was impeding his progress. The latter preserved an air of serene unconcern and went on unloading his lorry much to the amusement of a crowd of onlookers — and incidentally to the chagrin of the tramcar passengers. The driver's remarks — if printable — would have made interesting reading.

Germans Buying Goods.

A British business man tells me that he is astounded by the eagerness with which German traders will snap up any goods he has to sell. This is remarkable in view of the low value of the mark.

Economy.

Have you noticed in the forest country how at each haltstelle, the driver with a handset, jumps off the tram, enters the waiting hall, and adjusting the instrument, telephones through to the main station? The message despatched, he disconnects the instrument and handset in hand, resumes his driver's post, repeating the performance at each stopping place. Thus one handset serves for a whole route and the need for a watchman or operator at each station is obviated.

French Books.

An officer asks me where he can buy French books, including novels, in Cologne. My experience is that only a few shops have any, and then the selection is very limited. But perhaps I haven't found that right place.

Sold Out.

Lots of people, I hear, are finding that if they don't get out early in the morning for their copy of "The Post" they are greeted with the cry of "Sold out." We are going strong in the circulation line, I can tell you.

RHINELANDER.

FOR BUSINESS MEN IN RHINELAND.

ADVICE TO BRITISH TRADERS.

INFORMATIVE ITEMS FROM ALL SOURCES.

Mr. Hertz, of Hertz & Co. New York and London has just returned from a lengthy tour of all the important business centres in both occupied and unoccupied Germany. He has interviewed Erzberger and other interesting personalities at Berlin and many heads of businesses and industrial chiefs. The main point Mr. Hertz emphasizes is the necessity for the British manufacturer who is competing for foreign trade to be willing to adapt both his goods and his methods to suit his prospective customers in the country in which he is endeavouring to gain a footing. Advertising material price lists and so on must be in the language of the people receiving it and if possible (and generally it is possible) weights, measurements and prices also conforming to the established system.

These points have, of course, many times been dealt with before, but cannot be too often represented. Other things being equal, the order will always go to the firm submitting information and particulars in a readily understandable way. The Rhineland is being flooded with circulars and commercial literature mostly in English and it should be pointed out that this is largely wasted in spite of the number of German business men who speak English. The writer has even seen a circular letter from an Italian firm in Sicily sent to German business houses, all in English. Presumably this is their circular for the British market, but surely it would have paid to have printed a special translation for Germany. So is good money continually thrown away.

The following information has been addressed by the German Chamber of Commerce to the French Section, in connection with the establishment of branches in Cologne. Business men desirous of establishing branches in Cologne are required to fulfil the following formalities: (1) To get registered at the Tribunal (Amtsgericht) Section—Handelsregister, Cologne, Dept. 24 Reichensperperplatz, giving all particulars according to form supplied. (2) To obtain, by written application, permission to carry on business, from the Prussian minister for Commerce and Industry (Preussischer Minister für Handel and Gewerbe at Berlin).

On the form referred to, space is left for the enquirer to write in particulars under the following heads: Firm, legal, constitution of the business, object, address, proprietor or partners, size and offices, depots, manufacture, tenant, capital, turnover, taxes, banking connections, Post cheque account (this is an institution of the German Post Office very useful to business men) telegraphic address, telephone, book keeping system, machinery, other remarks.

The free town of Dantzig announces an International Fair for next spring Application for allotments and other communications may be addressed to "The Fair Office, Dantzig."

Mr. Robarts of Robarts and Quantock has arrived from Calais with a large stock of goods. The firm are now installed in their much more convenient premises at 100 Hohestrasse, over the Chamber of Commerce.

In accordance with the recent decision of the Government, a general authority has been issued to the Custom authorities under which all articles covered by the regulation as to the importation of paper were admitted into this country without licence as from August 29th. The Paper Import Restrictions Department, at 23, Buckingham Gate, S.W. 1, closed on September 6th, and further communications on the subject should be addressed to the Department of Import Restrictions, 22, Carlisle Place, S.W.1.

The internationalization of all patents was urged at the International Congress, which was held at Brussels at the beginning of the month, at which representatives of all the principal countries were present. The Belgian Minister of Industry and Works suggested that the city of Liége should be chosen as the future seat of the Universal Union of Inventions.

Mr. Lee of Flights Ltd. is now back in Cologne from London and has an extensive range of new patterns and materials for both civilian and military outfits. He has all information respecting the new approved Air Force uniform, and will be pleased to answer all enquiries respecting this.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Hats off.—To-day is "Nelson Day."

Down Under.—Australia is in the throes of a miners' strike.

One of our Jobs.—Many Russian officers are being trained at Newmarket.

Splendid.—Uruguay has just come into line and ratified the Peace Treaty.

Useful Work. — Blinded soldiers are proving very successful as masseurs.

Doctors Now.—French medical men are agitating for an eight-hour day.

Great Contralto.—Madame Clara Butt is shortly to be seen in opera.

Base Uses.—Old Army boots are to be used for fertilizing the soil.

London Politics.—Two million electors can vote at the London municipal elections on November 1st.

British War Dogs.—Colonel Richardson, who trained war dogs, is to write his experiences.

Cutting Down.—Large reductions are being made in the Dockyard Staff at Portsmouth.

Big Fight.—The Socialists are making a big bid for control in the London Boroughs at the forthcoming elections.

State "Pubs" Pay.—The State made a quarter of a million profit on the public-houses it controlled during the war.

Cattle in Demand.—Scottish shorthorns are fetching big prices. One was bought recently for 4,600 guineas.

The Oyster Feed.—The Colchester Oyster Feast abandoned during the war is being revived to-day.

Making good.—For rebuilding the Somme village 20.000 German workmen will be requisitioned.

Uncertainty.—The Government has not decided whether to continue the Citizen Guards called up during the recent strike.

Share Gambling.—There is a speculative fever in India just now and many new companies are being floated.

Needs Funds.—The bank overdraft of Bart.'s Hospital has reached the respectable figure of £38.000.

Raised From The Dead.—A Burmese woman in Bombay claims she can bring the dead to life.

South African Soldier.—The chief instigator of eight murders, a South African, has been shot at Lille.

Beagles Revived.—The pack beagles at Eton college, stopped last year owing to food economy are to be re-started.

Huge Theatre.—The largest theatre in the world will be the Capitol at New York, now being completed.

Titles on the Film.—Lady Doris Stapleton is appearing in the movies as a coster queen.

Plying for Hire.—A new type of motorcycle taxi-cab is being placed on the London streets.

Lamentable.—It is rumoured that the economy campaign will mean the death-knell of cadet battalions in England.

Good at Counting?—Great Britain needs over a million houses. This will entail the use of 25,000,000,000 bricks.

Not Much Fun.—An ex-stationmaster on the G.W.R. who is 94 years old is a non-drinker, non-smoker and a vegetarian.

Hay Rations.—The shortage of hay in England being so serious, it will be strictly rationed.

Steady There!—Many cases of exceeding the speed limit on motor cars are occurring near London.

Scout's Jamboree.—Boy Scouts will hold a big tournament at Olympia next August.

Cold Scholars.—Owing to the lack of coal, the suspension of school instruction is reported from every part of Germany.

The Poor Curate. — Canon Green of Salford says that carters are better paid than the average curate to-day.

Novelist's Illness.—Mrs. Florence Barclay, the novelist, has undergone a serious operation, but is now making good progress.

Want Wives.—Replies to the letter of the Bishop of Olmütz, Czecho-Slovakia, show that the majority of priests favour the abolition of celibacy.

Red Cross Donations.—Sir Dennis Bayley, who raised £287,000 for the Red Cross has been presented with a piece of silver plate.

After Long Years.—Ex-Corporal Goodhall at one time orderly to King Edward has just received the Meritorious Service Medal. He left the Guards 33 years ago.

Have to Part.—The impression that ex-soldiers are not liable for Income Tax for twelve months after demobilization is quite incorrect.

Discharged.—A new army of unemployed women will be created by the end of the year. About 75,000 additional girls are to be thrown out of work.

Expensive Luxury.—The recent railway strike is variously estimated as having cost the country from fifty to a hundred millions.

Mayoral Tragedy.—Mr. Peter Gilston, an ex-Lord Mayor of Leeds, has met a tragic death. He was killed by a motorbus in Parliament square, London.

Have you seen the Shah?—The Shah of Persia is due to arrive in London at the end of this month. Several of his predecessors have made noteworthy ceremonial visits to England.

Runaway Car.—A tramcar in Aberdeen ran away through the driver fainting. It was finally stopped by a young man on the car who had no knowledge of its mechanism.

Sacrilege.—The proposal to erect a factory close to Shakespeare's house in Stratford-on-Avon is being opposed vigorously.

King's Cellarer.—Major Kingscote is to be the new "Gentleman of the King's Wine Cellars," an ancient position in the Royal Household.

Irish Playwright.—A new writer of plays has been found in Mr. Herbert French. His "Napoleon" is being produced by the Stage society.

Better Than Never.—Bombardier W. Williams (R.G.A.) of Chew Magna has just received Princess Mary's Christmas gift which was posted to him at Portsmouth in 1914.

Criminal Squandering.—At the Westminster Profiteering Committee the chairman said the Government made two hundred millions out of profiteering and then wasted it.

THE FEELING OF RHINELAND.

Recently there appeared in the "Daily Chronicle" an article written by Mr. Philip Gibbs under the title of "Europe after the Storm; Rhineland Reviving under British Rule."

The well-known war correspondent here writes on the Germans in the occupied territory. In the course of the article he says, speaking of the Rhinelanders, "They acknowledge now that Germany at the dictation of Prussia fought an aggressive war."

Now I, who have been in the Rhineland since last December, have lost no opportunity of speaking to the people—in billets, farms and beer taverns, and with educated people of all classes, and have never yet met anyone who would admit that Germany began the war, or wanted it.

Russia and France are always said to have caused the war—Russia, by her hurried mobilization, which was a grave menace to Germany because of the absolutely open frontiers of East Prussia, and France by her implacaple hatred and call for "Räche für 1870" which were a bar to any possible understanding.

Some of the better-educated, in the light of recent revelations, blame the now derelict empire of Austria-Hungary, which did not keep Germany well-informed of every step in the negotiations, who therefore acted blindly on half-knowledge. But never will anyone admit that Germany was to blame.

Mr. Philip Gibbs says too, "They, (the Rhinelanders), realise that the German Armies were actually beaten in the field, instead of being forced to surrender by the break-up of the civil population owing to hunger."

The people with whom I have spoken will not admit this. Only a few weeks ago a well-read man emphatically declared to me that the German Armies were not beaten. "Only look," he said, "at the area of the country we occupied in Belgium and France and in the Balkans; we were not beaten."

Everyone says that if the United States had not entered on our side they would have easily won—and truly they went very near, as any British soldier who was in the March retirement well knows.

The general tenor of Mr. Philip Gibbs' observations coincide with what I have observed—that the gospel of hatred in its most venomous form has died, but there is no doubt that the people cordially hate us as a nation, a hatred which is sometimes but very thinly veiled, but as individuals they have learnt to like us, as a rule.

It is rather noticeable that many of the inhabitants will not admit that they are Prussians. "We are Rhinelanders," they say, "not Prussians." Some seem to realise now that the name of Prussia is abhorred throughout the world—outside Prussia.

Many writers have tried to prove that the people of the Rhineland are semi-French in feeling and thoughts, and not true Prussians, but this is a fallacy. Although many are of French extraction, they bear no love towards the land of their forefathers.

The chief cause of the rancour against England, I think, is the fact that had we not entered the lists against them, they know they would have won. Their pride in proud Prussia; her almost unbroken record of victorious wars; their belief in her invincibility sedulously fostered by Berlin; their dreams of world-dominion—all this to be shattered by the decadent islanders of Britain is as bitter as gall to them, and the hatred will never die—they have by no means forgotten, but will rise again one day to claim their "Rightful Heritage, the Earth." *E. J. L.*

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N. W. FRONTIER.

HEAVY FIGHTING AND MANY LOSSES.

A delayed Reuter telegram from Simla says there has been considerable fighting on the North-West frontier of India.

British forces have been twice ambushed. On the first occasion about three hundred Wazi Wazirs attacked a reconnoitring party between Manghi and Lun on the 5th October. Our casualties are reported to have been twenty-nine killed and missing, including one officer. The enemy, however, lost heavily.

On the 6th October a column from Kaurbridge engaged the same party of the enemy, then estimated at 600 strong, near Manghi, and drove them back toward the hills. Afterwards, however, they apparently fell into an ambush and only succeeded in returning to Kaurbridge after heavy fighting.

Our casualties are believed to number about eighty, including two British officers and one Indian medical officer killed. On the 8th October a fresh column, with guns, proceeded to Manghi, but their report has not yet been received.

SOUTH RUSSIA.

BOLSHEVISTS ON THE RUN.

The following details of operations in South Russia are supplied by various Reuter correspondents.

West of the river Khoper the Cossacks continuing their advance, routed the Bolshevist 14th Division with the loss of 5,000 prisoners, 27 guns and many machine-guns. East of Voronsj and also East of Orel severe fighting continues, volunteers following up their advance. South West of Orel an enemy column 10,000 strong, composed of Lettish and Chinese regiments, advancing to the attack was enveloped. Half of it was entirely destroyed and the remainder fled North.

The Bolshevists, reinforced by a new division withdrawn from in front of the Poles, unexpectedly attacked Kiev on the 16th October and temporarily occupied the town, but volunteer reinforcements later cleared the whole city except the West and North West suburbs, where fighting was still proceeding on the 17th. Thus the Bolshevist attempts to recover territory lost during the past month have brought them nothing but severe losses. Even the putting in of fresh troops from all the Bolshevist fighting fronts has been unable to stem the advance of the volunteer army.

LESS UNEMPLOYMENT.

The Board of Trade Labour Gazette states that employment improved generally during September. Until the beginning of the railway strike it was better than in any previous month of this year. The railway strike, resulted in a large amount of unemployment in the coal-mining industry and in great coal-using trades. It is estimated that not less than 375,000 workpeople were unemployed for varying periods as a result of the railway strike.

D'ANNUNZIO'S GAGE.

Gabriel D'Annunzio, in an interview published in London, says that if nobody attacks him he will either march to Rome or attack the nearest enemy in order to offer a sacrifice on behalf of oppressed peoples. He says that Italian soldiers and sailors have promised to rally to him at a given sign and declares that the Allied Governments will be powerless.

RUSHOLME ELECTION RESULT.

The Rusholme by-election resulted as follows:

Thorpe, Coalition Unionist, 9,394.
Dunstan, Labour, 6,412.
Pringle, Liberal, 3,923.
Crewdson, National Party, 815.

The previous Unionist majority, in December 1918, was 8,748.

MUNITIONS DUMPED IN SCHELDT.

The Dutch Minister in London has been instructed to call the attention of the British Government to the fact that a tug and lighter of the British Naval Reserve have navigated the Dutch portion of the Scheldt and dumped munitions in Dutch territorial waters without having first received the permission of the Netherlands Government.

POLAND'S POLICE.

The British Police Mission, which is being sent on the invitation of the Government of Poland to assist in the organisation of the Polish Police force, left London yesterday for Warsaw. It is headed by Colonel Macready, son of the Chief Commissioner of London police.

PENNANT CASE.

FURTHER ASTOUNDING CHARGES.

On the resumption of the Pennant case yesterday Miss Pennant made a number of sensational statements. First she persisted in her allegation that a certain officer, whom she named, desired to "job" friends of his into positions, but on Counsel saying that he was prepared to prove that this officer never saw and never even knew the names of four out of the five ladies referred to at the time the appointments were made, Miss Pennant said that if that was correct she would certainly express her regret.

The next moment, however, she suggested, in reply to a question, that this officer desired the alleged immorality in certain W.R.A.F. camps to continue. She thought this was so because he gave her no assistance in clearing up the serious state of affairs of which she was becoming aware, and he was the only man who was capable of doing so. She dined at Lambeth Palace with the Archbishop of Canterbury, when she heard very serious reports of the conditions prevailing at different camps. She subsequently told the officer in question, but he assured her there was nothing in it, and she was never able to get at the most serious state of affairs at Hurst Park until he left.

Lord Wrenburg, Committee President, described Miss Pennant's accusations against individuals as surprising and the conclusions she came to as extraordinary.

Miss Pennant finally admitted that she had never made a written complaint to the Master General because she was unable to verify the matter.

ANOTHER VIEW.

RAILWAY LEADERS LACK OF COURTESY.

Mr. Robert Williams, General Secretary of the Transport Workers' Federation, speaking at Newport (Mon) on Monday night said he thought the Railwaymens' leaders in the recent strike were responsible for an error of tactics. In common courtesy the Triple Alliance should have been informed of the position of the negotiations, whereas the first they knew of it was from the newspapers. If the Triple Alliance had known the true position, he did not think a strike would have been necessary.

ARRESTED CHAPLAIN'S CAREER.

Captain the Rev. Thomas O'Donnell, Padre to the Australian forces, who was arrested in Dublin, was formerly a vigorous supporter of the Labour Party in Tasmania but severed his connection with the party because he advocated conscription. He offered to go to the front as a Chaplain, but as there was no vacancy he enlisted as a private. Before sailing he addressed a series of enthusiastic meetings in favour of conscription in Tasmania and Victoria.

THANET BY-ELECTION.

The By-election in the Isle of Thanet Division, necessitated by the death of Mr. Norman Craig, will be fought chiefly on the question of economy. It is announced that Mr Esmond Harmsworth, son of Lord Rothermere, will contest the constituency as an anti waste candidate, while Sir Walter de Frece, husband of Vesta Tilly, is talked of as the Conservative candidate.

HENDERSON STAYS BEHIND.

In view of the uncertainty of the United States participating in the International Labour Conference at Washington, owing to the non-ratification of the Peace Treaty (on which the Conference is based) together with the political and industrial situation at home, Mr. Arthur Henderson, M.P., has decided not to go to Washington with the British Labour delegation.

FOOD PRICES MOUNTING.

Official returns show that the general level of retail food prices on the 1st October was about 120 per cent. above pre-war level as compared with 115 per cent. on the 1st September.

Mr. Hughes, vice-President of the Yorkshire Miners Association, has been adopted as Labour candidate for the Don valley at the next election.

The Admiralty issued a statement on Saturday revealing the fact that the Home Fleet ceases to exist at the end of this month.

PARLIAMENT OPENS.

MANY QUESTIONS AWAITING SOLUTION.

Parliament, which meets again to-day, has some questions of outstanding importance awaiting its consideration. Among them are National economy, labour hours and wages, coal industry control, Ireland, housing, electricity supply and perhaps the taxation of war profits or a capital levy.

Most likely there will be a big economy debate next week, on which occasion the Premier will probably make a full announcement of the Government's policy. A demand for an Autumn budget will be strongly supported and ruthless economy in every direction will certainly be urged.

As regards the scheme for the taxation of war profits, Mr. Montague, Mr. Winston Churchill and Lord Birkenhead are reported to be in favour, Mr. Lloyd George and Lord Inverforth doubtful, Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Austen Chamberlain against the proposal.

GOVERNMENT SALES.

BLANKETS FETCH GOOD PRICES.

A six day's auction of domestic effects began at the White City yesterday, when about 1,500 buyers attended, mostly retailers. The lots disposed of were chiefly mattresses, pillows and blankets, for which there was keen competition. Blankets sold at eighteen to twenty-two shillings a pair.

A large crowd of bidders attended a sale of R.A.S.C. motors at Catford. One three-ton lorry fetched 390 guineas and others made over 400. A Daimler touring car with a dismantled engine realised 200 guineas. The most remarkable case, however, was that of a Daimler limousine body, without chassis or frame and with the engine and some other parts lying in an absolute scrap-heap. This fetched 250 guineas. There were also a number of motor cycles from France, all in a dilapidated state, but nothing went for less than twenty-five guineas.

SPECIALISTS IN THE R.A.M.C.

The War Office announces that arrangements are being made by the Royal Army Medical Corps to train men not over 21 years of age as pharmacists, dispensers, dental mechanics, X-ray, operating-room, mental, and laboratory attendants, masseurs, opticians, nursing orderlies, and hospital cooks. Accepted candidates for these specialist classes will be required to serve for the normal period of seven years with the colours, and will receive the rates of pay laid down in the new warrant while qualifying for their duties. At the same time men over 21 years of age and not exceeding 35 who are already qualified in any of the classes of work indicated will be accepted for service, and should have good prospects of a career.

TRAITORS SENTENCED.

Ten French men and women were sentenced on Saturday for activities in connection with the "Gazette des Ardennes," the pro-German newspaper published in the North of France during the German occupation.

Three were sentenced to death and the remainder to periods of penal servitude ranging from five to seven years.

BREAD SUBSIDY.

The Food Ministry was besieged on Saturday with enquiries in consequence of Mr. Lloyd George's statement at Sheffield regarding the termination of the bread subsidy.

An official said that the Premier's hint was the first intimation the department had heard about the matter.

OYSTERS IN THE MESS.

At the first meeting of the Oswestry Profiteering Tribunal the clerk read a complaint from Captain K.F.D. Gatti, D.S.O., South Wales Borderers at Park Hall Camp, stating that on Oct. 10, in company with other officers, he saw oysters exposed for sale by a local fish dealer, and purchased four dozen at 2s 6d per dozen. Returning to the camp he instructed the messcorporal to go to town and buy further quantities. This he did on Oct. 14, buying five dozen oysters, for which 3s 6d per dozen was charged. They were of exactly the same quality as he had bought previously for 2s 6d. The battalion was about to depart from Park Hall to embark for foreign service, and the captain and corporal were asked to sign a declaration before the magistrate, whilst the fish dealer was called upon to attend before a special sitting of the tribunal.

TEACHERS' STRIKE OVER.

The strike among teachers at the elementary schools in the North Riding, which began in the early days of June, ended yesterday, the North Riding County Council having agreed to refer the question of increased remuneration to arbitration.

Poulet, the airman who is attempting the Paris-Melbourne flight, left Naples on Monday morning for Salonica.

Apart from a slight digestive disturbance, President Wilson's condition remains unchanged.

TANK INVENTORS.

REJECTION OF NUMEROUS CLAIMS.

The Commission which is engaged in sifting the claims for awards in connection with the invention and development of the tank resumed its sittings yesterday. The Solicitor-General, referring to Sir Eustace D'Eyncourt's claim, admitted that Sir Eustace had devoted a great deal of attention to matters quite outside his own department as Chief Naval Constructor; but great though his services were, they did not bring him within the class of applicants entitled to a monetary reward.

Sir John Simon then opened the case for Colonel Crompton and described his services in connection with the investigation and perfection of caterpillar traction. He admitted that Colonel Crompton had offered to do the work at a salary of £30 a month, but pointed out that the country had voted gratuities to Generals who had been in the field in addition to their pay. Colonel Crompton had given something like 3,500 hours hard mental labour to the problem and his remuneration would have been at about the rate received by a foreman or fitter in a factory.

Giving evidence in support of his claim Colonel Crompton said he did not regard the work he had done as coming within the terms of his duties, adding that, "It was not within the terms of my duties not to go to bed. I, however, was only one of a team who worked loyally, over extremely long hours and I nearly killed myself over the job."

Mr. Le Gros, ex-President of the Association of Automobile Engineers, who co-operated with Colonel Crompton, said the latter worked about seventeen hours a day. He himself worked fourteen or fifteen.

The Chairman, however, considered the objections to the claims of Colonel Crompton and Mr. Le Gros to be even stronger than those against Sir Eustace D'Eyncourt.

In the afternoon an Australian, Corporal De Male, who appeared in khaki, described the models he submitted to the War Office in 1911, 1912, and 1915, showing the advantages of chain rail traction for heavy transport, all of which were rejected.

The claims of Sir William Tritton were next presented. Counsel said Sir William designed and constructed the form of track used on all machines in the first battle of the Somme.

AN UNGALLANT FIANCÉ.

A summons against Barnet Less known as Bert Lees, of Penter-street, Goldman's Fields, at the instance of Miss Oriefsky, known as Rose Samuels, was dealt with in the King's Bench Division.

It was stated that the lady was once the debtor's fiancee, and that he inveigled her into a house, stripped her of her jewellery and a fur coat and put her out into the rain in her skirt and blouse. His lordship at the last hearing made an order for the man to pay 10s. a week, but he had paid nothing.

The debtor was ordered to pay £7 11s. within fourteen days, or go to prison.

CONSCRIPTION TO GO.

In a letter to the Dundee Liberal Association, Mr. Winston Churchill says that the discontent which partially affected the armies in January and February last has completely subsided and a thoroughly good spirit prevails. The building up of a volunteer army has been so satisfactory that there will be no difficulty whatever in doing away with conscription altogether when the present Act lapses in April and possibly it may be repealed before them.

OVERSEAS REPATRIATION.

During September, overseas officers and men and their families were repatriated as follows:

To	Offrs.	O.R	Dependents
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Canada	2054	9720	1428
S. America	61	59	35
U. S. A.	42	32	21
Australia	486	7.47	494
New Zealand	149	1582	565

TO TAX WAR FORTUNES.

Mr. Herbert Samuel, speaking at Saltburn, said:

"If it is found practicable to levy a tax on fortunes accumulated during the war, I feel convinced that such a measure would be just in principle. Reasonable savings should be exempt, and small accumulations should not be hit. But I do not feel convinced that a tax on war fortunes is impracticable, and the country should insist on an inquiry into its feasibility."

THE PORTUGESE IN FRANCE.

The cost of the upkeep of the Portuguese Army in France from the date of its departure from Portugal to its return amounted to £28,000,000.

THE THRIFTY FRENCH.

During the period from January 1 to October 1, 1919, the excess of deposits in French savings banks over withdrawals from them amounted to 750,251,431 f. (£30,010,057), which total constitutes a "record."

RAILWAY STRIKE.

MR. THOMAS OFFERS TO RESIGN HIS SEAT.

Addressing a meeting of railway workers yesterday, Mr. J. H. Thomas denied that the action of the Railwaymens' Union in the recent strike was precipitate. As a matter of fact, he said, negotiations with the Government had been going on for seven months.

He described the interview at the Ministry of Transport on the Thursday before the strike as the most unpleasant he had ever taken part in. The shorthand note of the proceedings, however, made no mention of this.

It had been said that the strike was a blow aimed at the State, but he maintained that it was an industrial dispute in which the State happened to be the employers.

As for the statement that the strike was a failure and that his followers were deserting him, there were thousands more railwaymen out at the close of the strike than at the start. The strike ought to be a lesson to everybody. The railwaymen believed that to the management of railways they could contribute experience, brains and capacity that would be useful to the country. They asked therefore for a share in the management of the railways and he invited the Government to consider that proposal.

For himself, since his recent actions had not commended themselves to all his constituents, he undertook to apply for the Chiltern Hundreds and fight his seat again if either party in Derby wished to challenge his position and bring forward an opponent. He had, however, no fear for the result.

1914 STAR.

CLASP AND ROSETTE.

The King has approved of the issue of a clasp to officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men who have been awarded the "1914 Star," and who actually served under the fire of the enemy in France and Belgium between Aug. 5, 1914, and midnight, Nov. 22-23, 1914. The clasp will be in bronze, and will bear the inscription "Aug. 5—Nov. 22, 1914."

In undress and service uniform, when ribands are worn, the grant of the clasp will be denoted by the wearing of a small silver rose in the centre of the riband.

BASUTOS IN LONDON.

A party of Basuto chiefs, who decided to come to England in order personally to offer the King the loyal congratulations of Basutoland on the successful termination of the war, arrived at Waterloo on Saturday afternoon. The chiefs wore clothing of European cut and material and were very smartly clad.

Great crowds had gathered to greet the visitors and conveyances were in waiting to take them to their headquarters in Bayswater. The visitors displayed the liveliest interest in the throng of soldiers and civilians waiting for the train at Waterloo station.

EXPENSIVE TRAMP STEAMERS.

On his arrival at Liverpool from America, Mr. Gould, the shipowner, was interviewed. He said he did not fear American competition in British shipping. The most striking feature of the administration of the United States Shipping Board was its wastefulness. In consequence, the cost of operating American tramp steamers was three times that of the British tramps.

L.C.C. REWARDS FOR STRIKE SERVICE.

The L.C.C. traffic receipts for the two weeks ended Oct. 1 and 8 amounted to £183,000, an increase of £23,000 during the period covered by the railway strike. It is estimated that the net increase in traffic receipts will be approximately £18,000. In consideration of the services rendered by the motormen, conductors, and certain other employees the grant of a period not exceeding two days' leave is recommended as the most suitable form of expressing the Council's satisfaction with the loyal services rendered. The cost of this proposal would be approximately £9,000.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO R.W. SURREYS.

In memory of the officers and men of the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment who fell in the war, it is proposed to place a memorial in Holy Trinity Church, Guildford. The central feature of the memorial is to be a marble and alabaster shrine, in which is to be placed a casket containing the regiment's Book of Life, the names of 413 officers and 6,736 other ranks who made the supreme sacrifice.

The cost of the entire scheme will be £2,000 to £2,200.

DYERS COMING OUT.

Sixty thousand bleachers and dyers in Lancashire have handed in strike notices for 1st November unless their demands for advance of wages are conceded. They are chiefly engaged on cotton goods.

ROUGH ON RATS.

EXTERMINATION WEEK STARTS.

England's rat week began yesterday, when every municipal and local authority in England and Wales started to wage war against the army of rats, estimated to number at least fifty millions. Each local authority is adopting its own plan of campaign but poison seems to be the principal means of attack.

The Board of Agriculture recommends a particularly thorough attack on London where the general public seldom has any idea of the hordes of vermin harboured by the metropolis except when a great fire takes place or old buildings are broken up.

In Aldershot on Saturday a successful rehearsal of the fight was carried out on the Corps (at least) of army rats in the Command Forage Stores at Gasworks Hill. Yesterday operations began in earnest, General Sir Archibald Murray having issued a special Command Order enjoining all commanding officers to do their best against a common enemy.

Some local authorities are offering as much as five shillings per dozen for dead rats, Coventry for instance, but others consider that such rewards put a premium on rat breeding.

WELSH DISCORDS.

NEW MUSICAL FESTIVAL TO BE ARRANGED.

A sensation has been caused throughout Wales by the announcement that a group of Welsh musicians and composers are so dissatisfied with the present tendencies of the national Eisteddfod that they have decided to launch a new annual Welsh musical festival. It will be of three days' duration and will be inaugurated next Whit Monday at Mountain Ash.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

At the opening of the week investments were hesitating, partly owing to indications of drastic taxation legislation, and partly to the forthcoming issue at 98 of three millions New South Wales Loan stock, carrying five and a-half per cent. redeemable in five to fifteen years. Home railways were firmer, increased freight rates being foreshadowed. Cements were prominent among Industrials. The feature of the day was the activity and strength of diamond shares, which is a reflection on the prosperity of the diamond trade. Interest was further stimulated by the Premier Diamond dividend on deferred shares, being fifteen shillings last year. In Russian stocks there was occasional profit taking. Russian railway and municipal issues further advanced, holders being unwilling to realise. Siberian minings were on the up-grade. Peruvian stocks were in active demand, and Argentine railways strong and encouraging.

SIR J. WOLFE MURRAY DEAD.

The death from heart failure of Lieut. General Sir James Wolfe Murray at Peebles is announced, following an accident three weeks ago, when he fell on the pavement in High-street, Peebles, and fractured his right thigh.

Sir James, who was in his 67th year, served in Ashanti and South Africa, held commands in India, was General Officer Commanding-in-Chief in 1914, was First Military Member of the Army Council in 1914-15, and General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command, in 1916-17.

IF MARRIED AND "ON THE STRENGTH."

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LONDON PARTICULAR.

The first serious fog of autumn visited London on Monday and still continues. Towards evening the congestion of traffic became very considerable in the vicinity of Knightsbridge and about 9.30 p.m. groups of omnibuses ranged on either side of the thoroughfare found it impossible to move in either direction. Most of the suburbs, however, enjoyed brilliant sunshine.

DERBYSHIRE OIL OUTPUT.

It is officially estimated that 8,000,000 gallons of oil has steadily flowed at the Hardstoft Well, near Sheffield, since the heart of the stratum was first penetrated by the American borers. The flow has now attained an average of over 2,000 gallons per twenty-four hours. Drilling for the present has been temporarily suspended, but will be resumed in the near future.

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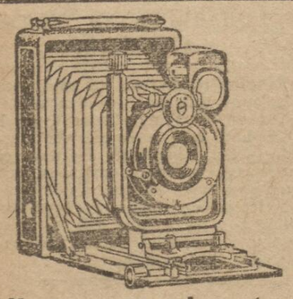

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Wednesday, October 22, 1919.

"FISHERISMS."

Trenchant, forceful, pithy and epigrammatic. Such are the characteristics of the breezy "memories" of Lord Fisher a selection from whose gems we have published from day to day. The bluff sailor-man fearless and heterodox, who once ruled the "King's Navee" is reflected in almost everyone of these vivacious utterances; we seem to sniff the salt sea tang in almost every line.

What many an author would assign, for want of courage, to his posthumous works, "Jacky Fisher" with boyish glee, publishes in his lifetime. Treading on peoples toes has become to him a second nature. He is never so much at peace as when at war. Criticism as candid as he retails is distinctly rare, and he is as much at home with big game as with humbler and less pretentious fry. This combined with the epigrammatic habit he seems to have cultivated assiduously, explains the wide popularity of these "Memories."

We like a catchword, and Lord Fisher from out the depths of a bountiful reservoir supplies it. His literary kitchen is a wonderful structure which might be in a vineyard, but is more probably on a quarterdeck. To a definite morsel very carefully weighed which might have fallen from the table of a Greek philosopher, he adds a little spice and a little ginger of his own concoction and serves up the dish a trifle overdone. The result is a pungent "Fisherism."

He sets down in writing what most of us think or only mention "sotto voce," and expresses it infinitely neater.

With advancing age — he is now on the threshold of his 79th year — he is apparently as glib of tongue as he was in his palmy days at the Admiralty, so that he is a living testimony of the truth of his own saying that the brain improves while the body decays.

In the Army we have neither the salt sea spray nor the invigorating breezes to whip us into that state of effervescent mentality which gives birth to concentrated wisdom at once oracular and arresting. We have no vast expanse of ocean to excite intensive rumination. The Junior Service has no "Jacky" Fisher. Even Parliament itself, which has not always been so poor, is poverty-stricken.

OUR LAST RIVER TRIP.

The Rhine river trips, as far as our troops are concerned, concluded for the season at the end of September, but by some miraculous process a special steamer was put off for our battalion, and so we were privileged to have the last trip of the year.

There is an end to all good things, even Army life, much less river trips, and what memories shall we have of steaming down the grand old Rhine and seeing its incomparable beauties!

It was a glorious October morning as we entrained at Cologne West for Bonn and our expectations ran high.

We marched through the famous university town with band playing and guided by a small German laddie, immensely proud of himself and his task, to the boat.

The task of embarkation being completed, the steamer glided away. In that hour even demobilization had lost its charm for our men; a soft mist gave way to a flood of sunshine overflowing the hills; the breezes sang their hymn of praise; the wooded slopes, the vineyards nestling under their crags, the ancient castles and pretty riverside towns, above all, the swiftly-flowing stream, lighted up like silver with its traffic of barges and rafts, was all too lovely for words and we were thrilled with joy unspeakable.

The warant officers and sergeants were allotted the saloon on the upper deck, the band were in the forecastle, the men had the whole of the lower deck and the after-part of the top deck, and the officers the main saloon. How marvellous is the accomodation of these Rhine steamers! You are protected from the wind by the glass screens, and there are numerous chairs and seats. It is all so very restful and invigorating. So we steamed along, the band playing numerous selections and the men singing. Our R.S.M. was in the seventh heaven of delight, for on the top deck he was monarch off all he surveyed, and his benignant smiles cheered his large family. The sergeants even danced during the morning, and the one lady passenger had a busy time, for she had no jealous rivals.

A visit to the Captain on the bridge was a special treat. His heart was strangely warmed by a drop of tawny port and he was anxious to please. How he revelled in pointing out the objects of interest along the bank. The canteen did a roaring trade and the boys with cigars between their lips looked like millionaire yachtsmen. How hungry we all were and so the meals served on board were keenly relished!

The German system of numbering the banks of the river in large figures, corresponding to those printed on the large panoramic maps, gives one an added interest in the journey. This feature is worthy of notice and it would be of great advantage to tourists if we adopted the method on the Thames and other rivers at home.

Our journey up stream ended within sight of the famous "Little Willie's Bridge," an hour's run from Coblenz. We returned to Cologne by steamer all the way and when dusk descended on the river a memorable dance was held for all ranks on the lower deck. The strains of our famous band and the the sight of the happy faces of our men as they waltzed around made a perfect picture. It was a fitting end to a glorious and never-to-be-forgotten day—the last trip of the season. *G.K.*

WHAT STIRRED HIM.

The cabaret was crowded.

The orchestra played rapturous music redolent of the Orient.

It was a scene of laughter and gaiety, a temple of mirth, where dull care was chased away, such a scene as can only be observed in the Cafe B — (but why should I give free advertisement to the place?)

Clothed in a filmy "creation" and a smile, a bewitching damsel engaged attention with her interpretation of one of those mysterious dances from somewhere East of Suez.

His blasé air attracted me.

Nero with all his fiddling while Rome burnt could not have worn a more indifferent air.

A man of the world I thought, probably accustomed to such festive scenes, and the label on the bottle certainly showed a fine discrimination in the selection of his wine.

The dazzling display of ribbons on his breast told their silent tale of long service, so that it was with a very reverent air, therefore, that I took my seat at the same table.

Yes, he condescended to notice me.

Even the most reserved of men seek solace in conversation at times.

How I listened with bated breath. I was right in my surmise.

In strange places and amid strange races had he dwelt.

The world to him was a mere nothing.

He had roamed this planet to some considerable extent.

He spoke "en passant" of Hyderabad bazaars, of the noisome smell of Suez, and said quite a lot about Port Said.

Cairo with its noisy crowds, dear old old Dublin of the "distressful" country; in this wise did he bring the places of the earth together.

Truly he was a man of the world.

Old Dame Experience had left him with that imperturbable air that enabled him to look on the things of this world with just a mildly cynical eye, but wholly tolerable to many of its shortcomings.

And so he left me with a cheerful "good night" to pursue the even tenor of his way.

Dreamily I lingered sipping the expensive water in my glass, but my thoughts were far from Cologne.

The glamour of places unvisited was upon me.

What vistas he had opened up.

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I gathered my thoughts and hat, and made my way out of the cabaret.

Passing up the street my attention was attracted by a violent scuffle outside another cafe.

A vision of waving arms and legs prompted me to enquire the cause of the trouble.

As if in answer a loud voice was heard announcing "that the Artillery was the pick of the bunch, better than all your cavalry mobs."

It was the voice of my man of the world.

Yes, its the little things that matter.

"HAWKEYE"

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

SOARING PRICES.

Sir,—"Tock Emma," who writes on soaring prices, has either absolutely no comprehension or else is wilfully blinding himself to facts.

To state that German goods are very inferior to British is quite wrong, and I have my own experience to prove that the German's knowledge of watches and watch repairs is vastly superior to that of the British and also his charges are infinitely less.

Too many of our people, judging from your "Letter Box," appear to have a very wrong impression as regards the comparison of German-British prices. I have bought various articles in Cologne at various prices one-third of what they are in England to-day.

I am thinking not only of one article but of many articles to the value of about 1500 marks. I have before me now an English catalogue dated June 1st, 1913, and a certain article is priced at 21s. A friend has just shown me a similar article he bought in Cologne yesterday for 17 marks with excellent workmanship and perfect finish, and this with the mark at 120 to the pound.

"Tock Emma" seems to be unaware that peace has been signed, and his letter proves that he does not possess that typical British character—fairness.

Captain, R.A.M.C.

WAILS OF A P.M.C.

Sir,—In accordance with your sporting paragraph of a few days ago, I gave my imagination free play in reading the Editor's Letter Box to-day. My first attempt was with P.M.C.'s letter, P.M.C. is presumably a subaltern—no one else would take on the job. Secondly, he is married: a single man would damn the canteen and go back to live on Army rations. Thirdly, an airman—witness the box car, the case of wine, and the ability to spend three days buying provisions for the mess.

Assuming all these things, he is in receipt of the princely emoluments of about 30,- a day. Economists tell us that we only get what we are worth. Therefore, by absenting himself from duty he is costing the Government about £4-10-0 a week.

Surely it would be cheaper to demobilize P.M.C., sell the box car, and get an N.C.O. with mess cart to do the job, as other units do.

I fully expect to be told by an indignant P.M.C. that he is an unmarried captain in the R.A.S.C. but that does not affect the logic of the argument. *KM*

MUSIC FOR ALL.

I wonder how many of us know of the incomparable opportunities afforded us in the musical world at the Music Room, Y.M.C.A., Bonn, under the very able direction of two well-known musical enthusiasts. I am certain that, if it were known to more, there would be an overwhelming force of eager learners always besieging the doors, and that is the object of this article.

There are for the disposal of all and sundry, shelves of books on the greatest musicians and their famous works; there are songs in lighter vein; songs sentimental; and above all, the opportunity of lessons in pianoforte, violin, singing, harmony and theory — all free of charge.

Then there are also illustrated talks on various subjects, comprising popular operas, lives and works of the world's greatest musicians, and the opportunity of visiting under one of the directors' guidance, Beethoven's birthplace. A visit here can never be forgotten — it gives one a perfect idea of how a humble family raised a genius of whom to-day we hear such a lot and whose name is almost a household word. With the director's cheery presence — and he is cheery and an indefatigable worker — one may spend quite the best part of an afternoon visiting this house. Perhaps I may divulge this gentleman's name — at least, his Army nom-de-plume — "Charlie of Etaples."

So, all you retainable men in and around Bonn, hearken unto me and get in touch with this veritable oasis, and perhaps in the dim, distant future some genius may be able to proudly say, "I learnt all I know at the Y.M.C.A. Music Room, Bonn, and all gratis!"

May their shadow never grow less!

R. PEGGIO.

SAND ON TRAM-RAILS.

Sir,—I noticed the remarks in your paper as to "Sand on Tram-rails."

But most of the sandgear on our English trams is worked by the driver's feet; and in all cases where there is only one sand pedal used both rails are sanded together, and where two sand pedals are used, (one for each rail) they can both be worked by one foot. This is a far better system than the one in use on the Cologne trams.

Most English cars are also provided with a track brake, either electrical or mechanical (which is not used on the Cologne cars) thereby making doubly sure of stopping if the wheels skid.

TRAMWAY ENGINEER.

A RAILWAY CONTRAST.

Sir, — One cannot help but feel how fortunate we are in England when we consider our railways and travelling public compared with that in Germany.

It is indeed remarkable the way in which the Germans of the lower orders — chiefly women — are allowed to interfere with the comfort of their fellow travellers by turning passenger trains into goods trains and travelling to and from the markets with quantities of merchandise obviously meant only for goods trains, and in England I am sure, would not be allowed to travel any other way.

My work necessitates my spending much time on the railways here, and every day these hatless women are seen staggering to the station with heavy burdens, such as sacks of potatoes, baskets of fish, boxes of fruit, etc. all of which are bundled into passenger trains, much to the annoyance of the other travellers for it must mean a somewhat unsavoury journey for them.

Often the trains are delayed at stations whilst all this foodstuff is loaded or unloaded.

Perhaps the cattle-truckish fourth class is responsible for much of this. We have our poor in England, but it is a good thing nothing of this description is permitted and that we can do without the fourth class on our railways.

J. M.

ARE THEY GUNNERS?

Sir,—Re the letter signed "Gunners" in your paper of yesterday. What a pity that gunner cannot find something more interesting and more important to talk about.

At the same time I would like to remind "Gunner" that a machine-gun was one of the finest guns ever used in this war, and surely the men who manned them so bravely have every right to be ranked as gunners. I might also mention that all artillery-men are not gunners, a very large percentage are drivers and various other ranks.

R. F. A. DRIVER.

WHERE IS "UNCLE"?

Sir, — Here is a matter which needs ventilation in your columns now that our money is coming to us at 109 and is paid out at the rate of 120.

Supposing (as is probable) that an officer or other rank needs the services of his "Uncle" in order to find the wherewithal to buy his wife's food coupons, where, oh! where can he see the familiar and comforting trio of golden balls? —

Could you use your great influence to get it decreed by the League of Nations that all countries shall adopt the sign which is such an old friend to us? In Paris our "Aunt" is a well-tried and proven relative, but here in Cologne one feels somewhat desolate. *NEPHEW.*

SURELY NOT TRIVIAL.

Sir,—I append the following advice with apologies to "Martyr."

"There's one thing I like above anything else,
Its my bed, Yes, my bed.
There's one thing I like to place down on my pillow,
Its my head, Yes, my head.
But there's one thing I don't like, when fresh from a dream,
Thats to gobble my breakfast, and chase tram No. 18.
Could this not be altered, and so ease my mind?,
So when breakfast is finished, my tram I could find,
Awaiting my presence as the top o' the street,
Whilst I finished exactly what I wished to eat.
Oh, yes, my dear Martyr, this could easily be done,
Ensuring that you'd have no real cause to run,
Just save up your pennies, and purchase a tram,
Have a batman inside it to dish up your ham,
To alight from your 'digs', at your own business door,
See the amount of sleep gained, over that of before."

"THE MAD POET."

Sir,—Has it ever occurred to "Martyr" that were he to rise from his downy couch, say, five minutes, earlier in the morning, he would then catch his car with ample time to spare, thus saving himself considerable trouble? *PONGO.*

CRUEL PERFORMANCES.

Sir,—In to-day's issue of the "Cologne Post" I observed a paragraph with reference to a cruel performance by trained dogs.

Are not all these performance cruel? The spectacle of animals performing tricks which are utterly foreign to their nature is, apart from its mere freakishness, repulsive rather than pleasing.

The fact is that the average audience fails to connect these tricks with painful training, the instant obedience to commands generally being the outcome of fear rather than affection.

In the absence of legislation forbidding these performances, the only means of combating such exhibitions is by individual or collective protest and boycott. The cruelty involved in the training has been proved over and over again, and in view of this fact it behoves everyone who loves animals to take a practical part in eliminating them from public performances.

Jack London in his book "Michael, Brother of Jerry" has exposed in merciless fashion the brutalities that accompany animal training, and I most earnestly hope that everyone in the Army of Occupation will read this vivid story which is founded on incontrovertable fact.

L.P. PETERS.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

If you were to win £12,000.

A PRIZE CONTEST.

As most readers know there is being run at Lille a big sweepstake on the Cambridgeshire. If all the tickets are sold the fortunate winner will receive the very handsome sum of TWELVE THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING. Now this winner may very well be someone in the Rhine Army. Suppose for instance, it were you who suddenly received this big access of wealth.

What would you do with it?

This problem has suggested a prize competition open to all our readers. Just write a letter to the "Editor, Post" A.P.O. S 40—not exceeding 250 words and say exactly what you would do with £12,000 if you came into possession of it.

We offer prizes 50, 20 and 10 marks respectively for the three best answers to the question. The reply you send may be as brief as you like, but it must not exceed the length of 250 words. Write your name and unit below your answer in block letters and let us hear from you not later than November 1st. The Editor's decision will of course be final in judging the merits of the answer to the question, "What would I do with £12,000 if I won it?"

"THE MAN KILLER."

Is Dempsey Bluffing or Fighting Shy of Challengers?

By W. Le C.

Mr. Redmond Barry, who represents the Albert Hall and has been in America for some time, offered 110,000 dollars for Dempsey's end to fight Joe Beckett over a 20-rounds contest some time this winter, for the championship of the world. This offer was sneered at and it was suggested that nothing less than 250,000 dollars would tempt the world's champion.

Before his fight with Willard, the present holder of the world's championship stated, "I'll be one champion who'll not run to cover every time I am challenged, as Willard has been doing. Moreover, I'll not set a price on my services a promoter will be unable to meet." On top of this there comes the official statement that Dempsey is "fed up" with the show business and wants to fight. Brave words; but his manager sounds a different note when he states that nothing short of a quarter of a million dollars will induce him to stage the champion in any contest. How can we reconcile these conflicting statements? Is Dempsey bluffing?

Dempsey's Record.

A famous referee with whom I recently conversed said to me, "If Beckett or Carpentier can stay the first two rounds with Dempsey, and I have no doubt that they can, there will be a new name on the world's champions roll." He based this on the champion's record, and looking over it, I find food for reflection in that. In the last two years "the man-killer," (as the States call him) has only had five contests which went beyond four rounds, most of them ending in the first or second round.

Time solves all things, and the much-discussed champion will have to face Carpentier or Beckett in the long run. When he does I'm putting my money on whichever faces him. If Fred Fulton gets his chance first, I should not at all be surprised to find the latter the victor. He is clearly entitled to a return contest, and why Dempsey is fighting shy is making the boxing world talk. In a few words, he should "Put up or shut up."

HOCKEY MATCH.

51st Northumberland Fusiliers v. 51st Rifle Brigade at Hilton.

This match was played at Hilton on Saturday. Straight from the commencement the Rifle Brigade got away and scored in the first five minutes through Lt. Lamont. The R.B's kept up the pressure and increased their lead after twenty minutes play by a good shot by C.S.M. Hart. Further goals were added before the interval by Lt. de Pars and C.S.M. Hart. Capt. Barraclough was in excellent form at centre-half for the Rifles.

No goals were scored by either team in the second half. The Fusilier defence played well in the second half, and on several occasions prevented any further goals being added. The Fusiliers' forwards were very weak. Lt. Lingard played a good game at left-back for the Fusiliers.

Teams:—**Rifle Brigade.**—Sgt. Hardman, C.S.M. Hollands, Capt. Fixcen, Lt. Stokes, Capt. Barraclough, Sgt. Banks, Sgt. Richards, Lt. Lamont, Lt. de Pass, C.S.M. Hart, Sgt. Kilduh.

Northumberland Fusiliers.—C.Q.M.S. Pipe, Lt. Venn, Lt. Lingard, Capt. Todd, Lt. Williamson, Lt. Fentum, Capt. Parry, Lt. Richardson, Lt. Thomas, Lt. Ruddock, 2/Lt. Mason.

Result.

51st Rifle Brigade, 4; 51st Northd. Fuslrs., 0.

SOCCER PRECEDENT.

Should Substitutes be Permitted for Injured Players?

Apparently the captain of the Welsh Association team made a precedent when he chivalrously allowed a substitute to take the place of an injured English player in the second half of the game at Cardiff. In club matches a substitute is often allowed when the game would be otherwise spoiled, but we know of no other instance in an international match.

Many footballers have advocated the adoption of a rule allowing a substitute to take the place of an injured man at any time, on the ground that an accident is unavoidable and handicaps one side very unfairly.

But curious things have happened in football, and it is argued that if such a rule were made, it would probably lead to great abuses, and that, so great is the keenness in certain competitions, clubs with two players of equal merit might be induced to arrange for an "accident," in order that a perfectly fresh player might bring his services to bear. It would also mean in many cases the additional expense of taking two or three extra men to away matches.

We do not, however, think (says "The Field") that such expedients need be taken into consideration, and the rule seems to have worked well in lacrosse. Also the cricket limited rule as to substitutes has worked well, and it might be possible to make some sort of limitation in football—a man, for example, might be allowed to fill the gap, but not in the same position as the injured player, or in the position to which he has been accustomed.

There are, of course, many things to be said in favour of retaining the present custom, which often produces a magnificent effort on the part of the handicapped team, and not infrequently brings unsuspected talent to the light.

LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP WHISKY.

At the Surrey Sessions, William Christopher, of Messrs. Letheby and Christopher (Limited), Railway-approach, London-bridge, appealed against a conviction at Wimbledon Petty Sessions on August 17, when he was ordered to pay a fine of £100 and 25 guineas costs for overcharging for whisky at the All-England Lawn Tennis Championship Tournament at Wimbledon.

The appeal was allowed and the conviction was quashed.

LEAGUE TABLES.

Leaders Still Maintain Premier Positions.

NEWCASTLE'S CHALLENGE.

The position of the clubs in the chief League competitions on Saturday was as follows:—

The League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
West Bromwich Albion	10	8	0	2	28	14	16
Newcastle United	11	6	3	2	16	7	15
Middlesbrough	11	6	3	2	16	13	15
Burnley	11	6	3	2	20	15	15
Manchester United	10	4	5	1	18	12	13
Derby County	11	4	4	3	16	14	12
Sheffield United	10	4	3	3	23	15	11
Sunderland	10	5	1	4	18	15	11
The Arsenal	10	4	3	3	15	15	11
Chelsea	10	5	1	4	12	12	11
Bolton Wanderers	11	5	1	5	23	18	11
Blackburn Rovers	10	3	4	3	13	12	10
Bradford City	11	4	2	5	19	19	10
Bradford	10	4	1	5	14	14	9
Liverpool	10	4	1	5	11	19	9
Notts County	10	3	3	4	16	18	9
Everton	10	4	1	5	19	21	9
Manchester City	10	3	2	5	21	27	8
Preston North End	10	3	2	5	15	26	8
Oldham Athletic	10	2	1	7	13	20	5
Sheffield Wednesday	10	1	3	6	4	15	5
Aston Villa	10	1	1	8	8	24	3

Second Division Of The League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Tottenham Hotspur	10	9	1	0	35	6	19
Fulham	11	7	2	2	19	7	16
Birmingham	10	6	2	2	23	11	14
Bristol City	10	5	4	1	15	8	14
Hull City	11	6	2	3	19	14	14
Barnsley	10	6	1	3	26	10	13
Blackpool	11	6	1	4	24	13	13
Stoke	10	6	1	3	16	11	13
Huddersfield Town	10	5	2	3	17	8	12
West Ham United	10	5	2	3	12	15	12
Stockport County	10	4	3	3	16	9	11
Burslem Port Vale	9	4	2	3	17	12	10
Wolverhampton Wand.	10	3	3	4	14	13	9
Bury	10	4	1	5	10	14	9
Nottingham Forest	11	2	4	5	10	13	8
South Shields	9	4	0	5	7	14	8
Leicester City	10	3	2	5	10	23	8
Rotherham County	11	3	1	7	10	22	7
Clapton Orient	11	2	1	8	10	18	5
Grimsby Town	10	2	1	7	5	19	5
Lincoln City	10	0	3	7	7	36	3
Coventry City	10	0	1	9	4	27	1

Southern League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts
Queen's Park Rangers	12	7	4	1	15	4	18
Portsmouth	12	7	3	2	23	8	17
Reading	12	6	5	1	16	7	17
Watford	10	6	3	1	13	6	15
Exeter City	11	4	5	2	13	9	13
Millwall	12	5	4	3	21	17	14
Southend United	12	4	5	3	14	13	13
Norwich City	9	5	2	2	13	11	12
Crystal Palace	11	3	6	2	16	13	12
Plymouth Argyle	11	4	3	4	13	7	11
Cardiff City	10	3	5	2	16	10	11
Swindon Town	11	4	3	4	16	15	11
Brentford	11	3	5	3	13	13	11
Southampton	11	5	1	5	15	18	11
Merthyr Town	12	2	5	5	14	17	9
Brighton & Hove Albion	12	3	3	6	11	16	9
Luton Town	11	3	3	5	12	19	9
Bristol Rovers	10	2	4	4	13	20	8
Gillingham	12	3	2	7	7	19	8
Swansea	10	3	1	6	9	13	7
Northampton	11	1	3	7	14	28	5
Newport County	13	1	3	9	7	26	5

Scottish League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Glasgow Rangers	13	11	1	1	38	7	23
Celtic	10	9	0	1	27	11	18
Motherwell	13	7	4	2	24	18	18
Airdrieonians	12	6	3	3	17	9	15
Ayr United	13	6	3	4	30	17	15
Heart of Midlothian	12	7	1	4	17	13	15
Greenock Morton	12	6	2	4	20	10	14
Dundee	12	6	1	5	17	13	13
Hibernians	13	6	1	6	28	28	13
Aberdeen	12	5	2	5	16	15	12
Partick Thistle	11	5	2	4	16	16	12
St. Mirren	13	5	2	6	15	22	12
Clyde	14	3	5	6	19	23	11
Queen's Park	13	4	3	6	19	23	11
Third Lanark	12	3	4	5	14	21	10
Raith Rovers	14	4	2	8	28	34	10
Clydebank	11	4	1	6	16	16	9
Dumbarton	13	2	5	6	15	27	9
Falkirk	14	4	1	9	14	28	9
Kilmarnock	13	4	1	8	15	34	9
Hamilton Academicals	13	3	2	8	22	32	8
Albion Rovers	11	3	2	6	10	20	8

THE LEEDS CITY CLUB'S GROUND

In regard to the disbanding of the Leeds City Club, it is now definitely stated that their ground at Elland-road, Leeds, has been taken over by the Yorkshire Amateurs' Club. This amateur team is backed by many of the most influential men in Leeds, and is expected to go far towards keeping football alive in the city.

ARMY TRIAL MATCH.

Unexpected Defeat of Whites in Rugby Game.

In the last of the Army trial games the Colours rather unexpectedly beat the Whites at Queen's Club, West Kensington, by a goal and four tries to two goals and two tries. The Whites included in their fifteen such well-known players as Major E. G. G. W. Harrison, P. H. Lawless, and A. H. McIlwaine, and most certainly had the best of the opening half. During this period Harrison ran in twice and Sgt. Lewis once, two of the three tries being converted. The only reply by the Colours was a try by Lieut. Tittle.

On change of ends the Whites were further strengthened by the transfer of Major Scobie, the Scottish international, from the Colours side, but their forwards had tired, and the Colours took such complete charge of the game that the Whites' backs had no chance. Cpl. Burt scored two tries, and Penney and Livingstone one each, one of the place kicks being successfully undertaken. Just before the finish Frith ran in for the Whites, but the place kick failing, the Colours were left with a victory by 17 points to 16. The trials have shown that there is an abundance of good material available for the Army.

CHESS TOURNAMENT IN BERLIN.

It is intended to hold a masters' tournament in Berlin, commencing on Oct. 25. The following players are mentioned as likely to take part: Spielmann, Rubinstein, Bogoljuboff, Vidmar, Reti, Tartakover, and Selesnieff. If there are only four entries the tournament will be a double-round one. There will be several prizes, the first being one thousand marks, and each non-prize winner will receive one hundred and twenty marks for each game won.

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

Exclusive chat on English Teams and Players.

By "Tynesider."

Joe Dodds, the popular Celtic defender is now in possession of a public house in the East End of Glasgow.

White of Hamilton Accies, a custodian with a very safe pair of hands, when in the army filled a centre half position. Previous to the war he held Vale of Clyde's citadel.

Hardy, the luckless Villa's keeper cannot recall a season during recent years when he handled the ball so frequently.

Do not be surprised when Hufton West Ham's custodian gets his cap. His displays are deserving of it, and the selectors have their eye on this talented player.

There is a keen rivalry for Millwall's right half position. Many think Grant as good as Voisey despite the fact that the latter got his cap.

Puddefoot, England's scoring centre is no relation of the famous "Pussyfoot."

The breakdown of Pyke, allowed Ramsey to get his chance on Newcastle's line, he has seized it well, and will take some displacing.

Clay has earned the title of the South's best right back. The Tottenham defender is worthy of such a description.

There are more sensations pending in footer circles. The truth about Portsmouth's suspension of Hunter and Arnold will make interesting reading.

Everton will not be long ere they begin climbing to the top. The return of Chedgzoy and Harrison cannot fail to work a big difference in the "For" department.

An item which pleased the North was the news of the removal of the supension of Walker late manager of Middlesboro's F.C. It was overdue.

"Well played Jock Finlay!" this was shouted out by McCracken, to the clever Magpie's half back after a brilliant piece of play by the latter at St. Jame's Park. A word of encouragement from a captain goes a long way, and the crowd appreciated it.

With Mordue on the left wing, Sunderland have broken the Buchan-Mordue wing for the first time since 1910.

Following the tremendous shaking up of places this season, which only proves that a good footballer can fill any position, we should not be surprised if we found Hardy leading England's line next.

RAPID SCORING.

No. 2 Coy. Lancs. Div. Train v. Lancs. Division H. Q.

Played on the ground of the former at Beuel on Sunday. The visitors started off with a rush, and although they did not have it all their own way, scored the first goal six minutes from the start. The home team equalised immediately and followed this up at once with another goals in two minutes from the start. The game was now fast and furious, first one side pressing hard and then the other but without success, for both sides seemed fairly evenly matched. The visiting forwards played fine combination football, but were met resolutely by the home defence.

The play in the second half was much the same as the latter part of the first. Although both sides tried hard neither could get another goal until just on time, when the visitors equalised with a shot that the home "goalie" first stopped and then let through. Earnshaw (1) and Keegan (1), inside men for the home team, played their usual good game, the wingers also doing their bit and doing it well, although they were almost half the size of the respective half-backs against them. C.S.M. Davies at centre-forward played well but without luck. The home team rather handicapped in the second half through the retirement of Keegan, who badly sprained his arm in falling just after the interval. Result:— 2—2.

NOTABLE FOOTBALL RECORD.

No. 3 G.H.Q. Res. M.T. Coy., who were well known on the Rhine in connection with football last season, have again opened the season in fine style. So far they have played five matches and have won them all without having their defence pierced. The following is their record:—

v. Workshops 6—0.
v. 13th M.A.C. 2—0.
v. Rhine Flotilla 7—0.
v. Rhine Convalescent Camp 1—0,
v. Rhine Siege Park 3—0.

KEEN "SOCCER."

52nd D.L.I. Orderly Room v. 3rd Bde., H.Q.

A very evenly contested match was witnessed between these two teams on the formers ground at Riehl. From the kick off the Bde. broke away in fine style, but shot wide. The D.L.I's carried play into the Bde's half and gave the defence a difficult job, their efforts to score being very strenuous. Eventually, the Bde. backs got the situation in hand and cleared successfully. Another attempt by the D.L.I's ended in a goal kick, from which Bde. carried play into the D.L.I's half, and sent in many fine shots, the final one just grazed the bar. For several minutes, end to end play followed and half time arrived with no score. The second half opened with a fine piece of footwork by the Bde. left wing, but a wide shot relieved the D.L.I's anxiety. After this, the D.L.I's broke away in clever style and notched the first goal of the match. With a thirst for an equaliser, the Bde. fought hard and a bout of good play was witnessed on both sides, but finally the Bde. forwards gained the upper hand and scored. The final arrived a few minutes later the score standing at 1-1.

BENEFIT FOR "JOCK" SIMPSON.

As it is very doubtful whether "Jock" Simpson will ever play football again, the Blackburn Rovers' directors have decided to pay him his wages for the whole season and also to give him a benefit match.

TURF STATISTICS.

Tetratema Tops The Winning List With £11,494.

OWNERS, TRAINERS AND JOCKEYS

Several alterations in the winning lists are necessitated as the result of the racing of last week, though the positions at the head of the respective tables remain unchanged.

Owners.

	No. of horses.	Races won.	£
Glanely, Lord	16	35	29,493
Derby, Lord	19	35	21,116
McCalmont, Major D.	6	16	14,865
White, Mr. J.	12	27	11,524
Hulton, Sir E.	10	16	10,612
Joel, Mr. S. B.	16	29	9,552
Astor, Major	2	6	8,120
Cazalet, Mr. W.	8	12	8,166
Jersey, Lord	7	14	8,080
Owen, Mr. H. C.	8	20	7,715
Singer Mr. W. M. G.	7	10	7,180
Noble, Sir G.	7	14	7,048

Trainers.

	No. of horses.	Races won.	£
Taylor, A.	21	34	31,873
Barling, F. B.	18	29	28,477
Lambton, Hon. G.	26	50	27,107
Persse, H. S.	29	38	24,651
Lines H.	24	45	12,627
Gilpin, P. P.	11	18	11,508
Day, R.	18	30	11,165
Cottrill, H. L.	14	31	11,019
Dewhurst, Capt.	14	23	10,911
Hartigan, F.	16	25	10,54
Loates, S.	16	29	9,672
Beatty, Major	19	28	8,196

Jockeys.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unp.	T'tl.
Donoghue, S.	115	109	65	173	462
Carslake, B.	92	58	38	108	296
Smyth, V.	67	53	48	189	357
Whalley, A.	65	54	42	150	311
Colling, G.	57	50	45	206	358
Fox, F.	55	49	44	250	398
Templeman, F.	49	43	46	82	220
Hulme, G.	48	37	36	142	263
Slade, F.	43	38	33	165	279
Wheatley, E.	40	47	26	107	220
Childs, J.	33	35	24	86	178
Smith, A.	30	11	9	33	83

Winning Horses.

	Races won.	£
Tetratema (2 yrs), c by The Tetrarch—Scotch Gift	5	11494
Keysoe (3 yrs), f by Swynford—Keystone II.	4	8087
Buchan (3 yrs), c by Sunstar—Hamoaze	5	7640
Grand Parade (3 yrs), c by Orby—Grand Geraldine	2	7266
Arion (4 yrs), c by Valens—Post Horn	4	5446
Bayuda (3 yrs), f by Bayardo—Jessica	1	4950
Roseway (3 yrs), f by Stornaway—Rose of Ayrshire	2	4894
Sarchedon (2 yrs), c by The Tetrarch Perfect Peach	4	4852
The Panther (3 yrs), c by Tracery—Countess Zia	1	4850
By Jingo (5 yrs), c by Aquascutum—Minnesota	2	4675
Haki (aged), br h by Rabelais—Hasseki	4	4595
Orpheus (2 yrs), c by Orby—Electra	5	4007

BOXING.

Jim Driscoll Defeated by a Frenchman.

At the National Sporting Club yesterday, in a 20-round contest, Jim Driscoll was defeated in the sixteenth round by the well-known French boxer Charles Ledoux. The fight was for side-stakes and purse totalling £1,450.

Driscoll, who won the Lonsdale belt outright in 1911, is generally known as the retired feather-weight champion of England. He gave up pugilism in 1913 after his 20-round fight with Owen Moran, on account of defective sight.

JIMMY WILDE AND U.S.A.

World's Fly-weight Champion to Sail on October 29th.

Jimmy Wilde, the world's fly-weight champion will leave Liverpool for New York on Oct. 29 by the White Star liner Baltic. Wilde will make three public appearances before he leaves—at Bishop Auckland, next Saturday afternoon, and at Hartlepool in the evening, making his farewell at the Liverpool Stadium on the following Monday morning.

It is stated that one of Wilde's contests in the States will be with Pete Herman, the American bantam-weight champion, at the National Sporting Club of New York, but there is no official confirmation of this at present.

Wilde, who injured his left shoulder a little while ago, has been, and still is, under treatment by Mr. Frank Matthews, but he will be alright again before he leaves England.

FRENCH HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

A 20-round boxing match for the French heavy-weight championship between Nilles (holder) and the coloured boxer Paul Hams (challenger) will take place tonight at the Salle Wagram, Paris.

BILLIARDS.

Stevenson and Newman commenced a match of 16,000 up yesterday, Newman receiving 1,000 start. Closing scores were:—

Newman (in play) 2,254; Stevenson, 914.

Another 16,000 up-match is being played by Reece and Falkiner, who started yesterday level. The closing scores were:—

Falkiner 1,291; Reece (in play) 1,142.

Reece will be meeting Falkiner on level terms for the first time, which is a graceful concession to the younger professional. Moreover, it will be the first of three matches (the others will be against Newman and Smith) for which Reece has been specially retained by Thurston's, and the popular Lancastrian should be making his score-peg move along to some effect. And in Falkiner he will find a counterpart in all those things that go towards making billiards an enthralling game.

1st League Result.

On Monday, at Sheffield, Sheffield United defeated Blackburn by 2—0.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

RECORD YOUR VOTE.

Later Starts Not Popular.

The change in the time of commencement of entertainments in Cologne from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. is a subject of considerable discussion at the moment. It seems that objections to the later hour are numerous, and not the least affected by the alteration are the artistes themselves. As an instance, the Rhine Army Dramatic Company have been in the habit at the conclusion of each performance of rehearsing future plays. Finishing an hour later will obviously make the work considerably more trying. The Company, by the way, have hit upon the happy idea of placing a ballot box in the Deutsches theatre, the members of the audience being invited to vote as to what time they consider entertainments should commence in Cologne. Since the matter is purely in the interests of patrons, the hour indicated by the majority will probably be adopted.

An Eastern Lecturer.

We are pleased to learn that the Rev. A. M. Perkins has arrived in Cologne on a lecturing tour for the Y.M.C.A. Mr. Perkins was one of the best-liked lecturers to the troops in France, but unfortunately some twelve months ago he met with a serious motoring accident which kept him in hospital for eight months. He is lecturing to-night at the Loreley Hall, Central Y.M.C.A., Cologne, and everyone who can should endeavour to hear him. He is a most fluent speaker and has a wonderful knowledge of Eastern history and affairs. I recently heard him talk for an hour on the subject of Bagdad, that wonderful city of wealth and learning of the eighth century, when Harun al Raschid was Caliph. It was like listening to the "Arabian Nights," and the imagination of the audience was thoroughly stirred.

A French Play.

A few of the Army General and Commercial College students attending the advanced French classes gave parts of Molierées play "Le Bourgevio Gentilhommé" on Friday evening. The difficult part of Mons. Jourdain was ably taken by Lieut. Miller; L/Cpl. McCormack was good as the didactic Maitre de Philosophi, Lieut. Ramsay took the part of the agile Maitre de Dance and Pte. Redshow was the serious Maitre de Musique. Bombardier Turner was a good garçon Tailleur while Pte. Sherrard as the Maitre D'Armes and and Pte. Armstrong as the Luquais completed the cast. The "Direction" and the artistes rendering of this amusing comedy elicited great applause. At the conclusion Mrs. West, who had played the minuet music, gave a selection from Chaminade, while Mrs. Viner sang charmingly two French songs.

Coming Events at the Leave Club.

To-day there will be an impromptu concert in the music room from 5—6 p.m. followed by a dance in the theatre, at which the band of the 9th D.L.I. have kindly consented to play. There will also be an impromptu concert at 5 p.m. on Thursday, followed by a whist drive at 6.30 p.m. A dancing class for beginners will be held at 5 p.m. on Friday, and the cinema will be continuous throughout the afternoon and evening. On Saturday there will be an impromptu concert at 5 p.m., followed by a dance at 6.30 p.m.

Best of Luck.

I see Leslie Henson, long since back at his old job of making London laugh, has found time to become engaged. The happy lady is Miss Madge Saunders whose picture, I remember, used to adorn Leslie's billet in France, likewise the cover of a much requisitioned musical score that did service with his famous "Royal Gaieties."

Special Boxing Films.

Special attractions are announced at the Army Cinemas, Cologne, for three nights commencing to-morrow, Thursday, in the form of pictures of three of the biggest fights of recent months. They are the Beckett-McGoorty, Fulton-Townley and Basham-Charles bouts. The films aroused considerable interest when released recently in England by reason of their wonderful trueness to life.

JACQUES.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

G.H.Q. Sergeants' Mess Club: Final Shoot.

On Saturday last, the members of the above Club journeyed to the Merheim Ranges and spent the last of many enjoyable shoots this season.

Good shooting was the order of the day, several members making their highest score of the season.

The prize-winners were:—

Spoon: S/Sgt. Shaw, Royal Engineers,
Prize in B Section... C. S. M. Clinch, R.E.
1st Prize in Handicap...Sgt. Hemmings. A.P.C.
2nd Prize in Handicap .... Conductor Luker, R.A.O.C.

In the grand aggregate of the season, S/Sgt. Hart, Royal Engineers, and Conductor Luker, R.A.O.C., tied with 85.1 points each.

DUAL CAPTAINCY.

This is a year for University records in sport. The brothers Gilligan and Naumann, playing one on each side in the cricket match, furnished a case without parallel in the history of the game, and the rival captains at Lord's, Miles Howell and J. S. F. Morrison, are also to lead the Association football teams. So long ago as 1873 C.J. Ottaway captained Oxford in both matches; C. B. Fry enjoyed a similar distinction twenty years later, and I. P. F. Campbell was captain of both the Oxford cricket and Association clubs in 1914, but an injury prevented him from playing in the football contest. F. G. J. Ford, the famous left-handed batsman and goalkeeper, afforded the only instance of dual captaincy in these games for Cambridge; and thus for the first time both cricket captains have command of the Association elevens.

Cambridgeshire Scratching.

Rich Gift was scratched from the Cambridgeshire (to be run on 29th October) at 9 a.m. yesterday.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Wed.	The Flying Dutchman	Wagner	7	10
Thurs.	Cosi fan tutte	Mozart	7	10.30
Fri.	Tosca	Puccini	7	10
Sat.	Tiefland	d'Albert	7.30	10
Sun.	Faust	Gounod	6.30	10.30
Mon.	NO PERFORMANCE			
Tues.	NO PERFORMANCE			

Organ Recital.

At the 83rd (Dublin) General Hospital, Langenfeld, an organ recital was given by Capt. A. S. Blackwell, R. A. M. C. on Sunday last, on the church organ at the institution.

The programme included Bach's Prelude and Fugue in B flat, Tocatto and Fugue by Bach, Aria by Rheinberger from Op. 167 and a melody from Mendelssohn's second sonata. The performer must be congratulated for his masterly rendering of the fugal pieces. He is evidently no new student of the fugue; subject and counter-subject was well sustained, the attack and development of the theme showing the true spirit and interpretation of Bach's work, the greatest of which is his famous fugue.

The Tocatto was the best rendered composition of the programme, the doctor executing the rapid manual and pedal passages in good style. The slow response of the pedal action, although tubular-pneumatic, robbed the performer of much merit. The Mendelssohn melody, a pastorale movement, brought forth the softer string tones of the organ. This piece calls for frequent interchange of the manuals, showing the different timbre of the string work on the swell and great, and was tastefully performed.

The system of having the swell unenclosed, which appears to be a feature of German organs, robs the performer of any means of accent, there being no other means of obtaining a crescendo.

"ORGANUM."

FOOTBALL FORECASTS.

Result of Competition No. 4 to be Published To-Morrow.

Quite a number of competitors, 36 to be exact, failed to enclose the entrance fee with their coupons, in the contest now being adjudicated, while four competitors entered a total of nine coupons, without adding any addresses. We would advise all entrants to carefully read the rules.

As previously stated, we cannot accept local mark notes, and we adhere to this decision. Only notes which are current everywhere in Rhineland, namely those marked "Darlehnskassenschein" will be accepted.

The result of Contest No. 4 appears to-morrow, and the total prize money just falls short of 3,000 marks.

Fill in No. 5 coupon now, don't delay; our prize is worth the winning, and it's up to you to lift it.

Coupons must be addressed:—

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A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.

2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.

3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.

4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.

5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.

6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.

7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.

8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.

9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 5.

Date of matches, **Saturday**, Oct. 25th.
Closing date, **Friday**, Oct. 24th.

Preston N. E.	v. Newcastle U.
Sheffield U.	v. Manchester U.
Bradford	v. Chelsea
Grimsby	v. Hull C.
Bury	v. South Shields
Lincoln	v. Clapton Orient
Notts Forest	v. Wolverhampton
Swansea	v. Brighton
Exeter	v. Millwall
Luton	v. Portsmouth
Airdrieonians	v. Hamilton A.
Motherwell	v. Kilmarnock

I enter Football Competition No. 5 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(in block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Not Packed Now.

Anyone visiting the big cafes in Cologne would get a false notion as to the number of troops still in Rhineland. The cafes have ceased to be the prime favourite, since so many other attractions have been set going for the troops.

For Book lovers.

I hear that the takings in the New Army Bookshop in the Hohestrasse Arcade are increasing daily. The reading room is well patronised by both sexes and a largely augmented supply of books is on the way from England. The rendezvous, is, I am told, to be open on Sunday afternoon in future.

A Dangerous River.

A great many cases have occurred of drowning in the Rhine during the past few months. One reason, I believe, lies in the dangerous nature of the currents. Boating and bathing should only be indulged in by expert.

Just One Wrong Letter.

There is an Officer's Mess carried on in a big restaurant in Cologne frequented also by civilians. As these gentry were hanging their hats and coats in the officers' corner of the restaurant, the Mess Secretary requested the Manager to have a notice put up to prevent the annoyance. Next time he came into the mess he saw a card inscribed "These pigs are reserved."

Disregarding Rules.

One competitor in our fourth football contest enclosed a cutting of the rules of the competition, a quite unnecessary item. But to cap this he omitted to enclose the mark with his coupon.

Getting Value.

Have you noticed in picking up any of the German newspapers or illustrated journals how liberally besprinkled with advertisements they are. The Germans are great believers in print and paper and adepts at getting bold effects in small space.

The American Way.

The American authorities have established a special tribunal for vagrants in their zone. I noticed what looked like a party of candidates for such a court on the Coblenz station yesterday evening. They were all handcuffed.

Short Programmes.

Entering a German cinema the other evening I was astonished to find that the programme consisted of but two screen plays as against the usual Blighty programmes of five pictures. It evidently pays however, as at the end of each part and of the picture itself, numbers of the audience left the theatre, their seats being immediately taken by newcomers.

Few Flowers.

The only flowers that seem to be on sale in the streets of Cologne just now consist of a few third-rate "mums."

Expensive Shellfish.

Trust a German to do a thing well, but a friend just back from Berlin has an interesting souvenir in the shape of a bill on which the first item reads "One crab, —240 marks." Even at the present rate of exchange—well!

Added Books.

The Librarian at the Central Y.M.C.A. tells me that among the latest additions to the shelves are Compton Mackenzie's "Poor Relations," Gilbert Cannan's "Time and Eternity," Lucas Malet's "Deadham Hard," G. A. Birmingham's "Up, the Rebels," W.W. Jacobs' "Deep Waters," A. A. Milne's "First Plays," D. Flatau's "Bait," H. de vere Stacpoole's "Beach of Dreams," Sax Rohmer's "Dope," Frank Swinnerton's "September," W. B. Maxwell's "Man and his Lesson," and Edmund Gosse's "Diversions of a Man of Letters."

Verbatim.

The other morning in the Orderly Room of a unit near Cologne one of the witnesses, a young private, gave such a surprisingly detailed verbatim statement of the dialogue preceding an assault that the O.C. marvelled. It turned out that the witness had taken down every word in shorthand. In civil life he had been a police court reporter.

Blighty Addresses.

That our football competition has caught the popular fancy of the troops is evidenced by the numbers of coupons we are receiving which bear the home address of the competitor. Going on demob they are having a last attempt to win our prize. Its worth trying for. Have you sent your effort in yet?

From Swords to Ploughshares.

Before the war Krupps made many other things besides munitions of war. To-day I hear they are devoting the whole of their plant to the manufacture of peaceful implements, including agricultural machinery.

Bunny's Skin.

Noting the Frau in my billet making a hat for the younger daughter from a rabbit skin I was told it is a common practice out here. The skins which are of course well "cured" are made up into the cosy little winter hats which are so often seen to-day.

"Trink Gelder."

In the German cafes, etc. there is prominently displayed a notice regarding tipping being forbidden. The other evening two Tommies who had evidently been looking at the wine when it was red were heard to say, one to the other, "Here, Bill, let's have a bottle of this "Trink-Gelder," it must be good. They advertise it in all these blinking cafes."

A Pretty Custom.

Have you noticed the number of flag poles which abound in all the streets of Cologne? Almost all the houses of any size have one, as they have in other continental countries. Bunting is displayed on them at any national or religious festival.

Number Thirteen.

I have at last met a believer in this unlucky number. He joined up on the 13th of November 1916, came to France on the 13th of March '17, "went over" on a 13th, was wounded the same day, and evacuated to Blighty on a 13th. In hospital six weeks, he was discharged on a 13th. Married on leave on the 13th of January '18, he became a happy father on the 13th of this month. Rather a coincidence.

When Museums Open.

In answer to several enquires I can say that the Cologne Museum and Art Galleries are, as a rule, open every weekday from 10 to 8 and on Sunday from 10 to 2. On Monday they are closed.

Cut Notes.

Many and devious are the wiles of the wicked. I came across one this morning which was new to me. Many banks in Cologne are refusing notes which have been cut and then pasted together, even though the serial numbers agree. This is because many forged notes have been so dealt with and the halves attached to the corresponding portions of genuine notes.

Local Currency.

By the way, it may interest those of my readers who possess a stock of "dud" notes, including local authority currency, to know that the Reichsbank will collect these for them.

Rank Told.

I have just seen this rather good story in the "Daily Mirror."—A discharged officer called on a City man the other day on a matter of business. He was kept waiting for half-an-hour. His patience was exhausted.

"Will you tell Mr.—that I cannot wait any longer?" he said to the clerk.

"You mean Captain—?" came the reply.

"Oh, if that's the case," was the answer, "tell him that Major—wants to see him at once."

The shaft went home. A moment later he was ushered into the great man's presence.

More Growls.

Several officers have complained to me that since the Officers' Club ceased to be under the E.F.C. the tots of whisky have been growing smaller and dearer. There seems to be a grievance as to excessive dilution, too. Whether the complaints are justified I cannot say.

An Unusual Invitation.

One is so used to being ordered out of drinking places in England owing to restricted hours, that to be requested to prolong one's stay sounds unusual. But that is what happened the other day to those who were in the bar of the Central Y.M.C.A. The reason was that the Commander-in-Chief, General Sir William Robertson, had arrived to inspect the place.

The Difference.

In Cologne, of course, English is spoken in nearly all the big establishments, but in Mainz and Wiesbaden you hear French on all hands. *RHINELANDER.*

VANITY FAIR.

A Feature for the British Woman in Rhineland.

Jumpers Everywhere.

Of the making of jumpers there is no end—yet! The cry is, still they come! Jumpers here, there, everywhere; jumpers in season and out of season; jumpers morning, noon, and night. Some women are born jumper-makers; some achieve jumper-making; and some have jumpers thrust upon them. It is simply appalling the number of women who can knit jumpers; indeed, only a very small minority can't. Those girls who have refrained from making them—either because they can't, or out of the kindness of their hearts—should be awarded some recognition, if for no other reason than having endured the taunting gibes and superior attitude of those misguided friends of theirs who have not thus refrained.

Rivalry.

Dressmaking circles in Paris have been stirred by the news of a determined attempt being made by New York modistes to capture their American clientele. The impossibility of travel to Europe has given these Transatlantic houses a free field, and a report was circulated that they were about to carry the war into the Parisians' own territory. All the French dressmakers declare, that they do not fear competition of this kind. Nowhere in the world, they say, can a woman find such genius of divination for what suits her individual figure as Paris. All are agreed that though dresses will gradually become fuller, neither crinoline nor second Empire styles have any chance of popularity in the immediate future.

How To Clean Ermine.

With reference to my paragraph on row to clean ermine, a correspondent writes:—The instructions are very good but I do no think your process removes the yellow tinge. Perfectly white Russian ermine becomes yellow either by being exposed to the sun or old age. Wet starch is most commonly used by furriers. Furriers have been trying for years to find some remedy to remove the yellow tinge from ermine and the person who succeeds will make his fortune very quickly.

The Very Rendezvous.

The question of where to sit down and await one's husband in Cologne has been solved. In the Passage or Arcade off the Hohe Strasse will be found just what is wanted. There are the most recent novels to be purchased in tempting array. In addition there is a room specially set aside for ladies and children where all the best known fashion journals are to be seen in addition to the daily papers and periodicals.

Furry Types.

Like jewels, different furs suit different types of women. There is the sealskin type, the skunk type, the sable type, and the astrakhan type. So long as women are true to their type they cannot go far wrong in fur, for the right kind of fur to wear is the fur that suits one.

Black Silk Stockings.

Black silk stockings are so expensive that it may be interesting to know how they were washed by our great-grandmothers. Make a latner of hot soap and water, and add a little salt; wash the stockings quickly, rinse them in lukewarm water, and wring them out. Lay them flat in a cloth, and roll them up till nearly dry; smooth them out, and rub them one way on the right side with soft flannel until dry.

Furs the order.

The weather is wintry and women are wearing furs with satisfaction. By taking to them early in the season they show good sense, for the first cold of autumn is always trying to the health. Fur of all kinds can be worn, but dark brown, as sable, mink, polecat, skunk, and every kind of imitation, are the most fashionable. Moleskin is also to be seen, and ermine always has a place. Chinchilla is for arch-millionaires, and astrakhan and broadtail are worn in moderation and chiefly by older women.

Scotch Plaids With Leather.

Cloaks and capes are worn very much this autumn, and in all kinds of material. You see heavy woollen cloaks with Kate Greenaway capes either in fur or the same material as the rest of the cloak; you see velvet with fur, satin trimmed with leather and Indian cachemire with fur. *AGNES.*

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Viscount Astor Dead.—Viscount Astor, the American millionaire, has died.

Ratified.—Austria has ratified the Peace Treaty.

No Money.—The bank clerks at Alexandria are on strike.

Paris Honoured.—Paris has been presented with the Croix de Guerre.

Back.—Berlin metal workers are back at work.

Echo of Kut.—The Kut court-martial will be resumed next week.

Closed.—The stalking season in the Highlands has closed.

More Sugar.—There is a likelihood that the sugar order at home will be relaxed

Swift Housing.—It is said that concrete houses can be put up in a fortnight.

Steadily Rising.—The cost of living in Blighty is steadily rising.

Paris Coal.—The Paris coal shortage will probably last until 1921.

Popular.—Shaw's plays are being staged in Berlin.

No More.—Bobbed hair is out of date in New York.

Apples in Plenty.—Kent's apple crop is reported to be tremendous.

Poor Jamaica.—Jamaica is to have an income tax.

Unappreciated.—A Hants village was offered a German machine gun, rifle and bayonet, water bottle and mess tin.

The Only Way.—On account of coal shortage railway traffic will be stopped in Saxony on Sundays.

Short Time Too.—The German National Assembly is undertaking the censorship of films.

Motor Scooter Dangers.—A motor scooter driven in a London street took fire.

By Air.—An art treasure valued at £500 was carried from Paris to London by air.

Missing.—Six hundred pairs of boots were missing from Army depots at Warminster during the summer.

The Doctors' Dilemma.—The idea of an eight hour day for doctors is ruled as absurd.

A King's Offer.—King Alfonso offered to lead his cavalry on behalf of France at one period of the war.

Dress Rehearsals.—The Zeebrugge raid was rehearsed on the cliffs of Wouiham, Kent.

Tenure.—L.C.C. allotment holders have petitioned for extension of tenure of two years from the official end of the war.

Perhaps.—It is thought that the release of Government cloth will make clothes cheaper.

As Sports.—The Basuto chiefs in England do not approve of betting on horse-racing.

Recognition.—L.C.C. tram drivers are to have two days leave with pay for their work during the recent strike.

All Equal.—We are not on a pedestal; we are level with the people.—Bishop of Birmingham.

No Politics.—"Pals, but no politics" is the advice of Earl Haig to ex-service men.

Proud Lowestoft.—Lowestoft has presented pieces of plate to the cruiser Lowestoft.

Starved.—There were twenty-six deaths from starvation in England and Wales last year.

One a Day.—One party of prisoners will sail from England to Germany each day.

Where are They?—The population of Berlin has been reduced by 173,000 since 1910.

Another Instalment.—Twenty million marks in gold are on their way to England.

On the Make.—According to the ex-president of the National Free Church Council, everybody has been on the make during the last five years.

The Perfect Woman.—The Queen of Belgians is regarded by an American professor as the supreme type of feminine physique.

The "America" Cup.—It is generally considered that the New York Yacht Club will accept Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge for the America Cup next year.

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THE LEGEND OF THE DOM.

Cologne, owing chiefly to the presence of the army of occupation, stands out so prominently among the cities of the Rhineland that special interest is attached to its Cathedral, said to be the most magnificent ecclesiastical structure in the world, excepting, perhaps St. Peter's at Rome.

Consternation spread throughout Germany when, between three and four years ago, the Kaiser and his advisers, in the stress owing to the lack of metal for munitions, decided to remove from the campanile of the cathedral the great "Kaiser bell," and melt it down for ammunition.

The legend as to the origin of Cologne Cathedral, blended at once in the supernatural and the Satanic, is, in the light of recent events, well worth re-telling.

Archbishop Conrad of Hochstenden, wishing to erect at Cologne a cathedral which should outvie in splendour all the churches of Germany and France, invited a celebrated local architect to prepare and submit a plan.

Gerhard von Reile, or Rile, is supposed to have been the name of the architect, who set about his stupendous task in 1248. Hochstenden's scheme was of so grandiose a character that Raile, doubting his own abilities, spent a vast amount of time in formulating his plans.

Once during a country walk, he sat down on a bank of the Rhine, and, in an abstracted manner, tried with his walking-stick to draw the façade of a church. An old man, walking along the bank, stopped near Raile, and looked intently at his outline in the sand.

"Mainz, Amiens, or some other city famous through its cathedral," he remarked with a sneer. Then the architect had to recognise that his supposed inspirations were merely recollections!

Wounded in his professional pride, he turned to the old man and, with acerbity, asked him whether he thought he could make as good a sketch of a cathedral façade.

The stranger, without uttering another word, took the walking-stick, and, with incredible rapidity, sketched an original plan in the sand.

"Ah!" exclaimed Reile, struck with the graceful outlines, "I see that you know your art. Are you, by chance, from Cologne?"

"No," replied the stranger, returning the stick.

"Continue—finish your plan, I implore you," said Reile.

"Not so, as I should then give you my scheme, and you would have all the honour in case of reproduction."

"I will give you ten golden crowns to finish it!" cried the architect excitedly.

Thereon, the old man drew from beneath his cloak an enormous leather purse which he showed full of gold coins. Then he tossed it in the air in a careless manner and caught it in its fall, indicating thereby that he was independent of money.

Suddenly the architect, exasperated by the disdainful demeanour of the stranger, drew a dagger and rushed upon him. "Finish the plan or you shall die!" he exclaimed.

"Violence! and against me!" said the old man in a calm voice. With lightning agility he disarmed his adversary, and knocked him sprawling. "You now know," he added, "that neither gold nor violence can overcome my determination. Still, you may, if you wish, obtain the plan in an honourable manner."

"How?" inquired the architect, rising from the ground.

"By engaging your soul to me for eternity!"

The architect recoiled, uttered a cry of terror, made the sign of the cross on his forehead, and the stranger vanished. Several days passed. Meanwhile, Reile, greatly obsessed by the old man's sketches in the sand, made desperate efforts to formulate an imposing plan of his own.

But, contrive as he would, his ambition was vain. Inspiration would not come to his assistance. Once more at nightfall he found himself on the bank of the Rhine. He had not gone far when he overtook the old man, who appeared to be sketching in the sand, in lines of fire, the outlines of a cathedral front.

Plainly visible were the towers, the spires, the windows, the massive porticoes, the niches, the gargoyles, the tracery—the complete outline, in fact, of a magnificent church which flashed for a few moments and then was effaced. At length the mysterious stranger turned to him.

"Do you still wish for my plan?" he asked. Reile gave a deep sigh. The stranger struck with his hesitation, sketched in lines of fire a magnificent portico. Enraptured and altogether beyond self-restraint, the victim succumbed. "Give me your plan and I will do all you wish!" he murmured.

"To-morrow at midnight—here!" whispered the magician artist, and at once he disappeared from sight. The following morning, as the architect sat at a window speculating as to the best site in Cologne for the new building, his old housekeeper, attired in black, entered the room. "Where are you going, dressed in black?" he inquired.

"I am going to the church of the Holy Apostles to say a mass of deliverance for a soul in purgatory!" she replied. She had suspected what had happened. The architect, in the abandonment of despair, threw himself on his bed and burst into tears of remorse. "Neither mass nor prayer can deliver me now!" he cried. "I am damned for ever—because I have wished it!"

Having related the whole story to the house-keeper, she at once consulted a priest. The latter said that nothing could be done for the miserable man.

At the same time he was convinced that a cathedral such as that sketched by the old man would, from an ecclesiastical point of view, make Cologne the most illustrious city of Germany, and devotees would come there from all parts of the world.

"My good woman," said the priest, handing her a silver reliquary, "here is a relic of the eleven thousand virgins. Give it to your master. Tell him to take it with him on his next meeting with the magician—tell him to seize the plan of the marvellous church before completing the engagement as to bartering his soul, then let him exhibit this relic."

At midnight the architect kept the appointment. "There is the plan of the cathedral, and there is the document for you to sign," remarked the stranger. Thereon the architect seizing the marvellous plan with one hand, held out the relic with the other. "By virtue of this holy relic, vanish Satan!" he exclaimed. For a moment the old man remained immovable. "A priest has counselled thee—it is a trick of the Church," he retorted. He made a desperate effort to recover the plan but without avail. The holy relic proved more powerful than his Satanic powers.

"I admit defeat," cried the magician, "but in spite of your relics and your priests I will be revenged. By a trick you have robbed me of my plan. Cologne Cathedral never shall be finished. I will efface your name from the memory of men. You, the architect of the finest cathedral in the world, shall not be damned by me. You shall have a worse fate—you shall be forgotten by posterity!" Then again he vanished.

Soon, according to the marvellous plan, the architect commenced the building of the magnificent fane, which grew day by day. At length, remembering the threat of the author of the plan, he resolved to have his name engraved on a copper plate to be fixed in the portico of the building. Vain hope! Suddenly there broke out quarrels between Archbishop Hochstaden and the residents of Cologne, with the result that the work was indefinitely suspended. The architect, heart-broken, died suddenly, and, if trustworthy historians are to be believed, his true name has been lost in oblivion.

From "The Builder."

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BRITAIN'S NEGLECTED LAND.

GOVERNMENT DETERMINED TO GROW ENOUGH WHEAT FOR HOME CONSUMPTION.

FINAL SESSION OF TANK COMMISSION.

BRITISH FARMING.

GOVERNMENT'S FOSTERING POLICY.

Mr. Lloyd George yesterday afternoon addressed a meeting of agriculturists at Caxton Hall on the subject of the Government's Agricultural Policy. Lord Lee of Fareham presided. Interest in the speech chiefly centred on the announcement which the Premier made regarding the extension of guaranteed minimum prices for wheat and oats.

He emphasised the fact that agriculture is still the greatest of our industries, but in no civilised country had the State done so little to foster it, a condition of things that he hoped would soon be remedied. Since 1871 the number of persons engaged in cultivating the soil had decreased by 700,000 and this neglect of such an essential industry had brought the country in 1917 to the verge of disaster. Had Germany neglected agriculture as we had done she would have collapsed within a year. The Premier gave figures showing how little we produced per hundred acres as compared to Germany with her far inferior soil, while comparison with Denmark was even worse. These figures, he said, showed what could be done by real parntership between the State and Agriculture. We have been too near disaster to run such a risk again. We must not tempt any enemy to aggression by the idea that it is possible to starve us out.

Increasing the output.

To help redress the adverse exchanges, agriculture, like other industries, must also do its share by increasing the output. It is possible to raise in Great Britain the 150 million pounds worth of foodstuffs which annually come from abroad. The efforts made by Agriculture during the war have already shown what could be done. (Mr. Lloyd George here paid a warm tribute to the Women's Land Army).

Before the war three fifths of the grain consumed in Great Britain was imported. but now it only forms two fifths. That was the result of the Corn Production Act, which not only increased production but enabled the farmer to pay the highest wages for reduced hours,—for the hours had already been reduced—and this without the loss of a penny to the State. It is essential therefore that the farmer be given guarantees, the amount and period of which are now being considered by a Commission.

Patriotic landowners.

As increasingly disturbing factor in agriculture is the fact that enormous tracts of land are passing into the market. This year alone over one million acres will have changed hands. This is due to the burden of heavy taxation on the landowning classes, who, whatever they had been, were not of the profiteering class. Agricultural rents even now remain substantially what they were. As an old opponent of the landowning classes, Mr. Lloyd George paid a warm tribute to the part they took in the fight for their native land. They had responded to every appeal with a patriotism which was an inspiriting example.

In view of these inevitable sales of lands, the farmer stands in need of protection if he is to respond to an appeal for increased production. Therefore it is proposed that he be secured in his tenancy, except where the land is required for public purposes, or he can be shown to be a bad cultivator. It is also proposed, where notice to quit is given in order to raise the rent, that the tenancy shall not be affected.

There is a guarantee that the agricultural labourer will get a good minimum wage, but as regards hours he appealed to the agricultural labourer, as a friend who had fought for him before his present friends were heard of, to do his share in the national programme of food-production and not to take advantage of the present labour shortage to insist upon conditions which will make national production impossible in this country.

Credit facilities essential.

Mr. Lloyd George also appealed to the great banking institutions to help the farmer in the development of his land. He hoped the credits required would be obtainable by ordinary business methods, but the Government is determined to leave nothing undone to secure the end in view, and he regarded credit facilities as essential. There must also be increased transport facilities and he hoped the new railway rates would not hamper the farmer. In this respect he urged the advantages of co-operation among farmers in bulking goods, and a wider use of labour saving appliances.

The Premier concluded a comprehensive speech by urging the need—as a simple business proposition—of making village life more attractive.

PRINCE'S VISIT TO U. S. CANCELLED.

It is authoritatively stated that the visit of the Prince of Wales to the United States has been definitely abandoned.

TANK CLAIMS.

COMMISSION CONCLUDES ITS INQUIRY.

The Tanks Commission of Inquiry was yesterday again occupied with the claims of Sir William Tritton and Major Wilson. These applicants had pooled their ideas and were, it was claimed, responsible for the main features of the tanks employed in the first battle of the Somme.

As showing that Sir William Tritton was not a money grabber Counsel said it was orginally intended to fit the tanks with Rolls-Royce engines but Sir William Tritton thought Daimlers would be more suitable and his firm arranged with Daimlers to supply the engines, Daimlers paying his firm a commission. Sir William Tritton did not like the idea of himself and his firm benefiting from his suggestion to put in Daimler engines and he accordingly voluntarily gave up to the Treasury sums amounting to one hundred and fifteen thousand pounds.

Giving evidence, Sir William said that while the Rolls-Royce engine was a beautiful one for comfort, the Daimler was more suitable to a heavy and slow-moving machine. He afterwards described how he and Major Wilson, while staying at an hotel at Lincoln, made drawings in the evenings, but on account of the secret nature of the project these were burnt each night.

Colonel Johnston, Superintendent of the Tank Designs and Experiments at the War Office, said that in the early days of the Somme, the tanks could hardly be relied on. Their various defects had a depressing effect on the Tank Corps and at one time it was a question whether the Corps would be continued.

Counsel contended that it must not be argued that because Sir William Tritton's firm made a profit out of the construction of tanks, Sir William Tritton was not personally entitled to claim a bounty.

On the President of the Inquiry expressing dissent, Counsel replied that any way this did not affect the claim of Major Wilson who did not benefit from the manufacture of the tanks.

Counsel for the Crown, opposing both the claimants, asserted that their designs, while conforming more or less to the requirements of the authorities, were sufficiently bad as very nearly to cause the abandonment of the whole scheme.

The Chairman, interposing: "And sufficiently good to warrant an order for one thousand."

The Solicitor General again contended that the tank was not an invention but a collaboration in which many participated.

The Commission then rose, having concluded the enquiry.

GERMAN SHIPPING.

EVASION OF TREATY TERMS.

The British Peace delegation in Paris has submitted a memorandum to the Supreme Council showing that the German ships Johann Heinrich, Burchard, William Oswald, Braunschweig, Denderah and Nassau have not been surrendered to the Allies on the belated plea that these ships had been sold to Dutch companies.

The memorandum says that both the German's and Dutch are well aware that this transfer is invalid.

The view of the Allies regarding such transfers to Neutrals was explained to Neutrals in a circular dated 7th November 1918, wherein it was definitely established by common agreement between the Allied and Associated Powers and Germany that German vessels transferred to a neutral flag during the war without Allied consent must be regarded as German vessels.

AMERICAN LOAN TO GREAT BRITAIN.

Messrs. J. P. Morgan and Company announce the issue of a 250 million dollar loan to Great Britain. This loan will mature in three and ten years and may be converted at any time into sterling bonds.

Part of the proceeds are to be used to take up the 5½ per cent. British notes which fall due on 1st November. The remainder will be available for Great Britain's requirements in the United States. This flotation is expected to stabilise the exchange very considerably.

A BOLSHEVIST REPORT.

A Bolshevist wireless message asserts that the Bolshevists have retaken Orel and on the Voronesh front have annihilated a force of nineteen regiments under Denikin's General Mamontoff. They claim to have captured two armoured trains, four guns and fifty machine guns.

President Wilson continues to improve. Tuesday was a much better day for him than usual.

FIERY FISHER.

MENACE OF THE GERMAN FLEET.

Tuesday being Trafalgar day, Lord Fisher's memories were published in volume form by Hodder and Stoughton, at the price of one guinea. The extracts already published in the "Times" afford a very good idea of the body of the work.

This extraordinary book of an extraordinary man, however, reveals some remarkable oninions and projects. Firmly convinced that war with Germany was inevitable, Lord Fisher used all his influece in 1905 and 1908 to persuade King Edward that the German Fleet should be "Copenhagened" at Kiel, i.e. wiped out by a surprise attack, as Nelson treated the Danish Fleet at Copenhagen.

He advocated at the same time the landing of an army on the Pomeranian coast, less than a hundred miles from Berlin. These projects apparently became known or were guessed at by the Kaiser, who was careful to explain that he thought the scheme quite justifiable from Lord Fisher's point of view.

It is interesting to note the warm praise that Lord Fisher has for Mr. McKenna as well as for Mr. Winston Churchill. "McKenna," he says, "is a real fighter and the Navy haters will pass over his dead body;" and again, "the sacred fire of efficiency burns brightly in him and he is a born fighter and good hater." Both Lord Fisher and King Edward were born in 1841," which the King thought a very good vintage year.

Lord Fisher says of King Edward "I am not sure whether he could do the rule of three but he had the heavenly gift of proportion and perspective."

Linking up the world.

A letter from Lord Fisher in the "Times" on Tuesday advocates facility of communications, as begetting community of interests, which is the only form of treaty that is not a mere scrap of paper.

For this reason he means to ask Mr. Schwab, of the Bethlehem Steel works (who built a swarm of submarines in five months) to construct and run a line of huge passenger steamers from New York to Blacksod Bay. Thence with the aid of submarine tubes from Larne to Stranraer, Dover to Calais, and under the Bosphorus the whole world could be linked up.

WINESHOP MURDER.

SENTENCE QUASHED ON APPEAL.

In the Criminal Appeal Court on Monday Arthur John Biggin successfully appealed against his conviction and sentence of 12 months' hard labour for manslaughter upon a charge of murdering a man named Gregory at a Hendon wine-shop. The conviction was quashed, and Biggin was set at liberty.

The Lord Chief Justice, in delivering the judgment of the Court, said in his cross-examination of the accused, Counsel for the Crown, had put questions which had the effect of extracting admissions from the accused. A number of these questions had no relevance whatever to the charge of murder or manslaughter. It had been expressly provided by Parliament that when a defendant went into the witness-box to give evidence he should not be cross-examined as to past offences or to circumstances which would show that he was a bad character.

"We are unable to say," concluded his Lordship, "that we are satisfied that the jury would have convicted if they had been told to pay no attention to the cross-examination. It seems that the accused's defence was that he killed Gregory in defending himself and in saving his own life, and, as Mr. Justice Darling says: 'If that was intended he is entitled to an aquittal.' The conviction for manslaughter must therefore be quashed, and the accused must be set at liberty."

WHAT IS INFLUENZA?

Dr. Ortecoin has communicated to the Society of Comparative Pathology, Paris, the result of a series of investigations which he has been carrying out at the Pasteur Institute. From these investigations he has decided that:

1. Influenza is due to an invisible and infiltrating virus in which the visible microbes, such as the Pfeiffer bacillus, only play a secondary rôle.

2. Human influenza differs from bubonic plague, but is assimilable to a certain number of animal epizooties such as the plagues attacking horses, pigs, and game.

NEW TITLES IN THE PEERAGE.

Tuesday's "London Gazette" announces the titles assumed by various recent recipients of peerages. Among these are Baron Beatty of the North Sea and of Brooksby, Leicestershire, Viscount Borodale of Wexford and Earl Beatty; Baron Haig of Bemersyde, Berwickshire, Viscount Dawick and Earl Haig; Viscount Allenby of Megiddo and Felixstowe (with remainder in default of male issue to his brother Captain Frederick Allenby, R.N. retired); Baron Plumer of Messines and Biltyn, Yorkshire; Baron Byng of Vimy and Thorpelesoken, Essex.

The extension of the diamond cutting factory at Brighton is approaching completion. It will afford accommodation for 2,000 disabled soldier and sailor employées.

MINE DISASTER.

CAGE CRASHES TO PIT BOTTOM.

A terrible accident occurred on Tuesday at the Levant mine, situated near the Cornish village of St. Just, near Penzance.

While the cage was midway in the shaft, the winding engine collapsed and the cage plunged to the bottom. It is believed that nearly forty miners have lost their lives and many others were injured. Nearly the whole of the underground staff, numbering about a hundred and fifty men, were in the cage when it crashed to the bottom.

PETROGRAD.

CONFLICTING STATEMENTS.

A Reuter telegram from Helsingfors announces that the Russian North-west-Army is still advancing. Ladimiroff, who recently escaped from Petrograd, has been appointed Governor General, in anticipation of the fall of the capital.

Steps have been taken to ensure that food supplies will be available for the city immediately the White troops enter, and the American Minister at Stockholm, Mr. Morris, has been requested by General Yudenitch and Liazonolf to assist in the work of relief by urging his Government to send supplies from America.

On the other hand a wireless message from Moscow states that the Reds are successfully advancing, and fighting is proceeding six miles North of Krasnoeselo.

VETERANS' MEMORIAL.

ONE MILLION POUNDS WANTED.

A meeting of the Veterans' Association was held at the Mansion House with the object of promoting an Imperial memorial to the glorious dead.

Mrs. Herbert Chantrey, who presided, said that owing to the railway strike the flag day on behalf of the memorial fund was not successful. It was therefore proposed to have another flag day throughout London on the 6th November.

Major Lewin explained that the object is to raise a million pounds in order to establish headquarters, with a thousand beds for men of all the services, past, present and future, also to provide convalescent homes for those who either from wounds or sickness, broke down after their return to civil life. The Association had already received five thousand pounds from Canada, one thousand from the Turf Club at Delhi, India, and lesser sums from other parts of the Empire.

A resolution in support of the objects of the Association was carried unanimously.

HUGE DIAMOND FOUND.

FLAWLESS GEM WORTH £100,000.

A blue-white brilliant weighing some 1,500 carats has been discovered at the Premier Diamond mine, (S. Africa) and as it is stated that it is without a flaw, its value is put roughly at £100,000.

It may be remembered that in 1905 the Cullinan diamond was found on the same property. It weighed 3,032 carats, but owing to flaws it had to be cut up into more than one brilliant, and the largest of these is now included amongst the Crown jewels of the Empire.

AMATEUR WIRELESS.

The ban on private wireless installations is now being removed. Under certain conditions the Postmaster General will grant permission for the erection of aerials to receive messages. Applicants must be of British nationality and must undertake not to divulge messages to anyone except Government officials.

All apparatus must be open to inspection by Post Office officials at any reasonable time, and the maximum height of aerials is limited to one hundred feet.

MEMORIAL TO DUTIFUL JOURNALIST.

The Bishop of Woolwich in Woolwich Cemetery, unveiled a marble memorial cross, erected by journalists over the grave of James Harvey Dale, sixteen, a pupil on the staff of the "South-Eastern Herald", who was fatally run over by a motor lorry while cycling to the office. When picked up his first thought was to take some "copy" from his pocket and hand it to a bystander, with the request that it should be taken to the office at once, as it was important.

FRENCH CHAMBER DISSOLVED.

Elected in 1914, the French Chamber was dissolved on Sunday. Owing to the war, elections were not practicable, and the Chamber exceeded the normal period by some sixteen months. During this time seven different Prime Ministers have held office. The elections will be held on Nov. 16.

The Court-martial on Lieutenant-Colonel Sherwood Kelly, who criticised the Government policy in North Russia, has been fixed for 29th October, at the Middlesex Guildhall.

PENNANT INQUIRY.

RUMOURS OF SCANDALS AND INTRIGUES.

In the course of the Pennant inquiry yesterday, Miss Pennant affirmed that the General Officer commanding the Midland Area intercepted reports addressed to her by Mrs. Beckett, whom she sent to investigate the conditions at the camp at Castle Bromwich. She declared that he told Mrs. Beckett that if the latter tried to communicate with Miss Pennant direct she would have to leave his area within twenty-four hours.

Among a number of rumours which reached her, Miss Pennant said there was one regarding the South Carlton Camp in Lincolnshire, where there were some American officers. One night some women's huts were raided and one room occupied by a girl officer was broken into by an American officer who was drunk.

Several Counsel said that as Miss Pennant's statement only referred to rumours, they would not cross-examine.

Sir Charles Russell, however, put some questions, but elicited little from Miss Pennant beyond reiterations of previous asseverations of intrigue against her.

PEERESS CANDIDATE.

WILL PROBABLY CONTEST PLYMOUTH.

An interesting point arises out of one of the latest vacancies in the House of Commons, caused by the succession of Major Astor, the member for Plymouth, to the peerage.

Local Conservatives are seriously considering an invitation to Viscountess Astor, wife of the new peer, to be their candidate.

It is claimed that she is under no legal disability, and there is no doubt she would be the strongest possible Coalition candidate, being very popular in the district and a great hand at electioneering. Her language at political meetings is often extremely racy.

POLICING MID-EUROPE.

AMERICAN PARTICIPATION DOUBTFUL.

Mr. Baker, United States War Secretary, announced yesterday that no American troops would be used for police work in Silesia or in any country for which a plebiscite has been proposed, until after the Senate had ratified the Peace Treaty. He also pointed out that should the Senate adopt the proposed reservation against American participation in police duty abroad, American troops could not be used for that purpose.

UNWRITTEN LAW.

FRENCHWOMAN ACQUITTED OF INFANTICIDE.

A case of peculiar interest came before the Seine Assizes on Monday, when Madame Lambert was charged with having caused the death of her daughter's child at Valenciennes in June, 1917.

It was stated that the father of the child was a Bavarian soldier, and the jury, taking into account the special circumstances of the case, acquitted Madame Lambert.

HANDICAP OF LOW WAGES.

Lord Leverhulme, who was entertained by the Authors Club at dinner on Tuesday night, said he believed the success of nations depended on the payment of high wages. Our great handicap in competing with the United States had been our low rate of wages. Nothing could be better for any nation than ambitious workmen.

IMPERSONATED OFFICERS.

At the Old Bailey yesterday a mining engineer was sentenced to five years penal servitude for obtaining money by fraud. Evidence was given that in six months he had impersonated ten different officers, thereby obtained goods, chiefly jewellery, to the value of six thousand pounds.

STEAMER MINED IN NORTH SEA.

A Lloyd's message from Hull yesterday showed that news had been received by wireless of the mining of the United States steamer Guimba eight miles west of No. 1 Lightship at 2.40 a.m. on Sunday. The vessel was making for Hamburg under her own power. According to news received last night, the Guimba reached Hamburg in a damaged condition.

SLAUGHTERMEN ON STRIKE.

Slaughtermen in London struck work yesterday, demanding higher rates per head for "koshering" or killing cattle according to the Jewish ritual, on the ground that it takes much longer than ordinary slaughtering. In consequence there is every prospect of a shortage of meat in London this week.

Lieutenant-General Sir William Marshall has sailed for India to take over the Command of the Southern Army.

JOY-RIDING.

NEW ORDERS TO BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

In pursuance of instructions received from the War Office, the following G.R.O., which supersedes previous orders on the subject, has been issued by the Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the Rhine.

No W. D. vehicle, car, ambulance, lorry or bicycle will be used without the special authority of G.O.'sC. on any but strictly military duty.

No lady or other unauthorized person will be permitted to travel without the special authority of a G.O.C. in any W.D. car on any pretence whatever, either in the company of an officer or soldier or otherwise. Disciplinary action will be taken against the driver of the vehicle, any officer or N.C.O. present for any disregard of this instruction. Permits are only to be issued for a specific journey, and are not to be of a permanent nature. Power to grant these is to be kept strictly within the hands of G.O.sC., and is not to be delegated to anyone.

When special authority has been granted as above, the driver will be supplied with the necessary permit, which will include the names of the persons authorized to travel, and will be produced on demand by the Provost Marshal's Department, who have authority and are required to stop W. D. vehicles carrying ladies or civilians and to report any unauthorized travelling.

DEFENCE OF PACIFIC.

JELLICOE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

Admiral Lord Jellicoe's report recommends that New Zealand's snare in the naval defence of the Pacific be three light cruisers and six submarines, and also, for harbour defence, six destroyers and a number of trawlers, the initial cost for 1920-21 being £357,000, and increasing yearly until 1925-26, whem it will reach £1,166,100. The proposed percentage of the total cost of the Pacific fleet is distributed as follows: Great Britain, 75 per cent.; Australia, 20 per cent.; New Zealand, 5 per cent.

BLACK LISTED.

GERMANYS PROUDEST NAMES.

Mr. Ignace, French Under-Secretary of State for Military Justice, has completed a list of German officers guilty of crimes against the common law in France and Belgium. The number amounts to about 600. Against such names is written a a detailed account of the crimes and evidence proving them. Some of Germany's proudest names figure in the list, including that of Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria.

MATTHEWS OFF TO AUSTRALIA.

After further delay owing to fog, Captain Matthews left Hounslow on his flight to Australia at 11.44 on Tuesday morning. He was intending to call at Paris.

Before starting Captain Matthews received telegrams wishing him good luck from Prince Albert, Major-General Seely, Under-Secretary for the Air and Major General Sykes, Controller-General of Civil aviation.

Captain Matthews landed at Merheim aerodrome yesterday. He only stayed a few hours and left later in the afternoon. He is flying a Sopwith, fitted with a 350 h.p. Rolls-Royce Eagle engine.

DEFINITION OF DUMPING.

At a meeting of the administrative council of the National Union of Manufacturers the following resolution was passed: "That this meeting urges upon the Government that all goods shall be considered as 'dumped' if they are produced under labour conditions which are inferior to our own, or if they are offered for sale at lower prices than in their country of origin."

A JOB FOR PUSSYFOOT.

At the Thames Police Court yesterday the magistrate, Mr. Rooth, addressing a dock policeman who had given evidence in a case in which a man was charged with the unlawful possession of a bottle of whisky, said:—"There is a very interesting gentleman visiting this country at the present time—Mr. Pussyfoot. I suggest to you that if you come across him you might find material on which to work."

QUAINT MANX OATH.

Mr. Reginald Farrant, a member of the Isle of Man Bar, has been appointed Stipendiary of Douglas and Castletown. Mr. Farrant was yesterday sworn in in the quaint form which has prevailed in the island for centuries. He swore to do justice between party and party "as indifferently as the herring's backbone doth lie in the midst of the fish."

Witnesses in the Fratel case having arrived from India, the proceedings will probably be resumed on the 29th October.

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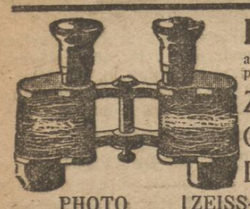

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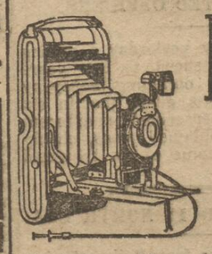

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HOW TOMMY CAN HELP.

Just now there is a strong revival of the discussion on the shortcomings of the British public-house. This has been the subject of talk for more years than many of us care to remember. Royal Commissions have issued weighty reports on publichouse reform. Over fifty years ago one of these reports urged that every refreshment house in Great Britain should be open-fronted, so that the semi-secrecy of drinking in closed compartments should cease. It was pointed out that taking one's refreshment in the public view would help to stamp out the notorious abuses of the private bar. The recommendation, like so many others, fell on deaf ears. Year followed year and the British "pub", a byeword in every other civilised community, continued. Decent people shunned it, respectable women seldom entered its doors. It was a drinking place pure and simple. It reeked of stale liquor. It produced the publichouse lounger. It was a blot on the face of the land, a licensed horror.

In the old days the country hostel was not so bad. Its cosy bar parlour, with its ingle nook, where the village worthies, puffing their churchwarden pipes, assembled o' nights to chat over the day's events with their tankards of good old English ale before them, was an institution with few bad points.

But the time came when the big brewers saw a means of increasing their profit. They bought up the old inns, replacing "mine host" by their paid servant, the "manager", who could only sell the stuff they supplied. That abominable institution, the bar, came into being. From being rest houses and veritable clubs for the traveller and inhabitant they became machines for turning out profits. The charm of the British inn had gone! The tied-house reigned supreme. And this has gone on to the present day. There was another element that helped to make public-house improvement possible. That was the virulent temperance party. In their zeal they took the mistaken policy of opposing every licence and setting their face against anything tending to uplift the "pub." They wanted nothing but absolute abolition. They will never succeed, but they have done infinite harm by preventing reform. Now there is a certain amount of revolt against the whole system. Will common-sense prevail?

The public has the matter in its own hands, and this is where Tommy can help to win the day for the saner, cleaner, better public-house.

He has had the opportunity of seeing what a cheerful, well-ordered, altogether admirable rendezvous for the people a café is. He has been able to see that insular prejudice and fanatical opposition to the introduction at home of the open café are absolutely unfounded.

He has gone back to Blighty and is still going. He is an elector with a vote. If the ex-soldiers will use their power they can do wonders for Britain. This is how Tommy can help.

CIVILIANS AGAIN.

DEMOBILIZATION VIA HOLLAND.

We left Cologne on a perfect Sunday morning, making our way to the waiting boat in the Rhine. It was the "beginning of the end" of our army career, the last lap to Blighty and civvies. We started punctually at 10 a.m. and passing under the Hohenzollern Bridge and through the Bridge of Boats soon left the steeples of the Dom in the distance.

Slowly, all too slowly, we threaded the windings of the river, passing but few towns to break the monotony of the flat country side. Envious soldiers on either bank shouted their good wishes to us and frauleins waved an ironical farewell.

Meals were served on board, each man having been previously allotted a mess. At night we tied up to a couple of barges in midstream and having found our beds, returned to the saloon of the demob. boat for an impromptu concert. The concert was a success—who so merry as a party of men for demob'? A sweepstake was held, the proceeds of which went to the man who guessed nearest the precise minute we reached Rotterdam on the morrow. We turned in on our barge at 10 p.m. but were back again on the boat by 6 a.m. when the second stage of our journey commenced.

QUAINT DUTCH VILLAGES.

At 8 o'clock we put inshore to pick up two Dutch officials and there after continued our trip through Holland, having finally bid farewell to Germany. The Dutch landscape was pleasanter than the German, the river banks being more crowded with towns, villages and various factories.

Nearing Rotterdam we came upon the true Dutch villages, so like the pictures one sees of them in England that we were forced to laugh. The typical Dutch wide trousers, patched like Joseph's coat, hiding their owners' hands and the long clay pipe were as amusing as the long rows of windmills which could not keep time. The banks of the Rhine served as a drying ground for the village washing, all of which could be viewed by the passengers on the slow moving boat.

Arriving at Rotterdam, the lucky winner of the sweepstake having received his cash, we were transferred to a barge and towed under a very low bridge across the city to the docks. On the way we had a fine view of the city itself—no more patched trousers were visible, but it would not have surprised us to have found that the tram cars bore the inscription "made in Germany."

A GLANCE AT ROTTERDAM.

The streets were narrow and ill-paved, reminding one of the badly-kept French cobble stone roads. Landing-places for stores occupied one side of the street and steamers were being unloaded there from the river. Rotterdam rather reminded one of Hull except for the Dutch type of face, as easily distinguishable as the German. Many of the boats and tugs bore English names, while several large English firms had landing stages alongside the river.

Landing at the docks we found beds ready for us in the Customs sheds. After a wash and shave (which all needed badly) we had tea and dinner together in another part of the huge sheds, and, having arranged our beds, another concert followed.

At 3 a.m. the following morning we embarked aboard the s.s. "Stockport" and found our way to the beds below. In nautical parlance it seemed inclined to turn out a "dirty morning" and promised a rough passage, a promise which was kept. By 4 a.m. we had left the docks and soon afterwards we discovered that crossing the Channel on a stormy day was play compared to crossing the North sea in dirty weather.

A STICKY CROSSING.

The ship was not on an even keel for a minute, no, not for a single second, while the noise of the waves breaking on the deck sounded like thunder. Guess, then, under what condition the writer spent the long hours of his 21st birthday. Even bad things have an end, and we arrived at Harwich at 3 p.m. fed up, but still far from home. 7 o'clock saw us at Liverpool Street Station, fast approaching the Crystal Palace, via the Monument and London Bridge. We reached the Palace at last at 10 p.m.

Then came the painful process of getting demobbed. Did I say we were fed up? Let me emphasise it again! "Give up this paper, sign that, answer your name here, and call out your number there"—even "state your religion" and all the time still carrying the old gun and equipment plus any souvenir that one kept from the eyes of the Customs Officers at Harwich! The floor of the Palace seemed very insecure and at times reared itself on end for no apparent reason.

GOODBYE, RIFLE AND PACK.

Finally "Dump your rifle and equipment here" came the welcome order. How we squared our shoulders and pulled our weary selves together when the once spotless equipment bit the dust on the floor!

What a relief, the old pack off for the last time. No fear of the whistle blowing in ten minutes time to put it on again. Still more forms to be signed, some to be retained and some given up.

Someone gave us £2 each and a supper ticket — we did not know who! With a sandbag of souvenirs under one arm and a tin helmet in one hand we journeyed to the mess room and ate as much as we could of our last army meal. We did not want it — it was only to get the last available thing out of the army.

After a few words from an officer, about "service to your King" and "grateful country" etc. we strolled off in columns of lumps towards the station. *R.J.W.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

A SENSE OF HUMOUR.

Sir,—In common with most of us, I believe in my own sense of humour, and therefore resent "Laughable's" attack on it. But apart from personal pique, I quarrel with his statements.

For one thing, it was George Meredith, who certainly did not lack "humorous inspiration," who defined the sense of comedy as "thoughtful laughter." But without entering upon a metaphysical argument, which would be totally out of place in the columns of the "Cologne Post," I must own that I cannot follow the careful logic of "Laughable's" reply.

To say that one must lack humour because one attempts to analyse it, is a strange statement indeed. Does the novelist lack human inspiration because he attempts to analyse the impulses of aesthetic creation?

I did not know before that we English were "taught to laugh", but I did know, even without "Laughable's" immediate illustration of it, that we are not taught to think. *E.A.D.*

CRUEL PERFORMANCES.

Sir,—Apropos that most laudable letter of L.P. Peters in yesterday's "Post" I should be glad if you would print the following lines by Ada Chapell which made a real effect on me when I read them first. They seem to me to put the case of dumb creatures, who are tortured for our amusement, better than anything I have ever read on the subject.

"ALAS."

Pity me! poor dancing dog,
In my coat of gold and green
With my big pathetic eyes
Sadder sight was never seen.

Pity me! poor shrinking cat,
Forced to leap, to climb, to stand,
Every muscle stiff and sore
Cowering 'neath the trainer's hand.

Pity me! poor elephant
Longing for my jungle home.
Prodded through ungainly tricks
Never more at large to roam.

Pity the dumb creatures all,
Not as God would have them, free,
But as hapless captives kept,
Just to please "humanity."

Please "humanity" forsooth
What a satire on the name!
Ah! could we but realise
The true meaning of "humane."

Mothers, teach your children all
Each sad sight like this to shun;
Fathers, train your sons to be
Mercy's champions every one.

When I witnessed at Hagenbeck's circus recently, a turn with performing bears, which was obviously a cruel one, I hissed as loud as I could while others applauded. If we can do nothing else, we can make some such protest against inhumanity I think. *ANIMAL LOVER.*

ARE GERMANS NOISY?

Sir,—Are Germans noisy? Gather four of the female variety together yapping and the nearest approach to the effect of the combination is the preliminary of a party of English terriers at the approach of a rat week.

Just how they make themselves understood with all talking at once beats me. I know a gathering of British women at a teafight can do wonders in their own peculiar high-pitched tones, but even that is melodious compared with the rasping, guteral efforts of say, half a dozen German women discussing kitchen problems simultaneously.

I suppose so long as we have to occupy Rhineland, we must put up with it. But it gets on my nerves and is injuring my ear drums. *DAGO.*

THE BEST TIME.

Sir:—There has been a great deal of discussion this past two days on the change in the time of commencement of the Army Amusements in Cologne. It seems that after all the most convenient time for starting is six instead of seven.

I am sure patrons of the Deutsches Theatre will take the opportunity of placing their vote in the ballot box which has been put up there. The R.A.D.C. are also affected by the extra hour, and it is up to those who appreciate their kindness in producing these splendid series of plays, to do them a good turn by trying to get the starting of these performances put back one hour. Send your vote in without delay. *G.W.H.P.*

SMOKING IN NON-SMOKERS.

Sir,—I have sufficient knowledge of human nature to know that given a pipe a man is of a contented frame of mind, but his enjoyment should not rob him of the courtesy of using a non-smoking railway carriage as a smoker without consulting his fellow passengers, especially ladies.

I am sanguine enough to believe that it is just thoughtlessness in many cases. *DUNHILL.*

IN PRAISE OF THE N.A.C.B.

Sir,—The clubs provided by our French Allies are so comfortable and hospitable, so much what a club should be, that one hesitates to criticise their management, but may I express the hope that the officer-in-charge of our Cologne clubs will cling to the idea of declining to reserve tables.

There is to my mind nothing more aggravating to be turned away from a table or tables which are ostensibly reserved, but which are not put to use until late in the evening.

I recall that the practice obtained in many Cologne cabarets until British visitors paid no heed to the intimation and the German waiter then realised that his little game was not suited to British mind. *W. H.*

NUMBER THIRTEEN.

Sir,—I see a correspondent has written about this unlucky number. Well, let me tell you I was torpedoed on the 13th of April 1915, joined the colours on the 13th of May 1916. Was on leave in Scotland and injured in the Ratho express disaster in January 1917. The express left from No 13 Platform, Edinburgh, Waverley station. I was admitted into hospital with "flu" 13th November 1918 and received a bad injury at football on the 13th February last. *UNLUCKY.*

ARE THEY GUNNERS?

Sir,—In reply to "Infantry, 1914" re "Gunners," can he inform me how many men of the M.G.C. style themselves gunners? I have been in the corps since its birth and have yet to hear it. The term has arisen, chiefly through the newspapers, in football headings, etc. Supposing we say it's not right to call their transport men, drivers' who were taken from the same arm of the service as gunners?

In my opinion a man who has to carry his gun miles to use it, is as much a gunner as those on the larger pieces.

Proportionately, both are the same, in fact during the war, the M.G.C. were often called the light artillery.

I can only add that had Lord Roberts, and other real gunners, seen how some of these small weapons were used in the war, they would surely turn in their graves, not in horror, but in admiration. *GUNNER IN FRANCE.*

Sir,—It was with great amusement that I read "Gunner's" letter. I am a Machine Gunner, and like the remainder of our corps, do not mind what we are called, only as "Gunner" thinks we are usurping his title I should like to point out that the title of gunner was given us by other units and that it is taken from the name of Machine Gunner.

Is it not easier on a football field to cry out "played the Gunners" than "played the Machine Gunners?"

If we take the titles of the two units, Machine Gun Corps and Royal Artillery, we must admit that the Machine Gunners have more right to the title of Gunners than the R.A.'s.

Nevertheless, if "Gunner" resents the title given to us by other units, it is up to him to find a more suitable one, which would soon be taken up by all and sundry. *MACHINE GUNNER.*

Sir,—"Infantry, 1914," and "Gunner" both seem to be annoyed at the misuse of the word "Gunner." I cannot think it was done consciously; if it was I am sure it does not represent the view of the corps generally.

We are proud of our own laurels in the war and do not wish to trespass on other regiments' old traditions.

We have made our own tradition during the last five years' and are proud to call ourselves not "gunners" but "machine gunners," and although a newly-fledged corps, as "Gunner" said, we consider ourselves justly entitled to the name. *ECOSSE.*

GERMAN TRADE METHODS.

Sir,—A good example of German trade methods came under my notice last evening.

Intent upon purchasing a popular type of safety razor blade I demanded a packet, my idea being to examine the goods. The trader was wily, for after a hurried consultation he admitted that the goods were not what they were represented to be.

"They send me them from Solingen" he pleaded. Presumably the manufacturers send them unasked, and against his will they are displayed in his window.

My query as to why he offered the goods for sale if they were not what they were represented to be was left unanswered, except by a sheepish grin. I hope this letter will serve as a warning to others. *TICH.*

ARE THEY NECESSARY?

Sir,—Is "Willie" unable to take life seriously? To my mind the wearing of such dainty identity discs should be made compulsory.

Think of the saving to the Government. Just imagine at this stage in the war the expense entailed in the institution of a casualty department for the tracing of the missing. Your guide to the lights carried by the tram cars is proof in itself of the risks we run late at night.

Just as we carried life in one's hands in the dark days of the war, so the occupation is attended by risks. How very necessary is it then that we should retain such distinguishing marks. Think what wifie would say if she found her precious war gift cast on one side. *MICKY.*

LOVES OF THE PAST.

The dusk of the dead day grows deeper;
In Fancy, fair features flit fast,
As I muse, 'mid the snores of the sleeper,
On days that are past.

And Memory's pictures glow brightly—
(No Pelman need come to my aid)—
As before me in thought appears lightly
Each succulent maid.

There was sweet little Hetty, in Surrey;
There was Meg, in the Highlands' dank mist;
There was Biddy in Cork; and Jeanne's hurry
(In France), to be kissed.

Ah, those moments too, too evanescent!
How quickly they faded away!
Life's wine is in truth effervescent,—
But bubbles won't stay!

Do they dream of me now? do they smother
Their sobs in the pillow's frail lace?
—Or turns each perchance to another
And recenter face?

O Maud! are you false? O my Janet
Do you thrill, as you used, at my name?
My Ethel, who loved me in Thanet,
Are you still the same?

Dear Flossie, with fair golden tresses,
Beats still your heart only for me?
My Poll, d'you recall our caresses
At Somewhere-on-Sea?

O sweetest of darlings, my Nancy,
What glorious times we have had!
My Cora, d'you visit in fancy
Your true soldier lad?

O dearest, with love I'll not palter:
Next leave, we will have the date fixed:
—(I'm only afraid, at the altar
I'll get the names mixed!)

G. WYNOTT.

DRISCOLL'S DEFEAT.

Testimonial to mark Retirement of Popular Sportsman.

LARGE SUM SUBSCRIBED.

Further evidence of his great popularity was accorded Jim Driscoll after his fight on Monday at the National Sporting Club. when £1,775 was readily subscribed towards a testimonial to mark his retirement from the ring.

As reported in "The Cologne Post" yesterday, Driscoll was defeated by the French bantam-weight champion, Charles Ledoux.

A more detailed telegram now to hand states that Driscoll gave a superb exhibition of scientific boxing. He easily led on points, but in the fifteenth round Ledoux made a fine spurt and got home several blows to the jaw and stomach, nearly knocking his opponent out.

The veteran Welsh boxer came out for the sixteenth round, but his seconds promptly threw in the towel.

MR. J. H. THOMAS' COMPLIMENT.

Following the fight, a party of prominent sportsmen and others, numbering between twenty and thirty, met in Mr. Bettinson's room, where eulogistic references were made to Driscoll's skill. Both Driscoll and Ledoux were present. Amongst those who spoke was Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., the railwaymen's leader, who last night paid his first visit to the National Sporting Club. He expressed the opinion that Driscoll's services should be secured for the benefit of the younger generation.

It was decided to raise a national testimonial to Driscoll on his retirement from the ring, and, as stated, immediately £1,775 pounds was contributed by those present.

JACK JOHNSON AGAIN.

Referee Shoots a Judge at Boxing Meeting.

Jack Johnson, the former heavy-weight champion of the world, knocked out Kid Cutler in the sixth round of their scheduled twenty-five round contest at Mexico City on Sept. 28.

Following one of the preliminary bouts a quarrel ensued over a decision rendered by Antonio Sarabi, the referee, and Sarabi whipped out a revolver and dangerously wounded Migue Manlizabel, one of the judges.

CARPENTIER IS TRAINING.

Georges Carpentier will train at the Royal Abercorn Hotel, Stanmore for his contest with Joe Beckett fixed for Dec. 4 at the Holborn Stadium. Carpentier will start work at Stanmore three weeks before the contest, and will have as sparring partners his compatriot Lenaers, Eddie McGoorty, and Jack Blumenfeld.

JIMMY WILDE TO MEET PETE HERMAN.

Mr. Ted Lewis, on behalf of Jimmy Wilde, has signed a contract with Mr. Cochran for Wilde to meet Pete Herman, the American bantam-weight champion, at Olympia next year. The contract contains a clause that, should Herman be defeated, Jimmy will take on the new champion.

INTER-ALLIED BOXING.

Tournament for U.S., British, French, and Belgians.

An inter-allied tournament at which American, British, French, and Belgian army boxers will compete has been arranged for the evenings of Oct. 30th, 31st and Nov. 1, Coblenz being the venue.

Boxers and wrestlers of the seven classes, bantamweight, featherweight, lightweight, welterweight, middleweight, light heavy-weight and heavyweight will meet at the Liberty Hut arena in struggles for the championships of the armies of occupation. All of the final matches are scheduled to go ten rounds. Only one fighter from each army will be allowed to enter each class. Because of that, eliminations will be held in four competing armies and the best man of each weight will be sent as a representative.

British aspirants are now hard in training and some excellent boxing, all of which will be under the Marquis of Queensbury rules, is assured.

WRESTLING.

The wrestling bouts will be governed by the Amateur Athletic Union rules with the hammer, lock, strangle, full nelson and toe holds barred.

The Y. M. C. A. as has been its custom for all big athletic events, will award cash prizes and medals. All of the men who box two or more rounds will receive bronze medals while the winners of the events will receive silver medals. Cash prizes will consist of 500 marks for boxing and 200 marks for wrestling.

GERMAN BOXING.

Further Interesting Bouts at Luna park, Cologne.

Teusday night's boxing at Luna Park consisted of three bouts.

Fritz Rolauf, of Cologne, feather-weight champion of Germany, lost on points to Curt Sasse, of Berlin. The fight went the full distance, but was not an inspiring affair.

Otto Block of Berlin was easily the victor over Ludwig Trattner, of Vienna. It was only a question of time, and the latter took the full count in the 4th round.

The chief contest was a splendidly contested affair. It was in response to a challenge issued by Ernst Koch to H. Hirschberger, Munich, and for a purse of 500 marks giving by the Cologne Boxing Club. Koch put his man down for eight in the second round and again in the 4th had him down for seven. Both men took a count of eight in the 5th round and a ding-dong battle ensued. Koch was the stronger and better man and sent his opponent to the boards for the full count in the 9th round, winning a well contested affair.

Challenges were issued (and accepted) on behalf of Britishers, and Saturday and Sunday nights' events should be worth seeing.

ARMY FOOTBALL CUP.

139 Entries for November Competition.

PRELIMINARY ROUND DRAW.

The Army F.A. Council at a meeting in London decided to have a preliminary round for the Army Cup, as the entries numbered 139. Eleven matches will be played, reducing the clubs to 128, for the first round. The preliminary ties to be played on or before Nov. 15 are:—

ALDERSHOT COMMAND.

R.E. (Aldershot) v. 1st Batt. Lancs. Fus.
3rd Royal Fus. v. 3rd Middlesex Rgt.
1st H.L.I. v. R.E. (Longwall).
4th Hussars v. Depot Queen's Rgt.

LONDON DISTRICT.

2nd Coldstream Guards v. 2nd Scots Guards.
3rd Coldstream Guards v. R.A.S.C.

SOUTHERN COMMAND.
(Winchester.)

4th M.T. Depot v. No. 2 M.T. Depot.

IRISH COMMAND.
(Dublin and District.)

12th Lancers v. 2nd Batt. Yorks Rgt.
1st Batt. East Yorks v. 1st King's Own Rgt.

EASTERN COMMAND.
(Thames and Chatham.)

6th Brigade R.F.A. v. 4th Res. Brigade R.F.A.

ESSEX.

2nd Batt. Lancs. Rgt. v. 14th Brigade R.F.A.

The first-named club in each match to have first choice of ground. Replayed ties to be played on or before Nov. 19.

IRELAND v. ENGLAND.

Wearers of the Rose for Belfast International.

The following side was selected to represent England against Ireland at the close of the "Victory" international match at Stoke on Saturday:—

Hardy (Aston Villa), goal; Smith (West Bromwich Albion) and A. E. Knight (Portsmouth) (captain) backs; Bagshaw (Derby County), Bowser (West Bromwich Albion), and Watson (Burnley), half-backs; Turnbull (Bradford), Carr (Middlesbrough), Cox (Huddersfield Town), Smith (Bolton Wanderers), and Hodkinson (Blackburn Rovers), forwards.

BARBED WIRE FOOTBALL.

Riflemen Opposed on the Outpost Line.

Resting from the arduous duties of train and pass examining, the Riflemen of Friedhof challenged those from Holthausen, and the match resulted in a win for the latter by two goals to one. Additional interest was added by the fact that one of the side lines of the field was a perimeter barbed wire belt.

In spite of this apparent danger, the game, which was played with great keenness and enthusiasm on both sides, only produced one casualty. The Riflemen were of "B" Coy. 52nd Bn. The Rifle Bde. and from the form shown, that Company should be able to produce a good team for the present season. The game was very even throughout, and the deciding goal was only scored in the last eight minutes.

52nd DEVONS.

"A" Coy. and "D" Coy. contest an Exciting Game.

Played at Hilgen on Monday. After 20 minutes' play, Gallagher, at inside right scored for "D" Coy. For the remainder of the first half "D" Coy. pressed, Lieut. O'Neil and Shaw showing brilliant form. Then, with a stinging shot from the outside left, which just beat "A" Coy.'s goalie, C.S.M. Williams brought the score to 2—0 at half time.

In the second half, "A" Coy., having slightly re-arranged their team, took the lead. "D" Coy.'s defence was sorely tried and Bestante, at outside right, broke through and altered the score to 2—1. Soon Barrow, at outside left, banged a fine shot just inside the post and equalised. Then the play grew very exciting. "D" Coy. made several bids for the opposite goal but were foiled by the brilliant play of Lieut. Hopkins and Cotterrell and Parkes, till Gallagher, on the right wing, broke through and added another goal. With twenty minutes to go, "A" Coy.'s forward line resolved to retaliate and with ideal combination, after incessant pressing, Stokes drove a lightning shot from close quarters past "D" Coy.'s goalie. "A" Coy. maintained superiority in attack to the end of the game. Result:— "A" Coy 3; "D" Coy. 3.

OFFICERS v. SERGEANTS.

Fast Game between 20th D.L.I. Stars and Stripes.

On Saturday a friendly yet spirited game of football was played between the officers and the sergeants of the 20th D.L.I. The play from the start was fast and the Sergeants' net was under constant bombardment. Owing to the splendid defence of S.Majors Priestman and Riley and Sergeants Kipling and Hall, the officers could only register 4 goals, Lieut. Mitchel scoring 2, and Lieuts. Brown and Dodd 1 each.

If the first half was fast and furious, the second was more so. "Revenge is sweet," said the sergeants, but in spite of all the skill and brilliant work put in by R.S.M. Glover, the sergeants could only manage 2 goals, one of which was scored from a penalty by R.S.M. Glover who beat the goalkeeper with a fine shot.

Special mention must be made of the fine work put in by Lieut. Black and S.M. Welland and there is no doubt that the sergeants' score would have been much greater had not S. M. Welland been put hors-de-combat.

Lieut. Upton proved a tower of defence for the officers.

NEWBURY RACING.

The October Nursery won by Fancy Man.

GROUND STILL HARD.

The Newbury Meeting opened in beautiful weather on Tuesday, when there was a large attendance. The ground was hardish, as the result of drought and east winds. Details:—

Two Year Old Plate:—1, Miss Evelyn (5-4 on); 2, Dusky Bride, colt (8-1); 3, Luckpenny (10-1). Nine ran.

Letcombe Handicap:—1, Almeria Bay filly (5-1); 2, Italian lass (8-1); 3, Clarilaw colt (5-1). Ten ran.

October Handicap:—1, Fancy Man (evens); 2, Dunkirk (100-6); 3, Gilded Spurs (100-8). Fourteen ran.

Beckhampton Handicap:—1, King's Idler (100-9); 2, Hanway (11-2); 2, Warways (7-1). Seventeen ran.

Manton Handicap:—1, Sheriffs Officer (9-4); 2, East Cheshire (10-1); 3, Trowbridge (5-1). Eight ran.

Mile Plate:—1, Powerful (100-30); 2, Vertigo (4-1); 3, Treasury Bill (10-1). Seven ran.

NEWCASTLE MEETING.

The following were the results at Newcastle on Tuesday, where the ground was also hard and the attendance large:—

Hazlerigg Plate:—1, Slurbowe (evens); 2, Warcop (7-1); 3, Moaning Minnie (6-1). Six ran.

Meldon Handicap:—1, Mount Lebanon (7-1); 2, President (5-2); Holystone (10-1). Sixteen ran.

Gosforth Handicap:—1, Colinoque (5-1); 2, Halfpenny House (7-1); 3, Glass Ball (3-1). Seven ran.

Newcastle Handicap:—1, Linonyx (5-1); 2, Radiacy (4-1); 3, Old Gold (4-1). Eight ran.

Tuesday Plate:—1, Brinkley (11-10 on); 2, Special (2-1); 3, St. Ives (8-1). Four ran.

Park Plate:—1, Irish Lake (100-30); 2, Dinah Dear (10-1); 3, Intruder (evens). Nine ran.

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Latest Candidates to assume Prominence in the Market.

Alasnam and Scatwell are the latest Cambridgeshire candidates to assume prominence in the market. It is significant to know that the latter will be called on to carry Lord Glanely's colours in preference to Dominion. With a recent winner in Grand Fleet as a trial horse, Barling should be able to estimate Scatwell's prospects of success pretty accurately. Hitherto, six furlongs has been reckoned the four-year-old's best distance, but Barling must have regarded him as something more than a sprinter when he sent him over the last two miles of the Cesarewitch course at the First October meeting. In that case Scatwell had very little to do, as Neutral was not good enough to extend him; but I think (writes "Watchman" in the "Morning Post"), we may safely assume that Lord Glanely's colt will get the journey next week, and his chances of success must be regarded with the greatest respect.

Alasnam has always been regarded as likely to be better suited in the Cambridgeshire than in the Cesarewitch, though his owner and trainer were decidedly hopeful of carrying off both handicaps. The big three-year-old's display last week was quite good enough to strengthen the opinion that he will win the shorter race, though there are one or two things to be argued against him.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE BETTING.

Zinovia 5 to 2; Scatwell 8 to 1; Alasnam 10 to 1; My dear and Royal Bucks 100 to 6; Tetrarchia and Sir Berkely 18 to 1; Diadem Dominae 22 to 1; Dromino 25 to 1; Brigand 20 to 1.

Later Betting:—7 to 1, Zinovia, 20 to 1 Diadem.

"IFS AND BUTS."

Exception Taken to a Recent Article.

A paragraph was recently published in these columns under the title "Ifs and Buts." It concerned a letter written by a supporter of the 52nd King's Liverpool Regt. who wrote that if various things had happened during the progress of a certain match, the result might have been different.

The publication of this letter has inspired many members of the Battalion, and of the opposing team, to write us on the subject. The majority of these epistles are in humourous vein but some of the writers take exception to the views of the original correspondent, as representative of the sporting spirit of the 52nd Kings.

The letter was flippant and presumably the work of an irresponsible member of the Battalion who was disappointed at the fact that his team lost. It certainly was not intended that the views were representative of the Battalion, and it is regrettable if such a construction has been placed on the matter.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO ATHLETES.

A conference called at the instance of the Amateur Swimming Association, and held in the Council room of the Amateur Boxing Association, approved of the A.S.A. suggestion that a memorial service to fallen athletes be held, and appointed a committee to carry out the arrangements.

Viscount Doneraile was elected chairman. Mr. E. J. Tackley, "Tamworth," 39, Durham-rd., East Finchley, N.2, was appointed hon. secretary and treasurer. Notice in the Press will be given in due course when and where the service is to be held.

BILLIARDS.

Closing scores:—Newman (in play) 3400; Stevenson 1757. Falkiner 2547; Reece (in play) 2085.

CHAMPION DEFEATED.

1st Round of "Ladies Field" Foursomes Tournament.

AN UNLUCKY DAY.

Miss Cecil Leitch, the lady champion, was one of a losing couple in the first round of the "Ladies' Field" "Victory" Foursomes Tournament at Ranelagh.

The event was a handicap, and the champion and her partner were giving six strokes, but, if beaten at all, they were not expected to suffer so heavy a defeat as a margin of 5 and 4. It was, however, an unlucky day for Miss Leitch.

The champion was partnered by her sister, Mrs. Turnbull (Miss Peggy Leitch), and, as the latter was off her game, the pair could not give away six strokes to Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Thurgood, who, playing very steady golf, became 4 up at the turn, and won as stated.

Xth CORPS COMMANDER'S CUP.

84th Brigade R.G.A. v. 1/5 Border Regiment at Bonn.

The Hofgarten at Bonn was the scene of tremendous excitement on Saturday afternoon when the above teams competed in the final of the Corps Commanders Cup. The Corps Commander Lieut.-General Sir T. L. N. Morland, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., watched the game throughout. Both teams were enthusiastically supported, the Borders being hot favourites.

At 2.40 p.m. the teams lined up as under:—

84th Brigade R.G.A.:—B. S. M. Joyce (69 S.B.); Sergt. Malloy (129 H.B.) and Gnr. Hancock (336 S.B.); Gnr. Thornton (336), Sergt. Henning (77), and Sig. Mc Allister (69); Gnr. Higginson (77), Lt. Mermagen (129 H.B.), Gnr. Mallock (77), Gnr. Merrick (152), and Gnr. Eyres (129).

1/5 Border Regt.:—L/C Irving; Pte. Dixon, and Pte. Baker; Pte. Clark, Capt. Rosser, and Sergt. Towles; Lt. Dodd, Pte. Ellis, Sergt. Barter, Pte. Green, and Pte. Jebb.

The Gunners won the toss and elected to kick towards the Coblenzer Strasse goal. From the kick-off the Borders attacked, and for the first ten minutes the Gunners were on the defensive. Sergt. Henning relieved the pressure with a good pass to Higginson who ended a fine run with a centre which the Border's "Goalie" had difficulty in dealing with. From this point the Gunners held the upper hand for some time, and on several occasions the Border's goal was in danger of being penetrated, Pte. Dixon and Capt. Rosser being most conspicuous in the defence; give and take play followed, both goals being endangered in turn.

Opening Goal.

Pte. Dixon, who all along had been defending stubbornly, relieved the pressure and the opening goal came as a result of a break-away by the Border's forwards. The movement was initiated by Pte. Green, who made a well-timed pass to Pte. Jebb. This player succeeded in outpacing the defence and scored with a splendid shot, from almost the corner flag. Wild scenes of enthusiasm followed supplemented by the Border's "Jazz-Troop" under the able conductor-ship of Captain and Adjutant Walker, M.C.

The Gunners first goal came as a result of subsequent pressure; Higginson after a good run centred the ball, which was partially cleared by Pte. Baker, but Thornton gathered the attempted clearance and put in a judiciously placed centre, which enabled Eyres to equalise with a brilliant "header." In the scenes of hilarious excitement which followed, Captain Walkers' troop took a second place.

Even play followed, and half time came with a score of one all.

The gunners opened the second half with a strong attack on the Borders' goal. Two corners were forced in quick succession, both of which were splendidly placed by Gnr. Eyres, but nothing resulted. The gunners took the lead as a result of a run by the left wing, Lt. Mermagen converting a well-placed centre by Merrick.

As a result of continuous pressure the gunners were again rewarded. Higginson, who all along had been playing splendidly made a good run ending with a first class centre. This Merrick snapped up and with a beautiful first timer found the net. This further reverse roused the Borders to great efforts. Playing a very plucky game they strained every nerve to score.

Play then proceeded in mid-field and the whistle blew, leaving the Gunners victorious by three goals to one.

Presentation of Cup.

At the conclusion of the game the Corps Commander presented the Cup to the winners. He complimented both teams on the splendid game they put up and remarked on the sporting spirit displayed. Whilst complimenting the winners on their success, he congratulated the losers on their very plucky display.

Sgt. Henning received the Cup—a very handsome trophy, on behalf of the Brigade. Medals for both winners and runners up, which unfortunately had not arrived, are to be presented at a later date.

Covered Court Championships.

Foggy weather affected the light when the autumn indoor meeting opened at Queen's Club. An uneven draw has brought into early conflict some of the best players, but Major A. H. Lowe and S. N. Doust scratched in the gentlemen's open singles, and there now seems a possibility of the veteran M. J. G. Ritchie reaching the final. He is in the lower half, but the top half of the draw is a certainty for N. Mishu or the Hon F. M. B. Fisher, unless G. Stoddart brings off a surprise. The last named has been showing form of a high order in practice, and he played recently a very close match, on level terms with Major A. H. Lowe, who has been selected for the Davis Cup team.

The veteran Ritchie, who is always at his best on a wooden surface, won a very easy victory over W. Irwin, who is home on leave from India. N. Mishu seemed perfectly at home on the wood floor, and taking the ball very early, he defeated Major A. F. Yencken without the loss of a set.

C. P. Dixon, playing well within himself, had no difficulty in putting out Hamilton Price, but the latter was far from well, as the result of a heavy cold.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

THE RHINE ARMY DRAMATIC COMPANY.

An Appreciation.

As one privileged to witness many of the performances given at the Deutsches Theatre during the past few months, may I, as an old professional, say how wonderful it all is. The organisation, the production, the acting, the advertising, the business (front and behind) is the work of the Rhine Army, for the Rhine Army, by the Rhine Army.

The Company has produced twelve of the best three act plays and four one act plays.

What an achievement. What an education to many who have seen these excellent modern plays for the first time here in Cologne!

Criticism, you may say, having regard to the constitution of the R.A.D.C. is taboo. On the contrary, I feel certain the artistes welcome it. They know, or ought to, that criticism is the very lifeblood of the drama. Without it the present company would not last a month. But as far as I can judge, they need have no dread of anything said or written about the play or the players.

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To pack the Deutsches nightly is a certain proof of the quality of the plays and acting. Tommy Atkins is a very, very sound judge indeed, and if anything on the stage is good, he will quickly show his appreciation in the right way. You cannot camouflage mediocrity.

As in all stage experience, so in this company some of the members have parts in particular plays in which they shine, but if Lieut. Percy, the extraordinarily clever producer for the R.A.D.C., did nothing else but cast his people as he does, if he did nothing else, apart altogether from his own excellent acting, he deserves every praise.

I carry away with me memories of outstanding excellence. Lieut. Humphrey Hope as the Chairman in "Strife", is as fine a bit of character acting as I have seen for years. Pte. Turner in the same play, as the old Welsh worker is really splendid. He grips and holds one.

In "The Younger Generation" Lieut. Onions is topping. The part fits him like a glove, and he takes good care to grasp his opportunities. He plays with supreme confidence, never misses a point, nor, far more particularly, his laughs.

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In "You Never can Tell," the ladies of the company come into their own. Miss Bensusan's conception of a very difficult and peculiar part stamps her as a very clever and experienced actress. Miss Gabriel Paul as Dolly can more than hold her own with the best I have seen, and Miss Shirley King is a tower of strength and certainly versatile. The waiter in this play is Capt. Ball. Place him in any West-end theatre in this part; I am convinced his reputation would be made. What a private secretary he'd make! Capt. Spiegelhalter is convincing to a degree, in parts I have seen him in.

The company, however, has its obvious limitations and here the greatest possible care should be taken in selecting the right kind of play for presentation. With the single exception of tedious intervals and slight defects in technique (only overcome after years of stage experience) and faults in the lighting the whole concern is quite up to the standard of any No. 1 company in England or elsewhere.

A word of praise is due, too, to the orchestra, who enliven the proceedings with their excellent selections.

Capt. Haygarth, as Amusements Officer, is to be congratulated on his organisation. More power to all their elbows, say I.

A. H.

Deutsches Theatre.

On Saturday, the performance of the "Man of Destiny" and "Candida" will commence at 6 p.m. instead of 7 p.m.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Thurs.	Cosi fan tutte	Mozart	7	10.30
Fri.	Tosca	Puccini	7	10
Sat.	Tiefland	d'Albert	7.30	10
Sun.	Faust	Gounod	6.30	10.30
Mon.	NO PERFORMANCE			
Tues.	NO PERFORMANCE			

A Clever Illusionist.

Owing to demobilisation, the Braganzas concert party were not able to give a performance at the British Empire Leave Club on Tuesday evening, but an amusing variety show was substituted. There were songs from Miss Bell and Miss Campbell, a cello solo from Mrs. Shorten and a trio by the Ladies Orchestra besides the famous B.E.L.C. Jazz Band which gave a most spirited selection to the amusement of the audience. But the feature of the evening was the conjuring tricks of the illusionist, Mr. Herring (by kind permission of the Y.M.C.A.) Not only did he amuse the audience, but he held them fascinated while he showed them how to make money by catching it in the air, produced the most marvellous toys out of an empty top hat and with the aid of a member of the audience performed an absolutely mystifying card trick.

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Perhaps the most popular of his many clever feats was the tin box he filled with confetti, given to a man in the audience to hold above his head, then fired a pistol at it from the stage and on taking off the lid of the box, it was found to contain cigarettes instead of confetti, which were distributed broadcast among the onlookers. Mr. Herring is a wonderful illusionist and keeps his audience enthralled—they feel they cannot leave the hall lest they should miss another more wonderful and baffling trick. The programme ended with a charming song from L/Cpl. Rushton and a selection by the No. 2 G.H.Q. Jazz Band which played with great spirit and sense of rhythm.

The Jesters.

Some concert parties scarcely live up to their name, but such is not the case with the Jesters. Their entertainment is almost one long jest. Even Joe Morley's banjo is a source of much amusement. Each of the performers is a host in himself or herself, and with the departure of so many prime favourites of the footlights it is comforting to reflect that this London concert party is not subject to "demob." I dropped in on Tuesday evening and found the show as merry and bright as during the previous weeks. The programme at the Palace changes twice weekly.

Concert Party of 29th C.C.S.

On Saturday night, Bonn was favoured by a visit of the "Chocolate Bonn Bons" who, under the direction of Capt. Walters, and with Pte. A.G. Zow as stage manager, submitted a first class programme. With Mr. H. J. Brown at the piano, one looked for the master-touch and suffered no disappointment, for the London Gold Medallist was excellent. As humourist of the party, Pte. Khann scored a distinct success, and with his asides and mirthful patter, contributed largely to the success obtained. The "ladies" of the party, Ptes. Humphrey and Baxter, were charming and, together with Pte. Farino, in song dance and dialogue proved most capable entertainers. Splendid support was given by the soloists, Cpl. Soper and Pte. Nicholls who rendered several songs with fine effect.

JACQUES.

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Three Successful Competitors in our Football Contest No. 4.

In our No. 4 competition many competitors "came a cropper" over the Bradford City, Hamilton, Clyde, and Swindon matches. Numerous entrants successfully forecasted eight results and eleven managed to give nine correct returns. But only three succeeded, in submitting coupons with ten results their names being:—

65516, Driver Rundle,
B. 246 Bde.,
Hilden.

54117, Rfm. Plumstead,
Chemical Adviser,
G.H.Q., Cologne.

35242, Pte. J. Milne.
"A" Coy.,
13th Kings Liverpools,
Beuel, Bonn.

The number of entries was 2990, and we have decided to add 10 marks to this, making a total of 3,000 marks. Thus each of the successful entrants will receive a cheque for 1000 marks.

No. 5 competition is rapidly nearing its closing date. Have you sent in your efforts? If not don't delay.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 5,
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1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.

2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.

3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.

4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.

5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.

6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.

7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.

8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.

9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 5.

Date of matches, **Saturday,** Oct. 25th.
Closing date, **Friday,** Oct. 24th.

Preston N. E.	v. Newcastle U.
Sheffield U.	v. Manchester U.
Bradford	v. Chelsea
Grimsby	v. Hull C.
Bury	v. South Shields
Lincoln	v. Clapton Orient
Notts Forest	v. Wolverhampton
Swansea	v. Brighton
Exeter	v. Millwall
Luton	v. Portsmouth
Airdrieonians	v. Hamilton A.
Motherwell	v. Kilmarnock

I enter Football Competition No. 5 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Pieces to Play.

Last night I wanted to ask the excellent orchestra at the VI Corps Club to play one or two selections of my choice. Looking through the programme I came across a few choice morceaux I have not heard of before.

Do you Know These?

Among the tit-bits I found "In the hall of the Moonshinking," "Tell my Snail," "Flatter Ghosts," "The Pupped," "Heaven Sparks," "When two loves himself," "The Marrow wifes from Windsor," and "The Dump Woman," but I hadn't the courage to ask for either of these.

Sylvan Streets.

Bonn thoroughfares are just now looking at their best. The avenues of trees, with their thick and gorgeously tinted foliage, present scenes particularly pleasing to the eye.

A Weird Instrument.

A friend tells me he was waiting for a tram a few mornings ago. In one hand he carried a banjo case and in the other a hockey stick. A German standing close by was unable to contain his curiosity and timidly enquired what manner of instrument the case could contain to require such a huge "fiddlebow."

A Fine Club.

I hear glowing reports of the good management and excellent service provided at the II Corps Club at Leverkusen. It is in a fine country house with beautiful grounds.

Keen and Willing.

If we hadn't some very keen football enthusiasts on our staff who are willing to work all hours of the day and night to check the coupons in our football contest, the promptly published results would not be possible. And every week the task becomes more stupendous.

Collar Badges.

I notice that certain units, including the R.A.S.C. and the R.A.M.C. are putting up collar badges. Men of other units have asked if they can do so. I have not seen any order on the subject. Is there one?

Grinding it Out.

Many cafes in Rhineland possess pfennig-in-the-slot musical contrivances for the entertainment of customers. A Tommy who was having ten pfennigs worth of "hurdy-gurdy" music remarked to his pals, "If I could only be put in as landlord in Blighty with one of them orgins, I reckon my fortune 'ud soon be made."

Army Polo Team Honoured.

The 10th Corps Polo team on its arrival in Coblentz on Monday night was entertained to dinner at the American Officer's Club.

The Army Reading Room.

Several British wives have expressed their appreciation to me of the provision of accomodation at the Army Book shop in the Hohestrasse Arcade. I fancy it will become very popular.

THE NEW ORDER.

Don't Want to Go.

The bitter cry of the demobilizable is being heard from one end of Rhineland to the other. All the eagerness to be back in civil life has in most cases given place to frantic efforts to hang on in the military sphere.

Dangerous Roads.

Motoring from Solingen to Cologne with a well-known concert party the other evening there were two very narrow escapes from serious accident. Excavations made during the day for road repairs had been left without any warning lights. There will be a bad accident one of these days and then probably the danger will be removed.

Want Band Music?

I see that the band president of the 2/4 Hampshires has a quantity of music for sale. This should be worth snapping up, as it is going quite cheaply.

London Scottish Reunion.

I hear that there is to be a London Scottish Dinner in Cologne shortly. It is to coincide with the reunion to be held at Olympia, London and all officers on the Rhine who are old members of the Corps and wish to attend should get in touch with Lieut. E.R.M. Goodhall, A.P.D Command Pay Office, Cologne.

His Hobby.

I mentioned the other day that an officer was now keeping a pet canary instead of a dog. Apropos birds, I am reminded that perhaps the finest collection of canaries in Rhineland is kept by one of the D.A.P.M's in the Bonn area.

Recreation.

A pretty scene was witnessed in an open space not 100 miles from the Deutscher Ring recently. Two English soldiers, doubtless the fathers of families, were having their recreation after the day's work was done. Were they walking, cycling, footballing, or indulging in any of the numerous forms of sport so well beloved of our boys? No, but well "stripped" they were engaged in a brisk round game of bat and ball with some German kiddies with quite a crowd looking on!

Fur Collars.

One can see many of these nowadays sported by civilians. What strikes one most is the fact that the effect given to the wearer is that generally given by comic artists who delight in featuring broken-down members of the "legit."

From the Dom Tower.

The other day I did penance by clambering up to the top of one of the Dom's towers, but the view I saw quite compensated for my aching knees. A wonderful panorama it was that stretched below me.

I Wonder, too.

While I was gazing on the scene an elderly German told me how he had seen Napoleon III brought across the river as a prisoner in 1871 and then as a contrast less than half a century later, the victorious British Cavalry crossing the Hohenzollern Bridge. "I wonder," he queried, "who will cross the river in another fifty years time?"

Made in War Time.

The other night at a Cologne cinema a letter in German was flashed on the screen. I wonder how many present noticed the date. It was July 1916!

Perhaps not.

A reader objects to the number of officers he sees promenading the streets with pipes in their mouths. He says: "Would they do the same thing in Bond Street?"

For Highbrows.

Before the Occupation, the Deutsches Theatre, Cologne, was the home of advanced modern plays. The theatre was seldom full, generally only about half the seats being taken. Its patrons were the upper ten, intellectuals, artists, critics, literary and sociological folk.

Their Nationality.

Reference has previously been made in this column to the house-list exhibited on the back of entrance doors in Rhineland. I have seen a good many of these house-lists from Malmedy to Cologne and am struck by the fact that invariably the nationality of the person is given as "Preussen," a word which does not require translation.

When In London.

I hear that on account of the closing of the London rest houses, the N.A.C.B. have started a club for Naval and Military men at 97 Horseferry Road, Westminster, and 1000 men can be accomodated there for the night. For men passing through London this should be worth knowing.

Reading German Newspapers.

I know several officers who are learning German and buy newspapers in that language every morning. They say that endeavouring to read this helps them immensely, and I shouldn't be surprised if it did. Germans learning English buy the "Cologne Post" with the same object.

Once More.

I have given it before, but for the benefit of those who have failed to send for tickets in the Victory Cambridgeshire with its possible first prize of £12.000 here is the address from which you can get tickets at 10s. each. Major Denison. 33 Rue de Loos, Lille. The closing date I believe is the 25th of this month.

Tropical Troops.

In the French Area of Occupation I believe Senegalese troops are mostly employed. They are rather picturesque figures, though I don't fancy the German population loves them too well.

Can't Get Capital.

Ex-service men wishing to start in business tell me they are finding great difficulty in raising even small amounts of capital. The ordinary banks won't help and the need for an ex-servicemen's bank specially qualified to render such help is badly needed.

Travelling de Luxe.

There seems to be a marked improvement in the interiors of some of the railway carriages of the through trains employed in and near Cologne. The war-time upholstery is disappearing, but there is still the question of the cleanliness of branch trains to be faced.

Music and Cakes.

Have you ever heard of a civilian orchestra engaged to play all day in a soldiers' canteen? Well, there is one at the N.A.C.B. Staplehaus, overlooking the Rhine. And fresh cakes and pastries daily from their own bakery. Quite like a London Corner House.

Achieving wonders.

Pity the sorrows of a Concert Party manager in these dreadful days of demobilization. How some parties manage to give a show at all just now is a wonder to me. And when spectators grow super-critical I feel inclined to heave bricks at them for their lack of consideration.

German Interest.

German interest in the enterprise of two Britishers whose wares are advertised in our columns in very marked. I noticed quite a crowd interested in a very complete display of regimental badges.

RHINELANDER.

EAU DE COLOGNE.

THE LIGHT SIDE OF RHINELAND.

Dear Folks at Home:—

There have been so many amusements this last week that one almost pants for breath—as usual, dancing has been the order of the day, or rather night, in this respect, and Bonn has had dances to vie with those of Cologne.

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The hostess of one of these dances hit on a particularly novel idea. There was an enormous paper bag affair in the room which made everyone curious as to what it might contain. The surprise was great when numbers of balloons were revealed—of different shapes and sizes. The dancing was enlivened by high jumps to catch these elusive balloons and also evading the endeavours of other dancers to burst it when at last one became the possessor of one.

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The Arabian Nights fancy dress Ball at the Leave Club was another outstanding success. The costumes were in many cases wonderful, and I can't help thinking that the dance had been anticipated for some time past and special dresses ordered from home. Luckily my dress, the one I have worn several times at home, just fitted the occasion, and I was saved the bother of having to think one out. In spite of disguise there is no difficulty in recognising people by their style of dancing, particularly one who is so serious over it and who sails along carefully with the most grave expression as if each step were more important than anything else in the world, and his partner fully appreciating the spirit, gazes up to the ceiling with a wrapt expression.

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Another dance was given by a certain mess in their palatial mansion. The houses here, though generally heavy and ornate looking, lend themselves to balls. As a rule black evening dresses are the predominant note, but on this occasion everyone seemed to have put on their gayest coloured frocks, and the rooms looked so bright with the yellow, pink, white, green and tango-coloured gowns. One lady in white had a particularly striking head-dress in a wide bandeau of silver and diamante leaves. Jade formed the trimming of a canary-coloured gown which gave it an original effect.

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This last week I went down to Coblenz which is in the American area. The train journey is interesting, as one follows the Rhine practically all the way, and so one gets glimpses of the beauty spots. The day I went, there was a faint film of mist with the sunshine, which softened the effect and made it more charming. To my great delight there was a polo match against the X Corps on the Monday and I had to stay on and watch it. My American friends were so charming and welcomed me in their usual hospitable manner so much so that by the time I left I knew the whole colony.

Love to all, *JOAN.*

"JAZZ!"

I take no credit for the following.

Let honour be given where honour is due.

Silas B. Choogum, from Splashville, Tennessee, U.S.A. he introduced himself to me as, with the additional remark that it was "the place where the cotton grows."

I thought his face seemed familiar to me, but there it was, he had the correct nasal accent, and was attired in the well-known American uniform, so I had to accept him as a citizen from God's own country.

Silas had ranged this little old planet to some extent, I gathered.

He seemed to have played more than the seven parts allotted to man by Shakespeare, although at the time of my meeting him he had only reached the soldier stage, "seeking the bubble reputation, even at the cannon's mouth."

"Guess you don't know the country south of the Mason Dixie line" he enquired, after the usual minor platitudes. "No! Well you can take it from me that its the cutest stretch of earth on this planet."

"I was down on my uppers 'way down there a fall or two ago", he continued. "A greasy conductor on a 'freight' had made me 'hit the ties', the son of a gun."

I extended my sympathy.

"Well," continued Silas B., "as trains were scarce in them parts there was nothing for it but to 'batter' the town for a 'hand out' till another freight happened along."

Here I interrupted his narrative to enquire the meaning of the latter occupation.

He put me wise by explaining that it meant in Army parlance "scrounging."

"The town," he continued, "was one of them got there by accident sort, and the inhabitants were nearly all niggers. It didn't look a ripe spot for a 'hobo.'

"It was a hard case collection of shacks, and the local cop when he fixed on me hustled me around some."

"Well, I was hiking away out of 'town' to put him off when I heard a terrible clatter in one of the shacks."

"For concentrated pandemonium it had Sousa beat to a frazzle."

"Curiosity made me take a peep through the window and there I fixes on an old coon who wasn't enjoying himself any. His affinity in the shape of a buxom nigger girl was handing him out the goods thick and proper, assisted in her efforts by a sort of frying pan."

"At intervals the darkie let out a yell that would make a baseball crowd green with envy."

"I hit the trail then, as I spied that cog again."

He paused thoughtfully and applied himself to his glass, before continuing his narrative.

"I never gave it a thought then till I heard this 'Jazz' noise in little old New York a month or two later."

"Yes," he concluded triumphantly, "I guess the row that old coon made was the first recorded instance of 'Jazz,' and yours truly was the very first to hear that syncopated pandemonium."

I wonder! *"HAWKEYE."*

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FROM EVERYWHERE.

Woman.—Eighteen women are seeking election in one London municipality.

Less Duty.—French customs duty on motor cars is to be reduced.

Demand Day.—Labour demands that London Councillors shall be paid salaries.

The Same.—Women teachers at home want the same salaries as men.

Another?—Paris drapery assistants threaten to strike.

No Sunday Work.—French post offices will in future close on Sundays.

Postponed.—Lord Allenby has postponed his visit to Egypt.

Folkstone's Commerce.—Folkstone harbour now deals with commercial traffic.

Wealth.—Viscount Astor left property estimated at twelve millions.

Lady Astor.—The new Lady Astor was one of the original "Gibson Girls."

King Pantomine.—The next pantomine at Drury Lane is to be "Cinderella."

A Beard.—The ex-Kaiser has grown a beard during his exile.

Papier Mache.—Candlesticks and toilet requisites are now made of papier maché.

More Trouble?—There is a strong royalist party in Hungary again.

Wake up Sheffield.—American cutlery is supplanting Sheffield goods in Canada.

New Town.—There is likely to be a new town set up in the Kentish coalfields.

To be Sold.—Nelson's sword is to be sold at Sotheby's.

Floating Safes.—Dutch mail ships carry floating safes for mails.

No Engine Required.—Elephants are used for shunting freight cars in U. S.

Surplus.—Government blankets are fetching from 10s. to 22s. a pair.

Rainproof. —New York motorbuses have been fitted with a covered top.

Royal Mail Losses.—During the war the Royal Mail Steamship Company lost half a million tons of shipping.

Italy's Coal.—Italy still depends on Great Britain for coal. We are sending her six million tons a year.

Penny Postage.—Lord Blyth considers a return to penny postage essential to reviving British trade.

Their Liability.—Ninety-eight Glamorgan miners have been ordered to pay income tax demands.

Cut off.—Owing to bubonic plague. Constantinople has been declared an infected place.

Armistice Day.—A Service is to be held in Westminster Abbey on the anniversary of Armistice Day.

One Empty.—Willesden with a population of 200,000 has only one vacant house.

On the Land.—Two thousand farms at home are employing nearly 14,000 disabled men.

No Secret Pact.—Japan denies the story of a secret treaty between Japan, Germany and Russia.

Good.—Hammersmith's present to its M.P. is to be devoted to the benefit of the wounded.

Deadlock.—There is a cotton trade deadlock, and notices to cease work at the end of this month are to be served.

Rice Scarce.—There is a serious shortage in the world's rice crop as well as in sugar supplies.

For Services.—Paris University has sent a bronze medal to Cambridge University.

More Pay.—The fees of barristers attending Cheshire Assizes have been increased.

Too Careful.—The anaemic condition of some children is attributed to too careful feeding.

Lady "Pat."—Lady Patricia Ramsay has returned from Paris to England with the intention of doing some shopping.

For London.—Dr. Solf, it is rumoured, will be the first German representative in London.

Yet Another.—The Grand Duke Nicholas is dictating his reminiscenses for publication.

At Christmas.—Mr. Leslie Henson's wedding is likely to take place at Christmas.

The Queen's Gift.—The Queen has given eleven albums containing Colonial scenes to L.C.C. Schools.

Feathered Customers.—Cranes at Kew Gardens enter the refreshment buffet and feed on the counter.

Speaking Films.—A London engineer claims that he can reproduce sound and pictures on the same film.

Western Ideas.—One of the Basuto chiefs on visit to London is wearing a trench coat.

Not Likely.—The Guest of the Authors' Club, Lord Leverhulme, said he was not going to give up soap to become an author.

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PARLIAMENT RE-ASSEMBLES

MINISTERS ARE KEPT BUSY ANSWERING IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.

BOLSHEVIST NAVAL ATTACK DEFEATED.

IN THE HOUSE.

QUESTIONS ASKED AND ANSWERED.

When the House of Commons reassembled for the Autumn session on Wednesday afternoon there was an unusually big attendance. Most of the leading ministers were present at the opening of the session, except Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Bonar Law. A large number of questions were down on various aspects of finance.

Mr. Briant asked the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs what progress had been made with the organisation of the League of Nations and when he expected the first meeting of that assembly to take place.

Mr. Cecil Harmsworth replied that he understood the Acting Secretary-General had established such provisional organisation as is necessary for the immediate duties of the League. The date for the first meeting is not yet fixed. In accordance with article five it would be summoned by the President of the United States. It had been intended to hold the first meeting at Washington but the venue is again under consideration in view of the fact that the permanent meeting place of the League will be Geneva.

Non-Volunteers going.

Answering various questions as to demobilization Mr. Winston Churchill said that in the next financial year the British Army would be reduced to about its pre-war standard. The number of men serving on a non-volunteer basis on the 15th October was 615,000, of whom 95,000 had since been demobilized or were on demobilization furlough.

Answering Major Mackenzie Wood as to the numbers of British troops engaged in any Russian theatre of war Mr. Churchill said that the 9th Battalion the Hampshire Regiment is due to sail for home from Vladivostock on the 30th October. Other than that there are no formed bodies of British troops in any Russian theatre of war.

Replying to another question Mr. Winston Churchill stated that the number of troops now in Ireland is 55,000, involving a weekly cost of £210,000.

Concerning the ex-Kaiser.

Lieutenant-Commander Kenworthy asked whether any arrangements have yet been made for the trial of the ex-Kaiser. Mr. Bonar Law replied that Article 227 of the Peace Treaty provides that a request shall be made to the Netherlands Government for the surrender of the ex-Kaiser in order that he may be put on his trial. This request, however, cannot be made until the Treaty of Peace is formally ratified. Meanwhile all the necessary preparations are being made for the trial. (Cheers).

Mr. Pemberton Billing asked what action would be taken if the Netherlands Government refused to surrender the ex-Kaiser.

Mr. Bonar Law: "It will be time enough to consider that question if it arises."

"GOOD OLD HUGHES."

AN EXPENSIVE FORM OF HECKLING.

An exciting incident occurred at Brisbane on Tuesday afternoon. While Mr. Hughes, the Australian Premier, was addressing a crowded open-air meeting the occupants of a Trade Union office on the third floor of the adjacent building hung out a board inscribed "Vote for Labour" and later another with the inscription "Next Prime Minister—Ryan."

On the occupants paying no heed to the demands of the crowd for the removal of the board, a party of soldiers raided the room and altered the inscription to "Good old Hughes." The soldiers then ransacked the office, hurling tables, chairs, and office equipment into the street below.

Mr. Hughes announced in the course of his speech that the soldiers' gratuity of eightpence per day would be paid in negotiable bonds bearing 5¼ per cent. interest, which will cost the Government twenty-five millions sterling.

THEATRICAL WHITLEY COUNCIL.

A conference was held yesterday at the Ministry of Labour with a view to the establishment of a joint industrial council (otherwise a Whitley Council) for managers and employees in the entertainment profession, including artists, musicians, stage staffs etc.

BELGIANS INVITED HOME.

The Belgian Government is appealing to those Belgian refugees who still remain in Britain to return home before November 30 next to assist in the reconstruction of their own country. Steps to expedite and assist them to return have been taken by the Belgian Government.

NORTH RUSSIA.

REPORTED CRUSHING DEFEAT OF LOYALISTS.

According to the Helsingfors correspondent of a Danish paper it is now certain that General Judenitch's Army is in poossession of Tsarskoe-Selo and Pavlovsk. The White Army is full of hope. Kronstadt had been subjected to continuous heavy bombardment of British and French warships since Monday, and the French ships, having long range guns, are able to keep out of range of the fort batteries. It is now reported that Krasnoje Gorka is not yet captured.

The position of the White population of Petrograd is hopeless. Firing goes on all day in the streets, and an absolute reign of terror exists. A rebellion was attempted, but was crushed by the Bolshevists, who are also offering a stubborn resistance to the North Army. Fighting is taking place ten versts South of Petrograd. Help has been sent for from Moscow.

According to reports from Subjaervi, Russian White troops have met with a crushing defeat in the Murman district. The Bolshevist Navy transferred troops from the South to the North of Lake Onega and made an attack from the rear. In order not to be surrounded the White troops were compelled to make an immediate retreat, giving up Petrosavosk.

The British Admiralty announces that on the morning of the 21st October four Bolshevist destroyers attempted an attack on Esthonian vessels and British destroyers lying in Kaporia Bay. Two Bolshevist destroyers were sunk, six survivors being rescued. There were no British or Esthonian casualties.

THE RUSSIAN FRONT LINE.

Latest official reports from the War Office give the line of the Russian North-Western Army on the evening of October 19th as follows: From the sea, at a point five miles westward of Krasnayagorka, to Wepscho, five miles South of the same place; thence along the Navasha river to Gorielova, three miles North-eastward of Krasnoeselo; thence to the Western edge of Tsarkoe-selo; thence to Volasnik, six miles South-eastward of Gatchaan; thence South to the neighbourhood of the Petrograd-Vitebsk railway at Batetskceya; thence South-westward to Lipno on the North West corner of Lake Pskoff.

The advance to Tsarskoe-selo took place on the morning of the 18th, but details are lacking.

TROTZKY'S UNITY OF COMMAND.

It is reported from Helsingfors that Trotzky advocated during a meeting of Soviets the immediate dissolution of the Soviets at the front and the establishment of a unique command for the whole Northern front. The Soviets promised, at a conference of officers held at Petrograd, to recall all commissaries from the front, to give full freedom of action to the officers and to restore to them their old powers.

PLEADING FOR RUSSIA.

General Dobriansky, official representative of General Judenitch, has arrived in London to thank the British Government and people for their past help to the people of Russia and to ask for further help for the Russian North-Western Army.

He will afterwards proceed to Paris on a similar mission.

TREE LOPPING ORDER.

A circular has been issued by the Ministry of Transport calling upon county, urban, and rural district councils to see that trees and hedges are lopped, so as to remove danger to vehicular passengers from overhanging branches.

LABOUR M.P. RESIGNS.

Mr. J. W. Taylor, the Labour Member for Chester-le-Street, has applied for the Chiltern Hundreds. Mr. John Lawson, the well known miners' leader, has been selected by the Durham Miners' Association to contest the seat.

EARTHQUAKE AT ROME.

An appreciable earthquake shock occurred at Rome shortly after 7 a.m. on Wednesday. No damage was done but the tremors were unmistakeable.

During the fortnight ended October 18, 1919, the Council of the King's Fund made 1,194 grants, comprising 574 to officers and men and 620 to widows and dependents, the total thus disbursed amounting to £37,865 18s. 5d.

MINE ACCIDENT.

HOW THE CATASTROPHE HAPPENED.

The accident at the Levant tin mine St. Just, near Land's End, is the most serious which has occurred in the history of the industry. Some estimates put the number of dead as high as 40 but probably that figure is over-estimated.

The accident was due to the breaking of the connecting rod of the man engine, a curious survival of a contrivance for lowering men into the mine and bringing them to the surface. Formerly man engines were in general use in Cornwall, but the one at Levant is said to be the only one now in use in the world. It consists of a ponderous wooden beam which extends from the top to the bottom of the shaft, which is 600 yards deep. At intervals of 12ft. are steps on the beam, each of which affords foothold for one person, while on the side of the shaft are stationary platforms at intervals of 12ft. At every stroke of the engine et the beam is raised and lowered 12 feel, and the men step on and off the platforms, and are carried up or down by the movement of the beam. It is a rather slow process, but has been carried on for years without serious accident. In the Levant mine the man engine will accommodate about 150 men in its various stages.

From 100 to 150 were on it on Tuesday afternoon when the change of shift was taking place. When the connecting rod broke the engine was at the top of its stroke, and the gigantic beam with its load fell 12ft. Many of the platforms in the side of the shaft and on the beam were smashed, and the men on them were knocked off and crushed. Some were unhurt and managed to reach the surface. Rescue parties brought out others, but a number of miners in different levels could not be reached, and until the shaft is cleared it will not be known definitely how many lives have been lost.

MARCHIONESS FINED.

DUCKS AT A PROFITEERING PRICE.

At Cardiff on Iuesday Mary Louise, Marchioness of Queensberry, trading as M.L. Bickel, was fined £5 for buying ducks at prices exceeding the maximum. Minnie Harris, manageress, was fined a similar amount for aiding and abetting. For the defence it was stated the Marchioness had nothing to do with the management of the business. The ducks had been ordered for Royal Show week. The stipendiary remarked that it was not a serious case.

The marriage—announced some time after the event—of the Marquis of Queensberry to Mrs. Mary Louise Morgan (née Miss Mary Bickel) was the society event of last December. In addition to her business capacity Lady Queensberry is a fearless horsewoman and a popular racehorse owner. In June last she was fined £40 at Cardiff for selling sausages in her two Cardiff shops above the controlled price.

BUILDERS NOW.

GENERAL STRIKE THREATENED.

Over a quarter of a million men are affected by a dispute which has arisen in the building trade over a demand of the operatives for an advance of 4d. an hour, bringing their wage up to 2s. an hour in the best-paid districts. A general strike in the industry is threatened unless an early settlement is reached.

Employers contend that the action of the operatives is a violation of the agreement reached on the occasion of the last increase of pay, when it was understood that no further revision of wages could be effected until after six months' notice. This position, however, is challenged by the men, who have become restive owing to what they regard as unnecessary delay in dealing with their claim.

EXTENSIVE FUR THEFTS.

Fur robberies in London have been very frequent of late. Two such thefts were reported to Scotland Yard yesterday, in which property valued at over fourteen thousand pounds was involved. The first case was in a big City-road firm and the second in Wigmore-street. The thieves displayed expert knowledge of the fur trade, removing only articles of the first quality. It is estimated that the value of furs stolen since January is eighy thousand pounds.

ARRESTED ARMY CHAPLAIN.

It is stated that Father O'Donell, the Australian military chaplain who was arrested in Dublin a week ago, will be deported to Australia. His solicitor saw him yesterday, and up to that time no charge had been preferred.

PENNY WISE PUBLICAN.

A fine of £15 for on overcharge of one penny on a bottle of stout, and for failure to exhibit a price list in the taproom, was yesterday imposed on a publican by the Wirksworth (Derbyshire) Bench.

PENNANT INQUIRY.

INTRIGUE AMONG W.R.A.F. OFFICERS.

At the House of Lords Committee of Inquiry into the dismissal of Miss Violet Douglas Pennant from the Women's Royal Air Force yesterday, Miss Pennant concluded her evidence.

The chief witness was Sir Godfrey Paine, Master General of Personnel during the time Miss Pennant was Commandant of the W.R.A.F. He stated that he approved the refusal of Miss Pennant to appoint five ladies to high positions, which refusal led to the resignation of Mrs. Beatty and two other women officers.

He transferred Colonel Bersey because the organisation was not running smoothly and things were not going on as fast as they should have done. The obtaining of women, said Sir Godfrey Paine, was a matter of life or death to the nation, as no men could be obtained. He told Colonel Powell, who succeeded Colonel Bersey, that unless there was a vast improvement within a month either he or Miss Pennant or both would have to go, but at no time did he have any reason for altering his first opinion that Miss Pennant was in every way fitted for the post of Commandant.

Regarding the conditions at Hurst Park, Sir Godfrey said that Miss Pennant told him about Hurst Park being in an unsatisfactory state and he had a suspicion that what she meant was immorality. He did not think, however, that Miss Pennant had anything more to go upon than rumours, which it would have been very difficult for her to investigate, as she had no jurisdiction over the officer commanding at Hurst Park. There was no use his reporting vague rumours. After the armistice he inspected Hurst Park and was told there had been grave scandals and little work for the women to do.

After Miss Pennant's dismissal he told General Seely that whatever success the Women's Royal Air Force had had was largely due to Miss Pennant's spade work. The concerted resignation of the five women, whose nomination for higher posts was refused, followed that of three staff officers. It was clear evidence of an intrigue to get rid of Miss Pennant, especially as they could give him no earthly reason for their resignations. The staff officers knew their resignations would throw the whole machine into disorder. He told them they must carry on until their posts were filled but they immediately walked out. That was a small mutiny and if they had been soldiers or sailors they would have been Court-martialled.

TRAIN MYSTERY.

COLONEL'S FATAL FALL FROM CARRIAGE.

The circumstances of a Serbian officer's fatal fall from a train near Orpington, Kent, on Saturday, were inquired into by Dr. Waldo at Southwark on Wednesday. The dead officer is Lieut.-Col. Lyoubicha Lyoubichitsch, and according to the evidence of another Serbian officer who identified him he was on his way to Belgrade, via Folkestone and Paris. He had served in the war and was suffering from nerves.

Thomas Cloke, the guard of the 8.30 boat train from Victoria to Folkestone, said near Orpington the communication cord was pulled and a lady in a first-class carriage said to witness, "A Serbian officer has jumped out of the train."

Witness asked if the officer accidentally fell out, and the lady replied, "Oh, dear, no. He got up, walked across the compartment, opened the door, and deliberately threw himself out." The officer was taken to Guy's Hospital, but died within a few hours of admission. The inquiry was adjourned.

WAR OFFICE REDUCTIONS.

Mr. Winston Churchill has issued to the staff of the War Office a memorandum expressing his appreciation of the loyal response in all departments to his call for economy. The memorandum states that drastic reductions must continue, so as to effect by the end of the year a retrenchment of about forty per cent. of the numbers employed on the 1st August, when the staff had already been reduced by 5,500.

FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA.

A message from Valona (Albania) to an Italian paper says that Poulet, the French aviator, who is attempting the Paris-Melbourne flight, has been obliged to interrupt his flight to Salonika owing to storms. He landed at the aerodrome at Taviaga, near Valona, and was received by Italian aviation officers. A telegram from Brindisi to "Le Matin," Paris, stated that Poulet had landed there.

A DEAF AND DUMB PRISONER.

Among the prisoners at the Old Bailey on Wednesday who applied to the Recorder for legal aid was a deaf and dumb man. Through an interpreter the Recorder told him that his application would be granted and solicitor and counsel assigned him. It would, he added, be necessary for the interpreter to attend the consultations between the man and his legal advisers.

A Cabinet meeting was held yesterday morning, Mr. A. J. Balfour and other members attending.

FAR-EAST NAVY.

DIFFICULTIES OF GUARDING AUSTRALIA.

Admiral Jellicoe's report on naval affairs in the Far East has been tabled in the House of Representatives. It emphasises the desirability of Australia becoming self-contained in regard to the manufacture of guns, gun-mountings, explosives, aircraft and munitions generally. The report states that the difficulty of guarding Australia is greatly increased by the small population, the absence of strategic railways, the immense coastline, and the distance from Great Britain. The naval problem of the Far East concerns the Empire as a whole. The interests of the Empire are likely to demand within the next five years a strong Eastern fleet, comprising vessels of the Royal Navy East Indian Squadron and the Australian. Canadian, and New Zealand Navies, and the report suggests that each Dominion and India should bear the cost of vessels specially allocated for the defence of their own harbours.

PUSSYFOOT SPEAKS.

NOT ANXIOUS FOR THE MILLENIUM.

Mr. Leif Jones, the President' at the Council meeting of the United Kingdom Alliance, speaking in Manchester yesterday, said the year had marked the beginning of the campaign which they believed would lead to the final victory against the Liquor Forces.

Mr. "Pussyfoot" Johnson said: In America we have what you call prohibition, but there is some confusion as to what prohibition is. There is no law in America against a man taking a drink. He can go into the woods and drink himself blind, deaf, and dumb and nobody will arrest him for that. He is only arrested if he drinks in a manner to annoy other people. What we have prohibited is people making people drunk for profit. After detailing the decrease in crime he proceeded: The war prohibition has not brought about the millenium. I rather hope the millenium won't come during my lifetime. What has happened is an indication of what we may except when full prohibition comes into effect on the 16th of January next. Two years ago we stopped the manufacture of whiskey, and now we have approximately one hundred million gallons in existence, which is estimated to be eight months' normal supply. You are getting a large portion of it over here. We would rather have your money than our whiskey. As long as that whiskey is in existence it will come to the surface in one way or another. Those Englishmen who went to see how easily they could get over the difficulty will find it pretty difficult to get whiskey when it has disappeared.

TO PREVENT "LIGHTNING STRIKES."

The Liberty and Property Defence League has prepared, for immediate presentation to Parliament, a Bill entitled the Trade Disputes Bill. It provides that a strike or lock-out, whether or not a union is concerned, shall not take place until 14 days after a statement relative to the dispute has been published by the Minister of Labour, and that a union shall not be concerned in a strike or lock-out until it has obtained the approval of the members. It is not intended to interfere with the right of members of the union to strike or not to strike, whatever the result of the ballot, but if the ballot went against the strike they could not receive strike pay from the union.

BLACK WATCH WELCOMED HOME.

The citizens of Perth on Wednesday welcomed home the Cadre of the 6th Black Watch, the only Highland unit honoured by the French Government with the Croix de Guerre. The Duke of Atholl presided over an entertainment given to 1,000 officers and men. Colonel Sir Robert D. Moncrieffe stated that the King had consented to be patron of the Black Watch Association.

ROUMANIAN GENERAL'S SUICIDE.

A telegram from Vienna reports that General Holborn, Commander-in-Chief of the Roumanian troops in Hungary, has committed suicide at Bukarest. He had been recalled to the capital to explain certain acts involving his personal history and responsibility.

GOOD OLD IRELAND.

The title of the "Bravest Village" is claimed for Rathnew, County Wicklow, where every one of the 180 men of military age voluntarily joined the forces before the spring of 1916.

PEER'S BODY CREMATED.

The funeral service for the late Lord Astor was held yesterday morning at St. George's, Hanover Square. The remains were subsequently conveyed to Golders Green for cremation.

MORE! MORE!

MINERS FORMULATING NEW DEMANDS.

A Special Delegate Conference of the Miners' Federation was held yesterday at the Central Hall, Westminster, under the presidency of Mr. Robert Smillie. The proceedings, which are private, are expected to last two days.

Among the matters which the meeting resolved should be taken up as national questions were payment for week-end work, and overtime for surface workers and continous shift men. The executive was instructed to formulate a complete programme for approval at a later conference.

The Federation also decided to urge all districts to await the decision of the Royal Commission, which is now enquiring into the incidence of income tax before taking further action.

There has been a considerable volume of opinion among miners, especially in South Wales, to have the income tax exemption level raised from £120 to £250. The resolution of the South Wales miners advising members not to pay any further tax on the present basis was not moved.

BATTLEFIELD SEARCH.

128,000 GRAVES IDENTIFIED.

The work of identifying the solitary, and in many cases unmarked, graves of British soldiers who fell in France and Flanders, and of concentrating these graves in cemeteries near the battlefields, has now proceeded so far that it is hoped to bring it to an end in March next. The work has been attended by extraordinary difficulties, due to the nature of the battle-scarred ground.

Many of the shell-holes, especially those on the Somme and at Paschendaele, were so full of water that pumping had to be resorted to, and weeks elapsed before the bodies buried in them could be recovered. In spite of this, however, 22,000 graves had been concentrated by the beginning of June last, and this number has steadily increased till it now stands at 128,000. The exhumations and concentrations during the past months have averaged 8,000 per week, and many of the bodies recovered from unmarked graves and shell-holes have been those of men who had been reported as missing. Already 100 cemeteries have been handed over to the Imperial War Graves Commission.

With a view to further assisting visitors to graves, offices have been opened at Ypres, at Ecurie, near Arras, and at Meaulte, near Albert, where full particulars of the best means of reaching any particular cemetery can be obtained.

DEGREES FOR WOMEN.

COMBINED UNIVERSITY ACTION.

Oxford University has consulted Sir John Simon and Mr. E. J. Murray, the eminent K.C.'s, as to whether it has the statutory power to admit women to membership and degrees. Counsel suggest that Parliamentary sanction should be obtained and that action to this end be taken conjointly with Cambridge University.

OLD BAILEY SESSIONS.

The October Sessions of the Central Criminal Court were opened by the Lord Mayor at the Old Bailey on Wednesday.

The calendar was again a heavy one. The names of 108 persons appear in the list for trial, of whom 32 are accused of bigamy. There are two charges of murder, one of manslaughter, and several of wounding and other forms of violence, as well as two of attempted suicide. The cases in the Judge's list will be tried before Mr. Justice Salter.

COAL TO BE STILL DEARER.

A Government Commission is visiting various colliery districts and discussing with colliery proprietors the railway freight rates for coal. The Commission proposes a fifty-per-cent increase, but the proprietors declare that it is not necessary for any increase to exceed 33⅓ per cent.

Whatever increase is decided upon must entail a corresponding increase of price to the consumer.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Pending a general financial statement in Parliament, business was on the slow side. Home funds weakened somewhat but finished steady. Great satisfaction was expressed that national expenditure last week was 20¾ millions less than revenue. Foreign stocks were dull. French issues closed steadier but Siberian minings were affected by profit taking. Argentine railways were buoyant owing to the influence of the weekly traffic returns, also the news that the Argentine Congress meets on the 27th October to discuss the proposed loan to the Allies. Oils were active and hardening on news of the issue being underwritten of the Scottish-American oilfields with a capital of 30½ millions sterling for the purpose of taking over an oil business at Tampico, Mexico. Rubbers strengthened, an encouraging dividend distribution creating a steady demand and investment. Diamonds showed a renewed rise but Premiers closed easier. Gold minings were dull.

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REGIMENTAL PRIDE.

Passionate love of country, which is never manifested so much as when direct peril threatens, was ever the noblest characteristic of the soldier. Very near it among the emotions that stir the blood or thrill the heart, is the passionate love of the regiment.

So intense is this regard, so jealous is the supremely "white man" of the honour and reputation of his unit that many a crimson drop that told a tale has incarnadined the earth beneath wordy champions. Wigs were speedily on the green, and rightly so, when vile aspersions were intolerable, history distorted, or false comparisons made.

Such a spirit, even though, as frequently happens, it leads to men imagining themselves angels and angels gods, is highly commendable. As long as it prevails, and there is happily no sign of impending decay, no regiment of worthy repute need fear eclipse.

At the moment, an agitation we had with us in summer-time has broken out afresh, namely the appropriation of the name of "Gunner" by members of the Machine Gun Corps. To the hoary grammarian in his academic retreat "Gunner" is a generic term embracing all sorts of gunners, great and small; likewise the lexicographer, equally inflexible and prosy, defines a "gunner" as one who feeds or fires a gun.

To the wearer of the deathless "Ubique" badge however a "Machine Gunner" never has been, is not now, and probably never will be a "Gunner," so that in the long winter evenings at home or on the Rhine, Royal Artillerymen can regale each other with the conundrum, "When is a gunner not a gunner?" — "When he's in the M.G.C!"

This attitude is readily and easily understood, as it is part of the privilege of being an inheritor of and sharer in a corporate reputation of priceless lustre and some antiquity.

The pardonable disposition of members of the M.G.C. to appropriate the term "Gunner" is only another testimony to the unsullied record associated with the name.

The desire or claim to bear it reflects the utmost credit not only on the firers of bullets who aspire to a worthy appellation, but also on the firers of shells who have made that appellation what it is.

Many things go to the making of a legitimate regimental pride, things which are as imperishable as the sea and sky. "The Guard dies but never surrenders", said Cambronne (according to popular legend) when made prisoner at Waterloo, and this and numerous other historical events and tributes keep the memory of famous regiments for ever green.

May we never cease to be not only proud but jealous of their glorious reputation.

ARMY LIFE.

A CHAT WITH ONE OF THE OLD GUARD.

"I wish I were a young'un again," said an old intelligent Chelsea pensioner upon being asked his opinion of the army of to-day. "My days of soldiering seem like a dream when I read my lad's letters about the army life nowadays. Things don't seem so artificial as in my time, and the sight of a Field officer doesn't put the fear of God into the boys like it used to 50 years ago. The officer understands his men better. There's more mutual respect and confidence between them.

"You know, 'baccy' wasn't as cheap then as it is now, even at war prices, and we didn't have a guinea a week in our pockets to buy it with and to take our girls out. Education was not thought about by us chaps then, and the Government didn't think much about it for us either, else perhaps we might not have been in here to-day. Many of us were keen enough then to join the army under what now seems to us hard conditions, and we didn't want a chap with a loud voice and domineering manner to drag us into it. I do believe if at the time we joined up the army had offered some of the present benefits, England would have had half the country as voluntary soldiers had they been wanted.

"And then, you know, I think we looked smarter in the fifties in our "colour schemes", although we didn't know anything about camerflage then, but I suppose khaki is more useful. And that reminds me of a story I heard the other day, when the subject of keeping the present khaki service dress was being talked about. A young'un just home from the Rhine was saying—I don't hold with the red tunic for walking out, and my girl says so too; there's no privacy like about it. Why, the other night I nearly sat down on an Australian not seeing him or his girl either—a Waac may be.—Now if he had been in scarlet I could have seen him a mile off and so 'ud the park-keeper. What I says is when you are out with your girl you want to be cammerflagged and not blazing so as all the world wonders. Yes, perhaps, khaki is more useful after all."

"So, if you were young again you would rally to the Colours?"

"Sure, I would, Sir, and I don't say it now because there's no shot and shell flying about. I really cried when that great old soldier, Lord Kitchener, made his appeal for men by the thousands early in the war, and they didn't seem to come in quick enough. The thought of leaning on this old stick and being of no further use broke me up for days. One day I pulled up this old stick smartly as I used to do with my gun and bayonet years ago and I had several days in bed for that. My zeal overcame my strength and I toppled over to hurt my arm and ankle. Yes, Sir, the Army sort of grips a man with any back bone and makes a man of him who hasn't any."

"When my boys tell me about their sight-seeing and their sports, the concerts and institutions, their schools and the social side of their Army life, as an old veteran, I feel like breaking down again under the burden of my years. In my Jack's last letter he was telling me he has obtained a second Army certificate which qualifies him to take a college course in engineering. Why, my Jack couldn't tell a gas engine from a dynamo when he entered the Army, and here he is on the road to being an engineer, and all the time he is living a healthy, free life in a foreign country with plenty of pocket money. He also tells me he has cups and things for swimming, running and boxing. Jack was always fond of out-door sports, and I am real proud of the man the Army has made him."

"Yes, they've made a wonderful chap of my Jack; and Tom too, for that matter, though he never was a reading sort of a lad."

So the old soldier soliloquised. "A guinea a week, and schooling and all the rest of it too; its quite a wonder."

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

ARM-IN-ARM.

Sir,—One cannot help noticing the increasing and not at all military habit that is growing, of all ranks walking in the streets arm-in-arm with the other sex.

Whether the fair creature so escorted is a wife or a sweetheart it is not for me to say; nor does it matter. No "pukka" soldier in the King's uniform would think of doing anything so unmilitary as to take the arm of a woman.

Of course I know that many of those wearing khaki have only a slight aquaintance with Army regulations and customs, so they have some excuse, perhaps; but that is no reason why they shouldn't be told what is correct, and if they honour the uniform they will take the hint and drop the pernicious habit.

It is bad enough to see a soldier with one female hanging on his arm, but I have more than once lately seen men in khaki with one on each arm. Monstrous behaviour! The next thing we may expect to see is perambulators being pushed in Cologne streets by married soldiers.

PUKKA.

PLAYS THAT ARE WANTED.

Sir,—I read "A.H's" appreciation of the efforts the Rhine Army Dramatic Company is making to give us the best of modern British drama, but I am one of the many who, I can assure "A.H," would much prefer in place of plays like "Damaged Goods," "Strife," or even Bernard Shaw, who is very hard to understand, more drama of the straight kind which everyone can enjoy and comprehend.

I would like to suggest more of the type of "The Man who Stayed at Home" or "Inside the Lines." Then there are great London successes such as "Within the Law," "The Tiger's Cub," "My Pigeon Post," "Mr. Wu," "The Luck of the Navy," "Romance," "London Pride," "Rose of Picardy," "Seven Days' Leave," "The Yellow Ticket," and many more that one might think of.

Sometimes I fancy that the R.A.D.C. is aiming a little too high and that some of their efforts are too ambitious both for the audience and the actors.

ONE OF THE GODS.

RESERVING TABLES.

Sir,—"W.H." is right in his objection to the practice of reserving tables in clubs and other places where folk gather together.

I was a recent visitor to a club and found no less than five tables reserved. I occupied a table for the greater part of an hour and the prospective diners had not arrived when I left.

Such a practice paves the way to abuse, notably where females are employed.

M.W.

ARE THEY GUNNERS?

Sir,—I wish to inform "Infantry 1914" that it is not the young boy soldiers in the M.G.C. who call themselves "Gunners."

There are only a few Machine Gun battalions left on the Rhine and they are all composed of service men. As the result of the football match where the "Gunners" did this and the "Gunners" did that it only goes to show what the "Gunners" are capable of accomplishing.

We are entitled to call ourselves "Gunners" because of the implement of war we used. If "Infantry 1914" can give us another name we shall be glad to hear it.

MACHINE GUNNER 1915.

THE BEST TIME.

Sir,—In reply to G.W.H.P.'s letter in to-day's issue of your paper, might I say that I agree with his views in every respect?

I am sure that everyone will agree with me that the earlier the performance starts, the better for everyone, especially those who have a considerable distance to travel after the performance.

C.G.M.

COINCIDENCES.

Sir,—Continuing the tale of coincidences two friends emigrated to Canada together, joined the Canadian forces at the same time and returned to England. Both were wounded, necessitating amputation of a leg, one right and the other left.

They met again in the Epsom War Hospital, were treated at Roehampton, journeyed back to Canada, and are now serving in the Canadian civil service. One is married and the other declares his determination of following suit.

CANUCK.

Sir,—I can sympathise with "Unlucky". I had the misfortune to be born on a Friday.

All my misfortune in life I attribute to that fact. Just a few of my life's events which happened on this most unlucky day:—

Married, triplets born, wife left me, I joined the Army, invariably interviewed the C. O. on that day, blown up—all on a Friday. What is the betting that I do not get demobbed on a Friday? *TINY.*

ROLLER SKATING.

Sir,—Further to the letters of "Rinker" and "Brogree" regarding Rink Skating and Rink Hockey.

I reciprocate their statement that for an evening's enjoyment it cannot be beaten.

As an old Rink Hockey player having gained county honours under the old Northern Counties Rink Hockey Association, and being one of the Army to remain on the Rhine, I am quite willing, at any time, to come forward and give my services either to form a Rink Hockey League, to act as referee, or as coach to any club formed requiring assistance regarding the game.

I trust that, before long, we shall see many rinks open in Cologne, when I shall be only too pleased to give "Rinker" and "Brogree" any assistance they require to bring their favourite game to the front.

SWERVER.

ARE GERMANS NOISY?

Sir,—"Dago" has some reason for his complaint and his remarks about the nerve-racking effect of conversation carried on by a party of German women—or men; for that matter.

Of course, it doesn't make any difference as regards nationality—when a number of people gather together and jabber you'll have a din.

But with a melodious tongue such as Italian or Russian or Greek it doesn't jar on one. German is such a distressing jargon of uncouth sounds that it offends our ears.

English is not too melodious to anyone accustomed to the beauties of the Latin languages. but it gives points to the Teuton.

The only thing is, what is the use of grumbling? While we are on duty in Rhineland having to listen to such sounds around us is one of the penalties we have to pay for victory.

Let us be thankful we are not hearing it in our own country or being made to speak it as the unfortunate people in Alsace-Lorraine had to. Had Germany won, this might easily have been our fate. *W.T.W.*

ARE THEY NECESSARY?

Sir,—What has "Willie" to complain about? The identity disc is one of the sanest ideas evolved in the war, and now that peace—of a kind—is with us, why should it be dropped?

I detect a note of envy in his criticism. Because he doesn't own a gold or silver disc on a dainty chain he has to write a "grouse" to ease his feelings, I suppose.

As "Micky" suggests, it would be a good thing, and save a deal of worry and trouble, if the wearing of them were made compulsory.

Even in peace time people get killed or injured, and it is difficult to establish their identity very often. The identity disc removes all doubt. It is almost as easy to get knocked out by a tram in Cologne as it was to be downed by a stray shell behind the lines. Doesn't "Willie" realise this? *A.H.T.*

THANKS TO LEAVE TRAIN PERSONNEL.

Sir,—I have been asked by many officers who travelled on the Cologne-Boulogne express, which left Cologne on Thursday the 16th instant, to tender their sincere thanks to the personnel of the train for the splendid way they behaved after what might have been a very serious accident.

When about a mile from Hazebrouck the carriages containing the personnel and the kitchen were derailed, the former turning over on its side, while the contents of the latter were smashed. By a great stroke of luck not a man was injured, although this was at 4 a.m. and everyone fast asleep.

After a delay of some two hours, the larger portion of the train was able to proceed to Boulogne, and soon after a start had been made steaming hot tea served in glasses and good, sound beef sandwiches were handed round.

The N.C.O. in charge of the messing and all his men worked like Trojans and deserve the greatest praise and sincere thanks of all, which I have been requested to tender them.

J. BETTS, Lieut-Colonel.

A STICKER.

He was a massive, large-framed and well developed specimen of manhood, albeit dirty and unkempt to a repelling degree. A ten days' growth of hair covered his chin, but failed to disguise his age, which was well under 35. A coat all but innocent of buttons and a hat which was obviously the last straw of a long past summer, pro-claimed his rank — that of a casual rather than a regular in the industrial army. A pair of shears under his arm prepared us for the greeting with which, as he approached the gate of our modest suburban dwelling, he introduced himself.

"Trim yer little 'edge, Sir?" he entreated.

We had just been discharged from the Army, and had visions of an England where the able-bodied would be under no necessity to eke out an existence of so precarious a nature as this mendicant was following. Fired with a desire to find him some occupation more calculated to preserve his self-respect, we enquired:

"Demobilised from the Army without a job, eh?"

"No; I ain't eggsackly been in the Army, though in a mannera' speakin' I joined in '15 and served right up ter the Armystiss. Sounds a bit rummy, don't it?"

We admitted that we'd met clearer cases of service than his, and waited for him to continue.

"Yer see," he continued, shortly, "it orl comer longa' me bein' a bittera' dab at paper 'angin'. Government couldn't get 'arfurnuff paper 'angers in '16, — no, not in '17 or '18 neither. Consequently, arter I 'tested in '15 I was took for recrootin' duties."

"Recruiting duties? What on earth had paper-hanging to do with getting men for the Army?" we enquired. "Kaiser-hanging was the only thing that mattered then."

"It wor like this. I goes to the Recrootin' Orffis, and the Sarjint there starts takin' me perticklers, 'ow old I was, where I 'ung art, would I be 'nockerlated and was I married, or only just 'appy like."

"Arter 'e'd asked about a dozen questions and I was just wonderin' when he was goin' to 'and out the dibbs, he lets on that 'e'd forgotten ter put down me occupation."

"Nah' justa that time I worn't doin' nuffin, pertickler, but I'd done a biter whitewashing and paperin' of the kitchen justa please the Missus, so I tells the oloke ter put me dahn as a paper 'anger.'

"Wot!" 'e ses, "a paper 'anger: we can't 'ave you a-jomin' up yet. We want orl the paper 'angers we can get 'old of, ter shuv' up them notices ca lin' up the Derby men. Orl the bill-stickers 'ave gorn, and there ain't nobody wot knows 'ow ter 'ang a bill straight."

"Doing any work, nan? Well, I 'sp'ained that things wor a bit quiet in me trade just then so 'e' 'ops me orf quick in a contara orficer who soon 'as me fitted out with a pairer steps, a bucketa paste and a brush, and a lota posters.

"Course I didn't 'tend ter stick it arter me group wor called up. 'Sides, t'wor dangeruss work for a mannera my weight and size; and the steps worn't none too steady."

"And then them young slackers wot coudn't stand the sight of a recrootin' poster, 'ud come and play tricks at the bottom o' the ladder. Dropped me armfee in the paste once, I did, they made me that shaky. I tell yer I was fair fed up with the job, and was as 'appy as twins when me group wor called up.

"Orf I slips to the Sarjint." "Sarjint," I ses, "me group's called up next Toosday, so yer'll 'ave ter find some other cove to do this job." "Rot!" ses he, "yer can't go orf and leave yer King and Country in the lurch like that; there's another thirty-five groups to be called yet, and, 'ow're we ter call 'em if there's no one ter shove up the bills?"

"Well, I argued and argued and went and saw the orficer, but it worn't no use—couldn't getter way nohow. Every time a fresh group wor' called I tried ter turn the job in, but there worn't no end ter the callin' up of groups, and wot with the conscripts and youngsters of 18 bein' brought in, I wor prevented from doin' me duty right up ter the end of October '18.

"And then, blime, if the Medical Orficer didnt' reject me for varicose veins—or' through standin' on them ladders, to serve me King and Country. Oughter be disserbility pensions for chaps like me wot's been broken a tryin' ter do their bit."

"Oh, get on with the hedge" we cried, "if you trim as well as you can talk, you should make a good job of it."

He grinned and started what was probably his first job for months and months and months.

E. J. TELLUM.

NIGHT AND DEATH.

Mysterious Night! when our first parents knew
Thee from report divine, and heard thy name,
Did he not tremble for this lovely frame,
This glorious canopy of light and blue?
Yet 'neath a curtain of translucent dew,
Bathed in the rays of the great setting flame,
Hesperus with the host of heaven came,
And lo! creation widened in man's view,
Who could have thought such darkness lay concealed
Within thy beams, O Sun! or who could find,
Whilst fly and leaf and insect stood revealed,
That to such countless orbs thou mad'st us blind!
Why do we then shun Death with anxious strife?
If Light can thus deceive, wherefore not Life?

BLANCO WHITE.

A GOOD LOSER.

Driscoll's Defeat — "Age and not Ledoux the Cause."

JIM TELLS OF DAMAGED HAND.

Driscoll is a thorough sportsman—a good loser as well as a good winner—but it cannot be denied that he felt his defeat acutely. That was plain to see when he put in an appearance at the Club, his left hand in bandages. There was an informal meeting in the Strangers' Room a little later, presided over by Mr. A. F. Bettinson, who in the course of a little speech, in which tribute was paid to both men, remarked that though Driscoll had lost the fight he had not lost anything in prestige.

Ledoux was represented by his manager, Francois Descamps, who through Mr. Lionel Bettinson (as interpreter) said that although Ledoux won on the previous night it was not he but thirty-nine years that beat Driscoll.

After some pressing Driscoll responded to the calls for a speech, and said that for nearly five weeks his left hand, which was injured in a motor mishap, had been very bad, while, to add to his ill-luck, he caught a chill after his work last Thursday and lost nearly 5lb. And, he commented whimsically, "You cannot keep strong on milk." In conclusion, he wanted it to go on record that he had never met a fairer fighter than Ledoux, and had no wish to meet a better one.

A TEST FOR FULTON.

Last Night's Meeting with Gordon Coghill, Australia.

Fred Fulton, the Kansas giant, has done his share of talking since his arrival in England, and last night, when he appeared at the Holborn Stadium in a 20-round contest with the young Australian giant, Gordon Coghill, he had his first real test, and the result will show how much of his challenging was justified.

This we do know, that Fulton and Dempsey, the present world's champion, climbed the ladder of boxing fame together, each one doing all that was asked of him. Fulton then achieved the distinction of being the first man to stop the redoubtable Sam Langford, and on his performances he can safely be said to be the second best heavy-weight in the world.

Gordon Coghill is a very fine specimen of manhood. He is fast, can box well, and carries a heavy punch. He has every confidence—in his unassuming way—that he will beat Fulton. He boxed for some time as an amateur, and on joining the "pad" ranks he won 22 out of his first 33 contests by the K.O. When war broke out he had been selected by that good judge "Showy" Baker as the opponent for Dempsey, who was then under contract for Australia.

MORE SURPRISES AT RANELAGH.

Girl Champion Defeated in Ladies Golf Foursomes.

There were further surprises in the "Ladies' Field" Victory Foursomes at Ranelagh, when the third and fourth rounds were played. In the morning, Miss Audrey Croft, the girl champion, and Miss W. E. Danks, who did so well on the first day, did not play so well together, Miss Danks' game being erratic, and the pair were beaten by Mrs. G. N. Foster and Miss Oorter by 2 holes. Miss E. Grant Suttie, who won the Ladies' Championship in 1910, and Miss L. Fenwick, who had an easy victory in the third round, were defeated in the afternoon by Mrs. F. H. White and Mrs. Durlacher. This was a great contest, in which long putts were being holed by both sides, but Mrs. Durlacher in particular excelled on the green.

A strongly fancied pair in Mrs. F. W. Brown, the Scottish internationalist, and Miss Hilda Prest, who in 1914 took Miss Cecil Leitch to the nineteenth hole during the third round of the English Ladies' Close Championship, came through the day with flying colours.

GOLF CHALLENGE.

Kay and Fernie Defeat Raidford and Ball.

A 72-holes challenge match of £50 aside between Andrew Ray (Newcastle) and Fernie (Northumberland) (challengers) and Peter Raidford (Reddish Vale) and S. Ball (Heaton-park) ended on Wednesday in a victory for the challengers with five up and four to play.

PROFESSIONAL BILLIARDS.

The closing scores on Wednesday evening in the billiard matches in progress in London were:—

Newman (in play) 4750; Stevenson 2598. Falkiner 3932; Reece (in play) 3406.

LAWN TENNIS.

Excellent Game Between C. P. Dixon and T. M. Mavrogordato.

A crowded gallery watched the game on the second day of the London Covered Courts Championships at Queen's Club between the old lawn tennis internationals, T. M. Mavrogordato and C. P. Dixon. So well has the last named been playing of late that is was thought that he would go a considerable way in the competition. But he was now beaten in straight sets with scores of 6—4, 6—3, 6—4. Although disappointing to this extent he played many beautiful strokes.

Misu had another easy victory, this time at the expense of C. A. Sedgwick, who is by no means a bad player. The Roumanian brought off many of his dazzling top-spin drives with great effect. Ritchie, who is also seen at his best when at Queen's, had an even easier time against E. Seale, a member of the Marlborough Club.

In the ladies Singles Mrs. Winston Churchill who gives promise of playing a useful game was beaten by Miss Dick Ward.

Water Polo.

City of London Police beat the Polytechnic for the Middlesex County water polo championship at Shoreditch by 4 goals to 3.

SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Race to Take Place from Putney to Mortlake on Monday.

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETE.

There was a rare attendance of well-known rowing men and waterside characters on Monday night at the Fox Inn, Twickenham, Ernest Barry's house, when the final deposit of £200 a-side to bind the match with Felton, the Sydney sculler, and the holder for a match for the championship of the world, the English rowing championship, and a stake of £1,000, was due to be made.

The money on behalf of both men being forthcoming, the race will take place over the Putney to Mortlake championship course on Monday next, the start from Putney Bridge being fixed for 2.15 p.m., as mutually agreed upon.

The question of an umpire also fell to be settled. At the previous meeting, on Oct. 6, Barry generously conceded the right to the Australian visitor, and the names of Messrs. S. D. Muttlebury (Cambridge University R.C.), Percy Adcock (London R.C.), F. J. Escombe (Cambridge University R.C.), and G. E. B. Kennedy, were suggested to choose from. Felton stated that he had no objection to Mr. Kennedy, who acted in a similar capacity in the last championship match, and he is to be asked to act again.

A FAST GAME.

No. 2 C.C.S. versus No. 36 C.C.S. at the Volksgarten.

A very fast and exciting game was witnessed between the above teams on Volksgarten football ground, on Wednesday. The game had only been three minutes in progress when No. 2 forwards carried the ball down the field, and Pte. Foggan scored, but the point was disallowed owing to off-side. It was evident that both teams were out to test each other, and the ball was being swung from one end to the other.

After ten minutes play No. 2 opened the scoring, Pte. Foggan netting with a very fine shot. At half time the score stood at:—No. 2 C.C.S. one goal. No. 36. C.C.S. nil.

The second half opened briskly, and after five minutes play Pte. Foggan placed No. 2 further ahead with another goal from a well-placed centre by S Sgt. Green. No. 36 tried hard to reduce this lead, and after twenty minutes their centre-forward, Cpl. Thompson, scored. A penalty was awarded No. 36, and the left back, taking the kick, struck the cross-bar with a terrific shot. From the rebound No. 2 cleared, and their forwards, breaking away again, increased their total to three, Pte. Jones scoring a beautiful goal from a most difficult angle. Final Result:—

No. 2 C.C.S. 3;
No. 36. C.C.S. . . . . 1.

IN WINNING MOOD.

84th Brigade R.G.A. Achieve Success in Sport and Show.

The 84th Brigade, who are shortly being disbanded, added to their list of successes in the field of sport by winning the Xth Corps Commander's Cup at Bonn on Saturday.

The following shows the Brigade's record during their stay on the Rhine:—

(1) Winners—Xth Corps Senior "Soccer" Tournament 1918-19.

(2) Winners—Xth Corps Senior Cricket Tournament 1919.

(3) Winners—Xth Corps Commander's Cup 1919-20.

In addition the following successes have been obtained in the Show World:—

1st Prize, Heavy Artillery Gun Team, at Inter-Allied Snow, Wiesbaden; Cavalry Divisional Show, Army of the Rhine by 152 Heavy Battery R.G.A.

1st Prize, Pair of Heavy Draught Horses and G.S. Wagon. Rhine Army Horse Show by 152 Heavy Battery R.G.A.

1st and 2nd Places for Best Stripped Heavy Draught Horses in Xth Corps Eliminating Show and 5th Place Light Weight Chargers Rhine Army Horse Show by 152 Heavy Battery R.G.A.

2nd Prize, Best Turned-out 6" Howitzer and F.W.D. Rhine Army Show by 336th Siege Battery R.G.A.

INTERNATIONAL RUGGER.

British Army accept Invitation to Play at Paris.

The French Army, desirous of showing their gratitude for the tremendous reception accorded them on the occasion of their visit to England last April, when, it will be recalled, they played the New Zealanders (winners of the inter-Services competition) at Twickenham and His Majesty the King honoured the occasion with his presence, have sent an invitation to the British Army to play them in Paris on a date to be agreed upon. The invitation has been accepted, and the game will be decided in December or January, possibly on the first day of the new year.

NORTHERN UNION FINES.

At a meeting of the Northern Union League Management Committee at Huddersfield Bramley and Dewsbury were each fined £5 and Wakefield Trinity £10 for not fulfilling their engagements on Sept. 27—the first Saturday of the railway strike. Oldham was fined £20 for a similar offence on Oct. 4.

RUGBY RESULTS.

	pts.		pts.
Cambridge University	11.	Army	3
R.M.C.	20.	Blackheath	8
R.M.A. (Woolwich)	21.	Tonbridge School	11
Guy's Hospital	24.	Oxford Univy.	3
United Services	17.	Home Fleet	0

Association.

Army	3.	Chelsea	1.
Reading	2.	Southampton	1.

XTH. CORPS RUGBY FINAL.

The Final of the Xth Corps Rugby Tournament will take place on Monday, 27th October, on the Hofgarten, Bonn at 14.30 hours.

ENGLISH RACING.

Gay Lord Fails to Wipe off Cesarewitch Defeat.

DISQUALIFICATION FOR BUMPING.

Going at Newbury was hard on Wednesday and the weather beautiful. There was a large attendance. Gay Lord though confidently expected to win the Autumn Handicap and thereby make reparation for his Cesarewitch defeat, could only finish second to Frank Webber. In the Twyford Handicap Thoughtless finished first but was disqualified for bumping. Details:—

Twyford Selling Nursery Handicap:— 1, Kaloolah (5—4); 2, Faville (7—1); 3, Hibernia (6—1); Six ran.

All Aged Plate:—1, Glondir (13—8 on); 2, Starida (5—2); 3, Condotiere (100—8); Eleven ran.

Newbury Autumn Handicap:— Frank Webber (7—1); 2, Gay Lord (11—8 on); 3, Dionysos (10—1). Seven ran.

Theal Plate:—1, Black Gauntlet (10—1); 2, Princox (5—1); 3, Dutchman (10—1). Thirteen ran.

Reading Handicap:— 1, Charle Belle (6—4); 2, Vinny (20—1); 3, Brome Daisy (5—2). Fourteen ran.

Moderate Plate:—1, Avezzano (5—4 on); 2, Farm Camp (9—2); 3, Furia (3—1). Five ran.

Newcastle Details.

Wednesday Handicap:— 1, Bowmont (6—1); 2, Fertility (5—4); 3, Jaylan (4—1). Seven ran.

Astley Handicap:—1, White Bud (6—1); 2, Jasper (5—1); 3, Undies (5—2). Nine ran.

Jesmond Handicap:— 1, Wavy Stripe (9—4); 2, D'amade (7—1); 3, Daylight Saving (10—1). Eight ran.

Northumberland Handicap:— 1, Athletic (5—1); 2, Linonyx (7—1); 3, Gotha (4—1). Nine ran.

Scurry Handicap:— 1, Esplanadian (6—1); 2, Wiston (5—1); 3, Mitchieson (6—1). Six ran. There was an objection to Esplanadian which will be gone into next Saturday.

Stewards Plate:—1, The Squire (2—1); 2, Doctors Commons (5—1); 3, Intruder (5—4). Seven ran.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE BETTING.

Scatwell takes Zinovia's Place as the Favourite.

The following is the latest available betting in the Cambridgeshire Autumn Handicap from which it will be seen that Scatwell is at present being preferred to Zinovia:—

Scatwell 100 to 14; Zinovia 15 to 2; Alasnam 100 to 9; Sir Berkeley 100 to 7; Royal Bucks and Tretarchia 100 to 6; Diadem 20 to 1; Dromio, Viceversa and Dominion 25 to 1; Clarion 28 to 1.

SCATWELL AND DOMINION.

Should Stables Run two Candidates of equal Merit?

I am hoping that Lord Glanely will make up his mind to depend solely upon whichever of his Cambridgeshire candidates is believed to be the best at the weights. No end of dissatisfaction was created through Grand Parade's success over his stable companion Dominion in the Derby, though everyone closely in touch with racing matters knows perfectly well that the stable policy was straightforward to a degree. So was that of the Foxhill stable in connection with the Cesarewitch, but again the supposed second string, or, at any rate, the longer-priced animal, won, and so malicious tongues were set wagging at a furious rate.

In big handicaps, especially, says the "Sporting Life," it appears to me to be a great mistake for prominent stables to run a couple of candidates, if such horses are of about equal merit.

I have been led into the above dissertation because of reading somewhere that Scatwell and Dominion will probably be subjected to a trial gallop one day this week. Meanwhile Scatwell figures as a rival for favouritism for the Cambridgeshire with Zinovia, while the St Leger second stands at almost three times the rate available about the four-year-old. Obviously, then, if the market is to be depended upon, Scatwell's chance is vastly greater than that of Dominion, but the sooner the point is definitely established the better. If Scatwell is as clearly Dominion's superior as the wagering indicates, there can be no point in leaving the latter any longer in the race, and I am sure that Lord Glanely, who is a fine sportsman, tho ongly deserving of all the good fortune which has come his way this year, will not unnecessarily delay arriving at a decision in the matter.

ARSENAL'S RECRUIT.

Fred Pagnam secured from Liverpool for £1,500.

Arsenal are still team-building, and their latest recruit, Pagnam of Liverpool, should soon repay his transfer fee, which was in the region of £1,500.

Fred Pagnam played for Huddersfield when but 18, then two years later joined Southport Central. From this club via Blackpool he became a Merseyside player. His position then was outside-right, but Liverpool converted him into a centre-forward. During 1915-16 he registered, in 34 Lancashire Section games, no less than 31 goals.

He is well built, 5 ft. 8½ inches tall and 11 stone 4 lb. in weight, a bustling player and a splendid sharpshooter, Arsenal well need his services. During the war he assisted the Arsenal when he was in the Artillery stationed in the South, and now the Highbury club have gained his services permanently.

"SPURS" V. PORT VALE.

It is officially announced that Tottenham Hotspur's away match with Port Vale will take place next Monday, kick-off 3.15, the return game being at White Hart-lane on November 1.

With the exception of Clay, who was hurt in last Saturday's game at Homerton, the Spurs have now a clean bill of health amongst their players. Both Cantrell and Wilson are thus available for the centre forward position which has been temporarily filled by Goodman.

No Drawn Games.

West Bromwich Albion and South Shields are the only teams in the three leagues who have not yet participated in a drawn game.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES.

Teams to Represent Scottish League and F.A.

STRONG ELEVENS.

The following will represent the Scottish League against the Irish League at Belfast on November 5:—

Brownlie (Third Lanark); McDonald (Airdrieonians), McStay (Celtic); Gordon (Glasgow Rangers), Cringan (Celtic), McMillan (Partick Thistle); Sinclair (Hearts), McMenemy (Celtic), Ferguson (Motherwell), Cunningham (Glasgow Rangers). Morton (Queen's Park.

The following team has been chosen to represent the Football Association, against Oxford University, at Oxford, on Monday, Nov. 3:—

Reynolds (Fulham); Elvey (Luton); Harrow (Chelsea); R.F. Popham (Casuals); J. E. Payne (Leytonstone); Grimsdell (Tottenham Hotspur); Rutherford (Arsenal); Capt. R.H. Allen (Army); Puddefoot (West Ham United); R. W. Sloley (Aston Villa); H.G. Yates (Corinthians).

Reserves: F.T. Ansel (Oxford City) and Penn (Fulham). Linesman: Mr. J.R. Benson (Oxford).

The team to play for England against Ireland in the amateur international, at Derby, on November 15, will be chosen after the match.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION.

Revival Movement in Leeds: Committee Appointed.

A movement has been begun to revive professional Association football in Leeds with the ultimate aim of establishing a club which shall aspire to a position in the League similar to that occupied by the late Leeds City Club.

Following upon a largely-attended meeting of the Leeds City supporters, a committee of ways and means has been appointed with Mr. Joseph Henry, jun., as chairman, and Messrs. A. Meek and D. N. Booth as hon. secs.

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING.

Excellent First-Class Teams built up with small Outlay.

Transfer fees are very much discussed at the present moment and it is interesting to note that many of our class teams have paid little or nothing for many of their stars, Glasgow Celtic being the shining example in this. Of this season's elevens we have only to look at Newcastle United's young forwards to see a brilliant line that was, to quote a north country saying, "Gotten dirt cheap."

But one of the cheapest teams in the First League is Manchester United. The eleven that defeated Manchester City last Saturday cost the club less than £100. The defence of Moore and Silcock contributed largely to the victory and yet these two players were obtained for next to nothing. Is there another team in the League that was built up for less than £100?

W. Le. C.

CAVALRY IN FORM.

Inniskillings Defeat R.A.O.C. Nippes in Keen game.

At Nippes the R.A.O.C. were defeated by the Inniskillings in a fine game. The opening exchanges were very fast, neither side having any advantage; the ball had been in play about 10 minutes, when the Inniskillings settled down and carried play into their opponents' half. After several fine, but futile attempts to score, in which the Ordnance goalie showed to advantage, the ball went out of play. From the goal-kick, the Ordnance broke away, but only to find a stumbling-block in the Dragoons' defence; an individual effort by Salmon, the Inniskillings' centre-forward, resulted in Bennett, the inside-left, scoring.

Play was then carried into the Cavalrys' half, and the defence had a busy time in staving off the attack. A penalty was given against the Inniskillings, but the Ordnance failed to score from this, and the ball returned to the R.A.O.C. end of the field.

Just before half-time, the Ordnance goal was fairly bombarded, but owing to the brilliant keeping of the goalie, half time found the score—Inniskillings 1., R.A.O.C., 0.

Second Half.

The second half opened at the same rapid pace, and the ball was soon carried to the Ordnance goal, where a penalty was missed by the Dragoons. The right wing of the Ordnance team then broke away, and some spirited play was witnessed in front of the Cavalry goal. The ball returned to the R.A.O.C. end, and Bennett, notched the second point for the Dragoons.

Exchanges were then rather even, but a break-away resulted in Albrecht scoring the third goal with a fine drop-shot. The Ordnance immediately settled down, and good work resulted in Metcalfe scoring the first, and only, goal for the home team.

Though hard pressed, the Inniskillings' defence was again equal to the situation, and, hard though the Ordnance worked, no further advantage was gained. A final rush by the Cavalry resulted in Bennett again scoring, and a good game finished with a score of: Inniskillings 4, R.A.O.C. 1.

14½lb. Cod.

Large cod are beginning to arrive off the Norfolk coast, and a lady angler, Mrs. Hole, has landed a 12½lb. fish at Great Yarmouth where another cod of 14½lb. has been captured.

Fast Outside Right.

Derby County have signed on a promising young player named John Bedwood, an exceptionally fast outside right, from Aston Park Rangers, Birmingham.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

"The New Sin."

Given certain conditions is to live a sin? That is the problem Mr. McDonald Hastings sets before us in his play "The New Sin," revived on Wednesday night by B.R.A.D.C. Hilary Cutts, an artist who suffers from an eccentric will, not to mention "a laundry with an aversion to post-dated cheques," loves his brothers and sisters "by a law of nature." We only see one of his brothers, and none of his sisters, for this play is one entirely devoid of female characters.

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The brother we do see, one Maximilian, is portrayed by Captain G. Dennis, who acts his part so well that we leave the theatre with a sense of respect for that Home Secretary who by a timely reprieve saves Hilary from sacrificing his life for so wortnless an individual. Maximilian is not only weak; he is also callous, and has such a peculier sense of humour that he sees something extraordinarily funny in the self-sacrifice of Sydney Carton. It seems a pity that this sense of humour was shared by one or two members of the audience, who by untimely laughter very nearly spoilt some of Capt. Dennis's best and most moving lines.

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No one but an actor could have done with the part of Maximilian what Capt. Dennis succeeded in doing on Wednesday night. He is to be congratulated both on his general performance and also in having overcome one or two faults of stage technique which were apparent in his acting when we last saw him at the Deutsches Theatre. Master Pollock as Hilary played a trying part with his usual forcefulness. He gave just the right amount of nobility to his part without concealing that touch of weakness which as the brother of Maximilian we should expect him to have. The fact that Capt. Spiegelhalter's name was on the programme as playing Will Grain, M.P., gave promise of an excellent performance. Needless to say we were not disappointed.

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I was greatly distressed to find that Mr. D. L. Davids, J.P. L.C.C., was murdered in the second act, for Capt. Ball's conception of this bloated and flashy gentleman was worth seeing, and the author "put him away" too soon for my liking. Jim Bensiger (Liet. H. L. Farnell) in the first act seemed in such a hurry to finish the job that it was some minutes before we could catch what he was saying. He soon slowed up, however, and later on did very good work. Lieut. D. A. Onions as Peel played a part rather foreign to him, but nevertheless scored a success. Mr. Landon Ronald might perhaps have made a little more of the part of Stuart Campbell (the Isaacstein variety of Highlander) but he was nevertheless very amusing.

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One word more. Lieut. Percy played no part, but he produced the play. He is a great producer, and I think that some of the audiences confine their criticisms to the actual acting. Let them remember the man who is responsible for the entire whole, and though they may sometimes find fault with individual performances, they can have no "grouse" against the way all the plays are being produced, generally in the face of great difficulties.

E.H.S.

W.O.'s and Sergeants' Dance.

The first of a series of dances by the G.H.Q. Warrant Officers and Sergeants Subcription Dance Club was held at the Bürgergesellschaft on Wednesday. Inaugurated with the idea of promoting a series of pleasant social evenings for the wives and friends of G.H.Q. Warrant Officers and Senior N.C.O.s, the first evening proved such an unqualified success that the rest of the series may be regarded as important fixtures in the social life of Cologne during the winter months. The committee, which comprises. R.S.M., F.W. Sibbald, R.S.M., A. Sibbald, R.S.M., S. Whittaker, Sgt. A. Cleave and Sgt. J. Goldie are duly thankful to the many charmingly-gowned ladies who graced the function, also to the G.H.Q. Jazz Band which provided such lilting music. The catering of R.S.M. Whittaker left nothing to be desired. All information regarding the dates of these dances etc. can be obtained from Sgt. J. Goldie, A.P.O. S,40.

Boxing Films in Cologne.

Considerable interest was displayed yesterday evening at Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Army cinemas in the presentation of the boxing pictures that created so much discussion when first released in England not long ago. Three of the most important fights of recent times were depicted with a clearness of detail that revealed still further development in the cinematograph art. The matches filmed were Beckett-McGoorty, Fulton-Townley and Basham-Charles and in each case the pictures were thoroughly realistic in showing the progress of the bouts. These special films are to be screened to-night and to-morrow.

The "Movie" man.

I recently had the pleasure of meeting Mr. C. A. Johnson who represents the Community Motion Picture Bureau (Gt. Britain Ltd.) on the Continent. Mr. Johnson deals with all the films for the G.H.Q. "movie" shows and is quite an enthusiast on the job. At a private show I saw the boxing films which are the major attraction this week and enjoyed them very much. These films were obtained, Mr. Johnson tells me, by direct negotiation with Mr. Cochrane the promoter of the matches and they come at a moment when the enthusiasm for the pugilistic art is rampant in the Rhine Army.

R.A.D.C. Hours of Performances.

The votes for hours of performances of the B.R.A.D.C. are overwhelmingly in favour of six o'clock. However there is a considerable number in favour of starting at a later hour. The management trust they will satisfy everyone by giving four performances in future at six o'clock and two at eight o'clock. This will take effect from the week of November the third and from that date on Wednesdays and Fridays of each week the performance will start at 8 p.m. and on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 6 p.m. Owing to the length of Friday's and Saturday's performances this week, the B.R.A.D.C. will revert to their old time, six o'clock.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Fri.	Tosca	Puccini	7	10
Sat.	Tiefland	d'Albert	7.30	10
Sun.	Carmen	Bizet	—	—
Mon.	NO PERFORMANCE			
Tues.	NO PERFORMANCE			

Sunday's Opera.

We are officially informed that Carmen will be given at the Opera on Sunday next, Oct. 26th, instead of Faust as originally announced.

G.H.Q. Jazz Band.

This week, the G.H.Q. Jazz Band, which under the bright conductorship of Lew. Hallwark, plays twice a week for the Officers Club afternoon dances, will provide the music for the hundredth dance in Cologne.

JACQUES.

Gurzenich Quartette.

The first concert given on Tuesday evening by this string quartette opened with the Lento assai by Beethoven in memory of the Cologne violoncellist, Fr. Grutzmacher, who died recently. The artists further performed quartettes by Schumann and Hayden, and Mozart's Divertimento for violin, viola and violoncello. This last piece gives the viola player and the 'cellist plenty of opportunity for an exhibition of their powers. They both command a fine and sweet tone, but the 'cellist, Herr Feuermann, may be advised to use more discretion in the ensemble playing. Comparisons are of course odious, but those who have been fortunate enough to listen to the London Quartette at the "Monday Pops" will never forget those four great ones, and it would be difficult to surpass or even equal them. *C.L.*

RHINE ARMY SCOUTS CIRCLE.

The usual meeting of the above circle was held at the Y.M.C.A., Lindenthal, on Wednesday 22nd October at 6 p.m. Instead of the customary work being carried out a very interesting discussion was held on Scouting subjects.

On Saturday we meet at the Amusements board at 2 p.m. and, if possible, intend visiting Zons.

On Sunday there will be a debate in the Y.M.C.A., Lindenthal at 7 p.m. on "Wolf Cubs." All who are interested in this subject are cordially invited; especially so the parents of our junior section.

NO. 5 CONTEST.

Last Day for Posting for this Week's Competition.

To-day's issue contains the last coupon for No. 5 contest, and if you have not sent in your efforts, do so at once.

Last week's winners only forecasted 10 correct results. Cannot you do better? It's worth your while trying.

Provided coupons are clearly and distinctly filled in, we will accept pencil markings, but be sure your effort is easily decipherable and print your name clearly.

To clear a point we would say you may submit as many entries as you wish provided the proper amount is enclosed.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 5,
"Cologne Post,"
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

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2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.

3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.

4 In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.

5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.

6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.

7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.

8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.

9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 5.

Date of matches, Saturday, Oct. 25th.
Closing date, Friday, Oct. 24th.

Preston N. E.	v. Newcastle U.
Sheffield U.	v. Manchester U.
Bradford	v. Chelsea
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Unit .....

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ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Rara Avis.

I met what is now a curiosity in Rhineland, yesterday—an Officer of the Australian forces. Instead of returning "Down Under" with his regiment from the East, he has obtained leave to visit Great Britain, France, Belgium and Germany.

New Hours.

Troops on the Rhine are notified that Tattoo will now be at 22.00 hours. All N.C.O.'s and men except on duty or in possession of special passes must be in their billets by that time.

The Boxing Films.

I hear good accounts of the boxing films which are to be shewn this week. I was at a private view of them last night. Considering the difficulty experienced in taking a clear film because of the smoke the operator has done his work well.

Returning Russians.

Another party of Russians reached Cologne the evening before last. It was noticeable that their accoutrements included British and French issues.

Hibernian.

An Irish drill sergeant was putting a lot of green recruits through the different movements. He gave them "Right dress." Try as he would he couldn't get a straight line. Finally in exasperation he shouted:

"What's the matter with yez? Can't ye line up? That line is as crooked as a corkscrew. All of yez fall out and take a look at it."

Should Not Be.

I have heard many complaints of prices in regimental canteens and soldiers are complaining that in many instances they are asked more than they have to pay at the N.A.C.B. Canteens.

Another Mystery.

When do German bill posters perform their work? One frequently observes fresh signs of the activity of these men on the hoardings in the morning, but I have not yet met anybody who has witnessed the actual postings of placards.

Chilly Cinema Houses.

At least one cinema should give attention to its heating apparatus. It is too much to expect a patron to sit through a performance and stamp the feet in order to promote blood circulation.

The Workers' Hot Meal.

What seems to be a good institution in Rhineland is the "Essen" wagon. When the distance is too great for workmen to return home for dinner, the works provide a van with heating apparatus which collects the workers' dinners from their houses and brings them to the factory.

Country Rambles.

A rambling club which has been formed by troops at Wahn is making wonderful headway. Each week-end, rambles into the country are carefully planned and mixed parties find the change very agreeable.

Night-shirts.

"We are putting night-shirts on the apples, Sir" said the Mess Orderly. "Night-shirts?" gasped the P.M.C. "Yes, sir we are folding the pastry round the apples and sprinkling sugar on the top," was the reply. That night the mess had apple dumplings.

A Burglar's Little Joke.

An officer who went on leave recently found on arriving at his flat in London that it had been burgled. After taking all he could and regaling himself with a whisky and soda and a cigar, the cracksman hung a card for all to see, with these appropriate words: "There is so much good in the worst of us and so much bad in the best of us that it hardly behoves any of us to talk about the rest of us."

Make them Salute.

I see that the Americans mete out pretty stiff penalties to any Germans who fail to salute or only do so in a sloppy manner. There have been some stiff but well-merited punishments given at Coblenz lately.

Their Regular Job.

Looking through a recent list of the professions of members of the German government, I see that two were compositors while the others were respectively a baker, gardener, builder, shopman, advocate's clerk, basketmaker, blacksmith, library assistant, printer and teacher. The latter vocation was being followed by Herr Erzberger.

Misplaced Deference.

A rather interesting question was raised a few days ago by a saluting incident in Krebsgasse. A British officer was acknowledging a salute from a young soldier, when simultaneously a uniformed German behind the former did likewise. The writer, walking behind Fritz, could not but take in the humour of the situation, which presents a twofold question, amusing in each respect. Firstly, did the commissionaire, or whatever the official was, mean to acknowledge "Tommy's" salute, thinking it was meant for him? Or secondly, was he so respectful upon meeting a British officer that he was saluting him even when the latter had his back turned? This practice is very common in Russian and Japanese armies, as readers are doubtless aware.

Liquid Language.

In the billet they were discussing a comrade the other day. "Yes," said one Tommy, "old Flibbs is a good conversationalist. I always enjoy listening to him" "What does he say?" asked the other "It's mostly, 'whats yours, mate?'"

Not Understood.

The other night in a Cologne cinema two Indian drivers intensely interested in a film were making comments far too loud to please the rest of the audience. A girl attendant tried to make them understand that silence was required, but without avail. In despair she pointed to her tongue. One of the Indians immediately pulled out his cigarette case and offered her a "Kingfisher" and the talk continued as loudly as ever.

Jerkins.

Calling on a German tailor the other day I noticed his place was stocked up with some thousands of the old familiar leather jerkins which his workpeople were busy overhauling and repairing. Well, we shall need them soon.

The Cheapest.

Far and away the cheapest literature in English that you can buy in Rhineland is that found in the handy well-printed Tauchnitz editions. Even at the enhanced price of three and a half marks a volume, they cost, at the present rate of exchange, a mere nothing.

Pay Fares Now.

In future all ranks proceeding on leave in France and Belgium will have to pay their fares when travelling on the passenger trains of those countries.

Picture Postcards.

Germany being the birthplace of the picture postcard, it is not surprising that there is such a varied selection in the shops. Some are quite works of art, but the comic species is even more vulgar and certainly more coarse than we see at home.

Cheap Hotels.

Outside many hotels in and around Cologne one can still see the following pre-war announcement "Logis mit Frühstück 1.50." Even in the good old days hotel accomodation in Germany was much cheaper than in England.

A Delicacy.

I notice in the poulterers' windows a display of small birds which are but a shade larger than a sparrow. These I am told are considered a great delicacy by many of the civilian population. The name given them is "Krammetsvogel" and they are generally served roasted whole with potatoes and sauce.

Your last chance.

To-day appears the last coupon for Football Contest No. 5. Have you sent in your effort yet? If not don't delay. Three competitors shared 3000 marks in No. 4 contest and the prize money is increasing weekly. Do not let the chance slip.

Back to the Army.

An officer just back from leave tells me that in Blighty it is a sad sight to see so many young men, obviously without work, suggesting that gratuities are rapidly changing hands. To solve the difficulty many are entering the regular army.

New Jobs for Batmen.

With the arrival of so many wives and children in Rhineland, officers' servants are finding fresh duties to perform. For instance: I saw one of these batmen looking very "Father Christmassy" the other morning. He emerged from a large Cologne stores loaded with many toys, including a scooter and a football. A little girl and boy brought up the immediate rear.

Must be Found.

I heard this story about a Labour Battalion in Rhineland. The sergeant-major said to his men, "None of you leave camp to-day until you've been searched" "Why is that?" ventured a corporal. "There's a pickaxe missing, that's why!" snapped the sergeant major.

A Popular Club.

The 10th Corps Officers' Club at Bonn continues to flourish. Throughout the summer months the delightful building overlooking the Rhine became a sort of half-way house for officers from all parts, and although the institution is really a private one, all comers were made welcome and well entertained.

Profitable Fruit.

I hear that an enterprising street fruit salesman. who dispenses his goods from several barrows in Bonn, made three hundred marks profit in five hours yesterday.

Scarcity of Card Players.

It is surprising how few officers take advantage of the facilities in the card room of the N.A.C.B. No. 1 Club, Cologne. Occasionally one sees a bridge party enjoying a happy hour there, but it is usually occupied only by letter-writers.

The three Complaints.

Turning over the leaves of a travel book I learn that invariably British travellers suffer from rheumatism, Americans from nerve disorders and Germans from stomachic complaints. From personal observation I should say the writer had guessed right.

A Strike Benefit.

"Its an ill-wind, etc." That seemed to be the opinion of the officers and men returning on the Cologne-Boulogne Express on Wednesday, nearly all of whom had their leave doubled on account of the strike. The "unexpired portion, plus seven days" was one of the most welcome pronouncements ever made by the War Office.

A Sense of Direction.

Many visitors to Cologne appear to experience considerable difficulty in finding their way about the maze of thoroughfares that constitute the town. A sergeant who has lived here for three months asked me yesterday in the Hansa Ring to direct him to the Dom. This trouble would easily be overcome if people who have not naturally a keen sense of direction would, immediately on arrival, study carefully one of the excellent street maps offered for sale.

The Irony of It.

The country-side is torn and scarred by a devastating and incessant all-night drum-fire. A long line of trench cuts the landscape in twain and great ugly shell holes gave a hideous appearance to Nature's fair face. The explosions of bursting shells are the terror of the only inhabitants of that country-side, who are American soldiers. Then suddenly two of the soldiers stealthily get out of the trench, crawl and wriggle on their stomachs out into No Man's Land, cutting barbed wire to allow their passage, dig in, make a shaft for the insertion of high explosives and a fuse, send this on an errand of deadly work, which consists of the destroying of an enemy mining party, and crawl back from whence they came. Such were the harrowing scenes witnessed the other night at the Solingen Picture Palace in the exhibition of a seven reel play, "The Unbeliever". They were enacted to the soothing strains of "Scenes that are Brightest" from the Opera "Maritana."

Are they Dearer?

I continue to hear from English wives over here, that the charges of the N.A.C.B. for many standard brands of commodities are in excess of those in German shops. An officer was grumbling also at the price asked for the well-known Panatella cigars which can be got in Cologne shops for less than a mark each. Perhaps there is some explanation. *RHINELANDER.*

FOR BUSINESS MEN IN RHINELAND.

TRADE WITH GERMANY.

INFORMATIVE ITEMS FROM ALL SOURCES

It is rather late in the day to discuss the ethics of trading with our late enemies. It is universally accepted that some commercial relations, however limited and restricted, must exist between all civilised nations albeit one can hardly approach the question without such emotion as must necessarily tend to obscure sound judgment.

"The Advertising World" however puts the case very clearly and some of the editor's remarks are well worth quoting. He says that ". . . any endeavour to wipe Germany completely off the map as far as commercial dealings are concerned, would be mischievous as well as futile. For Britishers to do so while their competitors overseas adopted a less rigorous policy would in any case be to handicap themselves heavily, and possibly fatally, in many of the most important markets of the world."

"Apart from this, it is absurd on the one hand to demand huge sums of money from Germany in part payment of the fearful liabilities she has incurred, and on the other to make it impossible for her to provide them. We cannot have it both ways. If Germany is to be compelled to pay, Germany must be allowed to trade, and Britishers by holding aloft from her, would only be performing that indefensible operation commonly described as 'cutting off one's nose to spite one's face'."

We do not suggest that German traders should be welcomed with open arms — there is no danger of that; but we do say that our business men, should not refuse to deal with them, when it would be advantageous to do so. For the protection of key industries and so on, we must rely upon the regulations and restrictions to which the Government will doubtless subject all commercial relations with Germany for some time to come. Within the limits imposed by these, individual manufacturers and merchants may take it that they will serve the national interest best by a strictly business-like regard for their own interests.

Negotiations to bring about a commercial agreement between Holland and Germany have been successful. A new Dutch syndicate is granting Germany a credit of seventy million florins in order to purchase raw material for the German industries. Part of the manufactured products will be used for export in order to effect an improvement in the rate of exchange. The syndicate in question is prepared to increase the credits to any extent if the resultant business proves regular and successful.

BITS OF BUSINESS.

Owing to the increase of traffic between Germany and Spain the Spanish Government have increased the number of Spanish Consuls in Germany very largely.

Holland is sending very large orders to the manufacturers of Upper Silesia.

The fair committee of Frankfort have decided to hold a spring fair between the 1st and 10th May, 1920.

On account of the coal shortage all mines in Saxony are being worked seven a days a week.

For the same reason no Sunday trains are being run in Bavaria.

The Solingen steelwork manufacturers threaten a lockout of 15,000 workmen who refuse to accept a system of working conditions known as the Taylor system.

Numerous French lorries laden with textile goods arrived at Frankfort from Paris thereby opening up a direct commercial traffic between Paris and Frankfort.

Minister Oeser declared in the Prussian Parliament that it was their intention to run all the German railways by electricity.

The new postage stamps are now ready for Germany. The 15 pfennig stamp is in a new colour. Stamps of the values of 2, 2½, 3, 7½, and 60 pfennigs will no longer be issued.

WHAT TO SEE IN RHINELAND.

MUSEUM OF EAST ASIATIC ART.

There are still a number of interesting places in Cologne which are comparatively unknown or at least insufficiently appreciated by our troops. Among them is the Museum für Ostasiatische Kunst (Museum of East Asiatic Art) situated in the Hansa Ring. No one should miss the opportunity of seeing the wonderful pieces of Chinese and Japanese art-work there displayed. When the danger of falling bombs jeopardised them, many of the most valuable pieces were removed to the cellars and finally all of them were packed up and the museum was closed in October 1917. From an article appearing recently in the "Kolnische Volkszeitung" we learn that it is now open again and the exhibits fully displayed.

The director of the museum is Frau Prof. Adolf Fischer, whose rich experiences in Eastern Asia eminently qualify her for such a position and guarantee that the exhibits receive the care and the display they deserve.

Among the many examples of wonderful coloured enamelled china is a magnificent vase exhibited in Room 14. This was fashioned by a Japanese potter called Eiraku who lived in Kutani in the early part of the nineteenth century and who, with wonderful skill, copied the 15th century Yunglo china with beautiful effects. Such pieces are now rare, because the Kutani cultivated a foreign trade—to sell goods to Europe and America, and in so doing, lost sight of the truer artistic effects.

The Museum normally fulfils a valuable function in displaying and explaining Eastern Asiatic art to amateurs and students, and every soldier in the occupation army should seize the opportunity to visit it while here.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Evacuating.—The Roumanians are evacuating the Slovakian territories.

For the Stage.—A Whitley Council for artistes and stage hands is mooted.

New York's Ban.—New York has banned German Opera.

Farmer's Turn.—There is a strike of farmers in South Wales.

Fini.—The furniture trade lock-out has finished.

Italy's Fete.—November 4th is Italy's national fete day.

Utopia.—Eastbourne's rates are only 5s. 10d. in the pound.

On a Visit.—A party of Belgian judges are on a visit to England.

Working.—Brussels tramway men are back at work.

Development.—Brazilian coal mines are to be developed.

All Gone.—The last Serbian troops have left Murmansk for home.

Banking.—German civilians are now able to have banking accounts in England.

Speedy.—A French airman has averaged 157½ miles an hour.

Comparison.—The Franco-Prussian war of the Seventies cost only £400,000 a day.

Italy's Loss.—The Italian Ambassador in Washington died suddenly while awaiting an operation.

The Fallen.—Designs are invited for a monument to British Guiana residents who fell in the war.

Copper Find.—Hopeful reports have been received on the West Australian copper find.

Back.—The first batch of German civilians interned in France has arrived in Germany.

Missing Husbands.—Leighton Buzzard Guardians are giving a reward for particulars of missing husbands.

Stamps as Change.—Owing to the French silver shortage postage stamps are being used as change.

Seven Times Mayor.—Gillingham will re-elect its present Mayor who serves for the seventh time.

Belgium Concerned.—Belgium is concerned at the concentration of Dutch troops on the Frontier.

Resumed.—There is a service of steamers between Southampton and Danzig.

Distinction.—Eastbourne was the first town to utilize Army huts for temporary housing.

Asquithian.—Mr. Dobson, the Asquithian candidate at the Plymouth bye-election, is not unlike his leader in appearance.

Seashore Sale.—Skegness has purchased its seashore, marine gardens and sands.

Fine Flower.—According to Dean Inge the gentleman is a fine flower of our civilization.

Bread Subsidy.—A statement on the bread subsidy will be made in Parliament next week.

For Christmas.—There will be an a bundance of British toys on the market at Christmas.

Havanas.—Large consignments of Havana cigars have arrived in England from Cuba.

Kids Rejoicing.—All Vienna schools will be closed until next February on account of coal shortage.

A Great Port.—Great extensions on the port of St. Malo are in progress. They will take nine years to complete.

Calamity Checked.—The threatened general strike of all industries in Lorraine has been averted.

Recalled.—General Dupont, chief of the French military mission in Berlin, has been recalled,

Sea Cow.—A sea cow has arrived at the New York Zoo, and is said to be the only specimen in captivity.

Boy Preacher.—A boy aged sixteen is conducting services at the Penzance United Methodist Church.

Economy. — Government departments have been warned to be sparing in the use of coal.

Horsey.—U.S.A. have forbidden the importation of horses except for racing and breeding purposes.

Big Pay.—A man at Thames Police Court said he earned £5 a week by picking apples.

Good Catch.—A 47-lb. salmon has been hooked from the Spey by a girl of 13 years of age.

Randolph.—Appearing before Oswestry Profiteering Committee a fishmonger waving cheques about said he was "Randolph Fear, the Reckless."

Where France Bled.—The King of Spain has been visiting the battle zone of Verdun accompanied by Marshal Pétain.

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TROTZKY AND CRITICAL DAYS AHEAD.

NO AUTUMN BUDGET.

REDUCING THE COUNTRY'S EXPENDITURE.

In the House of Lords yesterday a lengthy discussion on the financial situation of the country took place on a motion submitted by Lord Buckmaster for the immediate introduction of new taxation. There will be no Autumn budget (a suggestion which has been put forward in several quarters) but probably the Commons will debate the general question of the financial position on Wednesday next, after members have had the opportunity of studying a White Paper which will be laid on the table next Monday.

Lord Buckmaster in his speech called attention to the grave financial position of the country, and moved a resolution that it is essential for further taxation to be imposed forthwith. He advocated a capital levy on war profits, with perhaps an increase of income tax, expressing the opinion that the only alternative was national bankruptcy.

Replying for the Government, Lord Milner declared that the financial position, serious as it was, did not justify the talk of bankruptcy and blue ruin in which many people were indulging, nor did it justify rash changes in the fiscal system. Additional taxation might be necessary, but the necessity is not yet proved. A capital levy might do irreparable mischief to the recovery of trade and industry, which is proceeding rapidly.

He denied the contention that the Government did not realise the seriousness of the position. The Treasury was taking vigorous action with the full support of the Government but the effect could not immediately be apparent. It was true that the estimated deficit for this year would be largely exceeded, but this was the result of various changed circumstances, especially the serious conditions prevailing in the whole of the near East, and to the fact that we should not receive this year large sums which we had expected. These deferred receipts might be looked for in the next financial year.

Barring unforeseen contingencies the movement towards a normal condition of finance would be rapid, though even next year the position might not be really normal. This year's deficit must be regarded as part of our war burden, due to non-recurring commitments. We should eventually certainly receive from Germany a substantial contribution towards the relief of our war burden.

Dealing with the proposed new taxation, Lord Milner said that a capital levy on war profits deserved careful consideration, but there was no urgency about it. We had plenty of means of meeting our immediate requirements. Further whatever we did we must not raise the Income Tax on incomes below £1,500 a year. While there was need for the utmost economy we were not yet a poor country, on the contrary, we were potentially immensely rich.

The debate was adjourned until next Wednesday.

CORNISH DISASTER.

RESCUE WORK STILL PROCEEDING

Up to last night, nineteen bodies had been recovered from the Levant mine, and the rescue parties are still at work.

The inquest was formally opened yesterday and adjourned till the 11th November. Letters of condolence have been sent to the Company by the King, the Prince of Wales and the Home Secretary.

ARMY EXAMINATIONS.

An Army Order announces that the Civil Service Commissioners will hold an examination for Regular officers in London, in European and Oriental languages, commencing on Jan. 20 next. The Commissioners will, if necessary, hold an examination at Zeitoun, Cairo, Egypt, for first and second class interpreters in French, Arabic, Italian, Greek, and German, to be run concurrently with the examination in London. Application to attend the examinations must be submitted through the usual channels in time to reach the Secretary (S.D. 4), War Office, on Dec. 1 next.

PEERAGE FOR MASTER OF THE ROLLS.

The King has conferred a Barony on Sir Charles Swinfen Eady on his retirement from the office of Master of the Rolls.

The Military Governor of Paris has revoked the decree forbidding the sale of alcohol to soldiers.

Michaelmas Term opened at Cambridge University with the record number of 4,969 students.

ALIENS BILL.

GOVERNMENT DEFEAT IN COMMONS.

The Government was defeated in the House of Commons last night over the Aliens Restriction Bill on the question of excluding all aliens from holding pilot certificates. The Government proposed to make an exception allowing French masters to pilot their own vessels in and out of Newhaven.

In opposition it was urged that in view of the country's experiences during the war a clean sweep should be made of all aliens.

On a vote the Government was defeated by 185 votes against 113.

Mr. Bonar Law immediately moved the adjournment of the House till Monday, saying that the Government must consider what course it should take.

Sir Edward Carson hoped no extravagant hope would be based on the division. The House had simply endorsed the Bill as passed by Committee and he deprecated the Government's desire to mitigate the terms of the Bill.

Sir Donald McLean, Leader of the Opposition, welcomed the Government's action as being in strict accordance with precedent.

The House then adjourned until Monday. It is not expected that the adverse vote will have serious political consequences and it is in fact understood that the Government will proceed with the Bill on Monday.

QUESTION TIME.

GERMAN INDEMNITY AND RUSSIAN BLOCKADE.

Several questions were asked yesterday in the House of Commons concerning the indemnity to be paid by Germany and the general question of trade with that country.

Answering Mr. Kenyon's question as to what progress had been made in exacting the indemnity, Mr. Cecil Harmsworth said that steps to recover the amount cannot formally be taken until the Peace Treaty is duly ratified, but it can be taken for granted that much preliminary work has been done by the organised Committee which has been sitting for some months. Deliveries under the 4th and 5th appendices of the Peace Treaty have commenced.

Answering a question by Mr. Arnold as to whether the Supreme Economic Council had instituted a blockade of Russia, Mr. Harmsworth replied that while in the technical sense no blockade had been instituted the Allied and Associated Government had transmitted a note to Neutrals inviting them to co-operate in preventing communication with those parts of Russia controlled by the Bolshevist Soviets. A similar note was also sent to the German Government through the Inter-Allied Commission. Trade with South Russian ports is now proceeding as freely as difficulties of transport permit, and the Government is doing everything possible to encourage the same.

TROTZKY'S APPEAL.

CRITICAL DAYS FOR PETROGRAD.

Reuter's correspondent at Stockholm transmits a communiqué issued by Trotzky announcing that "the day is critical." The Red troops have retired to the heights of Pulkova, which constitute the extreme limits of Petrograd's defences, and any further retirement will mean fighting within the walls of the city. Every effort must therefore be made to perfect the internal defences. Trotzky mentions the entry of tanks into line with the Red troops and says the latter have rallied. He points out, however, that the enemy is only one march from Petrograd, and that therefore work on the fortifications must be continued, and the city's internal defences organised.

MASKED RAID.

MAN BOUND AND WOMEN GUARDED.

Ten armed and masked men raided on Tuesday night the residence of Miss Anna Ninett, Annabeg, Nenagh, Tipperary.

Before searching the house, a Mr. Dyer, a relative, was closely bound with ropes, while Miss Ninett and her two maids were kept under guard in a room by some of the men.

A PRUSSIAN LAMP GLASS.

At a meeting of the Walton-on-Thames profiteering committee a woman produced a lamp glass bought for half-a-crown in Walton on which the words "Made in Prussia" was stamped. The committee decided that the tradesman should appear before them at their next sitting, though not under this indictment.

EX-KAISER IN EXILE.

SUSPICIONS OF ROYALIST CONSPIRACY.

Some anxiety is felt by well informed people concerning the present activities of the ex-Kaiser. Recently he has seen a number of mysterious visitors from Germany and has been sending and receiving many telegrams. A private telephone wire has also been fitted to his residence across the German frontier, which is only some fifteen miles away. Suspicions are entertained that he is in communication with agents of the Royalist party and that von der Goltz's recent movements on the Russian frontier were carried out at his instigation.

Questions on the subject will be put in the House of Commons next week when Ministers will be asked what arrangements are in force for the surveillance of the ex-Kaiser.

The ex-Crown Prince is also reported to be carrying on an intrigue with German Royalists and to be receiving many suspicious visitors.

TAX ON RATS.

VICAR'S INTERESTING SUGGESTION.

The Rev. E. Millard, Vicar of St. Anne's Grantham, suggests that a rat tax would be the most effective way of dealing with the rat plague. Every person should be fined for every rat caught by the police on his premises. He writes: "Police tramp our streets for thieves that never take half so much as rats take. Navies guard our shores against invasion that is a very remote possibility, but no one is set to catch the enemy who takes £80,000,000 from us year after year! Cattle have to be killed remorselessly if likely to carry infection, but the rat that carries more infection than all other animals put together gets off scot free except for individual spasmodic acts of revenge."

DIVORCE COMPLICATIONS.

Captain James Angus Maclean petitioned in the Court of Session, Edinburgh, yesterday for a divorce from Mrs. Agnes Scot Miller Maclean, of Durwoodlaw-avenue, Snawlands, Glasgow, on the ground of her alleged misconduct with James Allan Wilson, stated to have been an Army staff officer.

The petitioner, who in civil life is a Glasgow furniture specialist, and has risen from the ranks to a captaincy, with several decorations, was divorced by his first wife in 1906, and then married the present respondent by declaration before the Sheriff. He said they lived happily for five years, but she became extravagant and went about a lot.

Other evidence showed that last year Mrs. Wilson, wife of the co-respondent, instituted divorce proceedings against him, and that Mrs. Macleau lodged a minute challenging statements made against her. A decree of divorce was granted in that case.

But respondent and co-respondent in the present petition denied misconduct. Mrs. Maclean said that in 1914 her husband told her that he had now a typist, and had no further use for her. The case was adjourned until November 5.

OUR LOANS TO ALLIES.

The obligations of the Allies to Great Britain at the present moment amount to £1,622,000,000, and those of the Dominions and Colonies to £186,000,000. The Chancellor of the Exchequer anticipates that about £6,000,000 will be received in the current financial year in interest payments from the Dominions and Colonies. Sums so received are paid into Exchequer under the head of Receipts from Sundry Loans. With minor exceptions no interest is being paid by the Allies at present.

AN INSANE MURDERER.

Hugh Stanley Jolly, 23, an ex-soldier, was ordered at the Norfolk Assizes to be detained during His Majesty's pleasure, the jury finding that he was insane at the time he murdered a young girl named Gladys May Lupton, at Yarmouth, on May 16. The evidence showed that he was an impulsive and dangerous epileptic.

The prisoner was walking with a young woman, when, as they passed three girls, he overheard one say, "Oh, Gussie." He turned back and went up to Lupton, the other two girls having run away, and cut her throat. She died almost immediately. A policeman was only 14 yards away at the time.

ALDERSHOT COMMAND.

Sir Archibald Murray, who is resigning the Aldershot Command, will go on half-pay. The Aldershot Command will be given to Field Marshal Lord Rawlinson. This course does not preclude the possibility of Lord Rawlinson going to India in twelve months' time.

A PRECOCIOUS YOUTH.

At Willesden Police Court the identity of a witness, a working boy of 16, turned on the question whether he was smoking a cigarette. Asked by the Magistrate if he was doing so, he replied scornfully, "What, me smoking a fag! I was smoking a cigar."

PENNANT CASE.

NAMES OF PERSONS SUPPRESSED.

Pursuing its inquiry into the circumstances attending the dismissal of Miss Violet Douglas Pennant from the Women's Royal Air Force, the House of Lords Committee heard several witnesses yesterday.

Captain Cherry, who was appointed for work in connection with W.R.A.F. hostels, spoke in warm terms of Miss Pennant's services. He described her as a great hustler and denied that she was nervy.

Other witnesses, both men and women, including Captain Norman Hodges, testified that Miss Pennant was tactful and easy to work with.

A cablegram was read from Lady Rhondda stating that she is returning from Vancouver as quickly as possible in order to give evidence.

The Chairman, Lord Wrenbury, said she would probably arrive before the inquiry was concluded but if she arrived later they would hear her.

Counsel for the Air Ministry said they admitted one case of reported immorality at the Hurst Park Camp.

Miss Pennant's Counsel said he was seeking to prove that the officer concerned was removed for a short period to the country by General Brancker but was then brought back with General Brancker's approval to a command in London, where the same thing occurred. The Chairman expressed the hope that anonymity would be preserved.

A non-commissioned officer, who was at Hurst Park, then gave evidence to the effect that Miss B.— (one of the officers who granted night passes for girls) and "the Colonel" were a great deal together.

ALSACE-LORRAINE.

GERMAN SECRET AGENTS AT WORK.

It has been clear for some time past that everything has not been going smoothly in Alsace-Lorraine, and the police have now discovered that German agents have been busily organizing propaganda having, as its object the creation of a neutral republic in Alsace-Lorraine and a demand for self-determination. This agitation has been increasing with the approach of the elections.

Five arrests have been made in connexion with this affair. One of the men arrested, a German named Koessler, was found in possession of a number of neutralist posters and some 35,000 marks. It is reported that Koessler confessed to having received the money from a neutralist committee formed in Baden-Baden.

WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

At a meeting convened by the National Union of ex-officers on Thursday night for the purpose of calling upon the Government to give preference to ex-officers and men in filling appointments, a letter was read from the Minister of Labour saying that he is having the whole question thoroughly investigated. The Government had already decided upon the policy of substituting male for female labour within the widest possible limits.

A resolution was adopted demanding still more weeding-out of women from Government offices.

SOLDIERS' BURIALS.

Epsom Urban Council having been informed by the military authorities that the number of British soldiers to be buried in any one grave is nine, the council has replied that in the case of Colonial soldiers it is the custom for only one body to be placed in each grave, and pressing for the same treatment to be meted out to British soldiers.

KEEPING MONEY IN FRANCE.

Travellers returning from France are reminded that the war measures forbidding travellers to cross the frontier with more than 1,000 francs in notes and 10 francs in silver per person are still in force.

WIDOW'S CLAIM FOR £10,000.

A claim for £10,000 has been lodged by the widow of Sergeant Brady, of the Royal Irish Constabulary, who was shot last month at Lorrha, County Tipperary, and the widow of Constable Foley, who was seriously wounded on the same occasion, has claimed £3,000.

DEATHS FROM STARVATION.

Though wages were never higher nor unemployment less, there were 25 deaths last year in England and Wales which were due to starvation or accelerated by privation. Of these five occurred within the administrative area of the County of London and 21 in the provinces. For the previous year the total was 63.

BEQUEST TO CHORISTERS.

Among the bequests of the late Miss M. J. Lawford, of Leighton Buzzard, were one of £1 to each choir boy who sang at her funeral, and another of £5 0 0 to the minister who read the Funeral Service.

MINERS' TALK.

COST OF LIVING: STARTLING SUGGESTIONS.

The special conference of delegates of the Miners' Federation, which is sitting at the Central Hall Westminster, yesterday discussed the high cost of living. Mr. Robert Smillie presided. A resolution was moved expressing the opinion that the present method of dealing with the cost of living by the Government had not succeeded in reducing prices, but that on the contrary, prices showed a tendency to rise, consequently adding to the distress of the working classes.

In view of this the Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress is urged to arrange that an opportunity shall be provided for the Labour Movement to decide on a policy having for its object the reduction of the cost of living.

Speaking on nationalization, Mr. Smillie said it would be for the Trades Union Congress, in view of the Governments refusal to carry out the report of the Coal Commission, to say whether pressure should be brought to bear on them by concerted industrial action all over the country. The Conference finally left it to the Executive to take the best steps possible.

The debate on food prices evoked some striking and startling suggestions.

Mr. Hodges, Secretary to the Federation, urged that as excess profits were made by charging unwarrantable prices to the community, the proceeds of this tax, instead of going into the exchequer and being used for the reduction of debt, should be ear-marked and utilized for bringing down prices!

He also suggested that the Government should forthwith release the war stocks of cloth, boots, etc. direct to the public instead of through ordinary trade channels.

Another delegate proposed repudiation of the National Debt!

U.S.A. LABOUR SPLIT.

INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE BREAKS DOWN.

The American Industrial Conference assembled at Washington voted yesterday on a resolution introduced by Mr. Samuel Gompers, recognising the right of workers to collective bargaining, which he characterised as being the last word on the subject. Both the Labour and public groups of delegates voted for this resolution but the Employers' group voted against it. The resolution was consequently lost under the rule requiring unanimity.

Mr. Gompers then announced that the Labour Party would withdraw from the Conference as the result of the rejection of his resolution.

The disruption of the Conference will cause very great disappointment, coming as it does immediately after the reading of President Wilson's letter. This was written from his sick bed and was a strong appeal with a view to the avoidance of just such a breakdown as has occurred.

NO "KNOCK-OUT."

RESTRICTION ON BOXING SHOWS.

Acton Council has given permission for boxing contests to be held at the public baths if the "knock-out" is eliminated.

Councillor Boissonnade declared there was more in the "knock-out" than met the eye. A Congregational minister seconded the motion to allow boxing.

Councillor Howes: I move that each competitor come out in an armoured tank.

Councillor Dunsmore, who said the condition proposed was "mawkish," described the process of being scientifically knocked out as less painful than a ripped nose, a black eye, or a jab on the solar plexus.

GENEROUS SOLDIER'S BIGAMY.

At the Central Criminal Court on Wednesday, before the Recorder, a young Australian soldier named Mounsey, who was charged with aiding a woman to commit bigamy, was bound over in his own recognizances and was discharged.

When arrested Mounsey said:—"My object was to lift her up and put her on her feet. I am determined to stick by her whatever happens. Her husband drove her to the streets, where I found her. I admit breaking the law, but I have nothing to be ashamed of."

Mr. J. D. Cassels, his counsel, said Mounsey had an excellent record and had been recommended for the D.C.M. He wished to take the woman to Australia.

The case of the woman was postponed.

GENERAL DIAZ IN LONDON.

General Diaz arrived in London yesterday. He crossed from Boulogne to Dover in a British destroyer and reached Victoria at 2 p.m. where he was received with full military honours. To-day he will visit the City, to receive the honorary freedom and a sword of honour at the Guildhall. His visit will last until the 31st October.

The National Savings Committee notify that the number of War Savings Certificates sold during the week ended October 11, was 1,640,878, bringing the total to that date up to 365,197,000.

"DUTCH" SHIPS.

PEREMPTORY DEMAND TO GERMANY.

The Memorandum submitted by the British Delegation concerning the five German ships illegally transferred to Dutch ownership, which have not been delivered under the terms of the Armistice Convention, has been unanimously adopted by, and embodied in, a decision of the Supreme Council.

The Inter-Allied Naval Armistice Commission has formally requested the German Government to:

1. Send without further delay to the Firth of Forth the five vessels mentioned for delivery to the Allied and Associated Powers.
2. Withdraw the Dutch crews now actually on board, and replace them with German crews.
3. Cancel immediately the Dutch name and Dutch port of registry now painted provisionally on each vessel.

An immediate reply to these demands is required.

ARRESTED CHAPLAIN.

CABLES TO AUSTRALIAN PREMIER

The case of Captain the Rev. T. O'Donnel, who was arrested over a week ago at the Gresham Hotel and is still in custody, promises interesting developments.

Father O'Donnell has cabled to Archbishop Mannix and Mr. Hughes, the Australian Premier, asking for their intervention in the interests of justice. His cable to Mr. Hughes reads:

Maliciously arrested here. British Government threat deport Australia without chance vindication. Please wire Birdwood protect rights against disgraceful injustice.

Preparations had been made for his deportation to some destination unknown, but at the last moment the order was suspended. It is probable that when the courts open to-day a habeas corpus application will be made in the King's Bench.

NICKEL COINAGE.

NEW FRENCH MINTAGE.

The French Minister of Finance has authorised the manufacture of a new issue of ten million francs worth of nickel money, in order to ease the difficult situation which is resulting from the shortage of small change.—Reuter.

MINISTERS CHANGE.

BALFOUR LEAVES THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

Lord Curzon has been appointed Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, replacing Mr. A. J. Balfour, who has been appointed Lord President of the Council, vice Lord Curzon.

MOTOR CYCLIST KILLED.

A serious accident, involving the death of a British Officer and bad injuries to two others, occurred on the Cologne-Solingen road on Thursday night.

A motor bicycle and side car, with two officers aboard, ran into a motor lorry, the passengers being badly hurt. The lorry pulled up suddenly and a solo motor-cyclist dashed into the back of it and the rider was killed instantly.

REDUCING OUR EXPENSES.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer yesterday submitted fresh details of the country's revenue and expenditure. These showed that the daily deficit is now reduced to £1,255,000 instead of £1,717,000, the average for the first six months of the financial year.

KING OF SPAIN IN ENGLAND.

The King of Spain, travelling incognito, arrived at Victoria on Thursday night and was met by Lord Stanmore representing the King, and Princess Beatrice. He is staying at the Ritz Hotel.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

A fair volume of business was transacted yesterday. Investment securities hardened on the statement that the Government does not propose to tap additional sources of revenue during the current financial year. Egyptian stocks were strong and Soudan Loan script was quoted at 23.8 per cent premium, interest being stimulated by the demand for and consequent rise in Egyptian cottons. Textiles were again the best feature of the market despite the threatened strike of bleachers and dyers. Shares of edible oil concerns were in good demand, the restrictions of exportation of most edible oils having been withdrawn.

Petroleum issues were active notably Mexican Eagles, brisk buying being said to be in connection with an American syndicate. Rubbers were firm, the demand for smaller priced shares hardening under the influence of further excellent divisions.

Diamond shares were in renewed demand. The Russian group showed signs of weakening owing to lack of enquiries.

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v.
Willi Müller, formerly of Australia, 134 pounds.
CHIEF MATCH. 10 rounds of 3 mins
Walter Buchszuhn, Berlin, 140 pounds
v.
Georg Miers, formerly of Chicago, 136 pounds.
CHALLENGE. 10 rounds of 2 mins.
Pte. Fisher, England, 111 pounds, British Soldier
v.
Willi Wieprecht, Berlin, 110 pounds, ex-amateur Bantam-weight, Champion of Germany.

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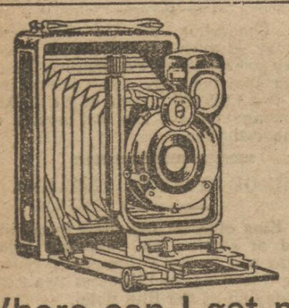

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Church of England Services in Cologne.

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Morning Service 10-30 a.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.

2.—THE CHURCH ARMY CHAPEL
Hotel du Nord.
Sundays: Holy Communion, 8 a.m.

Church of England Services in Bonn

IN GARRISON CHURCH, BONN.
SUNDAYS: Holy Communion 7-30, 8-00, 11-45, and 18-45 hours.
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Evening Service at 18-00 hours.
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excepting on Thursday when it is at 10-30 hours.
Evening Prayers at 18.00 hours excepting on Thursday.

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SUNDAYS: Evening Service at 18-30 hours followed by celebration of Holy Communion at 19.30 hours.

Catholic Services in Cologne on Sundays.

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Mass in Cathedral at 8 a.m. (north Transept) High Mass in Cathedral at 9-15 a.m.
Parade Mass in Minoritenkirche (Minoritenstr.), 2 minutes from Cathedral at 10 a.m.
Rosary and Benediction in Minoritenkirche at 7 p.m. Confessions in Cathedral on Saturdays from 5—7 p.m.

EHRENFELD. Church at the junction of Mechteren Strasse and Vogelsanger Strasse:—
Mass on Sundays 9 15 a.m. Confessions on Saturdays 5 p.m.

LINDENTHAL. Chapel of the Hospital in Josef Stelzmann Strasse—continuation of Giebel Strasse:—
Mass on Sundays 10.30 a.m. Confessions on Saturdays 5 p.m.

Scottish Churches and English Free Churches.

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Welsh Service 2—30 p.m. in Y.M.C.A. Central.

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COMPROMISE.

"That damned word 'compromise' — the beastliest word in the English language," is one of Lord Fisher's trenchant expressions. We are heartily at one with him on this point.

Compromise has been the curse of British policy for many, many years. It has clogged the wheels of progress, rendered negative the best efforts of reformers, stifled the nation's finest aspirations, hampered our foreign policy, and indirectly led to the lamentable position of unpreparedness in which we found ourselves at the opening of war.

And now when we have won the victory and thousands have made the final sacrifice for definite ends, we find the nation's old enemy — compromise — raising its head once more.

The splendid work of sailor, soldier and airman to achieve supremacy in the field, on the sea, and in the air, runs the risk of being nullified by the weak-kneed temporising and concessions of the diplomat and politician.

We see this in many ways. We find that the objects for which we fought are speedily being explained away, attempts are being made insidiously, but no less effectively, to make us forget them.

In the sphere of trade the signs are disconcerting to those who gave up so much to battle for the mother country, to maintain her supremacy, and check the inroads of German competition.

During the war determined efforts were fostered by those in power to regain industries that had been lost to us. Our people were buoyed up with the promise that if they ventured their money in such industries they would have some safeguard as to the future. Dumping was to be no more. British trade was to be re-established firmly and to be free of unfair competition.

The toy trade is but one instance. Ex-soldiers were encouraged to embark in it. England would in future make her own toys, they were assured. Compromise has killed all prospect of that. True, the government says it will not permit this and other trades similarly selected, to be destroyed. But does anybody attach any value to such assurances.

Then there is the question of aliens. The firm drastic policy demanded by the nation is being whittled away by the weak compromises of Government departments. It is a healthy sign that the House of Commons has just put its foot down and defeated the Government in its attempt to handicap our own workers by alien competition.

But the insidious evil of compromise and vacillation continues. And a keen watch needs to be kept on our legislators, or the fruits of victory by arms will speedily fall from our grasp.

"BLOBS."

A WAGON LINE STORY.

The place was a battery wagon line, the time midsummer, 1918. The general and the subaltern were talking together: he was not a great general, neither was the subaltern the most capable of his rank. Wild horses will not draw from me the general's name; but the subaltern was called Blobs.

He was the wagon line commander and his job was thought a rest-cure by his confrères at the guns. Certainly he had to look after the horses and the harness, to compete with inspecting officers, with vets. who complained that his horses were thin and with doctors who said that his sanitation was bad.

He had to—or was supposed to—be up early and late, fighting with neighbouring units for his turn at the water troughs, chasing his chaff-cutting machine that would not cut, and his farrier, whose shoeing met with nobody's approval.

There was the A.S.C. to be visited to see that the battery got full forage and rations, and perhaps a bit over (possibly there was a drink to be got there) and the Ordnance had to be cajoled, entreated and threatened to get the new torches that had to go up to the gun line that night.

On his return journey he must drop in at Signals to try for another mile of D. 5 wire (a certain drink awaited him there); in the afternoon there was ammunition to be drawn and some new harness fitted; also a chit to be written to go up with the ammunition in the evening, telling the doings of the day—the major was very particular about that.

But after evening stables and water and feed he had his time to himself, that is unless he went up with ammunition to the guns, a thing he did twice a week.

But he knew when he was well off: he had no S.O.S's to turn him out of bed, no nasty shell falling into his back garden, no O.P. work, and no major to meet at breakfast in the morning. He did not live in a leaky crazy shelter with water splashing up from the duckboards on the floor, rain dripping through the roof, and driving past the waterproof sheet that served as a door.

At night, when planes buzzed overhead and bombs dropped crashing all around, he had no mathematical puzzles to work out, as when by the light of a single candle and amid shouts of "put out that light there" he had in gun line days tackled the intricacies of a creeping barrage, a damnable problem especially invented for his undoing by the higher command.

It must be acknowledged that Blobs was not great at this game; his work required checking and angles right had an uncanny habit of turning into angles left. But as he explained he wasn't a soldier; he was only "doing his best."

In the halcyon days before the war he was a man of leisure with a yellow motor car and a red face: he had done a bit of "huntin'" and loved to be horsey and to talk horse. His place was obviously at the wagon lines, so when the general dropped in informally to look round, it was Blobs that he found there, looking somewhat pale after an evening that he had not spent going up to the guns.

The general had a liver that morning and some of the horses looked as if they had one too. Blobs tried to pacify him and to explain why No. 28 had not been groomed, and 64 looked as if she had not been shod for three months. But it was no good. "I don't want your excuses," the general snorted.

"Excuse me, Sir," said the now-aroused Blobs, "these are not my excuses, they are my reasons." This stopped the G.O.C. for a moment, which naturally made him crosser than ever. They got round to the harness racks: several explosions were heard there and a subdued undertone of "Up the line last night, Sir"—"went to Hospital yesterday," and the G.O.C. got on his horse and rode away red in the face.

As he went he fired a parting shot: "It's all nonsense your being short of men; it's damned lack of supervision, sir. I shall inspect the wagon lines again this day week, and if things are not more satisfactory—I shall stop your leave."

Blobs was deeply hurt. He could stand a joke with any man but—to stop his leave! Words failed him. He disliked the general and foresaw an unpleasant interview with his major when the latter came down that afternoon for his weekly inspection. "This is a camp of the worst possible description," he said sadly as he mounted his old mare and rode off to the canteen, where rumour had it some new stores had just come in.

By the afternoon he felt better—he had got hold of vast quantities of chocolate and sardines, far beyond his battery allotment. The canteen officer had taken his money at poker the night before, and canteen officers are human—not like generals, thought Blobs.

The major was pretty decent too; things had gone down the hill a bit, but times had been hard, and he liked to do his own damning himself and not have it done for him by red hats. He bustled around, poked his nose into corners, stirred up Blobs, talked to all the men, claimed the lion's share of the canteen stores for the guns, and returned home, cheery and blasphemous.

Furious efforts were made in the next week, but handicapped by hard work and shortage of men, the improvement was not what had been hoped. Blobs found that, easy as it had been to let things slide, it was a superman's job to get back to the old standards. The last day arrived and he saw that the general would not be satisfied: also there was no protective barrage, as the major had a battle on, and would not be able to come down.

His leave was due next week and he would not get it: an impossible affair, for he was going to get married! He had told none of us, being afraid of being laughed at; but it meant a lot to him. He went over to dine with his friends and neighbours—a labour battalion—in a deeply pessimistic mood. They soon found out his troubles and also his richness in canteen luxuries. Before Blobs left a bargain had been struck, and he went home cheerful to his dug-out.

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Reveillé saw extraordinary scenes of activity in the wagon lines Hundreds of infantry covered the ground, sweeping the horse lines, squaring up the camp and generally making themselves useful. When they went away at nine they took some very thin horses and some particularly filthy harness with them.

The General arrived punctually at ten; he was cold and reserved, but his impressions were less unfavourable than he had expected. The horses—he thought—had really come on since the last visit and some polished head chains enhanced the good effect; the harness was clean if it was not smart, and he felt that Blobs might have done worse.

He rode away mollified. "Things have improved, Mr. Blobs, it is now your business to carry on the improvement. These things all rest with yourself: and remember, don't talk damned nonsense to me again about having no men. A good officer, when he hasn't got men, makes them."

Blobs knew all about that. It was exactly what he had done—at a price. Half an hour after the general's departure, the battery Q.M.S. might have been seen paying out tins of sardines and sticks of chocolate to a long line of grinning labourites, who had come forward to help the Royal Regiment in its hour of need.

From "The Gunner." *T.C.L.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

EYES AND NO EYES.

Sir,—I often see remarks by your readers which are not exactly complimentary to Germany. They seem to imply that if anything isn't English it is outside the pale of consideration.

I am the last to slavishly admire or copy things Teutonic, and am very bitter about the Germans having launched the awful war which devastated Europe and sent millions to their graves, but I give the devil his due.

The German has had a far better educational training than the average Britisher, and he is more thoughtful and more thorough. It is those characteristics which we must try to emulate. Otherwise the mere winning of the war will find us no better off than we were.

And the scoffer is out of place. The thoughtless conceit which so many display is worse than childish; it is fatal.

Let us keep our eyes open. Let us carefully watch the customs, the methods, and the inventions we see around us while here. Don't pass them by without due consideration. Some may not be suited to England, but many put us to shame and are worthy of adoption. Weigh their merits and demerits if they possess them. See how they can be utilised or adapted so that you may return home on demobilization better equipped for the struggle that faces us.

That is my earnest advice to the men on the Rhine, and I hope to see signs of it being taken. *M. A.*

REMEMBER THE DEAD!

Sir,—In the beautiful Südfriedhof here are the graves of some forty English prisoners of war who died in the hands of their enemies. They lie with those of the Allies who shared their tragic fate before them, and far outnumbering them; also German soldiers have their last resting-place there.

The graves are all carefully tended: all have the little white soldiers' cross, but the sunlight falls on the many; the conquerors are in the shadow in the conquering position, facing undazzled, those they defeated.

We have no Remembrance Day, yet we remember! Could not we women, here like our sisters in France, lay flowers on these little green hills where the soldiers sleep, on Nov. 1st and 2nd, the festivals of All Saints and All Souls? *A. STEEL.*

WANTED—AN ALARM.

Sir,—As I pay very frequent visits to the Deutsches Theatre I should like to make the following suggestion. The majority of people will I am sure agree with me that if a bell were put up somewhere in the above theatre, and rung for a few seconds just before the curtain was raised after each interval, it would give warning to those who find it necessary to leave their seats when each act is over.

It would enable these persons to return, and settle down, then all would be quiet once again by the time the curtain rose. Surely the management could think of some simple alarm, because I know it must be very annoying to the artists, also to the members of the audience when people are trying to find their seats in the darkness after the play has recommenced. *C.W.H.P.*

ARE THEY NECESSARY?

Sir,—None of the specious arguments put forward by correspondents in favour of fancy identification discs or bangles impress me one little bit.

I am convinced that it is not for any of the reasons given that they wear them still. Let them be honest and admit it. It is simply vanity pure and simple.

They look "dinky," and convey the impression that the wearer has been a terrific warrior. And that's the whole thing in a nutshell. *PETER BLUNT.*

THE SOLDIERS, POWER.

Sir,—I thought the advice you gave in your leading article on the reform of the British Public House — what a horrible name that is! — was excellent.

I hope everyone when they return home will use the knowledge they have gained abroad to reform not only our public houses, but but many other things as well, in which we are so very backward.

It is not by votes alone that these changes can be made, but by personal influence, and everyone who has been outside England can enforce his views by stating his own experiences. What I mean is that he won't be speaking without knowledge gained first hand.

My only fear is that when we all get home we may insensibly fall into the old ruts, and accept the old order because it happens to be there, and it seems no easy task to alter the preconceived insular notions of our fellow-countrymen. There are so many reforms we need besides better public houses, but if the soldier will only realise his power they are all possible. *LEGIS.*

WILL WAR CEASE?

Sir,—A correspondent in your columns recently made the momentous assertion that "so long as man exists there will always be war."

It seems tragic that so many people hold this opinion and will keep on repeating it, when one thinks of what the world has suffered, and suffered evidently in vain.

One cannot help wandering back to those days of August 1914 upon thought, and trying to unravel the meaning and the causes which immediately aroused the indignant feelings (unparalleled before in their unanimity) of practically the whole civilised world against Germany when she started her mad career of crime against the unwritten laws of nations.

It was that true sense of justice born in every man which resulted in the downfall of Germany. A legacy is left us by those men who died in this supreme fight to see that such a catastrophe shall never happen again. Whether the world takes advantage of the opportunities of this victory and creates a means of applying the strength of international justice to prevent war it is too soon to say.

It must recover from the inevitable reaction which is at present rampant in every country, and from the universal confusion created by the rapid trend of great events which are tumbling over each other to get in the limelight.

But in the future it is the duty of us all to support by every means in our power the idea which is our only hope and which became a reality in the Peace Conference at Paris — the idea of a league of nations so that it may have a fair chance to accomplish the tremendous task with which it is being set. *G.H.E.*

PLAYS SOME PEOPLE WANT.

Sir,—Lots of men I have spoken with are at one with "One of the Gods," who asks for a more popular style of play for the troops on the Rhine.

Most of us are very fond of good strong melodrama such as we get at home.

In the North Country town I come from, we have touring companies every week giving us the rousing sensational drama that thrills you.

You know the sort of thing I mean, Sir; no social or sex problems with morbid endings, but plenty of exciting scenes, a murder or two, and the falsely-accused hero going through hell to win the heroine, but baffled right up to the last moments of the play, when he comes out of it all in triumph.

I could name a round dozen of such stirring dramas that would bring the house down, as the saying is.

I am open to wager they would go down better than all your "Molluscs" and "Helens with High Hands," and on behalf of many others beside myself, may I ask for a trial of a real exciting melodrama now and again? Why not make a start with the "Still Alarm," the "Lights o' London" or the "Silver King," to name only a few old favourites? *GALLERY BOY.*

Sir,—I expect your correspondent "One of the Gods" goes to the theatre merely for amusement.

That is the wrong motive altogether. He should look on it as a means of education and of elevating his mind and making him think.

Far from wishing the tone of the R.A.D.C. performances to be lowered or popularised in any degree, I would urge an even higher standard, and press for Shakespeare and the poetic drama.

The caste of the Germans is more serious than ours, and as a nation they benefit by this fact.

Remember the stage has passed, or should have done by now the recreational era of its existence.

It has entered the educational scheme of life, and no one should go to a play unless he feels that he will learn from it and that it will introduce him to new fields of thought.

May the day be far distant when the Rhine Army Dramatists pander to degraded popular taste, such as, I venture to say, "One of the Gods" possesses. *C.D.R.*

Sir,—I have been wanting to say what "One of the Gods" does, but haven't liked to. Now he has broken the ice, may I trespass on your space to put in a word for farces of the broad rollicking kind? That's the stuff to give 'em.

If we had "Charley's Aunt," "A Night Out," "A Little Bit of Fluff," "The Private Secretary," "Are you a Mason," "The Glad Eye" and other screamingly funny plays like that, you would hear a continuous roar of laughter in the Deutsches that would bring the Germans flocking to the door, wondering what all the row was about.

And we Tommies would return to our billets as merry as sandboys, instead of leaving the theatre depressed and puzzled, as we often are, by the gloomy not-understandable kind of play we see so often now. *DURHAM LAD.*

RANDOM SHOTS.

The only rate of exchange is one good turn for another.

Play to win but don't lose the playing in the winning.

Only one way to make money — don't spend it.

The best war certificate is your uniform.

Where there's a puddle there's always a duckboard.

Only word not in your dictionary should be failure.

When you'd like to push your cap further back on your head think of the good fellows who used to shine a badge like yours.

Starting where you left off is 100 yards further back now.

Money is nothing; what you do with it is everything.

If you can't rush you can crawl.

Don't judge a newspaper by all that it says; but by what it sometimes leaves out.

Don't forget the other team when you judge the referee.

A pat on the back is worth a hundred pokes in the ribs.

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The Team's "Donkey Worker"

WHICH PLAYER HAS THE HARDEST JOB? — BY ARTHUR GRIMSDELL.

(The Famous "Spurs" Half-Back and English International).

I suppose it would be somewhat difficult to find two players who would agree about the relative importance of the various positions on the football field. For instance, if you asked me the question, I should probably reply that the wing half-backs were very important, and such reply would be very natural, for I happen to be a wing half-back myself. In like manner if you went through the whole of a football eleven and asked the same question, the replies would mostly be found to coincide with the actual position of the player questioned.

When you come to think of it, though, it is all for the good that it should be so. The team which is most likely to meet with success is the one which goes on the field with every man of opinion that the position in which he plays is the most important of all, and convinced that if success is to come to his side he must do his level best in that position from the first kick of the match to the very last.

Trying to take an impartial view of the whole team though, it seems to me that foremost in importance you must have a strong half-back line. In fact I think a well-known manager used to say that if you would show him a side with good half-backs he would show you a side which was going to win its matches. The half-backs must of necessity be hard workers. They must be attentive and preventive—that is, attentive to the requirements of their own forwards, and preventive in regard to the attacks made by the other fellows.

HALF-BACKS MUST WORK.

Their duties being summed up thus, then, it is clear that I can't be far wrong, when I say that the half-backs first of all be real workers, and I can assure you that at the end of many a game I have left the field feeling that there was only one place in the world for me and that place a comfortable bed. Try an afternoon at stopping Buchan and Mordue at their best, for instance, or Snea and Simpson, and with the ball flashing about hither and thither between them you won't have much time for wiping the perspiration from your forehead.

The centre-half must be a real worker too, and yet for sheer running about I do not think that in the average game he does quite so much as the wing half-backs. For one thing he hasn't any throwing-in to do, and that little job in itself provides quite a lot of scope for running off one's superfluous energy. But if the centre-half doesn't have quite so much work with his feet as the wing half-backs, he has, I think, more work with his head than any other player on the field, and I use the term both physically and mentally.

The centre-half must be thinking hard all the time, because more than any other man on the side, is it in his power to mould the whole play of the team. He must think which part of his own forward line seems in the best form, and he must feed that part. He must also note where his opponents are weak in defence, and play to that weakness. These things he must do with his "thinking cap," and just to keep his head employed he is usually called upon to head the ball about twice to the once any other player applies it. I once heard it said of Wedlock of Bristol City fame (need I have put that in?) that for each time he played the ball with his feet he used his head twice.

INSIDE WING MEN.

Yet when everything is said and done, and we have given full credit for the half-backs as workers, I don't think we have placed our finger on the real "donkey-worker" of the average football team. You don't find him among the full-backs, and in my opinion he is not among the half-backs, but look for him in the forwards, and you will generally find he is in one of the inside wing positions—that is at inside left or inside right. In my opinion those are the "donkey-workers" of the football team.

Let us examine their duties and we shall see whether in the carrying out of them they best fit the description of the team's "donkey-workers." In the first place the inside wing men are the fetchers and the carriers for the other three forwards. As the game is usually played to-day, the outside wing men and the centre-forward keep well up the field, ready for a dash should the ball come to them. But the inside man must always fall back—sometimes right into goal—when his side is hard pressed.

Take a player like Bliss our inside-left for instance. When our opponents are taking a corner kick, there he is, helping in the defence of his goal. Sometimes he is instrumental in the actual clearing from this corner-kick, but in any case if the ball is kicked clear, off he must scamper to the other end of the field at the very top of his speed, so that he may be able to be in with the rest of the forwards in their scoring efforts.

While the centre-forward and the outside wing men will probably not have more than half the length of the field to run, the inside forward will have practically the whole length to traverse in order to be in at the death.

THE REAL DONKEY WORKERS.

Then, no matter were a throw-in is taken on his wing, the inside man must be right there, whether it is against his own corner flag or the corner flag of the opposition. The full-backs get a rest when their forwards are attacking; the centre-forward and the extreme wing men have time to breathe when their own side is being hard pressed, but where-ever the play is waged, the inside wing men should be there Yes, the amount of running about which falls to the lot of the inside wing men if they are to perform all the duties of their position, brings me to the conclusion that they are the real "donkey-workers" of the average football team.

So it seems that the first qualification for the position of inside left or inside right shall be that the men chosen be real workers who do not know what it means to be tired. But though that may be the first essential, it by no means follows that it is the last. The inside men must be good tricky dribblers so that they can make openings for the centre-forward; they must be able to take hard knocks which they will get from opposing defenders; and they must be able to shoot hard and well, because to them come opportunities of scoring goals. When a team manager has found two players for the inside positions with all these qualifications, then he can consider that he has approached the ideal. But it is rather a lot to ask, isn't it?

ALDERSHOT COMMAND.

Three Days' Horse Show Next Year—New Ground In Preparation.

The remarkable success of the Aldershot Command Horse Show—now in its third year—is reflected in the fact that three days are to be devoted to it next Summer. This unique civil and military event will be held under the patronage of the King on the 6th, 7th and 8th of July. A better equipped and more convenient show ground is being prepared. Many new features are to be introduced, and the open and civilian classes largely extended.

ARMY RUGBY.

Light Blues Win a Fast Game by 11 to 3.

Taking the field for the first time as a regular club fifteen, the Army at Cambridge on Wednesday suffered defeat from the Light Blues by a placed goal and two tries to a penalty goal. In the opening half the passing on both sides proved disappointing.

Twenty minutes from the start Macintosh kicked a penalty goal for the Army, and after each side had narrowly missed scoring Collis just before the interval registered a try for the University.

On resuming the combination improved, especially that of Cambridge, for whom Craigmile and Young gained tries, Greenwood converting in the first instance. Thus a game, contested throughout at a fine pace, ended in a win for the Light Blues by 11 points to three.

UNITED SERVICES BEAT FLEET.

At Portsmouth, in delightful weather. The Services had the better of the play in the opening half, but the Fleet defenders tackled well. Anderson, however, scored an unconverted try, and the Services crossed with this lead. After the interval the Fleet were outplayed. Agnew got over and Graham majorised. Graham also scored a penalty goal, and tries were got by Bicknell and Anderson, both unconverted.

Result:—
United Services 17 pts; Home Fleet 0.

PROFESSIONAL BILLIARDS.

Closing scores Thursday evening:—Reece (in play) 5311; Falkiner 4770; Newman 5837 Stevenson (in play) 3777.

ARE YOU A WRESTLER?

Splendid Opportunity for Training: Write to Lieut. Hayes.

Lieut. W.H. Hayes, 51st Devons, the 10 st. 7 lbs., Rhineland wrestling champion, is eager to get into touch with other exponents of the art, irrespective of weight or rank, in the Rhine Army with a view to getting training, for which purpose he has secured the use of the Gymnasium at the P. and R.T. School, Cologne, by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Betts.

Furthermore, he is prepared to wrestle or box any officer in the Army of Occupation at his weight and will be glad to arrange contests.

LAWN TENNIS RESULTS.

The chief results in the London Covered Courts Championship, at Queen's Club, were:

Men's Singles.—Second round: A. W. Davson beat R. G. Taggart, 6—1, 6—0, 6—0; Hon. F. M. B. Fisher beat G. Stoddart, 6—3, 6—2, 6—2, 6—3; G. R Sherwell beat Lieut. D. G. O. Sinclair, 6—1, 6—1, 6—1.

Women's Singles.—Second round (concluded): Miss K. McKane beat Miss P. Hawkins, 4—6, 6—1, 6—0; Mrs. Satterthwaite beat Miss Ryan, 6—4, 3—6, 6—4; Mrs. Beamish beat Mrs G Lowe, 6—0, 6—1; Mrs. H. Edgington (holder) beat Miss D. Kemmins Betty, 7—5, 11—9.

Men's Doubles.—First round: Hon. F. M. B. Fisher and C. P. Dixon beat L. de Olivases and J F. Villegas, 6—1, 6—4, 6—1; S. N. Doust and M. J. G. Ritchie beat "W. Smith" and Capt. P. O'Hara Wood, 6—3, 6—2, 9—7.

Open Mixed Doubles.—First round: Capt. P. O'Hara Wood and Mrs. Beamish beat N. Mishu and Mrs. G. Lowe, 6—0, 6—1.

Anxious.

With training grounds and race tracks abnormally hard for the time of the year, trainers of certain Cambridgeshire horses are in an anxious frame of mind.

In Full Swing.

The Rugby game has at length got into full swing, and today practically the whole of the clubs of the country will be seen out.

My Dear and the Cambridgeshire.

Providing she goes on well up to the day of the race, My Dear will be among the runners for the Cambridgeshire, and will, of course, have Donoghue as her pilot.

Celebrating Victories.

To celebrate the victories of his three-year-old Stearine, Baron Ed. Rothschild has presented £80 to the Chantilly jockeys hospital, and a like sum to the fund for necessitous jockeys and stablemen.

FULTON MAKING GOOD.

Knocks out Capt. Gordon Coghill, Australia, in Third Round.

HIS FIRST REAL TEST.

Fred Fulton, the Kansas giant, came through his first real test at the Holborn Stadium on Thursday night, when he defeated Capt. Gordon Coghill of Australia in the third round of a twenty round contest by knocking him out. The brief wire to hand gives no details of the fight, but the result, following the summary dismissal of Townley, suggests that the big American is a man to be taken seriously.

Fulton has thrown out all manner of quaint challenges while in England, which, to our way of thinking, has hurt him rather than helped him. We have had brief opportunities of seeing him in the ring, but his home record stamps him as a good man, if only for the fact that he caused the famous Sam Langford to retire after seven rounds.

The name of Capt. Gordon Coghill is not quite so familiar—not because he is not a formidable boxer, but simply because, from the time he left Australia he was kept too occupied with military duties to be able to give much attention to his favourite pastime. Until a little while before the war broke out he was an amateur. He held the same place in Australian amateur circles as our own John Hopley, and was always a good trial horse. He boxed stubborn bouts with Tommy Burns, Jack Johnson, and the late Bob Fitzsimmons, and it was on the advice of the last named that he turned professional.

MORE ABOUT CARPENTIER.

Still a Natural and Legitimate Cruiser-Weight.

I am able to give your readers most excellent news, which is just to hand, from La Guerche, where Georges Carpentier is hard at work in view of his forthcoming contest with Joe Beckett on Dec. 4 at the Holborn Stadium, says Victor Breyer, writing in the "Sporting Life." As already announced Eddie McGoorty is acting as Carpentier's principal sparring partner, and I understand that the latter's long experience and almost unlimited knowledge are proving invaluable to the French champion, who is gradually rounding into shape, and has, to quote his own words, never felt better since his brilliant pre-war days.

Champion's Avoirdupois.

When put on the scales a few days ago Carpentier was weighing exactly 78½ kilos, or 12 st. 5 lb. His manager claims that these figures represent his normal avoirdupois, and that he will enter the ring on Dec. 4 as he is now. According to this statement it looks as if the Frenchman has not put on much weight during the war, and that he still is a natural and legitimate cruiser. This item of news is made interesting by what Descamps told me in the course of a rather interesting conversation two days ago previous to his departure for London in company with Ledoux, due then to meet Jim Driscoll.

LEEDS F.C. AND MIDLAND LEAGUE.

Invitation Sent to Lord Mayor by Secretary.

The committee who are concerned with the formation of a new professional Association club in Leeds to take the place of the defunct Leeds City club have received an invitation to join the Midland League.

The invitation is contained in a letter addressed to the Lord Mayor of Leeds by Mr. J. Nicholson, of Sheffield United, the secretary of the Midland League, who suggests the new Leeds club might be prepared to enter some competition, and adds:—

If so I think we can find a place for them in this League, as we have only sixteen clubs. I am sorry to trouble you, but I do not know to whom to send this letter, so perhaps you will kindly pass it on. As you are no doubt aware Leeds City made their reputation whilst members of this League, and it might be a step to their promotion again.

The letter has been passed on to Mr. Joseph Henry, jun., the chairman of the Supporters' Club, who is very hopeful that arrangements will be made within the next few days whereby the new organisation will be placed firmly on its feet.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL.

Sweden Defeats Denmark at Stockholm Stadium.

On Oct. 12 the international match Sweden versus Denmark was played at the Stockholm Stadium, which was packed with 20,000 spectators. Nervousness on both sides prevented the finer points of the game being shown, but the match was carried through at top speed from start to end. Smarter forward play in front of goal gave the home team a well-deserved victory by 3—0.

ARMY DEFEAT CHELSEA.

At Aldershot the Army defeated Chelsea three goals to one in a fast game. Five thousand spectators were present. Several changes were made in the Army team. Fifteen minutes from the start McMillan was hurt and had to go off, but in the second half, by permission of the Army, he was replaced by McNeil.

IRELAND v. ENGLAND.

J. McCandless (Bradford), who was selected to play for Ireland in the international match at Belfast to-day, has been refused permission to play by his club.

L. Bookman (Luton) has been chosen to fill the vacancy:

DISTANT FRIENDS
read The Cologne Post. Send it daily to yours.

RANELAGH GOLF.

Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Thurgood Successful in Final.

FANCIED PAIRS FAIL.

In the final of the "Ladies Field" Victory Golf Foursome at Ranelagh on Thursday Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Thurgood (handicap 25) beat Mrs. Henderson and Miss Robertson (Handicap 21) by two and one.

A strongly-fancied pair in Mrs. F. W. Brown, the Scottish internationalist, and Miss Hilda Prest, one of the most promising of young lady golfers, were eliminated on Wednesday by Mrs. Plummer and Miss Chubb, but the latter couple were defeated in the afternoon, when they met Mrs. Henderson and Miss M. Robertson, both members of the Hampstead club, who played some of the best golf seen at the meeting.

In the semi-final round Mrs. Henderson and Miss Robertson went out in 35 and stood 4 up at the turn on Mrs. Plummer and Miss Chubb (runner-up in the Ladies' Championship of 1913).

RHINE ARMY GOLF.

Autumn Meeting Prize Competition Next Month.

At the Rhine Army Golf Club Autumn Meeting on Sunday November 16th the following prizes will be competed for:—

(a) 1st scratch prize.
(b) 2nd scratch prize.
(c) 1st handicap prize.
(d) 2nd handicap prize.

The prizes are being kindly presented by the Officers' Sports Club. There will be no entry money for the above, but a 10 Mark Bogey Sweepstake (Handicap) will take place in the afternoon.

Entry to be made for this Bogey Sweepstake on the day of play and the money will be divided as follows—2/3 1st Prize, 1/3 2nd Prize.

The handicaps of all members will be reviewed prior to the meeting, and any member desiring a new handicap must send in 3 certified cards.

ENGLISH RACING.

Hard Going at Sandown and Doncaster Meetings.

The sustained drought has made going very hard during the past few weeks and fields have suffered somewhat as a consequence.

The beautiful weather, however, has attracted huge attendances, and that was a characteristic at the Sandown and Doncaster meetings on Thursday. Details:—

Sandown.

Hersham Plate:—1, Killulagh (evens); 2, Epsom Bay (3—1); 3, Sudden Fancy 3—1). Five ran.

Arbrook Plate:—1, Prevogant (11—8); 2. Hukm (100—8); 3, Royal Plum (20—1). Five ran.

Temple Handicap:—1, The Speaker (5—2); 2, Lady Pergrine (5—1); 3, Tagrag (7—1); Seven ran.

Corinthian Handicap:—1, Aris (6—4); 2, Trench Warfare (10—1); 3, Cricket (100—8). 12 ran.

Orleans Handicap:—1, Elsom (6—4); 2, Incluse (7—1); 3, Fatality colt (100—7); Twelve ran.

Sandown Stakes:—1, Ninon (75—20); 2, Perion (75—20 on); 3, Joli Coener (20—1). Three ran.

Doncaster.

Frickley Plate:—1, Sundrift (11—4 on); 2, Fairy Lantern (4—1); 3, Mowglis Bride (100—8). Three ran.

Stanley Handicap:—1, Agapemone (5—1); 2, Theolin (10—1); 3, Grenhatti (7—2). Eleven ran.

Harewood Handicap:—1, Home Fire (7—4); 2, Sunny Rhyme (5—1); 3, Off-chance (7—1). Nine ran.

Doncaster Stakes:—1, Lucentio (10—1); 2, Carborundum (6—4); 3, Loveite colt (11—8). Five ran.

Clayton Handicap:—1, Paragua (300—100 on); 2, Mari (9—4); 3, Sanegelo (6—1). Eight ran.

Falmonth Handicap:—1, Brother to Eos (13—8); 2, Comet's Tail (100—8); 3, Gathamelata (7—1). Nine ran.

Fitzwilliam Plate:—Dorset (2—1) beat Monazite after dead heat.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE BETTING.

Late Wednesday night Cambridgeshire Betting was as follows:—

Scatwell 6 to 1; Zinovia 100 to 12; Tetrarchia 10 to 1; Alasnam 100 to 9 offered after 100 to 8 taken. Sir Berkeley 100 to 8; Royal Bucks 100 to 6; Clarion and Diadem 18 to 1; Brigand and Dominion 25 to 1 offered; My Dear 33 to 1 offered.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE SCRATCHINGS.

Vice Versa 9 a.m. Thursday.
Milton 3.49 p.m Thursday.

OXFORD CRICKET CAPTAIN.

F. W. Gilligan, of Worcester, has been elected Capt. of Oxford University Cricket Club for next season.

Covered Court Championships.

The World's Covered Courts Championships will be held at the Sporting Club de Paris on Nov. 15.

A Drastic Step.

Newport Rugby Club has taken the drastic step of notifying the Pontypool Club that they will not resume fixtures after the close of this season. This is a sequel to the match at Pontypool on the first Monday in October.

A Dutch Invitation.

The Hyde Seal Water Polo Club have received an invitation from the manager of the "Het Y" Club, the premier club of Holland, to pay an international visit either about Christmas or early in 1920 and play a series of matches in the covered baths at Amsterdam, which are claimed to be the finest in Europe.

RHINELAND FOOTBALL.

18th G.H.Q., Motor Transport Coy v. 20th M.A.C.

12-0 VICTORY.

Played on the former's ground on Wednesday. The play at the commencement of the game was fast. The home team, having most of the play, were soon leading by two goals. The visitors had the sun in their faces, and although they tried hard the 18th G.H.Q. monopolized the play up to the interval when the score read:—18th G.H.Q., M.T. Coy 9; 20th M.A.C. 0.

On the resumption 20th M.A.C. set off in fine style, and pressed for a time but the home defence kept them out. The 18th G.H.Q. gradually obtained the upper hand again and through skilful combined play registered 3 more goals.

Final Score:—18th G.H.Q., M.T. Coy 12; 20th M.A.C. 0.

The goals were scored by Cpl. Mc Kinnell, 6; Pte. Wemyss 4; Lieut. Holloway 1; and Cpl. Rowley 1.

18th G.H.Q., M.T. Coy. v. Rhine Army Siege Park.

The above-mentioned teams met on the former's ground at Braunsfeld on Saturday.

The 18th G.H.Q. got away strongly at the start and scored two goals, by Pte. Wemyss and Sgt. Middlebrook. The game was fast and the play good. The R.A. Siege Park were putting up a greater fight than in the first encounter between these teams. After 30 minutes Cpl. Mc Kinnell scored again for the home team. Interval:—18th G.H.Q., M.T. Coy. 3; R.A. Siege Park, 0. On the resumption play was of an even character. The Siege Park were trying hard to score, and pressed for a time but their shooting was weak. The 18th G.H.Q. gradually was worn down, and Cpl. Phillips scored a beautiful goal midway through this half. This concluded the scoring, and a pleasant game ended in 18th G.H.Q. running out winners by 4 goals to nil.

74 GOALS AGAINST 9.

18th G.H.Q., M.T. Coy's Remarkable Soccer Record.

The 18th G.H.Q., M. T. Coy have established a remarkable football record this season. In all they have played thirteen matches, twelve of which they have won, the other being drawn. This is a splendid achievement, but it is their extraordinary goal average which makes their accomplishment so exceptionally fine. For a total of only nine goals scored against them they have replied with 74, two of their victories being to the tune of 13—2 and 12—0. Their hardest struggle was with the Light Divisional M.T. Coy with whom they could only draw.

Details.

Details of the matches are as follows:—

v. "C" Group R.A.O.C.	won	5—2
v. No. 2 A.A. Workshops	"	4—0
v. Rhine Army Troops M.T. Coy	"	2—1
v. No. 2 A. A. Workshops	"	13—2
v. Rhine Army Troops M.T. Coy	"	2—1
v. Rhine Army Siege Park	"	10—0
v. 231 Field Coy R.E.	"	3—0
"C" Group R.A.O.C.	"	7—1
v. 60th Aux. Steam Coy R.A.S.C.	"	7—0
v. Light Divison M. T. Coy	draw	1—1
v. Rhine Army Siege Park	won	4—0
v. 20th M.A.C.	"	12—0
v. "A" and "C" Sections	"	4—1

Total 74 goals, against 9.

8th Vet Hospital. versus Rhine Army Troops M.T. Coy.

This match took place on Wednesday on the ground of the first-named before a good number of spectators. Owing to demobilization the home team had to make several eleventh-hour changes, but they put up a good fight, although suffering defeat by 4-0.

The game was fast from the kick-off, and the M.T. Coy. were two goals up within ten minutes, the first being the result of a pretty individual effort on the part of Pte. Thompson and the second coming from a first-timer from Cpl. Reasey.

Before half-time Cpl. Thompson, from outside right, scored a third goal for the Rhine Army Troops with a hard drive, the goalie getting to the ball, but being unable to prevent it entering the net.

The second half saw the Rhine Army Troops slacken down somewhat, apparently being satisfied with their three-goal lead, but before the finish they notched a fourth point through Pte. Thompson and a pleasant game resulted Rhine Army Troops M. T. Coy. 4. 8th Vet. Hospital, 0.

Rhine Army Reception Camp v. Rhine Army Remount Depot.

This match was played on the Depot Ground, in ideal weather, on Sunday.

Remounts having won the toss, the Recreation Camp kicked off. The Remounts got possession of the ball, which was passed to Tombs, who missed an easy goal for the Remounts. Remounts seemed to be having the best of the play, and were continually testing the Reception Camp's goalkeeper, who, proving equal to the occasion, brought off some splendid saves. Half time brought no score.

Resuming play the Remounts quickly retaliated, but it seemed impossible for them to find the net. A penalty against the Reception Camp still found no score. From a rush in the Remount's goal the Remount's goalkeeper brought off asplendid save at the expense of a corner, which was cleared, the ball being transferred to the other end of the field, and in a scrimmage around the goal the goalkeeper had to concede a corner. From the corner kick the goalkeeper had to fist out, and the Depot centre-half, getting possession, missed an open goal. Play slowed down a great deal in the latter stages of this half, the ball continually going out of play: The game ended in a draw.

'Chasing at Auteuil.

A good day's 'chasing was offered to Parisians on Saturday, and Auteuil Racecourse was thronged.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Sat.	Tiefland	d'Albert	7.30	10
Sun.	Carmen	Bizet	—	—
Mon.	NO PERFORMANCE			
Tues.	NO PERFORMANCE			

Hindle Wakes.

"West York" asks who played the part of Allen in "Hindle Wakes" on Friday in the week when the play was produced in Cologne. For his information, and others who have inquired, the part was played by Lieut. Onions.

A Treat for Duren.

On Monday next the "Jesters" who, for three weeks have filled the Palace Theatre, Cologne, will pay a visit to Duren. The performance upon which I have bestowed much eulogy already, is bound to attract a crowded audience to the Stadt Theatre. It will be under the patronage of Gen. Leveson-Gower, C.M.G., D.S.O. There will be another performance by this talented party on Friday of the same week.

The Crumps.

During the past week or two "The Crumps" have been appearing before the troops in the outlying districts with an entirely new show, noted for its comedy, which it possesses in plenty. "The Crumps" are booked for the Palace Theatre next week and although their ranks are sadly depleted owing to demobilization, a good bright show is promised. "The Crumps" have their own orchestra, a very worthy little band of musicians who are a great asset to the party.

JACQUES.

"B" Coy 52nd K.L.R. v. "C" Coy 52nd K.L.R.

From the start "B" Coy. applied pressure and tried hard to open their account, but for a time they could not pierce the defences. "C" Coy., although acting on the defensive for a great part of the game, occasionally gave "B" Coy's defence trouble. Just before the interval Monk scored for "B" Coy. Half time:— "B" Coy. 1. "C" Coy. 0.

Five minutes after the interval Monk increased "B" Coy's lead. Ten minutes later Howel put another goal on for "B." With this big reverse "C" tried hard to wipe off some of the arrears, but failed. Pte. Williams endeavoured to force his forwards through "B"'s defence, but it was of no avail. Full time came with "C" pressing and the score:— "B" Coy 3. "C" Coy. 0. Pte. Williams played a good game for the losers.

IS IT YOUR TURN?

Another Football Competition: Big Prize for Skill.

Below appears the coupon for our sixth football skill competition. Cross out the losing teams; for a draw leave both teams standing. All you have to do is to make a few strokes of the pen and you may possibly be the lucky winner. There are no vexatious conditions attached to this contest. Our prize-money must be won outright. When signing the coupon be sure to add your initials and print your name in block capitals.

Coupons must be addressed:—
FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 6,
"Cologne Post,"
A.P.O. S./40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.

2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.

3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.

4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.

5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.

6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.

7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.

8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.

9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 6.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov. 1st.
Closing date, Friday, Oct. 31st.

Aston Villa	v. Middlesboro
Bolton W.	v. Sunderland
Blackburn R.	v. Everton
Bradford C.	v. Arsenal
Notts C.	v. West Bromwich
West Ham	v. Birmingham
Huddersfield	v. Fulham
Swindon	v. Queens Park R.
Brentford	v. Plymouth A.
Brighton	v. Exeter C.
Hamilton A.	v. Falkirk
Morton	v. Celtic

I enter Football Competition No. 6 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

The Motascoota.

This handy little machine, which must some day become embarrassingly common, is still a great rarity in Cologne. I saw one yesterday at lunch-time near the Dom, and it attracted a great deal of attention.

Cutting it Fine.

Just how a man can meet all his requirements on a weekly expenditure of ten marks I do not know, but there is one—a Scotsman by the way,—who claims that his outlay does not exceed that amount.

A Lovely Oasis.

One of the prettiest sights in town at present is the little plot of green sward in front of the Dom Hotel. The chrysanthemum blooms make a splendid show, and I admire the scene even more than I did in summer-time.

"Mutter."

Have you noticed the picture postcard in some of the German shop windows depicting an old lady in profile, entitled "Mutter"? It is a reproduction of Whistler's celebrated painting of his mother.

A Rhineland Record.

Some remarkable sporting records have been established by units in Rhineland, and that of the 18th G.H.Q., M.T. Coy. compares favourably with any which have previously come to my notice. Out of a total of thirteen Soccer matches played, they have won twelve and drawn one, while they have the exceptionally good goal average of 74 for to 9 against.

Strange.

I came a cross a man yesterday, who, although he has been on the Rhine since January, was making his first visit to Bonn. This is all the more remarkable when I point out that for some time he was stationed half-way between Cologne and the university town.

Cut Down.

Tommy's discarded tunics and slacks are serving the purpose of "cut-me-downs." I noticed a smutty-faced youngster yesterday wearing a khaki outfit which bore ample evidence of reconstruction.

Wearing the Uniform.

At the same time many grown-ups are to be seen wearing military breeches and puttees. It is only natural that they should seize upon such warm garments, but really, I think they should be compelled to get them dyed.

A Rolling Story.

A friend attracted by the announcement of roller-skating in Cologne bought some skates. He put them to practical use and is now nursing his knee. The skates are for sale.

No Beer To-day.

"Sold out; no ale," reads a notice in a Cologne thoroughfare. Reminds one of the beer shortage at home some time ago.

No Profiteering.

When I was in Mulheim yesterday I saw all the windows of a shop were smashed. Enquiring what caused it I was told that a workman had objected to the price asked for some cheese and was fired out by the shopkeeper. Bystanders took the workman's part and promptly broke the profiteer's windows.

Fur Collars.

Apropos my note on fur collars a unique species of the German fop came my way last evening. He wore an abbreviated version of a British Warm, a huge fur collar which enveloped his ears and—a pair of white summer spats.

Wakes.

Our French friends in Cologne are particularly interested in the productions of the R.A.D.C. I happen to know that "Hindle Wakes" made a strong appeal to them, but it was some time before they could grasp the meaning of the North-country word for holidays.

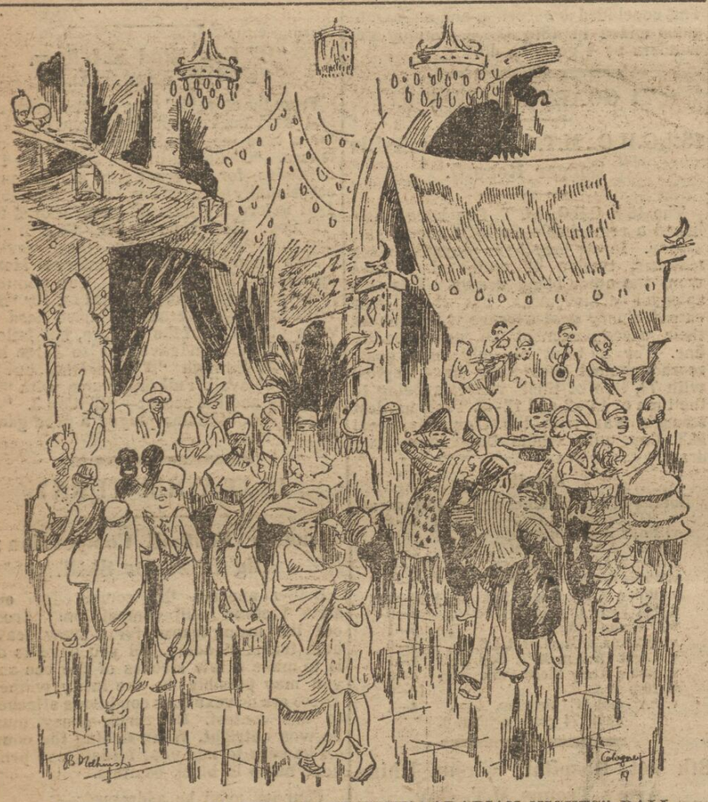

A REMINISCENCE OF THE LEAVE CLUB "ARABIAN NIGHTS" BALL.

Birched.

The German schoolboy who stole a razor from a British soldier made the acquaintance of a few strokes of a birch-rod the other day I hear. That was the sentence of the Summary Court.

A Little Knowledge.

The other day in a Cologne mess, after a lot of discussion on various operas had been going on, a young "sub" chipped in. "I may be very ignorant," he said, "but can any one of you musical critics tell me who composed 'Tosca?'" Not one of them could.

Sense of Humour.

There has been some correspondence in our columns on the sense of humour. I notice that not a few of the audience watching "The New Sin" at the Deutsches were amused at Maximilian's unnatural mirth occasioned by the pending sacrificial death of his brother. Suppressed laughter, too, followed some of his most cruel and heartless sentences.

From A to Z.

I was chatting with a serious-minded soldier yesterday. He told me he had bought an encyclopaedia and intended reading right through it. "When I've finished I reckon I shall know something", he remarked.

Not a Scratch.

A 1914 veteran was talking big at the Leave Club the other day. "Yes", he said, "it's a fact, I came through all the great battles without a scratch." "What insect powder did you use, sonny"? queried a 1918 young soldier.

Roller skating.

Miss M. Wall, Guides Controller at the Leave Club, would like to see the correspondent who signed himself "Swerver" at that Club any morning between 10 and 12.30.

A Mixed Selection.

The N.A.C.B. is nothing if not enterprising. I notice that the department in the No. 2 Club, which was devoted to the sale of cigarettes, tobacco, chocolate and cigars now makes a feature of tooth brushes, paste, soap and a number of other essentials to a complete toilet.

Oriental Visitors.

Amongst the visitors to the N.A.C.B. club yesterday were several Japanese officers.

Making and Doing.

Another language peculiarity. An Englishman here on business was remarking that when spoken with German commercial men they always talk of "making" business, whereas we always say "doing."

Divisional Markings.

Although I believe that manufacturers were forbidden to copy divisional and other military markings it is noticeable that the German manufacturer is making a show of cigarette cases and match-box covers bearing Southern and Western Divisional signs. I see the Russian soldier is also catered for.

Not from the Zoo.

Passing along a well-known thoroughfare in Cologne the other evening, I was amazed to see, what I at first took to be a bear, walking along the pavement. On passing, it however, I found it was only a respectable citizen going home in an enormous musquash coat.

Be Wary.

Before you entrust yourself to the tender mercies of a German dentist you want to make quite sure of his qualifications. I have heard of several bad cases lately of bungling operations that have had serious results. But there are some first-class practitioners as well as the type to be avoided. In justice to the skilful, properly-qualified German this must be said.

Made in Germany.

I met an officer the other evening who had just returned from Solingen. He looked very martial for he had with him a sword which he had bought at one of the steel works. I don't know if it is generally known that before the war many of our Army swords were made at the German "Sheffield."

No Capital Needed.

I met an officer yesterday, who on being demobbed and despairing of raising capital for a business has hit on a novel notion which will, he thinks, be self-supporting. I hope I am not giving away his secret, but I believe he is going to get a lot of rats and then a number of cats. The cats will live on the rats and both will of course breed all the time. His revenue will be derived from the fur of the cats.

Watches that Strike.

Gold and silver watches that strike each quarter of an hour are not unknown in England, the price, as a rule, being fairly stiff. I see a couple in a Cologne watchmaker's just now, the prices being 1.800 and 1.200 marks respectively.

Any Business?

There is a café in a township not very far from Cologne which has come to be regarded as the meeting place of business men. Here as soon as a stranger appears he is made welcome and the question is "What have you to sell?"

RHINELANDER.

THE WORRIES OF HUBBY.

It's a long way to— — —

So "Dandelion" made a mess of things. We can picture the preliminaries to her trip to join her Algernon. Kisses, scrambles, chatter and one may add exasperated railway porters, and still more exasperated fellow travellers eager to force a passage through a blocked railway carriage doorway, around which is gathered many of "Dandelion's" relatives and friends. "Dandelion" displays the usual weaknesses of womanhood. I experience them day by day but sufficient unto the day thereof that she has lived to don the familiar blue and white brassard. Yet "Algernon" was very lax. It seems to me that he failed in his duties or did "Dandelion" neglect to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest his injunction and pointed instructions?

Shall I ever forget the nightmare? A superman was never called upon to play the part I did. A fortnight of undiluted nightmare and then it is "Gussy, dear, you are not vexed, are you?"

It is a moot question if in those early days before you, Mr. Editor, came to our assistance, I have sufficient energy left to be vexed.

Returning from leave with a verbal contract to have everything fixed up within ten days, each mail brought renewed complaints of delay. There was always someone's fat aunt in the background who was to sail the following day and whose papers had been wireless'd in 36 hours. Each letter brought particulars of a new record set up.

Did I want her to come? She didn't think I did. If so why didn't I get the papers through? Weren't the Permit people horrid? If we waited much longer the summer would be gone? Agnes knew of someone who knew someone else whose brother's wife had received the necessary— — — and so on.

Each mail saw me spurting in the direction of the Permit officer. Small wonder husbands were warned off the turf. Enquirers were tabooed and now in my sane moments I think rightly so. I can imagine those harrassed husbands. "A gentleman" was doubtless one of the crowd.

Dejected I spurred myself after the manner of bachelor days and survived. But my troubles did not end here. There came a time when fortified for what was to come, I boarded the Ostend train with its overflowing human freight travelling sardine fashion and had of that early morning wait in Brussels as the only chance of escaping from a suffocating wheezy atmosphere.

Ostend looked herself in the sunshine, but there was not time to appreciate it, for once again we indulged in wildcat chases.

Those boat sattelites are the saviours of many a dejected being. At least they are not slow to recognise the hubby escort.

"Best wait and see if she comes "Sir," he advised.

Fresh torture seized me. Yes, would she come? Frankly I had not thought of that. It was quite possible that I should have to spend a night in Ostend, a fact which was borne in upon me when a friendly A.P.M. asked were my telegrams were being addressed.

"Telegrams?" I asked. "Yes, we get all sorts of telegrams from wives hung up, cannot travel and half do not get delivered" he said. I gasped. Where would my telegrams be directed? I had not thought of that.

A hurried rush by devious routes in the direction of a certain department and I learnt from a very genial Belgian official that I was roughly three weeks late in making my application for sleeping berths. They were all booked up for that night, the next night in fact, and every other old night for weeks to come.

A hasty lunch and I began my vigil in company with several others who walked about to conceal their emotions. It seemed that that boat crawled into view. A fight reminiscent of the early hours of a cheap bargain sale served to liven things.

Slowly I saw the two seats for which I had schemed and plotted lost to me—and then all smiling, but about 555th to leave the ship was "Bluebell." Grabbing her by the hand and resisting her entreaties to be allowed to say "Goodbye" to a new-found acquaintance, I piloted her through the throng just in time to prevent a fight between my seat guard and a gentleman of Hebrew origin. Safely installed I resumed the chase. Had my injunctions for small portmanteaus been observed? Assured that they were "quite small" I resumed my vigil.

A negative report came from the hold and a personal inspection was of no avail. Just how they got into the Customs House I have never been able to understand, but I breathed freely once again and raced to join a moving train.

I never realised how near I came to—like "Dandelion"—making a mess of it. "Want a brassard?" asked our respected Permit Officer.

I felt like ordering a thousand—the nightmare had ended.

GUSSIE.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

If you were to win £12,000.

A PRIZE CONTEST.

As most readers know there is being run at Lille a big sweepstake on the Cambridgeshire. If all the tickets are sold the fortunate winner will receive the very handsome sum of TWELVE THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING. Now this winner may very well be someone in the Rhine Army. Suppose for instance, it were you who suddenly received this big access of wealth.

What would you do with it?

This problem has suggested a prize competition open to all our readers. Just write a letter to the "Editor, Post" A.P.O. S 40—not exceeding 250 words and say exactly what you would do with £12,000 if you came into possession of it.

We offer prizes 50, 20 and 10 marks respectively for the three best answers to the question. The reply you send may be as brief as you like, but it must not exceed the length of 250 words. Write your name and unit below your answer in block letters and let us hear from you not later than November 1st. The Editor's decision will of course be final in judging the merits of the answer to the question, "What would I do with £12.000 if I won it?"

FROM EVERYWHERE.

The Dole.—Nearly £37,000,000 has been paid in out-of-work donations.

Their Bar.— French Volunteers will wear a bar on the Allied War Medal.

The Only Way. — A steamer was scuttled in Cardiff docks to stop a fire.

Wants to be "Dry."—Ontario is in favour of prohibition.

Revelations.— Sir Percy Scott is to publish a book of memoirs.

Six Seconds.—A six-seconds earthquake is reported from Italy.

For a Penny.—A penny overcharge cost a Wirksworth inn keeper £15.

Children in Taxis.—Infants in arms are entitled to free taxi rides.

Lending to Us.—Argentina will probably make a loan to the Allies.

Herr Haase Dying.—Herr Haase is said to be dying.

For Verdun.—Verdun is to receive the Croix de Guerre.

Dearer Pudding—Christmas puddings will cost more this year than last.

Golden Fleece.—Wool of an old gold tint is being shewn at Kingston.

Bela Breaks Loose.—Bela Kun is reported to have escaped into Italy.

Good-bye Tarts.—A gas explosion at Barry wrecked a confectioners' shop.

No Sign.—Alarm at the moment is not warranted by influenza figures.

The First.—Lord French has become the first freeman of Wallasey.

Up-to-Date.—British doctors are to be lectured on war diseases such as trench fever.

No Ambassador.—The Allied Governments will be represented in Berlin by Chargés d'Affaires.

Terriers.—Sealyham terriers have become popular with sporting men for hunting the badger.

Legal Absurdity.—An invalid tricycle has been ruled to be a motor car for the purpose of licensing.

Soldier Masons.—A new Masonic Lodge for the benefit of ex-soldiers has been formed at Derby.

Tiny Victims.—As a result of German atrocities 8,000 Belgian children are in hospital or convalescent colonies.

A Find.—The missing part of the famous Cullinan diamond has been found on the Premier Mine, South Africa.

Butter as Ornament.—Table decorations fashioned out of butter are one of features of the London Dairy Show.

Turkey in Need.—Turkey has asked America for economic and financial assistance.

Monocles for Women.—The wearing of a single eyeglass is becoming popular among women in Society.

French Training.—Six hundred officers belonging to 23 foreign nations are to be trained by the French.

Disfranchised.—Demobilized Frenchmen who are still in hospital will not be able to vote at the coming elections.

A Second Woolwich.—The filling factory near Hereford has been taken over by Woolwich Arsenal.

Dearer at Home.—A suit of clothes made of pure woollen material costs in Berlin £6 to £7.

False.—The statement of the present strength of the German Army as 400,000 men is described as "ridiculously false."

British Loan.—The Belgian Government has taken a British Loan of £50,000,000 at 5 per cent.

Links.—British and French are negotiating for resumption of telephonic communication between the two countries.

Trust Foch.—Foch is to examine whether all the clauses of the Armistice have been carried out.

Small Change.—Ten million francs' worth of nickel money has been authorized by the French minister of Finance.

Generous. — The Royal Horticultural Society is sending seeds to the devastated areas of France.

The French Way.—Germans guilty of propaganda work in Alsace Lorraine have been arrested.

The Tides.—French scientists are studying the possibility of using the horse power of the tide.

Stolen.—Forty thousand railway carriages have been found in unoccupied Germany.

Prince as Tribal Chief.—The latest title of the Prince of Wales is that of Dawn of the Morning.

Represents U.S.A. Navy.—Captain Sexton is the American Naval Attache in London.

Improving President. — President Wilson's condition shows some improvement.

Cost of a Life.—Relatives of an Irish policeman who was shot have been awarded £1,500.

Stronger.— President Ebert says the position of the German Government to-day is stronger than ever.

Temptation.—It was stated at Chester that a clerk handled £5,000 a week. His wages were 35s.

Unfair Competition.—Kent farmers have protested against the dumping of Dutch agricultural produce.

Coal Hopes.—The Government hopes it will not be necessary to increase the price of coal.

"Winnie's" Hat.— The Basuto chiefs favour the high-crowned hat often worn by Mr. Winston Churchill.

Wait and See.—The scare about cutting down the Navy is said to have fizzled out.

Return of Arthur.—Mr. Arthur Bourchier has acquired a lease of the Strand Theatre.

On Pilgrimage.— Special trams will run on All Saints' Day in France for families who wish to visit soldiers' graves.

Women at Varsities.—Oxford is to obtain parliamentary sanction to the matriculation of women and their admission to degrees.

Black List.—The Board of Agriculture is publishing a list of borough authorities who have not co-operated in the rat hunt.

The Queen Dowager.—There is to be a large gathering of members of the Royal Family at Sandringham on Queen Alexandra's birthday.

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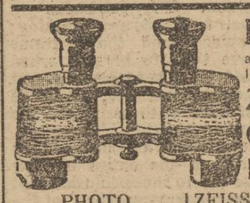

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AMENDING THE ALIENS BILL.

CONFLICTING REPORTS OF OPERATIONS IN NORTH WEST RUSSIA.

FRENCH GENERAL TO BE PLACED ON TRIAL.

IN THE COMMONS.

OVERCOMING THE ADVERSE VOTE.

As the result of a conference between the Government and their supporters who voted against them, an arrangement has been reached by which the Government will move a new clause to the Restriction of Aliens Bill.

This clause will continue to France the rights secured her under the old convention and will at the same time satisfy the House of Commons that its apprehension of the possibility of a further extension of pilotage certificates to aliens is adequately guarded against.

FALL OF MAUBEUGE.

GENERAL FOURNIER AND OFFICERS TO BE TRIED.

M. Clemenceau, acting in his capacity of War Minister, has decided, as the result of a Committee of Inquiry presided over by General Guillaumat, that General Fournier, who was Governor of the fortress of Maubeuge at the outbreak of the war, and eight other officers who were under his command, shall be tried by court-martial on charges arising out of the surrender of the position to the Germans.

Maubeuge, which had a garrison of 30,000 men and contained an enormous quantity of war material, was surrendered unconditionally, it will be remembered, on September 7, 1914. The court-martial for the trial of the officers concerned will begin its sittings at the Palais de Justice on November 4. In the absence of the three Marshals of France, who are prevented for various reasons from undertaking the duty, the court will be presided over by General de Maistre.

Brigadier-General Fournier is accused of capitulation before the enemy. The charges are brought under Article 209 of the Military Code, which renders liable to the death penalty, with degradation, "any governor or commandant who is found guilty of having capitulated before the enemy, surrendered without having exhausted all the means of defence at his disposal a position entrusted to him, and without having done all that which duty and honour prescribed."

The eight officers who are accused in connection with the same matter are charged under Articles 210 and 213, which prescribe the penalties of death, degradation, and dismissal.

PAYMENT BY RESULTS.

OFFER REJECTED BY THE IRONFOUNDERS.

The Engineering and National Employers' Federation yesterday issued a long statement on the ironfounders' strike. After giving details of the origin of the strike, the Federation points out that the men since the beginning of the war have received advances averaging about 36s. 6d. a week, and that the new demand, in addition, would mean an advance far in excess of that given in any other industry.

The result of the persistent refusal of the foundrymen to allow any extension of the systems of payment by result has both curtailed production and has prevented the workmen increasing their wages, though the employers by agreement (1) guarantee time rates of all piecework; (2) guarantee that piecework prices shall be such as to enable a workman of average ability to earn not less than 33 1-3rd per cent. above his time rate; and (3) give every safeguard to the workman to provide against the cutting of piece prices. If the foundry workers withdrew the embargo on the increased production which would result from a system of payment by results, the extra earnings of their members would be very considerably in excess of the 15s. now asked for.

DIAZ RECEIVES FREEDOM OF LONDON.

The famous Italian, General Diaz, had a great reception on Friday in the City of London, where he was presented with the Freedom of the City and a sword of honour at the Guildhall. He afterwards lunched at the Mansion House. The large and distinguished gathering at the Guildhall included Mr. A. J. Balfour, Mr. Winston Churchill, General Rawlinson, General Ian Hamilton, General Cavan, General Monash, and the Italian Ambassador.

The Comrades of the Great War have 1,800 units established, including branches in South Africa, West Africa and South America.

RUSSIAN EBB AND FLOW.

BOLSHEVIST SUCCESS WITH TANKS.

A War Office Communiqué says that the Bolshevists have captured Pavlovsk with the aid of tanks. On the other hand the advance of Judenitch's troops in the Pskoff sector continues successfully. In South Russia General Wrangel's advance North of Tsaritsin continues. The 280th Soviet Division has been completely defeated. Three thousand prisoners are already reported and more are arriving. The Cossack advance to the West of the Khoper river is also progressing very successfully, two thousand prisoners having been taken. The enemy has also been defeated in the Bryansk region, abandoning eight guns and eight machine guns and losing several hundred prisoners. In the operations against Petlura, Denikin's forces have taken Bratislar and Tulekin with a thousand prisoners, including Petlura's Army Staff.

FIGHT FOR PETROGRAD.

OPERATIONS BY THE FLEET.

Chief interest in the fight for Petrograd now centres in the struggle on the coast. A Reuter telegram reports that the Esthonians have begun an offensive in the direction of Krasnaya Gorka, Southwest of Kronstadt, which is proceeding successfully. Present signs indicate that Krasnaya Gorka is being evacuated by the Bolshevists, and if this is so Petrograd may be expected to fall within a few days.

Lettish troops still hold the Riga front with the support of Esthonian armoured trains.

A Helsingfors paper says that the cannonade believed to be heard from Kronstadt was really from Krasnaya Gorka, which is being bombarded by a British Fleet. The same paper declares that owing to the lack of long-range guns neither British nor French vessels have hitherto bombarded Kronstadt.

All Russians able to bear arms have been mobilized in Finland by order of General Judenitch. Bolshevist newspapers announce the arrival of Trotzky in Petrograd to prepare the city's defence, All theatres are closed and the public are not allowed out after eight o'clock at night. The Bolshevists state that they intend to defend the city street by street and house by house. Destructive fires are reported to have broken out.

TIME-SAVING AT THE WAR OFFICE.

Certain branches of work at the War Office are to be either abandoned or postponed in favour of matters more urgent and of greater national importance. Amongst such classes of work are the great number of enquiries and minor complaints from the general public.

As far as possible correspondents will be informed that "the matter will receive attention," although "it may not be possible to deal with it at an early date." In other cases correspondents will be frankly told that "in consequence of the heavy and continous reduction which are being effected in the staff of the War Office in the interests of national economy, it will not be possible to deal with your letter."

AMERICAN COAL FOR EUROPE.

It is stated that arrangements have been concluded for the shipment of 6,000,000 tons of gas and steam coal from the United States to Continental ports.

A large number of steamers have lately been chartered to carry coals from the United States to Europe. Greek and Spanish vessels have been especially prominent in this trade. Certain British steamers have received licences for the work.

BRITISH GENERAL FOR LITHUANIAN ARMY.

Brigadier-General Crozier, who is on the retired list of the British Army, has reached Kowno. He has joined the General Staff of the Lithuanian Army with the rank of Major-General. Other officers of various armies will follow and will help General Crozier in his work of reorganisation.

BOLSHEVIST CLAIMS.

The latest wireless sent out by the Bolshevists claims that they have occupied Pavlovsk and Tsarkoe-selo, capturing many prisoners and much booty.

Mr. C. B. Fry is proposing to stand for Parliament as a Labour candidate.

PENNANT INQUIRY.

THE SUPPRESSED NAMES REVEALED.

On the resumption of the Pennant inquiry the names of various persons, which were suppressed the previous day, were revealed. The officer commanding at the Hurst Park camp, alluded to as "the Colonel," was Lieutenant Colonel (now plain Mr.) S. Janson, while Miss B was a Miss Glubb.

Mr. Turnbull, the registry clerk at Hurst Park, stated that although many names appeared in the W.R.A.F. absentee reports, no steps were ever taken against the delinquents. Once he entered Colonel Janson's room unexpectedly and found him and Miss Glubb sitting in a peculiar attitude on the table, articles which were usually on the table being on the floor. The Colonel ordered him out in violent tones. Turnbull admitted that he himself had been cautioned by the second in command in connection with an allegation of undue familiarity with girls, which he denied.

Mrs. Stuart testified that Miss Glubb took a room in her house at Wormwood Scrubbs in the spring of this year and some weeks later Lieut.-Colonel Janson, then commanding at Wormwood Scrubbs Camp, took another room at her house. On three successive nights Miss Glubb went to Colonel Janson's room and stayed there for hours. Witness then asked Miss Glubb to leave.

This closed the case for Miss Douglas Pennant.

Mr. Rigby Swift, for the Air Ministry, referred to the Chairman's comparison of the inquiry to an action for wrongful dismissal and contended that Miss Pennant had failed to make out her case. He declared there was ample justification for her dismissal. She had made the cruellest charges with a reckless disregard of and absence of evidence and he described her allegations as "hallucination run mad."

Lord Weir then began his evidence. He said that General Sir Godfrey Paine, Master General of Personnel, always described the women's department to him as a difficult and unsatisfactory department, and one that was not going at all well.

The inquiry was adjourned until Monday.

FRENCH MONEY DECREE.

VANDERBILT'S SMALL CHANGE CONFISCATED.

Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, the American millionaire, and several of his compatriots, on their arrival at Cherbourg from Paris, en route for America, were the first victims of the decree prohibiting travellers from carrying out with them from France more than 1,000 f. in French notes and more than 10 f. in small change. When embarking on board the Lapland, Mr. Vanderbilt declared to the Customs officials that he was in possession of more than 40,000 f. in notes. A local banker was asked to take charge of all the confiscated money, to the great discontent of the passengers.

NO STANDARD CLOTHING.

Sir Charles Sykes presided at a meeting of the Central Standard Clothing Committee on Thursday, when a resolution was passed that the Standard Clothing Scheme be wound up as on the 31st inst. A further resolution was adopted that in respect of the cloth and clothing still existent under the Scheme, it be an honourable obligation on the trade to sell at prices not exceeding those already fixed under the Scheme. The Central Committee appeal to the trade in the interest of the consuming public to meet this obligation.

In a statement the Committee appointed by the Wool Council to carry on the negotiations with the Board of Trade with reference to standard clothing, attribute the delay in carrying out the scheme to that Department.

DISTINGUISHED OFFICERS DEAD.

The death is announced of General Sir Robert MacGregor Stewart, G. C. B., Colonel Commandant of the Royal Artillery and Governor of Bermuda from 1904 to 1907, and Lieutenant of the Tower from 1907 to 1909.

Another distinguished officer, who died on Thursday, was Major-General Spencer William Scrase Dickins, C. B., who led the 28th (Scottish) Brigade at the Battle of Loos and subsequently commanded the 37th Division until he was invalided home in November 1917.

INCREASE OF DRUNKENNESS.

Replying in writing to a question in Parliament with regard to the number of convictions for drunkenness in August and September as compared with the number in the same months last year, Mr. Short states that the total convictions in England and Wales for this year in the two months mentioned were 5,364 and 6,123 respectively, as compared with 2,097 and 2,068 for the same months of 1918. The figures for Scotland were 1,212 and 1,706 in 1919, as compared with 484 and 374 in 1918.

TAXI-EXTORTIONER FINED.

Sidney Preston, taxi-cab driver, at Tottenham Police Court yesterday was fined 30s. for demanding £1 from a fare whom he had conveyed from Euston to Tottenham, the legal amount being 4s. 2d.

TRAIN WRECKERS.

ATTEMPT TO DERAIL A DOVER EXPRESS.

Active police inquiries are being made into a fiendish attempt to wreck the 10.23 passenger train from Dover to Deal on Thursday night. Wooden sleepers had apparently been placed on the rails, and the train dashed into the obstruction with such force that they became firmly fixed to the engine's guard irons. The journey had to be completed with a sleeper still fixed there. No mention is made of any casualties.

ARMY RIDING.

NEW METHODS OF INSTRUCTION ADVOCATED.

Brigadier-General John Vaughan, commanding Aldershot Cavalry Brigade, took the chair at the Royal United Service Institution, on the occasion of the reading of a paper by Lieutenant-Colonel M. F. McTaggart, 5th Lancers, on "Instruction in Equitation." The lecturer contended that greater detail was required in our riding instructions. He was of opinion that in training the recruit the first principle was to make riding as attractive as possible; hence early lessons should be of short duration, and only carried out at a walk. Moreover, he would like to see it put down as a hard-and-fast rule that in training both the young rider and the young horse they should never be asked to perform anything which they could not do with ease and certainty. Riding without stirrups in the elementary stage he looked upon as anathema, and he felt sure that slowly this idea would gain ground.

He would summarise the texts he was preaching on, because he thought they constituted the fundamental principles of good instruction: Never ask pupils to perform what they cannot do with ease and certainty; to see that anticipated propulsion is previously counteracted by either shortening the stirrup or the reins, or both; to teach all men to blame themselves before blaming the horse; to learn to criticise your own teaching before you blame the pupil; and to see that the stirrup leathers are perpendicular

MASQUERADED AS COLONEL.

At Bow-street Police Court John Henry Taylor, 38, diamond dealer and betting commission agent, of St. George's-avenue, Tufnell Park, was sentenced by Mr. Graham Campbell to six weeks' imprisonment in the second division for wearing the uniform of a lieutenant-colonel of the General Staff with a number of military decorations without authority.

Detective-sergeant Gillard stated that the defendant had been a sergeant in the R.A.S.C.

The defendant pleaded "Guilty," but denied that he had any fraudulent intention. He said that he simply masqueraded as a colonel out of foolish vanity and "swank."

TO RING UP AMERICA.

Professor J. A. Fleming, lecturing on wireless telephony at University College last night, said he confidently looked forward to the time when a London business man would be able to ring up New York and speak to his agent there with as much ease as he now rang up Edinburgh or Glasgow.

The Marconi Company had experimented to determine how little power could be used for speech transmission, and with current developed by a three and a half h.p. motor, speech was quite good enough to be regularly understood within that distance.

EXECUTION OF LENOIR.

The French traitor Lenoir, who was condemned to death on the 8th May for intelligence with the enemy, was shot shortly after seven on Friday morning at Vincennes, his appeal having been refused. The condemned man had to be supported by gendarmes on the way to the execution post.

THANET BY-ELECTION.

Mr. Esmond Harmsworth, having undertaken to support the Coalition Government, only reserving the right to criticise the Government on the waste of public money, has been adopted by the Isle of Thanet Conservative Association as the Conservative candidate. Sir Walter de Frece was the alternative nominee.

EXPENSIVE POOR RELIEF.

Examination of the accounts of the Lambeth Board of Guardians shows that last year, while only £79,505 was spent on indoor maintenance and outdoor relief, £72,010 was expended on salaries and other establishment charges.

LADY ASTOR ADOPTED AS CANDIDATE.

Plymouth Conservatives yesterday decided to invite Lady Astor to contest the Sutton Division of Plymouth as Coalition Unionist-Candidate. The seat is vacant owing to her husband's succession to the Peerage.

PENNY A PAIR BOOTS.

SALE OF SURPLUS ARMY STOCK.

The sale of surplus army boots at the White City on Friday included over half a million pairs, of which 229,457 pairs were in one lot, although an order had been issued to give small purchasers the opportunity of buying.

Certain categories were offered in twenty-fives and fifties, but the lots were of the most heterogeneous character, including not only men's and women's boots and shoes, but also children's and even infants'; also running shoes, football boots, and women's satin shoes. How these came to be included in Army surplus stores is not explained, although an explanation seems to be needed.

Big lots of army boots, absolutely unwearable but some repairable, were sold for a penny a pair. Even good saleable boots fetched only from three to six shillings a pair, a tremendous drop as compared with the average of 6s. 9d. to 11s. 9d. obtained for corresponding lots only a few days ago.

FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA.

AVIATORS DELAYED BY FOG.

Some anxiety has been entertained in England concerning Captain Matthews and Sergeant Kay, who left Hounslow on Tuesday last at noon on the first stage of their attempt to fly to Australia in a Sopwith-Rolls-Royce aeroplane.

As a simple matter of fact, Captain Matthews is still at Merheim, his first descent from Hounslow. He is held up by fog, and will proceed as soon as conditions are favourable.

HIGH BORN THIEF.

Described as "a lady of high birth," Mary Theresa Greenaway, artist, at the London Sessions yesterday, was sentenced to nine months in the second division for stealing articles of jewellery.

Detective Harman stated that the woman had confessed to over seventy similar cases. Her method was to answer advertisements for situations, and when shown into the dining or sitting room to steal anything she could lay her hands on. She immediately realised on the articles stolen by selling them at jewellers' or second-hand dealers' shops. "She is a lady of high birth" (declared the detective). "and at the age of fifteen was sent to Australia, where she became an actress." She subsequently married an actor, but their marriage turned out a most unhappy one. On returning to England she carried on business in a small way, doing embroidery work. Then she had drifted into a life of crime.

WHAT IS A CAPON?

Does "capon" come within the meaning of the terms "cockerel, pullet, cock, or hen," which are found in the Poultry and Game Prices Order, 1918? The Exeter justices said a short time ago that it did not, and that therefore Mrs. Brazier was within her right when she charged another poultry dealer named White 14s. 7d. instead of 13s. for a capon. The Lord Chief Justice and Justices Avory and Sankey have decided that the Exeter magistrates were in the wrong.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS SUNDAY.

All the churches in the Kingdom are being asked by the League of Nations Union to set aside Sunday, November 9, as a day of preparation, commemoration, and thanksgiving that the national celebration of November 11, as the League of Nations Day, may be conducted "in a spirit of chastened thankfulness for the opportunity of world peace offered by the League of Nations."

PROFITEERS TAKE FRIGHT.

A grocer told the Yarmouth Profiteering Tribunal that his invoices now showed extraordinary changes. The profiteering committees, he said, are frightening wholesalers and importers. Prices have been reduced by thirty-five per cen., on a dozen different articles. One eight teen-penny article had actually been reduced to eightpence a pound.

DONNINGTON HALL CLOSED.

What was known as the German Internment Camp de Luxe, Donnington Hall, Leicestershire, was vacated on Thursday, when 300 German officers with their 117 servants left for Hull on their way home.

NOT HOME, SWEET HOME.

Nearly five hundred deported Germans arrived at Plymouth from South-West Africa yesterday on the ex-German liner Lucie Woermann. The majority of them were as loth to return to Germany as six hundred others who arrived from Australia aboard the Rio Negro.

OLIVER TWISTERS.

Among a series of new demands adopted at a special meeting of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen held at Leeds on Friday was one for 7s 6d per week special rent allowance, payable in addition to wages.

RISE IN SILVER.

MAY LEAD TO THE ADOPTION OF NICKEL COINAGE.

Yesterday the price of silver showed a further rise of one-eighth of a penny to 5s. 3½d. an ounce, and thus reached within 2¼ of the figure at which it will begin to pay to melt down our silver coins.

As soon as it exceeds 5s. 6d. an ounce—not an unlikely event in view of the persistent rise shown for some time—the cost of the minting will have exceeded the face value of the coins and the question of using another kind of metal or of issuing paper notes will have to be considered.

"The fall in the world's production of silver since 1914," says a City of London authority," has not been nearly so important a factor in the persistent rise in price as that of the heavy demand for the metal by India and China, the former country particularly. China denuded herself of silver during the war to help India over her difficulties, and is now a keen buyer.

"The recent record prices of silver, however, are really due to the forced purchases in the past few years by the Indian Government to meet the local demand for currency purposes, because the natives will not be satisfied with any other form of metallic currency than that to which they have been accustomed for ages past. They have prospered also during the war, and great quantities of rupees have been turned into jewellery."

Another City authority, discussing the possibility of the adoption by this country of nickel coinage, pointed out that nickel has proved to be most successful in the past in Belgium and Germany, and its use is now being extended in France.

A director of the Mint declares that the shortage is unreal and is due to a baseless public panic. He refuses to believe that silver coinage has been smuggled out of the country or melted down in sufficient quantities to have any influence on circulation.

LETTERS FROM POILUS.

NATIONAL COLLECTION TO BE FORMED.

A Bill has been introduced into the French Senate asking that the State should undertake to collect some of the most striking letters written by French soldiers during the war, which would form a permanent record of every part of the battlefield and every phase of fighting. Generals, war correspondents and members of the Government have all had their turn, but the Poilu has not yet been given a chance to describe the war. Such a collection would of course include letters from all ranks, of all stations and callings in civil life, from men killed in war as well as those still living.

OFFICER BREAKS ARREST.

An unprecedented incident occurred at Aldershot on Wednesday at a General Court-Martial. An officer had been summoned before the Court, but when his name was called there was no reponse, and it was found subsequently that he had broken close arrest and escaped from his guard.

The officer concerned was Lieutenant Harkin, of the King's Liverpool Regiment.

Brevet-Colonel A. D. McPherson, President of the Court, dismissed the members until such time as the prisoner is recaptured.

DIRECT SEA ROUTE TO POLAND.

The Royal Mail Steamer Packet Company announces the inauguration of a service passenger and cargo steamers between Southampton and the new Republic of Poland. The boats will call at Rotterdam, Bremen, Hamburg and Copenhagen on the way to Danzig and make the same calls on the return journey. The steamer Barima makes the first trip next month.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

The Norwegian Mercantile Shipping Gazette proposes that the Nobel Peace Prize be given to Viscount Grey, "who has done more for the world's peace than any man now living."

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

An average business turnover was effected yesterday, the defeat of the Government having no effect on a cheerful House. Investments were considerably harder, attributed to Lord Milner's speech on the national financial position. Foreign Bonds were firm, except Mexicans, which were weak. Disappointed holders were selling owing to delay in the resumption of interest payments. Argentines were in renewed demand, caused by the optimistic trade outlook together with excellent crop prospects. Russians were also in better demand. Textiles were buoyant; further sales at big prices to various syndicates being reported. The leading oil shares, notably Burmahs, substantially advanced. Diamonds opened with a further improvement but weakened later on profit taking. Rubbers were hardening, especially in investment descriptions, and the outlook in this trade is decidedly healthy. Marconis were active. The rise is said to be in connection with the development of an electrical undertaking and also a report of the sale of American interests to the General Electric Company of New York.

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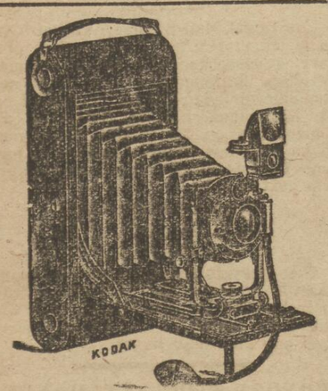

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THE NEW IDEAL.

We are far removed from Kipling's illiterate soldier, and the Great War has raised the Army to a mental standard never before equalled.

The fighting spirit alone remains unchanged, and Tommy of to-day is only separated by time from his peers of old, who fought at Agincourt and Crecy.

In those dark days of 1914, the golden youth of Britain responded with a gallantry beyond compare, men of every grade and class, aristocrat and plebeian, rallied to the colours, and out of that vast throng, was born the first fruits of a a new ideal, which, if rightly directed, will yet place our country higher in the scale of civilisation than ever she was before.

Was there ever such a re-adjustment of values? People as far apart socially as the poles became on friendly terms. My Lady whose son was fighting in Flanders felt a kinship she had never known before with the humblest charwoman. Theirs was a kindred maternity suffering equally in those dark days of strife and tragedy.

Out in France and Flanders all types of men faced "Hell" who otherwise would never have come together or rubbed shoulders. The new ideal was self sacrifice and service; and was embodied in a thousand ways by batman and Colonel, dustman and Duke. It is this ideal that is needed to shape the Britain of the future.

Now that Peace is proclaimed, will it survive? Or shall we see the old evil spirit of caste raise its head again. Shall we find all sections pulling together as comrades just as they did in trench and battery.

The price has been paid in rivers of blood and oceans of tears, and all should realise that it is up to them to maintain and hold fast this spirit of self sacrifice and service. Our boys fought that a better world might result. Shall this sacrifice of their lives be in vain? There are ominous signs which point to this possibility. Too many are mindful only of personal gain. They are drifting back to the old sordid grooves, the miserable snobbery and grasping, mercenary aims.

War has left its aftermath and if we are not careful those who still remain to carry on will have to fight on keenly against a return of the old narrow enmity between the classes—the old abuses and crimes against civilization.

There is much work to do before our country can claim to be an example to the rest of Christendom. Most of the ills which are so apparent to-day are the result of gross selfishness and the greed of individual vested interests.

To make a better Britain, the ideal of comradeship, which brought us through the war victorious must be fostered.

Our country, impoverished by the struggle, stands to-day on the threshold of a new era. The issue is in the hands of all of us.

A TOUCH OF NATURE.

Editor's Note. The Author's constant parenthetic remarks are intended merely to stimulate the journalistic market as regards some of his less successful productions, and we trust that their inclusion will in no way detract from the literary beauty of the main dissertation

The western sky was imperceptibly changing its hue and preparing a luxurious oasis for the autocrat of Day; ("Metaphors. Their use and abuse" A striking essay by Horatio Ricardo Plugg. 3/6 nett.) the steely blue dissolved gradually into a warm, attractive pink — deepening, in places, into a rich carmine, ("Colours, and their Mixing" by Horatio Plugg. A handy text-book for the artist and the house decorater. 2/6 nett. Of all book sellers.) whilst stray yellow rays blended pleasantly with that mysterious purple of closing day which revealed itself in the infinitive. ("The Split-Infinitive—its Pitfalls", by H. R. Plugg. A volume for the Grammarian. 12½ nett.)

Presently, a delicious breeze sprang up, laden with delicate perfume from the blossoming countryside, and seemed to emanate from the very bosom of the languid sky—where, surrounded by silent splendour, the sun, with apparent reluctancy, was sinking slowly beyond the horizon.

The trees and foliage, with that peculiar note of sadness which betokens eventide, whispered softly in the gentle zephyrs.

Two lovers had wandered into the view, and, silhouetted against the gorgeousness of a summer sunset, tarried awhile to appreciate the magnificence and bounteousness of Nature. ("Silhouettes, or Shadowgraphy", an amusing game for old and young. Read Horatio Ricardo Plugg's book on Parlour Pastimes. 9d. nett. Of all toyshops, etc.)

Soon, the clear tuneful voice of the maiden was heard—the first notes of a dainty folk melody.

The strong man knelt on the grassy bank and listened in rhapsody. ("Songs, and their Singers" Mr. Plugg's remarkable treatise at reduced price: 6½d. Formerly 15/-. Sold everywhere.)

In the now rapidly-waning twilight the damsel's dulcet dissemination harmonized subtly with the sighing of the lofty oaks. ("How to Distinguish a Tree by its size" by a well-known expert. 17d. each; 10/- per gross. Of all newsagents, or direct from publishers.)

Still the song continued; and the swain followed intently every inflection of the bell-like tones with a growing yearning to synchronize his rustic soul with the beautiful thoughts discoursed musically by the other.

At last he rose, gazing earnestly at his fair companion; then as the final stanza approached, the girlish voice swelled loud and sweet over the dim meadows—and the culminating note echoed and re-echoed mystically into the far. ("Into the Far." Read the grand serial of that name by Horatio Ricardo Plugg. First instalment in the next issue of "Mammas' Monthly." Order your copy in advance.)

The full moon emerged from behind some floating cloud as if simulating the artificiality of the stage, ("What's On!" A review of current amusements, by H.R. Plugg. Of all Smith's bookstalls. 2d. each. Fits pocket.) and the lover, with fluttering heart, gently kissed the small white hand of his lady love. ("One Hundred Best Jokes About Love," compiled by Mr. Horatio R. Plugg. Invaluable to touring comedians. 1/6d. nett.)

MORE WAR REVELATIONS.

The Truth About No. 5 Platoon.

(Being an extract from the sort of review we may expect if the fashion of writing candid war-histories spreads downwards.)

In his new book, "Four Years of It," the author, Corporal Bloggins, of "B" Company, 20th Loamshire Battalion, has given us a most illuminating story of the Great War. His style is terse and lucid, and his meaning is nearly always unmistakable.

The author is quite aware that he is risking censure by his outspoken criticism of other men in No. 5 Platoon, but, as he aptly remarks in a very candid preface, he has now received his gratuity, so there is no longer any need to keep silence. Once or twice he even feels it his duty to cast his net of criticism wider, and in Chapter VI. his remarks on the Colonel's dispositions for the attack at Arras are very instructive. The Colonel, it seems, put "B" Company on the left flank, which was known to be a heavily-shelled area. Corporal Bloggins is justifiably bitter about this, and the matter seems to us to call for some explanation.

At last we get the full story of the author's famous argument with the Regimental Sergeant-Major in 1917. The immediate result of this at the time was that Corporal Bloggins was temporarily reduced to the ranks; but from his account of it here he seems to have had distinctly the best of the argument. It would not be fair to form a final judgment until we get the Sergeant-Major's version of this incident—and we understand that he will deal with it in his forthcoming volume, "The Recent Quarrel and my Share in it."

Another very intriguing passage deals with the Battle of Messines. The incident where the author told his platoon sergeant to "shut his mouth," as he (the author) wished to hear the mines go up, is told with dramatic vigour. We think ourselves that Corporal Bloggins was justified. Platoon-sergeants have no right to be eating biscuits at such a moment.

But the whole book is full of pointed criticism and snappy anecdote and will well repay reading, as the criticism is often helpful both for officers and men. For instance, the author makes legitimate complaint of his having to go up the line three nights in succession in January, 1918, with a working-party. There certainly seems scope here for an inquiry. It is not as though the weather was at all fine at that time; on the contrary, it was distinctly inclement.

But perhaps the chief charm of this book is its open and racy description of the personalities and inner life of No. 5 Platoon. Libellous it may be, but it has the supreme merits of truthfulness and simplicity. The passion of Private Sikes for getting up a game of poker on pay-day and his singular good luck at all card games; the peculiar good fortune of Corporal Smith, a brother of the well-known Quartermaster-Sergeant, in the matter of blankets when in rest billets; the fierce arguments as to who was actually nearest when a 'Minnie' dropped in the trench in March, 1917; and the homely joys of the estaminet at Bully-Grenay—all these are set down with a fine impartial vigour.

The only regret we have in reading this book is that the author is so interested in the doings of No. 5 Platoon that he only gives a line or two to the action in which he captured a German machine-gun and won his Military Medal. But even as it is, the book is bound to give rise to much discussion and may even lead to several letters in our columns from the many soldiers mentioned in its pages. We hope so.

From "Punch."

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

THE SENSE OF HUMOUR.

Sir,—The fires of wrath have descended upon a more or less innocent head.

I suggested that E.A.D. was lacking not in a sense of humour, which is a broad term, but in humorous inspiration: and while agreeing with his arguments to a certain point, I still contend that it is an utter impossibility to explain the differences between the English sense of humour and the German by drawing parallels between the two.

Both are moulded by environment, training and education, and they are cast in different moulds. We believe that "All work, etc." Therefore Jack is taught to play. That is how he learns to laugh.

I am afraid E.A.D. entered upon rather a big subject, and if he wishes to continue the discussion, how is he going to avoid metaphysical argument?

Personally I would rather trust to my humorous inspiration to solve the difficulty and remain for ever

LAUGHABLE.

WILL WAR CEASE?

Sir,—Your correspondent G.H.E. is evidently an incurable optimist. If he will look around him he will see that in spite of Peace being signed, there is no real peace in the word at all.

If anything, the strife and turmoil are greater than before. Is there not ample evidence in the East?

And though in some countries it may not be a war with martial weapons, the fighting goes on. There is just as much ill-feeling between nations and classes, and the far-seeing among us can plainly see that war is by no means killed—not even stifled.

The nations are just as full of bitter rivalry as before. It is the human instinct to fight. The nation that hasn't the combative spirit is decadent. All life is a struggle, and the wars of commerce are as deadly and even more unscrupulous than those conducted by shot and shell.

I do not believe the precious League of Nations will be one whit more useful than that other farce, the old Hague Conference. I may not be an optimist like G.H.E., but I think I know what human nature is and always has been.

K. B.

THE PLAYS SOME PEOPLE WANT.

Sir,—When your correspondent "Durham Lad" writes about leaving the R.A.D.C. performances "depressed and puzzled" I think he hits the right nail on the head.

I don't agree that in order to be educated and enlightened it is necessary to have plays of morbid tendency, which either leave a nasty taste or make one utterly perplexed when the curtain descends.

You can teach the greatest moral lessons with bright stirring wholesale drama. Most of us like striking situations, incident and excitement in a play, and though some of the suggestions made go too far in the other extreme, on the whole I can't help feeling they express the views and tastes of the great majority.

Take plays like "The Christian", "The Sign of the Cross", or "The Rosary" for instance. Are they not elevating and yet appealing to popular taste? *E.V.*

Sir,—That "One of the Gods" cannot understand "Damaged Goods" and "Strife" is all the more reason why he should see such plays and so improve his knowledge of English.

To say that Brieux, Galsworthy and Bernard Shaw are too ambitious for the R.A.D.C. is both uncomplimentary and untrue. A better rendering of "Strife," "Man & Superman," "You never can Tell," etc., could not be wished for, even by the playwrights themselves.

The crowded houses at the Deutsches Theatre are a sufficient answer to "One of the Gods" suggestion. *CORPORAL.*

A SPORTY DOG.

Sir,—I am the owner of a dog that goes hunting on its own accord and sometimes kills a hare while out walking about the country in Rhineland. Three Germans carrying sporting guns threatened to shoot it the other day.

Not knowing anything about the game laws of this country and not being able to stop the dog from chasing hares, I should like to know whether it would be legal for any German to shoot it.

If any readers can enlighten, it would assist me in knowing what to do should I get threatened by Germans again.

D.W.J.

BOXING FILMS.

Sir,—I am surprised and pained to think that an institution like the Y.M.C.A., ostensibly existing for elevating the mind as well as catering for our creature comforts, should sink so low as to encourage the brutal "sport" of fighting, by showing films of recent pugilistic encounters, as I understand they are doing in Cologne.

There was a time when prizes fighting was tabooed by all decent people, but now it is coming back into favour; and to think that a so-called Christian organization should encourage anything so low and degrading is repulsive to me.

To fight our fellow-men except in cases of sheer necessity such as a war that imperils our country is quite wrong. Prize-fighting—no matter by what pretty name you call it—is bad. It breeds feelings we should try to rise superior to.

I hope it won't be long before the Y.M.C.A. realises the error of its ways.

ANTI-BOX

THE SOLDIERS' POWER.

Sir,—I also hope that the soldiers who have gone back to civil life are not being absorbed into the mass which at home continues in the old ruts, and because they have no knowledge of anything better are content to jog along as their fathers did before them.

We, who have been in the Army and have seen something of life outside our own little island and the way the Army looks at things in a less narrow and more commonsense way than the average civilian at home, have a great responsibility.

If we allow this knowledge to be wasted and don't do our very best to educate others so that our beloved country can emerge from its present out-of-date habits and be a better place to live in, then I say we shall be guilty of a great neglect of duty.

Five million men who have had the advantage of Army life can do wonders in shaping public opinion at home, if they only have the will. We ought really to make our influence felt in the future government of England. *W.J.J*

EYES AND NO EYES.

Sir,—What are all these things that M.A. sees in Germany and thinks are worth adopting in England?

I have been here six months now, and though I suppose I have kept my eyes open as much as anyone and have been learning German so as to be able to understand better the life and habits of those among whom we live, I cannot say that much impresses me.

Although it is the fashion to belittle Britain and say she is behind the times, I won't believe it.

Are we behind the German in railways or trams, postal facilities and telephones; is our drainage and sanitary work generally inferior; are our houses less comfortable, our shops less well stocked, our manners or our morals not so good?

Where are all these marvellous inventions and improvements that M.A. talks about?

Let him put his cards on the table and tell us what they are in detail. That would be more useful than vague assertions without proof. *ANGLIA.*

WANTED—AN ALARM.

Sir,—Replying to G.W.H.P. I think that were a bell used on the lines he suggests it would prove a great boon, not only to the audience, but to the artistes, themselves. It would also abolish the unpleasantness of people pushing in after the act has commenced.

This system is adopted at the Opera House with marked success, giving the audience ample warning and thus enabling them to return to their seats and be comfortably seated when the next act starts. *DI-DO.*

WHY NOT WIVES?

Sir,—I visited Bonn last Sunday with my wife and went to the 10th Corps Club with the intention of getting lunch. At the front door of the club I met a couple of officers coming out. I asked them if my wife and I could get lunch there.

One of them kindly went back into the club to find out. He returned and informed us that the club was only for the use of Officers of the 10th Corps, and that ladies were not allowed in it.

I mention this as, from your note in today's "Post" under the heading "A Popular Club," others might think it is a club open to the use of all officers and their wives, like our Officers' Club here, or the French Mess in the French Area.

Lt. COLONEL.

REMEMBER THE DEAD!

Sir,—It is surely a most healthy sign of the changed opinion of our people that the dead should be worthily remembered as suggested by your correspondent, A. Steel.

Up to the war period it was not thought consistent with our national doctrines to give much thought to those who had gone before.

But we are getting broader-minded. We use the beautiful words "Requiescat in pace" on our burial crosses, hold requiem services, and in many other ways show that the departed are worthy of our thought.

As I have said, this is a good sign, and it is to be hoped that A. Steel's thoughtful suggestion will be carried out.

PADRE.

REMEMBER THE DEAD.

EDITOR'S NOTE. In reference to the excellent suggestion made by Miss Steel that the graves of our men who died while prisoners of war here should be furnished with wreaths on All Souls' Day, we have received an offer from Mrs. Gresham-Shaw, of the British Red Cross. This lady is willing to contribute £5 towards the cost of such wreaths provided that other offers are forthcoming. The total cost would probably be of the order of £25 or £30.

We shall be glad to receive contributions on behalf of this laudable object, and Mrs. Gresham-Shaw, working with Miss Steel, has undertaken to organise the purchasing and deposition of the wreaths.

As the time is so brief will all those who wish to take part in this tribute to our soldiers who died while in enemy hands, please send their contributions to us not later than Wednesday next, the 29th instant? No matter how small the contribution, it will be welcomed and acknowledged in the Cologne Post. Please address envelopes, Mrs. Gresham-Shaw, c/o Cologne Post, A.P.O.S./40, British Army of the Rhine.

AT FIFTY.

Ages have rolled within my breast, though yet
Not nigh the bourn to fleeting man assigned;
Yes: old—alas! how spent the struggling mind
Which at the noon of life is fain to set!
My dawn and evening have so closely met
That men the shades of Night begin to find
Darkening my brow, and heedless, not unkind,
Let the sad warning drop without regret.
Gone Youth! had I thus missed thee, nor a hope
Were left of thy return beyond the tomb,
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RHINELAND FOOTBALL.

Rhine Army Remount Depot v. 140th Field Ambulance.

A REMOUNT VICTORY.

Im excellent weather the Rhine Army Remount Depot Football Team turned out to meet the 140th Field Ambulance. Kalk. The ground of the Remounts was in grand condition.

The Remounts having won the toss elected to play with the sun at their backs. The Ambulance started the ball rolling and from the start the Remounts pressed the Ambulance goal and sent in some very hot shots. The Ambulance forwards got going and tested the Depot goalkeeper, who saved.

The Depot forwards combined in good style and raided the Ambulance goal. The inside left put in a very nice ground shot which found the net. From the restart the Remount forwards got the ball and broke through. The outside right scored with a splendid shot, the homesters then leading by two goals. About five minutes from half time from a corner kick a scrimmage ensued around the Ambulance goal, the Remounts' inside-left again beating the goalkeeper. Half time brought the score: Remounts, 3; Ambulance, nil.

From the restart the Ambulance seemed to pull themselves together, play being very even. Towards the end of the game the Ambulance were penalised for hands, the kick being taken by the Remounts' centre who failed.

Play continued very evenly to the end, there being no further score.

Final Score:—Remounts, 3; Ambulance, nil.

X. CORPS RUGBY SEMI-FINAL.

12th Loyal North Lancs. v. 51st Manchesters at Bonn.

Played on the Hofgarten, Bonn, before a small attendance on Thursday afternoon. The Lancs. took the lead with a try by Kennedy after three minutes, Kelt just failing to convert. Progress on the left on the part of the Lancs. was checked when Kennedy was collared, while Gore cleared well from a rush on the Lancs. line. No score accrued from a free-kick awarded to Lancs. for offside.

After twenty minutes Henson, levelled matters for the Manchesters, Bates adding the extra points from a difficult angle. The Manchesters now settled down and Henson again ran over in good style.

In the second half the Lancs. defence was hard-pressed, Mills adding a try from an unmarked position, the place kick failing. Bates scored a fourth try and again the major points were not secured. The Manchesters were good value, by reason of the superiority of their forwards, for their win by 14 points to 3 points.

IRISH FOOTBALL ITEMS.

The Irish League have agreed to the suggestion of the Southern League to postpone the Inter-League match until after the New Year.

The proposal of the Football League to play Ireland an Inter-League match at Liverpool on Wednesday, Nov. 19, has been accepted by the Irish League.

LAWN TENNIS.

Mishu defeats F.M.B. Fisher at Queen's Club.

The Hon. F.M.B. Fisher and N. Mishu, of Rumania, met in the London Covered Courts Championships at Queen's Club, a delightful set ensuing. Both players are unorthodox in style and broke many of the recognised tenets of lawn tennis. Mishu has an amazing repertory of services, and tries them all at intervals. He is fond of the half-volley, and the dead true wooden surface at Queen's enabled him to bring off a surprising number of them both on the back and forehand.

Mishu won the first set so easily—at 6—1 —that the event looked almost all over. Fisher played much better in the second set, and the score was called "5 all" before Mishu won. The New Zealander played splendidly in the third set, and, hitting harder than ever, won at 6—2. The score was 3 all in the fourth set, and then Mishu got to 5—3. Fisher pulled up to 5 all, but Mishu took the next two games, the set, and the match.

EPSOM STABLE LADS' DEMANDS.

Trainers Offer of Two Guineas a Week Rejected.

At Epsom a conference of racehorse trainers and stable lads was held under the chairmanship of a representative of the Ministry of Labour to consider the lads' demands, which included a minimum weekly wage of 53s.

The trainers would not consent to pay more than two guineas a week, and declined to accept a suggestion that the matter should be referred to arbitration. The lads, whose representatives include officials of the National Union of General Workers, to which the lads belong, expressed themselves as dissatisfied with the trainers' offer.

A late wire states that it is practically certain that the lads will strike.

SIR. T. LIPTON SAILS FOR U.S.A.

Sir Thomas Lipton sailed for New York yesterday to make arrangements for the American Cup Yacht Race.

It is probable that the race will take place next July. Mr. Charles E. Nicholson, the designer of the Shamrock IV, is already in America.

Cambridge Hockey.

The Freshman's hockey match was played at Cambridge, when the Colours were beaten by 4 goals to 1. The play on the whole was better than that of the Seniors' match. The stick work was quite good, and, unlike the Seniors' match, the men played with confidence, and were quite as fast.

INTER-ALLIED BOXING.

Great Tournament at Coblenz under American Auspices.

BRITISHERS MAY ENTER.

An Inter-Allied Boxing Tournament given under the auspices of the American Army will be held at Liberty Hut, Coblenz, on October 30th, 31st, and November 1st, 1919. Preliminary bouts for competitors from the American Army were be held at Liberty Hut on October 23rd, 24th and 25th.

Entries from the British, French and Belgian armies should reach the promoter before October 29th.

All boxing bouts will be governed by the Marquis of Queensberry rules. The preliminary bouts for the American Army were six rounds of two minutes each, with one minute's rest between each round. The final bouts will be ten rounds of two minutes each, with one minute's rest between each round. Officers are not allowed to enter this tournament.

The classes and their corresponding weights are as follows:—

Bantamweight ...	118 lbs.	and under,
Featherweight ...	125 „	„ „
Lightweight	135 „	„ „
Welterweight	145 „	„ „
Middleweight	160 „	„ „
Light heavyweight	175 „	„ „
Heavyweight ...	175 and over.	

A maximum difference of three pounds is allowed between the competitors' weight and the above scale.

The following prizes will be presented by the Y.M.C.A. for each final bout:—

To the winner 600 marks, and silver medal.

To the loser 200 marks and bronze medal.

FULTON'S EASY VICTORY.

Coghill Starts Well, but no Match for American.

We are now able to suppliment the brief wire published yesterday giving the result of the Fulton v. Coghill fight. As the result suggests the victory was an easy one for the American, though the Australian showed to advantage in the opening round.

The contest, like the majority of those between men in the heavier divisions, was a brief affair, Coghill being counted out in the third round. He did exceedingly well during the first round, and was loudly and heartily applauded at the close for his enterprising display. True, his blows were not very heavy, but they landed cleanly and crisply, and, what is more, he had withstood all Fulton's attempts to get in an effective counter. The American, indeed, was seen to but poor advantage in these first three minutes, and although he loosened out a bit in the second round, he was still faulty in his judgment, many of his blows going over Coghill's head or round his neck.

But those that did land, though badly delivered, carried a lot of weight, and before the end of the round one could see that Coghill would not go much further. Nor did he, as early in the third round two short, sharp jolts to the jaw, first with the left and then with the right, put him down for the count. He was, however, up almost with the "out."

BECKETT AND DEMPSEY.

Huge Offer for Early Meeting by American Syndicate.

A New Orleans message dated 24th Oct. states that Tortorich, representing a local syndicate, has offered one hundred and fifty thousanddollars for a twenty, round championship fight between Jack Dempsey and Joe Beckett, to be held this winter in New Orleans. No date was mentioned.

FRENCH HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMPION BEATEN.

In a boxing contest at Paris on Wednesday night Hams, a negro boxer, beat Nilles, who thus loses the title of heavyweight champion of France.

Outsider wins Curragh Cesarewitch.

The Curragh Cesarewitch was won by Col. Croft's Picture Saint, Wildfellow being second and Gleneffy third. The winner was one of the unfancied division. 20 to 1 being on offer.

CRIQUI FOR AMERICA.

Eugene Criqui, who recently beat Walter Ross, will leave shortly for the United States. Before he leaves he will meet Sam Keller on Oct. 29, 20 rounds of 3min. each.

BROTHERS
read "The Cologne Post". Send it daily to your.

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

Ex service players who are Figuring prominently to-day.

BY W. LE C.

Richard Cragg, who is understudying Freeman of Burnley, was "discovered" by Watson, their clever half back, in France. More will be heard of this player.

Butler of Middlesboro' and Robinson of Newcastle United both played for the 2/1st Northern Cyclist Battn. when stationed in Lincolnshire.

Harrison, a youth with great ability, has displaced "Tim" Williamson the international in the Teesiders' goal.

No fewer than eleven of the Leeds City players come from places within a 30-miles radius of Newcastle. "Some" nursery.

Tatton, the ex-Southern League player, is the only ever-present of Preston, this season.

Evans, the old Welsh international goalkeeper, who used to assist Blackburn Rovers, has recovered sufficiently from his wounds to take up refereeing.

Gowdy, who leads Ireland's line to-day, was six weeks ago playing in junior football. He played in the 109th Bde. team in France and served with the famous Ulster Division. He is but 22 years old. Such is footballers' luck, unknown to-day, famous to-morrow.

Trammere Rovers applied for Leeds City's place in the Central League but were refused permission to secede from their present body.

Messrs. McKenna, Lewis, Sutcliffe and Keys were very much annoyed that their deliberations re Leeds City's players were published by a local newspaper. More will be heard of this affair.

Aston Villa have made a great effort to secure Cresswell of South Shields. But in the words of the classics, "Nothing doing."

Barrow-in-Furness are now playing Carter in goal. He is the old West Ham custodian and joined the "Hammers" from the Barrow club.

Queens Park Rangers submitted plans for a grand stand to the L.C.C. These have now been passed, and the Queen's club are to be congratulated on their enterprise.

Walker of Birmingham has been receiving much undeserved attention from the most detested thing in football, i.e., the "barracking" section.

Anderson of Aberdeen, is well known in Sunderland, where he used to "keep" the Wearsiders goal. Mark well the Pittodrie men, they will create some surprise ere long.

Rangers have secured the services of Meiklejohn, the Maryhill team star, another Glasgow idol in the making.

A GREAT GOAL-GETTER.

Some Experiences of Charlie Buchan, the International.

Buchan's goal scoring abilities are known wherever football is played and the famous Wearsider has stated that he cannot recollect all the goals he has scored. We quite believe him, as he would require a wonderful memory to be able to remember all the points he has notched. He has however, said that one of the best goals he ever had the honour of scoring was netted this season at Highbury against the Arsenal. Looking over a report of the match one finds that this was obtained after a clever bout of passing between the Sunderland centre, Travers and the international.

The goal, however, that Charlie says he can never forget was scored against Burnley in the replayed English Cup semi-final of 1913, when the Wearside club, it will be remembered, failed at the last hurdle. From a centre by Martin, the left winger, Buchan headed in a great goal. He afterwards confessed that the ball travelled more quickly off his head than many a drive has off his foot. Those who have witnessed some of his drives will have some idea of the "impossible" nature of the leader.

VILLA'S NEW CENTRE-HALF.

The Barnsley Club have transferred Frank Barson, their centre half-back, to Aston Villa.

Barson learnt his football in Sheffield, and went to Barnsley eight years ago. He is a brilliant and resourceful player.

The Barnsley directors recently declared that offers for other players would not be entertained; but Barson, who had a benefit a few weeks ago, strongly desired to be transferred for personal reasons.

The transfer fee has not been disclosed, but is thought to be very substantial. Barson played for Aston Villa at Middlesborough yesterday.

BREAK OF 689.

Magnificent Display by Newman against Stevenson.

JUGGLING WITH THE BALLS.

Newman continues to prove successful in his 16,000 match with Stevenson at Burroughes Hall. On Thursday afternoon the former registered a total in just an hour's play of 626, while Stevenson could account for no more than 188. When a halt was called, Newman had increased his lead to 2,590.

Newman on resuming at night added 195 to his incomplete innings, making the full break 689, and then missed a run-through cushion cannon.

Stevenson scored 991 to Newman's 461, and averaged 58 to 25½. Closing scores (as published yesterday):—

Newman	5,837
Stevenson (in play)	3,777

Friday's Play.

On Friday Stevenson turned the tables on his opponent scoring 1830 to Newman's 979 and thereby reducing the latter's lead from 2060 to 1173.

Latest available scores are:—

Newman (in play) 6816; Stevenson 5637.

ENGLISH RACING.

Welcome Rain at Doncaster and Sandown on Friday.

The rain which fell at Sandown and Doncaster on Friday was very welcome, all courses being badly in need of a sustained downpour; it had no detrimental effect upon the attendances at either meeting.

An objection to Not Much, the winner of the Wheatsheaf Handicap, for bumping, was over-ruled. Details.—

Sandown.

Trafalgar Handicap:—1, Eftichia (8—1); 2, Wait Week (11—8 on); 3, Bit of a Lad (100—8). Eight ran.

October Handicap:—1, Gunda (7—1); 2, Gally Strickland (100—8); 3, Condottiere (100—8). Eight ran.

Great Sapling Plate:—1, Comrade (5—4 on; 2, Tete-a-Tete (5—1); 3, Lady Meave (11—2). Four ran.

Wheatsheaf Handicap:—1, Not Much (9—4); 2, Vice Versa (5—4); 3, Golly Eyes (10—1) and Mintleaf (10—1) dead heat. Six ran.

Hook Plate:—1, T.L. (4—1); 2, Ocean Light (2—1); 3, Bayete (20—1). Nineteen ran.

Coombe Plate:—Footplate walked over.

Doncaster.

Arksey Handicap.—1, Prerogative Lilly (7—1); 2, Babette (3—1); 3, Beltenebros (6—4). Five ran.

Rossington Handicap:—1, Staples (10—1); 2, Still Better (3—1); 3, Houplines (10—1). Eight ran.

Downe Handicap:—1, Adorna (100—6); 2, Jaunting Car (100—8); 3, Skyfuse (4—1). Ten ran.

Durham Handicap:—1, Elsinore (6—5); 2, Granchester (9—2); 3, Skagerrack (100—8). Six ran.

Vyner Handicap:—1, Ocydrome (6—4); 2, Flowerbed (9—4); 3, Will o' the Wisp (4—1) Five ran.

Moderate Plate:—1, Missouri (2—1); 2, Devonport (2—1); 3, Brussiloff (7—1). Six ran.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE BETTING.

Cambridgeshire betting late Thursday night was:—Scatwell 6 to 1; Zinovia 100 to 12; Tetrarchia 10 to 1; Sir Berkely 100 to 9; Alasnam and Royal Bucks 100 to 8; Clarion 18 to 1; Diadem, 20 to 1 offered after 22 to 1 taken; Dominion 20 to 1 offered after 25 to 1 taken; My Dear 25 to 1; Brigand 28 to 1.

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Report of Recent Gallops of Candidates.

Thursday's work of the Cambridgeshire candidates is summarised below.

Alasnam (R Day) good pace 5f.
Brigand (Pratt) not reported.
Chuette (Beatty) not reported.
Clarion (Dewhurst) healthy exercise.
Diadem (Lambton) cantered 5f.
Dominion (Barling) cantered 5f.
Dromio (Persse) sharp 6f.
Glaciale (Lambton) not mentioned.
King John (Griffin) healthy exercise.
My Dear (Taylor) covered 1m.
Roideur (Per se) sharp 6f.
Royal Bucks (Sievier) not mentioned.
Scatwell (Barling) cantered 5f.
Sir Berkely (W. Waugh) healthy exercise.
Wilson (R Day) sharp 5f.
Zinovia (F. Hunt) strolling 1¼m.

Cambridgeshire Scratching.

Snowmaiden, 12.9 p.m. on Friday.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

Cologne Amusements.

The experiment of starting Cologne amusements at 7 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. was a dismal failure. The new time was adopted on Monday, but it very soon became evident that the later hour was extremely unpopular. Consequently all the Army shows will revert to 6 p.m. commencing to-morrow.

La Tosca.

A crowded and enthusiastic audience is certain to be present whenever this opera, which has become so popular in recent years, is given. This was proved once more at the Opera-house by Friday's performance. Puccini's music to Sardou's "La Tosca" is wonderfully characteristic. From the very beginning we are in the grip of that sombre, mournful, musical atmosphere which makes us anticipate the ensuing drama. Every true musician must admire the splendid orchestration typical of the modern school, and on Friday the conductorship and execution were all that could be desired. Anna Scheffler as Tosca struck the wonderful dramatic note of this exacting role. She gained well-deserved applause, which she shared with Fritz Kraus as Cavaradossi, Jul. Lenz as Cesare Angelotie, and Schorr as Scarpia. The other parts were also well enacted by H. Robert, Lindlar an Salomon. *(C. Le S.)*

Jazz Band at Smoker.

A most successful smoking concert was held at the 15th Battalion Hants recreation room. The chair was taken by Lieut. Morris. The opening item was a well-known march namely "Old Comrades" which was ably rendered by the Battalion Jazz Band. This was followed by a varied programme, the most popular items being the three songs rendered by Lieut. Betteridge entitled "Old fashioned Town," "Glorious Devon" and "When You Come Home." The violin solos of Cpl. Palmer were also of exceptional merit. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the rendering of "Raggin' thro' the Rye" by the Jazz Band, after which the National Anthem was lustily sung by all ranks. The accompanist for the evening was Cpl. Nixon. The success of this new departure was largely due to the untiring efforts of Lts. Betteridge and Morris.

A Bonn Affair.

121st Heavy Battery held an enjoyable smoking-concert in celebration of their success in winning the cup for the 10th Corps Junior Football Competition. Several artistes contributed to the evening's programme and during the interval light refreshments were served. The proceedings were terminated by a speech given by the Chairman, Major J.P. Jordan, M.C., who is shortly leaving the Battery, and the singing of "He's a jolly good fellow."

The Man of Destiny.

Yesterday evening, the British Rhine Army Dramatic Company gave a second performance of the "Man of Destiny," followed by "Candida" at the Deutsches Theatre, this bringing to an end a particularly busy week. Owing to lack of space, the criticism of the plays is held over.

"The Jesters."

There was a packed audience at the Palace Theatre last night, when the "Jesters" were in their usual happy mood. To-morrow this talented party commence a week's tour of Rhineland. By the way, I hear that the genial and energetic Mr. Alfred Hurley, who runs the show, has left Cologne for a visit to France.

B. E. L. C. Whist Drive.

The splendid score of 164 was reached by Pte. J. Tordoff at the Whist Drive held at the B.E.L.C. on Thursday evening, a record score at the Club, I believe. For this he gained 1st gentleman's prize, while Pte F. Crook was second with 150, and Dvr. H. H. Hopkinson 3rd with 147. The first ladies' prize was carried off by Pte. Mold with 147; Pte. Macdonald was second with 146, and Pte. Fearis third with 145. The games were much enjoyed by everyone, and the success of the evening was greatly due to Lt. Rouch, who presided, and L/Cpl. Foote, who acted as M.C.

The Palace.

"The Jesters" will be succeeded at the Palace by a return visit of "The Crumps," a party which is doing its level best to maintain the excellent reputation achieved. Several of the old and well-known have returned to England, but still the merry crowd carry on with a bright show, of which humour is the keynote.

The Cinemas.

At the Army Cinemas new programmes are announced, with a varied selection of films that should suit all tastes.

Next Weeks Attractions.

After a long steady run, the Dramatic Company are to take a well deserved rest from the Deutsches Theatre next week to prepare for the production of "The Silver Box", a week to-morrow. The Deutsches bill will be filled by the Gilbert Concert Party, the members of which, as reference to our advertisement columns will indicate, are first-rate artistes. Their performances promise to be particularly attractive.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Sun.	Carmen	Bizet	6.30	10
Mon.	NO PERFORMANCE			
Tues.	NO PERFORMANCE			
Wed.	Tannhäuser	Wagner	7	10.45
Thurs.	Ein Maskenball	Verdi	7	9.45
Fri.	Der Barbier von Sevilla	Rossini	7	10
Sat.	Orpheus and Eurydice	Gluck	7	9.15
Sun.	Die Walküre	Wagner	5 30	10.30
Mon.	Madame Butterfly	Puccini	7	9.45
Tues.	Tosca	Puccini	7	10

A Famous Banjoist.

Mr. Joe Morley, of whom this is a little impression, is undoubtedly one of the most popular members of the "Jesters" variety company. His skill as a banjoist is world-famed, and he has the happy knack of selecting numbers that cannot fail to appeal to his audience. He was one of the first members of the successful party, and since the beginning of 1915, when there was a great clamour for entertainments for the troops, he has delighted many thousands of soldiers.

JACQUES.

Light-weight to Ride over Hurdles.

Fitton, the light-weight who rode Saintly Maude and Bayudo in their respective races at Lingfield, is to ride over hurdles this winter, and he had an engagement to fulfil at Sandown Park yesterday.

ANOTHER PRIZE TO BE WON.

The Sixth Opportunity Football Enthusiasts.

Four substantial sums have already been won in our great football competition, the popularity of which is weekly increasing. The result of Competition No. 5 will soon be announced, and to-day the publication of the coupon for the sixth test of skill gives yet another opportunity for football enthusiasts to make a bid for the prize. Your part is ridiculously simply. All that is essential is a knowledge of form in the great leagues at home, and one doubts if there is a single British soldier in Rhineland who is not a follower of such form. As guides to the relative value of competing teams we publish periodically the league tables, also football notes dealing with the doings of the leading clubs. Send along your effort now.

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2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.

3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.

4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.

5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.

6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.

7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.

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9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 6.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov. 1st.
Closing date, Friday, Oct. 31st.

Aston Villa	v. Middlesboro
Bolton W.	v. Sunderland
Blackburn R.	v. Everton
Bradford C.	v. Arsenal
Notts C.	v. West Bromwich
West Ham	v. Birmingham
Huddersfield	v. Fulham
Swindon	v. Queens Park R.
Brentford	v. Plymouth A.
Brighton	v. Exeter C.
Hamilton A.	v. Falkirk
Morton	v. Celtic

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Signed _____
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. _____

Unit _____

Full Address _____

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Tottenham Transfer.

Tottenham Hotspur have transferred A. Rednath (inside left) to Gillingham.

Dangerously Ill.

Jack Cowdrey, the well-known Queen's Club lawn tennis professional, is dangerously ill with pleurisy.

T. Clay's Injury.

The injury T. Clay received on Saturday in the Tottenham Hotspur v. Clapton Orient match is more serious than was thought at the time.

Late of Leeds City.

Northampton Town have secured the signature to professional forms of William Pease, an amateur outside-right, who has this season assisted Leeds City. Pease played against Reading last Saturday, and his display was full of promise, and greatly pleased the Northampton spectators.

McCracken Vindicated.

The goal averages clearly indicate the Newcastle defence as the best in the First Division, but it is to be hoped the fact will not influence other backs to imitate McCracken's off-side exploits. Their adventures in this direction might not only be less successful than those of the Irishman, but also carry with them a few cheap goals for the other side.

Major Allen.

West Ham hope to have the assistance of Major R. H. Allen, the Corinthian forward, in their match on Saturday at Birmingham.

Roneo's Best.

Roneo, in beating Upminster away by 2 goals to nil in the Essex Junior Cup, accomplished their best performance of the season. Grey obtained both goals.

Three-Year-Olds.

For six years past the Cambridgeshire has been won by a three-year-old, and the records of the race show that horses of that age are singularly successful at the Houghton Meeting.

Aston's Venture.

Aston Villa tried a new and expensive centre forward against Preston North End. This was Boyman, from a local club, Cradley Heath St. Luke's, but his inexperience was pronounced, and he was easy prey for such a centre-half as M'Call.

Contradictory.

It is amusing to read that while the Newport Rugby Club have decided not to give Pontypool any further fixtures—as the sequel to rough play when the teams last met—Pontypool have been given the option of fulfilling their fixture at Newport on Easter Monday.

Match Postponed.

Owing to the clashing of the Stoke match, Tottenham Hotspur and Port Vale, who should meet in the Potteries next Saturday, stands postponed.

Racing Revival.

The Tremblay Meeting will, it is said, be revived next season. The course was badly damaged during the war while in the occupation of the Army.

Luton Retains Bookman.

L. Bookman, the Irish international, will continue to play for Luton Town, the West Bromwich Albion club having met the Southern Leaguers in a generous way.

L.P.C.F. Match.

The London Professional Charity Fund match between Chelsea and Fulham has been definitely arranged for Monday next, at Stamford Bridge. The kick off will be at three o'clock, and both clubs will be powerfully represented.

Some Victory.

A scoring record for the Headingley Rugby Club was established when they visited Chorlton and defeated Broughton Park by 11 goals and 12 tries (91 points) to nil. For the greater part of the match the winners played with only thirteen men.

The Jumping Season.

Several small meetings under National Hunt Rules have already been held, and the new season will be fairly started at Sandown Park on Saturday.

Odol's Temporary Retirement.

The crack French two-year-old Odol will not be seen in public again this season. He will be reserved for the classic events of next year.

Newmarket to Chantilly.

The horses bought by Captain Gilroy at Newmarket for the Greek owner, Mr. Ambatielo, are expected at Halsey's establishment at Chantilly, where it is said they will be put to jumping.

A Welsh Loss.

The Cardiff Rugby Club and Welsh Rugby has lost a promising player through the signing of a Northern Union form by E. Caswell, the inside half-back. It is probable that Doctor Wallace will take his place against Neath.

West Ham Signatory.

West Ham United have signed on Capt. R. H. Allen, the Corinthian forward and old Carthusian. Capt. Allen is a speedy, go-ahead player, with a wonderful control of the ball. A present he is stationed close to London, but expects to go abroad shortly with his regiment.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Our Dead.

That idea mooted in our "Letterbox" of placing floral tributes on the graves of our dead at Südfriedhof on All Saints and All Souls days is likely to take practical shape I hear; see p. 2.

Listen to the Band.

I intend to go and hear the band of the Inniskilling Dragoons at the Deutsches Theatre to-night. We have not heard too many military bands in Cologne lately.

Runaway Car.

I am told that an army motorcar while being "cranked up" on the Duren road, the other day, started off on its own. It raced along for a hundred yards or so when the driver managed to catch it, scrambled up to the steering wheel and drove off.

Police Dogs.

All the "doggy" officers and men will, I expect, be going to see the exhibition of trained police dogs which is taking place at the Merheim racecourse to-day. I'm told they are rather wonderful.

Oyster and Irony.

I heard of an Ordnance sergeant who was served with an oyster patty in a Cologne restaurant the other night, but after tasting a mouthful suddenly laid down his fork. "Something very nasty seems to have died inside this bun" he remarked in disgust.

Eating Dahlias.

This is the dahlia season and I was told by a German yesterday that it is quite customary to eat the dahlia root in this country. The Germans are very fond of it as a vegetable.

Toy Planes.

Motoring through a village near Bensberg not long ago, I saw children in a field amusing themselves by flying miniature aeroplanes which seemed to be of their own making. Each had the German black cross on the wings.

Is it True?

Someone who claims to know the inside life of Cologne thoroughly assures me that in spite of the apparent prosperity of the people there is a great deal of acute proverty in those quarters not usually frequented by the British soldier.

A German Gunner.

Near the beautiful village in Rosrath in the Konigsforst is a wayside cafe kept by a German ex-artilleryman who speaks English well and has a fund of anecdotes on service during the war.

A Good Start.

A padre was telling me that when visiting a C.C.S. in Rhineland he offered to write a letter home to a patient's wife if he would dictate it. Tommy seemed to find it hard to make a start, so the Padre said, "Shall I begin, 'My darling wife'"? "Oh! yes," was the reply, "that'll amuse her, anyhow."

Not Yet.

I heard it is quite an unfounded rumour that in deference to the clamour for melodrama the R.A.D.C. contemplates putting on "Maria Martin, or the Murder in the Red Barn."

Rewards for Service.

Some of the Cologne tram conductors have stripes on their sleeves. I asked what they indicated. I was told that when a man has been ten years in the service he gets one stripe, for every 5 years more another stripe. When he has been working for twenty-five years he gets shoulder-straps.

Very Black.

I hear that shopkeepers and others in Cologne found guilty of profiteering find their names published in a black list of the German papers. Besides this, everyone who deals with such people runs the risk of seeing his own name on the black list.

Not Yet.

The hanging up of peace ratification is having one good result. The day when "Tommy" has to pay his fares on train and tram is put back also.

Fine Feathers, Etc.

A British Naval Officer on his way to Germany for the first time pointed to a uniformed figure on a station platform and asked which branch of the German Army the "officer" belonged to. He was greatly surprised when told that the finely bedecked person, carrying a sword, was merely a policeman on duty.

Tommy Farming.

I wonder if it is generally known that there is an extensive Army farm in Rhineland, where many cows and hundreds of fowls are kept. The butter and eggs produced are appreciated by many messes.

Walks the Wire.

One of the R.E. companies in Rhineland has a professional slack-wire performer among its personnel. His comrades, I hear, have great difficulty in preventing him from doing trick stunts on the signal wires.

Have no Great Boxers.

The German method of advertising boxing-shows and the like on posters strikes one as somewhat strange. Not content with the announcement of the event in big letters, huge figures of men in striking aggressive poses are displayed. They are not of celebrities, as would probably be the case were the method adopted in England, but merely drawings of men of super-physical development.

Creatures of Habit.

I remember everyone who joined the Army swore that never again would they wear stiff linen collars. Yet from all I hear, on return to civil life, the majority drop back into the old groove and encase their necks in starched collars again.

Excelsior.

The offices of this paper now occupy the whole of the fourth floor at the old address. Having to climb umpteen steps to attain this giddy height, the staff is getting into fine condition. But some, I believe, are investing in alpenstocks.

Silver Marks.

A funny thing about the mark is that its exchange value is only about twopence, but the actual silver in the mark coin is worth 11¼d. at the present market price of silver. But silver marks seem very scarce.

No Grievance now.

Recently I mentioned that a soldier had lost his camera in the cloak-room of the Church Army Hostel. He now tells me he has been amply recompensed for the loss by the club officials, although he admits he should have placed so valuable a possession in the personal custody of the Superintendent and not left it in the ordinary cloak-room.

No Tipping.

The prohibition of tipping operates in Bonn. A friend over in the University town yesterday had his tip politely but firmed declined by a waiter.

In a Difficulty.

Evidently a victim of the war, a German wearing an artificial leg found himself in a difficulty. The limb refused to work properly, and to discover the cause of the trouble he pulled up his trouser leg. Friends went to his assistance and put things right. Others laughed at his trouble.

Domesticated.

I noticed that somebody was wondering if he would ever see a married soldier pushing a pram in Cologne. Well it wasn't exactly that, but I saw one wheeling his youngster in a go-cart yesterday. *RHINELANDER.*

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

DANGERS OF A CLASS WAR.

Lord Robert Cecil, M.P., writing on the above subject says:—It certainly would be a tragedy if this country drifted into a class war. No one wants it except a few extremists on both sides. Nothing could have been more remarkable than the statesmanlike action of all the reasonable leaders of Labour in the railway strike. They were evidently profoundly convinced of the immense national danger of the situation. Nor can it be doubted that other sections of the community are equally anxious to avoid a class war. At the same time, unless employers and employed can be brought to see that their common interests are much greater than their separate interests, the danger of the situation will remain. The great thing, therefore, is to bring the two sections of the industrial community together.

THE DANGER YEAR.

Sir George Lewis, the eminent lawyer in an article, asks:—Is there a danger year in marriage? People studying the enormous recent growth of divorce suits have asked me that question. Without fixing upon any particular year, because that is impossible, I would put the dangerous period at between the seventh and tenth year of marriage. It would also appear that if the married couple can succeed in bridging over this "danger period" the possibility of divorce becomes more and more remote. Happily, many thousands of people bridge that period successfully.

BRITISH FAIR PLAY.

Mr. Philip Gibbs, writing on his study of conditions in the Rhineland, says:—The Germans find our men "gemütlich," which means more than "good-natured," and they say, "The English 'Tommy' is a gentleman—with few exceptions." They have a sincere faith in our sense of justice and fair-play as it has been proved by our administration, and the women especially are captivated by the manners of our men.

COSTLY COURTSHIPS.

Miss Nora Shannon says:—Courtships are becoming much more costly to young men of the clerk and business office class. Revelations in law courts have drawn attention to the extensive scale on which these young men undertake the entertainment of their girl companions. The regularity of the programme of these youths and girls is astonishing. Each evening brings its appointed part of the week's routine.

C 3 CHILDREN.

Mrs. Boyd Dawson, writing on the nation's neglected health and the high death rate among the young, says: It is quite impossible to make an A 1 population out of C 3 children, no matter how we try. The Army medical tests have shown us that we have a dangerously large proportion of young men of low physical standard. It is only too probable that, had there been a similar test for women, the average would have been no better. Where does the cause lie? Our sanitary and medical science is not less advanced than that of any other country, and our systems of health insurance, hospital treatment, medical inspection of school children, bring them within the reach of all. The answer to the question lies in the infant mortality rate. One baby in every ten dies before it is one year old, and of the other nine three or four at least suffer from the same ills, but just manage to survive with enfeebled health and impaired constitutions. These are the C 3 children, who, when they grow up, fail to pass the Army test, if they are men, and become mothers of weakly children if they are women.

ASHAMED NEXT MORNING.

The Rev G. Wilton, Rector of St. Anne's, Soho, expresses the appended view: There can be traced a real connection between the debased tone of some stage performances and the huge number of divorce cases. To say that these things—bedroom plays and semi-nude women—make men laugh does not prove that it is healthy laughter. It is perfectly possible in the smoke-room of a club to make men laugh all night by immoral talk and jokes; but next morning the man is often ashamed of his laughter.

GARAGE BY THE HOUR.

Sir Albert Stanley writing on a coming difficulty for motorists says:—Very soon cars will become cheaper. More business men will drive their own cars—the practice is already increasing in London, and I am the last convert—and you will have a smaller proportion of chauffeurs employed. The result of these conditions you can already see in any American city; hundreds of cars lined up the sides of the main streets. You cannot have that sort of thing in our streets. Imagine the Strand, for instance, with long lines of waiting cars. The only remedy I can suggest when our cars become much more numerous is that a system of garages should be established in the City, garages in which cars can be left for an hour or so until business or pleasure is finished.

INFLUENCE.

That many a man who points a finger of scorn at Cleopatra would himself be an "Antony" if force of circumstances permitted, is only too true of the present day.

It would seem then, that environment tends to mould the human life, and shape it according to the good or evil which surrounds a man.

The Arab sits with half-closed eyes gazing into the unknown desert, and talks of fate, thus letting that environment make of him a butt for the wills of others; the vastness only speaks to him of time to come, and gives to him a dogged perseverence, only because he thinks not of the possibilities of the present.

To others, that vastness speaks only of antiquity, and they think of those same sands as they stretched out under the burning sun in bygone years, when the people of Israel were groaning under the lash of Pharaoh's taskmasters: They are only influenced by the mighty past.

Again that boundless waste is like some great book, which only few may read, but all can see on the title page the word Eternity, which God has written over His handiwork in letters that can never fade away.

It can be seen that circumstances are among the greatest influences in a life, but at the same time that influence does not affect every one in the same way, for a circumstance in the path of one may bring out some noble deed, while in the way of another it may lead to the ultimate ruin of that character.

If this environment is such a factor in our lives, it must be that each man has a task before him to make that environment, such, as will help mankind to better things, rather than allow them to be governed by the life into which they may happen to be born.

How futile a thought it is really to think that the greatest creation of heaven, man, must absolutely be governed by force of circumstances. Surely it is better for a man to throw off that yoke of environment which may be cast about the neck of some, and with a greater force within combat against circumstances, and instead of being moulded by that force, take things in his own hand, and mould those circumstances as he would have them be. Such a man will find no obstacle in his way towards the achievement of great and noble things in that life which God has given him. Science and philosophy may give a man the power to think for himself, in that they help him to understand in a certain measure the riddle of life, but to attain the ideal one is only helped by the power within.

The man whose life is overshadowed by the principles of Christianity has the force of character required to mould circumstances, and to enable them to guide him towards the ideal.

High or low, rich or poor, can make a grand success of life, if influenced by the words of Christ. At the present time many find fault with those who call themselves Christians, but no fault has ever been found with Christ and His Gospel. "I find no fault in Him," said Pilate, and the world must say the same to-day.

The greatest influence for good, the strongest force in the world, is true Christianity. *C. E. R. WHEELER, C.F.*

THE SEMI-FINAL.

Six motor lorries packed with an enthusiastic crowd of men wended their way through the streets of Cologne to the Kalk football ground.

In the first was their idolised team thirsting for the conflict which was soon to be theirs. The last one contained the Battalion band in all their glory ready to blow their instruments into bits in order to cheer their heroes. Never was there such a sight in the streets of this city by the Rhine. It reminded one of Lord George Sanger's circus procession an the Germans stared in open-mouthed astonishment at the passing convoy. Well they might, for the band played, the buglers blew, and the rattles rattled all through the streets.

"What did it all mean?" the anxious Germans asked "Is it some new offensive"?

"True! true!" was the reply. "It is the semi-final offensive".

So our men went into the football battle even as in the old days they went to meet the foe with music and singing.

That is the spirit which overcomes all things. Arriving at the famous ground they were greeted with yells and challenging bugle blasts by the supporters of the opposing team—a mighty crowd.

It was a case of when Greek meets Greek, for the teams were both from the North Country, so renowned for great sportsmen. Nothing daunted, the visitors left their lorries and the band got to work and above the tumult the old regimental march rang forth, effectually silencing for a time their astonished rivals, who had no band and could only boast one feeble bugle. The band rested from the labours and then a battle royal, accompanied with yells and cheers, took place between the rival buglers on either side of the field.

Deafening yells and a mighty noise from all kinds of instruments greeted the teams as they entered the field. How evenly matched they looked, sound in wind and limb with a death or glory attitude!

The referee girding up his loins, to use an old phrase, blew his whistle and the semi-final was soon in full swing.

For a minute or two there was a deathly silence, soon followed by excited shouts of encouragement "Shoot! Shoot! Good old George, etc." with banter across the field by rival supporters.

The Tykes scored the first goal and this was the occasion of a terrific outburst; shins were kicked, drums beaten, cymbals clashed, sticks and caps flying in all directions. Shouts of derision from their rivals added interest to the wonderful moments. A second goal from the same side produced an earthquake. Half-time relieved the tension, to be followed after the whistle blew by the keenest play ever witnessed even in the great League matches at home.

The Durhams pressed hard and scored, and for a moment their supporters went mad with delight. How they fought to secure a tie, but it was all in vain and the great semi-final, the fight of a lifetime, ended in a victory for the Tykes.

Alas! There was one casualty. A big brass instrument was squashed by a motor lorry running over it, but what mattered it? The semi-final was won. *G. K.*

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Bad for Shoe-leather. — A Sussex postman has walked 206,000 miles in 47 years.

Haunt of the Smart.—Ciro's, the famous night club, has been re-opened.

In Chile.—Baron von Bissing is now in Chile where he has business interests.

Cornish.— The Cornish oyster trade is developing.

Lyric Writer Dead.—Mr. A. J. Mills, the writer of many successful songs, has died.

Gone.— Over one million inhabitants have left the devastated areas of France.

A Landmark.—Steephill Castle at Ventnor is for sale.

At the Castle.—The Basuto Chiefs, now in England, have visited Windsor Castle.

Expensive Silver.—Record prices are still being paid for silver.

First Lord Honoured.—Lord Beatty has been made a freeman of Bristol.

Thrift.—Nearly 13,000 British schools have War Savings Associations.

Getting Better.—President Wilson continues to make satisfactory progress.

London Pageant.—Camberwell is to have an Armistice memorial pageant.

Three Balls.—Trade in pawntickets has been made illegal in France.

Growing.—Comrades of the Great War have now 1800 units established.

Out East.—There are 21,000 British troops in Mesopotamia.

Poor Piggies.—Eleven pigs were roasted alive by a fire at a Willesden piggery.

On Travel.—M. Clemenceau is to visit Egypt.

The Price.—The Duke of Sutherland's Trentham estate realised £272,000.

Municipal Action.—The municipality of Paris is selling fish in its street markets.

Next.—Direct action on the cost of living is now mooted by the miners.

Notorious.—The Dutch authorities will not allow Marks, the German spy, to proceed to Holland.

This Week.—Clemenceau is expected to make an important political speech at Strasburg this week.

Lille Troubles.—There is a general strike in the building trades and public services at Lille.

"The Army."—The Salvation Army is resuming its weekly conducted parties to Canada.

The Cost.—The British Army of Occupation in Egypt and Palestine costs £2,400,000 monthly.

Records Gone.—Rochester Labour Exchange has been destroyed by fire together with all records.

Quoth the Raven.—"Good-bye—ee, I see you nevermore", was the parting message of a repatriated German prisoner.

For Europe.—Nearly all the 5,000 United States troops coming to Europe are new men in training since the Armistice.

Lord Mayor's Show. — Mr. Louis N. Parker has been asked to manage the next Lord Mayor's Show.

At Last.—A "local delivery letter" has reached an Ealing tradesman after being five months in the post.

Blackleg Bagged.— A Liverpool strike breaker is being tried on a charge of stealing letters from a mail bag.

Exempt.—All printing paper for newspapers is to be exempted from Customs duties by the Italian Government.

Distinction.—Saskatchewan has won the world's prize at the Kansas Exhibition for the best spring wheat.

Survived.—Pont-à-Mousson, which was subjected to 234 bombardments, is to be awarded the Croix de Guerre.

All Correspondents.—A postal Sunday school, instituted in the diocese of Saskatoon, has about 1,000 members.

The First.—A German merchant vessel, the first since the outbreak of war, has arrived at Genoa.

Anglo-French.—An Allied Victory pilgrimage to Lourdes, in which 19 French and four British generals will take part, is being organized for Armistice Day.

Free Export.—The licence system hitherto in force for the export of goods from Antwerp to the Belgian Congo has been abrogated.

Willing to Exchange.—An advertiser in the "Times" who is minus his left hand wishes to exchange single gloves with a man minus his right hand.

V.C. As Secretary.—Lieut. Davies, V.C., of Colwyn Bay, has been appointed Secretary to the Conway War Pensions Committee.

Last a Century.—A system of road-making which, it is said, will last a century, is being put down in Oxford Street.

Revanche.—The French High Commissioner for the Rhineland declared that everything should be done to prevent Germans being educated in a spirit of "revanche."

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

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A PRIZE CONTEST.

As most readers know there is being run at Lille a big sweepstake on the Cambridgeshire. If all the tickets are sold the fortunate winner will receive the very handsome sum of TWELVE THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING. Now this winner may very well be someone in the Rhine Army. Suppose for instance, it were you who suddenly received this big access of wealth.

What would you do with it?

This problem has suggested a prize competition open to all our readers. Just write a letter to the "Editor, Post" A.P.O. S/40—not exceeding 250 words and say exactly what you would do with £12,000 if you came into possession of it.

We offer prizes 50, 20 and 10 marks respectively for the three best answers to the question. The reply you send may be as brief as you like, but it must not exceed the length of 250 words. Write your name and unit below your answer in block letters and let us hear from you not later than November 1st. The Editor's decision will of course be final in judging the merits of the answer to the question, "What would I do with £12.000 if I won it?".

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U.S. SEETHING WITH LABOUR TROUBLES.

ENORMOUS PREMIUMS.

THE GREAT PRIZE BOND ISSUES OF FRANCE AND GERMANY.

Sir Clement Kinloch-Cooke, M.P., is asking the Chancellor of the Exchequer about the advisability of raising funds by means of a prize loan on similar lines to that announced by the French Government banking authorities.

In the City it is held that the only way to prevent a big sum leaving the country for the French premium bond issue is for the Government to make an attractive premium or bonus bond issue in England. It could not only secure by such a loan the money it needs to pay off the floating debt, but would also derive any extra benefit that might acrue through paying less in prizes and interest, if any, than the ordinary loan would cost in interest.

FRENCH LOTTERY.

The attractiveness of the French scheme undoubtedly has been enhanced by the size and frequency of the prizes. It has been expressly devised in order to settle the country's finances on a sound basis.

The French issue will cost the French Government only about 3 per cent. per annum, including the payment of the prizes. The British Government finds difficulty in borrowing at over 5 per cent.

M. André Lefevre, who has the French proposal in hand, declares that his scheme would not only procure at a very low rate very substantial amounts, but at the end of 20 years there would also be an important annuity available, which would suffice in a short time to write off the whole of the war debt of the country, and this, he contends, would remain after providing the prize of £50,000 to be drawn every day for the first two years, with weekly prizes of two at £20,000, 10 at £4,000, 100 at £400, and 2,000 at £200—every £2 bond entitling the holder to the chance of one of these prizes and to the return of his money, in any case, within 20 years.

GERMANY'S SCHEME.

The forthcoming German Government prize bond issue, while not on so large a scale presents many attractive features.

No less than 5,000,000,000 marks, or in pounds sterling £250,000,000 being involved at normal exchange.

In making this appeal the German Government proposes to create eighty millionaires via the ballot box.

Eighty years is to be the period of the loan, with yearly drawings, 3,000 million marks being drawn for payment in the first 40 years.

Twice yearly there are to be premium drawings, at each of which there will be 2,500 prizes, with total prize money of 25,000,000 marks. The prizes vary in quantity and value, the maximum being five prizes of 1,000,000 marks each, and the lowest 1,000 prizes of 1,000 marks each, all payable under a discount of 10 per cent.

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Altogether 53 per cent. of the certificates issued can receive prizes and bonus (apart from the interest bonus), while the total prize money distributed during the 80 years' currency of the loan will be 9,875,000,000 marks.

BALTIC STATES.

ALLIES URGED TO OCCUPY TWO TOWNS.

A telegram was communicated to the Supreme Council on Saturday from the British representative at Riga reporting intensified German attacks and urging the Allies to occupy Tilsit and Memel.

M. Pichon said the departure of the Inter-Allied Commission to superintend the evacuation of the Germans from the Baltic provinces (which is still at Paris) will be hastened, and as General Mangin preferred not to go, General Niessel would probably replace him.

Sunday's Paris papers, however, say that General Franchet D'Esperey, commanding the Allied Forces in Turkey, will be sent.

COLOGNE CENSUS.

According to the census taken on the 8th October the population of Cologne is 620,090. There are 292,254 males and 327,736 female inhabitants in the city, an excess of 35,382 females. Amongst the populace there are only 534 persons described as military, a big contrast to 1916, when there were 60,000.

The "beautiful Mrs. Atherton" left £8200 sterling.

AMERICAN UNREST.

TWO MILLION WORKERS THREATEN TO STRIKE. CRITICAL DAYS.

Industrial unrest is spreading in the United States, and serious trouble is feared in a number of vital industries in consequence of the breakdown of the Washington Conference, on which President Wilson had placed great hopes. After the withdrawal of the Labour delegates the Conference ended without any agreement being reached. The Miners' leaders announce that the strike of miners becomes effective on the 1st November.

Before the Conference separated a plan was adopted for a permanent organisation.

Resolutions recommending that natives of each country should be accorded reciprocal recognition in foreign countries, and that Government restrictions on the purchase, shipment and distribution of American coal should be abandoned as soon as practicable. were carried.

Mr. Beuford, Chairman of the Executive Committee, alluding to problems of international credits and methods, whereby the American people may co-operate with Europe in hastening reconstruction, said that saving was necessary on the part of Americans in order to lend Europe the stupendous sums needed.

Mr. Harding, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, said there was no reason to believe that the Government could, without the most harmful inflation, continue its advances to foreign countries. He was convinced, therefore, that the financing of Europe, as far as America was concerned, was for private initiative and individual enterprise.

The dock strike at New York has tied up 500 vessels in the harbour. Cargoes of fruit and other perishable foods are rotting in the holds or on the piers. The Shipping Board issued an ultimatum that troops would be used for dock work unless the hands returned to work by Monday.

A statement issued by President Wilson and approved by the Cabinet declares that the proposed strike of bituminous coal miners is unjustifiable and unlawful. It calls upon the officials of the Unions concerned to recall the strike notices, and declares that the law will be enforced and means found to protect the nation. The Cabinet has also decided that a new Industrial Conference shall be called to continue efforts to establish peace.

The situation is regarded as critical in view of the collapse of the industrial conference. It is feared unless a solution of the industrial problems is found quickly 2,000,000 workers will strike within a fortnight.

LONDON TRAMS.

PROPOSED NEW CENTRAL LINES.

The London County Council's new tramway proposals include a line along Holborn linking up the termini at Grays Inn Road and Farringdon-street. A scheme is also propounded to make the Marble Arch a great tramway centre for lines to Victoria (via Grosvenor Place), Cricklewood and Shepherds Bush. With the exception of the Cricklewood line it is anticipated that these proposals will meet with much criticism. The total estimated cost of these and other proposed extensions is four and a-quarter millions.

REMEMBER THE DEAD.

We print below the list of contributions already received for the purpose of placing wreaths on the graves of the British dead interred in the Südfriedhof.

	Marks
Mrs. Gresham Shaw	547.50
Miss A. Steele	200.00
Church Army, per Commandant Howes	50.00
A. M.	15.00
C. J. S. C.	25.00
Captain Stephen E. Bennett	20.00
Anon.	109.00

As the number of graves in the Südfriedhof is greater than at first estimated some 4.500 Marks will be needed. Will all those who are wanting to take part in this tribute to our comrades, who gave all, please send in their contributions at once? Mark envelopes Mrs. Gresham Shaw, c/o Cologne Post, A.P.O., S/40.

THE GOVERNMENT DEFEAT.

Sir Donald McLean, leader of the Independent Liberals in the House of Commons, speaking at Edinburgh on Saturday, declared that there was a great deal more behind the Government's defeat on Thursday than the mere point at issue. The House had determined to reassert its independence, and deeply resented its continued neglect by the Premier.

Royal Choice.—The Queen's Christmas Card bears the title "England and her daughters."

AIR TRAGEDIES.

TERRIBLE STORY OF TRAIL OF DEATH.

Grave allegations of official incompetency, resulting not only in the loss of at least £110,000 but, in the deaths of eleven flying officers, are to be investigated by a commission appointed by the Air Ministry.

On a flying trip to Nice, Lieut.-Colonel G.L.P. Henderson, M.C., found, so he says that on the other side of Marseilles our No. 1 Air Route from London to Egypt is a veritable death-trap owing to lack of organisation.

"Between Marseilles and Nice I came across wrecked Handley Pages, or rather all that was left of them," said Mr. Henderson yesterday. "Pilots whom I met begged me to do my utmost to get the present state of affairs remedied. I gave a solemn promise to do all in my power.

"Shortly after the armistice the Air Ministry decided to open up aerial routes all over the world. The first of these was from England to Egypt. The idea was to make Egypt the world's air traffic junction. Three squadrons of Handley Page machines were ordered to proceed from their depots in France to Egypt. Barely 30 per cent. of them arrived at their destination.

ELEVEN PILOTS KILLED.

"To my knowledge, 11 pilots were killed, including Captain Darley, the hero of the London-Madrid flight. One Handley Page, with two pilots on board, fell into the water. One pilot was rescued by the Italians and his colleague was drowned. The rescued man was immediately sent back for another machine, and it was on his second attempt that I found him, down with troubles of all sorts doing his utmost to repair his machine.

"NO ORGANISATION."

"It was not the fault of the machines nor of the pilots. There was no organisation, and after leaving Marseilles the conditions were appalling. There is a 250-mile flight across water to be made, and at present there is no machine that could be run on that route by any commercial firm with a hope of making it a success.

"I asked a lot of fellows whom I came across stranded on what the Air Ministry calls the 'blazing trail' the cause of their troubles. In nearly every case it was the same, rubber connections in various parts of the engine that had perished. The other parts were in a deplorable condition, and there was no expert assistance within hundreds of miles.

"I want to make it clear that I do not think the responsibility rests with the military side of the R.A.F. who, I know, are engaged on very excellent work."

PENDING BY-ELECTIONS.

"LIBERAL WITHOUT ANY LABEL."

Viscountess Astor, who has been asked by the Plymouth Unionist Association to become a candidate at the ensuing by-election, has consented.

Mr. W. T. Gay, who opposed the Hon. W. Astor at the last election, is again standing as Labour candidate.

Another prospective lady Parliamentary candidate is announced in the person of Miss Mabel Billson, President of the Shrewsbury Women's Liberal Association for the past fifteen years, who has been adopted by the Shrewsbury Liberal Association as prospective Liberal candidate for the division. She announces herself as a follower of Mr. Asquith and a "Liberal without any label."

The situation in the Isle of Thanet division is most confused and there is again a split in the Conservative Party. It transpires that the voting of the Central Council at the meeting which adopted Mr. Esmond Harmsworth was equal, and Mr. Harmsworth was selected in preference to Sir Walter De Frece by the casting vote of the chairman.

A strong movement has been started to induce Sir Walter de Frece to stand as an Independent Conservative, and a third candidate may take the field in the person of Mr. George Foster, a notable figure in Margate.

Meanwhile the Liberals are actively prosecuting the candidature of Captain West, but a large body of electors are urging Mrs. Hatfield, Chairman of the Board of Guardians and member of the Borough Council, to stand. The Labour Party is undecided whether to run a candidate or wait for the next general election.

WAR GRATUITIES.

The War Gratuity granted in December last has now been issued to the legal representatives of over 250,000 officers and men who died in the war. The rate of issue of these gratuities is increasing rapidly, and is now approaching 30,000 weekly. The cases of all officers, including those holding permanent commissions, and men who died on or before the 30th June 1917, have now been taken in hand.

KENTISH WAR MEMORIAL.

Field Marshal Lord French, who unveiled a war memorial at Otham, near Maidstone. on Saturday was able to claim some of the names thereon as comrades of his own in the field. He said he was grateful for the opportunity afforded him to join in paying a last tribute of affection to their memory. Their names would be handed down with a well deserved halo of glory to future generations.

RUSSIAN MYSTERIES.

AMUSING OUTBURST BY TROTZKY.

English newspapers continue to complain of the bewildering inconsistencies in the news from Russia. For example, both the War Office communiqué and the Bolshevist wireless claim for opposing sides the capture of Pavlovsk, twelve miles South of Petrograd, and both announce successes in the neighbourhood of Luga.

French newspapers ironically comment on the Soviet dictatorship being compelled to proclaim a twelve-hour day. Also on their belated single army command, suppression of soldiers councils, and concession of full liberty of action to officers.

Trotzky has issued a "shrieking" wireless message against England, complaining that it is British guns, rifles, ammunition and other material which is being used against the Bolshevists. He urges the Reds to hate "predatory, fallacious, bloody, false-faced England."

TROTZKY'S NARROW ESCAPE.

The Reval correspondent of the "National Tidende" telegraphs that Trotzky's entire staff has been captured at Tsarkoe-selo Trotzky himself jumping out of the railway carriage and escaping in a motor car. The Whites are said to have pursued and fired at him, but Trotzky eventually reached Petrograd.

General Judenitch's left flank is being fired on by the Bolshevist Dreadnought Poltava, which is lying in the Neva inside Petrograd and firing over the housetops at a distance of nine versts (nearly six miles). The Finnish Press Bureau reports that the Reds are making a strong stand at Tsarkoe-Selo which the Whites have outflanked. Tanks are doing very effective work on this front.

NO FINNISH INTERVENTION.

Another Helsingfors paper states that Judenitch has requested the Finnish Government to assist in suppressing the Bolshevist rising in Russia. The Finnish State Council, however, has decided that at present there is no cause for changing the previous policy of non-intervention in the internal affairs of Russia.

The latest Bolshevist communiqués mention the tanks sent against Judenitch as having been made at Petrograd.

The Soviet executive has decided to close all factories at Petrograd and send the workmen to the front. Women employees will have to undergo military training and will be formed into medical corps.

700-MILE FRONT.

Saturday's War Office communiqué reports heavy fighting on the entire 700-mile front from Tsaritzin to Kieff. Red Armies are frantically attempting to restore the morale of the troops concentrated on narrow fronts against the important junctions of Voronej and Orel, which were recently captured, but these successes have entirely failed to stem the general progress of the South Russians.

General Wrangel's Caucasian Army advances successfully on the Tsartzin front. Tows fifty miles North-West of Tsartzin with 1,500 prisoners and much booty have been captured. The Don Army is advancing on a mile front between Tsartzin and Voronej, and has progressed to an extreme depth of fifty-five miles, capturing the important junction of Povorino and occupying Novahigla and Shashovka, with 502 prisoners and some armoured trains. On the 23rd October the Volunteer army occupied Yulets, 230 miles South-east of Moscow. Denikin, who had been compelled to withdraw slightly to the south of Orel, has re-advanced to the outskirts where fighting continues. Heavy fighting has taken place east of Orel, the Volunteers defeating and scattering eight enemy regiments and capturing some hundred prisoners, including a Brigade-Commander's Staff.

Meanwhile the Letts officially announce that Riga has been bombarded with poison-gas shells, 100 civilians falling victims, with many fatalities.

GLASGOW STUDENTS.

ELECT BONAR LAW AS LORD RECTOR.

Polling took place on Saturday for the election of a new Lord Rector of Glasgow University voting proceeded briskly, and the students in grotesque garb created some lively scenes.

The contest afforded the undergratuates the first opportunity for eight years of displaying their political leanings. In time-honoured fashion the students were astir as early as two o'clock in the morning, and by the time the rest of the City awoke there had already been many conflicts between the opposing parties in the streets leading to the University, where the atmosphere was soon heavy with the odour of rotten eggs and the pavements bespattered with red ochre. Many students donned their old khaki, while others were attired in dungarees or football clothes. Many minor injuries were sustained in the scuffles, but the only serious case was that of the Secretary to the University Union, who was forcibly tackled. His head struck the kerb and he was removed to the infirmary.

The result was declared, amid cheers, as follows:—Mr. Bonar Law, Coalition Unionist, 1073, Professor Gilbert Murray Liberal, 726, and the Honourable Bertram Russell, Socialist, 80.

Precious Velours.—Velour hats which went up fabulously in price during the war are now being made in London from rabbit skins.

FRENCH AND "1914."

CRITICISMS AND COUNTER-CRITICISMS.

Strong criticisms of Lord French's book "1914" are published in the Quarterly Review by the Honorable John Fortescue, official historian of the war.

He declares that "when the battle of Le Cateau was being fought Lord French and his staff completely lost their heads and in a vain endeavour to conceal this French has taken leave of all sense of accuracy."

The "Sunday Herald" claims to have the highest authority for stating that Lord French adheres to every word in his book. He is indifferent to Fortescue's charges against himself, says that journal, but resents those against his Staff, which included distinguished men like Sir Archibald Murray, Sir H. H. Wilson, Sir William Robertson and Sir Nevil Macready. Such, continues the journal, are men of whom the Hon. John Fortescue, who has not been a soldier and was not on the spot, coolly says that they lost their heads!

With reference to the allegations that French, in his strictures on the battle of Le Cateau, had a "down" on Smith-Dorrien, who had been sent out to replace Grierson, whereas French wanted Plumer, the journal remarks, "That is a matter easily tested. French's critics are fond of quoting French's despatch wherein he spoke with generous praise of Smith-Dorrien's action in fighting the battle. That was the verdict given before all the facts were known which compelled French to revise that verdict, but the fact that he should have passed such a verdict at all shows that he could have had no such petty prejudice towards his subordinate as is charged against him."

The article proceeds to refute in detail some of the Hon. Fortescue's statements, which it describes as a travesty of the truth. The paper understands that French wrote his book in self-vindication against a campaign initiated by friends of Smith-Dorrien.

V.C. WON IN RUSSIA.

AUSTRALIAN'S FATAL HEROISM.

The King has approved of the award of the Victoria Cross to late 133002 Sergeant Samuel George Pearse, M.M., 45th Batt. Royal Fusiliers (Mildura, Australia),

For most conspicuous bravery, devotion to duty, and self-sacrifice during the operation against the enemy battery position north of Emtsa (North Russia) on Aug. 29.

Sergeant Pearse cut his way through the enemy barbed wire under very heavy machine-gun and rifle fire and cleared a way for the troops to enter the battery position. Seeing that a blockhouse was harassing our advance and causing us casualties, he charged the blockhouse single-handed, killing the occupants with bombs.

He met his death a minute later, and it was due to him that the position was carried with so few casualties.

His magnificent bravery and utter disregard for personal danger, the official record adds, won for him the admiration of all troops.

FOOD AND DRINK.

PROFITEERING IN AMERICAN ZONE.

The American police have unearthed a wholesale traffic in cognac, champagne and rum in the American zone. It is said that since last May one dealer has sold 99,000 marks' worth of cognac and rum to civilians. Another dealer has been sentenced to six months imprisonment and fined five thousand marks. Other arrests are expected. An American proclamation forbids the sale of liquors other than wines and beer.

Profiteering is rife in the American zone, farmers withholding supplies from civilians in order to obtain bigger prices by selling to the Army. This practice will be prevented by fixing the maximum prices to be paid by the military at the same figure as the German Government pays for similar supplies.

PLAIN SPEAKING.

WARNING TO SOUTH AFRICAN DISLOYALISTS.

Sir Thomas Smartt, Leader of the Opposition in the South African Parliament, addressing a meeting of Unionists, referred to republican propaganda and declared that Britishers in South Africa and the Dominions are not going to allow a band of disappointed politicians to disintegrate the Empire (cheers). "There might arise a position in which it would be necessary to fight — and they would fight." (loud and prolonged cheers). "That," said Sir Thomas, "is not braggadocio, but plain truth."

KING OF SPAIN'S VISIT.

The King of Spain visited Ex-Queen Amelie and ex-King Manoel at Richmond on Saturday.

In the evening he dined with the Spanish Ambassador at the Spanish Embassy. The Prime Minister was present.

General Diaz, the Earl and Countess of Athlone, the Lord Mayor of London and the Lady Mayoress, the Chinese Minister and Lord Northcliffe, were among those who called at the Ritz Hotel to sign the visitors' book.

GAOL BREAKERS.

SINN FEIN M.P.S ESCAPE FROM PRISON.

Six Sinn Fein prisoners, including Mr. A. Stack (W. Kerry) and Mr. P. Beasley (E. Kerry), Members of Parliament, escaped from Strangeways gaol, Manchester, on Saturday.

The escape took place at tea-time, the warder being overpowered, gagged, bound and thrown into a cell. The prisoners then scaled the outer wall by means of a rope ladder thrown over from the street and descending by a wooden ladder placed in readiness on the other side.

WAR REUNIONS.

HONOUR THE BRAVE DEAD AND THE LIVING.

Field Marshal Lord Grenfell presided at the reunion dinner of the survivors of the 16th Bn. King's Royal Rifles in London, in submitting the toast of the Regiment he said he had nothing but praise for their splendid gallantry in France, notably at High Wood, Bullecourt and Neuve Eglise. A famous General had told him that at the latter place it was to a large extent due to the gallant fighting of the battalion that the attempt of the German Army to force its way through to Calais was defeated.

He was pleased to be able to say that through their bravery on the battlefield more money had come into the Church Lads Brigade than ever before, and now that the war was over and many other organisations were exhausted, the finances of the Brigade were in good condition.

13th HUSSARS,

Comrades of the 13th Hussars, with 110 members of the regiment now serving at Aldershot, met at a dinner on Saturday at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, for the first time since 1913. Lieutenant-general Baden-Powell, Colonel of the Regiment, presiding, said the regiment had set a glorious example to the present and future generations. He mentioned that Sir Harry Eve, whose son was killed in Mesopotamia, had inaugurated a benevolent fund for the regiment. The amount aimed at was five thousand pounds.

47th (LONDON) DIVISION H.Q.

The first reunion of the 47th (London) Division H.Q. took place at Anderton's Hotel under the Chairmanship of Major-General Sir William Thwaites, K.C.M.G., C.B. Amongst others present were Brig.-General A.F. Turner, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut.-Colonel Blyth, Lieut.-Colonel Galbraith, Lieut.-Colonel Maade and Major Carlisle.

The great feature of the smoking concert was the appearance of several members of old Divisional Follies, which during the war, under the name of the "Quarante Se(p)t." was one of the best concert parties on the Western Front.

In thanking General Thwaites for his presence some amusing references were made by the Hon. Secretary to the work of the London Divisions. Whilst certain London troops were bathing their feet in the Sea of Galilee, the feet of the 47th were being treated with whale oil in Flanders; and whilst the 60th Division were encountering whatever dangers their entry into the Garden of Eden entailed, the 47th were withstanding the temptations of the Eves of Abbeville and Amiens.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. Hinton, would be glad if any late members of the Div. H.Q. Staff would communicate with him at Room 90, Royal Courts of Justice, London.

NEW LABOUR CABINET.

The scheme for creating a Central Labour Authority—a "Labour Cabinet"—to co-ordinate Trade Union activity and deal with any emergency that may arise in industrial disputes, is making progress. As at present devised, the plan is to establish a special department under the control of the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress. This scheme will shortly be discussed by the Labour leaders. Mr. Harry Gosling, who was one of the leaders of the Mediation Committee in the recent railwaymen's strike, states that the proposed body will act in an advisory and consultative capacity.

PADRE TO BE TRIED.

An application in the Dublin King's Bench Division for a writ of Habeas Corpus in the case of the Australian Chaplain O'Donnell was refused.

It is expected that he will be handed over to the Australian military authorities for Court-martial.

INCREASED NAVAL PENSIONS.

Replying to a Deputation from the Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Soldiers and Sailors which waited on him at the Admiralty, Dr. Macnamara said that the Admiralty were submitting to the Treasury a revised scheme of naval pensions which would involve substantial increases.

CONSUL KIDNAPPED BY BANDITS.

The Senate Department at Washington has sent an ultimatum to Mexico demanding the release of the American consular agent Jenkins, who has been kidnapped by Mexican bandits, even if the Mexican Government itself has to pay the ransom of 150,000 dollars demanded.

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TAKEN AT YOUR OWN RISK.

"Health enables us to walk and talk and in many other ways contributes to our ease and comfort. Yet how many realise that it can be had at a slight cost?"

The above is an utterance by a well-known physician, and his question about cost suggests that a few hints and facts should be given.

First, digestion. It should be noted that no food can be digested until it is eaten, unless, of course you hunger strike and the tube method is resorted to. You can see teeth; and the stomach is also visible, but the appetite, which is a very important item, is invisible. It should, however, always be present if it is not, send for it.

The teeth are used to chew with and should not be misused i.e., to untie knots or for smiles. The stomach surrounded by nerves is a delicate piece of industry. These nerves are supplied for the purpose of keeping the stomach off the ground.

The alimentary canal is the stomach's chief assistant, and its canal boats humbly ply their way with food to the distributing centres. This canal, though usually placid, is very apt to be disturbed by "fizzy drinks." And this wrecks many boats.

Food is very essential. Without it, the eyes glaze, the nose twitches, the legs totter and the stomach flutters in the breeze. Opinions differ as to what are the best foods for man. Nitrogenous substances with carbo-hydrates and fruit-salts, fats and leans are recommended for all.

It is very necessary to observe the nitrogen in all food and to test its genuineness. Each carbo-hydrate should be turned over to see that it conceals nothing before it is swallowed.

Water is good for drinking, albeit wine is better. The wine should always be drunk from a glass, as the physical effect of wine that is seen by the eye as it goes towards the alimentary canal cannot be overestimated. If water is drunk care should be taken, as each drop contains germs of bacteria, some of which are friendly but others equally hostile. Before a drop enters the system it should be carefully examined and the hostile germs sent to an internment camp.

Shakspeare has said, "Health is wealth." And he might also have said "Exercise obtains Health." The lungs need exercise as they are composed of innumerable cells.

A cell is a place where microbes hold councils of war and seek whom they wish to devour. When the oxygen atoms come in they travel by subway after conversion, to other parts of interest. When the breath is expelled, the walls of the lungs fall in.

Therefore, deep breathing is necessary. To do this inhale till the chest reaches the ceiling, then let it fall back to the abdominal region which will be waiting for it with open arms. While doing so whistle "Rule Britannia" or "Finnigan's Ball."

Bathing in cold water is an excellent help to health. Fill a bath with cold water, throw in a few lumps of ice to give it body, and you will experience an invigorating change.

Swiftly remove your fur lined overcoat and step quickly into the bath whistling as you go, or better still sing "It's nice to get up in the morning, but its nicer to lie in bed."

Take a sharp walk in the fresh air daily. If there is no fresh air, you can get it in tins from any ironmongers' shop.

Cold feet can be easily cured if you follow this advice. Put them in a not oven for fifty minutes, then plunge them into an ice-cream freezer. This is a remarkable cure.

Any person who cannot follow the advice given here should apply to the nearest blacksmith, and allow the latter to hit him once (once is sufficient) on the head with a hammer.

Then he can painlessly pass into the next world. It is a certainty he will be better off there as he can never be healthy unless he makes use of these hints.

W.L.C.

TRAGEDY!

A faint haze hung over the distant line of hills.

The air was heavy with the scent of new-mown hay.

The lazy droning of bees and the twittering of the birds acted as sweet music to the ears.

Old Father Rhine flowed silently beneath me.

It was an earthly paradise for the poet, a Mecca for the artist.

Across the river the ground rose gently from the water's edge. Like some delicate tracery of Dame Nature's, the vineyards could be seen, whilst the roof of a diminutive house here and there peeped out from amid the foliage of the trees.

Stretched on my back I revelled in the scene.

Dreamily I watched a string of barges with their attendant tug glide silently by.

A crowded pleasure steamer threshed its way up stream, the strains of sweet music came across the water.

It was indeed good to be alive in this the year of our Lord 1930.

How my thoughts went back to those halcyon days when I had been a member of His Majesty's Army of Occupation.

Rhineland knew them no more.

Long since had they been relegated to the limbo of forgotten things.

A vista of cheery faces floated before me, of pals I had known.

Duffy with his dry humour, Green with his "wet" humour, scintillating at its best after acquaintance with the bottle.

I wondered what they would be doing now.

But I had not regretted remaining in Rhineland.

After all, Germany had begun to regain her commercial prestige, and, —well I had no cause for complaint. But time pressed and reluctantly I rose to go.

Regaining the high road I footed it blithely homeward. Then it was that I came across a link with the dim past. Staggering along the road in evident distress I saw a bearded patriarch.

His face was haggard, he had the look of a man who had known better days. Beneath the grime I saw a faint semblance to a uniform. He tottered feebly and just in time I caught him, saving him a nasty fall.

Tenderly I assisted him to the roadside, and while seated he told me his pitiful tale.

"Do you remember the Army of Occupation of 1919?" he commenced, seeing that I could speak English.

I informed him that I had been a member of that happy community.

"Ah!" he sighed "those were happy days."

He paused and reflected. For some time he appeared lost in thought and kept murmuring to himself "G.R.O." "G.R.O." "Well?" he continued "in the year 1919 I commenced to walk from Cologne. An unsympathetic War Office had deprived me of the use of a car. A.P.M.s were very conscientious in those days. I could not get a lift."

Like a flash it all came back to me.

Therein lay the meaning of those mystic words "G.R.O."

Dusk was falling when I left the bearded patriarch.

I wonder if he has reached Coblenz yet.

HAWKEYE.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

THE PLAYS SOME PEOPLE WANT.

Sir,—Several correspondents have recently offered, through your columns, suggestions as to plays suitable for production by the B.R.A.D.C.; these suggestions are very flattering to the capability and versatility of the performers, but they make it very evident that the writers of the letters are unaware of the difficulties under which the R.A.D.C. are labouring.

Take, for instance, the suggestion that "The Still Alarm" should be produced. This requires a fully-equipped fire-station, engine, and horses on the stage, not to mention numerous other mechanical devices.

Not only is the supply of scenery and properties limited, but wardrobe also is a factor to be considered, most of the male members of the cast being entirely dependent on the producer's private theatrical wardrobe.

Limited time for rehearsal is another point overlooked by your correspondents, who also seem to imagine that any play can be put on without application or payment to author or publisher.

It is rather amusing to find a suggestion from someone who wishes to avoid plays which prudes might consider immoral, that "Mr. Wu" and "The Yellow Ticket" be played.

Another correspondent, evidently one who should not visit any other form of entertainment than the cinema, suggests lurid melodrama, and after referring to plays with morbid endings or dealing with sex problems, quotes "The Mollusc" and "Helen with the High Hand." Has he seen either of these productions?

Finally, there are the limitations of the performers, the majority amateurs, several of whom had never previously appeared on any stage. This is a point which has to be carefully considered in selecting and casting plays, consequently those pieces in which "straight parts" preponderate must be the first choice. Character comedians are very necessary for farces and comedies like those suggested, and though most of us have benefited greatly by the admirable training we receive under such a capable producer as Lieut. S.E. Percy, he would scarcely be justified, even in his most generous mood, in entrusting us with parts like those played by W. S. Penley or James Welch.

CECIL SPIEGELHALTER,
Captain, Lancs Fus

Sir,—With regard to the correspondence on the R.A.D.C., I for one would dearly like to see several of the more recent London plays, for instance "Within the Law," which appealed to me more than any play I have yet seen, "Bella Donna" and all those mentioned by "One of the Gods."

Let them also give us the comedies mentioned by "Durham Lad" including "Grumpy." These are far more interesting than such as "Helen with the High Hand" and such like.

"POP-FOR-ME."

Sir,—I read "One of the Gods" letter with amazement. He says he would prefer plays such as he mentions. But does he realise that such plays as "Mr. Wu," "Romance," etc. are difficult plays to produce?

The London stars take about three months to rehearse them. Does he expect the B.R.A.D.C. to devote so much time just for one week's run?

True, it could run for two or more weeks, but would it be advisable?

I can assure "One of the Gods" he wants something for his money.

As for the B.R.A.D.C. aiming high I have not noticed anything difficult in Bernard Shaw's plays. As for "The Title," "Hindle Wakes," etc., they are London plays. So really your correspondent has nothing to shout about. *SATISFIED.*

A CORPORAL'S PLAINT.

Sir,—Hearing that a club for N.C.O.s had opened next to Ewige Lampe, I repaired there in great glee and butted into an ominous notice which read, "W.O.s and Sergeants only."

Therefore being only an insignificant corporal I put my coat-tail between my legs and crawled away.

Are not corporals entitled to a similar institution or cannot the new club be opened to all N.C.O's including corporals?

G.H.E.

THANKS FROM THE W.R.A.F.S.

Sir,—Most of the "Wrafs on the Rhine" have left for Blighty, and we who remain expect to follow very soon.

We have had a very happy time both here and in France, and innumerable dances and entertainments have been arranged for us, and everything done to make our after duty hours as pleasant as possible.

We would like to thank all the officers and men of the different regiments who have so generously entertained us, and to let them know how we have appreciated all the good times they have given us.

Having done our little "bit", we are returning to "civvies" once more, all to different parts of the globe, but wherever we go we shall always look back on the days spent in Rhineland and France in 1919 as some of the happiest days of our lives.

W.R.A.F.

CIVILIANS IN CANTEENS.

Sir,— Surely the time has come when some provision might be made by the authorities of the N.A.C.B. Officers' Canteen for the increasing number of civilian customers.

This afternoon I spent fifteen minutes, and other British officers and ladies presumably more, waiting for access to the counter, while a party of civilians proceeded with a leisurely inspection of various cigars, incidentally filling up the very limited space open to the public and demanding the entire attention of the one assistant available at the counter.

One is prepared to wait one's turn and to meet with some delay at a busy time at the canteen, but not to stand aside while a party of civilians with an evident surplus of spare time on their hands examine box after box of cigars, enquire after whisky, translate prices volubly into three different languages, and haggle over a missing mark in the change when they finally decide on a purchase, regardless of the growing crowd in waiting.

This is not what the N.A.C.B. is for.

J. S.

BOXING FILMS.

Sir,— The "Movie Man" regrets to inform "Anti-box" that the "Community Motion Picture Bureau" is responsible for the boxing film at present being exhibited and is sorry such an unseemly exhibition has been attributed to the Y.M.C.A. "Anti-box" should leave pictures and return to knitting.

"MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO."

BOOKING OPERA SEATS.

Sir,—Cannot better arrangements be made at the Opera house booking office to enable insignificant "subs" to obtain a seat occasionally instead of all the seats being booked up by 'phone by a few?

On Wednesday evening I enquired if I could book a seat for Sunday, but was informed that no booking could be done until Thursday, and was told to come in the morning at 10 o'clock.

I arrived at 10 sharp on Thursday morning to find a queue of about 150 people waiting. The office did not open until nearly 10.15 and from then until I got to the office at 11.20 the telephone was incessantly ringing and was attended to whilst those requiring tickets were kept waiting.

When I finally got to the office I was politely informed that there were no more for Sunday, as over fifty had been booked over the 'phone.

Incidentally, an officer with whom I was talking whilst waiting, told me he had come from Bonn for tickets. He also went empty away.

During my wait I noticed people going away with six or even more tickets. I suggest that telephone bookings be washed out and everyone shall take their chance in the queue. Also that no person be allowed more than two tickets for any one person. This would prevent one person booking seats for others.

Another thing I would suggest is that people, especially ladies who come late, should take their proper places in the queue. Several ladies who were a considerable distance behind me, discovered they had friends in front and then remained with them, thus taking an unfair advantage over those who arrived earlier.

FED UP.

AT HOME AND HERE.

Sir,—Your correspondent who draws comparisons between the external appearance of the Britisher and German as regards clothes must be very green.

It is not so many months ago that the average German was shabby and down-at-heel as a result of a shortage of materials and the present, prosperous air has only been acquired of late. Thank God, we did not have to contend with his experiences.

Putting that on one side, is there not a call for economy? The wearing of a shabby suit is to be commended if it means that the country benefits, even in a small way.

J.A.

DOESN'T LIKE JAZZ.

Sir,—After listening to the efforts of a combination styling themselves a Jazz Band I have come to the conclusion that it should be made a penal offence for any such crowd of individuals to thrust themselves upon an audience claiming pretensions to sanity.

A more weird, idiotic, soul-rasping din I have never listened to before. If such folk want to mimic a party of uncivilised savages then let them hie away to the centre of a wood and amuse themselves to their hearts' content. Individuals are now occupying padded rooms for a lesser offence.

JACKO.

BUDDING PLAYWRIGHTS.

Sir,—Lieutenant Percy has a positive genius for discovering good actors. Could he not do something for aspiring playwrights? I feel sure there are a few in the British Rhine Army.

Why not have a competition and stage the prize-winner at the Deutsches Theatre?

C.W.J.

TO A SMALL BOY.

Bang, bang the drum my son, and blow
The trumpet loud and shrill,
And wave thy tiny sword, although
There's no one there to kill.

Stand up thy soldiers one by one
Along the chequered hall
And shoot them with thy tiny gun
And laugh to see them fall.

To thee the war is but a name,
Its horrors unrevealed;
But father plays the self-same game
Though in a grimmer field.

He plays at soldiers far away
Although it's not for fun
That in the future thou mayst play
At soldiers— . . . with thy son,

(From "Poets in Picardy" by Major E. De STEIN.)

BRITISH v. AMERICANS.

10th Corps Poloists Defeated by Yankees at Coblenz.

A LIVELY GAME.

The American Cavalry Four recently played a polo team from the 10th Corps of the British Army of the Rhine on the Airdrome Field at Coblenz, when the former piled up 11 goals. In consequence of fouls, however, the American team was penalized three times, and the score at the end of the match was 9½ to 0.

The game was characterised by fast and lively encounters, the Arabian ponies ridden by the British officers showing remarkable cleverness. The British players were individually good, but for want of practice as a team they were heavily defeated by the Yanks. The following was the line-up with names of goal scorers:—

Cavalry team—Lieut. Col. J. M. Wainwright, No. 1; Maj. Terry Allen, No. 2; J. S. Tate, No. 3, and Capt. D. L. Rumbough, No. 4.

Goals—Lieut. Col. Wainwright, 5; Maj. Tate, 2; Maj. Allen, 4.

Fouls against Lieut. Col. Wainwright, 1; Maj. Tate 1; Maj. Allen, 1.

10th Corps—Maj. G. Fleming, No. 1; Col. G. H. Jackson, No. 2; Lieut. Col. G. C. Kelly, No. 3, and Brig. Gen. A. C. Sully-Flood, No. 4.

Col. J. C. Montgomery was referee.

COVERED COURTS TENNIS.

Great Struggle between Ritchie and Mavrogordato.

The light was more favourable to the players engaged in the earlier matches when play was resumed at Queen's Club.

A large company was present in the hope of witnessing a keenly-contested match of the good old English type between those old opponents, M. J. G. Ritchie and T. M. Mavrogordato.

Mavrogordato opened strongly and won the first set, but Ritchie gradually played himself in and annexed the second and third sets by some sterling play. His passes were strong and accurate, so much so, indeed, that Mavrogordato, when he reached the ball, either found the net or failed to get the ball into court. Base-line play was mostly indulged in by both men, but the rallies were singularly free from monotony. When Mavrogordato had won the fourth set Ritchie appealed against the light, and it was agreed, with the consent of the referee, to replay the match at 12.30 p.m. on Saturday.

ENGLISH BILLIARDS.

Stevenson Steadily Reducing Newman's Lead.

The closing scores in the Stevenson-Newman and Reece-Falkiner billiards matches on Saturday were:—

Newman 7896; Stevenson (in play) 7012.

Reece (in play) 7750; Falkiner 7325.

REECE ACCEPTS CHALLENGE.

Reece apparently is just as keen as Smith to get to grips, for yesterday the Lancastrian informed a "Sporting Life" representative that he accepted the Darlington player's new challenge in its entirety. This means that Reece is ready to play 16,000 up level for £200 a side, the winner to take the whole of the gate receipts after expenses are met.

Reece submits the two weeks commencing Monday, Jan. 12 as a suitable date, and is waiting to hear if this meets the convenience of Smith and what venue the latter suggests for the match.

STABLE LADS STRIKE.

After drawing their pay on Friday evening, Epsom stable lads decided to strike on their demand for 50 shillings per week minimum and 10 shillings per day expenses when they attend away meetings. The trainers offer £2-2-0 and 5/- a day expenses when the lads get home the same night and 10/- when they remain away the night.

AUSSY CRICKETERS IN AFRICA.

The Australian Imperial Forces cricket team opened their tour, which will consist of five matches at Capetown, Johannesburg, and Durban, by defeating the Western Provinces. In the first innings the Western Provinces scored 160, P. Hands accounting for 63. Lampard took five wickets for 29.

In the second innings the South Africans compiled 179, Hearne making 55. Lampard's analysis was seven for 71.

The Australians' first innings yielded 141, Lampard scoring 55. Budgen secured seven wickets for 70.

The visitors in their second innings knocked up 200 for eight wickets (Trennery 55) thus winning the match.

"JACK HOBBS, LIMITED."

"Jack Hobbs, Limited, 59, Fleet-st., London, E.C.4," does not necessarily mean that the famous Surrey and international cricketer is in future to limit himself to a certain number of runs per innings or the number of runs he will save at cover-point. It simply means that he has become a specialist in sports requisites, and opened a place of business at the address given above yesterday.

SCOTTISH LADIES' GOLF FINAL.

The final of the Scottish Ladies' Golfing Association's "Victory" Tournament, played on the Old Course, at St. Andrews, on Saturday, lay between two members of the St. Rule Club, St. Andrews, in Miss Ida Kyle and Miss Lena Scroggie. Miss Kyle won by 3 up and 2 to play, making her the holder of the Cup She represented Scotland in 1910 and 1911, and in the latter year was runner-up in the Scottish Ladies' Championship.

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL.

Villa Spring a Welcome Surprise at Middlesborough.

IRELAND AND ENGLAND DRAW.

Ireland were a goal down less than 30 seconds after the game began at Belfast; it was a nasty jar, but the Irishmen soon settled down and gave Hardy some rare handfuls. A stubborn game was fought out at a splendid pace, and the representatives of Erin got an equalising goal midway through the second half, to the great delight of the huge crowd.

DIVISION I.

West Bromwich greatly assisted their championship aspirations, by the terrible trouncing they gave Notts County. Eight goals without a reply needs some explaining away. Newcastle are still hard on the "Throstles" heels, their win at Preston without McCracken being a smart performance.

Aston Villa provided the biggest surprise of the day; to conquer Middlesboro' at Ayresome Park, following their recent displays, was a staggering blow to followers of form. The Arsenal again failed at home, and it is a fact that their best displays have been given on foreign pastures. Burnley's failure at home was an unexpected happening.

DIVISION II.

The "Hammers" did well at Birmingham, as also did the "Seasiders" at Leicester. Hull City failed at Grimsby; as this, however, is always a "needle" match one cannot attribute their defeat to form. Coventry's second draw against top teams in two weeks indicates that their team is blending together and the City should soon climb away from the bottom.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Portsmouth's failure at Luton was a big surprise; the absence of Bookman seemingly did not affect the "Hatters" line. Brentford fell at Merthyr, but Queens Park continued their conquering career. Reading's failure to account for the Palace was a big disappointment and Northampton's six against the "Saints" created a mild sensation.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

In Scotland, Rangers and Celtic were again victorious while Morton put paid to St. Mirren's account.

There were no less than four draws of one goal all, in this league, and but two home teams failed.

In all ten away teams succeeded on Saturday, a remarkable happening.

THE RESULTS.

Notts County Heavily Trounced by the "Throstles".

The results of the principal football matches played on Saturday were:—

Victory International.

Ireland	1	England	1

English League.—First Division.

Woolwich Arsenal	1	Bradford City	2
Bradford	1	Chelsea	0
Burnley	1	Live pool	2
Derby County	1	Oldham A.	1
Everton	3	Blackburn Rovers	1
Manchester City	4	Sheffield Wed.	2
Middlesbrough	1	Aston Villa	4
Preston North End	2	Newcastle United	3
Sheffield United	2	Manchester United	2
Sunderland	2	Bolton Wand.	0
West Bromwich A.	8	Notts County	0

Second Division.

Barnsley	0	Stockport County	0
Birmingham	0	West Ham United	1
Bury	2	South Shields	1
Coventry	0	Bristol	0
Fulham	2	Huddersfield T.	2
Grimsby Town	2	Hull City	1
Leicester City	2	Blackpool	3
Lincoln City	2	Clapton Orient	1
Nottingham Forest	1	Wolverhampton W.	0
Stoke	3	Rotherham	0

Southern League.

Bristol R.	4	Southend	1
Cardiff	3	Swindon	3
Exeter	3	Millwall	1
Gillingham	1	Newport	3
Luton	2	Portsmouth	0
Merthyr Town	2	Brentford	1
Plymouth	4	Norwich City	0
Queen's Park R.	3	Watford	0
Reading	0	Crystal Palace	0
Southampton	2	Northampton	6
Swansea	1	Brighton and Hove	1

Scottish League.

Airdrieonians	2	Hamilton Acad	0
Ayr	1	Hibernians	0
Celtic	3	Queen's Park	1
Dumbarton	1	Raith Rovers	1
Dundee	0	Glasgow Rangers	2
Falkirk	1	Albion R.	1
Heart of Mid.	1	Aberdeen	1
Motherwell	1	Kilmarnock	1
Partick Thistle	3	Clydebank	2
St. Mirren	1	Greenock M.	3
Third Lanark	4	Clyde	1

Rugby Union.

London Welsh	0	Merchant Taylors	11
Cardiff	21	Neath	6
Leicester	0	Newport	11
Exeter	6	Plymouth	35
Swansea	12	Gloucester	5
Pontypool	3	Bristol	0
Harlequins	3	Cambridge	43
Oxford	38	Richmond	0
Rossyn	0	Guy's Hospital	24
London Scottish	3	Blackheath	25

Northern League.

Barrow	13	Warrington	4
Batley	9	Hull	5
Halifax	19	Dewsbury	6
St. Helens Rec.	16	Bramley	6
Hull Kingston R.	3	Hudders-field	26
Keighley	0	Bradford	12
Leeds	37	York	8
Oldham	26	St. Helens	3
Leigh	11	Salford	6
Wakefield	2	Hunslet	5
Wigan	10	Broughton R.	3
Swinton	0	Rochdale Hornets	5

SIR T. LIPTON'S CONFIDENCE.

His Faith in Captain Burton, Skipper of Shamrock IV.

Sir Thomas Lipton, interviewed prior to his departure for New York, expressed himself as confident of success in the America Cup race, and said that Captain Burton was going to sail the Shamrock IV., describing him as a fine skipper. "I suggested," he added, "that the race should be sailed in June and personally hope the course will be off Sandy Hook."

CHUMS
read "The Cologne Post". Send it daily to yours.

MULHEIM SKATING RINK.

Rink Hockey Club in Course of Formation.

SKATES MORE NUMEROUS.

The Committee of the Mulheim Skating Rink state, in response to numerous enquiries, that the skating rink at Mulheim will in future be reserved for Officers and Ladies from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., each Wednesday. Tea will be obtainable at the Rink.

It has also been decided to open the Rink each afternoon (Wednesdays and Sundays excepted) for all ranks.

A Rink Hockey Club is in the course of formation, and the Committee will be pleased to receive the names of all enthusiasts. The number of skates available has now been considerably increased, and a further supply is expected.

STRENUOUS SOCCER.

No. 2 C.C.S. (R.A.M.C.) Versus No. 11 Stationary Hospital.

A large crowd of spectators witnessed the above teams engage in a most strenuous game of football on Volksgarten Ground on Friday.

No. 2. early showed that they were again in winning mood, the game had only been four minutes in progress when Pte. Jones sent across a lovely centre, which Pte. Foggan smartly tipped into the net. The teams were evenly balanced, and much give and take play ensued. After thirty minutes play No. 2 came away again, and from a melee in front of the goal, Pte. Dodds cleverly caught on the ball, and sent home a magnificent shot which allowed the custodian no possible chance of saving. Half Time:—No. 2 C.C.S. (R.A.M.C.) Two goals; No. 11 Stationary Hosp. Nil.

The second half opened briskly, and after three minutes, No. 11 secured a goal which was well taken by Pte. Austin. With the score as 2—1, it was now evident that No. 11 were determined to equalise, but their efforts to do so were fruitless, and their defence had more than enough to do to check the superb play of No. 2's. forward line.

Two minutes later No. 2 added a third goal, Pte. Foggan again being the marksman, and after this it was clearly their game. They bombarded the opposing goal, and did everything but score, until a few minutes from time when Pte. Holmes snapped a good goal, making No. 2's. total four. Final Result:—

No. 2, C.C.S. (R.A.M.C.) 4; No. 11, Stationary Hospital 1.

RUGBY SEMI-FINAL.

51st Manchesters Defeat 12th Loyal N.L.'s in 10th Corps Tourney.

This match, which took place on the Hofgarten, Bonn, on Thursday last, was fast from the start to finish, and the spectator could not complain of lack of excitement.

The Manchesters started off very raggedly; their opponents, in the first few minutes, broke through after some smart passing, and scored a try which they failed to convert. This reverse seemed to pull the Manchesters together, for they played much better, and shortly afterwards from a scrum near goal Lieut. Henson got the ball, and although tackled, managed to score a try wich Lieut. Bates converted. Lieut. Henson repeated his performance shortly afterwards, but this try was not converted.

Half time came with the score 8 points to 3 in the Manchesters' favour.

Upon resumption tha Lancs, got away again, but were pulled up before they could materialise; then the Manchesters got going and, from a pass by Lieut. Hamilton, Sgt. Mills got away with the ball on the left wing and scored a fine try, but this was not converted. It seemed pretty safe for the Manchesters after this, but their opponents played a plucky losing game and were always dangerous. Ten minutes before time from a scrum near the touch line Lieut. Bates got the ball and dashed in with a try. The attempt at conversion failed.

Neither team added to their score after this, and the whistle blew for time with the score:— 51st Manchesters 14 points. Loyal North Lancs 3 points.

The outstanding players in the winning team were: Lieuts. Henson, Hamilton and Thwaits, Sgt. Mason, Cpl. Lawton and Pte. Ramsden.

2nd M.G.C. FIXTURES.

Owing to being broken up, the 2nd Bn. M-G.C. will not be able to fulfil their soccer, rugger, and hockey fixtures.

WALKING 25,000 MILES.

William C. Brown, M.M., late of the Leicester Regiment, for no particular reason, has set himself the task of walking 25,000 miles in the United Kingdom.

Since he left Darlington on May 8, Brown has had only one train ride—when he was summoned hurriedly from Dewsbury to attend a medical board at Darlington.

He is averaging 23 miles a day, and at that rate his task will take three years. His progress is recorded by police stamps in a small ledger.

NO MOTOR GRAND PRIX IN 1920.

In view of the decision of a large number of French motor manufacturers not to take part in the race, the Automobile Club de France, says "Le Temps," has decided not to hold its Grand Prix in 1920. French makers, however, favour the revival of the race in 1921.

INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACING.

The conference called to consider the question of yacht measurement has decided that the new international rule should be a modified form of the old metre rule, which, after a life of ten years, expired whilst the war was in progress. It was also decided unanimously to adopt as an international class the 18 ft. raters to be built to Major Maldwin Heckstall Smith's formula. Further, it was agreed to adopt as an international class the 12 ft. dinghies, which already exist in Holland, Great Britain, and Belgium in considerable numbers.

ENGLISH RACING.

Minstrel Park Finishes Alone in Sandown Steeplechase.

ALL OTHERS FALL.

There was an improvement in the going at Sandown and Stockton on Saturday, thanks to the rain which fell on Friday. Attendances were again large, the weather being showery.

In the Chertsey Steeplechase at Sandown there was a remarkable occurrence. Five started, and Ministrel Park finished alone, all the others falling. Bedfellow was remounted and finished the course, and was placed second.

Details:—

Sandown.

Chertsey Steeplechase:—Minstrel Park (5—2 on); 2, Bedfellow (5—1). Five ran.

Pirbright Handicap:—1, Longerline (7—4 on); 2, Castle in Spain (10—1); 3, Jack Sheppard (6—1). Five ran.

Park Steeplechase:—1, Sgt. Murphey (100—8); 2, Spoil V. (100—8); 3, Mask off (7—1). Nine ran.

Morbiton Handicap:—1, Sea Voyage (5—1); 2, Kings Coat (8—1); 3, Pennant (100—8). Twelve ran.

3 Year Old Handicap:—1, Crest (20—1) 2, Vertigo (11—8); 3, Procuration (6—1). Twenty-one ran.

Busbridge Steeplechase:—1, Rathleague (13—8); 2, Templebar (5—2); 3, Eclaireur (13—8). Four ran.

Sandown course Cambridgeshire betting was:—Sir Berkeley and Tetrarchia (10 to 1); Golden Fleece (33 to 1); all taken freely.

Stockton.

Cleveland Handicap:—1, Black Peter (9—4); 2, Fertility (3—1); 3, Mask Dear (7—1). Seven ran.

Blytheholme Handicap:—1, Three Royals (5—2); 2, White Bud (5—1); 3, Chairvoyant (3—1); Twelve ran.

Tees Handicap:—1, Black Crag (5—2); 2, Fair Oake (6—4 on); 3, Kincraig (8—1); Six ran.

Stockton Handicap:—1, Chaltoi (4—1); 2, Black Lamb (5—2); 3, Nuit Blanche (4—1); Eight ran.

Facely Plate:—1, Coat of Mail (5—2); 2, Telenlara (7—2); 3, Waterwitch (4—1). Eight ran.

Ironopolis Plate:—1, Radiacy (3—1); 2, Flying Duck (5—4 on); 3, Hectoring Lassie (10—1). Seven ran.

Cambridgeshire Scratchings.

Chuette 9 a.m. and King John 10.45 on Saturday.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE "SWEEP."

Result of Inniskilling Dragoons Draw.

The result of the Inniskilling Dragoons "Stuff to give em" Cambridgeshire sweepstake draw is appended. The winner is to receive 1,000 marks, the second 500, the third 250, and fourth 100.

110 Dromio.	585 Glaciale.
479 Clarion.	306 Diadem.
435 Rocksavage.	491 Dominion.
57 Sir Berkeley.	857 Royal Bucks.
950 Riversnore.	454 Alasnam.
680 Elfterion.	652 Zinovia.
425 Viceroy.	410 Planet.
454 Golden Fleece.	594 Frank Webber
423 Scatwell	997 My Dear.
880 Aynsley.	955 The Field.
862 Lady Earn.	679 Mintleaf.
708 Tetrarchia.	508 Viviani.
742 Monteith.	

THE PROBABLE FIELD.

List of Likely Cambridgeshire Starters and their Riders.

The field for the Cambridgeshire promises to be up to the average both in point of quantity and quality, the following being the probable starters and jockeys:—

*MY DEAR (Mr. A. R. Cox), 4-9-2 . . . S. Donoghue.
DIADEM (Lord D'Abernon), 5-8-12 . . . J. Childs.
ZINOVIA (Mr. Z. G. Michalinos), 4-8-11 V. Smyth.
SCATWELL (Lord Glanely), 4-8-6 . . . A. Smith.
RIVERSHORE (Mr. Ambatielo), 4-8-2 . ——
PLANET (Mr. G. Barclay), 5-8-0. . . . . H. Robbins.
GOLDEN FLEECE (Mr. W. Parrish), a-7-11. H. Beasley.
ROYAL BUCKS (Lady Queenberry), 6-7-10, G. Hulme.
ROCKSAVAGE (Lord Wilton), 4-7-9 . . T. Leader.
VICEROY (His Majesty). 3-7-8 . . . . . F. Fox.
CLARION (Sir G. Noble), 3-7-4 (inc. 10 lb ex.), F. Lane.
ELFTERION (Mr. W. Parrish), 4-7-4 . . ——
*AYNSLEY (Mr. H. Bottomley), 6-7-3 . ——
TETRARCHIA (Lady Nelson), 3-7-1 . . J. H. Martin.
VIVIANI (Sir E. Cassel), 4-6-12 . . J. Ledson.
FRANK WEBBER (Mr. H. M. Hartigan), 3-6-12 (inc. 5 lb ex.), ——
SIR BERKELEY (Mr. James White), 4-6-11, A. Garnett.
DROMIO (Mr. O. Baru), 3-6-10 . . . . J. Leach.
GLACIALE (Lord Derby), 3-6-9 . . F. Huxley.
LADY EARN (Mr. D. Sullivan), 4-6-8 . C. Ringstead.
MONTEITH (Mr. R. B. Thorburn), 3-6 6 ——
MINTLEAF (Mr. F. J. Benson), 4-6-5 . ——
ALASNAM (Sir A Bailey), 3 6-0 . . T. Weston.

* Doubtful.

OBJECTION UPHELD.

Espladian Disqualified in Newcastle Scurry Handicap.

The Objection to Esplanadian winning the Scurry Handicap at Newcastle last Wednesday on the ground of contravention of Rule 177 of the Rules of Racing was considered at Stockton on Saturday, when the objection was upheld. The race was awarded to Weston. Vendetta, wne finished fourth, becomes third.

SIR BERKELEY CHANGES HANDS.

Probable Cambridgeshire Starter Secured by Mr. James White.

The Duke of Portland has sold his racehorse Sir Berkeley to Mr. James White, and he is now in care of the latter's trainer, Cothill, at Foxhill. Sir Berkeley is a probable starter in the Cambridgeshire on Wednesday.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

"The Man of Destiny" at the Deutsches.

A masterpiece of Shavian subtlety. The start was full of promise of good old melodrama with the usual appurtenances—stolen papers, spies, galloping horses, and all the rest of it. I had to take another look at my programme to make sure that it really was a play by Shaw. I began to suspect a printer's error, and when the Lieutenant on the staff got to work I held my breath for fear he should any minute address Napoleon as "Old Bean." He came very near doing so before I suddenly realised that George Bernard was at his old tricks again and had thoroughly fooled me—fooled us all,— in fact, even his own characters on the stage. Napoleon, his lieutenants, the innkeeper all were successively "had." Napoleonic costume used as a device to extol the Irish and work out a tirade against the English! I wonder what percentage of the audience realised the subtlety of it all!

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Lt. Percy gave us a very fine rendering of the part of Napoleon The lines given him by the author suited his style of acting to perfection. His make-up and costume once more proved the great attention he pays to detail, and despite the handicap of a bad throat, he gave a masterly performance. Major Pollock, as the Lieutenant, obviously understood his author's purpose and gave full effect to the wit and humour of his lines. Lieut. Leigh Farnell as Guiseppe, was a priceless innkeeper. The piece de resistance of the evening, however, was the lady—played by Miss Shirley King. This lady gave a finished performance of a part admirably suited to her. The play was excellently produced and went smoothly from start to finish.

"Candida."

Another Shaw play, but of a different order from its predecessor. Did I get rather bored once, I wonder, or was it that Shaw can be taken in too large doses at one time? If I did feel the least bit bored, it must have been in the last act, for when one's brain has been busy for three hours appreciating other people's brains, two anti-climaxes leave one with a sense of lassitude. But that is Mr. Shaw's fault, not that of any of the actors, who were all up to their very best form. During the course of the play Mr. Burgess, remarks to the Rev. James Mavor Morell "Just the same as hever, James." Lieut. Humphrey Hope in the part of Morell was "Just the same as hever," or I should perhaps amend to "Better than hever." He gave an excellent rendering of a clergyman whose belief in his own stength and the power of his "gift" o'the gab" is rudely shaken. About Miss Shirley King as Candida, I can only repeat what I said about her in "The Man of Destiny."

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Lieut. Percy as Eugen Marchbanks gained my admiration and respect for playing two utterly different types of characters in the same evening so well. There was nothing very Napoleonic about Eugen. I am not judging a competition, and I am therefore taking the characters as nearly as possible in the order of their importance in the play, and not in the order of their merits. If I did the latter, I should have a hard task. Miss Gabrielle Paul as the typist, and Capt. Dennis, as the curate who was so doubtful of the wisdom of taking her home, were both excellent. Intoxication, "however slight" on the stage, needs care to avoid vulgarity and repulsiveness, especially when acted by a woman. Miss Paul escaped this pitfall by miles, and I shall not forget in a hurry the curate's efforts to find his hostess' hand when saying "good night."

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One of the finest pieces of character acting I have seen was given by Pte. J. Terry as Burgess, We want to see much more of Pte. Terry in the future. It is an undeniable fact that owing to the difficulties the B.R.A.D.C. have to face, many of their performances do not go without some little hitch or other, but I have seldom seen a performance at the Deutsches Theatre work so smoothly, and with so little necessity for prompting as the one given on Friday and Saturday last.

E. H. S.

Sunday Night at the Deutsches.

The occasion of the second Sunday concert found a well-filled house at the Deutsches Theatre, and judging from the applause and encores the audience enjoyed itself thoroughly. Miss Clara Furmedge displayed a voice of wonderful power and sweetness in "My ain Folk" and other songs, and was repeatedly encored. Cpl. Harold Waters possesses a voice of wide range and tone. His "Tommy Lad" was greatly appreciated, and with a little more practice in the control of his voice he should secure a high place in the list of our entertainers.

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The main portion of the programme was taken up by the band of the Inniskilling Dragoons, under the able conductorship of Bandmaster E. Adams, and their playing was wonderful, despite the fact that music practice is to them their relaxation from their normal duties. The various numbers were greatly appreciated, but I would suggest that at these Sunday concerts more classical music might be attempted. I am in no way suggesting a concert of sacred music, but considering the number of popular turns we get from various sources throughout the week I cannot help but feel that the Sunday "Pops" might well be devoted more exclusively to higher flights of music.

Leave Club Happenings.

A dancing class for beginners will be held today, from 5 to 6 and an impromptu concert will take place at the same time in the music room. At 7 p.m. two French dancers, Mlle. Laure Aman and Mlle. Brantzki, from the Opera will give an exhibition of classical dances (by special request). Miss Marjorie Moore and Miss Jamieson, Major Greenlees and Lt. Mearns have kindly consented to sing solos. There will be an impromptu concert from 5 to 6 in the music room on Wednesday, and a dance at 6.30. at which the band of the 15th Hampshire Regt. hope to be able to play. An impromptu concert will be held from 5 to 6 on Thursday, and a whist drive will take place at 6.30 p.m.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Tues.	NO PERFORMANCE			
Wed.	Tannhäuser	Wagner	7	0.45
Thurs.	Ein Maskenball	Verdi	7	9.45
Fri.	Der Barbier von Sevilla	Rossini	7	10
Sat.	Orpheus and Eurydice	Gluck	7	9.15
Sun.	Die Walküre	Wagner	5.30	10.30
Mon.	Madame Butterfly	Puccini	7	9.45
Tues.	Tosca	Puccini	7	10

"Carmen."

Georges Bizet's "Carmen" requires no introduction; his most fascinating musical creation has for long ranked as one of the foremost operas produced. Its presentation at the Opera House on Sunday evening attracted a full house, and many had to be turned away. The drama was portrayed in masterly fashion — music, scenery, and dresses being such as to gladden the ear and eye of all opera lovers. The leading characters, Carmen and Don José, were most realistically played, while the other parts were admirably sustained. The singing was always of a very high standard, certain of the choruses being exceptionally fine. The vocal efforts of Micaela, the peasant girl, and Escamillo (Toreador), as well as those of the principals, reached a very high standard.

Sing-song at the Leave Club.

Owing to the sudden demobilisation on Saturday night of the 15th West Yorks Band, the Sunday band concert at the British Empire Leave Club had to be cancelled. An informal sing-song was held, however, in the music room, which was crowded to overflowing. Miss Lavie opened the concert with a charming violin solo, and Mrs. Shorten and Miss Jamieson followed with a delightful duet, "Wild Thyme." L/Cpl. Hugh Williams rendered "Take a pair of sparkling eyes," and L/Cpl. Rushton sang "Stone Cracker Jack." The audience, with Miss Clark at the piano, next sang a selection of popular songs, and Miss Richmond played Rachmaninoff's Prelude with great artistic charm. During the course of the concert, L/Cpl. Hugh Williams and Cpl. Rushton sang several duets, and Misses Skinner and Jamieson and Capt. Dent also helped to make the concert an enjoyable one while Miss Ramsay Smith's rendering of "Loch Lomond" was one of the successes of the evening.

JACOBUS.

SEIZE THIS OFFER.

Large Prize Awaits Football Competition Winner.

Competitors in our Contest No. 5 were set a comparatively easy task, out of the 12 matches on the coupon, there being no less than seven home winners. Three teams drew and only one away club was successful, this being Newcastle United.

Our competition staff is busily engaged adjudicating the coupons, but as yet no entrant has submitted a correct forecast. The result of this contest will be published in Thursday's issue.

The coupon for No. 6 competition appears below; if you have not yet sent in your efforts do so at your earliest. Don't neglect this opportunity of securing our prize. The sole winner in No. 3 contest was paid at the rate of 2833 to 1. Where can you obtain better odds?

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 6,
"Cologne Post,"
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.

2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.

3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.

4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.

5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.

6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.

7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.

8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.

9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 6.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov. 1st.
Closing date, Friday, Oct. 31st.

Aston Villa	v. Middlesboro
Bolton W.	v. Sunderland
Blackburn R.	v. Everton
Bradford C.	v. Arsenal
Notts C.	v. West Bromwich
West Ham	v. Birmingham
Huddersfield	v. Fulham
Swindon	v. Queens Park R.
Brentford	v. Plymouth A.
Brighton	v. Exeter C.
Hamilton A.	v. Falkirk
Morton	v. Celtic

I enter Football Competition No. 6 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Bright and Cheery.

Sunday afternoon being wet and cold, quite a number of soldiers found the Army Reading room in the Hohestrasse Arcade an ideal place to pass the hours of inclement weather.

Irreverent.

The old soldier was again giving the youngster accounts of the wonders he had experienced, especially in the way of climate. Said he: "I remember when we were in Fyzzardun we used to toast our bread in the sun, and—" Youngster (interrupting): "Yes, I know, and you were supplied with corkscrews to draw your breath!"

Prefer Cologne.

Advertisements for demobilized girls to remain in Rhineland as nurse-girls to officers' families have brought ready responses. It is quite evident the girls do not wish to go home yet.

Missed Opportunities.

High scoring is quite a usual feature of Rhineland "footer" matches, and on Saturday last I witnessed a game in which one side put on seven goals to their opponents nil return. The game was far from one-sided however, and a different tale might have been told nad the losers inside forwards taken advantage of at least five "gifts" which came their way.

Officers in Duren.

The closing of the club at Duren has resulted in the few officers who remain there forming frequent bridge parties, and amalgamating messes for dinner and musical evenings. In this way matters are enlivened after the "common round."

Like Little Tich.

At a Cologne café one of the artists is exploiting the "big boot" stunt, more or less as performed in England by Little Tich. His antics draw much applause from both soldier and civilian, although to compare him with the inimitable English prototype would be absurd.

Took the "Post".

The company of a certain Battalion stationed at Cologne was visited by thieves the other evening. A sum of 1200 marks was completely overlooked, but a small packet containing only eighty marks was taken and copies of the "Post" running right back to July.

A Privilege of Greatness.

I heard of a sergeant in Rhineland who last week had occasion to reprimand a private for a slight offence, and the private attempted to explain. "Look here," said the sergeant, "are you the sergeant here or am I?" "Well, certainly, I'm not," said the private. "Then if you're not the sergeant," spluttered the N.C.O., "why are you talking like an idiot?"

Is it a Record?

I am told that the men of "C" Company, 52nd Northumberland Fusiliers, bought savings certificates last week to the tune of 27,588 marks. As the effective strength of the company is only 91 men I should say this record will take some beating.

Against Cruelty.

The writer of a recent letter in our columns on cruel animal performances sends me some particulars of the "Jack London Club" which has been founded to combat the cruelties prevalent in trained animal turns. Anyone who wishes to join should write to the secretary R.S.P.C.A. 105 Jermyn Street London S.W.

Fond of Balloons.

On Sunday night I saw a considerable crowd round a street seller of coloured balloons. When I got nearer I found it consisted almost entirely of Indian troops who were eagerly buying them and proudly walking down the street each carrying a balloon on a string.

The Warning Bell.

I hear that the suggestion of an alarm bell at the Deutsches Theatre which was made by a correspondent a few days ago is to be adopted. The Letter-box scores again.

SKETCHED AT THE HEIGHT OF ITS "JAZZINESS".

A Novel Pet.

Near Lindenthal the other evening I saw a girl walking in the street with an animal on a "lead" which at first I took to be a puppy. When I got closer, to my astonishment I found it was a guinea pig.

Piracy.

I am told that a Berlin newspaper is publishing Lord French's reminiscences without any permission from the author or the English publishers.

Not Shoes.

I have heard one or two grumbles regarding Leave Club dances and am told that although it was announced that dancing in shoes was permitted several men who brought them were debarred from that pleasure. They complain that "Wrafs" in thicker shoes than they had were permitted to dance. There may be another side to the case, of course.

Rather Mixed.

Bill stickers are unconscious humourists. In the centre of Cologne we read "The British Rhine Army Dramatic Company presents," and immediately below appear the names of several of the competitors at a recent German fistic show.

American Advertising.

American advertising is always novel, but the "Buddie" who advertises in our American Contemporary for the return of his cap exchanged Coblentz barber's shop has a fine sense of humour. "Yours is too large, Sarge," he informs the wearer of the cap in his possession. Anxious of course to get his own back.

Our Musical Taste.

A lady lectured on Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" and another lady played the piano to a pitiful paucity of people in the Lorely Hall recently.

A Good Try.

The way the Germans, especially youngsters, are picking up the English language is very amusing. The other evening a small youth, who looked about sixteen, accidently struck me with a box, where upon he politely said "Elocuse me."

Smoking in Tramcars.

It is not a general complaint, but there are individuals who are tempted to ignore the prohibition against smoking in tramcars.

Controlling the Food Supply.

From what I hear it is not unlikely that it will be impossible for visitors other than Germans to obtain dinner at restaurants. Regulations governing this may be anticipated.

A Good Idea.

The staff at the Annexe club have hit on the excellent idea of pasting specimens of all paper money, which they refuse to accept, on a board. Officers have only to consult this guide and try their luck elsewhere.

In Picardy.

To quote George Robey, "I stopped an' I looked an' I listened." It was in a Cologne cabaret and the singer occupying the stage was rendering "Roses are blooming in Picardy"; she sang it partly in English and partly in German, and was accorded great applause. The song took my mind back to a misty morning in the old days when our late foes first made the acquaintance of the British Tanks. I wondered if the civilians present had ever heard the parody Tommy used to sing, "The tanks they are moving in Picardy." Doubtless not or that song would not have received such applause.

Varying Prices.

I am constantly having complaints of profiteering in newspapers. The other day a soldier who wanted to buy "The News of the World" was asked 1 mk. 50 pfg., 1 mk. 25 pfgs., and finally 1 mk. for it.

German Trade Secrets.

I believe considerable concern is felt in German industrial circles lest trade secrets which Germany has always carefully guarded may become known through visits paid to German factories and industries by Entente economic missions. The provision that the owner's consent to such visits must be secured has given satisfaction to manufacturers.

Got a Job?

In view of the unsettled conditions at home it is not everyone who is frantic to be demobilized, and the chasing round for jobs in Rhineland just now is just a little pathetic when it is not amusing.

RHINELANDER.

FOR BUSINESS MEN IN RHINELAND.

THE MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT.

INFORMATIVE ITEMS FROM ALL SOURCES.

"The Times" Foreign Trade supplement publishes a letter which was recently addressed to an important British firm offering certain German-made goods "stamped with your own trade mark." The letter pointed out that "owing to the low labour costs in Germany these articles will be turned out at figures representing from 10 per cent to 20 per cent under those at present being quoted by the British and American manufacturers, taking into consideration that a German workman capable of working in this industry is paid one hundred marks weekly, equal to 18s. at the present rate of exchange." The suggestion is made that the letter is a strong argument in favour of the necessity of amending the Merchandise Marks Act. There is no doubt many German firms are quite under the impression that it is for them to resume business on the old lines and that they will once more be able to supply large quantities of cheaply-made goods into the United King without any mark of origin, or even false marks if required to suit the purchaser. It cannot be too strongly emphasised that this practice is no longer permissible, and that firms buying or accepting goods falsely marked or endeavouring to do so are running very grave risks.

GAMBLING IN MARKS.

The recent appreciation in the value of German marks to about 90 to the pound has since been followed by a reaction to 116, which serves to emphasise our recent comments as to the danger of gambling in them, says "The Daily Express." Many have doubtless been badly bitten by these fluctuations, and the fact that the value of the German mark note is gradually drawing nearer to that of German exchange tends to show that gambling on the part of the public is dying out. Intrinsically, the mark note and exchange are practically of the same value, but as a result of the recent gambling there was a difference of about twenty points between the two quotations. Now German exchange is quoted at 116 and mark notes at about 19s. per 100 marks—a difference of about ten points only.

BITS OF BUSINESS.

The German Chamber of Commerce have asked that negotiations with the High Commission should be commenced with the object of re-establishing Central European time in the occupied area.

A German Polish agreement has been arrived at for the exchange of coal for potatoes.

Russia seems very much inclined to resume commercial relations with Germany just now.

Italy allows the importation of German goods with the exception of articles of luxury.

In response to a complaint by the Cologne Chamber of Commerce on the shortage of small change, the German minister of Finance states that 20 million marks in 5 pfennig pieces in iron and fifty million marks in 50 pfennig pieces in aluminium are to be made.

Last year a large quantity of sugar could still be delivered by the German Government for the manufacture of spirits. This year the sugar shortage makes it impossible for any to be supplied for that purpose.

The German press is complaining bitterly of the enormous quantities of English cigarettes imported since the occupation. They say that if instead of four million marks of cigarettes an equivalent value of food for cattle and pigs had been imported the result would have been plenty of cheap German bacon now.

French spinners are complaining that German spinners have been provided with cotton supplies first.

France will need 700.000 tons of American cotton next year.

THE GREAT SEAL.

The affixing of a "wafer Great Seal" to the Treaty of Peace is a somewhat less laborious work than the making of a seal, which is a considerable business. The wax is not put upon the paper as with more humble seals, but is in the form of a large disc with an impression on either side. It is kept in a wafer case attached to the document by a tag imbedded in the wax. The seal itself consists of two heavy silver plates, in one of which is cut the impression for the front of the device, in the other that for the back, and new plates cost—or cost in pre war times—£700. When a seal is required a mass of wax is softened in warm water, cooled in cold, placed between the two plates and impressed.

RAIN AFTER BATTLE.

People with a smattering of scientific knowledge have suggested that cannonading may cause rain by liberating large quantities of water-attracting gases, thereby hastening the process of condensation. Such gases are undoubtedly evolved in the discharge of artillery, though in smaller proportion from modern high explosives than from the old-fashioned gunpowder. But they are poured into the air in much greater volume from the factory chimneys of every industrial city without producing any effect on the rainfall. Naturally rain often follows a battle, in the ordinary course of events, just as it often follows a ball game, a bridge party, or a dog fight. By the familiar process of "counting the hits and not the misses," it would bee asy to gather evidence in support of the assertion that rain is the usual sequence of any of these occurrences. There is, however, a particular reason why rain is rather more likely to occur soon after a battle than shorty before one. The movements of troops that precede a battle must generally be carried out in fair weather, as dry roads are an important factor in such movements. As these preliminaries often take several days, the end of a dry spell of average duration is quite likely to be reached by the time the engagement is fairly begun, and rain will then be due in accordance with the normal programme of nature. But the battle does not cause the rain.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Leicester's Rejected.—Mr. Ramsay Macdonald is ill.

Thanksgiving.—Sunday, Nov. 9th is the League of Nations thanksgiving day.

No Water.—Monmouthshire is suffering from acute water shortage.

Remunerative.—The Paris motor car show realised nearly £40,000.

The B.M.A.—The British Medical Association will meet at Cambridge next year.

Rat Week.—Liverpool is paying sixpence for each rat killed.

Not Excessive.—Bank messengers want a minimum wage of £3 10s. per week.

Getting Rid.—The Duke of Rutland is selling the best part of his Haddon Estate.

Pass It.—An anti-dumping bill is under the consideration of the Cabinet.

Cheap?—At a London sale blankets sold at four for 32s.

Family of Mutes.—A deaf and dumb witness at a Shoreditch inquest was said to belong to a family of mutes.

His New Post—Sir Ian Malcolm M.P. has accepted the post of resident director of the Suez Canal in Paris.

Hung Up.—Posted in Bucks fifteen years ago a card has reached its destination a mile and a half way.

His Royal Happiness.—The King of Spain always buys his clothes in London.

Are You There?—London—Brussels telephonic communication was resumed yesterday.

Foolish.—A man found lying drunk in a Willesden road had over £300 in gold and notes on him.

Loss.—Four hundred cows have had to be destroyed in the Isle of Wight owing to foot and mouth disease.

The Minimum.—New South Wales minimum wage of £3. 17s. per week for male adults is in operation.

Earning a Wage.—Hairdressing classes for disabled soldiers is the latest scheme.

The Way.—At Reading University disabled men have replaced women as porters and attendants.

Queen Inspects.—Queen Mary goes to Hounslow to-day to inspect her own regiment of cavalry, the 18th Hussars.

Another Line.—The Canadian Pacific Railway promises a Southampton-Canada steamship service.

Another Contests.—Sir Thomas Lipton is on his way to America for another cup race.

King George's Guests.—Arab chiefs on a visit to England will visit the King to-day.

Excess Profits.—Lord Beaverbrook will address the House of Lords next week on taxation of war fortunes.

New Honour.—General Fayolle has been awarded the French Military medal for war services.

Economy.—Several Government Ministers are making a practice of carrying their own despatch boxes.

Dangerous Practice.—Jumping from a tramcar at Portsmouth, a woman broke her neck.

Lord Mayor's Show.—Ladies are to ride in a tableau group symbolising the League of Nations.

New Divorce Judge.—Lord Justice Duke may succeed Lord Sterndale in the Divorce Court.

"P. G."—Sir John Tudor Walters M.P. has been offered the post of Paymaster General.

Wonderful Peat.—A square mile of peat will produce 80.000 cubic feet of gas.

Controlling the Coal.—Mr. Andrew Rae Duncan has been appointed the new Coal Controller.

Bantam v. Heavyweight.—A R.A.F. machine came down and collided with a steam roller naturally with disaster to the aeroplane.

A Silent Strike.—Curtailing their purchases, Isle of Wight housewives forced the price of milk down from 10d. to 8d. per quart.

Reciprocated.—A prisoner sentenced in connection with the Luton riots wished the judge a Merry Christmas. The judge thanked him.

Inconvenient.—An Aldershot telegraph boy, charged with failing to deliver telegrams, said he felt too lazy to deliver them.

Recognition.—A Leicestershire soldier has left £100 to the Salvation Army in recognition of the work of the Army Huts in France and at home.

Married Unawares.—In a wife desertion case at Chester the defendant who claimed to be suffering from shell-shock said he had been married unawares.

Another Great House.—The Duke and Duchess of Sutherland have bought Hampton House from the Duke of Abercorn.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

If you were to win £12,000.

A PRIZE CONTEST.

As most readers know there is being run at Lille a big sweepstake on the Cambridgeshire. If all the tickets are sold the fortunate winner will receive the very handsome sum of TWELVE THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING. Now this winner may very well be someone in the Rhine Army. Suppose for instance, it were you who suddenly received this big access of wealth.

What would you do with it?

This problem has suggested a prize competition open to all our readers. Just write a letter to the "Editor, Post" A.P.O. S 40—not exceeding 250 words and say exactly what you would do with £12,000 if you came into possession of it.

We offer prizes 50, 20 and 10 marks respectively for the three best answers to the question. The reply you send may be as brief as you like, but it must not exceed the length of 250 words. Write your name and unit below your answer in block letters and let us hear from you not later than November 1st. The Editor's decision will of course be final in judging the merits of the answer to the question, "What would I do with £12.000 if I won it?"

Mr. W. N. Channon.

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DOUGLAS-PENNANT INQUIRY.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF FORMER HEADS OF AIR MINISTRY.

COMMONS PASS FRENCH PILOTAGE CLAUSE.

PENNANT INQUIRY.

AIR MINISTRY CHIEFS GIVE EVIDENCE.

When the House of Lords Committee resumed on Monday its inquiry into the circumstances attending the dismissal of Miss Violet Douglas Pennant from the W.R.A.F., further witnesses for the Air Ministry were called.

Counsel read a letter from Lord Weir to Mr. Roberts, Minister of Labour, dated the 31st July, in which he expressed his dissatisfaction with the state of things in the W.R.A.F., but added that "Miss Pennant was only appointed three months ago. It would be unfair to expect any marked improvement before now but the result of her work should begin to show itself henceforth if she is to justify her appointment."

Lord Weir said that the letter reflected exactly what he and Sir Godfrey Paine felt. What determined him to supersede Miss Pennant was a letter from Sir Auckland Geddes written about the 23rd August expressing anxiety regarding the personnel of the force. He wrote to Sir Auckland Geddes on the 26th August announcing his decision.

He had made up his mind before seeing Lady Rhondda's report on the W.R.A.F., which report he only saw on the day he wrote to Sir Auckland Geddes. Dame Katherine Furse had not influenced his opinion. He had not even seen her at that time. It was simply a problem of a department which domestically was not running well. Miss Pennant's demand for an enquiry was refused because he could not see of what use it would be. He knew Mr. Harmsworth recommended the Premier to grant an inquiry, but when the three of them got together nobody could see that any useful purpose would be served.

Lord Weir was severely cross-examined. He admitted there were no definite charges against Miss Pennant when she was dismissed, either of inefficiency or otherwise, but asserted that confidence was weakened by the impression he formed from what Sir Godfrey Paine told him.

Pressed by Counsel for a definite instance, Lord Weir said he was unable to recall one.

Asked why, if Sir Godfrey Paine thought that things were not going well, he declined to let Miss Pennant resign on the 17th August, Lord Weir replied that that was his responsibility.

Counsel then asked: As Miss Pennant had been refused her right of resignation so shortly before, and there was no definite charge against her, was it fair to supersede her without any enquiry?

Lord Weir replied that it was a fair thing to the R.A.F., and he was not considering what was fair to Miss Pennant.

Further pressed as to why he thought Miss Pennant was not the right woman for the job, he replied, "Because I had come to that conclusion."

Counsel: You have no other reason for that conclusion except that you thought so?—Lord Weir: Exactly.

Under further cross-examination he said he wanted Lady Rhondda as successor to Miss Pennant but she would not come.

General Higgins, commanding the Midland Area, said he told Mrs. Beckett that she must submit reports through him and not send them direct to the Air Ministry, but he never blocked any report.

General Livingstone denied taking a dislike to Miss Pennant. In fact, he said, he had forgotten her existence until he came back from America and found she had made various charges against him. There was no foundation whatever for the charge that he desired to permit immorality or that he abstained from taking steps to prevent it.

The inquiry stands adjourned.

ARMY ESTIMATES.

CAUSES OF THE INCREASE.

The Army Estimates were issued on Monday as a White Paper, the figures as revised showing an increased expenditure of £118,000,000. Gross expenditure is estimated at £500,000,000 and receipts at £95,000,000, leaving a net expenditure of £405,000,000. The original figures were: Gross, £450,000,000; receipts, £153,000,000; net expenditure £297,000,000. The official explanation of the increased estimates says that the increase is due to increases in pay of railway strike volunteers, the rise in the rupee exchange, and to war gratuities, while the fall in receipts is ascribed to deferred payments by Germany for the cost of the Rhine Army and deferred payments by the Dominions for maintenance of their troops.

CORNISH MINE DEATH ROLL.

The death roll as a result of the disaster at the Levant Mine, Cornwall, numbers 31, and there are 75 orphaned children in the village, eleven being in one home.

The public telephone service between London and Paris reopens to-day.

FRENCH PILOTS.

BRITISH CERTIFICATES TO BE GRANTED.

In the House of Commons on Monday Mr. Bonar Law made a statement with reference to the amendment to the Restriction of Aliens Bill on which the Government was defeated on Thursday. He emphasised the importance of the impression which would be created in France by the matter, especially at a time when there had been for some months in a certain section of the French Press, and once or twice in speeches in the Parliament, suggestions that the British people have already forgotten the way in which the two nations worked together throughout the war and that the British were no longer friendly to France. Such criticism, he was perfectly sure, had no foundation whatever.

British pilotage, he said, ought in principle unquestionably to be confined to British pilots, but if, when we and the French were fighting side by side a year ago, we had been told we were going to throw over an agreement to which the French attached such importance, it would have been unthinkable.

So it was to-day and the Government must adhere to their agreement. He therefore moved an amendment insisting on words being incorporated in the Bill providing for a continuance of the issue of certificates entitling a master or mate of French nationality to navigate his ship into the ports of Newhaven and Grimsby.

The amendment was carried unanimously.

BOLSHEVIST SUCCESSES.

REDS GAIN CONSIDERABLE GROUND.

The latest official reports from the Russian North-Western Army, giving the situation to 6 p.m. on the 26th, show that the Bolshevists have been counter-attacked in considerable force immediately south of Petrograd. After bringing up some of their best Communist troops, led by specially selected commissaries from Moscow, they succeeded in forcing back at several points the troops of General Judenitch. The latter were compelled to evacuate Tsarkoe-selo and Pavlovsk by the evening of the 25th.

On the 26th another strong attack by Red forces recaptured Krasnoe-selo, and the Russians fell back to the general line two miles south of Ropscha, four miles south of Krasnoe-selo-Vladimuskaya.

This line, covering Gatchina and the railway southwards towards Pskoff, has been held successfully against furious Bolshevist attacks, which are now reported to have ceased.

Elsewhere on the front there is no change, except that twenty miles South-west of Luga the Reds have recaptured Piyussa station.

ARMY COLLEGE ART EXHIBITION.

A wonderful collection of designs and drawings executed by students of the Army General and the Army Technological Colleges were exhibited at the Army General and Commercial College (Handelreaischule, Hansa Ring) last evening. Many of them bore the inscription, "no previous experience in drawing", but all showed a remarkable development of talent. To enable everyone to see these works of art, and to grasp the possibilities of Army tuition, the exhibition will be kept open to-day and to-morrow (Thursday), and all troops admitted free between the hours of 10.00 and 16.00.

LONDON-PARIS AIR RECORD.

The ninth week of regular operation between London and Paris has been completed by the Airco aeroplanes, which have now flown 94,000 miles with passengers and parcels. The average speed maintained has been 105 miles an hour, and out of 139 flights scheduled, one was interrupted by weather, one prevented by weather, and two interrupted by mechanical defect.

MUNITION CAMP THEFTS.

Charged at Cambridge with stealing over £300 worth of Government property, chiefly bedding, from a munition camp at which they had been employed, Albert Clelford and Annie, his wife, were sentenced to six months' imprisonment, and Annie Sargent to one month. Ernest Lawton, Clelford's 15 year-old stepson, was bound over.

Two local innkeepers, charged with receiving part of the goods, knowing them to have been stolen, were acquitted.

NO CONFIDENCE.

TO-DAY'S DEBATE ON FINANCE.

The basis of the discussion for to-day's debate in Parliament on the financial position of the country will be a motion by Sir Donald MacLean, which the Government will treat as a motion of "No Confidence." This motion demands that the Government submit to the House proposals which will secure drastic and sweeping reductions in expenditure for the current financial year.

The Labour Party will also submit a motion calling for severe economies in war services, a Levy on Capital and reversion to the State of all fortunes made as the result of national emergency.

The Government will move the following: "That this House, realising the serious effects upon the nation's trade and industry of the enormous burdens resulting from the war, promises its support to the Government in all reasonable proposals, however drastic, for the reduction of expenditure and diminution of debt."

AUSTRALIAN FLIGHT.

MR. HUGHES'S MESSAGE TO THE PILOT.

Mr. Hughes, the Australian Prime Minister, has sent a telegram for transmission to Captain Matthews, the pilot of the Sopwith Wallaby machine which left England on Tuesday last week as a competitor in the Commonwealth Government's prize flight. Mr. Hughes, after wishing the pilot every success, says: "I want you to take no unnecessary risks. Plug on day after day doing your best, but do nothing foolhardy. If you cannot make Australia in thirty days never mind. The main thing is that an Australian should get here first. If you do that you need not worry.'

Captain Matthews made his first landing at Merneim, which was not in accordance with his pre-arranged plans.

ROUTED WITH UMBRELLA.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY BY ARMS.

A case of attempted highway robbery by armed men has been reported to the Dublin police. It appears that Mr. Carmel, a director of the Princess Cinema Theatre in Rathmines, was going home at night with a bag containing between £30 and £40 when he was stopped by two masked men with revolvers. They ordered him to throw up his hands.

Mr. Carmel struck one of the men with his umbrella and the man fired, but the bullet went wide of its mark. The robbers then turned and fled along Ardee-road. The police are investigating the matter.

NEW IRISH OUTRAGE.

CLERGYMAN SHOT.

The Rev. Edward Foy, a prominent Orangeman, incumbent of Lisnadill, four miles from Armagh, was shot at and seriously wounded by an unknown man about ten o'clock on Saturday night. Mr. Foy, who is 60 years of age opened the hall door in response to a knock, and a man standing outside whipped out a revolver and fired at close range, running away immediately. Mr. Foy was taken to the county infirmary, where it was found that a bullet had passed through the lung and lodged in the shoulder. The bullet has been removed, but Mr. Foy's condition is serious.

THE ARRESTED PADRE.

MR. HUGHES'S REQUEST TO LORD MILNER.

Mr. Hughes, the Prime Minister, has sent a cablegram to Lord Milner asking for the release of Father O'Donnell, who, he says, during the war by word and deed proved himself a patriot. Archbishop Mannix endorses Mr. Hughes's view that the matter should be probed to the very bottom.—Reuter.

OUR HUGE DEFICIT.

An official statement issued by the Chancellor of the Exchequer shows that civil expenditure for the financial year ending in March next is now estimated at £1,642,295,000, or £191,195,000 more than was estimated in the Budget. On the other hand the estimated revenue is given as £1,168,650,000 or £32,450,000 less than the Budget. The total deficit is now estimated at £473,245,000, or an increase of £223,645,000. In a normal year the revenue amounts to £806,000,000 and expenditure to £808,000,000.

RAILWAY STRIKE ECHOES.

The organisation established by Government in order to cope with the railway strike is to continue. The strike, by the way, cost the Treasury £10,000,000.

NEW PAYMASTER-GENERAL.

Sir John Tudor Walters succeeds Sir Joseph Compton Rickett as Paymaster-General. The new Minister was created a knight in 1912, and has been the Member of Parliament for the Brightside division of Sheffield since 1906. He is a surveyor by profession.

SALE OF R. 38.

GIANT AIRSHIP GOES TO AMERICA.

Mr. Daniels, the United States Navy Controller, announces that negotiations have been completed for the purchase by America of the British airship R. 38 at the price of £500,000. The cost of the dirigible was £350,000.

Answering a question about this transaction, Brig.-General Seely said in the House of Commons yesterday that arrangements had been made whereby the airship R. 38 would be completed without delay and handed over to the United States Navy. It will proceed to America with an American crew as soon as the shed is ready for its reception. The United States Naval authorities take over the vessel at cost price. Meanwhile our Air Ministry is training the crew free, except for their pay and rations.

TRANSPORT THIEVES.

SOLDIERS THROW ARRESTED MAN OVERBOARD.

During the voyage of the transport Plassy to Melbourne a number of soldiers and nurses were reported to have been systematically robbed of jewellery, and while the vessel was at Colombo two cases of robbery occurred, in which the victims were sandbagged.

After the voyage had been resumed four men were arrested, suspected of the crimes. The feeling on the boat was so high that as the men left the orderly room the enraged soldiers attacked them and hurled one of them overboard. The boat which went to his assistance capsized. Through this delay the man was in the water for an hour, floating by the aid of a lifebuoy, and was ultimately taken on board exhausted.

The four were subsequently tried by court-martial. Three of them were sentenced to 12 months imprisonment, and the fourth to nine months. No further thefts were reported.

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TURKS AND BRITISH.

CONTRASTS IN TREATMENT.

A report received by the Directorate of Graves Registration from Mrs. Doughty-Wylie, who is carrying out enquiries in Asia Minor on behalf of the Directorate regarding the location of the graves of the Turks, is eloquent of the agreeable surprise of the Turkish peasant at the humane regard shown by the British Government for the individual soldier. The comments of the peasants, says Mrs. Doughty-Wylie, are often very bitter when they contrast the attitude of the British Government with that of the Turkish Authorities, who give little if any news of the fate of the ordinary private soldier. "It is not extraordinary," she adds, "that with this contrast before their eyes, people of all grades of society are led to express a hope that the British intend to remain in the country, and give them some form of government which will bring justice and security and the same measure of consideration which they themselves enjoy."

ET TU, KOLTCHAK!

Admiral Koltchak has ordered General Rozanoff, commanding the Russian troops at Vladivostok, on no account to withdraw his troops from there as requested by the Allies The order is couched in terms very unfriendly to the Allies, who all through have favoured and helped Koltchak's cause.

FAMOUS SINGER MURDERED.

News has been received in London that Chaliapine, the great Russian singer, who appeared at Drury Lane in 1913-14, has been killed by Bolshevists, who feared he was suffering from plague.

ROOSEVELT'S FORTUNE.

Affidavits have been filed by the executors of the late Mr. Theodore Roosevelt showing estate valued at $810,807 (£162,162).

MORE MEMOIRS.

ADMIRAL SCOTT RUSHES INTO PRINT.

"Of making many books there is no end", wrote Solomon. Nowadays reminiscences, apologia, impressions and histories of the war jostle each other off the printing machines.

Sir Percy Scott is the latest Admiral to issue a volume of reminiscences. His book of memoirs, under the title "Fifty Years in the Royal Navy," will be published to-morrow by John Murray. Meanwhile the "Evening Standard" has arranged to print some excerpts from the forthcoming volume, the first instalment of which appeared yesterday.

Admiral Scott's preface is an indictment of the Admiralty System. He says that the civilian element, being permanent, has too much influence, while the naval element, being continually changed, has too little influence. The spirit in which the work is done is wrong, there being not sufficient incentive to encourage the best men. The safest thing is for a man to do nothing; then he will do no wrong and not endanger his career. Hence arises the general desire to evade responsibility.

Writing on the condition of affairs when war broke out Sir Percy says the Admiralty was in a state of dislocation and confusion. We had no up-to-date mine-layers nor efficient mines; no properly fitted mine-sweepers; no arrangements for guarding ships against mines nor efficient method of using guns at night; no anti-Zeppelin guns, no anti-submarine precautions, nor any safe harbour for the fleet. Our torpedoes were so badly fitted that in the early days of the war they went under the German ships instead of hitting them, which was naturally very galling to submarine officers—men who displayed great gallantry in getting at the German ships. At the same time we regarded German submarines as toys, and in consequence we lost the Pathfinder, Hogue, Cressy, Aboukir, and Hawke within a few months, before we realised our mistake.

Admiral Scott describes a journey he made to Scapa Flow in November 1914, where he had a long interview with Admiral Jellicoe, who said he was doing all he could to make the anchorage safe, but that his measures were not even then complete, and any night submarines might come in and send the Grand Fleet to the bottom. Why the Fleet was not destroyed Sir Percy admits he cannot imagine. If the Germans had had half a dozen men of the type of our submarine commanders we should now be a German colony.

The first instalment of the book concludes: "Of the landing in the Dardanelles and the subsequent retirement we can for ever be proud. Our nation must ever be ashamed of the authorities responsible for the plan of attack."

THE 1917 OFFENSIVE.

A FOCH CANARD REFUTED.

In connection with the report published recently in the French and foreign Press, to the effect that on the occasion of the visit of President Poincaré to the King of the Belgians, Marshal Foch declared that if General Nivelle had been given a free hand in the spring of 1917 Northern France might have been freed 16 months earlier, M. Painlevé, who was Prime Minister and Minister of War at that time, has issued the following signed statement:

"I am authorised by Marshal Foch to declare firstly that the statement attributed to him is absolutely false, and, secondly, that at no time in the presence of King Albert was there any conversation concerning General Nivelle."

MARLBURIANS' MEMORIAL.

Marlburians who foregathered in London on Monday decided that Marlborough's war memorial to old Marlburians fallen in war shall take the form of a memorial hall to be built in the college grounds.

Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, who presided, announced that one of the original objects for which subscriptions were asked, namely, the education at Marlborough of sons of Marlburians fallen or incapacitated in the war, had been taken over by the Council of the school.

Dr. Norwood, Master of the College, said the suggested site was the paddock below the chapel in the Bath-road. The estimated cost was £35,000, of which £25,000 had already been received.

FOOD ON CREDIT FOR STRIKERS.

An arrangement has been made between the men's union and co-operative societies in Blackburn by which moulders and core-makers who are on strike can obtain goods on credit of the value of 10s. per week for each family. The union acts as guarantor, and the position will be reviewed at the end of a month. It is stipulated that the strikers must be, or become, co-operators.

WOMEN PETITION THE PRIME MINISTER.

The Women's Freedom League have received over 6,000 signatures to a petition, which will be presented to the Prime Minister, asking for the immediate release of Elsie Smith, a member of the W.R.A.F., for attempting to murder her infant child.

AIRMEN MURDERED.

MISSING PATROL MYSTERY SOLVED.

Reuter's San Diego (California) correspondent telegraphs the official announcement that the two United States Army aviators, Lieutenant Connolly and Lieutenant Waterhouse, who have been missing since the 21st August, were murdered by two fishermen at Bahia, Los Angeles, Lower California, where the airmen alighted after losing their way during a border patrol flight.

Search is bing made for the murderers, who are known both to the American and Mexican authorities.

Investigators who solved the hitherto mystery, found messages scrawled on the aeroplane showing that the airmen were without food for nineteen days and were compelled to drink the water from the radiator. On September 6th two fishermen from the sloop Esperanza rowed the airmen ashore from their floating machine. They then stabbed them while they lay asleep and looted everything portable from the machine.

TRAIN DISASTER.

SPIRIT SMUGGLERS BURNT TO DEATH.

A railway disaster has occurred in Upper Silesia at Kranowitz station, where a passenger train collided with a good. train. Up to the present the number of victims has been ascertained to have been 50 killed and 50 seriously injured, in addition to whom 100 have been slightly injured.

Some of the railway carriages and waggons caught alight. It is reported that many of the travellers had large quantities of spirits in their possession, which they had smuggled from abroad, and that from this cause the force of the flames was much increased. Many of the corpses are so much carbonised that they cannot possibly be identified.

R.A.F. GROUND OFFICERS.

COMPULSORY FLYING RESCINDED

According to the "Globe," the Air Ministry has decided to establish a new class of officers, to be known as stores officers, who will not be required to fly, in spite of the recent decision to the countrary.

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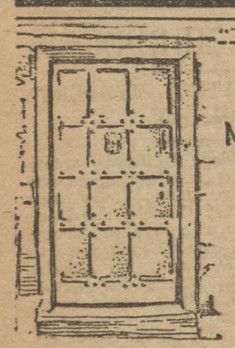

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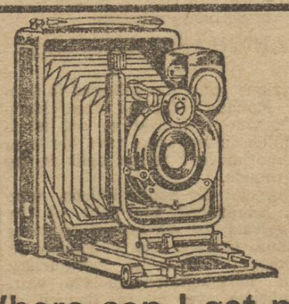

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AMONG THE RUINS.

During the past five years when history exceeded the normal speed limit most of us became addicted to thinking in headlines. The headlines of to-day, however to quote Mr. James Douglas, are the tombstones of to-morrow, and there are themes that occupy our minds daily which seldom find an echo in the newspapers.

How rarely do we find, for example, any detailed allusion to the manner of life now being lived by the French and Belgian peasantry and townspeople, who after years in the wilderness have returned to their shattered homes amid the rack and ruin of pestilential war. What is the landscape like in the region of the Steenbeck; does the Menin road resound to the wheels of the baker's van; have the lads and the lasses of Bethune and Bapaume resumed their courting in the moonlight; has kindly nature been at work in High Wood since the tragic days when "there were nane but Highland bonnets there"?

These and similar queries occur and recur daily whereever two or three seasoned warriors are gathered together, but the public prints of the day are peculiarly dumb and dissatisfying.

That our thoughts should run so frequently in this particular channel is not to be wondered at. Is not the impression made upon the tablets of the memory indelible? When the Old Kent Road is forgotten if not forsaken, scores of the sacred highways and byways of France and Belgium will be carefully and reverently tended.

But there is another and more prosaic reason why the thoughts of many of us should revert so frequently to those scenes of desolation and of woe, and compel us in compassionate moments to wonder how the returned exiles are faring amid their new surroundings.

The cold was sometimes intense and inhospitable winds beat upon us so that provender for fires had to be "scrounged" at all costs. Doors "went west" as well as windows and shutters: even household gods were committed to the flame. Small wonder if the natives search for these and search in vain.

Britain, happily, despite her own trials and tribulations has not forgotten their plight and is lending a helping hand in the regenerative process. Live stock for breeding purposes has been freely exported to the stricken areas and now it is made known that the Royal Horticultural Society of England has gifted a large sum of money for seeds, etc. for orchards and gardens. Assuredly the sun will shine again on the fair fields of Flanders.

MEDAL RIBANDS.

THE ORDER OF WEARING THEM.

BY A MILITARY EXPERT.

In these days medal ribands are a fairly common sight. Nearly every other man one passes proudly displays on his left breast such badges of his warrior prowess, and, likewise, not a few women.

What is not quite so common, though, is to see the ribands, where the wearer is the enviable possessor of several, worn in their correct order. That is in their proper order of precedence, the senior being farthest away from the left shoulder, with the remainder following in their order of seniority until the junior one is nearest the shoulder.

It is not, of course, a very easy matter for the average individual to understand what is the correct order in which medal ribands should be worn—particularly in cases where he or she has ceased to serve with the forces. In the first place, the official list detailing the order of their wear is a very long one—extending from the Victoria Cross and Order of the Garter to Foreign Orders, Decorations and Medals—and, in the second, is, for some unexplained reason, not very widely published; its publication is practically confined to official quarters.

However, the information given herein, based on the information contained in the official list, should afford enlightenment to the majority of those entitled to wear ribands as to the correct order in which they should be worn.

V.C. ALWAYS FIRST.

First in point of precedence comes the Victoria Cross; it is absolutely senior to all other ribands, whether of Orders, Decorations, or Medals.

Next to the V.C. comes the riband of the Order of the Garter; then follow, in order as named, the ribands of the Order of the Thistle, Order of St. Patrick, Order of the Bath, Order of Merit, Order of the Star of India, Order of St. Michael and St. George, Order of the Indian Empire, Order of the Crown of India, Royal Victorian Order (Classes I., II., III.), Order of the British Empire (Classes I., II., III.), Order of the Companions of Honour, Distinguished Service Order, Royal Victorian Order (Class IV), Order of the British Empire (Class IV.), Imperial Service Order, Royal Victorian Order (Class V.), and Order of the British Empire (Class V.).

That completes the ribands of the various principal Orders.

Immediately next comes the riband of the decorations known as the Royal Red Cross (Class I.).

Then follows the Distinguished Service Cross (Naval), the Military Cross, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Force Cross, the Royal Red Cross (Class II.), the Order of British India, the Indian Order of Merit (Military), the Kaisar-i-Hind Medal, and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

A MATTER OF PRECEDENT.

Any man or woman holding the riband of any one or more of the Orders and decorations mentioned should, when wearing same on the breast, give precedence thereto in the manner already explained, by placing farthest from the left shoulder and before any other medal or decoration.

Next in order comes the Albert Medal, then the Distinguished Conduct Medal. Next junior to the D.C.M. is the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Naval), and that is followed, in the order named, by the Distinguished Service Medal (Naval), Military Medal, Distinguished Flying Medal, and Air Force Medal.

Any one or more of the various ribands so far mentioned should be worn in front of any war medal riband.

Only where an individual has none of the ribands mentioned is precedence given on his or her breast to the war medal ribands he or she may hold.

War medal ribands should be worn in the order of their date. For instance, the Queen's S.A. Medal riband comes before the King's S.A.: either South African before the present war ribands, the 1914 or 1914-15 Star before the British War Medal riband, and the British War Medal riband before the Victory Medal riband.

AFTER THE WAR MEDAL RIBANDS.

All other medal ribands other than those specifically alluded to should be worn after the war medal ribands.

The following is the order of precedence of some of the most frequently to be met with of such other medal ribands:—

King's Police, King Edward's Coronation, King Edward's Police Coronation, King Edward's Durbar; King Edward's Police (Scotland), King's Medal, 1903 (Ireland), King George's Coronation, King George's Police Coronation, King's Visit Police Commemoration, 1911 (Ireland), King George's Durbar, the Long Service and Good Conduct (Army), Naval Long Service and Good Conduct, Meritorious Service, Royal Marine Meritorious Service, Volunteer Officer's Decoration, Volunteer Long Service, Militia Long Service, Yeomanry Long Service, Territorial Force Efficiency, Territorial Decoration, Special Reserve Long Service, Decoration for Officers of the Royal Naval Reserve, Decoration for Officers of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, the Royal Naval Reserve Long Service, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Long Service, and the Medal of the Order of the British Empire.

FOREIGN RIBANDS.

Last in point of seniority as far as wearing is concerned come the ribands of foreign Orders (in order of date of award), foreign decorations (in order of date of award), and foreign medals (in order of date of award).

One other point only needs to be alluded to in conclusion, and that is the correct number of ribands that may be worn in one row in cases where the individual possesses a goodly number. The official regulation is that where there is not sufficient room to wear the ribands in one row, without one riband overlapping another, they should be worn in two rows, the lower row being placed half an inch below the upper. That regulation is certainly a simple enough one.

CAN YOU WRITE?

We pay for all literary contributions to "The Cologne Post," and are pleased to consider articles, humorous sketches and poems by members of the Rhine Army. No article should exceed 500 words, and even shorter ones can be submitted.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

STREET OBSTRUCTIONS.

Sir,—From time to time various correspondents have called attention to points of town management wherein the German is said to surpass our home authorities. I would like to protest against this as a general principle and quote one special case where the Cologne authorities show themselves utterly regardless of the public welfare as opposed to private convenience, viz., in the matter of street obstructions.

A few nights ago I passed a large stores in an ill-lighted street and was surprised to find a huge mass of coke, several waggon loads, blocking the greater part of the street, and it was to be left there all night.

Last night, passing up the Hunnenrucken abut 9 p.m. I saw two loads of bricks carelessly dumped in the roadway and covering half its width.

There will be serious motor, cycle, and car accidents so long as this practice is permitted. It may be all right for natives; they may expect to find such barriers to their nocturnal progress, but our people do not and accidents are bound to accrue.

A funny sight which I saw this morning struck me as being the limit. In a street where the tramway passes close to the pavement was a huge load of coke. To keep the cart there or dump the stuff meant blocking the trams, so the difficulty was overcome by drawing the wagon on to the footpath, thereby blocking the foot passengers.

That the latter had to walk into the trams or wait, did not seem to matter. In fact the foot passenger in Cologne does not seem to have any rights.

L.C.C.

ARE THEY NECESSARY?

Sir,—I should like to take this opportunity of informing your correspondents "Micky" and A.H.T. that the wearing of identity discs by all ranks in the British Army is compulsory, failure to do so being contrary to G.R.O. 3310.

In any case, there is no justification whatever for a grouse in this direction seeing that the identity disc is practically the only official means of identification left, since the exodus of our old friend A. B. 64.

DEV.

RINK HOCKEY.

Sir,—Referring to "Swerver's" letter I regret that I shall be unable to give any assistance in the formation of a Rink Hockey League as I am proceeding on demobilization.

I think the formation of an inter-regimental competition would prove to be the seed of real sporting weekly contests. It's surprising how keen new players get when shewn what skill can be obtained in this sport, and this I feel sure would be imbibed by "Swerver" as I still have vivid and pleasant memories of the old tussles with many of the northern clubs, such as Leeds City, Burnley Coliseum, Leicester, etc., with "stick wizards" like the Bros. Duxbury as opponents.

D. HEATH. Capt. R. E.

Sir,—In reply to "Swerver's" I may say that every effort is being made to raise Rink Hockey teams to play at Mulheim.

The services of "Swerver" in connection with this will be much appreciated, and if he visits the Rink at Mulheim he will find the M.C. prepared to supply all information and discuss any practicable suggestions.

MÜLHEIM.

PRICES AND PROFITS.

Sir,—I am interested to see that other officers have noticed that the portion of whisky served at the N.A.C.B. Officers' Club changes inversely with the rise of price, and has reached the stage where a little attention is needed.

The other evening I was served among others with the usual "double." I took it to the mess, and on measuring it out I found it went 16 or 17 portions to the bottle.

Now at this particular time bottles of whisky could be bought at the wholesale canteen at 25.40 marks per bottle, less 5 per cent. discount, while the price charged per portion in the Ewige Lampe was 6.40 marks.

A little calculation shews that four portions pay for the bottle. Now what becomes of the approximate 70 marks profit on each bottle sold? And is this considered a fair profit?

OBSERVER.

EYES AND NO EYES.

Sir,—Every intelligent reader of "M.A.'s" letter in to-day's "Post" will endorse both its purport and its timeliness.

Before the war we all considered Germany as a progressive and efficient country to be very seriously reckoned with in the race for intellectual and commercial supremacy.

The violation of the laws of war has not changed our respective positions by one iota, save apparently to render Germany still keener, and ourselves more complacently self-satisfied, than ever. Never, perhaps, was that childishly silly egotism more clearly manifested than by those of your correspondents who denied to Germans a musical faculty greater than our own.

Let every man realise that Germany is just as big a nut to crack now as she ever was during the war, and the only way to crack the nut is by work, not by words.

We are now British workers with a decided tendency to talk and argument rather than work.

We are in competition with a nation whose pre-war efficiency and national discipline left us standing at the post.

That efficiency is now asserting itself again, and should that discipline do likewise it will require the last ounce of our national effort to hold our place in the world,—to hold any place at all.

The policy of burking hard facts has become a habit with us during the war, and may easily be our undoing. Those of us who know the average German, know that in industrious effort and general intelligence he is, at least, quite up to his British prototype, and his efficiency will be in no wise impaired by any amount of "crabbing."

We shall never get the measure of the Germans until we put on our pre-war spectacles again.

T.W.P.

THE PLAYS SOME PEOPLE WANT

Sir,—Your correspondent "One of the Gods" seems to be one of those persons who is never satisfied. I think the B.R.A.D.C. are really doing wonders in producing the great number of plays they do.

If "One of the Gods" can find nothing else to do but grumble about these productions I feel very sorry for him.

If the latter's suggestion was adopted I wonder if the house at the Deutsches would be as crowded as it is at present.

G.W.H.P.

Sir,—With reference to this correspondence, there are one or two points which seem to have escaped the notice of your correspondents. To judge from "One of the Gods" letter the only two plays he has seen are "Strife" and "Damaged Goods".

Other and more amusing plays have been produced at the Deutsches Theatre which he does not appear to have attended. e.g., "Man and Superman", "Importance of being Earnest", and "General Post," and I suggest he should see some of these before he condemns the R.A.D.C. of always giving serious problem plays; merely because he happens to have witnessed these two plays only.

But there are several points which suggest correspondence on this subject

1. There are several good Concert Parties performing in Cologne if "One of the Gods" prefers something in lighter vein.

2. Some of the plays he suggests are quite beyond the scope of the R.A.D.C. This is mainly due to technical difficulties connected with elaborate scenic effects, etc.

Moreover if "One of the Gods" appreciation of good drama is limited to "Pigeon Post," etc. or the strong melodrama beloved of "Gallery" I submit that there is ample opportunity whilst on leave for seeing these kinds of plays which are typically representative of theatrical taste in England.

C. G. R.

BANDS IN PLENTY.

Sir,—In Sunday's issue of the "Cologne Post" there appeared a notice saying that very few bands had been heard in Cologne of late, and I am writing to point out that since May 18th till October 19th we have had, without fail, a Band Concert once every week at the British Empire Leave Club.

Two concerts have been given by the 17th Lancers, two by the 12th Lancers, the 1st Eastern Brigade, the Inniskilling Dragoons, and the 20th K.R.R.C., while the Western Divisional String Orchestra, the 18th K.R.R.C., the 13th K.R.R.C., 3rd Hussars, 51st Leicesters, 23rd Royal Fusiliers, 52nd Durham Light Infantry, and 9th East Surreys have all given one concert in our Hall, and the Royal Dragoons have given two. Last, but not least, we have had a visit from the Belgian Band of the 1st Grenadiers, besides innumerable bands for dances.

CONTROLLER OF ENTERTAINMENTS.

BOXING FILMS.

Sir,—Why is your correspondent "Anti-box" so surprised and pained to see films exhibited in the Y.M.C.A., showing pugilistic encounters? Does he realise what boxing, and the numerous other sports, has done for the community in general in the late war? Does he imagine that this country of ours could have brought the war to such a successful issue, on the "glass of milk and a bun" tactics, he evidently prescribes?

It is high time he thought a bit more rationally, or if, as it seems, such a thing is impossible, allow other, and more able people, to do it for him. I should imagine an organization such as the Y.M.C.A. are too "old in the teeth" to be taught what to do for the amusement of its patrons, and the repulsion which "Anti-box" feels for such an exhibition is not shared by the majority.

In conclusion, let me point out that the number of our clergy who are adepts at the "noble art" is sufficient proof that brawn as well as brains are not necessarily incompatible qualities.

NOBBIE.

Sir,—I am surprised and pained to think that "Anti-box" should take the opinion of boxing that he does. He describes it as a low and degrading sport; far from it. It teaches a man self-reliance, and a man who can rely on and defend himself is worth a dozen of "Anti-box's" type. Also a man who takes to boxing as a profession must keep himself fit both morally and physically.

I have found from experience that the majority of these "creatures" who protest against boxing are of the "Mother's Darling" variety.

It is largely the spirit and doggedness of the men in the field, such as is essential to a boxer, that brought us successfully through the War.

PUGILIST.

"SHOU'DER TO TH' WHEEL."

If yo'r business is bad,
And yo' know not the cause;
And yo'r wark turns out wrong,
O'erridden wi' flaws;
There's a shortage o' summat,
As yo' may well know,
Perhaps there's a lacking
O' grease at th' elbow,
So get out yo'r oil,
Give the bearings a drop—
If yo' don't, the result—
Will be nowt but a stop!
Keep yo'r shou'der to th' wheel.

It matters not much
Wot yo'r business may be,
Whether building or farming,
Or felling a tree,
Or courtin' a lassie
To mak' her yo'r wife;
Yo' mun do it i' ernest,
Wi' some show o' life.
Energy's wanted
In wotever yo' do,
Half-hearted wark
Will ne'er pull yo' through!
Keep yo'r shou'der to th' wheel!

NED O' RAINHILL.

OUR FOOTBALL CONTEST

FELTON BEATS BARRY.

Australian's Easy Win in World's Sculling Championship.

LOSER BECOMES WATER-LOGGED.

Alfred Felton, Australia, by virtue of defeating Ernest Barry, British Champion, at Putney on Monday, becomes sculling champion of the world.

The match, which was for £500 a side, created considerable interest in the rowing world, and large crowds watched the Australian win by six lengths.

There was a strong north-westerly wind blowing, which caused very rough water. Felton, who had the luck of winning the toss, chose the Middlesex side. The men got away by mutual consent, Felton striking fourteen and twenty-six, and Barry fifteen and twenty-eight.

The Australian hugged the Middlesex shore, while Barry kept to the centre of the river, where he shipped a great amount of water. He became water-logged before reaching Craven Steps. Felton rapidly added to his useful lead. He covered the distance in 25 minutes 40 seconds, Barry taking approximately 26 minutes. The winner was loudly cheered.

THE OPPONENTS.

Felton scales 13st. 7lbs., and stands 6ft. 2½in., against Barry's 11st. 8lb. and 6ft.

Barry's first race for the championship was in 1910, when he was beaten on the Zambesi by Arnst. Two years later he turned the tables on Arnst over the Thames course, whilst the same year he beat E. Durnan. In 1913 he vanquished H. Pearce, and J. Paddon fell a victim to his prowess in 1914.

Barry's time of 21min. 12sec. against Towns in 1908 is a record for the championship course in a sculling boat.

"JOCKY" SIMPSON.

The Retirement of Blackburn Rover's Famous Winger.

BY W. LE. C.

The compulsory retirement of the famous "Bairn," which means a deplorable loss to football, and the passing of one of England's cleverest players, has been greatly felt by all lovers of the game. "Jocky" Simpson, as we shall always remember him, was born at Pendleton about 33 years ago, and first began his football career at the age of seventeen. Glasgow Rangers gave him a trial and then Falkirk snapped him up. He signed for this club in the season 1904-5. The fame of the "Bairns'" winger soon spread, and club after club angled for his services, offers up to £1,500 being made.

Then in 1911 (January 23rd to be exact) he played in the English International Trial at Tottenham, and on the evening of the same day he signed for the Rovers. The transfer fee was £1,800, a record then, but events proved he was worth it, every penny.

He turned out in the Blackburn jersey for the first time on January 28th, 1911 against Sheffield United at Bramall Lane, and since then has regularly assisted his team.

Snapped up by Rovers.

When Simpson intimated to Mr. William Nichol, the Falkirk secretary, that he wished to sever his connection with the club, letters were sent out to Sheffield Wednesday, Newcastle United, Everton, Aston Villa, Bradford and Tottenham informing them that he was on transfer. When these clubs were, to use a common expression "thinking it over", Blackburn stepped in. The Rovers three years previously had offered £1,000 for the famous winger and the chance was too good to be missed.

His last appearance for the Ewood club took place at Blackburn against Middlesboro' on April 24, 1915, when he, along with Aitkenhead and Dawson, scored the four goals which defeated the Teesiders. How many of the crowd who delighted in his brilliance that day, thought that would be the last appearance of their idol in the Rovers' jersey. But events have proved it was.

During the war he assisted his old club Falkirk and made his last appearance in football, with the "Bairns" practically eight years to the day he left them, on January 25th last, against Greenock Morton.

When Falkirk's line consisted of Simpson, John McTavish (his famous partner who later joined Newcastle United) Skene, Mitchell and Davidson, he scored 33 goals from outside right, a splendid performance.

His First Cap.

The accident of birth entitled him to play for England and in 1911 the English selectors, threw custom to the winds and invited Simpson, not then connected with an English club, to play for the land of his birth. He got his first cap at Derby against Ireland on February 11, 1911, and performed with dazzling skill. Since then he has been seven times the recipient of International honours, representing England on eight occasions.

Blackburn, always liberal-handed to their players, are seeking permission to pay the International in full for this season and to play a benefit match on his behalf. They also intend to raise a testimonial to him. While he is not legally entitled to a benefit, I think the League will not make any objections and the permission should be readily forthcoming. When this is given "Wee Jocky Simpson" as they call him over the border, should find that Blackburn folk appreciate his services to their club.

Never a "Gallery" player, he was an untiring worker, and got to the front rank of football stars by sheer hard work. A gentlemanly player and one who delighted in his game, the football world is all the poorer by his retirement; and I echo the wish of thousands of his admirers, out here and at home when I say that I trust his days may be prolonged, and that the illness which has made him say "Good-bye" to football may be successfully combated.

MIXED HOCKEY.

Proposed Formation of a Team in Cologne.

Hockey is attracting many followers this season in Rhineland, and there are rumours of many teams being formed. A number of ladies have put their heads together and expressed the opinion that a mixed team in Cologne would be bound to meet with popularity. Other people of the same mind who have suggestions to make anent the project, should drop a line to Mrs. Hall, 12 Krumentz Strasse, Lindenthal.

TO-DAY'S BIG RACE.

Will Succession of Winning Outsiders be Maintained?

CAMBRIDGESHIRE PROBABLES.

The present flat racing season has been remarkable for the number of favourites that have failed in big races. The Panther's ignominious performance in the Derby was perhaps the most notable of these, and, in view of past experience, followers of racing are showing more inclination to support long shots, in trying to spot the winner of to-day's Cambridgeshire, than usual.

Many outsiders are being mentioned as possible winners, although Zinovia and Scatwell remain at the head of the betting list. On account of the hard going, Planet was, until Monday, looked upon as a doubtful starter, but, with the fall of rain, these doubts have been dispelled. According to latest reports from England, however, it is unlikely that rain will fall in sufficient quantities to render the ground really soft. Should this presumption turn out to be correct, Scatwell, who has a great partiality for fairly hard going, will shorten still further in price.

PROBABLE STARTERS.

My Dear (Donoghue)	Glamerin (Slade)
Diadem (Childs)	Clarion (Lane)
Zinovia (V. Smith)	Aynsley (—)
Scatwell (A. Smith)	Tetrarchia (Martin)
Rivershore (—)	Viviani (Ledson)
Planet (Robbins)	Sir Berkeley (Colling)
Dominion (Whalley)	Dromio (Leach)
Roideur (—)	Brigand (—)
Golden Fleece (Fox)	Glaciale (F. Huscley)
Royal Bucks (Holme)	LadyEarn (Ringstead)
Rocksavage (Leader)	Mintleaf (—)
Viceroy (—)	Alasnam (Weston).

RECENT SCRATCHINGS.

Frank Webber and Vertigo at 9 a.m.; Elfterion 11.57 on Monday; Polygnotus and Monteith after 1 on Saturday.

LILLE "SWEEP" DRAW.

First Prize £11,178; Second Prize £5,589; Third £2,794.

The draw for the "Victory Army Cambridgeshire Sweepstake" took place at Lille on Monday.

The first prize will be £11,178; the second £5,589 and the third £2,794, while all horses drawn, including the whole ninety entries will each receive £238.

Nunovia was drawn by 36,069 Air-mechanic Sharp, Folkestone.

Scatwell, 07,661, Lieut. Easterbrook, Cologne.

Sir Berkeley 57,907, Pte. Masher, Rugby.

Tetrarchia 34,255, Pte. Riley, Engineer Workshops, Somme, France.

Dominion, 98,486, Provost Marshal's Office, G.H.Q., Rhine Army.

LATEST BETTING.

6 to 1 Zinovia	7 to 1 Scatwell
15 to 2 Sir Berkeley	9 to 1 Tetrarchia
100 to 8 Alasnam	100 to 7 Royal Bucks
100 to 6 Diadem	18 to 1 Golden Fleece
22 to 1 Clarion	22 to 1 Dominion

33 to 1 Lady Earn.

BIRMINGHAM RESULTS.

Favourite again Beaten in Big Race.

Dull clouds and cold winds characterised Monday's meeting at Birmingham. The going was on the hard side. Results:—

Estates Plate:—1, Slurbowe (5—2); 2, Sucrose colt (9—4); 3, Skookum Joe (10—1). Nine ran.

Solihull Handicap:—1, Orange William (5—1); 2, Kaloolan (9—2); 3, Danunzio (5—1). Seven ran.

Atherstone Handicap:—1, Home fire (7—2); 2, Pourboire (4—1); 3, Starida (100—7). Thirteen ran.

Birmingham Handicap:—1, Jupiter (5—1); 2, Grand Fleet (9—4); 3, Unicoi (11—8). Six ran.

Coventry Handicap:—1, Happy Girl (100—6); 2, Willblend (5—2); 3, Light Blue (100—6). Fourteen ran.

Maiden Plate:—1, Hagrology (2—1); 2, June Rose (7—4); Ring Again (10—1). Six ran.

LIVERPOOL CUP WEIGHTS.

(1m. 3f. Run Friday, Nov. 7.)

	Age	st	lb		Age	st	lb
My Dear	4	9	5	King's Idler	3	7	0
Arion	4	9	3	Alasnam	3	6	13
Zinovia	4	9	3	Tourville	3	6	12
Grand Fleet	5	9	1	Danegelt	3	6	11
Scatwell	4	8	12	Glaciale	3	6	11
Rich Gift	5	8	5	Mapledurham	3	6	11
King John	4	8	4	Tomatine	3	6	11
Planet	5	8	3	My Land	4	6	10
Flying Spear	3	8	2	Roamer	3	6	9
Chinette	3	8	2	Patrick's Day	a	6	8
Dominion	3	8	2	Schamyl	a	6	8
Royal Bucks	6	7	13	Silvanite	4	6	7
Good Night	3	7	8	Ramda	6	6	7
Sandmole	a	7	7	Control	3	6	6
Sir Berkeley	4	7	7	King Carnival	4	6	5
African Star	3	7	4	John Jackett	6	6	5
Lady Earn	4	7	2	Thermogene	4	6	3
Rotessay Bay	3	7	2	Kerry Lass	3	6	2
Pastures New	a	7	0	Dorelus	3	6	0
Silver Bullet	4	7	0	Poilu	4	6	0
Zulanda	5	7	0	Win the War	3	6	0
Square Measure	4	7	0	Warways	3	6	0
Roseacre	4	7	0	Tangiers	3	Dr.	
Dionysos	4	7	0	Carados	4	Dr.	
Daphne	3	7	0				

VARSITY HOCKEY.

In playing Beckenham, at Cambridge, the University lost their first match of the season. The feature of the play was the speed of both teams, although the visitors showed the superior combination, and won 1—0.

Oxford University accomplished a very creditable performance at Wimbledon in beating the Wimbledon team by 5 goals to nil.

BARRY DEFEATED BY FELTON

"KNOCK-OUTS" FORBIDDEN

Strange Decision by English Borough Council.

AMUSING SKIT.

The Borough Council has decided to allow Acton Baths to be let for Boxing Contests on condition that knock-outs are not allowed.

The above decision, which is causing much amusement in English boxing circles, has moved Mr. W. Buchanan Taylor to write the following "intelligent anticipation" for "Sporting Life":

The combatants entered the ring at five o'clock p.m. precisely, fresh from afternoon tea in the Kindergarten. It was calculated that as the combat was one of six half-minute rounds the boys would be able to retire at their usual bedtime, 5.45 sharp.

Gerald the Gentle (nicknamed the Apple of Acton) was in the corner nearest the nursery, whilst his opponent, Harold the Harmless (the Pride of Peckham), being the guest, completed his toilet in the angle abutting on the incubator.

Gerald was looked after by his mother and two maiden aunts, and Harold had as mentor his V.A.D. cousin and two of her char-lady colleagues. Both lads had undergone a strict training on Glaxo and Allenbury's, and the respective trainers reported them "fit to fight for a Kingdom."

The referee called the combatants together and read the usual instructions, which, consisted of a by-law of the borough setting forth the conditions of the contest, with a full list of penalties for slapping, scratching, biting, and pushing.

Both lads were deeply moved at the recital, and having kissed each other on the brow, the ring was cleared.

3rd Round.

Then follows a detailed account of the first three rounds, the third being described as follows:—

Round 3.—This will be known as one of the most sensational set-to's in the annals of the Acton prize-ring. The round had not been in progress more than ten seconds when Harold's bootlace became unfastened, and no sooner did he stop to give it his attention than Gerald raised his right hand and landed fairly heavily with the flat of his hand on that part of his opponent's anatomy which was uppermost at the critical moment. The sufferer of this cowardly blow protested vehemently, but manfully refrained from retaliating. Disorder reigned in the auditorium, and cries of "Foul!" were heard in all directions. The referee consulted with the Baths Committee, and when order was at last restored, it was announced that after a profound discussion of the incident the committee had decided by 7 votes to 3 to disqualify the offender. So the prize, a "Treatise on the Dangers of Physical Development, and How to Avoid Them," was given to Harold. The decision was not accepted with entire unanimity by the audience, but the committee remained firm.

NEW TENNIS STAR.

Concluding Stages in London Covered C. C.

The London covered court lawn tennis championships reached the concluding stages on Monday.

T. M. Mavrogordato qualified as finalist in the mens' singles, defeating A. C. Hunter 6/2; 6/1; 6/3. The other finalist will probably be the Roumanian, N. Mishu, who has yet to meet Parton in the semi-final.

Mrs. Beamish creditably won the ladies' singles championship, defeating Miss McKane in the final round 2/1; 6/1; 9/7. Miss McKane is unquestionably the most promising young English player, her masterly style being quite reminiscent of Suzanne Lenglin.

In the mens' doubles third round the Hon. F. B. Fisher and C. P. Dixon beat N. Mishu and Eames in a most spectacular match of terrific hitting 9/7; 6/3; 6/4; P. M. Davson and T. M. Mavrogordato beat Stoddard and Yencken 6/2; 6/3; 6/2.

In the mixed doubles third round Capt. O'Hara Wood, Australia, and Mrs. Beamish beat T. M. Mavrogordato and Miss Ryan 6/3; 6/3.

In the semi-final the Hon. F. B. Fisher and Mrs. Lambert Chambers beat Doust and Mrs. McNair 7/5; 6/2.

FAMOUS GOLFERS PLAY.

To mark the post-war reopening of the Betchworth Park course, near Dorking, on Saturday, the champion, Harry Vardon (South Herts), the ex-champions, J. H. Taylor (Mid-Surrey), and James Braid (Walton Heath), and the local professional, George Carter, took part in a couple of competitions for which the club put up prize money to the amount of £50. The scores were: Taylor 75, Carter 79, Braid 81, Vardon 84.

VILLA'S NEW TALENT.

Aston Villa surprised even their most sanguine supporters by visiting Middlesbrough and defeating the home team by 4 goals to 1. The Villa had Barson, of Barnsley, as centre-half, and Kirton, of Leeds City, in the forward line. Middlesbrough led at the interval by a goal, scored by Butler, to nothing.

In the second half a surprising change came over the game. Boyman accomplished the hat trick for the Villa, and Darrell registered their fourth point. The visitors displayed remarkable form, and well deserved their win.

THE STABLE LADS' STRIKE.

Stablemen at Newmarket are unlikely to take action to support the Epsom stables as very few of them belong to the owner. An open air meeting was held at Newmarket with the object of getting men to join the union, but it met with small response.

Both the trainers and the stable lads have taken up a determined attitude, and the sympathy of the people of Epsom is with the lads on the ground that they are receiving insufficient pay. About 100 stable lads are affected.

CHUMS

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THE LEAGUE TABLES.

Leaders Maintain Positions in Various Competitions.

SPURS STILL UNBEATEN.

The position of the clubs on Saturday in the chief League Competitions was as follows:—

The League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
West Bromwich Albion	11	9	0	2	36	14	18
Newcastle United	12	7	3	2	19	9	17
Burnley	12	6	3	3	21	17	15
Middlesbrough	12	6	3	3	17	17	15
Sheffield United	12	5	4	3	27	17	14
Manchester United	11	4	6	1	20	14	14
Sunderland	11	6	1	4	20	15	13
Derby County	12	4	5	3	17	15	13
Bradford City	12	5	2	5	21	20	12
Bolton Wanderers	12	5	1	6	23	20	11
Bradford	11	5	1	5	15	14	11
Everton	11	5	1	5	22	21	11
Liverpool	11	5	1	5	13	14	11
Chelsea	11	5	1	5	12	13	11
The Arsenal	11	4	3	4	16	17	11
Blackburn Rovers	12	3	4	5	13	17	10
Manchester City	11	4	2	5	25	29	10
Notts County	11	3	3	5	16	25	9
Preston North End	11	3	2	6	18	19	8
Oldham Athletic	11	2	2	7	14	21	6
Aston Villa	11	2	1	8	12	25	5
Sheffield Wednesday	11	1	3	7	6	19	5

Second Division Of The League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts
Tottenham Hotspur	10	9	1	0	35	6	19
Fulham	12	7	3	2	21	9	17
Bristol City	11	5	5	1	15	8	15
Blackpool	12	7	1	4	27	15	15
Stoke	11	7	1	3	19	1	15
Barnsley	11	6	2	3	26	10	14
Birmingham	11	6	2	3	23	12	14
Hull City	12	6	2	4	20	16	14
West Ham United	11	6	2	3	13	15	14
Huddersfield Town	11	5	3	3	19	10	13
Stockport County	11	4	4	3	16	9	12
Bury	11	5	1	5	12	15	11
Burslem Port Vale	9	4	2	3	17	12	10
Nottingham	12	3	4	5	11	13	10
Wolverhampton Wand.	11	3	3	5	14	14	9
South Shields	10	4	0	6	8	16	8
Leicester City	11	3	2	6	12	26	8
Rotherham County	12	3	1	8	10	25	7
Grimsby Town	11	3	1	7	7	20	7
Clapton Orient	12	2	1	9	11	20	5
Lincoln City	11	1	3	7	9	37	5
Coventry City	11	0	2	9	4	27	2

Southern League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts
Queen's Park Rangers	13	8	4	1	18	4	20
Reading	14	7	6	1	18	8	20
Portsmouth	13	7	3	3	23	10	17
Exeter City	12	5	5	2	16	10	15
Watford	11	6	3	2	13	9	15
Millwall Athletic	13	5	4	4	22	20	14
Plymouth Argyle	12	5	3	4	17	7	13
Crystal Palace	12	3	7	2	16	13	13
Southend United	13	4	5	4	15	17	13
Cardiff City	11	3	6	2	19	13	12
Norwich City	10	5	2	3	18	15	12
Swindon Town	12	4	4	4	19	18	12
Brentford	12	3	5	4	14	15	11
Merthyr Town	13	3	5	5	16	18	11
Luton Town	12	4	3	5	14	19	11
Southampton	13	5	1	7	18	26	11
Brighton & Hove Albion	13	3	4	6	12	17	10
Bristol Rovers	11	3	4	4	17	21	10
Swansea Town	11	3	2	6	10	14	8
Gillingham	13	3	2	8	8	22	8
Northampton Town	12	2	3	7	20	30	7
Newport County	14	2	3	9	10	27	7

Scottish League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts
Glasgow Rangers	14	12	1	1	40	7	25
Celtic	11	10	0	1	30	12	20
Motherwell	14	7	5	2	25	19	19
Airdrieonians	13	7	3	3	26	18	17
Greenock Morton	13	7	2	4	23	11	16
Heart of Midlothian	13	7	2	4	18	14	16
Partick Thistle	12	6	2	4	19	18	14
Dundee	13	6	1	6	17	15	13
Aberdeen	13	5	3	5	17	16	13
Hibernians	14	6	1	7	28	29	13
Third Lanark	13	4	4	5	18	22	12
St. Mirren	14	5	2	7	16	25	12
Raith Rovers	15	4	3	8	29	35	11
Queen's Park	14	4	3	7	20	26	11
Clyde	15	3	5	7	19	26	11
Falkirk	15	4	2	9	15	29	10
Dumbarton	14	2	6	6	16	28	10
Kilmarnock	14	4	2	8	16	35	10
Clydebank	12	4	1	7	18	19	9
Albion Rovers	12	3	3	6	11	21	9
Hamilton Academicals	14	3	2	9	22	34	8

SECOND LEAGUE RESULT.

Port Vale 0; Tottenham H. 1.

CAMBRIDGE V. THE ARMY.

The Light Blues had a hard task on Saturday for their opening Rugby match, and, all things considered, they did well to make a draw of it, although they were leading until the last minute of the game, when the Army got level. There was more combination about the Army side, and had their shooting been as good as their mid-field play, they might have won by a respectable margin, but on quite a number of occasions, particularly in the second half, their shooting was rather wild.

20 M.A.C. v. 36 C.C.S.

It was only a moderate game at Klettenberg on Saturday, when 20th M.A.C. defeated 36th C.C.S. by two clear goals. The M.A.C., opened the scoring a few minutes from the start, the ball rolling into the net during a misunderstanding between the "36" backs, and the custodian. The C.C.S. tried hard to equalise but their forwards, who lacked initative and cohesion, never looked like scoring, for they failed to shoot when well-placed.

The second half was much the same as the first, the M.A.C., adding to their lead early on, after a spirited forward movement. Near the end of the game the losers were awarded a penalty, which the right back failed to convert. Both sides were well served by the backs, but the forwards, particularly those of "36", were weak, and neither goalkeeper was really tested.

844—NEWMAN'S RECORD BREAK.

The following were the closing scores in the leading billiard matches in London on Monday evening:—

Newman 9648; Stevenson (in play) 8563. Newman made his record break 844, beating his previous record 829.

Reece 8854; Falkiner (in play) 8796.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE PROBABLES

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

At the Palace.

"The Crumps" opened a week's engagement at the Cologne Palace on Monday under the happiest auspices. Although billed all over the town as the "Grumps" (as a result of inadvertance on the part of the printer I suppose), the performance was far from being grumpy in its tone. On the contrary, humour and brightness were the chief qualities, albeit the comedy items were judiciously relieved by many excellent "straight" numbers.

The whole programme is varied and well arranged and has the estimable quality of being quite free from any trace of vulgarity. Sketches play a prominent part and the latest production of the party, a burlesque drama, described as a thrilling story of love and hatred, with a couple of suicides thrown in, abounds with humorous situations. The presentation which is in every way excellent, is in the hands of Jack Knight, Tich Whetton, Tolly de Macne, Tom Fenwick, Ted Moody, Billy Lamb and Jim Rees.

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One of the most popular items in the entertainment is undoubtedly the treatment of Marie Lloyd's well-known number "A little of what you Fancy" by "Tich Whetton". He is a particularly successful dame whose facial expressions are distinctly funny. "Daisy" Bell is another hard worker in the party. His female impersonations are an enjoyable feature throughout, but his happiest effort is towards the end when he contributes fireside memories. Tom Fenwick and Ted Moody submit a bright cross-talk act besides doing clever individual turns, while "Doris" Howell ably sustains the female element.

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On Monday a thoroughly finished violin solo was contributed by a member whose name I could not find on the programme. His playing was a feature of the show. In conclusion the production under the able supervision of Lieut. Knight, left nothing to be desired, the whole programme going perfectly smoothly, while the orchestra well maintained the high standard of the programme.

No Lorries for Entertainers.

The chief result of the decision not to allow concert parties to utilise motor transport for moving about the occupied area will be felt by the soldier inhabitants of the tiny villages "miles from anywhere." Many of these little places are a long way from the railways and trams and the amusement caterers are wondering how they can possibly place their wares before troops in these outlying spots. Even supposing that by train, the artistes, with their scenery and dresses, could reach a station within reasonable walking distance of their destination, there would still be the problem to be faced of how to return after the show.

Coblenz Entertainment.

I hear that the Elsie Illingworth concert party, which was with the A.E.F. six months in France, is now in Coblenz to give a series of concerts for the A. F. under Y. M. C. A. auspices. The personnel of the party comprise: Miss Elsie Illingworth, Mezzo-Soprano, Miss Nellie Norway, Band Bell soloist, Miss Mollie Seymour, Violin and Ragtime, John E. Nester, Entertainer, and Miss Barbara Hope, Pianist.

Gurzenich Concert.

What promises to be an excellent concert is announced to take place to-morrow at the Gurzenich. The famous tenor of the Berlin opera house, Herr Robert Hutt, and the well-known pianist, Herr Karl Friedberg, will take part. Herr Karl Friedberg came back last autumn from a triumphal tour. He will play different pieces of Chopin, in which he is inimitable.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Wed	Tannhäuser	Wagner	7	0.45
Thurs.	Ein Maskenball	Verdi	7	9.45
Fri.	Der Barbier von Sevilla	Rossini	7	10
Sat.	Orpheus and Eurydice	Gluck	7	9.15
Sun.	Die Walküre	Wagner	5.30	10.30
Mon.	Madame Butterfly	Puccini	7	9.45
Tues.	Tosca	Puccini	7	10

Organ Recital.

At the Asylum Church, Langerfeld, on Sunday evening, Capt. A. S. Blackwell, R.A.M.C. gave a second recital on the organ. The programme included Bach's prelude and Fugue in C minor, Prelude to Parsifal, Wagner, and the Symphonic Poem "Finlandia", Sibilius. The performer was in good form, and again rendered a true interpretation of Bach's master mind in the fugue. The organist's stop registration was a very happy one in the Parsifal prelude, showing in the softer tone the broad passion chords, and again in the bold diapason, the fluctuations and sorrows in the quest of Parsifal were brought to memory. The Finlandia item too, was delightfully rendered, bringing a very pleasant recital to a close.

"ORGANUM."

The Deutsches Theatre.

There was a crowded audience at the Deutsches Theatre on Monday evening to witness the opening performance of a Gilbert and Sullivan Concert Party. The artistes, who all did remarkably well, included Miss Mary Hilliard, soprano; Miss Aimee Shergold, contralto; Miss Gwendolyn Teagle, violinist; Miss Nora Drake, entertainer and pianist, Mr. Clay Thomas, baritone, and Mr. Patric Playfair, conjurer.

Chess.—Married v. Single.

On Thursday, October 30th at 6,30 p.m. besides the usual Whist Drive, there will be a Chess Match at the British Empire Leave Club "Married versus Single," and on the following Thursdays, tournaments will be arranged directly the class of the players has been determined. The Secretary is Sgt.-Major Graham, who has kindly consented to be in charge.

Leave Club Programme.

On Friday, there will be a dancing class from 5 to 6, and Colonel Gore Brown has very kindly consented to give a lecture on the Opera, illustrated on the piano, at 7 p.m. On Saturday, November 1st there will be an impromptu concert from 5 to 6, followed by a dance in the theatre at 6.30 p.m.

In Few Words.

Siegfried Wagner, the great composer's son, will conduct a concert at the Gürzenich in a few days.

JACQUES.

RHINE ARMY SCOUTS.

At Lindenthal Y.M.C.A. to-day several interesting matters will be discussed by members of the Rhine Army Scouts Circle at the usual weekly meeting. The programme for the week includes scout training, "pow wows", and rambles during the week-end.

Boys of 11 years of age or more are invited to become members of the Junior Section.

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Contest No. 5 Result To-morrow: Another Coupon Below.

The result of contest No. 5 will appear to-morrow. In this competition 2,629 coupons were entered. However there are 2637 marks to be awarded owing to competitors sending in more marks than required with their efforts. Only one mark should be sent with each coupon, but any number of coupons may be sent in by one competitor.

Referring to the matches for No. 6, we find that Middlesboro' are away to the Villa, and Aston have a chance to prove whether their victory was, or was not, a flash in the pan.

Arsenal will be all out at Bradford and it should be noted that their best wins this season have been on foreign soil.

Notts County will give the "Throstles" all they need; no team gets 8 goals against them in one match without trying to retrieve such a defeat.

Birmingham smarting under last week's failure will take some holding at Upton Park, while in the Scottish League, Morton and Celtic should provide a rousing contest with the odds on the visitors.

Study to-day's League Tables, fill in your coupon and send it in. The prize-money is awaiting your effort.

Coupons must be addressed:—

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2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disquality the effort.

3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.

4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.

5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.

6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.

7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.

8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.

9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 6.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov. 1st.
Closing date, Friday, Oct. 31st.

Aston Villa	v. Middlesboro
Bolton W.	v. Sunderland
Blackburn R.	v. Everton
Bradford C.	v. Arsenal
Notts C.	v. West Bromwich
West Ham	v. Birmingham
Huddersfield	v. Fulham
Swindon	v. Queens Park R.
Brentford	v. Plymouth A.
Brighton	v. Exeter C.
Hamilton A.	v. Falkirk
Morton	v. Celtic

I enter Football Competition No. 6 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed _____
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. _____

Unit _____

Full Address _____

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

A Gentle Hint.

When you get glasses at the Opera House now, a notice, is shown to you requesting that great care should be taken with them, they being "so easily lost."

English Inconsistencies.

Learning English presents many difficulties owing to the disregard of rules in our language. A British Tommy was trying to make a fraulein at his billet understand the significance of "Your Ladyship." "Oh, I understand, your Mistership," she replied.

German Boy Scouts.

The other day I was shown a very interesting badge, that of the German Boy Scouts. It is a small iron cross with a red band inscribed "D.P.B.1914" (German Pathfinder's Union). Inside the red band are black and white chequers. The badge is thus truly Germanic, as it embodies the former Imperial Colours together with the famous Prussian decoration.

Still Watching.

A Scots officer who has just returned from leave tells me that there is still a faithful Anti-aircraft Battery on Arthur's seat, watching day and night for Zepps.

Greasy Roads.

I cannot understand why the authorities in Cologne persist in watering the streets during the busiest hours of the day. Yesterday, walking from the Amusements Office to the Post Office I passed no fewer than four horses that had fallen as a result of the slippery road surface. Motor cyclists, too, have an anxious time immediately after a watering operation.

German Smartness.

In spite of the cost of livng the average German dresses smartly and well. An officer back from leave was remarking that on the average there is less shabbiness in Cologne than in London.

A Cheery Send-off.

Yesterday I passed through a tiny picturesque village just in time to see the departure of a body of troops. Practically the whole of the inhabitants turned out to watch their visitors move off, and more than one pair of moist eyes was to be noticed.

Squashed.

"No smoking!" The speaker was a car conductor to an offending Tommy, to which the latter replied "Nicht verstenen." The conductor's polite reply to this was given in good English. "You will 'Verstehen' at the next stop; there's an M.P. generally there." The one addressed "Verstehened."

Left About.

A small advertisement about a gramophone and records left in a certain mess by mistake has I hear brought several replies. I wonder who will get it and how it is people are so careless with their gramophones.

Different Glasses.

Have you noticed that when served with the different wines in most "weinhausen" the glasses in which they are served differ? For red wine the glass is of a deep squat kind; for champagne a smaller glass shaped like a funnel is used, while for white wine a long stemmed cup-shaped glass is in general use.

Not Grumpy.

According to the large posters which can be seen in nearly every main street in Cologne advertising the famous London Division Concert Party, they have been re-christened "The Grumps." I went to the Palace Theatre last night, but they appeared to me to be merrier than ever in spite of their new title.

Scouts in Cologne.

I am asked to remind once more any boy now in Cologne of the existence of the Scouts' Circle at the Lindenthal Y.M.C.A. Quite a number attend already, I hear.

Smart Turn-out.

In the course of my walk yesterday, round the town, I did not fail to be struck by the smart turn-out of the men doing duty in the streets. Their equipment was spotlessly clean, fitted well; indeed the general effect was typically that of Guards in town.

Controlling the Food.

The proclamation on the subject of the control of food which appears over the signature of the Military Governor came in for a deal of attention yesterday. Right through the day there were small groups of Germans engaged in reading it, and an officer or a "Tommy" were there each time I passed.

A Little Knowledge.

I have been told of a signal officer who has laid out a series of lines to a forward exchange. The distance was considerable, and the wires having to dodge many obstacles took rather a zig-zag course. A General came to inspect the work. "But why the blazes couldn't you lay the lines straight?" he asked. "Quite impossible, sir" replied the officer "Ridiculous. Make them straight. Messages take too long that way," rapped out the general.

Who does the Bill-Sticking?

Apropos the paragraph in this column as to when the bilposting was done at various Cologne stations, I noticed a youthful "Tommy" amusing himself with bills advertising Army amusements. Whether he was endeavouring to promote warmth, I do not know, but he liberally bespattered the boards, and the bills went up with surprising quickness.

Banjos and Song.

I was in the Church Army Club, in Antoniter Strasse, the other evening, when I heard the "Pang pang" which could arise from nothing else but banjos. On arriving upstairs I found it was the Rhine Army Choral Society rehearsing a "Nigger" song. It was really delightful, but it would have been considerably more so if the singers had been in greater numbers. The Society, I am told, is urgently in need of new members.

Which is Best?

Which is the best German dictionary of handy size to buy? Several readers have asked me this. Until yesterday I thought Feller's pocket dictionary quite good, but I happened to find a much better one at the Army Book Shop. It contains both the German-English and English-German in one neat volume, is compiled by J. B. Close, and published by Eyre and Spottiswoode.

RHINELANDER.

VANITY FAIR.

A Feature for the British Woman in Rhineland.

The Nondescript Chignon.

Hairdressing is much what it was; a nondescript chignon or short hair, with curls about the ears bunching out under a hat, thus softening any line that may be hard in millinery or features. There is a slight tendency to rather untidy hairdressing, but it is to be suppressed for neat heads are much more becoming and go far to give an effect of good dressing.

Women With Originality.

The woman with original ideas on the subject of dress has plenty of opportunity of exercising them. Fashion is not really the narrow-minded tyrant she is sometimes painted, and, given taste and discretion, it is possible for anyone to be modishly as well as becomingly dressed without looking like a mere fashion-plate.

Broad Shouldered Beauty.

Modern tendency inclines towards smaller men and bigger women. Go where you like, this phenomenon appears true. Probably due to war work, women have become bigger generally. Added to the beneficial effect of war work—that is, influence derived through fresh air and exercise—there is effect wrought by clothing; women expand physically as a result of looser dress. Women have altered particularly as regards waist, expression, hips, and bust.

Popular Jewellery.

There is a "boom" in jewellery. Stones, especially pearls, are rare and expensive, and advices from Bond-street report a great influx of Parisian jewellers, who are buying all the good jewellery they can get. It is surmised that in France fears of a levy on capital are leading people to invest in jewellery.

In Amiable Rivalry.

That which is beginning to concern us all is how to dress warmly. Of course, there are always jumpers. But it is conceivable one may weary of these in time, save, of course, from the purely utilitarian standpoint. And diversified and obliging as jumpers are, they cannot cover every dress contingency. Moreover, it is something of a relief to turn to the coat frock, or all-in-one gown of serge, wool jersey, or gabardine.

Fashion Changes in Paris.

What has happened to old Dame Fashion? asks a correspondent. Has she had her head turned like other old dames? The women are cutting their hair short. What has become of the hair of so many Parisiennes? Has it been sold to the women of Brittany, to those whose ancestors were forced to send theirs to the ladies of the Court? Another peculiarity of the moment is in footgear. Women are wearing high boots, men are wearing shoes. Then there is the night attire. Who would ever have imagined that French women would discard the linens and laces that have been the accepted raiment for women of all degrees for conturies in favour of the pyjama? We also see a change at the neck in both sexes. Women are adopting the soft turn-over high collar, while their brothers are opening theirs at the throat.

AGNES.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Advent of "Flu."—Influenza is spreading rapidly in South Wales.

Overwhelmed.—German manufacturers cannot cope with orders for motor-cars.

Unpopular.—Daylight saving will not be continued in the United States.

Bavaria's Lost.—Bavarians lost 270,000 through the war.

No Coal.—Factories in Northern France are closing down.

Three Days.—M. and Mme. Poincairé will be in England three days.

Accepted.—Lady Astor has decided to stand for Parliament.

In Favour.—A number of M.P.'s are in favour of a state lottery.

Cheap.—An old state coach sold the other day for 84s.

Discarded.—Many obsolete destroyers are lying at Chatham awaiting sale.

Souvenir.—A huge German gun has been shipped to Australia as a war memento.

Village Clubs.—Plans are on foot to brighten village life at home.

The Place to Live.—Paraguay proposes to abolish all taxes on food.

Jellicoe's Progress.—Lord Jellicoe has arrived at Honolulu.

Whole-hearted.—The entire population of Kingston, (Ontario), turned out to welcome the Prince of Wales.

Memorable.—A solemn commemoration of the battle of the Yser has taken place at Dixmude.

Converted to Wood.—A village of 132 wooden houses has been erected outside Copenhagen.

Profitable.—Virginia leaf tobacco growers of Essex County (Ontario) realized £111 per acre.

Royal Movements.—On Friday the Queen of Norway will leave Christiania on a visit to England.

Linking Up.—A regular steamship service has begun between Helsingfors and Hull.

U.S. Shipping.—Three vessels were launched daily in the United States in the month ending October 19.

Berlin's Choice.—Three performances a week will be given in Berlin in the Russian language by the Russian Players.

Nimble Nickels.—The nimble silver sixpence is in danger for before long we may have the nickel "tanner."

No Proof Yet.—The seemingly interminable examination of Landru, the French Bluebeard has made a fresh start.

Cheap Living.—In a colony for demobilized unemployed near Paris, the cost of living is only about 3/- a day.

Unready.—Admiral Sir Percy Scott charges the Admiralty with unpreparedness for war in 1914.

To Cavalry.—The suggested memorial to cavalry is surmounted by the figure of St. George and stands forty feet high.

Halved.—The Bishop of Liverpool is willing to sacrifice half his income for his fellow clergy.

League Oratory.—Armistice Day will be marked by an outburst of oratory on behalf of the League of Nations.

Expensive Cycles.—There is every prospect of cycles being much more expensive next summer.

London's Freeman.—Prince Albert receives the Freedom of the City of London to-day.

London Rifles.—The reunion of the London Rifle Brigade will take place on November 5th.

Export More.—Great efforts are being made in France to increase exports with a view to improving the exchange.

Nipped in the Bud.—A plot for a revolution in Switzerland on November 7th has been discovered.

Downed Tools.—There is a serious strike among Lille builders, 80,000 men being out.

England Neglects it.—The decimal system which helped Germany so much in international trade was invented by James Watt in the eighteenth century.

Shop Assistants out.—3,000 employees of the world-famed Bon Marché in Paris are on strike for higher wages and shorter hours.

Rising Russians.—People who had the courage to buy Russian bonds have the satisfaction of seeing them bounding up in value.

Re-Populating.—The birth-rate in Cologne is picking up. Four hundred children were born last week and the number of marriages was double the average.

Whitley Councils.—There is a movement on foot to have the principles of the Whitley report extended to professional workers.

Against Sunday Closing.—The French Chambers of Commerce are protesting against the closing of post offices on Sunday.

Big Thefts.—Ten people have been arrested in Tours for robbing the American Army of quantities of side-cars, typewriters, sewing machines and many other articles.

Joined.—The Army Pay Offices of the R.A.S.C. (Horse and Supply) and R.A.S.C. (Mechanical Transport) will be amalgamated as with effect from 10th November next.

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

BETTER THAN ANARCHY.

Pope Benedict XV. in an audience His Holiness granted to Mr. Philip Gibbs, the war correspondent and novelist, saying little of the Catholic Church's works of mercy in a world of suffering, and nothing of politics in a world of battles, he talked of the poor and the rich, of capital and labour, of strikes and taxation, and the exigencies of living, and the ways and means to make the world better. He expressed the hope that heavy taxation would not lead to violence and anarchy, but that the problems would be solved by goodwill and charity.

DUTY AND REMEMBRANCE.

General Lord Byng, Chairman of the United Services Fund, says: I make no claim to having invented a Tank. I make no claim to having written reminiscences in which the abuse of one's colleagues form so prominent a part. There is but the simple fact that I served my country. We all, I think, served our country and did our best. It was this time last year that the Third Army was in the middle of the last successful push, when Cambrai was captured and I am sure every one in England said, 'Well done!' Is it too much to say if you thought they deserved well of their country in October, 1918, they deserve well of their country in October 1919?

A JUST INCOME TAX.

Sir Edward Brabrook, the great Economist, says: A just income tax would appear to be the best of all possible taxes. Without suggesting that it should be the single tax, we may urge that it should be the tax upon which the State may most safely rely. Income tax has, nevertheless, met with stronge opposition in this and other countries. Brougham described it as the worst and most odious of all taxes. Gladstone said that from the inequality of its incidence, the inquisition it entailed, and the temptation it affords to fraud, it ought not to be part of the permanent and ordinary finances of the country.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH US?

Mr. Alexander Thompson says:—Human swank takes strange and wondrous forms. Men are proud of a pleat in their trousers, of their dog's skill in catching rats, of the dimple in their wife's cheek, of the disgraceful "head" they collected at the club last night, or even of their baby's fat legs. But the most curious and gaudy conceit of all is that derived by chronic invalids from the calamitous symptons of their pet maladies. Catch a group of the cranks discussing their ailments—and you shall behold human pride in its most amazing stunt.

THE PREMIER ON THE NAVY.

The Premier paying a tribute to the Navy said:—The British Navy did not ask for praise. It never advertised itself. It did its work in silence. It was its own judge, and its standards were those of an old and very glorious tradition. It was the dogged tenacity of our sailors which wore down their opponents. Love of country still called out the heroism of the ordinary man as nothing else could. War, with all its horrors, revealed and exalted the nobility of human nature.

MUSTARD GAS.

Col. B. C. Goss, who has written on "Gas Warfare at the Front," says:—"I am firmly convinced that if the Germans had had mustard gas, our St. Mihiel and Argonne attacks would have been a failure. We gave them every opportunity to defend their positions with gas. They had used up their supply of mustard gas at the same time they used up their reserves in the series of spring offensives. After the St. Mihiel attack, in which we fully expected quantities of mustard gas to be fired on us, we found German orders in captured dug-outs absolutely prohibiting the use of mustard gas except on orders from Army headquarters, and we found no mustard gas in their dumps. It developed, after the Armistice, that they had used only the old, chlorohydrin method for making mustard gas, which is slow. The best spy Germany had was in France during October trying to find out how the French were making such quantities of mustard gas. They eventually found out, because they were using our method during October, but not in time to get mustard gas to repel these attacks."

LURE OF THE STAGE.

W. Henry Oscar, of the Actors' Association Council, voices a grave indictment of the morals existing in a certain class of the theatrical profession. He says: Young girls of a sentimental, impressionable age are easily attracted to the stage without any knowledge whatever of its economic conditions. They are tempted by a prospect of glamour and thrill and a whirl of gaiety. But sooner or later comes the depressing out-of-work period, when everything seems a blank. Then the net opens! Once in the country she is soon reminded of more ways than one of adding to her income. Night after night the thoughtful manager introduces her to his "friends" in the various towns, with the hint (which nine times out of ten is a threat) that here is a chance for a "good time." Her debts are mounting up; her pride will not let her leave the company and confess failure to her friends and family; she must keep in favour with the management; and so the inevitable happens.

TAXING WAR FORTUNES.

Mr. Herbert Samuel, speaking at Portsmouth recently, said: One of the sources to which the country may legitimately turn for necessary increased revenue is war fortunes made by favoured individuals and classes. The capital levy proposed by the Labour party is not the same thing as a tax on war fortunes. A capital levy is a proposal that all property indiscriminately should be taxed. One of the great objections is that there are owners of property, large and small, who, so far from gaining by the war, have lost heavily by depreciation of their property. I do not think the proposal in accordance with the right principle of finance, which is to tax people according to their ability to pay.

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GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN POLITICIANS TO VISIT LONDON NEXT WEEK.

NAMES OF NEW CABINET MINISTERS.

AFTER FIVE YEARS.

GERMAN POLITICIANS GOING TO LONDON.

The first gathering of Germans and Austrians in England since the outbreak of war will take place next week, when a conference will be held with a large party of well-known people. The visitors will be entertained at dinner by Lord Parmoor (formerly Sir Alfred Cripps, K.C.)

Included in the party are fourteen Germans and seven Austrians viz:—

GERMANS:—

Herr Edouard Bernstein. (The Socialist journalist, who may be the next German Ambassador in London.)

Prof. Bonn, Munich. (A specialist in Colonial policy.)

Prof. Lujo Brentano. (Writer on Christian Socialism.)

Herr Arthur von Gwinner. (Head of the Deutsche Bank.)

Herr Karl Kautsky. (Socialist leader.)

Herr Richard Martin. (A writer on war in the air.)

Count Max Montgelas, Berlin. (Commanded the 4th Bavarian Division in 1915.)

Herr Max Warburg. (The Hamburg banker, who for a long time was entrusted with all the Rothschild business.)

Herr M. Hilserding, Herr Kahn, Professor Oppenheimer, Dr. Karl Schlesinger, Prof. Schultz and Herr Wissell. (Politicians.)

AUSTRIANS:—

Herr Otto Bauer, Dr. Ellenbogen, Prof. Lammasch, Herr F. von Wieser, Dr. S. Hertz, Herr K. Mendoff and Prof. Redlich. (Politicians.)

The objects of the conference are not stated.

MILLIONS OF RATS.

SUCCESS OF LAST WEEK'S CAMPAIGN.

An official of the Board of Agriculture states that on the whole the Board was satisfied with the results of the "National Rat Week." "It is naturally impossible to collect statistics," he added, "but it would be safe to assume that millions of rats have been killed as a direct result of the campaign."

Kent is reported is have been the most active county in the war of extermination.

CITY FREEDOM FOR PRINCE ALBERT.

Wearing the uniform of the Royal Air Force, Prince Albert, who was attended by Major Louis Greig, went to the City on Tuesday to receive its Freedom. He was made the recipient of a gift of silver vases as a memento of the occasion.

Afterwards he lunched at the Mansion House with a distinguished company.

In acknowledging the bestowal of the Freedom of the City, the Prince said it was a hard task for him to find words to express how sensible he was of the great honour. He was proud to think that he represented, with the Prince of Wales, the fifth generation of his family to be admitted to the Freedom of the City and prouder still when he recalled the names of the celebrated men who during the past few months had received the same honour for the great and distinguished services they had rendered in the war.

DEBTS FROM GERMAN FIRMS.

The Nottingham Chamber of Commerce has decided to press upon the Government the urgency of recovering debts owing by firms in Germany to the Nottingham lace trade. It is computed on good authority that the amount of these debts exceeds half a million sterling. A great part of the finishing and bleaching trade in Nottingham before the war was executed for firms in Plauen, whose withholding of payment has seriously crippled some Nottingham houses. One local firm has over £170,000 owing to it in Germany.

WELL DONE, WEST SURREYS.

Every officer and man of the 10th Battalion Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, now serving in the Rhine Army of Occupation, has given a day's pay as a contribution to the fund for the erection of the regimental memorial in Holy Trinity Church, Guildford.

"PUSSYFOOT" IN DUBLIN.

Mr. "Pussyfoot" Johnson arrived in Dublin on Monday from Belfast. He addressed a meeting, in a house in Great Ship-street, of representatives of the temperance movement in Ireland. His arrival excited no interest in the city.

THE NEW CABINET.

BROUGHT UP TO PRE-WAR STRENGTH.

The Cabinet in future is to consist of twenty members.

Mr. Bonar Law made the announcement in the House of Commons on Monday in reply to a question whether it was the intention to re-establish the system of Cabinet Government with collective responsibility.

The Prime Minister, he said, had invited the following to be members:

Leader of the House.....Mr. Bonar Law
Foreign Secretary.....Lord Curzon
Lord President of the Council Mr. Balfour
Chancellor of the Exchequer
Mr. Chamberlain
Minister without Portfolio ..Mr. Barnes
Lord Chancellor.....Lord Birkenhead
Home Secretary.....Mr. Shortt
Colonial Office.....Lord Milner
War and Air.....Mr. Churchill
India Office.....Mr. Montagu
First Lord of the Admiralty
Mr. Walter Long
Secretary for Scotland.....Mr. Munro
President of the Board of Trade
Sir Auckland Geddes
Ministry of Health.....Dr. Addison
Board of Agriculture.....Lord Lee
Minister of Transport.....Sir E. Geddes
Education Department.....Dr. Fisher
Minister for Labour.....Sir R. Horne
and
Lord-Lieut. of Ireland...Viscount French
or
Chief Secretary for Ireland
Mr. Ian Macpherson

The five members who composed the superseded War Cabinet were: Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Barnes, and Lord Curzon. Mr. Asquith's Cabinet, which the War Cabinet displaced in 1916, had twenty-three members.

SUNDAY "PITCH AND TOSS."

At Old-street Police Court twelve men were charged with gambling in the streets.

It was stated that every Sunday a gang of 50 or 60 men collected in a back street where it was most difficult for the police to approach secretly. Every week the police endeavoured to secure some of the gamblers, but owing to the complete scouting system maintained they were often unsuccessful. A small van had been used on one occasion to convey policemen to the spot, but they were detected and the gamblers decamped. About 20 policemen carried out Sunday's raid.

A police officer said that when the gamblers saw him keeping observation they merely laughed derisively. Tenshilling and £1 Treasury notes were used, and many of the men lost or won £30 or £40 in a single day. "Pitch and toss" was the game usually played.

Each defendant was fined 30s.

NO PENSIONS FOR W.R.A.F.S.

A ruling has been obtained by the Yarmouth Pensions Committee from the Air Ministry on the question of pensions for members of the W.R.A.F.

The Ministry states that officers and members of the W.R.A.F. are not eligible for pension gratuity or other benefit for deterioration of health during service, except where there is physical incapacity causing reduction of earning power, which is directly attributable to injury arising out of, and in the course of, employment within the meaning of the Workmen's Compensation Act, or to an industrial disease scheduled under the Act.

CIVIL SERVANTS' CLAIMS.

The Civil Service Arbitration Board has concluded the hearing of claims for increased war bonus for all grades of the permanent Civil Service. The bonus at present in force, under an award issued by the Board last April, is (for men of 21 years and over) 24s. a week, or £60 a year, plus 20 per cent. of wages or salary, with a maximum bonus of £300 a year. An award will be issued in due course.

NEW GERMAN ARMY.

It has been announced in the Reichstag that the German Army will in future consist of 63 battalions, as against 600 battalions before the war; 79 cavalry squadrons, as against 44. Foot artillery formations will no longer exist.

CEMETERY THIEVES.

Repeated thefts of wreaths from graves in the cemetery at Dunstable, Bedfordshire, have led the borough council to offer a reward of £1 for each culprit traced.

THE DEATH ROUTE.

AIR MINISTER ADMITS EIGHT FATALITIES.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday Mr. Joynson Hicks asked Brig. General Seely whether his attention had been called to a statement recently made by Lieut.-Colonel Henderson about the number of deaths which have occurred on the new air route to Egypt.

General Seely said that broadly speaking the facts were that in spring and early summer the War Office communicated to the Air Ministry urgent demands from Egypt for aircraft of large size and endurance to cope with the critical situation then existing.

In view of the fact that no Handley-Page machine had ever previously been packed and sent by ship it was decided that machines should be sent by air to meet the emergency, despite the risks involved. At the end of April the first squadrons were prepared, an officer with knowledge of the route being sent out to arrange facilities. Flying-boat escorts were provided and other precautions adopted.

The first squadron left on May 3rd. A number of accidents occurred, and many officers were stationed at different aerodromes to provide assistance for the machines but encountered many difficulties in getting messages through by telephone or telegraph, in transporting spares, and also in communicating by train. Personnel was also hard to find owing to rapid demobilization.

Up to date fifty-one Handley-Page machines had left. Of these, twenty-six had arrived, ten were at various stages of the journey, and fifteen had been written off. One machine crashed badly and four lives were lost. Three other bad accidents had occurred, involving four fatalities and three cases of serious injury.

BEER 1s. A PINT.

"ONE OF THE WORST CASES OF PROFITEERING."

The Richmond Bench yesterday fined Emily Jessuram, licensee of the Roebuck Hotel, Richmond Hill, £10 for selling beer at a price above the maximum and £10 for not displaying a list of prices.

The defendant told the police that she thought she was not bound by the list of prices because she did not keep a public-house.

The Chairman said it was one of the worst cases of profiteering they had ever had before them.

GALE CAUSES DELAY AND DAMAGE.

Tempestuous weather considerably interfered with cross Channel traffic yesterday. Telegraphic communication was interrupted and damage is reported from various districts.

The three aeroplanes which started from the Continent reached England safely but were compelled to descend short of their destinations. The Paris plane alighted at Marden (Kent), the Brussels and Amsterdam planes coming down at Lympne, near Folkestone.

St. Margaret's Church at Ormesby, near Yarmouth, was struck by lightning. Surplices in the vestry were scorched and the belfry damaged.

Off Scarborough several vessels were extricated from peril with the utmost difficulty.

WAR WORDS.

The latest edition of Cassell's new English Dictionary contains many new words which the preface states are likely to make good their claim to be included in the English language. The following are some examples: cushy, conchy, dud, eyewash, fed-up, funk-hole (defined as a Government job), hot stuff (meaning an unscrupulous or formidable person), cut no ice, movies, the push (meaning kicked out) strafe, top-hole, umpteen, wind up, old bean, bus and brass hat.

LABOUR TROUBLE IN EGYPT.

Disturbances have again broken out in Egypt and there has been considerable trouble in Alexandria. Ostensibly it is industrial, but it is probably partly political in origin. Reuter's Cairo correspondent says that both Press and public are much concerned at the possibility of a strike of railway and telegraph employees, who are demanding all-round increases in pay and shorter hours.

MORE CASES OF INFLUENZA.

The Ministry of Health announce that during the last few weeks there has been in the ninety-six great towns in England and Wales a slight but gradual increase in the number of deaths attributed to influenza, and a coincident rise in the number of notifications of acute primary and acute influenzal pneumonia. Whilst the possibility of a fresh outbreak of influenza cannot be excluded, the data available do not at present afford any indication of an immediate recrudescence of the disease in epidemic form.

A GIDDY PERFORMANCE.

At the Four Winds aerodrome (Madrid) on Monday a French aviator named Flamval created a record by looping the loop 624 times in two and a-half hours.

FOR EXCHANGE.

ENGLISH PRISONERS IN RUSSIA.

Questions were put by Commander Kenworthy in the House of Commons on Tuesday as to what progress has been made in the negotiations for the exchange of British prisoners in the hands of the Soviet Government in Russia.

Mr. Cecil Harmsworth stated that the Government is endeavouring to negotiate the exchange, and hoped that a meeting would shortly take place with Soviet representatives for this purpose. The Danish Government has agreed to allow the conference to take place in Denmark provided the Soviet Government agree to certain conditions. At present negotiations are being conducted by wireless.

As to the number of prisoners, twenty-three officers and seventy-seven men of the Navy, Army and Air Force, who were reported as missing, are believed to be prisoners. There are besides, about seventeen civilians imprisoned for various reasons by the Soviet Government.

FOOTBALL FATALITY.

UNDERGRADUATE'S DEATH.

An inquiry was held on Monday at Oxford into the death of Mr. Geoffrey Ronald Goddard, twenty, an undergraduate of Jesus College, who substained an injury to his spine while playing football on the 11th inst., and who died on Sunday. Mr Goddard was elected in 1918 to an open classical scholarship at Jesus College from Dulwich College. His parents reside in Palace-road, Streatham Hill.

The Rev. W. T. Havard, chaplain of Jesus College, said he was playing in a College Rugby game, and as the side were lining out the ball came to him. He turned to pass it to the backs when Goddard tackled him, and witness fell on him. Goddard groaned and complained of having no feeling in his legs, arms, and chest. There was no undue roughness, and the occurrence was a pure accident.

Medical evidence having been given, a verdict of accidental death was returned, the jury adding that no blame attached to Mr. Havard.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The next four issues of
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will be on
FRIDAY
SATURDAY
MONDAY
TUESDAY
and thereafter as usual.

There will be no Sunday issue this week, Saturday (All Saints' Day) being observed as a general holiday.

MEMORIALS IN CEMETERIES.

It was originally intended to erect in each of the British cemeteries on the various battle fronts a replica of the monolith designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens for the Whitehall cenotaph. This memorial, with its simple inscription, "Their name liveth for evermore," was deemed likely to resist the ravages of time and incapable of giving offence to any nation or creed. But the alternative, the huge cross of Sir Reginald Blomfield's design, has appealed to many, as having rival dignity and beauty. The Imperial War Graves' Commission has therefore overcome the difficulty of deciding between the designs by arranging that both forms shall be used, wherever that course is practicable.

ITALY AWAITS OFFERS.

Commenting on American attitude towards the question of Fiume the Italian newspaper "Tribuna" writes: "Italy, who did not bend before the Kaiser, will not yield before others. Italy will remain at Fiume and in Dalmatia, strong in her right and in the valour of her army. Italy will make no other offers, but will await offers."

COLONEL COURT-MARTIALLED.

At the Middlesex Guildhall on Tuesday Lieut.-Colonel J. Sherwood Kelly, V.C., C.M.G., D.S.O., Norfolk Regiment (attached First Batt. Welsh Guards) appeared before a General Court-martial charged with contravening the King's Regulations by writing three letters to a newspaper, to wit, the "Daily Express."

Brigadier-General J. Steele, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., presided, Captain J. Sutherland Graeme was judge-advocate, and Captain Eastwood, of the Grenadier Guards, prosecuted.

Accused, who pleaded guilty, conducted his own defence. The inquiry was closed, and the finding will be promulgated in due course.

The Duke of Northumberland had denied the rumour that he is designated as the next Viceroy of India.

SCOTT v. BERESFORD

INCIDENTS OF AN OLD DISPUTE.

Further selections from Admiral Sir Percy Scott's reminiscences appeared in Tuesday's "Evening Standard." They deal mainly with his efforts to get the Admiralty to adopt his system of "director firing."

Sir Percy expressed the disappointment he felt in 1886, when appointed Captain of the Scylla in the Mediteranean fleet under Sir Michael Culme Seymour, at finding that no progress whatever had been made in gunnery or signalling. The only objective was to have the cleanest ship in the fleet and nothing else mattered.

Incidentally he deals with matters that took place when he was second in command to Sir Charles Beresford in the Channel fleet. Beresford attempted to get Scott to back his protest against Sir John Fisher and the Board of Admiralty when they were forming another Fleet to be called the Home Fleet, which was not to be under Beresford's command. Scott refused, and ascribes to this refusal the subsequent charges of insubordination brought against him and Beresford's application to the Admiralty for his supersession.

In a footnote Sir Percy says of Lord Charles: "Afterwards he was raised to the peerage as Lord Beresford. He was a most popular officer. In the Navy we knew that he was not a sailor but thought he was a politician. In the House of Commons, I have been told, they knew he was not a politician but thought he was a sailor."

RAILWAY CRISIS.

GUARD'S REINSTATEMENT DEMANDED.

A railway crisis is threatened in the Liverpool area through the non-reinstatement of a passenger guard.

The Liverpool Executive Committee of the men have passed a resolution demanding the reinstatement, otherwise drastic action will be promptly taken. Ten thousand railwaymen are affected.

DISCLOSING SOLDIERS' ADDRESSES.

An application was made in the Divorce Court on Monday for leave to serve a co-respondent, who had been in the Army, with a citation by registered letter directed to the Officer in Charge of Records the military authorities having refused to disclose the address of the man (a Sergeant-mechanic in the R.A.F.)

Mr. Justice Shearman, in granting the application, said:—I must express my dissatisfaction with this refusal to disclose the man's address. During the war there were, no doubt, good reasons for such a refusal, but now that we are at peace there seems to be absolutely no reason why the military authorities should not be prepared to facilitate the cause of justice by giving information about the addresses of soldiers. I hope that after this expression of my view these applications will not again be necessary.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO ROME.

A telegram from Rome says that the entire Italian Press welcomes the new British Ambassador Sir George Buchanan, expressing the hope that he and his work will succeed in further strengthening the good relations between the two countries.

Interviewed by the "Giornale d'Italia", Sir George Buchanan declared that Italy and Great Britain were necessary to each other. "We must all work for a better knowledge of each other" he said "and must spread the Italian language in England and the English language in Italy."

In reply to a question about Fiume, Sir George described it is an anxious and painful problem which must be solved by the Peace Conference and that D'Annunzio's action has not hastened a diplomatic solution.

HIGH HONOURS FOR NAVVY M.P.

Among the visitors recieved by the King on Tuesday at Buckingham Palace was Colonel John Ward, the "navvy M.P.," of the 25th Bn. Middlesex Regiment. The King had a long talk with him, and subsequently invested him with the insignia of the Companionship of the Bath and the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

Next February the Crystal Palace will again become the home of great exhibitions. It will then be reopened, fitted up as the "British Industries Fair, 1920" by the Board of Trade. Foreigners are excluded from exhibiting but every available inch of floor space—some twenty acres—has already been booked.

PEACE AMENDMENT DEFEATED.

Senator Johnson's amendment to the Peace Treaty, designed to secure for the United States equal votes with the British Empire in the Council of the League of Nations, has been thrown out by the Senate by 49 votes to 38.

TWO TENDERS.

BRITISH FIRM UNDERBID BY SWISS.

On account of a difference of nearly £70,000 between the estimate of a Swiss firm and that of their nearest British competitor, for the new power station at Portobello, the Edinburgh Electric Lighting Committee recommend that the contract be given to Brown, Boveri and Co., Baden, Switzerland.

The Swiss tender and two other tenders from Switzerland were the lowest of sixteen submitted, and it amounted to £106,618. The alternative was to accept the tender of C. A. Parsons and Co., Ltd., a British firm, whose estimate was £174,075.

The Board of Trade suggested the desirability of stipulating that as far as possible the goods should be of United Kingdom manufacture, but in an interview, the Assistant Secretary of the Board admitted that they did not contemplate any such enormous difference between foreign and British tenders.

The Board intimated that they could not insist upon the Corporation accepting a British tender in face of such figures, unless it was felt proper to do so on general grounds.

The circumstance has created a sensation in Corporation circles. The Electric Lighting Committee recommend the acceptance of the Swiss tender.

INDIAN COLLEGE CRIME.

ENGLISH PRINCIPAL SHOT DEAD IN HIS SLEEP.

Mr. C. de la Hey, Principal of the Court of Wards Institution, Newington College, Madras, has been shot dead in bed. At the inquest a verdict of culpable homicide was returned against two of the wards, Young Zemindars (landed proprietors) of Kadambur and Singampati.

The murdered man graduated at Keble College, Oxford, in 1901.

PEACEFUL IRISH GUARDIANS.

Wild scenes, with frequent bouts of fisticuffs, were witnessed at the last meeting of the Omagh, co. Tyrone, Board of Guardians. There were two applicants for the post of medical officer, and when the chairman announced that one of the two was elected by a majority of two votes, the supporters of the second candidate challenged the vote, and for forty minutes the room was in pandemonium, the supporters of the candidates pulling one another and striking at each other, while several of them got into grips. Amidst the noise the voice of the assistant clerk was heard announcing that the vote was a tie, whereupon the chairman declared that the appointment was adjourned.

Later, one of the members, while moving an increase of salary for a nurse, was struck in the face by another member, and there was another disgraceful scene as the assailant was hauled away.

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Officers of Q.M.A.A.C.	770.—
N.A.C.B. Women's Corps	500.—
Total to date	6829.50

"PLAY UP AND PLAY THE GAME."

At the Foundling Hospital in London Prince Albert reviewed 1,500 boy scouts and girl guides and other juvenile organisations. The Prince, in a pointed speech, said, "If you are keen on your Brigade, Troop or Club, you make yourselves efficient and smart, not so much for your own personal ends, as for the good of your side. So you learn the great lesson of playing up for the good of your side. By your own self-sacrifice you become unselfish, and there never has been a time in the history of this country when we, as a nation, needed to learn that lesson more. We have all, no matter who we are, to learn the lesson that the community is more important than the individual."

TROOPS FROM THE EAST.

The War Office states that since 17th September last, 22 vessels have sailed from Bombay, Basra and Karachi carrying 339 officers, and 9245 other ranks from Mesopotamia, and 1018 officers and 7518 other ranks from India. The total number of troops embarked since 26th July is 852 officers and 19567 other ranks from Mesopotamia, and 1347 officers and 8217 other ranks from India.

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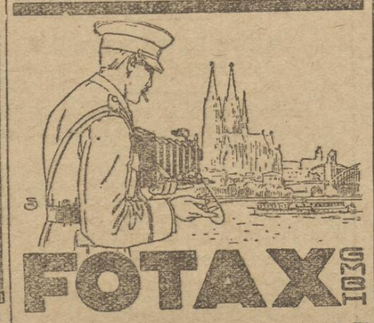
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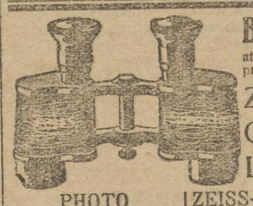
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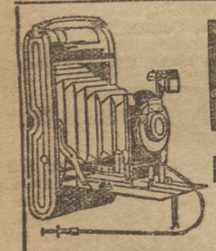
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WEARING RIBANDS.

There has been a good deal of discussion lately in our columns and elsewhere as to whether medal ribands should be worn on civil attire after a man has left the Army.

There are those who indignantly declare that to display one's ribands thus, is an indication of mere vanity; that it is utterly out of place and a piece of vulgar swaggering.

On the other side it has been stated though we cannot say with what authority, that his Majesty the King favours the wearing of medal ribands by those who have gone back to civil life.

The old Army generally, as we can tell seems aversed to the practice and one argument against it is that ribands being easily obtained, there is no guarantee that the individual who puts them upon his civilian garb is actually entitled to them. This seems one of the strongest reasons we have heard against doing so.

Yet, in our view, the preponderence of opinion points favourably towards the practice. It must be borne in mind that the past war was one of no ordinary kind. It was comparable to all the wars Great Britain has engaged in rolled into one.

It was not a war of a comparatively small force of regulars as most others have been. It was waged by a nation in arms, by non-professional soldiers who came forward largely as volunteers in their millions to save the mother country in the dark days before Victory seemed possible.

They became soldiers "for the duration," leaving civil life, sacrificing much with the sole thought of patriotic duty.

There were thousands to whom those watchwords had no meaning. By subterfuge many contrived to stay at home and a considerable proportion waxed fat by this means.

Is it not natural then that those who braved the risks of war and did their best overseas for the old country should wish some mark whereby they may be distinguished from the "profiteer" and the "munitionaire" with whom they will rub shoulders on returning home?

We feel that it is; and we have no sneers for the ex-soldier now carrying on his job in Blighty if he elects to wear on his vest the ribands he has won with honour.

After all no decoration given by the King as head of his glorious army, for services rendered, is a thing to be ashamed of.

ART AND THE SOLDIER.

Music and Pictures at the Army Colleges.

While most people know that the three R's. languages, commercial and technological subjects may be studied at the Army Colleges, but few are aware of the enormously greater scope of the educational facilities now offered to the troops in the Rhine Army. An exhibition at the General and Commercial College in the Hansa Ring was an eye-opener for many who attended on Tuesday evening last.

The function was one to which senior officers, especially those commanding units, and their wives were invited to tea, art and music: and all three gave the greatest satisfaction.

There in the large library were set out recent examples of the work executed by students of the Technological College at Siegburg and of the General and Commercial College, while later the audience were highly gratified by a demonstration of how singing, and especially part singing, may be soundly developed even among unpromising songsters.

VARIED TALENT.

To deal first with the technological work; we were primarily surprised by its wide scope. Artistic designs prepared by men who previously had little experience in drawing, were shown for more than a dozen trades. Jewellery and cast iron foundry work, toolmaking and woodcarving, smithing and plumbing were all represented, and in all cases the results were highly gratifying as showing to what extent a man may be taught a trade while still in the Army. Among other beautiful objects we noted a carved wooden letterbox; and the wiped joints on the plumbing work would do credit to many a man who comes to put the waterpipes in order.

In the pure art section there was an amazing show of really good work. Some of the studies from life were remarkably "living", and we have seen many not so good produced by students who have spent years at the subject. A girl's head done by a soldier in the 5th R.I. Regiment, and a series of studies, including the head of an R.G.A. gunner, executed by L. G. Studd are full of vigour and artistry. "The Dancing Faun" drawn by Dr. F. R. Gibson and by Spr. K. T. W. Muir, R.E., is beautifully modelled and there is a pleasing study "Illumination" by Lieut. J. W. Rourke: but where so much is excellent it is perhaps not fair to specify.

ART IN COMMERCE.

It may be problematical whether pure art pays in after life, but we can see great scope for those "commercial" artists who have produced advertising posters. There are excellent, inevitably catching the eye and impressing the memory, yet withal well-drawn and pleasing.

The Art School is at 23, Kaiser Wilhelm Ring and on visiting there we find the men working under excellent conditions. A certain amount of freedom is permitted in the matter of actual working hours, the men being given the free run of the studio. Lieut. Jemmett who is in immediate charge of this branch of the College's activities is very enthusiastic about the real enthusiasm displayed by the men drawn from every branch and grade of the service.

The singing demonstration was intensely interesting and somewhat amusing. Dr. Adcock, the singing instructor, set out to show that in the three short weeks any group of men who "never had sung and could not sing" could be taught to perform part songs and melodies with great success; and he did it.

SHOUTING BECOMES SINGING.

At first each group of students is given some more or less meaningless verse to enunciate. If they "cannot sing" they are told to shout it. Soon the rhythm of the melody catches them, then the idea of unison and discord, and by gradual stages they develop into really pleasing glee parties. They are inoculated with music, it is not drummed into them. Of this we will say no more here, but we hope shortly to publish an article from Dr. Adcock explaining how it is done.

The outstanding fact is that such performances as we listened to on Tuesday evening could be developed in companies and would prove a perfect godsend for the troops during the long winter evenings we are just beginning not to enjoy. It is sincerely to be hoped that Commanding Officers will keep in touch with the Education H.Q. and develop this idea for all it is worth, and it is worth much.

The art exhibition will remain open to-day (Thursday) free to all troops from 10.00 to 16.00.

EX-SERVICE MEN AS DOMESTICS.

The war has brought about a reversal of the order of things, where domestic economy is concerned, and discharged soldiers are doing housework and cookery, in most cases much more efficiently than the pre-war "general," whilst a knowledge of housework is now looked upon as a necessary part of the future male aspirant for matrimony. Not long since a lady in London, having tried every possible means of procuring a good general servant—the wages offered being £40 a year—and failed to find one, in desperation inserted an advertisement for a discharged soldier at 15s. a week, all found. She was overwhelmed with replies, from men who had served the country on the battlefield, whilst more than one wore the Mons ribbon! Within two hours there were at least a dozen good applicants to choose from, and a selection was speedily made.

SEEDS DISPERSED BY ANIMALS.

Many plants growing in our hedge banks, and in other places, rely upon animals to disperse their seeds. Horses, cows, sheep, rabbits, rats, and mice brush past the plants, and in doing so the fruit is detached from its moorings, and carried off. Sometimes it is a long time before the animal rids itself of the fruits that cling to its hair or wool. Among many others there are three very familiar plants that have adopted this method for the scattering of their seeds. The first is goosegrass. Its whorls of narrow oval leaves, and its minute starry white flowers are common everywhere. Children like to gather the twin balls of prickly fruit and put them on one another's coat back. Burdock fruit being much larger is useful as a more noticeable practical joke.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

REMEMBER THE DEAD.

Sir,—The timely suggestion of Miss Steel that we on the Rhine should remember our dead by placing wreaths on their last resting places on All Soul's Day, which, thanks to the practical initiative of Mrs. Gresham Shaw, is likely to be carried out, is one that should never be allowed to lapse.

I see that France has fixed All Souls' and All Saints' Days for perpetual days of remembrance for her glorious dead who fell in the war, and when we have our cenotaphs and calvaries erected in Britain, I hope we as a nation shall follow suit.

The custom may not quite be in conformity with strict British religious tenets, but the war has given most of us a wider outlook, one is glad to see.

J.T.A.

EYES AND NO EYES.

Sir,—I am at one with "Anglia" in his assertion that there is little in Germany which impresses one, and I decline to subscribe to the belief that the German public services are any better than our own.

Take the London policeman. Who for instance would be so foolish as to suggest that his German confrére compared in any way with the efficient custodian of the law to be found in our metropolis?

But to come to the individual; does M. A. suggest we should copy the manners of the average German?

It is rather amusing to see the elaborate display of courtesy in the vestibule of any place of amusement, and a few minutes later to see the game of musical chairs as played by a German with one of the opposite sex. My contention is that the German is one who lacks balance or sincerity. *JOCKO.*

BOXING FILMS.

Sir,—Really I can't believe that "Anti-Box" can be a man.

If it is a "he", I can figure his picture in my mind's eye, tall, thin, possibly knock-kneed, with a vacant look.

I wonder what he is doing in the Army; surely he can't bear the sight of a rifle, and probably would get shell-shock if he saw an eighteen pounder.

Had it not been for the English love of boxing, which incidentally for your education, I may tell you means fighting, where would you and your family be now and under those circumstances?

J.P.S. CAPTAIN.

Sir,—I admire the courage of "Anti-Box" in making a stand against the showing of films representing glove fights by such a body as the Y.M.C.A., because there is sure to be an avalanche of letters on the other side.

For myself I object to such films being publicly displayed anywhere, whether by the Y.M.C.A. or anyone else.

This boxing craze has gone too far, and is having a brutalising influence. I am glad to see that this is now being realised at home. At Acton I noticed that the council refused to allow a public hall to be used if "knock-outs" were allowed and at Inverness the magistrates have refused a boxing licence. One of them said he admired all forms of sport, but drew the line at boxing.

So that "Anti-Box" and myself are not alone in our views. *A.P.N.*

Sir,—"Anti-Box" calls for little notice. He is doubtless one of those weedy individuals who should have found work of national importance at Dartmoor.

A word re the films. I have seen them and I must say that a more unconvincing display of the noble art it would be difficult to conceive. Several rounds are missing, and no wonder. It would be tedious to get through twenty rounds of "clinching".

Boxing, like a great many other branches of sport, is being reduced to a money-making medium. Cut out the professional element and you get the real thing, as any one who has seen 'Varsity contests, be it boxing, rugger or soccer will testify.

RINGSIDE.

BOOKING OPERA SEATS.

Sir,—Your correspondent "Fed Up" appears to be a very selfish sort of person. He seems, to me, to have the opinion that the Opera House was built for his sole amusement, and no one else should be allowed to attend the performances.

Why should booking by 'phone be washed out, just to suit the convenience of one "sub."? There are plenty of people who have work to do during the hours that the box office is open. Is it right, therefore, that they should miss their enjoyment by being unable to book seats, while he can go and stand in a queue and wait for them? *L. E. F.*

HANDS IN POCKETS.

Sir,—It is to be noticed that the habit of walking about with hands in pockets is very prevalent amongst O.Rs in Cologne.

This, to some extent, may be due to October's chilly breeze. But as it is necessary to maintain our dignity before German civilians this practice should be discouraged.

It has a tendency to make the offenders slack in their duty towards officers as regards saluting. I am sure these men could take an example from our officers who are very seldom seen walking out in this careless manner.

After all there is no reason for this practice, since gloves are issued to all ranks, and if the habit has got too firm a hold, the pockets can easily be sewn up. *M.M.*

WHIST DRIVE HOURS.

Sir,—The time for starting Whist Drives at the Leave Club is 6-30 p.m. and they finish about 8-15. In my opinion this time is too early. If they commenced about 7-15 or 7-30, they would be over for 9-15 or 9-30. If this were so, it would give more soldiers opportunities of attending them.

Nearly all other amusements commence about 6-0 p.m. now, but that is because the entertainments last about 3 hours, but in this case the Whist Drive does not last 2 hours. *N.F.*

IN DEFENCE OF THE JAZZ.

Sir,—There is no satisfying some folk. What reasonable objection there can be to the Jazz or the popular jazz band I do not know, providing the performers know their business and give us the right soul-stirring stuff.

There is vim, go and ginger about such performances. The sort of combination which gives zest to life, makes the aged and rheumatic dance for the sheer joy of it, the weedy take a real interest in the one joy of existence, the dance. Not that dreamy sloppy-come-Sunday contraption beloved by our forefathers—the waltz.

Give me Jazz and ragtime.

WHAT O.

WIVES AND GOLF.

Sir,—In view of the fact that subscriptions for the month of November to the Rhine Army Sports Club will shortly be due for payment, it would be a matter of interest to know whether, owing to the limitations imposed on wives as to playing golf after 2 p.m. on week-days or at all on Sundays, the subscriptions for wives will be correspondingly reduced.

In no club are ladies charged at the same rate of subscription as men if conditions of membership are different.

At present golf is practically the only game which ladies can join in.

MINUS TWENTY (MARKS).

PRICES AND PROFIT.

Sir,—Apropos the letter from a correspondent on the subject of prices chargeable at the N.A.C.B. club, I hope it will not become the general rule to carry away "doubles" of whisky, or we shall ere long have self-appointed Inspectors of Weights and Measures tearing away slices of say German sausage intent upon demonstrating that there being 2.003 slices to the average creation showing that a profit of at least 800 marks 30 pfennigs was secured by the authorities, or if a goose costs 40 marks what should we pay for the "parson's nose,?"

Observer should carry his bottle of the stuff about with him. *YORKY.*

THE SOLDIER'S POWER.

Sir,—If the majority of soldiers go back to civil life with the spirit displayed by W.F.F. our beloved country need not fear.

It is no doubt an opportunity to all us fellows as we dribble to civil life again, to use our influence in combating the selfish element which is pervading our country and trying to lose all that has been won at such a cost.

I am sure none of us want England rewarded like the nation that wanted a "place in the sun" and got it, but alas, many degrees too hot.

What an England it would be if we could mould a comradeship as true as when brothers in arms prepared to sacrifice all for the general good, heedless of class or clique. *SAPPER.*

THE PLAYS SOME PEOPLE WANT.

Sir,—For all that the "highbrows" write in praise of the plays of problem and perplexity and gloomy outlook that have been the chief items of the R.A.D.C. repertoire lately, I am convinced from what I hear from Tommy in the clubs and other meeting-places that he would prefer plays of more popular character.

The remark of G.W.H.P. that the Deutsches is always full, is no answer to this demand. When one considers the number of troops in Cologne and district it is not surprising that the theatre is filled. There is no competition, no choice in the matter. It's a case of Hobson's choice—the Deutsches or nowhere.

The test would be if a rival house started playing wholesome, "straight" melodrama, farce, or comedy. Then you would see which the boys would flock to.

POPULAR.

Sir,—I sincerely trust that the R.A.D.C. will not consider seriously the suggestions put forward in regard to plays.

It is sad indeed that a man cannot appreciate anything of an intellectual standard higher than that of "Monty's Flapper" or the "Ticket-of-Leave Man."

I would advise such people to go to the cinema instead of the Deutsches Theatre: they can, at least, laugh at Charlie Chaplin without having to use their brains.

Let the B.R.A.D.C. continue to give us the excellent stuff they have given us in the past. I append the signatures of twenty others who agree with me.

ANOTHER CORPORAL.

THE NEW IDEAL.

Sir,—The excellent leading article under the above heading is one which will commend itself to anyone who has had experience of the democracy of the trenches.

I am sanguine enough to believe that readjustment of values will continue between different social grades, and the country will be the better for the understanding which was bred of life in France and Flanders, but we shall fall short of the ideal unless that section of the community which has derived benefit from the war realises its responsibility.

What is more likely to promote that enmity between classes to which the writer refers than the failure of employers to fulfil their contracts, the wild search for employment by the saviours of the country, while the profiteer waxes fat and indulges in an orgy of extravagance which makes the average thinking man hold up his hands in dismay.

There is only one way of dealing with the present position, and that is to make them disgorge some of their ill-gotten gains. *T.H.*

WINDS.

Some winds, like robins, nest in trees,
And some, like meadow larks, in grasses
While others cling to flowers, like bees.
The gales that sweep the salt morasses,
Like petrels, brood on stormy seas;
And eagle-winds, as wild as these,
Their cyries make on beetling masses
Of crag in rugged mountain passes.
But wiser is the nestling breeze—
The laughing, elfin breeze, that furls
Its fragrant wings among your curls!

ARTHUR GUITERMAN.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE RESULT

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

Brigand Wins Big Race: Diadem Second.

FAVOURITES AGAIN FAIL.

The result of the Cambridgeshire run at Newmarket yesterday afternoon was as follows:—

Mr. J. A. de Rothschild's **Brigand** (E. Crickmere) 1
Lord D'Abernon's **Diadem** (J. Childs) .. 2
Mr. A. R. Cox's **My Dear** (S. Donoghue) . 3

VICTORY SWEEP.

Lucky Ticket-Holders in Cambridgeshire Draw.

SEVERAL RHINE ARMY-ITES.

Yesterday we were able to give briefly the ticket-holders who had drawn some of the favourite horses in the Lille Cambridgeshire sweepstake. Appended is the complete list.

GRAND VICTORY CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
Result of the Draw.

02894	Jutland	Lieut.-Col. J. A. Crump, c/o. Cox and Co.
27296	Viceroy	Stkr. R. Clements, Victoria street, Gillingham.
06 65	Aynsley	S.S.M. Prescott, Aldershot.
69172	Baily Easton	Cpl McLolland, R.E.P.S., A.P.O., 4.
72643	Golden Fleece	Major C. H. Fournoaux, R.A.S.C., Grantham.
94 66	Elfterion	Sgt. P. J. Darcy, 15th Hussars, Hounslow.
84398	Mountaineer	Pte J. Forus, 60 Meadow Rd Clapham.
69192	Vice Versa	Pte. D. G. Porter, 73 Windmill Hill, Enfield.
34265	Tetrarchia	Pte. P. Riley, 6 R.E. Workshops, Lommo.
22993	Warways	Lieut.-Col. G. Hill, H.Q., Gym. Aldershot.
36376	Not Much	Pte. H. Blackton, K.R.R. City Hosp., Newcastle.
98527	Laurentian	Dvr. D. Jones, Cardiff.
86231	Somerville	Pte. A. S. Totloy, Harper Place, Leeds.
57597	Ardavon	Capt. C.T. Mullen, Surrey.
86162	McLean	Cpl. Butcher, Playgoers Club.
84160	Irish Elegance	S/S. Chamberlain, London N.Z.E.F.
52285	Gay Lord	Cpt. Marshall, 3rd H. Bde., Clipston, Camp.
52782	Diadem	Sub. Lt. Tatcher, H.M.S., Sarpia.
36729	Dionysos	Pte. Waterhouse, Sheffield.
89830	Rizzio	T. G. Parks, Chatham.
45 02	Vertigo	J. Cooper, S. Tottenham.
5841	The Vizier	Major Cockerhill, G.H.Q., Rhine Army.
33455	Propagation	Lieut. Snowdon, Devon.
59691	Milton	T. J. Gibson, Ilford.
898 6	Planet	Fahy, Chatham.
6070	Brigand	Pte. H. Meadows, Stoke; Newington.
12004	Kaboodles	Pte. W. J. Davis, Newport.
72008	Miss Richard	Lieut. Jameson, East Church.
66275	Mint Leaf	Cpt. A. Rosomero, Craig, Houl.
57097	Sir Berkeley	Pte. Malshor, Rugby.
2776	Rich Gift	Lieut.-Col. Brown, Winchester.
72295	Water Bed	Lieut. Loinol, Muswell Hill.
89356	Control	Capt. Stevens, Worcester.
69188	Royal Bucks	Sgt. George, Aldershot.
67641	My Dear	Cpt. Ambler, Prees Heath.
74715	Queens Square	Miss Deardon, Y.M.C.A., Cologne.
62606	Manilardo	Lieut. Falker, Leicestershire.
25119	Flying Spear	Pte. Essex, Aldershot.
14420	Carrodes	Cpt. Grace, A.D.L.R., 5 Area.
63038	Glanmerin	Gnr. Blackmore, Hove.
19856	Sir Douglas	Sgt. Lawton, 51st H.L.I., Rhine Army.
54676	Palestricia	Cpt. Haydor, c/o. Cox and Co.
32887	The Panther	Lieut. J. Croighton, Sussex.
62097	Earna	Pte. Harman, Camberwell.
41206	Roseway	Lieut. Facer.
98882	Frank Webber	Pte. B. Burnaby, London.
36369	Zinovia	Pte. Sharp, Folkestone.
35869	Square Measure	L/Sgt. Horsham.
55384	Sweet Land	F. J. Whitehurst, Burton on Treat.
62052	Paper Money	Lieut. Hawkins,
15701	Monteith	Pte. Knightsbridge.
854	Arion	Sgt. Duran, Preston.
19573	Chuette	2 Lt. Dumont, G.H.Q.
16619	Panusha	Cpl. Evans, Abbeville.
83395	A Sitter	Pte. A. Board, Epsom.
8410	Golden Orb	Spr. Finnigan, Manchester.
14363	Sand Mole	Capt. Cross, 125 C.L.C.
28163	Roideur	Lieut. Thomas, c/o. Holt and Co.
93084	Chiffre D'Amour	Lieut. Webb.
96810	Dromio	A. McKenzie, Westgate on Sea.
51826	Knight of Blyth	C. H. Clay, Shornelife.
23863	Bay of Naples	Lieut. T. P. Stains.
6470	Damagele	Pte. J. Mard, Essex.
19655	Clacikle	Lieut. Bowenport, Windsor.
95047	Callendar	Pte Monks.
65399	Grand Fleet	Butler, Wandsworth Common.
7661	Scatwell	Lt. R. J. Easterbrook, 24 Vet. Hosp., Cologne.
98486	Dominion	P. M.'s Office, G.H.Q., Rhine Army.
22935	Broughbridge	Lt. Graham, Aldershot.
90081	Clarion	Lt. Gooch, c/o D.O.S., G.H.Q.
21420	Nikita	Pte. Sherlock, Dublin.
32582	Rock Savage	Cpt. Butler, Sussex.
11628	River-hore	Mjr. Little, Stroud.
25495	Polygnotus	Cpt. Everett, No. 1 Con. Camp, Cologne.
96034	Daphne	Sgt. J. Brown, Lt. Div, M.T. Co., R.A., Rhine Army.
45641	Good-night	Rfm. Westhook, Batter-ea.
59365	Wilson	Cpl. Shedrack, Shrewsbury.
26138	Gipsy Lad	Cpt. G. Hore.
66203	Alanam	C.Q.M.S. Betts, Aldershot.
78543	Cyclist	Pte. H. Jones, Camberwell.
84437	Viviani	Lt. Woodhead, Sedbergh.
76110	Iron Hand	Lt. Masters.
53714	Baroceo	Pte. Hutchins.
5256	Royal Robe	Lt. Hide, Glasgow.
81268	Athlone	G. C. Pickup, Wendover.
93527	Snow Maiden	Cpl. Teescott, Catterick Camp.
70460	Prince Phillip	A. Webley, Woolwich.
17066	King John	Q.M.S. Tunnee, No. 2 Club, Cologne.
33578	Lady Earn	Lt. Dickenson, Bedford.
3239	Laughing	Cpt. Bennett, Tidsbury.

Xth CORPS RUGBY TOURNAMENT.

The replayed final, Xth Corps Troops v. 51st Manchester Regt. will take place on the Hofgarten, Bonn, this afternoon at 14.30 hours.

17th LANCERS AND C.P.C. CUP.

OUR CRICKET CUP.

Cheery Acknowledgment from 17th Lancers.

POPULAR WINNERS.

When, in the early days of the summer, we offered a silver cup and twelve miniature replicas for the most successful cricket team in the Rhine Army, we decided that the formal handing over of the trophy should be the occasion of an interesting function in Cologne. The ambition, alas, could not be fullfilled.

For a variety of reasons, the cup did not reach these offices until a week or so ago, by which time the winning team, the 17th Lancers, had left Rhineland for England.

A member of the "Cologne Post" staff was forthwith despatched across the Channel to deliver the cups to the secretary of the team that, by playing consistently good cricket throughout the season, deservedly won them.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE CUP.

A letter addressed from the Cavalry Club, London, to the Editor has been received from Capt. Fowler, the secretary of the 17th Lancers, team. He says:

"We are all more than delighted with the very beautiful trophy, which will always be a magnificent souvenir of our stay in Rhineland. It was a surprise to all of us to find that you had also given twelve miniature replicas for each member of the team, and we are all extremely pleased to have these little cupcs, which will remind us of a most sporting and pleasant cricket season, even after we have left the Army. With many thanks for your generosity and the good times we had playing in your Cup competition . . ."

A REAL SPORTING TEAM.

It may be fitting to give here the views of Mr. W. E. Pinnell, (ex. R.E. and now demob'd.) who was formerly secretary of one of the other competing teams. He "waxes eloquent" over the good qualities of the winners, as evidenced in the following extracts from a letter sent to this office a little while back:

"I have just received a "Cologne Post" giving me the result of the C.P.C. final, and I must say how delighted I am to know that the 17th Lancers have won the Cup. I heartily congratulate them. They are a real sporting and good all-round team, always pulling together. They whacked us fairly and squarely (111—32) and flabbergasted our chaps.

GOOD LOSERS.

"As I have said, I am very glad they have won, seeing they are in my old Division, which is very natural. But one must congratulate the losers, too, for their plucky fight. It must have been a great game and quite the best played in Rhineland."

We feel confident that all those who were interested in our competition (which, in point of popularity, far exceeded our most sanguine expectations) will join us once more in congratulating the 17th Lancers.

With the knowledge that their success was on all hands recognised as being particularly well deserved, the members of the winning team should find the contents of the flowing bowl extremely palatable when the time comes for it to be passed round, if this has not already happened.

Here's to them!

OFFICERS v. SERGEANTS.

51st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers Hockey-Match.

An interesting match took place on Sunday on the Stadt Wald, Lindenthal, between the Stars and Stripes of the above Battalion. Both teams opened out in good style, the Officers evidently being determined to have their revenge for their defeat at Soccer on the previous Tuesday. The Officers attacked sharply, their forward line working well together. The play moved quickly to the other end of the field, but only to return with the result that Lt. Ruddock scored. Sgt. Smith was much in evidence in the position of centre-half, also Sgt. Mole played a good game on the left wing. The forwards too worked very well together but always seemed to fall to pieces when it came to scoring and Lt's. Connolly and Worthington had little difficulty in keeping the defence firm. When the play was nearing the front of the Officers' goal, Lt. Ruddock got possession of the ball and after a fine run passed it to Lt. Mason, on the left wing, who put it into the Sgts'. net. Shortly afterwards Lt. Ruddock again scored, making the score at half time 3—0.

After the recommencement, play was taken into the Sgts'. territory and there were numerous exciting episodes in their goalmouth, their sticks and legs were very much in contact. At last however the ball was cleared only to be returned to the Sgts'. half and Lt. Thomas breaking through the good defence put up by C.Q.M.S. Scott and C.S.M. Mann scored a fine goal. The game though out was very fast and displayed the keen sportsman-like rivalry between the two teams.

DEATH OF THE MARQUIS OF ORMONDE.

The death is announced of the Marquis of Ormonde at his Irish seat, Kilkenny Castle. His lordship, who was in his seventy-sixth year, was the third Marquis and twenty-first Earl of Ormonde, and by his death the yachting world has sustained a heavy loss. He was Commodore of the Royal Yacht Squadron, and was at Cowes practically the whole of the summer, when he appeared to be enjoying excellent health. He was an intimate friend of King Edward, and was for years vice-Commodore of the R.Y.S. while King Edward (then Prince of Wales) was nominally Commodore. As long ago as 1874 Lord Ormonde made a voyage in his yacht, Mirage, to the then little known coasts of Spitzbergen.

The heir to the title is Lord Arthur J. Wellington Foley Butler, a brother of the late Marquis.

1½ MILE RECORD.

Another Winans Success: Distance Covered in 4 min. 12⅖ secs.

SPLENDID RACING.

It was bleak and bitterly cold at Parloes Park when the forty-first of this season's meetings of the National Trotting Horse Breeder's Association was held.

Among fresh horses engaged were Mr. T. Walker's Little Bobby and Real Lady. Both scored readily in their heats, but had strong opposition in their respective finals. Little Bobbie was beaten in good time by Polly R., a local pony owned by Mr. Randall, Chadwell Heath, but Real Lady scored in the chief event of the day after a fine race with Master Bingen and Dolly Bingen.

Mr. Harry Smith, owner of Richmond, had a running match for £30 aside with Mr. Alfred Bray, and lost by two yards. Mr. Walter Winans attempted to lower the mile record of 2min 49sec to wagon held by his hackney sired Discord, but failed, the time being 2min 52sec.

His son, Mr. Julian W. Winans, however, rode the same horse to saddle, carrying 12st 7lb in 2min 49sec. Mr. Walter Winans was more successful with his hackney sired Harmony, creating a record of 4min 12 2-5sec for a mile and a half. The mile time was 2min 46 3-5sec.

NEWMARKET RACES.

Short Priced Winners on Opening Day.

The going was still on the hard side at Newmarket on Tuesday, when a large crowd assembled in dull weather. Results:

Trial Plate:—1, Prevoyant (5-4); 3, White Prince (6-1). Four ran.

Limekiln Stakes:—1, Perion (9-2 on) beat Church History. Two ran.

Criterion Stakes:—* Sarchedon (2-1); * Gleneskaki (11-10). He Goes (100-30). Three ran. (* stakes divided).

Rutland Handicap:—1, Rock Den (7-4); 2, Zulanda (4-1); 3, Skager Rack (100-8). Ten ran.

Old Nursery Stakes:—1, Fancy Man (evens); 2, Golden Spurs; 3, Lama (8-1). Fifteen ran.

Dalham Plate:—1, Swinfen (6-5 on); 2, Beltenebros (10-1); 3, Kuntala (3-1). Six ran.

Fordham Handicap:—1, Tagrag (7-1); 2, Sunny Rhyme (4-1); 3, Long Tail (100-8). Eleven ran.

VICTORY NOVEMBER SWEEP.

The draw will take place at Calais on November 20 for the Victory Manchester November Handicap Sweepstake, organised by Commander W. Bickford, D.S.O., 53, Quai de la Tamise, Calais, for officers, N.C.O.'s, and men of past and present service in H.M. Forces. Tickets are 10s. each, and the list closes on November 19.

IRISH STEWARDS AND FRACTIOUS HORSES.

The Irish "Racing Calendar" states that after the race for The Curragh Grand Prize the Stewards, having observed that Mertoy, Cracknel, Miss Orby, and Lady Orb were particularly fractious at the post, sent for the starter, who corroborated their views.

The stewards consequently cautioned the trainers of the above horses that unless they find on subsequent occasions that these horses are more amenable at the post the stewards will be compelled to take drastic measures with the trainers in question.

MIDDLE-WEIGHT JOCKEY DEAD.

James Woodburn, who had been suffering from cancer, and on whose behalf a subscription was recently started, died yesterday morning. He was at one time a popular and successful middle-weight jockey, but had not followed his vocation for a considerable period, and definitely retired from the saddle last March. He rode for many prominent patrons of the Turf.

PROFITABLE RACING.

The French Ministry of Agriculture has issued some interesting figures concerning betting in that country. From the beginning of the racing season in May to the end of July the pari-mutuel booths handled a sum of 227,167,990 francs (£6,310,221, roughly, on the present rate of exchange), of which 4 per cent., or 9,086,719 francs (£252,408), went to the three great clubs which govern racing in France.

AMUSING COINCIDENCE.

A correspondent sends to a sporting contemporary the following short account of a quaint coincidence at Sandown Park on Saturday:—

Directly after Longerline had won the Pirbright Hurdle Race for Mr. Bottomley, a terrified hare came out of the spinney and bolted down the course, hotly pursued by pedestrians. Top hats and other missiles were hurled at her, but puss got away all right somewhere near the last fence in the steeple-chase course. The incident, following as it did immediately after two winners trained by Hare, was distinctly amusing.

DAVIS CUP MATCHES.

The English Lawn Tennis Association has agreed to the suggestion of the Australian Lawn Tennis Association that the Davis Cup matches shall be played on January 16, 17, and 19 instead of starting on January 9, as originally proposed.

NEW MOTOR SCOOTER.

A motor scooter of a new design, known as the "Whippet," made a non-stop trip from London to Brighton yesterday, carrying two passengers, and covering the distance in 2½ hours.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION WINNERS

A GAME SCOT.

Fine Display Against Reeves the Ex-Cruiser Belt holder.

BEATEN IN 13th ROUND.

One of the gamest men who ever boxed, Bob Whiteford, of Glasgow, was beaten in the thirteenth round by Harry Reeve at the Blackfriars Ring this week.

The winner was evidently in no condition for a protracted struggle, and commenced by lunging out indiscriminately with both hands, but before he could land a blow Whiteford sent the left hard to the body. The force of the blow not only made Reeve give a shout of pain, but he had the greatest difficulty in getting his breath, and had only just sufficient strength to hang on for a respite.

Subsequently, Whiteford did remarkably well with his workmanlike left hand, which repeatedly found its way to Reeves' face.

The ninth, tenth, and eleventh rounds went greatly in favour of the ex-champion. Whiteford having to take no fewer than five counts, varying from three to eight seconds, yet his better condition enabled him to recuperate and finish each round the stronger.

A magnificent right to the point in the 13th round almost completed his downfall. With commendable gameness he struggled on, but after being put down again the referee stopped the bout in favour of Reeves.

SPURS' GOAL DISPUTED.

Grimsdell the Man of the Match Against Port Vale.

It was a case of sheer doggedness opposed to science in the game at Hanley, where 18,000 people saw Tottenham Hotspur defeat Port Vale in their first home match in the Second Division, by one goal to nothing.

The goal came late in the game, for there were only seven minutes to play when Cantrell headed the ball past Hammond from a corner kick, admirably placed by Chipperfield. The legality of the point was strongly contested by the Port Vale players, who held that the ball was over the line before Cantrell played it, but the referee, who was in an excellent position to decide, ruled that a goal had been scored.

The man of the match even in such a good all-round side as the Spurs, was Grimsdell who played splendid football.

STARS v. STRIPES.

51st N. F. Officers and Sergeants at Sulz.

Two very keen teams met at Sulz on Saturday. Both the Officers and the Sergeants of the 51st N.F. were anxious to come to a definite understanding, as the result of the last match between these two teams was a goalless draw. At the outset the Sergeants attacked well and by some good passing by the outside right, C.Q.M.S. Martin, the ball was placed almost in front of the goal-mouth and after a short sharp tussle C.S.M. Murray scored. Twice during the first half the Sergeants seemed like scoring again, the ball being dangerously near its objective, but the Officer's goal-keeper was alive and at half time the score remained at one up for the Sergeants.

At the commencement of the second half the forward line of the Officers combined well and for the first ten minutes the play was in the Sergeants' half. By an excellent head by Capt. Pigg, the ball was put almost over the goal line into the net, but was saved in the nick of time. Following on this, the game went to the other end of the field, and Sgt. Spencer, from another good pass from the outside right, was able to add another goal to the Sergeants' score. For the next ten minutes the play was fairly even but Sgt. Spencer, getting possession of the ball in his own half, dribbled it to the defence of the Officers without assistance and again scored. Eight minutes before play was due to cease Lieut. Veitch took a good corner kick and, after placing it well, Lieut. Thomas succeeded in heading it into the net.

Result:—Sergeants 3; Officers 1.

52 DEVONS.—A COY. v. C COY.

Played at Hilgen on Sunday resulting in an easy win for A Coy. In the first half Martin at inside left registered two goals for A Coy., and Lieut. Abrahams headed the ball very neatly from a corner kick and scored for C Coy.

In the second half A Coy's "goalie" only had three shots. C Coy.'s forward line did not pass the ball sufficiently; C.Q.M.S. Selby at outside right was very fast and might have beaten A Coy.'s defence if he had been fed from the centre more frequently.

A Coy.'s forwards showed fine form; C.S.M. Bradley played brilliantly at outside left, and Cpl. Barrow at inside left banged in some very hot shots adding four goals. For A Coy's. defence Sgt. Cotterrell was a tower of strength, and C Coy.'s backs and "goalie" played a good game.

Result:—A Coy., 6; C Coy., 1.

IREMONGER SUSPENDED.

The Emergency Committee of the Football Association have suspended Iremonger, the Notts County goalkeeper, for a month.

He was sent off the field during the Derby County and Notts County match at Derby on the 11th inst.

FOOTBALL FRIENDLY.

A team from No. 1 G.H.Q. W.O.'s and Sgt.'s mess played A.P.O.S./40 on Tuesday, a pleasant game resulting in a draw 1-1.

Q.M.S. Gardner scored for the Mess in the first half, and Cpl. Mack equalised during the second half.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

French Dancers.

Those who had the pleasure of seeing the French Dancers at the British Empire Leave Club about three months ago can readily appreciate the welcome they received at the Leave Club on Tuesday. It was a most artistic performance and a treat for lovers of colour and form and music because it included all three. Mlle. Laura Amann and Mlle. Marte Brantzky danced together as Les Deux Pierrots to a scherzo by Schumann and as two Highland lassies to a real Scotch Schottische and they danced a wonderful wild dance in red and black Russian costume.

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Mlle. Laura Amann danced fascinating solo dances. Perhaps the most attractive was Violette when she danced the daintiest steps and wore white and mauve, and strewed violets in her own path. In a brilliant green frock with countless frills Mlle. Marte Brantzky coquetted in real French fashion to Chopin's well known waltz in A major. Between the dances were songs from Miss K. Campbell ("To Daffodils," and as an encore an old Scotch love song) and Miss Jameson, who sang, a Grieg song called "My Mother" and the "Hatfield Bells" by Eastnope Martin. Their singing gave great pleasure and is a credit to the Leave Club. Major Greenlees sang the prologue from Pagliacci with splendid tone and rhythm. His other songs included Homer's Requiem, Songs of Araby, and Maire my Girl.

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In the middle of the programme there came a wonderful scene called the Birth of Dawn which was full of beauty. Miss K. Campbell as an angel with wings, charmed everybody. She sang a morning song and then unveiled the clouds whose colouring ranged from the palest yellow to the deep flame of Dawn who was lying asleep on a rock and gradually awoke to the strains of Sinding and Grieg. The dance ended with a winding dance in which all the clouds joined—a signal that dawn had come. Miss Campbell and Mrs. Shorten danced a fascinating Gavotte and Miss Littleton and Tinney as two gnomes and Mrs. Bamford and Misses Smyth and Jameson as nymphs danced a joyful spring dance. The B.E.L.C. ladies orchestra Miss Lavie, Miss Smyth, Miss Tyrer, Miss de la Pasture, and Miss Hester Clark accompanied throughout and their efforts added greatly to the success of a very successful evening.

Next Sunday.

I hear that the great Wanda Achsel has definitely promised to sing at the Deutsches Theatre again on Sunday next; that Alfred Barker will play; and that another star of magnitude is also being arranged for. Good advice would be to book early.

Next Monday's Concert.

A concert likely to attract considerable interest is that announced to take place at the Burgergesellschaft, Cologne, on Monday next. A new work, Reger's variations and fugue, on a theme by Bach will be played by Backhaus for the first time in Cologne. The great pianist will also play various selections of Chopin.

In Few Words.

Next Sunday Herr Fritz Paulsen is going to give at the Burgersaal an interesting performance of telepathy, suggestion, hypnotism and fakirism.

On Tuesday modern dances will be performed at the Wolkenburg by Suse Elsler and Gustav Hölzer.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Thurs.	Ein Maskenball	Verdi	7	9.45
Fri.	Der Barbier von Sevilla	Rossini	7	10
Sat.	Orpheus and Eurydice	Gluck	7	9.15
Sun.	Die Walküre	Wagner	5 30	10.30
Mon.	Madame Butterfly	Puccini	7	9.45
Tues.	Tosca	Puccini	7	10

The "Crumps" Dame.

This is an impression of the successful female impersonator of "The Crumps,"

who, with his song. "A Little of What you Fancy" is causing roars of laughter at the Palace Theatre, Cologne.

JACQUES.

ARMY REMOUNT DEPOT.

Little Scoring in Two Home Football Matches.

On Sunday, the Rhine Army Remount Depot entertained the D.L.I. on the Depot Ground. From a corner kick Remount's inside left sent in a nice shot which completely beat the goalkeeper. The Durhams continually made rushes on the home goal, but the backs were equal to the occasion. Half-time brought the score: Remounts 1, D.L.I. 0.

From the restart the Remount forwards, who were in fine form, were constantly around the Durham's goal, but they could not find the net. Result: Remounts 1; D.L.I. 0.

After the match a tea arranged by Lieut. C. Norman took place at the Depot which was thoroughly enjoyed by both teams.

15th HANTS.

An exciting game ensued between Rhine Army Remount Depot and the 15th Hampshire Regt. on the formers' ground on Saturday in ideal weather. Just before half-time a scramble around the home goal resulted in the Hampshires just managing to put the ball over the line. In the second half, play was very fast. Towards the end of the game hands was given against the Hampshires inside the penalty area. The Depot inside left took the kick and beat the custodian with a lovely shot. Each side tried very hard for the winning goal but the backs were too good for the forwards and kept the ball out of the danger zone. Thus the game ended in a draw of 1 each.

THREE WIN 880 MARKS EACH.

Result Of Our Football Skill Competition Number 5.

In our No. 5 contest despite the easy task set competitors, no all-correct coupon was submitted. The Grimsby v. Hull City, Luton v. Portsmouth and Swansea v. Brighton matches caught many competitors, albeit on recent form the results did not occasion any great surprise.

Numerous entrants were successful in sending in forms with eight results correct and nine competitors submitted coupons showing nine correct forecasts. Three contestants however managed to predict ten results and thereby become entitled to our prize, their names and addresses being:—

Lieut. J. R. West,
c/o D.O.S.
G.H.Q. Rhine Army.

Pte. L. P. Crangle, 110073,
52nd D.L.I.
Hqrs. 3rd Northern Bde.

Pte. B. S. Smith, 670475,
G. S. Intelligence,
G.H.Q., Rhine Army.

As stated yesterday the amount of the prize money was 2,637 marks to which we have added the sum of three marks making a total of 2,640 marks, thus each of the above successful entrants will receive the tidy sum of 880 marks.

Turn your attention now to No. 6 contest. Another big prize is waiting to be won. Have you sent in your effort yet?

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 6,
"Cologne Post,"
A.P.O. S./40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.

2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disquality the effort.

3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.

4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.

5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.

6. The Editor reserves the right to disquality any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.

7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.

8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.

9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 6.

Date of matches, **Saturday, Nov. 1st.**
Closing date, **Friday, Oct. 31st.**

Aston Villa	v. Middlesboro
Bolton W.	v. Sunderland
Blackburn R.	v. Everton
Bradford C.	v. Arsenal
Notts C.	v. West Bromwich
West Ham	v. Birmingham
Huddersfield	v. Fulham
Swindon	v. Queens Park R.
Brentford	v. Plymouth A.
Brighton	v. Exeter C.
Hamilton A.	v. Falkirk
Morton	v. Celtic

I enter Football Competition No. 6 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

In one World.

Two members of a Labour Company were, I hear, discussing the prize we are offering for the best answer to the question, "What would you do if you won £12,000?" "Well, mate, what would you do?" one asked. "Nuthink," replied the other.

A Trifle Mixed.

The tickets issued at the Modernes Picture Theatre provide another example of mongrel English. They read "Tickets for British Army."

More Suppers.

I am told that the British Empire Leave Club has increased the number of tickets to obtain suppers for men visiting Cologne. This will be welcomed by many who hitherto have been unable to avail themselves of the excellent supper provided and the good music which accompanies it.

The Skating Boon.

I notice that the skating boon has spread to the American area, but as in Cologne the absence of suitable premises interferes with full development of the craze.

Unreasonable.

I heard of a soldier who was discontented with the billet provided for him in a farm-house not a hundred miles from Bonn and complained to the Sergeant. "What's wrong with it" he was asked. "Matter; why there's a couple of mice fighting in one corner." "Well, what do you expect, a blinkin' bull fight?" replied the sergeant.

No More Changing.

I am told that all official facilities for exchanging Foreign currencies at Post Offices and railway stations in the United Kingdom are to be withdrawn at the end of the month.

Opportunities for Clerks.

I hear there are a number of positions to be had as clerks to the Rhineland Commission. Applicants must be demobilizable and preference will be given to unmarried N.C.O.'s and men with a knowledge of French and German, though these qualifications are not essential.

The Priceless "Bine."

At last we have been blessed with a ration of—Woodbines. Perhaps, if we stay here long enough it will be De Reszkes. Who knows?

One day.

A Londoner who has been in Cologne for nearly nine months chased across the Channel on urgent business the other day, motoring from Rhineland to Ostend. He and his wife spent one day at their home and then very reluctantly returned.

No such Thing.

Another unfounded rumour which needs nipping in the bud is that in deference to the strongly expressed desire of a certain section of the Rhine Army, the R.A.D.C. is staging "Cou Chin Chow" with its enormous caste and fabulously expensive dresses.

Can't Get Home.

I believe the reason why so many Indian troops have still to remain in Rhineland is the scarcity of transport to the East.

The Army "Mudie's."

I don't think it is too well known that if you wish to borrow books from the Rhine Army Library on the Rhine that all you need do is to deposit, five marks. Then you can have three books out at a time. And the selection of fiction and general reading is a wide one.

His Calculation.

A young subaltern on leave from Rhineland had been to his first dance in Blighty, and was staggered at the scantiness of some of the gowns. "How do you like my frock?" said his sister. "It's-er-quite simple," he stammered. "Simple!" She laughed. "Do you know what it cost? Do you know twenty golden sovereigns wouldn't cover it?" "Perhaps not," said he; "but thirty might, well spread out."

The Cardinal's Home.

Not many soldiers in Cologne seem to know that the massive, sombre building in the Gereonstrasse is the Palace of the Cardinal.

Result of our Occupation.

I heard yesterday of a young German, who during the war was office boy in a Cologne newspaper office. He is now the owner of several houses bought out of his earnings on newspaper sales at the main tram terminus, where he is always to be found.

Will be Run After.

Another miracle in our small advertisement columns: two furnished rooms to let and in Cologne where there is an absolute famine of houses. In Munich, I understand the homeless number 3,000.

Dud Engines.

German locomotives are in a very bad state of repair. An officer just back from Berlin told me that between there and Cologne six separate changes of engines had to be made owing to breakdowns.

IF!!

If we were demobbed by a Medical Board.

One up.

The American Army Rhineland paper "The Amaroc News", having completed six months service, has awarded itself a chevron which adorns the top left hand corner.

A Loss.

Readers of this paper who have enjoyed many a good laugh from the humorous contributions of the writer signing himself "E. J. Tellum" will be sorry to hear that he has been demobbed and is now proceeding Blightywards. Luckily the Editor has still one or two of his contributions in hand.

Bad for the Eyes.

Several soldiers who are studying German have complained recently of eye strain. This is caused by poring over the trying Gothic type which is one of the abominations that ought to be abolished.

Love Finds a Way.

One young "sub." on the Rhine innumerably starts his daily letter to his lady-love in Blighty by saying "There is absolutely no fresh news to tell, so I will be very brief." His letter seldom covers less than ten pages all the same. Mostly "sweet nothings" of course.

Convincing.

A German offender in the American Summary Court at Coblenz, summoned for threats had as witnesses against him his wife, his son, and daughter-in-law.

Ringing in Advance.

I am told that the ringing of the bells at all Catholic churches in Cologne at six each evening is in connection with the celebration of All Saints' Day on November 1st. It is a custom to ring tunes on the bells at this hour for seven days in advance of the festival.

RHINELANDER.

EAU DE COLOGNE.

THE LIGHT SIDE OF RHINE LAND.

Dear Folks at Home:

It is sad how quickly autumn makes itself felt. The trees are rapidly losing their leaves and the cold bite in the air makes one realise that winter is drawing near, with its attendant cold and frost. Many well-known faces have disappeared from our midst. A good many have gone home for good while others, being only on leave, we hope to see again.

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I was at the VI Corps Club dance the other night and I was glad to see again a certain Colonel who has been for some time past away in the wilds of the country. He used to be at G.H.Q. and was a most enthusiastic organiser of certain mess dances. I hope his is not a fleeting visit.

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At every turn I regret that I do not know the language of this country, not because I think it melodious in sound, but I feel it would be useful on occasions. Which reminds me of a story I heard, which shows the utility of understanding it. An officer and his wife were travelling in a tram in this neighbourhood and at one of the stopping places some Germans got in; one of whom deliberately trod on the lady's foot. She said nothing except intimating to her husband what had happened and the Germans proceeded to gloat over the deed and make rude remarks.

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The officer calmly read his paper but when the tram stopped and the Germans prepared to descend he calmly but forcibly forbade them to do so, and made them travel some distance, to his own destination. Arrived there he, with the assistance of a Tommy, escorted them to the police station. One German protested at the treatment and demanded an interpreter whereupon the officer — (and here I must say I admire him for keeping so calm) replied in perfect German that he would interpret, knowing the language very well and having understood everything they had uttered. You can imagine they had a mauvais quart d'heure and got their deserts.

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The restriction on the use of cars has made it rather difficult for getting to and from dances, but nothing damped the enthusiasm for the weekly Lions' Club, and private cars and taxis rose nobly to the occasion. At last I have been one of the privileged few: I have only one regret, and that is, I have never been before. The tables for six, four, or even tete-a-tete are arranged on one side of the room, and the other half was reserved for dancing. The enthusiasm with which everyone leapt to their feet after and even during each course showed that no one intended to waste a moment. The band was good, and the whole proceedings went with a swing and one could read enjoyment on everyones' faces.

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Conspicuous among the dancers was a slender lady in black, whose graceful dancing has made her noted out here. I don't think I admire the dancing of one or two of the ladies, which is nothing more or less than a stilted walk and gives the impression of double-jointed marionettes. There is nothing graceful about their style and it is certainly not to be imitated. It was a most enjoyable evening, and I hope to go again some day.

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The other day, I'm told, the wife of a married officer in Cologne went out, leaving her hubby in charge of the billet. "The fishmonger will be calling, dear" she said. "Right ho, I'll carry on," he said. Soon there was a ring. "Well, have you any cod?" asked the officer in his best German. "Nein," was the reply. "Any sole, plaice, salmon, skate or any old fish?" "Nein," was the reply. "Well, why not?" demanded the officer sternly. "Because I'm the greengrocer."

Love to all

JOAN.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Ugh.—Paris suburbs have no coal.

Back.—Dowlais steel strike has finished.

What Now?—The Gattie transport inquiry is ended.

Late. — Loganberries are still being picked in Leicestershire.

Changes Hands.—"Freeman's Journal" has been sold for £132,800.

Unhealthy.—Cattle disease is spreading in the Isle of Wight.

In Town.—The King and Queen are back in London.

Disabled.—Over 14,000 men are on the disablement register for North Wales.

Wilful Boys.—German boys in the state schools are on strike.

No Water.—South Africa is experiencing the worst drought for 50 years.

Get Ready.—Frankfurt Fair will be held in May, 1920.

Japan in Line.—An air mail has been started between Tokyo and Osaka.

More Coal.—A rich coal-mine is said to have been discovered in South America.

A helping Hand.—A Dutch syndicate is granting Germany a credit of £6,000,000.

A Pioneer.—Commander Porte, of flying boat fame, has died at Brighton.

Coal Scarcity.—It is said that the coal scarcity will last for five if not ten years.

Vetoed.—President Wilson has vetoed the Prohibition Enforcement Bill.

Poor Hubby.—Ladies' hats are said to cost £12 each in Constantinople.

In Favour.—Diamond shares are in favour at home.

Really!—Brazil is opposed to the trial of the ex-Kaiser.

Eastern Potentate.—The Shah of Persia arrives at Dover to-day.

Economising.—The War Office has only eighteen motor cars now for official use.

The Best. — The Bishop of Hereford supports early marriages.

The Japanese way.— Japan is to sign the Peace without consulting its Parliament.

Strange.— Ramsgate, which claims the finest sands in Kent, is short of sand for builders.

Net Smasher. — In landing a shark at Plymouth £70 worth of damage was done to the nets.

Municipal Honours.— Though blind, a woman is seeking municipal honours at St. Pancras.

About Time.—It is likely that the building of cinemas will be restricted in the near future.

Nationalisation.— It is not intended to refer the question of nationalisation to a referendum.

Young.—Many of Glamorgan men summoned for non-payment of income-tax were young miners.

Demobbed.— To date, 130,000 officers and over 3,000,000 men have been demobilized.

The First.—The first case of dislocated spine sustained at Rugby football has occurred at Oxford.

New Ministry. — There is much talk among London lawyers over the creation of a Ministry of Justice.

Profitable.— A witness in a "pitch and toss" case said some of the players won £40 a day.

Not True. — There is no truth in the rumour that the Duke of Northumberland is to become Viceroy of India.

Good Use. — National factories are to be used for the manufacture of railway wagons.

The German Army.—The German Army will in future consist of 63 battalions, as against 600 battalions.

The Pari-Mutuel.—From May to July the sums paid into the French pari-mutuel amounted to £9,086,719.

Unpopular.—The film, entitled "Kaiser Wilhelm's Fortune and End," has been confiscated by the German authorities.

Closed Galleries.—Complaints are made that the great national galleries in London are still unavailable to the public.

The Faithful.—According to Mr. J. H. Thomas, less than one per cent. of the membership of the N.U.R. failed to strike.

Cheap Clocks Gone.—A clockmaker says the day of cheap alarum clocks has gone.

Blackmail.—Complaints are made that the Profiteering Act is being used as a means of blackmail.

The Ex-Master.—Sir Charles Swinfen Eady will be known as Lord Swinfen of Chertsey.

England's Hope. — England's coming lady lawn tennis player is Miss Kitty McCane.

Coppers.—To raise a war memorial fund, Hastings is appealing for a mile of pennies.

The New Fashion. — Lady working housekeepers are very much in demand at present.

The Penalty.—A Bridgend hotel keeper was fined three pounds for charging a penny too much for a drink.

Coming Down.—Camberwell is suffering from an epidemic of falling ceilings, the result of air raids and motor vibration.

A Third Crop.—An apple tree near Porthcawl is blossoming for the third time this year.

Young Nelson.—Southwark's certificate commemorating the signing of peace bears the portrait of Jack Cornwall.

His Next Tour.—It is probable that King Alfonso will visit the Latin American Republics next spring.

Red Letter Day.—Nov. 1 and 2 have been officially fixed for annual memorial war ceremonies in French communes.

"P.M's." Guest.—Though the King of Spain lunched with the Premier yesterday, few kings have ever been to No. 10 Downing Street.

Cause and Effect.—"Major..... previously reported dead has been awarded the O.B.E.," appears in a current Army list.

CAN YOU WRITE?

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WANTED to purchase nummah saddle. Apply Capt. Reeves, Civil Administration, Solingen.

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AROUND AND ABOUT.

ARMY'S BOOT BILL.

Seventy million pairs of boots—this was Britain's output in footwear for the Allied armies during the war. This interesting fact was disclosed at the International Shoe and Leather Fair. Practically every factory of any size was commandeered at one time or other for the supply of army requirements. There were 70 distinct types of boots, including the Wellingtons worn by the Cossacks and the Alpine mountaineering variety with clinkers on the sole. The Russians' average size was 13, due not so much to big feet as to the extensive bandaging over the socks as a precaution against chafing. The Ghurkas had a dainty, delicate, short foot, with a high arch, which meant the manufacture of special lasts. Our men who manned the tanks were provided with woven jute soles to their boots so as to minimise the danger of slipping. There were sandals for tropical wear and snow shoes for the Arctic regions. The latter were made according to Sir Ernest Shackleton's design.

THE RIGHT AGE FOR MARRIAGE.

What is the age limit—if any—for falling in love? The young man who, in a recent breach of promise case, said he was only 24 and too young to know if he was genuinely in love, will have few sympathisers.

At his club last week a "Daily News" representative obtained many lively expressions of opinion. One married member, still under 30, said: "There are some people who are never old enough to know whether they are in love or not. If they are the right sort, any time is good enough, whatever the age."

"I can never understand why it is that anyone falls in love at all," said a middle-aged bachelor. "A man's too young at 25 to be serious, and at 30 he is generally too blasé. As a matter of fact, the greater one's capacity for love, the less is one likely to attach a deep importance to any one object."

After all, the best answer to the young man who is too young to know his own mind at 24 is to be found in the Registrar General's latest returns. There it is stated that in 1917 more men married at the age of 24 than at any other age.

TOO MUCH FOR THE DUCKS.

Carlton, the well-known conjurer, is writing his "Memories," and this is one of the stories the tellsin them: "A young matron gave a house-warming dinner to her friends. It was not a striking success, but the guests managed fairly well until the last course—a pudding. This they had to leave on their plates for fear of breaking their young hostess's new forks. The bride was heart-broken. 'Put the pudding out of my sight,' she said to the little maid; 'give it to the ducks at once.' A few minutes later the little maid popped her head round the door and cried: "Oh, missus, I give the puddin' to the ducks and they've all sunk.'"

COMMERCIALISING AVIATION.

The Lawson bi-plane which has recently attracted much attention through its long-distance passenger-carrying flights is one of the largest American machines in existence, and marks another step forward in commercialising aviation. This machine is equipped with two Liberty engines. The wing spread is 95 feet, and the length of the body is 50 feet. The speed is given as 90 to 100 miles an hour, and one engine is sufficient to maintain the flight in case the other breaks down. With a full load of passengers and a large cargo of mail or other material, this machine will climb 4,000 feet in ten minutes. It has a ceiling of 15,000 feet. The Lawson machine has a carrying capacity of 26 passengers.

BELGIAN ASTRONOMERS.

An interesting evidence of the industry and devotion of Belgian astronomers during the occupation of their country by the Germans is the recent appearance of the Annuaire de l'Observatoire Royal de Belgique for the years 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918. The prefaces of the last three volumes are all dated November 11, 1918, the day of the armistice. It appears that the books were printed in Brussels year by year without the knowledge of the Germans, but were not issued because they would have had to be submitted to the enemy censor. Much current information had to be omitted from the volumes later than 1916 for the reason that astronomical publications did not reach Belgium during the war.

WINTER VISITORS.

To the bird lover the two migratory seasons are full of never-failing interest. Next month our feather winter visitors will be arriving in vast numbers from the colder lands of Northern Europe. Some of these visitors bear the same name as many of our familiar friends, and are, in fact, but hardier members of the same families. Among them may be mentioned the grey crow, starling, skylark, short-eared owl, swans, several varieties of geese and ducks, sandpipers, great grey shrike, shore lark, rough-legged buzzard, and grebe. Early in the month the rearguard of the insectivorous birds will pass from our shores to seek countries for the colder months. Warblers, wagtails, and swallows are among those who linger until the first early frosts of autumn warn them to depart. Missel thrushes, red wing, fieldfares, blackbirds, starlings etc., are among those who take flight with the frost, but their absence is rarely for long, and at the first sign of a milder spell they find their way back again.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

If you had won £1,2000.

As most readers know there was a big sweepstake run at Lille on the Cambridgeshire. The winner receives the very handsome sum of nearly TWELVE THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING. Now suppose it were you who had suddenly received this big access of wealth.

What would you do with it?

This problem has suggested a prize competition open to all our readers. Just write a letter to the "Editor, Post" A.P.O. S.40—not exceeding 250 words and say exactly what you would do with £12,000 if you came into possession of it.

We offer prizes 50, 20 and 10 marks respectively for the three best answers to the question. The reply you send may be as brief as you like, but it must not exceed the length of 250 words. Write your name and unit below your answer in block letters and let us hear from you not later than November 1st. The Editor's decision will of course be final in judging the merits of the answer to the question, "What would I do with £12,000 if I won it?"

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REASSURING STATEMENT BY THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER.

TROOPS FIRE ON EGYPTIAN RIOTERS.

FINANCE DEBATE.

CHANCELLOR ON NATIONAL ECONOMY.

The important and eagerly-awaited House of Commons debate on the financial position of the country was opened on Wednesday by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Mr. Austen Chamberlain, who moved the Government motion as follows:—

"That this House, realising the serious effects upon the nation's trade and industry of the enormous burdens resulting from the war, promises its support to the Government in all reasonable proposals, however drastic, for the reduction of expenditure and diminution of debt."

The situation to-day, he said, was better than he anticipated in August. Tax revenues were coming in extraordinarily well, while Customs and Excise duties were now estimated to yield 38½ millions above the Budget estimate. Revenue from tea and tobacco would also exceed the Budget estimates by four and fourteen millions respectively. This was very important, as it was eloquent of the spending power of the people, which is a great factor alike in social stability and revenue production. He no longer thought that new taxation would be required to balance incomings and outgoings.

Dealing with various criticisms regarding extravagance, Mr. Chamberlain pointed out that the War Expenditure had continued right up to the signing of the Peace Treaty owing to uncertainty whether Germany would sign.

He declared no single feature in the present world situation placed a heavier strain on Great Britain in men and money than the fact that peace with Turkey is not yet signed, pending America's decision as to whether or no she will share the white man's burden.

As regards the increase in expenditure over the Budget estimates, Mr. Chamberlain mentioned that Italy and France are owing us much more than had been anticipated. Replying to denunciations of administrative expenditure he declared that if the whole of the organisation created by the war were swept away and the staff of all departments returned to pre-war salaries only twenty-two millions would be saved. The House cheered the announcement that the unemployment donation will cease on the 21st November. With regard to the bread subsidy the Government thought it would be impossible to terminate it immediately.

Proceeding to announce drastic reductions in the Army and Navy the Chancellor stated that between the 1st September and 15th November the following reductions will have been made:—Home Forces by 217,000; Rhine Army by 116,000; Army in France and Flanders, 130,000; Black Sea, 6,000; Egypt and Palestine, 22,000; Mesopotamia, 7,000. The reductions would be effective by the 15th November, while by the 1st December the Army in Mesopotamia would be reduced by 94,000, including Indians.

Naval reductions included five battleships in the Home Fleet gone to special reserve and various battleships for sale. There had been large cancellations of construction orders, showing a saving of eighteen millions. The permanent personnel of the Navy would be reduced by 16,000. All this showed that Great Britain was leading the way in disarmament among the nations of the world.

Various proposals for the reduction of the National Debt had been made. He denounced a general Capital Levy because it was unfair. It encouraged extravagance and deterred saving. It was also detrimental to the influx of foreign capital and if once introduced, even for a good purpose, the public would feel no security against its introduction for other purposes.

The question of a special levy on capital accumulated by reason of the war stood on a different footing. He did not dispute the equity of the absolute principle of such a tax, but the difficulties were immense. However, a Select Committee would be appointed to advise the Government thereon.

The Chancellor concluded his survey by prophesying that a substantial surplus would be available in 1920 for the reduction of debt without the necessity of additional taxation or further borrowing.

"Our burdens are heavy but our shoulders are broad," he said, "and while there is every reason for caution there is none for panic." (cheers).

RAILWAY CONFERENCE.

Negotiations between the Government and the Railwaymen's delegates continued yesterday, the subjects of discussion being wages and various new proposals of the Government having reference to new machinery for dealing with industrial matters and sharing in management of the railways. Counter proposals were made by the men.

There are no farms in England unlet at the present time.

TROUBLE IN EGYPT.

RIOTERS FIRED ON BY TROOPS.

A Reuter's message from Alexandria dated 25th October says that the Nationalist demonstration on the 24th led to serious rioting, the crowd attacking the native police with sticks, stones and bottles, to which the police retaliated with their batons. The arrival of the Governor of Alexandria restored order for a time but later on the rioting broke out again and many police and rioters were injured.

Finally two motor lorries filled with troops appeared. They were pelted with missiles and after a volley fired in the air had failed to disperse the rioters the troops were compelled to fire on the crowd. Two rioters were killed and ten injured, while twenty-seven police are reported injured. Shops and cafés in the affected districts were closed the whole afternoon.

Rioting broke out again on the morning of the 25th and two officers who were chased by the crowd had to take refuge in a chemist's shop. A motor lorry on the quayside was burned. Again shots were fired and many arrests made.

A Cairo message of the 26th states that the railway strike which was to have taken place on that day as a demonstration proved a failure. Traffic was uninterrupted, the men not being unanimous, and few responding to the Committee's order.

Lord Allenby is reported to have sailed from Marseilles on Wednesday. He is due at Cairo at the end of the week. No date has yet been arranged for the departure of Lord Milner's mission from England.

FIUME QUESTION.

UNITED STATES NOT SATISFIED.

There is little room for doubt that the latest proposal of Signor Tittoni, the Italian Premier, for a solution of the Fiume question has not proved acceptable to the United States. It is still hoped, however, that a solution to the question will be found, and it is understood that a further strong appeal has been addressed to the United States Government by the Italian Premier. The British and French Governments are using their good offices to ease what is undoubtedly becoming a critical situation.

WHITEHALL CENOTAPH.

It has been suggested that the Government should transfer from overseas the body of an unkown private soldier for burial in Westminster Abbey as a memorial to our gallant dead. Mr. Bonar Law, replying to Colonel Ashby on the point, said that the feeling expressed on this question, with which not only the Government but the whole nation deeply sympathised, is carried out in a more impressive way by the decision already announced to reproduce the Whitehall Cenotaph in a permanent from.

CRUISERS AND COMMERCIALS.

A novel proposal was made by Sir Hamar Greenwood, Parliamentary Secretary to the Department for overseas trade, at the British Chamber of Commerce luncheon. He said he had asked Mr. Long, First Lord of the Admiralty, for permission to put aboard every battleship sailing for abroad, commercial travellers and representatives of British firms. Mr. Long agreed with the idea, and it therefore only remained for him to convince the Lords of the Admiralty.

BOLSHEVIST NEWS.

The latest Bolshevist communiqué says that stubborn fighting continues in the direction of Gatcnina. A Russian North-West Army report says that Bolshevist forces, mainly composed of sailors and pupils of the military schools, fought desperately in front of their machine gun positions despite the murderous fire.

The Esthonian Commander, General Lardener, says the Bolshevists have obtained big reinforcements from the Finnish frontier and the Archangel front. The General also said that the Esthonian Army would be thrown into the fight as soon as Koltchak and Denikin recognise the Republic.

OUR BALTIC CASUALTIES.

Replying to Commander Kenworthy's question about the total casualties in the Eastern Baltic since the Armistice, Mr. Long stated that thirty-nine officers and men are killed, wounded or missing. The vessels lost include two light cruisers, two destroyers, one submarine, three coastal motor boats, and three mine-sweepers.

PENNANT INQUIRY.

EVIDENCE OF WOMEN OFFICIALS.

Sir Auckland Geddes was the first witness at the Pennant Inquiry on Tuesday. He said that as Minister for National Service in 1918 he was responsible for all policy in connection with the recruiting of women for the Air Force. On the 19th August, owing to the unsatisfactory state of the W.R.A.F. as regards personnel, he sent a communication to the Air Ministry counselling complete reorganisation of the Central Women's Department, with new personnel. He did not then know that Miss Pennant was head of that department.

He emphatically denied that he wanted to get rid of Miss Pennant in order that his sister, Mrs. Chalmers Watson, might take her position. It was suggested to Mrs. Watson that she might accept the post for a short time, but he, knowing her domestic position and what she had sacrificed when organizing the W.A.A.C., told her the suggestion was preposterous, but she said that if it were her duty she would do it.

Dame Katherine Furse, director of the W.R.N.S. in 1917, denied intriguing against Miss Pennant, or having any feeling against her. She had never recommended her dismissal.

Cross-examined, Dame Furse said she did not recollect telling Colonel Bersey that Mrs. Beatty and other officers were going to resign before the resignations were actually presented. She had never entirely ceased communicating with Miss Pennant, but after Mrs. Beatty's resignation she considered that Miss Pennant would never be able to get the best out of the women working with her, and she decided neither to see her nor communicate with her more than was absolutely necessary.

Miss Pratt, formerly Deputy Commandant of the W.R.A.F., described a heated scene which took place between Miss Pennant and Mrs. Beatty at which she was present, Miss Pennant having objected to Mrs. Beatty writing to a member of Parliament about W.R.A.F. matters.

Colonel Williams, who worked with Colonel Bersey, denied participating in any intrigue to get Miss Pennant dismissed, and also denied that when he heard Colonel Bersey had been superseded he asked Miss Pennant to recommend him for the position. He did say, however, that it would be an affront to him if he were passed over, as he knew all the work and thought he was entitled to the job.

Asked if he had organised a protest meeting on the appointment of Colonel Powell to succeed Colonel Bersey, witness said, "There was an informal meeting in my room, but it could hardly be called a protest meeting."

Colonel Powell was the next witness. He said that Miss Pennant told him she was anxious about her staff at Hurst Park, but made no definite statement as to the nature of her anxiety. He did not at the time gather that she referred to immorality, and he had never heard it said that the commanding officers were keeping back reports.

Doctor Letitia Fairfield, formerly women's medical director of the W.R.A.F., said there was no foundation for the general charges of immorality. Counsel for the Air Ministry referred to the report of an officer and a lady being seen sitting on the side of a table at Hurst Park, and asked, "Was any more serious allegation than that made to you about Hurst Park?" "Absolutely none", replied the witness.

Replying to further questions, witness said "It was the newspapers and the public we had to protect the women against, not the men. They were a very plucky and splendid lot of girls."

The inquiry stands adjourned.

CLEMENCEAU'S ADIEU.

ADVANCED AGE COMPELS RETIREMENT.

The following is the text M. Clemenceau's reply to the invitation of the Radical Party of the Lower Rhine that he should stand as candidate for the district in the coming elections:

My Dear Fellow-Citizens,—I am more touched than I can say by the friendly offer you have been so kind as to make—to appoint me a successor to Gambetta at the head of your list of candidates to represent the Lower Rhine. I should be proud to accept such a high post of honour if there were not too many signs warning me that the time has come for the rest which I have not kown for so long. My advanced age—which has, however, enabled me to experience the immense joy of victory—and the consequent state of my health oblige me to retire from political life. I must express my keenest regret, but I add the request that you will allow me to remain morally your representative, and to devote myself as far as my strength will permit to the defence of Alsatian interests whenever you do me the honour of inviting me to do so.—Yours affectionately, Clemenceau.

MAROONED MEN RESCUED.

H.M.S. New Zealand has rescued two white men and one native who had been marooned for 18 months on Christmas Island. They did not know the war had finished, and the white men covered the landing party with revolvers, believing them to be Germans.

LONDON DEFENCES.

SCOTT'S ANTI-AIRCRAFT EQUIPMENT.

Yesterday's batch of revelations by Sir Percy Scott in the "Evening Standard" concern his appointment as Director of the Air Defences of London after the first Zeppelin raid. He states that after fourteen months of war, when he took over the defences they consisted of eight three-inch high-angle guns, four six-pounders with defective sights, six pompoms and some maxims which could not fire high enough to hit a Zeppelin and were only dangerous to the population. The ammunition supplied was also quite unsuitable. He had no trained airmen and no lighted aerodromes.

Sir Percy narrates how he sent out one of his staff, Commander Rawinson, to beg or borrow a specimen French "seventy five" mounted on a motor carriage. Eventually he says, he obtained thirty-four of these guns with twenty thousand shells from General Gallieni, commanding at Paris.

Of the future of the Navy Admiral Scott says "The battleship is dead. The future is with the aeroplane, which is going to develop rapidly in the next few years." He points out the difference in cost between big super-dreadnoughts and aeroplane-carrying ships with planes.

MASTER OF THE ROLLS.

IMPORTANT LEGAL APPOINTMENTS.

Lord Justice Sterndale has been appointed Master of the Rolls in succession to Lord Swinfen (resigned). Lord Justice Duke will be President of the Probate and Divorce Division in succession to Lord Justice Sterndale, while Mr. Justice Younger has been appointed a Lord Justice of Appeal and Privy Councillor.

The vacancy on the Chancery Bench will be filled by the Hon. Frank Russell, K.C., son of the late Baron Russell of Killowen.

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THAT MARRIAGE MYTH.

DENIED IN THE HOUSE.

Replying to a question by Colonel Burn regarding alleged marriages between British officers and men at Cologne and German girls, Mr. Churchill stated in the House of Commons that the register at Cologne Cathedral had been examined. It contained no record of marriage between any British officer, non-commissioned officer or man with a German girl since the Armistice.

GERMANY AND THE BALTIC STATES.

The Inter-Allied Commission to superintend the German evacuation of the Baltic provinces was definitely constituted by the Supreme Council on Tuesday when General Niessel was appointed president. The Commission will break its journey at Berlin in order to inspect the official instructions given by the German Government to von der Goltz and the German troops.

PITCHED BATTLES WITH NEW YORK STRIKERS.

An attempt to resume work at the Brooklyn docks on Monday resulted in pitched battles between 2,000 of the longshoremen on strike and several hundred voluntary workers.

Many revolver shots were fired, and stones, bricks, and clubs were freely used by the combatants.

Scores of persons were injured.

DISABLED A.B.'S.

Under the National scheme for employment of disabled men, the City of London Employment Exchange was recently asked to provide a submarine crew to take charge of the German submarine Deutschland. A full crew, recruited entirely from disabled men, was soon forthcoming and engaged at a weekly wage of fifty shillings.

TRAINING SHIP DAMAGED.

The training ship Northampton, which has been moored for the past six years between the Temple and Charing Cross Bridge, was on Saturday being towed down the river to a shipbuilding yard. Owing to the high tide the ship failed to clear Blackfriars Bridge, and her bridge and funnel were torn away.

NEW CHANCELLOR.

CAMBRIDGE HONOURS MR. BALFOUR.

A picturesque and dignified ceremony took place at the residence of Mr. A. J. Balfour yesterday when he was installed as Chancellor of the University of Cambridge.

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Peter Giles, of Emmanuel College, handed the Chancellor elect the patent of election and presented him with a copy of the statutes. He recalled the fact that Mr. Balfour was a graduate of the University and that he succeeded Lord Rayleigh in the office. The University had passed through five very lean years and had no reserve funds on which to draw. They had been living from hand to mouth upon the fees of members. He trusted Mr. Balfour would long be spared to maintain the high traditions of the office and would aid the University to pursue noble ideals which exalted a University as they exalted a nation.

Sir John Sandays the Public orator, then read a Latin oration.

Arranged in his black and gold robes of office, Mr. Balfour in reply expressed his profound sense of the honour which Cambridge had done him. He claimed that his family had been most intimately connected with the University, Lord Burleigh and Robert Cecil having filled the chair in the remote past, and concluded by saying that he knew the Cambridge of the future will be worthy of the traditions which she inherited and will take an even greater share in that development of knowledge which science, literature and scholarship are able to give us.

The new Chancellor subsequently entertained a distinguished company at luncheon.

ARMY STATISTICS.

GERMANY PAYS £1,000,000 ON ACCOUNT.

Mr. Winston Churchill, giving various figures relating to the Army, said that in February he assumed that we would receive seventy millions from Germany for maintenance of the Army of the Rhine, but as we are maintaining a smaller army than was originally thought necessary, our claim against Germany is reduced to forty-eight millions. Of that amount we had received little more than one million in the shape of currency, and that was for local use of the troops in Rhineland, (laughter) but these forty-eight millions would come to the State later.

As regarded expenditure, increases in pay accounted for twelve millions and increases in gratuities for thirteen millions. At the date of the armistice there were in possession of the Quartermaster General's department, stores scattered all over the globe valued at 11,000 millions. Over 250 millions of marketable stores had already been sold or handed to the Disposal Board. There remained on hand between three and four hundred millions of marketable stores which are being handed over in great blocks every day. The cost of salving all this material was nearly thirty millions, which had increased the apparent expenditure on the Army.

Mr. Churchill paid a warm tribute to the soldiers who had been employed in North Russia under such difficult circumstances. He also said that Denikin had been notified that we expected his armies to become self-supporting by the 31st March 1920.

SILVER COINAGE CRISIS.

The price of silver in London yesterday reached 65½d per ounce—a new record. As this is above the price at which it would pay to melt down silver coins there is much curiosity to know what steps the Government will take to prevent large amounts of silver coinage from disappearing, as has happened already in France.

TRADE DISPUTE SETTLED.

After protracted negotiations the dispute in the building trade in the Manchester district has been settled. The National Conciliation Board made an award under which the workers will receive the wage advance asked for on a graduated scale and by instalments. The decision will remain in force for nine months from October 31.

SOLDIERS' MONEY EXCHANGES.

An Army Council Instruction states that after Friday, October 31, it will be necessary for troops overseas to exchange their foreign money into English money before they embark for this country, as the facilities hitherto given at railway stations, post-offices, and elsewhere for such exchanges will then be withdrawn.

M.P.'S TO TRAVEL FREE.

It is stated that the Cabinet has decided to grant free railway passes to members of Parliament while the House is in session or when members are serving on Parliamentary Committees.

The "Morning Post" announces the forthcoming marriage of of Major W. H. Brooke M. C., West Yorks, and Marjorie, youngest daughter of Field Marshal Lord Plumer.

KUT PRISONERS.

CRUELTY COURT-MARTIAL RESUMED.

At the Middlesex Guildhall yesterday Assistant Surgeon W. Fratel appeared before the adjourned court-martial to answer various charges of neglect and cruelty to British prisoners captured at Kut.

Sergeant Ballam (Indian unattd. list) appeared for the defence and said he had always found the accused to be thoroughly loyal. Other witnesses said that Fratel did his work conscienciously in circumstances of great difficulty.

Several other former prisoners at Bagtsche gave evidence of kind treatment received there from Fratel. The prosecuting officer, however, intimated that he is going to take the line that conditions at Bagtsche undoubtedly improved after Captain Crane and Captain Martin were sent there and he asked the Court to pay no attention to any evidence about Fratel's actions after that time.

18th HUSSARS FOR INDIA.

PRESENTATION TO THEIR QUEEN-COLONEL.

Her Majesty, Queen Mary, Colonel-in-Chief of the 18th Hussars, who are about to leave for India (probably for ten years), motored to Hounslow on Tuesday afternoon, accompanied by Princess Mary, and inspected the regiment on parade, after which she was presented with a silver statuette representing a mounted Hussar in the uniform of the Waterloo period.

Major Bayford, who made the presentation on behalf of the regiment, explained that it is the regimental custom to present a replica of the same figure to any officer of considerable standing in the regiment, either on his marriage or other special occasion.

Before leaving, the Queen briefly addressed the regiment on the way it had distinguished itself during the war, and expressed confidence that its record during its coming absence would also be one of which she could always be proud.

GAS EXPLOSION.

FOOLISH MAN'S NARROW ESCAPE

A terrific subterranean explosion occurred at Wirksworth, Derbyshire, on Tuesday when a workman searching for an escape of gas, applied a light to a backyard drain. The heavy manhole cover was blown high in the air and fell fifty yards away, leaving a shell-like crater in the street. Nearly every house in the district was filled with gas owing to the explosion. The man who applied the light was blown backwards but was absolutely uninjured.

REMEMBER OUR DEAD.

The "Cologne Post Fund" to provide wreaths to place on the graves of those of our men who died while prisoners in German hands is now closed, and we print below the total amount received. Mrs. Gresham-Shaw (British Red Cross) and other British ladies in Cologne have put Miss Steel's idea into practical form and wreaths will be placed on some 180 graves of British dead in the Sudfriedhof on Saturday (All Saints' Day).

As noted in other columns there will be a special Communion service at 8 a.m. at the Garrison Church Schildergasse, on All Saints' Day and a special memorial service is to be held, by permission of the Commander-in Chief, at the Sudfriedhof at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday, November 2nd, All Souls' Day.

One subscriber informs us that there are four British soldiers buried in the cemetery at Kalk and it is hoped to deposit wreaths on their graves as well.

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Lady Cooper	50.—
Total	7874.—

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Renewed activity was exhibited in oils, rubbers, and diamonds at further improving values, otherwise the figures in the revised Budget had a sobering effect. As an undertone there was a steady demand for tax-compounded issues, this being the only feature in investments. Foreign bonds were dull. Among industrials, wireless issues, textiles and shippings continued in favour. Towards the close there was disposition to take profits in speculative descriptions.

The feature of the mining market was the demand for Anglo-American Corporation shares on the reported acquisition of the South-West African diamond interests.

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GUILT FOR WAR.

A rather interesting article appeared recently in "The New Europe" by Dr. Seton Watson on War Origins.

Not so long ago, when the Austrian Red Book appeared, the German Press and public endeavoured to make it appear as though the whole guilt for the war rested on Austria, Germany being merely the innocent second dragged in against her will by her ambitious Ally. Now we have the even stranger spectacle of a Serbian diplomatist championing the old régime.

Posing as an impartial witness who has the courage to tell his country that she has been in the wrong, this Serbian chargé d'affaires appears as a wholehearted champion of German innocence. We are indebted to Dr. Seton Watson for the following details regarding Mr. Bogicevic. Having overcome the initial difficulty of pronouncing this gentleman's name, we feel entitled to enquire on what grounds he feels called upon to enlighten us as to War Origins.

Mr. Bogicevic is the son of a former Serbian minister at Vienna and Berlin. Entering the diplomatic service, he spent seven years at the Serbian Legation at Berlin. Hence we can discern without difficulty the colour of his political sympathies.

The whole guilt for the war, according to our author, is to be ascribed to sinister and irresponsible influences at the Czar's court, as well as to intrigues by Russian ministers in the Balkans. Russia and the Czar are represented as the only guilty parties, and Germany and Austria as the innocent victims.

Recalling to mind the manner in which Germany played upon the rivalries in the Balkan States, with a view to furthering her own ends, we find some difficulty in stomaching this simple explanation of the matter.

Count Czernin's memoirs, which have recently been reviewed in "The Times", make it clear that Count Tisza desired to prevent Serbia having access to the sea, in order that he might be sure of securing Serbian agricultural products when he needed them. The "Pig War" which followed the Balkan struggle was mainly waged in order that the export of Serbian pigs might be prevented, and the high price of the Hungarian article maintained.

All the more astonishing therefore is it that we should find a Serbian ascribing his country's efforts to gain access to the sea as a Russian intrigue. The plain fact of course was that it was the deliberate policy of Vienna to strangle all attempts by Serbia to gain access to the sea; to force her down the Vardar Valley to the Aegean, and thus embroil her with Bulgaria, and destroy the Balkan League.

Mr. Bogicevic is at great pains to prove Germany's desire for peace, as proved by a peace offer made to Serbia through the intermediary of Prince Nicholas of Greece. The offer simply amounted to the maintenance of the status quo, Serbia however to cede to Bulgaria the disputed zone in Macedonia, viz., Monastir-Prilip.

All this appears to us strange writing from the pen of a patriotic Serb. It is, however, understandable when we recollect Mr. Bogicevic's environment and the source whence he derived his inspiration.

As Dr. Seton Watson justly remarks, "Serbia owes her independence not to such equivocal champions as Mr. Bogicevic, but to the moral endurance of the nation in arms, and to the sterling qualities of the Serbian peasant."

TO COLOGNE BY AIR.

It was a glorious morning as I motored out from Folkestone to the aerodrome. There was not a cloud in the sky, and over the acres of yellow charlock in the fields the butterflies were flitting in the sunshine.

About halfway across the Channel there lay a belt of heat haze. The machine in which I was to make the trip was a "D.H. 9a. (two-seater). My pilot was a self-possessed officer of two-and-twenty.

It was somewhat of an ambitious undertaking for me, since it was only my second flight — the first having taken place two years before and lasted but twenty minutes.

We had a false start to begin with, and after rushing up over Folkstone to about 1,000 feet had to return to the aerodrome to effect a readjustment.

This done, we got away again, and after circling once over the town and harbour we headed straight out across the sea for Boulogne.

Beneath us the perfectly calmed sea looked like a sheet of mother-of-pearl, and the tiny ships which one saw here and there upon its surface had each two little streaks of foam spread out fanwise astern of them — the only indication that they were moving.

Just as we entered the bank of mist we saw an aeroplane plunge downwards away on our right, making for the landing ground we had left. It was like a brightly painted minnow, and it seemed to flash into our limited sphere of vision and then out again, with strange suddenness and aloofness.

In less than twenty minutes after starting we were over the shoal water which lies along the French coast with Boulogne down below on our left, and every detail of the landscape showing up with crystal clearness. Our powerful engine was running with admirable smoothness, and we pointed somewhat north of east, as we made for St. Pol and the line of railway to Charleroi.

Exactly one hour after leaving the ground I saw the first line of trenches, and almost immediately afterwards one marked the beginning of the devastated area.

Poor France! up to now the pattern of the earth had been one of alternate brown and light green squares and oblongs, mile after mile, as one flew over cultivated land, with here and there the tiny specks made by teams and labourers. The villages and towns had appeared quite undamaged, grouped about their churches. But now the pattern ceased altogether. The earth seemed to have turned mangy. We flew high over Arras which was very easily recognisable. Then came Douai, Valenciennes, Mons, Charleroi, Namur and Liege.

When passing over some of these the pilot made the machine swoop quite low so that I could see them all distinctly. In the Meuse valley I was sure I saw the Boulogne-Cologne leave train crawling tediously by. How I pitied the people in it

We bumped a good deal when crossing a forest about the frontier, and very soon we were over Aachen heading for Düren.

Exactly two hours after leaving Folkestone I caught sight of the twin towers of Cologne Cathedral poking up out of the Rhenish fog.

Ten minutes later we made a perfect landing on the polo ground at Merheim.

B.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

REMEMBER THE DEAD.

MEMORIAL SERVICE ON SUNDAY.

Sir,—By sanction of the Commander-in-Chief, a Memorial Service will be held on Sunday afternoon next, (Nov. 2nd) at 2.30p.m. in the Military Cemetery, the Sudfriedhof, Cologne, in memory of the British prisoners of war who are buried there.

On this day, (All Souls') our French Allies make a strong point of showing respect to the graves of their fallen, and it is certain that many members of the British military and civilian population within reach of Cologne will be glad of the opportunity of doing honour to our comrades who were buried far from the country in whose service they lived and died.

J. FERGUSON COLQUHOUN, C.F.
for the Assistant Chaplain General.

PRICES IN CANTEENS.

Sir,—Referring to the many letters in the "Cologne Post" on the above subject I wish to bring to notice a case of sheer profiteering.

At the Central Y.M.C.A., it is possible to purchase a bar of Cadbury's chocolate for 45 pfgs., which at the present rate of exchange is about the correct price, viz. one penny.

The price for the same article at the N.A.C.B. Canteens is 75 pfgs., an addition of 30 pfgs.

As it is probable that the cost price is under 40 pfgs., it is hard to understand why an institution which boasts of "Service for soldiers," and which aims to make only a small margin of profit, should make nearly one hundred per cent. on an article.

While granting that the N.A.C.B. does a lot of good work in providing amusements for the troops, etc., I venture to suggest that it is high time that pressure is brought to bear on those responsible for such flagrant profiteering to revise the prices in the canteens generally.

W.F.G.

THANKS TO THE W.R.A.F.S.

Sir:—

"There's a cute little crowd, of whom we're awfully proud,
Perhaps you can guess who I mean,
But they're going away, at least so they say,
So how awfully flat it will seem,
No more will their laughter enliven a dance,
No more shall we one-step or otherwise prance,
But still if they'll wait, 'till we are back home once more,
We'll meet and again dance those dances of yore,
Be it Germany, France or places elsewhere,
Play the game is their motto, and never 'don't care'
You have proved to us Tommies, and we don't care a----
That you may be a woman, but you equal a man,
So here's to the 'Wrafs'—may your future be bright,
May your days back in Blighty be days of delight."

"THE MAD POET."

BANDS IN PLENTY.

Sir,—We are indebted to the Controller of Entertainments for particulars of recent band performances, but she misses the point of the paragraph referred to. What I have no doubt was meant was bands in public. For instance, I would suggest band performances in the open space by the Dom, say on Sunday mornings or an afternoon in mid-week, or any old time, as long as our regimental bands are given opportunity to show their worth. Martial music does us all good.

BANDSMAN.

BOOKING OPERA SEATS.

Sir,—The only remedy for the unsatisfactory state of affairs disclosed by "Fed Up" is, to my thinking, a return to the allotment system, especially as a considerable portion of the accomodation available for the Army, the boxes, is at present allotted.

This resuscitation would give outlying units a fair share of seats, and also, what is more important, units allotting could ensure a more equal distribution and so prevent the same people from getting seats all the time.

MUSARIUM SACERDOS.

BOOKING OPERA SEATS.

Sir,—When are the present scandalous arrangements for booking seats at the Opera to cease? I have now made some half-dozen attempts to obtain them, but up to date without success.

To-day was the final straw. Having wasted several precious hours myself on previous occasions, only to be informed on arriving at the booking-office that all seats were booked, sent my batman, to obtain three seats for my wife, a brother officer and myself, and he was informed that owing to a letter which had appeared in your paper, no more than two tickets could be sold to any one person.

I once again proceeded to the Opera House, together with the above mentioned officer at 14 hours and after waiting till 14.45 hours together with some forty or fifty other people outside closed doors I gave the matter up as hopeless.

It seems impossible for any officer who has work to do to obtain tickets for the Opera and think it is about time some proper arrangements were made to avoid those who cannot afford the time to stand hours in a queue meeting with continued disappointments.

N. O. LEISURE.

BOXING FILMS.

Is "Anti-Box" serious or is he pulling our legs?

"Brutal Sport" he names the art of boxing. Ye Gods, that an Englishmen should harbour, much less air, such an opinion of the sport which is first and foremost English. He says that it "breeds feelings we should try to rise superior to." May I ask why should this be so? Boxing is essentially for sportsmen alone, and in a true sportsman it breeds no feeling except love of clean sport.

Does "Anti-Box" realise that boxing, besides being a sport, is an art? It is the art of self-defence, and therefore an art in which every true man should try to be proficient.

The average Englishman is not afraid of a few knocks. He is a sportsman. The material damage done in clean boxing is practically nil. An eye in "deep mourning", a "puffed" lip, or perhaps a small cut, is in nine cases out of ten the maximum injury received by either combatant. Does an Englishman shrink from trifles such as these? I think the popular answer is no.

I sincerely hope contrary to "Anti-Box," that the Y.M.C.A. will continue to show films of the "Clean Sport." There are probably better men than "Anti-Box," and certainly better men than I, at the head of the Y.M.C.A. and I consider, therefore, that it is not for either of us to criticize what they think fit to show the troops. May I add that I think that what we owe the Y.M.C.A. is Gratitude, not Advice?

GATE.

ARE THEY NECESSARY?

Sir,—In answer to "Dev" I fail to find anything in G.R.O.s. which refers to identity discs suspended by a thin gold chain which would not stand two hours of active service.

By all means carry identification discs of the right kind suspended from the neck or from the braces, but discard the effeminate productions being worn by individuals who had no need to wear a disc even when the war was on.

VI CORPS.

PLAYS SOME PEOPLE WANT.

Sir,—It amazed me to read "Popular's" letter in your paper, because I have not yet heard any "Tommy" say a word against the plays produced by the R.A.D.C., and I visit a great many clubs in and around Cologne during the course of a week.

If he so objects to these plays, why does he go when scores of others outside would willingly give double the price to occupy his seat?

Again, what can he be talking about when he says it is the Deutsches or nowhere? What about the Palace Theatre and the Army Cinemas? Does he also forget the Leave Club and other institutions in Cologne? Then there is the Opera-house and various other German entertainments in the town.

If these do not meet with his approval, there is only one more thing for me to say, that is, let him interest some of his friends and open the rival house suggested.

Perhaps he could then give us that wholesome straight melodrama he speaks of.

G. W. H. P.

PREHISTORIC FINDS.

THE RHINELAND'S CONTRIBUTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY.

Much has been written concerning the beauty and the history, legendary and actual, of the Rhine and its surrounding country. But so far no mention has been made of two very famous discoveries which shed much light upon the evolution of the human race.

In the year 1857, near Düsseldorf, was unearthed a curious skull. It was found in a cavern by the side of the river Dusselat, a place named Neanderthal. The skull was lying under five feet of loam, and near to the entrance of the cavern, further inside, were bones, lying on the same horizontal plane as the skull. Unfortunately the workmen, in ignorance of the great scientific value of these remains, scattered the bones, of which many are thereby lost and only the largest ones recovered.

Upon the first exhibition of these remains at Bonn in 1857, much doubt was expressed as to whether they were actually human. The forehead is very narrow and low, and the bony projection above the eyes is enormous, which is a decided Simian feature. Against this however, the brain capacity was found to be well within human limits and far above that of the largest gorilla (75 cu. ins. as against 34.5 cu. ins.)

Despite the capacity of the brain cavity, the Neanderthal skull is by far the most brutal of all known remains, and is obviously a relic of the time when man had climbed but a very little way from the Simian.

The other bones which form part of the same skeleton reveal many interesting facts regarding the size and strength of the individual. In all bones there are small hollows here and there into which fit the muscles. In the bones of the Neanderthal man, these ridges and hollows are developed to an enormous degree. The bones themselves agree quite well with the dimensions of those of a present day individual of large size, but their thickness is extraordinary.

The man himself must have been of very low type, no very great cerebral development, but of enormous strength, far beyond that possessed by present-day man. No animal remains were found in the same cavern, so that it is impossible definitely to state with what mammalia he was contemporary. Some distance from the spot where the skull and bones were discovered the tooth of a bear was found two years later. Even upon minute examination, however, it is impossible to say whether it is the tooth of a still existing type of bear, or that of the extinct cave bear. This was found on a level corresponding with that of the human remains.

An equally remarkable specimen of human remains was unearthed in the Mauer Sandpit, near Heidelberg, in 1907. This discovery consisted solely of a jaw, complete with teeth, and is known to science as the "Mauer jaw."

The Mauer jaw presents some interesting features. The first is its unusual size and massiveness, and complete absence of chin. The lower jaw slopes away from the teeth in a sharp curve, with no protuberance whatever. The portion between the teeth and the rear of the jawbone (the ascending ramus) is of a size absolutely unheard of in any existing man.

In comparison with the three largest anthropoid apes, the jaw of the orang-outang appears to offer the most similarity, but this cannot be accepted as any great argument, owing to the huge variation in the jaws of the above-mentioned animal. Another feature of the jaw of the Heidelberg man (Armo Heidelbergensis) is the small size of the teeth compared with the rest of the jaw. It may be noted in this connection that the remains discovered in Java in 1891 (the Pithecanthropus erectus) and assigned to Pliocene antiquity, exhibited signs of provision for large jaw-muscles, to carry a jaw almost totally disproportionate to the size of the cranium, and the teeth, when compared with the surviving part of the skull, are inadequately small.

The Homo Heidelbergensis and Pithecanthropus Erectus are in all probability the oldest of all human remains — the Java remains probably being the older and more related to our Simian progenitors.

Thus in the neighbourhood of the Rhine have been unearthed two of the most valuable sets of remains of which science is in possession, the Neanderthal skull and bones and the Mauer jaw.

F. A. L.

AUTUMN.

The brooding stillness of the autumn days
Is like a benediction. All things rest,
And even birds have ceased their eager quest;
They raise an anthem now of thanks and praise;
While over all there lies a tender haze.
And dead leaves flutter softly to Earth's breast.
The sun with mellow radiance seeks the West,
As ever shorter grow these beauteous days.
Who but forgets amid a scene so fair
The swift approach of Winter, dark and drear;
How soon the trees will bend before the blast;
The first chill touch of frost be in the air,
For close, and ever closer, death draws near,
Since autumn beauty is too fair to last.

FRANCIS.

'VARSITY ROWING.

Cambridge Light Fours in Strict Training.

DRAW NEXT WEEK.

Trial eight practice at Cambridge has been suspended for a fortnight, as the President has overhauled all the candidates sent in, and the training eights have also ceased work, so that light fours, which commence racing a week yesterday, are now in strict training. The draw takes place on Monday.

Yesterday afternoon most of the crews were doing useful work below the railway bridge, which part of the river is now reserved after 3 o'clock, says "The Sporting Life." The length of the course is shortened. Instead of finishing at the Chesterton Horse Grind, the crews will only race over the Colquhoun course, finishing just below the railway bridge. Apart from cutting off nearly half a mile, this will avoid that bad bend at the Pike.

On Wednesday there was a nasty north-west wind, which came off the bank in gusts and tested the watermanship of the crews. In view of their experience, Third Trinity are rather strong favourites. Coached by the Old Blue, Mr. G. E. Temwer, they are fairly well together and showed quite useful speed to the Red Grind. They all rowed in the head-of-the-river crew. Jesus "A" rowed a course paced by their second boat, and advised by Mr. Steve Fairbairn, they are quite good and row with plenty of life, as do Christ's, who were out earlier in the afternoon. Lady Margaret, coached by Mr. R. H. Nelson, are promising, but they are rowing as two pairs rather than as a four. Stroke and three are splendidly together.

First Trinity, advised by President I. Swann, were not together and are wisely discarding their swivel rowlocks. Caius, under D.C.H.S. Taylor, another old Blue, are ragged and slow with their hands. King's and Emmanuel are rowing more like clinker fours than light fours. Third Trinity II. are fairly good and can pick up their stroke well.

SENIORS' SPORTS AT OXFORD.

A bitterly cold wind prevailed, when the first part of the Seniors' sports' programme was run through on the Iffley-road ground at Oxford. The results did not reach a very high standard, the unfavourable conditions, of course, having something to do with this.

The best performance was accomplished by Jacob (King Edward's School, Birmingham, and St. John's), who won the hundred in 10 4-5sec., and will doubtless improve on this with further practice. Montague (Magdalen), who won the three miles on Friday, was again successful in the half-mile after a good race with Lawrence, but the time, owing to a slowly run first lap, was very moderate. Yoranovitch showed promising form in the weight.

Second Day.

In the hurdles on the second day, Jeppe, of Trinity, won in 17 4-5sec.—quite a good performance, but one upon which he will doubtless improve. Montague, of Magdalen, followed up his success in the three miles and half-mile by an easy victory in the mile, and, although the time was 4min. 47 2-5sec., this does not represent his capabilities. Henry, of New College, the well-known lawn tennis player, won the quarter without difficulty.

DEATH OF FAMOUS CRICKETER.

The news that Edward Wainwright has died in Sheffield after a long illness recalls the wonderful period of Yorkshire cricket under the captaincy of Lord Hawke.

Top of the bowling averages in 1892, and second in batting to Ernest Smith when Yorkshire stood sixth among the nine first-class counties, Wainwright enjoyed many individual triumphs. He took five Sussex wickets in seven balls at Dewsbury in 1894, and all ten Staffordshire wickets fell to him in 1890.

He made his name by playing an innings of 165 against the Australians, who had Turner and Ferris bowling in 1893, and altogether made a hundred or more 20 times for Yorkshire, his highest innings being 228 against Surrey, at the Oval, in 1893, when he and George Hirst put on 340 for the seventh wicket. Wainwright was 54 years of age.

SCOUTS' CORNER.

The usual meeting of the Rhine Army Scouts' Circle was held on Wednesday, when an important discussion on recruiting for the Circle was resumed. It was decided to alter the time of the "pow-wow" on Sunday to 2.45 p.m.

Another interesting lecture on 'first aid' was given by Cpl. Sands, and work amongst the junior scouts was carried on.

Saturday being All Saints' Day, a visit to the graves of those who died while prisoners of war in Cologne was decided upon, the meeting-place being the Amusements board, outside the main station. The time of starting is 2.30 p.m., and we proceed to Sudfriedhof cemetery by the No. 10 tramcar. A visit to the Opera house will terminate the day.

On Sunday afternoon at 2.45 p.m. a "pow-wow" will be held at the Y.M.C.A., Lindenthal, when Cpl. Sands is again to the fore with one of his favourite subjects,—"Old Scout".

ARMY FENCING.

The Army Fencing Union (hon. secretary, Major H.F.S. Huntington, O.B.E.), have arranged the following Army matches:—

Nov. 19.—Army v. R.A.F.
Dec. 6.—Army v. Royal Marines.
Dec. 12.—Army v. Royal Navy.

The contests will be with foils, epees, sabres, and bayonets, except in the case of the Royal Navy, when there will be no bayonet fight. All the matches commence at 2 p.m., and take place at Bertrand's Fencing Academy, 1a, Tenterden-st., Hanover-sq., W.1.

Charles O'Malley Full for Next Season.

Charles O'Malley's list for next season is full. His fee is 200 gs.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

Exclusive Chat about English Players and Clubs.

By W. Le. C.

West Bromwich are great believers in "direct action" as applied to goal getting.

What would Liverpool give for a leader of the Raybould type? But, they will improve.

Buchan, of Bolton Wanderers, is a brother of the famous Sunderland International.

Chelsea, at the opening of the season, played Abrams at left half. Now he is shining as an outside left. Wilding, their forward leader, now plays centre half, and Halse is appearing as a half back. Some changes!

Gosnell the old Newcastle winger had not a little to do with the introduction of Ramsey (who is performing so well for the "Magpies") to the St. James' directorate.

When you read of Dicky Downs, Barnsley's clever back, being sought after by "needy" clubs, ask yourself what Barnsley folk do. Can they afford to let him leave Oakwellgate? The answer is decidedly in the negative.

The heaviest defeat ever sustained by Sunderland, was 10 to 1 administered at Bolton by the "Trotters" in 1888.

Partick Thistle is the only Glasgow club which has never won the Glasgow cup. Celtic have held it eleven times.

When are Middlesboro to give Bert Mascall, the amateur international a show on the right wing? He deserves a trial.

Muirhead, Glasgow Rangers' left winger, was discovered by Hibernians when playing with an army team in Perth.

Brig.-Gen. Kentish, to whom army sport does so much, was a Captain in the Royal Irish Fusiliers when war broke out. When in France, he would often visit his old Battalion and find interest in its doings on the "soccer" field or in the ring.

Fanny Walden and Sam Chedgzoy both state that the best back they ever faced was Dave Taylor, of Burnley.

Dockray of Exeter City is a winger, who may be seen in Lancashire shortly.

What price Billy Meredith going to Preston North End as player-coach? 'Tis so whispered.

Barrie, the ex-Queen's Park and Third Lanark defender, is working on Tyneside. Sunderland are rumoured to have sought his services.

Tim Williamson, of Middlesboro' cannot get his place and Williamson of the Arsenal who was recently "capped" will have to fight hard, for his. Dunn the Arsenal reserve keeper is a brilliant custodian.

Auld the Wearside reserve half-back is a son of Johnny Auld whose skill delighted Sunderland folk years back.

Tierney, of Durham City, was watched by no fewer than nine agents the other Saturday. Something doing, Durham way!

F.A. CUP DRAW.

The following draw in connection with the Third Round of the Qualifying Competition of the F.A. Cup was made yesterday:

Desboro' Town v. Kettering, King's Lynn v. Colchester or Cambridge, Leytonstone v. Grove Athletic, St. Albans or Luton C. v. Chesham U., Hampstead T. v. Wycombe W. or Slough, Guildford v. Wimbledon, Northfleet United v. Sheppey United, Bournemouth Tramways v. Thornycrofts (Woolston), Clandown v. Bath City, Ton Pentre v. Mid-Rhondda.

To be played Nov. 8. Kick-off 2.30.

Q.P. RANGERS' BIG PROFIT.

The report of the directors of the Queen's Park Rangers Club has just been issued and reads as follows:—

"In submitting the statement of accounts for the year ending April 30, 1919, your directors are much gratified at the profit shown. Since the last annual general meeting, Mr. A. E. Pearsall and Mr. C. W. Fielding have been co-opted as directors."

The total gate receipts for season 1918-19, after deducting entertainment tax, £1,021, amounted to £3,631 while the total expenses only amounted to £2,106, leaving a net profit of £1,530. The chief items of expenditure were: Match expenses, £1,147; repairs, £324; rent, rates and taxes (very moderate), £111; and players' transfer fees, £175.

The profit and loss deficiency on April 30, 1918, was £7,763, while on April 30, 1919, it had been reduced to £4,345. Among the liabilities, loans are shown at £2,539, while players' deferred wages amount to £537.

RUGGER RESULTS.

Oxford University 16; Army 6.

Royal Military Academy, Woolwich 22; London Scottish 0.

Royal Naval College Greenwich 3; United Services 40.

ARMY RUGBY FIXTURES.

Nov. 1, Yorkshire County, at Bradford; 8, Richmond, at Queen's Club; 22, Leicester, at Leicester; 29, Northampton, at Queen's Club.

Dec. 3, United Hospitals, at Queen's Club; 6, London Scottish, at Queen's Club; 13, Woolwich and Sandhurst, at Queen's Club.

Jan. 10, Richmond, at Richmond; 17, Northampton, at Northampton; 24, Leicester, at Queen's Club.

THE MEN WHO SCORE.

FIRST LEAGUE.—Kitchen (Sheffield United), 12; Morris (West Bromwich A.), 11; Browell (Manchester C.), 11; Smith (Bolton), 10; Buchan (Sunderland), 10; White (Arsenal), 9; Gault (Everton), 8; Roberts (Bolton), 7; Barnes (Manchester C.), 7; Butler (Middlesbrough), 7; Woodcock (Manchester U.), 7; Hibbert (Newcastle), 7; Roberts (Preston), 7; Fazackerley (Sheffield U.), 7.

SECOND LEAGUE.—Lane (Blackpool), 14; Cock (Fulham), 13; Bliss (Tottenham), 12; Halliwell (Barnsley), 9; McLeod (Leeds City), 9; Newton (Barnsley), 8; Jarvis (Stoke), 7.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.—Broad (Millwall), 13; Doran (Norwich), 8; Bovne (Brentford), 7; Smith (Crystal P.), 7; Turner (Merthyr), 7; Whitworth (Northampton), 7; Armstrong (Portsmouth), 7; Stringfellow (Portsmouth), 7; Davies (Swindon), 7.

Sandown Park Stewards.

Sir Hedworth Meux, Sir W. Bass, and Mr. W. M. G. Singer were the stewards who officiated upon the objection to Not Much at Sandown Park.

BRIGAND'S EASY WIN.

Outsider Reaches The Post Six Lengths Ahead.

NEWMARKET RACING.

Wednesday's meeting at Newmarket was held in fine but dull weather, the morning being wet but improving later. The attendance though large did not come up to Cesarewitch day.

As briefly reported yesterday the result of the Cambridgeshire was as follows:—

Mr. J. A. Rothschild's **Brigand** (F. Crickmore) (25-1) 1
Lord D'Aberon's **Diadem** (J. Childs) (9-1) 2
Mr. A. R. Cox's **My Dear** (S. Donoghue (22-1) 3

Eighteen ran, Glanmerin being ridden by Lister.

Also ran:—Zinovia, Scatwell, Rivershore, Planet, Dominion, Roideur, Golden Fleece, Royal Bucks, Viceroy, Glanmerin, Clarion, Aynsley, Tetrarchia, Viviani, Sir Berkeley, Dromio, Graciale, Lady Earn, Mintleaf, Alasnam.

The Race.

There was a good start. When well on the journey Roideur led from Brigand, Alasnam Sir Berkeley, Diadem, and My Dear. At the half way Zinovia was beaten by Brigand who went out with a nice lead and never being seriously challenged won easily by six lengths. Three quarters of a length separated Diadem and My Dear, Alasnam being fourth. Time 1 minute 54⅕ secs.

"FORM" NO INDICATION.

The vagaries of previous form as an indication to spotting winners is once more emphasised by reference to the past performances of the first three in Wednesday's race. The horses achievements are as follows:

Brigand (rec. 22 lb.) ran 2nd to Violoncello (rec. 27 lb.) at Derby in September over one mile with Sir Berkeley 4th in a field of eight.

Diadem beat Freesia (rec. 8lb) ¾ length at Newmarket Oct. (6f.) Won at Doncaster Sept. (7f.) by a head from Quadrille (rec. 24lb), with Brigand (rec. 28lb) a neck further off, 3rd, Wilson (rec. 24lb) 5th of 7.

My Dear (gave 32 lb) ran 6th to Grand Fleet (gave 9lb) Sir Berkeley, Palestrina and others over 1 ¼ mile at Kempton in October.

LATEST WAGERING.

Owing to telegraphic delay, the complete list of starting prices for the horses in the Cambridgeshire are not to hand. We append, however, the latest available anti-post prices which will give an indication of the wagering shortly before the race:

15 to 2 agst	Zinovia, 4-8-11 (t & o)	....	Hunt
8 to 1 —	Scatwell, 4-8-6 (t & o)	..	Barling
8 to 1 —	Sir Berkeley, 4-6 11 (t & o)		Cottrill
17 to 2 —	Tetrarchia, 3-7-1 (t & o)	.	Nugent
10 to 1 —	Diadem, 5-8-12 (t & o)		Lambton
100 to 9 —	Royal Bucks, 6-7-10 (t & w)		Sievier
100 to 9 —	Alasnam, 3-6-0 (t & o)	..	R Day
100 to 7 —	Clarion, 3-7-4 (t & o)	..	Dewhurst
18 to 1 —	Dominion 3-7-13 (t & o)	.	Barling
20 to 1 —	My Dear, 4-9-2 (t & o)	..	Taylor
25 to 1 —	Golden Fleece, a-7-11 (t & o)		Ireland
33 to 1 —	Dromio, 3-6-10 (t & o)	...	Persse
33 to 1 —	Glanmerin, 3-7-8 (t & o)		Pickering
33 to 1 —	Lady Earn, 4-6-8 (t & o)		Ireland
33 to 1 —	Roideur, 4-7-12 (t & o)	..	Persse
40 to 1 —	Brigand, 5-6-10 (t & o)	...	Pratt
66 to 1 —	Viceroy, 3-7-8 (t & o)	..	R Marsh

Other Results.

All Aged Plate:—1, Green Fruit (2—1); 2, Ella (9—2); 3, Shoemaker (5—4). Five ran.

New Nursery Handicap:—1, Incense (10—1); 2, Dark Dawn (5—2); 3 Willblend (8—1). Sixteen ran.

Moulton Stakes:—1, Polydipsia (10—1); 2, Aldersey (10—1); 3, Eighth Division (2—on). Five ran.

Maiden Plate:—1, Bairaw, colt (7—4); 2, Wee Betty (20—1); 3, Brilliant Jester (20—1); Eighteen ran.

Houghton Handicap:—1, Flying Squadron (8—1); 2, Grand Court (6—1); 3, Sangelo (5—2). Ten ran.

Scarborough Stakes:—Kentish Cob (7—4); and Trowbridge (4—1) dead heat 3, King Alfred (8—1). Five ran. (Stakes divided).

RACE FIXTURES.

November.

Alexandra Park	1	Auteuil	13
Leopardstown	1	Saint Cloud	14
Auteuil	1, 2	Hurst Park	15
Saint Cloud	3	Enghien	15
Lincoln	3, 4	Auteuil	16
Maissons-Laffitte	4	Maisons-Laffitte	17
Tralee	4, 5	Warwick	17, 18, 19
Saint Cloud	5	Curragh	18, 19, 20
Newport	5, 6	Enghien	19
Liverpool	5, 6, 7, 8	Auteuil	20
Auteuil	6	Manchester	20, 21, 22
Saint Cloud	7	Maisons-Laffitte	21
Windsor	7, 8	Lingfield	21, 22
Phœnix Park	8	Auteuil	23
Maisons-Laffitte	8	Enghien	24
Auteuil	9	Birmingham	24, 25
Cheltenham	10	Maisons-Laffitte	26
Saint Cloud	10	Newbury	26, 27
Leicester	10, 11	Auteuil	27
Maisons-Laffitte	11	Kempton Park	28, 29
Derby	12, 13, 14	Auteuil	30
Limerick	13		

BILLIARDS.

Afternoon.

Closing scores:—Reece (in play) 10 637; Falkiner 9442.

Newman 10 717; Stevenson (in play) 10 481.

Evening.

Closing scores:—Newman (in play) 12 251; Stevenson 11 462.

Reece 11 747; Falkiner (in play) 10 793.

JOE BECKETT AT PRESTON.

Mr. John Mortimer states that the heavy-weight champion Joe Beckett is having a very successful fortnight's engagement at the Royal Hippodrome Preston, where he is sparring with his brother George and Jack Curphey. Immediately after this engagement Beckett will commence training for his contest with Georges Carpentier, when his principal sparring partner will be Jack Curphey.

DELAYED REFEREE.

Protest not Upheld by F. A. Cup Emergency Committee.

UNIQUE SITUATION.

At a meeting of the F. A. Cup Emergency Committee at Russell Square, London, Llanelly protested against the result of their tie in the second round with Ton Pentre being allowed to stand.

The appointed referee not having put in an appearance when the time for the kick-off arrived, it was agreed to play a friendly, with a local referee, short time to be played. During the first half the official referee, who had been delayed, arrived and took charge of the game, full time was played, and Ton Pentre won.

The committee decided that the result must stand, as provided by the rules, but the protest fee would be returned.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

South London Harriers Race for Gibb Challenge Cup.

Over a five-miles course at Coulsdon the South London Harriers held their race for the Gibb Challenge Cup. Lieutenant F. J. Morbey, who is with his regiment in Germany, could not defend his holdership, gained six years ago, and, in his absence, L. G. Housden, as expected, proved the winner.

He led practically all the way, and covered the course in 30min. 37sec., but was well hunted home by F. J. Martin, whose time was 30min. 41sec. Gordon D. Innes was third in 31min. 17sec., A. A. Williams fourth in 31min. 29sec., F. C. Wright fifth in 31min. 42sec., and J. L. Churchill sixth in 32min. 11 sec.

The Blackheath Harriers' five miles challenge cup race was won by B. N. Lymbery, who thus repeated his victories of 1912 and 1913. His time was 30min. 11 4-5 sec., and C. H. Watson was second in 30min. 52 4-5sec.

Herne Hill Harriers.

The Herne Hill Harriers carried out an open three-miles road handicap at Dulwich Village. Thirty-three started, and the first man home was H. W. Payne, G.E.R., with 50sec. start, his net time being 17min. 8sec. He was only beaten by Sergeant C. T. Clibbon (Birchfield), who, from scratch, finished seventh in 16min. 52sec.

In the Road Walking Association's seven miles race at Mitcham, the first six men home were: A. M. W. Hehir (R.A.F. and Surrey A.C.), 54min. 15 3-5sec.; F. E. Roberts (Herne Hill Harriers), 56min. 02-5sec.; R.W. Ricketts (Belgrave Harriers), 56min. 31sec.; E. C. Horton (Surrey W.C.), 57min. 23sec.; R. D. McMullen (Ashcombe A.C.), 57min. 40sec.; and H. Evans (Belgrave H.), 57min. 45sec.

LAWN TENNIS AT QUEEN'S CLUB.

Dixon Plays Remarkable Game in Covered Court Championship.

The following were the results on Wednesday:—

Men's singles- Semi-final: Mishu, Rumania beat Parton 6/4; 6/0; 6 1.

Mixed doubles:-semi-final:-O'Hara Wood and Mrs. Beamish beat Myers and Mrs. Satterthwaite 6/4; 6/3;

Men's Doubles: Final.-P.M. Davson and Mavrogordato beat the Hon F.M.B. Fisher and C.P. Dixon 3/6; 9/7; 6 3; 5/7; 6/4. Dixon played a remarkable game which almost beat his pre-war standard. Fisher was often brilliant but so erratic that this cost the losers the match as they led 4/0 in the second set after capturing the first. They subsequently led 4/1 in the final set after which they rapidly lost five successive games without much fighting.

CONCLUDING SCORES.

Men's singles:— Mavrogordato beat Mishu 6.2; 5/7; 6 3; 6 2.

This was a great fight, wherein Mishu indulged in a terrific hurricane of drives both on forehand and back hand. He invariably attacked, and set a tremendous pace. His ultimate downfall was chiefly due to the temperament aroused in the final set by a series of plucky net strokes, which gave Mavrogordato two games at the most critical juncture.

The mixed doubles final was a brilliant win for the Hon. F. M. B. Fisher, New Zealand, and Mrs. Lambert Chambers, against Captain O'Hara Wood, Australia, and Mrs. Beamish. All four played a fast and furious game, the issue being at doubt until the last. O'Hara Wood, in the second set, had the commanding lead of 4 0. He and his partner then lost five games in succession.

QUEEN'S CLUB.

The following entries have been received for the Queen's Club Members' Class A Autumn Handicap:—N. Haig, C. L. Phillips, M. Bovill, Major Cooper Key, E. A. O. Druce, and A. L. Prinsep. For Class B Handicap the following have entered:—R. M. Roberts, C. A. Hill, O. F. B. Force, W. H. Tribe, E. G. Toye, and J. E. Moore-Brabazon.

ARMY V. YORKSHIRE.

Against Yorkshire at Bradford on Saturday the Army will have the following fifteen:—

Captain C. A. Baker; Lieutenant Q. E. M. A. King, Major P. M. Scobie, Sergeant C. M. Mackintosh, and Lieutenant H. L. V. Day or Major E. G. G. Harrison; Captain G. H. Hedley and Lieutenant P. J. Gethin; Captain A. H. MacIlvaine, Major W. N. B. Roderick, C.S.M. Jones, Major P. H. Lawless, Lieutenant G. Young, Captain L. H. Kitton, Corporal C. Hyland, and Lieutenant D. R. Tittle.

BADMINTON FIXTURES.

It has been decided to hold the London Open Badminton Championships at the Logan Club, Kensington, on December 12 and 13, and the All-England Championships at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, on March 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 next.

Football Transfer.

Mr. A. J. Dickenson, Sheffield Wednesday, has arranged for the transfer of James Blair from the Alloa Athletic Club. Blair, who was Wednesday's left back prior to the war, had played during hostilities for Clydebank and the Glasgow Rangers.

"P.T." FOR CHILDREN.

Welsh A.B.A.'s Argument for Sport at Schools.

MAKING AN "A1" RACE.

The importance of adequate physical training in British elementary schools, if we, are to build up a nation of "A1" men, is emphasized in a letter from the Welsh A.B.A., which has been sent to every member of the Cardiff City Council. The letter states: "It was considered by the Welsh A.B.A. that if we could interest the lads of the elementary schools in themselves, along the lines of physical development and its consequent moral advantages, we should by means of these evening classes achieve the object in view. In the first place, at a young age the lads, instead of being on the street-corners, would be attending their gymnasium classes, and, with their characters moulded in the early stages of their career, would, when they came to the age of discretion, drift into athletic clubs and gymnasiums instead of idling their evenings amidst the temptations of town life, which dangers we, as parents, all know exist.

"We believe we have the same object in view as the Free Church Council, but we travel different roads.

"We would point out that the Premier of England has already drawn the attention of the nation to the fact that we are in danger of becoming a C3 race. Our object is to mould the coming generation into an A 1 race, morally and physically.

"If the Free Church Council can suggest an alternative scheme that will improve the coming generation, morally and physically, then the Welsh A.B.A. will readily co-operate with them at any time."

The letter is signed by Messrs Tom White (Newport), president; Alec Matthew, vice-president; W. A. Sanders, chairman; and C. V. Sederman, hon. secretary.

CONTINENTAL RACING.

Former Cambridgeshire Runner Doing Well at Berlin.

The victory ten days ago at Vienna in the Rascal Handicap (1½ miles) of a six-year-old son of Sorrento, called Axanos, recalls that his sire was one of the best horses got by Martagon. Sorrento won the Hungarian St. Leger as long ago as 1903, while among the other stayers sired by Martagon were Mazagan, winner of the Goodwood Cup, Balsarroch, who secured the Cesarewitch, and Wool Winder, who, after finishing an unlucky second to Orby for the Derby of 1907, won the Doncaster St. Leger, and was subsequently sent to Austria. Of Martagon's other staying sons and daughters, Musa carried off the Oaks, and Wuffy (first called Pane) scored in the Ebor Handicap.

The Rascal Handicap was so named in commemoration of Rascal, which son of Raeburn was one of the best horses foaled in the now defunct Dual Monarchy in the present century.

I see, by the way, from "Deutscher Sport," (writes "Vigilant" in the "Sportsman") that the well-known trainer, Richard Waugh, who was responsible for the Graditz Stud horses for a period of twenty-five years, before the day when R. Day took charge of the stable, has now established himself at Dahlwitz, where he has a useful string in his care.

Mr. Heinemann's former horse, Malua—who ran second years ago for the Cambridgeshire won by Land League, thanks to the dashing riding of W. Higgs—has done much since he went to Germany to keep the line of Marco in the forefront. At Berlin-Karlshorst the other day, for example, he was credited with two successive races over obstacles, one of two miles and a-half and the other of one mile and seven furlongs.

SPORT IN BRIEF.

F. A. Team Change.

Penn, of Fulham, will be at outside left in the F.A. team to play Oxford University at Oxford next Monday in place of H. G. Yates.

Corinthians XI.

The following have been chosen to represent the Corinthians against Oxford University at Queen's Club on Saturday: N. V. C. Turner; F. H. Plaistowe, G. N. Foster, Rev. K. R. G. Hunt, M. Woosnam, A. M. Wilkinson; F. W. H. Nicholas, H. A. Dupuis, R. Sloley, V. Edwards, H. G. Yates.

Accident Sequel.

Owing to an accident, W. J. A. Davies, the International Rugby half-back, will be unable to assist either the Royal Navy or United Services for some considerable time.

Ross v. Lewis.

Seaman Walter Ross, the holder of the bantam-weight belt, will box Jim Lewis, of Merthyr, at the Hoxton Baths next Monday afternoon.

Transferred to Palace.

T. Barber, Stalybridge Celtic the ex-Aston Villa and Bolton Wanderers inter-league half-back, has been transferred to Crystal Palace.

Deciding a Wager.

To decide a substantial wager, Mr. W. D. Chamberlain, of Plaistow, drove his gelding, Nobby, from London to the White Hart, Newmarket, inside eight hours, the full time being 7hrs. 42min. The gelding pulled up apparently as fresh as paint.

Football Fatality.

Mr. Geoffrey R. Goddard, an undergraduate of Jesus College, Oxford, whose spine was injured in a college football match, has died in the local infirmary. He was twenty years of age, and his parents reside in Palacerd, Tulse Hill, London.

Women Athletes.

The French Federation of Feminine Sports Societies have decided to ask the Olympic Games Committee to include events for women in the programme. Women athletes in France are actively drawing up their winter programmes.

The America Cup.

The Americans have not yet decided whether the Resolute or Vanity will defend the Cup, nor have they selected which of the rival courses, Sandy Hook or Newport Race, shall be sailed.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Fri.	Der Barbier von Sevilla	Rossini	7	10
Sat.	Orpheus and Eurydice	Gluck	7	9.15
Sun.	Die Walküre	Wagner	5.30	10.30
Mon.	Madame Butterfly	Puccini	7	9.45
Tues.	Tosca	Puccini	7	10

At The Deutsches Theatre.

It is extraordinary that such a bright and talented combination as the Gilbert and Sullivan Concert party, appearing at the Deutsches Theatre this week, should not attract packed houses. I dropped in to see them yesterday evening, and found the auditorium less than half filled. The prospect of an indifferent show was suggested as a natural consequence since the amount of business at the box office is usually recognised as a fairly safe indication of the merits or demerits of the performance submitted. I was accordingly very agreeably surprised when there was submitted one of the most refined, varied, and thoroughly entertaining programmes seen in Rhineland for a long time.

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As the title of the party implies excerps from the famous comic operas take up a large part of the programme, which is particularly refreshing and a pleasing contrast from the average type of concert party entertainment with which we are all now so familiar. But the artistes do not depend entirely upon the presentation of delightfully tuneful Gilbertian solos and duets for the success of their performance, attractive as these are in themselves. There is, in addition, the accompanist, a young lady who not only possessed considerable ability as a pianist but also a very pleasing stage presence and a fresh voice thoroughly suited to the dainty numbers she renders at the piano. Then there is an accomplished conjuror whose turn is brightened by a genuinely funny string of pleasantries, and a lady violinist, whose playing is characterised by wonderful tone and precision. Altogether, the Deutsches is well worth a visit this week.

Lecture on the Opera.

All lovers of the Opera will be glad to hear that Colonel Gore Brown is giving a talk on the different Wagner operas at the British Empire Leave Club this evening at 7 p.m., illustrated by Miss Clark at the piano.

German Class.

On Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, German classes will be given at the British Empire Leave Club at 6.30 p.m., beginning from November 3rd.

New Jazz Band.

The new Jazz Band will play for the dance on Saturday next at 6.30 instead of Wednesday as announced.

JACQUES.

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FOOTBALL CONTEST.

Coupons must be addressed:—
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List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.

2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.

3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.

4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.

5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.

6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.

7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.

8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.

9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 6.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov. 1st.
Closing date, Friday, Oct. 31st.

Aston Villa	v. Middlesboro
Bolton W.	v. Sunderland
Blackburn R.	v. Everton
Bradford C.	v. Arsenal
Notts C.	v. West Bromwich
West Ham	v. Birmingham
Huddersfield	v. Fulham
Swindon	v. Queens Park R.
Brentford	v. Plymouth A.
Brighton	v. Exeter C.
Hamilton A.	v. Falkirk
Morton	v. Celtic

I enter Football Competition No. 6 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

All Saints' Day.

To-morrow, (Saturday) being All Saints' Day there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at the Garrison Church, Schildergasse, Cologne, at 8 a.m. Names of departed friends may be handed in to the Chaplain in the vestry before the service, and these will be remembered with thanksgiving. The services on Sunday next will have special reference to our glorious dead and the "Christian Hope".

It's Not That.

Some people are unconscious humourists. A letter containing a home subscription form arrived at this office addressed to "The Conscription Dept.".

The Girls Speak English.

How is it that it is generally the daughter of the house who is able to speak enough English to help you out of your difficulties. One would think that with the German commercial educational system, it would be boys who would be the linguists.

No Rations.

Persons in Germany for business or other purposes will not be supplied with rations; only civilians living permanently in the occupied area.

No Stamps.

A great many stamp collectors have been making pilgrimages to the Cologne General Post Office, to buy the stamps of the new issue that were announced. They go away empty-handed, for they are not yet on sale, I hear.

The Scramble.

In these days when the mark runs 120 or more to the pound the act of cashing a cheque is no speedy process. Messrs Cook's establishment has been crowded these last few days.

Panto?

Are we going to have a Christmas pantomime in Cologne? I heard something about one that was being projected a month or two back. Has the notion been dropped?

Dearer at Night.

Owing to the higher wages paid to the workers in German electricity generating stations for night duty and "overtime," current costs more per unit to the householder when consumed after the hour of eleven p. m. It resumes its normal price approximately twelve hours later.

Women Commercials.

I have met several French and Belgian women in the business centres of Cologne lately, carrying attaché cases. They are commercial travellers, I understand, and are booking good orders from the shops and stores.

Dancing Practice.

To those who want practice in dancing I can strongly recommend the Church Army institution in Bischofsgarten Strasse near the Cathedral, where, every evening, a small but efficient string orchestra plays a lively succession of waltzes, two-steps, jazz tunes, etc., for this very purpose.

Sweepstakes.

We have heard of sweepstakes for motor-cars, cameras and the like, but the latest being run in Cologne is that for a a cow. The history of that animal and its category would form interesting reading.

Many British Visitors.

A friend back from the devastated area tells me that Britishers are in great force there. Evidently intent upon seeing things before order is restored. But won't there be a rush next spring!

PROPOSED MONUMENT TO JAZZERS.

Dangerous Trams.

I am told that there are few towns anywhere which have more tramway accidents than Cologne and can well believe it. Its narrow winding streets are the cause. I saw a distressing fatal accident near the Dom yesterday.

A Novel Lamp.

The other day I happened upon a rather ingenious device. It was dusk, and a street-hawker who was trailing his barrow along the Rhine embankment was carrying a lamp—for the double purpose of picking his way, and warning others of his approach. It consisted merely of an empty beer bottle carried upside-down, its bottom taken out, and a candle burning inside.

Warm in Winter.

Have you an observation balloon on your bed? That is the latest name for the huge stuffed coverlets on German beds.

"Gone West."

I have often been asked where the phrase "Gone West" originated from. It came first, I believe, from the Canadian contingents in the war, who must have borrowed it from the Red Indians, who looked beyond the Rockies as the region of the "Happy Hunting Grounds."

Literary Officers.

Among the officers on the Military Governor's and Censorship staffs I hear several possess high literary attainments.

Fairly Quick.

Certain photographers in Cologne profess to take, develop, print, and dry photographs "immediate to have," which of course means "no waiting!" Curious to test the powers of one of these experts, I made enquiries, and learned, to my surprise, that, although the promise was a little extravagant, I might certainly secure a finished picture an hour after facing the camera.

A Festive Day.

The feast of St. Nicholas on the 6th of December is a day of high festival here and those who are fortunate enough to be privately quartered will find themselves regaled with fruits, nuts and wine, and all good things.

A Picture Gallery.

Some very fascinating war pictures are hanging on the walls of the Army reading room and library in the Arcade of the Hohestrasse, and a pleasant quarter of an hour can be spent in looking at them. Among the photographs are "Daylight Patrol." "Seaforths." "A Machine Gun Nest." "H.Q. Section, Middlesex during an attack." "West Yorks coming out of action." "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales asks the way." "In gassed Bethune." "The Tokers of Martinpuich" and the "Worcesters going into Battle."

For our French Friends.

By the way this cosy reading room boasts of quite a number of French publications of interest to both sexes, and a courteous welcome is cordially extended to French soldiers and civilians.

College Rivalries.

In the streets of Cologne one often sees students with coloured caps and coloured ribbons across their chest. They belong to the societies of "Akademiker" or students of the Universities. Between the different societies there is often a strong feeling of hostility, which is used as a pretext for duels.

A Tempting Bribe.

In an Army revue I saw the other night the reward for doing the inevitable desperate deed was a packet of "Kingfishers."

Lights on Vehicles.

I was surprised to find on a lorry journey after dark, from Bonn to Cologne, that the lighting restrictions, if any, are simply ignored by the natives. The clumsy country carts are the chief offenders, and we narrowly missed running into several of them.

When you go Home.

Those who are going into business on demobilization and need good advice on the best methods will find the new monthly "Business Organisation and Management" issued by Pitman's at 1s. 6d., a safe guide. I have just seen No. 1. It is excellent and is written throughout by experts.

Five Hundred Passed.

Another lengthy list of passes in various examinations held in the Rhine Army has been issued. It contains something like five hundred names.

FOR BUSINESS MEN IN RHINELAND.

FAIRS EVERYWHERE NEXT YEAR.

COLOGNE THE GREAT INTERNATIONAL CENTRE.

Arrangements are being made for industrial fairs to be held in the following German towns next year. Berlin (spring and autumn), Breslau (Apl. 25—May 1), Danzig (February and autumn), Elberfeld (Textiles only, Jan. 6—9), Frankfort (spring and autumn), Hamburg (building trade-only, spring), Konigsberg (last German textile fair in the spring), Stuttgart (January). Cologne is preparing to hold a big fair at the beginning of April. At Saarbruck a fair was held in which French firms participated to an even greater extent than the German. Mayence is also preparing. The main object of the Cologne fair is to demonstrate what German industry is able to do and to effect by means of business transactions an improvement in the rate of exchange. Every assistance will be rendered to both exhibitors and visitors. Eight hundred and forty firms have already applied for space in the metal, textile and general exhibition sections.

It is now certain that the Rhineland will in future be the centre of international traffic and commerce. Already it is the pivot of business with the western nations so that the Cologne fair is expected to do much towards regulating this traffic and facilitating future operations. The question of actual location of the fair is a difficult one, and is at present engaging the earnest attention of the authorities. The British powers that be are taking a great interest in all these preparations and have promised to simplify pass regulations for visitors. Austria has already asked for 2,000 square metres of space, and has offered an equivalent space at the Oriental fair to be held at Vienna in the spring. Difficulties of accommodation and the acute coal shortage have been urged in some sections of the local press as reasons militating against having fairs both in the spring and autumn, the alternative suggestion being one fair only in the summer.

Meanwhile British trade fairs are to be a big feature of our commercial activities in the future and already fairs are being organised for London (Crystal Palace) under the auspices of the Board of Trade, Birmingham and Glasgow. Belgium is organising a fair at Bale.

Following our previous remarks on the subject of the marking of German goods, the following answers to questions in Parliament are instuctive. The President of the Board of Trade, replying to questions, said:—The requirements in regard to the marking of German goods are the same in every way as those applicable to goods imported from any other country. They are set out in a memorandum issued by the Commissioners of Customs. Speaking broadly, goods are only required to bear on importation a definite indication of their country of origin when they already bear marks which without that indication would be calculated to deceive. I have recently appointed a committee, under the chairmanship of the hon. member for Wells, to inquire, inter alia, into the question whether the law at present in force in regard to this matter requires any extension or amendment.

For the information of several correspondents who have written us on the subject of taking German-made articles into the United Kingdom, we have ascertained that the forbidden articles are very few and mostly in the optical and chemical classes. More detailed information, especially for those who wish to import for trade, should be sought at the Military Governor's Bureau, but we may mention that there is no objection to taking, for instance, a personally owned camera or pair of binoculars for one's own private use. All articles will however, of course, be declared, and if dutiable, paid for accordingly.

The following list of British Economic Delegates with Allied Headquarters is published for the information of many enquirers: Aachen, British Delegate, Section Economique, 31, Wilhelmstrasse. Crefeld, British Delegate, Section Economique, via A.P.O., G.R. Coblenz, British Delegate, Economic Section, Oberpräsidium, Room 239. Ludwigshafen, British Delegate, Section Economique Francais. Mainz, British Delegate, Section Economique Francais. Cologne, per Courier C.I.P.A., Restitution Industrielle.

The German Government are taking very severe measures to prevent the excessive import of merchandise from unoccupied to occupied Germany.

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FROM EVERYWHERE.

Daring.—A British pilot flew under Stockholm Bridge.

Good.—According to Mr. Bonar Law, the Profiteering Act is having effect.

Belgium's List.—Belgium is going to ask for the extradition of 1150 Germans.

Plucky.—Two septuagenarian ladies have flown from Brussels to London.

Renovation.—Work of renovating the Crystal Palace begins next month.

Opera.—Covent Garden will definitely open on Monday with Verdi's "Othello."

Herald of Winter.—Snow has fallen at Aachen.

More Premiums.—Argentine is projecting a big lottery loan.

No Medal.—It has been decided not to issue a Peace Conference medal.

A Unique Collection.—The Imperial War Museum opens next May.

The Light Fantastic.—Hunt balls are to be revived this winter.

Rejuvenating.—The "monkey gland" cocktail has arrived.

Royal Tribute.—King Alfonso placed a wreath on the Whitehall cenotaph.

Ambitious.—Willesden is to apply for a charter as a borough.

Repatriated.—Over 30,000 German prisoners have been repatriated to date.

To see the Army.—The King of Spain visits Aldershot shortly.

Hullo.—Switzerland has decided to renew international telephone relations.

Yanks Tour.—American warships are visiting Portugal.

No Gas.—Aachen is without gas on account of coal shortage.

Rabies Again.—A case of rabies in a horse has been confirmed near Bridgend.

Unwanted.—German opera in New York is forbidden owing to the recent riots.

Link Boys.—The London streets are to have a specially trained staff of fogmen.

As Usual.—Croydon National kitchens show a loss.

Boulogne Honoured.—Boulogne is to have the Croix de Guerre conferred upon it.

London's Lesson.—Norwegian police have been forbidden to join trade unions.

Retiring.—M. Delcassé will not seek re-election.

Spurious Notes.—Berlin's police have arrested 24 gangs of counterfeiters.

From Brazil.—Brazil is sending her interned Germans home.

Soldier Servant.—The rush for soldier servants at home continues unabated.

Their big day.—The Cologne Socialists will celebrate the anniversary of the German Revolution next Sunday week.

Four.—The wife of a Great Yarmouth farm labourer gave birth to four babies, but they all died.

Aristocratic Shopkeeper.—Lady Limerick has opened a shop in the West End for the sale of antiques.

Curious Justices.—The latest question heard from the bench. "And who is this Mademoiselle from Armentieres."

The Young Idea.—Children near Blackpool objecting to walking four miles to school held a demonstration.

For Offenders.—Corporal punishment has been re-established in the Polish Republic.

Saving.—Earlier closing of London elementary schools during the winter is proposed.

The Prince.—The Prince of Wales is due to leave the United States on or about Nov. 17th.

Unpopular.—French authorities are taking action with regarded to marriages between French girls and Chinese.

Not Invalids.—Though not discharged as invalids, 500,000 demobilized men have applied for pensions.

How they like us.—Christian communities in Turkey are appealing for Allied occupation.

Epicures.—During rat week it has been demonstrated that rats are fond of a change of diet.

Sugar Surprise.—During the past fortnight the sugar situation has gone from bad to worse.

The only way.—"This is a far better thing than I have ever done before" read a Marylebone suicide's last message.

A Trick.—Discharged soldiers in South Wales are declaring themselves deserters in order to obtain lodgings.

They must Go.—There is an agitation at home against the continued employment of women bank clerks.

For Nights.—Police on night patrol duty in certain districts in Dublin are provided with motor cars.

Anticipatory.—London Corporation has purchased £500 worth of salt in anticipation of falls of snow.

Horseflesh.—There are now two million horses in Germany against four million in 1913.

The Watch.—London night-watchmen now get 10s a night as compared with 4s in 1914.

Cup that Cheers.—Some exceptionally high prices are being paid for tea at the London sales.

Scandalous.—According to Judge Crawford the costs in the High Courts are a perfect scandal.

The new Vocabulary.—It transpired, through the Willesden Court, that "snags" are insulting words.

Herrings for Germans.—Thousands of barrels of cured herrings are being shipped from Scotland to Germany.

Mystery Colds.—London doctors believe that the mystery colds which refuse to be cured are really influenza.

Teapots For Soldiers.—Soldiers returning to Longdon near Tewkesbury are being presented with silver teapots.

A Year Ago.—A year ago the Italians and British having crossed the Piave, were advancing.

A Legal Point.—Judge Cluer held at Shoreditch that a sister of one of the parties in Court was not a member of the family.

He Shuddered.—Asked why the Government did not open shops and sell boots at the market price Mr. Kellaway said he shuddered at the prospect.

No Baths.—According to a medical authority fifty per cent of Tommy's complaints were due to his not being able to keep his skin clean.

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PROJECTED GREAT ENTREPOT CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

LLOYD GEORGE WINDS UP FINANCE DEBATE

COLOGNE COUNCIL.

AMBITIOUS PLANS OF THE OBERBURGERMEISTER.

The newly-elected Town Council of Cologne held its first meeting on Thursday evening, and the usual hall at the Rathaus being too small to accommodate the 114 members recourse was had to the big hall of the University.

The main feature of this first session was a long speech by the Oberburgermeister, Herr Adenauer, who spoke mainly about the future of Cologne.

After outlining a scheme to surround the city with a belt of woods and lawns, he dealt with the commercial development of the city. This part of his speech is of much more than local interest. He said: "The Peace Treaty of Versailles is bringing to Cologne the possibility of economic prosperity. A large proportion of the goods traffic which up to now has gone through German ports will in future go through Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Antwerp and Le Havre. The Rhine becomes thereby of great importance, and the creation of a big commercial centre in North-western Germany is necessary. Cologne will probably be this place. Numerous firms have established themselves here, and several Hamburg import and export firms have opened branches here. We must develop our ports, we must ameliorate our means of traffic, build depots, storehouses, premises for offices and hotels. I intend to ask for this purpose 100 million marks from you. I know there is some risk in that. But, however!"

WAR IN RUSSIA.

PREMATURE BOLSHEVIST SUCCESS.

An official communiqué regarding the situation on the front of the Russian North-Western Army says that on October 29th a strong Red force attacked the junction of the North-Western Army and the Esthonian contingent on its left, the operation taking place along the Southern shores of the Gulf of Finland, a gap having opened between the two to the South west of Ropscha.

The situation was restored by a strong counter-attack which cut off the Bolshevist column advancing southward through the gap and destroyed it, fifteen hundred prisoners being taken. General Pirimikin, who led the counter-attack, then continued the advance northward towards Ropscha, and according to the latest reports, having turned eastwards, was marching on Krasnoe-selo.

ENGLAND-AUSTRALIA.

SECOND COMPETITOR LEAVES.

The second competitor for the Australian Commonwealth prize of ten thousand pounds for the England-Australia flight was due to leave Hounslow shortly after dawn yesterday, weather permitting. The machine is an Alliance biplane fitted with a 450 H.P. Napier-Lion engine. It is piloted by Lieutenant Roger Douglas, M.C., with Lieutenant Ross as assistant pilot and navigator. The first stop will probably be Brindisi.

GERMAN NAVY ESTIMATES.

Over M.18,000,000 (£900,000 pre-war) are asked for in the German Supplementary Estimates for 1919 now before the National Assembly for putting into commission six battleships and six small cruisers and torpedo crafts. The manpower of the Navy as provided by the budget is as follows:— 594 officers, 142 engineers, 580 warrant officers, 3,121 petty officers, 9,097 men, 293 medical personnel, 36 paymasters and writers, and 869 officials of all kinds.

UNEMPLOYMENT DONATION.

The Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress yesterday discussed Mr. Austen Chamberlain's announcement that the ordinary civil unemployment donation will cease on the 21st November.

They decided immediately to ask Mr. Lloyd George to state the intentions of the Government towards the unemployed after the 21st November, with a view, if necessary, of submitting his reply to a special congress.

WILSON'S FRUITLESS APPEAL.

A conference of mineworkers' officials at Indianopolis has issued a statement asserting that a strike is unavoidable despite the appeal of President Wilson, who called upon them to rescind their strike notices. The miners accordingly cease work to-day.

FINANCE DEBATE.

PREMIER REPLIES TO CRITICS.

In the House of Commons on Thursday the debate on the financial situation was continued by Mr. Clynes, who moved the Labour Party's amendment calling for severe economies in the War Services, a levy on capital, and a reversion to the State of all fortunes made as the result of national emergency.

He argued that the situation was so extraordinary as to demand extraordinary measures, and urged that an enquiry be held into the possibility of making a Capital Levy.

Lord Robert Cecil supported this.

The Prime Minister replied to the debate. Referring first to the charges of extravagance he said the greatest expenditure was on the Army and Navy. The Navy was now, however, only equivalent to the pre-war Navy, and by the end of the financial year it will be less than that. At the Armistice the Army, Navy and Air Force had 4,400,000 men. In November they would comprise 720,000, and by the 31st March, 1920, less than 500,000.

Next year there would be a substantial surplus for the reduction of debt. The provision made for the liquidation of debt in fifty years was a splendid testimony to British courage and foresight. He was asked, "Why were men retained for so long when everyone knew that Germany would sign?" "To the last moment," said the Premier, "those at the Peace Conference did not know whether Germany would sign. The majority believed she would not sign. We had to send for Marshal Foch to make arrangements for marching to Berlin. Foch concluded that the Army of the Rhine was insufficient, and we accordingly had three or four divisions in reserve which we could place at Foch's disposal to make him feel that he could compel the signature. Germany knew that. Would she have signed if she had not known it? Had we not done this we should have substituted defeat for deficit, and thrown away in vain sacrifices hundreds of thousands of brave men, merely to make your accounts balance for the year 1919."

"The greatest military power in Europe", continued the Premier, "was now without an army and her navy was at the bottom of the sea. That gave ground for confidence in our financial stability for the future. Great Britain could weather this storm as she had weathered every other. There must be economy but not a refusal to spend money on essential objects like education and the people's health. There could be no greater folly than that."

Finally he appealed to the nation to face its responsibilites all round and above all to remember its debt to those men, who were prepared to sacrifice their lives on the battlefields of the world for the country they loved. (cheers.)

FORMER R.E. OFFICER'S NAME.

At Bow-street Police Court on Wednesday, Guy Harold Unwin, 45, of Gillingham-street, Pimlico, was charged with making a false declaration for the purpose of procuring a licence of marriage for himself and Miss Marie Louise Delphine van Uytven, a Belgian Red Cross nurse.

Mr. Wallace, prosecuting, said that the defendant met Miss van Uytven while he was serving as a captain in the Royal Engineers. They were married at the Henrietta-street Registry Office, Covent-garden, on July 2. The defendant then gave the name in which he had served in the Army, Edward Robert Evans, and described simself as a bachelor whereas his real name was Unwin, and he was a widower with three children.

The defendant, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial.

CHARGE OF STRANGLING A GIRL.

At Tonbridge Police Court on Wednesday Ernest Ebenezer Cosham, of Edenbridge, aged 19, was charged with the murder of Beatrice Annie Dawes, by strangling her in a wood at Edenbridge.

Superintendent Neaves said that he saw the prisoner at the police station on Monday afternoon. When charged Cosham made a statement which he did not propose to put forward that day. He applied for a week's remand, which was granted.

35,000 GERMAN DESERTERS.

The Government has decided that any German soldier who has not recrossed the Russian frontier by the 11th November will be considered as a deserter and will forfeit his German nationality. Up to now only 5,000 men out of 40,000 have obeyed the order of the Government and these are mostly technical troops. The remaining 35,000 men have gone over to the Russian service.

PENNANT INQUIRY.

COLONEL BERSEY'S STRONG DENIALS.

When the House of Lords Committee of Inquiry into the dismissal of Miss Violet Douglas Pennant from the Women's Royal Air Force was resumed on Thursday Colonel Bersey was called to give evidence.

He denied ever having hindered Miss Pennant in any way, and said it did not matter to him who was commandant. He declared he had nothing to do with the recommendation of five ladies for appointments. None was a personal friend of his, though one was the wife of a friend. There was no truth in Miss Pennant's suggestion that he desired the continuance of immorality at Hurst Park. Miss Pennant never mentioned immorality to him nor said anything implying it. She never even mentioned difficulties.

Counsel: So Miss Pennant invented the discussion with you about Hurst Park? Colonel Bersey: It never happened.

Continuing his evidence Colonel Bersey, said that when Miss Pennant was appointed to the office the organisation was inadequate and she made improvements, but he denied ever having said that he was "fed up" with her owing to her many schemes. He possibly did tell Miss Pennant that he had promised five ladies certain appointments and she did not approve of them.

Mrs. Beatty was the next witness. She said she was in charge of probationary officers. She related a conversation she had with another officer—Mrs. Unwin—who said to her, "She treats me like a scullery maid. She cannot be a lady."

Witness added that she promptly assented to this.

Cross-examined, she admitted resigning from the Women's Volunteer Reserve with five other officers, adding, "I am afraid history has repeated itself."

General Brancker was then heard. He said Lord Weir and Sir Godfrey Paine both told him of their dissatisfaction with things. Lord Weir asked him first of all to find out what was going wrong, and Sir Godfrey Paine told him that he had got rid of Colonel Bersey because he thought that that officer and Miss Pennant were unable to get on together. Sir Godfrey added, "Well, I don't know how long she will last with you, old boy" (laughter.) Miss Pennant told him, continued General Brancker, that a good deal of the existing trouble might be due to the fact that her station in life was considerably better than those with whom she had to deal. She was intensely earnest and hard-working but ineffective.

With reference to the allegations of immorality at Hurst Park he had ordered the arrest of Colonel Janson but the order was afterwards quite rightly countermanded. In his opinion Colonel Janson had out-soldiered the "regular" soldier inasmuch as the condition of his men was admirable. He was a very efficient officer.

Witness declared that all the allegations about intrigue were absolute nonsense. He denied the allegations of immorality levelled against the W.R.A.F.'s and pointed out that the examination had proved that immorality was only conspicuous by its absence. He had never commanded a body of men and women with higher ideals or less crime.

The inquiry was adjourned.

LARKIN'S PASSPORT.

THREATENED GENERAL STRIKE IN IRELAND.

The Labour Party in Dublin may call a general stoppage of work throughout Ireland as a protest against the action of the Government in withholding passports from James Larkin for his return to Ireland from the United States. At a meeting of trade union delegates in Dublin on Monday night a majority was in favour of a 24 hours' strike, but a decision was deferred until next Tuesday.

NO CIVILIAN TRAINS ON SUNDAYS.

Commencing on Sunday, Nov. 2, no civilian trains will run to and from Cologne on Sundays.

The International trains, Cologne-Paris and Cologne-Ostend, will run both to and from Cologne.

MEMORIAL TO LONDON TROOPS.

A meeting of the Joint Committee representing the City and County of London of the Lord Mayor's Fund for the recent march through the Metropolis of the London troops engaged in the war and for a memorial to those who have fallen, was held at the Mansion House on Wednesday. The Lord Mayor presided.

The committee approved of the proposed memorial at the Royal Exchange, designed by Sir Aston Webb, P.R.A. It consists of a square Portland stone pillar, surmounted by a lion with panels bearing the names of the regiments, the principal battles and other details. On either side would be a statue of a soldier in marching order. The cost would be £7,000.

COST OF 8-HOUR DAY.

With the adoption of the eight-hour day on the London omnibus services, tramways, and railways operated by the Underground, an additional expenditure, we are officially informed, is incurred of nearly £700,000 per annum. Approximately, an addition of 20 per cent. to the staff is required to work the services.

ANARCHIST PLOT.

TERRIBLE CONSPIRACY DISCOVERED.

A telegram from Cleveland, Ohio, states that five men and one woman have been arrested by the police in four simultaneous raids on suspicion of plotting the destruction of the central police station.

These arrests are the first results of the discovery of a plot to terrorise the nation by a series of bomb explosions in the coming spring. The suspected persons are stated to be members of a group of anarchists which has been working in more than a hundred cities, and it is almost certain that the mysteries of the bomb outrages last June will now be be solved. Together with the prisoners the police secured a quantity of high explosives, bombs, pistols, and anarchist literature.

TOWN'S PENNY RATE.

SEQUEL TO ANTI-GERMAN RIOT.

At Cornwall Assizes on Wednesday Mr. Justice Darling heard a case in which a girl of eighteen, named Florence Alexandria Richards, pleaded guilty to feloniously setting fire to a coachhouse in the possession of Mr. George Poole, Mayor of Penzance, on June 30.

It was stated on behalf of the defence that there had been considerable feeling in the town regarding a naturalised German who, after being interned, had returned to Penzance to resume business. Certain discharged soldiers became possessed of the idea that the authorities had been lax in this matter. The man's house was raided, and the damage committed was such that the compensation necessitated an additional penny rate.

Mr. Justice Darling—A penny rate for the whole of Penzance for his benefit.

Counsel, continuing, said that the prisoner, who was in the service of the Mayor, maintained that an ex-soldier who had been acquitted as an accomplice had instigated her to commit the offence. His lordship expressed the conviction that the prisoner did not commit the offence "out of her own head," and ordered her to be bound over to come up for judgment if called on.

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ENGLISHWOMAN KILLED BY A NEGRO.

An Englishwoman, Mrs. Arthur Giles, was stabbed to death in a busy street in Brantford (Ontario) by a negro, named George Jones, on Wednesday.

The murder was committed in the presence of witnesses, old and young, of both sexes. The negro chased the woman out of her house, followed her into the street, and inflicted wounds with a long knife. He had been paying attentions to the woman, and the police allege that the pair eloped six weeks ago.

After the murder the negro was beaten into insensibility by a bystander before the police arrived.

BRITISH TROOPS IN RUSSIA.

Mr. Forster, replying to Lieutenant Commander Kenworthy (L, Hull, C.), said that there were in Siberia 190 British officers and 340 other ranks; in South Russia, 356 officers and 1,102 other ranks; Baltic States Mission, 44 officers and 54 other ranks; and a detachment of the Tank Corps engaged in instructing Russians—22 officers and 29 other ranks. The withdrawal of the latter detachment has been ordered.

DANGEROUS PLAYTHINGS.

Over two hundred fully-charged detonators have been discovered scattered here and there in a part of Aberdeen near the Joint Railway Station. One in the possession of a messenger boy exploded inside the station. There was a serious explosion, and another lad was stunned. Schoolboys were found carrying these detonators without being aware of their dangerous character.

EARLY SCHOOL HOURS IN WINTER

The London Education Committee is to consider a proposal to close the elementary schools earlier during the winter months. The afternoon session in L.C.C. and non-provided ordinary elementary schools and centres would be from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the senior departments and 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. in the infants' departments, from the first Monday in November until the last Friday in January.

GRENADIERS RECRUITING.

It is desired to bring the Grenadier Guards up to full strength at an early date. The Grenadiers used to average over 6ft. 2in. in height, but to-day, owing to the ravages of war, few of them are over 6ft. and the weight falls considerably below the pre-war standard.

THE LIE DIRECT.

LABOUR MEMBER'S ODIOUS COMPARISON.

It will be remembered that an American journalist named Bullitt recently declared that he was asked to go to Russia to ascertain on what terms the Soviet Government was willing to conclude Peace, and that the terms, although eminently favourable, were refused consideration by the Council of Four. His version of the happenings included an alleged breakfast with peace delegates and accounts of various conversations which gave his story an air of verisimilitude.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. W. Lunn (Lab., Rothwell) elicited a categorical denial of the American's story. Mr. Lunn asked: "Am I to understand that the narrative of the American journalist Bullitt is a tissue of lies, including the statement regarding the breakfast he says he was invited to attend?"

Mr. Bonar Law replied that the statement made by Mr. Bullitt was so absolutely inaccurate as to deserve the epithet applied to it by the Prime Minister.

Mr. J. C. Swan (Lab., Barnard Castle) asked what steps are being taken by the Government to get a reply from Mr. Bullitt, admitting that there was no truth in his statement, so that members may be able to appreciate the veracity of the Prime Minister's statement.

Mr. Bonar Law replied: "Any members who wish to pit the assertions of this gentleman against those of the Prime Minister must take their own method."

"HOMOPHONES."

POET LAUREATE ON PURE ENGLISH.

The Poet Laureate, Dr. Bridges, fears that public school pronunciation is ruining our language. He has written a short tract for the "Society of Purer English," of which he is a member, on English "homophones," or words which are pronounced alike although they differ in meaning. One of his axioms is that languages are faulty in proportion to the number of homophones they contain.

He attributes the large number of homophones to the prevalence of the Southern English standard of speech which is used by public schools and fashionable society generally.

One pronouncing dictionary gives over 800 ambiguous English words.

PLAGUE IN PORT OF LONDON.

EIGHT CASES AND ONE DEATH.

The Ministry of Health have been notified of cases of plague on the steamer Nagoya. The ship arrived in the Port of London on Saturday, and the Assistant Medical Officer of Health found that six cases of an illness which he regarded as plague had occurred among the native crew.

The diagnosis of plague has been confirmed by the bacteriologist of the Ministry from material obtained from the second case. The vessel is being disinfected by the Port Sanitary Authority and all necessary precautions have been taken

DAYLIGHT ROBBERIES.

There was a daring robbery on Monday afternoon at the sub-post office at Aston Manor, Birmingham. A landau was driven up in broad daylight, and the driver entered the premises, and, reappearing with the safe, which contained about £400, drove away.

In Eglinton-street, Glasgow, yesterday two men entered a jeweller's shop, and when the proprietor, aged 64, put his head from behind to see who was there, felled, bound, and tied him to a chair. The safe was then rifled, and gold and silver watches were carried off, the miscreants getting clear away.

GERMAN DUMP EXPLODED.

A terrific explosion of munitions—chiefly gas shells—occurred at a depot near Munsterlager on the 24th. So great was the quantity of deadly gas liberated that troops and civilians had to wear gas masks. All trains ceased running, and two villages were completely untenable and had to be evacuated.

For several days it was impossible to approach the depot owing to the fire which started, and the constant explosion of shells. The cause of the explosion is unknown at present, but it is variously attributed to Spartacists or to discontented workmen involved in a labour dispute.

PRINCE AT MONTREAL.

The Prince of Wales was accorded a magnificent welcome on his return visit to Montreal. The people several times broke through the cordon of police and soldiers. Speaking at a civic luncheon the Prince emphasised the importance of a close union between the French and British races in Canada.

KIDNAPPED CONSUL FREE.

Mr. Jenkins, the American Consular agent who was kidnapped by Mexican bandits at Pueblo, in Mexico, and held to ransom, has been released.

KUT COURT-MARTIAL.

WITNESSES CONCLUDE THEIR EVIDENCE.

The Court-martial on the Eurasian Assistant Surgeon W. Fratel, who is charged with neglect and cruelty to British prisoners, reached its penultimate stage yesterday.

Captain Keeling, who after the Armistice was sent to Mesopotamia to investigate hospital conditions which had prevailed during the war, said he received many complaints against the German and Armenian doctors but none against the accused.

After speeches by the accused, his counsel, and counsel for the prosecution, the Court adjourned. The judge-advocate will deliver his summing up to-day.

STORE OF EXPLOSIVES.

REMARKABLE POLICE DISCOVERY

The police, while searching a tenement house in Thomas-street, Cork, for stolen property, found under a bundle of rags between thirty and forty sticks of gelignite, sufficient to blow up the entire district, and sixty rounds of service ammunition. The authorities regard the present find as one of great importance.

ALLIED BATTLESHIPS.

Commander Viscount Curzon asked the First Lord of the Admiralty how many capital ships were now in full commission belonging to the United States of America, France, Italy, Japan, and the British Empire. Mr. Long.—The figures asked for are as follows:—United States of America, 28; France, possibly three; Japan, 16; Italy, seven (possibly fewer); British Empire, 18. These figures, with the exception of the British, are necessarily approximate.

BRITISH PRISONERS SHOT.

The commission to inquire into complaints regarding the treatment of prisoners of war in Germany in contravention of international law held a public sitting yesterday. The cases to be dealt with include the shooting of a British prisoner named Cafferey, the wounding of a British prisoner named Bennett in Muecheln, and the shooting of the two Irishmen, named respectively Moran and Devlin, in the Limburg Camp.

FUTURE BAGDAD EXPRESS.

Sir Arthur Fell, M.P., speaking at the Aldwych Club yesterday, claimed that the War Cabinet was in favour of the Channel Tunnel, although they would not make an open declaration in Parliament.

He prophesied that within the next 15 years there would be a Bagdad express starting every day from Charing-cross.

REMEMBER OUR DEAD.

We have received further contributions towards this fund and have thus been able to provide a large wreath to stand in the British Military Cemetery wherein lie the remains of those of our soldiers who have died while serving in the Army of Occupation.

The fund is now closed, and an account of its disposal will be given in "The Cologne Post" when ready.

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R.F.W.	100.—
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44 Casualty Clearing Station:—	
Matron and Sisters	600.—
Officers	350.—
V.A.D.s	75.—
Patients and Personnel	641.—
Total:	10585.—

Readers are reminded that a Memorial Service will be held at the British Military Cemetery in the Südfriedhof at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow, Sunday.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

The speech of the Chancellor of the Exchequer had a steadying effect on 'change yesterday. Investments were somewhat overshadowed by pending new extensive industrial capital issues. There was a fresh outburst of activity amongst speculatives, notably in oils, and diamonds, which fluctuated frequently but finished firm. Shippings were brisk under the lead of the Peninsular and Oriental, which rose to 670 on the announcement of a dividend of 12 % per annum, also the distribution of £200,000 of deferred stock to deferred stock holders, this constituting a substantial bonus. Rubbers hardened and lower priced shares increased in demand. Russians were depressed by the news from Russia. The high record price of silver, 66½d per ounce, was maintained, a figure at which it is no longer profitable to mint British coins. The continuance of the high price of silver depends entirely on China buying, which is the key to the whole situation.

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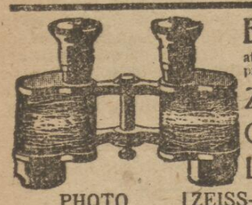
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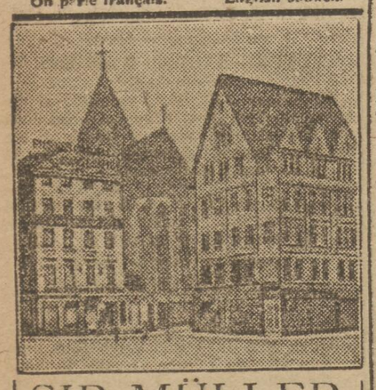

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Vocalists:—Mrs. SHORTEN, MISS JAMIESON, L/Cpl. HUGH WILLIAMS, L/Cpl. RUSHTON and others.

PROGRAMME for the WEEK.
Monday Nov. 3rd.—DANCE.
Tuesday Nov. 4th—THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE and CONCERT. "The Impertinence of the Creature" and "The Bath-room Door."
Wednesday Nov. 5th—DANCE.
Thursday Nov. 6th—WHIST DRIVE. CHESS TOURNAMENT. 6.30 p.m. DANCING CLASS followed by PRACTICE DANCE.
Friday Nov. 7th — CONTINUOUS CINEMA.
Saturday Nov. 8th—DANCE.

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Holy Communion: 8.00, 11.30, 19.00.
Parade Service. 10.30. Rev. J.D.S. Parry Evans, A.C.G. Rhine Army.
Afternoon Service 14.30 (at the Sudfriedhof Cemetery) Commemoration of the Fallen.
Evening Service. 18.00.
This Service will be offered as a Tribute to our glorious dead.
Preacher: Rev. J. Ferguson Colquhoun C. F.

THE CHURCH ARMY CHAPEL
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Sundays: Holy Communion, 8 a.m.

Church of England Services in Bonn

IN GARRISON CHURCH, BONN.
SUNDAYS: Holy Communion 7-30, 8-00, 11-45, and 18-45 hours.
Parade Service (Corps) at 10-00 hours.
Parade Service (Div.) at 11-00 hours.
Evening Service at 18-00 hours.
Organ Recital every Sunday from 17-45 to 18-00 hours.
WEEK-DAYS: Holy Communion Daily 7-45 hours.
exeepting on Thursday when it is at 10-30 hours.
Evening Prayers at 18.00 hours excepting on Thursday.

IN BEETHOVEN-HALL, BONN.
SUNDAYS: Evening Service at 18-30 hours followed by celebration of Holy Communion at 19.30 hours.

Special Requiem Mass.

ON SUNDAY MORNING (ALL SOULS' DAY) A REQUIEM MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT THE GARRISON CHURCH (MINORITEN STRASSE) At 10 a. m. for the repose of the Souls of British Soldiers who have fallen in the War; and at 9 a. m. on Monday morning in same Church, for all Allied Soldiers who have fallen.

Catholic Services in Cologne on Sundays.

COLOGNE, CATHEDRAL
Mass in Cathedral at 8 a.m. (north Transept) High Mass in Cathedral at 9-15 a.m.
Parade Mass in Minoritenkirche (Minoritenstr.), 2 minutes from Cathedral at 10 a.m.
Rosary and Benediction in Minoritenkirche at 7 p.m. Confessions in Cathedral on Saturdays from 5—7 p.m.
EHRENFELD. Church at the junction of Mechteren Strasse and Vogelsanger Strasse:—
Mass on Sundays 9 15 a.m. Confessions on Saturdays 5 p.m.
LINDENTHAL. Chapel of the Hospital in Josef Stelzmann Strasse—continuation of Giebel Strasse:—
Mass on Sundays 10.30 a.m. Confessions on Saturdays 5 p.m.

Scottish Churches and English Free Churches.

THE MILITARY CHURCH.
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Sunday, 2nd November
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Welsh Service 2—30 p.m. in Y.M.C.A. Central.

ARMY AMUSEMENTS

IMPORTANT NOTICE:
From Nov. 3rd the Deutsches Theatre performances will commence at 6 p.m nightly, excepting Wednesdays and Fridays, when they will begin at 8 p.m.

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IN THE LAND BEYOND.

To-day all ranks on the Rhine are paying homage to the memory of those who gave their lives for home and empire in the great war.

The floral emblems which will be laid reverently on the graves of the British soldiers who died while captives of war on an enemy soil and of many others whose lives became forfeit while doing their duty in the Army of Occupation, represent not alone our tribute of remembrance for those brave souls, but mark our sense of gratitude and admiration for every man who gave up his life in the terrible ordeal through which Britain has passed.

Nothing could be more gratifying than the way in which the idea of setting apart to-day as one of Remembrance for our Dead, first mooted in our columns, has been taken up by everyone in Rhineland. The response was immediate and generous, and if there was one section of the Rhine Army that supported it more whole-heartedly than another, it was our splendid women workers. Be it remembered that the timely and appropriate suggestion itself emanated from one of these.

The thoughts of remembrance which fill our minds to-day, express those that must be felt by thousands of our own compatriots. They signify intense and loving gratitude. "May they rest in Peace" is the prayer that will be fervently uttered by us all.

At eight o'clock this morning those who belong to the Established Church will be able to attend Holy Communion at the Garrison Church, when the departed will be remembered with Thanksgiving.

Then to-morrow, the Church of England will hold several special appropriate services which are announced elsewhere, and at the Roman Catholic Garrison Church—the Minoriten—at 10. a.m. there will be celebrated a Requiem Mass for the repose of the souls of British soldiers who have fallen in the war; followed on Monday morning by a Requiem Mass for all Allied soldiers who have fallen. In the afternoon of to-morrow there will be held by sanction of the Commander-in-Chief a Memorial Service at 2.30 p.m. in the Military Cemetery at Südfriedhof.

The solemn occasion will therefore be worthily observed, and we hope that all who can will unite in doing honour to our glorious dead now resting in the Land Beyond.

To quote a recently written poem:

"And there the noble slain
"Take great delight again
"And rest from all their wars:
"Fresh and unscathed they show
"In Him whose own wounds glow
"More glorious for their scars."

WHAT TO SEE IN RHINELAND.

THE APOSTLES' CHURCH, COLOGNE.

Few cities in Europe possess so many interesting churches as Cologne. There are at least six of real importance and many more decidedly worth a visit. Some time ago I wrote a short article on S. Gereon's Church which to my mind is the best of all—to-day I am writing a few lines on the Apostles' Church.

It stands at the north-west corner of the Neumarkt, and the exterior of the East end presents a very striking appearance due to the pleasing grouping of its towers and colonnades, with the dome rising behind.

The West end which faces Aposteln-kloster is singularly plain, but it is characteristic of all the churches in Cologne built about the same period, that their architects expended their utmost skill in adorning the East end leaving the West severely plain.

One usually enters the Church by the North door and one is struck at once by the beauty and richness of the interior.

But though rich, it is full of dignity and there is nothing gaudy about it. Everything strikes one as good.

In plan the Church is a basilica with aisles and transepts and is beautifully proportioned. The High Altar is very handsome and the reredos above the altar at the East side of the South transept contain some charming representations of Our Lord's childhood.

The glass is good, and in the pavement at the West end of the Nave are the signs of the zodiac: there is also a quaint representation in mosaic of the Blessed Virgin above the Holy Water stoup just inside the North Door.

The rich appearance of the church is largely due to the fact that the dome ceilings and upper part of the walls are entirely covered with mosaic work on a gold background and to see this properly it is wise to choose a sunny day for a visit—and yet, a visit in the late afternoon has a charm of its own. Then somehow the Church seems to grow in size.

It is dark save for a votive candle burning here and there before some side altar, the rays of which light up some tiny piece of the mosaic of walls or roof. Before the High Altar gleams the red lamp bearing silent witness to the age-long mystery faith, and one feels indeed that which

"Around us rolls the ceaseless tide
Of business, toil and care."

it is good to turn aside for a brief moment and be still in God's House of Prayer. *A.B.G.*

A GERMAN VISITORS' BOOK.

The long-threatened rain was beginning outside, and the children who were whipping tops in the Sunday quiet of the little paved square were thinking of going home. I sat at a corner of the big well-scrubbed table beneath the diamond-paned window, and felt most agreeably easy after a long walk. I had ordered lunch; I could hear frying going forward in the kitchen and could smell a familiar aroma, while I speculated what they would give me.

Reminiscences of Hazlitt's essay "On Going on a Journey" drifted through my mind, but unlike Hazlitt I was not "drinking whole goblets of tea, and letting the fumes ascend into the brain." Tea, though I have a Johnsonian appetite for it, has its places and seasons. Here the still, full, golden wine that stood in my glass was the appointed drink.

And while the Wirtin laid the cloth, I looked at the visitors' book. It went back to the dim days before the war. It was not unlike most of its kind, except that the entries were less restrained and formal, perhaps with reason, than in the book's English prototypes.

It is not possible to praise highly the average country inn in England. People driven there by hunger or by force of circumstances write commonly and coldly: "An excellent lunch—shall certainly come again," when they know that the lunch was villainous and they have no intention of returning.

Here, however, one had things worth praising, for one was in a home of the grape. The tone of the book was Anacreontic, even bibulous. Nenus danced in company with Bacchus. It was full of rather gross, but roughly humorous sketches, celebrating vinous joys. For man is primarily earthy, let the idealists say what they will.

Pre-war revels did not interest me. I looked through the entries of the war years to find how the German holiday maker, for there were holiday makers in Germany as in England, looked at the world. Psychologists will hardly be surprised to hear that the war was not unduly prominent.

It is true that some patriotic souls burst into occasional praise of Germania and the Rhine, but I found few records of hatred. One gathered that here, as in England, folk strove desperately to cling to the belief that life in a tumbling world was the same as it had always been.

"We have had enough to eat and more than enough to drink" was a little human confession from the end of 1917, followed by five signatures. One can realise the feelings of that party of five—they were not all men—who had managed to forget for the space of one meal that food cards and tickets had ever been, and who, through a golden haze of wine, saw the Fatherland's future secure.

A hot indignant patriot—had he struck a corked bottle of wine or had he been overcharged for his lunch—had written at the top corner of one page: "Schweigen ist Gold; Reden ist Silber; Lügen ist Britannia," which interpreted is: "Silence is gold, speech is silver, lying is Britannia." He had further relieved his feelings by scrawling obliquely across the page: "Gott strafe England," an inscription which some Britisher had struck through.

And as I went on, I discovered that some diligent American patriots had been before me. They were outspoken in a Western way. I chanced upon a reference to "our U-boat heroes," and a sketch of the Lusitania sinking. It was well that the sketcher had given his picture a name, for the great liner looked uncommonly like a tramp steamer. The forcible American comment pencilled in the margin was: "The man who drew this, was in plain American, the son of a bitch." The book held more than one such sketch, which an American had rubricated: "What lost the war for Germany."

One soldier's entry, from 1916, is worth noticing: "After the horrors of Verdun, I have found peace and rest here by the Rhine. To be an artist in life—I must strive for that. Here one can make studies in that direction."

And while I fell to wondering what kind of man had written this, and to picturing him as a student and artist sick at the waste and senselessness of war, the Mädchen arrived with lunch. There was soup, and a steak—no niggardly steak—smothered in onions, and a bunch of dusky grapes.

And while I ate, I promised myself that I would come here again. But I am not going to name the place. There are discoveries a man selfishly keeps to himself. I lingered over my wine and planned a holiday here when I was well out of it all.

And in the visitors' book I wrote two stanzas of the Rubaiyat and some lines of Horace. *LOOKER ON.*

TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT.

It was the morning after the night before, and we were all feeling in that subdued mood which generally succeeds a night watch on the wine. For six days, or rather six nights had we laboured in the vineyard so to speak, with the result that we were ready to sign umpteen pledges of alcoholic abstinence.

Spatty, who was young enough to recall certain texts of his more sober days, quoted feelingly:

"Look not upon the wine when it is red."

The counsel, however wise, did nothing to restore our throbbing heads to normality. It even irritated Switton into retorting a little irreverently:

"Wasn't red last night; t'was white. If we'd stuck to red we'd have been all right."

"All the same," put in Soaker, we shall have to cut out this six performances a week stunt. Can't manage to get four of you home every night after you've had a couple of glasses. Had quite enough of it last night with Spatty walking home zoologically and Switton lying musically about the harmless effects of "another little drink."

"Tell you what" suggested Lettum "suppose we form ourselves into a Club and agree only to have a night out when we're something definite to celebrate, such as, for example, a pal's demobilization. That'll hit the happy medium between the late Mr. Lushington and the recent Mr. Pussyfoot."

Thus was born the Niersteiner Club of which Gunner Soaker was elected President.

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Minutes of a meeting of the Niersteiner Club held on Saturday October 14th. at 18.30. the President in the Chair. Present:—Gunner Drayhard, Ptes. Spatty, Blackie, Switton and Lettum.

The health of the Club was drunk, a little shamefacedly, by the company.

The Chairman, after reminding the members of the purpose for which the Club was formed, explained that the object of the meeting was to consider the programme for the ensuing week. He was glad, he meant he was sorry, to announce that a large number of important events were pending which, he hoped, he meant feared, it would be the pleasure, he meant, of course, the duty, of the Club to celebrate in the usual manner (subdued cheers intermingled with mild groans greeted this announcement). He understood that Pte. Spatty had a motion to propose, and he would call upon him to move it at once.

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Pte. Spatty, rising with some difficulty, proposed:—

"That the Niersteiner Club learns with satisfaction that the Football Team, as a result of a happy coincidence of crime involving seven days C.B. for its forwards has, at length, won a match. It congratulates the forwards on so happy a result of their week's enforced temperance and issues them a cordial invitation to join the Club at wine on Monday the 16th inst. at 18.30 hours."

Seconded by Pte. Switton the motion was carried unanimously.

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The Chairman then reminded the Club that Gunner Drayhard was proceeding to the Dispersal Camp on Wednesday. In the course of a speech which brought moisture to the throats of the company, he pointed out the loss Gnr. Drayhard was sustaining at having to leave the Club almost at its inception. No one, he asserted, stood in greater need of the Club's moderating influence in respect of the consumption of wine than his old Battery pal now about to leave them, and the least they could do, to express their commiseration with Drayhard at having to leave them when he stood so greatly in need of their help, was to give him a "rouser" on Tuesday the 17th inst.

The Chairman's proposal finding general acceptance, the following resolutions were put from the Chair and carried in the same harmonious manner.

"Pte. Spatty having won the Football Sweep, resolved that so happy an event calls for early celebration by all Niersteiners, who are invited to be present in force on Wednesday the 18th inst.

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"Further, that Pte. Lettum having received payment from "The Cologne Post" for sundry contributions to that paper, he be invited to offer wine to the club as a small measure of compensation to the members for the pain to which they have one and all been subjected in their vain endeavours to make head or tale of the aforesaid contributions. Agreed that Thursday the 19th inst. be fixed for the gathering.

"Resolved that the Club meet on Friday the 20th inst. to pool its financial resources with a view to a toast to next pay day."

"Agreed that pay day be celebrated in the usual manner, at the usual time, at the usual place on Saturday 21st inst."

"We appear to have a busy week before us," concluded the Chairman.

Remembering the object of the Club's inauguration, we sighed in acquiescence.

E. J. TELLUM.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

THE ART OF THE HOARDINGS.

Sir,—The observant reader will no doubt have noticed the striking difference between the posters of Rhineland and those of our own country. In England the poster is recognised as one of the best methods of advertising and one of the most forcible suggestions to purchase that has ever been evolved.

The contention put forward by some people and even supported by some firms that a good article will sell itself does not alter the fact. An article that is not advertised may remain untried and unbought by the purchasing public for ever. Advertisement has been used, it is true, to push worthless goods.

But such advertising defeats itself in the long run. Only the best commodities which the makers can produce are worthy of good posters, and the English hoarding is fast becoming the shopping guide of the people.

But here in Germany this is yet to be realised. The hoardings of England are picture galleries compared with the amateurish pointless drawings which cover the walls and fences of Cologne. So far from detracting from the beauty of our towns artistic posters are a source of pleasure and interest to the passers-by.

However much we may cry our country down in other things, however much we may feel disposed to praise Germany's business methods, in poster-designing, at any rate, England holds the field.

F. H. B.

BOXING FILMS.

Sir—The letter signed "Anti-box" in Sunday's "Post" must have surprised your readers not a little.

It is difficult to understand the reason underlying such a letter. Is "Anti Box" a man or a woman? If a woman, one is tempted to remind her that the Y.M.C.A. is a men's association, and can be left to look after men's interests.

But if "A.B." should happen to be a man, I should certainly like to ask if he has had any actual experience of boxing. If not, he has no right to judge something of which he has no knowledge. He probably does not know that glorious feeling of guarding a good hard punch through his own speed or of winning a contest, although a little knocked about. Good Britishers do not mind a few hurts received in games, and spectators should also not object.

After all, no one is compelled to watch boxing or boxing-films, and if one has objections, it is better to keep away. If the men enjoy such things, they will attend them and perhaps will be encouraged to take up the game.

ATHLETE.

BOXING FILMS.

Sir, Please blame "Anti-Box" for the following:—

"Brothers dear, hark to my word,
To my idea it is absurd
That you to Kinemas should go,
To view an awful boxing show,
Why they a low upon the screen,
Such dreadful sights I cannot deem.
Good records of Y.M.C.A.,
Have now a stain as large as day,
If I could only have the power,
All boxers from this earth I'd scour.

Now "Anti-Box" you talk just rot,
Your narrow mind, progresses not,
To spheres whereby real men attain,
The gift that nature bids them gain,
A healthy body firm and strong,
Why do you think this game is wrong?
Should your poor nose a Jerry punch,
No doubt you'd take him back to lunch,
And if by chance this reason's true,
I'll come each day and lunch with you."

THE MAD POET.

PLAYS SOME PEOPLE WANT.

Sir,—Lieut. S. E. Percy must have been snowed under by the suggestions of his numerous correspondents, and I suspect repents of his bargain to consider them.

There seems to be only one play which has escaped the notice of his would-be adviser. I refer to "The Anarchist Terror," but as that gave me nightmare it will be as well to let it pass.

Why not leave matters with the B.R.A.D.C.? Up to a week ago I had no idea there were so many budding dramatists on the Rhine. *GINGER.*

A TIP RE PROFITEERING.

Sir,—On passing a large field, situated on the outskirts of a Rhineland town a few days ago, I was amazed to see between fifty or sixty people busily engaged in digging potatoes.

At first I thought it was the town allotment, and on making enquiries I was informed that the field belonged to the town.

This town had the potatoes planted and when these were fit for use, anyone requiring some were allowed to dig them up; then having weighed them on the ground, paid a very small sum for them and took them home.

I noticed that the majority of the people dug enough to last them until next season. I consider this is a scheme that would pay the British towns to make note of, and a fine way to dodge the profiteer. What do other readers of the "C. P." think? *MURPHY.*

REST ON.

(In the Köln Sudfriedhof there are a number of Graves of English Soldiers who died whilst in captivity here.)

Rest on: Ye that by thought and deed,
Have once again fulfilled the Christian Creed,
And followed in the steps of Him who died,
With Crown of Thorns, with pierced hands and side,
Upon the Cross.

Rest on: Ye who had seen the need,
Of Britain, stricken sore; and without heed,
Of self or sorrow, or of sacrifice;
But willingly gave all and paid the price,
Beneath the Cross.

Rest on: Ye sons of Britain, sleep.
We who are left 'nor mourn 'nor weep,
But proudly tell to all as we pass by,
"Here rests a man who did not fear to die,
Beneath the Cross".

REX.

HOLDING AN ADVANTAGE

BY W. McCRACKEN.

(THE FAMOUS NEWCASTLE UNITED AND IRISH INTERNATIONAL FULL-BACK).

Some Reflections On The One-Back Game.

It may be said that when a team goes on to the field it has two chief objects in view. The first is to gain an advantage over its opponents, and the second is to retain the advantage when gained. As both teams enter the field with these objects in view, however, it follows that the attainment of them may prove rather difficult.

Personally, and as captain of a side, I am a great believer in the value of "getting a blow in fust." If your side scores the first goal, then the other chaps have to score two to win the match, and if you will look at the number of games which are won by the side which does score the first goal, then I think you will get a fairly accurate idea of the value of an early point. I have not watched particularly, but if from this moment you will be good enough to take a note, I reckon you will find that in the results on a Saturday, not one team out of four which is in possession of a lead at half-time loses at the end.

Consequently, ever since I have been connected with Newcastle United we have gone all out on the principle of gaining an advantage. To do that means full steam ahead right from the kick-off, and even if the players spend themselves in that great supreme opening effort, I still think it is worth while.

RETAINING AN ALVANTAGE.

But the title of our article assumes that a side has gained an advantage. Then comes the question of how to hold on to it. Different captains have different ideas of how this should be done. Having got a goal or two up, some teams adopt the principle of concentrating on defence, and with this end in view will bring a forward or two a bit further back, and instruct the half-backs not to go too far up the field. Personally, however, I don't think such tactics pay as a general rule. I am a great believer in the old adage that attack is the very best defence, because so long as you keep your opponents busy on the defence, then they have precious little time to develop attacks of their own.

I recall a cup-tie in which the Newcastle team figured a few years back which demonstrated the folly of concentrating on defence in order to hold an advantage. Our opponents that day started out with great dash, and their forwards being in tip-top form, they carried the Newcastle defence by storm, so that at half-time they had got a couple of goals lead. During the interval, these opponents of ours evidently had a quiet talk among themselves as to how they could hold the advantage gained, and they decided that it would be wiser to hang on to the lead obtained rather than to attempt to increase that lead. Anyway, if that wasn't the actual decision at which they arrived, the effect was on those lines.

When the game restarted, the inside forwards, who should be part of the attack, became additional half-backs, and at least one man who should have been a half-back fell into the rear among the full-backs. When we saw what the game was, we crowded all our strength into attacking ourselves, and before the end of the game we had not only wiped off the two goals lead, but had actually scored three times ourselves, and in our goal-scoring efforts we received quite valuable assistance from the fact that our opponents' temporary defenders rather got in the way of the real defenders. It was a case of "too many cooks."

CHANCES THROWN AWAY.

I am convinced that if our opponents of that day had continued to concentrate on attack, as they had done in the first half, they would have given us a sound whacking, but in their anxiety to hold what they had gained, they threw their chances of success clean away.

There is one way of holding an advantage, which, I am pleased to say, is not resorted to so frequently in these days as it used to be. I refer to the expedient of kicking the ball over the stand in order to waste time—a ruse which used to be adopted quite a lot by hard-pressed full-backs. The rule which ordered referees to knock off time in the case of wild kicking out of play, has rather reduced the effectiveness of this method, however, for which I think the football spectator must be quite pleased. It must have been rather annoying from the onlookers' point of view to see a team try to hold an advantage by kicking the ball over the grand stand time after time with the sheer object of wasting time.

I must be quite plain, however, on this matter of kicking the ball out of play. As I say, I am not in favour of sending the ball over the stand, or into the next field, but at the same time a gentle kick into touch always seems to me quite a legitimate way of stopping your opponents. To keep the ball in play should always be one of the objects of the defenders, but unless your side is in such a strong position that it can afford to run risks with the advantage gained, a full-back is never justified in endangering his goal in an effort to keep the ball in play.

A SIGN OF STRENGTH.

Even so, however, there is very often quite an effective alternative to kicking the ball out of play, and that is for the full-back to pass to his goalkeeper when hard pressed. For some reason or other passing back to the goalkeeper is defensive play which sometimes seems to strike the man in the crowd as a confession of weakness. Why it should be so I don't know. To me it seems a sign of strength—it shows understanding between the goalkeeper and his backs which there should always be.

The real time of trial comes for the captain of a football team when he is faced with the problem of holding an advantage after one of his players has been compelled to leave the field owing to an injury. What the captain does then must be largely dictated by particular circumstances of each occasion. I have known such occasions when we have tried the one-back game with disastrous results, because the opposing forwards have quickly tumbled to it and got the better of it. On the other hand, one-back tactics when left with only ten men, have often proved very successful, for the adoption of this ruse has succeeded in throwing our opponents' forwards off their game almost entirely. Speaking generally, however, I think if your team is ahead when a player has to go off "safety first" is a good wheeze, and safety first in such a case usually arises by keeping the defence strong, even at the expense of the attack.

BILLY McCRACKEN.

A few Words about the Magpies Brilliant Defender.

Billy McCracken, who contributes a splendid article to-day, was easily the craftiest back on the field in last week's international. "Mac" as Newcastle folk know him is the idol of the St. James's crowd. Clever, brainy, untiring and a "general" above all, he has time and again, in sporting parlance, "pulled the game out of the fire." He took over the captaincy of Newcastle from Colin Veitch, and his stentorian voice can be ever heard in matches giving advice to his team, or a word of praise where it is due. Albeit he is often in the picture when playing his offside game, and although to some annoying, yet it is often amusing to hear his, "How's that!" or "Offside, that man."

Mention of offside tactics leads me to state McCracken would be the last man to call it the "One back game." The secret of its success lies in this, that every member of the defence is as isting in its adoption and the understanding between the Newcastle halves and rear division is so near perfection that the whistle invariably stops some promising attack.

A great player and a sportsman he can give and take hard knocks with the best, and a good deal of his popularity is due to his smiling face and good humoured remarks during a game.

He is always a worker and I remember him some years ago against Chelsea in a replayed Cup-tie (when Newcastle though beaten, were all over the Pensioners) right up in the forward line doing his best to score. This was where his forwards failed and the genial Irishman came very near to saving the game.

His advice against his own tactics is "Let the forwards think." *W. Le. C.*

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE.

The date of the forthcoming Oxford and Cambridge Association football match at Queen's Club has been changed, and instead of being played on Monday, Dec. 8, it will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 10, and will therefore follow the inter-'Varsity Rugby fixture.

BILLIARDS.

Closing Scores.—Newman (in play), 13,500; Stevenson 12,427.

Reece (in play) 13,333; Falkiner 11,7[illegible]; W. Pearce (Catford Southend).

LAWN TENNIS.

Davis Cup Team sail for Australia.

After a strenuous season, the British Davis Cup Lawn Tennis Team, which comprises Lt. Col. Kingscote, Major Lowe and Capt. Beamish, sailed for Melbourne yesterday morning. The telegram which announces this fact adds that all three players were fit and well.

TO-DAY'S SOCCER FIXTURES.

League I.

Aston V. v. Middlesbrough; Blackburn v. Everton; Bolton v. Sunderland; Bradford C. v. Arsenal; Chelsea v. Bradford; Liverpool v. Burnley; Manchester U. v. Sheffield U.; Newcastle U. v. P.N.E.; Notts C. v. W. Bromwich; Oldham v. Derby; Sheffield W. v. Manchester C.

League II.

Blackpool v. Leicester; Bristol C. v. Coventry; Clapton v. Lincoln C.; Huddersfield v. Fulham; Hull C. v. Grimsby T.; Rotherham C. v. Stoke; S. Shields v. Bury; Stockport v. Barnsley; Tottenham v. Port Vale; W. Ham v. Birmingham; Wolves v. Notts F.

Southern League.

Brentford v. Plymouth; Brighton v. Exeter; C. Palace v. Southampton; Millwall v. Cardiff; Newport v. Swansea; Northampton v. Luton; Norwich v. Bristol R; Portsmouth v. Gillingham; Southend v. Reading; Swindon v. Q.P.R.; Watford v. Merthyr.

Scottish League.

Aberdeen v. Airdrie; Albion R. v. Ayr; Clyde v. Dumbarton; Clydebank v. Dundee; Hamilton v. Falkirk; Hearts v. Motherwell; Kilmarnock v. S. Mirren; Morton v. Celtic; Queen's Park v. Hibs; Raith R. v. Partick; Rangers v. 3rd Lanark.

The results of the above matches will appear in our issue of Monday.

PARIS v. LONDON.

This week-end will witness the renewal of the acquaintance on the field of teams representing the London League and the Paris League.

As the professional clubs are not now taking part in the London League, the team that will go out will not be equal to the pre-war sides who represented the League. The following twelve have been selected to make the journey: G.H.R. Hebden (Barking Town), G. H. Curtis (L.G.O.C.), E. Pendergast (Ordnance), G. B. Harris (Barking Town), F. W. Carpenter (Custom House), A. J. Kingsley (Charlton Athletic), W. S. Clarke (Ordnance), J. H. Richards (Ordnance), J. F. Leslie (Barking Town), J. D. Barnfather (Grays Athletic), E. Hermitage (Grays Athletic), and [illegible].

NUMBER THIRTEEN.

How a Friend Shared in First Lille Sweep Prize.

LUCKY LONDON PRIVATE.

Pte. H. Meadows, of Manor-road, Stoke Newington, who drew Brigand in the Lille Cambridgeshire Sweepstake, instead of winning nearly £12,100, the value of the first prize, has to be content with only half this amount.

This is because—believing, probably, in the old axiom about the bird in the hand—he sold half his "draw" to a friend.

The number of the ticket he bought was 03070, and he showed it to his friend who, totalling the two numerals, discovered they made thirteen. The number was his lucky one, so he immediately offered Meadows five shillings for half the ticket. The price was accepted and the deal completed.

Pte. Meadows saw possibilities as a result of the transaction, and did his level best to dispose of some more shares. Fortunately for him, he was unsuccessful, for, had he found purchasers, instead of a profit of a few shillings which he would thus have made, he now finds himself the richer to the very comfortable extent of £5,589.

ANOTHER SWEEPSTAKE.

It has been decided to transfer the whole of the monies (£23,000), received too late to be included in the above event, to a new sweepstake on the Manchester November Handicap, run on Nov. 22, for which 100,000 tickets at 10s. will be issued. Subscribers who do not agree to their subscriptions being transferred will have their money refunded in full. The first prize will be 30 per cent. (£12,000), second 15 per cent. (£6,000), and the third 7½ per cent. (£3,000), while 35 per cent. will be divided between the 63 entries. Application for tickets (10s.), in books of thirty, must be made at once to Major Denison, 33, Rue de Loos, Lille, France. The latest date for receiving subscriptions will be Nov. 16, the draw taking place at the Bellevue Hotel, Lille, on Nov. 17.

ENGLISH RACING.

NEWMARKET.

Results of Thursday's races at Newmarket and Worcester are appended:

Jockey Club cup:—Gay Lord (9—4 on) beat Queens Square, two ran.

Selling plate:—1, Lucky (2—1); 2, Petrusin (6—5); 3, White Prince (3—1). Three ran.

Richmond Nursery:—Luckentio (6—4); 2, King Harry (10—1); 3, Adorna, (7—1). Ten ran.

Ditch mile handicap:—1, Tom Powrie (7—4); 2, Sallycrag (4—1); 3, Jack Role (7—2); Eight ran.

Dewhurst plate:—1, Prince Galahad (4—1); 2, Orpheus (6—5 on); 3, Southern (8—1). Seven ran.

Two year old plate:—1, Quartz (8—1); 2, Sudden Fancy (1—1); 3, L'Espion (3—1)

Apprentice plate:—1, Freesia (13—8 on); 2, Will of the Wisp (100—8); 3, Exford (3—1). Six ran.

WORCESTER.

Riverside nursery:—1, Happy Girl (9—1); 2, Light Blue (10—1); 3, Grave Mac (9—1). Twelve ran.

Visitors plate:—1, Another Saint (5—1); 2, Night Flip (4—1); 3, Condottiere (3—1). Six ran.

Witley handicap:—1, Holystone (5—1); 2, Double Dew (3—1); 3, St. Gingoulph (9—2). Fourteen ran.

Worcester handicap:—1, Dumfries (6—1); 2, Muscovite (6—1); 3, Patricks Day (5—1). Twelve ran.

Dudley plate:—Gwenevere (21—20 on); beat Devils Dyke. Two ran.

Coventry plate:—1, Sunflower (evens); 2, Wood Ant (6—1); 3, Fornaway (5—1). Five ran.

SURPRISING BRIGAND.

Brigand, the winner of the Cambridgeshire, is a five-year-old, with 6st. 10lb., the weight of a bad horse, Diadem, who ran the race of her life, is the same age, and put up 8st. 12lb.—30lb. more than that carried by the winner. Hitherto Brigand has been known as a sprinter, and a sprinter only. He had never before won over a longer distance than six furlongs.

At the last meeting at Derby Brigand ran second in the race won by Violoncello. This is the easiest mile in England, and Brigand was then beaten because he failed to stay. On Wednesday he stayed better than anything in the race over a severe nine furlongs, with an uphill finish.

It was an amazing performance. He passed the winning post six lengths in front of Diadem, and a huge crowd looked on in a frozen silence. It was a stunning blow.

THE OWNER OF BRIGAND.

Mr. J. A. de Rothschild, the owner of the Cambridgeshire winner, Brigand, has won several good races, mostly with horses at an outside price. Perhaps his greatest triumph was that with Bomba in the Ascot Gold Cup of 1909. Another useful animal owned by Mr. Rothschild was Beppo, who won the Manchester Cup of 1907.

KING OF SPAIN.

At a meeting of the Jockey Club at Newmarket on Thursday, the King of Spain was elected an honorary member by acclamation.

McGOORTY-TOWNLEY MATCH OFF.

Eddie McGoorty did not, after all, meet Arthur Townley at the Holborn Stadium last night. His excuse is that he injured his hand. McGoorty is still in Paris.

Mr. B. B. Cochran secured Balzac, the French boxer, who beat McGoorty on a foul in Paris recently, as substitute.

Rugby Results.

United Hospitals "Rest", 8; London and Barts., 4.

Soccer.

Cambridge, 7; Casuals, 1;
Oxford, 1; Swindon, 3.

CHUMS

read "The Cologne Post". Send it daily to yours.

WINTER CRICKET.

Australians and Transvaal Draw at Johannesburg.

BIG SCORING.

A Johannesburg telegram states that rain interfered with the match between the Australian Imperial Forces Cricket team and the Transvaal eleven on Wednesday. The match ended in a draw.

The Australians batted first and were all out for 392, the chief scorers being Collins (51), Gregory (50) and Lampard 68 not out.

In reply, Transvaal totalled 245, Zulch contributing 60 and Frank, a new comer to representative cricket, 108.

Going in a second time, the Australians declared at 222 for four, Hennery scoring 74 and Gregory 86. The home side put up 44 for two when stumps were drawn

4 MILES PAPER CHASE.

Aldershot Command A.A. Open Winter Season.

An invitation run which took the form of a four-miles paper chase from Queen's Avenue via Wharf Bridge, Watts Common, Felmoor Bridge, Laffan's Plain to the back of Government House marked the opening of the Aldershot Command Athletic Association's winter season this week. At Government house the entrants were lined up for a mile race home, there being three sections, viz.,—fast pack, novices, and veterans.

For the winners there was a good field of over 150, the East Lancashire Regt. and Highland Light Infantry each sending something like fifty men, the rest emanating from the 2nd Manchester, 1st Manchester, R.A.O.C., R.H.A., R. Fusiliers, Cameron Highlanders, and R.F.A.

Major W. D. Whiter laid the trail, assisted by C.S.M. I. Usher and another member of the P.T. Staff, and the major also acted as starter of the run in. Major C. Newington sent the packs away, and General Sir Archibald Murray acted as referee, and presented the medals to the winners at the finish.

Results.

The order of finish was as follows:—

First Pack.

1, Lt. G. L. Morgan, 1st Manchesters.
2, C.S.M. Evans, Highland L.I.
3, Lt. Witham, 13th Hussars.
4, Cpl. Walpole, R.A.O.C.
5, Pte. Gaywood, E. Lancs.
6, Pte. Boag, Cameron H.

Novices.

1, Pte. Rimmer, 2nd Manchesters.
2, L/Cpl. Kelly, 2nd Manchesters.
3, C.S.M.I. Caplin, East Lancs.
4, Pte. Wilkinson, East Lancs.
5, Pte Lewis, 2nd Manchesters.
6, Lt. Lloyd Carson, East Lancs.
7, L/Cpl. Hales, Military Police.
8, Pte. Watts, East Lancs.
9, Cpl. Appleton, Military Police.

MEDICALS AT FOOTBALL.

36 C.C.S. defeat 44 C.C.S. by Five goals.

These teams met at Stadtwald on Thursday, 44th C.C.S. being deservedly beaten by five clear goals. The winners did practically all the attacking in the first half during which Turner, Raby, Nicholson and Lewis scored goals.

In the second half, the 36th again set the pace, and Bates shot the finest goal of the match. The home team continued to have the better of the game, but the shooting of the forwards was wretched, several opportunities of increasing the lead, being badly missed. Sgt. Harrington, the losers' custodian, played a capital game, and undoubtedly saved his side from a severe defeat. He was ably assisted by his full backs, but the halves and forwards were rather poor and lacked finish. The 36th defence always had the measure of their opponents and was difficult to elude. The forwards were still on the weak side, their chief faults being ill-considered shooting and haphazard passing. Result:— 36 C.C.S. 5; 44 C.C.S. 0.

FOOTBALL QUERIES.

Recently a correspondent "Whiffey" asked the following questions:—

1 Did Hudspeth of Newcastle United play in war time football for a London Combination Club?

2. How many matches did Leyton play in the Southern League?

The answer to the first is that Hudspeth played for the Crystal Palace team during the war.

With reference to the second, Leyton were first in Division 2 of the Southern League in the season 1905—6. They were promoted in the following season and resigned in 1913.

TWO MISSED PENALTIES.

"C" Coy., 52nd K.L.R. v. "The Drums", at Bonn.

Both teams opened well, but the "Drums" were slack in front of goal. After fifteen minutes' play, Sergt. Davidson gave "C" Coy. the lead. The "Drums" then tried hard to draw level, but were unsuccessful. When the game was about half-an-hour old, "C" Coy. were awarded a penalty, but Hampson put the ball into the keeper's hands. At half-time, "C" Coy. were leading by 1—0.

After the interval, "C" Coy. endeavoured hard to add to their score and, in ten minutes, another penalty awarded to them was missed by Spence, whose shot went wide. A continuous bombardment of the "Drums" goal followed, and Moss was eventually successful in adding to the score. Result:—"C" Coy., 2; "Drums" 0

"A" COY. v. "D" 52nd K.L.R.

This football match was also played at Bonn when "A" Company made a promising start by scoring in the first minute. "D" Coy. then forced the pace, and after some exciting mid-field play Lce. Cpl. Macey equalised.

After the interval, the pace slackened somewhat, but the defences of both sides had opportunities to shine. Result:—"A" Coy., 1; "D" Coy., 1.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

NEXT WEEK'S ATTRACTIONS.

The Deutsches Theatre.

After a well-earned week's rest, the Rhine Army Dramatic Company will resume activities at the Deutsches Theatre on Monday. John Galsworthy will once more be represented, the play selected this time being "The Silver Box." The caste is a large one and the artistes who are billed to take part will include all the old favourites. Past experiences of the packed houses that are always the rule when the B.R.A.D.C. are performing render a reminder to book seats early almost unnecessary.

The Palace.

Mr. Alfred Hurley, who has been in France for the past few days, is due back in Cologne this week-end. He will bring with him another party of entertainers, which, if reports are reliable, should be as successful as Mr. Hurley's other band, "The Jesters," which won wide popularity in Rhineland. The new party to arrive, called "The Eccentrics," is due at the Palace for a week commencing Monday.

The Cinema.

Good business is reported from the three army cinemas. The programmes are always carefully selected and well screened. Perfume sprays employed occasionally during the performances refresh the atmosphere wonderfully.

British Empire Leave Club.

To-morrow (Sunday) the Rev. C. E. Wheeler will talk in the writing room from 5—6, and at 6.30 there will be a sing-song in the music room, at which, Mrs. Shorter and Miss Jamieson will sing duets, Capt. Ramsay, L/Cpl. Hugh Williams, L/Cpl. Rushton and others will sing and play. The Cinema will be continuous throughout the afternoon and evening. An impromptu concert will be held on Monday, from 5—6, followed by a practice dance in the theatre at 6.30. A German class will be held at the same time in the quiet room.

Leave Club Whist Drive.

The ladies generally seem to gain the top scores at the weekly whist drive at the B.E.L.C., but this certainly was not the case on Thursday, when Pte. W. C. Keeble won the first ladies' prize with 154. Cpl. P. Davis was second with 147, and Pte. H. B. Kay and Pte. Wrightson were third with 146 each. The gentleman's prize was won by Pte. A.W. Wilson with a score of 148. Cpl. Jackson equalled his score (but lost the cut). He gained second prize, and Pte. C. Partridge carried off the third with 145. Lt. Rouch and L/Cpl. Foote organised the evening.

Chess Club.

The opening match "Married v. Single" of the weekly chess tournaments at the B. E. L. C. proved a great success on Thursday. The result was a victory for the married men by 5½ to 2½. Now that the nucleus of a club has been formed, a series of tournaments will be arranged every Thursday evening at 6.30 p.m. Sgt. Maj. Graham, is the organising Secretary.

The Army Choral Societies.

Members, and intending members, of the male and mixed voices Choral Societies are notified that as from to-day, rehearsals of the Male Voice Society will commence at 5.45 p.m. instead of 7.45 p.m., and those of the mixed voices at 7 p.m. instead of 7.45 p.m. For the information of those who may wish to join either or both of these Societies, membership of both Societies is open to all Officers, N.C.O.'s and men stationed in Cologne, who are interested in unaccompanied choral music, and that of the Mixed Voices Societies to all wives of Officers and other ranks, and all other English ladies in Cologne. All rehearsals are held in the lecture room on the 1st floor of the Church Army Soldiers' Club in Antoniter Strasse, and take place as follows:—Male Voice, Mondays and Fridays at 5.45 p.m. Mixed Voices, Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Sat.	Orpheus and Eurydice	Gluck	7	9.15
Sun.	Die Walküre	Wagner	5.30	10.30
Mon.	Madame Butterfly	Puccini	7	9.45
Tues.	Tosca	Puccini	7	10
Wed.	Cosi van tutte	Mozart	7	10
Thurs.	Tannhäuser	Wagner	6.30	9.30
Fri.	Hoffmann's Erzählungen	Offenbach	7	10
Sat.	Mignon	Thomas	7	10.15
Sun.	Lohengrin	Wagner	5.30	10
Mon.	Cav. Rusticana / Der Bajazzo	Mascagni / Leoncavallo	7	10
Tues.	Die Entführung aus dem Serail	Mozart	7	10

Farewell Dinner.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the Lancashire Divisional Headquarters clerks' mess, Bonn, on Wednesday, taking the form of a farewell dinner to celebrate the approaching disbandment of the Division. Many of the members of the mess are to be demobilized shortly and it is expected that in the course of a few weeks all members will be scattered to the corners of the earth. As was to be expected a very merry evening was the result. The dinner was highly successful, chiefly owing to the energetic efforts of the Mess President, Harry Atkinson, 15th Lancashire Fusiliers. An impromptu dance and concert terminated the proceedings.

Lieut. Humphrey Hope.

This sketch will be recognised by my readers as Lieut. Hope in "You never can tell," which the British Rhine Army Dramatic Company produced recently at the Deutsches Theatre, Cologne. He joined the Company upon its formation and by the sterling quality of his acting he has established himself a firm favourite with Deutsches audiences. To him is attributed the origin of the following joke, which is now going the rounds:—

1st Soldier: I hear candles are to be cheaper in England.

2nd Soldier: How is that?

1st Soldier: Because they are sending all the Waacs from France!

Mr. Hope had considerable experience in amateur acting in England in pre-war days, and doubtless on returning thence will speedily enhance his histrionic reputation. Should he care to aspire to the professional ranks a highly successful future is assured him.

VI Corps Club Concerts.

The afternoon concerts recently inaugurated by the management of the VI Corps Club, Cologne, are invariably well patronised and the fare submitted is always agreeable. Yesterday afternoon, the huge tea room was filled to its utmost when the well-known baritone Carl Rost sang several enjoyable numbers. The orchestra, conducted by Herr Blum, played delightfully.

JACQUES.

ANOTHER FOOTBALL COUPON.

Seventh Weekly Contest Opens To-day: Try Your Skill.

We publish to-day the coupon for our seventh football contest and as several matches have been selected from each of the four leading Leagues, a chance is presented to competitors to utilise and profit by their local knowledge of a team's doings. This in addition to the items of interest which we publish daily ought to help competitors.

Aston Villa figure on our coupon and this match is far from the certainty it looks. Newcastle should win at Middlesboro, but anything may happen there, while Burnley and Manchester will afford Cup followers a hard nut to crack.

Luck plays a big part in football and one of our winners confessed he had never seen a big match in his life. He won because he tried. Have you entered yet; you may be the lucky one this week. Why not?

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St. Mirren	v. Hearts
Partick T.	v. Rangers

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ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

For Our Dead.

To-day is a memorable one in Rhineland, for are we not doing honour to-day to our glorious dead who rest in the Sudfriedhof at Cologne. The graves will be gorgeous with wreathes provided by the generosity of our readers.

Bang up to Date.

A friend who has been borrowing books from the Y.M.C.A. lending library tells me he was greatly impressed by the up to date selection he was able to choose from.

A Sad Outlook.

I met a young flying officer garbed in pale blue and gold who hadn't a good word to say for the new dark blue Air Force uniform with black bands. "In that outfit I quite expect to lose my best girl," he said sadly. "It was through the gold that I got engaged to her."

Zoo Dinners.

Although the weather is too inclement now for outdoor dining at the Zoo I know several friends who often have lunch or dinner in the restaurant. It possesses an excellent chef and prices are fairly reasonable I'm told.

Worthy of Record.

I said something about tramcar accidents the other day. Yesterday I saw a German postman pull a Tommy out of the way of a car just in the nick of time. A moment later and he would have been knocked down.

Built by our Boys.

Walking near Eil the other afternoon I came across a big shed constructed of steel and asbestos, which I was told sheltered a German observation balloon during the war and was entirely built by British prisoners.

A Lady Chapel.

In that secluded little square, the Maria Ablass Platz, stands a quaint old chapel dedicated to the Virgin. Seeing lights inside I entered last evening and found a number of devotees kneeling in prayer—an impressive sight.

Who Pays?

A friend of mine received from England in payment of a debt of 650 marks, six £1 notes. Cashing them at the new commercial rate he received 750 marks. With the extra 100 marks he bought himself some necessaries and is worrying me with the question "Who paid for the articles?" I give it up.

Sharing the Honour.

The wife travelling overseas whose luggage was seen to be labelled. "Mrs. Blank, V.C." is doubtless very proud of her gallant husband, but seems to have been somewhat carried off her mental balance.

Mystifying.

To the average individual who has seen service the references to Army life which fall from the lips of our soldier comedians require no explanation and rarely fail to provoke a laugh. But to the wife, unless she has made a study of Army parlance, much of this side-play is mystifying. Hence the appeal to a husband which I overheard at a concert show last evening. He, poor man, missed much of the show endeavouring to interpret the meanings.

Musical Comedy.

Some of us miss musical comedy in Rhineland. Many do not seem to know that there are two or three theatres in Cologne presenting this kind of fare, but of course in German.

Few Fires.

Have you noticed since you have been in Cologne how few premises seem to catch on fire as compared with places of similar size elsewhere? I wonder what the reason is.

Ramshackle.

The Cologne mail carts are anything but picturesque, showing signs of much service, and suffering severely from the scarcity of paint. The other day I saw one of them fully loaded being dragged along on three wheels, the fourth having collapsed.

Cologne Houses.

Many of the more sumptuous houses in Cologne, by reason of their size and the sculpture and adornment generally on their frontages, would almost pass for public buildings. In the Volksgarten Strasse and adjacent thoroughfares I love to linger of an afternoon, there being much of an architectural interest to attract, if not to please, the eye.

Artistic Hairdressing.

Most young German women, and many middle-aged ones as well, do their hair up very nicely, at least that is the opinion of a mere male observer. Female hairdressers call at their clients' abodes at regular intervals; hence the artistic appearance of the hair.

Need For Real Girls.

With so many women on the Rhine is there no talent to take the place of many of the man-girls we see? I saw one recently who had used the major portion of the contents of a powder box endeavouring to conceal a black beard, while his voice was more like a sergeant-major's than a fair damsel's.

Protectiing Covers.

Some, I see, affect a celluloid cover for their ribbons — no doubt, for the purpose of retaining their brightness. Opinions vary, of course, but I am inclined to regard this practice as somewhat unsoldierlike.

Tally Ho!

Monday is the day of Hubertus, the German patron saint of hunting. All hunting folk on this day take to the field and hold high festival in his honour. Hunters will be seen everywhere in the early morning following the hounds. Horrem is a favourite hunting centre in Cologne.

The Dom Guide.

The ancient guide who escorts sightseers to the giddy heights of the Dom must indeed think himself handsomely recompensed as far as the British troops are concerned. Nearly every soldier hands him a generous "tip" when the tour is ended. This guide is an excellent linguist and describes each object of note in both German and English, and, when necessary, in French also.

A New Fashion.

We are all familiar with the direction arrows which are to be met with at every turn. We recall the glut of direction boards throughout France and Flanders. Have these provided inspiration for the newest type of hatpins? The arrow point is screwed on after the pin has been passed through the hat.

On the Films.

"Why does the word "Community" appear on every film now shown at the Army Cinemas?" I was asked recently. For the enlightenment of those who may be similarly curious, I may say that this trade mark is of the renters and distributors who supply us with the films. The "Community" people are, in no way, producers.

RHINELANDER.

RECONSTRUCTION.

"A century ago the mass of the people of Great Britain were dependent upon the demands or whims of the capitalist, to a degree almost incredible in these days, for their means of life and their manner of living."

This present century has seen a change in all the economic conditions of the people of our land. This change has been one for the betterment of the majority of our citizens, and to-day is the great Democratic Age, when education has opened the eyes of men to the fact of life and all it can mean to the individual.

Social problems have been discussed and a change advocated in numerous ways, in order that the great scheme of emancipation may go on until all men can use the word free in its fullest sense.

In all departments of civil life the word reorganise has loomed large over the horizon of men and things, and new policies have been adopted for the welding together of national industries and private ventures. Men have called for a revolution in our Educational system, reorganization of Manufacturing Production, as well as our policy of Foreign Trade.

Every plan for highering the standard of comfort and the growth of freedom has been met with a ready response from all classes of men, from the financier to the humblest workman in the land, thus bringing about a bloodless revolution for the advancement of civilization.

Reconstruction is then the greatest problem of modern times, and the fruit of this striving for better things can be seen in the condition under which the majority is now living or will live as soon as the financial crisis is past, a crisis brought about by the world, war of the last five years.

In the religious life of our country one longs to see the same spirit of reconstruction allowed to have its sway. One longs to see the community as a whole, grasp the fact of the importance of a religious policy, one that will insure mankind against the disaster of drifting into the clutches of the powers of evil.

How can one speak of emancipation as long as a man is held by those powers which are seeking to enslave him in a servitude far more galling than those conditions under which our ancestors groaned for hundreds of years, a servitude which can bind a man body and soul until that one is not able to move a finger to ward off the fate which will be his sooner or later, unless that spirit of freedom is brought into the life of all?

In this Democratic Age surely one would be led to a religious policy which gave the same to all regardless of wealth of position.

Among the problems of Reconstruction the greatest is that one which not only frees a man for time but through eternity, a policy which advocates the freedom of all and gives to all an equal opportunity for advancement in this life.

Let us then reconstruct our ideas of Christianity and fully understand the ideals of its Founder, who never meant that religion to be one as was often represented in the past, but a gospel of Peace to all men, glad tidings sent forth to a world, the laws of freedom taught by the Greatest Democrat of all times, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

C. E. R. WHEELER, C.F.

Goodbye Gatherings.

Tommy has his "goodbye" meetings as well as others more fortunately situated. In a certain restaurant the other evening I saw five such farewell gatherings of chums. All were making the most of their last night together.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

An Admrality "Extra."—Lord Jellicoe's empire tour will cost £89,225.

An Autumn Fashion.—Squirrel collars are a vogue at present.

Economy Cut.—Civilian out-of-work doles will end on Nov. 21.

Paris Weaknesses.—Breadth of figure is now deemed the height of fashion.

The Toll.—In all seven, and a half million men fell in the Great War.

The King's Guest.—The Shah of Persia arrived in London yesterday.

Coming Home.—British troops are leaving Syria.

They Must Pay.—There are to be no free railway passes for M. P.s.

Lead To Yanks.—Poland has ratified the peace treaty.

Tasty.—There is a glut of soles at Ramsgate.

Popular.—Willesden has seven street markets.

More Fish.—Swansea trawling dispute has ended after ten weeks.

Happy Kids.—Holiday play centres are to be organised by the L.C.C.

Companionship.—A Bristol widower aged 83 has married a widow of 78.

The Example.—Whitehall cenotaph is to be reproduced in various parts of Blighty.

The Limit.—Two thousand Glamorgan miners are idle because one man refuses to join the federation.

Thrifty.—Soldiers at Aldershot are depositing their increased pay in savings banks.

Now We Know.—Irish fishermen threw over £3.000 worth of mackerel into the sea rather than sell it at 8s a hundred.

Moving On.—Board of Trade move to new offices in Great George Street within the next few days.

Unscrupulous.—Arrests have been made by French in connection with traffic of gold with Germans.

Poor Outlook.—The Paris coal supply for the last three months shows a shortage of 300,000 tons.

Out Again.—De Veuille, who figured in the Billie Carleton case, has been released from prison.

The New Way.—A Highgate milk-man who gave short measure was sent to prison for a month.

Judicial Dictum.—Mr. Justice Darling says the difficulty to-day is not to get divorced but to keep married.

Britain's Heaviest.—A Leicester boy aged sixteen who weighs 29st. is said to be the heaviest boy in Great Britain.

What's the Game? — Prince August Wilhelm is with the ex-Crown Prince.

Converted. — German workmen after refusal, are now undertaking piece work.

Five Million. — The remuneration of German M.P's. totals nearly five million marks yearly.

Silent.—Owing to attacks on the State President the "Deutsche Zeitung" has been suspended until further notice.

Waiting.—Captain Mathews, who is attempting the flight to Australia, is still held up at Merheim.

Aerial Travel. — A major of the R.A.F. has reached Egypt by aeroplane from the South of France.

Souvenirs. — Several captured German machine guns have been presented to the Government of Jamaica.

Brought Down.—The German air force lost 8.500 officers and men during the war.

Bricklayer Laird.—A Sunderland bricklayer has established his claim as next heir to a Scottish estate.

Any Other Claims.—The Bulldog mascot of the Tank Corps is believed to be the only mascot to survive going over the top.

On Foot.—Hunting with the beagles in English lakeland often involves mountain climbing.

Two Hours!—The Shah's principal meal of the day is breakfast, which takes about two hours to serve.

Awkward.—A telegram addressed, "The League of Nations" arrived marked, "The Plague of Nations."

Bishop as Initiate.—The Bishop of Derby will shortly be initiated into Freemasonry.

Banking Union.—Barclay's Bank has entered into partnership with the Union Bank of Manchester.

A Super Scheme.—A super power station to serve four counties with electricity is to be erected at Nottingham.

Dirty.—Influential French electors have received letters bearing the forged signature of Clémenceau.

London's Traffic.—Mr. Kennedy Jones, M. P., is to be chairman of the Advisory Committee on London Traffic.

Young Briton.—A Kingston boy dived into the river, rescued a girl and then without waiting for praise, walked away.

Gallant Land Girl.—A Lichfield land girl has been awarded a distinction for keeping on a tractor when out of control.

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OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

THE SHYER SEX.

Kathleen L. Murray says: I am convinced that there are ever so many more shy men in the world than shy women. Women's whole training goes to eliminate shyness. She is always in command, seldom in abeyance. No shy person could interview prospective cooks or tell the butcher what she thinks of the quality of his steak. A man defers to the opinion of his tailor, but no living woman would consent through sheer diffidence to have three buttons on her cuff when her predilection is for two.

STEADY PLODDING.

Lord Moulton, our judge-scientist, who developed the High Explosives department of the Ministry of Munitions during the war, says: The thing that is necessary after the war, when the nation is discovered to be lying under a crushing burden of debt, with its people having lost the steady habit of monotonous and continuous work on which all successful production must be based, is not the reconstruction of those great edifices that are sketched out by hopeful theorists, but of the foundations of industry.

A CAUSE OF TROUBLE.

Mr. Justice Marshall, writing on "Our Guardianship in the East," remarks that there can be no doubt great harm has been and is being done both to Eng and and the East, by sending shoals of students to England at their most impressionable age. They become the prey of secret political societies at an age when they are unable to form a sound opinion on any given subject, and the very young almost always regard themselves as infallible. On their return home they find they have lost touch and that things are not as they were. The result is unhappiness, discontent, and a desire to turn their old conservative institutions upside down the moment they have landed. It is this young turbulent minority which causes much of the discontent and unrest in the East.

OUR NATIVE COMPOSERS.

Sir Thomas Beecham, replying to the criticism of having included "Naïl" in his forthcoming season at Covent Garden, says:—I found my range extraordinarily limited. Excellent British composers exist, fortunately, in large numbers; British operatic composers I can count on the fingers of one hand. To write a successful grand opera one must have a sense of the stage, great experience in operatic matters, and some peculiar and indefinable virtue which, for some reason I cannot pretend to discover, is found in our native composers with extreme rarity. I am not going into the musical value of "Naïl," but I ask the musical public to place themselves in my position.

PAGAN SELFISHNESS.

Sir Rider Haggard, the famous novelist writing on the troublous outlook, says: The real troubles of the world to-day come from the witherings of the spirit of Christianity. If you were to run every one of these difficulties to earth, you will find that its roots are back in selfishness and you will find that selfishness is a lack of the spirit of Christianity. If civilisation is to triumph, if it is not to fall in the great coming struggle with which it will presently find itself envisaged, then it must in truth and in deed cultivate that ancient spirit of Christianity without which it must inevitably die.

THE DECIMAL SYSTEM.

The Editor of "Business Organisation" says:—The Report of the Royal Commission which has been considering the decimal system of coinage, has been issued. No legislation is recommended, the report being more or less of a neutral type. If the members of the Commission had been set to keep books and make calculations for one week in England, then to do the same on the continent, where the decimal system is universal, there is no doubt their report would have been quite decisive. No one who had had experience of Continental methods would revert to the archaic ways of this country.

WOMEN AS SAVIOURS.

Mr. J. L. Paton has been giving some "Thoughts for the times." He says: The person who directs the forces of life is the mother. In the mother you have the antithesis of war. War destroys life, woman bears it. War maims, woman heals and cherishes. War wrecks the home, woman makes the home. War deals with masses of men, woman deals with units. The great women of history have been saviours. Joan of Arc saved France. Genevieve saved Paris. Florence Nightingale saved our army.

WOMAN PREDOMINANT.

Judge Parry has been giving his views on the position of woman in the new world that is in the making. He says:—If I were to venture a prophecy about women in the New World I would make bold to say that they will continue to fill the same dominant position that history tells us they filled in the past. Even King Solomon, whose experience of the nature of womenkind was extensive and peculiar, and whose legal power over the sex was absolute, is bound to confess—

The women on my dotage build their sway:
They ask: I grant; they threaten: I obey.

In every play and romance you will find that the heroine is the leading lady, and the hero, what Vincent Crummles called, a walking gentleman. So it has been and so it will be, world without end.

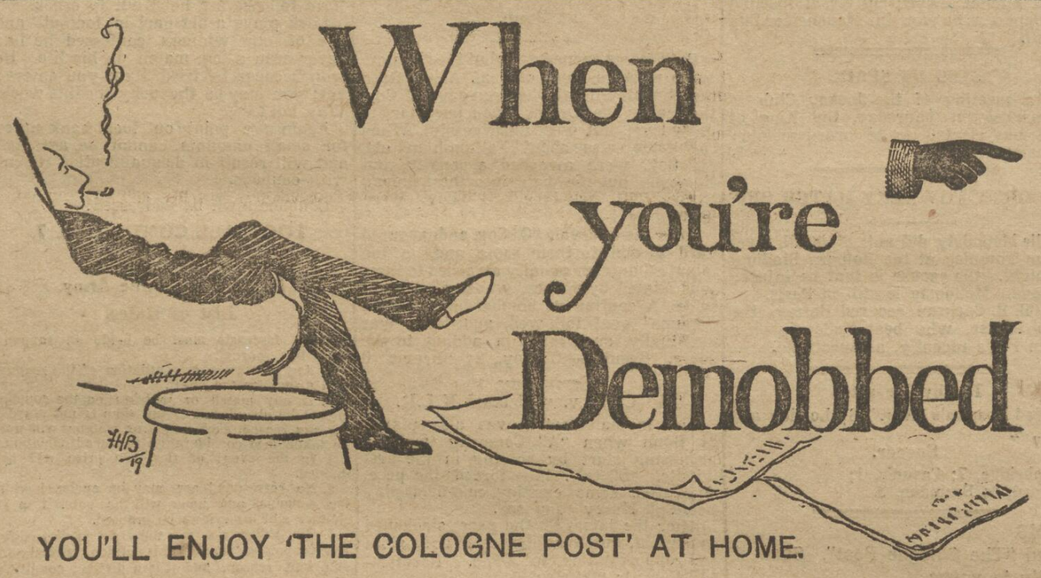

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AMERICAN MINERS STRIKE.

GOVERNMENT DETERMINED NOT TO SUBMIT TO AVOWED COERCION.

SERIOUS ILLNESS OF BISHOP OF COLOGNE.

AMERICA'S TURN.

MINER'S CHALLENGE TO GOVERNMENT.

The hope that a settlement would take place at the eleventh hour proved a vain one and the most ominous strike in the history of the American nation began at midnight on Friday. Half a million miners ceased work. They are demanding higher pay and a forty-eight hour week and have stated that they intend to force acceptance of their claims by a national stoppage.

The Government remains firm and Mr. Palmer, the United States Attorney General, has issued a grave warning to the men. Plans for combating the strike have been placed before the President, and Mr. Daniels, the Navy Secretary, has announced that sailors will be used to take the place of strikers.

Mr. Palmer describes the strike as a deadly attack on the nation, a challenge to supremacy of law and he proclaims that every resource of the Government will be brought to bear to prevent the national disaster which would inevitably result from a cessation of mining.

According to reports which the United Mineworker's officials have received from various parts of the country the strike thus far has been characterised by the absence of violence or trouble of any kind.

Under an injunction obtained by the Government in the Federal Court at Indianapolis the Strike Headquarters Union Officials have been ordered to withdraw the strike notices and forbidden to disburse Union funds as strike pay. The Government emphasises the fact that the case does not involve the general right of workmen to organise a strike but merely the right of labour to restrict or destroy the supply of food and fuel. Writs were served on eighty-four Union leaders as soon as the injunctions were obtained.

Mr. Gompers, the Labour leader, warns the Government that the injunctions can only result in creating new disturbing issues which may not be confined solely to miners.

Mr. Stone, Head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, together with other Labour leaders, conferred on Sunday with the Attorney General. He said that he could not answer for the railwaymen if the injunctions were pressed. The temper of members of the Brotherhood was strained to breaking point and he feared they would pass out of the control of their leaders.

Troops have been moved quickly to strategic points to protect, firstly, such miners as desire to continue working, and secondly, the strike breakers if the Government decide to take over the mines.

The situation is especially serious for shipowners, who have only just won their battle with the New York longshoremen and are now faced with new difficulties in obtaining bunker coal.

FINLAND AND RUSSIA.

SECRET SESSION TO DECIDE INTERVENTION.

The Swedish newspaper Politiken has received a private message from Helsingfors indicating that the Finnish Government will probably decide to assist General Yudenitch and that a definite decision will probably be taken by the Finnish Parliament, sitting in secret session. Troops, ammunition, guns and other war material have already been sent to the Russo-Finnish frontier.

The cabinet crisis which has been brewing ever since the Finnish Diet assembled has now become acute. M. Procopes, a member of the Diet, asked on Thursday why the Government of the Baltic States had opened peace negotiations with Soviet Russia. The reply of the War Minister, Vennola, provoked sharp criticism from certain deputies, who contended that the Government's Russian policy was vacillating and vague and that several dark points were not elucidated by the Minister.

IRISH HOME RULE.

FEASIBLE SCHEME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

One of the plans before the Cabinet Committee which is drafting an Irish Parliament Measure accords to Ireland self-government practically on Dominion lines, with a Parliament for the whole country. Counties would have the right to exclude themselves by vote from the general scheme and could constitute themselves self-governing areas. This is obviously a safeguard for Ulster. Over all authorities would be an independent council nominated by the Lord-Lieutenant and the Irish Privy Council. The scheme should find much support in Committee.

Sir James Barrie was elected Rector of St. Andrews University, defeating the Marquis of Bute.

COLOGNE'S BISHOP.

CARDINAL HARTMANN SERIOUSLY ILL.

We regret to announce that Cardinal Hartmann, Bishop of Cologne, is very seriously ill and on Saturday at 2 p.m. he received the Last Sacrament.

For a long time he had been suffering from facial neuralgia, which has now developed into hemorrhage of the brain, with resultant paralysis.

Dr. Felix von Hartmann, Cardinal of Cologne, was born at Munster, 15th December 1851, coming of an old and well-known family of lawyers. He studied at Munster and was ordained priest on the 19th December 1874, in spite of the severe Prussian laws which then oppressed the Catholic Church.

He went to Rome to study canonical law and became Doctor juris in 1877. In 1880, as the persecutions began to abate, he returned to Germany and became first chaplain at Emmerich, and then secretary of Bishop Dingelstad. In 1910 he was appointed Dean of the Cathedral, having in the meantime been made apostolic protonotaris by His Holiness the Pope. In 1911 he became Bishop of Munster and in 1912 Archbishop of Cologne.

Before the war he was made Cardinal and during the war he was very actively interested in the succour of prisoners and wounded. Only a few weeks ago he presided at the Congress of German Bishops at Fulda.

As we go to press we learn that the Bishop is regarded as in extremis.

LABOUR ALARMED.

STABILISATION OF WAR WAGES.

The Minister of Labour is introducing in the House of Commons to-day a Bill regarding stabilisation of war wages. Two of the clauses sought to make awards and agreements binding on the whole of the trades concerned and further provided that Trade Unions should not support out of their funds any strike by their members against such awards or agreements.

These clauses aroused considerable opposition amongst Trade Union leaders, who regarded them as an attempt to make Labour a party to legislation which would make strikes and lock-outs illegal. After a Conference between the Trade Unions leaders and the Minister of Labour the latter announced that he had decided to omit the two challenged clauses from the Bill.

BOLSHEVIST SHIPS SUNK.

It is reported that the Bolshevists attempted a landing near Petrograd on Thursday but were attacked by British vessels, three Bolshevist ships being sunk. The British are still bombarding Krasnaya Gorka and besieging Kronstadt. The suffering at Petrograd is said to be intense, as the Moscow reinforcements are eating up all the supplies. A Reval telegram says that severe fighting is proceeding between Krasnoeselo and Gatchina, the enemy using armoured trains and armoured motor cars. General Yudenitch reports that he has captured a Communist battalion with commissaries and a large amount of booty.

AFTER EFFECTS OF BOMBS.

On the 29th October the hydro-electric station at Padua, a large building on granite foundations, suddenly collapsed with a deafening crash into the canal on which it stands. The disaster is attributed to the action of Austrian bombs, several of which fell near by in the early part of 1918. The damage is estimated at three million lire and the town remains at present without water or light.

CARDINAL MERCIER IN CANADA.

Cardinal Mercier, who reached Ottawa on the 30th October, was warmly welcomed by members of the Cabinet, civic officials and all classes of the population. He was the guest of honour at a luncheon held at Government House.

In the afternoon the Cardinal gave a public reception and addressed the Canadian Club. In an after-dinner speech he declared "It is a great joy to be with you to celebrate our common victory."

INCLUDING ACTING RANK?

Any officer or employee of the London County Council who has held his Majesty's commission as captain, or higher officer, is to be addressed in the future by his rank whenever spoken to or referred to in official reports and correspondence.

Owing to the shortage of coal all German railway passenger traffic will be stopped for ten days from the 5th November.

PENNANT INQUIRY.

ALL ROUND DENIALS OF IMMORALITY.

The taking of evidence in the Pennant case concluded on Friday.

Colonel Janson denied all Miss Pennant's allegations of immorality at Hurst Park and Wormwood Scrubbs and the suggestion that he connived at such conduct. He also denied the allegations of personal misconduct with Miss Glubb at Mrs. Stewart's house at Wormwood Scrubbs or elsewhere. Hurst Park, he said, was frequently inspected by Staff officers and no adverse report was ever made. He denied that he granted the girls night passes. He was not responsible for the girls after six in the evening. He had no recollection of the incident described by the witness Turnbull. He had never allowed Miss Glubb to sit on his table. Miss Glubb's mother and father, General Sir Frederick Glubb, had been to Hurst Park and taken tea in his room and he had since dined with them in London. The attendance of women officers at the mess was with the full knowledge of headquarters. He once allowed a woman private to attend mess on a guest night as she was the financee of a brother officer.

Witness declared that for months he had suffered from the speech made by Lord Stanhope in the House of Lords, but though his solicitors had asked for details of the allegations none were forthcoming.

At his Area Headquarters he was called before a number of staff officers, who asked about the rumours of immorality, but after investigation they were satisfied that there was evidence to warrant even a formal inquiry. With reference to incidents in Mrs. Stewart's house he said he was never in Miss Glubb's room. One night when he came home after dark, he said, Miss Glubb was standing on the staircase in her dressing gown and stood talking with him there for about a quarter of an hour. Another evening, seeing a light under Miss Glubb's door, he knocked and asked for a match. She brought him some matches downstairs. He told her he thought he was going to have an attack of trench fever and she insisted on getting him a hot water bottle. Next morning she enquired how he was and brought him a thermometer and gave it to him in bed.

Major Carey, who stayed in the same house, denied ever telling Colonel Defries that Colonel Janson had asked him to help get him out of a mess as Mrs. Stewart had found him with Miss Glubb at three in the morning. He did not recollect Mrs. Stewart saying to him "My house is not going to be a disorderly house."

Dr. Sharpe, who was called on behalf of Miss Glubb, said he was of opinion that Miss Glubb had never had sexual intercourse.

Miss Glubb gave evidence corroborating Colonel Janson's account of incidents at Mrs. Stewart's house. She denied having committed immorality with Colonel Janson or anyone else.

The last witness was the well-known authoress, Mrs. Flora Annie Steel, who stated that prior to the 30th June, 1918, Dame Katherine Furse told her that Miss Pennant was ruining the W.R.A.F. She was very unpopular and lacking in tact and did not give the latitude which ought to be allowed young boys. Dame Furse said it was impossible to judge by ordinary standards a boy, who, for all anyone might know, might be killed in the air next morning.

Witness demurred, not merely on moral grounds but on service grounds, pointing out that if a night were spent in roystering, a boy could not safely go flying next morning.

The Attorney-General said that seldom had such grave charges been made with such complete absence of evidence and he proposed to show how completely devoid of substance they were.

The inquiry was adjourned.

JAPANESE NAVAL DISASTERS.

A terrible explosion occurred on a Japanese warship on the 26th October as the result of which a gun turret was blown into the sea and the entire gun crew, consisting of one officer and twelve men, were killed and a number of others injured. The Emperor was a spectator of the disaster.

Another serious accident had occurred earlier in the day, when the destroyer Hamakaze was swept by a great wave. Captain Kawita, who was in the conning tower, was fatally injured and Commander Gasao, commanding the destroyer squadron, was killed.

DISMANTLING HELIGOLAND.

The work of dismantling the fortifications of Heligoland under the terms of the Peace Treaty has been begun by the German authorities.

An Allied mission will later inspect the island to ascertain whether the provisions of the Treaty have been carried out.

DEVIL'S DYKE SOLD.

The famous Devil's Dyke estate, near Brighton, was sold privately on Thursday to a purchaser unconnected with any public body. The estate, comprising 190 acres and a fully licensed hotel, was withdrawn at the auction at £4,900.

Millicent, Duchess of Sutherland, was married at the British Consulate Paris, on Monday, to Lieutenant-Colonel Dawes, D.S.O., M.C., Royal Fusiliers, Knight of the Legion of Honour.

NEGRO RUNS AMOK.

EXCITING SCENE AT THE CORNER HOUSE.

An amazing scene occurred on Saturday afternoon in the Corner House, the well-known restaurant at the corner of Coventry street and Piccadilly Circus, when a coloured man, named Walter Earl, armed with a hatchet ran amok and began destroying crockery. He caused a panic among the visitors, many of whom fled for the exits.

The negro attacked the two superintendents of the restaurant, but finally was overpowered by a chef and arrested. In the course of a statement, Earl, who is an ex-employé of the firm, said he had no intention of hurting anyone but simply wanted to draw attention to his case.

RAVAGES OF WAR.

GOOD PROGRESS WITH RESTORATION.

M. Clavielle, the French Minister of Public Works, has returned from a tour of inspection of the devastated regions with most consoling impressions. He says, inter alia, that at the time of the Armistice there were 33,000 kilometres of main railway lines, 12,000 bridges, and numerous great depots and workshops destroyed.

To-day the main lines have been restored and forty per cent of the work of restoring depots and workshops is completed. Of 48,000 kilometres of roads destroyed 12,000 have been remade, while the majority of the wrecked bridges have been reconstructed.

EX-SERVICE MEN AND SELF-HELP.

Presiding at a meteing of the Imperial Ex-Services Association, Major-Gen. Sir Frederick Maurice estimated that at the present moment 1500 ex-officers are unemployed. He said their motto must be "Self-help". They were against any appeal to the public and it was not practical politics to expect further assistance from the Government.

Captain Board said the number of ex-officers and men on the books of the Ministry of Labour's Appointments Department was 19000 and the number of vacancies at their disposal 4070.

A resolution was carried declaring that in the national interest all ex-service men should unite and organise with a view to placing their services at the disposal of the State, whichever party was in power, in cases of national emergency, for the preservation of live, maintenance of social order and food communications.

RUSSIANS REGAIN GROUND.

According to the latest report, giving the situation as at noon on the 31st October, Yudenitch's Army has regained some ground which had been lost to the South-West of Petrograd. His troops have recaptured Ropscha, within ten miles of Petershof, taking 400 prisoners, whilst on his left the Esthonians have occupied Liiy. South of Krasnoeselo the Russians have advanced to Taiyoy. The gap which opened between the right of the Esthonians and the left of the Russians has now been closed and connection re-established.

Concentration of Bolshevist troops continues, particularly in the area South-West and South of Petrograd. Reinforcements are being sent up from Moscow and the Southern front, including a large number of Communist battalions and detachments from the officers training schools.

LONDON SCOTTISH RALLY.

Olympia was thronged by a great company on the occasion of the London Scottish After-War Reunion. At dinner Colonel B. C. Green presided over a large gathering which included Earl Haig, Honorary Colonel of the regiment, the Marquess of Aberdeen, the Earl of Wemyss, and Lord Balfour of Burleigh. The toast of "Our Chief" (Earl Haig) was enthusiastically honoured.

The war honours gained by the regiment during service on the Western Front and in Palestine comprised two Victoria Crosses, four C.M.G.'s, 18 D.S.O.'s, and numerous other decorations.

AIRMEN IN TROUBLE.

Four of the airmen on their way to the Far East are held up at Valona, Albania, by bad weather. Among them is M. Poulet, the Frenchman who is attempting the Australian flight. He is endeavouring to leave every day, but in addition to other troubles his luggage has been stolen.

ST. ANDREWS' UNIVERSITY.

The Marquis of Bute and Sir James M. Barrie have been nominated for the Rectorship of St. Andrew's University in succession to Earl Haig, whose term of office is expiring. Voting takes place to-morrow.

NEW MASTER OF ORDNANCE.

Lieutenant-General Furse will shortly be vacating the post of Master General of Ordnance on his retirement from the Army to take up a post under the Ministry of Pensions. He will be succeeded by Lieutenant General Du Cane.

REMEMBER OUR DEAD

TOUCHING CEREMONY AT THE SUDFRIEDHOF.

The Sudfriedhof presented a remarkable sight on Saturday morning, when a party of workers journeyed thither to place the wreaths subscribed for by our readers, on the graves of those of our men who died while prisoners in German hands.

Outside the cemetery there was a huge flower market where wreaths, crosses and bunches of flowers might be purchased. Enormous crowds of German people journeyed thither by tram and on foot carrying innumerable floral tributes to their dead. Inside, the cemetery was uncomfortably crowded and progress to one's destination was a slow process. There were dozens of "Vereins" or societies, in processions, carrying various banners, while several bands were playing funeral marches and sacred songs. On many of the tombs candles had been lighted, while flowers and evergreens literally covered the place.

Shortly after ten o'clock the party of British workers, two lady representatives from each of the British institutions on the Rhine, met at the main entrance and waited for the arrival of the wreaths. When the lorry containing these drew up, the party carrying our wreaths moved in the direction of the Prisoners of War plot, the other wreaths being transported in several journeys on a bier provided by the German authorities.

In addition to some 180 wreaths for the individual graves of prisoners of war, there was a large cross surmounted by a wreath, and standing some six feet in height, which was reverently carried up and placed in that portion of the cemetery allotted to the interment of those British soldiers who have passed away while serving with the Army of the Rhine. Exclamations of "schön!", "sehr schön!", "grossartig!" were heard on all sides as this emblem to our departed comrades passed through the crowds of German people.

The Prisoners of War cemetery contains the graves of many nationalities. Cologne was a great clearing centre, prisoners and wounded being sent here for distribution to other places in Germany. Those who were too ill to proceed further were kept here and many succumbed. So we find graves of British, French, Russian, Hindoo, Turk and other combatants all mixed together in the circles surrounding the central patches of German dead. On the grave of each man belonging to the British Empire was placed a wreath of evergreens and white flowers, ornamented with red, white and blue ribbon, to which was tied a card bearing the following inscription:

"In loving Memory of
(Name and Regiment)
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"Tell England, ye who pass our monument,
Men who died serving her, rest here content."

On Sunday afternoon an impressive service was held, by permission of the Commander-in-Chief, at the cemetery and was well attended by all ranks. What a difference in the scene! On Saturday the cemetery was bathed in splendid sunshine, although the weather was bitterly cold, but on Sunday all was covered in a pall of snow, and presented an emblematic setting on All Souls' Day to a most impressive ceremony.

The simple service was attended by representatives of the Navy, Army and Royal Air Force. Lady Robertson and Miss Robertson were also present.

The hymns, led by the band of the Inniskilling Dragoons, were "Thine for ever," "For all the Saints" and "On the resurrection morning." An eloquent address by the Chaplain concluded with the inspiring words:

"We are the dead . . .
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch. Be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep."

Then, after a telling pause, the preacher gave the answer to the spirits of those who rest in this "corner of a foreign field that is for ever England" — — — "There shall be no faith broken! God rest you, splendid gentlemen!"

The "Last Post" was sounded, after which the Inniskillings' band recalled one's thoughts to mundane affairs with the "Spirit of Pageantry," a stirring march by Percy Grainger.

Another similar ceremony was also conducted over the resting place of Belgian soldiers, on which a large wreath had been deposited, Major Dumont, C.I.N.C., giving the oration.

Photographs of the graves, etc., may be obtained at the British Empire Leave Club, or the Army Publicity Department, The Arcade, Hohestrasse.

Since our last list of contributions was published several further sums have been received. This leaves the fund with a surplus and a Committee will meet during this week to decide to what purpose this shall be devoted. The result of this conference, with the accounts of the fund, will appear in the Cologne Post in due course.

Amount previously acknowledged	10,685.—
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	11,170.85

The Conservative Government of the province of Ontario has resigned. The Leader of the United Farmers' and Labour Coalition has been requested to form a new Government.

KUT COURT MARTIAL.

EVIDENCE IN FAVOUR OF ACCUSED.

The Deputy-Judge-Advocate delivered his summing-up at the court-martial on William Fratel, Assistant Surgeon, who is being tried on charges of neglect and cruelty to British prisoners at Kut.

Addressing the Court he said that the accused, whatever restrictions were placed upon his functions, was regarded as the British Medical officer and was the only man in Bagtsche to whom the prisoners reported. On the other hand the fact must not be overlooked that most of the persons who had given evidence were smarting under a sense of wrong. They had suffered terribly and they had seen men desperately ill and dying and nobody seeming to care. In such circumstances there was also a tendency to seek a scape-goat.

The Court retired to consider its verdict and when they returned evidence of character was taken, the prisoner producing a telegram from the Viceroy of India stating that Fratel was intelligent, efficient, regular, temperate and active but slovenly and inexperienced. Fratel's Counsel said that after the siege of Kut accused received a communication from the commander of the 87th Heavy Battery thanking him for "most excellent work done at No. 9 Indian General Hospital." Counsel appealed for leniency in view of the evidence that accused was a humane man who had done his best in unparalleled circumstances.

Sentence will be promulgated later.

LABOUR CONFERENCE.

GERMANY AND AUSTRIA ON EQUAL TERMS.

Germany and Austria have been admitted on equal rights with other nations to the International Labour Conference now sitting at Washington, by seventy votes to one. The Conference has elected three vice-presidents, Mr. George Barnes of England, representing the Government, Mr. Jules Carlier, Belgium, representing the employers and Mr. Jouhaux, France, representing the workers.

34th DIVISION BATTLEFIELD MEMORIALS.

A meeting representative of the 34th Division was held at York, Major-General C. L. Nicholson being in the chair, to consider the erection of war memorials of the division's exploits in France and Belgium. It was decided to utilise the surplus divisional funds, supplemented by private subscriptions, for the erection of memorials at La Boiselle (Somme, 1916), Mont Noir (battle of the Lys, 1918), and Broonbeck (Paschendaele, 1917). The last memorial will be for Artillery and Engineers only.

ENGLISH MEMORIAL TO GERMAN DEAD.

At the prisoners of war camp at Dorchester forty-four prisoners died during internment. Their comrades have just erected a memorial in Fordington Cemetery, where the men are buried. It is of stone, and represents a kneeling German soldier clasping a rifle in his hands, and beneath is the inscription in German: "Here rest German warriors in foreign soil, but not forgotten." The group is finely sculptured by Josef Walter, of Augsburg. The architect is E. K. Bartholomay, of Elberfeld. Both were prisoners at the camp.

MILKMAN SENT TO PRISON.

At Highgate Police-court John William Jones, of Calverley-grove, Upper Holloway, a milk roundsman, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment on two summonses for overcharging for milk, and the Premier Dairies Limited, of Seven Sisters road, were ordered to pay a fine of £5 on each of four summonses for like offences. The evidence showed that Jones gave short measure to certain of his customers.

The chairman, in sending him to prison, said that a fine would be inadequate to meet the case.

The costs against the dairy company amounted to £8.

ARMISTICE DAY REMEMBRANCE.

On Tuesday, 11th November, Armistice day, a member of the suite of the President of the French Republic will place a wreath on the Cenotaph in Whitehall. He will be received at the Cenotaph by representatives of the Navy, Army, and Air Force.

GERMAN AGENT GUILTY.

Werner Horne, the German agent, who blew up the International railway bridge at St. Croix with dynamite in 1915 and was recently extradited from the United States, has been found guilty.

Brigadier-General H. W. Wilberforce, Base Commandant at Boulogne, has been made a Commander of the Legion of Honour.

The Council of the National Rifle Association have decided that the King's Prize for 1920 shall be open to past and present members of His Majesty's Forces, as it was this year.

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BOXING ETHICS.

"Pussyfoot" proper is a narrow minded "wowser" who objects to his neighbour imbibing strong drinks, even in moderation, what time he himself drinks innocuous beverages to excess. Among his half-brothers is the equally irrational individual who regards the noble art of boxing as a degrading exhibition detrimental to participant and onlooker alike.

Quite recently a good deal of indignation was aroused in certain quarters in consequence of the letting of the Royal Albert Hall of Arts and Sciences in London to a sporting syndicate for a series of professional prize-fights. Artistic "Pussyfoots" who had been silent while the same building re-echoed with the sounds of dance music, were up in arms.

A little later the Cardiff freechurchmen prevailed over an enlightened and progressive School Management Committee who had the wisdom to approve of the teaching of boxing in schools.

Not to be outdone in the realms of premeditated folly the Acton Borough Council immortalised itself last week and added to the gaiety of nations by permitting boxing in one of their institutions on condition that "knock-outs" were strictly forbidden. If only the gentle slaps can be kept in moderation, Angelic Acton may yet become a "Pussyfoot" paradise.

In Rhineland, and in the Army of all places, a little bleat has now been heard in consequence of a bold bad firm showing films depicting pugilistic encounters. With a lily-white hand, and, fortified we venture to presume, by a glass of water, a correspondent signing himself "Anti-Box" has written to us taking grave exception to such an exhibition.

The Army was ever a nursery of master-boxers, and what is equally creditable, the lure of a heavy laden purse is not required among us in order to bring exponents of the art together. Sport of every variety and notably boxing, at present, is admittedly not what it was. We have a grievious insufficiency of peerless Jim Driscolls in the arena. Exponents of the noble art such as he recently gave at the National Sporting Club in his memorable fight with Charles Ledoux are few and far between, but that scarcely justifies detractors in denouncing the sport as a sport.

The ring and brutality are certainly not synonymous terms, and if the "Pussyfoots" desire to render mankind a service let them endeavour to find more Driscolls or Wildes, who are the embodiment of perfect chivalry and manliness, rather than denounce pugilism as low and degrading.

THE SENSATIONS OF FLYING.

"THE SWAYING OF THE EARTH."

The forces on an airplane can be measured by a delicate little instrument called an "accelerometer." Although it has a good scientific name, it has all the merit of being a very prosaic instrument which measures the heaviness with which a pilot sits on his seat. Ducking the nose of the airplane tends to throw the aviator out, and at the moment at which he loses his seat the instrument reads zero.

During a loop it may indicate that instead of a real weight of 10 stone, the pilot's apparent weight is 40 stone. His head is then very heavy on his shoulders, and on the one occasion on which I experienced the sensation my head was distinctly unstable, and an incautious movement brought it forward "out of control."

One record made occupied nearly half-an-hour in the taking, of which about 20 minutes was in the air. The instrument, designed by Dr. Searle, F.R.S., of the R.A.E., was strapped to the knee of an observer, and at intervals the pilot interposed some of the trick evolutions of flying on the more normal course of the flight.

The first clear deduction from the record is the uneventfulness of straight flying, especially at good heights. This is shown by the tendency of the record to keep about the value 1, so that the pilot and passenger have their usual weight.

Flying low down it was noticed that the changes called "bumps" sometimes reduce a pilot's apparent weight to half its ordinary value, and at other times increase it to nearly one and a-half times.

The sensations are very like those experienced on a switch-back or mountain railway, and in a well shielded cockpit this is the only noticeable effect of motion on the sense of feel. The earth, however, becomes far less impressive as the representative of solidity and has its attributes transferred to the airplane.

So much is this the case, that in a loop it is the earth which goes over your head, whilst in a banked S turn the waves of a high sea are less wonderful than the swaying of the earth.

These impressions are very real, and have a rational basis; we are so accustomed to living on the earth and to the use of such instruments as levels that it needs a definite effort to realise that on an airplane a level does not indicate the horizontal.

On the contrary a level will consistently say horizontal when the airplane is banked to 45 deg. or more, and not only does the level say this, but the pilot's sensations of feel tell him he is sitting upright. In the absence of side-slipping the local level is given by the wings of an airplane.

With an horizon visible a pilot can keep level relative to the earth by the use of his eyes, but this power is removed by immersion in a cloud. By the use of instruments of a not very intricate nature, straight flying can be conducted in a cloud, and fog is not by any means an insuperable bar to aerial navigation.

Leaving the record of ordinary flight and coming to the "stunts" it will be found that on two occasions the pilot was in danger of leaving his seat, and the importance of a belt will be appreciated. Looping and spinning produce heaviness on the whole, the extreme value being nearly three times the normal.

A rapid turn almost always increases the apparent weight, and in a mock fight it is very noticeable that the greater number of manœuvres seat the pilot more solidly, and therefore help in the accurate control of the airplane's motion. In a few instances and for a few seconds the apparent weight is zero, whilst the extreme in the other direction is as great as four times the normal. — L. Bairstow in "Engineering".

SHERLOCK HOLMES IN GERMANY.

There is no doubt that much can be learned of a country from a study of its novels and its theatres. Fiction and plays are written to please the taste of the people who are to patronise them.

They are written to be read or to be acted, and the writers of them therefore do their best to make them acceptable to their public by catering for it's taste.

Of late years the generalisation that a people is reflected in its drama and its stories, has become even more applicable to the cinema, since the appeal of the "movies" is wider than that of either the theatre or the novel. It was interesting, therefore, a few days ago, to see a popular Cologne Lichtspielhaus advertising a Sherlock Holmes film, and I eagerly took a seat to see what the German producer would make of our national detective hero.

Alas! how are the mighty fallen! The central figure of the story bore his name and certain of his bodily characteristics, but of his essential self, nothing at all.

He was sentimentalised out of all possible recognition. His intellectual qualities were nil; the very idea of Holmes the sleuthhound combining sentimentality with the practice of his profession is unthinkable to his many acquaintances in England.

Indeed he makes no attempt to hide his scorn of poor old Watson for falling a victim to love in "The Sign of Four" and in stories such as "The Speckled Band." Where he has to deal with women he hides any chivalrous feelings he may experience under the iron mask of the criminal expert.

His only pieces of deduction are to guess from finding a smelly handkerchief clenched in the hand of a murdered man that the drug on it has caused his death and to theorise.

From seeing an electric lamp apparently light itself, deduces that it is a signal from someone elsewhere, on which he follows up the in piration by tracing the wire under a rug and so to an exit in the wall. All are exploits which even Watson himself might have managed.

Dear old Watson appears in the German film under the alias of Mr. Tom Foster, and his only role is to pretend to be a patient so that Holmes may take him to visit the Indian Doctor, who is the villain of the piece. This he does with true Watsonian meekness and intrepidity.

But the really dreadful thing is that Holmes unravels the mystery simply by making love to the lady in the case and thereby getting her to reveal the whole thing to him. It is pitiful.

And there is no question of this being a ruse on his part, or a clever piece of acting. He is as genuinely passionate as she is obligingly yielding, and the whole mystery is made plain over a cup of tea and a cigarette in her boudoir. Holmes is only saved from matrimony by the Lady Enrichetta luckily getting shut up in mistake inside the Indian's poisoned chamber. I have moreover a distressing suspicion that if there are any more films in this series, Holmes will be provided with a fresh ladylove in each one. I must own that one came away with a feeling that one had witnessed something in the nature of a degradation of a national hero and personally I much prefer to continue thinking of the real Sherlock as pursuing his relentless unsentimental career in his bachelor rooms in Baker Street. *E.A.D.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

EYES AND NO EYES.

Sir,—There are a great many points, I, together with many others, think England would be wise to copy from this country, as it is obvious to all who can appreciate detail how wonderfully well Germany is organised and how she lays herself out to satisfy the masses with good cheap amusements and always keeps in mind the health of the nation.

"Anglia" is unfortunate in mentioning telephones, as what telephone service could be worse than ours? Naturally Germany does not use her best railway carriages in occupied area.

Both English and German drainage systems are of the best, but Germany's sanitary system beats ours as regards cleanliness of streets and also in the prevention of fogs.

Here the fumes of factories are collected and by chemical action converted into many useful by-products which not only prevent fog but also make money. In England we are willing to carry on in an old-fashioned way, waste useful by-products and give the people the discomfort and injurious effects of fog.

The majority of English houses are not furnished so comfortably as the majority here, as in England we are content with only one comfortable chair in a room and too many useless small tables and chairs, whereas, here comfort and usefulness come first.

Our public-houses and many of our restaurants are a disgrace to civilization. Is "Anglia" aware that the workers in public-houses form the greatest number in proportion of those suffering from tuberculous disease of all trades? Germany's cafes and restaurants are vastly superior to ours in every detail.

The central heating of houses prevents the change of temperature on going from one room to another and keeps a uniform heat throughout. Germany's electric light system supplies small cottages in the country at a trivial cost.

How many country houses, leaving out cottages, have electric light or even gas in England?

Three trams coupled together hold more than our double-decked trams, and also, here the trams go far into the country, whereas ours appear to be afraid to pass the last house.

Lastly, workhouses do not exist in Germany, which fact speaks volumes for organisation. *CAPTAIN R.A.M.C.*

WHY NOT ONE ORGANIZATION?

Sir,—I am for demobilization, and another week will see me the other side of the channel and clad I hope in "civvies."

There will doubtless come the desire to associate with ex-soldiers. I shall miss the breezy talk of the mess, and the good-fellowship which has made life livable during the past few eventful years.

Where can I find this? At home there are several organisations claiming the support of ex-soldiers. The Comrades of the Great War, the Discharged Soldiers' and Sailors' Federation, the Ex-Officers Union are three which come to mind. There are others I know.

Why in the name of common-sense cannot all these organizations link together? Cut out politics and party wangling and set out to provide clubs and meeting-places for the men who have saved the country in every township laying claim to size. *TINKER.*

NEWS FROM THE RHINE.

Sir,—Turning over the pages of English newspapers I have from time to time been struck by the amount of balderdash which appears there in relative to our life on the Rhine.

An example was served up yesterday. The writer, referring to life in Coblenz, says: "The shops which were empty three months ago are full of English goods—chiefly food and tobacco. Boots are practically unobtainable."

This statement, contrary to fact, is of little consequence except that it is a sample of the sort of twaddle served up by alleged correspondents, special and amateur, for consumption at home.

FACTS.

OUR WAR DOGS.

Sir,— I notice that the French authorities have recognised the services of their war dogs by decorating them with souvenir collars.

As a dog-lover I cannot help contrasting this with our treatment of the dogs which rendered such excellent service. What happened to them? They were disposed of to all and sundry, and though many an English home would gladly have welcomed a doggy guest. they were allowed to drift.

Far better to have afforded wider facilities for cheap quarantine and thus allowed Tommy to chaperone these war heroes for the remainder of their days.

VERITAS.

BOXING FILMS

Sir,—That, in the first place, a British soldier, as I assume "Anti-Box" is, should start debasing his own national sport is at once an unpatriotic and unredeemable sin. What more interesting, edifying, exhilarating pastime, more suited for physical development, more encouraging to manly habits than the science of "fisticuffs"? Besides providing pleasant and attractive entertainment, it promotes those qualities so essential to commercial life of the present time. Quickness, decision, determination, pluck, ease of carriage and a sportsmanlike disposition.

Secondly—That a soldier, who may or may not have seen active service in the field, should try to lower the present high appreciation, existing among the troops, of the Y.M.C.A's principles, is another deplorable sign of ingratitude and narrow-minded consciousness.

"SPORTY BOYEE."

PLAINLY MARKED PRICES.

Sir,—In spite of the proceedings recently taken, many shopkeepers in Cologne are again failing to mark the prices of their goods, and it would seem that unceasing vigilance is required to ensure the continuance of this valuable safeguard for British customers, and incidentally the Germans themselves.

Perhaps the chief delinquents in this respect are high-class jewellers, who appear to be under the impression that they are exempt from the order. To merely ticket an article and skilfully hide the figures from view is not enough, and they should be made to clearly shew the price. *SAPPER*

PLAYS SOME PEOPLE WANT.

Sir,—Would it be asking too much to enquire of your correspondent what he really means by his statement that some of the efforts of the R.A.D.C. "are too ambitious, both for the audience and the actors"?

Presumably, though he does not say so quite definitely, we (the audience) are unable to appreciate, and the actors adequately to present much of what we see at the Deutsches Theatre. I don't wish to argue about that point. I have my own opinion.

Speaking on behalf of a few friends—regular patrons and myself, —I say we do not want the present standard of drama lowered to that of banal London dramas as suggested by your correspondent.

The plays he particulary objects to are, in my humble estimate, some of the best things they have done. Shaw, for example, is perhaps the most brilliant wonder of comedy to-day, so humorous and energetic—never degenerating to the flaccid and enervating, while the presentation of "Damaged Goods" and "Strife" is a matter about which there can hardly be two reasoned opinions. Both have a very great bearing on matters of to-day — it is surely unnecessary to dilate on this.

Might I point out that—without wishing to detract from the excellent educational work done here — in the opinion of a number of people the R.A.D.C. is the greatest educative force in the Rhine Army? To lower its standard would be the greatest disaster that could happen to it. *M.K.*

RHINE ARMY CHORAL SOCIETIES.

Sir,—You have been good enough to promise to insert in the Amusements column of this issue of your excellent paper a notice respecting the alterations in the times of renearsals of the Male and Mixed Voices Choral Societies.

I venture to trespass upon the space devoted to "Letters to the Editor" in order to call attention to this notice. The Male Voice Society was formed in January last and has since faced the perpetual difficulty of "demobilization" bravely but anxiously.

At present this difficulty is becoming so serious that unless we can obtain some more members from units likely to remain in the occupied area for some time, we shall soon be unable to carry on.

There is an excellent library of both male voice and mixed voice music, and an excellent room in which to rehearse. All we want is an increased membership, and I can assure all who are disposed to join us that the time they will devote to the work will be both pleasant and instructive. *G. E. SYKES, Capt. R.G.A.*

THE NEW IDEAL.

Sir,—T. H. will agree with me when I say employers who decline to recognise their contracts entered into on the outbreak of war should be pilloried.

Our soldier organisations might well prepare a black list for the benefit of the general public. I hear of one union whose list of unemployed is in the main made up of men who find their former jobs closed to them.

I have just returned to the Rhine from leave, and am of opinion that after all life in the Army of Occupation has its compensations.

What has become of the sentiments expressed in the song "We will love you, kiss you, when you come back home again"? All my female acquaintances wanted to know why I was in khaki. I fled. *WILLY.*

UP-HILL.

Does the road wind up-hill all the way?
Yes, to the very end.
Will the day's journey take the whole long day?
From morn to night, my friend.

But is there for the night a resting-place?
A roof for when the slow dark hours begin.
May not the darkness hide it from my face?
You cannot miss that inn.

Shall I meet other wayfarers at night?
Those who have gone before.
Then must I knock, or call when just in sight?
They will not keep you standing at the door.

Shall I find comfort, travel-sore and weak?
Of labour you shall find the sum.
Will there be beds for me and all who seek?
Yea, beds for all who come.

C. G. ROSSETTI

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS. | GRANDCOURT WINS THE LONDON CUP. | VICTORIES FOR NEWMAN AND REECE.

SOCCER PERSONALITIES.

Some Reflections on Outstanding League Players.

BY "ORDNANCE."

Barson, the Villa's new centre-half, who was lately transferred from Barnsley, is a player with a future, although he has already had a benefit in class football. He is still young, and was picked up by Barnsley six years ago from one of the very junior clubs in Sheffield. This is some what extraordinary in view of the fact that at the time, both the Sheffield teams were badly in need of half-backs.

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Cresswell, the South Shields back is playing his first season in class football. He is a youngster with a good kick and the coolness of a veteran. S. Shields have already been tempted to transfer him.

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Bradford are fortunate in securing a centre like McLean. Sheffield Wednesday supporters must wonder why he is not in their team, as they could do with him very well these days. He is a bustler who grabs opportunities, has a tremendous kick and has scored more long range goals than any other centre I know of.

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It is a pity that Manchester United and Meredith cannot come to terms, as the lack of a satisfactory settlement is keeping out of the game one of the most wonderful players who ever played. A gentleman; cool, tricky; fleet of foot and full of anticipation are Meredith's great points.

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The old Newcastle outside right, Rutherford, who is now with the Arsenal, wears well in spite of the vigorous attentions that a lot of left backs used to bestow upon him.

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Pagnam, the Arsenal's new centre, is the right man to snap up opportunities. Hardinge, and another forward of his type, would strengthen the team.

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Many longing eyes have been cast on Lane, Blackpool's star goal-getter, but up to now, Blackpool have said "Nothing doing" to all enquirers.

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Good centre forwards are not so plentiful to-day as they were ten years ago. I think that backs have made a finer art of their defensive methods and that may be the cause of the shortage of centre-forwards of the Freeman, Appleyard and Bullet Jones kind.

COCK FOR CHELSEA.

Huddersfield Pilot and Internationalist Signed On.

The transfer has been completed of J. G. Cock, the Huddersfield Town and International centre-forward, to the Chelsea club, the amount of the transfer fee not being divulged by the Huddersfield officials.

Cock went from Huddersfield Town to Brentford in the season 1914-15. Soon afterwards he joined the Army, becoming physical instructor, and afterwards sergeant-major, and winning the D.C.M.

Last season he assisted Brentford, and played in the North v. South match.

This season he has played centre-forward for England against Wales at Stoke, and against Ireland at Belfast. A Londoner by birth, Cock is 23 years of age. He will play against Bradford at Stamford Bridge to-day.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL.

The following are the dates of the Association International matches this season:—

Nov. 15.—England v. Ireland, in England (Amateur).
Feb. 14.—Ireland v. Wales, in Ireland.
Feb. 23.—Wales v. Scotland, in Wales.
March 13.—Scotland v. Ireland, in Scotland.
March 15.—England v. Wales, in England.
March 20.—Scotland v. Ireland, in Scotland.
April 10.—England v. Scotland, in England.

BOXERS V. ACTORS.

A football match is being arranged between a team of champion boxers and one from the theatrical companies of Mr. C. B. Cochran, on behalf of St. Dunstan's. The game will be played at Craven Cottage, on a date to be announced later.

LEEDS UNITED.

It is proposed to float the newly formed Leeds United Association Football Club as a limited liability company, with a nominal capital of £25,000, of which it is suggested £10,000, should be paid up.

LONDON COMBINATION FIXTURES.

Nov. 5.—Crystal Palace v. Clapton Orient.
Nov. 8.—Clapton Orient v. Fulham; Millwall v. Queen's Park Rangers; West Ham v. Arsenal.
Nov. 10.—Chelsea v. Tottenham Hotspur.
Nov. 13.—Clapton Orient v. Crystal Palace.
Nov. 15.—Fulham v. Chelsea; Arsenal v. Millwall; Queen's Park Rangers v. West Ham.
Nov. 19.—Crystal Palace v. Fulham.
Nov. 20.—Clapton Orient v. Tottenham Hotspur.
Nov. 22.—Clapton Orient v. Arsenal; Brentford v. Queen's Park Rangers; Crystal Palace v. Millwall; West Ham v. Fulham.
Nov. 29.—Arsenal v. Clapton Orient; Millwall v Crystal Palace; Queen's Park Rangers v. Tottenham Hotspur; Fulham v. West Ham.

The Professional Charity Fund match between West Ham and Millwall will be played on Oct. 20.

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL.

Notts County Atone for Last Week's Big Debacle.

A ROYAL SPECTATOR.

Aston Villa continued to advance, on Saturday by defeating Middlesboro a second time, and their spell of ill-luck seems to have ended. Notts County, as forecasted in our columns, were all out to avenge their 8—1 defeat at the Hawthorns and succeeded in putting the figure 3 in the "Throstles" lost column, a splendid performance.

Newcastle's victory over Preston, plus the defeat of West Bromwich puts the brilliant Tynesiders at the head of the table. Manchester United are a team of triers and their performance against Sheffield United is worthy of note.

At Stamford Bridge where Chelsea defeated Bradford the King of Spain was an interesting and interested spectator.

Second Division.

Coventry are still sighing for their first win, but recent performances and especially that of Saturday when going under by one goal at Bristol suggest it is not far off. Huddersfield defeated Fulham and were worthy winners while Stocke's win at Rotherham was a fine performance. Tottenham continue their old sweet way and Birmingham turned the tables at Upton Park.

Southern League.

Brentford did well to draw with Plymouth and Cardiff's victory at Millwall provided the "Lions" with a distasteful surprise. Reading now top the table by their draw at Southend, Swindons win over Queens Park Rangers being an astonishing and meritorious performance. Watford found their shooting boots against Merthyr and Northampton forgot theirs, Luton putting on four to a single reply.

Scottish League.

In the Scottish League Celtic triumphed at Greenock, and Rangers put on the biggest score of the day against Third Lanark. There is merit in Hibs. drawing at Hampden Park, and Dumbarton's win over Clyde was an unexpected happening. Heart's win at home at Motherwell's expense renders the latter's position at third place on the table very insecure.

Appended are the results.—

Paris (Association).

Paris League	4	London League	3

First League.

Aston Villa	5	Middlesboro	3
Blackburn R	3	Everton	2
Bolton W.	1	Sunderland	0
Bradford City	1	Arsenal	1
Chelsea	4	Bradford	0
Live pool	0	Burnley	1
Manchest r United	3	Sheffield United	0
Newca tle United	1	Preston	0
Notts County	2	West Bromwich	0
Oldham	3	Derby	0
Sheffield Wed.	0	Manchester City	0

Second League.

Blackpool	3	Leicester	0
Bristol City	1	Coventry	0
Clapton	1	Lincoln C.	0
Huddersfield	3	Fulham	0
Hull City	4	Grim by	1
Rotherham	1	Stoke	3
South Shields	0	Bury	0
Stockport C.	1	Barnsley	0
Tottenham Hotspur	2	Port Vale	0
We t Ham	1	Birmingham	2
Wolverhampton	4	Notts Forest	0

Southern League.

Brighton	0	Exeter City	0
Brentford	0	Plymouth A.	0
Crystal Palace	3	Southampton	0
Millwall	1	Cardiff	2
Nort ampton	1	Luton	4
Norwich C.	5	Bristol Rovers	1
Newport	0	Swansea	3
Portsmouth	4	Gillingham	0
Swindon	5	Queen's Park Rangers	2
Southend	2	Reading	2
Watford	5	Merthyr	0

Scottish League.

Aberdeen	2	Airdrieonians	1
Albion Rovers	2	Ayr United	1
Morton	1	Celtic	2
Clyde	1	Dumbarton	2
Clydebank	3	Dundee	3
Hamilton A.	3	Falkirk	1
Hearts	2	Motherwell	0
Queen's Park	2	Hibernians	2
Kilmarnock	3	St. Mirren	2
Raith Rovers	2	Partick Thistle	0
Glasgow Rangers	6	Third Lanark	1

Rugby.

Richmond	0	Cambridge	28
Harlequins	0	Oxford	33
Blackheath	47	Rosslyn Park	3
Old Merchant Taylors	14	Air Force	8
Portsmouth U. Services	9	Chatham U. Services	3
Newport	5	Swansea	0
Northampton	22	London Welsh	7
Llanelly	15	Cardiff	5
Liv rpool	8	Manchester	31
Yorkshire	8	Army	3

NOTHING DOING.

Much amusement was caused in the Sale Ring at Newmarket last week when Scimitar, a yearling gelding, was led in for the third time that week.

"Will anyone give three guineas for him," asked Mr. Tattersall, and as this was not forthcoming he asked for a bid of any kind, but nobody would offer a guinea, so the animal was led out amid roars of laughter.

HOCKEY MATCH.

G.H.Q. and the Physical Training staffs both raised scratch teams for Saturday. A keen and enjoyable game finally resulted in a win for the "Tabs" by six goals to four.

CAMBRIDGE ROWING CLUB.

It has been decided to revive the Cambridge Amateur Rowing Club, which has been in abeyance since 1914. Seven of the members were killed in the war, and the decorations won include 1 M.B.E., 3 M.C.'s, 1 bar to M.C., 1 M.S.M., and 1 Medaille Militaire. Mr. J. B. Peace is to be president, Mr. E. Fornochon treasurer, and Mr. C. V. Canning secretary, and a sub-committee has been formed to bring about the reconstruction.

ENGLISH RACING.

Grandcourt Wins the London Autumn Cup at A.P.

SUCCESS AT LAST.

At Alexandra Park on Saturday the weather was showery and the going good.

Grandcourt after a series of failures succeeded in winning the London Autumn Cup. Deta ls:—

Broomfield Plate:—1, Bridgend (2-1 on); 2, Monsyl (100-8); 3, Furia (7-1). Six ran.

Finchley Plate:—1, Fair Oaks (6-4); 2, Prince Danilo (2-1); 3, Flor de Solar (7-2). Four ran.

Maiden Plate:—1, White Bell (2-1); 2, Happy Gleam (6-4); 3, Warburton (10-1). Seven ran.

Woodland Nursery:—1, Savile Row (2-1); , Aerolite (2-1); 3, Belle filly (100-8). Eleven ran.

London Cup:—1, Grandcourt (9-1); 2, Roideur (10-1); 3, Wilkin (20-1).

THE DERBY CUP.

List of Acceptances For Race on Friday, Nov. 14.

Derby Cup (1m. 6f.) (Handicap) of 1,250 sovs; winner after Oct. 23 of any race of a mile or more value 150 sovs 5 lb, of two such races or of one value 200 sovs, 7 lb, of one value 400 sovs 10 lb, of Liverpool Autumn Cup 14 lb ex; 2nd rec 100 sovs and 3rd 50 sovs; ent. 25 sovs for starters (30 entries; ft dec for 10).—Closed Oct. 14.

(Acceptances.)

Queen's Square (Mr. A. R. Cox) Taylor	4	9	1
Zinovia (Mr. Michalinos) F. Hunt	4	8	12
Wildwood (Ld. Osmaston) Burns	5	8	5
The Midshipmite (Ld. Glanely) Barling	3	8	4
Planet (Mr. G. Barclay) Tabor	5	8	3
Buckthorn (Mr. C. Garland) Colling	4	8	1
Royal Bucks (Lady Queensberry) Sievier	6	7	11
Gay Lord (Mr. J. White) Cottrill	3	7	8
Rizzio (Ld. Rosebery) F. Hartigan	3	7	4
Water Bed (Sir H. Bird) Sievier	a	7	4
Rothesay Bay (Ld Derby) Lambton	3	7	4
Sheriff's Officer (Mr. W. de Pledge) Rhodes	4	7	2
Elsinore (Mr. Cazalet) Taylor	3	7	1
Rosecrop (Ld. Derby) Lambton	4	6	13
Frank Webber (Mr. H. Hartigan) F. Hartigan	3	6	13
Daphne (Mr. Sol Joel) Leates	3	6	12
Square Measure (Mr. Reid Walker) Rogers	4	6	12
Alasnam (Sir A. Bailey) R. Day	3	6	10
Kroo-Boy II. (Ld. Zetland) Dundas	a	6	9
Palatina (Mr. Cazalet) Taylor	3	6	3

EPSOM STABLE LADS.

The strike of Epsom stable lads continues. Two members of the committee went to Alexandra Park Races on Saturday to receive subscriptions from sympathetic racegoers.

AUSTRALIAN RACING.

The Victoria race was run on Saturday on Flemington race course and resulted:—Richmond Main, 1; Artilleryman 2; Surveyed 3. The winner won by half a length. Time 2 minutes 3¾ seconds; betting 5 to 1 against winner.

M. H. Gray's Sea Bloom has arrived at Chantilly from Ireland.

The 'chaser Papachif broke a shin bone at Auteuil, and has had to be destroyed.

O'Neill has signed an agreement to ride for M. Eknayan next season when not required by M. Vanderbilt.

M. Vanderbilt heads the list of winning owners in France with 426,355 francs, followed by Baron Ed. Rothschild with 418,200 francs, while M. Eknayan is third with 403,531, preceding M. Cohn 315,255.

SPORT IN BRIEF.

S. London Cricket League.

It is proposed to revive the South London Cricket League next year.

3,000 Gns. For Mirage.

At Newmarket last week Lady James Douglas gave 3,000 guineas for Mirage, a Spearmint mare covered by Cicero.

Re-signed.

West Ham have re-signed D. Bailey, their pre-war inside-right, who has just been demobilized.

Alasnam and Sir Berkeley.

Alasnam, 4th and Sir Berkeley 5th finished close together in the Cambridgeshire, only a neck or a head dividing them as they passed the judge.

Another Jockey for India.

Flanagan sailed for India by the s.s. Loyalty on Saturday having accepted an engagement to ride for Mr. Langley during the winter.

Cambridge U. Cricket.

The following have been elected for next season's Cambridge University cricket team:—Captain, G. E. C. Wood; hon. secretary, G. Wilson; assistant treasurer, G. Ashton.

The Duke of Toledo.

An interesting spectator at the Cambridgeshire on Wednesday was the King of Spain, who in his own country employs the "nom-de-course" of Duke of Toledo.

Trial Eight Race.

The Cambridge University Trial Eight Race will be rowed over the famous Queen Adelaide course, below Ely, on Saturday, December 6. The two selected crews will row from Cambridge to Ely a week before the race.

On the Sick List.

W. Lewis, the Ilford goalkeeper, has been on the sick-list, and, acting on the advice of a specialist, he will not resume his place for some weeks. Meanwhile R. Butler will probably continue to guard the Ilford goal.

Golden Fleece.

Golden Fleece, half clipped, with his tail plaited in the steeplechase fashion, went to the post as well as anything in the Cambridgeshire. He has a goose rump, like many good jumpers, and his action is perfect.

THREE NEW WEIGHTS.

Boxing Innovations in Next Year's Amateur Championships.

CONCESSION TO AMATEURS.

Three new weights are to be included in next year's amateur boxing championships—viz., fly-weight (8st.), welter-weight (10-7), and light heavy-weight (12-7).

Other proposals carried at the annual meeting of the A.B.A. were that a medal and a certificate shall be given to the runner-up at each weight, and that no entry will be accepted from any competitor under 17 years of age.

The approximate date of the next A.B.A. championships will be about a week before Easter.

A resolution was proposed and carried to enable an amateur member of the Imperial Services' Boxing Association to enter and compete for a prize in any competition or contest held under the auspices of the Imperial Services' Boxing Association, and not lose his amateur status, although competitors in the same competition may be professionals.

Mr. J. H. Douglas was re-elected president, and Mr. R. K. Gunn added to the list of vice-presidents.

N.S.C. FIXTURES.

Attractive Engagements for November.

There is greater variety in the coming month's programmes at the National Sporting Club than in those just concluded, in which feather-weights held pride of place each Monday night, "says the Sporting Life." On November 3, for instance, a couple of light heavy-weights, Harry Knight and Arthur Heke—a new-comer from Cardiff—share prominence with the feather-weights Tibby Watson (Australia) and Danny Thrush (Aldgate) in 15-round money matches; on the following Monday the bill is headed by a light-weight match between Ted Leister and the American Benny McNeill; on Nov. 17 Tom Gummer, the Yorkshire "cruiser," and Jim Harris are to meet; while heavy-weights wind up the month, the men concerned being Frank Goddard and Victor McLaglen.

It is of interest to note that mid-week competitions for novices will be resumed, the preliminaries taking place on Wednesday nights and the semi-finals and finals being decided on the following Monday.

BASHAM V. MATT WELLS.

Rubber Contest to take Place at Holborn Stadium.

The next contest at the Holborn Stadium will be on Friday, November 14, when Johnny Basham, the welter-weight champion, will meet Matt Wells, the ex-light-weight champion, over 20 three-minute rounds for £100 a side. Both men will weigh in at 10st 7lb. at 2 o'clock on the day of the contest.

Basham, as usual, is training up in the north, and Matt Wells has been in serious training during the last week at Wembley.

Boxing followers will remember when these two men last met at the London Opera House. It was one of the greatest contests ever seen, and the decision in Basham's favour was a very close one. The men had met previously, when Matt Wells won in seven rounds, so this is a rubber contest, each with a victory to his credit.

BALZAC COUNTED OUT.

Townley Declared the Winner: Frenchman Claims a Foul.

Balzac almost succeeded in winning his contest with Arthur Townley at the Holborn Stadium on Friday evening by the disqualification of his opponent as he was down on one knee, when in the third round, Townley flicked him lightly on the head with a punch that was already on its way as Balzac dropped from a left hook to the jaw.

An immediate claim for a foul was made by the Frenchman and his supporters, and one of his seconds jumped into the ring the better to urge the claim—which in itself was fatal to his man. Balzac remained "down" while this and the count were going on, and at the end of ten seconds the referee motioned Townley to his corner. Then Townley, was declared the winner, Balzac having been counted out.

Some people took exception to the referee's ruling, but it was in his discretion to decide if the foul—if foul it was—was deliberate, or whether Townley could not withdraw his arm in time, and he gave him the benefit of the doubt, as he was entitled to do.

BOXING AT ALDERSHOT.

The Reserve Squadron of the 13th Hussars held a successful inter-troop tourney at Aldershot last week. The event was the deciding factor in an all-round athletic competition which resulted as follows:—No. 3 Troop 70 points, No. 4 Troop 55 points, No. 2 Troop 55 points, No. 1 Troop 50 points. No. 3 Troop won the boxing competition and No. 4 were runners up.

Six Rounds Contests.—Pte. Yarwood 1st Manchester Regt.) knocked out Pte. McDonough in the third round; Cpl. Burrows (R.G.A.) beat Sgt. Cokeley (R. Fusiliers) on points.

MAX DECUGIS IN LONDON.

The famous French stylist, Max Decugis, accompanied by the secretary of the Sporting Club de Paris, arrived in London on Friday. He is staying at the Hotel Rembrandt. Decugis is very anxious to persuade as many of our leading players as possible to compete for the world's covered court championship, which will be held in Paris, beginning on Nov. 15.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Concert at the Gurzenich.

The first of a series of "Master" Concerts under the West German Concert Direction took place the other evening at the larger Gurzenich Hall, when Carl Friedberg, of Munich, (piano) and Robert Hutt, of Berlin, (tenor) were the artistes. The pianist enjoys great renown in this country and I am frankly glad to say that he fully deserves it. There is much in his playing that is deserving of the greatest admiration, especially his beautiful tone, sense of rhythm and brilliant technique. In the B minor Sonata (Op 58) Herr Friedberg became better and finer as he went on, and his playing of the third movement (the Largo) was as fine as anything we heard at the concert.

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I enjoyed the C minor Polonaise greatly, in which Herr Friedberg's tone was magnificient, never coarse or rough, a trap many pianists fall into when the loud pedal is down and there is much thumping to be done. His last item, the Ballade in F major, was a gem of light and shade, and it was good to see with what evident deep sincerity this highly interesting artist played. Herr Robert Hutt sang songs by Schubert, Brahms, Strauss and Bruno Harth with a good deal of warmth and a voice of considerable beauty and range. It was a most interesting evening. A word of praise is due to the accompanist of the songs, Prof. A. v. Othegraven.

A. B.

Choral Societies' Rehearsals.

One more reminder that membership of the Rhine Army Choral Societies is open to all officers, N.C.O.'s and men stationed in Cologne as well as the wives of officers and other ranks and all other English ladies in Cologne. As from to-day rehearsals of the male voice society will commence at 5.45 p.m. instead of 7.45 p.m., and those of the Mixed Voice Society at 7 p.m. instead of 7.45. All rehearsals are held in the lecture room on the first floor at the Church Army Soldiers' Club, in Antoniter Strasse, the days being:—Male Voice: Mondays and Fridays at 5.45 p.m. Mixed Voices: Saturdays at 7 p.m.

Leave Club Arrangements.

A dancing class will take place on Tuesday at the Leave Club from 5—6. and an impromptu concert will be held in the music room at the same hour. At 7 p.m. two plays will be performed, "The Importance of the Creature" and "The Bathroom Door", assisted by L./Cpl. Hugh Williams, Misses Jamieson & Trimble & Lavie, who will sing solos and play the violin. On Wednesday, there will be an impromptu concert from 5—6 followed by a dance at 6.30 p.m. A German class will be held at 6.30 in the quiet room.

Gilbert and Sullivan.

I dropped into the Deutsches on Saturday evening and there witnessed one of the best shows I've seen on the Rhine. It was ripping. The Y.M.C.A. Gilbert and Sullivan Party were there, and gave a very finely selected performance, wonderful G.&S. solos. duets and quartettes' carrying us back a quarter of a century, were judiciously intermingled with more modern songs, clever modern songs cleverly rendered. Then the wizard, with the able assistance of two members of the audience, amused us considerably and puzzled us entirely: his patter made the house rock with laughter time after time. This performance finished the party's week at the Deutsches, a successful week culminating with a packed house, which did not fail to express heartily its continuous amusement and pleasure. To-night they open up at Bonn, and I expect to hear of crowded houses all the week, for the party is an exceptionally clever one with a programme which cannot fail to amuse both young and old.

Rigoletto"

In consequence of a sudden illness of Herr Mertens, the progamme at the Opera House had to be change on Friday evening, and instead of the "Barbier of Sevilla" the audience once more listened to Verdi's well-known melodies of which Rigoletto is so full. Inasmuch as we have repeatedly eulogised it, its will suffice to say that last night's performance was a good one and the principal paris well enacted by Kate Herwig, T. Lizewsky and Fritz Kraus.

"The Jesters."

Commencing on today, "The Jesters" will pay a visit to Coblentz and its environs, for a week's tour in the American area.

JACQUES.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Mon.	Madame Butterfly	Puccini	7	9.45
Tues.	Tosca	Puccini	7	10
Wed.	Cosi van tutte	Mozart	7	10
Thurs.	Tannhäuser	Wagner	6.30	0.30
Fri.	Hoffmann's Erzählungen	Offenbach	7	10
Sat.	Mignon	Thomas	7	10.15
Sun.	Lohengrin	Wagner	5.30	10
Mon.	Cav. Rusticana Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo	7	10
Tues.	Die Entführung aus dem Serail	Mozart	7	10

BILLIARDS RESULTS.

Newman Defeats Stevenson And Reece Beats Falkiner.

The billiard matches between Newman v. Stevenson and Reece v. Falkiner concluded on Saturday evening as follows:—

Newman 16,000; Stevenson 14,281.
Reece 16,000; Falkiner 15,243.

BILLIARDS FIXTURES.

NOVEMBER.

3-15.—E. C. Breed (holder) v. F. Lawrence, at Birmingham (Midlands professional championship).
3-15.—Inman v. Falkiner, at New Burroughes Hall.
3-15.—Newman v. Smith, at Thurston's.
3-15.—Stevenson v. Reece, at Manchester.
17-29.—Stevenson v. Reece, at New Burroughes Hall.
17-29.—Falkiner v. Carpenter, at Thurston's.
26-Feb. 7.—Reece v. Falkiner, at New Burroughes Hall.

DECEMBER.

1-13.—Newman v. Falkiner, at New Burroughes Hall.
1-13.—Smith v. Peall, at Thurston's.
15-20.—A. Raynor v. T. Tothill, at Thurston's.
15-20.—Newman v. Falkiner, at Northampton.
15-27.—Inman v. Reece, at New Burroughes Hall.
22-27.—Newman v. Falkiner, at Thurston's.
29-Jan. 10.—Stevenson v. Falkiner, at New Burroughes Hall.

Jimmy Wilde.

Jimmy Wilde made his farewell to English rings for some time to come when he appeared at the Liverpool Stadium to box exhibitions. The famous little Welshman, who was accorded a great reception, left for America on Saturday by the s.s. Baltic.

MONEY PRIZES FOR SKILL.

How Demobilizable Entrants Can Fill up Football Contest Coupons.

An interesting point has been raised by a competitor in our football skill contest. In the event of a prize being won and the winner being demobilised before the result is published, how would he receive the prizemoney!

As this is a point which will affect many of our competitors we would make it clear: That, if any member of the forces who is due for demobilization enters the competition he can put his home address on the coupon.

Should he be successful, the amount due to him, in marks, will be converted by us into English money orders at the current rate of exchange and forwarded to the address given, by registered letter.

We trust this will enlighten many who have pondered over this subject and clear the way for them having a few more attempts to win the coveeted prize.

Another coupon for No. 7 Contest appears to-day. Fill it in, and post it. Don't miss this chance of earning a tidy sum, which in the present financial stringency ought to be as serviceable as it is acceptable.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 7,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S./40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.

2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.

3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.

4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.

5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.

6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.

7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.

8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.

9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 7.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov. 8th.
Closing date, Friday, Nov. 7th.

West Bromwich A.	v. Aston Villa
Middlesboro	v. Newcastle U.
Arsenal	v. Bolton W.
Burnley	v. Manchester U.
Stoke	v. Bristol City
Leicester	v. West Ham
Coventry	v. Huddersfield
Queens Park R.	v. Millwall
Southampton	v. Southend
Luton	v. Crystal Palace
St. Mirren	v. Hearts
Partick T.	v. Rangers

I enter Football Competition No. 7 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Off the Rails.

Although Cologne undoubtedly has a large number of tramcar accidents, I have never yet seen a car off the rails. Have you?

A New Team.

I hear the Monopol Clerks' mess are forming a football team. They have the right talent among their players. The proposed right wing, which consists of two Scotsmen has shone in other circles before to-day.

The Konigsforst.

Have you ever been out to the Konigsforst by tram? It's a pleasant trip which doesn't occupy much time and arrived there, you will find a good hotel and restaurant with an orchestra. The walks in the huge forest are delightful.

Solus Trades.

The trades in Germany seem to "keep themselves to themselves" as my old charwoman at home is fond of saying. The tobacconist is a tobacco dealer pure and simple. He doesn't retail papers and walking sticks and confectionery.

Dignity and Drugs.

Then the chemist—he is purely a specialist in pharmacy. One doesn't find him vending books or picture frames or fancy goods as well as drugs. He is more of a professional man than a tradesman.

Trying Anti-Fat Now.

An officer I know who was putting on flesh through the sedentary life he was forced to lead in Cologne has been rising early in the morning and taking all sorts of physical jerks. This has gone on for a month. He was weighed yesterday and to his horror found he had put on a stone and a half.

The Cult of Cleaning.

What an amazing person the hausfrau is for keeping the household spick and span! Where I am billetted there seems to be a perpetual "spring cleaning" going on.

More Than One.

Undoubtedly it pays to send in more than one coupon for our Football Competition. Form is often erratic and it is as well to make as many shots as possible. After all, each attempt only entails the outlay of one insignificant mark.

Temper not Talent.

At a certain cabaret where wrestling displays are given, feeling often runs high, and lack of skill is more than made up for, from the spectators point of view, by the deady seriousness of the competitors. Quite often, at the conclusion of the event, the loser refuses to shake hands with the victor, whereat the British element amongst the audience shows audible disgust.

Merry Poilus.

Where-ever French troops are billeted in Rhineland one generally hears plenty of music and catches of gay Parisian airs float around. The poilu is ever a cheery soul with plenty of cameraderie and "joie de vivre."

A Silly Practice.

I am told that recently small parties of Tommies in some of the cafes have been using 'sneezing powder' to the annoyance of others. This seems rather a childish though harmless diversion.

Not Outside.

In spite of the fact that almost all buildings and dwellings are electrically lighted, street illumination by this means does not extend a great distance from the centre of the city. The thoroughfares of even aristocratic districts like Marienburg are possessed of only incandescent gas lighting.

The Little Bare Patch.

The other day in a barber's I saw a sight unusual except on the Continent. A priest was having his tonsure shaved.

Coarse Cut.

Don't try to smoke one of the long German pipes with English tobacco. The secret of enjoyment lies in the thick very coarse-cut tobacco you see in the German shops. No other is suitable.

Coming of Christmas.

I understand that many German establishments are stocking their shelves with a new selection of fancy goods in anticipation of something like pre-war Christmas business.

Superstition.

The number of Germans that are superstitious could be seen by anyone walking down Kamekestrasse yesterday evening. A long ladder was stretched from the road to the top window of a large house. I waited for a few minutes, and out of the seventeen persons that passed only four walked under the ladder' The others preferred to go into the road.

Out-of-Date Songs.

"Say Au Revoir but not Good-bye," is the latest popular number in Rhineland, rivalling Gertie Gitana's "My Silver Bell". Are our song publishers clearing out their pre-historic archives, and shipping the "noten" to Germany"?

Good and Bad.

In an examination paper set recently at an Army school, one of the questions was "How would you tell fresh fish from bad?" There were some interesting replies, among them, "You can tell it because it will have a fishy smell;" "Bad fish smells rotten;" "Hold the fishes' heads up and if they fall, they are bad and if they keep straight up, they are good." "If its eyes look as it it had been crying it is bad."

Duelling Scars.

Most of the men one meets in Germany with scars on their face have not been wounded in the war, but in college duels

Wants to see London.

There is a young Pole acting as secretary to an English business man in Cologne who is anxious to visit England. Curiously enough although he has never crossed the Channel he has a good knowledge of geography and the business for which each centre is noted. Lancashire to him represents the last word in cotton manufacture, and so on.

Better but Unpopular.

Germans seem to have no objection to wearing spectacles with the large round lenses. British opticians and medical men have tried in vain to persuade us to adopt these at home.

Tanks at Solingen.

The tanks at Solingen are a continual source of interest to the children of that town. Yesterday morning, during trial manoeuvres, the tank park resembled a fair ground. One of the mark five type climbing up a very steep bank was almost completely surrounded by spectators.

The Perspiration Cure.

The Turkish baths in the Ring have been well patronised lately, I hear. There are a lot of colds about and a good many of the older officers and men are developing twinges of rheumatism. And the Turkish bath is a remedy for both.

Sudfriedhof.

All cars proceeding to this beautifully laid out cemetery on Saturday were crowded to their utmost. The number of wreathes being carried was surprising, and among them were some beautiful floral emblems. The cemetery itself presented an unforgettable scene.

A Poser.

If a glove in Germany is a hand-shoe, what is a cap comforter?

RHINELANDER.

AROUND AND ABOUT.

AIRMEN STUDY BIRDS.

French aviators have been making a study of the flight of birds. They have established that swallows in migratory flights maintain an average altitude of 2100 feet. Wild ducks, on the other hand, prefer a greater height, and cling to an altitude of 5400 feet, or a little over a mile. Lapwings or tirwets maintain at all times an even greater altitude, and in March, during the period of their migration, the French aviators have met them at a height of 6450 feet.

The average speed of wild ducks in flight is 65½ miles an hour when they are flying upwards and 69 miles an hour when flying horizontally.

TRENCH 'STUNTS."

"Trench stunting" is now the craze among the American tourists who are visiting the battlefields. In an endeavour to visualise something approximating to the conditions under which the war was waged, the tourists are spending nights on "sentry" in deserted trenches and listening posts, and sitting in muddy shell-holes in one-time No Man's Land. Even without the chance of being sent to eternity in half a hundred different ways, one experience usually suffices the most ardent of these seekers after realism.

FATHERS AS CRITICS.

There are not many cases in stage history in which a father has been greatly impressed by the acting of his son. Sir Henry Irving did not think his sons great actors, and we doubt whether Edmund Kean would have been among the enthusiastic admirers of Charles Kean. There is a case more recent of a father and son who were good friends—except when they appeared on the same stage—and some of the most successful of actors have fought hard against filial determination to take the boards. On the other side there are several well-known cases of actresses taking the keenest interest in the stage fortunes of their daughters.

YOUR BONES.

Do you know how many bones you have? You possess 246 bones from tip to toe. They are distributed about you as follows:—Your ears have six (three each). Your head has eight. Your face has 14, and your teeth comprise 32. Your backbone, with its base, has 26 bones, while the area of your expansive chest and your feet have 62, making a grand total of 52 bones, not forgetting the eight small movable bones. There are more muscles in your body than bones. They number 527. If you are curious for further knowledge regarding your bones, you will be interested to know their composition. They include phosphate of lime, carbonate of lime, phosphate of magnesia, fluate of lime, chloride of sodium, cartilage, and blood-vessels. The next time you say you "feel it in your bones," you might remember this!

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Factory-Agent and Exhibition:

THE 75-MILE GUNS.

Among the terms of the armistice was one demanding that the Germans hand over to the Allies the 75-mile guns with which they bombarded Paris. So far as the public records go none of these pieces has, as yet, been delivered. Have they shared the fate of the captured German flags, which, with characteristic want of good faith, were publicly burned by German officers on the Unter den Linden? The so-called "Big Berthas," the dismantled foundations of which were found by our troops during the German debacle, are not these weapons, but were pieces of 15 or 16-inch calibre of considerably less range.

FASHIONS IN GUYS.

Who or what is to be this year's Fifth of November Guy? This will be the first Guy Fawkes Day since 1913, on the schoolboy excesses of which, the police will be able to turn a blind eye. The ex-Kaiser may be considered definitely out of date for Guy Fawkes purposes, and neither Lenin nor Trotsky has made any great appeal to the imagination of the schoolboy. We think that the boy vote this year will probably go to the making concrete of an abstraction, and that, designed according to individual fancy, it will be the profiteer who will be consigned to the flames.

WIRELESS CERTAINTY.

Conditions have materially changed since the days of the first Marconi 10-inch spark coil with simple open circuit. To-day, radio communication is no longer a hit-or-miss proposition. Stringent laws and regulations universally recognised and adhered to have been enacted whereby all manner of radio stations are assigned definite wave lengths, ranging from 200 to 20,000 metres, the ultimate end of which is to prevent stations interfering with one another. When it is considered that at the present day there are approximately 10,000 vessels of various nationalities equipped with radio telegraphy, it will readily be understood that close supervision and control of the ether is necessary.

HELP FOR EX-SOLDIERS.

THE CIVIL LIABILITIES DEPARTMENT.

A great deal of confusion appears to obtain amongst discharged and demobilized officers and men in respect of the assistance they may obtain from the Civil Liabilities Department. This being so, it may not be out of place to explain briefly what the scope of the Civil Liabilities Department operations actually are in relation to discharged and demobilised men.

The Department is, to begin with, empowered to grant financial assistance in cases where a demobilized officer or man is faced with serious pecuniary difficulties which are directly due to his having rendered military service.

That, broadly, is the scope of the Department's activities as far as discharged and demobilized officers and men are concerned.

Not all, however, of a demobilized officer's or man's serious pecuniary difficulties come within the financial assistance province of the Department.

The particular obligations which the Department may make grants towards meeting are rent, interest and instalments on loans and mortgages; instalments for the purchase of a house, business premises, furniture, etc.; taxes, rates, insurance premiums, and school fees.

Assistance is not granted for the discharge of ordinary debts, nor is it possible for the Department to consider claims for compensation for loss of business, etc., during the war, since the grounds for such claims and the extent to which the loss incurred was due to the claimant's military service must necessarily be largely hypothetical.

LOANS NOT GRANTED.

Another point which should be noted—and one in regard to which there seems to be an exceptionally large amount of misunderstanding prevailing—the Department does not make loans.

In cases where, on entering the Army, men were compelled to close down their businesses altogether, and on demobilization find the capital they may have in hand is not sufficient to set them going again, the Department may grant them a lump sum towards the purchase of necessary stock-in-trade, etc. The amount of this grant will not, though, exceed £104.

Many men are under the impression that they can, though they were not in business on their own account before joining the forces, obtain grants to set themselves up in business now. This is incorrect. The Department can only help a man towards recovering the position he held before he joined.

There is, however, one very important exception to that general rule. That is in the case of a disabled officer or man who, by reason of his disability, is physically incapable of returning to his former occupation. The Department may make him a grant with a view to setting him up in a new line of business suited to his capabilities.

This particular function of the Department in the way of assisting the disabled was the one that was previously in the hands of the King's Fund authorities.

MACHINERY OF THE DEPARTMENT.

The machinery of the Civil Liabilities Department may be described as follows:—The British Isles have been divided for administration purposes into several districts, to each of which is allotted a Commissioner. It is the duty of the Commissioner to investigate all applications from demobilised officers and men in his district, and, having done so, to report, with his recommendations, to the Central Committee in London, which makes the awards.

An officer or man who is physically fit to return to his former occupation and who wished to make an application for assistance can obtain the necessary form from any post office or Employment Exchange, together with the address of his District Commissioner.

There are two application forms—"A" and "B." The first is for business men and employers, and the second is for workmen requiring assistance to buy tools only.

On the form are a number of questions to be answered. These questions are arranged under three headings:—

(1) Questions to be answered by all applicants.

(2) Questions to be answered by an applicant who, having left a business of his own to undertake military service, desires assistance in re-starting business.

(3) Questions to be answered by an applicant who was in employment before joining H.M. Forces, and seeks temporary assistance.

APPLICATIONS BY THE DISABLED.

Disabled men desirous of making application for the special assistance for which they are eligible must apply for their particular application form at the office of their local War Pensions Commitee—not at the post office!

Disabled officers must, on the other hand, apply for their appropriate forms direct to the Military Service (Civil Liabilities) Committee, Savoy Place, Victoria Embankment, London, W.C. 2.

The questions asked on the forms, though at a first glance they appear a somewhat formidable list, are easy to answer. They are designed to obtain from the applicant fu'l information with regard to his past experience, present circumstances, and future prospects.

When filled in, forms have to be sent to the District Commissioner, who, if he thinks fit, may require the applicant personally to appear before him, and also to produce receipts or documents in support of the statements made on the application form, or to furnish further information that may be necessary before a report can be sent to the Central Commitee.

As already mentioned, £104 is the maximum grant that may be made to any one officer or man. It may, in conclusion, also be mentioned—and it is a point all demobilized officers and men should especially bear in mind—that the period during which they are eligible to receive assistance from the Department is strictly limited to 12 months, reckoned from the date of demobilization.

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FROM EVERYWHERE.

Quinine. — A Dutch Trust is said to be forcing up the price of quinine.

Popular "Brid". — Bridlington made a made a profit of nearly £8,000 this year.

The "G.O.M." — Clemenceau will visit Strasburg on Monday.

Winter's Mantle. — Snow has made its appearance in Paris.

To be Retained.—The Didcot R.A.F. Depot is to be permanent.

New records.—The coal output at home increases week by week.

Up to Town.—A partridge appeared in a London suburb the other day.

Grandpa Joffre.—French children are being Christened "Joffre" and "Joffrette".

King Coal Dethroned.—Air and electric power are likely to supercede coal power.

Their last rest.—Sudbury paupers are to be allowed to choose their burial place.

Diligent.—A London solicitor has kept a diary for 61 years without a break.

Amputated.—Herr Haase has had his leg amputated and his condition is critical.

Slack. — Slackness on the part of labour members attending Parliament is complained of.

Powerful.—Dynamos of 75.000 horse power are now being constructed in Germany.

Go Straight:—In theatrical circles managers are talking of abolishing the queue.

Villages of Disabled.—The first village centre for disabled soldiers has been opened in Hampshire.

Wooden Houses.—Liverpools medical officer of health favours the erection of wooden houses.

Theatrical.—Mr. Robert Courtneidge is producing a new musical play entitled "Too many girls."

Happy Dogs.—Restrictions on the movement of dogs are to be released at an early date.

What's in a Title.—Woking wants its citizen guard known as Special Constabulary.

Ambitious Plymouth.—The Admiralty had promised to assist in the development of Plymouth as a commercial port.

No Stacks.—The abolition of chimney stacks is advocated by the British Commercial Gas Association.

On Foreign Soil.—German prisoners have erected a carved memorial to their comrades in Fordingham (Dorset) Cemetery.

Helping the Poor.—The exemption from income tax of small incomes under £210 is recommended.

Toy Profiteering.—The Profiteering Act Department is considering the addition of toys to the schedule.

The Rhine.—The water level of the Rhine has never been so low as at present.

Closed.—The clearing office for R.G.A. sick and wounded established at Dover has been closed.

Fore-armed.—The authorities in Egypt anticipated the riots in that quarter and were prepared for them.

The Cost.—The eight-hour day adopted by London bus and tube companies will cost an additional £700.000 a year.

Saving the Dress.—Women ask that the wearing of gloves by men at dances should be made compulsory.

To Succeed Haig.—Lord Bute and Sir James Barrie have been nominated for the Rectorship at St. Andrews University.

Romanes Lecture.—The Dean of St. Pauls will be Romanes Lecturer at Oxford University next year.

A Service Habit.—Men are said to outnumber women at London Matinee performances.

Popular selection.—The Indian Army is anticipating the appointment of Lord Rawlinson as Commander-in-Chief in India.

Peace-time Quarters.—The London District Command is returning to its old quarters at the Horse Guards.

Its Effects.—The shortage of silver in France is already making itself felt in London.

Interesting.—Several efforts are being made to induce Mr. Balfour to write a book of reminiscences.

Untrue.—There is no truth in the rumour that Lord Derby proposes to retire from his Ambassadorship.

Royal Quilt.— A quilt belonging the King was recently stolen from a Barnes Laundry.

Scooter for two.—A tandem scooter, is the latest method of locomotion seen in Paris.

Falling Leaves.—The keen winds have rapidly stripped London's trees of their faded leaves.

Fuel Economy.—Balls composed of clay and slack coal are being stocked as a provision against the winter coal shortage.

Drunk Test.—In a sobriety test at Mortlake defendant was told to say "tonsilitis", "artillery", and "British Constitution."

Dangerous Toys.—An Aberdeen boy has been killed by an explosion of detonators found on a rubbish heap.

Who Has it?—An important document bearing on the Battle of Jutland is said to be missing.

Unrepresented.—Austria is not sending representatives to the Labour Conference at Washington.

Student Miners.—The students of Gratz have decided to work in the coal mines every Sunday.

Lord Haig's Future.—It is said that if Lord Haig's present appointment is done away with, it is quite possible he will retire.

The Prince mobbed.—Encircled by a huge crowd at Montreal the Prince of Wales left his car and shouldered his way through.

Man's Advice.—A witness did not put in an appearance at the Wraf inquiry because her husband had advised her not to.

Thoughtless.—Mr. Stanton complains in the House of Commons that people do not raise their hat when passing the cenotaph.

Music for Milk.—An American farmer says he has a cow which gives more milk if music is played while she is being milked.

Flag of the Prophet.—At Barnaul in Western Siberia 4,000 Turkish prisoners revolted and hoisted the green flag of the prophet.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

SWEEPING GAINS BY LABOUR CANDIDATES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

HUMAN CORPSES EATEN IN PETROGRAD.

BOROUGH COUNCILS.

LABOUR CANDIDATES SWEEP THE POLLS.

Elections for Borough and Urban Councils took place throughout the country on Saturday. In London there was no excitement, voters being singularly apathetic, and there were few sights of interest. Many polling stations were empty for long periods during the morning, and in one case where there are six thousand electors on the list, only one hundred voted in four hours.

Among the three thousand candidates in the twenty-eight London boroughs were a peer, a domestic servant, and a blind woman. There were over 200 women aspirants, and candidates were also put forward by the Discharged Soldiers' and Sailors' Federation.

The Labour Party made strenuous efforts to capture seats, and the first results to hand show that Labour has gained overwhelming majorities in Woolwich, Deptford, Shoreditch, Southwark, Camberwell, Greenwich and Battersea, in all of which Boroughs Municipal Reformers previously held the majority, while Lewisham Council, where previously no Labour member ever held a seat, now has eight. In Shoreditch, Sir Busby Baird, who has been Mayor for many years in succession, was defeated. The Moderate Mayors of Woolwich and Camberwell were also defeated. Partial returns from other London Boroughs appear to indicate that Labour has swept the Board. In Chelsea, where the result in only one ward has yet been declared, Labour captured seven out of nine seats, three of the successful Labourites being women, but in Clifton ward, Camberwell, three members of the Discharged Soldiers' Federation defeated three Municipal Reformers and three Labour men.

Labour also scored striking gains in the provinces. At Liverpool Labour candidates gained ten seats, the successful candidates including two police strikers, but the Conservatives still retain a majority. Other great gains by Labour were ten seats at Bradford, nine each at Gateshead and Plymouth, eight at Derby, seven each at Nottingham and Coventry, six each at Worcester, Manchester, Preston, Bristol, Burnley and Bootle, five each at Ipswich, Birkenhead, Blackburn, Bolton, Stockport, Salford and Norwich, and lesser gains in numerous other boroughs. Liberals gained three seats at Oxford and two at Blackburn and four others elsewhere. The Discharged Soldiers' Federation won one seat at Merthyr Tydvil, one at Bristol, three at Sheffield, and one at Ealing, where every Labour candidate was defeated, including the only Labour member of the Council.

NOVELIST'S BANKRUPTCY.

An application was made to Mr. Registrar Hope at the London Bankruptcy Court for an order of discharge on behalf of Mr. Wm. Tufnell Le Queux, the novelist, who failed in August, 1913.

Mr. W. P. Bowyer, Official Receiver, reported that the liability amounted to £7,657, while the assets, valued by the applicant at £2,936, had only produced £211.

Mr. Le Queux attributed his failure partly to losses in connection with a Casino at Corfu and partly to ill-health, which prevented him at times from following his occupation, but, in the opinion of the Official Receiver, it was also caused by extravagance, the bankrupt's expenditure during the three years preceding the failure having aggregated £9,340, while his income during the same period was only £2,828. A dividend of 4½d in the £ had been paid to the creditors.

An order was made, subject to a judgment for £1,248, to be satisfied by four equal payments of £312 extended over eighteen months, and to be secured by the bankrupt insuring his life for £1,000.

AWARDS TO LARGE FAMILIES.

The French Academy has fixed the conditions by which next year 90 endowments of £1,000 each are to be made to French families with the largest number of children. For this purpose the Academy has at its disposal the Cognac endowment of £90,000 annual rents. Already 12,000 poor families with at least nine children living have applied. Some have over 20 children living and many have double the limit fixed. Stepchildren are ruled out.

ON THE STUMP.

According to the "Times" the Government is undertaking a lightning campaign in an endeavour to regain its lost prestige in the country. It is intended to hold 200 mass meetings within the next six weeks, especially in industrial centres, the campaign concluding with a great demonstration in London to be addressed by Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Bonar Law.

CANNIBALISM.

PETROGRAD IN THE GRIP OF FAMINE.

The famine in Petrograd is assuming terrible proportions. Forty thousand persons have died from starvation in one month, and unless speedy relief is forthcoming the entire population will starve to death.

A telegram from Reval to the Russian newspaper "Rennaissance," reports from a usually reliable source that owing to the famine, numbers of Russian Chinese are beginning to sell in the suburbs of Petrograd the flesh of people shot in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Executions take place there nightly, and the message states that high prices are demanded and obtained for this human flesh.

SUGAR SHORTAGE.

PRICE INCREASED TO COMPEL ECONOMY.

The Royal Commission on Sugar announces that the world supply is insufficient to meet the demand. Accordingly the retail price of sugar in England will be increased by a penny per pound from to-day in order to enforce economy. The Commission also states that the quantity of sugar importable into the United Kingdom in 1920 will be at least half a million tons less than in 1919.

INSURANCE COMPANIES AMALGAMATE.

The fusion of two important insurance companies, the Liverpool and London and Globe and the Royal, is announced. The following statement has been issued by the Liverpool Company:

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CONCERNING THE GUARDS.

The Secretary of State for War wil be asked by Mr. Frank Briant in the House of Commons to-day if his attention has been called to charges of brutality and bribery in connection with the treatment of recruits in the Guards, and whether in view of the prejudicial effect such statements are likely to have on recruiting and the reputation of the army, he will order an inquiry into the allegations.

(These allegations are contained in a book by a well-known author, who enlisted as a private in the Scots Guards during the war.)

PROVINCIAL INVESTITURES.

By command of the King, local investitures will be held from time to time at provincial centres in the various military commands for the presentation of orders and decorations. Members of the Royal family will represent the King on these occasions.

Those wishing to attend must apply to the G.O.C. for invitations, furnishing the necessary information with their application. Recipients of orders and decorations will be given the option of being summoned to Buckingham Palace or being invested locally.

CARDINAL HARTMANN.

Yesterday's bulletin on the condition of Cardinal Hartmann, Bishop of Cologne, stated that he passed a quiet night. Brain symptoms have not grown worse. Pulse and respiration are satisfactory, but his state of health remains very serious.

Herr Haenish, Minister for Public Instruction, called personally at the Bishop's Palace in the Gereonstrasse, and very numerous inquiries were received.

MOTOR RAIDS IN IRELAND.

On Friday night a party of armed men in a motor car attacked the police station at Lismullen, County Meath, and one of the constables defending the station was wounded.

The police station at Ballyvor, County West Meath was also attacked on the same night and a policeman named Sicot was killed. In both cases the assailants made good their escape.

THE OPEN THROTTLE.

WHAT THE RAILWAYMEN REALLY WANT.

Speaking at Cambridge on the subject of the negotiations between the Railwaymen's Union and the Government, Mr. J. H. Thomas, Secretary to the Union, said the negotiations dealt with two subjects; firstly, what should be standard conditions, no matter what the cost of living, and secondly, the old question of standardisation. He believed that ultimately there would be a satisfactory settlement, satisfactory to both sides, but he did not think this kind of negotiation was likely to establish industrial peace. They had therefore submitted to the Government a revolutionary proposal involving frank recognition of the fact that they must be partners in industry. There must be machinery for redress of grievances, permitting an equal number of representatives of the men and of the companies to thrash out these questions. "Over and above that" said Mr. Thomas, "we want to be railway directors and we are going to be railway directors. Neither side can know the other's difficulties unless they are in contact. It is on these lines that we are discussing the position with the Government."

THE NEW ZION.

PALESTINE FOR THE JEWS.

Lord Rothschild presided on Sunday over an enthusiastic meeting held at the London Opera House in celebration of the second anniversary of the British Government's declaration in favour of the establishment of a Jewish National Home in Palestine. A letter was read from Lord Curzon, giving the assurance that there had been no change in the Government's policy on this subject. This announcement was greeted with prolonged applause. A resolution was adopted expressing gratitude to the Allied Powers who had adopted the British Government's proposal as an essential element of the peace settlement, and urging upon the Peace Conference the necessity of the speediest possible realisation thereof.

MINERS' STRIKE.

PROTECTING THE CONSUMERS

The United States Attorney General, Mr. Palmer, has instructed district attorneys throughout the country to report promptly all instances of concerted action "by any two or more persons in attempts to limit facilities for transporting, supplying, producing, storing or selling coal or to exact excessive prices."

Reports from the mining fields of Pennsylvania show that the strike order is generally observed by Union men, but that up to now non-Union mines have remained in operation.

NOVEL GIFT TO PRINCE OF WALES.

On the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales to the Baron Hirsch Institute, Montreal, on Saturday, His Royal Highness was the recipient of a unique gift. It consisted of a golden tablet on which the ten commandments were inscribed in Hebrew characters. It also bore the words, "Presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales from Jewish residents in Montreal," this part of the inscription being in English.

FOUR WRECKS ON THE GOODWINS.

Four sailing vessels were driven on to the Goodwin Sands and became total wrecks during the fierce gales which raged on Sunday. A number of lives were lost. In three of the cases some members of the crews were rescued, but it is known that at least seven were drowned.

SCEPTICAL LABOUR LEADERS.

The representatives of Labour at the International Labour Conference at Washington are seeking to exclude from voting those countries which sent no workers among their delegates.

China, Siam, Roumania, and a round dozen of Latin-American countries are represented only by their diplomatic representatives at Washington. It is alleged that they are unacquainted with the conditions of the workers in their countries and are therefore not qualified to represent Labour.

GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR.

Since September 1, 1919, when the general repatriation of German prisoners of war commenced, 218,380 in the hands of the English have been repatriated, including 32,530 from England.

NOT WANTED IN SWEDEN.

Franz Kramer, one of Bela Kun's commissaries, has been arrested near Christiania and is being deported to Denmark, whence he fled some time ago.

M. Venizelos has left London for Paris, where he will remain until the Treaty of Peace with Bulgaria is signed.

ENEMY ALIENS.

FOREIGNERS WHO WANT TO STAY IN ENGLAND.

Sixteen per cent. of the civilian aliens of enemy nationality who were interned in this country at the date of the Armistice have been recommended for exemption from repatriation by the Aliens Repatriation Committee, presided over by Mr. (now Lord) Justice Younger.

The Committee, in their report (issued as a White Paper), state that since last May they have considered the cases of nearly 4,300 civilian aliens of enemy nationality who, out of the 24,450 interned in this country, appealed to be exempted from repatriation. The Committee found that it was not with the enemy aliens of the actively hostile variety—the spy, the secret agent, the insolent Prussian—that the Committee had to deal. A considerable number were old men of long residence, but the great bulk were men of military age. Of these a large proportion had British-born wives and young British-born children knowing no language but English. A not inconsiderable number had sons who during the war had served in the British Army or Navy. Many had themselves offered to serve or had volunteered for some work of national importance, earning very frequently, when accepted for that work, enviable characters from those to whom they were assigned for employment. Many belonged by origin and sympathies to nations which were now our Allies. There was one feature common to all the cases. Every appeal to the Committee had been preceded by a refusal on the part of the alien to accept the alternative of immediate release from internment and return to his own country.

Of the cases dealt with 3,250 were Germans, 1,000 were Austrians or Hungarians, and under 50 were Turks. Among the Germans and the Austro-Hungarians were many really friendly aliens. Of the Germans, as so classified, the Committee recommended for repatriation upwards of 220, of the Austrians upwards of 150, and of the Turks about 10. They recommended for exemption approximately 3,030 Germans, 840 Austrians, and 20 Turks. The final result, therefore, is that of the alien enemies interned at the date of the Armistice, nearly 84 per cent. have been repatriated and 16 per cent. only have been recommended for exemption.

Of the 3,030 Germans no fewer than 2,230 had, apart from the vast majority of cases from lengthened residence or other circumstances justifying special consideration, British-born wives or British-born children under 16, and in some 1,490 cases had both British-born wives and children. Of the remaining 800, 490 had resided in this country for over 30 years, or since they were 15 years of age or less. The remaining 400 cases included lengthened residence, Allied or neutral origin, close ties and associations in this country with few or none in Germany, British-born children resident here and dependent on the alien but over 16, notable national service, and exceptional technical skill and the like. Over 270 had sons who served in the British Army during the war.

R.A.F. PROMOTIONS.

The Air Ministry announces that a Selection Board has been formed in order to advise the Air Council as to the award of promotions to post-war R.A.F. officers, and to decide the procedure to be followed in future for the periodical selection of officers for promotion. The following are the members of the first Board:—

Air Marshal Sir H. M. Trenchard, Bt., K.C.B., D.S.O.

Rear-Admiral C. F. Lambert.

Air Vice-Marshal Sir J. M. Salmond, K.C.B., C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O.

Air Vice-Marshal A. V. Vyvyan, C.B., D.S.O.

Secretary—Squadron Leader H. L. Jackson.

It is notified by the Air Ministry that the telegraphic address of the Civil Aviation Department, Air Ministry, is now:—"Aircivil, Airministry, London." The telegraphic address, "Civiatory, Estrand, London," has been cancelled.

GERMANY'S BILL FOR SCAPA FLOW.

It is reported from Paris that the Supreme Council will demand from Germany a certain number of light cruisers and destroyers which are now in German waters, and 40,000 tons of naval material, comprising dry docks, floating docks, cranes, lighters, tugs and other craft, to replace the German Dreadnoughts now lying at the bottom of Scapa Flow, as Germany has no other units to offer in their place.

FIRE ON A CRUISER.

The cruiser Gallipoli, from Portsmouth for the West Indies, was compelled to put into Devonport on Saturday owing to an outbreak of fire aboard. The fire started in the engine-room on Friday, and despite all efforts to check it, spread to the decks above. For a time the magazine was in great danger, but on Saturday morning the flames were got under control.

GRATUITIES FOR "AUSSIES."

Australians who joined the British Armies and had no opportunity of enlisting in the A.I.F., and who return to Australia before next June, will be granted £50 each for each year of service in which they did not hold commissions.

EXPRESSES COLLIDE.

EXTRAORDINARY CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT.

Six passengers were injured in a collision between two express trains at Selby station late on Thursday night.

The cause of the accident was very unusual. The Great Eastern train from Doncaster to York was just leaving the station when the 10 p.m. Great Northern express from Doncaster to York, drawn by a North-Eastern engine, passed at 30 miles an hour and ran into it at the point where the down main of the down platform lines converge to cross the bridge over the river Ouse. The Great Eastern engine was derailed and some of the Great Northern carriages were damaged.

Both trains were full of passengers, a regiment of the Black Watch going from Clipstone Camp to Scotland for demobilization being in the Great Northern train. Lieutenant Ernest J. Sutherland, who was on his way to Falkirk, and two other men, received compound fractures of the leg, and another man had a broken shoulder. They were taken to Selby Cottage Hospital.

The official account of the accident, issued by the North-Eastern Railway headquarters at York, states that the Great Eastern train, after stopping at the platform, had set back to detach a horse-box into a siding. Having done this, the train again drew forward through the platform line, with all signals off, for the purpose of proceeding to York. The Great Eastern driver heard the Great Northern train approaching on the adjacent through line, and, realizing that a collision was imminent, endeavoured to stop his train. This he was unable to do before the trains fouled each other.

The Great Northern train overran all signals at danger at Selby West and East up to the point of the collision. It appears that, just as this train was passing the Selby West distant signal, which was at danger, and the driver was preparing to stop, fire from the fire-box of the engine was blown on to the footplate, making it impossible for the driver and fireman to remain at their posts. The driver realized what was likely to happen and made every attempt to get back to the footplate to manipulate his brakes, but he was unable to do so. The cause of the fire blowing on to the footplate has not yet been determined.

TERRIBLE RAILWAY DISASTER.

A serious collision occurred on Saturday in Denmark between an express train from Korsoer and another train from Vigerslev. The accident happened about four miles from Copenhagen. Half-a-dozen coaches rolled down the railway embankment. The number of dead bodies extricated is twenty-two, while over thirty passengers were seriously injured. It is feared that many more dead are still under the wreckage.

D'ANNUNZIO'S LAPSE INTO PROSE.

A passage from one of D'Annunzio's innumerable addresses says: "From indomitable Sinn Feiners in Ireland; from the Red flag which in Egypt unites Crescent and Cross, insurrections levelled against the devourers of raw flesh are about to blaze up, lighted by sparks from us to them."

SHAH IN LONDON.

The Shah of Persia arrived in London on Friday afternoon. He was received by the King at the station and drove to Buckingham Palace through streets lined with troops and crowded with people.

On Saturday, accompanied by Prince Albert, Prince Arthur of Connaught and members of his suite, he drove to the Guildhall and received addresses of welcome from the City Corporation.

Earlier in the day he received members of the diplomatic corps at Buckingham Palace, and conferred the order of the Crown on Earl Bradford and General Birdwood, and the orders of the Lion and Sun on Lieut.-Colonel Arthur Erskine, Mr. George Churchill and Lieut.-Colonel Edward Wickham, who are attached to his suite.

SLOW LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

Sir Kingsley Wood, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, says that Dr. Addison is not satisfied with the activities of local authorities with reference to the housing problem. The Ministry is now engaged upon a proposal to supplement them by enlisting the services of private builders. Conferences of builders interested in the scheme will shortly be held throughout the country.

SALVAGE IN WAR AREAS.

No fewer than 81,000 British Labour troops and other details and 45,000 Chinese and other coloured labourers are at present engaged on salvage work in war areas. The weekly cost of salvage operations is estimated at £537,000, including the cost of transportation to the United Kingdom.

WILSON'S IMPROVEMENT.

President Wilson's condition is so much improved that the daily bulletin has been discontinued. The President is eating and sleeping, and digesting and assimilating his food well.

NEGRO THREATS.

"CHANTY" OF THE BLACK STAR LINE.

Six thousand negroes, who attended a meeting in New York, were told by Mr. Marcus Garvey, President of the Universal Negroes' Improvement Society, that "400 million black men are beginning to sharpen their swords for the war of races."

The Negroes' Improvement Society, which claims a membership of 2,400,000 throughout the world, had announced the meeting as a celebration of the sailing from New York of the first vessel of the Black Star Line, organized in the interests of negro trade, but it quickly developed into an anti-white demonstration and a series of tirades against what one of the speakers described as the "prejudiced palefaces." Mr. Garvey, who presided, made a dramatic appearance, his arrival being preceded by the singing by four negro vocalists of the following composition:—

When Africa is free and we get our liberty,
And the line we shall go there on is the Black Star line.
For the negroes all do savvy
That God and Marcus Garvey
Are the rocks of the Black Star Line.

No jazz accompaniment is mentioned.

FAITH-HEALING FINANCE.

The English Press was practically unanimous in acknowledging that Mr. Lloyd George scored a great personal triumph in the financial debate in the House of Commons, even the "Daily News" admitting his speech to be a great oratorical success and making a tremendous impression on the House. Discussion fizzled out when the Premier sat down, and the opinion in the Lobby was that the actual discussion was one of the emptiest ever heard in the Commons. The division showed that the debate was merely a Labour demonstration without any significance.

Critics in various papers, however, continue their denunciations of what one describes as the Government's faith-healer finance, and accuse the Government of relying on rhetoric and despising the logic of facts which will speedily bring the country to a most serious position unless high prices are checked.

GENERAL DIAZ IMPRESSED.

General Diaz, interviewed by Reuter's representative at his hotel on the conclusion of his visit to London, said: "I am really overwhelmed with the kindness and hospitality showered upon me. Nothing could exceed the kindness I have experienced in England, from the King downwards. The Court, the Government, the corporation, and the people in the streets have shown, in a way I can never forget, how deep are the feelings of solidarity and friendship between Great Britain and Italy. I hope such friendship will continue for ever."

DEGREES FOR WOMEN.

The Senate of Cambridge University has been discussing the question of degrees for women. It seems that a grant of the right to use letters after their names will certainly be made, but the real struggle will be over the larger question of admitting women to functions of governance in the university, which the possession of a Master's degree carries in the case of men. However, as Parliament has already given women the right to vote in university elections, they will probably be given the right of exercising authority on academic questions.

LINK BOYS FOR LONDON FOGS.

The London streets are to have a specially trained staff of fog-men, who will be on duty in time of fog, both day and night. These fog-men will be employed by the London General Omnibus Company, and will be equipped with lamps to signal and guide the omnibuses at busy traffic centres. A beginning is being made at thirty-four of the busiest traffic points.

GERMAN OPERA BANNED.

Declaring that the wounds of war are not yet healed, the New York Supreme Court Justice, Mr. Giegerich, has prohibited the performance of opera in German. This is evidently the sequel to the recent disturbances which occurred outside the Lexington Theatre last week. The management now announce that the operas will be sung in English.

NEW FIRST LORD.

Lord Beatty, the new First Sea Lord, entered on his duties at the Admiralty on Saturday.

The King has conferred a Barony on Admiral Wemyss, who vacated the position on Friday night.

MAYOR OF WIESBADEN DISMISSED.

By order of Marshal Foch, the Mayor of Wiesbaden has been relieved of his post and ordered to leave the occupied territory in consequence of his alleged maladministration of the town.

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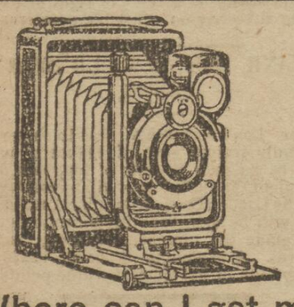

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THE ART OF WAR.

To the detached observer of men and affairs, more especially if he be of a sardonic or philosophic temperament and has learned to appraise factional literature at its proper worth, this world is indeed a curious compound.

While the air is filled with endless talk concerning a League of Nations and there are fervent hopes, if little promise, of an international brotherhood, military students have quietly returned to their schools and text books.

According to the Paris correspondent of the "Times," applications are pouring into the French military schools from foreign Governments for permission to allow their officers to follow the courses of study and to be temporarily attached to the various corps and services of the French Army. Provided the facilities asked for are granted there will shortly be over 600 foreign officers studying in France the art of war.

Very different was the sequel to the war of 1870, when few sought military wisdom at the Gallic fountain. It is an eloquent tribute to the very high state of efficiency attained by the French Army and its staff officers, as well as to the manner of tuition among our splendid Allies.

The inspiration derived from a close and intimate study of the theories and practice of Napoleon has always been an incentive to study in French military schools, such as the Ecole Polytechnique—the Woolwich of France—and the Ecole Superieure de la France. A fresher incentive to-day is the brilliance of Marshal Foch, whose masterly handling of the 9th Army in the Battle of the Marne, and final check-mate of the enemy in November 1918, cannot do other than draw numerous military students to Paris.

A professor at a staff college, and the author of "Les Principes de la Guerre" and "La Conduite de la Guerre," etc., he was fortunate to put into practice what he inculcated in the lecture room. His sense of manoeuvre is superb, and also his fertility of resource. After all it is easier to go over the top than to lead an army successfully; in the first case you may only lose your life; in the second you may lose your reputation.

Looking into the uncertain future we must continue to follow Oliver Cromwell's advice by putting our trust in God but minding to keep our powder dry. While wishing Lord Robert Cecil and the League of Nations God-speed it would be folly to cease to study the art of war.

THE DANGER ZONE.

The long ridge of the Scherpenberg, with Mont Kemmel now swept almost bare of trees, is just fading in the dusk.

Every body "up the lines" is preparing for the great nightly pyrotechnic display.

By the light of a stump of candle I am busy under my "bivvy" sheet making a determined attempt to get my correspondence up to date.

Soon the cry of "Lights Out!" will go up as the nightly bombing performance by the German airmen commences, and most likely I shall not get another opportunity of doing much that night.

But the Fates decree otherwise.

"Turn out 'C' Sub!"

It is the Section Sergeant making a round of the miscellaneous collection of bivouacs, collecting the men for teams to turn out to take up ammunition.

With many a muttered word they emerge from their "shacks" and disperse to the horse lines.

Putting on my steel helmet and adjusting my box respirator I hurry off.

The camp is alive with the rattling of harness, interspersed with shouts as a refractory horse objects to his evening meal being so rudely disturbed.

Many similar performances in the dark have made me adept, and very soon I have my pair of wheelers harnessed up.

"Walk march!" and we are away.

It is now dark, and the Véry lights in the distance marking the tortuous line of the trenches are in full play.

A chain of glowing cigarette tips marks the progre s of the teams.

Conversation is at a premium. The silhouette of my centre driver fully occupies my attention. Ahead of me in the darkness I can see him hudd ed up in his saddle well shrouded in his overcoat.

A glance behind shows me the dark figure of the gunner perched on the limber.

We leave the road and strike overland over a roughly made track.

The going now becomes cruel.

Shell-holes are numerous. I smile at the rough journey the gunner is having.

The noise of the guns is getting louder.

With a whine followed by a vicious snap, shrapnel begins to arrive. As if in challenge an ear-splitting salvo from a Battery close at hand gives answer.

The momentary flash lights up the ruins of a farmhouse and a tangle of broken tree trunks.

More shrapnel arrives, and, with a furious rush, one of the German high velocity shells.

With a sound of breaking glass it sends up a fount of brick rubble from the farmhouse ruins.

On we go.

A sudden swerve from the track narrowly missing a shell hole causes consternation among the horses.

I can feel my off horse pressing hard against the rider as if trying to avoid some unknown horror.

With a word or two I soothe him, and, glancing down, see the cause of his discomfiture. The gun-flashes light up the results of a recent shell-burst, showing the wreckage of a limber with the dead bodies of two horses.

Instinctively I picture the driver. How did he fare? At last the battery position is reached.

The centre and wheel drivers hurry forward to assist in unloading the limbers, eager to have done with it and get away from this hateful spot.

The unkempt and weary-eyed gunners at the position are in no mood to appreciate our hurry, and one of them enquires in a blasé voice whether we have "got the wind up."

But we get away at last only to be railed up all the way along the track by "Jerry's" shells.

We break into a trot.

Gradually we leave the danger zone behind and strike the road once more. The cigarettes are again in evidence, but everybody is in cheerful mood, and the voice of my lead driver is wafted back to me chanting a refrain that "I've got the sweetest girl in all the world in Maryland."

And so we arrive back in camp.

It is one a.m. and the air is chilly.

Reveille is at six. *HAWKEYE.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

STREET OBSTRUCTIONS.

Sir,—Your correspondent L.C.C. has hit on a real genuine cause for complaint.

I had a narrow escape the other night of falling into a cellar through the opening on the path being left without its cover. All there was in the way of warning, if you could call it such, was a sack lying adjacent.

Then too, the German seems to think little of running his wagons right on to the pathway and disgorging the contents so that everyone has to step on to the roadway.

What is a common sight is the buckets and boxes of refuse left out on the path till a late hour in the morning. Being a little short-sighted I have more than once tripped over these obstructions.

I hope L.C.C.'s letter will be seen and acted upon by the Cologne City Fathers.

H. C. A.

BOXING FILMS.

Sir,—How pleased "Anti-Box" must be to find such a courageous supporter of his views as A.P.N.

To read the latter's letter makes one ask, what has A.P.N. been doing during the war?

Does he imagine that the millions of men who fought during the war, managed to carry on through moral courage alone with no "brutal influences" to back them up?

Thank goodness there is such a practical institution as the Y.M.C.A., which realises what appeals to the ordinary and healthy man and does not attempt to feed his vision and brain on airy subjects which he can neither comprehend nor be interested in.

A.P.N. finally ends up his letter with the egoistical remark and self-assurance that he and "Anti-Box" are not alone in their views. To that I can only say, "Such is a fool in his own conceit."

LONGING TO GET AT 'EM.

Sir,—Evidently "Anti-Box" has not been to the Y.M.C.A. at Deutz, for not only are pictures of boxing shown at the cinema, but there is actually a table there, where soldiers may indulge in the still more brutal sport of ping-pong.

If "Anti-Box" doubts this statement he will no doubt investigate at Deutz, if he can trust himself in such a brutal atmosphere. *W. YORK.*

PRICES IN CANTEENS.

Sir,—In answer to W.F.G. referring to prices in canteens, I should like to bring to his notice that in every N.A.C.B. Institute or canteen prominently displayed is an official price list, which he should study before writing upon the subject of chocolate.

This article is marked (N.A.C.B. price list Oct. 1919) 1½d or 1¼d bars, and therefore 75 pfgs. is correct for a 1½d bar. A 1¼d bar is sold at 50 pfg.

No doubt W.F.G. has not had much experience in purchase from Army Canteens, otherwise he would realise that in a place like Cologne (with so many different canteens), to try and make 100 per cent, profit on each bar of Cadbury's chocolate would be ridiculous.

A question asked in any N.A.C.B. Institute or Canteen referring to prices, will always be entertained by the Manager or Manageress and every satisfaction given. *OLD CONTEMPTIBLE.*

GETTING YOUR TICKET.

Sir,—Not the one you thought of, oh no; it's far more difficult to obtain than that. But here is the solution:—Queue up for half an hour, add a quarter of an hour's delay in opening the box office; tickets given out at the rate of 4 per quarter hour and you're lucky to get away with the illusive ticket under an hour. Such was my experience and that of many more at the Opera House this morning. *JACKY.*

SUGGESTED PARCEL DEPOT.

Sir,—Now that so many of us are preparing to leave Rhineland, may suggest that some enterprising firm or preferably the N.A.C.B., Y.M.C.A. or British Empire Leave Club should open a depot for goods and chattels we desire to send home?

For a small outlay to cover the labour etc. they could act as middle-men between ourselves and the Post Office or railway or shipping firms. Let them accept the articles, tie them up securely and charge the postage or carriage. When it comes to making up a parcel, the average "mere male" is somewhat at sea.

TOOTLE.

THE W.O.'s. AND N.C.O.'s CLUB.

Sir,—I feel sure that every W.O. and Sergt. who has visited the "Dutch Room" otherwise club, will be grateful to you if you can add one to the tally of improvements and reforms effected by the "Cologne Post."

That there is great need and great scope for such a club is evident from the patronage accorded, but it is far too small. It is too near the officers' club, (conversation can actually be overheard). It has none of the amenities of a club. It is understaffed, and, my chiefest complaint, it is most emphatically not a place to which one could take a lady. Might I voice a very widely-expressed desire for much larger premises with facilities for obtaining a modest meal the provision of music, writing and reading rooms, in fact, a real club; otherwise quite a large number of my acquaintances, like myself, have paid their last visit to the present mis-named club.

WARRANT.

PLAYS SOME PEOPLE WANT.

Sir,—I fear that if the correspondence on "Plays Some People Want" continues much longer it will develop into a veritable Capulet and Montague feud, and the audiences of the B.R.A.D.C. will enact once more the famous first night of Hernani at the Comedie Francaise of nearly a century ago.

If so, "Durham Lad" and his followers will be able to enjoy in the audience the thrills and excitement we have failed to give them on the stage. But seriously, much as I wish to satisfy everyone, it is impossible to comply with each individual's desire, and the overwhelming majority of our playgoers demand that the B.R.A.D.C. should continue with the standard of works which has endeared the company to the Rhine Army audiences.

At the same time, as Roebuck Ramsden says in "Man and Superman," "There is an element of truth" in what "Durham Lad" and "Popular" say. Therefore at an early date I intend to present an essentially popular play without however descending to the "wholesome elevating melodrama" which distorts character for the sake of presenting impossible people in a lurid manner in improbable situations.

However, I should like to point out to "Durham Lad," "Popular," and their disciples that they can have witnessed but very few of the productions, for, with every possible allowance for their moral or physical conditions, when they come to our plays, I cannot conceive how any one could describe "The Mollusc," "Man and Superman," "The Importance of being Earnest," "General Post," "You never can Tell," "The Title," "Helen with the High Hand," "The Younger Generation," "The Man Destiny," "Hindle Wakes," "Candida," or "The Constant Lover" as either morbid, depressing, or perplexing.

Another accusation I wish to refute, and that is that we have included no recent London successes in our repertoire. May I submit that "General Post" and "The Title" are both recent London successes?

The other plays were successes some years past and have stood the test of frequent and successful revivals in London and all over the English-speaking world.

S. E. PERCY, Lieut., O. i/c B.R.A.D.C.

CATCH BETS.

JUMPING TO A CONCLUSION

"I'll bet you it will rain to-morrow," said one man to another without the least intention of having his remark taken literally. "I don't bet," remarked his austere companion in place of saying, as any ordinary individual would, "What makes you think so?" Whereupon, nettled by the tone of reproof, the first speaker returned to the fray.

"Well, I'll bet you it won't rain to-morrow," said he.

"I say I don't bet," repeated Morality.

"I'll bet you do bet," insisted Pertinacity.

"Well, I won't bet."

"Hang you, I'll take you."

"How much?"

"A fiver."

"Well, give me the money. I've won!"

"How's that?"

"You did bet."

Here is the catch, the caught, and the moral—don't be aggressively literal, and, obviously, a man forewarned is forearmed.

It is no use saying "catch bets are as old as the hills, and no one is ever caught by them in this age of enlightenment." Catch bets are still with us, will always be with us, and if submitted to analysis will probably be found to have as their basis the formula used ages ago by "Old Q." and the men of his kidney, including the amiable baronet who arrested a companion at the top of a flight of fifty stone steps and airily suggested that a wager should be made, say £100, that he would jump down the flight, the money only to be paid in the case of his survival.

The bet was immediately taken up by an eager gambler of homicidal instincts, and the genial and titled humorist proceeded to jump down the staircase one step at a time.

Years elapsed, decades of years, and one day a well-known sportsman not long demised stood at the bottom of a flight of nineteen steps. "I'll bet I will jump up those steps two at a time," said he to the man accompanying him; and the individual in question having carefully counted the steps and arrived at the conclusion that there was luck in odd numbers, proceeded, as he imagined, to make a very lucrative investment.

It is perhaps unnecessary to explain that the jumper gaily made nine consecutive jumps of two steps, one jump down of one step, and finished with an orthodox two-step jump to the top.

Of course it is possible that the sportsman in question had never heard of the bounding baronet, but it is more than probable that he had and that he had marked, learned, and inwardly digested the anecdote that doubtless some day will be airily adapted to the users of loopers of the loop.

That form of athletics known as jumping to conclusions is always attended by a certain amount of danger, as divers individuals discovered when a notoriously bad shot showed them a target painted on a barn door with a bullet hole on the exact centre, which he asserted was made by him when firing at a thousand yards range.

Their disbelief in the assertion was so badly disguised that the hero of the Munchausen-like exploit was able by the exercise of a little dexterity to saddle the doubters with a bet of an oyster supper. Having done so he produced a couple of witnesses whose veracity could not be questioned to bear him out.

When in due course the last of the oysters had gone the way of all bivalves, it occurred to one of the losers to ask the guest of the evening to explain how he had succeeded in making such an excellent shot. Whereupon the worthy in question answered, "I shot the bullet at the door at a distance of one thousand yards, and then I painted the target round it."

It is understood that those gentlemen who had the pleasure of defraying the bill were inclined to say with the poet Cowper, "Truth is unwelcome, however divine."—Harold Macfarlane in "The Badminton Magazine."

The Editor will be glad if officers and men of the Rhine Army will contribute to this paper. The need for contributions is the greater now that so many of our regular writers are leaving for home. All accepted articles etc. are paid for and may be on any topic likely to interest the troops on the Rhine. The Editor hopes for a hearty response to this invitation. No contribution should exceed 500 words in length.

STRIKES.

Nah, baht theas strikes, says Bill to me,
Ther' seems some funny doin's;
An, baht thing's alter quick, ther'll be,
Nowt left, but t'countrys ruins.

But doo'aut caw mie a gawmless chump,
A blackleg an' a traitor;
Coz' I think fer mysen, a lump,
Baht little things an greater.

An' dos't ta knaw, aw think thers ways,
An' meeans o' sich things endin;
It's noan a case o' whether it pays,
Er whether a thing needs mendin.

Becoz, tha knaws, ther's lots o' things'
Wants endin,' if we knew it;
But graspin nettles offen stings,
An' soa we're flaid to dew it.

If t'bees are swarmin, it wants care,
To safely hive the crush;
Yo'l get more stings ner haw-penee there,
If t'bees tha tries to rush.

An' soa, it seeams to me, 'at us,
At's striken fer things mendin;
Wi rushin, cause the swarm to buss,
Ah'r chance oo honey endin.

Ther's nowt mich got, bi gettin' hot,
Ther's nowt mich got, wi shahtin;
But give an' tak, aye, give a lot,
If givin' meeans surmahutin.

The leafless bush, i' t' winter skeph,
The heather, an' the broom;
In spring, the verdure slowly creph,
In summer, cum the bloom.

An nah, let's think the winter's past,
An' springtime is at hand,
An' man, an' maister, face at last,
All problems hand i' hand.

Fer sewerly, it wud better be,
Good policy, an' firm-un',
To fyt together, him an' thee,
As ye baath fewt the German.

H.C. JARVIS in the "Yorkshire Post."

HOW THE LEAGUE CLUBS STAND.

BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT OPENS.

YANKS AMEND BOXING RULES.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

Current Chat on Leading English Teams and Players.

BY W. LE C.

There is not a player in the Huddersfield team, who can claim to be a native of the town.

"Barracking" is troubling many managers at present. It is a habit which is seemingly on the increase, and the public are being appealed to "play the game."

C. Wreford-Brown the international and chairman of the C.F.C. will himself captain some of the teams the Corinthians will field.

Middlesboro are doing well financially at present and I would point out a great deal of praise is due to Mr. Phil. Bach their popular chairman.

Oldham's wing forward, Delphin, follows his trade during the week.

Hampson of Newcastle United is a clever defender, only the brilliance of McCracken and Hudspeth, keep him out of the league eleven.

Wright whom Everton parted with to St. Mirren thinks Scottish football too polite. In England a fair shoulder charge is correctly interpreted, in Scotland it is a free kick every time.

Bob Mercer joined Hearts as a wing half from Leith Athletic. Called upon to be pivot of the team one Saturday, he filled the breach so well that he stayed there and became one of Scotland's finest centre halves.

Chedgzoy of Everton, a Somerset man by the way, thinks army training will never make footballers.

Bob Crompton in addition to his motor business is licensee of two cinema halls in Blackburn.

There is not much of Duckworth the Blackburn defender, but he is a splendid back.

The name of Smith is the most common among football stars, two shining examples being G. O. Smith (Old Carthusians) and Herbert Smith (Reading) both internationals, and "G.O." is reckoned the greatest centre England ever had.

Wedlock considers the best international he ever played in, took place at the Crystal Palace in 1909. That year England won the championship without the loss of a goal.

Incidentally he considers Colin Veitch, the old Magpie Skipper, one of the best left halves who ever played for the rose.

A meeting will take place in Brussels in the near future to discuss the revival of the International Federation of Association football and the steps to be taken regarding the attitude to be adopted with regard to the Central Powers.

Blackburn are again after Kelly the Falkirk pivot. Before the war they sought his services, and they are once more angling for his signature.

Charlie Thomson, the old Sunderland skipper is a boniface at Preston-pans. He is mentioned as a possible candidate for the Tynecastle managership.

THE BEST BOY SHOTS.

Result of Imperial Challenge Shield Competitions.

The 1919 results of the National Rifle Association's Imperial Challenge Shield Competitions have just been announced.

In the Senior Competition, the outstanding feature is that most of the leading prizes are won by Australian cadets, headed by No. 1 Platoon, 3-27th Infantry Regiment Senior Cadets, winning the Challenge Shield and first prize with an average score of 98 out of a possible 100.

In the Junior Division the Challenge Shield and first prize are won by Colmanstreet Ward School Company, 1st City of London Imperial Cadets, the second by Australian Naval Cadets, and the third by Wykeham House School (Worthing "A" team).

Altogether, in the Senior Division, Australia wins 33 prizes, Great Britain 20, Canada five, New Zealand, five and Canada one.

Some 14,000 boys took part in the contests, which were fired on the range of each team.

HOCKEY ON THE HOFGARTEN.

On Friday the N. L. Lancs. played the 3rd match with the 52nd King's Liverpool's, each side having previously won a game. The "L. N. L." commenced by pressing and although the King's scored first, the Lancs. equalised just before half time with a shot from Captain Harkess.

In the second half the Lancs. asserted their superiority, and added another 3 goals to their score two being scored by Lieut. Kennedy and another by Capt. Harkess. The King's forwards looked dangerous at times, but the Lancs. defence was equal to the pressure. The final score was 4-1 for the Lancs.

NATIONAL HUNT 'CHASES.

There is a splendid programme arranged for the National Hunt Steeplechases at Cheltenham next March. No less than £6,175 will be given in the two days. This is an example for the Jockey Club at Newmarket, where the advertised value of the stakes was £2,200 and the cost to the executive £1,362.

ENCOURAGING LAWN TENNIS.

The Surrey County Lawn Tennis Association at the annual general meeting last night favourably discussed the scheme to impose a levy on members of affiliated clubs.

Any sum so raised is to be used for the purpose of enabling the Lawn Tennis Association to open a permanent ground of its own, and to pay professionals to coach players.

BADOUD DEFEATED.

At the Nouveau Cirque, Marchand beat Badoud, who holds the championship of Europe, in the fifteenth round.

LEAGUE TABLES.

Newcastle United Jump to Premier Position.

READING ON TOP.

The following were the positions of the clubs in the various Leagues on Saturday:—

FIRST LEAGUE.

	Fld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Newcastle United	13	8	3	2	20	9	19
West Bromwich Albion	12	9	0	3	36	16	18
Burnley	13	7	3	3	22	17	17
Manchester United	12	5	6	1	23	14	16
Middlesbrough	13	6	3	4	20	22	15
Sheffield United	13	5	4	4	27	20	14
Sunderland	12	6	1	5	20	16	13
Derby County	13	4	5	4	17	18	13
Bradford City	13	5	3	5	22	21	13
Bolton Wanderers	13	6	1	6	24	20	13
Chelsea	12	6	1	5	16	13	13
The Arsenal	12	4	4	4	17	18	12
Blackburn Rovers	13	4	4	5	16	19	12
Everton	12	5	1	6	21	24	11
Bradford	12	5	1	6	15	18	11
Liverpool	12	5	1	6	13	15	11
Manchester City	12	4	3	5	25	29	11
Notts County	12	4	3	5	18	26	11
Preston North End	12	3	2	7	18	30	8
Oldham Athletic	12	3	2	7	17	21	8
Aston Villa	12	3	1	8	17	28	7
Sheffield Wednesday	12	1	4	7	6	19	6

SECOND LEAGUE.

	Fld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Tottenham Hotspur	12	11	1	0	38	6	23
Fulham	13	7	3	3	21	12	17
Blackpool	13	8	1	4	30	15	17
Bristol City	12	6	5	1	16	8	17
Stoke	12	8	1	3	22	15	17
Birmingham	12	7	2	3	25	13	16
Hull City	13	7	2	4	24	17	16
Huddersfield Town	12	6	3	3	22	10	15
West Ham United	12	6	2	4	14	17	14
Barnsley	12	6	2	4	26	11	14
Stockport County	12	5	4	3	17	9	13
Bury	12	5	2	5	12	15	12
Wolverhampton Wand.	12	4	3	5	18	14	11
Notts Forest	13	3	4	6	11	17	10
Burslem Port Vale	11	4	2	5	17	15	10
South Shields	11	4	1	6	8	16	9
Leicester City	12	3	2	7	12	29	8
Rotherham County	13	3	1	9	11	28	7
Clapton Orient	13	3	1	9	12	20	7
Grimsby Town	12	3	1	8	8	24	7
Lincoln City	12	1	3	8	9	38	5
Coventry City	12	0	2	10	4	28	2

(Including Wolverhampton v. Bury match, stopped before completed.)

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

	Fld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts
Reading	15	7	7	1	20	10	21
Queen's Park Rangers	14	8	4	2	20	9	20
Portsmouth	14	8	3	3	27	10	19
Watford	12	7	3	2	18	9	17
Exeter City	13	5	6	2	16	10	16
Crystal Palace	13	4	7	2	19	13	15
Millwall Athletic	14	5	4	5	24	21	14
Swindon Town	13	5	4	4	14	20	14
Norwich City	11	6	2	3	23	16	14
Cardiff City	12	4	6	2	21	14	14
Plymouth Argyle	13	5	4	4	17	7	14
Southend United	14	4	6	4	17	19	14
Luton Town	13	5	3	5	18	20	13
Brentford	13	3	6	4	13	15	12
Merthyr Town	14	3	5	6	16	22	11
Southampton	14	5	1	8	18	29	11
Brighton & Hove Albion	14	3	5	6	12	17	11
Bristol Rovers	12	3	4	5	18	26	10
Swansea Town	12	4	2	6	13	14	10
Gillingham	14	3	2	9	8	6	8
Northampton Town	13	2	3	8	21	34	7
Newport County	15	2	3	10	10	30	7

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

	Fld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Glasgow Rangers	15	13	1	1	46	8	27
Celtic	12	11	0	1	32	13	22
Ayr United	16	8	3	5	33	18	19
Motherwell	15	7	5	3	25	21	19
Hearts	14	8	2	4	20	14	18
Airdrieonians	14	7	3	4	27	20	17
Greenock Morton	14	7	2	5	24	13	16
Aberdeen	14	6	3	5	19	17	15
Dundee	13	6	2	6	20	18	14
Partick Thistle	13	6	2	5	19	20	14
Hibernians	15	6	2	7	30	31	14
Raith Rovers	16	5	3	8	31	35	13
Queen's Park	15	4	4	7	22	28	12
Third Lanark	14	4	4	6	19	28	12
St. Mirren	15	5	2	8	18	28	12
Dumbarton	15	3	6	6	18	35	12
Kilmarnock	15	5	2	8	19	37	12
Clyde	16	3	5	8	20	28	11
Albion Rovers	13	4	3	6	13	22	11
Clydebank	13	4	2	7	21	22	10
Hamilton Academicals	15	4	2	9	25	35	10
Falkirk	16	4	2	10	16	32	10

ANOTHER CORNSTALKS TOUR.

The Australian Imperial Forces cricket team, which is at present in South Africa, will play a series of matches in New Zealand.

BARRY FOR AUSTRALIA.

"The Globe" understands that Ernest Barry has been assured of the necessary financial support in his attempt to regain the world's sculling championship, and he will in all probability meet Alf. Felton on the Parramatta River next July. He is certain of an enthusiastic reception in Australia.

BOXING IN PARIS.

The Paris boxing programme for this week is exceptionally heavy. The most important contest will be fought this evening at the Wonderland Boxing Club between the light-weights Benny McNeil (U.S.), inter-Allied military champion, and Ferry (France).

On Wednesday night there will be two good bouts at the Salle Wagram, with Marcel Denis (France) v. Zoonens (Belgium) and Dupre v. Husson.

On November 14 there will be a 20 round fight between Tancy Lee, British feather-weight champion, and Louis de Ponthieu, champion of France. The winner will be entitled to the European championship.

A match is being promoted between Fred Fulton, the American heavy-weight, who is now in England, and the coloured boxer Joe Jeannette.

STAGE v. ADVERTISERS.

In a match between the Stage and Advertisers' Golfing Societies at Coombe Hill course, Malden, Surrey, the Actors were defeated by 19 points to 5. Play was on handicap terms, and many celebrities of the stage took part, including Oscar Asche, Owen Nares, and Leslie Henson.

BILLIARDS TOURNEY.

Five Notable Players Engaged for Big Handicap.

GAMES TO LAST A FORTNIGHT.

There are five players engaged in the billiards tournament handicap which opened at the new Burroughes hall at 31. James's street, Piccadilly, yesterday, namely, the champion, M. Inman, H. W. Stevenson, T. Reece, T. Newman, and C. Falkiner, and the handicap is as follows:—

Inman	scratch.
Stevenson	rec. 500
Reece	rec. 1,500
Newman	rec. 1,500
Falkiner	rec. 2,000
A. E. Peall (reserve)	rec. 4,000

The games will last a fortnight each, so that the tournament will extend over a period of about five months.

It is a pity, perhaps (remarks "Green Cloth" in the "Observer") that Smith, the Darlington player, is not among the competitors, as it is understood that he is certain to take part in the championship, and it would have been interesting to see how he would fare under handicap terms. However, his appearance in the championship, presuming he takes part, will give added interest to the competition, as he figures as something in the nature of a "dark horse."

A Special Attraction.

A great deal of interest is sure to be taken in the tournament, and the games in which the champion is engaged will naturally have a special attraction.

While all of the other players engaged are admittedly extremely fine exponents of the game, there can be no questioning the superiority of the champion, at least on last season's form. It is, indeed, not too much to say that the history of the game cannot show anything finer than the consistent form shown by Inman in last season's championship.

Actually how much he was the superior of any of his challengers it is difficult to say, and providing he is still as good as he was he should win the championship again, though whether he will be able to dominate the situation with the tournament under handicap conditions is another matter altogether.

SPORT IN BRIEF.

Victory for Magdalen.

Magdalen easily beat New College in the final beat of the coxswainless fours at Oxford.

Official Scratchings.

Saturday's scratchings include Chuette out of the Liverpool Autumn Cup and Morning Star out of the Duchy Plate.

Rugby County Championship.

At a meeting of the Middlesex County Rugby Union, it was decided not to enter for the county championship this season.

Young France.

For some years before the war (writes Lieut.-Colonel Pountney, in "The New World") the younger generations in France had begun to develop a liking for English sports.

Elisha Scott.

Elisha Scott, the Liverpool goalkeeper, has now left the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, after undergoing a second operation.

County Cricket Home.

Consternation is aroused amongst thousands of Yorkshire sportsmen that Bradford Park Avenue, the home of county cricket, is not to be acquired for the town.

Opportunists.

Opportunists such as Steve Bloomer and, latterly, Sid Puddefoot, are not to be found in many teams, and only stars of great magnitude can effectively use single-handed methods.

A Bet.

At Leopardstown yesterday a bet of £1,750 to £500 was taken about Tetratema for next year's Derby, for which Prince Galahad had a backer at £3,000 to £500.

Dundee's Surprise.

The Scottish League surprise of the week has been the transfer of David Brown, centre-forward, Dundee, to Stoke. £1,500 has been mentioned as the transfer fee. Glasgow Rangers are stated to be among the disappointed clubs.

Quoiting Championship.

The third attempt of John Durnie, Dalry, Ayrshire, to wrest the Scottish quoiting championship from the veteran, Wm. Watters, Lochgelly, Fifeshire, failed, the holder of the title proving winner by 61—47.

Royal Yearlings.

The nine English-bred yearlings purchased some time since by the King of Spain have been named: Pot Shot, Tambour, 'Yif Argent, Fidelio, Lohengrin, Sigurd, Madame Butterfly, Thais, and Chaperon Rouge.

A. H. Bell to Retire.

A. H. Bell, the amateur International full back, who played for Surrey County for nearly twenty years prior to the war, has definitely decided to retire from the game. He turned out for his old club, Woking, in a match against Dulwich Hamlet Reserves on Saturday, but found himself unequal to the strain after five years of inactivity in football.

TWO PLAYS.

In the Theatre at the B.E.L.C. to-night at 7 p.m. two plays will be produced, the "Impertinence of the Creature," played by Miss Tilney and Major Greenlees and "The Bath-room Door," a one-act Comedy by Gertrude Jennings. The caste for this latter will include:—

The Prima Donna	Miss Kathleen Campbell.
The Old Lady	Miss McMaster.
The Young Lady	Miss Christian.
The Young Man	Captain Preston.
The Old Man	Captain Ziegler.
Boots	Pte. Browning.

For the musical part of the evening, the Misses Jamieson and Trimble will sing, also L/Cpl. Hugh Williams and Cpl. Rushton, and last, but not least, Miss Smythe will play a violin solo.

SIX ROUNDS LIMIT.

American Boxers Conform to British Rules.

COBLENTZ TOURNAMENT.

The promoters of the American Boxing Tournament at Coblentz were greatly perturbed last week-end by the intimation from the Physical and Recreational Training Headquarters of the British Army, that no British Troops would be permitted to enter for the contests under the conditions advertised. Naturally, this rather upset our Yank friends who had gone to great trouble to ensure the success of the tournament, but their representative who visited Cologne to discover the cause of this refusal must surely have been satisfied with the explanation extended.

There were two main objections raised by the P. and R. T. Superintendent. The first was against the number of rounds which the promoters of the tourney proposed the competitors should box.

It is a rule strictly observed in the British Army that unless a man be a champion or an ex-champion, he shall not be permitted to box a greater number than six rounds. Ten and fifteen were the numbers suggested by the Yanks.

A second objection raised against allowing British troops to enter was the fact that prize money was to be awarded the winner.

Both these difficulties were overcome by the Yanks agreeing to amend the two conditions concerned to conform with British Army rules, in the first place by reducing the number of rounds to six and in the second place by substituting cups or medals for the prize winners.

Cause of the Objection.

Major Delaney of the P. and R. T. Staff told "The Cologne Post" yesterday that the objections raised were not in any way calculated to hamper the ambitions of young boxers in the Rhine Army. On the contrary, the department did everything possible to encourage ring-craft as one of the healthiest and self confidence promoting phases of sport that one could imagine.

The attitude of the P. and R. T. department was adopted solely in the interests of the men themselves. His experience, and the experience of others who had made a very long study of the boxing art was that six rounds was the very limit of an amateur without detriment to his health. As a matter of fact, three rounds of two minutes each, was quite sufficient for the average man unless he had long and special training.

As regards the second point, continued our informant, throughout the war, the Army system of physical training had always had for its aim the development of esprit de corps in all the games and competitions that had been adopted. Obviously, he added, if money were given as prizes for boxing, there would be a stronger inclination to go for the prize rather than to enter the ring for the sake of sport and, more important still, for the purpose of maintaining or strengthening the reputation of a man's unit.

The Fighting.

An American, who is an expert on the subject, declared after the bouts, that during the several months he had been with the Army of Occupation he had never witnessed such excellent boxing.

Another spectator remarked that the types of boxing of the Americans and Britishers were totally different. The methods of the men from the British Army were usually scientific while those of the Americans more resembled the fighting of old days.

The presence in the ring of the referee was a strange experience for the visitors. Our representatives made quite a satisfactory display, as the appended performances signify:—

Welter weight: Sergt. Ritchie, 32nd M.G.C., won on points.

Feather weight: Sergt. Hope, 53rd Manchester Regt., lost after an extra round. Corpl. Holland, 51st Manchester Regt., lost on points.

Light weight: Sergt. Ghent, 52nd King's Liverpool Regt., knocked his opponent out in the fourth round. Corpl. Holloway, 52nd King's Liverpool Regt., lost on points.

CADETS IN THE RING.

Prince Albert's Interest in Their Forthcoming Tournament.

A novices' boxing competition, open to all the recognised Cadet Units of the City and County of London, will be held at the National Sporting Club on November 25. The 1st Cadet Batt. of the King's Royal Rifle Corps is responsible for all arrangements, and Lieut.-Col. W. S. Masterman is to be congratulated on the support he has gained for his project.

There are so many entries that only two can be taken at each weight from any one unit, and it will be necessary to hold preliminary bouts (at the Drill Hall of the 7th London Regiment, 24, Sun-street, Finsbury square), on November 12 and following evenings.

Seven divisions are open to cadets, from paper-weight (7st. and under) to catch-weights (over 7st. 7lb.), and some excellent sport is promised.

Prince Albert has sent a letter in which he expresses his good wishes for the tournament and emphasises the value of boxing to boys and youths.

Spate of Entries.

So many entries over 10 stone have been received that it has been decided to add a middle-weight at catch weights over 10 st. 7 lbs. The bouts will be contested in the following weights:

Paper	7 stone and under.	
Fly	8 "	" "
Bantam	8 "	6 lbs. and under.
Feather	9 "	" "
Light	9 "	9 lbs. " "
Welter	10 "	7 lbs. " "
Middle at Catch Weights over 10 st. 7 lbs.		

The points will be three for a win, once for a loser, and one may be added by the referee to a good loser. The contests will be two rounds of two minutes and one round of three minutes, and the interval one minute.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

Sunday at the Deutsches.

The series of Sunday concerts at the Deutsches Theatre will be very successful if the high standard of last Sunday's programme is maintained. These concerts fill a gap and are much needed. Sunday is a free day for most of us, and an hour or two of classical music seems to fit in with the scheme of things. Fraulein Wanda Achsel was as wonderful as ever, singing the Aria from "La Boheme" and the "Valse Song" from Romeo and Juliet. She displayed a happy vein of humour in announcing her English songs, which put her at once on intimate terms with the audience. Announcing, in English, that she would sing an unknown song, we were hardly prepared for "Two Eyes of Grey," but this she sang with wonderful enunciation. I suspect, however, the words conveyed little to her, as her singing of this item was rather lacking in the sympathetic interpretation called for. Fraulein Achsel also sang "Heimkehr vom Fest" and "Gretel," and in English, "One Brief Hour," announcing the latter with a knowing wink which tickled the audience immensely.

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It was a great disappointment that Alfred Barker was indisposed, but although he did not feel able to do justice to the big Kreisler and Sarasate items which he had intended playing, he gave us some Chopin, in addition to the 1st mov. of Violin Concerto by Mendelssohn. One could hardly notice that his playing suffered, but no doubt had he been well, he would have worked the audience to still greater enthusiasm. Howard Fry was a great success. I should like to hear more of him. He has a voice of wonderful tone and purity. The acoustics of the Deutsches Theatre are not considered to be good, and I think in another place he would be heard to even greater advantage. The audience liked him immensely, especially in the "Toreador Song" from Carmen and "Son of Mine." This latter simple song is often heard, but Fry's artistic interpretation easily brought it into harmony with the rest of the programme. His other items were the Prologue from "Pagliacci" and the Kashmiri Song from "The Indian Love Lyrics." Professor A. Krogel again accompanied throughout the evening in such a way as only a master can.

"Y.M." Saturday "Pop."

To a packed hall on Saturday evening last the remnants of "The Tabs" and "Tonics" Concert Parties presented a wonderfully good variety performance, considering the fact that they are in process of reconstruction and are trying out several new artistes. In addition, several new acts were presented for the first time, with very little rehearsal, much of the business being quite spontaneous. The act of the evening was undoubtedly the dude and (very) snabby-genteel double turn by George Baines and Rex. It was quite their own production, and showed both artistes to advantage. Without reflecting in any way upon Rex's abilities as a light comedian one really wonders what he has been doing all the time he has been in Cologne not to have given us heavy burlesque before. It is certainly his forte and the act was a scream from start to finish.

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New artistes were W. F. Green, a very useful tenor with quality, and Le Clere, a man of mystery, who is almost uncanny in his divinations and demonstrations of second sight. With a little showmanship, he should make a good turn. Maisie, in an amazing hat, and coy as ever, fooled deliciously with Rex in his new guise, whilst "Tab" Hosier accompanied on the piano. Hosier looks very well in uniform but would be more keeping in costume.

Invitation to Soldiers.

The pupils of the School for British Children were so delighted by an extraordinarily clever illusionist entertainment by Mr. Hugh Herring the other evening in the Loreley Hall, that they wished their parents and all the troops to share in their enjoyment. And now by the kindness of Mr. Herring the children invite the soldiers to an illusionist entertainment to be followed by a special cinema show, on Thursday, in the Great Hall of the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. commencing at 6.30 p.m.

What's on at the Leave Club.

There will be an impromptu concert from 5—6 on Thursday, and a whist drive at 6.30 p.m. A chess tournament will be held at the same hour in the quiet room, and a dancing class in the theatre followed by a dance at 7.30 p.m. On Friday there will be a dancing class from 5—6, and a German class at 6.30 p.m. while the cinema will be continuous throughout the afternoon and evening. On Saturday, there will be an concert from 5—6 and a dance at 6.30 p.m.

"The Eccentrics."

As announced last week, Mr. Alfred Hurley is back in Cologne with another London variety company. He opened a week's engagement at the Palace Theatre yesterday evening with "The Eccentrics," a combination of talent that is bound to meet with approbation. In the programme appears the great "Datas", but yesterday evening he was unable to appear owing to delay in travelling up from France. He is now on the scene, however, and it is announced that he will positively appear this evening. The company is well balanced, and submit a bright and varied performance well worth going a long way to see.

W.O.'s and Sergeants Make Merry.

The fortnightly guest evening of No. 1 G.H.Q. Warrant Officers and Sergeants' Mess passed off with great éclat on Sunday, many ladies gracing the function. R.S.M. P.T. Satterford, the Mess President, steered the cheery company through a most excellent menu and a very enjoyable musical programme, and rounded it off with an omnibus vote of thanks. The usual self-sacrificing members constituted an efficient corps of "ober kellners" who idd the company—and themselves—well.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Tues.	Tosca	Puccini	7	10
Wed.	Cosi van tutte	Mozart	7	10
Thurs.	Tannhäuser	Wagner	6.30	9.30
Fri.	Hoffmann's Erzählungen	Offenbach	7	10
Sat.	Mignon	Thomas	7	10.15
Sun.	Lohengrin	Wagner	5.30	10
Mon.	Cav. Rusticana Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo	7	10
Tues.	Die Entführung aus dem Serail	Mozart	7	10

A short operatic duet was brilliantly played by C.S.M. Uzzell and Sgt. Lyons, and songs were contributed by Sgt. Howard Fry, Cpl. H. Waters and Mrs. Covey, Pte. Hozier playing the accompaniments. Mr. Joe Morley played some wonderful banjo selections, as did Sgt. Hallmark, whose G.H.Q. Jazz Band (the old original) roused the mess to such enthusiasm that he would do well to watch his jazz machinery or he might find another party of noisy, if inexpert, amateurs, in opposition.

British Empire Leave Club.

There was quite a big audience on Sunday night at the B.E.L.C. sing-song. Lt. Mearns opened the programme with "I know a Lovely Garden," and later on sang duets with Lieut. Ramsay, the most popular of which proved to be a realistic rendering of "Tenor and Baritone." Amongst the most popular items were "She'd a Hole in her Stocking", sung by Miss Bell, "Harvest", sung by Miss Trimble, and violin solos from Miss Tyrer. "Eleanor" was splendidly sung by L/Cpl. Williams, and Lieut. Ramsay gave a stirring "Three for Jack". Miss Douglas, besides accompanying the whole evening, assisted the audience to sing popular songs. Next Sunday the London Divisional String Orchestra will give a concert in the theatre at 6.30.

Deutsches Theatre.

The Rhine Army Dramatic Company yesterday evening produced "The Silver Box" by John Galsworthy before—as might have been expected—a very crowded audience.

JACQUES.

WILL IT BE YOU?

Another Chance To Win Big Prize In Football Contest.

The results of the matches on No. 6 contest coupon provided some unexpected returns. Numerous competitors failed to forecast the draws at Bradford, Brighton, and Brentford, while many were caught by the defeat of Queen's Park Rangers at Swindon.

The most surprising result however was the fall of the "Throstles." In this column last week we hinted at such a possibility but few competitors apparently availed themselves of this.

The result of this competition will appear in Thursday's issue.

The league tables appear to-day. Study them and send in your efforts for No. 7 contest without delay. Some entrant must carry off our prize. Will it be you?

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Closing date, Friday, Nov. 7th.

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Arsenal	v. Bolton W.
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Queens Park R.	v. Millwall
Southampton	v. Southend
Luton	v. Crystal Palace
St. Mirren	v. Hearts
Partick T.	v. Rangers

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(In block letters.)

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ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

An Unusual Sight.

I heard of an officer on one of the staffs in Rhineland who went on leave recently and forgot to remove his brassard. When he arrived in England, he was the object of much curiosity and couldn't quite realise why. Then he remembered the brassard and promptly removed it.

Connoisseurs.

Passing a shop in Cologne where people were eagerly awaiting further food supplies, my companion remarked. "They study the bits of stuff in the windows as though they were works of art."

Narrow Escape.

Passing along Marzellenstrasse the other evening I heard the tinkling of falling glass. It transpired that a window of a train passing over the bridge across the street had been broken. One civilian had a narrow escape. A large piece of glass missed his head and cut his coat as it whizzed past him.

Fish and Chips.

The Germans have at last discovered the British soldiers' penchant for fish and chips "Fish & Chips from 7 to 10" is quite a popular sign in Cologne now.

Demobbing too.

The Fair at Rheil is being disbanded. Large wagons are much in evidence conveying portions of roundabouts, swings etc. to their winter quarters. One of these large vehicles trying conclusions with a tram, succeeded in upsetting the service for about twenty minutes.

What a Picture Cost.

The large sum of 25000 marks was paid for a painting in one of the Cologne auction marts yesterday. Evidently no shortage of money.

Flowers and Fruit.

During the past week a large assortment of beautiful wreaths has graced the windows of numerous florists' windows in Cologne awaiting Saints' Day celebrants. These wreaths have been very artistically constructed and there is apparently no end of bloom. Whatever the perfume city lacks it is evidently not deficient in either flowers or fruit.

Armistice Anniversary.

I have heard several requests lately for a fancy dress ball to be held in Cologne on the 11th — the anniversary of Armistice Day. I wonder if anything of the kind is being arranged.

The King's Tribute.

The other day it was my privilege to peruse the scroll which the King has had prepared and presented to the next-of-kin of the heroes who fell in the Great War. It describes the dead soldiers as having "left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom."

Street Markets.

Have you noticed the growth of the idea of street markets in Cologne? They are springing up on all hands and some stall-holders seem to have acquired permanent pitches for the display of their wares.

For the Youngsters.

I learn that the school for British children just commenced at the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. will consist meantime of a junior and a senior section, and the curriculum includes in addition to reading, writing and arithmetic, French, German, Geography, History, Drawing, Dancing, Drill, Sewing, Vocal and instrumental music, object lessons, Hockey etc. Competent teachers have been found by the Army Education Officer, in co-operation with the Y.M.C.A. A very successful dancing class has been carried on for some weeks under Miss Letts, of the Y.M.C.A.

Our Contem Poxary.

"Amaroc News," the American Army paper produced at Coblenz, is, I hear, to charge 75 pfgs. a copy in future.

Books on War.

I dropped into the municipal library behind St. Gereon's Church yesterday morning and found a learned-looking assemblage plodding over hefty tomes and text-books. From the shelves allotted to "military and marine" books few, if any, volumes had been taken. There I found a well-thumbed Clausewitz and a German translation of Mahan's classical "Sea-power".

High Prices.

At a well known auction mart in Cologne some staggering prices were paid for valuable china and pictures yesterday. Even with the rate of exchange well over a hundred, Britishers expressed surprise.

All Souls'.

A correspondent points out that Sunday was not actually All Souls' Day. He says that in the ordinary course of events Nov. 2 would be All Souls' Day, but when it falls on a Sunday as this year, it is solemnized on the Sunday following. Anyhow, our glorious dead were suitably remembered; and that is all that matters really, I think.

German Names now.

Before the war the Kronprinz Hotel, Cologne, was called the City, and the Grosser Kurfürst in the Dom Square was known as the Savoy. The Germania cafe was formerly the Picadilly, and the Ewige Lampe the Hotel de l'Europe.

No Alcohol.

Perhaps you have not noticed it but the average German shampoo has for some months past been a very "milk and water" performance. The reason is that a good shampoo is only possible through the use of alcohol. This the German has lacked, but he is now making up for lost time with Paris importations.

Improving Names.

The printer of the R.A.D.C. Posters may think John Goldsworthy a more pleasing name than John Galsworthy, but it is of course, incorrect. Recently he took liberties with the name of Harold E. Terry the author of "The Man who Stayed at Home" changing it to "Harold E. Taylor."

Economy.

Do you know that in the American area no electric lamp exceeding 50 c.p. may be used in any stove window or elsewhere? Evidently one idea of securing economy in lighting.

German Practitioners Forbidden.

An important G.R.O. has been issued. It forbids all ranks to place themselves under medical treatment by German practitioners. They must report sick and attend, or be admitted to a British hospital or consult a British dentist when necessary.

Inconvenient.

In at least one Cologne hotel the civilians who have been in occupation received a bombshell in the shape of an edict to clear out, the premises being required by the military authorities. The problem of securing alternative premises is a difficult one in Cologne.

Billetting de Luxe.

This led to a lively experience for one individual, who sought the aid of the civil billeting authorities. Armed with a chit entitling him to a room at what may be regarded as a high price for such accomodation he found the house. He climbed four flights of stairs and was shown most impossible accomodation —under the stairs.

Early Snow.

Winter has started very early this year, and many troops in occupation have seen Rhineland under snow for the first time.

Remembering their Dead.

An Englishman who motored up through Belgium from the coast tells me that he was very impressed by the reverent tribute the Belgians gave to their gallant dead. He happened to be passing one of the Liege forts just at the conclusion of a short requiem service. The graves were liberally covered with flowers and their national colours.

Not Complimentary.

It seems the fashion outside Germany to fall back upon the ex-Kaiser and his satellites for all the fun of the fair. An officer just back from leave tells me that he noticed that all the figures at an Aunt Sally stall wore the old German uniform.

Tobogganning.

With the fall of snow — much greater in the Aix-la-Chappelle district than here — the younger generation tobogganed to their hearts' content down icy slopes. Just where these toys are stored during the greater part of the year I do not know, but one little fellow was improvising with the aid of a stool used upside down.

RHINELANDER.

SIEGFRIED WAGNER.

A RECOLLECTION: BY ALFRED BARKER.

Walking along some street the other day, I noticed a huge poster with the name of Siegfried Wagner staring at me in big red letters; that name involuntarily took me back to London and reminded me of a certain Saturday afternoon many years before the war.

It was a London Symphony Orchestral Concert at the Royal Albert Hall, and the concert was to be composed solely of Siegfried Wagner's works, and also conducted by him.

A friend of mine in the above Orchestra, being taken ill, asked me to deputise for him, which I readily did, as it seemed to me an occasion of more than usual interest.

The rehearsal was called for ten-thirty, but we were all there a good deal before that time, all very interested and curious to see the only son of the great Tone Poet. With the usual privilege that great men consider their right, he came rather late, but on being introduced to the orchestra he was given a very warm and cordial reception.

The resemblance of father and son at a little distance was quite extraordinary, and there were moments when many of us rubbed our eyes and wondered whether it was the great Wagner himself or really his son.

I managed to get a closer view of him during the rehearsal, and afterwards Dr. Hans Richter introduced me. I was benevolently asked, "Wie geht es Kleiner": was patted on the back, and then he turned to speak to someone.

No, on closer view there was much that somehow disappointed me, yet for the life of me I could not say why. The face was finer than his father's, but only in the sense that it bore none of those deep marks of suffering. Above all his eyes lacked that indefinable something, that spark that shines from a born genius only; his brow was broad and clear, yet somehow it did not give me the impression of a great intellect; the chin, too, lacked that touch of doggedness.

I do not know what it was, but I was standing before one of the most illustrious figures in Music alive to-day, and yet somewhere within me I was disappointed, and to my horror I had the same feeling with his music after the rehearsal. This took a good three hours, and what with the eagerness and desire to do our best we all felt ready for a great big dinner when it was over.

Siegfried Wagner's music I can only describe as the "ghost" of his father's. We were mostly agreed on one point, namely, that the greatest gift he had inherited was his orchestration. We played some marches, excerpts from his operas, but it was all pretty much the same, every man in the orchestra going at it for all he was worth, yet at the end of it all one did not know why— there was little meaning in it all; at times ghosts of "Tannhauser" would appear, but without that wonderful pulsation; faint suggestions from Parsifal, without succeeding in giving that wonderful nobleness of sound which prevails throughout that gorgeous Tone-Picture. It was all so near to being great, yet infinitely far away.

When it was all over one could not help thinking of Richard Wagner and his son as Substance and Snadow. In comparing Siegfried Wagner so closely with his father I am paying him the greatest compliment possible. There was much in his music that only the son of Wagner could have written, but there was much that other people could have written, which no one dare say of Richard Wagner's music. Therein I think lies the great difference.

I remember at the conclusion of the concert he received a big reception, both from the audience and the orchestra, and no one joined in more heartily, if with mixed emotions, than myself.

FOR BUSINESS MEN IN RHINELAND.

COLLECTING ENEMY DEBTS.

GERMAN RECONSTRUCTION.

An Order in Council dated August 18th 1919, and published in the "London Gazette" of October 24th, tells us all about collecting enemy debts, what may and what may not be done; and the official assistance that may be expected. All interested should secure a copy of the Order. Collection is to be made through a central clearing office under a Controller appointed by the Board of Trade.

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By means of a little parable, "The Daily Express" explains very simply one point of view regarding the question of reconstruction in Germany. "England is in the position of a man who is owed, say, £10 by another man. He goes to collect the sum, and finds his debtor in rags and penniless. He does one of two things: either says 'good-bye' to his £10 or takes the man, reclothes him, and sets him on his feet. The latter course would probably cost him another £10, but he would stand the chance of recovering the £20 ultimately, with interest. In other words, if we ever hope to receive our indemnity from Germany, we must assist her to obtain the raw materials of which she is in such dire need."

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It appears from German reports that the Frankfurt Fair was successful in its purpose of showing what Germany can sell and send in exchange for material she needs. The heavy industries seem to have been poorly represented, but finished manufactures made a brave show. The leather branch dominated; the electrical, chemical, boot and toy branches were very well represented; in the small iron and steel branch practically all the twenty-five Solingen works had exhibits. There were further displays of photographic materials and of optical instruments and novelties in machine tools. Cheap jewellery, soaps, and perfumes, and also high class printing were to the fore. There was very little china, glass, furniture, rubber manufactures and automobiles.

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Sir Auckland Geddes, in a recent speech, referred to the accumulation of information by the Department of Overseas trade,—"information about getting goods to other lands, tariff rate and exchange." He said that the Department under Sir Hamar Greenwood now housed at Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, "worried horribly at the indication that the business community is not ready to take advantage of the help that the Government of the country can give. Now you know you may worry them horribly for all the information you require respecting your overseas trade."

Readers would do well to pay attention to the British Consular reports, which are of inestimable value for all who are opening up fresh connections abroad. The reports give accurate and otherwise inaccessible information relating to the state of foreign markets, the articles required, the recognised terms of payment of particular localities, etc.

The value of goods imported into the Rhineland since the Armistice is more than three million marks.

Fifteen hundred wagons of cigarettes to the value of one million marks were received. Some portion of these found their way into unoccupied territory, by regular or irregular ways.

A false advice has been current that Allied persons were forbidden to visit German manufactories without the express permission of the owner. This permission, we understand, is not necessary for officers in uniform.

A German ship sailing under her own flag has left Hamburg for Philadelphia to fetch a cargo of mineral oil.

According to the reports from German Chambers of Commerce the amount of labour actually performed by German workmen is now only about 50 per cent. of the work done in pre-war days. For instance, a Flensburg shipbuilding yard had to reckon for 800 hours now for work which in peace time would have occupied only 37 hours.

To militate against the inconvenience caused by the acute coal shortage the British authorities are organising a lorry service between the Ruhr district and the British occupied zone.

Private parcels may be despatched to the United Kingdom weighing up to five kilos. The contents must be clearly stated, and if dutiable, arrangements can be made for the Post Office to pay the duty.

MODESTY OF THE SHAH.

One of our British Ministers in Persia conveyed to a former Shah a message from the Omar Khayyam Society in London, begging his Majesty to keep green the grave of that ancient Persian poet. The Shah was mightily interested to learn that there were people in England who admired the author of the "Rubaiyat." "But," said he, "we do not regard Omar Khayyam as the greatest of the Persian poets. I could mention the names of one or two living ones who are better." The fact was, the Shah wrote poetry himself.

ENORMOUS WAR LOSSES.

Russia alone lost more than three times as many men in the late war as were lost by both the North and the South in the American Civil War.

"Germany lost more than three times as many.

"France lost nearly three times as many.

"Great Britain lost nearly twice as many.

"Austria lost nearly twice as many.

"There were sixty-nine years of war among the various nations in the 117 years prior to 1910.

"As nearly as can be learned, 5,098,097 men lost their lives in those wars.

"In the late war there were 200 men killed an hour, about 4,800 for every day of the war.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Free.—German lighters taken to Libau by the Allies have now been released.

Malvern's Record.—Over 400 Old Malvernians fell in the war.

Audacity.—Petersham Parish Church was broken into in broad daylight.

Papal Blessing.—Czecho-Slovakia has been recognized by the Pope.

Their Surprise.—New Zealand coal lumpers have suddenly returned to work.

Denial.—Chile denies that her territory has been invaded by Peruvians.

Postponed.—Queen Wilhelmina's visit to the Dutch Indies is postponed.

Discouraged.—Raisuli, it is stated, has demobilized his troops.

Home.—Prince Alexander has returned to Belgrade.

In the Fashion.—Newspaper sellers at Marseilles have gone on strike.

Without Debt.—Dunmow, Essex, is without a debt of any kind.

Returning.—The Belgian Royal Family has sailed for home from New York.

Deserved.—A German agent found guilty of blowing up a Canadian bridge has been sentenced to ten years.

A Common Experience.—Denmark is submitting to war time restrictions because of shortage of coal.

Hullo!—Within a short time it will be possible to telephone from France to the United States.

To Assist Farmers.—To meet distress by drought New South Wales proposes to introduce a farmers' moratorium.

Preparing.—The Rhodesian government has decided to remodel the defence system of Southern Rhodesia.

Yank Regular Troops.—Reinforcements of regular American troops have arrived at Coblenz.

Fini.—The colonial troops in German East and South West Africa are to be dissolved.

Alarming.—Owing to scarcity of silver coins the totalizator could not be operated at Auteuil races.

Peace Uses.—Cargo boats and liners are to be constructed in the naval arsenals of Cherbourg and Brest.

Newcomers.—Two young Arctic foxes have just been received by the London Zoo.

Dutch Labour.—The Dutch Chamber has passed a bill providing for an eight-hour working day.

Germany's Representatives.—The late German Minister of Economics is attending the Washington Labour Conference.

No Change.—Birmingham has reaffirmed its decision not to reinstate police strikers.

Promised Early.—A final decision on the future of the Territorial Force is likely to be reached at an early date.

Delayed.—Until terms and conditions of service are settled, enlistments for the Territorial Force cannot commence.

Untrue.—There is no truth in the reports of anti-Jewish pogroms in Ukraine by anti-Bolshevist troops.

For next Year.—Steam communication between Norway and Spitzbergen is planned for next year.

Inquiry.—Delegates have arrived at Lille to inquire into the building trades' strike.

Land Girls.—November 30 has been fixed as the date of the demobilization of the Land Army.

Dancing craze.—Hammersmith has a dancing hall which will accomodate 1500 couples.

Jazzing at Mansion House.—The Lady Mayoress elect has banned jazzing at the Mansion House.

Lorries to the Rescue.—Lorries are being employed to relieve the dock block at Avonmouth.

Business as usual.—The anniversary of the Armistice will not be observed as a bank holiday at home.

Reappearing.—Mr. Cyril Maude will make his re-appearance on the London stage after his long absence in the States next Monday.

More Evidence.—The Belgian Government have issued a Grey Book on the subject of Belgian prisoners captured in the campaign in German East Africa.

British Shots.—The Australian Defence Department has been asked to assist in financing a British Rifle Team if it visits Australia.

Exchange.—Arrangements have been made for pay issued to British troops in Russian currency to be exchanged before they embark for home.

High Prices.—Owing to the embargo on the building of new cinemas the prices of existing houses are rising to figures unheard of.

Combine.—There has been a big coastal boat deal in Scotland, the Coast Lines Ltd. having acquired several rival fleets.

Pensions.—Up to the present date slightly over half a million claims to pensions have been received from demobilised men.

Safeguards.—A Bill to increase the amount of compensation payable under the Workmen's Compensation Act (War Addition) Act 1917 will be introduced.

The Dole.—Prosecutions have been instituted in Great Britain in 882 cases of fraud in connection with out-of-work donations.

Safe.—The members of the the British Mission to the Iman of Yemen, who were captured on the road to Sanna, are being well treated.

Refitting.—The Ministry of Munitions has undertaken the manufacture of railway wagons at Woolwich Arsenal for the North Eastern and Great Western Railway companies.

To Go Back.—The Government is demanding the surrender for trial of Submarine Commander Captain Keisewetter, who has already been repatriated to Germany.

To Confer.—A meeting will take place between representatives of the British Government and of the Russian Soviet in Denmark to negotiate an exchange of prisoners.

For Naval Ratings.—The War Office and Admiralty are jointly considering the conditions under which War Medals will be issued to Naval ranks and ratings including the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

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AN EPIC OF WAR.

BRITISH OFFICERS' ESCAPE FROM CAPTIVITY.

The first case coming before the new president of the Prize Court, Sir Henry Duke, was described by Counsel for the Crown as perhaps the most extraordinarily gallant exploit ever brought to the notice of the court.

Mr. O'Connor, on behalf of the Crown, asked for condemnation of the Turkish tug Hertha and its cargo as prize.

This was the tug seized by eight British officers who, being prisoners of war at Yozgad, Turkey, escaped on the night of 7th August, 1918. Their plans had been maturing during the previous eleven months, and they at last reached the coast, after a series of adventures, about a month later.

On the night of 8th September, Commander Archibald Douglas Cochrane saw a Turkish tug entering a small bay in the Gulf of Adalia laden with Turkish Government stores. His companions agreed that the best plan was to swim off and capture the vessel, which lay some two hundred yards off shore. The first attempt failed because of the noise made by the anchor when an officer attempted to release the dinghy, but on the next attempt the anchor was raised with almost incredible difficulty, considering the emaciated condition of the escaped prisoners, who had been marching across the desert for more than four weeks. They employed roughly-made paddles and finally towed the tug out to sea under the nose of the sentry. When safely out at sea they started with great difficulty the 50 h.p. engines, and were able at length to make the island of Cyprus.

Commander Cochrane, in the witness box, being asked how he knew the vessel belonged to the Turkish Government, said that when she came into the bay he saw she had Turkish officers and soldiers on board. The Hertha was taken out seawards in tow of the dinghy, which was rowed by six roughly-made paddles. Asked how he managed to navigate the vessel to Cyprus with seven army officers, he said he knew the general direction of the island and had a compass and table giving the bearings of the sun. The mountains of Cyprus are very high and they sighted them from forty miles away.

The President of the Court said: "I have to express the admiration we all feel at the services you rendered on this occasion and the gallantry of your adventure." A decree was made condemning the vessel and cargo as prize.

The officers accompanying Commander Cochrane on this adventurous expedition were Captains A. B. Haig, 24th Punjabis, R. A. P. Grant, 112th Infantry, V. C. Clarke, West Kents, N. A. B. Johnston, Garrison Artillery, J. H. Harris, Hampshires, K. D. Yearsby, Royal Engineers, and F. R. Ellis, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

BATTLEFIELD MEMORIALS.

The Battle Exploit Memorial Committee constituted by the Army Council in order to correlate claims from individual units for permission to erect permanent memorials of their exploits on the battlefield has now completed the first stage of its duties.

Claims to erect memorials have been made by 117 individual units, and these have all been reviewed. Those made on behalf of the Australian, Canadian and New Zealand Governments have been approved, and negotiations regarding the acquisition of permanent sites are well advanced.

The Belgian Government has generously offered a number of plots of land in various places suitable for the erection of such memorials and has undertaken that such plots shall, as far as possible, be reserved for this purpose in any eventual scheme of reconstruction and rebuilding.

BOY WHO WANTS MORE.

A boy of 16, employed as a collier's helper, who was on Saturday charged at Pontypool with stealing chocolates from a shop, said his wages at the Tirpentwys Colliery were 39s. 6d. a week, but he had "given in a notice" for £2 18s. This intimation of "further trouble in the Welsh coalfield" caused much laughter in Court, especially on the part of the presiding magistrate (Mr. Benjamin Nicholas), who is managing director of the Tirpentwys Colliery.

The boy, Thomas Dentith, was discharged on payment of costs.

CONTROL OF MASSAGE HOUSES.

The London County Council in Committee has decided that the existing system of control of West-end massage and manicure establishments is insufficient to suppress immorality. They are therefore proposing that annual licences be issued.

FRONTIER AFFRAYS.

TRIBESMEN BEATEN OFF WITH HEAVY LOSSES.

A delayed Reuter message from Simla gives details of various affrays on the North west frontier. Gangs of Waziris and Mashuds have moved to attack the Tochi convoy. They are also active in the Gomal area (pass 200 miles S.W. of Khyber).

The Amir has permitted the Waziris to enlist in the Afghan army, but the inducement is insufficient. Afridis who recently returned from Kabul are convinced that the Amir has deserted them, and does not intend to help them to make terms with the British Government.

All Afghan regular troops have been withdrawn from the Dakka front (west of Khyber Pass), and have been replaced by irregulars. Raids continue in Waziristan and the Derajat (100 to 200 miles S. and S.W. of Khyber).

A petition for peace has been sent in by small sections of the Mahsud tribe, and other sections are awaiting the return of their leaders from Kabul before deciding on their policy.

An escort of three companies, with one section of mountain guns, returning to Manzai on October 22, was engaged with a mixed gang of Mahsuds, 250 strong. The enemy was driven off with heavy loss.

On the same day a convoy from Tochi was attacked by 300 tribesmen, but reached Idak safely. Our casualties in both actions were small.

EGYPTIAN RIOTS.

MACHINE GUNS TO STOP LOOTING.

Telegrams from Cairo received on Monday report serious riots at Alexandria during the week-end.

In the midst of a demonstration by the crowd after leaving the mosque an Indian soldier is said to have fired a shot. The mob thereupon became enraged and sacked the shops on the Boulevarde in the Hamleh quarter and in Mahomet Ali Square. Soldiers were called out and dispersed the crowd with machine gun fire, many casualties resulting. Quiet is now restored, and the situation in Cairo is calm.

FIRE AT LILLE ARSENAL.

A big fire broke out yesterday in the citadel at Lille. Part of the arsenal was damaged and a large quantity of munitions and arms destroyed. The damage is estimated at several million francs. The fire appears to have arisen through German prisoners stealing wood and making a bonfire.

AU REVOIR TO CANADA.

The Prince of Wales had an enthusiastic send-off on his departure from Montreal on Sunday. His official tour of Canada being now completed, the Prince will spend a few days in paying unofficial visits before proceeding to the United States.

YUDENITCH IN DANGER.

Very hard fighting is still proceeding round Petrograd. General Yudenitch's Army is reported to be still in a critical situation, though his forces have captured several villages in counter-attacks against the Bolshevists. A wireless message from Moscow says that the White line is in danger of breaking.

EXPERT PASSPORT FORGER.

The police at Copenhagen have arrested a German lithographer named Rienecke who was running a passport office here. He provided false passports for a large number of German and Austrian communists and criminals, who had succeeded in crossing the Danish frontier by night. Some of them had been sentenced to from eight to ten years' hard labour in Germany. Rienecke confessed that he had falsified the signatures of the Danish and German Consular officers and the police authorities. His false passports were a splendid imitation.

FIREWORKS FOR SALE.

The new number of Surplus, the publication of the Disposal Board, Ministry of Munitions, contains information concerning large quantities of fireworks suitable for celebrations, which are available for immediate disposal.

Count Arco, who, on February 21st shot the Bavarian Prime Minister, Kurt Eisner, will be tried on November 14th before the Munich National Tribunal.

RUSSIAN FRONTS.

SWAYING FORTUNES IN MANY PARTS.

A War Office communiqué announces that no reports of the situation in North West Russia have reached the War Office since that which gave the situation at 6 p.m. on Saturday last. Up to that hour there was little change in the line, apart from raiding activity.

The following was the situation on Denikin's front on the 31st October. Bolshevist attacks on the Caspian to the South-West of Astrakhan were repulsed with loss. On the front of the Don Army the Bolshevist 22nd Division, which had been surrounded in the valley of the Medvyeditsa, succeeded in cutting its way out to the North-East with the loss of 2,000 men, the Bolshevist reinforcements sent to assist it driving back the right of the Don Army for a little distance.

Further North, between Buzaluk and Khopen repeated Bolshevist attacks delivered against the centre of the Don Army broke down with heavy losses. Three Soviet companies and 250 other prisoners fell into the hands of the Cossacks. South of Navokhopersk three regiments of the 36th Bolshevist Division were defeated and driven northwards with heavy casualtis, losing 1,000 prisoners, eight guns and many machine guns. The right of the Volunteer Army had heavy fighting against the reinforced Bolshevist Divisions, which attacked along the whole front of 180 miles between Yelets and Syevsk. All attacks to the east of Orel were repulsed with heavy loss. Elsewhere there was no change in the situation.

THE RESTAURANT HABIT.

SEVEN THOUSAND AT ONE SITTING.

Nearly the whole of the block of buildings bounded by Great Windmill-street, Rupert-street, Shaftesbury-avenue, and Coventry-street has been purchased by Messrs. Lyons with a view to extensions of both the Coventry-street Corner House and the Trocadero.

"There will be seating accommodation for nearly 7,000," says the manager of the Trocadero. "We intend, of course, that the two establishments shall both keep their individual characteristics. All that will happen is that the sites will adjoin."

Though this extension will improve the existing teashop accommodation, it will do little to alleviate the crowding of London's restaurants. For London is gradually being forced to acquire the habit of taking meals away from home, with the result that in the rush of the luncheon hour queues are not an unusual sight.

THEFT AT THE LOUVRE.

An audacious theft has been committed at the Louvre Museum. The thief had concealed himself in one of the rooms, and with one of the stone exhibits broke a case containing objects belonging to the Phoenician epoch, and made off with a thin gold neckchain. Though the chain is 2,000 years old it has no great value, and surprise is expressed that the thief did not turn his attention to other cases near by containing jewels in solid gold of inestimable value. He escaped from the Museum by one of the windows, afterwards scaling the iron railings which separate the Louvre from the Tuileries. Finger-prints were found on the glass of the open window, and they correspond with those on the stone with which the case was smashed.

JEWISH WORLD-CONFERENCE.

The Committee of the Jewish delegations at the Peace Conference has, according to a telegram received from Paris by the Jewish Correspondence Bureau, resolved to convoke a Jewish world-conference, which is to determine the best methods of helping Jews of the East who are suffering in consequence of the war or of pogroms. A similar decision has been taken at important meetings in Warsaw and Lodz. Sir Stuart Samuel and many representatives of the Polish Jews took part in these conferences.

The world-conference would include in its programme the founding of a Jewish bank, the realisation of a great national loan, and the establishment of schools for artisans, and of commercial and agricultural colleges.

QUEEN OF NORWAY VISITS ENGLAND.

The Queen of Norway, sister of King George, arrived in London on Sunday evening. The King and Queen, attended by Captain Sir Bryan Godfrey-Faussett, R.N., Equerry-in-Waiting, and Lady Isobel Gathorne-Hardy, and accompanied by Princess Mary, were in waiting at King's Cross, and after an exchange of cordial greetings the Royal party drove off to Buckingham Palace.

The Queen of Norway will make only a short stay with the King and Queen, and will then proceed to her Norfolk home, Appleton House, on the Sandringham estate.

André Thumerel, a French military artificer, accused of theft, committed suicide, with his 20-year-old lady friend, by exploding 170 cartouches of melinite.

TANK INVENTION.

BEST IDEA TWICE REJECTED BY AUTHORITIES.

The fact was revealed by the Inventions Commission yesterday that a model was submitted by an Australian to the War Office in 1912 of an armoured car which, on the admission of the authorities themselves, would have made a better tank than that which actually went into action on the Somme in 1916.

The claimant was Corporal D.G. Male, of the Australian Forces. He said that when, in 1912, his model was rejected by the War Office, he was urged to submit it to the German authorities but would not do so. In 1916 he again submitted the idea to the British authorities in essentially the same form.

Counsel for the Crown admitted that the suggestions of Male, if carried out, would have made a better article than that which actually went into action.

The Chairman pointed out that the Commission could not recommend an award because the invention had never been utilised in the actual evolution of tanks. He added that the greatest credit was due to the claimant for his suggestions, which would have been of extraordinary value.

COAL STRIKE.

FINDING A WAY OUT.

As a remedy for the turbulent conditions in the American industrial world the Advisory Board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in a statement issued on Monday, suggests that immediate steps be taken to assemble an Industrial Commission at Washington which will recognise the rights of all citizens and not be pledged to oppose collective bargaining. The Brotherhood pledges its support to the Government in restoring normal conditions, but says it deplores the Government's present action in attempting to control by injunction, believing that such action only tends to make conditions worse, and defers, if it does not actually defeat, a peaceful settlement.

New York coal operators and Union leaders make conflicting claims about the strike, the operators declaring that the majority of workers absent on Saturday will return to work to-day, while the Union leaders say the strike will remain "a hundred per cent." No disorders have yet been reported, and public opinion is solidly on the side of the authorities.

DEATH-BED MARRIAGE.

At Westminster Mr. Oddie held an inquest on the body of Lieutenant Buchan Metcalfe Liddell, R.N.R., aged 40, who died in the Empire Hospital, Vincent-square, S.W., on Thursday morning.

Mrs. Liddell stated that her husband told her that on July 28, 1918, he was at Zanzibar, and with some other officers left his ship and went ashore to dine with friends. While on a balcony he stepped over what he thought was a bush, and fell on a cement floor 15ft. below. He was taken to hospital and found to have fractured his spine. He was eventually brought to Portsmouth and transferred to the Empire Hospital, where he was married three weeks ago.

The Coroner.—Can you be married in a hospital?

Witness.—Yes, by licence from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Captain Alexander Campbell, of the Empire Hospital, said that Lieutenant Liddell had a fracture and dislocation of the spine, with complete paralysis of the legs.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

INNOCENT CAUSE OF TRAIN DISASTER.

From the latest news of the terrible railway collision near Copenhagen it appears that forty-five persons were killed and about thirty injured.

The accident happened in a very curious manner. A little girl fell out of a coach on the first train, which stopped as the result of her mother pulling the communication cord and backed slowly to the spot. The driver forgot that the express train was following. Just as the mother found her child alive and unhurt the express dashed up and in a moment the two trains were a mass of wreckage.

GERMAN DIAMOND FIELDS.

An Anglo-American company has acquired for one million sterling the whole of German private and State interests in the diamond fields of the late German South West Africa. There is some public protest at Johannesburg over the secrecy of business and the alleged possibility of the market being rigged.

BRITISH VESSEL SUNK BY MINE.

The British steamer "Volturnus," with provisions for the Baltic fleet, struck a mine yesterday off the Skaw. All aboard were saved, but the vessel, which was a complete wreck, was abandoned and presumably has gone to the bottom.

The prospects of an issue of British prize bonds is having a restricting influence on investment in Government securities.

PENNANT INQUIRY.

FIERCE DENUNCIATIONS BY COUNSEL.

At the outset of Monday's sitting of the House of Lords Committee of inquiry into the dismissal of Miss Violet Douglas Pennant from the Women's Royal Air Force, Colonel Defries said he desired to make a public statement with reference to certain portions of General Brancker's evidence which he declared adversely affected Miss Douglas Pennant's case and were not true.

The Chairman, Lord Wrenbury, prevented the Colonel from proceeding, and told him that he was not a party to the proceedings.

Colonel Defries replied: "General Brancker speaks badly of a unit I commanded. I desire to prove that I commanded it to the absolute satisfaction of everyone concerned."

The Attorney-General then continued his speech on behalf of the Air Ministry. He submitted that it had been made abundantly clear that Miss Pennant's suggestion of conspiracy and intrigue was absolutely unfounded. The real reason for the dismissal of Miss Pennant was that she could not make a success of her department. It was lamentable that Miss Pennant became saturated with suspicion against her equals, her superiors and her subordinates. That she should have come to the conclusion that the whole world was against her and that it was her duty to make public a tangled web of hearsay and tittle-tattle was a deplorable thing.

Mr. Patrick Hastings, K.C., for Colonel Bersey, then addressed the Committee, and said there was not a shadow of evidence to justify Miss Pennant's charges. In concluding his speech Mr. Hastings said:

"The accuser is not Miss Douglas Pennant, but hundreds of people who have been grievously and evilly wronged by this lady. Accusations have been made against my client, against all the members of the Air Ministry, against hundreds and thousands of persons not named. Miss Pennant has sought to villify them and hold them up to the utmost degradation, cheerfully and willingly—almost, I might say, laughingly. These are the sort of weapons which may possibly recoil. The person who would be condemned by everyone who had heard the evidence would be the person who brought the whole of this dirty, filthy story into prominence solely for her own ends, that is, Miss Douglas Pennant herself."

Other counsel for different parties having spoken, the inquiry adjourned.

Just before the rising of the Committee Lord Stanhope went into the witness-box and said he wished to withdraw the statement he made in Parliament regarding Colonel Janson and Miss Giubb, and he desired to apologise for such a statement.

The Chairman said that that should be done in the House, but he thought it would not be right for Lord Stanhope to make any such statement until the Committee's report was submitted to the House of Lords.

Lord Stanhope replied that he would therefore do nothing in the matter until the report had been presented.

SHAH IN LONDON.

BONDS BETWEEN ENGLAND AND PERSIA.

The Shah of Persia dined with Lord Curzon at the latter's residence at Carlton House Terrace on Sunday night.

Responding to the toast of his health, proposed by his host, the Shah said, "Thank you for the kind words you have just expressed. I am very happy to be able personally to assure you of my sincere goodwill towards you personally and my great admiration of your great talents, which are indeed universally recognised. I do this with all the more pleasure as I see in you a sincere friend of my country, where you have travelled and where you have been able to know and appreciate my people more intimately than you could have done otherwise. I take this opportunity of telling you how pleased I am at the conclusion of the agreement recently reached between Persia and Great Britain — an agreement which has been come to for the purpose of strengthening in the future the joint interests of our two countries and the traditional relations existing for so long between us."

IMPORTED MEAT TO BE LABELLED.

The Imported Meat (Labelling) Order, 1919, which comes into force on November 12, lays down that imported meat must be labelled by retail butchers when sold or exposed for sale and when delivered at a customer's premises. Where cuts or joints of imported meat are exposed for sale they will be sufficiently labelled if they are exposed on a slab or counter which bears in a conspicuous position the prescribed label. The label must have "Imported," or "Imported Meat" clearly printed on it.

NEW PEERS' TITLES.

The titles taken by two of the newest peers are:—

General Sir Henry Seymour Rawlinson, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G., Baron Rawlinson of Trent, in the County of Dorset.

Colonel William Hall Walker—Baron Wavertree of Delamere, in the County of Chester.

OTHER RANKS' WIVES

NEW HOSTEL OPENED BY Y.M.C.A.

That there was urgent need for a Cologne hostel for British soldiers and their wives is shown by the fact that all accommodation at the new Y.M.C.A. hostel at 12 Richard Wagner Strasse was taken up before the establishment was officially opened.

Since the scheme was propounded the Town Major has been indefatigable in its furtherance and it is largely owing to his efforts that initial difficulties were surmounted.

The hostel, which is an annexe to the Central Y.M.C.A., has been completed down to the last detail by Miss E. K. Beale, Head of the Central Ladies' Staff. Rations are drawn in the usual way and handed over for preparation to the Central, where all meals, except breakfast are served, a separate room being set aside for the purpose. Breakfast is served at the hostel itself.

The opening ceremony took place yesterday afternoon, in the presence of Lady and Miss Robertson and a gathering representative of the British Colony in Cologne.

Mr. Ashley, the general secretary of the Y.M.C.A. up here, briefly explained the scheme, and Dr. Francis, who acted as proxy speechmaker-general, gave details of the excellent and difficult labours performed by Miss Beale and her energetic helpers.

The actual ceremony of opening was performed by Mrs. Hall, who, together with Major Hall, has taken a very practical interest in the starting of the hostel. The unlocking of the main door was done with a silver key, presented to Mrs. Hall, on behalf of the tenants, by Mrs. Harrison, the wife of the staff sergeant-major, who assists Miss Beale in the running of the hostel.

After partaking of tea the party inspected the hostel, and were very enthusiastic about all the arrangements. There are nine bedrooms, each large enough to hold several beds and also to serve as sitting-rooms. Hot and cold baths, an excellent kitchen, a common sitting-room, and a breakfast room make up the ensemble of a much-wanted and greatly-appreciated institution.

The excellent arrangements made by the Y.M.C.A., with the ready help of the Army authorities, made it possible for all this to be free of all charge, but, with that spirit characteristic of the British soldier, the tenants have decided to have a small levy to meet expenses for cleaning, decorating, etc., and for the purchase of such extras as eggs, fruit, and flowers.

The Y.M.C.A. are trying hard to secure further promises for similar hostels, but housing accommodation in and around Cologne is dreadfully scarce at present. They expect, however, to secure at least one more building in the near future.

CLASP TO 1914 STAR.

APPLICATION FORMS AT POST OFFICES.

The War Office announces that discharged or demobilized personnel who are entitled to the clasp to the 1914 Star for those who served under fire in France or Belgium between August 5 and November 22, 1914, can obtain forms of application at any head or branch post office in a town, or at any post office in the country districts. The forms should be completed in accordance with the instructions thereon and forwarded to the Officer in Charge Records of the corps with which they last served.

FINLAND AND RUSSIA.

According to the Finnish Press Bureau a Minister of State has declared in an interview that the negotiations between representatives of the North Western Russian Government and the Finnish Government are as yet without result.

The Chief of Staff of the Russian Murman Army states that the collaboration actually brought about between Finnish and Russian troops operating round about Murmansk has materially changed the situation to the advantage of the Whites.

The Finnish Government has recalled General Mannerheim owing to the present military situation.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Despite the competition of many new capital issues the tendency of the market was encouraging and the volume of business satisfactory. Gilt-edged securities improved, this being attributable to the success of the British loan in New York. Oils were prominent, the leading shares particularly being in great demand. The feature of the mining section was the persistent buying of Burma Corporation shares on the strength of the company's silver and lead potentialities. Rubbers were changing hands freely without any striking price movements. Shippings continued their upward movement. Foreign funds were quiet, Scandinavians falling somewhat on the improving rate of exchange. Eight new prospectuses were issued, the collective sum applied for totalling ten million sterling.

The War Office announces that Christmas puddings for soldiers must this year be provided under pre-war regimental arrangements instead of by private generosity, as during the war.

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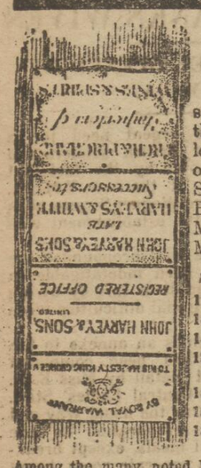

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EXTERMINATION.

Hamelin, as it happens, is not in occupied territory, and we have no particular need of a picturesque Pied Piper, but the experiences many of us had on the Western front in the hunting of rodents induce us to take more than a passing interest in the recent National Rat Week in England.

No official casualty figures are yet available, but from reports which have come to hand from various sectors the offensive was apparently well conceived and equally well carried out. The mortality was particularly heavy in Kent where averages have a habit of attaining pre-eminent heights, and in the general attack poison gas sticks of cordite, ferrets, dogs and rat-catchers—animate and inanimate—were freely requisitioned.

What possessed Noah to take a couple of rats into the ark has been a source of wonderment as well as perplexity to many. What man is doing in the scheme of things apart from burrowing in the earth in the piping times of war and laying up subterranean stores of very appetising food, has probably been equally perplexing to every reflective rat.

This ravaging rodent has rendered itself an insufferable nuisance not only because of its predatory habits, but also because of its ability to spread disease. It has also a beastly tendency to propagate its species far too freely for the liking or comfort of mankind, four or five big litters a year being unpleasantly common. Whatever may be said of the gentler sex, the average man can tolerate and even humour a mouse, but a rat as a rule is a vile and dangerous intruder, whose repulsiveness seems to be in proportion to the length of its ghastly-looking tail.

The rat's one redeeming feature, apart from any useful purpose the naturalist may have found in its existence, is the opportunity it affords for first-rate sport. Rat hunts relieved the monotony of trench life; even the "base wallah" may have found a transitory joy in gingerly raising his tent boards and pursuing the elusive pest.

The rat week, as was inevitable, witnessed several exciting hunts, two such sporting events in the Quinton district adding between them 350 tails to Birmingham's total captures. These should be vigorously maintained so that every week is a rat week, more especially as the breeding season has not yet opened.

SOLDIERING IN INDIA.

I consider my happiest days as a soldier were passed in India, where I served for nearly ten years.

Some people are of the opinion that the climate in India is unhealthy, but this is not so, as a man has every advantage and chance to keep himself fit amidst beautiful surroundings, and with plenty of time at his disposal for sport. Personally, I never had one day's sickness during the whole time I served there, simply on account of the fact that I indulged in plenty of sport and exercise, which is encouraged by those in authority in India.

I will give a slight impression of a day's service during the summer months. I am an Artillery man myself, but the Cavalry and Infantry services are practically the same as far as hours and advantages count.

Reveille would sound at 5 a.m. in order to get the drill and military duties over before the heat of the day, which is at its height about midday. At 5.30 a.m. a Mounted Parade would be held, my horse saddled and groomed up ready for me beforehand by my "Syce" (Groom), who is paid the small amount of 8 annas (8d) per week to look after the horse, clean equipment, &c.

After this parade I would water and feed my horse, have breakfast and go to stables from 9 a.m to 10 a.m. From 10 a.m. until 5.30 p.m. I would be free to do as I wished, if not detailed for guard.

This spare time was generally passed with a few hours' sleep, a game of cards in the Royal Army Temperance Association, billiards, or water-polo and swimming, which is very popular with the troops in India, all facilities and conveniences for sports being provided by military authorities.

The evenings also were devoted to sport generally, hockey, football, polo, cricket, tennis and fives-courts. Another popular form of sport out there is shooting, game being very plentiful. Each unit has its own "sporting guns", and one can enjoy good shooting—wild duck, doves, pigeons etc.

Every Thursday was a general holiday, when sports would be properly organised, tournaments, etc. taking place

Every man has the privilege of two months furlough in each year, and can travel to any part of the country, within reason, free of cost.

The winter is also quite pleasant, being warm all day, getting colder towards night time, but is never excessive. During the winter months field training is the general form of military duties combined, of course, with drills, but sport has its place all the year round.

The life in the service in India is never really hard, and I still think that out of sixteen years' unbroken service my happiest memories are the days I enjoyed during my ten years in India.

Ex B. S. M.

LEAFLETS BY BALLOON.

INGENIOUS PROPAGANDA.

Major J. C. Street tells in "The Cornhill Magazine" how propaganda leaflets were dropped at the Front from balloons. The means of attachment was the solution of the whole problem of the use of balloons, and was as simple as it was ingenious.

A length of the orange-coloured woven tinder, sold at every tobacconist for use in pipe-lighters, was taken, and one end of it fixed to the balloon. The sheaves of leaflets were strung on cotton tags, as used for binding papers in Government offices. The end of each tag was driven through the length of tinder at calculated distances from the free end.

The rate of burning of the tinder was ascertained by experiment, and found to be, say, one inch in five minutes. If the target were twenty miles away, and the wind were blowing at thirty miles an hour, the balloon would be over the target in forty minutes. The tags would then be inserted at close intervals from six to ten inches from the end of the tinder.

Just as the balloon was released the end of the tinder was held against a lighted cigarette, and commenced to burn. The balloon soared up into the sky, carried rapidly out of sight by the wind.

In thirty minutes the first tag burnt through, and the papers fluttered separately to the ground, closely followed by those held by the next tag.

By this means it was found possible to ensure a large percentage of the leaflets falling in or around a given target.

The actual matter distributed varied according to the destination for which it was intended. The invaded districts were served with such fare as the "Courier," or with pamphlets containing such special news as it was guessed that the Germans would suppress.

Enemy troops and enemy territory were flooded with leaflets of an entirely different kind, the motive of which was invariably discouragement, it being axiomatic that the chief function of military propaganda is encouragement of one's friends and discouragement of the enemy.

The principal line of argument was the necessity of the ultimate defeat of Germany, both politically through the blockade, and militarily, by the ever-increasing pressure of the forces brought against her.

Various means were employed to bring these facts home to the German people, and no less an authority than Ludendorff, in the extracts from his "Memoirs" recently quoted in "The Times," bears testimony to their efficacy.

One example was a cartoon, consisting of two sketches. One of these was inscribed "1914," and depicts Germania proud and flourishing, driving a donkey cart, the donkey symbolising the German people, fat and prosperous, the cart vaguely resembling the chariot of Boadicea. In front of the donkeys Germania dangles from the end of her whip a magnificent carrot, labelled "Sieg."

The other sketch was inscribed "1918," and shows the same equipage after four years of war. Germania is now almost a skeleton; seated by her are two bloated figures, the profiteer and a gentleman suspiciously like Hindenburg, weighing down the now patched and rickety cart. The donkey, thinner and more weary than Germania herself, still plods along, with bent knees and staring eyes, fixed now on an attenuated vegetable held out before it labelled "Ersatz Sieg."

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

WAR CLAIMS AND THEIR VALUE.

Sir,—It was not so very long ago that it was claimed for a certain officer's charger that it was the first to cross the Hindenburg line. Now the Tank Corps, vide a recent issue of your paper, claims to have the only dog to go over the top.

What merit is there in this distinction even if it were true? I recall horses which made the journey to within an ace of the front line night after night, pack ponies, which served from 1914 onwards and were wounded not once or twice.

Then there are dogs which attached themselves to transport and always took their places in the ration column and acquired a striking knowledge of things military; the monkey which came from Blighty as a mascot, and for which a special pillbox was made.

Many similar examples come to mind. Perhaps readers will furnish some to prove that such claims have little merit on examination.

H. K.

W.O.'s AND N.C.O.'s CLUB.

Sir,—I scarcely think "Warrant" is quite fair to this recently-started institution.

It may not be over large, but such a rendezvous is always more sociable and cosy than a big, empty-looking place.

Then, too, "Warrant" must remember that the number of its clientele is going to be a diminishing one. In the course of not many weeks, if the intentions of the Government are carried out, there i no fear of this or any other club or institute in Rhineland being overcrowded. The difficulty with many will be to carry on at all.

I do not like "Warrant's" complaining tone. He cannot surely realise how much is being done in these days to entertain and make comfortable all ranks. There never was such a well-cared-for Army.

Indeed, as an N.C.O. of fourteen years standing I would be inclined to say, if I might, that there is even a tendency nowadays to pamper.

It did our old Army no harm to rough it a bit.

INDIA.

STREET OBSTRUCTIONS.

Sir,—I don't think Cologne is much worse than other big towns in respect of street obstructions.

For example. I will name two very common ones in England, but as familiarity breeds contempt, one is apt to overlook them. I refer to the dangerous practice of unloading casks of beer into publicans' cellars at all hours of the day. I wonder H.C.A. has ever caught his foot on the rope attached to the barrel and fallen headlong into the open cellar-flap. It is quite easy to do, even if one is not nearly blind.

Then if the Hohestrasse or any of the shopping streets were at home he would find the pathways impassable for the block of mail-carts and perambulators which would be there in hundreds for a certainty. Aren't they obstructions?

The whole thing is that a man has to be alert in going through this world. There is no place for soldiers who can't see five paces in front of their noses.

WIDEAWAKE.

EYES AND NO EYES.

Sir,—"Captain R.A.M.C." would be well advised to seek naturalisation, supposing we pursue his observation of super kultur and get away from telephones and such like. It took me the greater part of a day to get through to a place not fifteen kilometres from Cologne and turn attention to events of five years ago — rape, theft, plunder and the like.

No wonder Belgium is putting on record in its villages a few of the happenings of that time. "Captain R.A.M.C." and such of his kidney make me sick.

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RINK HOCKEY.

Sir,—If we are to have hockey this winter confine it to the playing fields.

The game as played on roller skates is tame and uninteresting. Keep the floor clear for "pukka" skating and give us fancy dress carnivals.

ENTHUSIAST.

THE NEW IDEAL.

Sir,—I too recall the promises which were showered upon us when the call came. Many with a memory of South Africa questioned the sincerity of these, but nothing daunted, answered the call.

What have we? Colums of advertisements from men, who in despair, plead for the chance to earn a decent living; men engaged in a vain search for work; everyone forgetful, employers indifferent.

The profiteer who never lifted his hand to assist in the war is fattening on the earnings of the men whose action allows him to pursue his business.

DISGUST.

PLAYS SOME PEOPLE WANT.

Sir,—Although Lieut. Percy's letter is mainly taken up with justifications of his past selection of plays the fact stands out distinctly from the mist of words that he and his company at last see the reasonabless of "Durham Lad's" criticism and are about to stage at least one play of the popular "straight" kind that so many of as have been wanting for so long.

I know it is the ambition of most young players to shine in the modern problem play, to offer Shavian subtlety, Galsworthian gloom, or Wilde's machine-made satire.

Well, the R.A.D.C. has had its fling in those directions, but the time has come for a change, and Lieut. Percy, evidently like a wise producer, sees the writing on the wall. He has bowed to general opinion, and, — thank goodness, — he indicates that a saner policy will be pursued in the near future.

There are popular, wholesome, stirring, plays without number to choose from. He can easily select those that don't need elaborate scenic effects. Tommy is his main supporter. He appreciates what has been done for him in the past, but from a mistaken idea as to his tastes, the R.A.D.C. has "gone off the rails" a bit.

And the fact that Lieut. Percy now sees this, is enough. We shall all await his future "popular" programme.

ANTI "HIGHBROW."

BOXING FILMS.

Sir,—Boxing is brutal, but so, unfortunately, is man. The brute in us is going, but there are a still a large number of people, some of them quite near at hand, who have an almost pious respect for brute force. It is an established fact that in any country under the sun after "closing time" acute differences of opinion are not settled by "battles of words."

I reckon it the surest test of a nation's civilisation, the way in which excited or intoxicated members of that nation settle their disputes.

The Oriental is an opportunist; he uses anything that comes to hand: The Latin races are experts in the use of the knife; it makes no noise: In the States the six-shooter is occasionally heard.

In the British Empire, however, it is "bunches of fives" every time. To use a weapon is not sporting because the other man may have forgotten his.

Now "bunches of fives" is not the last word in civilisation — some day force of any kind will be considered bad form — but it is a great advance on the six-shooter; just as the six-shooter is a great advance on the knife, a kitchen skewer, or a cross-cut saw.

Let "Anti-box" reflect that the race that advocates the gentle art, the Anglo-Saxon, is the race that does not get excited or lose its temper under provocation, first abolished duelling, and arms its police with batons only.

N. P.

CAMERA FIENDS.

Sir,—As one who paid his meed of respect at the Memorial Service for British prisoners of war who are buried at Sudfriedhof Cemetery, Cologne, on Sunday, I think protest should be made of the unseemly behaviour of the ubiquitous camera fiends who were present.

They little thought of the devotion of the hundreds who attended, and they were not averse to inconveniencing the worshippers in order that ideal "snaps" could be obtained of those taking a leading part in the service.

If pictures were necessary of such a solemn and devout occasion as that at Sudfriedhof Cemetery on Sunday, surely memory can be depended upon to serve us in good stead in years to come.

R. E. SPECT.

"FILTHY" LUCRE.

Sir,—It has become a general practice to refer to coin as "filthy lucre," but anyone handling some of the German money which has come my way will agree that the phrase has a new meaning.

For filthiness and danger from infection paper currency which now does duty in German is the last word. Inoculation and vaccination become more necessary than ever.

A word in conclusion with regard to the district money which is foisted on customers at hotels and cafes. It seems to me that every waiter collects these notes knowing that they will be handed to him as a tip. Why not call them in.

COCKNEY.

THE RULE OF THE ROAD.

Sir,—One hears to-day that the Ford car people have, after much consideration, decided to build all their cars with the driving seat on the left side. Up till now, of course, those cars built for sale in England have had their driving seats on the right side, in order to comply with our insular rule of the road. Now however, still further to standardize their cars, this company have abolished this slight difference and all their cars are to be alike.

The change seems to be significant. Why should we in our small island have exactly opposite rules to every one else? Why should our cars have to be made differently? Why should men driving English cars abroad run grave risks when overtaking vehicles, because from the driving seat it is impossible to see round the obstruction?

Surely it would be far the best plan to change our rule of the road, especially as just at present so many men have got into the habit of the right side. There is an added objection, too, to the English rule of the road, and a very grave one. When overtaking led horses, which are necessarily led by the right hand, it is inevitable to pass them on the left, thus breaking the rule. This often leads to confusion at home, while abroad never, since led horses fit into the scheme of the rule of the road.

It is to be hoped that English motor-car companies will follow the lead of the Ford company and thus make a change practically compulsory.

E.M.S.

DO CHESS-PLAYERS BECOME INSANE?

Sir,—I am keen at the game of chess but am not an expert player; that is to say I play it as a game, not as mathematical hard labour.

Having met the type of chess-player who does treat the game as higher mathematics, I was not surprised when I was told recently that a great number of chess-players finish their careers as actual or potential inmates of lunatic asylums.

Could any of your chess-playing or other readers verify or contradict this, please? Forewarned is forearmed.

GUERILLA.

THE FALL OF THE YEAR.

I hear, the year, in fancy,
Say, Cleopatra-like,
"Go! Charmian-October
And search by wood and dyke.

A splendid cloak of crimson,
A vest of amber, rare:"
And men, shall sighing, whisper,
"A queen dies very fair!"

Go! Bring me beryl-tinted
Petticoats of leaves,
And bind my brow with creepers.
Vermilion from the eaves;

Then, in a blaze of beauty
I'll draw my last gold breath,
And men, will sighing, whisper
"How beautiful is Death."

DOROTHY UNA RATCLIFFE.

ANGLO-AMERICAN POLO.

"Yank" Representatives to Play in England.

GOOD TALENT.

A polo team representing the American Forces in Germany may play in the International Polo matches which will be staged in England next summer, says the "Amaroc News."

Col. T. P. Melville, British Liason Officer with the American forces, who is one of the leading poloists of the British Army, stated yesterday that the polo material among the American officers is exceptionally good and that the players rank well with the best of the Inter-Allied armies and other countries which send teams to the big meet. Col. Melvil has ridden with the American team in several matches. He is a seven handicap player.

According to the present plans the team may go to Spain in February and meet some of the British team which will be in training there.

STATE LOTTERIES.

Government Scheme Prepared for Premium Bonds.

In view of the tremendous success of state lotteries on the continent and of private sweepstakes here, in France, and, to a lesser degree, in England, it has for a long time been a mystery in the minds of the majority of people outside the "House" that the Government have not long since adopted this perfectly certain method of raising money for the nation's benefit.

The fact that the Lille Cambridgeshire sweepstake was over-subscribed to the extent of something like twenty thousand pounds is surely sufficient indication of the average man's willingness to "try his luck." This is all the more emphasised when it is borne in mind that the subscribers were practically exclusively confined to the Forces.

The Sporting Spirit.

Attractive as are the terms of interest in connection with War Bonds the average individual of very limited capital would rather take a long odds chance with the possibility, however remote, of winning a few thousand pounds than invest his modest sum in a gilt-edged concern paying a liberal annual interest.

The latter proposition certainly appeals to his sense of thrift, but the majority of us would rather have a sporting run for our money with the thrilling anticipation of the result, and the pleasure of fanciful dreams supposing the prize should come our way.

In view of these things, the "Daily Mail's" announcement that the Government have prepared a scheme for state lotteries that can be launched at any moment is being hailed with satisfaction as showing that, contrary to the opinion of many, such a method of raising money is not impracticable in politics.

In the opinion of Mr. Bottomley, who has for years advocated Premium Bonds, £1,000,000,000 could be raised at once by the Government through the agency of a Lottery.

The "Sense" of the House.

Writing in the "Sporting Life" on the subject, "Augur" says, "The subject of Premium Bonds has again cropped up in the House of Commons, but except to say, in reply to Sir C. K. Cooke, that he "would offer no objection to the issue of a Lottery Loan if the House so desired," the Chancellor of the Exchequer could not be drawn. Why, then, not test the "sense" of the House on the subject at once, in view of the dire need of the nation for money?

Namby-pamby Legislators.

"There are big Government lotteries in France and Germany—to name only two big European countries—and it is a known fact that in the case, at least, of the French Lottery, a lot of British money is being sent across the Channel, the flow of which would be instantly stopped if our benighted and namby-pamby legislators could rid themselves of the silly notion that while it is right and proper to dabble in stocks and shares and in other "doubtful" transactions, it is intensely wicked to "put a bit" into a Lottery.

Day not far Distant.

"What a hypocritical lot we are—at any rate, those who are set over us in high places! I am convinced—and I am far from being alone in my conviction—that if the "sense" of the nation were taken on the Lottery question, the answer would be a decided and emphatic "Yes." That it will come one day is certain, and the day is not very far distant either."

A CLEAN FIGHT.

Jerry Shea, the well-known Newport "welter," and Will Brooks, of Aberavon, were the principals at Briton Ferry, and from first to last the contest was fought on clean lines. Shea was always prominent with straight left-hand hitting, and at times he used his right effectively whereas Brooks did not seem quite up to concert pitch, though on occasions he hit with great power. The contest went the whole distance, with Shea a popular winner on points.

KID PLESTED'S EASY WIN.

At the Ring, Blackfriars, a 20 3-min. round contest between that well-known black-country welter-weight, Kid Plested, of Tipton, and Jack Stewart, of Marylebone was decided. Plested won in three rounds, the referee stopping the contest, after Stewart had been floored nine times. Stewart had an advantage in reach, but he was not in the same class as his opponent, who boxed coolly and waited his chances to hook left or right to the jaw with terrific force.

A Lucky Chance Mount.

Robbins would have had the mount on Grandcourt in the London Autumn Cup had he been able to do the weight. This he could not do without severe wasting, and having a slight chill he did not think it wise to unduly reduce himself. In consequence the younger Balding came by a very lucky chance mount.

BILLIARDS.

Victory Revival of Burroughes-Watts Tournament.

INMAN AND FALKINER SCORES.

Established in 1914, the Burroughes and Watts Tournament has had an extraordinary influence on the game of billiards ever since. The "Victory" revival of the tournament was inaugurated on Monday after three years' cessation. The five players taking part in the revival are the same as in the last championships, in 1916. They are:—

Inman, scratch;
Stevenson, rec. 500;
Reece, rec. 1,500;
Newman, rec. 1,500;
Falkiner, rec. 2,000.

The order of play will be:—

1919.
Nov. 3.—Inman v. Falkiner.
Nov. 17.—Stevenson v. Reece.
Dec. 1.—Newman v. Falkiner.
Dec. 15.—Inman v. Reece.
Dec. 29.—Stevenson v. Falkiner.
1920.
Jan. 12.—Inman v. Newman.
Jan. 26.—Reece v. Falkiner.
Feb. 9.—Stevenson v. Newman.
Feb. 23.—Reece v. Newman.
March 8.—Inman v. Stevenson.

Closing Scores:—
Falkiner (in play)..... 3,167.
Inman..... 798.

NEWMAN AND SMITH.

Newman and Smith met at Thurston's on Monday in the first stage of a match of 16,000 up. Smith has offered to wager £50 that he defeats Newman on the occasion under notice, and the latter has promptly given an affirmative reply to the Darlingtonian.

Closing Scores:
Smith..... 1,225
Newman (in play)..... 1,083.

COCK'S DEBUT FOR CHELSEA.

A Fine Display in his Opening First League game.

When Bradford met Chelsea on Saturday there was much curiosity as to whether Cock, the international centre forward, would make a successful debut in 1st League football, and it was subjecting him to a severe trial to call upon him to lead a side that in its previous five home matches had netted the ball on only three occasions. Cock did not appear particularly happy in the first half but later he became accustomed to the methods of Croal and Dale, his inside colleagues.

After ends were changed Cock was fifty per cent. more effective and twice he found the net; while with the least bit of luck he would have defeated Scattergood on two or three other occasions. Cock, when he has thoroughly settled down in his new quarters, should be worth every penny that he has cost the club, large as the amount is.

MONDAY'S FOOTBALL.

At Oxford, on Monday, the Football Association eleven beat Oxford University by 13 to 1.

In a Southern League match, on the same day, Merthyr drew with Swansea 1—1.

INTERNATIONAL'S DEATH.

Robert Templeton, an old international football player, died at Kilmarnock on Saturday. Just after rising from bed he dropped to the floor and immediately expired. A native of Kilmarnock, he had played in turn for Aston Villa, Newcastle, Woolwich Arsenal, Celtic, and Kilmarnock, and had taken part in several internationals. He was frequently referred to as the "prince of dribblers." He gave up playing about five years ago. He was 40 years of age.

HATCHED AND DESPATCHED.

Break-up of Light Division M.T. Company.

The Light Division M.T. Company came into being on 15th August, 1914 (as the 2nd D.S.C.) and finished its career on 31st October, 1919. During the last few days of the Company's life, Lieut. Kay, the genial and energetic Canteen Officer, has been going around with an air of mystery and bulging pockets, the latter caused by accumulated canteen profits and the former by a desire to spend the money to the best advantage of the Company. The result of his efforts became manifest on 3rd November, when a farewell dinner and concert was held in the School, Merschied, Ohligs.

Recently the canteen funds purchased some live pigs and these appeared (after a sanguinary interview with Corporal Machin) on the Menu as the "piece de resistance" under the cognomen of "Mouton de Bouche". The dinner went off in great style and much credit is due to all those who had a hand in its preparation.

Music and Song.

After the pangs of hunger had been successfully appeased, the finer feelings were catered for in an excellent musical programme. "The Tabs" concert party gave a most enjoyable show, which was augmented by members of the Company, notably Capt. Watson, Lieut. Kay, C.S.M. Spreadborough, Corporals Smith and Machin, Privates Walker, Leech, Cunningham, Akehurst and Flegg.

Lieut. Herrick, in the unavoidable absence of Major Morewood, acted as host, but later in the evening Major Morewood, the O.C. arrived, in time to crown the evening with a very telling little speech of farewell, in which he expressed his personal thanks for the work done by the men under his command. An evening, which will live long in the memories of all who were present, terminated in the singing of the National Anthem.

Sir Alfred Butt's Debut.

A newcomer to racing is Sir Alfred Butt, who has purhased The Drummer, and for whom Cottrill will train.

RHINELAND SPORT.

Possibilities of Football League Discussed.

A BOXING SUGGESTION.

With the continual movement of troops, either for demobilization or to other theatres of duty anything like organised inter-unit sport on a large scale has so far been an impossibility this season and will continue to be so for some little time to come. Each unit, of course, has its football eleven-it would be difficult to imagine a British unit without one—and those teams have not been idle. A perusal of our sports page will have provided ample evidence that some thoroughly enjoyable games have been played, but, at the same time, such matches do not give the satisfaction and do not make for the same sporting spirit and healthy inter-unit rivalry as competitions organised and run on a large scale.

Future Possibilities.

A football competition following the lines of our cricket cup contest would, doubtless, have been warmly acclaimed by the watchers on the Rhine, but in view of the above mentioned difficulty we foresaw that such a course was impracticable and that it would be only courting disaster to embark upon it. Subsequent events have proved that our judgment was sound for there have been numerous changes in Rhineland personnel since the opening of the winter season. And it is early yet to talk of the possibilities of the future. But when the units to remain have been definitely selected and the Army of the Rhine becomes once more a "standing" army it should be possible to return once again to the days of the comprehensive competition open to all units in this part of Germany.

It will probably be generally admitted that, where as localised sport is essential and productive of the right spirit, there is nothing like the varying fortunes of a big league for the furnishing of excitement and keenness. The huge entries for our football competition demonstrates the remarkable interest taken in the fortunes of the great leagues at home, and this may be taken as an indication of the fervour with which the formation of a Rhineland League would be received. Opinions as to the value of such a league will be welcomed by "The Cologne Post."

Why not Boxing Shows?

The organisation of periodical boxing shows by our Yank neighbours is, without doubt, a step in the right direction and now that the difficulty as to the rules have been overcome it is unlikely that there will be a lack of British competitors.

There is no deficiency of boxers in the British Army of the Rhine, most of whom are ever ready to try their skill against all comers irrespective of nationality. The Army championships decided recently revealed the fact that we have some really excellent talent, while the spirit displayed throughout left nothing to be desired.

In view of the material available it is surprising that more individual contests have not been arranged. Numerous challenges have appeared in "The Cologne Post" from time to time, and though there has been no lack of acceptances, fights have rarely resulted. What is the reason? It can only be that the enthusiasm requires a moving and guiding spirit in order to materialise. A promoter, after the style of the Promoter Reis, of the American Y. M. C. A., is badly needed. It cannot be that there is a lack of enthusiasts, and all that is necessary, is for someone to take the lead, when supporters will rapidly rally round him.

A most pleasing and popular feature would be the staging of weekly boxing shows in Cologne. A list of men ambitious for the title of Rhineland champions could be made and then matched according to their weights. Three or four contests could be decided each week, and these would continually lead to return contests there-by providing a regular show, giving the maximum of pleasure and always assured unstinted support. A good boxing show possesses a greater magnetism than any other sporting exposition.

SPORT IN BRIEF.

"Fanny" Causes Fun.

A titter ran round the ground at the Tottenham—Port Vale match, when a sweet girl, after listening to her companion's compliments about "Fanny" Walden, said innocently, "But he plays like a man!"

Walter Griggs' Successes.

Since Walter Griggs relinquished riding and took up training his efforts in this direction have been attended with great success. The ex-jockey completed a double at Alexandra Park on Saturday with Bridgend and Savile Row. The latter is the twenty-first winner he has turned out this season.

Doubtful Diadem.

It has been stated that Diadem had finished her racing career, and was being sent to the stud, but nothing definite has been settled, and in all probability she will be kept in training next year.

No Offer.

There was no bid for Fair Oaks after he had won the Finchley Plate, but White Bell, the winner of the Maiden T.Y.O. Plate, was sold for Mr. Brendon for 400 guineas.

Bridgend for India.

Bridgend goes to India next month, and it is rumoured that another A.P. winner, Grandcourt has also been purchased on behalf of Mr. F. Tarrant.

Oxford Scorers.

Moresby-White scored three tries for Oxford against the Harlequins, Duncan, Scholefield, and Sharp getting the others. Price placed four goals (one from a penalty) and dropped another.

Graves Great Game.

Bury had much the better of the game at South Shields and pressed almost continously, but Graves played a great game amongst the home defenders.

Oxford Sports.

Oxford University Senior Sports concluded with the following results: Quarter mile, B. E. Henty (New), time, 54 1-5secs. Throwing hammer, S. Yoranovitch (St John's), 90ft. 2in. Hurdles, H. P. Jeppe (Trinity), time 17 4-5secs. One mile, E. A. Montague (Magdalen), time 4mins. 47 2-5secs. Long jump, E. L. Jacob (St. John's), 19ft. 4in.

RACING STATISTICS.

Leading Positions In The Winning Lists.

Very little alteration took place in the winning lists as a result of last week's racing. The present positions are as follows:—

Owners.

	No. of horses.	Races won.	£
Glanely, Lord	17	38	30,108
Derby, Lord	19	35	21,114
McCalmont, Major	6	16	14,865
White, Mr. J.	12	27	11,524
Joel, Mr. Sol.	18	32	11,083
Hulton, Sir E.	11	17	10,912
Cazalet, Mr. W. M.	8	14	8,630
Jersey, Lord	7	15	8,268
Astor, Lord	2	6	8,120
Owen, Mr. H. C.	8	20	7,715
De Pledge, Mr. W. de	10	15	7,475
Singer Mr. W. M. G.	7	11	7,327

Trainers.

	No. of horses.	Races won.	£
Taylor, A.	22	38	32,839
Barling, F. B.	19	39	28,726
Lambton, Hon. G.	27	50	27,439
Persse, H. S.	20	39	26,106
Gilpin, P. P.	12	22	12,818
Day, R.	18	31	11,766
Dewhurst, Capt.	16	25	11,577
Cottrill, H. L.	14	32	11,629
Hartigan, F.	18	28	11,249
Loates, S.	18	32	11,203
Lines H.	25	47	11,065
Beatty, Major	19	30	8,579

Jockeys.

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unp.	Ttl.
Donoghue, S.	120	114	67	190	491
Carslake, B.	98	60	39	113	310
Smyth, V.	74	57	52	199	382
Whaley, A.	71	58	46	166	341
Colling, G.	65	55	50	231	401
Fox, F.	56	49	50	274	429
Templeman, F.	53	49	49	87	238
Hulme, G.	52	39	39	159	289
Slade, F.	45	41	34	177	297
Wheatley, E.	44	50	27	111	232
Childs, J.	35	37	25	89	186
Smith, A.	32	14	10	37	93

Winning Horses.

	Races won.	£
Tetratema (2 yrs), c by The Tetrarch—Scotch Gift	5	11494
Keysoe (3 yrs), f by Swynford—Keystone II.	4	8087
Buchan (3 yrs), c by Sunstar—Hamooze	5	7640
Grand Parado (3 yrs), c by Orby—Grand Geraldine	2	7266
Arion (4 yrs), c by Valens—Post Horn	4	5446
Bayuda (3 yrs), f by Bayardo—Jessica	1	4950
Roseway (3 yrs), f by Stornaway—Rose of Ayrshire	2	4894
Sarchedon (2 yrs), c by The Tetrarch Perfect Peach	4	4852
The Panther (3 yrs), c by Tracery—Countess Zia	1	4850
Flying Spear (3 yrs), f by Spearmint—Gallop-along	3	4726
By Jingo (5 yrs), c by Aquascutum—Minnesota	2	4675
Haki (aged), br h by Rabelais—Hassoki	4	4595

LINCOLN RESULTS.

Rain at Lincoln on Monday rather affected the attendance, but the going was good and the sport excellent. Results:

Yarborough Plate:—1, Sybill (evens); 2, Flaming Fire (6—4); 3, Gwenevere (20—1); Four ran.

Gautby Plate:—1, Rosherville (10—1); 2, Petrusen (7—1); 3, Lesson (11—8); Nine ran.

Blankney Plate:—1, Egvenry (10—1); 2, Daniella (7—1); 3, Fatally colt (5—2); Nine ran.

Tom Plate:—1, Paragua (9—2); 2, Lady Earn (7—2); 3, Attention (20—1); Seven ran.

Brownlow Plate:—1, Colt By Mushroom (5—4 on); 2, La Hogue (7—2); 3, Avadore (20—1); Nine ran.

Doddington Plate:—1, Tilbury walked over.

CROWDING ON THE RAILS.

Jockeys cautioned by Stewards at Leopardstown.

At Leopardstown, the Stewards of the Turf Club summoned a number of flat race jockeys to appear before them, and the Senior Steward expressed the dissatisfaction of the Stewards with the manner in which the jockeys crowded in towards the rails, more especially on the five furlong course at this meeting. The Senior Steward cautioned the jockeys to be most careful about preserving a straight course, and informed them that any disregard of the above caution would be severely dealt with.

COLOGNE SPORT.

Badminton in Cologne.

Although there is undoubtedly a large number of enthusiastic Badminton players in Cologne, the Gymnasium in Krebsgasse, between Schildergasse and Glockengasse, is very sparsely patronised. This is surprising, in view of the fact that the excellent court is fully equipped and that there is a staff instructor present for the benefit of the uninitiated. The only explanation seems to be that the Gym. is not widely known. The Badminton court is reserved for officers daily between 2 and 4 p.m., and for other ranks from 5 to 8 p.m.

Roller Skating.

Plans are now well in hand for the inauguration of a roller skating rink in Cologne. A hall eminently suitable for such a project, upon which the promoters had their eye, has turned out to be unavailable. Negotiations are now progressing, however, for the acquisition of another building, of which there are several in fairly central positions.

Mill Hill School Record.

By scoring a grand aggregate of 303 points to three against University College School, at Neasden, in four representative inter-school matches, Mill Hill School put on record their best performance against their London rivals, and very nearly broke the school record for the number of points scored altegether.

A Contrast.

There were 2,000 people at the Second League match between Huddersfield Town and Fulham on Saturday; at the Northern Union (Rugby) match between Huddersfield and Hull there were 20,000.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

THE SILVER BOX.

Another Production by the B.R.A.D.C.

John Barthwick, a wealthy liberal M.P. had a son who got drunk on Easter Monday. He also, had a charwoman whose husband's potations were not confined to Bank Holidays. That young rascal Jack, started the whole thing by coming home drunk, and, according to what my friend tells me, coming home drunk late at night plays nasty tricks with one's memory. At any rate Jack had a very poor recollection of anything next morning; otherwise, he might have been able to suggest who was responsible for the sudden disappearance of a silver cigarette box, not to mention a certain red silk purse. I don't want to give the whole show away, but it is permissible to add that the entire company end up in the Police Court on Wednesday, in Easter week.

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The production necessitated a large caste owing to the Police Court scene, but Lieut. Percy succeeded in raising a very creditable contingent for the smaller parts. The Barthwick family, parents and son, played respectively by Lieut. Humphrey Hope, Miss Inez Bensusan and Lieut. D.A. Onions were an excellent trio of Galsworthians. Lieut. Hope, born to this type of part, was as reliable as ever. Miss Bensusan gave us her usual talented performance and Lieut. Onions was inimitable as the young devil of a son. I have not, hitherto, seen Miss Shirley King in the kind of a part she plays in "The Silver Box". As the cowed wife of a drunken husband she was excellent, and I certainly think it is one of the best things she has done.

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After witnessing "Candida", I pleaded to see more of Pte. J. Terry, I was therefore very glad to see him again on Monday night in the part of Jones. When he had to play fortissimo, he was very good, but, although his acting of the piano parts was in other respects on as high a level, he erred, in so far as his voice was concerned. While he was lying on the bed his lines only just got across to me. But Pte. Terry can act, and but for this one fault, I enjoyed his performance thoroughly. What am I to say of Miss Francis Cuisholm as the unknown lady from Beyond? She almost puts me in a quandary for if I say, as I want to say, that she gave a marvellously true picture of the type of those ladies who inhabit that euphemistically named neighbourhood, someone will be asking me how I know so much about it. However, since her exit was marked by enthusiastic applause from the greater part of the audience, I take consolation in the thought that there are others who also recognised the great merit of her performance and there's safely in numbers! Miss Beale played a typical landlady's part very successfully.

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Capt. Spiegelhalter could not have been mistaken for anything else but a detective. Lieut. Leigh Farnell, I think just missed a very clever caricature of a London Police Magistrate, but like most magistrates required a lot of prompting. Whenever Col. V. T. Ford appears on the stage a feeling of security steals over me. He's such a cheerful reliable sort of fellow and above all, he acts so naturally. He carried off the job of playing Roper, the solicitor, with the greatest of ease.

I hoped for a little more from Lieut. Vivian Coates, as the butler, but probably "First Nightitis" accounted for a good deal of inaudibility. Miss Gabriele Paul was a nice little maid servant, who I rather hoped would delight us with an "affaire" with somebody, but Mr. Galsworthy did not put it in the "book". Sergt. Burne as Livens, Lieut. D. C. W. Murray, as the Relieving Officer and Q. M. S. Lowder as the Usher all did their bit very creditably.

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Lieut. J. Morris as the Police Sergeant got his well-deserved reward from the roars of laughter which he evoked from the house whenever he did anything at all. An excellent "turn." Sub-conductor Allwood made a typically efficient magistrate's clerk, and the little girls did their silent parts exactly as they had been told to do them and I hope thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Some of the caste on Monday night seemed taken by surprise at many of the laughs, and several lines were lost by their not waiting. Anyway there are always some people in the house who invariably laugh in the wrong place.

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The fact that some of the stage hands were in a trance rather spoiled the final curtain, but I feel quite certain we can rely on Lieut. Percy to prevent another hitch of the same magnitude.

We all realise the necessity for prompting, but we also realise that one prompter is sufficient. This fact however, does not appear to be grasped, with the result that at one stage at least of the play we were treated to a collection of very audible promptings, which must have entirely confused the gentleman to whom they were directed. The play has been well rehearsed, and by Wednesday, at latest, should have got well into its stride before a crowded house.

E.H.S.

Lecture on the Opera.

Col. Gore Brown's talk to the men in the Music Room of the B.E.L.C. on Sunday night was very opportune, as the Opera is the subject uppermost in many minds in Cologne just now. Col. Gore Brown described music as "thought in sound", and said it was necessary to understand the ideas in the composer's mind in order to listen and really enjoy the opera. He gave examples of different types of opera, Gluck's with its simple melody to represent its most tragic moments, and Tosca and Wagner's Valkyrie as more advanced types. Miss Clark added to the success and interest of the talk by giving examples from these operas on the piano.

B.E.L.C.'s Eventful Day.

Miss Esmond's concert party, by kind permission of the Y.M.C.A., will give a performance on Friday at 7 p.m. in the theatre of the B.E.L.C. Friday is going to be an eventful day at the B.E.L.C., for a meeting will be held at 6.30 p.m. to inaugurate a Debating Society. Capt. Dennis, K.O.Y.L.I., who will preside, will be glad if all those interested in debates will come forward and suggest subjects of interest to everybody. The German class at the B.E.L.C. was a great success ast night. Wednesday night will be kept for an advanced class.

Backhaus Recital.

There was a large audience at the Bürgergesellschaft, Cologne, on Monday night, on the occasion of the long anticipated Backhaus piano recital. The great pianist was in thoroughly good form and by his playing raised the audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm. As a matter of fact, a less finished performer would not have kept up the interest of his hearers for so long, for the atmosphere was perishingly cold. Probably the last opportunity of hearing this popular and gifted performer will be this evening at Bonn and all music lovers are recommended to avail themselves of it.

In Few Words.

To-night and Friday night the performance at the Deutsches Theatre will commence at eight. All other nights this week, six o'clock is the hour of starting.

JACQUES.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Wed.	Cosi van tutte	Mozart	7	10
Thurs.	Tannhäuser	Wagner	6.30	10.30
Fri.	Hoffmann's Erzählungen	Offenbach	7	10
Sat.	Mignon	Thomas	7	10.15
Sun.	Lohengrin	Wagner	5.30	10
Mon.	Cav. Rusticana Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo	7	10
Tues.	Die Entführung aus dem Serail	Mozart	7	10

Roideur Unlucky.

Major D. McCalmont was at Alexandra Park on Saturday to see his handsome horse Roideur run for the London Autumn Cup, and well as the four-year-old son of Roi Herode ran he might have done even better but for being considerably knocked about in running.

Try-getters.

The Cambridge try-getters against Richmond were Lewis, Hudson, Trubshaw (2), McStewart and Brown.

OUR FOOTBALL CONTEST.

An Over-zealous Competitor in No. 6 Competition.

In contest No. 6 now under adjudication two competitors submitted coupons giving the scores for each team. One of the "offenders" failed to forecast one score correctly, but the other succeeded in marking no less than nine correct. He should enter for the prize offered by a popular journal which awards prizes for correct scores.

We would point out again that all we ask of competitors is a few strokes of the pen; no scores are required.

Fill in the coupon below, and send it in; the chance of winning a large sum is yours for the taking. Don't delay.

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1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this Journal.

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4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.

5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.

6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.

7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.

8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.

9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 7.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov. 8th.
Closing date, Friday, Nov. 7th.

West Bromwich A.	v. Aston Villa
Middlesboro	v. Newcastle U.
Arsenal	v. Bolton W.
Burnley	v. Manchester U.
Stoke	v. Bristol City
Leicester	v. West Ham
Coventry	v. Huddersfield
Queens Park R.	v. Millwall
Southampton	v. Southend
Luton	v. Crystal Palace
St. Mirren	v. Hearts
Partick T.	v. Rangers

I enter Football Competition No. 7 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Cameritis.

The charming scenic effects caused by the recent snowstorm—brief as it was—brought the camera well to the fore once more. For instance, there must have been many hundreds of pictures taken of the snow-covered Cathedral.

Oh, Fie!!

After all the G.R.O.s on the subject, I actually saw a stiff white collar being worn with khaki in Lindenthal yesterday.

Puzzled.

Apropos the description "observation balloon" applied to the bulky coverlet of German beds, a subaltern coming to Cologne asked when about to retire, whether he had to get under it, on top of it, or inside it.

Unfounded.

Datas, the man who remembers everything, who has just arrived in Cologne, is said to have denied the rumour that he is taking up a much advertised memory-training course.

And this Also.

He positively refutes, too, the horrible suggestion that his lateness in reaching Cologne was due to forgetting the time his train started.

The Higher the Dearer.

Some readers complain that they have to pay more for articles they buy in the Domplatz and Hohestrasse. But isn't it the case anywhere that in the best streets you pay the biggest prices? Is not Bond Street dearer than the less fashionable parts of London?

Down! Down!! Down!!!

What is to become of the mark? It's exchange value is falling below all expectations. The result must be paralysing to German trade.

All Souls'.

A "bloomer" crept into my paragraph on this subject yesterday. Instead of saying that when All Souls' falls on a Sunday it is solemnised on the "Sunday" following, the word "Monday" should have been printed. Apologies!

Hold on to them—

Losing gloves is a serious affair in these days when a pair of dog-skins is a veritable luxury. And woollen gloves are worth a small fortune, too.

Very Crude.

Have you seen any of the German impressionist pictures in the upstairs galleries of the Art Museum? They are about the extreme limit, and mostly unworthy of a place on the walls. But these are only in the small minority, for there are very many fine examples of Teutonic art.

To a Reader.

Yes, the translation of the German title you saw at the cinema in Hohestrasse the other night is undoubtedly, "The Dustman's Dilemma: Delicatessen or Destructor?"

In They Come.

The way in which home subscriptions to the "Post" are tumbling into our letter box is amazing. Our Business Manager would like to increase his staff, but personnel is scarce in these dark days of "demob."

Warmer Kit.

The limited staff at the officers' clothing depot has been greatly taxed during the past few days. Officers belonging to battalions proceeding to colder climes have been rushing to purchase clothing, etc. more suitable to the weather condition of their future stations.

Lost its Bohemianism.

An old Colognian was speaking to me a day or so ago about the life of the city twenty years ago, when it had the reputation of being one of the gayest and most unconventional of Germany's larger towns. With the advent of a different class of people about ten years ago this free spirit died, much to the regret of the older residents.

What is it?

Everyone is wondering what is the popular play to suit the taste of "Durham Lad" and others like him that the R.A.D.C. intends staging shortly.

Not Bottle Dealers yet.

The other day someone advertised in this paper that he wanted to buy English beer bottles. During yesterday, two orderlies unloaded a truckload of them at the door of our offices, under the impression that they were wanted here.

Still Hope.

It is quite possible that many who did not draw horses in the Victory Cambridgeshire were among those whose £23,000 arrived just too late to be included in the draw. These tickets will stand a chance in the next Lille Sweep.

The Nouveau Caporal.

I have just been told of an acting unpaid lance-corporal who wanted to bring his wife, four children, three maid servants and a governess out to Cologne. I wasn't informed if he wished to requisition a special train.

"Uncles"

Recently mention was made of pawnshops and the absence of such establishments in Cologne. The other day I had pointed out to me the Stadt Pawnshop in Cecilienstrasse, and my informant said that when the big fairs are being held the poorer folk will "pop" the proverbial shirt in order to have a spell of enjoyment.

The Chance.

A certain German was standing at the corner of Komodienstrasse this morning with a large sheet of glass which he rested against the wall while he lighted his pipe. A person turned the corner in a great hurry, and there was a thundering crash of breaking glass. An American soldier who was passing at the time glanced at the thousand and one fragments for a few moments, then turned to me, and said, "I say, guy, if he is not more careful. I guess that outfit will get broken.'

Late Chestnuts.

Judging by the diminutive size of the chestnuts exposed for sale in the shop windows, the season is not yet at its height in Germany. In England the end of October sees the season's advent, when large nuts and rosy apples are in great demand, especially in the north, as necessary adjuncts in the celebration of "duckapple night."

All Hot.

Which reminds me: I no ticed the other night for the first time in this country a baked chestnut cart in a turning, off the Komödien strasse. The vendor's wares were of extremely small size, but he received liberal patronage from the troops passing by.

One Iest.

Backhaus' recitals are the best thermometer to gauge the number of British troops in Rhineland. Five months ago half of the audience at the Burgergesellschaft was in khaki. On Monday not a quarter of the audience belonged to the British Army.

Sign-writer's Error.

In view of the skill usually displayed by German sign-writers, it is surprising to observe in the name Meniesnich, painted at the entrance to this village, that in both the "N's" the centre strokes are the wrong way up.

Bad and Good News.

A bird in the air has carried it that the Ball Room of fhe B.E.L.C. is now needed for the men during the winter months so that those delightful Thursday evenings are no more. I hear, however, that a big Black and White Fancy Dress Ball will be held on Thursday Nov. 27th, and that there will be no limit to the number of tickets which must be applied for to the Controller of Entertainments at the Club.

RHINELANDER.

VANITY FAIR.

A Feature for the British Woman in Rhineland.

Craze for Lucky Charms.

The war, we are told airily, is responsible for the occult wave now passing over us. True it is, the world has been up against many unaccountable things, and minds are more finely sensitised to receive impressions that cannot be thrashed out on common-sense lines. It is in all probability a passing craze, though one that is reponsible for the enhanced value placed on charms. Anything weird and grotesque in carved ivory, a Chinese Buddha, a monkey, &c., is a covetable possession to be worn on a neck ribbon, chain or bangle. A well authenticated scarab retains all its old superstitious value, the lucky owners placing equal faith in a piece of jade.

Importance of the Veil.

Veils have assumed a decided importance this winter, and many of the new designs are really beautiful. Black Chantilly in squares or circles are among the favourite designs for the new picture hats; such a veil is disposed with apparent carelessness over a hat with drooping brim, trimmed with plumes or soft velvet flowers and foliage.

Swastika Designs.

The little hat and the flowing veil is an equally charming idea. Here the neater the pattern the better, and the curious little harbinger of good luck, the swastika, embroidered on a light mesh ground, is quite a popular design. Tiny aeroplanes are the basis of another decorative pattern: the highwayman's mask, a veil with an oval patch in heavier mesh, which is placed across the eyes; and a tiny black velvet Cupid and a tiny heart pierced with an arrow appliqued on to a light octagon-shaped mesh are among the freak veils of this winter.

The Fur Convention.

To judge from what I have heard, it is better to elope with your friend's husband than to wear the pelt of the humble bunny. False furs indicate the possession of a mind attuned to common things. The sable and the skunk come from afar, but the despised bunny overruns the earth. He is a commonplace to us, and even when camouflaged he is still despised, because some of us would rather shiver than incur the contempt of our acquaintances. And yet we flatter ourselves that we have got away from slavish regard for convention! What brave souls will crusade against the fur convention?

A Wardrobe Tip.

New patent shoes should be placed before a fire just before being worn. This softens the leather and prevents it cracking, and the wearer will derive greater comfort than is usually the case with new shoes.

How to Treat Gloves.

When putting on gloves, do so carefully, for their after-wear depends on this. Never put on new gloves when you are in a hurry; rather choose another time, when your hands are cool. First dust a little French chalk into each glove. Then work the fingers well on before putting in the thumb. Work that in slowly, gradually smoothing the kid on with the other hand. When the glove is on, pull it well down and button the second button, and any others, leaving the first button until the last. If the hands are hot, remove the gloves, and then turn them inside out, pulling them into shape, and leaving them in the air for an hour or two.

Handkerchiefs of Fashion.

The small square of coloured cambric or silk plays quite an important part in the smart woman's dress. The unobtrusive handkerchief is now relied upon to give the desired note of gaiety and chic to the severe tailored costume for street wear. Its small splash of colour may call attention to the same colour covering the feet, or accentuate the becoming shade of the small hat.

AGNES.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Winter's Mantle.—Paris is under snow.

Canadian Crisis.—The Government of Ontario has resigned.

In the Forth.—The First Battle Squadron has arrived in the Firth of Forth.

Verboten.—The export of potatoes from Ireland is forbidden.

Police Strikers.—Labour gains at Liverpool election included two Police strikers.

An Echo.—An unexploded German aerial bomb has been found in a Hitchin pond.

Mangin's New Labours.—General Mangin has arrived at Helsingfors.

No American Coal.—Export of coal is prohibited in the States.

Miners Working Hard.—The coal output at home is rising appreciably.

His Next Tour.—The Prince of Wales will visit Australia next year.

Foreign Office Changes.—Changes are in the air at the Foreign office.

New "Flu."—There is at present in Paris an epidemic of sore throats.

Well Paid.—Black Country policemen will have to pay income tax.

A Good Bag.—A village rat hunt at Claygate, Surrey, resulted in a bag of 280.

All Out.—A general lock-out has been proclaimed at Barcelona.

Holland's Loan.—Holland is giving a credit of 25 million francs to France.

An Old Complaint.—The grippe has made its re-appearance in Paris.

The G.O.M.—Clémenceau arrived at Strasbourg yesterday.

Sugar.—Sugar ration cards have been instituted in Paris.

Beatty in the Lords.—Lord Beatty takes his seat in the Lords to-day.

In the Market.—The ex-Kaiser's yacht "Meteor V" is to be sold.

Long Service.—After 46 years' continuous service the Town Clerk of Lichfield has retired.

Polish News.—A Polish communique says that 300,000 Germans remain in the Baltic provinces.

Profiteering.—A shilling was charged for the use of a 'phone at an Eastbourne hotel.

Unusual.—Dismounted cavalry were used to line London streets for the Shah's visit.

New Uses.—A Cardiff aircraft factory is to be used as a training school for building trade pupils.

His Last Vote.—A Hertford gardener having recorded his vote at a municipal election dropped dead.

"A.J.B."—Mr. A. J. Balfour is said to be contemplating the writing of his reminiscences.

Good for the Shows.—The presence of sundry Royal visitors in London is said to be good for the theatres.

For One Box.—Four hundred pounds has been paid for a box at the Victory Ball in London.

Asquith's Future.—A big effort is to be made to secure the return of Mr. Asquith to Parliament before Christmas.

Drops the Title.—Millicent, Duchess of Sutherland, relinquishes the title of duchess on her marriage.

King of Shah.—A London policeman, asked why the traffic was stopped, said it was for the "King of Shah."

Haig Reads Lessons.—Lord Haig reads the lessons at the memorial services to the London Scottish.

The Amusing Charlie.—Film pictures by Charlie Chaplin are becoming few and far between.

The Question.—The dominating question at East Ham elections was the opening of kinemas on Sunday.

Increasing Crime.—Because of increasing crime, Berlin police have been armed with rifles.

The Last Day.—Bulgaria's answer to the new Peace conditions must be delivered before the 15th November.

Truthful. — Lord Russell of Liverpool says most journalists strive to tell the truth.

London's Guests.—Not since the Coronation has London had such an army of Royal guests as at present.

Bird Puzzle.—English shooting parties say that cocks exceed the hens by four to one.

England's Example. — It is hoped to break the railway strikes in Egypt with volunteers.

Welbeck Abbey Lumber. — Postillion carriages which cost hundreds of pounds went for £20 each at Welbeck Abbey.

Inoculation cold Cures. — Inoculation against colds is advocated by a Beckenham doctor.

Dress Shirt Famine.— Ratailers complain that they cannot get delivery of dress shirts.

Of Trent.—General Sir Henry Rawlinson has taken the title of Baron Rawlinson of Trent.

Via Antwerp.—When the port at Brest is closed, American troops will be sent home via Antwerp.

The Last day. — Letters to reach the Rhine Army from England should be posted by December 19th, and parcels by December 13th.

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

DESTROYING THE GARDENS.

Canon Mastermau, speaking on the results of industrial revolution and its immediate effects on English life remarked: One result has been the enormous growth of English towns, unsightly and unattractive. One change of the rapid growth of the towns which is extraordinarily important is the destruction of gardens. I believe immensely in the significance of gardens in human life, and in their effect on human character. Gardens are sacrificed to crowd the population on the ground as thickly as possible, with results on human character that are bad.

IS THE MIXED CLUB COMING?

Miss Levy, Secretary of the National Organisation of Girls' Clubs, asked if the Mixed Club will be that of the future, said:—Opinion is much divided at the moment. Of the two schools of opinion, one declares that the mixed club as a feature in working-class social life is not to be seriously considered. It is maintained that when you bring young men and girls together, you make the success of any club impossible. Those holding the opposite opinion declare that the mixed club is exactly what is wanted. It stimulates a healthy sex relationship, and by allowing the young men and girls to meet freely, many more girls are attracted to the clubs, and away from the streets. There are definite plans on foot in all the clubs included in our organisation to form mixed classes, so that the girls may be given the opportunity of seeing their men friends in the evening, while not sacrificing their educational training.

WOMENS' MANNERS.

Lady Pollock, wife of the Solicitor General, criticising the present-day woman asks:—Do women show that they realise the responsibility which is now theirs, by powdering their noses and wearing high-heeled shoes; by wearing their skirts so short and their blouses so low that they are scarcely decent? Their boots are now so small they can barely walk in them, and their skirts so tight they can hardly go up steps. In London I have seen ladies who know better, and girls who ought to know better, wose attire leaves much to be desired. And yet it is not necessary to be dressed dowdily to be dressed decently."

HATE PROPAGANDA.

General Sir Ian Hamilton, speaking at the unveiling of a War Memorial recently, said:—Now the war is over we do not want any more propaganda to stand between us and the reconciliation which might so fittingly take place over the tombs of a generation who have given their lives for a better world. The old Latin proverb has it: If you wish for peace prepare for war. I say to you, If you wish for peace away with hate propaganda. Tear that long Italian word Propaganda off the back of the hate agency, and you will find lurking under a Cardinal's cloak, a very ugly little Anglo-Saxon word. Lying is quite bad enough when it is carried on by amateurs like Ananias and Sapphira, but, when it is organised by professionals on both sides, then, believe me, we shall say good-bye for ever to peace on earth, goodwill towards men. You will not at once be able to stop this evil propaganda. Hate and envyhave at last found a perfect instrum tto their hands.

THE ACID TEST.

Charlie Chaplin, the greatest of all cinema comedians, according to the late Sir Herbert Tree, is not only the greatest living pantomimist, but is capable of conversing with rare intelligence on politics, the fine arts, and the philosophy of life. He says:—It seems to be unknown that Mr. Lloyd George's oft-quoted phrase, "The Acid Test," was first used by me! That is no terminological inexactitude, to quote another statesman. In one of my early films, "The Pawnshop," a woman comes in with a globe of goldfish which she wishes to pledge. I look at them suspiciously and say that I will apply the "Acid Test," and I am about to do so when the pawnbroker bundles the woman out of the shop.

SPY-HUNTING MANIA.

Mr. Asquith, addressing a political gathering in Wales, said:—One of the worst and most foolish products of the war spirit, a sort of morbid excrescence upon the patriotism of the country, is a mania which was fostered by the least reputable section of the Press for spy-hunting. The war is now over or at least we are told so. No longer even the most suspicious of them looked under their beds at night and ransacked their cupboards for a hidden enemy.

THE REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT.

William Archer, the well-known dramatic critic, writing on the social and political upheavals of to-day, says:—"We must accept and facilitate the economic Revolution. It means nothing else than a more rational, more humane, less topsy-turvy readjustment of the burdens and benefits of society. But the difficulties of such readjustment are so complex that it ought, if possible, to be allowed to effect itself gradually, by patient experiment. Human wisdom is unequal to the task of making a clean sweep of the existing order, and building afresh on totally new foundations. But if human unwisdom insists on forcing the issue, a clean sweep will certainly be attempted, with results like those in Russia, but far more disastrous.

HOW LABOUR GAINS.

Mr. J. R. Clynes, M. P., explaining the success of the Labour Party at the elections, says:—Labour is gaining from at least three quarters. It is rallying those who never were partisans in the sense that they were controlled by organisations. It is drawing from the Liberals, and it is converting a large section of Tory working-men who despair of finding substantial or permanent redress for their industrial grievances by continued attachment to their old party.

YOUTHFUL IMMORALITY.

The Bishop of Birmingham writing on the above subject, says:—The war has brought in its train a good deal of youthful immorality, and also unhappily a considerable number of unmarried mothers. The day has gone past when the whole notion of the treatment of such cases is puritanical ostracism, and we are finding that the best cure is disciplined, and sympathetic, treatment. I appeal to employers to make provision for the young to meet in healthy and good surroundings.

ON HAPPINESS.

Mr. W. B. Maxwell, in his latest novel, "A Man and his Lesson," says:—Women generally, it would seem, derive much happiness from their faculty of living in the moment. They possess this faculty in a much higher degree than men. They do not think that they might be elsewhere, differently employed, or in other company half their time, as men do. Even in moments of pleasure men are always inclined to look forwards or backwards.

BUYING FOR THE RISE.

TRAFFIC IN GERMAN NOTES.

At a meeting on Tower Hill a Labour leader declared that numbers of persons with money to spare are purchasing in London large quantities of German notes with a view to holding them for a rise in value. Many of these notes, he declared, come via Cologne. He demanded that English capitalists should put their war profits into English concerns and not benefit German financiers, the ultimate result of these transactions being that English money would pass into Germany.

ARMENIANS PETITION ENGLAND.

A petition has been presented to the Government by supporters of the Armenian Red Cross and Refugee Fund, requesting hat British troops be not withdrawnt from the Caucasus until the safety of Armenia has been guaranteed by the Peace Conference.

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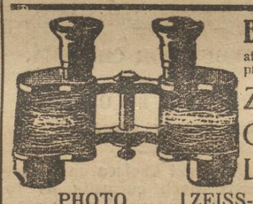

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POLITICS AND PASSIONS.

EXTRAORDINARY REVELATIONS IN SORDID ACTION FOR ALLEGED LIBEL.

AFGHAN TRIBES AND THE RECENT PEACE.

AN AMAZING SUIT.

TANGLE OF POLITICS AND DIVORCE.

An astounding action for alleged libel and slander was commenced on Tuesday in the Lord Chief Justice's Court before Lord Reading and a special jury. It concerned the last election for the Bilston division of Wolverhampton.

The plaintiff was Dr. John Kynaston, a retired Lieut-Colonel in the Royal Army Medical Corps, who was the unsuccessful Labour candidate for the seat, the defendants being the wife of Brigadier Thomas Hickman, Coalition Unionist member for the division, and George Brown, one of his principal supporters, who were sued for conspiracy to libel and slander Dr. Kynaston on the 13th December 1918.

Defendants pleaded justification.

Mr. Melville, K. C. for the plaintiff, said that the libel complained of charged Dr. Kynaston with having seduced the wife of an officer while that officer was on service in Macedonia and alleged that he was still living with that lady and keeping the officer's child. The libel further accused him of systematically ill-treating the child and telling her she was a pauper.

That charge, said Counsel, was one of those truths which had been distorted and perverted and to which mean and wicked falsehoods had been added.

AN ASTOUNDING STORY.

Dr. Kynaston, he said, was a man of fifty-six years. He had married in 1885 and practised in Cornwall, but his marriage turned out a hopeless failure. In 1889 he entered the Army medical service at Netley and later went to India. He also served in Burmah and Sierra Leone. In 1908 he and his wife parted, he making her an allowance, and a year later he met a lady who had since lived with him as his wife.

This lady — Mrs. Foxwell — had also had an unhappy marriage, her husband having left her in 1903. Shortly afterwards Mrs. Kynaston filed an undefended petition for divorce and in 1914 Dr. Kynaston married Mrs. Foxwell.

The position was complicated by Mr. Foxwell, in the words of Counsel, "suddenly coming back to life and sending a congratulatory telegram on her birthday to his daughter, whom he had never seen or supported."

Continuing, Counsel said Mrs. Foxwell's mother, Mrs. Shafto Greene, wrote to Mr. Foxwell making various suggestions as to how he could obtain a divorce without attracting publicity, proposing for instance, that he describe himself as an estate agent.

Lord Chief Justice interposing; "I have never heard anything more scandalous."

Dr. Kynaston also wrote making suggestions. In his reply Mr. Foxwell charged Dr. Kynaston with engineering a plot to get him sent out to the East, also with keeping his (Foxwell's) daughter in ignorance of the fact that she had an independent income of her own "for his own vile purposes."

In April, 1918, Mr. Foxwell filed a preliminary petition for a divorce but no further proceedings were taken. At the time of the election Mr. Foxwell wrote to Hickman repeating his charges against Dr. Kynaston. General Hickman, with Foxwell's consent, read the letter at an electioneering meeting and the letter was also published as an electioneering pamphlet.

PLAINTIFF IN THE BOX.

Dr. Kynaston, a tall military figure, with grey hair and moustache, gave evidence in support of Counsel's opening statement.

Cross-examined by Sir Edward Carson, he said he knew that Mr. Foxwell was alive when he married Mrs. Foxwell, but denied knowing that Mr. Foxwell came from Canada in 1912 to try to persuade his wife to resume cohabition. Sir Edward Carson thereupon produced letters from Mrs. Foxwell showing that she knew her husband was looking for her.

Dr. Kynaston persisted that he knew nothing of these letters at that time. He had a daughter by his first wife but he "had blotted her out of his life absolutely." It was untrue that he deserted his first wife. He did not defend her petition for divorce because he was glad to be divorced. He admitted that in the certificate of his "marriage" with Mrs. Foxwell every word of the particulars was untrue except Mrs. Foxwell's Christian name.

This provoked more stern comment from the Lord Chief Justice.

Plaintiff then declared that he wished to enter Parliament to advocate changes in the divorce law. He admitted making suggestions that Mr. Foxwell should enable his wife to divorce him. He declared, however, that he never expected Mr. Foxwell to adopt the suggestion as he was convinced that he was a blackmailer.

The Lord Chief Justice pointed out that if plaintiff knew this he was putting a weapon into his hand. The hearing was adjourned. Plaintiff contended that Mr. Foxwell's reply was "obviously a blackmailing letter."

AFGHANISTAN.

REPORTED VIOLATION OF PEACE.

There is reason to believe that Afghan troops are still in occupation of the important position of Wana, which is in the Mahsud Waziri country, and a considerable distance on the British side of the North-west Frontier of India. If this is true, one of the first conditions of the armistice which preceded the "peace" with Afghanistan has been violated.

The Viceroy of India (Lord Chelmsford) wrote to the Ameer Amanullah Khan on June 22:—"So long as a single Afghan regular soldier remains on our side (of the frontier) peace negotiations are out of the question, and there can be no alternative but a resumption of hostilities." It is now suggested that in Waziristan the Afghan regular troops never entirely withdrew from British territory.

A British expedition consisting of six infantry brigades is about to advance into Waziristan, the declared object being to attack the Mansuds and other Waziri tribes who have been molesting our convoys and raiding villages in the administered areas.

If, however, Afghan troops are still stationed in the region where the advance will be made, the operations may have a more serious aspect.

TURKS ATTACK BRITISH HOSPITAL TRAIN.

A telegram from Salonica states that a group of insurgents has blown up the large bridge at Angora.

Simultaneously strong Turkish detachments attacked the French troops. After a fight of several hours' duration, the Turks were put to flight, leaving a field battery and numerous prisoners behind them in French hands.

A British military train, bringing wounded to Constantinople, was attacked by troops belonging to the organisation of Mustapha Kemal.

AMMO. FOR THE LETTS.

Answering Mr. Swan, who asked whether shipments of munitions are now being made to Riga, for whose use they are intended, and whether the cost falls on the British taxpayer, Mr. Winston Churchill said that a small amount of captured German ammunition is being sent. It is destined for the Letts, who are struggling to maintain the integrity of their country against reactionary Russian forces, subsidised and assisted by reactionary German elements.

The expense involved is that of shipping only, which is very small.

FUTURE OF THE DOCKYARDS.

At a conference of local public and other bodies, held at Portsmouth to consider the question of dockyard discharges, Major Sir Bertram Falle, M.P., suggested tha Pembroke, Devonport, Chatnam and Haulbowline should be converted into commercial ports, and all naval work diverted to Portsmouth which has never had a great commercial shipping connection.

It was decided to ask Sir Robert Horne LabourMinister, to attend a town's meeting.

RED CROSS MEMBERS ARRESTED.

A Denikin wireless message states that the chiefs of the Danish Red Cross Mission in Kieff have been arrested by order of General Denikin's Government. Information had been received that the chiefs were acting as agents of the Austro-German Soviet in Kieff, which had worked in full contact with the Russian Soviet. The arrest was preceded by a search of the premises occupied by the Danish Red Cross Mission.

WHEN WILL PEACE ARRIVE?

It is clear, says the Paris Correspondent of the "Times" that the Peace Treaty cannot come into force by November 11. The date will depend on the amount of resistance offered by Germany to carrying out the as yet unfulfilled conditions of the Armistice. These are to be embodied in the Protocol which Germany must sign before the Treaty becomes operative.

VAIN BOLSHEVIST HOPE.

A Moscow wireless message states that a manifesto has been issued by the Soviet to the workers of the world calling upon the workers of England and France to organise a protest strike for the 7th November, which is the anniversary of the Bolshevist revolution against the attack on Russia and consequent attempt to crush the revolution.

GUARDS' TRAINING.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Briant asked the Secretary of State for War whether his attention had been called to charges of brutality and bribery in connection with the treatment of recruits in the Guards. Mr. Winston Churchill said that he could not undertake to hold an enquiry into allegations of so vague and general a character. He had not read the book in question (A Private in the Guards, by Stephan Graham) but he did not think he was justified in ordering an enquiry because a book was published which contained a certain number of allegations.

Captain Terrell hoped that Mr. Churchill would flatly contradict these false statements and Sir John Rees remarked that the system which had produced the best infantry in the world was best left alone.

BOLSHEVIST PROPAGANDA IN FINLAND.

The negotiations to decide whether Finland will take part in the Petrograd offensive have taken a favourable turn and a decision is expected within the next few days.

The Finnish Government is reported to intend giving a written reply to the request made by Lianasoff, head of the North-West Russian Government, for military aid in the operations against Petrograd.

Commenting on General Mannerheim's letter appealing to the Finnish President to assist General Yudenitch in his campaign against the Bolshevists the leading Helsingfors papers express the hope that the appeal will lead to the desired result and that the Government will take without delay preparatory steps for vigorous and speedy action.

On the other hand it is reported that at a recent meeting of the Petrograd Soviet it was decided to devote special attention to propaganda in Finland and Scandinavia generally, the ground being thought suitable and the time ripe for agitation. Indeed, 200 couriers have already been dispatched to those countries. It is said that ten thousand Finns have already been won over to the Bolshevist cause.

GOEBEN SURRENDERED.

BRITISH CREW ON BOARD.

The battleship Goeben, at Constantinople has been surrendered by the Turkish authorities, and it had been partially repaired, said Mr. Long (First Lord of the Admiralty) in reply to Sir A. Fell, in the House of Commons yesterday.

A skeleton British crew, in accordance with the terms of the armistice, had been placed on board, and every precaution was being taken to prevent the vessel being scuttled and sunk.

PARENTAL ALLOWANCES.

An Army Order states that in all cases where applications for special allowances for parents of unmarried soldiers (not eligible for separation allowances) are made after the 30th November such allowances will be payable with effect from the date of application only.

THEFT AT THE LOUVRE.

The thin gold neck-chain which was stolen from the Louvre has been recovered. The object had been stolen by a young man belonging to an honourable family. His father restored it personally to the police. The thief, who is actually in the provinces, will be arrested very shortly.

BRITISH HELP TO RUSSIA.

A White Paper issued last night shows that the cost of our naval and military operations in Russia from the date of the Armistice to October 31 this year was over 27 millions, and that British assistance to the Russian Armies was responsible for another 17 millions, making, roughly, 44 millions in all.

ALLIES BOMBARD GERMANS AT RIGA.

A Copenhagen telegram from Riga announces that the Allied Fleet has bombarded the German positions on the Riga front and that repeated German attacks on Friedrichstadt have been repulsed.

OUT-OF-WORK FRAUDS.

Prosecutions have been instituted in Great Britain in 882 cases of apparent fraud in connexion with out-of-work donation, and 648 further cases are under consideration. The total amount of out-of-work donation paid up to October 17 was approximately £39,000,000.

MEMORIAL AT YPRES.

The War Office announces that the Battle Exploit Memorials Committee is considering the question of a memorial to all troops of the British Empire who fought at Ypres.

PENNANT INQUIRY.

COUNSELS' CONCLUDING SPEECHES.

Further speeches on behalf of prominent people mentioned in the course of the House of Lords Committee of Inquiry into the Pennant case were made yesterday.

Mr. Harold Morris, Counsel for Miss Glubb, declared it was cruel, wanton and wicked for Miss Pennant to couple Miss Glubb's name with that of Colonel Janson six months after Miss Pennant had been superseded, simply, if possible, to satisfy an injury to her personal vanity.

He commented adversely on the fact that Mrs. Kitto, who was said to have made the report to Miss Pennant about the alleged immorality at Hurst Park, had not been called to give evidence by the other side, although she was in court the previous day.

Lord Stanhope, continued Counsel, had expressed a desire to apologise to Colonel Janson and Miss Glubb, but Miss Pennant did not. After reciting Miss Glubb's splendid record of war services in Russia, Serbia and at home, Counsel challenged Miss Pennant to repeat her charges in the open. He claimed that it had been conclusively proved there was no foundation for the charges made against Miss Glubb. "Her honour, good name and her whole future happiness are at stake and she is little more than a child. She asks for assistance and protection and I trust she will not be disappointed." (Applause).

Mr. Hawke, K.C., addressing the Committee for Miss Pennant, denied that she acted on personal grounds. She felt it was due to others that if in Government departments people be dismissed without any charges being brought or any enquiry made, as the result of petty intrigue, it was time that someone did something to put a stop to that kind of thing. He declared that irrelevant matters, such as the mention of Colonel Janson and Miss Glubb were first introduced by the other side.

This statement led to a warm correction from the Chairman.

Continuing, Mr. Hawke said he was unaware that Mrs. Kitto had been present in Court but if the Committee wanted her evidence it could call her. He contended that Miss Pennant had established her case, which was that according to the principles of ordinary justice she had been the victim of intrigue. He did not propose to go into the question of the allegations against General Livingstone and Colonel Bersey. Those allegations were not part of Miss Pennant's case but came in during the hearing of evidence.

Counsel for the Air Ministry protested and the chairman asked:

"Whether the questions of Hurst Park arose in examination or cross examination, can you afford to ignore that aspect of the inquiry?"

Mr. Hawke replied: "The Committee can deal with that matter if they like."

The inquiry was adjourned until Tuesday when it is understood that Lady Rhondda will give evidence, after which the inquiry will be concluded.

MILITARY CEMETERIES.

WHY TWO MONUMENTS WERE SELECTED.

A statement was issued on Monday by the Imperial War Graves Commission which says that it appears from recent opinions in the Press that some misunderstandings have arisen regarding the war stones and great crosses which are being erected by the Commission in cemeteries abroad.

The real fact is that the Commission, after full deliberation and consulting the wishes of relatives and the Army authorities, decided to make two such monuments the central features of their scheme of cemetery construction, because each makes its own definite and distinctive appeal and each represents a different aspect of the idea of national commemoration.

NO GENERAL AMNESTY.

Answering Mr. Lunn, who asked questions concerning the number of men now serving sentences of more than three months duration for military offences, Mr. Winston Churchill stated in the House of Commons that the Government had considered the advisability of granting an amnesty to those men who are serving terms of imprisonment for military offences. They had decided that no case could be made out for a general amnesty.

The number now in prison is very small but the sentences were awarded for very grave offences and they had all been subjected to review, by which a large reduction in the aggregate number of years had been granted.

DANISH BUTTER FOR ENGLAND.

According to the "National Tidende," Copenhagen, an agreement has just been concluded for the delivery of 80,000 barrels of butter to England in the course of the next four months, at a minimum price of six kroner per kilogram (about 3s. a lb. nominal), as compared with the present export price of five kroner.

ROYAL PRIZE CATTLE.

The King and the Prince of Wales were exhibitors of shorthorns at Lord Tredegar's agricultural show at Newport, (Mon). Each won a second prize.

V.C.'S SEVERE REP.

COURT-MARTIAL SENTENCE ON A COLONEL.

The sentence of the Court-Martial on Colonel John Sherwood Kelly, V.C., C.M.G., D.S.O., who was tried for infringing the King's Regulations by writing to the Press, was promulgated yesterday. He was sentenced to be severely reprimanded.

In his speech to the Court, Colonel Kelly said: "I have carried out my duty to the best of my skill and ability. Loyalty to the throne is with me a paramount ideal and I have sacrificed everything to carry these ideals into action. I have nothing left but a soldier's honour."

MINERS' STRIKE.

LITTLE CHANCE OF SPREADING.

No signs of wavering have appeared among the U.S. miners, though certain attempts at mediation have been made. Several days must elapse before these can be expected to mature. The miners leaders maintain strict silence, but Mr. Gompers, on behalf of the Federation of Labour, has prepared, some even say presented, a scheme for settlement of the strike. The President has informed the miners that he will summon a Commission to deal with the crisis if, and when, the men return to work.

Movements of troops to the chief centres of the mining industry are being carried out, under the supervision of Major-General Leonard Wood, without any trouble from the strikers, who have on their own initiative taken measures to safeguard the mines from damage. There have been practically no incendiary speeches and there seems little chance of a general strike being even called, much less of its being a success.

LONDON TRAMS.

GREAT EXTENSION SCHEME ADOPTED.

The London County Council discussed yesterday the Committee's four and a-half million pound tramways extension scheme.

There was much opposition on account of the cost and the rapid development of motor traffic, which might easily make the trams obsolete. Further objection was raised from the fact that the Council will soon have power to run its own omnibuses. Sir Cyril Jackson added the argument that traffic might soon be relieved by flying. He did not think it impossible for the Thames to accommodate seaplanes coming up from the suburbs. Other objectors claimed that every penny is now wanted for housing and schools.

Finally the Council approved sixteen out of the seventeen proposed new lines for inclusion in the Parliamentary (Powers) Bill.

RED ARMY ADVANCING.

According to reliable information from Helsingfors, the Reds occupied Gatchina on Sunday, the town having been evacuated three days previously.

The Russian North West Army reports that in the direction of Pskoff the enemy is attacking with large forces on the Pskoff-Strugibjelaja road. Owing to the enemy's superiority in numbers Luga was evacuated. On the Petrograd front an enemy attack on the village of Poeckelovo was repulsed. At the capture of the village of Vysotskoje 267 prisoners were taken.

THE YPRES PILGRIMAGE.

In connection with the proposed memorial to the troops of the British Empire who fought at Ypres, the Belgian Minister of the Interior states that preliminary measures have been taken to protect the Cloth Hall, the Cathedral and adjoining houses from desecration. The ruins, besides being eloquent testimony of Teutonic barbarity, will remain a place of pilgrimage, to which the Allies may come to perpetuate the memory of those soldiers who died to keep intact the last strip of Belgian soil.

FAMOUS EDITOR DEAD.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. J. R. S. Phillipps, who for the last sixteen years has edited the "Yorkshire Post." He died on Tuesday night of cerebral haemorrhage.

Mr. Phillipps, who was born in 1850, at Pendleton, near Manchester, started to earn his living at the age of thirteen in a warehouse. Three years later his first accepted article determined his future career. From the "Kendal Mercury" he worked up to the "Yorkshire Post" via Worcester, Belfast and Edinburgh. In 1907 he was one of the party of British journalists who were the guests of the German Press.

SPEEDING UP REPATRIATION.

During the week ended 29th October, 20,453 German and 129 Austrian prisoners of war were repatriated from the United Kingdom. A considerable proportion of the Germans are now being repatriated in German ships.

BOY THIEVES.

YOUNG BANK CLERKS' CONFESSION.

At the Mansion House before Alderman Sir David Burnett, William Parker, 17, Henry Lewry, 17, and Charles Frank Roakes, 19, clerks, were charged with stealing about £11,000 belonging to their employers, the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, American bankers, Lombard-street.

Mr. Travers Humphreys, prosecuting, said that the three young men were ledger keepers. They were given into custody on October 18 for stealing or receiving large sums of money, and they made full confession. Parker handed back £6,980, Lewry £3,761, and Roakes £110. When a customer paid money into his account the receiving cashier made certain entries and handed over the slip and cash either to Parker or Lewry. They ought then to have credited the customer with the amount and paid it in to the company's account at their bankers. The entries were properly made, but the defendants failed to pay in the cash. An official from New York and fourteen clerks were now engaged in trying to trace the destination of various sums paid in. The scheme was detected when it came to the knowledge of the company that Parker had £6,000 standing to his credit at Parr's Bank at Walthamstow and had given notice to withdraw it.

The defendants were remanded.

FATAL COLLISION.

CALAMITY TO ORIENT EXPRESS.

On Monday night between Sens and Pont-sur-Yonne, a terrible railway accident occurred, the Geneva train dashing at full speed into the Orient Express. The impact was frightful, eight coaches being crushed like egg-shells. The number of dead is about twenty and over one hundred wounded were conveyed to hospital.

AIDING THE BALTIC STATES.

In the House of Commons yesterday Colonel Wedgwood asked whether promises of aid had been made by Great Britain to the Governments of Estonia, Livonia, Poland, Finland and Lithuania with the object of defending them against the semi-German attacks of von der Goltz.

Mr. Cecil Harmsworth replied that in view of the German attack on Riga the Government decided to send small arms and ammunition to the value of sixteen thousand pounds to the provisional Government of Latvia.

At the same time a strongly worded note was sent by the Peace Conference to the Germans insisting on the immediate fulfilment of the Allies' demands for evacuation of all German troops from the Baltic States, and it was decided to despatch an Allied representative mission under a French General to control the execution of this order.

A DELAYED DEBATE.

The meeting of the Executive of the Miners' Federation with the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress, originally fixed for to-day to discuss the summoning of a special Trade Union Congress for the purpose of reviewing the Government's reply to the demand for nationalisation of mines, has been postponed until the 12th.

INDIAN DEMOBILIZATION.

The War Office states that since the 20th October six vessels have sailed from Basra, Bombay, and Karachi carrying 464 officers and 6,901 other ranks from India and 40 officers and 1,078 other ranks from Mesopotamia. The total number of troops evacuated since the 26th July is 892 officers and 20,345 other ranks from Mesopotamia and 1,811 officers and 15,118 other ranks from India.

WREATHS ON THE CENOTAPH.

The Comrades of the Great War are organising a procession of representatives of various patriotic organisations to lay wreaths on the cenotaph in Whitehall on Armistice Day. Before his departure from London the Shah sent an aide-de-camp to place a wreath on the cenotaph.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Activity on change yesterday was confined chiefly to oils, minings and wireless sections. Home investments were steady and shippings were hardening. French loans were somewhat firmer but other foreign issues were dull on fears of continental selling. The feature of minings was the strong demand for Anglo-American Corporation and Burma Corporation shares. Marconi shares were active on the decision to increase the capital by the creation of one and a-half millions ordinary one-pound shares.

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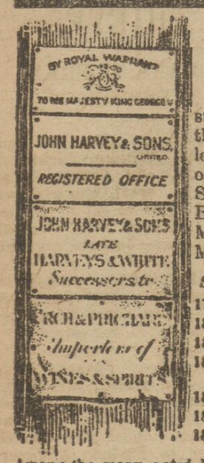

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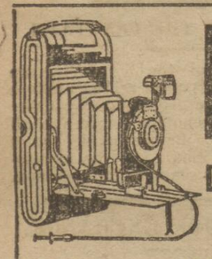

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HOLD IT FAST.

What we wish to say to all those who have yet to receive gratuities for their war services is, guard them securely.

Thousands who have gone out of all Army ranks to face the fight with unsatisfactory civil conditions at home, have for the first time in their young lives had any considerable sum of money to handle, that they could call their own.

They have deserved the monetary recognition the War Office gives them at the end of their war service, but it has in far too many instances proved the undoing of mere lads who came fresh from school or apprenticeship into the fray.

Suddenly relaxed from discipline, back in the world, they have lost their heads. The amount which might have kept the wolf from the door for so many months while they were getting into suitable positions, has been frittered away in a few weeks. We have heard of cases even where a few days have seen the last penny squandered.

In England to-day there are thousands of young fellows eager enough after the Armistice to throw off what they then felt to be "the irksomeness of military routine" who, having arrived back in Blighty with no business or professional training and a false idea of their importance have never fitted into the scheme of commercial life. To use their own expression many have "not a bean left", and are in a parlous state.

There are many others who with no intention to fritter away uselessly their gratuities, but thinking merely of doing well for themselves have let the money drift into the hands of share-peddling harpies, company promoters, sporting "financiers" and many others only too ready to pounce upon their money.

These young men meant well no doubt, but have had a hard lesson. Like the moth that hovers round the flame, their wings have been scorched. And they are derelicts.

There has been much to excuse in many instances. The atmosphere of war horrors and the hourly hazard of death tended to recklessness and prodigality when the phase of fighting was finished. We feel sorrow for all such victims.

Perhaps we have written gloomily. Some topics cannot be lightly dealt with. We ask all who are going out of the Army to profit by the pitfalls so many of their comrades in arms have fallen into.

Conditions at home are even more difficult than in the earlier days of demobilization. So the necessity to grip your gratuity tight and make the most prudent use of it is all the greater. Hold it fast!

MEMORIES OF POPERINGHE.

Shades of Pop! What memories of that picturesque little town of the salient are conjured up by "Tales of Talbot House," from the pen of the Rev. P. B. Clayton, M.C., for some time Garrison Chaplain to Poperinghe.

Talbot House will be recalled as the centre of brave gaiety in that Flanders town for a succession of fighting troops. The warmth of its welcome, its example of helpfulness, will linger in the minds of all who were privileged to know the parson publican and have lived to regard those days and nights in the Ypres-Kemmel area as a distant nightmare.

Talbot House was, to many, the one source of comfort in the black misery of a winter in the salient. It's call was insistent. Few who became acquainted with the warmth of its interior and were spared, failed to call again. Many passed through it to a great and glorious death.

"I firmly believe that the greatest secret of our success in the war was the spirit of helpfulness . . . The opening of Talbot House was one of the best examples of helpfulness, for which many thousands have been and many thousands are intensely grateful" writes the Earl of Cavan, C.B., M.V.O., K.P., in a foreword to the book, and the writer who knew it at various stages of its chequered career in common with many more, shares that view.

NOW THE NAME CAME.

Just how it came to be known as Talbot House forms an interesting story in itself. It was proposed to call it Church House, but as the Rev. N. S. Talbot, M.C., late Assistant Chaplain General, 5th Army, points out in an introduction of interesting reminiscences the Divisional Staff saw a scarecrow in the name, and smelt "tracks." Hence the change.

Everyman's club dates its inception from the dog days of 1915. Poperinghe was then the centre of refugee shops, bright behind their rabbit-wire windows, with their eternal display of real Ypres lace, souvenirs and toilet requisites; later to be displayed in those wooden huts which sprang up in the neighbourhood. Of course there were estaminets of varying popularity. Between these and various divisional shows, including the now defunct "Fancies", who in recent days entertained at Brühl the troops shared their patronage. It was in this hall that Talbot began the work which was later transferred to the top storey of the club.

An odd atmosphere was created in "Pop". Ever open to shelling, which eventually drove the population away and caused Talbot House to temporarily close its doors, there was a spirit of light-heartedness which was never quenched; and a sense of gaiety.

The old sixth Division knew "Pop" in those days and it was due to the good offices of General May, then "Q" of the Division, that a wealthy brewer was induced to place his mansion at the disposal of the Army or such of it as had escaped shellfire.

THE GARDEN SHRINE.

In the garden was found a carpenter's bench which served as an altar from which tens of thousands received the Sacrament, many making their first Communion and many their last. The crucifix, a figure of white clay—a hand splintered by a fragment of shell which adorned it, was purchased for the modest sum of three francs.

Primitive were the efforts at furniture and decoration. The piano which was said to play "Little Grey Home in the West" without human action in 1918, was scrounged, and cracked cups, basins, and jam tins served as utensils for cocoa. However, sundry good friends came to the assistance of the parson publican; gifts arrived from such places as far apart as Scotland and Brighton, and the first entry in the visitors' book is dated December 15, 1915. The bedrooms were communal, and acting on the Robin Hood principle of taking from the rich to give to the poor, officers paid more than those of lowlier rank. Those were days of extreme simplicity. Callers waited semi-somnolently in chairs until their luckier brethren got up for breakfast and the leave train.

During the spring and early summer of 1916, the young House throve greatly. "That was always one of the strong realities of life at the House: you never knew whom you would see again," says the writer. It was in the early summer, boastful of the beauty of the garden, that the notice "Come into the Garden, and forget the war" appeared. The first acceptance of the invitation was a 5.8, which flew sideways into the house and provided the only fatal casualty within its walls, though during the varying fortunes of the salient, shells have crossed and recrossed the roofs.

Until the Somme battle began the town escaped, but during the third battle of Ypres things were so bad that it was closed to troops, as it was in the early days of 1918.

NO RANK DISTINCTIONS.

Callers were tempted to forget the war. True maps were to be found on its walls, but not maps likely to remind me of the struggle going on in front. There was the great map of England, through which the writer claims that a scientific spy could tell the territorial locality of successive divisions by the super imposition of finger prints. In this as in other things as far as possible the house maintained a civilian standpoint. The discipline of the house was enforced not by Army Orders, but by light-hearted notions which won willingness on the right side. For example: "The Waste-paper baskets are purely ornamental." "This is a library, not a dormitory." "No Amy Robsart stunts down these stairs." "To pessimists, way out."

Over the Chaplain's door the scroll ran, "All rank abandon ye who enter here." Thus unusual meetings lost their awkwardness. Consider a tea-party, comprising a General, a staff captain, a second lieutenant, and a Canadian private. This combination knelt together. There is telling simplicity in the story. "Not here lad, not here," whispered a great G.O.C. at Aldershot to a man who stood aside to let him go first to the Communion rails.

That spirit pervaded the place. There was the St. John's undergraduate, serving as a wireless operator with artillery, chatting in the club. A knock came, and the door opened to admit a middle-aged R.F.A. driver, who looked as if in search of a five-franc loan. Asked what he wanted, he replied, "I could only find a small Cambridge manual on palaeolithic man in the library. Have you anything less elementary?"

"Excuse me, sir, but surely I used to come to your lectures at — College" broke in the wireless operator. "Possibly," replied the driver, "but mules are my speciality now". Yet another. A battery was sent to the House to borrow some prayer books of sorts. Asked whether they wanted to borrow a padre of sorts as well, a chit from the Adjutant came back. "No; thanks all the same. The Hon. and Rev. Bombardier L.....always takes our service for us."

It was a few weeks before the Somme began that it became clear that the House could no longer stand the strain of its double obligation both to officers and men. Thus the Officer's club at Poperinghe came into being, for the officers were bombed out, and Talbot took over "A" Mess of the Guards Division in a house hard by. In a single day 500 francs was taken in penny cups of tea alone. The house was re-papered twice a week and re-painted alternate Tuesdays, so many were the helpers.

The writer gives a free insight into the thoughts of the men in early 1918. It was on Lady Day that there came a word of warning against any concentration of troops in Talbot House. "Ypres," the letter ran, "may soon be a far safer place than Poperinghe." Two days later the bombardment opened, and it is indicative of happenings that the Easter offerings included timber for the "dug-out."

Poperinghe became less and less attractive. Rumours of retirement preyed upon the moving spirits at Talbot House. Poperinghe was systematically evacuated. The officers' club was closed down, and the doors of Talbot House alone remained open. The staff of Little Talbot House in Ypres, driven out, joined forces, and the house was re-organised to meet the new conditions. The chapel was transferred from the top storey to cellar.

A shell carried away the stage of the concert hall, a bomb penetrated the water conduit, but the house continued to administer comfort. Finally on Whit-Tuesday, May 21st, came imperative orders to leave at once, and with great sadness the doors were closed, to remain so until September, 30th. Remarkable, it was, to carry books away without check or interference, but these did good service in many a dug-out when things had quietened down again.

The work continued until January of this year, when the owner of the house re-occupied it.

The volume contains several corollaries by Talbotonians—all tributes to the work of Talbot House, which it is to be hoped will find its prototype off Trafalgar Square early next year.

Old Talbotonians are invited to communicate with the keeper of the Roll, Lieut. E. G. White, 297, Milkwood Road, Herne Hill, S.E. 24.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

THE RULE OF THE ROAD.

Sir,—The arguments of E.M.S. are unanswerable. But so are those in favour of the decimal system for coinage and the metrical system for measurements, but our people unfortunately seem impervious to logical argument, and just glory in their insularity. Whatever is British is best, is their line of thought.

No doubt it is a very fine patriotic thing to have such blind faith in your own country's ways, however antiquated and out of touch with the rest of the world they may be, but as a nation we cannot afford any longer to hold a position of "splendid isolation."

We are dependent on too many foreign countries to ignore them or their methods and we should not be so proud that we cannot adopt what is good and sensible in their modes and customs.

The mere fact that we stand alone among all the nations in sticking to the "keep to the left" rule of the road, should surely warn us that there is something wrong with it. But we stood equally alone with the one-sided "Free" Trade we boasted of so much before the war, and wouldn't change it. It nearly proved our undoing, but still we clung to it obstinately.

I wonder how many letters like that of E.M.S., how many resolutions passed by road-users, how many petitions to Parliament, would be necessary before one got the British public to acknowledge that other countries are right and they are wrong in regard to the rule of the road. *T.T.*

FILTHY LUCRE.

Sir,—I can quite understand your correspondent's desire not to be contaminated by filthy paper currency, but my wife at present on the Rhine and a cleanly little woman has never been heard to complain of the few notes which come her way.

By the time the German tradesman has exacted his toll there are no bacteria-carriers left, and I imagine that she is willing to risk being exterminated by any such notes which come her way, particularly if they will secure for her a few of the things for which she has a sneaking regard. *SERGEANT.*

EYES AND NO EYES.

Sir,—With regard to the correspondence on the above subject I should like to draw attention to one or two obvious facts.

Comparisons are odious. If however two set out to compare, we are entitled to note the weak points of the country or people we are comparing with our own. It is however far more advantageous to point out those fortunes which the Germans beat us, rather than vice versa: we can then note for our own benefit at home.

The strongest point against the German method of life has however escaped your writers. They have excellent theatres, well planned houses and flats; an admirably developed tramway system and so on: but the freedom to manage their own affairs, their impatience of official interference and control — these are things which the German never possessed.

This is what the travelled German chiefly admires when he comes to England, for it is our most precious asset, and far outweighs any material advantage we may have over German policemen or theatres — for it is of the very essence of freedom, the birthright of every true born Briton. *VERITATIS VOX.*

Sir,—In reply to your correspondent "M.A.," writing under the above heading, I can only assume that he has no eyes.

I have been in Cologne since December last, and the fact that has astounded me most is that the German is not original.

Give the devil his due; he has strived to copy the best of France and England with a good deal of success. *EYES.*

MEALS ON LEAVE TRAINS.

Sir,—From the stories one hears daily in the clubs, I am sure a statement by the N.A.C.B. authorities as to what becomes of the profits made on the Leave express would be welcomed

I, myself, returned from leave a day or two ago and was convinced that I paid exorbitant prices for all the meals I consumed. Three francs fifty for breakfast, consisting of a microscopic piece of bacon, a share in a pot of tepid tea and some bread and butter was the first item.

Four francs for a small plate of cold meat, a tiny chunk of cheese and some more bread constituted, I thought, a rather expensive lunch. Further cases need not be quoted. I would that the kindly fates would allow me to take over the catering business on these trains. Willingly, would I undertake to stand the loss and sell equally appetising meals at half the price. *"HUNGRY LOOT."*

CAMERA FIENDS.

Sir,—While sympathising with the feeling that prompted R. E. Spect to protest against the use of cameras on Sunday last, I would suggest to him that he has taken a rather superficial view.

He was privileged to take part in a wonderful, impressive ceremony, a ceremony at which thousands of mothers and other relatives at home would have fain been present. But they were prevented.

There are thousands of them whose hearts are centred on some grave in Germany, and any news or idea they can get concerning the appearance and care of the hallowed spots will be treasured in sacred memory.

Some of the photographs taken on Sunday will be published in English papers, and hundreds of these will be put on one side with the treasured relics of the absent one. Would R. E. Spect prevent this?

As one who was present I can only say that the photographers made themselves as inconspicuous as possible and this statement is borne out by the photographs themselves.

R.E. SYMPATHY.

DO CHESS PLAYERS BECOME INSANE?

Sir,—My own observation leads me to the belief that it is quite likely.

Watch any two players, their entire attention directed to the game in hand, oblivious to everything.

Since my husband succumbed to the craze I have come to the conclusion that just as golf threatened to wreck domestic happiness, so will chess. *J.B.*

FOOTBALL REFEREES.

Sir,—Witnessing a match in the Stadtwald, the other day, I was surprised at the laxity of the referee.

On three occasions a player was badly fouled, the offender in each case being the same man. In the ordinary course of events, he should have received "Marching orders."

As it was the player who was fouled naturally retaliated and the result was that the two concerned came to loggerheads. Again the official only remonstrated with the offenders instead of ordering them off.

Why can't our referees be firm?

MARCHING ORDERS.

PRICES IN CANTEENS.

Sir,—"Old Contemptible's" knowledge of mathematics must be an invaluable asset to him, and I quite agree that 75 pfgs. is just over 1/-d in value, also that 50 pfgs. is worth just under 1/-d.

However, I regret that the emphatic reply does not in the least alter the fact that one can purchase a bar of Cadbury's chocolate at the Y.M.C.A. for 45 pfgs. and at any of the N.A.C.B. canteens the price is never under 75 pfgs.

Therefore, as the Y.M.C.A. will certainly make a profit I am quite safe in suggesting that nearly 100% profit is made on the article by the N.A.C.B.

My experience of canteens, although not great, is such that I have successfully run a canteen with moderate prices both on this side of the water, and in England, and further, I know what enormous profits can be made with quite reasonable prices.

My plea therefore for an immediate revision of N.A.C.B. price lists is certainly worth some consideration.

W. F. GEORGE.

PLAYS SOME PEOPLE WANT.

Sir,—I had hoped that correspondence on "Plays that are wanted" had ceased. However, I cannot leave "Anti-Highbrow's" letter unanswered.

I have promised "Durham Lad" a popular play, and he shall have it. I have not as yet decided which one, it entirely depends on whether I can secure the rights of a certain play which is now running in London. In the meanwhile, will "Anti-Highbrow" kindly give me the names of a few popular, wholesome, stirring plays he would suggest for the B.R.A.D.C.

The fact that by oversight or deliberately, part of my letter was not published, has resulted in "Anti-Highbrow" representing me in sackcloth and ashes, repenting for my past deeds; and promising to burn what I had worshipped and worship what I had burned.

Let me state once more that I do not intend abandoning a policy which I sincerely believe in and which the approval of the majority justifies me in running. A purely popular play now and again is not the result of any "writings on the wall" but a proof of my desire to please as many as possible and ignore no reasonable request.

S. E. PERCY, Lieut., O. i. c. B.R.A.D.C.

[It was merely the exigencies of space that necessitated the excision of a few lines from Lieut. Percy's last letter. This interesting correspondence must now cease. Ed.]

THE LIVERPOOL CUP.

High Class Field Expected to Contest To-morrow's Race.

MY DEAR'S CHANCE.

With the year's racing programme so rapidly concluding, it is not surprising that considerable interest is being focussed upon the Liverpool Autumn Cup race, which takes place to-morrow.

Everything points to a really good field, though the fact that several of the candidates have duplicate engagements makes it impossible to gauge the exact strength of the field until the stables have made their final declarations.

My Dear Top Weight.

My Dear, is top weight, with 3lb more than the burden she carried so creditably last Wednesday. Her trainer, Alec Taylor, also has Flying Spear (8st 2lb) and Tomatina (6st 11lb) engaged, and the former of this pair, as we saw at Newbury, is superior to the St. Leger winner Keysoe over a mile and a quarter. My Dear is also engaged in the Manchester November Handicap, but she will be allowed to take her chance to-morrow, and a very good chance it is, too.

Mr. George Lambton originally had four candidates, of which three accepted, viz., Rothesay Bay, Roseacre, and Glaciale, all of whom are the property of Lord Derby. All, however, have duplicate engagements.

Zinovia Retires?

Zinovia, it is understood, has run her last race, and it remains to be seen whether Grand Fleet, Seatwell, or Dominion is told off as Lord Glanely's representative.

Rich Gift ran very well under a big weight for the London Cup on Saturday, and has no more than 8st 5lb to carry at Liverpool, so that he must have an excellent chance if he can stay the distance. King John one hardly knows what to make of, as he alternately displays stamina and the lack of that attribute.

Cauette has been struck out, and presumably Captain Davy's beautiful filly has not yet recovered from her experience on the hard going at Kempton Park. Royal Bucks is another ill-suited by conditions as they are just now, and a liberal rainfall between now and Friday would materially enhance his prospects. Sir Berkeley ran well without being placed for the Cambridgeshire, but had 3lb the worst of the weights with My Dear; but Alasnam, who finished just in front of him last week, is 5lb to the good with the Manton filly. It is mainly a question as to which of the several candidates will be best suited by a course with turns as compared with the straight Newmarket track.

The Field.

My Dear (Mr. A. R. Cox) Taylor 4 9 5
Zinovia (Mr. Michalinos) F. Hunt 4 9 3
Grand Fleet (Ld. Glanely) Barling 5 9 1
Seatwell (Ld. Glanely) Barling 4 8 12
Rich Gift (Lady Torrington) Faulkner 5 8 5
King John (Capt. G. Loder) Gilpin 4 8 4
Planet (Mr. G. Barclay) Tabor 5 8 3
Flying Spear (Mr. W. M. Singer) Taylor 3 8 2
Dominion (Ld. Glanely) Barling 3 8 2
Royal Bucks (Lady Queensberry) Sievier 6 7 13
Sir Berkeley (Mr. J. White) Cottrill 4 7 7
African Star (Mr. T. Martin) Lines 3 7 4
Rothesay Bay (Ld. Derby) Lambton 3 7 2
Square Measure (Mr. Reid Walker) Rogers 4 7 0
Roseacre (Ld. Derby) Lambton 4 7 0
King's Idler (Mr. J. Shepherd) F. Hartigan 3 7 0
Alasnam (Sir A. Bailey) R. Day 3 6 13
Glaciale (Ld. Derby) Lambton 3 6 11
Maple Durham (Ld. Rosebery) F. Hartigan 3 6 11
Tomatina (Mr. Cazalet) Taylor 3 6 11
My Land (Mr. H.G. Keswick) Burns 4 6 10
Silvanite (Sir E. Hulton) Wootton 4 6 7
John Jackett (Mr. G. W. Smith) McCormack 6 6 5
Thermogene (Mr. J. McLean) J. McGuigan 4 6 3
Poilu (Mr. M. D. Blair) Whitaker 4 6 0

Will Another Outsider Win?

Our sporting contributor, "Marquis," wires that he considers the Liverpool Cup will be another outsider's race in view of the difficult course. He forecasts the result as follows:—

1, African Star.
2, Sir Berkeley.
3, My Dear.

MELBOURNE CUP.

Artilleryman wins in Record Time by Six Lengths.

At Flemington racecourse, the Melbourne Cup was run in ideal weather and there was a record attendance, estimated at 100,000. Result:

1, Artilleryman, (10 to 1); 2, Richmond Main; 3, Two Blues. Six lengths; half a length. Twenty ran.—Time: 3 mins., 29½ secs.

STABLE LAD AND JOCKEY.

At Epsom Police-court, Eric Foster (22), stable lad, was fined £5 for assaulting George Pellerin, a French jockey. According to evidence, Foster asked plaintiff if he was coming out on strike, and struck him. Foster asserted that Pellerin in unbuttoning his coat displayed a revolver, and he was afraid Pellerin was going to do him violence. A witness said Pellerin put his hand to his side, and Foster cried: "None of your French tricks here." It was stated that an appeal would be lodged.

NEWMARKET STABLES CHANGE HANDS.

Sir Henry Bird, an owner of racehorses, has purchased Landwades Hall Estate, Newmarket, including its training stables, from Brig. Gen. Baird. Sir Henry, who has been Mayor of Shoreditch eleven times, was defeated at the Municipal election. He trains with Mr. Robert Sievier.

Football Result.

A friendly football match played at Kalk between the 41st Labour Coy. and the 11th. Bn. The Queen's, resulted in a draw, no goals being scored.

THE DAY OF YOUTH.

How the Young are Replacing the Old in Football.

BY W. LE C.

Football to-day has a greater hold than ever, and looking over some figures I find a number of astonishing items.

In 1914-15 the Lancashire Association had a membership of 178 clubs. To-day they have 92, but they also have 118 associate members, over 30 Leagues in existence and 158 entries for their Shield Competition. Going south we find Essex County Football Association had in their record season before the war (1913—14) 269 clubs in membership. To-day in Essex there are 320 football clubs.

The Test of War.

The great game had a severe test during the war, but came through with flying colours, and while many a famous face is missing, many a new star is shining in its stead. How many of our League clubs are binding together sides of youngsters unheard of but four short years ago? We have not far to seek for the reason. Many players have come back and are filling their old places but to numbers of them time has been unkind. Even if stamina has been preserved that fleetness and quickness of movement which was theirs, has suffered. The speed they possessed which made all the difference of half a yard or that fraction of a second, has gone from them for ever. They know that in a game where speed is so vital a factor their shortcomings are magnified. Club managers know it too, hence the reason for the young players being so much to the fore.

Stars of the Future.

In their ranks there will be the future Penningtons and Buchans, whom all clubs are seeking. Those who think they know and are saying with a knowing smile: "Wait and see" might well think of the words "A football team is made with patience and judgment and the developed skill of youth".

The Army has produced thousands of players, and its contributions to the ranks of the professional run into large figures. This has shocked many people who regard a professional as a leper. If a man can sing or is an artiste in another direction no one reproaches him should he accept engagements and receive payment for so doing. If he plays football for money he is an outcast. Isn't it farcical how some folk reason?

The teams of to-day are benefiting by the changes. Each youngster is a trier and out for his place. The old "lights" are waning but many a new star is shooting up into football's firmament. Here's to the youngsters of to-day, the stars of to-morrow.

YORKSHIRE AMATEURS.

New Leeds Club Ambitions for Second League.

Having decided to take over the Leeds City football ground, the new club, the Yorkshire Amateurs, are now considering making an application for admission to the Second Division of the League.

The reasons in favour of such a course being adopted are many and sound. It is argued, for instance, that the inclusion of an English amateur club in the League would bring together ex-university and public school boys. In the ordinary course of events, it is fairly generally agreed, boys who are extremely clever players in their days of study, leave school and automatically drop out of the game.

Big Liabilities.

The new club have rented the Elland road ground, Leeds, at a cost of £250 a year, but it is feared that the class of fare they will be able to offer will not attract sufficient support to justify such heavy liability.

In point of talent, the club is in a very satisfactory position, the players already secured including several first-class men. There is Capt. O'Kelly, a former Queen's Park player as well as Jeffery, the ex-amateur Leeds City goalkeeper.

13 GOALS TO 1.

Football Association's Sweeping Victory over Oxford.

The powerful eleven of amateurs and professionals chosen by the Football Association overwhelmed the University at Oxford gaining a victory by no fewer than 13 goals to one. On a bleak, wet afternoon, the first of the matches arranged by the Football Association with the idea of encouraging amateurs scarcely proved the success expected.

During the first half, when six goals were scored, H. P. Ward put through his own goal, and the scorers were Puddefoot, who kicked two goals, W. E. Payne, of Leytonstone, the centre half, Grimsdell, England's left half, and R. Sloley.

After change of ends, Major R. H. Allen added two goals, Sloley obtained three, and Puddefoot two—one from a penalty. T. F. Jackson had the satisfaction of replying for Oxford.

Oxford.—H. C. Whinney; W. Bannister, H. P. Ward; L. Whatton, A. Butcher, E. Blaxland, E. Bladnock, M. Howell, R. Holdsworth, F. Jackson, H. Read.

F. A. XI.—Reynolds; Elvey, Harrow; R. F. Popham, W. E. Payne, Grimsdell; Rutherford, Major R. H. Allen, Puddefoot, R. W. Sloley, Penn.

CORNWALL v DEVON.

The following team has been selected to represent Devon, at Camborne, on Saturday, Nov. 15:—

Bundlark (Newton Abbot), Butcher (Plymouth), Lyde (Plymouth), Muir (Torquay), Bradford (Exmouth), Hoskins (Plymouth), S. Hoskin (R.N. Depot) Wright (Plymouth), Edwards (R.N. Depot), Golding (R.N. Depot), Davey (Torquay), Northway (Torquay), Emmett (Newton Abbot), Sharpe (Newton Abbot), Nelson (Exmouth).

"Boy" Morkel for Blackheath.

W. H. Morkel, the famous South African forward, is in England, and will probably turn out for Blackheath at an early date.

FALKINER'S GREAT START

Champion 3,761 Behind His Rival on Monday Night.

SMITH DOING WELL.

The Burroughes and Watts "Victory" Billiards Tournament, as announced yesterday, opened on Monday, the chief feature of the day being a brilliant display by Falkiner in his match with Inman, the champion. Falkiner received 2,000, Inman being scratch, and the scores at the close of Monday's play were:—

Falkiner 5,333
Inman 1,572

Thus the former has increased his 2,000 advantage to 3,761, a substantial margin.

As stated, the other handicaps are:—

Stephenson receives 500
Newman " 1,500
Peall (res) " 4,000

In the Newman and Smith match, of 16,000 up level, for £50 a side, the closing scores were:—

Smith (in play).....2,666
Newman 2,002

AN AUSTRALIAN VICTORY.

Tibby Watson Accounts for Danny Thrush in Four Rounds.

The principal bout at the N.S.C. on Monday was that between Tibby Watson, the ex-amateur Australian feather-weight champion, and Danny Thrush, an Aldgate boxer, who, after some experience in American rings, joined the U.S.A Navy and came back to Europe as a fighting man. The Londoner had advantages of height and reach, and he made the best use of them in the first round. Continuing to make the fullest use of the ring in the second round, Thrush kept his left hand very busy, and again he got home with a hard right-hand punch to the jaw, while a little later he sent the Australian staggering and almost down with a straight left to the face.

Again in the third round Thrush did well, and showed himself to be a hard puncher as well as a good boxer. Incidentally also, it showed Watson to be built of the right stuff for the game, for after he had been "stung" with a heavy right on the ear he literally flung himself at his opponent, and had him on the floor twice before the end of the round. Thrush recovered during the interval and began the fourth round with any amount of dash, but he could not keep out of Watson's way, and after taking a short count from a body blow was sent down for good from a fierce right in the same place.

GODDARD'S WEAKNESS.

Has he Learnt the Art of Self-defence?

We shall know as a result of the Goddard-McLaglen fight whether the former has succeeded in learning anything about the art of self-defence. Goddard has the physique and the temperament for a heavy-weight champion, but he will never make good if he cannot be taught to mingle brains with his boxing. If only he had, say, Eddie McGoorty's skill and ringcraft we should have a man who could hold his own even with the gigantic Fulton the most dangerous heavy-weight probably seen since Jeffries was in his prime.

WALTER ROSS'S EASY WIN.

The reopening of Hoxton Baths on Monday afternoon drew a crowded house. The programme was varied, and produced some good contests, chief of which was that between the present bantam-weight champion, Walter Ross, of Glasgow, and Jim Lewis, of Merthyr. They were matched for 20 rounds, but Ross proved too strong and rugged for the Welshman, whose seconds threw in the towel during the fifth round.

BILLY FRY'S SUCCESS.

The match of 20 3-min rounds for £100 a side between Billy Fry, of Tylorstown, and Charlie Webb, of Bow, at The Ring on Monday afternoon, created a good deal of interest, apart from the fact that it was a genuine money match, for it was thought the winner would have to be considered when a challenger is required at the lightweight limit. The match was at 9st 9lb.

The contest, contrary to expectations, proved very disappointing, for Webb failed badly to live up to his reputation, and after he had had a very bad time for ten rounds he was disqualified for holding and lying on.

LEE TO BOX IN PARIS.

The feather-weight championship of Europe will be decided at the Cirque de Paris on November 14, when De Ponthieu, the French champion, will meet Tancy Lee, says the "Daily Chronicle."

The latter is not only champion of England, but won the belt offered by Lord Lonsdale as his personal property, by reason of victories over Charlie Hardcastle in 1917, Joe Conn in 1918, and Dann Morgan in February 1919.

YACHT-RACING FIXTURES.

The following yacht-racing fixtures have already been arranged for next year:

July 11-14 (inclusive)—Olympic Races at Ostend; July 15, Dover to Ostend; July 16, Ostend to Flushing; July 17, Flushing to Hauswort; July 18, Hauswort to Antwerp; July 19 and 20, Antwerp Regatta; July 21, Antwerp to Hauswort; July 22, Flushing to Ostend; July 23 and 24, Ostend Regatta.

University Boxing.

After a lapse of five years the Oxford University Boxing Club has been revived, and is now showing great activity. Excellent instructors are available in Sergeant Morley (Grenadier Guards) and Corporal Richings (R. E.), who have a number of promising pupils.

SOCCER 'NATIONAL.

England's Amateur Team against Ireland.

SEVEN NEW CAPS.

The F.A. Selection Committee has chosen the following players to represent England against Ireland in the amateur international match to be played at Derby on Saturday, Nov. 15.

F. J. Mitchell (Northern Nomads); L. Golightly (Darlington); A. E. Knight (Portsmouth) (capt.); R. F. Popham (Casuals); Rev. K. R. G. Hunt (Corinthians); Lieut. C. W. Harbidge (Reading); Lieut. Harvey (Sheffield Wednesday); M. Howell (Oxford University); S. S. Prince (R.A.M.C.); R.W. Sloley (Corinthians); R.W. Gandar-Dower (Casuals).

Reserves to travel with team: G. Atkinson (Bishop Auckland), A. R. Hawes (Norwich City). Referee, Mr. J. Holmes (Derby). England, linesman, Mr. T. S. Seppton (Derby). In charge of team, Mr. Morgan Roberts.

There are seven new caps in the team, the four who have previously been honoured being A. E. Knight, Rev. K. R. G. Hunt, R. F. Popham, and S.S. Prince. The team includes some surprise selections, but it has great possibilities.

FROM CRICKET TO FOOTBALL.

Cricketers have taken an unusually large part in this term's Varsity football matches. At Oxford M. Howell, D. J. Knight, and R. L. Holdsworth have played in the Association team; and F. A. Waldock, C. H. L. Skeet (last year's twelfth man), and L. P. Hedges (the Kent cricketer) in the Rugby team. At Cambridge A. E. R. Gilligan and T. W. Mansergh (the old Marlburian) have represented the University at Rugby; and J. S. F. Morrison, N. E. Partridge (the old Malvernian), and H. Ashton (the old Wykehamist who played so well at Lords this year) have played in the Association team.

ARMY HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

Eight Commands to Find Best Team.

An Army inter-unit hockey tournament will be held this season, open to all units stationed in Great Britain and Ireland. Each of the eight commands will find its best team by March 1, 1920. A knock-out tournament between the eight selected teams will commence at Aldershot during the third week in March, 1920.

ARMY TRIAL MATCHES.

(a) Aldershot Command v. Southern Command, Dec. 11, 1919.
(b) London District v. Eastern Command, by Dec. 31, 1919.
(c) Western Command v Northern Command, by Dec. 31, 1919.
(d) Army Trial, Possibles v. Probables, Jan. 14, 1920, Aldershot.

ARMY FIXTURES.

Feb. 4, 1920.—Army v. Oxford University, at Oxford.
Feb. 18, 1920.—Army v. Cambridge University, at Cambridge.
March 27, 1920.—Army v. Royal Navy, on a Naval ground.
March 31, 1920.—Army v. R.A.F., at Aldershot.

HOCKEY INTERNATIONALS.

Fixtures Arranged for the Present Season.

The following is the list of the hockey international trial matches fixed for the present season:—

Jan. 10.—South v. West, on neutral ground.
Jan. 17.—North v. West, in Midlands.
Jan. 31.—Midlands v. East, in Midlands.
Feb. 7.—East v. South, in East.
Feb. 14.—Midlands v. South, in South.
Feb. 21.—North v. Midlands, in North.
Feb. 26.—England v. Rest, in London.

The following are the dates of the international matches:—

March 6.—v. Wales, in Wales.
March 20.—v. Scotland, in England.
March 27.—v. Ireland, in Ireland.

BELOW THE BELT.

Drastic Dealing with Hitting Low Habit Advocated.

Dealing with the regrettable incident at the termination of the Townley-Balzac fight E. B. O. writing to the "Morning Post" says:

Hitting low, I think, should be much more severely penalised than is at present the case either here or in France. It often happens, of course, that the man who delivers the blow is not really to blame for its unhappy consequences. The blow, though not aimed below the belt, has its direction depressed by the recipient. In such cases it seldom happens that much harm is done if the proper protective appliances are worn, a precaution which every boxer should take, whether professional or amateur, and every controller of a boxing entertainment insist on.

The Swinging Low Habit.

But the habit of swinging low at the body is much commoner than it used to be, and the result is that there is a veritable epidemic of hitting low. This being so, it is the obvious duty of all referees to deal drastically with every systematic offender. Men who box in good style never hit below the belt by any chance; I have never seen Driscoll or Wilde commit this dangerous offence, and am sure nobody else has. A first offence may be dismissed with a warning, if the referee thinks fit. But in my opinion a second offence should always be punished with the loss of the contest.

South African's Return.

H. W. Taylor, the South African, who is now playing regularly as one of the Blackheath three-quarters, is expected to sail for South Africa in a few weeks' time.

Blackheath-Guy Match postponed.

The match between Blackheath and Guy's Hospital, fixed for Nov. 18, has been postponed at the request of the Guy's men, several of whom are playing for R. V. Stanley's XV. against Oxford University on the previous day.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

Army Troops Sports Officer.

In a very short time, Lieut D. A. Onions, who, for some months has been the popular Sports Officer for the Headquarters and Army Troops, will bid farewell to the Amusements Office in Cologne. From many circles, where he has become a well known figure, Mr. Onions will be badly missed. An organisation that will suffer by no means the least as a result of his departure will be the Rhine Army Dramatic Company, in whose productions he has scored many complete successes. His sunny ways have endeared him to the members of the Company and his audiences alike, Mr. Onions is to be succeeded as Sports Officer by Lieut. W. M. Lyon, of the 5th Labour Company, who has had a life-long experience in all phases of sport. I hear, as a matter of fact, that Mr. Lyon was due at the Amusements Office when that department was first opened, but exigences of the service prevented his arrival.

"The Eccentrics."

Palace audiences are nightly unstinting in showing their appreciation of the capital entertainments provided by the latest variety company to arrive in Rhineland. In the first place, the association with the party of the name of Mr. Alfred Hurley, who at a timely moment introduced us to "The Jesters," was sufficient to pack the house on Monday. There after "The Eccentrics" were able to proceed on their own steam, so to speak, by virtue of the unoubted ability of each artiste whose quota is added to the performance. Perhaps the chief attraction is the celebrated "Datas," the memory man who is not only able to answer all questions — likely and unlikely — with which members of the audience bombard him, but the possession of a quick wit enables him to reply readily to the occasional wags who request answers to impossible questions.

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Then there is Mr. Warwick Pryce, a refreshing entertainer at the piano who alternately sings, talks, and plays the piano with the happiest of results. Each evening this week, his reception has been extremely enthusiastic and certainly well deserved. Quite one of the most popular artistes in the programme however is Miss Gwladys Stanley, for whose services yesterday evening, the audience displayed a perfect gluttony (if I may be pardoned the word). The average purveyor of bright and dainty little ditties usually depends for the success of her efforts upon a pleasing countenance, a pretty frock, graceful movement and a catchy melody. Miss Stanley embraces all these qualities and on top of them adds a voice of wonderful purity, range and tone—a rare combination, indeed! The "Waltz Song" from "Tom Jones" yesterday delighted her hearers beyond measure, a number that was rather more substantial than the others she selected.

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Miss Marjorie Bowya and Mr. Powell-Eastbery work an enjoyable double turn with a piano and at various stages of the programme reveal the fact that versatility is not the least of their recommendations. The male member of the brace is an agreeable baritone, a really humorous comedian and a pianist of considerable skill, while Miss Bowya wins liberal applause for her violin playing, much favourable comment for her vocalism and murmurs of surprise (by reason of her all-round cleverness) when she, too, plays the piano. Last, but by no means least, there is Miss Marguerite de Lara, whose card manipulations are thoroughly mystifying. The enjoyment of her turn is added to by a fascinating personality. What more happy ingredients could one desire for the making of an entertainment?

Pianoforte Recital.

The well-known piano virtuoso, Edwin Fischer, is announced to appear at the Dischsaal on Friday. His programme will include representative selections from the works of Bach, Zeger, Schumann, Schubert and Mozart.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Thurs.	Tannhäuser	Wagner	6.30	9.30
Fri.	Hoffmann's Erzählungen	Offenbach	7	10
Sat.	Mignon	Thomas	7	9.15
Sun.	Lohengrin	Wagner	5.30	10
Mon.	Cav. Rusticana Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo	7	10
Tues.	Die Entführung aus dem Serail	Mozart	7	10

A Jesting "Jester".

An impression of Mr. Harry King, who, with "The Jesters", sparkles and gags

most successfully. He has had a life-long experience in the art of laughter-producing.

JACQUES.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Galaxy of Stars Competing at Sporting Club de Paris.

A galaxy of stars will be competing at the Sporting Club de Paris for the world's covered courts championships, starting on Saturday, Nov. 15.

Max Decugis, the famous French player, who is at present in London, states that the following are expected to enter:—The lady champion, Mlle Suzanne Lenglen, Andre Gobert, M. Germot, Georges Manset, M. Decugis, W. H. Laurentz, C. P. Dixon, M. J. G. Ritchie, H. Portlock, N. Mishu, P. W. Sherwell (the South African wicket-keeper), H. A. Parker, Mrs. Beamish Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs Satterthwaite, Mme. Billout (nee Broquedis), Mrs. Golding, and the sisters Amolard.

Two stands have been erected for the accommodation of spectators, while the visiting players will be treated with the usual hospitality shown to sportsmen by Parisians. The organisation of the programme and management of the meeting will be undertaken by Mr G. M. Simond (of Queen's Club), the well-known Continental referee and handicapper. Any intending players should write to M. Decugis, c/o the Sporting Club de Paris, 154, Rue Saussuse, Paris, 17.

Demob'd ex-Champion Boxer.

Alf. Spencer, the ex-light-weight amateur champion, has just been demobilized. He joined up in the early days of the war.

Record Gate in France.

The growing popularity of football in France was evidenced in the last match of the London League in Paris, when a £1,000 gate was taken.

ANOTHER SOLO WINNER.

Private Gains 2,289 Marks With Ten Correct Results.

We publish to-day, the result of Football Contest No. 6. Despite the topsy-turvy results, many competitors came very near to success, no fewer than seven giving nine correct results. The winning coupon showed ten correct forecasts and was submitted by:—

86920, Pte. F. Marsden,
52nd Manchester's,
Attd. Provost Marshal,
Cologne,

who thus becomes entitled to the prize money amounting to 2,289 marks.

The fortunate entrant is to be congratulated upon being the sole winner. Only twice has our prize been won outright, a remarkable fact considering the large number of competitors.

No. 7 Contest's closing date is drawing near. Have you posted your effort yet?

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1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.

2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.

3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.

4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.

5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.

6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.

7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.

8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.

9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 7.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov. 8th.
Closing date, Friday, Nov. 7th.

West Bromwich A.	v. Aston Villa
Middlesboro	v. Newcastle U.
Arsenal	v. Bolton W.
Burnley	v. Manchester U.
Stoke	v. Bristol City
Leicester	v. West Ham
Coventry	v. Huddersfield
Queens Park R.	v. Millwall
Southampton	v. Southend
Luton	v. Crystal Palace
St. Mirren	v. Hearts
Partick T.	v. Rangers

I enter Football Competition No 7 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed _____
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. _____

Unit _____

Full Address _____

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Ask Him.

Has anybody asked Datas, the marvellous memory man the number of entrants in our first Football Contest. I wonder if he knows.

Lengthy German Words.

I alluded the other day to lengthy German words, and I have since encountered several even more formidable. There is one which means "a limited liability for insuring crops against damage by hail". Out of solicitude for the proof readers I will refrain from mentioning it.

The Potato Shortage.

If an English housewife finds difficulty in securing a supply of potatoes she must not be surprised. The authorities have already prohibited the sale of this article of food to British troops.

Sports Papers.

If a multiplicity of sports papers will make a sports loving nation or a nation of athletes, the Germans ought to rival us some day. The number of German periodicals of this descrip ion on sale in Cologne is about as great as the number of fashion papers for women.

Y.M.C.A. Posters.

I would suggest to the authorities at the Central Y.M.C.A., Cologne, that the lay out of their posters announcing the day's events, might be considerably improved. The day and date are printed in such small type that one has to approach to very close quarters to read them.

The Cheap Franc.

Several officers I know who are planning leave to Paris are chuckling at the increased spending power the franc at about 36 to the pound will give them. I hope they won't be disappointed.

"The Whip."

When the curtain rose yesterday evening at the Opera House, an officer sitting beside me, said "Gee, what a stage for 'The Whip'." I agreed. But what would opera enthusiasts say of this sensational racing drama ever staged, out here?

Printed Food Prices.

All cafés, hotels and restaurants must now display printed price lists. But what about those wine lists which should be displayed, but very rarely appear on the tables of cabarets?

Beware.

The other evening an aquaintance of mine handing his overcoat over in a well-known Concert hall placed his pocket case on the counter. The Frau took his coat from him and he made to lift his case, but alas a member of the light-fingered gentry had been there before him. Such gentry are very common, I hear.

Fraulein's Teeth.

The reason the girls in Germany have generally such sound white teeth is accounted for by the fact that from childhood they pay regular visits to the dentist.

THOSE SOUVENIRS!

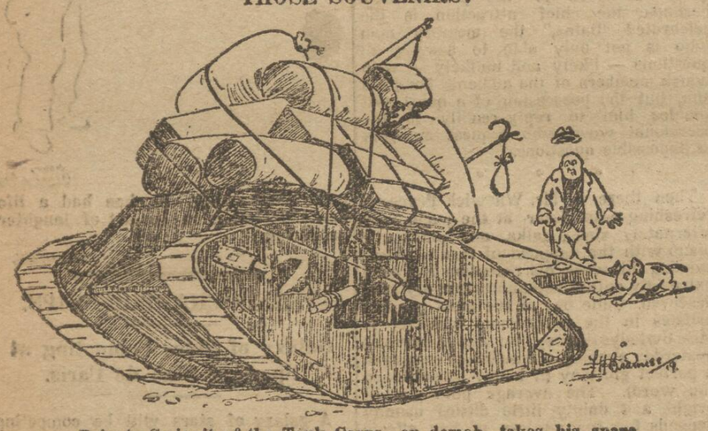

Private Swingit of the Tank Corps, on demob, takes his spare kit to the Nation.

That big Sum.

In a few days time the result of the competition "What would I do with $12,000 if I won it?" will be given, and probably some extracts from the letters sent in, the Editor tells me.

A Mascot.

I noticed the other afternoon what was evidently a cadre of a Scottish Battalion marching down Hohe Strasse, with a mascot, a smartly groomed little donkey. It was a source of interest to many youngsters who flocked behind.

Incidentally.

I have mentioned before the absence of the donkey from the streets of Cologne. Curiously enough, half an hour later I saw another "moke" drawing a florist's cart near the Dom.

Lodging Profiteering.

I hear much grumbling at the prices being asked for accommodation now that certain hotels in Cologne have had to close their doors. Commerical men who suffer from the shortage are asking for protection.

Falling Numbers.

The number of War Savings certificates sold in the Rhine Army during the four weeks ending October 11th, 1919, was 19,943. This compares with 50,907 and and 71,116 in the two respective months previously.

True.

I saw a funeral the other day, the first I have seen since I came to the Perfume City. How many have you seen?

Typing.

I noticed a typist in a Cologne office the other day who had lost the forefinger of her left hand. She cleverly substituted her thumb for the missing member and was as speedy as any typist I have met.

Leave Train Changes.

On and after November 10th the leave trains from Victoria Station to Dover will be limited to three trains daily, timed to depart at 03.33, 07.36 and 07.50 hours. All men returning from leave must report to the R.T.O., Victoria Station, by 06.30 hours. In the case of any men returning off leave from Scotland and the North of England, who may arrive in London after the departure of the 07.50 train, arrangements will be made for their accommodation in London until the following morning. The Staff Train will in future leave Victoria Station at 12.20 instead of 12.55 hours.

Enterprising.

Already several German shops are stocking English Christmas cards. One I passed yesterday had a large assortment especially of the silk variety.

Vacancies for Motor Drivers.

There are a number of vacancies on the establishment of the Rhineland High Commission for R.A.S.C. motor car drivers. Applicants must be demobilizable, and if selected will be demobilized and appointed to the High Commission. The rates of pay have not yet been definitely fixed, but will not be less than £3 per week, and 40 marks per diem subsistence allowance. Names of drivers who are desirous of appointment, together with statements as to their experience in driving of motor cars, should be submitted as early as possible to D.A.G., G.H.Q.

Rate of Exchange.

The following rates of exchange are officially notified from November 1st. 10 marks equals 1s. 8d.; 5 francs (French or Belgian) equals 2s. 9d. One mark equals 30 centimes.

RHINELANDER.

A LEGEND OF THE NEUMARKT.

In the New Market, Cologne, there may be seen peering from the garret windows of one of the buildings, two wooden horses' heads,—pure white. The following legend is connected with them:

About the middle of the 15th century, Cöln was in the grip of the Plague. The terrible sign of death, the Black Cross, could be seen everywhere. Thousands upon thousands died; rich and poor alike were unable to stand against the destroying angel. In a magnificent home close by the Church of the Apostles in the Neumarkt, Mengis von Aducht lived. Wealth could not save his house; his young, beautiful wife, Richmodis, fell a victim to the plague.

Mengis was inconsolable. The whole night he spent in solitary vigil, guarding the dead, and then he himself dressed her in her white wedding gown, covered her with her precious jewels and rings, and gave orders for the burial.

The night after the interment, a clear, starry night, the old legend says, about midnight the German counterparts of those two awful figures painted by Ainsworth in his "Old St. Pauls," might have been seen stealing into the grave yard Perfect silence prevailed in God's acre, and these two ghoulish figures quickly set to at their awful task, robbing the dead. They had seen the priceless stones which had been buried with the dead woman, and the curse of the ages, greed, spurred them on in their gruesome work. Soon the coffin was laid bare; in their haste they burst open the lid, and the bolder of the two wretches seized the white hands, folded as if in prayer, and tried to tear off the rings.

Suddenly the body quivered, the hands spread out, and a long sigh arose from the pale figure in the coffin. Aghast, the robbers, whose hair stood on end and who were as white as their victim, scrambled in utmost terror out of the tomb, and fled incontinently.

After some time, Richmodis, pale as death, which she was thought to have been a victim to, emerged from her temporary grave. Horror-struck she gazed about her: was it a ghastly dream or was it true. A chilly, deadly silence answered her cry for help. Making her way from the churchyard as well as her failing strength would allow her, passing through the desolate streets, seen only by the silent stars, she came at last to her home.

The house of sorrow was all in darkness, save for a faint light shining from the room of her dear husband, Mengis. With an effort she summoned her strength and pulled the bell-rope.

After a few minutes, an old servant put his head through the casement, and seeing the white form of his mistress, whom he thought to be dead, cried out in terror and rushed to his master. "God in Heaven, the dead arise: outside stands ourgood mistress and demands entrance," he stammered forth when he had regained breath.

Mengis only shook his head in his deep sorrow. "Richmodis, my beloved wife, is dead and will never return, never, never. I will rather believe that my two white horses will burst from their halters in the stable and mount the stairs to the tower," he declared.

An awful noise suddenly shook the house, and Mengis von Aducht and his old servant saw the two white horses tearing up the stairs. A moment later the old Mengis, laughing and crying with joy, held in his sheltering arms his lovely wife restored to him from the grave, while his snow white steeds looked out of the garret windows into the quiet night.

J. J.

All ranks of the Rhine Army are invited to contribute to this paper. Every article published will be paid for and none should exceed 500 words in length.

AROUND AND ABOUT.

NATURAL COLOUR FILMS.

A new process is forthcoming which, according to experts who have examined it, is a practical solution of the problem of taking films in their natural colours. It is based on the three-colour process, and costs 15 to 20 per cent. more than the ordinary black-and-white negative, and can be shown by an ordinary projector. The use of this invention opens a new field to the film producer, and its scope is as yet untested. The star of the black-and-white film may not be the leading artist of the coloured picture. The very points that make her beautiful in black-and-white may be to her disadvantage in the other medium. A new type of film beauty may be required, and new rules of selecting film faces will have to be framed. It is hoped to reproduce much of Shakespeare with faithful scenery and costumes.

LOST MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES.

I wandered into the "Marriage and Miscellaneous" department at Somerset House yesterday, says a writer in the "Pall Mall Gazette," and found the room crowded with officers flourishing green-lettered forms with the word "Marriage" writ large upon them. Upon inquiry I was told that these high-spirited young men—for they were in the best of spirits—belonged to the absent-and-careless-minde beggar class who, having lost their marriage certificates, were clamouring "repeats," in order to be able to claim the new extra pay and ration allowance for married officers, which a cautious Government refuses to disburse unless the applicant's marriage certificate or a copy thereof be produced. Said the breezy-looking captain who had given me this information, "I haven't the foggiest idea in what year I was married, but it must have been eight or ten years ago." And there are sentimental couples who actually annually celebrate the anniversary of their wedding day!

SUNLIGHT AS A REMEDY.

A member of the staff of the National Hospital, Copenhagen, publishes the results of some new experiments concerning the effects of sunbeams on human health. Dr. Finsen's discovery of the healing effects of sunshine in cases of lupus, and Dr. Reyn's statements concerning its surprising effects in tuberculosis treatment, have created a widespread popular belief in Scandinavia in the curative power of sunlight acting on the bare skin. In consequence all Danish bathing places are filled with people who, after a short dip, doze for hours in the sun. The Danish doctor now states that sunlight has bad effects in many cases, and is often the original cause of skin disease, especially epithelial cancer (cancer of the skin or mucous membrane). Protection against light, he says, should be part of the treatment in this disease. People of fair complexion are more liable to the disease than brunettes, and should be careful to wear hats and gloves. Veils are of no use.

THE MOST VIOLENT STORMS.

The most violent storms known anywhere on earth occur in the interior of the North American continent, especially in the Middle Western United States, and most frequently in late spring and summer. Their most conspicuous feature is a whirling black cloud, hanging from a mass of dark storm clouds. This cloud may be funnel-shaped, or balloon-shaped, or like the trunk of a huge elephant. It is really a waterspout on land, though larger than the marine waterspout. It sweeps over a path averaging a quarter of a mile in width and about 25 miles in length. Wherever it touches the earth it accomplishes feats of devastation surpassing those lately achieved by human agencies in France and Belgium. In comparison with the area covered by a cyclone, one of these storms is of insignificant size. These storms are known to meteorologists as "tornadoes." In popular parlance they are almost universally described as "cyclones."

BOULEVARD WIT.

Boulevard wit in Paris has never been sparing of politicians, and the following epigram on the "Big Four" at the Peace Conference is going the rounds in Paris: "One of them knew nothing; another thought he knew everything; the third only believed the little he did know; the fourth may have known something, but was always silent." It is left to political prejudice to distribute these verdicts. The epigram is attributed, probably quite apocryphally, to Marshal Foch.

MISOGYNIC MEANDERINGS.

A correspondent, who is obviously wifeless, sends along several plaints concerning the presence of women at the Ewige Lampe. I cannot really take him seriously as his letter indicates liver trouble in great yellow patches and he probably doesn't mean it at all.

* * *

First of all he objects from being prohibited from taking his 5 o'clock in No 1 Club unless he produces a lady companion and suggests that the place is a club and not a cabaret. This strikes me as being illogical because the enormous room in the annexe is never overcrowded at tea-time and there he has his "club." It seems that really he is hankering after cabaretic capers and if so, should fulfil the conditions.

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Then he wishes for a room at the Ewige devoted exclusively to the male, so that he may dine in peace "away from the chit-chat of many babbling tongues. I would suggest a monastery, for most of" us have had enough of the Eveless Eden (or hell) during the past five years. Did he ever dine in peace away from babbling tongues in a Rest House?

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Finally our correspondent has the temerity to criticise the dress of the fair sex. Heavens, what next? He wishes to have an "evening dress rule" enforced, and would forbid such things as coats and skirts, mufflers, hats and veils. We confess that he is on ice too thin for us to accompany him here. It seems so very abandoned. But we would suggest that many of the ladies are on flying visits and are not carting all the spare kit about in these carless days, while others have come straight from duty and have had no time to change into glad rags.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

The Latest Plaint.—Paris is without salt

For Brazil.—An American aerial squadron is to visit Brazil.

More Wanted. — An additional fresh-water reservoir is to be built at Gibraltar.

Authority.— France has authorized the wearing of the Inter-Allied War Medal.

No Censorship.— Serbia has abolished the political censorship.

Electioneering.—France is in the throes of an election campaign.

Fryatt's Ship.—The Brussels is to be towed from Zeebrugge to Antwerp.

Cars.—The Motor Show opens at the Olympia at the end of this week.

Joy Barred.—There will be no carnival at Nice this winter.

No Trams. — Tramway strikes are spreading in Germany.

Sporty Rector.—Jazz dances are being held in a parish church hall at Willesden.

Speeding up.—Middlesex County Council wants to run omnibuses.

The Favoured One.—Rhondda miners are out over a dispute about one man.

Teaching the Young Idea.—In Carnarvon, boys' cookery classes are being held.

Expensive Celebration.—Fireworks are up 100 per cent. in price.

Developing Wireless. — The Marconi Company is raising its capital to £3,000,000.

The Rampant.—Over twenty cases of "flu" are being treated at Edmonton Infirmary.

Old Iron.—Abertillery District Council has declined to accept a German machine gun.

Divorce Chief.—Sir Henry Duke has taken his seat as the new President of the Divorce Division.

Counting the Cost.—A patient in a Bedford asylum cost the ratepayers £1,000 in 37 years.

Scandalous.—Brest quays are said to be encumbered with flour and wheat which are rotting.

Pre-War Service.—Great Central Railway Company is resuming its service of steamers between Grimsby and Hamburg.

Remembering the Poilu.—Eight rooms at the Paris Autumn Salon devoted to painting are reserved for artist soldiers.

Are Others?—Sir Auckland Geddes says he is satisfied with the working of the Profiteering Act.

Back to Front Bodices.—An endeavour is being made in Paris to revert to eighteenth century patterns of décolleté.

Economy.—Only one pair of spectacles will be issued at the public expense to each soldier in future.

A Fine Point.—It is estimated that London motor buses make only one involuntary stop for every 10,000 miles run.

Premium Bonds.—Two hundred M.P.s favour an immediate issue of premium bonds.

Sick Prelate.—The aged Bishop of St. Albans, who is relinquishing his see, is in a critical state of health.

"P.M.'s" Patronage.—The Prime Minister has consented to become patron of the London Welsh Regimental Association.

Lunar Eclipse.—On Friday evening there will be a partial eclipse of the moon.

The Old Favourite.—The Shah concluded his London engagements with a visit to "Chu Chin Chow."

Upheaval.—The fusing of an electric cable caused an upheaval of wood blocks in Holborn.

Foreign Glass Again.—Austrian-made glasses are arriving in England again in considerable quantities.

Home.—Two thousand troops from India for demobilization have landed at Plymouth.

Dutch Aviation. — A Dutch Aviation Company has been established at The Hague.

Imports Verboten — Australia has prohibited the importation of many articles, except under Government licence.

"Yank" Legion.—An American Legion for service in Lithuania is to sail from the Gironde.

Canadian Effort.— Subscriptions to the Canadian Victory Loan have reached $36,000,000.

German Crime. — Between 25th Sept. and 52th October, 436 burglars and thieves were imprisoned in Hanover.

One Way.—Owing to the lack of small change, French racing associations propose to use metal counters.

Helping the Men. — War bonuses of £194,000 are included in a Bill which passed the New Zealand Parliament.

Co-Partner Farm. — The Marquis of Graham is going to run his sporting estate as a farm on the co-partnership principle.

Poor Kiddies.—Doctors say the starchy food now eaten in England is bad for the young. And now milk is a shilling a quart.

Watch for Them.—The Earl of Cavan, who distinguished himself in command of the Brigade of Guards in the war, is lecturing on "The Next War."

Meant Well.—Every newspaper is liable to printer's errors. One of the Paris dailies mentioned "Cagbebwell" yesterday. It meant "Camberwell."

Ready to Fight.—Who said war had ended? Chili and Peru are as near a conflict as possible. The trouble has been brewing for years.

No Defence.—At Aix-la-Chapelle revolutionaries have fired on a train of Belgian troops returning from leave unarmed.

20,000 CARS A YEAR.

Among the new British recruits to the policy of mass production methods, the advantages of which have been repeatedly pointed out in these columns, is the Wolseley Motor Car Co. of Birmingham. This company announces that they have been able to reorganise and expand their works with a view to the mass production of three models, a light car, a 15-h.p. touring-car, and a six-cylinder car. The new factory space for carrying out this scheme covers about 100 acres. Special machinery for the new method of construction is being installed and will be completed early in 1920. When in full swing it is hoped to turn out cars at the rate of 20,000 a year.

BY APPOINTMENT

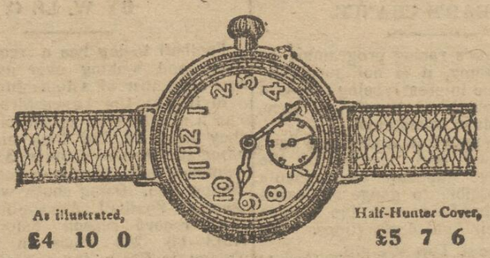

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PRINCE'S FAREWELL SPEECH.

CEMENTING THE BONDS BETWEEN SISTER NATIONS OF THE EMPIRE.

FINLAND REFUSES ASSISTANCE TO RUSSIA.

PRINCE OF WALES.

REMARKABLE FAREWELL SPEECH.

H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, whose tour of Canada roused such wonderful enthusiasm made a remarkable speech on Tuesday at a meeting in Toronto of the Canadian and Empire Clubs.

He said that the Dominions were no longer colonies, but sister nations of the British Empire. They had played a part in the war fully proportionate to their size and their international importance will increase. He did not regard himself as belonging primarily to Great Britain and only in a lesser degree to Canada, but as belonging to both in exactly the same way.

"Now that the war is over" he said, "we have still to keep that standard of patriotism and unity of which we showed ourselves capable during the long struggle. We must not lose touch with each other or we lose all we have won during the last five years."

Referring to the wonderful welcomes accorded him in Canada the Prince said he valued those welcomes all the more highly as coming from the Canadian nation as a whole—from all sections of the community, whatever their race, party or education. He considered those demonstrations meant that the throne stood for a heritage of common aims and ideals, shared equally by all sections, parties and nations, whether British or Commonwealth.

He concluded as follows: "I am afraid, gentlemen, I have talked about myself a great deal but I wanted to tell you, as the largest audience I have been privileged to address in Canada, what I feel about my position and the responsibility it entails. I can only assure you that I shall always endeavour to live up to that great responsibility and be worthy of your trust."

The Prince had to pause a number of times in the course of his address for the cheering to subside.

This speech and its reception says Reuter, was a fitting culmination of the Prince's tour. All the leading men of Ontario, from the ex-Premier, Sir William Hearst and the incoming Premier, Mr. Drury, downwards, were present.

IN MEMORIAM: L.R.B.

BISHOP'S WARNING AGAINST SPIRITUALISM.

An impressive service to the memory of fallen members of the London Rifle Brigade was conducted at Southwark Cathedral on Wednesday by the Bishop of London, Chaplain to the Brigade, assisted by the Reverend Guy Vernon Smith, who has been chaplain to the battalion ever since its formation, both at home and in France. The Duke of Connaught, Colonel-in-Chief of the Rifle Brigade, to which the London Rifle Brigade is affiliated, was present. There was a vast congregation of ex-members of the Brigade, with relatives and friends of those who had fallen. The Bishop addressed those who mourned lost ones and earnestly warned them against seeking comfort from spiritualists, adding that in the so-called revelations there was nothing that could not be explained by telepathy.

BENZOL OR PETROL.

FINISH OF EXHAUSTIVE TEST RUNS.

The exhaustive tests of benzol as a motor fuel, made under the auspices of the Automobile Association and Motor Union, concluded yesterday when the Sunbeam touring car completed its ten thousand mile run over most of the main roads of the country, and a 4 H.P. Triumph motor cycle with sidecar concluded a tour of five thousand miles.

No serious trouble was experienced by either. The Sunbeam only needed to have the bonnet opened once, owing to magneto troubles. The car and cycle will now be examined by experts who will issue a full report which is expected to settle the whole question of benzol as a substitute for petrol.

DENIKIN TO EVACUATE UKRAINE.

From Bucharest it is reported that Denikin has concluded an armistice with the Ukranians, under which Denikin's troops will evacuate Ukranian territory.

FINE WEATHER SOLDIERS.

According to a Geneva message, the Soviet Government at Petrograd has asked Poland to conclude an armistice during the Winter months.

Swansea memorial committee has decided to spend three thousand pounds on the erection of a cenotaph.

FINLAND REFUSES.

NO ASSISTANCE AGAINST PETROGRAD.

Telegrams from Helsingfors state that the Finnish Government gave a negative reply on Saturday to General Yudenitch's request for military assistance in the operations against Petrograd.

Yudenitch's communiqué says that the White Army is being compelled to shorten its front and take up new positions West of Gatchina.

After the occupation of Luga the Bolshevists advanced along the railway in a Westerly direction and occupied two railway stations. Details of the retreat from Gatchina show that the withdrawal was in no way a flight but was a well prepared operation, skilfully executed. All stores were evacuated three days before the front line was taken back one eight miles to Yelizaveting station, where there are numerous strongly fortified positions.

The tanks received from the Entente, says the despatch, did not prove so serviceable as was expected, owing to the heavy going.

DEBATE ON RUSSIA.

GERMAN CO-OPERATION WITH SOVIET.

In the House of Commons discussion on the supplementary Army vote for 118 millions, Mr. Forster dealt with the expenditure of 94 millions in Russia. He said that "non-marketable" stores were included in this total at their book value of 47 millions but they were really worth only 4 millions if sold, while there was a similar reduction of six millions on the value of marketable stores.

Colonel Wedgwood moved a reduction of the vote. He asked whether the Russian policy was the policy of the British Government or the Entente and if it was the Entente's policy, then why the other powers are not bearing their share of the expense.

Colonel Ward, the Labour member who recently returned from Siberia (and who was warmly cheered on rising to address the House) reviewed the evidences of co-operation between the German and Soviet Governments. He declared that, having got the Russians to organise themselves for our own purposes during the war, we could not say, when we got peace, "Good-bye. We have got peace and there is no Western front to relieve." That would have been dishonourable.

He declared that Admiral Koltchak ought to receive the support of every Britisher who called himself a democrat. He absolutely denied that Koltchak is reactionary and he declared that to desert Russia now was an injury to the whole world.

Mr. William Graham, speaking for Labour, repudiated the idea that Labour was committing itself to Bolshevist policy and practice. It was mischievous and useless to try to impose on a people a form of Government which they detested, while it was no business of Labour to get the Soviet system adopted in Britain when by constitutional means Labour is moving to ever increasing success.

WOMEN M.P's

LORD ROBERT CECIL'S VIEWS.

A lettter warmly supporting her canditature at Plymouth has been received by Lady Astor from Lord Robert Cecil. In it he says that in the perennial controversy against greed and self-interest all who know Lady Astor are confident that she will be on the side of the angels. Moreover the House of Commons needed some exponent of woman's point of view. Like every sane woman she would be a supporter of the League of Nations. We need a League of the classes quite as much as the Bolshevists Their sympathisers here believe in class war, but in that way madness lies. In the difficult times ahead we cannot afford to indulge in internecine warfare.

GERMAN REVOLUTION ANNIVERSARY.

Regulations issued at Berlin for the anniversary of the Revolution, to be celebrated on November 9th allow indoor celebrations. Outdoor celebrations will only be permitted in the outskirts of Berlin. Armed forces will not appear in the streets.

The regulations for celebrating November 7th, the anniversary of the Russian Bolshevist Revolution, will be stricter.

SENATE AND THE TREATY.

In the United States Senate on Tuesday Senator Lodge's motion to strike out the Shantung provision from the Treaty was rejected without debate by 46 votes to 43.

M.P. SUED FOR LIBEL.

JURY FAIL TO ARRIVE AT VERDICT.

What is generally referred to as the Hickman Libel case was resumed on Wednesday. This is an action brought by Dr. Kynaston, a retired Lieut.-Colonel of the R.A.M.C. against Brigadier-General T. E. Hickman, M.P., and a Mr. G. E. Brown for alleged libel and slander. Extraordinary revelations were made at the first day's hearing, as already reported in our columns.

When the case was resumed, Sir Edward Carson, Counsel for defendant, emphasised Colonel Kynaston's alleged suggestion for a collusive divorce as illustrative of plaintiff's character.

The Lord Chief Justice again interrupted with a stern warning. He said he wished everyone to understand that collusion to obtain divorce constitutes a criminal offence.

General Hickman stated in his evidence that he had served with the Gordon Relief Expedition and in nearly every subsequent campaign in Egypt and the Soudan. He retired from the Army in 1903, after twenty-five years service, but volunteered when war broke out. He described how he came to publish the matter complained of, saying that he considered it his duty to his constituents.

Cross-examined, he declined to say now that plaintiff seduced Mr. Foxwell's wife or that he systematically ill-treated Mrs. Foxwell's daughter, but he did say that plaintiff's conduct, as described by his (General Hickman's) Counsel, showed cruelty to the child. In 1912, she being then seven years old, he saw her dance at a charity concert. She was painted and dressed up like a ballet girl and he thought that was a sad thing.

Plaintiff's Counsel said that the fact that defendants published an incriminating letter without referring it to plaintiff or giving him any opportunity of explanation was sufficient evidence of malice. As to justification, it was no justification, if defendants charged a man with seducing an officer's wife, to come and say that he had committed adultery.

In summing up, the Lord Chief Justice urged the jury not to let their natural indignation at some of the events which had transpired overwhelm their judgment. He himself had dificulties in restraining himself.

No result was arrived at, as the jury disagreed and were discharged.

TRADE WITH GERMANY.

TEXTILE CHIEFS AGAINST IMMEDIATE RESUMPTION.

A meeting held on Wednesday of the textile section of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce rejected a resolution proposed by the Chairman declaring that former enemy countries should be regarded as properly open to members for trade in view of the necessity of assisting such countries to pay their indemnities.

After a long debate the meeting adopted, with only one dissentient, a resolution declaring that business with former enemy countries should not be resumed until the British Government has declared its trade policy. and urging the Government to make a definitive pronouncement as soon as possible.

PLAGUE OF SEALS.

Fishing in the Wash is again being adversely affected by the depredations of seals, which, according to the annual report of the Inspector of Eastern Sea Fisheries, are in greater number than ever before. Frequently it has happened that there was not a single fish, other than shrimps, taken in the nets. The sandbanks, which are usually bare after ebb-tide, may be seen covered with seals and their young, resembling, in the distance large flocks of sheep.

At one time the Fisheries Committee put a price on the heads of seals and numbers were killed, the grant of 10s. making it worth while to hunt the animals down. These payments, however, have for some time been stopped, and since then the seals have been left to breed as they will, and the fishing suffers in consequence.

TROOPS AND PLEBISCITES.

The Supreme Council decided on Tuesday that the Allied troops would be distributed in the provinces where a plebiscitum is taking place as follows: Allenstein to Great Britain, Marienwerder to Italy, Upper Silesia to France, Teschen to United States.

REPATRIATION OF PRISONERS.

During the week ended 29th October 4,240 German and 2,573 Turkish prisoners were repatriated from Egypt and 518 Turkish, 1,223 Bulgarian and 24 Austrian prisoners from Salonika. The total number of prisoners of war repatriated between 1st September and 29th October was as follows:—German 228,938, Austrian 232, Turkish 24,942 and Bulgarian 1,223.

BEDROOMS TO BE RATIONED.

Reporting on housing accommodation at East Dereham, Norfolk, the Medical Officer of Health states that while 104 bedrooms in the town are overcrowded there are 112 spare bedrooms in other houses. He suggests a rationing system for bedrooms.

PREMIUM BONDS.

PARLIAMENT LEFT FREE TO DECIDE.

Mr. Bonar Law said in reply to Mr. Bottomley, that the question of adopting the Premium bond system of raising revenue would be left to the free decision of the House of Commons.

Dr. Murray asked if the Government would consider the possibility of sending a special mission to the spiritual home of State lotteries, viz., Hamburg, in order that the most efficient methods could be employed.

Mr. Bottomley further suggested that if Mr. Bonar Law had any doubts about the morality of premium bonds he might take expert advice from the Chaplain of the House.

"On such a question I would sooner apply to the Hon. Member himself" was Mr. Bonar Law's rejoinder.

THE KING'S LAUGHTER.

HOW HE TOOK COVER DURING AIR RAIDS.

Yesterday His Majesty the King received the Rev. Archibald Forder, the missionary who was rescued by British troops at Damascus after being four years in captivity with the Turks.

Mr. Forder had a long conversation with His Majesty on his experiences in the East and the King expressed his appreciation of the good work done since Mr. Forder's release from captivity. Mr. Forder showed the King a copy of a Damascus newspaper printed in Arabic containing an article, about His Majesty. The King laughed heartily at the translation of the article, which described the King as running to a cellar in the Edgeware road to escape from Zeppelin bombs and as calling to the Queen to help him.

LORD MAYOR'S SHOW.

The great feature of the Lord Mayor's show on Saturday next will be a pageant of the League of Nations arranged by Mr. Louis N. Parker. The fifty nations entitled to represent the League will be shown by women on horseback dressed in national costume. Each will be accompanied by an escort of two cavaliers bearing the name of the country and its flag.

Leading this equestrian pageant will be an old English harvest waggon laden with sheaves of corn, decked with garlands and drawn by four horses. Nearly 250 men and women and 130 horses will take part in the pageant.

MILITARY EXERCISES FORBIDDEN.

The French military authorities in the area of the 10th Army received information that real military exercising was done in the schools of the occupied region, such as drilling with sticks and similar forms of training.

They have accordingly warned the rectors that this kind of exercising, having nothing to do with gymnastics, is strictly prohibited.

BLOCKADE OF RUSSIA.

Answering Lieut.-Colonel Malone's inquiry in the House of Commons for information about the proposed duration of the Allied blockade of Russia, Mr. Cecil Harmsworth replied that so far as the British Government was concerned it was proposed that the present measures of economic pressure, which did not amount in the legal sense to a blockade, should be continued until such time as a democratic Government is etablished in Russia, which could be recognised by the Allies. (cheers.)

WOMEN BANK CLERKS.

The Association for women clerks have organised a big meeting for to-night at Winchester House. It will consider the whole question of the position of women bank clerks in view of the opposition of the Bank Clerks Guild to women workers. It considers that the men's view is entirely harsh and unjustified and the Association will not allow their ultimatum to go unchalenged.

GIFT TO CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

Mr. P. A. Molteno, M.A., L.L.M., of Trinity College, and his wife, have offered the large sum of thirty thousand pounds to Cambridge University for the erection of an institute for parasitological research.

ALL HANDS LOST.

The bodies of two members of the Government tug Amelia, Gravesend to Hull, have been washed ashore at Horsesea. It is feared that the Amelia has been lost with all hands.

A PARTINGTON EFFORT.

On the instructions of the Parliamentary Committee of the Labour Party Mr. Adamson has written to the Premier urging the Government not to resort to the issue of lottery bonds.

MIDDLE CLASSES.

BELATED BUT NECESSARY ORGANISATION.

The latest association to be founded in London as a protest against the conditions of life for the professional classes is the "Middle Classes Union," which came into being just in time to take some share in the recent London municipal elections.

The Council of this body has just issued two resolutions as follows:

1. That this Council views with surprise and apprehension that among the terms of reference to the committee sitting at the Home Office respecting Workmen's Compensation and Insurance is one requesting the Committee to report on the desirability of establishing a Government department for the purpose of transacting insurance under the Workmen's Compensation Act. This Council protests in the strongest measure against the increasing bureaucratic control of our industries and maintains that the business of insurance is efficiently conducted by private enterprise.

2. That this Union immediately calls upon the Government to put an end on the 21st November to the extended unemployment donation, on the grounds that such outlay, while constituting a gross waste of public money and abuse, both by the recipients and in the application thereof, directly discourages employment and production, continues to encourage the appalling ignorance of the majority of the public as to the real financial conditions of the country, and threatens to become a permanent "young age pension" for the benefit of idlers and work-shirkers.

STAGE AND MORALITY.

MISS LENA ASHWELL ON PURITANISM.

An appeal to the public to insist that only those things shall be played in the theatre which were beautiful and just, was made by Miss Lena Ashwell at Leeds yesterday. The puritan movement was a negative movement she declared. What was wanted was a positive movement. She had been to the theatre with young men who had winced at things they had seen and heard. What mattered more, however was that after a time they ceased to wince. There was triviality, licentiousness and sensuality connected with the stage, but to-day that was not the desire of the best artistes and certainly not the desire of the majority of the soldiers who had been accused of having clamoured for it. Her experience had been that an army of enlightened men had yearned for the very best form of entertainment.

ALLIES' LOSSES IN THE WAR.

The supplementary report of M. Louis Marin to the Budget Committee of the Chamber of Deputies states that at the time of the armistice on November 11, 1918, Belgium had lost 44,000 killed and missing, the United States 114,000, Great Britain 869,000, Greece 12,000, Italy 494,000, Roumania 400,000, Serbia 369,000, and France 1,393,515. These losses amount to one man out of 27 inhabitants in the case of France, one out of 57 in that of the United Kingdom, one out of 32 in the case of Serbia, one out of 78 in that of Italy, one out of 150 in that of Belgium, and one out of 1,000 in the case of the United States.

ORIENT EXPRESS DISASTER.

The engine driver of the train which crashed into the express and who himself is very severely injured, has declared that he could not see the signals in time on account of leakages of steam from several parts of his engine.

The smashed wagons were thrown on the adjoining sets of rails and traffic on all lines was stopped for a day and a half.

According to a statement issued by the railway company there are twenty-seven dead as the result of the disaster to the Orient express.

The list will not be published until the official identification of the victims has taken place.

OUT FOR THE MONOPOLISTS.

In a speech he made yesterday, Mr. McCurdy, Chairman of the Central Profiteering Committee, said his Committee has nothing to do with retailers. It is aiming much higher than that. It is now investigating three of the greatest monopolies — sewing cotton, tobacco and soap —and it means to find out why a reel of cotton costs 7 ½d.

SCHOOL CHILDREN ON STRIKE.

The children of Tregroes Council School (Cardiganshire) are on strike against the action of the county authority in declining to appoint Mr. Bryn Jones as head teacher. The parents and local authorities recommended Mr. Jones as head teacher, but the county committee objected as he was a conscientious objector. The school is closed.

AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED.

A proclamation at Melbourne announces the dissolution of the Federal Parliament. Writs have been issued for the elections and a referendum on December 13.

COWS AND CREDIT.

"FIGHT THE FAMINE COUNCIL" AT WORK.

Under the auspices of the Fight the Famine Council a public meeting was held at the Central Hall, Westminster, on Wednesday evening. Lord Parmoor presided, but when he rose to open the meeting a woman interrupted so effectively that the proceedings were held up for several minutes.

Lord Parmoor contended that until pressure of public opinion compelled such revision of the Peace Treaty as would render possible industrial co-operation throughout Europe there was no immediate chance of alleviating the widespread distress.

A statement issued regarding the earlier proceedings of the so-called International Economic Conference organised by the Fight the Famine Council shows that the Conference discussed means of re-establishing the European credit system.

Sir George Paish, who presided, proposed that the League of Nations should issue a form of security which nations could accept at its face Value, in the shape of an internal loan, taking precedence over the National debt.

In the course of the discussion reference was made to the restoration of milch cows by Germany. It was explained that the German proposal was not to deprive France of a single cow provided for in the Peace terms but that Germany should be allowed to buy American cows for France in lieu of those which would otherwise be taken from Germany. The report adds that the whole question of milk shortage in France is therefore irrelevant.

SUGAR AND THINGS.

HOW THE PROFESSIONAL CLASSES SUFFER.

The Food Controller, Mr. Roberts, states that both sugar and bacon are at present sold at a loss. The Sugar Commission has a balance in hand sufficient to cover the loss on existing contracts but it will soon be exhausted, in spite of the recent rise in the retail price. Thus sugar is bound to be even dearer.

In this connection the following comparison of prices, extracted from a letter received to-day from England, is illuminating, in view of the rise of 100 per cent in wages being regarded as tremendous.

	Current price	Old price
Milk	1/- quart	6d or less
Sugar	8d lb	2½ or 3d
Lard	2/- lb	6d and 8d
Butter	2/6 lb	1/- or 1s 2d.
Eggs	[illegible] each	1d.
Treacle	1/8 lb	6½ d
Dripping	1 8 lb	4 and 6 d
Reel of cotton	7½ d	1½ d

These are all necessaries, especially where there are children! The prices show an average rise of 180 per cent, yet many middle-class professional men have been granted less than 50 per cent increase of salary!

ALEXANDRIA RIOTS.

Concerning the riots in Alexandria on the 28th October, Mr. Cecil Harmsworth said in reply to Mr. Arthur Henderson that he had nothing to add to the statement made on the 31st October, except that of 150 police employed on that date forty seven were injured and the number of troops called up were fifty.

Mr. Ormesby Gore asked Mr. Harmsworth whether it was not a fact that this was a hostile demonstration in which stones were thrown at British officers and shops were looted in the public streets. Mr. Harmsworth said that his information accorded, so far as it went, with that assertion.

WELL DONE EASTHAM.

An organization of ex-service men at Eastham has successfully protested to the Ministry of Pensions against the appointment to the post of chief officer under the local War Pensions Committee of a man who was exempted from military service. At the subsequent meeting of the Committee the matter was reopened in consequence of a letter received from the Pensions Ministry and a resolution adopted to re-advertise the post, confining applications to ex-service men.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

There was a fair volume of business yesterday. Speculative descriptions opened with renewed activity and values advanced further, but afterwards profit taking caused irregularity. Shell transports finished at their best—100½. Gilt-edge securities were dull and a falling off in the demand for Treasury Bills gave rise to some talk of the possibility of the Bank of England rate of discount being raised in the near future. Foreign securities were again affected by sales on continental accounts, Peruvian Corporation issues rose sharply on the revival of the suggestion that the Peru Government intends to purchase the undertaking. Shippings received greater attention, notably Cunards, on the rumours concerning the progress of working arrangements with several other companies. Diamond shares were again on the up grade. The success of recent industrial issues affords a clear indication of the ability of the investing public, after the prolonged strain of war, to provide funds for promoting industrial enterprises.

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THE MEMORY.

"Datas," the memory man, who is at present entertaining as well as astounding us nightly, took the wise precaution previous to visiting Cologne, of memorising one hundred fresh dates daily. He already possessed within his priceless cranium a vast amount of knowledge concerning the war, but coming as he was to an Army of Occupation that can boast of a goodly number of seasoned campaigners he apparently deemed it advisable to revistual his mental storehouse.

Bad memories in this imperfect world are much in excess of good ones, but "Datas" is a living example of what a disciplined cultivation of our mental faculties can do. There is nothing supernatural or even abstruse about his methods; he simply practises the art of remembrance while most of us neglect it. The seat of memory in our brain is largely atrophied from want of use; his is in a pleasing state of health and vigour.

Forgetfulness, to which the large majority of us plead guilty without a pang or a tremor or even the slightest suggestion of shame, is of two varieties, namely, natural and artificial. The former is painfully evident in every walk of life and every rank of society; the latter, happily for mankind, is not so prevalent. It takes the form of forgetfulness to repay a debt, to bring home anything that necessitates carrying a parcel, or to remember earlier friends when Dame Fortune has smiled upon us and exalted us socially.

The story is told of Themistocles that when an offer was made to him to teach him an art of memory he shrank back from the proposal with abject horror, exclaiming that he would choose rather to learn an art of forgetfulness. This, we venture to think, is scarcely the sentiments of the average man, who wishes he could remember more and forget a great deal less.

Were we all the mental gymnasts that "Datas" is, his occupation, like Othello's, wou'd assuredly be gone. There is no conceivable reason however why the cultivation of the memory should not be more assiduously practised than it is. For purely material reasons it is well worth while, and among the more graceful arts of life it is equally invaluable.

ACHROMATOPSIA.

Jinkson easily 'got the wind up', and, on this occasion there was, perhaps, some cause.

Following a strict medical inspection of the entire company, Jinkson was heard plaintively enquiring for Lance-Corporal Bunion who was renowned in the Bat. for his medical knowledge. He was a chemist's window-dresser in civil life, I think!

"I say, Bunion," panted Jinkson, when he had run his quarry to earth, "what's Ackromey Topsey?"

Bunion held his breath, staring at the other fixedly meanwhile.

"Whom?" he said at last.

"Ackromey Topsey!" repeated Jinkson deliberately.

The medical man appeared to be deciding whether or not this was a mental case. Then a fresh thought occurred to him; so he asked hopefully:

"Are they German words?"

"No!" responded Jinkson abruptly, extracting a crumpled sheet of paper from his pocket. "The M.O.'s orderly told me that the doctor put me down as having —er—this!" And he indicated a laboriously pencilled word on the paper he held. "The orderly copied it down for me," he added.

"O-oh! Achromatopsia!" read the amateur medico, considerably enlightened. "Let me think."

Jinkson let him.

"Er—did the M.O. say anything to you about this disease?" said Bunion.

"Not a word. Is it serious?"

The other cogitated.

"I am not sure that I ought—." Then he stopped undecidedly.

Jinkson grew thoroughly alarmed.

"What is it—what is it?" he exclaimed.

"Achromatopsia!" reiterated Bunion gravely.

"Shall I die?" queried Jinkson excitedly and trembling in every limb.

"I—I am afraid so" hesitated his medical adviser sadly. But such is the inexorable fate of all living things; so his remark was rather unedifying—and a trifle ambiguous also.

"What—oh—what can I do?" screamed the stricken man. "How long shall I live? is there any hope?"

Bunion was silent for fully a minute. When he spoke again his voice was mournful.

"I once had a good, kind uncle who was told by his doctor that he suffered from achromatopsia —"

Poor Jinkson hung on his words.

"Six months after, my uncle was—a—dead-man!" finished Bunion meaningly.

A hearse and its accompanying mourners passed slowly by at the end of the street—and Jinkson shuddered.

"I should add, however," said the man of medicine presently, as if voicing an after thought, "that my uncle did not die exactly of achromatopsia —"

"No!" yelled the astounded patient.

The other began edging away.

"He died—he died of old age—natural causes, as a coroner might put it" announced Bunion simply."

"Then—then what had ack—ack—!"

"Achromatopsia?"

"Yes!" shrieked Jinkson, "What had that to do with it?"

"Nothing!" returned the humourist, gently. "Why should one die of colour-blindness?" *H.R.P.*

THE FAREWELL DINNER.

It was but one of many I have attended during the past few weeks in Rhineland. One of our most popular officers was to be demobilized on the morrow.

He had been talking about this event for weeks, and thrilling our imagination with glowing descriptions of the little farm he was going to settle down on at home, but on the eve of his departure there was the sadness of farewell and he was not keen about going.

"You know, old chap," he said "I have had a great time in the Army, and I shall miss the splendid chums I have made, the sport, the rags and the men. However I shall settle down I know not."

Our magnificent mess looked at its best and it was a perfect picture. On the wall our colours were entwined, the table glittered with the battalion trophies—silver cups and shields—won on many a sporting field in France and Germany. What memories they recalled. Here in the centre was the Corps cup, how the battalion had fought for that! From Brigade to Division right on to the great Corps final they had forged their way, and "George," as he was affectionately called, our guest of the evening, had been one of the stalwarts of the team. Football shields, basket-ball cup, shooting cup, and others were all displayed.

Our battalion band were stationed in the lofty entrance hall, and at the hour of eight they struck up the regimental march as the Colonel, followed by the guests and members of the mess, took his seat at the table.

The menu was a dream of bliss and fit for a Lord Mayor's banquet; oysters, soup, fish, game, and numerous other delicacies to tempt the appetite. Soon there was a hum of conversation, and ever and anon the splendid selections of the band — "Chin Chin Chow", "Nights of Gladness," "Katie-y," and many other familiar airs stirred the heart and sent a thrill of pleasure through the room.

Then came the grand toast — a pause, and then the Mess President stood up and proposed the time-honoured toast. "Mr. Vice, the King;" "Gentlemen, the King," responded our Vice-President, and there was a clinking of glasses, as the band played the National Anthem and the officers drank to "The King, God bless him!"

Our guest of the evening was the next toast, and this was the occasion of several speeches extolling the virtues, the friendliness, and comradeship of good old "George." Memories of the past were recalled; the stern days of warfare, and the days on the Rhine. Visions of the future were painted, and amusing stories and personal references caused great laughter. How heartily the toast was honoured and how feelingly the song "For he's a jolly good fellow" sung! But some of us were sad, even as we sang and laughed, for a link in the chain of life's glorious fellowship was broken.

Strange, but true, things are never the same again; we of the Rhine Army are after all like ships which pass in the night. There are many vacant places, but in our hearts are the wonderful memories of the past. *C.K.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

HOLD IT FAST.

Sir,—I hope all ranks will take to heart the sound advice you gave them yesterday as to their gratuities.

I am prompted to write you, because I see that the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is warning ex-soldiers of the unscrupulous dealers who are defrauding and fleecing man of their gratuities by selling to them horses or mules that are diseased, lame, or otherwise permanently unfit for work.

There are innumerable dodges resorted to by these undesirable characters and ex-soldiers are earnestly advised, to exercise the greatest caution in such purchases. *J.B.S.*

OFF THE RAILS.

Sir,—"Rhinelander" asks if any body has yet seen one of the Cologne trams off the rails.

I wonder how many people did see a No. 9 car sometime ago come off the rails in rather a remarkable manner.

It was closing time at the "Earwig" and a dozen officers hurried out just in time to spot a No. 9 going their way home.

There was a wild rush, the moving car was attacked at all points, front and rear and on the wrong side too, and before the foolishness was realised one old warrior was held by the foot underneath the wheel of the car. Somebody shouted "Stretcher Bearer" only to elicit the remark from the unfortunate officer "Whose — foot is it, yours or mine?"

For a moment the whole business looked sickening, ghastly; driver and conductors all were at their wits end, when suddenly acting on a common impulse I found myself with all the others round about, those who had been passengers in the car as well, Officers and Tommies, German civies, women and men, heaving, straining, slowly but surely, lifting that blessed car clear of the rails. Yes, Sir, and we did lift it a clear six or eight inches off the metals and dragging our comrade clear, gently put it back again to hear the bells ring and see it move off as if nothing had happened.

Up to now I have never yet found out how the Officer escaped only with a bruised foot. No matter, we all saw a Cologne Car come off the rails.

HALLAMSHIRE.

RABBIT OR — — —?

Sir,—The coming of the winter sees the resurrection of the fur collar habit: fur good, bad, and indifferent.

British warms, "issue" coats, are both decorated with it. Those of lowly rank compete with those in the seats of the mighty, but for the last thing in questionable furry adornment, put me alongside those worn by the rank and file of our women's organisations. *C.M.*

OUT OF THE RUT.

Sir,—I would like to say a few words to the men here in Rhineland who are about to leave us for ever. Where are they going? Back to their old jobs in offices, factories, and workshops on the status quo of pre-war days? Are they going to jog along in the same old way, hoping,—dreaming for better times that for them may never come? Or are they going to strike out afresh,—start over again, and work for some definite ideal?

I know of several who threw up good jobs to fight for their country and who were far from sorry to leave the dull monotony of civil life.

Now they are going back—fed up, as they say, with the monotony of Army life and full of pleasurable anticipation at being about to enjoy the freedom of civil existence again.

But let there be no false hopes. Let them open their eyes and face the facts.

"Civvy" life is just the same dull round it was before the war and its up to each one of those now going home to seriously consider what he's going to do.

Some have their plans already—they are the ambitious ones, those who wish to improve their position and who mean to try.

They are going to open up shops of their own and start life afresh,—their own "guv'nor",—and make their fondest dreams come true.

There never was a greater opportunity than there is to-day for the ambitious man who can both dream and fight. For the dreamer who cannot fight for his ideals is left behind in the race.

So you who are going home, go back and win through, I say; find the occupation which both suits your abilities and your inclinations and put your all into it.

Don't waste time in foolish fears for the future. Look ahead, but look hopefully and courageously, and you will succeed and help in the making of that better Britain which can only be made by hard work and high ambitions. *F.B.*

ARMY TRAINING & FOOTER.

Sir,—Your contributor W. Le C. in his notes states that Chedgzoy of Everton believes Army training is no good for a footballer.

Many will agree with him. Physical jerks will never make a footballer fit in the way he should be. Again, imagine the effect of wearing puttees round your legs, and one can understand the loosening up that must be brought about in the muscles concerned.

Army training has the effect of stiffening a man and slowing him down, and to this alone I attribute the failure of so many stars to shine after they have been demobilized. What do others think?

FORWARD.

CAMERA FIENDS.

Sir,—I was present along with one of my assistants at the ceremony; we both had cameras so I presume we are the offenders. I was there at the special request of one of the promoters of the scheme, and I would like to point out to "R.E. Spect" that during the war it was my duty to photograph every kind of ceremony that took place, to say nothing of front line panoramas.

I might also add that I was doing similar work in the South African War, this probably before "R.E. Spect" went to school. Regarding the lack of devotion I lost many relatives during the war, and I think I have as much genuine feeling for those we lost in Cologne as "R.E. Spect."

ROBERT F. HUNTER
"Daily Sketch" Representative.

Sir,—I sympathise to some extent with the sentiments of "R. E. Spect," but he overlooks one point, which I think outweighs his objection.

That is, that without the photos of the scenes at Sudriedhof there would be no means of conveying to the relatives of the dead how their memories have been kept green in Rhineland and what loving care is being bestowed on their last resting place in a foreign land. These photos, which will be reproduced by the hundred and will appear in the Press at home, will comfort many a sorrowing mother and other relative.

Therefore if any inconvenience was unknowingly caused to worshippers, as R. E. Spect says, it was compensated for by what I have pointed out.

I think every one should realise this

NO FIEND.

GERMAN CHILDREN AND MILK.

About a week ago two memorials were presented by British women to the Reparation Commission in Paris. The memorialists include such weighty and well-known names as the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and other heads of religious denominations, Lords Lansdowne and Morley, Mr. Arthur Henderson and many others.

The writers urge that the 140,000 milch cows and 18,000 goats which, under the terms of the Peace Treaty, Germany has to restore to France, should not be demanded.

The number was fixed as roughly corresponding to that of the animals seized, consumed or destroyed by Germany in direct consequence of military operations, and which have to be replaced by animals of the same nature.

At the outset the appeal strikes one as doing more honour to the heart than to the head of the memorialists.

No appeal goes closer to the heart than one which has as its aim the alleviation of suffering childhood. We have evidence in plenty that the effect of the blockade has had an appalling effect upon the children of the Central Powers — the shortage of milk has told heavily on them as shown by the great increase in mortality, deformity and consumption. The statistics afford terrible reading as to the ravages wrought by the fearful weapon of the blockade. As far as the claims of *humanity* go, the case of the German children is proved up to the hilt.

Nor has it been without effect; large shipments of condensed milk have been despatched from America destined for German children. Many million tons are expected during the coming Winter. Provision has been made for 1,000 tubercular city children to spend 3—4 months in Switzerland.

Neither has our own country been behindhand. The 'Innocent Victims Fund', organised by the Society of Friends, invites subscriptions which may be allocated to the children of any country, Allied or enemy, who have suffered, or are suffering, from the effects of food shortage.

But there is another side to the question. German children are not the only ones who have suffered owing to the war.

There is a tendency to dwell upon the misery caused to German children by the blockade, and to ignore the sufferings inflicted upon the population of invaded France.

Without giving elaborate statistics, it may safely be asserted that the sufferings and misery caused by the German invasion counter-balance that due to the hunger blockade. Dr. Calmette, of the French Academy of Medicine has given some details concerning the decrease in the birth rate, as well as the incidence of disease and the mortality amongst French children in the Occupied Territories.

He estimates that, in the city of Lille alone, out of 18,000 children at school when the Armistice was signed, 8,000 had to be sent to hospital or to convalescent colonies. 40 per cent of the children examined in certain districts are suffering from a form of tuberculosis, 30 per cent are stunted in their growth, and the number who have died or whose health has been impaired cannot be estimated.

Those of us who were with the Forces which entered Lille and the surrounding country abandoned by the Germans in their retreat will not easily forget the emaciated condition of the unfortunate women and children, who for the last four or five months had lived principally on turnips as their staple food.

There is not milk enough to supply the German babies as well as the others. Who, then, is to bear the dreadful results of going short? On the ground of humanity all have an equal claim, but humanity alone cannot decide the case. The voice of justice must be heard as well.

Individually the victims are equally innocent, but the sufferings of the French children are the direct consequence of the inhuman methods adopted by Germany. The German people could have prevented the war, or have arrested it whilst there was time, had they so chosen. They did not so choose. They could have stayed such barbarities as the dropping of poisoned sweetmeats by aeroplane over towns such as Bethune and Bruay. They did not stay them. They killed the flocks and the herds of the occupied districts, or transported them to Germany.

It cannot be too strongly emphasised that War with all its attendant sufferings does not pay. There are some sections of the German people who have already laid this lesson to heart. There are others who have not yet done so.

If the sufferings of the German people help to drive the realisation of this fact into their hearts and minds—then the sufferings of the German children will not have been in vain.

DEMPSEY AND BECKETT.

Conditional Agreement To Meet At New Orleans Next March.

AMERICAN'S BIG PURSE.

A wire to hand yesterday states that Jack Dempsey, the holder of the world's heavy weight championship, has signed an agreement to fight Joe Beckett, the English champion at New Orleans on the 17th March next year. There is one important reservation, however; the agreement is conditional upon Beckett being successful in his encounter with Carpentier next month.

This important announcement will give added interest to and increase the enthusiasm in the European Championship, if that is possible. The form of the contract suggests that an alternative agreement has been made with Carpentier, though no information is available upon this point. If Beckett only has been approached a most important inference is implied, no less than that in American boxing circles the British champion is expected to annex the European title.

The Prize at Stake.

The biggest prize at stake at the great fight next month will not be the huge purse offered or the amount of stake money to be won. The coveted honour will be the opportunity afforded the winner of contesting the world title with the redoubtable Jack Dempsey and the chance to make an effort to regain the championship for Europe.

The telegram adds that Dempsey is to receive 125 thousand dollars win, lose or draw.

Further details of the arrangement are expected and it is hoped to augment the available particulars in our next issue.

Boxing Authority Ill.

The friends of R.S.M. Dent, one of the most popular men at the Headquarters Gymnasium, Aldershot, will be sorry to learn that he is suffering from a very severe attack of sciatica, and has been sent from Aldershot to 33 Ward, Grove Military Hospital, Tooting, where, it is good to learn, he is benefiting by the treatment. Dent's son Charlie, who looked like becoming a promising boxer, has now joined the Air Force and is stationed in India.

SEAMAN HAYES SUCCESS.

At Hoxton Baths Seaman Arthur Hayes and the ex-feather-weight champion Charlie Hardcastle, of Barnsley, were the principals in a match of 20 3-min rounds.

The bout was full of action and excitement while it lasted. This, however, was not long, as Hardcastle, after making a very strong show for three rounds, weakened rapidly under a series of heavy left-hand body blows in the fourth. Then Hayes changed the direction of one these punches, and hooking his left to the chin brought his man to the boards for seven seconds. Hayes was after him at once when he rose, and after another left to the body and right to the chin Hardcastle gave up.

POLYTECHNIC BOXING FINALS.

The surprise at the Polytechnic Boxing Club open competitions was the early defeat of E. V. Candler (Belsize), the ex-amateur heavy-weight champion, by H. Franks (St. Pancras B.C.) Finals:—

Middleweight.—L. Collett (Surrey Commercial Docks B.C.) beat E. R. Landsy (Gainsford B.C.).

Featherweight:—G. Davis (Polytechnic) beat A. Kemp (unattached) on points.

W. Bantamweight.—J. E. Lincoln (St. Pancras B.C.) beat A. J. Roots (Polytechnic) on points.

Heavyweight.—H. Mansergh (Polytechnic) beat H. Franks (St. Pancras) on points.

Bantamweight.—B. Mayne (Polytechnic) beat F. Chamber (Kingston School of Arms) in the first round.

IS BOXING DEGRADING?

"Yes" says a Correspondent, who Prefers Degradation.

THE PRIMAEVAL INSTINCT.

In view of the correspondence, opened by "Anti-Box," which has been appearing in our columns the following dissertation on a controversial subject will be read with interest. The opinions expressed are those of a correspondent who signed himself "Anti-cant." While convinced that the noble art is degrading and doomed to ultimate extinction he openly admits that he prefers such degradation to the death of the popular sport. He says:—

I have put on the gloves at the most half a dozen times in my life and witnessed about a dozen big fights in England. I must confess that I enjoyed both forms of this "sport?" If I lived in Spain I should go to see the bull-fights; had I been an ancient Roman I should have been a spectator at the gory combats in the arena and I should have enjoyed myself enormously.

A Prophecy.

I do not, however, pretend to myself that any one of these spectacles is an example of a noble art or uplifting sport. On the contrary I am certain that four generations hence I shall be regarded as degraded in the same way as I regard as degraded the neurotic persons who attended the arena in Rome.

I am unable to appreciate the marvellous skill or high art of the champion boxer because I am not skilled in this art myself and I am convinced that 90% of the spectators at the fights know no more about boxing than I do. Whence, then, comes our enjoyment? It is the primeval instinct in us which gives a passionate thrill to jaded senses. I much prefer a knock-out to a decision on points, and so do you all. Is this degrading?

The critics of "Anti-Box" in "The Cologne Post" have helped me to the decision that he is right. When I see argument take the form of vituperative epithets and ridicule I am at once prejudiced against that argument because I feel its logic must be weak.

Progressive Tought.

When "Anti-Box" is presumed to be a long haired, knock-kneed milkshop to preserve whose lily-white hands the great "boxing" British nation went to war while he fortified himself with a glass of water, I begin to think there must be something in his simple expression of progressive thought which was the sole basis for that presumption. Further, I have met many men who had all the qualities essential to commercial success and enumerated by "Sporty Boyee," although they had never heard of peerless Jim Driscoll.

I did not notice that the best exponents of boxing were seen to better advantage in the front line than any other ordinary individuals, and I believe boxers are on the whole more addicted to milk and water than those who do not train to mutilate each other's bodies.

Having convinced myself that boxing is a degrading sport; what next? If "Anti-Box" is allowed to legislate against boxing the logical conclusion is that he will next turn his attention to rugger. Thank you, I prefer to resist "Anti-Box" and all his kidney. Although he is bound to win in the end I will remain degraded as long as I can.

Press Golf.

The London Press Club Golf Circle successful competitions were held at Sideup. The 18 holes medal competition was won by S. J. Southerton, with 88—5=83; P. J. Moss, 95—7=88, 2; Geo. Munro, 102—13=89, 3. A similar competition in the afternoon was won by Geo. Munro with 95—13=82; J. H. Iles, 100—8=92, 2; G. Groves, 111—15=96, 3.

WELL SAVED, SIR!

PATIENCE REWARDED.

Football Competition Winner a Regular Competitor.

ADVANTAGE IN NUMBERS.

"It was a wet depressing morning when I made my way to the offices occupied by the Provost Marshal" writes our football representative. "My mission was to hand over the cheque for 2,289 marks won in contest No 6, to the successful competitor, Pte. Marsden. The good news had preceded my arrival and I found the lucky winner the centre of a good humoured crowd of fellow clerks, each congratulating him, and offering witty suggestions as to the best use to make of his prize."

"Marsden hails from St. Annes-on-Sea and he informed me he was mainly interested in the doings of Blackburn Rovers. But he is far from being a football enthusiast. When asked how he accounted for supplying the winning coupon, he replied that it was purely a matter of luck. "I am not a form follower" was his statement, "and knowing how often the amateur succeeds where the man in the know fails, I kept on sending in coupons. That I had been successful was a pleasant surprise."

"The winner entered three coupons and has been a regular contestant in our competition. His perseverance brought its own reward.

A Sound Idea.

"On being asked how he would dispose of his award, he replied that it would be added to the nest egg he was accumulating towards the day when wedding bells would ring. I agreed that this was a sound idea and felt that this prize had fallen into good hands.

"On our parting company Pte. Marsden's fellow workers gave me a very cordial invitation to return with more cheques. My reply was that if they took advantage of the opportunity our competition presents, and succeeded, I should be only too glad to repeat my visit."

Only two more days will elapse ere contest No 7 closes; are you letting this opportunity slip? You may enter as many coupons as you wish provided the proper amount is enclosed, and when more than one coupon is sent, the chance of winning is greatly increased. Thus you can allow for the surprises which so often occur. As our competition prize has been twice won outright by competitors with little knowledge of form, it necessarily follows that no great knowledge of football form is required. Turn your attention to the coupon on this page, do the needful and you may be the lucky winner.

NORTH-COUNTRY RUGBY.

Yorkshire's Chance in County Championship.

The North-Country Rugby Union county championship is providing some excellent struggles. Yorkshire play their first game on Saturday when they receive Northumberland at Otley.

Yorkshire's preliminary canter against the Army, which was deservedly won, has shown that their chances have again to be reckoned with, and though they were not at full strength their display gave great satisfaction.

Changes in the Side.

Changes have been made in the team to meet Northumberland which should add strength.

Though the Yorkshire forwards are on the light side, they played well on the ball in the loose, and now they are strengthened by the return of Major McIlwaine, should hold their own against any pack in the North.

9th Bn. M.G.C.

Sport And Other Happenings In October.

During the month of October, while the Battalion was stationed at Buir, football and hockey were in full swing every day. At football the 5/6 Royal Scots and 11th Royal Scots visited Buir and defeated the home team by 6—1 and 1—0 respectively. Lieut. Ford (Capt.) at centre half, was a tower of strength and most enthusiastic. An Inter-Coy football league produced keen rivalry, "A" Coy proving victors, winning all their games, and with a goal average of 7—1. At hockey, several enjoyable games were played, the final one, between B.H.Q. and the Rest, resulting in a draw of one goal each.

Farewell Evening.

The Battalion spent a very enjoyable evening last week, tea being followed by a whist drive and smoking concert. Major Kinsey, M.C., commanding the Battalion, presented the prizes, which included an inkstand, toilet set, fountain pen, wallet, cigarette case etc. Lieut. and Q.M. Fitzgerald was loudly encored for his excellently rendered songs. Major Kinsey, M.C., addressed all present and thanked them for their good and loyal work while with the battalion.

WEDNESDAY'S FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION RESULTS.

Irish League 0, Scottish League 2.

RUGBY.

Cambridge 3, Bartholomews 0, United Services 6, Oxford 19.

LONDON SENIOR CUP.

Draw for the Third Qualifying Round.

The third round draw in the qualifying competition for the London Senior Amateur Cup was made on Wednesday, the clubs being paired for Saturday week as follows:—

Leyton v. G.N.R. Athletic.
Ordnance v. Sutton Court.
Summerstown v. Adam Grimaldi.
Barnet v. Temple Mills (G.E.R.).
Barberrys Ath. v. Sutton United.
Page Green Old Boys v. Islington Town.
Gnome Ath. v. Southall.
Rotax v. Blackwall & Thames Iron Works.
R. & H. Green Silly & Weir Ath. v. Tooting Town.
Enfield v. Barking Town.
Kildare v. Hanley Page.
Custom House v. Woodford Crusaders.
Kingstonian v. Wealdstone.
Belvedere & District v. Metrogas.
Walthamstow Grange v. Tufnell Spartan.
Napier or G.W.R. Athletic v. Newportonians.

UNDER A CLOUD.

War Losses Cause Reversal of Form in Football.

It was inevitable that when football clubs settled down to a regular programme after the war some of the best known and strongest among them would have suffered so heavily by losses in the war that they would be temporarily under a cloud. Hence the Harlequins, who were among the worst sufferers, are beaten by something like fifty points by Cambridge University, Richmond go down before Oxford University by 38 points, and Blackheath a short time ago beat the Old Merchant Taylors by 55 points, and so forth.

But things will right themselves in course of time, and no club which respected itself would dream of cancelling matches because some of its opponents had lost more heavily in the war than itself.

At the beginning of the cricket season the Sussex and Gloucestershire teams were the despair of cricketers, but nobody shouted, "Turn them out," and before the end of the season they were giving an excellent account of themselves. There is no reason at all why there should not be the same revival in the case of football clubs.

ARMY XV v. OXFORD.

Major Stanley's XV. against the University at Oxford on the 19th, which match will be witnessed by the English Selection Committee, will include: Major H. Harrison (captain), W. A. Wakefield, L. P. Merriman, H. Davis, H. Kershaw, Capt. Pickles, H. Millett, C. L. Steyn, L. C. Krige, L. Doherty, and F. Reitz.

VILLA'S NEW OUTSIDE-RIGHT.

James Stephenson, brother of the Aston Villa forward has now been signed on by the Villa. He is an outside-right of ability, and alongside his brother played some fine games for Leeds City during the war.

FOLEY FOR IRELAND.

Foley, the ex-Leeds City half-back has returned to Ireland, and will assist Shelbourne.

RICHMOND v. THE ARMY.

The Army in their match with Richmond on the Athletic Ground, Richmond, to-morrow, will have the following side: Lieut. R.M. Welchman; Lieut. Q.E.M.A. Kent; Major R.M. Scoble; Lieut. C.D. McCarthy; Lieut. H.L.V. Day; Drummer Gumbley; Capt. W.S. Wingate Gray; Capt. A.H. McIlwaine; Major P.H. Lawless; C.M.S.I. Jones; Major W.B.N. Roderick; Cpl. Hyland; Capt. Penney; Major P.G. Humfrey; Capt. J.C.H. Pennycook.

OXFORD FRESHMEN'S SPORTS.

Dull, cheerless weather was associated with the first day of the Freshmen's sports at Oxford, and the results did not disclose any athlete of outstanding merit. The best performance was probably that of R. Stapledon (Queen's) in the second heat of the hurdles, the Public Schools champion winning in very good style and with plenty in hand.

ALL RUNNERS FALL.

Remarkable Happening in First Race at Liverpool Meeting.

FIRST DAY'S RESULTS.

The weather was fine but misty for the opening day of the Liverpool meeting on Wednesday. The going was hard and the attendance large.

The first race on the card, the Becher steeplechase, had an extraordinary and untimely termination. There were three starters and all fell before the course had been completed. Fortunately the jockeys were able to return to the paddock unhurt. The race was declared void. Complete returns for the day were:—

Ford handicap:—1, The Square (2-1); 2, Skookum Joe (8-1); 3, Zea (7-4). Six ran.

Wavertree plate:—1, D.N.P. (13-8); 2, Ela (5-1); 3, Snoemaker (2-1). Six ran.

Knowsley nursery:—1, Fair Simone (9-2); 2, Tarvie (6-1); 3, Mighty Power (5-1). Fifteen ran.

Lancashire handicap:—1, Chat Tor (3-1); 2, Limpsfield (6-1); 3, Skager Rack (100-7). Eight ran.

Liverpool St. Leger:—Pomme de Terre beat Keysol (6-5 on). Two ran.

EXCITING BILLIARDS.

Falkiner and Smith Continue their Progress in London.

In resuming the match of 16,000 up at Burroughes Hall on Wednesday, Falkiner still further increased his advantage against Inman.

Falkiner, who receives 2,000, has from the commencement displayed excellent form, and by frequent substantial breaks has steadily forged ahead. When play closed on Wednesday evening, he had brought his lead to the very substantial extent of 3,142. The closing scores were:

Falkner (in play) 5,500
Inman 2,358

Smith Doing Well.

At Thurstons, in a 16,000 up match (level) between Smith and Newman, the former is emulating the example of Falkiner. At the close of the first day's play he had a lead of 637. By Wednesday evening he had enhanced this advantage to 994. Closing scores:—

Smith (in play) 3,936
Newman 2,942

PACKS AMALGAMATE.

West Surrey Beagles and Horsell Hounds Join Forces.

For the next two seasons the West Surrey Beagles and Horsell will be amalgamated. The Horsell pack is being sent to the West Surrey kennels and the two packs will hunt together over joint country. One meet in four will be in the Horsell country. A commencement will be made as soon as the rabies order permits.

MR. WINANS' NEW RECORD.

Mr. Walter Winans broke the world's two-mile amateur trotting record at Parsloes Park, Barking on Wednesday afternoon. Driving Harmony, he beat the previous record by 13⅕ sec., covering the two miles in 5 min. 0⅕ sec. The ten-mile relay trot fixed for next Monday will not take place owing to the wet weather rendering the track too deep.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

The Midland Cross-Country Association have decided to run their novice team race at Coventry on December 6, the Junior championship at Derby on February 7, and the Senior championship at Northfield, Birmingham on February 21.

GENTLEMEN v. PLAYERS.

The Gentlemen and Players cricket match at Lord's next season is to be played on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 14, 15, and 16.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Fri.	Hoffmann's Erzählungen	Offenbach	7	10
Sat.	Mignon	Thomas	7	10.15
Sun.	Lohengrin	Wagner	5.30	10
Mon.	Cav. Rusticana Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo	7	10
Tues.	Die Entführung aus dem Serail	Mozart	7	10

AT THE LEAVE CLUB.

Two Cleverly-written Plays Admirably Acted.

If you are charming, well dressed and a popular society widow, there is nothing to prevent you from telling the impertinent creature who follows you—without an introduction—from the ballroom, that your hostess is fat and vulgar and the champagne at supper is bound to be bad, in spite of the fact that the unknown gentlemen happens to be your hostess's brother.

In "The Impertinence of the Creature," the first of the two plays given at the Empire Leave Club on Tuesday night, Miss Tilney, as the widow and Major Greenlees, as the unknown gentleman, gave a charming performance of this little social encounter. Miss Tilney played with delightful grace and self possession and was well supported by a finished piece of acting from Major Greenlees.

"The Bathroom Door"

The second play "The Bathroom Door" served as an excellent contrast to this exceedingly "drawing-room" comedy. Here we saw a procession of the hotel visitors who met outside the bathroom door in a fruitless effort to get their morning tub. There was the irascible old gentleman—realistically played by Captain Zeigler; the old lady who hopped in and out of her bedroom like a frightened rabbit, and the young man who made the most of the bathroom queue by flirting with an exquisitely dressing-gowned prima donna.

When they had knocked at the door and rung all the bells in vain, the Prima donna, with a cry of agony declared that her husband had committed suicide inside. Meantime, the young lady, played by Miss Christian with the required skill, summoned the Boots, (Pte. Browning) a callous youth who, putting his shoulder to the door, opened it on an empty bathroom. While the prima donna asked dramatically for the body of her dead husband, that astute old gentleman slipped into the bath-room, triumphantly locking the door. Miss Campbell as the prima donna acted splendidly and looked delightful whilst Capt. Preston gave a most amusing performance of the épris young man. Miss MacMaster gave a particularly artistic performance of the old lady and scuttled in and out, to everybody's huge delight.

Between the plays solos were given by Miss Bell, Miss Trimble and Miss Lavie, whilst Cpl. Williams and Bndr. Rushton contributed two duets.

At the Deutsches Next Week.

Miss Audrey Esmond, with her well-known concert party are due to arrive in Cologne to open at the Deutsches Theatre next week. While touring Rhineland; the party has been received with enthusiasm, a particularly successful visit to Düren having just been completed. I have not yet had the pleasure of witnessing the entertainment Miss Esmond submits, but, judging from its reputation, it is not behind the many excellent shows we have had in Cologne recently.

Roller Skating.

The skating rink at Mülheim continues to grow in popularity, patrons growing numerically, every day. The special session for officers and their wives each Wednesday afternoon is an innovation that has been justified by results.

British Empire Leave Club.

Much interest has been aroused by the British Empire Leave Club Debating Society. Colonel Heath has kindly consented to be present at the inaugural meeting to-day, Friday, at 6.30. JACQUES.

SPORT NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

Not Represented.

F. Hunts stable is not represented at Liverpool.

No Drawn Games.

In first-class Association football Celtic and West Bromwich Albion are the only teams who have not yet drawn a game.

Golfer in U.S.A.

Major H.D. Gillies, the international golfer, who has worked during the war in a facial disfigurement hospital, is in America and lecturing on the subject.

Oxford v. Newport.

The Rugby match between Oxford University and Newport will be played at Oxford on Tuesday, November 25, instead of the following day.

Pursell Recovered.

Liverpool hope shortly to have the assistance of Pursell, their full back, who had the misfortune to break his arm when playing in a trial game in August. He has resumed training.

J. Burns Better.

J. Burns, the jockey, who was seriously injured when Fairy Lantern was struck into at Catterick Bridge on August 2, has now completely recovered.

40 Winners.

By riding Still Better to victory in the Welbeck Plate, W. Balding brought his total of winning mounts to 40, and thereby forfeits the 5 lb. apprentice allowance.

Dunn beats Cameron.

At Acton Baths on Monday Gunner Dunn (Acton) beat Arthur Cameron (Fulham), the latter retiring in the fourth round.

Chelsea's Centre forward.

J. G. Cock, the new Chelsea centre-forward, won the Military Medal before becoming staff sergeant-major at Aldershot.

Yorks. Northern Cup.

The draw for the semi-finals of the Yorkshire Northern Cup, which will be played on Saturday, November 15, is: Leeds v. Batley, at Leeds; Huddersfield v. Wakefield, at Huddersfield.

A Good Record.

Previous to Saturday's match at Swindon, when the Railwaymen scored five goals in 90 minutes, the Rangers had only given away four goals during 19 hours 30 minutes of Southern League football.

R.U. Trial.

The Rugby Union trial match between England and the North will take place at Liverpool on December 6.

Port Vale F.C.

Next season it is contemplated altering the name of the Port Vale F.C. to Hanley.

Matin Sold.

M. J. Prat has sold his four-year-old Matin to the Belgian sportsman M. Lienart, who will put him to jumping.

French Quartet.

George Parfrement rode four winners in successive races at the recent Auteuil Steeplechases.

Bazley Recruits.

Night Flip, Humberdale, Lootie, and Benrosa have joined Bazley's team at Beverley.

Out of Danger.

Mr. Chaurand, the gentleman jockey who had a nasty fall at Auteuil on Saturday, is out of danger.

Varsity Golf.

Some interesting matches have already been arranged to take place at Addington on November 15, when the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society comes of age.

Retained.

Petrusen was retained at 330 guineas after winning the Hainton Plate this week. The dead-heaters, Somerset and Blot, were bought in for 170 and 115 guineas respectively.

Demobilé's Success.

S. Darling, who won five races at Lincoln, has not long been out of the Army. During his absence on Service his stable was managed by his wife.

Spurs Goal Average.

Although Glasgow Rangers have scored eight goals more than the Spurs, the latter's average is the better, taking figures into consideration.

Scots v. Irish.

Ferguson, of Motherwell, was unable to play for the Scottish League against the Irish League at Belfast on Wednesday. His place was taken by James Reid, of the Airdrieonians.

Billiards.

W. Smith, the Darlington billiards player, and Tom Reece, are to meet shortly in a match of 16,000 up on level terms. The stakes are £200, the winner to take the whole of the receipts.

"SCOOPING THE POOL."

Another Big Prize For Football Contest Competitors.

With the advancement of the football season the form of the clubs comprising the various leagues is more easily guaged and a better opportunity thereby afforded for forecasting results in our football competition.

Already two large prizes amounting in value to fully 3,000 and 2,000 marks respectively have been won by competitors. It may be your turn next to win a substantial prize.

As the interview which we publish to-day in another column amply testifies one need not be a keen football follower, or enthusiast in order to stand an excellent chance of "scooping the pool."

There is no limit to the number of coupons sent in; all that is necessary is that each filled up coupon be accompanied by one mark.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 7,
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List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.

2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.

3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.

4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.

5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.

6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.

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8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.

9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 7.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov. 8th.
Closing date, Friday, Nov. 7th.

West Bromwich A.	v. Aston Villa
Middlesboro	v. Newcastle U.
Arsenal	v. Bolton W.
Burnley	v. Manchester U.
Stoke	v. Bristol City
Leicester	v. West Ham
Coventry	v. Huddersfield
Queens Park R.	v. Millwall
Southampton	v. Southend
Luton	v. Crystal Palace
St. Mirren	v. Hearts
Partick T.	v. Rangers

I enter Football Competition No. 7 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Pale and Pasty.

Perhaps you have noticed that the average German who looked remarkably fit and fresh in the summer months now has a white, pasty appearance. The reason? I put it down to central heating—and the stuffy, poluted atmosphere he now breathes indoors.

Careless Carmen.

I feel inclined to sympathise with the writers of letters on street obstructions. Last night, when walking along an ill-lighted strasse, I collided with a horse and van, devoid of lights, which had been drawn up on to the pathway.

No Doubt.

A patient with his thumb in splints, asked how the injured member was progressing, told the medical officer that it was "not so painful, but it feels very stiff, Sir."

Unconventional.

Much sensation in caused among the local inhabitants when our officers, bound for the sports ground, pass through the streets arrayed in the startling garments pertaining to athletics. A certain Lieutenant who dashed along a busy road on a motor-cycle clad in jersey and shorts nearly stopped the traffic.

Demobilization.

Cafes are not the only places suffering in consequence of demobilization. I hear for the last few nights the Moderne, which is usually crowded to its utmost capacity, has only been about two-thirds full.

A Soldier of Fortune.

I met a young officer tired of peace-time soldiering yesterday. "I was just going to volunteer for the Polish Army," he said, "but now Chili and Peru are ready for a scrap, the Chilian staff is what I'm after."

Departed Glories.

From a military point of view Bonn is not the place it was. The messes are practically deserted, and there is little khaki to be seen in the streets.

Still Ordnance.

Some people I know have somehow got the idea that the N.A.C.B. has taken over the Ordnance Officers' Clothing Depot. This confusion of thought has arisen from the canteen people opening a general store in Cologne at which certain articles of officers' attire will be sold.

A Smart Retort.

"Where was So—and—so born?" was a query hurled at a memory artist recently. "U.S" came the reply. "What, the United States?" said the enquirer. "No, Upstairs," came the smiling answer.

Its Whereabouts.

I have just heard of a French officer in Mayence who brought back from his "permission" some bottles of rare 1815 Cognac from the cellars of his father's chateau in the Midi. The enraged parent is wiring every day asking what has become of it, but until he and his friends have totally consumed the precious booty, the officer does not intend to reply.

"Ox Beine."

I notice quite a number of advertisements in German papers offering to cure "Ox Beine", or in plain English "Knock-knees". Are the Germans more afflicted with this complaint than ourselves?

Vanishing Boards.

The familiar notice boards hung outside Army offices, messes, etc., seem to provide the German with an easy opportunity for cheap humour. Several establishments have missed their signs lately, although one was subsequently discovered in an adjacent street decorated with a gaudy picture of the German royal family. I am informed that the Military Police are strictly on the lookout for perpetrators of the vanishing board trick.

Throat Exercise.

It is rarely one meets with a German who, as a result of a cold on the chest, loses his voice. I mentioned this point to a medical man, who expressed the opinion that the speaking of the German language involved such vigorous exercise of the throat muscles that the people of this country are practically immune from such disability.

Off The Rails.

I remarked the other day that in the course of my peregrinations I had never seen a tramcar in Cologne leave the rails. A correspondent states that a car performed this feat late one summer evening at the corner by the Monopol Hotel. The noise produced by the runaway vehicle quite alarmed the liege. The wonder is that similar accidents are not more numerous.

Back Again.

I notice a restaurant in Marzellenstrasse for long occupied by our airmen has been evacuated by us and restored to its former owners. It is back again to its pre-occupation style.

Warm.

Beside the Dom yesterday I saw a sight which reminded me of the days when we had fires lighted in old petrol tins to warm us on the famous "8 Chevaux 40 Hommes" expresses. A flower girl there was warming herself at a similar fire-place.

Civilians, Too.

Our "Competition Merchant" informs me he is receiving coupons from British civilians who are out here and one of the competitors who was but one entry removed from the prize winner in No. 6 contest is employed with a famous British firm in Cologne. We welcome such entries, as our competition is open to all.

Why Not?

Incidentally no name prefixed by Mrs. or Miss has appeared on a coupon yet. The fair sex are admittedly lucky in football competitions and there is a fine chance being missed by them. Would not a headline such as "English woman wins our prize" catch the popular fancy? Why not?

Sign of the Times.

Every day one notices more and more motor traffic for commercial purposes in the streets. Up to six weeks ago, apart from the new taxis, practically all the petrol propelled conveyances were British.

Relics.

If you take a stroll down Riehl way past the bridge of boats, you cannot fail to notice the elaborate system of trenches and imitation dug-outs in the vicinity of the barracks. This was where the young idea of the Fatherland got its first taste of trench life.

Gone But Not Forgotten.

Khaki is no longer visible in many Rhineland villages and the casual soldier who drops in to the cafés in all probability, has to answer pathetic little queries from the waitress as to where the so-and-so's have gone, or perhaps his geography is tested by some such question as: Puddleboro' is a "grosse stadt" in England, is'nt it?

More Homelike.

Incidentally too in many of these cafés when a drink is served, the waitress uses the word "Cheerio" a change from the inevitable "Prosit," which caught so many of our boys guessing during the early days of Occupation.

An Old Cartoon.

My laundry last week was wrapped up in a Bonn journal of May 1918, when things seemed to be very hopeful for Germany. The newspaper had a cartoon, showing a bedraggled Tommy in, needless to say, Highland costume, feverishly running "nach Calais."

Another One.

To the list of hotels which have changed their names must be added the Kongs Hof in Komödienstrasse, which as the Hotel Bristol was in extensive use for many months as a billetting place for troops on short leave to Cologne.

Scenic Effects.

No one can cavil at the scenery at the Opera House and those of us who know the value of scenic effects are full of praise for the beautiful settings which are staged there.

The Butcher's Window.

Rodenkirchen as a holiday resort may be deserted nowadays, but judging by the prosperous display of meat I noticed in a butchers' shop there the other day, the inhabitants, provided of course they have the "ready" should not go short.

What is Char?

I notice that Judge Graham was told at Bow County Court that "char" means ground-up bones used for refining sugar. Any Army man knows that it means tea. The term was so generally employed in France that many families in French villages have slipped the word into their vocabulary as English. It came from the East, where troops perhaps corrupted it with such words as "rooty" for bread and "buckshee" for any old thing.

Pantofflen.

I noticed the frau in my billet making a pair of slippers, or as the Germans call them "Pantofflen". I understand it is cheaper to buy the material and to make the articles at home than to purchase them ready made.

RHINELANDER.

FOR BUSINESS MEN IN RHINELAND.

GERMANY'S NEW IMPORT AND EXPORT REGULATIONS.

For the benefit of the numerous business men desiring information respecting the import into and export from this country of all kinds of merchandise, we are enabled by courtesy of "The Board of Trade Journal" to publish the following official information. "The Board of Trade Journal" for Sept. 25th and Oct. 30th should be referred to for more detailed particulars and for goods not included in this list.

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It is now allowed to import into Germany without license, pulse and products and offal thereof, derived by grinding, peeling and shredding; rice, rice wastes and mixtures of rice and rice wastes with other substances; and cocoa beans, raw or roasted.

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The importation without license is now authorised of Indiarubber, gutta-percha and balata waste (tariff 98), used pieces of indiarubber, gutta-percha and balata goods (tariff 98), asbestos, in the rough or ground, asbestos fibres, even if purified.

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The importation without license of the following textiles is now permitted. Flax it will be noted, is not included in the list.

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Vegetable textile materials, raw, purified, broken, retted, etc., and waste therefrom for spinning, viz.:—Cotton; linters (even if cleaned); hemp and hemp tow; ramie (China grass) and ramie waste; jute and jute tow; manila hemp and manila hemp tow; sisal hemp; agave and similar fibres; coconut fibre; kapock; Indian and New Zea and hemp, pineapple fibre, esparto grass fibre, peat and wood wool, and other unspecified textile materials (not including flax and flax tow), and unspecified waste thereof:—Animal textile materials, viz.:—Merino and crossbred wool, raw or washed. Hair of the vicuna, camel, goat, Angora goat or other caprine animals; hair of the hare, rabbit, beaver, monkey, muskrat, and nutria. Horsehair (mane or tail), boiled or not. Raw silk, undyed. Floss silk, combed or not combed. Floss silk yarn (of one or more strands).

Wool and other animal hair, hackled, bleached, dyed, curled, or milled: Sheeps' wool (also glovers' wool); hair of the alpaca, camel, goat, Angora goat, and other caprine animals; hair of the hare, rabbit, beaver, monkey, muskrat, and nutria; cattle, deer, dog, swine, and other coarse animal hair; wool noils; waste of bleached or dyed wool, wool flocks, spinning waste, waste from weaving, cloth-working, cloth-cutting, etc.; waste from other working of animal hair. Crisp hair of cattle, swine, or other coarse animal hair, mixed or not with other animal hair or vegetable textile substance. Wool or other animal hair, carded or combed—not including shoddy (No. 414).

Cotton, bleached, dyed, carded, combed or milled; waste of bleached or dyed cotton; carding or combing waste, spinning waste, weaving waste, and waste from working. Other vegetable Textile Materials. Hemp, ramie, jute, manila hemp, agave fibre, pineapple fibre, esparto grass fibre, coconut fibre, vegetable down, peat and wood wool, and other vegetable textile materials (except flax), hackled, carded, combed, bleached, dyed.

Horsehair (from mane and tail), prepared: combed, drawn, bleached, dyed; also waste thereof; curled horsehair, even if mixed with other animal hair or with vegetable fibres.

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Waste of Textile Wares and the like. Woollen and silk rags; cloth lists; linen, cotton, etc, rags (paper stock), and all other textile and similar waste for use in papermaking (old nets, old ropes and string, old healds no longer suitable for their original use); and textile and similar waste for other purposes (wool-dust manure, manurial silk waste, etc.).

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Mr. N. Marcus, of I. Marcus and Co., London, is now in Cologne and may be seen by appointment at the Hotel Minerva, Johannistrasse. He is here for an indefinite period to buy large quantities of all classes of toys, clocks, watches, musical instruments, novelties, fancy goods and all small articles for the fancy goods trade. He is also prepared to accept agencies for England.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Cheap.—Thimbles sold seventeen a shilling in a Government saleroom.

Getting on.—A flier from Paris to Australia has reached Constantinople.

Honours.—The New Paymaster General has been made a Privy Councillor.

Slow.—No houses have yet been erected by the L.C.C.

The Total.—The total of War Savings certificates sold totals 368,163,207.

Arrived.—A special mission from Chili has reached London.

Friesians.—Ninety-six Friesian cattle have sold for £52,000.

Mr. Smillie.—The health of the Miners' President is still unsatisfactory.

A Hero's Mother.—Mrs. Cornwell the mother of Jack Cornwell has died.

Lightermen Out.—Lightermen are on strike at Ghent.

Sacrilege.—It has now transpired that to obtain certain valuables the Germans rifled a vault at Presches.

His Beat.—A Bath postman who is retiring calculates that he has walked on his rounds 183,217 miles.

The Toll.—A Bradford moulder was said to have earned £301 in 12 months. He was ordered to pay income tax.

The First.—Submarines have been seen at Bombay for the first time. They are bound for the Far East.

Are You There?—One home in every two in the rural districts of Ontario has a telephone.

A General Complaint.—English trade is said to be suffering because of a lack of homes for workers.

Generous.—Canada proposes to make an additional grant of £4,000,000 for its soldiers' settlement scheme.

Sentences Reduced Instead.—There is not to be a general amnesty for military prisoners.

Shaving Themselves.—Hairdressers at home complain that ex-service men are shaving themselves.

Whippet's Milk Bill.—The weekly cost of feeding a famous whippet was stated to be 5s. in milk and 15s. in rabbits.

No Milk.—There is an acute shortage of milk in the devastated areas of France and Belgium.

A Mothers' Effort.—Bristol mothers have launched a vigorous campaign to bring down the price of milk.

The Prince.—Three days duckshooting by the Prince of Wales produced a bag of 483.

Bishop as Firefighter.—The Bishop of Exeter assisted in putting out a fire at his palace.

A French Home.—The Duke of Westminster has bought a residence near Bordeaux.

The Fashion.—New chrysanthemums at the Horticultural Society's show bear the names of military and naval leaders.

Royal Congrats.—The King of Spain congratulated Delysia on her performance in "Afger."

Sweated Clergy.—A Clifton curate has forsaken the cloth for a well-paid business job.

Our Princess.—Princess Mary made her first appearance as a Girl Guide the other day.

Munition Earnings.—Since November, 1911, Vickers, Ltd, has paid in wages over £27,000,000.

To Remain.—Mr. Churchill says it is intended to maintain the Territorial Force.

Small Beginnings.—A Bedford girl has died from blood poisoning caused by scratching a pimple on her face.

German Legions.—In two months 228,963 German prisoners were repatriated.

British Democracy.—According to M. Clemenceau, France is a long way from attaining the ideal of the British democracy.

Disgraceful.—A large Commercial institution actually offered a demobbed member of its staff £40 a year salary on his return.

The Anglican "Jazz".—The Rev. Basil Bourchier, Vicar of Hampstead Garden suburb, is advocating "Jazz" as an aid to religion.

Up 'Agin' the Government.—A Berlin editor is being sued for libel by the President and members of the German Government.

M.G.C. Thanksgiving.—Next Tuesday the Machine Gun Corps is holding an Armistice anniversary service at St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

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LANGUAGES

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NOTES FROM LONDON TOWN.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

London is just now the Mecca of a number of distinguished foreign visitors—mostly potentates—and Londoners have had an opportunity at the week-end of according a hearty welcome to many and very varied heads of nations. The press photographers are still busy advertising the rival attractions of Ahmed Shah of Persia, King Alfonso, The Chief of the Basutos, the Queen of Norway, and General Diaz. The young Shah at the Guildhall in his crimson and blue uniform, astrakhan fez and gaudy lapels was a striking figure, though the absence of a turban bedizened with rubies as large as plums greatly disappointed youthful readers of the Arabian Nights. There is always an element of the mystical about all men and things Persian, and the Lord Mayor's allusion to Persia's ancient glories struck a sympathetic note.

OTHER GUESTS.

The arrival of General Diaz gave Londoners an opportunity of seeing a fine muster of Cavalry and Infantry. From all accounts I believe he was as delighted with his reception as was Marshal Foch, and the cordiality of the telegrams exchanged between him and Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, on the Italian Generalissimo's departure was not only eloquent of the bonds that always mark true chivalry, but put the seal on that camaraderie which springs from ideals held in common. As for our other guests, it seems that they fully endorse the practice of doing in Rome what the Romans do. King Alfonso not only expressed his confidence in London's friendship by standing in democratic fashion among the street crowds to cheer the Shah, but attended the Chelsea and Bradford football match at Stamford Bridge like a true Cockney. An irresponsible flapper remarked what a pity it was the Royal patron of the bull-ring should be fobbed off with so bloodless an exhibition.

"SUMMER TIME."

"Summer Time" at the Royalty should have a fair run. The hero is a very amorous if forgetful soldier, who employs his leave in philandering with three pretty girls, to each of whom he gives similar diamond rings. Each tender-hearted recipient thinks she is engaged to him. But it's "napoo" with the boy in khaki, who treks off to Devonshire for a "rest" after being demobbed. But as fate would have it the three broken-hearted girls, after comparing rings and epistles, had also gone to the self-same house and town in Devonshire, whither in due course came our fickle hero accompanied by three other would-be anti-matrimonial cynics. Naturally their posturing cynicism wilts badly before the charms of femininity, set off as these are with a Devonshire background of sun-lit meadows and junket. The want of a fourth girl is supplied by Miss Fay Compton, the hero's only living relation, who bikes in as a slap-up Australian girl with a Bunty-like faculty of pulling the strings for everybody including herself.

"KISSING TIME".

One would hardly recognise the old Middlesex Theatre either under its new name the "Winter Garden Theatre" or in its fine new interior decoration. It is true Mr. George Grossmith is too busy with his dual responsibilities to take more than a slender part in "Kissing Time," but at least he gives us of his best. The "star" parts in this musical comedy, which is founded on Hennequin and Weber's French play "Madame et son Filleul" are Georgette St. Pol and Bibi St. Pol taken respectively by Miss Yvonne Arnaud and Leslie Henson. The latter is fast becoming the most popular musical comedian in town.

AT THE "PHOENIX".

I see that the "Duchess of Malfi" is to be revived at the end of the month by The Phoenix Society, when Miss Ethel Irving will assume the role of that ill-starred Duchess, who having married her steward, is imprisoned by her brother, tormented with various trials of studied cruelty, and finally shown the bodies of her husband and children counterfeited in wax, as dead. The Phoenix Society is to be congratulated on its courage and devotion to Art, for Webster's dramatic power was no doubt striking; but a theme of such unrelieved gloom and terrorism elaborated in verse which appeals by its rugged directness of purpose, merely depresses the ordinary playgoer while inviting him yet once more to draw the obvious comparison between this one of the best known of Elizabethan dramas and even the least immortal works of the Bard of Avon.

"A PRIVATE IN THE GUARDS."

The book with this title, written by Stephen Graham, that well-known writer on all things Russian, makes unpleasant reading in parts. But like the curate's egg it has its more agreeable side, and shows how the perfect guardsman of the war was evolved, from stern discipline, and a sense of esprit de corps. The book contains many a graphically written passage descriptive of the crude methods alleged to have been employed in "breaking in" civvies, but the assumption that life in the guards was entirely different from life in any other regiment is lacking in corroboration, as is also the assumption that by their discipline many were broken in spirit. At all events the author finishes on a note of pride in speaking of the finished recruit, though no doubt the lad from the rural districts did not, like Mr. Graham himself, who enlisted as a private in the Scots Guards, march his fifteen paces up and fifteen paces down as sentry, reciting to himself a stanza from Gray's Elegy or a stoic verse from Omar Khayyam. The recent announcement that the French authorities will hold a court-martial on General Fournier for the surrender in 1914 of Maubeuge reminds me of the fact that this great disaster to our gallant allies was avenged by the Guards Division when the 3rd Bn. Grenadier Guards proudly entered Maubeuge on 9th November last year.

THROUGH GOUT.

One cannot refrain from quoting from the volume, the story of Lady Nevil's autocratic old father, Lord Orford, whose infirmities could not quell his sense of duty. He was colonel of the W. Norfolk Militia, but rather than allow a sitting posture, necessitated by an attack of gout to embarrass him he drilled his Militiamen from the inside of a fly. I am sure the dignity of a genuine aristocrat does not suffer in such circumstances. Indeed I remember a particularly eminent K.C. with the same malady, haranguing the jury in a reposeful attitude. His oration lost nothing if energy of jesture was any criterion, but I felt sorry for his gout.

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NATION'S TWO-MINUTE PAUSE

KING'S APPEAL FOR CELEBRATION OF ARMISTICE DAY

BRITISH HOSPITAL ATTACKED IN EGYPT

THE KING'S APPEAL.

SILENT COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMISTICE.

His Majesty the King has addressed the following letter to his people:

Buckingham Palace.

To all my people,—

Thursday next, November 11th, is the first anniversary of the armistice, which stayed the world-wide carnage of the four preceding years and marked the victory of right and freedom. I believe my people in every part of the Empire fervently wish to perpetuate the memory of that great deliverance and of those who laid down their lives to achieve it.

To afford an opportunity for universal expression of this feeling is my desire, and I hope that at the hour when the armistice came into force — the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, — there may be, for the brief space of two minutes, a complete suspension of all our normal activities.

During that time, except in the rare cases where this is impracticable, all work, all sound and all locomotion should cease, so that in perfect stillness the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated on the reverent remembrance of the glorious dead.

No elaborate organization appears to be necessary. At a given signal, which can easily be arranged to suit the circumstances in each locality, I believe that we shall all gladly interrupt our business and pleasure, whatever it may be, and unite in this simple service of silence and remembrance.

(Signed) GEORGE, R.I.

The Home Secretary appeals to employees and employers to co-operate in carrying out this scheme. There is of course no need to close shops and places of business, but it is hoped that shopkeepers and customers will pass the two minutes in silence. People in the streets can best co-operate by simply standing still when the signal sounds. Arrangements have been made to stop all trains, and the police will stop all traffic in the streets.

In London and the suburbs the signal will be given by maroons. In provincial towns syrens will probably be used, though other means will readily suggest themselves.

RESTAURANT CASE.

MASKED ROBBERS SENTENCED.

After a second trial at the Old Bailey, the jury having disagreed last sessions, Peter Albert Vincent, twenty, a mechanic, and Natalie Auda, eighteen, waiter, were found guilty on Wednesday of robbing the Elysée Restaurant and of wounding Mr. William James Curry, Clerk to the Governors of Guy's Hospital. Prisoners, masked and armed with revolvers, held up the assistant manager and the doorkeeper of the restaurant, gagged and bound them, and then robbed the safe of £435. They were also masked when the attack was made on Mr. Curry.

The Recorder, in passing sentence, said Vincent was the master mind, and Auda had acted under his influence. Vincent had used most brutal violence to Mr. Currey for the purpose of effecting their escape, and might have killed him. But for their age he would certainly have passed sentence of penal servitude. Prisoners had not been previously convicted, and Vincent had served his country in German East Africa. He sentenced Vincent to 18 months' and Auda to 12 months' imprisonment, each with hard labour.

DENIKIN'S VISCISSITUDES.

The latest War Office communiqué says that Denikin's headquarters reported on the 4th November that East of Tsaritsin and Wrangel's, White troops have captured Prishib with four hundred prisoners. On the Don Army front heavy Bolshevist attacks forced the Cossacks to retire to the line of Khoper on a thirty-mile front, but West of Borisoglybsk the Cossack centre completely defeated the Bolshevist 21st Division and captured 4,700 prisoners, 24 guns and 120 machine guns. The Volunteer Army has retaken Sysvsk with 700 prisoners and has also retaken Fastov. West of Kieff the advance against Petlura continues uninterruptedly.

THE MUZZLING ORDER.

It is announced by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries that there is no hope of the early removal of any of the restrictions on dogs in areas which have been affected by rabies.

THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

The Supreme Council has decided that Paris shall be the seat of the first meeting of the Executive Council of the League of Nations.

EGYPTIAN RIOTS.

BRITISH MILITARY HOSPITAL ATTACKED.

A message from Cairo states that a band of men attacked the British Military Hospital in one of the suburbs of Alexandria about two o'clock on Monday morning, but were driven off by the guard after shots had been fired and one of the assailants killed.

The object of the attack was either loot or a renewed assault of the patients injured in the recent affrays. Sunday and Monday were otherwise quiet in Alexandria, though general uneasiness prevails and business is at a standstill.

UNFULFILLED PROMISES.

ALLIED DEMANDS ON GERMANY.

The Berlin papers publish the text of a Note from the Supreme Council which has been handed to the German Peace Delegation.

The Note makes it a condition of the draft protocol to the Peace Treaty, and the consequent coming into force of the Treaty, that Germany shall sign a second protocol specifying the fulfilment of the obligations imposed by the Armistice agreement. The note points out a number of such obligations which Germany has failed to fulfil, or has only partially fulfilled, and therefore makes various demands, including the surrender of five light cruisers and 400,000 tons of floating docks, tugboats, and dredgers. The crews of the warships scuttled at Scapa Flow are also to be detained. Coercive measures are threatened in the event of a refusal of these demands.

THE GERMANS AT RIGA.

THIRTEEN CASUALTIES ON A BRITISH CRUISER.

The British auxiliary cruiser "Princess Margaret" has reached Copenhagen from Riga with wounded British sailors. An officer on board stated in an interview that the Germans opened fire on the British light cruiser "Dragon", and that nine of the crew were killed and four wounded. The wounded are being conveyed to England.

The officer in question stated that, thanks to the assistance of the British warships, the attack of Von der Goltz and Bermondt on Riga had proved an absolute failure.

NEWS IN OUR "AD" COLUMNS.

The best testimony to our Rhineland Exchange, which is a feature of page 4, is the increasing use which is being made of it. To-day a Gainsboroughis offered for £10,000. Yesterday it was a hansom cab made in Gloucester. Other interesting advertisements include a drawing room cinema outfit and two complete collections of the "Cologne Post", including the extra edition wherewith we established a world's record.

An unusual and gratifying request is that of a German firm which, having inadvertently overcharged for some goods, is advertising for the officer purchaser to call and receive the excess charge.

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MINERS' DEADLOCK.

The American coalminers' strike has already caused a great shortage of coal, and industrial dislocation is rapidly increasing. There are no signs as yet of a settlement of the trouble. Both sides make conflicting claims as to the situation. The miners say they are willing to negotiate if the injunction on their leaders is removed; the Government says the injunction proceedings must be pressed, and the mine-owners refuse to open negotiations until the men return to work. The result is a complete deadlock.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Joseph Roy Hutty, an ex-Canadian soldier, was sentenced to death at Liverpool Assizes for the murder of Alice Kate Jones, a young nurse attached to the Northern Hospital, Liverpool, where he was treated for shell-shock and where he had been nursed by the girl.

DEAR FISH.

PROFITEERING NOT TO BLAME.

The first to report of the so-called Trust Sub-Committees under the Profiteering Act is that which has been dealing with the fish trade. The report states that the present high prices of fish are not due to any combine or ring but are chiefly caused by delays in railway transport, which lead to a great deal of waste.

Railway company witnesses who were examined contend that the delay is largely due to the congestion at Billingsgate market, their vans being frequently unable to reach the consignees until too late for the day's sales. This report lends additional interest to the Food Controller's action in establishing a new departmental committee to investigate the whole question of London's food markets.

SCAPA FLOW SCUTTLING.

QUESTION REVIVED IN THE COMMONS.

In the House of Commons yesterday Colonel Claud Lowther asked who was responsible for leaving German crews on the German ships interned at Scapa Flow, and was it believed that they could be trusted?

Mr. Long, First Lord of the Admiralty replied that the decision arrived at in Paris was that the ships should be interned and not surrendered. This obviously meant that they should remain in possession of the nation to which they belonged.

Answering Mr. Bottomley, Mr. Long said that at the time the Admiralty expressed the view that the proper course was surrender, but there were many other considerations which arose in connection with the settlement of these difficult questions, and the ultimate decision in Paris was for internment.

RADIUM DEPOSITS.

CANADA'S MINERAL WEALTH.

Deposits of pitchblende, the ore from which radium is extracted, has been discovered in the Canadian township of Butt, in the Nipissing district (Ontario). Assays made by New York experts show that the specimens of pitchblende submitted are unusually rich in uradum, which is the parent of radium.

This is the second discovery of radium bearing mineral reported to the Canadian Bureau of Mines since the Ontario Legislature offered a reward of twenty-five thousand dollars for the discovery of radium in Ontario in commercially useful quantities. It is not yet proved, however, that radium exists in either of the properties in sufficient quantity as to be commercially useful.

PAYMENT OF GERMAN TAXES.

All subjects of the Allied and Associated Powers—with the exception of the Army of Occupation and all persons accompanying it—are liable to the payment of all direct taxes and duties payable by German Subjects, under reserve of the rights accorded to Allied Nationals in Article 297 J of the Treaty of Peace.

LORD FISHER CONTRADICTED.

In connection with statements made by Lord Fisher, Mr. Bonar Law, answering Mr. Raper in the House of Commons, said he was aware that statements had been made in the Press reflecting on the Admiralty for delay in instituting director firing. In his opinion, however, these statements were made on insufficient grounds and without full knowledge of the facts.

BATTLE PEERS TAKE THEIR SEATS.

Several new members of the House of Lords, whose peerages were bestowed for war services, took their seats yesterday. Earl Beatty was introduced by Earl Howe and the Earl of Lytton. Lord Rawlinson was sponsored by Lord Lovat and Lord Methuen, and Lord Byng by Lord Hylton and Lord Stamfordham.

GOLD RUSH TO SIBERIA.

A message from Nome (Alaska) states that goldseekers are leaving in increasing numbers for mysterious rich deposits reported to exist somewhere across the Behring Sea in Siberia. Residents at Nome have fitted out several trading schooners for the purpose of prospecting in the neighbouring continent.

IRONMOULDERS' NEW DEMANDS.

A fresh development of the ironmoulders strike occurred yesterday when the representatives of the three Unions in the Preston Area forwarded to the Central Strike Committee a resolution urging that the original demand for fifteen shillings weekly advance in wages be increased to twenty shillings.

On Armistice day there will be a memorial service at St. Paul's Cathedral for those who laid down their lives for King and country during the war.

MORE HOUSES.

HEALTH MINISTRY'S STRONG ACTION.

Replying to a deputation representing the National Housing and Town Planning Council, Dr. Addison, Minister of Health, said he was prepared to scrap existing regulations and everything else that prevented the getting of more houses. The subject of a national housing loan, he said, was under the consideration of a Treasury Committee. The financing of housing schemes must be done quickly, and he was glad to be assured of the support of the National Council.

Local authorities need not be afraid of their financial burdens for housing schemes exceeding a penny rate, but the Government must also be protected against the danger of houses being let at uneconomical rents. The future of the whole of the building trade depended on getting back to economical rents as soon as possible, and it was essential to have a system under which houses could be built at a reasonable cost and yield a fair profit for the builder.

With these objects in view agreements had been entered into with house builders for the erection of houses and their sale to local authorities. The Ministry's Housing scheme would be jeopardised if a large number of houses were not erected quickly, and he was therefore prepared to accept houses which might not comply in all respects with the standards of the Government manual. He appealed for whole-hearted co-operation of employers and operatives, otherwise the nation would be landed in a hopeless impasse.

LEPROSY CURED.

GREAT SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY.

An announcement has recently been made at Honolulu that complete cures of leprosy have been effected at Halihi, the territorial hospital at that place, and that within the past few months twenty patients have been discharged as cured without one recurrence of the disease. Blood tests of discharged patients reveal no trace of the leprosy germ. Chaulmogra oil, obtained from the seeds of Araeogines Kurzii, has been known for fifty years as a specific for leprosy, and is the only medicine used in the treatment of sufferers from that dreadful disease. The oil has been perfected by a refining process discovered by Dr. A. L. Dean, professor of chemistry and President of the University of Hawaii.

GENERAL MONASH OFF HOME.

General Monash, commanding the Australian Forces, was interviewed yesterday on the eve of his return to Australia. He expressed his profound gratitude to the people of the Old Country for the love and affection with which Australians have been treated, especially in the way of private hospitality in the people's own homes. Over 20,000 Australians received this kindness, he said, and they will tell it to their children and grandchildren, thus carrying on the Imperial idea.

"I am going home," he concluded, "because I am homesick. I have had many tempting offers to remain here, but I feel like a schoolboy returning home for the holidays."

OUT-OF-WORK INSURANCE.

The Government has informed the Labour Party, says the "Star," that the unemployment allowances will be continued pending the completion of the new scheme for universal contributory insurance against unemployment. It is believed, however, that allowances will be reduced and more stringent regulations introduced to prevent abuse of the out-of-work donation.

The Labour view is opposed to both changes, contending that having regard to the cost of living the existing rates are not over-generous, while the present regulations are claimed to be adequate.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT ARMY COLLEGE.

A special service in memory of those who gave their lives in the war will be held at the Army General and Commercial College, 58 Hansa Ring, at 10.00 hours on Sunday next, the 9th inst.

The service will be conducted by the College Chaplain, and the Assistant Chaplain General has kindly promised to give an address.

All friends of the college are cordially invited to this service.

SPECTACLES FOR SOLDIERS.

An Army Council Instruction states that only one pair of spectacles will be issued at the public expense to each soldier for whom they are authorized. Subsequent replacements will be made at the soldier's cost. When the Special Reserve and the Territorial Force have been disembodied, the issue of spectacles will be confined to the Regular Army.

TO THE DOVER PATROL.

On the 19th November Prince Arthur of Connaught will lay the foundation stone of the obelisk to be erected on the cliffs between Dover and St. Margarets in memory of the officers and men of the Dover patrol who fell in the war.

"FIGHT THE FAMINE'

THREE RESOLUTIONS, BUT NO SUGGESTIONS.

The private "International Economic Conference" concluded its deliberations yesterday with the adoption of three resolutions.

The first expresses alarm at the danger of widespead famine and the general condition of Europe, which is described as a grave menace to all countries. In view of the prevailing ignorance of facts, the Supreme Economic Council and other Inter-Allied bodies are urged to publish full information regarding the economic situation in various countries.

The second resolution demands cessation of forcible intervention in Russia as the first step towards the restoration of Russia's normal economic life, and the third demands a revision of the economic clauses of the Peace Treaty, which it describes as being largely responsible for the disorganisation of production and impairment of credit.

THE LABOUR CONGRESS.

DEBATE ON WORKING HOURS.

Separate meetings were held on Wednesday by the Labour Committee and the Employers' Group set up by the International Labour Conference, which resulted in a recommendation by the Labour Committee of a 44 or 46-hour week with 48 hours maximum, while the employers decided upon counter-proposals.

A feature of the Labour Committee meeting was an address by Mr. Domaye, advisor to the Japanese Labour delegates, who urged the adoption of an eight-hour day without reservation, and charged the Japanese Government with being "entirely controlled by capitalists", with prohibiting the organisation of Labour unions, and with retarding the eight-hour day movement in Japan.

Mr. G. N. Barnes (Great Britain), in his address, declared that Great Britain would redeem her promise during the war to grant an eight-hour day. The workers of Great Britain would never return to the old conditions. The public had the right to expect that Labour would give its whole-hearted co-operation in the increase of production and in making good the losses in the war. He said that he preferred a forty-hour to a forty-eight hour week.

PRISON LABOUR.

GREAT DECREASE IN CRIME.

The report of the Commissioners of Prisons for the year 1918-19 was issued on Thursday. The total number of prisoners received under sentence was 28,753, as compared with 33,285 in the previous year. Reports from all prisons testified to the beneficent effect of the restrictions affecting the sale of liquor.

During the year prisoners made nearly four million articles of war stores for the Admiralty, War Department, Post Office etc. It is interesting to note that since August 1914 war orders have been accepted for 19¾ million articles, of which over 19½ millions have been supplied.

WOMEN BANK CLERKS.

At the meeting of women bank clerks held in London yesterday speakers denied that women were keeping out any ex-service man from a post he had held before the war, and the view was emphasised that men's attitude towards women workers would change if all suspicion of undercutting were removed.

The meeting finally authorised the Women Clerks' Association to approach bank directors with a view to securing equal pay irrespective of sex, the abolition of regular overtime, and a forty-two hour week.

Miss Young, who presided, said she hoped to see a woman manager of the Bank of England.

AERIAL MAIL SERVICES.

The Postmaster General announces the establishment of an aerial mail service between London and Paris. As soon as practicable the service will extend to other parts of France, Italy, Spain and Switzerland. The rate will be half a crown per ounce in addition to the ordinary postage.

NO STEAMER FOR GERMAN DELEGATES.

After delaying their proceedings for the arrival of the German delegates who were expected to arrive in the States yesterday by the steamship Nieuw Amsterdam, the International Labour Conference received a cablegram saying that they had not yet sailed but were still trying to obtain a passage to America.

KING ALFONSO DEPARTS.

King Alfonso left Victoria yesterday for Madrid via Paris. At the station were King George, Prince Arthur of Connaught, the Earl of Athlone and members of the Spanish Embassy and colony. As the train left, the departing guest was heartily cheered.

The French aviator, Lieutenant Poulet, has reached Konia (Asia Minor) on his way to Australia.

ONE YEAR AGO.

ANNIVERSARY OF GERMAN REVOLUTION.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the German Revolution. On the 9th November, 1918, while the armistice was being considered, the world was thrilled by the news that the Kaiser and the Crown Prince had renounced the dynasty. The Kaiser fled ignominiously, and succeeded in reaching Holland, and the Crown Prince followed a day or two later. Universal suffrage was granted by Prince Max, who was in temporary authority, and a National Assembly was promised to decide upon the future Government of Germany. Events moved with astonishing rapidity, however, and forestalled those plans.

The German people took matters into their own hands, determined to make a clean sweep of the old régime.

Cologne affords a typical illustration of what took place all over Germany, although, thanks to the presence of the British and Allied Powers, the occupied territory has been spared such terrible excesses and horrors as have taken place at Munich and elsewhere. On the 8th November then, a year ago, sailors from the German Fleet, in which there had been a general mutiny, arrived in some force at Cologne. All military and civil prisoners were released from the prisons, while on the Neumarkt and in the main streets the revolutionaries began to disarm the soldiery. The soldiers were not unwilling. They simply gave up their arms and went to their homes. Police did likewise, and with their disappearance the looting of shops and food depots commenced. Lorries with red flags drove at full speed through the streets, and many people sported red cockades. Elections to the "Soldiers and Workers," Councils were held on the Neumarkt—that is, the loudest and most violent talkers secured the best jobs. During the night there was some shooting. Similar disturbances were of daily and nightly occurrence for the ensuing few weeks. On the 3rd December the last German troops passed East over the Hohenzollern bridge, and on the following day the British were at Cologne, having been preceded by an advance guard of cavalry at the request of the municipal authorities.

PREMIUM BONDS.

HUGE STOCK EXCHANGE GUARANTEE.

There is a growing demand for the issue of prize bonds. Prominent members of the Stock Exchange have guaranteed to secure two hundred and fifty millions within a month if the Government adopts the suggestion.

OLYMPIA MOTOR SHOW.

The Olympia motor exhibition, under the patronage of the King, opens to-day. Yesterday hundreds of workmen were busy putting the finishing touches and preparing the three hundred odd stands for exhibitors.

This is the thirteenth exhibition organised by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders in connection with the Royal Automobile Club. In the matter of general interest the present show bids fair to beat all records. There are 350 exhibits, and the directorate states that from the number of applications received they could have filled Hyde Park.

Keen rivalry is evident between British, French, and American manufacturers. The cheapest car shown is British, a small but speedy two-seater, twin cylinder, at £150, while the most expensive one is a two thousand guinea chassis with eight-cylinder engine of French make, the body for which will cost another thousand guineas. A special feature of the exhibition is that which illustrates the great advance made in self-starting devices. It is expected that the King will visit the exhibition early next week.

COTTON AT 7½d. PER REEL.

The net profits of T. and P. Coats, cotton manufacturers, for the year ended 30th June, after deducting for depreciation and allowing excess profits duty, amounted to £3,893,388 compared, with £3,171,796 for the previous year. The distribution for the year amounted to forty per cent. on ordinary shares, an increase of ten per cent.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Speculative issues opened active and values were further advanced, notably oils, but enthusiasm was damped by the advance in the Bank of England rate of discount from five per cent. to six per cent. which caused some disorganisation, many being unprepared for the movement. Values relapsed, especially in recent favourite descriptions, some of which eventually showed pronounced reductions, but the declines were due more to the cessation of buying than to selling pressure. Shippings and textiles maintained their strength throughout, and closed with a better tendency towards partial recovery of earlier losses. The opinion of the money market is that the flood of new capital issues and inflated credit for speculative purposes are the main factors which induced the Bank of England to raise its minimum rate of discount.

The Industrial Courts Bill has passed the second reading.

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THE KING'S ROLL.

Sometime back we gave details of the National Scheme for the employment of disabled ex-soldiers. Naturally, the question is now being asked: what has been the response from the employers?

We do not know that any very definite information is available even now, for the progress of the scheme had an undoubted set-back by the railway strike.

According to the "Ex-Service Man", which of course, is closely watching this and all other projects aiming to benefit those who have left the Army, employers are now making a real move and their undertakings to employ the disabled are reaching the Ministry of Labour in increasing numbers.

Up to the middle of last month some five thousand firms had accepted the scheme, and out of two thousand who had already qualified for their names to be placed on the National Roll, the larger part are employing their full quota of disabled men.

Since the scheme was first inaugurated it has been decided to extend its application, so that the smallest employer of labour will be able to have his name on the roll. The original provision was that firms employing ten or more workers were eligible. Now all, whatever the number of their employes may be, come under the scheme. This is probably all to the good, and when progress is next reported it will doubtless be seen that the small employer is as keen as the big man to do his bit for those who suffered for his country's sake.

As we said when the scheme was first launched, its necessity was regrettable. Every firm in Britain should have done its duty to the brave without any pressure or incentive whatever. But human nature will always predominate and supplant true patriotism, we fear. Gratitude, it has been said by a cynic, is but "a lively sense of favours to come." When the deadly fight is done there is the unwholesome tendency to forget those who have sacrificed so much in order that the manufacturer and the merchant may continue to enjoy the profits of factory or emporium, safe from enemy despoilers.

But perhaps that is a little beside the question do-day. The main thing now is to see that the King's Roll grows and grows, and the unemployed disabled—still a pathetic, numerous band—should diminish to vanishing point.

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II.

At Crécy, in 1316, a young Anglo-Saxon with shining hair wins his spurs as one who is bold and indomitable. He conquers the French King John and, after Poitiers, there is a return of the troops of the army. We see him, Edward the Black Prince, in triumphal progress from Sandwich to London, riding on a small black pony, and beside him his royal prisoner on a "great cream-colored charger." Comes the remembrance of Canterbury Tales and tales of old French history; how Edward was so high a Prince that he could stoop low to serve his conquered enemy at table. The idol of England. The first great Prince. The man of war, the defender of peace, the lover of people.

III.

Edward the VII., another Prince of Wales, he who dared in straight-laced Victorian days to love laughter and to adore Art, to break the unwritten law of Puritanism and to make the ways of peace. Edward who knew men not as king-to-be, but as a Prince-who-is. And knowing kings and princes as they were and are, knowing men and women as they are and will be, said: "The Kings of old are fading. I shall reign and my son shall reign after me—beyond that, who knows?" Behind the gleam of helmets and of brilliant banners, under the laughter of long safety and in the shadow of the great towers of commerce he heard whispers and he felt the rumour of oncoming doom. A Prince of purple days when imperialism seemed born anew, he was conscious of the thin grey mist that was gathering about the gaiety of the world. At many a feast of kings he saw a ghost at the banquet. And he talked much with a certain elderly Irishman—Lord Roberts. One day his grandson, the heir apparent of the English throne, was born. Again he said, "I shall reign, and my son shall reign after me—beyond that, who knows?" For the thin grey mist crept nearer.

IV.

1914. Again a Prince of Wales goes fighting into France. The ghosts of the French soldiers who loved the Black Prince because he was a chivalrous foe, rejoice that this Edward comes as a supporter of the cause of France. There is no gleaming armour, no surrounding host, no pageantry as the Three Feathers takes its place. That place is in the trenches. "There is not much room in a trench," and everyone dresses alike. Rainsoaked khaki, much-stored meat, mud in abundance, fatigue, cigarettes, orders obeyed: "an ordinary decent-fellow like others we know." His Oxford friends falling dead like withered leaves, his gallant comrades everywhere dying, youth eager to have a chance to die too. "Give me a place in the Front. I want to go over the top with the others." "It is necessary to think of the succession, Sir," "That takes care of itself. I have brothers. I want to go with the rest."

V.

1919. Canada, last in Peace Processions but first in fighting, en fete for her Comrade-in-arms. Gray Halifax, old Quebec, royal Montreal, Toronto the one-time fort, Winnipeg golden as her grain fields, all astir. Mayors getting ready their addresses and ladies their dresses, school children practising songs and decorators wiring for more bunting, women of returned, or to-be-decorated soldiers jostling, women of dead soldiers—wondering, shop girls eager or apprehensive of the crowd, most men urbane but cool-blooded, poets arranging rhymes, politicians hurrying from fishing grounds, and teachers from their precious holidays, officials more rude than usual, and the smart set almost unbearable. Everybody, consciously or unconsciously, alert.

VI.

Then the moment of arrival—the river of widening cheers, the flags, the bands, the unregal motor car, the stereotyped address and "the Maple leaf forever." As the crowd shifts, the sight of a face, very young and tired, bearing those deep lines under the eyes that are an inheritance of the reigning British house, a slight form in khaki that shakes hands very nicely with welcoming Vice-Royalty, bows to the people and replies in a proper spirit to addresses read, and says, rather shyly, "Thank you very much," to addresses handed. The programme goes on, the crowds increase, the ladies murmur "a dear," the men "a very promising boy." But there is a different look on the faces of the soldiers he has just reviewed. Watch them and you see a sort of kindling spark. This Prince is unpretentious. You feel sorry for him, so young and smothered in addresses. . . . . The children sing again with even more force and fury than on his arrival. The first function is over. The Prince is embarked on several days of civic exploitation. But not quite. The first function is not quite over. He turns to his aide, who nods. And then, coming out of the Royal Pavilion made for his reception, he stands out—away from his own group—walks across the platform to the gathered chorus of children, leans over and thanks them for their singing. Suddenly, by what magic who knows, the whole thing, the whole scene, comes alive. He is speaking to them unpremeditatively, of no necessity, and is at last—himself. The loveliest look of self-forgetfulness shines out and in that moment the old miracle has happened—that of sudden realization. It may cost most cities the first half hour of speeches, of ghastly, perhaps necessary, officialdom to find out the heart of the Prince—but not longer. There are half hours of human life that do not afford one instant for the flash of spirit—but not many. Children on that morning released a sort of spell. And going with him from place to place we see the thing deepening. Children, old people, wounded soldiers, the foundrymen rushing out to greet him as he passes, the country woman with her offering of garden flowers or apples, all the "little people" of the world—these bring that look to the face of the Prince of Wales that comes only to the selfless saviours of the world. In conventional surroundings courteous and charming, extending at government receptions a tired right hand with all the bonhomie of his grandfather, in private "the best of good fellows" and, Heaven help him, let us hope for his own sake a youth who loves a joke. But all this is beside the point that, first and last and always he whom we hope will some day become the world's greatest king, is so touched by the consciousness of unity in humankind through joy and sorrow that he never seems to live entirely save among those that are known as "the common people." To give himself royally away seems to be his joy, and while his hosts and dance partners find him delightful, the people on the streets, the widows and wives to whom he speaks, the children and the aged find him adorable as they never thought to adore a Prince. One, a nameless writer to a daily paper said, "He brings to your heart the lover you lost, or the child you never had." A poor woman said to the writer, "He passes like light." Another, "He has sorrow in his eyes, yet they are young eyes. It is a wonder."

VII.

For myself I feel that this youth—Gawain, Perceval or Galahad, who you like—has been sent into the world as the symbol of a great new kingship. It shines in his face, it speaks not in his words but in his deeds, and it seems to say, "It is he who must have touched or received the blood of pure sacrifice, it is he who is destined to bring the Quest to a successful termination." — *Katherine Hale in 'The Canadian Woman's Century.'*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

We Hear all Sides and Accept no Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

EYES AND NO EYES.

Sir,—This is I think a very profitable subject to discuss. And especially should our womenfolk over here keep their eyes open and they can take many lessons from the German housewife.

Housekeeping is a fine art in this country. The girls are properly trained in it. The practical side of home life is taught in every branch. The German girl when she marries is not completely ignorant of the things that go to make a happy comfortable well-ordered household. She is not at the mercy of servants, but can do everything herself and can instruct those under her.

The German home is essentially one of comfort. Much thought is given to every detail in regard to cooking, food storage and laundry work. The kitchen ranges are models of what such appliances should be. All kinds of cute notions for increasing efficiency are in evidence. Everything is spotlessly clean, indeed to the British idea cleanliness is carried to extremes.

The German housewife is a worker and so are her servants. They seem to be engaged in some household service at all hours of the day. Yet they seem happy enough for they take a pride in their work.

Yes, undoubtedly British women on the Rhine can learn a great deal, if they will.

"MRS." SERGEANT.

RABBIT OR—?

Sir,—Who is C.M. that he should set himself up as an arbiter of what is fitting in costume?

I am a member of one of the women's organisations that have evidently upset him by wearing fur on my collar. Why shouldn't I? The days and nights are cold and if I like to keep my neck and throat protected from chilly blasts by some fur is anybody the worse?

Besides being warmer, I can tell by a glance in my mirror that it doesn't make me any less prepossessing in appearance. Indeed others, more gallant than C.M. have complimented me on donning a fur collar.

And whether the fur is beaver or musquash or cat or rabbit, as long as it is warm and comforting and looks nice, what does it matter? If "bunny" were an almost extinct creature his fur would be all the rage. The fact that rabbits abound does not make their fur any less nice. The fur collar may not be de rigueur for soldier men, but for us girls I don't believe there is any regulation against it. Till I know there is, I am one of those who will continue to wear

BUNNY.

RINK HOCKEY.

Sir,—In reply to "Enthusiast," I am sure that he has never seen a game of Rink Hockey played between two teams of repute, or he would not talk as he does.

He says the game is tame and uninteresting. I cannot agree with him on that point. It is, in fact, a most interesting game to watch, and the skill required to control the ball in this game is far above his imagination. Rink Hockey, when played as it should be played, is a 100% more skilful than Field Hockey.

He also says it is tame. Seeing that it is about the fastest game played, I fail to see where the tameness comes in.

Then again he says keep the rink for "pukka" skating. Is there no "pukka" skating shown in this game? When played on a large rink, all the arts and intricacies of Roller Skating are brought into play, and it requires no learner to attempt to play this game against an experienced side.

Perhaps "Enthusiast" has only seen a game played between two inexperienced teams, where they simply rush from one end of the rink to the other without any idea of skill, but I think, that, if he were to see a game such as I have seen in the old "Craze" days, he would soon alter his opinion, and doubtless sign himself under the non de plume of "Enthusiastic Rink Hockey Player."

SWERVER.

Sir,—Reference letter of "Enthusiast" on the above quoted subject, I disagree with his statement that Rink Hockey is tame and uninteresting.

In pre-war days, most rinks that I attended usually held their practice matches either before the opening hour to the general public, or after the closing hour. Should this system be carried out over here I fail to see how "Pukka" skating would be interfered with, also should a match be arranged to take place during the evening, this would only occupy the floor for about 30 minutes, and so leave ample time for "Enthusiast" to indulge in "Pukka" skating.

RINKER
(ex-Member of Leamington Spa Rink Hockey Club).

INSANITY AND CHESS.

Sir,—In reply to "Guerilla" myself and all my family have played chess for many years. In Febrary last, I volunteered for one year's extra Army service; otherwise there is no sign of insanity in my family.

E.M.F.

HOLD IT FAST.

Sir, — I read your leading article and also the letter from J.B.S.

I wish every officer and man could be induced to take the advice to heart, for it is quite a lamentable thing to see how many are frittering away their gratuity which would be a god-send to most of them when they are demobbed.

Unfortunately youth isn't far seeing as a rule. That is its weakness, besides I am well aware, being its strength also. But the present happy irresponsible days in Rhineland are not going to last for ever.

The "Lions" Club and the Ewige Lampe and the Fancy Dress Carnivals and the Jazz teas are delightful diversions. I don't deny that, and can enjoy them myself in moderation. But they do run away with one's resources in an alarming way.

Many I know, can't keep up on their pay and allowances and are dipping pretty heavily into their gratuities.

It is up to senior officers and men to do all they can by their influence on the younger men to warn them of their folly.

Unfortunately youth is not too prone to take advice. Yet we can but do our best.

FORTY-FIVE.

Sir,—You did not touch on what I feel is the most fruitful source of extravagance among the Army of Occupation and helps to make gratuities vanish. I refer to the presence of women on the Rhine.

A little while back there was an animated discussion in your columns on the question of wives out here affecting efficiency. Personally I would say that not only do they have that result but they encourage extravagance.

I don't blame them too much, but I know it to be the fact. Many have never been outside England and many have had no experience of life, probably being young war-wives.

The glamour of life in a foreign city appeals to them They want their cup of enjoyment filled to the brim. And hubby can supply the wherewithal to provide a good time.

There's a nice cheque gone into his account at Cox's. "You won't be so mean as to hoard it up for some silly future will you, darling? Think of your little wifie spoiling for fun!"

And so the money goes in many cases. Demobilization looms ahead. Unemployment at home becomes a terrible reality. The gratuity has gone in pleasure. Tragedy!

H.H.W.

GERMAN CHILDREN & MILK.

Sir,—I am in full sympathy with the writer of your article on this subject.

The supply of milk for the new generation, not only in Germany and England, but in France, Belgium and every country hit by the disastrous war is one of the chief problems to be faced.

With milk at a shilling a quart in England, it means that thousands of kiddies coming into the world in these days will be deprived of the natural nourishment essential to building a sturdy race.

Our great medical authorities have told us that even when the war came we were only a people with "C3" physique. The proper upbringing of children had been neglected. Now, with milk scarce what category will such of our race as survive, descend to?

We must think of ourselves and our Allies. It is all very fine for the race which provoked war and all its horrors and waged it with ruthless brutality to whine now about their children needing milk. Probably they do, but the Germans should have taken this possibility into their calculations. The Allies need all the milk they can get. So let us all do our best to ensure them getting it for the sake of the little ones — our future hope.

S.S.

PROPAGANDA NECESSARY.

Sir,—Conversation with Germans, particularly of the uneducated type leads me to believe that many are still in the dark as to early events in the war.

Imagine my surprise the other evening on being asked if it were not true that the English Tommy was induced to shoulder arms by tempting monetary offers, the insinuation being that there was no love of Motherland behind his action.

Looking back on my share of the pay roll and what the war has meant to me and to hundreds of others from a financial point of view, I have come to the conclusion that the sooner this class of German is educated up to the gigantic effort made by the British Empire, the better.

WAG.

BRITISH AND GERMAN OPERA.

Sir,—If I were asked what is the difference between English and German opera I should say that opera in England is only one of the "arts whereas in Germany it is at least trois beaux arts."

Any habitue of the Opernhaus will know the names of this triple art alliance. It would be interesting if any reader who is well acquainted with Covent Garden opera will express an opinion.

CLAUDE.

GAMBLING ON THE GAME.

BY JESSE PENNINGTON.

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Gambling on the results of football matches is undoubtedly on the increase, and has been for some little time past, the years of war excepted, perhaps. And the signs of that increase cannot be noted by any man who has the welfare of the sport at heart without some misgivings. I have heard some people go so far as to say that within a few years gambling on the game will kill football I don't take such a pessimistic view as that, because I believe the powers are at work to scotch it as far as it can be scotched. But though we may not believe that gambling will kill the game, I never discourage those who are of that opinion, because it is quite certain that it is much more risky to take too light a view of the matter than too serious a one.

Those who know me have never yet accused me of being a preacher, and I don't intend to take up that role now. The British public will have its flutter, and it has been said that if there was nothing else to gamble about then they would gamble on the length of a sermon. It is not for me to say that they shouldn't gamble on football. If the workman likes to back his favourities to win for a bob or two, I don't propose that he should be stopped. He is losing, most likely, his own money, and even if we tried to stop him we couldn't.

A HUGE BUSINESS.

Everybody knows, however, that in recent years gambling on football has become a huge business, which has served to keep fat and prosperous quite a lot of people who ought to be otherwise employed. The other Sunday I picked up a newspaper, and found well over a page of advertisements from men who offered all sorts of inducements to people to put money on the games which would be played the following Saturday. To judge from those advertisements they were issued by people whose sole business in life was to hand away fortunes to their clients. All sorts of alluring odds were offered, and—anything up to a thousand to one against doing some particular thing in the way of spotting winners or losers.

Why in the world the advertisers stopped with odds at a thousand to one I can't for the life of me make out. They might just as well have gone on to a million to one. I remember one typical offer. It was fifty to one against naming eight home winners, two away winners, and two drawn games. Personally, I should think fifty times fifty to one would be much nearer the proper odds against correctly naming such a combination of results. Yet I suppose there must be people foolish enough to try to spot winners to that extent, otherwise the "philanthropists" would not spend good money on advertising such odds.

A ONE-SIDED BUSINESS.

At one time these people used to operate in Switzerland, and while they were there I was told more than once that they seemed to be entirely receiving offices. That is they took the money when they won and entirely overlooked the necessity to pay out when they lost. Nowadays, however, they seem to do business at home, and whether they one and all pay out their winnings I don't know. Certainly the odds are on the bookmakers, and all I have to add is that the man who goes on sending money in the effort to win these long odds provides but another example of the ancient proverb about a fool and his money.

There is, however, another and a more serious side to this question of gambling on the game, and here is where the danger of the business killing the sport comes in. Football bookmakers get large sums of money, and we have seen in the past that some of them have proved incapable of resisting the temptation to try to arrange a result so that they should have nothing to pay out.

CROOKED "BOOKIES."

I have had experience of the way the thing is worked, and being once approached myself I had the pleasure of bringing one man who tried to arrange a result to justice. A certain match may look a good thing for this or that team. The top club may be playing the bottom club, for instance, and the public which looks for winners lays money on the top club,—a lot of money. "Ah!" says the bookmaker to himself, "if I could only square some members of the team likely to win to arrange to lose, I should pocket the lot." And he goes to try it, crackling many bank-notes in the face of a player.

Thank goodness that the great majority of the players have enough common sense to spurn the overtures of the low-down book-maker. But rest assured of this, the book-maker chooses his would-be dupes carefully. This or that man may be financially embarrassed, and the book-maker points out in subtle fashion that if he sells the game nobody will be any the wiser. Is it to be wondered at that an odd man here and there has in the past yielded to the temptation to relieve himself of his financial worries? That is where the real danger of gambling on the game comes in.

As I said at the outset, we can't stop the people from having a shilling or two on the side they fancy will win, but I want to appeal to every footballer to keep himself entirely above the suspicion of having anything to do with the gambling business. Putting the thing on its very lowest level, I want the footballer to realise that by dabbling in the business of gambling on football he is running the risk of killing the very game out of which he makes his living.

DUTY TO THE PUBLIC.

The public which pays at the gates the money which keeps the football clubs going, pays that money to see a fair and square contest between two football teams who are all out to win. Once let the public get the impression that they are not getting this above-board game they pay to see, then good-bye for ever to the popularity of football, and good-bye to the money which comes to the pockets of the professional players who take part in the game. Nothing I can think of will so quickly kill football from the point of view of popularity than an idea that the result of this or that match has been arranged by the players before ever a ball is kicked. That being so, the necessity for players to keep themselves above suspicion of having anything to do with bookmakers is perfectly obvious.

Personally, I should like to see a big effort made to get some sort of legislation passed which would, at any rate, stop the open touting for bets on football matches. And that not (I want to make this very clear) because I am a kill-joy with a desire to dictate what people shall do with their money, but because in football gambling on a big, organised scale, I can see a real danger to the best of all games.

SPORT NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

Prolific Scorer.
Bliss has scored in every match at White Hart-lane this season.

Fulham's Team.
White and MacIntyre are probable starters for Fulham against Blackpool

Mr. Dorling Ill.
Mr. H. M. Dorling, clerk of the Epsom Racecourse, is lying very seriously ill at his residence at Epsom.

Football Transfer.
Tottenham Hotspur yesterday transferred W. Harris, a centre-half, to Gillingham.

22-lb. Pike.
Fishing in the Arun at Pulborough (Sussex), a London angler has landed a fine pike of 22-lb.

Windsor Riders.
W. Earl, Crickmere, and Piper will be amongst the jockeys riding at Windsor on Friday and Saturday next.

J. Burns' Recovery.
J. Burns, the Ayr jockey who was seriously injured when Fairy Lantern was struck into at Catterick Bridge on August 2, has now completely recovered.

No Bid for Wistow.
Wistow, who was awarded the Scurry Handicap at Newcastle through the disqualification of Esplandian, was submitted to auction at Lincoln yesterday, but failed to elicit a bid.

Tenantless Coverts.
From their opening meet at Walton Hill the Warwickshire lady pack had disappointing sport. Several coverts were tenantless.

West Ham Team.
West Ham are making but one change in their side to play at Leicester on Saturday, Butcher being at inside right in place of Major R. H. Allen.

Bury and Tottenham.
For their home game with Tottenham Hotspur Bury are making two changes from the side which drew 0—0 at South Shields, Peake appearing at right half and F. Heap as centre-forward.

Over the Sticks.
Mr. G. Marsh has engaged J. Dillon as his first jockey for the forthcoming jumping season, while F. Davies will ride as second jockey for Godfrey's Bruce Lodge stable. Dillon, who is now in Brussels hopes to get back to Liverpool to ride in the hurdle races on Friday and Saturday.

Racehorse Destroyed.
Brinkley, the Newcastle winner, broke a pastern on Monday at his training quarters, and was destroyed.

Lord Derby at Liverpool.
Lord Derby witnessed the racing at Liverpool, and was warmly congratulated by his numerous friends on his recovery from his recent serious operation.

J. H. Martin Indisposed.
J. H. Martin is down with an acute attack of gastritis, and was therefore unable to ride Fair Simone in the Knowsley Nursery at Liverpool yesterday. This was a great disappointment to him, as of all the Clarehaven youngsters he has won on this season the daughter of Farman is his favourite. It was Wheatley's luck to have the mount on the top weight.

Late Sir H. Smith.
Numerous well-known hockey players attended a memorial service to Sir Henry Smith at St. Mary's, Aldermanbury. Sir Henry was vice-president of the Hockey Association, and was a keen supporter of the Eastern Counties H.A.

Lady's Successful Debut.
For Mrs. Florence Barrie, a London lady, The Squire proved an easy winner of the Ford Welter at Liverpool. The six-year-old only became this lady's property a day or two before the race, and was the first horse she had run.

Change of Date.
The match between Oxford University and Newport will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 25, instead of on Wednesday, Nov. 26, as the latter date would have clashed with the reunion of the Oxford University Dramatic Society.

Preliminary England Trial.
The match between Oxford University and Major R. V. Stanley's fifteen will take the form of a preliminary England trial. The Old Oxonians have got together a very strong side, and the match will be watched by the English Selection Committee—J. Baxter, J. Daniel, and B. C. Hartley.

Beynon Unlucky.
In a twenty-round contest at Fulham Baths Mike Blake, of Notting Hill, beat Bill Beynon, of South Wales, in the tenth round. Beynon had all the best of matters up to the tenth round, but, in swinging his left he caught his arm on Blake's elbow, and so injured his limb that he was unable to continue the bout.

CARPENTIER FIRST.

Mr. Mortimer's Views on Dempsey's Offer to Meet Beckett.

FRENCHMAN AT STANMORE.

Although Dempsey, as stated in yesterday's issue, has signed an agreement to fight Beckett at New Orleans on March 17th next, Mr. Bernard Mortimer, the British champion's manager, has so far received no official offer and at present the arrangements are purely one-sided. Mr. Mortimer professes to be very little concerned about the reputed offer at present. The match with Carpentier is demanding all their attention; one thing at a time is sufficient, he argues.

When Beckett has advanced another stage in his boxing career by beating Carpentier, as he and his supporters are more than hopeful he will do—then will be the time to talk to Dempsey. And from what we know of the Southampton man, it will not be a case of saying to Dempsey, "Well, you take what you want out of the purse money and we will be content with the leavings."

Mr. Cochran's offer.

Mr. Cochran has offered a purse of £35,000 for a match between the winner of the Carpentier-Beckett contest and Jack Dempsey for the world's championship at Olympia next June, and states that he does not propose to increase his offer. Should any promoter top it he can have the match. As a guarantee of good faith Mr. Cochran is prepared to deposit the whole of the purse upon the signing of articles.

This statement may be taken as Mr. Cochran's comment on the cablegram from America.

We understand that Carpentier arrived at Charing Cross on Wednesday evening and proceeded direct to Stanmore, where he will complete his training for the match at the Holborn Stadium on Dec. 4th. Arthur Townley will probably join the Frenchman as one of his sparring partners.

ANOTHER FULTON VICTIM.

American Puts Out Marthuin In Second Round.

Another victim was thrown to Fred Fulton, the Kansas giant, at New Brighton, when Gustav Marthuin, of France, was knocked out early in the second round of a 15 round contest. The "fight" was an absolute farce. The Frenchman was was obviously untrained and after toying with him in the first round, Fulton dismissed him at the next meeting with a right hook.

BROKEN BOXING CONTRACTS.

Legal Action against Eddie McGoorty Probable.

The question of the responsibility of boxers towards promoters and the public will probably be raised in the law courts in the near future.

Mr. Cochran, not being satisfied that there was a legitimate excuse for Eddie McGoorty to break faith with him and the public in the match with Arthur Townley, which was scheduled for the Holborn Stadium last Friday, proposes to commence legal proceedings against McGoorty for the recovery of damages. Apart altogether from the serious financial loss, there is the question of moral damage sustained by a promoter when he breaks faith with the public through the default of a boxer.

The Townley-McGoorty contest was originally scheduled for October 23, and was postponed at McGoorty's urgent request to October 31st. A few days in advance of the date he found that he would be unable to keep the appointment.

JESSE PENNINGTON.

Comments on the Veteran English Defender.

This famous English defender, whose article on "Gambling on the Game" appears to-day, has had twenty years of first-class football.

He thinks the present West Bromwich forward line one of the best in England, and who can doubt him? Crisp is, in this famous player's opinion, a player of great promise, whose runs he likens to those of "Billy" Bassett. When speaking of centre forwards Pennington states that Jimmy Quinn, the Celtic leader, was the most dangerous marksman he ever had the privilege of playing against, and certainly the cleverest Scottish centre he ever tackled. Referring to England's International "leaders" he gives pride of place to George Hilsdon, whose brilliant display in 1908 will be recalled by many.

New Blood in Defence.

Crompton and "Jesse" have now made way for new blood in England's defence, and the famous "Throstle" states that the old Rovers' captain was one of the coolest defenders he ever met. "Cool as ice under all conditions and attacks," is his summing up.

In his opinion, the best international he ever appeared in was the one against Scotland in 1909. The football in this match, he says, touched the highest level, and England's eleven that day came as near the ideal team as it ever will.

Still a great player, he has, we hope, many more days left for football. When he leaves the arena for the last time West Bromwich will sorely miss this great and polished player. He has the gift of knowing what the other fellow is likely to do, and herein lies his success.

He is a born "general," and when I saw him this season at St. James Park everyone rightly attributed the Newcastle defeat, not so much to their being inferior to the "Throstles," they were far from that, but to the brilliant generalship of this clever back.

W. L. C.

Philistines Beaten.

In a hockey match at Oxford the University beat the Philistines by 6—3.

FUTURE OF W. RHODES.

Is his County Cricket Career Over?

SIGNS PROFESSIONAL FORM.

The future of Wilfred Rhodes, the famous Yorkshire cricketer, seems wrapped in mystery, says the "Daily Chronicle", but, for the time being, it appears as if his county career is finished.

The case in a nutshell is that Rhodes has signed a professional League form to assist Haslingden next season whenever that club requires his services. Though it has been stated that Rhodes regrets his bargain and will assist Yorkshire next season in breaking the contract, the fact remains that Haslingden hold his signature, and if they insist upon him carrying out his bargain, the only way he can assist Yorkshire will be through influence.

Rhodes is a level-headed Yorkshire man, and no one would accuse him of entering into this contract without fully weighing the pros and cons. It would be a thousand pities if one of the most famous all-round cricketers this country has ever produced should close his career in this way. His loss to Yorkshire would be almost irreparable at the present time, when cricket is just finding its feet after five years of war.

ENGLISH RACING.

Good Day For Backers At Liverpool.

The going was heavy at Liverpool on Thursday when a large attendance witnessed some good sport. The following were the returns:

Aintree Plate:—1, Chelsho (6-4); 2, Flaming Fire (5-1); 3, Diamont (8-1). Ten ran.

Witherslack Nursery:—1, Great Seal (5-4); 2, Comet's Tail (7-2); 3, Sweet Dorothy (10-1). Nine ran.

Grand Sefton Steeplechase:—1, Clonree (100-8); 2, Polnun (7-4); 3, Ardonagh (100-8). Twelve ran.

Stewards' Plate:—1, Bruff Bridge (7-4); 2, Chipstone (10-1); 3, Forest Guard (5-2). Eight ran.

Alt Nursery:—1, White Week (5-4); 2, Sule (3-1); 3, Riches (7-2).

G.H.T.Ducly Plate:—1, Planet (2-1 on); 2, Enniskeen (10-1); 3, Aloban (3-1). Five ran.

Manchester Scratching.

Manchester November Handicap.—Wilhumsen (at 12.27 p.m. on Tuesday).

BILLIARDS.

Falkiner and Smith Each Retains his Advantage.

Falkiner added nearly four hundred to his substantial lead over Inman in the continuation of the first heat of the Victory tournament on Thursday. He started the match with 200 to the good on Monday and each day's closing score has seen his advantage increased. Thursday's closing score was:—

Falkiner (in play..... 6,369
Inman..... 3,167

In the match at Thurston's between Smith and Newman the former again dominated the situation. The closing scores in this match were:

Smith (in play)..... 5,333
Newman..... 3,958

At Manchester the match was resumed between Stevenson and Reece on Thursday. The match is one of 16,000 up, Reece receiving 500 start. The closing scores were:—

Stevenson.....3,741
Reece.....3,422.

F.A. XI TO MEET CAMBRIDGE.

The following team representing the Football Association has been chosen to play against Cambridge University at Cambridge on November 20:—

Hufton (West Ham United), goal; C. A. Fisher (Nunhead) (captain) and B. G. Smith (Norwich City), backs; Russell (Fulham), Rance (Tottenham Hotspur), and Tompkins (Northampton), half-backs; Walden (Tottenham Hotspur), Fleming (Swindon) J. G. Cock (Chelsea), A. R. Hawes (Norwich City) and Bradshaw (West Ham United), forwards.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DEFEAT IRISH.

As briefly reported yesterday the Scottish League beat the Irish League at Windsor-Park, Belfast, by two goals to none. Rain fell heavily during the game, but 6,000 people were present. The Scottish side, who had much the better of the play throughout, scored one goal in each half through Reid.

FOOTBALL IN BERLIN.

A football match, one of the first to be played in Berlin by English teams since the war, was decided on the Hellas Sportplatz between the British Military Mission and the British section of the Inter-Allied Commission of Control. The Military Mission won by two goals to one, after a good game.

AMATEUR F. A. DECISIONS.

At an Amateur Football Association committee meeting held in London it was decided to hold a dinner later on in the season, and on the same day to play a match against the Army. It was also decided to leave the County Cup competition in abeyance for this season. Mr. Greenland was elected hon. referee secretary. The hon. secretary will deal with applications from new clubs.

A Sound Investment.

Mr. H. Rhodes has found in Ella a very profitable investment, for since he gave 280gs. for her at Ayr she has been second four times, earning him over £1,030 in surpluses.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

A New Concert Party.

"The Merry Blue Boys" Concert Party have jumped into popularity at a bound; and if their first performance at the Westdorf Cinema is any criterion, then their success in assured. The members of the party are all patients at the 25th General Hospital and after four days rehearsal they presented their show which was an unqualified success. The programme was not a very ambitious one, it is true, consisting chiefly of songs and sketches, but the artistes without exception acquitted themselves in a surprisingly creditable manner. Too much credit cannot be given to the Rev. G. Kendall C.F., the popular Padre. Not content with giving his valuable assistance in the matter of organising, he contributed a couple of songs in his own racy style and literally "brought down the house."

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Gunner O'Regan, who is the possessor of a highly trained tenor voice sung "Tis I" and "Mother Machree", acting mechanic Hulter a versatile youngster sang "Memories" and "Maryland" and for an encore gave a whistling solo. Sgt. Corret delighted the audience with his rendering of "Parted" and "Drake goes West." No show would be complete without its comedians, and "The Merry Blue Boys" are fortunate in having Cpl. Symons to fill this role. In a side splitting sketch entitled "The Orderly Room" he had the audience convulsed with laughter from start to finish. The Jazz Band must not be omitted and although the instruments were rather primitive the "harmony" was delightful. The next appearance of this talented party is being eagerly looked forward to.

A Children's Affair.

About thirty British children acting as the hosts and hostesses of their own parents and over 200 British soldiers in Germany, was the sight that greeted my delighted eyes when I entered the great hall of the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. The children are the pupils of the Central British School, and they had secured the voluntary aid of Mr. Hugh Herring who was a theological student before the war and is now known as "The Y.M.C.A. Illusionist." Certainly, Mr. Herring, is an extraordinarily clever conjuror, and his patter is equal to any that I had previously heard at such a "séance."

Programmes, Cigarettes and Photo.

When the great assembly was seated the children came into the Hall, in single file, and were received with tremendous cheering by the men, to each of whom they proceeded to give a dainty little programme which included a short letter to the soldiers. One sentence of the "P.S." to the letter took my special fancy:—"Oh, we are so excited! Are you? We suppose not, for you are grown-ups." Later when Mr. Herring conjured innumerable cigarettes from an inexhaustible hat, these were handed out to the spectators by the children, one to each man. Smoking was deferred, however, until the cinema show began, in order that a flashlight photograph might be taken in a clear atmosphere.

The Greatest Illusion.

What struck me most of all, and most agreeably, was the fact that, during the evening, I forgot that I was in Germany and imagined myself in the homeland. British fathers and mothers with their children, a British school with British teachers, a British conjurer provoking British cheers—all these things cast their spell upon me, and it was as if on the magical carpet Mr. Hugh Herring and the children had wafted me to "dear old Blighty." I was delighted to hear Dr. Francis announce that the children propose to entertain the troops again at Christmas.

"The Bath-room Door."

Owing to the great success of "The Bath-room Door" at the British Empire Leave Club last Tuesday night, there will be a second performance of this amusing one-act comedy next Tuesday, at 7 p.m.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Sat.	Mignon	Thomas	7	0.15
Sun.	Lohengrin	Wagner	5.30	10
Mon.	Cav. Rusticana / Der Bajazzo	Mascagni / Leoncavallo	7	10
Tues.	Die Entführung aus dem Serail	Mozart	7	10

British at Coblenz.

I hear that a most successful dance was given by the British members of the Inter-Allied Rhineland High Commission at the Riesen-Furstenhof, Coblenz. It was a delightful affair. The hotel was decorated with the flags of all the Allies, and the merriment, commencing at 8.30, proceeded until midnight.

B.E.L.C. Whist Drive.

Last Thursday night at the B.E.L.C. the highest score was that of Pte. Hyman with a total of 145, whilst Sergt. Hardman ran him close with 142. Pte. James was 3rd with 139; these three were all playing for the ladies. Sapper Bentley won the gentlemens' first prize with 143. Seret. Hunt the second with 141, and Private Taylor the third with 138. Sapper E. Ackerley, R.E., was a most efficient M.C., whilst Lieut. Rouch most kindly presided.

Much is Fame.

Writing in "London Opinion," that breezy contributor, "A Playful Stallite" says:—"We are a modest nation, we English; we will allow anybody in the world to get up and tell us how to do things, but when they start pushing us, we generally jump in with both feet and show them the correct way. That's why I'm glad to get news from Cologne of the success of young Alfred Barker at the Deutsches Theatre. Barker was busy coming to the front as a violinist in Petrograd in 1914, but when war happened he was not long in coming to the front in another sense and another country.

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"Having helped to show Germany how we play soldiers, he is now showing them how we (or rather some of us) play the violin: another art in which they imagined they had acquired exclusive rights. Roy Hardy, who sends me this news, says Barker has created a furore, the Germans admitting they have nothing like him in all the Fatherland. Barker is coming to London shortly to be demobbed, and I prophesy we shan't let him go back to Petrograd—even if he wants to."

Cologne Amusements.

Capt. Haygarth, the Army Amusements officer, has returned to Cologne from leave looking and (as he says) feeling as a lion refreshed. He is full of new ideas for the troops during the dark evenings.

The Memory Man.

"Datas," who is entertaining crowded houses each night at the Palace Theatre, Cologne, tells a good story of a visit to the King. With the late Dan Leno, Bransby Williams and Albert Chevalier, he was "presented," and His Majesty asked each what he would care to drink. "If you've got a glass of port in the house," said Dan Leno, "I would like it very much indeed, your Majesty."

Lack of Banjos.

In view of the big demand there is in Germany for stringed instruments, especially the mandoline and guitar, it is surprising to know that there is scarcely a banjo to be bought in Cologne. A friend of mine, fired with ambition after hearing Mr. Joe Morley, of "The Jesters," playing, hied him to several musical instrument establishments to purchase a banjo. He did not succeed, and an advertisement in "The Cologne Post" brought him replies only from members of the Forces.

JACQUES.

Wrestling Challenge.

Pte. T. J. Oliver, R.A.S.C., M.T., is open to wrestle anyone in the Rhine Army at 9 stone 7 lbs. catch-as-catch can style. All communications to Lieut. C Thain, R.A.S.C., Rhine Army Vehicle Reception Park, Cologne.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION NO. 8.

Another Chance to Win Substantial Sum of Money.

Another interesting point has arisen in connection with our Contest. Should a competitor enter two or more correct coupons would he be entitled to the same number of shares of the prize-money?

If such an event did occur the sender would receive a share of the award for each correct forecast, i.e. if three coupons were sent and each contained the same number of errors as the winning effort, the sender would receive three shares of the prize-money.

The first coupon for No. 8 contest appears below. A substantial prize awaits a winning effort; fill in the coupon and try your skill. Our prize must be won; there are no vexatious conditions, and we specialise in quick results.

The result of the contest just closed will appear in our issue of next Thursday.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 8,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 8.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov 15 h.
Closing date, Friday, Nov. 14th.

Aston Villa	v. West Bromwich A.
Sheffield W.	v. Derby C.
Notts C.	v. Sunderland
Bradford C.	v. Everton
Blackpool	v. Fulham
Wolves	v. Birmingham
Hull C.	v. Barnsley
Portsmouth	v. Exeter C.
Watford	v. Plymouth
Clyde	v. Clydebank
Dumbarton	v. Partick
Third Lanark	v. Motherwell

I enter Football Competition No. 8 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Coveted Clerkships.

There is no lack of applications for the vacant clerkships in connection with the Inter-Allied Rhineland Commission. A great many Army clerks seem willing to doff their uniform for the inducements offered.

Mademoiselles' Mess.

The latest in the way of messes in Cologne is one exclusively for lady clerks employed by the French. Poilus attend to the needs of the fair stenographers at table.

Wearing Mufti.

All ranks are reminded that no permission to wear plain clothes has been granted by the Commander-in-Chief other than as provided in G.R.O. 2636, for recreational purposes. Uniform must be worn at all times by all ranks while serving with the Army of the Rhine, except under those conditions.

Lop-Sided.

I noticed an officer at the Deutsches last night, wearing two pipson his right shoulder strap and yet only one on his left. He looked somewhat overbalanced.

Coincidence.

What with the trial at Paris of its defenders of August 1914, Maubeuge is very much in the air just now, just as it was exactly twelve months ago, when the Guards and the West Riding Division were marching on the famous fortress.

Take in Washing.

The Cologne garrison may be decreasing, but the number of laundries touting for Tommy's custom seems to increase daily.

Furry Adornments.

The craze for fur collars seems to be very contagious. German policeman are I notice, wearing the latest fashions in rabbit skins around their throats.

Place Aux Dames.

I am told that the hint given as to ladies entering for our Football Contest has already been acted on. Several coupons came in yesterday in the handwriting of the fair.

Puts The Wind Up 'Em.

My batman tells me that he has only to use the word "Klingelputz" to put the wind up a great many civvies. I suppose the reason is that in Klingelputz is the principal prison of the Rhine capital.

Back in Cologne.

It is a sign of the times that the civilian clerks attached to the Army have been recalled from outlying stations. They are wondering what is to be their fate.

St. Ursula.

The other evening passing Ursula Platz I thought I was back in the East. In almost every window paper lanterns in all their gay colours were hung. Soon came a religious procession in which was carried the receptable said to contain the bones of St. Ursula.

Strange.

One would think there were few parts of Cologne whence the lofty spires of the Dom cannot be seen. Yet, yesterday in the course of a ten minutes walk, I was three times asked the way to the Cathedral, by British soldiers.

SOME RHINELAND DANCE-COERS.

Fault of Senders.

An Army Post Office clerk complains that the number of wrongly addressed letters and parcels which are returned to his depot for disposal, increases daily. I have been shown piles of homeless correspondence bearing 'impossible' inscriptions; the most common mistake being the omission of the soldiers' battalions.

Did he Smile?

I noticed a fat middle-aged German in the Army Reading Room, Hohestrasse Arcade. He was engrossed in the "Wipers Times."

Visibility Clear.

A certain major dropped his spectacles into one of the Rhineside swimming baths three months ago. Until two days since they were undiscovered. He was relating their unexpected find to some friends in his mess. "Remarkable, wasn't it, Sir?" he said to the colonel. "Well I don't know," said he, "the new season's water has just been run into the bath, I suppose."

No Reply.

The other night a Tommy put a question to "Datas" the mnemonic marvel at the Palast, which completely floored him, "When was the 'Cologne Post' first published?" was the query.

Edifying Sight.

Cardinal Hartmann, whose condition is giving rise to anxiety, was to be seen every Sunday morning about 11.10 leaving the Cathedral by the main steps. A huge concourse of people invariably gathered and the venerable prelate in his scarlet robes and red hat was escorted to the exit with all the picturesque ceremonial due to a Prince of the Church.

Indoor Games.

Many of the shops in Rhineland are now exhibiting a large variety of indoor games for the winter season, among them being our old friend "Tiddly-Winks".

Latest Books.

I am informed that recent additions to the Y.M.C.A. Central Library include: "My War Memories" by General von Ludendorff, "Saint's Progress" by John Galsworthy "Mountain Paths" by Maurice Maeterlinck, "Love of Brothers" by Katharin Tynan, "Oranges and Lemons" by Mrs. George Wemyss, and "Commercial Advertising" by Thomas Russell.

New Officers' Club.

An Officers' Club has been opened at Crefeld for all Allied officers. This Club is situated at Hotel Europanscherhof, Cavalstrasse, two minutes from the station.

Ladies' Tram Fares.

Fares have now to be paid by all ladies of British nationality travelling on tramways in the British Occupied Territory, with the exception of those wearing the uniform of the following Units of the Services, viz., Q.M.A.A.C., W.R.A.F., W.R.N.S., N.A.C.B., Q.A.I.M.N.S., and G.S.V.A.D.

Little Britons.

In Friesenstrasse of a forenoon it is quite a common sight to see an armletted little brother and sister with their satchels, on their way to school.

Distinction Indeed.

During its short existence the "Post" has received a good deal of mention. We have been referred to in the House of Commons and the Prince of Wales made a graceful reference to us. And now we figure in a German serial romance! You remember the lonely fraulein I told you of who was stranded at Cologne Station when the curtain rose on Part I. Well she has been buying the "Cologne Post" and our name in prominent Latin type stands out conspicuously in a page of Gothic.

Ours and Theirs.

It may not be generally known that in our Summary Courts the civilian police are almost as prominent as our own M.P's. They act as ushers and orderlies and at times appear as witnesses.

The Hallamshires.

The 4th York and Lancasters, or the Hallamshires as they are generally called, will not be with us much longer, I hear. One is often asked to explain the term Hallamshire, and many who have forgotten their geography are tempted to think that it is as English county. Hallamshire is the ancient name for a considerable district in South Yorkshire most of which is now incorporated in the city of Sheffield and it gave its name to a football league, a parliamentary constituency, and last but not least, to the Hallamshire Rifles.

Will Have Them.

Despite the fluctuation of the mark, German traders, even some in a comparatively modest way of business, are, I hear still placing big orders with British cigarette manufacturers.

For Bonnites.

I hear that the N.A.C.B. is opening a splendid new building for O.R.s. in Bonn. It is situated in Munster Platz, and will function as a restaurant, cafe, beer-bar and canteen. The building is splendidly decorated and will provide a welcome addition to the amenities of life in Bonn.

RHINELANDER.

EAU DE COLOGNE.

THE LIGHT SIDE OF RHINE LAND.

Dearest Folks, — "Joan" has got the 'flu. so I guess I've got to tell you all the news. I feel sorry for Joan, but sorrier for myself, because here I am writing when I might be jazzing away merrily. Still, there's one thing; I can do as I like now.

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Great fun, people. I went to the "Lions" the other evening. Course I wasn't supposed to, but I had a topping time, believe me. Dancing as an aid to digestion is simply O.K. I'll tell you a secret, too. Where do you think the Lions "roar"? Why the Zoo. Come to think of it that's the right place, isn't it?

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The jazzy teas at the "Earwig" are just topping. Landon Ronald is a regular habitué and dances with a dream expression, whilst an American officer and lady gave an interesting exhibition of some new steps. My favourite partner is awfully nice, but he is just a bit too tall. One day before Joan was ill, she made me very cross by calling us the "Long and Short of it." Big sisters can be horrid if they like, can't they?

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So sorry that the big Black and White Dance at the B.E.L.C. on the 27th is to be the last, 'cos have had some topping times there, — but it's quite right. Tommy has the first claim, and I hope he has some right royal times there this winter. Ted (my tall cavalier) is actually taking an interest in the dance — says it makes him think of something to drink — now what does he mean?

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During the past week saw the dancing at the B.E.L.C. by the ladies from the Paris Opera—such a wonderful exhibition —Tone and Rhythm poems about rightly expresses the notion, I think. Everyone was charmed—the colour effects were most effective. Then, quite a social event was the opening of the new Y.M.C.A. Hostel for Tommy's wife. Lady and Miss Robertson graced the event with their presence and quite a pleasant afternoon was pased.

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Gowns are getting more swagger at the Opera nowadays, whilst there is an almost Parisienne display of neat shoes and silk stockings. Ted tells me when he first came here, silk stockings were as rare as eggs are now; fancy, poor things! I just couldn't live "sans" silk stockings, Talking about dress I heard an elderly officer complaining about us chattering in the club and he suggested that if we were allowed there, we should wear evening dress—what a "bare-backed" idea.

Cheerio old dears—hope Joan will be able to write again soon.

THE FLAPPER.

THE COLOGNE OPERA.

AN APPRECIATION.

The future historian of the British Occupation of the Rhineland cannot fail to dwell upon the part played by music in ensuring the amenities. Music is the great solvent, the sovereign healer, the bond that binds the best in one nation to the best in all the others. Here in Cologne, for the greater part of a year, it has been exerting its beneficent spell and providing, in the Opera, a ground whereon the people of erstwhile warring nationalities could meet in common.

It is, perhaps, when the time has come (as it has come for the writer) to leave the Army of the Rhine that the sense of gratitude to the Opera is most strongly felt. It is not a sense that can readily be put into words. I think the enthusiasm of audience after audience has rung true, and that the artistes who have delighted us in these classic roles must have appreciated it; but applause soon dies away, while the written word remains. It may not therefore, be out of place if a British Officer of no exalted rank attempts to voice the thoughts of so many of his fellows, and to speak these few words of appreciation.

Let us try not to separate the stage from the orchestra. Both have caused us delight. If we admit that the orchestra, with its single appeal, has filled just more of our hearts than the stage with its twofold one, let us add that between them they have filled them to overflowing. To some, these operas were of course, old friends; but to others they come as almost incredible revelations of what man can do with regard to the "things of the mind."

I find I had somewhat presumptously arrogated to myself the privilege of attempting to speak for all. That is only possible when one states the mere fact of gratitude, not when one essays to give reasons for it. In the latter case it is everybody for himself. But I should like to say that as one of a multitude I would thank Cologne Opera for many a golden hour — for providing distraction, pathos, amusement — for stimulating thought, aspirations and resolves — for applying balm to some of the wounds of war — in a word, for helping to rehabilitate one's mind.

As to the pieces that have been given: need it be said that Wagner has been on a plane apart — unapproached and unapproachable? If I mention Tannhauser it is not to separate it from the rest of the glorious galaxy or to attempt to exalt it above the Ring. But Tannhauser's story is so plain for all to see, whereas the spacious cycle of the Ring needs all our thought and study ere we can enter fully into its enjoyment.

During those four hours — or is it four minutes or four centuries? — of Tannhauser the whole drama of human strength and weakness seems to be enacted. It was Byron who said of one of our great actors that when he played Shakespeare he showed him to us "by flashes of lightning." Well Tannhauser and the other Wagner operas — but most clearly Tannhauser — show us man's spiritual life on earth by flashes of lightning." And in Tannhauser we have an undying story twice told.

Yes, I shall carry with me from Cologne a very precious memory of its Opera. Nor will it be a memory of Wagner only, for I have seen many other composers brilliantly rendered, with an incomparable mise en reiné.

But it will be for Wagner that this year of Cologne Opera will principally be remembered.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

The Black List.—Belgium wants 1150 Germans tried for war offences.

A Year Ago.—A year ago the Germans were in retreat on a front of 100 miles.

Plumper Figures.—The day of lamp-post beauty in women is said to be over.

Egyptian Turmoil.—A general strike is threatened in Alexandria.

A New Record.—Silver has reached the record price of 5s. 7d. per ounce.

Farmers to the Fore.—Farmers now predominate in the new Ontario cabinet.

Belgium Looking up.—Belgium industry is said to be forging ahead.

Alarming.—Fourmies, France, has been without bread for two days.

The Popular Guy.—South London boys used "Pussyfoot" Johnson as their Guy.

King "Coal."—£4 a ton is asked for coal in the Isle of Wight.

Shorter Hours.—Paris cafés close at midnight now instead of 0100 hours.

Hustle Them.—Super Tax unpaid for 1918-19 totals £1,851,055.

The Toll.—Twenty Londoners died from flu last week.

Useful.—A Y.M.C.A. hut is being used as a schoolroom at Maldon, Essex.

More "Hope."—The Ministry of Health hopes to erect 100,000 houses.

A Fallen Idol.—The Hindenburg effigy in Germany is almost gone.

Portuguese Losses.—The Portuguese Army lost 8,367 men in the war.

The Meeting Place.—The Executive of the League of Nations will meet in Paris.

Going Up.—The coal output in Great Britain is still rising.

Officers' Inches.—The regulations for Sandhurst provide for a minimum height of 5 feet 2 inches.

Want a Suit?—A suit of clothes made to order is one of the prizes at the Victory Ball No. 2.

Too Cold.—The Shah declined a flight at Aldershot, it being, as he said, "too cold up there."

In Name Only.—Lord Haig is said to be very dissatisfied with the limitations of his post as C. in C. of Home Forces.

Giant Flagstaff.—The flagstaff in Kew Gardens is the largest in the world. It is 215 feet long.

Lord Robert's Support.—Lord Robert Cecil has written to Lady Astor promising to vote for her.

Royal Gift.—The King has given a bowling green to a village adjoining Sandringham.

Prize Money.—It is hoped to begin the distribution of naval prize money next spring.

The Total.—The number of Major-Generals on the active list of the British Army is 167.

Beatty's Choice.—Lord Beatty wore his cocked hat on taking his seat in the House of Lords.

Not Bad.—Work has been found under the National scheme for 43,877 disabled men.

Rough Luck.—In Boston in one week forty babies were named after General Pershing.

The Penalty.—A German who called American soldiers "swine" is now doing three months hard labour.

Effects of War.—American soldiers averaged a gain in weight of ten pounds through service.

Converted.—The German monument at Tarnopol has been turned into an Allied memorial.

Delayed.—The British evacuation of Syria has been delayed until November 18th.

Army Instructors.—France and England sent to the States 800 officers as instructors.

Scapa Compensation. — Six light cruisers are to be handed over to France by Germany for the Scapa Flow scuttling.

British Shipping.—Of every 100 American soldiers sent over, 49 travelled in British ships.

Full Menu. — War-time restrictions of the menu at the Lord Mayor's banquet have been withdrawn.

Ban of Speculation. — The Spanish Government is limiting the purchase of foreign money by Spaniards.

Aged Microbes.—It is said that microbes are capable of living for many hundreds of years.

Willing to go Back.—The official view in Washington is that the end of the coal strike is near.

One Halfpenny More. — The price of French newspapers is likely to be raised by one halfpenny.

A new Fashion.— The Prince of Wales has adopted the Western hat on his tour.

The Allied Ribbon.—French troops have just received permission to wear the Inter-Allied Victory ribbon.

Penalty of Greatness.—Col. Lawrence who worked with the Arabs since coming to London received 27 offers of marriage.

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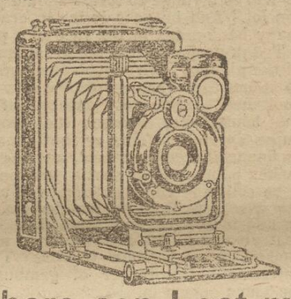
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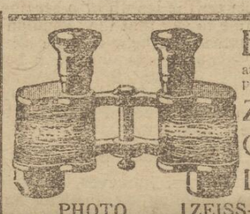
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RUSSIAN ARMY RETREATING.

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ARMY COUNCIL'S ORDER OF THE DAY.

THE WHITE LINE.

OPERATIONS IN NORTH WEST RUSSIA.

Official reports received of the situation of the North West Army up the evening of November 4th show there has been a further Russian retirement. The present line of the Esthonian supporting column on the left of the North Western Army runs from the sea unchanged to Gorlovo, thence to South Autanchi (twenty miles South-West of Krasnoselo). Here the Esthonian right touches the Russian left. The North West Army line continues to Vladimerskaya station, fifteen miles South West of Gatchina on the Yamburg railway; from there Southward at an average distance of from ten to fifteen miles West of the Gatchina-Pskoff railway as far as Bie ayagorka (20 miles South West of Luga) thence to Juchnova on the Jeltcha river (30 miles East of Lake Peipus) and along that river to the shores of the lake.

The Russian version of the Bolshevist coup referred to elsewhere is that a small raiding party of Red cavalry passed through a gap in the North West Army's front near Luga and moved towards Gdov with the apparent object of doing as much damage as possible on the Russian lines of communication between their Headquarters and the front line. Their attacks were beaten off and they are now endeavouring to make their way back to their own lines.

DARING CAVALRY COUP.

YUDENITCH LOSES HIS TREASURY.

The Bolshevists claim that they have captured General Yudenitch's treasury. A Moscow wireless message states "Our commanders of cavalry four miles from Gdoff captured six hundred prisoners and half a million roubles of the North West Government's issue. Our troops succeeded in out-flanking the enemy and cut his communications. Whe have captured officers, officials, and the army treasury."

Private reports received at Helsingfors state that General Yudenitch's position is most difficult, as he is threatened both on the flank and rear. The next few days are expected to bring events to a decisive turn.

MUDDLE, NOT POVERTY.

M.P.'s INTERESTING SUGGESTION.

The Coalition Member of Parliament for South-East Essex, Colonel F. Hilder, has addressed a letter to the Press wherein he states that the present financial position of the world generally is marked by desperate muddle rather than by desperate impoverishment and that what has been actually lost of the world's wealth owing to the war was by no means irreparable.

He asserts that the real danger is in the terrible tangle into which the world's delicate and complex system of exchange has been involved and he contends that if that could be put right, this generation, with reasonable industry and economy, could get back to normal posperity.

As a practical proposal for international action to clear up the financial wreckage of war under the League of Nations, he suggests that there should be established a bank of issue governed by an Executive of seven, elected by the League. This bank would have authority to issue currency notes, to be legal tender at face value in the territory of any nation adhering to the League of Nations. It should take over and fund all war debts of the Allies, and it would then adjust the debts as between the various nations.

HERR HAASE SUCCUMBS.

The death of Herr Haase, Deputy of the German National Assembly, and Leader of the Independent Socialists, adds one to the long list of political assassinations in Germany since the war. He was shot at and seriously wounded on the 8th October by a lunatic as he was on his way to the Reichstag, and lingered until Friday, his weakened system failing to sustain the shock resulting from the amputation of his left leg.

Herr Haase, a Jew, was born on the 29th September 1863 at Allenstein and was educated at the public school in Rastenburg in Eastern Prussia, and at the University at Königsberg. In 1890 he commenced to practise as a barrister in Königsberg, but in 1912 he transferred his activities to Berlin. For fifteen years he was a town councillor of Königsberg and he was a member of the Reichstag from 1897 to 1918.

The Prince of Wales yesterday conferred a Knighthood on Major-General Morrison and invested a number of other Canadian officers with decorations.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

ARMY COUNCIL'S THANKS TO N. RUSSIAN FORCES.

The following Special Order of the Day has been issued on the completion of the evacuation of the Allied forces from North Russia.

"The Army Council desire to convey to all ranks who participated in the operations in this theatre of war an expression of their admiration of the manner in which they maintained the traditions of the British Army under most difficult and trying conditions. The Council desire especially to express their hearty thanks to all ranks of the Relief Forces and their appreciation of the skill, courage, discipline and powers of endurance which alone rendered it possible to carry out the difficult military operation of withdrawal, with practically no loss of life, in such a manner as to leave the Russian troops in a favourable position to continue their resolute defence."

ARMISTICE DAY.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION OF KING'S IDEA.

The King's invitation to his people to join with him on Tuesday in commemoration of the Armistice by a two-minute cessation of work or pleasure has evoked widespread interest. The Admiralty is communicating with merchant ships at sea and informing the captains of the King's invitation and it is assumed that these ships will slow down or stop. The whole thing, however, is absolutely voluntary.

The invitation has also been wirelessed to all British warships. As far as the army in England is concerned, all work and drills will be suspended for two minutes.

Special services will be held in a number of churches and in every school throughout the country headmasters and mistresses will take appropriate steps to see that the occasion is fittingly celebrated by the pupils.

At Liverpool, Armistice day will be celebrated by the firing of rockets from the city police stations at eleven o'clock and the church bells will be rung for three minutes.

All traffic at Birmingham will be stopped and factories and workshops will suspend work shortly before eleven. A detachment of cadets will assemble in Victoria Square, where there will be a roll of muffled drums, followed by the Last Post. Church bells at Bristol will be tolled for five minutes and all activites will cease for the prescribed time.

AMERICAN STRIKE.

PRODUCTION AND PRICES.

It is believed at Washington that President Wilson will shortly call another Industrial Conference owing to the vast number of strikers, which is now estimated at more than a million and a half.

Mr. Palmer, the Attorney General, declares that Capital and Labour must get together to increase production. He declares that idleness is a sin in this emergency, and continued discontent and disorder must be expected until the Government meets the problem of the high cost of living. He says:—"I venture to assert that if men would work ten per cent. more in America, prices would be twenty per cent. lower. Profiteers should be uprooted and confined to prison."

YOUNG MARKSMEN.

AUSTRALIA LEADS THE EMPIRE.

The National Rifle Association has issued the result for the year 1919 of the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition for boys, which has been held annually throughout the Empire since 1910. In the Senior Division, for boys over fifteen, 775 teams entered and 554 in the Junior Division, representing 13,000 boys. The outstanding feature of the results in the Senior Competition was that most of the prizes were won by Australian Cadets. Altogether Australia won 49 prizes, Great Britain 45, South Africa 14, New Zealand 9 and Canada 6.

The following message was sent from the King: His Majesty is interested to find that Australia again gives proof of her unquestioned superiority in marksmanship and trusts that this position of supremacy may stimulate the spirit of rivalry both at home and in the other Dominions.

The French aviator Lieutenant Poulet has arrived at Bagdad en route to Australia.

D'Annunzio has expelled the American journalists from Fiume for writing news about Fiume which he considered untrue.

GUN BURST.

N.C.O. KILLED AT THE PROOF BUTTS.

A verdict of accidental death was returned by a Greenwich jury at the inquest on Staff-Sergeant Spono, R.G.A., attached to the proof butts at Woolwich, who was killed at the Arsenal by the explosion of a twelve-pounder gun which was being proved.

Several rounds had been successfully fired and deceased had reloaded the gun properly when suddenly there was a terrible explosion. The gun was not ready for firing and no order for firing had been given. The breach block was blown out and deceased, who was behind the gun, was killed outright.

An officer attributed the accident to the breaking of the firing pin.

BASUTO LOYALTY.

CHIEF'S VISIT TO THE KING.

The King, who was accompanied by the Queen and Princess Mary, received at Buckingham Palace yesterday the paramount Chief Griffith and other Basuto Chiefs, when the leader fulfilled the purpose of his visit to England by presenting an address of congratulation and allegiance to the Throne.

In his personal address Chief Griffith said: "We have come six thousand miles and more to assure your Majesty face to face of our devotion."

Replying at some length the King said he was glad to know that the Basuto nation remained as loyal and devoted to himself as to his revered predecessors. He was also glad to receive their congratulations on the signal victory which had rewarded the efforts of the British and Allied forces in the great war. His Majesty concluded by hoping they would take back with them pleasant memories of their stay in England and wished them a safe return home.

SHEIKH LAWRENCE.

FELLOWSHIP FOR FAMOUS OFFICER.

Colonel T. E. Lawrence, who did such good work with the Arabs through the war, was yesterday elected to a Research Fellowship at All Souls' College, Oxford.

Although Colonel Lawrence is not yet thirty he is said to have received twenty-seven offers of marriage since his return to England. When the war broke out he was studying archaeology in Palestine. He obtained a post as Intelligence Officer in Egypt and, disguised as a Bedouin, used to trot off alone into the desert on a camel. Once he blew up a troop train. He persuaded the desert Arabs to help towards the defeat of the Turks. For his invaluable services he received the C.B. and D.S.O., while the Arabs made him an Emir.

SENSIBLE RECIPROCITY.

Reciprocal arrangements have been made between the British and Canadian Governments for the treatment and training of ex-members of the Imperial Forces in Canada and ex-members of Canadian forces in the United Kingdom. Ex-Imperials settled in Canada will thus enjoy all benefits and privileges accorded to Canada's own ex-service men, including the option of taking their pensions and allowances and viceversa.

SOVIET AMNESTY.

An amnesty is to celebrate the occasion of the second anniversary of the Bolshevist Revolution. The Soviet resolution provides that all under detention shall be released, except those who have actively plotted against the Soviets, assisted parties striving to overthrow the Soviets by armed force, or those who have committed a crime with a clearly selfish aim.

CHEAP LINE IN FUR OVERCOATS.

Astonishing bargains are offered to Parisians in the sale of American Army stocks which the French Government is now conducting. In the secondhand section fur-lined overcoats may be had for 3f., or under 2s. at the present rate of exchange; and high rubber boots for 2f. 50c.

GREAT LANDSLIDE.

Two hundred thousand tons of limestone rock fell suddenly yesterday at the famous Derbyshire quarry of Hopton. The whole of a pasture field disappeared under this enormous mass. It is anticipated that it will take the quarrymen three years to load the stone into railway waggons for transport.

RETIREMENT OF LORD BYNG.

The War Office announces that Lord Byng has been permitted to retire from the Army with a view to assuming the position of Chairman of the United Services Fund, which has been appointed to administer the accumulated profits of canteen trading during the war.

BISHOP OF COLOGNE.

Cardinal von Hartmann is still very weak, but the doctors state that a little amelioration of his condition has taken place.

CIVIC ELECTIONS.

DUBIOUS TACTICS OF THE LABOUR PARTY.

The apathy of the electors in the recent Borough Council Elections is well illustrated by particulars forwarded by the Municipal Reform party. From these it appears that in twenty boroughs only between 19 per cent. and 30 per cent. voters went to the poll; in five cases between 30 and 40 per cent. voted. One hundred and twenty-three women councillors have been elected to the 28 Councils, as against 35 women on the old Councils. Of the new women Councillors 66 are Municipal Reformers, 42 Labour, 12 Progressives, and 3 Independents. The new Councils are composed of 621 Municipal Reformers, 573 Labour, 130 Progressives, and 14 Independents.

There are, it is added, many complaints as to the dubious wording of the poll cards issued by the Labour Party. Some of these cards were calculated to deceive ignorant electors into believing that they could vote only for Labour candidates. After setting out the names of Labour candidates the statement was boldly printed: "If you vote for any other candidate you nullify your vote." In one Borough the electors in one ward were informed that they had only eight votes, whereas they had nine. To deceive electors in this way is a corrupt practice, and legal action is being taken with a view to securing the punishment of the offenders.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE.

GOVERNMENT'S THANKS TO THE MOTHER COUNTRY.

The High Commissioner for New Zealand has received, Reuter's Agency is informed, the undermentioned cablegram from his Government:

The following resolution has been unanimously passed by both Houses of Parliament:

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THE PRICE OF SCAPA.

The full text of the Allies' Note to Germany, dealing with those Armistice conditions which Germany has failed to fulfil, and including the Scapa Flow affair, has now reached London. The light cruisers named for Germany to surrender are the Königsberg, Graudenz, Pillau, Regensburg, and Strassburg, which must be handed over within sixty days from the signature of the protocol.

Within ninety days there must also be handed over to the Allies such a number of floating docks, cranes, tugs and dredgers as shall be equal to a total displacement of 400,000 tons, while as compensation for the destruction of the U. C. 48, Germany must deliver up engines and motors of three other submarines.

IMPORTANT GERMAN OFFICER ARRESTED.

Captain von der Goltz, brother of General von der Goltz, was arrested in one of the two recruiting offices for troops for the Baltic provinces which were raided in Berlin on Tuesday last. One report says that he is accused of having supplied large quantities of arms and ammunition to the Iron Division. Documents were found in his possession seriously incriminating various Foreign Office officials.

LABOUR AND CIVIC OFFICES.

The first fruits of the success of Labour candidates at the municipal elections was seen at Merthyr Tydvil on Thursday night when Labour captured the chairmanships of eleven of the Town Council Committees. They also secured the Mayoralty, electing a miner named Pedlar to that office.

MONS STAR PROFITEERING.

The well-known medal dealers, Spink and Sons, Piccadilly, were respondents in a complaint brought before the Westminster Profiteering Committee yesterday. They had charged eighteen pence for a rosette for the 1914 ribbon and were ordered to refund six pence in two cases.

PERMANENT DEPOT AT SLOUGH.

In the House of Commons, replying to a question as to whether the transport depot at Slough is only being occupied temporarily, Mr Kellaway, Deputy Minister of Munitions, said that arrangements are being made for the acquisition of the freehold of the depot.

ACCIDENT TO LORD BRASSEY.

Lord Brassey was knocked down by a taxicab at Westminster on Thursday evening. He is suffering from concussion and his present condition is causing some anxiety.

A SURREY MYSTERY.

ARMY HUT AND CONTENTS DISAPPEAR.

A mysterious affair is reported from Whiteleafe, Surrey, where a hut belonging to the twelfth battalion of Surrey Volunteers has been spirited away. The hut was situated on the miniature rifle range. It contained about half a dozen rifles, targets, and much other material, including Government property, all of which, together with the hut, is missing.

The battalion was recently disbanded, and it was whilst steps were being taken to collect the Government equipment that the discovery was made that the hut and its contents had vanished.

HOW TRADE IS LOST.

WHY A GOOD CONTRACT LEFT THE MIDLANDS.

At the large waggon building works of Messrs. Stableford and Company, Coalville, Leicestershire, where nearly one thousand men are employed, the following significant notice to the workmen was posted up yesterday in the works by Mr. Egbert P. Booth, the managing director: "We tendered for seven hundred waggons of different types to the Crown Agents to the Colonies. Owing to the high cost of the waggons, the Colony in question has decided not to order these in this country, but are making arrangements to build them themselves. This is the first time this has happened since the Colony had railways, and it is only reasonable to suppose that when they have created the organisation for building these waggons they will manufacture their own requirements in the future, and the trade will be lost to us."

PALACE BURGLAR.

CAUGHT IN THE GARDEN.

At Bow Street Police Court on Thursday afternoon a young man was charged with being in the gardens of Buckingham Palace for an unlawful purpose. He pleaded guilty. A detective said that at two o'clock in the morning accused was discovered in the grounds of the Palace and was promptly arrested. He said "I did not mean any harm to anyone. I got over the wall by climbing up the ivy." On the prisoner was found a pair of gloves and a metal glass cutter. He was remanded for a week.

"BLACK JACK".

CATERHAM DEPOT DISCLAIMER.

Mr. John J. Cunningham, who describes himself as "late Sergeant, Irish Guards" has written a letter to "The Star". He states that he is the so-called "Black Jack" whose namesake has been prominent lately in various newspaper correspondence columns concerning the alleged brutality and bullying at the Guards Training Depot at Caterham, as described in Stephen Graham's book, "A Private in the Guards."

By his account, the real Black Jack was a very different being from the ruffian described by certain correspondents, one of whom speaks of him as being a sergeant in 1914, whereas at that time he was himself a Private, being promoted sergeant on the field in 1915.

GENERAL SMUTS AND PALESTINE.

General Smuts, speaking at a Jewish reception in Johannesburg, mentioned that Mr. Lloyd George had asked him to take command in Palestine during the war. He had declined, feeling that he had had enough of fighting, and that he would be more useful at the centre of things.

CRUELTY TO A MARE.

At Glamorgan Assizes on Wednesday Ivor Hudson, fifty-seven, farm labourer, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude for maiming a mare by driving nails into her hoofs. Having been prohibited by his employer from working the mare he threatened that no one else should do so.

UNEMPLOYED SWINDLERS.

At North London Police Court James Dawson, of Stroud Green-road, was fined £15 for obtaining the unemployment allowance for a period during which, it was stated, he and his wife were in employment and were receiving £4 2s. 10d. per week, including an Army pension of £1 0s. 4d. per week.

COSTLY DESERTION.

Kingston Justices have imposed a fine of £25 on Sergeant W. L. Stevens, R.E., for having left his four children chargeable to the Kingston Union since 1909. It was stated that the maintenance of the children cost the ratepayers £600.

Specimens of work done by disabled soldiers formed a prominent feature of an exhibition of handwork which is now open at Drapers Hall They included beautiful samples of art needlework, also basketwork, woodwork and leatherwork.

WHITEHALL GIRLS.

REFUSE TO TEACH THEIR SUCCESSORS.

There is a check in the dismissals of the temporary staffs of female clerks at Whitehall, and some of the girls who were under notice to leave at this week-end have been asked to stay for a few weeks longer. The reason given is that the Minister of Labour cannot find enough disabled ex-soldiers at the rate of pay offered, which is fifty-nine shillings weekly at starting, with a rise of half a crown per week annually for three years. A minor trouble is that the girl clerks refuse to teach the new staff their work.

A White Paper on the staffs of Government detachments was issued yesterday which deals with ninety per cent. of the total government departments. From this it appears that there were still 399,952 persons employed on the 1st October, a reduction of 8,032 as compared with the 1st September. Two departments show increases, namely, the Post Office (6.9) and Food Ministry (101). The largest decrease was at the Ministry of Munitions, where the staff was reduced by 3,155. Nevertheless there are still 11,623 men and 10,199 women employed there.

EAST FIFE.

ASQUITH DECLINES TO CONTEST THE SEAT.

The following letter has been addressed by Mr. Asquith to the Secretary of the East Fife Liberal Association:

"I am obliged by your letter informing me of my re-election as Honorary President of the East Fife Liberal Association and conveying an invitation to become a candidate for the division, and it is with much regret that I find myself unable to comply with your request."

At the General Election in December last Mr. Asquith was beaten in East Fife by Colonel Sir A. Sprot, by 2,002 votes. His refusal to contest the seat does not necessarily mean that he is not contemplating re-entering the House.

BOMBS AT TOKIO.

ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP DIPLOMATISTS.

A bomb or other infernal machine exploded on Friday evening in the roadside ditch between the Foreign Ministry and the Russian Embassy at Tokio. Two men were slightly injured, and the windows and walls of both buildings were damaged.

The Japanese Foreign Minister was giving a dinner, followed by a ball, in celebration of the Emperor's birthday. The entire diplomatic corps, the Japanese cabinet, and the whole of the official world of Japan were invited.

In spite of the occurrence the festivities took place as planned, the majority of the guests being ignorant of the attempt. A workman has been arrested on suspicion.

FINLAND TO ASSIST LATER.

In replying to General Liangoff's request for the intervention of Finland in the war against Soviet Russia the Finnish Government regrets that owing to the domestic and political situation and the most limited resources of the country it is difficult for Finland to equip an army for a winter campaign. The reply adds: "the Finnish Government, however, follows the fight of White Russia against the Bolshevists with sympathy, and promises to do its utmost to relieve Petrograd when it has been taken."

OFFICIAL'S MANY FRIENDS.

The famous Harrow school official, Mr. W. Halliday, who has just retired from the management of the school workshops after forty-four years' service, is said to have more Princes, Cabinet Ministers, great soldiers and statesmen among his personal friends than almost any official now living. He was appointed by the late Dr. Butler, Master of Trinity. His successor is Engineer-Lieutenant W. C. Oliver, R.N., from Bombay High School.

SHAH AT ROSYTH.

The Shah of Persia visited Rosyth Naval base yesterday. He inspected the dockyards and boarded several of the warships.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Business was unsettled at the outset, the higher bank rate still having a depressing influence. Investment securities underwent further marking down in accordance with the new monetary conditions.

Shippings and textiles exhibited renewed strength and oils subsequently rallied under influential operations, one factor being that an increasing number of shipowners are arranging for oil-burning equipment for steam raising purposes.

Gilt-edge securities became steadier but Victory and funding loans remained depressed, owing to prospects of prize bond issues. Rubbers were fair. Selling rates for British Treasury Bills were raised to 50½ per cent for trimester and semester scrip.

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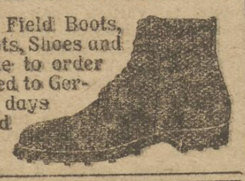

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DRIFTING.

The other day an important decision was arrived at by a very important body of Englishmen—the textile manufacturers—that no business in their products should be done with Germany until our Government has formulated a definite commercial policy.

The decision was unanimous—except for a solitary dissentient. It has the merit of definiteness. It displays a clear insight into future difficulties that assail us, unless as a nation, we can assure ourselves of leaders who can do something better than merely drift.

The lamentable weakness of our leaders is evident at every turn. As a matter of fact public opinion, which is far ahead of them in its vision, presses them continuously to what action they do take.

This has been exemplified very frequently of late. The nation is starving for a decisive bold policy in all directions. The energies of our people are hampered on every side by the lack of it. Trade and that increased production which ministers urge so constantly, are paralysed because all is uncertainty. The benefits accruing from the victory we achieved a year ago are being steadily eaten away by the blight of ineptitude. No strong lead is forthcoming.

The latest example of the Government's failure to govern is their blindness in regard to the inevitable Prize Bond. In a London daily has just appeared a cartoon, which aptly pictures the present position.

A figure labelled "Public Pressure" is striding in the direction indicated by the finger of a signpost: "To Prize Bonds." He is hauling on a noosed rope along the highway, three unwilling politicians, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Chamberlain.

The National Finances, Social Reconstruction, Foreign, Military, Naval and Air Policies, are all affected adversely by the existing weakness of our rulers. The sweeping victories of the Labour party in the recent municipal elections show the trend of public opinion. Thousands are throwing in their lot with Labour, not so much from keen sympathy with the movement, but because they feel that elsewhere there are few signs of vigorous policy. Many feel that even mistaken action is preferable to none at all. Whether we agree with its aim or not, none can fail to realise that at least Labour knows what it wants. We cannot afford to drift any longer.

THOSE ASLEEP AT SEA.

This is no picture of the Day of the Dead in Germany, but a memory of a thing seen once on that day in England. It is well that our thoughts should turn homeward piously at this time, and not forgetting our own who lie in foreign fields, remember those whom the earth and the seas of England have taken to themselves.

Had it not been that the thin wind-bowed Cornish elms by the austere granite church on the hill were burning gold torches of yellow fire, you might have thought the morning one of late spring instead of November, so mild was the air, with the milky softness it has only in the West Country, and so genial was the sun.

There was no wind; the Atlantic and the sky met near at hand, it seemed, in a delicate opal mist, and the blue of the heavens covered the floor of the sea.

The rollers swung out of the west in a stately endless procession, reared for one instant, low translucent walls of living green and purple, fell, and broke in dazzling surf along the sands of the cove.

The still morning was full of the melancholy voice of the sea, which yet seemed only to make more profound the quiet of the earth and the sense of accomplishment, of the year's work happily ended, which brooded over the upland fields.

It seemed that in the little graveyard by the church on the shore—for this parish in Cornwall has two churches—the dead among the sand and marram grass and sea poppies, whitened by the spindrift of winter storms, might sleep more soundly than elsewhere, in the sound of that eternal call of the sea. Yet on that day of the dead, thankful in presence of the harmonies of sea and land and sky, a man could only desire to live.

Through the open door of the church, I had seen the priest, vested in black and gold, busied at the altar on which burned tapers of unbleached wax, and from the church came presently a little procession, which moved across the sands to the sea.

There were red-cassocked and surpliced boys, carrying tapers which burned palely in the sunny calm; blue-robed and white-veiled girls, carrying sheaves of flowers from the cottage gardens—bright dahlias and bronze and gold chrysanthemums, and branches of the red and purple fuchsia, which fears no winter in this soft climate; a handful of fisherfolk, a few strangers, and the priest himself in a black cope. The smell of incense mingled with the freshness of the morning.

It was all very simple; in its unconscious ease and naturalness this little pageant might have come from an Italian village church. And here in misty England a perfect hour was giving us a reflection of the south.

So they went down to the sea; the priest mounted a ridge of rock which thereabout stretched into the water; his people followed him; and they prayed together for the souls of those whom the sea had taken.

The great consoling words of the Latin liturgy, which hold all of human sorrow and human hope, sounded for the last time: "Requien aeternam dona eis Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis."

The children cast their flowers into the sea, and the clear water round the rocks was starred with points of bright colour.

We turned and left the sea, and its dead, while the high shrill voices of the boys chanted the Benedictus.

LOOKER ON.

HIS GREAT MISTAKE.

Lance Corporal Gasshells, J. of the Military Police, was, without doubt, a credit to the force. He was six feet in height, broad with it, and his eye had a gleam sufficient to penetrate a brick wall.

Efficient in the extreme, he controlled the traffic in one of the busiest centres of Cologne, and here and there cautioned a wayward Tommy for taking too long in finding his handkerchief.

Then came his promotion to Corporal, Full, with pay, and with it a Reign of Terror. At the end of the day the names of 31 defaulters appeared in his notebook, and when the week was up, C.B. was quite common in the Rhine Army.

But all good things have an end, as P.2000 Cpl. Gasshells, J. found out when due for Demob. He enlisted in early '16, and had signed on for three months, not having a job to go back to. Suddenly the idea smote him. Why not try the Metropolitan Police???

* * *

Constable John Gasshells swelled with importance. It was his first night on duty. If anyone could keep order, it was J.G. His eyes slewed round in the fog, and their baleful glare alighted on a youth returning from school. There seemed nothing wrong with the boy, yet Constable Gasshells' temperature was rapidly rising! He tried to speak, but the words stuck in his throat. Controlling his passions, he yelled in a voice like a double strength Strombus Horn!

"Boy"!!!

The youth spun round like greased lightening.

"How dare you walk about in that slovenly manner! Take your hands out yer pockets, and do up the top button of your greatcoat!!! Not a word! You'll be for the high jump in the morning, and no error! Name and Number?"

But the boy did not reply. Instead, an inspector, noticing a small crowd gathering, crossed the road to enquire the reason of the disturbance.

"Well, Constable," he queried, "What's up?"

P. C. Gasshells, saluting smartly, replied,

"Young feller 'ere Sir, walking about in a disgraceful manner, 'aving both 'ands in 'is pockets, and the top button of his greatcoat undone!!!"

The inspector stared hard at the budding constable, as if doubting his sanity. Then he remembered his Army career, and exclaimed in grating tones—

"Constable, I don't want to be hard on you, but you'll have to liven up. You mustn't check civilians for things like that, you know. Just pull yourself together!! Goo'night!"

Gasshells, almost on the verge of apoplexy, swallowed his wrath, strode away, and was lost in the fog.

Next morning came his resignation!!!

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX

We Hear all Sides without Responsibility for our Readers' Views

HOLD IT FAST.

Sir,—I cannot help thinking that cheap money makes for extravagance. Many of us who are in the fortunate position of being able to make use of the present low value of the mark rush in for wads of notes.

"Make use of present opportunity" is the cry, but what becomes of the money? Is there any endeavour to save it? In nine cases out of ten I should say not.

The man finds himself particularly "flush," and then comes the temptation for a "splash". Of what use in that case is the opportunity? Inroads are made on bank balances, but with what result?

D.IGO.

Sir,—H. H. W. hits the nail on the head when he says that the presence of wives on the Rhine makes the money fly.

"Oh, but the mark is only three halfpence, dear," was an argument deduced the other day, and hubby stumped up for some quite unnecessary expenditure.

ONE OF THE BOYS.

SELFISHNESS IN THE CLUB.

Sir,—May I crave a little of your valuable space to voice a complaint that has quite a general interest?

In the Ewige Lampe, one frequently has to wait a considerable time before getting served between the hours of 11 and 1. This is of course inevitable; but I have on several occasions noticed officers sending the waiters to the tobacco counter for cigarettes and chocolate during these hours, despite the waiters' protest.

Yesterday, while the club was full, an officer asked for a certain daily paper. The waiter replied that there was not one in the club, whereon the officer handed him a one mark note and told him to get one.

The protest that he could not spare time was waived aside and the waiter rushed out into the street to get the paper—thus keeping many of us waiting through no fault of his own.

INDIGNANT.

AN OPERA GROUSE.

Sir,—Now that Cologne contains so many new English people of both sexes, perhaps I may be excused for again bringing up the question of behaviour at the Opera.

In one of your early numbers you published a series of "Don'ts for Opera Goers" and it would seem necessary that they should be reprinted.

Many of the English audience, particularly may it be said, the fair sex quite unconsciously cause considerable annoyance to others, purely through their lack of thought and I feel sure that if the matter was brought to their notice a great improvement would be effected.

QUATRE YEUX.

IDEAL ARMY TRAINING.

Sir,—I am unable to trace the connection between Army physical training and fitness so far as football is concerned, but I know this much,—that I never felt fitter in my life than after a month in the hands of a fiery P.T. Instructor.

I shone at cross country work in the company of recognised athletes, although up to my enlistment athletics, except in mild form, did not claim my attention. I should say that Chedgzoy is wrong. What do our P.T. experts say?

DUKES.

PROPAGANDA NECESSARY.

Sir,—I agree with your correspondent that not enough is done in the way of propaganda. That is in one direction, if I may say so, where the "Cologne Post" has served us well.

Fancy being told that the Allies are on the Rhine by arrangement. I had the experience of hearing that said by a German the other day.

PUBLICITY.

ANNOUNCING THE EXCHANGE.

Sir,—Would it not be advantageous to all concerned if Messrs Cox and Messrs Cook displayed prominently in the windows of their establishments the current rates of exchange each day? Such a simple expedient would probably have the result of lessening the huge crowds, as the need for numberless fruitless enquiries would be obviated.

H.K.D.

CONCERT AUDIENCES.

Sir,—What is the matter with the average English concert audience? The other evening I attended a show which from start to finish was an unqualified success, yet it was left to the Gods to show their approval apart from sluggish handclapping.

As a North country man I like to hear what the audience thinks about the show. What matter if the applause is punctuated by shouts for a recall or a shrill whistle? Better this than the indifferent, bored attitude cultivated by some as the "concert thing".

Sing the choruses and make things go is my contention.

WIGANITE.

ARMISTICE ANNIVERSARY.

Sir,—I trust that the anniversary of Armistice Day will not be allowed to pass without some recognition here in Rhineland.

The King's idea of enjoining everybody to cease work for a few minutes in order that the time may be consecrated to thoughts of those who fell in the war is a good one, but apart from that, why not do something big out here to celebrate the great day?

We, who are on the Rhine, owe something to those lads. It might very well have been our fate to have been called upon to make the sacrifice.

Dinna forget then.

JOCK.

THAT RUGGER LEAGUE.

Sir,—When are we going to hear something definite about that promised rugger league for Rhineland?

I am thirsting for a sight of the old game and would be glad if you could see your way to publish fixtures. I don't think it would be difficult to raise one or two first-class sides if a real effort were made.

OLD TIMER.

EYES AND NO EYES.

Sir,—It is nonsense for correspondents to say there is little or nothing to be learnt during our stay here.

Even in little things connected with some of the crafts no one who is a tradesman will find it a waste of time to keep his eyes skinned for better ways of doing things. I don't mean to say there aren't heaps of things we can do better than the German. We all know there are, but in other directions we take a back seat. If we are cute way not adopt everything that is obviously an improvement. Think what the result would be if we added to our own excellence in many points, the hints we gather here.

I will conclude by giving an instance. Our boot repairing is good as a rule but I had a pair of first class British boots, the welts of which had parted from the soles. I asked more than one British cobbler to repair them. They said it was quite impossible. The boots were only fit for their scrapheap.

Not satisfied I went to the first German repairer I came across. Why did he say—impossible?—no: the problem didn't perplex him. He took the job in hand and to-day the boots are just as good as the day I bought them two years ago.

I had heard from Commandants of P. of W. Camps how useful Germans were at this class of work. Now I can believe it.

And this is only one instance so I advise all tradesmen to keep a watch and profit by what they find out. It will pay them when they get back to "civvies."

W.P.C.

RABBIT OR —?

Sir,—I can't understand why so many of your correspondents are so concerned with what other people wear.

Doesn't it show that they need something to occupy their minds? I know men who turn white with rage if they see anyone not dressed according to their own standards of perfection. It is an attitude I cannot fall in line with. It all seems so small and unworthy of serious thought.

Even K.R. and G.R.O. give some little latitude in one's attire and everybody has some idiosyncrasy which denotes individual taste. It's sure to show itself whatever regulations are framed. I take it that such regulations are merely intended as general guides, so as to have a reasonable amount of uniformity in dress. The necessity for that in an Army must be obvious, I think.

But when people write to you and cavil at fur collars or identification wristlets or whitish collars or what not, it gives one a fair idea of the paucity of their intellectual powers. Do such trifles matter one tiny bit?

They are the type who, if Napoleon came back to life, would "tick him off" because he slipped his hand inside the front of his coat between the first and second buttons.

And to say unpleasant things about girl war workers who please themselves and hurt no one else by the pretty fashion of wearing fur around their dear little necks is not only unchivalrous but petty.

Aren't you sorry that you raised the question, now, C.M.?

M.C.

WILL THE JAZZ GO?

Sir,—I see in the London papers that Jazzing has had its day; yet here in Rhineland all those who wish to be "in the swim" are crazy over it.

It seems that many new and let us hope more graceful steps and movements, are coming along to take its place. These, it is said, are to be danced to something approaching real music; it will no longer be "chic" to go through the movements of a dying mandrill to the roars, groans and cacophonous janglings of a set of half savage minstrels known as a "jazz" band. For this promise all the sane lovers of true dancing will be grateful, if it comes about.

I am a bit afraid though that the people who are now almost mad about "jazzing" will never take kindly to proper dancing. They began to worship Terpischore at a time when her art was at its lowest ebb and the degrading exhibitions which pass today for dancing have too strong a hold on them to be abandoned.

Anything better will mean that attention will have to be given to grace and rhythm; mere lurching and clutching and snuffling won't suit the higher standard.

HOPPY.

CHESS AND INSANITY.

Sir,—Replying to "Guerilla" I can say that I have been a chess-player for some time, and although I am very keen on the game, I do not go so far as to drive myself insane with the game.

Nevertheless, I am of opinion that anyone who takes more interest in the game than as a mere amusement might easily find that the intensity of such problems as a good many players now interest themselves in might easily be the means of a player's brain turning.

BLACK KNIGHT.

BEAUTIFUL FACES.

We've sought them and we've found them
in all places,
They've made us weak and they have made
us strong.
They've come from all the ranks of all the
Races
They've made us do the right and do the
wrong.

They've called us up the ways of all the
graces
With the tenderness of an old tender song;
They've made us find, they've made us lose
the traces
Of the road of reason through the passions
throng.

They've sent us down to hell with madment's
faces
And up to the heaven where all good
things belong;
Lights of Guidance. Lights of Glamour,
Beautiful Faces
Like Psyche's lamps life's darkened way
along.

W. ROMAINE PATERSON

MY DEAR WINS LIVERPOOL CUP.

LIVERPOOL CUP RESULT

My Dear Wins Cleverly by Half a Length.

ALASNAM SECOND.

There was a large attendance at the Liverpool meeting on Friday. The weather was fine, but misty, and the going was good. The great attraction was the Liverpool Autumn Cup for which nearly twice as many horses started than in 1914, when Diadumenus defeated Wrack and six others. Thirteen went to the post on Friday. My Dear started favourite and justified the confidence placed in her, being always prominent and, cleverly ridden by Donoghue, finished half a length in advance of Alasnam with Sir Berkeley three-quarters of a length in rear of Sir A. Bailey's colt. Details:—

1. My Dear Mr. A. R. Cox (9—4) Donoghue.
2. Alasnam Sir A. Bailey (10—1) Western.
3. Sir Berkeley Mr. J. White (7—2) A Whalley.

African Star finished fourth. Also ran:—Rich Gift, Dominion, Square Measure, Kings Idler, Glaciale, Mapledurham, My Land, Thermogene, and Poilu.

The result is a repetition of the Cambridgeshire form when My Dear finished third to Brigand and Diadem with Alasnam fourth. Sir Berkeley was unfortunate early in that race, being crossed. My Dear who started top weight with 9—5 is a four year old, the property of Mr. A. R. Coy and trained by Taylor.

Other Liverpool Results.

Abbeystead Hurdle:—1, Procurator (7—2); 2, Girvan (5—2); 3, Toluol (5—1). Seven ran.

Palatine Plate:—1, His Highness (5—1); 2, Rock Ferry (9—4); 3, Eochester (9—2). Six ran.

Downe Nursery:—1, Service Kit (6—1); 2, Double Up (8—1); 3, Jasper (100—6). Fifteen ran.

Westmoriand Plate:—Roseacre (8—4); 2, Oberto (7—4); 3, King Carnival (10—1). Six ran.

Croxteth Plate:—1, Sea Song (9—2); 2, Divide (8—1); 3, Santa Cruz (7—1). Twelve ran.

Windsor Details.

At Windsor the weather was dull and threatening and the going sofiish. There was a large attendance. Details:—

Black Nest Handicap:—1, Glenfarg (6—1); 2, Pickay (6—1); 3, Quintus (100—6). Seventeen ran.

Mill Plate:—1, Warburton (9—2); 2, Lock Ahoy (9—4); 3, Quick Meg (100—8). Nine ran.

Rays Handicap:—1, Rock Split (6—4); and Fair Oaks (9—4); dead heat; Condottiere (7—2); third. Five ran. (Stakes divided).

Clarence Handicap:—1, Furious (7—1); 2, Land Girl (100—8); 3, Our Stephen (6—1). Twelve ran.

Frogmore Nursery:—Nova (6—1); 2, Redwings (11—2); Tiberia (100—8). Twelve ran.

Apprentices Plate:—1, Monazite (3—1); 2, Flying Post (9—2); 3, Treasury Bill (2—1). Six ran.

NOVEMBER HANDICAP.

Weights for Popular Manchester Race on Nov. 24th.

For the Manchester November Handicap to be run on Saturday, Nov. 24th, the weights are as follows:—

	st	lb		st	lb
My Dear	9	9	Mapledurham	7	1
Arion	9	5	Alasnam	7	1
Queen's Square	9	2	Daphne	7	1
Grand Fleet	9	2	William Allenby	7	0
Scatwell	9	0	Dionysos	7	0
Wildwood	8	8	Cyclist	7	0
The Midshipmite	8	8	Monteith	7	0
Rich Gift	8	6	My Land	7	0
King John	8	6	Chat Tor	7	0
Dominion	8	6	John Jackett	6	13
Planet	8	5	Blue Ground	6	13
Gay Lord	8	5	Con Cregan	6	10
Chuette	8	4	Silvanite	6	10
Not Much	8	3	Wildfellow	6	10
Golden Fleece	8	0	Dinah Morris	6	9
Royal Bucks	7	13	The O'Neil	6	8
Elsinore	7	10	Control	6	7
Happy Man	7	9	Longslip	6	6
Unitoi	7	8	Jabbok	6	6
Waterbed	7	6	King Carnival	6	6
Aynsley	7	7	Ample	6	5
Challow	7	7	Bachelor's Heather	6	5
African Star	7	6	Simon Grab	6	5
Rizzio	7	6	Saintly Maude	6	5
Rothesay Bay	7	6	Winnie Melton	6	5
Poethlyn	7	5	Warways	6	5
Jack Point	7	3	Gotha	6	5
Limpsfield	7	3	Polichinelle	6	5
Patrick's Day	7	2			
Roseacre	7	1			

ASSUMED RACING NAMES.

Suggested Alterations in Jockey Club Rules.

It becomes increasingly evident that the Jockey Club meeting on the 24th inst. is to be of an exceptionally interesting and important character.

Among suggested alterations in the Rules to be made there will be substitution of the following for the present rule governing assumed racing names:

"No owner shall make use of an assumed name for the purpose of entering or running horses, and any horse entered under an assumed name shall be disqualified."

RHINE ARMY GOLF.

Autumn Meeting and Competitions Next Sunday.

At the Rhine Army Golf Club Autumn meeting to be held next Sunday, as previously announced in "The Cologne Post," four prizes are to be competed for. They are: 1st scratch, 2nd scratch, 1st Handicap, 2nd Handicap.

In addition there will be a 10 mark handicap bogey sweepstake. Entries for sweepstake will be received on the ground, others must be handed in at the club House not later than Nov. 12th.

AT A STANDSTILL.

Period of Marking Time in Rhineland.

IMPROVEMENT EXPECTED.

As a result of circumstances over which sports officers have no control, sport in Rhineland during the past week or so has come to what is virtually a compulsory standstill. In every Brigade, and, in fact, in almost every unit, there is a pronounced atmosphere of uncertainty as to what the near future has in store. Many units have definitely received marching orders and are simply waiting for the word "go," and in the remainder there is an expectant attitude which cannot be said to be conducive to the arrangement of sporting fixtures.

This state of affairs is something entirely new to the British Army in Rhineland. Since the commencement of the occupation last December sport of every description has played an important part in the life of every unit. Football, cricket, boxing, athletics have been taken up in turn in deadly earnest; the local organisations have been keen to improve the prospects and capabilities of their particular sides, the result being that in every branch the standard attained has been exceptionally high. There has been no lack of organised competitions, and these have been entered into with characteristic British keenness.

A New Experience.

Consequently, the present apparent deadlock is foreign to anything we have previously experienced, and can scarcely be to the liking of the average Britisher. Happily, there is no likelihood of the present unnatural state of affairs becoming a permanency. The period of unrest will pass, and with it sport will come once more into its own.

A football competition on a large scale has already been hinted at in these columns, and now it is possible to state that such a tournament will materialise later, providing the suggestion is productive of the support necessary to the success of such a venture.

As has been previously urged, the commencement of such a competition under the present prevailing conditions would be worse than useless.

That something of the sort is needed to re-kindle the flame which has been allowed to die so low all will agree. Team organisation is not lacking, and there is still the never-failing keenness; all that is necessary, then, is an opportunity for this splendid combination to get to work.

LEEDS CITY SITUATION.

Huddersfield Town F.C. Propose Transferring to Leeds.

Recent football happenings in Leeds have been full of surprises. There has been considerable discussion as to who would take the place of the Leeds City Club expelled from the League three weeks ago. The Yorkshire Amateurs, a comparatively new team, a few days ago decided to rent the Elland-road ground at a cost of £250 a year. In view of the doubt as to the justification for taking on so heavy a liability, the amateurs have now decided to share the ground with the Leeds United Club, a team formed by the old City club's supporters, which has been admitted to the Midland League.

Further developments are now to hand of an extremely interesting nature. They concern a proposal of the Huddersfield Town Club, with all its players and league privileges, to transfer to Leeds.

Soccer Finances.

The proposal has emanated from the Huddersfield Town directors. It is significant that no step towards the transfer of Huddersfield Town to Leeds was taken until after last Saturday's matches. That day's events in Huddersfield reflected eloquently the measure of support which the Huddersfield public give to the rival "Soccer" and Northern Union clubs. Whereas there was a gate of £1,600 for the Northern Union Cup-tie, Huddersfield v. Hull, at Fartown, the attendance on the Leeds-road ground at the Huddersfield Town v. Fulham match was only sufficient to account for a gate of £90.

INTERNATIONAL POLO.

American Cup Match deferred till Summer of 1921.

The Hurlingham Polo Club has written the American Polo Association stating that, though the club has resumed polo to some extent, the war left it with a severe shortage of polo players. Many of its regiments being still abroad for indefinite periods, it sees no hope of being able to put a team in the field worthy to meet the Americans before the summer of 1921. Therefore they proposed to defer the next meeting for the American Cup to that date. The American Association willingly concurred. Field Marshal Earl Haig, chairman of the Hurlingham Committee, is calling a meeting shortly to discuss preliminary arrangements.

AMATEUR CLUB FINED FOR NEGLECT.

Complaints having been made against Ordnance F.C. (Woolwich) of delay in sending to two visiting clubs the amounts due to them in respect of receipts at F.A. Cup-ties on the Ordnance Ground, the matter has been investigated by the Southern Divisional Emergency Committee. Ordnance put forward as the reason for the long delays pressure of business on the officials of the club.

The F.A. considers that this is not a satisfactory excuse, and the club has been ordered to pay four guineas for its infringements of the rules.

Match Scratched.

The Corinthians had to scratch their match arranged with Tottenham Hotspur yesterday, and Clapton Orient visited White Hart-lane where they played the Hotspur Reserves a friendly game.

ANOTHER HUGE BOXING OFFER.

MONEY IN BOXING.

Two Huge Purses Offered for Championship Fight.

DEMPSEY v. BECKETT OR CARPENTIER.

The ever-growing importance of boxing from a financial point of view is indicated by a further huge offer for the staging of a fight between Jack Dempsey and the winner of the Beckett Carpentier match on the 4th December.

Mr. Jack Callaghan, representing a syndicate, states that he has been authorised to repeat his original offer of £2[illegible],000 for the match mentioned.

Mr. C. B. Cochran has made a similar offer, and is reported to have said that if any promoter "topped" £35,000 he could have the match and welcome.

CARPENTIER ARRIVES.

London's Great Reception of Beckett's Opponent.

Georges Carpentier, the French champion, arrived in London on Thursday night, and although the train was an hour late, a huge crowd awaited the arrival of the great boxer to give him a welcome.

His reception was thoroughly cordial, and he was subjected to much handshaking before leaving the station in Mr. Cochran's car. To the many enquiries after his health, Carpentier replied, "I am quite well, I feel quite happy; I am glad to be here again and hope to give you some good sport."

Later in the evening, Carpentier made his appearance on the stage at the London Pavilion, being led by Mlle. Delysia. He was recognised at once and was greeted by thunderous applause.

The famous actress laughingly said, "I was going to introduce Carpentier to you, but you have already recognised him. He is very happy to be amongst you again, but is very shy."

The famous Frenchman was accompanied by his manager, Francois Deschamps, Mme. Vanelbroug, Deschamps' mother-in-law, a French masseur, and Laenaers, his sparring partner. The party proceeded to Stanmore yesterday.

MISHAP TO TANCY LEE.

Tancy Lee, of Leith, the feather-weight champion and Lonsdale belt winner outright, will not be able to meet Louis de Ponthieu, the French feather-weight champion, for the European title in Paris on the date announced, Nov. 13, as the Scot has strained his leg rather severely in training. The match is not off, however, but merely postponed—to Dec. 19. The mishap is a great disappointment to Lee, who had taken up his old quarters at Portobello, and had given his supporters so much satisfaction in his training that they were looking to the result of the contest with De Ponthieu with every confidence.

FOOTBALL AT DEUTZ.

51st Northd. Fusiliers Easily Defeat Rhine Flotilla.

Played at Deutz on Thursday, when the Fusiliers won by four goals to nil. It was a good game, and of course, it must be remembered that the Rhine Flotilla had probably only half the number of players to choose from as compared with that of the Fusiliers. The goal-keeper of the Rhine Flotilla played an excellent game, saving a number of very good shots. The scorers for the Fusiliers were Capt. Pigg, Sgt. Thompson, L/Cpl. Pigg, and L/Cpl. Storey.

FALKINER'S LEAD REDUCED.

Champion's Better Form; Smith still Forging Ahead.

The closing scores in the Burroughes and Watts Billiards Tournament on Friday evening were:—

Falkiner 7725; Inman (in play) 4638
Smith (in play) 6667; Newman 4905

It will thus be seen that Inman has reduced his rivals lead by 415 and for the first time he showed something like championship form. Smith has added another 387 to his lead over Newman and is now 176 ahead.

LEAVE CLUB CHESS TOURNAMENT.

The rules of the B. E. L. C. Chess Tournament are as follows:—

Each player to challenge the opponent placed above him (best two games out of three). Prizes will be given to first three players on completion of tournament. No new members to take part in tournament after Thursday, Nov. 13th.

Games may be played outside the Club, provided slip showing result is handed to secretary signed by both players.

The following is the result of the tournament played at the British Empire Leave Club on Thursday, Nov. 6th:—

1. Sgt. Yates.....has not played
2. Sgt. Kemplin ... do.
3. L/Cpl. Raymond. do.
4. L Cpl. Howes...beat Pte. Wooster 2-0
5. Pte. Wooster ...beat Pte. Duncan 2-1
6. Pte. Duncan....
7. L Cpl. Harrison. beat Gnr. Stanley 2-0
8. Gnr. Stanley ...
9. Sgt. Taylor.....} 1 game each
10. Cpl. Jordan ....}
11. Pte. Stones.....has not played
12. Sgt. Fry, W. H.. do.
13. Pte. Hartley ... do.
14. Pte. Drewett... do.
15. Sgt. Rogers.... do.
16. C. S. M. Graham do.
17. S/Sgt. Hollowell beat Sgt. Keight 2-0
18. Sgt. Keight ....
19. Cpl. Williams, H. beat Pte. Scully 2-0
20. Pt. Scully A. W.
21. Dr. Shaw, J....has not played
22. M. S. S. Box ...has not played.

WHY FOOTBALL HAS DETERIORATED.

FIRST-CLASS FOOTBALL.

"Not So Good as it Was Ten Years Ago."

Some of the Reasons.

It seems to be now recognised everywhere that first-class Association football is not as good as it was ten years ago, for reasons which are obvious.

When the chief professional teams used to meet the Corinthians each learned something from its opponents, even from its opponents' mistakes, and consequently the standard of play was very high. When the schism came amateurs and professionals alike suffered, and it soon began to be seen that the standard was getting lower and lower.

Then came the war, and it would be as unreasonable to expect players to reach the old standard as it would have been to expect cricketers to take up the game as it was before the war. Now that amateurs and professionals are meeting again, not only in opposition, but in the same teams, a great improvement in the standard of play may be looked for (says "The Field") and perhaps before next season first-class football may be as good as ever.

Raising the Standard.

In the meantime it is very interesting to notice what the leagues are doing to try to raise the standard, and it will be found that most of them are at present extremely anxious to find centre forwards.

In the "Athletic News" "Tityrus," who may be trusted to know the facts, says:

"Never was such a shuffling of centre forwards, because every club is wanting what cannot be found—a high-class, finished player for this position. Over seven transfers which have been arranged no less than £10,000 has changed hands. There is little alteration in spectacular football management compared with the pre-war period. Was is not thought that the day of higher transfer fees had passed? The only difference is that the value of players is enhanced. These flittings to and fro have set me thinking. The eighty-eight clubs in the First and Second Divisions, the Southern, and the Scottish Leagues have during the season played 243 different men at centre forward. Of these only thirteen have kept their place in every match. Possibly accidents, illness, and the claims upon a select few for representative games have helped to reduce the number to thirteen, but there are very few centres who combine cleverness of movement, the power of initiation, the faculty of holding the line, and of shooting goals."

The Work of a Centre.

The same writer quotes what G. O. Smith said about the work of a centre." He should be a good shot at goal, and, above all, a most accurate passer, and while worrying the defence by short, sharp passes to his insides, be ever on the alert to send the ball to the outside men whenever he sees they are free to make a sheer sprint down the wing." "Tityrus" adds: "Apply these tests and tell me if there is a centre forward in England. I do not know one—not a single one—because either the men are not coached or they are taught on wrong principles. Yet clubs pay thousands for what they can get!"

FOOTBALL ITEMS.

Men of Note and Promise in the Northern Teams.

By Tynesider.

There are six footballers in the "Best" family; "Bobby" is Sunderland's clever winger, and his five brothers play for Mickley, a prominent North East club. It won't be long ere one or two of these are in first classofot er. The "spotters" are watching them.

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Healey, late of Sunderland and Winship, the ex-Arsenal winger, now figure with Darlington in the North Eastern League.

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Last season Scotswood, the Newcastle team, practically transferred their whole team to first class football. They now play three players whose services are being angled for. How do they manage to find these future stars?

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Gill of Hartlepools United, and Barnes of Wallsend, are custodians who are worthy of higher circles.

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Miller of Everton for South Shields? Don't be surprised if it comes off.

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Butler, who figured in Sunderland's team, which came so near lifting both cup and league a few short seasons ago, is now guarding Macclesfield's citadel.

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Walker, secured from Leeds City, is the fifth custodian South Shields have called upon so far this season.

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Crossley, of Sunderland, fully deserves his place in the first league eleven. Once he settles down he'll take some displacing.

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F. Turnbull, Wallsend's assistant trainer is the old Southampton-Coventry forward.

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Kelly, late of Newcastle United and Watford, is now a coach in Christiania.

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Hartlepool United's home Victoria ground has just been formally re-opened. It suffered much damage as a result of the bombardment in 1914.

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Norwich City's marksman, Doran, was with Newcastle United (who had a great regard for this player) in their Victory League matches last season.

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A. E. Quantrill, the Derby winger, was born in India. He is a clever boxer, too.

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For the three heaviest halves in England I commend you to Queens Park Rangers middle line.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

NEXT WEEK'S ATTRACTIONS.

The Deutsches Theatre.

By way of a change, vaudeville will occupy the Deutsches Theatre, Cologne, next week when Mr. Philip D. Williams will bring along a new party of variety artistes. The programme includes the names of several well-known artistes who are announced to submit attractive features.

The Palace.

"The Eccentrics" who opened at the Palace last Monday, have undoubtedly "made good." Following in the steps of "The Jesters," the new arrivals had by no means an easy proposition, but Mr. Alfred Hurley once more showed his skill in selecting an excellent combination of talent. So successful indeed, have "The Eccentrics" proved themselves, that they have been retained for another week.

The Cinemas.

Capital programmes are again announced at the three army cinemas in Cologne as well as at the Y.M.C.A. and Leave Club halls. Drama plays an important part in each of them, but healthy comedy films will not be neglected.

By-Bye Baines!

George Baines, the versatile light comedian of "The Tabs," leaves for England home and business to-day. Really, this is very sudden, as I understand George was preparing big things for the long anticipated reconstructed party. However, the lot has fallen to him at last and we can only once more wish an artiste and a real good fellow all the nice things he hopes for himself.

B.R.A.D.C. for Wiesbaden.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the B.R.A.D.C. will be at Coblenz performing "Man and Superman," "Damaged Goods" and "The Melting Pot." On Thursday, they have been invited by the French to perform at Wiesbaden and they are hoping to accept the invitation. On Monday, Nov. 17th, the B.R.A.D.C. will return to the Deutsches Theatre Israel Zangwill's drama, "The Melting Pot" will be staged.

A Sparkling Debut.

A concert took place at the B.E.L.C. on Friday evening given by Miss Esmond's Concert Party (by kind permission of the Y.M.C.A.) It was their first appearance in Cologne; they received an enthusiastic reception, and as fame travels quickly the stay of the Concert Party will be all too short. Each artiste was encored again and again. Mr. Harmen Draper, who opened with a piano selection from "Review," ably accompanied throughout the performance. Mr. Chas. Compton gave great pleasure with his songs "Macushla" and "Myrra" as an encore. Miss Eva Evalda displayed rare skill and technique as a violinist. She gave a "Concert Fantaisie" by Harrison, and selections from "Popular Songs and Airs." She was tremendously applauded on her second appearance. Miss Ethel Fulford sang twice and was encored each time. Her soubrette songs were extremely clever, especially her rendering of "Neverything" and "Lena." Miss Audrey Esmond sang the ever popular "Bells of St. Mary's," her rendering being most artistic. She gave as an encore "If I might come to you" and in the second half sang two duets with Mr. Compton, "Parted" by Tosti and "Till We Meet Again." Mr. J. Tilcock, who was twice encored upon each appearance, convulsed the audience.

JACQUES.

HOCKEY FOR NOVICES.

There are many enthusiastic hockey players, who through not having played very much or not being sufficiently good players to be selected for regimental or other teams, are at a loss for a game.

It is proposed to form an eleven from these players. Any officer, W.O., N.C.O., or man desirous of becoming a member is requested to communicate with the Sports Officer, 51st Northd. Fusiliers.

It is advisable that intending players should be resident in the Sülz or Lindenthal areas.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Sun.	Lohengrin	Wagner	5.30	10
Mon.	Cav. Rusticana / Der Bajazzo	Mascagni / Leoncavallo	7	10
Tues.	Die Entführung aus dem Serail	Mozart	7	10
Wed.	Tosca	Puccini	7	9.45
Thurs.	Otnello	Verdi	7	10
Fri.	Der Barbier von Sevilla	Rossini	7	10
Sat.	Der Zigeunerbaron	Strauss	7	10.15
Sun.	Aida	Verdi	6.30	10.15
Monday	No performance			
Tuesday	No performance			

FROM EVERYWHERE.

"P.M.'s" Son.—Major R. Lloyd George has been demobilized.

Closed.—The Naval base at Peterhead has been closed.

Held Up.—Snow has stopped work on land in various parts of France.

Present Day Wages.—It transpired at a Lambeth inquest that a steam wagon driver earned £5 a day.

Britain's Guest.—President Poincaré is due at Dover to-morrow.

The End.— After being out fifteen weeks, Nottingham brickmakers are back at work.

A Cow's Meal.—A golf ball, a hat pin and a nail were found in a cow which died near Rugby.

British Goodbye.—The French are much concerned about the situation in Syria.

Emphatic.—Lady Astor regards Bolsheviks as the crankiest, craziest idiots to be found.

Killjoys.—East Sussex County Council is being asked to stop Sunday flying at West Blatchington.

The Prospects.—Latest advices from home say prices are still soaring, and a dear winter is inevitable.

Obliging.— A turtle found alive on Cleethorpes beach was sold for £5 5s.

The Cost.—Luxury cars at the motor show cost £2,000 each.

Back Home.—Miss Connie Ediss, the well-known comedienne, is back from America.

Dearer Picture Shows.—The increased cost of film production is likely to send up the price of seats.

Gold Hoard.—Wood Green burglars stole 900 sovereigns from a house.

No Lottery.—It is likely that a big loan bearing interest will replace the projected French lottery loan.

Strange.—Although there is a shortage of housing Cardiff is to build a White City at a cost of £1,000,000.

One Hundred Marks.—According to a Parliamentary answer the daily cost per man of the Army is about 16/8.

The Totalisator.—The Totalisator is to be discussed at the next Jockey Club meeting.

Khaki or Scarlet.—That khaki will be retained as the uniform of both cavalry and infantry is practically certain.

Dear Wine.— Londoners are asking why the price of wine has suddenly gone up.

More Drawn Games.—There have been more drawn games in the Southern League than any other league.

Three-Goal Draw.—Malvern College played a draw with Christ Church (Oxford), both sides scoring three goals.

10 Points All.—After an exciting game at Cambridge, Leys School drew with Corpus Christi College, 10 points all.

Amateur Boxing.—The Amateur Boxing Association have received 164 entries for the schools competitions—44 for the seniors and 120 for the juniors.

Villa's Latest.—Aston Villa's latest capture is J. G. Thompson, a young full-back who played for Ashington, a club in the North-Eastern League.

FOOTBALL COUPONS ROLLING IN.

Have You Filled Up Yours For Competition No. 8?

The list of matches to be played on November 15th, which comprise coupon No. 8 in our Football Competition, is now being studied by prospective entrants.

Already, many forecasts have come to hand and many will follow as the contest has still a prime fascination for followers of football form.

The second coupon for the current contest appears in the adjoining column the first appearing in our issue of yesterday.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 8,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.

2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.

3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.

4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.

5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.

6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.

7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.

8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.

9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 8.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov 15th.
Closing date, Friday, Nov. 14th.

Aston Villa	v. West Bromwich A.
Sheffield W.	v. Derby C.
Notts C.	v. Sunderland
Bradford C.	v. Everton
Blackpool	v. Fulham
Wolves	v. Birmingham
Hull C.	v. Barnsley
Portsmouth	v. Exeter C.
Watford	v. Plymouth
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Dumbarton	v. Partick
Third Lanark	v. Motherwell

I enter Football Competition No. 8 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed _____
(in block letters.)

Rank and No. _____

Unit _____

Full Address _____

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Anglo-Pole.

I saw a British officer in the Club last night who has just signed on with the Polish Army and was wearing its uniform. Quite smart it is, too.

Believe it or Not.

I must tell you the joke of the moment in the Rhine Army. A letter came to the Post Office addressed: "Sir William Robertson, Amusements Office, Cologne" It was returned to the sender endorsed: "Not known."

The Mystery Pin.

Who is the officer in Cologne who for some weeks has had his left shoulder strap kept in place by a safety-pin in lieu of a button? His friends in the mess chaff him about it, but still it remains. Is it a mascot, or what?

Paradise.

"Champagne at four marks a bottle in Rhineland." My informant was a demobilized warrant officer. But it was of Bingen-on-the-Rhine and not of Cologne that he was speaking, and incidentally he is a traveller in wines.

Handling Fifties.

How would you like handing wads of fifty-mark notes over a counter for two hours a a stretch, to a queue with no end? The clerks at Cox's bank looked bored stiff when I dropped in on the eve of closing time. Of course there was a mark rush on.

Has to Stop.

I know a captain now in Rhineland who dreads to go home again for his grandmother's funeral for fear that his application will be met with a peremptory order for demobilization.

Popular "Earwig."

If the authorities have any doubts as to the popularity of the "club," as old habitués understand it, they should have paid it a visit about mid-day yesterday. The bar was overflowing, and it was difficult to see across the room for smoke.

Quite True.

I hear a good story of an orderly sergeant who could not make the roll of his company and the total on parade, agree. He finished up by reporting "One man absent, Sir." "Orderly room for him in the morning" was the officer's crisp reply. Later the orderly sergeant found he had forgotten to count himself as on parade. He informed the officer concerned of his error and said. "I have warned myself for company office Sir."

That German V.C.

I had often wondered what the letters "V.C." on the armlets of so many uniformed civilians stood for. "Verkehr control" is the explanation, and when I add that verkehr is the German for traffic, there is no more to be said.

A Difference.

A stranger in Cologne, he was seated in the station munching a slice of bread and wishing that he had not forgotten his clasp knife, for he had a tin of bully, but not the wherewithal to open it, Near him were seated two Jocks "Can you lend me a jack-knife?" he queried. First Jock: I ha'e nae got yim" Second Jock (after a moments consultation with No. 1.): "Nae, Tommy, but a can sell ye yin!"

Pipe-Lighters.

In the wall of the passage leading into a German printing works there is a small gas jet burning day and night for the convenience of the employes. The idea is a good one.

What Frauleins Read.

A friend tells me that his German girl typist, previous to his arrival at the office in the mornings is engrossed in one of Disraeli's novel printed in English, She reads it as fluently as you or I read "The Post". On certain evenings she visits a professor's house for lessons in astronomy and Greek my hology.

Pfennigs.

It is possible that Tommy has never received single pfennigs in change, but the little coins, a hundred of which go to the mark, are not out of circulation by any means. In shops in the poorer quarters the pfennig is still in active circulation.

Oh! Be Careful!

After waiting for what seemed ages in the queue at Cox's yesterday, two subalterns confidently presented their cheques to the cashier. "Signature wanted," was his laconic remark to one. "Needs endorsement," he said to the other. So they both dropped back. The queue pressed on and they had to start all over again from the extreme rear.

Nasty.

The other evening a corporal asked Datas, the memory man, "How many ribs has a donkey?" The ready wit of Datas came to the fore, and he replied, "Take off your tunic and count them yourself."

To the Drachenfels.

Even in these Autumn days the walk from Bonn to the Drachenfels is well worth while. In places by the riverside the crags assume the most fantastic shapes, while the riverside slopes in their beautiful autumn purple remind one vividly of the glorious Ardennes country.

The Villagers' Pipes.

Among the souvenirs Tommy is taking to the homeland there are none so common as the huge stemmed pipes with walking stick handles, which the ancients and some youngsters too, delight to smoke in the village inns the while they sup weak beer and play cards.

Traffic Control.

Our military police have apparently taught the Germans much as regards controlling traffic, which at many busy poin's is now regulated by German police instead of British M. P's. as hitherto.

Very Wise.

Have you noticed how careful the German householder is with his plants? The hall of the house in which I am billeted, is lined with valuable species taken indoors for protection during the spell of snow.

Two Nuns.

I witnessed a pretty incident in a crowded tram yesterday. Two Sisters of Charity entered, whereupon two young girls near the door promptly surrendered their seats, which after a smiling but unavailing protest, were occupied. It is perhaps only fair to add the men seated in the car had not the chance to demonstrate their chivalry, so swifty did the frauleins rise to the occasion.

Not Mr. Pussyfoot.

"Bible Class in Cabaret daily at 6.30.' Such is the announcement which catches your eye in a certain passage, but the passage, I hasten to add, leads to a Soldiers' Club, so there's no need to get the wind up about Mr. Pussyfoot.

Winter Sport.

The fall of snow the other day, and the prevailing icy atmosphere, reminds me that opportunities for skating may be with us at any moment. I know several people who, in February, missed a month's excellent sport because they were not equipped with skates and hesitated to add to their kit by sending home for them, fearing that the freezing season would soon end. In Germany, there is usually a long spell of frost, and enthusiasts would be well advised to be prepared for it.

Observation.

Officer to his batman:—"And have you noticed any change in Cologne after your three weeks in Blighty?" Batman:—"Only that the fags are dearer in the canteen, sir."

Another Street Name.

In addition to its Zeppelinstrasse, Cologne also has its Sedanstrasse. It is a residential quarter down by the Rhineside, and by the irony of fate is just round the corner from the residence of the British Military Governor!

Cosy.

I have dropped across many comfortable soldiers' clubs in Rhineland, but for cosiness I think the one at Bonn under the auspices of the Catholic Women's League would be hard to equal. There is an oriental setting about the room which completely camouflages the canteen side of the business.

Trouble Everywhere.

Germany has its labour troubles too. For the past five weeks a tradesman I know has been on the look-out for just one small fitting to complete an electric installation, but he explained to me yesterday that he has perforce to carry on with gas for the reason that there are "zu viel strikes in Deutschland".

Complaints.

Complaints continue to reach me of the manner in which civilians monopolise the small "reserved for military" section of the Bonn cars. Apparently the notice in the window is being treated as a scrap of paper.

RHINELANDER.

LOST OPPORTUNITY.

"Oh, here hath been dawning another
blue day,
Think wilt thou let it slip useless
away."

Words that were taught to the infant mind, when the great possibilities of life stretched out before it. Words it is well to remember when the road has been traversed, and the journey of life is drawing to its close. Words that speak to us of opportunities given, being placed before mankind to help their fellow men, to give the word of hope when it was so much needed.

In the rush of life it is hard to find the time to give to a quiet contemplation of the work that might have been done, the word that might have been spoken, but a little self-examination would teach all men that opportunities have been lost, opportunities that were perhaps God given to men to lift the burden which crushes down many a human soul.

As a man glances back along the road he has come, in his mind's eye he can see at times the lost chances that can never return. To very many that road still stretches and will continue while the traveller passes milestone after milestone along the way of life, and as each day comes some time in that day he may give the helping hand to a tired fellow traveller.

When the wintry wind moans through the barren branches of the trees, and the leaves, once so bright and green, lie sombre and dead on the rain sodden earth, when no longer the warm sun shines through the verdant cloisters, but has given place to the cold icy blasts of winter, one thinks of the days of gladness, when all the world was happy in the glorious summer time. So men today, "in the winter of our discontent" may think of the days gone by, of the time when help could have been given, of the time when we could have led others into that glorious sunshine.

"Break, break, break,
At the foot of thy crags, O Sea
But the tender grace
of a day that is dead
Will never come back to me".

The winter of poignant remorse will surely come to him who passes by, and in passing sees not the suffering of his fellow men.

The dark days of regret will overshadow that one, who with heedlees laugh sees the golden opportunities slipping away, when they could have meant so much to him, could have fully equipped him for the struggle of life, that great battle wherein a man fights for himself, and if he be a true soldier of a just cause, will find him battling for others also in that awful strife.

For every poison that will injure the body there is an antidote; and for everything that would injure the soul, God has given man a power to withstand that poison. While the past may be one of regret, the future may be for all the time of recompense, when a man with the help of the God who made him, may bring the summer once again into his life and into the lives of others.

Ornamental Protection.

Although the windows of most big houses in this part of the world are amply guarded with iron bars, these latter are rarely of plain design. Scrolls, flowers, and artistic curves are formed to provide a substantial protection, which is also ornamental.

SOMETHING NEW IN ARMY EDUCATION.

Now that the winter is really upon us, and no outdoor amusements can be indulged in after 3 o'clock in the afternoon, it will please many people in Cologne to hear that some voluntary evening classes in various subjects are to be started at the G.H.Q. General and Commercial College, 58, Hansa Ring.

These classes are not part of the usual courses at the college. They are planned to meet the needs of those who desire to be working at some interesting subject in a general way, rather than for a special examination. They are more on the lines of the evening classes at Polytechnics, etc., at home.

The German course has already started at the British Empire Leave Club, and is on Monday, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 6.30—7.30 p.m. The classes in other subjects will begin on Thursday next, Novr. 13th. French and Mathematics are on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 5.30—6.30 p.m., and Shorthand and Typewriting on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, from 6.30—7.30 p.m.

These subjects will probably be run in different standards, according to the attainments and qualifications of the applicants who wish to profit by them. There is, further, a set of lectures on Nineteenth Century English Literature, which will be on the lines of the University Extension Lectures in England. These are on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 5.30 to 6.30. It is hoped that a Spanish class will be started shortly, and any other subject for which there is a considerable demand. Books and necessary stationery will be provided.

Applications to attend the courses should be sent to the Adjutant, G. H. Q., General College; all ranks, and ladies as well as men, can join.

Each set of classes will be planned to last for 30 lessons, and students are very strongly urged to begin at the beginning of the course, and to attend as regularly as possible; in fact, it is obvious that the success of the scheme will depend on the co-operation between the teachers and the pupils in these respects.

The first 30 applicants in any subject will be accepted, and names may be sent in up till 12 noon on Thursday, Novr. 13th.

TIME TABLE.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
ROOM 33	French.	French.	—	French.	French.	—	5.30 to 6.30 p.m.
ROOM 34	Eng. Lit.	Eng. Lit.	—	Eng. Lit.	—	—	
ROOM 35	Maths.	Maths.	—	Maths.	Maths.	—	
ROOM 33	Shorthand and Typewtg.	Shorthand and Typewtg.	—	Shorthand and Typewtg.	—	—	6.30 to 7.30 p.m.
British Empire LeaveClub	German	—	German	—	German	German	

BEKANNTMACHUNG.

Gemäß § 2 des Gesetzes vom 29. August 1919 (R.-G.-Bl. Seite 1491) und mit Zustimmung des Zehner-Ausschusses der Nationalversammlung wird eine

Deutsche Spar-Prämienanleihe 1919

im Betrage von 5 Milliarden Mark hiermit laut untenstehenden Bedingungen zur öffentlichen Zeichnung aufgelegt.

I. Die Höhe der Anleihe beträgt 5 Milliarden, rückzahlbar innerhalb von 80 Jahren laut Tilgungsplan (3 Milliarden während der ersten 40 Jahre und 2 Milliarden während der letzten 40 Jahre).

II. Die Anleihe wird in 5 Millionen Spar-Prämienstücken, das Stück zu M. 1000, ausgegeben und ist in 5 Reihen, die mit Lit. A, B, C, D, E bezeichnet werden, eingeteilt. Jede Reihe enthält 2500 Gruppen (von 1 bis 2500) und jede Gruppe 400 Nummern (von 1 bis 400).

III. Die Anleihe gelangt unter folgenden Bedingungen zur Zeichnung:

1. **Für jedes Spar-Prämienstück von M. 1000 sind als Gegenwert M. 500 in 5% Deutscher Reichsanleihe mit Zinsscheinen, fällig am 1. April oder 1. Juli 1920, zum Nennwert (siehe Ziffer 2 der untenstehenden Zeichnungsbedingungen) und M. 500 in bar einzuzahlen.**

2. Die Zuteilung erfolgt entsprechend der Höhe der Zeichnung; jedoch werden die kleinen Zeichnungen von 1 bis 5 Stück vorzugsweise berücksichtigt.

3. Gewinnverlosungen finden zweimal jährlich am 2. Januar und 1. Juli statt **(die erste Gewinnverlosung ausnahmsweise im März 1920, der nähere Zeitpunkt wird noch bekanntgegeben)**; bei jeder Gewinnverlosuug werden 2500 Gewinne im Betrage von M. 25 000 000 gezogen.

Gewinnplan:

5 Gewinne	zu M.	1 000 000	M. 5 000 000
5 „	„ „	500 000	„ 2 500 000
5 „	„ „	300 000	„ 1 500 000
5 „	„ „	200 000	„ 1 000 000
10 „	„ „	150 000	„ 1 500 000
20 „	„ „	100 000	„ 2 000 000
50 „	„ „	50 000	„ 2 500 000
100 „	„ „	25 000	„ 2 500 000
200 „	„ „	10 000	„ 2 000 000
300 „	„ „	5 000	„ 1 500 000
400 „	„ „	3 000	„ 1 200 000
400 „	„ „	2 000	„ 800 000
1000 „	„ „	1000	„ 1 000 000
2500 Gewinne			M. 25 000 000

4. Die Tilgungsauslosungen finden jährlich am 1. Juli statt. **Auf jedes zweite getilgte Spar-Prämienstück** entfällt ein mit den Jahren wachsender **Bonus von M. 1000 bis M. 4000.**

Tilgungsplan:

In den Jahren	Tilgung: Stückzahl jährlich	Tilgung: Gesamtbetrag jährlich M.	Bonus: Stückzahl jährlich	Bonus: Im einzelnen M.	Bonus: Gesamtbetrag jährlich M.	Insgesamt jährlich M.
1920—1929	50 000	50 000 000	25 000	1000	25 000 000	75 000 000
1930—1939	75 000	75 000 000	37 500	1000	37 500 000	112 500 000
1940—1949	100 000	100 000 000	50 000	1000	50 000 000	150 000 000
1950—1959	75 000	75 000 000	37 500	2000	75 000 000	150 000 000
1960—1969	50 000	50 000 000	25 000	4000	100 000 000	150 000 000

Ein jedes getilgte Spar-Prämienstück bekommt außerdem einen Zuschlag **von M. 50 für jedes verflossene Jahr.**

Die Gesamtzahl der Stücke, auf die ein Gewinn und Bonus entfällt, beträgt somit 2 900 000, d. h. 58% der Zahl der Spar-Prämienstücke.

5. Ein mit einem Gewinn laut Gewinnplan gezogenes Spar-Prämienstück nimmt auch an den späteren Gewinnziehungen bis zu seiner eigenen Tilgungsauslosung teil.

Die Auszahlung der laut Gewinnplan entfallenden Gewinne erfolgt unter Abzug von 10%.

6. Die Gewinne werden 2 Monate nach der Gewinnverlosung (erstmalig jedoch am 1. April 1920), die Tilgungssummen, einschließlich der Zuschläge und des Bonus, am 29. Dezember j. J. gegen Vorlage des Stückes ausgezahlt.

7. Vom Beginn des 20. Jahres ab steht dem Besitzer des Stückes das Recht zu, die Rückzahlung desselben jeweils zum Ende des Jahres bei Innehaltung der Kündigungsfrist von einem Jahr zum Tilgungswert, d. h. zum Nennwert samt den zustehenden Zuschlägen von M. 50 für jedes verflossene Jahr, unter Abzug von 10% zu verlangen.

Rückzahlungstabelle eines Stückes von M. 1000 bei Tilgung und Kündigung.

Wenn die Rückzahlung am Ende folgender Jahre erfolgt	bei Tilgung M.	bei Kündigung M.	Wenn die Rückzahlung am Ende folgender Jahre erfolgt	bei Tilgung M.	bei Kündigung M.	Wenn die Rückzahlung am Ende folgender Jahre erfolgt	bei Tilgung M.	bei Kündigung M.
1	1050	—	30	2500	2250	60	4000	3600
5	1250	—	35	2750	2475	65	4250	3825
10	1500	—	40	3000	2700	70	4500	4000
15	1750	—	45	3250	2925	75	4750	4275
20	2000	1800	50	3500	3150	80	5000	—
25	2250	2025	55	3750	3375			

8. Sollte vor Ablauf von 10 Jahren eine neue gleichartige Spar-Prämienanleihe zur Ausgabe gelangen, so haben die Inhaber der Spar-Prämienstücke dieser Anleihe das Zeichnungsvorrecht.

Steuerbegünstigungen der Spar-Prämienanleihe:

a) Befreiung eines Besitzes bis zu 25 Stück von der Nachlaßsteuer und bezüglich derselben Stücke von der Erbanfallsteuer. Keine Nachlaß- oder Erbanfallsteuer für die auf den Namen Dritter bei der Reichsbank oder anderen vom Reichsminister der Finanzen noch zu benennenden Stellen auf 5 Jahre und mehr oder auf Todesfall hinterlegten Stücke (bis 10 Stück für jede einzelne dritte Person).

b) Der Vermögenszuwachs, der sich aus dem Besitze der Anleihestücke gegenüber dem bei der Erwerbung der Stücke anzunehmenden Vermögenswerte ergibt, unterliegt nicht der Besitzsteuer (Vermögenszuwachssteuer).

Der Ueberschuß des Veräußerungswertes über den Tilgungswert bleibt frei von der Kapitalertragssteuer.

c) Die dem Besitzer der Stücke auf Grund der vorstehenden Bestimmungen unter III, 3, 4 zustehenden Leistungen sowie der aus dem Verkauf der Stücke erzielte Gewinn unterliegen im Gewinnjahre weder der Einkommensteuer noch der Kapitalertragssteuer.

d) Bei jeder Art der Besteuerung werden die Prämienstücke bei einer Stückzahl bis zu 50 Stück höchstens zum Nennwert, vom 20. Jahre ab zum Kündigungswerte bewertet.

Zeichnungsbedingungen.

1. **Annahmestellen:** Zeichnungsstellen sind die Reichsbank und die im offiziellen Zeichnungsprospekt aufgeführten Geldinstitute. **Die Zeichnungen können aber auch durch Vermittlung jeder Bank, jedes Bankiers, jeder Sparkasse und Kreditgenossenschaft erfolgen.**

Zeichnungen werden

von Montag, den 10., bis Mittwoch, den 26. November 1919, mittags 1 Uhr

entgegengenommen. Früherer Zeichnungsschluß bleibt vorbehalten.

2. **Zeichnungspreis.** Der Preis für jedes Spar-Prämienstück beträgt M. 1000. Hiervon sind M. 500 in 5% Deutscher Reichsanleihe zum Nennwert berechnet und M. 500 in bar zu begleichen.

Die mit Januar—Juli-Zinsen ausgestatteten Reichsanleihestücke sind mit Zinsscheinen, fällig am 1. Juli 1920, die mit April—Oktober-Zinsen ausgestatteten Stücke mit Zinsscheinen, fällig am 1. April 1920, einzureichen. Den Einlieferern von 5% Reichsanleihe mit April—Oktober-Zinsscheinen werden auf ihre alten Anleihen Stückzinsen für 90 Tage = 1,25% vergütet.

3. **Sicherheitsbestellung.** Bei der Zeichnung hat jeder Zeichner eine Sicherheit von 10% des gezeichneten Betrages mit M. 100 für jedes Prämienstück in bar zu hinterlegen.

4. **Zuteilung.** Die Zuteilung findet tunlichst bald nach dem Zeichnungsschluß statt. Die Art der Verteilung bestimmt das Reichsfinanzministerium.

5. **Bezahlung.** Die Zeichner sind verpflichtet, die zugeteilten Beträge bis zum 29. Dezember d. J. zu begleichen. Die Begleichung hat bei derjenigen Stelle zu erfolgen, bei der die Zeichnung angemeldet worden ist.

Sollen 5% Schuldbuchforderungen zur Begleichung verwendet werden, so ist sogleich nach Erhalt der Zuteilung ein Antrag auf Ausreichung von Schuldverschreibungen an die Reichsschuldenverwaltung, Berlin SW 68, Oranienstraße 92/94, zu richten. Der Antrag muß einen auf die Begleichung der Spar-Prämienstücke hinweisenden Vermerk enthalten und spätestens am 20. Dezember d. J. bei der Reichsschuldenverwaltung eingehen. Vordrucke zu solchen Anträgen mit Formvorschriften sind bei allen Zeichnungs- und Vermittlungsstellen zu haben. Daraufhin werden Schuldverschreibungen, die nur zur Begleichung von Spar-Prämienstücken geeignet sind, ohne Zinsbogen ausgereicht. Die Ausreichung erfolgt gebührenfrei und portofrei als Reichsdienstsache. Diese Schuldverschreibungen sind spätestens bis zum 20. März 1920 den in Absatz 1 genannten Zeichnungs- oder Vermittlungsstellen einzureichen.

6. **Ausgabe der Stücke.** Die Ausgabe der Prämienstücke erfolgt im Februar 1920; Schuldbuchgläubiger erhalten erforderlichenfalls bis zur ersten Gewinnverlosung im März nächsten Jahres durch ihre Vermittlungsstellen Nummernaufgabe. Zwischenscheine sind nicht vorgesehen.

7. **Umtausch der Kriegsanleihen.** Die Reichsbank wird, soweit möglich, unentgeltlich Stücke von höherem Nennwert als M. 500 in kleine Stücke tauschen.

Berlin, im November 1919.

Reichsfinanzministerium
Anleihe-Abteilung.

Zeichnung durch Vermittlung jeder Bank, jedes Bankiers, jeder Sparkasse und Kreditgenossenschaft.

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PRIME MINISTER ON THE DIFFICULTIES AND PROSPECTS OF PACIFICATION

TO-DAY'S TWO-MINUTE SILENT TRIBUTE.

MANSION HOUSE.

SPEECHES AT LORD MAYOR'S BANQUET.

Amid centuries-old pomp and ceremony the Lord Mayor's Banquet—the first post-war function — was held at the Guildhall on Saturday and, as usual, was made the occasion for important speeches by Ministers of State. There was a brilliant company.

In proposing the toast of His Majesty's Ministers, the Lord Mayor said that one of the earliest wishes of his life had been to see a Federation of all English speaking peoples for mutual defence. The League of Nations, which is founded on the idea of the brotherhood of mankind, has in a great measure brought this about.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, on rising to reply was received with prolonged cheers.

The reign of terror had passed, he said, "which had cast a shadow over Europe for half a century, which had covered the firmament with bloodshed and it is for us to see that it is over for good. A great peril was passed, but though perils remain, the common sense and goodwill which carried us through the war will carry us through the peace. There were difficult questions awaiting settlement. The first was the Adriatic.

"Despite the difficulties, I am confident that a settlement can be found; a settlement which will be compatible with the interests and honour of the gallant Ally which came to our help at a critical moment of the war and between whom and the people of this country there has always existed a feeling of great attachment (cheers). On the other hand I feel that justice must be done to nationalities emancipated from the Austrian yoke through the efforts and sufferings of the Allies, foremost among whom was Italy. (cheers).

Then there is Turkey, always troublesome in peace and war, and more troublesome in peace than war. There is complete agreement amongst the Allies on the fundamental principles of settlement with Turkey. First, we are all agreed that Turkey's misgovernance in lands populated by Greeks, Arabs and Armenians shall come to an end (cheers). We are all agreed that the gates of the Black Sea must be free to all nations (cheers) and that guardianship can no longer be entrusted to a power that betrayed its trust and closed those gates in the face of the Allies at the biddng of Prussian military power. As to other questions there ought to be no insuperable difficulty in the distribution of responsibilities amongst the Allies for guaranteeing this policy."

Continuing, the Premier said he could not speak with the same hope and confidence of Russia. He would be happier if he knew that the Russian tangles were in course of being cleared up. We could not have peace until we had peace in Russia, and the outlook was not pleasant. A few weeks ago the prospect of an early issue was distinctly promising, but to-day indications pointed to a more prolonged and sanguinary struggle. The raid on Petrograd had not come off and for the moment Denikin's brilliant advance towards Moscow had been temporarily checked. The latest news from Omsk was certainly not reassuring. He had, however, seen the Russian sky look just as sombre before. Russia was a land of surprises.

He was not making any sort of prediction that the Bolshevist Armies were going to conquer the whole of Russia. He did not believe it, because the peasantry had in their hearts a detestation of Bolshevism. He dreaded however, an interminable series of swaying campaigns, laying waste some of the most fertile land in the world and devastating a country which was essential to the prosperity of the world. He dared to predict in the early days that Bolshevism could not be suppressed by the sword and that other methods must finally be resorted to for restoring peace and good government in that distressed land.

After referring to previous attempts by the Supreme Council to secure a settlement in Russia the Premier said he hoped the time is not distant when the Powers would be able to renew their attempts at settlement with a prospect of success. He did not regret one penny of the help we had given in North Russia. If the Russians really wished for freedom we could always say we had given them the chance but we could not afford to continue so costly an intervention in the interminable Civil War.

Our troops were out of Russia and frankly, he was glad of it, for Russia was a quicksand. Victories were easily won there but one sank in victories, and great armies of past Empires had been overwhelmed in the quicksands of barren victories. Russia was a dangerous land for intervention but he was hopeful that when Winter gave time for all sections in Russia to reflect and reconsider the situation, that the opportunity might afford itself for the Powers of the world to promote peace and contentment in that land.

(*Continued in next column.*).

HALT!—AND THINK.

THE GREAT TWO-MINUTE SILENCE.

A Special Order has been issued by General Sir William Robertson, Bart, G.C.B. etc. Commander-in-Chief, British Army of the Rhine, regarding the compliance with the King's suggestion for the solemn celebration of the anniversary of the Armistice.

At 11.00 hours to-day, 11th November, all guards will turn out and present arms and buglers will sound the "Last Post," during the performance of which Officers will salute and other ranks will stand to attention. On the conclusion of the call guards will slope arms and all ranks will remain at attention until the period of two minutes' silence is completed.

All road traffic will halt at 11.00 hours and movement will not be resumed for two minutes.

A letter has been issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury urging Christian men and women reverently to carry out the King's proposed silence.

In the absence of Cardinal Archbishop Bourne, who has gone to Lourdes in connection with the anniversary of the armistice, his Vicar-general has issued a similar exhortation.

The Archbishop of Canterbury sincerely hopes that the day will be marked by prayers for the League of Nations, his letter concluding: "The knowledge of what the League, please God, will bring towards establishing the world's peace and bettering the world's life gives a bright setting of point and purpose to the anniversary of Armistice Day."

General arrangements, following the same lines as in England, are being made in Australia to give effect to the King's wishes.

PUSSYFOOT'S PROWESS.

HOTEL SLUMP IN NEW YORK.

The passing of the Prohibition Enforcement Bill by Congress, says a New York telegram, has had an instantaneous effect on the hotels and restaurants of New York. The latter in many cases are now only a shadow of their former selves. A week ago it was almost impossible to get a room in any of the dozen best known hotels, but many of these hotels to-day have empty rooms which the managements see no prospect of filling.

People who journey to New York on business have now so little incentive to stay, to have a "good time" that they usually go straight home after the completion of their business. Pleasure seekers from the provinces are also staying away. Restaurant proprietors say they are faced with ruin.

SPAIN AND THE POWERS.

Senor Perez Caballero, formerly Spanish Foreign Minister, has published an article at Madrid supporting the proposal that Spain should establish an Alliance with the Allied Powers. He points out that closer relation with the Allies would be to the best interests of Spain.

Apart from Russia the outlook was good. Looking back on the past he thought things were better than our fears and better than our hopes. They could not expect to return to the normal in a single year. Two things were necessary, work and confidence. In work lies the salvation of all countries. He referred to the strength of our position as compared with other countries and said that the trade figures show an admirable recovery. We were not free from Labour troubles but they are less menacing than they were. There was a better feeling between Capital and Labour and he felt confident that the courage of our people, which had pulled us through the great difficulties of war, would enable us to face the second year of peace with new hope, knowing that if all would put heart into their task, we should not merely repair the ravages of the great war but would enter on such an era of prosperity as Great Britain had never seen. (cheers).

Replying to the toast of the Services Mr. Walter Long paid a glowing tribute to the wonderful courage of the officers and men of the Navy that had contributed in so large a degree to the winning of the war. He said they were determined that the Navy should be kept abreast of the times. Whatever its size it should be the best Navy we could possible have. A strong and efficient British Navy was the best security not only for British homes but for the peace of the world.

Mr. Winston Churchill having paid a similar tribute to the achievements of our Armies, said we had emerged from the terrible cataclysm stronger than before and with a position gained to which posterity would look back with reverence and awe.

MOTOR SHOW.

HIGH PRICES AND SILLY POLICY.

The exceedingly high prices of motor-cars at the Olympia show does not deter buyers in the last. Premiums of £1,200 have been paid for options on chassis for delivery at the end of this year and there is a waiting list of thousands for Rolls-Royce chassis. A man who places an order to-day cannot obtain promise of delivery of a chassis of this make before the end of July 1921, and then he will still have to get the body of the car built. Second-hand Rolls Royces have found ready buyers in England at 4000 guineas and one man is reported to have paid ten thousand guineas for a car.

The show clearly demonstrates one thing, says the "Evening News," viz—that we as a nation do not yet clearly realise the importance and necessity of lowering the cost of motoring. That cheap motoring will come is certain and if Great Britain does not introduce it, America will. A typical example of blindness to the question of economy, it says, can be seen at the show where there are hundreds of engines on exhibition, practically all of them being fitted with carburetters for highgrade fuel, whereas petrol is 3s, 0½d. per gallon and paraffin is 1s. 8d.

RIGA OFFENSIVE.

RUSSIANS AND GERMANS DISAGREE.

The Foreign Minister of Lettland reports from Riga that on the 6th November the new Lett offensive on a broad front had been proceeding for four days. Lettish troops are gradually surrounding the Germans on the Riga front and with the assistance of the Allied Fleet which bombarded the German's line of retreat, the battle is still proceeding with obstinacy. Disagreement between the Russians and Germans of Bermondt's Army is growing. Many Russian troops with their officers have deserted to the Letts. The Letts were also helping General Yudenitch and captured last week 1,200 Red Guards. On the Libau front heavy German attacks have been repulsed. The Minister accused the Germans of exercising the greatest terrorism at Mitau

LORD MAYOR'S SHOW.

The Lord Mayor's show in London on Saturday was essentially a peace pageant and one of the chief features was a number of young women dressed in white, squads of whom appeared at intervals throughout the procession. The weather was dull and foggy and though considerable crowds watched the proceedings there seemed to be a certain lack of enthusiasm, though the members of the Deal Lifeboat, who laboured day and night in last week's storm in their attempts to rescue the crews of the three ships wrecked on the Goodwins, came in for hearty cheers at various points. They were headed by their coxswain, William Marsh, who is nearly seventy and has been a member of the crew for fifty years. The nations comprising the League of Nations were represented by some 250 men and women in gay trappings.

NATIONAL BALANCE SHEETS.

Wage earners in industry are not doing their best to maintain production, said the President of the Board of Trade at Liverpool. The workers would never put their backs into production until they felt that the whole pressure of the entire organisation of the country were directed to that end.

Manufacturers were not doing all they could to push the export trade. The Government could not do much to help.

We are slack as a nation and until our exports are flowing in a far greater stream than at present, and our home production is on a far greater scale, we can neither hope nor expect to get back to our satisfactory national balance sheets.

GERMANS ATTACK LIBAU.

A War Office communiqué states that to the North and West of Riga the Letts, under cover of the bombardment by the Allied squadrons, advanced along the coast ten miles to the West of the mouth of the Dwina. They drove back Bermondt's troops from the immediate suburbs of the city, capturing two guns, many machine guns and a number of German prisoners. Information has been received that the Germans have attacked Libau, their main efforts being directed against the Northern defences of the city, but owing to the freezing of the lake the attack was repulsed. It is expected that attempts will be renewed in greater strength and fears are also entertained that the Germans may try to capture Windau.

FILMING THE BIBLE.

The American Film producer, Raymond Wills, announces that he is producing a film of the Bible in 104 reels, which he proposes shall be shown at the rate of two reels weekly for one year.

There was a heavy fall of snow at Exeter on Sunday.

During Sunday, Lord Brassey's condition improved somewhat although he has not entirely regained consciousness.

AMERICAN STRIKE.

ULTIMATUM TO MINERS' OFFICIALS.

The hearing of the United States Government motion to make permanent the temporary and ex parte injunction granted at Indianapolis against the coal miners was heard on Saturday. The United Mineworkers, through Counsel, asked that proceedings should be postponed for a week or ten days in the hope that the strike would be settled but Counsel for Government objected to such delay. The Court thereupon dissolved the injunction and later ordered the coal strike to be cancelled. The Miners' Attorney declared beforehand that if the decision were unfavourable to them they would request a modification permitting the use of the strike benefit funds.

Affidavits were submitted to the Court showing that the Government operates railroads at a loss, which increases with the diminishing coal supplies.

Mine owners of various coalfields also submitted affidavits alleging violations of contract by miners in the present strike. The defence argued that the war legislation under which the injunction was sought no longer applies, because the war had "ceased progressively"; that soldiers, who were members of the Miners' Unions had been discharged and the mines returned to the owners.

Counsel for the Government read President Wilson's statement appealing to the miners not to strike but to submit the questions at issue to arbitration. The Unions were given until Tuesday evening to issue cancellation of the strike orders, representations being made by the defence that many Labour Officials must be summoned from long distances.

The end of the first week of the strike witnessed very little change in the general situation. The production of Union mines continues to be paralysed and the Wartime Fuel Regulations virtually affect seven additional Union mines, making a total of thirty-two mines in North and West Virginia where the regulations are in operation.

The order prohibiting the coaling of foreign ships until the end of the miners' strike has been revised to the extent that ships will be allowed sufficient fuel to carry them to the next bunkering station.

CALLOUS WOMEN.

ROBBED A SOLDIER'S CORPSE.

"You seem to have gone beyond all that common human nature thinks to be human," said the presiding magistrate, Mr. F. D. Bumstead, at Cannock, Staffordshire, to two young women whom he sent to prison for two months for stealing £3 from the dead body of Corporal James William Bell.

The accused, Beatrice Powell (23), of High-street, Walsall, and Florence Ward (17), of Kings-street, Dudley, were seen by a miner last Saturday rifling the pockets of Bell, whose body, terribly mutilated, was lying on the railway lines near the camp.

Powell said she and Ward divided the £3 between them. She bought a pair of boots and a coat out for her 30s. Ward said she moved Bell's hand off his chest and took a pocket-book and letters, including a black-edged envelope, out of his pocket. The Treasury notes were among the letters.

FARMING IN BELGIUM.

Organised by the peasants, who have been assisted on returning to their farms by gifts of English live stock from the Agricultural Relief of Allies Committee, a show of live stock has just been held in the partly-destroyed village of Handzarme, near Dixmude. There were 152 entries. It was stated that there had been for many years a strong prejudice on the part of the Belgian agriculturists against black pigs, but that this has been entirely removed by the specimens sent over by the Royal Agricultural Society's Committee. Large "blacks" are now as popular as the other breeds distributed.

The Burgomaster expressed the gratitude of peasants in the stricken regions for the help given by British farmers.

NEWSPAPER PROFITS SEIZED.

The Brussels Assize Court which recently sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from 20 to two years the staff of "La Belgique," one of the newspapers which appeared during the German occupation has ordered the total profits of the newspaper, being 5,500,000fr. (£220,000), to be paid over to the State, says "The Times" correspondent at Brussels.

CLEMENCEAU ON GERMAN SOIL.

M. Clemenceau has made a short excursion from Strasburg to Kehl, where he was received by the German authorities. According to the French papers his reception was very reserved. As he drove by motorcar through Kehl the town appeared very empty, all windows being closed.

CHURCHILL'S PRIVATE SECRETARY.

Mr. Winston Churchill has appointed Major Walter Waring, M.P., to be his Parliamentary private secretary in succession to Mr. McCallum Scott. Major Waring will also act as members' friend in regard to army matters in the House.

'VARSITY NOTES.

COST OF LIVING AND FEES FOR EXAMS.

The cost of living at Oxford continues to be the subject of much discussion. No practical suggestions for reduction are forthcoming, however, beyond an extension of the Keble system. Under this, living is appreciably cheaper owing to most meals being taken in common. Other suggestions are pooling in the ordering of supplies or joint management in the provision of essentials but it is not believed that much can be saved in this way. The barest annual expenditure of an average undergraduate at an average College is now estimated at £150 for the academic year of six months.

Cambridge Senate will shortly discuss various changes and reforms recommended by its Council on terms which suggest the making of a full term, independent of Easter, and other term changes which will result in the addition of fourteen days to the present compulsory residence.

Another recommendation deals with undergraduates who enter for examinations and then fail to appear, involving the University in much expense. It proposes that the fee shall be exacted from all candidates who enter, unless notice of withdrawal is given by a certain date.

YACHTING MYSTERY.

At an inquest held at Hythe the body of a young sailor which had been washed a hore was identified as that of Ned Harvey, of Dublin, who left Leigh-on-Sea on October 9 on board the yacht Fiona with Major E. A. W. Maude, Tank Corps, the owner of the vessel. The yacht's destination was Burnham-on-Crouch, but it was not seen again after leaving Leigh.

Mr. Percy Kenn, Limehill House, Chertsey, stated that Major Maude belonged to the Royal St. George's Yacht Club, Kingstown, and was a capable yachtsman.

A verdict of "Accidentally drowned" was recorded.

EGYPTIAN ARMY INCREASE.

On the advice of the War Office, says the "Weekly Dispatch," the Government has agreed to raise the strength of the Egyptian Army from one to four divisions, of which two will consist of Sudanese.

The pay of British officers with the Egyptian Army is to be increased to meet the rise of pay in the home forces. A bimbashi, the lowest rank at which an English officer joins the Egyptian forces, will receive £800 a year, with no income tax; a colonel will receive £1,000, also with no tax.

MILITARY TRAIN COLLISIONS.

A railway collision has occurred near Watten, between Calais and Saint-Omer. A British military train ran into a French train, two people being killed and several injured in the latter.

Still another railway mishap is reported in the Pas-de-Calais. About three o'clock on Saturday morning a British locomotive ran into a goods train at Reviere-Neuve. One truck was wrecked, and six British soldiers were injured, two of them seriously.

OUR OCTOBER TRADE.

The Board of Trade returns for October show that the month's exports were valued at £79,060,892 sterling as compared with £42,820,724 sterling in October 1918, an increase of £36,240,168. The highest amount of exports prior to last month was shown in August last, when the value was £73,773,278. Last month's imports were valued at £153,486,162, which was also a record total, against £117,623,803 in October 1918.

PRICE OF COAL.

Sir Auckland Geddes, speaking at Newport, said he hoped shortly to take off the extra six shillings per ton imposed on the price of coal in July but that everything depended on increased output. It was impossible to remove the export embargo until the output reached 250 million tons per annum. The output last quarter was at the rate of 200 million tons.

COST OF LIVING MOUNTING.

Food prices in the United Kingdom are still higher. They now show 130 per cent. increase and it is expected that by the end of the year they will exceed 150 per cent. over 1914 prices.

MOND LIBEL ACTION.

The election libel action by Sir Alfred Mond against the "South Wales Post" and its editor, Mr. David Davies, who opposed Sir Alfred Mond at the general election at Swansea, was settled on Saturday. Defendants apologised and agreed to pay £500 towards the costs of the action.

BEATTY'S LOVING CUP.

Earl and Countess Beatty were on Saturday presented with gifts by the Leicestershire Farmers' Union. That to Earl Beatty consisted of a silver loving cup, George the Second period.

ANARCHY.

HUGE CONSPIRACY FOILED IN AMERICA.

The United States Attorney General has announced that the Government has decided upon the deportation of all aliens engaged in "Red" activities. Details issued on Saturday of widespread seizures of Radicals, show that over 200 agitators, mostly Russians, have been arrested in eighteen cities.

Quantities of articles used in the manufacture of bombs, a complete counterfeiting plant and a large supply of counterfeit bank notes, together with stacks of inflammatory literature, many Red flags, rifles and revolvers were also seized. It is stated that among those arrested are thirty-six men who have been particularly active in creating unrest and that a plot with ramifications in all parts of the States, openly to defy the Government, has been nipped in the bud. It is further stated that those implicated in the plot include Radicals all over the country, a few Anarchists and some Russian agitators, and that the conspiracy has been in preparation for weeks.

It is reported that among those arrested was the Irish Transport Workers' Leader, Jim Larkin.

DUMP EXPLODES.

TEN BRITISH SENTRIES KILLED.

A large amunition dump near Drave Fort, outside Namur, blew up on Saturday morning. Of fourteen British sentries on duty it is feared that ten have been killed.

YUDENITCH RETREATING.

It is stated in a report from the Russian North-Western Army, issued on the morning of the 7th November, that the Bolshevist counter-offensive against Yudenitch's right flank has made considerable progress. The Bolshevists have occupied Gdov and forced the Russians back to a point fifteen miles South of Yamburg. The Russian centre has also fallen back to Kikerino station, thirty-five miles East of Yamburg on the Gatchina railway.

According to a Helsingfors report from the North Western Army, Yudenitch has retreated to the station of Weimarn.

IRISH MAGISTRATE'S STRANGE CONDUCT.

A remarkable incident marked the opening of the investigation into the Co. Donegal cabin murder case at Falcarragh, when Denis Gallagher, a farmer's son, was charged with killing Michael Mc Fadden. A local magistrate insisted upon taking part in the proceedings, though Major Brett, the R.M., intimated that the Crown had asked him to take the case. On the Crown Solicitor threatening to hange the venue the case proceeded, Major Brett taking the evidence, and saying that he alone would act. The prisoner was remanded.

ALIEN WAITERS.

At a demonstration of hotel and restaurant workers at Trafalgar Square on Sunday, the President of the British and Allied Waiters' Union declared that apart from their own efforts to improve working conditions they must call on the Government to fulfil its promises to repatriate all enemy aliens. In their calling they suffered more than in any other from these undesirable foreigners and they wanted the Government to keep its word.

FIVE-SHILLING NOTES.

The British Government has prohibited the export of silver, either in the form of bullion or coin.

If the price of silver increases still further the Australian Commonwealth has decided to issue five-shilling notes in order to protect the currency.

NEW BISHOP OF LINCOLN.

The very Reverend Shuckburgh Swayne, Dean of Manchester, has been appointed Bishop of Lincoln and the Venerable William Hutton, Archdeacon of Northampton, to the Deanery of Winchester.

TRAITOR GETS TWENTY YEARS.

The Assize Court at Mons has sentenced a man named Cornie to twenty years' penal servitude for supplying the enemy with information and for denouncing Belgians to the Germans.

SHAH LEAVES ENGLAND.

The Shah of Persia left Dover for Calais on Saturday in the Royal Yacht Alexandra, which was escorted across the Channel by destroyers. A Royal salute was fired as the vessel left.

FALSE GERMAN REPORT.

The "Taegliche Rundschau," Berlin, stated on Saturday that Field Marshal Earl Haig is in Berlin. This is not true. Earl Haig is at his home in Kingston.

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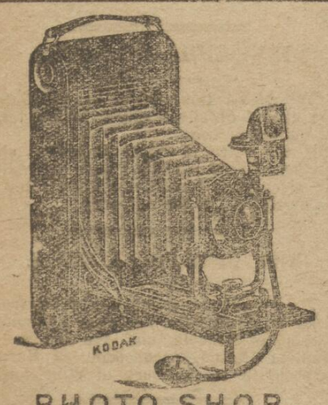

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1. The silent pressure of the Navy.
2. The determination to win of the free and Allied peoples.
3. The unity of command, and, finally,

The reserve of force which the entry of America into the War gave to the Entente.

The plan of the German War Staff was as simple as the preparations were complete and stupendous. The plan was the classic one of developing overwhelming force against a portion of the enemy and then crushing through. Twice Germany had her opportunity, once in 1914, when surprise caught us unprepared, and next in 1918, when the Russian collapse allowed her again to outnumber us in the West.

In 1914, the Belgians, our own "Contemptible little army" and the magnificent poilus checked the onrush of the exulting Germans to Paris and the coast. The military skill of the veteran Marshal Joffre and his able colleagues, together with the soldierly qualities of their men, foreshadowed at the Marne in September 1914 the events of last year, when Prussian militarism was driven back whence it came till it finally collapsed in November 1918.

It is only when we view the Titanic struggle as a whole that we can correctly estimate the nature of the conflict and its outcome. By the end of 1914, we had developed the war of position from which there was no apparent issue till the inventive genius of Britain produced the Tanks, and the incomparable leadership and strategic insight of the Inter-Allied Commander-in-Chief transformed the darkness of March-June, 1918, to the ever-brightening gleams of hope and light which culminated in the brilliant noonday of full victory.

Lack of space precludes us from giving details of those epoch making days. Days of anguish and terror as we watched the advancing hordes sweeping over the hard won battlefields of the Somme.

Days of anxious apprehension in the months of May and June which saw the German forces advancing in Champagne.

Finally the tide turned when in July, by a series of strategic converging movements, the German forces were manoeuvred from the pocket between Aisne and Marne and driven from their strongholds on the Chemin des Dames.

Another co-ordinated series of movements correlated the Southern advance with the ever memorable British victories of Cambrai and St. Quentin which burst through the Hindenburg line—that masterpiece of German military engineering.

Another British thrust won back the ground lost in the spring at Bailleul and Mount Kemmel.

Thus, step by step, were the patience and confidence of the Allied peoples justified till by November our opponents were being swept to destruction by the onrushing wave of French and British, Belgians and Americans. The German army was on the point of dissolution into a disorderly rabble; the men were discouraged and their officers disillusioned.

The leaders saw the game was up and asked for an armistice. Our every condition was agreed to, and the dictates of humanity decreed that the fighting should cease.

To-day we may have feelings of pride and gladness, but we must also hold in grateful remembrance those who by their sacrifice made our great achievements possible, and pledge ourselves to emulate them in our efforts to solve the problems of peace.

WHAT TO SEE IN RHINELAND.

RITTERGUT HORBELL.

The flat agricultural plain with which Cologne is bounded to the west and northwest presents, at first sight, few features of special interest. But if we investigate the clumps of trees which dot it here and there we shall find that in many cases they conceal farm buildings of great charm, old and mellow and often encircled by a moat.

At times indeed it is a question of something more ambitious than a farmhouse. Such is the case with the Rittergut of Horbell.

The word "ambitious," though, is somewhat of a misnomer here: "pretentious" would be worse. For the Rittergut was once what its name signifies — the mansion. It was situated in the middle of wide possessions, before Cologne had extended beyond its city walls.

It is a great rambling building of the time of our Queen Anne: a high, many-roomed, haunted-looking house, where steeply pitched roof contains a double row of windows. Its walls are damp with age. Over its great door, to which you climb by mouldering steps, are the armorial bearings of a ancient noble family, and the date — 1714.

It is like a house in a Stanley Weyman historical romance. One can picture carousals going on in it, in the old highwaymen days, foaming steeds being saddled or unsaddled in its great stone courtyard, and equally foaming tankards of ale clinking in its banqueting hall.

Shooting and hunting parties innumerable must have foregathered beneath its roof. When it was building, the campaigns of Marlborough and Prince Eugene figured largely in everybody's talk.

The Seven Years' War must have seen many troops billeted upon it, and when the armies of revolutionary France poured into the Rhine provinces Rittergut Horbell was, no doubt, oftentimes laid under contribution of its fat livestock and the produce of its fields.

After '70 the blowing up of the city walls must have shaken it from its sleep. Then Cologne flowed out towards it, into the suburbs of Lindenthal, Kriel, and the rest, until checked by the ring of powerful forts built at the conclusion of that campaign.

Soon, perhaps, the old mansion's brooding may again be disturbed by the blowing up of the city's fortifications, and then in time the suburbs will stretch out across the fields and engulf it.

I came upon Horbell first on a morning of early spring. The trees which screened it so thickly were bursting into leaf. The tangled paths which wandered through its grounds were bordered with daffodils, and waterfowl were scurrying here and there in its stagnant moat.

In the flagged courtyard I caught glimpses of black and white East Frisian milch cows in their byres. The birds were singing, and from the chimneys of the ancient house the smoke of wood fires curled upwards amid the trees.

After that my daily rides often took me back to Horbell. In the height of summer it provided a cool retreat from the midday sun. Now, in autumn, the coloured leaves enclose this story-book manor house in a framework of beautiful decay. *B.*

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

Can you write one?

THREE PRIZES OFFERED.

Christmas will soon be here, and "The Cologne Post" wishes to encourage its readers to write short Yuletide stories suitable for publication in its columns at that festive period.

They can be on any subject and in any vein but they must not exceed 1000 words in length.

We offer prizes of 150 marks, 100 marks, and 50 marks respectively for the three best received and published, and any others we may think worthy of publication will be paid for at our regular rates.

We cannot undertake to return manuscripts and if possible these should be typewritten, though this is not essential.

The last date for receiving Christmas stories will be November 25th. Envelopes should be addressed "Story Editor" "Cologne Post" A.P.O. S/40, Rhine Army.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX

We Hear all Sides without Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

BRITISH AND GERMAN OPERA.

Sir,—I am interested in "Claude's" distinction between British and German opera and hasten to add my humble opinion on this subject.

I have seen "Madame Butterfly" performed three times in Cologne, once at Covent Garden and once at Drury Lane, and if I was offered a ticket at any time to attend a performance of this opera at either of the three places mentioned, I should not hesitate for one moment in accepting a ticket for a Cologne performance.

As "Claude" rightly says, the opera in England is only one of the arts, and everything seems to be concentrated on the singing. It will be conceded that if the proper "atmosphere" is lacking, much of the opera loses its charm.

At the performance of "Madame Butterfly" at Drury Lane in April this year, the staging and scenic effects would, I think, have made Puccini shudder. The scenery, as compared with what one sees in Cologne was tawdry and ugly, and one's intelligence was insulted by seeing an almond tree sprouting out of an apparently thick jungle of what might have been bamboo or bananas!

The transition from a sunny afternoon to a moonlight night seemed to take place within the space of three minutes while the tender glances of "that orbed maiden with white fire laden, whom mortals call the moon" were green with envy and would have done credit to a Lyceum melodrama!

The delicacy and daintiness of the German lighting and scenic effects were entirely lacking, such trifling things as a starry tropical heaven, fireflies and glowworms being absolutely forgotten. Yet surely such trifles add to the beauty of that exquisite love duet sung by Pinkerton and Cho Cho San at the end of the first act.

The orchestra at Drury Lane was having a field day on its own and the conductor seemed to forget that while we were all no doubt very pleased to see him, we were also very keen to hear the singing which he was doing his level best to drown with his orchestra.

The German productions mostly manage to secure a pleasing harmony of orchestra, singers and scenic effects—with perhaps the exception of the bloodcurdling rendering of the barcarolle at the end of the second act in "Tales of Hoffmann" recently—whereas in English opera, scenic effects and "atmosphere" seem to be sacrificed to concentration on the singing and orchestra.

The question is, is it better to excel in one or be jolly good in all three? I'm for the latter—at present.

SENTIMENTAL TOMMY.

WIVES AND EXTRAVAGANCE.

Sir,—Really, Mr. Editor, I don't think it's quite nice for correspondents to insinuate or even to say pointedly that many husbands on the Rhine are frittering away their war gratuities on their wives out here.

There may be a certain number of young wives of the "butterfly" type out here who as somebody says have had no experience of life, have scarcely seen their husbands since they got married during the war, and now want to have their fling and make their stay in Cologne one long honeymoon. I know the type well and they may be causing gratuities to fly.

But they are only a small number and the greater part of the wives out here are a far different kind I can assure you.

In many instances I know they are actually saving the money of their "better halves." They are doing what no man can do properly, i. e. the marketing. They are providing him with company in the long evenings keeping him in the billet or together going to some reasonable entertainment. If their wives were not here their husbands would possibly be wasting their money on high-priced inferior wines at the cabarets, treating others at the clubs and in many ways squandering cash to kill the spare hours. They feel lonely without us and this is excusable.

But when we are here, we help them in many ways, save them many little expenses man by himself must incur and he is all the better for our help and society. He becomes domesticated again. At least these are the views and experiences of one wife. *MARJORIE.*

Sir,—I am surprised that you should publish such a letter as I read on Sunday morning, in your paper, signed "One of the Boys".

I should like to know what business it is of his, how a husband spends his money. It certainly is his own to do as he likes with, and if he likes to take his little wife about and make her happy in this strange foreign land, what does it matter to "One of the boys," or anyone for a matter of that?

If "One of the boys" has a wife she has my deepest pity. To have a husband that scraped and saved every farthing and never gave his own wife a good time must be simply dreadful.

What does he think wives are for if he can't find the money to give a poor girl a good time? *W. AKBRIDE.*

AN OPERA GROUSE.

Sir,—I think the complaints that have arisen from time to time about behaviour at the Opera are due to this cause mainly.

Young soldiers and girl war workers come out here having never in their lives seen such a thing as grand opera. They hear musical enthusiasts talking about it and telling how fine it is, and they go.

But what they have been expecting most likely is a lively spectacle—revue or musical comedy—and when they find they have to sit through long and serious musical and vocal efforts—not the music liked or anticipated nor the type of song they appreciate, they get restless and talkative.

They don't intentionally offend but short of leaving the place—and they don't feel like doing that when they've spent their money on a ticket—that is their form of solace.

Thank goodness, very few of this class ever go again. "Once bit, twice shy." *LOHENGRIN.*

EYES AND NO EYES.

Sir,—Rumour has always had it that the German hausfrau was an ideal and perfect manager, and your correspondent "Mrs. Sergeant" seems to think so too.

There are no doubt still many cases where this rumour is a fact, but they are no longer in the majority. The women work hard enough, it is true, in the case of the lower classes; and the wealthy householders wield a rod of iron over their maids, making them slog away from early morning till late at night. But they talk method.

They will spend hours cleaning out a room and thus putting the household to discomfort, only to find at the end of their labours, that instead of clearing the dirt right out of the house, it has merely been swept on to the landing.

They will dust and slop over a room with a wet cloth on the end of a brush, one day at ten, the next day after tea.

I have been billeted now for three months in one of the best houses in Cologne, after really rusticating in a tiny little cottage in the neighbourhood. And in this big house where the lady of it prides herself on being an excellent manager, the stairs and landings have to my knowledge only been three times swept down—this when there are three maids in the house.

No, give me the English run home, where even in the simplest of homes the stairs are brushed down each morning, and the rooms swept and dusted at their appointed time; where you know that by lunch time all the rooms are clean and tidy.

For mistress and maid it has the best results, for the latter can then sit down for a quiet afternoon.

HOUSEKEEPER.

QUIETUDE.

Sir,—While wishing to cast no reflection upon the admirable management of the British Empire Leave Club, I should like, through your columns, to make a suggestion, which, if carried out, would undoubtedly be a boon to the large numbers of fellows, who, like myself, make use of the reading room at the institution during the mornings.

It is that another room may be found in which musical enthusiasts of the club may practise their selections.

The other day I endeavoured to read a serious magazine, but the noise made by the imperfect renderings of piano and violin were scarcely conducive to such an occupation. In fact I found it impossible. *DUMVALE.*

TO GET OPERA TICKETS.

Sir,—There are, apparently, still many members of the Rhine Army who foolishly imagine that, by waiting for hours in queues at the Cologne Opera House, they will in due course obtain a ticket. To save these misguided ones further waste of time and energy I will detail the correct procedure.

At 10.00 hours three days before that on which the opera is to be produced go to the telephone, call G.H.Q. and give the Opera House number. If you get the call before 11.00 hours you may succeed in securing a couple of tickets. Then and only then is it time to think of queues.

Armed with the unconsumed portion of the day's ration take your stand before the booking office. When at last your turn comes state your business as quickly and clearly as your failing strength will allow, and at the end of fifteen minutes (if the telephone is not too persistent) the tickets will be handed over.

An alternative plan is to arrive at the Opera House half an hour (More will not matter) before the booking office is due to open. Glue yourself to the outer door. Half an hour after time (More very likely) the door will open. Dash in, vault the barrier, and bracing your legs against it, grasp the booking office window. Presently, five calls having been put through simultaneously, the clerk will put down the 'phone in despair. Now's your chance. If you can succeed in attracting his attention the rest is only a matter of time. *B.O.*

THAT RUGGER LEAGUE.

Sir,—I agree with "Old Timer" that Rugby Football needs encouragement in the Rhine Army, but does he realise that not only Rugger but the more popular Soccer and indeed all sports are more or less at a standstill in Rhineland just now. And there is very good reason for it. Demobilization is taking its toll every day in increasing numbers. That is one difficulty. The next is that all sorts of changes are taking place. Some Battalions are being reduced to cadre strength, others being amalgamated, units are changing about and there is uncertainty everywhere.

When officers and men don't know from one day to another whether they will be out on the Rhine for days or months or if they stop where they will be stationed, can you expect sport to be properly run or energetically organised?

Football is not the only sport that suffers from the present inevitable position. Boxing ought to be fostered and cross-country running.

But it's no good grousing. When things have settled down and we know better where we are then I'm sure sport will buck up again. *T. W. T.*

REMEMBER.

The wheel has come full circle; just one year
Has passed since rang out clarionlike and clear,
The message which has ended years of strife,
Released the War God's hold on Britain's life
And gave her Peace.

Time is a healer sure, and in a year
Perhaps we have forgotten these days drear,
When every moment might have been our last,
And future mingled swiftly with the past
In days of War.

But in your daily routine, pause, reflect.
Our Nation's future, if till now unchecked
The storm of war had waged; and lift your eyes
In silent thanks to Him beyond the skies
Who gave us Peace.

REX.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Fog Interferes with two "Needle Matches."

'SPURS FIRST DEFEAT.

The presence of fog prevented the playing of the West Bromwich v. Aston Villa, and Stoke v. Bristol City matches on Saturday. It is regrettable that these matches were not decided, as the football world was eagerly awaiting these results, especially the former.

Blackburn Rovers came an awful cropper at Manchester, the City piling on eight goals to the Rovers two. Preston did well to account for Chelsea and their eleven are bleeding nicely now. Arsenal again failed at home, only managing to draw with Bolton at Highbury. The failures of the Highbury team on their own patch do not surprise many who know this ground. The team with the luck wins here and Arsenal have had all the bad luck that was going. Newcastle again snatched a victory. It is reminiscent of the old days to see the Tynesiders on the top of Division I. Burnley's defeat of Manchester United smashed the United's record of not having lost an away match.

Second League.

The 'Spurs unexpectedly fell at Bury, the Gigg-Lane Brigade winning by the old goal in three. This is Tottenham's first defeat and their proud record of being the only undefeated club has been shattered. Much interest will centre round their conqueror's appearance on Saturday at Tottenham.

Coventry again failed at home, their "win" column still bearing the cypher. Shields did well to draw at Nottingham, and West Ham managed to run Leicester to a draw. Hull's defeat of Barnsley was a creditable performance, but the "Celtics" are missing Barson.

Southern League.

The fall of Queen's Park was a surprise and the "Lions" deserve great credit for their win. Portsmouth drew at Swansea, which was poor consolation to those who thought they were "on velvet"; while Exeter's defeat at the hands of Newport was another shock for form followers.

Scottish League.

Falkirk's draw at Celtic Park, has set all Scotland talking. Something must have gong wrong there for the "Bairns" to snatch a point. Dumbarton's draw at Motherwell proved they are the best "drawing" team in the league. How their supporters mourn for victories. The Rangers put up a fine win at Partick and the Queen's victory at Greenock was an unexpected result.

Appended are the results:

English League.—First Division.

Woolwich Arsenal	2	Bolton Wand.	2
Bradford	1	Liverpool	2
Burnley	2	Manchester United	1
Derby County	2	Sheffield Wed.	1
Everton	4	Bradford City	1
Manchester City	8	Blackburn Rovers	2
Middlesbrough	0	Newcastle United	1
Preston N. E.	3	Chelsea	1
Sheffield United	1	Oldham	0
Sunderland	3	Notts County	1

West Bromwich Albion v. Aston Villa postponed owing to fog.

Second Division.

Barnsley	2	Hull City	3
Birmingham	2	Wolverhampton W.	0
Bury	2	Tottenham Hotspur	1
Coventry	0	Huddersfield T.	2
Fulham	1	Blackpool	2
Grimsby Town	0	Rotherham	1
Leicester City	0	West Ham	0
Lincoln City	2	Stockport County	0
Nottingham Forest	0	South Shields	0

Stoke v. Bristol postponed owing to fog.

Southern League.

Bristol Rovers	3	Brentford	1
Cardiff	2	Brighton	0
Exeter	1	Newport	2
Gillingham	0	Northampton	0
Luton	1	Crystal Palace	4
Plymouth A.	3	Merthyr Town	0
Queen's Park Rangers	1	Millwall A.	2
Reading	3	Norwich City	2
Southampton	4	Southend United	0
Swindon	1	Watford	2
Swansea	0	Portsmouth	0

Other Matches.

Alleyn	6	Old Wilmonians	1

Scottish League.

Airdrieonians	0	Kilmarnock	0
Ayr	4	Hamilton A.	0
Celtic	1	Falkirk	1
Clydebank	3	Aberdeen	0
Dundee	3	Clyde	0
Hibernians	2	Raith Rovers	0
Greenock Morton	0	Queen's Park	1
Motherwell	1	Dumbarton	1
Partick Thistle	1	Glasgow Rangers	2
St. Mirren	4	Heart of Mid.	1
Third Lanark	1	Albion	0

Rugby Union.

Richmond	0	Army	22
Pill Harriers	3	Bristol	8
Gloucester	9	Oxford	3
Coventry	14	Barts	6
Swansea	10	Leicester	6
London Scottish	5	Cambridge	29
Northampton	21	R.A.F.	3
Old Merchant Taylors	34	Old Harlequins	0
Moseley	19	Cheltenham	0
Blackheath	12	Cardiff	0
United Services	3	Guy's Hospital	11
Harlequins	0	Newport	15
R.M.C.	19	R.M.A.	6
Cambridge United	7	Suffolk	3

County Championship.

Yorkshire	16	Northumberland	11
Cheshire	22	Lancashire	9

Other Rugby Matches.

Heatonmoor	17	Sale	5
Tyldesley	21	Liverpool	5
Manchester Varsity	39	Bowden Rangers	4
Somerset	7	Bath	0
Old Leysians	11	Rosslyn	9
London Welsh	14	St. Thomas' Hospital	5

Northern Union.

Barrow	27	York	5
Bramley	5	Dewsbury	3
Broughton R.	18	Swinton	3
Huddersfield	5	Halifax	0
Hull	39	Salford	2
Hunslet	3	Warrington	9
Keighley	0	Widnes	7
Leigh	9	Rochdale Hornets	11
Oldham	29	Wakefield	0
St. Helens	11	Kingston	0
Wigan	12	Leeds	9
Batley	8	Bradford	4

County Championship.

Cumberland	5	Lancashire	3

BROTHERS
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LIV'POOL AND WINDSOR.

Large Attendances for Closing Day's Racing.

THREE JOCKEYS HURT.

Both at Liverpool and Windsor, on Saturday, the weather was threatening. This fact, however, appeared to concern racegoers but very little, for at each meeting the attendance was large. With the going very agreeable, the sport was excellent.

At Liverpool, in the Valentine Steeplechase, there were three runners but none of them completed the course, all falling, and the race was declared void.

Unfortunately, each of the jockeys was hurt. J. R. Anthony, who rode Ballincarroona broke his collar bone; F. Mason, rider of South Lodge, sustained a broken thigh and W. Smith, on Cargo is suffering from a bruised back.

November Hurdle:—1, Bally Handy (3—1); 2. Stainton (9—4); 3, Wrecker (10—1). Eight ran.

Walton Handicap:—1, Damaged Goods (6—5); 2, Little Mischief (100—7); 3, Elysium (5—1). Six ran.

Grosvenor Cup:—1, Carapace (6—1); 2. Ganewell (7—2); 3, Flying Spear (5—4). Six ran.

Ormerod Plate:—1, Gripfast (6—5); 2, Kentish Cob (11—8); 3, Red Michael (6—1). Four ran.

WINDSOR RESULTS.

Thames Handicap:—1, Valley (5—1); 2, Atrocity (4—1); 3, Irish Lace (8—1). Twelve ran.

Forest Nursery:—1, Clarilaw colt (6—4 on); 2, Ether filly (6—1); Tacoronte filly (11—1). Eight ran.

Castle Handicap:—1, Trivet (2—1); 2, Roeder Don (100—8); 3, Phrosie (4—1). Ten ran.

Combermere Handicap:—1, Rock Dew (9—2); 2, Dathue (4—1); Unitor (5—1.

College Nursery:—1, Welsh Woman (8—1); 2, Bruce Lodge (100—12); Thendara (100—8. Thirteen ran.

Athens Plate:—1, Royal Hussar (3—1); 2, Chasseur (2—1); 3, Flying Post (3—1. Eight ran.

THE DERBY CUP.

Alasnam's Chance in Principal Event of the Week.

The principal racing event of the week is the Derby Cup which takes place on Friday. There is a number of good class candidates, making selection a difficult matter, writes our racing correspondent, but the consistent and increasingly good form of Alasnam in the three big Autumn handicaps inclines me to the opinion that Sir A. Bailey's big colt will go one better at Derby and catch the judge's eye.

King John and Wild Wood I regard as really live candidates; the latter, especially, has put up some good performances and the course is to his liking.

"TOTE" FOR ENGLAND?

Recommendation may come before the Jockey Club.

The whole financial position of racing in England will be carefully reviewed at an important meeting of the Jockey Club to be held in a fortnight's time. It is probable that the desirability of recommending the introduction of the totalisator or pari-mutuel on English race-courses will be considered.

This question was brought before the Jockey Club in the second year of the war, but it was rightly believed then that the time was inopportune for the Government to be troubled with the matter. Now that things have settled down again, those who advocate the adoption of this system of betting are raising their voices once more.

"VICTORY" BILLIARDS.

Falkiner's Substantial Lead Against Inman.

For eight consecutive instalments in the Burroughes and Watts Victory Billiards Tournament, Falkiner added to his original lead of 2,000 against the champion, Inman.

On Friday and Saturday the monotony was relieved slightly by Inman, in the course of the two days' play outpointing his opponent.

With the game half way through its course, however, Inman will have to make up leeway with lightning rapidity if he is to beat his young rival. Saturday's closing scores were:—

Falkiner (in play) . . . 8,844
Inman. 6,021

ATTACK ON A REFEREE.

Wolves' Ground Closed Through Spectators' Conduct.

The Football Association commission to inquire into the stopping, three minutes before time, of the Wolverhampton v. Bury match at the Molineux Grounds on Oct. 18 by the breaking in of the crowd, sat at Birmingham on Saturday.

After an exhaustive inquiry the commission were satisfied that the Wanderers club made all necessary arrangements for the proper conduct of the game, and that the spectators were responsible for the serious attack upon the referee. Complaints were made as to the decisions of the referee, but any inefficiency on the part of officials could not be accepted in explanation or extenuation of misconduct of the spectators. As the only manner in which spectators could be dealt with the Wolverhampton ground must be closed from Nov. 17 to Dec. 15 inclusive, and the club pay the expenses of the inquiry.

SOCCER FRIENDLY.

A friendly match, played at Nippes on Saturday, resulted:—41st Labour Coy. 4; 5th Labour Coy. 1.

CHAMPION'S PRIVILEGE.

Entitled to Major Share of Championship Purse.

ESTABLISHED PRECEDENT.

In view of the discussion respecting boxing purses raging at present the following comments by "Fly-weight" in the "Sunday Sportsman" are enlightening.

It has been the inflexible rule for champions to demand the lion's share of the purse whenever a match has been made, he says. An exception must be made in the case of the Jeffries—Johnson contest, when the purse was more equitably divided. Still Johnson made sure of netting a tidy fortune in this match, otherwise, perhaps, he might have insisted on more than 60 per cent. of the purse.

It seems somewhat strange in these days to recall that Tommy Burns was considered a very greedy individual just because he insisted on receiving £5,000, win, lose or draw, for defending his title against Jack Johnson, and it must be remembered that Burns admitted that he had an idea he would be beaten. How does this compare with Jack Dempsey's £5,200?

£10,000 for Beckett.

And when it is considered that Jack Johnson received only £1,500 for winning the world's championship, it will be seen that Beckett will be making no sacrifice in consenting to fight the world's champion for £10,000—which is the smallest sum he would get if the contest is promoted by Mr. Cochran—even taking into consideration the altered money value.

While nobody will deny that Beckett is entitled to all he can get, and few will blame Dempsey for demanding so large a sum for his services, seeing that he can plead the law of established precedent, our champion will be ill-advised if he throws aways his chance of fighting for the world's title by remaining firm to his bid for big money. He must remember that every championship contender has had to be content with a comparatively small sum till the title changed hands.

CARPENTIER'S SUITE.

Everything hangs on Result of Fight with Beckett.

George Carpentier's suite comprises his manager, Francois Descamps, sparring partners, lady cook, masseur, and an odd man or two.

His reception in London was not so blatantly demonstrative as that of the early summer of 1914 when he arrived to fight Gunboat Smith. "Then" he stated to a sporting correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" it was terrible. I was frightened; I wanted to run away. My welcome to-night is much better, for fighting should not tell of the circus. My condition? Tres bien; what you say 'top-hole.'

His Training.

Now I go to Stanmore to finish the training I began many weeks ago at La Geurche. No, I would not discuss my match with your big champion. Is it not enough, will it not be enough to fight him, and is it not wise to wait until it is over? Oh, yes, I am confident. Every fighter is confident. I believe I will win. I mean to win, and so does Beckett. It would be strange if it were not so. But not until the night of Dec. 4 will the winner be known. This fight means much, everything to both of us; for the man who wins will have earned the right to contend for the world's championship. An immense fortune is at stake, and that is why I feel that that the contest on the night of Dec. 4 will be the greatest that has taken place for very many years. And you will come to Stanmore, and tell me what you think. Au revoir." And Carpentier hurried away.

N.Y. NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB.

The International Sporting Club has been organised in New York along the lines of the London and Paris sporting clubs, to conduct clean boxing contests. Major Anthony Drexel Biddle is the president, and the vice-presidents are: Mr. Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior; Admiral Sims, Justice Barton Weeks, and Gen. Coweman Dupont. The opening night has been fixed for February 3, when Jimmy Wilde is to meet a selected opponent in a match arranged by Tex Rickard, who promoted the Dempsey-Willard fight.

20 MILES WALKING RACE.

Result of Birmingham Club's Road Event.

The Birmingham Walking Club's 20 mile road race attracted considerable interest on Saturday. The result was:—

1. Rogers, Birmingham
2. Horton, Surrey
3. Parslow, Surrey.

Rogers won by half a mile. Time three hours, 52 seconds.

NOT A PUBLIC PLACE.

Successful Plea in Summons for Bad Language at Football Match.

On a plea that a football ground is not a public place, within the meaning of the act, the Nottingham magistrates dismissed a summons against a spectator for using improper language during the Notts County and Derby County match. There were 30,000 present.

FAMOUS GOALKEEPER DEAD.

J. E. Doig, the famous goalkeeper, died on Friday night at Liverpool at the age of 52. One of the greatest goalkeepers that ever played football Doig started his career at a town in Forfarshire and soon came into the first rank. He was repeatedly chosen to represent Scotland in international matches and played for Sunderland and Liverpool.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

Sports Officer Deplores Decline in Sporting Spirit.

YOUNG SOLDIERS CRITICISED.

In the following article a unit sports officer deplores the lack of enthusiasm for sport displayed by the British soldiers in the Rhine Army. He says:

Many fortunate and favoured enthusiasts of sport will question whether I am justified in asking the above, but the spirit of sport, for which the British soldier has ever been famous, appears to be so much on the decline among our young soldiers that I venture to expound my humble views to others on this matter for their consideration and discussion.

In Service Battalions between the years 1914 and 1918, sport was the next consideration to duty. At every spare moment when away from the "line" both Officers and men would strip and away to the fields for some form of recreation, but in the Rhine Army, among the young soldiers who, at their age should be full of life and vigour, no such interest is shown.

Large stocks of recreational gear have either been purchased or issued free to battalions, grounds are available, time is of very little consideration and yet before these "budding" soldiers will participate in any form of sport, speaking metaphorically, "they have to be hauled out by the scruff of their necks."

Lack of Grit.

A few instances to justify my statement will perhaps be of some interest.

On one occasion the services of a boxing instructor were obtained for the sole use of a battalion, all were invited to attend for a course of instruction, but out of a whole battalion only four men had grit enough to roll up. Men were encouraged to form a regimental cross-country team of eight; this idea had to be dropped for the reason that not even eight men would take the trouble of stripping for an afternoon practice run. The old inter-company rivalry is almost entirely extinct amongst troops in the Occupied Territory.

At a Regimental Athletic Meeting last July "esprit de Corps" was so lacking that few men supported even their company although good prizes were offered as a recognition. Midsummer this year, a certain Brigade Sports Meeting was held. Of the competitors, over 50 per cent. were officers who, at the last moment, and without training had to compete in order to uphold the status of their various battalions.

A Sporting Minority.

Speaking from what little experience I have had, in most battalions there are about two dozen real sport enthusiasts and these people with the grit are good all-round sports and play almost anything, but the remainder are either content with watching others or wander in the town and attend picture halls.

Another side to this question is the lack of system and organisation in arranging meetings and fixtures of any kind. Of late, several units having football fixtures have left the Rhine without informing other units of their inability to play. Teams have arrived on the appointed grounds only to be disappointed: this is one of the things which is killing the little enthusiasm which still remains.

Great difficulty is experienced in keeping a team together. Very often when a team is selected, one or two of it's "stars" are unable to play. What happens? Some of the remainder, fearing to play on a losing side "cry off" themselves.

No Lack of Opportunity.

At the present time, out of a battalion of say six or seven hundred, how many men have handled a hockey stick, played a game of cricket, run a hundred yards or a mile in a competition, had on a pair of boxing gloves or played a game of rugby? I am quite certain the number would not exceed 40. The cry of lack of opportunity is no excuse whatever.

My intention in writing this is far from a grievance, but rather to obtain the views of others, and with this little effort to help bring to the fore, that spirit, which, during the strain of 1914-1918 did so much to help our troops to gain the position they now hold.

OLD BRIGADE.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY GAMES.

The French national rugby football team has arranged four fixtures with British national teams during the present season as follows:—

Jan. 1, at Paris, France v. Scotland.
Jan. 31, at Twickenham, France v. England.
Febr. 17, at Paris, France v. Wales.
April 6, at Belfast or Dublin, France v. Ireland.

A team representing the French Army will meet a British Army team in Paris on a date to be fixed later.

Manchester Handicap Sweep.

Many requests have been received at this office for tickets for the Lille Sweepstake in connection with the Manchester November Handicap, or for an address in Cologne whereat they are obtainable.

So far, it seems, there are none to be had in Cologne, but they are expected shortly to be available. They will then be obtainable at ten shillings each from 2 Lt. E. MOORE, c/o "THE COLOGNE POST," COLOGNE.

Applications by post should be accompanied by cheque or postal order and not marks.

Juvenile Boxing.

The A.B.A will accept entries from secondary schools for the Public Schools Boxing Championship, as suggested by the Headmasters' Association and the Headmasters' Conference.

Varsity Golf.

The outstanding feature of golf at Oxford this term is the playing strength available. The golfing resources of Cambridge are not yet fully known.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

Backhaus.

One is lost in amazement at Wilhelm Backhaus. His extraordinary memory is wonderful, his execution and sheer technique are perfect, but to us who have revelled in his recitals here, the most delightful attribute of his art is his interpretation of the great classics of the pianoforte. He does not merely play Beethoven or other of the great ones. He actually lives them. Oblivious of the audience, he is conscious only of the supreme material under his hands and in his brain. He is Schubert and his moods, Mozart and his delicacy, Chopin and beauty.

Au revoir.

Alas, that for many months we shall not hear him play, as he is due to leave this week on an extended tour. Therefore his visit to the Deutsches Theatre on Sunday night was for many of the large audience a long leave-taking. His programme was drawn from Schubert, including the vivid Fantasia "The Wanderer," Mozart, (Sonata in A Major), four Chopin pieces, with the Scherzo in B Flat Minor, and Liszt's Rhapsodie No. 2 the last two last named being rendered with marvellous tone touch and brilliance. He will be greatly missed by his English friends in Cologne and on Sunday evening he was many times asked "When are you coming to England?" In this connection America has "got one" on England, as he is booked for a big tour in the United States next Winter.

Howard Fry.

This popular singer, who assisted at the Recital, was in great form. He sang in all six songs (two in response to insistent encores). They were of various styles, from plain ballade to Cowen's "Unaway, Awake" and Mendelssohn's "I'm a Roamer" in all of which he shone, though the last named song is rather too exacting for his compass. He is rapidly making a name for himself. He was very ably assisted by Mr. (otherwise Private) E. C. Hosier, who accompanied with great charm.

The Memory Man.

Yesterday, I had a chat with "Datas" the wonderful memory man who is this week amazing large audiences nightly at the Palace Theatre, Cologne. Although naturally a reserved, modest man, "Datas" had some interesting things to say about himself. Born in Kent in 1875, his education was not very extensive. At the age of eleven, he became a railway van boy. Then he worked every night at a gas works. It was while thus employed that his memory was "discovered." He was relating the dates of various events to two strangers, thus settling an argument, when a third stranger, who had overheard the conversation, asked "Datas" if he would care to go on the stage. The suggestion was accepted immediately and the memory man made his first appearance at the Standard Music Hall, Victoria. "Datas" has performed practically all over the world and has frequently appeared before Royalty. He claims to have at his finger tips, so to speak, 2,000 facts about the war which, he declares, he read in a little book of dates and at once committed them to memory.

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"I can state 2,000 facts and dates about the war, "said "Datas" "the dates of all the declarations of war, of all the battles, of the landing of expeditionary forces in all parts of the world, the names and dates of towns captured in all the theatres of war, the dates when ships were sunk, when the leading generals were born, and a host of other things beside, including the date of every air raid on any town in England."

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"I know the dates when all the raids on the Kent coast towns took place—every one of them—and when the Zeppelins bombed every town they did bomb. Let me state definitely that the marvellous relentiveness of my memory is fundamentally a natural gift. But that does not mean that I have not developed it.

"The "strong man" would soon lose his power to perform feats of strength if he neglected to train. It is just the same with memory. One must "keep fit," so to speak, by constant exercise of the power of memorisation."

B.E.L.C. Debating Society.

A meeting for the formation of a Debating Society for the Rhine Army was held at the British Empire Leave Club on Friday evening. Colonel Heath, D.S.O., Commandant of the Army General and Commercial College, outlined the possibility of such a society, which Capt. G. Dennis K.O.Y.LI., was asked to preside over and organize. The first debate will be held on Friday next when Gunner Harrison Northern Division Equipment Guard will propose and Pte. W. F. Jones, Royal Fusiliers will oppose the motion "That this House would welcome a Labour Government in England." It is hoped that all O.Rs keen on political debates and prepared to help in the speaking will attend on Friday next.

"The Jesters" at Coblenz.

I was always confident that "The Jesters" would find favour with the American audiences on their visit to Coblenz, and the following cutting from the "Amaroc News" Leaves no doubt as to the impression they have created. It says:—

The Yanks of Coblenz were treated to a regular show of the true Broadway type last evening at the Festhalle, when a vaudeville troupe, calling themselves "The Jesters," gave their initial showing before a crowded house.

"The Jesters" is a variety concert company, rather than what most Americans understand to be a vaudeville troupe, at the show, highly interesting and snappy throughout, is a continuous performance by the six artistes in the caste, rather than a series of separate, disconnected acts. A decidedly British accent was noticeable among the performers, and, judging by the clamorous applause and enthusiastic whistling which followed the rendering of each item of a fairly long programme, this improved, rather than detracted from, the quality of the entertainment and gave the boys something entirely new.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Tues.	Die Entführung aus dem Serail	Mozart	7	10
Wed.	Tosca	Puccini	7	9.45
Thurs.	Othello	Verdi	7	10
Fri.	Der Barbier von Sevilla	Rossini	7	10
Sat.	Der Zigeunerbaron	Strauss	7	9.45
Sun.	Attila	Verdi	6.30	10.15
Monday	No performance			
Tuesday	No performance			

British Empire Leave Club.

The theatre at the B.E.L.C. was crowded on Sunday night to hear a splendid concert by the London Divisional String Orchestra and the Pipers of the 11th. Royal Scots. The orchestra gave a delightful programme, some of the most popular numbers being "Selection, from Chu Chin Chow," "The Merchant of Venice Suite," and the "Indian Love Lyrics." At two points in the programme the 11th. Royal Scots marched through the Hall and played to a delighted audience. The solo violinist, Miss West rendered "Air on the G String" and a dance by Bach, which she played with great power and expression.

JACQUES.

WOMAN REFEREE.

Mrs. Butler, of the Ryde House School, Ripley, Surrey, who has acted as a football referee for three years and trained a boys' team, sought on Friday to have her qualifications passed by the Surrey County Referees' committee.

Her application created a long discussion, and eventually the committee decided to ask the Football Association for a ruling. Mrs. Butler scored in an argument on the offside rule.

KING AT RUGBY MATCH.

The King yesterday visited Queen's Club and witnessed the Rugby match between the R.M.A. and the R.M.C. He arrived just before the kick-off, and Generals White and Stevens, the heads of the two colleges, were presented to him.

TRY YOUR SKILL.

Our Weekly Football Contest Still Going Strong.

In connection with No. 7 coupon, the matches for which were decided on Saturday, two games did not take place. These were the West Bromwich Albion v. Aston Villa and Stoke v. Bristol City encounters. Thus, according to our rules, the prize will go to the competitor (or competitors) who submitted the nearest to ten correct forecasts. The principal surprises among the coupon matches were the defeats of Luton and Queen's Park on their own grounds. These results have tripped many competitors. The two draws, those of Arsenal and Leicester, also upset numerous efforts.

The result of contest No. 7 appears on Thursday.

Judging by Saturday's results, No. 8 coupon presents a fine chance for competitors. All you have to do is to strike out on the coupon the name of the team you think will lose. If you predict a drawn game, do not delete either team. Send in as many coupons as you wish, but don't forget to enclose one mark with each.

Coupons must be addressed:—
FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 8,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, misaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 8.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov 15th.
Closing date, Friday, Nov. 14th.

Aston Villa	v.	West Bromwich A.
Sheffield W.	v.	Derby C.
Notts C.	v.	Sunderland
Bradford C.	v.	Everton
Blackpool	v.	Fulham
Wolves	v.	Birmingham
Hull C.	v.	Barnsley
Portsmouth	v.	Exeter C.
Watford	v.	Plymouth
Clyde	v.	Clyd-bank
Dumbarton	v.	Partick
Third Lanark	v.	Motherwell

I enter Football Competition No. 8 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed _____
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. _____

Unit _____

Full Address _____

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Merry Times Ahead.

There are indications that in spite of reduced personnel the coming winter months in Cologne are going to be full of social incident. All sorts of pleasurable stunts are being thought out.

Far from the Madding.

I went into the writing room at the "Earwig" the other afternoon to pen a few letters. I hadn't been there five minutes before a fearsome din of discordant sounds started on the other side of the curtain. I was "jazzed" out and had to seek elsewhere for quietude.

Dame Rumour.

The wildest of rumours are floating around as to the re-arrangement of locations for British troops in the Rhine Area. Believe nothing until you see it in orders, is a safe rule.

Buying Cutlery.

Razors, scissors and knives being so scarce and dear in Blighty I hear that quantities of these useful articles are being bought in Rhineland by all ranks for Christmas presents. The quality as a rule is excellent and the prices low.

Four Kings.

By an extraordinary chance it happens that at one mess in the Cologne area just now there are four members bearing the name King. So to avoid confusion the Mess President has, with the exception of the senior who retains his right surname, rechristened them respectively, Monarch, Emperor and Shah.

An Orchestral Treat.

Tomorrow (Wednesday) I hear there is to be an Orchestral Concert from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. at the VI Corps Club. Twenty instrumentalists are to perform.

Neutral Ground.

"Not to be used as a billet-neutral Consulate," is the printed edict in a Severin Strasse window, and I don't suppose I should have noticed the place at all but for the fact that the premises, the Spanish consulate, by the way, are being newly painted.

Scarce Consulates.

Which reminds me that during all my rambles in the City I have only noticed two other consulates, the Mexican, down by the Rhineside, and the Norwegian, in Albertusstrasse, and of course they have their national flags flying over the doorway.

Few Vacancies.

I hear that several officers who hoped to have had their daughters educated at the various convent schools in Rhineland find to their disappointment that most of them have their full quota of pupils.

The Cap and the Cross.

Considering its population I should say Cologne is remarkably free from beggars, though there are some. The seeker after alms whom I have noticed most, is a maimed ex-soldier, who, cap in hand and his Iron Cross ribbon conspicuously displayed, is invariably in position near a certain church.

THE OLD STORY IN A NEW PLACE.

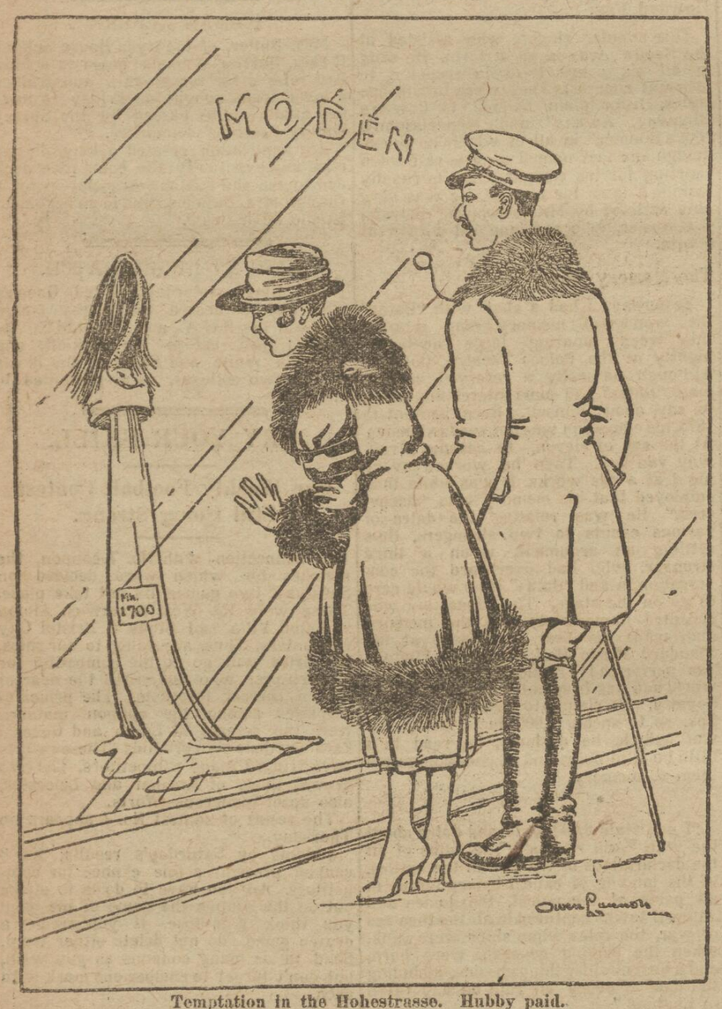

Temptation in the Hohestrasse. Hubby paid.

Uncommon.

Several Germans were curious to know the nationality of two New Zealanders, who quite oblivious of the interest they were arousing, were strolling leisurely along the Glockengasse. It is a rare thing now to see Colonial troops in Rhineland.

Jazz Fliers.

I notice one or two air officers at the afternoon dance teas at the Club who are great adepts at the "Jazz". But elsewhere one sees scarcely any of the Air Force nowadays.

Britannia's Pose.

I annoyed a German civilian, an ardent Royalist by the way, by asking him to find the Kaiser's head on a ten-shilling note. He gave it up, and then I pointed it out to him. It is at Britannia's feet, one of which is placed on the Kaiser's neck. Have you noticed it?

Many Scots.

The absence of khaki in the Hohestrasse on Sunday night was rather marked, but there seemed to be a good sprinkling of the Scots element. Some killed new comers would seem to have arrived in Cologne.

The Betrothal Column.

You will have noticed of course that our home papers announce births, marriages and deaths only, but the German press has in addition its caption for betrothals, and every engagement seems to be publicly announced once the necessary understanding is arrived at.

Devout Soldiers.

Catholic social workers in Rhineland and many soldiers are at present on a pilgrimage to Lourdes, I hear.

Boleslty.

You will have noticed the sign "Reitweg" in the Ring and by the riverside. It means the "riding way," and here you can see of an afternoon officers and grooms cantering along. But I notice down Riehl way that civilians taking similar exercise ignore the Reitweg for the Strand. From the look of their mounts I can appreciate their modesty

The Best Time.

If you really want to have plenty of dancing for your elf and partner at the N.A.C.B. Club "Jazz" teas, I'd advise you to drop in during the mid-week. At the end of the week they are a bit crowded.

Hurrying Home.

One of the N.A.C.B. girls looking rather abashed and walking hurriedly back to their hostel was noticed the other night. A friend had just given her the hint that she had come out in stockings of odd colours which she hadn't previously noticed.

Growing Ancient.

It won't be many days before we are producing our 200th number. It seems but yesterday that we were celebrating the centenary of the "Post."

Weddings.

The wedding procession in Cologne is not in it for ceremonial with its counterpart in the villages, where, as a rule, carriages are discarded and the bridal party, followed by the guests, carrying the inevitable "wreaths" walk through the middle of the street from their residence to the church, the while the population has holiday.

What is he to do?

An officer I know is in a fix. He started dental treatment with a German dentist and a new plate is on the way. Now the order has come out forbidding all ranks to go to other than British practitioners.

Snowed Under.

A gunner officer told me an interesting fact yesterday. He said that during the war he was commanding his battery at three separate reviews by three different reigning monarchs and on each occasion the march past was in a heavy snowstorm.

Two Things at Once.

Passing a hand over his forehead, the worried drill-sergeant paused for breath as he surveyed the knock-kneed recruit. Then he pointed a scornful finger. "No," he declared, "you're hopeless. You'll never make a soldier. Look at you now. The top 'alf of your legs is standing to attention an' the bottom 'alf is standing' at ease!"

Honeymooning.

A New Zealand soldier and his English bride are spending their honeymoon in Rhineland.

Bundles.

What remarkable bundles are carried on the standing-up portion of the trams. The other day two poor women with bundles of firewood managed to squeeze their way in, and at the next stop, a young woman carrying a large churchyard memorial cross, joined the congested party.

Overheard in Camp.

Pat (on his first sentry duty): "Halt, who goes there?" Officer: "Officer of the day." Pat (suspiciously): "Wot the divil are ye doin' wanderin' about at night, then?"

No Batmen.

Batmen are growing extremely scarce through the rush for demobilization. I know of several officers who have to get up at least half an hour earlier than usual to burnish buttons, and polish belt and boots themselves.

RHINELANDER.

FOR BUSINESS MEN IN RHINELAND.

Complaints are being received that letters are being posted from the United Kingdom insufficiently stamped. This causes unnecessary delay, annoyance and extra expense for the recipient and should be avoided. Representatives, please note and advise your head offices accordingly.

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The War Office states that parcels for private individuals in Germany should not be addressed to the care of the British Military Mission, Berlin, as the Mission cannot undertake the distribution of such parcels.

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The Nottingham Chamber of Commerce are pressing upon the Government the urgency of recovering debts owing by firms in Germany to the Nottingham lace trade. The amount of these debts is computed at over half a million sterling.

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A proposal is on foot to utilise the vacant site at the corner of Marzellenstrasse to accommodate a large building to be used as the Cologne Commercial Exchange. It is suggested that it should be proceeded with at once in order to be the centre of the proposed Cologne Fair.

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A German contemporary states that the British manufacturers are taking steps to increase the commercial traffic transport facilities in the occupied area. Much more business would be done if further transport could be secured and credit granted by British banks to sound business men trading with Rhineland.

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It is also stated that some London Banks are seeking the co-operation of Dutch banking firms who are more familiar with the conditions prevailing in Germany. A direct daily service of steamers between London and Cologne is also mentioned.

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The German Government has laid down the following conditions with regard to imports into and exports from Germany: Imports.—As far as imports are concerned, general prohibition is to remain in force, but lists of free imports will be drawn up. All raw materials which are urgently required for German industry are to be admitted without licence, the import of half-finished goods is to remain under control, while that of finished articles will be regulated according to requirements in each case.

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Exports.—Export is to be free, generally speaking, but special regulations and prohibitions are to be issued for certain goods which will be arranged in groups. The export of finished articles is to be free in principle; half-finished goods are to be subject to special regulations, if they are needed by German industry for finishing purposes and if there is any doubt about the supply being able to meet the demand; the export of raw material is only to be allowed in exceptional cases. The Commissioner for Imports and Exports will draw up lists of prohibited half-finished goods and raw materials in co-operation with the trades concerned.

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Delegates nominated by the Commissioner for Imports and Exports will decide, in the name of the latter, as far as their areas are concerned. The Foreign Trade Departments which were formed earlier in the year by certain industries, are to decide questions of import and export only if the whole of the trade concerned wishes that they should do so.

ETHICS OF ECONOMY.

A COMPARISON.

Scene: The "Earwig."

"Let's stroll up the Hohe Strasse, Jimmy. There's always something to see there and it's cheap amusement."

"Righto! Old Bean, but I must have a drink first. Hi! Waiter"! . . . . Minus Eighteen marks.

Up the Hohe Strasse.

"Say, Jimmy, there's old Jimps and his wife, spending money as usual buying something just beause the mark is cheap; cutlery, this time, apparently. Those Johnnies who have written to the "Post" saying how costly it is to have wives here are quite right. Must take all a man's P. and A. Far better enjoy yourself a little."

Jimmy is not quite sure, for he has a wife not out here and feels it. Becoming thoughtful he does not respond to the Old Bean's jocularity and is immediately dragged into a weinstube to get "bucked up." An hour later—88 marks.

"Come along Old Bean, I'm better now. We'll just drop in at the Earwig and see if any of the crew are there." The crew (six of them) are there and our pair take their places in the circle. Drinks round—acntmal. Total—350 marks.

Next Morning.

Jimps finds himself with quite a useful addition to the amenities of his household at home, at a cost of 120 marks, while Jimmy and the Old Bean have bad heads and wobbly interiors. And yet they'll talk to-morrow about the expensiveness of having wives out here. Hypocrites!

THE OLD DUTCH HOUSE.

N.A.C.B. ACTIVITIES.

The Restaurant and Club for W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and their wives will have its accommodation considerably increased on Wednesday when the large reading room, hitherto used as a reading room at the Ewige Lamp, is to be added to the W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s establishment. This change has obviously been necessary since the opening of the popular N.C.O.'s resort.

Another welcome event in the N.A.C.B. sphere is the opening of a large beer bar at the Stapelhaus establishment on the river bank. Considerable space has been enclosed and comfortably furnished so that other ranks may take a glass of good beer in warmth and comfort.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

To Aid French.—Poland is to supply labourers for France.

Their New Use.—Old motor-car tyres are being turned into boots in Mexico.

Considerate.—Sweden has decided to recognise the Australian Republic.

The Cost.—The approximate cost of our Baltic Naval operations is £4,000,000.

The Latest.—Nurses have decided to organise themselves into a Trade Union.

Southend Kursaal.—A London property owner has bought Southend Kursaal.

Three Instead of One.—The Egyptian Army is to be increased from one to three divisions.

Those Week-ends.—Commercial travellers have petitioned for restoration of week-end tickets.

Waking Up.—After lying in a Newport warehouse for six months 40,000 bales of wool are being distributed.

Killed by Shock.— After seeing an old man killed by a motor car, a Mitcham woman died of shock.

Lucrative.— The Miners' Federation are making the salaries of their representatives in Parliament up to £300 per annum.

Well!!—Mr. Robert Smillie says women of the idle class have never been taught to keep themselves clean.

Expensive.— A Michigan farmer's wife has given birth to twins for the third time.

Her Grief. — A young married woman at Derby attempted suicide over her child's grave.

Housing.—Up to date plans for 46,758 houses have been submitted by local authorities and public utility societies.

Under Consideration.—The War Office is looking into the question of granting a war gratuity to masseuses.

Helping the Soldier.—Under the Maintenance and Training Grants Scheme 28,700 grants have been sanctioned.

Disabled.—12,000 disabled men are in training under the Scheme of the Ministry of Labour.

Withdrawn.—The restrictions regarding the sale of optical instruments are now withdrawn.

Doesn't Want to Come.—A German prisoner of war detailed as one of a return party escaped from camp.

A Difference.—Motor manufacturers are said to have six years' clientele and only one year's output.

"La Semeuse."—The familiar figure of the female sower is likely to disappear from French coins.

The Sheffield Service.—Sheffield has ordered 75 double decked tramway cars at a cost of £82,000.

Commemorative.—Designs commemorative of victory are being considered by the French Mint Authorities.

Big Stores Strike.—Besides the employés of the Bon Marché, those of all the big stores in Paris are coming out on strike.

Builders Back.—The strike of builders at Lille has finished. The men gained the extra wages demanded.

Sad News.—The factory at Lyons where the famous Revillon chocolates are made has been destroyed by fire.

Pessimistic?—One of the candidates at the French elections threw himself into the river Sarre at Metz.

For "Crocks."—A fine residential club for disabled officers at North House Putney Heath is about to be opened.

A Question of Hats.—Supposing Lady Astor is appointed to Parliament will she remove her hat in rising to address the house?

Killed in War.—In the war Great Britain lost one man in every 57 inhabitants, France 1 in 27, Belgium 1 in 150 and America one in each thousand.

Britain's Gift.—An exhibition of live stock given by British farmers to Belgian peasants has been held near Dixmude.

Coming Dishes.—It is predicted that reindeer and musk-ox meat will soon become common foods in the States and Canada.

Expert's Fees.—The house surgeon of a London hospital protested at an inquest at having to give evidence for a fee of one guinea.

At the Old Job.—The steamer Paris which did mine-laying during the war has been restored to the Newhaven-Dieppe service.

Confiscated.—Among the victims of the big railway smash in France was a man carrying 5,000 franc coins to Switzerland to sell the silver.

Officers' Children.—Provision is being made for increasing the compassionate allowances to officers' widows in respect of their children.

Improving.—Sufficient shipping is available to provide conveyance from Egypt, Mesopotamia and India for all the requirements.

Watch Your Passports. — The Foreign Office advises would-be travellers to provide themselves with proper documents.

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RESTRICTIONS AND SAFEGUARDS FOR COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS.

FRENCH PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO ENGLAND.

TRADE AND TRADERS.

FOR MUTUAL PROTECTION AND INTEGRITY.

The following important proclamation concerning trade and traders, with legal safeguards and remedies, has been issued by Sir William Robertson, Commanding-in-Chief, British Army of the Rhine. Instructions Regarding the Application within the British Occupied Territory of German Laws dealing with the Protection of Commerce and the Prevention of Profiteering and Illicit Trade.

1. The following instructions are applicable to all persons in the British Occupied Area, excepting those belonging to or accompanying the Allied Armies:—

2. Notwithstanding the fact that whilst the Import and Export of goods in and out of Occupied Territory is, as heretofore, free, yet such goods and the persons dealing in them, on arrival in the British Occupied Territory, are subject to the existing German laws regarding the protection of commerce, etc., excepting in so far as these laws have been or may be suspended, altered, modified or superseded by instructions issued by the British Military Authorities.

The effect of this paragraph will not be retrospective.

3. Allied subjects shall have the right to bring actions against other Allied, Neutral or German subjects before the existing German courts, and similarly German subjects shall have the right to bring actions against Allied subjects before the German courts.

Sentences and decisions given by the German courts in such cases are subject to the provisions of Paragraph 4 of these instructions.

4. (a) All sentences and decisions given by the German Civil Authorities in cases where Allied subjects in the British Occupied Territory are concerned can be annulled or modified by the British Military Governor on appeal being made by such Allied subjects.

This appeal must be lodged with the British Military Governor within the three days following the day on which the sentence or decision was promulgated to the individual concerned by the German Civil Authority. (b) No sentence or decision will be put into final execution by the German Authorities until five days have elapsed after the day on which the sentence or decision was promulgated. The British Military Authorities may in any case order suspension of execution for such time as they may direct.

5. All persons, whether principals, representatives or agents, trading in the British Occupied Area must be in possession of a trading certificate (Handelserlaubnis) in cases where such is required by German Law. This will be issued by the German Civil Authority concerned (Handelserlaubnis-Stelle with the Ober-Burgermeister or Landrat). The British Military Authorities reserve to themselves the final decision as to the granting or refusing of such trading certificates to Allied subjects.

All persons now engaged in trade in the British Occupied Zone who should be in possession of such trading certificates and do not yet possess them, must have applied for same by the 21st November, 1919.

6. These instructions come into force forthwith.

W. R. ROBERTSON, General,
Commanding-in-Chief,
British Army of the Rhine.
November 12th, 1919.

MORE STAGGERS.

AMERICAN MINERS RESIST INJUNCTION.

Holding that the Government injunction against the coal miners' leaders is "so autocratic as to stagger the human mind," the Executive Council of the Federation of Labour in the United States has issued a statement declaring that the miners' strike was justified and promising the entire support of organised labour in favour of the strikers. The statement asks for the assistance of the general public and their endorsement of the Executive Council's action. Mr. Lewis, acting head of the Miners' Union, denies that he agreed to comply with the Court's injunction and demand to call off the strike.

GENERAL DEGOUTTE TO VISIT COLOGNE TO-DAY.

We understand that General Degoutte, who commands the French Army of the Rhine, is paying a visit to Cologne to-day, and that he will arrive at Cologne Main Station at 12.00 hours, where he will be received by the Commander-in-Chief. The 106th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment will be on parade in the Cathedral Square.

POINCARÉ'S VISIT.

FRENCH PRESIDENT IN ENGLAND.

The President of the French Republic, M. Raymond Poincaré, arrived at Victoria Station on Monday afternoon with Madame Poincaré. He was met at the station by the King and Queen, Princess Mary, Prince Arthur of Connaught, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. A. J. Balfour, and other members of the Cabinet, and an array of distinguished military, naval and flying officers. Loud cheers were raised by the people in the station, the entrance to which had been closed some time before his arrival. The route of the procession to Buckingham Palace was thronged for hours before his train was due. After cordial mutual greetings by the King, the guard of honour was inspected. The King and President then drove in an open carriage with cavalry escort through long lines of cheering spectators.

At Dover he had been met by Prince Albert and Monsieur Cambon. He was greeted on disembarking by the band of the Connaught Rangers which played Le Marseillaise. He inspected the Naval Military guard of honour and received an address of welcome from the Corporation of Dover, and Madame Poincaré accepted a bouquet from the Mayoress.

A State Banquet was held at Buckingham Palace in the evening.

In proposing President Poincaré's health the King expressed his pleasure at welcoming the President on his first visit to England since the complete defeat of the common enemy and expressed his profound appreciation of the glorious feats performed by French troops in association with their Allies under the splendid leadership of Marshal Foch. He referred to the Alliance between Great Britain and France, which has been made permanent by their joint sacrifices and victories, adding "my country has already given fresh proof of her devotion to the Alliance by a treaty of defence binding her to aid France if she is menaced afresh by her old enemy." He prayed that heaven would avert such a calamity and expressed the belief that the League of Nations would ensure the peace of the world.

Finally His Majesty expressed his confident faith in the glorious destinies of their two nations proceeding together along the path of peace, united by indissoluble ties and by undying memories of common endurance and common triumphs. "Our aspirations are identical; our interests should never conflict. I am unable to contemplate any situation in which we shall not act together in defence of our high ideals of liberty and justice."

Replying to His Majesty, President Poincaré reviewed at great length British and French co-operation, both in efforts to avert war and in the conduct of hostilities. He paid a warm tribute to the great part taken by Britain on land and sea in securing the final victory. He then expressed the hope that Great Britain would never have to redeem her solemn promise of military assistance in the event of a fresh attack on France's North-Eastern frontiers, and that the League of Nations would receive the authority and power necessary for the accomplishment of its specific mission, in which fraternal collaboration of Great Britain and France would still retain its value and usefulness. They can by their Union do much for the tranquility of their own future and the happiness of humanity.

In conclusion President Poincaré said that both nations were specially interested in seeing that Germany faithfully fulfilled the Peace Treaty, over the execution of which they must together watch for long years to come. They will, he said, have to remove from the new Europe evil temptations and risks of adventure and procure for the world security of tenure and freedom of work, a task that is not unworthy of England, France and their Allies.

DEATH OF CARDINAL HARTMANN.

We regret to announce that Cardinal Hartmann, Bishop of Cologne, died yesterday at 2 a.m. Hemorrhage of the brain, with resultant paralysis, was complicated by inflammation of the lungs.

The last bulletin issued over-night ran: "The Cardinal is completely unconscious. Pulse and respiration are accelerated and his condition extremely grave. "Immediately after the Cardinal passed away, his Secretary celebrated Holy Mass in the private chapel.

The body will lie in state in the crypt of St. Gereons's Church until the interment. The obsequies will take place in the Dom at 9 a.m. on Teusday next, the 18th November.

Viscount Curzon will represent Great Britain at the first Council meeting of the League of Nations.

Cardinal Mercier arrived at Liverpool on Monday morning and proceeded to London, where he will be the guest of Cardinal Bourne.

FORTY-THREE SAVED

DRAMATIC LIFEBOAT RESCUE IN FIERCE STORM.

A most thrilling rescue of forty-three members of a ship's crew was effected on Sunday night off the mouth of the Tyne. The wrecked vessel was the steamer Linerton, of Newcastle. She was outward bound to America on her maiden voyage, but she became disabled through engine trouble, and it was while she was attempting to return to the Tyne that she was driven ashore in a terrific gale.

After eight steam tugs had unsuccessfully endeavoured to salve her, the rocket apparatus was brought to the scene but the line failed to reach the ship. As the lives of the crew were in great danger the lifeboat put out and after three hours hazardous task safely rescued the men. Eighty thousand people witnessed the rescue in a blinding snowstorm.

RUSSIA AND PEACE.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

In Parliament yesterday Mr. Bottomley asked whether the Premier's statement at the Guildhall on Saturday to the effect that he hoped the time was not distant when the Powers would be able to renew the attempt to organise peace among the warring sections in Russia was intended to imply a willingness to open negotiations with Lenin and Trotzky. If so, would the Government, before taking such a step, give the House an opportunity of expressing its opinion?

Mr. Bonar Law suggested that the question would be better put to Mr. Lloyd George on Thursday, but added that Mr. Lloyd George's speech, in which he spoke of reflection during the winter, showed there was no immediate intention of doing anything of the kind indicated by Mr. Bottomley and he could assure the House that no steps would be taken until the House had had full opportunity of discussing it.

Another member asked whether the House was to understand that the Government had in no wise departed from the policy described by Mr. Churchill last Wednesday and endorsed by an overwhelming vote in the House.

Mr. Bonar Law replied "I have already said exactly how the speech strikes me. It is simply an expression of hope, which I am sure the House will share, that there may be some method of getting peace in Russia."

CHEAPER COAL.

SLIDING SCALE TO BE INTRODUCED.

The Government has definitely decided to reduce the price of coal and will at once hold a conference with the miners' leaders to discuss the basis of reduction. It is understood that the Ministers concerned hope to frame a sliding scale of prices corresponding to output, any reduction in price being based on the existing output and each subsequent rise and fall of price being determined by rise and fall of output. Wages will also be taken into account in determining prices but in this connection the miners' leaders intend to insist on a strict limitation of profits as they are in excess of what they ought to be and are therefore responsible for the prevailing high prices of coal. The miners will also raise the question of nationalisation. The present apparent decrease of output is attributed to a large increase in the number of men employed. The Government, however, does not accept the view that there is any great increase in output per man.

EXCHANGING RUSSIAN PRISONERS.

Replying to a question regarding the proposed meeting of British and Soviet delegates at Copenhagen to arrange for exchange of prisoners, Mr. Cecil Harmsworth said the Government is waiting for a reply from the Soviet Government to a message inquiring the date on which the Soviet delegates will present themselves on the Esthonian front.

His Majesty's Government hopes that the negotiations may be brought to a successful issue and that our men may soon be able to leave Russia.

GALLANT LAND GIRL MARRIED.

Miss Peggy Fisher, the East Sussex land girl who gained the "Land Army V.C." for saving her sweetheart, Arthur Marshall, from being gored by a bull, was married at Fletching on Saturday to the man she rescued. The bride drove to the church in a gaily decorated farm wagon, drawn by six horses and accompanied by 12 land girls in uniform, who formed an archway of farm pitchforks as the pair left the church.

GRATEFUL CONVICTS.

Convicts at Parkhurst Prison have joined in a request to be allowed to send a floral tribute to the funeral of Monsignor Canon Conway as a token of their great respect and affection for the canon, who was Roman Catholic chaplain at the prison for twenty years. As the canon had expressed a wish that there should be no flowers, the request of the prisoners, much to their regret, could not be acceded to.

GLUT OF MEAT.

UNLIMITED SUPPLY IN EXCESS OF RATIONS.

In view of the heavy arrivals of Australian and New Zealand mutton and lamb, the Food Controller has made an immediate reduction of 2d. per pound in the maximum retail price of imported mutton and lamb.

The difficulty at the moment is not how to get meat but how to get rid of it. Every cold store in the country is crammed with meat, says the "Evening News." Ships in the Thames and Mersey cannot unload in consequence, and other vessels are on the way bringing more. During the last few days over 40,000 tons of New Zealand mutton have arrived in England. Smithfield's normal requirements at this time of year are about eight thousand tons.

To make matters worse the public are eating less meat than formerly. For the last week or two there has been practically no limit to the amount of meat buyable but Smithfield last week failed to clear itself, although supplies on the market were 1,600 tons below normal. The head of one meat firm says that "unless the Government decides to cut its losses and make a new start, thousands of tons will go bad. People cannot afford to buy meat in any quantity at the present prices."

The prescribed ration is 2s. worth of beef and mutton per head per week. This, however, is not a maximum quantity, but a guaranteed minimum. Until further notice butchers may supply, and consumers may purchase from the butcher with whom they are registered (whenever he has sufficient supplies), any quantity of beef and mutton they may desire. Should it become necessary to modify this arrangement due notice will be given.

The Ministry of Food desires also to remind the public that the weekly ration of Government butter is increased from 1 oz to 1½ oz per head as from to-day. The Ministry is able to authorise this reversion to the pre-strike ration of Government butter owing to improved facilities for transport.

GERMANY AND COURLAND.

WAR MATERIAL FOR BERMONDT.

War material for General Bermondt's troops is continually reaching Courland from Germany, says the Lett Foreign Minister in a telegram to the Lettish Press Bureau at Copenhagen. Seventeen aeroplanes, as well as machine guns, have just arrived. Colonel Bermondt is reported to have admitted the failure of his attack on Riga and to have declared that he sets all his hopes on Germany.

ESCAPED PRISONER'S MIXED RECORD.

Identified as one of the six military prisoners who escaped, after gagging and handcuffing their guard, John Black, a youth of 19, a private in the King's Own Scottish Borderers, improperly attired as an officer, was charged, at Westminster, with robberies from the Alexandra Pavilion for Officers, Grosvenor-gardens, and elsewhere.

Detective-sergeant Worth, said when prisoner, undergoing a long sentence for stealing mess funds at Calais, he escaped with other prisoners being removed, near Winchester, on Oct. 14. Apparently he had visited the Alexandra Pavilion in officer's uniform, for he had stolen an attaché case and other property from bed-rooms there. Some of it had been recovered from the cloak-room of the Shaftesbury Hotel, where he had stayed as Lieut. McDougall.

Prisoner said he was recommended for release when he was led by others into attacking the guard. He had been commended for good work in France, and he joined up before he was 16.

Sergeant Worth said it was true that he had been discharged from the Army three times for being under age, but he would serve.

Mr. Francis remarked that there were three charges of theft, besides masquerading as an officer. Prisoner must have four month's hard labour.

REPATRIATION OF PRISONERS.

The 4,000 Germans interned in Handforth (Cheshire) camp will be cleared in a day or two to Germany. The first parties left on Saturday and Sunday and it is expected that the camp will be empty in a couple of days. Handforth was one of the first camps and is the largest in the North of England.

SNOW BLIZZARDS IN BRITAIN.

Heavy falls of snow, accompanied by violent gales, are reported from all parts of the country, the storm assuming the fury of a blizzard in many localities. The North Yorkshire hills are covered with snow, while Ben Lomond is clad with snow from base to summit.

Canada's latest Victory Loan for three hundred million dollars has been oversubscribed.

A Belgrade telegram states that the Italian occupation authorities at Zara have made instruction in the Italian language compulsory in all schools.

U. S. BOLSHEVISTS.

ASTOUNDING PLOT AGAINST GOVERNMENT.

The United States Assistant Attorney-General has published sundry documents seized in the nation-wide raids on Bolshevists. They reveal plans for the Union of Russian workers to overthrow the Government through a general strike. The documents make no secret of their programme of destruction and death to achieve the aims of the Union. Much material has been made public such as ordinarily would cause any newspaper publishing it to be excluded from the mails. All these amazing documents are printed in Russian.

One manifesto outlines the Union's programme as being nothing less than the "complete destruction of private control of natural resources, capital and any social system whereby the rule of one man over another is enforced."

The manifesto further says "We must convert small strikes into general ones and convert the latter into an armed revolt of the labouring masses against Capital and the State. At the time of this revolt we must proceed to immediate seizure of all means of production and all articles of consumption and make the workers masters of all general wealth. At the same time we must mercilessly destroy all the remains of Government authority and class combination by liberating prisoners, demolishing prisons and police offices, destroying all legal papers pertaining to private ownership of property, all field fences and boundaries and must burn all certificates of indebtedness." The document also recommends the shooting of gendarmes and police, the establishment of communes and "one grand federation."

SILENT SINCERITY.

THE TWO MINUTE TRIBUTE.

Before the clock struck eleven yesterday morning the Dom Square presented an unusual appearance. At five minutes to the hour German traffic, vehicular and pedestrian, came to a halt, whilst the buglers were forming up on the top steps of the Cathedral. By the time the first note of the hour rang out from the lofty spire of Cologne's famous edifice, a huge crowd had assembled—comprising English, French, Belgian, and American officers, together with a large number of English soldiers. English civilians of both sexes comprised not a small section of the spectators, whilst a considerable number of German civilians were interested and respectful onlookers.

Perhaps there is nothing more pregnant with real pathos than the "Last Post," and as this call shrilled out from the buglers on the Dom steps the Guards presented arms, whilst officers saluted and a number of civilians—both English and Germans—removed their hats. As the final long note of the "Last Post" died away and the Guard sloped arms, the crowd was reluctant to move. Everyday affairs had been swept aside in this brief and silent, but sincere, tribute to the memory of the Glorious Dead who laid down their lives to bring to a successful conclusion the greatest war in the history of the world.

RUSSIA'S WARS.

RED REINFORCEMENTS.

A Russian military expert has communicated the following opinion of the situation to Reuter's correspondent: "In the Eastern sector furious fighting continues along the whole front in the direction of Tobolsk, Yaloutorovsk and Kurgan, while the Bolshevists have reached the Ishim river. No news has been received from Turkestan. On the Southern front the Reds continue their counter-attacks along the whole line between the Volga and Dnieper, having advanced furthest in the South on the roads from Voronezh. The general situation nevertheless remains firm. Denikin's Army in turn is advancing towards Briansk. Stubborn fighting is also proceeding along the whole North Western front. The Reds are attacking on the Luga-Pskoff front with partial successes. Generally speaking, the constant influx of fresh forces to the Bolshevists gives them a numerical superiority and the possibility of simultaneously strengthening their whole line. We are therefore obliged to assume the defensive."

M.P.'s SUDDEN DEATH.

Sir Thos. Whittaker, M.P., for the Spen Valley Division of Yorkshire since 1892, died suddenly on Sunday at Eastbourne.

The deceased member, who was created a Knight in 1906, had numerous activities. After sixteen years in the iron trade he spent ten years connected with various newspapers and was a prolific writer on Economic, Financial, Commercial, Statistical and Social questions. He was chairman of the Royal Commission on Importation of Paper during the war.

PRINCE IN THE STATES.

The Prince of Wales crossed the Canadian-American frontier at Pouses point on Monday evening. He was met by Mr. Lansing, who is accompanying him to Washington, which is expected to be reached about noon to-day. Vice-president Marshall will receive the Prince, who will visit Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington on Thursday, and will dine the same night at the British Embassy.

FEWER TRAINS.

GREATLY REDUCED SERVICES FROM TO-DAY.

Owing to the coal shortage there will be a great reduction in the number of passenger trains, the reduced service commencing to-day (Wednesday).

The trains to and from Paris and Ostend will run as usual, also the 14.24 to Brussels. The train to Treves will leave Cologne at 7.20, while the return from Treves will depart at 12.00, arriving at Cologne at 16.36. There will be only one express train daily in the direction of Bonn, Coblenz and Mainz.

Before proceeding anywhere by train intending passengers will do well to make enquiries of the local station master.

CLERGYMAN IN A DIVORCE SUIT.

In the Edinburgh Court of Session on Monday Lord Sands granted a decree of divorce to Mary Catherine Mackinnon, or Smith, of Pladda View, Port St. Ayr, against her husband, John S. Smith, described as a teacher, of Elswick-road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The pursuer in evidence stated that she was married to the defender in January, 1914. He was then a Minister of the Church of Scotland at Tiree, but later conceived the idea of going to England and of joining the Church of England. He left Glasgow in the middle of 1915 and got a post as curate at St. John's Wood. He was only a month in this charge when he left the house and the witness did not see him for three weeks. Subsequently they left London and lived in Tiree for a month or two. At Christmas, 1915, the defender became locum tenens of a parish in Buckinghamshire and was eventually made vicar of the parish. He resigned that post in September, 1918. The witness went to a nursing home in August and after leaving it she did not see her husband again.

Throughout their married life her husband's habits had been irregular and he often disappeared from the house altogether. Generally when he was away from home he took drink to excess. She also found that he had formed an intimacy with a domestic servant. She received a letter from him saying their marriage had been a ghastly failure.

ANNUNZIO IN ACTION.

The Serbian official Press Agency at Belgrade states that a skirmish has occurred between Italian Government troops and the troops of D'Annunzio in which the Government force suffered considerable losses.

A Rome message says that General Badoglio, after a long conference with the Italian Premier, has left for Fiume to resume negotiations with D'Annunzio.

VATICAN AND BAVARIA.

For the first time since the beginning of the war the Pope has officially received a representative of the Central Powers in private audience. This was Baron von Gebsattel, who journeyed to Rome to prepare the way for the return of the Bavarian Minister.

W.R.A.F. DEFUNCT.

On Saturday the Women's Royal Air Force officially ceased to exist. The Force is now defunct with the exception of some two hundred odd girls in England and less than forty in France. These are being retained until sufficient men are found to replace them.

COST OF DUTCH INTERNMENTS

The Netherland Government announces that expenses uncurred by the Foreign Ministry in connection with the internment of prisoners of war amounted to 5,422,116 florins on account of Germany and 8,723,820 florins on acount of Great Britain.

NO PARIS NEWSPAPERS.

Printers and all other employees on the Paris daily newspapers have decided to strike to-night owing to the refusal of the employers to grant an extra allowance of five francs per day to meet the increased cost of living.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

SILVER STILL HIGHER.

Most of the attention at the opening of the market was directed to J. and P. Coats' capitalisation scheme. Although generous, it was not in accordance with the sanguine expectations and quotations fell sharply to nine. Investments were dull, especially in War Loans, this being attributable to another large batch of new capital issues. Business in other directions was active, notably in oils, textiles and shippings. Improving values in diamond shares were a strong feature. Silver reached another high record of 5s. 6½d. per ounce, due to Chinese buying orders and absence of supplies. Among yesterday's capital issues were Wolseley Motors of £1,000,000 sterling 6½ per cent. Debenture Stock at 99½, and Wilford Steamship Lines, which offered 350,000 one-pound shares and 600,000 five-shilling shares.

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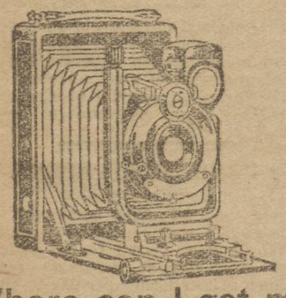

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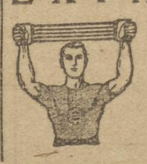
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AERIAL MAILS.

A serious beginning is now being made in carrying mails by air. A regular service between London and Paris started yesterday, and this is to connect up with mails to many parts of Europe and to Africa.

A certain amount of aerial post work has already been done, of course. We in Cologne received some of our correspondence from England by this means in the spring and summer of this year. It was an interesting experiment, not too dependable, but in face of early difficulties it gave promise of great possibilities in the future.

We are on the eve of a revolution in our postal services. It will take time to become at all general and there may be temporary set backs in its earlier stages. These are inevitable. But that all mails will eventually be carried through the air we have little doubt. And by mails we mean not only ordinary correspondence but everything that to-day travels by train or steamer, including parcels of all kinds.

Before ten years have passed aerial postage will probably be the orthodox way of communicating with every corner of the globe and not only will it supplant the existing methods of conveying the written message, but over many routes we shall see it seriously competing with the telegraph.

In the aerial postal services there should be plenty of scope for large numbers of those gallant young pilots who steered their machines so skilfully on the battle fronts and beyond.

There are great difficulties to be faced at the outset of such a revolution in postal transit, but none we are sure that those who developed so rapidly our air services for war cannot tackle with equanimity.

The aerial mail is something to watch with the keenest interest. If time is money, then the saving of time it will effect will have far reaching results on the world's future. It will bring all nations nearer together and in closer touch.

Let us hope that the result will make for peace in the future. "When the civilised world," said General Sykes the other day, "is intersected by a system of air routes nations will learn that it is as absurd to declare war one upon another as for the citizens of Birmingham to declare war upon the citizens of Crewe."

TWELVE THOUSAND POUNDS.

TOMMY AS PHILANTHROPIST.

What would you do with £12,000 supposing you were successful in winning it? That is a question which has been discussed in barrack room, billet and mess during the past few weeks, a query suggested by the advent of yet another Lille sweepstake.

"Cologne Post" readers of all ranks have supplied an answer. To the majority the possession of such a nest-egg opens up a vista of ease and comfort, well-doing and charity. Indeed until we examined our postbag we had no idea there were so many budding philanthropists in the Army of the Rhine, or that premium bonds had so much attraction for the investor.

One competitor in the "Post" competition evidently more confident of winning the prize than the sweepstake, for he signs himself "The Winner" and sends his home address, as he is "on leave at present" plumps for a "little business ready to start in life once again". One draws the conclusion that his "life" finished when he entered the Army.

FOR OLD AGE PENSIONS.

"I would think of trade which America is getting too far advanced in, and when I get demobbed start in the same and cut them down, and if I were successful I would take a little percentage of the profits for myself and the rest would go to the help of old age pensions, as I noticed when on leave that the old people could do with not only a little more but double what they get at present," is how one young soldier would account for his new-found wealth.

Then there is the competitor who in his estimate overdraws his "banking account" to the extent of £4,000 in the fascinating task of deciding a profitable investment. Aviation, shipping, rubber, oil, gold, consols, railways, soap and breweries all appeal to him as against a niggardly £2,000 by way of War bonds and £500 in War Savings Certificates. This aspiring Carnegie in his desire to do himself well safeguards himself with a banking account of a cool thousand.

Another budding financier with an eye to business calculates that the investment of £5,000 in Government stock would mean a saving of £250 per annum by way of income tax. Having provided for his father, he indulges in a mild orgy of travel, returning presumably to occupy his own house and invest the remainder in a promising local tramway company. From this he deduces an income of from £80 to £100 per annum. A motor car also comes within his range of expenditure and the end of the tour sees him back at his old job "with as bright an outlook" as when he commenced to disperse the £12,000.

THE SWEETEST GIRL.

One love-sick swain with a passing thought for his parents, has his eye on a nice little house in the country to which "I would take the sweetest little girl as its mistress, a horse, gun, a couple of dogs, a little two seater to slip up to town. What more do we want?" he asks?

"Of course, I should have to provide for old age," he continues. "Easily done by placing capital in the War Loan, thereby helping myself and country also. Fancy being able to see the world as you please, Paris, Brussels, Madrid, Vienna, oh, anywhere and at any time, as fancy chooses. To see the sun set in Naples Bay, see it rise in Honolulu. To dine at the Ritz and finish the night at Ciro's, to be able to rise on a keen autumn morning and find your hunter ready, and the merry chatter of the followers gathering at the "meet" and coming home tired and happy to a great armchair and a roaring fire and the dearest wife in the world sitting across from you. Oh! £12,000, would you were mine." He is still pining.

"Thinking of possession and having possession are two entirely different things" prefaces the soliloquy of a reader with a desire to become cosmopolitan; another advocates rescue work and the saving of "young and beautiful girls." St. Dunstan's shares imaginary contributions from a group of competitors. Against this we have the competitor who would set out to convert the "leaders of the masses" and invite them to partake of his prize. If they declined to black-leg their comrades, then in that unlikely event he would buy a pick, become a miner and amuse himself by striking every day of the week and paying himself strike pay.

The Prizewinners.

After much consideration the Editor has adjudged the appended as the three best contributions:—

FIRST PRIZE.

If I won that blinking money,
I shouldn't need to bet,
I'd do my best to sail through life
Without a bloomin' fret.

I wouldn't need to soldier long,
Go back to "Blighty" free,
And Wednesday my old Dutch would have
The neighbourhood to tea.

I'd tell the Sergeant Major,
To eat his batty hat,
For now my friends comprised such folk,
As "Clarice Mayne" and "That."

I'd buy a jolly motor car,
And soon learn how to drive,
You bet your boots I'd record break,
That's if I kept alive.

My Uncles, Aunts and Cousins,
And all the family host,
Would know I'd got the money,
They'd get the "Cologne Post."

I'd be a politician bold,
Stick up for Coalition,
And do my best to lay the ghost
"Pussy" la Prohibition.

The "Pearsons Weekly" slum kids,
Poor tiny little tots,
Would get a jolly outing
In sunny flowery spots.

I'd do a lot of good
Perhaps a little bad,
But one good thing we never miss
The things we never had.

Now I've explained quite briefly
Of anticipated larks,
Mister Editor please send along
A prize of fifty marks.

Fifty marks awarded to Sergt. Major W.S. Warren, Race c/c D.D.A.P.S.S. Rhine Army.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX

We Hear all Sides without Responsibility for our Readers' Views

DREAD OF DEMOB.

Sir,—I am one of those unfortunate individuals — there are many similarly situated — who are remaining in the Army for the very simple and sound reason that I dread demobilization.

Will you allow me a little space in your columns to state briefly my case?

When war broke out I was apprenticed to engineering and in 1915 at the age of eighteen I joined the Army. I naturally endeavoured to get into the Engineers, but at that period men were badly wanted in the infantry and into the "fighting foot" I was drafted.

Now I am 23, my knowledge of my trade I have had no chance of augmenting — in fact I must confess that I have forgotten almost all I knew.

What, pray, is left for me on demobilization? Am I to go back and renew my apprenticeship, and at my age endeavour to live on the pittance I shall receive, or must I adopt the role of labourer for the rest of my days?

DOWNHEARTED.

AFFECTATION IN WOMEN.

Sir,—It may be in the Army of occupation that we are led to take greater stock of our women folk than when we are at home and there are so many around us.

This perhaps leads me to the conclusion that affectation is largely cultivated by what I will call the younger generation that section which has all the appearance of June brides.

To us of a riper age it is amusing if not wearisome. In all things, I say,

BE NATURAL.

WILL THE JAZZ GO?

Sir,—You ask will the Jazz go? For myself I certainly hope it will and that it will bring in its train a revival of the old dances.

Take the old barn dance. It is difficult to identify the languid demeanour of some fair dancers and the rapt expression of many young subalterns with this old favourite, but let us by all means get back to the good old natural dancing of my young days.

FATHER.

HOLD IT FAST.

Sir,—I also have been interested in your article and correspondence advocating careful handling of gratuities, but it seems to me that it is mainly for the guidance of Officers. As a Tommy my handsome gratuity amounts to the sum of £20.

This scarcely provides scope for outrageous extravagance and with the present high cost of living will not go far in meeting the needs of the rainy days ahead, against which we are warned. What matter, then whether it is spent or saved?

DRIVER.

Sir,—We of the Bachelors' brigade will perhaps be accused of parsimony, but from personal observation and remarks let drop I have come to the conclusion that wives in these days are an expensive luxury.

The German trader if he suffered from the disappearance of many of our troops is more than recompensing himself at the expense of the married officer, particularly he with war-time wedding bells still ringing in his ears.

The young wife on the Rhine finds herself in a novel position with seemingly unlimited paper money for as "Dago" rightly points out "cheap money makes for extravagance."

Opera, play, dance, club dinners compete for attention. What of the future?

HOLD IT FAST.

Sir,—I have just witnessed the valiant endeavours of at least one young officer husband to steer his bride past the light and attractions of a jeweller's window.

Why not put such places out of bounds on certain days of the week and on these he could arrange to perform the duties of Orderly Officer?

WINKLE.

Sir,—Will the critics of wives take into consideration just what their presence here means to both parties—husband and wife? Alleged extravagance becomes of minor importance.

When at a place of amusement recently I could not help being struck by the serene happiness of men when in the company of their wives. Couples were freely besprinkled up and down the hall, evidence in itself of the changed condition of life brought about by the advent of women on the Rhine.

I cannot help agreeing with "Marjorie" in her views. The likelihood is that the male partners but for the presence of their womenfolk would have sought relaxation and amusement elsewhere. The large number of cabarets which advertise their ability to cater for the military is evidence in itself of how much that bald form of amusement has appealed in the past.

Now the Army concert parties and other pure forms of amusement carry the day, and rightly so.

Your article "Ethics of Economy" sums up the position better than I can put it. I enclose my card.

CRUSTY BACHELOR.

HOHE STRASSE DANGERS.

Sir, — May I protest strongly against the foolish practice, fortunately rare, of driving cars along the Hohe strasse at all, but most emphatically during its crowded hours.

About 16.30 on Monday the street was very crowded and my wife and I found it difficult even to walk at anything like an ordinary pace. Suddenly much horn-blowing announced the coming of a car and I was amazed to see, coming in the direction of the Dom, a car driven at over 20 miles an hour. People scurried in all directions and by some stroke of luck everyone escaped injury, but it was not the driver's fault.

He should count himself fortunate not to be under a charge of manslaughter at the present moment. As a British officer who has driven many cars, under most conditions, I feel bound to protest strongly against such reckless behaviour on anyone's part.

VOGEL.

WHY NOT WRESTLING?

Sir,—I am afraid it is rather futile to suggest new sports in Rhineland seeing how little attention is being given to the regular run of games etc.

As "T.W.J." said yesterday things are too unsettled for much to be done. But let us hope that after Christmas, when the Army of Occupation has settled down and knows definitely what its personnel is to be that among the sports encouraged in addition to football, boxing and running, will be the fine old sport of wrestling.

This seems to have been neglected for far too long. Now and again a craze for it develops for a time and then wrestling appears to get forgotten.

But it never should be, in my opinion, and many of us much prefer it to boxing.

CUMBERLAND.

THE OLD DUTCH HOUSE.

Sir,—I suppose it is largely due to the correspondence in the "Post" that the N.A.C.B. authorities have taken the hints thrown out and enlarged the club for W.O.'s and Sergeants. It is good news to know that this necessary step is in progress.

But there was another suggestion made in your columns which I think was just as worthy of consideration and action. I refer to the proposal for a similar club for that large body of N.C.O.'s — the corporals.

It is to be hoped that we shall soon see an announcement from the enterprising N.A.C.B. as to that.

J.J.W.

TO STOCKING FANCIER.

Sir,—Would the gentleman who passed the rude remark about the N.A.C.B. girls kindly consult an eye specialist or take more water with it next time?

One of them.

CONCERT AUDIENCES.

Sir,—After witnessing the laboured efforts of an artiste to arouse some enthusiasm in a concert audience I have come to the conclusion that "Wigunite" must have had some experience of the "boards."

It was a catchy song with a simple rollicking chorus, yet apart from a few enterprising souls at the back of the hall the audience could not be induced to raise their voices!

Contrast this with the eagerness with which North country music hall habitués take up choruses.

SALFORD LAD.

SECOND PRIZE.

Have you the priceless gift of imagination?

Rather!!!

Among a woefully deficient stock of gifts that is one at least I imagine I have full fledged.

£ 12,000!

How easy it was to imagine myself the lucky winner of this comfortable sum.

What would I do with it? Ah; who could tell?

Visions of profiteers I have known float before me.

Profiteers big, profiteers small, profiteers who made profit on Tommy's tea and "wads" and profiteers who dropped their "h's" (about the only thing they did drop).

Now I could look them all on a level. I at least had not profiteered, although a "parvenu".

Of course I should pay my subscription to the "Cologne Post" up to the time of its ceasing publication.

I would make it my business to see that "Corporals" did not have to sit in the draught in the Deutsches Theatre even if I had to bribe the Box Office people.

Arbitration on a financial basis would settle the "Gunner's" supposed usurpation of titles, and I would buy the whole of the Rhine Army silver identity discs and call it square.

Yes I would have a flutter in War Savings Certificates, give the Quartermaster a pension for life for "services rendered" and the residue (if any) in the fulness of my heart I would use to endow a Memorial to the Widows and Orphans of Sweepstake Promoters.

Twenty Marks awarded to Bmdr. A.F. Bacon, Hdqrs. London Divnl. Artillery, Rhine Army.

THIRD PRIZE.

This problem must necessarily be looked at from various standpoints, but as one, who to some extent has "Had his day" — being turned 50, I would like to be able to offer "a helping hand" to the young men just entering upon the great struggle of life.

Briefly, I think I would work somewhat on the following lines: First, invest the capital sum in a sound security. This would not be a difficult matter at the present time with war bonds and other Government securities, thus ensuring a comfortable livelihood. My dependants would naturally have first consideration although part of my capital, the greater part, would at my decease be left in trust for the purpose of affording financial assistance to suitable young men, who often, under adverse circumstances, give proof of earnest effort to help themselves.

I would do this by arranging loans, upon proper security, of, say from £100 to £200 free of interest for 10 years. The money could be invested in business, property, thrift societies, or any legitimate means of increasing the amount approved by the Trustees of the fund.

This I believe would be a perpetual means of conferring a benefit upon those deserving support, as, of course every ten years capital would be repaid and available for further loan.

Limited space forbids anything more than an outline of this scheme, but I believe it to be quite workable, and that it would be one conferring lasting benefit.

Ten marks awarded to Sgt. F. W. H. Green. 52nd Battn. Rifle Brigade. Rhine Army.

RHINELAND FOOTBALL.

Great Battle between 10th and 11th Bns. The Queens.

KEEN INTER-COY GAME.

A match between the 10th and 11th Battalions, The Queens' was played on the 11th Queens ground at Kalk on Saturday. Owing to the late arrival of the visitors the match could not be started before 14.50 hours, and consequently it was rather difficult to see just before time.

The 10th Queens, having won the toss, elected to play with the wind. Soon after the kick-off the 11th Queens centre half, Lieut. Bratchell, met with a mishap and had to leave the field for a time. Several miskicks on the part of the 11th Queens resulted in Pte. Baker of the 10th getting through and scoring with a weak shot.

Many Fruitless Corners.

This reverse seemed to pull the 11th Queens together. Even play ensued following which the 11th Queens began to press continually making the 10th concede several corners which, however, were not converted. Shortly before half time from a centre from the outside left Sgt. Argent managed to score for the 11th Queens.

On the resumption there were some very keen tussles and both goal-keepers were called upon to save. Towards the middle of the second half the outside left Pte. Warminger placed a high dropping shot in the centre and Sgt. Argent outpaced the 11th Queens backs and scored.

On the kick-off the 11th Battalion again returned to the attack and the 10th Queens goalkeeper brought off several very fine saves. A few minutes before time the 10th Queens forwards nearly broke through and the 11th Queens defence was severely tried, but they managed to clear and relieve the pressure. The whistle went leaving the 11th Queens winners by 2—1.

A SEVEN-NIL VICTORY.

B Coy. Overwhelm D. Coy. 52nd Kings Liverpool Regt.

A match between B and D Coys. 52nd K.L.R. was played at Bonn on Saturday. Both teams applied pressure in turn at first, but gradually B Coy. began to show their superiority, and, after half an hour's play, Barrow scored from a corner. A few minutes later B Coy. obtained a penalty but Barrow shot wide.

B Coy. took up the running again and Lockwood increased their lead. About five minutes before the interval another penalty fell to "B" and this time Barrow made no mistake, the ball dropping in from the crossbar.

Half time: B Coy. 3; D Coy. 0.

On resuming B Coy. continued to dominate the game and goals were added by Walsh, Holt, Lockwood and Barrow. D Coy. vainly endeavoured to pierce their opponents' defence. The end came with "D" pressing.

Full time: B Coy. 7; D Coy. 0.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Aston's Shock for the Conquering "Throstles."

First League:—West Bromwich Albion 1; Aston Villa 2.

Second League:—Port Vale 1; South Shields 0.

LONDON CHALLENGE CUP.

Semi Finals.

Chelsea 1; Queens Park Rangers 0.
Crystal Palace 3; Fulham 1.

The results of Monday's matches amply prove that nothing is certain in football. Astons' defeat of the "Throstles" at the Hawthorns (a result by the way which was forecasted in our columns) was a splendid performance. The Villa have certainly got round the corner, and that they are settling down to be their real selves is a happening which is pleasing to all. Much interest will centre round the return meeting of these two clubs at Villa Park next Saturday.

Port Vale were good value for their win over the Seasiders.

In the London Cup, Chelsea accounted for Queen's Park Rangers. The Rangers seem to have struck a bad patch at present.

Crystal Palace, by defeating Fulham, upset many calculations, but they are a cup fighting team, and it is by no means improbable that they will account for the "Pensioners" in the final.

RUGBY RESULTS.

Rugby results in England on Monday were:—

Cambridge University, 30, Northumberland, 3.

Llanelly 8, Leicester 5.

CLUBMEN AS CUEISTS.

The Association of Conservative Clubs is resuming this season its billiards tournaments, which were such a popular feature amongst clubmen prior to the war. Handsome challenge shields and prizes are to be competed for by clubs in the five groups into which England and Wales are divided. The entries constitute a record, no fewer than 73 clubs having decided to compete. The competition starts this month, and the winners of each group will be eligible to compete for the championship shield.

WHY, OH! WHY?

Without expressing any opinion on the programme submitted to them (says the Cardiff "Express"), the Hill's Plymouth Colliery Company, Ltd., have declined to allow the use of the Pentrebach Hall, near Merthyr, for the purposes of an assault-at-arms and concert in aid of the widow and family of a soldier whose sufferings in a German prisoner of war camp resulted in his death at Bridgend Asylum soon after his homecoming.

IMPORTANT DECISION.

Cross-country Union and Services Representation.

RULES REVISED.

At the annual general meeting of the National Cross-Country Union it was proposed to amend the Constitution Rules so as to provide for the Services Associations being represented on the Executive Committee and at the A.G.M.

The Northern delegates raised a question as to the possible effect if the various Army units were affiliated under the voting scheme as laid down in the Constitution Rules.

The Army representative, Cpl. Wand Tetley, said that the Army Association would represent all its units on the N.C.C.U., and there was no necessity to provide for further representation. Eventually it was agreed to alter Rule 3 to provide that the R.N., Army, and R.A.F. cross-country associations should be given one delegate each on the Executive Committee on becoming affiliated.

With reference to the voting it was agreed that the Services Associations should each exercise two votes at an annual general meeting, and that in reckoning the voting power of affiliated associations under Rule 9 Services clubs should not be considered.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

Cambridge Defeat Ranelagh H: Varsity Skipper's Great Race.

The Ranelagh Harriers were at home to the Cambridge University H. and H. on Saturday, when the respective teams met in a race over the 7 miles Wynne Cup course. The race proved a great one, both sides being strongly represented, and a stern struggle ended in a victory for the Light Blues by 38 points to 40.

A. C. Telfer, the Cambridge captain, ran a great race, and although being rather badly torn by a barbed wire obstacle at 4½ miles, he still forced the pace. It was only F. J. de B. Collenette's sprinting powers over the last quarter-mile that beat the Light Blue out of first place.

OXFORD'S ONE-POINT WIN.

Dark Blues Second Victory: Montague's Fifth Win.

The Dark Blues gained their second victory on Saturday, when they received a visit from Highgate H., but they again cut matters fine and only won by a single point.

Montague continued his victorious career unchecked, this making his fifth winning sequence, but so far he has had no one to extend him. He won by 180yds. from Callard, the pair being streets ahead of the rest. Grace and Johnson missed the trail and finished together. The result was:—Oxford University, 27 points; Highgate H., 28 points.

INDIVIDUAL TRIUMPH.

Ex-cavalry Officer's feat in London Annual.

The annual cross-country race between South London H. and Blackheath H. for the Nicholls Cup was decided on Saturday from the Swan, West Wickham, over a seven-miles course towards Hayes and Addington, the going being fairly heavy. S.L.H. won by a score of 100 points to 120.

The race was an individual triumph for A. C. Edwards, the Blackheath ex-cavalry officer. He took the lead before the first mile had been covered, and was not afterwards approached, winning by nearly a minute from L. G. Housden, S.L.H., in the fast time of 40 min. 6 3-5 sec.

BOWLING PROPOSALS.

Australians Expected to Tour the British Isles.

The annual meeting and dinner of the English Bowling Association will take place on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 4.30 p.m., at the Holborn Restaurant.

Among the proposals to be submitted to the delegates is one to rearrange the districts in England for the national bowling championship, so that there shall be only eight district areas. A motion will also be proposed that the number of heads (not points) in the pairs championships shall be 15, with the exception of the final, which shall be 21.

The delegates will also be asked to consider the revision of the rules and regulations of the inter-county championship, a new scheme being submitted to re-group the counties, with the object of saving unnecessary travelling in the early stages of the competition. It is also proposed that the counties shall play two rinks home and away, instead of the first county drawn being regarded as the home team, which obtains under the present rules governing the competition.

Another proposal is "that an advisory council consisting of five members be appointed to assist in the selection of the international team." It is anticipated that the Australian Bowling Association will send a team to tour the British Isles, and the English B.A. will make the arrangements for the matches and entertainment of the team in England.

JOCKEY SUSTAINS BROKEN THIGH.

Mason was looking forward to a very successful steeplechase season, having just fixed up to renew his old acquaintance with Mr. Percy Whitaker's stable, besides being first jockey to Mr. Bibby and Withington again.

His financial loss will therefore be great, for it will be some months before he can pull round from the bad fall he got at Liverpool on Saturday, when South Lodge rolled over him at Becher's and broke his thigh He was in a lot of pain when brought back in the ambulance, but when Mr. Whitaker left him before he went into the infirmary he was more comfortable, and said he was hopeful of riding again.

ENGLISH BOXING.

Joe Starmer K.O. Joe Brooks in Sixth Round.

SYMONDS DEFEATS CLARK.

There was a huge attendance at The Ring when the attraction was a 20 3-min. rounds contest between Joe Brooks, of Aldgate, and Joe Starmer, of Kettering. This terminated unexpectedly in the sixth round.

In the opening stages Brooks was always on top of his rival, but though his work was speedy, his blows lacked sting. Starmer, on the other hand, always punched the straighter, and after the fourth round changed his tactics so often that he began to score the faster. He punched Brooks heavily about the body in the fifth round, and early in the next got home a powerful left to the body from which Brooks went to the boards and was counted out. He afterwards appealed for a foul, which was rightly ignored.

A SPIRITED CONTEST.

Joe Symonds, Plymouth, again defeats George Clark.

The meeting of Joe Symonds, of Plymouth, the ex-fly-weight champion, and George Clark, of Bermondsey, who like Symonds, was beaten by Jimmy Wilde in a contest for the Lonsdale fly-weight belt, created a lot of interest in Plymouth on Friday night, and there was a big crowd at the Cosmopolitan Gymnasium. Both weighed in under 8st 8lb, and the result of a spirited contest was a win for Symonds on points.

CARPENTIER AT HIGHBURY.

French Champion Receives a Great Reception.

Georges Carpentier was one of the 30,000 onlookers at the First Division Football League match at Highbury on Saturday between the Arsenal and Bolton Wanderers. He was accompanied by M. Descamps, Olslager, his masseur, Lenaors, his sparring partner, and others, and after being introduced to Sir Henry Norris, M.P., the chairman of the club, and Mr Leslie Knighton, the manager, he was piloted by Mr. Knighton to the playing pitch, where an army of photographers had assembled, and they were soon busy snap-shotting him.

Immediately he stepped on to the enclosure he was recognised, and was obviously gratified with the magnificent reception given him, the huge crowd cheering him again and again. The captains of the rival teams each had a hearty handshake from him, and he then spun the coin, the Arsenal captain calling to him for choice of ends and making a correct guess. Carpentier then left the pitch to the accompaniment of further rounds of cheering, and made his way to the directors' stand, from which excellent coign of vantage he watched the game. He remained until a few minutes from the end, when he discreetly withdrew so as to get clear away before the crowd poured out of the ground.

JACK FULFORD INJURED.

Struck in the Eye by Golf Ball while Teaching.

Jack Fulford, the Royal Wimbledon professional, met with a rather serious accident a few days ago, while teaching on the course. He was struck by a ball in the left eye, and rendered unconscious for a time. Fulford's eye was badly damaged, but happily he is making rapid progress towards complete recovery.

A Broken Leg.

J. Kelly had the misfortune to be kicked by another horse while riding at exercise at Findon on Saturday, the result being a broken leg.

JOCKEY'S HAT-TRICK.

Whalley Rides Three Winners at Leicester.

LEICESTER AND CHELTENHAM

Rain fell at Leicester on Monday and going was very soft. The attendance was good. The feature of the day was the completion of the hat-trick by A. Whalley, who piloted Lancovil, Felim and King Alfred to victory. Details:—

Quorndon Handicap:—1, Lancovil (11-10); 2, St. Gingoulph (11-4); 3, Sunny Vista (8-1). Seven ran.

Town Plate:—1, Phrosie (6-5 on); 2, Anisette (11-4); 3, Hikm (3-1). Three ran.

November Nursery:—1, Silver Stream (100-6); 2, D'annunzio (10-1); 3, Nareesh (10-1). Fifteen ran.

Atherstone Handicap:—1, Felim (9-4); 2, Viaduct (10-1); 3, Trowbridge (5-1). Ten ran.

Oadby Nursery:—1, Geometry (11-4); 2, Fraise Filly (10-1); 3, Service Kit (4-1). Ten ran.

Melton Plate:—1, King Alfred (5-1); 2, Golden Quiver (5-2); 3, Sanitarium (2-1). Seven ran.

CHELTENHAM RESULTS.

Southam Hurdle:—1, St. Mary (7-2); 2, Willing (3-1); 3, Rockcorry (9-4). Six ran.

Cleeve Steeplechase:—1, Rathleague (9-4 on); 2, Ballinagoul (3-1); 3, Warbine (6-1). Three ran.

Amateur Riders Hurdle:—1, Shining More (4-1); 2, Stargantes (3-1); 3, Temeside (100-8). Ten ran.

Cotswold Steeplechase:—1, Fond Lucy (6-4); 2, Kafue (7-2); 3, Tom Faggus (8-1). Seven ran.

Cheltenham Steeplechase:—1, Irish Rebellion (5-1); 2, Ballymendel (6-1); 3, Mark Back (6-1). Six ran.

Roschill Hurdle:—1, Procurater (7-4); 2, Gavielle (7-2); 3, Montdidier (8-1). Eight ran.

PROMISING JUMPING STABLE.

What promises to be again a very powerful jumping stable this winter is that which Mr. Percy Whitaker is running at St. Giles, near Salisbury. Many useful Irish horses have recently joined his team, which is shortly to be augmented by the arrival of Captain G. R. Morgan's Rather Dark, King's Carol, Arbor, Razol, and two others.

It was at first feared that Rather Dark had broken down when taking part in the Liverpool Hurdle on Saturday, but his temporary lameness was brought about by his having rapped himself. This wore off later, and he returned to his stable sound.

BILLIARDS.

Lawrence and Breed in Midlands Championship.

A billiard match of eight thousand up between E. C. Breed (holder) and F. Lawrence for the Midlands professional championship was commenced at Birmingham on Monday. The players, who started level, are playing for a hundred pounds a side. The closing scores were:—

Lawrence (in play)..... 1,335
Breed 904

SERGEANT WINS COW.

The cow which was raffled by the 113th Bde., R.F.A. has been won by Staff Sergeant R.C. Turner, No. 2 N.A.C.B. Club, Cologne, with ticket number 234.

MANCHESTER HANDICAP "SWEEP."

The draw for the Manchester November Handicap, organised by Commander Bickford, will be drawn at the Theatre Calais, France, on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at three o'clock. Anyone drawing a horse will be notified by telegram. Books of twenty-five tickets can be obtained for £12 (single tickets 10s.), and can be obtained until Saturday next on application to Commander W. Bickford, 53, Quai de la Tamise, Calais.

SPORT NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

A Splendid Record.

Northampton R.F.C. have up to date played seven matches, winning all and scoring 239 points to 35.

Newly-formed Amateur Club.

The newly-formed L.N.W. Rly. Co.'s Boxing Club, whose headquarters are at Broad Street Depot, are now affiliated to the A.B.A.

Ladies' Hockey.

Teams of ladies from the North Middlesex and Hanger Hill Golf Clubs met on the North Middlesex course, when the Hanger Hill players proved successful by 4½ points to 2½

Olympic Games.

The General Committee of the Scottish Amateur Athletic Association at a meeting in Edinburgh considered the question of taking part in the 1920 Olympic Games at Antwerp next year and it was agreed to support the movement, and a sub-committee was appointed with full powers.

The Rugby Game.

An effort is being made to establish the Rugby game in Derbyshire, and a meeting will shortly be held at Chesterfield. The prime movers are Mr. J. T. Todd, the old Durham County and International player, and Mr. W. Walton Pitt, of Unstone, Derbyshire.

A New North End Man.

Preston North End have signed on T. Winspel, left half-back, from the Birmingham and District League, who was recently demobilized. Whilst in training at the Crystal Palace he played a number of games with the Palace club, and has shown excellent form in the Army.

Albion's New Players.

West Bromwich Albion have signed on Arthur Swift, the centre forward who played for them prior to the war, and Wood, another ex-soldier, has also been re-booked, his position being full back. Clarke, a promising outside left from Wednesbury Old Athletic, has also been signed on.

Blinkered and Muzzled.

Brigadier-General was adorned with blinkers and a muzzle in the Combermere Handicap at Windsor.

Recruit to Ra ing.

Sir George Bullough is next season, going in for flat races, and has several promising yearlings in J. Jarvis's stable.

Colts Sold.

Clarilaw colt was sold to Mr. Joyce for 450 guineas, and Trivet to Mr. Poole for 400 guineas, at Windsor on Saturday.

Damaged Goods.

Damaged Goods was bought in for 305 guineas, after winning the Walton Handicap at Liverpool.

Scratchings.

Bachelor's Heather has been struck out of the Manchester November Handicap, and King Sol out of all engagements this year.

A Costly Save.

Wimbledon's goalkeeper, A. C. Taylor, broke his right wrist saving a penalty at Guildford on Saturday in the F.A. Cup divisional final. Guildford won 2—1.

To Strengthen Defence.

With a view to strengthening their defence, Northampton Town have signed on William Thompson, a full-back from Ayr, who formerly assisted Reading.

A big Price.

Mr. Tilstock has purchased Sweet Clorane, the dam of Irish Elegance, with a colt foal by Fairy King, privately from Mr. Thoburn. A big price was paid for this famous mare, who is also the dam of C.P.

Rider to Trainer.

Mr. H. S. Harrison, the well-known amateur rider, is retiring from the saddle altogether, and is adopting training as a profession, He has already a dozen National Hunt performers under his charge.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

Deutsches Theatre.

Vaudeville displaces drama at the Deutsches Theatre this week. The bill is filled by a London Company of variety artistes under the direction of Mr. Phillip Williams. Humour is the outstanding feature of the entertainment presented, and for this Mr. Leslie Ross is chiefly responsible. He makes his appearance frequently in the course of the programme, never failing to enliven the proceedings by his presence. He is freely forgiven for cracking an occasional "chestnutty" or doubtful gag because of his undoubted ability as a purveyor of fun.

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The entertainment opens with a cheery chorus and is followed by a tuneful little trio "Carry on" by Leslie Ross, Nancy Hanton and Rene Hele. After a concerted item, Mr. Gerald Williams contributes "The Mountains of Mourne," revealing a tenor voice of exeptionally good quality in the process. Then comes a laughable sketch called "Demob'd," the idea of which is well conceived but somewhat weakly written. Its success, in fact, depends almost entirely upon the ability of the artistes taking part.

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Quite one of the most enjoyable items is that of Mr. Williams himself, who, at the piano, is extremely entertaining. Miss Diana sings charmingly, Miss Nancy Hanton is a sparkling comedienne while Miss Rene Hele is brilliant at the piano. The whole performance is excellently stage-managed and should attract large audiences for the remainder of this week.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Wed.	Tosca	Puccini	7	9.45
Thurs.	Otello	Verdi	7	10
Fri.	Der Barbier von Sevilla	Rossini	7	10
Sat.	Der Zigeunerbaron	Strauss	7	10.15
Sun.	Aida	Verdi	6.30	10.15
Monday	No performance			
Tuesday	No performance			

Sunday Next.

On Sunday next the Opera stars will scintillate at the Deutsches. Gertrude Bender the popular soprano will be there, likewise Hans Clemens the lyrical tenor. With them will be Alfred Barker, whose tonsils, it is to be hoped, will be by that time functioning as unobtrusively as a l well behaved tonsils should.—Future plans include visits from Herr—but I'm not going to let you into all Captain Haygarth's little secrets and surprises or our dear economy M. P.s will be demanding of Winston Churchill why so many applications for non-demob are being put forward. Somebody's got to go home to draw out-of-work or strike pay, haven't they?—

JACQUES.

LEAGUE TABLES.

Positions After Matches.

English League.—First Division.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Newcastle United	14	9	2	3	21	9	21
Burnley	14	8	3	3	24	18	19
West Bromwich Albion	13	9	4	0	37	18	18
Manchester United	13	5	2	6	24	16	16
Sheffield United	14	6	4	4	28	20	16
Sunderland	13	7	5	1	23	17	15
Derby County	14	5	4	5	19	19	15
Middlesbrough	14	6	5	3	20	23	15
Bolton Wanderers	14	6	6	2	26	22	14
Everton	13	6	6	1	28	25	13
Manchester City	13	5	5	3	33	31	13
The Arsenal	13	4	4	5	19	20	13
Liverpool	13	6	6	1	16	16	13
Bradford City	14	5	6	3	23	25	13
Chelsea	13	6	6	1	13	16	13
Bradford	13	5	6	2	16	17	12
Blackburn Rovers	14	4	5	5	18	27	12
Notts County	13	4	6	3	19	29	11
Preston North End	13	4	7	2	21	31	10
Aston Villa	13	4	8	1	19	29	9
Oldham Athletic	13	3	8	2	17	22	8
Sheffield Wednesday	13	1	8	4	7	21	6

Second Division.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Tottenham Hotspur	13	11	1	1	39	8	23
Blackpool	14	9	4	1	32	16	19
Birmingham	13	8	3	2	27	13	18
Hull City	14	8	4	2	27	19	18
Huddersfield Town	13	7	3	3	24	10	17
Bristol City	12	6	1	5	16	8	17
Fulham	14	7	4	3	22	14	17
Stoke	12	8	3	1	22	15	17
West Ham United	13	6	4	3	14	17	15
Barnsley	13	6	5	2	28	11	14
Stockport County	13	5	4	4	17	11	14
Bury	13	6	5	2	14	16	14
Burslem Port Vale	11	5	5	2	18	16	12
Wolverhampton Wand.	13	4	6	3	18	16	11
Nottingham Forest	14	3	6	5	11	17	11
South Shields	13	4	7	2	8	17	10
Rotherham County	14	4	9	1	12	28	9
Leicester City	13	3	7	3	12	29	9
Clapton Orient	13	3	9	1	12	20	7
Lincoln City	13	2	8	3	11	38	7
Grimsby Town	13	3	9	1	8	25	7
Coventry City	13	0	11	2	4	30	2

Southern League.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Reading	16	8	1	7	23	12	23
Portsmouth	15	8	3	4	27	10	20
Queen's Park Rangers	15	8	3	4	21	11	20
Watford	13	8	2	3	20	10	19
Crystal Palace	14	5	2	7	23	14	17
Plymouth Argyle	14	6	4	4	20	7	16
Cardiff City	13	5	2	6	23	14	16
Exeter City	14	5	3	6	17	12	16
Millwall Athletic	15	6	5	4	25	23	16
Norwich City	12	6	4	2	25	19	14
Swindon	14	5	5	4	25	22	14
Southend United	15	4	5	6	17	23	14
Luton	14	5	6	3	19	24	13
Southampton	15	6	8	1	22	29	13
Swansea Town	14	4	6	4	14	15	12
Brentford	14	3	5	6	14	18	12
Bristol Rovers	13	4	5	4	21	27	12
Merthyr Town	16	3	7	6	17	26	12
Brighton & Hove	15	3	7	5	12	19	11
Gillingham	15	3	9	3	8	26	9
Newport County	16	3	10	3	12	31	9
Northampton	14	2	8	4	21	34	8

Scottish League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Glasgow Rangers	16	14	1	1	48	9	29
Celtic	13	11	1	1	33	14	23
Motherwell	16	7	6	3	26	22	20
Ayr United	16	8	3	5	36	19	19
Airdrieonians	15	7	4	4	20	11	18
Heart of Midlothian	15	8	2	5	21	18	18
Greenock Morton	15	7	2	6	24	14	16
Dundee	15	7	2	6	23	15	16
Hibernians	16	7	2	7	32	34	15
Aberdeen	15	6	3	6	19	20	15
Partick Thistle	14	6	2	6	20	22	14
Queen's Park	16	5	4	7	23	28	14
St. Mirren	16	6	2	8	22	29	14
Third Lanark	15	5	4	6	20	28	14
Raith Rovers	17	5	3	9	31	37	13
Dumbarton	16	3	7	6	19	30	13
Kilmarnock	16	5	3	8	19	37	13
Clydebank	14	5	2	7	24	22	12
Clyde	17	3	5	9	20	31	11
Falkirk	17	4	3	10	17	33	11
Albion Rovers	14	4	3	7	13	23	11
Hamilton Academicals	16	4	2	10	25	39	10

BILLIARDS FIXTURES.

NOVEMBER.

3-15.—E. C. Breed (holder) v. F. Lawrence at Birmingham (Midlands professional championship).
3-15.—Inman v. Falkiner, at New Burroughes Hall.
3-15.—Newman v. Smith, at Thurston's.
3-15.—Stevenson v. Reece, at Manchester.
17-29.—Stevenson v. Reece, at New Burroughes Hall.
17-29.—Falkiner v. Carpenter, at Thurston's.
26-Feb. 7.—Reece v. Falkiner, at New Burroughes Hall.

DECEMBER.

1-13.—Newman v. Falkiner, at New Burroughes Hall.
1-13.—Smith v. Peall, at Thurston's.
15-20.—A. Raynor v. T. Tothill, at Thurston's.
15-20.—Newman v. Falkiner, at Northampton.
15-27.—Inman v. Reece, at New Burroughes Hall.

RACING IN FRANCE.

The Société d'Encouragement, the principal French flat-racing organization, has drawn up a programme for 1920 providing for important increases in the stakes, the doubling of the number of races open to horses bred outside France, the reopening of the Chantilly Racecourse, and a premium equalling at least 10 per cent. of the stakes to be paid to breeders of the winners of all races with the exception of handicaps and selling plates.

"Damaged Goods" Disability.

Mr. W. Wren, one of the most popular of owners, is laid up as the result of a cowardly assault, and was unable to be present at Liverpool on Saturday to see his horse Damaged Goods win. The chestnut is well-named, considering that besides the tube he has in his throat, he has two big knees, and breaks blood-vessels.

Frank Webber to be Jumped.

Frank Webber is now to have his attention turned to hurdle racing, and he should do well if only he takes kindly to jumping.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

How Queen's Park Rangers Result Upset Calculations.

The general failure of competitors in our No. 7 contest, the result of which will appear to-morrow, provides a theme for comment. Our competition staff have not so far discovered a single competitor with more than eight results correct out of the ten required. Considering the matches this is a rather unexpected event; albeit many stumbled over the Queen's Park result. Up to going to press only twelve competitors have been noted who correctly gave this result.

No. 8 contest coupon provides another opportunity for football enthusiasts, and the League Tables published on this page furnish a guide for intending competitors

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 8,
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List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for [illegible]son, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 8.

Date of matches, **Saturday, Nov. 15th.**
Closing date, **Friday, Nov. 14th.**

Aston Villa	v. West Bromwich A.
Sheffield W.	v. Derby C
Notts C.	v. Sunderland
Bradford C.	v. Everton
Blackpool	v. Fulham
Wolves	v. Birmingham
Hull C.	v. Barnsley
Portsmouth	v. Exeter C.
Watford	v. Plymouth
Clyde	v. Clydebank
Dumbarton	v. Partick
Third Lanark	v. Motherwell

I enter Football Competition No. 8 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Snow-balling.

On Monday afternoon much amusement was caused in Marzellen Strasse by two "Tommies" on a flat roof, who were busily engaged in snow-balling passers-by in the street below. The height from which they conducted operations allowed of no retaliation by their victims.

Famous Cleric.

Elsewhere will be found the news of the passing of Cardinal Hartmann. The bells of the churches were tolling and his death was proclaimed to the public by flying triangular shaped black flags.

Stoppage.

Yesterday afternoon much interest was being taken in a car stoppage round about the Dom. Dozens of cars were at a standstill and as such a sight is very unusual in Cologne, this no doubt was accountable for the interest taken by Tommies and civilians alike.

The Latest.

The latest picture post cards to be seen in most of the large shops here now is a photo of Cologne Cathedral covered in snow. The inscription runs, "Cologne under the first snow. Season 1919.

That Cow.

What will be the fate of the cow, raffled by the 113 Bde. R.F.A. and won by a Staff Sergeant at No. 2. N.A.C.C. Club, I wonder? Will it be allowed to live and do useful service by supplying the club with fresh milk, or will it be served up one day in lieu of rations?

Very Hilarious.

The German seems to make the most of having a good time. The other evening I heard a terrific din outside my billet. Visions of Bolshevism flashed through my brain as I went to my window. But it was only a party of merrymakers of both sexes and all ages returning from a party.

Runaways.

Hohe Strasse had its sensation on Monday afternoon when a horse dashed into a shop window. The animal in question received severe injuries and had to be destroyed. This was the second incident of this description that had occurred that day so I was informed.

Slippery Streets.

The coming of snow has brought in its train a bad time for horses. Cologne's streets when covered with the falling flakes provide a dangerous surface and yesterday morning I saw no less than four horses fall within the space of half an hour.

New Uses for Coins.

There is at least one good use to which some Belgian and French coins can be put apart from their spending value. I noticed yesterday that the buttons of a Tommy's great coat were held in place by string passed through the centre of these coins. Rather a novel idea, I thought.

Mistaken Identity.

A subaltern came into our office yesterday foaming at the mouth. "Where's the wallah that wrote about an officer with one pip on his right shoulder and two on his left?" he demanded. "But how do you know the paragraph referred to you?" the Editor asked mildly. "Well, look!" said the "sub." The Editor did so. There were two pips on his right shoulder and one on his left!

Believable.

With everything so fabulously dear at home, I believe many are finding it cheaper to have their wives and families in Germany and let their houses furnished than go to Blighty on leave.

Speedily Rich.

A tremendous amount of money has been made in the Cologne district since the Armistice. Many business men who before and during the war were of small account are now very rich and are buying mansions in which they live in great style.

The Last Straw.

How many people noticed a German walking down Breite Strasse wearing a straw hat, and no umbrella in the pouring rain the other night.?

Make a Show.

Among some men in a labour battalion, who were employed in digging a trench, was one who worked as if he were a chorus man in a play. In a mechanical way he simply went through the motions, pretending to dig and so forth. It was not long before the sergeant singled him out and going up to him said: "Lean on the shovel now an' thin. If it breaks I'll indent for another."

Not Easy Subjects.

I chanced to meet an officer yesterday who doesn't believe in wasting his spare time on the Rhine. He is learning Persian in the evenings. "And when I've made more progress in it," he said, "I intend to tackle Chinese."

The German Christmas.

Those who are destined to spend Christmas on the Rhine are likely to have a merry time. It is essentially the Germans' great time for feasting and celebration. Of course it is to Germany that we owe Santa Claus and the Christmas tree.

Girl Friends.

Overheard among members of the Leave Club staff. "Is Gertie Smitherson a friend of yours?" "Yes, what's she been saying about me?"

Picture Stars.

Among the portraits of picture players adorning the walls of the Modernes Theatre I notice several of famous American stars including that of the late John Bunny who became so popular in England.

Pink and Grey.

Yesterday in the Hohestrasse I saw a flapper wearing bright pink silk stockings and grey shoes. Of course I turned my eyes away instantly.

A Winter Garden.

The lounge of the VI Corps Club seems to grow more attractive every time I go there. It is now decked out as a winter garden. The lounge has rapidly grown in favour as an afternoon and after-dinner rendezvous for both sexes.

A German McCracken.

Watching a recent match between two civilian teams I was much interested in the performance of one of the defenders. Playing at right back he repeatedly threw the opposing forwards off side much to the spectators' displeasure. He gave a magnificent display of brainy defence and his emulation of McCracken's tactics certainly saved his side.

RHINELANDER.

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

ENGINES' PROPER COLOURS.

Mr. Harold Stannard writing of beauty in machinery says:—Only one thing the locomotive still lacks before it reaches perfection, and that is its proper colour. The green of one great railway company is surely wrong. It makes the engine look as though it were a timid thing seeking to adopt protective colouring in its rush through the countryside. Red, another familiar colour, gives regal but rather too aggressive effect. For majestic impressiveness nothing can beat the black of the great engines that link the manufacturing centre with the capital. But black fails to do justice to the tremendous vitality of an engine. The ideal colour is still to be found.

JEWS IN PALESTINE.

Mr. Herbert Samuel, at a meeting to consider Jewish colonisation of Palestine, said:—That country could not within its its limits give room to the millions of persecuted Jews of Eastern Europe, but their sufferings could to a great extent be alleviated. By occupying Palestine the Jews would best serve the interests of the British Empire. It would be necessary clearly to define the boundaries of Palestine. The Jews would not allow restrained capitalism or landlordism to flourish in the new State. They would erect a community which would be an example to the world.

HOSPITALS CONDEMNED.

Sir Berkeley Moynihan, K.C.M.G., speaking on the lessons of the war to the medical profession and the hope for the future in the new Ministry of Health, said:—There is not a hospital in the country of which I have knowledge—and I know most of the best—which is anything like as good as it ought to be. Nothing like adequate arrangements are made for the proper investigation of the clinical type of patients, there is insufficient collaboration with research departments, they are not properly equipped, even with such humdrum things as X-ray departments and other equally necessary parts of a first-class hospital. All is of a third-rate character.

UNEMPLOYED OFFICERS.

General Sir Frederick Maurice speaking at a meeting of ex-service men said:—The problem of employment is a serious one. With 13,000 demobilized every day the prospect for the winter is a gloomy one. The number of officers out of employment is at least 19,000. The immediate necessity, is to deal with the ex-officer problem, which still remains in a very critical state. In order to do this it is essential for an ex-officers' Association to be formed, owing to their welfare being administered to by different departments and under different Warrants than that of the rank and file.

A NATIONAL IDEAL.

Mr. Seebohm Rowntree writing on the need for a national ideal says:—I am inclined to think that half our blunders spring from the fact that we have put before us no clear ethical ideal as to what we want in the future. We base a precarious policy on the insistent claims of first one social group, then another, without submitting all claims to some high moral standard. We are given, indeed, to the generous use of words like Freedom, Justice, Brotherhood. But the conceptions for which they stand are too poorly represented in the turmoil of political or industrial life.

THE GREAT LESSON OF THE WAR.

Mr. G. P. Gooch writing in the "Quarterly Review" says: The passing of empires has been the familiar theme of the moralist in all ages; and the downfall of Germany, following the collapse of Austria and Russia, supplies warnings for the States which have survived the epic struggle. The victorious Allies will do well to imitate, if they can, the energy and thoroughness of their defeated foe. But the supreme lesson which the fall of the German Empire teaches, and which other empires will neglect at their peril, is that arms and wealth are after all but feeble bulwarks, and that it shall profit a nation nothing if it gain the whole world and lose its own soul.

DANGER OF THE CROWD.

Bishop Frodsham says that one of the most marked characteristics of the present day, is the development of government by the crowd, which is one of the gravest sources of danger. The most dangerous speakers with the crowd are those who make extreme statements without attempting to prove them, and who repeat these statements over and over again. No one who knows me will believe me that I am anything but sympathetic with trade unionism. None the less, I believe that trade unions are in danger of being transformed into an unintelligent crowd of members who give up their individual judgment, and who are manipulated as a crowd in a way which is disastrous to their own interests, and to the interests of the country.

SOMETHING NEW IN ARMY EDUCATION.

The new voluntary classes at the Army College described in our issue of Sunday last, start on Thursday. Applications to attend them have been numerous, and it looks as if these courses will supply a real want. As some applicants do not seem quite clear as to their eligibility, we repeat that all ranks, and any English ladies (wives or workers) can join. If possible, applications to attend the classes should reach the Adjutant, G.H.Q. General College, by noon on Thursday. Students can be enrolled however, after attending the first class, provided the maximum number (30 in any one class) has not already been reached. All the courses, except the German class, (which is held at the B.E.L.C.) take place at the G.H.Q. General and Commercial College, 58 Hansa Ring.

TIME TABLE.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
ROOM 33	French.	French.	—	French.	French.	—	5.30 to 6.30 p.m.
ROOM 34	Eng. Lit.	Eng. Lit.	—	Eng. Lit.	—	—	
ROOM 35	Maths.	Maths.	—	Maths.	Maths.	—	
ROOM 33	Shorthand and Typ wtg.	Shorthand and Typewtg.	—	Shorthand and Typewtg.	—	—	6.30 to 7.30 p.m.
British Empire Leave Club	German	—	German	—	German	German	

VANITY FAIR.

A Feature for the British Woman in Rhineland.

Temptation to Buy.

Furs seem daily to become more beautiful and more costly, and never have so many luxurious garments been on sale. This temptation to buy comes at a time when every woman is grumbling at the persistent high prices. The cold days have made most of us consider that the most profitable purchases are the really warm garments.

Dearer Silks.

Unless something happens in the silk industry, the highest prices ever asked for these goods will soon become operative. Indications are that matters in the industry will become serious, and will supply even more vital problems to the manufacturers of dresses than is the case at the present time.

Established Fashions.

Fashions for the winter of 1919-20 are now firmly established; and the trend towards magnificence of fabric and trimming is certainly fully recognised by the sartorial authorities. In the early autumn the tailor suits were in tweeds and serges, and the afternoon one-piece frocks were in cloth or stockinette of simple genre. Now that the modes are all definitely settled, many of them bearing much historic and psychological interest, one can turn ones attention to the choosing of new gowns, furs, and hats.

Furs that Flatter.

Apart from any question of necessity, the becomingness of fur is undeniable. What age or type of woman would not feel and look her best in one of the new model wraps? Such a wrap accentuate all the best points of one's figure, and is particularly adaptable to wear over the new wide skirts. All the best furs are rich looking, of the softest texture, and silky finish. For evening wear light skins are worn, such as chinchilla and ermine; but these are generally darkened with a border of skunk or lynx.

Popular Lace.

To-day lace plays an enormous part in dress. Happy is the possessor of real lace! While both price of stuffs and labour rule so high, garments that have been laid aside during the days when evening dress was seldom worn can be re-modelled and brought up to date by the use of lace, and nothing is lovelier for the classic draperies now in fashion than delicate lace of all kinds.

Novelty Boots.

High Russian boots of suede, buckskin, and soft leather are among the novelty boots being made to measure for the woman of fashion this winter. These boots to be correctly worn should fall in neat folds around the ankles, thereby, it is said, enhancing the beauty of small feet and making large ones look very much smaller than they really are. Brocaded slippers are showing important-looking paste buckles as a decoration. These brocades are in various vivid colours shot with silver; rose and jade green are, of course, favourite shades.

The Charming Woman.

To be pronounced "charming" is always gratifying to a woman. Charm is elusive and hard to define. A really charming woman brings with her an atmosphere of her own. Most people would be unable to say whether her frocks were of the latest. It is the "air" she has that is most noticeable. The charming woman isn't of necessity a brilliant conversationalist. Summed up, charm in a woman seems to be ready sympathy, timely humour, the aptitude for "rubbing people the right way" and the graceful art of looking interested.

A Wardrobe Hint.

After being caught in the rain whilst wearing a costume, the best way is to hang it up where there is plenty of air and no dust until it is almost dry. Then, with fairly hot irons, press on the wrong side until dry; then hang up until aired. Brush any dust off, and you will find your costume quite smart again. *AGNES*

FROM EVERYWHERE.

No More Control.—Munitions of War Orders have now been revoked.

Nautical.—A Cardiff school teacher and his family are living in a canal boat.

Lovers' Surprise.—A pair of Staffordshire lovers walked into the canal in a fog.

More Faked Foods.—The City Analyst complains of increasing adulteration of food in London.

A New Duty.—The Health Ministry now has control of registration of births and deaths.

S. A.'s Help.—Gold worth a million pounds has arrived in England from South Africa.

In Memoriam.—Warminster is to have a gun captured by the 6th Battn. Wilts. Regt.

Small Beginnings.—A remark regarding an old coat led to a quarrel and a breach of promise action at Newcastle.

And The Others?—During rat week, only a thousand rats were destroyed in naval establishments.

Tell-tale.—In a divorce case it was stated that 200 cigarette ends were found in a wife's bedroom.

Train forgotten.—A French ambulance train which had been forgotten for fourteen months has just been recovered.

Utopia.—The International Labour Conference demands a universal eight hour day.

Holland's Share.—The internment of German prisoners cost Holland 5½ milion florins.

A Concession.—The Inter-Allied Naval Commission has conceded free navigation for lighters on the German coast.

Turned Down.—Willesden Guardians have refused a gift of beer for the paupers.

No More.—Canada has rejected the proposals for further gratuities for returned soldiers.

The Ban.—The exportation of silver bullion, specie and British silver coin is prohibited.

A Watch Haul.—A Clerkenwell messenger boy was robbed in broad daylight of a parcel containing fifty gold watches.

For Loyalty.—The Leigh-on-Sea stationmaster has been presented with £50 for loyalty during the strike.

The new Order.—A domestic servants' registry office for discharged soldiers has been opened at Bromley.

Not Popular.—Business men in Paris are demanding the withdrawal of the luxury tax.

Still Growing.—At a cost of £7000, Salvation Army barracks are to be erected in a London suburb.

Rugeley's Way.—Rugeley men and women who won distinction in the war have been presented with gold watches.

No Object.—Traders say that the price of motorcars appears to be no object to their present customers.

Bank Fusion.—The Union Bank of Manchester has become affiliated with Barclay's Bank.

Original.—Passengers in the "Adriatic" subscribed £55,000 to the Canadian Victory Loan.

Old Age Money.—The Special Committee on Old Age Pensions suggests 10s a week at seventy years of age.

His View.—Dr. Clifford says Lottery Bonds fleece the poor to save the taxation of the rich.

Figures.—Forty two million tickets were issued during the last 12 months from 130 automatic machines on the underground.

No Cinema Songs.—Applications to introduce first-class singing during the intervals at London cinemas has been refused.

The "Scuttlers."—The detachment of German naval officers from Scapa Flow have been moved from Oswestry to an unknown destination.

WAR CHRISTMASES.

Write your Experiences.

MORE PRIZES FOR READERS.

In addition to the prizes we are offering for short Christmas stories, we invite our readers to send us their personal experiences of the Christmases they have spent since the beginning of the war.

We require one for each of the years 1914, 1915, 1916 and 1917 and will give 50 marks for the best short description of a Christmas spent in the Army in each of those years. There will therefore be four prizes — one for each year of the war.

The length of these descriptive articles must not exceed 500 words each

Typewritten copy is preferred but not essential.

The latest date for receiving them will be November 20th and they must be addressed 'Christmas" Cologne Post. A.P.O./S. 40. Rhine Army.

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1918.

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"I'll double not at a bugle call,
No more at me will sergeants bawl,
Yes, I'll snap my fingers at them all,
When I'm demobbed."

"No more of 'Smith, your hair get cut',
No more of 'Smith, scrub out this hut',
Or, 'Smith, wash from your neck that smut,'
When I'm demobbed."

1919

"Gone are the times of real delight,
No more in cafés can I muse,
No lovely walks by Rhine o' night,
I pay for all tram rides I use,
Now I'm demobbed."

THE MAD POET.

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

Can you write one?

THREE PRIZES OFFERED.

Christmas will soon be here, and "The Cologne Post" wishes to encourage its readers to write short Yuletide stories suitable for publication in its columns at that festive period.

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OFFICERS CONCERNED PROMPTLY ISSUE WRITS FOR LIBEL.

GOVERNMENT AND HOME RULE FOR INDIA.

PENNANT INQUIRY.

COMMITTEE'S PRELIMINARY FINDINGS.

The House of Lords Committee of Inquiry into the circumstances attending the dismissal of Miss Violet Douglas Pennant from the Women's Royal Air Force resumed its sitting on Tuesday. Some preliminary findings were announced.

Lord Wrenbury, the Chairman, said the Committee had arrived at some conclusions. They found that the accusations of immorality between Colonel Janson and Miss Glubb were untrue, and that the accusations of general immorality at Hurst Park Camp were entirely unsupported by any evidence, nor was there any evidence of immorality at other W.R.A.F. camps.

The Committee also found the accusation against Colonel Bersey, — that he desired that immorality should continue at Hurst Park Camp, — to be untrue, and also found that there was no evidence to support the accusation against General Livingstone and Colonel Bersey that they desired to allow such a state of things to continue whereby night passes were given to young girls under which the girls were taken to London in Government cars and brought home drunk.

These interim findings of the Committee were unanimous.

The sitting had originally been arranged to give Lady Rhondda the opportunity of giving evidence, and Lord Wrenbury's announcement, at the conclusion of the sitting, of these preliminary findings came as a surprise. After reading them Lord Wrenbury added, "We shall in due course report not only upon the question as to whether Miss Pennant was rightly suspended, but upon all the accusations which have been made."

LADY RHONDDA'S EVIDENCE.

At the opening of the sitting Lady Rhondda was called. She said that Sir Auckland Geddes asked her to prepare a report on women in camps generally. Her report dealt with nine different Women's Corps but especially with the W.R.A.F. It was honestly prepared on facts. She had no animus against Miss Pennant. She (witness) had never in the least sought to obtain the post of Controller. After Miss Pennant's dismissal Miss Pennant came to see her and accused her of having gone to Lord Weir and "demanded her head on a charger."

"I just laughed," said Lady Rhondda, "knowing that Lord Weir had made up his mind before I saw him."

Continuing, witness said she had never been party to any intrigue against Miss Pennant.

At one point Lord Wrenbury remarked, "The Women's Royal Air Force, it appears, sprang into existence on the first of April."

Lady Rhondda replied "Yes. I never really could understand why that date was chosen" (laughter).

WITNESSES NOT CALLED.

At the conclusion of Lady Rhondda's evidence the Chairman read a letter from Lord Stanhope saying that he fully intended to withdraw and apologise in the House of Lords for his statement regarding Wormwood Scrubbs, but he was unable to withdraw his statement regarding Hurst Park, which Mrs. Kitto (who was not called) and three other witnesses could substantiate.

Miss Pennant's Counsel asked for these other witnesses to be called, but the Chairman said that Counsel had already been shown extreme indulgence and the Committee would not grant the application unless Miss Pennant paid all further costs of the proceedings. Counsel declined this offer.

The Chairman then announced the findings given above.

A well-known firm of solicitors announces that Brigadier-General Livingstone and Colonel (now Mr.) Bersey have instructed them to issue writs against Miss Pennant for libel.

APPEAL FOR EMPLOYMENT OF EX-SOLDIERS.

Referring to Field Marshal Earl Haig's appeal for public co-operation in the employment of ex-service men the Ministry of Labour states that ninety per cent. of demobilized men have already been absorbed. However, there are still over 20,000 ex-officers and other ranks on the register of the Appointments Department and over 300,000 ex-service men on the employment register. The majority of the latter are drawing unemployment donation.

The response to the King's proclamation had been, and continues to be, generous, and it is confidently anticipated that Earl Haig's appeal will have the effect of inducing those firms which have not yet done so to employ not less than five per cent. of disabled men. Up to the end of October 28,000 applications have been sanctioned under the training grants scheme, and 15,000 ex-service men placed in employment.

INDIAN CHAMBER.

MEASURE OF HOME RULE FOR NATIVE STATES.

In opening the conference of Ruling Princes and Chiefs at Simla, the Viceroy of India, Lord Chelmsford, thanked them for their unanimity in placing their resources at the disposal of the Government in the Afghan war and particularly acknowledged the prompt and wholehearted assistance from the Princes of the Punjab in suppressing the recent disorders there.

The Viceroy, continuing, said that tranquillity reigned in India but the difficulties and dangers of peace were less patent than those of war and were accordingly more difficult to cope with. The new after-the-war spirit, he said, was the greatest danger which had ever faced mankind. Princes and Chiefs could lend valuable assistance by guarding their States against the lawless and malicious spirit and by not tolerating the lying stories as to the motives of the British Government.

He announced the Government's intention to create a permanent chamber of Princes. Attendance and voting at such Chamber would be voluntary, the Chamber being a consulting and not an executive body. Direct transactions in business between the Government of India and the Native States would not be prejudiced by the institution of this Chamber. Each State would retain its right to direct communication with the Government. The Government of India had acceded to the request of the Durbars to have a voice in the formulation of political practice, with the reservation that as the paramount power it retained the right of ultimate decision regarding the principles to be adopted and the extent of their application.

GENERAL DEGOUTTE.

FRENCH COMMANDER'S VISIT TO COLOGNE.

In cold, dull weather, with the ground covered with half-melted snow, General Degoutte, commanding the French Army of the Rhine, visited the British General Headquarters and inspected the 1/5th Bn. West Yorkshire Regiment (Lt.-Col. Barwell, M.C.) at Cologne yesterday.

The General, accompanied by several members of his staff, arrived from Mainz shortly before midday and was received by the Commander-in-Chief.

A huge crowd surrounded the Cathedral square to watch the proceedings, a strong detachment of mounted police keeping the space clear.

General Degoutte was received with the general salute, the band playing the "Marseillaise", followed by "God Save the King". He then inspected the troops, with whose appearance and movements he was very well pleased, and was introduced to various members of the Headquarters Staff.

The proceedings terminated with a particularly smart march past, which received favourable comment on all sides.

STRIKERS YIELD.

AMERICAN MINERS' PARTIAL ACCEPTANCE.

In a statement issued on Monday, the United States Attorney General, Mr. Palmer, warned the miners that resolutions of their conventions and orders of their various organisations were not above the law, and reiterated his previous warning that the Government considered the strike illegal and would prosecute its suppression to the bitter end.

A telegram from Indianapolis states that the General Committee of the Miners decided early on Tuesday morning to call off the soft coal strike, thus complying with the order of the Court. This decision was reached after seventeen hours' deliberation.

UNTRACED PRISONERS IN GERMANY.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the War Office stated in the House of Commons yesterday that there were twelve officers and 391 men, British prisoners of war in Germany, still unaccounted for. He further stated that the estimated cost from 1st April to the 31st October of the Army of Occupation in Germany was twenty-eight million sterling and for the British forces in France and Flanders four million.

President Poincaré and Madame Poincaré entertained the King and Queen to a Banquet at the French Embassy. There were no speeches.

The last of the German prisoners of war who have been interned in camp at Bramley, Hants, to the number of 1,000, have left for Dover en route for Germany.

N. W. FRONTIER.

TWO BRITISH OFFICERS MURDERED.

The War Office has issued an announcement to the following effect. A regrettable incident is reported to have happened near Akra, in Kurdistan, fifty miles N.E. of Mosul. It appears that on the 3rd November Mr. J. H. Bell, of the Indian Civil Service, political officer at Mosul, and Captain K. R. Scott, commanding the 31st Punjabis, Assistant Political Officer at Akra, were returning to Akra after an inspection of recruits for the frontier gendarmerie posts.

Near Bira Kopra, about fifteen miles N.E. of Akra, they were attacked by a party of one hundred Kurds, and both were killed. The perpetrators of the murder are reported to belong to the Zibar tribe, and some local Kurdish gendarmerie appear to have joined them. After the murder Akra itself was attacked by a body of 300 Kurds, and the gendarmerie at that place were forced to withdraw.

Information as to the causes which led to the murder of these two gallant officers is meagre, but the crime appears to have been the result of inter-tribal jealousies. The disturbances appear to be purely local, and there are no signs at present of its spreading.

BRITISH ASTRONOMER.

HONOURED BY AMERICAN ACADEMY.

Men of science the world over will welcome the news, given in a Newhaven (Conn) telegram, that the National Academy of Sciences at Washington has awarded its gold medal to Professor Alfred Fowler, of the Royal College of Science, South Kensington, in recognition of his eminence in astronomical investigations.

Born in 1868, Professor Fowler was educated in Yorkshire and at the Royal College of Science, where he formed one of a group of brilliant men which included Professor Sir Richard A. Gregory and H. G. Wells.

Having finished his course, he became a lecturer and research assistant at the Royal College and soon displayed those qualities of patient and clear-sighted analysis of physical and mathematical phenomena that have made his name a household word throughout the realm of Science.

Professor Fowler has journeyed to many parts of the world on eclipse expeditions and has assisted in securing data which have added greatly to our knowledge concerning the sun. His work on the chemical and physical condition of stars has been brilliant.

Professor Fowler was the first to give a reliable interpretation of the constitution of comets' tails. When Halley's comet returned in 1910 many people were frightened at the statement that the earth would pass through its tail and that the tail was of a poisonous nature. By working spectroscopically with gases at extremely low pressure, Professor Fowler demonstrated the extreme tenuity of the matter of which the tails are formed. Then again, by similar methods, he has done a great deal to increase our knowledge of the constitution of matter, having shown by spectroscopical and mathematical researches how molecules of matter are built up.

Professor Fowler is a most unassuming man but has been granted many medals both by British and continental societies. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1910 and since then has become Hon. Secretary of the Royal Astronomical Society.

AIR MINISTRY.

PENDING RESIGNATION OF GENERAL SEELY.

In reply to a question, Mr. Bonar Law stated in the House of Commons that it was possible that General Seely had resigned from the Air Ministry but he would rather that a statement should be made by the Minister himself. The question was put by Mr. Pemberton Billing and created considerable surprise in the House.

It is stated that General Seely's impending resignation is due to his disagreement with the plans now under consideration for the reorganisation of the War Office and Air Ministry.

HOUSING CONFERENCE.

In view of the housing problem a conference of all local authorities of Greater London will be held early in December. It is intended to appoint a special Committee to draw up and submit to the people of London a comprehensive housing and town planning policy, dealing not only with slums but with the development of the suburbs and the provision of new transit facilities.

TO ASK THE PREMIER.

There has been some complaint recently by members of the House of Commons concerning the absence of Mr. Lloyd George at question time. Mr. Bonar Law yesterday informed the House that in future the Premier will be present to answer questions every Thursday.

The Honse of Lords has rejected the Commons amendment to the Sex Disqualifications Removal Bill, which aimed at enabling Peeresses in their own right to sit and vote in the House of Lords.

VIVE LA FRANCE.

PRESIDENT POINCARÉ AT THE GUILDHALL.

London gave a rousing reception to the President of the French Republic on Tuesday, when he drove with Madame Poincaré from Buckingham Palace to the Guildhall to receive an address of welcome from the Lord Mayor and City Corporation. President Poincaré showed visible evidence that he was deeply touched with the warmth of the welcome.

On arriving at the Guildhall the distinguished visitors were received by the Lord Mayor and Mayoress. Among those present were Prince Albert and Prince Arthur of Connaught and members of the Government, including the Premier and Lord Derby.

At luncheon the Lord Mayor made a felicitous speech eulogizing the sacrifices of the French nation. In reply President Poincaré alluded to the sufferings of London and Paris at the hands of the enemy.

German air raiders had killed 516 and injured 1,570 in London. The same methods of terrorisation were used against Paris but Germany was just as deceived. In London as in Paris the enemy's attacks were opposed by an unshakable determination supported by the firm conviction of national duty (cheers).

England, continued M. Poincaré, has always been guided by principles of fair play. Formerly, when Britain and France were adversaries, they attacked with chivalrous courtesy and thus learned to respect each other. "Can we conceive a more audacious challenge to civilisation and the spirit of the twentieth century than to wage war by night on open towns and bury innocent people in the ruins of their dwellings? It is necessary in the peace we have just signed to spare posterity a resumption of the horrors we have known. Our two great peoples powerfully contributed to save righteousness from the ruin wherewith it was threatened. It remains for them to give it new life and assure its reign upon earth." (Cheers).

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MILITARY MISSION TO PERSIA.

A Commission of military experts to estimate the needs of Persia in respect of the Persian military and police forces will shortly leave for Persia, under the terms of the Anglo-Persian agreement. It will consist of Major-General W. E. Dixon, Colonel Moens, General Huddleston, Lieut.-Colonel Fraser, Major J. B. Steele-Brevet-Colonel J. W. Lamont, and Lieut., Colonel Irving Fortesque, General Dixon has spent much time in Persia and has a proficient knowledge of the language.

British and Indian troops were required in Persia in order to protect the frontiers against external menaces and to secure internal tranquility, said Mr. Cecil Harmsworth in reply to Commander Kenworthy.

Neither of these menaces had altogether disappeared but the troops will be withdrawn as soon as it is found possible. The date by which Persia will be able to look after her own interests will depend on the rapidity wherewith the provisions of the recently concluded Anglo-Persian agreement are put into operation. Neither side has any desire for delay.

PRISONERS REPATRIATED.

During the week ending 5th November, 21,091 German prisoners of war were repatriated from the United Kingdom, while 1,955 German and 1067 Turkish prisoners were repatriated from Egypt. The total numbers repatriated from all theatres of war between the 1st Sept. and 5th November are as follows: German, 252,014; Austrian, 23,000; Turkish 26,009; Bulgarian 1,223.

LARKIN OUT ON BAIL.

The Irish Transport Workers' Leader, Jim Larkin, has been released on bail for fifteen thousand dollars. He was arrested on the charge of criminal anarchy by circulating the "Revolutionary Age", a publication advocating the forcible overthrow of the United States Government.

M.P.'s ARRESTED.

A force of troops and police yesterday raided the Headquarters of the Dublin newspaper "Dail Eireann" and seized a quantity of documents. They also arrested three members of Parliament, Messrs. O'Mahony, Hayes and Lawless.

MUTED LONDON.

COMMEMORATING THE ARMISTICE.

The great silence which fell upon London on Tuesday morning at precisely eleven o'clock, immediately after the maroons had given the signal, was most impressive. Everyone in the streets stood stock still and the hum of traffic was instantly hushed. Men bared their heads, police and military stood at the salute, and many women were seen to be silently crying.

Thousands of people had gathered in front of the Mansion House. From a quarter to eleven the Headquarters band of the Salvation Army played hymns on the balcony until just before the signal to pause. The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Mayoress, stood on the balcony during the period of silence. At the expiration of the two minutes the "Last Post" was sounded by a bugler, after which the huge crowd sang the Doxology and the National Anthem. All flags in the vicinity of the Mansion House were lowered for the two minutes.

Vast crowds assembled on the steps of St. Paul's Cathedral and surged across the roadway. As the cathedral clock tolled eleven, heads were bared and stood bowed in meditation. For two poignant minutes intense silence prevailed. Then it was broken by the singing of "O God, our help in ages past."

The Prime Minister, Mr. A. J. Balfour, Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Austen Chamberlain and other Ministers were standing on the steps of the Home Office when the maroon gave the signal. They bared their heads and stood in meditation.

Round the cenotaph in Whitehall there was another huge assembly. A French officer arrived at the shrine shortly before eleven and deposited a beautiful wreath from President Poincaré. He remained at the salute during the period of silence. Royal wreaths were also deposited at the cenotaph. One bore the inscription in the King's handwriting, "To the memory of the glorious dead."

During the afternoon Rear-Admiral Ferguson and Lieut.-General Mac Donagh, accompanied by Viscount Peel, under Secretary for War, laid on the cenotaph two large heart-shaped wreaths of laurels from the Admiralty and War Office.

Telegrams from Australia and Canada show that the armistice silence was observed there in manner similar to England. The day was also generally observed in the United States, where there was a brief cessation of work in all Government departments. The Prince of Wales' train, en route to Washington, was halted near Baltimore and the Prince and his staff stood to attention.

IRISH ARMISTICE.

A.P.M. WOUNDED IN FIERCE RIOT.

Serious rioting broke out at Cork on Tuesday night, when soldiers and civilians came into collision. Sticks, stones and belts were freely used and revolvers were also discharged. The Assistant Provost Marshal received a bullet in the thigh and a soldier was badly wounded in the forehead. The police, reinforced by military, finally succeeded in driving the rioters back to barracks, but not before many windows had been smashed and extensive looting had taken place.

In Dublin on Tuesday a procession of Sinn Feiners paraded the streets singing. A body of Trinity College students, after singing the National Anthem on St. Stephen's Green, set out to meet the Sinn Feiners. Several conflicts ensued, lasting about an hour, stones and sticks being freely used.

A detective officer named Wharton was shot at and seriously wounded in Dublin in the evening. His assailant escaped.

INFLATED CREDIT.

One of Mr. Bottomley's questions in the House of Commons referred to the increase to 5½ per cent. for discounting Treasury Bills. He asked whether this would not involve an increase of nearly five million pounds for payment of interest during the latter half of the financial year. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Austen Chamberlain, replied that any additional cost to the Exchequer would be repaid many times over to the nation and also to the Exchequer if the steps taken succeeded in reducing credit inflation and led to an earlier restoration of our effective gold standard.

PREMIER BLESSES LADY ASTOR.

Mr. Lloyd George has sent a letter to Lady Astor, who is contesting the Sutton Division of Plymouth, hoping that she will be elected. It is important, he says, for a certain number of women to be in Parliament to represent the women's view points, especially on such questions as housing, child welfare, food and drink.

NURSE CAVELL'S PRISON CELL.

The cells at St. Gilles prison, Brussels, which were occupied by Miss Cavell and Mademoiselle Petit, have been converted into a small museum containing their books, clothes, and other small possessions. Each door bears a commemorative tablet, surrounded by trophies and flags, recording their heroic deaths.

British destroyers proceeding to the Baltic have reached Copenhagen.

About twelve hundred Russians liable to military service have been enrolled in Finland.

WIFE'S VAIN PLEA.

V.C. COLONEL IN DIVORCE COURT.

In the Divorce Court on Tuesday Mr. Justice Shearman granted a decree of restitution to the wife of Lieut.-Colonel John Sherwood Kelly, V.C., the officer who was recently reprimanded by Court Martial for writing to the Press. There was no defence.

Mrs. Sherwood Kelly gave evidence that she and Colonel Kelly were married in April 1916. Her husband became fascinated with another woman and told her he was tired of marriage and of giving up his liberty. In February 1919 she wrote a letter appealing to him to return, wherein she said, "I think the men and women who made you out such a hero must have turned your dear head. But remember, the day may come when you will no longer be in khaki. The hero of yesterday will become the ordinary citizen of to-morrow, and the latter may perhaps sigh for the affection which he despises to-day."

London newspapers state that Colonel Sherwood Kelly received his demobilisation papers on Tuesday.

STARVED FOR 17 DAYS.

EX-SOLDIER'S TERRIBLE PLIGHT.

An extraordinary story was told by a man who has been found lying under an archway at Bath in a state of exhaustion from prolonged starvation. He is at present in hospital, still in a dazed condition, but able to give his name as W. Parry, an ex-soldier. He states that he had lain under the archway without food for 17 days.

He has given his age as 44, but has the appearance of a man of 70 owing to his beard and wasted condition.

His account of what happened is that he set out to tramp from Bristol. On the journey he began to suffer with his feet, and went under the archway to rest. While in France he had suffered from trench feet, and the trouble returned. He removed his boots to ease his feet. His feet were so swollen, however, that he found he was unable to replace his boots, and could not walk.

The hospital authorities say that from his condition he must have been without food for at least a week.

For days he has lain in hospital in a critical condition, but is now showing signs of improvement. He says that he has no friends or relatives, and is unable to give any account of himself. At one time he was a sailor, and he has been a prisoner of war in Germany.

FASHIONS AND RELIGION.

Several dignitaries of the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland have started a campaign against the latest fashions in women's clothes.

Dr. Hallinan, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Limerick, in a letter to the Press, has found a new argument against fashions which, as he says, come from Paris to London without being improved in transit and are taken up at third hand in Ireland. The Bishop writes:—"I have seen it stated on what I conceive to be reliable authority that the principal designers of these modern fashions in women's dress are men, not women; and, furthermore, that they are generally Parisian Jews or Freemasons, who are bitterly opposed to Christianity and seek, among other means, to uproot it by the introduction into Christian society of these dangerous and indecent dresses."

COOKED TO DEATH.

A terrible fatality through a fire in a gas main was investigated on Saturday at Ilkeston, the victim being Thomas Lynch, 37, bricklayer. Carrying a lighted paraffin lamp, he went into the main with a bucket loom to plaster it up. Twice he emerged with his hands to his head as if in great pain. He was advised by a fellow-workman not to return, but he insisted upon doing so, and was subsequently found in the main in an upright position with his clothes on fire. He had been warned not to enter if there was gas in the main. Medical evidence described the body as being practically cooked. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Fears of a further advance in the Bank of England rate of discount had a depressing effect on investments and induced much profit-taking in oils. French Loans were weak on a further rise in the exchange, which is attributed to special remittances in connection with French issues in London. Brazilians were favourably influenced by a smart rise in the value of milreis. Textiles, shippings and Mexican silver minings were in demand. Siberian mines hardened on an announcement that details are completed for an amalgamation of the four leading companies. South Africans were weaker, in sympathy with the general tone. British Oil and Cake Mills shares were strong on the issue of bonus share issues. The capital will be increased from two millions to ten millions. The issue of Metropolitan Water Board 5½ per cent. Bills was fully subscribed.

The King and Queen of the Belgians have arrived at the Azores aboard the George Washington on their homeward journey.

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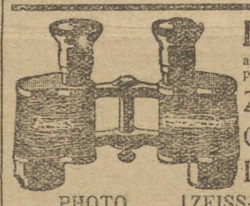

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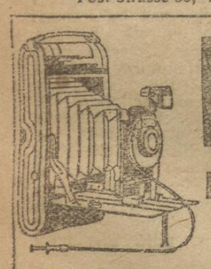

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BEATEN IN THE FIELD.

Now that a year has elapsed since the signing of the Armistice on November 11th, 1918, it is well to look back over those memorable months which culminated in the German request for the cessation of hostilities.

Time moves rapidly, and so much history has been crowded into the twelve months which have elapsed since that ever memorable date, that we are apt to forget the salient features of that event.

What then was the military position? Germany bereft of her Allies defeated in the two preceding months was trembling on the verge of the greatest military disaster ever contemplated in history. It is well to insist upon this point. For there are not wanting Germans who take up the attitude that, after all, they never were really beaten in the military sense at all. The "Home Front" is blamed for yielding.— the "Hunger Blockade" say some—the wicked authors of the Revolution, say others—all conspired to cripple Germany's sword and render her helpless in the face of overwhelming powers.

All this is very ingenious, but unfortunately the standpoint is devoid of truth. A few days after the signature of the Armistice, the German Press called on the inhabitants of the Provinces bordering on the Rhine to give a warm welcome home to the German Armies which, after four years of incessant fighting, were about to return undefeated to their native land.

Hindenburg, in an order addressed to the troops under his command, issued a somewhat similar statement in January of this year. "With heads erect, overcome but undefeated, we quit the battlefields in which the valour of our troops has sustained the honour of the German arms after four years of incessant fighting. Only the collapse of the home front, due to the severity of the blockade, coupled with the overwhelming numbers the enemy could bring against us, compelled us to yield."

Now all this is palpably untrue. One simple question is sufficient to put the question to the touchstone of reality. If, as the Germans assert, they never really were beaten in the field, how is it that the British Navy patrols the Rhine and that British, French, Belgian and American troops stand astride its shores?

Some ingenious Teutons have actually volunteered the statement that the troops of occupation are here by mutual understanding between the new German Government and the Allied Powers.

With a view to correcting this erroneous idea, we think it well to draw attention to the military situation as it developed from the events of the late summer of 1918, leading on to the collapse of Bulgaria in September, the Austrian and Turkish debacles in October and the final collapse of Germany in November. On another occasion we propose to give a more detailed account of these final phases.

MY PRECIOUS PIECE OF PAPER.

Some years ago now, I was given a piece of paper, and I well remember being told at the time to "take great care of it, as one day it may be of great use to you." From that day onward, that piece of paper, became as it were, a piece of myself; it never left me.

When my call came, and I donned the King's uniform, my precious piece of paper had a new resting place in a wallet in my tunic pocket. I often gazed around the barrack room, to see dozens of eyes, fixed with a steely gaze on my tunic pocket, as if to penetrate the very cloth to wrest the secret held by my precious piece of paper.

Life to me was getting almost unbearable, and I was daily walking about in fear of my life, feeling like a murderer being hounded down by the police, just for the sake of that piece of paper. I had almost decided to cast wisdom to the winds and burn it, and so, as I thought, lengthen my life, when the orderly came to inform me, that I was on draft for France.

Well do I remember that night, as I laid in bed, and pondered with my conscience, should I destroy it, or take it with me to France, with its unknown possibilities. It was almost dawn, and still left me with the fate of my precious paper undecided.

Suddenly, I was struck with an idea, which caused the blood to rush to my head, and the bed on which I lay to creak under the strain. Yes, I would risk all, and take it with me as my mascot, and if I went under, my precious paper holding my destiny, would be buried with me.

My piece of paper and I eventually reached France, to battle and die together if need be. At last I was posted to my Battery, together with six of the fellows who shared the barrack room in "Blighty" with me.

Here I consoled myself with the knowledge of being in a strange land, among people who had neither heard of me, or of my precious paper. It was just a week since we had joined the Battery, and I began to think at last I'd found a haven of refuge, from those who would seemingly stop at nothing to become possessed of that piece of paper, and so once again I began to breathe freely.

Little did I think that fate was to play once again into my enemies' hands, as I went out that night in quest of some cigarettes at a neighbouring canteen, at peace with myself and the world at large. I had returned and just "got into kip," and was having a quiet read of my local paper, when I heard a turmoil outside the "bivvi," which caused me to listen.

Suddenly the door was pushed open, and standing in the doorway pointing an accusing finger at me, stood Jack Peters. One glance at Jack was sufficient for me to grasp what had happened. On the strength of a "buckshee" franc or two he had picked up on the "crown and anchor" board, he had gone to the village and supped too well, and I had, whilst in that confiding mood, told the "boys" of my precious paper.

Well, to relate, all the trials that piece of paper and I were subjected to, during our two years' stay in France, would, I am sure, fill a book, so I propose to leave that to your imagination.

Ultimately I transferred my affections to Cologne, when one sunny morning in September, I received an urgent message to attend at the orderly room. I obeyed the order immediately, but with a slight attack of "wind up," not exactly knowing for what reason I had been sent for.

I pushed open the door to find the Battery clerk patiently waiting for me, with his pencil and paper at the alert position, ready for action. He commenced by asking me when I enlisted, together with the request for my pay book. After carefully perusing that grimy object of interest, he informed me it contained no record of my "attestation," and I would not therefore come under the new order he had just received.

It was then, my precious piece of blue paper, was to play its noble part. My hand went to my wallet and with a thrill of pride, I pulled out my "attestation form" and laid it on the table. The clerk looked longingly at it and asking me to wait a few minutes, vanished into the C. O's sanctum.

He returned in five minutes time with the following message, "You jammy perisher, you are for 'demob' in the morning, come here at 9 o'clock and I will make your papers out."

The following morning my piece of paper and I were parted, but it had played its noble part, as it had 'rescued' me. *S. H. F.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX

We Hear all Sides without Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

STUDYING ECONOMICS.

Sir,—I am often asked by soldiers what are the best books to read to gain a fair insight into questions of political economy which are so much discussed to-day.

For their use the following notes on a course of reading I recommend may be found useful.

1. Start with Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations," a book that, if people realised it, could be given to children with as much impunity as an expurgated edition of "Gulliver's Travels."
2. Follow this up with Jevons' political economy essays, and Malthus.
3. Then one is prepared for the classical work of John Stuart Mill, which systematises and rounds out all the writings in this field that had gone before. Mill may not be as fascinating as Smith, but he is clear and logical and abounds in illustration.
4. Or one might read to advantage Walker's Political Economy, which in many respects may be regarded as a simplified and abreviated edition of Mill.
5. Then if your curiosity has been stimulated sufficiently, read some of the representatives of the so-called "modern" (in contrast with the "classical" school of Mill) school, Marshall, Taussig, Fisher, etc.
6. Round out the whole by getting some notion of the Labour viewpoint from Marx and Spargo, and you will begin to have an inkling of what it (the modern unrest etc.) is all about.

ARGUS.

SPORT IN RHINELAND.

Sir,— Does J. W. J. suggest that conditions are any more unsettled at present than they were in the early days of the occupation?

To plead unsettlement as the excuse for the degeneration of sport on the Rhine is wrong. Take your mind back to the comparatively short rests from the line, when a hunt after the leather by teams representative of rival regiments in a brigade was always a tit-bit eagerly looked for.

Then to come to more recent days. What hours have been spent in converting arable land into something like a presentable playing pitch! This was done in many Rhine villages up and down the area by the old Army, so keen were those gallant sportsmen.

Do their successors fall short of that high sporting spirit; or do the cabaret and club make a greater appeal?

REGULAR.

WILL JAZZ GO?

Sir,

Has the jazzy craze come to stay?
Never in your life.
It has nearly had its day.
"Thanks," said the world and his wife.

Turning Rhythm into Rag
Bioscopic tune;
Making dancing quite a fag
It must fade out soon.

Weird and wonderful effects
Help the band along
Then the leader who objects
Bursts forth into song.

Give us back the dainty valse
We're fed up with the jazz.
Want no syncopation false
Like the Darkie has. *VAMPY.*

PLAINLY MARKED PRICES.

Sir,—I agree with Sapper. It is essential that articles in German shops should bear a plain mark. But even when this is done I have my suspicions that the shopkeeper often marks his goods solely for the benefit of British customers and has a totally different price for the German buyer. *SUSPICIOUS.*

"TOTE" FOR ENGLAND.

Sir,—If the manner in which the "Tote" was run here in Rhineland is any indication of what we may expect on English courses, then I trust the Jockey Club, which I see is considering its adoption, will not touch the proposal with the end of a barge pole. *BOOKIE.*

EYES AND NO EYES.

Sir,—There is one little point in "Captain R.A.M.C.'s" letter to which I beg to take exception.

He asks us to emulate the example of the Germans in the matter of comfortable chairs. Your correspondent must have been singulary fortunate in his billets, for my experience has been that in German houses comfortable arm-chairs are unknown. *ARM-CHAIRITE.*

DON'T BE HARD.

Sir,—It passes one's comprehension that within a year of the close of the greatest war of all times a Minister of the State should be compelled to appeal for the Army and advise his hearers not to be too hard on it, that Army which saved the country from the worst of all possible fates.

What has become of that vast army of stump orators who beat the recruiting drum, the promises held out by the stay-at-homes? Those same individuals now that the danger is passed have disappeared from view. Does the proposed League of Nations permit them to sleep comfortably in their beds? *J.T.*

WHAT SAY YOU?

Sir,—Will the erstwhile champions of the German and admirer of everything Teuton claim for him first place as regards street cleansing after a fall of snow?

After slithering about in the slush for the greater part of last evening and only reaching home after much difficulty I have come to the conclusion that the sooner the authorities in Cologne formulate an extra by-law on lines adopted by the majority of English municipalities the better. *FOOT SLOGGER.*

AN OPERA GROUSE.

Sir, — I heartily agree with "Quatre Yeux's" remarks re the annoyance which lady visitors to the Opera cause others by their thoughtless prattle during the performance.

Is it also necessary to extract pieces of chocolate from apparently reams of crackling paper during the acts, or cannot this form of bodily nourishment wait until the interval? *STIGGINS.*

DREAD OF DEMOB.

Sir,—The case of "Downhearted" is alas typical of thousands. Many fear demob for a variety of reasons.

There is the man who fears his return to a trade because he regards himself as a back number; he whose old job has been closed to him by a class of employer who has become deaf to the appeals of the ex-soldier; the man who sees in his old job something irksome and effeminate; he who is faced with the prospect of resuming civilian life at a pre-war wage on joing the ranks of the unemployed and so on.

For many the future is a nightmare. Meanwhile any minor trading concern competes for the attention of the profiteering element at home. Let the guns roar again and we should I suppose have the same thing over again. What a world! *SMILER.*

NEWSPAPER PROFITEERING.

Sir,—When about to enter the Modernes Theatre the other evening I counted no less than six German hawkers of newspapers in the entrance. Inside there were two or three more. Is this necessary?

Round the corner at the entrance to the Palace Theatre there were five. The appearance of a patron about to enter one of these places of amusement is a signal for a general rush and one has to face a barrage of all the newspapers and periodicals of the day.

Why not adopt the idea of one stall with the newspapers set out on a rack as is the case at the Officers' Club? It is easy to understand the reason for this Army of newspaper sellers. As a profiteer he is the outside edge, not being content with anything but a margin of 200 per cent. on every newspaper sold. *HABITUE.*

RECKONING THE MARK.

Sir,—When we Britishers in Rhineland get charged, say, 20 marks for an article or for some service which before we came here was obtainable for perhaps a quarter of the figure, we are apt to say, well, look at the present value of the mark.

Now that is all wrong. A mark to the German hasn't depreciated to that extent. As between one German and another it may not represent quite its old value, but it does very nearly. At any rate it is worth many times more than 1½d or 2d to him.

We are foolish to give one or two mark tips just because we as Britishers are benefitting by the depreciation in the exchange. No native ever does so; why should we?

It may not be necessary to appraise the mark at a full shilling when you spend it, but don't fall into the common wasteful error of throwing it a way on the German as being only worth a penny or two. *PERTH.*

IN LATE AUTUMN.

Come for a walk; it is so perfect out. We set off through the Sudpark — the sunshine was gorgeous and the sky a perfect blue; if it had not been for the reds and golds of the autumn leaves, it might have been July instead of late October.

Across Lindenallee we go and down the road to No. 8 Veterinary Hospital. How neat it all looks with its white-topped railings and well swept lines. — What a difference, we say, to four months ago.

We notice the rows of stables with the shining backs of the horses in them as we round the corner towards the Golf links and past the rubbish dump of war implements. — What a history is hidden in all those old limbers and scraps — and through the spinney we go, bordering the Links.

A pit-a-pat of falling leaves gives a golden glint as we pass, and in another minute we are out on the other side near the first green.

A tiny lizard scuttles away from under our feet as we step out on to the grass. He too is making the most of the warm sun.

We walk along towards the second green; two subs are just finishing the hole. We must stop a moment to see them drive over the trees from the third tee — Now watch. A good swing and away she goes — No! thud, it has gone right into the dump of empty ammunition boxes on the right; hard lines! Now number two — a beauty! Did you see how it went?

Another five minutes and we are across the course near the new sand quarry hole — we must just see these people drive over it. "Red Tabs!" I am sure he ought to do something.

A fairly high tee — a few swings and the ball is off like a bird, skimming along, rising higher and higher until it sails triumphantly over the top.

Now for the second "Red Tab." Over he goes! No it has dropped at the foot of the quarry. We will not stop to watch his struggles, but leave him with the hope that the first stroke up is a lucky one.

How perfect the air is as we skirt the quarry up the footpath by its side and come out on the top. Not a breath is stirring. A shimmer of heat haze is quivering over the land as we look across to the Seven Virgin Mountains and dear Drachenfels.

On to the top road we go and down past the Golf House. A few early couples are having tea and the sound of tinkling cups through the open door sounds cheery as we pass.

We take the side road to Rodenkirchen, passing over the railway bridge and down to the village. Here we pass over the tram-lines, taking the first turn to the left—such a fascinating little new house has sprung up at the corner, since last we were here,—and in a minute we are down the steps on to the riverside. We lean over our pet railings at the corner and gaze across it.

The fishing boats on the other side are forsaken, and the summer crowd of onlookers waiting eagerly for the nets to be drawn in are no longer there. The yachts below us are rocking lazily anchored up ready for their winter sleep, their white sails tucked away drom the storms and snow.

A huge steamer comes gliding majestically by on the wings of the current, her three huge barges like silent sleuth hounds gliding behind her. In the distance a busy little tug is fighting her way up stream and the sunshine on the water at her bows is turning it to rainbow hues.

Great shadows begin to creep across our pathway as the sun begins to sink behind us, and a little shiver of cold reminds us that it is late autumn and not July; so once more we take the road and follow the towpath towards the city.

The sky now is a golden primrose. With the fast sinking sun and the Cathedral towers silhouetted against the paling sky it makes a wonderful picture to gaze upon as we go on our way.

We walk as far as the ferry boat, then turning up to our left across the tram-lines we take the road through the tunnel of trees now carpeted with the golds and browns of autumnal foliage. We are soon at the Sudpark again and down the roadway to our own gate.

"How perfect it has been," we both say in the same breath; and now for a cosy tea. *D. V. O'R.*

The Editor will be glad if officers and men of the Rhine Army will contribute to this paper. The need for contributions is the greater now that so many of our regular writers are leaving for home. All accepted articles etc. are paid for and may be on any topic likely to interest the troops on the Rhine.

A TENNIS AFTERNOON

Woeful Experience of Debut at the Courts.

By "NUMBERS."

With that precipitancy and dash that are characteristic of my courageous nature I engaged a short while ago to put up Sunday performances in the Tennis Tournament.

I then purchased a racquet and six beautiful new balls and enquired where the wise men of tennis might reside, that I might learn.

Without having conferred with wise men I put in an undaunted appearance at the tournament on Saturday and proceeded to await my unmasking with equanimity.

Hearing a voice raised often and angrily in reproach and lamentation, I found it to proceed from a gentleman in the shade of a tent sitting with large canvases covered with names in front of him.

Many people were asking him questions and I had frequently to translate his remarks to my fair partner. Approaching him delicately, in the midst of a paroxysm of rage, I beamed ecstatically upon him for a long time.

He glared at me. I still smiled. His frown disappeared, happiness dawned upon his features, and at length his face was lit with the radiance of summer seas. Major Bowes-Lyon was smiling.

He began to look for my name among the many Wimbledon players that figured on the canvas in front of him, but having informed him that that would be the wrong place, and that rather should he look at the list of Handicaps singles, he gave me every information required in the tone of a lamb.

Gracefulness and Brawn.

I then observed a match between an Englishman with a bad liver and a Frenchman with a charming shirt. During the match the most enduring trait of each nation was evidenced—the Englishman was annoyed with his own play, the Frenchman with that of his opponent.

When the somewhat hopeless fight between the gracefulness of Gaul and the brawn of Britain was drawing to a close, I was approached by a gentleman with that appearance usual in middle aged men after an evil life.

This gentleman bore the insignia of a Padre; and further more the neat black crosses on his hat and tunic were underlaid with wings.

I know not if to certain gentlemen of the cloth there is vouchsafed an anticipatory halo. If it be so there must have been some mistake in the issue department in this case. Probably however they were issued in lieu of, and not in addition to, the graces of Heaven to come hereafter.

My attention then became riveted on to the bronzed features, lean long face, and hawk-like eyes of one of our regular officers, who, for long years had served his country gloriously in scorching India.

Ah! these staunch, simple men, whose eyes have pierced the Romance of the East and who deal with millions of swarthy subject people with an authority and ease that Cyrus and Alexander would have envied!

Quite by accident I was introduced to this hero at tea, and found out that he had always been a stockbroker in London.

NORTHERN RUGBY.

Rugby County Championship Teams for Nov. 24th.

LANCASHIRE v. YORKSHIRE.

The following team has been selected to represent Lancashire in the Rugby County Championship against Yorkshire at Aigburth, on Nov. 22:—Ainsworth (Richmond); Jackson (Manchester University), Woodeson (Liverpool University), Cullen (Manchester), Heywood (Waterloo); R. A. Lloyd (Liverpool), Anderson (Manchester University); Wakefield (R.A.F.) Handford (Manchester), Grierford (Manchester), Hashim (Manchester), Annersley (Waterloo), Periton (Waterloo), Cross (Broughton Park), Conway (Cambridge).

CUMBERLAND v. CHESHIRE.

The following team was on Saturday night chosen to represent Cumberland against Cheshire at Whitehaven on Nov. 22: W. H. Postgate (Cockermouth); T. Hood (Aspatria), T. Fletcher (Workington), H. Graham (Carlisle), J. B. Saint (Carlisle); R. C. Saint (Carlisle), J. R. Carruthers (Wigton); Rev. H. Ewbank (Sheffield), Capt. J. R. Morgan (Carlisle and Hawick), J. B. Beattie (Aspatria), J. Robinson (Aspatria and Edinburgh University) J. R. Johnstone (Carlisle and Haddington), G. Cuthell (Workington), R. Lawson (Workington), R. Hanvey (Blennerhasset). The team shows only one change from that which defeated Northumberland. This is forward, where J. Robinson, of Aspatria, a former county man now playing for Edinburgh University, supplants Clark, of Blennerhasset.

RHINE ARMY TROOPS M.T. COY. v. 36th C.C.S.

This match took place on Saturday on the ground of the first-named. The game was fast all through and Cpl. Reasey (centre forward) scored in the first half minute, the second goal coming from Pte. Thompson after one of his usual individual efforts. Before half time, the C.C.S. goalie was beaten four times, two goals coming from Pte. Eatch and another from Cpl. Reasey.

The second half saw the M. T. Coy. slacken down, being satisfied with a five-goals lead, but Cpl. Reasey saw another opening and could not resist it, making the final score of 6—0.

This brought the Rhine Army Troops M.T. Company's goal average up to 36 goals against one for the last four matches.

Number Thirteen.

Jack Jarvis came out of the Army last March, but he did not get a stable of horses together until July, since when he has turned out thirteen flat race winners. His thirteenth was Damaged Goods at Liverpool.

THE THROSTLES.

Little-known facts about West Bromwich Team.

By "TYNESIDER."

The West Bromwich club sprang up through the doings of some sturdy youngsters who played football many years ago, under the name of the West Bromwich Strollers. Eventually they changed their Strollers to Albion, and the name remains to this day. In 1885 the Albion declared themselves a professional club and Jim Bayliss, a stalwart of those days, was appointed captain. They came on by leaps and bounds and are to-day one of the strongest forces in the first league.

They have had their bad times like all other clubs, and in 1900-01 they only won seven matches and retired to Division 2. But it was not long ere they returned to the upper circle.

The Association Cup.

In 1887-8 they met proud Preston for the Cup and defeated the hitherto "Invincibles" by one goal, a performance that will ever rank as meritorious.

Nick Ross, one of the greatest defenders football has ever known, was playing in Preston's team that day, while Reader, Bassett, John Reynolds and Nicholls, all famous names in football history, were assisting the Albion.

It was in 1884 that Tom Smith, taking over the duties of secretary, suggested that a crest should be adopted. Down by the brook where the old "Strollers" had played was a colony of "Throstles", and that this bird should be their crest was a happy suggestion, eagerly approved. From then onwards, they earned the nickname of "Throstles" and this season they are a tuneful crowd. They meet Aston Villa on Saturday at Villa Park. Last Saturday the Villa put a sheck on their conquering career and great interest is being taken in this encounter. It is interesting to note that these great rivals first met in 1884. By defeating their neighbours in 1892 the West Bromwich eleven won the Cup a second time, but Aston returned the compliment in 1895. The Villa have the best record and they should improve this week-end.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

By W. Le. C.

Newcastle United openly state they are out for the Cup and the League. It's a tall order, but their supporters will be content with a repetition of the 1909—10 victory. The Cup appeals more to Tyneside than the League championship.

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There is gloom at Coventry and something drastic must be done there.

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The two Sheffield teams have met on no fewer than 100 occasions.

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With G. O. Smith, the great centre, football was a passion. Once, receiving a wire from a cousin, stating that he had broken his leg in a match he said, "Just like him, he doesn't say who won".

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Rumour is rife that "Napper" Thomson and Macintosh of Dundee will follow Davie Brown to England. But I think this will not be. The northern club cannot afford to part with such players at present.

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James Blair gave his word to the Sheffield Wednesday directorate that when they would give him permission to train in the evening and a suitable situation in Sheffield he would return. That this has occurred is evident from his reappearance with the Wednesday.

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The transfer of Pursell and Aitken of Glasgow Rangers is for this season only. Port Vale are fortunate in having secured such services.

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John McDonald, of Airdrieonians, entered senior football by joining Motherwell. They dropped him after two games. He later joined Airdrie and when Motherwell who still held his league signature found out his worth and skill, approached him again. A blank refusal was his answer. However, they amicably parted with him to the Airdrieonians, and to-day they deeply regret their estimation of this brainy player.

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Leach, of the Villa, is making good headway towards recovery. With his return, Aston should be greatly strengthened where they are weakest.

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Up to date there have been 96 draws in the Southern League. A remarkable state of affairs.

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"Bobbie" Parker again to lead Everton's line. What a surprise for the rumour-mongers!

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Purcell, of Liverpool, is commencing training again. The Merseyside team is anxious for his return to the rear division.

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Johnson, Sunderland's reserve left back, won eight medals while in junior football. He recently received a purse of gold, and a gold watch and chain from his old workmates in recognition of having won the M.M.

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Brittain, Cardiff City's captain, is a town councillor.

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Queen's Park Rangers are having rank bad luck through injuries to players. But they will come up again.

ARSENAL PLAYER HURT.

Graham, who was at centre-half for the Arsenal on Saturday against Bolton Wanderers, was badly hurt in the last quarter of an hour, and is not likely to turn out again for a month. As Groves was also injured, and Voysey will not be fit to play again until the New Year, the Arsenal are in a difficulty. They hope to have Buckley at centre-half for the match at Bolton next Saturday, and it is probable that a trial will be given to Butler, who has been showing excellent form in reserve matches.

SPORTING SPIRIT

Gives place to Lethargy and Indifference.

RHINELANDERS' LETTERS.

"I read with interest the article of "Old Brigade" in which he asks what has happened to Rhineland sport and notes with regret the diminishing enthusiasm for sporting affairs being displayed by the troops in the Army of Occupation" writes yet another sports officer.

"And I deeply regret that one has no alternative but to agree with him. It has been a source of deep concern to me to see the old keenness which was always associated with what I will call the fighting army, slowly declining and in its stead the slow but sure growth of passiveness, lethargy and indifference in such matters.

In the old days persuasion was never necessary to get men to take part in the sport of the moment; the difficulty was never to obtain enough men for a cricket or football team, but to leave men out without giving offence to keen enthusiasts.

No More Volunteers.

Now, sad to relate, the position is entirely reversed. Men no longer volunteer, but have to be persuaded or driven to participate in the games of the unit. It is unfair, perhaps, to bring all under this heading for there remain a few who have retained what we have chosen to call the Britisher's love of sport and are ever ready, and more than ready, to do their share.

But sport, like everything else, cannot be successfully carried on in a unit with the support of only a small minority.

Even if it is possible to get together a football team from this number they cannot be expected to do their best when they receive no moral support from the remainder of the unit. And many have sunk so low that not only do they refuse to take part in games themselves but have lost all desire to watch and morally assist by their support their company or battalion team.

Sport is essentially a matter for voluntary effort and in this the old maxim applies just as strongly as to the soldier, "one volunteer is equal to ten pressed men."

The Reason.

As has been pointed out in your columns the present unsatisfactory state of affairs may be partially accounted for by the general unrest in Rhineland, and I for one shall look for a marked improvement in the course of the next couple of months.

There is no lack of talent; all that is required is a cultivation of inclination, which I refuse to believe is entirely extinct. I have great hopes of a boom in Rhineland sport later on."

THE OTHER SIDE.

A young soldier, who professes to be indignant at some of the accusations of "Old Brigade" sends us the following:—

Sir,—I beg leave to contradict the aspersions cast upon the young soldier by your contributor "Old Brigade" and maintain that his statements as to the lack of keenness for sport are, generally speaking, without foundation. They may apply to his unit, but I submit that it is not fair to hold up any one unit as an example of the spirit prevailing in Rhineland. In the unit to which I belong there is I am glad to say no such state of affairs. Our fine battalion soccer team receives unanimous support and inter-Coy. rivalry has never been more keen than at present.

When I say that the unit of which I am speaking, is a "young soldier" battalion you will see how erroneous and misleading were the statements made and will not wonder at my taking exception to them.

What is more our eleven is comprised mainly of youngsters, there being no less than seven of them.

I, for one, will not believe that there are not other units equally as keen as ours. The interest taken in inter-battalion matches in the brigade, in fact, proves that enthusiasm is not lacking.

May I suggest that a great deal depends upon the sports' officer of a un it and the method which he adopts.

YOUNG SPORT.

7,000,000 GOLF BALLS.

The demand for golf balls this season has exceeded all previous records, writes Mr. R. Endersby Howard in "The Daily Mail." In the past twelve months one firm—typical of others which produce popular brands—has doubled its output for the twelve months up to August 1914.

Most of the firms are preparing at least to treble their pre-war output. Several will each have sold about 1,000,000 balls by the end of the year—a great increase on former business—but they are hopelessly behind their orders. One, for instance, has outstanding orders for 840,000 balls.

On this basis 7,000,000 is a modest estimate of the number of golf balls now used annually in Britain. Several firms are each laying plans to produce at least 2,000,000 balls per annum.

HUNTING UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

Description of a Run with Army Pack in Turkey.

The British Army occupying enemy territory on various fronts is so far following tradition as to cherish hunting fox, wolf, or jackal, as the case may be, and a correspondent has forwarded us a newspaper cutting which gives an account of a run with the Navy and Army Gymkhana Club Foxhounds in Turkey, in the Mashlak district, says "The Field."

The run was a good one, lasting about two and a quarter hours, only three of the field being up when the pack was called off. The going in places was difficult, "scrambling, slithering, and sliding down hillsides, through bush and bracken, well above your horse's knees at an angle of about 1 in 2 over ravines covered with bush and ferns, which, if not carefully negotiated, certainly meant a Blighty one if nothing else, through nullahs, up precipitous hills covered with rugged rocks, along mountain sides on a small track with a yawning chasm beneath, and once both horse and rider disappeared into a concealed pit."

ENGLISH RACING.

Favourite Wins the Leicester Handicap.

SOFT GOING.

Fine weather prevailed at Leicester on Tuesday and there was a good attendance. The going was soft.

Details.

Humberstone Plate: — 1, Black Peter (2—1); 2, Sunny Gama (7—1); 3, Maroon (11—8). Five ran.

Clock Tower Plate: — 1, Thermogene (4—1); 2, Hainton Belle (6—4); 3, Landowner (20—1). Five ran.

Harboro Handicap:—1, Homefire (4—1); Double Dew (7—1); 3, Sans Atout (4—1), Nine ran.

Leicestershire Handicap: — 1, Rocksplid (3—1); 2, Skookum Joe (7—2); 3, Rock Ahoy (6—1). Six ran.

Apethorpe Nursery:—1, Loppy (9—2); 2, Ung Je Serveray (8—1); 3, Pagan Sacrifice (100—7). Eleven ran.

Stoughton Plate:— 1, Ullswater (8—4 on) beat Lenhowe. Two ran.

CHELTENHAM RESULTS.

Gavrelle Disqualified for Missing a Hurdle.

Cheltenham Boro Steeplechase: — 1, Laomian (5—4 on); 2, United (11—8); 3, Patone (8—1). Three ran.

Swindon Hurdle:—1, Amnesty (4—1); 2, Jimmy Rafter (8—1); 3, Bachelors Luck (6—4). Eleven ran.

Coventry Chase: — 1, Mythical (9—1); 2, Stick To It (9—4); 3, Dumbell (10—1). Six ran.

Gloucestershire Hurdle: — 1, Flurry (6—1); 2, Kaffir King (6—1); 3, Willing (10—1). Ten ran.

Gavrelle (7—2) finished second, but was disqualified for missing a hurdle.

Cowely Hurdle:— 1, Trezidello (7—2); 2, Flovetta (100—8); 3, Life Buoy (6—4). Twelve ran.

Charlton Park Chase: — 1, Llangollen (5—4); 2, The Fly (5—2); 3, Dublin Bay (5—2).

WINNING HORSES.

"Gee-Gees" that have done well at Flat Racing.

Now that the flat racing season is rapidly drawing to a close, it is interesting to review the principal winning horses.

Some months ago, in giving a few horses worth following, "Jerry M," our racing contributor, mentioned Keysoe and Flying Spear as likely winners of races. The appended list showing the number of races won, with prize money, speaks for itself.

	Races won.	£
Tetratema (2 yrs), c by The Tetrarch—Scotch Gift	5	11494
Keysoe (3 yrs), f by Swynford—Keystone II.	4	8087
Buchan (3 yrs), c by Sunstar—Hamoaze	5	7640
Grand Parade (3 yrs), c by Orby—Grand Geraldine	2	7266
Arion (4 yrs), c by Valens—Post Horn	4	5446
Bayuda (3 yrs), f by Bayardo—Jessica	1	4950
Roseway (3 yrs), f by Stornaway—Rose of Ayrshire	2	4894
Sarchedon (2 yrs), c by The Tetrarch Perfect Peach	4	4852
The Panther (3 yrs), c by Tracery—Countess Zia	1	4850
Flying Spear (3 yrs), f by Spearmint—Gallop-along	3	4726
By Jingo (5 yrs), c by Aquascutum—Minnesota	2	4675
Haki (aged), br h by Rabelais—Hasseki	4	4595

Zinovia Scratched.

Zinovia has heen scratched from the Derby Cup being run to-morrow as from 9 a.m. on Tuesday.

BILLIARDS.

Close Struggle Between Newman and Smith.

Only 147 points divided Newman and Smith at the close of Tuesday's play, the game having resolved itself into a great struggle in which every point is of value.

In their match of eight thousand up level Lawrence continues to have the better of matters with Breed, and leads by 905 points.

Closing Scores:—

Smith 10147; Newman (in play) 10000
Lawrence (in play) 2608; Breed 1703

EPSOM STABLE LADS.

Sequel to Strike at Epsom Police Court.

At Epsom Police Court, four of the Epsom stable lads who are out on strike, Eric Foster, Alfred Blundell, Timothy O'Sullivan, and Harry G. Stone, were summoned for assaulting Walter Nightingall on the Epsom Downs on Nov. 6.

The prosecutor said he was riding one of his father's horses on Six Mile Hill and was travelling about twenty miles per hour when he saw eighteen stable lads ride across the gallop about three yards apart brandishing sticks and whips. Attempts to hit him and his horse were made, the result being that he was nearly thrown.

Evidence having been given by the defendants to the effect that no attempts were made to hit Walter Nightingall and his horse, the Bench decided that a technical offence had been committed.

Foster, who had previously been fined £5 for assaulting a French jockey, was now fined £2. The other defendants were bound over to be of good behaviour for twelve months.

Millwall's Centre-forward.

Walter Davis, the Millwall centre-forward, is to undergo an operation for the removal of the cartilage of the right knee. Davis has not appeared in the League team this season, and when having a trial spin with the second team last month he broke down after ten minutes.

ASSOCIATION CUP.

Draw for the Fourth Qualifying Round.

READING SUBSTITUTE LEEDS.

A meeting of F.A. Divisional Representatives was held at Sheffield on Tuesday, when the draw for the Fourth Round in the Qualifying Competition for the F.A. Cup was made. This resulted as under.

Stockton v. Leadgate Park.
Darlington v. Southbank.
West Stanley v. Scotswood.
Bishop Auckland v. Hartlepool United.
Lintz Institute or Blyth Spartans v. Castleford Town.
Barrow-in-Furness v. Carlisle United.
Southport v. South Liverpool.
Stalybridge Celtic v. Chorley or Horwich Railway Institute.
Runcorn or Monks Hall v. Rochdale.
Desborough Town v. Gainsborough Trinity or Cleethorpes Town.
Loughborough Corinthians v. Sutton.
Kimberworth Old Boys or Rotherham Town v. South Hormington Colliery or Staveley Town.
Shrewsbury Town v. Darlaston or Hednesford Town.
Walsall v. Worcester Town.
London Caledonians v. Chesham United.
Clapton v. Chatham.
Ilford v. Sheppey United.
Hampstead Town v. Gnome Athletic.
Bromley v. Guildford.
Dulwich Hamlet v. Nunhead.
Oxford City v. Bournemouth Tramways or Thorneycroft (Woolstan).
Pentre v. Newport County.
Clandown or Bath City v. Merthyr Town.
King's Lynn a bye.

Ties to be played on Nov. 22; kick-off 2.30; kick-off in any replayed ties 2.15.

Reading was selected to take the place of Leeds City among the 52 clubs exempted from the Qualifying Competition.

MIDDLESBRO'S LOSS.

J. H. Macintosh, their Popular Manager Joins Everton.

Early next month Mr. J. H. Macintosh, Middlesbro's well-known and popular manager, will depart from the Teeside club and join Everton. He takes over the secretaryship of the "Toffees."

A Durham man, he played right half for Darlington in the Northern league for seven years. He gave up playing to take over duties of secretary to his club in 1902. Darlington since then has never looked back, and when they adopted professionalism none were surprised.

July 1911 saw him appointed secretary manager of Middlesbro. He came at a critical time, but the Boro's steadied, and since his advent, have ever been going forward to prosperity. Witness their position to-day.

Among his many discoveries for Darlington may be mentioned David Taylor, the famous Hearts player, the late R. G. Brebner, a custodian whose fame lives after him, and Richard Jackson, for many years with Sunderland.

He was responsible for the Boro securing Jimmy Windridge, Chelsea's star performer, Andrew Wilson, then but 18 years old, and Stewart Davidson, the renowned Aberdonian.

Joining up in '14, Mr. Macintosh rose to commissioned rank and received a "mention."

What is Middlesbro's loss is Everton's gain; this well-known official will be greatly missed on Teeside, where he was a popular figure.

Sid Scott, deputising for Hanney in Manchester City's half-back line, was "discovered" when playing for Northwich Victoria. He is a player with a future.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG

Amusement and Recreation.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Thurs.	Othello	Verdi	7	10
Fri.	Der Barbier von Sevilla	Rossini	7	10
Sat.	Der Zigeunerbaron	Strauss	7	10.15
Sun.	Aida	Verdi	6.30	10.15
Monday	No performance			
Tuesday	No performance			

THE OPERA HOUSE.

Once more had the performance of the "Elopment from Seragilo" to be deferred on Tuesday evening and instead, Lortzing's charming comic opera "Tsar and Zimmermann" was given. This work of Lortzing is not so well-known in England although it may be considered as one of his best operas. Mozart's influence on Lortzing's music shows here and there especially with some of the accompaniments, as for instance, in the bravour aria of the Burgermaster van Bett which Hubert Mertens executed to perfection.

Tillman Lizewsky's "Tsar Peter" was well sung and played, but the romance in the second act was, with regard to purity of intonation, not all that could be desired. The impression of this was so strong, that we at times expected a misunderstanding between singer and orchestra. Johanna Klempner was a charming Marie and the three ambassadors, Messrs. Batz, Lindlar and Lenz sang and acted their small parts satisfactorily. The orchestra under Weissleder's baton was excellent as usual. *C.L.*

Opera Changes.

In view of the frequency with which eleventh hour changes have occurred in the Cologne Opera House programmes, the suggestion has been made that arrangements should be made for the booking office to refund ticket money or issue in exchange for booked seats, tickets of admission for a future performance.

At The Palace.

"The Eccentrics" are continuing their successful stay at the Cologne Palace this week where, under the direction of Mr. Alfred Hurley, a delightful two-hours' entertainment is staged each evening. I hear that the party is to go on tour in Rhineland next week when they are bound to be received with great cordiality.

BILLY WELLS AND KID DOYLE.

The outstanding event at The Ring, Blackfriars, next Monday afternoon will be a contest between Bermondsey Billy Wells and Kid Doyle, the Newcastle welter-weight, who are to meet over 20 3-min rounds for £50 a side. It should be an interesting event, and the doings of the young Londoner will be watched keenly, for success over the hardy Doyle will mean another step for Wells towards welter-weight championship recognition. Another attractive match on the same afternoon will be that between Fred Archer, of St. George's, and Dixie Corderry, of Bermondsey, who are to meet in a special 15-round contest.

Chelsea's Casualties.

Chelsea were in a quandary when they had to field a team to meet Queen's Park Rangers in the semi-final of the London Cup. The list of players who were reported unfit for duty included McMillan, Molyneux, Marshall, Brittan, Browning, Bird, Ford, Walker, and Halse.

NINE SHARE NO. 7 PRIZE

English Competitor in the Winning List.

As stated yesterday there was a general failure of competitors in our No. 7 contest. Not one succeeded in forecasting more than eight correct results, out of the ten required.

The prize money amounted to 1782 marks and to this we have decided to add 18 marks, thus making a total 1800 marks.

No less than nine competitors gave eight correct results, and they divide the prize. Each will receive a cheque for 200 marks. Their names and addresses are:—

Capt. J. Long, Rhine Army Reception Camp; C.S.M. L.A. Ward, 18th. K.R.R.C. Ohligs; Cpl. C.H. Williams, R.A.M.C. 25th. Gen. Hos. Wiesdorf; L/Cpl. G. Thorpe, Provost School M.F. Police G.H.Q.; Spr. R. Walsh (206 Field Coy R.E) 7 Walker St. Middleton Manchester Eng.; Spr. E.J. Freeman R.E. c/o C.R.E. G.H.Q.T.; Spr. S.R. Johnson, R.E. Signals 3rd. London-Inf. Bde.; Pte. H. Prophet c/o D.D.G.T. G.H.Q. and Pte. D. Turner. R.A.S.C. c/o D. of S.T. G.H.Q.

It will be noted that one of the competitors due for demobilization, gave his "Blighty" address and the cheque converted into English P.O's will be sent to the address given. The closing date for contest No. 8 is drawing near. Have you sent in your efforts? Cannot you forecast more than eight results? Its worth attempting!

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2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 8.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov. 15th.
Closing date, Friday, Nov. 14th.

Aston Villa	v. West Bromwich A.
Sheffield W.	v. Derby C.
Notts C.	v. Sunderland
Bradford C.	v. Everton
Blackpool	v. Fulham
Wolves	v. Birmingham
Hull C.	v. Barnsley
Portsmouth	v. Exeter C.
Watford	v. Plymouth
Clyde	v. Clydebank
Dumbarton	v. Partick
Third Lanark	v. Motherwell

I enter Football Competition No. 8 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

A Corporals' Club.
In yesterday's issue was published a letter from a Corporal asking for a N.C.O's Club not restricted to W.O's and Sergeants. A rumour reaches me that the N.A.C.B. are working hard on this matter.

The Wrong Department.
Since certain paragraphs about stockings seen in Cologne have appeared in this column I have been inundated with other bizarre experiences from eye-witnesses. I am afraid I ought not to have encroached on Agnes' sphere. "Vanity Fair" is of course our hosiery and frillies department.

Eyes and no Eyes?
An officer who has resided within a stone's throw of the N.A.C.B. club for three days, to my knowledge, was heard yesterday to ask where it is.

Winter's Mantle.
I could not help being struck by the beauty of the scene afforded by the open space known as Gereonsdriesch last evening. The trees carried the snow of the early morning fall, while a brilliant background was afforded by the lights of the Church of St. Gereon.

Crossings to Order.
A Britisher returning to Blighty this week laughingly enquired of a friend if it would be possible to book a calm crossing over the Channel.

His Little Zoo.
A sergeant major who is a keen naturalist has been keeping some snakes and lizards in his billet. Since one of the snakes got loose, wandered into the adjoining kitchen and killed the cat, his popularity with the household has abated.

Universal Providers.
The large stores in the Obermargpforten at which the N.A.C.B. are to sell all kinds of goods from souvenirs to sausages are nearly completed and I hear they will open for business during the next few days.

Economics.
Most of us are interested in Economics, nowadays. We have to be, under present conditions. Those who want to be well informed in the subject should read the series of articles now starting.

Hospital for Families.
A Military Families' Hospital has been established at 28 Stadtwaldgürtel, Lindenthal, Cologne, for the admission and treatment of wives and children of all ranks of the British Forces on the Rhine requiring hospital treatment.

Not for Him.
Passing the Monopol yesterday morning, I heard the bugler sound the General Salute. My friend evidently ignorant as to the nature of the call remarked "I wonder why that always sounds at nine, just as I reach here."

The Latest Poser.
The small son of a sergeant attending the Rhineland children's school was doing his home lessons. To test his father's arithmetic he enquired "Dad, what is 20 and 20." "40" replied Dad "and 40 and 40?" "80" says Dad." "You can't tell me this one, Dad." "I'll try, my boy, what is it?" "What is umpteen and umpteen" Dad is still trying.

With our Help.
You've noticed, of course that practically every genuine grievance is promptly remedied when it is ventilated in the "Post." Moral: Always write to the Editor.

Had a Shock.
"The other evening I was invited to dinner by the people at my billet," said a friend to me. "I was introduced to a fraulein who was of flapper age and looks. But when I started to talk to her, I found her ready to discuss metaphysics and abstruse philosophic problems."

Easier to Spot.
I came across a young officer yesterday industriously working with a brush all round the keyhole of the front door of his billet. He explained that he was applying luminous paint.

The Rush for Fuel.
A cart heavily laden with briquettes pulled up in Friesenstrasse where there was a queue of over seventy women and children to each of whom was doled out four or five "stuck" which they took away in small sacks.

An Amusements Misprint.
"By special request Mr. so and so presents." That was how the "copy" ran, but the German compositor set it up thus: "By special regret."

Memories.
It's worth while to have a look at the windows of some picture postcard dealers. In one the other day, I noticed cards showing Cologne streets decorated and the word "Welcome" profusely scattered about. They were produced nearly twelve months ago, when the retiring German troops, were passing through the city.

Getting Near it.
How long will it be, I wonder, before the mark is worth no more than the paper on which it is printed?

Convenient "Fits."
Are the Germans as a race susceptible to epileptic fits? Anyone who attends the summary Court might think they were, for when it is necessary to explain away the presence of people at 'verboten' hours, the most common excuse is that someone had a fit, and the others had to remain to assist. But the explanation does not always go down with presiding officers.

That Alarm.
The warning bell for the Deutsches Theatre which was suggested in our paper nearly a fortnight ago is now in progress with marked success.

K.C."
The Americans of course have their Y.M.C.A. and Salvation Army, but at Coblenz you will notice one institution, exclusive to the Doughboys, namely the K of C, or "Casey" as it is called. The K of C are the Knights of Columbus, a very influential American Catholic Society, but "Casey's" doors at Coblenz are open to all, irrespective of creed.

A Real Prophet.
One of the winning competitors in our football contest No. 7, the result of which appears on page 3 bears the name of Prophet. Quite appropriate.

A Narrow Escape.
One of the mounted police on duty at the arrival of the French C-in-C had a narrow escape from injury yesterday when a quantity of snow falling behind his horse caused the animal to rear. How he kept his seat was a marvel to the onlookers.

For British Tastes.
Billed in a Cologne shop window:—"Tipperary sauce," "Cheshire Cheese" and "Diverse Sandwiches."

Sorry Now.
I hear of two chums who were arguing about football, for a bet filling up one of our coupons apiece and handing them together with the stakes to another member of their mess. On checking the results it was found that one had succeeded in forecasting nine out of the ten results required. Now the winner of the bet is kicking himself because he did not enter for our football prize.

Take Note.
A sapper in the R.E.s going on demobilization and having a last try for our football prize has been successful in sharing the award. This will be forwarded to his home address.

AROUND AND ABOUT.

NATIONAL ANTHEMS.

Should the competition organised by the Swiss Government for a new National Anthem be justified by results, it will be more successful than similar competitions in other countries. During the war the Prussian Government offered a tempting prize for a national song to displace "Heil dir im Siegerkranz" because of its similarity to "God save the King," but though over 3,000 attempts were received the Committee of Selection rejected the whole lot. Canada and Australia have both tried at times to provide themselves with official national songs, but without success, while the majority of the people of the United states prefer "Dixie" to either "Yankee Doodle" or "The Star-Spangled Banner."

A RESTAURANT STORY.

A good story is being told of a man who dearly loved honey. He never had tea at his favourite café without having honey, and, of course, the waitresses soon got to know of his taste, and put honey on the table as a matter of course.

One day he took his wife with him into the café for tea, and by chance there happened to be a new waitress. When tea was brought the man saw at a glance what was missing, and he exclaimed in surprise, "Er—er—but where's my honey?" "Oh," the girl replied, "you mean that pretty dark-haired girl? She left here last week."

REGIMENT OF MANY TITLES.

The 18th Hussars, who have been inspected by the Queen prior to their departure for India, must surely hold the record among our 31 regular cavalry regiments for the most frequent change of title. Before 1910 they were known as Princess Mary's Own, but this description became, of course, incorrect when the King and Queen succeeded to the throne, and their title was altered to Queen Mary's Own. The question of conferring the honour of "Royal" on the corps was raised before the war, and they were sometimes incorrectly described as such, but it was only at the end of July that the King approved of the last alteration in their designation, which is now the 18th (Queen Mary's Own) Royal Hussars.

THE NEW MILITARY PEERS.

While two of the Army Commanders have adopted titles that recall their war [illegible] on the Western front—Lord Messines and Lord Byng of [illegible]ent with terri[illegible]ve no clue to their services, Lord Horne of Stirkoke being now joined by Lord Rawlinson of Trent. The last-named, who, with Lord Beatty and Lord Byng, will be introduced in the House of Lords on Wednesday, will be acclaimed by the Stuart adherents for his choice. Trent, a village in Dorsetshire, is famous among the Jacobites as one of the reputed shelters of Charles II. during his romantic adventures, including the troopers of Cromwell after the Battle of Worcester. Making his way to Shoreham for the crossing to France after his escape at Boscobel, Charles is said to have lain hidden for a fortnight in Trent House.

WAR SECRETS.

London has now an opportunity to see many of the wonders connected with the Postal Censorship carried out during the war. Most of the exhibits were captured on the high seas, and include every conceivable kind of article, disguised in the most ingenious fashion. Even a Bible was utilised by the enemy to help them in their smuggling. A large part of the interior was cut out, and anyone examining the Bible casually would have believed it complete. But nesting in the hole which had been so skilfully cut were propaganda messages for neutral countries.

WAR CHRISTMASES.

Write your Experiences.

MORE PRIZES FOR READERS.

In addition to the prizes we are offering for short Christmas stories, we invite our readers to send us their personal experiences of the Christmases they have spent since the beginning of the war.

We require one for each of the years 1914, 1915, 1916 and 1917 and will give 50 marks for the best short description of a Christmas spent in the Army in each of those years. There will therefore be four prizes — one for each year of the war.

The length of these descriptive articles must not exceed 500 words each.

Typewritten copy is preferred but not essential.

The latest date for receiving them will be November 20th and they must be addressed "Christmas" Cologne Post. A.P.O./S. 40. Rhine Army.

ECONOMIC NOTES ON FINANCE AND TRADE.

INTRODUCTORY.

In commencing a subject such as this the reader should take due note that I am only going to attempt an outline, or if you like, to present a skeleton on which each individual can put his own flesh according to his own fancy. The theory of Industry is a branch of the study of Economics. If you want to know all about Economics I can tell you, to start with, that you will not learn it from these articles. Space, as the Editor will tell you, is valuable, so that all I can do is to outline the subject, give you headings to work from, and advise you how and where to find more and fuller information. The Army College teaches Economics but, unfortunately, we can't all go there and to those who are interested these articles will be of use, I hope.

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First of all the question arises What is Economics? Economics is a study of man in certain particulars. In studying wealth we aim at arriving at a conclusion as to how it originates, how it exists and how it ceases to be. Our study of man is confined to what an average man — 'the man in the street' — would do in given circumstances. The normal man as we know him to-day has become what he is by the force of motives that have taken ages to evolve.

The greatest motive force in this moulding has undoubtedly been that of business and we have evolved two broad distinctions — 'the rich' and 'the poor' —. We hear it said quite commonly, 'Yes, but there is no need for the poor to remain poor! The reason they remain poor is that they have not sufficient brain power to avail themselves fully of the education that is open to rich and poor alike, to fit themselves to become rich, and the reason they have not got the brains, is that generations before them have been poverty-stricken, doomed from birth to uninspiring work to keep body and soul — such as it is — together, overcrowded in unhealthy areas, with insufficient and bad food and general conditions of physical, mental and moral illhealth. Business men are notoriously out for every penny they can get and the modern business man is beginning to ask himself seriously whether he wouldn't get a better and more remunerative return from his workers if these workers had better conditions. The time will come when poverty will be an out-of-date word, when areas like Hoxton in London and the back of Scotland Road in Liverpool will only exist in the memories of great grandfathers.

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It will be my endeavour in further discussions to show how this great national problem of the so-called 'lower classes' has arisen. We shall have to know something of the theories regarding wealth and the three great agents of Industrial Training Efficiency, the necessity of organisation and questions of value and utility will also be dealt with in their return. The wide subject of Finance and Exchanges will greatly interest us. The question of profits and the effects they have on Capital will help us to see how business expansion affects progress in the Standard of Life. Trades Unions have their place in this scheme and a mixture of all these varied subsidiary subjects will enable to us form our own opinions on current and possible future affairs, and it is to be hoped a taste to probe the subject more deeply in our own time.

THE ORIGIN OF THE DEPTH CHARGE.

Admiral Sims of the American Navy has some remarkable revelations to make in his story of the defeat of Germany's submarines. Among other things he tells, in "Pearson's Magazine," how the deadly depth-charge was invented.

The story of the invention of the depth-charge makes clear the part wich it was intended to play in anti-submarine warfare. "Admiral Jellicoe told me the story," says Admiral Sims, "when I asked him who really invented this annihilating missile."

"'No man in particular,' he said. 'It came into existence almost spontaneously in response to a pressing need. Gunfire can destroy submarines when they are on the surface, but you know it can accomplish nothing against them when submerged. This fact made it extremely difficult to sink them in the early days of the war. One day, when the Grand Fleet was cruising in the North Sea, a submarine fired a torpedo at one of the cruisers. The cruiser saw the periscope and the wake of the torpedo, and had little difficulty in so manoeuvring as to avoid being struck. She then went full speed to the spot from which the submarine had fired its torpedo, in the hope of ramming it.

"'But, by the time she arrived, the submarine had submerged so deeply that the cruiser passed over her without doing her any harm. Yet the officers and crew could see the submerged hull; there the enemy lay in full view of her pursuers, yet perfectly safe! The officer reported this incident to me in the presence of Admiral Madden, second in command.

"'Wouldn't it have been fine,' said Madden, 'if they had had on board a mine so designed that, when dropped overboard, it would have exploded when it reached the depth at which the submarine was lying!'

"'That remark,' continued Admiral Jellicoe, 'gave us the germinal idea of the depth-charge. I asked the Admiralty to get to work and produce a mine that would act in the way that Admiral Madden had suggested. It proved to be very simple to construct—an ordinary steel cylinder, filled with T.N.T.; this was fitted with a simple firing appliance which was set off by the pressure of the water, and could be so adjusted that it would explode the charge at any depth desired. This apparatus was so simple and so necessary that we at once began to manufacture it.' The depth-charge looked like the innocent domestic ash-can, and that was the name by which it became popularly known. Each destroyer eventually carried twenty or thirty at the stern; a mere pull on a lever would make one drop into the water."

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Our Cavalry Leader.—Lord Allenby has arrived at Malta on his way to Egypt.

Those Christmas Toys.—German imports continue to arrive at Leith.

For Home.—All Territorials in India are to embark for home this month.

The Result.—A note in German shipyards favours the introduction of piecework.

New York Next.—The Prince of Wales is now in Washington.

The Next.—The next Honours List will be published about Christmas.

Good Business.—London theatres are turning business away.

The Upper House.—Earl Haig has taken his seat in the Lords.

Inevitable.—Germany is preparing 3,000 protests to the Allied Note.

Penny Famine.—A shortage of copper coins is reported in London.

Waiters' Wealth.—The wealth of waiters in England is described as a myth.

America's Gift.—America is sending furniture to people in devastated Flanders.

All Three.—Plague, cholera and typhus are raging in Constantinople.

Shave Yourself.—It will soon be difficult to get a shave in London on Sunday.

To Clear Up Arrears.—Additional High Court Judges will be appointed shortly.

Boom In Badminton.—Badminton is booming and promises to rival dancing as an indoor recreation.

The Italian Way.—Correspondents of Bolshevist newspapers have been expelled from Italy.

No Dumping.—Parliamentary Bills to protect key industries will be introduced next week.

Bumble's Way.—Uxbridge Guardians spent £15 in repairs on a van which originally cost £17.

Clemenceau President?—The statement that M.Clemenceau is to retire from public life is denied.

Larkin.—Jim Larkin, the Irish strike leader, is reported to have been arrested in American police raids.

Plentiful Money.—Messrs. Lever Brothers' new preference issue of four millions has been over subscribed.

Where It Goes.—Great Britain is sending £10,000,000 in gold to Japan to redress the falling exchange.

Significant.—A West End firm refunded £5 in respect of a wrap when legal proceedings were threatened.

"Cinemaitis."—Belgravia's younger daughters are said to be in the grips of a pictures epidemic.

They Make Good.—At the end of May 80,000 women were employed in engineering and other trades.

The Exception.—In London at present you can hear all the tongues of the world save one.

The Coal Controversy.—There is no prospect of a reduction in the price of coal.

King Edward's Choice. — The hotel where King Edward stayed when in Paris is to be converted into a Bank.

Yet Another.—The latest protest from Germany relates to detention of prisoners in France.

Down Under.—West Australia's wool production last year is valued at nearly three million pounds.

Another Record?—Pickles, the airman, flew 624 miles in 11 hours actual flying time.

Not in Kind.—Two thousand returned Australian soldiers passed a resolution demanding their gratuities in cash.

A Proviso.—Chili in her adherence to the League of Nations reserves the right to reject future amendments introduced.

All Safe.—It is now established that no British sentries lost their lives in the Deavé Fort explosion.

To Influence the Plebiscite.—A newspaper in Danish has been started by Germans in the Flensburg district.

Sequel to Dear Living.—Last year the marriage rate at home was the lowest on record.

Women Wanted.—The Speaker has appealed to Members of Parliament to make themselves audible.

For Health Reasons.—Field Marshal Mackensen is to be permitted to return to Germany.

Hawtrey Married.—Mr. Charles Hawtrey, the popular actor, has married the Hon. Mrs. Petre.

Musical Troubles. — The musicians at the places of entertainment at Nancy have "downed" instruments.

Lively.—The Belgian Minister of the Colonies was attacked on leaving an election meeting. He fired his revolver at the hostile crowd.

The House.—Ministers and members of the House of Commons are said to be more regular in their attendance at the House.

Her First.—Although married to an aviator, Lady Brown, the wife of the Atlantic flier, only made her first flight recently.

Taking no Risks.—A German who refused to serve on a submarine and was given 15 years' imprisonment figured in the Swansea Court.

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

Can you write one?

THREE PRIZES OFFERED.

Christmas will soon be here, and "The Cologne Post" wishes to encourage its readers to write short Yuletide stories suitable for publication in its columns at that festive period.

They can be on any subject and in any vein but they must not exceed 1000 words in length.

We offer prizes of 150 marks, 100 marks, and 50 marks respectively for the three best received and published, and any others we may think worthy of publication will be paid for at our regular rates.

If possible manuscripts should be typewritten, though this is not essential.

The last date for receiving Christmas stories will be November 20th. Envelopes should be addressed "Story Editor" 'Cologne Post" A.P.O. S/40, Rhine Army.

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GENERAL SEELY RESIGNS.

HEAD OF AIR MINISTRY ON THE CONTROL OF ROYAL AIR FORCE

CABINET MINISTERS WIN LIBEL ACTION.

AIR MINISTRY.

GENERAL SEELY RESIGNS ON PRINCIPLE.

Speaking from the Front Opposition Bench in the House of Commons on Wednesday, General Seely explained his resignation from the post of Under Secretary of State for the Air.

He pointed out that his appointment involved his presiding over the Air Council, which was a curious arrangement in view of the fact that Mr. Winston Churchill was really Air Minister. He accepted the office, however, and endeavoured to work under the system of dual control but it soon became apparent that this arrangement would not work, not for any personal reasons, but because by fact and statute the only man who could preside effectively over any Council was a Secretary of State, inasmuch as the Secretary of State could not divest himself of responsibility.

As soon as this became apparent he informed Mr. Bonar Law that the arrangement was bound to be inefficient and wasteful and that he would ask for a change. Mr. Bonar Law asked him to wait until after peace was made and when Mr. Lloyd George returned to England in July, General Seely put the case before him and stated in very precise terms that the existing arrangement was not in the interest of the State and was inimical to the interest of the Air Service. The matter was further delayed by the Premier's absence and by the railway strike but it came up for final decision twelve days ago. The Premier, treated him with the utmost courtesy and consideration and begged him to reconsider his decision but finally told General Seely that he had decided to adhere to the present plan after due consideration and did not propose to vary it. The only possible course, General Seely declared, was for him to resign and be no longer responsible for an arrangement which he was convinced was wasteful and inefficient.

He stated emphatically that there were no personal questions involved between himself and Mr. Churchill, to whom he paid a warm tribute. The whole thing was impossible, he continued, the War Office and Air Ministry being each "whole time" jobs. Still less was there any difficulty in the Air Ministry, for never had a man been so faithfully served as he had been by all members of the Air Council. He maintained that Mr. Lloyd George's decision meant that the Air Ministry was to receive its guidance from a man who could only give a fraction of his time to it. This would involve inefficiency, delay, waste of energy and money. It also meant that the Admiralty was left out and when it wanted Air assistance, would have to deal with the Secretary for War. The arrangement also relegates the Air Ministry to the position of a subordinate office and an annexe of the War Office, which arrangement would be inimical to the Air Council as it meant waste of our commercial possibilities and neglect of the new power which the Air had given us. He therefore felt bound to resign and asked the House to judge of the situation.

Replying to a question Mr. Bonar Law said he desired on behalf of the Government to say how much they regretted General Seely's resignation. It was a question of opinion. General Seely took one view and the Government another. The Government would, however, be guided by the wishes of the House in regard to having a discussion on the whole subject.

TURKISH TREATY DELAY.

WAITING FOR AMERICA.

The reason for the delay in concluding the Treat of Peace with Turkey, said Mr. Bonar Law in the House of Commons on Wednesday, is that unfortunately it had not been found possible to proceed with it until the United States had signified whether or no she will share the responsibility for protecting the peoples inhabiting the former Turkish Empire and for assisting them until they can stand alone.

Replying to another question Mr. Bonar Law said that copies of the second report of the Dardanelles Commission would be available by the middle of next week and that the report would be published without alteration.

ALLENBY REACHES CAIRO.

Lord Allenby, who arrived at Cairo on Tuesday evening, was received with full military honours. A large crowd of notabilities was at the station to meet him. Prior to proceeding to Cairo Lord Allenby saw the Sultan at Alexandria.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer states that a stock of five-shilling notes is being prepared as a precautionary measure, but he hoped it would not be necessary to ask the House of Commons to authorise the issue of the same.

POLITICAL LIBEL.

DAMAGES AND COSTS FOR STATE MINISTERS.

The political libel action brought by Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Sir Eric Geddes, Sir Auckland Geddes and Mr. Walter Long against the "Daily News" was settled yesterday by the defendants agreeing to pay each of plaintiffs 250 guineas and costs. The assertions complained of all related to alleged deals in Russian shares during the war or since the armistice.

One of the alleged libels was that shares were brought by Mr. Austen Chamberlain at the time when he was Chancellor of the Exchequer. All the Ministers concerned went into the box and made public denial of the statements complained of.

The Lord Chief Justice said he was very glad the parties had by agreement arrived at the course they had taken before him. It was perfectly plain that a reflection of that character on men holding such high and distinguished positions as the four plaintiffs was a matter of public concern.

CORNER HOUSE FRACAS.

DEFENDANTS LETTER TO A WOMAN.

At Bow-street Police Court, William Earl, 32, porter, an American citizen, of no fixed abode, was charged, on remand, with committing wilful damage at the Corner House Restaurant, Coventry-street, W. There was a further charge against him of threatening to murder Miss Edith Chilman. The superintendent at the Corner House gave evidence of the prisoner smashing a table with a hatchet.

In support of the second charge Miss, Chilman stated that she first met the prisoner at the Corner House about three years ago, when she was a waitress there and he was employed in the kitchen. She had lived with him for about four months. The threat to murder her was contained in a letter dated October 23.

The defendant told the magistrate that some time ago he saw the girl in company of several black men. He then told her to clear out of the neighbourhood, or he would kill her, his reason being that he wanted to get her away from these men. He wrote the letter with the same object, but he did not mean to harm the girl.

The Magistrate committed the prisoner for trial on both charges.

HINDENBURG IN BERLIN.

There is actually a commission sitting at Berlin and discussing the question of responsibilities in the war. Tirpitz, Bethmann-Hollweg, Helfferich and other prominent personalities have already been heard and examined. Now it is Hindenburg's turn. His reception on his arrival at Berlin was characteristic of the actual spirit of some of the Germans. He arrived on Wednesday last about 9 a.m. General Ludendorff (in civilian clothes and a silk hat) Helfferich and numerous officers were present at the station. Hindenburg (also in mufti) greeted Ludendorff by kissing him on both cheeks.

Patriotic demonstrations took place when he appeared in the street. Shouts of "Down with the committee of inquest" were heard. A company of the Reichswehr brigade performed the goose step.

When the General had left in his motor car some disturbances took place on account of protests by anti-militarists.

LORD BRASSEY DEAD.

Lord Brassey died on Wednesday evening as the result of being knocked down by a taxicab last week. Earlier in the day he underwent an operation to the hand.

The late Peer was greatly loved by those who knew him as a personal friend but did not always agree with those in authority. He was an absolutely fearless upholder of his opinions and possibly this accounted for his lack of apparent success on the troubled seas of politics.

In the South African war he commanded Yeomanry and in September 1914 raised the 2nd West Kent Yeomanry. He was an ardent advocate of devolution for Ireland and a earnest student of Imperial problems. The late earl married, in 1889, Lady Idina Nevill, daughter of the Marquis of Abergavenny and leaves no children and no heir.

ROADSIDE MURDER CHARGE.

At Tonbridge on Tuesday, Ernest Ebenezer Cosman was committed for trial at Kent Assizes on a charge of murdering Beatrice Annie Daws, on the evening of of October 26. The girl's body was found by the roadside at a lonely spot near Edenbridge.

ALIEN ORIGIN.

PHILANTHROPIST'S MONEY REFUSED.

The Richmond (Surrey) Town Council recently accepted five thousand pounds from an anonymous donor for the extension of the local hospital as part of the Borough's war memorial. On it becoming known, however, that the donor was Sir Max Waechter, who is of German origin and a friend of the ex-Kaiser, the Council resolved not to accept the offer as part of the war memorial scheme but expressed the hope that the hospital would not lose the money. This means that the Richmond Town Council wants to keep the money but not as a contribution to the War Memorial.

Here is Sir Max Waechter's record. He was born at Stettin, Germany in 1837 and is therefore 82 years old. He has been twice married to Englishwomen. He came to England in 1859 and was naturalised in 1865. In 1902 he was appointed High Sheriff of Surrey.

Among his benefactions are Petersham Ait and the freehold of Petersham Lodge and grounds to the town of Richmond as free gifts, for the preservation of the view from Richmond Hill. He founded the Victorian Convalescent Home for Surrey Women, also the Princess Mary Memorial Home of Rest, the King Edward VII. Memorial Home for Surrey Children, all at Bognor; and the Queen Mary's Holiday Home for Governesses at Petersham. He also founded the European Unity League.

BERMONDT REINFORCED.

GERMANS DISARM A GARRISON.

According to the latest telegrams received by the Lithuanian delegation in London from the Lithuanian Government, Russo-German reactionaries are still disregarding the demands of the Supreme Council and fresh troops continue to invade Lithuania with the object of assisting Colonel Bermondt. On the 31st October 400 German soldiers arrived at Tauroggen from Germany and disarmed the local militia and garrison. Their commandant then made them take an oath to fight against the new States of Latvia, Lithuania and Poland for the good of Russia. They kissed the Russian colours and sang the Russian National Anthem and "Deutschland über alles". The Lithuanian Government protested to the German High Commissioner at Kovno.

As a result of efforts made by Allied representatives to bring about a peaceable settlement in Lithuanian and Polish relations, negotiations are now proceeding between Lithuanians and Poles with the especial purpose of restoring railway and telegraphic communication between Vilna and Kovno and arranging an exchange.

LOOTERS SENTENCED.

Sentences varying from one to twelve months were passed at Liverpool Assizes yesterday, when eleven women and nine men were convicted of looting on the occasion] of the police strike. Evidence showed that the accused formed part of a mob which attacked a bottling store and stole twelve thousand dozen bottles of beer and stout.

ADMINISTRATOR OF DANTZIG.

In accordance with a decision of the Supreme Council, Sir Reginald Towers, who was until recently British Minister to the Argentine, has been appointed Administrator of Dantzig, pending the appointment by the League of Nations of a High Commissioner.

AUSTRALIAN FLIGHT.

A Vickers-Vimy twin engine machine with Captain Ross Smith as pilot, Lieutenant Smith as navigator and two sergeants as mechanics, left Hounslow on Wednesday morning on the first stage of their attempt to fly to Australia. It was hoped to reach Rome in one nonstop flight.

The French Aviator, Poulet, has reached Karachi.

TRIUMPHS AND TRIALS.

Marshal Foch has sent cordial greetings to the Indianopolis Convention of the American Legion of Veterans of the European war. Recalling the complete surrender of November last year, he declared that the Allies must remain as united in the days of triumph as in days of trial.

OUR CASUALTIES IN RUSSIA.

Our total casualties in Russia were: Killed or died of wounds, 13 officers, 168 other ranks. Wounded: 50 officers, 455 other ranks. Missing, including prisoners: 19 officers, 171 other ranks. In the Caucasus one other rank killed and one missing.

EXIT ROUMANIANS.

An official telegram from Budapesth received in Paris states that the Roumanians have begun to evacuate the city.

The King and Queen accompanied the French President and Madame Poincaré to Euston yesterday to see them off to Renfrew.

ANARCHISTS IN U.S.

HAIL OF BULLETS ON ARMISTICE PROCESSION.

Persons alleged to be members of the Industrial Workers of the World established themselves in the Workers' Hall at Washington on Armistice day, and fired on a demonstration at it was passing the hall, killing four ex-soldiers, mortally wounding two others, and less seriously injuring several more. One man who is alleged to have been firing on the marchers is reported to have been hanged from the river bridge. At least eight suspects have been arrested and are now well guarded in gaol.

The parade, for which the entire populace had gathered, had just swung into the main street when a hail of bullets from an unseen enemy raked the ranks of the marchers, only falling men indicated what was taking place as the blare of a band drowned the cracking of the rifles. Puffs of smoke from the roof of the building, however, showed whence the bullets had come, and the nearness of the Industrial Workers' Hall led to a quick decision. Soldiers quickly broke ranks, and rushed to the roof, but the snipers had vanished. Infuriated soldiers then scoured the town while others were sent to the suburbs, and and rounded up suspects. Meanwhile wives, daughters and sweethearts were busy administering first aid. Excitement is fever high and soldiers are guarding the gaol where the suspects are confined.

THE ARMY IN FRANCE.

REPLY TO CRITICS OF G.O.C.

The Secretary of State for War, by command of the Army Council, has addressed a letter to Lieutenant. General Asser, G.O.C. troops in France and Flanders, with reference to criticisms upon his admistration which have recently appeared in the Press.

The letter expressed on behalf of the Secretary of State and the Army Council their full confidence in the troops, in the women's organisations and in the other personnel under General Asser's command, and proceeds: "The Army Council are fully satisfied that your administration and the conduct and discipline of the troops and women's units under your command have worthily upheld, often in trying circumstances, the best traditions of the British Army."

The cost of maintenance of the British Forces in France and Flanders for the seven months ended 31st October was not four million pounds as stated in yesterday's issue, but forty-four millions.

TRAPPED IN A TUNNEL.

INTERNED OFFICERS ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE.

Twenty German Naval officers who have been interned at Lofthouse Park Camp, near Leeds, since the scuttling of the German fleet at Scapa Flow, made a determined effort to escape by tunnelling. They dug under the floor of the hut and then traversed for a considerable distance but apparently made a miscalculation as they broke surface only a very little way beyond the barbed wire surrounding the camp. A sentry was amazed to see the earth open at his feet. He straightway gave the alarm and the prisoners were discovered almost at the moment of success.

DOCKYARD WORKERS' CHOICE

Following upon the outcry against extensive dismissals from the national dockyards, the Admiralty has decided to offer dockyard workmen a choice of two schemes. Either the work planned for the next year or two shall be anticipated or the dockyards shall be closed one working day each week. Acceptance of either scheme will result in the immediate stoppage of discharges.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

The Early Closing Association of Management, has agreed to appeal to the wholesale drapers and retail shopkeepers in the dry goods traders (apart from food shops) throughout the country to close from Christmas Eve, December 24. to the following Monday morning, December 29. The board believe that such a national holiday will be largely observed and keenly appreciated by employees whose labours are greatly increased during the Christmas season.

WINTER IN BRITAIN.

Twenty-one degrees of frost were registered in the Peak district of Derbyshire yesterday. Dover had a severe frost followed by snow. An Edinburgh telegram says that snow has been falling for twenty hours and still continues. Such severe snowfalls in November have never been known before in the Highlands. London is as yet free from snow, and is enjoying a clear sky with cold but brisk air.

TALKING IT OVER.

The Miners' representatives at Indianopolis have accepted the Secretary of Labour's invitation to confer with the employers on the wage agreement.

CHEAP SUITS.

MIDDLEMEN TO TAKE FIRST PROFITS.

The Disposal Board is now offering for sale a quarter of a million men's suits in eighteen different sizes. They comprise blue serges and tweeds in pleasing ranges of colour and all are new. They are of the same quality as the old standard suits and have been passed by Government inspectors.

At sixty-five shillings they would command an instant sale among the general public in view of the present high prices, but there is no chance of the public being able to buy them direct as they are to be sold by tender in lots of not less than twenty-five. Each lot contains a fixed number of assorted sizes and it is therefore useless even for twenty-five private individuals to club together to buy one lot as they could never all get fitted.

The suits were provided originally for demobilized soldiers but so many accepted the alternative of 52s 6d in cash that this huge stock was left on hand. Sample suits are on view at forty-five centres throughout the country and tenders may be made for any number of lots or for the whole stock. Tenders are also invited for 76,000 overcoats, pricipally grey cheviots, 110,000 tweed caps and 92,000 soft collars.

PRINCE IN WASHINGTON.

HAPPY SPEECH AT PRESS CLUB.

Speaking at the National Press Club, Washington, on Wednesday night the Prince of Wales said. "It would cause me very great regret if the President's illness had unhappily prevented me from fulfilling my keen desire to visit the United States this year and I therefore rejoice at his improvement."

The Prince then recalled his pleasure at visiting America's gallant forces in Europe last winter and expressed his gladness at now making the aquaintance of "the great people from whom those forces came. The spirit of your soldiers and sailers" he said "appealed to me very strongly. Your institutions, ways of life and aims are as democratic as our own and the atmosphere in which I find myself is the same invigorating atmosphere which I have always noticed in my American friends. I assure you I deeply appreciate your Government's hospuality in inviting me to pay this visit."

The Prince called at the White House during the afternoon and chatted with Mrs. and Miss Wilson. It is expected that he will see the President when he takes tea at the White House on Thursday. President Wilson was permitted to sit up for an hour for the first time since his return from his Western trip.

GOVERNMENT JOBS.

WAITING LIST OF EX-SOLDIERS.

The Ministry of Labour denies the statement which has appeared in print that the Ministry cannot find a sufficient number of disabled ex-service men for employment in Government departments. It says the Government has decided to substitute 12,000 disabled ex-service men, or failing disabled men, demobilised men, having suitable qualifications, for a similar number of men and women in Government departments.

Already 2,500 disabled ex-service men have been so substituted. The remaining 9,500 are being absorbed as rapidly as can be arranged. It is not a fact that difficulty has been expressed in finding the necessary number of men. The Ministry of Labour has a considerable waiting list.

Candidates for permanent employment are dealt with entirely by the Civil Service Commissioners in the usual way and not by the Ministry of Labour.

SANKEY REPORT DEBATE.

The Special Trades Union Congress which is to consider whether action shall be taken to compel the Government to carry out the majority recommendations of the Sankey Commission regarding the Nationalisation of Mines has been summoned for the 9th and 10th December.

HAIG CHEERED BY FELLOW PEERS.

Field Marshal Earl Haig of Bermayde yesterday took his seat in the House of Lords for the first time. He was introduced by the Earl of Scarborough and Earl Derby. There was a large attendance of peers who cheered the new Earl. Such a compliment is a very rare occurrence in the House of Lords.

CONCESSIONS TO ITALY.

In a letter to his electors, Signor Rossi, the Italian Minister for the Colonies, says that the concessions granted by Great Britain to Italy are most important, as Jubaland and Port Kismayo will notably increase the value of Italian Somaliland.

YOU NEVER CAN TELL.

The Socialist Party in Australia has invited Mr. George Bernard Shaw to visit Australia on his own terms.

1914-15 STAR.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS GET THE AWARD.

In the House of Commons on Wednesday Major the Earl of Winterton asked whether any steps had been taken to ascertain the views of combatant officers and men who fought on any front, concerning the decision of the War Office to grant the 1914—15 medal to Y.M.C.A. workers and whether some of the recipients of these medals were afterwards found to be conscientious objectors.

Mr. Winston Churchill, in reply, said that the decision to grant the 1914 Star and the 1914—15 Star to certain personnel of the Y.M.C.A. was taken by the Army Council after full consideration.

With regard to the second part of the question he said the Star was awarded in respect of services rendered during a prescribed period.

The justice of this decision was challenged by a number of members, but Mr. Austen Chamberlain, replying to these, said he did not think the general rule should be altered because of a number of cases which could not exceed a few score.

SECRET DUMP.

GERMAN AMMUNITION AT COBLENZ.

A large quantity of German ammunition has been discovered in a secret subterranean cell below Ordnance Depot No. 301, about four kilometres from Coblenz on the road to Andernach says our bright young junior, the "Ameroc News." Some soldiers who were working in the basement of the building there noticed that the plaster in one place appeared newer than the remainder. They tore down a part of the wall only to discover that it was the entrance to a secret underground passage, leading below the roadway. At the end ofthe passage was a cell in waich was stored a veritable arsenal of high explosive ammunition.

This dump is only one of a large number of similar places in and around Coblenz. Secret passage ways lead from the Q. M. Barracks at Coblenz-Lutzel, which was formerly a barracks for German soldiers, to all important military points in Coblenz. One passage leads to Fort Kaiserin Feste Franz, overlooking Coblenz-Lutzel, another goes clear under the Rhine to Fort Ehrenbreitstein, while still another leads to the Bahnhof.

GERMAN ELECTIONS DECLARED NULL.

The Supreme Council has decided to notify the German Government that municipal elections which have been held in the plebiscite area of Upper Silesia are null and void, as they conflict with the freedom of the impending plebiscite. The Council has decided to refuse the German request for a plebiscite at Eupen and Malmedy. It has also authorised the return of Mackensen (now interned at Salonika) to Germany, in view of his age and the state of his health.

RESCUE FORESTALLED.

A remarkable story was told to the magistrate at Bath Police Court on Tuesday when Major Coall, 31st Brigade, R.F.A., was fined forty shillings for being drunk and disorderly. Evidence was given that after the defendant's arrest the inspector at the police station received information that a party of about thirty-four soldiers were planning to storm the station and rescue him. In order to prevent trouble the prisoner was thereupon released.

M.P.'S SENT TO PRISON.

The nine men arrested on Tuesday at the office of the "Dail Eireann," Dublin, including three members of Parliament, Messrs. O'Mahony, Hayes and Lawless, were charged yesterday with participating in the proceedings of a suppressed association. They were sentenced to two month's imprisonment and there after to find bail in twenty pounds each or undergo an additional month in prison.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

The opening was weak, owing to apprehensions of dearer money, arising from the high money rates, which rose to twenty-five per cent in New York. However there was an absence of general liquidations and the market later exhibited resistance and closed with a partial recovery. The disposition was to await events before entering into fresh commitments. General opinion is against the probability of an immediate rise in the Bank rate but is in favour of an increase within a month. Banks now charge from 6½ per cent. to 7 per cent, for loans on Stock Exchange securities.

The Nigerian Government loan of six million sterling at 6 per cent. at par and Armstrong Whitworth's issue of three million sterling shares are being underwritten. The Board of Trade regulations relating to new capital issues have been practically abrogated. Edison Swan issue of 360,000 shares have been oversubscribed several times. Owing to the fall in the American rate of exchange the price of gold is now about one hundred shillings per ounce.

Mrs. Lloyd George has arranged to speak in support of Lady Astor at Plymouth.

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THE EX-OFFICER.

Some startling figures were disclosed at a general meeting of the Imperial ex-Service Association, held recently.

Capt. Baird, in advocating the establishment of an Employment Bureau, stated that there were at that moment 33,000 officers, 9,600 widows, 9,100 children of officers and 5,600 other dependents on the books of the Ministry of Pensions, and he was quite convinced that thousands of them were not obtaining their full awards.

He further said that there were 19,000 officers and men of similar education requiring employment, whereas the actual vacancies at the disposal of the Appointments Department were only about 4,000.

The phenomenal pressure upon the staff of the Pensions Department may in some measure be responsible for the state of affairs alleged, but there can be no doubt that the onus to a large extent is upon the officers themselves.

There is a type of officer with whom we are all acquainted, who is of the happy-go-lucky "devil-may-care" disposition, careless in war and equally careless in peace. He accepts everything as a matter of course and questions nothing He probably knows that he is entitled to a pension, cheerfully accepts what is offered and never thinks of finding out for himself.

Small wonder then that many are being insufficiently compensated and are receiving only a portion of their deserts.

Consequently it is unfair to charge the Government with exploitations of ex-service men. There can be no doubt that there is an earnest desire to make up to the disabled, in so far as the drawn up scale allows, for disability sustained in the Empire's service.

How is the difficulty to be solved, and how are the necessary adjustments to be brought about? Only, we suggest, by co-ordination and co-operation in the effort to enlighten the ignorant and to vouchsafe knowledge to those who are disinclined to help themselves.

The question of unemployment is truly a vexed one, to which there are a number of contributing factors. On the one hand employers, in many cases, have failed to redeem contracts, while on the other a number of ex-officers have persisted in seeking employment for which they are entirely unsuited. As long as such a state of affairs exists unemployment must follow in its train.

Generally speaking, however, the employer of labour has failed to discharge the debt which the fighting man has piled against him. Now that the war is over he rules out sentiment and is only too ready to forget what might have been.

Only when the employer realises his responsibility in the matter and when the ex-officer has a true conception of his status in the sphere he has chosen, will the gulfs which are at present separating the two with such disastrous and far-reaching results, be bridged.

YES, YOU CAN!

What shall I write about?

That is the question that hinders many (who probably possess unknown powers of interesting or amusing their fellows) from playing their part in the exchange of experience and thought which is open to them in the "Cologne Post" and which might lead a number to eventual fame—not to mention profit. The world of print, from the great reviews to the Parish magazine, from the "Times" to the Sloppleton-under-Slush Gazette, from the Novel of the year to the short story pages of the Wanglers'-Weekly, is thirsting for the blood of your pen.

You have never written for publication? What has that to do with it? That was once true of every writer, great or merely successful. William de Morgan was well over sixty before his first book appeared. Not that you need wait as long as that. It is never too late; and for that matter never too early. Ask Daisy Ashford.

You don't think you can write? My dear sir, you are irrevelent. That stops nobody. If you read at all you must have noticed that such a consideration is no impediment. The amount printed to-day, and sold and read, would be reduced to infinitesimal proportions were that an obstacle. Possibly you are no orator. But that doesn't prevent you from talking in mess, or club, or home and if you can talk you can write—and probably better than you converse.

"But I have nothing to say!" Oh! Come now! what about that story you told last night?—no, no, not that one; ladies read the "Cologne Post," you know, the other one I mean, which was jolly good and worth telling to a bigger audience. What about that curious experience of yours that others would like to hear of?

What about your views on certain subjects on which you feel strongly and, if you had the power to do so, would legislate strongly? You can make your influence and opinion felt by the readers of your article. You can sign any fancy name that pleases you until you are ready to come out under your own.

What about a description of that very delightful visit you made to somewhere? What of recollections of jolly hours in the mess, of thrilling times on the front, of incidents on parade or in orderly room, in training or on the move? Your mind is full of a hundred such. Or you have a hobby—and many others may have the same, while all will like to hear about it. Don't be selfish. Share it:

And it is not like appearing on a platform—nobody can see you, nobody can interrupt you. You won't regret afterwards that point you might have made and didn't: for you have time to look it all over and add or alter at your will. So (1) you can write (2) so can't many who do, (3) you must begin sometime, and to-night's the night; (4) you can write better than you talk, and I'm sure you can talk all right; (5) there are a thousand reminiscences, thoughts and interests inside you, waiting to be shared; (6) write then—and begin with the "Cologne Post" audience. The Editor's appreciation will be shown in marks, and that of the readers in demands for more.

O. WYNOTT.

A LAD.

I met him on the Rhine bank the morning after I came to Cologne, and remembered him vaguely when he hailed me by name. He told me that he had often seen me at Montreuil, drinking wine with the air of a connoisseur and talking more or less in the air. (This was said with a smile).

Then I remembered how he had once burst into a discussion I was having with a friend on points of Stendhal's style, and I recollected how often I had seen him hurrying hatless across the upper courtyard at G.H.Q., and wondered who he was. We were inclined in those days to think that our own department was a lonely island of culture in a sea of Philistinism.

I had already decided to dislike Cologne—a decision which evaporated later—and told him so, remarking on the beauty and tranquillity of Montreuil, which I had been forced to leave in a burst of wonderful spring weather. But he, being a child of the town, would hear no praise of the country. "At any rate you don't have to feel your way home here at night," he said, and I was silent, remembering the peculiar opacity of the darkness at Montreuil. He took me up to the mess and on the way we abused various people we had known.

The office was never dull as long as he remained there. How staid and dusty it really was we never discovered until he was demobilized. He was of the age when one believes that one's newest pose expresses one's real soul.

His pose just then was one of imitative decadence. Life was all before him, and every flower in the garden — even though his blooms were the lilies and the sunflowers of the forgotten 'nineties — was beautiful.

He read Swinburne with the gusto that one never recaptures after one's early twenties. I could not discover that he touched anything or thought of anything very profoundly. Normal youth has no philosophy beyond the capture of the present emotion, and he thus showed how very normal, beneath his pose, he was.

His desk was littered with the sheets of an opera score, of which he occasionally scratched a few bars. The opera was, of course, to be "Salome," but when he went he had not got beyond a sketch of the overture. The great work should now be proceeding in the ideally uncomfortable home he has made for himself in England, if worried upholsterers have been persuaded to let him have his way.

He steered through bristling difficulties with a favouring wind of what is vulgarly called "cheek." Never did we know him embayed. Who but he, appearing at the office at eleven o'clock one morning would have told an irate chief clerk that they had been re-papering the stairs at his billet early that morning and that he had consequently missed his proper allowance of sleep? It reminded one of Charles Lamb's disarming reply to the director of the India House who remarked: "I notice that you reach the office very late in the morning, Mr. Lamb." "Yes, but see how early I leave."

And who but he would have gone out to the Stadtwald with a huge volume of Schubert and amazed the Germans on the tramcar by humming scores all the way and unconcernedly conducting an imaginary orchestra? This went on all afternoon under the sun-flecked shadow of the trees, until we were ringed by an inquiring circle of children and adults.

And finally who but he would arrange to make up a party to go walking among the Lakes next summer, a party burdened with rucksacks and mandolines and dressed in Tyrolese costume? I am quite sure he will do it—he is still so young. And I rather hope I shall be of the party.

LOOKER-ON.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX

We Hear all Sides without Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

AFRAID OF DEMOB.

Sir,—While sympathizing very sincerely with "Downhearted's" plaint, may I point out that after such a cataclysm as the world has experienced during the past five years such cases are bound to occur, and he is suffering, or likely to suffer, with thousands of others.

He has in his favour what many of us lack, Youth. And to ambitious youth the world cannot say a definite Nay! It may, it does, raise obstacles, it may not be over sympathetic, but youth and ambition heed not these things. How different is the case of the man in his forties, who gave up his job to help to protect it and now finds himself at a loose end.

Has "Downhearted" done all he could, especially during the last twelve months. Nothing could be more comprehensive than the Education scheme of the Army, as was well illustrated by the recent exhibition of work at the Army General and Commercial College, Hansa Ring. Has he tried a course or two at one of the colleges set up by the Army? Has he availed himself of the Army Library or the Correspondence College? Of course he may have tried, but owing to lack of room, may not have succeeded. May the day soon come when the scheme shall have been developed that any man so deserving may be sure of a place and the Army may cease to be a "blind alley" occupation.

Then again, has "Downhearted" so spent the past twelve months as to justify his cry now? Postal facilities with home have not been difficult and Correspondence Schools, good ones, especially in Engineering, are not unknown.

Many of these offered special facilities for members of the Forces. Another question that arises is a difficult one. There are many young officers (is "Downhearted" an officer?) who expect on return to civil life to obtain positions comparable with those they have held in the Army. They are bound to be disappointed, for after all our business men are not expected to be in business from purely philanthropic motives. A man must be able to offer something for his salary and if "Twenty-three" will content himself to take a minor's wage for two or three years he will find that, supposing that he is energetic, fit and willing to work the revised world will find him a place.

In the meantime, if he is not demobilized I would advise him to apply for a course at one of Colleges, through his Adjutant or Education Officer.

FORTY-TWO.

CONCERT AUDIENCES.

Sir,—After reading the plaint of "Wiganite" as to the slow appreciation, and lack of enthusiasm shown by audiences, the only conclusion to which I can come is that your correspondent must be inferior to his fellows in his judgment of what is good or really bad in the concert line. My experience— and it is a very wide one—is that audiences generally speaking are over indulgent.

When the British soldier realises that a man is doing his best to entertain, no matter how weak that best may be, I have never found him lacking when the time for applause came.

A CONCERT COER.

NEWSPAPER PROFITEERING.

Sir,—I cannot see that "Habitue" has much to grouse about. Isn't it a great convenience to find plenty of people ready to provide one with a newspaper? I would rather have too many street sellers than too few. It is much more convenient than to have to chase round to find a stall when you feel like buying something to read.

"Habitue" only speaks for himself, I fancy. I have never heard anyone else complain about the selling of newspapers and as for his statement that these street dealers pocket 200 per cent. on their sales, I would like to know how he works it out. Does he know what they have to pay for them, or does he realise that they are often left with many copies on their hands, which reduces their margin of profit often to very little indeed.

READER.

SPORT IN RHINELAND.

Sir, — The excuses put forward by T.W.T. as the reason for the slump in sport will not hold water.

Does he apply the same argument to the concert parties which continue to render good service despite demobilization difficulties to which he refers? The argument is applicable.

No, I have come to the conclusion that there is something lacking about many of the young soldiers at present doing garrison duty on the Rhine. The one subject is demobilization, and in this connection I quote one who claims to be the champion of the man in the ranks.

He advises those who clamour for demob. that they are likely to qualify for a place in the ranks of the unemployed at home. There is a lot of truth in that.

1915.

STUDYING ECONOMICS.

Sir,—I was very glad to see the advice tendered by "Argus" and intend to act on it myself. I have sent to London today for a copy of Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations" as a start.

It is very timely too, that you are commencing a series of special articles which will teach us all something of the all-important subject of Economics, about which I am afraid the majority of us are very ignorant.

J.E.C.

"QUIETUDE."

Sir,—In view of your suggestion that another room might be found for reading apart from the Music Room in the British Empire Leave Club, I should like to inform you that there is and has always been since the beginning of the Club, a Quiet Room leading out of the Billiard Room, which is at the entire disposal of any of those using the Club.

DIRECTOR GENERAL.

RECKONING THE MARK.

Sir,—I think I can tell "Perth's" nationality not only by his nom de plume but by his ideas.

In the main perhaps he is right. We ought as a conquering army to be getting every possible advantage for ourselves from the fall of the mark, but I have been told by one who has made a careful study of the question that owing to the enormous rise in the cost of living in Germany which is far greater than in our own country, the mark, as a matter of fact doesn't represent more than about threepence, even to Jerry.

If that is so, the prices we see in the shops are not out of the way.

As for tips I am told that before the war five to ten pfennigs was the usual amount to give a waiter. We English are always generous in the way of gratuities and I don't fancy anything "Perth" may say will alter that. But our American friends are even more lavish. What "Perth" gives an unfortunate servitor I dread to think. Perhaps "Nix,"

WILTS.

EYES AND NO EYES.

Sir,—"Arm-Chairite" is just the kind of individual who has no eyes for anything but trivial things. Because, I suppose, he has lived in one billet in Germany which hasn't an armchair, soft and luxurious to loll in, he jumps to the conclusion that the arm-chair is unknown here. This statement is altogether too ridiculous; but even if it were true, does a nation's superiority or otherwise depend upon comfortable chairs?

I am inclined to believe that the arm-chair habit is a curse. It tends to self-complacent laziness. A man goes home, puts on slippers, nestles down in the luxurious recesses of a padded chair, puffs his pipe, quaffs his whiskey, dozes off and forgets everything. It doesn't tend to alertness of mind and vigour of body.

The big men who have made their mark in the world — great thinkers, writers, soldiers, sailors and statesmen were not "armchair" men. They had no time for luxurious lolling in cushioned ease.

"Arm-Chairite" had better try again and see if he can give some more apt instance of national inferiority.

UPRIGHT.

BRITISH FILMS.

Sir,—A notice exhibited outside the Modernes Theatre (No. 2. Army Cinema) states the programme to consist of "all British Films."

I have been present during at least half a dozen performances at this Theatre and on no occasion has a British film been screened.

R. S.

GERMAN AND ENGLISH DRAMA.

Sir,—Some little time ago correspondents were complaining in your columns of not being able to obtain seats at the Deutsches Theatre owing in the inclusion of German women in the audience. These allegations were satisfactorily disposed of, although it was admitted that Germans were actually included but not at the expense of the British soldier.

I happened to overhear the comments of one of these Germans as she was coming out of the theatre after the play, and it struck me at the time that it was a pity that more opportunity should not be given to the people whose territory we are occupying to discover that the Englishman is capable of writing a good play and is just as capable of acting it. We swarm to the German Opera House, and numbers of us patronise the Schauspielhaus and the Opperetten Theatre. The German wants educating in certain directions. Why not let him have the opportunity of being educated in one direction at least.

PLAY-GOER.

NOVEMBER 11. 1919.

The Moving Finger marked the hour, Eleven:
In Town and on the Land, on Sea, or Hill,
Britain at Home, Abroad, on Earth, in Heaven,
Remembered — and was still.

In that great Moment of complete communion,
A Nation's Memories fused in one clear call
To God; and joined in dearest close reunion
With Those who gave us All.

And in that solemn Stillness, while there glistened
Earth's tears of grateful Love and long Regret,
They from the Everlasting Silence listened,
THEY watched our eyes grow wet.

Then, for one sacred Moment, we, united,
Knew our great Heritage below, above;
To THEM, Eternal Peace; to us, new-plighted
Sacrifice crowned by Love.

W. INGE.

WILDE IN AMERICA.

CHAMPION'S GREAT RECEPTION IN NEW YORK.

"BRITAINS GREATEST BOXER"

The fame of little Jimmy Wilde, the "Tylorstown Terror" had long preceded him to America. His contests with Pal Moore and Joe Lynch in England have made the American people very keen to see the man who was able to concede a stone in weight to two of America's best-known bantams.

And if Wilde is able to produce anything like his true form "over there" they will not be disappointed. His programme has not yet been fully mapped out, but he is down for a no-decision bout with Pete Herman, the bantamweight champion, early in the new year, as well as other fights of a similar nature.

But for the war Wilde would probably have paid the States a visit two years ago, but financially he will do much better as a result of the delay.

Boxing enthusiasts on this side of the Atlantic will watch with interest the doings of the Welshman in U.S.A.

New York's Great Reception.

The following cable-gram has been received from New York:—

Jimmy Wilde, the British fly-weight champion, is to have a great reception here to-day. All the morning newspapers hail him as the greatest fighter Britain has ever produced, each devoting a column to him in its sporting page.

Wilde was the guest at a luncheon at the Imperial Hotel after his arrival on the Baltic yesterday, when there were fifty writers on sport present.

A PROMISING ATHLETE.

Fine Performance at Cambridge Freshmens' Sports.

The outstanding feature at the Cambridge Freshmen sports was the very fine performance of H. M. Abrahams, the old Reptonian and a brother of S. S. Abrahams, the old Blue. Although handicapped at present by a somewhat laborious style he did remarkably well and promises to develop into a first ranker.

Within an hour he had carried off the hundred in 10⅕sec., and could probably have done evens if he had been pressed; carried off the long jump with an effort of 21ft 3in, and secured the 440yds in 52⅘sec., beating R. C. Gregory, the Carthusian, who was reported to have an unbeaten record at this distance. Such a record has not been beaten many times in these sports, and his future will be watched with great interest.

FOOTBALL AT LEEDS.

The Football League Management Committee met at Manchester yesterday evening, one of the most important items on its agenda being an application for permission to transfer the Huddersfield Town F.C. to Leeds, with all its rights, assets, and liabilities.

It is asumed that the necessary sanction will be given, and further that no objection will by raised by the Football Association to the change of name that will follow the transfer, and hopes are entertained in Leeds that the whole affair will be so speedily settled that it will be possible for Leeds to have next Saturday the match against Coventry City that is due to be played at Huddersfield. The result of the deliberations had not come to hand at the time of going to press.

MILLWALL'S NEW TALENT.

With the transfer fees of first-class players reaching prohibitive figures Millwall are experimenting with the untried article. In the London Combination game with Queen's Park Rangers, George Reid, a right back, and Nelson and McDougall, a left-wing pair (all Scottish players), were given a run, while W. White, centre-half, and E. Cooke, an inside-right, who have been secured from Dumbarton and Armadale respectively, will appear against the Arsenal at Highbury on Saturday.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

At a meeting of the Southern League Management Committee at Anderton's (Mr. Darnell in the chair) it was reported that a match had been arranged for Monday, Dec. 29, between a representative Southern League team and the Corinthians, to be played on the Millwall ground. The postponed fixture with the Irish League is deferred into the New Year for arrangement.

The Committee decided to grant free transfers to all players of clubs who have seceded from the League. This embraces players of the following clubs: Coventry City, Stalybridge Celtic, Stoke, West Ham, Aberdare, Croydon Common, Cwm Albion, Treharris, and Walsall.

RHINE ARMY SCOUTS' CIRCLE.

The Rhine Army Scouts Circle will meet at its Headquarters in the Y.M.C.A., Lindenthal at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday Nov. 15th. All members of the Rhine Army who are interested in "The Great Scout Movement" are cordially invited.

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On Sunday Nov. 16th a meeting of the circle will take place at the same address at 2.45 p.m. A paper entitled "Wolf Cubs" will be read by one of the members. The parents of the junior section and their friends are invited to attend.

YARMOUTH RACECOURSE.

The Yarmouth Town Council having agreed to sell 28½ acres of land to a local trawling company, which has been acquired by Lord Leverhulme to be used for the canning of fish and other purpose, will, it is stated, involve the transfer of the racecourse from South Denes, to North Denes and steps are already being taken to carry this out.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

51st N.F.'s 2nd Eleven v. Rhine Garrison School.

FEEBLE EXHIBITION.

This match was played on the School's ground, S adtwald, on Monday, November 10th. The ground was very wet and slippery owing to the heavy rain-fall during the morning. The game never reached a high standard, in fact, it was a feeble exhibition on the players' part. The outstanding players' were Lieut. Peat, left back, and Sgt. Nicholson, right back, for the School. Both these players showed good form and were the backbone of the School's team. The School's goal-keeper, L/Cpl. Berry also saved some good shots.

For the Fusiliers C.Q.M.S. Martin played a splendid game and gave some fine passes to the inside forwards; he was evidently making a desperate effort to be reinstated in the first eleven. Cpl. Newton, the Fusiliers left back played soundly, being very sure and a good kick. Sgt. Porter at right-back also played a steady game.

Shortly before half-time the School scored from a corner kick.

On the resumption the two teams were evenly balanced, until C.Q.M.S. Martin, the 51st outside right got the ball and took it down the wing and gave a fine centre to Sgt. Wood, who shot a pretty goal.

This evidently "bucked up" the Fusiliers as they again visited the home team's goal and Pte. Bowman from just outside the penalty area drove the ball along the ground, completely baffling L/Cpl. Berry, who did several smart things in the home team's goal.

Result:—51st Northumberland Fusiliers. 2; Rhine Garrison School 1.

ENGLISH v. IRISH.

Teams to Represent Leagues at Liverpool.

At a meeting of the Management Committee of the Football League held in Manchester, the following were chosen to represent the English League against the Irish League at Liverpool on Wednesday, Nov. 19:—

English.

Hardy (Aston Villa); Longworth (Liverpool), Cook (Oldham Athletic); Curry (Newcastle United), McCall (Preston North End), Watson (Burnley); Hodkinson (Blackburn Rovers), Stephenson (Aston Villa), Browell (Manchester City), Clennell (Everton), Crisp (West Bromwich Albion). Reserves: Dixon (Newcastle United), Chambers (Liverpool),

The team to represent the Irish League will be:—

Irish.

Liddell (Glentoran); Rollo (Linfield), Barrett (Belfast Celtic); Hamill (Belfast Celtic), Scraggs (Glentoran), McCandless (Linfield); Lyner (Glentoran), Robinson (Distillery), H. Reid (Distillery), McDonald (Linfield), McEwan (Linfield).

WOMEN REFEREES.

Surrey County Association Does Not Favour them.

At a meeting of the Surrey County Football Association, at Kennington Oval on Wednesday, the question of admitting ladies to the Referees Qualifying Examination was discussed. It was pointed out that the Association rules did not provide for women applicants form and it was decided to return this. A resolution was passed that no application form from any lady referee should be entertained.

The discussion arose out of an application from Mrs. Butler, of the Ryde House School, Ripley, for her qualifications to be passed by the Referees' Committes, Mrs. Butler has acted as a football referee for three years and has trained a boys' team.

R.A.S.C. STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

The Royal Army Service Corps inaugural steeplechase meeting will take place on Thursday, January 29, 1920, at Sandown Park. There will be six races. The most interesting will be the Royal Army Service Corps Steeplechase of £100 (for horses five years old and upwards which, on and since January 1, 1920, have been the property, unconditionally and free from contingency, of officers now serving or who have served in the R.A.S.C., to be ridden by officers qualified to enter) and the Allies' Steeplechase of £200 (for horses five years old and upwards which, on and since January 1, 1920, have been the property, unconditionally and free from contingency, of officers now serving, or who have served, in the Allied navies, armies, and air forces, to be ridden by officers qualified to enter.)

INMAN CHALLENGES.

Several challenges have been directed to Inman in recent weeks, but with little accruing in the way of business. We are likely however, to have a crop of money matches ratified in the near future. Inman has informed a "Sporting Life" representative that he was prepared to concede 1,500 in 16,000 up to any player in the world for from £100 to £500 a side. The champion authorizes us to say that it is not exactly a question of first come first served, but that he is prepared to play all his contemporaries on the terms set out.

EPSOM STABLE LADS.

A big effort is being made to end the strike of stable lads at Epsom. One owner of racehorses to-day met the lads' committee and discussed the matter fully with them. He is now going to see the trainers affected, and on Sunday will again meet the stable lads.

NOVEMBER HANDICAP

Twenty-Two Acceptances for Manchester Event.

A GOOD-CLASS FIELD.

There have been twenty-two acceptances for the Manchester November-Handicap to be run up Nov. 29th and, with the weights, they are as follows:—

Queens Square	9/2	Grand Fleet	9/2
King John	8/6	Planet	8/12
Not Much	8/3	Gay Lord	8 5
Royal Bucks	7/13	Golden Fleece	8/0
Aynsley	7/7	Elsinore	7/10
Jack Point	7/3	African Star	7/6
Rothesay Bay	7/7	Alasnam	7/1
Daphne	7/1	William Allenby	7/0
Dionysos	7/0	Challow	7/0
John Jackett	6/13	Wild Fellow	6/10
The O'Neil	6/8	Gotha	6/5

WHAT WILL WIN?

"The Marquis" Forecasts the Derby Cup Result.

"The Marquis," our racing contributor, wiring from England on to-day's Derby Cup prospects, points out that the distance of the race is mid-way between the Cesarewitch and Manchester November Handicap courses, a fact that will have an important influence on previous performances.

Alec Taylor, he continues, is, as might be expected well represented, and with Chat Tor scratched he still has Queen's Square, Elsinore and Palatina left in the race. The first named made but a feeble show in the Jockey Club Cup and has lost a considerable amount of attention from backers in consequence.

"The Marquis" forecasts the result of the race as under:

1, Wildwood,
2, Gay Lord,
3, Elsinore.

The three horses named by "The Marquis" for the Cambridgeshire, which were published in these columns, passed the post second, third and fourth respectively.

DERBY MEETING.

Scatwell Defeated in Markeaton Plate.

There was severe frost at the opening day of the Derby meeting on Wednesday and a mist hung over the course. The going was good and there was a large attendance. In the Markeaton Plate Scatwell started favourite, but was beaten by Corn Sack.

DETAILS.

Breadsall Plate:—1, Shoemaker (15—8 on); 2, Glimpse (8—1); 3, Lall colt (100—7). Eight ran.

Belper Handicap: — 1, Cylgar (7—1); 2, Daniel (100—7); 3, Lady Craigie (20—1). Thirteen ran.

Markeaton Plate:—1, Corn Sack (9—4); 2, Scatwell (2—1); 3, Vice Versa (10—1). Eight ran.

Chesterfield Nursery: — 1, Little Boy (100—9); 2, Paragon (11—4); 3, Catchup (20—1). Seventeen ran.

Rangemore Stakes:—1, Meavaig Bay (11—10); 2, Quilp (100—6); 3, Ruckings Queen (5—1). Fourteen ran.

Doveridge Plate:—1, Rossini (9—4); 2, Clarity (7—5); 3, Willonette (7—2). Four ran.

RACE MEETING STAKES.

Liberal Prize List at Hurst Park Tomorrow.

A great deal has been written lately regarding the alleged failure of racecourse executives to provide adequate stakes, but certainly no such charge can be brought in connection with the Hurst Park meeting on Saturday next says "The Sporting Life." Not one of the six events to be decided there is of smaller value than 400 sovs while two are worth 500 sovs.

Only one race, the Autumn Two-Year-Old Plate, closed before the middle of last month, but it does not appear from the entries that any great desire exists on the part of owners to patronise stakes merely because of their value. Moreover, in the case of the Syon Handicap of 500 sovs, for which it costs 10 sovs to run, there were only twelve acceptors out of twenty-six.

RACECOURSE CLERK'S DEATH.

The clerk of Epsom and Brighton racecourses died at Epsom on Wednesday morning, aged 85. He had been ill for some weeks and recently underwent an operation.

RACE FIXTURES.

NOVEMBER.

Derby	14	Maisons-Laffitte	21
Newport	14	Cardiff	21, 22
Saint Cloud	14	Lingfield	21, 22
Hurst Park	15	Auteuil	23
Enghien	15	Enghien	24
Auteuil	16	Birmingham	24, 25
Maisons-Laffitte	17	Maisons-Laffitte	26
Warwick	17, 18, 19	Newbury	26, 27
Curragh	18, 19, 20	Auteuil	27
Enghien	19	Kempton Park	28, 29
Auteuil	20	Auteuil	30
Manchester	20, 21, 22		

DECEMBER.

Nottingham	1, 2	Haydock Park	19, 20
Lingfield	3, 4	Hurst Park	19, 20
Isle of Wight	4, 5	Folkestone	22, 23
Sandown Park	5, 6	Sedgefield	26
Mullingar	8	Limerick	26
Leicester	8, 9	Kempton Park	26, 27
Windsor	10, 11	W'hampton	26, 27
Gatwick	12, 13	Leopardstown	26, 27
Derby	15, 16	Cheltenham	29
Plumpton	17, 18	Newbury	30, 31

Listowel Meeting Off.

By proclamation signed by General G. E. Williams, the Competent Military Authority at Cork, the Listowel race meeting appointed for to-morrow and Saturday next has been suppressed for the reason that it was likely to cause grave disorder and disaffection.

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

Exclusive Chat about English Teams and Players.

BY TYNESIDER.

Alan Morton is the proud possessor of the title "Scotlands Box o' tricks." He deserves it.

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McIlvenny, of Bradford City, will take his benefit soon.

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McCracken, Newcastle's famous back, was injured last Saturday at Middlesboro, but continued to "carry on," though obviously unfit.

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The Glasgow Junior Association will play the "Magpies" at Newcastle on January 5th.

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"The finest goal-keeper in Europe." That was Sam Hardy's expressed opinion of Elisha Scott, Liverpool's famous keeper. What is his opinion of Kenny Campbell?

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Ramsey, the St. James Park winger, found Middlesboro's defence too robust for his liking at Ayrsome Park, but his speed often had Holmes guessing.

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Sidney Bowser did the knocking and Joe Smith the canvassing for Pennington, the "Throstles" popular captain, at a recent election.

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Jack Carr, Newcastle United's old defender, is a trainer now to a Northumberland club. He appeared at outside left for them recently.

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There are not many clubs in the "upper ten" who can claim that their ground is so near the sea as that of South Shields.

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Donagby, of Middlesboro reserves has so far this season appeared at right back, left half, inside right and centre.

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Hogg, of Sunderland, appeared for his country for the first time at Ibrox, the day the great disaster occurred. That day he faced Doig, McCombie and Watson, the Scottish defence and all of them clubmates.

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Travers, Sunderland's star forward, was a prisoner for three years.

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Weller won't be kept long out of Everton's first team defence. The days of Maconachie and Thompson's partnership are ending.

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On the first Saturday of each month this season West Bromwich have suffered defeat. What will happen at Hyde Road on December 6. Can Manchester City add to this record?

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Huddersfield, in Taylor, have a worthy successor to Cock. He also knows where the goal lies.

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Hobson, Poole and Travers are the only Wearsiders who have so far appeared in each game this season.

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Lawrence of Newcastle has a broken collar bone. Bradley his understudy has seized his chance well, and is performing with great credit in the Magpie's citadel.

NECK AND NECK.

Smith Gains Further Advantage Over Newman.

Smith and Newman in their 16,000 up match at Thurston's, are now practically neck and neck. On Tuesday, Smith led by 147, but he increased his advantage on Wednesday, finishing the day with a lead of 651. The closing scores were:—

Smith.....11,882
Newman (in play).....11.231

RUGGER RESULTS.

Wednesday's Rugby results were as follows:—

Cambridge 8; Guys Hospital 3;
Oxford 16; Leicester 8;

Association:

Swindon 3; Oxford 0.

SPORT IN BRIEF.

Horses for India,

Bridgend, Braida Garth, and Whit Week, purchased recently by Mr. Dick on behalf of an Indian client, will be shipped to Calcutta in a week's time.

Boxing in America.

Benny Leonard outpointed Sailor Bartfield at Jersey in a six round contest, and Mel Coogan defeated Johnny Dundee.

Paris Race Entries.

For the Two Thousand Guineas of 1921 M. Boussac's Tuberose and Curragh, Mme Bremond's Deserteur, M. Macomber's Net, Baron Rothschild's Hydromel, Vatel, and Lancelot du Lac have been entered.

Licensed Victuallers' Asylum Tourney.

A tournament in aid of the Licensed Victualters' Asylum will take place at the National Sporting Club on Tuesday, Nov. 18, when the programme will include three open amateur competitions at 8st, 9st, and 10st 4lb.

Eastern Counties.

The Eastern Counties have decided not to compete in the South-Eastern Group of the Rugby Union County Championship this season. They will, however, probably engage in friendly matches with the other members of the group during the season.

Tom Noble to Train at Windsor.

Tom Noble, of Bermondsey, who is matched with Tibby Watson, the Australian feather-weight, for a 20 3-min round contest at the Holborn Stadium on Nov. 27, will train from the Star and Garter Hotel, Windsor, and will take up his quarters there with Jack Goodwin as his trainer.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

"Far from the Madding."

"Far from the madding crowd" are the British soldiers in occupation of the large stud farm in the wilds of Rhomerhof, but they get "The Cologne Post" and one of the exiles has sent me the following amusing account of their armistice celebration. Hs says:

Thirty brave warriors of the Rhine Army are stationed miles away from the bustle and glare of wonderful Cologne, often forgotten by the grand old ration man and the petrol merchant on whom they depend for the "juice" for their lighting plant. Often the lonely sentry can be seen patrolling the paddocks with a spluttering candle in a bottle with mud up to his knees chasing wild mules who somehow manage to eat the barbed wire from the compound and s.roll a mile or two over the great stretches of paddocks in the dead of night.

Armistice Celebration.

Suddenly the news came to the little camp that the war had been over for exactly one year; then our officer suggested that for a few hours we should look once again upon the glare of the city. On Saturday night these old heroes forgotten by all the world and almost by the rest of the Rhine army fought their way through the eight inches of mud to a small hotel in Lechenich where the kindly proprietor had prepared a nice little dinner for them. Afterwards it was left to the lads themselves to improvise the concert, and a very jolly evening they had. At ten o'clock the boys made tracks for thei jungle home, delighted with their glimpse of civilisation, and all willing to soldier on for the remainder of the fifteen years of occupation.

Leave Club Debate.

The subject for to-day's debate at the British Empire Leave Club will be "That in the opinion of this House the League of Nations will make future wars impossible", moved by Private F. Kenny R.A.S.C., opposed by L.Cpl. L.McCormack, Dragoon Guards. The debate will be at 6.30 and it is hoped that all other ranks keen on speaking and debates will attend.

(*Continued in next column.*).

B.R.A.D.C. AT COBLENZ.

Large Audiences, But Rather Flat Results.

Take one enormous hall with deep alcoves all round the balcony and fill it with American soldiery; occupy a very nice stage, but one with a space of six feet between the curtain and the footlights and then present a play. This is a recipe about the adoption of which I would confidently give Mr. Punch's famous piece of advice:—"Don't." Doubtless the B.R.A.D.C. will be quite ready to take this advice after their experiences during the first three days of this week at Coblenz.

Man and Superman.

On Monday night "Man and Superman" was played to an audience of 2,000 and to such an accompaniment of coughing as has never been heard even at the Deutsches. The audience melted away after the first act to the tune of about 900 owing to the fact that those anywhere behind about the tenth row could not hear or account of the shocking acoustic properties of the hall and the insistent coughing. Lieut. Percy and his merry company strained their voices and themselves to breaking point in order to combat the difficulties under which they were playing.

Since the last presentation of "Man and Superman" in Cologne there have been two changes in the caste, Pte. Terry playing old Malone and Lieut. Coates as his son. Both these parts were allotted only two nights previous to the production and Pte. Terry is to be congratulated on the ease with which he performed a very difficult task, while Lieut. Coates, although not as word perfect as Pte. Terry, managed to get through safely. I need only repeat of the remainder of the caste what has already been said in these columns, i. e. they gave their usual excellent performance.

Damaged Goods.

On Tuesday evening the Company presented "Damaged Goods." Playgoers who have already witnessed this production will remember the tragic incident at the end of the second act when the wife discovers the real nature of her baby's illness. I am confident that none of those for whose benefit I am writing these words have ever been able to find anything hilariously funny about this curtain, but the audience in the Festhalle at Coblenz succeeded in doing so. They roared with laughter. I will allow that Miss Frances Chisholm's moan was very weak, but it was neither grotesque nor amusing, and anyone who had followed the play closely could not fail to be so worked up as not to realise the terrible situation in which wife and husband find themselves. However!

The Melting Pot.

On Wednesgay night the Melting Pot by Zangwill was presented. Patrons of the Deutsches Theatre will have an opportunity of seeing this production next week, and the criticism will therefore be deferred until next Wednesday.

The entire Company's thanks are due Mr. Eastiman and his assistants of the American Y.M.C.A. who treated their visitors so handsomely. Food and billets were beyond praise, and there was no request made that was not cheerfully and immediately complied with.

Mention should also be made of "Daddy" Gross who was responsible for the stage fittings, scenery, etc. Hospitality was the keynote of the whole visit, and it was not the fault of the American Y.M.C.A. that the company had to play under difficult conditions and to so difficult an audience. I think it quite likely that the wrong sort of play was chosen. The American soldier obviously does not understand Shaw. Apparently someone in Coblenz realised this as witness the following pithy paragraph culled from the top right corner of the front page of the "Ameroc News":—

SAY BUDDIE.

"The plays now being enacted in the Festhalle are of a serious nature cleverly written, but of interest only to thinkers. Those looking for "low brow stuff" will be disappointed. "A word to the wise etc."

E.H.S.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Fri.	Der Barbier von Sevilla	Rossini	7	10
Sat.	Der Zigeunerbaron	Strauss	7	10.15
Sun.	Aida	Verdi	6.30	10.15
Monday	No performance			
Tuesday	No performance			

Lifting the Veil.

On Tuesday night to a crowded room, at the B.E.L.C. Lieut. Foxley, R.N., gave his intensely interesting lecture on "Anti-Submarine Warfare." The veil was lifted on the doings of the "Mystery" or "Q" Ships, and heroic tales of their doings were told in simple sailor language. Lieut Foxley traced the growth of the Anti-submarine methods, and illustrated his lecture with many interesting slides.

"Tanks" at B.E.L.C.

A varied programme was given on Tuesday night at the B.E.L.C. Owing to the illness of the leading lady the second performance of "The Bath-room Door" was unavoidably postponed until a later date. Miss MacLean opened the programme with a pretily executed Spanish dance, and two solo dances, a Chopin waltz, and Shepherd's dance, were gracefully performed by Miss Bastard. Miss West rendered two violin solos with great charm and expression, and very much appreciated were the solos sung by Major Greenlees in his usual delightful style. The Pipers of the 11th Royal Scots again delighted the audience with selections, and L/Cpl. McDonald was loudly encored for his performance of the Highland Fling. The concert ended with a most amusing farce called "Tanks," which kept the audience in roars of laughter. The scene was a hotel bedroom, the episode that of a short-sighted captain who in a moment of absent-mindedness found himself in a Turkish bath in a lady's bedroom, and was almost suffocated in his attempts to conceal himself. Mrs. Bamford, as Lady Deerly, gave a pleasing representation of a very human character, and Miss Littleton scored a real success as Tutu, her French maid. They were ably supported by Captain Preston as Captain Chancit, who humorously made the utmost of a rather embarrassing situation.

JACQUES.

THE LAST DAY.

Closing Date For Our Football Contest No. 8.

To-day appears the last coupon in our No. 8 Contest. Don't let the opportunity slip, cut it out and post it on to us.

If you are going to be "Demob'd" and wish to have a last shot for our prize, put your "Blighty" address on the coupon. If you are a prize-winner, the award will follow you to your home.

Reviewing the matches, Aston have another chance of putting paid to their neighbours account. They may just get home, albeit the "Throstles" will be all out to wipe off last weeks defeat.

Sheffield Wednesday may score again, while Bradford City will possibly send Everton home pointless. Blackpool have a hard task, as also have Portsmouth. Clyde and their neighbours should provide a rousing battle and Dumbarton should dispel some of the gloom at Boghead. The "Thistles", however, always do well here and may add to the "Son's" drawing record.

Do your opinions coincide? Now is your chance to prove their value.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 8,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 8.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov. 15th.
Closing date, Friday, Nov. 14th.

Aston Villa	v. West Bromwich A.
Sheffield W.	v. Derby C.
Notts C.	v. Sunderland
Bradford C.	v. Everton
Blackpool	v. Fulham
Wolves	v. Birmingham
Hull C.	v. Barnsley
Portsmouth	v. Exeter C.
Watford	v. Plymouth
Clyde	v. Clydebank
Dumbarton	v. Partick
Third Lanark	v. Motherwell

I enter Football Competition No. 8 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Dancing Lessons Resumed.

I met Miss Paula Desborough yesterday. She looks well after her holiday and tells me that now she is back in Cologne she is getting busy again with her dancing classes.

The Pipes.

The other afternoon in the Hohestrasse I heard the cheering sound of the bagpipes. A detachment of Royal Scots were marching into Cologne.

Pretty Ideas.

Some of the fancy stationery one sees in the shops just now is very artistic and tastefully designed. Have you seen those little silhouette wafer seals for attaching to envelopes? But there are scores of other dainty notions.

Our Dead.

Most of the London papers referred to the Cologne "Remembrance of the Dead." "The Times" had quite a lengthy account of that notable event.

Haunt of the Dutch.

There is an old inn in Cologne down by the riverside where W. W. Jacobs would feel quite at home. It is frequented exclusively by Dutchmen, jolly bargees from Rotterdam, who are no strangers to the ports of London, Hull, Newcastle and Goole.

Indoor Amusement.

With the nights cold and the conditions underfoot very bad, the old mess bridge parties are springing up and the inevitable bridge problems form the topic of conversation between courses at dinner.

Taste for Books.

The presence in Cologne of so many British libraries and bookshops seems to have stimulated a taste for reading among hundreds of soldiers who previously indulged in nothing but weekly snippety bits and Sunday budgets of crime.

The Cologne Coster.

I have just run across a German coster in a coat and waistcoat resplendent with double rows of "pearlies," much like those you see in Shoreditch.

Drifting.

With re-organisation, local messes are receiving many new members, but how many of these birds of passage did what one did? He followed his introduction to the P.M.C. by producing the remnants of his old mess, in the shape of a pleasing collection of very useful articles of food. A walking canteen, in other words.

The New Spirit.

I hear that the British Children's School recently started is running on absolutely democratic lines. The child of a general will sit at the same desk as a private's youngster.

Wonderful Collars.

Taking a place on the front of an electric car the other day my attention was attracted by the wonderful astrakhan collar worn by the driver. It stretched right over his shoulders and looked quite imposing.

Cathedral Steps.

The advent of snow certainly gave pleasure to a number of youngsters who were the other afternoon "sledging" down a banked up mass of snow on the Cathedral steps, of all places.

St. Petersburg.

Looking at some recent photographs yesterday I was surprised to note that the German is still applying the pre-war name, St. Petersburg, in preference to its new name of Petrograd, to the Russian capital.

A Coincidence.

The other night I noticed that one row of seats in the second parquet of the Deutsches Theatre was entirely occupied by Corporals.

Mourning Flags.

The black flags still hanging outside the churches and in most streets of Cologne out of respect for the dead Cardinal, give the town rather a gloomy aspect just now, nor do the grey atmosphere and the sludgy snow make for cheerfulness, either.

Buckshee.

In a large field out at Mulheim I was looking at four large hangars and several huts, deserted by the R.A.F. A German who had been a prisoner of war asked me if they were "buckshee."

A Timely Hint.

"Was the conscientious objector justified?" was the subject of a debate held in one of our hospitals a few days ago. The leader for the affirmative was evidently a bit dubious of his reception, and had the following notice posted up: "Please note that ripe pears are as inexpensive as rotten eggs." The hint was taken!

Any Bids?

I see that an ex-R.A.F. pilot advertising for a job says, "I offer my life to the most interested bidder. Penchant for literature, flying and danger."

At the Farm.

Visiting a German farm the other day I was struck by the amount of British, Canadian, and American manufactured implements to be seen. Imported articles were quite usual on French farms, and they seem to be nearly as common in Rhineland.

A Snow Dog.

Yesterday on the top of a tradesman's van I saw the figure of a dog sitting on its hind legs. It was built up with snow and stood about four feet high.

Silly Questions.

I don't think some of the questions put to "Datas" are quite fair. To ask "When was Julius Caesar inoculated?" may raise a laugh, but a bombardment of such queries only queers the pitch of a unique and very clever exhibition of memory.

Not There.

Notice boards seem strangely out of place at times. I spotted one at the entrance to an Arcade yesterday. It said "No Lorries."

To All and Sundry.

Subscribers and others should be sure to inform the manager if they are leaving the Rhine Army. This will save much correspondence and enable him to keep his books straight. Call, write or phone Our numbers are Army 659, or Civil A. 9513.

The Fancy.

Cologne has its colony of keen pigeon fanciers. They foregather early on Sunday mornings at an ancient inn not far from the Cardinal's palace.

High Up.

A wireman engaged in minor repairs to telephone wires in Cologne running at a high altitude came in for a lot of attention yesterday. A somewhat lofty perch for such a day of snow and frost.

Lost Letters.

I hear complaints of an unusual number of letters containing articles of value and registered, too, that have failed to reach their destinations lately. What is wrong?

Its Funny Side.

A ladder on which a window cleaner was standing slipped and the worker in question was only saved from a dangerous fall by clutching the window sill. Even then it was doubtful if he could have avoided the fall had not two British Tommies dashed up and replaced the ladder in position, thus releasing him from a dangerous predicament They all laughed heartily after the incident.

Slot Literature.

They seem to have a mania in Germany for automatic machines. At Bonn station you can purchase cheap novelettes through this medium and there is quite a selection of publications to choose from.

RHINELANDER.

FRENCH AND ENGLISH WIVES.

A STUDY IN CONTRASTS.

Perhaps he was not an unprejudiced witness, being an Englishman who had married a French wife after long residence in Paris.

"I made the acquaintance of a fair number of girls of both nationalities studying at the Sorbonne and other colleges," he said. "Their ages varied from eighteen to twenty-five. The English girls were prettier—their complexions were mostly charming compared with the more sallow charms of their French sisters. But they were dull, dull, dull! No, they were not stupid at examinations, as learning machines they left little to be desired, but as human beings the majority of them were totally uninteresting, and without personality.

"Now a French girl of that age," he continued, "is an intelligent human being, not merely a collection of raw virtues. She can talk—and does so brightly—on most subjects of ordinary interest, though she knows not the joys of hockey."

"But there are charming English girls," I interrupted.

"Yes," was the answer, "but I wonder why English mothers have a lurking distrust of that elusive quality, charm. I think, if I may say so, English girls, are over-educated, or, rather their heads and legs are educated at the expense of their hearts and minds. After all you can't teach about life, housekeeping, how to make a man comfortable and keep his affection, out of books or in classes."

"Well," I observed, "to our idea the business-like methods of the French mother are rather repulsive, they seem to leave so little to sentiment—"

"Ah, yes," with a twinkle of amusement at his wife, who was making a salad, "the English girl is so often allowed to grow up with the idea that sentiment is more important than a light hand at pastries, and that love will make a leathery omelette digestible.

"Take my sister Gertrude," he continued; "she is twenty-three and engaged to be married; she is going to take a 'three months course of domestic instruction,' as she knows nothing whatever about housekeeping. I don't think it's surprising," he laughed, "if a prospective husband shudders at the thought of being made the subject of experiment by an amateur housewife who, when the first glamour is passed, will bore him to tears with the immaturity of her mind, and poison him with the decoctions of her hands."

"Englishmen are brave," I said as a parting shot, "and some of them, greatly daring, continue to marry their own countrywomen." *From the "Globe."*

FOR BUSINESS MEN IN RHINELAND.

We have received a copy of the "Uberseer-Post" a new organ for export and import with articles and information in three languages, English, Spanish and German. Being published at Leipzig, however, its contents are mainly in German although there is much of interest to British traders.

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Secretary of State, Rob. Schmidt, speaking in Hamburg on the future of Germany said it was generally believed that foreign credits or loans would be the remedy for German currency struggles, but the problem is an international problem and only an international settlement through an international loan could solve it.

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A drastic re-organisation of the German iron industry is pending. There will be radical changes including revisions of prices and reductions in cost of production. Some combination is aimed at and other efforts are to be made to fight foreign competition.

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The consumption of American chocolate in Germany has reached a very high figure. Big efforts are being made by the German manufacturers to regain their former position. They claim that American chocolate is inferior in percentage of cocoa and cocoanut butter and point out that only the sugar restrictions handicap them at present.

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As a measure against the falling value of the mark the German authorities intend to further control imports and exports and to limit the buying of foreign goods. Commercial traffic between the occupied and unoccupied territory is already severely controlled.

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A significant sign is the increasing banking competition in Cologne. All the biggest Berlin banks now have branches or offices here and many foreign banks are opening up.

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The German Chamber of Commerce in Cologne has secured the publication of an article in several local papers advising German business men to fight against the falling value of the mark by increasing the price of all merchandise sold for export or by arranging prices and payment in sterling, francs or other currency than marks.

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The article points out that Germany is selling too much and at too low a price, consequently she cannot buy enough; and everything she wants increases in price. Such methods are working towards catastrophe.

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The following remarks on the general situation which are by the financial expert of the "Birmingham Post" are interesting He writes:

"The broad general principle is plain—the blockade is over and the Government hopes our trades will resume relations with the enemy. That is, of course, the only possible policy. A trade 'boycott' of enemy countries, even if it had been possible, would have been a doubtful business. And it would only have been possible if all the Allies had agreed to it. As things are, enemy countries have proved, and are likely to prove, an attractive market. No doubt private enterprise will have to bestir itself to create credit facilities, but there can be no doubt Germany and other enemy countries will take and pay for almost anything we care to send them. On the other hand, there is plenty of evidence (from occupied Germany, at any rate) that the Germans are anxious to send us their goods.

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"Undoubtedly there is, in certain quarters, a strong sentiment against the purchase or use of anything of enemy origin, but we do not think that sentiment will often override practical considerations. In this connection it is not to be forgotten that Germany's very adverse exchange will undoubtedly assist her manufacturers and merchants. With the mark at about one-fifth of its war value, it is quite obvious German goods will have an enormous advantage in our own home market and in neutral markets. On the other hand, her purchasing power is severely limited. The truth is that all the exchanges to-day are so tangled nobody quite knows what will happen. All that is certain is that energy in production and interprise in sale will, despite queer monetary phenomena, reap their due reward."

THE NEW SPORTSMAN.

Mr. George Robey, the famous comedian, is fond of telling this story:

Early in September, while a shooting party were out for a day's sport in the Highlands, a raw young sportsman was observed by a keeper to be taking aim at a pheasant running along the ground.

The keeper shouted: "Hi, you there, never shoot a running bird!"

"What do you take me for, idiot? Can't you see I'm waiting till it stops?"—

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Paris Letters. — The postal delivery in Paris is made by means of sidecars.

Good News.— The winecrop in France is abundant and of good quality this year.

His next job.—General Mangin is going to Morocco.

West End troubles.—There is a plague of rats in the West End of London.

Wings. — Prince Albert is now a full-fledged pilot of the R.A.F.

Present Stocks.—Army ankle boots in stock number 1,485,000.

Another Fact.—There are 616,178 privately owned wagons on the railways.

Fewer.—There were less bankruptcies in 1918 than in 1917.

Pussyfoot.—Higham Ferrers has had no case of drunkenness for five years.

Unsavoury.—Woking sanitary inspector seized 15½ tons of unsound bacon.

Ominous.—Vienna is reported to have a week's food supply.

Closed.—The last Germans having left, Dorchester Camp is closed.

Makes a Play. — The famous book for girls, "Little Women," has been dramatised.

Costly Stamps.—War issues of stamps are fetching fabulous prices in London.

Pub. Revolution.—All bar assistants are to be included in the 48-hours Bill.

Huge!—A Romney portrait has just realised 52,000 guineas.

Land Going.—The Duke of Rutland is selling part of the famous Belvoir Estate.

Touring Round.—Lord Jellicoe is now at Vancouver. Thence he makes for Ottawa.

Loves Jail.—George Law, who stole a clock at Paddington, has already spent 55 years in prison.

Cotton Boom.—Never has there been a greater demand for Lancashire cotton than there is to-day.

O. M. — Mr. Lloyd George wore his order of merit decoration for the first time at the Lord Mayor's banquet.

Peace.—The invitation card to the Lord Mayor's banquet symbolised the dawn of a new era.

Passing Craze.—Enormous profits are being made at some of the London dancing halls.

A Plague.—Through the curtailment of hunting there is a plague of foxes in England.

Wind up.—The proposal to introduce prize bonds is exciting much comment in Free Church circles.

Holding up the Banns.—In York there are 63 couples who have postponed marriage until they find a house.

An Omen.—During the election of Colchester's Mayor, the flagstaff on the town hall fell into the street.

Result of Wages Order.—Although farm hands attended in hundreds there were no farmers at Driffield hiring fair.

Brazil Agrees.—Ratification of the Peace Treaty has been approved by the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies.

The Bill.—The cost of the British Army of Occupation from April to October was 28 millions.

Enterprising.—Despite the war, Croydon has reduced its municipal debt by half a million since 1914.

Curious Wish.—A resident of Settle, Yorks, directed that he should be buried in his dressing-gown.

Hoaxed.—A Russian girl posed as a Grand Duchess and was received with Royal honours in Siberia.

Dilly and Dally.—Although the Air Ministry has moved out of the Hotel Cecil the premises have not yet been handed over.

Poor Ratepayer. — Birmingham's new education plan will need £300,000 for new buildings alone.

Straight from School.—The daughter of the Mayor, aged 17, is acting as Mayoress of Grimsby.

The Young Idea.—Liverpool boys took a door from an empty house and put it on a bonfire.

No Competition.—Paris printers being on strike, Parisians have to be satisfied with one newspaper.

Strasbourg University. — The inauguration of the University of Strasbourg will take place on November 22nd.

Incriminating.—A French priest collaborated in the publication of the "Gazette des Ardennes."

Objecting.—Ireland is protesting against the scrapping of the "River Clyde," associated with the fame of Irish troops at Gallipoli.

Liverpool full up. — The supplies of tobacco from the States to Liverpool have been suspended owing to shortage of warehouses.

Deaths in Troopship.—An epidemic of pneumonia on a troopship bound from India caused four deaths and 100 cases of sickness.

Money for Art.—Lords Cowdray, Leverhulme and Lascelles are the keenest picture buyers in the British aristocracy at present.

Labour hint. — The Labour M.P. for Wigan suggests that wealth should be lent to the State free of interest for 25 years.

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BRITISH POLICY IN RUSSIA.

PREMIER'S CATEGORICAL DENIAL OF REJECTED PEACE PROPOSALS.

IRISH MEMBER EXPELLED THE HOUSE.

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

LLOYD GEORGE ON THE SITUATION.

Following his speech on Russia at the Lord Mayor's banquet Mr. Lloyd George was called on to answer a series of questions in the House of Commons. Reading rapidly from a prepared statement he said that as regards the so-called peace advances from the Russian Soviet Republic the Allied Governments had always declined to take any action in respect of communications purporting to come from Governments of hostile countries through irresponsible agencies. They had only taken action on communications emanating officially and directly from such Governments. The British Government did not think it advisable to depart from that practice.

He wished to state categorically that no person or persons had at any time on his behalf or within his knowledge, interviewed representatives of the Bolshevists for the purpose of ascertaining whether and on what terms negotiations for peace might be opened.

He did not agree with the argument which was described by the expression that the Allies "should drop their world-pride and get into communication with the Bolshevists". In his opinion that was not the method whereby peace could be secured in Russia. Referring to a question as to the present position of Admiral Koltchak and the administrative and military causes of his retirement, Mr. Lloyd George said the Bolshevist forces were marching rapidly on Omsk but Koltchak's armies had not evacuated the town, the fate of which would be decided by battles within the next few days.

The causes of Koltchak's retirement were too complicated to be dealt with in an answer to a question, but they indicated those aspects of the Russian civil war which he emphasised at the Guildhall. Since the beginning of the year Admiral Koltchak had retired several hundred miles but Denikin had swept the Bolshevist armies from a vast and fertile region. Denikin had recently lost some ground but he still held the greater part.

In France an army the size of Denikin's would have held a front of about fifty miles with well organised communications, whereas such an army in Russia had to hold a front of 1,300 miles with a vast and thoroughly disorganized country behind it. The great majority of the population felt no ardent loyalty for either side and very quickly changed their allegiance.

There was also the complication of such provincial or national movements as that of Petlura's. The result was that Denikin hitherto has been unable to establish administrative control over the conquered territories, which for the present made trade almost impossible. It was the policy of the Allies to encourage the opening up of trade in those regions. An honourable Member of the House had been appointed to go on special mission to see what can be done in this respect.

The general policy of the Government had been repeatedly stated in the House. He himself had expounded the Government's view in April and Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Austen Chamberlain had expressed it more recently. The Government had frequently made it clear that with the crushing financial burden already cast on it by the great war it could not contemplate the assumption of new burdens. The Chancellor of the Exchequer had explained that no provision had been made for such additional expenditure in Russia and if any addition were to be made it would be the responsibility of the House to determine the additional taxation to be imposed in respect thereof.

On the other hand the Government had an overwhelming sense of the importance of bringing peace to Russia. A settlement of the Russian problem was essential to the reconstruction of the world, for Russia was one of the great sources for the supply of food and raw material. The present condition of Russia was one of the contributory causes of high prices and high prices were undoubtedly in all countries a dangerous form of Bolshevist propaganda. There were indications that German reactionaries were using the present position in Russia to strengthen their influence with all the struggling parties there.

From a humanitarian point of view it was no less important that the civil war, which is not only destroying Russia's economic life but is impoverishing the world and slowly decimating an inert population, should be brought to an end as soon as possible. That was why the Government had always been ready to take any reasonable opportunity which might present itself to effect a settlement of the Russian question on conditions which would really bring peace, order and constitutional Government to Russia on terms which would be acceptable to the Russian people themselves. Their views on this subject were embodied in an Allied letter to Koltchak.

(*Continued in next column.*).

THE TWO MACS.

"SCENE" IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

At question time yesterday in the House of Commons the Secretary for Ireland, Mr. I. Macpherson, gave a reply which Mr. J. MacVeagh, the Nationalist Member for County Down (South), took as a suggestion that he sympathised with Sinn Fein. Mr. MacVeagh thereupon shouted "Don't be impertinent. There is too much of it."

The Speaker immediately called Mr. MacVeagh to order for using an unparliamentary expression and asked him to withdraw it but Mr. MacVeagh maintained that Mr. Macpherson should have been called to order for his remark. The Speaker replied that to call any member a sympathiser with Sinn Fein was not unparliamentary and he must ask Mr. MacVeagh to withdraw but Mr. MacVeagh said he could not withdraw his remark, in view of the habitually offensive character of Mr. Macperson's answers and interjections in the House.

In those circumstances the Speaker said he must ask Mr. MacVeagh to withdraw from the House. The irate Irishman agreed to do this, remarking that before many months had passed the whole House would have his opinion of Mr. Macpherson. He then withdrew from the House.

His suspension is only operative for one day.

CARDINAL HARTMANN.

THE LYING IN STATE.

The scene in the crypt of St. Gereon's Church, where the body of the late Archbishop of Cologne, Cardinal von Hartmann, now lies in state awaiting burial, is very impressive in its dignity and simplicity. The low Romanesque crypt, with its rounded vaulting, its dim traces of colour and its faded memorials, is very suited to this solemn scene. Romanesque architecture has about it a peculiar sense of awe and of mortality. This feeling increases as one descends at evening from the space and colour of the splendid church above to the dimly lighted crypt and hears the murmur of prayer from the priests and the Dominican friars, in their habits of black and white, who are chanting the Office of the Dead.

All is very plain; there is no attempt at pomp or splendour. Nothing insults the quiet of death. The space before the a tar of the crypt is cleared and set about with laurel and white chrysanthemums, and the pillars here are spirally wreathed with black. Within the cleared space the dead prelate lies in pontificalia, like an effigy from a medieval tomb. The archbishop lies with his head to the east, as priests are laid in death, and wears purple Mass vestments. The violet shoes of a bishop are on his feet, a white mitre is on his head, and the golden crozier lies in the crook of the arm. Round the neck is visible the pallium, the band of white wool set with black crosses, which is bestowed by the Pope only upon metropolitans. The cardinal's scarlet hat and a golden chalice and paten, emblems of priesthood, are laid at the foot of the bier. Many tapers are burning round the coffin, and near it a boy swings a censer.

All day a procession of people, rich and poor, old folk and children, representative of all Cologne, passes through the church and down to the crypt. And it is observable that very many of these people are not moved to come here out of idle curiosity, but that they have come to pay their last tribute to a father in God.

RUMANIA AND PEACE.

The Presse de Paris states that the Rumanian delegates have received a telegram authorising them to sign the Peace Treaty unreservedly.

It was proposed to hold at an early date an international conference at which Ministers of the Allied and Associated Powers would consider the various outstanding problems which for one reason or another the Peace Conference had so far been unable to settle, and Russia was among these problems. If the House wished for a discussion on the Russian question before the assembling of the Conference the Government would be prepared to give the neccessary facilities. In fact arrangements had been made for such a discussion on the Foreign Office vote on Monday next but he suggested that before the demand was made the House should bear in mind that in difficult and delicate matters of this kind it was not always the best plan to have a public debate in the course of which the Government might be forced, in support of its policy, to give information.

The House might rest assured that the Government would inaugurate no new policy or commit the country to any fresh commitments, without giving the House the opportunity of previously discussing the same.

'PLANE DISASTER.

AUSTRALIAN COMPETITORS DASHED TO DEATH.

The flight to Australia contemplated by the competitors in an Alliance aeroplane, which started from Hounslow shortly before noon on Thursday, terminated in tragedy a very few minutes later. The machine, a biplane with one engine of 450 h.p., was piloted by Lieutenant Roger Douglas, his navigator being Lieutenant Ross. It was fully provisioned for the journey and carried also a large supply of petrol.

The machine left the aerodrome in good style but it had only proceeded as far as Surbiton — about ten miles — when residents in that district had their attention attracted to it by its appearing to be in difficulties. Suddenly the aeroplane nose-dived with great momentum to earth. So rapid and terrific was the speed of its drop that a large tree which stood in the line of descent was levelled to the ground.

The crash was terrible and the machine was completely smashed. Spectators rushed to the scene, police and medical assistance being urgently summoned. Lieutenant Douglas was extricated in a dying condition and he expired almost immediately. Lieutenant Ross was killed outright.

GERMAN TRADE.

BRITISH IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

In reply to a Labour member in the House of Commons who asked for particulars of the volume and value of our export and import trade with Germany since the Armistice, Sir A. Geddes, President of the Board of Trade, said the total imports from Germany amounted to £217,435. Of this total, potash compounds (other than manures) accounted for £53,780. Toys and games figured at £8,631.

The exports of British produce and manufactures to Germany in the period specified amounted to £10,798,973. The principal items in the list are:

Linseed Oil	£1,613,396
Soap	480,437
Cotton Yarn	428,[illegible]
Cotton Manufactures	3,69[illegible],508
Woollen and Worsted Yarn	204,781
Woollen and Worsted Manufactures	1,732,495

The exports of foreign and colonial produce and manufactures exported from Great Britain to Germany come to £5,408,775, made up principally of foodstuffs, rice, oatmeal, bacon (£1,019,669), meat (£679,386), milk, cocoa, coffee, etc. Rubber figures at £374,409, unwrought copper at £57,500, and raw cotton at £355,185. The total of our exports, home, colonial, and foreign, to Germany amount to £16,207,748.

IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF.

The Parliamentary Army Committee has forwarded to the Government a resolution urging the reorganisation and development of an Imperial General Staff corresponding to the development and military organisation of the Empire. It proposes that it shall be a control body, with local branches for each part of the Empire, on the lines approved by the Dominion representatives at the Imperial Conference in 1907.

The time has come, says the resolution, when the controlling body should be removed from the War Office and freed from the responsibility for administrative details. The Central body should be charged with the duties of inspection.

DEATH AFTER A BALL.

Mrs. Steane, whose marriage with Captain Steane took place two months ago, and who previously was Mrs Alma Hayne, died suddenly on Wednesday morning at her flat, Duke-street, Grosvenor-square. The previous night she and her husband attended the Victory Ball at Claridge's Hotel, and returned at about three o'clock in the morning. Mrs. Steane, who was stated to have been in good spirits, went to her room. Shortly afterwards Captain Steane heard a cry, and, running into the room, found his wife in a dying condition. Medical assistance was summoned, but she died before the doctor's arrival.

GOVERNMENT OFFER TO RAILWAYMEN.

At the conclusion of yesterday's conference between the Premier and the railwaymen Mr. J. H. Thomas announced that the Government had made a definite offer of machinery to deal with disputes in wages. This body would include representatives of the public. The men would also be offered a share in the management of the railways. Both offers will be discussed at a meeting of railwaymen, when the final answer will be decided.

CLEMENCEAU'S SECRETARY FIRED AT.

M. Mardel, who is M. Clemenceau's secretary, was fired at on Wednesday night when leaving an electoral meeting at Bordeaux. The bullet broke one of the windows of his car but M. Mandel was not hit. The aggressor has not yet been identified.

CHANNEL TUNNEL.

MINISTRY PRACTICALLY IN FAVOUR.

The official account was issued on Thursday night of the proceedings at the previous day's deputation to Mr. Lloyd George with reference to the Channel Tunnel scheme. It shows that the Leader of the Labour Party, Mr. Adamson, M.P., who acted as spokesman, strongly advocated the construction of the tunnel but contended that it should be built by the two Governments concerned and not by the railway companies. The deputation said that the opinion of military experts was that precautions could be taken which would prevent the construction of the tunnel involving any military danger. It was pointed out that in the late war such a tunnel would have helped immensely.

Mr. Lloyd George, in reply to the deputation, said that the war had considerably modified the attitude of ministers towards the project. Ministers who previously were absolutely hostile were now prepared to support the scheme, subject to further examination by the Government's naval and military advisers. The Premier then reviewed the immense advantages which a tunnel would have given during the war. On the other hand, he said, the Germans very early in the war could have seized both Calais and Boulogne and if a tunnel had been in existence they certainly would have done so, but even then we could have destroyed the tunnel and we should still have had the sea for the conveyance of troops. These considerations tell on the whole in favour of the tunnel and account for the change in the attitude of Ministers towards it.

We cannot afford, he said, to run any risk of a surprise attack resulting from the capture of the bridgehead, thus converting England into a part of the Continent. We cannot give away the protection which the Channel affords us. Therefore we propose that the problem be again examined very carefully from the military, engineering, naval and air points of view. If the military advice is favourable the Ministry will be prepared to support the scheme on general grounds but if it is the reverse or favourable we could not accept such a grave responsibility.

"I am a believer in the League of Nations," concluded the Premier, "but I should like to see it in working before we put our whole trust in it and before we put the whole existence of our country to the hazard of what is a great experiment, a noble experiment, but still an experiment. We have no right to throw away the advantage if being an island. Apart from that there is everything to be said for a tunnel. The difficulty is not a political one: it is purely a military and naval one."

CORNISH MINE VERDICT.

ACCIDENT DUE TO "FATIGUED" METAL.

The verdict in the inquest on the 31 victims of the Cornish tin mine disaster near Land's End was given yesterday, and was one of accidental death, the cause of the accident being returned as "fatigue of the defective part" of an iron strap of the engine.

Mr. Abbott, Divisional Inspector of Mines, gave evidence following his investigation of the mine, and said the load upon the strap which broke was only one-twenty-third of what it was capable of standing—a very wide margin of safety. That, however, was offset by a defect which developed in the strap, a defect which he did not think could have been ascertained by inspection. The fracture, he considered, was the result of the "fatigue" of the material, against which no reasonable precautions could prevail.

PREMIUM BONDS.

THE SIGN OF FOUR.

Four Independent Liberal members of the House of Commons have put down a motion on premium bonds as follows.

"That this House declines to consent to any scheme of raising a loan which is based upon a gamble with the savings of the people; which involves Government solicitation for a lottery; which will enrich the few at the expense of the many; which will involve a substantial immediate loss of the value of the money invested to all but those who chance to win prizes; which is contrary to the long-established usage of the British Treasury, is in conflict with public policy, and calculated to depreciate British credit."

SILESIA FOR THE POLES.

The official results of the Upper Silesian communal elections reveal a most favourable state of affairs for the Poles, who have secured 64 per cent, of the votes cast in the Hindenburg district, 78 per cent, of the average in the Beuthen rural district, and 89 per cent, in the Tarnowitz district.

BOOM IN WALKING.

The West Sussex Standing Joint Committee has sent a request to the Home Secretary to order that no police officer shall use any publichouse in his own division for refreshment or recreation at any time, except with the permission of his superintendent, which shall only be given in cases of necessity.

"PUSSYFOOT."

LATEST EXPLOIT OF LONDON STUDENTS.

London students, whose pranks were perforce suspended during the war, there being sterner work to do, are apparently resolved to make up for lost time. The German 77 m.m. gun which was removed from the Mall on Armistice day by students from Bart's was collared by University College students just a year later and recollared by Bart's. On Wednesday an explanation was demanded from a daily newspaper on behalf of the wooden effigy of a Highlander which the Gower-street students take as a mascot on their joyous expeditions to Richmond and elsewhere, but on Thursday they went one better.

Extraordinary scenes occurred at the Essex Hall, where the Overseas Club had arranged a debate between the American prohibition propagandist "Pussyfoot" Johnson, and an anti-prohibition barrister, Mr. Mitchell Banks.

Immediately the meeting opened a body of students rushed the doors and created a tremendous uproar, effectually drowning the chairman's voice. Mr. French, chairman of the Overseas Club, appealed for fair play, reminding the students that the Club had collected a million pounds for the war and presented the Government with three hundred aeroplanes.

The students still refusing to allow the chairman to proceed, the latter offered to allow one of the students to state their case. Amid the terrific cheers of his comrades one lusty lunged enthusiast thereupon shouted "We say that the question whether Britain wants to be wet or dry is for Britishers alone to decide. We don't want Americans to come over here and tell us what to do. We won the battle of the Somme on rum and rum only, and the sooner Johnson realises that the better." (loud cheers).

"Pussyfoot" Johnson was then allowed to start speaking but he had barely uttered half a dozen sentences when the students suddenly stormed the platform, pelting the occupants with bags of white powder. A scene of the wildest confusion followed, amid which the students collared Johnson and carried him to the street.

About three hundred of them formed a procession and bore Johnson shoulder-high along the Strand to the quadrangle of King's College, thence through Trafalgar Square and Piccadilly Circus to Leicester Square, unceremoniously stopping all the traffic en route. They then made a move for University College, but when nearing Oxford Circus fifty police appeared and after a ten minutes joyous scrimmage rescued "Pussyfoot" and carried him off safe and sound in a commandeered military motor car. He was none the worse for his adventures, which he took throughout most good humouredly.

The greater part of his journey was made in a newspaper van which the students commandeered after removing the horse.

SHOT ON THE BOAT.

DEMOBILIZED MAN'S SAD DEATH.

The Dover Coroner held an inquest yesterday on Private Lawrence Jossop, a demobilized man of the non-combatant corps, living at Oakland-road, Hillsborough, Sheffield, who was killed on board the steamer Maid of Orleans when crossing from Boulogne to Dover on Tuesday.

A soldier said that during the voyage, on the under deck, he had his attention called to his rifle, the bolt being open. He closed it in the usual way, but it went off. The bullet penetrated the deck roof and struck deceased, passing through his left big toe, grazing his thigh, and then passing through his heart.

Witness had not seen his rifle for months, being on cook-house fatigue. The last time he used the weapon was when he was guarding prisoners at Deauville, and he had no idea it was loaded. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

SANK IN TWO MINUTES.

TWELVE LIVES LOST IN CHANNEL COLLISION.

The British steamer Duneric, New York to Antwerp, collided off Portland with the French barquantine Collert, which sank in two minutes. Two of the crew were picked up by the Duneric but the captain and eleven others were drowned.

FIUME'S "WAIT AND SEE."

Signor Boselli, the former Italian Premier, speaking at Turin, said he thought the Fiume question would best be settled by adopting a waiting attitude. France, he declared, would certainly not intervene and he believed that neither the British nor American people would permit any expedition against Italy.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF GRAVES.

Mr. Churchill, in Parliamentary Papers, states that the total number of photographs of soldiers' graves supplied up to date is 137,877, of which 62,875 have been supplied since the Armistice. There are still 31,632 requests outstanding.

A locomotive entering the Braine-le Comte station collided with a train carrying British troops. Several soldiers were killed.

COMMISSIONS.

PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENTS NOT YET DECIDED.

The War Office states that during the six months ended 30th. September, four permanent commissions in the regular army were given from the ranks to men who served during the war and who were taken prisoner by the enemy; four commissions were also awarded to non-regular officers in the Household Cavalry and three commissions were awarded as the result of special nominations. Commissions were awarded to cadets as follows; from the Royal Military Academy, 70; from the Royal Military College, 159. These numbers were approximately twenty-five per cent less than the pre-war output from the Academy and College.

The grant of permanent regular commissions to non regular officers has been suspended since the armistice with the above exceptions, and no definite policy regarding such commissions can be laid down until the future organisation and strength of the after-war army are determined.

Of officers at present serving in the regular army at least 4,500 are surplus to establishments and in view of this fact it is impossible to foreshadow what number (if any) of further permanent commissions can be awarded, although it is probable that necessity will arise for granting a certain number of regular commissions in the Technical Services, such as the Tank Corps, Machine Gun, Corps, Army Ordnance Department an Technical Engineering Services.

MILCH COWS.

JUSTICE OF FRENCH DEMANDS.

French public opinion has been surprised that sympathy in any quarter of England could have been found for the appeal which has been put forward by the Germans for the supply of cattle to Germany so that the children may not die, while the number of milch kine in France still remains so small in comparison with the population.

The figures which are in the hands of the Ministry of the Liberated Region, and which will shortly be officially published, prove that the state of Germany is no worse than that of France. The German figures are taken from official memoranda. In 1914, per thousand inhabitants, France had 308 head of cattle, and Germany 335. At the end of the war, exclusive of the occupied territory, France had 265 head, of which 134 were calves, whereas Germany had 301 head, with 158 calves. These figures speak for themselves.

In the invaded regions of France 980,000 cattle were taken off by the Germans, of which 528,000 were calves. These districts since the Armistice have been given 60,000 cattle. The cattle in Germany now number 16,957,000. France demands 95,000 - that is, ·56 per cent. These with the 60,000 are hardly equal to one-sixth of the pre-war number per head in France, taking into account the decreased population.

CAPTAIN FRYATT'S SHIP.

BELGIUM OFFERS IT TO ENGLAND.

The Belgian Prize Court, which had before it the case of the late Captain Fryatt's steamer Brussels, decided that, as it had been captured by the Germans, it must rank as a German vessel, and therefore a prize for Belgium. But the Minister of Marine, M. Renkin, has graciously informed the British Ambassador that he will be happy to hand over the Brussels to England if she desires it, on account of the historic interest which attaches to Captain Fryatt's ship—an offer which is unanimously approved in Belgium.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

For the 93 great towns of England and Wales the births registered last week numbered 8,838, and corresponded to an annual rate of 24.9 per 1,000. The deaths among the civilian population only numbered 4,265, and corresponded to an annual rate of 13.4 per 1,000. In the three weeks ended October 18, October 25, and November 1, the death rates had been 12.5, 13.7, and 12.9.

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The Air Ministry has issued the following "Notice to Airmen":—

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FORTUNE'S WHEEL.

Scarcely twenty years ago there was a clerk in the War Office without prospects of rank or wealth. By the vicissitudes of fortune, Lord Ravensworth, the clerk in question, came into wealth, and a title at the age of sixty-six. He died yesterday in his 83rd year.

CRYSTAL PALACE DEPOT.

The reunion held last Saturday of R.N.V.R. and R.N.A.S. men who passed through the Crystal Palace Depot during the war, was so successful that it has been decided to make the reunion an annual event, to take place on the nearest Saturday to Armistice Day.

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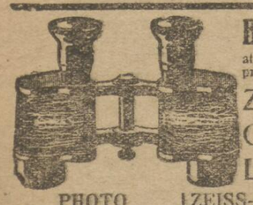
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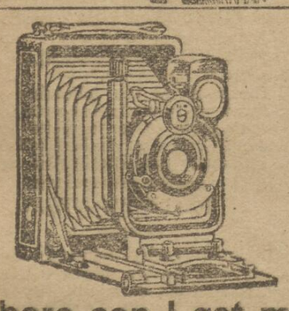
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THE PRINCE IN CANADA.

The Prince of Wales' spontaneous and enthusiastic reception right throughout his extended tour of Newfoundland and Canada has been a complete triumph of personality.

The fact that he came as the future Emperor of the world's greatest Empire, of which Canada is a part, was sufficient to guarantee him a courteous and cordial welcome, but the bounds of courtesy and cordiality were far too narrow for the people of the vast Dominion; they were captivated by the Prince's cheery smile, grace of manner, lack of affectation and frankness, and any suspicion of formality was everywhere at once dispelled in a well of enthusiasm. They caught in his eye the light of human sympathy and their response was as speedy as overwhelming.

A Colonial is ever a smart judge of a man—on occasion he has to make up his mind quickly—and the truly wonderful success of the Prince may be taken as an indication of his worth, judged by a sound standard, and leaving aside all claims of birth and rank.

He passed from success to success and from personal victory to yet further victories and we may well feel proud of a Prince of Wales who has given such abundant proof that he is a man as well as a prince.

His visit to Canada can only have the result of yet more strongly cementing the Dominion and the Motherland in the bond of sympathy so firmly established as a result of mutual suffering during the war.

We, who in France and Flanders, came into contact with His Royal Highness, know something of his cherry optimism and magic personality and realise the sincerity of his smile which never failed to brighten and help in those dark days.

And now the Prince has crossed the border into the United States, where we confidently anticipate he will pass to yet further triumphs and serve to strengthen the understanding between the two great English speaking peoples.

"A PRIVATE IN THE GUARDS."

One may doubt whether any book has ever been interpreted to the public in a sense more directly opposite to its doctrine and to the interest of its author than "A Private in the Guards," by Stephen Graham — published by Macmillan and Co. Much correspondence (mainly by those who evidently have not read the work) has appeared in the papers, the readers of which must have formed the conclusion that Mr. Stephen Graham had written an attack on the military — and especially on the Guards — system of training, and that it was an accusation of unnecessary and almost unqualified brutality and vicious offensiveness on the part of those entrusted with that training.

Nothing could be more perversely untrue. The book, while it contains isolated examples of objectionable extremities on the part of individuals, is a paean of praise of the severe training of the Guards and of its incomparable results: and the pride of the writer in his Brigade is the main note of the book. And this mark you, from a man of culture and artistic temperament, who had been through the mill and felt it as only such men can: but whose reasoned judgment pronounces that the method was necessary, effective, and productive of the result needed for the sake of our Country and our cause.

DISCIPLINE FIRST.

Listen to his opening note. His first chapter is on Discipline. He puts that first. Experience and judgment have shown him that it *is* first. His opening words are—"The sterner the discipline the better the soldier, the better the Army. This is not a matter of debate" And he goes on to develop the point with a clear-sighted reasoning that is irrefutable. And he adduces examples of the disaster that follows upon incomplete training in discipline. He shows too, how and why this training must not only seem but actually *be* harder in the case of newly raised troops who are accustomed to dwell on their individual "rights" and grievances, and of middle-aged men; he sees that professional men are the hardest to mould into the soldier of unquestioning, unswerving obedience, especially is this true of the artistic professions. "Such verbal brutality and insult as I have seen" he says "applied to men of refinement . . . can all be justified on the higher ground of discipline . . . All manner of men, proud, well-known, respected have been reduced to type for the use of the machine. If they had not been so reduced, where would England be to-day?" That is the view of Stephen Graham—man of refinement and social position, and private in the Guards,—after he had been thus trained, had fought amongst the product of that training, and had time to reflect after Victory.

WHAT WON THE WAR.

His argument is too long to expose here; but it is cool, impartial and leads him to the result we have quoted. "Such habits of patience under suffering have been formed as could not be exhausted". Only such training, he judges, could have kept up the standard of discipline and morale as the war progressed and physically inferior classes were called to the colours. Mr. Graham cannot understand why the discipline and training of his own Spartan division were not applied to the whole of the British Army, and is sure that, had they been, "the Germans would have been defeated in the field earlier and with greater calamity than in November 1918." Discipline won the war—the discipline that lasted longest. The fact that our discipline outlasted that of the Germans is due, says Mr Graham, to the character and leadership of our officers as a whole.

The author passes from his general insistence on the value, the absolute necessity of the sternest and most drastic training, and his recognition of the magnificent result from often unpromising material to the description of the worst side of that training as he saw, and underwent it. This is the chapter which has raised all the outcry among those who knew no better and who were not in the same position to judge as was Mr. Graham. His cool, unprejudiced impartiality inspires respect throughout. He catalogues those drill sergeants who were over brutal and those who were clean-mouthed and sympathetic. He notes how the Brigade sergeant-major watched against the men being struck on parade and against the use of the worst of the filthy language adopted by some instructors.

BUILDING UP THE GUARDS.

But he frankly describes the constant flow of humiliating language and treatment meted out by many of the instructing staff, even while he recognises how under this treatment the men (mostly of the working class in his time and many of poor material) were built up into the magnificent soldiers of the Guards. In effect he says, "It was often horrible, it was a strain on physical and mental endurance, it was to many revolting; but it made the Guards, whose pride was to look like the Guards to fight like the Guards and never to give way."

All this however forms but a small portion of this deeply interesting book in which the author describes his life while training. The history of the Battalion in France, the incidents of military life from Crown and Anchor to a "shot at dawn," French fighting and billet-flirting; he tells illuminating stories of all ranks, discourses on "padres and officers" and writes with a bright soberness on the Great Advance and the subsequent march to Cologne, always with graphic touches and with an absolutely impartial and fearless absence of prejudice. And ever and again rings out the note of pride in the Guards and recognition that their training had made them the soldiers that they were proud to be.

Mr. Graham ends on a fervent note in praise of esprit de corps as a substitute for any unnecessary harshness in training, and as the fine flower of the Army life and brotherhood. *W. INGE.*

CAN YOU WRITE?

We pay for all literary contributions to "The Cologne Post," and are pleased to consider articles, humorous sketches and poems by members of the Rhine Army. No article should exceed 500 words, and even shorter ones can be submitted.

"SOUVENIR COLLECTING."

Whilst in conversation the other day with an old friend whom I had suddenly met, I observed that he carried under his arm a large "O.H.M.S." envelope from which protruded several official envelopes of various sizes which appeared to have been rescued from the waste paper basket.

Unable to conceal my curiosity, I enquired of him the reason for this careful preservation of used envelopes to which he seemed quite pleased to explain.

He informed me that he was shortly leaving the Army, and that he had suddenly thought of a facile way of obtaining as a souvenir of his Army days something that he could keep in years to come as a war collection.

I confess I was mystified as I could not see any apparent utility in the collection of used "O.H.M.S." envelopes.

Seeing my look of puzzlement, he said, "Oh! its not the envelopes I'm after, but I am making a collection of the various official rubber stamp impressions of different units which appear on the envelopes," and diving into his overcoat pocket he produced a small cardboard box which contained quite a pile of neatly cut stamp impressions representing different units of the British Army.

"I've got quite a good collection now," my friend added, "though my only regret is that many Registry Clerks in different offices stamp the envelopes with such haste as to produce an illegible impression making them worthless for keeping."

I must admit that I was much struck with the idea and deemed it a novel collection.

This reminded me of many other curious collections indulged in by different men I have met. I recently knew a man whose collection hobby was the securing of as many sketchings and paintings as possible of the type to be found on the walls of nearly all Army offices.

I was privileged to see his stock which consisted of a large number of different sized sheets of paper of various qualities with punctures showing where some office worker had pinned his effort on the wall.

Another friend of mine, this time a clerk in the Q.M.A.A.C. used to devote a certain period all her evenings to her particular form of souvenir collecting.

When a recent large and important Headquarter's Office was closed down and hundreds of old C.R. files were destroyed, she would go through heaps of them at a time, and cut out from correspondence, signatures of Generals and War Office celebrities until she had a large and assorted collection of familiar and public war names.

Souvenir hunting is a common and natural tendency with everybody experiencing a changing environment, though it is a curious feature to observe the utter difference in the objects coveted. Perhaps this is as well, otherwise there would be many disappointed enthusiastic collecters.

I believe it would be safe to say that the commonest article sought for is the Regimental badge. A good collection in this direction is well worth having. What Tommy with a leather belt studded with different badges would go so far as to part with it?

Next to the badge comes perhaps the familiar "cartes-postales" of varying tastes which adorn the pocket wallet of nearly every Tommy.

Not a little sentiment must be attached to the general craze for souvenir collecting and I venture to think that in years to come some of those souvenirs which to-day seem eccentric and insignificant will prove the most alluring factor in striking a pleasant chord of memory of the days in which we now live.

UNION JACK.

TWO MINUTES.

The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month! Trafalgar Square is about as near the centre of the Empire as you can get. It was there that I stood for the two minutes pause of recollection.

As a nation, perhaps, we do not do "set pieces" particularly well: it may be because when we attempt them they are so obviously "set."

But what made these one hundred and twenty brief seconds so touching was their spontaniety. As eleven o'clock was on the point of striking, everything stood still.

Five converging streams of traffic glided into immobility. A dozen pavements thronged with pedestrians came to a quiet standstill.

The great road of London's traffic changed suddenly to a great silence. Words cannot express the solemn pathos of this genius-inspired act of reverence.

On the top of every motor-bus the passengers stood up. Every man in plain clothes that one saw bared his head. Officers in uniform came to the salute, men in uniform—and not only men in uniform—stood to attention.

Quite close to me a taxicab driver, cap in hand, the image of "Old Bill" was obviously praying though still in his seat and very red in the face, as any saint in effigy. Women, perhaps a little inclined to show their emotion, seemed to be looking for a sign.

And in every direction as far as the eye could reach, a solid mass of petrified traffic blocked the ways. The booming of the maroons only gave point to this act of homage.

There were no "etceteras." London, in its myriad atoms, was remembering. And one felt that over all the world the Empire was remembering too.

It was a solemn, an unforgettable scene that Nelson looked down upon, and in its quiet, unstudied way no whit unworthy of him.

A pale winter sun—the first sun for days—shone down upon the vast assemblage. When the two minutes were over, life started, quite simply, to flow on again.

An hour and a half later the President of the French Republic drove in state from the Palace through that same Trafalgar Square, and the sky was as clear as, please God, the sky of Anglo-French friendship—so gloriously canopied by these last five years—will ever be. *B.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

WAS SHAKESPEARE GERMAN?

Sir,—I have heard it said that the Germans claims Shakespeare as one of themselves. I don't know on what evidence, if any, they base such a claim. It would be interesting to know. Can any readers familiar with German literary opinion give particulars?

Shakespeare was a mysterious personage—so much so, that many won't believe he wrote the plays attributed to him. But I won't venture on the interminable Baconian controversy.

Now I see it is claimed that Shakespeare was of Welsh descent. Mr. Frederick Harries in a recent book argues upon the Welsh ancestry of Shakespeare's mother and says: "It is proved that a considerable number of Welshmen were settled in Stratford-upon-Avon during the days of Shakespeare's youth. Among the names appearing in the town's records are those of Ap Roberts, Ap Rice, Ap Williams, Ap Edwards, Hugh Ap Shon, Howel Ap Howell, Evans Rice, Evans Meredith, and others." He even traces in Shakespeare's Puck the traditional Welsh fairy "Pwcca." Mr. Harries traces in detail through the plays similarities to Welsh thought and tradition.

Although we can't see Shakespeare played in Cologne there are many of us here who are ardent admirers of his genius and it would be interesting to hear more on the subject of the Bard's nationality.

H.H.H.

THE GUNNERS' OWN.

Sir,— Does every officer and man in the Royal Artillery on the Rhine know that some six months ago a monthly magazine and record of the Regiment made its appearance — "The Gunner"?

It is a most readable publication which ought to be in the hands of all ranks entitled to bear the proud motto "Ubique," but from enquiries made among the batteries out here it would appear not to be as well known as it deserves.

Commencing with the forthcoming Christmas number, "The Gunner" is, I understand, to be considerably improved, with Lieut.Col. Ewart (better known as "Boyd Cable") and Major Frank Fox in control; and appealing as it does to the 700,000 individuals who served as gunners during the war it should have a very large sale.

I have received a letter from Lieut. General W. T. Furse, Master General of the Ordnance, who is keenly interested in "The Gunner," inviting all individual gunners, institutes, canteens, clubs, etc., in Rhineland to subscribe to the the Royal Regiment's own magazine. It costs 2d. a month, and it is published at the Royal Artillery Institution, Woolwich.

CHARLES P. SISLEY, Lieut.
Rank Brigade R.G.A., Rhine Army.

WILL THE JAZZ GO?

Sir,

Dancing may have "been a flag"
When the world gyrated
Round and round in corkscrew twirls—
"Waltzing" — it was stated.

It is true you've never been
To the Ewige Lampe?
Choc'late cakes and "Her" I mean—
Dance, not whisky, Vampy?

"Granted Rhythm now is Rag" —
'Tis, you know, intended!
Try and "scan" your doggerel lines,
Broken, flat and rended. *KID.*

CHEERIO!

Sir,—The cry of the British used to be "Are we downhearted? No!" Many who shouted that gay defiant slogan in the face of discomfort, distress, danger and death are now no longer with us. But have they who defied doubt and fear taken that spirit with them to Valhalla and taken all of it?

For so many who write to find expression in your "Letterbox," complain of such little things, worry so much over small annoyances, nag ever so often at others, or show such dread and doubt of their own capacity to find and enjoy a good future, that one can only hope for a return from this neurasthenic, please-keep-me comfortable attitude to the strong breezy, confident, adventurous way of getting the greatest value out of to-day in work and appreciative enjoyment while preparing with a cheery interest for the unknown to-morrow — the way that has made the reputation and the empire of Britain.

Let us all have a respite from grousing, and looking round see what each of us can do for the whole of us. We are proud to be a brotherhood and community, not an incoherent mass of unattached and unrelated individuals. We are of the Army of Britain and we represent it. Let us each be very careful not to misrepresent it!

It should be unnecessary to insist that neither officer nor man should ever give occasion for bringing dishonour or lack of respect upon the uniform we wear and all that it stands for. That of course.

But we want more, much more. We want the maximum of that real regard, respect and interest, between all ranks which was the pride and the strength of our old Regular Army; we want the highest pitch of that esprit de corps which makes the keenest emulation in smartness, efficiency, conduct and sport of every unit a personal matter of every officer and man in it.

And it seems to me that we must throw away the growing tendency to grouse at small things, and remember that the world was not made for *any* one of us, but for all of us.

More sport, more esprit de corps, more real pride, more cheery helpfulness, and less individual and useless pleasure seeking, — above all no whimpering, that is what we want. The world is a jolly good place for those who stick together. And all the really best things cost nothing. Are we downhearted? No!

O.W.

[Several letters are crowded out to-day. The Editor is always pleased to receive communications from all ranks in the Rhine Army on any subject of general interest. Letters should be as brief as possible, and to the point.]

FOOTBALL'S SILENT SIGNALS.

Some tricks of the trade by which games are won.

BY

C. M. BUCHAN.

(SUNDERLAND AND ENGLISH INTERNATIONAL INSIDE RIGHT.)

Perhaps one of the most notable features of present-day football so far as the First Division is concerned, is the marked equality of the clubs. Between the team at the top of the League and the teams near the bottom there is really precious little difference in point of ability. If you doubt this statement watch the results week after week. You will find it particularly difficult to "spot the winners" of any particular contest, despite the fact that the opposing teams are a long way removed from each other in the league table.

The clubs being very much on the mark therefore, as regards ability to play the game, it naturally follows that a great deal must depend on what might be called the minor features of the contest. One clever trick successfully tried may mean the difference between a draw and a win, say, and in order to come out on top against opponents of equal skill, it is up to the players concerned to think quite a lot about the game and to develop these minor points to the furthest possible extent.

A TALK IN THE DRESSING-ROOM.

As captain of a side I always think that quite a lot can be done in the way of tending towards victory by carefully and seriously talking over the game beforehand and carefully weighing up the capabilities of one's opponents. Suppose your side is up against a team which plays what is termed the "one-back" game. It is obvious that the thing to do before going on to the field is to consider ways and means of counteracting such tactics. Other similar instances could be given to illustrate the value of a "talk over" before the game, and in fact it would scarcely be going too far to say that many a football match has been won in the dressing room before a ball has been kicked.

Understanding on the field of play too, is a very valuable asset, and many are the dodges which can be practised with good effect. By silent signals a player can very often convey his intentions to his side, and at the same time do a lot to deceive the opposition. As an instance of this, what may be called the pointing finger signal may be quoted. I saw this silent signal worked with telling effect the other day in a match in which we took part.

Our inside left had the ball at his toe, and a full-back came towards him to tackle. As the full-back approached, the inside left stretched out his left hand in the direction of where the outside left might have been expected to run. To the on-coming full-back this pointing hand seemed to indicate that the inside left was about to pass the ball to the outside man, and he so arranged his tackle as to cover such an eventuality. That was exactly what the inside left meant him to do, but, instead of passing, the man in possession of the ball swerved inwards into goal, and before the full-back could alter his move, the inside left had passed him, and had run on to score a very pretty goal. Thus was a silent signal used to deceive a defender.

"JUMPING OVER THE BALL."

Another trick which I have often seen used to produce a goal is what may be called the "jumping over the ball" dodge. This is how it is done. We will suppose by way of concrete illustration that our outside left puts the ball across to the centre of the field. In the ordinary way it would be picked up by our centre forward, and actually, the centre-forward shapes as though to take the ball in his stride. By doing so, he naturally draws the attention of the defenders to him. At the last moment, however, instead of taking the centre he jumps over the ball and allows it to pass on to me. As the centre-forward himself has drawn the defenders, it naturally follows that they are not paying over-much attention to me, and it is quite likely that the dodge of the centre-forward in jumping over the ball, leaves me with quite a possible goal-scoring opportunity.

And writing of jumping over the ball, reminds me of another dodge which must have been pre-arranged in order to be successful. Free kicks to the attacking side given just outside the penalty area are apt to be rendered more or less harmless by the defenders packing their goal. Incidentally, this packing is helped by many referees who do not insist that the players shall conform with the rule which says that they shall not approach within ten yards of the ball when a free kick is being taken.

However, when the opposition lines up to stop a free-kick from going goalwards, the man who apparently is going to kick the ball, makes as though to take the kick. Instead, he jumps over it at the last minute, and another man, who is "wise" to the dodge, dashes up behind and possibly takes the defenders off their guard. I have seen this trick worked successfully more than once, and as I have said that free kicks just outside the penalty area seldom bring any reward in the ordinary way, a dodge such as that mentioned is worth trying from time to time.

A QUICK THROW-IN.

Throws from the touch-line are another of those supposed advantages which very often fail to bring anything tangible, unless some sort of method has been thought out beforehand. For my part I am a great believer in the quick-throw-in, for although this job is usually delegated to the half-back there are many occasions in the average game when the outside wing man can pick up the ball quickly, and throw it in to much better advantage than would be gained by waiting for the half-back to come down the field from some remote spot. Signals to the thrower can very often be communicated too, and some teams seem to have a man or two whose special object is to put the opposition completely off the scent at a throw-in. You will often see this man running hard to some particular spot, and the opposition naturally comes to the conclusion that the ball will be thrown to him. It isn't however, but to some other player who is left uncovered by the anxiety of the other fellows to cover the man who has suddenly started to run.

And so one could continue writing of little dodges which may help to win matches. They don't always come off, naturally, but legitimate tricks are always worth trying. And the dodges done silently are much more likely to prove effective. It is sometimes necessary to shout instructions, but this method of conveying ideas should be avoided whenever possible, for not only does it convey information to your own men, but to the members of the other team as well.

GOAL-GETTERS.

Lane, of Blackpool, heads list with Seventeen.

NORWICH CITY'S RECORD.

Lane, of Blackpool, still heads the list of goal-getters in first-class football, the fine goal which gave his side the victory over Fulham bringing his individual total to 17 for the season.

Broad, of Millwall, and Browell, of Manchester City, come next, each having 14 to his credit.

The latter now takes pride of place in the First League at the expense of Kitchen, the Sheffield United centre-forward, who has been nursing an injury for several weeks. Kitchen and Morris, of West Bromwich Albion, share second place with 12 each. White (The Arsenal), Smith (Bolton), and Buchan (Sunderland) have each scored 10 goals.

In the Second League, Lane holds a lead of four points over the next men, Bliss, of Tottenham, and Cock, of Fulham, each of whom has scored 13 times. Halliwell, of Barnsley, with 10 goals, is the only other player with double figures to his credit.

Broad's Rival.

Broad's most formidable rival in the Southern League is Doran, the Norwich centre-forward, who has scored 12 goals, and is thus only two points behind the Millwall player. It is a remarkable fact that no fewer than 11 of these goals have been scored in Norwich City's five home matches, as follows: v. Newport, 2; v. Northampton, 2; v. Brighton, 2; v. Merthyr, 2; and v. Bristol Rovers, 3. A Norwich correspondent claims that Doran had scored 12 goals prior to last Saturday, when he got another. He is probably counting the point against Crystal Palace at Selhurst on September 20 to Doran's credit. As a matter of fact it was scored by Broadhead.

ENGLAND V. IRELAND.

Who's Who in Team to Represent England.

Writing on the English League team to oppose the Irish League at Liverpool on November 19, "W. Le. C." states: The honour bestowed on Curry, the Newcastle United half-back, has been well earned. This season he has come into the first rank and his displays have gained for him a popular place among Tynesider favourites. He is a splendid tackler, an untiring worker, and his splendidly placed passes have gone a long way to make the Magpies right wing the force it is to-day.

The inclusion of his clubmate Dixon as reserve is also popular on Tyneside. This player has graduated well with the "St. James" eleven.

Hardy for the citadel was a foregone conclusion and the presence of Longworth and Cook in the rear division spells strength. McCall is too well known to excite comment, as is also the left half, Watson of Burnley. The chosen forward line, reads well—on paper. They certainly appear a goal getting quintette.

The presence of Crisp, the popular West Bromwich winger is very gratifying to football followers. He is a player with a great future and his games this season stamp him as a star performer. Pennington likens him to "Billy" Bassett and no greater compliment could be paid.

The Irish team is composed of players who strike me as being well chosen. But the English team should triumph over the sons of Erin, and I confidently expect to see victory rest with the English League.

RUGBY TRAGEDY.

Forward Dies Suddenly During Match.

The Monmoutshire League versus Monmoutshire County Rugby match at Ebbw Vale had a tragic termination.

After ten minntes' play the players formed up for a line-out, when William Jones, the Crumlin forward, who substituted Coram (Newbridge), fell to the ground and was carried off the field.

Dr. Fabury, the Abertillery out-side-half, gave medical assistance, but Jones died from heart failure, and the match was immediately terminated with the League one try to the good.

Another Chapman.

S. Chapman, a brother of the Orient's centre-forward, has signed London Combination forms for the Homerton club. S. Chapman is a full-back, and he, too, has been identified with Southall.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

West Bromwich's Opportunity for Revenge.

WILL 'SPURS ATONE.

League I.

Aston Villa v. West Bromwich Albion, Blackburn v. Manchester City, Bolton v. Arsenal, Bradford City v. Everton, Chelsea v. Preston N. End, Liverpool v. Bradford, Manchester United v. Burnley, Newcastle v. Middlesbrough, Notts County v. Sunderland, Oldham v. Sheffield United, Sheffield Wed. v. Derby.

League II.

Blackpool v. Fulham, Bristol City v. Stoke, Clapton Orient v. Leeds City, Huddersfield v. Coventry, Hull City v. Barnsley, Rotherham v. Grimsby, S. Shields v. Notts For., Stockport v. Lincoln City Tottenham Hotspur v. Bury, West Ham v. Leicester, Wolves v. Birmingham.

Southern League.

Brentford v. Reading, Brighton v. Queen's Park R., Crystal Palace v. Gillingham, Merthyr v. Bristol Rovers, Millwall v. Swindow, Newport v. Cardiff, Northampton v. Swansea, Norwich v. Southampton, Portsmouth v. Exeter, Southend v. Luton, Watford v. Plymouth.

Scottish League.

Aberdeen v. Kilmarnock, Albion Rovers v. Queen's Park, Ayr v. Celtic, Clyde v. Clydebank, Dumbarton v. Partick, Falkirk v. St. Mirren, Hamilton v. Hibs., Hearts v. Airdrie, Raith Rovers v. Dundee, Rangers v. Morton, 3rd Lanark v. Motherwell.

DERBY MEETING.

"Old Sol" Overcomes "King Snow."

A FAIR ATTENDANCE.

A fall of snow during the night at Derby rendered racing very doubtful on Thursday but strong sunshine during the morning improved the elements and, before a fair attendance, there was an interesting days racing. Results:

Hiraston Castle late:—1, Rock Ferry (7-2); 2, Glorette (10-1); 3, Glenbattie (8-1). Six ran.

Foston Plate:—Special walked over.

Osmaston Nursery Handicap:—1, Earofite (100-9); 2, Fair Helen (10-1); 3, Quick colt (2-1). Sixteen ran.

Allestree Plate:—1, Finchale (10-1); 2, Sober Wisdom (15-8); 3, Quick Thrust (100-8). Ten ran.

Chatsworth Plate:—1, Lady Peregrine (11-4); 2, Long Tail (4-1); 3, Caguette (100-8). Six ran.

Hardwicke Plate:—1, Gripest (2-1 on); 2, King Wilfred (7-1); 3, Sandooln (50-1). Three ran.

MANCHESTER HANDICAP BETTING.

Thursday's betting on the Manchester Nov. Handicap was as follows:—Chat Tor 11 to 2; Alaswam 7 to 1; King John 7 to 1; John Jackett 100 to 7. All taken and offered.

As a result of a telegraphic error Challow was given in our list of Manchester Nov. Handicap acceptances. It should have been Chat Tor.

FALKINER'S 3,000 LEAD.

Smith Clings to his Advantage over Newman.

At the close of play on Tuesday Falkiner was leading Inman, the champion, by more than three-thousand and at present stands a really strong chance of winning the match.

Smith is firmly clinging to his advantage over Newman and maintains a substantial lead.

Reece has evened matters up considerably in his match with Stevenson and is now only 500 points behind.

Closing scores:—

Falkiner (in play)	13,666
Inman	10,629
Smith (in play)	13,183
Newman	12,583
Stevenson	13,077
Reece	12,508

Layton, who partners the old Spur's back, Brittain, at Cardiff, is the brother of the old Sheffield Wednesday back of that name. His play is similar to that of his brother, sure, a strong kicker and a great tackler. He has had league experience with Aston Villa and Middlesboro.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

Next Sunday's Concert.

Miss Wanda Achsel, who has already won considerable popularity with Deutsches Theatre audiences, is announced to give a vocal recital at the Disch Hotel, Cologne, on Sunday at 7.30 p.m. The songs selected by Miss Achsel include several of the most tuneful of her numbers.

Bonn Amusements.

I hear that the Audrey Esmond concert party is "doing" Bonn next week, opening at the Grosse Saal on Monday. The artistes should prove a strong attraction, for their repertoire is full of good numbers while each member is a specialist in his or her department. The show is "popular" without being common and is good without being "high brow stuff." Shure thin, its a trate!

To-day's Concert at the "Y.M."

A special opportunity is given of hearing a very strong concert party to-day at the Cologne Central, Y.M.C.A. It is under the direction of Miss Audrey Esmond (contralto) who has sung in the Beecham Opera Company and includes Miss Eva Welda (violin) who has played in public from her fifth year and is under engagement to appear at the London Coliseum; miss Ethel Wilford, who has entertained delighted audiences at the London Queen's Hall; Mr. Charles Compton, a tenor who is well-known by frequenters at the Royal Albert Hall and London Opera House, Mr. James Silcott, who took the part of the Jester in "The King's Messenger;" and Mr. John Draper at the piano, who is capable of providing an evenings entertainment himself. The concert, which will commence at 7 p.m., will be preceded at 6 p.m. by an orchestral concert.

B.E.L.C. to open Skating Rink.

I hear that the British Empire Leave Club will shortly be opening a Skating Rink at the Volksgarten Restaurant, full particulars of which will shortly be announced. It will doubtless be much patronised in the winter months.

At the Club.

Additional supper tickets have been arranged for at the B.E.L.C. and in the morning, between 10 and 12, hot drinks, buns etc. can now be obtained.

"Remounts" Entertained.

A very enjoyable evening was the outcome of Miss Audrey Esmond's party's visit to the Remount Depot on Tuesday evening (by kind permission of the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Lloyd). The concert opened with a piano selection from "Review" ably rendered by Mr. Herman Draper. Mr. Charles Compton then contributed "Macushla" and, as an encore, "Myrra", to the delight of an appreciative audience. Miss Eva Evalda charmed the gathering with lively violin selections, her "Popular Songs with Airs" being tremendously applauded.

Miss Audrey Esmond created a great impression with "Bells of St. Mary's" and then, in company with Mr. Charles Compton, sang two duets, Tosti's "Parted" and "Till we Meet Again." Miss Ethel Fulford's "Neverything," and that old favourite "Lena Schmidt" met with a great reception, and Mr. John Chilcott's "Unions" and "Looks" convulsed the audience.

Mr. Herman Draper accompanied throughout the evening, and did much to make the performance the marked success that it was. The curtain was rung down, apparently all too soon, from the point of view of the audience, with a concerted item entitled "Give me an English Song", all the artistes participating, and the singing of the National Anthem. A promise was given by the party, that they would once again pay the Remounts a visit before they concluded their tour, and whenever that may be, they can be certain of a very enthusiastic reception.

Classical Music "By Request."

Miss Dorothy Nash, of the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. Staff, who has occasionally given pianoforte recitals in England and Cologne, responded on Monday to a request for a musical evening in the Y.M.C.A. Loreley Hall at which pieces should be rendered by her that were specially asked for by music-lovers in Cologne. Miss Nash's renderings were deeply appreciated and a basket of beautiful flowers was handed to her by a grateful audience.

Y.M.C.A. Posters.

I notice that a hint given by a correspondent of "The Cologne Post" to the Central Y.M.C.A. regarding the setting out of its daily posters has been promptly acted upon by Dr. Francis. The placards now bear across them, in large red type, the word "To-night" and thus the soldiers, who may not be aware that the posters are issued daily with reference only to the day's events, are in no doubt as to the date of such entertainments as they may wish to attend.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Sat.	Der Zigeunerbaron	Strauss	7	10.15
Sun.	Aida	Verdi	6.30	10.15
Monday	No performance			
Tuesday	No performance			

Musicians wanted.

I have been asked by the B.E.L.C. to say that the Club would be very glad to have the help of a 'cellist (cello provided) in order to form an Orchestra. Viola, Clarionet and Flute players are also required.

JACQUES.

CHARLES BUCHAN.

The Popular Wearside International Captain.

On this page will be found an article by the famous inside forward of the Sunderland Club. He has had a romantic career in first class football since he graduated with Leyton, the old Southern League team and all the football world knows the story of his transfer from the latter club.

Many covetous eyes were cast on this youth in those days and how near he came to appearing in a London arena is a sore subject Stamford Bridge way. Sunderland saw his worth and booked him for Wearside. Since his first game with them, he has gained many honours. His country recognised his sterling play by selecting him for the international games, but he is perhaps more proud of his league medal gained in 1912-13 when Aston Villa robbed the "Team of all the talents" of the dual honour by defeating them in the Cup final at the Palace. He forms part of the famous human triangle (Cuggy, Buchan and Mordue) and this dazzling combination has appeared for the "Rose," an honour which has seldom (if ever) occurred before.

During the war he assisted Chelsea, and the London club would dearly wish that he was again in their ranks. He had a difference with the Wearside directorate and publicly stated that he would not appear again in the familiar red and white jersey. However, the breach was healed and he is once again appearing for his old club.

His value to them can be estimated from his goal scoring record. There is no more popular player at Roker Park then "Charlie" Buchan, captain and idol of the famous Nor' East Club.

W. LE. C.

OUR NINTH CONTEST.

The More Coupons Sent The Greater The Chance.

It is now over two months since we began this popular feature. During this period we have paid out in prizes the sum of 15,826 marks and this is testimony to the fact that our contest is appreciated.

To-day we publish our ninth coupon, and competitors have another opportunity of testing their football skill. It is of interest to note that practically all the winners have entered three or more coupons, thus allowing for certain inevitable surprises.

We would point out again that no limit is placed upon the number of coupons submitted. A recent winner had been a competitor from the commencement and his perseverance had its due reward.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 9,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 9.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov 22nd.
Closing date, Friday, Nov. 21st.

Arsenal	v. Notts County
Oldham	v. Manchester United
Preston	v. Liverpool
Sunderland	v. Newcastle
Coventry	v. Blackpool
Fulham	v. West Ham
Notts Forest	v. Tottenham
Bristol R.	v. Plymouth A.
Exeter C.	v. Northampton
Southampton	v. Brentford
Queens Park	v. Rangers
Airdrieonians	v. Dumbarton

I enter Football Competition No. 9 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(in block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

GOLF AT BRUSSELS.

General Chichester's Team Beat Royal Golf Club.

An interesting golf match took place at Brussels on Sunday between Major-General Sir A.A. Chichester's golf team and the Royal Golf Club at Brussels. Major-General Chichester's team won by 9 points to 7. Details:

SINGLES.

Royal Golf Club of Brussels.

M. Solvay	0
Baron Lambert	1
Baron Sadoine	0
M. du Vivier	0
M. Paul Hamior	1
Mr. N.C.C. Charles	1
M. Panet	1
M. Paul de Sincay	1
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Major-General Chichester's Team.

Lieut.-Colonel A. G. Barry	1
Captain A. H. Read	0
Lieut.-Colonel W. F. Lumsden	1
Colonel H. S. Bush	1
Commander the Hon. P. Acheson	0
Colonel D. H. Biddle	0
Maj.-Gen. Sir. A. A. Chichester	0
Mrs. Acheson	0
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FOURSOME.

Royal Golf Club.

M. Solvay	
Baron Sadoine	0
Baron Lambert	
M. Paul Hamior	0
M. du Vivier	
Mr. N.C.C. Charles	0
M. Paul de Sincay	2
	2

General Chichester's Team.

Lieut-Colonel Barry	
Lieut-Colonel Lumsden	2
Captain Read	
Commander Acheson	2
Colonel Bush	
Colonel Biddle	2
General Chichester	
Mrs. Acheson	0
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Entertainments at "The Central."

Every evening of this week, an hour's concert is being given in "The Central" by the Gilbert and Sullivan party. A new programme is given each evening and the attendances always fill the great hall. In the absence of one of the Concert Party, through indisposition, Capt. Sykes has very kindly acted as accompanist and taken a part in the vocal quartettes. Each evening, the concert is preceded (from 6 to 7) by an orchestral programme and succeeded (from 8 to 9.30) by a cinema entertainment, new films being shown on every occasion.

GUY'S FLAG LOWERED.

Light Blues break Hospital's Fine Record.

Cambridge played what is likely to be their most important match before meeting Oxford, when they opposed Guy's Hospital, who had beaten the Dark Blues earlier in the term. A very large and enthusiastic crowd saw a really great game, played with all the energy it is possible to put into Rugby, the Light Blues winning by 8 points to 3.

Previously Guy's had taken part in seven matches and won them all, with an aggregate of 203 points to 6. The Light Blues, too, had won seven games off the reel, with an aggregate of 201 points to 14, but they could claim no such achievements as the victories of Guy's over Oxford University and United Services.

Johnstone, the old Palace goalkeeper, who is a native of a village near Nottingham, is keeping goal in great style for Notts Forest this season.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Garnett's Mount in Derby Cup.
Kroo-boy II., the Lincoln winner, will be steered in the Derby Cup by H. Leader's apprentice, Garnett.

Kid Lewis for England.
A private cable from New York yesterday states that Ted (Kid) Lewis has sailed for England in the Lapland.

No League Match.
Having no League fixture on Dec. 6, Millwall have arranged for a team from the London Command to visit the Den on that date.

French Jockey's Engagement.
W. Head will ride next season for M. Charles Lienart, the Belgian owner who is getting a nice string of jumpers together in France.

Shah goes a-racing.
The Shah of Persia attended Auteuil races on Sunday and was greatly interested. He asked to be presented to two of the owners of winners, M. Wattinne and M. Veil Picard.

Hendren Resumes.
Hendren is expected to be recovered from an ankle injury and to take the outside-right position in the Brentford side against Reading at Griffin Park to-day, and Morley will partner him. B. Rosier, who has signed professional forms, remains at outside-left.

A Break-down.
Condottiere broke down badly in the Breadsall Plate at Derby.

Retention and Sale.
Shoemaker was retained at 400 guineas, and Cylgar sold to Mr. Hugill for 750 guineas at Derby.

Corn Sack's 3lb Extra.
Garnett could not do the weight on Corn Sack in the Markeaton Plate, and Weston, who had the mount, had to put up 3lb, overweight.

Doncaster Racecourse.
The Doncaster Race Committee recommend that new premises be erected to afford accommodation for Stewards' rooms, jockeys' weighing-room and dressing-room, and office for clerks of the course.

Hulme Qualifies.
Hulme concludes his apprenticeship with the Manchester Meeting. First claim on his services in 1920 will be held by his old stable, controlled by R.C. Dawson, and second claim will be held by Mr. Watkin Williams.

Rapid Bookings.
The only available seats for the Beckett v. Carpentier contest at Holborn Stadium on December 4 are a few at 10 guineas and less than 60 at 25 guineas. A large contingent of French sportsmen have booked seats at 25 guineas.

Full Strength.
Preston North End will be at full strength against Chelsea to-day.

"Treasured" Cheque.
West Ham have had framed and hung in the directors' room the cheque with which they paid the £500 fine inflicted upon them by the Southern League.

Another Mare for the Stud.
Lady Juliet ran her last race when making very little show in the Harborough Handicap at Leicester, as it is her owner's intention to put her to the stud next season.

Snow Interferes.
The concluding half of the 72-holes challenge match for £100, in which Whiting (Ilkley) and Gaudin (Alwoodley) opposed Gray (Dewsbury) and Day (Ganton), had to be postponed on account of the Ganton links being covered with snow.

Blackheath's XV.
Against Oxford University on the Rectory Field to-day, Blackheath will be represented by: B. S. Cumberlege; G. F. Wood, R. P. Burgoyne-Johnson, H. W. Taylor and S. W. Harris; H. Coverdale and A. K. Horan; C. H. Pillman, W. S. D. Craven, L. P. B. Merriam, F. W. Mellish, L. W. Haslett, A. P. B. Roberts, E. A. Dussek, and H. Ll. Hughes.

Carslake Goes Home.
Carslake leaves for Australia on December 2, but will return in time for next year's Lincoln spring meeting.

School Success.
At Windsor, Felsted School beat the Imperial Service College by seven goals and one try to nil. The tries were scored by Moller (5), Tomlinson (2), and Hennesy, Fee-Smith converting all but one.

Coleman Thrown.
In the Breadsall Plate Satwell was weighed out for by Coleman, but the horse bolted and threw his jockey and did not come under starter's orders. Coleman was rather badly hurt.

Increased Stakes.
Greatly increased prizes are to be given during the coming jumping season at Manchester. £2,000 will be put up for a hurdle race in March, this being the largest prize ever offered for hurdling in the United Kingdom.

West Ham To-day.
West Ham against Leicester City to-day will have the assistance at outside right of P. Allen, who is now demobilized, while Palmer will be on the opposite wing, Bradshaw being indisposed. As Tresadern is at liberty to play again after his suspension, he will replace Lane at right-half.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Vain Regrets.

One recently demobbed sportsman, writing from Norfolk to continue his subscription to the "Post" says: "Rather afraid I must eventually cease my subscription, as each time I receive your paper I wish I were in Cologne." And I know he is not the only one who occasionally regrets having gone to the Home Front.

What Regiment?

One soldier reading to a friend: "Colonel James, M.F.H. arrived at the meet with his wife." Friend: "M.F.H.? What regiment is that? Never 'eard of it."

An Hospital Cinema.

The patients at the 25th. General Hospital are eagerly looking forward to the completion of the Cinema which is in course of erection. Informal debates, concerts and whist drives are at present the chief sources of amusement, but "the pictures" have a strong attraction and will help to pass the long winter evenings.

Air Literature.

What sort of literary matter does the young German read most on the trams? The daily papers excepted, I will stump for periodicals dealing with aviation.

Chocolate Pictures.

Have you noticed that the German chocolate firms issue small photographs of Rhineland with their products? These I believe are collected by the younger generation much as the popular cigarette pictures were, in England.

Path Obstructions.

It is bad enough to find buckets of refuse left out on the paths late in the morning but when one has to dodge these at night, the amusing side of the game is not apparent.

War Postcards.

A picture postcard shop I know specialises in pictures of the Somme battlefield and my curiosity is aroused by one depicting a French peasant with a wa on and team of horses in the shambles of Bapaume. He is surrounded by groups of German soldiery. When, I wonder, was that photograph taken?

Pears to Munch.

Apropos a correspondent's complaint regarding the sale of newspapers at the entrances to places of amusement I had a bag of pears thrust into my face at the entrance of one last evening. What will it be when fruit is unobtainable? Chip potatoes?

Tickets Please.

A civilian booking office near the Dom issues, so it says, tickets to all the principal stations in "England, Schottland, and Irland." What about Wales?

The Latest Books.

Among the new books just added to the Y.M.C.A. Central Library are Boyd Cable's, The Old Contemptibles; Temple Thurston's, World of Wonderful Reality; B. M. Croker's, Blue China; Henry Newbolt's, The Book of the Long Trail; Jerome K. Jerome's, All Roads lead to Calvary; T. G. Masaryk's, Spirit of Russia; Stanley Weyman's, The Great House; and V. Blasco Ibanez, The Four Horseman of the Apocalypse. Everyday new arrivals come in and any soldier can be sure of keeping up to date when reading if he borrows his books from the Y.M.C.A.

Less Noise.

Many readers ask if a more tranquil spot couldn't be found for the new reading and writing room at the "Earwig" than a few yards from the band.

Spectacled Police.

The German authorities, unlike our own, do not bar a man wearing spectacles from entering the Police force. Just lately I have noticed many of the Rhineland police wearing them.

Any Old Music.

Someone I know saw a film called "Wooden Shoes" at a Cologne Cinema the other day. It was a Dutch subject so quite appropriately the band played Scottish airs while the film was functioning.

Your Weight.

What was especially noticeable in the early days of occupation was that practically every ten-pfennigs-in-the-slot weighing machine, whether at railway station or in restaurant, was "Kaput." Many of them however are again in working order, and the necessary instructions appear in English for Tommy's benefit.

An Enthusiast.

I came across a gunner officer yesterday who told me he had been to the opera forty times in the last two months. Can anyone go one better?

Car Accident.

I noticed yesterday what might have been easily a serious accident. A soldier who was crossing in front of a car slipped and fell under the vehicle. Only the promptness of the German driver in applying his brakes saved Tommy from serious injury.

German Toys.

In the window of a Cologne shop hangs a large card bearing the following announcement: "We have a large selection of toys for English children in Rhineland."

Wanderlust.

I have received a letter from a friend of mine, recently demobbed, in which he points out a harrowing picture of the humdrum existence in Blighty contrasted with what he terms "the glorious days in Cologne." Although he is in a fairly lucrative position the spirit of adventure has taken hold of him, and he is now seeking a position as steward on one of the South African liners.

The Latest Fashion.

I have noticed a great number of Germans lately who have taken to wearing two watches, one on each wrist. Is this the new fashion?

No Sinecure.

The Disposal Board at Cologne has a long and tedious job in front of it. There are tons upon tons of material to sell and hundreds of motor vehicles to ship to England. And the transport difficulty is acute.

Goloshes.

An English wife intent upon shopping donned her goloshes and sallied forth. Slowly but surely it dawned upon her that her feet were coming in for unaccustomed attention. She is now asking her friends if such shoe protection is scarce in Germany. Perhaps because of the rubber shortage.

RHINELANDER.

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

THE PRINCE IN CANADA.

Mr. W. T. Massey, the "Daily Telegraph" correspondent writing from Montreal, says:—Beyond question he is the most popular man who has ever been in Canada. These democratic people regard him as a democratic Prince, and one of themselves, animated by the same ideals, with the same broad and optimistic outlook. I am sure the feeling of Canada to-day could not be better expressed than by those two elderly women, who, standing near the railway track, held a sheet on which were the words: "Better loved ye canna be; will ye no come back again?"

THE NATIONAL THEATRE.

Mr. William Archer pleading for the establishment of a National Theatre says:—The war has made the lack of a National Theatre a more manifest and crying gap in our equipment. It is more than a national, it is an imperial institution that we require—a place of pilgrimage for all who speak the language which Shakespeare has made the most glorious of birthrights. Let us remember that London has a very formidable rival for the primacy among English-speaking cities. Surely the city where, after all, Shakespeare lived and worked has wealth and energy enough to lead the way, instead of ignominiously following suit.

FASTER TRAFFIC.

Sir Eric Geddes, speaking at the annual banquet to the Society of Motor Manufacturers said:—For long distance road traffic there must be suitable roads in this country. The traffic has got to go faster. The man with the red flag on the roads must disappear and slow traffic must no longer interfere with faster traffic. If I can manage it or live long enough in my job to do it—I will get good roads. The first step my Department has taken in this direction is the classification of roads by which means through routes will be established. I think a tax or a levy on the users of the roads is coming.

WHY DOLES SHOULD CEASE.

Col. J. R. Pretyman Newman, M.P., Chairman of the Middle Classes Union, writing in favour of the abolition of unemployment benefit, says:—I am strongly opposed to doles in principle, as they have a most demoralising effect on the recipients. I regard the present system as an emergency device which should be dropped as soon as possible. What I object to is the appalling lavishness of the scheme and the indiscriminate, and too often dishonest, way in which the dole has been dealt out. There is not, I venture to say, any middle class employer of labour, no matter how small, who could not give instances of glaring dishonesty that have come under his notice. If the State can bring forward a well-thought out and actually sound unemployment insurance scheme, to affect all workers who may choose to come under it, and to be contributed to by employers, employees, and the State, in just and equal proportions, we should certainly give such a scheme sympathetic consideration.

SECRET DIPLOMACY.

M. Cambon in a recent address said:—A reproach addressed to diplomatists is that of carrying on secret diplomacy. I own that I have never understood what people mean by secret diplomacy in a free country, where the Governments cannot conclude any agreement of a nature to bind the policy of the nation without having recourse to Parliament. People mean, perhaps, the negotiations preparatory to an agreement, and try to compel us to transact all business in public. Can one imagine in any business, either political or private, negotiations being carried on in the full light of day? Can you see a financier, a manufacturer, a merchant giving his schemes and conversations to publicity?

'BOBBY' AS A MODEL.

Sir Edward Cooper, Lord Mayor of London, writing of the League of nations says:—London, throughout its history, has stood more than any other place for two characteristics of the British people: love of order and resistance to tyranny. Take, for instance, that every-day London spectacle of a policeman regulating traffic at a busy cross-roads. What a complex mass are those vehicles, with their differing speeds, sizes, and directions; and yet how smoothly on the whole they all proceed, and how instinctively they submit to be controlled by that one uniformed man! And what a chaos there would be without him! Why is it that they all so naturally obey him? Well, is it not simply that most of them tacitly recognise that he is acting for the common good of them all, and that if a few are too selfish to realise that they know that behind that policeman is the authority of the law, which all their fellow-citizens are pledged to support? That is the system which we want now to see extended to the whole world, and the League of Nations offers a means for doing it.

WAR CHRISTMASES.

Write your Experiences.

In addition to the prizes we are offering for short Christmas stories, we invite our readers to send us their personal experiences of the Christmases they have spent since the beginning of the war.

We require one for each of the years 1914, 1915, 1916 and 1917 and will give 50 marks for the best short description of a Christmas spent in the Army in each of those years. There will therefore be four prizes — one for each year of the war.

The length of these descriptive articles must not exceed 500 words each

Typewritten copy is preferred but not essential.

The latest date for receiving them will be November 20th and they must be addressed 'Christmas" Cologne Post. A.P.O./S. 40 Rhine Army.

ECONOMIC NOTES ON FINANCE AND TRADE.

II. MONEY.

Almost everybody has heard of what are called 'Social Laws.' A Social Law is a statement showing the relations between a man's action and the causes of that action considered in the social group in which he moves. We are only concerned in Economics with those actions the strength of which can be measured with a money price. This immediately brings us into contact with the word 'wealth.'

Speaking very broadly wealth is anything that satisfies a human material want and thus can nearly always be said to consist of material goods. We need not concern ourselves here with the many variations of the use of the word wealth; its introduction here is made because of its obvious relation to value.

Now in Economics we find two meanings for the word value. Firstly we have the Value of the wealth on goods in themselves which is the measure of their Utility, and secondly their value in exchange. It is this latter meaning that we almost invariably use. In ancient times the Phoenicians brought woven cloths to Cornwall and took away tin in return. The purchase was made by exchange of goods for goods known as Barter. This was found in time to be so cumbersome that a medium of exchange was necessary.

This medium of exchange is what we know as money. It may be any substance whatsoever, but most countries have adopted either gold or silver or both. Thus the Phoenicians brought, say, three rolls of cloth and took away 1 ton of tin. That is to say, the value in exchange of 1 ton of tin was three rolls of cloth.

Nowadays we should express it by saying that the value in exchange of 1 ton of tin was £3 and the value in exchange of 1 roll of cloth was £1.

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The phrase value in exchange is denoted in modern commerce by the word price. It is important to notice that price is measured by money, which itself has a price, and we shall see later how this price of money re-acts on prices of goods.

It is the subject of money that I wish to bring to your especial notice. It very soon became obvious to merchants that money must have certain attributes and it was discovered that roughly speaking there were 6 absolute essentials. Of these general acceptability was the most important.

Then came the necessity for some sort of stability of value and the need for this value to be easily recognised by either touch, sight or weight. It must be able to stand a large amount of wear and tear and lastly it must be capable of being subdivided with ease. The first few attributes were easily found in the precious metal gold, and it is in great measure to the forces that fixed our sovereign and preserved its integrity that we find we owe the position that Lombard Street holds in the world's money market.

The reason that our sovereign is accepted everywhere is because it contains 20/- worth of gold.

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In course of time it was discovered that a merchant of good standing could give a 'promise to pay' instead of handing over the real money, and as he was known to be a good reliable man other people would accept this paper promise as "as good as gold." This promise became known as a note.

By further evolution the merchant found that whilst he had £1000 in his coffers he could give out several of these notes. He knew by experience that they would not be presented for payment immediately. The first merchants to do this were the goldsmiths and they made out a statement something like this:—

Liabilities.

Recd. from and due to A . . £1000
Notes not yet presented for payment £3000

The other side showed their

Assets.

Gold in hand. £1000
Loans to and recoverable from traders. £3000

We thus see that the trading value of the £1000 in gold has been trebled. In this way a system of credit arose—(Latin verb:—credo, I believe.) It was a system of mutual indebtedness between the traders and the bankers.

MUTUAL CONFIDENCE.

Sir Vincent Caillard, President of the Federation of British Industries speaking of the violent reaction which has taken place since the war says:—It took the form with labour of a rather pronounced attack of strike fever; why should not the results arrived at after a strike be reached before? I believe that so far as employers were concerned, they do not as a general rule take their employed sufficiently into their confidence and let them know what is passing in their minds. The answer to the question, "is the fever spreading?" lies mainly with labour. They had, in the past, been too irresponsible, and did not realize the immense responsibility lying on them to increase, instead of stopping production in a most critical time; they had been trying to go too fast whereas by patience and friendly negotiation they could have gained quite as much as by stoppage.

NO SIGNS OF WAR.

Mr. Ward Muir writing of London today says:—How rapidly, too, are the wounds of war being effaced from London! It is already merely ridiculous to tell your country cousin that, on the exact spot where he is standing, a Zepp. dropped an explosive which killed seven people. You cannot even point to shrapnel holes on the wall. They have been carefully filled in and effaced. No tablet marks the scene of the tragedy. And it is useless to refer back to the illustrated papers of the period; for the censorship forbade the publication of pictures of those occurrences—occurrences so fantastic that, recalling them, we already begin to doubt our memories of the details.

He Won't.

"Shoot!" yelled an enthusiast to a player from behind a goal in the Stadtwald recently. The players so advised did so, and a rocket drive which left the goalkeeper helpless, caught his adviser a beauty, full in the face. "Bet he won't forget that goal "said a nearby spectator.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

No Sales.—Two thousand Cairo shop assistants are on strike.

Strange.—Holborn National Kitchen is being run at a profit.

Brewers Mournful.—There is no hope of a reduction in the licensing duty.

Another Spa.—A hot mineral water spring has been found near Sheffield.

Paris Plight.— Emergency journals are being put on the streets of Paris.

Good News.—The potato crop just lifted at home is unusually free from disease.

Prejudice.—Stepney's new Mayor wears no robes, only his chain of office.

Powerful.—The British Industries Federation claims to represent 18,000 firms.

Plucky Woman.—Sheffield Labour councillors have elected a woman as leader.

Ambitious.—Dublin is ambitious and is about to spend over a million on port improvement.

World's Costliest Ship. — H.M.S. Hood excluding guns, ammunition and stores cost over five millions.

What Then?—The largest Labour conference ever held takes place in London next month to consider nationalisation.

And The Next. — Having tired of tree chopping the ex-Kaiser is said to be writing a play.

Tired Of His Hobby. — Lord Milford Haven is selling his naval medals next month.

Daring. — A Continental cinema actor secured his horse to a balloon from which both dropped to earth by parachute.

Result Of Dancing Craze. — Ostrich feathers are returning to favour with the woman of fashion.

Quite Right.—Insanity is made a ground for divorce in a Bill passed by Victoria.

Their Labours Over.—The American and British delegations to Peace Conference leave Paris early next month.

In Aid Of Restoration.—Lille exhibition is to be held from May to October next year.

The Dole.—The House of Commons is to discuss the question of the continuance of the out-of-work donation next week.

Why This Change? — Count Czernin considers British airmen greater than the heroes of old.

Seekers Of Fortune. — Fifteen hundred ex-Service men are bound for East Africa this month under the Government Scheme.

Select Company.—At a dinner held at Sydney on Armistice Day twenty-seven V.C.'s sat down together.

An Army. — Accommodation for 10,800 Government officials is being provided at Acton, Earl's Court and Alexandra Palace.

Strange. — Although a Battersea man had an income of £300 a year he died of starvation.

The Census. — Preparations for the census which takes place next year are now in hand.

Prince's party. — The Prince of Wales is giving a party to 1,000 New York children aboard H.M.S. Renown.

What L. G. reads.—The Prime Minister's favourite reading in these days is said to be the Russian Wireless.

Wanted.—Owing to shortage of houses the week-end cottage is said to be doomed.

The "Bravest Street".— Three hundred men went to the war from 150 houses in Trafalgar street, Walworth Road, London.

New rich.— Where boys in slums used to pay for things by instalments they now put down a lump sum.

Home.—Four destroyers recently serving in the Baltic have returned to Devonport.

An Offshoot.—The British Military Mission at present in Finland is a branch of the British Mission to the Baltic States.

The Future.—The question of Montenegro's future is at present engaging the attention of the Supreme Council in Paris.

Men in Mauve?—King Alfonso has created a stir in the sartorial world by the mauve evening dress he wears.

Gun as Old Iron.—Clacton's German field gun has been put in the town yard side by side with a disused water tank.

Toy Profiteering.—It is likely that toys will be added to the profiteering schedule before Christmas.

Any Others?—The Government has received £150,000 worth of War Stock for cancellation as a thankoffering for victory.

Britain's Representative.—The British Government will probably be represented at the meeting of the Council of the League of Nations by the Foreign Secretary.

Protection.—A Bill to increase Compensation payable under the Workmen's Compensation Act will probably be introduced next week.

Remembrance Day incident. — A prisoner, who was subsequently sentenced to death stood with bowed head at Nottingham.

Hut Colonies.—Complaints are made at Sheffield that while empty houses are scarce huts formerly occupied by munition workers are standing empty.

Women Employees.—The number of women employed by British Railway Companies on November 11th 1918 was 55,752. That number was reduced by July 30th to 34,545.

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

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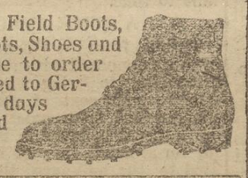

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BIRTH RATE.

REGISTRAR'S SATISFACTORY RETURNS.

The Registrar General's quarterly return for England and Wales was issued last night. It shows that the number of births during the quarter ended 30th September were 175,367, or 26,545 more than the preceding quarter, and 6,916 more than the corresponding quarter of 1918. Of these no fewer than 11,166 babies were born out of wedlock, being 340 more than the corresponding quarter of 1918. The proportion of male to female children showed a marked increase, being in the ratio of 1,058 to 1,000, while the average proportion in the ten preceding third quarters was 1,041 to 1,000.

Deaths during the quarter under notice totalled 89,112, being 25,106 less than the corresponding quarter of 1918. Deaths of infants under one year of age were only seventy per thousand, being thirty-four per thousand below the average for the ten preceding corresponding quarters and the lowest record for any quarter. The number of marriages during the quarter ended 30th June was 202,142, an increase of 81,866 over the preceding quarter and 67,906 more than in the corresponding quarter of 1918.

ARMISTICE TRUANTS.

FRENCH SCHOOLBOYS TAKE FRENCH LEAVE.

The non-observance of Armistice Day was not at all to the taste of the Paris schoolboys. Some 500 played truant,—they belonged to the Lycées—and held a meeting at which the chief speaker said:—

Shall we allow the great event which to-day commemorates to pass by unnoticed? We ought to have had a holiday. As we were not given one, let us take one. I invite you to go one better than our friends across the Channel and set aside not two minutes but the whole day.

They accordingly took the day.

QUICK CLIMBING.

NEW AVIATION RECORD.

An aeroplane piloted by a warrant officer named Brotce has beaten the record for rapid ascent. At Montecelio Aerodrome, near Rome, his machine climbed successively 5,000 metres in eleven minutes and one thousand metres in forty-seven seconds.

SIR EVELYN WOOD, V.C.

GIVES UP HUNTING AT 82.

Field Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., who has been unwell since Saturday, has decided to give up hunting and is selling his hunters. This is only one of the veteran Field Marshal's strenuous pursuits. He is 82 years of age, and his other recreations include shooting, cycling and lawn tennis!

ORDER YOUR POST NOW.

One of the most gratifying features of our daily post bag is the number of postal subscriptions received from home and elsewhere. Yesterday we received one from Italy, and we have reason to know that we shall have a very large number of subscribers at Danzig. Many soldiers send it home as a daily message, and it is pleasant to know that it constitutes such a firm link between old friends and the many new ones it makes. Can we add your name to the list?

RAILWAY STRIKE AT DUBLIN.

Because one man, already a trade unionist, refused to join a certain other union, 1,400 men in the goods and works department at Dublin of the Great Southern and Western Railway went on strike. The goods service was suspended overnight, and the passenger service has been considerably curtailed.

GRANTS TO DISABLED MEN.

During the week ended November 8, the Council of the King's Fund, Millbank House, 2, Millbank, S.W.1, made 651 grants. Of these, 343 were to disabled officers and men and 308 to the widows and dependents of the fallen. The total thus disbursed was £22,137 16s. 8d.

INQUEST ON LORD BRASSEY.

An inquiry into the death of Lord Brassey, who died after being knocked down by a taxicab, was held on Friday. A verdict of accidental death was returned, the driver being exonerated from blame.

POINCARÉ'S VISIT.

THANKS THE BRITISH FOR HIS RECEPTION.

As President Poincaré went aboard the steamer at Dover on Friday on the conclusion of his visit to Great Britain, he handed to Reuter's special correspondent the following autograph letter.

"I do not know how to try to express to the British people the gratitude I feel for the reception accorded on all sides to the representatives of the French nation. I have delightful recollections of my visit in 1913, but on the present occasion have found something deeper and more serious in the feelings of the British people.

"Our friendship, if I may say so, is being sanctified by our common sufferings and at the same time ennobled by our common victory. This friendship is now strong enough to ensure for the future the collaboration in mutual confidence of both countries. Hitherto the union of the two peoples has been the work of Government and diplomacy, but to-day it is the peoples themselves who have united and who say to their Governments of to-day and to-morrow and of all time, 'never again shall we be divided.'"

(signed) POINCARÉ.

MESSAGE TO THE KING.

On leaving Dover, President Poincaré telegraphed in the names of the French visitors to King George conveying his cordial thanks to His Majesty and Queen Mary for the delightful attentions paid them during their visit. He said that everywhere the British people has shown its sympathy with the French people, with a warmth and unanimity by which he was deeply touched and it made him feel more than ever how indissoluble are the ties uniting the two countries. The brotherhood of arms he said, has become a brotherhood of heart and mind, which will enable the two countries to work henceforth side by side in peace for the good of humanity. The King, in his reply, said the welcome President Poincaré had received was proof not only of his own personal regard for him but of British affection for France, which had been strengthened by brotherhood in arms.

His Majesty warmly reciprocated Poincaré's hopes that the two nations would go forward together in the work of the general re-establishment of peace along the paths of civilisation and progress.

BIG FIRE AT VICTORIA.

SOUTH EASTERN LINE OBSTRUCTED.

Victoria (S.E. and C.R.) Station was in danger on Wednesday night from a fire which broke out at Bishop's Furniture Depository, Pimlico. It continued to rage until six o'clock on Thursday morning, and practically the whole of the wall abutting on the station collapsed. Part of it fell across the permanent way, blocking four sets of metals, with the result that certain traffic had to be diverted to other termini.

At a critical period a call came from another outbreak in Lupus-street, a quarter of a mile away, and here the fire-men were assisted by soldiers and civilians.

The damage will amount to nearly half a million. A considerable quantity of valuable furniture from West End districts had been stored at the depository, and practically everything was destroyed. Some thirty or forty fire insurance companies will bear the loss.

BRITISH GUIANA.

INDIGNANT AT SUGGESTION OF CESSION.

A message from Georgetown (British Guiana) says that responsible public opinion in the colony is outraged at the suggestion of Lord Rothermere that British Guiana and some of the West Indian Islands should be ceded to America in liquidation of British liabilities. The Governor immediately dispatched a telegram to the Colonial Secretary stating that the elected members of the Legislature strongly deprecate Lord Rothermere's suggestion. Such a step would arouse acute resentment of the whole community, who are proud to belong to the British Empire. A resolution will be moved in the Legislature denouncing the project as extremely obnoxious.

UNAVAILING REGRETS.

Another batch of rioters and beer looters was sentenced at Liverpool yesterday. Seventeen women received from one to nine months' imprisonment and thirteen men from four to eighteen months. All had violently resisted the police and military in addition to their extensive depredations. The women received their sentences with shrieks and moans.

PUSSYFOOT'S EYE.

SEVERE INJURY IN STUDENT'S RAG.

Mr. W. E. "Pussyfoot" Johnson informed a Press representative yesterday that he had passed a pretty bad night, with a considerable amount of pain. He could see nothing on Thursday night owing to the injury to his eye but yesterday he could just see, at any rate dimly. His back was also hurt when the students were hoisting him on the stretcher.

The damage to "Pussyfoot's" eye was inflicted by a hard missile, which hit him just at the moment of his rescue by the police. It was not flung by a student but by a hooligan in the crowd. "Pussyfoot" declares that otherwise he enjoyed the whole experience.

BRITISH WHEAT.

BIGGEST HARVEST FOR 25 YEARS.

This year's yield of wheat (7,979,000 quarters) is, apart from last year (the highest on record) and 1915, the highest since 1895. It is nearly half a million quarters above the average for the last ten years. The yield per acre (28·4 bushels), however, is below the average for the last ten years, and 4 1-5 bushels below last year. The wheat was produced from a smaller area than the average.

Barley (5,476,000 quarters) is 600,000 quarters lower than 1918, and, with the exception of 1915 and 1916, in the smallest crop since 1885. The production of oats, with the exception of last year, is the highest for 12 years, but here again the yield per acre is nearly four bushels below the average.

The hay crop, 5,195,000 tons, was the smallest since 1893, and only about three-quarters of last year's yield.

EX-OFFICERS OUT OF WORK.

COMMITTEE OF BUSINESS MEN.

A strong Committee of business men, with Viscount Burnham as chairman, has been formed in connection with the work of the London District Directorate of the Appointments Department of the Ministry of Labour.

The Committee's first business will be to consider the growing problem of finding suitable employment for the large and increasing numbers of ex-officers and others in the London district whose qualifications can only be described as "clerical."

BURIAL OF HERR HAASE.

CEREMONY IN REICHSTAG.

The funeral of Herr Haase at Berlin was made the occasion of a great demonstration by his party friends.

As Herr Haase was shot on the threshold of the Reichstag that building was allowed to be used for the ceremonial preceding the interment. The interior was lavishly decorated with evergreens and the tribunes were hung with the party banners, the prevailing colour being the Socialist red.

The Reichstag was crowded with sympathizers. Speeches were delivered in praise of Herr Haase, after which his ashes were conveyed to the cemetery accompanied by immense crowds bearing innumerable wreaths.

BLOOD-RED.

TROTZKY'S NEW DECORATION.

A Helsingfors telegram says that Trotzky has been decorated with the Order of the Red Banner for his defence of Petrograd. The Emir of Bokhara is reported to have informed Denikin that he is prepared to assist in expelling the Bolshevists from Turkestan.

The latest communiqué from the Russian North West Army states that the White troops in the region of Gdov are making a stand south of Gostitsa on the line Livosjina - Pereves - Gorki - Mastoro-Lovinks - Pantilei - Kovo. In the direction of Gatchina the enemy is attacking along the entire front and has captured the village of Opolje.

INDUSTRIAL COURTS.

A special Conference of Labour delegates from all parts of the Kingdom met at Westminster Hall on Friday to consider the Industrial Court Bill. There was general agreement with the Bill except for two clauses, which render it optional for employers to refer disputes to arbitration and to carry out the awards given. The contention was that in both cases there should be no such option.

After Mr. Arthur Henderson had explained the improvements in the Bill which had already been secured on the second reading it was by a two to one majority decided to approve the third reading. In effect this means that the voluntary character of the measure will be preserved.

General Lord Rawlinson has been appointed to the Aldershot Command as from to-day.

PATHETIC YPRES.

HOW THE SANCTIFIED TOWN IS DESECRATED.

Lieutenant-Colonel Beckles Wilson, late Town Major of Ypres, whose efforts to safeguard the ruined city from desecration are well known, has returned to Ypres. To a Press representative Colonel Wilson gave some particulars of the present condition of the place.

Is the civilian population returning? The hundreds who have come back (he said) have come against their will. They have had no desire to return. They were promised a model village near by, for Ypres is wholly insanitary and utterly unsuited for a modern town. The solution of the difficulty is to give a tract of land in this neighbourhood in which to build a new Ypres.

The plea of rebuilding old Ypres is merely a cloak for a handful of people—many of them not Yprois at all—to hide their money-making ventures. They care nothing for Ypres and are profaning the ruins quite light-heartedly. But in over a million British and Canadian homes Ypres is a sacred place. Had the British Government shown the slightest zeal or firmness about Ypres the Belgians would have met our wishes long ago. Even now their Government is very sympathetic, and I have been assured in Brussels that after the elections the matter will be taken in hand. Remembering the immortal and holy associations of Ypres it should be converted into a vast and beautiful place of sepulchre for our dead. There is room in it for a separate cemetery for every division of the British Army.

No, the original decision of the Belgian Government was a wise one—to leave the pale corpse of medieval Ypres where the vandals had flung her and where she lay, graceful and comely in death, and not to raise her up, galvanize her with noisy estaminets, rouge her marble cheeks with baroque façades, and drag her forth into the universal limelight as an interesting soubrette who had been outraged, and not as a suffering saint who has been martyred.

THE ARMY IN FRANCE.

WORK ACCOMPLISHED SINCE THE ARMISTICE.

The letter of confidence in Lieut.-Gen. Asser, G.O.C. France and Flanders, contained the following interesting details:

Since the Armistice about three and a half million officers, and other ranks, and over twenty thousand of the Q.M.A.A.C. were demobilized, and the administrative arrangements made for the handling of the very large proportion of those that have passed through or been despatched from France and Flanders have, in the opinion of the Army Council, reflected very great credit on General Asser's Staff and the troops under his command.

The value of the stores thrown up for disposal during the period from the Armistice till October 1st amounts to over £116,000,000, including 39 million pounds worth of ammunition, and this result has been achieved under considerable difficulties due to the depletion of staffs, and the unavoidable withdrawal of technical personnel.

Nearly 185,000 German prisoners have been despatched from your Command to Germany, and some 55,000 British prisoners repatriated through France. The smooth working of the complicated transport questions involved has been fully appreciated by the Army Council.

COW'S MILK RECORD.

HIGH PRICES FOR BRITISH CATTLE.

On Thursday, at Tarrant Rushton, near Blandford, Dorset, Mr. J. S. Harding's herd of pure-bred British Friesian cattle was sold. The herd had an extraordinary milk record, 22 cows having the remarkable average of 830 gallons of milk per head for the past 12 months.

Prices were high throughout, 51 head selling for the great total of £10,548, the average price being £206 16s. 7d. The highest price of the sale was 900 guineas for the young cow Bowerchalke Queen II., which in the last 12 months has given no less than 1,300 gallons of milk.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS' OFFICIAL CONVICTED.

At Nottingham Assizes William Howarth Wood, aged 46, a former secretary of the Nottingham Branch of the Discharged and Demobilized Sailors' and Soldiers' Federation, was sentenced to nine months imprisonment in the second division for embezzling funds of the Federation by altering cheques.

It was stated that the prisoner joined the Army as a drummer boy when he was 13 years of age. He had been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal and had a pension of £125 a year.

COLD FEET CAUSES STRIKE.

About 400 colliers and other workmen in Monmouthshire went on strike yesterday because the train which was to convey them to their work was not heated. They declined to enter the compartments and went home.

The King and Queen visited the Olympia motor show on Friday.

The Italian Government has officially raised the blockade of Fiume.

ARMS FOR MEXICO.

PREVENTING SHIPMENT FROM BELGIUM.

The State department at Washington announces that the Government has taken steps to prevent the shipment of large orders of arms and ammunition from Belgium and Spain to Mexico. The American Charge d'Affaires at Brussels has protested that the shipment of arms from Belgium would be a violation of the International Arms Convention. As Spain is not a signatory to this Convention no direct action with Madrid is possible.

NATURAL HISTORY.

BENCH DECIDES THAT A BIRD IS AN ANIMAL.

At Mortlake Petty Sessions Mr. Kendall, was summoned "for keeping noisy animals, to wit, cockerels."

Sir James Szlumper.—I have yet to learn that a chicken is an animal.

A police-inspector.—There is no doubt about it, Sir James. There have been convictions.

Sir James Szlumper.—They may be wrong. The by-laws only mention noisy animals, and say nothing about birds.

Mr. F. W. Lambert, another of the magistrates, said that the Protection of Animals Act defined a fowl as an animal.

The Clerk made some objection.

Sir Charles Rugge-Price, the chairman of the Bench, reading from a dictionary, said:—"An animal is described as a 'living corporeal being endowed with sensations and voluntary motion.' A cockerel is, in my opinion, so endowed." (Laughter.)

Several neighbours said that the cockerels were in the habit of crowing continually throughout the night.

A witness, describing one of the birds, said that he had "a glorious voice, but he taught the young cockerels to sing in strange, shrill tones." (Laughter.)

The defendant said that he had killed all his cockerels except two, and these would now have "to go through it." (Laughter.)

The Bench fined the defendant 20s.

RESPONDENT'S SINGULAR COMPLAINT.

Mrs. Eva Sybil Owen, at Roseita House, Cheyne-walk, Chelsea, obtained a decree nisi of divorce because of the desertion and misconduct of her husband, Major Phillip Sidney John Owen, Arlington-street, Piccadilly. There was no defence.

The petitioner said that she was married in May, 1916, at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge. Her husband, who was in the Royal Air Force, had not lived with her since March, 1917. One of the letters he had since sent to her contained these words:

"I hoped that, after separation for practically a year, you would have settled down and accepted that state as permanent, and that we should without bitterness or animosity have freed each other other. Take one single instance: you arrived at my flat, at which you knew I lived with another woman, and proposed to take up your residence there. To me it is unthinkable, humiliating, and embarrassing."

The petitioner explained that her idea was to turn the woman out, so that she could live with her husband.

TROOPS FROM INDIA.

The War Office states that since 25th October, eight vessels have sailed from Bombay carrying 447 officers and 7804 other ranks. Of the 14 Territorial battalions and 19 Territorial batteries which were in India when demobilization recommenced after the interruption caused by the War in Afghanistan, ten battalions and nine batteries have been released, and the shipping programme arranged by the Indian Government will permit of the embarkation of the remainder of the Territorial Force units before the end of the present month.

PEACE DELEGATIONS TO RETURN HOME.

The American Delegation to the Peace Conference has notified its intention of leaving France early in December. The British Delegation has also given a similar notification.

It is considered from this that the work of the Conference will be concluded by that time.

NO EXTRA CERTIFICATE.

The War Office announces that in view of the great expenditure of time and money which would be involved it has been found necessary in the present circumstances to abandon the proposal to give an ornamental certificate in addition to the discharge certificate to each member of His Majesty's Forces who served in the war.

U.S. TO FEED ARMENIA.

It is reported that the United States has undertaken to provision Armenia until next August.

King's College hospital has opened an evening clinic for discharged soldiers. Two physicians and two surgeons are in daily attendance.

OUTRAGE AT CORK.

SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL WRECKED BY BOMBS.

A third attempt was made at Cork on Thursday night to blow up the memorial cross erected to soldiers who fell in the Boer war.

In order to distract the attention of the police, bombs were exploded in different districts between eight and ten o'clock, but at the latter hour an unmistakable explosion occurred. Some of the tablets bearing the names of fallen soldiers were partially destroyed, but the whole monument was damaged beyond repair.

DOVER PATROL MEMORIAL

ARRANGEMENTS FOR LAYING THE STONE.

Prince Arthur of Connaught, who is to lay the foundation stone of the Dover Patrol Memorial at Leathercotes Point, near Dover, next Wednesday, will arrive at Walmer Castle on Tuesday as the guest of the Lord Warden and Lady Beauchamp. The Prince and his hosts will drive to Leathercotes Point on Wednesday, and the ceremony will begin at 12.15. The Archbishop of Canterbury has been asked to conduct the religious ceremony.

Those invited to be present include the three admirals who had command of the Dover Patrol during the war—Sir Reginald Bacon, Sir Roger Keyes, and Vice-Admiral Cecil Dampier. After the ceremony there will be a luncheon at Dover Town Hall in honour of Prince Arthur, who is to be presented with an address of welcome by the Corporation.

WALWORTH SHOOTING CHARGE.

At Lambeth Police Court, before Mr. Chester Jones, Albert Victor Lawrence, aged 24, a plumber's mate, of Hillingdon-street, Walworth, was charged with wounding his father, John Lawrence, by shooting at him with a revolver.

Detective-Sergeant Peachey said that when he told the prisoner of the charge, he said: "Father struck me two or three times in the jaw. I pulled the pistol out of my waistcoat pocket and fired low down when he was getting the poker. I believe I struck him somewhere in the shoulder. He then ran after me with the poker into another room, and as he entered I hit him on the top of the head with a plumber's dummy. I did not hit him very hard, only just to stop him." The witness stated that the man was progressing favourably. The bullet lodged in his left shoulder.

The prisoner was remanded.

HUNGARIAN CABINET.

ROUMANIANS LEAVE BUDA-PESTH

The bulk of the Roumanian troops were due to leave Buda-Pesth yesterday, and the solemn entry of the new Hungarian Army will take place to-day. As Herr Frederick has failed to form a Coalition Government. Count Albert Apponyi has been summoned to Buda-Pesth, where after a conference with Sir George Clarke, he is endeavouring to constitute a representative Government.

GALLANT OFFICER'S BEQUEST

At a gathering of members of "A" Squadron, 1/1st Surrey Yeomanry, which unit saw service in France, Salonika, and the Caucasus, Captain H. Bell, announced that Major T. Barclay had, by his will, left £250 to be utilized in a manner to be decided upon for the benefit of those who saw active service with the squadron.

Major Barclay was on his way to Salonika when the ship in which he was travelling was torpedoed. With a fellow officer he boarded a floating raft, which subsequently drifted near a man who was unable to swim. Major Barclay jumped into the water and gave up his place on the raft to the helpless man. On being rescued Major Barclay lay down, and some time later he was found to be dead.

ENGLISH CHURCH UNION.

The Rev. Arnold Pinchard, vicar of St. Jude's, Birmingham, has accepted the secretaryship of the English Church Union, in succession to Mr. H. W. Hill.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Business opened more cheerfully, following the rally on Wall-street, and oils made a good recovery from yesterday's low levels. The market was nevertheless sensitive and any attempts to liquidate in order to forestall dull positions was the signal for lowering quotations. Funds were generally harder, and there were no indications of investors being frightened out of their holdings. There was a disposition afterwards to mark time but towards the close buying of oil shares was in evidence, especially Mexican Eagles, on the announcement that the successful proving of a new oil area was estimated to yield fifty thousand barrels daily. Mexican mines were dull on the Mexican Government's embargo limiting the export of silver. For bar gold 101½ shillings per ounce was paid in open market, the deal being said to be for the continent. Silver declined one penny to sixty-eight pence, on China selling. Marks were quoted at 160 to 160½ per pound.

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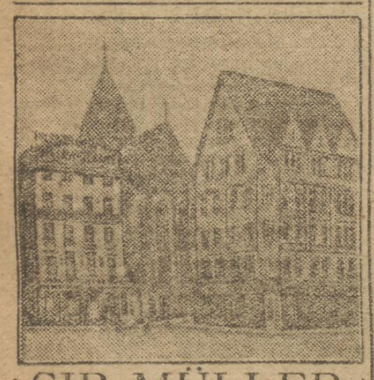

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THE BLOODLESS SACRIFICE.

When a man is compelled for a reason over which he has no control to abandon for an indefinite period his life's aim and ambition and with them his means of livelihood, he is confronted by no mean task, when the period of enforced inactivity passes, to take up the thread where it was broken and endeavour to knit together the past and the future without leaving inneffaceable traces of the rent which the break has occasioned.

And yet, how many as a result of the war have been faced with such a problem. Irrespective of calling, whether office boy, factory worker, business man or engaged in a profession, the experience in greater or lesser degree, has been patent to thousands.

For the period of the war personal aspirations found no place, and energy and effort were concentrated in other directions.

Each month that passed added yet another rung to the ladder of difficulty, until eventually resumption in the pre-war occupation was rendered an impossibility. Men, advanced in years, perhaps have had, and are having, no alternative but to turn their backs upon the past and to place their future hopes of successfully battling with the formidable problems of life in new and untried channels.

Was not this sacrifice of individual prospects one of the greatest made in the interest of the common cause?

We suggest, most emphatically, that it was and would add that it calls for something more than mere admiration and worthless thanks.

Something more is due to those who readily placed this gift upon the altar of their Empire's need.

Much has been said and reams have been written about the more spectacular aspects of war, the risk of death and huge donations to war loans and war funds, for instance, but this unostentatious and bloodless sacrifice has engendered little comment and scant notice. Let us give honour where honour is due.

THE TERRITORIAL FORCE EFFICIENCY MEDAL.

WHO ARE ENTITLED TO IT.

Owing no doubt to the complexity of regulations governing the issue of The Territorial Force Efficiency Medal, many of those who are qualified for it are under the impression that they are not, while, on the other hand, many of those who are not qualified for it are under the impression that they are.

The following explanation of the regulations governing the issue of the medal should help to remove the incorrect impression in both cases.

The medal is granted to warrant officers, non commissioned officers and men of the Territorial Force who complete 12 years' continuous service, with a minimum of 12 trainings, who are recommended by their C.O. Twelve years' continuous service, it should be noted, does not in itself constitute the qualification for the medal; the 12 *trainings* must also have been rendered.

Service in the Imperial Yeomanry or the Volunteer Force is allowed to count for every year in which the applicant was returned efficient—provided he was serving on March 31, 1918, and enlisted in the Territorial Force before June 30, 1908.

YEOMANRY CONCESSION.

An Imperial Yeoman, who enlisted into the same arm of the Territorial Force, may be awarded the medal after ten years' service and ten trainings in that arm.

Holders of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal for their services in the Imperial Yeomanry or old Volunteer Force may also be granted the Territorial Force Efficiency Medal if they have qualified for it by service in the Territorial Force.

Men already in possession of the Territorial Force Efficiency Medal, who either were granted it for their past Imperial Yeomanry or Volunteer service on enlistment into the Territorial Force, or have earned it subsequent to such enlistment, and have served for such further period as would qualify them for another efficiency medal, may be awarded a clasp to be worn with the original medal. Service that would qualify for the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal, or the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Long Service Medal, is allowed to count for the grant of the Territorial Force Efficiency Medal, provided the last five years of the applicant's service have been served in the Territorial Force.

Service rendered as an officer is allowed to count for the Medal in the case of men who were commissioned after service during the war in the ranks of the Territorial Force, and who, within three months of relinquishing their commissions re-enlist, or have re-enlisted, in the ranks of the Territorial Force.

The re-enlistment proviso is waived in the case of those who relinquished their commissions owing to wounds or sickness contracted on service during the war.

Service in a Cadet unit is allowed to count for the medal if it were rendered between the ages of 15 and 17 in a Cadet Corps or Cadet Battalion which belonged to the Cadet organisation in existence prior to May 21, 1910, provided the applicant enlisted into the Territorial Force within six months of leaving his Cadet unit.

BROKEN SERVICE.

Broken periods of service in the Yeomanry, Volunteers, Colonial Auxiliary Forces or Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve will be recognised as continuous service provided that the breaks were not of more than twelve months at a time and that, in the case of the Yeomanry and Volunteers, such breaks were prior to March 31st, 1908.

Men who enlisted from the Territorial Force into the Regular Army, the Navy, or the Air Force for the duration of the war may count that service towards the requisite minimum qualifying service for the medal. Further, in cases where more service must still be rendered to secure the requisite minimum qualifying service, such, Regular Army, Navy, or Air Force service is allowed to count as continuous Territorial service, provided that within three months of the date on which they cease, or ceased, to be required in the Regular Army, Navy, or Air Force, the men concerned re-enlist, or have re-enlisted, in the Territorial Force.

Men who during the war were discharged from the Territorial Force on account of wounds or illness contracted on service who at any time subsequently during the embodiment of the force voluntarily re-enlist, or have voluntarily re-enlisted, into the Territorial Force, will not be regarded as having broken their service; the period during which they were away has to be counted as continuous service for them.

EMBODIED SERVICE COUNTING DOUBLE.

In reckoning service towards the requisite qualifying period of service, and trainings towards the requisite number of trainings, for the medal, the following points should be noted:—Men who were serving in the Territorial Force on August 4, 1914, who were embodied under the Royal Proclamation of that date, and signed an agreement before November 11, 1918, to serve outside the United Kingdom, are allowed to count their embodied service as double, and any period of not less than two months embodied service in each calendar year as the equivalent of two trainings. Not more than two trainings are allowed, however, to reckon in any one year. For instance, a man embodied on the outbreak of war who had performed a training in 1914 before the war broke out is not allowed to count that training in addition to the two trainings for the "not less than two months'" period of embodied service rendered by him between August and December, 1914; he is not allowed to count more than two trainings for the year. Likewise, he is not allowed to count his 1914 year of service as two years; he is only allowed to count the actual embodied period of service as double—just the period in 1914 between August and December. The period of service in 1914 before August 4 simply counts as single.

MEN NOT EMBODIED ON OUTBREAK OF WAR.

Members of the Territorial Force who were not embodied under the Royal Proclamation of August 4, 1914, may only count any period of two months or more embodied service in each year as the equivalent of one training—not two! For instance, a man who joined the Territorial Force in, say, January, 1915, and served the whole 12 months of that year, can only count one training for same, although, of course, that 12 months' embodied service is countable by him as two years' service.

Men released for work of national importance are not allowed to count the periods they were engaged on such work towards the requisite minimum qualifying service for the medal, but, on the other hand, such release is not considered to be a break in the continuity of their Territorial Force service; the service rendered prior to such release counts along with any subsequent service rendered towards the total qualifying service required for the medal.

OUR GREAT DEBATE.

The conditions were not ideal, for our place of assembly was a hut used as a dining hall in a town not far from Cologne. How cold it was! We longed for a fire to warm us up, but alas! alas! there was no stove.

It is wonderful how the men attended; debates are always popular, for we all have a sneaking desire to become orators, and besides there are many future labour leaders and candidates for Parliament in our midst.

Concerts and cinemas are alright and very enjoyable but give us a good rousing set to on the platform by way of a change.

The subject of the debate was, "Is Continental life better than that at Home?" Jock, a sergeant, volunteered to prove up to the hilt that it was, whilst our Educational Instructor Sergeant took up the cudgels for the Homeland.

Both ascended the platform along with the Padre who was to preside, amid rousing cheers.

Jock warmed to his subject. France, Belgium, and Germany were the dearest spots on earth. He had no desire to be demobilized and forsake this paradise of Rhineland for the dismal strike befogged country of ours across the channel.

At this announcement there were many groans and the audience was intensely indignant. It almost looked as if there would be a riot but the Padre threatened to throw a German chair at the first man who approached the platform and that was sufficient to restore order.

Jock was now in great form. The light of battle was in his eye, and his voice rang forth in clear challenging tones. "Can you find", he asked, "any pubs in Great Britain to equal the estaminets in France and the cabarets in Cologne?" "Give me a chance to try th old Red Lion," cried one—great cheers.

"I'm a teetotaler myself" responded Jock. "Question!" cried the audience. "None of your camouflage old sport." Great laughter.

Jock became serious and spoke in earnest tones of the housing conditions here, the wonderful factories, the charming fraulein and a score of other points, and having had his say he sat down trembling with emotion.

His opponent, to use a common phrase, went for him like a ton of bricks. With intense scorn pointing to wretched Jock he cried:

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead
Who never to himself hath said,
This is mine own, my native land"—
(great cheers.)

He painted in glowing terms the glories and beauties of our freedom loving isle We were proud Britons "Think of our pretty cottages with their gardens," he said "the old village lanes, the woodland glades, the winsome lassies." At this point all the men began to weep and Jock's face visibly paled. A man rose to his feet and with the tears trickling down his honest face, sang:

"I want to see the dear old home again.
The cottage in the little winding lane.
I can see the roses climbing and hear
the sweet bells chiming
And I'm longing for the dear old home
again."

After this a mad rush was made for the demobilization office. Continental life! they had had enough of it, they must go home to that little cottage at once. The officer in charge looked very anxious but being a man of tact he gave each man a woodbine and a rum ration and told them to call at the office at 5.30 next morning and he would get them off by the 6.a.m. train.

A. G. R. O. has been published forbidding all debates on this subject and so at our next meeting we have decided to discuss "How we can provide roast pork for Christmas?" *G. K.*

MOON SHOOTING.

A NEW SPHERE FOR GUNNERS.

From "Everyday Science" we learn that a French astronomer wishes to take over one or two "Big Berthas" for the purpose of exploring the higher reaches of the earth's atmospheres. The guns would have to be mounted vertically, a difficult problem, and would fire shells to which various scentific recording apparatus registering atmospheric pressure, temperature etc. would be attached. This kind of work has been carried on for years by means of "ballons soudes" but "Big Bertha" properly mounted would carry heavier instruments higher into our atmosphere. With a muzzle velocity of 5,000 feet per second a shell of nearly 500 lbs. weight should travel to height of fifty miles and, as our atmosphere only extends to a height of about 45 miles, we should be able to obtain records of the highest strata, using the "Big Berthas." In all probability the recording apparatus would be smashed on its return to earth for it would be falling at the rate of 1,666 feet per second. Such shells would go beyond our atmosphere but would return to the earth. If a larger gun could be used giving to the shell an initial velocity of 26,000 feet the shells would never return Like the moon they would revolve eternally around the earth as a satellite. Could the muzzle velocity be increased to 36,000 feet per second they would go even beyond that and would join the host of minor planets which revolve around the greater luminary the sun. With guns large enough and powerful enough the gunners could thus provide astronomers with any amount of new "raw material."

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

SPORT IN RHINELAND.

Sir,—I read with interest (and a little doubt) the article of "Young Sport," and can only say how lucky he is to be a member of such a sporting unit.

I can only ask that he discloses his Battn. so that I might have to opportunity of having a talk with his Sport's Officer, and hear his side of the story, and incidentally perhaps he will be able to put me on the right lines of how to carry out my duties as Sport's Officer, to get that "Spirit of Sport" which is so prevalent in his unit and so conspicuous by its absence in most "Young Soldier Battalions." *"OLD BRIGADE."*

NO REST FROM JAZZ.

Sir,—I see that you have thrown out several hints about the newly started reading and writing room at the "Earwig" Officers' Club.

They are perfectly justified. One has always associated such a room in any club or institute with quiet—a place in which one could think in peace and write one's letters in a congenial atmosphere.

But when I dropped in there yesterday I saw a dozen or more officers trying to keep out of their ears the unearthly din of the jazz band playing only a few yards away. There is nothing to check the horrible clash of sounds but a curtain.

Some were vainly essaying to read and one or two tried hard to collect their thoughts sufficiently to write a letter. It was impossible though and there was no possible escape from the jarring discords.

I am well aware that the N.A.C.B. officials had to abolish the old reading room to make way for the extended Dutch House, but I do hope they will see if some other spot is available for those who are not jazz maniacs and appreciate a quiet retreat for reading and writing. *BRIG.*

WIVES AND EXTRAVAGANCE.

Sir,—With reference to the interesting subject rewives on the Rhine. I should like to add a few words. Personally I am more than grateful to the "powers that be" for the privilege extended and to justify my existence here. I am trying to make "Home" out of a German Billet, and thus in some small measure make up for the past five years and give my husband a good time. This is what most of us are doing and if we are fond of the shops and spending, I do think that how, when and where, should be allowed to remain.

B. TWEEN OURSELVES.

SMOLLETT'S VERDICT.

Sir,—I borrowed from the Library at the Army Book shop the other day a fascinating book by Smollett that somehow I had hitherto missed in my miscellaneous reading. It was his "Travels through France and Italy." I found it most entertaining. Smollett was a very human person, quarrelsome, intolerant and outspoken.

He has scarcely a good word to say for the French of his time. "If there were five hundred dishes at table, a Frenchman will eat all of them," he says, "and then complain he has no appetite."

And this is a mild statement compared to many with which the book is crammed.

He did not go through Germany in his travels, but if he had I wonder what his criticisms of the table tastes of our late enemy would have been.

X. X. Y.

EYES AND NO EYES.

Sir,—In "Upright", "Capt. R.A.M.C." has a somewhat doubtful champion. He starts off by accusing me of having eyes for only trivial things. A somewhat flattering accusation surely; the big things are obvious to all and sundry, but it is the man who takes notice of the minor and more obscure things who is going to reap the rewards of observation.

I am really sorry for your correspondent. He rules out the armchair as a thing of "cushioned ease" and regards it as dangerous to alertness of mind and vigour of body. I can imagine "Upright" sitting bolt upright in his stiff-backed chair and looking with fearful eyes at the armchair close by which threatens to deprive him of his mental and physical powers. But he must be sorely tempted at times!

I am wondering now if "Upright" avoids the cushioned ease of a bed for the same reason, and whether he uses the floor as such and pillows his heavy and worried head upon his field boots.

No, I am not convinced of the terrible consequences of the use of the "armed" chair, and once again unblushingly sign myself *"ARMCHAIRITE."*

SKATING APPROACHES.

Sir,—Long skating seasons are the general rule in Germany and those lucky enough to be stationed near Cologne may look forward to some excellent sport during the coming winter months. The object of this letter is to offer a little friendly advice to ice enthusiasts, to whom I say, send home without delay for your skates so as to be ready for the frost as soon as it arrives.

There were many "occupiers" in Rhineland last February—when there was some capital exercise to be had throughout the whole month—who were unable to participate through lack of skates. The E.F.C. offered a supply for sale the day the thaw set in. *SPEEDY.*

CHESS FOR OFFICERS.

Sir,—I am a keen chess-player whose duties are likely to keep me in Cologne until the spring of next year. My enthusiasm for the game grows the more I play it—despite a recent correspondent's morbid prophecy as to its effect on the mental efficiency of devotees—and I consequently rolled along to the Y.M.C.A. to join their club.

I was informed that officers were not eligible for membership, and diligent enquiries failed to reveal the existence of one where they are. Cannot something be done for officer chess players such as, for instance, devoting a room at the Club for the purpose? *CHESS-ITE.*

FROM THE SHOULDER.

Critic Hits Out in Defence of Young Soldiers.

MATTER OF ORGANISATION.

In strong terms "Anti-cant" replies to the criticism of "Old Brigade." Inefficient organisation, and not lack of the true spirit, is the cause of the dying enthusiasm, he says. His article is as follows:—

The scandalous libel of the British soldier perpetrated by "Old Brigade" and his supporters must not be allowed to go unenallenged. My own practical experience leads me to contradict his assertions flatly.

I joined a unit at the beginning of the summer and was told by several officers, "We have an extraordinary lot of men without an ounce of sport in them. They have to be dragged out to play games." That this was untrue was proved by the fact that within a month that unit was playing every sort of game every afternoon, and inter-Coy. and platoon rivalry was extremely keen. It was, however, a fact that in the beginniug games were not being played, although a very pretty programme of recreational training was rendered weekly as eye-wash for those who live on it.

Sports Officers Criticised.

Some of the causes of the bad state of affairs were as follows. First of all, there was an alleged sports officer. That appointmeut ought not to exist in any unit for the simple reason that it enab es the unit commander, his staff and particularly his subordinate commanders to shuffle on to other shoulders the responsibility for recreational training which is supposed to occupy half the working day of the Army of the Rhine.

A sports secretary by all means, but not a sports officer. Then the sports officer had always been the education officer. The "E.O." was a war crock unable to play anything more strenuous than ping-pong. Further he had no staff at his back and he was unable to organise competitons in all sports at the same time. Here lies the whole crux of the matter.

Men do not play games for exercise alone unless they are like the public schoolboys and unable through habit to pass a day without all round exercise and still feel fit. These together with the highly skilled experts form the small minority of so-called "sportsmen." Men play games because of the competitive spirit, because they like to excel in in anything in which there are degrees of human excellence and because they feel pleasure in acquiring a skill which enables them to be better than someone else, no matter how small that skill may be.

Organised Competitions.

In order therefore to get all round sports in a unit it is essential that there should be competitions organised in every branch of sport. There must be leagues so that the games are played with a definite object, on definite dates, between definite teams with definite supporters.

Games in the Army being voluntary it is essential that they should not be organised through the usual military channels but by an elected committee consisting of representatives of all units which are to take part in the league competitions to be run by that committee. Therefore do away with the sports officer. On the other hand i is absolutely essential that the commander of every unit should realise that games are an important part of training, and therefore a part of the duty for the performance of which they are paid, that they s ould see that proper committees are formed for every unit, however small, that those committees do their job, and lastly that someone is appointed president of the committee of sufficient authority to co-ordinate recreational arrangements and military duties, in other words to see the sergeant major does not put Pte. Alwaystight on fatigue when he is going to represent No. 9 platoon against the Orderly Room staff.

Hard to Understand.

If games are arranged on an organised, competitive basis and not on the haphazard style of Officers v. Sergeants at two pip emma arranged at one pip emma' it will never be necessary to drag men out to play.

I am at a complete loss to understand the mentality of the sports officer who goes to the trouble of advertising his failure to compete with the attractions of the cabaret, and proceeds to attack the men whose spirit pulled them through the war, charging them with lack of grit. Such an one would do well to enquire whether the officers in his unit from C.O. to the junior "second loot" are making arrangements for games in their own commandos or whether they are the first to reach the 'bier-halle' as soon as parades are over.

It is high time that higher commanders inspected units at play and kicked out officers unable to do the recreational side of their job.

As president of a unit sports committee I did not find that the question of grounds, recreational kit, etc. was all "beer and skittles" as painted by "Old Brigade." As regards kit I was unable to obtain a single cricket bat from the Army even on payment during the whole summer.

I suspect "Old Brigade" of wanting to "put the work out"; the whole thing is a question of organisation, not spirit.

ANTI-CANT.

SOME OF THE REASONS.

Young Soldier Defended: Encouragement Needed.

Another young soldier's champion has come forward and in the following article he advances reasons for their comparative lack of enthusiasm for sport and deprecates comparison between them and the old-timers. He says:—

I am aware of the large percentage of men who do not take kindly to sport in the Y.S. Bns. but I consider it unfair to compare 1914-18, men with the youngsters.

The 1914-18 Army was composed of men of sporting experience, as we all know included champions from nearly all branches of sport, and, not only champions but a large percentage of men who had been schooled in different games, or had put on the gloves—they had been broken in. There was a large precentage, perhaps who had never taken to sport, but when they mixed with the others, they also in most cases 'got going' themselves.

On the other hand the Y.S. are all of one age and, judging from my own Bn., had not taken to any sport except football before joining up.

What these men want is encouragement and instruction. I don't mean to fuss with them, but make them interested by talking on sport; the spirit's there and only wants bringing out.

My battalion has its teams for various sports and the officers are members and I have found them very keen to learn-our boxing instructor is busy.

There is still esprit-de-corps in all our boys and we have a very fine average of men taking part in some kind of sports.

I consider these young men have not the same advantages which the 1914 men had in the way of instruction; this should be given by officers who have had experience in sport.

I trust this will catch the eyes of the young soldiers and they will make an effort, and show that the famous sporting spirit which is the envy of other nations, is possessed by them, as it was by the veteran.

HOME AND AWAY.

Will this Season's Method be Scrapped?

BY TYNESIDER.

There are many voices being raised in protest against the presentseason's method of home and away matches taking place on succeeding Saturdays. This arrangement is not meeting with great approval and in many quarters it is being discussed. Great discontent is apparent among club officials and they have good grounds for it.

One reason is that many clubs benefit by catching a team at its weakest while others will meet the same team later, after it may have been strengthened and thus drop points. This is undoubtedly sound reasoning and no one will gainsay the facts in question.

If we look for an example of this happening we need go no further than Aston Villa. Beaten week after week, they were dropping points all round. Then came new men to their ranks, the weak spots were strengthened and we find them administering defeats to Middlesboro' at Aynsome Park and the "Throstles" at the Hawthorns.

The teams who had met the Villa previous to their recovery certainly benefited by the arrangement at present in force.

Another sound argument is the bad feeling which now and again creeps into the best of games. Tempers become ruffled and bad blood is often created. With the old system in vogue incidents (which to-day rankle and bring others in their train the following Saturday) were almost forgotten before the clubs met again. Heated games are not forgotten in a week and this should weigh in the balance, when a decision comes to be made.

Personally, judging from statements which reach me from usually well informed quarters, I am inclined to the idea, that the new system will not last another season.

The old Fletcher system should again come into operation, and the reversion to this method will undoubtedly meet with approval.

LAWN TENNIS AT OXFORD.

Judging by the numbers of men who have patronised hard courts at Oxford this term, lawn tennis is in a very flourishing condition, and the present hard courts are quite insufficient to meet the requirements of members. The Freshmen's Tournament attracted upwards of 60 competitors, and in the final N. A. Cazalet (Christ Church), the tennis player, b at J. C. F. Simpson (Queen's), after a hard struggle, which lasted an hour and three-quarters, the score being 6—2, 7—5, 7—5. Both played excellent tennis, Cazalet being the steadier of the two.

There was also an entry of upwards of 60 for the open handicap, which was won by C. W. Nicholls (Keble), who received 15, and beat G. U. T. Richards (Magdalen), rec. 15, by 6—3 and 6—1.

SURBITON BUY THEIR GROUND.

Faced by prospective building operations, it has been decided at a special meeting of the Surbiton L.T.C. to purchase the freehold of the courts at Berrylands used annually for the Surrey championships. The ground is over four acres in extent and has accomodation for twenty-four courts. Six hard courts are to be constructed.

RUGBY LECTURE.

Mr. W. M. Douglas, the old Cardiff and Welsh international three-quarter, who is now a member of the Welsh Rugby Union Committee, will address players, referees, and officials on points of the game next Tuesday at the Juvenile Employment Exchange, Cardiff.

HORSES SENT HOME.

When their trainers found that snow was laying thick on the Derby course yesterday morning, they had Light Hearted and Fancy Man sent home.

ALL FEATHER-WEIGHTS.

The novices' competition at the National Sporting Club next Wednesday will be confined to feather-weights, and aspiring boxers.

AROUND THE RING.

Basham Defeats Wells after Thrilling Contest.

JOHNNY SUMMERS RETIRES.

When two boxers of wide experiences and almost equally creditable records meet they cannot fail to attract a huge audience and the meeting of Johnny Basham, the British welter weight champion and Matt. Wells formerly holder of the light weight title, at the Holborn Stadium was no exception to this rule. The bout was one of 20 3 min. rounds and went the whole distance, Basham winning on points.

Wells Dashes in.

Wells, looking much the more burly, dashed into his man at once with a swinging left to the body, which Basham took on his arm. Wells was back at once, fighting hard for the body, and though Basham twice pulled him up with fine straight lefts to the face, the old Lynn boy had a shade the best of the opening round. Wells continued to force the pace in the second, but was several times guilty of holding Basham all the while was posing well, and one of his blows, a hard and straight left flush to the nose and mouth, was particularly telling.

Basham's Crisp Left.

There was no diminution of pace during the fourth round, in which Wells was still holding his own and proving himself to be a most worthy opponent of the champion—fast, strong, a good boxer and fine "general." But the pace of Basham's crisp left-hand punches, generally flush to the face, or a combination of both, told their tale in the fifth round, in which Wells was unmistakably slower, but he managed to open a cut at the corner of Basham's right eye, whether with his head or a left hook was not quite clear.

Wells, apparently gaining his second wind, came back none the worse, and had little the worst of round nine, that was full of excitement. So, too, were the next three rounds. The thirteenth, though not the so-called "fatal" one, was the worst so far for Wells, as Basham, who was boxing coolly and within himself, jabbed him hard with the left to the face several times. and finished up by hooking left and then right hard to the jaw with visible effect.

SUMMER'S RETIREMENT.

Distinguished Boxers at Farewell Matinee.

There was strong evidence of the popularity of Johnny Summers, the ex-welterweight champion, at the farewell matinee which was given for his benefit in the Imperial Palace of Varieties, Canning Town—lent for the purpose by Mr. Archie McDowell.

A good programme of musical items was arranged, and it was a matter of much appreciation to the beneficiare, who has definitely decided to retire from the ring, to see such well-known exponents of the "noble art" as Jimmy Driscoll, Pat. O'Keeffe, Fred Fulton, Pedlar Palmer, Gus Plat, Billy Fullerton, Fred Newberry, Jim Kendrick, Ted Moore, Alf Reed, Jack Farley, Abe Harris, and Frank Wallis in attendance to pay tribute to one of the most popular boxers of his day.

Dec. 4th Contest Referee.

Prior to the big contest on Thursday evening Mr. Cochran entered the ring and announced that he had secured the consent of Mr. B. J. Angle to referee the Beckett and Carpentier contest in that hall on Dec. 4 for the heavy-weight championship of Europe, and then he introduced the two contestants, the pair shaking hands most cordially.

BECKETT AND DEMPSEY.

Denial that American has Signed Articles for Match.

Several days ago a cable was received from America stating that Jack Dempsey, the world's heavy-weight champion, had signed an agreement with Dominic Tortorich, the New Orleans promoter and one-time partner of Tommy Burns, for a contest with Joe Beckett.

Dempsey, it was further stated, was to receive £25,000 as his share of the purse, but no mention was made regarding Beckett's share. On inquiries being made at Southampton, Mr. Bernard Mortimer, Beckett's supporter, said he had not been approached in the matter, and knew nothing of the alleged match. Further information from a reliable American source, is to the effect that Dempsey has not signed up with the New Orleans promoter named above.

SAINTLY MAUDE'S TWENTIETH RACE.

When taking part in the Allestree Plate at Derby on Friday, Saintly Maude was contesting her twentieth race of the season, which says much for the soundness of the daughter of Toussaint. She has won seven races, six in succession.

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

Can you write one?

Christmas will soon be here, and "The Cologne Post" wishes to encourage its readers to write short Yuletide stories suitable for publication in its columns at that festive period.

They can be on any subject and in any vein but they must not exceed 1000 words in length.

We offer prizes of 150 marks, 100 marks, and 50 marks respectively for the three best received and published, and any others we may think worthy of publication will be paid for at our regular rates.

If possible manuscripts should be typewritten, though this is not essential.

The last date for receiving Christmas stories will be November 20th. Envelopes should be addressed "Story Editor" "Cologne Post" A.P.O. S/40, Rhine Army.

ALASNAM ATONES.

Wins the Derby Cup by a Head.

EXCITING RACE.

The Derby Cup, run on Friday, was one of the most exciting races of the year. There were nine starters, and Alasnam, Sir Bailey's hitherto unlucky colt, started favourite being backed down to 6-5.

The Midshipmite got well away and led to the last turn when Alasnam forged ahead. Krooboy II then became dangerous; he made a determined challenge but after an exciting struggle Alasnam got home a head to the good. The Planet three quarters of a length in rear, finished third with the Midshipmite fourth. Details:—

1, Alasnam, (6-5), Sir A. Bailey, Weston.
2, Krooboy II, (20-1), Lord Zetland, A. Garnett.
3, Planet, (11-2), Mr. G. Barclay, H. Robbins.

Also ran:—The Midshipmite, Queen's Square, Wildwood, Daphne, Square Measure and Sheriffs Officer. It will be recalled that in Tuesday's "Cologne Post" our racing correspondent gave Alasnam as the winner, emphasing his marked improvement and consistency.

The winner is a bay colt, owned by Sir A. Bailey, by Alpha II—Sunny Lass, and is trained by R. Day.

In his previous performances this autumn he may be said to have been somewhat unfortunate. In the Cesarewitch, Cambridgeshire and Liverpool Cup he showed consistency of form and definite signs of improvement, but was not quite good enough to carry off chief honours.

Other Derby Details.

Going was somewhat hard and snow commenced to fall when racing commenced. The attendance was well up to the average.

Drakelow Plate:—1, Le Verguier (7-1); 2, Thoughtless (9-2); 3, Kalooiah (11-1). Twelve ran.

Stainsby Plate:—1, Ella (11-1); 2, Lady Shamrock (100-7); 3, Manuscript (100-7). Thirteen ran.

Friary Nursery Plate:—1, Princess Margaret (8-1); 2, Daniella (10-1); 3, Marcia (100-8). Eighteen ran.

Chaddesden Plate:—1, Santa Cruz (6-1); 2, Twincat (10-1); 3, Wee Mon (5-2). Thirteen ran.

Quarndon Plate:—1, Le Sund (9-4); 2, Square Meal (2-1); 3, Cryptic (100-8). Four ran.

CAN INMAN RECOVER?

Falkiner sets Champion Tremendous Task.

SMITH MAINTAINS LEAD.

The match between Inman and Falkiner looks at present to be a foregone conclusion for the latter. With only 1176 needed to reach his points he has a lead of 3,747. But Inman never acknowledges defeat and, hopeless as the position now appears, there can be no doubt that he will make a supreme effort to wipe off the arrears. If he is able to accomplish this it will be the finest feat of his career, which bristles with remarkable accomplishments.

Falkiner is undoubtedly a greatly improved player and this latest performance stamps him as a cueist who has by no means reached the zenith of his billiards fame. In the match he was conceded 2,000 start by the champion, and it yet remains to be seen whether he will reach the 16,000 with this margin to spare.

Smith is tenaciously sticking to his lead over Newman, and has, in fact, slightly increased his advantage. Closing scores on Friday evening:—

Falkiner (in play)	14,834
Inman	11,078
Smith (in play)	14,620
Newman	13,207

JOCKEY HOMEWARD BOUND.

Leslie Butcher, son of the Thetford trainer, expects to arrive home from Mesopotamia for Christmas. He writes home to his father, for whom he will ride as first jockey in future, that he has put on very little weight, and hopes next season to go to scale at about 8st.

SCOTTISH REFEREES.

At a meeting of the Scottish Football League in Glasgow last night, it was decided that no applicant for admission to the referee list who is connected as a shareholder or otherwise with any club in membership of the league shall be admitted thereto, and that any referee at present on the list who is so interested shall be removed. It was also resolved that the extra cost incurred by clubs in fulfilling their fixtures during the recent railway strike shall be borne equally by all clubs in the league.

CRICKET IN SOUTH AFRICA.

In a match played recently the Australian Imperial Forces team defeated Natal by an innings and 42 runs.

WAR CHRISTMASES.

Write your Experiences.

In addition to the prizes we are offering for short Christmas stories, we invite our readers to send us their personal experiences of the Christmases they have spent since the beginning of the war.

We require one for each of the years 1914, 1915, 1916 and 1917 and will give 50 marks for the best short description of a Christmas spent in the Army in each of those years. There will therefore be four prizes — one for each year of the war.

The length of these descriptive articles must not exceed 500 words each.

Typewritten copy is preferred but not essential.

The latest date for receiving them will be November 20th and they must be addressed 'Christmas" Cologne Post. A.P.O./S. 40 Rhine Army.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

NEXT WEEK'S ATTRACTIONS.

Apropos of "The Melting Pot."

The central idea of "The Melting Pot," which is to be given next week at the Deutsches Theatre, is the fusion of all the races in Europe in the crucible of the new world to form the American. But let no intending spectator run away with the idea that for this reason the play is only of interest to Americans. As the author points out in an afterword to the play, every country has been through the same period of absorbing foreign elements as America is engaged in today. Even in England this fusion is still going on. "In fact," says Mr. Zangwill, "according to Sir Henry Johnston, there is hardly an etheric element that has not entered into the Englishman, including even the missing link." In America this process is magnified to a scale that has no parallel in history. Apart, however, from this theme there is in the play a very strong drama, which is undoubtedly international in its appeal—as international, in fact, as the characters which compose it. Russian and Jew, Irish and German, all enter into the cast, and the play contains only one native-born American character, and that a bad one.

At the Palace.

Mr. Phillip Williams and Mr. Leslie Ross's Vaudeville Company, having made a big success of their visit to the Deutches Theatre this week, will remain in Cologne for a further period, opening at the Palace to-morrow (Monday). The company includes Ross and Hanton in comedy duologues; Phillip Williams, entertainer at the piano; Gerald Williams, tenor; Fabbie Benstead, Australian entertainer; Diana North, contralto vocalist, and Rene Hele, solo pianist.

The Cinemas.

With the inclement weather experienced recently, the warming influence of the picture theatres is in great demand. Splendid programmes are announced for the three Army cinemas in Cologne, as well as at the Leave Club and the Y.M.C.A. "Central."

Empire Leave Club.

The B.E.L.C. programme is as strong as ever. This evening at 6.30 there will be a concert by the band of the Inniskilling Dragoons, while to-morrow an impromptu concert from 5 to 6 p.m. will be followed by a practice dance and German class, both commencing at 6.30.

Topical Debates.

An interesting debate took place on Friday night at the British Empire Leave Club on the subject, "That the League of Nations would make war impossible", the motion being defeated by six votes. Private Kenny, R.A.S.C., proposed, and L.Cpl. MacCormack, Dragoon Guards, opposed, and others followed. Capt. Dennis K.O.Y.L.I. presided. The motion for debate next Friday (6.30 sharp) will be "Prohibition".

Chess at the Leave Club.

Owing to the large numbers of entries for the B.E.L.C. Chess Tournament, matches will be played on Tuesday evenings at 6.30, as well as Thursday at 6.30.

The position of players on 13-11-19 is as follows:

1, Sgt. Yates, 2, Sgt. Kemplin, 3, L/C. Howes, 4, Pte. Wooster has not played, 5, Pte. Duncan has not played, 6, L/C. Harrison has not played, 7, Sgt. Taylor, 8, Gnr. Stanley, 9, Cpl. Jordan, 10, Pte. Hartley, 11, Sgt. Fry, W. H., 12, Sgt. Rogers has not played, 13, C.S.M. Graham has not played, 14, S/Sgt. Hollowell has not played, 15, Sgt. Keight, 16, Cpl. Williams, M., 17, L/C. Whyte, 18, Pte. Scully, A.W. 19, Pte. Harrow, 20, Pte. Peck, 21, Sgt. Lloyd, 22, Dvr. Shaw has not played.

ALTCAR COURSING MEETING ABANDONED.

Although there was a distinct thaw in the early hours of Thursday evening, the frost returned with renewed vigour during the night, and notwithstanding that a considerable company of would-be spectators made the journey out to the place of meet, the Altcar Stewards, after inspecting the ground, quickly came to the conclusion that coursing would not be either possible on that or the following day, so decided to abandon the meeting, and a fresh date will be arranged to bring off this fixture in December.

SPORTS AT OXFORD.

Weather Interferes with Inter-Collegiate Events.

Had the weather permitted, a couple of heads in the inter-Collegiate competition would have been run off on Friday afternoon at Oxford, but what with snow, frost, and sunshine the track was in such a bad condition that racing was impossible. The events to be decided are 100 yds. hammer, long jump, half-mile, hurdles, putting the weight, quarter-mile, high jump, and mile.

The holders of the cup are Brasenose, who won in 1913-14. Seventeen colleges are entered, and the draw is as follows:—

Preliminary Round, Nov. 14.—Queen's v. Worcester.

First Round, Nov. 14.—Hertford v Keble; Brazenose v. Exeter; Magdalen, a bye. Pembroke scratched. Nov. 17: Jesus v. Merton; Trinity v. Lincoln. Nov. 19: Christ Church v. Oriel; Balliol v. St. John's. Nov. 20: New College v. Queen's or Worcester.

ORGANISED SPORTS.

Army Football Association's Project.

We hear on good authority that a number of football competitions—Rugby and Association—are being arranged under the auspices of the Army Football Association. A list of qualified referees is in course of preparation, and various cups will be offered for football, boxing, and cross-country competitions. It is proposed to make a start as soon as Rhineland affairs allow. We hope to publish full details of the proposals in a later issue.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Sun.	Aida	Verdi	6.30	10.15
Monday	No Performance			
Tuesday	No Performance			
Wednesday	No Performance			
Thurs.	Cosi Fan Tutti	Mozart	7	10
Fri.	Armourer of Worms	Lortzing	7	9.45
Sat.	Carmen	Bizet	7	10.30
Sun.	Flyin, Dutchman	Wagner	7.30	10.30

Central Y.M.C.A. Events.

Every night this week in the Great Hall of the Central Y.M.C.A., the programme will be 6—7, orchestra, 7—8, Miss Michel's Concert Party; 8-9.30 cinema (new films every night). In the Loreley Hall, there will be on Monday a Concert by the Y.M.C.A. Staff and others; On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday folk-dance classes, on Friday the weekly whist drive; and on Saturday a class for modern dances will be opened.

Whist Drive.

There was close scoring at the British Empire Leave Club whist drive on Thursday night. The 1st ladies prize was won by K. Watling, 19th Middlesex, with a score of 165 whilst a score of 161 was reached by three players — the result of the cut being 2nd, W. Civil, 5th Labour Coy and 3rd, J. Johnson, 159 Labour Coy. The three winning gentlemen also tied and cut for prizes — 1st prize, W. O. Cumming, H.Q. Signals; 2nd prize, F. Meighem, M. T. Depot; 3rd prize, R. Stocks, 18th Labour Coy. Lt. Higgins presided.

The old times.

As the late performances on Wednesdays and Fridays at the Deutsches Theater, have not proved successful, the performance commences every evening now at 6 p.m.

JACQUES.

NO RESTRICTIONS.

Send Along As Many Efforts As You Please.

OUR FOOTBALL SKILL CONTEST.

Provided you enclose one mark with each coupon sent in, no limit is placed upon the number of entries for each competitor in our popular football skill contest.

By the time this issue of "The Cologne Post" goes to press, the result of the competition will have been decided, although, of course, it will not be known who is to be the fortunate recipient of our prize-money. The sorting of the coupons and checking of forecasts is a substantial task, but the result, as usual, will be published on Thursday.

The football season having now got well under way, the capabilities of the teams is becoming more familiar, and in the case of some of the matches, at all events, the difficulty of deciding upon a correct prophecy should not be so severe.

In the coupon below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Not very much trouble, is it? Yet the slight effort might be the means of enriching you to the extent of several thousand marks.

Coupons must be addressed:—
FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 9,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S/40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into, Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 9.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov 22nd.
Closing date, Friday, Nov. 21st.

Arsenal	v. Notts County
Oldham	v. Manchester United
Preston	v. Liverpool
Sunderland	v. Newcastle
Coventry	v. Blackpool
Fulham	v. West Ham
Notts Forest	v. Tottenham
Bristol R.	v. Plymouth A.
Exeter C.	v. Northampton
Southampton	v. Brentford
Queens Park	v. Rangers
Airdrieonians	v. Dumbarton

I enter Football Competition No. 9 in accordance with the rules and conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

What is it?
The Editor whispers that he has a very important announcement to make almost immediately. It's something to do with Yuletide. That's all he will let me say at the moment.

Snowy Missiles.
In the country areas of Rhineland the troops have had plenty of lively contests in the last few days. Snowball fighting has been the order of the day.

For Music Lovers.
The winter musical season is now in full swing here. The hoardings daily announce new concerts, recitals, klavier and liederabends whilst the Cologne papers are devoting more and more space to matters musical.

A Children's Service.
Beginning to-day there will be a short service for children at 2.30 p.m. in the Lorely Hall of the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. The Chaplain who was nominated by the A.C.G. to give religious instruction in the Day School and other Chaplains will, it is hoped, take part in these services.

Prefer Heat.
I thought the Indian drivers had left Cologne but I saw a few yesterday. They didn't relish the present inclement weather at all.

They Love it.
A considerable amount of dancing or rather "jazzing" goes on every evening at the German cafes. The French and Belgians in Cologne take a large share in it.

Curious Effects.
Passing the Dom yesterday I was much struck with the gargoyles which are to be seen around the walls. Icicles had formed and these hanging from the mouths of the stone figures gave the impression that they had taken an offensive attitude and were putting their tongues out to passers by.

Not Lagging Behind.
On the bookstalls may be seen a German magazine devoted solely to the aeronautical mail services and development. It is called "Air Post."

Furs Going Cheap.
An officer who was warned that he would be going near the Baltic spent umpteen pounds in buying fur coats, caps, gauntlets and extra heavy underclothing. Yesterday he received his marching orders to—Arabia!

The Latest, But True.
Officer (to orderly) "I shan't be many minutes, if any one calls. I'm just going to visit my tonsorial artist." (Exit). Orderly (to caller) "Capt. Blank won't be long, Sir, he's just gone to see his tonsilitis."

Don't Gamble in Money.
Many soldiers now leaving for home, who had banked on a "certain" rise in the value of the mark now regret their unwisdom and are regretfully cutting their losses. Speculating is an expert's game after all.

A Suggestion.
A late evening club is suggested for those other ranks engaged in work that keeps them employed until seven, eight or even nine at night. The N.A.C.B. has its hands pretty full at present, I should say.

The Prince as Red Indian.
A photograph of the Prince of Wales in the headdress of a chief of Indians forms the frontispiece to at least one German periodical.

Hot Drinks.
I see that many of the Tommies in cafes and cabarets are now drinking coffee. With the advent of the cold weather they appear to find Rhine wine and lagerbeer rather too chilly for the internal regions.

For Renewal.
Quite a large number of British wives will find on examination of their permits that they will want renewing this month. It is surprising how the time slips along.

War Coins.
While I've seen plenty of Düren, Bonn and Coblenz war coins, I don't remember having seen any of Cologne. But then the Cathedral city has issued so much paper money that perhaps nickel was not deemed necessary.

Toys for Kiddies.
An officer dropped off the tramcar in the neighbourhood of the Army Post Office. "Toys" he said tapping a weighty parcel. Will the recipients be told they were made in Germany?

Still Very Cheap.
Don't forget that from Tuesday next the "Post" will cost you 50 pfgs per copy. Although before the war the sum represented sixpence in English money, it is now a little less than one penny.

Christmassy.
The series of ten excellent tableaux shown in the windows of one of the largest department stores here is attracting a deal of attention and admiration. It illustrates episodes from "Siegfried."

"SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT?"

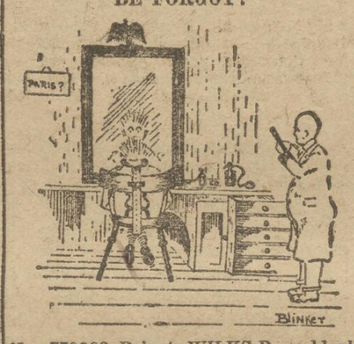

No., 770003, Private WILKS P., suddenly discovers that the Barber is a Jerry that he "slipped it across" on the Somme.

Quite Like Home.
The old familiar brilliantly coloured Christmas tree decorations in the most fragile of glass are making their appearance in the shops now.

For Ladies.
The Ladies' Corner at the Hohestrasse Arcade Book-room is now ready and replete with all the latest British and continental fashion journals. The German fashion publications, on the whole, do not reach quite so high a level as our own and the French.

Few Patrons.
They tell me that many of the "weinstubes" which blossomed out in Cologne when the A. of O. was at full strength are now experiencing a mild slump.

Not Like the Home Fires.
Many miss the cheery open fire of the regular British home. After all it is not quite the same sitting round a central heating stove apparatus, however ornamental and effective otherwise.

Glass Ware.
Many of our troops going home "Demob'd" are taking articles of glass ware with them as souvenirs, They are good judges.

Snow Shovels.
I noticed in the Waidmarkt, this morning, a youth shovelling the snow away from a shop front with a new kind of shovel. It was an ordinary notice board, cut at one edge, but he was going twice as fast as any of the neighbouring youths who were using hand brooms.

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AROUND AND ABOUT.

THE SEDAN CHAIR.

One of the papers remarks on the curious sight of a Sedan chair for sale in a London shop, and certainly the word suggests to most people the age of periwigs and snuff-boxes. But Sedan chairs have persisted in odd corners till quite recent times, and may not even yet be extinct. Bury St. Edmund's had one in public use as late as 1894, which has since been transformed into a wheeled vehicle. Even during this century a Sedan chair is said to have been used within the precincts of Hampton Court. In some ways the Sedan chair was a commodious vehicle, and though Horace Walpole attributes its disuse to the gradually extending distances of London, its decline was more probably due to the growing reluctance of human beings to be used as beasts of burden.

WHO WAS RIGHT?

Two women and a man, started a railway journey, in the same compartment. The man asked leave to smoke, and it was graciously accorded. At the first stop another man entered, and, saying "You don't mind smoking?" pulled out a pipe. The answer was a grunt which said, "We don't like your manners or your tobacco, but haven't the courage to say 'No.'" Presently more men entered. No leave was asked and smoking became general. The bolder of the two women jerked out, "This is not a smoking carriage." "But people were smoking when I came in," he said. A very acid "They asked leave" ended further controversy. The smokers left the compartment at the first opportunity. The women stayed to enlarge on the degeneration of men's manners. Both perhaps had a grievance.

WOMEN IN THE SADDLE.

Woman is certainly coming into her own on the road. In motor-cycling she is advancing rapidly. She is no longer content to take the seat in the side-car shielded by windscreens and rugs. Service with the Forces on light-car and motor-cycle has had its effect, and weekly the number of women on the road—actual drivers, not motor-cycling companions—is increasing. Hail, rain, and cold winds do not keep them indoors, and it is very apparent there is going to be no close season for a large percentage of them. It may be that the autumn glories, the splendid riot of colour in the woodlands, appealed to their artistic sense, but from the motor-cycling point of view it is something more—a developing ardour for motor-cycling for the pleasure of motoring.

PEACE-TIME UNIFORMS.

Although the large majority of soldiers heartily approve of the recommendations in favour of a special uniform for ceremonial purposes, the said uniform to preserve as many of the old distinctions as considerations of economy will permit, it is by no means certain that these recommendations will be adopted. Two factors are likely to operate against them, one being the rooted aversion some of our military authorities have against any changes and the other the possibility of panic economists demanding as dull and drab and cheap a uniform as possible. If the advocates of the latter carry their point it will, in Service men's opinion, be a great pity, for a total abolition of the old "joy rags" of the Army, with all the glorious traditions which they embody, would be most detrimental to esprit de corps and fatal to recruiting.

THE LAW OF NAMES.

If you want to change the name of Smith to the aristocratic one of D'Arcy, nobody can stop you. If you wish to be called Reginald instead of Dick, the law will not permit it.

"People can call themselves anything they like," said the Marylebone magistrate. "You cannot alter your Christian name, but you can the surname, which was only originally a nickname." A Home Office official corroborated this view. Any British-born subject can change their surnames, as instanced by the aliases many criminals choose. But it is not permissible to change the Christian name on your baptismal or marriage certificate.

FAITHFUL LOVER.

A Serbian girl who travelled 1,500 miles to find a British soldier to whom she was engaged has been reunited to him in London, and the marriage is to take place shortly. While serving in the Balkans the soldier fell in love with the daughter of the house at which he was billeted. After the British troops had left the village was raided by the enemy, and the inhabitants were scattered. The soldier made exhaustive inquiries, but could hear nothing of the girl, and gave her up for lost. A few days ago he received a message from the Serbian Minister in London asking if he could verify the story of a girl who had recently landed at Dover. She said she had come to marry a soldier of the same name as himself. On going to London he found that the girl, who was under the care of the Serbian Minister, was his fiance. She had travelled overland from Serbia, knowing but little French and no English.

HUMAN NATURE.

„You cannot change human nature", is the cry of many who stand in the way of the reforms that one longs to see in the world, but at the same time they are among the first to state that an Act of Parliament of such and such a kind will undermine the self reliance of the people.

We know that the elemental constituents of human nature will never change; man will always hunger for food, for love, for God; but while these elements need never be changed, or man's free choice taken away, there are always ways and means of guiding mankind in the right direction.

"Could the England of 1685" says Macaulay "be, by some magical process brought before our eyes, we should not know one landscape in a hundred or one building in ten thousand."

Exactly the same reasoning applies to the social welfare of the people, the change is so great that the men of two hundred years ago, would not recognise the England of to-day.

Human nature we understand has not changed, the desire for freedom on the part of the masses is just the same, the spirit of patriotism that made men fight for their country is still found among us.

Something then has brought that change into the life of England. Something has taken the desires of the people as a standard for advancement in all matters of state, and to-day we find the people of England with greater self reliance and a wider outlook on all matters of every day life. This change has been brought about by a definite policy of operation on the part of those who rule our land.

In the realms of spiritual thought we find men who still hold to the axiom that it does not matter what a man believes. We often hear one man say of another, he has no religion but he is a good man.

Then one may ask, what has changed that man from the state under which his ancestors lived, when the land was called savage, and the only man who mattered was the one who could place so many men in the field to uphold his own so-called rights.

The Human Nature of bygone men is still the same as ours of to-day, and we can only understand that some outside influence has been brought to bear upon the life of the man of the present century. In our own land that influence which has so changed the outlook of individuals, is the power for good which the light of the Christian religion has shed over the lives of men and women whose environment has been changed by the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Either Theism or Atheism must have made the change, for a man must believe in one or the other. We find writers like Van Bien placing before the people what he thinks Atheism has done for mankind, but even that logical writer forgets that Atheism is only a negation, which means nothing, and we know that "Anything" cannot come out of "Nothing," so we are driven back to the fact that all that has helped mankind for the advancement of that life is the outcome of definite policy, and everything points to that policy being the influence of Christianity upon the lives of men.

Then, while we can hold the theory that nothing can change human nature, do not let us forget that the human nature can be influenced and helped towards better things by the power that God gives to men.

C.E.R. WHEELER C.F.

MY LITTLE ARTICLE.

I am an aspirant to literary honours. Although I really am extremely modest about the subject, I "feel it in me" that I can write. Once I had a story accepted for my school magazine. I was twelve then, and when I was fourteen some one said my poetry was "sweet." So you see this feeling of mine is not without foundation.

And then I saw the entrancing question in the "Cologne Post." "Are you literary?" The very thing for me, my chance had come at last! "There is a tide in the affairs"—I thought as I grabbed pen and paper.

Well, I wrote my little article. When I had finished I felt a glow of satisfaction. It was light and dainty; the style was of a crystal clearness, and lacked not charm. It was funny, undoubtedly it was funny, it made me chuckle just to read the title. I had no idea I could write so well—so easily too, just ten minutes by the clock, and this little gem of literature had sprung into being.

Lovingly I re-wrote it, marvelling at my own delicious genius. By the way, what exactly was the correct way to spell parallel? Absurd how writing muddles one's spelling. "Nita, darling" I called to my wife "Two r's in parallel, aren't there?" Nita thinks she is an authority on spelling and it is tactful sometimes to ask her advice.

"Silly old boy, one r and three l's," she said, rubbing my hair the wrong way, and, of course, reading my little article "Oh, let me see, are you writing a story?"

I explained, and watched her as she read my neatly written page. I waited for the peal of mirth, with a sympathetic smile curving my own lips.

"But I don't see the point" she said, wrinkling her brows as she began to re-read the article.

"Did he kiss the wrong girl or was the right one offended?

She wasn't usually so stupid. I explained the point, which of course spoiled the humour and she didn't laugh. "There is a terrible split infinitive," was all she said.

"Bother!" why had I appealed to her at all? Women are always so superior, and I could easily have used a dictionary.

You like it dear? I'm going to send it to the "Cologne Post." I said, writing out an envelope.

"For heaven's sake use a nom-de-plume, then," she said in a perfectly unreasonable and inexcusable panic. "And let me glance through it first, dear old boy. There aren't sixteen s's in successes."

"That will do, Nita," I said coldly. "The article goes in as it is".

I sent my wife from my chair, and my article into the cold, critical world, to stand the test of an editor's eagle eye. That was a month ago and for aught I know, it is still the beam in that eye—for it could never be a mote.

I shall write another soon, and do it all by myself this time.

E.M.S.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Very Necessary Though.—Judge Radcliffe says bath rooms have become a fetish.

The Start.—Skating has begun in North Wales uplands.

The Prince.—The Prince of Wales will reach Portsmouth on December 1st.

Manchester Glad. — Handforth camp has been cleared of German prisoners.

All Hot.—Chestnuts are being sold in London at 2d. a bag—of six.

The Example.—Flogging of women is illegal in all British Colonies.

The Cost. — Each convict costs the State 42.9 a week.

Line Up!—There are poultry queues in South London.

For Breeding.—Japan is buying Kentish sheep.

Unchanged.—No change has been made in the Bank rate this week.

Obstacles Cleared Away. — Channel tunnel prospects are rosier.

A Gift.—President Poincare is credited with a wonderful memory.

For All. — All classes seem to be wearing fur coats in London just now.

The Day.—Leslie Henson's marriage will take place early next month.

Back Home.—The King and Queen of the Belgians have arrived in Brussels.

Generous.—President Poincare has given £200 to the poor of London.

Another Shamrock.—Shamrock IV has been launched from Brooklyn.

The Bill.—The estimated cost of the Channel Tunnel is £32,000,000.

A New Club.—The R.A.S.C. is founding a club for demobilized and serving officers.

Victory's Toll.—It transpired that our losses in the Jutland Fight were over six thousand dead.

British.—A Leicester collier effected the rescue of a woman by being lowered 60 feet into a well.

Shop Assistant V.C.—An institute for shop assistants is to be started at Carlisle in memory of its V.C.

Coining at a Loss.—Owing to the price of silver the metal in bulk is selling above coining value.

Palace Problem.—The Bishop of Lichfield claims that he has £1,200 a year to keep up a palace which costs £1,600 a year.

Premium Bonds.—Parliament will discuss premium bonds the week after next.

Government Policy.—To-day bricks cost at least 25 per cent. more than the real economic price.

For a Picture.—Thirty two thousand guineas was paid for a picture at Christie's.

Strange.—Abroad since 1914, the 1/4 Battn. Royal West Surreys has not an officer or man killed or wounded.

Did You Know?—Legally a husband is responsible for any slander that his wife may utter.

Tempting.—When Mr. Hughes was in England he was offered £3,000,000 for the Commonwealth merchant fleet.

Caution.—The Prime Minister wants to see the League of Nations working before Britain puts its trust in it.

Raspberries to Follow.—It is said that five pounds of ripe cherries have just been picked is Sussex.

Impatient.—The Prime Minister has received a deputation urging an early start on the Channel Tunnel.

The Next.—The call to the pastorate of the City Temple is likely to be offered to Dr. Hutton of Glasgow.

Becoming Mormons.—Many women converts are said to be leaving England for Utah.

At Last.—London business men are said to be making a real attempt to aid resettlement of officers.

Obliging.—Another turtle has come ashore at the Humber foreshore. It has been sent to the King.

Prosperous.—Welsh tinplate makers are declining orders for delivery before next March.

Strange Find.—A workman at Wirksworth found an ancient axe-head declared to be 2000 years old.

A New Strength.—The Food Controller was asked by a member of Parliament to have whisky raised to "sanitary strength."

Example.—As a thank offering for the birth of a son, a South Wales millionaire has given a thousand guineas to Cardiff Hospital.

"O Daddy!"—When the Chancellor of the Exchequer was presiding at the Ceremony of the Pricking of the Sheriffs one of his children exclaimed "O Daddy!"

Doggies Pleased.—Dog owners leaving London for six months or more may take their dogs with them provided they are muzzled.

No Scraps Of Paper.—The proposal to issue an ornamental certificate to all who served in the war has been abandoned.

The Gallant Guards.—Friday was the fourth anniversary of the wonderful stand by two officers, and 80 men of the Scots Guards at Festubert.

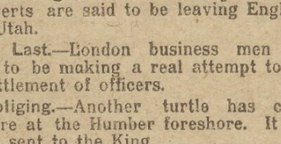

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U. S. AND THE PEACE TREATY.

SENATE RUINING THE PROSPECTS OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS TO RAILWAYMEN.

PEACE TREATY.

PRACTICALLY ANNULLED BY U.S. SENATE.

For the first time in the history of the United States Senate the principle of the closure has been adopted which limits each speaker to one hour. Under the ruling of vice-President Marshall the closure is effective until the Peace Treaty is ratified or the President notifies the Senate that he does not consent to reservations. The vice-President has further ruled that the rejection of one resolution of ratification of the Treaty would not prevent another being brought up in the hope of effecting a compromise, if the majority of the Senate so desired.

From the moment the closure was declared during the debate on the Peace Treaty the Republican majority of the United Senate overrode all opposition. The Senate had hitherto adopted all but two of the Foreign Relations Committee's reservations, including the reservation to the United States of the right to increase armaments without the consent of the Council of the League of Nations whenever the United States was threatened with invasion or was engaged in war.

The Democrats have called a conference of friends of the Treaty for early this week with a view to finding a compromise.

The following reservation resolutions have already passed the Senate.

The United States reserves to itself exclusively the right to decide what questions are within its domestic jurisdiction. It declares that all questions relating wholly or partly to its internal affairs, including labour, immigration, coast-wise commerce and traffic, and all questions affecting the present boundaries of the United States, its insular and other possessions, cannot under the Peace Treaty be submitted to arbitration or consideration by the Council or Assembly of the League of Nations or to decision or recommendation by any power.

The Monroe reservation says the doctrine is to be interpreted by the United States. It is wholly outside the jurisdiction of the League of Nations and is entirely unaffected by any provision of the Treaty of Peace with Germany.

The Shantung reservation declares that the United States withholds its assent from articles 156, 157 and 158, and reserves to itself full liberty of action in respect of any controversy arising under the said articles between China and Japan.

The reservation on economic boycotts says that the United States reserves the right to permit nationals of any Covenant-breaking State (as defined in Article 16 of the Covenant of the League of Nations) residing within the United States, or in countries other than that violating the said Article 16, to continue commercial and personal relations with Nationals of the United States.

The decision of the Senate in adopting these reservations, thus practically nullifying the Treaty of Peace, has produced a situation which is viewed in London and Paris with the utmost concern, and the illness of President Wilson at this critical period increases the difficulty of forecasting any solution. One uncertain factor is whether the American people approve or disapprove of the Senate in thus overthrowing the whole of the Labour of the President at the Peace Conference.

PROPOSAL TO SELL GERMANY'S RAILWAYS.

A proposal to sell the German State railways to America has been put forward by a "well-known financier" in "Germania", Herr Erzberger's principal organ, on the plea that all other attempts to obtain foreign credits had failed. The railways are estimated to be worth from 90 to 100 milliards of marks (£5,000,000,000).

RUSSIAN INDIGNATION WITH LLOYD GEORGE.

All the newspapers in North Russia says a telegram from Archangel, comment with some aspersion on Mr. Lloyd George's Guildhall speech. One says: "To think that Russians could bring themselves to treat with ruffian commissaries is to be ignorant of the real situation of Russia."

YUDENITCH IN PERIL.

According to a Reval message the Esthonian Government has decided to disarm Yudenitch's Army if it crossed the Esthonian frontier. It is reportes from Helsingfors that Tchicherin has reproached the Esthonian Government with supporting Yudenitch. Bolshevists are violently attacking the Esthonian troops but hitherto have been everywhere repulsed.

The Secretary of State for Scotland has appointed a Committee to hold an inquiry and report on lands used as deer forests.

LABOUR MATTERS.

PRESENT AND FUTURE CAMPAIGNS.

Labour leaders and Trade Union officials were very busy during the whole of last week. There is now no immediate crisis, although the situation is not without anxieties to those concerned. The railway negotiations have yet to be satisfactorily concluded. It was anticipated that the National Union of Railwaymen's Committee would have been able to give a final answer on Saturday to the Government's proposals, but the Committee adjourned until to-day. The railwaymen appear to recognise that the offer to them to share in the Committee of Management of the Railways is a big step and there is little doubt that it will be accepted. One of the questions which caused some discussion was as to whether the proposed Committee will have executive powers or will be merely advisory.

The Special Trade Union Congress which will be held in London on the 9th and 10th December has been called for an earlier date than was anticipated, and it is doubtful whether the Labour representatives who have gone to Washington will be back in time for it. The demand for nationalization of mines will occupy an important place on the agenda and the Congress will be called upon to decide its course of action to induce the Government to carry out the majority report of the Sankey Commission. A campaign in favour of the principle of nationalization is to be launched almost immediately with the full support of organised labour. The cost of living is another important subject which will be brought before the Congress.

Mr. Hill, Secretary to the Boilermakers Society, writes that the question of working hours is likely to give trouble before the winter is over. Formerly the hours in midwinter were only forty weekly but the men are now being asked to work forty-seven hours all the year round.

RAILWAYMEN.

DETAILS OF GOVERNMENT OFFER.

Addressing a large meeting of Railwaymen at Bristol on Sunday, Mr. J. H. Thomas gave a few further details of the Government's offer, which he hoped would be accepted. He said the proposed Joint Board was to consist of five general managers and five representatives of the Locomotive men and the National Union of Railwaymen. These ten would be charged with all negotiations in connection with conditions of service.

In the event of failure of any negotiations the public would be brought in by referring the dispute to another body of twelve. Four of these would represent four of the companies and four the public. One of the last would be a Trade Unionist quite unconnected with the railways, and another would be a representative of the co-operative movement. There would also be local machinery to deal with local questions. Another important concession was that three railwaymen would join the Railway Executive Committee with powers equal to those possessed by general managers.

RECORD SNOWFALL.

Further snowstorms of seven hours' duration in the East Yorkshire Wolds have greatly increased the depths of the snowfall. Roads are being cut for traffic and all outdoor and agricultural work has been stopped. A Berwick message says that never in the memory of living men has such a snowstorm been experienced in the Border districts, where the snow is now lying eighteen inches deep. Snow ploughs are being used to clear the country and sledges are in great demand.

The South and East of Scotland is experiencing from 29 to 32 degrees of frost. Such conditions of Arctic weather have not prevailed at this period of the year for over half a century. Skating, curling and tobogganing are in full swing.

NEEDLE IN THE HEART.

An extraordinary story of the discovery of a needle in a child's heart was told at Shoreditch Coroner's Court at an inquest on Rosina Maud Newton, aged 13 months, the daughter of a leather case maker, of Wenlock-street, Hoxton. The child was taken ill on Wednesday and died in a few hours.

Dr. J. Fettes, said a post-mortem examination disclosed the end of a needle projecting about an inch outside the pericardium, while the tip had penetrated the pericardium and left ventricle. The needle was about 2½ inches in length, and had been there at least some days. There was no skin wound to show where it entered the body.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was recorded.

SOCIETY SUICIDE.

MYSTERIOUS CLAIM TO ROYAL DESCENT.

The mystery surrounding Mrs. Steane the society woman who committed suicide by taking cyanide of potassium after attending the Victory Ball, is attracting considerable attention. It appears that she herself claimed descent from the Crown Prince Rudolf of Austria. When she arrived in England from America about three years ago, Scotland Yard, which was aware of her claims, made an exhaustive investigation. The officials were convinced that her parents were American. She, however, had many believers in Society, in which she soon became a prominent figure.

Extraordinary tales of her antecedents were current, including one to the effect that the Austrian Emperor Francis Joseph gave a priest fifty thousand pounds to have her educated in America, where she was known as Alma Vetcera. After several brilliant seasons in New York she married a Canadian, whom she divorced on grounds of desertion before she came to London.

PENSIONS SCANDAL.

ENQUIRY INTO LOCAL COMMITTEE'S ADMINISTRATION.

The Ministry of Pensions have informed the East Ham War Pensions Committee that they are placing an officer from the Ministry in charge of all the funds entrusted to the committee and to make payments, and also that they are closing the committee's banking account. The Ministry also intend to hold a public inquiry into the administration of the local committee on November 24.

The committee last night considered the letter, and a sub-committee was appointed to go into the details of cases in which it was suggested there had been irregularity, for the purpose of preparing a case for the inquiry.

It will be remembered that the committee took up the case of a W.A.A.C. who appealed for the full allowance made to discharged soldiers, contending that she had been discharged on medical grounds. Despite a recent answer in Parliament that the allowance should not be paid, the committee have continued to pay it.

NO CONSCRIPTION.

TWADDLE AND TROUBLE.

The proprietors of the Aldwych theatre have cancelled the letting of that theatre for the 30th November, when a demonstration of the "No Conscription Fellowship" was to have been held, at which Mr. Smillie, the Hon. Bertrand Russell, Mr. Philip Snowden and Lord Parmoor were expected to speak. It is believed that the theatre authorities are apprehensive of disturbances if the meeting is held.

MONTENEGRO AND BALKAN ALLIANCE.

The Jugo-Slav delegate to the Peace Conference, M. Radovitch, referring to the recent discussion in the House of Commons regarding Montenegro, has declared that the representatives of all regions and of all political parties in Montenegro have expressed their attachment to the new political regime, under which Montenegro has joined the Serbo-Croat-Slovene State.

He denied that Jugo-Slav troops have been used to influence Skupshtina or that Serbian troops were oppressing the people of Montenegro. The troops in question, which were mostly composed of natives of Montenegro and volunteers, were only defending the peaceful population against brigands, who are supported by the enemies of Jugo-Slavia. This unrest would vanish as soon as the foreign troops quitted Jugo-Slavia.

Nobody, he declared, could ever again separate Montenegro from the Serbo-Croat-Slovene State, the basis of which will be definitely settled by a constituent assembly composed of members freely elected by the peoples of the whole State.

IRISH CATTLE FAIR SUPPRESSED.

The cattle and sheep fair at the village of Kilcommon, County Tipperary, which is within a proclaimed area, was dispersed by armed police on Saturday, beasts brought to the fair being turned back. There was no resistance and for a novelty everything passed off peacefully.

LATVIA'S GRATITUDE.

Mr. Lloyd George has received from M. Ullmanes, the Premier of Latvia, a telegram conveying the heartfelt gratitude of the people of Latvia for the assistance rendered by a British squadron in repelling the German attacks on Riga, also for arms, ammunition and equipment supplied. The telegram concludes with an appeal to the British nation to continue to render assistance.

ALLIANCE IN THE UKRAINE.

Representatives of the border states of Poland, the Ukraine and White Russia are discussing the question of an Alliance with a common policy. The best understanding prevails.

'VARSITY NOTES.

ANCIENT GREEK AND MODERN YOUNG WOMEN.

During the past week there have been further developments in the question of compulsory Greek at Oxford. While it is certain that the Greek Committee's amendment to the Responsions Statute (namely, the exemption of scientists, mathematicians and passmen from compulsory Greek) will be moved at the next Congregation, there are signs of a still further compromise. Professor Gilbert Murray has indicated that a new amendment will be moved with the concurrence of the Greek Committee, the net result of which would be to lighten the extent of compulsory Greek by dividing the subject into four compartments and allowing candidates to offer two only. One of the four would be the subject matter of a Greek book studied in English. There is, however, considerable opposition to establishing such a dividing line between Passmen and Honours men, as this charge would tend to increase the number of Passmen instead of reducing them as is desirable.

The University seal has been affixed to the French regime. The Warden of All Souls has been appointed to represent Oxford for the occasion.

At Cambridge the proposed alterations in the length of terms is generally approved except as regards the possibility of an extension of the Easter term affecting the Long Vacation work, the value of which, especially in the case of science men, is fully recognised. Consequently, the proposed charges will be readjusted so as to keep Easter term engagements well within June.

The Union Debating Society now has 1,009 members and all the social clubs are again in good working order. The Historic Amateur Dramatic Club has resumed its activities, but has been financially crippled by the war, during which it has only been enabled to pay rates and taxes, etc., by the guarantee of a few resident old members. This sum must be paid off and the secretary is appealing to old members for contributions. On the other hand its young rival society is doing remarkably well.

It is rumoured that Miss Stephens, Principal of Newnham, and Miss Sedgwick, ex-Principal and now Bursar, are both resigning. Modern young women rather resent the application to them of what they regard as old-fashioned nineteenth century ways, and it is anticipated that when the new appointments are made it will be borne in mind that Newnham is very "advanced."

PRISONERS IN RUSSIA.

BRITISH AND SOVIET ENVOYS MEET.

The representative of the Russian Soviet, Litvinoff, was due to arrive on the Esthonian frontier on Sunday. The British Admiralty are arranging to convey him from Reval to Copenhagen but whether on a destroyer or otherwise is unknown. He will have with him two British prisoners of war and is expected to reach Copenhagen on the 19th, where he will confer with Mr. James O'Grady, the Labour M.P., who has gone to Copenhagen to arrange details for exchange of prisoners, both military and civil.

HOLLAND AND BELGIUM.

NO MILITARY ALLIANCE.

The Dutch Minister for Foreign Affairs, in a speech in the second Chamber, stated that the Netherlands Government identifies itself with the objections which have been made to a military Alliance with Belgium. He further declared that the Dutch Government intends to become a party to the League of Nations as soon as the Treaty embodying the Covenant comes into force. It would not serve any useful purpose, however, for the Government to commit itself at present.

DENIKIN EVACUATING KIEFF.

Reuter learns that Denikin has ordered the evacuation of Kieff. His army is in a very dangerous position and hard pressed by the Bolshevists, while his railway communications have been cut in his rear by Ukrainian insurgents. A Bolshevist wireless message announces that the Reds have occupied Omsk.

GERMAN CONSUL RE-INTERNED.

The former German Consul in Brisbane, named Hirschfeld, who had been released from internment and whose deportation was recently demanded by a meeting at Brisbane of some three thousand returned soldiers, has now been re-arrested and will be re-interned.

ALSATIANS INDEMNIFIED.

It is reported from Strassbourg, via Paris, that Germany has agreed to pay 25,000,000 francs to the French Government to enable the latter to indemnify some 4,000 Alsatians who were arrested during the war for their French sympathies.

The Reverend Draper, Rector of Leeds, has been appointed Master of the Temple in succession to Canon Barnes, whose resignation takes effect in January.

ARMY DISCHARGES.

APPRENTICES AND WIFE DESERTERS.

An Army Order issued on Friday amends the King's Regulations by further provisions for the discharge of:

1. Soldiers claimed as apprentices under Section 96 of the Army Act;
2. Men who made false declarations on attestation;
3. Men claimed as wife deserters.

In the latter case, if the Parish authorities do not send a constable to arrest the soldier he will be held to serve and a portion of his pay will be withheld for his wife's support. If the wife applies for a man's discharge within six months of his attestation and produces the necessary evidence, a portion of his soldier's pay will be withheld for her benefit or summary proceedings will be taken under the Army Act with a view to securing the man's conviction and discharge. If a man has served for more than six months and it is considered desirable to retain him in the service he will not be discharged except on application by the Parish authorities. If he is retained in these circumstances and his wife claims almony, it will be granted.

COLLIERIES CLOSED.

CANNOT COPE WITH INCREASED OUTPUT.

The Welsh Anthracite Miners' Association at Swansea has passed a resolution calling on the Coal Controller to investigate the closing of a number of collieries, having regard to the urgent need from a national point of view for further production of coal and the necessity of keeping the collieries working.

It is understood that the owners have taken the step through lack of transit facilities in dealing with larger output, owing to the considerable railway congestion and the great shortage of railway wagons.

POLICE BARRACKS BURNED.

Coora (Clare) police barracks, at which a conflict took place between police and civilians last week, has been burnt to the ground. When police reinforcements arrived and relieved the besieged sergeant and constable with their prisoners the entire party returned to Kilrush. After their departure a crowd gathered, tarred the woodwork of the barracks, smattered the windows with bullets, and broke up the furniture. The building was then set on fire and burnt to the ground.

As all telegraph wires are cut news is slow in coming through. There is great excitement in the district.

SMART PROFITEERING FINES.

William Goode, of the Railway Hotel, Hinckley, was fined £60 and 25 guineas special costs at Leamington for charging 8d instead of 8d. for Guinness's stout. He was caterer at the Warwickshire Agricultural Show.

For an overcharge of 2½d. on a two-pound packet of Quaker oats, Henry Duncombe, manager, Lethbridges Stores, Eastbourne, was fined £20 and five guineas special costs.

At North London Police Court Alfred Unwin, licensee of the George public-house, Glyn-road, Hackney, was fined £100 and ordered to pay £4 4s. costs for selling four half-pints of bitter ale at 5d. instead of 4½d. per half-pint.

NOBEL PRIZES FOR GERMANS.

The 1918 Nobel prize for physics has been awarded to Professor M. Planck, of Berlin University; the 1919 Nobel prize for physics to Professor Stark, of Greifswald University; and the 1918 Nobel prize for chemistry to Professor F. Haber, of Berlin University. Each prize is worth about £8,000.

FOR THEIR FATHERS' VALOUR.

Himself a holder of the French Military Medal, a very rare distinction for officers, General Sir William Robertson, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army of the Rhine, represented Field Marshal Earl Haig at a ceremony held at the Trocadero, Paris, on Sunday. It was a function organised by recipients of the medal in aid of the children of those other ranks awarded the Military Medal who were killed in the war. Every foreign sovereign who has been awarded the medal was also represented.

M.O.'s DEMOBILIZED.

The War Office states that 4823 medical practitioners have been demobilized from the Army since 1st April last. Approximately 173 medical practitioners holding temporary commissions are still detained under the terms of their contracts in Mesopotamia, 152 in India and 244 in Egypt.

DEPARTURE OF ANZAC GENERALS

General Sir W. R. Birdwood and Lady Birdwood, and Lieutenant-General Sir John Monash and Lady Monash, with their daughter, embarked for Australia in the S.S. Ormonde, at Tilbury, on Saturday.

YOUNG SEA-DOGS.

SCHEME FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

The report of the Committee appointed to prepare a draft for a National Scheme of training for the sea service has just been issued. It recommends the establishment of a National Corporation to supervise and administer the scheme of training. Such training should be confined to deck ratings, prospective engine-room ratings, and stewards, who enter the sea service up to the age of sixteen. The primary object of the training institutions should be to give a sound general education concurrently with technical instruction for sea life. The Admiralty must provide the vessels for the necessary work afloat. The Committee are opposed to the acceptance of boys from reformatory schools but are in favour of including boys from industrial schools. The suggested rate of pay during a boy's first year at sea is 25 per cent. of an able seaman's wages and in the second year and until his indentures terminate, fifty per cent.

BOGUS AMBASSADOR ARRESTED.

The New York State Legislative Committee which is investigating the activities of the Radical extremists has issued an order for the arrest of Ludwig Mertens, who describes himself as the Russian Soviet Ambassador, for failing to appear before the Committee.

Mertens ignored the subpoena ordering his appearance, and insisted on his immunity as a diplomatic representative. A later message states that Mertens has been arrested.

Jim Larkin, the Irish Labour leader, has been committed for trial before a grand jury. The chief magistrate, in coming to this decision, scathingly denounced the "Reds."

DEATH OF BARON SWINFEN.

We regret to announce the death of Baron Swinfen, which took place on Saturday. The deceased judge, who will be better remembered as Sir Charles Swinfen Eady, has not lived long to enjoy the recent honour bestowed by the King, as only a few weeks have elapsed since he was elevated to the peerage on his retirement from the Masterhip of the Rolls, which he had held for a little over a year.

Born in 1851, he was called to the Bar of the Inner Temple in 1879. From 1901 to 1913 he was a Chancery Judge and for the next five years a Lord Justice of Appeal.

RUMANIA AND PEACE.

The Supreme Council has decided that the text of the Note to Rumania should only be published in the event of the Rumanian Government making difficulties about its acceptance. In this event the concessions made at the request of the Rumanian delegates will also be published.

The urgent question of revictualling Vienna has been referred to a Committee.

CORDITE FACTORY EXPLOSION.

A series of violent explosions occurred early on Saturday morning at Holton Heats Cordite factory, near Wareham, Dorset. The first explosion was followed by others and the flames of the fierce fire which ensued were visible for miles around. It is reported that one man was killed and several injured.

INCREASED TEMPORARY PENSIONS.

The Minister of Pensions has arranged for payment of temporary pensions to discharged and disabled men at the rate of forty shillings instead of 27s. 6d. per week, as from the 3rd September, during the first four weeks after discharge and thereafter until the announcement of an award, pension or gratuity.

OUR ATHLETIC PRINCE.

The Prince of Wales has arrived at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, where he is spending a strenuous holiday. On Saturday he walked ten miles over the Appalachian mountains where, after an hour spent at the swimming pool he golfed for three hours and the same evening attended a dance.

CHRISTMAS FRUIT SUPPLIES.

Christmas fruit will probably be cheap this year, says a prominent Covent Garden dealer. Oranges are good and plentiful. There is a good supply of bananas and dealers in general are not charging more than twopence each. Apples, both English and Novia Scotian, and nuts are abundant.

TRIAL OF HUNGARIAN TERRORISTS.

The first hearing of the trial of terrorists implicated in the Soviet regime at Buda-Pesth has been fixed by the Criminal Court to begin on the 24th November, when Joseph Cserby and thirty of his associates will be charged with the murder of Field Marshal Ferry and others.

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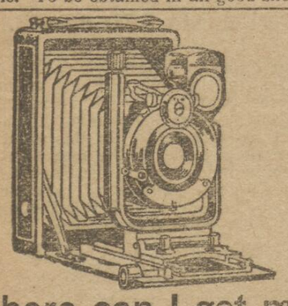

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STAINED WITH BLOOD.

The intensely human document written by a British officer attached to General Denikin's Army in South Russia to his wife in England, and recently published in "The Times," is probably the most gruesome of pen-pictures of the callous cruelties and calumnies perpetrated by the Bolshevist element in Russia that has seen the light of publication.

We had most of us come to regard the Bolshevist as a degenerate being, carried away by the so-called newly found liberty, with sadly distorted ideas of right and wrong, and a suddenly acquired love of lust and loot, but here he is depicted as a monster devoid of all the attributes of humanity, possessed by a maniacal craving for blood, and the outrages and ravages described, stamp him as an agent of the Devil himself.

Beside the stories so vividly told the harassing tales and horrors of the French Revolution pale into insignificance; they are as a dagger driven to the heart as compared with a minor flesh wound.

Britishers who have glibly adopted this devilish title can have possessed but scant knowledge of the organization, or rather the vile collection of depraved knaves, with whom they have associated themselves.

"They have declared war on Christianity; the Bible to them is a counter-revolutionary book, and they are aiming at raising all non-Christian races against the Christian countries," says the writer, and after adding that he hopes to send photographs of some of their most revolting crimes, he adds, "Their horror may make people realise. They must realise. By God, they shall realise."

The letter is a stirring appeal for a crusade against the enemies of real Russia and against the fiends who are out to undermine and stamp out Christianity. While such a pernicious scheme can have no hope of success the possibilities of destructive devilry in the hands of the authors are tremendous. Though doomed to ultimate extinction they will not release their hold until much of the deadly poison in their fangs has been embedded in the wound they have opened in the flesh of Europe.

Such an appeal for help recalls the old cry, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." While active operations against the foes of civilization is possible to but few, perhaps, much good can be done by exposing the vile character of the reptile and losing no opportunity to denounce him.

THE GERMAN STUDENT.

HARD STUDY AND FIGHTING.

One is so frequently asked the reason of University students wearing different coloured caps that the following article will give a short description of their mode of life and duels.

On leaving school the youth proceeds to some such University which in the opinion of his parents will suit his requirements for his early training. Later he has the option at a small cost of moving to other Universities, where he can attend any special lectures he desires.

On coming into the town he either takes rooms to live alone, or he may reside with relations or family friends. His next duty is to pay his entrance and class fees, and be presented to the rector of the University. Now he is at liberty to join one of the many student clubs which exist, be it corps, who wear the peculiar concertina-shaped caps, Burschenschaft, who wear the flat caps, or a Verein, who wear either a small flat cap or none at all, except in their club house or Kneipe, as it is called.

Much misapprehension exists with regard to these Kneipes, many believing that they are clubs in which the students pass the greater part of their day as well as night drinking beer.

DUELS TO FIGHT.

This however is not the case, for the majority of these societies train the young student in the way he should go, and any overlapping on his part brings about appropriate punishment in the shape of reprimands or suspension.

As to which society he shall join depends either on himself or his parents' choice beforehand. If he is well-to-do or a member of the aristocracy then he joins a Corps, if the son of a business or professional man and not wishing to be extravagant in any way, then a Burschenschaft or Verein is chosen. In any case if he joins either of the first two named it is essential for him to fight a certain number of duels.

Each Corps and Burschenschaft possesses club rooms or houses, which are hung round with their colours, photos and swords. Here once or twice in the week they meet for a friendly evening to sing songs and drink beer and oftimes taking their "abendessen."

All members attend these meetings which is presided over by a senior student, who sees that proper order is kept. The senior members also meet on certain nights to discuss amongst the other things the newly joined youth or "Fuchs," as he is so called, and woe betide any delinquents on whom their wrath may fall.

The youthful "Fuchs" must attend his University lectures, and also pass part of his time in the gymnasium learning to become an efficient fencer for the time when he will fight his first duel and not disgrace his fellow members.

Corps and Burschenschafts keep severely apart, never associating or fighting with one another except in the case of quarrels.

THE DAY OF THE FRAY.

The time now comes for the duels to take place and arrangements have been made to pit one Corps or Burchenschaft against another.

On arrival at the chosen spot one finds all preparations have been made, the surgeon has his lint and bowl ready, the Club steward has seen to the swords or schlägers, which consist of long thin blades with razor-sharp edges, protected by canvas covered with the society colours, at the hilt.

The fighters are being dressed for the fray, thick leather pads protect their right arms, chests and iron goggles the eyes. The opposing parties in the meantime have also arrived, both sides courteously bow, but otherwise do not associate.

A timekeeper and two seconds take up their position and the word is given: "Auf de Mensur binde che Rhinge". The arms which are held upright are now relinquished and the two swords are crossed, vertically; as this is done the umpire says "gebunden sind" and followed at once by "los", and immediately the two go at it hammer and tongs.

Presently a tuft of hair flies up or a streak of blood appears on the face, and the seconds knock up the swords with their own, with which they are provided calling a sharp halt.

The surgeon steps forward with a sponge, and if not serious the battle again recommences but with the same ceremonial as at first. The fight continues until one has received so severe a cut that the doctor thinks he will lose too much blood, but in no case is it carried on longer than 15 minutes.

The two opponents then retire, thoroughly tired out, to their respective chairs, where their wounds are sewn and bandaged up, and where they receive the congratulations of their friends.

THE COURT OF HONOUR.

Three to four duels are as a rule fought in the course of the morning and then all return home to their mid-day meal.

Having fought his requisite number of duels the "fuchs" is entitled to wear the narrow riband across his breast, worked in society colours.

Apart from these organised fights other duels take place brought about by quarrels. These may either be fought with a schlager, sabre or pistol, according to the seriousness of the occasion. If either of the latter weapons are chosen then a "Court of Honour" sits beforehand to decide if the fight is necessary, and in the case of the death of one of the opponents, which some times does occur, the matter is brought before the authorities and the delinquent awarded punishment by imprisonment in a fortress for six months.

Generally speaking the students are hard-working and attend their lectures regularly, for it is considered a great disgrace to themselves and families should they fail to pass a good examination.

As in other similar communities one comes across the lazy and dissolute, but with them the university authorities deal if they overstep the mark, and a prison is kept in the University precincts to which youths are committed.

From this short description one may see that beer drinking is not the chief occupation of a German student, and although to us their duels may appear somewhat foolish affairs, yet to their idea they are regarded with all seriousness.

H.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX

We Hear all Sides without Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

EXCESSIVE CIGARETTE SMOKING.

Sir,—Has it ever occurred to your readers that there is far too much cigarette smoking indulged in by our youthful Army of to-day, and specially by the lads who comprise the majority of units in this Rhine Army?

It is no exaggeration to state that, on an average, from 15 to 20 cigarettes are smoked daily by every man in this Rhine Army (non-smokers are reckoned in striking the average).

You see these fine looking lads at all hours of the day, in billets, and out of billets, on duty and off duty, in trams, or walking the streets of Cologne and other towns, invariably either sucking a cigarette, or with one stuck behind the ear ready to be consumed. As for the latter common practice, nothing could look more slovenly or unsoldierlike, but no one seems to take any trouble to stop it.

Before the war at home, no cigarette smoking was ever allowed in Regular Units before the dinner hour and never on the line of march. The old fashioned and wholesome pipe was allowed on the march at certain stated periods. Why has this excellent order been allowed to slide into abeyance?

It is an undisputed fact that excessive cigarette smoking by growing boys and girls is extremely harmful to health and especially to the nervous system; bad for the heart and the wind.

This is proved by the fact that all athletes in training for any particular sport or game invariably reduce, if not completely "knock off" all smoking, and our chief aim is to keep this young Army fit for war. Medical officers will also tell us that it is going to have a very pernicious effect on the future birth-rate, if indulged in to excess. My opinion is that cigarette smoking is indulged in to excess by our youthful Army on the Rhine; and that it is going to have a very injurious effect on the future life of the nation when these lads return to civil life.

Another very important reason against it is that these lads cannot afford it. They are getting good pay now, but this money is not given to them to fritter away in cigarettes and cinemas. They should be encouraged to save money and think of the days ahead when they will want all they can find to get a home together.

This excessive smoking habit is directly due to the war. It is one of the greatest evils resulting from the war. When the war was on, a generous country provided by many agencies (such as the Y.M.C.A., Church Army and private societies) our fighting men with all the little extra comforts that could reasonably be given to them; tobacco and cigarettes were very properly given free and to a liberal extent. No sane man could object to that. I know many men who could not have endured the hardships they did without the comforting assistance of a pipe or cigarette during those weary watches in the trenches, or even in the fights itself. But that is quite beside the point.

Those days, thank God, have gone, and we are now dealing with quite a different kind of soldier — a growing boy in his teens — who should be encouraged to exercise self-control in smoking just as in other ways. It would be interesting to calculate the hundreds of pounds puffed away weekly by our soldier lads, mostly under 21 years of age, in aimless cigarette smoking. There is an organisation called the A.T.A. (Army Temperance Association) which has done wonderful work in the past, and especially in India, to encourage partial and total abstinence from drinking.

It is a matter for congratulation and a source of pride to know that our lads in the Army to-day do not drink to excess, in fact hundreds of them are total abstainers. Why cannot some organisation be started to encourage, at any rate, a reduction in this pernicious evil of excessive smoking of cigarettes? No young soldier keeps his wits about him if he is an excessive smoker; nothing is more calculated to deaden his senses and addle his brain.

Will anyone give the lead to start this organisation? Something ought to be done, and done quickly, if the future of the race is to be saved from the effects of this universal evil.

A SENIOR OFFICER.

RECKONING THE MARK.

Sir,—After reading "Wilts" article re above I have come to the conclusion that he must be a very bigoted man, who while singing his own praises regarding gratuities to waiters cannot resist hurling an insult at a nation. When next he writes I would advise him to substitute British for English and so prevent ill-feeling.

As regards the value of the mark to Jerry it is much the same as before the war.

Wages have risen practically on the same scale as prices. It is not the scarcity of marks but the shortage of foodstuffs, which he feels most.

As for tips, does "Wilts" mean to suggest that while he gave a shilling in civil life he now gives 1s 6d? If so I think he must stand alone. *MARKER.*

UNRESPONSIVE AUDIENCES.

Sir,—I went with my wife the other evening to an entertainment given at the Deutsches Theatre. I was most unfavourably impressed by the unsportsmanlike attitude of the stalls. The show was excellent and the artists worked like Trojans—in vain. The other ranks unfeignedly enjoyed themselves while the stalls for about an hour and a quarter preserved an air of awful impenetrable and highly respectable aloofness.

There were, thank goodness one or two who laughed, but these were looked at askance by their neighbours. Let us for Heaven's sake "cut out" this sort of thing and be natural. That kind of thing died in 1870.

HONESTY.

THE CHILDREN.

Sir,—In your issue of Sunday you stated that a children's service would be held at 2.30 p.m. on Sundays at the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A.

That was our intention. We have heard, however, that it was announced in the Garrison Church yesterday that a Sunday School is to be opened there; and of course we are glad that the Chaplain finds it possible to undertake the religious instruction of the children which was our concern only so long as the Church was not in a position to undertake it.

We have therefore decided not to start the children's Sunday afternoon service. Instead we shall do our utmost to persuade the day school children to attend the Sunday School in the Garrison Church.

We have had no communication of any kind from any quarter upon this subject. This strikes us as being one of the many illustrations of the excellent relations that exist between those who are striving in separate spheres and various ways, to promote the interests of the troops.

A.F., For the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A.

A "HARD" CASE: SHALL WE COMPLY?

Sir,—Would it be asking too great a favour to suggest that I might be put on your free list to receive "The Cologne Post" daily?

I know intimately at least two members of your staff and my name frequently appears in your paper in reports of concerts, sports, events, and so on.

Naturally I have a very great interest in seeing the "Post" regularly, much more so than the average man, unknown to fame in cold print.

I sent a notice of a dance I am organising to you last week and should be glad to know if same has appeared, as I am anxious that the dance should be a great success and I have not seen a copy of your paper for a week. I should hate to be seen buyng a copy at a bookstall, it looks so unprofessional, but as I live not a stone's throw from your office perhaps it would not be any trouble for you to have a copy left daily at my billet.

Needless to say if you would see your way to render this little service I shall be only too pleased to continue sending notices of any interesting affairs I am promoting without expecting payment at your usual rates. Wishing your paper every success and a rising circulation.

CONSTANT READER.

P. S. About three or five months ago my name was mentioned in the report of a concert or football match or something, I forget exactly what. Could you please look this up and let me have a few dozen copies as I should like to send these to my people?

WHY NOT WRESTLING?

Sir,—It was with the keenest delight that I read the suggestion put forward by "Cumberland" in regard to wrestling in the Rhine Army.

The Cumberland and Westmoreland style is a fine sport and provides excellent exercise, bringing into play all the muscles of the body.

Why not form a Wrestling Academy? There may not be any such wonders as the Brothers Armstrong of Newcastle or Grahams of Haltwhistle, but plenty to form an Academy.

Come along, the North Country chaps, and give "Cumberland's" appeal the support of which it is worthy.

CROSS BUTTOCK.

Sir,—I read with pleasure the suggestion of "Cumberland" as to encouraging wrestling. Although criticised over my letter recently about boxing films because I ventured to say boxing is a brutal, degrading thing, I am not a narrow-minded anti-sport at all, and except those so-called "sports" that entail cruelty such as stag and fox hunting, coursing hares, etc., I am as keen as anyone.

Now, wrestling doesn't, in my view, come under the heading of a brutal sport. It brings out the endurance, and skill of a man, and ought to be fostered.

I am afraid it will need a lot of encouragement, however for it is far from popular at the present time.

ANTI-BOX.

CHESS FOR OFFICERS.

Sir,—If it was here (the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A.) that your correspondent found himself when he "rolled along to the Y.M.C.A. Club" and was informed that "Officers were not eligible for membership" I can assure him that he was misinformed.

We hold these vast premises in trust for any and all of His Majesty's Forces who may wish to use them. From none of our events and from none of our halls is anyone who wears his Majesty's uniform excluded by us.

From some, I cannot imagine from which of them, officers may exclude themselves, under the pressure of their own sense of "the fitness of things," but the fact that your correspondent and all other keen chess-players, recognise the propriety of inclusiveness in this royal game prove, not only that it cannot be justly said of chess that "that way madness lies," as some of your correspondents have sought to maintain, but also that one of the many positive benefits of chess is that it intensifies sanity.

May I add that our staff, and all who frequent our premises, are glad to notice that an ever-increasing number of officers and their wives are availing themselves of the advantages offered by our reading room and our general and music libraries?

ALEX FRANCIS.

REST FROM JAZZ.

Sir,—May I take up a few lines of your space to answer "Brig" and "Speedy" who voiced their complaints in Sundays' issue of the "Cologne Post."

In reply to "Brig," at the No. 2 Club, upstairs there is an excellent reading and writing room, far away from the "Jazz" he complains of, there he can indite still further letters to the "Post" without distractions of any kind.

Reference Skates, in reply to "Speedy," I would inform him that the N.A.C.B. stores in Glockengasse have a plentiful supply on hand. *GUNNEREX.*

CAN YOU WRITE?

We pay for all literary contributions to "The Cologne Post," and are pleased to consider articles, humorous sketches and poems by members of the Rhine Army. No article should exceed 500 words, and even shorter ones can be submitted.

RHINE ARMY PROPOSALS.

Arrangements for Ambitious Sports Programme.

We publish below details of a conference held at G.H.Q. at which the question of future sport in Rhineland was discussed and preliminary arrangements made for an ambitious programme to be opened as soon as circumstances allow.

Those present included a representative of the Training Branch G.H.Q., A.I. of P. and R.T. School and one representative from every unit of the future Rhine Army.

A Central Committee.

It was decided, in accordance with rules laid down in a new book recently published by the Army Football Association at home, to which the Army of the Rhine becomes automatically affiliated, to form a Rhine Garrison "Central Committee" including one representative from every playing unit in the Command.

For the purpose of settling minor details in connection with sports programmes etc. it was decided to form a Branch Committee, which shall be called the "Garrison Committee."

Battalion Equivalents.

The Rhine Garrison will form Battalion equivalents representing the following:—

Battalions of Infantry, Pioneers, M.G. and Cavalry Regt.

R.A.M.C. plus any attached R.A.S.C. authorised on the establishment for Field Ambulance.

R.E's. (excluding Sigs.)

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R.A.S.C. (excluding those attached on establishments of Units and M.T.)

187 Bde. R.F.A. including Bde. Amm. Col.

Headquarters Troops (excluding those mentioned above.) Employed men attached from Battns. to Bde. H.Q. and T.M. Batteries to play for the Unit to which they belong.

H.Q. Bn. Equivalents.

Headquarters Troops are to form Battn. equivalents as follows:—

121 Heavy Battery R.G.A.

Engineers. Signal Service, Rhine Signal Battn. Provost Marshal. R.A.S.C. Medical. R.A.O.C. Labour Corps. Transportation. Tank Battn. R.A.F.

Boxing.

It was decided that there should be boxing competitions as follows:—

Novices competitions of three categories.

(a) Those who had never won a Coy. Competition.

(b) a Battn.

(c) Bde.

Team Competitions.

Individual Championships.

The extra ½ mark for a plucky fight will be given in the Novice Classes only.

Bayonet Fencing and P. T.

Bayonet fencing on a platoon basis to be confined to Battns. of Infantry, Pioneer, M.G., and Cavalry Regt. will be organised whilst Physical Training Teams are to be open to Battn. Equivalents.

As regards the platoon basis, it was agreed that the numbers to compete in each platoon should be decided later when the reorganisation of Battns. of the Rhine Garrison was more advanced.

Football.

Association:—There will be two leagues formed consisting of the Rhine Garrison and Headquarters Troops, and in the final the winning team of each league will play one another.

A knock-out competition will be played in addition.

The date of starting the league is to be decided by the "Garrison Committee," the date being dependent on the Rhine Garrison being settled in permanent quarters.

Representatives present were requested to submit the names of qualified referees and those wishing to become qualified as soon as possible to G.S. (T.), G.H.Q. with a view to compiling a register of referees.

Rugby.

A Rugby competition is to be run on a knock-out system.

Hockey.

Hockey is to be excluded from a competitive point of view.

Cross Country Running.

In cross-country running the question of marking is to be considered later by the Central Committee, but 20 runners and 15 to count as a team were decided upon.

Provisional dates for the various competitions could not be decided, but it was settled that the League Association Football should be started as soon as possible.

Cups by Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. have intimated that the five Cups which they are presenting should be given for:—

Association Football; 1. Rugby; 1. Boxing; 1. Cross Country Running; 1. P.T. Competition; 1.

The Garrison Committee will decide at a later date what additional cups and medals shall be given from Army Funds.

BOXING-NIGHT BOXING.

At a dinner given at the Criterion London, by Mr. Redmond and Mr. Hubert Barry, and presided over by Lord Leveden, it was announced that the first of the series of tournaments has been fixed for Boxing night. The programme, on paper, is a wonderful one. The contests include:

Joe Beckett (champion of England) v. Dick Smith (the undefeated cruiser-weight champion), over the full championship course.

Pal Moore (America) v. Charles Ledoux (France), also over 20 rounds.

Johnny Griffiths (Akron) v. Francis Charles (France), twelve rounds.

HORSEMEN CUEISTS.

Jockeys v. Corinthians in Charity Billiards Match.

The annual charity billiards match between Jockeys and Corinthians will be played at the Regent Hotel, Deansgate, Manchester, on Nov. 21, which is the eve of the November Handicap race at Castle Irwell. The following teams will represent their respective sides:—

Jockeys.—S. Donoghue (capt.), B. Carslake, F. Lane, A. Smith, E. Wheatley, P. Jones, G. Colling, F. Slade, T. Burns, Jas. Burns, F. Fox, H. Robbins, E. Crickmere, V. Smyth, W. Saxby, H. Buxton, H. Allsop, H. Jelliss, R. Stokes, G. Duller, J. Evans, R. Cooper, and F. Winter.

Corinthians.—Ex-Cpl. James Hutchinson, V.C., Capt. W. H. Stewart, O.B.E., Ex-Capt. Lancelot Todd (Dewsbury F.C.). John Bromilow (champion bowls player), E. Hales, J. Goodier, Jas. T. Renilson, Ferd. Plaisant, J. Hindle, C. H. Wheeldon, E. Black, A. Valentine, Herbert Turner, H. Devenport, C. A. Farell, W. Huntley, P. Lavin, Conny Watts, O. Cliffe, J. Wilson, W. E. Turner, and Harry Mather (capt.).

The games will be 100 up on level terms. A gold medal will be presented to the jockey cueist compiling the highest break on behalf of the horsemen.

HAMILTON FOR CHELSEA?

It is rumoured that Mick Hamill, the old Manchester United half-back, who is now playing for Belfast Celtic, is likely to change his quarters. Two clubs are mentioned—Glasgow Celtic and Chelsea—and it is interesting to note that Hamill assisted Celtic occasionally during the war. He is, of course, a very fine half-back indeed. Hamill is particularly happy in international matches.

BANNING GERMAN FOOTBALL.

At a meeting held at Derby yesterday representatives of the English, Irish, Scottish, and Welsh Football Associations, Mr. J. C. Clegg presiding, it was resolved to send delegates to the proposed Paris conference with instructions to support resolutions of the English Association declining to join any federation to which clubs belonging to the late enemy countries are admitted to membership.

GOLF.

On Saturday, Stoke Poges beat Oxford University in a singles competition at Stoke Poges by five matches to four, one being halved.

In the whole of the day's play, taking singles and foursomes, Stoke Poges won eight matches and Oxford five, two of these being halved.

HURST PARK RACING.

Hot Favourite wins the Autumn Plate.

At Hurst Park on Saturday in fine, but cold, weather, excellent sport was witnessed by a large attendance. Results:—

Mitre Nursery: — 1, Blot (7-1); 2, D'Annunzio (7-1); 3, Nareesh (6-1). Eleven ran.

Petersham Handicap:—1, Cylenius (7-1); 2, Rocksplit (6-2); 3, Porton (5-1). Nine ran.

Autumn Plate:—1, Longstop (20-11 on); 2, Loveite colt (3-1); 3, Hapsend (10-1). Eight ran.

Syon Handicap: — 1, Aris (5-4 on); 2, Challow (6-1), 3, Muscovite (10-1). Nine ran.

Weybridge Nursery:—1, Santoquest (9-1); 2, Pelops (10-1); 3, Twine (5-1). Fourteen ran.

Mortlake Plate: — 1, Clarion (13-8); 2, Powerful (11-2); 3, Hanway (8-1). Four ran.

LAWN TENNIS.

French Champion Defeated by Swiss in Paris.

At Paris, the lawn tennis covered courts championship of the world took place yesterday. In the singles, Gobert beat Sabbagh 6/3, 6/0, 6/4; Simon beat Germot 3/6, 6/4, 6/4.

Mens doubles:—Dupont and Hirsch beat Sorbee Abamart and Vansittaet 6/0, 6/3 6/2. Partlock and Mishu beat Martin and Simon 3/6, 7/5, 6/2, 6/2.

The surprise of the day was the defeat of the old French champion Germot by the Swiss champion, Simon.

Woolley's Soccer Success.

Frank Woolley, the Kent and England cricketer, is again playing football. His long legs carry him over the ground at a great pace, and he knows well the geography of the goal. He turned out for Tunbridge Wells Rangers just recently, and scored three fine goals.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Sheffield Wednesday show an Improvement.

COVENTRY'S TWELFTH FAILURE.

The "Throstles" are once again chirping a merry tune, their re-arranged forward line putting on four goals to Aston's two at Villa Park. This came as a great surprise after the Villa's win at the Hawthorns. Another result which was unexpected was Burnley's victory at Old Trafford. This brings them well into the limelight and they are making a bold bid for the leadership. Arsenal's away record was improved by their draw at Bolton. If only they could win their home matches they would soon be among the leaders. Sheffield Wednesday showed a marked improvement by defeating Derby; while Manchester City again trounced Blackburn, this time by four to one.

SECOND LEAGUE.

Fulham did well to draw at Blackpool, and Stoke's victory over Bristol City was a fine performance. Huddersfield's quintette against Coventry was not surprising. This was the City's twelfth defeat, and their goal average of four against thirty-five tells its own story. The Spurs put "paid" to Bury and atoned for their previous week's fall, but they had to fight hard for their victory. The defeat of Barnsley emphasises the draught they are feeling by allowing so many good men to leave their ranks. For a team who on their own confession are all out for Division one, this attitude is inexplicable. Birmingham, by winning over the Wolves (played at Birmingham on West Bromwich ground) rise to second place on the table. West Ham are steadily climbing and more will be heard of the Upton Park lot before long. Their narrow victory over Leicester was deserved.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Queen's Park Rangers scored well at Brighton. The Rangers deserve sympathy. Only ill luck lost them their recent matches, but they are again to the fore. Reading's defeat by Brentford is explained away by the fact that they were far below strength. Swindon, always a popular side in the Metropolis, surprised the "Lions" at New Cross, and bagged both points. Harold Fleming figured at outside right, quite a change for the International to operate in this position. The "Canaries" sang a joyful air, when they accounted for Southampton. The local Derby at Newport was deservedly won by Cardiff who were full value for their win. Portsmouth returned to a winning mood by defeating Exeter, but Plymouth Argyle got no change from Watford.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Celtic have not been so unreliable and unbalanced for years. They only drew at Ayr, where the "Honest men" gave them a fright and almost snatched the spoils. Glasgow folk are much concerned over their pet team's form. They will have to buck up, for they cannot allow Rangers to slip far ahead. Dumbarton again failed at home, only drawing with Partick. This was their eighth drawn game this season. Hearts' win at Edinburgh was well deserved and Dundee sprang a surprise by defeating Raith, who were operating with ground advantage.

Appended are the results:—

Amateur International (at Derby).

England	5	Ireland	0

The League.—Division I.

Aston Villa	2	West Bromwich Alb.	4
Blackburn Rovers	1	Manchester City	4
Bolton Wanderers	2	Arsenal	2
Bradford City	3	Everton	3
Chelsea	4	Preston Northend	0
Liverpool	3	Bradford	3
Manchester United	0	Burnley	1
Notts County	2	Sunderland	2
Oldham Athletic	4	Sheffield United	0
Sheffield Wed.	2	Derby County	0

The League.—Division II.

Blackpool	1	Fulham	1
Bristol City	1	Stoke	2
Clapton Orient	2	Port Vale	1
Huddersfield T.	5	Coventry City	0
Hull City	3	Barnsley	1
Rotherham County	3	Grimsby Town	1
South Shields	5	Notts Forest	2
Stockport County	3	Lincoln City	0
Tottenham Hotspur	2	Bury	1
West Ham United	1	Leicester City	0
Wolverhampton W.	0	Birmingham	2

The Southern League.

Brighton and Hove Albion	2	Queen's Park Rangers	3
Brentford	1	Reading	0
Crystal Palace	4	Gillingham	1
Merthyr Town	2	Bristol Rovers	1
Millwall	0	Swindon Town	2
Watford	3	Plymouth Argyle	9
Northampton Town	2	Swansea Town	0
Southend United	3	Luton Town	0
Norwich City	2	Southampton	1
Newport County	1	Cardiff City	3
Portsmouth	2	Exeter City	0

(*Continued in next column.*).

BILLIARDS FINALS.

Falkiner Beats Champion in "Victory" Tournament.

SMITH'S SUCCESS.

The champion billiardist, Inman, was defeated by Falkiner at the Burroughes Hall on Saturday by 4,030, the final scores being:—

Falkiner (rec. 2,000) 16,000
Inman 11,970

The match, which was played in connection with the Burroughes and Watts "Victory" Tournament, attracted considerable interest from the start and its progress was characterised by Falkiner steadily increasing his lead practically at every session.

SMITH AND NEWMAN.

At Thurston's, a close 16,000 up match was concluded between Smith and Newman. Smith got ahead at the start and maintained his lead throughout, being threatened, however, several times towards the end. Final score:—

Smith 16,000
Newman . . . 15,088

STEVENSON AND REECE.

A match that in its course has been witnessed by a very large number of billiards enthusiasts at Manchester also came to an end on Saturday with the final scores reading:—

Stevenson . . . 16,000
Reece (rec. 500) 14,545

FALKINER'S FORM.

Greatest Exponent of close cannon Game.

Falkiner is to be congratulated upon his showing against the champion, who, by the way, has never yet scored a victory over him, says S.J.S. in the "Sunday Express." I was very glad to see in an article written by Inman a handsome tribute to Falkiner as an exponent of the close-cannon game. No player now before the public has such mastery over the balls when they are close. Only the other afternoon Falkiner made a nursery of fifty-six cannons, and in doing so moved them only half-way across the table from the top left-hand pocket to the spot. Inman was greatly impressed.

In other respects, Falkiner has consolidated his game, and is a sounder player now than at any previous period of his career. Moreover, he seems to have shaken off some of that nervousness which always detracted from his play when he was in danger of falling behind. The knowledge that he had never been beaten by Inman may have had something to do with this, but there is no getting away from the fact that Falkiner wants a lot of stopping when his eye is in and he is reaching his schedule points session after session.

MATCH POSTPONED.

The First League match between Newcastle United and Middlesbrough, which should have been played at Newcastle on Saturday had to be postponed on account of the state of the ground.

SCENE AT VILLA PARK.

Early in the first half of the Aston Villa v. West Bromwich Albion match the huge crowd got on to the field and play had to be suspended for five minutes until they had been got back over the touch line. The gates had to be closed before the game started.

Scottish League.

Aberdeen	1	Kilmarnock	0
Hearts	3	Airdrieonians	1
Albion Rovers	2	Queen's Park	0
Ayr United	1	Celtic	1
Dumbarton	1	Partick Thistle	1
Raith Rovers	1	Dundee	3
Falkirk	3	St. Mirren	1

Postponed.

Clyde v. Clydebank; Hamilton v. Hibs.; Rangers v. Morton; Lanark v. Motherwell.

Rugby Union.

County Championship.

Durham	0	Yorkshire	16
Cornwall	5	Devon	18

Club Matches.

Richmond	21	Old Merchant Taylors	11
London Scottish	9	Harlequins	20
Guy's Hospital	45	London Irish	8
London Welsh	0	United Services	21
Cheltenham	3	Bristol	10
Newport	16	Neath	0
Cardiff	3	Swansea	8
Cambridge University	13	Manchester	21
Pill Harriers	13	Llanelly	7
R.M.A. (Wolwich)	16	R.E. (Chatham)	10
Rosslyn Park	28	St. Thomas's Hospital	3
Moseley	13	Stratford-on-Avon	21

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

Bonn Amusements.

On Thursday evening at Bonn Y.M.C.A., in the Market place, the band of the 52nd D.L.I. (by kind permission of Lt. Col. Frizell) gave an excellent concert under the able and careful direction of Bandmaster Etherington. Although a large number of the band are young soldiers they reflect great credit to their trainer and there is no touch of the amateur about them. The programme was of a light and popular nature and was much enjoyed by a large audience. Sgt. Farchild gave a very good account of himself in the exceedingly difficult euphonium solo, and Boy Etherington (one of the yongest members of the British Army) in addition to his instrumental work sang A Cosy Corner' very pleasantly. In the middle of the programme was a very charming variation — three songs sung by Mrs. Mory-Josef, who is deservedly very popular in Bonn. The Y.M.C.A. is to be congratulated on securing such an excellent evening's entertainment, and it is to be hoped that the 52nd D.L.I. will be heard again in the precincts of Bonn. This is the first occasion on which its walls have resounded to the strains of a British military band.

Minister for Reconstruction.

If the "Tabs and Tonics" Concert Parties are to be reconstructed upon Rex, the latest victim of our tame caricaturist, to him will fall the lot of having to make bricks with precious little straw. It is rather a formidable task, and it really looks as if Rex and his few remaining entertainers will have to remain distinguished single turns after all. Rex, or to give him the name on his late lamented A. B. 64, "Greatorex," is a useful and dashing light artiste and juvenile lead and a still better heavy burlesque comedian, or at least thats my opinion. He knows more than just something about producing. He has been in the film business and has experience in South America and hopes to go there again — that is if he can drag himself away from Cologne. He was a prominent member of "The Gamecocks" and had a good time at Roubaix last winter.

A Pianologist.

This clever little diagram by a French caricaturist is an impression of Mr. Warwick Pryce, a sort of memory you carry a way from the theatre whilst chuckling over his little funniosities. Mr. Pryce spends quite a lot of time amusing London audiences at Maskeleyn and Devants, but is also in great demand for private house entertainments. He relates many funny anecdotes in connection with this private entertaining. One occasion he was invited to entertain at a private function. Discussing the matter with the servant who delivered the invitation he inquired if there was a good piano. "Good piano" replied the menial, "I should think we have; I never saw such a brilliant polish, the case shines like a mirror," On another occasion after entertaining at a nobleman's mansion, his Lordship approached him saying "Well now, Mr. Pryce, you've worked very hard and must need something to drink. Which would you prefer, coffee or cocoa!" Mr. Pryce writes and composes all his own items so that one is always sure of hearing something new and original.

Y.M.C.A.

On Saturday night, I dropped in at the Y.M.C.A. Central and there found between 2,000 and 3,000 fellows enjoying themselves thoroughly. The entertainers were the Audrey Esmond Concert Party with the occasional assistance of Dr. Francis. The latter, even when asking for a collection, is always highly appreciated. The concert party is good; their programme is so well mixed up and balanced, and often each time the audience demanded several encores. Miss Esmond and her companions are having a great time this week although they appear at the Leave Club to-night and we hear that they are likely to be at the Palace Theatre next week.

Leave Club Events.

To-night, an impromptu concert from 5 to 6 p.m. will run simultaneously with a dancing class, while at 7 p.m. Miss Audrey Esmond will appear at the theatre.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Tuesday	No Performance			
Wednesday	No Performance			
Thursday	No British Bookings.			
Fri.	Armourer of Worms	Lortzing	7	9.45
Sat.	Carmen	Bizet	7	10.30
Sun.	Flying Dutchman	Wagner	7.30	10.30

This Week's Opera.

As shown in our programme, there is no performance at the Opera this week until Thursday, and we are now informed that Thursday's performance is restricted to German civilians. So the first opera to which troops will be admitted this week will be "Armourer of Worms" on Friday night.

A Clever Concert Party.

Through the instrumentality of the Y.M.C.A., Miss Muriel Mitchell's concert party gave an entertainment at the Wiesdorf Cinema a few days ago for the benefit of the patients of the 25th General Hospital. I was privileged to be present and spent a delightful two hours listening to a feast of music and song. The members of the party are all ladies and every one of them is an artiste of more than average ability. The visit was arranged at rather short notice, and as a result no programmes were available, so that I am unable to give the names of the artistes. One young lady, a gifted raconteur, related some highly diverting stories anent the canny proclivities of our Scots friends. Some of the "Jocks" in the audience were beginning to feel rather uneasy, but she restored them to good humour with her last story.

Classic and Rag-time.

I was fortunate enough to be at the B.E.L.C. on Sunday night for a concert given by the Inniskilling Dragoons Guards Band. A wonderful programme ranging from "Schubert's Dramatic Symphony" to the latest Rag-times showed to advantage the power and scope of this splendid band. The soloists of the evening were Miss Trimble, who sang "Out of the Darkness" and "The Promise of Life" with great expression and Lieutenant Ingell, baritone, whose renderings were artistic and dramatic.

JACQUES.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

Games Again Stopped Through Weather Conditions.

Again it has occurred that the full number of matches set for decision in our football competition has not been played. Snow interfered with four matches on Saturday last, and as two of these, Clyde v. Clydebank and Third Lanark v. Motherwell were on No. 8 contest coupon, competitors had only ten results to forecast.

This is the second week in succession that such an event has happened. Last week, our winners had only to give eight correct results to obtain a share of the award. Will this occur again in No. 8 contest?

West Bromwhich's win upset many, and the four draws which resulted among the games on the coupon have caught numerous competitors.

Seven of the teams figuring on the coupon below were also on No. 8 coupon, so that competitors have a good guide as to the form of the clubs.

Efforts must reach us by Friday's mail. Don't delay your entries; send them in now.

Coupons must be addressed:—

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1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.

2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.

3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.

4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.

5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.

6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.

7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.

8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.

9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 9.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov. 22nd.
Closing date, Friday, Nov. 21st.

Arsenal	v. Notts County
Oldham	v. Manchester United
Preston	v. Liverpool
Sunderland	v. Newcastle
Coventry	v. Blackpool
Fulham	v. West Ham
Notts Forest	v. Tottenham
Bristol R.	v. Plymouth A.
Exeter C.	v. Northampton
Southampton	v. Brentford
Queens Park	v. Rangers
Airdrieonians	v. Dumbarton

I enter Football Competition No. 9 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

For Charity.

The London Association has decided to allocate £1,000 at once for charitable purposes.

Mobbs Memorial.

The annual Mobbs Memorial match will be played at Northampton on Boxing Day, when the East Midlands will be opposed by an All-England XV.

School Tennis.

Although the question of playing lawn tennis is under consideration at Harrow, it is authoritatively announced that it is not being discussed at Eton College, where its adoption is very unlikely.

Weekly Shows at Hackney.

Billy Williams, the Bethnal Green boxer, and Ernest Sanderson will stage a weekly show at the Drill Hall, Casterton-st., Hackney, which has been lent free to the promoters by Colonel De Lara Cohen, of the 10th London Regt.

Leicester Jumping Stewards.

Lord Glanely seemingly is to take a lot of interest in National Hunt sport this winter, his lordship having consented to be one of the Stewards at the Leicester Steeplechases on the 8th and 9th of next month. His co-stewards will be Sir Ernest Paget, Mr. Mark Firth, and Mr. C. S. Newton. There are to be five races of 150 sovs. each.

Felton Challenged.

Paddon has challenged Felton for the sculling championship, the race to be for £500 a side, and to be contested on the Parramatta River.

More Tournaments.

Jack Oliphant, the young North London boxer who has recently returned from Egypt, has been successful in securing Latchmere-rd. Baths, Battersea, for a series of boxing tournaments.

Actors v. Champion Boxers.

A match that should attract a big crowd to the Fulham F.C. ground on December 1 is that between a team of actors selected by Mr. Chas. B. Cochran and a team of past and present champion boxers, captained by Mr. George Robey.

Alasnam's Penalty.

Alasnam, by virtue of his victory in the Derby Cup yesterday, earned a 10lb penalty in the Manchester November Handicap, bringing his impost up to 7st 11lb, which weight will enable Fox to ride if he is well enough.

Squash Racquets.

Two squash racquets matches have been arranged between C.R. Read, of Queen's Club, and C. Arnold, of the Bath Club, Piccadilly. The first will be played on Saturday next, at Queen's Club, and the return at the Bath Club on the following Friday.

Flat Racer to be Jumped.

The Squire will shortly join Godfrey's Epsom stable to be prepared for his hurdle race engagements.

Spurs New Centre.

Tottenham Hotspur have signed on a 6ft. centre forward named Tierney, who comes from Durham City with a fine local reputation. He is 22 years of age.

Brentford's New Players.

B. Rosier has signed a professional form for Brentford. J. Searby, a centre forward from Atherstone Town is another fresh acquisition.

The Late Mr. H. M. Dorling.

The death of Mr. H. M. Dorling removes an interesting personality from the world of racing, for he had been Clerk of the Course at Epsom since 1872. He succeeded his father, Mr. Henry Dorling.

A Paying Proposition.

Ella has been a paying proposition to Mr. H. Rhodes, who takes quite as much interest in Association football as racing. He plays for Stalybridge. Ella is a quaint-looking animal by reason of the way she dips in the back, says the "Sporting Life," but there has been no more consistent player all the season, for rarely has she been out of the first three, having earned her owner over a thousand pounds in the way of surplus.

Sporting Councillor.

Among the new town councillors to take their seats at Gillingham (Kent) was Capt. E. S. B. Rusell, formerly a well-known Kent County Rugby player, who at times has figured in the Blackheath team.

Inter-League Football.

A match has been arranged between a representative Southern League Xi. and the Corinthians, to be played on the Millwall Ground on Monday, December 29, while the postponed Inter-League match with the Irish League is left over to the New Year for rearrangement.

Gloucestershire Cricket.

Mr. Foster G. Robinson, the Gloucestershire county cricket captain, says it will be impossible to arrange dates with Middlesex next season, though Middlesex had offered dates. Kent they would resume matches with, and he hopes in future years to be able to fix up with Middlesex.

Funeral of Doig.

J. E. Doig, the famous Sunderland and Liverpool goalkeeper, was buried last week at Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool. A large number of mourners were present, including his five sons. The bearers were Longworth (Liverpool), Captain Charles Wilson, George Fleming, and Jack Parkinson, old colleagues of Doig's in the Liverpool team.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Out with Sledges.
The snow and frost on Sunday brought out all kinds of sledges and many parties of young Germans were to be seen wending their way to Gladbach and Bensberg.

Christmas Trees.
The walk through the Wald between these villages was a wonderful sight. The snow-laden pine trees presented the appearance of the ideal Xmas tree of our picture books, and the blend of colours was wonderful.

Tobogganning Thrills.
At Bensberg there was a fine toboggan slide of about a mile in length, starting at the top of the hill, coming down through the middle of the village and finishing on the lower main road. There was much excitement and hilarity.

He Would!
The other day a Rhineland poet sent the Editor a little effusion called "The Lay of the Lark." I hear he returned it, saying he would prefer a few specimens of the lay of the hen.

Too Dull for Him.
"Look here" said a subaltern to an official of the N.A.C.B. Club. "Can't you do something to liven things up? Here have I been sitting at breakfast for half an hour and not a note of jazz music all the time."

Coloured Troops.
Much interest was manifested on Saturday evening by the passing along Bahnhofstrasse of a body of French coloured troops. Despite the adverse weather they appeared in good spirits and were disporting themselves like a party of schoolboys.

Mixed Company.
"At eight o'clock on Sunday morning," a Tommy tells me, "I was in the buffet at Cologne Main Station. A warrant officer and I were the only British, but there were thirty or forty poilus and Algerians, half a dozen Doughboys, a few Belgians and two Italians."

Snow Fights.
Snow battles were a feature of the week end. One I saw in the Hohenzollern-Ring between two merry parties of youngsters attracted a good deal of attention. Casualties were heavy on both sides.

Overheard at Nippes.
"Yes", said the sapper, "that bit of a fraulein gave me a geological survey." "A what?" asked his gunner pal. "Well, what is commonly known as a stony stare."

A Pretty Sight.
Coming from Mulheim on Sunday afternoon I saw as pretty a sight as one could wish. Across the open country the Dom and the Hohenzollern Bridge stood out against a blood red sunset. The rays of the setting sun striking the snow-touched spires of the Cathedral gave them the appearance of pillars of flame.

Up for the Week-end.
The number of strange faces seen in Cologne at week-ends gives the impression that many wearing uniform avail themselves of the opportunity seeing the town. Apart from the interest it affords, there is doubtless the desire to escape from the week's routine at outlying stations.

Eager to Learn.
I saw a corporal recently in the Volksgarten instructing two German civilians how to control a football. They were very keen to learn and attentive pupils

No "Prams."
Have you noticed that one never sees a perambulator or mailcart in the streets of Cologne. Come to think of it one never sees children in arms either. Where does the infantile population of Cologne get to all day long?

Last Resting Place.
To-day the remains of Cardinal Hartmann will be conveyed from St. Gereon to their last resting place in the Dom. The ceremony will be an impressive one.

Careless Driving.
The need for more care in handling motor cars is very necessary on the slippery surface which the streets at present possess. I saw one car turning into Marzellenstrasse skid about three yards, and almost complete a circle in so doing.

The Merry Toboggan.
For hours on Sunday evening hundreds of civilians and soldiers were tobogganning near the Dom. Fortunately there is never much horse traffic in that particular stretch of street.

"No Thanks!"
At least one of the street "trinkhalles" kept open every day during the snowstorm. The proprietor, a veteran in shirt-sleeves, had nothing warmer on sale than lemonade.

Not Well Informed.
I sergeant wearing the V.C. was sitting in the Dutch House the other day. One of two wives on the Rhine was heard to remark. "What is that decoration, dear?" "Oh!" was the confident reply, "That's the O.B.E. with bar!"

Snow Shovelling.
What with umpteen cumbersome snowcarts, and three or four scavengers to each vehicle, the Hohestrasse for hours on Sunday morning was practically impassable for pedestrians.

Gassed.
The news that "F" Battery R.G.A. have left Bocklemund for England recalls to my mind an unpleasant experience which befell two officers when the Battery first took over possession of Fort IV. The ground floor was packed with German shells and explosives, and whilst superintending their removal two officers were rather badly gassed. As a result all ranks were compelled to wear their gas masks till the work was completed.

"Fantycraft" Hall.
I have many pleasant memories of my stay at Bocklemund and passed several enjoyable evenings at "Fantycraft" Hall listening to the Jazz band, which was one of the best of its kind in Rhineland. Major Moriarty, D.S.O., the Battery Commander, was a keen disciplinarian, but did everything possible in the way of providing amusement for the men.

Our Home Readers.
As a result of our home subscription scheme thousands of "Cologne Post" are sent to all parts of the United Kingdom daily, and every mail the number increases. Have you arranged for yours?

RHINELANDER.

NOTES FROM LONDON TOWN.

GENERAL SEELY'S RESIGNATION.

The resignation of General Seely from the Air Ministry came rather as a political bombshell, though I doubt whether it surprised people in official circles. The House listened with wrapt attention to the popular General's swan-song, and perhaps not a little sympathetically. But after all if economy rules the Government roost, the War and Air Ministries can hardly be run as entirely distinct departments. General Seely won golden opinions from his staff and was as popular with them as he was in the Army in France. He won the admiration of many a flying subordinate by his sang-froid in the face of danger. In Lobby circles the name of Major Baird, who is not only well versed in aviation but is an experienced Under-Secretary, is mentioned as a possible successor.

DORLING OF EPSOM.

The late Clerk of the Course at Epsom, Mr. Henry Mason Dorling, or "Dorling of Epsom" as he was universally known to the racing world, was pre-eminently the right man for a post which occasionally required somewhat invidious action on his part. He roused the wrath of visitors to Tattersall's Ring by raising the charges the day after the Derby (or Cup Day as it was known) with the result that he came in annually for a very hostile reception. But if one of the most abused men on the turf, hard words slipped off his back like pebbles down a steep pitched slate roof, and he had a most unholy suspicion of all who approached him for a free ticket.

A SILLY ASS.

I suppose "Lord Richard in the Pantry" will have a good run at the Criterion, though frankly the piece is rather too thin to deserve much enthusiasm. But sheer farce even of light texture will often suceed where good comedy fails. This new piece which sees Cyril Maude in the principal part on his return after a lengthy absence from England, is adapted by Sydney Blow and Douglas Hoare from the novel of the same title by Martin Swayne. The plot turns on the efforts of Lord Richard, a first rate specimen of the impecunious silly ass type of nobleman, to escape the attentions of a lady to whom he has inadvertently proposed marriage, by disguising himself as a butler, and thereafter getting into the toils of a most amorous cook. There is of course ample scope for funny situations, but the maker of the role of the Little Minister can do better things than this.

McKENNA OF MAYPU.

Not many people are aware of the fact that Mr. Reginald McKenna, the well known English ex-Cabinet Minister, is a descendant of the McKenna who in the early years of last century figured as one of the heroes of Chile's struggle to throw off the Spanish yoke which ended so successfully in 1818 by the battle of Maypu. This fact, however, was mentioned by Don Augustin Edwards at the Savoy luncheon given recently to the Chilian Mission. The name and exploits of Mr. McKenna's doughty ancestor will, I believe, be found in Handcock's History of Chile (1893).

THE RAVENSWORTH BARONETCY.

I imagine Captain the Hon. Gerald Wellesley, late Captain in the 7th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers, hardly dreamt in 1904 that he would in a comparatively short time succeed to the baronetcy of Ravensworth with its estates and rent roll of over £70,000 a year. But as Fortune willed it, the late Lord Ravensworth, who was a War Office clerk in 1904, succeeded to the baronetcy by reason of the death of the third Earl of Ravensworth. He was 66 years of age at the time, while the new peer, who is one of the few remaining officers in the already disbanded Royal Defence Corps, is fifty years of age. The earldom being entailed became extinct when the third Earl died.

SPIRITUALISM AND WAR.

It is not surprising to find that the idea of the war-bereaved seeking hope in spiritualist belief has at last found its way into a novel—Mr. Robert Hichens new story "Mrs. Marden." Herein howeven truth is once again well ahead of fiction. To cite but one instance; I cannot refrain from thinking that Sir A. Conan Doyle's belief in spiritualism acquires its conviction to a considerable degree from his own sad loss. Mr. Hichens handles spiritualism rather severely, if in purely orthodox manner. Mrs. Marden having lost her son—an officer in the Guards—seeks an antidote to the indifference of that mysterious Power which rules the Universe to the fate of individuals, in the latest craze. The force of the novel however, is in the ending. Mrs. Marden very soon abjures spiritualism and finds God revealed in the pain that speedily carries her to her rest. *PERISCOPE.*

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

Can you write one?

Christmas will soon be here, and "The Cologne Post" wishes to encourage its readers to write short Yuletide stories suitable for publication in its columns at that festive period.

They can be on any subject and in any vein but they must not exceed 1000 words in length.

We offer prizes of 150 marks, 100 marks, and 50 marks respectively for the three best received and published, and any others we may think worthy of publication will be paid for at our regular rates.

If possible manuscripts should be typewritten, though this is not essential.

The last date for receiving Christmas stories will be November 20th. Envelopes should be addressed "Story Editor" "Cologne Post" A.P.O. S/40, Rhine Army.

FOR BUSINESS MEN IN RHINELAND.

Everyone seems to be waiting for some pronouncement of policy by the Government in regard to trade with Germany. Patriotic British firms wish to know what attitude to adopt, as is very clearly indicated by the action of the textile section of the London Chamber of Commerce, the Board of the Manchester Chamber and others.

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The Board of the Manchester Chamber adopted a minute of the China executive, stating that although trade directly with the late enemy countries is desirable in national and international interests, it is against the country's interest to re-open connections with German firms in China and the Far East where British and Allied firms are adequately equipped and sufficient in number to deal with all trade with these countries.

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It is quite clear that we cannot go on selling to Germany if we do not buy from her, but there can be no mistaking the popular opinion, says a writer in "The Times Trade Supplement" which is dead against German goods.

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The Cologne Fair was the subject of a long discussion in the Prussian Parliament, when a deputy of the Centre party asked for big credits from the Empire for the purpose of holding a fair in Cologne during next spring.

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"The Rhine," said this speaker, "is actually the only place where the late enemies are in touch, and where one begins to re-establish the necessary international community of work. Even places like Hamburg and Bremen cannot fulfil this task. The fairs at Leipzig and Frankfurt accomplished something towards this anomaly in a restricted manner and they were chiefly visited by neutral countries."

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The Cologne Fair will consist chiefly of exhibits of German products such as textiles, metallic articles, glass, ceramic, chemical products and so on. Fifteen thousand square metres have already been booked by a thousand exhibitors even before an invitation has been issued.

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On November 15th the old German customs frontier was re-established by special authorisation of the Allied Powers.

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Owing to a congestion at the port of Cologne and the numerous cargoes waiting to be unloaded the dockers have declared themselves ready to work longer hours on three days of the week.

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According to the German papers, Great Britain exported to Germany in the ten and a half months following the armistice, goods to the value of £16,000,000 sterling, whilst Germany exported to Great Britain goods to the value of £217,000 sterling.

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In spite of the repeated recommendations of the Commercial Intelligence Dept. of the Board of Trade and the very obvious waste of material and opportunity, there still appears to be quite a lot of advertising literature coming to Rhineland printed in English. Those enterprising manufacturers who go to the slight extra trouble and expense of printing special circulars, price lists, and so on, in German have an enormous advantage, although it is realised that with the constantly fluctuating value of the mark it is quite impossible to quote prices in the national currency. Equivalent weights and measurements, however, would also assist very much to facilitate business if quoted in addition to the English standards.

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Mr. Quantock of Robarts and Quantock is at present in England and is expected back in Cologne in a few days.

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NEWS, STORIES, FOOTBALL, ECONOMICS OR LANGUAGES.

Whatever it is, the chances are a thousand to one that you can gratify that interest—or those interests, for most of us have more than one—at the Reading Room in the Arcade off the Hohestrasse, London and provincial papers of course, and the weeklies and monthlies in wide variety including new ones, probably as yet, unknown to you. Technical journals on architecture, engineering, motoring—more subjects than I can name, are there for your perusal and use. Even the well-known fashion journals are there for the benefit of the ladies. Works of reference from an encyclopedia to Bradshaw are there for your information.

In the bookshop within the reading room you will find, whatever your tastes, much that you will want to take away for your own delectation with a view to sending it to someone else perhaps afterwards. Stories by Kipling, Stephen Leacock, W. W. Jacobs, Jeffrey Farnol, E. V. Lucas, Ian Hay, H. G. Wells and many another appeal to every taste. Books on Chess, Bridge, Wrestling, Football, Boxing and all sorts of other sports and recreations are there. So is Hoyle, whose fame created the phrase "according to Hoyle." There are practical works on photograpy (elementary and advanced) on gramophones, on electric wiring and motors, on motorcycles, on conjuring, on card tricks, on accountancy, on Poland and on dealing in stocks and shares—to mention a few only of the subjects.

Lovers of poetry are well catered for and atlases, historical and general, dictionaries and grammars of various languages, books on social questions and economics—even cookery books (listen O wives, and P.M.C.'s) are there for improved succulence of your repasts.

And the staff invites and welcomes any suggestions, and undertakes to provide desired books that are not already on their shelves. Go to the Arcade and have a mental feast.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Russia's Loss.—Tolstoy's widow has just died.

Motor Ring.—A big motor combine has been formed in the North of England.

Fabulous.—If you are lucky enough to buy coal in France it costs £12 a ton.

New Homes.—In the past six months over 60,000 people have settled in Mexico.

Gruesome!—A skeleton has been found on a Plaistow allotment.

Rising Wool.—Many kinds of cloth cost 10s. a yard more than during the war.

Peace Uses.—Army gas masks are being used in many dangerous industries.

Anti-Profiteer.—Lord Cardross is exposing profiteering in Army blankets.

Economy—When?—Nearly four millions are still being spent daily in Great Britain.

Nothing Doing.—There were no Armistice Day celebrations in Belgium.

Labour Veteran.—Mr. Thomas Burt, the "Grand old Man" of Trade Unionism, is 82 years old.

Cheap Pets.—The latest fashionable pet is the sea anemone. It costs nothing to buy and nothing to feed.

Cash Haul.—A purser on board a French battleship has disappeared with a box containing £3,600.

Big Explosion.—A huge cauldron of molten lead exploded at a Woolwich zinc factory, causing some casualties.

Brevity!—Mr. R. T. Raikes, a Brecon solicitor, disposed of a fortune of £340,000 in a will of twenty-five words.

Good and Bad.—So far, the present Parliament has put 174 new acts on the Statute Book.

Armless Artist.—A boy in Sussex, who lost both arms in an aeroplane accident, paints with his toes.

Co-Operation.—Lady Warwick thinks individualism will vanish in favour of a co-operative commonwealth.

Distinguished Service.—Miss Evangeline Booth, Commander of the U.S. Salvation Army, has been awarded the D.S.M.

Luxuries. — Single chrysanthemum blooms which used to cost little more than a penny now fetch a shilling.

Jazz Gone Mad.—A jazz band at Hampstead has a banjo twelve feet long. The musican uses a pair of steps to play it.

Returning Prince.—The Prince of Wales is due to reach Portsmouth on his return from the States on December 1st.

A Thousand a Year.—The new Lord Mayor of Sheffield is the first to receive a salary.

Prizes for Frights.—A competition to decide who is the ugliest woman in London has just been held.

More Waste?—Grave charges of extravagance and waste are made against the Ministry of Pensions by an ex-official.

Four Times Higher.—In France many commodities in daily use have quadrupled in price during the past two years.

To Teach Hodge.—The Government is recommended to grant five millions for rural education.

In a New Role.—The latest mascots for motorists are comic figures of Dilly and Dally.

Sharing Profits.—Some of the London banks are offering shares to their employés on favourable terms.

Fishing Again.—After 250 vessels had been laid up over ten weeks the Aberdeen trawling strike has been settled.

Seeking Election.—There is a possibility of Mr. Asquith standing as Parliamentary candidate for the Spen valley.

"It".—America's great store of energy will make her the greatest nation on earth, thinks the King of the Belgians.

His Successor.—Herr Cohn succeeds Herr Haase as president of the German Independent Socialist Party.

Profiteering. — The Australian Royal Commission on the coal industry shows coalowner profits of 154 per cent.

Woman Drivers.—The large number of women at the Olympia Motor Show has been very noticeable.

In Silver.—The British General Service War Medal will, it is understood be ready for issue in a few weeks.

Back Again.—Postwomen attached to Surbiton post office have been replaced by ex-service men.

Buckshee.—The Pensions Ministry is being urged to allow a spare artificial leg to disabled soldiers.

Convincing. — The electrification of British railways would save between seven and eight million tons of coals a year.

Unresponsive.—Sir A. Conan Doyle says some English audiences made him think he was speaking to rows of sacks of potatoes.

Watch for It!—Next Saturday afternoon there will be an annular eclipse of the sun, partially visible in this part of Europe.

Superstition.—Calves' teeth are sold in some English market places to be hung round children's necks as a charm against teething troubles.

Photo Specialists.—The Navy is to have a photographic service, and six naval photographers have already joined the Atlantic fleet.

Coming Crisis.—Miners' Federation declare that owing to the Government's action an industrial crisis of the first magnitude will develop in the next few months.

WAR CHRISTMASES.

Write your Experiences.

In addition to the prizes we are offering for short Christmas stories, we invite our readers to send us their personal experiences of the Christmases they have spent since the beginning of the war.

We require one for each of the years 1914, 1915, 1916 and 1917 and will give 50 marks for the best short description of a Christmas spent in the Army in each of those years. There will therefore be four prizes — one for each year of the war.

The length of these descriptive articles must not exceed 500 words each

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CARDINAL'S FUNERAL RITES.

STATELY PAGEANT AT INTERMENT OF THE LATE BISHOP OF COLOGNE

VITAL ELECTIONS IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM

CARDINAL HARTMANN.

NOBLE OBSEQUIES IN THE DOM.

For over a week St. Gereon's church had seen a constant stream of people passing through to take a last look at the dead Prelate who in life had moulded their spiritual thoughts and on Tuesday morning, through a freezing mixture of half-melted snow under foot and amid a cold rain forcibly blown in all directions by a vagarious wind, a stately procession escorted the remains of Felix von Hartmann, Bishop of Cologne and Cardinal Prince of the Holy Roman Church, from St. Gereon's Church tothe place of sepulture in the Dom.

All traffic in the vicinity of the Cathedral was suspended and British Military and German Civil police completely surrounded the building, denying access to all save privileged ticket-holders. At nine o'clock the procession started from St. Gereon's headed by children and orphans. Then followed delegations from all the Trade and Workmen's Societies, all sections of municipal employées and of other Societies, bearing flags denoting their constitutions.

After them came the students, including large contingents from Bonn and Munster, wearing the full uniform of their class and carring their swords.

Then a largenumber ofclergy. With them were the Archbishop Benzler (formerly at Metz), Bishop of Munster, Dr. Poggenburg, Bishop Schulte (Paderborn), Suffragan Bishop Dr. Lausberg (Cologne) and Suffragan Bishop Dr. Monch (Trier).

Immediately before the hearse a seminarist carried a black velvet cushion on which lay the Cardinal's decorations, other seminarists bearing the crozier and red hat.

The coffin was drawn in an open hearse escorted on either side by a German Officer from the Bridgehead, and followed by the relatives. A striking figure was that of a French officer. Other two German officers, a number of Protestant Pastors and the Jewish Rabbi, Dr. Rosenthal, brougnt up the rear of the procession.

The British and French authorities were also represented.

WAITING IN THE CATHEDRAL.

The great Sees of Western Christendom are to-day our closest and most living links with the past that made Europe and us. Dynasties have risen and fallen; three empires crumbled before our eyes but as yesterday, but the dynasties of the Bishops of Europe continue. This is no time for commonplaces on the newness, the modernity of races of kings before the majestic line of the Bishops of Rome, but it is well to remember that all up and down Western Europe such lines, so deeply rooted in the past of men, survive and bind us with our forefathers.

Historical values, the sense of a living continuity with the past, were possibly uppermost within one as one sat in the Dom of Cologne yesterday and waited for the procession that was bringing the dead Archbishop, Cardinal von Hartmann, home to his cathedral church. The history of Cologne, one remembered, was for centuries the history of its Prince Bishops, a history chequered as all human records must be. For centuries the glorious choir of the Dom has watched the making of history; to-day, in the light that seems to have grown old since it was enclosed within its walls, the cathedral waited to receive another of its long line of bishops. Here, beneath the choir of their cathedral, the archbishops have been buried since 1322. Earlier prelates lie elsewhere. Conrad von Hochstaden, for instance, who laid the foundation stone of the present church on August 15, 1248, rests in St. John's Chapel.

ENTRY OF THE PROCESSION.

Little rumour from outside broke upon the quiet within and disturbed the dim light of the rainy November morning, which filtered through the coloured windows. High overhead sounded the muffled beat of the bells. One knew that the great city outside was in mourning, that the streets and the cathedral square were black with people, and that the procession was on its way from St. Gereons. One watched and waited, until the ten tapers upon the high altar, with its dossal and riddels of black and white, and the footlights where the coffin was to stand, were lighted. There was little survival of old traditions of splendour beyond the black vestings of the altar, the chief signs of mourning being the black hangings, embroidered with white, behind the choir stalls. When the west door was flung open and the electric lights which outline the pillars and the triforium of the choir suddenly leaped into radiance, one could not help wishing that the dim earlier illumination had been allowed to remain.

The procession took nearly half an hour to pass into and group itself in the Dom. All the Catholic societies and Unions of Cologne were represented and had their banners carried in the procession. They took up position at the sides of the crossing between nave and choir. It was, however, chiefly an ecclesiastical pageant which passed along the nave of the Dom to the choir — the parish priests of the city and neighbourhood in white rochets with black tippets, Benedictine monks, Dominican and Franciscan friars, singing boys and torch bearers, the members of the Metropolitan Chapter in their purple robes and fur tippets, abbots, a group of bishops in purple with golden pectoral crosses, the Bishop of Treves among them vested in black cope and white mitre, and seminarists who walked before the coffin carrying the dead prelate's orders and insignia, mitre and staff and the cardinal's scarlet hat. The coffin itself was borne by twelve black-robed Alexian brothers, and on either side of it walked a German officer of the bridgehead in uniform, while a French officer followed it. Deputations and representatives of the students of the Universities of Cologne and Bonn, many of them wearing the Iron Cross of the First Class, had passed along earlier, in brightly coloured semi-military uniforms, with swords and with their banners, and were now ranged on either side of the catafalque. The clergy filled the stalls.

REQUIEM MASS.

The coffin was laid beneath the arms of the See, which were suspended above it. A processional cross stood before it, and the scarlet hat, laid upon the pall, was the most arresting point of colour in the whole of the choir.

It is only upon such occasions, when one watches the small far-away figures busied about the altar, that one realises the vastness of Cologne Cathedral. Now it was filled to the doors with an immense crowd which had poured in after the procession entered.

Meanwhile the High Mass of Requiem, celebrated by the Bishop of Treves, Dr. Felix Korum, proceed to its mystical consummation. The Mass of the Dead is one of the most poignant and exquisite offices of the Roman Church. The beauty of the rite, "the most august act of worship the world has ever seen," could be profoundly felt, especially at the Elevation, while the great crowd was hushed in dead silence, and all the flags and banners in the church were dipped together, The music, admirably sung by the choir of the Dom, was that of C. Cohen's mass for four voices, and the "Libera" of the same composer. The "Dies Irae" — the noblest of medieval hymns — was sung to the ancient plainsong. In those lines are all the fear and love and hope of the Church for the dead; they tremble with the awe that carved the Doom over the portals of medieval cathedrals and thrill with the tenderest pathos:

"Quaerens me sedisti lassus:
Redemisti, cruoem passus;
Tantus labor non sit cassus."

After the Mass the Bishop of Münster, Dr. Poggenburg, preached the funeral panegyric; the Absolutions, conducted by the Bishop of Treves and the Assistant Bishops and Abbots, followed. The coffin was censed and aspersed; the last prayers were said, while the choir sang Witt's splendid "Justorum Animae." During this last scene the sun had appeared and was filling the Dom with light and colour. I will be long remembered by those who were privileged to be present.

(*Continued in next column.*).

FRENCH ELECTION.

SOCIALISTS BEATEN AT THE POLLS.

The most important elections held for many a long year in France and Belgium have just been held. Their significance lies in the fact that the electorate will determine, by their votes, the course of post-war reconstruction, whether a sane policy is to be pursued or the handling of the great problems and difficulties which beset the whole of Europe is to be subject to the will of reactionaries.

Although the full results are not yet available there are certain indications that the franchise has been intelligently exercised. In France the Socialists have lost a great number of seats. Even those two well known politicians, M. Longuet and Renaudel, have been rejected.

The extreme Right has suffered heavily and the fact that a large majority is assured for the National Republican bloc shows that Clemenceau's policy has been vindicated by the bulk of his countrymen.

France, therefore, has declared for order, work and reconstruction and will have nothing to do with reaction.

In Belgium, where there has been a cleavage of opinion in the Walloon-Flemish Controversy, the Catholic Party has lost about 15 and the Liberals nine seats, which have fallen to the Socialists. The Right, however, will still possess a working majority.

PETITION FOR MURDERER.

Seventeen thousand persons have signed a petition for the reprieve of the Canadian ex-soldier, Roy Hutty, who is under sentence of death for the murder of a nurse who had tended him at a Liverpool hospital.

THE FOURRAGERE.

HONOUR WON BY BRITISH AMBULANCE.

Colonel Girard, the supreme head of the automobile service of the French Army, has written to Mr. Peyman, president of the British Ambulance Committee, informing him that: "Marshal Foch has instructed me to notify you that the 'Fourragere' of the Croix de Guerre, by Order No. 152 F., dated 15th of May, 1919, has been awarded to the S.S.A. No. 2 of the British Ambulance Committee attached to the 72nd French Division of Infantry." Six sections, consisting of 350 men, were maintained by the British Ambulance Committee with the French Army throughout the whole period of the war.

The announcement of the bestowal of Fourragere on Section No. 2 was accompanied by the following "citation" in French army orders:

"Composed for the most part of volunteers too old for conscription (former officers, proprietors, bankers), the British Sanitary Section No. 2 displayed an endurance, bravery, and devotion equal to that of the youngest and most ardent troops. Under the conduct of Lieutenant Abrahams, a courageous and energetic leader, the B.S.S. 2 accomplished real deeds of valour during the attacks of the Monts de Champagne in May and July, 1917, and during the battles in June, July, August and October, 1918, at Ribécourt, Soissons, and the Chemin des Dames. Under shell and rifle fire, scorning danger, the drivers spared no efforts to reach the most advanced medical posts, and thus assisted in the evacuation of our wounded soldiers in conditions unexpected of safety and speed. In spite of their losses and of the damage done to their motor-cars, which were repaired on the spot and often under the the enemy's fire, the drivers of the B.S.S. 2 succeeded in overcoming all difficulties, displaying an admirable spirit of sacrifice, which earned for their formations two citations in orders of the day."

D'ANNUNZIO'S NEW EXPEDITION.

REPORTED SEIZURE OF CROATIAN TOWN.

A rumour has reached Belgrade from Spalato that D'Annunzio has occupied Zara with his troops, and that Vice-Admiral Millo has declared himself to be powerless.

The report is not yet officially confirmed, but a serious view is taken, as all the news of the last few days seemed to herald such a coup de main.

[Zara is on the Croatian coast, about 80 miles south-east of Fiume. Rome reports received in Paris state that d'Annunzio travelled to Zara on a torpedo boat, followed by nine other warships. What followed, however, is not clear. According to one story "d'Annunzio on arriving at Zara left those who had accompanied him there, and returned to Fiume."]

COST OF PAUPERS AND PRISONERS.

Mr. Baldwin, for the Treasury, gives in the Parliamentary Papers the average weekly cost of paupers and prisoners in 1914 and 1919 as follows:

	1914.		1919.		Inc.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Paupers.....	10	0	20	6	10	6
Pauper Lunatics	10	9	16	8	5	11
Convicts	18	2	42	9	24	7

The term "convicts" is applied to penal servitude prisoners. Other convicted prisoners cost £1 10s., an increase of 16s. 5d. per week on 1914.

BERMONDT'S SMUDGY PAST.

The Polish journal, Gazeta Polska, states that before the Russo-Japanese War, Bermondt was serving in the Cossack Regiment of Mishtchenko, and then became conductor of an orchestra in Kieff, where he made himself notorious by various frauds. Thanks to the protection of the German Secret Police, Bermondt, who paid special attention to the doings of the Entente's agents, enjoyed complete immunity.

N. W. FRONTIER QUIET.

A communiqué from Simla regarding the North West Frontier reports that all is quiet to the Northward of Kurram. It also states that in the Tochi area messages have been received by the Wazirs from their leaders at Kabul telling them not to commit any further acts against the Government. Only small parties of Mahsuds remain out and it is reported that the Amir has advised them to make peace.

FARMERS SAY "NO".

Representatives of 600,000 farmers, who met at Grand Rapids, Wisconsin, have declined, by an overwhelming majority, Mr. Samuel Gompers' invitation to confer with the representatives of Organised Labour.

TO OPPOSE LLOYD GEORGE.

The Carnarvon Labour Party has decided to oppose Mr. Lloyd George at the next ele tion. The Premier's opponent will probably be Mr. R. T. Jones, Secretary of the North Wales Quarrymen's Union.

PLUCKY WOMEN.

ARMED TILL-THIEVES TACKLED.

Two men, one of whom was armed with an automatic pistol, attempted to rob the till in a small baker's shop in Duckett-street, Stepney, on Friday afternoon. There were only two women in the shop, Mrs. Miller, the wife of the proprietor, and her daughter, Annie.

The men, who had been loitering about the street all day, entered the shop between 3 and 4 o'clock, and one of them made for the counter while the second remained on guard at the door. Mrs. Miller rushed into the shop from the back room, followed by her daughter and a big Airedale cross bull-terrier. The man at the door ran away while the second man, who was leaning over the counter with his hand in the till, took out a revolver and pointed it at the daughter, telling her to stand back. He then moved backwards the door covering the young woman with the pistol. He had got to the door and was just passing through it when Mrs. Miller rushed to it and slammed it to, jambing the man's hand between the door and the post.

Under the pressure the man's fingers opened and the revolver fell into Miss Miller's hand. He then got away. Miss Miller, however chased him down the street and followed him for about half a mile with the revolver pointed towards him, but he succeeded in making his escape.

IRISH AFFAIRS.

RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAY IN PEACE.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P. delivered an address before a large audience at the Jewish Institute, Whitechapel, on "The Christian and the Jew after the War." He said the superficial and popular view of the Jew was quite contrary to what the Jew really was. From experience, he said that no race was so full of generous sympathy with sorrow and suffering and the oppressed as the Jewish race.

Dealing with current affairs, he asked whether there was a prospect of there being international peace or not? That depended upon whether they established a real League of Nations. He regretted to say he thought the prospects of the League were not so bright as they were just after the armistice a year ago. The League of Nations, he declared, was very largely due to the country from which he came. Europe to-day was in a terribly disturbed condition.

What had been the cause of all these disturbances? It was the delay in America consequent on the condition of affairs in Ireland, and he could not find words to convey his condemnation and scorn for the lack of statesmanship which would allow the peace to be held up by the squabble over Ireland.

JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA.

M, Yamasuna, the millionaire president of the Tokio Chamber of Commerce, speaking at Newcastle, Australia, said that Japan was anxious to exchange commodities with Australia.

Japan did not want to send her surplus people to Australia, but it seemed monstrously wrong that many millions should be on the verge of starvation in Europe while vast spaces of this continent were empty.

"The continuance of friendly relations between our countries," he declared, entirely depends on Australia and her attitude towards us."

ENORMOUS DEAL IN DIAMONDS.

According to news from Pretoria an agreement has been reached with a diamond selling syndicate whereby the entire sales for the next five years have been disposed of to the syndicate. This includes the production of the De Beers, Premier, South-West Africa, and Jagersfontein mines. The total amount of diamonds sold under this agreement will run to approximately seventy million sterling.

PRESIDENT WILSON IMPROVING.

The condition of President Wilson has shown remarkable improvement in the last two weeks, according to a statement made by Dr. Dercum, the nerve specialist, and occasionally the President has been permitted to transact executive business

HELP FOR UNIVERSITIES.

A Royal Commission has been appointed under the chairmanship of Mr. Asquith, to consider applications by the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge for financial assistance from the State. The Commissioners include Lord Chalmers, Sir John Simon, the Dean of Christchurch, Mr. G. W. Balfour and Mr. Arthur Henderson, M.P.

APPEAL FROM DEATH SENTENCE.

Arthur Beard, who was sentenced to death for the murder of Ivy Wood in a mill yard at Hyde, Cheshire, has been granted leave to appeal on the grounds that he suffered from shell shock in France and malaria in the East, and that the murder was unpremeditated.

SOVIET SENTENCE.

ENGLISH CORRESPONDENT IMPRISONED.

The Bolshevists have sentenced Mr. Keeling, a well-known trade unionist, to imprisonment until the close of the "war with Imperialist England." Mr. Keeling, who entered Russia as a newspaper correspondent, has already been in prison in Moscow since the end of July.

He was accused of having crossed the front without the permission of the Soviet authorities; of having afterwards attempted to escape; and of having attempted to bribe his guards. After his second attempt to escape he was sent to Moscow and kept under preventive arrest until his trial before the People's Court.

During the proceedings it was shown that he had accompanied Mr. Appleton—one of the worst enemies of the Russian Revolution—who journeyed with the special purpose of doing harm to revolutionary Russia.

In view of the repeated breaches of the laws of Soviet Russia committed by citizen Keeling, he was condemned to be kept in prison until the end of the war with Imperialist England.

Mr. Keeling, a trade unionist, entered Russia last summer, crossing the Esthonian frontier towards the end of July.

POLITICS AND POLICE.

KATIE'S CHILDISH BEHAVIOUR.

Described as a nurse, a ladylike person named Kate Brown was charged at the Guildhall with disorderly conduct in Finsbury-pavement by causing a crowd to collect.

The Clerk: Do you plead guilty?

Defendant: I was agitating for Tariff Reform.

The Constable: She came up to me yesterday afternoon and asked me a civil question, and I answered her. She then asked what I was, and I said, "A police-constable." She said, "No; I mean Tariff Reform or Free Trade." I said, "As a constable I prefer not to enter into politics." She then said, "You are a lot of rogues and thieves, and half the robberies are attributable to the police. I am proud of the fact that I am not an Anglo-Saxon, because they are all half German. Why, we shall have the Germans over here shortly eating off our tables." I pointed out to her that a crowd had collected, and asked her to go away, when she produced a pair of lorgnettes and scanned the crowd.

The Clerk: Were they amused?—They were. (Laughter.) She was very excited.

Defendant: He was very childish.

The Alderman: The childishness was in another quarter, I think. If you have any system to ventilate, you should take a hall and not go into the streets. Tariff Reform is good undoubtedly, but it must not be shouted in the street. However, as you undertake not to do so in the future, I shall discharge you.

POST OFFICE WHITLEY COUNCIL.

It is reported, says the Press Association, that a serious deadlock has arisen in the formation of a Whitley Council for the Post Office. According to the official organ of the Fawcett Association, the department in the draft constitution, wishes to insert the power of Parliament, and the Postmaster-General to have "over-riding" authority. The men are prepared to accept the clause so far as it refers to Parliament, but object to the Postmaster-General having the power to veto proposals made by a joint council on which the authorities have substantial representation. It is alleged that delays and misunderstandings are due to the hostility of permanent officials and high grades of the service, to trade unionism, and the right of the lower sections to have a voice in the control.

LETTS SURROUNDING MITAU.

The Letts are gradually encircling Mitau, which is the headquarters of Colonel Bermondt. The bulk of the German diplomatic staff at Mitau have returned to Germany and it is expected that Bermondt will transfer his headquarters to Shavxli.

A Berlin telegram states that Bermondt has placed his entire army under the command of General von Berhardt, who will endeavour to secure the orderly return of ex-Imperial troops to Germany.

PROPOSED NICKEL COINAGE.

In view of the present price of silver and the possible disappearance of the silver coinage, the Council of the London Chamber of Commerce has recommended to the Government that instead of issuing notes of lower value than five shillings, nickel coinage of lower denominations such as sixpence, shilling and half-crown should be prepared, ready for issue if required.

M.P.'S SON KILLED.

The eldest son of Major Eric Knight, member for Kidderminster, who was a cadet officer studying at Cambridge, has been killed while flying there. Major Knight's second son has suffered serious injuries during the gale in American waters while on board the British warship Rewnon.

DOCKYARD HOURS.

BALLOT IN FAVOUR OF FIVE DAY WEEK.

The men employed at Portsmouth Dockyard have balloted on the proposals of the Government (1) that they should work one day short per week; or (2) that the programme of work for the next year or two shall be carried out now. The result is stated unofficially to be as follows:—In favour of working short time, 5,787; against, 5,576. The men were also asked to express their preference in regard to the particular day of the week on which they should stand off. There were 5,517 in favour of ceasing work on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, and only 209 in favour of having Monday off. The total electorate was 18,500; there were 394 spoilt papers and 7,000 papers were not returned.

Chatham Dockyard employees have decided by an overwhelming majority on ballot in favour of working only four and a half days a week, as a means of averting discharges.

CA' CANNY POLICY.

MAGISTRATE ON HOUSING SHORTAGE.

A fourteen-year-old girl was summoned at Clerkenwell for destroying postal packets, and pleaded guilty. She had been employed as a telegraph messenger and destroyed a telegram and express letter, in the first case spending on sweets the money given her for a reply telegram.

It was stated that the girl's family were respectable, but the probation officer complained of the home conditions—father, mother, younger brother, and the girl sleeping in the same room.

Mr. Symmons, in remanding the girl, said he could not blame the parents for having to "pig in." If the bricklayers would lay 1,000 bricks a day instead of 300, there would be houses for the people. But the bricklayers would lay only 300, and the trade unions said, "Bravo, fine fellows!" Then the people grumbled because the Government did not in some miraculous way provide houses. It was for the people who could do the work to provide what was required, not for us to look to the Government to provide what was required as a divine right.

A SOLDIER'S CHOICE.

MONS PRISONER REFUSES TO RETURN.

A remarkable case of a British soldier who was captured by the Germans at Mons, and who refuses to return to England, as a consequence of which his wife's separation allowance has been stopped, was before the Wisbech Guardians at their last meeting.

The man's wife has six children, and she was compelled to apply to the Guardians for relief. She stated that her husband was captured in 1914, and had written as regularly as possible up to October, 1918. The British Military Mission in Berlin had written that the man would not come back. Her allowance was 48s. 6d., and the War Office had discontinued payment.

The Guardians gave the necessary relief, and decided to communicate with the War Office with a view of reclaiming some of the money advanced.

"RAGGING" OF PUSSYFOOT

MESSAGE FROM THE KING.

Mr. Leif Jones, as president of the United Kingdom Alliance, has sent the following cable message to Mr. Charrington, chief of the Anti-Saloon League of America, Westerville, Ohio:

"Wish to express on behalf of Alliance our regret and indignation at the entirely unprovoked attack on Mr. Johnson by mob of students and others. Mr. Johnson's bearing in trying circumstances most dignified and admirable. He is being carefully treated by well-known specialist in private hospital. Earnestly trust his injury not lasting. King has expressed regret at occurrence. Lord Chancellor, in speech last night, expressed profound regret at incident. I am interviewing the Chief Commissioner of Police and Home Secretary about the affair and in regard to future meetings.—Leif Jones.".

RANKER OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of officers held at the First Avenue Hotel, Holborn, an Association was formed under the designation of "Ranker Officers' Association". Some forty officers were present and a committee was appointed.

STANDARD OIL INTENTIONS.

It is stated that the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey is about to resume business in Germany on a large scale, backed by a hundred million dollars for credit advances secured through the recent sales of stock.

LABOUR MAYOR PURVEYS COAL.

The Labour Mayor of Shoreditch (Mr. W. H. Girling), in view of a threatened coal shortage, commandeered some of the Council's dust vans, drove to the wharves, loaded up with coal, and distributed it in sacks.

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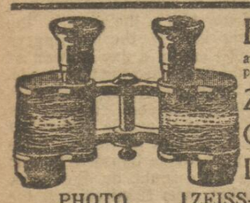
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SPORT IN RHINELAND.

The announcement that the Army is about to launch an ambitious sports programme for the benefit of the units remaining in Rhineland, will, we venture to think, be warmly received and acclaimed on all hands. The scheme is to be a comprehensive one embracing the various popular Sports, and catering for all tastes.

There are to be cup competitions for Association and Rugby football, boxing and cross country running, and, if the hopes and ambitions of the promoters are realised, an unprecedented boom in Rhineland sport will be the happy outcome.

That something of the sort was needed to give the necessary filip to matters sporting all will agree. A perusal of our sports page will have shown that for some little time there has been something radically wrong in this branch of the soldier's life in Rhineland.

More than one correspondent has deplored an alleged decrth of the old enthusiasm and keenness and while this is undoubtedly not universal as is evidenced by replies which have appeared, it is useless attempting to disguise the fact that in many units, at any rate, there has been a regrettable decline in recreational prowess.

The reason, we submit, is not far to seek. We cannot and will not believe that the cause is lack of desire on the part of Tommy; and that, as has been stated, the football match and boxing bout have lost their magnetism and appeal. The majority of the present members of the Army of Occupation participated in last season's football and almost every unit entered for our cricket cup competition. The success of the latter and the wonderful interest evinced is ample proof of the existence of the sporting spirit.

What, then, is the fault? Is it not to be found in the temporarily unsettled state of almost every unit in Rhineland, coupled with a lack of organisation as a consequence?

Without thorough organisation sport is only an empty shell, and no matter how keen the rank and file may be, if the keenness is not correctly controlled and guided, it can but result in spasmodic and unsatisfactory effort.

The projected sports scheme, therefore, which will only be commenced when we have once more returned to the normal, should be more than sufficent to engender the necessary co-ordination and to re-kindle enthusiasm until sports of all kind in the Rhine Army come again into their own as one of the chief essentials in the life of the British soldier.

WOMEN IN PUBLIC GOVERNMENT.

I prefer this title to that of "Women in Politics," which first suggested itself; and that for two reasons. In the first place, they have always been "in politics," though until lately unable to be members of the governing bodies; secondly and chiefly because the great hope is that through their participation we may have less politics and more government.

The campaign of Lady Astor at Plymouth and the platform work of Mrs Lloyd George have recently drawn greater attention to the fact that women, lately enfranchised, are not going to be content with voting for men but are determined to be among those who discuss and make the laws of the nation of which they form somewhat more than a half, and, if the young children of the nation are regarded as their especial care, represent an enormous majority of the population.

That they will form a large and increasing part in Imperial as well as local legislatures, and that in the early future, there can be no doubt. From the political influence of the salon and the economic influence of the home, they will, while retaining those former powers, emerge into the open as equal in public discussion and legislative functions with the men through whom they formerly had to seek expression.

I believe it to be of enormous value that the women's voice and will should come into actual power at this time when there is so much unrest, so many a wild proposition, so much reckless expenditure, so large a proportion of revolutionary thought. For woman is essentially conservative. In spite of much that has been seen of late in the way of careless spending, of exaggerated pleasure seeking, of "emancipation" carried to extremes, these things are true but of a small proportion of our womankind, and are probably even with them but a temporary symptom of War conditions and later reaction from the strain. The great majority of women are quietly at their duties and living the home life. The mass of feminine feeling is always in favour of the peaceful life, and the security and stability of home interests. Was it not Ruskin who said that if every declaration of war had as a known and inevitable result the immediate breaking of all the tea-cups on every woman's table, no war would ever be possible?

How many strikes have ended, how many more been prevented, by the aggregate weight of the women's opposition to the cessation of supplies to the home? And this although their loyalty to the cause of their men has often led them to bear—as it is they who must bear—the privations of themselves and their children when they feel their claim to be just and necessary. But they had no hand in the making of the laws or the regulations, the results of which they had to comply with. Woman was politically dumb, her knowledge of home conditions, of women's and children's needs—aye, and of men's too had to be expressed as best it could through men and lacked executive power altogether. Now she will bring to the council and the legislature her knowledge, her prudence and her steadying power. Of all these the legislative and the executive authorities have need in this hour, when the whole future is in the melting pot.

And the results will be as good for woman herself as for the nation. While there are many women who are intellectually and even temperamentally fitted to act now as the representatives of their sex's point of view or the national needs without regard to sex at all, it must be admitted that the huge majority of our women know even less by far than most men, of the elements of political economy, or the wide vision that is necessary in shaping policy and legislation.

They have been shut out from participation and have in the main little interest in things outside of their own sphere and locality.

But knowledge comes by action. When it is theirs to pronounce upon, to form a line of action, they will quickly bring their attention and abilities to bear upon it. "Solvitur in ambulando" is the motto that will settle this difficulty.

It has been said that women have no civic sense. To a large extent this is true, for they have had no opportunity of using a civic sense, which could only have atrophied had they possessed it. In this, as in most things, the demand creates the supply. The woman's horizon was bounded by her home and family, or at most by those of her neighbours and friends. For a ring-fence of prohibition shut her from the wider view. To-day that fence is down; and her clear sight will soon learn the new perspective, and adjust itself to the resulting proportion.

One cannot doubt of the tremendous effect for good which must in a hundred ways result from the entry, too long delayed, of women into the field of direct power as representatives of the women and children and as equal citizens of the nation with men.

In the early part of the late War, Russian women formed a "Battalion of Death" which did nobly for their country. We welcome to the arena of public service the "Battalion of Life," formed of the women who shall be chosen for the public service. *O. WYNOTT.*

ROUND THE WORLD IN A WEEK.

Only a few years ago—when Thomas Edison was twenty-five years old—Jules Verne wrote "Round the World in Eighty Days." Two years before he had written his "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," in which he described the voyage of a boat travelling under water. When Jules Verne insisted that these books were not mere fiction but that they portrayed the possibilities of the century to come, several members of the French scientific societies declared him "insane"—and that was only forty-six years ago!

"What progress the last fifty years has seen" writes Mr. Edgar H. Felix in "The New York Tribune." But instead of fifty, consider only the last twenty, the last fifteen, the last ten years! Progress in all things, but especially in aeronautics.

Of course, we shall soon fly around the world, but the first trip will take months, just as the first recorded trip across the Atlantic—the voyage of Columbus—took nearly three months, although the Atlantic has now been crossed in less than five days by steamship and in sixteen hours by airplane. While the pilots of the first air trip around the world will devote all their attention to covering distance, those who make the first trip around the world in a week will centre their attention on speed.

The first attempt to fly around the world will be made along routes where protected waters are within reasonable flying range. Prevailing winds favour a west to east flight. For more than sentimental reasons, it is likely that the start will be made from Rockaway, and the first stop will be at the mid-ocean airport, the Azores. It will be unnecessary to fly north to St. John's, because, within the year, improvements will make direct flights from Rockaway to the Azores possible.

From the Azores to Lisbon and then to Gibraltar will offer no particular difficulties. Nor will there be lack of fuel and repair stations on the flight through the Mediterranean, with the southern ports of France, Italy and Greece at the disposal of the aerial Magellans. From Greece the course will turn southward, much as the mediaeval trade route, along the coast of Turkey and Arabia, over the Red Sea and the Arabian Sea to India.

From India to the Philippines, via Sumatra, Java and Borneo, the route will also follow lanes soon to be explored—along the India to Australia route, about two-thirds of the way. The next stage of the journey, from the Philippines to the west coast of North America, will present the greatest difficulties to the around-the-world flier. Although there are numerous islands in the Pacific, the first attempt will be made so soon that few of these airports will have been developed.

Around-the-world trips, involving thousands of extra miles of travel, will be necessary during the next few years, although ultimately more direct travel routes will be established. The first trip across the Pacific may be from the Philippines to the Marshall Islands, then to the Hawaiian Islands, and lastly to the California mainland.

The first flight will be interesting, dramatic, phenomenal, but much progress must be made before such flights become practical and capable of giving efficient service. For regular trips it is probable the long distance dirigible will be employed, but the development of adequate airports will postpone establishment of regular trips by such craft for some time. The discovery or development of gases of considerably more lifting power than hydrogen will make more rapid flight of dirigibles possible at extremely high altitudes, where winds 200 and 300 miles an hour will assist the airship. There will be no oxygen difficulties—the hull in which the crew operates will be airtight with oxygen supplied from tanks—pressure will be the same as on the ground.

On the other hand, serviceable flying around the world will not come into its own until many radical improvements are made. The most important of these inventions will be wireless transmission of power. Instead of carrying gasolene fuel weighing many tons, antennal will gather the energy from the ether. But, serviceable or not—the flights across the Atlantic have not been serviceable from a commercial or purely utilitarian viewpoint—an aerial trip around the world will soon be made.

In flying around the world in a week many stops and quick stops will be made; change of machines will be made, both the land 'plane and the flying boat will be used. All these stops and changes will be possible for airports with supplies, and machines will soon, very soon, dot the continents and the islands of all the seas. Think what has been done in this line in a few short months, since the signing of the armistice!

WRITING FOR "THE POST."

"I see the "Cologne Post" wants articles, dear." My wife looked up from the paper which she was reading, and eyed me questioningly.

I was reading a very interesting book at the time, so I merely grunted without looking up, and went on with my reading.

"Why don't you try and do something? I am sure if you can write stories for the magazines, you can write for a paper like "The Cologne Post!" I left my book with a sigh, and gently explained that there was a wide gulf, between short and topical articles, and my five thousand words of hashed sentiment for the masses."

"Never mind that dear, try and do something! You might at least earn enough to supply me with chocolates!" I looked regretfully at my book, and murmured hopefully "To-morrow."

It was, however, a hope that was doomed to failure, my book was forcibly taken away from me, a pad and pencil placed in front of me, and I was commanded to try!

For a solid half an hour I wasted paper in a vain attempt to write something short and witty, but it was of no avail.

"It is of no use dear!" I said wearily at last, "I am not cut out for writing this kind of stuff. I can describe heroes and heroines locked in each other's arms, and villains and heroes engaged in gigantic struggles, but when it comes to short and witty articles—I fail."

My appeal was, however, only met with a withering request never to boast of my brains again, so I tried just once more, to justify that portion of my makeup.

Suddenly I was struck with an idea, and, with revenge in my heart as I thought of my neglected book, I decided to write the history, with all its miserable details, of my first attempt to write for "The Cologne Post."

My wife's smile of satisfaction, as my pencil scratched over the paper, was beautiful to behold, but I frustrated all her attempts to see what I was writing.

"Wait until you see it in print" I said, as I grabbed my hat and coat, and hardened my heart to withstand the wail of disappointment which floated after me, from the open door. *HARRIS BARTLETT.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

EXCESSIVE CIGARETTE SMOKING.

Sir,—What next; Mr. Editor, pray? The young soldier has been adversely criticised of late for many alleged failings and now comes a long plaint by a Senior officer in which he enjoins us to give up cigarette smoking and to discontinue patronage of the Army cinemas.

If all the suggestions put forward, no doubt in good faith, were carried out the present British occupants of the Rhine would be denied every sort of pleasure imaginable.

It appears to me that an advantage is being taken of our youth to "sit on" us whenever opportunity presents itself, in the belief that we are unable to take up the cudgels in our own defence.

What are we, may I ask—men or boys? Most of us have long ago left behind us the care of the nursery - the majority in fact had no such luxury—we are doing a man's work and all that we ask is to be treated as men, and not as irresponsible and naughty boys.

I refuse to admit "Senior Officer's" accusations and even were they true, I submit that excessive smoking is a far less evil than many to which we are exposed in Rhineland.

That the Army and men of higher rank than "Senior Officer" entertain no such fears is proved by the fact that we get our weekly issues of cigarettes and why have three cinemas been taken over in Cologne if not for us to attend?

BOYS BRIGADE.

Sir,—Your correspondent "Senior Officer" will have many supporters in his complaint as to the over indulgence in cigarette smoking among the young soldiers of the British Army of Occupation.

At such a time when we place such high value upon a healthy national youth it is painful to see young men, the pick of our future manhood, laying their constitutions open to the undermining influence of the evils of perpetual smoking.

Much of it is due, I believe, to the ignorance of the consequences of persistence in the habit and I am in favour of a campaign of enlightenment in which indisputable statistics and opinions of medical men should be put forward and made known to all.

The problem has a serious national aspect and it is one which the powers that be cannot afford to ignore.

PAINED.

FIXING PRICES.

Sir,—I hear a great many grumbles every day from soldiers as to the varying prices charged for identical articles at the different institutes for the benefit of Tommy on the Rhine.

These unfortunate discrepancies are not only annoying to the purchaser but they cause a great deal of criticism which in many instances probably is scarcely deserved, yet is not calculated to do these institutes any good.

Could not this unsatisfactory state of things be overcome quite easily by a weekly conference between the heads of the various clubs, canteens and institutes at which they can arrive mutually at a fair figure for the sale of identical articles during the ensuing seven days?

It is the lack of uniformity that causes all the dissatisfaction and I hope it may be able to act on my suggestion.

H.P.

WHY NOT WRESTLING?

Sir,—I see that our old friend "Anti-Box" has cropped up again. I should have thought after the trouncing he got previously he would have lain low for evermore.

His would seem to be a curiously constructed mind. He objects to boxing as brutal, yet writes in favour of wrestling. Now "Anti-Box" can you tell me wherein the fine distinction lies?

Both are struggles of man against man for physical supremacy — both are fights. I think I can see what shocks the susceptibilities of "Anti-Box" in boxing. It is I suppose that blood may result from a blow. In wrestling that can hardly happen.

"Anti-Box" is evidently a tender plant; yet his advocacy of wrestling, if sincere, shows he has his better points. *A.R.W.*

UNRESPONSIVE AUDIENCES.

Sir,—I fail to see anything "unsportsmanlike" in not showing wild enthusiasm over "turns" one hears at an entertainment. Surely one can be sincere, and if an item doesn't appeal to one, is it obligatory to clap or stamp or shout just because others to whom the performance gives pleasure are doing so?

It matters not to me whether the artistes "work like Trojans" or not. Hard work doesn't necessarily produce effects that evoke applause; on the contrary forced efforts on the stage to gain the approbation of an audience usually fall flat.

When I go to a show I pay quota at the door and expect to get my money's worth, I claim the right to applaud or not according to whether anything I see or hear has pleased me or not. While appreciating everyone's efforts on the stage or platform, I retain my individual right to do as I please. I don't go so far as to give "the bird" to an entertainer whose turn I don't like, but if I remain silent while others applaud that's my affair.

Why "Honesty" fixes the date 1870 when it became necessary for everybody to applaud and shout approval of all that is put before them, I can't see. What bearing has the year of the Franco-Prussian War on his argument? *1919.*

TO SUZETTE.

Why do you always smile, cherie
When I chance to catch your eye;
Is it a soft denial, cherie,
Or is it that you are shy?

Why are you lips so red, cherie,
Why are your eyes so bright;
What did they try to say, cherie
To me the other night?

Only you speak with your eyes, cherie
Lips have a lovelier task;
Perhaps it's because you are wise, cherie,
Perhaps it is only a mask.

REX.

WHO IS TO BLAME?

Striking Facts about the Question and its Answer.

BY "OLD BRIGADE."

Evidently the whole idea and purpose of my letter has been missed by "Anti-Cant," who has turned what might have been an interesting discussion, resulting in improvements, into a battle of words.

The mere heading of his letter shows that he views my letter as antagonistic, yet I can assure him that the sole idea was to try by suggestion and co-operation to improve the state of things which now exist.

Should there be a Sports Officer?

"Anti-Cant" suggests that the Battalion Sports Officer should be a thing of the past, and that he should be replaced by a Sports Committee. In reply however, I wish to place before him instances of what has happened in four Battalions which I know personally. A Sports Committee was formed, consisting of a junior N.C.O. or man from each platoon, and one Officer per Company. On all questions relating to sport the Committee was asked to hold conferences. Because however, these meetings were convened in the afternoons the Young Soldiers looked on this as an extra duty, and five times out of six when a meeting was held, only half a dozen, or so, rolled up.

Platoon representatives were allotted definite duties relating to Sports. For example, the raising of a platoon football team; platoon running team, etc.; for arranging matches for his platoon against others, through the Sports Secretary. This system was in vogue for six weeks but as so few matches were arranged during this period, and there was a lack of supervision generally, it all went to point out the falacy of leaving the matters of organization to the Men's Committee, the Sports Officer having no option in the matter but to take the whole thing into his own hands once more. Has this not been the case in most "Young Soldier" Battalions?

No Lack of Organisation.

From his remarks "Anti-Cant" is evidently under the impression that no such thing as organised Sports and Competitions has been run in the Battalion to which "Old Brigade" belongs. I do not think I can do better than once more quote actual facts.

Full particulars of a Winter Sports Programme were published. They included an Inter-Platoon Quarter League, Inter-Company Hockey League, formation of Regimental football, rugby, and hockey teams, besides less notable games, which I will deal with in turn.

FOOTBALL: I have already explained how this fared in spite of "Anti-Cant's" suggested Committee.

HOCKEY: Lectures were arranged to instruct would-be players how this game should be played. Everyone was asked to attend and yet out of a whole Battalion, only twenty put in an appearance. Men were urged merely to join in knocking a hockey ball about until they could get some idea of the game, four instructors would have helped them in doing so (two of whom were "Old War Crocks" whom "Anti-Cant' so much despises) but no new players came forward.

RUGBY: N.C.O.'s and men were asked to submit their names to learn the game. Practice and instructional games were to be played. It may be of interest, perhaps, to publish the result of this request which is as follows.

N.C.O.'s who were Rugby Players . . 3
N.C.O.'s who wished to learn the game 3
Men who were Rugby Players. . 0
Men who wished to learn the game. . 0

What excuse can "Anti-Cant" put forward in defence of this?

BOXING: I have touched on this subject in my last letter but the lack of spirit struck me so very forcibly with regard to this, that I had some talks with the men asking them why they did not take to it. I was surprised beyond measure to hear a large number of youths say, without, shame, that they actually feared the tuition.

Spirit of Apathy.

Even if some of these young soldiers are incapacitated through service and strenuous training or "other causes" and cannot themselves play, surely they are able to support their own team.

How many spectators were present at the VI Corps Eliminating Competitions held in Blucher Park during the summer? The writer was present and competed and knows that, apart from the officiating staff, there was not a dozen.

Again, at Rich this summer the "flower" of Rhine sportsmen were competing, and men were being chosen to represent the Rhine Army in England. The day was perfect as regards weather, and the event had been advertised for weeks previously. Here again, the writer was competing and knows for a fact that there was not more than thirty spectators to encourage and put heart into the men doing their best to uphold the names of their respective units by endeavouring to be represented in the team that was to be sent in England.

There are many such instances happening every week, but they far too numerous to quote.

Older Soldier not to Blame.

"Anti-Cant" is quite mistaken when he states that I am attacking the men whose spirit pulled them through the late War: if he will read a little more carefully he will see that I think a great deal of the man who has been disabled and through this has to content himself with a game of ping-pong, whereas before the war nothing less than the rugby or hockey field was good enough for him.

Nor a Lack of Gear.

His argument with regard to gear is very feeble, because with so many units breaking up it is possible (with a little trouble) to obtain large stocks at a low price. Notwithstanding the alleged inefficiency of "Old Brigade," in his Battalion there are four hundred football jerseys, five hundred football shorts, three hundred running vests, and seventy hockey sticks; forty cricket bats, with thirty sets of pads, stumps, and bails etc; four cricket nets, and four cricket mats, in addition to a Gymnasium, complete with appliances. The latter, by the way, though never being used by anybody for its legitimate purpose, is now converted into a cinema.

WHO, OR WHAT IS TO BLAME?

RACING RESUMÉ.

Season's Performances of Three-year-olds.

BUCHAN AND BAYUDA.

It is very seldom that any of the best two-and three-year-olds of any season are seen in public after the conclusion of the Newmarket Houghton Meeting, and therefore it is possible when that date arrives to sum up the form in some degree, and to decide which of the youngsters are likely to play a bold part in the classic events of the following year says "The Field."

Of the three-year-olds the whole Turf world will agree that the season has been a remarkably poor one so far as classic horses are concerned. In connection with the pick of such horses it it exceedingly curious that many of them were wonderfully good looking.

The Panther, for example, was probably the grandest-looking three-year-old of very recent times. He is as big as Hurry On, the champion of 1916, but shows greater elegance of outline, and more quality than did Mr. Buchanan's horse three years ago. There, however, the comparison ends, for whereas Hurry On showed enormous superiority over all the horses he met, The Panther, after a smartly gained victory in the Two Thousand, became a hopeless non-trier; and failed to get near the front in either of the three races in which he has since taken part.

The Derby Winner.

As for the Derby winner, Grand Parade—a very good-looking horse—so little has been seen of him in public that it is difficult to form a correct opinion as to his merits, and it is just possible that he may be a good deal better than is generally thought. As a two-year-old he won twice in England and three times in Ireland before he suffered defeat.

At the Houghton meeting of last year, however, he was only third to Glanmerin and Knight of the Air in the Moulton Stakes of five furlongs, but was giving a little weight to the two who finished in front of him. He did not run again until he took part in the Derby, and it will be remembered that in that race he was generally supposed to be the second string of his stable, Dominion, in the same ownership, starting at exactly one-third of the odds which were offered against Grand Parade.

This second and last race of the year was at Ascot in the St. James' Palace Stakes. The two were well matched, and Grand Parade had to be hard ridden, but he won nevertheless, and that was his last appearance on a racecourse.

Success of the Season.

Buchan, on the other hand, has run very often, and has, on the whole, been the most successful three-year-old of the season, in spite of the fact that he was beaten into third place for the St. Leger. In all he has won five times as a three-year-old, and has been beaten on three occasions, and each of his defeats was sustained in a classic race. He won the Craven Stakes in April, was second to The Panther in the Two Thousand, and second to Grand Parade in the Derby. He next won the Princess of Wales' Stakes, and Eclipse Stakes, but met with unexpected defeat in the St. Leger, and from what has come to our knowledge we are strongly inclined to think that this running was wrong as far as Buchan was concerned.

Since his Doncaster defeat Buchan has won twice, and Keysoe has been beaten by Flying Spear over ten furlongs at Newbury, and again at Liverpool, and has won the Newmarket Oaks in very moderate company.

Bayuda, best Filly.

Roseway, who won the One Thousand, has only taken one race since, and has been twice beaten, and Bayuda, who won the Oaks, was beaten when attempting to give a great deal of weight to Rothesay Bay at Liverpool in July; she is probably the best of the fillies.

Galloper Light is doubtless one of the best three-year-olds of the year. He won the Payne Stakes and the Grand Prix de Paris, and ran second—beaten by a head—to He for the Coronation Cup. The handicap three-year-olds have entirely failed to hold their own with the older horses. Just lately it is true that several minor handicaps have been won by horses in their second season, but it is a fact that no single one of the most important races of this description has fallen to a three-year-old.

ALBERT HALL BOXING.

Should Boxers Divulge Size of Purses.

For a long time there has been strong opposition to boxing taking place at Albert Hall for purses or wagers, writes "Straight Left" in "Sporting Life." And while opposition has so far been broken down in this case as to permit a series of professional tournaments, it is only on the understanding that no purse, prize money, side stake, or wager will depend on the contests, and that part of the proceeds of each show will be devoted to charities to be named later. Valuable trophies will, however, be the reward of the successful contestants, and that the men are satisfied is evident, or they would not have consented to box.

After Dinner Objection.

It was objected by one of the after-dinner speakers that the public would want to know what the boxers were receiving for their services, otherwise the shows would be a failure; but to this there came the very obvious retort that the boxing was what people were interested in, and not the size of the purse. Further, that neither the public nor any individual had the right to ask how much Beckett, say, was to get for boxing Smith. That was entirely a matter for Beckett and his backer.

The public do not ask Melbourne Inman or George Robey, or Steve Donoghue how much they earned by their skill, nor had the public any right to do so. Why, then, should the impertinent "Nosey Parkers" be so curious about boxers and expect to have their curiosity satisfied? It is no business of these people whether Beckett is to have a medal or a "monkey" for boxing Carpentier, or Smith, or anybody else.

HOW THEY STAND.

Football League Tables After Saturday's Matches.

NEWCASTLE HEAD THE LIST.

Appended are the League Tables up-to-date, compiled after Saturday's matches.

The League.—Division I.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts
Newcastle United	14	9	2	3	21	9	21
Burnley	15	9	3	3	25	18	21
West Bromwich Albion	14	10	4	0	41	20	20
Cardiff	14	7	5	2	25	19	16
Manchester United	14	5	3	6	24	17	1
Middlesbrough	14	6	5	3	20	23	15
Sheffield United	15	6	5	4	28	24	1[illegible]
Derby County	15	5	5	5	19	21	15
Bolton Wanderers	15	6	7	2	28	24	15
Manchester City	14	6	5	3	37	32	15
Chelsea	14	7	6	1	21	16	15
Bradford City	15	5	6	4	26	28	14
Liverpool	14	6	6	2	18	19	14
The Arsenal	14	4	4	6	21	22	14
Everton	14	6	6	2	31	28	14
Blackburn Rovers	15	4	7	4	19	31	12
Bradford	14	5	7	2	19	23	1[illegible]
Notts County	14	4	6	4	22	31	12
Oldham Athletic	14	4	8	2	21	22	10
Preston North End	14	4	8	2	21	35	10
Aston Villa	14	4	9	1	21	31	9
Sheffield Wednesday	14	2	8	4	9	21	8

The League.—Division II.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Tottenham Hotspur	14	12	1	1	41	10	25
Birmingham	14	9	3	2	29	13	20
Blackpool	15	9	4	2	33	17	20
Hull City	15	9	4	2	30	20	2[illegible]
Stoke	13	9	3	1	24	16	19
Huddersfield Town	14	8	3	3	29	10	19
Fulham	15	7	4	4	23	15	18
Bristol City	13	6	2	5	17	10	17
West Ham United	13	7	4	3	15	17	17
Stockport County	14	6	4	4	20	11	16
Barnsley	14	6	6	2	29	17	14
Bury	14	6	6	2	15	18	14
Bursdem Port Vale	13	5	6	2	19	17	12
South Shields	14	5	7	2	13	19	12
Rotherham County	15	5	9	1	15	29	11
Wolverhampton Wand.	14	4	7	3	18	18	11
Nottingham Forest	15	3	7	5	13	22	11
Leicester City	14	3	8	3	12	30	9
Clapton Orient	14	4	9	1	14	21	9
Grimsby Town	14	3	10	1	9	28	7
Lincoln City	14	2	9	3	11	41	7
Coventry City	14	0	12	2	4	35	2

Southern League.

	Pld.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts
Reading	17	8	2	7	23	13	23
Queen's Park Rangers	16	9	3	4	24	13	22
Portsmouth	16	9	3	4	29	10	22
Watford	14	9	2	3	23	10	21
Crystal Palace	15	6	2	7	27	15	19
Cardiff City	14	6	2	6	26	15	18
Exeter City	15	5	4	6	17	14	16
Plymouth Argyle	15	6	5	4	20	10	1[illegible]
Norwich City	13	7	4	2	27	20	16
Swindon Town	15	6	5	4	27	22	16
Millwall Athletic	16	6	6	4	25	25	16
Southend United	16	5	5	6	20	23	16
Swansea Town	16	5	6	5	17	17	15
Brentford	15	4	5	6	15	18	14
Merthyr Town	18	4	8	6	19	28	14
Luton	15	5	7	3	19	27	13
Southampton	16	6	9	1	23	31	13
Bristol Rovers	14	4	6	4	22	29	12
Brighton & Hove	16	3	8	5	14	22	11
Gillingham	16	3	10	3	9	30	9
Northampton	15	2	8	5	23	36	9
Newport County	17	3	11	3	13	34	9

Scottish League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Glasgow Rangers	16	14	1	1	48	9	29
Celtic	14	11	2	1	34	15	24
Ayr United	17	8	4	5	37	26	20
Heart of Midlothian	16	9	2	5	24	19	20
Motherwell	16	7	6	3	26	22	20
Airdrieonians	16	7	4	5	21	14	18
Dundee	16	8	2	6	26	19	18
Aberdeen	16	7	3	6	20	20	17
Greenock Morton	15	7	2	6	24	14	16
Hibernians	16	7	2	7	32	31	16
Partick Thistle	14	6	2	6	20	22	14
Queen's Park	17	5	4	8	23	30	14
Third Lanark	15	5	4	6	20	28	14
St. Mirren	17	6	2	9	23	32	14
Albion Rovers	15	5	3	7	15	23	13
Raith Rovers	18	5	3	10	32	40	13
Dumbarton	16	3	7	6	19	30	13
Falkirk	18	5	3	10	20	34	13
Kilmarnock	17	5	3	9	19	38	13
Clydebank	14	5	2	7	24	22	12
Clyde	17	3	5	9	20	31	11
Hamilton Academicals	16	4	2	10	25	39	10

BILLIARDS CHALLENGE.

INMAN TO PLAY FALKINER, NEWMAN AND SMITH.

Melbourne Inman whose defeat to the tune of 4,000 by Falkiner (received 2,000) in a tournament match which concluded during the week-end came as a surprise to the billiard world, is prepared to make good his challenge to any player in the world. Newman, Smith and Falkiner all accepted.

Negotiations are practically completed for matches and the necessary papers will probably be signed in London when Falkiner returns in about a fortnight's time.

Inman and Smith completed arrangements for their match, which will be one of 16,000 (Smith to receive 1,500 start) to take place at Thurston's commencing on Dec. 1st for £100 a side.

RUGBY BOMBSHELL.

Unexpected Development in Welsh Dispute.

The sensational decision of the Pontypool Rugby Football Club to cancel the Easter Monday fixture with the invincible Newport Club dropped like an explosive bomb in Welsh football circles.

It will be remembered that after alleging foul play against the Pontypool players in a match between the teams at Pontypool on October 6, the Newport Club offered Pontypool the option of either cancelling or fulfilling the return fixture at Newport on Easter Monday.

The sensational character of the Pontypool resolve is accentuated by the fact that most, if not all, Welsh clubs believed that the trouble between the two clubs in dispute had ended amicably. The fact is that negotiations have been proceeding privately ever since the option was given to Pontypool, and evidence that Pontypool are not satisfied with the course the negotiations took is afforded by that club's resolution to ask the Welsh Football Union to reopen the inquiry into the allegations made.

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AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

"THE MELTING POT."

All ye who delight in drama gird up your loins and forsake the fleshpots of Cologne and go in your thousands to the Deutsches Theatre.

I must apologise for the Biblical form of this exhortation but there are some lines in Mr. Israel Zangwill's play which induce me to this frame of mind. I came away from the "Melting Pot" last night with my mind idelibly impressed. I once thought that there was only one great part befitting the histrionic talent of Lieut. Esme Percy—that of John Tanner in "Man and Superman." Now I find I was mistaken.

To the part of John Tanner must now be added that of David Quixano. Lieut. Percy's portrayal of this exotic creature was a magnificent piece of acting, perhaps not so striking in the first two acts but rising to the hights of dramatic ability in the third.

A sympathetic Audience.

A Deutsches Theatre audience is usually an appreciative one, but I have never seen an audience composed of British soldiers so gripped. During the latter part of the third act, one could have heard a pin drop. The idea of the play has already been described in these columns, and it is only necessary to add to what has already been written that this play is one which will show up the weak points in the histrionic capabilities of those who take part in it.

As regards the performance on Monday night, I can only say that the entire caste is composed of tried actors. Next to Lieut. Percy, I take off my hat to that accomplished actress, Miss Inez Bensusan who played the dual role of Baroness Revendal and Frau Quixano. Her rendering of the latter part was a masterpiece, and in considering her portrayal of the Baroness I must take into consideration the fact that she had to transform herself during the play from a bent old lady of eighty something into a gorgeously dressed French lady in the, shall we say, thirties, who had a penchant for les affaire and L'amour and then, in the last act, back again to old age and incipient idiocy. I have already said that her acting as Frau Revandal was a masterpiece. Her protrayal of the Baroness was very, very clever, but to my mind it suffered from being slightly overdone. Miss Bensusan is to be complimented on her French accent, but her broken English is rather too broken to be heard distinctly in the back parts of the house.

Another Fine Part.

Her husband, the Baron, played by Sergeant Shilsky, was a stern soldier and staunch adherent of the Czar, but he was apparently lenient on the matter of his wife's taste in dress which was just a wee bit outré for a lady of her position.

To stand perfectly still on the stage for very nearly a quarter of an hour while an actor like Lieut. Percy is playing his finest part and yet succeed in keeping the audience keenly interested in you is a difficult feat, but one which Sergeant Shilsky managed to accomplish. His rendering of Baron Revendal was admirable.

Lieut. Leigh Farnell showed to better advantage as old Meadel Quixano than he has yet done, and he played a difficult part exceedingly well. I always have liked Miss Shirley King's acting, and her part of Vera Revandal, the Russian girl who loved her David to such an extent that she was willing to throw over all her racial prejudices was most cleverly and sympathetically played.

A Convincing American.

Lieut. Humphrey Hope, as Herr Pappelmeister, quite surpassed himself. His was a very fine piece of character acting. Pte. T. Terry quite convinced me that he was what he was meant to be, Quincy Davenport, the American millionaire. He essayed what is very difficult to do well, viz. to carry his American accent right through the play. It certainly faltered once or twice, especially when he was making love to Vera Revendal, but on the whole, he gave a very fine performance.

Miss Francis Chisholm, as Kathleen O'Reilly, delighted us all with her fascinating Irish accent and her amusing Irishisms. A comparatively small part but played delightfully.

I was sorry not to see the house more packed, but demobilization is playing havoc everywhere. I do think, however, that if people will only realise that they have got here a very fine play, very finely acted, we shall during the week not have to complain of empty rows in spite of the gaps a relentless government is making in our ranks. *E.H.S.*

ROUND ABOUT NOTES.

The Memory Man.

This littte drawing will readily be recognised by patrons of the Palace, Cologne, as "Datas," the wonderful memory man, who mystified large audiences at the cosy theatre last week. "Datas" who has probably the most retentive memory of any human being, has for many years travelled Europe answering the numerous questions fired at him by members of many fascinated audiences. The most remote dates and [illegible] are recalled by him with extraordinary readiness and he claims to have memorised 2,000 facts about the war as a result of reading them once through. While he was in Cologne, "Datas" was a guest at many officers messes, his breezy conversation and genial manner making him very popular.

Second Master Concert.

To-day, the famous master-singer of the Munich Opera House, Herr Paul Bender, is giving a Concert at the Burgergesellschaft at 7.30 p.m. He will sing sections from the works of J. S. Bach, Schubert, Mendelsohn and Beethoven. To-morrow, at the same place and at the same time, he will sing songs of Schumann, Wurz, Kowalski, Loewe.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Wednesday	No Performance			
Thursday	No British Bookings.			
Fri.	Armourer of Worms	Lortzing	7	9.45
Sat.	Carmen	Bizet	7	10.30
Sun.	Flying Dutchman	Wagner	7.30	10.30

At the Leave Club.

Leave Club announcements include:—to-day, an impromptu concert from 5 to 3 p.m.; a dance at 6.30 p.m. in the theatre, and a German class in the quiet room. To-morrow, after the usual impromptu concert, there will be a whist drive in the music room and a dancing class followed by a dance in the theatre, all commencing at 6.30 p.m.

The Printer's Omission.

A curious slip crept into my note about the Audrey Esmond party yesterday. What I wrote was "Miss Esmond and her companions are having a great time this week at Bonn, although they appear at the Leave Club to-night, . . ." But that which the printer condescended to put into the paper was "Miss Esmond and her companions are having a great time this week although they are appearing at the Leave Club to-night . . ." Only those two words "at Bonn" dropped but they make all the difference. My regrets to the Controller of Entertainments.

Black and White.

I hear that all officers wishing to get tickets for the Black and White fancy dress dance, to be held at the B.E.L.C. on Thursday 27th November, may apply personally or by letter direct to the Controller of Entertainments at the club.

No. 1 G.H.Q. Clerks' Mess.

On Saturday, a most enjoyable evening was spent at the above mess when a large number of members sat down to a sumptuous meal organised by the mess committee. There was an amply supply of good things to occupy everyone's attention. Following the dinner, a concert by various members of the G.H.Q., Concert Party was given. The artistes had an excellent reception and were all called upon for encores. A splendid programme was brought to a conclusion by the singing of the National Anthem. The committee are to be heartily congratulated on their arrangements and everyone present will agree that the whole event passed off delightfully.

JACQUES.

OUR COMPETITION.

Likelihood of Solo Winner in No 8 Contest.

We expect to publish to-morrow the result of No 8 football contest. As yet no competitor forecasting the ten results correctly has been discovered, and, judging by the surprises of Saturday, this feat is not likely to be accomplished.

One coupon has been noted on which the entrant managed to forecast the four draws and the two away winners which floored so many; he, however, failed to give the other matches correctly.

Once again we draw attention to the fact that no local money, excepting Cologne notes, can be accepted.

Coupons for No 9 contest are reaching us in large numbers. Post early as this greatly fascilitates the checking.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 9,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S./40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 9.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov. 22nd.
Closing date, Friday, Nov. 21st.

Arsenal	v. Notts County
Oldham	v. Manchester United
Preston	v. Liverpool
Sunderland	v. Newcastle
Coventry	v. Blackpool
Fulham	v. West Ham
Notts Forest	v. Tottenham
Bristol R.	v. Plymouth A.
Exeter C.	v. Northampton
Southampton	v. Brentford
Queens Park	v. Rangers
Airdrieonians	v. Dumbarton

I enter Football Competition No. 9 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

PERSEVERANCE REPAID.

A Competitors Ideas on how to win Success.

SOME SOUND ADVICE.

We have received the following letter from a recent winner in our football contest. It speaks for itself, and we recommend his ideas of perseverance to other competitors. He says:—

Sir,—I have this morning received your cheque, for the amount won by me in your competition. May I add that I have been a competitor in your contests since you began them, and have never missed sending in my coupons. My chums used to rag me and say that I would never win anything and that I was but throwing my money away as others, with more knowledge of football form, were competing against me. I took their pessimistic remarks good humouredly, but never allowed them to prevent my entering weekly for your prize. I always send in five coupons. On one I make what I think will be the correct results, according to form, and on the other four, I make allowances for, what might be a possible surprise. That this idea has paid in the long run is proved by my having become a prizewinner. My failure, week after week, did not deter me. I stuck to your competition and through this I have been successful in winning an amount which comes at a fine time. You see I'm going to be demobilized shortly.

Your quickness in putting the results in, and sending me the cheque are very much appreciated.

I hope you will keep your competition going, Good Luck to the "Post" and its staff.

Again many thanks for your promtitude,
Yours sincerely, "Sticker."

(Our correspondent's advice is undoubtedly sound and other messages we have received point to the value of perseverance.)

DEATH OF IRISH SPORTSMAN.

The death has taken place, at his residence, Newbridge, Co. Kildare, of the well-known Irish breeder and owner of horses Mr. C.S. Moore, who was predeceased by his first wife a few years ago. The late Mrs. Moore was a sister to the Messrs Ryan, of Ballymany, Newbridge, who in their time were amongst the best-known breeders of horses in Ireland. Mrs. Moore inherited from her brothers many brood mares, and these she willed to her husband. He owned some useful performers, the best of which was Royal Signet.

SOCCER CELEBRITIES.

Interesting Items About The Leading Teams.

BY ORDNANCE.

Beale, the ex-Norwich City and Manchester United goalkeeper, who now keeps the fort for Gillingham is not having a very good time. He has to remove the ball from the netting much more now then he ever had to do at Manchester, but nevertheless he is one of the best keepers in Southern League Football to-day.

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When Sheffield United got Fazackerley from Preston N.E. they got a bargain. He has played well for Sheffield and scored quite a lot of goals.

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Barnfather, who was recently demobilized, turned out for Merthyr last week. He formerly played for Barnsley, Norwich City and Croydon Common. He is small, fast, tricky and is at home on either wing; he used to thrill the Barnsley spectators years ago.

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Dennon, the Swansea goalie, used to be in the Metropolitan Police and occasionally assisted Brentford is those days.

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Ten years ago Sheffield Wednesday had a defence which was composed of 3 L's. Lyall kept goal and, Layton and Langley were the backs. Wednesday supporters would be more chirpy if they had three like them this year.

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Atterbury, the Plymouth Argyle back, seems to be an evergreen. It is fifteen years since he was allowed to go South from Barnsley. It was thought then that his football was finished, but he has rendered Plymouth great service and, according to reports, he is playing great football this season.

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Booth of Brighton, Armstrong and Stringfellow of Portsmouth, who have not missed a single match for their respective clubs this season, were formerly in the Sheffield Wednesday team. The Wednesday have been too fond of allowing their players to go South. They could do with some of them back to give them a lift from the danger zone at the foot of the table.

Beckenham to Brazil.

Reginald Gray, formerly professional to the Foxgrove Golf Club, Beckenham, has accepted the appointment of professional to the San Paulo Country Club, Brazil. Gray sails on December 10.

WHILE THE SNOWSTORM RAGED.

1st Sentry: "Bolshevists or no Bolshevists! Much more of this, and I'm volunteering for Russia."

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Two Hundred.
Tomorrow will be another Red Letter day in the history of this paper. We shall publish our 200th number.

Poor Hubby.
I hear that the tailors of Cologne have recently fixed new prices for women's clothing. This rise of over forty per cent. makes new costumes a luxury. Husbands I understand are greatly upset over the rise.

Without Foundation.
A group of spectators witnessing the funeral of Cologne's Archbishop took up a position on a heap of snow. Their weight and the thaw caused this to collapse with the result that numerous bruises were obtained and one fraulein received a bad injury to her eye through an umbrella striking her.

Respect for the Dead.
Incidentally I may add I heard numerous favourable comments passed on the attitude of the British troops as the coffin of the great prelate was passing them. All and sundry came to the salute in a soldierly manner.

Not When in Blue.
The sale of alcoholic drink of any kind, including wine and beer, to British soldiers dressed in blue hospital uniform is strictly forbidden.

Conferring.
General Degouette who recently visited Cologne has since I hear been holding several conferences with the members of the Rhineland High Commission on matters dealing with the Occupation.

Coolness.
I hear that the presence of mind of an American military policeman saved several lives at Neuweid, where a cinema theatre caught fire.

Spoilt Window Show.
At noon yesterday, two horses drawing a mineral water wagon ran amok in Perlenpfuhl, finally coming to grief in a Hohestrasse window where there were many dainty confections.

Serious Talk.
While partaking of supper in an institute for soldiers last evening a correspondent could not help hearing a discussion between two young guards—budding evangelists no doubt — on the best way of gripping a congregation.

General's Tribute.
Amongst the many visitors to the Church of St. Gereon, where the late Cardinal-Archbishop of Cologne lay in State, was an English General who took his place amongst civilians and "other ranks" who filed slowly and reverently through the crypt, past the body of the late Prelate.

River Route off.
I hear that demobilized troops are not going by river and via Rotterdam, now, but by way of Calais per rail.

Kids Will Be Kids.
Trams on not a few routes during the week-end were held up by stacks of snow which had been rolled on the lines by children. Passengers seemed to take the delays good humouredly, but I'm not sure that the drivers and conductors did.

Defying the Elements.
Come hail, rain or snow, while there's a Tommy on the streets, the folk who run the open air news stalls don't close down. The concern by the Leave Club was "open" all last week, though at times the magazines and papers were snowed under.

Cafe Shrines.
In many of the older cafes in Cologne, mostly those far from the madding crowd, you will notice over the bar a statue of the Virgin, and of course a candle ever alight.

Delightful Music.
Another orchestral concert is place taking at the VI Corps Club this afternoon, I hear. These entertainments are most popular, at which I don't express any surprise. The music is splendidly rendered by a picked band from the Opera House.

Bigger and Better.
I notice that our American friends have re-enlarged and improved their "Amaroc News" Congratulations! The price is 75 pfgs.

A Word of Warning.
Avoid copies of well-known safety razor blades as you would a plague. They are exact replicas of the real thing, except that they fail to remove even face-down. The worst of it is that they are on sale at the stalls of at least one organisation which caters for the soldier.

Appreciated.
I am told that the American forces in Coblenz are eager to see more of the performances of the Rhine Army Dramatic Company.

Boxing.
I hear of one mess in Cologne which has suddenly taken a craze for boxing. Before meals are served the members are to be seen indulging in two or three rounds. It certainly doesn't affect the appetite.

To Catch Tommy.
This is how a German cafe proprietor near a Concentration camp advertises. "Boys, you like a good snack cheap, don't you? Righto! step inside!"

How He Fared.
At a billet one of the maids produced a photograph of her "cavalier" just repatriated, and excitedly explained that he now weighed umpteen pounds, and best of all had "viel geld" having been paid five and twenty marks a day by the British Government. There is to be a wedding soon.

A Linguist.
In conversation with a hotel porter of a famous hotel in Cologne, I was informed that he could speak seven languages. Among these were Polish and Russian.

Gold I Gave.
I was shown recently one of the medals given in exchange for the gold which was given up by the German people during the war. It bears on one side the words, "Gold I gave for defence. Iron I take for honour." On the reverse is a kneeling figure and the words, "In iron times."

Looks before Ability.
At a recent match an officer addressing a lady friend said "That chap on the right over there is not much of a player, he's too slow". "But he is very good-looking you'll admit," was the astonishing reply.

RHINELANDER.

VANITY FAIR.

A Feature for the British Woman in Rhineland.

Piquant Headgear.
Millinery this season is full of coquettish whims and fancies. There are some smart close-fitting berets of fur, and quaint Directoire shapes of rather exclusive genre. Older women are wearing large-sized hats—again of the eighteenth century era—softened and beautified by ostrich plumes and ospreys. Millinery, however, is extremely costly. There are some beautiful picture hats worn with no trimming beyond a hanging veil. This by no means signifies that they are cheap; on the contrary, such very exclusive simplicity has to be paid for.

Hairbrush Washing.
Put a tablespoonful of cloudy ammonia or a lump of ordinary soda into a pint of water, and dip the bristles into the water (working them about), keeping the backs free from water. Then rinse in cold water, shake them well, wipe the handles and backs with a soft towel and put the brushes to dry. Slow drying and the omission of the cold water rinse makes them flabby.

Do You Like Brown Food?
What colour gives you an appetite? The question sounds ridiculous, but it is in accordance with a modern theory of food and colour. If lunching with an aesthete on whom you wish to make an impression, select chocolate-coloured or rich brown food. If, on the contrary, you show a partiality for yellow or saffron food the aesthete will most likely conclude that your tastes are low. So the new faddists say.

Few Jewels.
An ostentatious display of jewellery during the war was absolutely taboo. And the rule remains in force still. Some day it may be repealed for great and glorious occasions. But at the present time even the new designs in gem-setting provide in their restraint a text against ornate gewgaws worn in profusion.

For Evening Wear.
Loose quilted satin coats, mostly embroidered, and usually with big fur collars, are gaining in favour for evening wear. Such a coat of old rose satin boldly embroidered with gold chrysanthemums, and with a high collar of white monkey fur, has just been fashioned for a well-known lady by a smart dressmaker.

Girdles.
A new and easily made girdle is composed of narrow ribbons in two colours, plaited with lengths of heavy wool. One end is finished with a large ribbon and wool tassel, and the other with a ring in horn. This girdle is wound round the waist, and the tasselled end is drawn through the ring, which is almost as large as a bracelet.

White Fox.
Of the white fox whose fur is being sold for evening wear it is a remarkable fact that when the skin arrives in the markets the paws are never attached to the body. The fur comes from the wilds of Siberia mostly, but before the skins are dispatched to London, which is the central market of the fur world, the hunters take off the paws and tails.

Gorgeous Cloaks.
Early Victorianism is rampant in the wonderful evening wrap, now one of the most important features of fashion. These wraps are so marvellously manipulated by present-day couturiéres and furriers that one feels how some of the great women of bygone days would have loved to wear them. I am not sure whether we shall return to the shoulders with the ultra feminine droop or not, but the shawl-like draperies of ermine or brocade may slip down and reveal the bolder lines with advantage.

AGNES.

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

THE CALL OF CUPID.

Miss Margaret Pedler in her new novel "The Hermit of Far End" says: When love comes to you, as it will come, never forget that it is the biggest thing in the world, the one altogether good and perfect gift. Don't let any twopenny-halfpenny considerations of worldly advantage influence you, nor the tittle-tattle of other folks, and even if it seems that something insurmountable lies between you and the fulfilment of love, go over it, or round it, or through it! If it's real love, your faith must be big enough to remove the mountains in the way—or to go over them.

THROWN TO THE WOLVES.

Mr. Chedworth Paine, warning the middle classes that continued political apathy will mean their extinction, says: Labour men are out to win. They study economic questions, learn how to speak in public, hold meetings incessantly, organise thair ranks, vote on a ticket, canvass their mates, engage in ceaseless propaganda, leave no stone unturned to attain their legitimate ends. Villadom stands languidly aloof. Just as is the case in the United States, our own middle classes refuse to recognise that a share of political power can only be obtained and held by ceaseless effort. And now they are going to suffer and be bled, unless they bestir themselves.

CHRISTIANITY AND POLITICS.

Bishop Frodsham has given a warning against the danger of Christians allowing themselves to be captured by political and social propagandists. Although the bulk of the people are inclined to think there is no hope from organised Christianity, it is certain that religion, because it deals with fundamental principles, is a force second to none in the world. Politicians and special reformers with the slightest statesmanlike instinct know this quite well, and therefore they desire to make religion the driving force of their own particular schemes. So far as the principles of Christianity are concerned, all Christians should be out for justice and fair treatment for all classes of the community; otherwise there could be no lasting peace on earth. Is the industrial and social revolution as engineered to-day based upon material or moral motives? Unless they are certain upon this point Christians must beware lest they throw the influence of their religion unreservedly upon the side of social revolution.

WASTEFUL WAYS.

Lord Askwith, at a meeting to protest against waste, extravagance and enemy penetration said the worst thing is see the Government wasting money and covering up prodigal waste by asking for new taxation in order to meet it, particularly if that waste is partly due to the business affairs to the country being conducted by a policy of opportunism or faddism. Waste might be to some extent unavoidable during the war, but nothing could excuse waste in time of peace, and it is the duty of all to object to wasteful expenditure, to the unnecessary increase of bureaucrats and officials in offices that were not wanted, and that unduly interferes with the independence of the people.

BETRAYAL.

Brigadier General H. Page Croft, M.P. speaking on conditions since the war says: Germans have been let out of internment camps and are now occupying houses which British working men cannot get for love or money, and taking the jobs from those who were receiving the unemployment dole because they could not get work. I am personally interested in the toy trade—a new industry in this country. Eighty-five new factories have been set up, and yet Mr. Lloyd George, without consulting his party or the nation but by a stroke of the pen, allows the Germans to send into the country toys turned out by the very men who had shattered the bodies of Englishmen who were now learning the trade. I regard this as a great betrayal.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

Mr. George E. Goss, of the Department of Physical Education, Y.M.C.A. writing of the low standard of British physique says: As one studies the situation in the United Kingdom the fact is forcibly driven home that we have no standard British system of physical education, and it is time that Britons were facing this fact. For years various systems which were originated in other countries have been, and in most cases still are, the determining principles of all our work. The time has come for a Department of Physical Education, which, under the Ministry of Health or the Ministry of Education, can give direction and leadership to all those societies and organizations that are trying to stimulate physical efficiency. Physical education should have a broader and more comprehensive aim than it has ever had in the past.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Badger.—A badger was run over and killed by a motorist in Essex.

Dog-Madness.—Rabies have now broken out in Bucks. All dogs are to be muzzled.

State Control.—Under state control the U. S. Railways have been 53 per cent more expensive to operate.

For Australia.—General Sir William and Lady Birdwood have left England for Australia.

C. O's. Barred.—London County Council refuses to reinstate five conscientious objecters.

Not A Roamer.—An Essex woman in her 90th year has spent the whole of her life in one village.

Anti-Bolshevist Resigns.—It is stated that General Yudenitch, the Anti-Bolshevist General has resigned.

Factory Explosion.—An explosion at Naval cordite works in Dorset resulted in one death.

Still Necessary.—Passports to France from Britain and vice-versa are still necessary.

Crew Insured.—The crew of a Swedish ship destroyed by dynamite and insured for four times its value, has been arrested.

President Wilson.—President Wilson is unlikely to assume active direction of affairs.

Sea Claims Church.—Half the tower of Dunwich church has been washed away by the sea.

Alien Protest. — Barry seamen have protested against British vessels arriving in port with foreign crews on board.

Week-End Tickets.—The issue of week-end tickets for commercial travellers has been resumed in England.

No Aviation.—Weston-super-Mare council has refused to allow aviation on the public sands next summer.

Detained. — Captain Mathews, who is attempting to fly to Australia, has been detained at Mayence for ten days.

Looking Ahead.—Commodious docks and tanks for dealing with oil-driven steamers are projected for Liverpool.

Satisfactory.—No British ships have been lost since the Armistice in Black Sea operations.

Air Reserve.—The formation of a Royal Air Force Reserve is at present under consideration.

Exchange.—The cost of the dollar is about 4/10½d, the franc 6d, and the mark a little less than 1½d.

Shipping Authority Dead.—Sir Nathaniel Dunlop, the great shipping authority, has died at the age of 89.

An Increase.—The Primrose League enrolled 10,632 new members since the Armistice.

Wigan Women.—Wigan's housing plans are to be submitted to two women in future.

Dean's Declaration.—"Spiritualism is not irreligious or un-Christian" declares the Dean of Durham.

Berlin Excited.—Great political excitement has characterised Berlin during the weekend. Such "crises" are usually organised with definite object.

Hat Etiquette.—The custom for men to remove the hat indoors is comparatively modern. The House of Commons retains the old etiquette.

Iron Division's Refusal.—The Iron Division who refused to return from Courland have been removed from the rolls of the German Army.

Compensation. — £1,000,000 has been deposited in Paris by the Germans as compensation for Alsatians interned for pro-French sympathies.

Polluted Shrine.—Pilgrims to Ypres are advised to avoid the place until it has been purged of its mercenary hordes of pedlars.

Lost Meat.—Out of every million sheep slaughtered, about a hundred thousand are lost by evaporation before the mutton is on sale.

Hindenburg Acclaimed.—"Down with the Republic!" cried a huge crowd in front of Hindenburg's residence last week.

Shaving Dangers.—More cases of anthrax have occurred in London through shaving brushes imported from Japan.

A Good Start.—During the first eleven weeks of commercial flying from London to Paris 149 out of 165 flights were successfully accomplished.

All for a Halfpenny.—Out of five profiteering cases heard at Hornsey only one refund was ordered—of a halfpenny!

Cash for ships.—The total sum realised from the sale to foreigners of merchant vessels built to the order of the British is £12,900,000.

Inverted.—A picture by Turner lent to a provincial art gallery recently, hung for some time upside down, till the error was pointed out by an art connoisseur.

Firearm Catastrophe.—A demobilized soldier produced a German revolver in a Gravesend publichouse. It went off and a man in the adjoining bar was killed.

War Time Squandering.—In the Bankruptcy Court, the Registrar said to Joseph Maxson, "When you might have been serving your country you were spending £30,000 in fitting up premises to sell luxuries."

Helping 'Prentices.—Over £85,000 has now been paid by the British Government to employers in the United Kingdom towards increases to apprentices, whose apprenticeship periods were broken during the war.

Pay up.—The aggregate taxable income of individuals in the United Kingdom with incomes exceeding £130 and not exceeding £2,500 is £1,327,700,000. The aggregate for incomes over £2,500 is £417,300,000.

B.E.L.C. GERMAN CLASSES.

Owing to the large numbers attending the German classes at the B.E.L.C. the hours have ben revised as follows:—

Monday	6.30
Wednesday	6.30
Friday	6 p.m.
„	7 p.m.
Saturday	6 p.m.
„	7 p.m.

Ceratopogon Pulicaris!

You may not recognise his name—but you know him quite well. He's the little stinging fly which is biting everyone who tries to enjoy the evening outdoors. He will not bite you, however, if you always use. . . .

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INTERVENTION IN RUSSIA ABANDONED.

DARDANELLES.

SCATHING REPORT OF ROYAL COMMISSION.

The report of the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into the Dardanelles expedition was issued on Monday. It states that when it was decided to send an expedition to Gallipoli, sufficient consideration was not given to the measures necessary to carry it out with success. The Commissioners say they think the difficulties of the operations were much underestimated at the outset. All decisions were taken and all provision based on the assumption that if a landing were effected, the resistance would be slight and the advance rapid. They can see no sufficient ground for this assumption. They are of opinion that with the resources then available, success in the Dardanelles, if possible at all, was only possible upon the condition that the Government concentrated their efforts upon the enterprise and limited their expenditure of men and material in the Western theatre of war. This condition, however, was never fulfilled. The Commissioners think that the conditions of military operations on the Peninsula should have been studied and a general plan prepared by the Chief of the Imperial staff and that it was the duty of the Secretary for War to ensure this being done.

They recognise Sir Ian Hamilton's personal gallantry and energy and his determination to win at all costs. They recognise also that the task entrusted to him was one of extreme difficulty, more so at first, as the authorities at home misconceived the nature and duration of the operations. Viewing the expedition in the light of events it would, in the Commissioners' opinion, have been well had Sir Ian Hamilton examined the situation, as disclosed by the first landings, in a more critical spirit, and impartially weighed the probabilities of success or failure, having regard to the resources in men and material which could be placed at his disposal, and had submitted to the Secretary for War a comprehensive statement of arguments for and against the continuance of operations. They think that after the advice of Sir Charles Monro had been confirmed by Lord Kitchener the decision to evacuate should have been taken at once. They think the decision to evacuate, when it was taken, was right.

The Commissioners are of opinion that throughout the operations the Navy carried out their duties with regard to the supply of seaborne water in an efficient manner and were always ready to render any assistance in their power. The Commissioners also think that on the whole the supply of food to the troops in Gallipoli was satisfactory.

A STOUT COLLISION.

Two goods trains collided on Tuesday morning on the Midland and Great Western Railway at Hill of Down (Ireland). Considerable damage was done to rolling stock and the driver and firemen of one train were seriously injured. Both trains were proceeding in the same direction and one ran into the rear of the other. One train was loaded with Guinness' stout, thirty truckloads of which rolled down a steep embankment.

AMERICAN COAL STRIKE.

A Chicago telegram says that a new phase of the coal strike has begun as the result of the Kansas Supreme Court ordering certain mines to be taken over by the State and naming receivers to operate them. Similar proceedings have been commenced in Ohio because it is alleged that the mine owners refuse to open the mines.

U.S. AND PEACE TREATY.

Senator Lodge has declared in the course of an interview that the only result of President Wilson's threat to "pocket" the Peace Treaty had been to harden the opposition. Republican leaders were of the opinion that if the Treaty failed the Government would be responsible.

FATAL MOTORBUS ACCIDENT.

On Monday morning a motorbus skidded on the greasy roadway outside Stepney Station, mounted the pavement and dashed into a crowd of people waiting for the trams. It felled an electric standard, and did other damage. One person was killed, and several injured.

Married two months ago, Thomas Reynolds, aged 83, of Bearsted, near Maidstone, has been charged with deserting his wife, whose age is 78.

WILD ADVENTURE.

NO INTERFERENCE IN RUSSIA.

Russia again formed the subject of discussion in the House of Commons on Monday.

Sir Donald Maclean, initiating the debate on foreign affairs, admitted that Bolshevism was the negation of democracy but urged that it was none of our business. We had discharged our debts of honour and should now leave Russia to work out its own salvation.

Lord Robert Cecil described the American Senate's reservations as amounting almost to repudiation of the Covenant of the League of Nations by the United States and therefore constituted a repudiation of the Peace Treaty but whatever happened, the League must go on even without the participation of the United States. The burden would be greater for European nations but he had no doubt they would face it as they had faced the burdens of war.

While denouncing Bolshevism as "bloody despotism" he expressed the hope that Denikin and Koltchak would abandon the idea of pressing on to Moscow and would devote themselves instead to establishing a stable form of Government in territories already occupied.

Mr. Arthur Henderson said that British Labour agreed with the Russian Moderate Socialists and the Cadets. He appealed to the Government to withdraw its support of Koltchak and Denikin, whom he described as reactionaries.

Colonel Ward defended Koltchak as a democrat, whose only ambition was the restoration of internal peace.

Replying to the debate Mr. Lloyd George said he was glad that the debate had shown that whatever differences there might be regarding the best methods of dealing with the Russian situation, there was only one opinion about Bolshevism. He proceeded to give an example of Bolshevist despotism in dealing with labour and defended the policy pursued in Russia on lines followed on previous occasions.

Reviewing the difficulties of the situation in Russia the Premier pointed out that the anti-Bolshevist elements were not united. Thus Koltchak, who was a man of very advanced and broad views, was fighting for a re-united Russia and the Baltic States were fighting for independence. Consequently it was impossible for any man to lay down a policy without grave doubts. Another point was that there were Germans still in the Baltic provinces. They must be cleared out, otherwise the peace of Europe was unsafe.

In conclusion he said he could not advise the country to undertake the terrible responsibilites of restoring order in Russia. He had no fear of Bolshevism in any land which was well governed, in which all classes felt confident that their claims would be heard with sympathy and determined with justice. He had no fear of revolution but he dreaded a wild adventure into lands where disaster had awaited every Empire and every army that had ever made that adventure.

HUGE DEATH DUTIES.

The late Sir Walpole Greenwell, of the firm of Greenwell and Company, stock brokers, left property provisionally valued at £1,400,000, as far as is at present ascertained. Under the new scale of death duties £460,000 will be due on the provisional valuation alone. Deceased left £1,500 to the Stock Exchange Benevolent Fund, £300 each to his three principal clerks and £50 to other employees of ten years' service.

OAKLEAF FOR MENTIONS.

Replying to a question in the House Mr. Winston Churchill said "It is in contemplation, although no final decision has yet been taken, to distinguish those who have been mentioned in war despatches by giving them permission to wear a small oakleaf on the ribbon of the Victory Medal. I am of opinion that it is highly desirable that something in this direction should be done."

CHINAMAN'S APPEAL REFUSED.

Djang Djing Sung, the Chinaman sentenced to death at Worcester Assizes for murdering a fellow countryman named Zee Ming Wu in Warley Woods, near Birmingham, made an unsuccessful appeal against his sentence to the Court of Criminal Appeal yesterday.

NO TANKS FOR BOLSHEVISTS.

The Secretary of the War Office issues the following:

The statement that British tanks have been sold to the Bolsheviks is absolutely untrue, and is issued with the obvious intention of traducing the national Russian cause.

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TO BE ABOLISHED IN FEBRUARY.

The War Office announces that General Headquarters, Great Britain, will be abolished as from February 1st next, on which date the duties at present carried out by the Field-Marshal Commanding-in-Chief Forces in Great Britain and his staff at General Headquarters will be taken over by the War Office. The General Headquarters for the United Kingdom was established in 1916, in consequence of the large number of troops to be trained in the country and the great amount of work entailed by the preparation and co-ordination of measures for home defence. Now that the army at home is being reduced by demobilization to pre-war strength, and the need of special home defence measures has disappeared, the Army Council has decided that the continued existence of General Headquarters is no longer necessary.

On General Sir William Robertson taking over the command of the Army of the Rhine, Earl Haig returned to the Horse Guards and the control of General Headquarters in Great Britain.

FRENCH ELECTIONS.

SOCIALISTS THOROUGHLY DEFEATED.

Except in the North, the Socialists in France were beaten everywhere in the election. The general opinion is that they carried their Bolshevist propaganda too far, and have therefore hung themselves with their own rope. In any case, whatever the reason is, it is certain that in the suburbs of Paris, which were formerly a stronghold of Socialism, the Socialists have lost some 300,000 votes, polling a total inferior to that of the Republican union. Certain suburbs, such as Saint Denis, Puteaux and Bagnolet have a Socialist majority, but at Sceaux, for example, for which M. Longuet was elected in 1912, the Republican list polled more than twice as many votes as the Socialists. Another significant defeat is that of the Labour Minister, Calliard, in Rhone.

In the North there is an undoubted gain by the Socialists, especially in Lille which has voted practically solid. This is not general throughout the devasted regions, however. For example in the Somme the Republican concentration list of Klotz comes first, followed by the Liberal (Catholic) list. The struggle was between the Socialists and the Republican Coalition and the Republicans have won the day.

MR. O'GRADY'S MISSION.

Interviewed by Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen, Mr. James O'Grady M.P. stated he was not authorised in his negotiations with Litvinoff to deal with the question of French or other Allied nationals in Russia. He was emphatic in his testimony to the good treatment accorded to Bolshevist prisoners by Great Britain. Asked what would happen if Litvinoff desired to make any communication on matters going beyond the question of exchange of prisoners, Mr. O'Grady replied "My instructions from the Government are specifically to negotiate on the question of exchange of prisoners and on that question only."

He said he had a high opinion of Litvinoff personally so that he was the more hopeful of success in his mission which was not only to get prisoners exchanged but if possible to arrange for the return of any British civilians in Russia who so desired.

COLLIERS' HIGH EARNINGS.

The Chairman of the Ebbw Vale Company, Mr. Mills, speaking at a soldiers' reunion at Cardiff, said that a statement of his that local colliers were able to earn a thousand pounds a year has been questioned. It was, however, a fact that the average earnings at one of his company's collieries were eight hundred a year, and some of the men could, if they liked, earn twelve hundred a year.

At Aberavon on Monday a number of colliers were ordered to pay income tax, after evidence had been given that they were earning up to ten pounds a week.

TRIAL OF EX-KAISER.

The Attorney-General and the Solicitor-General are now in Paris for consultations with the Allied Council in reference to the trial of the ex-Kaiser. It is hoped that some definite step in this matter may be taken by the Powers concerned by Christmas.

BALTIC FLEET RETIRES.

A farewell audience was accorded Admiral Cowan, Commander of the British Naval Squadron in the Baltic by the President of the Finnish Republic on Saturday. The entire British Fleet has now withdrawn to ice-free waters.

UNCONTROLLED SPIRITS.

The Food Controller in the House of Commons yesterday announced that the Cabinet had decided that all restrictions on the clearance of spirits from bond should be removed forthwith. This announcement was greeted with loud cheers.

DARING ROBBERY.

BANK AGENTS GAGGED AND BOUND.

A very daring robbery is reported from Millstreet, County Cork. Two representatives of the Munster and Leinster Bank and of the Provincial Bank of Ireland left Millstreet on Monday morning in a motor-car for Knocknagree, where a fair was being held.

When they reached a lonely part of the road, armed and masked men stopped the car, ordered its occupants to dismount and then bound and gagged them. The two officials carried between them £20,000, which was to be paid out to customers of the two banks attending the fair. When the robbers had secured the cash boxes they smashed the motor-car and fled towards the mountains. It is said that £11,000 of the money belonged to the Munster and Leinster Bank and nearly £9,000 to the Provincial Bank.

The constabulary spent a fruitless day on Monday searching for the perpetrators of the outrage. Search parties were out on the hills all night and patrols were watching every road and lane in the North East of the County in the hope of discovering where the robbers had concealed their booty but without success.

TURKISH QUESTIONS.

MANDATORY POWER TO PAY.

The Government are without definite information as to when America's decision may be expected on the question of her sharing the responsibility for protecting the peoples inhabiting the Turkish Empire, said Mr. Bonar Law yesterday. While it is the sincere hope of the British Government that America will co-operate in this task, Great Britain and her European Allies are fully alive to the necessity of preparing for the possibility of a contrary contingency.

The Army of the Black Sea, he added, is costing £24,000 daily. This does not include various substantial commitments in Mesopotamia, Palestine and Persia. The British Government has urged that the expenses of the Armistice period in the occupied parts of Turkey may be refunded to the occupying Powers by any Power which may eventually receive the mandate.

DOCTOR'S SACRIFICE.

DROWNED WHILE ON ERRAND OF MERCY.

News was received in London on Saturday by the relatives of Dr. Hearne, dispensary doctor of the Bealadangan district of Oughterard Union, County Galway, of his death by drowning on the Connemara coast on Thursday night.

The doctor received an urgent call to attend a patient living on one of the islands off Connemara, and although the weather was stormy set out on his mission in a small fisherman's boat, accompanied by two volunteer boatmen.

Not far from the mainland the frail craft capsized, and all three occupants were drowned.

COLLIERS TO PAY DAMAGES.

At the Pontypool Police Court fifteen colliery hauliers were summoned by their employers—the Tirpentwys Steam Coal Company Limited—for breach of contract of employment last August, when seven-days' stoppage occurred as the result of a groundless complaint against an official by a haulier.

The employers' representative in court said an agreement had been signed by both parties by which defendants would pay £30 towards the costs and £3 each damages. If defendants did not commit another breach during the next twelve months the damages would not be enforced.

The strike had cost the employers over £2,500, and had reduced the output by thousands of tons when the maximum production was urgently needed.

The men's representatives said hauliers desired to work amicably with the employers.

The magistrates sanctioned terms of agreement, and expressed gratification at settlement.

TANK CORPS IN RUSSIA.

In a written reply to a Parliamentary question Mr. Winston Churchill states that in the last attack on Petrograd, Yudenitch was assisted by a British Tank detachment of twenty officers and twenty-nine other ranks. These went out to Russia as volunteers to train the Russian North-West Army in the use of tanks. The detachment suffered no casualties.

MAC P. APOLOGISES TO MAC V.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. MacPherson, the Secretary for Ireland begged to withdraw his imputation on Mr. J. MacVeagh and apologised for any injury he had caused to his feelings. This was in reference to the recent incident when Mr. MacPherson made a remark on the advocates of Sinn Fein.

No date has been fixed for the meeting of the Assembly of the League of Nations nor is one likely to be arranged in the near future.

SUMMARY COURT.

SALUTARY FINE FOR GERMAN BARON.

In the Summary Court yesterday Baron von Plessen, (30), of 232 Reuterstrasse, Bonn, appeared on three charges, viz, circulating without an identity card; travelling without authority in a coach reserved for British officers; and refusing to obey the lawful order of a British Military Policeman.

On the 17th inst. at Cologne station the accused was observed at the entrance to the lavatory on the officers' coach of the Bonn train. He refused to leave when requested by an M.P., explaining that he was lame. As the train was now in motion the M.P. remained in the coach with the accused and at the next station took him into custody, bringing him back to Cologne, where he was subsequently released on bail in the sum of ten thousand marks.

Speaking in perfect English the accused read a long statement which occupied several sheets of foolscap.

Replying to the presiding officer, accused said he was educated at Cambridge and his mother was English.

The presiding officer accepted the Baron's explanation on the third charge. He thought he was justified in not jumping off the train when it was in motion. No doubt there was a great rush of passengers, but in these days of very few trains and very many passengers civilians must understand that the officers' coach is for officers only. The accused or anyone else who came into the British zone must have the regulation identity cards and ignorance was no excuse. The third charge would be dismissed and on the other two he would be fined 200 marks or ten days.

KOLTCHAK'S ORDER.

CHANGES IN RUSSIAN COMMANDS.

Admiral Koltchak has issued the following order.

"In the present period of our conflict with the Bolshevists I have decided to remain constantly in the midst of the army and repulse the Red traitors. Foreseeing the approaching fall of central Russia, which they ruined, the Bolshevists wish to ensure themselves a free outlet through Siberia. Herein they will not succeed. I require of everyone—general and soldier—that he faithfully and firmly fulfil his duty. Only a great and unanimous effort can give us the victory over Bolshevism and allow the people to take part in the organisation of a normal state.

"A state of siege has been proclaimed on the Omsk, Tomsk and trans-Baikal railways and all employees of the Ministry of War have been mobilized and placed at the disposal of the Commander-in-Chief of the Eastern front.

"Similarly the Ministry of Supplies, with all employees, has been subordinated to the Commander-in-Chief.

"General Sakharoff, who commands the Third Moscow Army, is appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Eastern front. General Diedrichs is attached to Admiral Koltchak. General Cappel, Commander of the Volga Army, is appointed Commander of the Moscow Army. The Hetman of the Siberian Cossack group, General Ivanoffrinoff, is appointed assistant to the Commander-in-Chief of the Eastern front."

PUSSYFOOT'S MISHAP.

SIGHT PERMANENTLY INJURED.

Injuries to the eye sustained by Mr W. E. Johnson during the medical students' rag, have, unfortunately, proved more serious than was at first anticipated, and it is now reported that the sight of his right eye will be permanently impaired.

His medical attendant decided to consult another specialist, and they agreed that an operation was necessary.

This was performed on Monday but the doctors consider that, at the best, he will lose the sight of the affected eye, and, if the pain continues, it may have to be removed. It may be some time before it can be decided to dispense with a second operation.

BOGUS AMBASSADOR'S CONFESSION.

The so-called Russian Soviet Ambassador, Ludwig Mertens, who was arrested at New York on Saturday, gave evidence yesterday before the New York State Legislative Committee. He admitted that he plotted in Germany with Lenin and Trotsky for the overthrow of the Russian Imperial Government. He was deported from Russia and after serving three years imprisonment in Germany he directed propaganda from Berlin in 1905 and 1906 for the overthrow of the Czar.

EGYPTIAN DISORDERS.

Disorganised demonstrations occurred at Alexandria on the 14th November. In the principal streets there were some encounters with police but all was quiet by sunset. Over a hundred arrests were made on the 13th and about the same number on the 14th. A few Egyptian soldiers and police received slight injuries from stones.

No gold has been coined in this country since October 1917, says the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the gold coin estimated to be held by banks is slightly decreased.

OUT OF WORK PAY.

ONLY EX-SERVICE PERSONS TO PARTICIPATE.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Bonar Law announced that the Government had decided not to continue unemployment donation to civilian men and women.

It was proposed, however, to put down a supplementary Estimate for the continuance of unemployment donation to ex-Service men and women in mobile corps whose period on donation had expired. The donation would be at the rate of 20s. per week to men; and 15s. per week to women, without supplementary allowances, and the period of donation would extend between November 24 and March 31, during which a maximum of nine weeks' donation might be drawn.

The number of persons drawing out-of-work donation on 7th November were approximately as follows:—Ex-service men 336,000, Civilian men 99,000, Civilian women 30,000.

SAFE FLYING.

ONLY TWO DEATHS IN 21,000 TRIPS.

A report signed by Major-General F.H. Sykes, Controller-General of Aviation, reviews the first six months, from May 1, of civil flying.

He gives approximate figures showing the extent of the work in civil air traffic carried out by certain firms, the mileage covered, and the number of accidents, which, General Sykes says, "must be regarded as remarkably small":—

Number of hours flown...	4,000
Number of flights	21,000
Number of passengers....	52,000
Approximate mileage	303,000
Total number of accidents	13
Number of fatal accidents	2

The great majority of flights were of short duration. The percentage of passengers injured to those carried was .019, or, for every 5,200 passengers carried, only one has been injured.

PADRE'S ARREST.

FORTHCOMING COURT-MARTIAL.

The court-martial on Father O'Donnell, of the Australian Corps, will be held at the Australian Headquarters, Horseferry-road, on Monday next. Father O'Donnell is the Australian who was arrested in Ireland on the charge of using disloyal language concerning the Sovereign. It will be a general court-martial, to be held by nine officers, and presided over by Brig.-General McGlinn.

SPEN VALLEY VACANCY.

THREE CORNERED CONTEST.

A three cornered contest in the Spen Valley constituency now appears to be inevitable, the Cleckheaton Liberal Association having decided to run a "free" Liberal Candidate.

On hearing of this the Conservatives decided to select a Coalition candidate, while the Labour Party has confirmed the candidature of Mr. Tom Meyers, a member of the Dewsbury Town Council.

SIX INJURED IN RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

Eight persons were injured in a railway accident on Monday when a train from Chester ran into a stop on a siding at the end of a platform. The carriage works offices were demolished and a luggage van in the centre of the train was telescoped. Three soldiers and three civilians, including a woman and a girl, were removed from the train with difficulty, having received more or less serious injuries to the legs.

BRITISH TROOPS FOR MEMEL.

British troops are to be sent to Memel, stated Mr. Cecil Harmsworth in the House of Commons yesterday. The object is not that they shall operate in the territory of the former Russian Empire, but to form part of the Allied Army of Occupation which is to take charge of Memel in accordance with article 99 of the Peace Treaty with Germany.

A DICKENS' WEDDING.

Miss Elaine Dickens, grand-daughter of the novelist, Charles Dickens, was married on Monday at Brompton Oratory to Major Alec Waley. There was a great gathering of Dickens' descendants at the ceremony, no fewer than eight of his great-grand-children taking part.

NEW DERBYSHIRE COALFIELD.

A message from Alfreton says that boring operations for coal in the Dukeries and further East have been carried out by two of the principal coal and iron companies in Derbyshire. The result is stated to have been the discovery of vast new fields of valuable coal.

Colonel E. R. English, D.S.O. late A.P.M. of the London District, has been appointed secretary of the new London Flying Club, Hendon.

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ANOTHER HUNDRED.

It seems but yesterday that we reached our hundredth issue and to-day we are somewhat proud to announce that "The Cologne Post" has reached a hundred more rungs on the ladder of success.

Does everyone in the Army of Occupation realise the effort that the production day by day of a newspaper especially for the troops of Rhineland entails?

We do not wish to display undue consciousness of the merits of our achievements, but as ours is a first serious attempt at a daily journal produced by soldiers for soldiers and in a strange land working under difficulties unknown to journalism at home we claim to have filled a gap in Army life.

We have provided a medium for conveying the world's news to our troops on the Rhine earlier than they could hope to learn it otherwise; have devoted much space to recording all those sporting and athletic doings that are the delight of the soldier; given all ranks the opportunity to air legitimate grievances, most of which have been remedied through this publicity and besides have done our best to entertain and enliven all our readers.

All this has been done as a labour of love, but the reward expressed in general appreciation has been sufficient. We have had magnificent support from soldiers with literary and artistic tastes. We have seldom had to go outside the army for contributions. It has been a soldier's paper in the truest sense.

But to-day we are beginning to feel the effect of demobilization on our literary pages. It has to be confessed that the number of articles and items of interest sent in have diminished greatly. This was invevitable. Yet there must remain in the Army of Occupation much talent still untapped. "The Cologne Post" offers a channel wherein all may give expression to their ideas and relate their experiences.

What we wish all ranks to remember is that the future progress of their own paper depends on whole-hearted support not only in buying it each day, but in contributing to its columns.

With this help we can look forward to celebrating many further centuries of useful life.

WHEN I WAS A BOY!

By General Sir O'Moore Creagh, V.C., G.C.B., G.C.S.I.

I was born in the days of large families and a small income-tax. My home was in the wild and romantic country of the West of Ireland. There were seven boys, and all of us entered the Army or the Navy, but until that time we lived most of our waking hours in the open air, fishing, hunting, and shooting. I cannot remember the first time I got astride a horse, I was so very young — just out of long clothes — but there were not many days in my boyhood when I did not have a gallop.

DAYS AT SANDHURST.

When the time came for me to begin my training for the Army, for which I was destined from my birth, I went from my home to Sandhurst. This is more or less a public school, and the majority of our best soldiers have been educated there.

Many of these men have never been on field service, but they have nevertheless given their lives for their country just as bravely and unselfishly as those who have done so in battle.

They have gone out to serve their country in strange lands and lived lonely lives, generally in terrible climates, and have come to early graves, doing their duty on meagre pay and with no prospect of winning great reward or glory.

Looking back on those days, nothing impresses me more than the very high sense of honour that was jealously upheld by the youg cadets. The general tone was very high. Woe betide any boy who endeavoured to lower it. There was no need for the authorities to intervene, the boys dealt with him themselves.

The examination at Sandhurst was very easy. You had only to get about 1,200 marks out of 12,000 and you would do. All the same, the Army was supplied with a most excellent type of officer. I went to the depot of the Derbyshire Regiment, and was drafted out to India —never dreaming that I would one day become the Commander-in-Chief there.

SUCCESS AND LUCK.

I notice that some celebrities who have been contributing to a newspaper discussion about luck have been inclined to suggest that there is no such thing as luck, and that great success in life is almost entirely a matter of brains and hard work.

I cannot subscribe to that. It is true that I never had any social or other powerful influences to help me along, but I nevertheless attribute what success I have had almost entirely to a series of lucky chances, of which I took full advantage. But for them I should, like many able but unlucky men, never have got beyond the rank of colonel, and be spending the remainder of my days in obscurity.

It was luck that put me on the retired list, owing to age, in 1914, just before the war began. Had I been a year or so younger I might have had a successful career in this war; on the other hand, I might have lost any reputation I may have had.

TRICKING THE TRICKSTER.

But I should not like to give the young generation of to-day the impression that hard work does not pay. Here is a case in my own career where it did pay most emphatically. Out in the East I found that you could only know people by knowing their language, and I taught myself seven.

When General Officer Commanding and Political Resident in Aden, I had grave suspicions that my interpreter was playing a treacherous game. I did not know Arabic then, and I was aware that if he knew I was learning it he would find a way of circumventing me. The only thing to do was to learn it secretly, and this I managed to do.

Then the day came when an Arab Chief paid me a visit to discuss an important matter. I told the interpreter to tell him my view, and I heard him tell him the exact opposite to what I had said. I spoke to the Chief in Arabic, and that was the end of that interpreter, who had been up to this sort of villainy for over thirty years.

He took to flight and so escaped legal punishment, but the natives, who had heard how they had been tricked, soon discovered him, and one day he was found dead. If I had not worked hard and kept myself mentally and physically fit, I could not have availed myself of luck when it came.

CLASS DISTINCTIONS.

There is much talk to-day about abolishing class distinctions. When I was a boy there were none where I lived. In the country districts of the West of Ireland we were all one class—some, of course, being primus inter pares.

That I think has always been a characteristic of the Gaelic race—the Irish and the Scotch. That was why I got along so happily with the natives in India. We hunted wild animals together, and there was a mutual respect, which I am afraid is not now so manifest as it was in my youth. *From John O'London's Weekly.*

WHAT TO SEE IN RHINELAND.

THE ABBEY CHURCH OF STEINFELD.

Many of us who have been in Cologne for some months having explored the more immediate neighbourhood fairly thoroughly, now think it necessary to wander further afield, and the country the other side of Euskirchen on the line to Trèves can provide us with many interesting excursions.

A very pleasant afternoon may be spent in a visit to the Abbey Church of Steinfeld. Starting from Cologne at 11.53, we detrain at Urft which is reached at 2.32. On leaving the station we make our way through the narrow winding street of the village with its black and white timbered houses and begin to climb the hill beyond. Once clear of the village the road winds rounds to the left, but straight ahead is a footpath which brings us to the top much more speedily.

FIRST SIGHT OF THE ABBEY.

At the point where the footpath rejoins the road there stands a plain cross with the inscription "Per Hanc ad Caelum" and three hundred yards ahead we see the Abbey in front of us.

The Church itself, and the monastic buildings (now used as a reformatory) are surrounded by a high wall, which makes it very difficult to get a good view at close range, but it is seen to great advantage from the hills the other side of Urft.

The road bears to the left and against the wall of the Monastery, approached by a flight of steps is a stone altar surmounted by a "Calvary". A little further on we come to a gateway with the direction "Zur Abter Kirchi" — and a path leads to the south door.

IMPRESSIVE INTERIOR.

The church which apparently dates from the 11th century is large and is a cruciform structure with aisles and transepts. At the West end which is severely plain, are two round towers and over the junction of nave and transepts is a low hexagonal tower surmounted by a slate spire.

The interior is decidedly impressive, though the effect is somewhat spoiled, owing to the walls being covered with whitewash. The nave consists of seven bays adorned with life-sized figures of Saints; in the centre is the tomb of S. Hermann Joseph, with a recumbent figure of the Saint, holding a child in his arms a beautiful piece of work; the pulpit on which are carved the figures of the four evangelists, each with his appropriate emblem, and over which is suspended a richly carved canopy, is of an ornate character; the font is small and insignificant. The organ is a large and powerful instrument and is enclosed in a handsome case.

THE GRUESOME CRYPT.

Above the high Altar is a somewhat heavy reredos, containing a large picture and on each side of the sanctuary are cases with glass doors, full of relics; the stalls are carved and appear to be old. Under the South aisle is a curious little crypt to which entrance is obtained by lifting some loose planks. It is about 15 feet long and is surrounded by recesses which are full of skulls and bones. In the North transept a door leads to the Cloisters which have been very much restored though traces of old work can still be seen and through them we enter the Court of the monastic buildings most of which in their present state are not earlier than the 17th or 18th century.

"CIGARETTES, BITTE?"

Here we find ourselves in the midst of the busy life of the Reformatory. On all sides are squads of boys in charge of warders at work on their appointed tasks. Making our way to the entrance, a small doorkeeper (evidently a position of honour) unlocks the gate, at the same time reminding us that a cigarette would be a welcome perquisite. However cigarettes not being good for small boys we turn a deaf ear, but instead present him with a few small coins.

If time permits we can now walk to Sötenich to call and catch our train there or retrace our steps to Urft. It will probably have to be the latter. As we begin to descend to the valley we get a magnificent view of the country to the North, and close to us on our right is an extensive forest, the trees of which at present exhibit every conceivable shade of brown and red, and against which stand out the sombre fir trees which line the road below us.

It is getting dusk and the mist is beginning to rise in the valley as we reach the station. Our train leaves at 4.38, and we arrive in Cologne at 6 47.

E.B.G.

GRAVE PILGRIMAGES.

Pilgrimages to graves of fallen soldiers in France and Belgium have been frequent during the autumn, and in some instances relatives have returned sadly disappointed because they found the hallowed spot overgrown with rank grass and other evidences of neglect. Those whose experience has been so unfortunate are apt to inveigh against the authorities, and to think that the scheme for preservation of graves is an inactive concern.

"The number of people who write expressing satisfaction with what they have seen greatly outnumbers those who complain," says Brig.-General Burden, of the Directorate of Graves Registration.

"It is an enormous task, and we are doing it as quickly as possible. Since the Armistice we have taken over 2,000 cemeteries, and have collected 130,000 scattered graves, identifying at the same time many bodies previously interred as 'unknown.' Our duty is to collect and register all graves and to hand them over to the Imperial Graves Commission, a civilian concern, for permanent maintenance. We hope to complete our work in March next. Meantime, every large cemetery has a caretaker, and smaller ones are visited by similar men, to keep the graves in a good condition.

FOUND HIS MASTER.

"It is the most wonderful dog story we have ever investigated," said an official of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals the other day, concerning the exploits of an Irish terrier just returned from France, and then in quarantine in their kennels at Hackbridge. "Prince," the dog in question, was left in Ireland by his master, James Brown, when he went to France with the 1st North Staffords in September 1914. He disappeared from London, and when Mrs. Brown wrote to inform her husband of the loss he replied that the dog had come to him in France, near Armentieres. The dog has been wounded and had shell shock. He has his service chevrons on his collar and there is some talk of his being given a medal. "We have tried our utmost to ascertain how the dog made this journey," it was stated at the offices of the R.S.P.C.A. "We cannot arrive at any solution at all. The only likely theory advanced is that the animal accompanied some soldiers to a station, was smuggled across to France, made its way up the lines of communication and then out of the hundreds of thousands of soldiers in the section, happened to find its master. 'Prince' must have taken from 12 to 14 days to make the journey."

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

EXCESSIVE CIGARETTE SMOKING.

Sir,—"Boys' Brigade" is evidently typical of many of the young soldiers in Rhineland. He speaks with self-sufficiency, objects to constructional criticism, and prefers to rely upon his own judgment rather than listen to the advice of a wiser and older man.

In spite of his claim to be regarded as a man, it stamps him in my opinion as a very hot-headed youngster whose spirit needs curbing.

Unfortunately the wearing of khaki does not transform a boy into a man; he has many hard lessons to learn before he can be said to have reached that status.

OLD TIMER.

Sir,—While admitting the evils of excessive cigarette smoking I am deadly opposed to any restrictions in the form of O.R.'s. on the subject.

All that is necessary is the strengthening of individual will and powers of self-control. There is no reason why every man should not realise when he has had enough, put his foot down, and deny himself the pleasure of further indulgence.

WILL POWER.

READING CARLYLE.

Sir,—I think every soldier of the Rhine Army would do well to devote half an hour daily to a perusal of the pages of Thomas Carlyle's "Past and Present," pages that are full of truth, of beauty, and wisdom. It is the very soul of a great and a wise man leading wayward humanity to a better land; to a greater and a happier England.

The following are a few gems picked at random from the book

"All work, even cotton-spinning, is noble, Work is alone noble." And again, "The English are a dumb people. They can do great acts but not describe them —their epic poem is written on the earth's surface."

On the earth's surface! very true indeed. We may say that where ever the sun shines, it shines over the head of an Englishman. The sun never sets over all the British Empire.

"For there is a perennial nobleness and even sacredness in work—were he ever so forgetful of his high calling there is always hope in a man that actually and earnestly works."

Consider these noble words, you of the Rhine Army; and you of the great army of workers in our seabound islands; digest them, write them in indelible letters on your soul. Work! Work! Work! and if God wills it, help to build a nobler, even a greater British Empire, and yours, Soldier of Liberty, and yours soldier of the Army of British workmen, will be the eternal reward.

R. M.

CIVILIANS IN OFFICERS' CLUBS.

Sir,—I have frequently wondered whether or not there are any restrictions on the admittance of civilians into the Officers' Clubs in Cologne.

This first occurred to me at the time of the cigarette famine when, with envious eyes, we "other ranks" used to watch civilians emerge from one or other of the clubs liberally supplied with smokes.

There can, of course, be no objection to ex-officers being members of the clubs, but from the general bearing of many of the habitués — which is far from military — one is driven to the conclusion that the wearing of civilian clothes is the only necessary qualification to gain an entry.

I frankly admit that pure jealousy — and nothing else — prompts me to write this letter. The jealousy is caused by the fact that while I have to stand in queues and suffer other discomforts to get my cigarettes, civilian arrivals in Rhineland, who had absolutely nothing to do with the army in the fighting days, appear to have all the advantages of a British officer as well as those of a civilian.

"NEVER DIE".

GERMANS AND ENGLISH DRAMA.

Sir,—With reference to "Playgoer's" letter which appeared in your columns some days ago, I would like to associate myself with the sentiments therein expressed. He does not say so bluntly, but I gather that he would like to see German civilians admitted regularly to the Deutsches Theatre.

When one considers the empty benches to be seen nightly at the Deutsches owing, presumably, to rapid demobilization, I can see no objection to following the example of the French at Wiesbaden, who are playing their old drama to audiences crowded with Germans.

So long as there is sufficient seating for those of the British Army of the Rhine who wish to attend the theatre I think the example of our Allies should be followed, especially as I have recently seen the list of plays which are to be produced in the near future and there are two, at least, of which the Germans are very fond, and which would be of true educational value to them from our point of view.

ANOTHER PLAYGOER.

SHOULD HE BE MUZZLED?

Sir,—I saw a horse the other day attached to a van with his front feet on the pavement. An officer went by, waved his arms to try and scare him back on the road, whereat the horse snapped at him and nearly got his shoulder.

A few days later I saw the same horse and van, the horse again on the pavement. A passing soldier again attempted to shove the animal on to the road. Again the horse snapped and this time got the soldier on the shoulder.

J.A.P.

TEN SCORE.

Two hundred: not out
And still going strong
Though there's fewer about
To help you along.

So now is the time
To send to the "Post"
Sketch — prose or else rhyme.
And now to my toast.

Of luck all the best
No troubles to vex;
Long life and the rest
Is the message from.

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LOVE OF THE GAME.

In Defence of Football Club Directors.

BY "TYNESIDER".

How many are aware that directors of football clubs draw no fees? Those who are in ignorance of this fact are legion, and a vast majority of our "spoil-sports" also, are not in possession of this knowledge. Time and again when some football scandal (happily rare) occurs, one hears these detractors repeating parrot wise, "Another director been helping himself, I suppose."

I once tried to explain to one of these gentry that a director receives no remuneration for his office and that his dividend on the shares he held was limited to 5 per cent. He accepted my explanation, but finished up with stating "You can't tell me he is in that job for nothing."

What can one argue with followers of his way of thinking? Nothing will convince them that they are wrong and that directors are holding their positions for no monetary award.

Love of Sport.

Let me repeat, they hold their office for sheer love of the game. If they aspire to any reward it is that they are controlling the fortunes of a club. The excitement thus provided is their idea of what their office is worth.

Again, they may aspire to be popular and increase their prestige. To be a football director certainly assists this ambition. But what is there in that; all men have their weak points, and if to be popular a gentleman joins a directorate there is nothing to cavil at. After all, there is something to be proud of when walking out and overhearing "There's so-and-so, he's director of Something United," or whatever the team may be.

Many a director instead of being, as our cranks will argue, in pocket through holding such a position, is out of pocket. Football's history has many recorded instances of members of directorates coming to the assistance of their club and in common slang "Getting their hands down."

The Price of Over Zeal.

The critic has always some scandal to rake up, which he thinks will strengthen his case, but how often is it in the case of many offenders, purely one of misplaced enthusiasm and anxiety to see their club head the league or aspire to honours. No more glaring example of this is needed than the recent Leeds City sensation. Who can say this board of directors were in any way "out" for personal profit or gain?

When scandals of "squared" matches have come to light (and let the critic work out the percentage if he will) has it occurred that directors have been concerned? If so, let the detractors of our great pastime come forward and prove them.

Hands off the directors, give them all the honour due to them for their splendid work in connection with the interests of football.

Again, when a club is leading in cup or league let us not forget the men behind the scenes, whose business it is to control the fortunes of the team and who are there purely for the "love of the game."

"FEATHERS" FIGHT.

Mike Honeyman too Good for Fred Jones.

In a substitute match at the National Sporting Club, Mike Honeyman, of Canning Town, defeated Fred Jones, of Rushden, in the principal event of the evening.

Honeyman, a strong favourite at the start, boxed at a great pace, and kept leaping in with left leads to the face, and though these did not always prevent Jones from getting in close, Honeyman never allowed him to stay there long enough to do any damage. In the fourth round Honeyman landed a left hook which cut his man's eye rather severely, though the damage did not deter Jones from fighting back hard either in this or the next round.

Bar a knock-out it was plain to see that Honeyman must receive the decision, for in speed and cleverness he was far ahead of his opponent.

Jones remained as strong as ever, and was fighting his uphill battle gamely and determinedly, waiting and watching for the chance of the one big punch which should turn the tide. Honeyman was so quick and so elusive, however, that the one big punch was never landed, and Jones was beaten on points.

SURPRISING DEFEAT.

Bermondsey Billy Wells, the well-known welter-weight, who is matched to box Johnny Basham at the National Sporting Club for the welter-weight championship and a new Lonsdale belt, was defeated at The Ring on points by Kid Doyle, of Newcastle. That the defeat created surprise is not exaggerating the case, but it must be stated that the Londoner was giving away half a stone or more.

LIMERICK RACES.

The Limerick Meeting, which could not be held last week, owing to the frost has, with the sanction of the Stewards of the Turf Club and Irish National Hunt, been postponed to Nov. 26 and 27.

ROWING AT TWICKENHAM.

A couple of rowing matches were decided at Twickenham at the week-end. In the pair-oared race, from the Gravel Pit at Twickenham to Eel Pie Island, Gardner (late Army Veterinary Corps) and Russell (late Royal Engineers) beat ex-R-S-M Robinson and N. Robinson (late Royal Marines by 2 lengths after a good race to the bottom of Radner Island. A sculling match was won by Weston.

GWILT'S STEEPLECHASE JOCKEY

Gwilt, the Lambourn trainer, is to have a big stable of jumpers this winter, and F. Dainty is to be his jockey. The latter makes his first appearance on Shining More at Cardiff on Friday.

WARWICK RACING.

Another Favourite wins Principal Event on the Card.

SECOND DAY OF MEETING.

The weather at Warwick on Tuesday showed a decided improvement and a fair attendance was present to witness the second day's sport Results:

Bradby Plate:—1, Danegelt (11—4); 2, Golly Eyes (2—1), 3, Bapaume (6—5). Four ran.

Southam Plate:—1, Stockinette (5—1); 2, Rigolo (8—1); 3, Somerset (2—1). Nine ran.

Stratford Handicap:—1, Zea 4—1); 2, Little Joey (8—1); 3, Ring o' Roses (100—7). Fourteen ran.

Kenilworth Handicap:—1, Aris (2—1 on); 2, Jupiter (100—8); 3, Black Lamp (3—1). Six ran.

Daventry Plate:—1, Aldersey (5—4 on); 2, Little Boy (3—1); 3, Dunkirk (3—1). Four ran.

Banbury Handicap:—1, Polly Hopkins (20—1); Missouri (4—1); 3, Pourboire (7—2). Eight ran.

SATURDAY'S PROBLEM.

Chances of Planet and Alasnam at Manchester.

The "Manchester November", the last great handicap of the season, to be run on Saturday provides a pretty problem. The twenty-two acceptances leave a smaller field than was anticipated earlier on, but those remaining should make the event an attractive one.

Narrow Derby Victory.

Had Alasnam won the Derby Cup in more convincing style his chances of a "double" would have been regarded as strong, but bearing in mind the fact that he only scraped home by a head, he must not now be looked upon as anything approaching a certainty. With 7st. 11 lbs. to carry, 15 lbs. more than his Derby Cup burden he meets other candidates on considerably worse terms. There is one point in his favour: he will have the assistance of a stronger jockey. However, Weston must be given credit for riding a good race.

Planet's Better Terms.

Leaving aside the chances of the other horses engaged there is justification for doubting Sir A. Bailey's colt's ability to again get the better of Planet on six lbs worse terms. The distance of Saturday's race—one mile and a half—will be better suited to the Epsom horse; in fact at that distance he would probably have won at Derby.

Obviously, then, Planet's chance is a great one, and the remembrance of his easy victory in the corresponding event two season's ago serves but to strengthen faith in his ability to repeat that triumph.

Question of Jockeyship.

The son of St. Frusquin was, of course, a three-year-old on the earlier occasion, and although he may not be relatively so good now as he was then, it must be remembered that he carried 8st 1lb—a very substantial burden for one of his age. The essence of the question as between Alasnam and Planet is whether stronger jockeyship can overcome the former's slight disadvantage at the revised weights. No experienced racegoer needs to be reminded of the several well-known instances of horses showing great improvement with a rise in the scale of weight, and the supporters of Alasnam, of course, are fully entitled to take to themselves all the encouragement they can derive from the reflection.

LATEST LONDON BETTING.

MANCHESTER NOVEMBER HANDICAP.
(Run on Saturday. 1½m.)

9 to 2 agst Alasnam, 3-7-11 (t & o). R Day
5 to 1 — Chat Tor, 3-7-0 (t & o). Taylor
9 to 1 — Planet, 5-8-12 (t & o)... Tabor
9 to 1 — John Jackett, 6-6-13 (t & o) McCormack
9 to 1 — King John, 4-8-6 (t & o). Gilpin
100 to 7 — Not Much, 4-8-3 (t & o).. Hogg
100 to 7 — Golden Fleece
100 to 6 — African Star, 3-7-6 (t & o) Lines
20 to 1 — Royal Bucks, 6-7-13 (t & o) Sievier

LATER MARKET.

9 to 2 Alasnam.
100 to 12 John Jackett.
9 to 1 King John.
100 to 6 Not Much.
20 to 1 Aynsley.
5 to 1 Chat Tor.
9 to 1 Planet.
100 to 7 Grand Fleet
100 to 6 William Allenby.

FIRST SPORTSMEN'S BN.

Appropriate Date for Reunion Dinner.

The first anniversary and reunion dinner of the 1st Sportsmen's Battalion (23rd Royal Fusiliers) was held in London on the very day when four years ago the regiment sailed for France. No more fitting date could have been chosen for the function.

Viscount Maitland, the orginal commanding officer, presided over an enthusiastic gathering, and was supported by Lieut.-Colonel H. A. Vernon, D.S.O. (who took over in France from Lord Maitland), Lieut.-Colonel E. A. Winter, D.S.O., M.C., Major N. A. Lewis, D.S.O., Capt. A. J. Barr, Lieut. E. G. Hayes, R.Q.M.S. P. C. Essex and Sgt. A. E. Clark.

Lord Maitland proposed "Absent Comrades," which he followed with "The 23rd Royal Fusiliers," recalling the fine conduct of the battalion as part of the division which took Delville Wood. He announced that a detachment from the battalion serving with the Army of Occupation in Germany was present that evening. He regarded it as a feather in the cap of the regiment that they should have been retained for such duty.

Colonel Vernon and S.M. Harrison responded, and Colonel Winter stated that 219 officers and 4,768 other ranks had served on the effective strength of the regiment, 500 of the battalion receiving commissions. The total battle casualties were 128 officers and 3,102 other ranks; and of honours they had won 215 medals, including 63 Military Crosses and 130 Military Medals. Their casualties through sickness only amounted to 11 other ranks. (Applause.)

ARMY FOOTBALL CUP.

How the Teams Are Paired in the Second Round.

INTERESTING FIXTURES.

At a meeting of the Council of the Army Football Association in London the draw for the second round of the Army Football Cup was made, as follows:—

SCOTLAND.—Depot Cameron Highlanders v. 1st Seaforth Highlanders; 1st Royal Scots Fusiliers v. 614th M.T. Co. R.A.S.C.; 2nd Batt. Black Watch v. M.F.P.

NORTH OF ENGLAND.—53rd Batt. Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regt. v. the 1a Res. Bde. R.F.A. Newcastle; 2nd Batt. West Riding Regt. v. 1st Batt. Royal Warwickshire Regt; 1st Batt. Sherwood Foresters v. Depot Lancs. Fusiliers.

NORTH MIDLAND COUNTIES.—No. 4 Batt. M.G. Corps (Grantham) v. 1st Batt. Leicester Regt. (Lichfield); 16th Batt. H.L.I. v. 51st Gordon Highlanders.

LONDON AND THAMES.—No. 3 Res. Horse Transport H.T. Depot (Woolwich) v Depot Fusiliers (Hounslow); 1st Batt. Middlesex Regt. (Gravesend) v. Depot R.H.A. (Woolwich); 4a Res. Bde. R.F.A. (Woolwich) v. Depot Middlesex Regt.

ESSEX.—2nd Batt. Leinster Regt. v. 1st Batt. Bedfordshire Regt.; R.A. (Shoeburyness) v. 1st Batt. Cheshire Regt. (Colchester).

LONDON DISTRICT.—1st Coldstream Guards v. 2nd Scots Guards; 3rd Coldstream Guards v. 3rd Grenadier Guards; 2nd Life Guards v. 1st Irish Guards; 1st Scots Guards v. 1st Grenadier Guards; 2nd Grenadier Guards v. 1st Welsh Guards.

SOUTH-EAST COAST.—Depot R.E. (Chatham) v M.G.C. Depot; 2nd Batt. Royal Fusiliers v. 2nd Royal West Kent Regt.; 1st Res. R.E. v. M.G.C. (Foreign Service Group); M.G.C. Depot (Shorncliffe) v. 6th Bde. R.H.A.; 2nd Connaught Rangers v. R.A.S.C. (South of the Thames).

ALDERSHOT COMMAND.—1st Ryl. Fusiliers v. 5th Bde. R.F.A; 3rd Ryl. Fusiliers or 3rd Middlesex Regt. v. 1st South Wales Borderers; 1st Batt. Queen's v. Military Police (Aldershot); 1st Royal Dublin Fusiliers v. 4th Guards M.G. Regt.; R.A.M.C. (Aldershot) v. 1st Batt. King's R.E.; 13th Hussars v. 17th Lancers (R.A.S.C. Duties); Aldershot v. 1st Northumberland Fusiliers; A.G.S. v. Royal A.S.C. Training Establishment; 1st H.L.I. v. 1st Manchester Regt.; 2nd East Surrey Regt. v. 2nd Batt. K.O.Y.L.I.; 2nd Cameron Highlanders v. 1st Lancs Fusiliers; 2nd Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders v. 4th Hussars (Aldershot).

SALISBURY PLAIN & PEMBROKE DOCK.—9th Bde. R.H.A. v. 9th Lancers; 1st West Yorks Regt. v. 4th Dragoon Guards; 15th Bde. R.F.A. v. 2nd Welsh Regt. (to be played at Cardiff).

SHOREHAM & CHICHESTER DISTRICT.—Depot Royal Sussex v. Signal Service Training Centre; 11th Bde. R.G.A. v. 7th Bde. R.G.A.

WINCHESTER, PORTSMOUTH, AND DISTRICT.—No. 4 M.T. Depot R.A.S.C. or No. 2 M.T. Depot R.A.S.C. (Twyford) v. 3rd Rifle Brigade; 2nd King's R.R. Corps v. No. 1 Reserve M.T. Depot R.A.S.C. (Winchester); 1st Royal Irish Rifles v. Rifle Depot; No. 3 M.T. Depot R.A.S.C. v. 1st Hampshire Regt.; 1st Durham L.I. v. No. 5 M.T. Depot R.S.A.C.

PLYMOUTH, WEYMOUTH, AND DISTRICT.—1st Royal Munster Fusiliers v. 16th Brigade R.G.A.; 2nd K.O.S.B. v. 1st Devonshire Regt.; 1st Depot Tank Corps v. R.G.A. (Weymouth); 14th Brigade R.G.A. v. Schools and Workshops Tank Corps; 38th Brigade R.F.A. v. 2nd Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

CHANNEL ISLANDS.—2nd North Lancs. Regt v. 1st King's Liverpool Regt.

IRELAND.—1st Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry v. 1st Dorsetshire Regt.; 1st Norfolk Regt. v. 1st Somerset L.I.; R.A.S.C. (Dublin) v. 2nd South Lancs. Regt.; 2nd Border Regt. v. 1st Scottish Rifles, on ground to be arranged; 1st Wiltshire Regt v. 1st East Yorks Regt. or 1st King's Own Yorks Regt.; 1st North Staffordshire Regt. v. 2nd Worcestershire Regt.; 2nd Gordon Highlanders v. 52nd Welsh Regt.; 1st Northamptonshire Regt. v. 52nd Welsh Fusiliers; 2nd Yorks Regt. v. 1st Lincolnshire Regt.; 1st M.G.C. v. 2nd Ox & Bucks L.I.; 1st Bn. Buffs v. 51st Notts & Derbyshire Regt.; 2nd King's Shropshire L.I. v. 1st Essex Regt.; 2nd East Lancs. Regt. v. R.A.S.C. (Cork).

First-named has the choice of ground.

ANOTHER Y.S. CHAMPION.

Further Criticism of Method of Organisation.

The "What has happened" article in your Tuesday's issue has rather interested me, and I should like to make a reply on behalf of the young soldier, writes "Semper Fidelis."

He continues:—I am quite at a loss to understand why "Old Brigade" should advertise his inability to arouse any sporting spirit or enthusiasm in his unit.

It is essentially the Sports Officer's work to do this, and, if any one Battalion carries off a large percentage of prizes at any Brigade or Divisional athletic meeting its success can generally be placed to the credit of the Sports Officer.

Men of Equal Experience.

The majority of young soldiers are of the same class, and of the same experience as regards sports, and if they have never had a hockey stick in their hands, or never played it is not because they will not, but because they have never had the chance. You cannot expect a unit which does not give the men the opportunities needed to improve their particular branch of sport, to reach the same standard as a unit which encourages and organizes their sports.

The men cannot organize Platoon and Company Competitions. That is the work of the Sports Officer assisted by the Company Officer. They never get the chance of handling a Rugger ball for the simple reason that it is probably locked up in the Battalion Sports' Stores, and under the care of the Sports Officer who evidently does not create the opportunity to let the men play the game.

Battalion Boom.

Speaking of my own unit, I have never seen so much sport within the Battalion throughout the whole war. At present we are running a Company "Footer" Competition, and, if "Old Brigade" cannot get that Company rivalry and sporting spirit in his own unit, it is rather rash to make the statement that all troops out here are in the same plight.

Once units are settled down I think the sporting spirit and the amount of enthusiasm will be greater than before, as it is only the best units which are remaining—at least, as far as we are concerned.

To encourage is the main thing with young soldiers, and advertising their defects will not improve matters.

Among our competitors are readers of "The Cologne Post" in England as well as civilians in Rhineland. All are eligible and the more the merrier.

PROMISING YOUNGSTERS

The Pick of the Season's Two-year-olds.

TETRATEMA UNBEATEN.

We gave yesterday a summary of the performances of three-year-olds this season and below we publish a resumé of the work of the best two-year-olds.

No really true opinion can be formed as to the merits of the two-year-olds as a whole until they have tried conclusions with the older horses at a later period of their Turf careers. says "The Field." Judging them on their present form, they are probably very good, and more especially the two unbeaten colts Tetratema and Prince Galahad. Last year at the end of the season no two-year-old colt or filly stood out from the rank and file as Tetratema and Prince Galahad do, and in the result the three-year-olds of the season which is now drawing to a close have been found to be of no great merit.

When, however, certain two-year-olds do all that is asked of them and win their races in fine style, they usually do the same sort of thing in the following season. Hundreds of instances of this kind could be given.

A Rare Performance.

It is seldom that any youngster creates such an impression as Tetratema has done in the last four months; indeed, we have to go back to his sire, The Tetrarch, to find a parallel case. Tetratema began in July, when he won the valuable Breeders' Stakes at Sandown; he next won the Molecombe Stakes at Goodwood, the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster, the Imperial Produce Stakes at Kempton, and lastly the Middle Park Plate at Newmarket. All his races he won with great ease, though he never came so far away from his field as The Tetrarch did when winning the Coventry Stakes at Ascot. On the other hand The Tetrarch was, in our opinion, more pressed to beat Stornoway in the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster than Tetratema has been in any of his races, but it is understood that Mr. Persse, who trained the sire and now trains the son, thinks that the former was the more brilliant horse.

Disquieting Rumour.

Unfortunately, there is at the moment a rumour to the effect that all is not well with the star two-year-old performer of the season, and on this point it can only be said that his failure to meet his three-year-old engagements would be a Turf calamity of the first magnitude.

Prince Galahad has only run twice, but there was great merit in both his victories, for he was almost "left" at Ascot, and yet won quite easily, while at Newmarket last month he was hardly supposed to have fully recovered from the effects of a stoppage of work, so, as the market suggested, was not seriously fancied to beat Orpheus. Given a clean bill of health Prince Galahad should have a brilliant future.

Of the two-year-old fillies Bright Folly and Blue Dun are probably the best. The first named is unbeaten, and a big winner in good company, while Blue Dun is a fine performer, about whom a very high opinion has been formed in Ireland. Of the value of the Irish two-year-old form we are ignorant, but on the face of it Blue Dun is head and shoulders above all she has met.

A Sterling Performer.

Another sterling performer is Orpheus, in spite of the fact that he has been beaten by Tetratema and Prince Galahad; and a fine performer in many of his races is Sarchedon, who, in dead heating with Gleneskaki when giving 12lb., did a very big thing. The staying Lacrosse and the frequent Nursery winner Fancy Man come into the picture also, but the last named is probably a representative of good handicap, rather than of classic, form.

On the whole the prospects suggest that the classic races of next year will be perhaps more attractive than usual, and that the winners should be of that high class which does so much towards maintaining the high standard of the English Turf.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Rugby.

Oxford 8 points, Major Stanleys XV 12; Edinburgh 13, Academicals 7.

Association.

Chelsea 3, Oxford 3; Brentford 5, Cambridge 4; Stoke 2, Bristol City 0.

SPORT IN BRIEF.

Cambridge Fours.

Cambridge University clinker fours were won on Saturday by First Trinity.

Moody Beats Carter.

At the Ring. Kid Carter retired in the ninth round of his contest with Frank Moody.

Browning's Progress.

Browning, the Chelsea forward, who was hurt early in the season, is making a steady recovery, but he will play no more football before Christmas. He is going north for a holiday.

Hockey Results.

Cambridge University 12, Southgate 0; Oxford University 2, Hampstead 0; Barnes 6, Merton 3; Beckenham 5, Bromley 5; Richmond 2, Teddington 1; Chelmsford 3, Westcliff 1; Maidenhead 1, Staines 1; Ilford 7, Goodmayes 0.

Players Free Transfers.

At the meeting of the Management Committee of the Southern League it was decided to grant free transfers to all players of clubs who have seceded from the Southern League, and this will embrace the players of Coventry City, Stalybridge Celtic, Stoke, West Ham, Aberdare, Croydon Common, Cwm Albion, Leyton, Walsall, and Treherris.

Parson as Football Director.

The Rev. John William Marsh, vicar of St. Mary, Nelson, Lancashire, formerly well known as a Football League referee, has consented to sit on the board of directors of the Nelson Football Club. The rev. gentleman has for some considerable time taken a deep interest in Lancashire football, and had much to do with Nelson obtaining admission to the Central Football League.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

Esmond Concert Party.

The Esmond Concert Party (by kind permission of the Y.M.C.A.) gave a second successful concert at the B.E.L.C. on Tuesday night by special request. This extraordinarily gay little party appeared with new songs and new frocks, but the same gaiety and verve, and were loudly applauded by a most enthusiastic audience.

Question in Black and White.

It will be interesting to see if the B.E.L.C. can ever have again a scene of beauty such as they had at the Arabian Nights' Ball. I am told that the scheme of decoration for the Black and White Ball next Thursday is decidedly chic, however. Tickets direct from the Controller of Entertainments is an excellent idea.

A POPULAR COMEDIAN.

An impression of Frank Hook, the well-known character comedian who, with the "Jesters," has entertained thousands of troops in Rhineland.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Thursday	No British Bookings.			
Fri.	Armourer of Worms	Lortzing	7	9.45
Sat.	Carmen	Bizet	7	10.30
Sun.	Flying Dutchman	Wagner	7.30	10.30

Babes in the Wood.

I have been asked to say that the B.E.L.C. wishes to get up a Christmas Pantomime—"Babes in the Wood" They will be very glad of men to play the following parts. Demon King, base or baritone; Wicked Uncle and Village idiot, comedian Nancy and Tony, the Babes, soubrette and light comedian; Lumina, Fairy Queen and chorus, solo dances, etc.

Another Disch Concert.

On Thursday at 8 p.m. Karin Dayas is to give a modern piano recital at the "Rococo-Saal" of the Hote Disch. Karin Dayas is one of the greatest modern pianists and had big successes recently at Berlin and Dresden. The programme contains new compositions by Cyril Scott, Claude Debussy, Maurice Ravel, Alban Berg and Erwin Schulhoff Tickets may be had at the entrance.

Badminton.

With a view to providing interesting indoor sport for the many men who have spare time during the day a Badminton club is being formed at the Cologne Y.M.C.A. Meantime, one court has been marked out in the Great Hall where the light is exceptionally good and play will take place each day from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Members will be supplied with racquets, shuttles and shoes. Tournaments and matches will be arranged, and as the season goes on, it is hoped that other clubs will issue challenges to the Centre thus infusing the right sporting, competitive feeling into a game that is rapidly growing in popularity.

BILLIARDS.

Reece leads in second Round of "Victory" Tourney.

In the second heat of the Burroughes and Watts "Victory" tournament, Reece (rec. 1,500) is forging ahead of Stevenson (rec. 500), having increased, to a substantial degree, his original lead during the two days the match has been in progress. Tuesday's closing scores were:—

Reece (in play) ... ... 3,917.
Stevenson ... ... 2,350.

In a match of 8,000 up, on level terms, at Thurston's, a close game is in progress between Smith and Falkiner. Closing scores:—

Smith (in play) ... ... 2,636.
Falkiner ... ... 2,350.

PUSSYFOOT IS A SPORT.

A deputation of students representing all the colleges connected with the University of London called at the offices of "Pussyfoot" Johnson to express regret for the injuries he sustained in the recent rag. They earnestly expressed the hope that he would soon be well again at the same time assuring Dr. Henry, one of Mr. Johnson's associates, who received them, that they regard "Pussyfoot" as a "good sport."

Lord Birkenhead, speaking in London, while making every allowance for the high spirits of youth, profoundly regretted that a citizen of the United States should have been subjected to "such an outrage."

Pussyfoot regards the whole affair as a joke.

LILLE "SWEEP" DRAW.

Huge Manchester Nov. Handicap Prizes.

The draw for the Victory Sweepstake on the Manchester Handicap took place on Tuesday.

Over £50,000 was subscribed and the sum will be allocated as follows:—

First prize £15,540
Second prize ..... £ 7,750
Third prize ..... £ 3,885

For each of the remaining sixty-three horses drawn, the ticket-holders will receive £275.

Alasnam the favourite was drawn by Sgt. Lindbatt.

LEICESTER v. THE ARMY.

The following players will represent the Army against Leicester, at Leicester, on Saturday next:—

Capt. W. Shewon; Lieut. H C V Day, S Q-C-M A MacIntosh, Major R M Scobie, Lieut. Q E M A King; Drmr A Gumbley, Lieut. P E R Baker-Jones; Capt. A H MacIlwaine, Major P H Lawless, C-S-M. C W Jones, Capt. W E C Penney, Major W P N Roderick, Capt. Stone, Cpl. C Hyland, Capt. L H Kitton.

PHILIP MEAD'S BENEFIT.

The Hampshire County Cricket Committee have agreed to set aside the home match with Surrey next summer for the benefit of Philip Mead, one of the best all-round cricketers in the world. Mead's left-hand batting has charmed many thousands of people on all the county grounds, and he deserves to net a handsome sum. The Hampshire C.C. report shows a favourable balance of £1,295.

PRIVATE WINS 1,731 MARKS.

Result Of Our Football Skill Competition No. 8.

EIGHTEEN COUPONS DISQUALIFIED.

As forecasted yesterday, No. 8 Contest has been won outright by a single competitor. His name is:—

Pte. T. Thomson 7,220,
Intelligence Corps,
G.H.Q.,
Rhine Army.

On the winning coupon, he correctly forecasted nine matches. Many competitors gave seven correct results and four managed to forecast eight of the games successfully. The winner will receive 1,731 marks and by the time this is read, he will have received the cheque for this amount.

In this contest there were entered eighteen coupons unaccompanied by the necessary marks. One of these disqualified competitors was among the four who gave eight correct returns. It would have been very unfortunate for him had he given nine and thus lost a share of the amount subscribed.

MORAL:—READ THE RULES.

In the coupon in the next column, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an enelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 9,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 9.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov 22nd.
Closing date, Friday, Nov. 21st.

Arsenal	v. Notts County
Oldham	v. Manchester United
Preston	v. Liverpool
Sunderland	v. Newcastle
Coventry	v. Blackpool
Fulham	v. West Ham
Nottingham Forest	v. Tottenham
Bristol R.	v. Plymouth A.
Exeter C.	v. Northampton
Southampton	v. Brentford
Queens Park	v. Rangers
Airdrieonians	v. Dumbarton

I enter Football Competition No. 9 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Yet We are Out.

This, our, 200th number was produced under difficulties. Yesterday being a general rest day in Cologne the printers could only be induced to work a few hours towards evening.

For Xmas.

More and more wives are coming out to Rhineland. A good many seem to want to experience what a Christmas in Germany is like.

New Exchange Rates.

Starting from the 16th of this month, 10 marks equal 1s. 4d. One mark equals 25 centimes (French) or 23 centimes (Belgian). Five francs (French) equal 2s. 8d. or Belgian 2s. 11d.

Accident Epidemic.

There seems to be an epidemic of accidents in Rhineland just now. From Bonn arrives the news of a German having slipped between the footboard of a moving train and the platform, with the result that both legs were completely severed. Only the previous day in Cologne, a motor car, travelling at high speed skidded and crashed into a tram car, killing two occupants.

A Novel Fire Screen.

One of my friends who has amassed over 9,000 marks in the expectation of a sudden rise, now informs me that if there is no increase in value by the time he gets demobbed, he intends converting the notes into a fire screen as a souvenir.

Can You?

Very often you see a girl in a cafe or restaurant and can't exactly fix her nationality. A friend of mine says the infallible test is her laugh, and he can tell English, French and Germans by that, even if he can't see the individual.

Hard To Get.

I hunted half over Cologne the other day for such a simple thing as a packet of pipe cleaners. No tobacconists keep them. At last I found some at a little shop in a bye-street that sold pipes and smoking sundries.

No French Papers.

For five days now, none of the regular French newspapers have reached Cologne. There is a strike of printers in Paris that is stopping production.

To You.

The Editor is making a special appeal to-day for more help from the Rhine Army in the way of literary contributions. This is addressed to you as well as to others.

Optical Illusion.

A thick mist completely obscured the tops of the cathedral steeples yesterday morning. The effect was rather weird, and a visitor, seeing the wonderful building for the first time would have supposed that the spires were cut off square, about half way up.

"Très Chic."

The French telephone girl in Cologne wears a very pretty armlet of the tricolour surmounted by a striking gilt badge symbolical of electricity.

Two Processions.

Two interesting processions might be noticed in Marzellen Strasse on Wednesday morning. On one pavement was the surpliced choir returning from High Mass at the Cathedral, and on the opposite a party of thirty Russian soldiers, marching two abreast, with a feld-webel at their head.

Useful Lantern Lecture.

The lecture on the manufacture of Portland cement, to be given at 6 o'clock tonight at the Army General College, Hansa Ring should attract many. It will be delivered by Mr. G. A. Middleton, who is a past vice-president of the Society of Architects and will be illustrated by some excellent lantern slides. It is free and open to all ranks.

Nothing Fresh.

I have just read an article in the "Yorkshire Weekly Post" on "Cologne To-day," by A. L. Stead, but it contains no information that everyone in Rhineland isn't quite familiar with.

A Quiet Resort.

I dropped across a splendidly equipped and really quiet cafe last night. Judging by the number of British couples present its calm air was appreciated. This is the more remarkable as it is in a busy street like Breite Strasse.

Seeing Stars.

"A keen student of astronomy evidently!" said my companion. His remark applied to a civilian possessing, in the words of the famous song, "two lovely black eyes." I agreed that he must have seen stars.

Glad to be Back.

A man back from leave confessed to me yesterday morning that he was glad to be back on the Rhine. You see he comes from a part of the country where trade disputes are rife.

Making Provision.

"The wife's coming out tomorrow" was a chance remark I heard yesterday and judging by the number of marks handed over the counter to the Command Cashier in exchange for ration coupons it looked as if the better half was bringing the family and a retinue of servants.

A Certificate Necessary.

Much inconvenience will be saved if purchasers of these coupons arm themselves with an authority signed by the Commandant or an O.C. Unit. I mention this because an impression has got round that no such certificate is now necessary.

A MISSING STAR.

VICAR: Owing to the Committee having failed to entice ex-Private Perkins from "The Dog and Gun" you may stwike off your pwogwammes, songs ..... "Mdlle from Armentieres" and "Appwe la guerre fini."

Conductor's Tips.

It is common to see car conductors receive tips of anything up to 25 pfennig. Strange enough we never hear of tipping tram officials at home, though one is lavish enough to railway servants.

Familiarity Breeds—.

Have you noticed how any announcement regarding the low value of the mark fails to arouse interest now? To have a month ago announced in any office that 156 marks were being paid for a pound would have meant the detailing of the junior member of the staff to join the queue at one of our banking concerns.

What Now?

Instead, what does one find nowadays? Perhaps half a dozen officers cashing cheques. "The worst of this cheap money is that we spend such a lot," was a subaltern's remark. I seem to have read something like this in the Editor's Letter Box.

A Curio.

I came across a Duren twenty-five pfennig coin yesterday, 1919 issue. It depicts on one side, a coal miner with pick and lamp, and bears the legend, "I dig for coal, and save my Fatherland."

Touchy.

Some of our Scottish correspondents are very fussy over the use of the word "English". But there are cases where "British" would be inappropriate. One can't refer to the "British" language, for instance.

RHINELANDER.

ECONOMIC NOTES ON FINANCE AND TRADE.

III. THE BANK OF ENGLAND — THE ORIGIN.

We saw in the last article how a banker issued notes by a system of mutual indebtedness. The time of course arrived when for some reason or other the belief or trust on which those notes relied became impaired. A vague feeling spread about that a certain bank could not pay up on its notes. This vague feeling is what we know as an "alarm." The business of the banker then is to hand out coin as hard as he can. If he hesitates people say that he is afraid he is going to smash and they want their money out before he does so. This leads to everyone rushing at the bank and demanding money for their notes and is what is known as a "panic."

The Bank cannot pay this money until in its turn it recovers the money lent to traders. These are unable to pay and so the bank has to suspend payment. This happened so much in the early part of the last century that financiers and bankers began to look around for some safeguard. They soon realised that two things were necessary to preserve the credit of our banking system. 1, Safety and 2, Elasticity. The Safety it was thought could be provided by a proportionate backing of gold—and an Act was introduced and is known as the Bank Charter Act of 1844. Before discussing this Act it will be well to see what was the origin of the Bank.

Macaulay has written about this and, if his book can be obtained, it should certainly be read. In origin the Bank was a financing company run by the Whig party and was absolutely political.

The Cabal Government in the reign of Charles II brought English finance very low. It had been the custom for the goldsmiths, who were the earliest bankers, to deposit their surplus gold in the Exchequer. Charles II showed them that this trust was misplaced. He shut up the Exchequer and ruined "The City." The Stuart Government never recovered from this enough to raise money afterwards. Their "credit" was gone—the belief in ability to pay, on which credit rests, had vanished.

In 1694 William III, although not a Stuart, still found it difficult to raise money for the French War. Accordingly this Whig financing company was formed.

In those days 8% was a very low rate of interest and in order to attract people to subscribe a certificate of incorporation was promised under the name of The Governor and Company of the Bank of England. In this way £1,200,000 was obtained. If we had not been able to raise that sum we should have been beaten by France and have had to take back James II. In return for this and other benefits the State granted three most important privileges.

1. Bank of England to have monoply in possession of Government balances.

2. It was to have a monoply of limited liability which was exclusive until the introduction of Limited Liability into Statute Law a few years ago.

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FROM EVERYWHERE.

Street Danger.—The number of street accidents in Cologne is increasing.

Buried Free.—State funerals under the Insurance Act are being advocated.

Defeated.—M. Longuet, leader of the French socialists was beaten at the polls.

Held up.—Masked men have robbed Cork Bank officials of £20,000.

More Strikers.—Scottish ironmoulders threaten to strike next Wednesday.

Air Fatalities.—Five deaths resulted from an aeroplane smash in Spain.

Goldless.—No gold has been coined in England since October 1917.

Better Than Clerking.—Many miners are earning at the rate of £500 a year.

Officialdom.—There are nearly two thousand fuel overseers.

Enormous!—In Petrograd bread is fetching £9 a pound.

Milk, now.—Paris is threatened with a serious milk famine.

Armour Expert.—Sir Guy Laking, the King's Armourer, is seriously ill.

Feminine Foils.—There is a great revival of fencing among women in England.

Wanted.—A club for ranker officers is likely to be established in London.

Nation's Toll.—The State will take in Death duties £460,000 of the estate of over £1,400,000 left by Sir William Greenwell.

Egypt's Leader.—Mahomed Farid Bey, leader of the Egyptian Nationalists, has just died.

Canada's Coal.—The coal shortage in Canada is acute. All export of coal is prohibited.

Police Combine.—The newly formed Police Federation has just held its first meeting with closed doors.

Not Many.—The Socialists are expected to gain twenty to thirty seats at the Italian elections.

Complications.—Lord Robert Cecil considers the international situation in Europe very grave.

Brighter Rural Life.—Women are engaged in a vigorous campaign to revive "Merrie England" in the villages.

Disposals Staff.—The Disposal Board employs 2526 persons on full and part time.

Hated Impost.—In Birmingham 800 people have failed to pay their Income Tax.

Shades of Wren.—A fine house in Chichester designed by Sir Christopher Wren is being converted into a cinema.

Compensation.—£300,000,000 is the sum estimated to buy out the brewers interests in Great Britain.

Unused Waterways.—Traffic on English canals which it was hoped to increase, is diminishing.

A Crying Shame.—W.A.A.C's complain that people won't employ them because they served in that force.

Holy Ground.—The first English officer to die in Jerusalem since our occupation has been buried at the Mount of Olives.

Can't Afford it.—The Duke of Portland is cutting down the labour employed on his Welbeck estates.

Mounting up.—Food prices in England have risen nine per cent. in the last two months.

Another Project.—Lord Leverhulme intends to start a huge fish canning factory at Yarmouth.

More Whisky.—There is a prospect of whisky being more plentiful by the end of the year.

First Lady M. P.?—There is a confidence at Plymouth that Lady Astor has gone in with a handsome majority.

Large polls.—It is estimated that at Thanet and Plymouth 70 per cent. of the electors voted.

"Woodbine Willie."—"Woodbine Willie," the Rev. G. A. Stewart Kennedy, M.C. preached in the Royal Chapel receortly.

New Germ Killer.—A lamp that destroys the influenza germ is the invention of two English chemists.

The Limit.—A Detroit woman murdered her two children so that she could go on the stage.

Flying Fatality.—The eldest son of Major Eric Knight M.P. for Kidderminster was killed while flying at Cambridge.

Will They Come.—The London Chamber of Commerce has expressed its approval of Premium Bonds.

Collapse.—Near Neath the roadway collapsed and a steam lorry fell into a disused colliery.

Cold Kills.—Owing to coal shortage animals in the Pâris Zoo are dying from cold.

Pilot in a Month.—After only a month's training an Australian woman has passed her tests at the Central Aircraft Company's aerodrome.

Happy Veteran.—Mr. Frank James, "Staffordshire's Grand Old Man" has just celebrated his 98th birthday, and diamond wedding.

No Wonder.—Cotton is now 7½d. a reel. The great cotton firm of Coats made a profit of about four millions last year after paying excess profits duty.

Express Crash.—The Swiss-Strassbourg express dashed into a goods train in Alsace and a number of casualties resulted.

Busy on Ships.—America has 3,470,748 gross tons of shipping under construction. Great Britain has 2,816,773 tons.

Couldn't Stop.—Nine persons were injured in a railway accident at Crewe. The train ran into the stopblocks and caused great damage.

Scintillates.—Miss Shirley Kellogg wears a dazzling dress of silver and crystal in the second edition of "Joy Bells" just started in London.

"Ace" Scores.—Captain Fonck, France's most famous air-fighter, headed the poll of the Republican Democratic Union in the French general elections.

Out of Work Announcement.—An important announcement in connection with the Government's out-of-work donation will be made by Sir Robert Horne this week.

On a Roof.—A monument to Vedrines the famous airman has been erected on the roof of the Galleries Lafayette, Paris on which he made his famous landing last January.

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AROUND AND ABOUT.

BARRED OUT.

He would have been a good candidate for the police; he certainly had good understandings. But, instead, he went to a teacher of the newest styles of jazzing, and tried to arrange for some lessons.

"Let's have a trial," said the teacher doubtfully. "I'm too busy to take on any unlikely pupils."

For an agonising quarter of an hour he tried his best to teach the applicant how to do it.

"Well, you would be a good dancer but for two things," said he, at the end of the specimen lesson.

"What are they?" asked the young man eagerly.

"Your feet," replied the teacher coldly.

NICKEL COINS COMING.

Stories are told of the straits in which Parisians have found themselves owing to the shortage of small change. If matters are not corrected very soon, Great Britain will run the risk of having to receive sections of books of postage stamps or a batch of treasury tokens as change in shops or restaurants. If the Government does not take in hand soon the question of the continual rise in the price of silver, there will certainly be a shortage of our subsidiary metallic coinage. One way is to call in all the present silver coinage, and issue a new coinage of silver alloyed with some other non-ferrous metal such as zinc or nickel. Sheffield manufacturers have made good use of their knowledge of these alloys in the manufacture of spoons and forks, and we may yet live to see the day when we shall have to accept a shilling or a half-crown of "Britannia metal."

PRINCELY MINNOWS.

Princes Albert and Henry are making themselves quite at home at Cambridge and are alreading taking part in the various societies and functions of the Varsity town. Speaking at the Tercentenary Dinner of the Perse Grammar School, Prince Albert probably gave a clue to the true state of their feelings when he said, "I could have wished that this dinner had taken place somewhat earlier in my academic career because I confess that my brother and I feel at present like two simple minnows amongst a number of learned Tritons in the sea of Knowledge.

HEARL 'AIG.

It is a very nice thing to be the recipient of countless honours, and various other testimonials from a grateful country, but Field-Marshal Earl Haig is beginning to feel a bit weary. At one place in the Midlands he had to watch a weary march past of scratch assembled local troops, veterans, volunteers, and all. He was then taken to a cold and windy open space where a choir of school children sang discordant hymns of praise and patriotism. Finally he had to listen to a twenty-minute speech in praise of "Hearl 'Aig." He was then asked to reply, and his speech lasted about one short minute. As he said, "Councillor X. has said everything that there is to be said." What we want is a society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Public Characters.

GERMAN FISHERS.

Germany, it is reported, is making great preparations for a monster fishing expedition into the North Sea. What her position is to be cannot yet be known. Whether she takes her old pre-war standing among the fishing nations of Western Europe depends largely on the trawlermen of these countries. Germany's position before 1914 was interesting. She had 300 fine trawlers distributed between the ports of Geestemunde, Altona, Bremerhaven, Cuxhaven, Wilhelmshaven, Emden, Hamburg, and Elbe. The principal concern was the Geestemunder Herings und Hochseefischerei Gesellschaft of Geestemunde. Then there were the "Nordsee" boats of Altona and the Senator line of Cuxhaven, all large companies. Their boats were well known in British waters, being conspicuous by their black and yellow colourings.

SMALL CHANGE.

A shortage of small change was one of the permanent troubles of our forefathers, for it was not until the reign of Charles II. that we had any copper coinage at all. The silver penny was our lowest coin, at a time when the purchasing power of the penny was no small thing. Edward I. minted silver halfpennies and farthings, but the most his predecessors had done was to coin pennies with a deep cross indented upon them, so that they could be broken into two or four pieces for smaller payments.

AN AIR TRAGEDY.

Everything was ready.

A short run, and she rose in the air majestically, ducking, rolling, and diving in the strong wind. Up, up, and still further up she rose, till she was almost out of sight, and a thrill ran through the spectators.

Suddenly an exceptionally strong gust of wind struck her and down she came —down, down, and still down, till—crash! — she struck the earth with a dull, heavy thud.

And little Willie ran in to ask mother for a penny to buy a new kite.

WHICH DO YOU READ?

The following are some of the publications for your use at the Reading Room in the Arcade, Hohestrasse.

Tatler	Engineering
Sphere	The Engineer
Bystander	Surveyor
Sketch	Electrician
Queen	Chemical Trade Journ.
Lady's Pictorial	Machinery Market
Country Life	English Mechanic and
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Nash's Weekly	Builder
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Passing Show	New Statesman
London Opinion	Mining Journal
John o'London's Weekly	Architects Journal
John Bull	Carpenter and Builder
Spectator	Aeroplane
Athenaeum	Nature
The Stage	Autocar
Saturday Review	Cycling
Athletic News	Motor Cycling
Referee	Br. Jnl. of Photography
Hobbies	Flight
Literary Digest	Sporting Times

London dailies, Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, Glasgow, Newcastle and other provincial papers, Times Weekly, Times Educational supplement, French and American Fashion Journals, French Art Journals and reviews, English and other magazines, and technical and trade journals of various industries in different languages are also there. As the list may have to be revised, will readers who are strongly in favour of the retention of any particular papers or publications inform those in charge at the Reading Room, or write to the Editor of "The Cologne Post" to that effect? Only those really used will be retained as the cost is heavy.

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FUTURE OF THE TERRITORIAL FORCE.

PEACE TREATY.

SOUTH AFRICA APPEALS TO AMERICA.

In the course of a stirring appeal for ratification of the Covenant of the League of Nations, General Smuts, speaking at Johannesburg, said: "I am told that the League is in danger in the American Senate. I can scarcely believe it, but if it is so may I send a message from South Africa to America. My people are a small people and my voice on their behalf weak, but the greatest leaders in America have before now listened to me.

"I appeal to America not to blast the hopes of the world. When human freedom was in danger and appealing hands were stretched out to America she rose to the height of her great opportunity. She shamed all those cynics who believed that she was merely bent on moneymaking, and rushed wholeheartedly to the rescue of those great human ideals for which all the Allies were fighting and her great act of unselfishness and moral idealism at the most critical stage of the war saved the world for democracy.

To-day the world is no less in danger. The machinery of the League is wanted to save civilisation; it alone can save tottering Europe. No nation has put more faith or more effort into the construction of the League than America and other nations have approved it. Will its ranks now lag behind? I cannot believe it! It is in the power of America to lift the heavy weight of despair which is to-day bearing down Christendom. We all pray her to do so. We pray her to sign the great Covenant and complete the work for humanity which she so unselfishly set out in the war to do."

LATEST RESERVATION BY U.S. SENATE.

A Washington telegram says that the Senate has adopted the following reservation to the Peace Treaty. The United States assumes no obligations to be bound by an election, decision, report or finding of a Council or Assembly wherein any member (of the League) and its self-governing dominions, colonies or parts of Empire in the aggregate have cast more than one vote. It assumes no obligation to be bound by any decision, report or finding of a Council or Assembly affecting any dispute between the United States and any other member of the League if such member or selfgoverning Dominion, Colony or part of an Empire united with it politically has voted thereon.

BRAVE MAN'S LAPSE.

Hubert Bouverie Haydon, a post office clerk, 29, pleaded Guiltyat the Old Bailey yesterday to forging documents and obtaining two sums of £22 10s. and £23 soldiers' gratuities.

Haydon joined the Army in September, 1914, got shell-shock in France, and was wounded at Cambrai last year. On his behalf Mr. J. D. Cassels said he rescued men by pulling them out of a waterlogged hole with his rifle while under heavy machine-gun fire. There was no doubt that he would have received some decoration for this, but his officer was killed and the men he rescued became casualties the same night. Haydon himself became a casualty two days later.

The Recorder postponed sentence until next Session.

PARIS LEAVE CLUB CLOSING.

In reply to a telegram of greetings from the British Army and Navy Leave Club in Paris, which is closing on November 30, the King has sent the following message:

The King and Queen, patrons of the British Army and Navy Leave Club, have received with much pleasure and satisfaction the loyal message contained in your telegram. Their Majesties are glad to think that the high hopes entertained of the club have been so successfully fulfilled.

FISHERMEN KILLED BY MINE.

Several fishermen observed a mine floating in the sea off Cape Clear at some distance from the mainland. They put off in a small boat to secure it, but the mine exploded while it was being handled, killing four of the men and wounding one.

EXPENSIVE BATTLESHIP.

Mr. Walter Long, First Lord of the Admiralty, stated in the House of Commons that the total cost of the battleship Hood was £6,025,000 and the estimated annual cost of maintenance of the vessel in full commission would be £539,000.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

SCHEME OF ORGANISATION NEARLY COMPLETE.

Although no announcement has been made regarding the terms of service in the post-war Territorial Force, active steps are now being taken to complete the reconstruction of the Force, and to open recruiting at an early date. The necessity for re-organising all branches of the Army, not only on a peace basis, but with the strictest regard to economy, has inevitably delayed the development of the policy outlined by Mr. Winston Churchill in May last.

Meantime the General Staff has been able to study more closely the position of the Force in relation to the development of modern weapons and the military commitments of the nation as a whole, and when the reconstruction scheme is finally adjusted it will probably be found to be superior in several respects to the scheme which was so generally approved in the Spring. It will certainly give the Territorial Force a genuine "raison d'etre," and put it in the position, should necessity arise, to play a vital part in national defence.

No final decision has yet been taken as to the size of the Force or the obligations which it will be asked to undertake. There seems to be no reason to suppose, however, that the original proposal to reconstitute the Force, based on fourteen Infantry divisions, with mounted troops and army troops, has been seriously departed from except so far as may have been found necessary to adhere to the main principle, viz., that the Territorial Force should be an exact replica of the regular army, as far as is possible.

The primary obligation of a Force so constituted would be for home defence, but recently a strong desire has been expressed by prominent Territorial officers that the men enlisting under the new conditions should be asked to undertake some obligation for general service. For example it is urged that they should be liable in an emergency to be embodied as units in support of the regular army after the issue of a proclamation calling up the Army Reserve. This is one of the main problems now to be faced, and upon its solution much will depend.

REVERSIBLE PLANE.

INVENTION OF NEW PROPELLER.

According to an announcement from the McCook Aviation Field at Dayton, Ohio, successful tests have been made with reversible aeroplane propellers, which means, according to the experts, that the day of the "Backyard aeroplane" is at hand. By the use of the new propeller an aeroplane can land and be brought to a standstill within fifty feet. The new device will also, it is claimed, increase the climbing speed of an aeroplane by forty per cent. and permit of flying at much higher altitudes, fifty thousand feet being stated as the possible limit. Mr. Seth Hart, of Los Angeles, California, is the inventor of the reversible propeller.

THE FIUME PUZZLE.

The Serbian Society of Great Britain at the last executive meeting passed the following resolution on the Adriatic question:—

That the territorial solution advocated by President Wilson is the only equitable compromise between Italian and Yugo-Slav claims, and should be upheld at all costs by the Supreme Council.

That since (a) Fiume is the only adequate maritime outlet of Yugo-Slavia and of the whole middle. Danubian region; and since (b) its annexation by Italy cannot be justified on ethical, economic, or even historical grounds; the utmost limit of concession which could reasonably be urged upon the Yugo-Slavs is the establishment of the City of Fiume (in its pre-war boundaries) as a free State under the sovereignty of the League of Nations.

TRIPLE ECONOMIC ENTENTE.

The former Spanish Liberal Minister, the Marquis Cortina, speaking in the Senate at Madrid yesterday, recommended the formation of an economic entente between Spain, France and Great Britain.

REVOLUTION IN SIBERIA.

A revolution has broken out at Vladivostock. No details are to hand except that up to the present only Russians are involved.

In future the import into France of German colouring matters, free of import duty, will be allowed.

RUSH FOR WHISKY.

FIRMS OVERWHELMED WITH ORDERS.

Following the Food Controller's announcement of the removal of restrictions on the sale of spirits, a wild scramble for whisky has begun. The leading firms have had streams of callers, many of whom drove up in taxicabs and motors, while the staffs have been almost overwhelmed by telephone calls. Distillers say they are flooded with orders. The view of the trade is that it will take a fortnight or three weeks before th public will begin to feel the benefit of increased supplies. A representative of one whisky firm says the output of bottles is not half enough. Another authority says that the removal of the restrictions ought to bring down the price of whisky in public bars "with a bang."

While most stores and other big establishments are supplying whisky to regular customers only and maintaining the ration system of two bottles per month, some firms are less cautious and are supplying anyone without limit.

Some wholesale firms are refusing to accept unlimited orders because it is necessary to look ahead. If all available whisky is sold now there will be no older spirit with which to blend the new spirit now being distilled. Besides this once the stock disappears and profit reached the margin set under the Excess Profits Act, they will close down and will only promise delivery in the next financial year so long as the present control prices are maintained.

PROHIBITION DURING WAR.

Sir James Stevenson, speaking at the dinner of the Birmingham Licensed Victuallers Association, after mentioning that in the Spring of 1915 the Government had almost decided to enforce the total prohibition of spirits for the duration of the war, said the time came when the millions of gallons of spirit used for war purposes was not enough.

The question was then discussed of utilizing the stocks of whisky in bond and the Cabinet authorised Lord Milner to deal with the situation. Sir James had several interviews with Lord Milner and discussed the matter with him and his trade colleagues and though those depleted reserves were essential to the continuance of their business there was no opposition to their utilisation for war purposes provided the necessity were proved.

On investigation however, it was found that a great saving of spirit could be effected, especially in the recovery of spirits used as solvents in the production of explosives. All the same, the man in the street, said Sir James, never knew how near he was to reading in his morning paper that the whisky stocks had been commandeered by the Government.

After refering to the anti-liquor legislation in the United States Sir James stated that Canada is supposed also to have gone largely "dry" but his own firm is now receiving more orders from Canada than when it was supposed to be "wet". Their agents recently requested them to substitute glass stoppers for corks as corkscrews are now very difficult to obtain in Canada.

AFGHANS PUNISHED.

RETRIBUTION BY AEROPLANE.

The Mahsud tribes not having accepted the British terms by the 13th November British aeroplanes began attacks on them on that date. A squadron of twenty-five aeroplanes circled over three Mahsud villages and dropped five tons of explosives. These operations continued daily and despite heavy anti-aircraft fire our machines all returned safely. The aerial attacks are affecting the morale of the people.

The British Tochi column has advanced to Dakka Khell where it was received by local Waziris, who brought supplies and apologized for their past misdeeds. The Amir has repudiated the action of those Afghans who have taken up positions at Wana, in the British tribal territory.

DISBANDING THE Q.M.A.A.C.

It is announced by the War Office that the strength of Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps, which was 40,850 at the date of the armistice, has been reduced by more than 33,000.

During September and October 11,234 officials and other ranks were discharged. Drafts are being sent from France to the United Kingdom for dispersal at the rate of 200 a day.

Instructions have been issued to dispense with the corps in the Home commands by December 31st next.

TROOPS FOR PLEBISCITE AREAS.

Replying to a question in the House with reference to the despatch of British troops to the plebiscite areas, Mr. Winston Churchill said that two battalions are being sent to Dantzig, one to Memel, three to Allenstein, one to Marienwerder, three to Upper Silesia and one to Slesvig.

GERMAN SHIPS IN BALTIC.

The Inter-Allied Naval Commission at Berlin has rejected the renewed proposal to allow ships engaged in German coastal trade to leave the three-mile zone for the time being, but has promised to consider proposals in favour of the extension of the free fishing area.

OUT-OF-WORK PAY.

UNEMPLOYMENT BELOW THE AVERAGE.

In moving a supplementary estimate of £1,500,000 for unemployment donation Sir Robert Horne, Minister for Labour, said the recipients of unemployed donation in May numbered 1,100,000, in September 303,000 and at the present time 579,000, of whom 344,000 were ex-service men, 101,000 civilian men and 35,000 civilian women. Since the Armistice employment had been found for 3,000,000 ex-service men and 1,500,000 munition workers.

Whereas in September 1913 the percentage of unemployment in Trade Unions was 2.4, in September last it was only 1.6, though it had increased in October to 2.6, largely as the result of strikes. The average for 1900 to 1914 was 4.3. Unemployment was therefore at the present time only about half the average for the fifteen years before the war.

He maintained that ex-soldiers were entitled to special consideration as there was no real comparison between the hardships suffered by the soldiers during the war and those suffered by civilians at home. Soldiers on leaving the army often found difficulty in securing work, because their positions were already filled up. Of civilians who would cease to receive the donation a considerable portion would be covered by the Trade Unions, the Insurance Act and kindred legislation. There had been a certain amount of deceit, voluntary idleness and fastidiousness as to employment which ought to be affected by the new arrangement.

A large amount of employment was available if only the workers would take it. At the same time it was the duty of the Government to find means of alleviating the burden of unemployment to the greatest possible extent. The amount given under the Insurance Act was insufficient. The Government should aim at covering all the wage earners in the country by legislation, and he hoped shortly to lay their proposals before the House. Regarding the claim that the State should provide and guarantee employment he declared that such attempts had met with nothing but disaster.

In conclusion he said he had no fear whatever for the future. If there was reasonable peace in industry he was certain there was before the country a period of prosperity which would enable us to bear lighty even the colossal burden which at present rested on our shoulders.

On behalf of the Labour Party Mr. Clynes moved a reduction of the vote as a protest against the policy adopted.

Sir Donald Maclean urged an extension of the donation for a few weeks until the Government introduced its new proposals and General Seely made a similar appeal on behalf of the men at present unemployed owing to the reduction of the Air Ministry's establishment.

HOME RULE FOR MALTA.

FINANCIAL HELP FROM BRITAIN.

The Under Secretary for the Colonies, Mr. Amery, stated in the House of Commons yesterday that His Majesty's Government have decided that the time has come to entrust the people of Malta with full responsible administration of purely local affairs. Control of the naval and military services and such other services and functions of Government as are connected with the position of Malta as an Imperial fortress and harbour will remain vested in the Imperial authorities. Mr. Amery said he would have to ask the House for a measure of financial assistance for the island, the finances of which have been seriously embarrassed by circumstances arising out of the war. He hoped the new system of self-Government would come into force at the beginning of 1921.

WAR HEALTH WORK.

GOLD MEDALS TO BE AWARDED.

The Chadwick Trustees have resolved, under the powers conferred on them by the scheme which they administer, to award next year a Chadwick Gold Medal aud a prize of £100 to the naval and military medical officer respectively in the British service who shall be deemed to have distinguished himself the most during the past five years of war in promoting the health of the men in the Navy and Army. The nomination to the trustees will me made by the Directors-General of the Naval and Military Medical Services respectively.

AIRMEN'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of the late Lieutenant Roger M. Douglas and Lieutenant J. S. L. Ross, who were killed in an aeroplane crash at Surbiton a few minutes after starting on a flight to Australia, took place at the Australian Military burying ground at Brookwood on Tuesday. The wreath from the Hounslow Aerodrome bore the inscription "Salutation to two brave men." At the funeral Colonel Durrant represented the General Officer Commanding the Australian Forces in England, and Colonel Walter House and Major Bernard represented respectively Major-General Sir F. H. Sykes and the Air Minister.

SUMMARY COURT.

SYSTEMATIC ROBBERY BY CIVILIANS.

"This is probably the worst case that has come before me. Restaurant keepers must understand that it is a very serious offence to give soldiers these treacherous drinks. A little café keeper who sells an occasional glass of cognac comes here and is severely punished, but you are the owner of a large restaurant who has been carrying it on systematically, and I must make an example." The accused, Alphons Janser, proprietor of the "Zur Post" a large restaurant at Mungersdorf, who served cognac to all and sundry, was sentenced to three weeks imprisonment and fined 2,000 marks or a further three weeks. He paid the fine.

REAL OFFENDER PUNISHED.

Maria Schmitz, a widow, of 22 Freiheitstrasse, Mülheim, was charged with being in possession of various articles of Army clothing and a quantity of canteen stores.

The presiding officer commented severely on the dishonesty of civilians employed by the British. "We trust these German civilians by employing them," he said, "but invariably they take advantage and rob us. I have not the slightest doubt that there is systematic robbery of the British Government."

Accused stated that she received the goods from her fiancé Ludwig Wiermann. He, being in Court, was ordered into the dock. He asserted that he brought the clothing from France, where he had been a prisoner, and the canteen goods he received from soldiers for getting his work done quickly.

Frau Schmitz was discharged, as she was considered to be the victim of the man, and Wiermann was given fourteen days without the option of a fine.

ASIATIC MENACE.

BOLSHEVISTS TRANSFER THEIR ACTIVITIES.

In view of the probable liquidation of Bolshevism in Russia itself the Central Soviet authorities are busily directing their attention to making Central Asia their new theatre of operations. News from Tashkent through Reuter, shows that Bolshevists there, acting on instructions from Moscow, have instituted propaganda on a large scale for the purpose of training emissaries to go to India and Afghanistan. These classes are conducted in Pushti, Hindustani and other Oriental languages.

It is known that towards the end of August a Bolshevist Mission under M. Bravin, formerly the well-known Russian diplomatist at the Russian Legation at Teheran, who speaks Hindustani fluently and has expert knowledge of Eastern questions, arrived at Kabul on a special mission from Lenin. Bravin had an audience of the Amir and since then he has been in continuous communication with Moscow through Tashkent, which is now the headquarters of Bolshevist propaganda in Central Asia.

FIELD MARSHAL HAIG.

RETIRING FROM ACTIVE SERVICE.

Field Marshal Haig replying to a telegraphic enquiry by the "Glasgow Evening News" as to whether he had decided to retire from active service, says he has decided on nothing. The only thing is that, when his appointment has been abolished, he will be unemployed.

The "Globe," which was the first to announce Earl Haig's impending retirement says he refused the appointment as Viceroy of India and also declined to become Commander-in-Chief in Great Britain.

It is stated that he intends to devote himself to the cause of disabled and unemployed officers. He may make a statement as to his future intentions when he is presented with the gold medal of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society at Edinburgh a fortnight hence.

PRINCE VISITS THE OPERA.

The Prince of Wales attended a performance at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, on Tuesday night. Tickets changed hands at fabulous prices immediately his projected visit became known. The vast building was packed and when the Prince entered the entire audience sprang to its feet, applauded vociferously, and sang "God bless the Prince of Wales". At the close of the performance another outburst of enthusiasm took place.

SUSPECTED FAKE.

Mr. Jenkins, the United States Consular Agent, who was recently captured by bandits and released on payment of a ransom, was arrested and is being kept under surveillance at his home at Puebla.

It is charged against him that he was not abducted but that he acted in connivance with the bandits.

CANADIAN VICTORY LOAN.

The Canadian Victory Loan, in which 300,000,000 dollars was appealed for, has been over subscribed by 373,000,000 dollars, thus making the total amount subscribed 673,000,000 dollars.

The National Savings Committee notify that the number of War Savings Certificates sold during the week ended November 8 was 1,285,934, bringing the total to that date up to 371,143,169.

PLUCKY RESCUE.

PRESENTATION TO A GALLANT GERMAN SAILOR.

The gallantry of a German sailor, Hans Wefers, mate of the S. S. Prinz Heinrich, who rescued a British officer from death by drowning in the Rhine, had a fitting sequel at Bonn last Friday, when Major-General A. B. Ritchie, C. B., C. M. G., Commanding the Lancashire Division handed him an inscribed silver bowl in recognition of his bravery. The presentation was made in the presence of the British Administrator and several Officers attached to his Staff, the Oberburgermeister of Bonn and some English Ladies. The bowl bore the following inscription:—

"Presented to Hans Wefers by the British Military Authorities, in recognition of his act of gallantry, in rescuing a British Officer from drowning."

The circumstances of the rescue were as follows:—

On the evening of August 1st, Lieutenant Hughes, of S. S. Overstolz, whilst swimming in the Rhine, was taken ill and was being carried helpless down stream, only his hands appearing above water. Hans Wefers, mate of S. S. Prinz Heinrich, seeing the Officer in danger, first threw a life-buoy into the water and then, fully dressed dived into the river and pushed the life-buoy about 300 yards in the water, until he reached Lieut. Hughes. He then succeeded in getting the buoy on the Officer and supported him in the water until picked up by a fishing boat. But for his quick and gallant action, the Officer would undoubtedly have lost his life.

In handing the bowl to Hans Wefers General Ritchie said:

"It is a great pleasure to me to present to you this token, to mark, not only the gratitude and appreciation of the Officer whose life you saved, but also that of the British Military Authorities, who have asked me to give you this piece of silver.

There is no doubt that by your quick action and utter disregard of personal danger, you saved the life of the British Officer.

Your gallantry is something that you and your relations may be justly proud of and I hope that you may live to look back upon the event for many years to come."

The Oberburgermeister in returning thanks for Hans Wefers, referred to the pleasant relationships which had always existed between the British Garrison and the civilian population of Bonn and emphasised the fact that incidents such as were being celebrated then, could only leave pleasant memories.

Though the ceremony was a very simple one, it left a very agreeable impression of cordiality on every one who attended it.

COAL STRIKE ECHO.

BIG FIRM HEAVILY FINED.

The Stratford Co-operative Society was fined fifty pounds yesterday for disregarding the order limiting deliveries of coal during the coal strike to one hundredweight per household per week. Evidence was given that despite warnings, the company made 378 such deliveries, totalling ninety-four tons, during the prohibited period. It also disregarded an order issued prior to the strike that a fortnight's reserve must be kept. When the strike started they were 521 tons short. Counsel said that if other coal merchants had acted in a similar manner the position would have been absolutely desperate.

SINN FEIN RAID ON NAVAL LAUNCH.

The latest Sinn Fein outrage concerns the British Navy. On Monday night a party of armed mem at Bantry boarded a naval launch in the harbour and surprised the crew, whom they locked in their quarters. The report states that the raiders succeeded in getting away with eight rifles and three revolvers before the crew of the launch were able to release themselves. The police have searched houses in the town, but have failed to find any of the missing arms. This outrage follows closely on the raid on the steamship Minnahorn in Cork Harbour on Saturday night.

EGYPTIAN MINISTRY RESIGNS.

A Reuter message states that the Egyptian Ministry has resigned owing to questions connected with the Milner Mission. The resignation has been accepted.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

The market continues to improve and business yesterday was much more animated. The position of foreign exchanges gives reason for caution and militates against any material improvement in international securities. Oils regained their popularity and the leading issues advanced substantially. Diamonds were strong on persistent inquiries and scarcity of securities. Gold and silver mining descriptions were in renewed demand in response to a fresh rise in those metals. Gold was in keen demand, Spain paying 102s 8d per fine ounce. Spot silver advanced to 79½d and two months forward delivery 68½d per ounce on speculative demand and China buying, which is attributed to the restriction of export from Mexico. German marks were quoted at 187 to 189 and Austrian crowns at 510 to 530 per £1 sterling.

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THEIR OLD IDOL.

Germany is proud of her culture and other countries have never denied the achievements which were her just cause of pride. It is needless to say that the other countries have not taken "kultur" at the inflated valuation which the German people attached to it.

But the opinions expressed in recently published memoirs of men like Ludendorff, Tirpitz, and Bethmann-Hollweg lead one to suppose that in one branch of knowledge "Kultur" has been woefully deficient.

It is safe to assume from the reading of these books that where Germany failed in her diplomacy was not so much in pursuing a bad policy as in the utter lack of comprehension of the psychology of the other countries with whom her policy brought her in contact.

Czernin has already expressed his opinion that the Bismarckian tradition is the curse of modern German and we may well agree with him. With Bismarck's patriotism and the whole hearted devotion to his idea we cannot cavil, but the methods which the Iron Chancellor adopted to secure his ends led to the thorough distrust which invariably accompanied diplomatic relations with him, and the modern German diplomat has inherited the greater man's methods without his larger and broader vision, which in consequence has led to the isolation of Germany and the demand for guarantees of her sincerity before affording her admission into the circles of contemporary statesmanship.

The fault has been obvious but it has not been remedied.

Two factors are outstanding if Germany is ever to play a reasonable part in the comity of nations. First, the Bismarcian methods must be laid aside, however tenaciously his successors may cling to his ideals and, secondly, the education of the German nation must be undertaken: they must be instructed in the aims and ambitions of other nations from sources which are not polluted.

Unless some German statesman arises who has the courage of his convictions and, taking his courage into his hands, will tell his people that their old idol had elements of clay in his construction there is no shadow of doubt, that, secure in their own ignorance, the German nation is going to plunge itself into further international complications from which only a knowledge of the truth will save them.

OUR IMPROMPTU CONCERT.

"Sixty marks in prizes for the best turns at an impromptu concert to be held in the dining hall." The amount it is true would not break our bank, but the notice caused unbounded interest in this abode of blue clad men gathered here from every unit in the Rhine Army.

The hospital dining hall was duly rigged up for the great event. The platform consisted of three long tables with a red screen in the background. The piano, minus one leg, and borrowed from the Y.M.C.A. occupied one corner. The auditorium was arranged by the men to their own liking the point of vantage being the chairs placed on the top of some tables in the rear.

The rich, appetising smell of the turtle soup, then being boiled in the huge vats of the cookhouse near by, pervaded the atmosphere, whilst through the open window on the other side icy currents of air chilled the marrow in the bones. It was cold, very cold and greatcoat collars were turned up, but what mattered it, anything to break the dull monotony of hospital life.

What a crowd, too, boys and seasoned veterans, the halt and the lame; the poor and the needy, for marks and postal orders are none too plentiful here. There is no audience so enthusiastic as an audience of Tommies and they are easily pleased.

Between the breezes on the one side and the scent of fragant soup on the other, mixed with clouds of tobacco smoke, these lads were anticipating the surprises in store for them. There was to be keen rivalry and woe to the ward that was not represented!

The Padre presides and sets the ball rolling by a rollicking song and for the next two hours volunteers come forward to sing or recite, to whistle or dance, to win fame or marks, but above all to give amusement.

Here is Jock, full of life, a second Harry Lauder. He is a great turn and brings the house down by his antics. You laugh until you must almost cry. He sings and dances with amusing rapidity. Jock is a real terror in many ways, but a prime favourite with the men. "Now then Flying Corps!" someone shouts.

There is an immediate response and the lad gives a whistling song, warbling like a nightingale on a summer's eve. The competition between the wards becomes exciting.

"Come on B.L.!" is the shout followed by "How about C.2?" and other numbers. A Yorkshireman gives a recitation in his own dialect. It is all so amusing. A great find is a perfect tenor who renders "I send thee red, red roses" in a marvellous way. How the men cheer him as he steps off the platform! And yet he is very modest, and does not seem to realise his success.

Ragtime songs, songs as ancient as the hills, Cockney songs, and Irish melodies follow each other in quick succession.

The judges are hard at work for they have great responsibility. The pianist has no scores, but it is remarkable how he manages to pick up the airs by his quick ear. And so the programme draws to a close, and another pleasant evening in Rhineland, long to be remembered, ends with the announcement that five prizes have been awarded: 1, twenty marks, 2, fifteen marks, 3, ten marks, 4, eight marks, 5, seven marks.

Wonderful! The winners feel like millionaires and retire to their wards to dream of how they will spend the money on the morrow. *G.K.*

THE DISABLED.

How They Are Making Good.

Truly, the way in which disabled men, even the most seriously disabled, are adapting themselves to the civil life occupations they have taken up is remarkable. The recent manning of the German submarine "Deutschland" by a crew recruited entirely from the ranks of the disabled, is but one of many instances that can be recorded. To mention a few others:

At Woolwich a man with a disabled right arm has become a proficient telephonist; two men with left legs amputated and two with severe gunshot wounds in the leg are doing excellent work at Hackney as polishers of tobacco pipes; in the West Midlands district, a man who has lost both legs is being trained in art metal work; at Ipswich several men with amputated arms are employed as watchmen, and one with a disabled left arm as storekeeper; the Tottenham Fire Brigade have engaged ten disabled men for their watch rooms, and five more are to be taken on; those engaged including two with legs amputated, and several with one limb missing; Edinburgh Employment Exchange has placed 21 men as tram conductors, one as a traveller, and another as a doorkeeper; at Bristol a man whose right leg has been amputated has been engaged as a chaffeur.

A number of men who had lost their legs have, through the good offices of the Catherine-street, London, Employment Exchange, recently been placed in employment as bead-threaders. A former stage manager of a London theatre, now suffering from severe neurasthenia, has also been placed as a clerk by this Exchange at a salary of £200 per annum. A Deptford a man whose right arm is useless, has taken over a position as an overseer at £4.2s. per week. The General Post Office at Birmingham has asked for 30 disabled men, while at Hereford steps are being taken to replace women by disabled men in the National Filling Factory. At Smethwick the placings of disabled men in positions, under the 5% scheme, have increased from 6 to 38, and not one single firm in the town has refused to enter the scheme. At Sparkhill, an ex-Service man suffering from frost-bitten feet and the loss of all his toes, is now employed as an acetylene welder. In Portsmouth all the conductresses on the Tramways, with the exception of 12, have been replaced by disabled men. The Oldham Corporation has found permanent employment for 30 disabled men at a minimum salary of £3 per week; 8 of these men have lost either a leg or an arm; one is suffering from neurasthenia and other from epilepsy. The Burnley Corporation have placed 21 disabled men in the Tramways and Gas Departments, and a further 9 have obtained employment in the local Post Office.

Probably within the next few months, as a result of the National Roll Scheme (that is the employment, in response to the King's Appeal, of disabled men by all large firms, up to a minimum of 5% of their staffs), the variety of occupations being filled by disabled men will be infinite.

Meanwhile, however, it is very evident, from what we have indicated herein, that the disabled man is not himself going to allow the grass to grow under his feet—even though, unfortunately, he has sometimes no feet for it to get a chance of growing under.

It is to be noted with satisfaction that employers of labour throughout the country are every week becoming more and more impressed with the disabled man's capabilities, and are providing all the possible openings they can for him.

Really, there are very few occupations for which disabled men generally are unsuitable, although for each individual job, the individual man's disability has of necessity to be taken into consideration. Obviously, a man with an amputated leg cannot successfully manage a job where standing is essential, but can usually easily adapt himself to his old or a fresh occupation if it permits of his sitting, or standing but little at it. On the other hand, a man who has lost an arm, but has sound legs, can easily enough manage a job where sound legs are the main consideration, and can of course also adapt himself to a job at which the use of two arms is not indispensable.

Where the occupation is one that calls chiefly for mental capabilities rather than physical—well the disabled man is seldon at any disadvantage at all by reason of his bodily disability.

Good Luck to him.

He richly deserves every ounce of success that comes his way. *From "The Ex-Service-Man."*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX

We Hear all Sides without Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

EXCESSIVE CIGARETTE SMOKING.

Sir,—"Senior Officer" is to be congratulated on having the courage of his opinions. I know he won't increase his popularity by airing them, but though I'm one of the many who smoke "fags" from morning to night and enjoy them, I am sure it's a silly habit.

All this smoking gives one little satisfaction either. If one is puffing insipid Virginias all the time, where is the real pleasure? You see the smoke curling upwards and lighting and handling a cigarette keeps you employed; but compared with an occasional pipe or cigar, what is there in it? The average fag is a tasteless production—not worth putting in your mouth.

When one knows that if you smoke in a dark room and can't see the glow or the smoke from your fag, it is impossible to tell if it is alight or not, I think that is enough to show what a farce it all is.

Still, I go on buying the things. It has become a habit and I can't break myself off it. I know I'm wasting my money, but continue.

There's a certain element of sociability in the custom, of course. When you are with smokers, you don't want to feel out of it by not joining in. But I really intend to stop—some day. I haven't the courage though, to fix a date. *VICTIM.*

Sir,—So far as the young soldier is concerned I associate all this cigarette smoking with "swank." It's thought the correct thing to smoke, so whether he really enjoys it or not, he follows the crowd and contracts the habit.

In moderation, there is no harm in it. When the war was on, as "Senior Officer" says, it was excusable. Now it ought to be dropped.

Some people say it soothes the nerves. Rubbish! It does just the other thing—wrecks them.

And now girls are following our lead, puffing cigarettes everywhere. They pretend to like them, but here again much of it is just "swank." They think it is smart to pull out a cigarette case and light up.

No! "Senior Officer" is quite right. I hope his strong appeal will help to kill the cigarette craze. *J.J.P.*

Sir,—Replying to "Senior Officer" may I state that his condemnation is far and away too severe. Again his statement that our young soldiers are always puffing at cigarettes at all hours of the day is far from the truth. Where does he get his facts from, I should like to know? "Are they never on parade,?" would be my first question and is it because he has seen in the streets a number of Tommies smoking that he throws out a wholesale condemnation.

His remarks about the dangers of this pernicious habit are also far from what is really the case. How many of the men inhale the smoke? Did he ever think of that? The abuse of cigarette smoking lies in that a few smoke to excess (inhaling the smoke) and cases are proved of this.

"Senior Officer's" letter has aroused much resentment among the troops and his misplaced zeal for their welfare is having just the opposite effect to that which he desires. *PRE-WAR THINKER.*

Sir,—The letter published in your paper re excessive cigarette smoking have caused me to change my views as to the high price charged at certain canteens, clubs etc., for cigarettes.

I now see that it is a laudable desire on their part to discourage heavy smoking by our young soldiers. I feared at first that it looked like profiteering. *STAFF SERGEANT.*

A LATE CLUB.

Sir,—Some remarks have appeared in your columns re a late club. May I add that I am not free till eight or later each evening. There are many likewise placed and there only remains the doubtful pleasure of the restaurants, or encountering the perils of the streets.

I would suggest keeping one club or institution open till eleven at night.

It would be a welcome change. *ORDERLY ROOM.*

WHY NOT WRESTLING?

Sir,—Yes, why not? Wrestling is indisputably a fine sport, but for some reason it does not find favour with the British Army of the Rhine. As to the reason I am not qualified to pass an opinion, but I can give facts to substantiate my statement that it is not popular.

Some time ago an officer in Rhineland made every effort to organise classes and arrange matches, but there was not a single man interested enough to come forward. *NEW BRIGADE.*

WHY NOT WRESTLING?

Sir,—I have read without much surprise, the letter of "Anti-Box." Up till now,—although looked upon with suspicion by most healthy-minded men; owing to his ingenious way of shifting the onus of degradation from the pugilists themselves to the spectators, whose behaviour, I admit, is not always, unfortunately, in keeping with the manliness of the contestants,—he has escaped the universal contempt which is his due. His latest indiscretion (for I can call it by no other name) shows clearly and unmistakeably the unsportig instincts of the writer.

Anyone whose thoughts and instincts are so far removed from those of a gentleman, that he can speak in such terms of fox hunting and coursing, is surely not a fit person to offer an opinion on any matter concerning sport. *JAMES PIGG.*

GERMANS AND ENGLISH DRAMA.

Sir,—"Play-goer" and "Another Play-goer" seem very anxious that our late enemies should fill seats at the Deutsches that I should have thought our own boys were entitled to. "Another Play-goer" talks of the empty benches to be seen nightly; but I and most of the fellows in my unit object to allowing these to be occupied by Germans.

They have got their own places of amusement. The Deutsches was reserved for us, so let us keep it. There are plenty of troops in Cologne district to fill every seat nightly. It is not that there is any lack of clientelle, but the correspondence you printed recently, shows as plainly as can be what is wrong at the Deutsches.

The right kind of show is not being put on. The young soldier now in the majority on the Rhine would flock to plays on the popular kind that he can follow and understand.

I take the "Melting Pot" as an example of the sort of play, not to be put on, because it is running now. I went to it, and thought the acting very good; but having told my chums what sort of a play it is, they don't want to go, and I don't blame them. They would rather have a good thrill or an honest laugh. If these were provided, then there needn't be any talk of inviting Germans to fill empty benches. *JOCK II*

UNRESPONSIVE AUDIENCES.

Sir,—Apparently "1919" and I go to entertainments for different objects. I go to be amused, while "1919" on his own showing "pays his quota" and "expects to get his money's worth."

In that case of course, it is useless to expect him to realise that the playgoer owes a certain duty to the artiste. Imagine playing before an audience composed exclusively of "1919's" who, having gloomily, let their "saxpences" "go bang" sit down hard on their "right to applaud."

I am unaware that I mentioned "wild enthusiasm" and I certainly did not request "1919" to "shout approval." I merely asked for sympathetic and unbiassed attention. Circumstances alter cas s. I wonder if "1919' ever witnessed a Divisional or Brigade show at the front! He would doubtless have condemned many of the turns as childish and unworthy of his applause. Yet the "house" used to rock with laughter.

I disagree with "1919" on the point of hard work producing forced effects. The two are not synonymous. If a show is to be a success every artiste must work hard both at rehearsal and during the performance. It is a far cry from London to Cologne, and personally I feel very gratified to those London companies who have come so far to amuse us.

Regarding the year 1870, I must express that I did not expect to be taken so literally. Now that I remember, some war did break out then. However, the date is not an arbitrary one and I simply desired to designate by it a turning point of the nineteenth century—the transition from bigotry and narrowness to tolerance and wider sympathies. *HONESTY.*

DO WE READ TOO MUCH?

Sir,—I saw a letter yesterday urging soldiers to read Carlyle every day for half an hour. But why only Carlyle? And again why not think things out for yourselves and read less?

Now, I stand the chance of being thought a great heretic but I'll risk that. I contend that nowadays we are all reading far too much. There are libraries here, and libraries there, and every facility is given to absorb all sorts of literature. We are told to drink in the thoughts of other people but not enough stress is laid on our using our own minds.

I am sure from experience, that the country dweller or the seafaring man who reads little is usually a deeper thinker than the townsman who is skimming the press and poring over books in his spare time.

What I say to the men on the Rhine is, think more and read less. *RURAL.*

DUSK.

Gold of the sun's dead splendour,
Eve o'er the waiting land,
Peace and a stillness tender,
Touch of a trembling hand,
Never a zephyr sighing,
Never a star to woo,
Only the twilight dying,
Dusk,—and an hour—with you.

Heart I would wish of sunset,
None of its rainbow bold,
Let me but pray for twilight
Rest, and a dream to hold,
What if the Red Sun fling me
Sorrows or many or few,
So long as the twilight bring me
Dusk—and a thought—of you.

WINNING TICKETS.

Details of Lille Manchester November "Sweep."

RECORD RECEIPTS.

The draw for the Army "Victory" Sweepstake (Lille), organised by Major Denison on the Manchester November Handicap, as reported, took place in the Grand Salon, of the Bellevue Hotel, Lille, as reported in yesterday's issue, in the presence of a number of officers, N.C.O.'s and other ranks of H.M. Forces.

Over £50,000 was subscribed in less than a fortnight, including the subscriptions received too late for the Cambridgeshire draw and transferred to the November Handicap "Sweep."

The first prize amounts to £15,540, the second £7,770, the third £3,885, and every person whose ticket drew a horse (66 entries) will each receive £225.

Major Denison announced at the draw that in the event of the race being declared void, owing to inclement weather, the whole of the prize money would be equally divided among the sixty-six people who drew horses. This would give each person £886 10s.

THE DRAW

75643 LONGSLIP.—W. J. Turk, 36, York-rd., Woking, Surrey.
26979 DOMINION.—R.S.M. J. Townsend, Town Hall, High st, Kensington, W.8.
60834 ROTHESAY BAY.—Pte. L. Abrahams, 188, Sutherland-ave., Maida Vale, W.
70129 DINAH MORRIS.—Pte. Cazaly, 238, Almeris-rd., Battersea Rise, S.W.11.
74053 POLYTHLYN.—Maj. E. V. Hobbs, Gotters' Club, Whitehall Court, S.W.
90848 AMPLE.—3rd A.M. J. Woolf, 22, Coborn-rd., Bow, E.3.
133507 DIONYSOS.—Capt. B. B. Wright, The Hermitage, Thrapston.
114513 MY LAND.—Staff-Sgt. W. J. Derby, R.A.S.C. Supply Depot, Tidworth, Hants.
81229 JACK POINT.—H. Oakley, 40, St. James'-rd., Forest Gate, London.
144372 NOT MUCH.—Dvr. C. Richards, Cancliffe, 10, Field-st., Ammanford, S. Wales.
30218 GLACIALE.—Sgt. M. Burgoyne, 86, Seymour place, Bryanston-sq., W.
35739 QUEEN'S SQUARE.—Pte. E. W. Hopkins, Sunnyside, Doyle-rd., Balham, S.W.12
100191 LAUGH.—J. Claridge, 205, Christchurch-rd., Bournemouth.
116974 CON CREGAN.—Lt. D. P. Palmer, St. Helen's, Dawlish Drive, Leigh-on-Sea.
18022 RICH GIFT.—L.C. Howe, A.S.C., 50, Killiston-rd., Lee, S.E.
3465 KING JOHN.—Pte. H. W. Ball, 27, Sea View-rd., Leigh-on-Sea.
90331 WHITE HEAT.—Pte. Gravey, 250, Osmaston-rd., Derby.
54596 WILDFELLOW.—Pte. J. Bradford, Uplands, Western-rd., Guildford.
52227 SILVANITE.—Pte. R. Billon, 90, Sysia-st., Fulham Park-rd., S.W. 16.
1599 AYNSLEY.—Sig. A. H. Haig, 4 Mess, H.M.S. Castor, c/o G.P.O.
64650 GAY LORD.—Lt. T. W. M. Temple, 4, Depot, R.G.A., Ripon, Yorks.
81460 OLD BILL.—Pte. P. J. Jennings, 41, Eltham Park-rd., Hanwell, W.7.
145997 MY DEAR.—Pte. J. J. Alry, 13, George-st., E. Hale-st., Stockport.
148745 WINNIE MELTON.—H. Burton, 129, Hammersmith-rd., London, W.
75935 BACHELORS HEATHER.—Major H. A. Ford, 81, Gracechurch-st., London, E.C.
11083 JABBOK.—L. Holland, 14, Buckingham-st., W.C.2.
26016 THE MIDSHIPMITE.—Gnr. C. F. Phillips, H.M.S. P.26, East Trot, Chatham.
113369 ALASNAM.—Sgt. W. Lindratt, T.V.2, Room 113, Cornwall House, Stanford-st., London.
101594 CONTROL.—Sgt. H. Searle, American Bar, Midland Hotel, Manchester.
46708 CHUETTE.—Pte. A. G. King, 24, Moira-st., Adamstown, Cardiff.
47710 RUSHER.—A. Harbord, No. 2, 60, St. Peter's-rd., Great Yarmouth.
84008 PATRICK'S DAY.—Q.M. F. Harvey, Queen Mary's Hospital, Rochampton.
21330 CHAT TOR.—Rfn. T. Percy, R.E.P.S., F.P.O. 123, B.A.O.R.
40331 CHALLOW.—Pte. H. Stancy, Southfield Cottage, Whitwell, Mansfield.
29176 SIMON GRAB.—J. K. Howsden, The Atlantic, Liverpool.
21841 SAINTLY MAUDE.—Pte. W. Clarke, 10, Coombe-st., Stoke, Coventry.
50393 MAPLEDURHAM.—Sgt. A. Shirtliff, 72, Goldstone Villas, Hove.
15919 KING CARNIVAL.—Cpl. R. Bailey, 5, Tennyson-rd., Queen's-rd., Walthamstow.
133782 ROSEACRE.—Bradley, 75, Liste-st., Rotherham, Yorks.
48444 GRAND FLEET.—Stoker Doran, 6, Warlington-rd., N. Kensington.
27129 AFRICAN STAR.—Capt. W. H. Rickardo, R.E., Lelant, Cornwall.
56170 ARION.—Lieut. R. McFarlane, Anerley, Beachy Head, Eastbourne.
153609 WATERBED.—Major E. B. Hawkins, Donnington Lodge, Newbury.
133650 SCATWELL.—Pte. W. G. Langush, 119, Victoria-rd., Aldershot.
70750 BLUE GROUND.—Lieut. J. Stafford Crichton, Grovelands, West Heathley, Sussex.
50469 RIZZIO.—Pte. W. A. Raker, 6, Ringmer-avenue, Fulham, S.W. 6.
70654 WILLUMSEN.—Lieut. J. Stafford Crichton, Grovelands, West Heathley, Sussex.
51619 THE O'NEILL.—Pte. J. W. Garratt, 35, Upper St. Philip's-rd., Sheffield.
77368 WARWAYS.—J. H. Quick, 1, Tynycoed-rd., Roath Park, Cardiff.
66970 MONTEITH.—Pte. R. Dodson, 60, Queen's-rd., Finsbury Park, N.
12868 UNITOL.—Pte. T. Digger, Royal Exchange, Enville-rd., Stourbridge.
36612 ROYAL PLUM.—Pte. S. Pagett, 146, King's Hill, Wednesbury, Shrewsbury.
150052 CYCLIST.—J. J. Davis, Imperial Club, George-st., Hull.
40831 WILDWOOD.—Dvr. Shepherd, 488 Co., R.A.S.C., Reid Hall Camp, Colchester.
49498 HAPPY MAN.—Pte. F. W. Cleaver, 241, Shakespeare-crescent, Manor Park, E. 12.
112604 CARLINETTA.—Pte. F. Shurt, 6, Cowley-st., Kedleston-rd., Derby.
40487 DAPHNE.—Gnr. R. Hannah, Lusmagh, St. John's rd., Abingdon, Berks.
70181 JOHN JACKETT.—Com. E. W. Morey, R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth.
53899 LIMPSFIELD.—Major C. P. Aldridge, 1, Penywern-rd., Earl's Court, S.W. 5.
19228 PLANET.—Pte. J. Brown, Bell Hotel, Whitby, Yorks.
77414 GOLDEN FLEECE.—R. G. Traylen, 54, Belsize-avenue, Bowes Park, N.
50784 POLICHINELLE.—Pte. H. Rossiter, 24, Bradford-st., Attercliff, Sheffield.
25911 GOLHA.—Lieut. Metcalfe, 204, Northcote-rd., Walthamstow, E. 17.
95531 ELSINORE.—Cpl. D. Kleinfeld, R.A.F., Fitzroy Tavern, 45, Windmill-st., Tottenham Court-rd., W.C.
44326 ROYAL BUCKS.—Pte. E. Marsh, 57, St. James'-st., S.W. 1.
[illegible]87 WILLIAM ALLENBY.—Maj. McCarthy, Northern Command, Transport and Discharge Section, Ripon.

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LEAGUE 'NATIONAL.

England and Ireland Draw at Liverpool.

REPETITION OF FORM.

English League 2. Irish League 2.

Though England was generally expected to win in the League game against Ireland at Liverpool on Wednesday, the match resulted in a draw of two goals each.

This is a repetition of the result at their first meeting at Belfast when the teams draw with one all. England made several changes in the side for the return game on Wednesday but they failed to bring victory.

The teams were:—

English.

Hardy (Aston Villa); Longworth (Liverpool), Cook (Oldham Athletic); Curry (Newcastle United), McCall (Preston North End), Watson (Burnley); Hodkinson (Blackburn Rovers), Stephenson (Aston Villa), Browell (Manchester City), Clennell (Everton), Crisp (West Bromwich Albion). Reserves: Dixon (Newcastle United), Chambers (Liverpool).

Irish.

Liddell (Glentoran); Rollo (Linfield), Barrett (Belfast Celtic); Hamill (Belfast Celtic), Scraggs (Glentoran), McCandless (Linfield); Lyner (Glentoran), Robinson (Distillery), H. Reid (Distillery), McDonald (Linfield), McEwan (Linfield).

PLAYERS' PLUCK.

Northampton men Continue with broken Bones.

In the match with Leicester last Saturday two Northampton players, T. D. Handford and A. N. Platt, continued to play with broken bones for close upon half an hour. As the game was a grim struggle, in which many hard knocks were given and taken, their fortitude is remarkable. Handford had a broken rib and Platt had two broken bones in his wrist.

These accidents put Northampton in an awkward position, for in two weeks two complete left wings have been put out of action. Against the R.A.F. on the previous Saturday R. C. Jones injured his knee, and C. Haffenden twisted his ankle, and neither was fit for the Leicester match. Jones, the left centre, is expected to be fit for next Saturday's game with Coventry, but the club does not know where to look for a suitable partner for him.

FOOTBALL GOSSIP

By W. Le C.

Have you noticed what poor "first half" teams Aston and Sheffield Wednesday are, and they, curiously enough, occupy the bottom places on the table?

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Bisset, Manchester United's new right winger from Falkirk, is said to be a second "Jockey" Simpson.

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A critic says "Not a few remarks hurled at players and referees betray army origin."

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Look at Newcastle United's "against" record. Therein lies the secret of their League leadership.

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Blackburn, Leicester and Middlesboro' have had officials operating in Scotland. So don't be surprised if any startling transfers are noised about.

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Thompson, of Ashington, resisted many tempting offers before he signed for Aston Villa. This back will make a big name for himself yet.

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Lawrence, of Newcastle United, has twice broken the same collar bone. The first time was in pre-war football.

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Max Woosnam, the Corinthian, Cambridge and Chelsea centre-half, is to assist Manchester City. They will be glad that he has secured a situation in Cottonopolis.

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George Thompson, who understudies Boyle of Burnley, only got his chance through the latter's injuries. He assisted Burnley in pre-war football.

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Harold Hill, the new Notts County forward, was but six short weeks ago working as a miner and playing with a local team in his spare time. To-day he is a fully fledged professional and first league player. Not many players have jumped so quickly into fame, as this clever exponent of the game.

IS PHYSICAL CULTURE OVERDONE?

The majority of young men who take up physical culture do so very enthusiastically and are inclined to overdo matters says a "Sporting Life" correspondent. I think that when a man has finished a day's work indoors he has not any too much energy left for practising weight-lifting, dumb-bells, and physical exercises generally as taught in the gymnasia and physical culture schools, but a walk or game of cricket or tennis would do good.

"SWEEP" QUESTION.

War Office to Enquire into the Matter.

Mr. Briant in the House of Commons asked the Secretary for War if he was aware that Major P. A Denison had been organising sweepstakes at Lille, one of which had distributed £40,981 in prizes, leaving a balance of £4,019 undistributed; and whether he could issue an instruction so that officers whilst on service should not be associated with the management of sweepstakes or similar undertakings.

Mr. Churchill: I am inquiring into this matter, and will write to my hon. friend later.

WARWICK RACING.

Outsider Wins The Wroxton Handicap.

FANCIED FOUR FAIL.

At Warwick, in dull and threatening weather, there was a fairly good attendance on Wednesday. For the chief event of the afternoon Wally, Miss Cheek, Warways and Marl were all expected to run well, but none of the fancied achieved success, Church History, a 10—1 chance winning from Marl and Miss Cheek.

Details:—

Corinthian Handicap:—1, Watergruel (4—1); 2, Pot Herb (5—4); 3, Raybarrow (7—2). Four ran.

Barford Handicap:—1, Laodicea (5—1); 2, Skookum Joe (8—1); 3, Little Charlie (100—8). Eleven ran.

Radford Nursery:—1, Ether filly (100—8); 2, Mexican Eagle (7—2); 3, Buck (8—1). Nine ran.

Wroxton Handicap:—1, Church History (10—1); 2, Marl (6—5); 3, Miss Cheek (9—2). Eight ran.

Adgehill Nursery:—1, Harrier (7—1); 2, Thendara (20—1); 3, Be Sure (8—1). Eighteen ran.

Stoneleigh Plate:—1, Hainton Bell (5—1); 2, Macgre (2—1); 3, Kings Own (4—1). Six ran.

LATEST LONDON BETTING.

Manchester November Handicap Saturday Next.

5 to 1 Alasnam	100 to 9 Grant Fleet
11 to 2 Chat Tor	100 to 6 Aynsley
15 to 2 King John	100 to 6 William Allenby
15 to 2 John Jackett	
10 to 1 Planet.	100 to 6 Not Much

WAS KEYSOF OVERRATED?

Too Much Importance Attached to Doncaster Victory.

The fact that Keysoe, Lord Derby's runaway St. Leger winner, failed to give Pomme-de-Terre 6 lb. at Liverpool, suggests that too much importance has been attached to her Doncaster victory and that she has been considerably overrated.

Her efforts early in the year gave promise of no great things, and, in spite of the fact that she has carried off four races and is second in the list of winning horses, she may be said to have disappointed her supporters.

She was unplaced in the Column Produce Stakes at the Craven meeting, ran seventh in the One Thousand Guineas, again unplaced in the Coronation Stakes at Ascot and only managed to finish second for the Knowsley Dinner Stakes at the Liverpool Summer meeting when she was beaten a length and a half by African Star, the winner conceding her 15 lb.

Her First Win.

It was in the Gatwick Stakes at Goodwood that Keysoe met her first success, defeating Flying Spear by a neck, and being in receipt of 12 lb.

Then came the run-away St. Leger victory, as a result of which she was regarded by many as the best of her age. There had certainly been a marked improvement in her form.

But since then her performances have not been convincing. She was beaten by Flying Spear at Newbury on even terms and there was little merit in her win at Newmarket when she was only opposed by two moderate fillies.

Consequently she can scarely be the best of her age.

ARTISTS' RIFLES' REOPENING NIGHT.

Remembering the past glories of the School of Arms connected with the Artists' Rifles (28th Batt. The London Regt.), the reopening of the school and headquarters Duke's-rd, Euston-rd, after its long inactivity is received with enthusiasm by all members of the regiment. The classes will be held each Tuesday night from 6.30 to 9,30 throughout the winter, and in March it is hoped to hold an assault-at-arms.

BOXING ITEMS.

Disappointed Fulton Returns to New York.

KID LEWIS BACK.

Big Fred Fulton, the American heavyweight who came to England with his manager, Mr. Tom O'Rourke, in the hope of a match with Joe Beckett or Carpentier, left Southampton on Tuesday afternoon for New York. To say that Fulton and his manager are not disappointed at the barrenness of their visit would be untrue, but they are of philosophic temperament, and are hoping to find public and Press opinions in the States more favourable to them on their return.

Fulton is undoubtedly one of the finest heavy-weights in the world. Although he met no first-class boxer during his stay in Europe, he accounted for those he met with such ease as to place him in the front rank of the "heavies." Townley, Coghill and other lesser fry were summarily dismissed.

Despite his achievements Fulton did not catch on over here, and he returns without having realised his ambitions, having only himself to blame.

GUARDSMAN FAILS AGAIN.

Powell of Newport Causes Nash to Retire.

At the Queen's Hall, Cardiff, the outstanding feature of the programme was a 15 round contest between the heavyweights, Ivor Powell, of Newport, and W. Nash, of the Grenadier Guards, who had met on a previous occasion, when Powell proved the victor in the fourteenth round. On Monday he had no difficulty in again being returned the winner, as, after he had all the best of the exchanges, the towel was thrown in from Nash's corner in the twelfth round.

KID LEWIS RETURNS.

Kid Lewis, the one-time Aldgate featherweight, who won the Lonsdale belt at 9st and subsequently the American welterweight championship, has just returned to England after an absence of five years. In that time he has beaten some of the best men in Australia and the States, first in the "light" and then in the "welter" class."

Lewis has come back to England to fulfil a contract with Mr. Redmond Barry, who, with his brother, is promoting the big Boxing Day tournament at the Albert Hall.

DOYLE VICTORY SEQUEL.

The defeat of Bermondsey Billy Wells by Kid Doyle on Monday afternoon has had, as was feared, an unfortunate sequel for the young Londoner, for it has cost him the match with Johnny Basham which Mr. Bettinson had arranged as one of the attractions of his "complimentary night" programme at the Club on Dec. 22, and with it the chance of becoming first holder of the new Lonsdale belt, which was to be put up for competition.

BILLIARDS.

Wednesday's closing scores in the important billiard matches being played in London were as under:—

Smith (in play)	3,001
Falkiner	3,202
Reece	5,125
Stevenson	2,074

Chess Tournament.

The results of games played in connection with the B.E.L.C. Championship on Tuesday were as follows:

Gnr. Peck	2	Pte. Harrow	0
L/Cpl. Whyte	2	Cpl. Williams	0
Cpl. Jordan	2	Pte. Hartley	0

The following is the present position for the Championship.

1. Sgt. Yates.	11. Sgt. Fry, W. H.
2. Sgt. Kemplin.	12. C.S.M. Graham, A.
3. L/Cpl. Howes.	13. Sgt. Keight.
4. Pte. Wooster.	14. L/Cpl. Whyte.
5. Pte. Duncan.	15. Cpl. Williams.
6. L/Cpl. Harrison.	16. Pte. Scully, A. W.
7. Sgt. Taylor.	17. Gnr. Beck.
8. Gnr. Stanley.	18. Pte. Harrow.
9. Cpl. Jordan.	19. Sgt. Lloyd.
10. Pte. Hartley.	20. Dvr. Shaw.

SPORT NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

Carslake Rests.

Carslake is not riding at the Warwick meeting.

Blot Bought.

Blot was bought in for 410 guineas, and Cylenius for 600 guineas at Hurst Park.

Lost an Iron.

In the Syon Handicap A. Balding, on Greek Star, lost an iron early in the race, and under the circumstances did well to finish fifth.

Another Trainer for Epsom.

A North-country trainer with a dozen jumpers hopes shortly to come south and train and Epsom, providing he can find suitable stabling.

Rider from Abroad.

W. Krog has arrived from South Africa where he trained and rode with success. He is putting in for a licence to ride under National Hunt Rules this winter.

Jockey for India.

J. Clark sailed for India this week to fulfil a three months' riding engagement. He and Flanagan will be back in time for the opening of next flat race season at Lincoln.

Stable Lad's Strike Still Unsettled.

The Epsom stable lads are still out on strike, and as trainers there are unwilling to concede their demands, the strike is no nearer settlement than it was a week ago.

Fernie and Alliss Win.

Having led by three holes on the first half of a seventy-two holes challenge foursome at Pennard, Swansea, last week, over C. K. Faulkner (Pennard) and R. Walker (Southerndown), R. S. Fernie (Glamorganshire) and P. Alliss (Porthcawl) won the match in the concluding thirty-six holes at Porthcawl, by 2 up and 1 to play.

King's Jockey.

Herbert Jones, the King's jockey, is lying seriously ill at Newmarket.

Cardiff "Gate."

The "gate" at the Cardiff and Swansea match at Cardiff on Saturday totalled £390.

Veteran Trainer.

Mr. Tom Sherwood, the veteran Epsom trainer, was 81 years of age on Saturday.

Cup Final.

By arrangement, the final of the London Charity Cup between Dulwich Hamlet and Nunhead will be played at Champion Hill on Dec. 13.

Ground Purchase.

It is understood that the Cardiff Rugby club has accepted the offer made by the Marquis of Bute to purchase the freehold of the famous Cardiff Arms Park, Cardiff.

Challenge Cup Final.

At a meeting of the London F.A. it was agreed that the final of the London Challenge Cup be played on May 8. The question of fixing the ground and other details will come before a future meeting.

Football Injuries.

Playing in a Kingston and District League match at Long Ditton on Saturday between Long Ditton Old Boys and Graham Spicer Institute (New Malden), C. Hay, of the last-named club, sustained severe injuries including a broken leg.

Birmingham A.C.

At the annual dinner of the Birmingham A.C., it was announced that out of 175 active members on the outbreak of hostilities, 106 volunteered for active service. During the evening Mr. A. Allen, promoter of the B.A.C. entertainments to wounded soldiers at the different hospitals around the Midlands, was awarded the club's gold medal.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

MISS SHIRLEY KING.

An Appreciation.

It will come as a shock to patrons of the Deutsches Theatre to learn that next week Miss Shirley King, who is going to play the part of Lady Teazle in "The School for Scandal", will be making her last appearance in Cologne with the B.R.A.D.C.

Curiously enough Miss King played this very part, as well as that of Portia, to German audiences in 1913, and was very much appreciated. She first came out to occupied territory together with Misses Bensusan and Paul with the Church Army in March 1919.

In may of this year "The Mollusc" was given as a trial performance, Miss King playing the title rôle. She then went back to the Church Army for a fortnight, after which she started with the B.R.A.D.C. in "Man and Superman" and has been with them ever since.

Free with Criticisms.

I often think those who patronise the plays put on by the B.R.A.D.C. rather take the company very much for granted and are somewhat free with their criticisms, little realising the tremendously hard work that is done by these actors and actresses to please us all and lift us up from the ever threatening boredom that is liable to descend upon us during our hours of leisure. Miss Shirley King has undoubtedly been one of the hardest workers of the whole concern.

May I remind my readers of some of her triumphs? The title rôle in "The Mollusc", lead in "Man and Superman", title rôle in "Candida", the bewitching lady in the "Man of Destiny", the daughter in the "Younger Generation", Hildegard in "The Title", Gwendoline in "The Importance of being Earnest", Gloria in "You Never can Tell", Annie Roberts in "Strife", the Girl in "Damaged Goods", Mrs. Jones in "The Silver Box", Mrs. Proctor in "Helen with the High Hand" and (one of her most charming parts) Vera in "The Melting Pot".

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Fri.	Armourer of Worms	Lortzing	7	9.45
Sat.	Carmen	Bizet	7	10.30
Sun.	Flying Dutchman	Wagner	7.30	10.30

This enumeration is evidence in itself of the way in which Miss King has worked, and all those who have had the pleasure of witnessing her varied performance will bear with me in testifying that she is an exceedingly clever actress. Anyone who has ever been on "tour" or been associated with a dramatic company, amateur or professional, knows the importance of having members of the company who will work together in harmony. Petty squabbling and rivalry is often only too rampant, especially amongst the lady members of the company

Charming Personality.

It is, therefore, a great pleasure to me to be able to say from my own personal knowledge of the B.R.A.D.C. that no more willing and charming person could be found to work with than Miss King. Small parts, large parts—it was ever the same, always the same conscientious hard work put into anything she was asked to do, and in these days of partings the loss of Miss King will rank as one of the greatest which the British Army of the Rhine has had to suffer.

The reason of Miss King's departure is in thorough keeping with her charming character, with which we, who know her, are so well acquainted; she leaves us to join a lonely sister in London, who, like herself is worrying over the serious illness of a brother in far-away Australia.

Reports of her brother's illness are at the moment not encouraging, but I feel confident that the sympathies, best wishes, and, above all, the heartfelt gratitude of all of us here will accompany Miss King on her journey home. Miss King has played many parts, but the part she has played which will be always enshrined in the hearts of all of us, is the part of a truly British heroine who has done her duty.

Dance Club.

The third of the fortnightly subscription dances run by No. 1 G.H.Q. Warrant Officers and Sergeants' Mess was held at the Burgergesellschaft on Wednesday and proved a delightful function, easily the best hitherto. To the strains of the G.H.Q. Jazz Band, which has been engaged for the entire series of dances the large company had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Prohibition?

To-night's motion for the debate at the British Empire Leave Club will be, "That in the opinion of this House there should be absolute prohibition of the Drink Traffic," moved by Pte. Kenny, R.A.S.C., and opposed by Sgt. Cohen, Educational Instructor, attached 25 General Hospital. All interested should attend by 6.30 sharp.

JACQUES.

OUR COMPETITION.

No. 9 Contest: Final Coupon To-day.

The final coupon in the No. 9 contest appears below. If you have not yet entered for our prize do so now.

In last week's contest one competitor won the prize outright with but nine correct results. Is your knowledge of football form not equal to this?

Turn your attention to the matches now, and make your forecasts.

If you are going to be demobilized and wish to enter for the prize offered, put your home address on the coupon. We have already sent one winning cheque to a "Blighty" address.

In the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—
FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 9,
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FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 9.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Closing date, Friday, Nov. 21st.

Arsenal	v. Notts County
Oldham	v. Manchester United
Preston	v. Liverpool
Sunderland	v. Newcastle
Coventry	v. Blackpool
Fulham	v. West Ham
Notts Forest	v. Tottenham
Bristol R.	v. Plymouth A.
Exeter C.	v. Northampton
Southampton	v. Brentford
Queens Park	v. Rangers
Airdrieonians	v. Dumbarton

I enter Football Competition No. 9 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Thanks, Everybody!

Yesterday congratulations on the "Post" having reached its 200th number poured into our office.

How Many?

I wonder how many soldiers' wives are now in Rhineland. All sorts of figures are talked about, some ridiculously high. Nobody seems to know exactly.

Not Disturbed Now.

Many soldiers billeted in the central part of Cologne used to be worried tremendously by the early morning bell ringing at the churches. They seem to have become acclimatized now, however, and one seldom hears complaints.

Down it Falls.

There are rumours that the mark is likely to drop to at least 200 to the pound. What will happen in Germany then?

Panto.

A great many people seem to be talking in whisners of a forthcoming big Christmas effort in the pantomime line in Cologne. If it is true there must be a lot of unseen preparation going on.

A Contrast.

There was a little farewell gathering of some Tommies in a German café. Several rounds of champagne were consumed—quite an expensive luxury—but when the cigarettes were forthcoming I noticed they were mere "Kingfishers."

English?

Is the well-known "Steeplechase" game really of English origin? I ask because I see it played a good deal in Germany. Tommy's favourite game "House" is of course the Italian "Lotto."

Burglars.

On Wednesday evening the house in which my billet is situated received a visit from burglars. When tackled by a civilian occupant they managed to render him unconscious and make good their escape. However, examination proved they had been disturbed before they could seize any valuables.

Closed for British.

No further burials of British soldiers will take place at the Duren and Euskirchen cemeteries, the French now occupying those districts.

All You can Get.

It is officially stated that the liability of the German railway authorities for compensation for the loss of property deposited in the railway cloak rooms is limited to 100 marks.

Not a Girl in the Case.

Yesterday I met an officer who used to be the most wretched individual in Cologne. Now he is bright and debonair. Then he told me what had caused the change. No — not what you think. He had dropped into a job that meant ten hours solid work a day.

Rumours Again.

There is great excitement at Bonn I hear, owing to the rumour that French troops are to occupy the town very shortly.

Aluminium Utensils.

Many shops are at present making big displays of aluminium goods. These are very popular as Christmas gifts.

A Bit Mixed.

I met a soldier in the Leave Club a few days ago wearing the cap badge of an infantry regiment, R.A.S.C. numerals, and artillery gun buttons.

Mementoes.

I hear that the postcard photos of the British graves in Sudfriedhof, are still selling well. The photographer tells me he is unable to produce prints quickly enough to cope with the enormous demand.

Demobbing Pets.

A soldier going on demobilization wants to take a cat home with him. Another wants to take a mongoose. I hope they will both pass through the customs safely.

Passes Needed.

All ranks proceeding to places in the American, Belgian and French Occupied Areas must be in possession of a Movement Order on Pass signed by their Commanding Officer and counter-signed by an officer of the Provost Branch. Officers and other ranks found in Allied Areas and not in possession of such a Pass or Movement Order will be liable to be arrested as absentees.

Never saw Them.

Many have inquired where I saw the medal which was awarded to the civilians who gave up their gold. Numerous civilians though they were aware that such a medal was issued have never seen it.

The Latest Additions.

I hear that you can now borrow the following recent books from the Y.M.C.A. Central Library: Sir Reginald Bacon's "The Dover Patrol", Stephen Graham's "A Private in the Guards," Sir Edward Cook's "More Literary Recreations," Seton Watson's "Europe in the Melting Pot," Oscar Wilde's "A Critic in Pall Mall," Francis Ledwige's "Complete Poems," Robert Hichens' "Mrs. Marden" and Gertrude Page's "The Veldt Trail."

Cruelty.

I wonder what an R.S.P.C.A. inspector would say if he saw some of the loads the German horses are set to pull. It is absolute cruelty.

Muffins Oh!

There is a fortune awaiting the enterprising individual who starts a muffin round in Cologne. I charge nothing for drawing attention to this untapped source of wealth.

Going Strong.

I went into the N.A.C.B. Coffee Bar in Sternengasse the other evening. There was quite a crowd of Tommies purchasing tea and cakes. There is a very good billiard table in use and a well-stocked canteen down the far end. It seemed to me that it was patronised quite as well as the Staplehaus.

The Rum Tot.

At the discretion of General Officers Commanding Corps and Divisions, on the recommendation of a Medical Officer an issue of rum may be given twice a week during inclement weather.

A Solution.

"When" asks a soldier, evidently weary of the monotony of German cafe orchestras, "may we expect a change from "Unter den Brücken," the old "Après la guerre fini?" Why not patronise British amusements instead? *RHINELANDER.*

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

BACHELORS' TROUBLES.

Arthur Pendenys, writing on bachelors in that bright monthly, "Books of To-day and Books of To-morrow," says:— People talk of taxing the bachelor, but he is already taxed to the utmost by havin to buy theatre tickets for flappers, and boxes of sweets for her younger sister. It is true that the flapper in her occasional moods of expansion begs her bachelor friend to "tell me your troubles." The bachelor has no troubles really, but the intelligent celibate pretends he has sorrows, so that (metaphorically, of course) he may repose upon the flapper's shoulder and pour out his imaginary woes. The flapper likes this. The circumspect bachelor therefore writes off by return of post relating one trouble in each letter, and so spreads his stories over a long time, the flapper weeping over each one.

GIVE US PEACE!

Mr. Horatio Bottomley, in reviewing the situation as it exists twelve months after the Armistice, says: I earnestly suggest to the Prime Minister that the time has come when we should liquidate our liabilities abroad by making peace with Turkey—with or without the co-operation of the United States—and that a serious effort should be made by the Allied Council at Paris to clear up the mess in Eastern Europe and to arrive at a settled and united policy as regards the affairs of Russia. The fervent prayer of every household in Europe is, "Give peace in our time, O Lord."

SPOILED SONS.

Miss Lillie Ross Clyne writing on "Women who make men selfish," says: How often do we see men thoughtless and almost unkind to their mothers. They let the overworked and sometimes aged and even ailing woman minister to their comforts without offering to lift a finger to help, or even showing gratitude for what is done for them. Yet, should these thoughtless sons happen to marry self-centred, commanding wives, they become as mere willing slaves in their new homes. Why? The answer is simple. The mothers spoil them while the younger women prefer being spoiled themselves.

DISINTEGRATION.

Miss Lena Ashwell, the well-known actress whose concert parties gave delight to thousands of troops during the war, says: In every walk of life the old formulas are being discarded; in a ballroom, for instance everyone used to dance one dance, let us say the waltz. When waltz time was played there was an accepted form, or number, of steps, and everyone accepted the convention, and was a good or bad dancer, through the convention or form of the dance. Now, everyone dances something different, and it is essential for enjoyment to have a partner who is used to dancing with you, or the result is apt to be somewhat chaotic. So originality is supposed to be given a mode of expression. Art in general is going through the same sort of disintegrating process.

BURSTING WITH WEALTH.

Mr. Frederick William Wile, the famous correspondent who has just returned from the States, writing of the enormous wealth the war has brought to America says:—There are 20,000 more millionaires in the United States than before the war. About one-half of all the diamonds in the world, estimated to be worth £200,000,000, are owned in the same country. Importations of pearls jumped from £400,000 in 1912 to over £2,000,000 in 1917. Considerably more than 50 per cent. of the world's gold—some estimates place the amount as high as 75 per cent.—is held in American vaults.

BY THEIR FRUITS.

Dean Inge, in his new volume of "Outspoken Essays", says:—It is becoming impossible for those who mix at all with their fellow-men to believe that the grace of God is distributed denominationally. The Christian virtues, so far as we can see, flower impartially in the souls of Catholic and Protestant, of Churchman and Schismatic, of Orthodox and Heretic. And the test, "by their fruits ye shall know them," cannot be openly rejected by any Christian.

UNPOPULAR GHOSTS.

Mr. A. St. John Adcock the author and literary critic asks:—What has become of the ghost story? Once upon a time, and down to thirty years ago, when spiritualism was unpopular, the vast majority having no belief in it, ghost stories were almost as inseparable from Christmas as Father Christmas himself. Nowadays, when spiritualism flourishes and is comparatively popular, eminent persons vouching for the truth of its phenomena, ghost stories are out of fashion—nobody seems to be reading the old ones and hardly anybody is writing new ones.

WHAT BYE-ELECTIONS MEAN.

Mr. Bonar Law speaking at a political banquet appealed to his hearers not to be frightened by bye-elections. The wave of feeling which returned them to power must have a corresponding ebb-tide. There was a great difference between electing a member of Parliament when everyone know that the Government majority was already perhaps too big, and exercising the same franchise when the issue was what was to be the Government that was to carry on the destinies of the country.

ETERNAL CRIMINAL.

Mr. H. L. Adam, author of "The Story of Crime" says:—The maintenance of the criminal is costing this country a lot of money. It would be a consummation well worth achieving if we could convert him into an asset, or at all events render him self-supporting. I do not wish to advocate a policy of despair, but I am afraid that the wrongdoer, like the pauper, we shall have always with us. We must be practical about the matter and make the best of a bad state of things, not seek transient comfort and false security amid the delusive intricacies of official statistics.

SOMETHING NEW IN EDUCATION.

In the original announcement under this heading it is regretted that it was not specified that German Classes held at the B.E.L.C., were for other ranks only.

Officers and Ladies and Other Ranks however continue to be admitted to the Voluntary Classes in English Literature, French and Shorthand and Typewriting which are being held in Rooms 33, 34 and 35 at the G.H.Q. General and Commercial College.

Appended is a modified Time-Table of the Classes:—

B.E.L.C. (For Other Ranks only.)

Monday	Wednesday	Friday	Saturday
German 6.30—7.30	German 6.30—7.30	German 6.00—8.00	German 6.00—800

G.H.Q. General and Commercial College, Hansa Ring.
(For Officers, Ladies and Other Ranks.)

	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday	
Room 33	French	French	French	French	5.30 to 6.30
Room 34	Shorthand and Typewriting	Shorthand and Typewriting	Shorthand and Typewriting	—	6.30 to 7.30
Room 35	—	English Literature	English Literature	—	5.30 to 6.30

FOR BUSINESS MEN IN RHINELAND.

CO-OPERATION TO SECURE STANDARDIZATION.

Many important combines are taking effect in Germany in order to better withstand foreign competition. There is to be an amalgamation in the Brick and Earthenware Industry and the German Government is now urged to allow all matters concerning this industry to be settled through the combine rather than allow single firms to approach the Goverment.

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There is another amalgamation in the Motor industry affecting the three important motor works—the Nationale Automobilwerke Gesellschaft (N.A.G.), Berlin (a branch of the A.E.G.), the Hansa-Lloydwerke A.G., of Bremen and the Brennaborwerke, in Brandenburg, are combining in order to oppose foreign competition in the motor trade. The chief aim will be to restrict the types of machines and thus set up a few standard types so that mass production can be encouraged. The combine commenced its operations in October.

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These companies, it is stated, have agreed to observe a definite common building programme, including that of body building; and they have already formed their sales agency by the creation of the "Gemeinschaft Deutscher Automobilfabriken" in Berlin, which commenced business in October.

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A memorandum dealing with the measures to be taken for the purpose of standardization in the German automobile business has been published, and discussions are to take place with other works regarding the development and generalisation of this central organisation. It is also to be expected that other similar groups will soon be formed.

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Talking recently to an international coal expert who has just returned from a European survey of the coal question, we were glad to hear that so far as coal production is concerned things are not too bad. England and Germany were the chief coal producing countries and at the present moment England is almost up to its normal pre-war output. Germany is not far behind and the total European output is about 80 per cent. of the normal pre-war figure. Transport is the great difficulty of course, and when the proper distribution organisation can be effected the situation will be greatly relieved. Austria, meanwhile is in terrible straits owing to lack of coal.

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The well-known, naval, military and civilian tailors, Messrs R.C. Flack and Co, of Cambridge, now have a representative in Cologne at the Officers' Club, Ewige Lampe, with full ranges of new patterns for all service and civilian dress.

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The next Breslau Fair will be held from April 25th to May 1st 1920.

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Elberfeld expects to have a Fabrics Fair in January next.

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The North-Eastern Association of Buyers of textiles are arranging the opening of a fair at Konigsberg for next spring.

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The first official Dantzig Fair will be held next February.

A WORD ABOUT THE FRENCH ELECTIONS.

(FROM A FRENCH CORRESPONDENT.)

France has given her decision. She has proved that she always knows to do the right thing whenever she is in danger. The election vote could be summarised in those three words: work, order, progress.

In many other countries, and even in France, people thought that we could not cut down to its roots the Socialism, or rather the Bolshevism which intended to spread all over the world. We have given the proof that these men had a wrong idea about us.

The new party, which comes in the Chamber of Deputies, called the "Bloc National Republicain" has determined its programme: no use quarrelling among the Frenchmen. We have still the enemy next to our frontier, and he will remain there all the time. Let us all work together; and instead of the struggle of the classes, let us have complete union among the French people; everybody has done his share during the war, everybody must do the same after the victory.

We must work and not lose our time in useless quarrels. This war has unfortunately been in a way much worse for us than for the Germans, for all the industrial part of France has been destroyed, and if it took four years to do so, it will perhaps need half a century to rebuild what was lost.

The French elections have given the best guarantee for the security of the world, and if the other allied nations give to France all the confidence that she deserves and for which she has fought so hard, we shall soon be able o prove to the Allies that we are worthy to stand side by side with them.

A FRENCHMAN.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Kept out.—The scheme for running trams through Hyde Park has been killed.

Killed By Snow.—Many sheep have died in Yorkshire snowdrifts.

Skilful Surgery.—Out of 60,000 operations at the London Hospital only two proved fatal.

Who Pays?—Hundreds of Russians are still being trained at Newmarket to fight the Bolshevists.

Dancer-Airman.—Mrs. Vernon Castle the famous dancer has just written a book of her late husband's letters.

Future Pilots?—A number of Harrow schoolboys are being given technical instruction in aeroplanes.

The New Poor.—Many society people, whose incomes have dropped since the war, are training for film work.

Fervour.—Religious revivalists are busy in South Wales. Several cases of alleged miracles are reported.

Women out of Work.—A Portsmouth solicitor who advertised for a woman clerk received nearly three hundred replies.

More Colour.—Bright coloured silk or cashmere "blazer" suits for men's evening wear are becoming popular.

Fatal Winnings.—Two Moors watched a European win money at cards and then murdered him for his winnings.

No Water.—Australia is suffering from the worst drought since 1902. Thousands of settlers are ruined.

Big Theft.—A Woking jeweller's shop has been robbed of £2,000 worth of jewellery.

Scandalous.—One Government department with a staff of two, pays £350 a year for its office.

Oriental.—All the bridesmaids at a fashionable wedding in London wore velvet and gold turbans.

Want Jobs.—Over 12,000 officers and men in the Home Counties want employment.

Rare Birds.—A pair of perigrines have nested in the summit of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Less Coal.—The Coal output for the week ending November 1st shows a falling off.

Kitchener's Life.—Sir George Arthur's life of Lord Kitchener is nearing completion, and will appear in the new year.

Fewer Potatoes.—Although there is little disease in this year's British potato crop, the yield is below the average.

To the Baltic.—Young soldiers under the ages of 19 and 20 will accompany the troops going to Danzig and Memel.

Flying Boats.—The Air Ministry intends to encourage the development of flying boats as apart from seaplanes.

For Business Men.—Facilities are to be given for British commercial men to travel to distant ports in warships.

Club Ends.—The British Army and Navy Leave Club in Paris closes at the end of this month.

No Hope.—There is no chance of whisky being reduced in price while the present duty lasts.

Reduced.—The W.A.A.C's. are being steadily demobbed, but 7,850 are still doing duty.

Depreciation.—The British sovereign has just reached its lowest value so far in New York.

Firemen's Troubles.—There is much unrest among members of the London Fire Brigade.

Truck Shortage.—There are nearly fifty thousand British railway waggons in France.

Tea and Jazz.—At the new London Flying Club thés dansants are as popular as at the Cologne Officers' Club.

German Star-gazer.—Glasgow University possesses a German professor of Astronomy—Herr Ludwig Becker.

Over a Hundred.—Miss Alice Winder, born the day after Waterloo, has died at Liverpool.

Cheaper Fish.—Under the new Fish Prices Control Order, fish in England is expected to drop 2d to 4d per pound.

Tragedy.—A Worcester schoolmaster about to receive a presentation after forty years service, has been found dead in a brickfield.

On the Move.—General Booth, the famous Salvation Army leader, is starting to tour through Holland, France and Switzerland.

Generous.—Mr. John T. Cargill an East Indian merchant has offered £20,000 for a Chair of Applied Physics at Glasgow University.

A Good Argument.—One of the London dailies is using as an argument for Premium Bonds the popularity of "Sweeps" in the Army.

Engine Driver's Chase.—A boy near Uxbridge was throwing stones at a train. The driver stopped, left his engine, chased and caught the boy.

Unknown Satyr.—The Brighton Police are searching for a man who has been molesting girls in unfrequented streets at night.

Goodbye.—Baron von Bissing, half brother of the German Military Governor of Belgium, during the war, has left England for South America.

Another Big Ball.—Lady Cunard is organising a grand fancy dress ball at Covent Garden Opera House on December 9th.

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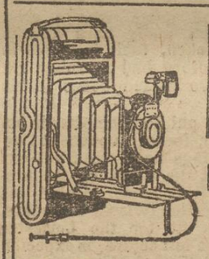

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HOPE FOR THE PEACE TREATY

AMERICAN SENATE ADJOURNS WITHOUT ARRIVING AT A DECISION.

DARING RAID FOR ARMS IN IRELAND.

NO DECISION.

TREATY IMPASSE IN THE SENATE.

The United States Senate has adjourned until December 1st without having arrived at any definite decision on the Peace Treaty.

Senator Lodge, the chief antagonist to the Treaty, met with two reverses. All reservations having been dealt with, and most of them adopted, he moved the Ratification of the Treaty, with the reservations. This was defeated by 55 votes to 39. A resolution was immediately moved that the motion should come forward again and the Senators agreed. Nevertheless on the second vote it was once more defeated, this time by 51 to 49.

A subsequent motion by Senator Lodge, declaring that the war with Germany is ended, was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee and there the matter rests.

Meanwhile a motion for the appointment of a conciliation committee has been tabled and efforts at compromise are continuing.

TEMPERANCE REFORM.

A REMARKABLE DEPUTATION.

The deputation from the Temperance Council of Christian Churches in England and Wales waited upon the Prime Minister on Thursday to urge the importance of temperance and the retention of the present restrictions until satisfactory reforms have been enacted by Parliament. The composition of the deputation was remarkable, as it included representatives of fourteen denominations, including the Church of England, Roman Catholics, the various Nonconformist Churches, the Society of Friends and the Salvation Army.

The Archbishop of Canterbury introduced the deputation, after which three delegates put their case. Mr. Lloyd George replied at considerable length and promised that their arguments should have careful consideration. Members of the deputation afterwards stated that they considered the results of the meeting as very satisfactory.

MARIE CORELLI VICTIMISED.

At Warwick Assizes Nellie Brown, pleaded guilty to obtaining by false pretences £2 from Mrs. Rice, of Warwick Castle, and £10 from Miss Marie Corelli, of Stratford-on-Avon.

It was stated, accused, who was staying at a hotel at Leamington, under the name of Lady Ramsay, wife of Sir John Ramsay, cousin of Lady Patricia Ramsay's husband, called at Warwick Castle and upon Miss Corelli to arrange about a visit to Lady Patricia. Accused was entertained at lunch at the castle, and she induced Miss Corelli to dine with her at Leamington. Finally, on the pretence that she had been robbed of her purse, she induced the ladies to lend her money to enable her to return to London.

The deputy chief constable said prisoner as a girl was sent to a reformatory from Lincoln. Since then she had served three years' penal servitude. There were several charges outstanding against her in London.

Sentence of eighteen months' imprisonment was passed.

PROTESTS AGAINST PREMIUM BONDS.

The National Free Church Council commenced an active campaign yesterday against the adoption of the Premium Bond system for raising revenue. It has circulated all the local Free Church Councils throughout the country requesting them, as a matter of extreme public urgency, to take up the fight. Amongst other means it recommends personal protests to Local Members of Parliament and the holding of protest meetings.

ROYAL DOCKYARDS MERCANTILE MARINE.

The Mayor of Portsmouth has been appointed to represent Portsmouth on the Committee constituted by the Prime Minister to enquire into the possibility of building merchant ships in the Royal dockyards. This step is contemplated with the idea of obviating wholesale discharges of workmen.

TRAINS TO CENTRAL EUROPE.

The Belgian Government has been requested to arrange for the resumption of the train service to Central Europe, viâ Ostend and Brussels.

The order restricting the consumption of gas and electricity in England has been suspended.

GUN SHOP RAIDED.

LATEST SINN FEIN OUTRAGE IN IRELAND.

In the presence of hundreds of passers-by and while a group of policemen were on duty within a stone's throw of the place, Sinn Feiners on Tuesday raided the shop of Messrs. T. W. Murray and Co., gunsmiths in the principal street of Cork. The fact that the raiders did not attract attention either in entering or leaving the premises with the booty is an indication of the coolness and skill with which the outrage was committed.

An assistant, who carried the keys of the premises, was followed, and, at a lonely part of the suburbs, he was set upon by a gang of masked and armed men who covered him with revolvers, took him into a field, and took from him the keys of the shop. Two other men then came up, took the muffler off his neck, and bound it round his mouth and eyes, after which they tied his hands behind his back with a rope and left him behind a hedge.

Taking his keys, the gang returned to the shop, which they opened and cleared of all the sporting guns and rifles, which they sewed up in canvas.

At the same moment a motor-car drove up, and the men left in it, locking the door after them.

Nothing was known of the raid until the assistant who had been waylaid worked himself free from the ropes that bound him and informed the police.

The raiders got away in a motor car shortly before the police arrived at the shop. Not since the Fenian movement, when the notorious Captain Mackey, with an armed party, raided a gunshop in the same street, has such a daring attempt to secure arms been made in Cork.

Mr. O'Keefe, the manager, said to a press representative that when the Arms Act was revoked in 1903 the trade in arms in Ireland got into the wrong hands, with the result that the country is now full of shot guns, revolvers, and ammunition. In Dublin, Belfast, and Cork the quantity of arms sold between that year and the war would not be permitted even in a South American State, and it would be a revelation if the Customs authorities had kept a record of the quantities imported.

No arrests have been made.

LABOUR BOROUGH COUNCIL.

INCREASES MUNICIPAL WAGES.

Bermondsey South London Borough Council, now composed of Progressive and Labour representatives, with only six Moderates, after deciding to grant the Mayor a salary of £300, resolved to give all their workmen an increase in wages of £1 a week, the minimum wage, including war bonus, to be £4 a week.

The women employed by the council are to be treated in the same way. Employees who are receiving advanced wages under any arbitration award are not to be affected by this increase. The minimum salary before the war was 30s. a week.

R. A. F. AND WAR OFFICE.

NO CHANGE IN POLICY.

In the House of Commons on Thursday Lord Hugh Cecil asked whether the Prime Minister's attention had been called to the anxiety which exists in regard to relations between the War Office and the Royal Air Force, and whether the Government would make a full statement as to their policy.

The Premier said there had been no change whatever in the Government's policy, but although he saw no reason for any discussion, if there was a general desire for one he would try to arrange it.

HOSPITAL SHIP'S PLIGHT.

The British hospital ship King Edward was towed into Christiansund yesterday by a torpedo boat. The King Edward was proceeding from Murmansk to London when she was caught in a storm about eighty miles off Lerwick and she drifted helplessly until yesterday, when she established wireless communication with the Grip lightship. When picked up the vessel had scarcely any coal and the cabins were full of water.

EGYPTIAN STUDENTS' CHATTER.

The Egyptian students now domiciled in Manchester are boasting that "Egypt will never acknowledge any foreign supremacy under any form. Egyptians have nothing more to say to Lord Milner's Commission. Any such supremacy will have to be maintained by force of arms."

NO REDRESS.

SPECIOUS ALLEGATIONS OF ATROCITIES.

A question was asked in the House of Commons yesterday as to whether the attention of the Government had been called to a publication called "The Egyptian Circular", which had been widely circulated among members of the House, containing seditious matter and whether the Government was taken any steps to prevent its further circulation.

The Home Secretary, Mr. Shortt, replied: "I have seen the publication. It contains allegations as to atrocities by British soldiers in Egypt which are certainly untrue, but they are so framed as to make prosecution difficult, if not impossible. No charges against specific persons are made so that proceedings for libel are not possible. It would be difficult to prosecute under the Defence of the Realm Regulations, when witnesses who could refute the statements are now in Egypt or scattered over the world. I am considering, however, what other action may be possible."

GREAT GOLD FIND.

INDIAN DISCOVERS RICH DEPOSITS.

Wonderful stories of marvellous gold finds have come from the newly discovered goldfields in the Copper Lake region, sixty-five miles North of Lepas, Manitoba, and also at Contact Bay, about 200 miles East of Winnipeg. It is said that one man recently came into Lepas with a canoe loaded with sacks full of gold, which he wanted to be made into ingots. There is an extraordinary stampede of prospectors, who are rushing to the new fields, and Winnipeg stores are doing tremendous business in fitting out expeditions.

The circumstances of the gold find itself sound like an old Klondike tale. The story goes that an Indian prospector Jacob Cook, while on the way to his cabin by Copper Lake, tripped and fell over a spur of quartz. Angered by his fall he struck the spur with his pick and saw evidence of gold. In a few minutes he had opened up a streak four inches wide and several feet deep, which assayers declare is almost pure gold.

"BE PATIENT WIT HUS".

EX-PRESIDENT'S PLEA FOR AMERICA.

Ex-President Taft was one of the speakers at a New York dinner given on Thursday in honour of the Prince of Wales by seven of the British Societies in New York. After he had paid an eloquent tribute to the Prince, Mr. Taft undertook to explain why some Americans find it difficult to adjust themselves to new conditions, now that for the first time in history the United States has been asked to join political combinations in Europe.

He said: "A great body of American people realize that they must unite with other nations in saving the world from future catastrophe. European nations must be patient with us."

After the dinner the Prince of Wales went to the residence of Mrs. Whitelaw Reid to attend a dance given in his honour.

NEW CARDINALS.

At the Consistory in the middle of December, besides the new Cardinals already known, the following will be consecrated Cardinals: Mgr. Saldevilla Romero, Archbishop of Saragossa; Mgr. Edmund Dalbor, Archbishop of Posen. The Pope will also announce the appointment of Mgr. Bertram, Archbishop of Breslau, whose elevation to the Cardinalate was reserved 'in pectore' in the Consistory of 1916. The conferment of the red hat upon Mgr. Ragones, Papal Nuncio at Madrid, is uncertain, the Spanish Government having insisted upon Mgr. Ragonesi remaining there.

UNEMPLOYED BRICKLAYERS.

Mr. Wardle, replying to Lieut.-Colonel Sir S. Hoare (C.U., Chelsea), in the House of Commons, said that on Nov. 7th 728 bricklayers and 840 bricklayers' labourers were drawing out-of-work donation.

Lieut.-Colonel Sir S. Hoare: Has the Minister of Labour called the attention of the Ministry of Health to this fact in view of their housing scheme?

Mr. Wardle: Many times.

PROFITEERING NET.

In the near future a number of new commodities will be brought within the scope of the Profiteering Act. The Committee on Trusts is investigating the effect on prices of the combine controlled by the Imperial Tobacco Company. Evidence has already been taken from several well-known firms in the combine. Lever's soap prices are also being enquired into.

SUPREME COUNCIL IMPATIENT.

The Supreme Council, sitting under the presidency of M. Pichon, decided yesterday to urge that all necessary efforts should be made to enable the Peace Treaty to come into force on the 1st December.

DILLY-DALLY.

LABOUR MINISTRY'S FATAL DELAY.

A crisis due to a peculiar combination of circumstances has arisen in the London building trade. The National Conciliation Board decided on the 4th November to increase the wages of mechanics by two pence halfpenny, and of labourers by threepence an hour, this decision being communicated to the Ministry of Labour for ratification. The Ministry, however, referred the matter for report, and advice to a Court of Arbitration which it was anticipated would deal it on Friday. The employers and workmen's organisations were informed on Thursday that the Court of Arbitration would not meet as expected, as it could not deal with the matter, and advise the Minister of Labour in sufficient time as to enable him to give a decision before the expiration of the Wages (Temporary) Regulation Act.

The master-builders telegraphed to the Minister of Labour on Thursday night stating that in the circumstances the advances would not be paid, declaring that the responsibility of any labour troubles which might ensue must rest with the Minister owing to his refusal to give a decision.

The Secretary of the London operatives stated that the workmen are just as indignant about the delay as are the masters. They too agree that the responsibility for any trouble must rest entirely with the Ministry of Labour. Their Council meets to-day to review the position.

BELGIAN ELECTIONS.

SOCIALIST GROUP SUCCESSES.

The results of the general election show that the new Belgian Chamber will be composed of seventy-three members of the Right, (Catholic), seventy Socialists, and thirty-four Liberals. Nine seats go to various parties, including the Combatants, the Middle-Class, and the Christian Democrats. The former Chamber was constituted as follows: Members of the Right, 99; Liberals, 45; Socialists, 40; and Democrats, 2. Yesterday's returns are the first results of the application of universal suffrage, pure and simple, previous Chambers having been elected by plural suffrage.

Amongst the successful candidates at Antwerp was M. Camille Huysmans, the secretary of the Internationale. No candidate with Bolshevist leanings has been elected.

The Socialists have gained numerous seats, but the result only confirms the equilibrium which was virtually established when universal suffrage was introduced. King Albert has commenced consultations with politicians, but the Ministry will not be constituted before the end of this month.

"IT'S A LONG, LONG WAY."

The Tipperary County Council has adopted a resolution expressing horror at the numerous outrages committed in the country and calling on every public body in Ireland to do its utmost to bring the perpetrators of such crimes to justice. It also requests the clergy of all denominations to condemn such outrages.

CONFIDENCE AND THRIFT.

During the past twelve months the sales of War Saving certificates have averaged nearly nine and a half millions per month as compared with eight millions a month during the war. There are now seventeen million holders of Government securities of one kind or another.

TRAWLER SUNK BY MINE.

The fishing boat "Ocean Crest the Second" of Yarmouth, struck a mine and sank off Cromer. The skipper and another were killed, but the rest of the crew were picked up.

AN UNNECESSARY STRIKE.

Sir Cyril Jackson, the arbitrator in the North Riding Elementary School teachers' strike, has given his award. It grants increases of salaries identical with those offered by the County Council while the teachers were on strike, which they refused. It will be remembered that the strike lasted for seventeen weeks.

HANDBOOK FOR EX-OFFICERS.

The Imperial Ex-Services Association, 34, Grosvenor-place, has issued an "Ex-Officers' Handbook," compiled by Captain H. H. C. Baird, which gives in clear summary all that a retired or discharged officer should know about his pension and other rights.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

The senate of the University of London has appointed Sir Cooper Perry to the post of principal officer, which has been in abeyance since Sir Henry Miers's resignation in the summer of 1915. He will take up his new duties on Feb. 1 next.

Sir Francis Mowatt, who from 1894 to 1903 was permanent Secretary to the Treasury, died on Thursday at the advanced age of eighty-two.

UNION TYRANNY.

CO-PARTNERS EXCLUDED FROM MEMBERSHIP.

Hundreds of co-partner employees of Messrs Lever Brothers, all Trade Unionists, held a meeting at Port Sunlight on Thursday to protest against the decision of the National Association of Carpenters and Joiners excluding from the Union any employees of Lever Brothers who benefit under that firm's co-partnership scheme.

Speakers said that Trade Unionists had been fighting for years for a share of the profits they helped to make and now that Lever's co-partnership scheme was a success there were trade unionists attempting to smash it.

A resolution was carried, amid cheers, pledging those concerned to resist such interference to the utmost. This practically means that the men will throw over the Trade Union rather than forego the benefits they receive under the scheme.

D'ANNUNZIO'S INTENTIONS.

REPORTED DESIGNS ON MONTENEGRO.

The following semi-official message from Spalato says:—

According to information from a very reliable quarter D'Annunzio is preparing a new raid, this time on Split (Spalato). It is stated that the original intention was to carry out this raid simultaneously with that on Zara, but it was postponed at the last moment, and D'Annunzio, who returned to Fiume on November 15 in a warship, will return in accordance with his own statement to Zara on November 22. Then he will carry out his programme.

Fifteen thousand troops and a naval detachment have arrived at Zara from Italy. The destination of this force is Split. A portion of the naval and military force is to go to Montenegro in accordance with a plan to attack that country either from Cattaro or some point inland. There are very large stores of arms and ammunition at Zara, and the whole route, particularly the strategic points on the frontier, is mined.

Admiral Millo has completely submitted to D'Annunzio and is working in harmony with him. On his voyage to Zara D'Annunzio was accompanied by the cruiser Cortelazzo, the large destroyer Nolo, and torpedo-boat No. 66.

A LAZY FRAUD.

NO INDUCEMENT TO WORK.

Mr. Bingley, the magistrate at Tower Bridge Police Court, mentioned yesterday the case of a woman who came to complain that she could not clean her bedroom because her husband, who was fit and well, stayed in bed all day and smoked.

The Court Missionary was sent to investigate and ascertained that the man was getting both an Army pension and the out-of-work donation, making together fifty shillings a week. The man said he did not see why he should work while he was getting that money.

The Missionary was of the same opinion.

So was the magistrate, who added that it was nasty cold weather and he rather envied the man.

"LOST AMONG THE HILLS."

In the Divorce Court, before Mr. Justice Hill, Hill v. Hill, a wife's suit on Thursday for judicial separation, was called on. A Mr. Hill appeared to conduct his own case. As counsel was opening the petitioner's case Mr. Hill exclaimed, "I never heard such a story! This isn't my case at all."

It then appeared that there was another case of Hill v. Hill for judicial separation, which had not yet come into the list, and counsel and his client in that case happened to be in the Court, and they came in to have the suit heard.

Counsel then said to the Mr. Hill, "May I take it that you are Mr. Hill, and the Christian names are—? "The respondent replied. "You may take it that the Christian names are nothing of the kind, and you are lost—lost, sir, among the Hills!"

MAD MURDERER SENTENCED.

His mind unhinged by the part he had to play as a juryman in the Prah-road murder trial, Walter Payne, of Kilburn, attacked his wife and two daughters with a hammer.

When he was indicted at the Old Bailey yesterday for killing Mrs. Payne a verdict of guilty, but insane, was returned, and the judge ordered him to be detained during His Majesty's pleasure.

LAST OF THE CONDUCTRESSES.

The last of the conductresses on the Underground Railways left the service on Tuesday, and were presented with certificates in recognition of their valuable work by Lady Stanley, wife of Sir Albert Stanley, at the L.G.O.C. Training School, Chelsea.

RAILWAY SHOPS CLOSED.

Owing to the lack of castings caused by the ironmoulders strike which began early in October and still continues, the majority of the shops at Crewe railway works have been shut down until Monday.

CAMP EPISODE.

STRANGE STORY OF AN ARMED VISITOR.

A strange story was told to the Woking Magistrate yesterday by Lieut. George Carter, Somerset Light Infantry, who charged a man named Gray with stealing a suit of clothes, a greatcoat and a revolver.

Lieut. Carter said that on returning to his room at Pirbright Camp at 3 a.m. on November 3rd he found his clothes were missing. Outside he saw the prisoner, who said he was an officer just back from Brookwood. Noticing that prisoner was covering him with an automatic pistol, Lieut. Carter then feigned intoxication and asked prisoner if he had a drink on him. The two then proceeded together to the guard's hut, accused constantly keeping Lieut. Carter covered with the pistol. Prisoner entered the hut, came out with a bottle of whisky and invited Lieut. Carter to go to his (prisoner's) hut, where they played cards till five. During the whole time prisoner had the pistol either in his hand or on the table beside him. Prisoner admitted, said Carter, that he was not an officer but a crook. Carter left him about 5 a.m. and did not see him again until 2 a.m. on the 19th, when he found him in the Camp wearing the missing clothes.

Gray was remanded till Monday, when it is understood other charges will be preferred.

OLD MYSTERY RECALLED.

From time to time the Stinie Morrison case is recalled to mind by allegations that new light can be shed on that mysterious crime.

It is officially stated, however, that no fresh facts have been brought before the Home Office recently, regarding the conviction of Stinie Morrison, who is undergoing a life sentence for the murder of Leon Beron on Clapham Common.

Mr. Claud Lumley, the solicitor instructing Morrison's counsel at the Old Bailey, is in communication with a soldier who is said to be in possession of information which will throw new light on the case.

Mr. Lumley, who, shortly after the trial in 1911, said that he would not rest until he had secured Morrison's release, is now awaiting the demobilization of the soldier before presenting another appeal with this object.

The body of Leon Beron was found on Clapham Common, S. W. London, on the morning of January 1st 1911. One mysterious feature of the crime was the fact that the letter "S" had been cut on the murdered man's cheeks. The theory held was that "S" stood for the Polish word "Spik," or spy. Stinie Morrison, who was the last man seen with Beron, was sentenced to death but was reprieved.

ALLIES BALTIC POLICY.

Replying to questions as to the maritime policy in the Baltic Mr. Lloyd George stated in the House that the policy was that of the Allied and Associated Powers, not of Great Britain alone.

In the strict sense of the term there had been no blockade of Russian ports. The Allies had been engaged in helping the Baltic Provinces to struggle against the Bolshevist Government. This involved operations to prevent Bolshevist warships from bombarding the ports and assisting Bolshevist troops, and also hindering the entry to Baltic ports of supplies useful to those troops.

The question had now been solved by the ice and it was not proposed that a British Fleet should undertake the patrol of the Baltic in the Spring.

MURDERER REPRIEVED.

The solicitors acting on behalf of Joseph Roy Hutty, the Canadian soldier who was sentenced to death at Liverpool Assizes for the murder of Nurse Jones, whom he shot on the steps of the Northern Hospital, have received a communication from the Home Secretary that, after considering all the circumstances, he felt warranted in advising a respite of the capital sentence with a view to its being commuted to one of penal servitude for life. The signatures to the petition for reprieve, which included those of the Lord Mayor of Liverpool and the leaders of the parties in the City Council, totalled 34,000.

CLEMENCEAU UNDECIDED.

It is considered unlikely, says Reuter's Paris correspondent, that M. Clemenceau will remain in office, although there is a remote possibility that he may be persuaded to stand for the Presidency. M. Millerand will probably have the greatest backing in the new Chamber, as M. Briand seems to have lost ground. M. Barthous and Viviani are mentioned as likely members of a Millerand Cabinet.

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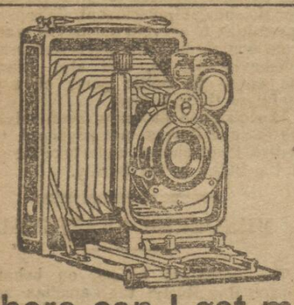

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THE MIDDLE CLASSES.

A section of the middle classes of Great Britain is to-day experiencing a time of difficulty and acute financial stress which it is almost impossible to exaggerate.

We refer to the professional class and more particularly to that section of the community living on fixed incomes, which, prior to the war, while admitting of no extravagance, allowed of the maintenance of a home and family in comfort.

The War has changed all that and now this class is metaphorically in the tight closed jaws of a pair of pincers. On the one hand their incomes have been greatly reduced as a result of the unprecedented amounts required as income tax, while on the other the almost trebled cost of living has minimised the purchasing power of the remainder to only a fraction of what it originally was.

One by one the little luxuries in which they had been wont to indulge have become impossible and in many cases the pittance remaining is insufficient to provide the necessaries of life.

There is a serious national aspect to the problem which is too readily ignored. The birthrate of the middle classes is falling rapidly, while the death rate, never very high, is showing no such tendency. If the present state of affairs is to continue, then the only result can be the slow extinction of the class.

Not only is the birthrate declining, but the marriage-rate has also fallen. Young couples are in no hurry to embark upon a married life which can only, with the present taxation, cost of living and price of houses, bring in its train discomfort and difficulty and a consequent deterioration of health. In order to escape the financial strain which it must involve, young men are avoiding marriage. Bachelordom is on the increase, and must carry with it inevitable and evil consequences.

If the "backbone of the nation," as the middle class have been rightly called, are allowed to go under or to become so seriously handicapped that they are unable to carry on their natural function, dire and disastrous results must accrue.

It is this class which has supplied the majority of the professions and produced a great number of soldiers and sailors, thinkers and administrators, a service which as a nation we can ill afford to dispense with at the present juncture.

OF MILITARY IMPORTANCE!

The tram came to a standstill, and my wife and I climbed hastily aboard in order to escape the driving rain. We seated ourselves as comfortably as the wooden seats permitted, and were just congratulating ourselves that we would soon be home, visions of a warm room and of a huge dinner were rising before my eyes—I am essentially materialistic and my wife accuses me of having no soul—when the conductor ambled up with a smile which nearly disturbed his balance.

"Bitte!" he ejaculated looking inquiringly at my wife. I saw her gaze travel down to her arm to see if her beloved brassard was in position.

"What does the man want?" she asked with exasperation in her voice. "I haven't forgotten my arm band." I had a guilty feeling as I remembered a recent G.R.O stating that in future ladies, not in uniform, must pay on the trams, and I dug my pocket case out of my pocket, produced a piece of dirty paper which had once been orange in colour, murmured a prayer that my German accent should be irreproachable, and said "Funf und zwanzig!"

The conductor beamed, opened his book of tickets and produced a piece of paper labelled "25" which he presented to me, taking care first to tear off one corner in case I should feel disposed to cheat.

While this transaction was in progress my wife regarded me with amazement, and, after gasping for breath she exclaimed, "What on earth are you paying for?"

"New order," I replied, hoping that none of the passengers could understand English and see how the mighty were fallen.

"Whose order?" was the next question. "Commander-in-Chief, I presume?" I answered, "All ladies except those in uniform must pay."

"Yes, but why should we?"

My wife, being one of the female sex, was unable to accept an order, even by such an august person as the Commander-in-Chief, as final.

"Why shouldn't you?" I replied. "You are only a civilian."

"Well then why should other ladies be exempt because they wear uniform?"

"Presumably because they are doing work of military importance," was my reply, my tongue curling lovingly round the last words—I love that phrase. My wife subsided for the time being, but reopened the attack when we were safely at home.

"Am I not doing work of military importance?" she asked. I flatter myself that my brain can follow most people, but this last question left me puzzled. I failed absolutely to see what work my wife was doing of military importance, other than consuming army rations, and I said so.

My wife regarded my failure to follow her argument with contempt, and remarked, "Isn't it of military importance to keep a hulking great ruffian like you well fed and in good health? Where would you be if I were not here?"

My mind flew back to the first months in Cologne and to some cosy cabarets, and I very narrowly escaped answering her question literally, but decided that it would be wiser not to do so, so I merely shrugged my shoulders and replied that orders were orders, and must be obeyed.

My wife now enters trams armed with the necessary pieces of orange paper, but she pays her fare with a grudge in her heart, as nothing on earth can convince her that she is not doing work of military importance.

HARRIS BARTLETT.

THE WORK OF THE ORDNANCE SURVEY.

The work of the Ordnance Survey is the subject of a discursive and informing article in "The Contemporary" by Lieut.-Col.-Mozley. R.E.:—The Ordnance Survey has many dealings with the public, who are often called upon to assist in the correct production of the national maps. Nomenclature, for instance, is almost entirely in the hands of local persons, nor would we undertake to christen any new edifice without the concurrence of at least two god-parents as sureties for the name. This recalls a correspondence I fell into with a well-known writer of guide books.

It was one morning when a punctured bicycle detained me at Clapham (the prettiest village in Yorkshire, not excepting Thornton Dale) that I came upon a magazine article by this gentleman, in which he roundly accused us of putting a mountain in Westmorland two miles out of place! Even a Government official will turn if treated with overmuch contumely so I got into communication with the writer, and invited an explanation.

HOW ANTIQUARIES HELP.

It then turned out that his quarrel was not with us, but with the persons who had given to a hill in Lakeland a name which, my correspondent asserted, had been filched from an eminence in the next valley. A very pleasant friendship, founded on a mutual love of rock climbing, has resulted from this altercation.

"The antiquaries, however, are our readiest allies, and often, I grieve to say, our bitterest enemies. Several propositions may confidently be made about antiquarians. First, they will always come to our help and give an opinion; secondly, if you believe them all, the map of England will resemble the British Museum spread out; thirdly, you can never know which to believe, since it is practically axiomatic with any antiquarian that all other antiquarians in his line of business are heretics.

"The survey theoretically attempts to record as much information about antiquities connected with the land as is generally agreed on by experts. It must, however, in practice record a little more than that; otherwise, for reasons given, the map would have to be silent on the subject of archaeology. A sort of Court of Appeal has, therefore, to be set up, and the evidence on the case weighed. It is a curious position for a soldier to find himself in, that of a judge in intricate technical questions involving immense learning, and although endeavour is made to keep fairly abreast of the subject by the use of county histories and guide books, it is impossible to expect much detailed knowledge from officers of the Survey when such a wide extent of country is being covered from month to month.

THE VALUE OF EVIDENCE.

"It becomes largely a question of judging the value of evidence. For instance, when, as has happened to me, a gentleman sends you a voluminous letter upon some Roman roads not hitherto mentioned in any guide book, and encloses a picture postcard of himself carrying the legend, 'The——antiquary,' his evidence has to be received with some reserve.

The clergy, again, although often of the utmost use, and always immensely willing, are liable to undue enthusiasm in recreating in their own parish the records of the Caesars and the Plantagenets.

There was one dear old boy, the vicar of a North Riding parish, who had re-established within half a mile of his church a British pit dwelling, a Roman camp, and a twelfth century battlefield. None of these had up to then found their way into the Ordnance map, nor was it possible to relieve his discontent by reminding him that the Survey adhered to the Biblical requirement of at least two witnesses.

THE CLERGY'S AID.

"In spite, however, of a certain tendency to local pride at the expense of historical truth, there is no greater service that the rural clergy render to England, next to their spiritual work, than their solicitude for the records of the past.

In so few parishes is there any one except the parson who cares two straws about the business. The land for others is either the rendezvous for their sport, or the mere scene of their breadwinning. Neither the squire nor the labourer, at least in the writer's experience, has as a rule anything to tell of the associations of the parish with the past glories and trials of England.

To be entirely just, it should be added that the labourer often possesses and hands down a pot-pourri of romance and remembrance which, though impossible to disentangle, may be a valuable confirmation of documentary evidence. Such a work as the late Canon Atkinson did for Cleveland in his 'Forty Years in a Moorland Parish' is pure gold. No one who has read that book can look upon the countryside in just the same careless way as he did before.

THE MEANING OF THE DOM.

And thou shalt know this city in that whon thou art yet a great way off thou shalt beheld from wheresoever thou comest Two Great Spires.

Although we may justly quarrel with the style of Cologne Cathedral, and regret somewhat that its builders threw old German tradition to the winds to take their inspiration from the France their children were to hate; although we may say that as a result their work shows much pedantic artificiality, yet we must not deny to them the accomplishment of a great design.

What does its Cathedral mean to Cologne?

Here is a city built on a plain, one to which nature has denied all advantage of site, a city hid because it is not set upon a hill.

The problem before its builders was this. They had by their work to give a mighty expression to this voiceless place; to make it speak as it ought to the flat lands around; to make it tell the farmers out East and West, North and South, that here was a market for the fruits of their fields — and the boatman leaning on the oaken tiller of his ship that round but another bend was the haven of his desire. And they did it by gathering all the twisted streets, all the crazy rabble of roofs and chimneys, the hum of its business, the laugh of its mirth and the moan of its sorrows under the shadow of this mighty House of God.

I look back at the city from the wooded slopes that rise towards the East, where now the trees are paying back Mother Earth for her Gift of Spring. The mists of evening spread slowly across the long flat valley of the Rhine, and through the blue haze I see the two Great Spires.

What city is this? The kindly veil hides all its blatant modernity; the cruel strong beauty of its bridges, and the hard clever lines of its warehouses and public buildings. Fancy sees only the old grey town where men of peace dwelt under the shadow of the House of God. I can pick out too the lesser churches, St. Martin, St. Aposteln, St. Maria im Kapitol, and a dozen others clustering like children round their mother. Yonder too is the tower of the Rathaus, symbol of that old Burghal Life that made the Middle Ages great in many ways.

So does the Present slip from us, this fervid present when the unbridled desires of men have swept together into the mighty cataclysm of War, and left the world weak and weary as a man who has felt on his brow for a moment the cold hand of Death. And so too do we step for a brief minute into the past and find again the clue of that which we have lost and must struggle to regain.

The mists rise higher, the evening falls and the Two Great Spires fade away into the darkness of Night. *Y. M. K.*

BROTHERHOOD.

The glorious day will come, rich fraught
With blessings that will banish hate,
And peace to its great throne be brought
By citizens of noble state.

True freedom yet shall belt the world,
And men to men real brothers be;
When binding chains away are hurled,
Then all will live in harmony.

Hold High Truth's torch, and hold it fast,
Till darkness shall be all dispelled,
Its glorious beams around far cast,
Till things that hate the light are quelled.

When each casts out the will to strife,
And fans the flame of amity,
Shall translate in his daily life,
The laws and rules of liberty.

GEORGE DENYS FAYERS.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING.

Sir,—The appearance of numerous brightly covered Christmas numbers of magazines on the bookstalls, reminds one of the rapid approach of the festive season.

May I remind all those whose job it is to organise the greatest dinner of the year, that the tameness of the majority of seasonable Army functions is largely due to the fact that matters are usually left to the last minute.

Now is the time to begin to think out a programme suitable to the occasion. Too much time cannot be spent upon organization and it will be found that by beginning preparations at once, many little "stunts" will come to mind to gladden the hearts of those for whom you are catering. On the other hand if the essentials have to be rushed, many details will be overlooked. *F.G.*

NEGLECTED HOCKEY.

Sir,—Several attempts appear to have been made in Rhineland to popularise the excellent game of hockey, but apparently nothing has come of them. It is indeed surprising that such apathy should be shown towards so healthy and exciting a phase of sport.

Last winter similar efforts to form hockey clubs were equally unproductive in results, but it was then argued, in extenuation, that lack of playing materials made the game impossible.

There can be no such excuse now and I am consequently at a loss to understand the total absence of enthusiasm.

PLAYER.

RECKONING THE MARK.

Sir,—I really must query your correspondent, "Marker's" assertion that the value of the mark is the same to "Jerry" as before the war. What possible authority has he got for such an amazing statement, or the following one that wages have risen practically on the same scale as prices?

I have closely questioned amongst others, several of the German clerks employed in this office. Their statements are all to the following effect. Wages for clerks, employés of business houses etc. have increased from 100 to 150 per cent. Wages for members of trade unions up to possibly 300 per cent., not more.

Now take the case of prices of bare necessities of existence. Is "Marker" prepared to deny that food prices have increased 900—1,000 per cent.. Let him look at the provision shops, read the prices of such articles as margarine, bread, butter, rice, meat, potatoes and then find out their pre-war cost.

Clothes and furniture are more than 1,000 per cent. over pre-war cost. Only rents (owing to prohibition by authorities) have not been increased by more than, I believe, 50 per cent., at most.

I maintain if this be correct, the mark cannot be worth more than 15 pfgs. to employés and the working classes in Germany. *QUERY.*

DO WE READ TOO MUCH?

Sir,—"Read too much?" Impossible. The failing with most of us is that we read too little. And when I speak of reading, I don't mean popular periodicals or even novels but serious books. We can well absorb what the great minds have written and still think for ourselves, but the majority of us have not got great minds—far from it—and are not trained to think.

True we can observe and make our own deductions and no one would I am sure wish to discourage this, but "Rural" is giving unsound advice in saying that we are reading to much. That is impossible.

The Germans are voracious readers; always ready to learn and profit by what philosophers and thinkers who give their lives to study and reflection have penned for our benefit. They are our formidable opponents. If we took "Rural's" pernicious advice we should be playing into their hands. *T.T.T.*

A LATE CLUB.

Sir, — The request of "Orderly Room" appears to be unreasonable. The number affected is probably not great, and if they do work till about eight o'clock I am pretty sure they get time for recreation during the day. To expect any organisation to provide a special club for them is outside of all reason.

No Army anywhere or at any time has been favoured with so many privileges as ours on the Rhine. It is really wonderful what is being done for us all and no reasonable man can expect more.

The next thing to be suggested, I shouldn't wonder will be a sort of Ciro's open all night for jaded orderly room clerks. There must be a limit.

ANGRY.

CIVILIANS IN OFFICERS' CLUBS.

Sir,—We should be glad if you would publish our letter in answer to "Never Die's" childish complaint.

Does "Never Die" wish to place his fellow Englishmen, even though unfortunate civilians on the same footing as "Jerry" and go begging for a smoke or be fleeced by German shopkeepers?

Evidently "Never Die" is not aware that the N.A.C.B. do not grant passes to a civilian for the mere asking, so that as ex-officers and other ranks we would prefer "Never Die" to give vent to his petty jealousies in a worthier manner, and would also like to point out that 90 per cent. of the civilians which "Never Die" has seen coming from the Officers' Clubs have not very long ago left their khaki behind, which possibly he has only just donned.

We are indeed grateful to the authorities for these privileges, which perhaps some day "Never Die" will wish to avail himself of.

"THREE NINETEEN FOURTEENERS."

TO CORRESPONDENTS AND CONTRIBUTORS.

Names and addresses, not necessarily for publication, please.

Several times have we made this request yet continually do we receive letters and articles with no more than a "nom de plume" attached.

All MSS., letters, drawings etc. must carry the name and official address of the person sending it in. Do not put it only on the covering letter, put it on the MSS. or other thing enclosed. And please print it in block letters; we are too busy to decipher cryptograms.

A TALK TO REFEREES.

BY

F. DUCKWORTH.

(THE FAMOUS FULL-BACK OF BLACKBURN ROVERS AND ENGLISH INTERNATIONAL.)

Perhaps it is only the football player who really appreciates all the difficulties with which the football referee is faced. In fact, I can assure you that at the end of a football match it is quite a common thing for such expressions as this to be heard in the players' dressing-room. "I wouldn't have been the referee to-day for fifty quid." It is indeed a thankless task, for in the first place the referee has to control twenty-two men who are in a highly strung state, and who are apt to do things they ought not to do in the heat of the contest.

Again, the work of the referee who controls a big match is done in full view of a large number of people. Some of them know the rules and are severe on the referee who does not interpret them correctly. Others are not so conversant with rules as they ought to be, but that does not seem a satisfactory reason for withholding criticism. In the Lancashire town in which I play football they have a popular saying: "There's nowt so queer as folk." I sometimes think that the phrase ought to be altered, and that it would be better if it read: "There's nowt so queer as folk, except football players and football spectators."

Now, although, as I say, I am fully aware of the difficult task which confronts the football referee, it is still true that some of them make more mistakes than they otherwise might make, and in quite a friendly way, I want to say one or two things about refereeing from the players' point of view.

UNNECESSARY STOPPAGES.

In the first place, I think the most popular of our referees are those who allow themselves to intrude on the play to the smallest possible extent. On the other hand, the referee who is not liked either by the players or the spectators is the man who seems to have an idea that the people have paid their money to hear him blow his whistle. Oh, I know very well that the whistle is often very necessary, and that with the best will in the world the referee will sometimes be called upon to officiate at a game which absolutely demands the whistle time after time. On the other hand, there are referees who blow quite a lot when it is not necessary for them to do so. The slightest breach of the rules, whether stopping the game for the breach will benefit the offending side or not, and the whistle goes. Now, I believe, the football spectator likes to see a game which is kept going from start to finish, and as a player I certainly enjoy that type of game better than the one in which there are frequent stoppages. Continual blowing of the whistle for mere technical offences simply irritates the players; gets them cross with themselves and with each other, and the result is more work for the referee.

How many times in the course of the average season does the footballer get pulled up when the ball hits his hands absolutely accidentally? In the same way, fair charges are often penalised, and again there are some referees who do not always remember that to stop a game for a foul may benefit the side which was guilty of fouling. Under these three heads there are quite a lot of stoppages which could well be avoided, and every unnecessary stoppage tends to spoil the game both for onlookers and players.

As a rule, referees are quite tactful and diplomatic in the manner in which they treat the player who offends against the spirit of the game. But now and again one comes up against a referee of the ultra-autocratic type who is apt to "get the player's backs up" by the way in which he treats them to a public lecture if they should overstep the mark in the heat of the contest. A quiet word in a player's ear will probably have more real effect than a long sermon delivered with a finger pointed in the direction of the dressing-room—a finger which says to every man in the crowd: "If you do that again I shall send you off the field."

WHY PLAYERS OVERSTEP THE MARK.

I appreciate the fact that the troubles of the referee come to him in this direction because of players who break the rules. You may consider it regrettable, but the fact remains that so long as you have football played at the present-day tension, with the huge crowds and so much depending on the games, you will have players who will over-step the mark of prudence. And, rotten as the duty may be, it is up to the whistle to do everything in his power to check the foul player.

After all, it is generally very plain to be seen when a game is developing a doubtful aspect, and I am quite sure that in such a case, a word to the captain of the opposing teams from the referee would have the desired effect of stopping the tendency towards foul play. Anyway, I don't think the public lecture on every conceivable occasion is a good way to get players mending their ways.

I sometimes think if I ever became a football referee—I shan't if I can keep out of the workhouse any other way—I should make more use of the linesmen than some referees do. There are quite a lot of incidents in the average game which of necessity the referee cannot see well enough to give a decision which he is sure is right.

THE LINESMEN AND THE REFEREE.

On the other hand, the linesmen are often in quite a good position. Yet occasionally the player will come across the referee who practically pins the linesmen down to deciding which side shall throw the ball in when it goes out of play. In regard to offside, and other technical points of the game, one or other of the linesmen are often in a much better position to judge than is the referee. Yet how often do you see a referee allowing the game to proceed when one of the linesmen is waving his flag as hard as he possibly can?

But while it is true that on the one extreme we have some referees who practically ignore the linesmen altogether, there is the man at the other end of the scale who does not seem to be able to trust his own judgment when he is in an excellent position for seeing exactly what took place. Not so long ago, I took part in a game when there was a scramble in the goalmouth. The referee was right on the spot, and seeing something happen he blew the whistle for a penalty. The players against whom the penalty was given objected strongly, whereupon the referee went first to one side of the field and then to the other to consult the linesmen in turn. Now to consult the linesmen in such circumstances—that is when the referee was in an excellent position to judge—was not a sign of strength, but of weakness.

And writing of signs of strength reminds me that I always like to see the referee who is big enough to acknowledge when he makes a mistake. That too, is a sign of strength, for no player, and no spectator, expects a referee to be absolutely right every time. I would take more than an ordinary mortal to go through even one football match without making some error. But with some errors, to admit they have been made is to obtain quick forgiveness all round.

ALDERSHOT RELAY RACE.

Cameron Highlanders win Great Event Easily.

The first Aldershot Command Final of the present cross-country season, a 12 miles Comrades' Relay Race, took place on Thursday afternoon, the whole course of two miles—there were six relays—being on the Queen's Parade grounds. Five groups have qualified, and ten teams figured on the programme, but the R.F.A. did not materialise, so nine started, and all completed the course.

In the first lap it was a good race between the East Surrey's and the Cameron Highlanders, but the latter got away near home and sent their second relay away 50 yards ahead. In the second lap they gained another 30 yards, and in the third stage went right away. The East Surrey's fourth pair were the weakest link in their chain, and let them down into fourth place, there being a great race hereabouts for second, but the Camerons were now 300 yards ahead, and never looked like being caught. In the end their runners-up were another Scottish team, the H.L.I. taking second position after being well down the list in the earlier stages.

Brig.-Gen. R. O'H. Livesay, C.M.G., D.S.O., acted as starter, Brig.-Gen. S. E. Hollond, C.M.G., D.S.O., referee, Mr. C. Otway (S.C.C.C.A.), chief judge, Capt. Keyworth chief whip, and Mr. J. Ogilvie timekeeper. Capt. C. Newington, hon. sec. A.C.A.A., and Sgt. G. H. Thompson, assistant hon. sec., were responsible for the general arrangements.

2nd Cameron Highlanders.

	m.	s.
2nd-Lieut. C. S. Clarke, Pte. BeBeth	11	37 2/5
Sgt. Campbell, Pte. Bain	23	51 1/5
C.S.M. McAskill, Sgt. Watling	35	46 2/5
Boy Duncan, Boy Emmerson	48	52 5
Pte. Herniman, Cpl. Manson	60	52 4/5
Sgt. Stewart, L/Cpl. Dodds	71	17 2/5

1st Highland Light Infantry.

Cpl. Dent, Pte. Robertson	12	45 3/5
Cpl. Harris, Pte. Reid	25	11 1/5
Ptes. Ballanby, Corns	37	20 1/5
Sgt. Grant, Pte. Duncan	49	123 3/5
Lieut. Paterson, Sgt. Gilmour	60	59 3/5
C.S.M. Evans, Pte. Stewart	72	8 3/5

17th Lancers.

Sgts. Leggatt, Triggs	12	25 3/5
Ptes. Harvey, Beacham	26	39 3/5
Sgt. Swannell, Pte. Witts	37	37 3/5
Ptes. Flynn, Burgess	49	11 4/5
Ptes. Innes, Riley	60	49 2/5
Ptes. Hodge, Thomas	72	46

13th Hussars.

Sgt. Bush, Boy Ward	12	35 4/5
Sgts. Kelly, Moss	25	7 4/5
Ptes. Wickham, Gamble	37	10 1/5
Ptes. Read, Paton	49	25
Sgt. Dutton, S-Sgt. McKee	61	30
Lieut. J. St Fernie, Sgt. Noake	73	15 3/5

East Surrey Regt.

L/Cpl. Heppell, Pte. Long	11	49 2/5
Ptes. Lovell, Jackson	24	8
Sgt. Elsworth, Pte. Goring	35	59 3/5
Ptes. Coombs, Collins	49	24 3/5
Sgt. Stringer, Pte. Cooper	62	10 3/5
Sgts. Wilson, Wood	74	33 1/5

1st East Lancs.

Lieut. Cant, Pte. Lythe	12	41
Ptes. Rhodes, Conroy	26	34 1/5
Lieut. Melson, Cpl. Wood	39	11 3/5
Ptes. Barker, Gavin	52	7 3/5
Lieut. Andersenn, Cpl. Nicks	64	41 4/5
C.Q.S.M. Chaplin, Pte. Gaywood	76	41 2/5

4th Hussars.

Pte. Thompson, Cpl. Harris	12	26 1/5
Pte. White, Cpl. Rohan	25	15 2/5
Ptes. Butler, Dorling	38	54 2/5
Pte. Wright, Cpl. Jones	52	32 2/5
Pte. Day, Cpl. Reed	66	3 4/5
Sgt. Scopes, Cpl. Baylis	79	37 3/5

1st South Wales Borderers.

L/Cpls. Lightfoot, Trew	12	37 2/5
Lt. M. Ainsworth, Pte. Yoratte	27	18
Lt. Smeathers, L/Cpl. Cumbley	41	19 4/5
Pte. Wells, L-Sgt. Herrod	54	57
Dvr. Burgomaster, Boy Todd	68	16
Cpl. H. J. Perry, Pte. Bullock	80	37 4/5

2nd R. Fusiliers.

L/Cpl. Salvesen, Pte. Lauder	13	42/5
Ptes. Wigley, Girling	26	36 3/5
Ptes. Brooks, Matthews	40	24 1/5
Ptes. White, Grant	53	8
Ptes. Chadwick, Baden	66	7
Ptes. Wells, Storer	82	22 2/5

LONDON SENIOR AMATEUR CUP.

At a meeting of the Senior Amateur Cup Committee of the London F.A. the draw for the fourth round of the London Senior Cup was made as follows:—

Leyton v. Kingstonians; Belvedere and District or Metrogas v. Page Green Old Boys or Islington Town; Handley-Page v. Barnet; Burberry's v. Enfield or Barking Town; Summerstown v. Ordnance; Gnome Athletic v. Custom House; Napier's v. R. and H. Green and Silley Weir Athletic; Tufnell Spartan v. Blackwall and Thames Ironworks. To be played on Dec. 6; kick-off 2.15.

SCULLING.

In the Cambridge Colquhoun Sculls final heat, A.A. Swan, Trinity Hall, beat D.H.L. Gollan, first Trinity by 1½ lengths.

WHY HE WON.

This Week's Football Contest Winner Sends Fourteen Coupons.

STAFF RIVALRY.

"Private Thomson"? was my inquiry as I entered the Intelligence Branch offices in Deichmann Haus yesterday, writes our football representative. "That's me!" came a voice betraying an unmistakably Scottish accent. Thereupon I introduced myself to the winner of the No. 8 Football Contest. Handing him a cheque for 1,731 marks, I congratulated him upon his success, and asked him for a few particulars for "Post" readers. He cordially obliged.

Private Thomson is a typical son of Scotland, burly, good humoured and in full possession of the "burr." He informed me that he is a native of Galashiels, and in his youth was an enthusiastic player and follower of the great game. The winner it may be added is now well on in years. His regiment is the K.O.S.B. and he joined the colours in August 1914.

A Regular Competitor.

Asked how he accounted for his success, he said that he had been a competitor since the No. 1 competition, and had regularly sent in coupons. Twice he had been within one of the number which won our prize and he attributed his successful coupon to the fact that he had allowed for West Bromwich taking their revenge, and that the three games which he gave as draws, looked to be of such an open "character."

When I enquired what he was likely to do with the prize, he replied, "I'm a family man, ye ken, and it's War Bonds that will receive your prize-money."

All Keen To Win.

Private Thomson is a member of a staff, who all enter for our contest weekly, and his success is all the more appreciated by them because of the rivalry which exists. Each one strives to beat the other in forecasting results correctly.

The winning competitor submitted fourteen coupons, thus again emphasising the obvious advantage of making more than one effort weekly.

£2,000 TRANSFER FEE.

John Marshall, the St. Mirren full back, has been transferred to Middlesbrough, the fee being given as £2,000. Marshall, who played for Scotland against Ireland in the match at Belfast on April 19, is young and exceptionally well-built weighing nearly 13st and standing 5ft 10in. He will play for Middlesbrough against Chelsea to-day at Middlesbrough.

LOCAL FOOTER.

18th G.H. Q., M.T. Coy. 2; Rhine Army Vehicle Reception Park 2.

The above teams met on the former's ground on Wednesday. The home team pressed heavily at the start and scored through a fine shot by Cpl. Beale. The game after a time became more even, and the R.A.V.R.P., after fine work by their outside right, drew level with a brilliant shot by their centre forward. The game was fast and evenly contested, despite the rain which continued throughout the game, and the sodden state of the ground. After 25 minutes, the R.A.V.R.P. drew ahead from a fine centre by their outside right, and although the 18th G.H.Q. made determined efforts, they kept their lead for a time. Eventually the G.H.Q. pressed with great determination, and after about 30 minutes drew level by a good goal by Pte. Evans.

The game continued even and each end was visited in turn, the players finding it hard to keep their feet. The R.V.P. pressed towards the finish but the 18th G.H.Q. defence kept them out.

F. DUCKWORTH.

Sterling Qualities of the Blackburn Defender.

On this page appears a splendid article from the pen of Duckworth, the famous Blackburn defender. He has represented his country in the Internationals and few understand better than he the subject about which he writes. He is a keen student of the game as well as one of its cleverest exponents. Short of inches, this talented player makes up for this deficiency by the brainy tactics he adopts to outwit, "The other fellow". A great believer in the axiom that, "If the game is worth playing, keep it clean", he is rarely troubled by the whistle-holder, but he understands only too well the effect of tactless officials on the members of a team.

His play is always of such a sterling character that the news of his having secured international honours did not come as a great surprise to Blackburn folk, although many critics were opposed to his selection. The defence he put up that day was such that one of the latter openly confessed to having erred in his judgment. Clean, clever and without any hint of "gallery" play, this popular defender is a great favourite at Ewood Park.

He possesses that rare quality of a full back, namely, "The knowledge of how to make his brains save his feet." None of those rushing tactics; he waits for his opponents and the ease with which he dispossesses of the ball, has caused many renowned forwards to fight shy of his approach. *W. Le C.*

SPORTSMAN'S FORTUNE.

Mr. Richard Gardiner Casey of South Yarra, Melbourne, a well-known Australian sportsman, who died at Honolulu on April 25 last, left estate in the United Kingdom amounting to £34,464. He left £100 and all his interest in the thoroughbreds and gear jointly owned by them to James Mansfield Niall, of Bourke street, Melbourne.

East Midland Fixtures.

East Midlands, in addition to meeting Kent in the County Championship at Blackheath on Thursday, Dec. 11, hope to arrange ordinary matches with Leicestershire, Warwickshire, and North Midlands in the course of the present season.

WELLS WINS.

Boxing Idol's Bid to Regain His Former Standing.

TOWNLEY'S PUNISHMENT.

On Thursday night at the Holborn Stadium, Bombardier Billy Wells was successful in the second step towards regaining the heavy-weight championship that he lost to Joe Beckett, by beating Arthur Townley in the ninth round.

From the sixth round onwards, Wells repeatedly knocked Townley down for counts of eight or nine. Townley commenced the ninth round very weakly and was soon sent to the boards. He recovered at the count of eight only to be downed again for nine.

At this stage the referee stopped the fight, Townley's seconds at the same moment, throwing in the towel.

Wells, despite his failures and disappointments, is still a public idol. He came successfully through his match with Jack Curphey on Oct. 17 last, and almost, if not quite, rehabilitated with the public, determined to keep in the game and, if possible, work back to his old position.

The beating of Townley is a stepping-stone towards the desired end, and it is almost certain that another match between him and Beckett will result. The match may not come yet awhile should Beckett beat Carpentier, for the English champion will possibly have bigger game in view. Wells finished his training at Putney fitter than he has ever been before.

DEMPSEY'S TITLE.

Willing to Fight Anyone—Anywhere.

In the course of a lengthy letter from U.S.A. to the "Sporting Life," Dempsey's manager writes:

"I think it is no more than right that I should answer some of the statements published in the sporting columns of various New York newspapers, during my recent visit to that City regarding the future intentions of Jack Dempsey, champion of the world.

"Up to date we have received no bonafide challenge from anyone who seems to want to meet Dempsey for the championship. When we do I shall answer it in the proper manner. Dempsey is ready to defend his title against any and all comers having no wish to avoid meeting any white man in the world whom the public thinks can give him a decent battle.

Real World Match.

"On Dec. 4. Beckett, the English champion, is to meet Carpentier the French champion in your city, and in my opinion the sporting world would welcome a match between Dempsey and the winner of that battle. It would indeed be a world's championship contest.

"Dempsey is eager to meet a foreign champion for his title, no such contest having been possible for many years, owing to the fact that neither England nor France has ever had a boxer who was considered capable of putting up a winning fight. We have already had large inducements offered us for this match and we propose to give it the preference, all things being equal.

Dempsey's Willingness.

"Dempsey is willing to go to England, France, or anywhere in the world to defend his title. He simply asks that the event be given to whatever spot offers the largest financial inducement.

"As his late antagonist, Willard demanded and received over 100,000 dollars for his part of the prize on July 4. last, there is no reason why Dempsey should not receive similar financial recognition the next time he steps into the ring. We have already been offered considerably more than that figure and reserve the right to make the right to make the best arrangement possible for Dempsey's service in his next contest. Dempsey fought his way to the top of the ladder. He never avoided anyone. He has been proclaimed America's greatest champion.

Dempsey is ready to defend his title when given any reasonable notice. He regards the winner of the Beckett-Carpentier match as his next logical opponent, and will gladly make a match provided that the bids for purse and place are left open to the world."

TENNIS AT PARIS.

N. Mishu's Success In Covered Court Championships.

In the world's Covered Court Championships which are in progress at Paris, N. Mishu, the Roumanian, who figured so prominently at Queens Club driving with great severity, beat P. Portlock with consummate ease in the Men's Singles Championship, while two Swiss victories were recorded by A. Simon and A. Megroz.

Details:

MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Second Round.—N. Mishu (Roumania) beat P. Portlock (England) (6-3, 6-1, 6-4); A. Simon (Swiss) beat Cerre (France) (6-4, 6-4, 7-9, 6-3); A. Megroz (Swiss) beat M. Restrepo (France) (3-6, 6-2, 7-5, 6-4).

MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

First Round.—M. Dupont and Mme. Fick beat M. Hirsch and Mlle. Conquet (15-13, 6-3); N. Mishu and Miss Hawkins beat R. S. Barnes and Mlle. Dere (6-1, 6-1); M. Germot and Miss Holman beat J. Brugnon and Mlle. Bourgeois (6-0, 6-4); P. Portlock and Miss McKane beat R. Barbes and Mme. Danet (6-2, 6-4); Max Decugis and Mrs. Beamish beat M. Aslangull and Mme. Vaussard (6-2, 6-3).

MEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

First Round.—Max Decugis and M. Germot beat Vivet and Thomas (6-1, 6-1, 6-0); A. H. Gobert and W. H. Laurentz beat Chanlaire and Peze (6-0, 6-0, 6-1).

Later.

Gobert Laurenty beat Decugis Germot 6/1, 6/8, 8/6, 6 2.

Portlock and Mishu beat Hirsch and partner 6/0, 6/2, 6/4.

Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Hulman beat Mlle. Ambland and partner 6/1, 1/6, 6/4.

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AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

NEXT WEEK'S ATTRACTIONS.

Deutsches Theatre.

At the Deutsches theatre on Monday and during the week, the B.R.A.D.C. will play Sheridan's immortal comedy, "The School for Scandal". Miss Hilda Potts, who has charmed everyone with her singing, will make her first appearance with the Company in a minor part, but one that will give her the opportunity of being heard in an old English ditty. Among the newcomers, the caste will include Capt. P. Lumley, Herbert Mather, Corpl. J. W. Tottenham, from "The Grumps" and Lieut. Ingall. Miss Shirley King will play Lady Teazle; Lieut. Humphrey Hope, Sir Peter; Miss Inez Bensusan, Mrs. Candour; Miss Frances Chisholm, Lady Sneerwell; and Miss Gabriel Paul will also appear. The hale and hearty Sir Oliver will be played by Major C. F. Ball, while Lieut. Percy and Sergt. Shilsky will be the brothers Surface. Capt. Cecil Speigelhalter will appear as Little Moses.

Leave Club Events.

Programme for week ending Saturday, Nov. 29th. On Sunday the Rev. E. C. Wheeler will talk in the writing room from 5 to 6, followed at 6.30 by a sing-song in the music room. There will be a continuous cinema from 2.30 to 8.30. There will be an impromptu concert on Monday from 5 to 6, and a practice dance at 6.30. At the same hour a German Class will be held. An impromptu concert is to be held on Tuesday from 5 to 6, and at the same time there will be a dancing class, followed at 6.30 by a chess tournament, while at 7. there will be a one act play "Postal Orders" and dances. There will be an impromptu concert on Wednesday from 5 to 6 followed at 6.30 by a German Class, and on the same evening there is to be a fancy dress dance from 6.30 to 10. From 5 to 6 on Thursday there is to be an impromptu concert, while at 6.30 there is to be a whist drive and a chess tournament. On Friday there is to be a dancing class, and at 6.30 there will be a debate in the writing room. German classes will be held from 5 to 7 and from 7 to 8.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Sat.	Carmen	Bizet	7	10.30
Sun.	Flying Dutchman	Wagner	7.30	10.30

At the Leave Club.

To-day's programme at the British Empire Leave Club, Cologne, includes an impromptu concert from 5 to 6 p.m., a dance at 6.30 p.m. and a German class at the same time.

Theatre Bookings.

From Monday next all bookings for Army places of Amusement in Cologne will be made through the G.H.Q. Amusements Office, Komödienstrasse. Whether or no the Opera house will be included in the scheme has not yet been definitely decided, but this will be made known to-morrow.

"The Panto" Season.

Interesting arrangements are being made regarding seasonable performances at the theatres during Christmas. King Pantomine will reign at several places while the Yuletide amusements are already being organised. More anon.

Whist Drive.

The top score of 141 at the British Empire Leave Club on Thursday night was reached by Pte. Whittaker, Pte. Bryson and Pte. Goodeard being 2nd and 3rd respectively. The "ladies" prizes were won by Pte. Pike 166, Pte. Fielding 165 and Pte. Finlow 163.

Lieut. Higgins presided and L/Cpl. Moon acted as M.C.

Overheard at a Thé Dansant.

JOAN: "Black and White sounds so easy, but where to get a black dress or a white one, or half of each? 52 Breitestrasse is all very well—the Opera house is so-so, but—not chic." MAUDIE: "I've go—" (rapturous but inaudible). JOAN: "Now absolutely top-hole—I'm green with envy, Maudie. I really must get something smart for the Leave Club."

JACQUES.

TO-DAY'S BIG RACE.

Manchester November Handicap Prospects.

To-day will mark the end of a flat racing season which has been remarkable for the wide interest it has evoked. Record crowds have been the order at all the big meetings while bookmakers make no secret of the fact that the season has been a record one from a betting point of view.

For the Manchester November Handicap, sixteen horses are due to face the flag and, as the anti-post betting indicates, there are at least half a dozen strongly fancied animals in the field.

"The Marquis," our racing correspondent in England, wires the following forecast:

1. Not Much.
2. Chat Tor.
3. Planet.

PROBABLE STARTERS.

Grand Fleet	A. Smith
Planet	Robbins
King John	E. Wheatley
Gay Lord	Whalley
Not Much	V. Smith
Golden Fleece	Hamshaw
Royal Bucks	Telliss
Alasnam	Donoghue
Aynsley	Askworth
African Star	W. Balding
Jack Point	Bond
Chat Tor	Shatwell
William Allenby	—
Dionysos	F. Huxley
John Jackett	Weston
Wild Fellow	Garnett
Gotha	Newsome

LATEST SCRATCHINGS.

Elsinore, Queen's Square, Daphne.

LATEST LONDON BETTING.

6 to 1 Alasnam	100 to 7 Royal Bucks
6 to 1 Chat Tor	100 to 7 Golden Fleece
7 to 1 King John	100 to 7 Aynsley
7 to 1 John Jackett	100 to 6 William Allenby
100 to 9 Planet	
100 to 9 Grand Fleet	100 to 6 Not Much

SERGEANTS' "SWEEP."

Draw for Manchester November Handicap.

The result of the Sweepstake organised by No. 2, G.H.Q., Sergeants' Mess for the November Handicap is as follows:—

Horse	Ticket No.	Horse	Ticket No.
Jack Point	200	Dionysos	451
Golden Fleece	71	Royal Bucks	492
Rich Gift	587	William Allenby	80
Chat Tor	187	Elsinore	477
Daphne	576	Wildfellow	67
Planet	89	King John	542
African Star	40	Aynsley	156
Gay Lord	163	Alasnam	55
"The Field"	73	Gotha	93
Rothesay Bay	21	Queen's Square	403
Grand Fleet	85	John Jackett	63
Not Much	533		

BILLIARDS.

Thursday's closing scores of the billiard matches at present in progress in London are appended:

Smith (in play).....5,333
Falkiner 4,424
Reece (in play).....6,335
Stevenson.....4,053.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

ASSOCIATION.

Football Assn. 4, Cambridge University 3.

RUGBY.

Dublin University 27, Edinburgh University 0.

MANCHESTER RACES.

Big Fields on Opening day of Season's Last Meeting.

The Manchester November meeting opened on Thursday, when a good attendance was present, in spite of rain and sleet. The going was soft. Result:—

Brankley Handicap:—1, Ugly Duckling (3-1); 2, Espasser (20-1); 3, Dinah Dear. (20-1) Twenty one ran.

Trafford Plate:—1, Shoemaker (evens); 2, Cryptic (11-4); 3, Strom Witch (7-2). Five ran.

Thursday Plate:—1, Discussion (6-1); 2, Snakerley (6-5 on); 3, Grave Mac (100-12). Fifteen ran.

Delamere Handicap:—1, Golden Melody (evens); 2, Saint Eloi (20-1); 3, Challow (100-8). Twelve ran.

Woodlands Nursery:—1, Eager Agnes colt (8-1); 2, Lucentio (100-9); 3, Sunstroke (100-9). Twenty one ran.

Rothschild Plate:—1, Powerful (2-1); 2, Inniskeen (10-1); 3, Chasseur (2-1). Six ran.

RACING IN PARIS.

A telegram from Paris states that despite reports to the contrary, racing will probably be continued to the end of the year. The Steeplechase Society have already applied for authority to hold their meeting at Auteuil on December 31st in the place of the meeting abandoned last Sunday owing to snow.

Lord Charles Innes Ker, formerly of the Scots Guards died on Thursday in London. He was very well known in racing circles and a prominent gentleman rider in the sixties and seventies.

OUR COMPETITION.

Only Ten Results Required This Week.

To-day, we publish the first coupon for our tenth football contest. We have decided this week to submit ten matches only to be forecasted. In the event of no competitor getting all correct, the sender of the coupon containing the least number of errors will be declared the winner. If a tie occurs, the prize money will be divided.

In the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—
FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 10,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 10.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov 29th.
Closing date, Friday, Nov. 28th.

Newcastle U.	v. Sunderland
Blackburn R.	v. Bradford City
Bradford	v. Burnley
Chelsea	v. Middlesbrough
Notts County	v. Arsenal
Clapton Orient	v. Bury
Grimsby	v. Stoke
Portsmouth	v. Queens Park R.
Brighton	v. Millwall
Falkirk	v. Third Lanark

I enter Football Competition No. 10 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(in block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Much the Same.

"Yes," said a Tommy the other day, "I feel quite at home in Cologne. The weather reminds me of dear old Newington Butts."

Hard to Kill.

At one of the canteens in Rhineland I asked if the sale of cigarettes had shown any decrease since "Senior Officer's" attack on the "fag" habit appeared in the "Post." "Can't say I've noticed any drop," said the corporal in charge.

Spartans Complain.

Those intrepid people who still take their daily dip in the Rhine are complaining that since the frost and snow have gone, the water seems uncomfortably warm and enervating.

Getting Shabbier.

Lots of officers' clothing is getting in a disgraceful state of repair, yet they dare not risk speculating in new outfits, for at any moment demobilization may sweep them out of the Army.

Week-Ending.

"Week-ending" is becoming a popular habit with many officers. A party of ten, I hear, this week went away to a delightful little spot in Rhineland. As wives were well represented among the excursionists, dancing and music played an important part in a jolly little holiday.

"FARES, PLEASE!"

Now that British ladies have to pay for their joy rides on the Cologne trams Mrs. Mc Brassat practices how to say "Funfundzwanzig" and look sweet at the same time.

Described as—

At the Summary Court. President: "What is this woman?" Tommy (the witness: "She's what we call in England, a war widow, sir."

Spick and Span.

I have already commented on the old-fashioned and ungainly mail vans used by the German Post Office. Yesterday, however, I noticed two brand new and exceedingly smart motor vehicles on this service.

New Homes.

I hear that various barracks round Cologne are being got ready rapidly for occupation by our troops in the near future.

A Tip.

A tip for those who object to walking in wet weather and have a great abhorrence of tramcars. Take a "growler". It will be found far less expensive than a taxi.

Useless.

I have many times endeavoured with no success to fathom the "figuring" of the German taxi-meter and it always ends in my paying up and looking pleasant.

Expensive—to Them.

The taxi is an expensive item for Germans in these days, at somewhere about eight marks a mile.

Dye First.

It should be noted that no person other than an authorised representative of the Allied Forces is permitted to sell any article of Allied uniform unless such article has first been dyed.

Profiteering.

The huge profit made on one bottle of wine is evidenced when one enters any of the cafes etc., in side streets. The price for the same brand is often five to seven marks less than that charged in the big establishments.

S.W.A.K.

Many envelopes are reaching us in our Football Contest bearing these magic letters on the reverse side. Quite nice the sentiments so expressed.

Taking no Risks.

Have you heard the story of the two Jocks who entered the tramcar and seated themselves opposite an attractive looking young lady? Said one Jock to the other "That's a nice wee lassie." "Nae so bad" was the reply. "Why dinna ye hae a word wi' her", said No. 1. "I canna", said No. 2, "she has na' paid her fare yet!"

Fame.

I notice that near the Hohenstaufen Ring are three streets bearing the names Rubens-strasse, Beethoven-strasse, and Mozart-strasse. It is not often one finds so much art in one place.

From the Southern Cross.

The Rev. Mr. Dossetor, the new C. of E. padre at the 25th General Hospital is a native of Australia, and laboured for some time in the Bush after leaving College. He has many interesting stories to relate of his experiences under the Southern Cross.

Hospital Blue.

I notice that one German tradesman has hit upon the idea of Tommy in his hospital blue for a working model drawing attention to his wares.

Ignorance not Bliss.

The G.R.O. which says that wives must pay on tramcars caused the trouble. "Bute, fünfundzwanzig?" said the conductor to the wife who was out shopping. "Will that be enough", sweet innocence replied, handing to the schaffner two notes, one for twenty marks and the other for five. When the husband heard of the incident he spoke in an uncouth tongue understood only of the Army.

Glass Ornaments.

The elegant crystal glass chandeliers are quite a noticeable feature in Germany, being much in favour in all large private houses and institutions, as well as hotels and wine restaurants.

Proud of it.

I met a sergeant going on demob who had been out since 1914. With his unit in every action, he had only been absent from the "Line" whilst on leave. He had never been a casualty, and was justifiably proud of his record.

Pavement Artists.

The pavement artist, such a familar figure in the London streets, does not seem to have a prototype in Cologne—at least I have never met any in my daily walks abroad. Perhaps there is a bye-law prohibiting such exhibitions.

Strange Language.

I witnessed an example of effect of strange language on Army mules yesterday morning. The German driver seemed to have no difficulty with the pair, until getting excited at the approach of a tramcar he commenced to shout. Then they promptly slowed down and it was only after a British Tommy had taken them by the head that they could be persuaded to move.

RHINELANDER.

AROUND AND ABOUT.

A SLIGHT MISTAKE.

An amusing story of Queen Maud of Norway when, as Princess Maud, she was staying with Queen Victoria at Osborne, relates to a bazaar at Shanklin. The Princess was assisting at one of the stalls. Presently a young Army officer walked up to her stall, and, making some small purchase, tried hard to get into conversation with her. As a last effort he said, "I'm sure I know you; you live near here, don't you?" "No," replied the Princess, "I am living with my grandmother." "Oh, that's it," responded the officer, "I suppose I know her. I know most of the people round here. What's her name?" he added, somewhat patronisingly; "I must look her up." "Queen Victoria," was the reply.

A GREAT MAN.

"I were a-laying down behind the breast-work one day," said the veteran boaster, "a-firin' at the enemy, an' a sittin' of 'em every time, when I 'ears the patter of a 'orse's 'oofs behind me. Then a voice said: 'Ho, there, you with the deadly aim! Just come 'ere 'a.f a mo'.' I turn round 'an saluted, an' who should it be but Sir Douglas Haig. He came up an' shook me by the 'and. 'Wot's yer name?' sez'e. 'Logan, General,' sez I. 'Your first name,' sez 'e? 'Dan sir,' sez I. 'Dan Logan, General.' 'Well, Dan,' sez 'e, 'go home. You're a-killing too many men. It don't seem 'ardly fair. It's massycree, that's wot it is. An' look here, Dan, don't call me General—call me Duggie,' sez 'e."

A SOLDIERS' FRIEND.

British soldiers have no firmer friend in the House of Commons than Major Cohen. Although both his legs were amputated through being badly wounded while leading his company to the attack at Ypres, in July, 1918, nobody would realise the fact as one gazes at the figure of that handsome, weather-beaten man as he sits just inside the House above the small cross-bench on the Ministerial side.

FRANCE'S WATER POWER.

The "Echo de Paris" states that the necessity of purchasing foreign coal might be relieved by developing the water power of France, which is estimated at 10,000,000 horse-power. Before the war only about 750,000 horse-power was used, but a further 450,000 horse-power was developed during the war, and by the end of 1921, 1,600,000 horse-power or 16 per cent. of France's resources will be worked. This leaves a huge amount of water-power in reserve. One million horse-power would lessen the consumption of coal for power production by at least 3,250,000 tons, costing about 300,000,000 francs, and the comparison is more striking when the greater efficiency of the hydro-electric installation is considered.

THE POPULAR ARMY.

When I saw the other day a troop of Life Guards trotting down the Strand, headed by the Marquis of Blandford, the Duke of Marlborough's son and heir, and later a company of Grenadiers led by the Hon. "Toby" Bailey, heir to Lord Glanusk, I was struck by the fact that the Army remains as popular among the "classes" as it was before the war, says a gossip writer. There are over 4,000 Regular officers waiting to be absorbed, and yet the pressure from outside to get in is immense. There are many men at the heads of companies and squadrons today who were brigadiers during the war. That must be rather galling to proud spirits. Captain Bailey aforesaid gallantly commanded the Grenadiers in many a battle with the rank of colonel. S.c transit.

WHY CLOTHES ARE DEAR.

The price of the raw material regulates the price of cloth and of clothes. The London wool sales are now open to foreign buyers, so that French, Dutch, Spanish, and American buyers come and put up the price against home manufacturers. If the Government, as soon as rationing ceased, had put large stocks on the market at a reasonable profit, the manufacturers, whose stocks were depleted because of the rationing system, would have had cheaper raw material, and the price of clothes would have been less. The excessive price of wool is a form of indirect taxation.

ODD-MAN-OUT DANCE.

Discussion is raging in the best London dancing establishments on our Prince's experience at a ball in Washington when he was initiated into the mysteries of the "Tag" or "Cutting In" dance. This development has been firmly established in America for many years. The "Tag Dance" may be any kind of dance—fox-trot, one step or waltz. Partners are chosen and the dance commences with one man unattached in the midst of the dancers. Then he, at his leisure, chooses any couple and gently taps the man upon the shoulder. Smilingly and gallantly the man so touched relinquishes his charge and "carries on", selecting a new partner in the same way.

A LIVELY BEGINNING.

AN AIRMAN'S EXPERIENCES.

Writing in "Blackwood's Magazine," Mr. Leo Walmsley describes "An Airman's Experiences in East Africa." This is how he begins his story:—

Mbuyuni is pronounced Imbewni, and it means the place of an ostrich; it was therefore quite appropriate that Mbuyuni should be the first of the R.F.C. aerodromes in East Africa.

It is situated just on the British side of the international boundary, in the centre of the undulating bush-clad plain that spreads from the foot of Kilimanjaro, north-eastwards to the Uganda railway.

The squadron to which I belonged arrived here by train late in the afternoon of February 1st, 1916, after a hot and tiring journey from the coast. We were led at once to our camping ground, a large, thorn-fenced square, just within the strongly defended perimeter of the main camp, and there we were left to shift for ourselves. We had no tents, and so with due philosophy we spread our valises on the ground, which, from the entomological point of view, promised to be of interest. Fortunately we had in the squadron several "old" East Africans, and soon the various mess baskets were sorted out, a roaring camp fire made, and a rough but very acceptable meal prepared.

Before turning in an incident occurred that to some degree disturbed our peace of mind for the night. Our fire had been built near to one of the enormous ant-heaps found everywhere in this country, which possess, as a rule, several large exits the size of a rabbit hole. Exasperated by the suffocating fumes of the dampish wood, suddenly there emerged from one of these holes an enormous snake, about ten feet long, and as thick as one's arm. The native cook, who was busy stirring the contents of a saucepan over the fire, caught sight of this horrifying reptile, and letting out an awful blood-curdling shriek, bolted as though the devil himself had suddenly appeared, shaping a headlong course through the mass of pots, pans, bottles, and glasses that littered the ground.

The overturned pan naturally extinguished our sole source of light, and there we were in the dark with that beastly snake wriggling about in goodness knows what direction. Each of us thought he could feel it crawling about his legs, and never in my life have I seen a more utterly panic-striken crowd of grown-up people. It took nearly a week's rum ration to restore the morale of the company, and we had just arrived at that stage where one begins to tell the others "what a darned good joke it had been," when a piercing howl from the direction of the servants' quarters fairly made our hair stand on end. Seizing whatever weapon heppened to be nearest to hand, we gallantly rushed to the rescue, and found Jones, our head servant, in a state of collapse. In vivid but highly descriptive Cockney, he told us that he was just getting into bed when "he put his hand right on it."

After a considerable amount of volunteering, we stood round with our spades and bayonets, while one of us very gingerly raised the blanket, and there, nestling ever so comfortably underneath, was—an empty beer bottle!

As the night dragged on we had ample opportunities for studying the zoological and nocturnal wonders of East Africa.

The whole place swarmed with ants, and although they appeared to be of a harmless species, one never felt certain that it was not a centipede or a scorpion crawling across one's chest. The buzzing of the beetles and the chirping of countless crickets was almost deafening, and loud above their unmelodious din came the occasional roar of a lion, and the more frequent wail of the hyaena. Jackals, frogs, grasshoppers, and various smaller fry each contributed to this wild and primitive concert, which, strange to say, quickly lulled me off into a deep and dreamless sleep.

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It took several days to bring up the airplanes from Mombasa, unpack them from their wooden cases, and erect them ready for flight. The need for aerial reconnaisance behind the enemy's lines was hourly becoming more urgent, and as soon as the first machine was ready we were ordered out.

I shall never forget that first flight. The performance of the machine on its trial trip had been anything but satisfactory, and as I happened to be the lightest observer with the squadron, I was chosen for the job. The pilot, Captain Creed, was also a feather-weight, but in spite of this we cleared the trees at the end of the aerodrome by inches only, and it was nearly half-an-hour before we reached a height of six hundred feet.

The view was extraordinarily interesting. The plain was much more open than we had at first imagined, for between the dense patches of bush were grassy glades dotted with solitary baobabs and acacias. Some of these open spaces were literally brown with game. On one of them was a herd of at least two hundred eland, and numerous odd groups of gazelle, hartebeeste, zebra, and giraffe were to be seen on the game paths which intersected the bush like the veins of a leaf. These paths seemed to converge on a small water-hole, where a couple of rhinos were disporting themselves. The noise of our engine drove them terror-stricken into the bush.

MORNING EXERCISES FOR THE TIRED BUSINESS MAN.

Rise 7 a.m.

Stand in the middle of the room, raise arms slowly overhead, take deep breath, and say, "Damn the Government," lowering arms in attitude of despair. Ten times.

Extend body flat downward on floor, cover eyes with hands, kick heels, think of the railroads and weep, till dry.

Kneel, wring hands, meditate upon the labour unions, and groan 150 times.

Collapse on floor. Grovel vigorously, think of the income-tax, and gnash your teeth as in anger. *Ad. lib.*

While cooling off try to get a number on the telephone.

Note.—Observe this simple regimen every morning before breakfast and you will reach the office with most of the cares and troubles of the day already out of your system.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

In Self Defence.—Women clerks have formed a trade union.

Lights behind.—Cyclists will continue to carry rear lights.

"Bleak House" Film.—Dickens' novel, "Bleak House" is being filmed.

For Bread.—20,000 tons of cereals has just left Argentina for Europe.

Worth it?—It will cost another million to complete H.M.S. Hood for sea.

Want an Elephant?—A baby elephant is on sale at a West End toy shop.

On Wheels.—In the Paris election motor polling booths were used.

Going South.—Large bookings for the Riviera winter season are reported.

Taken to Sport.—German ex-soldiers are keenly taking up all phases of athletic sport.

Grocer's Fortune.—The late Mr. H. W. Coppen of Surbiton has left £293,000 made out of provision dealing.

Hidden.—£1,100 worth of jewels stolen by a West End jeweller's employé were found in a drain.

German Toys.—Every day more consignments of German toys are reaching England.

For a Rest.—Sir William Joynson Hicks, the strenuous advocate of aerial development, is sailing to India for a rest cure.

A Prophet.—Mr. H. G. Wells claims to have predicted the use of the planeless aircraft being built in France.

Illegal Betting.—Seventy pounds was the fine inflicted on a Kentish Town man for keeping a betting house.

Overcrowded.—In a London ejectment case it was stated that eleven people lived in one small room.

Palestine's Language.—Hebrew is to be the official national language for Palestine.

Wastage.—In one of the Holborn Guardians' institutions eight officials look after 12 children.

Want Land.—Over 1,000 applications for holdings have been received by the Kent Council from ex-service men.

Economist's Memory.—A bronze tablet in memory of Adam Smith has been unveiled at Kirkcaldy, his birthplace.

To be a Peer.—Sir Albert Stanley, M.P., recently president of the Board of Trade is to receive a peerage.

Seeking Divorce.—Madame Landru, "Bluebeard's" wife is petitioning for divorce.

Equality.—The Women's Industrial League is demanding equal pay for equal work of equal value.

The First.—At the next Royal Horticultural Show, a blue orchid is likely to be exhibited.

Tally Ho!—There is a great revival of hunting, which is in full swing throughout Great Britain.

Modern Esau.—In Nevada there is a man who has a beard over eight feet long. He winds it round cardboard and tucks it under his waistcoast.

"Pimple" Broke.—The well known music hall and cinema comedian, "Pimple," has had to seek protection of the Bankruptcy Court.

First and Last.—Miss E. Bulfield was the first London conductorette to enrol and the last to leave. She travelled over 70,000 miles on 'bus journeys.

Police Forts.—Owing to armed attacks on the quarters of the Constabulary in Ireland, police barracks are being turned into formidably defended forts.

To be Hanged.—Ernest Scott and Ambrose Quinn, who cut the throats of women, will be executed at Newcastle next week.

Still Playing.—Madame Sarah Bernhardt has abandoned her proposed recital tour in England, but will appear in a new play in Paris.

Mobbed.—A man charged at Tottenham with cruelty to his daughter was roughly handled by the crowd on leaving the Court.

Big Price.—St. Ermin's Hotel, Westminster, has been bought by Messrs Vickers for £100,000. It will be used for offices.

Bishop's Estates.—The Bishop of Coventry has just sold a farm of 1,300 acres, one of the large estates he inherited in Wilts and Dorset.

Altered Vocations.—Sir Auckland Geddes started his career as a doctor, Lord French as a sailor, and Lord Reading as a stockbroker.

Selling More.—In addition to his Belvoir estates the Duke of Rutland is now selling the whole of his Haddon Estate. 30,000 acres.

Too Reasonable.—Judge Cluer told a workman willing to accept £50 compensation for injuries that he ought to have £500.

Dangerous Gang.—Paris police have arrested eleven individuals belonging to an association of burglars, specialising in stealing plate and jewellery.

Women Want More.—Men in the engineering and foundry trades having been given a five-shilling weekly rise, the women engaged in the same trades now demand an increase.

Unsatisfied.—Miss Mabel Wooley, the fiancée of Lieut. Douglas, one of the airmen killed at the start of the £10,000 Australian flight, is pressing her claim that the machine was not properly tested.

Dancing Canon.—Canon Dormer Pierce, vicar of Brighton, advocates municipal dancing halls to give young people greater opportunities of finding suitable partners in life.

Get Busy.—Colonel Sir Alan Sykes M.P., just returned, from a business tour in U.S.A. says if we do not settle down and make a great effort, America will get our business.

Jail Christmases.—A man who posed as a baronet, has been sentenced at the London Sessions to four years imprisonment. He has already spent fifteen Christmases in prison.

Police Heroes.—About 800 delegates of the Police Federation, went to the Cenotaph in Whitehall and placed wreaths in memory of policemen who fell in the war.

Made Father Squirm.—The Greenwich magistrate said that the father of a boy married at 15, and charged with theft, was a knave and responsible for his son's plight. The lad had not had a fair chance.

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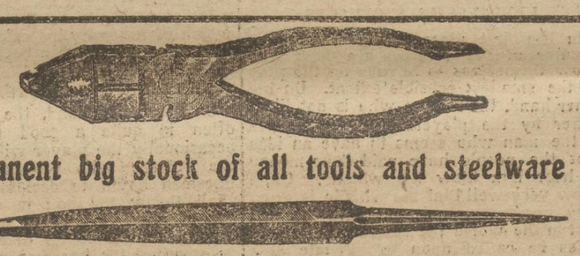

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WORLD-WIDE CONDEMNATION OF REFUSAL TO RATIFY PEACE TREATY.

SHARP SKIRMISH ON AFGHAN FRONTIER.

U.S. AND THE TREATY.

ACTION UNIVERSALLY DISAPPROVED.

The action of the United States Senate in failing to ratify the Peace Treaty has aroused universal condemnation. Severest of all are the American newspapers.

"We shall not long remain in a shameful position," says the "New York Times" "hopefully standing before the world as the one nation that refuses to sanction measures for the prevention of war. The country will not for an instant be in doubt as to the responsibility."

The "New York World" gloomily questions whether an agreement, which was prevented by a policy of rule and ruin, can now ever be reached. "If the nation which helped to win a victorious war and negotiate a victorious peace is prevented by the Senate from ratifying that peace," the "World" declares, "such a Senate has made itself a menace to mankind, and the United States stands discredited as a nation. Already, however, there is an insistent demand that if Mr. Wilson re-submits the document to the Senate on Dec. 1 the sane men of both parties shall get together and ratify the Treaty without further delay. That will neither maim the Constitution of the United States nor make ratification a sham."

Sir Joseph Cook, the Australian Federal Minister of Marine, in a speech at Sydney on Thursday, said the decisions of the American Senate regarding the Peace Treaty constituted the greatest blow to European Peace since the Germans were put to action. He refuses to believe that the decisions are final and regards them as political manoeuvring in connection with the coming Presidential elections.

Newspapers in the Argentine consider the attitude of the United States a very serious matter. "La Nacion," of Buenos Aires, the leading South American newspaper, says this attitude may have a far reaching effect on the League of Nations, and that if the United States does not enter the League all the Latin-American Republics which have already joined the League will be in a peculiar position.

The article intimates that Senator Lodge's interpretation of the Monroe doctrine is not approved by Latin Americans. The journal adds that the Latin-American Governments will not leave the League, in order to follow the United States and expresses the opinion that American Senators do not recognise the seriousness of such a situation for future relations between the United States and the Latin-American Republics.

Mr. Bonar Law said in the House of Commons on Friday that the inability of the United States representatives at Paris to deposit President Wilson's Ratification of the Peace Treaty at the same time as those of other Powers would not prevent the remaining Allied and Associated Powers from proceeding to carry the Treaty into effect.

INDIFFERENT DOCKYARD WORKERS.

The Admiralty has decided that as the recent ballot of the workmen at Devonport dockyard has revealed no pronounced feeling in favour of the adoption of short time, the Admiralty scheme shall not be proceeded with at that dockyard. Notices of discharge of workmen will accordingly be issued as announced. There was actually a majority of three thousand in favour of short time, but only eight thousand voted out of eighteen thousand employees.

FALSE MARRIAGE DECLARATION.

At the Central Criminal Court on Thursday before the Common Sergeant, Guy Harold Unwin, 45, formerly a captain in the Royal Engineers, was brought up for sentence for making a false declaration for the purpose of procuring a marriage licence.

The defendant married Marie Louise Delphine van Uytven, a Belgian Red Cross nurse, and made a declaration in which he gave his name as Edward Robert Evans, and described himself as a bachelor. He was really a widower with three children.

The Common Sergeant said that the defendant had shamefully deceived Miss van Uytven, and sentenced him to five month's imprisonment in the second division.

WILL AMERICA RATIFY THIS TREATY?

Ratifications of the Treaty whereby Great Britain guarantees to aid France in the event of unprovoked attack by Germany were exchanged yesterday. The Treaty, however only becomes effective if the United States ratifies the corresponding Franco-American Treaty, one Treaty depending on the other.

AFGHAN FRONTIER.

BRIDGEHEAD ATTACKED BY TRIBESMEN.

The majority of the Waziris, Reuter learns, have agreed to the British terms. One section has refused to attend the Jurghas and aerial operations will be begun against it forthwith, while the attitude of two other sections is uncertain. Our aerial bombardments are already having a telling effect. The tribesmen are putting out peace feelers.

On Monday night four hundred of the enemy attacked the bridgehead covering party near Thal. An engagement followed in which the enemy lost ten killed and thirty wounded, our casualties amounting to two killed and sixteen wounded.

ENGINEER'S DEMANDS.

SEVEN CARDINAL POINTS FORMULATED.

At a meeting of the local railway shops committees connected with the Engineering and Shipbuilding Trades' Federation, held at York, a national programme and policy for the railway shops in the United Kingdom was drafted as follows:—

(1) That all craftsmen be called upon to at once join their respective craft Unions.

(2) District rate of wages to all grades.

(3) Consolidation of all war bonuses, including the 12½ per cent., into standard district rates.

(4) A 44-hours working week.

(5) Abolition of systematic overtime; local arrangements to be made for overtime in cases of emergency, breakdown repairs of plant, &c.; overtime rates to be not less than time and a half for time-workers and rate and a half for piece-workers.

(6) A week's holiday with pay, and payment for all recognised statutory holidays.

(7) Abolition of the age limit in the medical examination, and a share in the managements and control of railways.

OPERATIONS IN RUSSIA.

The following was the situation in South Russia on the 18th November, according to official reports received at the War Office. On the Caucasus Army front there is no change. West of Novokcopersk the Don Army captured St. Tishanka with 300 prisoners and a Brigade Staff. The Bolshevists gained some ground in counter-attacks South of Noronej, on the East bank of the Don, but on the West bank they have been compelled to retire for some little distance. General Skuro has held his ground at Kastornoe against repeated enemy assaults.

On the Volunteer Army front the Red advance continues and they have driven two deep salients into General Denikin's front East and West of Kursk, but there is no confirmation of the Bolshevist claim that they have captured the latter town. Further West the Reds have occupied Glakhov and are also pushing forward South and South-West of Chernegov. In this area a peasant rising is reported to have broken out behind the Bolshevist lines.

LABOURER'S INCOME TAX.

At Tottenham Police Court a man who was summoned for £11 arrears of income tax was stated to have earned £79 in the first quarter and £89 in the second quarter of the year. The collector said the man was a labourer, and that he had a home of Southend and another at Tottenham. An order for payment forthwith was made.

THREE ON ACCOUNT.

The Reval correspondent of Reuter's telegraphs that Litvinoff, who was due to leave Dorpat yesterday, has handed over three British prisoners of war to a British representative at Dorpat. They will go to Copenhagen in the same battleship as Litvinoff.

PRINCE PLANTS A TREE.

On Friday, the Prince of Wales planted a tree in the Central Park, close to that planted by the King of the Belgians. He afterwards visited Oyster Bay and placed a wreath on the late President Roosevelt's grave.

FOOD CONTROL IN U.S.

The United States Attorney General, Mr. Palmer, has been also appointed Food Controller. At first he will only deal with sugar, and it is understood that he will establish the wholesale price for all sugars at twelve cents a pound.

TO AUSTRALIA.

LATEST STARTERS FOR THE BIG PRIZE.

Four Australian flying officers started from Hounslow on Friday morning on a Blackburn Kangaroo machine to compete for the ten thousand pound prize for the flight to Australia. They received messages of good luck from Prince Albert, Mr. Winston Churchill and Major-General Sykes.

The Air Ministry has received the following cable from the Australian Premier for transmission to Captain Ross Smith, who left England on the 12th November for the flight to Australia. "Desire to congratulate you and your party on a successful start. While the Government and people of Australia hope that an Australian will be the first to fly from Europe to Australia and achieve a world's record in aerial navigation, we urge you to take no unnecessary risks. Do your best but do nothing foolhardy. If you cannot make Australia in thirty-five days, never mind. Good luck. (Signed) HUGHES."

COMPETITORS DISAPPEAR.

Extraordinary mystery surrounds the question of the whereabouts of Captain Mathews and Sergeant Kay of the Australian Air Force, who started from Hounslow on the 21st October on the flight to Australia. There are fears, says the "Globe", that they are interned in Germany.

One of the leading officials of the Sopwith Company says that the Air Ministry state they have no information. It is now three weeks since the airmen descended at Mayence and since then says the Air Ministry, they have "simply faded out of our view. Nor has anything been heard at the Foreign Office of their internment but the paper considers that this does not preclude something of the kind having happened.

SOVIET FREEDOM.

OFFICIAL LIFE IN RUSSIA.

A man who recently arrived at Helsingfors from Russia gives the following account of a day in the Soviet office.

"Work goes on slowly but conversation and hot arguments never cease for a moment, the principal topics being the immense rise in salaries and where bread, potatoes and dried fish may be obtained. The question of the day, however, is a resolution of the Petrograd Soviet, according to which all Soviet employees, from sixteen to forty, including women, are twice a week to assist in unloading sunken barges.

"At noon the Commissary walks in with the air of a Minister, the inevitable portfolio under his arm. All become silent and nervous under his dull gaze. 'To the consternation of all he announces according to a resolution of the Council you will now have to go off to unload wood for the Soviet commune.'

"Everyone's spirits fall and there is much depression as the Soviet staff departs to the barges. Soon ladies and young girls in white shoes are hauling heavy dirty beams out of the sunken barges, scratching and bruising their unaccustomed hands. Those who are somewhat slow are roused with a rifle butt by a grinning 'Comrade' who says 'Now then, you living corpses.' (the nickname given to the remnants of the Bourgeoisie) 'Get a move on.' Wet, hungry and cold, the citizens of the free Soviet State, their work done, plod their way home."

ANTI-DUMPING BILL.

The text of the Government's Imports and Exports Regulation Bill, has just been issued, consisting of 27 clauses and two schedules. Its main objects are stated as:

1. To constitute a Trade Regulation Committee;
2. To regulate the importation of goods with a view to:
   (a) Preventing dumping;
   (b) Safeguarding key industries and industries affected by depreciation of foreign currency; and
   (c) Assisting the revival of hop-growing.
3. To regulate temporarily the exportation of certain goods.
4. To authorise the granting of credits and the undertaking of insurances for the purpose of re-establishing overseas trade.

SALE OF SURPLUS STORES.

The total sum realised for the sale of surplus stores and property from the date of the armistice to Nov. 1, as far as figures have come to hand, is approximately £111,000,000. In addition to this £102,000,000 have been received during the same period in respect of sales of raw material dealt with on trading accounts.

A CLEMENCEAU PREDICTION.

Asked by a representative of the French newspaper 'Oeuvre' for his views regarding the present political situation, M. Viviani, the ex-Premier, is reported to have said "It is quite simple. Clemenceau will continue as Premier until the beginning of the new year and will then become President of the Republic."

FINE FOR FEEDING DOGS ON RICE.

Gertrude Lady Decies, of Scotswood Sunningdale, was summoned before the Ascot magistrates for giving rice as food to dogs, and was fined £2 and a guinea costs.

CASH INSULT.

RELATIVES LOSE A LARGE FORTUNE.

The late Mr. Nicholas Emmanuel Vouvalis, of 230, Willesden-lane, sponge merchant, of London, Florida, and the Aegean Islands, states that although an Orthodox Greek, "I was indeed an Ottoman subject, but my great admiration for the English race caused me to become a British subject." In leaving the bulk of his property for public uses he says: "My relatives are to make no complaint . . . because I do not leave them anything, as my principle is that those people who leave money to their relatives insult them by looking upon them as incapable people, and turning them into idlers." After making various bequests he left the remainder of his property to the Greek Orthodox Community of Kalymnis, for hospital and school purposes. His net personalty was £74,774.

A SILENT COUPLE.

LIVED TOGETHER BUT NEVER SPOKE.

A case "the like of which had not been heard since the Seventeenth Century" was the description applied by the President of the Divorce Court to the case of F. L. Hill v. G. J. Hill, in which the wife sued for judicial separation on the ground of her husband's alleged desertion and misconduct. The charges were denied.

The President said it appeared that the petitioner and the respondent had lived unhappily down to July, 1916. The husband was engaged in work which took him out early in the morning. He returned late in the evening, and there was very little communication between them. Ultimately he communicated with his wife on slips of paper, of which she had a vast number. In 1916 these unhappy relations became worse, and the husband wrote another slip of paper to say that he desired to have no further dealings with his wife. From that time she had not spoken to him and it was not certain that he had spoken to her.

The wife apparently cooked her husband's meals and made his bed. In January of this year she was ill, and the husband called in a doctor, but she would have nothing to do with either of them. Since July, 1916, the parties had been living in the same apartments, but holding no communication. The husband provided the wife with two pounds weekly. The Court was asked to hold that this withdrawal of the husband from his wife was desertion. It was nothing of the kind. There had been no complete breaking off or abandonment. With regard to the suggestion of misconduct on the part of the husband, his Lordship thought it was raised as a possible cause of the conduct of Mr. Hill, but there was absolutely nothing to support the charge. The petition would be dismissed.

GERMAN RETREAT MENACED.

The disarming of the Russian North West Army by Esthonians is proceeding. A Riga telegram dated the 19th states that the Lettish operations for surrounding Bermondt's troops at Mitau have so far progressed that the Letts have taken Dobele and Buski. The railway, forming the German's line of retreat to Germany, runs between those two towns. The Letts are also advancing in the Libau front.

A MANLY BISHOP.

Doctor Furse, Bishop of Pretoria, better known to Oxford men as "Mike" Furse, who has been appointed Bishop of St. Albans, in place of Bishop Jacob, resigned, is six feet six inches in height and of broad, athletic figure. Only two years after taking his degree he was appointed Dean of Trinity College.

In South Africa he proved something of a sensation, visiting club and cottage alike and devoting himself equally to rich and poor. He trekked all over the country looking up outlying settlers.

NEW HUNGARIAN PREMIER.

At a meeting of the Hungarian Cabinet, M. Karl Huszar, Minister for Public Worship, was chosen as Premier. The party leaders were informed that the Entente representatives had no objection to Huszar's Premiership.

R.M.L.I. APPOINTMENTS.

Colonel Commandant (temporary Brigadier General) Blumberg has been appointed Commandant of the Portsmouth Division of the R.M.L.I. and temporary Brigadier General S.G.B. Armstrong, Second Commandant.

FIREMEN'S WAGES INCREASED.

The London County Council Fire Brigade Committee has decided to recommend the Council to pay firemen at the same rate of wages as the Metropolitan police, and to introduce the double shift system.

POLAND'S MANDATE IN GALICIA.

The Supreme Council has decided to give Poland a mandate over Easter Galicia for twenty-five years, at the end of which period the League of Nations will definitely determine the future of the territory.

MORE HOUSES.

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY TO BUILDERS.

In the course of the general discussion in the House of Commons on the Housing Question, the Minister of Health, Dr. Addison described what the Government had been doing and outlined their plans for the future. He said the war had depleted the building trade personnel by two hundred thousand men. The situation was also complicated by sixty per cent of the trade being engaged on repair work and thirty per cent in all kinds of workshop and shop extensions. There was also a considerable amount of extravagant building.

The Government proposed, in the case of houses of approved type, to make a free grant not exceeding £150 per house. It was hoped in this way to attract many small builders. An agreement had also been reached with the Builders' Federation by which each builder would take a fair share of housing work, whether or not other work was offered to them. It was also essential to be able to arrest mere luxury building, and the Bill contained provisions in this sense. The three essential requirements were: the pre-war methods of building should be restored, so as to get the utmost output; that some abbreviated system of training should be adopted in order to attract more men into the industry: and it would be necessary to give safeguards to workmen against unemployment, although, he added, there was ten years work ahead for the building trade.

Later in the debate Mr. Clynes said that the Building Trade Unions were anxious for an enquiry to be held into the allegations of limitation of output.

Mr. Lloyd George said he hoped the allegations were unfounded but he had heard it from so many quarters that he felt it to be necessary to make an appeal to the Unions. Moreover, the shortage of labour was so serious that he hoped the Unions would relax their regulations so as to admit what they would call "unskilled labour."

BECKETT IN TRAINING.

TOWN COUNCIL SQUABBLE.

The question whether the public should be allowed to witness Joe Beckett training at the Corporation Baths for his forthcoming fight with Carpentier led to a stormy scene at the last meeting of the Southampton Town Council. After an uproarious discussion lasting for an hour and a half, the gathering broke up in disorder and members went home as a protest against the time of the council being occupied by the matter, no decision being arrived at.

On the casting vote of the Mayor standing orders were suspended in order that the matter might be discussed. Councillor Bowyer declared that just as much indignation was felt in Southampton over the "kill-joy" attitude of the council as over anything else of public importance. After a good deal of uproar, Mrs. Palmer, a Labour Member, in a maiden speech characterised the proceedings as a disgraceful exhibition, and said that there were thousands of women in the town interested in housing who did not care a jot for Joe Beckett matters. The meeting grew noisier as the debate continued, and finally, on the motion of Councillor Blakeney, the council adjourned as a protest against the disorderly proceedings.

INCREASING COAL OUTPUT.

Official figures published yesterday of the output of coal show that the tonnage for the week ending November 8th., the latest available, was 4,604,456, the largest weekly output since the reduction of hours in July. The last week of June produced 4,803,933 tons. The following are the figures for the past four weeks:

Week Ending Oct. 18th 4,727,465 tons, Oct. 25th 4,761,037 tons, Nov. 1st 4,674,532 tons, Nov. 8th 4,604,456 tons.

FIRST WOMAN AIRSHIP PILOT.

A Paris telegram says that the popular actress Gaby Morlay, who for a long time past has been interested in lighter-than-air flying, has passed brilliantly all the practical tests required for a pilot's certificate. Having also undergone her technical examination with the greatest possible success she thus becomes the first woman pilot of lighter-than-air machines.

BOMBS AT DROGHEDA.

Two bombs were placed on the footpath—one opposite St. Peter's Catholic Church, and the second opposite the General Post Office at Drogheda. This was thrown into the river Boyne by a man who found it. The other was picked up by a postman, who took it to the police barracks. It had a fuse, which was timed to explode in an hour.

U.S. TROOPS ON THE RHINE.

The Paris edition of the "Chicago Tribune" states that the American troops on the Rhine will be withdrawn and sent back to the United States if the Treaty of Versailles is withdrawn from the Senate by President Wilson.

According to a telegram from Aix-la-Chapelle several Spartacists have been arrested in the Belgian zone of occupation.

INDIGNANT JUDGE.

INCREASES DAMAGES IN DIVORCE SUIT.

"It is much to be regretted that there is not some mode of marking the infamous conduct of men who take advantage of the absence of a husband on military service to corrupt and seduce his wife."

Sir Henry Duke, President of the Divorce Court, uttered these words yesterday in reference to two cases before him. In one case he awarded £600 damages, against the corespondent, disregarding the more limited sum claimed in the petition, and ordered the payment to be made within fourteen days.

"It is," His Lordship declared, "a bad, disgraceful and shameful case, considering the indignity and harm inflicted upon the man who is away doing his duty and serving his country as a soldier."

UNEMPLOYED.

APPEAL TO EMPLOYERS.

In connection with the meeting to be held at the Mansion House on Monday, when Sir Robert Horne, Minister of Labour will speak, Viscount Burnham, Chairman of the District Selective Committee for London, has sent to employers a letter, which includes these sentences:

"Including numbers that are to be demobilised forthwith it is estimated that there are at least 12,000 officers in the London District who are without employment. Of these approximately 2,000 have good some sort of technical qualifications, but the others have really nothing but clerical experience."

"In view of the serious nature of the present position of unemployment among this class to whom the country owes so much, I feel I shall not appeal to you in vain to attend the meeting, as it is only by the presence at that meeting and the support and co-operation of such as yourself that we can ever hope to repay all that we owe to those I have mentioned."

CHANNEL TUNNEL BILL.

Sir Arthur Fell, M.P., states that he believes the Channel Tunnel Bill will be presented to the House of Commons next month and he thinks there will not be much difficulty about its passage. "There is not now a single member of the Cabinet in opposition," he says, "and I do not anticipate any objections from the War Office. At one time there was opposition there to but the contrary attitude is taken by the present Chief of Staff, Sir Henry Wilson."

EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN.

The International Labour Conference, sitting at Washington has unanimously approved a plan for submitting to the Governments of countries represented at the Conference, an agreement prohibiting the employment of children under fourteen years except in a few Oriental countries, where the age limit will be twelve.

BOLSHEVIST OFFERS.

The Esthonian Legation in London learns that Litvinoff has informed representatives of the Press that the Bolshevists are prepared to surrender their Fleet in the Gulf of Finland as a guarantee for peace and are also willing to establish a neutral zone between Russia and the Border States.

M.P. RETIRES.

Sir Hildred Carlile, Member of Parliament for the St. Albans Division of Hertfordshire, has applied for the Chiltern Hundreds, owing to ill health. The prospective Unionist candidate will be Lieut.-Col. L. L. E. Freemantle.

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LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Renewed strength and activity was manifest with investments. Oils were still in the forefront and commenced a fresh upward movement but finished under best on profit-taking. Diamonds were buoyant, due to recent agreement to limit the output and to sell to a diamond syndicate for five years. Other mining descriptions were strong, and increasing enquiries were based on the prevailing prices of gold and silver. United Havana Railway shares were a strong feature on the annual report and expectation of a record Cuban sugar crop. America and Spain took most of the bar gold offered at about 163s per fine ounce. Bar silver jumped to 73½ pence for spot parcels and 71⅝ pence on two months delivery, in response to the higher Shanghai rate of exchange. The Anglo-Persian Oil Company has increased its capital to twenty million sterling, of which £8,600,000 will be offered shortly. German marks were quoted 179 to 181 and Austrian crowns 520 to 520 per pound sterling.

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STANDING OUT.

It is to be hoped that the significance of the recent decisions of the American senate will not be lost upon the peoples of the allied nations. Whatever cause there may be for forebodings there is none for alarm. European nations had come to regard the League of Nations as being America's splendid contribution to the maintenance of the world's peace.

If this was a delusion America is as much to blame as anyone else, for the people of that country encouraged the belief. But the recent decisions of the Senate must not be taken to imply that America is not anxious to preserve the world's peace. The methods are the only subject of discussion.

After it had seemed possible to advance from the old torturous methods of diplomacy it must be a matter for regret that a new country which has prided itself upon freedom from effete methods of government should be the instrument of reaction.

For should the senate persist in making such reservations as to annul the value of the peace treaty the allied nations must, of necessity, fall back upon the old methods of international treaties which, it was hoped, were to be abolished.

Further, such action would rob America of much of the power which she has gained by her intervention in the war. By her entry into the war and by the obligations which she then, and afterwards, voluntarily accepted she has given a European cast to her policy.

Should the suspected contingency arise she will have inherited the position of isolation which caused manifold regrets to both Britain and Germany when those countries had to endure similar isolation. For she must conclude a separate treaty with Germany and thereby sacrifice much of the trust with which the Allies have invested her.

However it is to be hoped that the dangers of the policy will appeal to the American people and that the subsequent course of action will yet permit the Senate to recover some of the ground which has been lost. The situation is far from being beyond remedy.

But without American approval the League of Nations, which in America is incorporated with the peace treaty, will become a mere paper Utopia.

THE ARMY AND RELIGION.

A committee of the Churches was appointed to inquire, with the help of the Y.M.C.A., into the religious beliefs of the British armies in the field. By means of a Questionnaire sent throughout the battalions a mass of evidence was collected embodying the opinions not only of chaplains, doctors, nurses, hut leaders and hut workers, but also of generals, officers of all ranks, N.C.O.'s and privates.

Special investigations were made at the great bases in England and in France. The result lies before us in a remarkable volume* which almost in its entirety has been written (and written with much literary skill) by Dr. Cairns, Professor in the United Free Church College, Aberdeen.

In the Preface the Bishop of Winchester states that the Enquiry did not include the troops from Ireland, Wales, and the Dominions. Even so, it is a Report full of startling significance to all those who are interested in the intellectual and spiritual life of Great Britain. For the armies contained the Nation's manhood, and the men who survived the war have gone or are going home to mould the opinions of the next generation.

The main questions were: (1) What are the men thinking about Religion? (2) Have they any clear idea of what the Christian religion is? (3) Has the war made any difference in their religious outlook? (4) What hindrances are keeping them out of the Churches?

These formidable questions received formidable replies which were briefly as follows: (1) The men are not thinking about religion at all. (2) They know practically nothing about Christianity. (3) They are puzzled about God's nature and by the fact that such a war was possible, and "there can be little doubt that while the circumstances and conditions of warfare have rendered some men religious, others, and a far larger number, have largely lost what religion they had" (page 91). (4) The evidence shows that the great majority are in no living touch with any Church. "No one is interested in theology." Dr. Cairns says "a constantly recurring note is that these men find the Churches lacking in the spirit of Reality. The doctrinal message unintelligible. They do not know what it is all about."

In an earlier chapter there occurs the following quotation from the report of an officer in a Highland Regiment—"They do not know what Christianity is. And after all, what is it? Does the Church know? A very general idea finds the symbol of Christianity in a fussy old lady asking the wounded soldier, 'Do they really give the poor men in the trenches rum to drink?'"

It will be readily admitted that the most remarkable feature of the book is its candour. Not only does the draftsman of this momentous Report reproduce verbatim the pungent criticism submitted by officers and men on doctrine and Church policy, but he accepts the criticism as being in many cases merited. While attempting to prove that the general paralysis of faith has been caused by the materialism of the nineteenth century, he confesses that the contagion of worldliness had spread to the Church herself, and had poisoned all the springs of her life long before the war broke out. Her hold on the intelligence of the generation which reached manhood before 1914 had been enormously weakened.

A Senior Chaplain of nineteen months' general service says "In the sphere of religion one's first main impression is that of almost incredible ignorance on the part of officers and men alike. The men do not know where to find St. Mark's Gospel to say nothing of an Old Testament book."

Dr. Cairns discovered, after a prolonged study of innumerable memoranda, that the answers to the question "Have the men in general any clear idea of what Christianity is?" were practically unanimous. "They (the men) have not the foggiest notion of what it is all about."

The war of course affected diverse temperaments diversely, but, writes one chaplain, "I have had more than one case of officers previously religious who have chucked religion altogether." From an ex-minister and officer with a West Country regiment, "What do they think of Jesus Christ? Their ideas are vague, few and of little import. They believe that He lived, and was the essence of all that is kind, good and just, but a trifle soft. The Virgin birth they think a kind of made up story. The death of Christ means as little to them as the death of Socrates."

In the report furnished by the Bishop of Kensington the following passage occurs: "The men with whom the chaplains are in contact simply do not know the very elementary truths of the Christian religion. The epithets they employ to describe this ignorance exhaust the vocabulary 'abysmal,' 'appalling,' etc. Probably 80 per cent. of these men from the Midlands have never heard of the Sacraments." No wonder, therefore, that Professor Cairns is constrained to admit that "in spite of all that has been said of the experiences of the Line, it would be a great misunderstanding of the situation to think of the mass of men as preoccupied with religion. This is what has made the highly coloured pictures of a 'revival of religion at the Front' so pernicious."

Some people like to run in blinkers, but the wiser and more courageous sort prefer to face realities even when realities are hostile to them. The draftsman and the authors of this Report on Religion and the Army must possess an overpowering conviction of the value of their assailed creed otherwise they could not have had the courage to publish so heavy an impeachment of it. And it ought to be made clear that testimony of an opposite kind is by no means lacking. Strange as it may sound, there were men who had first to pass through the hell of the struggle before they found religion. There were officers and men whose faith in an over ruling Providence survived the catastrophic horror of what, from the point of view of military mechanism, and from every point of view, was the most terrible war in history.

This is not the place to inquire how they were able to reconcile the existence of an almighty Guider of destinies with the fact that the blunders and ambitions of a few diplomatists, the arrrogance and vanity of a group of men leading and misleading a group of nations were permitted to derail humanity and to plunge into unimagined suffering a whole world of innocent victims.

War quickens superstition. When the old tribes went into battle, the altars of the tribal gods, were heaped with sacrifices as a kind of prepayment of victory. In 1914 the churches of both belligerents were overflowing with congregations multiplying prayers and alms and imploring the same God for decision by ordeal of battle. In moments of national and individual danger it is evidently still natural to turn towards the "supernatural". This has been described as "funk religion", and it is admitted that it was prevalent. Men, we are told, took the Holy Communion before going up to the trenches as if it were a talisman. At the base it was "lightly esteemed". No one can pretend that there is much ethical value in religious experiences like these.

The following dialogue took place between two men who had come safely through a battle—One said "After this there will be no more talk about there being no God." The other however, replied, "It's no use talking to me about God. No one who has been through the trenches can believe in Him".

Dr. Cairns is too candid and too cautious an analyst not to recognise that, on the one hand, the religion of fear is no religion at all and that, on the other, so far as a certain order of intellects is concerned, the old dogmas have perished for ever. "Men", he says in a powerful passage, "who have seen their comrades dissolved by high explosives will want to know what are the reasons for believing in immortality, and what is their present state. Men who have lived in the shambles and fortifications of the Salient and the trenches at Souchez will want to know how they can remember these things and believe in Almighty Love. They will want to know why prayer in danger gave them such intense relief, and why it seemed so often to be unanswered. They will probably give the churches a chance again in order to see if they have anything vital and comprehensible to say. If they do not get it from professional teachers of religion, they will take their own roads once more."

Within the limits of a review it is scarcely possible to indicate the wealth of philosophic, psychological, ethical and practical suggestion which such a book as "The Army and Religion" contains. The indictment is directed not only against the religious, but also against the educational system of the last hundred years. It is the deliberate finding of the Committee that "the men were poorly equipped spiritually and intellectually for so sudden and terrible a crisis."

The chapter on "Morale and Morals" should be read by people who, like the Bishop of London, talked about "God's War," and promised us vast spiritual results. Hitherto the results have been a large increase in the percentage of syphilis and an intensification of social hatreds and world unrest. It is time to be done with cant.

To ignore, in the interests of hypocrites and "hush-hush," facts like those which are revealed in "The Army and Religion" by some of the most prominent spiritual leaders of the day is to be guilty of treason towards the national welfare. A major of artillery writes "How shocked I have been at the revelations of what British education has done for the Tommy and the officer."

A chaplain of wide experience states, "The majority have had no real education". Yet another observer of distinguished ability who fell in the war wrote — "Englishmen, as contrasted with Frenchmen, Russians and Germans, do not think and never have thought. Education has been merely imposition — the learning of lessons, not the stimulus to thinking. The only men out here with the capacity for independent thought are the Colonials. To sum up, the war reveals the Englishmen as the best-hearted, the most enduring and most ignorant and least original man in the world." An officer in a South of England regiment remarks "I am sure that our education is at fault, both public school and otherwise. It leaves men with few general interests."

And yet in spite of the alleged poverty of its intellectual and religious equipment it was a victorious army. The inference seems to be that the pagan virtues rather than the Christian are necessary for war. Even great Christian soldiers like Gordon were fatalists, and an interesting portion of the evidence in "The Army and Religion" deals with the growth of fatalism in the ranks. A Y.M.C.A. worker in France states that "nearly all the men are fatalists." There was a sort of orientation towards Islam. As a matter of fact and experience fatalism can be the most steadying of all beliefs. It is essentially the religion of the soldier. What was called "Trench Fatalism" was widely spread throughout the Army, and a lance corporal in the R. E.'s writes, "Soldiers are fatalists, otherwise they would be madmen." In some passages we are reminded of the old-time fighting man whose gods were the God of Battles and the God of Bottles.

"The Army and Religion" marks the turning point of an era. We are in a new age, and a certain type of Christianity has become obese and obsolete. The cross which was once so heavy is very light to-day. It is worn as a jewelled trinket by fashionable women and by public personages who have been "decorated" and it reappears on hot cross buns.

This book should be read by all those well nourished and comfortable Christians sitting in cushioned pews safe from draughts. "The torrent of criticism" of which Dr. Cairns speaks may act upon them as a tonic and purge. "On all sides there is the emphatic assertion that the church is not fulfilling its functions and is losing hold because of its inefficiency." We are told that one of the chief criticisms against the churches is that they are full of "starch," that they are on the side of capital, that for the solution of social and industrial problems they are "futile," and that there is less brotherhood in the house of prayer than in the public house. It is added that there is the keenest resentment against the practice of reserving seats.

The truth is that all church services, even the most Puritan, tend ultimately to become operatic. All the world's a stage, but so is the church. In some cases it might not be too harsh to say of the churches what Heine said of the theatres—the oxen are in the stalls. Religions start, perhaps, with the sense of sin, but sooner or later they become syndicated.

But the men who had thus lost touch with formal religion had all come out of Christian homes. In the field they displayed, not merely the valour which the votaries of any religion may display, but those qualities of self sacrifice and devotion which are the essence of Christian ethics. Undaunted they faced the awful maelstrom of modern war. In horror and great darkness they laid down their lives for their friends. Their heroism of the bolder sort rivalled and out rivalled the heroism of the heroic ages. But their heroism of the gentler sort came to them with the vision of their homes. Who would dare to say that the spiritual traditions of their fathers and forefathers, however obscured, did not quicken and sustain their manhood in the hour of trial and decision?—

W. ROMAINE PATERSON.

** "The Army and Religion." An enquiry and its bearing upon the religious life of the nation. Macmillan & Co. 1919.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

DO WE READ TOO MUCH?

Sir,—My observation leads me to the conclusion that we do read too much—of the wrong stuff.

One's aim, it seems to me should be to read as much as possible but mainly of the class of reading matter that is likely to provide material, ideas and inspiration for the better performance of one's duties, personal, domestic, social and commercial.

All these contribute to the moulding of one's character, the shaping of one's career and the provision of one's pleasure.

Picking out all the short stories from a magazine, devouring all the latest mill-girl-to-peeress novels and burning the midnight gas over heart disease-library novelettes is like trying to build up a sound constitution on vanilla ices and meringues. *PROFIT.*

A LATE CLUB.

Sir,—"Angry" rather misses the point Keeping existing soldiers' organisations open until eleven is obviously impracticable, was never dreamed of, and moreover would not meet the case.

Such a club as is suggested is for the benefit of these very people, who by reason of their long duties, have no opportunity of using and resting in any of the daytime rendezvous and would welcome a little place of their own where they could repair at the end of a trying day, be ministered unto instead of ministering; or a place where they could be let alone with their friends for an hour.

These are the people who need such a club—the theatre workers (behind as well in front) canteen workers, yes Mr. Editor, newspaper men and others who work for the love of their labours and are too busy and interested and conscientious to take time off during the day. Believe me, Sir there are many such and I suggest duty passes should be issued accordingly.

ANTI-CLOCKWATCHER.

SOLDIERS AND WINE.

Sir,—I view with alarm the growing liking for wine which the British soldier has acquired since his arrival in Germany. Here, with the mark at the present value, wine is comparatively cheap for the Britisher, and as a consequence it is being consumed to a far greater extent than any other beverage.

This may be all right as long as he remains in Germany, but what will be the result on demobilization? Expensive wines will have become almost second nature to him, the old pint of beer will go by the board, and in many cases he will spend a far greater amount on such drink than he can afford.

Such a state of affairs can only tend toward increased poverty and misery at home. *PERTURBED.*

"THE EDITOR REGRETS."

Sir,—I address this letter to all budding writers. Are you a prospective author longing to see your literary efforts appear in print? If you are, you probably know those nice little slips of paper on which are inscribed those hope shattering inscriptions, "The Editor regrets". Oh yes! I know them well. I once spent a whole week trying to put a few words together, and in a form suitable for readers of the weekly magazine.

I must have wasted a ream of paper writing and re-writing that short story. At last I felt satisfied that my effort was well worth reading so I despatched it to the Editor of a well-known weekly journal.

But alas! how many hopes are shattered! A few days later the post brought me a slip of paper, "The Editor regrets". Still I keep on trying because I believe in the saying. A man does not know how well he can write until he tries. So, hopeful young writer, try, try, try, again. *ASPIRANT.*

MULTUM IN PARVO.

Sir,—May I briefly jot down my own views on the various subjects in your "Letter Box."

Excessive Cigarette Smoking. What is one man's meat is another man's poison. But a pipe is healthier; and, as it cannot be smoked everywhere, means a respite from constant smoking.

A Late Club. How would one prevent it from being almost monopolised by those who were not compelled to wait until eight or later? It would merely be an extended facility for them.

Why Not Wrestling? Hear, hear: but not too much of the mat-crawling kind.

Germans and English Drama. The success of the R.A.D.C. shows that the plays they have represented were desired. Possibly a change of type might be welcomed now by a number. If seats are to any considerable extent vacant, it is difficult to see why the Germans should not be allowed to be instructed in English ways and thought, as they might by attending the performances.

Do we Read too Much? That depends whether what we read is worth remembering. If it is, be it romance, character sketch, information, technical, economic or other, poetry, travel or history, we are richer by a wealth of which none can deprive us and by the society thoughts and experience of others with whom we might never come into contact personally. After all, isn't half an hour's reading usually worth more than half an hour of the ordinary "conversation" of to-day? You can choose your subject and select your author. And you can always "shut him up" when you have had enough. Whereas—! *O.W.*

DEFECTIVE ORGANIZATION.

And not Young Soldier to Blame says "Anti-Cant."

REPLY TO "OLD BRIGADE."

We are all acquainted with the old gentlemen who starts his homily "When I was a boy" and then proceeds to libel present day youth and when you have the temerity to reply says" I don't want to argue" and succeeds at once to amplify his previous denunciation of the colossal immorality of the present generation. Such is "Old Brigade" only he says "When I was a soldier."

Having the battle of words or vague charges against the young soldier—whichever we prefer to call it—firstlet usexamine the special case of his own battalion which "Old Brigade" has cited in detail. He painted for us the very picture of the confusion which is killing games in this army.

Cumbersome Committees.

In this battalion they forgot the necessity of decentralisation and tried to run the sports of the battalion through one cumbersome committee composed of over twenty persons. One of those generalities about which he is so scathing was thrown to the committee. They were told to hold conferences on all questions relating to sport. For example these twenty odd persons may have been expected to come together to discuss whether No. 9 Platoon should have their white shirts washed this week or next, there being no sports committee in "B" Coy or No. 9 Platoon. The commanders of those units had also been relieved of the responsibility for recreational training by the battalion sports committee which for some unknown reason had platoon representatives on it. A parallel case would be for town councillors to sit in the House of Commons.

Having formed a bat'alion committee the one representative of each platoon was given definite duties, namely, running platoon football team, platoon running team etc. (notice the etc.) In other words he was to do the duty of the platoon commander and be responsible for all sports in his unit and in addition was to do the work of the platoon sports committee and organise all sports as well.

Thus they had a committee running the battalion sports, an alleged company sports officer and an alleged platoon sportsman running the sports of the lower formation.

System a Failure.

This "System" was not successful. Some young soldiers thought they were being asked to do rather a lot. The platoon sportsmen saw no special call to arrange matches. Naturally under such an arrangement it would have been beside the point for the commanding officer to have sent for the company and platoon commanders and asked them to explain why they had not seen to it that their representatives were carrying on as they should have done. The "men"—mark you—"men" the officers were not in it—committee was a fallacy and therefore the sports officer took on the job of dragging men out to play games. Apparently competitions were not organised until the sports officer had taken over sole control and then there were no committees to carry out the programme.

From his office he carried on a campaign of paper. He drew up a complete winter programme so that he could not have arranged matches between definite platoons on definite dates. He called for the names, on paper, of volunteers for rugger—(can't you see the companies cursing the imposition of another return). He invited people to attend a lecture on how to play hockey. He asked them to take up a stick and run after a ball for exercise or to join the company of experts. He did not fix up a definite game of hockey on a definite day on a definite ground at a definite time. He did not even make it his business (as it was when he had made himself Sports Dictator), to go round personally and ask so and so if he would care to try his hand on such and such a day.

Chaos the Result.

Having exhibited this chaotic state of affairs to the public he has the effrontery to ask, "Who or what is to blame?" answering in the same breath "The decadent tastes of the young soldier. Now when I was a boy etc." Has "Old Brigade" sufficient of the sporting spirit to admit the true answer to that question?

I have not willingly displayed the slightest contempt for any war crock but only for the system which asks the impossible of them, and given my opinion of those who attack the progeny of the soldiers whose spirit pulled them through the war.

Bearing in mind the record of my own battalion which carried out during the three hottest months of the summer, an inter-company cricket league, soccer league, hockey league, basket-ball league, tug-of-war league, each company playing the other twice, also inter-coy knock-out aquatic sports, inter-platoon knock-out soccer and tug-of-war, not to mention taking part in "Cologne Post" cricket matches, a host of friendly matches, and battalion matches in all the different sports, I repeat, I can say that the facts show that the young soldier is not to blame, whoever else may be.

ANTI-CANT.

ANOTHER DEFENCE.

Sports Gear Packed Up: Weather A Cause.

Another reader says:—Having had the pleasure of reading the articles sent to you by various readers regarding the decline of sport in the Rhine Army, I should like to express my views on the subject. As you know several people argue that the young soldiers have grown tired of sport. Maybe some of them have; but there are other reasons.

One of the causes is that all sport gear has been packed away for some weeks. Another thing is that the weather has been against sport. That is one of the points which "Old Brigade" and several others have overlooked. No one is keen to kick a ball about a field which is covered over by snow to the extent of a few inches. Neither do they feel inclined to play on a quagmire, in which state a great number of football grounds are at present. I hope that when "Old Brigade" reads this he will consider before making statements about the sport of the young soldiers.

When the war was on, men did not have the chance every day of sport of any kind, and consequently there was a great rush by men when out of the line, to get recreation.

TOMMO.

BOXING SUPERSTITIONS.

Some Strange Fancies of the London Fighters.

Many boxers are superstitious about fighting on certain days. Nearly half of the boxers in America are against holding matches on Sunday. When Sabbath bouts were tried in New Orleans some time ago, the boxers protested loudly.

Jim Jeffries' favourite day for fighting was Friday. He won most of his important match bouts on that day and his friends were greatly surprised when they heard that he had agreed to box Jack Johnson at Reno on the 4th July 1910, which fell on Monday.

Friday Avoided.

There was an extraordinary number of boxers who refused to sign agreements to box on Fridays. Among them were Tommy Burns, Abe Attell, Owen Moran, and Battling Nelson.

Pedlar Palmer called a pair of green tights that he always more in the ring in his big matches his lucky mascot. He wore them until they were actually shabby, but Pedlar didn't care, for he was winning all his fights. After eight years of wear they were discarded, when Terry McGovern beat him.

Jack Dempsey would not agree to tackle the easiest of men unless he wore the famous black tights in which he won some sixty battles. But the tights lost their magic charm the night he met Fitzimmons who knocked Dempsey out.

Hunchback Harbinger.

Stanley Ketchel had a little hunchback for his harbinger of good fortune. As superstitious as the rest of his profession, Ketchel had absolute faith in the power of the boy, called Little Toby. Toby used to be in Stanley's corner during all his big fights. He was there when Ketchel fought Papke, Kelly, the Sullivan twins, and O'Brien. A month after Toby left him, Ketchel was killed.

Leave Club Chess Tournament.

The following is the present position for the British Empire Leave Club Championship.

1. Sgt. Yates	9. Pte. Hartley
2. Sgt. Kemplin	10. Sgt. Fry W.H.
3. L/Cpl. Howes	11. L/Cpl. Whyte
4. Sgt. Taylor	12. Sgt. Keight
5. Pte. Wooster	13. Cpl. Williams
6. Cpl. Jordan	14. Gnr. Peck
7. Gnr. Stanley	15. Pte. Scully
8. C.S.M. Graham	16. Pte. Harrow
	17. Sgt. Lloyd

Both of Sunderlands backs, Hobson and Young, hold the Military Medal.

HOUSEHOLD BRIGADE CUP.

HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY 3. 1st SCOTS GUARDS 0.

In the Household Brigade Cup, first round, the Household Cavalry played the 1st Scots Guards at Windsor on Thursday. Following a corner-kick Seers opened the scoring for the Cavalry, who led at the interval by a goal to nil. Afterwards Holmes, as the result of splendid individual play, beat the backs and scored. Subsequently Robertson put in a splendid centre, and Martin easily beat Donnelly. Nothing further occurred, and the Cavalry won decisively.

Household Cavalry.—Cpl. Pakenham (1st Life Guards); Tpr. Tilling (1st Life Guards), Cpl. Coulson (2nd Life Guards); Cpl. Leggs (Royal Horse Guards), Cpl. Archer (Royal Horse Guards), Tpr. W. R. Smith (1st Life Guards); Tpr. Seers (2nd Life Guards), Martin (1st Life Guards), Holmes (Royal Horse Guards), Harris (Royal Horse Guards), Cpl. Robertson (1st Life Guards).

1st Scots Guards.—Cpl. Donnelly; Gdsn. Wallace, Sgt. Flockhart; Cpl. Roberts Sgt. Banks, Gdsn. Foley; Drummer Turner Gdsn. McBride, Smith, Friel, McDonnell

ENGLISH RACING.

Lingfield and Manchester Meetings on Friday.

BRIDGEWATER'S SUCCESS.

There was a fairly good attendance at Lingfield on Friday, the weather, was fine and the going heavy. The chief event of the day, the Gorse Handicap, was won by Bridgewater, the other places being taken by Our Stephen and Jupiter.

DETAILS.

November Nursery: — 1, Vale (8—1); 2, Santaquest (15—8); 3, Service Kit (100—6). Seventeen ran.

Lawn Plate: — 1, Narush (2—1); 2, Clairvoyant Gelding (13—8); 3, Maroon (7—11). Six ran.

Gorse Handicap: — 1, Bridegewater (7—1); 2, Our Stephen (10—1); 3, Jupiter (6—1). Sixteen ran.

Medway Plate:—1, Ocydrome (11—10); 2, Coylenius (7—1); 3, New Guinea (85—40). Eight ran.

Club Welter: — 1, Cricket (9—4); 2, Dorset (5—2); 3, Nubian (7—1). Eleven ran.

Yewhurst Welter: — 1, Tom Powrie, (4—1); 2, Quick Thrust (6—1); 3, Paragua (9—4). Thirteen ran.

MANCHESTER.

The weather was dull at Manchester and the going soft.

DETAILS.

Ordsall Nursery:—1, Fraise Filly (4—1); 2, Gamble (10—1); 3, Glenhattie (3—1). Fourteen ran.

Flying Handicap:—1, Miss Maud (5—1); 2, Sans Atout (6—1); 3, Lancovil (7—4). Eleven ran.

Sedgely Handicap:—Finshale (10—1); 2, Enniskeen (100—6); 3, Glaciale (100—8). Eleven ran.

Lancashire Nursery: — 1, Charlebelle (11—4); 2, March Along (5—2); 3, Catchup (25—1). Twentytwo ran.

Pendleton Plate: — 1, Lahloo (2—1); 2, Gripfast (evens); 3, Sword Lily (10—1). Seven ran.

Ellesmere Welter: — 1, Viviani (7—1); 2, Alderton (10—1); 3, Golden Quiver (6—1). Eleven ran.

BIG RACE RESULT.

Alasnam was "nowhere" in the Manchester November Handicap yesterday, King John winning by four lengths. Result:—

1, King John	13 to 2
2, Planet	10 to 1
3, Chat Tor	9 to 2

The seventeen runners were as per probable starters.

HANDICAP BETTING.

The latest available betting in the Manchester November handicap was as follows:

Chat Tor	5 to 1	Gotha	50 to 1
Alasnam	8 to 1	King John	13 to 2
Grand Fleet	100 to 9	Aynsley	100 to 9
Not Much	100 to 7	GoldenFleece	100 to 9
Royal Bucks	18 to 1	John Jackett	100 to 6
William		Planet	18 to 1
Allenby	20 to 1	Wildfellow	25 to 1
Jack Point	100 to 3	African star	100 to 3
Dionysos	100 to 3	Gay Lord	100 to 3

CALAIS SWEEPSTAKE.

Up to the time of going to press, the result of the draw in connection with the Calais November Handicap Sweepstake had not come to hand.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Frenchmen win in Men's Semi-Finals.

A feature of the play in the World's Covered Courts Championships at Paris, on Friday, was the defeat in the men's semi-finals of Mishu, the Roumanian. He was beaten easily by Decugis, failing to win a single game.

DETAILS.

Men's' singles, semi-finals:—

Decugis beat Mishu, 6 to 2, 7 to 5, 9 to 7.

Gobert beat Mansit, 6 to 1, 8 to 6, 6 to 2.

Ladies' singles semi-finals:—

Madame Golding beat Mlle. B. Amblard. 6 to 4, 6 to 4.

Mixed doubles' semifinals:—

Mrs. Beamish and Decugis beat Miss Holman and Germot 6 to 3, 6 to 4.

The match between Partlock and Mishu, and Dupont and Hirsch in the men's doubles was stopped owing to the lateness of the hour, when the first pair were leading by two sets to one.

ON THE MAT.

Wrestling as an aid to Health and Strength.

A NEGLECTED SPORT.

Although I am a great admirer of the noble art of boxing, both as a means of self defence, and as a very valuable exercise, I maintain that wrestling (in which I will include, catch as catch can, Cumberland and Westmorland, Greco Roman and the style adopted by the Army) is a much better exercise for the development of the physique and for the production of stamina.

Why it is not more popular I cannot say. The benefits derived from wrestling are very valuable to the boxer, as they improve his physique and help to harden him. All who have taken part in wrestling know that I am not suggesting that every boxer would benefit, as it may tend to reduce speed in the expert, but to the average boxer, a little more strength would be of use.

The National Amateur Wrestling Association, which is the governing body in England, decide their competitions by flying falls, two shoulders on the mat, irrespective of time (catch as catch can and Greco Roman); this makes the bouts very fast usually and helps to do away with the mat hugging which is sometimes seen.

Great Physique not Necessary.

The average man believes enormous physique is required to take part in the sport and although this is a very valuable asset, it is not all, as often a speedier, and much more slightly built man wins. The latter, however, must have a fair amount of strength.

The man who has a physique below the average can practise the sport, providing he takes things steadily at first, and has an opponent of his own standard. He will soon notice an improvement.

Another advantage in training for wrestling is that practically every other sport can be indulged in.

I would say to the beginner:

Don't give up on account of stiffness, which is bound to come after the first few bouts. A few minutes bout next time will often remove this.

If wrestling catch as catch can, master the standing throws thoroughly, and learn how to fall.

A very good book on the subject can be bought at the British Empire Leave Club for 1/6d, "The text book on wrestling", in which the beginner will find all he requires.

W. E. HAYES.

MR. COCHRAN'S TERMS.

No "Win, lose or draw" for World's Championship.

In a letter to the "Sporting Life" Mr. Cochran says:—

With reference to the letter which has appeared in several papers from Jack Dempsey's manager, Mr. Kearns, I should be grateful if I could make public through your columns the following statement:—

I have offered a purse of £35,000 for a match between Dempsey and the winner of the Carpentier-Beckett match at the Holborn Stadium on Dec. 4.

The match to take place at Olympia in May or June next.

The purse to be divided 60 per cent. to the winner, and 40 per cent. to the loser. I am prepared to deposit the purse.

I shall not increase the offer, nor will I give either contestant a guaranteed sum, win, lose, or draw.

Carpentier and Beckett are both anxious to meet Dempsey, and Dempsey states that he is anxious to meet the winner of the match on Dec. 4, so there should not be any difficulty in signing up all parties.

BILLIARDS.

Reece and Smith Lead Well In London Matches.

Closing scores in the principal billiards matches on Friday were:

Smith (in play) 6666.
Falkiner 5101.
Reece 7364.
Stevenson (in play) 5664.

WINNER DISQUALIFIED.

Powerful not Qualified to Run in Maiden Race.

Powerful, the winner of the Rothschild Plate at Manchester was disqualified on the grounds that he was not qualified to run in a maiden race. Enniskeen becomes first and Square Meal 7 to 4 third.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

Madame Dayas in Cologne.

Madame Karin Dayas (Berlin) gave a pianoforte recital at the Disch Hotel on Friday evening under the auspices of the Cologne Society of Arts. Her programme consisted entirely of the works of modern composers—a big task to keep an audience constantly interested. That she succeeded, is evidence of her artistic abilities. Madame Dayas is a relative of the great W. H. Dayas, who was one of Liszt's pet pupils and in her playing one felt that she had great natural ability. Cyril Scott's suite, a work which, while not inspiring, strikes one as being a probing for new sensations in sound and harmony was excellently treated. Two pieces of Debussy were especially fine and beautifully executed. Of the modern living writers, Maurice Ravel stands on a height by himself. Ravel is of the Debussy school, but from thence onwards, he has created a world of his own. His "Jeux d'Eau" is a gem or colour and sparkling harmony and one could see that Madame Dayas played it with great liking. Altogether it was a great performance thoroughly enjoyed by a large and interested audience.

A Famous Film.

The film "Lest We Forget" which drew many enormous crowds in England was shown one night last week in the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. In response to many requests, it will be shown there again tomorrow (Monday) evening. The entertainment will commence at 6.30 so that the whole film will be shown at one sitting. On Friday afternoon it will again be screened to the school children after the formal opening of the school on that day by Lady Robertson.

German Classes.

I have been asked to say in amendment to the weekly programme at the British Empire Leave Club, German Classes will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, as well as on Fridays and Saturdays.

Lively Debate.

A lively Debate took place at the British Empire Leave Club on Friday night. The question debated was "That in the opinion of this house there should be absolute prohibition of the drink traffic." Pte. Kenny, R.A.S.C. spoke first in favour of the motion and Sgt. Sherman D.L.I. was the leading opposer. Perhaps, if anything, the weight in argument was on the prohibition side, but nevertheless the motion in its favour was lost by the narrow majority of two votes.

Next Weeks Topic.

This week's debate will be on the subject, "That in War all methods are justifiable." Sgt. Sherman, D.L.I. will move, and Pte. Doughty, Labour Company will oppose the motion. This debate takes place Friday next at 6.30 p.m. There is plenty of keenness and no dearth of speaking ability, but bigger numbers are wanted.

Beethoven Concert.

On Monday next, at 7.30., there will be a Beethoven Concert at the Disch Hotel, given by the famous pianist, Hedwig Meyer.

JACQUES.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

By "Tynesider."

One critic of the Aston Villa—West Bromwich battle stated that with the exception of Hardy, the Villa eleven might as well have stayed in the dressing room. Scathing criticism.

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The King has given his consent to the forming of a football team comprising members of the Buckingham Palace staff. He presented them with a full outfit and gave them the use of a playing pitch in the Kensington Palace grounds.

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Tierney, Tottenham's capture from Durham City, is an ex-Sunderland policeman. He knows how to "arrest" the ball all right.

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Jobey has relieved Currie of the responsibilities of captain of Leicester City. The ex-Newcastle player will never forget his Cup-tie experience at the Palace against Bradford City.

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The Wolves' matches on November 29th, and December 6th, against Barnsley and Stockport respectively will be played at the Hawthorns, the ground of West Bromwich.

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When will Micky Hamill recross the Irish Channel to don a famous jersey? Rumour says shortly and a London club is mentioned. Scotland may, however, be his destination.

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Wilf Low, of Newcastle, has missed but 24 league games since 1910-1911. This famous pivot can adapt himself to whatever game his opponents adopt.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Sun.	Flying Dutchman	Wagner	7.30	10.30
Mon.	Ein Maskenball	Verdi	7	10
Tues.	Der Wildschütz	Lortzing	7	10
Wed.	Die Entführung aus dem Serail	Mozart	7	10
Thurs.	Tiefland	d'Albert	7.30	10
Fri.	Die Zauberflöte	Mozart	7	10.50
Sat.	Tosca	Puccini	7	9.45
Sun.	Cosi Fan Tutti	Mozart	7	10
Monday	No Performance			
Tuesday	No Performance			

FENCING IN THE SERVICES.

Airmen Too Good For Army In Competitions.

The Army and the Royal Air Force met at Bertrand's Academy, on Thursday afternoon, in a series of competitions, in every one of which the Airmen proved their superiority. The teams were composed as follows:—

Army.—Capt. Ward Tetley, Capt. Smith, and S.M. Elliot (foils), Colonel Campbell, Maj. H. F. S. Huntington, and S.M. Elliot (sabres), Colonel Campbell, Capt. Ward Tetley, and S.M. Eggleton (epee), Capt. Barnes, S.M. Read, and Q.M.S. Reardon (bayonets).

R.F.A.—Maj. E. G. H. Clark, Flight-Lieut. F. G. Sheriffe, and S.M. Grainger, in all competitions.

During the afternoon the following officiated as judges and referees:—Col. Campbell, Col. Mathey, Maj. Pickin, Capt. A. W. Hammond, Mr. Bertrand, jun., and S.M. Owen. The results were as follows:—

Sabres.—R.A.F. beat Army, five hits to four.

Foils.—R.A.F. beat Army, five hits to four.

Epee.—R.F.A. beat Army, six hits to three.

Bayonets.—R.F.A. beat Army, six hits to three.

WRESTLING DECISIONS.

To be included in Amateur Sports Week.

At the monthly meeting of the National Amateur Wrestling Association Council Capt. Cuckow, O.B.E., and C.S.M. W Mason attended as (temporarily) representing the Army Boxing Association, in whose hands at present is vested the control of Army wrestling.

Approval was given to the action of the hon. secretary in making arrangements for the inclusion of wrestling among the events to be included in the amateur sports week being organised by Mr. A. Molinari to take place at the Holborn Stadium between Dec. 8 and 13.

The events to be decided are the 8½st, 10½st, and heavy-weights amateur championship, C.A.C.C. style. In addition, there will be a competition for Army wrestlers, in the Army style, the weights being settled at 9st, 10½st, and heavy-weight.

A COMPETITION HUMORIST.

Read The Rules Before Entering For Our Contest.

One humorist very kindly enclosed a ten pfennig piece and a letter with his coupons this week. The note read, "For the office boy from a competitor in the sweep-steak." We have passed this on to the office boy and he is, we believe, about to invest it in war bonds.

Apart from the humorous side of the question, however, we would point out that the competitor has broken the rules. They clearly state, "No correspondence may be enclosed with coupons."

Many competitors fail to read the rules and numerous entries are disqualified weekly owing to this omission. We are continually receiving coupons without the entrance fee. This means disqualification.

In the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 10,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 10.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov. 29th.
Closing date, Friday, Nov. 28th.

Newcastle U.	v. Sunderland
Blackburn R.	v. Bradford City
Bradford	v. Burnley
Chelsea	v. Middlesbrough
Notts County	v. Arsenal
Clapton Orient	v. Bury
Grimsby	v. Stoke
Portsmouth	v. Queens Park R.
Brighton	v. Millwall
Falkirk	v. Third Lanark

I enter Football Competition No. 10 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Invalids' Progress.

The two invalid steeplechase jockeys, Mason and J. Kelly, are making very good progress, and the latter expects to be about again before Christmas.

Bristol R. Recruit.

Bristol Rovers have secured the transfer from St. Mirren of David Steele, a half-back. Steele usually plays at left half, but he can fill either inside forwards position.

Slow Starters.

Trowbridge, Foulmartlaw, Linonyx, Avoine, Funny Face, Hakone, Loxley, Tete-a-Tete, Beaverbrook (half-whipped round), and Theolin began slowly in their respective races at Manchester.

Next Season's Cricket.

Surrey have arranged to play home and home matches next season with all the first-class cricketing counties, except Gloucestershire, Derbyshire and Worcestershire.

Still a Star.

George Wall, of Oldham Athletic, has recovered his very best form. When he left Old Trafford it was generally thought that his best days were over, but he is establishing himself as a great favourite at Boundary Park. He has got back his confidence, which means a lot.

Offer and Refusal.

Norwich City have refused an offer of £3,000 for the transfer of Lonsdale, Doran, Broadhead, and Batey.

Christening.

The Clairvoyante gelding by Swynford has been named Swindle, and the Cyclamen-filly by Sunstar, Parasol.

Golden Melody's Owner.

Should the Jockey Club decide at their forthcoming meeting to do away with assumed names, then the identity of Mr. V. Stewart, the owner of Golden Melody, the winner of the Delamere Handicap at Manchester, will be disclosed.

New Players for Coventry.

Coventry City have secured two new players, Walker, inside right or centre, from Birmingham, and Hanney, centre half, from Manchester. The new men are the first outcome of the recent appointment of Mr. Harry Pollett as manager.

If—

Ivanhoe would have finished a lot closer to the placed horses in the Delamere Handicap at Manchester had he not slipped up and almost fallen with his jockey round the bottom turn. According to Templeman, who rode him, his mount was going very well at the time.

Shoemaker for Spain.

Shoemaker was bought in for 600 guineas, and Discussion sold to Mr. Joyce (acting on behalf of the King of Spain) for 800 guineas at Manchester yesterday.

Wolverhampton's Ground.

Wolverhampton have been granted permission to play home matches at West Bromwich while the Wanderers' ground is closed.

Training Resumed.

David Calderhead, jun., the Orient player, has been operated upon for an abscess on the ankle, and has so far recovered that he has now been able to resume training.

W. Smith fit Again.

W. Smith, who was rather badly knocked about when Cargo fell with him in the Valentine Steeplechase at Liverpool, is all right again, and expects to be seen in the saddle at Birmingham on on Monday and Tuesday next.

Scottish F.A.'s Decision.

The Scottish Football Association Council, at a meeting in Glasgow last night, decided to give their vote in favour of the proposed alteration of the international Football Federation Articles, whereby the Central Powers are to be excluded.

Next Year.

E. Gardner will probably ride for H. Sadler next season.

R. Stokes Home.

Reggie Stokes, who rode in Spain and France with such marked success, witnessed the racing at Manchester. He is on a holiday trip, but leaves for India next week.

Croydon Golf.

The opening meeting of the Croydon and District Professional Golfers' Alliance will be held at Roehampton on Dec. 3. A 36 holes medal competition will be decided, and for this the Roehampton Club is providing prizes value £25.

Joe Smith's Injury.

It is bad news to hear that the injury to Joe Smith, of Bolton Wanderers and International fame, is much more serious than was at first thought. The injury is an internal one. It is to be hoped that the gloomy view that his football career may be ended is grossly exaggerated.

Six Lengths Win.

Mr. Albert Lowry brought off a coup with Ugly Duckling at Manchester. Everyone connected with the horse had their maximum on and had the pleasure of seeing the horse come home in solitary state six lengths ahead of his nearest attendant.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

American Fashion.

I noticed a party of French Colonial troops yesterday. Each one wore his revolver slung Wild West fashion at his hip.

Short.

At the entrance to a business house yesterday, I noticed the legends "Tür zu", and "Please shut the door" Here at any rate the German language has it for brevity and for bluntness too. I prefer the English way of putting it.

Only Ten.

Only ten results are required in our No. 10 Football Contest now running. Turn your attention to the coupon on page 3 and make your efforts for our prize.

Everybody Busy.

I was surprised to learn on good authority that there is comparatively little unemployment in Germany.

A Floral Tribute.

In a large works I visited yesterday I saw a novel sight. The foreman's desk resembled a decorated shrine. It seems he had completed 25 years' service and the custom in such cases is for the man's desk to be florally adorned while he received an honorarium and a holiday.

Their Rations.

I dropped into an extensive German works the other day at an interesting moment. The employés were drawing the weekly family ration of butter, cheese and corned beef — on payment of course

A Distinction.

A witness in the Summary Court said he was a member of the same club as the accused, worked at the same place, lived in the same street, and walked to and from meals and home at night together. The prosecuting officer: "In other words, you are friends?" Witness (excitedly) "No, no!"

Hens on Strike.

Eggs in Rhineland are not only dear, but almost impossible to get, whilst in Belgium, although a little dear, they are quite plentiful—why I wonder?

New Books.

"The Cologne Post" bookshop—that is the one in the arcade of the Hohestrasse—has just received several new books which would prove attractive to everyone. For instance those wishing to study Russian will find Hugo's Russian Grammar in five parts, done in Hugo's inimitable style of language teaching. A fine assortment of Kipling is also on sale. Early next week it is hoped to have our sample Christmas cards on view.

Gas fire.

I noticed a fine piece of camouflage yesterday. It was a gas fire and was made to represent a log fire in an open hearth. At a little distance it certainly looked realistic.

The Secret of Youth.

Lieut. Esme Percy does not seem to age with the years. He is just as youthful looking now as when he was a member of Miss Horniman's Repertory Company at the Gaiety Theatre, Manchester. I have many pleasant recollections of seeing him in collaboration with Basil Dean, Iden Payre, Miss Ethel Darragh, Miss Nora Limerick and other talented artistes who helped to make Miss Horniman's Company famous.

By civil post.

Many entries are reaching us for our football contest through the German post. As some are from lady competitors we are tempted to think "Wifie" in having a shot for our prize un-be-known to her "Hubby". If successful it should provide her with sufficient "Pin money" for her immediate needs.

"Wie Stetz."

Much amusement was caused by this being said instead of "Wie Stets" to a German acquaintance by a Tommy. Stetz is in the language of Cologne "a dogs tail."

Renovating Hats.

Numerous advertisements appear daily in the German papers regarding the renovation of old hats. The price of these articles to-day is so prohibitive that the people largely patronise these advertisers.

Seven Months Idle.

There is a German waiter at one of the Officers' Clubs in Cologne who was for 24 years a chef in a London hotel. After being repatriated he was for seven months out of employment until he was fortunate enough to secure his present position.

Another Howler.

I saw another sample of murdered English yesterday. It was in a restaurant window and read "Hen and eggs, prize seven marks." No doubt it was a very cheap dish.

Looks Smarter.

Once no soldier ever walked out without carrying a swagger cane. It certainly improved deportment and I can't help thinking it would minimise the "hands in pockets" style so much in vogue to-day.

Against Bill Sykes.

I don't know whether the gentle art of burglary is practised in Germany more extensively than it is in England, but precautions taken against the uninvited visitor are extremely thorough.

Wedding Rings.

German women during the war even gave up their wedding rings to relieve the gold shortage. They received in exchange a rustless iron ring made at Krupps and bearing the word "Vaterlandsdank." The designing of the ring was carried out by a famous German artist.

"Pride in his Regiment."

Some time ago I heard an argument about the doings of certain regiments. One of the speakers told a member of a famous Irish Regiment that his unit never did any fighting. News to hand states that the wife of the speaker mentioned still wears black.

German Programmes.

The programmes issued in German theatres are generally folded and one has to tear along a perforated edge in order to open them. Probably to prevent attendants re-selling used ones.

Still Noticeable.

Pick up any illustrated German journal you like and it is ten to one it will contain a photograph with German soldiery in it. The idea that militarism is dead in Germany is not carried out by the photographs and items published.

RHINELANDER.

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

DARDANELLES ECHO.

Lieut.-Colonel Repington the well-known military expert, says:—The expedition to the Dardanelles was undoubtedly the greatest of the co-joint operations attempted in the course of the recent war. It failed in spite of gallant leading and great heroism on the part of sailors and soldiers. It was not marred by any of those acute differences between the Services of which the past contains so many painful records, and still it failed. It will be taught in our future war-schools as a typical example of how not to conduct amphibious enterprises.

BERLIN PESSIMISM.

Dr. Otto Hoetzsch, Professor of Modern History at the University of Berlin, writes on the critical state of German internal affairs, which not only precludes interest in foreign politics but prevents Germany from participating in the progress of the world at large. Dark clouds, are collecting ever more densely over the Fatherland, the value of the German mark falls irresistibly, the menace of a complete collapse of the railway system becomes daily more serious, and these facts, combined with the internal political tension produced by various causes, remind me strongly that the stoppage of railway traffic in consequence of the heavy snowfall of February, 1917, was the signal for the March revolution in Russia.

PREMIUM BONDS.

Sir *Oswald Stoll* writes:—We are apparently on the verge of an issue of premium bonds. The wisdom of such an issue is difficult to perceive, but wisdom in finance from the national point of view is deemed folly when viewed from the prevailing international standpoint. So premium bonds will probably be the next episode in the tragedy of reconstruction which is being enacted. As it is useless either to point out that the wheel of fortune will add no more to production than the throw of the dice or racing; or to say that the "Flutter," however harmless as a form of amusement or an occasional excitement, is utterly rotten as a national economic policy; the only thing left is to hope that the Government will do a wrong thing in the least injurious way.

WHY MEN ARE SELFISH.

Lillie Ross Clyne writes:— When I happened upon an article some months ago entitled "The Spoilt Sex," I had not the least doubt to which sex it applied, because the spoiling of man has ever been woman's most joyous occupation. True, she may grumble at the effect once her object is accomplished, she may even blame the spoilt one and in time dislike him, but that won't prevent her from taking up another man with all the weaknesses of "maledom" and begin spoiling him. She means to be kind, but as a matter of fact it is a phase of cruelty. What is regarded as man's selfishness is really created by the women with whom he comes into contact from the cradle onward.

THE REAL PUSSYFOOT.

The *Rev. R. W. Thompson,* of Bolton, speaking at the Congregational Union meetings said that medical students might rag "Pussyfoot" Johnson to-day, but in a little while they would be joining the ranks of noble workers for humanity, and they would then find that drink was the real Pussyfoot that hindered the work of the physician, that emptied cradles and filled graves. The worst area for overcrowding was usually the worst area for drink.

WORRIES OF WINTER.

Mr. J. F. E. Coope writes. The housewife knows only too well that the money on which she managed to feed the family so comfortably in the warm months will not go nearly so far when the cold weather gives them appetites of an alarming size. A friend of mine has calculated that her husband eats nearly twice as much in winter as in summer. Again, the coal bill is trebled and the gas company's periodical visits to inspect the gas meter are to be more dreaded than ever. Clothes, too, always a heavy item of expenditure, are, by the decree of the powers that be in the clothing trade, to be greatly increased in price. That thick pair of shoes and warm scarf, which "we simply must have," are not to be bought for nothing now.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

Sir Robert Baden-Powell speaking on the vexed question of education says:—I should like to endorse very heartily the suggestion for the development of physical education of the individual as opposed to the more usual collective physical instruction. I would venture even to add for the "physical development of the nation's boyhood and manhood" by urging the still greater importance of bringing about increased physical welfare and knowledge on the part of the nation's girlhood and womanhood. To some extent we are carrying out the ideas in the Boy Scout and Girl Guide movements, where we are encouraging responsibility on the part of the individual for his or her physical development up to a standard and for his or her personal health and hygiene.

HAIG AND LUDENDORFF.

Field Marshal Earl Haig, speaking of Ludendorff's Memoirs which he has been reading says: — One of the things that most struck me, as a man who has had the responsibility of a great command, was the mental distress and hopelessness of outlook that overcame him when he worked, the great German Army, had broken to pieces in his hand. That is an experience that I never had to contemplate. I knew that even though the men I commanded were hopelessly outnumbered, though their own numbers were reduced and their strength tried to the utmost by the strain of great unequal battles, yet such men as remained to me would each of them fight a man's battle and fight it the more stubbornly the more desperate conditions grew. It would never break to pieces in my hand.

O.R.G.'S.

ISSUED FOR GUIDANCE OF OFFICER'S WIVES IN COLOGNE.

5866. TRANSPORT OF WIVES:—

Cases of Soldiers unable to accompany their wives from U.K.

(1) Wives to be carefully labelled and, where necessary, gagged; then to be despatched via the Forwarding Officer, Gamages.

(2) Powder and puffs should be carried as these are unobtainable on the ships.

5867. KIT:—

Not more than 6 trunks, 10 suit cases and 20 hat boxes to be carried by each wife.

5868. ROUTINE ON TRAIN:—

Noses, powdering of;

The Puff Pamphlet (S.S.4711) is amended as follows:—

(1) Powder to be administered at every Halte-Repas.

(2) Where shortage occurs, flour, in lieu, may be drawn from T.C.O.

(3) Complaints re coldness of bacon or insufficient flavour in the tea should be forwarded through the usual channels.

5871. RESTAURANTS:—

Wives may enter German Restaurants—at their own risk.

5872. DRESS:—

(1) Armlets—Armlets will always be worn.

(2) Fur Coats—See Pamphlet "Officers' Gratuities going West."

(3) Stockings, Silk—These may shortly be obtained from the Ordnance Dept on completion, in duplicate, of A.F.Z. 42.

(4) Regulations with regard to details of dress will be issued by Venns.

5873. PIN ALLOWANCE:—

Amendment. Where lack of pins is unavoidable nails will be issued in lieu of.

5874. BEHAVIOUR:—

(1) Dances—The biting of partners is strictly forbidden.

(2) Chocolates—This form of sweet may be consumed in theatres on a certificate being rendered to the effect that the packing (paper, crackling) has been proviously removed to prevent annoyance to audience.

(3) The practice of calling Husbands in public "Dinkums Doodlums" is on the increase. This practice must cease forthwith.

5875. MAIDS:—

Kissing of, wives, in mistake for.

In cases of this occurring an explanation will be immediately forwarded to the wife (See, "Perhaps" 1919).

WILFURD.

A CONCERT PARTY.

They arrived wrapped in furs with their faces wreathed in smiles, five winsome ladies, and their leader was known by the charming name of "Muriel."

It was a cold snowy day and so by the special permission of the G.O.C. a car had been sent for them, for were they not engaged in the greatest duty of all, that of cheering our boys?

We had engaged, for the moderate sum of sixty marks, a local Concert Hall, a really attractive building, with a good stage and well lighted.

The boys were marched to this building for it was more of a change for them. They formed an enthusiastic audience and were determined to give their visitors a great reception.

What a programme! Words fail to describe it. Miss Lena Ashwell's concert parties have always contained the best and most talented artistes of our country. I heard the first ever sent out in the old days in France, and since then millions of our lads have been sent into the seventh heaven of delight by the soul thrilling songs sung by the sweetest and fairest of the daughters of England?

Who can ever repay the debt of gratitude we all owe to them?

The violinist, a second Alfred Barker in skill, sent a thrill through the audience by the infinite sweetness of her selections.

She could make those strings thrill like a bird or hum like the bees. Her touch was perfect.

A dark haired little girl, with a cello, almost a big as herself manipulated her bow in a marvellous way. She made one forget for a time, everything but the charm of her art, and as she played the exquisite sweet melody "Drink to me only with thine eyes" in response to an encore, the faces of the men lighted up with intense pleasure.

The soprano had a voice of surpassing sweetness. She had the face of an angel and sang like one.

The contralto, who was also the leader of the party, had perhaps the greatest reception. She was encored again and again and scored by singing with great pathos those songs which have always appealed to the hearts of wanderers and awakened memories:

"Annie Laurie"
"My Ain Folk."

The side splitting jokes and humorous songs of a fair haired girl with a most captivating smile made a delightful change in the programme. She proved herself a great favourite with the boys, who are ever ready to respond to the best humour.

Again and again she was recalled by tremendous cheers and her stock of stories seemed inexhaustible. So another afternoon passed away for this particular Unit with the Rhine Army but its memory will live, and we pay our generous tribute to those who make it possible for us to chase away dull care and break up the monotony of our everyday tasks and duties.

C.K.

TO CORRESPONDENTS AND CONTRIBUTORS.

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FROM EVERYWHERE.

Costly Porker.—A Gloucestershire pig relised £336 at Wickerbourne Market.

What Result?—Parliamentary discussion on premium bonds takes place on Monday.

Hockled Premier.—The Premier is being bombarded with volleys of questions just now.

German Leader Dead.—Herr Groeber, chairman of the German Centre party, has died from a paralytic stroke.

Scarce Teachers.—As many as 30,000 teachers are wanted for day continuation schools in England.

Doctor Sentenced.—A London doctor has been sentenced to five years imprisonment for performing illegal operations.

Fishermens' Yarn.—At Deal fishermen are said to have caught two twenty pound cod.

Disposal Expense.—It is costing five thousand pounds a week to advertise the sale of surplus war stores.

Important Enough.—Walthamstow is petitioning for a Charter of Incorporation.

Manor House Fire.—Ickleford Manor, one of the best known country houses in Herts, has been burnt to the ground.

Much Fish.—Recent heavy gales have greatly improved the fishing on the Kent coast.

More Socialists.—Socialists will have more than 150 seats in the new Italian Chamber.

Flying Service.—A daily air service between Hounslow and Holland will start soon.

Post Office Robbed.—A Dublin Post office has been broken into and £300 taken from the safe.

Small Savings.—Over six hundred millions have been contributed by small investors in Government securities.

Soldier President.—Field Marshal Lord Plumer is to be president of the Old Etonians' Association for 1920.

Dangerous Pets.—Professor Gabriel Petit declares that cats and dogs are great carriers of tuberculosis.

More Paper.—Germany's note circulation has practically doubled during the past year and the gold is reduced by half.

More Wages.—Engineering and shipbuilding workers in Belfast new receive 5s. a week extra pay.

Woman "Bookie."—A woman who kept a betting house at Edmonton has been fined £20.

Epidemics.—The increase of scarlet fever and diphtheria in London is becoming serious.

The Latest.—Motor-driven snow ploughs were used in Paris during the recent snowfall.

Going Overseas.—A large party of women, all W.A.A.C's and ex-war workers, have sailed for Canada.

No Light.—Owing to shortage of coal several gas works in France have shut down.

Exciting Hunt.—There was a fox hunt in the principal part of Walsall the other day.

Dangerous Mines.—Another North sea trawler has been lost with all hands through collision with a mine.

Mice Cause Fire.—A fire in Swansea in which a woman was burnt to death was caused by mice nibbling at matches.

Denunciation.—The Free Churches of Scotland are horrified at the prospect of premium bonds.

To Get More Milk.—Middlesex County Council have bought an estate for £50,000 for intensive milk production.

Cutting Profits.—The Government has decided to limit the profits of colliery owners to 1s 2d per ton.

Rush For Gold.—Reports of marvellous gold finds have come from newly discovered goldfields in Manitoba and Winnipeg.

Tangled Exchange.—An International Financial Congress is to be held in Switzerland to regulate the exchange question.

Biggest Cinema.—The largest picture palace in the world has been built in New York. It will seat over five thousand people.

Good Work.—"Jimmy," the cat Mascot of H. M. S. Renown, wounded in the Jutland battle, is now collecting for the Dumb Friends' League.

Actor and Pigs.—Earl Cowley, who is playing in "Who's Hooper," at the Adelphi Theatre, makes a hobby of keeping prize pigs.

Why?—While all other hunting and racing fixtures were suspended in wartime, the Morpeth and Tyndal Hunts were carried on.

Joe's Memory.—It is proposed to elect a statue to Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, in the House of Commons, at the public expense.

Young Swimmers.—Nearly 9,000 certificates have been awarded to children in the London schools, who have learned to swim this year.

Welcomed Back.—Mr. Edmund Gwenn is re-appearing on the London stage. He was demobilized from the Army recently.

Huge Profits.—The profits of the German Reichsbank will probably approach three milliard marks this year, as against 814 millions in 1918 and 364 millions in 1917.

Centenarian Dead.—Mrs. Perceval of Woking, who recently celebrated her hundredth birthday, has died. She voted at the last election.

In Uniform.—All officers of merchant vessels, including those owned by railway companies may now wear the new uniform.

Going Down.—A continual decrease in the amount of tonnage dealt with at the Port of London has taken place since 1914.

Jailer Struck.—A youth charged with housebreaking in a London police court, struck the jailer a violent blow on the face.

In Aid Of Barts'.—Mr. Gerge Robey despatched 50,000 letters last week begging support for his Coliseum concert in aid of Barts' Hospital.

Victory Ball Profits.—Proceeds of the Victory ball on Armistice night amounted to £15,000. Most of this goes to the Council for Infant Welfare.

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LORD MILNER IN EGYPT.

FURTHER DISTURBANCES IN CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA.

PRINCE OF WALES STARTS FOR HOME.

EGYPTIAN UNREST.

MANY KILLED IN STREET RIOTING.

Eleven Egyptians were killed at Cairo in the rioting which occurred on the 16th. One or two policemen fired ball cartridge instead of blank. Subsequently there was firing on the crowd of students and when the British troops were called out they too had to fire to free themselves. Police stations were attacked and one was set on fire. Later in the day British troops took charge of the town, which has since been fairly quiet.

Intense excitement prevailed at Alexandria on the 18th, in consequence of a rumour that Lord Milner had arrived in the harbour. During the morning the police had been compelled to fire on the crowd. Military pickets, wearing shrapnel helmets, and a number of armoured cars entered the town at two in the afternoon. A rabble consisting of some hundreds of small boys went through the town breaking shop windows in the by-streets.

Some excitement was caused by a funeral procession in which a flag bearing the words "victime pour la liberté" was carried. The crowd returning from the funerals of those killed in the riots filled the principal streets for an hour and trade was completely paralysed.

Troops were posted at commanding points and armoured cars and cavalry patrolled the streets of Alexandria. The entry of the troops was welcomed with expressions of thankfulness by the Europeans. An innovation at the demonstrations was a number of small girls walking in front of the bier in the funeral procession of a man who was killed in the disturbances, boys forming the vanguard and rearguard.

When the mob searched the tramcars for officers and soldiers, one officer owed his escape to his being hidden by some respectable natives under their robes. A big funeral procession of victims of the recent riots was not allowed to enter the European quarter. Those participating in the procession behaved in an orderly manner, excepting some roughs, who endeavoured to assemble in the Abdin quarter. British mounted troops soon dispersed them. A carriage procession of harem women carrying flags and indulging in the usual cries was held on the 18th. As evidence of the theatrical nature of the demonstrations may be instanced the case of one man who was buried with great ceremony. He actually died in hospital of haemorrhoids!

Lord Allenby has requested four local Nationalists to leave Cairo and to remain on their country estates, but they have decided to ignore the request.

It is reported that Wahba Pasha, ex-Finance Minister, has accepted the Premiership.

Delayed messages state that British troops have now taken over the maintenance of public security in Alexandria. Sporadic demonstrations continue at Cairo where British troops are patrolling the streets.

WOMEN'S R.A.F.

OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION.

A great number of friendships were made between women serving in the W.R.A.F. during the war period and afterwards, and the Air Ministry feels that some opportunity should be afforded for periodical renewal of those friendships. With this in view it is proposed to form a W.R.A.F. Old Comrades' Association to foster as far as possible the 'esprit de corps' that existed in the old days. It is hoped to form local branches, to arrange reunions and to hold annual meetings of members. Apart from the social side, the Association proposes to adopt practical means to assist members in obtaining employment, to help those who are in need of assistance and to endeavour to get suitable cases into homes, hospitals, etc. and to make arrangements during their convalescence for members who have been ill. All officers and other ranks have been invited to attend the inauguration meeting on the 29th November at Birkbeck College, Chancery-lane. The proposed subscription will be merely nominal.

RAILWAYMEN'S LEADER "RAGGED."

The President of the National Union of Railwaymen, Mr. Cramp, was "ragged" by the students of Glasgow University on Friday night. He was addressing the University Socialist Club, and bitter opposition was aroused by his stating that the attitude of the railwaymen during the strike was parallel to that of the medical profession when the National Insurance Act was introduced. The meeting closed prematurely and Mr. Cramp was hustled to the station amid jeers and hisses.

HOMEWARD BOUND.

AMERICA'S FAREWELL TO OUR PRINCE.

Scenes of enthusiasm even surpassing those already witnessed during the visit of the Prince of Wales to New York, characterised the dinner given in his honour by the Pilgrims' Society on Friday, at which more than 800 guests were present. In proposing the health of His Royal Highness, Mr. Chauncey Depew drew an eloquent picture of the splendid services rendered by the British Royal Family in the past to the causes of world freedom.

He declared, amid an uproar of cheering, that the Prince had been just amongst his own folk in the United States. "He has grasped," said Mr. Depew," and gracefully incorporated our American ways. He has won our hearts and carries home an appreciation of our sacrifices in the war."

The Prince, in reply, made graceful reference to all the kindnesses he had received, and referred to the wonderful confidence and goodwill manifested along the entire three thousand miles of the international border between Canada and the United States. "This state of things obtained," he said, "because you on your side and we Britishers on ours have, under different forms, the same political faiths, the same human aims and the same practical ideas."

Senator Depew read cablegrams from King George and Queen Alexandra. The King said he derived much pleasure from the gratifying message regarding his son's visit, and cordially thanked the Pilgrims' Society for their hospitality. Special interest, the telegram added, would attach to the gathering from the presence of Mr. Chauncey Depew, who had been associated with the welcome to King Edward many years ago. The Prince's arduous day ended with a reception by the 71st Regiment at the Armoury, after which he boarded the Renown for his last night's sleep in New York waters.

A storm of cheers arose from the great crowd assembled on the banks of the Hudson as the Renown began moving out of harbour to the thunderous roar of guns from the American warships. A huge procession of motor cars dashed in pursuit of the warships along the river banks for some miles. When last seen the Prince was waving his cap from the fighting top. As the Renown passed into the bay with her consort, the Constance, the American battleship Delaware, with seven American destroyers, closed in on her wake with the British naval ensign flying from their main masts. They escorted the Renown to the vicinity of Halifax, which was reached yesterday morning.

The Prince was busily employed on board. One of his acts was to decorate over a hundred British and American soldiers, sailors and nurses.

In a message of farewell to the people of New York the Prince of Wales said he would not say goodbye, as he intended to pay another visit to the United States as soon as he could, as he wished to see more of the country and people.

EXCHANGE OF COURTESY.

VIOLENT SCENES IN SPANISH PARLIAMENT.

Turbulent scenes occurred in the Spanish Chamber of Deputies at Madrid on Friday. Senor Laborda, addressing Count San Luis, Minister of Food Supplies, shouted "You are engaged in dishonest business," to which the Count retorted, "To use such an expression is to behave like a pig."

On being refused permission to address the Chamber, Laborda rushed at the Minister of Food brandishing a stick. Another Deputy managed to ward off the blow. Great disorder immediately broke out in the public galleries, one occupant shouting, "Get out. All this time we are without bread in Madrid."

The sitting was temporarily suspended but when it was resumed another violent altercation took place between the two Deputies and the endeavour to restore order failing, the sitting was finally suspended.

THE BERLIN PARODY.

FAMOUS SOCIALIST'S OPINIONS.

The well-known Swedish Socialist leader, M. Branting, writing in the "Social Democratin," describes the proceedings of the Parliamentary Investigation Commission at Berlin as a regular parody. He says the Commission has now adjourned indefinitely after standing hat in hand and humbly bowing before its pre-Revolution masters. "Everything," he says, "indicates that the old spirit is raising its head more impudently than ever."

SINN FEIN.

WHOLESALE OUTRAGES AND CONFLICTS.

An extraordinary crop of violent outrages occurred in Ireland during the week-end.

Despite the authorities, an attempt was made on Sunday at Limerick to hold a public procession in honour of three men named Allen, Larkin and O'Brien, who were executed fifty-two years ago at Manchester. The military were called out to support the police who made several baton charges during the three hours which elapsed before the unruly crowd was dispersed. The police barrack windows were smashed with stones and great excitement prevailed, Some of the police, several civilians and one soldier were injured.

A similar demonstration arranged to be held at Cork was proclaimed by the military authorities. Large numbers of military and police, fully armed, occupied the streets, the meeting, however, being surreptitiously held and addressed by one of the City Sinn Fein M.P.'s. When the military were leaving the streets, they were derisively jeered.

During an armed raid at the residence of Colonel Tootenham, Deputy Lieutenant for County Clare, a fierce struggle occurred between six masked men and the Colonel, who refused to surrender any arms. He was knocked down by a blow from a club, after which the raiders escaped with a quantity of arms and ammunition.

A party of men with revolvers attempted to hold up the Dublin-Cork mail train at Goolds Cross, County Tipperary. A police patrol opened fire and a running fight followed along the platform, the raiders disappearing in the darkness.

The Irish Prison Board announces that in future hunger-striking prisoners will not be released under any circumstances. The authorities declare that they will accept full responsibility for any consequences of such strikes.

WAZIRI REVOLT.

SECRET HELP FROM THE AFGHANS.

Reuter's correspondent with the British Field Force in Waziristan telegraphs that Shah Doula's propaganda led the Mahsuds to anticipate an amount of Afghan support sufficient to permit them defying the Government of India with impunity, but the extent to which these expectations will be realised remains to be seen. Undoubtedly any forces which are at Shah Doula's disposal will be used to assist the tribesmen, but the question which remains very doubtful is the extent to which Doula will be secretly or openly supported from Kabul.

Another reason which is doubtless influencing the Mahsuds in adhering to their attitude of persistent obstinacy is the nature of the British terms. These cannot properly be called severe, but are eminently just, which is inevitable if peace is to be preserved, and this to the Mahsuds means much the same as great severity. Anyway nothing is left, but to pursue the punitive operations with the utmost vigour.

NAVAL OFFICERS.

URGED TO COMPETE FOR CIVIL SERVICE.

The Admiralty announces that in view of the probable large surplus of officers in the Executive branch of the Service over post-war requirements and the consequent smaller chances of advancement which must exist in future, the attention of all those officers of the Executive branch who where born on or after the 2nd August 1891, is particularly drawn to the opportunities of entering the Civil Service, both Home and Indian, and of Eastern Cadetships.

Officers whose candidature is approved by the Board of Admiralty will be granted leave to compete in examinations and will be allowed to retain their position on the active list until the result of the examination is known.

AUSTRALIAN GRATUITIES.

In connection with the recent trouble in Australia over the payment of gratuities to returned members of the Australian Imperial Force, Mr. Hughes, the Premier, has now arranged for payment in cash instead of Bonus to certain classes of soldiers and their relatives. Employers in Sydney have agreed to cash these gratuity Bonds.

"AWAY WITH THESE BAUBLES."

At the last meeting of the Islington Borough Council a resolution was moved that it is unnecessary to have the mace at meetings of the Council, and undesirable that the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors should wear gowns, and that until the Council order otherwise the mace shall not be used.

JELLICOE'S APPRECIATION.

Lord Jellicoe has sent a cheque for twenty pounds to the Mercantile Marine Service Association as "A small token of my admiration for the magnificent work of our Mercantile Marine during the late war."

Y.M.C.A. APPEAL.

ITS WAR WORK AND ITS FUTURE.

Interesting figures relating to the war work of the Y.M.C.A. are published in connection with its present deficit of seven hundred thousand pounds and its appeal to the nation. It is explained that the object of the appeal is to enable the Association to meet the financial obligations of its war emergency fund and war work; to continue work amongst soldiers abroad and at certain centres at home where large bodies of troops are congregated; to maintain and develop its work at home and abroad, especially amongst the rising generation of lads and boys, many of whom have not had the benefit of control by their fathers or elder brothers for the last five years.

On its war work the Y.M.C.A. has spent £7,065,000. It has received in contributions from the public, as surplus from trading, and receipts from concerts billiards, beds etc. £6,460,000, leaving a deficit to August 31st of £605,000. It is estimated that by the 31st December this excess of expenditure over income will amount to £705,000. During the war the Y.M.C.A. spent £844,755 on free work for the Navy and Army, including £318,000 for free writing paper; £33,000 in providing free hostels and board for relatives of the dangerously wounded, who were thus enabled to visit their wounded relatives in hospitals in France; £54,000 in providing teas, smokes and rests for walking wounded on their way to the dressing stations; £141,000 on pioneer work for education in the Army; £29,000 on sports and athletic material; £166,000 on concerts and entertainments by professional artists at home and abroad; £100,000 on other items such as enquiry bureaux, hospitality, night patrols, newspapers, books, testaments, song and hymn books.

With the armistice the Y.M.C.A. immediately initiated a policy of rigid economy, retrenching everywhere it seemed possible to do so without letting the soldier down.

Even so, says Lord Askwith, the Treasurer, unless the public are prepared to continue to support the Y.M.C.A. and help them out of their difficulties, immediate and forced liquidation cannot be deferred.

LETTISH SENSATION.

RUSSIAN ARMY SURRENDERS TO GERMANS.

A Stockholm telegram reports that General Yudenitch and his staff have arrived at Reval. The Lett Commander-in-Chief has received a wireless message from General von Eberhardt, stating that the West Russian Army has placed itself under German protection. "I have taken over the supreme command and beg you to intimate your consent to conclude a truce," concluded the message.

The Lett Commander, who has not yet answered this communication, points out that the German Government recently disavowed these troops and now a German general takes these selfsame rebels under German protection in order to save them from final defeat, thereby making the aggression against Lettland an affair of Germany.

TROOPS FROM THE EAST.

An Official Return just issued shows that 143,752 officers and other ranks were conveyed in transports on long sea routes during the month of October. Of this number 9,812 sailed from Egypt, 21,697 from India and Mesopotamia, 10,670 from the Black Sea and 9,991 from Russia, to the United Kingdom. 28,095 sailed from the United Kingdom to India, and 2,020 to Egypt.

REPATRIATION OF PRISONERS.

The War Office states that during the week ending 12th November 13,908 German prisoners of war were repatriated from the United Kingdom, and 43 from Malta. During the same week 750 Turks and 58 Bulgarians were sent home from Saloniko, 610 Turks from Egypt and 66 Austrians from Malta.

ANTHRAX FROM SHAVING BRUSHES.

The possibility of anthrax being communicated to human beings from infected shaving brushes was mentioned at a Chelsea inquest upon George Duncan, a bank clerk, who lived at Lupus-street, Pimlico.

Medical evidence showed that Duncan, had died from heart failure following anthrax. It was stated in further evidence that the deceased had shaving apparatus of his own, but it was very old, and it was quite possible that he had recently been visiting barbers' shops for the purpose of being shaved.

TURKEY APPEALS FOR PEACE.

The Sublime Porte has appealed direct to the Peace Conference to hasten the settlement of the Turkish question, pointing out grave reasons for a speedy conclusion of peace. The Turkish Minister for War affirms that the Ottoman Chamber of Deputies will meet at Constantinople as usual.

Sir Stuart Samuel has completed his Mission to Galicia and will return to England next week.

FILIBUSTERING.

D'ANNUNZIO AND BALKAN STATES.

It is declared in authoritative circles that D'Annunzio's troops are spreading a reign of terror in Zara. All people not wearing an armlet of Italian colours, inscribed "Italy or death" are attacked and spat upon.

Supporters of D'Annunzio describe him as "Liberator of Dalmatia and protector of Montenegro, both of which are groaning under barbarous slavery."

Italian officers at Spalato (160 miles S.E. of Fiume) declare that D'Annunzio intends to attempt the delivery of Montenegro, giving to it the port of Cattaro.

A statement issued at Rome reveals that when D'Annunzio landed at Zara, Admiral Millo, the Italian Governor, was closeted with him at the Governor's residence for half an hour. Millo then addressed the officers outside, declaring that he had given his word that he would never evacuate any part of Dalmatia, which he said had been outraged by the Pact of London. Both Millo and D'Annunzio then addressed the crowd and reviewed the troops. When D'Annunzio returned to Fiume next morning the squadron hoisted the Dalmatian flag.

The Italian Government has disavowed Admiral Millo, who has been ordered to remain at his post pending Government action in his case. The Government also promises vigorous action to prevent the carrying out of other expeditions which are preparing against Sebenice, Spalato and elsewhere in Dalmatia.

Semi-official statements from Rome say that searches made at Ancona, Turin, and Milan show that exalted personages have attempted to profit out of the situation at Fiume. In view of seditious actions in Italy itself the Government is taking steps to prevent any disturbance of the country's internal peace.

WILD IRISH.

MILITARY ATTACKED IN LONDONDERRY.

Friday night was a wild one at Derry, a crowd attacking a number of men of the Dorset Regiment who were returning to barracks about midnight. The police vainly endeavoured to rescue the soldiers, and comrades coming to their assistance were attacked with stones and bottles. The soldiers finally took refuge in the Salvation Army hall, where fierce fighting proceeded until a strong armed detachment with fixed bayonets arrived. The crowd pelted them, shouting "Up Dublin" and booing, but the demonstration of force proved sufficient to disperse the crowd. A number of arrests were made.

PILGRIM TRAFFIC TO BAGHDAD.

Pilgrim traffic from Tabriz to Baghdad has now begun to pass through Sulemaniyah for the first time for many years. Some 500 pilgrims passed through that place during the week ending 25th October.

Sulemaniyah was recently the scene of a revolt against British authority led by Sheikh Mahmud. This rising was eventually suppressed by a force moving to Sulemaniyah from Kirkuk and Sheikh Mahmud was captured.

The fact that pilgrims are moving freely through the path of Kurdistan is confirmatory of the reports that have been received of the restoration of law and order in Sulemaniyah and its vicinity and bodes well for the future tranquility of Southern Kurdistan.

TOTAL WAR HONOURS.

Statistics of honours won in the field have just been issued by the War Office. Between August 1914 and the 31st October 1919, a total of 236,035 honours, exclusive of the Royal Air Force, were awarded for services in field, and 13,382 for other services connected with the war. For services in the field 576 Victoria Crosses were conferred, 8,882 Distinguished Service Orders, 3,019 Orders of the British Empire, 36,707 Military Crosses, 114,517 Military Medals and 21,192 Meritorious Service Medals.

The total number of officers and men who passed through the British Army during the war was about 6,196,000. In the South African War the total number of troops in the field was 448,435.

GERMAN ASSISTANCE REFUSED.

The Felixstowe branch of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers has returned to Baron von Bissing a cheque for twenty pounds which he sent to the branch on his leaving Felixstowe.

MINERS AND INCOME TAX.

The responsible leaders of the Welsh miners have issued a manifesto with reference to the income tax ballot, and advised the men to vote against resistance to payment of the tax.

DOCKYARD DISCHARGES.

In consequence of the four-and-a-half day scheme having fallen through discharges were resumed at Portsmouth Dockyard on Saturday, some hundred notices being issued.

"RECORDS."

SACK-THE-LOT FISHER'S NEW BOOK.

The "Times" began yesterday the publication of extracts from Lord Fisher's forthcoming book entitled "Records." Lord Fisher demolishes the legend that his mother was a Cingalese princess. Her name was Lambe, and she was born in the City of London.

In describing his joining the Victory in 1854 he says, "The lines of a modern midshipman are cast in pleasant places. They get good food and a good night's rest. Late as I came to sea, in 1854, I had to keep the first or the middle watch every night and was always hungry. Devilled pork rind was a luxury and a Spanish onion with a sardine in the middle watch was Paradise." He tells a humorous tale about ship biscuits which could walk and says the amusement of the midshipmen was to pit one piece of biscuit against another in a walking race. Another anecdote is that on the day he joined the Navy he saw eight men flogged and he fainted at the sight.

Much eulogy is devoted to one of Fisher's first captains, named Shadwell, who was "about the greatest Sailor on earth." Another friend of Fisher's was Admiral Hope, "a very stern and stately sort of man whom everybody was afraid of."

"I entered the Navy penniless, friendless and forlorn," says Fisher. "I have always had to fight like hell and fighting like hell has made me what I am."

MAKING SURE.

JELLICOE ON THE LEAGUE.

Speaking at a dinner given in his honour at Calgary on Saturday, Admiral Jellicoe said his mission to Canada was to advise the Dominion Government in what manner they could co-operate, if they so desired, in maintaining the sea-power of the Empire. "There is a feeling abroad" he said, "that the millenium is in sight and that there will be no more wars. I sincerely hope the League of Nations will meet with the best possible success, but events in the past few days have disheartened those who had faith in immediate results from the formation of the League. These events need not make us pessimistic regarding its future possibilities, but the consideration, I cannot help thinking, that people want to be sure of is, that they must be absolutely secure under the League before they consent to any cutting down of expenditure on Naval defence.

BARRACK FIRE.

GREAT DAMAGE AT CHATHAM.

A mysterious outbreak of fire occurred at South Hill barracks at chatham on Sunday morning, resulting in extensive damage, estimated at ten thousand pounds. The barracks are occupied by troops, but fortunately nobody was injured, for directly the alarm was given the men were called out to assist in fighting the flames. Considerable anxiety was felt for a long time owing to the proximity of a large petrol tank.

The outbreak was noticed about one o'clock by a policeman who saw flames suddenly envelop a section of the barracks. The Chatham Fire Brigade was quickly on the spot and strove hard for several hours before subduing the flanes. The fire originated in a small workshop and spread to a large motor shed, totally destroying three motor lorries and steam tractors and a Daimler car belonging to the G.O.C. Eastern Command.

DENIKIN HITS BACK.

The Helsingfors correspondent of the "Svenkadagblad" telegraphs that recent messages from Denikin state that his army has broken through the Bolshevist front between Orel and Jamboff. He claims to have annihilated 55,000 Bolshevists and states that the peasants and workmen in the manufacturing centres are revolting against the Soviet regime.

At Narva, adds the correspondent, the situation is critical. The Esthonians have been forced back and the North West Army is now in a difficult situation.

KING'S THANKS TO CANADIANS.

Lord Milner has telegraphed to the Duke of Devonshire expressing the King's desire to give publicity to his appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the men who volunteered from Canada to assist in the construction of ships and the making of munitions in Great Britain during the war. The message states that the excellent behaviour of these men, together with their sustained and steady application to work, earned the highest praise.

RANGERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE.

A memorial service for officers and men of the 12th Battalion the London Regiment (The Rangers) was held at the Headquarters, Tottenham Court-road on Sunday. After the service the members of the Old Comrades' Association, comprising past and present members of the regiment, under the command of Colonel Bayliffe, marched to the cenotaph in Whitehall headed by their band and laid a wreath on the memorial.

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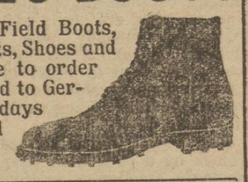

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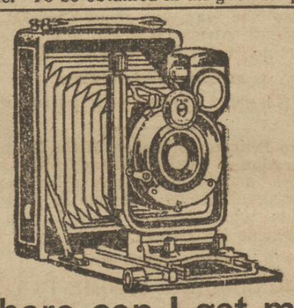

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THE YOUNG SOLDIER.

To-day the British Army of Occupation is composed of almost entirely young soldiers. Demobilization of the old-timers has practically reached completion and only those remain who have voluntarily elected to stay on for a longer period.

There has been a tendency on the part of what we will call the "fighter soldier" to regard the part played in the war by the younger comrades as negligible, and in view of this it will perhaps, be useful to examine the record of the more youthful Tommy.

In the first place it is well to remember in 1914 that the majority of the present Rhineland occupants were only fourteen years of age and at that time, when there was much highflown talk about a six months war, even the most pessimistic would have been staggered at the suggestion of these lads eventually donning khaki in defence of the Motherland.

As they attained the age of eighteen, however, they were automatically drafted into young soldiers' battalions and after a very few weeks the awkwardness and rawness having been removed, they passed into the graduating battalions bearing the names of our London and county regiments. Weedy-looking youths at first, they blossomed under Army training, into healthy, robust Tommies in the course of a very few months.

That the majority of them saw no active service is no fault of theirs; they could not help the armistice being signed before they attained the age of nineteen. But, whereas youth prevented them from taking an active part in the great struggle, it has been their lot to help to hold secure the fruits of victory won at such a cost by the veterans of the older battalions.

In thinking of the majority, the valiant part played by the minority must not be forgotten. In the fateful days of spring, 1918, thousands were sent out to help to stem the overwhelming efforts of the enemy and to fill the gaps as older men fell, and right nobly did they take their stand by the side of seasoned veterans

A more trying ordeal it would be difficult to find in the history of a war pregnant with ordeal. They were hurriedly rushed from the tranquility of camp life in England into the cruel realities of a modern battlefield. Almost without warning they were transferred from the peaceful scenes associated with the home countryside into an inferno of death dealing devices.

Many were called upon to make the greatest sacrifice and to their honour, be it said they died nobly and bravely.

And it is such an example that the youthful Army of Occupation is called upon to emulate: will they be found wanting? They have the same spirit and it is the spirit which conquers.

WHAT TO SEE IN RHINELAND.

S. MARIA IM CAPITOL.

Between the bottom end of the Hohestrasse and the Heumarkt there stands the Church of S. Maria im Capitol, one of the oldest and most interesting Churches in Cologne. It is very much hidden away and for that reason is probably not so well known as St. Gereon's or the Apostles Church, both of which stand facing open spaces.

According to tradition it occupies the site of the old Roman Capitol, whence its name—S. Maria im Capitol. A church is said to have been erected on this spot as early as the 7th century, but the present building dates from the 11th and 12th centuries. The exterior of the East end has the familiar outside gallery which is seen in so many of the Rhineland Churches, but the plan of the church is somewhat uncommon,—a cross with apsidal terminations to both choir and transepts, with an ambulatory running round each.

The church is both large and lofty and the vaulting of the nave dates from the 13th century.

There are several things to notice in the interior—above the altar on the North side of the High Altar is a very uncommon crucifix. Our Lord bound to a tree instead of the ordinary cross; on the South is a beautiful Virgin and Child; beneath the Rood are representations of the heads of the Apostles; the windows are good; the stalls in the ambulatory of the transepts very interesting; the organ loft, originally a screen, dating from the 16th century, is richly carved. In the vestibule, forming the 14th station of the cross is a beautiful Gothic "Entombment" which it is interesting to compare with the one in St. Gereon's. The little figure in the right hand corner probably represents the donor.

Beneath the choir approached by a flight of steps from either transept is a very fine crypt, the vaulting of which is supported by massive pillars. It is of considerable extent and contains several tombs, that of Plectrudis, being a 12th century work of great beauty.

The Cloisters are often missed by the casual visitor. They are at the West end of the Church and contain some very old tombstones and highly interesting bas-reliefs, presumably dating from the 14th or 15th century.

The gate in the screen at the West end of the Church is usually locked, but one can generally get in by the door facing towards the Heumarkt.

A. B. S.

"MUSIC HATH CHARMS."

"Did I ever tell you that tale about a snake charmer," enquired the old soldier.

He paused.

Instinctively my hand went towards the bottle to refill his glass.

With the preciseness of a machine, and without taking his gaze from my face, his hand came out to the now brimming glass.

The flame of reminiscence should always thus be fanned.

"It 'appened in India," he continued after a long pull.

"We were down Allahabad way. Them was the good old days of soldiering. We 'ad a pretty good time taking things all round. There was always plenty of "wallahs" 'anging around the camp that you could get to do the 'ard graft, and we never reckoned to work much after midday,

"Well one day me and my old pal "Nobby" Clark not 'aving much to do, strolls out into the town.

"Old "Nobby" was always one for a game, and although we 'ad been warned not to go into the bazaar we did go there.

"You've never seen one of them bazaars 'ave you?

"Proper places they are.

"You can get all sorts of things in them. Wooden idols, carpets, fruit and all sorts.

"Well, we buys a thing or two, watches the magicians, and them "fakirs," and was just makin' our way back when we comes across one of these e're snake charming blokes.

"It was marvellous 'ow 'e made them snakes 'armless with 'is music. 'E seemed to be able to do any old thing 'e liked with 'em. I wish I could charm my old Dutch like it."

But there" he went on with a sigh "that's a case where music doesn't 'ave' charms.

"Well" he continued meditatively, "we watched 'im for some time; when all of a sudden old "Nobby" takes a fit into 'is 'ead to 'ave a bit of sport with the old boy.

"E knew them snakes was 'armless, so all of a sudden 'e makes a dive for one of 'em. Well I can tell you that just about caused it. To think that a 'eathen soldier should touch one of 'is precious snakes.

"Before you could say "Jack Robinson" that 'Indu was up and it looked as if there was going to be some dirty work on the spot. I gives "Nobby" a pull and manages to drag 'im away and we 'ad to make a run for it, I can tell you.

"Well" I remarked, "there's nothing remarkable in that.

"That was only the result of a little bit of sport.

He paused for a minute or two to give weight to his words.

"I know" he continued, "but the funny part about it is that I saw that darkie when I was down in 'ospital a little while ago. I couldn't mistake those eyes of 'is.

"I couldn't quite make out what 'e 'ad been up to at first for 'e was all wrapped up in bandages, and 'ad 'is arm in a sling. I thought 'e still remembered that little 'appening but it seems 'e didn't.

"But after a while I tumbled to it.

"De mule sahib", he said in broken English.

"He gave a imitation of the way 'e used to squat and play tunes to them snakes.

"Then I suddenly tumbles to it.

"It seems 'e 'ad been trying to charm a mule with 'is music and 'ad come off second best.

HAWKEYE.

The Editor will always be pleased to consider Manuscripts submitted by members of the Rhine Army. All accepted Contributions are paid for.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX

We Hear all Sides without Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

TRAFFIC TROUBLES.

Sir,—The subject of this letter is a matter of common interest to all those members of the Army of Occupation who drive motor cars in this city of sleep-walkers, either on duty or for pleasure.

I have held a driving license for 12 or 13 years and have driven in all the large cities in Great Britain and also in many of the smaller provincial towns. But never, until I came to Cologne have I had to sound my horn or similar contrivance for the benefit of those vehicles and pedestrians who were coming towards me.

The crop of daily accidents, I believe, is fairly heavy, but the wonder to me is that there are not more. The children of Cologne and environs are a race of born suicides and the adults are not much better.

The German policeman is apparently helpless when more than two taxis and a hand cart are gathered together in one spot.

Put these folk down at the Mansion House crossing about noon on any day of the year--and they'd either get killed out of hand—or die of starvation.

I never realised how many congenital idiots of both sexes there were in this world until I drove a car in Cologne—and then I met them all inside a couple of hours.

GEORGE.

APPRECIATION.

Sir,—As one of the shortly to be demobbed, I feel I must say a few words of heartfelt thankfulness for all the splendid clubs and institutes provided for us boys here in the Rhine area.

How we shall miss them when we go back to our native towns and villages—oh so dull—in dear old Blighty!

We shall have none of the tip-top shows, and not any of the well appointed resorts to enliven our evenings. Where I live there is just the pub, the free library and a church institute. Not one is to be compared with the many glorious places provided for us here with willing kindly helpers to do so much for us.

What are sorely needed in England are places like the central Y.M.C.A. and the Leave Club in every town of any size; and then our dear dull but dear old country would become a real "Merrie England."

DEMOB.

A GROWING "EVIL."

Sir,—Replying to your correspondent "A Senior Officer," might I also be allowed to draw attention to the growing evil of the consumption of edible gum by the younger generation of the "Guards."

It is truly heartbreaking to observe the deleterious effect this bad habit is producing on these young fellows.

Quite apart from the adhesive powers of this substance to one's nether garments, when discarded by thoughtless devotees of "My Lady Spearmint," one's finer feelings are outraged by observing youths, still in their teens, taking the air in Cologne, the while they make grimaces reminiscent of the chimpanzee at the Zoological Gardens, in their endeavours to extract the very last grain of goodness from the succulent gum, or perchance, to transfer it from one molar to another.

I have received information from a reliable source that this pernicious habit was imported, among others, from "across the herrin' pond" during the course of the late war.

It seems a great pity that with so much material to hand for the forming of bad habits, that one that has travelled 3,000 miles, more or less, should hold sway.

I would ask your kind consideration of a proposal to form an Anti-Chewing Gum League.

H.W.H.

THE ARMY AND RELIGION.

Sir,—The article signed "W. Romaine Paterson" I found of absorbing interest. The facts he quoted were appalling in their frankness, but I am convinced from four years' experience of war that they are true and it is creditable to the compilers of the book he reviewed that they have had the courage to publish the plain unvarnished truth.

The fact that our men were brave and even callous in the face of all the horrors and terrors of the most ghastly war the world has ever seen, proves nothing. Savages and pagans act similarly.

But what is to my mind revealed most clearly by the passages quoted is that the soldier, and equally the civilian at home, had no faith and no confidence in the half-hearted watered-down religion preached by the divided sects our country is plagued with.

They are all teaching different kinds of dogma—nothing definite. One rejects this portion of the New Testament message; the other throws out that. Thus is bred not faith but doubt, and finally disbelief.

Until all the scores of so-called "Churches" come into one Fold with one Shepherd, proclaiming one definite common doctrine I see no hope of any change.

C.K.P.

RHINELAND DRAMA.

Sir,—I don't see why we should take into our calculations the possibility of there being any empty seats at the Deutsches and of having to fill them with Germans. If there are such gaps, there are plenty of our own men to fill them; and given the right plays they will never be empty so long as we have any considerable force in Rhineland.

Individuals there are of course who like "The Melting Pot" and similar plays, and doubtless the actors like to play in such pieces, which is to their credit, if they are ambitious, but when a theatre is provided for Tommy, it is up to the producers to consider the majority.

It is the same outside the drama. If you wanted to provide reading for all the Rhine Army, you wouldn't dish out the "Quarterly Review" to all and sundry—you would see that they got "Tit-Bits" or similar fare.

I hope we shall hear no more of filling our shows with German audiences. It is not our business to entertain or instruct them. We are in their country from necessity and for something else.

BRITISHER.

SOLDIERS AND WINE.

Sir,—Although since I have been in the Army of Occupation I drink wine rather often, a custom so much deprecated by "Perturbed", yet the reason is mostly that in the best restaurants and cabarets they won't serve you with anything else.

Beer is the drink I like, and always have in Blighty and would drink from preference here, but one isn't always allowed a free choice, worse luck!

Most of the wine too, is inferior stuff, not worth a quarter of what is asked for it and I find it soon gets into your head and often causes internal trouble. Either it is too new or is full of chemicals, so give me honest beer every time!

I may be the exception, but I think that most fellows out here are of my mind in this matter of wine.

X.X.X.

DO WE READ TOO MUCH?

Sir,—In reply to "Rural" I should like to say a few words on the subject of reading.

Evidently "Rural" is a thinker, and not a reader, and where, on the face of this planet, will you find a thinker who is not also a great reader?

Too much reading may prove disastrous, but reading in moderation is an excellent thing. By all means let us think for ourselves, but let others think for us too.

Most of us are young men and we require the most careful training in order to develop our faculties to the utmost; and one of the best way of attaining this end is by reading the best books.

Listen to what Francis Bacon has to say on the subject of reading. "Read not to contradict and confute, nor to believe and take for granted, nor to find talk and discourse, but to weigh and consider—reading makes a full man.

Why only Carlyle? asks "Rural." There are seasons for reading books, just as there are seasons for sowing and reaping. In times of unrest we read Carlyle's "Past and Present" because of the way it appeals to the common sense of the employer and the worker, it gives advice to those who are not satisfied with their lot. In times of prosperity we read Samuel Smiles' "Thrift" because it tells us how to spend our money wisely, for even the most profound thinker cannot spend wisely. "Rural," if you find time, draw your chair towards the fire, light your pipe and read the chapter on reading in Ruskin's "Sesame and Lilies."

R.M.

Sir,—In reply to "Rural's" letter on reading too much, I would like to say a few things. Firstly that he appears to suffer from the want of thought himself. If we don't read so much, what are we going to occupy our thoughts with? It is through the medium of reading that we think. We read a book and if it makes an impression on us, we think over what we have read.

Perhaps he means that we should read less fiction. If that is so then I agree with him. What I suggest is that we should think more and reason out the meaning of what we read.

He speaks of "libraries here, libraries there" and that we are told to "drink in the thoughts of other people." If he has a good look at any of the libraries he will find there food for thought to satisfy everyone's taste. By all means drink in the thoughts of other people, but make use of them. Think over them.

BOOKMAN.

Sir,—Anyone who is commencing to study English literature would, in my opinion be making an error, in commencing with Carlyle who in spite of his genius, is very difficult to understand. Advice has previously been given in these columns against selecting too difficult literature at first, and this should be borne in mind when thinking of Carlyle.

One would think from "Rural's" letter that it is almost impossible to read and still use our thinking powers. I think that it is wrong.

Reading good books gives direction to our thoughts and enables us to take full advantage of the thoughts of great men who have gone before.

A man who has given great study and time to reading is, I believe, far, far, better equipped to give a decision on the problems of life, than another who has not. In fact, the latter is not qualified to judge.

No one can read good books without being made to ponder and think.

J.W.

WHY SO SAD?

Sir,—I have been once or twice to Jazz teas in Cologne. I don't dance myself. I just go to look on. But not withstanding the super-exhilarating strains of the band which one would think were sufficient even to rouse the dead from their long slumber and take a turn, strains that excite one so that it is difficult to restrain one's self from leaping off one's chair and giddily careering round the room, I notice a sad and sorrowful expression on the faces of the dancers, especially the men. They appear to be in the extremest stages of melancholy.

If I were a jazzer—perhaps I may be some day—I should think the appropriate thing would be to smile broadly and ecstatically, all the time I was jazzing around.

CHEER UP!

MY MOTHER.

What joy to look into those pensive eyes
And see in them the place where prayer abides
Kissing those lips of love so sweet to see,
Holding those hands of service, used for me

Oh! that I could for ever have you near,
And hear all day that voice to me so dear
Yes, mother mine, I'd hold you very fast,
And have your valued counsel till the last.

But should some unseen Hand lead thee away
From home and me, no longer here to stay
May memory retain those words and prayers
Which uttered were for me to smooth my cares

As like some star extinguisted is at peace
Whos light streams down after its own decease;
So shall thy influence and power live on,
An Aftermath of blessing to thy son.

GEORGE DENYS FAYERS

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

West Bromwich Fall To Sheffield W. At Home.

LEAGUE LEADERS FAIL.

Saturday's results provided not a few surprises, the chief one being the defeat by Sheffield Wednesday of the sprightly "Throstles." To be beaten by the bottom team was bad enough, but coupled with the fact that the venue was the "Hawthorns," the result is inexplicable. Sheffield are to be congratulated upon their victory, which was a great assistance to Newcastle United who fell at Roker Park, since it enables them to retain their premier place.

"Local Derbies" produce keen football, and the Sunderland battle was no exception. Newcastle were outclassed in every department and Charlie Buchan secured both the goals which gave the Wearsiders the points.

Burnley's lapse at home came as a bombshell. To be beaten by six goals to two on their own ground needs some explaining away.

The Arsenal won their first home match since September 20th which suggests that at last they have broken their spell of bad luck. Manchester United did well against their near neighbours, Oldham Athletic while Chelsea ran Middlesboro' to a draw at Ayrsome Park. This game was a tale of missed opportunities and provided but poor football.

SECOND LEAGUE.

Fulham gave a sorry display at Craven Cottages and were "hammered" by two to one. Tottenham suffered another check at Nottingham where the Forest were very unlucky in securing only one point. Coventry gathered another point by sharing the spoils with Blackpool; South Shields' draw with Leicester was a meritorious performance, while Barnsley's convincing win over the "Wolves" somewhat atones for recent displays.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Plymouth Argyle bowed the knee to Bristol Rovers, but Portsmouth were more fortunate and succeeded in administering Cardiff's first defeat at home this season. Exeter fell at home, and so did Millwall, Southampton and Swansea. Such a haul for away teams has not occurred for many a long day.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Last week, in this column, mention was made of the fact that Celtic have not been so unreliable for years. This was fully borne out by Partick Thistle taking a point from Celtic Park, an honour which falls to few clubs. Dumbarton and Queen's Park both carried off half the spoils, while Hearts came a cropper at Kilmarnock.

Appended are the results:

The League.—Division I.

Arsenal	3	Notts County	1
Bradford City	3	Blackburn Rovers	1
Burnley	2	Bradford	6
Everton	3	Bolton Wanderers	3
Manchester City	3	Derby County	1
Middlesbrough	0	Chelsea	0
Oldham Athletic	0	Manchester United	3
Preston North End	2	Liverpool	1
Sheffield United	1	Aston Villa	2
Sunderland	2	Newcastle United	0
West Bromwich Alb.	1	Sheffield Wed.	3

The League.—Division II.

Barnsley	4	Wolverhampton W.	1
Birmingham	2	Rotherham County	2
Bury	3	Clapton Orient	0
Coventry City	0	Blackpool	0
Fulham	1	West Ham United	2
Huddersfield T.	1	Bristol City	0
Hull City	4	Stockport County	1
Leicester City	0	South Shields	0
Lincoln City	0	Port Vale	0
Notts Forest	1	Tottenham Hotspur	1
Stoke	3	Grimsby Town	0

The Southern League.

Bristol Rovers	2	Plymouth Argyle	0
Cardiff City	0	Portsmouth	1
Luton Town	1	Norwich City	1
Exeter City	2	Northampton	4
Millwall	0	Watford	2
Southampton	0	Brentford	1
Swindon	2	Brighton and Hove	1
Swansea Town	0	Crystal Palace	1

The Scottish League.

Airdrieonians	1	Dumbarton	1
Celtic	0	Partick Thistle	0
Clydebank	4	Ayr United	3
Dundee	3	Albion Rovers	2
Hibernians	1	Clyde	0
Kilmarnock	2	Heart of Midlothian	1
Greenock Morton	4	Hamilton Academic	0
Motherwell	4	Falkirk	0
Queen's Park	0	Glasgow Rangers	0
Raith Rovers	2	Aberdeen	2
St. Mirren	2	Third Lanark	2

Club Matches.

Corinthians	1	Cambridge University	3
Oxford University	2	The Army	2
Queen's Park Rangers	4	Reading	2
Tottenham H. Reserv.	5	Luton Reserves	4

English Cup.—Fourth Qualifying Round.

Stockton	1	Leadgate Park	2
Bishop Auckland	1	Hartlepools United	0
Barrow-in-Furness	0	Carlisle United	0
Southport	1	South Liverpool	0
Rochdale	1	Monks Hall	0
Desborough Town	1	Cleethorpes	2
Shrewsbury	3	Worcester City	1
Walsall	5	Bath City	2
Newport County	2	Scotswood	0
West Stanley	0	Castleford Town	0
Lintz			

RUGBY.

The Northern Union.

Leigh	25	Batley	0
Hunslet	2	Bramley	0
Bradford	14	Hull Kingston Rovers	4
Hull	9	Broughton Rangers	3
Dewsbury	9	Huddersfield	28
Halifax	17	St. Helens	8
Keighley	0	Leeds	11
Warrington	16	Rochdale Hornets	0
St. Helen's Recreation	12	Salford	2
Swinton	6	Widnes	5
Wakefield Trinity	10	York	7
Barrow	17	Oldham	6

The Rugby Union.

County Championship.

Lancashire	3	Yorkshire	15

Club Matches.

Richmond	5	Blackheath	37
Old Merchant Taylors	6	Cambridge University	27
Harlequins	6	Guy's Hospital	5
Old Leysians	18	London Hospital	10
United Services	32	London Scottish	5
Leicester	19	The Army	8
Oxford University	6	Trinity Col. (Dublin)	0
Bristol	26	Weston-super-Mare	0
Northampton	9	Coventry	5
Newport	18	Cardiff	0
Swansea	7	Neath	3
Gloucester	12	Pontypool	3
R.M.A. (Woolwich)	20	St. Thomas's Hospital	3
London Welsh	13	R.A.F.	14
Moseley	24	Nuneaton	0
Lydney	26	Monmouth	0
R.M.C.	33	R.N.C.	0

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

No. 36 C.C.S. defeat H.Q. VI Corps.

KEEN SPORT.

36 C.C.S. met H.Q. VI Corps on Saturday at Stadtwald, the former winning by two goals to one.

Despite the bad weather conditions a capital game was witnessed, the play, which was keen and clean, being fast throughout. During the first half the exchanges were fairly even. The C.C.S. had more opportunities to score, but showed marked weakness in their finishing efforts, and at half time the score sheet was blank.

A few minutes after the resumption, however, Thompson gave the "Medicals" the lead with a splendid shot from about 25 yards out, and a minute later Turner placed them further ahead after a scrimmage in the goal mouth. These reverses in no way discouraged the H.Q. team, and they were at length rewarded by a goal kicked by Cowan.

For the C.C.S., Lewis and Gregory gave another good display, whilst Nicholson was the best of a good intermediate line.

Capt. Makinson played a fine game at right back for the losers, and time and again by his splendid tackling he extricated his side from dangerous positions.

CAVALRY GOING STRONG.

Inniskillings easily Defeat Remount Depot.

Another spirited game was played by the Inniskilling Dragoons team against the Remount Depot at Cologne-Deutz on Sunday. The teams kicked off at 2.10 p.m. and at 2.15 the first goal was scored by Bennett, the Cavalry inside-left from a penalty. Prior to this penalty being given, some quick work took place in the Remounts goal-mouth, and their goalie had rather a warm time in defending. The second goal was scored again by the inside left. A vigorous attack was kept up by the Inniskillings, and some fine head-work by the Remounts' backs was witnessed, which undoubtedly prevented another goal being immediately scored. Play then going into the Cavalry's end of the field, a corner was given after a strong attempt by the Remounts to score, the attack being carried out in a fine style. A run down the field by Captain Humfrey, the Inniskillings' outside-left, enabled their inside right (Tptr. Albrecht) to head the ball into the Remounts' goal, in spite of the excellent attempt on the part of the goalie to save.

Another hot attack by Remounts before half-time was unsuccessful, Cpl. Jones and Fowler, the Dragoons' backs, giving a splendid exhibition of defence.

The second half opened with considerable pressure on the Dragoons' left wing, but play quickly transferred to the Remounts' half by the Dragoons' inside-right clearing with a long-shot down field, and a point-blank shot in the Remounts' goal-mouth was splendidly saved by their goalie. An exciting tussle then ensued round the goal, resulting in the Cavalry scoring their fourth point. The fifth (and last) goal was soon scored by Southwell, the Inniskillings' centre-forward, after a clever run-through from the other end of the field.

A good game finished without further incident, leaving the Cavalry victorious with a score of 5—0.

FAST, CLEAN FOOTER.

52nd Manchester Regt. v. No. 142 Field Ambulance.

An exciting match was witnessed on Saturday at Riehl between these two teams. The 52nd opened the game, immediately breaking through, only to be checked by Cox at the goal mouth. The Ambulance forwards pressed hard, and from a well judged pass from Harley, Booker scored the first goal, Harrison allowing the ball to dribble through his hands into the nest. The Ambulance showed some excellent combination, while Southall at centre half, upset the attacks of the 52nd forwards, Booker then secured the ball and running through passed to Harley who scored the second goal. The 52nd then pressed very hard and Clout excelled himself in checking and clearing. Eventually from a well judged pass by Lieut. Holland, Blackstone scored the first goal for the 52nd, and so the score remained at half time.

From the commencement of the second half, a ding-dong battle ensured first one, then the other goal being in danger. After ten minutes play Chadwick broke through and scored the equalising goal. Things became very exciting after that, but unfortunately the light failed, and the referee in fairness to both teams terminated the match which throughout was fast, brilliant, and thoroughly clean.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY CRICKET CLUB.

In their annual report the Middlesex Committee refer to the loss the club sustained in the death of MacGregor MacGregor. By permission of the M.C.C. a memorial in honour of the Middlesex cricketers who fell in the war will be placed in the pavilion at Lord's. The past season was financially very successful, the working of the club yielding a profit on the year of £615. The committee are, however, most anxious to increase the membership. Home and home matches have been arranged for 1920 with Essex and Hampshire, Kent, Lancashire, Notts, Somerset, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire, and Yorkshire, and one match with Oxford University at Oxford. In recognition of his long and splendid career the committee have decided to present J. T. Hearne with a piece of plate.

'VARSITY TENNIS.

There is a movement on foot for the establishment of lawn tennis matches between Oxford and Cambridge and Yale, the champion University in America, next Summer.

CALAIS "SWEEP."

Complete List of Winning Ticket Holders.

£10,000 IN PRIZES.

The first prize of £3,500 in the Calais Sweepstake on the Manchester November Handicap, organised by Commander W. Bickford D.S.O. has been won by Chas. Bateson, Preston, Lancs., the second of £1,500 by A.E. Goord, Chatham, and the third by Capt. A. E. Cliff-McCulloch.

Each person who drew one of the 21 acceptances receives £50, and there are twenty special prizes of £50 each. A novelty has been introduced in awarding prizes to sellers of tickets—first £400, second £200, third £100, and 20 at £25 each.

The draw took place at Calais in the presence of a number of officers, N.C.O.'s, and men of H.M. Forces. Nearly £10,000 is being given in prizes.

The Draw.

G8112 PLANET.—A. E. Goord, Spread Eagle, Joyes-st., Chatham, Kent.
L6499 ROYAL BUCKS.—Lieut. J. P. Wayte, North Bar, Banbury, Oxon.
H10496 DIONYSOS.—Sapper W. Brown, 17, Dean-st., Brightlingsea, Essex.
L4826 Special Prize £50.—J. Blackwell, 11, Military-rd., Chatham, Kent.
J7574 Special Prize £50.—Mr. J. Slaber, Fairhoe, Salisbury-ave., Cheam, Surrey.
(2)4970 Special Prize £50.—H. Arrowsmith, 4, Pottery-rd., Wigan.
N941 Special Prize £50.—Cpl. W. R. Penney, Marlsfield Park, Uckfield, Sussex.
K1335 JOHN JACKETT.—Pte. W. C. Sharp, 14, Hever-rd., Cricklewood.
I2099 NOT MUCH.—Pte. F. Reeves, 169, Far Gosford-st., Coventry.
D6497 Special Prize £50.—Pte. R. N. D. E. Morgan, Queen's Head Hotel, Cardiff.
R13812 Special Prize £50.—P.-Lieut. W. J. M. Harris, R.N.V.R., Richmond-rd., East Twickenham.
F11134 AYNSLEY.—Pte. F. P. Hyde, 9, Wootton-gardens, Bournemouth.
F9288 GAY LORD.—Lieut. R. H. Tweedale, Helmcroft, Park Drive, Harrogate.
X4935 Special Prize £50.—F. W. Kimber, Transport, "Maid of Orleans," Dover.
M5265 Special Prize £50.—Pte. J. W. Tetley, Harp-place, Leeds.
L5392 Special Prize £50.—Baker, R.N.V., c/o Mrs. Willis, 76, Brixton-st., Gillingham.
M7716 JACK POINT.—S.-Lieut. B. W. Douglas, I.N., Caius Cottage, Cambridge.
O7012 ALASNAM.—J. Davis, 24, Neate-st., Camberwell, London.
G10532 Special Prize £50.—George Lane, 6, Provident-place, Epsom.
F14001 Special Prize £50.—Capt. F. Cozens, R.W. Kent Regt., 2, Duncombe-place, York.
E10520 QUEEN'S SQUARE.—P. C. Bentley, 3rd Imp. Yeo., Yorks Hussars.
N11402 Special Prize £50.—Pte. R. Gleed, 14, Mansell-st., Swansea.
XA6873 Special Prize £50.—Cpl. G. A. Brewer, 103, Tavistock-place, Plymouth.
A14822 CHAT TOR.—Capt. A. E. Cliff-McCulloch, The Elms, Hawarden, near Chester.
N478 Special £50.—R.S.M. Carstairs, No. 6, Camp, Calais.
N11621 WILDFELLOW.—S. Nock, 75, Birch-st., Swindon.
M5292 GOTHA.—Pte. W. Scott, 6, Bank-st., Boarlane, Leeds.
Y13682 KING JOHN.—Chas Bateson, Red Bungalow, Preston, Lancs.
W3688 ROTHESAY BAY.—Pte. R. G. Weston, The Tilt, Cobham, Surrey.
D14716 Special Prize £50.—E. Best, 85, Grove-rd., Tolhouse, Sheffield.
T9989 GRAND FLEET.—W. Foster, 242, Tower-rd., Aston, Birmingham.
E2189 Special £50.—Pte. J. W. Anstey, 39, Lyndhurst-rd., Hove, Sussex.
G4916 Special £50.—Pte. C. Adams, late R.A.S.C., 3, Countess-rd., Kentish Town.
J5278 Special £50.—C.Q.M.S. Kampe, 51, Whitehall Park, London, N.
F8527 WILLIAM ALLENBY.—Miss E. Cohen, 17, Lincoln-st., Bow, E.
P10623 ELSINORE.—A. J. Wooding, 52, Hamilton-rd., Highbury.
T3151 AFRICAN STAR.—Lieut. C. H. Brown, R.E., c. o. D.O.R.E., Dunkirk.
R13804 DAPHNE.—Capt. A. H. Holland, 57, Cadogan place, London, S.W.
T9127 Special £50.—Seaport, 14, Soudan-rd., Heavily, Stockport.
C8879 Special £50.—F. E. Dicks, 76, Blackstock-rd., Finsbury Park.
I2312 GOLDEN FLEECE.—Pte. Franklin, 30, Frederick-place, Bow, E.

LILLE "SWEEP" WINNERS.

The following are the principal winners in the Lille Sweepstake:

1st. Prize £15,540, Pte. H. W. Ball, Leigh-on-Sea.
2nd. £7,770, Pte. J. Brown, Whitley.
3rd. £3,885, Rifleman F. Percy, R.E.P.S. F.P.O., Rhine Army.

FOOTBALL GOSSIP

By W. Le C.

Bob McGrory is among the mentions for a new Scottish defence. I saw him at Boghead this season and would cordially endorse his selection. Clever, brainy and possessing a kick a mule might envy, he will be well worth his place.

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Mr. A. S. Maley, of Clydebank is a brother of the famous Celtic and Bradford officials. What this trio do not know about the game could be written on a pin head.

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A bird whispers that Patterson, the Rangers' winger is going south. I doubt it. It will require a bigger figure than most clubs can afford to tempt the Glasgow Directorate.

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Watch Coventry, but buy a magnifying glass first.

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Not considered good enough for senior Irish football, yet picked to represent his country, has been the experience of Snape, the Airdrie player.

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Two teams in the Reading and District Wednesday League, each possess a one-armed player. This handicap does not hinder their being clever exponents of the game.

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But three years ago, on meeting Albert Shepherd in Bolton, he informed me that he weighed fifteen stone. To-day, I learn his weight is eighteen stone. I can imagine the international "Magpie" player crashing through a defence in his old style with this weight. Exit the defence.

CHAMPION SWORD SWINGER DEAD.

The death is announced of the world's champion sword swinger, Corpl. Battersby, 1st Bn. Yorkshire Regt. On one occasion, Battersby swung two swords for fifty-two hours continuously.

ENGLISH RACING.

King John's Return to Form in Manchester Handicap.

UGLY DUCKLING AGAIN.

There was a large attendance at Manchester on Saturday for the final day of the flat racing season. The weather was dull and threatening. The Manchester November Handicap, the principal event on the card, is dealt with elsewhere on this page.

In the first race Ugly Duckling capped a series of successive wins by carrying off the Farewell Handicap and defeating Marl and Sir Berkeley.

A big gamble came undone when Fancy Man failed in the Worsley Nursery, but a lot of people won money over the winner Crevasse, for the public seldom let one of Lord Derby's horses win here without sharing in the spoils, and there were indications that the filly was really fancied. The meeting came to an end with Lord Glanely winding up a wonderful season by taking the Final Plate with The Midshipmite, who easily beat his solitary opponent Manilardo.

DETAILS.

Farewell Handicap.—Ugly Duckling (10-11), 1; Marl (8-1), 2; Sir Berkeley (7-1), 3.

Beresford Selling Stakes.—Rocksavage (2-1), 1; Shoemaker (3-1), 2; Burly (6-1), 3.

Saturday Selling Welter.—Minstrel Joy (100-8), 1; Be Wise (100-6), 2; Landing Net (100-6), 3.

Worsley Nursery.—Crevasse (7-1), 1; Orange William (100-7), 2; Foot Proof (100-8), 3.

Final Plate.—The Midshipite 1; Mawilardo 10—11 on.

LINGFIELD RESULTS.

The Finale Handicap at Lingfield yesterday furnished a surprise. So well supported was Aris that he started an odds-on favourite, but was beaten into second place by Nant Goch, with Black Lamb third. Results:

Four Elms Selling Nursery.—Quick Meg (5-1), †; First Leaf (100-8), †; Spider Legs (100-30), 3. † dead heat.

The Back End Handicap.—Bravo (3-1), 1; Twincat (5-1), 2; D'Amade (20-1), 3.

The Burstow Selling Handicap.—Porton (11-8 on), 1; Gally Strickland (7-1), 2; Eston Jetty (100-8), 3.

The Finale Handicap.—Nant Goch (20-1), 1; Aris (6-4 on), 2; Black Lamb (10-1), 3.

Country Maiden T.Y.O. Plate.—Ruckinge Queen 6-5), 1; Sun Bird (2-1), 2; Pretty Peggy (100-9), 3.

Southern Maiden Plate.—Flying Post 5-2), 1; Yellow Bedstraw (100-8), 2; Gay Goshawk (5-4), 3.

THE BIG RACE.

The result of the Manchester November Handicap was published in our Sunday's issue and to-day we are able to give some details of the race.

There were seventeen runners and the market business so soon as the ring was formed became very brisk. Chat Tor held his place as favourite until just before the start, when there became such a persistent demand for Alasnam that the Derby Cup winner finally wound up a hard favourite at 11 to 4, with Taylor's charge easing to 9 to 2. King John was the chief medium of the other heavy business. He ran in blinkers, and the policy proved a wise one, for Capt. Giles Loder's hitherto disappointing horse ran his race out stoutly, and always had the verdict safe in the last three furlongs.

A Poor Start.

The start was not a particularly good one, Chat Tor being one of the chief sufferers, and Mr. Singer's colt did very well to get a place just in front of Alasnam, who hardly for a moment faltered, although he always held a prominent position. It is doubtful, however, whether, with an equal start, he would have beaten King John, whose victory was gained in very easy fashion.

Planet ran very well, but was beaten on his merits, while Royal Bucks, after making the pace for a mile, dropped clean away. Gay Lord broke down, and it was clear that the stoppage in his work had affected John Jackett, whose owner was more hopeful than confident. The regular followers of Gilpin's stable had a very good race, and the public once more supported the horse although he had let them down so often.

FELTON V. BARRY.

Another Important Sculling Match In View.

The "Daily Mail" offers £500, the stake money required by Ernest Barry for a return race on the Parramatta with Alfred Felton, the Australian, who recently defeated Barry in a race for the world's sculling championship over the Putney to Mortlake course.

The earlier match took place on October 27th for a similar stake, when, it will be remembered Barry, British champion, took the centre of the river and, on account of rough weather, was water-logged.

The Australian, who won the toss, on the other hand, hugged the Middlesex shore and was but little troubled by the rough water.

THE OPPONENTS.

Felton scales 13st. 7lbs., and stands 6ft. 2½in, against Barry's 11st. 8lb. and 6ft.

Barry's first race for the championship was in 1910, when he was beaten on the Zambesi by Arnst. Two years later he turned the tables on Arnst over the Thames course, whilst the same year he beat E. Durnan. In 1913 he vanquished H. Pearce, and J. Paddon fell a victim to his prowess in 1914.

Barry's time of 21min. 12sec. against Towns in 1908 is a record for the championship course in a sculling boat.

LANCS. HOCKEY TRIAL.

A trial match of the Lancashire County Hockey Association will take place on December 6 at Bury between Liverpool and District and Manchester and District. Matches have also been arranged with Yorkshire for December 13 on the Sheffield University ground and with Cheshire on December 26 at the Northern ground, Great Crosby.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

THE SUNDAY CONCERTS.

It was really an oversight perhaps a combination of causes, but anyhow, quite unforgiveable that the Bender-Clemens concert at the Deutsches Theatre has not yet received the usual commentary in these columns. This is all the more to be regretted as it was perhaps, the most successful artistically and in its general appeal of all the Sunday concerts, so far given, also in fairness to the gifted artistes, who contributed to the evening's enjoyment and so successfully tackled a difficult task. I say difficult advisedly because to serve out really classical music, and in a foreign tongue at that, and succeed in making an irresistible appeal to a large and mixed popular audience is no mean accomplishment.

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With two such great artistes as Gertrude Bender (soprano) and Hans Clemens (lyrical tenor) from the Opera House, the concert could hardly fail to be an enormous success, but their appeal was really greater than is sometimes the case when famous operatic stars take the concert stage, possibly by reason of the fact that their voices were more adaptable to ballad and the lighter music outside the realm of grand opera. One outstanding feature was the duet, which was an inspiration and a joy; the audience clamoured for more. Our own Barker, the wizard of the violin, we are getting to take for granted now and it only remains to say that on this occasion he more than made up, in quality and quantity, for what we missed when he was indisposed at the previous concert. The accompanist showed qualities that please an artiste and do not obtrude themselves upon the audience.

Opera Tickets.

From the 26th instant inclusive, the present allotment of boxes and system for obtaining seats will be cancelled, and the following substituted:—The following Boxes will be allotted only:— 2 C.-in-C.; 2 G.H.Q.; 2 VI Corps; 1 Rhine Garrison; 1 Independent Division. (reserved for General officers).

These Boxes will be held by the Amusement Officer, and with the exception of the boxes allotted to the C.-in-C., must be claimed by 6 p.m. two days prior to the performance. If they are not demanded by that time, they will be sold to the first applicants.

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In addition to the boxes there are available six boxes and 123 seats reserved for officers, 28 seats for W.O.s. and Senior N.C.O.s., and 200 seats for Other Ranks.

These seats will not be allotted, but can be obtained by application, either in person or by telephone. If an officer's or a soldier's wife applies, she must be prepared to produce her White Pass. The booking for each performance will open four days in advance.

No Institution is permitted to book more than five seats for any one performance.

Not more than two seats may be booked by any one individual. This does not however apply to boxes, in which any number of seats up to four may be booked by an individual.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Tues.	Der Wildschütz	Lortzing	7	10
Wed.	Die Entführung aus dem Serail	Mozart	7	10
Thurs.	Tiefland	d'Albert	7.30	10
Fri.	Die Zauberflöte	Mozart	7	10.50
Sat.	Tosca	Puccini	7	9.45
Sun.	Cosi Fan Tutti	Mozart	7	10
Monday	No Performance			
Tuesday	No Performance			

Fancy Dress Affair.

There will be a Fancy Dress Dance at the Leave Club on Wednesday from 6.30 to 10. Only those in fancy dress will be admitted to the ball room. There are two small dressing rooms for men coming from a distance. All wives of Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s and men are cordially invited to attend.

To-night's Variety Entertainment.

To-night besides that clever one act play "Postal Orders" by Roland Pertwee, there will be several dances, at the Leave Club, beginning with a dance scena "Xmas Eve at Barrods". This is to followed by a violin solo by Miss West, a dance by Miss Bastard and a shadow song by Miss K. Campbell. "A Sicilian Episode" will be danced by Captain Preston and Mrs. Banford. Besides there will be dances by Miss Castelli and Miss McClean, and the Flower Girl Dance by Mrs. Banford.

Leave Club Concert.

There was an excellent concert given on Sunday night at the British Empire Leave Club by the band of the 13th K.R.R.C., (by kind permission of the O.C.) Two cornet solos by Bandmaster Fordham were loudly encored. Lieutenant Pratt sang several songs which were much enjoyed. "Oh for the Wings of a Dove" was very finely rendered by Miss K. Campbell. Lt. Diggins gave a unique performance in piano juggling. Several songs were very well sung by Pte. Green and Rfn. Ryder gave two violin solos which were much appreciated, whilst a feature of the evening was the Regimental March played by the band with the addition of six buglers.

Another Success.

When the "Blue Boys" Concert Party made their first appearance at the Wiesdorf Cinema a short time ago I predected a very successful future for them and their subsequent performances have more than justined my opinion. I was afforded the opportunity of witnessing their latest show, and it was a tip-top programme from start to finish. "Who is she?" was the question asked on all sides when a gracefully attired, attractive looking young lady appeared and sang, "Waitz me up to the Altar, Walter." Those of us in the know were smiling up our sleeve all the time because the young "lady" was none other than "Air Force," as he is popularly called. It was a very clever impersonation. I am anticipating crowded houses for the Concert Party, when it goes on tour as it is expected to do very shortly.

JACQUES.

RHINELAND BOXING.

Tim Healey to Organise Exhibitions in Cologne.

Tim Healey, late of the Middlesex Regt., ex-world's champion, will shortly return to Cologne. He proposes, next month, to organise exhibitions including all weights.

Healey is himself to meet Louis de Ponthier, the French champion, for the championship of Europe in April of next year.

Any bloods in Rhineland, who would care to participate in the events next month should write sending particulars of weight etc. to Staff-Sergeant Parker, c/o "The Cologne Post."

LIGHT-WEIGHT CHALLENGE.

Riflemen R.C. Jackson C. Company, 51st Bn. The Rifle Brigade wishes to fight any man in the British Army of the Rhine, for the Light-Weight Championship (Rhine Army) which he will claim if no applications are forthcoming. Conditions—Rhine Army Rules and the fight to take place in Cologne. All correspondence to be addressed: Sgt. J. Hall, C. Company, 51st Bn. The Rifle Brigade.

SPORT IN BRIEF.

Mr. Dawson's Future.

Mr. R. C. Dawson may have returned to Whatcombe by the commencement of next season's flat racing.

Birmingham's Acquisition.

Birmingham Football Club have secured the transfer of Peart, centre forward, from Notts County. Originally a Stoke player, Peart has also seen service with Newcastle United.

Complimentary Dinner.

Jesse Pennington, the old West Bromwich Albion player and international footballer, is to be entertained to a complimentary dinner on December 10 in recognition of his plucky fight during the recent municipal election.

Racing Pigeons.

In a strong show of racing pigeons at Castleton, Abraham Collinge, of Middleton, won the cup with a cock bred this year and flown one hundred miles. Other principal winners were: Young hen, flown 100 miles, Dr. White, Castleton; old cock, flown 100 miles, F. Stocks, Bamford; old hen, flown 100 miles, F. Stocks, Bamford; cock, flown English Channel, A. Collinge; hen, flown English Channel, Dr. White.

ONLY TEN RESULTS.

Our Skill Competition Is Easier This Week.

This week, we ask for a forecast of only ten matches to be played on Saturday next. No scores are required.

In contest No. 9, which is now being adjucated, some surprising results occurred. There were four home teams victorious, four draws and four away winners. This is the first time in the history of the competition that such a result has occurred. The four draws have upset many calculations.

In the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 10,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S./40 Rhine Army.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 10.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov. 29th.
Closing date, Friday, Nov. 28th.

Newcastle U.	v. Sunderland
Blackburn R.	v. Bradford City
Bradford	v. Burnley
Chelsea	v. Middlesbrough
Notts County	v. Arsenal
Clapton Orient	v. Bury
Grimsby	v. Stoke
Portsmouth	v. Queens Park R.
Brighton	v. Millwall
Falkirk	v. Third Lanark

I enter Football Competition No. 10 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Rank and No. .....
Unit .....
Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

And Proud of It.
In the Opera restaurant the other evening I saw a German officer in a very swagger uniform complete with Iron Cross.

Force of Example.
In a crowded tram yesterday a German civilian rose to give his seat to an English lady, who in turn gave her seat to an elderly German woman. Two German men then offered their seats to our countrywoman.

Question of Taste.
At the close of a show at which low comedy had figured prominently I overheard an officer remark, "I have enjoyed this much more than I did 'Carmen'." All a question of taste, I suppose.

Not Hymns but—.
One does not associate a harmonium with ragtime, although the American organ hails from Jazzland, but at the "Earwig" the orchestra makes quite good use of one.

Taking Cover.
I was amused to see a number of fraueins taking complete cover behind their umbrellas in order to protect their "Sunday best" from the mud-splashing attention of passing taxis the other evening.

Lady Entrants.
Quite a number of coupons are reaching us for our popular Football Competition from ladies in Rhineland. Nursing sisters, lady workers and "better halfs" are numbered among our entrants.

"COLOGNE POST" CELEBRITIES
No. I. "AGNES".

Blaze Away!
All the troops will be delighted I'm sure to hear that a fine shooting gallery is in preparation for them at the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A.

Summary Action.
When announcing the opening of this new attraction, Dr. Francis being in a facetious mood, said that he would be constantly in the gallery so that he himself might, with unerring aim "shoot at dawn" the men who litter the floors with paper and fag ends.

Fag Ends.
The Café at the Opera House is besieged by men folk in the intervals, as that is the only place where one may smoke. At the door there is a plate which receives all cigarette ends as people return to their seats. Most of the cigarette ends are quite long. I wonder what the attendants do with them?

Remarkable.
In spite of the reduced number of troops in Rhineland, Dr. Francis tells me there has been no decrease in the numbers availing themselves of all the attractions the Y.M.C.A. offers.

Deadly Newness.
Lots of people complain that many of the Rhine and Moselle wines sold in Cologne have a nasty knack of upsetting one even when comparatively small quantities are imbibed. The trouble is that most of them are of too recent make. 1917 is quite a common vintage

For Lithuania.
A good many British officers who have volunteered for the new Lithuanian Army are floating around Cologne just now. Their uniform is not unlike that of the Belgian officers.

Moving Jobs.
Sunday seems to be a favourite day with the working classes in Rhineland to move from one dwelling to another. I saw several heavily laden carts carrying household goods and chattels last Sunday.

To Those Demobbed.
The Editor asks me to point out that if any of our contributors who have returned to Blighty are not too busy with their civil occupations, he will be pleased if they will still write occasionally for the "Post."

Sound Ranger's Promotion.
I notice that Mr. Harold L. P. Jolly late of the 4th F.S.B., where he worked as a Sound Ranger, has been appointed Research Officer and Scientific Adviser to the Ordnance Survey of Great Britain, Educated at Framlingham and Trinity, Mr. Jolly worked for some time as a research student under Sir. J. J. Thomson and then went as Metro logical expert to the National Physical Laboratory.

Baths Closed.
I see that the Officers' baths at the Hohenstaufen Ring, Cologne, are now closed until further orders.

Burnt Out.
Passengers on a tramcar near the Zoo had an exciting experience recently. A wire fused, causing a fire, which burnt the roof out; but fortunately there were no casualties.

"Our" Shop.
Now that "The Cologne Post" has taken over the Army Bookroom in the Hohestrasse Arcade, we of this paper, are more than ever keen on its successful development. Do you frequent it?

Their Libraries.
Demobbed soldiers of all ranks are sending home bulky parcels of books they have accumulated since peace-time soldiering began on the Rhine. One bookworm sent home nearly three hundred volumes recently, I hear.

Wasteful.
Some of the boys are amazingly prodigal with their paper money and don't seem to realise its value. Many, I know, just throw away such dross as ten pfennig notes, and won't be bothered with anything less than a mark's worth of paper.

Awkward.
An austere-looking Sergeant-major in full paraphernalia was walking down Breite strasse a few days ago when he felt something tugging at his heels. On looking round he discovered to his horror that one of his spurs had become entangled in a lady's dress. Having extricated himself he quickly disappeared round a friendly corner to escape the lady's voluble protestations.

Sleuthhounds.
A search is being made diligently by a number of sporting enthusiasts for our correspondent, "Anti-Box." Several suspects are being carefully watched, but so far no exact proof of identity is forthcoming.

RHINELANDER.

NOTES FROM LONDON TOWN.

LORD HAIG AND DAME RUMOUR.

It is amusing to read the various "inspired" rumours in the papers as to Lord Haig since the announcement of the abolition of G.H.Q. Some in superior fashion say, "We have every reason to believe Lord Haig will be Inspector General of the Forces"; others, "It may be found that Lord Haig will go to India"; and others having nothing very positive to say venture on the truism, "The post of Commander-in-Chief having gone, Lord Haig will be unemployed." At last a practical Scottish paper threw a cold douche on all these speculations by drawing from the popular Field Marshal the laconic reply, "Nothing has yet been decided." For my part I think there is real ingenuity in the suggestion that the Government may employ Lord Haig in working out a scheme of Army re-organization which might be undertaken as part of a new scheme of Imperial Defence But wait and see.

OLD BUCKETS FOR NEW.

A leading London paper seems to have been rather badly spoofed by one of its correspondents, who to the length of a quarter of a column deplored the evidence of Government waste afforded by the spectacle of numerous buckets "red with rust" and other articles left out on a dump not a thousand miles from Epsom. Inquiries revealed the fact that the correspondent had evidently hastily glanced at the dump from a railway carriage for the buckets were a pile of unserviceable fire buckets, which were certainly red, but not with rust. The other articles were a few old stoves.

FAKES AND HIGH PRICES.

Now that the cold weather is beginning. most women are bringing out their furs, and many are wondering how they can get better ones. On this point it is the advice of one of the managers of a fur-trading West End company that to buy cheap furs is not only bad business, but it is aiding that parasite of the fur trade—the fur faker. The three most expensive furs this year, as they have been for some time, are natural black fox, sea otter, and real Russian sable.

OPERA IN ENGLISH.

Mr. Mullings, the American tenor of stentorian lungs would be hard put to it to sing "Parsifal" more than twice in one week. But I hear that Wagner's masterpiece is going to be performed in English six times in Manchester in a single week. This will surely mean a company of triple strength, but Lady Cunard and her enthusiastic backers, Lord Howard de Walden, Mr. Vincent Cailliard and Mr. Edward Hulton have raised a sum of over £100,000 with which to promote the attempt by Mr. Thomas Beecham to give us Opera in English. May success attend their fine effort.

IGNORANCE NOT BLISS.

A large quantity of doubtful wine has come to England owing to Government control, which is managed by people painfully ignorant of the elements of the business. Much liquid is being put on the market as of the nature of "port," for instance, and yet there is actually a Treaty with Portugal, signed no further back than 1915, which forbids that sort of thing. Such terms as "Spanish port," "Portugal wine," "Palestine port"—what a name!—are all against our Treaty obligations, and those using them are liable to prosecution.

WHISKY.

An old retired architect friend of mine will receive the news of the abolition of restrictions on whisky sales with a thirsty sigh of relief. I often met with his hobo-like walk during the dark days of 1918 and he told me that his one great hobby in the winter of his years was searching for whisky. The absence of restrictions will bring the finest brands within the reach of those who have up to now been compelled to accept any sort of vodka or train-oil. One excellent firm in the West End whose wares are world famous, sells a whisky of its own blending which never contains any spirit less than ten years old and it is now selling this whisky at the same price as other firms have been selling that war-whisky which brought only tears of grief to the eyes.

LADY ASTOR'S CHANCES.

The most reliable opinion in Plymouth has it that Lady Astor will be found to have won the Plymouth seat by about 1,500 votes. Even some of the most enthusiastic local Labour supporters will claim no more for Mr. Gay, the Labour Candidate, than that it was touch and go between Lady Astor and Mr. Gay. For one thing both candidates satisfied the dockers in the matter of their views on commercialising the docks. I should think Mr. Foot's place in the poll will be where his name puts it. A prominent Wee Free Devonian gave me this opinion on the ground that on the eve of the poll the Liberal meetings could not muster a dozen persons! Such are the vicissitudes of political parties.

PERISCOPE.

FOR BUSINESS MEN IN RHINELAND.

Some enquires sent to half a dozen firms manufacturing dolls and offering large orders elicited the information that delivery was impossible in any quantities, until well into next year.

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Reports received by the United States Bureau of Mines state the glass industries of Germany will not be able to seek export trade or compete in the world's markets for some time to come. The heavy War demands for glass, together with the curtailment of production, have made impossible the building up of stocks of glass, and large domestic needs must be supplied.

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The shortage of coal in Germany is so acute that most of the glass plants have been compelled to shut down, or to run with a very restricted output. Costs of production, and therefore prices, have increased so greatly that it is doubtful if German glass could compete with American-made glass.

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The Steamer, Weimar, on her latest run Hamburg to Leith, carried the biggest cargo she has so far brought including 35 tons of seed and 30 tons of toys, small musical instruments, paper ware, and glass and iron ware.

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From 1st October the price of cement was raised by all cement combines in Germany. Prices for delivery to the War Department and civil authorities increased from 1,465 to 1,533 marks. For all purchasers of cement in the area controlled by the North German Combine the price has increased from 1,535 to 1,603 marks.

In the area controlled by the Rhenish Cement Combine and the Rhenish Hochofen Cement Works, from 1,510 to 1,578 marks, in the area controlled by the South German Cement Combine, from 1,535 to 1,603 marks. The above prices are per 1,000 kilos.

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The Board of Trade desire to notify consumers of dyestuffs that the first instalment of colours which are being obtained from Germany under the Reparation Clauses in the Peace Treaty will shortly be received and will be followed at intervals by further quantities. Any actual consumer of colour who is not a member of the Colour Users' Association or the National Federation of Paint Colour and Varnish manufacturers should immediately forward to the Board of Trade, Industries and Manufactures Department, St. George's St. S.W.1. information respecting estimated requirements for next six months not available from British Allied or neutral countries and approximate consumption in 1913.

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The continually declining value of the mark remains the one topic of discussion in all quarters and many drastic measures have been proposed in order to get the rate of exchange back to some reasonable commercial basis. There has been talk of raising the entire standard of living throughout Germany by raising prices of all commodities and wages concurrently.

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Much interest is being taken in the subject of German company law and the position of British firms or branch establishments on foreign soil. We should be glad if any of our readers would give us particulars of any books on these matters, preferably in English, for the information of several correspondents.

SALUTING.

BY AN OLD SOLDIER.

It isn't what it used to be; there's not that air of soldierly smartness about it and I have noticed one or two cases where it was beyond criticism because it wasn't there.

There seems somehow to be an idea among those very new soldiers that to salute an officer is to exhibit a sense of servitude. We older soldiers never looked upon it that way, although we held several pretty strong views about the way it should be done.

There is no servitude in a salute unless it is given in a servile fashion.

The smart "up and down" when one met a fellow fighter, dressed in the uniform showing that the wearer held a commission from the King, was simply a recognition of that King's commission.

The other point of view was that we recognised a comrade, when we saw him; recognised him in the pukka fashion and expected to be recognised. He was the man who went in front of us over the top and who saw that we got our rations O.K. And if a gleam of a smile did light up the mutual recognition of saluter and saluted, we had the satisfaction of knowing that it is not "verboten" in K.R.

Then again we always saluted the officer whenever we saw him, but there seems to be some idea among the young soldiers that saluting after dark is unnecessary. I suppose they've got mixed up in their ideas a bit, and think that because guards do not pay compliments after retreat, the individual soldier does not salute. Absolute mistake of course. The King's commission should be saluted by the individual whenever its holder is met.

But it is not only other ranks that should realise their responsibilites; it is the commissioned ranks as well. It is unsoldierly, and very galling to the saluter, if the saluted does not acknowledge same in a proper fashion. A careless flick of the cane without removing the cigarette from the mouth is not a proper acknowledgment, but we have seen it time after time.

A GREAT FIND.

The name of Jacob Cook has just come through among the news, and he will go down to fame as the man who stubbed his toe on what proved to be gold quartz and so discovered the new Canadian gold field. It is a pity that the name of the original finder of the South African diamond fields has not been similarly preserved, for they, too, were discovered by accident. It was in 1867 that a farmer was struck by a bright stone which a Boer child was using as a toy and had the phenomenon investigated. One would like to know the name of that child.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Dearer Silver.—A further rise in the price of silver has taken place.

Soldier Senator.—Marshal Foch is a candidate for the French Senate.

A Lesson.—A dairyman at Chelmsford has been fined £100 for watering milk.

Life Saving.—General Seely is an expert swimmer and holds a medal for life-saving.

Decree Granted.—Viscount de Vesci, an Irish peer has been divorced.

For Future Soldiers.—Numbers of machine guns are being furnished to school cadet corps.

From China.—Lo Chong has arrived from Peking to become Chinese consul-general in London.

Dances To Airmen.—Miss Phyllis Monkman, is giving dancing displays at the new Flying Club in London.

Peer's "Sermon."—Lord Henry Bentinck has given an address on "Industrial Problems," at St. Martin's in the Fields.

Can't Agree.—There is a risk of a split in the Coalition ranks over the new anti-dumping bill.

Pestered.—Besides continuous heckling in the Commons, the Premier has had to dodge a number of deputations lately.

War Disguise.—Mr. Solomon J. Solomon the famous artist, is writing a book on camouflage.

Better in Blighty.—The cost of living in Odessa is three hundred times higher than before the war.

Beware.—An extraordinary number of bogus aristocrats are now infesting London.

Undaunted.—The London-Paris air mail has been carried on without a stop in spite of recent gales.

Have a Pinch?—Mr. George Graves is the most confirmed snuff-taker on the English stage.

All-Red Wireless.—A complete scheme of Imperial wireless communication is being planned.

Worth it? — Pasture land on Lord Trevor's estate has sold for £170 an acre.

Rich Youth?—A boy aged sixteen has been summoned at Birmingham for income tax.

Garden Workshops.—A clergyman in Stepney is using his back garden as a labour colony to teach mechanics.

Antiquity Hunting.—Dr. Flinders Petrie, the eminent Egyptologist, has left London with an exploring party for Egypt.

Soldier Colonists.—A number of ex-service men who have been allotted farms have left England for East Africa.

Much Needed.—A new association called the Ivory Cross is to work for better teeth for the British Nation.

Perfection.—Miss Mary Barlow, a cinema star, is declared to be the perfect type of physical womanhood.

Our own not Employed.—London is said to be swarming again with alien servants.

Good Ratter.—A terrier on a Spalding farm has captured over 300 rats without the aid of a ferret.

Many Chances.—Particulars of the £160,000,000 French Lottery Loan are now issued.

London's Zoo.—Thirty-eight wild animals have been born in the Zoo in the past three months.

Gorgeous Pall.—When Lord Swinfen was buried, his judicial robes were used as a pall.

Hissed.—As Coats' shareholders left the meeting at Glasgow, they were hissed by labour demonstrators.

No Child Labour.—Japan has accepted the principle of abolishing child labour in factories.

Bizarre Dresses.—Miss Teddie Gerard is wearing some amazingly daring gowns in "The Eclipse" at the Garrick Theatre.

A Veteran.—Sir Charles Santley, the great vocalist, though 86 years old, still sings in private and is hale and hearty.

Soldiers' Boots.—The Government is placing an order for a million pairs of army boots.

Election Rumours.—It is now said that Sir John Simon will stand for Spen Valley, and not Mr. Asquith.

Boy Mascot.—The 9th East Surreys have returned home with their mascot, a small French boy.

Kicking.—Meetings of mothers are being held in London to protest against the high price of milk.

Pilgrims Again.—The First Bagdad Pilgrims for many years have passed through Sulemaniyah.

French Chief.—M. Claveille is the first chairman of the International Rhine Free Navigation Commission.

What is Wrong?—Half a million houses are needed in Great Britain. Only 118 have been built.

Spies to be Shot.—The Paris Court of Cassation has rejected the appeals of the spy Toque and his six associates against their death sentence.

Saving Labour.—A new roadmaking machine at the Roads and Transport Exhibition enables seven men to do the work of seventy.

Reforms Promised.—Great changes have taken place in the Civil Liabilities Dept. The new Controller, Captain McCellan promises to convert chaos into order.

Watch Germany!—Mr. Winston Churchill thinks a German revenge is possible, especially if Russia is driven into her arms as her only chance of salvation.

Precocity.—Child novelists are booming. A schoolgirl of fourteen has now produced a book, "The Passing of the Shadows."

Gunner's Work.—Lord Haig is to write a foreword to the book on the work of the Royal Artillery to be published shortly.

War Fortunes.—The committee to enquire into the question of war fortunes and what to do with them will be set up this week.

Not To De Drawn.—The Prince of Wales was pestered by a reporter in New York. who wanted him to admit his admiration for petite blondes, but was answered: "You're asking too many questions."

Prediction.—Captain Gordon Smith of the Headquarters Staff of the Serbian Army, says if we do not watch Russia there will be another world war within thirty years.

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THE PEACE TREATY DELAY.

SUPREME COUNCIL DEMANDS TO KNOW GERMANY'S INTENTIONS.

STRONG NEW EGYPTIAN CABINET FORMED.

TREATY DELAY.

GERMANY COUNTING ON DISSENSIONS.

At Monday's meeting of the Supreme Council a Note was read from the acting head of the German Delegation explaining that Herr von Simon had been obliged to return to Germany to consult his Government regarding the Allies' proposals for administration of the areas of occupation. A second Note requested an adjournment of the negotiations between the Council and the German experts who had arrived at Paris to settle the details of this subject, as they had all returned to Berlin with von Simon.

General Bertholet suggested that this change of attitude was due to the events in the United States, the Germans reckoning on dissensions among the Allies.

A reply to the Notes was drafted demanding a clear statement of the intentions of the German Government regarding ratification of the Treaty.

STATES INDIGNANT.

LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE.

The "League to enforce Peace," of which ex-President Taft is President, has issued a statement urging a speedy settlement of the differences at Washington, so as to permit the ratification of the Treaty as soon as possible after the Senate is re-convened.

The manifesto declares that the defeat of the ratification motion has been received by the United States with surprise and indignation. The people want peace and want the League to guard the peace. Failure to ratify the Treaty encouraged social unrest both at home and abroad.

BANK STRIKE.

ULTIMATUM TO IRISH DIRECTORS.

Irish bank officials have decided to strike as from December 31. The letter it has been decided to address to the directors of the several banks, states: "I have been instructed to inform you that on December 31 next, all bank officials who are members of this Association (except managers and agents) will cease work in every bank which in the meantime has failed to notify me, as Organising Secretary, that it is prepared to grant recognition (of the Bank Union) and not to facilitate in any way any bank that refuses to grant recognition, and will not resume their duties until it is granted."

The letter adds that should any board of directors take advantage of this notice to dismiss individuals or to introduce outside labour prior to the date fixed, the Executive holds itself free to order a cessation of work at any earlier date.

ENGLISH WIFE DESIRED.

Sir Nevil Macready, Commissioner of Police, has received a letter from a resident in the United States who desires an English girl for a wife. He states that he is a single man, aged 24, and served during the war. He would like to get married, but he "cannot bank on the American girls, for he has seen too much of them." Therefore he desires help in finding "a nice young woman in the twenties." He adds that he would like to correspond with her, or them, for he intends to be back here for the holidays. He encloses a photograph to aid decision on the part of any single young woman who may consider the offer.

It is understood that the Commissioner declines taking a hand in the matter.

THE TAXI-SIDE CAR IN PARIS.

The first taxi-side car plied for hire on Sunday in Paris. The innovation had been expected for months, for it had been reported that a large number of sidecars originally belonging to the American army had been bought for this purpose. The machines have been adapted to shelter the passengers from rain. The fare by these vehicles is naturally less than that for ordinary taxis, being 1 f per kilometre, or, roughly, 1s per mile.

MEXICAN GENERAL LYNCHED.

It is reported from a Mexican source that a large force of Mexican Federal troops recently captured Gen. Filipe Angeles, one of Gen. Villa's chief lieutenants, and summarily executed him.

LABOUR COUNCIL AND WAR LOAN.

In view of the considerable expenditure on road works in Islington during the half-year ending Lady Day next, the Borough Council has decided to dispose of its investment of £22,100 Five per Cent. War Loan.

EGYPT QUIET.

POLITICAL AGITATORS ARRESTED.

Lord Allenby wired on Sunday that Cairo and Alexandria were quiet on Saturday night. On Monday the situation was regarded more hopefully in view of the fact that the new Ministry is stronger and more united than the old one.

A Cabinet has been formed under Jussuf Wahba Pasha. Ishmail Sury Pasha is War Minister, Ahmed Juvar Pasha, Minister of Communication, Hussein Bey, Minister of Works, Ibrahim Pasha, Minister of Education, Jewfik Pasha, Minister of the Interior, and Zouttfikan Pasha, Minister of Justice.

Masmoud Pasha Suliman, President, and Ibrahim Pasha Said, vice-President of the local Committee of Zagloul Pasha's delegation, having failed to obey Lord Allenby's orders to leave Cairo, were arrested on Monday evening.

INDIAN REFORMS.

NEW BILL WELL RECEIVED.

The report of the Joint Committee on the Government of India Reform Bill has been very well received by almost all British politicians interested in Indian affairs, also by eminent Indians now in London. Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. George Lansbury, Colonel Wedgwood and other prominent members of the Labour Party are strongly of opinion that the people of India will be well advised to accept it, as now amended, the measure having been thereby much improved. On the other hand the European Association representing the unofficial British element in India regards the Bill as unacceptable as ever.

LIQUOR TRADE.

NEW LEGISLATION IMMINENT.

It is understood that the Government will introduce almost immediately into the House of Commons, a Bill dealing with the liquor trade. The Bill will provide for the constitution of a general authority by a general scheme. State purchase of the liquor interests is not at present contemplated, although it is not precluded. An alternative Labour measure advocates nationalisation of the industry.

"SAFETY FIRST" ECONOMIES.

Mr. H. E. Blain, manager of the Underground Railways, read a paper on the "Safety First" scheme, at the Roads Transport Congress and Exhibition, Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington. He said that since 1916, when the London "Safety First" Council was formed, there had been a steady decrease in the number of accidents in the streets and on the railways. The movement had since spread to factories and workshops, and one firm had reduced its first aid costs from £1,300 to £600 as a result of the "safety first" measures it had taken. Another firm had reduced its accident payments by over £50,000 per annum. The number of all accidents in which London General omnibuses were involved per 100,000 miles run, decreased from 22 in 1916 to 17 in 1917, and 14 in 1918.

NAVY IN PEACE TIME.

Mr. Macnamara, Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, states that this year about £160,000,000 would be spent on the Navy, one-third being deadweight war charges. Of the 400,000 officers and men in the Navy on active service there remained 160,000, and of the 18,000 mercantile marine ratings 1,500. Of the 1,005 ships under construction at the time of the Armistice 629 had been completed for sale, and 1,900 trawlers and drifters had been restored to commerce. Two hundred and sixty-nine craft had been broken up and 8,500,000 tons of stores disposed of.

ITALIAN CONSCRIPTION.

In Rome it is semi-officially announced that a decree will shortly be issued establishing the new army organisation. It will fix one year as the period for military service, reducible to eight months for almost yearly contingents. Compulsion will be universal but the period of service may be reduced for those having special family claims.

DIAMOND INDUSTRY.

Another diamond cutting factory for disabled soldiers has been erected at Wrexham by the South African diamond magnate Mr. Oppenheimer. It is designed for the accommodation of 150 workers.

ARMY ACCOUNTS.

FORMATION OF A NEW CORPS ANNOUNCED.

The King has authorised the formation of a Corps to be entitled the Corps of Military Accountants. This corps will form one of the administrative departments of each Command under a General Officer in charge of Administration at the War Office. An officer of the Corps will be appointed Command Accountant in each of the Commands, and will be responsible for the cost accounts of Units in the Command. He will be assisted by group and station accountant officers.

The ranks and rates of pay for officers vary from 57s 6d daily for a first accountant officer (Colonel) to 19s daily for the sixth class (Captain).

All officers now serving as military accountant officers will be seconded temporarily to the Corps of Accountants. Similarly all military accountant clerks will be transferred to the Corps on probation.

AERIAL SERVICES.

HANDLEY PAGE RECORDS.

A summary dealing with the actual experiences of running a fleet of large aeroplanes for commercial and passenger-carrying purposes, has been produced by the Handley Page Transport (Limited). The record since May 1 is as follows:—

Passengers carried	3,834
Freight	17,060lb.
Mileage flown	46,150 miles.

The scheduled services to the Continent and passenger flights at Cricklewood have been accomplished without mishap. Among the passengers carried have been the King of Greece, the Prince of Wales, the Crown Prince of Rumania, the Crown Prince of Sweden, two old ladies aged 73 and 75, and a baby of two and a half years.

On the London-Paris daily service since September 2nd, 108 journeys have been made, 517 passengers and 7,633lb. carried, the total distance being 24,600 miles.

On the London-Brussels service during the last seven weeks, 45 journeys have been made, and 182 passengers and 7,635lb. of freight and mails carried over a total distance of 10,350 miles.

FATAL PANIC.

FIRE AT A DANCING HALL.

A fire broke out at Ville Platte (Louisiana), on Sunday in a hall in which a dance was in full swing. The difficulties of rescue were complicated by the panic which ensued, and the death roll is a large one. So far 20 bodies have been recovered. The victims are descendants of French exiles from Acadia.

THEFT IN A POLICE CELL.

Duncan Henry Webb and Ernest Rusby, demobilized soldiers, were remanded at Bow street on the charge, to which they pleaded guilty, of robbing another demobilized soldier, named James Basedon, of £4 10s. in Treasury notes. It was stated that the three men were detained in an accommodation cell at Bow-street police station on Thursday on minor charges and that the notes were taken from a wallet in the tunic pocket of the prosecutor whilst he was asleep.

UNITED SERVICES' FUND.

As the United Services' Fund, of which Lord Byng is chairman, has decided that the administration of the Canteen funds shall in future be in the hands of the men themselves, the Incorporated Soldiers' and Saliors' Help Society wish it to be known at once that the branches of the Society in all parts of the Kingdom can no longer consider applications from men for grants or loans from the Canteen funds in question.

OFFICERS SECONDED FOR STUDY AT UNIVERSITIES.

Under a Royal Warrant an officer of the Regular Army seconded for a course of study at a University may, subject to the discretion of the Army Council, count three-quarters of the time spent at a University towards retired pay, if he serves for three years after completing his course.

BRITISH SUBJECT CLAIMED.

A member of the British Murman Legion was recently sentenced by the State Criminal Court of Finland to seven years imprisonment. The British representative, Colonel Warren, immediately intimated that no member of the Legion could be subjected to the jurisdiction of that Court and the man was at once handed over to the British.

LIVERPOOL WATER SCHEME.

Liverpool Corporation is seeking Parliamentary sanction to the laying of a fourth line of pipes from Vyrnwy Lake, Montgomeryshire, to the corporation reservoirs at Prescot, 68 miles, and for considerable alterations in the levels of portions of the third line, at a combined cost of probably £5,000,000.

20,000 OUT OF WORK.

MANSION HOUSE MEETING FOR EX-OFFICERS.

A representative meeting was held at the Mansion House on Monday for the purpose of helping the re-settlement in civil life of demobilized officers. The Lord Mayor presided, those present on the platform including Earl Haig, Sir Robert Horne, Lord Burnham and Lord Denbigh. Earl Beatty wrote apologising for his absence.

A message was read from the King assuring the meeting of His Majesty's interest in the welfare and future prosperity of ex-service men, and expressing the hope that the efforts being made will be attended with the utmost success.

The Lord Mayor explained that he had called the meeting in the interest of 12,000 ex-officers in London and greater London.

Sir Robert Horne, Minister of Labour, said there were about 20,000 ex-officers looking for work, of whom 12,000 were in London. Of that number about 10,000 had been engaged in commercial life. He ventured to suggest that they could be helped by establishing interview boards that would deal with vacancies. He wanted four hundred men acquainted with business pursuits in the City to deal with the applications and help to find them situations.

Earl Haig said it was not for him to tell the citizens of London their duty. They had done their duty right well throughout the war and he was equally sure they would now continue to do their duty. He said the Government scheme for improving the state of disabled officers and their dependants should have materialised long ago. (applause).

The following resolution was proposed by Lord Inchcape: "That this meeting, fully realising the claims of officers who have served during the war, pledges to do all in its power to assist the re-settlement in civil life of those whose careers have been interrupted by their devotion to duty." The resolution was carried.

WEDDING AT COLOGNE.

The marriage was solemnised yesterday morning at the Garrison Church of England, Cologne, of Corporal J. Danson Nye, 20th M.A.C. and Miss Frieda Steinor, a young lady of Norwegian birth, residing in Cologne.

The best man was Sergt. R. Nuttall, of 20th M.A.C., while the bridesmaids were the Misses Else Westhofen, Martha Kaft, Josephine Sering and Grete Schorn.

The bride was given away by her mother and the register was signed by Capt. O. S. Maunsell, O.B.E. and C. S. M. Howell, M.M. A large number of men of the bridegroom's unit as well as many civilian relatives and friends of the bride attended the ceremony.

The rarity of a British wedding in Germany attracted a very large crowd outside the church to watch the party emerge into the bright sunshine—proverbially a promising augury for future happiness.

GERMANY'S ARMED FORCES.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons regarding the statement that Germany has an army of over half a million on a war footing, Mr. Bonar Law said that to the best of the Government's belief the number given is exaggerated. He added that the limitation of numbers was only to take effect after the ratification of the Peace Treaty. Meanwhile, however, the strength of the German forces is one of the things not likely to be overlooked by Marshal Foch.

WILSON AND THE TREATY.

President Wilson's supporters in the Senate, according to messages from Washington, say that if Senator Lodge's resolution declaring war with Germany ended is passed, the President will veto it. This means that the United States will probably not be formally at peace with Germany until a long political fight has taken place.

It is quite probable that the next Presidential election will be fought on the question of ratification.

IRONMOULDERS' STRIKE.

The ironmoulders' strike in the Black Country resulted on Saturday in the stoppage of several works. Schools are closed in consequence of inability to secure materials for repairs to damaged boilers.

The moulders who resumed work last week in an attempt to break the three months' strike have been compelled to come out again by the hostility of the strikers, whose many angry demonstrations have compelled the others to seek police protection.

ST. ALBANS CONTEST.

Mr. Milner Gray has been adopted as Liberal candidate for the St. Albans Division. He opened his campaign on Saturday night with a meeting at St. Albans.

AUSTRALIAN DROUGHT.

The losses of livestock in New South Wales owing to the great drought, said a speaker in the State Parliament, would amount if capitalized, to fifty million pounds.

PREMIUM BONDS.

OBJECTIONS OF NATIONAL SAVINGS COMMITTEE.

The National Savings Committee, which once before stated the objections to Premium Bonds has again formulated them giving reasons why they should not be adopted. In a published statement the Committee says that since the beginning of the war the contributions to Government securities by the small investor have been as follows:—

Post Office issue of War Loans, Exchequer and War Bonds	£194,000,000
War Savings Certificates (less withdrawals and excluding accrued interest)	261,286,000
Increase of balances standing to the credit of depositors in savings banks	93,798,000
Total	£549,084,000

It will thus be seen that the small investor holds an interest in Government securities equivalent to about £50 per family in the United Kingdom. The number of holders of British Government securities has increased from less than 350,000 before the war to nearly 20,000,000 at the present time.

The average number of savings certificates purchased each month from their introduction in February, 1916, to the date of the Armistice was 8,000,000. The average number since the Armistice has been 9,500,000.

The savings movement and its satisfactory results can only be understood when it is recognized that it is not only founded on sound financial and economic principles, but that the appeal is based on patriotism and the highest interests of the individual and his family. The habit of saving, which was often begun during the war for patriotic reasons, has been found to be beneficial to the individual, and it is being maintained today on a substantial and satisfactory scale.

There are no such firm foundations and motives in connexion with an issue of premium or prize bonds. The appeal which is relied upon to bring in subscriptions to this type of security is frankly an appeal to cupidity and to a desire to become rich without effort.

The Committee does not desire to make any pronouncement on the general question of morality involved in an issue of premium bonds, but it is definitely of opinion that, on financial and economic grounds alone, such an issue would be contrary to the best interests of the nation.

BERMONDT BEATEN.

LETTISH TROOPS CAPTURE MITAU.

According to the Lettish official account of the capture of Mitau, the storming of the town began at 5 a.m. on the 21st. A fierce six-hour struggle ensued, in which the desperate resistance of the Germans was broken. The town was then occupied by the Letts. The capture was effected from the North-West and West. The amount of booty is very large. Fighting continues on the South East of the town. Bermondt's beaten troops have been obliged to retreat to the Lithuanian frontier instead of directly towards Germany. The German retreat on the Libau front is proceeding towards the Lithuanian-German frontier. The Lett advance was aided by a large amount of captured German ammunition.

CLACTON IS SO BRACING.

Resenting the action of the Clacton Council in relegating to obscurity a German field gun presented to the town by the War Office, a large number of men broke into the yard where it was hidden, removed the gun from a heap of rubbish, and dragged it through the streets. Admidst scenes of jubilation they finally placed the gun in a prominent position on the Marine Parade and chalked on the weapon the words "When will the Council wake up?"

SEAMEN'S EIGHT HOUR DAY.

The International Labour Conference has agreed upon the principle of the eight hour day and forty-eight hour week, with safeguards for the interests of exceptional industries. It has also agreed to apply this principle to transportation by sea. Details will be worked out by a special conference.

FATAL RACIAL OUTBREAK.

Three whites were killed and two wounded in a pitched battle between Trades Unionists and detectives assisted by ex-soldiers at Bogal, U.S.A., while the former were protecting a negro labour leader from arrest. The negro escaped during the fight.

J.P. STRUCK OFF.

Mr. Thomas Griffiths, the Liverpool shipwright who for two years has been a Labour Justice of the Peace, has been removed from the Commission of the Peace. He refused to swear in special constables during the railway strike.

The main buildings of Laval Univers ity Montreal, containing the medical research department were destroyed by fire on Monday.

PRICE OF COAL.

IMMEDIATE AND BIG REDUCTION.

Sir Auckland Geddes declared in the House of Commons that the actual output of coal from July to date was less than at the rate of 217 million tons per annum, though in recent weeks the output had shown a marked improvement. It was on export and bunker coal that great profits were being made. Coal for inland purposes was being sold at a loss. It was therefore desirable to modify the present system of coal control by limiting the amount to be exported, by limiting the owners' profits and by limiting the price of coal for domestic purposes.

It was proposed to fix the price of domestic and household coal at ten shillings per ton below the present prices. It was also proposed to reduce the price for coastwise bunker coal to the industrial level. Both of these changes would take effect from next Monday.

'VARSITY NOTES.

INVESTITURE OF FAMOUS WAR CHIEFS.

Owing to the number of distinguished men who have accepted the offer of honorary degrees and are waiting for formal admission to the same degrees, the installation of Mr. A. J. Balfour, as the new Chancellor of Cambridge University, originally intended for next June, has been arranged to take place on Thursday next.

Among the recipients of honours will be Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Jackson, Admiral Sir Charles Madden, Rear Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, General Sir William Robertson, General Lord Byng of Vimy, Air Marshal Sir Hugh Trenchard, and Air Vice-Marshal Sir J. Salmond.

Colonel H. J. Edwards has retired from the command of the Cambridge University O.T.C. which he has held from the commencement, after having been second in command of the old University Volunteers. He is succeeded by Colonel L. H. Shorton, who was the very popular Adjutant of the Corps during the war.

Dr. S. A. R. Munroe has been elected Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, in succession to the late Dr. Merry.

As was anticipated, the veteran Dr. Lock, Warden of Keble, has been elected Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity, replacing Dr. Sunday.

WAR IN RUSSIA.

EBB AND FLOW OF SUCCESS.

A War Office communiqué dealing with Denikin's front to the 21st November states that General Wrangel repulsed a Bolshevist attack on a thirty-five mile front between the Volga and the Don on the 19th November and then advanced, capturing 830 prisoners and thirty machine-guns.

On the Volunteer Army front the Bolshevists continue to advance. They have taken the railway junction of Rijarva and Rakmach, but North West of Kiev the peasants have risen in the rear of the Bolshevists. Denikin's advance against Petlura continues and 15,000 Galician troops have deserted to Denikin's side.

The band of brigands who have for long been a thorn in Denikin's side have been surrounded South West of Ekaterinoslav. Advices from the North West Army up to the 22nd report heavy fighting North and South of Narva with little change in the situation.

U.S. MINERS' WAGES.

The acting President of the American Miners' Union, Mr. Lewis, on behalf of the bituminous coal miners, has accepted the Secretary of Labour's proposal for an advance of wages of thirty-one per cent. for day labourers, and twenty-seven cents per ton for hewers.

The mine owners have declined to meet the increases unless the Government assumes responsibility for the added burden to coal consumers.

EX-KAISER'S TRIAL.

In British delegation circles in Paris it is stated that not only will the ex-Kaiser be tried by a special court, apart from other Germans, but that all questions in connection with his trial will be dealt with by a special tribunal convoked solely for that purpose.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Speculative descriptions opened with a fresh burst of activity, Oils being conspicuous under the lead of Mexican Eagle shares, which after touching 14 3/4 closed at 14 1/4 on the talk of political developments in Mexico. South Africa mining descriptions were buoyant but the best quotations were not maintained. De Beers deferred, after reaching the high record price of 33 closed at 32 1/2. Russian minings improved in anticipation of details of the recent combine, which will be entitled, Russo-Asiatic Consolidated, with a capital of twelve millions. Textile and Engineering issues were also favoured. Among investments, French and Brazilian issues were prominently firm on the improvement in the exchange. Silver advanced 75 1/2 pence through the demands of speculators and practically nothing available on spot. German marks varied from 165 to 169 and Austrian crowns 560 to 580.

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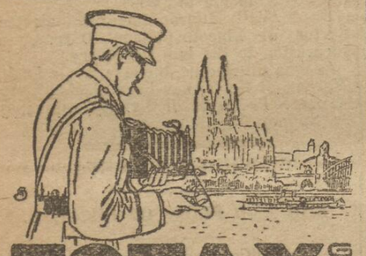

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PROCRASTINATION.

Someone has said in verse that the saddest phrase is, "It might have been—." How dreadfully true that is—the fatal facility one finds in slipping into the habit of putting off until to-morrow what might have been quite easily done to-day. Perhaps, nowhere, has this procrastination taken a greater hold than amongst the youngér generation of the present Army of Occupation.

During the period of the war, there was little incentive to individual effort — probably in most cases the only task calling for the exertion of thought and of orginality was the writing of letters and this was made necessary, if in no other manner, by the non-receipt of letters from home — even so, how many anxious hours have been caused to folks at home by the putting off until to-morrow of letter writing. From the East comes the origin of the proverb, "To-morrow never comes," and from the West the slogan, "Do it now."

And from all over the world comes the cry for men of action, for men who can make quick and accurate decisions. Obviously in warfare, as most of us have seen, this quality has been very necessary. It is, however, still more essential in everyday life.

In that brief Americanism lies the key to success. "Do it now" — and make that your motto — grasp right now all opportunities for improving yourself in any way. Training in the Rhine Army is both necessary and beneficial. After parade hours there is much time at the disposal of the present day soldier to learn, and of course, "Knowledge is power."

Schools, Technical colleges, Museums and Libraries are all available to the soldier on the Rhine — golden opportunities are before you — are you going to grasp them, not next week, not to-morrow, but to-day?

Taking the line of least resistance is easy, and like the road paved with good intentions, leads to hell. It's the man who does things that counts, not the man who is going to do them. In these present days of keen competition, the man who knows a little more than he needs, gets the pull. Years ago, there was excuse for those who did not learn, but to-day—particularly for those of the Rhine Army—there is no excuse. Knowledge lies at your door—will you throw away your chance? There is a certain school in Germany, where a scholar found to be idle, is forced to write out a number of times a phrase, of which the following is a translation, "Lost. One golden hour, set with sixty diamond minutes, which can never be recovered."

How many golden hours have you lost?

A FIGHTING RECORD.

How often do we quote the Persian poet's glib phrase, "Unborn to-morrow and dead yesterday," and how utterly false does its sentiment seem to-day. We who have fought 'neath the banner of Right, we who have seen our comrades fall from their places at our side—can "yesterday" ever be dead to us? I venture to think not.

Pregnant though those years were of sorrow and suffering, filled though those endless hours were with anxiety and uncertainty, we would not wish to—we could not forget them.

When our minds review the events of the war, the particular triumphs and setbacks of our units, then comes that feeling of pride, that admiration for the "other fellow" and one is thrilled again by the great spirit of selflessness that was so characteristic of those days. To have compiled a Battalion history from the overture until the curtain fell is a gigantic accomplishment and one accompanied with many pitfalls; not the least amongst these, is the difficulty for accuracy.

"Yet we do claim for this narrative that it has the veracity to be expected of an account, compiled in the field, of operations in which we have actually participated." That is an extract from the foreword to a most remarkable book entitled the "History and Memoir of the 33rd Battalion Machine Gun Corps and the 19th, 98th, 100th and 248th M.G. Companies", written and illustrated by members of the Battalion, and printed by Waterlow Bros. & Layton, Ltd.

A PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

Sixteen hundred copies of the book only were printed for private circulation, on hand-made paper. Copiously illustrated in black and white together with a great number of oil and water colour sketches by Lieut. Col. G.S. Hutchinson, D.S.O., M.C., aeroplane photographs, diagrams and maps make it possible to follow the adventures of the Battalion with hardly any effort on the reader's part.

The struggles of the Machine Gun to come into its own, the fight of this arm against prejudice, and its ultimate success, are dealt with very fully. Not a little charm is added to this remarkable addition to the literature of the war, by the fact that it is not attributed to an individual, but to the whole Battalion.

Throughout its pages, the unique active service conditions are vividly brought before the reader—one lives again the days when the dividing line between tragedy and comedy was not very distinct. The final message from Lieut-Col. Hutchinson D.S.O., M.C., tucked away at the end of this publication rings true, and is an example of the spirit the great war has found in the sons of Britain. He says, "I shall go back to a humble position; my happiest days have been with the Battalion; my pride has been, and will remain, unbounded."

PLATOON OF TOWN MAJORS.

During the spring push of the Germans in 1918, many exciting and unusual situations of course cropped up, but one of the most amusing occurred as the result of a reconnaissance carried out by Col. Hutchinson and his Adjutant. Finding a flank entirely open, they gathered together a small force of men which consisted of members of at least twenty units, and an officer was despatched on a cycle to collect all available men—cooks, batmen, pioneers, anyone who could hold a rifle—and it is said that a platoon of Town Majors under an Area Commandant arrived on the scene.

In common with most Machine Gun Battalions, the 33rd had a party of American Machine Gunners attached to them for instruction. Their advent is described as follows.

The plenipotentiaries arrived en masse, and struck one at first glance as a concourse of very grave men with extremely tight uniforms. There was much saluting, handshaking and introductions, a diversion being produced by the band in full war paint, which vigorously played "The Star Spangled Banner."

There was one Company Commander whose quaint humour endeared him to all ranks. To all, one had to say, he listened with a grave interest. He never lost the grim humour of the thing. The loud report at dead of night of a battery of ours, would only provoke from him the injunction hardly audible, "Give 'em Hell."

Captain English was a typical American a la "Punch." His first introduction was to unpeel before our eyes, a cunningly twisted packet of chewing gum—duly producing sundry other packets and passing them round. He had a series of adventures remarkable in the extreme—he had been blown up by a gas shell and by a miracle had adjusted his box respirator before reaching the ground. He wanted to learn. Guessed he'd "cotton on" O. K.—and to do him justice, he did learn and quickly too. Afterwards his division (the 30th) earned a name for themselves round Le Catelet.

A STOLEN BAND.

This Battalion acquired a band in an amusing manner. The 18th Battn. Manchester Regt., was disbanded and their band lent to the 30th Battn. M.G.C. who were shortly after disbanded. The musicians had by this time become trained gunners, and a little "smart practice" hoodwinked the "powers that be," and found the 33rd Bn. complete with band. On the plea that they were trained gunners frantic wires were sent to various headquarters, and the Band personnel transferred to the Machine Gun Corps. Thus, by a piece of sheer bluff, by which, to quote the Battalion memoir, the Band was made happy, it made the C. O. happy and added very considerably to the happiness of not only the 33rd Battalion, M.G.C. but of nearly every unit in the Division. Over £600 was spent on re-equipping and to obtain new instruments etc. a "sub" was sent to England—so that he also was made happy. Subsequently the band was honoured by playing before King George at Lovie Chateau in June 1918, and in July of the same year, when it played before the King and Queen of the Belgians.

During the push in the spring of 1918, the commanding officer of the Battalion had urgent need of a lorry to rush guns and ammunition up to the line—but the story is best told in his own words. "The officer in charge of the column refused to give it, although the urgency of the case was explained to him, and the lorry in question was empty. Lieutenant Colonel Hutchinson thereupon put the motor transport officer to sleep with a right hook, commandeered the lorry, and took it to Battalion headquarters.

MORE "SCROUNGING."

On another occasion a French pontoon was "obtained" by the Transport of the 100th Machine Gun Company and towed up the canal from Suzanne into the Somme opposite the island. Chiefly under the direction of Sergeant Sturch and Privates Willetts and Willesden, the boat was converted into an armoured gunboat. In order to give her the necessary armoured plating, "scrounged" steel helmets were tacked round her sides down to the "Plimsoll mark" and machine guns were installed fore and aft.

By the time the boat was ready the thaw had already commenced; and it was hoped to manoeuvre the boat through the thin ice up to the German lines and co-operate with a Machine Gun landing party in a raid which was planned for the Glasgow Righlanders. A preliminary reconnaisance was carried out by Major Hutchinson and Private Morgan across the ice. In order to protect them both against mishap they were both secured with telephone wire. Pte. Morgan unfortunately for himself, decided to fall through a shellhole in the ice and was saived, half drowned. Major Hutchison proceeded as far as the island, about 100 yards from the German wire when he floundered through the ice. Twelve "good men" at the end of his telephone cable immediately jerked it taut and proceeded pulling.

By a series of these jerks Major Hutchison was retrieved about half the distance across the ice when, owing to a slackening of the wire, he was able to get on his feet and proceed homeward on his own. But no sooner was he once more started than another jerk came upon the hawser and he was jerked off his feet and tobogganed across the ice. This experiment was repeated several times until he reached home, and was immediately carried to hospital, from whence, having been curiously diagnosed as a case of spotted fever, he escaped and returned to his Company.

Space unfortunately will not permit us to deal more fully with this interesting book which is a most valuable addition to War Literature, and which reflects the greatest possible credit on the Battalion responsible for its conception. *W.K.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX

We Hear all Sides without Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

SOLDIERS AND WINE.

Sir,—I was rather surprised at the alarm caused to "Perturbed" by the alarming habit the British soldier has acquired since his arrival in Germany of drinking, and the liking he has taken for wine.

"Perturbed" evidently thinks that Tommy has discarded his beer for wine, on which point I beg to disagree.

Does "Perturbed" think that when Tommy gets home, he will go in for wine, and shall I say make it a kind of national beverage? I think not?

One only has to note the way in which the Government have brewed more beer, and a better quality (though not so much improvement on the war quality in my opinion) to see that the Tommies who have been demobilized still prefer beer to wine, although wine is obtainable.

Anyway does not the little ditty, "Here's to good old beer, mop it down, mop it down," still appeal to Tommy?

I don't think "Perturbed" need be alarmed over Tommy discarding his beer as in the first place most Tommies will not pay the exorbitant price charged for wine at home, and in the second place beer has been, and I might venture to say, always will be, our national beverage. "What is bred in the bone etc."

BEER MOPPER.

Sir,—With regard to the growing liking for wine attributed to the British soldier by "Perturbed," does it not strike him that the majority of Tommies only fall back on wine owing to the total lack of any other palatable beverage.

It is only natural that "Tommy" will patronise the large German cafes, with their various attractions, and he can hardly be expected to sit down and drink the awful concoction called, "German Lager."

If steps were taken to provide him with good English draught beer or stout or even English bottled beer, at a reasonable price, I'm sure the consumption of Rhine wine would greatly diminish.

This would not only have a far better effect on the stomachs of our soldiers, but would cause a very large sum of money to be converted from the pockets of the wealthy German café proprietors into the hands of our own countrymen. Anyone who has visited these large cafés cannot but help noticing that the lower the value of the mark becomes, the more they charge for the wines, an altogether home-produced article.

I do not think that there is any fear of the old pint of beer, providing the quality is good, going by the board when Tommy is demobilized. *R.A.M.C.*

[We understand that English draught beer is to be obtained at the N.A.C.B. Canteens, and bottled beer and stout is also obtainable. *Ed*]

DO WE READ TOO MUCH?

Sir,—I think "Rural" forgets that thought is dependent upon and is the result of reading.

In the cases cited of the country dweller and seafaring man these people have the appearance of depth in thought because they are so simple. An ordinary case of opposites.

Reading without thought produces that social barnacle, the "bookworm," but on the other hand "thought" unassisted by reading is decidedly a failure.

With reference to Carlyle, he is hardly a writer to start with. Considerable "booklore" is necessary to grasp his ponderous but magnificent style. Such ground is not for beginners in the field of literature.

READER AND THINKER.

Sir,—Your correspondent writing on the subject of reading and thinking, has not, in my opinion made himself quite clear. If, as I imagine, he means that those who read and do not think are making a big mistake, I am quite in agreement with him.

But if he means that book-reading pure and simple is harmful and checks the tendency to think for ourselves, he is altogether wrong.

The correct way in which to study a book is, first of all to read it carefully. This in itself means thinking. To thoroughly understand every idea expressed in a book means that we must give it the whole of our attention, for the time being—a process that can only be most beneficial to the mental faculties by improving the reader's powers of concentration.

In the second place we must write out a summary of the book's contents—a far from easy matter and here again we must think, and think carefully. Such a task also tests our memory and not until one comes to do it can he understand how difficult it is.

If necessary the book should be re-read until all its most important facts or contentions are impressed on the mind. Even now, thinking is still to play an important part.

"What do I think of the book?" the reader should ask himself. "Does it agree with my own views? If so has any argument in its favour been missed?" or "why don't I agree with it?" and so on. It is only the reader who reads without thinking who does not gain, and gain enormously from reading.

And as, when we leave school, the printed book is practically our only fount of knowledge, to cry down book-reading is to cry down our greatest teachers.

BOOKWORM.

RHINELAND DRAMA.

Sir,—During the past six months I have considered it a privilege to be able to visit the Deutsches Theatre regularly. Every production (with the exception of the unfortunately cast and obviously under-rehearsed "Hindle Wakes") would have been received with approbation in those homes of the repertory drama—Glasgow, Birmingham, and Manchester.

In future years, many, I am sure, will acnowledge a debt of gratitude to the R.A.D.C. that, during their stay in the occupied area, they found that the Theatre had something to offer them other than the exaggerations of transpontine melodrama, the inanities of musical comedy, the "rag" of revue, or the flippancies of farce.

But from your columns it appears the programmes offered are not appreciated by a large section. Might I suggest that the dramatic menu offered at the Deutsches be lightened occasionally so that the digestions of these "weaker brethren" be not impaired by a too exclusive diet of "strong meat," by the provision of such plays as "Lady Huntworth's Experiment," "Liberty Hall," "One Summer's Day," "The Liars," "David Garrick," "A Pair of Spectacles" "Mrs. Dane's Defence" or "Hobson's Choice."

BRUM.

Sir,—I sincerely hope that Lieutenant Percy and his clever company will not debase their art by attempting to supply the requirements of Jock II and his chums.

As Lieut. Percy is the Amusements' Officer I would suggest that he engages a blood-and-thunder company to stage "The Murder in the Red Barn" one week for the mentally undeveloped, and then follow on with, say Ibsen's "The Wild Duck" or "Rosmersholm." Then perhaps he could secure the services of a red-nosed comedian and ballet-skirted-damsels' company for the inane gigglers, to be followed by Granville Barker's "The Voysey Inheritance." And so on alternately. I should dearly love to see the B.R.A.D.C. play "The Voysey Inheritance." A well-known London dramatic critic considers it to be in many respects the most remarkable play of modern times. A young Russian-Jew who sat next to me at the Deutsches Theatre last night, greatly enjoyed Miss Bensusan's acting as the Frau Guixano. He said that her Hebrew and Yiddish were perfect, and expressed his admiration of Lieut. Percy's broad-mindedness in presenting Zangwill's play. I admit that the piece made a special appeal to him, but he was only a boy, and why should not other boys in the British Rhine Army appreciate a good thing when they see it? *POLLY.*

SOLDIERS AS FATALISTS.

Sir,—The point in Lieut. W. Romaine Paterson's review of "The Army and Religion" with reference to the growth of fatalism in the Army will I am sure be endorsed by all—the great majority of soldiers in the days of war were inclined to fatalistic beliefs.

They were convinced that it was an unkind fate which dealt out death wholesale and a kind fate which preserved.

While, however, such a doctrine held sway in those days I am of the opinion that it is rapidly losing favour to-day. Superstition and fatalism are essentially associated with war, but in the less hysterical days of peace they lose their magnetism and power.

Something that will stand the test of cold reasoning and examination is now demanded. *NON FATALIST.*

Space unfortunately will not permit us to deal more fully with this interesting book which is a most valuable addition to War Literature, and which reflects the greatest possible credit on the Battalion responsible for its conception. *W.K.*

THE GARDEN AFTER RAIN.

When even falls on azure skies,
And sets the twilight free,
A happy little thought shall rise,
A tender thought of thee,
And I will sing a carol gay,
As joys come back again,
Of love, a girl, a summer's day,
In the garden after rain.

I can't forget that garden sweet,
The violet scented eve,
Where pansies bright with glad thoughts greet,
And softest zephyrs breathe,
But I will sing a happy lilt,
As hours live o'er again,
Of hopes, and dreams, and castles built,
In the garden after rain.

For many fondest memories,
Are in that garden laid,
Of flowers and love and kisses
Of twilight and a maid,
And though we parted as we met,
To never love again,
Those hours, dear heart, I'll ne'er forget,
In the garden after rain. *J.M.S.*

GODDARD WINS.

Knocks Out McLaglen in Third Round.

WINNER OUT-BOXED.

There was a big and enthusiastic crowd to witness Frank Goddard and Victor McLaglen fight at the National Sporting Club on Monday evening in a fifteen round contest. Goddard was out-boxed nearly the whole time, but in the third round landed a swinging right and caught McLaglen under the heart sending him down for the full count.

ATTWOOD'S VICTORY.

At the Ring, Blackfriars on Monday evening, in a twenty round contest, Joe Attwood, Halesowen, beat Sid Stagg, Deptford, the latter retiring in the thirteenth round.

REFEREE AND SPECTATORS.

Walsall and District F.A. has ordered the ground of the Heath Hayes (Cannock) Club to be closed for a month, on a complaint by Mr. Monk, a Lichfield referee, that the club officials failed to afford him adequate protection on the occasion of a Lichfield League match in which he officiated at Heath Hayes. His statement was that at the termination of the game he was surrounded by a number of spectators, one of whom caught him violently by the collar and pulled him backwards. The club was ordered in addition to pay the expenses of the inquiry.

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

By W. Le C.

In my last notes I commented on the presence of Middlesboro' officials in Scotland and said that readers should not be surprised if startling transfers were noised about. Following this comes the transfer of Marshall from St. Mirren for £2,000, a transfer which has set all Scotland talking.

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Airdrie have now Turner of Vale of Leithan on their books. A scoring centre, yet I cannot see him displacing "Jimmy" Reid.

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How often does a club make the mistake of taking but one of a famous wing. Blackburn did it whem they left McTavish after signing Simpson and Sunderland took Hall and left his partner Husband with St. Mirren. Wings of great understanding should never be separated.

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Charlie Shaw, one of Celtic's famous defence looks as if he has been "dropped" at last. Lawrie who takes his place is a clever custodian.

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Colin Veitch is the finest football captain I have ever had the privilege of meeting. His was the master mind behind the sterling play of the "real Newcastle."

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Newport County's uphill fight deserves sympathy. They are struggling gamely in a hotbed of the Rugger code.

LONDON COMBINATION.

List Of Fixtures And Referees For December.

Dec. 6.—Chelsea v. The Arsenal (J. A. Fish); Crystal Palace v. Fulham (H. E. Gray); West Ham United v. Q.P. Rangers (G. T. Gould).

Dec. 13.—The Arsenal v. Chelsea (C. W. Gillett); Fulham v. Crystal Palace (F. W. Barton); Millwall v. West Ham United (J. E. Head); Queen's Park Rangers v. Brentford (J. T. Hornby).

Dec. 15.—Tottenham Hotspur v. Clapton Orient (J. Tyler).

Dec. 20.—West Ham United v. Millwall (B. H. Goulding); Crystal Palace v. The Arsenal (W. H. Houghton); Tottenham Hotspur v. Fulham (A. Long).

Dec. 25.—Brentford v. Clapton Orient (J. W. Lucas); Millwall v. Queen's Park Rangers (A. L. Grinstead); Chelsea v. West Ham United (B. M. Neville).

Dec. 26.—Tottenham Hotspur v. Brentford), (A. G. Neale); West Ham United v. Chelsea (F. Oglesby); Clapton Orient v. Crystal Palace (J. H. Walker); Queen's Park Rangers v. Millwall (H. Thompson); Fulham v. The Arsenal (J. E. C. Stroud).

Dec. 27.—The Arsenal v. Tottenham Hotspur (F. Adamson); Millwall v. Crystal Palace (A. C. Woodley); Fulham v. West Ham United (T. W. Annal).

Kent's Programme.

Kent will play home and home matches next season with thirteen of the first-class counties. Three of the Kent Cricket Weeks have been already fixed up, and it is hoped to arrange two more.

SPORT IN BRIEF.

Coventry's New Players.

Coventry City have secured three new players, Walker, inside right or centre, from Birmingham, and Hanney, centre half, and Wynn, inside forward, from Manchester City. It is said £2,000 was paid for Hanney's transfer.

Footballer's Sudden Death.

At an inquest on Monday touching the death of William Jones (30), who died soon after the start of the Monmouthshire v. Monmouthshire League game at Ebbw Vale, the coroner returned a verdict of "Death from apoplexy while playing football."

Football Appointment.

Mr. H. Pollitt, of Manchester, has been appointed secretary-manager of Coventry City F.C. He is well known as a Football League referee, and is resigning a post he holds under the Ministry of Labour to reorganise the Coventry side, which has not yet won a League match this season.

PORTSMOUTH'S RISE.

Army's Part in Progress of Famous Team.

BY "TYNESIDER."

Portsmouth F. C. are to-day a power in the land. They are a well balanced team with a clever management and are all out to top the Southern League. This they managed to do by Saturday's victory over Cardiff, but can they stay there? is another question.

The rise of Pourtsmouth reads almost like a romance, and to the Army must be given the credit for this. Almost thirty years ago, Portsmouth Town was a team which played many elevens representing military units stationed in the town. The Club fell on hard times, however, and the Royal Artillery came forward with a team. One of the principal officials of the new club was Sergt. Major Windrum, who ultimately reached commissioned rank and later played a big part in founding another famous Southern League club, viz Plymouth Argyle.

The Army team prospered and, eventually, in 1898, after sundry minor successes, they topped the second division of the Southern League. These successes roused the southern football public, and all hailed Portsmouth as a great team.

But, alas, they erred and the suspension of the club by the Football Association was a bitter blow to those who had the interests of the club at heart.

IN PROFESSIONAL RANKS.

The formation of a professional club was suggested to replace the suspended Army club, and this quickly found favour. The suggestion was acted upon, there being no lack of supporters, and in their first year of professionalism the new club finished second to Tottenham Hotspur in the Southern League.

In the following season, they finished third in the Southern League and won the Western League; no mean performance. In 1901—2, they were well in the limelight. They topped both the Southern and Western Leagues, in each case Tottenham Hotspur being the runners-up. This was a splendid achievement.

To-day, they are making another bold bid for a championship. They have seen hard times in the last few years, and the football public would welcome the advent of this Southern Club at the head of the table. It is early yet to prophesy but, given a little luck, they can accomplish it.

Many football "stars" of older days have been associated with Portsmouth. To mention a few at random: Wilkie, the Hearts and Liverpool player; Reilly, the Irish International keeper; Frank Brettel, half-back and manager; Arthur Chadwick, one of the eleverest centre-halves England ever called upon, and "Sandy" Brown, whose goal scoring abilities are yet discussed in the Naval town.

If only they had a forward of Brown's type to-day, points galore would be theirs. Their defence is one of the soundest in the Southern League and this has greatly assisted their bid for the leadership. Let us hope they will continue their winning way. Good luck to the "Pompey" stalwarts.

B.E.L.C. CHESS TOURNEY.

Present Positions and Competition Rules.

List of members in their approximate positions on Nov. 20th of the British Empire Leave Club Chess Tournament.

1. Sgt. Yates.	16. Pte. Harrow, H.
2. Sgt. Kemplin.	17. Sgt. Lloyd, D.F.
3. L/C. Howes.	18. L/C. Raymond.
4. Sgt. Taylor.	19. Pte. Duncan.
5. Pte. Wooster.	20. L/Cpl. Harrison.
6. Cpl. Jordan.	21. Sgt. Rogers.
7. Gunner Stanley.	22. S/Sgt. Hollowell.
8. C.S.M. Graham.	23. Dr. Shaw.
9. Pte. Hartley.	24. Pte. Stones.
10. Sgt. Fry.	25. Pte. Drewett.
11. L/C. Whyte.	26. Pte. Hudson.
12. Sgt. Keight.	27. Dr. Rubenston, J.
13. Cpl. Williams.	28. Pte. Luez.
14. Gnr. Peck.	29. Mss. Box.
15. Pte. Scully, A.W.	

The Rules.

(1) Member at head of Roster to be entitled "Champion" for which position a tournament is now in progress.

(2) In matches versus other clubs the members selected to play will be chosen from the top of the Roster.

(3) All new members to commence at bottom of Roster, except players of known merit who may join the club, their position on Roster being decided by committee.

(4) Each member has the right to challenge the one above him for his position. First two games won to decide, a win and a draw to count as a position won.

(5) Players challenging for position, if beaten, cannot be challenged under one month.

(6) Should any player be absent for two consecutive Chess Club evenings (Tuesdays and Thursdays) opponent must post his challenge on Notice board and will automatically take his position, should he fail to appear on the third evening.

SCOTTISH SWIMMING RECORD.

Two new Scottish swimming records were set up at the annual gala in connection with the Warrender Club, Edinburgh. R. Lauchlan, who broke the record for 50 yards recently by returning 25⅖ sec., reduced this time by three-fifths of a second, doing 24⅘ sec. The other record was in a team race, the Warrender quintette returning the fine time of 2 min. 17 sec., which is 2⅖ sec. better than the previous best performance. The team comprised R. Lauchlan, E. L. Sanders, G. S. Campbell, D. S. Lemmon, and F. Lemmon.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Second League.

Port Vale 4, Clapton 0. 2.

London Combination.

Millwall Reserves 3, Crystal Palace 2.

GOLF.

In a golf match between St. Georges Hill and Stoke Poges at St. Georges Hill. H. le Fleming Shepherd beat O. C. Bristowe by five and four. Stoke Poges won on the day's play by nine matches to five, two matches being halved.

JUMPING SEASON OPENS.

Repetition of Flat Racing Boom Expected.

BIRMINGHAM DETAILS.

The jumping season that opened at Birmingham on Tuesday is full of promise and there is likely to be as big a boom in 'chasing as there has been in flat racing throughout the year. The entries were good and if only a fair proportion come under the starters orders there will be no complaints as to the smallness of fields. The weather was all that could be desired, the attendance was large and the going fairly good.

DETAILS.

Smethwick Steeplechase:—1, Roman (2 to 1 on); 2, Warbine (7 to 1); 3, Suzanne the Third (3—1). Three ran.

Aston Steeplechase:—1, Bell Toll (2 to 1); 2, Jefferies (10 to 1); 3, Michelino (7—1). Seven ran.

Stetchford Hurdle:—1, A Double Escape (11 to 10 on); 2, Gamelyn (6 to 5); 3, Willing (10 to 1). Three ran.

Sutton Hurdle:—1, Hollins Lane (11 to 8); 2, Saxham Prince (7 to 1); 3, Topsy's Baby (7 to 1). Twelve ran.

Three-year-old hurdle: 1, Ulliskelf (5 to 1); 2, Montdidier (5 to 4 on); 3, Eothen (7 to 1). Twelve ran.

Coleshill Chase:—1, The Bore (11 to 4 on); 2, Tom Faggus (10 to 1); 3, Prince Clifton (4 to 1). Four ran.

RACING RULES.

Running Horses Under Assumed Names now Illegal.

A largely attended meeting of the Jockey Club on Monday approved the alteration of rule four of the Rules of Racing, the effect of which is abolished. Welter flat races — rule ninety three was also amended and henceforth no owner will be able to use an assumed name for entering or running horses. Any horse entered under an assumed name will be disqualified. Proposed alteration of other rules was postponed for re-drafting.

"POWERFUL" DECISION.

Tattersall's Committee have decided that the backers of Powerful, who was disqualified after winning the Rothschild plate at Manchester, will pay, and the backers of Enniskeen, who was awarded the race, receive.

CALAIS SWEEPSTAKE.

Prizes won by Ticket Sellers over November Handicap.

A unique feature of the Calais sweepstakes (which provided £9,775 in all in prize money) was the giving of prizes to sellers of tickets, the first being £400, the second £200, the third £100, with 21 accepted horses at £25 each, and 20 special prizes of £25 each.

Prizes for Sellers of Tickets.

A 8250 L. Pollard, Sun House, Chatham.—King John.
H 3625 H. Wood, 32, High-st., Hull.—Planet.
S 650 Pte. T. Davies Eleusis Club, 180, King's-rd., Chelsea.—Chat Tor.
I 6675 Pte. G. Porham, The Northgate, 36, Cornmarket-st., Oxford.—£25.
E 10325 Lieut.-Col. G. C. Blunt, R.A.S.C., Base M.T. Depot, Calais.—Golden Fleece.
M 4675 S. Crow, Esq., 2 Challenor-st., West Kensington.—£25.
F 5275 Cpl. Thurston, R.A.M.C., 229, King's-rd., Chelsea.—£25.
I 12075 Lieut. H. R. Landman, R.N., H.M.S., Canterbury, Portsmouth.—Dionysos.
W 11575 R. Taylor, Limekiln Inn, Preston, Lancs.—Grand Fleet.
Q 7200 F.-O. E. H. Hunter, 4 Park, No. 15 Works Dept., R.A.F., Kidbrooke, Kent.—£25.
I 9850 Sapper Borras, 3, Crown-place, Sutton, Surrey.—£25.
J 2850 Cpl. H. Wilson, Suffolk House, Queen's-rd., Battersea, S.W.—£25.
J 9050 D. Savine, M-at-Arms, H.M.S., Excellent, Portsmouth.—Gay Lord.
L 5400 J. N. Walter, Royal Oak; Bill-st., Finsbury.—Gotha.
E 6075 Pte. C. Wickham, 21, St. Kildas-rd., Harrow, Middlesex.—Royal Bucks.
C 5475 J. M. Downer, 25, Union-st., Portsea, Portsmouth.—£25.
Z 7400 Sgt. S. Griffiths, 105, Piccadilly, London, S.W. 1.—Elsinore.
M 6125 F. Hambrook, 64, Claverton-st., London.—£25.
C 7875 F.-Sgt. S. M. R. Thompson, 63, Holmdene-avenue, Herne Hill, S.E.—£25.
Z 6525 Pte. W. H. Pitkin, c.o. Resident Engineer, Hatton Park, Wendover, Bucks.—Not Much.
A 5600 R. Blyth, Talbot Hotel, Portsmouth, Hants. £25.
H 9475 Chas Brown, 63, Spitalfields, London, S.W.—£25.
F 14275 Pte. F. C. Anscombe, 21, King's-ave., Watford, Herts.—Queen's Square.
H 7575 P. Treppil, 17, Clareville-grove, London, S.W.—£25.
L 8500 C.S.M. H. Duncan, Details Bde., N. Fusiliers, attd No. 5 Trucks Kitchen Co., Column Camp, Boulogne.—£25.
FC 9300 Sgt. P. H. Budgen, Prince of Wales, 8, Church-st., Kensington, W.—Jack Point.
T 4800 L.-Cpl. J. A. Dell, Fenlake Anchor, near Bedford.—Aynsley.
Q 10150 P.O. (2nd Class) H. J. Cudd, 7, Market-st., Oxford.—£25.
K 4200 Lieut. J. N. Hall, Rhine Garrison Schools, Boulogne.—Daphne.
XD 9600 Dvr. A. J. Teanby, Saracen's Head Hotel, Grimsby.—William Allenby.
J 11275 Capt. W. R. Bennet, Eccentric Club, St. James'-st., London.—£25.
L 12600 P. B. Golding, 3, Albert-rd., Romford, Essex.—Rothesay Bay.
J 8775 Stoker D. B. Mayor, H.M.S. Carrysfort, c/o G.P.O., London.—Wildfowler.
L 3250 Pte. B. Gower, 85, Sydenham-rd., London, S.E.—£25.
J 9209 E. Priest Amoury-Sgt., Rottary, Winchester-rd., Walton-on-Thames.—African Star.
H 3325 Barrack Warden W. Stevens, W.O., Hythe, Kent.—£25.
T 3425 Lieut. J. M. Emslie, Central Schools, Bowington Camp, Wareham, Dorset.—£25.
J 6550 Capt. H. E. John, Elasfryn, Llanelly, S. Wales.—Alasnam.
J 2425 J. Meadows, 69, Middlesex-st., London, E.—£25.
A 10025 Sadler J. Hawkes, Hills Side, Bath-rd., Stroud, Gloster.—John Jackett.
G 10525 A. G. Taylor, 5, North-rd., Brentford, Middlesex.—£25.

BROTHERS

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HOW THEY STAND.

League Tables compiled after Saturday's Matches.

READING DISPLACED.

Subsequent to Saturday's matches the League positions were as follows.

The League.—Division I.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Goals. Agst.	Pts.
Newcastle United	15	9	3	3	21	11	21
Burnley	16	9	3	4	27	24	21
West Bromwich Albion	15	10	0	5	42	23	20
Manchester United	15	6	6	3	27	17	18
Sunderland	15	8	2	5	27	19	18
Manchester City	15	7	3	5	40	33	17
Chelsea	15	7	2	6	21	16	16
Bolton Wanderers	16	6	4	6	31	27	16
Sheffield United	16	6	4	6	29	26	16
Arsenal	15	5	6	4	24	23	16
Bradford City	16	6	4	6	29	29	16
Middlesbrough	15	6	4	5	20	23	16
Everton	15	6	3	6	34	31	15
Derby County	16	5	5	6	20	24	15
Bradford	15	6	2	7	25	25	14
Liverpool	15	6	2	7	19	21	14
Notts County	15	4	4	7	22	34	12
Preston North End	15	5	2	8	23	36	12
Blackburn Rovers	16	4	4	8	20	34	12
Aston Villa	15	5	1	9	23	24	11
Oldham Athletic	15	4	2	9	21	25	10
Sheffield Wednesday	15	3	4	8	12	22	10

The League.—Division II.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Goals. Agst.	Pts.
Tottenham Hotspur	15	12	2	1	42	10	26
Stoke	15	11	1	3	29	16	23
Hull City	16	10	2	4	34	21	22
Huddersfield Town	15	9	3	3	30	10	21
Birmingham	15	9	3	3	31	15	21
Blackpool	16	9	3	4	33	17	21
West Ham United	15	8	3	4	17	18	19
Fulham	16	7	4	5	24	17	18
Bristol City	15	6	5	4	17	13	17
Barnsley	15	7	2	6	33	18	16
Stockport County	15	6	4	5	21	15	16
Bury	15	7	2	6	18	18	16
Port Vale	14	5	3	6	19	17	13
South Shields	15	5	3	7	13	19	13
Notts Forest	16	3	6	7	14	23	12
Rotherham County	16	5	2	9	17	31	12
Wolverhampton Wand.	15	4	3	8	19	22	11
Leicester City	15	3	4	8	12	30	10
Clapton Orient	15	4	1	10	14	24	9
Lincoln City	15	2	4	9	11	41	8
Grimsby Town	15	3	1	11	9	31	7
Coventry City	15	0	3	12	4	35	3

Southern League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Goals. Agst.	Pts.
Portsmouth	17	10	4	3	30	10	24
Watford	15	10	3	2	25	10	23
Reading	17	8	7	2	23	13	23
Queen's Park Rangers	16	9	4	3	24	13	22
Crystal Palace	16	7	7	2	28	15	21
Cardiff City	15	6	6	3	26	16	18
Swindon Town	16	7	4	5	29	23	18
Norwich City	14	7	3	4	28	21	17
Plymouth Argyle	16	6	4	6	20	12	16
Exeter City	16	5	6	5	19	18	16
Brentford	16	5	6	5	16	18	16
Southend United	16	5	6	5	20	23	16
Millwall Athletic	17	6	4	7	25	27	16
Swansea Town	17	5	5	7	17	18	15
Bristol Rovers	15	5	4	6	24	29	14
Luton Town	16	5	4	7	20	28	14
Merthyr Town	18	4	6	8	19	28	14
Southampton	17	6	1	10	23	32	13
Brighton & Hove A.	17	3	5	9	15	24	11
Northampton	16	3	5	8	27	38	11
Newport County	17	3	3	11	13	34	9
Gillingham	16	3	3	10	9	30	9

Scottish League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Goals. Agst.	Pts.
Glasgow Rangers	17	14	2	1	48	9	30
Celtic	15	11	3	1	34	15	25
Motherwell	17	8	6	3	30	22	22
Ayr United	18	8	4	6	46	24	20
Dundee	17	9	2	6	29	21	20
Heart of Midlothian	17	9	2	6	25	21	20
Airdrieonians	17	7	5	6	22	15	19
Greenock Morton	16	8	2	6	28	14	18
Hibernians	17	8	2	7	33	31	18
Aberdeen	17	7	4	6	22	22	18
Partick Thistle	15	6	3	6	20	22	15
Queen's Park	18	5	5	8	23	30	15
Third Lanark	16	5	5	6	22	30	15
St. Mirren	18	6	3	9	25	34	15
Kilmarnock	18	6	3	9	21	39	15
Clydebank	15	6	2	7	28	25	14
Dumbarton	17	3	8	6	20	31	14
Raith Rovers	19	5	4	10	34	42	14
Albion Rovers	16	5	3	8	17	26	13
Falkirk	19	5	3	11	20	38	13
Clyde	18	3	5	10	20	32	11
Hamilton Academicals	17	4	2	11	25	43	10

IRISH ARMY CUP.

The following is the draw for the third round of the Irish Army Cup:—

Dublin District.—17th Tank Batt v. R.A.S.C.; 1st King's Own v. 2nd Lancs; 11th Res. M.G.C. v. 2nd Worcester Regt; 2nd Gordons v. 1st Wiltshire Regt.

Tipperary District.—1st Gordons v. 1st Buffs; 2nd Yorkshires v. 1st Lincolnshire Regt; 2nd Welsh Fusiliers v. 1st Northamptonshire Regt; 2nd East Lancs v 15th Hussars.

South-Western District.—2nd Border Regt; 2nd Hampshire Regt. 1st Duke of Cornwall's L.I. byes; 2nd Oxford and Bucks v. 1st Essex Regt.

Northern District.—12th R.G.A. v. 1st Norfolks; 1st Dorset Regt. v. 52nd Sherwood Foresters.

RUGBY 'NATIONAL.

The following represent England against the North in the first International Rugby trial at Liverpool on December:—

Evan Thomas, United Services; C. N. Lowe, Blackheath; L. Corbett, Bristol; H. Locke, Birkenhead; W. N. Lowrie, Birkenhead, H. Kershaw, United Services; W. J. Davies United Services; Major H. C. Harrison, United Services; L. B. Merriman, Blackheath; T. Voyce, Gloucester; Captain W. Wakefield, Harlequins; S. Smart, Gloucester; W. H. Wright, Plymouth; L. Holford, Gloucester and C. Edwards, Naval Depot, Devonport.

DRUMS BEAT DRUMS.

51st R.W.R. Drums v. 52nd R.W.R. Drums.

An excellent game between these two teams was played on the 51st's ground at Mulheim. Immediately after the start the 51st pressed hard and scored through Cornally. The game was fiercely contested for a while until the 52nd broke away and scored. Following this the 52nd forced four corners in quick succession. They then made a run through and a misunderstanding by the 51st defence enabled them to notch a second goal. The 51st pulled together after this and scored a second goal just on half time which arrived with the score at 2—2. The second half was fought in ding-dong fashion the 52nd just managing to secure a further goal. The end came with the score — 52nd. 3. 51st. 2.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

"D" Company Concert.

Judging by the reception of each item and the comments heard afterwards, the first "D" Company Concert 52nd Battalion The Durham Light Infantry held at Y.M.C.A. last Friday night, was a huge success. Assisted by the Regimental Band and four civilians, the programme was full of delight from beginning to end.

The Band, under Bandmaster Etherington, commenced with two selections, one of which—"Shamrock"—was received with much applause and cheers. Though only composed of young soldiers the Band is to be much congratulated upon the high state of efficiency they have attained. "The Singer Was Irish" sung by Pte. Moon, brought forth considerable applause.

The "star" of the evening however, was Mr. Chilcott, who, with his bright and breezy songs kept them in a continuous state of laughter and merriment. Mr. Marshall Howlett, in his reproduction of "The man who downed tools seven years ago" was encored and replied with a succession of short stories calculated to make even the most morose of men burst into tears of laughter. Two songs were also sung by Boy Etherington, "Indiana" and "Cosy Corner," and these, too, were well received.

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One could have heard a pin drop when "Where my caravan has rested" was sung by Mr. Jas. Compton, who gave as an encore "Sometimes."

The tasteful manner in which he rendered these two songs evidently impressed his audience and proved once again the fallacy of the saying that "anything is good enough for Tommy."

After another selection by the Band "To-night's the night," Capt. Kirton, O.C. "D" Company, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the hosts, and to the artistes, and made an appeal for the display of more local talent. We feel sure his appeal was not made in vain for after the Concert it was the earnest hope of all present that the time would not be long forthcoming when we should again be favoured with another enjoyable evening. The "Regimental March" and "The King" concluded the programme.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Wed.	Die Entführung aus dem Serail	Mozart	7	10
Thurs.	Tiefland	d'Albert	7.30	10
Fri.	Die Zauberflöte	Mozart	7	10.50
Sat.	Tosca	Puccini	7	9.45
Sun.	Cosi Fan Tutti	Mozart	7	10
Monday	No Performance			
Tuesday	No Performance			

Audrey Esmond at the Piano.

The Palace theatre, Cologne, contained a large and very enthusiastic audience last evening, when the Audrey Esmond party of entertainers reappeared in the city to commence a week's engagement. Each member of the party was encored time after time, and the concerted numbers "fetched" the house invariably. Our sketch shows Miss Eva Evelda, the lady violinist with the locks, whose merry performances always create a furore. Her imitation of the bagpipes, yesterday, was truly wonderful. All who enjoy a good, well-assorted variety programme should wend their way to the Herzogstrasse house one evening during the week.

Miss Decima Moore with B.R.A.D.C.

Next week the B.R.A.D.C. will produce "Lady Frederick," a comedy in three acts, by Somerset Maugham. The caste will include Miss Decima Moore, C.B.E., as Lady Frederick in which part she scored such a brilliant success when the play was produced in London. *JACQUES.*

13th HUSSARS' TOURNAMENT.

"C" Squadron Win Competition at Aldershot.

The 13th Hussars brought a two-days' tournament to a successful finish at the Riding School, Warburg Barracks, Aldershot, when the inter-squadron competition, consisting of three-round bouts in six weights, was won by "C" Squadron with 31 points. "B" Squadron had 28 points, and "A" Squadron 23. The star bout of the evening was a six-round contest between C-S-M Evans, A.G.S., and ex-Seaman Hayes, of which Evans was given the verdict on points. Details:—

9st NOVICES' COMPETITION (Open to Aldershot Command).

Semi-final: C-Q-M-S Marra (1st R.F.) beat Pte. Jenkins (1st R.F.) on points after a good bout; Pte. Nolan (2nd R. Dub. F.) beat Pte. Allen (1st Lancs F.) on points. Final: Marra beat Nolan on points in a keenly-contested bout.

INTER-SQUADRON COMPETITIONS.

8st:—Boy Ward (C) beat Pte. Hartley (B) on points in an excellent bout.

8st 7lb:—Pte. Brown (A) beat Pte. Pitts (C) halfway through the second round.

9st—Pte. King (A) knocked out Pte. Pte. Gamble (C) with a right swing in the first round.

9st 7lb:—Pte. Argyle (A) beat Pte. Kennedy (B) on points.

10st:—Lce.-Cpl. Pearson (B) beat Pte. Ashton (C) on points.

10st 7lb:—Pte. Berry (B) beat Pte. Bowman (C). the referee stopping the fight half way through the second round awarding the loser full points for his squadron for his plucky fight.

SIX ROUND CONTESTS.

Bantam-weights.—Lce.-Cpl. Wells (13th Hussars) drew with Pte. Yarwood (1st Manchester Regt).

Feather weights.—C-S-M Evans (A.G.S.) beat ex-Seaman Hayes on points.

Light-weights.—Sgt. Burke (2nd R. Dub.) beat Lce.-Cpl. Stocker (M.G.C.) on points.

S. A. CRICKET.

Australians' Easy Victory Over Transvaal.

A Johannesburg message states that the Australian Imperial Forces Cricket Team defeated the Transvaal eleven by an innings and fourteen runs. The home eleven batted first and were dismissed for 165, Stirling taking five wickets for twenty-nine runs. The Australians compiled 352, Gregory 73, Pellow 61.

In the second innings Transvaal hit up 173, Zulch reaching 95. Docker took five for twenty.

NEXT SEASON'S CRICKET FIXTURES.

The meeting of county secretaries to arrange and ratify the fixtures for 1920 will be held at Lord's on Tuesday, Dec. 9. The county captains' meeting is on the following day.

The following fixtures at Lord's have been arranged for next season:—

June 25, 26.—Navy v. Army.
July 5, 6, 7.—Oxford v. Cambridge.
July 9, 10.—Eton v. Harrow.
July 12, 13, 14.—Gentlemen v. Players.
July 28, 29.—Rugby v. Marlborough.
July 30, 31.—Cheltenham v. Haileybury.

BOWLING GREEN FOR WIMBLEDON.

A new company has been formed to lay down a Cumberland turf green in Wimbledon, and a site has been secured in Cambridge-rd. The venture is an assured success, Mr. James Hood, M.P. for Wimbledon, heading the subscription list with £250, while £630 has been guaranteed by members of the Cottenham Park Bowling Club. The total amount required is £1,200, and the following directors have been elected:—Messrs E. Ely, W. F. A. Hawes, G. W. Whitton, F. Styles, and G. T. Burrows.

BILLIARDS.

Closing scores in the principal billiards matches on Saturday were:—

Reece (in play) 8632 Stevenson 6903.
Smith 8000 Falkiner 6443.

Closing scores on Monday were:

Reece 9966
Stevenson 7684
Newman (receives 1000) .. 2332
Inman 794

TRY YOUR SKILL.

An Opportunity For Football Prophets To Win Prizes.

Last Saturday's football surprises have proved to be effective stumbling blocks to competitors in No. 9 Contest. As far as the adjudication goes up to the time of going to press, but few competitors have succeeded in forecasting correctly even four results.

The last six matches indicated on the coupon appear to have presented the greatest difficulties, and only very occasionally has our competition staff brought to light even one of the half-dozen rightly predicted.

It is impossible at the present stage to say to what degree of success one of our entrants may have attained in his prophesies, however, but the highest achievements will be revealed by this evening, and the result will be published in "The Cologne Post" of to-morrow.

In the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 10,
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A.P.O. S./40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 10.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov. 29th.
Closing date, Friday, Nov. 28th.

Newcastle U.	v. Sunderland
Blackburn R.	v. Bradford City
Bradford	v. Burnley
Chelsea	v. Middlesbrough
Notts County	v. Arsenal
Clapton Orient	v. Bury
Grimsby	v. Stoke
Portsmouth	v. Queens Park R.
Brighton	v. Millwall
Falkirk	v. Third Lanark

I enter Football Competition No. 10 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Rank and No. .....
Unit .....
Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Victory Ribbon.
Yesterday I came across a French civilian wearing a small rolled piece of the Victory ribbon in his buttonhole. It looked very neat.

Take Heed.
I learn that many civilian barbers are following the fashion of shaving the neck after cutting one's hair. This is a thing to be avoided as it removes the fine hair which protects the neck and in many cases boils are the result.

A Postman's Hat.
A postman I met the other day was wearing attached to his hat at the back, a broad strip of leather, this forming a splendid protection for his neck from rain or cold.

Notepaper.
Many civilians I know are complaining about the high prices ruling for notepaper. I wonder how sweethearts manage their correspondence these days in Rhineland.

Some Forecasts.
Out of the first two hundred coupons marked by our competition staff in the competition now being adjudicated, no less than seventeen entrants failed to forecast one result correctly.

Pre-Occupation.
A party of officers in the N.A.C.B. Club the other night introduced a new game. They commenced playing about 8 o'clock and, thereafter, peals of merriment emanated from their table. So engrossed, indeed, did the players become that dinner was completely forgotten, and it had turned eleven when they first thought of calling for liquid refreshment!

An Odd Sight.
Rather a novel sight was to be seen in Neumarkt late last evening. Two Tommies seated on the box of a carriage and pair were driving along at a smart pace. Many onlookers wondered what they were doing on a civilian equipage.

British Once.
Quite a number of ex-British horses are now being employed by Cologne cabmen. The price of a good animal now is 10,000 marks as compared with 700 in pre-war days, one of the silk-hatted gentlemen informed me.

Finis.
What a pity the smart little magazine of the 3rd Battalion Machine Gun Corps has had to cease through the disappearance of that unit. I have just seen the last number, which I think surpasses all its five predecessors.

THE NEW SERGEANT-MAJOR.

"Opportunity makes the Man."

VI Corps Club.
It is not usually known that the VI Corps Club have a small quiet room for reading and writing, where the fair sex are not admitted. At the Club this afternoon, there is the weekly orchestral concert.

Why is it?
Why is it that Germans as a general rule prefer Britishers to be billeted on them rather than German civilians?

A Mystery.
I know an officer whose wife was to have arrived from England a week ago. He got permission to go to Ostend to meet her, waited two days; but as no wifey appeared he returned dejectedly to Cologne. He has been up in the small hours in the morning since to meet the train, but still she doesn't materialise. He has had no explanatory letters or wires, and is almost distracted.

Abandoned.
Quite a number of English ladies are to be seen at the Opera these days without their armlets. This leads to confusion sometimes.

Dressy.
I didn't know that "other ranks" were allowed to sport leather leggings and yellow doeskin gloves; yet I see such adornments occasionally.

To Mothers and Others.
A series of morning lectures and discussions on "Methods with Children" will be given during the winter months, in the Loreley Hall of the Cologne Central Y. M. C. A. under the auspices of the Cologne Day School for British children.

New "Army of Oc."
A number of officers, not anxious to be demobilized, were overheard the other day discussing the possibilities of starting an "Army of Oc" on their own account. They allowed fancy to run quite free. Army headquarters, it was suggested should be in a popular cabaret, with office hours from 10.45 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Tea and Toast.
A French lady, who has for many years lived in England, is arranging shortly to open a cosy little tea room in Cologne where she will make a speciality of strong tea and hot buttered toast. This ought to be extremely popular.

The New "Gunner."
The other day a letter was published about the "Gunner" — the RA's own magazine and the price was given as 2d. But that figure applies no more. In its enlarged form it will cost 9d. a month or 9s a year, and subscriptions should be sent to The Manager, 1, Middle Temple Lane. E.C.

RHINELANDER.

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

OUR LACK OF IMAGINATION.

Mr. Stanley Jast, deputy chief librarian of Manchester, says that a nation is what it thinks. The most pronounced optimist cannot be satisfied with the present state of the national imagination. This impoverishment of the imagination is to be ascribed to the pressure of material things, which tend to submerge us in a struggle to satisfy mere bodily needs. A man whose outlook has not been widened by the study of the literature of any subject, but has been formed on the leading article of his favourite newspaper and the more or less inaccurate or one-sided statements which it contained, is never likely to be the best citizen or the best practiser of the art of living, that most difficult of all the arts.

PEACE WITH RUSSIA?

Col. John Ward M.P., in a speech at the Savoy Hotel dealt with the Russian question and said:—I wonder whether it is possible to make peace in Russia? I think a trial should be made. I am not against that by any means. Russia is so important to the rest of the world, and especially to the British Empire, that we should save her if we possibly can. Believe me, whether we like it or not, we can sign as many Parisian Treaties as we like, but there will be no peace in the world until we have secured internal order within the late Czar's dominions. You cannot allow 180,000,000 of people to be the prey of our recent enemies.

SPIRITUALISM.

Bishop Welldon, Dean of Durham speaking on spiritualism, says it is in itself not irreligious or unchristian. The enemy of religion and Christianity is not Spiritualism. It was materialism. If to live after death is but a dream, then indeed is religion a folly; but if the spirit of man survives the experience which is called death, if it does not die but enters upon a new life, then at least it is possible, that the spirit may in certain circumstances manifest itself to human eyes and the spirit may communicate by some means or other to living spirits upon the earth.

THE HABIT OF SONG.

Dr. Walter Carroll, the well-known musical authority insists on the absence of a singing tradition in England. It is a disagreeable fact, but it is a fact. That we have no substantial people's tradition of song was never proved more conclusively than during the war, when our soldiers were reduced to singing such songs as "Are we downhearted?" to hymn-tunes. We have a certain tradition of hymn-singing and a certain tradition of military bands. We have, too, the increasing popularity of the domestic piano. Yet there is a passionate love of music and an extraordinarily intelligent appreciation of it when given properly. I have heard a difficult Bach Sonata movement applauded to the echo in camps by an audience of soldiers, whom some people might deem ignorant.

VANITY FAIR.

A Feature for the British Woman in Rhineland.

Freakish.
Silk stockings, so thin that on the leg they look like the skin itself, are worn with dainty little strapped shoes in bronze kid, grey kid, or black shiny kid with heels very high and toes very short. No fantasy is denied the feminine mind in dress to-day, but all that is sensible, moderate, and what our grandmothers would have called graceful is out of date. With her short skirts tightened in just below the knees, her fur coat spreading into volume round the hips and her high, tight fur collar and small toque or enormous hat waving with the wildest of feathers or fur, the woman of to-day is certainly freakish to look at. and, if one may attach a moral to Fashion's tale, ready rather for pleasure than for work.

In Deerskin and Patent.
Gloves are an important item of the wardrobe. Among those for wear with tailor-mades are gauntlets in two colours of soft leather or of a combination of kid and patent leathers. Grey kid with a design applied in black patent, black kid with the gusset and hem of the gauntlet in white, grey doeskin with rose suede, brown deerskin with appliques of leather in the fashionable rust colour—these are some of the costly additions to the already expensive tailor-made.

Few Millinery Novelties.
Few real novelties have been launched lately. There are, of course, the new dyed kid hats. These are dyed in various fashionable colours, jade and rose pink and a deep regal purple being the most popular where the brighter colours are concerned. Browns, greens, buffs, and greys are also used, and show the pretty plaque designs in tinsel thread, which covers the crowns of these models, to advantage.

Still Popular.
Bead chains are so decorative that it is no wonder they are still as popular as ever. Worn on a simple gown they give just the right ornamental touch and permit vivid notes of colour to be introduced. They are of all lengths, some even reaching to the knees, and all sorts of quaint old-fashioned ornaments are used as pendants.

Many Straps.
The new footwear for dress occasions has a strap fastening, often indeed there are straps on the instep and also round the ankle. The newest idea is to have a large cameo instead of the fancy buckle that has had such a vogue.

Coal Scuttle Hats.
Coal scuttle hats, after the modes of the days of our great grandmothers, have been revived this winter, and very becoming they are, espicially to the insouciant prettiness of youth. Made in black millinery panne, one of these hats, with a high crown and much-curved brim, was very simply trimmed with a short drooping powder blue ostrich feather, and the effect was entirely successful.

AGNES.

ECONOMIC NOTES ON FINANCE AND TRADE.

IV. THE BANK ACT.

The Bank was, as previously stated, the only Joint Stock bank allowed to issue notes in England and even private banks which could issue notes in the country could not do so in London. This Bank issue was limited in its Charter as follows. Notes to the value of £14,000,000 could be issued with the backing of only Government securities. When a country bank issue lapsed the Bank could take over an amount equal to 2/3 of the lapsed bank's issue and add it to the Government Security issue. By this means the original £14,000,000 became raised to £18,500,000 at which figure it is now. This issue resting on the good faith of the Government is known as the Fiduciary Issue. Over and above this for every note issued an equal sum of metal coin had to be deposited in the Bank and reserved specially as a backing for these notes. That was all contained in the original Charter.

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The Act of 1844 on which the Bank's business is now based was brought about by a series of events which are very interesting to note. In 1797 the effect of the Wars of Napoleon caused the Bank to suspend cash payments and issue £1 notes for the first time in English History. This issue however was only very small and by 1810 it was only some £19,000,000. In 1824 Spanish South America had been opened up to British Trade and some £150,000,000 was invested there by English traders. In 1825 prices had risen to such a height that when the inevitable reaction took place something like 50 country banks went smash. All these banks had note issues and the losses were tremendous. To restore confidence the Government passed an Act in 1826 forbidding the issue of notes of less than the value of £5 except in Scotland. In 1833 the Bank's Charter was renewed and it was definitely stated for the first time that Joint Stock banks could open in London for ordinary banking business providing they didn't issue notes.

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These were briefly the immediate causes of the introduction of the Bank Act. Its main provisions were:—

(a) The Bank was to have two separate departments, each of which should have a distinct and separate existence — one for Banking and one for Issue.

(b) The Issue Dept. should only deal with the public through the Banking Dept. but the Issue Dept. was responsible that after the Fiduciary Issue had all gone the correct amount of coin was handed over by the Banking Dept.

(c) There were to be no more banks allowed to issue notes and the ones already existing were to be very limited. Bankers having the right who ceased to use it — lost it for ever. A licence was also made compulsory.

(d) Any person could take gold to the Bank and demand notes for it at £3.17.9d per oz.

(e) A weekly return — with which I shall deal later — had to be published.

There has been endless controversy over this Act. It is rather peculiar that the usual way of averting a crisis in the City is to suspend the Act and allow the Bank to issue notes without a backing.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Tailor's Toll.—In Vienna £166 has been given for a suit of clothes.

Wedding Freak.—Dolls were carried by child trainbearers at a Croydon wedding.

Stops Building.—Some building materials cost ten times their pre-war prices to-day.

Spain's Babies.—Queen Ena is to start centres for infant welfare in Spain.

Jumping Silver.—Silver is now worth 6s. 2d. an ounce.

Strike Talk.—Panel doctors, dissatisfied with the present capitation fee, may strike.

Fatal Dance.—After a fire at a dance in Lousiana twenty bodies were recovered.

No Strength.—President Wilson still continues in a weak condition.

Belgian Crisis.—A new Cabinet is to be formed in Belgium by M. de la Croix.

New Force.—San Francisco now possesses an Air Police.

Rabies?—Another case of dog madness is being investigated in Bucks.

Cotton Fortunes.—Industrial Lancashire is changing hands. Many huge fortunes are being made in the process.

Useless Dole.—Dr. Addison's policy of £150 a house to builders, is generally felt to be a confession of failure.

Mining Again.—After being flooded for twelve years, Park Slip colliery has reopened.

Strike Goes On.—Many works in the Black Country are at a standstill owing to the continuance of the moulders' strike.

To Help Comrades.—The Scots Guards Association is taking up the question of training ex-service men.

Huge Deficit.—The Y.M.C.A. is faced with a deficit of over £600,000 in consequence of war work.

For Christmas Puddings. — There are 50,000 tons of dried fruits in England just now.

Dear to Live.—Paris house agents say no flats are to be had in the gay capital under £240 a year.

Doesn't Worry.—Mr. "Pussyfoot" Johnson is quite cheery and philosophic over the loss of his eye.

Still Plays.—Mr. G. F. Dent, organist of St. Georges, Bloomsbury, lost his right arm in the war.

Land Girls Sup.—Princess Mary is to have supper with the Land girls on Thursday at Drapers Hall in the City.

"I Shall Win!"—Sir Thomas Lipton says—"I think I shall win the America Cup this time!"

No Talking.—A silent banquet was held in London the other day. All those present were stone deaf.

Scarce Boxes.—There is a great difficulty in getting boxes for the Christmas present trade.

Ocean Giants.—Southampton is to be the base for the five largest steamers in the world, totalling 290,000 tons.

No Nonsense!—Unless recognised by Dec. 21st, members of the Irish Bank Clerks' Association threaten to cease work.

To Escape Liabilities.—Germany is said to be urged by the big capitalists to go bankrupt.

Fewer Hats.—Men's headwear is growing scarce in England through lack of skilled trimmers.

Mystery Man.—A nocturnal prowler in the Hampstead district is causing alarm to women folk.

Is He Right?—Lord Haldane declares that Bolshevism cannot be put down by force.

Where?—In one week half the lifebuoys on the Thames Embankment disappeared.

Sea-Dog's Title.—Sir Rosslyn Wemyss has taken the title of Baron Wester Wemyss of Wemyss in the County of Fife.

Try This.—Trying to tell the Willesden magistrate yesterday that he was "bitten by a wicked, wild, white, wire-haired terrier" a witness got into a tangle.

In Pursuit.—The police are searching for William Turner who absconded from bail. He is charged with attempted murder by shooting.

Another Mystery.—The dead body of an ex-captain in the 9th Tank Corps has been found in a King's Cross Tunnel. The cause of death is a mystery.

Winter Sport.—Society is gathering in Switzerland for the famous winter sports which promise to eclipse their pre-war popularity.

Resurrection.—Lost to sight for 25 years at the mouth of the Tyne, the wreck of the Russian barque, Runik, has suddenly re-appeared.

Royal Preference.—The Prince of Wales danced six times with Miss Millicent Rogers, daughter of an oil King, at Mr. Whitelaw Reid's ball.

On Pilgrimage.—General Sir C.E. Pereira and General Sir W. Hickie accompanied the recent pilgrimage of Allied soldiers and civilians to Lourdes.

Early Death.—Sir Guy Laking, the King's Armourer, and one of the greatest authorities on antiquities has died at the early age of forty-four.

Pigs Pay.—A co-operative pig-breeding company started during the war has not only returned all its capital, but 47½ per cent interest as well.

'Phoned Goodbye.—A Shepherd's Bush woman told her husband by 'phone that she was about to commit suicide, and then did so.

Useless Now.—H.M. Cruiser "Calliope" has been so badly damaged by fire in the English Channel that she will he paid off.

An Anomaly.—A British trader says it would pay to buy boots at retail prices in Germany, and sell them wholesale in England.

Feting Heroes.—A civic reception is to be given at Southampton to the 1/9th Hampshires now on their way home from Vladivostock.

Crippling Output.—Staffordshire miners are said to be unable to work more than three or four days a week owing to truck shortage.

Parsons' Minimum.—A minimum wage of £400 a year is the standard proposed for the Clergy by Queen Victoria's Clergy Fund.

Profitable Inspection. — Posing as a sanitary inspector, a man left the premises of a Whitechapel cabinet maker £200 better off than when he entered to "inspect."

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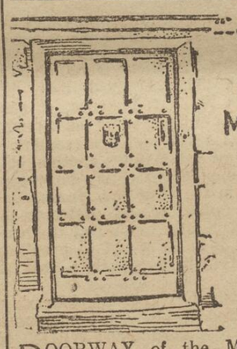

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IMPORTANT CHANGES RECOMMENDED BY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

CURZON ON BRITISH POLICY IN EGYPT.

COURTS-MARTIAL.

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS IN PRESENT SYSTEM.

In April last the Army Council constituted a Committee, with Mr. Justice Darling as Chairman, to inquire into the law, rules and procedure regulating military courts-martial both in peace and war. The Committee has just issued its report. It recommends that Regimental Courts-martial be abolished. The results of its investigations led the Committee to the conclusion that though the work of Courts-martial during the war had been well done and the rank and file have confidence in their fairness, nevertheless the existing Courts-martial system in certain points is capable of improvement. The Code of Military Law could be embodied in a Charter in a shorter and clearer form which officers and soldiers would more readily understand.

The re-drafting of the whole code is accordingly recommended, also that the manual of military law should be re-arranged and condensed. The Army, Royal Air Force and similar large formations should have qualified legal advisers available for general legal work as well as for Courts-martial. Legal advisers should be barristers or solicitors with some experience of military discipline and administration and should hold the King's Commission so as to render them amenable to military law. Courts-martial should be manned by officers thoroughly in touch with regimental discipline and life, but it is recognised that different considerations may perhaps apply in Case Law. A higher standard of legal training is desirable on the part of officers acting as presidents of Courts-martial, and inducements should be held out to officers to acquire an adequate knowledge of law by the holding of special courses with a passing out examination.

A separate report, signed by Mr. Horatio Bottomley, Major Lowther and Mr. Stephen Walsh differed in some respects from the majority report. They expressed the opinion that District, as well as Regimental Courts-martial, should be abolished, and urged that no man, by joining the Army, should forfeit the right to appeal for his life to a competent judicial tribunal.

OUR COLLEAGUE.

JOURNALISTIC VENTURE IN THE CAUCASUS.

Mr. Scotland Liddell who represented the British Press in Mesopotamia writes from Tiflis: "Local journalism in the Caucasus has its thrills. Some day I hope to write of my adventures in the columns of the Press here. During the summer months I published daily a sheet in English in this town in an endeavour to keep our men in touch with the outer world. Of course I was well watched. If I wrote of a success of Denikin's Army, the workmen's newspapers called me Denikin's spy. If I wrote favourably of Georgia or Azarbayan, Armenian papers called me Armenophobe. If I mentioned that Trotzky and his fellow murderers were Jews I was accused of being anti-Semitic and on one occasion I had a Bolshevist paper (long since defunct) calling me a 'Dashnak in a skirt'. 'Skirt' was apparently the outcome of my nationality and the presence of the Cameron Highlanders in the town, while 'Dashnak' implied that I was a member of the Dashnakzutun, an Armenian political society."

SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS.

The negotiations between Mr. J. O'Grady, M. P. and Litvinoff concerning exchange of British and Russian prisoners, began at Copenhagen on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. O'Grady expected the discussion would occupy about eight days. The first sitting lasted for several hours and it was then announced that the sittings would not be resumed for a few days, both sides finding it necessary to refer to their Governments.

PROGRESS OF REPATRIATION.

The War Office states that 77,279 German prisoners of war have now been repatriated from the United Kingdom. Of this number 35,693 were sent home in German ships. The total number of prisoners repatriated by Great Britain up to November 19th is as follows: Germans, 266,710; Austrians, 298; Turks, 27,369; Bulgarians 1,281.

SERBIAN TROOPS FOR RUSSIA.

Two Serbian regiments, says Reuter, will shortly be embarked at Salonika and despatched to South Russia to fight the Bolshevists.

The Siberian Government has resigned and M. Pepelauff, Minister of the Interior has been charged to form a Cabinet.

POLICY IN EGYPT.

OBJECTS OF THE MILNER MISSION.

A comprehensive statement on the situation in Egypt was made yesterday in the House of Lords by Lord Curzon. He said the present unrest was fundamentally due to economic causes, especially the high cost of living, but this unrest has been exploited for political purposes, foreign Socialists taking no small part in fomenting the existing discontent.

The Government had done its utmost to remove the legitimate grievances of the workers by securing substantial ameliorations in the conditions of labour. The Nationalists, however, were constantly expecting to receive and manoeuvring to gain the sympathy of one or other of the great powers. Of these both France and the United States had already recognised the British protectorate, and Italy had promised to acknowledge it. Recognition of the Protectorate is part of the Peace Treaty with Germany, and is confirmed by all the signatories to that Treaty.

Referring to the Milner Mission, Lord Curzon emphasised the fact that one of its objects related to the progressive development of self-governing institutions. That object had been deliberately ignored by agitators, although it formed the keynote of the policy the mission was to hold in view. At the time when the British Protectorate was declared, annexation was strongly advocated, but was wisely rejected, because only a Protectorate would afford free scope for the political aspiration, and self-governing capacities of the Egyptian people. The object of the Milner Commission is to devise a Constitution which will provide for an increasing co-operation of Egyptians in the management of Egyptian affairs, though British assistance and guidance will still be required. In the forming of this Constitution all parties will be consulted. The Mission should therefore be welcomed by all friends of Egyptian nationality and progress.

Whatever form the Peace with Turkey may take, it can make no difference to a solution of the Egyptian problem. Political connection with Turkey is at an end. It is not to Turkey that Egypt must look for fulfilment of her aspirations Recognition of the British Protectorate in Egypt will be an inseparable feature of the Turkish Treaty. The recent disorders, whatever their origin, impose on the Egyptian and British authorities the primary duty of enforcing law and order, and of punishing outrage and crime, but they will not deter us from pursuing the path mapped out by our duty, both to the Egyptians, and to ourselves. Moderate opinion in Egypt should therefore support us in our task.

U.S. LOANS TO ALLIES.

PAYMENT OF INTEREST DEFERRED.

United States Treasury officials confirm Mr. Austen Chamberlain's announcement that a plan is being negotiated by which the payment of interest on loans made by the United States to the Allies will be deferred for some years.

America's loans to her war associates aggregate 9,647 million dollars.

TAXING ITALIAN FORTUNES.

The impending issue is announced from Rome of a National Five per cent. Loan issue at a price equivalent to 87,50.

Legislation will shortly be introduced into the Italian chamber enacting a progessive tax starting at ten and rising to sixty per cent. on war fortunes, also a progressive tax of twenty-five per cent. on inherited fortunes.

HONOURS FOR BRITISH GENERALS.

At an Anglo-French military tournament held at Boulogne on Tuesday the Military Governor of Boulogne, General Dieboulo, handed ribbons of the Commandership of the Legion of Honour to Lieutenant-General Sir John Asser G.O.C. France and Flanders and to General Wilberforce, commanding the military district of Boulogne.

LENIN ADVOCATES SURRENDER.

Private telegrams from Helsingfors have been received at Stockholm stating that Lenin openly declares that the Soviet's best course of action would be to surrender and then prepare a vigorous propaganda campaign by sending out agitators everywhere. Trotzky is reported as approving Lenin's views.

The threatened strike of Scottish Ironmoulders which was to have begun yesterday, has been cancelled.

A STRAIGHT TIP.

MENACE OF THE SITUATION IN EUROPE.

"Trust in God and keep your powder dry" was Cromwell's advice on a certain occasion. Mr. Winston Churchill gave somewhat the same counsel at a dinner given by Sir Howard France on behalf of the Directorate of Land to Government officials, prominent business and professional men.

In the course of some pertinent remarks on the present outlook, the War Secretary said: "People talk about the world-war as if somehow we had all been transported into a higher form. We have however, been transformed into a sphere which is definitely lower from almost every point of view than that which we attained in the days before Armageddon. Never was there a time when people were more disposed to turn to courses of violence, to show scant respect for law and order, to tradition and procedure, than at present. On the expanse of Europe an insidious and seething scene of misery has formed.

"Our most formidable antagonist has been overthrown. Government services had something to do with that, but instead of a higher organisation of European nations we established almost Balkanisation. These small nations may achieve the success which everyone wishes, but I do not see in the present state of Europe, in the great patchwork system which has sprung up all over Europe, any reason which may lead me to advise any young man to neglect, as if it were a wholly obsolete thing, study of the profession of arms."

MEN AND MISSIONS.

QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons Mr. Winston Churchill gave the monthly cost of various British Military Missions as follows: Military Mission in South Russia, £44,000; Siberia, £13,000; Poland, £1,000; Baltic States (including Finland), £3,800.

Asked whether a statement was made on behalf of the War Office that no man under twenty years of age should be sent further than to the Army of the Rhine and whether nevertheless the War Office has been sending boys of eighteen and nineteen to Memel and Dantzig, Mr. Churchill said that no such undertaking had ever been given. "As I have already stated," he added, "no movements of troops have actually taken place."

JUTLAND DISPATCHES.

BEATTY REFUSES PUBLICATION.

Earl Beatty has refused, says the "Daily Telegraph," to allow publication of the official account of the Battle of Jutland, although Sir Eric Geddes, after the publication of Lord Jellicoe's book promised to publish the official report.

ROBEY'S EXTRA TURN.

During the performance of "Joy Bells" at the Hippodrome on Tuesday night George Robey addressed remarks to the audience on behalf of the 12,000 unemployed demobilized officers in London. In apologising for interrupting the performance, he said, he made the appeal at the request of the Ministry of Labour.

EX-SERVICE MUSICIANS.

By command of the King the British Symphony Orchestra gave a performance at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday afternoon. Invitations were issued to several hundred guests, who were afterwards entertained to tea by their Majesties. The hundred performers comprising the orchestra represent the Navy, Army and Air Force.

MAD POET'S PLANS.

According to information received in London from Rome, D'Annunzio may try another spectacular raid at Spalato, which would certainly provoke a conflict with the South Slavs. D'Annunzio's activities are being regarded with increasing disfavour in Italy.

A NEGLECTFUL JUDGE.

Judge Rentoul, who died recently, left £6,082, and like many other judges and great lawyers, says the "Star," he failed to draw up correctly his own will. He named no executor and he had made an alteration in the body of the will which was not attested.

THE "VATERLAND'S" FUTURE.

It is officially announced that the leviathan ex-German liner, "Vaterland," has been apportioned to the American line. It is proposed, as soon as she is reconditioned, to put her on the Southampton-New York service of the company.

AUSSIES TO BENEFIT.

Australians in the British Army are to receive fifty pounds for each year of war service in respect of the difference between Imperial and Australian rates of pay.

PRICE OF COAL.

SUSPICIOUS GENEROSITY OF DEALERS.

A letter signed "Perplexed" appeared in yesterday's "Times" on the subject of the reduction in the price of coal. The writer says:

"In common with many householders I am sorely mystified by the announcement of Sir Auckland Geddes that the price of coal is to be reduced by 10s per ton. The announcement is certainly a surprise, not unwelcome, to the public, but it is also a surprise to coal merchants (?).

"Last week my meagre supply of household coal was running low and I applied timidly to my coal merchant for one ton if he could not let me have more. Next morning I received one and a half tons and on Sunday the merchant sent me spontaneously a similar quantity—naturally at the present high price. The same day one of my friends suddenly received three tons from another merchant. Is there any connection between this singular open-handedness and Geddes' announcement? Or rather, has the Government secret, reserved for the House of Commons to-day, been allowed to leak out in advance for the benefit of the coal merchants?"

ATHENS PLOT.

CONSPIRACY TO MURDER GREEK PREMIER.

A widespread plot engineered by some of ex-King Constantine's retired officers has been discovered at Athens. The plans of the conspirators projected the murder of Venizelos and the overthrow of the existing regime. A number of arrests have been made and minute enquiries are proceeding. Full avowals have been obtained and the culprits will be court-martialled with the least possible delay. Public opinion is calm.

EX-KAISER'S TRIAL.

EVIDENCE ACCUMULATING.

The Allied and Associated Governments have collected a large amount of valuable evidence in support of the indictment for the trial of the ex-Kaiser. This evidence will be found, when the time comes, to be of a very far-reaching character.

It is expected that immediately the Peace Treaty is ratified Holland, will grant the application for the extradition of the ex-Kaiser, whose trial will begin early in the new year.

UNITED R.A.S.C. CLUB.

At a conference convened by Major-General Sir Evan Carter yesterday it was decided to call the new R.A.S.C. Club, "The United R.A.S.C. Club," membership to be open to officers of all branches of the Corps. The club will be located in the West End and one of its objects will be to obtain suitable posts for demobilized R.A.S.C. officers.

AMERICAN WHISKY FORBIDDEN FOR BLENDING.

The National Federation of Off-Licence Holders' Associations, in a circular issued to members, state that the Government has decided that the use of American whisky for blending purposes will not be permitted, and that all sellers, wholesale or retail, distributing such whisky must sell it with a label bearing a clear description that it is American.

BISMARCK'S MEMOIRS.

Von Bismarck's family have decided to start legal proceedings against the publishers of Bismarck's book, "Thoughts and Memories," because of the fact that in the third volume some letters of the ex-Kaiser Wilhelm have been published without their consent.

CHAIR MAKERS STRIKE OVER.

Terms have been agreed upon between the furniture manufacturers of High Wycombe and their employees. The dispute started some seventeen weeks ago, and resulted in 3,000 operatives being locked out. Work was resumed on Monday morning.

UNEMPLOYMENT PAY.

Sir Robert Horne introduced into the House of Commons yesterday the Unemployment Benefit Bill. This provides for the raising of the weekly unemployment benefit in trades scheduled under the National Insurance Act, from seven to eleven shillings.

WAZIRIS FULLY PERSUADED.

The Waziris have unreservedly accepted the British terms, the recent aerial operations having produced excellent results. The Mahsuds, however, are still obstinate and the bombing attacks are accordingly being continued.

The King received Sir Henry Wilson on Tuesday and handed him a Field Marshal's baton.

SUMMARY COURT.

COSTLY ABUSE AND CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

In the course of a disturbance between British soldiers and German civilians. Theodor Hahnenberg, merchant, of 26 Widdersdorferstrasse, intervened and used the expression "English swine." He was drunk at the time.

In imposing a fine of 300 marks or fourteen days the presiding officer said that had Hahnenberg been the aggressor he would have been sent to gaol for a long period. In future it was to be hoped he would mind his own business and not lose his head through drink.

There is no society in Germany on the lines of the British R.S.P.C.A.

This fact transpired during the hearing of a charge against Joseph Floth, a labourer, of 100 Rolshoverstrasse, Kalk, who was flogging an exhausted horse harnessed to a heavily laden four-wheeled wagon.

When remonstrated with by an M.P., he took no notice and for failing to obey an order he was sent to prison for seven days.

ITALIAN CRISIS.

SOCIALIST MENACE TO THE MONARCHY.

As the result of the sweeping victory of the Socialists at the elections, a grave crisis is feared in Italy, involving not only the Cabinet but the ruling house. The new Socialist elements, animated by revolutionary sentiments, favour a Maximalist policy, which inevitably leads to Bolshevism. This section almost certainly commands the party. It numbers 150 out of a total of 550 Deputies. Its leaders talk openly of provoking disorder at the opening of Parliament and preventing the King being heard, and some advocate going to the length of insulting or even attacking him.

It is contended in some quarters that such a demonstration would clear the air by rousing the mass of voters from their apathy, to which the Socialists directly owe their triumph. On the other hand it is suggested that the King should abdicate in favour of the Duke of Aosta, who is most popular owing to his brilliant leadership of the Third Army.

SIBERIAN REVOLT.

A message dated the 18th, from Reuter's correspondent at Pekin states that an extensive revolutionary movement at Vladivostock, in which Guida, the former Czech leader was implicated, was subdued by Allied representatives. The movement was supported by social revolutionaries. Guida recommended coming to an agreement with the Bolshevists, and the immediate formation of a Siberian constituent assembly. A similar movement on a smaller scale was suppressed at Irkutsk.

MESPOT. HOTEL DESTROYED.

The River Front hotel at Basra, which was opened last January for officers passing through Basra, was burnt out on the 14th. When the fire broke out the hotel was full of guests, officers, ladies, and children, but all escaped without harm.

(Basra is the chief port for Mesopotamia. It lies on the West bank of the Euphrates, about sixty miles from its mouth in the Persian Gulf.)

"LIVINGS" OR "STARVELINGS."

The Bishop of Salisbury, addressing a meeting at Wimborne, Dorset, where up to the present the Governors of the Minster have been unable to obtain a successor to the living, which is only worth £500 a year (out of which a curate has to be provided), said he was the patron of about seventy so-called "livings." He was afraid a certain proportion of them deserved better the name of "starvelings," and their filling up when they became vacant gave him more torturing anxiety than anything else connected with his work.

AUSTRALIAN FLIGHT.

The Blackburn "Kangaroo" aeroplane which is attempting to fly from England to Australia, descended at Romilly, about 100 kilometres East of Paris, where it awaits fine weather before proceeding. Captain Ross Smith, another of the competitors, reached Cairo on the 18th and left on the following day.

AMERICAN TRADE INCREASE.

Figures show that the foreign trade of the United States continues to increase. Exports amounted to 632 million dollars, an increase of 130 millions over October 1918, while imports totalled 416 millions, an increase of 169 millions.

SALVING THE VINDICTIVE.

Work is proceeding actively at Ostend with a view to the refloating of the Vindictive. From her present position she will be transferred to Estran, where she will be run aground, so as to permit the repairing of her hull.

The Serbian Government has authorised its delegation in Paris to sign the Austrian Peace Treaty.

GLUT OF MEAT.

GOVERNMENT POLICY CONDEMNED.

The British Society of Meat Importers, in a vigorous protest against the Government policy with regard to meat, gives some astonishing figures. It declares that the cold stores of the United Kingdom are blocked with over 100,000 tons of meat and that in consequence ships are unable to discharge further cargoes.

Shipments afloat and due to arrive within the next three months aggregate 150,000 tons. The present monthly consumption of imported meat is only 30,000 tons though the probable consumption after Christmas will be about 40,000 tons monthly. Stocks in Australia awaiting shipment amount to 150,000 tons. The consumption of meat has fallen in Great Britain (owing largely to high prices) from about 1,800,000 tons per annum before the war to about 1,200,000 tons during the current year, a reduction of thirty three per cent.

The country, says the protest, seems face to face with such a glut of meat as is has never before witnessed. This is brought about entirely by the reduction of consumption, resulting from high prices, which are artificially maintained under State control and are not the outcome of any present shortage or the likelihood of any future shortage.

HERTZOG AT HOME.

HIS FRUITFUL RECEPTION.

The Nationalists reception at Johannesburg to General Hertzog on his return from Europe evoked noisy counter-demonstrations. Hertzog, who motored from Pretoria, was welcomed on the outskirts of the city by a picturesque cavalcade of burghers, who escorted him and other prominent Nationalists to the City Hall. Their arrival at the platform erected in front of the Town Hall was signalised with booing and cheering by opponents and friends, the singing of the Transvaal "Volkslied" and the counter-singing of "God Save the King."

Excitement reached fever heat when an address was presented, but the noise and commotion prevented Hertzog's speech being heard except by those in his immediate vicinity. A strong force of police effectively stemmed a hostile rush, but during his processional drive to an hotel for lunch, tomatoes were thrown with great effect, adding vivid splashes of colour to the scene.

HAIG VISITS CLUB FOR EX-OFFICERS.

The practical interest in the welfare of all ranks taken by Field Marshal Earl Haig was further demonstrated on Monday evening when, accompanied by Countess Haig, he paid an informal visit to the Kitchener House Social and Educational Club for officers and ex-officers at Grosvenor Place, London.

Costly furnished for purposes of recreation and friendly intercourse, the Club, which was founded by the generosity of Messrs. Vickers, also provides classes of instruction for ex-officers in such subjects as are likely to be of assistance to them on their return to civil life. Courses, for which no fees are charged, include French, Spanish, Italian, Japanese, Hindustani, German, Arabic, Greek, Latin, Carpentry, Surveying and Building Construction. Attendances at these classes from October 1918 to October 1919 totalled no fewer than 5,768.

BIG LOSS ON BANANAS.

When the cargo of the Salamanca, which vessel brought 10,000 crates of Canary bananas to London, was examined it was found to be in an absolutely worthless condition. The loss of the fruit and the cost of freight and expenses will entail a deficit of at least £15,000, a sum that is not quickly made good by bananas sold retail at 1½d and 2d each. This is the present retail price for Canary bananas which have lost much of their former popularity.

PARK ALLOTMENTS.

In the opinion of the London County Council Parks Committee the number of persons directly benefited by allotments is too small to stand in the way of the enormously greater number who would be benefited by the restoration of the land to its original use. Further, any extension would mean that the ground now occupied by plot-holders could not be available for the general public before the early summer of 1923.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

The market opened yesterday with renewed activity, a fresh upward movement being checked by profit taking but sales were well absorbed. Business slackened during the day and then closed quietly, the undertone remaining good. Gilt-edged Securities weakened under the belief that the bulk of the forthcoming fifty millions of War Loan dividends will be re-invested in new capital issues. Home rails strengthened owing to the reduction in the price of coal Industrials generally hardened on the talk that the Board of Trade returns for the current month will make the best showing since the war. Silver rose to 76 pence. German marks ranged from 153 to 163 and Austrians crowns for 550 to 570.

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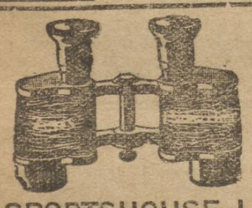

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A YEAR OF PEACE.

For a year we have been experiencing what is commonly known as peace and this is an opportune moment for a retrospective view, in order to discover how we have fared under this regime.

A resumé of the past twelve months can scarcely be said to be conducive to gratification, while the outlook for the immediate future is little more reassuring.

It is true that the world war has ceased, guns no more hurl forth their messengers of death, and men no longer grapple with each other in a life and death conflict on the Western Front, but despite this the position of Europe and of each individual country on the continent is little less precarious than it was in the days of battle.

Troubles of war have given place to troubles of peace, and we are far from experiencing that period of unequalled prosperity so freely prophesied as an outcome of the struggle.

Good, we were told, must inevitably come out of the evil, and the world would be a better place, as a result of having passed through the refining fire of Armaggedon. We can only hope that the good is yet to come.

Plain facts, as they face us at present, point to only one conclusion and that is that recovery from the upheaval will be a slow and tedious process during which each country will require careful and judicious nursing and guidance by its administrators.

While the wound has healed to all outward appearances, there still remains traces of septic in the system, which time, coupled with correct treatment, can only remove.

The economic conditions of the continent provide thought for serious reflection and grave consideration; they are even worse than they were a year ago. While the war was on there was an incentive to overcome difficulty and now that has been followed by reaction bringing lassitude, which threatens the very vitals of international life.

There is a universal lack of fuel and transport which is rapidly resulting in a shortage of food. Railways are defective and inefficient, while the financial situation is acute in the extreme. In Great Britain, too, there is far too much unemployment, carrying with it a train of misery and suffering.

To what does all this point? Is it not that no country can prosper or suffer independently? Paralysis for one will eventually mean paralysis for all. The fact that the nations of Europe are interdependent, and the necessity for co-operation, have been lost sight of.

This leaning towards the doctrine of self-sufficiency can only lead to international financial deadlock and bankruptcy, with disastrous consequences for all.

SOME ASPECTS OF BRITISH CIVIL AVIATION.

By Major General Sir FREDERICK H. SYKES, G.B.E., K.C.B., C.M.G.
(Controller General of Civil Aviation.)

The situation of Great Britain, from the standpoint of civil aviation, is, geographically, unique. The sea is but one hour's flight from the heart of England, the variability of the weather is notorious, and the great commercial centres are already closely linked by excellent railway services. Instead of being a large continent like America where the scope for aerial travel and commerce is exceptional, the hand of nature has limited our horizon. As a nation, therefore, we are forced to look beyond the seas, and as the capabilities of aircraft develop, we hope to organise air communication on a world-wide scale by taking advantage of the existence of British possessions for establishing depots, refuelling bases and meteorological and wireless stations in every part of the world.

Those associated with aircraft development in Britain are obliged by circumstances to take a long view and to aim further ahead than those of other countries.

The national tendency is to allow individual enterprise to work out its own salvation in the main and no scheme of Government subsidies such as that in France has so far been adopted.

THE NEW SPIRIT.

The Civil Aviation Department, which is one of the three main branches of the Air Ministry, is under the direction of a Controller General, and forms an entirely new departure in Government departments. The whole conception and spirit of the Department is not merely regulative or restrictive, but is essentially to foster progress.

Briefly its purpose is to advise the Aircraft Industry and render it all assistance possible, to open international relations, to lay down internal and oversea air routes, to establish stations for landings and departures, to deal with all meteorological matters, and to provide information on that subject as well as on aerial navigation, communications and hosts of other matters.

The London—Paris route has already been placed on an organised basis. Wireless stations have been erected at Hounslow and Lympne and wireless communication effected with the French, in addition to which the route has been surveyed and a strip map prepared together with "Flying directions" containing information as to aerodromes, landing grounds, wireless and meteorological data. Preparations have been made for the lighting of aerodromes on this route to permit of night services. It is hoped that other main routes may be organised in a similar manner.

The Meteorological Branch now undertakes the entire official weather investigation and forecasting service of Great Britain. It supplies forecasts for all Government Services and for public information. As befits its importance to the imperial development of aviation, it has far reaching aims, and in conjunction with colonial and foreign meteorological services it is preparing plans for linking up the world with an ubiquitous system of weather research and reporting stations, the whole equipped with wireless intercommunication.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

Turning to actual flying achievements, British aviation has hince the signing of the armistice not less than during the war, established a creditable record, considering the many difficulties of the transition from war to peace.

The following approximate figures which have been supplied voluntarily by certain firms are interesting as showing the flying carried out. Compared with the corresponding mileage covered in the early days of motoring, the number of accidents must be regarded as very small.

Number of hours flown	4,000
Number of flights	21,000
Number of passengers	52,000
Approximate mileage	303,000
Total number of accidents	13
Number of fatal accidents	2

	Numbers Total	Per 1000 Flights.	Per 1000 hours flown
Pilots killed	2	.095	.5
Pilots injured	6	.286	1.5
Passengers killed	Nil	Nil	Nil
Passengers injured	10	.487	2.5

Percentage of passengers injured to those carried, .019; in other words for every 5,200 passengers carried only one has been injured.

It will be noted that the large majority of the flights were of short duration, and, indeed, much of the work during the period under review has been of an educative character. At the same time as the greater number of accidents occur in getting off and landing, the number of accidents per one thousand flights is a truer guide than that for one thousand hours flown. The figures would seem to establish the fact that firms are intent on securing the safety of the public and also that the Regulations in force are suitably designed to attain that object.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

It is noteworthy that Great Britain has been the first country to establish regular air communication outside her borders.

The International Air Convention, first conceived in Britain and in the main based on the Air Navigation Regulation drawn up for the control of civil flying at home, has now been assented to by all the Allied and associated powers excepting U.S.A. and Japan, but in anticipation of formal assent, provisional agreements permitting flying between the countries, parties thereto had been entered into between Great Britain and various continental countries.

A daily service has been in operation between London and Paris for some weeks, and more recently a service has been inaugurated between London and Brussels. In addition, the conclusion of these provisional agreements enabled aircraft of private enterprise to visit Amsterdam, Brussels, Christiania, Copenhagen, Lausanne, Madrid, Paris and Stockholm and a demonstration flight for civil purposes by R.A.F. aircraft was pushed as far as Helsingfors.

Much pioneer work has been undertaken by the Air Ministry in opening up the route to Australia and also that to South Africa. The route to Egypt and India which is followed on the flight to Australia was explored and traversed by air a year ago. East of Calcutta the difficult stages over Burma, the Malay Peninsula and the Dutch East Indies were surveyed this year and a scheme prepared for the establishment of landing grounds at intervals of 400 miles. Concurrently, survey parties were at work between Cairo and the Cape and much useful work has been accomplished.

Britain in common with other belligerent countries had in hand at the end of the war a large number of heavier-than-air machines of all types, and in addition about 100 airships in commission and under construction both of non-rigid and rigid types.

In the case of heavier-than-air craft the Air Ministry has handed over to the Disposals' Board such machines as from time to time became surplus to Air Force requirements.

In the case of airships, where great sums of money must be expended in the early days of commercial development, all parties interested in the subject were brought together at an official conference, with a view to united action being taken. Several rigid airships of modern type which are under construction as well as other surplus airships, sheds and stores were offered at reasonable figures by the Government as the basis for a sound scheme of development.

A Committee of the leading members of the airship and allied industries was formed and it is hoped that a combine will shortly materialise to undertake this enterprise. Little can be said at the actual line of progress, but it is certain that as the rigid airship is essentially a long distance machine, and as development may show that it is a type of aircraft peculiarly suited to the requirements of the British Empire, the programme adopted may be a large one.

In this as in other questions of civil aviation, it may be expected that the aim will be to allow private enterprise the fullest freedom for development consonant with public safety and the general plan which has as its object to win for the British aircraft industry and the air transport services, their position in the commercial realm which the Royal Air Force achieved by gallantry in the war.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX

We Hear all Sides without Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

THE ARMY AND RELIGION.

Sir,—The correspondence appearing in your columns under the heading of "The Army and Religion," opens out a every difficult but interesting question.

"C.K.P." in his letter to-day evinces almost a pessimistic attitude in his hopes of the successful progress of the Church.

I however, do not agree that the Church as a whole is moving in a retrograde manner. A careful study of the connection between the Church at home with the people reveals the fact that to-day, more than ever, the soul of the nation in closely allied with the work of the Church.

It cannot be denied that denominationalism is the curse to Christian unity and that the apathy of the Nation towards the Church is due to the ambiguity of the latter's programme.

At the recent Church Congress held at Leicester, the importance of Church unity was clearly realized and I am optimistic enough to believe that the amalgamation of the different churches is nearer than what we think.

It is also vitally important that the Church should regain its proper influence with the nation as it is only in this direction that the growing evil of spiritualism and the belief in the occult can be checked.

Hundreds of people in their war bereavements are turning to the beliefs of Sir Oliver Lodge for consolation and comfort and this can only end in disaster. It is clearly the duty of the Church to act quickly if this menace to our national life is to be checked.

A large percentage of the Army is disinterested in the Church, and to hear the views expressed, there is no doubt that denominationalism is the cause.

When this can be swept away the work of the Church will enter a new period. *R.*

A CHARGE OF "GAGGING."

Sir,—It has been reported to me that many of the audience at the Deutsches are under the impression that in order to get a laugh, I make a cheap joke at the expense of Staff Officers. My only reply to such an indictment is, read your "School for Scandal" (according to original version), Act IV, Scene i. — "I leave gagging to comedians of genius whose privilege it is —"

This is not the first time I have been accused of gagging in order to raise a laugh. Some years ago, when rehearsing a certain play of Bernard Shaw's, the author pulled me up very sharply with "please don't gag in my plays," whereupon I showed him his text. ". . . . Good gracious, to what depths I descend!!!" Perhaps Sheridan would say the same.

S. E. PERCY, Lt.
Officer i/c B.R.A.D.C.

EXCESSIVE CIGARETTE SMOKING.

Sir,—I am entirely in agreement with "Senior Officer" in his striking and forcible argument against the excessive use of tobacco by our young soldiers at present in Rhineland.

It was recently stated by Dr. E H. Dunn that "70 per cent of the sense of taste is lost by the habitual smoker under forty years of age. It makes no difference whether he smokes a pipe, cigarettes, or cigars. With the sense of taste atrophied by tobacco, men must have highly seasoned foods to tickle their palates. And the constant eating of such foods disables the individual from recognising delicate flavours." I scarcely think that any user of tobacco will deny Dr. Dunn's statement.

The spoiling of the sense of taste, however, is but a minor damage to the system as compared with the harm that is done to the average person who smokes tobacco in excess.

The stomach becomes poisoned, and this leads to a train of disorders. The tobacco user who imagines that the toxic elements of the weed do not reach his stomach shows his ignorance of facts, for nothing can prevent the saliva (which is swallowed) from being contaminated while passing through the mouth. In many cases the stomach itself indicates the mischief that is being done by symptoms of dyspepsia and other disagreeable feelings. In numerous cases the stomach does not reveal the trouble as soon as do other organs which are damaged by the passage of the tobacco poisons through the general digestive system.

The pneumogastric nerve, which extends from the stomach upwards through the respiratory and other organs is usually affected, and this also leads to a train of ailments. Tobacco has been the cause of millions of deaths through heart failure, kidney disease and even by suicide. There are, indeed, few who use tobacco excessively who are not afflicted at times with deep depression of spirits, and this melancholy has led to insanity or the killing by one's own hand when in that stage of acute mental distress which tobacco consumers realise so throughly. Cigarettes are facetiously known as "coffin nails," but this is no joke, for they are truly named. Those who smoke them excessively are usually the victims of severe nerve, brain and other disorders which create needless misery and shorten life. *MEDICAL.*

EXCESSIVE CIGARETTE SMOKING.

Sir,—May I, as an old smoker, be allowed a word or two in the wordy warfare which has resulted from "Senior Officer's" letter.

The young men know full well that they smoke too much and that it does them harm, but their *amour propre* is wounded, and so they rush into print.

The "Old Brigade" know equally well that they could no more give up smoking than they could fly. Why this inconsistency?

Well, so far as I can see, the truth is that smoking is a soothing habit just as the sucking of a piece of indiarubber is soothing to some infants. Moreover it is not a habit, if controlled, that does excessive harm. "If controlled"— that is the crux of the whole question.

At times I have given up smoking and have unfailingly noted two very distinct and indisputable effects. 1. I have needed more food; 2. I have needed less sleep.

Now if your rubber-sucking infant was satisfied with sucking its teat all the time instead of taking food it would die. If your smoker smokes so much that he wants to eat too little, his health will suffer.

The sleep argument needs no re-enforcing by example. It is obvious that if smoking produces sleepiness in young fellows, where sleep should be perfectly natural, it is benumbing the brain, it is reducing the efficiency of the individual. And these are not the days for individuals of reduced efficiency.

Cigarette smoking is undoubtedly bad. The dust of "fags" is bad for the throat, the smoke of "fags," being much nearer to the face than that of a pipe, plays havoc with the tender membranes of the eyes and nose.

Chuck the fag and learn to smoke a pipe with good clean tobacco—no fancy opiated mixtures—and you'll thank the day, you did it. *PIPES.*

[This discussion is now closed. Ed.]

DO WE READ TOO MUCH?

Sir,—Impossible! The one regret of my life is that I have not read enough. To really appreciate one's backwardness in this respect, it is only necessary to get into the company of really well-read men.

Their thoughts on every subject are almost invariably moulded by what they have read, while poor unfortunates, like myself, can have no definite opinions on the matters at all. Read, read, read, is my advice to the young men in Rhineland Devour everything. Even the so called trashy stuff is not entirely worthless.

CONVINCED.

Sir,—Two contributions stand out in my Autograph Book which I think form a suitable rejoinder to the correspondence opened out by "Rural" on "Do we read too much?"

They are;

"The past but lives in words, a thousand ages were blank, if books had not evoked their ghosts." Lytton.

and

"Books are part of man's prerogative, In formal ink they thought and voices hold." Averburg.

H.N.R.

SOLDIERS AS FATALISTS.

Sir,—I cannot agree with your correspondent, "Non fatalist," that the doctrine of fatalism is losing its hold on the British soldier in these days.

My experience is that it is still the most universal belief, of the Tommy at any rate, and that it has such a firm hold that more than a year of peace is required to undermine and supplant it.

And after all, is it not the most sound and satisfying belief in these modern times? I am inclined to the belief that it is. *ONE OF THEM.*

SOLDIERS AND WINE.

Sir,—I am glad to see that my fear that expensive wines were usurping the place of the good old pint of beer in the estimation of the British soldier is in many cases groundless.

But in reply to the letters which have appeared in your columns, I would add that I was by no means only referring to the Tommy.

What about the Officers and N.C.O's. Do they still prefer the popular British beverage when they can get it? I hope so.

PERTURBED.

OPERA MANNERS.

Sir,—One notices of late in the O.R's balcony a marked increase of loud talking during the opera performances, in which not our troops, but civilians of various nationalities are the offenders. In two instances recently, polite requests for silence have been met with jeering laughter and still louder conversation.

The musical requirements of such people are amply catered for in cafes and beer-houses, but, if they must visit the opera, there is surely some way of dealing with what is becoming a serious nuisance. Can any of your readers inform me whether there are official regulations framed to meet such cases, especially where the annoyance does not yield to remonstrance, and is clearly provocative? *C.H.S.*

YEAR'S BIG RACES.

How Favourites Fared: The Successful Jockeys.

PRICES OF WINNERS.

Dealing with the principal races of the year, "Magpie" in "The Globe" writes as follows:—

I have selected 29 of the principal events, and find that eight favourites were successful. They were Poethlyn in the Grand National, Roseway in the One Thousand Guineas, Irish Elegance in the Royal Hunt Cup, Buchan in the Eclipse Stakes, Arion in the Liverpool Summer Cup, Irish Elegance in the Portland Plate at Doncaster, My Dear in the Liverpool Autumn Cup, and Alasnam in the Derby Cup.

Successful Outsiders.

The biggest outsider successful was Grand Parade at 33 to 1 in the Derby. Brigand was a 25 to 1 chance for the Cambridgeshire, and Langdon Hills started at 20's for the Great Metropolitan Stakes. Ivanhoe, who carried off the Cesarewitch, started at 100 to 6.

Winners at 100 to 7 against, were Royal Bucks in the Lincolnshire, Bayuda in the Oaks, King Sol in the Stewards' Cup, and Race Rock in the Ebor Handicap. We had a couple of winners at 100 to 8. They were Tom Pepper in the Chester Cup, and Keysoe in the St. Leger.

The prices of the other winners were 10 to 1 (three), 7 to 1, 100 to 15, 6 to 1 (three), 4 to 1, 7 to 2 (two), 11 to 4, 5 to 2, 9 to 4 (two), 2 to 1, 6 to 4, and 6 to 5 against, and 7 to 2 on.

The investment of £1 on each of the favourites in the races dealt with would have resulted in a loss of £5 15s. 4d.

The Lucky Jockey.

Templeman was the most successful jockey in the big races of the year. He won the Derby, Royal Hunt Cup, Newbury Summer Cup, and Liverpool Summer Cup.

Carslake, Hulme, and Whalley were also well to the fore. Carslake finished first in the Newbury Spring Cup, the St. Leger, and Portland Plate; Hulme steered the winner of the Lincolnshire Handicap, Manchester Cup, and Newbury Autumn Cup; and Whalley's wins were in the One Thousand Guineas, Duke of York Stakes, and Cesarewitch.

G. Colling, Childs, Donoghue, and Weston all caught the judge's eye twice. Donoghue's victories were on Royal Bucks in the City and Suburban, and on My Dear in the Liverpool Autumn Cup.

The other successful jockeys in the leading races of the year were W. Balding, Cooper, Crickmere, Fox, Lane, Piggot (Grand National), Robertson, and Shatwell.

I append a table of the winners of the big races, with the starting price, the jockey, and the favourite.

Lincolnshire Handicap.
Royal Bucks (G. Hulme), 100 to 7.
Rivershore favourite.

Liverpool Spring Cup.
Santa Cruz (G. Colling), 10 to 1.
Trespasser favourite.

Grand National.
Poethlyn (Piggott), 11 to 4.
Poethlyn favourite.

Newbury Spring Cup.
Callander (Carslake), 4 to 1.
Rivershore favourite.

Great Metropolitan Stakes.
Langdon Hills (K. Robertson), 20 to 1.
St. Tudwal favourite.

City and Suburban.
Royal Bucks (Donoghue), 8 to 1.
Dansellon favourite.

TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS.
The Panther (R. Cooper), 10 to 1.
Stephan the Great and Lord Basil joint favourites.

ONE THOUSAND GUINEAS.
Roseway (A. Whalley), 2 to 1.
Roseway favourite.

Chester Cup.
Tom Pepper (Shatwell), 100 to 8.
Air Raid favourite.

Jubilee Handicap.
Arion (Weston), 10 to 1.
Royal Bucks favourite.

THE DERBY.
Grand Parade (F. Templeman), 33 to 1.
The Panther favourite.

THE OAKS.
Bayuda (J. Childs), 100 to 7.
Roseway favourite.

Manchester Cup.
By Jingo (G. Hulme), 7 to 2.
All Alone favourite.

Royal Hunt Cup.
Irish Elegance (F. Templeman), 7 to 1.
Irish Elegance and Jutland joint favourites.

Northumberland Plate.
Trestle (G. Colling), 6 to 1.
Tom Pepper and Ramda joint favourites.

Newbury Summer Cup.
Arion (F. Templeman), 5 to 2.
Jutland favourite.

Eclipse Stakes.
Buchan (J. Childs), 7 to 2 on.
Buchan favourite.

Liverpool Summer Cup.
Arion (F. Templeman), 6 to 4.
Arion favourite.

Stewards' Cup.
King Sol (W. Balding), 100 to 7.
Irish Elegance favourite.

Ebor Handicap.
Race Rock (F. Lane), 100 to 7.
Queen's Square favourite.

Gimcrack Stakes.
Southern (Fox), 7 to 2.
Lilloise favourite.

ST. LEGER STAKES.
Keysoe (Carslake), 100 to 8.
Buchan favourite.

Portland Plate.
Irish Elegance (Carslake), 9 to 4.
Irish Elegance favourite.

Newbury Autumn Cup.
Silver Bridge (G. Hulme), 6 to 1.
Langdon Hills favourite.

Duke of York Stakes.
Grand Fleet (Whalley), 100 to 15.
My Dear favourite.

Cesarewitch Stakes.
Ivanhoe (A. Whalley), 100 to 6.
Golden Melody favourite.

Cambridgeshire Stakes.
Brigand (Crickmere), 25 to 1.
Alasnam favourite.

Liverpool Autumn Cup.
My Dear (Donoghue), 9 to 4.
My Dear favourite.

Derby Cup.
Alasnam (T. Weston), 6 to 5.
Alasnam favourite.

GODDARD IMPROVED.

Used Right and Left like a Champion.

In his match with McLaglen, Goddard, who, as reported in our last issue was successful in the third round, showed himself to be a greatly improved boxer.

During the whole of the contest Goddard kept his left elbow close to his body. His left fist was always ready to strike, and as a consequence, McLaglen could not see his way through his defence.

He led with the left and then followed on with the right, just after the manner of men who have been regarded as real champions.

Benefited by Tuition.

Here we had two men who had been looked upon as wonderfully good, but who required some instruction in boxing. They have both had tuition, and Goddard has learned more than McLaglen learned.

At the third meeting Goddard just feinted with his left and McLaglen fell into the trap. The loser guarded for another left, but Goddard hit him with his right, the blow landing well and flush on the chin.

The moral of this contest is that Goddard has improved, and the improvement is due to the instruction he has received from Dick Smith.

BILLIARDS.

Reece and Newman still lead in London Matches.

The match was continued on Tuesday in London between Reece and Stevenson. The former who has a lead of over 2,500, made breaks of 283, 113, 193, 112, 323, 146 and 103. Stevenson's largest break was a well played 797. Closing scores:

Reece	11,163
Stevenson	8,624

At Thurston's on the same day, Newman made a capital series of breaks in his match against Inman. They were: 432, 100, 202 and 285. Inman, who is losing ground, made breaks of 196, 219, 195. Closing scores:

Newman	3,666
Inman	1,877

EPSOM STABLE LADS.

The strike of stable lads at Epsom has ended at last. A number of them have resumed work, regarding it inadvisable for the others to carry on the dispute. A few have decided to secure employment elsewhere.

TENNIS.

An Oxford University tennis match at the Prince's Club on Tuesday, resulted in a victory for the Dark Blues by three matches to one.

WINNING HORSES.

Tetratema heads list with over £11,000.

The principal prize-winner of the year was the two-year-old Tetratema, whose five races were worth over £11,000. The St. Leger winner, Keysoe, comes next, followed by Buchan. The leading twelve were:—

	Races won.	£
Tetratema (2 yrs), c by The Tetrarch—Scotch Gift	5	11491
Keysoe (3 yrs), f by Swynford—Keystone II.	4	8087
Buchan (3 yrs), c by Sunstar—Hamoaze	5	7640
Grand Parade (3 yrs), c by Orby—Grand Geraldine	2	7263
Arion (4 yrs), c by Valens—Post Horn	4	5446
Bayuda (3 yrs), f by Bayardo—Jessica	1	4950
Roseway (3 yrs) f by Stornaway—Rose of Ayrshire	2	4894
Sarchedon (2 yrs), c by The Tetrarch—Perfect Peach	4	4852
The Panther (3 yrs), c by Tracery—Countess Zia	1	4850
Flying Spear (3 yrs), f by Spearmint—Gallop-along	3	4726
By Jingo (5 yrs), c by Aquascutum—Minnesota	2	4675
Haki (aged), br h by Rabelais—Hasseki	4	4595

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

"SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL."

Last Saturday an acquaintance of mine who, by the way, professes to be an enthusiastic patron of the Drama, asked me what was on at the Deutsches in the coming week. I told him, "The School for Scandal." He replied: "Oh! I'm so glad; I must go to it. I love Browning so!" (Many asterisks here please Mr. Editor.)

In spite of this I do not think that even those lively critics who have advocated the production of the Woolwich Hippodrome type of production in preference to what they are pleased to call "nigh brow stuff" are ignorant of the fact that the play produced by the B.R.A.D.C. on Monday night is one of the best comedies that Sheridan ever wrote. For the sake of clearness I will add that I have it on the best authority that Browning had no hand in it.

"The School for Scandal" is a fine comedy and a very accurate exposition of the fashionable society of the period, but it is what I should call an ambitious production. The last time I saw it, it was produced by an amateur theatrical society who spent five hectic weeks preparing and played for one night only. The performance was lauded to the skies by the local press but it was streets removed from the rendering given by the B.R.A.D.C. after only one week's preparation.

This is the first costume play given by the Company and is an unqualified success. The caste is a big one and, although I should like to say something about everyone concerned, the eagle eye of Mr. Editor is upon me and I must make the old, old plea of "exigencies of space."

A Capable Caste.

With so many parts of equal importance, equally capably rendered it is no easy task to make outstanding selections, but I do not think I shall be far wrong if I pick Sergt. Shilsky as Joseph Surface, Lieut. Humphrey Hope as Sir Peter Teazle, Miss Shirley King as Lady Teazle, Major C. F. Ball as Sir Oliver Surface, Lieut. S. E. Percy as Charles Surface, and Capt. Cecil Spiegelhalter as Moses, as those members of the caste who thoroughly earned their laurels. As regards Miss King I sometimes wish she were not so talented an actress, because I'm always saying nice things about her and "The School for Scandal" is by no means confined to the year 1777. In any case I will risk the insinuations of the twentieth century Mrs Candour, and repeat what I have said before about Miss King, to wit, her departure will be an irreparable loss, and, in addition, that her Lady Teazle was a first-rate performance. There now! The respective performances of the gentlemen whose names I have already mentioned would receive a well-merited applause from any audience in a West-end theatre. I cannot say more.

Miss Inez Bensusan was a perfectly splendid Mrs Candour, but—a rare thing with her—was rather uncertain of her lines. Miss Frances Chisholm as Lady Sneerwell pleased me immensely. Capt. Dennis as Snake, Miss Gabrielle Paul as Maria, Lieut. Leigh Farnell as Sir Benjamin Backbite (with muff complete) and Mr. Herbert Mather as Trip all added to the excellency of the production. Pte. Terry gave a remarkably clever rendering of Rowley (although he is still rather liable to underspeak his lines), and Lieut. N. C. Ingall, a new-comer, is to be congratulated on his conception of that dreadful old scandalmonger, Mr. Crabtree.

A vocal item.

Miss Hilda Potts' singing was much appreciated. She is the possessor of a very sweet voice. The remainder of the company played their parts most creditably, special mention being due to the acting of the gay spirit who drank too much port, and, once having relinquished his chair, was physically incapable of regaining it.

The Minuet which had only been twice rehearsed under the tuition of the Ballet Master of the Cologne Opera House, was delightful and, considering the difficulty of rendering it correctly and the short time devoted to rehearsing, it was a credit to all who took part.

Lieut. Percy's idea of the setting once more proved him an artist and the entire production, his worth as a producer. The costumes, supplied from the Opera House, were correct and caused each scene to be a veritable feast of colour.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW
(with apologies to "London Mail"):

What Lieut. Percy said to the conductor of the orchestra when he played "The King" in the middle of the performance, and whether the said conductor has stopped running yet? *E.H.S.*

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Thurs.	Tiefland	d'Albert	7.30	10
Fri.	Die Zauberflöte	Mozart	7	10.50
Sat.	Tosca	Puccini	7	9.45
Sun.	Cosi Fan Tutti	Mozart	7	10
Monday	No Performance			
Tuesday	No Performance			

Leave Club Debate.

The subject for the debate at the British Empire Leave Club on Friday at 6.30 is: "That in War, all methods are justifiable." Sgt. Sherman, D.L.I., will move, and Pte. Doughty, Labour Company, will oppose the motion.

Novel Concert.

An excellent concert at the Empire Leave Club on Tuesday opened with a symphony by the Club orchestra, conducted by Miss West, who later played some splendid violin solos. Then followed a playlet in which Miss Marjorie Moore was a convincing bazaar proprietor. Other characters well represented were Mrs. Carter (Tailer's Eve), Miss Ackland (a Staff Officer), Miss Dalrymple (cat), Miss Tilner and Mrs. Bamford (dolls), Miss Thomas (a boy), and Miss Tyrer (a governess). Another interesting item was a dance by Mrs. Bamford and Captain Preston, and a clever play, "Postal Orders" by Roland Pertwee, in which Miss Marjorie Moore, Miss Tilney, Miss Ackland, Miss Douglas and Lieut. Higgins took part.

As Others See Us.

A lengthy article in the "Manchester Guardian" has some very nice things to say of the work of the Rhine Army Dramatic Company. "Here are a few extracts from the Article:—"'The Cologne Post,' which is the newspaper of the British Army of Occupation on the Rhine, reveals the fact that in the Deutsches Theatre, in Cologne, a repertory company composed of soldiers is constantly and successfully giving a much more amusing series of British plays than can be seen at home and, according to 'The Cologne Post' the troops appreciate them quite as much as the benighted homelander does the "girl and music" plays which are his daily fare in these lean times. We can quite believe that if the present rot in the home stage is not soon stemmed, the custom will set in among playgoers, before the armistice terms are half fulfilled, of running over to Cologne in order to be sure of seeing a really diverting play."

Sunday Concerts.

That the establishment of regular Sunday concerts in Cologne fills a gap in the amenities of military as well as civil life, is beyond question in view of the experience of the past few weeks. The Deutsches Theatre last Sunday evening was well patronised when the band of the Inniskilling Dragoons submitted a well varied programme. The concert opened with the "Light Cavalry" Overture, which was treated with plenty of spirit, and such diversified works as those of Gounod, Brahams, Schubert, Strauss, Massanet, Logan, Finch and Sousa were all represented in the subsequent items rendered. In all of these, the band was excellent. By way of relief, Mr. Gerald Williams sang with considerable sympathy, "I Hear You Calling Me" and "My Dreams," for each of which he was encored.

JACQUES.

ONE ERROR.

Sapper Wins No. 9 Football Competition Outright.

ANOTHER CONTEST THIS WEEK.

The general failure of competitors in No. 9 Football Contest has already been commented upon in this column, no competitor—excluding the winner—having correctly forecasted more than nine out of twelve results. The winning coupon contained but one error and was submitted by:

269,020, Sapper W. H. Owen, R.E.,
c.o Traffic Office,
Cologne,

who is thus entitled to the prize, which this week amounts to the sum of 1,842 marks.

In this week's contest, but ten results are required. Test your knowledge of football form and enter now.

In the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—
FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 10,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 10.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov. 29th.
Closing date, Friday, Nov. 28th.

Newcastle U.	v. Sunderland
Blackburn R.	v. Bradford City
Bradford	v. Burnley
Chelsea	v. Middlesbrough
Notts County	v. Arsenal
Clapton Orient	v. Bury
Grimsby	v. Stoke
Portsmouth	v. Queens Park R.
Brighton	v. Millwall
Falkirk	v. Third Lanark

I enter Football Competition No. 10 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Rank and No. .....
Unit .....
Full Address .....

A SOUND DEFENCE.

H.Q.s defeat C. Coy 51st Bn. Hants.

Saturday afternoon witnessed the first of a series of Company League matches, viz:—Headquarters versus "C" Coy.

In spite of recent heavy snow and rainfalls which had made the ground very slippery and dangerous, a good game resulted.

The game opened with a spirited attack by Headquarters, the forwards working well together, thus keeping the ball for some time well within their opponents' area. "C" Coy's defence harassed the attacking side until, following some time footwork by Noble, Knight secured from a pass and scored with a splendid low drive.

Forwards Checked.

During the rest of the first half there was some brilliant play. "C" Coy continually rushed the ball toward the goal, but each time were checked by Headquarter's defence. About five minutes before half time, Headquarters increased their lead through a shot from the wing by Roffey.

The second half opened with some determined play by "C" Coy, who, however, found Headquarter's defence too strong for them. Pinker and Dyer soon transferred the ball to their opponents half, where, after some splendid saves by Lieut. Gibb, Roffey notched the third point. From the kick-off "C" Coy's forwards made continued attempts to score but without avail.

Towards the close Lieut. Newman obtained possession of the ball, and, with a powerful shot, scored. This was speedily followed up by two more goals from Herwig and Knight, leaving Headquarters victors by 6 goals to nil.

Everton have eight first class forwards independent of reserves, yet they cannot find the winning blend.

OVER THE STICKS.

Three more Favourites Win at Birmingham.

In fine weather at Birmingham on Tuesday, going was good and attendance large.

DETAILS.

Three-year-old Hurdle:—1, Charioteer (7-1); 2, Jack Sheppard (9-4); 3, Rosy Picton (5-1). Eight ran.

Birmingham 'Chase:—Birvani walked over.

Burton Hurdle:—1, Landreel (5-2); 2, Temeside (7-2); 3, Jenny Jones (6-1). Seven ran.

Tamworth 'Chase:—1, Turkey Buzzard (11-4); 2, Neurotic (11-8); 3, Prince Francis (8-1). Eight ran.

Bromford Hurdle:—1, Ocean Wave (5-4 on); 2, Hagiology (9-2); 3, Silent Sands (100-8). Fourteen ran.

Kings Norton 'Chase:—1, Carrigue (6-1); 2, Jeffries (10-1); 3, Ally Sloper (7-1). Five ran.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

Rhine Signal Bn., 5.
51st Northumberland Fusiliers, 0.

Played at Marsdorf on Tuesday. The game was more even than the score indicates, but the shooting of the Signals' forwards was excellent. Within ten minutes, Sapper Didman had scored twice with shots from about 25 yards range. Sappers Cunnell and Reid each added to the score before half time.

The play during the second half was very even, and the 51st forwards had many shots at goal without success. Reid added the fifth goal for the Signals before the final whistle.

TRAINER AND TRADER.

Conditional Offers For War Memorial Purchase.

The Jockey Club has intimated to Newmarket War Memorial Committee that they will support the scheme on foot for the acquiring of five acres of the "severals," providing the town will show its desire for the scheme by supporting it financially. A local trader has offered twenty-five pounds on condition that thirty-nine other traders do likewise and a trainer has offered a similar amount, a like condition applying to thirty-nine other trainers and jockeys.

ENGLISH CUP.

Draw for Fifth Qualifying Round.

The draw for the fifth qualifying round in the English Cup competition was made on Tuesday, the clubs being paired for December 6 (kick-off 2.15) as follows:—

West Stanley v. Leadgate Park.
Darlington v. Bishop Auckland.
Southport v. Barrow-in-Furness or Carlisle United.
Rochdale v. Stalybridge Celtic.
Loughboro' Corinthians v. Rotherham Town or Staveley Town.
Cleethorpes Town v. Lintz Institute or Castleford Town.
Hednesford Town v. Walsall.
Clapton v. Hampstead Town or Gnome Ath.
London Caledonians v. King's Lynn.
Bromley v. Sheppey United.
Dulwich Hamlet v. Thorneycrofts (Woolston).
Newport County v. Merthyr Town.

RUGBY RESULTS.

Newport 12, Oxford University 3; United Hospitals 10, Edinburgh 5.

ROUND ABOUT NOTES.

Whist at Siegburg.

A very successful Whist Drive, the third of its kind, was held at the Head Quarters, G.H.Q. Technical College, Siegburg, a very pleasant evening being spent. The presence of the wives of the officers and other ranks contributed largely to the evening's enjoyment. At the close of the Drive, the prizes were very gracefully presented by Mrs. Bream, who made suitable remarks to each of the lucky winners. The first prize was won by Sgt. Sykes; second prize: Staff Sgt. Dobson; first prize (Gent): Pte. Mason; second prize was a tie between Pte. Shields and Staff Sgt. Yarnold. A prize was given on this occasion to be competed for by the officers only, and Capt. Young, a student at the college was the lucky winner of a very nice gold watch. The "Booby" was won by Pte. Courtney, who found himself in possession of a handsome musical clock. An orchestra was engaged for the evening, and played very suitable music. A vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Bream for having presented the prizes. Capt. Marsh who has acted M.C. on each occasion, has always proved himself very efficient, and it is generally regretted that he leaves for England during the week.

Hospital Acquisition.

Hospital life is always apt at times to become depressing, however cheery may be the staff and environment generally. The news that there is to be installed at No. 25 General Hospital an up-to-date cinema, will accordingly be hailed with satisfaction.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Lengthy.

On the walls of a corridor in the Riehler Strasse Law Courts is the word Zwangsvollstreckungssachen, containing 26 letters. It is the 'distraint' department.

In Face of Difficulties.

The German classes at the B.E.L.C. are well attended. Beginners find the Deutsch text rather confusing. Capital letters and 's' and 'k' are particularly puzzling. But the pupils are progressing.

Dainty Curtains.

A window curtain in the Blumenthal Strasse is made up of threaded, cylindrical, coloured beads, and represents two gorgeous peacocks. Germans seem to have a pretty gift for this sort of thing.

Unfortunate.

Perhaps the difficulties experienced by the Rhine Army Dramatic Co. have never been so clearly demonstrated and so fully appreciated as on Monday evening when for the first time, the "School for Scandal' was presented. Things simply would not go well, and when, with two more scenes to come, the orchestra struck up the "King", the climax of misfortune was reached.

Sympathetic Audience.

But the audience displayed a sympathetic spirit, and in spite of the long waits, etc., showed their appreciation of what was really a delightful play. I hope to visit the Deutsches again this week. Just a reminder, by the way, that this will be Miss Shirley King's last appearance with the company.

Inviting Trouble.

The leaving of a bedroom window open at night is an invitation to pneumonia and all such ills, is the firm opinion of my German landlady, and many others, from what I hear.

A Conductor's Hobby.

One of the Cologne tram conductors has made a hobby of collecting cap badges of English regiments. He started his hobby during the war and I am told by those who have seen his collection that very few units are unrepresented.

Sale of Spirits.

The sale or gift of alcoholic liquors other than wine or beer to civilians by British troops and by civilians to British troops in forbidden in the British occupied area.

Shutting Down.

No lunches or dinners can now be served, nor are beds available at the Army and Navy Leave Club, Paris, but teas and light refreshments will be served up to November 30th by which date the Club will be definitely closed.

High Grade.

A somewhat pleasant surprise, it was on Sunday evening last, on walking towards Lindenthal, to hear the strains of Suppe's "Poet and Peasant" coming from the mechanical organ attached to an "Aunt Sally" booth. Curiously enough, the piece was very well rendered, and was a most welcome variant of the so-called "music" usually ground out of such machines.

Another Experience.

One cannot help admiring the musical taste thus displayed: It reminded the writer forcibly of an incident which occurred once on a similar occasion in Lancashire several years ago, when almost the entire adult population of a certain village turned out to hear the "Hallelujah Chorus" played by a large organ attached to a steam roundabout which happened to be at the village fair.

Wanted Book.

I am asked if a book on cinema operating can be bought in Cologne. Well, I should say if my correspondent asked for one at the Cologne Post Bookroom, if they hadn't got a copy, they'd soon get it.

Met Again.

The wife of an officer who was during the war engaged as a V.A.D. and at a London Hospital was for some time nursing wounded German officer prisoners, visited Bonn last week and was very surprised to meet one of these German officers.

For The Kiddies.

All the large stores in Cologne are busily preparing for the Christmas season. One I visited yesterday has already opened a large and well stocked children's bazaar, to the great delight of youngsters.

Coal Delivery.

The German system of delivering coal by means of tip-up carts, is, I think, far behind the English way of delivering by sacks. The German method strikes one as clumsy and dirty, while it also blocks the traffic for some time.

Bad Business.

I am informed that recently there have been a number of Dutch, French and Belgian commercial travellers in Cologne representing British firms. Surely there are plenty of demobilized officers and men capable of filling these positions.

A Popular Visitor.

I met Lieut. Duffin in Cologne a day or two ago. He will be remembered as the genial officer-in-charge of the N.A.C.B. Clubs before going to Berlin a few weeks ago on important canteen work.

English Names.

Now and again in Cologne you come across tradesmen with distinctly British names. There is J. London, a butcher, and the firm Wilkinson Bros., and yesterday I noticed a motor wagon belonging to Englander & Co.

Fighting Still.

Letters received by the soldiers on the Rhine from friends in the Egyptian Expeditionary Force show that they aren't having such a cushy time there as in Cologne. They are being kept busy with many "scraps."

Cologne's Bread.

I understand that the bread obtainable in Cologne is of a better quality than that which obtains elsewhere in the Fatherland. It has recently undergone a great improvement, but the price has also risen.

Recommended.

Quite a good way to learn German is to visit the Lichtspielhaus and try to read the explanatory letter-press thrown on the screen. A learner feels quite pleased with himself if he can gather the gist of it, and it spurs him on to fresh endeavour.

Two "Birthdays."

It is not generally known that in this part of Cermany and other Continental Catholic countries they celebrate two "Birthdays". One is the actual date of birth, of course, and the other is the anniversary of the Christian name day.

Sporting Battalion.

The 16th Bn. West Yorkshire Regiment has been famous for its wonderful sporting record while in Rhineland. The officers' mess looked a picture on Guest night, for the table was covered with trophies, among others being the Kalk Football Shield, Rhine Army Basket Ball Cup, a huge silver cup given by the Corps and the Rhine Army Shooting Cup.

Solving the House Problem.

Magnificent workmen's cottages are being erected by the hundred at Weisdorf, I hear. They are an eye-opener as regards modern conveniences. Before the war the rent of this class of house was from two to five marks a week according to size. Even now it is only from about five to ten marks.

RHINELANDER.

AROUND AND ABOUT.

FRENCH PRIVILEGES.

The many new men who have gained election to the French Chamber will have a right to sundry little privileges which our own M.P.'s might envy them. Each Deputy, for instance, receives a salary of £600 per annum, as compared with the £400 his British compeer has to rub along on, and, in addition, has the use of a free buffet. Everyone who is about to speak can stimulate his eloquence by as many drinks as he likes, free of charge, and when his discourse has ended, can recuperate on gratuitous sandwiches.

WORD SHORTENING.

Earl Russell's objection to shortening words seems to be a family trait. The late Mr. G. W. E. Russell describes how his youthful training led him to regard the word "lunch" (for "luncheon") with peculiar horror. "It ranked with 'bus' in the lowest depth of vulgarity." But opposing this process is a somewhat Canute-like business. Earl Russell says—of course justly—that we do not talk of "draw room" but our ancestors did not talk of "drawing room"—which is, of course, nonsense. They said "withdrawing room." Probably quite a little list of words illustrating this process of "curtailing the alreading curtailed cur" might be drawn up if one had the leisure.

HER FIRST EFFORT.

The following is the first literary effort of Doris, aged eight, produced on the occasion of the School Party held in celebration of Peace. Her teacher hopes it will not be the last! "On Friday we was dreest up in red white and blue and paper hats. and sume were not dreest up. and sume were little red riding hood and it was the best party we have Hever had. and we had horinges and sweets and tea and to peaces of cak and a peace of bred and best butter and we sang God save the king and we saluted the flag and had our meddl and then we went home and the copper was looking at us while we were singing praese God from whom all blessings frow praese him all creoges here below."

A GROWING STYLE.

Lord Fisher's forceful style seems to be gaining a hold on other oil-burning admirals. One of them, Rear-Admiral Philip Dumas, C.B., has just read a paper before the Institution of Petroleum Technologists, in the course of which he expressed the view that "experts are d——d liars," invoked God and Heaven, and consigned the Germans in the frankest Fisher fashion to a place where presumably all fuel experts go.

ON LAST WORDS.

If it be true that Nelson's last words were not "Kiss me, Hardy," and that Wellington, at Waterloo did not say, "Up, Guards, and at 'em" (what he actually said was, "The line will advance"), it is equally true that Sir Henry Irving's last words were not, "Into Thy hands, O Lord." Mr. W. J. Sheppard, now on the business side of the Royalty Theatre, but then personal attendant to the great tragedian, says that Sir Henry's last words were spoken to him. As he staggered off the stage and more or less fell into Mr. Sheppard's arms, Sir Henry ejaculated, "That chair, Sheppard!" He never spoke again.

AUSTRALIA'S HERO.

General Birdwood's proudest title to fame, is that he will live in history as a British general supremely endowed with the great gift of command of men. His personality won from the first the confidence of troops strange to him and neophytes—at that beginning—in warfare, but men of unparalleled mettle, of a critical spirit, of that cold courage which the will creates in alliance with the brain. To have won the lasting devotion of these men—by his staunchness, his resolution, his cheerfulness, and his evident competence—this was Sir William Birdwood's triumph.

NOT FLATTERED.

Two women who had not met for years suddenly encountered each other in a tram.

"How do you do?" said one effusively.

"Now this is delightful," said the older of the two. "Just to think that you knew me after so many years. I can't have changed much—really I feel quite flattered."

"Oh," quickly replied the first speaker "I recognised your hat."

Then there was a horrid silence.

GERMAN RAILWAY TRAVEL.

Railway passengers in Germany enjoy few, if any, of the comforts of pre-war days. Unheated carriages in a country where even the trams used to be comfortably warmed must be anything but luxurious in winter, and the lack of window-glass does not make the prospect of a long journey more attractive. Most of the carriage doors, too, are jammed, and male passengers climb in or out by the window-frames, while women have to be lifted through the openings. Distinctions between classes have gone by the board, and the popular retort of a German if asked why he is travelling first-class with a fourth-class ticket is: "Have we had a Revolution, or have we not?"

ENERGY THEN AND NOW.

Jones, the typist, was hanging wearily over his machine, anxiously waiting for the half-hour to strike when he would be assured that his daily toil had ended when in walks Smith, the office corporal.

"Now then, Jones, have you typed those reports for me?'

"No," replied Jones dreamily.

"Why not?" demanded his superior.

"I had some letters to type for your pal, the Captain. One was to the Parish Clerk of his village asking for a copy of his last marriage certificate, and the other to the firm of boot manufacturers where he got his new field boots from, giving them a telling-off for not sending him a buckshee pair of laces."

"Oh that's a fine tale," rejoins the energetic two stripe.

"Well, it's a fact, 'cause I know what I did, don't I?" snaps Jones.

"I say, Jones, don't speak to me in that fashion; who, do you think you are?" reiterates the senior.

"Oh please, Corporal," Jones carries on, "don't be so regimental for the sake of the Greek Gods; if I didn't do what you told me, I might have lost another six days' pay, and again, if I refused old Higgs' orders I should have been before a Court Martial, so what was I to do? I was between the Devil and the deep sea, and rather than experience the torment of the fiery furnace so soon by giving you the chance of making out another A.F.B 252 in favour of No. 626262 Pte. Jones G. and all that piffle, I chose the deep sea and being a swimmer, I got out all right."

"Did you?" says the Corporal with a sarcastic grin.

"Yes I did, and you see old chum, this is where it comes in. You're a Corporal on the staff, and I'm one of the fortunate yet unfortunate 'attached.' You scrounged behind the line during the war, hung your shirt out at Etaples or Rouen, and I was stuck right in it, and in the thick too, round Cambrai, and what I say is, that them there fellows who had the 'posh' jobs when Jerry was throwing his mud about can have 'em now, but as for the likes of me putting a jerk in it now, why boy they've had it."

"Oh, shut up," says the fair energetic one, "you bore me."

"Do I, well that is better than having one of Jerry's shells boring you aint it? Good night, Corporal, my fair one, may you be blessed, made more conscientious, and promoted to Sergeant before morning. Cheerio, Guten abend."

Here the Corporal went. The half-hour had struck and Jones followed. Another lengthy dialogue took place that night and an analysis of that can be obtained from the Mess President, price 50 pfgs.

W.H.A.

THE EVOLUTION OF A "POSH" SOLDIER.

I have given many hours' cogitation to the question of a "posh" soldier's evolution, and at last I have been persuaded by entusiastic admirers to set down my views for the benefit and instruction of readers of "The Cologne Post."

Maybe, the Officers, W.O's and N.C.O's who crib at the conduct of the poor Private when he is promenading the town will remark, upon reading this, that doub less the author is a real soldier.

Allow me to contradict the above probable remark; — I am not a real soldier, I'm a Sergeant and am eagerly awaiting demob'.

When a soldier, in the making, first enters the Army, he is firstly issued with the various articles that provide material for future kit inspections and Quartermaster's sarcastic remarks.

He parades at the clothing store and is persuaded by the storeman that his first khaki suit fits him perfectly, and that after it is moulded to his manly form he will be issued with a shoehorn to enable him to don the afore-mentioned "tailor made."

Our recruit's self satisfaction is evident on his countenance as he ambles contentedly away, and then—horror of horrors — he sees himself in a mirror!

The revelation of the storekeeper's duplicity strikes him forcibly and he staggers away — a broken man. His dismal lamentations over and driven to desperation, he pays a visit to the regimental tailor.

This celebrity imbues our hero with anticipation, and he can see the trousers which are a little tight under the arms, the tunic which resembles his last frock coat and the cap which nearly severs his ears from his head, fast disappearing from his ken.

Two or three days elapse—he takes possession of the now well-fitting suit, while the tailor makes a new outfit from the "buckshee" material left over.

The soldier, helped on by the persuasive voice of the C.S.M. and the art of the sartorial one, is now well on the road to "poshness." Several things are still required, and as time goes on, he becomes cognisant of their lack and the necessary action is accordingly taken.

A tin of "Nutta" is purchased and the cap strap begins to hurt the eye of the onlooker.

Two dents appear in the cap above the badge.

Collar badges come into view.

The breast pocket lapels are cut into fantastical shapes.

A revolver lanyard encircles his shoulder, attached to nothing in particular. Regimental buttons are donned, (unless he is spotted).

Cuffs decorate his sleeves, and ribbons his manly breast.

Breeches are procured, together with Fox's puttees, and his feet are encased in "civvy" boots.

A pair of kid gloves finishes his outfit and the evolution of the "posh" soldier is thus complete, and he may be perceived any night strolling languidly along the Hohestrasse smoking a 90 pfg. cigar, and by his furrowed brow, one can see that he is seriously thinking of signing on for 21 years.

The reason for the latter act of rashness being the fact of his C.Q.M.S. having promised him a new pair of slacks in ten years' time.

I heard yesterday on good authority that he had volunteered for—, and now he sports a gigantic fur-collar on his tunic.

He will be "posh", whatever may happen.

A.D.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Out of Beer.—Mr. J. M. Bernard, a Perthshire brewer has left over £100.000.

Side-Car Taxis.—The new taxi side-car has started plying for hire in Paris.

Severe.—Profiteering in firewood at Petrograd is now punishable by death.

Deadlock.—The coal labour dispute in America is no nearer a settlement.

Exhilarating.—Sail skating is catching on in Switzerland.

For Years Past.—Glasgow is the only city in the United Kingdom with a permanent circus.

Pretty Poll.—A lady frequently promenades the West end with a parrot on her shoulder.

In Despair.—The workhouse at Dunmow it to be converted into suites of rooms for families.

Not a Fixture.—"Fearless," the 26 ton war tank presented to Hitchin, has run backwards from its concrete base.

For His Men.—Earl Haig continues to make powerful pleas on behalf of disabled officers and men.

Gaby to Wed.—Gaby Deslys has decided to retire from the stage and intends to marry—but not an actor.

Poisoned.—A doctor at Ilford has been found dead with a bottle of prussic acid by his side.

Phenomenal.—In spite of wintry weather, ripe rasperries are being picked in Lincolnshire.

Protection.—Motor scooters for women are being fitted with umbrella and sunshade attachments.

Take to Clogs.—So dear is leather in Chicago, that clogs are being worn largely.

Conscripted Italians.—Italy proposes to establish compulsory universal military service for one year.

Original.—Propellor blades of an aeroplane will be the war memorial in the Church at Lenham, Kent.

Navy Reduction.—Nearly 2,000 trawlers and drifters have been restored to commerce.

Tank Patrols.—Whippet tanks are being used to patrol County Clare, ready for any Sinn Fein emergency.

Disappearing Uniform.—Both Lord Haig and Lord Beatty now go to their offices in mufti.

Too Real.—A stage duel at the Scala Theatre became too realistic, and Mr. H. A. Saintsbury the actor was wounded.

Esperanto Entertainment.—The London Esperanto Federation has given an entertainment entirely in Esperanto.

Unorthodox View.—The Chaplain of Bedlam thinks John Bunyan was insane when he wrote "Pilgrim's Progress"

Cathedral Protest.—Coventry unemployed demonstrated at the Cathedral against the cutting off of their state pay.

Life Saver.—A chain-striker of Brierley Hill, George H. Jones, has rescued fourteen people from drowning.

Fought in Crimea.—Major General G.A. Wilkinson, once of the Royal Artillery, has died in his 92nd year. He fought in the Crimean war.

Facing Starvation.—The Federation of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers says many are faced with starvation when the unemployment dole ceases.

Some Height.—M. Louis Gamblanc, an aerial engineer, sees no reason why aeroplanes should not reach 45,000 ft. or 6½ miles up.

Brewer's Bequest.—Burnley is to benefit by £6000 a year for scholarships under the will of the late E. S. Massey, a local brewer.

Revival "Cures."—Ability to heal by the power of God is claimed by and for Pastor Jeffreys, the Welsh revivalist, who is very active just now.

Over the Top.—The Archbishop of York urges the Welsh Church to "go over the top" on March 31st for a living wage for the disendowed clergy.

Linguist "Tec."—Detective Inspector Lawrence has just retired from Scotland Yard after 29 years' service. He speaks four languages.

Much Photo'd Beauty.—Lady Diana Cooper, who broke her thigh on Peace night, is now able to walk with the aid of a stick.

Look Out!—Professor Porta, an American astronomer, prophesies disastrous results to the earth from the appearance of a sunspot on December 17th.

Soon Slumped.—War souvenirs are now a drug in the market, and are selling for a few pence in the Paris rag markets.

Prussianism.—The appearance of Hindenburg in Berlin has led to a revival of the old Prussian spirit among the people.

Sudden End.—The Rev. Thomas Dowdeswell, a blind curate of Hull, dropped dead while talking to a friend in the street.

Soldier Shot.—Gunner W.H. Mason, R.F.A., has been found shot dead with a bullet wound in his head at Woolwich Barracks.

Deserved.—George Smellie, a Tottenham public man, has been sentenced to twelve months in prison for ill-treating his daughter.

Golf Gambling.—So much betting goes on at golf matches, that the Royal and Ancient Golf Club are considering how to deal with it.

Can't Work.—Two of the largest rolling mills on Teeside have closed down through truck shortage and several thousand men are idle.

Tricked.—A Spanish Count and Countess, while travelling to New York, found that kindling wood had been substituted for £8,000 worth of jewels in their trunks.

Bare Backs.—An ex-gunner has started business as a tattoo artist in Leith. As a result of bare-back fashions, many girls come to him to have designs tattooed on their shoulders.

Wooden Houses.—About 1000 timber frame houses with asbestos covers are promised within a year by the Aircraft Manufactory Company, now undertaking the work.

Secret of old Age.—Miss Ann Sissons has just reached her hundredth year. Asked for a receipt to prolong life, she says: "Hard work, proverty, good pluck and a contented mind. Don't worry about things, but keep on."

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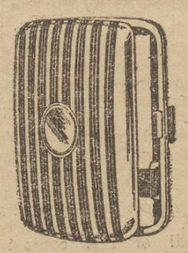

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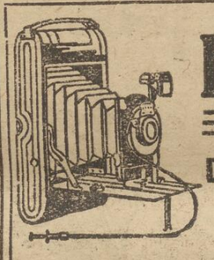

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FRESH OUTBREAK IN EGYPT.

BRITISH OFFICER MURDERED BY RIOTERS AT CAIRO.

SECRET MUNITION DUMPS IN GERMANY.

EGYPTIAN RIOTS.

MURDER OF BRITISH OFFICER AT CAIRO.

A telegram from Cairo dated Sunday states that further disturbances occurred on Saturday evening, when a British officer was murdered in the streets. He was shot from behind by one of the mob and died some little time later in hospital. Shots were also fired at British soldiers, one of whom was slightly wounded. No arrests have yet been made.

A lawyer named Abous Hadi and a former judge named Alibey Maher were arrested at Cairo on the 21st and it is stated that Atif Barakat, President of the Cadi school and Zaglul Pasha have also been arrested.

CHURCH DANCING CLASS.

A NECESSITY IN THE PARISH.

At Norwich Licensing Sessions the Rev. John Green, vicar of St. Luke's, New Catton, applied for a music and dancing licence for the Church Hall, Aylsham-road.

The applicant said that in view of the great demand that prevailed for dancing, it had almost of a necessity become a part of the social work in his parish. He had at the present time a parish dancing-class which was open to the parish. The class consisted of 100 members. They met once a week, and his wife and he were present, each night to exercise supervision. As usually happened at a class, the members occasionally wanted a dance in which others might join at Christmas time and on other occasions. He understood that for that purpose there must be a licence. The demand made by the working classes—and his parishioners were of the artisan class—for dancing was astonishing. He thought the Church should supervise it and should take part in providing parish social weekly recreation for the people. The vicar mentioned that there was a professional dancing teacher for his class.

The Bench granted a licence for three months on the understanding that the applicant or his wife would be present.

POLICE WOUNDED.

ATTACKED BY IRISH FARM HANDS.

A serious affair occurred at Waterford on Tuesday, wen a body af farm labourers came into conflict with the police.

On Saturday some of the farmers in the county discharged 100 of their labourers and determined to do their own threshing. While a threshing machine was being taken to the farm of Mr. Joseph Widger, Master of the East Waterford Hounds, it was stopped by a crowd of 300 men. When the police arrived the crowd refused to disperse and pelted the police with stones. A charge was ordered, and the crowd was driven back towards the village of Sennor. Revolver shots were fired, and one of the policemen was shot in the wrist and three others were injured by missiles. Afterwards a quantity of hay and barley belonging to Mr. Widger was set on fire and destroyed, and the six coverts of Mr. Widger's land were also burned. The value of the hay and barley is put down at £4,000.

PROSPEROUS EAST COAST FISHERMEN.

Over one million pounds' worth of herrings has been landed during the present fishing season at Great Yarmouth, a notable record of prosperity.

The total catch has exceeded 430,000 crans, and prices have been, on the average, much higher than the minimum of 45s. per cran.

Fifty-five thousand barrels of cured fish have already been exported, including two cargoes to Danzig. Before the war Germans bought large quantities of herrings at Yarmouth.

BY-ELECTION RESULT.

The by-election at Chester-le-Street, Durham, resulted as follows:

Mr. J. Lawson, Labourite	17,838
Mr. D. Gilmour, National Democratic Party	5,313

In the previous election the Labourite, Mr. J. W. Taylor, was returned unopposed.

SUGGESTED GIFT TO HAIG.

A proposal has been made that steps should be taken to purchase the estate of Bemerside, Berwickshire, for the purpose of presenting it as a national gift to Field Marshal Earl Haig.

Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson lectured to about a thousand undergraduates at Oxford last night on the future of O.T.C.'s.

SECRET DUMPS.

RUMOURED STORE IN BLACK FOREST.

In the House of Commons Brigadier General Page Croft asked whether the attention of the Lord Privy Seal had been called to the report that large stores of guns, munitions and other supplies, sufficient for a great army, are hidden in the Black Forest in Germany and if so whether he will take steps to see that this matter is cleared up by the Allies.

Mr. Winston Churchill replied: "I have not seen the report referred to, but the information at the disposal of the War Office affords no ground for attaching credence to the statement. As regards the second part of the question, as soon as the Peace Treaty comes into force steps will be taken by the Inter-Allied Commission to secure the execution of its terms.

FATAL DOCK ACCIDENT.

GANG OF MEN FALL FIFTY FEET.

Twenty-six men were involved in an accident which took place on Tuesday at Queen's Dock, Liverpool, and in three instances the injuries received proved fatal. The men were on a gangway connecting two Holt Line steamers, the Ulysses and the Antilochus, when it collapsed and the men and gangway fell a distance of nearly 50ft. into the dock. Some of them struck a barge which was lying between the two vessels and received serious injuries. Others fell into the water and escaped more lightly. They were rescued by means of ropes lowered from the ships and quays. The names of the men killed are Edward Sinnott, a master joiner; Lawrence Macdonald, labourer; and Spillett, a labourer. Five men are lying in a serious condition in the Southern Hospital. Eighteen other men were also treated at the hospital, but were able to proceed to their homes.

SOVIET AND AFGHANS.

COMMERCIAL TREATY UNDER WAY.

It is now known beyond doubt that Surin, the principal Bolshevist emissary at Tashkent, is on his way from that city to Kabul, via Kushk, on a mission to the Amir at Kabul, where he will join Beavin, who is already in Afghanistan. The object of his mission is not clear, but according to reports from Kabul it will relate, among other things, to a commercial treaty which the Bolshevists are negotiating with Afghanistan.

BISHOPRIC FOR BRADFORD.

The foundation of the Bishopric of Bradford was notified by Order in Council in Tuesday's "London Gazette." The parish church of Bradford is to be the cathedral church of the bishopric.

AMERICAN'S SEARCH FOR ENGLISH BRIDE.

Sir Nevil Macready has received a large number of replies from ladies anxious to get into communication with the American gentleman who wrote asking him to try to find an English bride for him. The majority of the replies have been acknowledged, and the letters forwarded to the young man in America, but no further letters will be acknowledged or forwarded.

JUDGE NEVER IN A TUBE.

At the Old Bailey, Judge Atherley Jones remarked: "I have never been in a Tube railway and I never intend to do so."

Mr. Curtis Bennett, K.C.: "I have, my lord. Unfortunately, I cannot afford to take taxis."

The Judge (quickly): "Oh, I never said that!" (Laughter).

WOMAN'S WAR LOSSES.

In a case at the Old Bailey in which Lily Maud Mulock, aged 42 years, was bound over for publishing a libel concerning Mary Flanagan, it was stated that she had lost two sons and nine brothers in the war.

NEW PAYMASTER-GENERAL.

At Wednesday's Privy Council, Sir Tudor Walters was sworn as Paymaster-General, and Sir Charles Elliott, as a member of the Council.

£10,000 A YEAR MEN.

HOW TO OBTAIN A LARGE INCOME.

"How to earn £10,000 a year" was the subject of an address given by Mr. C. F. Higham, M.P., at the Central Hall, Westminster, to the members of the Efficiency Club.

"You cannot earn £10,000 a year by writing letters to Sir Albert Stanley," he said. "Ten thousand-a-year men never write asking for a position. The secret of how to obtain large incomes is to get others to work out your ideas—to have the courage of your convictions—to be able to say "yes" or "no" on the instant, and to stick to your decision.

"Men who can make up their own minds and make up other people's minds are so few that only these few get £10 000 a year or more in business."

Among the pithy words of advice in his breezy address were the following:—

Most healthy men and women were potential earners of £10,000 a year. But they waited for opportunity to knock at the door. Show your employers an intimate capacity for taking pains, and be ready for any question or emergency.

Be careful of your personal appearance. Dress simply and well. Many a man has missed his chance by having a dirty collar.

Look prosperous—act "prosperous," be an optimist. Pessimists never get far.

Be kind—that is a great virtue. Be courteous—it is the cheapest thing in the world, and, being to easy to do, most people don't do it.

Never break your word. The business world is ever on the look out for reliable men.

Sack yourself from the job that does not make you happy to perform it.

Have faith in yourself, or no one else will.

There are three types of business men and women—one, the largest, work for wages; the second for salaries; and the third make income.

"The greatest business task in the world," he concluded, "is the organization and development of the British Empire. Its managing director, David Lloyd George, considering his great capacity, energy, vision and decision, is the poorest paid managing director in the world. He needs a dozen £10,000 a year men to help him.

"But the State, alas, limits his authority for paying for brains to a few thousand a year. His Minister of Labour, one of the most competent men in the kingdom, gets a paltry £2,000 a year—a first-class man on a third-class income. The State must learn to pay its public servants better.

PARCELS FOR TROOPS.

FORWARDING OFFICES TO BE CLOSED.

The Secretary of the War Office announces that, in view of the increased postal facilities now available for the dispatch of gifts and comforts to troops stationed abroad, and the relatively few opportunities which now obtain of dispatching these parcels by troopships, it has been decided to close all military forwarding offices as from December 31 next.

Instructions are therefore being issued to the railway companies that parcels consigned to the military forwarding officer will not be accepted after December 20.

All packages which are now in the hands of the military forwarding officer, or are received on or before December 31, will be dispatched as opportunities occur, but no fixed date of shipment can be guaranteed.

THE WAR NOT YET OVER.

In the Prize Court on Wednesday a case depending on the assumption that the war is over was dismissed on the ground that peace has not been concluded. The President, Sir Henry Duke, said he had not heard of the conclusion of peace. He knew of no Treaty, and the King had not yet made any proclamation. True, there was an Act of Parliament, but his Majesty in Council had yet to declare the date. The Attorney-General said the formalities to satisfy the definition "the conclusion of the present war" had not all been complied with.

AUSTRALIAN SHOT DEAD.

An Australian soldier named Moffatt demanded spirits from a farmer named Piedecq, living at Frucourt, near Amiens, and refused to pay. Piedecq shot the soldier dead. He has just been sentenced to three years' imprisonment by the Somme Assize Court.

MATERIAL UNACCOUNTED FOR.

Special inquiries are being made into a matter raised in a Parliamentary question by Mr. Hogge: "Whether the value of material supplied to Ministry of Munitions contractors on free issue, which has not been accounted for, exceeds £9,000,000?"

HUGHES' ULTIMATUM.

The Australian Premier, Mr. G. Hughes, speaking at Brisbane, declared that the "Nationalist party must carry out my Policy, otherwise I am going out."

An Episcopalian church is to be erected in Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, Montreal, on the wall of which will be inscribed the name of every Canadian soldier who died in the war.

PADRE CHARGED.

LANGUAGE DISLOYAL TO THE KING.

The Reverend Thomas O'Donnell, Chaplain to the Australian Expeditionary Forces, appeared at the Westminster Guildhall on Wednesday morning before a General Court-martial to answer to the charge of using language disloyal to the King. General McGlinn presided. Considerable interest was taken in the proceedings, the court being filled.

Sir Archibald Bodkin and Mr. Vernon Gattie appeared for the prosecution, accused being represented by Mr. Tim Healey, Mr. John Costello and Mr. Patrick Linch. Accused pleaded not guilty.

The finding of the Court will be promulgated in due course.

NO DANGER.

SERBIA NOT ANXIOUS ABOUT D'ANNUNZIO.

The following semi-official note has been issued at Belgrade:—

Our national interests in the Adriatic and on the western frontier have necessitated during the last few days special precautions and protective measures on the part of our Government against the new activities of D'Annunzio and his followers.

In the interval, however, the Government has acquired the strong conviction that there exists no real motive for such anxiety. It has received information that the danger to our interests which is feared by the public generally does not exist and that, on the contrary, the whole question will be shortly dealt with by the Peace Conference and a solution found, which, it is said, will satisfy our legitimate aspirations.

The Government is, however, maintaining its precautionary measures in view of the provocative character of D'Annunzio's actions.

SUMMARY COURT.

WHOLESALE ROBBERY FROM THE N.A.C.B.

Peter Kehren and Peter Schumacher were employed as labourers by the N.A.C.B. at Bonn Tor railhead.

Wholesale robberies took place there and when a watch was kept one morning, Kehren was seen to place a box of 10,000 cigarettes, value 3,925 marks, on a private cart which Schumacher had in waiting.

The lawyer who appeared before the Summary Court for Schumacher said his client had a good character, but the German police record showed that he had served thirteen years in gaol.

Schumacher was sentenced to six months imprisonment and Kehren to four.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

WILL GERMANY BE INVITED TO JOIN FORTHWITH?

The Paris correspondent of "The New York Sun" has cabled a sensational story to the effect that—

A movement appears to be under way in British circles to invite Germany to enter the League of Nations immediately as an offset to the failure of the United States to give its adhesion to the Covenant.

Lord Robert Cecil is said to be in favour of such a course (adds the correspondent), and with him are some of the foremost British advocates of the League.

WHEN RENTS WILL BE RAISED

With a view to dispelling the doubt which exists as to the date when an increase of 10 per cent. on standard rents will become permissible under the increase of Rent Act, Major Lane Fox (C.L., Barkston Ash) has asked a question in the House of Commons; and the Attorney-General, replying in writing, states that the period will commence on the expiration of six months from the official date of the "termination of the war," but the landlord will have to give to the tenant four clear weeks' notice in writing of his intention to increase the rent.

MEAT PROFITEER'S HEAVY FINE.

A Salisbury butcher was fined £440 yesterday for overcharging for meat. His shop manager was fined £44 and sentenced in addition to one month's hard labour.

MOTOR PIONEER DEAD.

The death is announced from Paris of Henri Deutsch de la Meurthe, one of the founders of the Automobile Club, President of the Aero Club of France, and a strong supporter of French aviation.

CHILI BUYS MINELAYERS.

The Government of Chili has purchased for the Chilian Navy six minelayers. Four 700-ton vessels were acquired from Germany and two 300-ton boats, from Great Britain.

The Prince of Wales reached Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Monday. In the evening he attended a banquet and afterwards was present at a State ball at the Government House.

SCHOOL CHILDREN.

COST OF MEDICAL CARE AND TREATMENT.

The Central Care Sub-Committee has submitted to the L.C.C. Education Committee a report providing for the medical, dental, and nursing treatment of 209,000 children during the year beginning April 1 next at a cost of £71,815.

The cases which it is estimated will have to be dealt with are classified as follows:—Eyes, 31,645; ears, nose, and throat, 15 845; ringworm, 2,430 (the cost of these together is given as £18,734); minor ailments, 45,700, costing £16,159; dental cases, 113,500, costing £34,431. The cost of remedial exercise centres is put down at £355, and special allowance for maintenance at £2,095.

The sub-committee say that the proposals submitted may be regarded as practically covering the ground so far as eye, ear, nose, and throat defects and ringworm are concerned, but further facilities will be required for dental treatment and minor ailments.

TRAM HOLD-UP.

TWO CONSCIENCES AND A REVOLVER.

Two men—James Trower (30) and John P. Trower (22)—were charged, at Tottenham with using insulting words, and the former also with carrying a revolver without a licence.

They were riding on a tram on Monday evening, it was said in evidence, when an inspector asked to see their tickets. They said they had a conscientious objection to getting their hands cold in that way.

After some words with them the inspector left the car, but prisoners determined to start in pursuit.

With the elder brother brandishing a huge revolver they started on their quest, it is alleged, holding all the trams up to find their quarry.

At last they came upon him, but hostilities did not commence, the police putting an end to their exploits.

Each was fined 40s., and James Trower was ordered to pay an extra £3 3s. for having a revolver without a licence.

PRISONERS ON STRIKE.

FRIENDS THREATENED WITH A BATH.

"Red" prisoners awaiting deportation at Ellis Island Immigration Station, New York Harbour, have gone on strike. They particularly insist that restrictions relating to visiting friends be removed. These friends aided the "Reds" and refused to leave the island; but when informed that if they remained the night they would have to take an antiseptic bath they hurriedly flocked to the last boat for New York.

EXPLOSIVE COAL.

WIDOW KILLED IN HER OWN KITCHEN.

A scuttleful of coals thrown on the kitchen fire by Elizabeth Siddle, a widow, of Murton, Co. Durham, immediately exploded. The room was wrecked, and Mrs. Siddle died within a few minutes.

Asleep in an adjoining room, a lodger had a fortunate escape.

This is the third case of explosive coal which has occurred during the last few weeks, and in this instance it is thought possible that powder remaining unexploded after blasting had become mixed with the coal.

BOOM IN COTTON.

SYNDICATE BUYS SIX BIG MILLS.

It is reported from Manchester that six cotton spinning mills at Ashton—namely, the Atlas, Rock, Cedar, Tudor, Texas, and Minerva, containing half a million spindles, have been purchased by a syndicate composed of cotton men.

SEAPLANE CREW'S PRIZE MONEY.

Officers and crew of H.M.S. Leven and the crew of H.M. Seaplane 8695 have been awarded bounty in the Prize Court for sinking two German submarines in the North Sea. The seaplane sank U C 72 with a single bomb on September 22, 1917, and the Leven accounded for U B 35 on January 26, 1918.

The following communiqué was issued over the signature of Mr. O'Grady and Litvinoff. "The Joint Commission met to-day (25th) to discuss the exchange of prisoners and repatriation of civilians. The whole conference was occupied with a preliminary general discussion of the points at issue."

No formalities occurred in connection with the meeting. Mr. Grant Watson, British Charge d'Affaires, is not taking part in the conference.

Litvinoff was met by Mr. O'Grady on the landing stage and after the customary greetings they drove together in a motor-car to the hotel in which the British authorities had taken rooms for Litvinoff.

BLUNT LANGUAGE.

MAYOR WHO WAS MORE FORCIBLE THAN POLITE.

Complaints about the conduct and language of the Mayor of Ealing on the local War Pensions Committee were made at the adjourned inquiry by the Ministry of Pensions into complaints made by the Ealing Town Council. Unsympathetic treatment to discharged sailors and soldiers by the Ealing local War Pensions Committee was alleged, while the War Pensions Committee complained of Councillor A. W. Bradford, the Mayor, in his capacity as a member of the Committee.

Mr. A. H. Proctor, chairman of the War Pensions Committee, giving evidence, said that Mr. Bradford did good work on the Committee as an almoner making payments to dependents, but his conduct in committee was frequently very objectionable and offensive and in his remarks not only to the chairman but to the secretary and sometimes to the women members of the Committee. At a meeting on March 27, when he was ruled out of order, he told the witness that he was a "damned rotten chairman, that he did not like the truth, that the damned Committee was not worth a nut, or its damned women members."

It was stated that on another occasion Mr. Bradford expressed his surprise that so much sense should come from such an elephantine mass of humanity—referring to another member of the Committee.

Continuing his evidence, Mr. Proctor said that last June three women clerks made a complaint in writing to the witness, protesting against the behaviour and language used by Mr. Bradford and against the insinuation that members of the Committee were feathering their nests with money that should be paid to applicants.

At a meeting held to consider Mr. Bradford's conduct one of the clerks, Miss Tucker, said she refused to repeat the words she had heard, but he called the secretary a damned liar, a skunk, and a shirker from the Army. She said his language was worse than she had stated. She had been in a military hospital for four years and had never heard such language there. (Laugater.)

Mr. Walter Tyson, secretary of the Ealing War Pensions Committee, said Mr. Bradford used generally to come into the pensions office on Saturday morning. He abused the members of the staff and his manner was most offensive, especially to the women members of the staff. Practically every other word was the word "damn."

The inquiry was adjourned until Thursday.

EX-CROWN PRINCE.

IMPENDING LIBEL ACTION.

The ex-Crown Prince's manner of life is to be the subject of an impending libel case, according to a Frankfort telegram to the "Vossische Zeitung." The Socialist Deputy, Herr Sinzheimer, is taking proceedings as a lawyer for the Socialist paper, "Die Volksstimme," against the German National Deputy, Herr Lattmann. Herr Marquardt, the editor of the "Volksstimme," speaking at a German national meeting at Fulda on Sept. 30, said that Herr Lattmann's Monarchist schemes aimed at setting up the Crown Prince as ruler. In comparison with him, the speaker continued, his father was a veritable hero and an intellectual giant. Dog training was not the most innocent employment of the Crown Prince in the Etappe region. Herr Lattmann termed this a base lie, and demands that Herr Marquardt should take proceedings against him in order to bring out the truth.

SUBSTITUTE FOR BLOOD.

The French Academy of Science yesterday heard a report read by Professor Quenu on behalf of Dr. Bartnelemy on a new method of reviving persons on the point of death through loss of blood.

A solution of gum arabic and sea-salt is claimed to be as efficacious as infusion with new blood. Dr. Bartnelemy experimented on six dogs which had lost more than two-thirds of their blood and five of these were revived. The same process carried out on a man badly wounded in the war, whose life was despaired of, was a complete success.

FRENCH FAVOUR GERMAN MUSIC.

At a referendum of habitués of classical concerts at Marseilles on the question of the performance of Wagner's works there was a majority of 610 votes in favour of Wagner. Wagner selections will only be played at the end of the programme, to give the anti-Wagner people an opportunity of leaving.

FAMOUS SINGER'S FORTUNE.

Madame Adelina Patti who died on September 27th, left estate valued at £116,337. By her will, dated March, 17, 1917, she made several bequests to relatives and to her servants, and left the rest of her property to her husband, Baron Olaf Cederström.

TWICE ROUND THE CLOCK.

The committee appointed under the chairmanship of Major J. L. Baird, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.P., Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Home Office, to consider and report on the 24-hour system of expressing time, held its preliminary meeting yesterday.

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COMRADESHIP.

When the Armistice was considerably younger than at present, the word demobilization had a magic sound. Weary with five years of fighting the old Army looked upon the opportunity of severing their acquaintance with their temporary profession as a thing to be sought above all others.

They had been ready enough to answer the call and take up the rifle in place of the hammer or the pen, but now the danger had passed and they were eager to "turn their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks." The bitter day of battle having ended, their one consuming desire was to return to peaceful pursuits and endeavour to forget the cruel memories associated with the years spent in khaki.

Thousands as we know, realised their ambition and returned to civilian life. But with what result?

For the first time they discovered that they had left something of great value behind; that there was a pleasing feature of Army life of which they failed to find a counter part in the life to which they had gone. In short they missed the comradeship and fellowship which exists in every unit in the British Army. Their hearts craved for old chums, for the influence of the firm friendships established and cemented when shells and bombs were falling and bullets whistling. In the everyday round of business they discovered that friendship had a different meaning and lacked the sincerity and depth of army attachments.

When death was always a real possibility, men had no compunction in baring their souls to each other and in exchanging the most intimate confidences. It required no great instinct to fathom a man's character; the good points and the bad came to the surface for all to read.

And now all that is past and a return has been made to the world of make-believe and camouflage, where a man's real self is concealed beneath an impenetrable shell.

Will it not be thus for us? Shall we not find when our turn for demobilization comes that we shall sacrifice as well as gain.

THE EVER OPEN DOOR.

One does not commonly associate the Orderly Room with the wooing of the Muse, nor would one expect to find the staff breaking forth into verse, but from observations made in the Orderly Room of a certain Institution not a hundred miles from the Dom, one is compelled to face the fact that the clerks therein have undoubtedly been guilty of such a weakness.

Apparently the sole burden of their lay is the fact that, owing to some slackness on the part of certain German workmen in the past, the doors of all the offices need some considerable effort before they can be persuaded to remain closed, and the various callers who inflict themselves upon the jaded staff in the course of a long working day, find it easier to leave the doors open until they are prepared to make use of them on their outward journeys, and even then they do not exert themselves particularly in the direction of preserving the grateful warmth which has persuaded them to linger over their visits.

This, then, is the cause. Now for the result:—

The Orderly Room bears the following effort, doubtless compiled by its Poet-laureate:—

"O, Caller, may we crave your kind indulgence,
In assisting us to keep this office warm?
'Twill only cost the very slightest effort,
And will keep our working hours from threat of storm.
We do not know the district that you hail from,
Nor the brogue that comes most quickly to your lip,
But we think you'll render us this little service,
If in the vulgar tongue we couch our tip.
Of course, we might set forth our exhortation,
In the separate idioms of every Corps,
But, instead of doing that, we will give the whole thing pat,
In requesting you to "SHUT THIS BLINKING DOOR."

The R.S.M's door is adorned with the following:—

"You may come in fear and trembling,
Or with front as bold as brass,
According as your mission serves
But well — I'll let that pass,
There's just one thing I ask you,
Before you outward roll,
That piece of wood we call the door,
JUST FIX IT IN ITS HOLE".

On the Demob. office door is this:—

"This is the Demob. office,
Come in, if you desire,
And while we fix your papers up,
Sit down beside the fire.
But when we've done our level best,
Just let us make this clear,
You'll find you've got a door at home,
JUST LEARN TO CLOSE ONE HERE."

Now for the Registrar's office door:—

"Here lives the wily Registrar,
Who keeps your records clear,
He knows everything about you—
How you came to be here,
'Tis all described on documents,
Which hadn't better stray.
SO, WILL YOU KINDLY CLOSE THIS DOOR.
In case they BLOW AWAY?"

It would appear that nobody has yet been bold enough to deface the C.O's door with an effusion of this kind, but a careful search reveals a tiny scrap of paper still adhering to the woodwork. Nobody, of course, really knows what was on it, but the Senior Poet has made a guess, perhaps a pretty shrewd one, for he, in his devotions before the shrine of the Muse, knows no law. At any rate this is his suggestion:—

"Here sits the Grand Panjandrum,
Whose dread command is law;
Approach on bended knee and seek
What Justice holds in store.
Perchance you'll come off scathless,
If his pity you implore,
But may gracious heaven help you
If you FAIL TO CLOSE THIS DOOR".

H.J.W.W.

THE AHR VALLEY.

Much has been written of the glory of the Rhine, but in the Ahr Valley one seems to get the true spirit of the Rhineland. The tiny villages thrown down among the hills, the wonderful vineyards and the people who regard us through sleepy eyes as something apart, yet human.

Village upon village unfolds itself before our eyes — Ahrweiler, Mariental, and others each with its own separate charm, distinctive, yet one of a great whole, like specimen pearls strung on a single string — the Ahr.

Mysterious mountains come to life reflected in the ripple of the stream, tiny fish flash among the stones; white houses and stone bridges fraternise at the edge of the water. The dark ruins of an old schloss command the district for miles. Great crags carved by the Master Hand, assume strange shapes, and threaten our path, while on either hand row upon row of purple grapes ripen under the sunny sky. Far ahead a mountain blocks our way, but ever the lure of the road leads us on.

Two oxen drawing a creaking wooden cart filled with wine barrels attract our attention. Down in the stream a woman with skirts tucked up above her knees is washing other of these wine barrels. A small white kitten chasing an invisible foe runs out into the sunshine, sees us, and retreats, comes out to investigate, bites us, and becomes friendly, thus finding the English are not so bad as they were painted, and finally adopts us as property sent by Providence to provide some small excitement on a sleepy afternoon.

We tear ourselves away to have a meal in a small beer garden; black bread, eggs, potatoes and a bottle of wine give us courage to tackle a stiff climb up a hill side. The stone crags suffer our presence as something too puerile to notice. The ruins of a grand old schloss frown down upon us; we read how it was captured by the French, retaken by the Germans, and so on through the middle ages, until finally the French dismantled it.

We sit and picture the fierce fighting up the seemingly inaccessible slope, the heavy stones hurtling down, the loss of life.

To-day the vineyards have entered the very courtyard of the schloss, and so we turn, leaving it to sleep on in its solitary splendour.

Sunset flames its way through the hills turning the Ahr to many colours. Night, mysterious and shrouding, is upon us, dim hills and tiny lights reflected in the black waters of the Ahr.

Here a tiny village seems to rival the stars against the purple night, there an old schloss carved in ebony against its background of stars sinks behind us, and Cologne with its myriad lights beckons us home. *NORA ESSEX.*

ACTIVE SERVICE.

No passengers in the boat, but every man pulling his weight. That is what we want, in khaki or out of it. The active service of our country and our kind does not end with demobilization; nor while we wear the uniform does it consist merely in Army Routine.

Our boat is either on the stream of the habits, the influences, the tendencies of the day and we are either drifting with the current, circling idly in some eddy of a backwater, or manfully putting our weight into progress in some definite direction. Which, and if the latter, whither?

Where do we wish the boat to go? And are we content with wishing, or are we half hearted passengers, content to be directed and impelled by sturdier comrades? The "cox" allotted to us must steer—discipline, business, government, experience, all teach us that a boatful of coxswains each intent on steering will have no way on and will promptly drift to disaster.

But most of us must pull, pull with a will, — and pull together if we want to get the best out of our individual efforts and to forge ahead. And we must put our hearts into it as well as our backs.

Agreed? Right! Then my point is — away with indifference — indifference about everything at all. Everything matters. Everything is interesting. Everything affects our interests and the interests of the community which serves us and which we serve if we have any right to exist. A man must take his side; and he must play for it too. Therefore he must know all he can and find out all he can about the game. And if he is worth anything he will not be content to be a spectator, but will put himself into the game, and be doing something for it.

Are the smartness, discipline and tone of our own little crowd up to what we would like to boast of, we could have our standard by merely wishing? If not who more at fault than those who by inaction assent to the lower grade. Is our own physical and mental state as we would like to have it described by those whose opinion we most value? If not what are we actually doing about it?

Is our knowledge of things generally the knowledge we would prefer to have as equipment? If not, are we strenuously acquiring that knowledge?—Are the affairs of the world, and especially of our own country being managed to all appearance perfectly? If not, are we preparing ourselves to judge soberly that we may lack art personally for their betterment? After all, we who live in the world, make the conditions, just as we in the main make ourselves. And everything matters. Also to-day does not come again.

Are we still agreed? Very well.

Now the secret of life you will agree is to be keenly interested in everything. How interesting one only learns, after one has got a little way into it. Isn't that your experience? One must of course give one's main energies to one thing or set of things. But everything else that is happening in the world is directly or indirectly of importance to us and matters to those who matter to us.

Besides who wants to look out of only one of the many windows of life? There is so much to see through the others and life is measured by its contents, not its length. It is a scientific truth that the condition of the maintenance of life is its expansion. The moment that ceases, decay and death are approaching. Cessation of development is the beginning of old age, so seek for improvement, learn, develop and you will live long, but die "young." Those whom the gods love die young—that is, not in their early years, but, at whatever age, in the constant youth which is the greatest gift of the gods and which is maintained by being interested.

The man who is bored with life ought to be electrocuted (he would have at least one thrilling moment!) There is so much to know, so much to do that there is no time to be bored.

Let us, while dealing with the things we know so that they shall become the things we want, search also for the truth about things we ought to know. And let us search impartially and disdain labels, which are generally a cowardly substitute for judgment.

It is surprising how common is the habit of substituting a label for an argument or for an examination of another man's views. "Yah! pessimist!" or "Oh! you are a—this, that or the other" is the refuge of the feeble minded who feel that they have neither the knowledge nor the wit to refute truths that may disturb them. Epithets are cheap, but they are worthless and advertise the weak mentality and the ignorance of those who resort to them and who dare not venture out upon the sea of reason, being neither swimmers nor sailors.

None of us of course would ever condemn ourselves by such self-revelation. We will rather examine for ourselves everything, for everything is interesting. And in everything that touches humanity we are concerned and must take our part as a result of intelligent decision. For we are always on Active Service for ourselves and for humanity. *O.W.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

THE ARMY AND RELIGION.

Sir,—"C.K.P." re the "Army and Religion" is very much to the point. Does he however tarnish all the different denominations with the same brush when he speaks of, "The half-hearted watered-down religion preached by the divided sects our country is plagued with?"

Is he aware of the fact that there is now and always has been in existence "one fold with one shepherd preaching one faith."? That phrase uttered by our Divine Master still holds good. — "Seek and ye shall find." *K.B.S.*

Sir,— I quite agree with "C.P.K." when he says that owing to the various dogmas taught, doubt, and not faith, is bred.

The average soldier is a good fellow in many respects and makes one of the best of pals. He has in so many cases made the supreme sacrifice without ever showing that he really understood the reason why; yet I maintain that he is religious in so far as he—like all men—contains a spirit which is not insensible to the claims of Christianity.

Now I'm not a padre, but I do believe this—and it is emphasized all the more by experience—that when Christianity is put plainly and simply to a man as it is contained in the Gospel narrative, he will not fail to be influenced and ultimately convinced that Christianity is the only remedy for all the troubles and trials he has to bear.

He is like a ship tossed about, unable to find an anchorage.

Let the Gospel message be faithfully proclaimed, and questions as to the nature of God and His attributes will fit into their proper places. I, for one, have proved the value of religion and can speak from personal experience. *E. B. B.*

DO WE READ TOO MUCH?

Sie,—Does "Bookman" never read fiction that he should condemn that form of mental recreation?

Can you imagine any one after a stiff route march sitting down to a dinner of "food for thought and washing it down with other peoples thoughts?" No. I hold that a certain amount of time should be given up to fiction, else by the time demobilization comes our way our young soldiers would think like men of seventy. *FICTION.*

Sir,—Your correspondents all seem to possess the reading craze and to go to the extreme. Some say it is "impossible to read too much." That was the whole point of my first letter. It is just because of this over-reading that I wrote.

People merely absorb the printed word and don't use their brains to think things out for themselves. Much reading acts like a sedative. You take in the ideas and thoughts of others—some remain but most are forgotten.

People thought, and thought deeply, long before this flood of books appeared, but to-day I am conviced they don't think. It is so much easier to read what someone else has said.

This is not only so with the greatest problems but it is the same with ordinary politics. A man reads what some newspaper says and accepts that view. He doesn't bring his own reasoning to bear on it.

I didn't condemn reading, as some of your correspondents seem to think. It was merely the excess of it; and that there is far too much reading done, and for too little thinking, I still maintain is the case, in spite of all the platitudes and quotations your correspondents may bring forward. *RURAL.*

"WASH AND BRUSH UP."

Sir,—I am always surprised when I go into either of the N.A.C.B. Officers' Clubs in Cologne to observe the scanty ablution facilities provided. The Annexe is the more deficient in this respect, the provision comprising cold water, soap occasionally, and soiled towels.

The "Earwig" is rather better, a very polite attendant making the best of the materials at his disposal. There, one certainly has hot water, soap always and clean towels, but hair bushes and nail brushes are rare luxuries.

Surely a little money might be expended on the purchase of decent toilet requisites? *ABLUTION.*

WIVES IN CLUBS.

Sir,—I am afraid many of the charming ladies now with us in Rhineland do not realise their privileges. For instance two ladies were sitting alone at a table in the tearoom at an officers' club during the course of an afternoon dance. They watched the proceedings disconsolately and a gallant officer of Field rank had the temerity to approach and take a seat at the same table.

He was received with freezing glances, and later, when he attempted to introduce himself, the tongues of both women lashed him unmercifully.

Women visitors should not lose sight of the fact that every uniformed officer is a member and, as such, feels it his duty to be courteous to any fellow member's fair relative who may be invited. *BACHELOR.*

MEHLEM ON THE RHINE

At Mehlem on the Rhine.
'Tis there the river beauty starts.
'Tis there the level lowland parts
From "castled crags" and Nature's arts.

At Mehlem on the Rhine
I sit upon the riverside,
And watch the waters' endless glide
To join the sea's eternal tide.

At Mehlem on the Rhine
The Drachenfels in beauty rise,
And smiling back at sunny skies,
The white-walled Königswinter lies.

At Mehlem on the Rhine
The happy, happy hours go by;
In heavenly peace the hours go by
And I could live, and I could die
At Mehlem on the Rhine.

C. W. S.

PUZZLE AND PEBBLES.

Famous Forward's effort to solve vexed Problem.

By "Tynesider."

It was a breezy winter's morning and the wind sweeping in from the sea cut one like a knife. It was at Whitley Bay the famous Northern health resort, a splendid spot in summer, but in winter, ugh! Strolling along a sheltered part of the promenade I came across him, and let me whisper it, he bore a name, which dare I mention it, would cause thoughts to fly at once to Internationals and great games on the "soccer" field. But to proceed, his face wore a worried look and as he engaged in his task of moving about (as if, at a game of chess) a number of pebbles laid out at his feet, exclamations, such as "No! won't do," "That's wrong" and others, containing words not to be found in dictionaries, burst from his lips.

Seductive Smile.

A sweet young thing, with a dazzling display of hose, and a smile an angel might envy, bade him a delightfully seductive "Good morning." But without lifting his eyes from his task, he only grunted a non-committal "Is it?" in reply. Next came a terrier which evidently thought he was about to throw a stone for its benefit. It darted up with a shrill bark and managed to upset the carefully arranged pebbles. Then followed a tirade such as I have never heard the like of. The terrier and all its ancestors were consigned to a warmer climate than that obtaining at the moment and it scampered off, its tail between its legs, a sadder, if not wiser, quadruped.

The pebbles were again carefully arranged and the worker proceeded with his task.

The Problem Solved.

After a few more minutes study he suddenly kicked the pebbles in all directions and with a final "Got it" raised his eyes from off the ground.

Thereupon I ventured a remark. "Seems a bit of a puzzle," I began. "It is," was the grim reply, "but I've solved it. This bit of study will help me to outwit a master mind" and with a polite "Good morning" he moved away.

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The following afternoon I saw a well-known team oppose Newcastle United at St. James' Park. I was particularly interested in the movements of a famous forward—the man of the beach. Despite obvious efforts to neutralise, the tactics which have made McCracken famous, he was time and again pulled up for "Offside" and as I left the ground after the match I could not help but think that "the master mind had outwitted the student" and that the solution arrived at had been far off the mark.

AN IMPROVED SIDE.

18th G.H.Q Reserve M.T. Coy. 1; 36th C.C.S. 3.

These teams met at Rhenania Sports Platz on Wednesday, the 36th C.C.S. winning an interesting and well contested game by three goals to one. The C.C.S. opened the attack, Nicholson putting in an excellent shot which was finely saved by Dearsley. Play then waged from end to end, Turner eventually giving the visitors the lead with a capital shot; the same player added a second goal shortly afterwards.

Although two goals behind, the M.T. played up in commendable fashion, Phillips, especially, showing good form. There was no further score before the interval.

Their only Point.

During the second half, play continued to be of an exciting nature. Coleman was always a source of danger and eventually notched the visitors third point. Following this, the M.T. forwards succeeded in eluding their opponents defenders and registered their only goal.

The 36th C.C.S. deserved their success, their forward play being a great improvement upon that shown in their previous matches. There was no better defender than Lewis, who, throughout, played sound and convincing football. Hilton also did well.

For the losers, Dearsley, in spite of the three goals against him, played a good game, while Hill was a clever half-back. The forwards lacked cohesion, Phillips being the outstanding player in the line.

THE ARMY TEAM.

Against Northampton at the Queen's Club, West Kensington, to-morrow, the Army will be represented by:—

Lieut. R. M. Welchman; Major E. G. W. Harrison, Lieut. G. C. Scholfield S.C.M, MacKintosh, and Lieut. H. L. V. Day; Drummer Gumbley and Lieut. P. E. R. Baker-Jones; and (selected from) Capt. A. H. Maciwaine, Capt. Hedderwick, C.S.M. I. Jones, Major P. H. Lawless, Major W. A. Roderick, Capt. J. F. Stone, Capt. W. R. C. Penny, Lieut. G. Young, Capt. L. H. Kippon, and Capt. G. H. C. Pennycook.

SPURS' PROFIT AND LOSS.

The 21st annual report of the directors of the Tottenham Hotspur F.C. states that the club assisted in realising over £1,500 for charities through the matches in the London Combination and other games.

The profit and loss account for 1918-19 shows a credit balance of £3,721, an eminently satisfactory state of affairs. The total assets of the club are shown to be £37,689, and, excluding £1,950 reserved for reinstatements, there is a credit balance of £16,669.

STANDING ROOM—£5/5s.

There will be no seats on sale on the night of the great boxing match (Carpentier v. Beckett) at the Holborn Stadium, December 4.

To-day Mr. Cochran will commence at the Holborn Stadium the sale of standing room at five guineas per ticket. Only a limited number of these tickets will be sold, and each purchaser will be guaranteed a good view.

OLYMPIC GAMES.

Stadium Events Limited to Three Weeks.

ADDITIONAL ATHLETICS.

It was decided at a meeting of the British Olympic Council after consultation with the various governing bodies of sport in the United Kingdom, to ask the Belgian Olympic Committee for the following modifications in their draft programme:—

(a) The limitation of the Stadium events to a period of three weeks, from August 20 to September 10.

(b) A considerable reduction (varying with different sports) in the number of entries allowed.

(c) The addition to the athletic programme of:—

1. A steeplechase of 3,000 metres.
2. A ten miles cross-country run.
3. A twenty miles road walk,

and the omission of bomb-throwing.

(d) The addition to the swimming programme of the following events for women:—

1. 300 metres.
2. Fancy diving.

(e) The addition to the wrestling programme of catch-as-catch-can wrestling (Lutte Libre).

(f) The addition to the shooting programme of:—

1. Miniature rifle shooting.
2. Revolver shooting.
3. Running deer shooting.

(g) In the cycling programme the fixing of the distance for the road race at 200 kilometres, and the addition of the following track events:—

1,000 metres.
2,000 metres tandems.
4,000 metres pursuit race (teams).
100 kilometres with motor-pacing.

(n) The addition to the lawn tennis programme of ladies' doubles.

Various technical arrangements and regulations for the conduct of different sports were also suggested on the initiative of the Amateur Boxing Association, the National Rifle Association, and the Lawn Tennis Association.

WELL MATCHED.

Beckett and Carpentier Physically Contrasted.

In view of the tremendous interest attaching to the Beckett-Carpentier fight on Dec. 4th, the following comparison will be of interest.

Beckett, tremendously strong and energetic, works hard and long and sleeps correspondingly hard and long when in training, as he is now; Carpentier, just as physically and mentally alert, is differently constituted, and therefore requires a different regimen. He is comparatively light-framed, and being as fit now as it is good for him to be at this date, it is neither wise nor necessary that he should give himself up to arduous work in the gymnasium.

He is quite unlike the traditional Frenchman of highly excitable temperament. Carpentier, indeed, might well pose as a Britisher of the most phlegmatic type, unemotional of mood and Sphinx-like of face.

Ideal Temperament.

It is an admirable—the ideal—temperament for a boxer to possess, and to carry into the ring with him, as Carpentier does, when he enters it to box. It is the one thing which Bombardier Wells has not or which, if he does possess any measure of it, he leaves outside the ring. Wilde has the right temperament; so have Beckett and Goddard.

In other respects, besides temperament, Beckett and Carpentier are greatly akin. Physically indeed, one would say they are ideally matched—in age, in height, and development—and after noting all the details of the table of physical comparison set out below one will have to see the two men together stripped to understand how it is that Beckett has so great an advantage as a stone in weight.

BECKETT.		CARPENTIER.	
Age	25 yr 8 mo	Age	25yr 10mo
Height	5ft 10 in	Height	5ft 9½in
Weight	13st 2lb	Weight	12st 2lb
Reach	71¼in	Reach	69in
Neck	16½in	Neck	15½in
Chest	42½in	Chest	40¼in
Biceps	15½in	Biceps	12in
Forearm	13in	Forearm	11in
Waist	31in	Waist	29¾in
Thigh	24in	Thigh	22½in
Calf	15¾in	Calf	15¾in

A.F.A. CUP DRAWS.

At a meeting of the Council of the Amateur Football Association, the draws were made for the Senior and Junior Cups, as follows:—

Senior Cup.—Old Colfeians v. Merton; Old Cholmeleians v. Old Owens; London Joint City and Midland v. Old Wilsonians; Cuaco v. Barclay's; London County Bank v. Lloyd's Bank; Old Grammarians v. Reigate Priory; St. Bart.'s Hospital v. Old Fullerians; Old Parkonians v. Alleyn; Old Bancroftians v. Ealing Association; Civil Service v. Old Westminsters; Snaresbrook v. Norsemen; Carshalton v. Ravensbourne; Highgate v. Aquarius. Byes: Occident, Notts Magdala, and Magdala Amateurs.

This to be played on or before Saturday, December 13. First-named club has the choice of ground.

Junior Cup.—Cox v. Carshalton Reserves; Streatham Rangers v. Old Owens Reserves; National Bank of India v. Old Wilsonians Reserves; Old Tiffinians v. Anglo-South American Bank; Egean v. Highgate Reserves; Old Grammarians Reserves v. Snaresbrook Reserves; Cuaco Reserves v. London County Bank Reserves; Old Fullerians Reserves v. Lloyds Bank Reserves; Old Colfeians v. Forest; Civil Service Reserves v. Merton Reserves; Aquarius Reserves v. Ravensbourne Reserves; Old Bancroftians Reserves v. Emcroft; Ashford Swifts v. Alleyn Reserves; Ealing Association Reserves v. Croydon High School O.B. Byes: Old Stationers and Parkonians.

Ties to be played on or before Saturday, December 27. First-named club has the choice of ground.

Rugby.

(At Richmond).

United Services 34 pts. Royal Air Force 0.

100 TO 1 WINNER.

Weyhill Trainer Carries off Three Events at Newbury.

AUNT ANNA FINISHES ALONE.

Jumping opened at Newbury in beautiful weather on Wednesday. There was a large attendance. The outstanding feature of the day was the remarkable success of the Weyhill stable, F. Hartigan, who carried off three events, the Juvenile Hurdle, the Novices 'Chase and the Berks Hurdle. Details:—

Findon 'Chase:—1, Aunt Anna (6 to 4 on) was the only horse to finish the course.

Juvenile Hurdle:—1, Young Lover (13 to 8 on); 2, Krooner (8 to 1); 3, Silver Doctor (5 to 2). Four ran.

Novices 'Chase:—1, Salt Spray (7 to 1); 2, Toad Stone (5 to 4); 3, Tally Ho (4 to 1). Twelve ran.

Berks Hurdle:—1, Minstrel (9 to 4); 2, Garryvoe (7 to 1); 3, Blanco (8 to 1). Seven ran.

Hants Hurdle:—1, Somerville (5 to 4): 2, Ingoe (100 to 6); 3, Toy Boat (100 to 6). Seventeen ran

Open 'Chase:—1, Tempus Fugit (100 to 1); 2, Taffy Fuss (10 to 1); 3, Everyman (4 to 1). Five ran.

BIG TEAM OF JUMPERS.

W. Payne, the steeplechase jockey, is getting a big team of jumpers together at Farthinstone, Northants, and besides the fifteen horses he has already under his care, Lieut-Colonel C. M. Jickling is sending him Simon's Glory, Whizz-Bang, and Simon's Luck to be trained for their engagements. W. Payne's brother, R. Payne, has also a big string at Weedon, which is about six or seven miles from Farthinstone.

SAPPER'S SUCCESS.

No. 9 Football Competition Prize-winner.

SURPRISES ALLOWED FOR.

"As on previous occasions," writes our football representative, "I found the winner of our Football Competition No. 9 in possession of the knowledge that he had submitted the successful coupon, before I made his acquaintance and delivered the cheque

"Sapper Owen informed me that he was expecting my arrival, indeed had been counting on winning the competition since he had noticed the results of the matches in Tuesday's edition. I gathered that he has been a competitor since the commencement of the popular feature and had sent in efforts each week. Last week he submitted three coupons, on one of which he gave only three correct forecasts, another, two, and on the winning effort eleven.

Odd Coupon Wins.

When I inquired how he accounted for giving correctly so many surprise results, he explained that he filled in two coupons on current form and on the other allowed for what he termed "form-upsetting surprises." That this system, if one can call it that, paid, is plainly evident.

Owen hails from Manchester, and, while a follower of the principal "soccer" teams, he is more particularly interested in the fortunes of the Northern Union code fifteens. He has once previously succeeded in securing a football competition prize and on that occasion shared the prize-money offered by a Sunday journal.

Asked what he intended to do with the award, he replied that he was expecting to be demobilized next week and in civilian life he would find plenty of uses for it."

"RUGBY IS NOW IN FULL SWING."

THE PANTHER.

Greatest Disappointment of the Season.

The flat racing season just ended was, as so often happens, a disastrous one to the reputation of certain horses. The greatest sufferer in this respect was The Panther.

It will never be forgotten, that The Panther was offered for sale in the autumn of his juvenile career, not because his owner desired to part with him, but because of the insistent demand for a price to be named. Sir Alec Black became so tired of all this that he determined to give everybody a chance to buy his colt in open market. Naturally he stipulated for a stiff reserve, and if most people were, so to speak, rendered breathless when the amount was announced as 40,000gs., this at least served the purpose of putting a period to the unsolicited demand for a horse whose owner had no desire to sell.

Fame and Disgrace.

How The Panther, at a time when he was supposed to be nothing like at his best, won the Two Thousand Guineas, and how later on he utterly disgraced himself in the Derby as well as in the Irish Derby and Champion Stakes, is a story too well known to need relating at this juncture.

That he is a wonderfully good-looking colt is beyond question, while his breeding is unimpeachable, but for the fact that his dam was, to put it mildly, an exceedingly "flighty" mare. Possibly, nay probably, The Panther inherits very largely the idiosyncrasies of his female parent; but even if this must be conceded, his rapid descent from first-class rank to something approaching mediocrity is not entirely accounted for.

LADY SWIMMER'S RECORD.

At Liverpool on Tuesday evening, Miss Hilda Dand, of the Westminster Ladies' Swimming Club, established a new amateur ladies' long plunge record, covering sixty-six feet, 6½ inches. She beat the previous record, held by herself, by 1½ inches.

LADIES' GOLF.

Rhine Army Officers' Club Competitions.

Considerable interest is being displayed in connection with the ladies' golf meeting which is announced to take place on the Club links, Rodenkirchen, on Thursday, December 4th.

Two prizes are to be presented by the Club for the best scratch and handicap scores respectively, in the first round of a medal competition over 18 holes, while in the second round there will be a sweepstake of ten marks (18 holes) against bogey. In this, handicaps will be limited to 20. Details may be seen in our advertising columns.

CRICKET IN AFRICA.

Gregory Bowls Well Against S.A. Eleven.

A delayed Johannesburg message states that on the Wanderers' Ground on the 21st inst., the Australian Imperial Forces cricket team commenced a match against the South African eleven.

The home team batted first and had scored 50 for two wickets when play had to be suspended for some hours owing to rain.

On resuming, the South Africans carried their total to 117 for eight at which point, stumps were drawn. The principal scores were:

Zulch c and b Gregory	22
Hearne, c Oldfield b Collins	18
Rands b Gregory	10
Nourse not out	39
Cooler b Collins	2
Ward b Collins	5
J. Blanckenberg c Gregory b Collins	0
Davie c Murray b Gregory	1
A. N. Other b Gregory	16
Elsworthy not out	1
Extras	3
Total (for 8)	117

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Association.

Watford 0. Exeter 0.

SPORT IN A NUTSHELL.

Yorkshire C.C.

Yorkshire County Cricket Club will have a full programme next season, and all the players who helped to win the championship this year will be available.

Cambridge Rugby Captain.

J. M. C. Lewis has been elected captain of Cambridge University Rugby XV. for next Term. and A. R. Trubshaw hon. secretary.

A New Name.

At the annual general meeting of the Old Felstedians F.C. the items on the agenda will include a proposal to alter the name and constitution of the club.

Military Tournament.

The Royal Naval and Military Tournament was a record in all respects, and the committee express their thanks to the Press generally for the publicity given to the tournament.

Yale v. Oxford and Cambridge.

A movement is on foot to establish lawn tennis matches between Oxford and Cambridge Universities and Yale, the champion' Varsity of America, next summer.

Jockeys Without Retainers.

Shatwell and Crickmere are at present without riding retainers for next flat race season.

Ringstead Off to India.

Having fixed up a retainer for the winter, Ringstead sails for India in a week or two, as does H. Jelliss.

Riding Engagements Renewed.

Fox will again ride for R. Day's stable next season, and Ledson will continue to ride for Hugh Powney, who is private trainer to Sir Ernest Cassel.

Manchester's New Player.

Godfrey, the centre forward recently secured by Coventry City from the Birmingham Club, has been transferred to Manchester City.

Gimcrack Club Dinner.

The York Grimcrack Club, who have maintained the continuity of their annual dinner during the war in a private way, will resume their old custom of celebrating the Gimcrack Stakes by a dinner, at which Sir Abe Bailey, the winner of this year's Gimcrack Stakes, will be the principal guest.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

Costumes Wanted.

The National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers are looking for concert party costumes and have sent to the Amusements Office for assistance in this direction.

Busman's Holiday.

One finds at the Opera on Sundays quite a number of people who spend their week day evenings entertaining others. One was not surprised to see Miss Audrey Esmond there, as she was with the Beecham Opera Coy, in England.

Jazz Band Conductor.

This is an impression of the well-known conductor of the G. H. Q. Jazz band, Lew Hallmark, who, with his merry little combination of instrumentalists recently played for the hundredth time for dances in Cologne. Before joining the Army Lew Hallmark won considerable distinction as a zither banjoist in England and, as may be imagined, his services are in great demand now that social activities demand more of our attention than they did in the years previous to November, 1918. At the N. A. C. B. Officers' Club, the G. H. Q. Jazz band enlivens the proceedings on two afternoons a week during the progress of dancing.

Like Father, Like Son.

An interesting evening is announced for to-night's performance at the Gurzenich, Cologne, when Herr Siegfried Wagner, son of the great composer, will conduct the orchestra. The programme, which commences at 7.30 p.m., will include pieces by father and son.

Borrowed Plumes.

I have been asked to state that costumes borrowed from the Opera House for the Black and White Ball should be returned immediately to the Property Master or the Amusements Office, Cologne. One officer who was lent a costume for a recent dance has not yet returned it and is asked to do so without delay.

R.R.A.D.C. Christmas Production.

On Saturday, December 20th, the British Rhine Army Dramatic Company will produce Beaumont and Fletcher's Comedy, "The Knight of the Burning Pestle," which I might describe as an Elizabethan pantomine or even an Elizabethan Revue. In the "Knight of the Burning Pestle" will be found certain "novelties" which came upon London as fresh discoveries from America when a few years before the War "Miss Ragtime" conquered London. It includes many old English Songs, and old English Dances will be a feature. In fact the whole production will be typical of "Merry England" at its merriest! I do not think a better or more suitable play could be presented for Christmas. It has all the best qualities of a pantomine and at the same time is one of the jewels of British drama—drama which the Greeks alone have equalled.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Fri.	Die Zauberflöte	Mozart	7	10.50
Sat.	Tosca	Puccini	7	9.45
Sun	Cosi Fan Tutti	Mozart	7	10
Monday	No Performance			
Tuesday	No Performance			

A Return.

I understand that the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. has arranged for a return visit of the Leslie Ross London Vaudeville Company on Saturday of this week.

Knock-out Chess Tournament

A knock out Chess Tournament open to all other ranks, (one prize to be offered) will be held at the British Empire Leave Club next Tuesday and Thursday at 6.30. The Hon. Secretary is C.S.M. Graham.

Return of the "Jesters."

Admirers of the "Jesters" will be glad to know that this talented party has returned to Rhineland from France. Arrangements are now being made for further performances in the occupied area and if past achievements count for anything, their reception wherever they go should be thoroughly cordial.

Wanted.

It is proposed to present part of Bach's Christmas Oratorio and Christmas Carols at the British Empire Leave Club for the play "Eager Heart" under the direction of Miss E. West. For the choir the following are required at once:—four sopranos, three altos, three tenors and four good basses. The following instruments are needed for the orchestra:—two violins, one viola, one cello, one flute, two oboes, two cors, two cors Anglais and one good ball.

"The best of its Kind . . ."

Every day, an ever increasing number of applications to visit Cologne arrives at the Amusements Office from professional concert parties in England and France. And, strange to say, each one claims: "Mine, of course, is the best party that has ever been on tour," or words to that effect. Many of us have seen the performances of some of these self-professed "top-notchers" and have become rather sceptical of their claims in consequence. Then came Mr. Alfred Hurley with his "Jesters" and later with the "Eccentrics" who has followed by a variety show introduced by Mr. Philip Williams and Mr. Leslie Ross. All who saw these parties will agree that they are really first class and much above the majority witnessed for a long time. The box-office was sufficient proof of this and was evidence that the gentlemen mentioned knew what was wanted. Their success has gone broadcast with the result that other purveyors of entertainment, good, bad and indifferent, are anxious to come along to entertain us. This anxiety to look after our interests coincides with the closing down of many camps in England! It is to be hoped that great care will be exercised in engaging parties and that the standard we have become accustomed to will be maintained.

JACQUES.

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

By W. Le C.

Tottenham made history when they lifted the English Cup, and they are again making history. Without a doubt they are London's best side.

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It is not often one finds two brother internationals operating in the same position. Yet William and Elisha Scott have this distinction and both assist Liverpool.

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Cradley St. Lukes Club which gave Boyman to Aston Villa now have at centre Andrews the British Army player. Already several clubs have unsuccessfully sought his transfer.

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Jacky Rutherford, "Wor Jacky" as Tynesiders will ever call him, states that the finest inside forward he ever partnered was James Howie. It's a while ago now since this famous Newcastle United wing operated.

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When Manager Maley of Glasgow Celtic says, "He's a good one," you can bet your boots he is. Bissing, Manchester United's new player, received this commendation from the Celtic official.

PLAYERS' WAGES.

A meeting of the Lancashire Section of the Players' and Trainers' Union was held at the Grosvenor Hotel, Manchester, Mr W. E. Peake presiding. Messrs Charles Roberts and James Lawrence addressed the meeting. It was felt that it would be to the general welfare of players if the wage system could revert to the old fifty-two weekly payments instead of the thirty-nine as at present. It was also thought, considering the enormous increase in the cost of living, that the players were entitled to a further increase in wages.

CONTRAST IN STYLES.

Visitors to Birmingham witnessed a contrast in style of finishing between W. Payne and Mr. F. B. Rees. The former adopted the old style of sitting up in the saddle, and the latter the American crouch. This was in the Tamworth Handicap Steeplechase, in which Turkey Buzzard and Neurotic fought out a great finish. Payne had some difficulty to keep Mr. Adam Scott's cast-off from jumping too big, while Neurotic brushed more than one obstacle.

RACING IN FRANCE.

Mild weather was experienced and a big crowd gathered at Auteuil. W. Head rode the winner of the big race. Tam Tam II., while R. Head piloted the winners in a couple of hurdle race, M. Eknayan's Flandre fell in the Prix Le Hon and broke her leg, having to be destroyed.

LEADING SHOW DATES.

Below is a list of the leading horse and agricultural show dates:—

November.

29, Dec. 1, 2, 3, 4.—Birmingham Fat Stock Show.

December

3. Heavy and Light Horse Show and Sale at Derby Repository.
3, 4.—Scottish National Fat Stock Show in Waverley Market Edinburgh.

TEN RESULTS ONLY.

Have a Try For This Week's Football Contest Prize.

If you have not already sent in your coupon for our popular weekly football competition, for which, be it said, only ten matches are to be forecasted, do not delay.

To-day is the closing date for Contest No. 10 which concerns the matches to be played to-morrow, Saturday. Make your predictions now and by next Thursday morning you may have the pleasure of receiving from a "Cologne Post" representative, a substantial cheque

In the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No 10,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 10.

Date of matches, Saturday, Nov. 29th.
Closing date, Friday, Nov. 28th.

Newcastle U.	v. Sunderland
Blackburn R.	v. Bradford City
Bradford	v. Burnley
Chelsea	v. Middlesbrough
Notts County	v. Arsenal
Clapton Orient	v. Bury
Grimsby	v. Stoke
Portsmouth	v. Queens Park R.
Brighton	v. Millwall
Falkirk	v. Third Lanark

I enter Football Competition No. 10 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions announced above, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Rank and No. .....
Unit .....
Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Opening the Day School.

All who have accepted invitations for the opening of the Day School to-day by Lady Robertson are requested to be seated in the Loreley Hall, Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. before the commencement of the proceedings at 2.30 p.m.

One Tree Less.

There is one tree missing from the avenue which flanks the main road from Mulheim to Leverkusen. Owing to the greasy state of the roads an Army motorcar skidded, turned a somersault, and knocked down a tree in the process.

A Pig Investment.

I hear of one unit in the Rhine Army who have purchased a fine litter of pigs for an unusually small sum. At present these pigs are fortunate, but on December 25th this good fortune will pass to the men who dine off them.

Not Serious.

How little sense of humour some people possess! In the "Letter Box" the other day, somebody wrote as a sequel to the correspondence on excessive cigarette smoking, a facetious suggestion to form an anti-chewing gum league. And it has been taken seriously by many.

The Indians Depart.

I understand that our Indian transport drivers have left Rhineland en route for Havre where they are being concentrated prior to being sent back to their own sunny land. A few hospital patients still remain.

Diligent.

One of the most regular occupants of the "Cologne Post" Reading Room in the Hohe Strasse Arcade is a middle aged German who reads all the London dailies. He appears to spend hours deciphering every word, spelling under his breath until he can grasp the meaning.

"School for Scandal."

I hear that the B.R.A.D.C. have experienced no repetition of the "School for Scandal" first night happenings and on every hand I now hear glowing accounts of the performance.

Hard to Part.

"I have worked hard for my demob," an officer told me yesterday, "and now that I have the papers in my pocket I don't want to go one bit".

Beware.

On two evenings last week I did an identical journey in a taxi. The first cost me ten marks which I considered reasonable, but the second driver demanded twenty-five. However, a few words of forcible English brought about a substantial reduction.

Misconstrued.

A friend of mine who is afflicted with an impediment in his speech appeared on parade with two days growth of beard. "Why have you not shaved this morning Private Brown?" asked the Orderly Officer. "G-g-got to h-h-hel-." "What?" bawled the officer. "G-g-got to h-h-help in the cookhouse, Sir" was the affrighted reply.

Absorbed.

At the Summary Court the other day, I noticed a German legal gentleman engrossed in "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes."

Stopping Cruelty.

I find I was correct in my surmise that there was no R.S.P.C.A. or kindred institution in Germany. Our military police, however, have their eye on brutes who ill-treat dumb animals, and I was glad to see that an offender got seven days, at the Summary Court for ignoring an M.P.'s order to desist beating an exhausted horse.

To-day.

To-day the last coupon for our tenth football contest appears. Only ten results are required and no scores. Fill in your efforts now and post them off to this office.

Posh.

A certain N.C.O. on G.H.Q. was seen the other morning with an exceedingly dazzling pair of boots on. Asked how he accounted for such brightness and good polish he informed me that he had, by mistake, cleaned them that morning with cycle enamel.

Easily Said.

If you wish to telephone in case of need, for the civilian fire brigade in any town in Rhineland you just ring up and ask for the "Berufsfeuerwehrleuten." Make a note of it.

Street Cleaning.

I notice that the watercart and brush men start their work soon after eleven o' clock at night. Last night they were busily engaged in cleaning up the Hohe strasse at 11.15.

RHINELANDER.

A TRAGEDY AT THE ARMY ART SCHOOL.

HOW TO DO BUSINESS IN RHINELAND.

Registered companies and incorporate bodies desirous of opening up branches in Germany must obtain permission from the local Polizei-Präsidium.

Private concerns, agents, representatives etc. working either on commission or on their own account must, on their arrival, fill in a declaration form to be obtained at the Steuerabteilung, Portalsgasse 1, who will issue gratis a trading certificate.

In addition to the above certificates, companies, travellers or any persons carrying on wholesale trade in foodstuffs, fodder, articles of luxury, wines, seeds, tobacco and pharmaceutical products must obtain a special trade licence from the Handelserlaubnisstelle. Full particulars as to the exact way to obtain the licence are given in the attached memorandum.

The following are the principal taxes for which Allied Subjects are liable:—

a Gewerbesteuer, based on actual profits of business.
b Einkommensteuer, income tax due to the state.
c Gemeindeeinkommensteuer, an additional tax on income appropriated by the municipality.
d Umsatzsteuer tax calculated on actual yearly turnover. This tax is at present 5 M per 1,000 M but is liable to be increased in 1920.

On certain articles of luxury, gold and silver the Umsatzsteuer is 10 M per 1,000 M when goods are sold retail.

Persons making a temporary stay in Germany are not subjected to taxation.

APPLICATIONS FOR OBTAINING TRADE LICENCES.

1. TRADE LICENCES ARE NECESSARY FOR WHOLESALERS NOT RETAILERS OF THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES:—

Foodstuffs of all kinds.
Fodder.
Articles of luxury.
Wine.
Seeds.
Tobacco, such as cigars, cigarettes, tobacco for smoking and chewing and snuff.
Pharmaceutical products.
(It is not necessary to have a trade licence for trading in raw tobacco or for the manufacture or sale of tobacco goods, but the permission of the "Detag" in Mannheim must be obtained).

2. WHAT IS MEANT BY WHOLESALE.

The selling of goods to Retailers. The amount of the turnover is of no importance. As retailers are considered:—Communities, Companies, Industrial Works, Associations, Landlords, Hotels, Canteens.

3. WHAT IS MEANT BY RETAIL.

The selling of goods in large quantities for personal requirements but not exceeding the wants of private people. For retailers a trade licence is not required.

Landlords, canteens, hotels, as regards tobacco goods are considered as retailers so that no licence in necessary for the sale of these goods.

4. WHO MUST BE IN POSSESSION OF A LICENCE?

Everyone who is occupied in wholesale trading, no matter of what nature, in articles mentioned in para. 1 above, to wit:

Persons who do business on their own account.

Persons who, no matter in what manner, are employed by other firms, (including foreign firms) as representatives, middlemen, agents (whether on own account or commission) and brokers.

Managers of wholesale branches of independent firms must have a personal trading licence, even if the headquarters of the business is already in possession of a licence.

5. CONDITIONS RESPECTING THE ISSUE OF THE TRADE LICENCE.

In the case of foodstuffs, fodder, wine beer spirits and seeds the granting of a trade licence is conditional on the applicant having done a regular wholesale business in the above articles either on his own account or commission before August 1st 1914.

Trade licences are however issued in exceptional cases, if the applicant can prove that he has had sufficient commercial education and experience.

In the case of tobacco goods the conditions are the same, with the exception that the applicant must have been employed in the business prior to April 1st 1916.

In the case of pharmaceutical products, a statement must be produced showing that the applicant has been engaged in this kind of business before the war.

6. HOW TO APPLY FOR A TRADE LICENCE.

By filling in the forms which can be obtained at the Handelserlaubnisstelle at the Rathaus, from the Head Messenger at the entrance of the Rathaus, at the Kölner Handelskammer, Cologne, Rheingasse 8, and at the British Chamber of Commerce, Cologne, Hohestrasse, 100.

The form must be filled in and documentary evidence enclosed in support of the application.

Agents or commissioners must give the name of the firms with whom they have previously dealt, and the name of the firm they now represent.

APPLICATIONS ARE DEALT WITH AT THE HANDELS-ERLAUBNISSTELLE. AS FOLLOWS:—

Applications are brought before a meeting of the Committee of the Handelserlaubnisstelle, which sits weekly. In order to enable applicant to have an opportunity of giving a personal explanation he will receive a written invitation to attend the meeting. The decision will be published directly after the meeting. Should the application be granted or deferred, the applicant will receive a written summons in order to receive the licence certificate or to give an explanation of some still obscure points.

Should the application be refused, the applicant will be informed of the decision.

To deal with the applications it will take about four weeks, as some time elapses in getting the necessary papers. In cases where sufficient proofs are enclosed, one can reckon on a fortnight.

The question of Allied firms doing wholesale trade with Germany through the medium of travellers and correspondence will be dealt with in a future article.

AROUND AND ABOUT.

RE-ASSURED.

A fortune-teller was sending cold streams of horror down her victim's back as she predicted the bad things in store for him in the immediate future. "You will die in a year!" she said at last. "This line in your palm tells me so." "Help!" gasped the victim. "It surely cannot be as bad as that?" "As I said," continued the seer, "you will die in a year—but what year I cannot say."

AN IMPRESSIONISTIC STUDY.

The artist dipped his brush in a bucket of paint and wiped it across the canvas several times horizontally. When he had done this he took the result of his labour in his hand, and carefully placed it in an elaborate frame. "What's the idea?" his boon companion inquired. "Impressionistic study." "Do you mean to tell me that is a finished painting?" "Certainly." "What are you going to call it?" "A village street as seen from the carrier of a motor cycle."

MORE DAYLIGHT.

He was a happy-go-lucky Irish soldier whose free-and-easy attitude towards his superiors made onlookers hold their breath. In the spring of the year, a great one, the new divisional general, came to inspect our hero's command. As he entered the camp, the distinguished visitor was nearly bowled over by an orderly riding a bad mule very badly. The general remarked coldly to his guide that there was a lot of daylight to be seen between the rider and the saddle. "You'll be seeing more soon," was the unconcerned reply of the junior. Generals are not used to being talked to like that, but this one condescended to ask, "Why?" "Well, you see, General, the days are getting longer."

GROWING OLD.

It sounds paradoxical, but the way to stop growing old is to grow. Most of us stop growing wilfully, deliberately and unnecessarily. Then we begin to grow old. We let the mind follow the body, let our thought processes get fat, flabby, and grey haired. The mind was not meant to do anything of the kind. The mind can hop and jump just as well at 60 as at 16. The mind can dance, even though the legs get rheumaticky. Not enough of us realise this. We think we must stop reading when we have left school, and that there is no need of continuing to learn once we have acquired a trade or profession. Youth is a state of development. So long as we have something ahead to develop for, we will remain young. Bodily growth furnishes us inspiration for the first 20 years or so. After that we must produce it from our own intellects. If we fail to produce it, we come to a standstill and begin to grow old.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Not Over Yet.—Legally the war still continues.

Cheap Enough.—The war only cost Japan, 3s. 2½d. per head of her population.

No Home Yet.—140,000 Austrian prisoners are still in Serbia.

Surplus.—Army greatcoats are being sold off at 18s. each.

A Midget.—A girl of fifteen, just died at Tooting, was only 2 ft. 3 ins. in height.

Not by Wire.—The public are urged not to telegraph Christmas greetings.

A New See.—A Bishopric for Bradford is to be founded.

Up-to-Date Army.—Brazil is spending £7,000,000 in re-equipping her Army.

Trackless.—Rail-less electric cars have been started at Middlesborough.

Anti-Sinn Fein.—The Royal Irish Constabulary has a special bombing corps.

Hello!—All the 'planes used in civil aviation are being fitted with wireless.

No Secret.—Queen Maud of Norway is fifty years of age.

For Quakers.—A new Quaker settlement—Jordan Village—is being built in Bucks.

Dilatory.—It is said that a number of armament companies have not yet paid excess profits tax on wartime earnings.

Another Old House.—Syleham Hall in Suffolk, an historic mansion, has been almost totally destroyed by fire.

Army Trials.—During the war there were 252,773 courts martial—a daily average of 160.

Adventure.—Two girl stowaways were discovered on an American naval vessel leaving Liverpool.

The New Hubby.—A man at Willesden said he did the washing, minded the baby, and went for the milk.

Why Not Wood?—A Norwich firm says it could erect 5,000 wooden houses in a year.

Big Blaze.—Fire has done damage to a Brussels warehouse to the extent of £80,000.

Keep Away!—Colonel Reinhardt, Prussian ex-War Minister has been given unlimited furlough.

New Show.—The new revue to be put on at the Palace Theatre, London is to be called "The Whirligig."

Railway Building.—A new railway opening up a wide area his being projected for Derbyshire.

Not Ended Yet.—The strike of the printers of Paris newspapers still continues.

Purer Milk.—Lady Rhonnda says America is far ahead of Britain in the handling of the pure milk question.

Cable Delays.—At present there are five days delay in the transmission of cables to China.

Labour Troubles.—About 20,000 workers are on strike in the North Western area of England.

To Get More Coal.—Extensive developments are proceeding in the South Wales coal industry.

Central Heating.—The 2,000 houses on the Manchester Corppration Estate are to be centrally heated.

Growing Crops.—Vast areas in India are being rendered productive by Government irrigation.

Step Forward.—The North Eastern Railway proposes to electrify between 200 and 300 miles of line.

Golden Cotton.—More huge deals in Lancashire cotton mills are reported. Fortunes are being made daily.

Plenty to Study.—The number of medical and dental students at hospitals beats all past records.

Wanted to Teach.—There are a thousand vacancies for teachers in the London schools.

Fireless Schools.—Owing to lack of heat in the Monmouthshire schools 7,000 children are kept at home.

Movies Everywhere.—In the near future portable cinemas may be working in restaurants and clubs.

Making Daylight.—An apparatus said to produce artifical daylight is being exhibited in London.

Lavishness.—£5,000,000 have been spent on Government shipyards which have been abandoned.

Doing Well.—The Food Ministry will have made a profit of over a million up to March next year.

Planting Fruit.—Fruit-tree planting on a large scale is going on in England. Stocks of trees and bushes are very short.

Costly Shunting.—According to Mr. A. W. Gattie the transport reformer, railway shunting wastes a hundred millions a year in Great Britain.

Compulsory School.—The Petrograd Soviet has ordered all illiterates between 17 and 50 to attend the Government schools to learn to read and write.

Ex-Service Men Step In.—More than half the 50,000 temporary women workers in British post offices have now left.

French View.—M. Jacques Bainville, a French Authority on Foreign affairs says: "The League of Nations has gone up in smoke."

Busy Letter Writer.—In a Southwark breach of promise case brought by a man it transpired that he had sent the girl 10,000 love letters.

Royal Scots Back.—The cadre of the Eleventh Royal Scots, just arrived home from the Rhine have been entertained by the Corporation of Edinburgh.

The Oil Age.—The Cunard liner "Aquitania" is to burn oil fuel in future. The engine room staff will be reduced from 350 to 50.

Dangerous Veteran.—Mahmoud Pasha Suliman, one of the two Egyptian extremist leaders detained by Lord Allenby's orders, is 98 years old.

Crash.—Through an overhead gangway between two liners collapsing at Liverpool, three men lost their lives, and five were seriously injured.

Given Offence.—The panel painted by Sargent for an American Library called "The Synagogue," has caused a sensation and may not be exhibited through Jewish opposition.

Becomes a Coalowner.—A coalminer who pegged a claim on common land in the Forest of Dean eighteen years ago has been given his rights by the Government and starts as a coalowner.

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REPORT OF TANK COMMISSION.

WINSTON CHURCHILL GETS THE KUDOS AND OTHERS THE CASH.

PADRE COURT MARTIAL VERDICT.

TANK AWARDS.

CHIEF CREDIT DUE TO WINSTON CHURCHILL.

The report of the Royal Commission on awards to inventors for work in connection with the Tanks has just been issued. It declares that it was due to Mr. Churchill that the Tank was converted into a practicable instrument of warfare, but, properly considered, he was not entitled to make any claim. The Commission awards Major-General Swinton one thousand pounds for important contributions outside his general duties but recognises the still greater value of that part of his work for which a pecuniary reward was not appropriate.

Commodore Sueter's services were also of great value but came within the duties definitely assigned to him. The same applied to the valuable services of Lieutenant-Colonel Boothby and Major Hetherington. The Commission awards Mr. Macfie and Lieutenant Nesfield £500 each, and Sir Tennyson D'Eyncourt £100. Colonel Crompton and Mr. Legros supplied useful data and sound advice but did not invent any special feature.

The Commission attributes to Sir William Tritton and Major Wilson the credit of designing and producing the tank in its concrete official shape and accordingly awards them £15,000.

The report pays a high tribute to Mr. De Mole, the Australian Corporal and, the Commission exceedingly regrets being unable to make an award, as it was necessary for him to have shown causal connection between the making of his invention and the use of such by the Government.

SEELY WANTS TO KNOW.

FORMER AIR MINISTER AS CRITIC.

In the House of Commons Brigadier-General Seely, who is now in the position of a free critic, asked whether the air policy of the Government was the same as in November 1917, when Mr. Bonar Law stated that the Air force must be independent of the Admiralty or Army Council; if so, why the Secretary of State for War was now President of the Army Council and the Air Council and whether the Air Council was now independent of or dependent on the Army Council.

Mr. Lloyd George replied that as had already been stated there had been no change whatever in the Air policy of the Government, which remained the same as when General Seely accepted the position from which, to Mr. Lloyd George's regret, he had retired. (Laughter and cheers). The Army Council, added the Premier, had no control over the Air Force, which was perfectly independent of it.

OUR LATEST GUN.

AN UNSURPASSED WEAPON.

A great feat of gunnery was announced by Sir Robert Hadfield yesterday.

He said that the largest calibre of armour-piercing shell had been driven unbroken through the thickest of modern armour-plates.

That would render the British big gun, weighing something like 180 tons, unsurpassed in the naval engagements of the future.

PROBABLE WASTE OF MEAT.

Owing to the glut of meat in cold storage and the insufficient accomodation for foreign supplies it is feared that the surplus stocks in England may become unfit for food if control is not removed.

Food Ministry officials declare, however, that supplies must be controlled in view of coming Continental competition and the prospective world shortage of meat.

LORDS PASS ALIENS' BILL.

The House of Lords has passed the second reading of the Aliens' Restriction Bill. Lords Newton, Buckmaster and Parmoor criticised the measure as tending to keep alive the spirit of hate. In reply the Lord Chancellor quoted the present position in Germany as proof that dangers arising during the war were not yet over.

HALF-CROWN NOTES.

The first specimen half-crown notes have been printed by Messrs. Delarue and Co. Arrangements have been made for a large issue at short notice if required.

BULGARIAN TREATY SIGNED.

The Bulgarian Peace Treaty was signed at Paris yesterday by M. Stamboulinski who is the Bulgarian Premier.

PADRE ON TRIAL.

COURT MARTIAL EVIDENCE AND VERDICT.

The court-martial on Captain Thomas Joseph O'Donnell, Chaplain in the Australian Imperial Force, was resumed at the Middlesex Guildhall yesterday. Brigadier-General J. P. McGlinn (Australian Imperial Force) presided over the Court, which consisted of nine members. The charge against the accused, which was framed under Section 35 of the Army Act, was that at Killarney, on the 10th October last, when in uniform, in a public dining room he used seditious and disloyal language.

Second-Lieut. Stuart Chambers gave evidence that he heard O'Donnell use the words complained of. He asked him to speak in a quieter tone, but O'Donnell replied "What damned business is it of yours, my conversation?" Chambers again asked him to moderate his voice.

Mr. Tim Healy, cross-examining, commented on the mildness of such remonstrance if the circumstances were as alleged. Witness replied that he thought this the most politic way to stop O'Donnell. He pointed out that in Ireland one could not very well go up to a person and ask him to stop talking. He did not think O'Donnell was the worse for liquor.

A commercial traveller named Waddell corroborated.

Captain Clarke, R.N.R., of the Board of Trade, said he was talking to his wife and trying not to hear O'Donnell, but he heard him say that England professed to have gone to war for little nations and had filled her gaols with Irish patriots. His impression was that the man was speaking in his cups.

Mrs. Clarke who also said she only heard words here and there, said she heard him mention the King, Mr. Lloyd George and Saint Patrick.

Mr. Healy, in opening the defence, said that Mr. Marsh, to whom O'Donnell was speaking, was a Northerner and a Unionist and was also deaf. It was absurd to suppose that an Army Chaplain would entertain a Unionist with such balderdash.

Miss Bennett, manageress of the hotel said that next morning Lieut. Chambers asked "Where is O'Donnell" and when told that he had gone he said it was a good job as he was going to arrest him for sedition. She told Lieut. Chambers he was 'no class' and she would never again give him a room. A waiter said that all he heard O'Donnell say was that the King had gone from Balmoral to London to settle the railway strike.

Mr. Marsh, with whom O'Donnell conducted the conversation which formed the subject of the present charge said that on the 10th October when he went into the International Hotel, Killarney, he said "good evening" to Father O'Donnell, who was sitting at the next table. Being deaf he went over to O'Donnell's table O'Donnell, who had come from seeing Lord Clanricarde's estate, said that Clanricarde and his class were of no use to the country. Referring to the railway strike O Donnell said "Lloyd George, seems to have got a lot of credit for settling the strike but I know who settled it—King George, not Lloyd George." O'Donnell later said it would have been a bad day for Australia if Germany had won the war, and they would have won it but for Australia. That was the point where they were interrupted by Lieut. Chambers and O'Donnell said "mind your own damned business." Witness denied that O'Donnell said the words alleged about "Jew satellites of King George who are filling their own pockets." The King was only brought into the conversation when O'Donnell gave him credit for settling the strike. The Royal Family was never mentioned.

Giving evidence on his own behalf Captain O'Donnell said he was born in Australia. His father was an Irishman and he took part in patriotic movements in Australia, supported conscription, and always sang the National Anthem, even in church. He denied that he used the expressions alleged against him.

Cross-examined he said: "I believe Ireland, if treated with justice, should remain part of the great British Empire."

On the occasion of a visit of the Prince of Wales to Belgium, he drank the health of His Royal Highness and got his autograph on a menu card. With reference to the conversation complained of, he was speaking loudly owing to the deafness of the person he was addressing, when Lieut. Chambers came up and asked him not to speak so loud. He told him to go away and mind his own business. He admitted he was a Nationalist and he considered that Ireland had been ill treated, but he did not believe in her complete independence.

Evidence of O'Donnell's loyalty was given by the Agent-general for South Australia, Lady Mcvall, and a blind Australian officer, who said he believed O'Donnell had got more recruits than any other clergyman.

The Court Martial resulted in Captain O'Donnell's acquittal.

BRITISH CHILDREN.

LADY ROBERTSON OPENS DAY SCHOOL IN COLOGNE.

A remarkably interesting ceremony took place at the Y.M.C.A. Central yesterday afternoon, when Lady Robertson, accompanied by Miss Robertson, formally opened the Cologne School for British Children.

After prayers had been offered for the welfare of the school and its scholars, Dr. Francis briefly outlined the origin and short history of the institution. He said that among the many good works of the "Cologne Post" had been the publication of a letter in its correspondence column asking if it were possible to provide some instruction for the young people who were living out here with their parents. The Y.M.C.A. had seized upon the opportunity at once with the result that to-day a flourishing school existed in which twenty-two girls and twenty boys were receiving excellent instruction, rendered possible by the hearty co-operation of the Army, especially the Education staff, and the Y.M.C.A. He then called upon Lady Robertson formally to open and to inspect the school.

A move being made to the classroom, the children were found busily employed at sewing, drawing, and Plastic work, obviously enjoying it and evidently receiving excellent instruction.

On returning to the Lorely Hall, Lady Robertson in a happy little speech, declared the school formally open. She said that coming from a soldier family she realised how very much such a school was needed and all thanks were due to that bright little lady, "The Cologne Post," for publishing the suggestion; to the lady—she was sure it was a lady—who made the suggestion; to the organizer and to the instructors who were so greatly benefitting the children under their charge: and also to the Army authorities for mitigating that greatest drawback to a soldier's life, the separation of fathers and their families.

It was not possible to send our children to a German school, and it was a great pleasure to see these splendid children in our midst and to know that they were having such an excellent training.

Then the children under a P and R.T. sergeant instructor performed a series of P. T. evolutions which would have turned many a '16 P.T. instructor green with envy, the precision of the music-accompanied movements being wonderful.

This was followed by one of Dr. Adcock's entertaining demonstrations of how singing, especially part-singing, may be taught to children and grown-ups in a very short time although they may have had little or no previous experience.

The entertainment closed with an exhibition given by the dancing class. Here again the rhythm and gracefulness of the children's movements were surprisingly good.

The school is held at the Central Y.M.C.A. and there is no distinction of sex or class. Boys and girls work together and knight's son and squires's son receive the same instruction. This is exceptionally good, inasmuch as the instructors are chosen from a select class of graduates and specialists, of whom eleven are at present engaged on the work.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

MORE FORMIDABLE THAN EVER.

The Executives of the three bodies forming the Industrial Triple Alliance met at Unity House yesterday morning. According to an official statement issued after the meeting, the Chairman, Mr. Robert Smillie, referred to attempts in the Press to cause divisions in the ranks of the Alliance. He said the failure of these attempts was shown in the added unity which would be displayed as the result of that meeting. The Triple Alliance would become more formidable than ever.

A resolution was passed that in event of the failure of any of the three bodies composing the Alliance to secure their demands a sub-committee would be instructed to summon a full meeting of the three Executives to consider the whole question.

FRENCH GENERAL DEGRADED

A Court-martial at Namur has condemned Colonel Gamseau, who was in charge of Fort Malone in 1914, to five years imprisonment with military degradation. He was condemned for not taking the requisite measures to maintain moral among his subordinates on August 23rd and 24th 1914, for not making full use of his ammunition and for having surrendered the fort instead of blowing it up.

U.S. MINERS REFUSE OFFERED TERMS.

It has transpired from Washington that the Cabinet's basis of settlement of the coal strike was a wage advance of 14 per cent. to all mine workers, and Government control of prices without an immediate increase. The acting President of the Miners' Federation declares the miners are unable to accept the offer.

LARKIN'S BIG BAIL.

Jim Larkin, the Irish Labour Leader, who was arrested in New York recently, was yesterday charged with criminal anarchy. He is allowed bail in 15,000 dollars.

A CLEAN SWEEP.

ALL GOVERNMENT 'DUDS' TO GO AT ONCE.

The Finance Committee of the Cabinet, of which the Prime Minister is Chairman, is not satisfied with the rate of progress and character of the reductions made in the staffs of various Government departments. The dissatisfaction of the Committee has not only been conveyed to the Ministers in charge but urgent instructions have been issued to dispense with the services of all officials who are not absolutely essential to effective administration.

GERMANS IN AUSTRALIA.

PROPAGANDA IN THE CHURCHES.

Considerable attention is being directed to the truculence and open disloyalty of Germans in various parts of Australia. A special commission is inquiring into the facts in South Australia, where there are large German settlements. A schoolmaster in the Albury district of New South Wales was threatened, because of an anti-German speech, and because the Union Jack was flown, that the German children would be withdrawn. In parts of the Tanunda district of South Australia German is spoken more than English, and the Lutheran churches are still centres of German propaganda. A constable told a remarkable story to the commission, of threats and attempts at murder because he interrupted a goose step parade in the town of Loxton, and secured the internment of the local Germans. Soldiers are demanding the compulsory purchase of the prosperous German farming lands, and that these should be made available to men who have served in the war.

ITALIAN CRISIS.

ATTITUDE OF THE ARMY AND NAVY.

The Rome correspondent of the "Times" says, "The Italian Government are strongly criticised in many quarters for not having dismissed Admiral Millo immediately. This appears to have given rise to an impression abroad that the Government are really in accord with D'Annunzio. I believe this impression is entirely erroneous. The Government would run very grave risks if they were to take steps, which the situation, according to superficial reading, might seem to demand. Part of the Army and a greater part of the Navy could not be trusted to march against D'Annunzio. If the Government were to proceed hurriedly to energetic measures their chief weapons might break in their hands."

MEN FRA' SHEFFIELD.

FORCIBLE ENTRY INTO COUNCIL MEETING.

Following a mass meeting of unemployed at Sheffield on Thursday, delegates of the men entered the City Council meeting at the Town Hall and protested against any further debate until their case had been heard. "This debate ought not to go on while men and women are starving," shouted one. The Council declined to suspend the Standing Orders, whereupon the delegation left the chamber.

A large number of unemployed then attempted to enter but the police were called in and the doors were locked against them. Representatives were admitted later and after a discussion the Lord Mayor sent a telegram to the Prime Minister and Minister of Labour calling attention to the demonstration.

CROYDON BY-ELECTION.

NARROW WIN FOR COALITION CANDIDATE.

The South Croydon by-election result was declared yesterday, no change being recorded. The figures were:—

Sir Allan Smith, Coalition Unionist 11,777.

Alderman Houlder, Independent Liberal 9,573.

Majority 2,204.

Sir Ian Malcolm's, (Coalition Unionist) majority at the last election was 10,810.

PUSSYFOOT'S EYE REMOVED.

Mr. "Pussyfoot" Johnson's right eye was removed yesterday at a nursing home. The eye became rapidly worse this week and an operation was necessary to prevent his becoming completely blind.

TRAMS IN HYDE PARK.

The Westminster City Council, following the lead of the Paddington Borough Council, yesterday adopted amid applause a resolution strongly opposing the London County Council's proposal to run trams from the Marble Arch to Victoria and Shepherd's Bush across Hyde Park.

A violent earthquake lasting seventeen seconds occurred at Smyrna on the 19th. It caused several casualties and considerable damage.

A meeting of the Liberal Federation has adopted a resolution advocating the taxation of war profits and an enquiry into the question of a general Capital Levy.

'VARSITY DEGREES.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S NEW HONOUR.

The Senate House at Cambridge was crowded on Thursday when Mr. A. J. Balfour was installed as Chancellor. After he had given his inaugural address he conferred honorary degrees of laws on Admiral Jackson, Admiral Madden, Rear-Admiral Keyes, General Robertson, Lord Byng, Sir Hugh Trenchard, and Sir Maitland Salmon.

In his address Mr. Balfour said that to-day the relationship of the universities with the fighting forces is much closer than formerly owing to the fact that the science and learning of the one has been found indispensable to the successful operations of the other. The universities, and not least the university to which they belonged, had come forward when the war started and aided the Empire in the great struggle through which it had just passed.

Prince Albert and Prince Henry were present, and the undergraduates' galleries were packed as was the floor of the House.

General Robertson received a great ovation, and then more cheers for Lady Robertson were called for. Lord Byng was greeted with "Three for the Byng Boys." Great scenes of excitement prevailed outside the Senate House when the distinguished visitors drove away.

POTATOES.

REGULATIONS FOR IMPORT.

The application in Occupied Territory of the German Law of February 15th, 1916, modified September 29th, 1919, concerning the import of potatoes has been approved.

This Law provides that all imports of potatoes must be notified immediately to the Reichskartoffelstelle in Berlin. Contravention of this Law is punishable by fine and confiscation of the imported potatoes.

Further information on the subject may be obtained from the representative of the Reichskartoffelstelle, Gereonshaus 35, Cologne.

The Law affects Allied Nationals as well as Germans.

SINN FEIN.

ORDER OF SUPPRESSION ALL OVER IRELAND.

A new proclamation, applying to all Ireland, has been published in a supplement to the "Dublin Gazette."

The declaration of a previous proclamation is repeated to the effect that the following are "dangerous bodies":

Sinn Fein Organisation.
Sinn Fein Clubs.
Irish Volunteers.
Cumann na Mban.
Gaelic League.

The new proclamation "prohibits and suppresses these organisations throughout the whole country."

CARLTON'S MIXED GRILL.

Of the 433 servants employed at the Carlton Hotel 223 are British, 77 Italian, 63 French, 36 Swiss, 18 Belgian, 6 Scandinavian, 3 Spanish, 3 Chinese, 2 Russian, and 2 Czecho-Slovak.

Mr. Harris, the chairman, gave these particulars yesterday at the annual meeting, when it was stated that last year's profits (£76,389) were the largest made at the hotel since it was opened 20 years ago. Profits at the Ritz had also established a record.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEADS.

The Northern Peace Union at Stockholm has started an inquiry into the comparative prospects of various languages being accepted as a world language, by taking the opinion of university professors of languages in different countries. Of nineteen answers hitherto received, twelve are in favour of the English language.

PAY RECORDS DESTROYED.

As a result of the destruction by fire of five huts used by the Army Pay Corps at Longhill Camp, Dover, the pay records of some thousands of men were lost.

Most of these related to the R.G.A. and in consequence the issue of pay and gratuities to many men will be greatly delayed.

ITALIAN 'PLANES DEMOBBED.

A correspondent writes to "The Times" from Pisa:—The Italian machines here all have their magnetos and joy sticks out, and I was told it is because the Government are afraid of their being flown over to Fiume.

HUMAN PROFIT AND LOSS.

For the 96 great towns of England and Wales the births registered last week numbered 9,188; the deaths numbered only 4,693. In London there were 2,223 births and 1,132 deaths of civilians. The deaths from influenza numbered 22.

The famous airman, Major McCudden, V.C., left £266.

ARMY PROMOTION.

INEFFICIENT OFFICERS TO MAKE WAY.

Brigadier-General Croft in the House of Commons on Thursday, asked whether, as there were 4,500 Regular officers superfluous to the establishment of the Army, it was the intention of the War Office to remove forthwith from the service all senior Regular officers who were medically unfit and likely to remain so, or who were sent home from the Expeditionary Force on adverse reports, with a view to accelerating the promotion of the very large number of captains and junior majors of the Regular Army who during the war successfully filled the places of those senior officers and to allow the granting of Regular commissions to selected temporary officers. Mr. Churchill said:—All Regular officers who are permanently medically unfit are placed on the half-pay list. The Army Council have already under consideration the war records of all senior officers, and those who have shown themselves to be unfitted for the duties of their rank are being called upon to resign their commissions or to retire.

Brigadier-General Croft.—Is it not a fact that in many cases officers are now being reported upon by their peace time commanders, and in view of the reduction of the Army and the urgent necessity for absolute efficiency, will the right hon. gentleman give an undertaking that the war records will be considered in every case?

Mr. Churchill.—Yes, Sir.

Major Lord Winterton (Horsham and Worthing, C.U.).—Does the reply refer to officers of any rank, including generals and lieutenant-generals, as well as junior officers?

Mr. Churchill.—Certainly. The numbers of lieutenant-generals and major-generals surplus to any establishment that we can contemplate in future is great.

Lord Winterton.—Will the right hon. gentleman be influenced in his action by the report of any Commission on Mesopotamia or the Dardanelles as to whether officers of the higher ranks are fit or not? Mr Churchill. Everything will be taken into consideration I do not know what my noble friend has in mind

COINCIDENCE!

ANOTHER EX-GERMAN LINER BURNT.

Following the recent destruction of the ex-German liner Prinz Hubertus in the Albert dock the London Fire Brigade were busily engaged yesterday in fighting a fire which broke out on the ex-German liner Swakopmund in the Victoria Dock.

The cargo mainly consisted of three thousand tons of copra. This burned furiously for hours and was practically destroyed, but the vessel was saved.

LOST MUNITION SHIP.

Mr. Churchill informed Brigadier-Gen. Page Croft, in the House of Commons yesterday that the s.s. Adventure left Newcastle-on-Tyne on December 24, 1918, laden with munitions and general stores, for Archangel and Murmansk. She had not since been heard of, and was believed to be a total loss.

This was the only case of the kind—of ships lost on the way to North Russia—of which he had information

SOUND ADVICE.

Mr. Cook, the Australian Navy Minister, speaking at Albury, near Melbourne, said that while she is wholeheartedly supporting the League of Nations, Great Britain should "keep the powder dry," as it was impossible to avoid noticing what preparations Japan and America are making in furtherance of their policies in the Pacific.

LUDENDORFF TALKS.

Ludendorff, who is staying at Potsdam, has been making speeches of a pro-Prussian and pro-militarist character to crowds who raised cheers for the ex-Kaiser.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Business was generally quiet owing to the multiplication of capital, but the under tone was steady. Foreign bonds were weak owing to Continental influences. Oils were steady, but later on Mexican Eagle developed activity, and strength attributed to Paris buying. Among diamonds De Beers touched 33½ on the excellent annual report, sales of the company's diamonds showing an expansion of 35 per cent., but later the shares eased to 32 on profit-taking. Egyptian land shares rose on purchases for Cairo accounts. In the money market discounts were easier, reflecting greater confidence in the monetary position. Silver fell to 74 pence on the news that the American Government is ready to release silver dollars for export in exchange for silver certificates and gold deposits, dollar for dollar. It is believed that about seventy million ounces of these dollars are available

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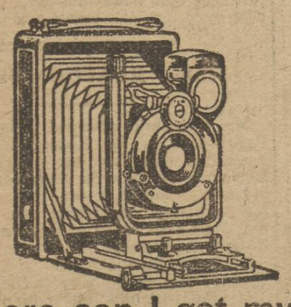

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A PRESSING PROBLEM.

We have previously called attention to the pressing problem of the ex-officers, many of whom have exchanged khaki for mufti only to find that they were unwanted in their new sphere.

A suggestion put forward by Sir Algernon Firth for the formation of local committees working in conjunction with the Chambers of Commerce for dealing with the increasing difficulty was not adopted by the government, but we are glad to learn that a strong committee of business men has now been appointed in London for grappling with the matter. This is a step in the right direction and with an extension of the principle to the provinces much can be done towards abolishing what can only be described as a lamentable business.

It is almost unthinkable that 19,000 ex-officers, the flower of British manhood, should fail to find a place in the great industrial machine at home and it is a shame and humiliation which, we feel sure, when fully realised by the masses, will not be allowed to continue.

Cases frequently come to light of men who proved their worth on the battlefield, winning honour and distinction, being refused on demobilization the chance of earning a livelihood. One case recently revealed is that of a man who, prior to the war was a bank clerk. On entering the army as a private he early displayed ability and eventually rose to the rank of major, being four times mentioned in despatches. On returning he was offered work by his original employers, who, however, imposed a condition which circumstances made it impossible for him to accept and the one-time hero was compelled to take work as a labourer. This is only one case of many, and in some the details are even more astounding.

We should have imagined that employers would have been ready and eager to discharge the debt they owe the younger men, who risked all to preserve their interests at home. Instead, they apparently recognise no such responsibility and their consciences are so blunted and deadened that they fail to hear or obey the insistent demands for justice.

All too many employers have made use of the war to profiteer and amass fortunes, have disregarded the sacrifices which made such an ignominious practice possible and now mock the men returning, who have earned in a harsh school the right to demand justice, if not generosity.

But, as has been previously pointed out, the officer in some cases is not without blame. The mere fact that he held commissioned rank and met with success as a soldier does not necessarily qualify him for an appointment of responsibility in a business he has yet to learn. He must recognise his shortcomings, be prepared to come halfway and not refuse an offer provided it is a fair one which, while not in keeping with his military position, perhaps, may lead to something better.

Real ability will always compensate for lack of experience if given a fair trial, and it is only when this fact is realised by employer and ex-officer alike that the solution of the unsavoury problem will be found.

THE SOLDIER'S FRIEND.

ATTRACTIVE NEW FEATURE.

(Are you in trouble? Have you a tired feeling, before, or after, parade? Do you get winter coughs? Is your adjutant apt to be terse in his remarks? Can you remember what are trumps? Has your gratuity been issued? Do you suffer from sea-sickness? Or does any other old thing worry you? If so, write to us for expert information on military matters.)

STAFF CAPTAIN: Until recently I was employed in office at Base and have now been admitted to hospital. Can I wear a wound stripe?

A.—Not if Medical Board attributes injury to sitting on pen.

PASSIONATE PERCY: I joined the Non-Combatants' Corps, and served three months. Am now demobilized. If medal is granted, what bars do I get?

A.—Wormwood Scrubbs, Pentonville, and clasp for Wandsworth.

FRAULEIN: To me has a soldier Britisher much attention paid. I by him to pictures cinema invited am. Do you think his intentions honourable are?

A.—You never know your luck, but chance it, any way.

WAR WORKER: As my professional engagements (booked twelve weeks solid, Puddleton Coliseum, twice nightly) did not permit me to actually join the Army, I put in spare time heartening up the boys by singing patriotic songs to wounded soldiers. Please inform me to whom I should look for payment. N.B. the turn is going immense. See Press notices enclosed.

A.—Write to the management.

YOUNG WILLIAM:—A fellow in my platoon dotted me one last night when I wasn't expecting it. What ought I to do about it?

A.—Evidently a case for direct action.

WEE WIFIE.—What should I say when a tram conductor asks me for my fare?

A. The correct reply is "fünfundzwanzig." Note, this is pronounced "fünfundzwanzig."

SCIENTIFIC: What do I get for not submitting a claim to have invented tanks?

A.—The O.B.E.

BRIGHTEYES: The blue and white brassard that I have to wear does not suit my colouring. Can you suggest a remedy?

A.—Change it for a white and blue one.

DE-MOBBED: Ref. Attached Minutes, as numbered and dated, from Q.M.G. (M.S. 7. B.) Memo from G.H.Q. and W.O. Letter 2579413/72851/2X. Passed to you for information, necessary action, and early report, please.

A.—Passed back to you, please.

TABS.

THE TRAVELLING FOURTHS.

It was partly curiosity and partly a wish not to incommodate my two friends, who insisted on travelling fourth, that made me too travel fourth with them, from Bingen to Cologne.

I have forgotten how long we were over our journey; I only know that while we waited interminably at Coblenz the Schnellzug, which had left Bingen long after us, came in and departed, while I resisted a strong temptation to board it. Only a strong sense of obligation to my companions restrained me.

It was all very uncomfortable and yet rather amusing. Long before we reached Cologne, the carriage was very like a goods truck, so full was it of miscellaneous packages, bags of potatoes and baskets of fruit. These, however, one welcomed rather than otherwise, for they went some way towards supplying the lack of seats, and they helped to keep the crowd out.

You are lucky to get a seat in a fourth class carriage in Germany, and if you do manage to get one you will be torn all the while between feelings of weariness and politeness. The crowd was very good humoured, and everybody talked to everybody else. Even had it been possible, I do not think they would have withdrawn behind newspapers in the English way.

We talked and we ate. It reminded me of a journey years ago from Burgos to Valladolid, when marketing peasants got into the train at wayside stations with hobbled lambs and kids, which they slung unconcernedly upon the racks, to the trepidation of those sitting beneath.

Yet it was very refreshing after the glittering discomfort of the Sud Express. Here in Germany I missed the grave, well-bred Castilian politeness, and the ceremonial offer of food. The Spaniard makes the offer; it is of course politely declined; should it be repeated you may accept.

We had a little variety given us at Boppard, where a party of boys got in and soon drew the attention of all the travellers by the lamentable howling of one of their number. I have seldom seem such a contorted face or such an abandonment of despair.

Sympathisers questioned him, and in short gasps he managed to get out that his week's wages had been stolen, and that he would not be cordially welcomed at home. There was nothing for it but to raise a subscription, and the youngster was consoled with a handful of paper.

Before he got out, a couple of stations further on, he had attempted an unscientific fight with one of his companions, upon whom his suspicions appeared to rest The battle was stopped by a serious-looking elderly gent eman, who plucked the combatants apart, pulled their ears sharply and delivered a homily, amid approving exclamations from the folk around.

We loitered on, dropping folk here and picking them up there, but the numbers, the crowding and the discomfort seemed continually to grow. The windows were closed, of course, and the atmosphere was very curious.

It would have puzzled many a dog to pick up the scent of his master in it. Everybody however, was resolutely good-humoured. I found myself explaining to a stout hausfrau, as best I could, domestic arrangements in England, and impressing her by saying that we had always had enough to eat during the war. She sighed and appeared to think that then, as now, we lived in a Paradise where money and butter abounded. I could not convince her that butter is rationed in England to-day and that we are taxed up to the eyes.

She was almost affectionate when she left the train at Bonn, and we straightened ourselves for the last stage of the journey to Cologne. A youth with a beribboned mandoline struck up an air and soon had all the company singing. They sang until the lights of Cologne appeared, and, stepping to the platform, one felt the blood beginning to stir again in cramped limbs.

LOOKER ON.

NAVAL LOSSES.

HOW ALL THEORIES WERE UPSET.

The White Paper showing British naval and mercantile losses in detail during the war is now available. The Navy lost 254 vessels in all, of a total of 651,907 tons displacement, and 815 auxiliary vessels were lost. The mercantile marine lost 2,479 ships of 7,759,090 tons gross. Fishing boats to the number of 675 were sunk. In the destruction of merchant shipping, 14,287 persons were slain, often in circumstances of atrocious barbarity, and 434 fishermen were killed.

Among the naval losses 42 ships were sunk in action, 62 were sunk by submarines, and 44 by mines. The loss of the rest was due to various causes, so that, broadly speaking, the submarine and the mine sank more than double the number of vessels sunk by gunfire. It is extraordinary that only one battleship, the Russian Slava, of any nation, was sunk by gunfire throughout the war. Only one British battleship was sunk in action, H.M.S. Goliath, torpedoed at night off Gallipoli. Several battle cruisers were, of course, sunk on both sides.

FLEET ACTION.

The popular theory held before the war was that the whole art of naval warfare consisted in each side bringing its entire battle fleet into action as soon as possible and let the best man win. Thence it followed that, other things being equal, the side owning the large number of ships must win. Further reflection showed that there was an uncomfortably speculative element in the calculation, because if the margin of superiority, as it was called, was too narrow, some dreadful accident might enable the enemy to win. Many earnest persons explained that, whereas, if the enemy were defeated that circumstance would make very little difference to him; if this country lost the battle it would lose all. Then the question arose: How many more battleships ought this country to possess in order to make victory absolutely certain?

WAR BY ARITHMETIC.

People began feverishly counting battleships on both sides: so many built, so many building, so many going to be built. Seldom did any two persons arrive at the same conclusion; for no sooner was a calculation completed than a superior authority would upset it by condemning some of the items as obsolete. He would say that a certain ship was only half the value of a ship on the other side. These interruptions were so distressing that people abandoned ships for the moment and began to count guns instead. Guns were the only wear. But the same difficulty occurred, because some guns had a longer range than others, and nobody knew at what range the battle would be fought. So, after a brief interval of calculating the total weight of projectiles on both sides, called "the weight of metal thrown" (irrespective of its hitting anything), the public decided to return to counting ships, or, as they preferred to call them, Dreadnoughts.

At this point Admiral Lord Fisher announced that he had solved all difficulties by inventing a ship so wonderful that all the fighting would be on one side. She mounted guns so tremendous that she could reach the enemy before he could hit her, and her speed was so rapid that she could run away ere the enemy could approach. The public were immensely cheered by the good news. Weary of adding up ships and never getting the sum right, they saw at once that they were now quite safe.

AND WHAT HAPPENED.

When the war came, it was immediately evident that the enemy had never studied the science of naval warfare, for he actually declined to put all his ships in a row and fight. It was most perplexing. And perplexing it remained. For by degrees, and without the great battle, the enemy went on sinking merchant ships. Then there really was a battle. And still the enemy went on sinking merchant ships, until he sank 2,479 and damaged 1,835 more. And at the end of the war neither side had lost a single battleship by gunfire. It really almost seems as if there had been something wrong in the original popular theory of naval warfare.

Five British battleships were destroyed by submarine and five by mine, and 815 auxiliary vessels were lost, including 246 trawlers and 244 colliers. Most of the trawlers were sunk by mines, most of the colliers were sunk by submarine; 64 destroyers were lost, 16 in action, seven by submarine, 20 by mine; 23 special service vessels were lost, 22 of them by submarine.

None of the events was expected by the public to happen. None of the events they were taught to expect occurred. Nor, in fact, did the German people ever for an instant conceive that what has happened could happen. *From THE GLOBE.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

"WASH AND BRUSH UP."

Sir,—I think I know "Ablution." He must be the wallah I often encounter in the lavatory at the Club who presumably possesses no facilities for ablution in his billet and so makes himself an unmitigated nuisance to all others who want to use the place reasonably, for ordinary handrinsing or hair smoothing.

I have had to flee more than once when he has been monopolising the bowls, the soap and the brushes, dashing the water about in gallons, and smothered in lather, puffing and blowing like a grampus, and calling to the patient attendant for towels and all sorts of attentions.

If it's not the same Johnny, it's one of his tribe.

The accommodation is sufficient for all reasonable persons among whom I venture to class myself. *H.P.J.*

Sir,—There is one omission from the Officers' Clubs which "Ablution" has failed to mention.

I am sure that most officers in Cologne would wish to have their nails manicured daily.

There appears to be no provision for this absolute necessity.

Personally I think that a well appointed manicure parlour is as urgent a need as scented toilet soap and clean linen towels.

ORANGE STICK.

A REAL PUPPET SHOW.

Sir,—I wonder if it is generally known that there is a place of amusement in Cologne which does not advertise. Nevertheless it is very popular with the young Germans and also their parents and guardians. It is the Hann schen Theatre, situated in the basement under the Panopticum No. 3 Army Cinema Hohe Strasse.

The door will be found at the right, inside the main entrance, and the price of admission is the modest sum of 80 pfgs. The performances commence at 3 p.m. and last for about 50 minutes. There is a fresh house, every hour.

It is the old German Puppet Show, and is well worth a visit to anyone, who, like the writer, is suffering from a surfeit of Wagner. *R.W.K.*

DO WE READ TOO MUCH?

Sir,—I hope I am not too late to express an opinion.

That too much reading is done is evidenced by my being nearly bowled over yesterday by a Corporal who was poring over what looked like "Sexton Blake" as he proceeded along Kommodien Strasse without looking where he was going. He butted into me with great force and I had a rude shock, I can tell you, and had to retire to the old Dutch Bar to obtain a restorative.

A little later on I saw a case of over-thinking. An intellectual looking private was standing between the tramrails in front of the Dom, rapt in meditative thought. There was a far-off look in his dreamy eyes. I could see that his mind was far from mundane things. Suddenly a tramcar came along heading straight for him. The warning bell had no message for the deep thinker. In the nick of time I saved his precious life.

These two incidents seem to tell me that both over-reading and over-thinking may lead to disaster. *JOB.*

WIVES IN CLUBS.

Sir,—At first I intended to take no notice of "Bachelor's" letter, but talking it over with women friends on the Rhine I agreed to write both for them and myself.

If "Bachelor" thinks that because wives are permitted to use an Officers' Club, that fact gives every man the right to enter into conversation with them, then I think he has a mistaken notion of the proprieties.

For myself as a woman of the world, I see no "gallantry" in anyone, whatever his rank may be, forcing his company unasked upon women visitors however "disconsolate" he thinks them to be.

Surely "Bachelor" must have written in haste and without due consideration.

MURIEL H.

CHRISTMAS WATER SPORTS.

Sir,—It seems the right thing for everyone to write, making some suggestion for winter sport so I don't wish to be left out in the cold. Being a keen lover of swimming and aquatics at all seasons of the year and knowing that there are others who have not abandoned such healthy exercise even on the dullest days, I venture to hope some effort will be made to hold a Rhineland Regatta and Water Carnival on Chrisimas morning.

I, for one, would enter whatever the temperature and now that the wearing of fur by both sexes is so common, I don't doubt that the spectators on the banks could keep reasonably warm.

Anyhow it would be an interesting experiment. What do others say?

SPARTAN.

AUSTRIANS TO LUNCH.

Sir,—I was proud as a Britisher to see to-day how we treated our prisoners of war. I refer to the Austrian officers, now passing through Cologne on their way home. They were entertained to lunch and tea at the Officers' Club and were given the liberty of the place, although this involved some slight inconvenience to the allied officers who desired refreshment. This is only as it should be.

However, I cannot but contrast it with the way in which British Officers were repatriated a year ago. We marched to the station and travelled in cattle trucks—except the lucky ones who got 3rd or 4th class carriages—and for food we had chiefly to rely upon our parcels from home.

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THE FEELINGS OF AN INTERNATIONAL.

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SYDNEY C. PUDDEFOOT.

THE FAMOUS CENTRE-FORWARD OF WEST HAM, WHO PLAYED FOR ENGLAND IN THE VICTORY INTERNATIONALS.

I suppose it may be taken for granted that every footballer who takes up the game seriously, cherishes secret hopes that one day he will be considered good enough to play for his native country. That I myself had this ambition from the moment when I first began to appear in the best football goes without saying, and to a certain extent my ambition has been realised—I have played for England.

Of course my friends who imagine that my head may get too big for my hat, constantly remind me that strictly speaking I am not an International player—that the two England v. Scotland games in which I took part were not Internationals in the real sense, and that they are not officially recorded in the blue books of the two countries concerned.

But it doesn't worry me to think that I am not really an International, and that I have only played in the Victory matches between the two countries. After all, Internationals are played every ordinary year, but Victory Internationals are something unique. So I retort to my severe friends that quite a lot of people have played in ordinary Internationals, but that very few have played in Victory Internationals.

However, I set out to tell of the feelings of a young player when he turns out as one of the country's chosen. Do you know what was the first question I asked when I learned that I had been chosen as the centre-forward for England against Scotland. It was this: "Who are the players on either side of me?" I somehow felt instinctively that whether I was a success or a failure would depend to a very large extent on the men chosen for these positions.

MY GOOD PARTNERS.

And my luck was in, for if I myself had been asked the one man I would prefer at inside right, my reply would have been "Danny" Shea. And it was "Danny" Shea who was England's inside right in the two games in which I played last spring.

You see there is a sort of real attachment between Shea and myself. He used to play for West Ham when I was a mere school-boy and I often watched him and wondered in the way young footballers have, if ever I should be good enough to play in a first-class team. I joined West Ham when Shea left, and surely it shows that the long arm of coincidence has not lost its use when I was chosen to play at centre-forward with Shea as one of my partners.

But although to find such a man as Shea on my right, and that very fine shot, Joe Smith on my left, was a big relief, I can assure you, that between the day I was chosen and the day I turned out on the Everton ground I was constantly wondering how I should shape. I couldn't forget that the centre-forward has, perhaps of all men on the field, the hardest job in an International side. He is the leader of the attack, and being called upon to play in a forward line with men to whose methods I was comparatively strange, I wondered how I should get on with them—or how they would get on with me, which was equally important.

Eventually, the great day came, and we turned out at Goodison Park, Everton, to meet the chosen of Scotland.

It will probably come as a surprise to the reader to learn that I never had any qualms or felt a little bit nervous when I turned out. So many people had told me that they had felt nervy in their big game, that this absence of nervousness surprised even myself considering the occasion and the crowd. I confess, however, that I was disappointed with the play in the first half. We seemed to be all at sixes and sevens, but perhaps that is not surprising seeing that we were all strangers to each other, and of course for the fact that we were at sixes and sevens I must take a big share of the blame. Perhaps we were all too keen, as well.

GETTING EXCITED.

Anyway, I remember that after one of the matches, a well-known critic said of my play: "Puddefoot must take things a little bit easier, and guard against giving the impression all the time that he is apt to tumble over." As a matter of fact, that was exactly how I did feel. I was too anxious to get on and do something. Consequently, in that first match, especially, I did not do as much as I ought to have done.

However, every possible encouragement and help was given to me by the other members of the forward line—older heads than mine most of them carried. I confess I felt quite envious of the luck of young Turnbull—a player making his first appearance, like myself—when he scored a goal early in the game. That incident also gave me distinct encouragement, for I began to find my feet almost immediately and to do myself justice. "If only I could get a goal like that," I thought, "just to show the people that I had some sort of right to be in the team."

Well, as luck would have it, I did get a goal late in the game, and as that goal was the means of saving England from defeat you can guess that I was a very happy man afterwards. I felt as though it would probably be the means of getting me another chance to play for England, and that surmise proved to be right. I am not out, fishing for a compliment when I say that I have played ever so much better in many ordinary matches than I did in my first International at Goodison, and I am firmly convinced that it was only that luck in scoring a goal which saved me from being "dropped."

However, I got my place again in the side which played the return game at Hampden Park, and my chief impression of that second contest is of the mighty throng. If I remember rightly, there were over 80,000 people present. And aren't those Scots enthusiastic?

THE SCOTTISH MATCH.

I may be wrong, but it seemed to me, looking back over these two games, that the Scot is about ten times as mad on football as the average Englishman. Certainly in the whole of my career I have never played before such a wholehearted crowd as that which assembled on that very fine ground at Glasgow.

The game was worthy of their enthusiasm, too. There may have been finer contests between England and Scotland in the past, but quite a lot of people assured me afterwards that for sheer excitement it was not easy to remember a better fight.

In this second game I felt much more at home than I did in the first one. I seemed to feel my feet much more surely, and it will be remembered that after Grimsdell had performed the unusual feat for a half-back of scoring two goals, I was lucky enough to get one past Brownlie and make the score 3—0 in our favour. Then we seemed to have the match won, but we were yet to realise the stern fighting qualities of the Scots. How they stormed our goal time after time, and gradually worked off the arrears, is well known now.

But all's well that end's well, and I got another goal in the second half. And now my chief feeling is that I want to play for England again, if only for the purpose of being able to tell my friends that I am a real International. Whether I shall do so or not remains to be seen. Meantime we at West Ham are concentrating on our Second League matches and not finding them too easy to win, I can tell you.

AMATEUR WRESTLING.

Entries for to-day's events at Bradford.

At a meeting of the Yorkshire Centre of the National Amateur Wrestling Association, at the Y.M.C.A., Bradford, the following entries for the National Wrestling and Boxing Championships, to be held at Bradford to-day were accepted:—

English Wrestling (9st 7lb).—Flying Falls—G H Stott (Bradford All Saints'), holder; Capt F W Marshall (London A.W.S.), champion of Newfoundland; H S How (London A.W.S.), English bantam champion; A J Goddard (Wrigley's A.C., Birmingham), champion of West Australia; Robert Yaguenoud (Swiss Gym. and Ath. Soc.); H A Wright (Bolton Y.M.C.A.); F Blunt (Mexborough) unatt.; F Matson (Hull City Police); H Holdsworth (Bradford All Saints'); H Cruise (Bradford All Saints'); W Warrington (Hunslet), unatt.; H W Whatham (Manchester, Bradford All Saints'); Hy. Inman (Morley), unatt.; Noris Williams (Brunthcliffe).

English Wrestling Championship (11st 7lb).—Flying Falls—Jas. McKinlay (Bradford), L Johnson (Denaby), N Jackson (Halifax R.E.S.), E Teale (Batley, Bradford All Saints').

Northern Counties Wrestling Championship (8st 7.b).—Pin Falls—Geo. Walker (Hunslet), A Smith (Bradford All Saints'), W G Smith (Denaby Main), H Shore (Leeds).

Northern Counties Boxing Championship (8st 4lb).—John Unwin (Bradford), J Pendleton (Liverpool A.B.C.), C Rushworth (Bradford), T Howard (Liverpool A.B.C.).

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE.

The following have been selected to represent Oxford v. Cambridge University in the cross-country race at Roehampton on Saturday Dec. 13: E. A. Montague (Rugby and Magdalen). W. A. Grace (The Leys, Cambridge and Queen's), J. A. Lanyon (Wellington and New College), and A. R. C. Bolton (Berkhamsted and Merton). The fifth Blue will be awarded after the match against the Blackheath Harriers at Oxford on Saturday.

RUGBY 'NATIONAL.

Five Yorkshire Men Selected in Trial Team.

The North fifteen to meet England in the first Rugby trial at Liverpool on the 6th of December has been selected as follows:

W. H. Pemberton, Cheshire; W. Jackson, Lancashire; O. E. H. Leslie, Yorkshire; F. M. Arkle, Cheshire; J. Saint, Cumberland; E. Myers, Yorkshire; R. P. Bloor, Cheshire; Capt. A. H. McIlwaine, Yorkshire; C. Tosney, Yorkshire; H. J. White, Yorkshire; F. G. Langford, Lancashire; P. Cheshire, Cheshire; A. Morgan, Cumberland; E. Dove, Durham, and H. Whitehead, Lancashire.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY C.C.

The annual report of the Lancashire County Cricket Club, issued yesterday, states that the number of members is now 1,849, an increase of 500 during the year and within 200 of the number before the war. Expenses have been exceptionally heavy owing to necessary repairs and replacements following the non-use of the ground for cricket purposes during the war. The financial position of the club is stronger than when the year began. At the turnstiles at Old Trafford during the season the sum of £23,490 was received from over 78,000 people. One match next season will be played for the benefit of Harry Dean, the left-handed bowler.

ARMY FIXTURES.

On the ground that, being so near to the 'Varsity match, the turf would be spoiled for that game, the Universities have objected to the Army playing their matches at Queen's Club on Dec. 3 and Dec. 6. Consequently the match, Army v. United Hospitals, on Dec. 3, will take place at Richmond; and Army v. London Scottish, on Dec. 6, will possibly be played at Blackheath.

The game between Woolwich and Sandhurst and the Army on Dec. 10 will take place either at Blackheath or Richmond.

TO-DAY'S ENGLISH LEAGUE MATCHES.

Burnley out for Revenge at Bradford.

SOME PROMISING GAMES.

Among the matches taking place this afternoon, none will arouse more interest than the meeting of Newcastle United and Sunderland. Last Saturday the Wearsiders administered the Magpies third defeat of the season, and, to-day, they journey to St. James' Park. There are signs that the spoils will not leave the Gallowgate ground.

Another great battle will be that at Sheffield where West Bromwich face the Wednesday who last week put paid to the Throstles' account at the Hawthorns. Anything may happen here, but the Wednesday should just manage to do the Tynesiders another good turn.

Bolton have not beaten Everton for four seasons at Bolton, but to-day's match may provide a "form upsetting" result.

Burnley go to Bradford and after last week's debacle the Lancashire team will be all out for revenge. The Bradford stronghold will take a lot of storming.

Second League Fare.

In Division II the chief interest centres around West Ham and Fulham while Tottenham and Notts Forest will provide good fare at White Hart Lane. Rotherham may beat Birmingham, but it is only three seasons ago since Birmingham suffered an 8—2 defeat on this ground.

The South will be greatly interested in the doings of Portsmouth who oppose Queens Park Rangers. The last meeting of these teams at Pompey saw the Rangers defeated 7—1, and while to-days result may not be so substantial it should show Portsmouth as victors.. Plymouth and Reading will be another great battle, with a draw as a likely termination.

In Scotland Celtic go to Aberdeen and this match is best left alone as the Park eleven are thoroughly unreliable to-day. The Rangers meet Albion Rovers but even with the latter's ground advantage the Glasgow men should bag the spoils. Motherwell and Airdrieonian encounters always produce, in sporting language, "dog-fights." To-days may add to the list.

Appended is the list of to-days games.

League I.

Aston V. v. Sheffield U.	Liverpool v. P.N.E.
Blackburn v Bradford C.	Man. U. v. Oldham
Bolton v. Everton	Newcastle v. Sunderld.
Bradford v. Burnley	Notts C. v. Arsenal
Chelsea v. Middlesboro	Sheffield W. v. W. Brom.
Derby v. Man. C.	

League II.

Blackpool v. Coventry	S.Shields v. Leicester C.
Bristol C. v. Huddersfield	Stockport v. Hull City
Clapton Orient v. Bury	Tottenham v. Notts F.
Grimsby Town v. Stoke	West Ham v. Fulham
Port Vale v. Lincoln C.	Wolves v. Barnsley
Rotherham v. Birm'ham	

Southern League.

Brentford v. Luton	Norwich v. Gillingham
Brighton v. Millwall	Plymouth v. Reading
C. Palace v. Exeter	Portsmouth v. Q.P.R.
Merthyr v. Southampton	Southend v. Swansea
Newport v. Swindon	Watford v. Bristol R.
Northampton v. Cardiff	

Scottish League.

Aberdeen v. Celtic	Hibs. v. Morton
Albion R. v. Rangers	Kilmarn'ck v. Clydebank
Clyde v. Raith R.	Motherwell v. Airdrie.
Dumbarton v. Hearts	Partick v. St. Mirren
Dundee v. Ayr	Queen's Pk. v. Hamilton
Falkirk v. 3rd Lanark	

SPORT IN BRIEF.

F. Pratt's New Charge.

Bepani has joined F. Pratt's team, with which he will in future be trained.

To Train for Jumping.

Prince Danilo has been sent from Newmarket to Lewes to be trained for N.H. work.

Aunt Anna's Price.

Aunt Anna was sold to Mr. W. Champley for 170 guineas at Newbury and now goes into Poole's stable.

Another Gore Jockey.

T. Fieley, who was a prominent lightweight jockey in Ireland some years ago, will ride for Gore's stable this winter.

Daniel Sold.

Daniel who has been sold by Mrs. James to Mr. Douglas Clarke, has been sent to Findon to be trained for hurdle racing.

Prince Philip.

The Irish grey horse, Prince Philip, who broke down while being prepared for the Cesarewitch, will be sent to the stud shortly.

Poole's Jumpers.

Poole has a large stable of jumpers, which has been augmented by the arrival of several horses belonging to Mr. J. W. Harvie.

Jockey-Trainer.

B. M. Bullock is still another steeplechase jockey who is combining training with riding. He has a small stable of horses at Hednesford.

From Wantage to Lingfield.

The horses in training owned by Mr. and Mrs. Rudd have left their training quarters at Wantage for Lingfield, Surrey, where they will spend the winter months.

Sportsman's Death.

The death has occurred at his residence, Staunton Grange, Notts, of Mr. J. T. Fair aged fifty-nine, manager of one of the largest brewery undertakings in the Midlands, and president of the Notts County Football Club. Mr. Fair was an alderman of the County of Nottingham.

Another Coventry Player.

P. Quin, of Bradford City, has been secured for Coventry City, and will be available next Saturday against Blackpool at either inside right or centre forward, though it is in the latter position that the team requires strengthening. Quin is a native of North Shields and played for the club of that town before joining Bradford City.

SOCCER RESULT.

Casuals, 5. Cambridge University, 1.

RUGBY.

Cambridge University 31
Edinburgh University 2

ORGANIZATION OR SPIRIT?

Matches Arranged but Spirit of Play Absent.

"OLD BRIGADE" RETURNS.

That the discussion that has been running in these columns on the subject of the falling off of the sporting activities of units in the Rhine Army, has been followed with considerable interest, is evidenced by the large number of letters we have received. Various causes are blamed for the state of affairs that undoubtedly exists, and the following article is typical of many views received recently. "Old Brigade" writes as follows:

"Anti-Cant" has been up in the clouds again, romancing. My last article was filled to overflowing with indisputable facts to which he makes no reply, whilst about the figures, which, with striking force, display the present day lack of love of sport, he is as silent as the grave. Sports Committees, which in a previous article, he strongly advocated, he now condemns. The ludicrous manner in which he has portrayed to readers of the "Cologne Post," the working of such a committee in my own battalion, and the air of authority with which he speaks, I intend to ignore. Instead I shall point out a few striking facts which throw an entirely different light on the work of a committee.

System or men to Blame?

Backed by the sporting instinct which was so much in evidence at the beginning of this year, our system of organization would have been an instantaneous success. Last May, my battalion had not half the amount of sporting kit which it now possesses. Other battalions — and there were many — were in a similar position. But, Sport flourished. It was the breath of life to the Rhine Army, if one judged from the crowded columns of this paper. Recently, many units have broken up or returned home and consequently sports gear is plentiful and can be had without any trouble. Organization too has not been neglected. Yet in the face of these improvements the spirit of sport has diminished greatly rather than increased.

The Wrong Spirit.

Even if, as "Anti-Cant" says, there is a lack of organisation, (which I do not admit in the least), is it the right spirit for the Young Soldier to neglect out-door recreation and games because everything is not in "apple-pie" order, or because the Sports Committee, upon which sits a member from his platoon, does not bring to him his "strips" whenever he wishes to play? Or perhaps he has a grumble against them for not providing a ground nearer to his billet? No. All that is the matter is that the old time enthusiasm and love of the game are missing.

As for the Committee discussing such trivial matters as the washing of "strips"—such a statement is verging on the ridiculous. Keenness is expected from the members, but to convene a meeting of the committee for such a purpose would only be the act of a crank or a lunatic. In my battalion a sports orderly is responsible for the maintenance of all kit in first class order. He looks after washing. He sees that grounds are marked out and footballs dubbined. His duty it is to keep all football boots studded and attend to all matters which will keep up to standard everything labelled "Sports Kit."

Not a Post Office.

"Anti-Cant" has pictured the Battalion Sports Office as a sort of paper distributing agency. It may come as a shock to him, but I do not sit in a chair all day and dictate affairs to a number of satellites whose duty it is to send out programmes to Company Commanders. Neither is all my work done on paper. I am at all times in personal touch with the men and I consider nothing too important and nothing too trivial to deal with. I have done my best to kindle the fire of enthusiasm at the shrine of Sport but have generally met with no response. I have worked hard to obtain the large stocks of sports gear which we now possess, whilst engagements for months ahead have been posted up in different parts of the billet. Although I appear to be writing in a boastful spirit, it is only in fairness to myself that I make the above statements. I hope, at any rate that I have done my duty as Sports Officer.

A Nest of Sport.

Football and hockey in the middle of summer, in the heat of Continental sunshine. Think of it, and the perspiring atoms of humanity who, at the call of the President of their Sports Committee, "Anti-Cant," bathed in a sea of sweat and enjoyed it. What paragons of sport! What illuminating examples of our traditional spirit which somehow or other, has so declined that we cannot raise it in the cold and ideal days of November. When I read the formidable list of sports in which the men of his battalion were engaged it makes me wonder how much time was available for military training. Cannot he give me some practical suggestions of how to infuse this spirit into our men, instead of romancing away from the cold, hard facts of truth, which he so calmly ignores. I am afraid that he misses the material side of things and contents himself with being partly a dreamer and much more of a critic.

Contradictions.

It is rather strange to me that the men of "Anti-Cant's" battalion performed such tremendous feats of endurance on the playing fields, especially at cricket. He tells us that his battalion ran an Inter Company cricket league, besides taking part in the "Cologne Post" Cup Competition. In addition they played a host of friendly matches. And yet in a previous article he deplores the difficulty of getting hold of sports kit and also the impossibility of obtaining a cricket bat from the Army. If his battalion was able to obtain cricket kit enough to play all these matches together surely he should have experienced no difficulty in the meeting of his simple requirements.

Therefore I once again assert that the lack of sport on the Rhine to-day is due entirely to the bad spirit displayed by the younger element in the Army.

RACING REFORMS.

Important Decisions of the Jockey Club.

LARGER PRIZES.

In continuation of a previous telegram some further important decisions of the Jockey Club at their recent meeting are announced. It was decided that the club should exercise closer control over finance and management at all racecourses than hitherto and that the right of granting and withholding fixtures should be used in order to enforce this control.

The notice, originally published in 1883 regarding the promotion scheme for new racecourses and limiting the rate of dividend subsequent to that date, was cancelled.

It was further decided that no fresh issue of capital should be made by any racecourse, whether issue, debentures or otherwise, unless the consent of the Stewards of the Jockey Club had first been obtained.

A new Condition.

With reference to the granting of new licenses it was held that one of the conditions obtaining should be that the racecourse should be run on non-profit earning lines. The club will make representations to the Ministry of Transportation regarding the fares charged for the conveyance of horses to and from race meetings. It was considered desirable that more money be given as prizes to horses finishing second and third, particularly in long distance races, and that all races except selling and apprentice events shall be sweepstakes. In future racecourses when applying for their fixtures must submit a complete programme for the year showing how much they propose to add to each sweepstake.

Finally the Jockey Club is prepared to consider favourably all suitable schemes for the amalgamation of selected racecourses.

NEWBURY RACING.

Odds on Favourites win Three Events.

After a foggy morning the weather cleared at Newbury on Thursday, the going was good and there was a large attendance.

DETAILS.

Yatesbury Hurdle. 1, Chaplain (4—1); 2, Simon Cellarer (6—4); 3, Parson Jack (8—1). Six ran.

Alfreston Chase. Rathleague (5—2 on) beat Beadnell. Two ran.

Juvenile Hurdle. 1, Irish Fair (5—1); 2, Raboodles (100—7): 3, Girvan (9—2). Thirteen ran.

Cranbourne Chase. 1, Turk the Second (5—4 on); 2, Fly the Third (6—1); 3, Wavebeam (8—1). Six ran.

Moderate Handicap. 1, Border Don (100—6); 2, W. W. (9—2); 3, A Double Escape (100—6). 15 ran.

Andover Chase. 1, Mark back (15—8 on); 2, Childlike (3—1); 3, Redman (5—1). 3 ran.

GRUELLING CONTEST.

Noble Knocks out Watson in Eighteenth Round.

Great interest was taken in the contest at the Holborn Stadium on Thursday evening between the featherweights, Tommy Noble and Tibby Watson, of Australia. It was the most serious fight Watson has undertaken. Recently he has figured in three bouts with men of lesser boxing experience and skill, and on each occasion came out an easy victor. Consequently the boxing world was more than a little anxious to see how he would shape when opposed by a first-class exponent.

The result was a win for Noble by a knockout in the eighteenth round. The Englishman displayed greater skill and a more finished style than the Australian and after a gruelling contest he forced Watson into a corner during the eighteenth meeting and brought him down for the full count with a heavy right swing to the jaw.

Watson while lacking some of the finer touches showed himself to be a boxer of splendid courage and determination. The last of him has by no means been heard.

YANKS FOR FRANCE.

Well-known boxers expected to arrive shortly.

There is a flutter of excitement among the boxing fraternity in France at the announcement that several well-known American boxers are expected to arrive in that country shortly. Among them will be the coloured boxer Sam Macyes, Peter Herman, Coulon, Jack Dillon, Gibbons, Johnnie Ritchie, Batley and Levanksy.

ROSS AND LEDOUX.

To meet in Paris on December 6th.

An important boxing match for the bantamweight championship of Europe between Charles Ledoux, of France, and Walter Ross, of England, will take place at the Cirque de Paris on December 6th.

Georges Carpentier who will have returned from his meeting with Beckett on December 4th will act as referre.

BILLIARDS.

The closing scores in the principal billiards matches on Thursday evening were:—

Reece...13584 Stevenson 10208
Newman 6312 Inman..... 4487

Breaks:—
Reece, 185, 170, 387, 124, 139.
Newman, 229, 359, 118, 149, 161, 122, and 127.
Inman, 182 and 170.
Stevenson, 153.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Sat.	Tosca	Puccini	7	9.45
Sun.	Cosi Fan Tutti	Mozart	7	10
Monday	No Performance			
Tuesday	No Performance			

Leave Club Whist Drive.

An unusually large number attended the whist drive on Thursday at the British Empire Leave Club. The Gentlemen were the highest scorers, Pte. Bennon being first with 165, and Pte. Morley and Cpl. Eveleigh "cut" for 2nd and 3rd with a score of 162. First and second "ladies" were Pte. Cameron and Pte. Carroll both 157; and Pte. Smith was 3rd with 155. Spr. Greaves was also 156 but lost the "cuts." Pte Green, 5th Border Regiment acted as M.C.

Dancing at the A. and G. College.

Among the enjoyable social functions in Cologne, the invitation dances at the Hansa Ring College form a conspicuous institution. The Library is eminently suitable for such occasions while the gallery and adjoining rooms provide most convenient supper and sitting out accommodation, although there are not many mere spectators of these functions. The dance which took place on Wednesday was a great success while the actual dancing reached a very high standard of excellence. I suppose that under the eye of the professor the followers of the terpsichorean art feel bound to produce their best.

Leave Club Dance.

Another very enjoyable fancy dress dance was held at the British Empire Leave Club on Wednesday night. The large hall, tastefully decorated in black and white was crowded with elegant figures representative of every nationality and age. The genius displayed in devising costumes in adverse circumstances was wonderful and the resulting melee of colour entertained the packed crowds of spectators who were fortunate enough to secure a point of view in the gallery.

Whist Drive.

"C" Company of the 52nd Devonshire Regiment spent a very enjoyable evening on Monday, when a whist drive was held, about a hundred players taking part. During the refreshment interval a "hidden number" was drawn for both "lady" and gentlemen players, and in each case a prize was awarded. At the close of the entertainment the prizes were presented by the Commanding Officer to the following:—Ladies: 1st L/C Richardson; 2nd Cpl. Sanders; Hidden No. Pte. Stacey; Booby Pte. Fulford. Gentlemen: 1st Pte. Berriman; 2nd Pte. Ranahan; Hidden No. Pte. Norsworthy; Booby Pte. Button.

At the Dischsaal.

The famous German comedian, Herr Joseph Plant, is giving two merry evening performances on Monday and Tuesday next at the Dischsaal, Cologne, commencing at 8 p.m.

JACQUES.

CALAIS "SWEEP."

All prize winners in Commander Bickford's sweepstakes are requested to send their claim and tickets, plainly written in block letters, by registered post to Commander W. Bickford, 53, Quai de la Tamaise, Calais, France, when cheques will be forwarded.

ANOTHER COMPETITION.

Only Ten Results To Be Forecasted In Football Contest No. 11.

To-day, we publish the first coupon in connection with No. 11 Football Competition. It will be seen that there are again only ten matches given.

Last week's winner was a sapper, due for demobilization, who confessed that the prize-money would be usefully employed on his return to civilian life. Would not a thousand or two marks be acceptable to you? One mark is all that it costs to submit a coupon and YOU are just as likely to give a correct forecast of next Saturday's matches as anyone else.

On the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—
FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 11,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 11.

Date of matches, Saturday, Dec. 6th.
Closing date, Friday, Dec. 5th.

Sheffield U.	v.	Newcastle U.
Manchester C.	v.	West Bromwich
Arsenal	v.	Chelsea
Oldham	v.	Burnley
Huddersfield	v.	Blackpool
Fulham	v.	Tottenham
Coventry	v.	West Ham
Swindon	v.	Portsmouth
Gillingham	v.	Brentford
Celtic	v.	Motherwell

I enter Football Competition No. 11 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions already announced and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Rank and No. .....
Unit .....
Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Not Infallible.

"I can tell by a glance at his face if an officer has his wife out here," said a friend at the Club yesterday. "Look at those three" he added, "everyone is very much married." I ascertained afterwards that neither was even a Benedick, though one was engaged.

Worn Out.

This has been one of the busiest dancing weeks in the history of the Rhine Army. Our dancing Editor who has been to every one of the revels is for the nonce "excused duty."

Forty-Nine.

Everyone seems to be hunting up German words of abnormal length and sending them to me. This is the latest example. It is from a Government notice and contains forty-nine letters.—Staatsschulden tilgungs kanzlei sekretariats aspirant.

Novelties.

I noticed an article labelled "Peace-knife," among the novelties in a shop window yesterday.

Lady Frederick.

I hear, via my pet canary, that the production of "Lady Frederick" at the Deutsches Theatre next week will be a marvellous affair. The same little bird suggests that a recent visit to Paris may have resulted in the production of some wonderful dresses which will grace the boards on Monday next. Lady readers please note.

"COLOGNE POST" CELEBRITIES
No. II. "ANTI-BOX."

Windy Corner.

Which is Cologne's windiest corner? Many I know plump for the one at the top of the Dom Hof and judging by my own experiences there, I certainly agree.

Largely Imaginary.

An officer just back from leave in Paris during awful weather conditions says that the terrible stories telling of no fires there are gross exaggerations. He found Paris quite warm, thank you.

Back To Austria.

Cologne has been full of Austrian officers, many of high rank, passing through on repatriation after having been prisoners of war. They looked quite picturesque in their long blue cloaks.

A Kiddy's Grouse.

A sergeant, whose small son is out here, told me that young hopeful was penning a letter to the "Post" complaining that no Punch and Judy Shows are provided for British children in Rhineland and asking that steps might be taken to supply the want.

No Crush.

An officer just back from Blighty tells me the leave train is almost empty in these days. He and three others had one saloon carriage entirely to themselves.

Theirs—Not Ours.

Occasionally I run across folk who have a notion that correspondence in our "Letter Box" represents Editorial views. Of course that isn't so at all. We just hear all sides and accept no responsibility for our readers' views.

Up And Down.

The mark seems to be more than usually "jumpy" just now. When it settles down to something—whatever it is—it will be better for everybody, and perhaps there will be fewer grouses about canteen and institute prices which can't possibly be regulated to everyone's liking at a day's notice under present difficult conditions.

A Piebald.

Yesterday I happened to see a piebald horse in the Hansa Ring. Of course I pulled myself together and wished. What do you think my wish was. Early demob? Guess again.

Like Cinderella.

On leaving the Black and White dance at the Leave Club some fair danseuse shed a daintly shoe and went off in a car without noticing her loss. I don't know how sizes of ladies' shoes run, but I'm told it's quite a wee one.

Monte Cristo.

A certain well-known Cologne picture house is advertising a screen play adapted from this celebrated story by the famous French author, Alexandre Dumas.

Costly and Scarce.

I am told that the best German pianos cost from 12,000 to 14,000 marks to-day and even at this price they are very difficult to obtain. Very few retailers have any of the most famous makes in stock.

Postage To Belgium.

All letters, etc., sent by British units or troops in the Rhine Army to civil addresses in Belgium must now be prepaid by means of British postage stamps when posted at Army post offices, at the rate of 2½d for the first ounce and 1½d for each succeeding ounce or fraction thereof.

Savage Horses.

There appears to be an abnormally large number of savage horses in Cologne. On three occasions yesterday I saw animals at a standstill, make efforts to bite passers by.

What to Read.

The following recent additions have been made to the Y.M.C.A. Central Library Lord Fisher's Memories; Sir Percy Scott's Fifty Years in the Royal Navy; Admiral von Tirpitz's My Memories; Charles C. Turner's The Struggle in the Air; "Bartimaeus" An Awfully Big Adventure; Stella Benson's Living Alone; "Taffrail's" H.M.S. Anonymous; J. B. Morton's The Barber of Putney; Sax Rohmer's The Golden Scorpion; Mrs. A. Sidgwick's The Purple Jar; Thomas Hardy's Collected Poems.

Costly Shelter.

A smoker sheltering behind his "better half" in order to light his pipe the other evening was the cause of a commotion in Marzellen strasse. He succeeded in setting alight the feather boa his wife was wearing and, incidentally, the lady received slight burns before it was extinguished.

Puzzling.

Some one I know, who is going to Lithuania, says his great difficulty will be to remember each morning who he is going to fight. At present the Lithuanians are engaged on three fronts.

Ghosts.

During the course of a debate on ghosts, a sergeant, who is a very keen debater, expressed his disbelief in vigorous language. The same night he was kept awake for a couple of hours by mysterious tappings in his bedroom. What is the explanation?

Not in his Time.

A somewhat elderly major, rather a bore with his reminiscences, was saying in the mess, "You know when the Romans were in occupation of Rhineland." Then a young sub. rudely interposed the query: "You weren't here then by any chance were you, Sir?"

RHINELANDER.

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

THE WORLD'S EXCHANGES.

Sir George Paish, on the break in the world's exchanges and the position of credit, says:—We are running into debt to America at the rate of over £500,000,000 a year, and Europe is running into debt to us at the rate of over $400,000,000 a year, but America has the better chance of getting paid. To protect its interests America has appointed a National Committee of leading financiers, industrial magnates, and lawyers, to see how long credits can be given to Europe. I consider that it is only by international action, by all countries pooling their economic resources, that the situation can be relieved, and it is only by every country resuming production, that it can be solved.

MEDICAL RESEARCH.

James Mackenzie, the Clinical Institute, St. Andrews, says:—If anyone would inquire into the history of medical research during the last quarter of a century, he would be struck by the great number of projects that have been started with the most buoyant expectation, and which have ended in disappointment. We have but to look at the history of the crusade against consumption to discover that, notwithstanding the enormous expenditure of energy and money, we are far from understanding the things necessary for the prevention and cure of this complaint. There are factors still undiscovered which determine its incidence, and if the reason of the failure be inquired into, it will be found in the fact that medical knowledge has not advanced far enough to enable us to recognize these factors, or even the lines on which the investigation should be pursued.

NEXT GREAT REFORM.

Mr. John Burns declares that the next great reform will be the autonomy of the local authority, the independence of the citizen, and the freedom of both from the overlordship of central bureaus run by stilted supermen whose ability is often in inverse ratio to their obtrusive prominence and advertisement. If I were a Minister again my chief task would be to strike off all shackles that fetter local initiative in policy, variety, in administration, and experiment, and in new method. An overdrilled people, an over-inspected nation, and bureaucrised departments mean a routine machine and a race looking in vain to the centre for what they can do better for themselves.

CONDUCT OF WAR.

Major-General Sir George Aston says: Long ago, eminent British naval and military historians urged the need for devising an executive body for the control of sea and land operations. We entered the Great War, however, without having devised an efficient system. Executive power for conducting the war was entrusted normally to a sanhedrim of 21 civilian statesmen and one soldier. It is generally believed that the continuance of that arrangement would have drifted us to defeat. The War Cabinet system, subsequently devised, is probably the best that can be applied to democratic countries not containing any single leading statesman who, like the elder Pitt, has made the conduct and nature of war the study of a lifetime.

CASE AGAINST SUBSIDIES.

Mr. William Wallace says:—The case against subsidies to the speculative builder is surely not weaker but stronger now. A year ago, the Government might very well have decided that in spite of objections the need for immediate building was so urgent that subsidies should be given to anyone who would build. They might have urged that the speculative builder knew the job, and could start at once, while the local authorities would be reluctant and dilatory. But now for twelve months the Government have, by alternate cajolery and threats, been inducing the local authorities to prepare schemes. Up to date 5,842 schemes have been submitted. Site schemes have already been approved covering 22,500 acres, or sufficient for 225,000 houses at 10 to the acre. Already the labour for the schemes so far approved is proving inadequate, and the only effect of bringing in the private builders will be to transfer to them some of the labour otherwise available for the local authorities.

TO TALK OR NOT TO TALK?

How many men realise the value of being able to make a speech when called upon to do so? How many opportunities will you be losing on returning to "civvy" life through being unable to speak before an audience? How many men deliver an address starting with something similar to this:—"It gives me the greatest pleasure etc," the while their faces show that if they had been going through the tortures of the inquisition, it would not have been a more trying ordeal, and how many are there who break down altogether without being able to say more than half a sentence?

There are many, who go to a meeting with a fixed determination to acquit themselves honourably, but when called upon to do so, their memories become a blank.

The only way to improve this is by practising. The more you speak before an audience, the easier it becomes.

The remedy is there if you will only avail yourselves of it. Join the Empire Leave Club Debating Society.

Debates are held every Friday night at 6.30 p.m. in the Writing Room. Subject for next Friday—"Is Everything Fair in War?" No charge for joining—all you have to do, is to turn up.

There are two classes of men to whom this appeals. Those who can speak, and those who cannot. Those who can speak should join to give the necessary "go" to the debates, and to help make them a success. Still more should those, who cannot speak, join, as they now have the opportunities to practise the art, so that on their return to "civvy" life they will have nothing to lose through lack of confidence.

Why hesitate? Is it because you think you do not need practice, if so, come to a debate, and you will be able to satisfy yourselves on that point, or find out your mistake before it is too late.

Do you think you will be making fools of yourselves. It is better to do it here than to wait until your return to "civvy" life, when a lot may depend upon your ability at speech making. Every encouragement is given and nobody jeers at a failure, because we all are, or have been in the same state ourselves.

SHATTERED HOPES.

In no sense a grouser, Pte. Bolton had, nevertheless, one grievance, and only one so far as we could discover during the three months we spent with him on the Rhine. It was not associated with demobilization: short of extending his service no one could possibly have waited more patiently for his release than did Bolton.

Nor was he one to lie in wait for the Orderly Officer at the Mess; a week of Machonachie would not have produced a complaint from his lips; nor smoker though he was, would he have protested had the cigarette issue failed to get through the Q. M. Stores.

His indent for marks might be cut down on pay day, his favourite fraulein transfer her wayward affections—none of these disappointments could mar the purity of a speech singularly free from adjectives.

An extra duty he accepted without comment and the Q.M's. refusal to replace a shirt to which five chevrons and the Mons Ribbon might fairly be attached he regarded with a philosophical unconcern which only a tramp, with no prejudices as regards hosiery, might equal.

No; in all these trials of the flesh Pte. Bolton presented, what was apparently, the silence of indifference. Yet, as stated he had a grievance, and one, moreover, which made his company on walks abroad, somewhat embarrassing.

His one grievance was on the subject of saluting. It was not that he had any feeling against officers; nothing more than the inconvenience was responsible for his aversion to the practice. Long practice had given him an exceptional degree of skill in dodging officers, and one found, at times, that a companion who disappeared down side streets without warning detracted somewhat from the pleasure which, apart from this failing, his company usally afforded.

He did not however, invariably adopt the disappearing trick when he wished to avoid saluting duty. Quite often he betrayed a sudden interest in the contents of shop windows, directing our attention to articles not usually regarded as appealing to the masculine mind, on one occasion indeed, so sudden was the officer's appearance that we were invited to inspect some examples of the undertaker's art in which Pte. Bolton manifested an "interest" quite foreign to his healthy and normal nature. To such straws did he cling in his wild efforts to escape from his simple duty.

On one occasion, however, his shop-window trick failed him. It happened one Saturday afternoon. A Staff Captain was nearly on top of us, when suddenly Bolton, clutching me by the sleeve made for the first shop in sight.

Mechanically I followed him, turning to inspect the objects of interest. The officer turned in the same direction, in time to hear Bolton's, "That's the article"—

He would have heard more, but for the fact that the article of such engrossing interest to Bolton was clearly behind the shuttered window. The officer smiled a little maliciously, and returned our somewhat shamefaced salute.

L. J. TELLUM.

ADVENT.

Year by year in the season of Advent the Church directs men's thoughts to the practical means by which society can be recreated. The Advent of Christ is not merely a historical memory of 1919 years ago, nor a future hope; it is far more than this; it is His actual and almost visible coming at this present time in the hearts of men and nations. This thought will be reflected in the services at the Garrison Church (C. of E.) during the next four Advent Sundays.

"Only through me can come the great awaking;
Wrong cannot right the wrongs that wrong hath done;
Only through me, all other gods forsaking;
Can ye attain the heights that must be won."

FROM EVERYWHERE.

To Save Coal.—In Berlin there is now a 9.30 curfew, when all lights must be out.

Stealing Autos.—There is an epidemic of audacious motor car thefts in Belgium.

Jazzers Sad.—All balls and dances are banned in Paris owing to coal shortage.

Wee Woman.—The widow of Tom Thumb — also a dwarf — has just died.

Going West.—When completed, airship R. 38. will be sent to the States.

Not Sporty.—The new Mayor of Leicester has never made a bet or seen a cricket or football match.

Think Of It.—A good pair of boots made to measure now costs over 5 guineas in West End shops.

Back To Stage.—Mr. Huntley Wright is making his first appearance in musical comedy since leaving the army.

Go Empty Handed.—No gratuity is to be given to Waacs on discharge.

Nelson Relics.—A number of Nelson relics are to be sold by auction. His sword has been sold by private treaty.

'Plane Catastrophe.—An aeroplane flying over Cairo crashed and demolished the top floor of a house.

Tragedies Liked.—Blood-curdling dramas are the most popular films to-day and are going strong in British cinemas.

Feeding Workers.—Professor Halliburton says that muscle workers need more food than brain workers.

Resuming.—The steamship service from Antwerp to New York suspended during the war re-commences next month.

Cheers all the way.—The Prince of Wales is to make an extended drive through London on his return.

Per Month.—The total cost of troops in the United Kingdom is ten and a half millions a month.

Rain v. Riot.—British and Boer crowds coming into collision at Johannesberg were dispersed by heavy rain.

At his Home.—Since the French elections M. Clemenceau has been resting in his native place, St. Vincent-sur-Jard.

Unusual Baby.—The first baby penguin known to have been hatched in captivity has been born at Edinburgh Zoo.

Exciting.—A popular form of winter sport in Switzerland is ski-kjoring — being drawn along on skis by a horse.

Triplet Girls.—The wife of an ex-soldier of Newry has given birth to triplets — all girls.

Not a Wanderer.—An old lady has lived in Tiverton 80 years and in her present house 60 years.

Perturbed.—The recent note from the Allies has considerably fluttered the German dovecots.

Snatched From Death.—It is said that gum arabic and sea salt will revive persons on the point of death through loss of blood.

Tran port Crisis.—Industry is being stopped, and food is wasting at the docks in England because means of transport are lacking.

Thousands Gone.—A woman cashier is being charged at Manchester with having defrauded a ship-owning firm of thousands of pounds.

Orgy of Crime.—In Chicago there is no light at night owing to strikes causing fuel shortage. Murder and robbery are rife.

Resigned.—The under-secretaries of State, who were not re-elected at the French elections, have handed in their resignations.

Jewels Gone.—While walking the Strand, Mrs. Hamilton Wedderburn, wife of the Deputy Provost Marshal, lost a valuable pearl necklace.

Banker Wanted.—Detectives are searching for a Paris banker who disappeared from Paris after heavy frauds had been discovered.

Visiting Belgium.—A party of professors from the English universities is visiting Belgium and are being entertained by the heads of the principal Belgian colleges.

Extravagance.—A motor car recently sold by its makers for £3000 has since changed hands twice, the latest purchaser having paid £10,000 for it.

Plucky Nurse.—Miss Zoe Stein, a St. Dunstan's nurse has been presented with a Carnegie Hero Fund wrist watch. She rescued four blind soldiers from drowning.

Fatal Mistake.—A competitor in the aero race across America mistook the side of a snowclad mountain for a cloud, crashed and was killed.

Playing at Houses.—Model houses big enough for children to play in are a feature of Christmas shop displays in London.

Woman's Era.—Next term, Oxford University is to consider the advisability of woman being matriculated and admitted to degrees.

The Deficient.—About one million six hundred thousand pounds is required to maintain sixteen mentally deficient homes in England.

Fighting the Scourge.—The majority of the treatment centres for venereal disease have now been established at British hospitals.

Useful Job.—A person to look after a baby gorilla at a wage of thirty shillings a week is being advertised for.

Boy Scouts' Rally.—There is to be a big Boy Scout Rally in England next year. One hundred thousand from all parts of the world will muster.

Footlight's Glamour.—Miss Lily St. John, who left the caste of "Yes Uncle" when married to Major Cran, the Norwegian airman, is returning to the stage.

Sea Invasion.—Thousands of tons of earth and sand have been washed away and hundreds of acres flooded on the Lincolnshire Coast.

Another Combine.—More than 3,000 members attended the annual meeting of the Club Assistants' Association called to form a trade union.

Ours Highest.—The public debt of the United Kingdom has increased £157 10s. per head of the population since the war began. Germany's comes next at £128, and France third with £114.

Street Tragedy.—A steam lorry at Peckham skidded and ran into a woman her daughter and two children in a perambulator. The woman was killed, the daughter injured and the children unhurt.

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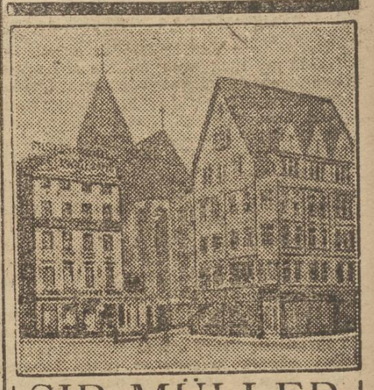

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MORE BRITISH SOLDIERS SHOT AT CAIRO.

LADY ASTOR, M.P.

BOUDOIR AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Lady Astor, who by a bumping majority of 5,202 has retained Plymouth for the Coalition Unionists, has the distinction of being the first woman member to represent an English constituency. In anticipation of her success at the polls, rooms had already been set aside in the House of Commons as boudoir, sitting and writing rooms for women members. At present Lady Astor will be the only occupant unless Contess Markievics, the Sinn Feiner, should assert her right to share it. Lady Astor will be introduced to the House by Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Bonar Law.

The figures at the Plymouth by-election were as follows:—

Viscountess Astor, Coalition Unionist 14,495,
Mr. Gay, Labourite 9,292,
Mr. Foot, Liberal ..... 4,139.

At the last election the figures were:—Major Astor 17,091, Mr. Gay, Labourite, 5,334, Captain Ransom, Liberal, 3,488.

HARMSWORTH WINS THANET.

The Thanet by-election result was also announced yesterday as follows:—

Mr. Harmsworth, Coalition Unionist 9,711,
Captain West, Liberal ..... 7,058.

At the general election Lieut.-Commander Craig, Coalition Unionist, was returned unopposed.

O'GRADY MISSION.

ALL PRISONERS IN GOOD HEALTH.

The British Government re-affirmed its position regarding the O'Grady Mission, namely, that negotiations with Litvinoff are in no case to go beyond the question of exchange of prisoners, which matter, it is expected, will be concluded within a few days. Litvinoff has enquired into the present position of all the British Military, Naval and Air prisoners at Moscow. He has personally visited some of the prisons and seen the prisoners and declared that all are well except some of the wounded. He is sending wireless instructions to Moscow and Petrograd regarding the civilian prisoners and asking for a report on their state of health.

Personal relations have so far been quite smooth. The British delegates have learned that, instead of 101 British prisoners, there are 110, while there are about 1,000 British nationals in Russia, mostly at Moscow and Petrograd.

ROSE FROM THE RANKS.

COURT-MARTIAL ON GRAVE CHARGE.

A Court-martial was held at Aldershot on Friday on Temporary Lieut.-Colonel S. D. Rumbold, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., 8th Battn. Yorks and Lancs, who enlisted in 1914 as a private. He was charged with acts of indecency and pleaded guilty. His counsel called a nerve specialist who stated that the acts of accused showed clearly that he was suffering from war strain. Pending confirmation the finding of the Court was not announced.

AMERICA'S DEAD.

PROPOSAL FOR EXHUMATION.

A Washington message announces that the United States Department has sent instructions to the American Ambassador in Paris to open with the French Government the question of exhuming the remains of American soldiers now lying buried in France.

COL. WARD PAYS SOLDIER'S FINE.

Colonel Ward, M.P., attended the South-Western Police Court, yesterday, as a witness, and came to the aid of a private soldier unable to pay his fine of 7s. for using obscene language.

"I will pay," said Colonel Ward, and he handed the money to the court official.

The soldier thanked the colonel, and shaking hands with him, left the court.

MEXICAN PRESIDENT'S FLIGHT.

A telegram has been received from San Antonio, Texas, reporting that fighting has broken out in Mexico City between the Carranza and Obnegon factions. President Carranza is stated to have fled to Queretaro.

Councillor Richard Earle, local secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, has been appointed first Labour magistrate at Ramsgate.

CAIRO OUTRAGES.

TWO MORE BRITISH SOLDIERS WOUNDED.

Lord Allenby has issued a proclamation at Cairo warning the population that incitement to disorderly demonstrations or other acts subversive of authority constitute an offence under Martial-law. The officer recently assassinated was Captain Cohen of the Labour Corps. The four Nationalists arrested for disobeying Lord Allenby's order to leave Cairo have been released and have gone to their villages.

According to a telegram from Lord Allenby dated Wednesday shots were fired in the Tewjikieh quarter at two British soldiers returning from the theatre. Both were hit, together with a Greek girl. This is the third outrage of this sort in which the assailants have escaped arrest.

EX-OFFICERS' DEMAND.

HALF-PAY UNTIL WORK IN FOUND.

A deputation from the National Union of Ex-Officers waited on the Executive of the Army Committee at the House of Commons to discuss employment for demobilized officers. A number of proposals were placed before the Committee with the request that Service Members of the House should press the Government to adopt them.

The suggestions included the following: No person who has not served in the Army or Navy to be considered for any Government appointment until all ex-officers and men have been placed; the Government to notify all local authorities that they view with disfavour appointments not given to ex-service officers and men; the Government to recognise entirely the Appointments Department of the Labour Ministry and make it compulsory for all Government Departments to notify their vacancies to the Appointments Department.

The Deputation also urged that unemployed ex-officers should be placed on half pay until able to obtain employment.

MINERS' ROUND-UP.

REMAINDER RETURN TO WORK.

The military authorities at Sverigan (Wyoming) explain that the round-up of the Carneyville coal miners who refused to return to work was made under the recent military proclamation declaring that region under military control. After the arrest of fifty-two alleged Radicals, the Bersearneyville branch of the Miners Union voted in favour of an immediate return to work. The authorities announce that deportation proceedings will be begun against the extremists.

LETTS DECLARE WAR.

GERMANS RECALLED.

Information has been received from Berlin that the Lettish Government has declared war on Germany. On account of the military and political incidents at Mitau the Lettish and German Governments have recalled their representatives. The German representatives at Riga and Libau will also be recalled.

M.P. RESIGNS.

"PANDERING TO ORGANISED LABOUR."

Major Christopher Lowther, the Unionist Member for North Cumberland, has announced that he is unable longer to support the Government "owing to its continual pandering to organised labour." He has therefore decided to resign his seat

FRENCH LABOURITES HONOURED.

A despatch from Washington announces that M. Albert Thomas, the French Labourite, has been selected as the first Director-General of the International Labour office under the League of Nations and M. Arthur Fontaine as permanent chairman of the governing body of the International Labour Conference.

SPEN VALLEY CONTEST.

A three cornered contest is assured at Spen Valley by the official announcement that Colonel Charles Bryan Fairfax, an ex-flying officer and Battalion Commander in France, will address a meeting of Coalition supporters at Cleckheaton on Saturday with a view to his adoption as official Coalition Candidate.

R.A.F. VACANCIES.

RECRUITING FOR MECHANICS RE-OPENED.

Owing to the large numbers due for discharge on completion of engagement, recruiting for the Royal Air Force has been re-opened and there are now vacancies for skilled mechanics of various trades. Engagements are for 4, 6 or 8 years with the colours and 9, 6 and 4 years respectively with the Reserve.

The official notice adds that in view of the newly revised rates of pay the openings are distinctly attractive, particularly as men will be working at their own trades and constantly gaining fresh experience which will be of great value to them on their return to civil life, by which time there will probably be a greatly increased demand for aircraft workers of all categories.

MERCIFUL JUSTICE.

PAINFUL DIVORCE COURT STORY.

A tragic story was told in the Divorce Court in a suit in which the husband, Albert Ernest Marven, asked for the dissolution of his marriage because of misconduct between his wife and a co-respondent, Harry Turner. The wife pleaded connivance and conduct conducive, and counter-charged her husband with misconduct. In addition she asked the Court to exercise discretion in her favour and grant her a decree nisi.

The parties were in humble circumstances and lived in the neighbourhood of Rochford, Essex. The wife said her husband was a drunken and lazy man, who ill-treated her, and forced her to misconduct herself with co-respondent, who later took a cottage where they all lived together—the husband, wife, children, and co-respondent.

In 1909 the wife and co-respondent went away and lived together. Next day the husband sent his own two children along to them, saying he was not going to keep them. From that time they had lived together, and co-respondent had kept not only the five children he had had by Mrs. Marven, but the husband's two children also.

Counsel, Mr. Tyndale, for the wife, contented that this was a case where the Court could rightly exercise discretion in favour of this poor woman.

His lordship said it was a difficult case, but he had come to the conclusion that the circumstances justified him in granting the wife a decree nisi. The wife deserved the sympathy of the Court. She married a worthless man who was a drunkard and lazy. On the evidence the Court was satisfied that the husband drove and beat his wife into prostitution, bringing the co-respondent into the house when there was no money, and offering the man his wife.

Before leaving the court, Mrs. Marven came forward, and said to the judge: "May I thank you for your kindness sir?"

His lordship smiled kindly, and bowed.

RULES OF DEBATE.

SCENE AT LIBERAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Addressing a meeting of the Council of the National Liberal Federation at Birmingham on Friday, Mr. Asquith said the Party truce was ended, and Liberals in the coming political battle did not intend to be a wing of either the Tory or Labour Party.

There was a scene at the meeting. An amendment from the Manchester Liberal Federation asking equal pay for women for equal work, representation of women on Whitley Committees and removal of all sex barriers, was ruled out of order on a technical point.

One Manchester delegate accused the president, Sir George Lunn, of burking the discussion. Amid considerable sensation, the Manchester delegates rose and left the hall, ignoring the President's appeal to remain.

CORRECTION.

In yesterday's issue, a paragraph recording the fact that an officer had been degraded and sent to prison for surrendering Fort Malone in 1914, was headed "French General degraded." This was an inadvertence. It should have been Belgian, of course, as the Court-martial took place at Namur.

MUST TAKE THEIR TURN.

The Scapa Flow scuttlers, interned at Oswestry, are demanding to be repatriated before Christmas. They attempted to strike against work on Tuesday, but sullenly resumed on the appearance of troops with fixed bayonets.

GERMAN HELP FOR AUSTRIA.

The German National Assembly having decided to shorten the German bread ration by 50 gr in December and to send the spare flour to Austria, the Austrian National Assembly has passed a resolution of thanks to Germany.

NO EXTRA CHRISTMAS SUGAR.

The Food Controller expresses regret that the available supplies do not permit of a larger sugar ration during the Christmas and New Year season.

BETTER OR WORSE.

WIFE'S MESSAGE TO SOLDIER HUSBAND.

The Court of Sessions at Edinburgh on Friday granted the petition of Colonel Lohn Alexander Stirling, formerly commanding the 2nd Scots Guards, for a divorce on the ground of his wife's desertion.

Petitioner said he was married in 1914. The war caused financial worries and this annoyed his wife, who unjustly accused him of marrying for money and refused to live with him. She sent him a message saying that the only thing he could do was to go away and get killed as soon as possible.

COAL AND CLOTHES.

PARIS PROTEST AGAINST DANCING.

The Archbishop of Paris, Cardinal Amette, has issued a Pastoral Letter protesting against the immodest toilettes worn by many women and the indecent dances now in vogue. He declares that Christian women and girls ought to refrain from wearing such apparel and from taking part in such amusements. This letter will be read from the pulpits of all churches on the first Sunday in Advent.

The newspaper "L'Oeuvre," commenting on the closing of Paris dancing halls, attributes this new order to a desire on the part of the Government to suppress dancing as at present practised, rather than to an endeavour to economise coal. The journal further remarks that the "Presse de Paris," at the instance of the journal "La Croix" refuses to accept advertisements of dancing halls. This, concludes "L'Oeuvre," is a sign of the times and the public authorities cannot but follow suit.

LOCKED IN A SCHOOL.

RECTOR'S PLAYFUL LITTLE WAY.

An extraordinary story of how the National School managers of Markfield (Leicestershire) were locked in a school by the rector was told at a meeting of the Market Bosworth Rural Council on Wednesday, when the council decided to serve a notice on the rector to improve the sanitary conveniences of the schools.

It was stated that at a meeting of the managers, the rector, the Rev. H. Chambers, pointed out that under the school deeds he was made the chairman of managers. The other managers, however, refused to recognise his authority. The rector gave them five minutes to clear out, and as they refused to go, he locked them in.

SINN FEIN.

FEARS FOR NEW CAMPAIGN OF VIOLENCE.

In Dublin, says the "Daily Express," it is feared that a new campaign of assassination by means of bomb outrages is about to begin, and that Lord French and other officials are in peril of their lives. The Sinn Feiners have obtained great quantities of explosives and it is expected that attacks will be made on Dublin Castle and other buildings.

Grave as may be the situation, it is regarded as an indication that the extremists have come to the end of their tether and they are losing many of their hitherto solid supporters.

A GYMCRACK NOTION.

SOMETHING BETTER THAN A LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The annual dinner of the Gymcrack Club, which was in abeyance during the war, was revived at York last night. General Sir Ivor Maxse, responding to the toast of the Imperial Forces, said he could not understand the amount of bosh talked about the League of Nations. He preferred a League of Tanks.

Sir Abe Bailey, replying for the winner of the Gymcrack Stakes, declared that the Jockey Club is not sufficiently democratic and advocated the establishment of the totalisator and the licensing of betting.

DEALING WITH THE DRINK QUESTION.

In reply to the recent Temperance Deputation from the Churches, the Premier announces that a Bill will shortly be introduced continuing the powers of the Liquor Control Board and establishing Commissions with real powers of control. These Commissions would keep local bodies up to the mark, watch experiments in other countries and study the effects of different methods of dealing with the drink question at home.

DISCIPLINE IN R.A.F.

A joint order of the Army Council and the Air Council provides that officers and airmen of the R.A.F. acting with the military forces under the Commander-in-Chief, British Army of the Rhine, shall in all respects be subject to the Army Act whilst on active service as if they were officers and airmen attached to the Army.

SUMMARY COURT.

STUPID WAITER ASKS FOR TROUBLE.

Two policemen, who were making enquiries, were accused by Joseph Cramp, a waiter of Deutscher Ring, as being bogus police, and, in fact, deserters. Although their enquiries did not concern Cramp at all, he went out and fetched two military policemen from street duty, and to these, he triumphantly pointed out the "deserters." Cramp was then asked for his own permit, which was not in order, and he had no night pass. He then became insolent.

"You were simply asking for trouble, and you found it," said the presiding officer.

"Yes, sir," admitted the accused, who was fined fifty marks for his pains.

THEFT OF CINEMA FILMS.

Alfred Wupper, a chimney sweep of Drachenfelsstrasse, pleaded guilty to being in possession of cinematograph films to the value of £500, the property of the N.A.C.B.

Wupper denied that he stole the films, and asserted that he received them from soldiers in payment of debts.

He sold four films for 750 marks to a man in the Neumarkt, who, however, reported the transaction.

Accused, who was given a good character, was committed to prison for three months.

ONE KNUCKLEDUSTER—THREE MONTHS.

When nineteen-year-old Joseph Sames, a locksmith, of no fixed abode, was arrested by the German police on suspicion of theft, a weapon of formidable possibilities, to wit, a knuckleduster, was found on him.

Charged with being in unlawful possession of arms, Sames, a bad character, was sentenced to three months imprisonment.

TURKISH NATIONALISTS.

RUMOUR OF SECRET CONGRESS.

A delayed Constantinople message says that a private telegram received on the 16th October from Sivas, the headquarters of the Turkish Nationalist movement, alleges that at the instance of Mustava Kemul Pasha, an Arab deputation from Azerbaijan was with the heads of the Turkish Nationalist movement. It is also said that an Afghan deputation is coming to Sivas, when a congress will be held in the name of all Mahomedans and an appeal made to the Supreme Council at Paris to respect the integrity of the Ottoman Empire according to stipulations made at the armistice. Nothing is known at Constantinople in corroboration of this telegram and it is thought extremely unlikely that King Hedjan has sent envoys to confer with Nationalist leaders. The probability is that Mustafa Kemal is trying to exploit the Pan-Islamic movement for his own ends.

CHRISTMAS PARCELS FROM HOME.

The Board of Trade are informed that Customs officers in Germany have been instructed to admit from all countries, without licence, postal packets weighing not more than 5 kilos (11lb.) which are not sent for trading purposes, and which contain articles of food for the personal use of the importers.

Such parcels may not contain butter, meat, and articles containing meat, bacon, flour, sugar, pineapples, prawns, ginger vanilla, caviare, substitute and caviare pickled, lobsters, and oysters. They may not contain more than 1 kilo (35oz.) each of margarine and lard; products of dough, macaroni, vermicelli; sweetmeats and other articles coming under No. 202 of the Customs Tariff; coffee, tea, and products of the cocoa and chocolate industry. They may not contain more than 2½ kilos (5½lb.) combined weight of soap, candles, and starch.

To characterize a present as such, it is recommended to add "Geschenke" to the address on the dispatch note accompanying each parcel; the Customs officers will then at once recognise the character of the parcel.

NEW ORLEANS GOES 'WET.'

Holding that the continuance of the war time prohibition is unconstitutional the Federal Court at New Orleans has granted an injunction applied for by a local firm restraining Government officials from interfering with the sale of alcoholic drinks. Many drinking places at once resumed business and are doing an enormous trade. As is done in the case of similar decisions in various parts of the country an appeal will undoubtedly be taken by the Government to the Highest Court.

OUT-RELIEF SCANDALS.

At Friday's meeting of the Llanelly Board of Guardians, the relieving officer reported that a man earning £6 a week, and with only a wife dependent on him, was asking for out-relief.

In another case relief was being sought by a family in which the total earnings were £14 a week. Applicants with £4 or £5 a week, said the relieving officer, were quite common.

TAXI CAB ACCIDENTS.

During the first 10 months of this year the number of taxicab accidents in London was 755, compared with 655 over the same period in 1918. There were approximately 1,200 more cabs in operation this year.

PRICE OF COAL.

HOW THE REDUCTION WAS POSSIBLE.

In the course of the coal debate in the House of Commons Mr. Brace moved the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the Coal Controller's administration and the position of the coal industry. He said the miners had been driven to despair at the blunders committed by the Coal Department and the trade was getting into a state of chaos. The miners' solution was nationalisation, but he was prepared to co-operate with anybody in order to secure greater production. The motion was defeated, however, by 254 votes to 59.

Sir Auckland Geddes, replying to the debate, said the Government did not object to such a committee because it wanted to hide anything, but because it wanted to get on with the job. He defended the accuracy of the estimated figures on which the price of coal was raised. During the first part of 1919 there had been a deficit of nine millions on the working of the industry. This rose to eleven millions by the end of March but was reduced again to nine millions early in October. Financial experts estimated that the nine millions deficit would be paid off next month. If present prices continued and there was the same relative distribution between inland and export coal, there would be a profit of seventeen millions at the end of the financial year. This was the fund from which it was proposed to use the money to reduce the price of domestic coal. With regard to the demand for an impartial inquiry, the Government had already referred the matter to a firm of impartial accountants.

ANTHRAX BRUSHES.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT JAPANESE CONSIGNMENTS.

The danger arising from the use of shaving brushes infected with anthrax, which are being imported from Japan, was discussed at a meeting of the City Corporation yesterday. Mr. Heilbuth stated that many fatal results had been reported.

In one case it was found that six out of nine brushes were infected with the disease. All the known consignments of Japanese brushes were being examined, and where infection was discovered the Medical Officer of the district was notified. Practically every parcel was found on examination to contain one or two brushes infected with anthrax.

Mr. Walker said it was impossible to disinfect these brushes, because the intense heat required to destroy the anthrax germ would also destroy the brush. Importation should be prohibited. The serious point was that these brushes came here with a certificate from the Government of Osaki stating that they were free from disease and quite safe.

WOOLWICH ARSENAL.

LOCOMOTIVES TO BE MADE.

The Prime Minister visited Woolwich Arsenal on Friday to investigate personally what can be done to utilise the war-machinery for industrial purposes. The question of the discharges from the Arsenal has been the cause of very grave concern to the population of Woolwich, of which seventy-five per cent is dependent on the Government works.

Mr. Lloyd George stated that Woolwich Arsenal was probably to be developed as a railway centre in order to meet the world's shortage of locomotives.

BALLOON SOLD FOR 75s.

Ten complete ballons, besides a quantity of balloon fabric were sold on behalf of the Disposal Board in the Empress Hall, Earl's Court, yesterday. The balloons are made of the finest 3-ply linen, rubberised, and weigh between 3 and 4 cwt. The first went for 75s., but competition then became keener, and the next sold for £6 12s. 6d. Two more fetched £7, and another £8 5s. The other five balloons were of a larger type, and found ready buyers at a little over £10 each.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

The general tone was good but business was checked by counter attractions of new capital issues. British funds maintained their firmness, mainly owing to the cessation of selling. In Oils the leading shares were buoyant and some excitement prevailed on Mexican Eagle reaching a new high record of 15⅛. Lobitos Oil shares were firm, despite the contradiction of the rumour of their absorption by the Shell group. Shell Transport maintained their interim dividend on ordinary shares of 10% free of income tax. Foreign Government issues receded on Continental liquidations. In the money market supplies were plentiful and optimistic anticipations prevailed concerning the effect of War Loan disbursements next week. Silver declined to 72 s. 5 d. owing to the American Treasury releasing silver dollars. Gold was in good demand for the East and the Continent at 103/-. Marks were 169 to 171 and Austrian crowns 540 to 560. The Elder Dempster Shipping Company, to meet the requirements of various trade routes, has decided to increase its capital to £15,435,000 sterling. Marine insurance on goods to Black Sea ports is gradually declining. Lloyds quote forty shillings per cent on goods to Bucharest, against 100 shillings earlier in the year.

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OBSERVATION.

Correspondence which has appeared in our columns has demonstrated the fact that the army of occupation are not failing to use their eyes; the vast majority have their powers of observation well-developed and are using them to better themselves and to increase their knowledge.

The soldier should be better at observation than the civilian. An important part of his military training is devoted to the development of this faculty in what is known as "Visual Training." A man is taught to take in detail and to penetrate obscurity as well as to notice the more obvious objects in his surroundings. It is an established fact that the rural, the man who has spent the greater part of his life in the country, has a great advantage in this respect over the man who has lived in the city, where his vision has been cramped and confined.

But during the war we have all become "rurals," our eyes have become accustomed to roaming over unlimited space and, what is more, we have had to learn — compelled by the instinct of self-preservation — not to overlook the detail.

That such training has been turned to good account in Rhineland, we have had evidence in abundance. Without unduly exalting the Germans we have to admit that there are many features of their life which are more up-to-date than, and improvements upon, our own. This fact must be true of almost every country; they have lessons to teach if the mind of the observer is open and receptive. It is impossible here to go into details, but they have previously been pointed to in our columns.

While it is true that there is much we can learn of a constructive nature for the eventual benefit of the homeland, and the individual, it is equally certain that information which may be acquired of a negative character will also be of immense value.

We cannot fail to have observed certain methods in which the German is on the wrong track, so to speak. A comparison with our system at home shows the British style up to the great advantage. In such cases we are acquiring useful knowledge because we shall see to it that the faulty methods are never introduced at home by people who have not seen their ill-effects.

To sum up, then, it is impossible to observe too much — the stock we take of Germany to-day must stand us in good stead in our own land and in our own businesses later on.

THE WORKERS.

Those who sit in offices from 5 to 12.30 and from 2.30 till 5 are often to be heard complaining of the press of work which is their unfortunate lot. But what about those who are working all the time with just a hasty half hour snatched for food? To this latter class belong the chief members of the B.R.A.D.C. Some of us go to the Deutsches Theatre with the idea that we are attending St. James' or His Majesty's, and we criticise rather freely if we do not witness a performance quite up to the standard of those theatres.

Again I have heard it said that these "play-actors" do what they do because they like it. Do they? Do they slave to make themselves as nearly perfect in their art as is possible from ten in the morning till two the following morning, and struggle against numerous and, in many cases, unnecessary and unjustificable difficulties—just to amuse themselves? I am certain they do not. They work like slaves in order to give an entertainment every night of the week to those who are fortunate enough to have the leisure to spare to witness it. On the evening previous to the production of "Strife" the producer brought a full day's work to an end by rehearsing till 2 a.m. when he fell, still clothed in his uniform, exhausted on the sofa in his dressing room and there slept till breakfast time.

PLAYING AND PREPARING.

The entire week previous to the production of "The School for Scandal" a performance was given every night at 6 p.m. Each day until about an hour before the curtain rose, rehearsals were being undertaken from 10 a.m. onwards and resumed after the curtain had rung down on the finale. On Friday of last week the entire afternoon was given up to the practising of the minuet under the able and persevering direction of the Ballet Master of the Cologne Opera house. Saturday morning was spent at the Opera house choosing costumes: in the afternoon another minuet rehearsal: after the evening performance, a rehearsal of the play on Sunday between the hour of 10 a.m. and 2. The following morning the company left the Theatre for exactly five hours. The Stage Director was attending to his duties on Monday morning at 9.30 a.m. and made the pleasing discovery that, of the eight stage hands allotted to him, four had been taken from him for regimental duty and two had gone sick. When most other people had gone to their luncheon, the Stage Director was nailing scenery together with a block of wood, because, having so much to remember, he had apparently forgotten to indent on Form X.Y.Z. something or other for that invaluable tool—a hammer.

LIVING WITHOUT SLEEP.

In addition to rehearsing, the actors must learn their lines. When and where they do it I cannot conceive. They must have solved the problem of living without sleep. These few facts may help the host of critics cheerfully to forgive any minor faults they may find in the various productions. The opportunity might also be taken to mention a certain gentleman of German nationality—the Stage Director of the Cologne Schauspielhaus, who has given gratuitous and untiring service to the B.R.A.D.C. On Sunday last he had two performances to superintend in his own theatre, but he neverth less spent the entire morning at the Deutsches giving his valuable aid and advice to a harassed English producer. Mention has often been made in the columns of "The Cologne Post" of the valuable work done by the company. These few ill-expressed lines may give some indication of the amount of labour and energy expended by these tireless people. *E.H.S.*

SCIENCE AND WAR.

Lord Moulton's small book* leaves us wanting more. This is only a lecture, the Rede Lecture of 1919, and we would have the whole story. Lord Moulton, known for years as a luminary in the realm of science, as well as of the law, was in charge of that department which sorted out the good and the bad from the thousands of inventions which were to end the war, an onerous, if at times, amusing job.

As Lord Moulton says, the future of the whole world was at stake and the issue became one of such surpassing importance that it inevitably called into action all the powers, known or latent, of those engaged in the struggle.

Science has revolutionized the world. has lifted half the labours from the back of mankind, has relieved the sufferings of the sick and wounded, has made life worth striving for. Yet science is not all. To quote Lord Moulton, for at least half a century Germany had stood first among the great nations in its care for the education of its people. Science was everywhere cultivated and made accessible to the whole nation. Even allowing for the exaggeration of its claims, due to its persistent self-glorification, I do not doubt that the boast of the Germans that their country could show a larger proportion of men of scientific attainments than any other was substantially justified and no doubt the influence of these men or the thought of their country was proportionately great.

Yet we find Germany during the period of at least twenty years consciously and deliberately making preparations for a war to be waged upon its neighbours solely for the purpose of self-aggrandisement. When the war was at last commenced it was acclaimed and universally supported by the Nation. That it opened with a flagrant and undisguised breach of national faith affected the people not at all. At no time did they seek in any way to mitigate its horrors but made it their aim to increase them. Common soldiers co-operated with their officers and the higher commands in carrying it out with calculated and revolting brutality to the civilian populations of the invaded countries. Finally they introduced the use of asphyxiating gas and all the tortures of so-called chemical warfare."

But their supposed superiority was a delusion as we afterwards plainly showed them. In every direction of purely scientific effort, unaided by natural brutality, we, a nation who entered the war to preserve our national faith, beat them.

Lord Moulton devotes considerable space to the Science of Explosives. The discovery of smokeless explosives was a great step forward. It permitted the target to be kept in view and the effect of the shots observed. The coming of the high explosive where pressure produced rises at the rate of several millions of tons per square inch per second and reaches its maximum within a fraction of a thousandth part of a second from the instant of its detonation, has revolutionised warfare. Such an explosion produces a shattering effect not dreamt of before. The development of our high explosives was a marvellous performance by our research workers to whom Lord Moulton tenders a warm word of gratitude.

When Big Bertha started shelling Paris, men were inclined to credit Germany again with having discovered something new. But all they had discovered was some insane reason for using such a monster. The glory of firing at a city say 100 square miles in extent, so that missing the target was impossible, merely for the sake of killing or frightening civilians had no attraction for us.

The wonderful development of the internal combustion engine which made air warfare possible is next dealt with and the amazing fact that the engine weight was reduced to 2lbs per h.p. is recorded. Although the more striking value of the engine was in the air and the tank service, its greatest service was undoubtedly the making of road transport under war conditions a practical proposition.

Motor v. Railway.

For forty years Germany had developed strategical railways but the motor transport system of the Allies heavily discounted this "vorsicht" and kept the battle going even when, as at Verdun, railways would have been "hors de combat." Then the internal combustion engine together with the Plante battery made submarines feasible.

But the contributions of science to warfare are innumerable; it was a science war and only a nation having science to back it could have survived at all. The meagre dribblings allotted to Research by our own country were repaid beyond computation. Had they been greater, had research workers been trained in anything like the numbers they should be, the war would have cost us far less in lives and money. Has the country heard, has it comprehended, will it profit by experience. Will it grant the money now; at once, and for the future, that is our best insurance for the comfort and welfare of the nation and against war. Economy can be a most expensive luxury when uncontrolled and we, as a nation, can never afford to fall into our old "pennywise, pound foolish" state of lawyer-ridden, unscientific partition of the nation's resources.

Much remains to be written about the nation's triumph through its men of science. The wonderful development of sound ranging, enabling us to locate hostile batteries within a few yards of their actual position, the marvellous work of our doctors and surgeons in alleviating suffering and saving lives all show us that the British science man can do well when given a chance. It is up to the nation now to remember the benefits conferred on it by science and to ensure that nevermore shall she become neglected and starved.

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THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX

We Hear all Sides without Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

WASH AND BRUSH UP.

Sir,—Having come through the war accustomed to the trials and hardships of a regimental officer, it is only under great provocation that I take up the pen as a cudgel.

H.P.I. evidently fails to realise that there are still many officers who come to the Clubs daily in order to enjoy the luxury of hot baths and washes supplied by these excellent institutions.

My only advice to him is to seek out one of the many uncivilised spots in which many officers are still destined to reside and to spend a week in their company. I will warrant that at the end of his stay he will remodel his views on the subject.

GEORGE BROWN.

Sir,—"Orange Stick" although pointing out that "Ablution" has omitted to mention an important necessity at the Officers' clubs, has himself made an omission.

He has evidently not noticed that "Brilliantine" and "Eau de Cologne" are not supplied in the ablution departments.

Surely such things should not be left out.

For my own part I think they are quite as necessary as a manicure department. *KNUTTY.*

A REAL PUPPET SHOW.

Sir,—How gratified I feel towards "R.W.K." for his information regarding a Puppet Show. I am sure many people will be extremely glad to visit such a splendid entertainment as the price is so ridiculously small. All the same, I, who do not suffer from a surfeit of Wagner, prefer to see something classical, and not a children's performance.

Evidently "R.W.K." is one of those persons who does not appreciate the fine arts and the opportunities that are given them during their stay on the Rhine. *C. G. M.*

HOCKEY IN RHINE GARRISON.

Sir,— As it seems possible that a number of units are desirous of competing in a Hockey Competition, with the permission of G.H.Q. the Y.M.C.A. intend to run one on the league principle, if sufficient entries are sent in.

To ascertain whether the number of teams wishing to enter will warrant such a competition, I would be glad to receive the names of units which would compete.

We shall also be starting a Basketball League, and would welcome entries for this. *F. R. SKEELES.*
Director of Athletics; Y.M.C.A.

CHILDRENS' SERVICE.

Sir,—In response to the courteous letter of the Y.M.C.A, in last Monday's "Cologne Post," a service for children of English residents in Cologne will be held regularly on Sunday afternoons in the Church Army Chapel in the Antoniterstrasse at 14.30 hrs. We hope that all parents will encourage their children to come to a service which is specially designed to help them to learn the practice of the worship of God and the service of mankind.

GARRISON CHAPLAIN.

SOLDIERS AND WINE.

Sir,—Replying to your correspondent "Perturbed," I might mention that I too had a slight passing perturbation on the subject of wine the other night, only my discomfiture emanated from the fact that I had only 50 pfgs. left after squaring the bill with the "Ober."

I sincerely trust your correspondent never had cause to become "perturbed" under these circumstances.

SOLDIERS AND WINE.

Sir,—I am very glad to note that "Perturbed" has had some of his fears allayed in regard to the expensive wine habit which he thought would be introduced into Blighty after demobilization had been completed.

He asks whether officers and N. C. O's. will prefer the "popular British beverage."

Well, as far as I can see, there is no reason why they should not.

How many N. C. O's. for instance in civil life will have between £2 and £3 a week to spare after they have paid all expenses, etc? Very few, I guess.

Also officers. Will they be able to afford the expensive wine habit?

There are at present quite a good number who are living on their pay, and I think I can say that they will not be able to afford these expensive wines when they are demobilized.

Therefore I feel sure that they will go in for the "popular British beverage," because they will not be able to afford anything else.

I trust, by now, that "Perturbed" has had all his fears allayed, and I think he can take it as a fact that the "popular British beverage" will still hold its own, and will become more popular.

MOPPER.

(*This correspondence is now closed. Ed.*)

CHRISTMAS WATER SPORT.

Sir,—I have met at least two gentlemen of the type of your correspondent "Spartan." Whether rain or snow, hot or cold, they take their daily dip in the Rhine.

All the same, as far as I can see, his only possible reason for holding a water carnival on Christmas morning can be that he anticipates that a large number of Britishers in Rhineland will have a particularly bad night on Christmas Eve.

SUMMER SWIMMER.

SELF-EDUCATION.

Sir,—I have been wondering whether the British Army of Occupation is taking full advantage of the unique opportunities for self-education, as apart from that derived through the Army Scheme, and am inclined to the belief that they are not.

With an unlimited supply of books available and a considerable amount of time on hand a wonderful chance for self-education and development of mental power is presented. Every scrap of knowledge gained now by our youthful Army of Occupation will be of inestimable value later on, both to the individual and the nation. Education means a good job and a good job carries a big salary. Think of it. *SELF EDUCATED.*

WIVES AND BILLETING.

Sir,—Much has been written about "Wives and extravagance" and so on, but that to my mind is by no means so serious as what might be said about "Wives and billeting!"

I refer of course to the country places, my arguments do not apply to Cologne and other of the larger centres. It is a fact that the greatest difficulty is being experienced in some of the outlying villages to find suitable accommodation for officers and their wives. There are in many cases only a limited number of suitable billets and these were previously in use as officers' messes.

With the advent of the wife in increasing numbers, the messes have been appropriated for them, the result being that many unfortunate bachelor officers have had to be content with very poor quarters indeed. *A SUFFERER.*

THE SONG OF THE TYPEWRITER.

(With apologies to Kipling.)

This is the song that it singeth,
Full oft as its master decrees,
To the chant of the fore-flung platen
And the rhythmic beat of the keys.

Mine is the power to utter
The words of the master-scribe;
I am the swift-winged servant,
Loosing the thread and the bribe.
Recording the findings of sages
Torn from the dark Unknown
Recording the orders of Princes,
Heaving the bolt at the throne.

Mine is the boundless power,
Mine is the fathomless might,
Curbing the stamping squadrons,
Ruling the clanging fight;
Launching the grim grey warships
Baring the angry blade,
Moving the ranked battalions,
Hurling the massed brigade.

In the snow-bound Polar regions,
Where the ice-bergs drift and grind
In the land where the broad-leaved palm-trees
Bend to the hot south wind;
On the skirt of the blinding desert,
On the shore of the blue lagoon,
Where the thundering white-topped billows
Lift to the might of the moon—
There are my words delivered,
There is my message found,
Borne by the might of steam and steel,
Banding the whole earth round.

This is the song that it singeth,
Full off as its Master decrees,
To the forward lunge of the platen
And the beat of the upflung keys.

H. W.

THE LILLE SWEEP.

Major Denison Replies to Critics of Draw Method.

"ABSOLUTELY FAIR."

Considerable criticism has been levelled at the promoters of the Lille sweepstake in connection with the method by which the draw was made. The sporting papers in England have been devoting a great deal of space in their correspondence columns to the matter and many and varied have been the alternative suggestions claimed to be fairer than the method of drawing adopted by the conductors of the sweep.

Several references have been made to the matter in "The Cologne Post" and we now publish an explanatory letter, written to the Press by Major Denison, which will no doubt interest many critics in Rhineland. The Major says:

"I see a letter from Col. F. R. Begbie appearing in the Press and commenting rather strongly on the Great "Victory" Sweepstake draw which was held at Lille, on Nov. 17.

"I beg to take great exception to the Colonel's letter and ask you to allow me space to state the exact case, as whoever wins makes no difference at all to any benefits I may derive therefrom, and leaves me quite unprejudiced except that I give an absolutely straight deal.

System Explained.

"(1) I stated at the draw that 103,600 tickets had been sold out of over 150,000 sent out, and the whole of the counterfoils or chits representing those paid for were placed on long tables for the inspection of any officer, N.C.O., or man present.

"(2) I contend the marble system is an absolutely fair system, everybody having an equal chance; it is just as big odds against a number like 150,320 turning up as any other number.

"(3) The first numeral in the draw was represented by a bag of marbles which contained five zeros and three ones, this being the exact proportion below and above one hundred thousand sold.

"The other five bags of marbles each contained ten marbles 0 to 9.

"(4) Any number drawn over 160,000, i.e., when first numeral came out one, and second figure 6 or over, was considered void, and the draw recommenced. Any number turned out which was unrepresented by either counterfoil, telegram, or chit on the tables was redrawn.

"(5) Before adopting this method I did a draw at my office of 660 draws with counters instead of marbles, and twice drew numbers with the first four numerals zeros, viz., 000022 and 000076, and seven times with three zeros as first three numerals, and one 010001.

"(6) This idea of marbles was taken from the machines used in certain draws in France, i.e., instead of bags of marbles a revolving machine for each numeral which has the numbers 0 to 9. The numbers not required for first numeral being either altered to form a proportion, as in my case, or being entirely obliterated.

Late Applications.

"(7) I devised this idea as I felt that with a huge revolving barrel numbers which happened at the commencement of the draw to be in the centre of the discs stood no chance whatever of being drawn, whereas in the marble deal every number in the bag has plenty of play, and every combination of numerals has an equal chance.

"(8) As witness of the "gross unfairness" referred to by Colonel Begbie for those having tickets numbering less than 10,000, (1) Nos. 1 to 10,000 take £15,800 of the prize-money, (2) 10,000 to 20,000 £9,400 of prize-money, (3) 20,000 to 30,000 £1,925 of prize-money.

"With 66 draws for 103,600 tickets having a range of 160,000 this is not a bad effort, I think, 15 winners out of the first 30,000 numbers, and with an aggregate of £27,125 out of a possible £45,275. In my opinon simply a question of the chance of the draw.

"May I also beg of you to state that an immense number of applications received too late to be included are being dealt with and the money will be returned in due course to the applicants?"

ARMY TEAM'S DEFEAT.

Interesting Fencing Meeting in London.

A small but critical attendance at Bertrand's Fencing Academy, Hannover-sq., witnessed some pretty play in the meeting which resulted in the defeat of an Army "A" team by the Salle Bertrand, the total score being 21½ fights to 6½, made up as follows:—Folls, 8 fights to 1; sabre, 9 to nil; epee 4½ to 5½.

The general form of the Army representatives was distinctly good, Capt. T. H. Ward-Tetley's footwork and attack being seen to advantage in his defeat of Senor de Baera, an eminent Spanish fencer.

Referees: Foil, Capt. E. M. Amplett; sabre, Capt. A. W. Hammond; epee, Capt. Doorman. Results:—

FOIL v. FOIL.

Army.—Capt. T. H. Wand-Tetley, 1 win 2 defeats; Capt. F. Smith, 3 defeats; Capt. W. S. Norris, 3 defeats.

Salle Bertrand.—Senor de Baera, 2 wins 1 defeat; Major Stenson Cooke, 3 wins; M. Edgar Selyman, 3 wins.

SABRE v. SABRE.

Army.—Major E. L. Henslow, 3 defeats; Capt. Smith, 3 defeats; Capt. Norris, 3 defeats.

Salle Bertrand.—Capt. Doorman, 3 wins; Major Stenson Cooke, 3 wins; Major C. B. Notley, 3 wins.

EPEE v. EPEE.

Army. — Capt. Wand-Tetly, 1 win 2 defeats; Capt. Smith, 2½ wins; Capt. Norris, 1 win 2 defeats.

Salle Bertrand. — Count Larradio, 2½ wins; Col. Matthey, 1 win defeats; 2 M. E. Seligman, 1 win 2 defeats. The result being a tie, Capt. Tetley defeated M. de Seligman in the deciding bout.

Winners in America.

Among recent winners in America sired by English-bred stallions were Merry Princess, by Spanish Prince; Polroma, by Polymelus; Jack Stuart, by Valens; Allison, by Radium; Donnacona, by Prince Palatine; and Who Cares, by Wrack.

RHINE FOOTBALL.

Keen Matches in Army of Occupation.

D.A.C. 8-0 WIN.

Westhoven Ammunition Depot played London D.A.C. at Westhoven on Wednesday, the match resulting in a win for the D.A.C. by 8-0. Although playing against heavier weight, the Westhoveners made a plucky fight and all things taken into consideration, gave quite a creditable performance. For the losers B.E Millward (Capt), Menzies, Pte. S. Jackson and Sgt. Windsor played well.

COHESION GIVES VICTORY.

19th (S) Batt. Middlesex Regt. v. Rhine Garrison School.

A very interesting game was played at Bonnerstrasse barracks, Marienburg on Wednesday afternoon between the above mentioned teams resulting in a win for the Middlesex by 5 goals to 1.

The game was played at a particularly fast rate, and it was only owing to the superior combination of the Middlesex forwards that they ran up such a large score, as the school defence played a very stubborn game.

The goal scorers for the winners were 2/Lt. G. F. Griffin, 3. and Pte. Thaine 2, and for the School Pte. Cherry.

The school custodian Lieut. Oldbury played an excellent game and was given no chance with the shots that scored. He was ably supported by his backs.

INTER-COMPANY FOOTBALL.

51st Battalion the Hampshire Regt. at Wermelskirchen.

The second of the Inter-Company Football Matches, "A" v. "B", took place on Tuesday. What promised at first to be an exciting game (for both sides were almost equally matched) was eventually disappointing.

At the commencement it seemed that "B" Coy. would soon obtain the lead. Although continually pressing their opponents' goal, "B" Coys forwards failed to score, five chances being spoilt by weak shooting for goal. Until half-time play was very mild, being mostly confined to mid-field.

"A" Coy. soon distinguished themselves in the early part of the second half, gaining three goals in quick succession from splendid shots by Cpl. Johnson and Sgt. Fiori. The rest of the time both teams slackened considerably. "B" Coy. although afforded many opportunities to equalise spoilt them by fumbling with the ball at the goal mouth.

The game as a whole, could have been greatly improved had the forwards worked together more.

H.Q., VI Corps Ammn. Col. v. No. 2 Section VI Corps Ammn. Col.

On a ground, rendered treacherous by recent heavy rains, the above match was played at Berg-Gladbach on Wednesday, and a keen and interesting game ended in a win for Headquarters by 4 goals to 2.

No. 2 Section attacked from the kick-off, and were rewarded with a goal after 10 minutes' play. Nettled by this reverse, Headquarters played up strongly, and at the end of 20 minutes, equalised. Headquarters continued to attack, and obtained two more in quick time, No. 2 Section's defence at this time being subjected to a severe gruelling, and their forwards were able to make but little headway against the reliable defenders of Headquarters. Half time arrived with Headquarters still pressing and leading 3—1.

The second half opened with an attack by Headquarters. This was repulsed and No. 2 Section now settled down to a period of attacking, but it was not until 20 minutes of the second half had elapsed that their efforts were rewarded with a goal. Encouraged by this, they continued to attack but with no further success and the effort was eventually beaten off. A period of mid-field play followed in which neither side could claim much advantage until about three minutes from the end, when a break away by Headquarters forwards, resulted in their fourth goal being obtained.

FOOTBALL AT ALDERSHOT.

Staff College Easily Beaten By Command.

The Aldershot Command proved too good for the Staff College on the Officers' Club Ground, Aldershot, winning by six goals to two in a fast game. The visitors scored their two goals in the last five minutes of the game.

Malone was late in arriving, and Stock scored for the Command while they were a man short, and he scored a further goal before the interval.

Armitage scored at the start of the second half from a pass by Davis, and Turton netted with a fine shot. Armitage added a further goal, and then the College broke away, Daly and Collins scoring in rapid succession. Armitage scored the Command's sixth goal, the ball going off the goalie's stick into the net.

Aldershot Command.—Army-Schmr. O' Toole; Army-Schmrs Mahoney and Slater; Lieut. Crampton, Lieut. Aylmer, Capt. T. H. Wand-Tetley; Lieut. Davis Capt. Armitage, C.-S.-M. Malone, Army-Schmr Stock, Capt. Turton.

Staff College.—Major Priestman; Comdr. Spencer-Cooper, Major Macfarlane; Major Platt, Col. Liddell, Major Churchill; Major Hartigan, Major Carr. Col. Collins, Col. Neame, Major Daly.

Referees, Major Brooks and Army-Schmr Skelly.

For the Stud.

My Dear, Queen's Square, Quadrille, and Flying Spear all go to the stud next spring, and will not run again.

HUGE BOXING OFFER.

Albert Hall Mentioned for Coming big Fight.

£45,000 PURSE.

It is announced, with some reserve that an offer has been made by Mr. T. healey of a purse of £45,000 for the contest between the American, Jack Dempsey, and the winner of the Carpentier-Beckett match, which would take place at the Albert Hall, London, the purse to be divided as 60 per cent, to the winner, 40 per cent. to the loser, while 20 per cent. of the gross takings would be given to disabled soldiers and sailors from every Allied country which participated in the war.

Mr. C. B. Cochran had previously made an offer of £30,000 for the contest, and beyond that sum he has refused to go.

Whether the contest would be permitted with an advertised purse at the Albert Hall is open to question, for the policy in the past has been not to let the hall for any such event.

Goddard and Gordon Coghill Matched.

Frank Goddard, the recent victor of Victor McLaglen, has been matched with Capt. Gordon Coghill of the Australian Forces, for a 15 round contest for £100 aside, and the match will be decided at the National Sporting Club on December 22, Mr. Bettinson's benefit night.

KEMPTON PARK.

Winterly Conditions for First Day of Meeting.

RACE RESULTS.

Not for a long time has racing under National Hunt rules been witnessed at Kempton Park. On Friday, when an interesting card had been arranged for the first of a two-days' meeting, the elements were decidedly unfavourable. The weather was foggy and the presence of snow on the course rendered the going very heavy. This, notwithstanding, there was a fairly large attendance. Results:—

St. Margaret's Hurdle:—1, Carol Singer (2—1 on); 2, The O'Neill (6—1); 3, Lee White (100—8). Six ran.

Hampton 'Chase:—1, Sir Artegal, walked over.

Kempton Park Hurdle:—1, Water Gruel (6—1); 2, Doublet (9—2); 3, Court Bleddyn (7—1). Nine ran.

Uxbridge 'Chase:—1, Old Tay Bridge 3—1); 2, Sergt. Murphy (9—4 on); 3, Warrior 2nd (10—1). Three ran.

Two Mile 'Chase:—1, Square Up (evens); 2, Bonnie Charlie (10—1); 3, Shanton (7—4). Five ran.

Wimbledon Hurdle:—1, Farm Camp (8—1); 2, Gavrelle (6—4); 3, Potentate (100—8). Fourteen ran.

BLACK AND WHITE BALL IMPRESSINS.

BILLIARDS.

Reece and Newman Still leading in Big Matches.

The closing scores on Friday in the principal billiards matches in London are appended:—

Reece, 14,793 (breaks 143, 129, 105, 377, 114 and 130 unfinished).

Stevenson, 11,081 (breaks 121, and 276).

Newman, 7,615 (breaks 166, 184, 297, and 143).

Inman, 6,463 (breaks 201, 132, 150, 583, 171, 151, 183, 132 and 228 unfinished).

LAWN TENNIS.

The results in the first rounds of the Surrey County Hard Court Competition are appended:—

Men's Team Competition.—First Round (concluded): Epsom w.o., St. George's Hill scratched; Ruskin Manor beat Dulwich (3—0); Gallery, Dulwich) beat The Grafton (6—3).

Ladies' Team Competition.—First Round (concluded): Epsom beat The Grafton (4—0); Dulwich beat Ruskin Manor (3—0); Norwood beat St. George's Hill (3—1).

J. C. Parke and W. C. Bersey (Norwood), M. R. L. White and W. A. Ingram (Purley Bury) and F. V. Kirk and O. A. Sedgwick (Norwood), three of the strongest pairs in the Men's Pairs competition, have reached the second round.

A VIGOROUS GAME.

51st v. 52nd Battalions Royal Warwick Regt.

This match was played on the 52nd R. Warwick's ground at Berg. Gladbach on Wednesday. A slippery ground to some extent spoilt some very good football. From the kick-off of the game the 52nd continually rushed the ball towards the goal, but each time were checked by the defence of the 51st.

Half-time came with the score at nil, but on resuming play the 52nd showed to advantage, and after some very exciting and brilliant play their efforts were rewarded by a fine goal from Brotherton the centre forward, who played well throughout the game. The 51st played strongly on resuming and obtained a very strong position in front of the home team's goal but Sgt. Vicary and Pte. Head proved their worth as backs.

Play was then carried to the other end of the field from a goal kick and shortly afterwards L/Cpl. Ceken obtained the ball and after some pretty play passed to Rogers the inside left, who registered another point for the 52nd Battalion. Till the whistle sounded for time, the home side maintained their superiority and ran out winners by two goals to nil.

New Name.

The Optimism filly, by Theo Bold, has been named Theism, and the Tring colt, by Earman, Farsley.

AUSSIE'S CRICKET TOUR.

Imperial Forces and South African Match Ends in a Draw.

A Reuter telegram from Johannesburg states that the match between the Australian Imperial Forces and the South African eleven ended in a draw.

The Australians, continuing their first innings, were all out for 441, Collins increasing his score to 235. He gave a magnificent display and was at the wicket for five and a quarter hours.

The South Africans played up well and thanks to a fine innings by Zulch, succeeded in saving the game.

SID PUDDEFOOT.

West Ham's Dashing and Clever Centre-forward.

On his first appearance for West Ham, a critic remarked of Sidney Puddefoot, whose article appeared on this page yesterday "He's a diamond in the rough, but he'll be an International one day". How true these words were, all followers of football will be ready to testify.

There is nothing more noticeable about West Ham's centre than the wonderful air of confidence he invariably adopts. He gives one the impression that he can do big things and his performances do not belie this. A born leader he distributes the ball with rare judgment and his wingers know from experience when sending a centre across that "Sid" will be "right there" to meet it. He is a deadly sharpshooter as many a goalkeeper can testify, and never misses an opportunity to try a shot.

Playing as he does in Second League football, Puddefoot is under a bigger handicap than his First League brethren for the second league teams possess centre halves who know how to mark a man and never hesitate to use the shoulder whenever opportunity presents itself.

Ever a marked man.

Ever a marked man, he is out to outwit his opponent and the merest slip will allow him to get through and mount West Ham's "for" column, another notch.

In this season's match with Grimsby, Kenny, the Fisherman's pivot effectively marked Puddefoot and was ever on the International's heels, but one slip was sufficient to give the opportunity and a crafty pass paved the way for the scoring of the winning goal.

That is typical of Sidney Puddefoot, always on the alert, dashing, speedy and unselfish and consequently one of the best centres in the Second League.

It has been whispered that Falkirk have designs on this player, but all else being equal, it is doubtful if they would be prepared to pay the price. Even so, this is a season of sensations and nothing is impossible.

W. Le C.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

THE MAGIC FLUTE.

At Friday's performance of the "Magic Flute" at the Opera House three guests presented themselves to Cologne opera friends. Alexander Kipnis from Wiesbaden introduced himself in the role of Sarastro, which gave the basso serioso full opportunities for a display of talent. Herr Kipnis has no doubt a fine and well-trained voice, but his deep notes will have to be still more perfected with regard to sonority and clearness. The "Queen of the night" rendered by the other guest, Paula von Hentke, was not up to the standing of an institution like the Cologne Opera. The voice is too weak for a large theatre and some passages lacked sweetness and clearness, especially the high staccato notes. The small but charming part of Papagena was rendered by Minnie Wolter who did full justice to this delicious musical creation of Mozart.

The representations of the other characters all belonging to the Cologne ensemble have had our attention before. Wanda Achsel, a favourite with English opera friends, and Fritz Krauss excelled and were ably seconded by Karl Renner as Papageno who gained two recalls for his humorous rendering of this role. Very fine was the "Sprecher" by Tillman Liszewsky. The trios of the three ladies and the three boys were truly enjoyable. Klemperer's leading of the orchestra was as usual masterly and his troops played the wonderful overture finer than ever before.

CH. L.

AROUND AND ABOUT.

Black and White.

When one first heard that the Leave Club officers' fancy dress dance was to be restricted to black and white the idea immediately arose "but what a pity so to restrict the scope." Not a bit of it! The affair fully justified the originator of the B. and W. idea. The variety was wonderful and so great that it is useless to attempt to give any detailed description. Of course the original "Black and White" was there with cork and label complete and we imagine that the spirit within must have had a pretty uncomfortable time and fully earned the first prize with which he was rewarded. Then there were two "Cologne Posts" and very successful ones they were. The Editor tells me to issue a warning, and some advice, on this matter. The paper on which our outpourings are printed is, we know, easily tearable. Should anyone else want to use us in this becoming manner they should go provided with "viel stecknadel" and the Editor will provide the necessary. There were two figures dancing which seemed to me not to fit the black and white idea but, of course, I may have been mistaken. In self defence I should say that I discovered them quite early in the evening and that I am not generally colour blind. But the dance was a great success. Among the interested spectators I noticed Mr. Ward Price the famous "Daily Mail" correspondent, who was greatly interested in the variety of the dresses and the beautiful decoration of the hall. Our tame artist is at work and we hope to reproduce his effort on Tuesday next.

Hospital Entertainment.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by the patients of the 25th General Hospital, all of them being gathered together in the large and spacious dining hall which was crowded to its fullest extent for the purpose of listening to a debate run under the auspices of the Hospital Educational Department. The subject for discussion was "That love is ideal."

The two leading speakers were Sgt. Shurman and Sgt. Cohen; chairman, the Rev. Kendall. After two splendid addresses by the leading speakers a lively discussion followed in which the Rev. Dossiter, the well-known Australian padre, participated. The vote taken at the conclusion was in favour of the motion by a great majority.

Leave Club Events.

The programme for the week ending Saturday next is as attractive as usual. To-day the Rev. C.E. Wheeler will talk in the quiet room from 5 to 6, and at 6.30 the Band of the 13th K. R. R. C. will give a concert. On Monday there will be German classes from 6 to 8. An impromptu concert will be held as usual on Tuesday from 5 to 6 and at the same hour there will be a dancing class. At 6.30 the chess tournament takes place, followed at 7 by a variety entertainment "Five Birds in a Cage." Later arrangements will be detailed.

VI Corps Club Dance.

A huge crowd and a huge success. That sums up the dance held on Friday night at the famous club in the August Platz. The room is very large and very beautiful, but it was outdone in both respects by the crowd.

The augmented orchestra played an interesting programme with their usual 'eclat' and the host of dancers certainly seemed to be enjoying their terpsichorean movements under "sardine" conditions.

Debate.

An interesting debate took place in the British Empire Leave Club on Friday. The motion for debate was, "That in the opinion of this House all methods of warfare are justifiable." Sgt. Sherman, D.L.I., opened in support of the motion, and was followed by Pte. Doughty, Labour Corps, who spoke against it. After many speakers had expressed their views, a division was taken. The motion was lost by one vote. The next meeting of the Society will be next Friday, at 6.30.

19th Middlesex Regt. v. 91st Wing R.A.F.

At Marienburg on Thursday. Pte. Thain gave the "Middies" the lead half way through the first-half with a tame shot. The "Wing's" soon equalised, and five minutes before half time got ahead, the whistle sounding with the score 2-1.

On resumption the "Middies" soon put matters level. Lieut. Griffin failed to score from a penalty mix up in the "wings" goal resulted in a third goal on the home side, and the final whistle ended a scrambling and unpleasant game with the score 3-2 in favour of the "middies."

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Sun.	Cosi Fan Tutti	Mozart	7	10
Monday	No Performance			
Tuesday	No Performance			
Wed.	Figaro's Hoochzeit	Mozart	7	10.30
Thurs.	Tannhauser	Wagner	6.30	10.30
Fri.	Madame Butterfly	Puccini	7	9.45
Sat.	Martha	Flotow	7	10
Sun.	Der Zigeuner-baron	Strauss	7	10
Mon.	Armourer of Worms	Lortzing	7	9.45
Tuesday	No Performance.			

Miss Shirley King's Finale.

Miss Shirley King, who has appeared in practically every production of the Rhine Army Dramatic Company, and by her charms of manner and cleverness won the hearts of the Deutsches audiences, made her final appearance with the company last night. Her portrayal as "Lady Teazle" in "The School for Scandal" has been a brilliant culmination of a series of successes, and she has probably never appeared to greater advantage than in this old-world part. Last evening, as the curtain rang down at the close of performance, the audience was vociferous in its applause, and one felt that it was this talented actress who called forth such marked enthusiasm. Tokens of appreciation in the shape of bouquets were handed Miss King from the audience, and a fitting climax was the presentation of a travelling clock by her fellow members of the company. In expressing a wish for all that is bright in Miss King's future, I am sure that I shall be heartily joined by the whole of the British element in Rhineland.

20th M.A.C Dance Club.

The 20th M.A.C. held their fortnightly dance in the Lochner Strasse School on Friday night. About sixty guests were present. The ladies were slightly in the minority although it turned out a very successful evening. The G.H.Q. Jazz band was in attendance and rendered excellent music under the conductorship of Sgt. Hallmark. Several extras were accorded and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close at 11.30. The great feature of the evening was the grand march lancers. The floor was in excellent condition. The M.C's were S.M.S. Bowden R.A.M.C., C.S.M. Howell (M.M.) and Pte. Knight, R.A.S.C. The members of the club would be very pleased to welcome English married couples of the Rhine. Applications for invitations should be made to the secretary, P.M.S. Bowden, R.A.S.C.

Another "Demob."

Devotees of the Palace Theatre and, formerly of the Apollo Theatre, Cologne, will regret the departure of Cpl. Cowling who will be remembered as the popular "front of the house manager" at both these places of amusement. Cpl. Cowling found his considerable pre-war experience in the "profession", of the greatest value in his activities since the armistice, and added to an undoubtedly profound knowledge of his work, he endeared himself to his patrons by reason of a genial personality. He leaves Cologne with the best wishes of a very large circle of friends with whom I would like to associate myself.

A Popular Company.

The "Eccentrics" are announced to pay a return visit to the Palace theatre, Cologne, for a week commencing tomorrow evening. There is to be completely new programme I hear. It has only to be equal to that submitted on the occasion of this talented Company's previous visit to ensure crowded houses nightly.

JACQUES.

OUR COMPETITION.

More Surprises In Yesterday's Matches.

By the time these lines are read, No. 10 contest will have been lost and won.

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(In block letters.)
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Unit .....
Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

The Excuse.

The fact of so many regimental dinners and similar functions taking peace in town just now is a fruitful cause of those on leave asking for extensions. But the "plea of urgent business affairs" doesn't always bear strict scrutiny.

Popular Gifts.

From all I can hear, the Christmas gifts that most soldiers in Cologne are buying to send home are manicure sets and bead bags for their women folk and razors for male relations and friends.

Good Programme.

The attractive programme at the Modernes cinema this week has resulted in very large houses. I found every seat occupied when I looked in the other evening.

Well Catered For.

Certainly it won't be the fault of a certain German publishing firm if Tommy does not go home a linguist. In a window yesterday I noticed in addition to the familiar "Englishman in Germany" booklet, similar publications to help the Britisher in Roumania, Sweden, Russia and Japan.

A popular Padre.

Meeting Father O'Farrel yesterday he informed me that he is going to Dantzig. He was the popular padre of the now disbanded Royal Irish Regt. and is a keen sportsman.

P.T. for Mothers and Others.

In response to urgent requests the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. has arranged for a Physical Training class under C.S.M. Thane for Mothers and Canteen workers commencing on Tuesday. The class will be held every morning from 9.30 to 10 o'clock except Saturdays and Sundays and will meet in the Loreley Hall.

Ragtime.

I see that a number of German music shops are now exhibiting copies of the latest rag-time songs in English, as well as a large selection of rag-time and jazz dance music.

Where Aspirin was Invented.

It is not generally known that the famous drug, aspirin, was invented some twenty years ago at Bayer's great chemical works at Leverkusen. Dr. Hoffmann the originator of it is still on the chemical staff there.

Huge Works.

Messrs. Bayer employ nearly 8,000 workpeople and the magnificent buildings by the Rhine cover an area of 1,750,000 square yards. I'm told they consume 60,000 cubic metres of water daily or 20,000 more than that used by the whole of Cologne. In addition to the immense quantities of chemicals, they also make 100,000,000 lbs of artificial ice, yearly.

Beggars Appearing.

Recently I remarked on the comparative absence of beggars in Cologne, but the advent of the bad weather has forced me to revise my opinion, somewhat. Most of these "unfortunate people" are clean and well dressed.

Toy Prices.

The prices obtaining for toys in Cologne shops don't appear dear to me, but parents, I'm told, think otherwise, and pre-war prices as compared with those of to-day actually show 200 per cent. increase.

Unusual.

I saw a Lieutenant yesterday, in the Domhof, wearing the Distinguished Service Order and the Military Medal. Rather an unusual sight to see the two medals together.

Reason In His Reply.

An officer on a box-car asked the driver why he turned aside for a lorry approaching on the Duren road. "You had the right of way," he said. "Yes, sir," replied the driver, "but the lorry had the right of weight."

Anticipation.

The German children are looking forward to Xmas just as keenly as our youngster at home and already they are saving their ten pfennigs in anticipation.

Small but Effective.

The other day a friend of mine bought a little sewing machine in the Hohe strasse for 13 marks. It is ingeniously constructed and although its aspirations probably do not go beyond the making of dolls' clothing, it will sew through thick cloth quite easily.

Red lights.

Have you noticed that white lamps are used in Cologne to denote that a street is "Up." The familiar red lights so common in England are conspicuous by their absence.

Saves Labour.

In my billet the industrious housewife has a wonderful washing machine. It is almost a complete laundry. Apart from the rubber wringer there is fixed to the tub a water motor. This is attached by a rubber tube to the tap, the water turned on and the clothes are swirled round by the mechanical action of the wooden peggy.

An old Custom.

The other evening near Langenfeld I was surprised to see a civilian enter a restaurant leading a "rider." They were apparently well known, for the landlord gave the horse a piece of sugar while the owner supped.

The Essentials.

"And so you learned French thoroughly in the war?" said a proud father to his demobbed son. "Oh, yes, dad, I could say 'Hullo' and 'Goodnight,' order ham and eggs, ask a fellow to lend me money and tell a mademoiselle I loved her better than anything. What more do you want in any language?"

Selling Fast.

I notice that several shops have a large selection of postcards of the funeral procession of the late Cardinal Hartmann, and they are selling, to both civilians and soldiers, like hot cakes.

Really!

A civilian with whom I held a conversation informed me in all seriousness that before the war Cermany led in all sports, boxing especially. I wonder what Mr. Cochran would have said.

Sprechen Sie Deutsch?

Colonel F. N. Maude. C.B. and Frank Scudamore have produced a wonderful little book of which the full title is "Sprechen Sie Deutsch and Parley Voo"! and the price is fourpence. It is a very handy size for the pocket and contains a good selection of phrases likely to be useful. Each phrase is given in triplicate — French or German, English pronunciation and English equivalent and there are useful hints as to pronunciation. The booklet is published by Forster Groom and Co. and may be obtained at our bookroom in the Hohe Strasse Arcade.

Walking Sticks.

I notice that a number of our countrywomen are now to be seen in Cologne's streets with walking sticks. Why this new fashion?

RHINELANDER.

NONE OTHER GODS.

In the early history of the world we can read how nation after nation went into decay, how kings of might and power bowed their heads in shame for the loss of their kingdoms.

One can see the splendour of the Egypt of long ago, Egypt which once held dominion over land and sea, but to-day is merely a name among men. Gone are those mighty temples where countless gods were worshiped by day, only the strength of nature remains to speak of the might of that nation who in one time in their history held sacred more than three thousand gods.

At last there came a time when the people of Israel under their great Chief Moses were led from captivity on the banks of the Nile, towards a land which in time was to be their own, when they would possess a king and become a nation of worth among the the peoples of the world.

At the foot of the Mountain of Sinai those same people learnt the secret of progression, when amidst the thunders of the Mount, the words were given that ring down through the ages—"Thou shalt have none other Gods but Me". Alas those one time slaves forgot their deliverer and the commands of Almighty God, and it is history to read of the departure of the glory of the land, and the turning away of the people from the One True God. Not Israel alone but many nations have to be numbered with the past greatness, for polytheism which makes for the downfall of peoples has been responsible for many names which have been struck off the roll of fame.

We look upon England to-day as the greatest nation the world has ever seen, North, South, East and West the flag of our Empire flies aloft and speaks to the world of freedom and right. But we can still ask the question, if that Empire is going to flourish through the ages, if we individually are doing our part to make that nation great?

The reply from many would be, that we as a nation only worship one God, and we therefore cannot be accused of the faults of those nations who in bygone days turned to the many gods and shattered the foundations of greatness for their countries. "Thou shalt have none other gods but Me" surely need not be quoted to the English people.

In the heart of every man there is a god which is slowly but surely taking the place of the One True God, and that is the God of Self, that god whose power growing upon the life of a man or woman, can sap the strength out of that life and turn the patriot into a misanthrope, take the joy out of existence and in time obliterate God Himself from the human life.

None other Gods we are told, and yet even as men and women sit in church where they are supposed to worship that One God they place the God Self far above any other worship.

No need to point the finger of scorn at those nations who lost their greatness through that Polytheism which decays, for there is in our midst a much greater evil, when the false gods of Selfishness Sloth and Greed are taking hold of the nation and striving to bring mankind to their shrine, where men may worship but in worshipping lose all that is vital towards attaining true greatness.

Through the din and clamour of war God has again spoken, "Thou shalt have none other Gods but Me."

C. E. R. WHEELER, C.F.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Remarkable.—Green pears are still being gathered in Sussex.

Cotton Fortune. — All Lancashire is speculating in cotton mill shares.

The Prussian Spirit.—Pan-German demonstrations continue in Berlin.

His 'Varsity.—Cambridge University has installed Mr. A. J. Balfour, one of her most brilliant sons, as Chancellor.

Actor Demobbed.—Mr. Robert Michaelis having been demobbed is now playing in "Who's Hooper?" at the Adelphi Theatre.

Drags on.—The Ironmoulders' strike which has now lasted nine weeks is having serious results in Sheffield.

War Wealth.—The Committee of M. P.'s considering the question of War Profits is starting work.

Ineffective.—At the Lewisham profiteering committee a member described the Act as an entire "wash-out."

Soldiers Help.—Armed soldiers are to assist the police on night duty in Dublin streets.

Before Her Mirror.—A Rugby servant girl while singeing her hair set fire to her dress and was burnt to death.

Welcome Home.—The Prince of Wales is due to reach Portsmouth to-morrow morning.

Prince's Cross.—President Poincaire is to present Prince Albert with the Croix de Guerre for war services.

On Sandbank.—A big liner whose name and nationality are not yet ascertained is ashore on the Goodwin sands.

His Start.—Sir Walter Runciman was an apprentice on a sailing vessel during the Prusso-Danish war of 1864.

Actor and Gunner.—Mr. Henry Ainley, the actor, thinks the Army did him a gread deal of good physically.

Are They Spies?—A German and his wife who have lived in Paris since last August are charged with espionage.

Prolific Pests.—Rats have almost taken possession of the mining town of Tredegar in South Wales.

To Get Back.—The rent of the Strand Theatre, which has been taken by Mr. Arthur Bourchier, is £12,000 a year.

Exchange Values.—In London the American dollar is now worth 4s 1ld. the franc 6¼d. and the mark 1½d.

Company Boom.—There is a boom in company promotion. Four or five new insurance undertakings are to be floated.

Making Ships.—The great shipbuilding firm of Harland and Wolff now employ 22,000 men in their Belfast yards.

Non Compliance.—Germany is in default in at least six fundamental undertakings of the Peace Treaty.

Prosperity.—Canada is experiencing a period of unbounded prosperity, the combined assets of her banks being about £600,000,000.

Worth While.—Under the new scale, the pay and oversea allowance of an Indian civil servant will begin at £780 a year.

Their Own.—The fruit-growers of Pershore, Worcestershire run their own market. In the past twelve months they turned over £150,000.

Duke's Escape.—The Duke of Devonshire after bidding goodbye to the Prince was in a railway collision, but escaped unhurt.

Motor Hustling.—The threatened big motor combine is now a reality. The object is to foster "mass" production on Ford lines.

Being Crushed. — Lord Buckmaster says the thrifty middle classes are being ground to powder under present conditions.

Ferry Banned.—The British Government is said to have vetoed Sweden's proposal for a ferry boat service across the North sea.

Police Late.—Two Lascars with hatchets chased four workhouse officials at Hull for two hours. Then the police stopped the hunt.

A Merry Supper.—Princess Mary pulled crackers, signed autographs and made her first speech at the final rally of the Land Girls.

Trade Disputes.—No less than 2,537,000 workers were involved in disputes during the ten completed months of this year. These involved a loss of 31 working days.

Burns Less.—A new fuel for locomotives is being used on one of the French railways called mazout. The saving is said to be enormous.

New Service Club.—A new club exclusively for officers of the R.A.S.C. is being formed in London. The Duke of Connaught is the patron.

Too Lenient.—The Government's anti-dumping bill is being severely criticised. It is claimed that it gives too many loopholes.

The Black Strain.—There are to-day about 11,000,000 of coloured people in the United States. They increase at the rate of over 100,000 a year.

Barber's Shop Tragedy.—A prominent Chatham tradesman, while waiting to be shaved at a barber's, cut his throat. The saloon was empty when he did the fatal deed.

NOTES FROM LONDON TOWN.

COAL PRICE DROP.

People rubbed their eyes and stared hard at the placards which announced the 10/- decrease in the price of household coal. So long have they grown accustomed to constant rises in the price of everything in spite of repeated and apparently well-founded hopes of a decline that they had grown sceptical. But after all the basis of the 6/- increase was never a solid one and, moreover, the latest returns show conclusively that the miners' output for the last periods under review are well up to and even over the previous weeks figures when the working week was a longer one!

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Hats off to the Prince! His American tour has undoubtedly cemented the bonds of Anglo-American friendship and the quibbies over ratification and covenant pale their fires before the general optimism engendered by Prince Edward's popularity. I am told by an American journalist that the Prince's facial resemblance to his grandfather and that frank indifference to formality, entire naturalness and sense of humour—qualities all so reminiscent of King Edward—largely account for the Prince's triumph in America. But over and above that he is on all hands recognised, by a queer paradox, to be the living symbol of our twain democracies. His personal cheerfulness bids gloom and misgiving in the face of future problems to yield to the hope and confidence that spring eternal in the breasts of the young. He is the rallying point in a time of need and that is why Londoners want to extend a riotous welcome to him when he returns at the end of the week.

H. G. WELLS AS A HISTORIAN.

Mr. Wells, versatile as ever, has launched out on a most ambitious history. His new work "The Outline of History" which is being issued in fortnightly parts, is, in his own words, "an attempt to tell truly and clearly in one continuous narrative, the whole story of life and mankind so far as it is known to-day." It is avowedly written in popular language for the general reader, but in its scope and aim should be of use for scholars and scientists as well in the leisure hour. With the editorial assistance of such experts as Professor Gilbert Murray, Sir E. Ray Lankester and Sir Harry Johnson, accuracy is assured as far as possible for a narrative which purports to give us a coherent account of the world's beginnings and man's ancestry, the dawn of civilisation, the decline and fall of the early Empires, and a panorama of all the great epochs of the World.

EINSTEIN'S THEORY.

It is not a little amusing to read the various newspaper attempts to state Einstein's theory in popular language. His prediction of stellar deflection in the solar field during an eclipse sounds formidable enough. If it had remained a mere problem for mathematicians we should have heard no more about it. But it has invaded the realms of popular philosophy, and willy nilly the newspaper man must go straight-way and report what eminent men have to say about the various and startling results. I think the layman is mainly interested in the effect of Einstein's theory on gravitation. To say that we shall have to revise all our notions about gravitation is to take us into the sphere of Mr. Wells' freaks of imagination. But I hardly think Mr. Wells' ingenious idea in "The First Men in the Moon" of an anti-gravitational force, which enabled his airman-hero to shoot up like a rocket to the moon, is now destined to become a practical proposition to the confusion of modern aeronautics. But after all, as Sir Oliver Lodge has said, you never know what secrets gravitation may have to throw up to us.

SWORD SWINGING.

The death of Corporal Battersby of the 1st Yorkshires and the World's Champion Sword-Swinger recalls that epitaph in a certain North Country Churchyard:—

Here lies the body of Jacob Dale
A Champione in this Nothern Vale
He swung a sword much longer thanne
Was ever swung by mortal manne.
Yet now hewed down by Death's own sworde
His soul doth stand before hys Lords.

Fiction writers and poets have ever been fond of the man who could use a very hefty sword. The couplets in Scott's notes to "Marmion" on the terrific powers of one Ferracute (also called Ferragut), and the doings of the doughty Fierabras will occur to many. To come to our own day, Mr. Thomas Hardy's Sergeant Troy in "Bathsheba Everdene" was a wondrous man for swinging the sword. He won Bathsheba's heart by lunging and passing his sword round her motionless form with such swiftness that lightning seemed to play about her and so finely did he cut matters that the line of light left by his passes formed a perfect replica of the girl's figure.

PERISCOPE.

Bird Shelters.

In the grounds of many splendid residences in Rhineland one can see artistic little shelters erected for the birds. They look like doll's houses and are usually raised up on four legs.

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RUSSIAN SOVIET'S VIEWS.

SUGGESTED BASIS OF EXCHANGE FOR BRITISH PRISONERS.

HOMECOMING OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

SOVIET PROPOSALS.

CONDITIONS OF RELEASE OF PRISONERS.

Litvinoff was interviewed by a "Daily Herald" special correspondent at Copenhagen. He denied that Russia had had relations with Germany and said that for economic ends Russia would by far prefer relations with Great Britain or America. He asserted that the real reason for Allied intervention could be summed up in the word "Concessions" and being realists the Bolshevists preferred to grant concessions to Allied capital rather than to waste Russia's strength in an endless war. Litvinoff demanded full investigation of the alleged atrocities.

The correspondent, recalling the statement of Mr. Lloyd George that he had never received direct suggestions of Peace or compromise from the Russian Government, asked Litvinoff if he could not write such a letter immediately Litvinoff seemed half inclined to carry out the idea but eventually thought that the responsibility should be left to the fresh Congress of Soviets due to meet at Moscow on the 3rd December.

Litvinoff was also interviewed by Reuter's correspondent, to whom he said that the Soviet is prepared to exchange British prisoners and permit British nationals to depart from Russia if proper provisions are made for Russians now abroad who were cut off by the blockade, provided also that they be accorded free communication with Russia and that the Soviet be permitted to protect its nationals and their interests.

HOTEL BURNT.

GUESTS ESCAPE IN PYJAMAS.

Damage exceeding the value of twenty-thousand pounds was caused by fire early on Sunday morning at the Royal Hotel, Plymouth, which was full of guests, some of whom were even sleeping in the bathrooms. The fire started in the basement and invaded the coffee room where some of the visitors were actually breakfasting.

The residents were aroused, but so quickly did the fire spread that many had no time to dress and were compelled to escape in pyjamas or nightdresses. Two elderly ladies who returned to their room for valuables had to be rescued through the windows. A large quantity of luggage was lowered through the windows and stacked outside the church.

GUIANA AND INDIES.

NO TERRITORY TO BE CEDED.

The Governor of British Guiana has received a telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies saying: "Pray assure the members of the Legislature that His Majesty's Government has no intention of ceding British Guiana or any of the West Indian Colonies to any foreign power.

SOVIET DEBT TO SWEDEN.

The Stockholm newspaper "Aftontidingen" learns that the Swedish Commission of Investigation regarding Swedish outstanding accounts and claims has discovered that Soviet Russia owes Sweden 250 million kronen, besides two million marks and amounts in other currency.

SUCCESSFUL RAID IN IRELAND.

Following on the recent disorders arising out of a Labour dispute at Tramore, County Waterford, the police and military raided the countryside on Saturday and arrested three men in bed, including Nicholas Phelan, the County Organizing Secretary of the Irish Transport Worker's Union. They were conveyed to Waterford under a strong escort. It is stated that during the raid a number of firearms, including German revolvers were discovered.

ROYAL FREEMASONS.

Prince Albert is about to follow the example of the Prince of Wales in becoming a Freemason. His equerry is being initiated at the same time and both join the Navy Lodge, the ceremony taking place this evening.

The million franc prize in the Ville de Paris Lottery has been drawn by ticket No 1430723.

The International Labour Conference adopted on Saturday a convention providing for the indemnification of women wage earners, both before and after the birth of a child.

PRINCE OF WALES.

HOME AGAIN AFTER GREAT TOUR.

H.M.S. Renown, with the Prince of Wales aboard, entered Portsmouth harbour at nine yesterday morning. All ships in the harbour were decorated with flags. As the Renown entered she was received with a royal salute of twenty-one guns. A strong South-West wind was blowing, and rain fell heavily as the Prince drove in an open car along the half mile route from Portsmouth dockyard to the Town Hall. The entire route was hung with ten thousand flags. Even the tramway standards were painted in brilliant tints, and between them was a woven web of rainbow colours. During the morning all shops were closed, and the children were released from school. The crowded streets were lined by troops, bluejackets and marines.

The Prince was met at Victoria by the King and Queen, and on the drive to Buckingham Palace he had a great popular welcome. The streets were bedecked, and though it rained heavily there were large crowds everywhere to see the Prince after his supremely successful tour.

POLITICAL SCANDAL.

AMERICAN SENATOR INDICTED FOR CORRUPTION.

A grand jury at Grand Rapides, Michigan, has indicted Senator Newberry for alleged corruption and fraud in connection with his election when he defended the Democrat Ford. Many lesser Michigan politicians are also indicted. The officials declare that a scandal has been unearthed which has seldom been equalled in the political history of the United States. It is alleged that over half a million dollars have been expended in bribery, extending from the Ward politicians of the city to the Indian Reservations, where it is claimed that Indians were hired to vote at the dictates of Newberry's supporters.

ONE FOR THE CONCHIES.

FAMOUS NOVELIST'S STRONG MESSAGE.

The following message from H.G. Wells was read at the first national convention of the No Conscription Fellowship which opened at Devonshire House, Bishopsgate, on Saturday:—"The only message I can send your meeting is this; that conscientious objectors, having saved their skins, can afford to refrain from heroic attitudes and will show seemly gratitude to the dead by working as hard as they can for that world-settlement which the overthrow of aggressive German militarism made possible."

LECTURING THE AFRIDIS.

A communique from Peshawar dated the 20th November, states that Mr. Hamilton Grant and Major-General Shephard interviewed the Afridi Jirga. Whilst the attitude of the tribesmen has hitherto been hostile, they have now accepted the terms, including a fine of one thousand sterling, guarantees of complete security for transport and troops as well as the restoration of stolen property and the suspension of tribal allowances.

Mr. Hamilton Grant, addressing the tribesmen in their own dialect, severely reprimanded them for the lawlessness caused by the younger men.

LATVIA AND GERMANY.

The official Lett Bureau states that Latvia has not actually declared war on Germany but Lettish and German relations have been broken off owing to Eberhardt, on instructions from the German Government, having assumed the protection of the troops fighting against Latvia, thereby violating the Versailles Peace Treaty.

FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

A Great Eastern train from Colchester rain into the stop blocks on a siding when entering Haverhill station on Saturday morning. The first carriage was partially telescoped and one man named Jarvis was killed.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S RELAPSE.

President Wilson is not so well. His condition is not giving rise to any alarm, but it is considered wise for him to stop giving interviews for the present. Consequently, Senator Hitchcock was unable to consult him on Saturday as arranged

GERMAN NAVY.

ALL WARSHIPS TO BE BROKEN UP.

The Supreme Council has decided that all German surface warships are to be broken up under the supervision of an Inter-Allied Committee, with the exception of ten light cruisers and twenty torpedo boat destroyers. These will be divided between France and Italy on account of their inability to build warships during the war. One battleship, one light cruiser and three torpedo boat destroyers will be given to each of the five principal Allied and Associated Powers for experimental and propaganda purposes, but these vessels must be sunk or broken up within twelve months.

The proportion in which the proceeds of the breaking up of the enemy surface warships will be awarded between the five principal Allied and Associated Powers has been agreed to by Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan on the basis of wartime warship losses. The American plenipotentiary still awaits instructions from Washington. A proposal has been put forward by France that all enemy submarines be broken up except ten. These are required by France, as she alone was unable to build submarines during the war. It is suggested that these ten submarines be chosen from boats not used in unrestricted submarine warfare.

STUPID ROUMANIA.

ULTIMATUM FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

An ultimatum to Roumania was despatched on the 28th November by the Supreme Council. After declaring that Roumania's reply of the 2nd November was unsatisfactory, the communication emphasises the patience of the Allies towards Roumania and points out that but for the immense sacrifices of the Allies, Roumania would now be ruined and hopelessly enslaved. The Supreme Council invites Roumania to take the following steps unconditionally. Firstly, to evacuate Hungary entirely, and retire behind the frontiers fixed by the Peace Conference. Secondly, to accept the formation of a Inter-Allied Commission to deal with Roumania as requested by Hungary. Thirdly, to sign the Austria Treaty and the Minorities Treaty on the conditions stated in the Supreme Council's Note of the 12th October.

Failing a satisfactory reply by today, 2nd December, the Allies will most regretfully break off relations with Roumania.

PUSSYFOOT'S PLUCK.

TESTIMONIAL BEING RAISED.

As a token of administration for Mr. "Pussyfoot" Johnson's pluck, the "Evening News" has decided to open a testimonial and start it with a subscription of one hundred pounds. The "Daily Mail" has subscribed a similar amount.

Since the loss of his eye, Mr. Johnson has remarked to one of his doctors: "With all the millions of eyes in the world it doen't much matter if there is one eye the less."

VILLAGE MEMORIAL TO GALLANT LEADER.

A memorial window was unveiled at West Ashton Church, near Trowbridge, on Sunday by Lord French, together with bronze tablets in memory of Brigadier Generals Walter Long, eldest son of the First Lord of the Admiralty, and others from the village who fell in the war. Lord French said that the love and affection existing between officers and men was a marked characteristic of the British Army and its most powerful fighting asset. This feeling was never more strongly exemplified than in the splendid military career of General Long. He was a leader who returned the love of his own men with interest and whom they gladly followed, even to death.

DISMISSED POLICE STRIKERS.

About one hundred women, the majority of them carrying babies, the wives of dismissed police strikers, presented themselves outside 10. Downing street and sent in a request for an interview with Mr. Lloyd George on the subject of the re-instatement of their husbands. Every division in the Metropolitan Police Area was represented in the deputation. They were told that nothing further could be done, as the men had had every opportunity of re-instatement in accordance with the Government's offer. The women were evidently much disappointed but dispersed quietly.

FRENCH HONOURS FOR FOLKESTONE.

Sir Stephen Penfold, ex-Mayor, and Mr. Farley, Mayor of Dover, were decorated at Folkestone last week with the French Legion of Honour in recognition of valuable services rendered to France during the war. Six Médailles de la Reconnaissance Francaise were presented to Folkestone residents for services to France during the war, including one to Lady Penfold.

Fourteen degrees of frost were registered on the East Yorkshire Wolds on Sunday.

TALBOT HOUSE.

THE OLD POPERINGHE HOSTEL.

In order to meet the expressed wishes of thousands of soldiers of all ranks who formerly visited the old "Talbot House" at Poperinghe—the hostel where officers and men met on an equal footing,—a new Talbot House will shortly be opened in London. It will be a replica of the original and will be known as the "Poch."

An executive committee has been formed, of which General R. S. May is Chairman. The place will be conducted like an ordinary club, but the administration will contain no salaried appointments beyond servants, all profits being spent on the House. Nor will there be any strict rules. The club will be non-political and non-sectarian.

An offer of a suitable house close to Charing Cross is being considered. Lord Cavan, Lord Saye and Sele, and Col. Bates of the London Rifle Brigade, are interesting themselves in the scheme.

LABOUR CONFERENCE.

FINAL SESSION AND DECISIONS.

The feature of the closing session of the International Labour Conference at Washington was a protest by the South African delegate, Mr. Gemmill, against the preponderance of European representation on the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, wherein twenty out of twenty-four members represent European countries. The Conference endorsed Mr. Gemmill's protest by 44 votes to 39. The Governing body will meet at Paris on the 24th January.

The Conference finally adjourned after reaching an agreement on every item in the agenda as laid down by the Peace Treaty, and creating the machinery for a permanent International Organisation to secure Industrial harmony by compromise. Six draft conventions and six recommendations will be presented for ratification by the legislatures of the forty States which appointed members of the Conference.

M. Fontaine, of France, President of the Governing Body, stated that pending ratification of the Peace Treaty, the decisions of the Conference have no binding effect, but when the Treaty is ratified, action must be taken to make them effective. The Conference thereupon passed a resolution authorising the Governing body to take such action. It was also announced that the International Labour Office will be located provisionally at the temporary seat of the League of Nations, with the Secretariat in London.

SWIFT RETRIBUTION.

BOMBS ON WAZIRI VILLAGES.

Recacitrant Maddakhel Waziris realisedl on the 19th November the inflexibility of the British terms. No reply to the twenty-four hours' ultimatum having been received by eight in the morning, within half an hour seventeen aeroplanes were flying over Ismailkhel with a full complement of bombs. Four tons were unloaded upon the tribesmen, the planes descending to three hundred feet and leaving the villages mere heaps of dust. Further bombing operations against the Waziris will probably be unnecessary, though a column of troops may march through the Waziris country in order to impress the tribesmen.

NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.

Speaking at Widnes on Saturday, Mr. Arthur Henderson, the member for the Division, said he was convinced that a General Election is much nearer than most politicians imagine. The future of the country lay with the Labour Party, which wanted a bloodless revolution based on the principle of democracy.

IMPORTANT CONSULAR APPOINTMENT.

Mr. Henry Gloster Armstrong, the British Consul General at Boston, has been appointed British Consul General at New York. Before his appointment to the Consular service, Mr. Armstrong was for many years in charge of the New York office of the Manchester Ship Canal Company. He has had wide commercial experience.

TROOPS FROM THE EAST.

S. S. "Derbyshire" was due to arrive at Plymouth on Monday and the "Castalia" at Liverpool on Tuesday for disembarkation of troops from India and Aden. Influenza occurred on board both vessels on the voyage between Bombay and Suez, but there were no fatalities.

SPEN VALLEY CONTEST.

At a meeting of the Liberals at Cleckheaton, Colonel Fairfax, Coalition Liberal, was unanimously adopted as candidate for Spen Valley.

The Admiralty states that there were no German submarine officers aboard the tugs. The vessels were stopped in the ordinary way, no vessels being allowed to leave Germany without notice, and then only under supervision.

SUMMARY COURT.

ARMED SUSPECT FIRES AT POLICE.

A military policeman's midnight chase after an escaped prisoner in the Buttermarkt, when both pursuer and pursued exchanged revolver shots, was described at the Summary Court yesterday, when Albert Voss, a locksmith, of no fixed abode, was charged on six counts, including attempted murder and escape from military custody.

When a combined raid by British military police and German detectives was made at midnight on the house at 14 Salzgasse, Voss, who was with a woman, was arrested for being without identification papers. A loaded six-chambered revolver was found in the room.

It is alleged that when they descended the stairs, Voss turned on his escort with another revolver and got away. He was chased by a military policeman for two hundred yeards through the Buttermarkt, Voss firing six shots at his pursuer, who returned the fire until his ammunition was exhausted. The following night, Voss, who is known to the police president's department was arrested by the German authorities.

A German detective produced old photographs of the accused, who had registered under another name. In the bedroom struggle, however, the detective noticed accused's crippled little finger, which was peculiar to the Voss he knew.

Accused's female companion said that when the German police had left the room, Voss made significant reference to his "Knarre" (revolver), and added "I have got out of prison and I'm damned if I don't get out of this."

Voss, who said he was in drink at the time, was committed to the Military Court.

"ON THE ROAD."

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS ON WARSHIPS.

Dr. Macnamara stated in the Commons that, in the event of the Overseas Trade Department making use of the very limited accommodation which might be available for commercial travellers on British warships, these commercial travellers would be received in the ward room mess. No expense would fail on the officers of the Royal Navy in respect to their entertainment.

In reply to Commander Kenworthy, Dr. Macnamara said the charge would be 12s. a day for the first 14 days and 9s. a day afterwards.

IS ITALY SINCERE?

STARTLING STORY OF SECRET TREATY.

Italian warships at Genoa and Smyrna are reported to have made common cause with Admiral Millo in support of D'Annunzio. The Belgrade journal, "Pravda" asserts that the Serbian delegation at Paris is in possession of definite information that Italy has concluded a secret agreement with Bulgaria and Rumania in view of an eventual military offensive in Dalmatia and Montenegro.

SMART CAPTURE.

GERMAN OFFICERS EVADING JUSTICE.

On Saturday night British destroyers intercepted and brought into port two tugs which are believed to come from Kiel, bound for South America. On these boats were a number of German naval officials whose surrender is likely to be demanded by the Allied Powers and who were seeking to escape. The tugs now lie in harbour under a guard of fully armed marines and attended by destroyers.

IRONMOULDERS' STRIKE.

As the result of further correspondence between the Ironfounders' Unions and the Engineering Employers' Federation, the latter has offered to resume negotiations provided the representatives of the Unions put themselves in the position to make recommendations in the event of the Conference arriving at a basis for general resumption of work.

OUR LADY M.P.

Asked for an expression of opinion on the victory of Lady Astor, Mr. Jack Jones said: There are plenty of old women here already—what objection is there to a young and pretty one? Lady Astor's victory over Labour is to be regretted, but we may console ourselves with the fact that she is a woman of progressive views and instincts.

OUR C.I.C. SEES THE KING.

General Sir William Robertson, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., L.L.D., etc., Commander-in-Chief, Army of the Rhine, was received in audience by the King on Friday, and had a long conversation with His Majesty

POLITICAL RESIGNATION.

It is reported that Colonel Sir Rhys Williams has resigned the Parliamentary Secretaryship to the Ministry of Transport, owing to differences of opinion with Sir. Eric Geddes.

'VARSITY NOTES.

FORMATION OF MANY NEW CLUBS.

Nearly all the pre-war societies at Oxford have now been resuscitated and new ones are appearing daily. The latest include an Anglo-Russian Society and a British-American club. This was inaugurated on Saturday, with Earl Rea ing as the guest of honour. The Folk Song and Dance Society gave an exhibition on the same evening. A fair number of students have joined the University O.T.C., but pending a War Office announcement regarding the Corps its future position is necessarily unsatisfactory.

At Cambridge the Council have put a grace on the agenda paper for a Congregation next Saturday proposing the appointment of a special syndic on the admission of women to the University, or the conferment of separate degree without admission. It is believed that the grace will be carried, but is likely to meet with opposition in its later stages. The Council has prepared a list of Senators for the suggested syndic, practically all of whom are in favour of conferring degrees on women but are divided on the question as to whether they shall be granted on the same terms as to men.

Lord Fisher and Lord Byng speak at a dinner and re-union at the Corn Exchange on Thursday, organised by the University branch of the Comrades of the Great War.

The University Liberal Club has been revived and has arranged for Mr. Asquith to address a meeting on the 23rd January. A number of women students from Girton and Newnham have accepted the club's invitation to join it.

Arrangements are being made to restart the Carlton Club.

The New Cambridge, in an article advocating the establishment of a students' representative council, describes how the thing is done at Glasgow University and now youth may help age in University management.

At London University the engineering departments are all acutely congested and a fund of £100,000 is being raised for the extension of the engineering buildings at University College. Lord Cowdray has given £10,000. The Fives court at King's College have been demolished to provide space for new engineering laboratories. The Ministry of Munitions, which used the college for training munitioneers during the war, has left behind a valuable equipment "on permanent loan."

The Council of the Guild of Undergraduates of Liverpool University has issued a notice strongly denouncing "unseemly and distasteful behaviour in the name of ragging," and threatening offenders with disciplinary action.

MIDDLE CLASSES.

MUST COMBINE FOR SELF-PROTECTION.

Addressing the Girls' Realm Guild at Westminster, the well-known author Charles Garvice, referring to the hard lot of the middle and professional classes, exhorted his hearers to combine both politically and socially for their own protection.

Until these classes proved themselves a great political and social force in the land they would never get anything, he said. Black-coated professional men have been hit as hard as any class by the war. The middle classes, although many had sacrificed their all in the war, had never complained but they must now combine. It was the great middle classes that were relied upon at times of difficulty and stress. Mr. Garvice therefore hoped for a great combination of these classes which would stand up for their rights and privileges and above all look after he welfare of the children of their class.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

YOUNG COUPLE FOUND DEAD.

A young married couple named Shepherd were found dead on Saturday at their home in Manningham-road, Anfield.

When a woman who lives in the house came downstairs, she found Mrs. Shepherd lying in the hall with a bullet wound in her chest and Shepherd in the kitchen with his throat cut. Both were wearing dressing gowns.

Nothing has yet been discovered to throw any light on the tragedy. It is believed that the husband shot his wife and then committed suicide.

GOVERNMENT CARELESSNESS.

Lord Rosebery, in a letter to the "Scotsman," says he has been furnished with a copy of an advertisement of the sale, by direction of the Ministry of Munitions, of Turnhouse Farm. "I cannot help being surprised," says Lord Rosebery, "because I am under the impression that the farm belongs to me."

He adds that he does not think the Government's action is due to lawlessness but to gross carelessness.

Turnhouse Farm was an R.A.F. aerodrome near the Forth bridge.

EPIDEMIC OF FIRES.

During the last ten days there has been an epidemic of fires at Clipstone Military Camp, near Mansfield, Notts. In all there have been half a dozen outbreaks. The military authorities have decided to offer a reward for information leading to the detection of the offenders.

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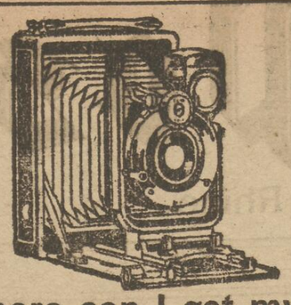

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THE BYE-ELECTIONS.

The recent bye-elections at Plymouth and Thanet have been unique in character and have given rise to more than passing interest.

In the case of Plymouth, Lady Astor is the first woman—with the exception of Countess Markievicz, the Sinn Feiner, who has not as yet exercised the right to sit in the house—to make a successful appeal to electors. It has been left to the Devon Borough to set the new fashion, to establish a precedent which may well have far-reaching results and to break the ice of centuries' old tradition.

That sooner or later women would be allowed to make use of their representation privilege was as inevitable as the following of night by day, but it called for a strong personality to convince constituents of the claims of the weaker sex. We, as a people, are slow to depart from deeply rooted and firmly embedded national customs and Lady Astor is to be congratulated upon having taken the lead.

Now that the bonds of antiquated superstition have been burst asunder, we may expect to find other ladies finding favour with electors and gaining admission to the counsels of the nation.

It still remains to be seen what effect the participation of women will have upon the administration of national affairs, but there can be little doubt that in certain branches of legislature their views and co-operation will be of inestimable value.

At Thanet, Mr. Harmsworth, while virtually standing as a Coalition Unionist, based his candidature upon a call for a crusade against national waste and extravagance. Such a popular cry could not fail to attract sympathy at the present juncture.

Appalling cases of waste have been revealed, and while the Government are apparently awakening to the essentiality of cutting down all superfluous expenditure and are acting accordingly, it is no surprising that Kentish electors should show their approval of such a policy of retrenchment by sending to Parliament a candidate who made this vital issue the principal, if not the only, plank in his platform.

His advent to the House of Commons will signify a definite message from the people calling upon the Government to pursue such a policy to the farthest reasonable lengths.

"SWEATIN' ON DEMOB."

About a month ago, I read an article in the "Cologne Post" on "Demobilization via Holland" and I found it very interesting. One can appreciate all the thoughts which your contributor recorded for the benefit of those who were "sweatin' on demob" same as I am, but I think he should have written two articles on his subject instead of one.

He omitted an important part of his demobbing, and that was the time when he was "sweatin' on the top line" — the delightfully short period, when one does not know if the trains will be cancelled, or if the camp is full and one has to wait, etc.

He went via Holland, and I envy him, although at this time of the year I have set my hopes on doing it in style — by means of the leave trains which are now in use — so different to the "Hommes 40, Chevaux en long 8" Pullman Car, with which we are all very familiar.

The last journey to England via Holland has been made, and we who have been left here are faced with a comfortable bunk on a fast train, with everything as it should be. It is worth while being demobbed if only to get a decent number of hours' sleep without being disturbed, and which will probably be the last peaceful sleep before we renew our domestic relations at home. Some of you single people may smile at such an expression, but I can assure you that George Robey never said a more true word than on one occasion in 1914 when he was performing in London. Our friend Mr. Datas can tell you what that was.

I was told by my C.O. to-day that in a fortnight's time I could have my papers made out, and go to England as quickly as I liked. He did not say as much as that, and all he told me to do was to go to a certain place — why I know not, because I have no desire to be demobilized there, and I mentioned the fact to him. You may therefore know that I have reached the sweatin' stage, and that is what is worrying me considerably.

I do not fear the journey or my reception when I reach my home — fortunately I have a house to live in, and the rent is paid by my wife during my absence. It is truly wonderful what one can pay for out of one's wife's separation allowance, and I should advise all single men to try it.

I have an anxious time before me, because I know I shall have to answer many awkward questions when my papers are being completed. To tell them my number, name, religion, date of birth, etc. is simple, but what I shall say when they ask me what kit I possess, I know not.

I do not altogether despair, because I have worked in a Q.M. Stores for some time, and I am therefore acquainted with all the methods of the professional scrounger. I have also scrounged myself, when I was staying near Festubert for the benefit of my health. A doctor told me to do that, and but for the fact that the houses thereabouts were not so very comfortable—there were no bathrooms in them—I could really have appreciated life. It is possible that after having lived amongst scroungers, and scrounged for myself for the past five years, the prospect of my completing my kit and equipment, before I call for my papers, should not necessarily worry me.

I began my campaign to-day, as with a disarming smile and a remark about the weather, I approached my C.Q.M.S. We chatted quite affably about the Football Competition in the "Cologne Post," and then about the Lille Sweepstake. That did it—I did not know that the "quarterbloke" had five tickets in the Sweep and he was unlucky. So I naturally offered my sympathy, but he would have none of it.

The poor man was very rude to me as well and told me in plain and understandable English—he used to work in a fish market in London, although I have forgotten the name of the place—that if I had come there to scrounge anything, there was nothing doing. I did intend to ask for "Socks, pairs, one," which after all are not very expensive articles when bought in thousands, and in any case they did not belong to the C.Q.M.S. My heart sank into my boots and I came away from him, taking good care to bang the door behind me to show my indifference.

When I returned to my billet, I had not made up my mind as to my course of action for to-morrow. But I now have an idea, and if it does not work, I may as well sign on, in the hope that I shall "win" some kit somehow.

I shall not divulge my plan — did Napoleon do so? Besides, I think it would be piling it on to the C.Q.M.S. if he knew that every reader of the "Cologne Post" was aware of it long before him. He never buys a copy of the paper, but always reads mine. I should imagine that he is worth hundreds of War Savings Certificates.

I have, therefore, a whole fortnight to get myself ready for my interview with the one who will condescend to make out my demob papers. I am open to borrow, beg, scrounge or exchange. Does anyone want a tin-hat?

P. T. S.

TO A FRIEND.

Only a simple wish
Honest and true,
Out of this heart o'mine
Straight unto you,
Friendship and memory
On the words dwell,
With you where'er you be
May all be well.

Only a little wish
Tender and pure,
Where'er you wander friend
May this endure,
Gladness be thine alway
To thy life's end,
Never a shadowed day
For you my friend.

New friends may come and go
Lighting your way,
Some all too soon will part
Others may stay,
Yet let this comfort thee
All your way through,
I shall be thinking dear
Always of you.

J.M.S.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX

We Hear all Sides without Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

DO NOT LOAF.

Sir,—Notwithstanding the Army Cinemas, theatres and several excellent men's Clubs one cannot help noticing the amount of "loafing" resorted to by young soldiers at night in Cologne.

It is true R. L. Stevenson defended the idler by saying "a faculty for idleness implies a catholic appetite and a strong sense of personal identity," but it was to rural idleness that he referred, idleness wherewith the idler at least drank in the beauties of nature and acquired a fuller knowledge of humanity. Rather let the idler mark the words of Richard II as put in his mouth by Shakespeare: "I wasted time and now doth time waste me."

An idle man is usually a discontented man. What is more hindrance to discipline than a discontented man?

Forward to the rescue, educational officers and Padres, is the cry, I think. Nightly classes in natural history and various industries by aid of the brigade cinemas is my suggestion for the former, for the latter more whist drives, competitions and dancing in the recreation room.

H. C. W.

SAFER TRAMWAYS.

Sir,—I hope your readers won't be bored by too many references to tramways in your columns, but having seen several accounts lately of serious accidents in England due to the overturning of tramcars, I began to wonder if our much praised "double-deckers" are really as superior as some people assert.

An expert committee, I know, fully considered the question and pronounced against them for many reasons but most of your readers seem to praise them for some reason or other.

To my mind they are top heavy, ungainly vehicles which if they miss the points especially on a curve or on a hill crash over on their side in a large number of cases. This is a point against them I don't think has been referred to.

Occasionally a single-decker such as we see in Cologne skips the rails but we never heard of their overturning, the centre of gravity being so low. I don't know of any country—and I've travelled the world—that goes in for the dangerous and awkward two-deckers except England. There must be a sound reason for this.

BOLIVAR.

RINK HOCKEY.

Sir,—A little while ago there appeared in the columns of your admirable paper a threat that there was to be a roller skating rink in Cologne with facilities for rink hockey.

Immediately on the appearance of this announcement, I sent home for my ball-bearing "foot vehicles" but the rink appears to be no nearer materialization than before.

I am not grumbling about a lack of of amusements in Cologne—who could?—but rink hockey would add to the joy of many of us considerably.

"FREDDIE."

N.A.C.B. PRICES.

Sir, — In view of frequent "grouses" regarding the above, do you not think that the N.A.C.B. might adopt a method whereby everything for sale is marked in Sterling and paid for in marks at current rates?

It would not cause any trouble to anyone, but it would ensure that the figures were somewhere near the proper price of the article on sale.

STARLIGHT.

SELF EDUCATION.

Sir,—Apropos the timely letter of "Self-Educated," I as a youth got most of what I know from that excellent publication, "Cassell's Self-Educator." I owe it a debt of gratitude. I see that a new edition brought up-to-date is being issued in fortnightly parts, and would recommend every young soldier to take it in and study some at least of the many subjects it covers.

Then I notice another serial publication that should be of great value. H. G. Wells', "History of the World" is just out. I'm sure it won't be dry, and what a mine of knowledge it will be!

I thought the men and youths of the Rhine Army might like to know of these useful works both within their reach.

SELF TAUGHT.

ON READING.

Sir,—Your correspondents are divided, and, as my letter on "Reading Carlyle" has brought to light so many different opinions, I trust that you will give me space for my own views. I am of opinion that some individuals think that the end of reading is amusement only. That is not the case; reading both amuses and instructs.

Yes, "people thought and thought deeply long before books appeared." There were few books during the time of Seneca, but the few that profound thinker had access to, were of the first order in the realms of Literature.

But as books began to be written and read, people's mode of living became different, and their thoughts became more sublime.

"A man reads what some newspaper says and accepts that view." Not in every case surely. Do you mean "Rural" in the case of every reader, or in the case of a particular few? You do not make yourself quite clear.

In a previous letter we have noted that we are not to read and to take for granted, but to weigh and consider. We must accept or reject the printed word according to our judgment of it in the light of truth. Nothing is worth reading unless it is true. The first thing of importance is the choice of books; books, that will arrest our minds and compel us to think, books that will create within us a desire to read more.

In opening a book, we ought to think that we are opening the door that leads to a cave of hidden treasure. It is this that we are doing. We are searching between two musty old covers where lie buried the noblest thoughts of the noblest men that ever breathed, searching deep down in that unfathomable grave for hidden gold stored there by the most able thinkers and the greatest scholars that ever blessed the world with knowledge and wisdom.

There they lie—silent—but yet speaking; buried, but not dead, they guide the world, and their written word lives for ever. Read, and having once read, read again.

R.M.

CHRISTMAS WATER SPORT.

Sir, — Going over "Spartan's" letter again and reading between the lines, I can't believe he was quite serious in his suggestion.

There can't be many of the Rhine Army who keep up their swimming in the river all through the inclement weather of winter.

There are a few I am well aware of, but perhaps you could count them on the fingers of one hand.

Even if they number as many as a dozen—which I doubt—is he not pulling our legs to suggest a Christmas water carnival just for their special benefit?

I shrewdly suspect him to be one of those misguided idiots who go in the Serpentine every morning, and if necessary break the ice to get their plunge. He has probably swum in the Serpentine Christmas morning race. Well, when he is demobbed he will be able to join the chilly throng again.

But out on the Rhine, let us hear no more of "Spartan," and his wild eccentricities.

WARM WATER.

Sir,—There is something in "Spartan's" idea but I think it can be improved on. Instead of outdoors in the icy cold Rhine why not organise some water sports and swimming contests in one of the fine bathing establishments in Cologne, for both sexes?

These baths are warmed so being in the winter wouldn't matter and there must be lots of British men and women here who would compete I am sure. I would, for one.

A water carnival indoors then is what I venture to put forward. Will some one in sports organising take the matter up?

MERMAID.

WIVES IN CLUBS.

Sir,—The gallant officer of Field Rank mentioned in "Bachelor's" letter, should bear in mind that the habit of accosting ladies without introduction whether at home, in Rhineland or elsewhere, is looked upon as what is vulgarly termed "picking up", and is not done by gallant officers, much less by those of Field Rank.

As to "Bachelor's" remarks about privileges all I need say is, "Confounded impertinence!"

T. B.

THE PASSING OF THE VOLUNTARY WORKER.

A change is taking place in the character of a considerable amount of national work—so silently that few outside the immediate circles concerned are aware of it. For five years the work of the War Pensions' Committees — originally the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, known briefly as the S.S.F.A.—has been carried on by voluntary lady workers, whose husbands and brothers in most cases were at the front.

In the early days these workers were drawn from the higher social strata. Many gave their whole time to the work of looking after the pensions of disabled soldiers and sailors—all gave their services for nothing. They were glad to be able to do some necessary war work. How important this work was, became increasingly evident as time went on, and the war pessed into its third, fourth, and fifth years.

WAITING FOR HIS LADY.

Not all the workers were married. Some were young and hitherto unaccustomed to roughing things to any extent. These young workers personally visited the homes of the fighting soldiers and sailors and would oftentimes grow familiar with sickness and with deathbed scenes which hardly came within the original mental picture of the work.

These were very strenuous days at first, but with capable brains at the head of the committees, things soon got into a good working order. All was done for the love of it, and so went with a swing. Knowledge of particular cases meant a strong personal interest on both sides.

"You're William Smith, I think? Can I do anything for you?" the head of a district would cheerfully ask.

"Oh no, thank you, mum; I'm waiting for my lady." And nothing but his lady would satisfy him. He knew his lady knew all about him and his missus and the two kids, and he didn't want to begin all over again to a stranger. And not a few of the ladies possessed a charm and strength of character which was felt throughout their entire districts.

Through the crucial years of the war these local commitees knew every case personally, and would see to it that Mrs. A. got her alternative pension, no matter how many times headquarters lost the papers. They were, in fact, advocates for the families under their charge, and the strict letter of the regulations was tempered with much kindness.

In the first flush of enthusiasm many gave and lent their own private money, until experience showed that such a course could not be carried out to any extent. At one time there was a superstition in a certain London district that the workers "made a good thing out of this pension business," until the pressure of fact and daily experience proved that things were all the other way.

THE NEW OFFICIAL SYSTEM.

"I can't thank you enough, miss, for all you've done for my wife. If you hadn't been here . . ."

But all this is of the old days. With increase of specialisation has come the paid worker. First the occasional typist, then the male secretary, and so forth, until—one rubs one's eyes—the voluntary helpers are no longer there. Scores of young girl typists and assistants have come, and a new atmosphere reigns. The old has gone, and it is only fair that the passing of the voluntary worker should be recorded. Certain districts may be more immediately affected by the change. What we have written summarises one large and efficient district of London. William Smith will not again find "his lady," and we can only hope that a very efficient system will do for him all that is necessary,

From "THE SPHERE."

HOW THEY FARED.

Burnley's Revenge: Coventry Still Losing Points.

NEWCASTLE DISPLACED.

Saturday's crop of surprises was again of a large order, as in previous weeks. The principal failure was Newcastle United's defeat at home, which removes them from the leadership. Sunderland by their victory are now well in the running and the battle for the head of the table presents an interesting problem.

Burnley's victory at Bradford wipes out last weeks defeat and brings them out on top of Division one, an event which is very gratifyng to Lancastrians. Liverpool's defeat by Preston on Merseyside was a nasty shock and the failure of Bolton at home to Everton gave the hopes of the "Trotters" supporters a cold douche.

West Bromwich made amends for last week's debacle and put paid to Sheffield Wednesday's account, whilst the Arsenal added to their away record by booking a point at Nottingham. The Londoners are getting quite expert at drawing matches. Aston once more secured a victory and are gradually climbing from the fatal area.

Division II.

Coventry lost their thirteenth match when falling at Blackpool and nothing seems to go right, but they will come on yet and provide some surprises ere the curtain falls. Grimsby did well to conquer Stoke and Birmingham put up a splendid show when defeating Rotherham. South Shields are to be congratulated upon their victory over Leicester; the Seasiders are making a plucky fight in their first season in good company. Spurs continued their point gaining career at Nottingham Forest's expense, but the Tottenham eleven, despite Saturday's victory, seem rather stale at present.

The surprise of the day for Londoners was Fulham's defeat of the "Hammers." Few teams leave the West Ham enclosure with full spoils and the inability of their favourites to beat the "Cottagers" must have disappointed the "Hammers" supporters. Barnsley's win over the Wolves revived hopee of Division I, but—and its a big but.—

Southern League.

Millwall sprang a shock on Brighton, and the "Lions" deserve the credit of their success. Portsmouth put on four against the Rangers, and strengthened their hold on the leadership, while Norwich came out of their shell and put up one of the biggest scores of the day against lowly Gillingham. Watford are hard on Portsmouth's heels and their narrow win over Bristol Rovers was very pleasing to their supporters. Newport by defeating Swindon again accomplished the unexpected; they are deserving of all credit for their performances, struggling as they are against great handicaps.

Scottish League.

Celtic just managed to win at Aberdeen and the Rangers made no mistake against Albion Rovers. The battle between the Rangers and Celtic, ever keen, is, if possible more bitter this season, and it would take a clever man to forecast their positions next May. Dundee's seven against the "Honest Men" was the greatest surprise of the day across the Tweed, and they thus displace Ayr on the fourth rung. Queen's Park did well while Clydebank's win at Kilmarnock was a good performance. Falkirk's inability to beat Third Lanark, even with ground advantage is one of football's mysteries. Four drawn games and a victory for Thirds is the record of the past five seasons.

Games Abandoned.

Blackburn v. Bradford City, Manchester United v. Oldham and Crystal Palace v. Exeter were abandoned through fog. In the first two games the visitors were leading in each case, and the latter game was a draw with no score.

Appended are the results.

The League.—Division I.

Aston Villa	4	Sheffield United	0
*Blackburn Rovers	1	Bradford City	2
Bolton Wanderers	0	Everton	2
Bradford	0	Burnley	1
Chelsea	3	Middlesbrough	1
Derby County	0	Manchester City	0
Liverpool	1	Preston North End	2
*Manchester United	0	Oldham Athletic	3
Newcastle United	2	Sunderland	3
Notts County	2	Arsenal	2
Sheffield Wed.	0	West Bromwich Alb.	3

The League.—Division II.

Blackpool	2	Coventry City	0
Bristol City	2	Huddersfield T.	1
Clapton Orient	2	Bury	1
Grimsby Town	2	Stoke	0
Port Vale	1	Lincoln City	0
Rotherham County	0	Birmingham	3
South Shields	2	Leicester City	0
Stockport County	3	Hull City	1
Tottenham Hotspur	5	Notts Forest	2
West Ham United	0	Fulham	1
Wolverhampton W.	2	Barnsley	4

Southern League.

Brighton and Hove	0	Millwall	1
Brentford	3	Luton Town	1
*Crystal Palace	0	Exeter City	0
Merthyr Town	1	Southampton	1
Northampton	2	Cardiff City	2
Norwich City	5	Gillingham	0
Newport County	2	Swindon	0
Plymouth Argyle	0	Reading	0
Portsmouth	4	Queen's Park Rangers	2
Southend	2	Swansea Town	2
Watford	1	Bristol Rovers	0

*Abandoned owing to fog.

Scottish League.

Aberdeen	0	Celtic	1
Albion Rovers	0	Glasgow Rangers	4
Clyde	4	Raith Rovers	3
Dumbarton	2	Hearts	0
Dundee	7	Ayr United	1
Falkirk	0	Third Lanark	0
Hibernians	1	Greenock Morton	0
Kilmarnock	2	Clydebank	4
Motherwell	2	Airdrieonians	1
Partick Thistle	3	St. Mirren	3
Queen's Park	3	Hamilton Academic	1

London Combination.

Arsenal	3	Clapton Orient	2
Millwall	1	Crystal Palace	0
Queen's Park Rangers	1	Tottenham	1
Fulham	0	West Ham	3

Midland League.

Worksop	0	Grimsby	3
Barnsley	3	Scunthorpe	3
Chesterfield	2	Mexborough	1
Lincoln	4	Silverwood	0
Sheffield United	4	Halifax	2
Leeds United	2	Rotherham T.	2
Gainsborough	3	Notts County	3
Hull City	4	Rotherham C.	0
Castleford	5	Sheffield Wed.	1

LOCAL BOXING.

Open Fortnightly Competitions at All-Weights.

INDIVIDUAL CONTESTS.

Lovers of the noble art will be very glad to learn that the Army are arranging fortnightly individual boxing competitions tnough the A. I. of the P. and R. T. Entries are requested for the various weights and are to be submitted not later than Dec. 5th.

Such a proposal cannot fail to find favour in the British Army of Occupation. There is probably no sport which carries a greater appeal at the present time and there will doubtless be a flood of entries. Some really sparkling shows should result and the new feature gives promse of being one of the most popular in Rhineland.

Points to Note.

The following points should be taken note of by intending entrants.

The competitions will be open to W. Os., N. C. Os. and men of the British Army of the Rhine.

Entries for the following weights to be forwarded to A. I. of P. and R. T., G.H.Q. by the 5th December.

Bantam weight	8 st. 6 lbs.	and under
Feather "	9 " 0 "	" "
Light "	9 " 9 "	" "
Welter "	10 " 7 "	" "
Middle "	11 " 6 "	" "
L. Heavy "	12 " 7 "	" "
Heavy "		

As soon as the entries have been received, notification will be forwarded to all concerned giving dates of competitions and further particulars.

All entries must be forwarded by units on one form, and must be signed by the Officer Commanding.

All Competitions will be held under the Rules of the Imperial Services' Boxing Association.

First tournament to be held on Friday and Saturday 12th and 13th December: place and hour will be notified later.

Team Competitions.

In addition, team competitions are also being organised and in view of the difficulty which has been experienced in getting men of the correct weights in the young soldiers' battalions, a revision has been made. The teams will now be:—

Fly	8 st. 0 lbs.	and under
Bantam	8 " 6 "	" "
Feather	9 " 0 "	" "
Light (one officer)	9 " 9 "	" "
Welter " "	10 " 4 "	" "
Middle " "	11 " 0 "	" "
L. Heavy	12 " 0 "	" "

Each team must be complete, otherwise no entry can be entertained.

FRY DEFEATS HOUSEGO.

At the Ring Blackfriars in a twenty rounds contest on Saturday evening, Billy Fry of Tylorstown knocked out Fred Housego in the seventh round after a moderate bout.

KEMPTON RACING.

Bumping Objection Overruled at Saturday's Meeting.

The weather was fine, but dull at Kempton Park on Saturday. The attendance was good and going heavy.

In the Staines Hurdle an objection to the winner, Golden Daisy, for bumping was overruled.

Details.

Barnes Hurdle:—1, Jack Sheppard (2—1); 2, Storm Witch (7—4 on); 3, Jolly Jack (20—1). Four ran.

Vauxhall Chase:—1, Loonian (7—4); 2, Platonic (3—1), Only two finished. Five ran.

Middlesex Chase:—1, Minstrel Park (10—1); 2, Cresley (5—2); 3, Mr. Pick (10—1). Nine ran.

Staines Hurdle:—1, Golden Daisy (5—4); 2, Dacmerry (4—1); 3, Drumlanrig (10—1). Eight ran.

Richmond Chase:—1, Lutteur Third (11—8); 2, Wave Tree (evens); 3, White Trout (6—1). Three ran.

Dunbury Hurdle:—1, Procurator (7—4); 2, Trezidella (7—1); 3, Yellow Bedstraw (4—1). Ten ran.

A.I.F. WIN AGAIN.

Owing to a misunderstanding Saturday's message stated that the match was drawn, whereas the four-day match between the Australian Imperial Forces and the South African eleven ended on Nov. 25th in a win for the visitors by eight wickets. When stumps were drawn overnight the home side had scored 227 for 4 wickets and were all out for 359, Ward carrying out his bat for 62. This left the Australians with 46 to get to win and they were hit off for the loss two wickets.

Central League.

Bradford City	2	Blackburn	3
Burnley	0	Port Vale	2
Bury	0	Aston Villa	3
Crewe Alexandra	3	Stalybridge	3
Everton	1	Bolton	1
Huddersfield	3	Blackpool	1
Manchester City	3	Stockport	0
Oldham	0	Manchester United	2
Preston	2	Liverpool	0

Club Matches.

Cambridge University	4	Cambridge Town	2
Corinthians	4	Oxford University	3

Rugby Union.

	Pts.		Pts.
Durham	6	Lancashire	15
Cornwall	3	Somerset	8
Army	13	Northampton	6
Bath	3	Bristol	16
Blackheath	15	Harlequins	0
Bedford Sch.	0	Haileybury Coll.	11
Cambridge Univ.	9	United Services	6
Headingley	3	Birkenhead Park	29
Leicester	0	Cardiff	3
London Welsh	0	St. Bart's	3
Neath	0	Llanelly	0
Newport	3	Pill Harriers	0
Old Merchant Taylors	8	Rosslyn Park	3
Oxford University	39	London Scottish	3
Richmond	0	Swansea	22
United Services (Portsmouth)	14	United Service (Devenport)	0
R.M.A.	42	Mill Hill School	0
*Moseley	—	Gloucester	—
*Pontypool	—	Pienarth	—

*Postponed on account of snow.

RHINELAND FOOTBALL.

Interesting and Exciting Week-End Games.

52nd Devons v. 52nd Warwicks.

The 52nd Devons made their first appearance in Southern Brigade football at Berg, Gladbach on Saturday last. Although they were beaten by the odd goal in five, the Devons played clever football and will be a difficult team to beat as the season goes on.

Kicking off with the wind in their favour the Devons had nearly all the play, and twenty minutes from the start Pearson scored from a clever pass from Bell. The Warwicks' goal-keeper was having a busy time and after shots from Shaw and O'Neil had just failed, Gallagher again scored for the Devons.

In the second half the Warwicks came back strongly and scored four goals in the last twenty minutes, being a little unlucky in having one disallowed by the referee for off-side.

A penalty goal against the Warwicks failed to materialise, and they finished winners of a fast, and evenly contested game by three goals to two.

In spite of the difficulties of transport, nearly 150 Devon supporters came over from Burscheid to see the game. Brigadier General Campbell, V.C. was present, and the afternoon's sport was an excellent, reply to "Old Brigade's" carping criticism of the young soldier Battalions.

The Teams lined up as follows:—

WARWICKS: Kensall; Sgt. Vicary and Head; Cpl. Hill, Sgt. Owen, and Cook; Spencer, L/Cpl. Allen, Pte. Brotherton, Pte. Rogers and Pte. Allen.

DEVONS: Mott; Sgts. Tite and Cotterell; Lt. O'Neil, Lt. Cairns and Sgt. Yeo; Ball, Gallagher, Lce. Cpl. Pearson, C.S.M. Bradley and Shaw.

BOXING SCENE.

Referee Attacked and Injured at Mountain Ash.

KICKED AND STRUCK.

There was a disgusting scene at Mountain Ash on Saturday night. After a close contest Billy Marchant, of Salford, was given the verdict over Danny Morgan, of Tirphil, and on the announcement of the decision it is alleged that one of Morgan's seconds hurled himself at the referee, Major Arnold Wilson, the manager of the Holborn Stadium.

Several other partisans joined issue, the result being that the referee was struck in the eye, thrown on the floor and kicked several times before he cou d be escorted to Morgan's dressing room. Eventually the police escorted Major Wilson to the railway station. The cowardly attack was the work of a small section of Morgan's supporters and was quite unjustifiable in the opinion of the majority of those present who agreed that the verdict was correct.

TWO GOOD WINS.

52nd Battalion Devonshire Regt.: Inter-Company Matches.

Two matches of the inter-Company Football Competition of the 52nd. Devons have been played during the past week. On Monday, "D" Company made their first appearance in the competition against the redoubtable "A" Coy. team which plucked a hard-earned victory from "B" in the first game of the series. It is rather unfortunate for "A" Company that on this occasion they had to fight just as hard, without the sweet solace of a win.

"D" Company's team, looking rather like a schoolboy eleven, though small in stature and with the balance of avoirdupois very much against them, took control of the game from the kick-off, and within a few minutes were "one up." Their passing and shooting both were excellent, and they kept the game going at a great rate. Soon they scored again, and a third quite astonishing goal was added before the interval. Shaw, the "D" Coy. left winger, was standing quite unmarked near the touch line, some distance out from "A" Company's goal, when the ball came out to him. He steadied it lovingly, pondered for a few seconds, decided to try a shot, did so, and scored.

The pace was just as fast in the secondhalf, "D" Company doing practically all the pressing, their efforts being duly rewarded by two more goals, the game thus ending in a victory for them to the tune of 5-0. "A" Company were unlucky to lose their outside right, Sgt. Cooper early in the second half, and, towards the end Drummer Cook also had to go off the field.

The "D" Company supporters were delighted with the form of their team, which proved itself to be a fast, clever, well-balanced side. Every man played a good game, and it was a tribute to the shooting ability of the forward line that each of its members scored. For the losers, C.S.M. Bradley worked hard and played well, as did Sgt. Cottrell, until the latter portion of the second half, when he got rather disgusted.

A Second Match.

In their second match, against "C" Company on Thursday last, "D" Company fielded the same team, with the exception of a new right half-back, as that which won the first game on Monday. With their hair nicely brushed, and smart new green-and-white jerseys on, "D" Company looked a gratifying picture to their fond supporters, who turned up in great numbers with loud voices concealed behind the collars of their greatcoats. Their superiority was unquestionable all the way through. "C" Company tried hard, but they were up against a better team and cleverer combination. Three times did the "D" Company boys get the ball through their opponents' goal during the first half, the scorers being Pearson, Gallagher and Cutler.

The second half very soon developed into an incessant and furious onslaught on "C" Company's goal, only relieved by two or three brief breakaways by their forward line. In this portion of the game "C" Company's left back, Sgt. Tite, that well-tried defender, played splendidly, clearing time after time, and the goalie, Mott brought off some fine saves.

In spite of the continued bombardment however, "D" Company only managed to score once during the second half, but once again they demonstrated their football ability, while the final result of 4-0 does not do justice to the excellence of their forwards. It is idle to mention specially any of the team, as every man in it did his best, and a remarkably good best it was, too.

INMAN AGAIN DEFEATED.

Inman suffered a second defeat on Saturday, this time at the hands of Tom Newman who received 1,000 in a match of 9,000 up. The champion never looked like getting the better of his young rival who was leading by 1,474 when he ran to his points.

Final Scores:—

Newman 9,000
Inman . . . . . 7,526.

AMATEUR WRESTLING.

At Bradford in the English Amateur Wrestling Championship Finals, best of three falls, the results were:—

Middle Weights:—N. Jackson, Halifax, beat L. Johnson, Denaby, gaining the first fall in four minutes one second and the second in 57 seconds.

Feather-weights:—G. H. Stott, Bradford beat H. H. Watson, Manchester, gaining the first fall in three minutes, forty-five seconds and the second in eleven minutes forty-four seconds.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

MISS SHIRLEY KING'S FAREWELL.

On Saturday night the final performance of "The School for Scandal" was given at the Deutsches Theatre, and a great ovation was given to Miss Shirley King on the occasion of her last appearance at this theatre. Although I am definitely assured that this really was Miss King's last appearance, I still have hopes that we shall see her again before the Army of the Rhine ceases to exist. It is one of the most exalting sensations in this world of complex emotions to feel that one is loved and appreciated. Indications of the love, appreciation and regret at her departure had began to filter in concrete form to Miss King before the curtain went up and, in spite of the emotion she was undergoing, she played better, if possible, than she had done the whole week.

The curtain hardly ever rang down on any scene without Miss King being the recipient of a bouquet or some other form of her public's appreciation of her, and when it was all over Lieut. Percy lead her forward to the footlights and made the neatest speech I have ever heard him make. With apologies to Sheridan he said; — "To-night the play is not the thing, but Miss King is."

Struggling with her emotions, Miss King made a sweet and simple reply, merely quoting a line from the play which was apt indeed. I think what touched her generous and appreciative heart most of all was the last present which was handed up to her — a gold bag. Had it been made of tin the inscription was worth a fortune to her: — "From the Tommies of the Army of the Rhine."

And so the final curtain rang down on the figure of one of the sweetest little actresses who has ever graced the boards of the Deutsches Theatre with her talented performances. The vision of Lady Teazle hiding her tears in a bunch of flowers — one of the many symbols of appreciation from her admirers — will remain with me to the end.

On Sunday night a dinner was given in Miss King's honour at No. 1 Officers' Club. There was a large attendance and the proceedings included dancing and song. Miss King's health was drunk many times over and so much is the public regard for her that the guests left still wondering if there was anything more they could do to impress upon her the general gratitude and affection that is her due.

E.H.S.

AROUND AND ABOUT.

At the Deutches.

For nearly two hours on Sunday evening the full audience at the Deutsches Theatre sat spellbound by the artistry of gifted musicians. Place aux dames there was Gertrud Bender, whose brilliance in the most intricate operatic vocal gymnastics was matched by the sheer beauty of her rendering of Gounod's Ave Maria, the violin obligato being e xquisitely played by Alfred Barker,

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Then there was Modest Menzinsky. When the curtain went up he was "discovered" with a pile of music on the piano. He sang through it—five songs in all, including four of Schumann's and the audience wished the pile had been ten times the height. Later he sang excerpts from Tosca, Die Africanerin, Walkure and the Meistersinger. He was Menzisky which is enough said. I wonder when we shall hear him again at Covent Garden.

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In Alfred Barker's hands the violin is a thing bewitched. He played Hejre Kati (and as per programme) a violin song which was Wienawsky's variations on Russian airs. Each item was a 'tour de force', his exactitude in double stopping and harmonico being simply amazing. Two bouquets were handed over the footlights to him.

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Lastly a word for Hubert Heiner, who accompanied throughout with great delicacy and charm. All the artistes must have felt very happy that they were being actually accompanied, not led or driven, as is so often the case.

An afterword is also not only permissible but advisable. It is this. Keep Dec. the 14th free for the Deutsches Theatre. It will probably be Barker's last appearance and he will be assisted by a host of-well,—just wait a bit. That is Capt. Haygarth's pigeon, which promises to be nearly as big as Elsa's swan.

"D" Company, 52nd. Devons at Whist.

The above Company held a very successful whist drive on Wednesday evening. Over 100 players took part in the set of 22 games, and undoubtedly everyone present enjoyed himself. The top score of the evening—169—was made by "Mrs." Casey, a well-known Private in the Company, who received as reward a handsome set of carvers.

The other prizes were as follows:—Ladies, 2nd. L/Cpl. Goddard case of knives and forks; Gents 1st. Pte. B. Smith, wrist watch; Gents 2nd. Pte. E. R. Young, case of knives and forks.

Ptes. Hamblin and Hodges respectively received the Lady's and Gent's "Booby" prizes, and it is sufficient to say that these would doubtless have proved of great utility to anyone thinking of setting up an Infant Welfare Centre.

At the conclusion of the Whist Drive three cheers were called for, and heartily given, for the Company Officers, as a mark of appreciation of their enthusiasm and interest in arranging and organising such a pleasant evening's entertainment.

Band Concert.

The band of the 18th K.R.R.C. was heard at the British Empire Leave Club on Sunday night. They gave a pleasing programme, the incidental music from Monsieur Beaucaire and humorous sketch "The Drummer's Holiday" being especially well rendered. Bandsman Taylor played Tosti's "Joy Dreams" as a cornet solo with fine expression and during the evening there were solos from Miss Mackenzie, whose delightful renderdering of "My Ain Folk" was enthusiastically encored, and Miss Campbell, who sang two songs in finished style.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Tuesday	No Performance			
Wed.	Figaro's Hochzeit	Mozart	7	10.30
Thurs.	Tannhauser	Wagner	6.30	10.30
Fri.	Madame Butterfly	Puccini	7	9.45
Sat.	Martha	Flotow	7	10
Sun.	Der Zigeuner-baron	Strauss	7	10
Mon.	Armourer of Worms	Lortzing	7	9.45
Tuesday	No Performance.			

"Five Birds in a Cage."

There will be an interesting programme at the British Empire Leave Club to-morrow night at 7 o'clock. Beside concert items there will be a short sketch entitled "Bill's Ghost," a bell solo from Sergt. Gordon and a one act comedy—"Five Birds in a Cage," in which Miss Douglas, Miss Castell, Major Chance, Captain Ziegler and Captain Barton will appear.

A Good Show.

The Audrey Esmond Concert Party had a grand finale at the Palace Theatre on Saturday evening, when the audience were raised to a high pitch of enthusiasm. Each turn was encored; "Jimmy" Chilcott ("Onions,") whose picture we reproduce here, had to appear six times. The accompanist excelled even his previous success at the piano and there was a tremendous round of applause at the finish. The party are at the Y.M.C.A. Central to-night, at Opladen on Wednesday and Thursday, at the Rhine Garrison School, Lindenthal on Friday and they finish a busy week at the M. G. C. at Riehl on Saturday. Miss Esmond's beautiful voice will be heard at the Sunday concert at the Deutsches theatre on Dec. 7th.

JACQUES.

AMATEUR GOLFER.

Professional Beaten on his Home Course.

A match between Oxford University and Frilford Heath was played over the latter's course at Abingdon, Berks, the University winning by five matches to two.

The match between J. Turner, the local professional, and R. H. Wethered, the Oxford captain, was exceedingly interesting. The professional was two up at the turn, but his opponent won the 11th and 12th, and took the lead at the 14th. The match had a keen finish, the Oxford captain winning on the 17th green.

Owing to a heavy fall of snow the match between Cambridge University and Coombe-Hill, over the latter's course at Malden, Surrey, had to be abandoned.

ARE YOU A PROPHET?

Money Prizes For Football Forecasts.

As stated in Sunday's issue, surprises were again the order of the day in No. 10 competition matches. The victory of Sunderland over Newcastle upset many calculations, whilst Burnley and Millwall by supplying away wins, "stumped" numerous competitors. The draws obtained by Arsenal and Third Lanark at Nottingham and Falkirk respectively also proved a great stumbling block.

Blackburn's tussle with Bradford City was abandoned through fog and this result according to our rules is not included. Therefore entrants are set but nine results to forecasts.

Four of the teams on No. 10 coupon appear also on this week's form; turn your attention to it now.

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Closing date, Friday, Dec. 5th.

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Manchester C.	v.	West Bromwich
Arsenal	v.	Chelsea
Oldham	v.	Burnley
Huddersfield	v.	Blackpool
Fulham	v.	Tottenham
Coventry	v.	West Ham
Swindon	v.	Portsmouth
Gillingham	v.	Brentford
Celtic	v.	Motherwell

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(In block letters.)
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ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Wear a Disc.

Did you know that a recently published G.R.O. makes the wearing of identity discs compulsory? With the abolition of the old A.B. 64 some means of identification is necessary.

Cosmopolitan Cologne.

Cologne still maintains its cosmopolitan appearance. Standing in the Dom Square it is possible to notice many different nationalities in the course of half an hour. One particularly noticeable figure was that of an Italian cavalry officer, with his long flowing cloak, and high top boots.

Week-end Leave.

A large number of Senegalese and Algerian troops arrived in Cologne on Saturday night evidently on a week-end visit to the city.

Slipped her Moorings.

The Rhine is now in full flood; indeed I do not remember seeing it quite so high. The current is powerful, and only a day or two ago one of the boathouses off Rodenkirchen broke away from its moorings. I did not envy the occupants who were standing on the half submerged roof, frantically flag-wagging their helpless condition to other river traffic.

Then he got Busy.

"I say," said the young sub, as he caressed the six twin hairs on his upper lip, "do you like moustaches?" "I don't know," said the sweet girl coyly. "You see, I've never come into contact with them."

Misplaced Trust.

There seems to be a perfect epidemic of pilfering going on. In many cases I am afraid that the trust placed in German civilians has been grossly abused. I know of an office which has had three typewriters stolen.

Artistes Wanted.

I hear that the Rhine Garrison Concert Party is in need of artistes. Now then you budding comedians etc. Good artistes very soon become popular personalities.

A tip for Mess Secretaries.

It behoves all who would keep up the festive season of Christmas to get their messing arrangements in hand. All information with reference to the supplies of fresh vegetables may be obtained from Room 10, Hauptmarkt Halle, near the Suspension Bridge.

In the Balcony.

A party of German students were in the balcony at the Deutsches theatre last Thursday night, and seemed very interested in the "School for Scandal." The famous screen scene tickled them immensely.

Turned Down.

Did you know that Somerset Maugham sent his play "Lady Frederick" to almost every West End manager without result? At last it was accepted and became the success of the season. The inability of experienced theatrical managers to guage the public taste is a thing difficult to understand.

The Rescue.

There was quite a commotion in Auf dem Berlich the other day. A careless householder left burning ashes in a tin with the result that the refuse collecting van caught fire. When the alarm was raised, householders rushed to the rescue with buckets of water.

A Comparison.

Standing on the eastern bank of the Rhine by night, one is vividly reminded of the Thames Embankment. The lights of the Town and bridges and those lining the Oberlander Ufer on the opposite side of the river are typical of stretches of the Embankment.

Novel Idea.

I noticed a shop window in the Ulrichgasse bearing the name of the owner upside down on the plate glass. Whether this was put on intentionally or not, I cannot say, but it certainly attracts attention.

Cheap Transit.

Have you noticed the large amount of traffic on the Rhine? There is a continual procession of heavily laden barges and even many of the pleasure steamers are being used to take cargoes, the open decks being utilized for this purpose.

Welcoming the Wanderer.

An old house in the Hildebold Platz has '1839' in big figures in one window and '1919' in another. The house is decorated with flags, festoons, coloured rosettes, etc., and over the door is "Herzlich willkommen," which means "hearty welcome."

Some Appetite.

In a certain institution for soldiers I noticed a Tommy sitting down in front of a plate containing no less than fifteen cakes. I didn't remain till the end.

Night Traffic.

It is probably due to the late balls and parties that the streets of Cologne, between 1 and 3 a.m., are by no means devoid of vehicular traffic.

Marricer Hotel.

I hear that the Marricer Hotel is making great preparations for a real good time, in a real British fashion, for Christmas. The family dances held there every Saturday evening are said to be the most enjoyable in Cologne.

Appreciated.

Troops appear at last to realise that they can get better value for their money at N.A.C.B. Hostels than at German cafes for while the latter in these days are almost deserted, the Staplehaus on the Rhine Bank is crowded. Give Tommy a good article for his money and he soon shows appreciation.

Where Tommy Leads.

If you watch a German policeman attempting to regulate the traffic you will find amusement. One I saw so engaged got himself into a tangle and had to call the assistance of a British M.P. to help him out.

The Cologne British Stores.

The "complete stores" in the Obermarspforten No 27 will, I hear, be open on Thursday. Strolling round there yesterday I felt quite at home for the place is arranged in a thoroughly British fashion. Grocery counters, clothing room, a mystic apartment labelled "ladies' department," another with the inscription "tobacco and cigars" and so on. And one "pays at the desk."

Formal Opening Day.

I hear a rumour that there may be a formal opening day with some sort of exhibition. I shall be there. By the way among the varied stock at the "wines and spirit" counter I noticed a fery fine assortment of operatifs and liqueurs, such an assortment as I have not seen for a long time.

RHINELANDER.

FOR BUSINESS MEN IN RHINELAND.

CONCERNING COMMERCIAL POSTAL BUSINESS.

In continuation of the important article published in our issue of Friday last, we are now able to give the following authentic information respecting the position of British and Allied Commercial travellers and firms conducting their German business by mail.

Allied trade in British occupied territory, in foodstuffs, fodder, articles of luxury, wine, seeds, tobacco (such as cigarettes, cigars, tobacco smoking and chewing) snuff and pharmaceutical products.

A. THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF THE POST

Allied Companies and traders domiciled outside Germany carrying on wholesale trade in the above articles with firms in British occupied territory through the medium of the post are not required to be in possession of a trading licence. It is advisable, however, that such Allied firms should assure themselves that the importer in British occupied territory is in possession of a trade licence in accordance with German regulations.

Attention is directed to the fact that, according to the present German law, firms domiciled outside Germany doing business in Unoccupied Germany through the medium of the post are required to have a trade licence.

Goods in the hands of unlicensed traders are subject to confiscation.

B. TRAVELLERS.

Bona fide travellers are not required to obtain trading licences, although their cards of identification must be submitted and stamped by the local Polizei Präsidium on their arrival.

For the benefit of those business men who wish to know where to secure direct and reliable information on all matters relating to overseas trade, the Department of Overseas trade (Development and Intelligence) at 73 Basinghall Street, London E.C. 2 is freely available.

The Department is a centre at which information on all subjects of commercial interest is collected and classified in a form convenient for reference, and at which, so far as the interests of British trade permit, replies are given to enquiries by traders on commercial matters. As far is possible, the Department supplies, on personal or written application, information with regard to the following subjects: Foreign and Colonial Contracts open to Tender and other openings for British Trade; Lists of manufacturers at home and lists of firms abroad engaged in particular lines of business in different localities: Foreign and Colonial Tariff and Customs Regulations; Commercial Statistics; Forms of Certificates of Origin; Regulations concerning Commercial Travellers, Sources of Supply, Prices, etc., of Trade Product; Shipping and Transport, etc.

In connection with the Commercial Diplomatic Service the appointment is announced of Major C. J. Kavanagh as Commercial Commissioner for Germany.

Major Kavanagh is at present working at the Department of Overseas Trade, and it is expected that he will shortly proceeed to Cologne, where he will establish his headquarters. The above appointment is additional to that of Colonel Thelwall, the Senior Commercial Commissioner in Germany with headquarters at Berlin.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Fewer Recruits.—The Anglican Bishops are deploring the shortage of clergy.

Not so Picturesque.—The dress of Japanese schoolgirls has been westernised.

Small Force.—Bulgaria agrees to reduce her army to 20,000.

Beer Profits.—Mr. A. W. Hall an Oxford brewer has left a fortune of £146,226.

Our Tanks.—Lille is to have a British Tank as a war souvenir.

Travel Costlier.—Italian first-class railway fares are increased eighty per cent.

Poor Parsons.—Many incumbents in Ely Diocese have stipends of less than £200.

Democratic Bench.—Two miners, a docker and a postman have been made magistrates at Swansea.

Only Five Months.—A consignment of chemicals despatched to Wakefield from London in June has just arrived.

Profit Returned.—A Glasgow firm had to refund £40 to a man who had paid £100 for a bedroom suite.

Let there be Light.—While Mr. Asquith was speaking on the bright prospects of his party, the electric light failed.

In the Limelight.—Princess Mary is to take part in many public functions. She opens a woman's club in the city shortly.

A Hitch.—Until 900,000 German workmen arrive in France, M. Clemenceau refuses to hand over war prisoners.

The new Era.—A Whitley Council is to be set up among Portsmouth Dockyard workers.

Undignified.—The new premier of Ontario holds meetings of his Cabinet in a little room over a grocer's shop.

Who are They?—A party of ex-officers is touring as a mystery jazz troupe. They are masked.

Dumping.—Germany is exporting manufactures at "art" prices which the Allies cannot compete with.

Delivery — When?—One Birmingham motor company has £9,000,000 worth of orders to execute.

Their Value.—In Mongolia flapper wives can be bought for five camels. Widows of forty cost thirty camels.

Insane Murderer.—A Leeds miner who killed his child has been found guilty but insane.

Athletic Chief.—Miss Talbot, the Land Army's chief, was formerly the most famous woman cricketer of her time.

Unsavoury "Homes."—184,000 persons live in the London slum areas, says the Minister of Health.

Where does it go?—A Llanelly family earning £14 a week has applied for outdoor relief.

Can't move out.—Owing to an Australian railway strike, wheat shipments to Britain are held up.

Seeks Votes.—Ex-Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria is a candidate for the Imperial Presidency.

Fine Cider Year.—This year there has been a wonderful crop of apples for cider-making.

This Year's.—The new Peter Pan at the Duke of York's Theatre will be Miss Georgette Cohan.

Insidious Crime.—Mr. Justice McCardie says blackmail causes more misery and suicides than any other offence.

Dearer Bikes.—Bicycles to-day cost from £10 to £21. Cost of production has mounted up.

The Neglected goat.—Countess Bathurst has an extensive goat farm at Cirencester Park.

"Romance" Again.—Miss Doris Keene is to play the ever popular "Romance" for the movies.

The Cotton Boom.—Five more cotton mills in Lancashire have changed hands at high prices.

Honour for Sailor.—Captain Bertram Fox Hayes who commanded the Olympic during the war, has received the K.C.M.G. at the hands of the King.

Rose Garden Tragedy.—Mr. Willian D. Prior, one of the leading rosarians in England has been found hanging dead in his rosegardens at Colchester.

Big Cinema Deal.—Lord Beaverbrook has bought £400,000 worth of shares in a cinema combine owning thirty-five picture theatres.

Unclothed.—A Merthyr woman who neglected her four children, who were practically unclothed has gone to prison for two months.

Our Dear Furniture.—Americans coming to live in England are finding it the cheapest plan to bring their own furniture and pay the duty on it.

Starting the League.—A League of Nations conference is commencing at Brussels. Eight British delegates are present.

Meteor Crashes.—A vast meteor has fallen in Lake Michigan shaking several cities and causing a flare seen for fifty miles.

The Cattle Show.—Smithfield Cattle Show which has not been held since 1916 will take place this year from December 8th to 12th.

American Born.—Lady Astor M. P. is an American by birth and secured her British nationality by marrying her present husband.

Savationist Dies.—At a salvationist meeting at Hammersmith, Lieut. Col. Garvie, assistant chief secretary to the Salvation Army, was taken ill and died.

Great Florist.—After 31 years secretaryship of the Royal Horticultural Society, the Rev. W. Wilks, who introduced the Shirley poppy, is resigning through old age.

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YOUNGER SONS.

THE IDEAL CAREER.

The increasing industrial turmoil of the present day is rendering the question as to a future career for their sons one of ever greater difficulty to parents. Perhaps the most significant factor has been the introduction of female labour in all branches of commerce and industry, and the permanent employment of women in the professions and Civil Service.

The solution, however, would seem to be found in the fact that population is increasing faster than primary products, and the tendency of progress is towards a higher standard of comfort, better food, and more of it. The overcrowded professions will undoubtedly become an even more serious problem now that the remaining barriers against the inclusion of women are being gradually broken down.

If, however, the effect of this new orientation is to direct the energies of the male population away from the orthodox professions into the channels of direct production, then the world stands to gain thereby.

In the choice of a calling too much emphasis is often laid by parents upon academic success, too little on the practical bias in many young men, which, while unfitting them for high scholastic achievement, is all to the good in other spheres. Here is a young man, for instance, who has been given every advantage at school, has spent three years at a university, and yet has completely failed to realise the hopes which were centred upon him. Simply because he has little natural aptitude for learning, does it follow that his life should be made a misery to him on that account, that he should become the subject of constant reproach, and end in a ghastly failure? To force a young man at any stage to adopt a profession for which he is totally unsuited is to invite disaster.

In the realm of the practical such a young man will make good.

In times past the bias amongst the educated classes of Great Britain has invariably been in the direction of the learned and clerical professions—to such an extent, indeed, that to depart from family tradition in this regard was deemed high treason. Deep-rooted social prejudices ranked the farmer in a lower category. Farming in this country is carried on under such wretched climatic conditions that it has never attained the high standard which has been accorded to it in regions where these conditions are more favourable. In the Motherland this prejudice is passing away, and now parents are looking further afield in quest of a career for their sons.

In England there is an ever-increasing lack of opportunity. The professions are overcrowded, and except for the person with influence behind him or of brilliant achievement there is little scope. For the young man of adventurous spirit and determination, South Africa offers the best field, and orange-growing the greatest opportunity. What has happened in California will be repeated in South Africa. In the former country almost every type of business and professional man is represented in this calling, as witness the following testimony from Coit's "Citrus Fruits," a standard work on the subject:—

"California citrus culture, among all horticultural industries, is peculiar in that the people who have built it up have been, in many cases, retired business men or professional men from the New England and Central States. Persons who have lost their health in the process of gaining wealth have bought and developed citrus properties, the management of which, by requiring a life in the open sunshine and dry air, has resulted in renewed health and steadied nerves. These people brought to the industry much-needed capital, commercial habits and business ability. Citrus culture appeals to people of intelligence and refinement, and such are being drawn from many occupations. Now, since the automobile has come into such general use, the wealthy business man of the city builds a residence in his orange orchard in the suburbs, while among the inter-urban electric lines may be found the small orchards of the superannuated minister, the retired high-school teacher, the lawyer, the doctor, as well as those drawn from other walks of life."

In the Transvaal even better conditions prevail for the growing of citrus than in California, without the risk from frost which growers in the latter country have to face. To find the ideal district for a development proposition on a large scale, with a view to building up a considerable community, was no easy matter; but this was finally discovered in the Zebediela Estates, now in process of development. Experts are agreed on the possibilities of this undertaking, among others being Dr. William Macdonald, one of South Africa's leading authorities on agricultural problems; Mr. R. A Davis, formerly Chief Horticulturist to the Union Government; and Mr. A. H. D. Cochrane an expert agriculturist, who has an intimate knowledge of farming in South Africa, and recently went out to the country to report on large areas for an English company.

A five acre block on this estate may be purchased for £552 10s. cash, or £12 per annum spread over a period of five years; but for the settler desirous of making the most of his chances a minimum of ten acres is preferable. At the end of five years the return from each five acres, based on the experience of actual growers, is estimated at £500, after which the net profit would increase year by year, attaining its maximum about the twelfth year. In the intervening period the company is entirely responsible for development. The title-deeds to the land could, if desired, remain in the possession of a parent, until such time as he was satisfied with the progress made by his son, before finally turning it over to him.

An adequate water supply is the essence of a successful citrus proposition. On Zebediela there is a rainfall of 25 inches on the estate itself, and 35 inches in the watershed, 90 per cent. of which falls in the summer months.

The Company's Consulting Engineer is Mr. W. Ingham, M.Inst.C.E., M.I.Mech.E. London. Mr. Ingham is the leading irrigation authority in South Africa, being Chief Engineer to the Rand Water Board; Consulting Engineer to Durban and Port Elizabeth Municipalities and Lourenço Marques Water Scheme; President of the "A" Section of the South African Association for the advancement of Science; Ex-President of the South African Institute of Engineers, and recently nominated President of the South Africa Society of Civil Engineers. After exhaustive investigations Mr. Ingham has assured the Company that the scheme prepared by Mr. W. A. Palliser (the Company's Resident Engineer), with some slight modifications, will enable the Company to obtain sufficient water for all ground being sold for orange growing. The total expenditure on irrigation alone will be not less than £150,000.

On Zebediela one would be ensured of living a healthy and profitable life under ideal conditions, In this regard Dr. Macdonald writes:—

> In the whole of South Africa it would be hard to find a locality better situated for the production of citrus fruits of the finest quality. Here, indeed, is the natural home of the orange. Free alike from the cold winds and destructive frosts of the High Veld or the depressing fevers of the Low Country, this elevated Bush Veld is without doubt one of the healthiest agricultural regions in the world.
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> Here, on the Zebediela Estates, the prospective settler seeking a home will find a land of eternal sunshine, fertile soil, crystal waters, and a climate with which none can compare. In the span of my own life I have seen the rise of the town of Riverside, in Southern California—the most famous orange-growing region in America—and I need no prophetic vision to forecast the advent of Zebediela City, set at the gateways to those citrus settlements, and bidding welcome alike to the people of South Africa and the settler from the Empire oversea.

Of the ground already sold, half has been disposed of to people in England, many of whom intend making their homes in South Africa, and the other half to residents in South Africa of a most desirable type. Young men at an impressionable age who settle on Zebediela Estate would be brought into contact with a highly refined and intelligent class of men, and would have every inducement to lead a clean, healthful, interesting, as well as prosperous existence.

A postcard addressed to the African Realty Trust, Ltd. (Incorporated in the Transvaal in 1902—capital £400,000 fully subscribed), of 36, New Broad Street, E.C.2. will bring full particulars regarding the project described herein.

AROUND AND ABOUT.

HIS KIND ACT.

A boy scout looked very sad and dejected at supper. His father inquired as to the cause of his downheartedness. "To tell you the truth, father, I have not lived up to our motto, to do a kind thing to somebody or something every day. I cannot recall having done a kind thing to any living creature the livelong day." The father kissed the boy goodnight and advised him to go to bed and sleep it off. Next morning quite a different boy appeared at the breakfast table. Lightheartedness had taken the place of depression. "Well," said the father, "how did you get rid of your troubles last night?" "Well, I went to bed, but for a long time I couldn't sleep. My conscience kept reminding me that I had not been true to my obligation. At last I could stand it no longer, so I got up and gave the cat my white mice."

STAGE CASUALTIES.

The recent sword accident by which Mr. Saintsbury, the Iago of the Scala "Othello," was wounded in the wrist, is only the last of a long series of similar mishaps, the most notable of which befell Barry Sullivan when appearing as Richard III. at Drury Lane in 1876. The Richmond was Henry Sinclair, and in their fight his sword cut through Sullivan's eyelid and injured the eye. But for the sword's point being blunted the sight must have been destroyed. As is was, Sullivan was off the stage for some weeks. Only a few actors have actually died on the stage, though many are said to have done so.

LIKE COLUMBUS.

M. Millerand, whose name is being freely mentioned in connection with the French Premiership, passed his 60th birthday last February. Lawyer, litterateur and wit, his opinion of England is, that it is a land made expressly for Frenchmen to discover. "How I discovered England" was to be the title of a book he has yet to write. "I feel," he said, when on a visit to this country, "like a little Christopher Columbus."

DWINDLING CRIME.

In recent years the volume of crime in England and Wales has steadily declined, and during the war period the fall was greatly accelerated. Whereas in the twelve months ending on March 31, 1914, the total number of persons received into prison was 136,424, the aggregate for the twelve months to March 31 last was no more than 26,050. When every allowance is made for such special circumstances as the absence of a large part of the male population with the Forces, and the operation of the liquor restrictions, these are striking figures.

POTTED UNICORN.

"And the next, ma'am?" said the country grocer to an ancient countrywoman booking her orders. She was silent; to inspire her the grocer suggested, "What about a nice tin of baked beans and pork, ma'am?" "None of them foreign canned meats for me," said the old dame, indignantly, "they be all lions and unicorns, they be."

A STORY OF B.P.

A story is told of Lieut.-General Sir R. Baden-Powell regarding the time when he was military secretary at Malta, and was noted for his love of fun. On one occasion at a Government House function he was sent to ask a young lady to repeat a skirt dance which had been greatly appreciated. The fair dancer, however, could not be prevailed upon to accede to the request, and informed him that if she did so she would be completely "blown." Where upon B.P. returned to the Governor looking somewhat sheepish and hesitating as if there was something he did not like to say. "Well?" asked the great man. "She won't," was the reply. "Won't?" echoed the Governor, "Why?" "Don't know," said B.-P., "but she said she'd be blowed if she did."

CHANGING HANDS.

Many of our famous and historic inns have been changing ownership recently, and to the list of such transactions has now been added the purchase of the "Saracen's Head," at Southwell, Notts, by Alderman Ball, the father of the great airman who lost his life in the later stages of the war. It was at the "Saracen's Head," a typical old-world inn, that Charles I spent his last night as a free man. Here he surrendered to the Scottish Commissioners, and thereafter remained in captivity, until his death.

A LONELY OFFICER.

Lonely officers were quite a feature of the Great War, but they seem since the Armistice to have gone out of fashion. All the same, Peace has produced what is perhaps the most authentic case on record—namely, that of the lonely Briton left in Archangel on liaison work. He is paid by the British Government, and his job is not without advantages; he knows not the profiteer (at least, not the home-bred variety), and he recks nought of railway strikes; he is his own O.C., and probably he gets plenty of parcels from home. In any case, it is to be hoped, he gets his papers regularly; they are a splendid cure for home-sickness.

JOHN CHINAMAN.

The Chinese Labour battalions who have been employed on salvage work in France and Belgium are being disbanded. At the rate of 500 a day the men are being repatriated, and soon the most picturesque of the many coloured groups of the Western front will have disappeared. John Chinaman has a record of excellent war work to his credit. His constantly grinning face endeared him to the heart of the British soldier, who, with his customary adaptability, picked up enough of the Eastern language to make the yellow man understand that war was "no good" and night-bombing aeroplanes "not nice."

FACE VALUE.

Really interesting women are more than pretty; they are beautiful, and one thoroughly enjoys watching them. French women owe much of their fascination to the fact that they express so much of what they feel by face and by gesture. A tradition of old standing among our own best-bred women that it was beneath their dignity to express any emotion is happily passing out, with a result of much improvement in the interest with which we meet them.

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DEBATE ON PREMIUM BONDS.

TREASURY OFFERS STRONG OPPOSITION TO BOTTOMLEY'S PROPOSALS.

ITALIAN SOCIALISTS' GOOD BEHAVIOUR.

PREMIUM BONDS.

BOTTOMLEY URGES THEIR ADOPTION.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Bottomley introduced a motion in favour of the issue of 2½ per cent bonds exempt from taxation, with a fund equivalent to 1½ per cent for prizes to be drawn for periodically. He said he believed that an enormous sum would be produced by such an issue, while the buying of the bonds by the workers would help to prevent strikes and revolutionary proposals and the wasting of money on backing horses.

The precise terms of the motion which was seconded by Sir Clement Kinloch-Cooke, were:

That, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when the Government should make an issue of Investment and Premium Bonds, tax free, and redeemable at a fixed period with compound interest, a certain number of such bonds being drawn at intervals and paid off with a premium or prize attached, the details of each issue to be settled by the Treasury.

The main amendment stood in the name of members of the Independent Liberal group, headed by Mr. Acland, who proposed.

That this House declines to consent to any scheme of raising a loan which is based upon a gamble with the savings of the people, which involves Government solicitation for a lottery, which will enrich the few at the expense of the many, which will involve a substantial immediate loss of the value of the money invested to all but those who chance to win prizes, which is contrary to the long-established usage of the British Treasury, is in conflict with public policy, and calculated to depreciate British credit.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, opposed the proposal. In his opinion the issue of Premium Bonds would encourage the gambling spirit and would not bring in more than fifty millions, an altogether inadequate sum. What was wanted he said, was sober, steady and honest work.

The debate is proceeding.

LENIN OR TROTZKY?

ENGLISH M.P. AMONG THE PROPHETS.

Addressing a "Hands off Russia" demonstration at Glasgow, Mr. John Maclean who has introduced as Soviet Consul in Glasgow, said Russia wanted peace, but Great Britain only wanted a breather till she made her next offensive. Once they got the working class on the move they could not stop short of Bolshevism.

Colonel Malone, M.P., predicted that the President of the new Russian Republic would yet drive along the streets of London as President Poincaré had done. He would get as great a reception, and probably be received at Buckingham Palace.

ECHO OF EPSOM RIOTS.

CANADIANS TO BE RELEASED.

In response to the petition presented by Mr. Bernard Abinger, solicitor, for the release of the Canadians imprisoned after the Epsom riots, the Home Secretary has replied that, after consulation with the Canadian authorities he has decided that the men shall be released on December 15 and handed over to a Canadian military escort for Canada.

AUSTRALIAN FLIGHT.

BRITISHER ONE DAY BEHIND.

The Air Ministry announces that Captain Ross Smith in his Vickers-Vimy machine arrived at Allahabad on the 27th November and left for Calcutta on the 28th. Poulet arrived at Calcutta on the 26th and left for Akyab on the 28th.

MAJOR FOUND SHOT IN BED.

Major Stewart, 49, who was found shot in a private hotel in Kensington Park-road on Saturday morning, died in hospital later in the day.

The police who were called to the hotel discovered the major in bed fully dressed, with a bullet wound in the head.

Major Stewart is said to have been attached to a Middlesex regiment.

LENIENCY FOR CONSPIRATOR.

In consequence of the Vladivostok revolt, the Siberian Government has decided to deport the Czecho-Slovak leader, Gaida, from Siberia without committing him for trial. This decision has been made in consideration of his military record.

FALSE ALARMS.

ITALIAN KING CHEERED BY PARLIAMENT.

Escorted by their suite, the King and Queen of Italy proceeded on Monday morning amid the firing of salutes and the pealing of bells, to open the Italian Parliament. Flags were flying from many buildings and the route was lined with troops, large crowds thronging the streets and cheering enthusiastically.

In his speech from the throne, the King said that the confidence and sympathy of the country are essential to Parliament. "Italy", he continued, "has obtained by war some of her natural frontiers but not all. The defence of the Italian populations on the Adriatic coast constitutes for us an imprescriptible duty, but we have no Imperialistic ambitions and we do not intend that the peace of Europe shall be disturbed. No cloud obscures the sincerity of our political relations with foreign powers."

The entry of the Royal party into the Parliament buildings was greeted with cordial cheers from the Senators and Deputies. When the Premier requested those present to seat themselves, the Socialists shouted "Long live Socialism" and left the House. Immediately there ensued a great outburst of cheering for the King and Queen and the ovation continued until all the Socialists had withdrawn.

DOUBTING THOMAS.

DISSATISFIED WITH RAILWAY NEGOTIATIONS.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., addressing a railwaymen's meeting at March on Sunday night, said it was due to the public that he should say that while there was nothing which could be called a crisis, the negotiations on wages were not proceeding as satisfactorily as he had hoped. "I know all too well the danger," he said, "that on one side it will be construed as an alarming statement, and on the other perhaps as bluff, but I take no notice of either of those views. I am simply stating what I know to be cold, hard facts, viz., that the railwaymen are expecting, and they are entitled to expect, a statement on the question of standardization before the end of the year. (Cheers.)

"The progress made is not such that satisfies me. It is likely to be accomplished in any case. The wages proposals now before us are such that will not be acceptable to the railwaymen. This, however, does not mean that the last word has been said by the Government. On the contrary, I have strong grounds for hoping that a result of the negotiations next week, a more hopeful proposal will be put before us. (Cheers.) However, I want to impress upon those members who do not hesitate to say that we must have another strike to settle matters, that that is not the way to deal with it. It is for us to exhaust every means open with a view to effecting a settlement." (Cheers.)

NEW LABOUR HALL.

At a joint conference of Trade Unionists and co-operatives at Manchester on Saturday it was decided to erect a great labour hall at Manchester. It is intended that it shall serve as a meeting place for Northern workers. The cost will be half a million, and the premises will include suites for Trade Union offices, meeting rooms, restaurant and hotel accommodation. The conference also urged Trade Unions to transfer their banking business to the Co-operative Wholesale Society.

MOND LIBEL ACTION.

In a libel action which came up for trial on Monday, Sir Alfred Mond was the plaintiff and the defendants were Lieut.-Commander Harry MacLeod Fraser and Harry Hamilton Beamish.

The alleged libel was shown on a poster exhibited in March last. It bore the words "Sir Alfred Moritz Mond is a traitor. He allotted shares to Huns during the war." Counsel for plaintiff asked the Jury to say that this was a wicked and false imputation.

The case was adjourned.

JUGO SLOVAKIA WARNS THE ALLIES.

Reuter's Agency learns that the Jugo-Slav Government has intimated to the Allies that any proposed extension of D'Annunzio's activities would inevitably lead to armed conflict with Jugo-Slavia. The Allies continue to use their good offices both with Italy and the Jugo-Slavs to prevent any unfavourable development of the crisis.

A Berlin message says that the British Government has agreed that the sending home of German war prisoners from India shall begin early in December.

EGYPTIAN AFFAIRS.

TWO UNIVERSITY SHEIKS ARRESTED.

After a brief visit to Beirut, Lord Allenby has returned to Cairo. He is very pleased with his reception at Beirut and especially with the spirit of complete accord existing between General Gouraud and himself.

Lord Allenby took a most drastic step on November 27th, ordering the arrest of two sheiks of El Azhar University, which, though known to be a hotbed of sedition, has hitherto been regarded as a "sanctuary." Extremists are already busy disseminating the idea that the arrests are the prelude to religious interference, but the population realises that Lord Allenby is taking a determined line of action.

Three more attempts to shoot officers have been reported from near the Nile. One officer was wounded and the assailants escaped in the darkness. Englishmen are indignant and demand a vigorous search for persons in unauthorised possession of firearms. At Alexandria curfew has been extended to midnight, but in Cairo the present series of attacks is effectively keeping English residents indoors. It is not believed that attacks are part of a programme, though the extremists are suspiciously quiet.

The Gamia El Azbar, the Moslem University of Cairo, is the most famous seat of learning of the East. Originally a mosque, it was turned into a University in 988 A.D., and the number of its students was some years ago as high as 10,000.

POLAND'S CABINET.

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN PADEREWSKI.

M. Paderewski's Cabinet has resigned. Reuter's Agency is informed by the Polish Press Bureau, however, that M. Paderewski has received a vote of confidence from a majority of the Diet, being supported by the Constitutional Club, the National People's Union, the Popular National Association, and the National Christian Labour Party. He was only opposed by the parties of the Left, the Polish Socialist Party, and the People's Party.

M. Paderewski has therefore been asked to undertake the reconstruction of the Cabinet. A Committee of Ministers is to be formed, including the Premier and the Vice-Premier and the Ministers of the Interior, Foreign Affairs, Finance, and War. A plan is also being considered according to which M. Paderewski is to remain Premier and Foreign Minister, and is to go abroad as Polish Delegate.

It is proposed further that the Vice-Premier shall be given full powers to direct internal political affairs.

DUBLIN MURDER.

WELL-KNOWN DETECTIVE SHOT.

Sergt. John Barton, a Dublin Police detective, was shot in Dublin on Saturday night while walking at the lower end of Grafton-street. The detective was hurried to hospital, but died within a few minutes of admission.

The murderer made off immediately he fired the fatal shot and has not yet been captured.

Sergt. Barton was decorated by the King for his gallantry during the Irish Rebellion. He was the best-known detective in Dublin and one of the most capable.

Sergt. Barton's detective work was not connected with any political section, and his murder on the face of it seems entirely purposeless.

Four shots must have been fired as there are four bullet marks on the wall dividing Trinity College from College street, although only one cartridge case has been found. There was only one wound on the body the bullet having passed through the right lung.

SECRET SERVICE.

UNKNOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL.

Undeterred by the fact that the woman profiteering inspector resigned within two or three days of commencing her work, the Bermondsey Committee mean to appoint another official to look for excessive prices.

But in order that the name of the new inspector should not be made known to the traders, the committee sat in private and declined to communicate their decision.

HOLOCAUST AT VIENNA.

Fire broke out in the early morning of the 28th November in a wooden shed belonging the Markgraf Neuseidl in the vicinity of Vienna where 108 Czecho-Slovak agricultural labourers were asleep. No fewer than fifty-four perished in the flames and twelve others were seriously injured. The catastrophe was due to an explosion of petrol, or ammunition.

EXPERT LUGGAGE THIEVES.

Between Sept. 15 and Oct. 30 no fewer than 1,189 persons were arrested at French railway stations attempting to steal passengers' luggage and other articles.

THE NEW MEMBER.

LADY ASTOR, M.P., TAKES THE OATH.

The debut of Lady Astor, the first lady member actually to enter the House of Commons, created enormous interest on Monday. The Peers gallery was so thronged that Lord Astor had to find a seat in the Distinguished Strangers gallery.

Before questions were over Lady Astor appeared at the Bar of the House. She was very simply dressed in a dark coat skirt and white blouse, and wore a dark tricorne hat. She was presently joined by her sponsors, Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. A. J. Balfour, one the Premier, the other an ex-Premier. The three stood chatting merrily until the Speaker uttered the words "Members desiring to take their seats will please come to the table."

The Coalition Unionist member for Croydon was first introduced and then followed Lady Astor, with Mr. Balfour on her right and the Prime Minister on her left. They advanced up the floor of the House, Lady Astor making the three regulation bows with her sponsors as they progressed from bar to table. There her sponsors left her and she took the oath in the prescribed form.

While the Chief Clerk was producing the massive volume for her to sign the roll, she created much amusement by turning round quite unconcernedly and engaging in conversation with Mr. Austen Chamberlain and other Ministers. She signed the roll as Nancy Astor and subsequently took her seat below the gangway on what used to be at one time the Opposition side of the House, but which is now occupied by supporters of the Government.

LABOUR LIQUOR POLICY.

NATIONALIZATION COUPLED WITH LOCAL VETO.

The Labour Party's News Service says:—A Bill has just been presented to Parliament to enable the Parliamentary electors in prescribed areas by direct vote to prohibit the issue within such areas of licences for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and also the common sale or supply of such liquors in licensed premises, clubs, or elsewhere within such areas. The Bill seeks to secure prohibition by local veto, and if carried into law would permit vested interests to operate so long as the electors decided against local prohibition.

The policy of the Labour Party on this question may be generally described as nationalization of the liquor traffic, coupled with local veto. While they are in favour of the question of prohibition being left for determination by the people, they are opposed to the continuation of the system of private ownership and control of the traffic, which is mainly concerned in output and profit.

PRISON FARE.

WHAT THE SOVIET SAYS OUR MEN RECEIVE.

There is apparently no prospect of an immediate termination of the conference between Mr. J. O'Grady, M.P., and Litvinoff, though it is understood that a successful issue is probable. Litvinoff has informed Mr. O'Grady that he saw some of the British prisoners just before he left Russia. They appeared to be contented, he said, except as regards food and the lack of warm clothing.

Litvinoff declared that the prisoners receive daily one pound of bread, one ounce of sugar, four ounces of meat or fish, eight ounces of potatoes, half an ounce of salt, half an ounce of fat, one twenty-fourth of an ounce of tea and three ounces of a kind of porridge. They also receive fifteen ounces of tobacco, eight ounces of soap and five boxes of matches per month.

MINERS INCOME TAX.

NARROW MAJORITY IN FAVOUR OF STRIKE.

The final results of the Welsh miner's ballot concerning resistance to payment of income tax on incomes below £250 is as follows:

For a strike	73,307
Against	72,837
Majority in favour.	470

The South Wales Miners' Conference has decided to defer action on the question and to ask the Miners' Federation of Great Britain to take a ballot of all the coalfields on the subject.

AMERICAN MINERS STILL OUT.

The mine owners of the central bituminous fields have posted notices granting fourteen per cent. advance as recommended by the Fuel Controller, but the miners have not returned to work. Governor Allen has undertaken to man the mines.

Four thousand volunteers were protected by six hundred Federal soldiers at mines in Kansas. Fifteen hundred switchmen have struck at Kansas City, thus threatening the stoppage of coal transport.

Sentences on various French citizens for taking part in the publication of the "Gazette des Ardennes" during the occupation have been quashed by the Appeal Court, and a fresh Court-martial ordered.

RUSSIAN LINE.

COMPLETE FROM CASPIAN TO BALTIC.

The War Office official communiqué on the situation existing on the South Russian front on November 25th is as follows; On the front of the Caucasus, Army, Bolshevist attacks on both banks of the Volga continue and while on the East bank General Wrangel has been forced to withdraw to fifteen miles North-East of Tsaritsia, on the West bank the Bolshevists suffered heavily without gaining any corresponding advantage. One of their columns was surrounded and destroyed with the loss of 1,000 prisoners, fifteen machine-guns and all transport. On the right and centre of the Don Army the situation remains unchanged. On their left wing the Bolshevists commenced an advance on the 22nd which has brought them to the line Bobrovliski—Ostrogotak, about fifty miles South of Voronej. On the Volunteer Army front the Bolshevists attacks which have been so persistent during the last month are now losing their impetus. A counter-attack on the 24th by Markov's Division on the Kharkov-Kursk railway recaptured Rjeva and penetrated as far as Solnitsovo, East of Kursk. Six guns and 600 prisoners were taken in this operation.

In the Western Ukraine, the Volunteers have driven the Bolshevists out of Berdichev, where the 86th Soviet Regiment forming the garrison was completely destroyed. Two guns, eight machine-guns and part of the Staff of the 12th Bolshevist Army which was holding this portion of the front fell into the hands of the assailants.

Against Petlura the Volunteer advance westwards also progresses uninterruptedly and has reached the line Proskurov-Kamenets-Podolsk, where Denikin's advance guards have now met these of the Poles. A united anti-Bolshevist front has thus been formed extending from the Caspian to the Baltic.

ORGY OF EXTRAVAGANCE.

SOCIAL SURGERY NECESSARY.

Mr. R. Munro, Secretary for Scotland, speaking to a meeting of Scottish War Savings workers at Perth, said it seemed to him that there was a sort of orgy of extravagance sweeping over the country, and people were spending money like water. This was very noticeable in London, where they saw the theatres crowded every night, the restaurants packed to the doors, shop windows crammed with gems, and sale-rooms reeking with gold. It was wicked, and there was a corrupting and corroding influence, insidious in its effects upon the State, which he hoped it would be their endeavour to counteract. The canker must be cut out, and they could take a hand in the social surgery which was necessary. (Cheers). When he read of a champagne glass selling at £92, a bid of £60,000 for a pearl necklace being refused, and a picture changing hands at £50,000, he really began to wonder if their national emblem in Scotland was to become their national food. (Laughter and cheers).

"REAL SPORTY."

PRINCE TAKES A WETTING.

When the Prince of Wales arrived at Victoria on Monday the weather was most inclement. Rain was falling heavily, and a black fog formed an overhead pall. The carriages for the procession were closed, but were hurriedly opened, on the Prince stating that he wished to drive through the streets exactly as if the weather were fine, in order not to disappoint the people. The crowd warmly appreciated this is as being "real sporty," and they cheered all the more heartily.

BAD ALL ROUND.

MINERS' PROTEST AGAINST NATIONALISATION.

A resolution was passed unanimously at a meeting of the Conservative Club at Senghenydd on Saturday: "That this meeting representing 500 members of the South Wales Miners' Federation, protests against the suggested nationalisation of the mines, and considers the proposal to be bad for the State and bad for every man who is engaged in the coal industry."

£4,000 FOR A KISS.

Mrs. Murphy, of Jersey City, is claiming £4,000 from her lodger, named Edgar, for a stolen kiss.

Her husband has joined in the suit and demands that £1,000 of the money shall be paid to him.

Mrs Murphy's story is that she was alone in her bedroom when the lodger forced his way in, put his arms around her and kissed her. She was frightened and fainted and has been under a doctor's care since.

The lodger says the whole story is a fabrication.

GENERAL SIR A. MURRAY.

The Exchange Telegraph Company states that the report of a serious accident to General Sir Archibald Murray is without foundation and that he is quite well.

THE PADRE CASE.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

As was only to be expected, the circumstances surrounding the arrest and subsequent acquittal by Court-martial of Captain O'Donnell, the Australian Chaplain, of the charge of using disloyal language, has raised a fierce controversy. In the House of Commons on Monday Mr. Devlin asked whether the Secretary for War was able to make any statement regarding the arrest of the Rev. O'Donnell; whether he was arrested on a charge of which he was found not guilty and whether he was subjected to every humiliation, including transfer to the Tower and being treated as a dangerous criminal, and who was responsible for this outrage.

Mr. Forster, Financial Secretary to the War Office, replied that he would make a detailed statement as soon as possible.

Mr. Devlin then asked Mr. Bonar Law whether, considering the vital importance of this matter and the indignation caused in Australia, it was treating the question fairly for the Under Secretary to come to the House and give such an answer as Mr. Forster had given.

Mr. Bonar Law said he quite realised the seriousness of the matter on account of its effect on Australian opinion, if it were found that steps had been taken which ought not to have been taken, but he could not see how it was possible to give an answer other than that the Government is going into the matter.

Pressing the point, Mr. Devlin asked whether the proper thing would not have been for some member of the Government, without waiting to be questioned on the subject, to rise and repudiate the action taken.

The Honourable member was quite mistaken, replied Mr. Bonar Law, in assuming that the Government had waited for his intervention before taking action. The Government quite realised that this matter must be gone into thoroughly and sifted to the bottom.

Mr. J. MacVeagh asked whether Mr. Hughes, the Australian Premier, had made any representations. Mr. Bonar Law said that he personally had seen none, but it was quite likely that there had been such, as it was reasonable that there should be some feeling about the matter.

After various furtner questions had been asked, the Speaker intervened and said that Mr. Devlin had already been given a great deal of latitude. The Government had showed that they had immediately instituted inquiries and more could not be expected. Later on Mr. Devlin endeavoured to move the adjournment of the House to discuss the matter, but the Speaker would not accept the motion. A protest was made by Mr. Devlin and then the matter was allowed to drop.

OCCUPIED TERRITORY.

IS GERMANY CREATING BAD CONDITIONS?

Sir Philipp Magnus asked in Parliament yesterday whether it was a fact that food and living conditions generally were much worse at Cologne and in occupied German territory generally than in the rest of Germany; and further, whether the German Government had not helped to create these conditions with a view to rendering the occupation unpopular. Mr. Bonar Law replied that the answer to the first of the question was in the negative. On the contrary, he said, our information tends to show that conditions are better at Cologne and in the occupied territory than in the unoccupied territory.

PERSUASION V. THREATS.

Speaking at Bristol on Sunday night, Mr. J. R. Clynes said that he believed that Labour had more to gain from the process of persuading people than from threatening them. The Labour Party should formulate the more immediate of their proposals for national examination and acceptance and should dare to offer themselves as an alternative Government to the present one. In this way their policy and programme could be considered side by side with the absence of policy and programme on the part of their opponents. The matters which should be prominent in their programme were unemployment, finance, nationalization of national property, and an international policy.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Business was disappointing on Monday, this being attributed to the flood of new capital issues, the total amount offered being eleven millions sterling. British funds hardened in anticipation of the re-investment of the war Loan distribution of divid nds, but finished easier. Foreign funds were weak on further Continental sales. Brazilian undertakings were strong in response to a fresh rise in the value of the milreis to 18 9/16 pence. Oils met with further realisation and South Africa minings were irregular. Brokers report a fair number of enquiries from clients for the new French Lottery Loan. In the money market there was an excessive supply owing to War Loan dividends and Treasury Bills disbursements. During the day Loans were offered at 2¾ per cent. Silver advanced to 73½ pence, due to the small trade demand and the absence of offers. Gold was in good demand from the East and the Continent, 104 shillings being paid. German marks fetched 166 to 167 and Austrian crowns 540 to 560.

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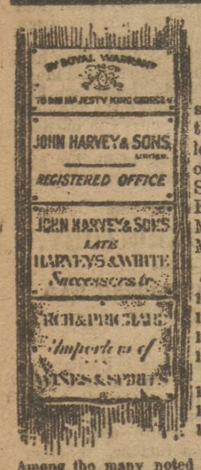

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NO ILLUSIONS.

War weariness and the natural desire for peace may very easily cause us to overlook or to minimise the dangers that menace the world and our own Empire though hostilities on the Western front have ceased.

As Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, said the other day, there are still some twenty wars going on in different quarters of the globe and the war has left us, as an Empire, with greater responsibilities than before.

Very few of the prognostications made during the war have come true. The world peace all of us looked forward to, has failed to materialise. Class hatred as well as race hatred appears to be more in evidence than before.

This therefore is no time for forgetting the hard lessons the war should have taught us.

France, as evidenced by the result of her recent elections has firm refused to abandon conscription and a large army.

Italy, as Major General Sir F. Maurice points out, is in much the same position as France and America proposes to maintain larger armed forces. These are signs that must be taken into account

There being scarcely a quarter of the globe, which is not ripe for trouble, it behoves us to be extremely wary of casting aside any of the essential weapons or organisations for war that we now possess.

If the matter lay entirely in the hands of our Naval and Military leaders we could be satisfied that due provision would be made for future contingencies. It is easy to see in what direction their thoughts are trending in this vital matter.

It is the vote-seeking politician and agitator who menaces the maintenance of adequate personnel and material on sea, land and air to cope with future conflicts that may arise. Blind faith in the yet untried League of Nations may easily lead to untold disaster. The world is not yet ready for so Utopian a solution of its difficulties and animosities.

It is not only "Europe that is in a state of ferment, but a wary eye must be kept on Asia. A determined effort is in progress to undermine European control over the Oriental races, whose battle cry is going to be "Asia for the Asiatics." The whole situation in the East has completely altered in the past five years and Europe, including of course ourselves, has to realise this and be prepared.

It is an unpleasant sequel to "a war that was to end war," but we are forced to face it. Let us have no illusions.

MISS DECIMA MOORE, AN APPRECIATION.

Miss Decima Moore's career has been one of unusual brilliancy; she has made her mark in every branch of the varied work she has undertaken. Starting at an age when most girls are at their lesson books, she won the Victoria Scholarship for singing at Blackheath Conservatoire, training under the celebrated opera singer, Madame Rose Hersee, and before the completion of her scholarship was selected by Sir Arthur Sullivan and Sir W. S. Gilbert for the girl heroine of the Gondoliers at the Savoy Theatre, thus starting her career at the top of the tree at one of the best London Theatres.

This engagement was followed by the leading rôles in various other comic operas, such as Miss Decima, Dorothy, La fille de Madame Angot, My Lady Molly, etc.; a tour round the world through America, viâ South Sea Islands to Australia, where she was received with the same enthusiasm as in London, winning all by her charm and delicacy of art. She has constantly appeared before members of the Royal Family and by Royal Command at Windsor Castle before Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

Her successes in the comedies—All of a Sudden Peggy, The Truth, Mrs. Dot—have roused the enthusiasm of all who have seen her, press and public alike praising her talent; Keble Howard, the well-known critic, writing: "Miss Decima Moore has all the gifts—humour as well as pathos, lightness as well as strength." Thus Miss Decima Moore holds the unique record of being equally successful in comic opera, concert work, comedy or vaudeville; and during her visit to South Africa was spoken of by press and public as being one of the most successful artistes that have ever visited that country. During her time in that continent she covered over 30,000 miles, visiting, alone with her sister, Uganda, Lake Nyanza and the source of the Nile, a unique experience for two women alone; and her latest success in that difficult and charming part of "Lady Frederick" has added yet another laurel leaf to her interesting and successful career.

At the outbreak of war, Miss Moore was about to appear in a Repertory Season at the Court Theatre, having just returned from a lengthy "trek" in Northern and Southern Nigeria. She immediately undertook war work, and in August 1914, a few days after the commencement of hostilities she originated and founded the Women's Emergency Corps—the first organisation for the registration of women to replace men wanted for military service.

From it sprang the Women's Volunteer Reserve, the Women's Legion (from which many of the W.A.A.Cs were drawn), the National Food Fund, and the Women's Emergency Canteen working in Paris, Compiègne, Noyon, and Chauny. In October 1914 she organised the West African Chop Box Fund, and also worked at Compiègne. La Courneuve, and in the Vosges. From February 1917 to June 1917 she was at the Dénôt des Eclopés, Conty, and the Hôpital Militaire, Amiens.

From there she went to Paris to start and organise the British Army and Navy Leave Club, Paris, the first Club of its kind with its women guides, trips, dances and thence to Cologne and founded the British Empire Leave Club, in 1919 on somewhat similar lines, for the men of the British Army of the Rhine, where she is still acting as its Hon. Director General, having given her voluntary services unceasingly since the first days of the war.

In the early Summer of 1918 Miss Decima Moore was one of the first recipients of and appointed a Commander of the most Excellent Order of the British Empire (C.B.E.)

She is the wife of His Excellency Brigadier General F. G. Guggisberg, C.M.G., D.S.O., the Governor General and Commander in Chief of the Gold Coast Colony.

Appended is a press notice of Somerset Maugham's clever play, "Lady Frederick": "There is not the smallest atom of stagecraft that charming Decima Moore has not got at her dainty little finger ends, yet she never gives one the idea of acting at all, but just dances through her lines for sheer love of her work, and the pleasure she must know she gives to other people. When she drifts into her beloved Irish brogue, she is entrancing, and the character she puts into every single phrase, whether grave or gay, for the high-spirited, quick-tempered, happy-go-lucky spendthrift, is art in its highest form. By her dainty, refined method she robs the part of all extravagance, even in the boudoir scene, and no word or action could possibly be added to make the character of "Lady Frederick Berroles" more convincing. An admiring audience hangs upon every word that falls from her lips at each performance. She is like a dainty butterfly, and few actresses living could show a larger command of expression, as she flits so naturally about the stage in this play, enjoying the sunshine of life, and putting the ugly things behind her—until to-morrow."

A LANGUAGE PROFESSOR.

Has it ever occurred to you, dear reader, that the British soldier is the most versatile man in the world? He is, undoubtedly. He plays all games from Football to 'Pontoon' — always a sport. He has loved and been loved in every country where he has served, and in Germany to-day we have evidence of it, not that I hold any brief for 'frattin'. We have all done a bit of that in our time I think, however modest we may appear to the outside world.

It is not of sport that I write, or of the charms of the British soldier from an amorous point of view, and although it usually happens that the ugliest man gets the prettiest girl, whether she is a Miss, Mam'selle or Fraulein, there is no intention to eulogize Tommy's fair looks, because I have seen him going up and over, and he was none too pretty in those dark days.

So I will introduce Private Atkins T., Professor of Languages—the beribboned hero of a hundred and one fights. I bring this man before you, although he is not an individual. He is the Tommy we meet in every street in Cologne, and he is but a Private, with a regimental number attached.

I first met this gallant gentleman in the United Kingdom, in the days of mufti suits and caps, and when we did some splendid work with our 'D. P.s'. In those early days he showed his knowledge of the English language by being extremely fluent when the occasion arose. There is no harm in that, because it tended to relieve his feelings—and what man has not felt like 'coming away with it' after a gruelling hour or so under a strict instructor? Again, I know an old maid is reputed to put her head inside a drawer when she wishes to say things!

He came to France with no knowledge of the language of the country, and yet he had been there for but a short while, and he knew everything he wanted to know about 'parleying Francais.' Then came the Armistice, and our subsequent entry into Germany—to Cologne and its environs. Was Tommy to be daunted at the prospect of facing this new jargon? No, he was not, and I have had many opportunities of proving my emphatic reply to my own question.

On rare occasions, and they are the evenings when the Mess menu shows "Pork and Beans" for supper, I hie myself to a quiet cafe not far from the Hohestrasse in Cologne, and there I order chicken and potatoes—an ample meal for a growing youngster like myself. I may remark that I usually do that after pay days. At other times when I am sadly short of money, I have a walk around and a smoke—more palatable than 'P. and B.'

A few days ago I had a pay day, and I drew my bundle of greasy notes 'for services rendered', and I 'tally-ho-ed' to my particular café. I had been seated a few moments when in came our friend, the Professor, and following him were three German civilians. I hate to listen to the conversation of people in public cafés, but I could not help hearing many of the remarks from this Tommy's table, and it struck me that he was not to be beaten by the Germans, and he held his ground all the time.

His readiness with his 'Yah,' 'Nix,' 'Ah wee,' and 'San fairy Ann,' saved an awkward situation several times, and especially when the bottle of wine needed replenishing. The whole conversation was carried on a similar way, and our friend understood everything which was said—in his own particular way. That is the point which I would like to impress on all of you who have not yet tried to understand German language—and whenever a German asks you a question, or is trying to sell you something, just reply 'Yah,' 'Nix,' 'Ah wee' or 'San fairy Ann,' and you will find that he will easily understand you, and it will be less expensive, especially if you happen to be drinking wine with him. You may sometimes hear a German say 'San fairy Ann.' Avoid him like the plague, because he has copied our methods, and is likely to prove a wily person to deal with. We are told that "where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise," and I firmly believe that it is often wise to be ignorant, and particularly so in Germany. *P.T.S.*

REMARKS—RE MARKS.

They are the most demoralising things on earth and if not quickly exterminated or at least checked will be responsible for undermining the morale of every member of the Rhine Garrison including wives—Waacs—Wrens—C.C's—B.E.L.C's and any and all other of the species—male or female to be found within occupied territory.

Why? Look at our staid self respecting Bradbury. It calls itself a pound and is worth seven shillings. There you are—a mean old thing enough, but we respect it for its British solidarity. If it doesn't do us up, we always know more or less how far it will do us down. In sale seasons it has been known to go as far as seven and six, smiling with secret superiority over the knowledge that the extra sixpenn'orth of the purchase is trash.

But mark you on the debaucheries of the mark. I speak of the Bradbury of Great Britain, the frockcoated, tight-pocketed sound traditional old type of statesman. May I say I do not know the gentleman. That is the Bradbury at home.

But the Bradbury abroad, meaning by the Rhine, Ye Gods, and little trout!! a boozy, boshy, intoxicated old roué—a destroyer of young men, a deceiver of maidens—here to-day and gone to-morrow, which being interpreted financially signifieth 200 marks on Monday and 50 on Tuesday. What we do not want to-day, we resolve to buy to-morrow. Why? Because we may get zwanzig oder funfzig or heaven knows how much more zig for our Bradbury to-morrow than we do to-day? And if we don't.

If perchance the zigs go the other way and the value of the mark rises instead of falls, we are scared. We rush out and buy our luxury which through complacent contemplation has become a necessity.

If we wait another 24 hours instead of being half the price we remember it at home, it may be double. It enters not into our distorted conceptions that half the price means probably a quarter of the value. We must buy while there is yet time. In plain khakese "We get the wind up."

Well, there you are, take it or leave it. The Northcliffians may shriek about the road to ruin. Let Lloyd George send them out here and they will themselves be ruined. A word in their ear about spoiling the Egyptians and in less than a tick will they themselves be despoiled. Give any man (or woman) sufficient rope —I mean marks—and they will hang themselves. In trying to do others, we are ourselves undone.

The fever is in our blood. I, myself equitable and equaninimous (is there such a word?) think of starting business as vision officer twixt Lloyd and Cox. My commission would be reasonable and save much shoe leather. Cash your cheque when the mark is down—otherwise take it home and read it patiently. But all are not so prudent. I beseech you all my young friends (and elderly generals) lose not you hair (if any). Remember that your watch on the Rhine but briefly and that when again in Britain—the mark will be no more seen.

DUCHESS of DANZIG.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

MISS SHIRLEY KING'S THANKS.

Dear Sir,—May I through the "Cologne Post" thank the Tommies of the Rhine Army for their very beautiful gift to me at the Deutsches Theatre on Saturday night.

I wish I could express my gratitude to them for their kind thoughts, as well as their beautiful gift.

I shall carry away with me very tender memories of the Tommies of the Rhine Army. *SHIRLEY KING.*

Deutsches Theatre
December 1st.

SELF-EDUCATION.

Sir,—The question raised by "Self-Educated" is a new one and important. I hope his advice will sink into the minds of the young soldiers out here.

There is no valid excuse for not acquiring knowledge, though it is not every one who can assiduously teach himself from text books. These are available in plenty, either by borrowing from the Army book shop or purchase at many institutes, etc.

The first necessity is the will to learn and that is the stumbling block. The next requisite is the necessary application. Both need fostering and here officers and N.C.O's can do such a lot in encouraging the young fellows in their charge, helping them in their choice of useful books, and keep in touch with them keeping them out of their difficulties etc.

I trust good will result from the letter of "Self Educated." *W.J.A.*

SWEEPSTAKE PROFITS.

Sir,—I am very glad to see that the question of the very large margin of profit left for the promoters of sweepstakes for the Army is being raised in the British press and I believe also in Parliament.

I am aware that at the outset there may have been a certain element of risk to the promoters, until they saw how popular such "sweeps" are, but once set going there can surely be no excuse for such big percentages being taken off the stakes for expenses and profits as ten or in the case of the Calais sweep, twelve per cent.

Most people when they venture their "ten bobs" on the chance of a big prize never give a thought to such details and the promoters doubtless know this trait of human nature.

Still I think the soldier and the sailor should be protected even if they do love a flutter.

If any more are promoted—though that seems unlikely now that a stir is being made about them publicly—some check should, I think, be put on the margin for expenses and profits.

Everyone knows these sweeps were run absolutely "straight." That has no bearing on the point I raise, of course.

FLUTTER.

COLOGNE ART EXHIBITION.

Sir,—When visiting the Leave Club the casual observer will notice that according to a placard on the notice board, an Art Exhibition to which soldiers are invited to contribute is to be held in Cologne on December 12th.

I feel sure that much excellent talent is hidden away in some obscure billet by the Rhine, and I look forward to it as do so many others, in the hope of discovering a man with the genius of a Turner. There could be no better way of discovering talent than this.

I hope to hear of some benevolent person offering prizes which will entice soldiers to paint.

It would be a good plan to form a Society of artists and writers in the Rhine Army. There is a good chance for the Army to show that it can handle a brush and pencil in the same efficient manner that it handles a rifle.

R.M.

SPEED UP THE DANCES.

Sir,—Novelists have written freely of the stiffness and dreariness of social amusements in England. Could they but stand a dance in Cologne, I should say they would have some difficulty in expressing the funereal atmosphere which usually prevails.

I remember one place where subscription dances were held. Noble efforts were made by the management to break down the barriers of reserve which appeared to separate the opposite sexes. Large notices on the walls informed the dancers no introductions were needed, but what did one see, but the dismal spectacle of male and female wallflowers, standing forlornly round the room, too shy (or too stupid) to dance together. The reason given is usually the same, though occasionally there may be some excuse.

The parties on being questioned indignantly affirm that they do not know each other—what a futile explanation; surely half the fun in life is trying something new. If the experiment turns out well, what could be nicer, if it turns out all wrong—well, it doesn't matter.

I suggested towards the end of a dance the other day that a Lancers might induce the performers to shake off their seriousness and indulge in a few minutes fun.

But not a bit of it, they were dancing in far too deadly earnest, and the suggestion was met with stern disapproval. "Surely, no one has the energy!" gasped one lady. Another with a withering glance, said, "It might so easily degenerate into a rag!" What an awful thought!

Are there no true Bohemians on the Rhine? As for those who are not, who dance up here and think they are enjoying themselves—let them book a seat in the P.L.M, and take a peep at Monte Carlo, or any other place where the world is gay (and dear), and people dance because they are happy, and not simply in order to execute better than their confréres, some wonderful step.

It won't do them much good as a matter of fact; they'll come back and tell you it's the climate. It isn't of course, it's the custom. "When you're at Rome, do as Rome does," they will say, but if you're a Roman, why make Rome horrid? *JONATHAN.*

THE DRIBBLING CODE.

Many Association Games in Rhineland.

INTER-COMPANY.

Third game of 51st. Battn. the Hampshire Regiment.

The meetting of "C" and "D" Coys in the 3rd Inter-Coy match, resulted in quite an exciting game. Play at first seemed mild until "C" obtained the lead from a shot by Poole. "D," striving to equalise, attacked strongly, but were held in check by the opposing defence. Their continued efforts, however, resulted in Lt. Mumford obtaining the equalising goal. The eager attempts of both sides to obtain the lead provided some good play. Shortly before half time, Hardy put in a shot which rebounded to Holloway who gave his side the desired goal.

The opening of the second half was marked by some rapid scoring, "C" Coy at first increasing their lead by another goal, this time from the efforts of Williams. "D" Coy followed this up by goals from Lt. Mumford and Cpl. Caine, thus equalising. Considerable time was still left for either side to obtain the winning goal but, despite strenuous efforts the game ended in a draw.

PEN v SHOVEL.

G.H.Q. Clerks Defeat 257 Area Employment Coy.

The above match was played on Saturday at Klettenberg. The ground was in a bad state and at the outset it was expected to be anybody's game. The Coy., were the first to attack, McKie shooting wide when awkwardly placed. The Clerks then took up the running and scored through Idol, the mud hindering Gilbert from saving. Soon after, the same player added No. 2 with a long range shot. For a time play was even until McKie receiving from Amond scored for the Coy., with a fine drive.

Upon resuming, the Clerks swarmed to the attack, Gilbert saving well from Armstrong. Play at this stage was more amusing than exciting; the mud-covered players were a strange spectacle. The Coy., strove hard to equalise, a shot from Wamburell, stopping dead in the mud with the goalie beaten. Close on time the Clerks were awarded a penalty. Gilbert saved the kick in grand style, but the mud prevented him from completing his clearance and from a scrimmage the ball was sent into the net. This was all the scoring and the game ended in semi-darkness with the score: Clerks 3; Employment Coy 1.

A GRAND FINALE.

18 G.H.Q. M.T. Coy R.A.S.C. 4; 20 M.A.C. 2.

These teams met at the Rhenania Sports ground, G.H.Q. winning an interesting game by four goals to two. This was particularly pleasing to the M.T. Coy owing to the fact that the unit is disbanding, this being their last fixture. Only two of the original eleven were playing; the remaining members having been demobilized.

The game opened in lively fashion, and each end was visited in turn, the teams appearing to be evenly matched. After about 15 minutes, McKenna scored for the 18th which was followed by another from Cpl. Driskell. The M.T. were now playing very good football and held the upper hand to the interval.

A Lovely Goal.

During the second half play continued fast, the 20 M.A.C. making tremendous efforts to reduce the home team's lead. But they were kept at bay and then Cpl. Phillips added a lovely goal for the 18th with a shot that the goalkeeper touched, but could not hold. The 20 M.A.C. now got away and their inside-left put in a terrific shot which hit the upright and went into the net. Play was now faster than ever and in the failing light a 20 M.A.C. forward again scored. From the centre kick the 18th got away, and, one minute from the close, scored again through a fine first time shot by Cpl. Heale.

The 18th deserved their success. Lieut. Holloway played a dashing game at centre-forward but had miserable luck with his shots, hitting the woodwork three times. Cpl. Phillips was again good, McKenna making him a good partner.

The 20 M.A.C. forwards were clever and nippy, their inside left being particularly good. Their goalkeeper also played a good game despite the four goals registered against him.

The 18th G.H.Q.M.T. Coy record to date reads:— Played 20: Won 15; drawn 2, lost 3. For, 94 goals, against 18.

A CLOSE GAME.

19th (S) Bn. Middlesex Regt. v 91st Wing R.A.F.

The Pioneers added to their list of victories, by defeating the 91st Wing R.A.F. at Bonnerstrasse Barracks, Marienburg, on Thursday after a hard fight, by the odd goal in five.

From the commencement, the Pioneers broke away and were soon testing the visiting custodian, and five minutes from the commencement, Thane got through and scored.

Again the Pioneers attacked, but failed when in front of the goal, and from a break away, with a placed centre, Tomlinson scored for the visitors. The Middlesex again attacked, but Gilson cleared and with some good passing broke away, and from a cross kick Keeping put the visitors ahead.

Half time came with the Pioneers still attacking.

Half time score. 91st Wing R.A.F. 2: 19th (S) Bn. Middlesex Regt. (P). 1.

Upon resumption of play, the Pioneers attacked strongly, and Chittenden scored the equaliser.

The sterling defence of the Air Force kept the Pioneers at bay, but during a scrimmage in the goal, Mulcer secured the winning goal. The closing scenes were very exciting, a free kick by the Middlesex being charged down and a penalty kick striking the upright post. Result:—19th (S) Bn. Middlesex Regt. 3 91st Wing R.A.F. 2.

"B" COY DEFEAT—?

Another 51st Hants Inter-Company Game.

In the following report our correspondent has omitted to mention which Company "B" opposed!

Judging from previous play, he says one expected the match to be a draw. The early part of the game supported this supposition for each side visited its opponent's goal without effect.

An effort to obtain the lead by "B" was spoilt by off-side. From the "free kick" Holloway secured and transferred to Saunders, who scored with a low shot. During the rest of the game "B" made valiant attempts to equalise, but were unsuccessful.

The opening play of the second half was surprising. "B" Coy's forwards after pressing hard broke through, the opposing defence. The forwards, were, however, checked at the goal line but their combined attack rushed the ball into the net. This goal was closely followed up by another Peacock giving "B" Coy the lead. The game now was entirely mid-field, the result of the efforts of both sides' defence. Apart from some interesting footwork displayed, nothing definite occurred thus leaving the score in favour of "B", 2 goals to 1.

41st BATT. M.G.C. v. LABOUR COY.

This game, played at Riehl on Saturday before a fairly good attendance, ended in a win for the Machine Gunners by four goals to two. The Gunners attacked from the start and a well combined movement by the three inside forwards put the Labour Coy goal in danger. After their goalkeeper had saved several shots, the Company relieved the situation and midfield play followed. Play was marred for a while by off-side tactics but the Machine Gunners eventually attacked once more. This time they were successful, a fine solo run by McCoy ending in the same player placing the shot well out of the goalkeeper's reach.

The Gunners were not satisfied with their lead and play was once more carried into the Labour Coy's half. Spruce sent in a centre which enabled McCoy to score their second goal.

The Labour Coy now began to find their feet, and from a break-away reduced the lead, after thirty minutes play. The Gunners retaliated and were rewarded a few minutes later, Walker putting them further ahead from a corner. Just before the interval the Labour Coy secured their second point.

In the second half no further scoring took place until the last ten minutes when McCoy scored the Machine Gunners fourth goal. Result:—M. G. C. 4 goals; Labour Coy 2.

MR. JAMES WHITE.

A HUMOROUS ALL-ROUND SPORTSMAN.

The average newspaper reader is perhaps very much interested in Mr. White as racehorse owner and patron of boxing. That glorious animal, Irish Elegance, a horse of altogether exceptional capacity, is his best-known representative; Ivanhoe won him a surprising Cesarewitch, and altogether Mr. White has won £12,000 odd in stakes this season. Mr. White once said that he never kept a horse that was not likely to win. "They put their half-dollars on my horses in Lancashire," he said, "and when Irish Elegance won a Ascot it saved a strike."

Boxing Patron.

As for boxing, well it was Mr. White who introduced Carpentier to England. I first saw him engaged in a sparring bout with Wells when the Bombadier was training for his expected fight with Johnson. Mr. White supplied many a camp in France with sporting gear for the men; he organised the weekly boxing entertainments for American soldiers at the National Sporting Club; he even came to the rescue in the recent Beckett-McGoorty fight when at the last moment the money for the American's side bet was not forthcoming.

For one big race this season Mr. White promised his jocky £500 if he won. There was also £500 for the trainer. "And," added Mr. White "£500 for his wife as well. That's most important."

Puck-like Humour.

He posesses a Puck-like humour. One day this summer, Mr. "Solly" Joel was acting as auctioneer for a sweepstake. It was a friendly gathering and "Jimmy" White, who sat opposite Mr. Joel, kept saying, "And seven-sixteenths," as an addition to bids for very large amounts, merely to puzzle Mr. Joel in his continuous announcements of the sum in the pool.

And once, Mr. White stopped a messenger boy in Piccadilly Circus and asked if he would take a message for him to America.

The boy looked hard at the millionaire financier, and said promptly, "Yes, sir."

"Well, I don't want you to go, but you are a lad of spirit, and that's what I like."

And the boy went off whistling with five shillings in his pocket.

Wrack's two-year-olds.

Wrack is making a big name for himself in the United States with his first two-year-olds. Altogether he has sired seven two-year-old winners of 16 races, worth 25,638 dols.

THE GREAT FIGHT.

Prince of Wales and other Notabilities to Attend.

DEMPSEY'S AGREEMENT.

The Prince of Wales has notified his intention to attend the Beckett-Carpentier match at the Holborn Stadium on Thursday.

Mr. C. B. Cochran the promoter in the course of an interview said:—"I have just received a cable from Dempsey who says he will not entertain proposals from any other promoter until he meets me in New York. I sail for America on Dec. 14th. Dempsey has not yet received a challenge either from Beckett or Carpentier, but states that he will be pleased to hear from the winner.

Referring to the Carpentier-Beckett fight, Mr. Cochran declared that he could easily have sold a hundred thousand seats if he had them. About four thousand people will actually see the fight, including many Peers, Cabinet ministers, Members of Parliament and a large number of ladies.

ENGLISH RACING.

Mist at Nottingham on Monday.

There was mist at Nottingham on Monday and the going was soft. The attendance was fair.

Details.

Castle Hurdle:—1, Hukin (9—4 on); 2, Helenium (100—7); 3, Brunswick (5—2). Three ran.

Trent Chase:—1, George B. (5—2); beat Warbine. Two ran.

Bentinck Hurdle:—1, Appleton (6—1); 2, Crom Aboo (5—2); 3, Ulswater (5—4). Five ran.

Mapperly Chase:—1, Jack Symonds (5—1); 2, Llangollen (5—4); 3, Shanbally (5—4). Three ran.

Clifton Hurdle:—1, Sam Temple (8—1); 2, Eothen (6—4); 3, The Cuban (6—4). Eight ran.

Elvaston Chase:—1, Sandy Cuba (6—4); 2, Victor Haig (10—1). Two finished.

TYNE BOATING.

Barry and Felton for Xmas Handicap.

Organised on a more representative basis than in any preceding year, the revival of the £100 Christmas boat handicap on the Tyne during the forthcoming holidays promises to yield most gratifying results. Success has marked the efforts which Mr. George Drummond, a former winner of the handicap, and his colleagues on the executive committee have made in securing an entry worthy of the traditions of this old-time aquatic festival on the Tyne.

All the professional clubs on the Tyne, Wear, and Tees are conspicuously represented, and an additional fillip will be given to the sport if Alfred Felton, the world's champion, and Ernest Barry fulfil their engagement, which, however, is doubtful.

INMAN RETIRES?

Championship Entry Not Received On Monday.

The secretary of the Billiard Association and Control Club stated on Monday that Inman's entry for the championship had not yet been received and unless it had been delayed in the post, he will be unable to compete.

Stevenson, Reece, Aiken, Smith, Newman and Falkiner have entered.

A BLACKBURN CAPTURE.

Irish International secured for £2,250.

We learn that Blackburn Rovers have signed on Rollo, the Irish International right back of Linfield. The transfer fee is said to be £2,250.

RUGBY RESULTS.

Cambridge United 0; Blackheath 3; headingly 9; Cardiff 19.

GATES RUSHED AT CUP-TIE.

By defeating Hampstead Town 2-0 in the replayed English Cup Tie, Gnome Athletic, playing at home, gained the right to meet Clapton at the Spotted Dog next Saturday in the next round.

The 5,000 spectators—of whom nearly 1,000 did not go through the formality of paying entrance money, preferring to rush the barriers—did not see the best of either teams.

Gnome gained an early advantage, for at the end of six minutes Dillimore opened the scoring. The only other goal was scored half an hour later by Dimmock.

KINGSTONIAN F.C.

Kingstonian F.C. have now concluded arrangements for the London Senior Cup-tie against Leyton on Dec. 6 to be played at Kingston. Leyton had choice of ground. On the following three Saturdays Kingstonians will meet Wimbledon—on Dec. 13 at Kingston in the Surrey Senior Cup, and at Wimbledon on Dec. 20 and 27 in the Surrey Charity Shield and Athenian League.

OLD ETONIAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting of the Old Etonian Association was held in the School Library on Saturday afternoon, when, on the nomination of the outgoing president (Lord Kinnaird), Field-Marshal Lord Plumer, G.C.B., was elected president for 1920. The following were elected on the committee: Lieut.-Col. A. C. Sheepshanks, D.S.O., Mr. G. W. Headlam, Sir Ian Malcolm, and Mr. G. W. Loder. A vote of condolence was passed with the family of Mr. A. C. Ainger, the late hon. sec.

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

Racy Pars About Men That Matter.

BY W.Le.C.

Harry Makepeace the old Everton player is to train the Qwalle club in Holland, but will return at the end of the season.

It took £1,000 to get Hanney from Reading to Manchester City, and it cost Coventry £2,000 to induce the "Citizens" to part with him.

J. W. Schofield, the Liverpool amateur now assists Bury as a professional.

J. Hughes the clever Palace half back is due for a benefit in January.

The men behind the Player's Union who are working so hard for its success are Jimmy Lawrence and Charlie Roberts.

"Dicky" Bond, of Bradford, has chosen Newcastle United's visit for his benefit. He has played some of his best games against the Magpies and on Feb. 7th should get a "bumper."

McCall of Preston says a critic is the finest English centre-half at the moment.

The return of Craig Brown to Motherwell from Bradford at a cost of £1,000 (or near that figure) strengthens the "Wells" weak point.

The draw for the first round of the Cup takes place on December 8th.

Fred Brown, brother of the international of that name, who assists Sheffield United, has also signed for the Bramall Lane lot.

Orme, now of Notts Forest, and capably filling Jonnson's place, is the Millwall pre-war keeper.

LEAGUE POSITIONS.

Newcastle United Drop To Third Place.

Up to and including Saturday's matches, the positions in the various leagues were as follows:—

The League.—Division I.

	Fld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Goals. Agst.	Pts.
Burnley	17	10	3	4	28	24	23
West Bromwich Albion	16	11	0	5	45	23	22
Newcastle United	16	9	3	4	23	14	21
Sunderland	16	9	2	5	30	21	20
Manchester United	15	6	6	3	27	17	18
Manchester City	16	7	4	5	40	33	18
Chelsea	16	8	2	6	24	17	18
Everton	16	7	3	6	36	31	17
The Arsenal	16	5	7	4	26	25	17
Bolton Wanderers	17	6	4	7	31	29	16
Bradford City	16	6	4	6	29	29	16
Sheffield United	17	6	4	7	29	30	16
Derby County	17	5	6	6	20	24	16
Middlesbrough	16	6	4	6	21	26	16
Bradford	16	6	2	8	25	26	14
Liverpool	16	6	2	8	20	23	14
Preston North End	16	6	2	8	25	37	14
Aston Villa	16	6	1	9	27	34	13
Notts County	16	4	5	7	24	36	13
Blackburn Rovers	15	4	4	8	20	34	12
Oldham Athletic	15	4	2	9	21	25	10
Sheffield Wednesday	16	3	4	9	12	25	10

The League.—Division II.

	Fld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Goals. Agst.	Pts.
Tottenham Hotspur	16	13	2	1	47	12	28
Birmingham	16	10	3	3	31	15	23
Blackpool	17	10	3	4	35	17	23
Stoke	16	11	1	4	29	18	23
Hull City	17	10	2	5	35	24	22
Huddersfield Town	16	9	3	4	31	12	21
Fulham	17	8	4	5	25	17	20
Bristol City	16	7	5	4	19	14	19
West Ham United	16	8	3	5	17	19	19
Barnsley	16	8	2	6	37	20	18
Stockport County	16	7	4	5	24	16	18
Port Vale	16	7	3	6	24	19	17
Bury	16	7	2	7	19	20	16
South Shields	16	6	3	7	15	19	15
Notts Forest	17	3	6	8	16	28	12
Rotherham County	17	5	2	10	17	31	12
Wolverhampton Wand.	16	4	3	9	21	26	11
Clapton Orient	17	5	1	11	18	29	11
Leicester City	16	3	4	9	12	32	10
Grimsby Town	16	4	1	11	11	31	9
Lincoln City	16	2	4	10	11	42	8
Coventry City	16	0	3	13	4	37	3

Southern League.

	Fld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Goals. Agst.	Pts.
Portsmouth	18	11	4	3	34	12	26
Watford	17	11	3	3	26	11	25
Reading	18	8	8	2	23	19	24
Queen's Park Rangers	17	9	4	4	26	17	22
Crystal Palace	16	7	7	2	28	15	21
Cardiff City	16	6	7	3	28	18	19
Norwich City	15	8	3	4	33	21	19
Swindon Town	17	7	4	6	29	25	18
Exeter City	17	6	6	5	20	18	18
Brentford	17	6	6	5	19	19	18
Millwall Athletic	18	7	4	7	26	27	18
Plymouth Argyle	17	6	5	6	20	12	17
Southend United	17	5	7	5	22	25	17
Swansea Town	18	5	6	7	19	20	16
Merthyr Town	19	4	7	8	20	29	15
Bristol Rovers	16	5	4	7	24	30	14
Luton Town	17	5	4	8	21	31	14
Southampton	18	6	2	10	24	33	14
Northampton Town	17	3	6	8	29	40	12
Brighton & Hove A.	18	3	5	10	15	25	11
Newport County	18	4	3	11	15	34	11
Gillingham	17	3	3	11	9	35	9

Scottish League.

	Fld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Goals. Agst.	Pts.
Glasgow Rangers	18	15	2	1	52	9	32
Celtic	16	12	3	1	35	15	27
Motherwell	18	9	6	3	32	23	24
Dundee	18	10	2	6	36	22	22
Ayr United	19	8	4	7	41	31	20
Hibernians	18	9	2	7	34	31	20
Heart of Midlothian	18	9	2	7	25	23	20
Airdrieonians	18	7	5	6	23	17	19
Greenock Morton	17	8	2	7	28	15	18
Aberdeen	18	7	4	7	22	23	18
Queen's Park	19	6	5	8	26	31	17
Clydebank	16	7	2	7	32	27	16
Partick Thistle	16	6	4	6	23	25	16
St. Mirren	19	6	4	9	28	37	16
Third Lanark	17	5	6	6	22	30	16
Dumbarton	18	4	8	6	22	31	16
Kilmarnock	19	6	3	10	23	43	15
Raith Rovers	20	5	4	11	37	46	14
Falkirk	20	5	4	11	20	38	14
Clyde	19	4	5	10	24	35	13
Albion Rovers	17	5	3	9	17	30	13
Hamilton Academicals	18	4	2	12	26	45	10

HOCKEY.

P. & R. T. School defeated by Royal Warwicks.

On Saturday last a most enjoyable game took place on the P. & R. T. School ground at Riehl between G.H.Q. School and the 51st Bn. The Royal Warwickshire Regt.

Hockey in the Warwicks is quite a new venture as this was their second game since arriving on the Rhine in March last. The result of Saturday's game showed that the visitors have the makings of a very sound team, as after a very fast game, they got home by 3 goals to one. The visitors results to date are

v. R.A.S.C. (Mulheim) won 3 - 2
v. P. & R.T. School G.H.Q. „ 3 - 1

The secretary of the 51st Royal Warwickshire Regt. would be glad to fix a few matches.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

"LADY FREDERICK."

A pretty woman, clever and of charming personality; a breaker of many hearts. Such is Lady Frederick Berolles. She proves to us in the end, however, that she has a heart worth many times as much as those she breaks, financial difficulties notwitnstanding.

At one time before the war the dramatic work of W. Somerset Maugham was drawing crowds to no fewer than four theatres in London at the same time. That alone is proof that any play of his is well worth going to see. Full of clever and exceedingly witty lines, "Lady Frederick" lost none of the author's purpose in the manner in which it was acted at the Deutsches theatre on Monday night.

Miss Decima Moore C.B.E., Director General of the British Empire Leave Club, in the title role made me extremely nervous in the first act, but from the moment the curtain rose on the second I realised that we were not going to be disappointed in her, and that she had lost none of her stage ability and charm which, as she told us at the end, she had not exercised since before the war. She managed to captivate the hearts of several people on the wrong side of the footlights before she had finished, even though she did her best to prove that before ten in the morning she was exceedingly unattractive.

Lieut. S.E. Percy, as Paradine, shared the honours of the evening with the lady he eventually managed to win by the quietest and most effortless methods I know of, although if I had been the lady in question I should have objected to the wig which rather spoiled his otherwise handsome appearance. Lieut. J. Humphrey, as Admiral Carlisle quite justified Lord Fishers' snappy letters about My Lords of Admiralty, if the gentlemen so scathingly attacked by him in "The Times" suffered from beards like the one which graced the noble features of the said Admiral. But there again, with a lady like Miss Decima Moore in the caste, I'm forgetting that this is not a London theatre, and that the brothers Clarkson are not here to look after us, for after all the gentlemen whose hirsute appendages I so disliked, acted magnificently, and I have seldom liked Lieut. Percy on the stage as much as I did in the character of Uncle Paradine.

The Marchioness of Mereston was a very dignified type of snobbish aristocracy, but she had the redeeming virtue of having her son's welfare at heart. This character was very ably portrayed by Miss Adeline Bourne. The part of her son was given to Captain A. M. Preston, Cheshire Regt. who, although he has yet to learn much technique, especially as to what to do on the stage with those trying extremities—one's hands, made a very efficient young lover of a woman much older than himself. Lieut. C. Field, as Captain Montgomerie, had a difficult part to play, but played it with great restraint and ability. Capt. J.K. Guinnell, M.C., showed to advantage as Sir Gerald O'Mara but hardly yielded sufficiently to the endearments of his fiancée, Rose, played with ability by Miss Marjorie Moore. Miss Inez Bensusan, as Madame Claude, was her own excellent self giving to the part those little touches of which she alone is capable. The maid appeared on the programme as being played by Mr. Hall, but I simply don't believe it. No female impersonator, however clever, could have made such a charming French girl. Lieut. Ingall and Capt. Ziegler did good work in the small parts of the servant and Thompson respectively.

"Lady Frederick" is a typical Somerset Maughan comedy and well worth a visit to the Deutsches any old night of the current week.

E. H. S.

AROUND AND ABOUT.

Fun of the Fair.

The problem of providing amusement for the long winter evenings for those battalions that are stationed in outlying villages is not an easy one. As a change from the usual whist drive, B Coy, 52nd Devons held an indoor fair in the concert hall Burscheid, on Friday last, and a most successful and cheery evening was spent.

The "Aunt Sally" did a roaring business, officers and men lining up in a long queue for their turn, and the crowds were equally as big at all the stalls. The Commanding Officer failed to win a prize at darts or basket-ball, but the medical officer gained an Iron cross for his skill at the ring game. No. 8 platoon scored heavily at the Sergeant-Major's fifty-to-one dice game, winning four times.

Owing to the noise and excitement from the various side shows, it was not found possible to hold the novices' singing competition.

At nine-thirty with all the prizes won and the doughnuts eaten, the fair closed with cheers for the officers of B. Coy.

52nd Durham's Concert.

A Battalion concert took place on Friday night, when a pleasant evening was passed. The band, under Bandmaster Etherington, rendered four selections. Songs were sung with great effect by Boy Etherington, of which "Der Strassenbahn" appeared to be the favourite.

His duet with Pte. Brown "It won't do at all," created great fun, whilst the latter's humourous songs and step dances evoked continuous applause.

"The Eccentrics."

Large audiences at the Palace theatre Cologne, on Monday and yesterday evening gave an enthusiatic reception to Mr Alfred Hurley's bright variety company, "The Eccentrics," who are this week paying us a return visit. The artistes are all as fresh as ever and the programme they submit is varied and up-to-date.

Fortnightly Dance.

The usual fortnightly subscription dance of the No. 1 G.H.Q., Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess will be held at the Burgergesellschaft to-morrow (Wednesday). English ladies will be welcomed.

Doncaster Race Profits.

The Doncaster Race Committee announced that as the result of its race meetings for this year it will be able to hand over to the Borough Corporation Fund the sum of £13,000. This is regarded as very satisfactory, for although the average surplus before the war was between £15,000 and £16,000, expenses are now far heavier.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Wed.	Figaro's Hochzeit	Mozart	7	10.30
Thurs.	Tannhauser	Wagner	6.30	10.30
Fri.	Madama Butterfly	Puccini	7	9.45
Sat.	Martha	Flotow	7	10
Sun.	Der Zigeunerbaron	Strauss	7	10
Mon.	Armourer of Worms	Lortzing	7	9.[illegible]
Tuesday	No Performance.			

At the Leave Club.

There will be another impromptu concert from 5 to 6 this evening, this will be followed by a dance at 6.30. There will also be German classes from 6 to 8. An impromptu concert is to be held on Thursday from 5 to 6 followed at 6.30 by a chess tournament and whist drive. Also at the same hour there will be a dancing class, followed by a dance at 7.30. A continuous cinema performance takes place on Friday from 2.30 to 8.30, and from 5 to 6 there will be a dancing class, which is followed at 6.30 by the usual weekly debate. There are also German classes from 6 to 8. Saturday's programme includes an impromptu concert from 5 to 6 followed at 6.30 by a dancing class. From 6 to 8 there will be German classes.

Inniskilling Dragoons.

The large partitioned dining room at the N.A.C.B. No. 2 Officers' Club Cologne was the scene of much revelry on Monday night when the officers, Warrant officers and N.C.O's of the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons partook of an excellent dinner. The event coincided with the day, two years previously, when the famous cavalry unit sustained the greatest number of casualties during the 250 years of its history. This was in the memorable battle of Villers-Cu slain when the cavalry took a very important part. The dinner was presided over by Col. B. Vincent, C. B., C.M.G. and in the post prandical proceedings, the speeches were brief and happily worded. The loyal toast having duly been drunk, "Col. E. Patterson, D.S.O." who was in command during the battle mentioned) was honoured. Col. Vincent and Col. C.R. Torrot, D.S.O., second-in-Command, spoke on the history of the Inniskillings and other speakers were Major Macpherson, Lieut. Freer-Smith Capt. Humphrey, M.C., R.S.M. Ogden, D.C.M. Cpl. Winter and others.

Leave Club Chess.

Results of Championship Games played on Thursday.

C.S.M.	Graham	2	Gnr.	Stanley	0
Gnr.	Peck	2	Cpl.	Williams	1
L/Cpl.	Sers	2	Pte.	Gilmore	0
Sgt.	Rogers	1	S/Sgt.	Hollowell	0
Cpl.	Jordan	0			

Approximate position in Championship on Thursday.

1 Sgt. Yates
2 Sgt. Kemplin
3 L/Cpl. Howes
4 Sgt Taylor
5 Pte. Wooster
6 C.S.M. Graham
7 Cpl. Jordan
8 Gnr. Stanley
9 Pte. Hartley
10 Sgt. Fry
11 L/Cpl. Whyte
12 Sgt. Keight
13 Gnr. Peck
14 Cpl. Williams
15 Pte. Scully A.W.
16 Pte. Harrow
17 Sgt. Lloyd D. F.
18 L/Cpl. Raymond
19 Pte. Duncan
20 L/Cpl. Harrison
21 Sgt. Rogers
22 S/Sgt. Hollowell
23 Dvr. Shaw J.
24 Pte. Stones
25 Pte. Drewett
26 Pte. Hudson
27 Dvr. Rubinstone J.
28 Pte. Luer
29 M.S.S. Boy
30 L/Cpl. Sers W.
31 Pte. Gilmore

JACQUES.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY.

To Atone For Failure In Our Competition.

The result of No. 10 contest which will be published to-morrow was, up to the time of going to press, still in doubt. No all-correct coupon had been discovered and the inability of many of the entrants to forecast but five of the matches set was surprising.

The chief causes of failure were the defeats of Newcastle, Bradford, Stoke and Bury, while the last match on the coupon, the drawn game between Falkirk and Third Lanark, floored 80 per cent. of the contestants.

Competitors have a chance to establish there reputations as judges of football form in No. 11 contest now running, in which we again ask for but ten results.

On the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

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FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 11,
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FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 11.

Date of matches, Saturday, Dec 6th.
Closing date, Friday, Dec. 5th.

Sheffield U. v. Newcastle U.
Manchester C. v. West Bromwich
Arsenal v. Chelsea
Oldham v. Burnley
Huddersfield v. Blackpool
Fulham v. Tottenham
Coventry v. West Ham
Swindon v. Portsmouth
Gillingham v. Brentford
Celtic v. Motherwell

I enter Football Competition No. 11 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions already announced and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Rank and No. .....
Unit .....
Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

I Had to Say It.

In my billet is an excellent piano. A friend I invited in one evening started playing it vigorously. "You are fond of music?" he remarked, "Oh, yes," I said, "but go on playing."

Incentive To Drink.

An officer I know went to a recent fancy dress ball in Cologne disguised as a bottle of whisky and his fair partner represented a corkscrew. Someone told me that every time he saw the pair he developed an insatiable thirst.

Lady Cyclists.

Have you noticed how scarce lady cyclists are in Cologne!—The first I have come across was doing her best to ride down Hohe strasse on Monday evening.

Juvenile Compliments.

I noticed an amusing incident near the Dom on Sunday afternoon. Two little kiddies dressed in "navy suits" gravely saluted a passing tar. Their delight was reflected in their faces as he returned the compliment.

H.B's Double.

I have met Mr. Bottomley's double. He is a German policeman and would pass anywhere for the redoubtable "Horatio". Another of Fate's little ironies.

Reminiscent.

Walking through the archway of Cologne Main Station my attention was attracted by the direction "To the Cavalry Horse Show and Races." My thoughts at once went back to the sunny days when sport was in full swing in Rhineland.

And not Introduced.

"Yes, dear, I was spoken to by a man myself when I was in the Officers' Club the other afternoon." "Oh, how horrid! What did the wretch have the impertinence to say?" "Why, it'll be five marks, please ma'am. Kindly pay at the desk. Bitte."

A Tongue-twister.

The Cologne Tramway Coy. employ a number of women cleaners, and they are known by the ineuphonius name of Strassenbahnschienewienigunsfrau;

A Double Job.

A young lance-corporal had been put in the Orderly Room to help. The other morning when the Adjutant came in, he found him doing nothing in particular. "Can't you find something to do?" he snapped. When he had gone out the Lance-jack remarked to the Sergeant clerk, "Snakes; am I expected to do the work and find it as well?"

Minus Comedy.

Comedy does not figure very prominently in German Cinema performances and it is not uncommon for a programme to include no film of a funny character.

Issue of Rations.

From now onwards only British civilians will be allowed to purchase British rations on prepayment. No other nationalities can be given permission to buy British rations for themselves or their families.

When in Bonn.

All other ranks and their wives are invited to visit the tea rooms, lending library and bookshop opened by the Y.M.C.A. at 10, Munster Platz, Bonn. Dainty afternoon teas served in Bond Street china by charming ladies make it a most attractive resort.

The Nurse Girls' Parade.

If you want to see his Majesty the Baby holding Court, then pay a visit to the Rhine promenade one morning. British babies in the charge of British nurses take their airing in company with young Germans.

A Much Favoured Walk.

It is evidently a much favoured walk with British wives for I noticed several parties of friends enjoying the winter sunlight and giving passing attention to the sights of this part of the town.

A Mixed Congregation.

At a service held near Cologne on Sunday night, the congregation included American soldiers and one Russian. The latter, a stray sheep, could not understand a word of English, but he enjoyed the singing and was delighted to be with the British troops.

Quaintly Garbed.

Late last night I saw two civilians walking down Hohe Strasse, evidently more or less inebriated, each wearing, over his ordinary clothes, a large Asiatic looking tablecloth which was draped about like a toga. One was red and the other green.

Yule Logs and Firewood.

Many women and children can be seen collecting firewood and logs in the grounds owned by Baron Diergradt, near Wiesdorf. For the small sum of two marks, civilians can purchase growing timber and undergrowth covering one hundred square metres, — an average of thirty trees — provided they clear the land and dig up the roots. This is no easy task.

Orders which are Broken.

Although there are two G.R.O's in existence regarding the wearing of plain clothes it has been found necessary to issue another. It is laid down that plain clothes will not be worn on any occasion for walking out.

Her Retort.

I've heard of a Tommy recently on leave who saw a nice looking young woman sitting on the seat on the Brighton front. Somewhat timidly he went up to her and said, "Haven't I the had pleasure of seeing you somewhere before, miss?" "Very likely," was the prompt reply, "I'm a nurse at a lunatic asylum. How's your father?"

Big Xmas Tree.

I hear that on Christmas Eve there will be a grand Christmas tree in the Loreley Hall of the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. for the pupils of the school for British children. All other British children in Cologne and district are invited. The children's parents will also be wecome.

Their number Grows.

A friend who claimed to be in the know says there are fewer wives on the Rhine than formerly, but judging by the number of brassards to be seen in and about Hohestrasse during the morning one would imagine that reinforcements had come along for the festive season.

Talented Trio.

The Sunday evening concerts at the Deutsches Theatre are becoming increasingly popular and this is only to be expected when such a talented trio as Gertrud Bender, Menzinsky and Alfred Barker provide the fare. On Sunday evening the large audience was enraptured by the highly finished renderings of some of the most choice operatic selections.

RHINELANDER.

VANITY FAIR.

A Feature for the British Woman in Rhineland.

A Plenitude of Pockets.

Some of the newest coats exhibit a positive plague of pockets. I have just seen one that has no fewer than six—three on each hip—each with a large button to curb its propensity to yawn too widely, for the raison d'être of this plethora of pockets is not, as might be imagined, to be "upsides" with men, whose number of them we often covet, but to give additional width in the region of the hips.

No "Gamps" to-day.

No accessory of modern dress has undergone more change for the better than the umbrella. We have all become very fastidious about these once-ridiculed articles, and the word "gamp" is hardly applicable to the chic affairs of dark-coloured silk rolled slimly over their steel sticks, and finished with handles of ivory, tortoiseshell, gold, silver or jade, carried by the woman of fashion of to-day, and chosen to match her costume. Her umbrella is quite a decorative factor in her toilette.

Health with the "Low-Back."

"What good results may be expected from the low-backed dress? Firstly, it will stimulate women to develop their arms and shoulders, and, by allowing a freer carriage of the head, will give them more grace and dignity. But one of the most gratifying results will be the effect on the face. There is no doubt whatever that many of the skin troubles endured by women have been caused by tight and warm clothing round the neck. When the blood is permitted to circulate freely the complexion will improve, wrinkles and pimples will disappear and other conditions being favourable, the face will become plumper, clearer, and of better colour.

Comfort for the Shocked.

Here's comfort for those who are shocked at the flagrant exposure of "back" that is a feature of fashion just now. Very few women, one fears, have anything worth showing in the back line; but, with her usual consideration, the Mode has stepped into the breach. The kindly qualities of pink tulle, too, can give a pleasing illusion of beauty where beauty is not.

A Wool Hint.

The vogue of coloured stockings brings many perplexities to the modern woman with the never ceasing search for wools to match for darning. A good plan is to cut off a narrow hem at top of stocking and to wind off a small ball of self-wool. By treating both stockings in the same way they will be of equal length, and the stockings may then be sewn down again.

To save Overalls.

When dirty work has to be done, it generally means the washing of an overall or apron when the task is completed. But this can be prevented if you make an apron of American cloth for wearing over the ordinary overall when a specially messy job has to be undertaken. It can be thrown off in a minute, and can be very easily cleaned, while its use will enable you to wear your overall much longer than would otherwise have been the case.

AGNES.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Booming silver.—The Indian rupee is now 62½ per cent. above pre-war value.

In winter, too.—The United States are faced with a coal famine.

Peer's sale.—Lord Wilton is selling the greater part of the town of Weymouth.

Chinks press.—San Francisco possesses four Chinese daily papers.

No motors run.—The motor drivers at Dublin are on strike.

Little Rice.—Rice is getting scarce. Only half the usual supplies are coming to Europe.

Another rival.—China as well as Japan is competing with Manchester in cotton manufacture and is buying much machinery.

Caused by paper. — Lord D'Abernon considers the present high prices due to the vast increase in paper currency.

Goodbye coal! — The steamers of the P. and O. Line are in future to burn oil instead of coal.

Few offices. — There is a famine of office accomodation in London and rents have risen enormously.

Dailies Plentiful.—There are more daily papers in Cairo than in London.

Lance-Jacks go.—Lance rank is being abolished in the Royal Marines.

Lancashire's Rival.—Japan is importing 1,500,000 spindles for cotton manufacture.

Needs Learning.—There is a great scarcity of fishermen in Hull. But a fisherman isn't made in a day.

Nasty Upset.—Five men and a boy have been injured in a tramcar accident at Burnley. The car overturned.

Stiff Impost.—The main cause of dear whisky is the duty amounting to 5s 10d a bottle.

Rumbling.—Earthquake shocks are reported from a wide area in Southern France.

Printers' Squabble.—The publication of several papers in London has been delayed by trade disputes.

New Head.—The Hon. William Lonnon has been appointed Lieut. Governor of Queensland.

Independent.—The Socialist Mayor of Fulham has refused £400 for his Mayoral expenses.

Revivals.—Mediaeval "mummer" plays are to be produced in several London boroughs at Christmas.

Higher Pay.—Textile workers' wages in Yorkshire are 125 per cent. higher than before the war.

Big Clear out.—At the Armistice there were 111,000 employes at Woolwich Arsenal. Now there are 32,000 only.

A big Visitor.—The Aquitania, now on its way to the Tyne is the largest vessel that ever entered that river.

Old Comrades.—The 31st Royal Fusiliers, Old Comrades' Association have held a successful opening re-union in London.

Anti-British.—The notorious anti-British journal, "The Continental Times," has changed its title to the "European Press."

Linked Again.—A direct steamship service between Hamburg and Brazil will start in the New Year.

Another Batch.—Over a hundred Neath miners have been summoned for non-payment of income tax.

Poor Insurance Company.—A fire at Geldersome did damage estimated at thirty thousand pounds.

Up-to-Date.—Tavistock street Labour exchange has a canteen for the use of the unemployed.

Rapid Rise.—The producer of "Little Women" began her stage career as a chorus girl.

For Ladies Only.—Women M. P.'s at the House have had a room close to the terrace set apart for their use.

The Juror's "Bob."—Complaint is made that the common juror's fee remains at one shilling per case.

Ladies or Women?—Some Parliamentary officials hold the view that lady M. P's should be known as "Women Members."

The outcry. — The agitation being organised against premium bonds is pronounced if not very logical.

Irrepressible.—In spite of all past legislation the money lending harpy still thrives and carries on his old tricks.

Strong in U.S.A. — There are twenty million Roman Catholics in the United States.

Ours will soon. — In many American towns workmen drive to and from their jobs in their own motor cars.

Doing well.—The wife of a Scottish miner has just given birth to four children. All are alive and well.

Built by enemies. — The Poles are demolishing the Cathedral in Warsaw built by the Russians.

Making aircraft. — According to the French press thirty factories in unoccupied Germany are busy producing aeroplane parts and engines.

Veteran Volunteer.—Col. T.W.H. Mitchell claims that his sixty years' service in the old Volunteer and Territorial forces is a record.

Waiting for 'planes. — Aviation is not making the progress anticipated in Australia. Machines cannot be got from England.

OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

GAMBLING ETHICS.

Mr. J. Frankfort Moore, the novelist writing on the human instinct to gamble, says:—The man who makes the backing of horses the business of his life is usually referred to as one who is on the downward path, but the one who accepts the offer of a life assurance company is looked upon as being thrifty where the other is shifty. The one is called a gambler, the other is called provident. But the same principle underlies the transaction of each; only the life assurance companies make substantial profits by accepting the odds of a man not dying before he has paid a certain number of premiums; whereas the systematic backer of horses usually drops more money than he can ever recover by persisting in the practice.

SCIENCE AND RELIGION.

Canon James M. Wilson D. D. of Worcester, has been writing on the general attitude of the Church towards Science as compared with fifty years ago he says:—There is a pregnant saying of Augustin: 'Interrogate thyself, O man, and make of thyself a step to the things which are above thee.' Science has of late begun to do this. Previously it had turned its face to things which are below us. Faith has ever turned its eyes to that which is above us, dim though it is, proofs of the existence of which it finds in its own mental and spiritual faculties —in the sphere of the good, the beautiful, and the true. Through that experience, faith is led up to the conviction of a personal origin of Nature, with whom it is possible for us to be in some communion.

UNIVERSAL PEACE.

Mr. H. G. Wells, novelist and thinker in the prepace to the new "Outline of history", says:—There can be we realise, no peace now, but a common peace in all the world; no prosperity. But there can be no peace and prosperity without common historical ideas. Without such ideas to hold them together in harmonious co-operation, with nothing but narrow, selfish, and conflicting nationalist traditions, races and peoples are bound to drift towards conflict and destruction. This truth, which was apparent to that great philosopher Kant a century or more ago—it is the gist of his tract upon universal peace—is now plain to the man in the street.

COMING STARVATION.

Lord Robert Cecil speaking at a League of Nations meeting said one subject was not expressly mentioned in the Covenant of the League of Nations, and yet, for the time being, it transcends in importance all other subjects, and it is international co-operation to restore the economic position of Europe. Thousands, perhaps millions, of our fellow-creatures, are threatened with death by starvation in the course of a few months. I earnestly hope that may be averted, but it cannot possibly be averted except by international co-operation among the nations of the world.

THE WAR AND SCIENCE.

Sir Archibald Geikie, the great scientist looking before and after, says that the war has brought the economic value of science before the world on a colossal scale of demonstration. While scientific inventions have enormously augmented the offensive powers of the belligerents, it is pleasing to know that applications of science have not been all on the destructive side, but that at the same time the greatest stimulus in the history of mankind has been given to medicine and surgery, and that each of these great divisions of the healing art has made notable advances and gained fresh powers for dealing with diseases and wounds.

MUNICIPAL THEATRES.

Miss. Lena Ashwell says:—There are now signs which appear to indicate that, organised on a proper basis, the Municipal Theatre could well be an asset to the town. If speculators can make a good turnover by running entertainments, why is it impossible for the Municipal authorities to do likewise? A suitable building could deal with the cinema, music, and drama, and intelligent control could secure the performance of the finest of each kind. This Municipal effort would not destroy other enterprises any more than the public library prevents the sale of books, or the picture gallery interferes with other picture exhibitions or the sale of lithographs or photographs. But a standard would be established in the communal life.

A FUNDAMENTAL ERROR.

Mr. Charles Wicksfeed writing on the present economic position, says:—The industrial propaganda of the present day is poisoned by the fundamental error that the interests of the wage-earning classes are necessarily opposed to those of the rest of the community, and that the millenium must come by endless unions of the various wage-earners, each fighting for their own ends against the nation.

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SOVIET TERMS FOR RELEASE OF PRISONERS.

PEACE TREATY.

AMERICAN DELEGATE To REMAIN IN PARIS.

Owing to the failure of the Germans to sign the Protocol, the American Peace Delegation, which had proposed to leave Paris to-morrow (5th), has postponed its departure. A high American authority points out that while the Protocol remains unsigned, the situation reverts to the statuts created by the Armistice. Consequently, despite the attitude of the Senate regarding the Treaty, the United States is as much interested as are the other Powers, and such arrangements will be made for American representation in any further negotiations that Germany will find all the Allied and Associated Powers co-operating to resist any possible effort to avoid compliance with the terms of the Treaty.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

GERMANY NOT KEEPING TO THE BARGAIN.

The reply of the Supreme Council to the Note from Germany concerning repatriation of the German prisoners of war declares that the agreement advancing the date of the application of the Peace Treaty as concerning the prisoners was conditional on Germany fulfilling the Armistice conditions, and was suspended on account of their non-fulfilment.

The Allied Note refutes the German charges, and declares that the German Goverment is endeavouring to excite public opinion against the Allies as regards war prisoners. Referring to the question of punishment of criminals the Note further says that Germany must not expect to re-enter the comity of the nations unless it fulfils its obligations.

GERMAN MILITARY ORGANISATIONS.

The Supreme Council has adopted a resolution proposed by Marshal Foch that Germany be called upon to supress the military organisations which are being formed in violation of the terms of the Peace Treaty. Foch uttered grave warnings respecting the size of the German Army, which he estimates at 1,200,000. Instructions have also been given for the drafting of a reply to the German Note regarding the sinking of the fleet at Scapa Flow.

FIRST RESULTS.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE.

A statement issued by M. Arthur Fontaine, the permanent Chairman of the Governing Body of the International Labour Conference at Washington, says:—The first session of the Conference which opened at Washington on the 29th October, at which were assembled delegates from forty-one States, ended on the 29th November.

This session is the first great manifestation of the League of Nations. The Conference has accomplished important work. It has approved draft conventions on the eight hour day and forty-eight hour week; the prohibition of night work for children in industrial establishments, holidays for working women before and after child birth; organisation of public labour employment bureaux and the question of unemployment funds.

N.W. FRONTIER TROUBLE.

SITUATION IMPROVING.

Telegrams from India dated 28th November show that the frontier situation is improving. Air operations against the Mahsuds continue successfully, but most of the other tribes have intimated their intention of fulfilling the British conditions.

A large gang of men of an identified tribe crossed the border on the 28th November and raided the British Cavalry lines at Kokat, one sentry being killed.

LODGE'S ULTIMATUM.

RESERVATIONS OR NO TREATY.

Senator Lodge has issued a statement declaring that his reservations to the Peace Treaty are the irreducible minimum.

If President Wilson wishes the prompt ratification of the Treaty, he has only to accept the reservations as they are.

Polling in the Spen Valley has been fixed for the 20th December.

O'GRADY CONFERENCE.

SOVIET CONDITIONS FOR EXCHANGE.

Prospects of a speedy termination of the Conference between Mr. J. O'Grady M.P. and Litvinoff are not bright, owing to the far-reaching character of Litvinoff's demands.

His objection is apparently the removal of the blockade, on which point the British Government will presumably consider it necessary to consult the Allies. The Conference has therefore reached a deadlock until the British Government has reached a decision and communicated instructions to Mr. O'Grady.

The question of peace must almost inevitably have come up, even though indirectly, in the discussions between Mr. O'Grady and Litvinoff, for Peace is indissolubly involved in the blockade question, but Reuter understands that the subject has hitherto not been formally raised by Litvinoff.

CHINA AND RUSSIA.

MONGOLIAN AGREEMENTS REPUDIATED.

A Presidential Mandate published at Peking, announces the receipt of a Mongolian petition requesting that Mongolia be allowed to come under Chinese rule. The Mandate therefore repudiates all the Russo-Chinese and Russo-Mongol agreements concluded since the declaration of Mongolian Independence, accepts the Mongolian proposal and promises to the Mongols cordial treatment and the "blessings of the Chinese Republic for ever."

The Russian Minister at Peking has protested against this arbitrary cancellation by China of existing agreements between Russia, China and Mongolia, which, he argues, cannot be cancelled except in case of war. Russia, he adds, maintains her right to determine her attitude as soon as a Government for the whole of Russia is recognised.

ALLIES AND ROUMANIA.

SUPPLIES CUT OFF.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Cecil Harmsworth, in answer to a question, said:—It is decided owing to the attitude of the Roumanian Government, that it will not be possible for the Allies to continue to facilitate the provision of supplies.

All such facilities have been withdrawn until further notice.

On the other hand, a Paris Exchange telegram of yesterday's date says:—

"It is now thought probable that Roumania will sign the Peace Treaty without any reservations, and that she will accept the minority clauses.

"This conclusion is based on a speech made yesterday by the Roumanian Premier at a meeting of the Roumanian senators belonging to the Transylvanian Nationalist party, whose first duty, he said, was to ensure peace."

A long telegram was received at Paris from Bucharest yesterday together with a report of the resignation of the Roumanian Cabinet.

AMERICAN COAL.

WAR-TIME RESTRICTIONS RE-IMPOSED.

Wartime restrictions on the consumption of coal have been re-established in America for the duration of the strike. Supplies will only be provided for railroads, coastal and inland shipping, public bodies and essential industries.

WAR PRISONERS HIDDEN IN GERMANY.

A telegram from Dijon to the "Presse de Paris" reports the arrival there of a volunteer of the 1920 class, named Louis Boucher, who had been a prisoner in Germany and had been sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment for attempting to escape. He was discovered in prison at Danzig as the result of investigations made by a commission of French officers.

Six other French soldiers, it is reported, were also found. All of them were unaware of the fact that peace had been concluded.

THE TURKESTAN MANNER.

A notice in the journal of the Turkestan Soviet states that two Armenian regiments fighting on the side of the Whites were disarmed and shot to a man. The list of the killed fills three pages of the journal and is signed by Kizim Beg, the Turkish Bolshevist emissary.

"LET THEM BEWARE."

WILSON'S STERN WARNING TO AGITATORS.

President Wilson has sent a message to Congress in which, after saying that the Peace Treaty will be the subject of a separate later message, he makes general recommendations for legislation to combat the cost of living, labour unrest and radicalism and the re-adjustment of the nation to a peace time basis. The President urges the simplification of income and excess profits taxation and the alteration of the tariff system to conform with the fact that the United States is the "greatest capitalist in the world."

He declares that the Labour provisions of the League of Nations Covenant offer the way to industrial peace. "No other road lies open to us. Governments must recognise the right of collective bargaining and the right to strike, but a Government has the right to protect all its people against the challenge of any class."

Regarding the Tariffs the message argues that American productivity, stimulated by the war, must find an outlet by exports, otherwise there must inevitably be industrial stagnation and unemployment. "If we want to sell we must be prepared to buy. Therefore, whatever have been our tariff views during the growth of American business, we must now adjust our economic life to the fact that American business is full grown."

A large portion of the President's message is devoted to Labour. It deals with Labour's demands very sympathetically but adds, "Capital should receive a reasonable return and Government protection in emergency. In America the only road to great reforms is through the orderly processes of representative Government. Those who propose other methods of reform through disorder and revolution are enemies of the country. Let them beware." Concerning taxation, he says there comes a point where high taxes on income and profits discourage enterprise, encourage extravagance and produce industrial stagnation.

TRAWLER SKIPPERS FINED.

FISHING IN A MINEFIELD.

The skippers of seven Grimsby trawlers were fined fifty pounds each on Tuesday for fishing in a prohibited area of the Heligoland Bight which is still uncleared of mines, thus endangering the lives of the crews.

CAIRO SHOOTINGS.

The firing of revolver shots at British officers and men still continues at Cairo. Two shots were fired at some soldiers on Saturday night, but there were no casualties.

The number of casualties in the rioting at Cairo on the 16th November was thirteen Egyptians killed and seventy six wounded. Most of these occurred before the intervention of British troops.

HURRICANE IN LONDON.

A sudden hurricane burst over London for a brief space on Tuesday morning, a man being killed in Victoria Station by a falling chimney pot. Much damage was caused by falling slates, broken windows and the collapse of hoardings. A sixty-mile gale, accompanied by driving rain, prevailed in the English Channel. Heavy seas are breaking over the Dover breakwater and Admiralty Pier.

CONSCRIPTION DEAD.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Mr. Churchill states that all troops now being sent abroad are voluntarily enlisted regular soldiers. He added that it was not proposed to renew the Conscription Act.

SECOND INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS.

The second Industrial Conference summoned by President Wilson with a view to harmonising Capital and Labour opened yesterday, the proceedings taking place behind closed doors. Mr. Wilson, Secretary for Labour, explained that it was desirable for the delegates, to be able to think aloud, without having their ideas chained to hasty expressions.

NO PREMIUM BONDS.

The House of Commons rejected Mr. Bottomley's proposals for the issue of Lottery Bonds by 276 votes against 84. The leading members of the Cabinet, Independent Liberals, Labourites and Lady Astor all voted against the resolution, the minority consisting chiefly of backbench Unionists and a few Coalition Liberals.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

The National Savings Committee notify that the number of War Savings Certificates sold during the week ended November 22 was 1,434,416, bringing the total to that date up to 373,991,338. Seventy new Savings Associations were formed during November.

The two German tugs have been allowed to sail from Dover with the officers aboard. They are going to South America to tow back some German vessels interned there.

SIR EVELYN WOOD.

DEATH OF OCTOGENARIAN FIELD MARSHAL.

We regret to announce the death, at the age of 81, of Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., which occurred on Tuesday.

Field Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood was born at Crossing, Braintree, Essex on 9th February, 1838. In 1852 he entered the Navy and served in the Crimea with the Naval Brigade from 1854 to June 1855 when he was severely wounded while carrying a scaling ladder at the attack on the Redan forts.

His connection with the army dates from 1855, when he joined the 13th Light Dragoons. He subsequently transferred to the 17th Lancers and served in the Indian Campaign of 1858. The Victoria Cross was awarded him in 1859. He took part in the Ashantee, Kaffir, Zulu, and Transvaal wars. In 1883 he was instrustrumental in raising the Egyptian Army, and served in the Nile expedition in 1884—1885. He was the author of a number of works on military subjects and his chief recreations were hunting, shooting, cycling and lawn tennis.

MAYOR OF DUBLIN.

DENOUNCES MURDERERS OF POLICE.

After the inquest on Detective-Sergeant Barton, who was murdered in Dublin on Saturday, the Lord Mayor of Dublin said that the jury had interpreted the feelings of the citizens in their abhorrence of and indignation against this crime. With full realisation of all the risks which such a statement might entail to himself he felt he would be almost as cowardly as the men who shot poor Barton if he did not say it was up to men in his position to help track down the men who committed these atrocious deeds.

In saying that, he did not wish to reflect on any cause whatever or say he wished to help any Government that had not the people's confidence, but he felt he would not be true to the aspirations of his country if he did not denounce crimes which deprived the citizens of the help of such men as Barton.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland is offering a reward of five thousand pounds for the detection of the murderers of policemen in Dublin.

HOUSING SCHEMES.

LIMITING THE GOVERNMENT'S ASSISTANCE.

The Committee appointed by the Treasury to consider the financing of local housing schemes has presented an interim report. The most important recommendation is that local authorities be empowered to issue short-term 5½ per cent. local bonds. The report declares that the effect on the country's credit would be most serious if the State, which is already confronted by exceptional demands, entered the market for the purpose of financing the whole of the housing schemes, and suggests that several authorities might combine to raise a Housing Loan. It further recommends that an active campaign be started to secure the support of investors. It is estimated that 535,000 houses are needed, at a cost of 430 millions.

GREEK POLITICAL PLOT.

An Athens telegram says that the judicial inquiry into the anti-Venizelos plot is proceeding. None of the more prominent opposition leaders seem to be implicated, nor is there any indication that the conspirators succeeded in spreading sedition in the rank and file of the army, their only supporters on the active service list being a few officers who retained their commissions under false pretences.

BRITISH TROOPS IN FRANCE.

It was officially stated in Parliament on Tuesday, that according to the latest returns, the number of British troops now in France is 3,500 officers and 50,000 other ranks.

The number of officers and other ranks of the British Army now stationed in the Paris area is twenty-five and 140 respectively, but it is expected that these will be reduced by the 31st December to twenty officers and twenty other ranks.

REPATRIATION OF PRISONERS.

During the week ended 26th November 2,790 Austrian prisoners of war were repatriated from the United Kingdom and France. Since the 12th Novembev 713 German prisoners and 5,665 Turkish prisoners have been repatriated from Egypt and 380 Turkish prisoners from Salonica. The number of prisoners repatriated by Great Britain since the 1st. September is as follows: Germans 267,423; Austrians 3,088; Turkish 33,414, Bulgarians 1,281.

DOCKERS' UNION ENTRANCE FEE.

The National Union of Dock Workers at Liverpool has fixed an entrance fee of five pounds for new memberships, except for dockers and ex-soldiers who were pre-war dockers. It is stated that this step is intended to check the influx of newcomers, as the supply of labour at the docks is considerably in excess of the demand.

SUMMARY COURT.

ATTEMPTED MURDER OF BRITISH SOLDIERS.

A fracas in the vicinity of the Ubier Ring had its sequel, when eleven men were brought up in custody at the Summary Court yesterday, in connection with the attempted murder of two British soldiers.

According to the statement of the Prosecuting Officer, the soldiers were attacked from behind as they were proceeding to their billets, one being stabbed five times.

On the table were several knives, an "oxtail," a knuckleduster and other weapons which had been found on the prisoners.

One of the soldiers gave evidence. He said:—"I was walking along the street when suddenly I felt a stab in the back. I fell forward on my face. I was stabbed four more times and kicked on the head and body."

The prisoners were remanded until Monday.

A DESPERATE CHARACTER.

"This is evidently a case of Bill Sykes and Nancy," observed the Presiding officer after investigating a charge gainst Fritz Bertz and Therese Dolman, of no fixed address. They were charged with being in possession of a loaded revolver and a number of loose cartidges.

Bertz was sentenced to six months with hard labour, the presiding officer describing him as a desperate character, but Dolman was acquitted on the ground that she was evidently only screening the male prisoner.

PARIAHS OF THE SEA.

AFTERMATH OF SUBMARINE WARFARE.

The first German vessel to arrive at a Canadian port under German officers since 1914 is the barque Paul, which was forced to enter Halifax owing to damage sustained in the North Atlantic. Its Commander, Captain Kruger, said his vessel was almost disabled and sent out signals of distress which were disregarded by several ships whose Commanders and crews had suffered through German submarine ruthlessness.

Finally the British ship Manchester Merchant, under Captain Musgrove, who also had his ship torpedoed during the war and his crew fired on by a submarine while in an open boat, offered assistance, but was unable to tow the Paul owing to the heavy seas. Eventually the Paul decided to go to Halifax instead of Philadephia and reached there after forty-four days out from Hamburg.

LEVANT MINE DISASTER.

MANSION HOUSE FUND OPENED.

The Lord Mayor has consented to receive at the Mansion House any sums which the London public care to send towards the fund for the dependants of the thirty-one men who lost their lives in the Levant mining accident in Cornwall about a month ago. The Workmen's Compensation Acts grant £300 in each case, but without regard to the number—large or small—of dependants in the family. To supplement this provision, a committee in Cornwall, headed by the Lord Lieutenant, has collected nearly £3,000, and the "Western Morning News" about £7,000. But £10,000 still remains to be raised.

RUMOURED PENDING RETIREMENT OF THE SPEAKER.

It is stated on good authority that Mr. J. W. Lowther will resign his seat and will cease to be Speaker of the House of Commons next May, and that the Conservative candidate for the Penrith and Cockermouth Division of Cumberland, which he now represents, will be his brother, General H. C Lowther, who was member for North Westmorland from 1915 to 1918.

In reply to an inquiry Mr. Lowther said the statement was not authorized by himself. When he intended to retire it would be his duty to inform the House of Commons of the fact, and that was the course he proposed to take.

TO BE TAKEN AS REQUIRED.

A West Lothian doctor, who is a candidate for Linlithgowshire County Council, has issued an address to the voters in which he says the National Health Insurance Act was badly misnamed, and is one of the most gigantic frauds ever saddled on a community without their consent. The address concludes:—"Beware of the sinister influences of shivering shirkers, greedy Jews, hangers-on, helpless gaffers, tied flunkeys, jobmongers, spurious Labourists, revolutionary loafers, plundering anarchists, men of straw, and dirty twisters of divers origin."

SOUTH AFRICAN FOOD SHORTAGE.

Considerable dissatisfaction is expressed at Capetown at the export from South Africa of foodstuffs, of which there a shortage. The Executive of the Federation of Trades Unions has unanimously decided to call on all affiliated Unions to refuse to handle all foodstuffs for export from South African ports.

A DOUBLE LIFE.

SUICIDE OF EX-TOWN MAJOR OF ARRAS.

Startling revelations were made at the inquest held on Tuesday on Major Sydney Douglas Stewart, formerly Town Major of Arras, who shot himself at a boarding house in Kensington Park road. The evidence showed that while at Arras he formed an intimacy with a French girl clerk named Jeanne Pignon aged 24, who later came to England, where the relationship continued. Mrs. Stewart thereupon complained to the War Office and Major Stewart was warned about his conduct, and especially about his having entered Mlle. Pignon's name in the hotel register as Mrs. Stewart.

Meanwhile his wife was appealing to him to return. Major Stewart then began to gamble a lot and to drink more than usual. On the night of the tragedy he contrived to elude the French girl at a station on the Tube, in order to meet his wife at Notting Hill-Gate station, where, however he never turned up. Mlle. Pignon, after seeking him at the Trocadero, Monico, Frascati's and other places, telephoned to the boarding house and the Major replied "I am going to commit suicide." She implored him to wait, but although she drove straight to the house, she found that Major Stewart had shot himself.

The coroner attributed the suicide to worry in connection with his double life and the jury returned a verdict of suicide whilst of unsound mind.

CRIMINAL CAREER.

AMAZING RECORD OF A BICYCLE THIEF.

A South African recently demobilized, James Parkin, twenty-six, who was convicted at the Westminster Police Court of an ordinary bicycle theft, was stated to have been sentenced to death for desertion on the battlefield, and, while in charge of an escort on the way to prison, escaped from bombs dropped from a German aeroplane, though the two men in charge of him were killed outright. He bolted and afterwards robbed a sleeping soldier of Treasury notes. Eventually he was taken into custody and twice escaped from his cell at Seaford.

The Magistrate (Mr. Francis), in ordering Parkin to gaol for six months, said that a more extraordinary and worse career of crime could not be imagined.

FREEMASONRY.

PRINCE ALBERT'S INITIATION.

In the presence of a distinguished gathering, Prince Albert was initiated into Freemasonry at Prince's Galleries, Piccadilly on Tuesday evening. He joined the Navy Lodge, of which the late King Edward, when Prince of Wales, was Worshipful Master. The Duke of Connaught, Grand Master, being unable to attend, the duty of conducting the ceremony developed upon the pro-Grand Master, Lord Ampthill, and Vice-Admiral Eustace, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. The attendance included Earl Donoughmore, Grand Master, Ireland, and Brigadier-General Gordon Gilmore, Grand Master, Scotland.

"Hearty good wishes" from Cologne.

D'ANNUNZIO ON TOUR.

A semi-official message received at Belgrade from Sebenico states: "Eight officers, followers of D'Annunzio, arrived here on Nov. 26 by motor-car from Zara, and were escorted into the town by a procession of Italians with bands. The officers were the guests of General Viera, the Military Governor. They left for Zara on the 27th, accompanied by cheers from the Italians for D'Annunzio and ex-Admiral Millo. The visit of these officers was made by the Italians the occasion to insult our population in various ways. Official information received here from the Italian Government states that the latter will do its utmost to prevent a repetition of the Zara incident.

FINE FOR SELLING BEER.

The Holbeach (Lincolnshire) magistrates fined a farm foreman named Speed £45 on charges of selling drink to labourers on the farm. The defence was that local labourers, resenting the employment of Irishmen, prevented the publicans from supplying them, and that the Irish had threatened to stop work if not given beer. It was admitted, however, that Speed had supplied other labourers on the farm.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Competition of new capital issues and adverse exchanges, together with the continued flow of Continental offerings, caused general depression during the morning. Subsequently, however, gold-mining shares rallied on a further increase in the premium on gold. Mexican Eagle oil shares were subjected to fresh liquidations, prompted by diplomatic trouble in Mexico. Foreign bonds remained heavy owing to reluctance of dealers to take securities. Johannesburg Consolidated Investment announce a distribution of 150,000 new State Areas shares, among shareholders, pro rata to their holdings.

Bar gold was in good general demand, 106s 8d being paid. Silver rose to 73¾ pence, owing to the fall in the American exchange.

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WICKED WASTE.

Officers and men returning from leave at home are unanimous in deploring the wanton waste and prodigality they see on all sides.

In the first flush of triumph, after five strenuous bitter years, the sense of reaction creating an incentive, gave reasonable excuse for some license. That was a phase that should by now have been left far behind.

Unfortunately, the snowball of extravagance seems to gather strength as it rolls. We hear of immense sums being paid for luxuries, furs, motor-cars, country estates, jewels, pianos and a hundred other things. The hotels and restaurants are packed to overflowing and are earning huge dividends, the dancing club, the theatre and the cinema never had such times; the smart modiste and tailors' books are overfilled with orders.

Thousands are frittered away on costume carnivals; the fashionable clubs have waiting lists as long as your arm.

A disgusting orgy of waste is in progress. And all the while statesmen and publicists, who should know, predict national bankruptcy unless the tide is stemmed speedily.

In business as well as in pleasure, the lessons of economy, which the war should have taught, seem to be thrown aside. There is a wild boom in company promoting; speculation is rife. Where thousands used to be talked of, it is now millions. There never was so much lavish advertising regardless of cost or result. Everything is on the big extravagant scale.

One example of the present trend will perhaps suffice. During the war paper was notoriously scarce. To-day, the demand has grown, but supplies cannot keep pace. Sufficient shipping is not available for imports; raw material is short for the home made article. So paper prices, instead of falling, are mounting up.

Yet waste paper which proved invaluable in war time, is now a drug in the market, and almost unsaleable. It is being destroyed ruthlessly. Dozens of other instances of national waste in all directions could be given. Everyone knows of them.

Few seem to realise where the recklessness of the hour must inevitably lead Great Britain ere long. Yet, if a strong united effort is made and made now, all may yet be well, for the nation has, as we know, immense reserve powers of recuperation.

LOTTERIES OF OTHER DAYS.

There is some talk now of a possible revival of lotteries in connection with the financial necessities of the State. But Victory Loan Bonds and Premium Bonds are one thing; State lotteries are another. When lotteries were put down by Act of Parliament in 1826 it was felt that a degrading moral cancer had been cut out of the body politic. "The lottery was the cause of every vice that could be practised and of every crime that could be committed; it separated families; it severed husbands and wives; it carried devastation all over the metropolis and ruined all sorts of people in masses." Such is a lurid contemporary account of the evils wrought by the lottery habit and the gambling fever by which it was accompanied.

This rose to its height in the eighteenth century, when at one time there were lottery oyster-stalls, lottery barbers, lottery drapers, lottery ham and beef shops and even lottery sausage stalls, where you could buy a hot sausage for a farthing with a ticket for a five shilling prize thrown in.

THE BEGINNING.

The first State lottery in this country was held in 1569, and the object was the thoroughly patriotic one of raising money for the repair of the seaports. Forty thousand tickets were sold at 10s. each, and the draw went on continuously day and night in a booth outside the west door of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Another famous lottery was that of 1612 to raise funds for the infant colony of Virginia. Even then their evil consequences were recognised, and they were prohibited as "a public nuisance" in 1698. A few years later, however, one of Queen Anne's Parliaments relented, and they started again in full blast, under State patronage, justified by their advocates on the ground of the revenue they produced.

The State lottery of 1779 was typical. Forty-nine thousand tickets were issued and £490,000 was offered in prizes. There were 16,330 prize-winning numbers and 32,670 blanks, and the prizes ranged from two of £20,000 each down to 15,820 of £20. The tickets were bought in huge blocks by firms of contractors, who divided them into halves, quarters, eighths and sixteenths and sold them to the public at prices which showed a handsome profit, while the Treasury benefited to the extent of anything from £300,000 to half a million.

THE "ADVENTURERS".

It was estimated that some 2,000 agents and clerks were engaged in the business and 7,500 "morocco men," so called from the red books in which they entered the "insurances" of the ticket buyers, or, as they were usually called, "adventurers." The drawings lasted for forty days, until an Act was passed in 1806 confining the drawing to a single day in order to put an end to the practice of "insurance."

This was carried on in the following way. Any number which a gambler fancied could be "insured" at a low premium on the chance of its being drawn for a prize, the premiums rising as the draw proceeded. The "insurance" offices were packed night and day by frenzied gamblers, and the literature of the period teems with references to their demoralising influence.

The State certainly drew a considerable revenue, for from 1793 to 1824 it made an average profit from the lotteries of £346,765. But it was purchased very dearly. In addition to the State lotteries, Parliament occasionally sanctioned lotteries of a special character. For example, Skinner Street, Holborn, an unfortunate building speculation, was disposed of by lottery.

LOTTERIES OF ALL KINDS.

The Mercers Company in 1745 paid off by means of a lottery the bonds they had issued when in financial difficulties. Alderman Boydell received permission to dispose of his stock of prints by a lottery, and Sir Ashton Lever's Natural History Museum at Leicester House shared a similar fate, though the owner only sold 8,000 tickets out of the 40,000 offered to the public.

The contractors, of course, did not fail to push their tickets with all the alluring arts of which they were capable. Their offices were gaily lit with coloured lamps; their windows were set out with a fine display of golden guineas pouring from a horn of plenty. The big prize was usually £20,000—then considered an enormous sum—and the agents vied with one another in advertising their previous success, as though they were the special darlings of Fortune. One firm paid an old woman, named Goodluck, an annuity of £50 for the use of her name as a sleeping partner. The mania was general, but the winners were few and the losers many.

On one occasion the prayers of the congregation at St. Andrew's, Holborn, were asked for "a lady who had engaged in a new undertaking." It was not till later that the Rector discovered that "the new undertaking" consisted of a ticket in a lottery. But Heaven detected the pious fraud, and the prayers did not avail. *From "Country Life."*

A BOXING LESSON.

It was a chance acquaintance of mine in the "Cheshire Cheese" that caused all the trouble. He was evidently a member of the boxing fraternity, that is, a squat nose, cut lip and cauliflower ear gave me that impression, and his talk was of boxers and boxing. So much indeed did he seem to know about Billy Wells, Carpentier, and Joe Beckett ("Joe," as he called him) that my heart warmed towards him as only that of a hero worshipper can.

Then he made a remark about my physical attributes and implied that I would make a World's Champion if properly coached. I felt honoured, and the upshot of it was, I repaired the following morning to a place appointed and found myself fifteen minutes later stripped ready for a lesson.

When I saw my would-be instructor, also ready stripped, stride into the centre of the ring I felt all my aspirations for boxing championships ooze out of my being. My heart began beating at an abnormal rate and I found myself wondering if I would be alive when the lesson ended.

However, he gave me a cordial greeting, and this somewhat restored my waning courage, for I reasoned how could such a friendly acquaintance wish to harm me. Next he gave me a few points about how my feet should be placed and the bout began.

His first instruction was "Hit me!" I made a gallant attempt but where I expected his face to be, it was not, and he deliberately planted a nasty blow on my manly chest. I felt hurt and yet nettled to think he could hit me so easily.

"Don't watch my gloves, watch my eyes" was his next instruction. But such was easier said than done; those gloves, held a terrible fascination for me.

After a few more words of advice we again "sparred" (I think that's what they call it) and filled with the desire to do big things I rushed at him and with a mighty swipe just missed his jaw. What an elation was mine as I thought how near I had come to hitting my instructor But it did not last a fifth of a second for I received two lovely drives, one right and one left, to my head in exchange and through the buzzing in my ears I could hear a calm voice saying "Don't rush unless you are well covered, laddie."

Up to now I had in my opinion made poor use of my lesson, but again I sailed into my man and with a glorious effort succeeded in planting a beauty on his nose.

Of what followed I have only a dim recollection. Something caught me a terrific wallop on the side of my head. Next, darkness, penetrated by myriads of shooting stars descended on my right eye.

Then a gloved hand with the kick of a mule behind it sought my nasal organ with disastrous results to that member. Weakly, blindly I countered for where my "destructor" should be, but I only struck air and I had the impression of a stray thunderbolt landing on my chin.

When I next took notice of my surroundings I was under the impression that I was back again in a trench before Bailleul after a "Minnie" had burst, but at last I gathered the facts, that I was on the floor and my instructor standing over me was asking "Want anything else?" "Yes, a doctor, please," was what I managed to gasp. Why he laughed beats me.

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Yesterday I partook of some milk pudding and with my only operating optic read a number of the "Cologne Posts" and a letter signed "Anti-Box" in one of them. I agree with him, boxing is a brutal science and if any one says they think differently I would reply, "I don't think it. I know it."

My aspirations for boxing honours are now nil and if Carpentier could hit like my instructor I don't blame Billy Wells for that seventy-three seconds fiasco.

W. L. C.

BLUE EYES — A MARK OF DISTINCTION.

The blonde type, which has evolved under the rigorous conditions of North-West Europe, is of all human types the most energetic, enterprising, valorous, and hardy. This superiority is partly due to the direct effect of climate upon the individual, but still more to the rigorous conditions of life, which have imposed a correspondingly rigorous struggle for existence, issuing in the survival of a hardy, virile race.

The dominance of the fair type is shown in many ways. In all the struggles which have taken place between the fair North-West Europeans and the darker southerners, the northerners have proved victorious.

The view has been advanced and supported with notable arguments, that the civilisations of Rome, Greece, and even Egypt were founded by a conquering northern fair race, which in course of time became absorbed into the conquered, all traces of its blonde origin gradually disappearing. Be this as it may, there is no doubt that at the present time the blonde is the dominant type.

Viewing the recent war from a wide standpoint, what was it essentially but a war between two great blonde peoples who had evolved in the North-West of Europe—the British and the Germans? So long at the North-West of Europe retains its characters of coldness and cloudiness the blonde type will continue to thrive, and is likely to remain the dominant world type.

Consider such facts as the following: Every American President has had blue eyes, and of these thirteen have been Scotsmen. Most of the men with whose names we are familiar in connection with the recent war appear to be blue-eyed: The King, the Prince of Wales, the Kaiser, Asquith, Lloyd George, Balfour, Northcliffe, Smuts, Kitchener, French, Haig, Joffre, Foch, Hindenburg, Ludendorff, Mackensen—to mention a few of them. The like was also true of Wellington, Nelson, and Napoleon.

The blue eye, I should mention, is only a rough test of blondeness. Many with light-brown eyes are essentially blondes, and many with dark-blue eyes have brown skins. For these reasons those who do not happen to have blue eyes must not consider themselves as necessarily out of the running, nor must all blue-eyed folk run away with the idea that they are of the chosen.

I have said that it is peculiarly fitting that our future King should be a blonde. My reason for insisting on this is now clear. I venture with the utmost loyalty and respect to express the hope that it will be a fair-haired, blue-eyed Princess whom his Royal Highness will lead to the altar.— *From the "Medical Press and Circular."*

SUCCESS.

On speaking terms with Success?
A nod as you meet and pass;
If this be as far as ever you go,
You'll fail of its goal, alas!

Elusive she e'er has been,
As coy as a maid and shy,
If you have desire her favour to win,
Speak quick, ere she pass you by.

Faint heart never won fair maid—
Half efforts ne'er bring success;
If you would mount high the ladder of life,
Your best be your goal, no less.

—FRED SCOTT SHEPARD.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

CHRISTMAS WATER SPORTS.

Sir,—"Mermaid's" suggestion is delightful. What a joyous carnival we could have—swimming, races, diving contests, water polo and other games, and if both sexes compete and wear bright and varied bathing costumes, it would beat any fancy dress ball for colour and beauty. Everyone would want to see it, too.

I do hope so much that a committee will be formed to take up the idea vigorously. There's none too much time and the costumes will need to be got ready. I have a dinky notion for mine.

WATER SPRITE.

DO NOT LOAF.

Sir,—While agreeing in the main with "H.C.W." I can't agree that natural history classes are likely to be a popular counter-attraction to the eventide "loafing" he deplores.

One would have thought the various institutes and clubs, theatres and cinemas sufficient, yet even these pall when you go to them every night. The young soldier is only human. He doesn't want to be continually instructed and shepherded.

Like most of us he is fond of studying human nature, of mixing with the throng and seeing a bit of life. If he is happy and comes to no harm, why should "H.C.W." or other well meaning folk interfere? *FREEDOM.*

Sir,—"H.C.W." calls attention to a growing evil, one which calls for direct action if the young soldier is not to suffer in after life. I refer to "loafing" which is very noticeable at night.

Have these men no interests outside their military duties? One would think not judging by their apparent indifference to welfare efforts made on their behalf.

What is happening regimentally? Where are all the concert parties which provided us with such excellent fare last winter? Have the men who succeeded the old Brigade no desire to better fit themselves educationally for their return to civil life?

I wonder when I see those small groups to which "H.C.W." quite properly calls attention. *PADRE.*

CIVILIANS IN THE CLUBS.

Sir,—May I be permitted to make an observation on the order prohibiting civilians from entering the Club other than as guests?

As an officer who is about to be demobbed and contemplates returning to Cologne as a civilian, I should not like to see young officers enjoying privileges from which many like myself, who have served from 1914 will be barred. Those who made these comforts possible, should at least be invited to enjoy them. Every demobbed officer has his papers and I feel sure that it is the wish of the management to be hospitable to those who have done their bit, but one cannot always meet a serving friend or acquaintance just at the proper time.

I would suggest that the order is not intended to bar demobbed officers, but to keep out the foreign element which has been so prominent of late. That should not be a very difficult matter. I think I can safely say that many serving officers will be as much annoyed as those demobbed.

Could not a kind of honorary membership be introduced? *G. E.*

N.A.C.B. GROUSES.

Sir,—When are we going to hear the last of the complaints regarding the N.A.C.B?

"Starlight" provides the latest. What possible difference is there between markings in Sterling and those in marks? If an article is priced at say fifty marks does it require much brain service to form an idea as to the equivalent in British coin?

Leave the N.A.C.B. alone. It is doing excellent service, the assistants from my own experience are courteous and obliging and the service is first class.

A little less of Bond street manner when shopping and not so much grousing and we should be the better for it.

GODIVA.

Sir,—Reference "Starlight's" suggestion re N.A.C.B. prices, may I point out that these prices are always given in two columns, one showing prices in "sterling" the other in marks at the current rate.

The latter is changed seven days after the official rate changes. *EYES.*

ADVICE TO YOUNG SOLDIERS.

Sir,—I have been an interested reader of the many articles in your paper in reference to the young soldiers in the Rhine Army.

I first made the acquaintance of the young soldiers in June 1918 and my first impression was an exceedingly good one.

Their instructors were in sympathy with them and tried not only to train in a military sense, but acted as "father and mother" to them. The result was gratifying.

Demobilization came and appeared to unsettle the lads. I spent much time in pointing out to these boys that although the fighting was over, an Army must be maintained and in fairness to those who had done the fighting, the young soldiers must carry on the traditions of the British Army.

There were no complaints then as to lack of interest. The young soldier of to-day lacks contentment. He thinks more of demobilization and self than of his work and of his comrades. Let him think of the claims of his Regiment, and his comrades before his personal desires, and he will then be on the right road.

I offer to every young soldier the following advantages of the Army of to-day:—Regular meals and sleep (every campaigner will agree with me that these two are more important than pay or duties); short hours of parade; easy duties; opportunity for sport; good rate of pay; opportunity for improving education.

Every young soldier should ask himself, "Am I doing the best I can for the honour of my battalion both on and off parade?" If he cannot truthfully say "Yes!" I would ask him to "look to it." Cut out, "on" and "off," "Roll on Demob."

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IN THE BALANCE.

Element of Uncertainty in To-night's Fight.

DEBT TO DICK SMITH.

The training of the principals for to-night's great contest at the Holborn Stadium—Georges Carpentier, heavy-weight champion of Europe, and Joe Beckett, heavy-weight champion of Great Britain—has been concluded and both men are now straining at the leash and ready for the fray.

In Rhineland as well as at home, thousands will be anxiously waiting to learn whether a new champion has been found or whether Carpentier has retained the honour.

There is so little to chose between the two men, and to decide definitely in favour of either would be unfair to the capabilities and possibilities of the other.

Never has there been a more pronounced element of uncertainty about a contest involving such tremendous stakes. The men have all to lose or gain by the fight, and there is not a shadow of doubt, but that every nerve will be strained, and every endeavour made to win such a prize.

It is probably the "Anything may happen" air which is mainly responsible for the almost unprecedented pitch to which public enthusiasm has been keyed, coupled of course, with the popularity of both contestants. Carpentier, by virtue of the clean, manly and clever performances he has previously put up in England, has won general esteem and regard, and as for Beckett, well, he is an Englishman with unknown possibilities, and as such could not fail to get abundant support. Both men will have plenty of sympathisers when they face each other to-night.

To get back to their training.

Debt to Dick Smith.

Carpentier's work has been ordered on different lines from the English champion's. It had reached its curve of greatest intensity some time ago—very soon after Carpentier took up his quarters at Stanmore, in fact—and since then he has slackened off bit by bit in his more arduous exercises, and devoted more of his attention to perfecting his boxing and increasing his speed alike in hitting and in footwork.

Carpentier ought to be really grateful to Dick Smith, for that contest with the "cruiser" weight champion last June in Paris, told the Frenchman more surely than any number of sparring partners could have done, just how and wherein he was lacking compared with his pre-war days.

Much, if not all, of the old skill was there, as well as the strength of hitting, but both Carpentier and his shrewd, observant manager, Descamps, discovered that not all the former precision of hand and eye was there, and that as a consequence the French champion was frequently at fault in timing his blows; and, as any intelligent boxer or boxing instructor knows, or should know, accurate timing is the great secret of delivering a blow so that it should exercise the maximum effect at the moment of impact.

The Postponement.

It is significant, that the request for a postponement came soon after Carpentier's own contest with Smith, and Beckett's decisive defeat of Goddard, and one can imagine that the French party were more than ever glad they had asked for time when Beckett out-boxed and out-fought Eddie McGoorty.

Full advantage has been taken of the extra time allowed since putting off the match from Sept. 2, and Carpentier has devoted more time to training and assiduous boxing practice in preparation for the contest with Beckett, than he has ever done in one stretch before.

It is a delicate compliment which no doubt the British champion will appreciate better than anyone else, and it will most certainly add to his satisfaction should he prove successful. The suggestion that Carpentier has been overdone in training is, we are assured, entirely without foundation, and that, on the contrary, he is as fit and fresh as he can ever wish to be, his appearance notwithstanding.

Everyone is hoping that such is the case, for then, whichever man is the winner, will have gained the victory strictly on his merits. The public does not care to hear "hard luck" stories of beaten men, and after Mr. B. J. Angle, the referee, has given his decision—if he should be called upon for one—it will accept the winner on his merits as the better man.

WHAT DRISCOLL SAYS.

In an article in the "News of the World," entitled "Why I think Beckett will win," Jim Driscoll, the eminent boxing authority says:

In fighting Carpentier, our champion will be meeting a man with a totally different style from those he has already met and beaten, and if a little advice will be accepted in the spirit in which it is given, then I should certainly advise him to adopt all sorts of methods for battling with a crouching boxer and an offensive fighter.

It is said that in one of the hot little scraps at Carpentier's quarters, McGoorty had the best of matters! The result of next Thursday's contest might depend a lot upon the truth or untruth of the latter statement. If it is true that McGoorty did have the best of the argument, then Beckett on form should also have the best of matters. If, on the other hand, it is not true, and Carpentier is boxing as well as ever, then he ought to win.

I saw Carpentier box at Joinville, where the French Military School was situated, in October, 1918, and he put up a great show. He was boxing one of the "instructors," and I felt that he was in his old form. But we must not forget that Beckett has been showing good form as well, and this in recent appearances. He is a vastly improved man, and if I had to pick a winner, I think I should go for Beckett, who, by actual performances of recent date, has proved that he is to be reckoned with in the search for a heavy-weight champion.

FAMOUS TEAMS—2.

Tottenham Hotspur's Remarkable Rise To Fame.

BY "TYNESIDER."

"Non stop Division One" was the expression used by a well-known director when asked what he thought of the chances held by Tottenham of gaining this season's honours. On all form they look like fulfilling this prophecy and a few words about the Second League leaders will not be amiss. In common with many of our famous teams, they had a humble beginning.

Nearly 40 years ago, some young men set their hearts on forming a football team. By dint of hard work, they got together a serviceable side and christened themselves "the Hotspurs," which name they later prefixed by Tottenham, owing to another team having adopted this same name. Gradually they gained fame and, captained by Jack Jull, a name the Spurs will ever hold to memory, they made great stricles.

In 1896 they sought and obtained permission to join the Southern League, but in the early days of their professionalism they were not of great account.

Winners of the Cup.

Then came Frank Brettel, a player-manager, who did so much to lift Portsmouth out of the rut. He took over the managership of the now fully-fledged Spurs and secured the signatures of many players of note in those days. Things began to look a lot more rosy, and in 1899-1900 they put a new record on the Southern League scroll by running out winners with a points total of 44. The fame of the Spurs was now established but they set the Thames on fire in 1900—1901 when they lifted the English Cup. To say London went mad was to put it mildly, the Spurs were the idols of the Metropolis. They drew at the Palace with Sheffield United, each scoring two goals, and on the following Wednesday, at Bolton, they defeated the "Cutlers" by three goals to one. They are the only London team that has won the cup and, as such, always hold a warm corner in the hearts of London's football enthusiasts.

Some Famous Players.

To Mr. C.D. Roberts one can pay no greater compliment than that he "made" the Spurs. Coming at a lean time, he saw the possibilities effered and under his guidance Tottenham rose to their present day affluence, and no one was more pleased than this popular chairman on the day they brought the Cup to London.

The mascot of the club is a stuffed pedigree game cock presented to the team in the season of their triumph.

Many great names have figured on their books, and among others are those of J. Cameron, player-secretary; Clawley a goalkeeper with as safe a pair of hands as any of our present day stars; Sandy Tait, a forward whose doings ever thrilled the spectators; J. McNaught, R. Cane, R. Erentz and J. Melia.

Future Ambitions.

Now the Spurs are all out for Division 1, and under the capable guidance of Peter McWilliam, they look like once again entering the upper circle. The old Newcastle United half-back, who was a gentlemanly player and never known to foul an opponent, knows as much about the game as any living man, and he has done not a little to get the Spurs where they are to-day. He is the power behind the team, and has generalled his boys into their present place.

They have a well balanced team, and a splendid defence. If they fail to reach Division 1 then all London will receive a disappointment. From a number of youths playing on Tottenham Marshes to first class football is their record, and good luck attend them in their bid for Second Division honours.

They have seen their dark days but this season fortune is smiling on this popular team, and one hopes they will not experience any of her frowns.

Finances.

The Tottenham Hotspur balance sheet, published a few days ago, shows that the club had a remarkably successful time financially last season. Though all the matches had to be played either on The Arsenal or Clapton Orient grounds, and these clubs naturally took a percentage of the gates, the Spurs profited largely.

The shareholders have reason to congratulate themselves, for the directors have advised that the dividend be paid for the last five years. This at the maximum percentage allowed by the Football Association means 5 per cent. per annum. Shareholders, therefore, will receive in dividends a quarter of their invested capital.

ONE-ARMED TENNIS PLAYERS.

At the annual general meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association, on Dec. 15, at the Cannon st. Hotel, London, among the resolutions to be considered are:—

Alterations to Laws.—To add the following words at the end of Law 9: "A one-armed player (or player with the use of only one arm) may utilise his racket for projecting the ball into the air for the purpose of the delivery of his service."

"To make, maintain, and publish regulations for the Professional Championship of the British Isles and the matches and competitions played therein."

Alterations to Regulations for Prize Meetings.—For Regulation 9 substitute: "All competitors shall be amateurs and shall pay their own entrance fees and all competitors (other than juniors) shall pay the Association fee."

OLYMPIA GAMES.

The American Amateur Athletic Union has voted to send a team for the Olympian games at Antwerp next year.

TOO DEMONSTRATIVE.

The Scottish Football League has issued a warning to brake clubs, who drive to distant towns for the purpose of cheering their favourites. The objection is to the employment, in demonstrations of enthusiasm, of bugles, rattles and other instruments of torture.

INMAN'S GRIEVANCE.

Why the Champion Billiardist Kicks.

DISPUTE WITH B.A. AND C.C.

As stated in the "Cologne Post" yesterday, owing to the failure of M. Inman, the billiard champion, to submit his entry for the 1920 Championships, his inclusion in the event was automatically nullified It was very widely known that Inman was very much aggrieved over the official conditions, but few anticipated he would carry his objections to the extent of withholding his entry.

Inman now makes the following statement for publication:—

I have not sent in my entry. To be called upon to play through is my primary reason, and another is my strong objection to the B.A. and C.C. taking one-third of the gross gate receipts. If I had played through in a very small hall there would be no gate receipts for myself or the others. I told the council that at one meeting I was privileged to attend. They had, however, apparently already decided where the championship was to be played.

Within the last forty-eight hours I have been informed by one of the players who have entered that the championship is not going to be played at the Burroughes Hall. I maintain I have been misled if this information is correct. I am still champion, and ought not to be asked to qualify. I hold the cup, and will continue to hold it, whatever may be said. Had a larger hall been selected for the venue, I might have waived all other objections and fallen into line.

There is certain to be some discussion on the attitude adopted by the champion, but whatever happens it can have no direct bearing on the event, which will now be contested by Stevenson, Reece, Falkiner, Newman, Smith, and Aiken, all of whom have complied with the official conditions of entry.

VICTORY TOURNEY.

Newman and Falkiner Meet in Third Heat.

At Burroughes Hall in the third heat of the Victory tournament of 16,000, Newman, (receives 1,500) opposes Falkiner, (receives 2,000). At the close of play on Tuesday evening the scores were:

Newman 3,917
Falkiner 3,182

Newman made a brilliant break of 750, his other best efforts being 108, and 115 unfinished. Falkiner's best contributions were 241, 108 and 126.

SMITH FORGING AHEAD.

At Thurstons where Inman and Smith are engaged in a match of 16,000 up for £100 a side, the latter, who is in receipt of 1,500 is doing well.

Closing scores on Tuesday were:—

Smith 3,918
Inman 1,168

Smith compiled breaks 626 and 132.

FUSILIERS FAIL.

13th Middlesex defeat 52nd Northumberland Fus.

A friendly match arranged between the above teams was played at the Bonner Strasse Barracks on Tuesday.

The visitors were welcomed with the band of the 19th Middlesex, Regt., who played selections before the game commenced.

The Northumberlands, winning the toss, took advantage of the strong wind. From the kick off the N.F's attacked giving the home team a busy time, until one of their forwards broke away and passed to Cpl. Chittington for him to register the first goal for the Middlesex. Even play ensued for about fifteen minutes, when one of the home team handled the ball in the penalty area. Sgt. Calthorpe taking the penalty, registered the first goal for the N.F.'s.

From the centre the N.F's attacked again, and, from a pass from Capt. Scott, Pte. Scawfield added the second goal for the visitors. The home team retaliated strongly and after a struggle in front of goal, Cpl. Chittington equalised with a fine bit of headwork.

Half time score — 2 goals each.

Two More Goals.

On resumption, the Middlesex took up the attack aud gave the N.F's a warm time until a fine kick by R.S.M. Hester relieved the pressure. Later rain commenced to fall heavily and hampered play somewhat. The Middlesex returned to the attack and Cpl. Chittington registered their third goal. The N.F's made a great effort to get even and were dangerous, until the home team's goalie cleared in fine style. Good work amongst the forwards ended in Thaine scoring the fourth goal for the Middlesex and time came with the score:—19th Middlesex Regt. 4; 52nd Northumberland Fus. 2 goals.

For the winners the left wing caused the N.F's great alarm. For the N.F's, C.S.M. Robinson, Sgt. Calthorpe and Cpl. Stapleton played very good games.

HACKENSCHMIDT IN LONDON.

George Hackenschmidt, the famous Russian wrestler, is in London, and yesterday it was reported that he had had a conference with a well-known sports promoter. But in any speculation as to his probable return to the mat, it must be remembered that Hackenschmidt is 41 years of age. He was 28 when he met and defeated Madrali for the second time on April 28, 1906, at Olympia.

Arthur Townley a Victim of "Flu.",

The Birkenhead heavy-weight, Arthur Townley, went to bed at a friend's house at Birkenhead the day following his contest with Bombardier Wells, and is still there, a victim of influenza, and not well enough to be moved. The doctor states that Townley must have been suffering from "flu" when he boxed Wells.

OVER THE STICKS.

Fine Weather and Interesting Racing at Nottingham.

JOCKEY INJURED.

Glimpses of sunshine attracted a large crowd to Nottingham on Tuesday for an interesting afternoon's sport. In the Midland handicap, Irish Rebellion fell at one of the jumps and the jockey, F. Lyall, had to be carried from the course, injured.

Results:—

Selling Handicap (three-year-old):—1, Mundella (2.—1); 2, On Rosy Picton (5—4); 3, Mowglisbride (10—1). Four ran.

Colwick Handicap:—1, Flying Winkfield (7—2); 2, Gamelyn (5—4 on); 3, Malton lass (20—1), Six ran.

Welbeck Handicap:—1, Landkeel (6—4 on); 2, The Cuban (8—1); 3, Dancing Wave (5—1); Ten ran.

Midland Handicap:—1, Steerstraight Head (5—1); 2, Kings Carol (2—1); 3, Roman (20—1). Seven ran.

Broughton Hurdle:—1, Sherwood-Forester (20—1); 2, Sunflower (6—1); 3, Eager Monk (20—1). Twenty ran.

Ruddington Chase:—1, Top Hob (5—2 on); 2, Earnest (100—8); 3, R.I.R. (100—8). Five ran.

THE FIGHTING HANTS.

Spirited 51st Bn. Novices' Boxing Competition.

An interesting Novices' Boxing Competition arranged by the 51st Hants took place on Sunday and Monday evenings. The officials were as follows:—

Referee:—Lieut.-Col. R.S. Triven D.S.O.;
Judges:—Capt. W.L. Clarke and Capt. W. Gebbons;
Time Keeper:—Capt. T.W. Butting;
M.C.:—R.S.M. G.H. Dewey;
Steward:—C.S.M. J. Buchanan.

Being entirely a "novices" affair, a grand display was not expected. Nevertheless, the contests showed that the Battalion possesses some promising material which, with training, will produce many good boxers. The competitors, generally, displayed marked keenness, determination and pluck.

Competitions for men of bantam, feather and light-weights were arranged, each fight consisting of two 2min. rounds, resulting as shown below:—

Bantam Weights.

1st Series:—Pte. Purchase, B Coy. beat Pte. Dawson, B Coy.; Pte. Hatcher, D Coy. beat Pte. Tanner, D Coy.

Semi-final:—Pte. Hatcher beat Pte. Purchase.

Feather Weights.

1st Series:—Pte. Tilbury, C Coy. beat Pte. Lee, D Coy.; Pte. Wright, B Coy. beat Pte. Collett, D Coy.; Pte. Ham, B Coy. beat Pte. Dickenson, B. Coy.; Pte. Durnford, B Coy. beat Pte. Small, B. Coy.

2nd Series: Pte. Wright bye; Pte. Durnford beat Pte. Ham; Pte. Dempsey, B Coy. beat Pte. Lewis, B Coy.; Pte. Stowe, B Coy. beat Pte. Kelly, B. Coy.

Semi-finals:—Pte. Wright bye; Pte. Dempsey bye.

Final:—Pte. Dempsey beat Pte. Wright.

Light Weights.

1st Series:—Pte. Needs, C Coy. beat Pte. Legg, B Coy. Pte. Moore, B Coy. beat Pte. Davis, B Coy.

2nd Series:—Pte. Moore bye; Pte. Hoskins, B Coy. beat Cpl. Cain, D Coy; Pte. Tarr, D Coy. beat Pte. Hicks, B Coy; Pte. Hipperson, C Coy. beat Pte. Hill, B Coy.

Semi-final:—Pte. Hoskins beat Pte. Moore. Pte. Hipperson beat Pte. Tarr. Final:—Pte. Hoskins beat Pte. Hipperson.

After the conclusion of the programme some successful special 3-2 round contests were arranged for volunteers who cared to try their skill.

On Monday evening Sgt. Dell and Pte. Edmunds gave a 1-3 rounds sparring exhibition which gave the "novices" an idea of what is expected of them after training.

At the close Mrs. R.S. Irwin distributed prizes to the winners of the finals and special contests.

It is hoped that other such competitions will be arranged in the near future.

AMBULANCE RIVALRY.

"A" Section v. "B" Section, 7th Field Ambulance.

A fast and exciting match took place at Mulheim between the above teams. Kicking against a strong wind, "A" Section were the first to press, and for ten minutes, "B" Section's goal was constantly in danger. S/Sgt. Wright, however, was equal to the occasion, bringing off some fine saves. Gradually the game began to open out, and end to end play was the rule. Towards the end of the first half, Pte. Jones made a fine effort for "A" section, the ball striking the cross-bar with the goalie hopelessly beaten. At half time there was no score.

Playing with the wind in the second half, "A" Section had much the better of the game, and twenty minutes from the resumption Jones, scored the first goal. Shortly afterwards, S/Sgt. Fenn added a second.

From a breakaway, "B" section forced a corner, and from the resultant kick were awarded a penalty.

Pte. Coldwell failed to convert and play and was once more transferred to the other end. Pressure was kept up, and Jones and Fenn both found the net again. "A" section continued to bombard "B" goal, but were unable to add to the score, which, at the end of a clean game, was. "A" Section 4 goals; "B" Section nil.

ARMY v. LONDON SCOTTISH.

The following fifteen will represent the Army against London Scottish at Richmond on Saturday next, Dec. 6:—Lieut. R. M. Welchman; Lieut. H. L. V. Day, Lieut. J. V. Savieil, Capt. Carey, Lieut. G. V. Palmer; Lieut. P. E. R. Baker-Jones, Capt. Cheetham; Major I. H. Lawless, Capt. G. Hedderwick, Lieut. G. Young, Capt. G. Penny, Capt. L. H. Kitton, Cpl. Hyland, Major Humfrey, Capt. G. H. C. Pennycook.

DAVIS CUP.

Norman Brooks, it is announced, will captain Australasia in the forthcoming Davis Cup Tie.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

"Five Birds in a Cage."

A variety entertainment was held on Tuesday in the theatre of the British Empire Leave Club. The short farce entitled "Bill's Ghost," written and produced by Sapper Berrill, was cleverly performed by Sapper Parkinson, R.E., Sapper Berrill, R.E., and Sapper Simpson, R.E. A short programme of music included renderings by Miss Richmond, Miss Somers Cocks and Miss West. Pte. Green's two songs were much appreciated and Miss Mackenzie gave a charming rendering of "The Hills of Donegal" and "Leezie Lindsay." Perhaps the most popular item on the programme was Sgt. Gordon's wonderful performance on the "Bells" of "The Lost Chord" and Tosti's "Good-bye." The entertainment concluded with an excellent performance of that clever little comedy "Five Birds in a Cage" with a strong caste, including Miss Douglas, unfortunately her last performance, Miss Castelli, Major Chance, Capt. Ziegler and Capt. Barton.

52nd Devons' Practice Dance.

The third of a weekly series of practice dances for the members of the above Battalion was held in the Hall of the "Zur Alten Post" Restauration, Burscheid, on Tuesday evening. On this occasion the attendance was not quite so numerous as at the last dance, but there were nearly eighty present. Plenty of enthusiasm was shown, and the general standard of the dancing has already greatly improved. Undoubtedly these practice dances are gaining popularity in the Battalion, and amply justify the efforts of Sgts. Aubrey and Nicholson in arranging them. The fourth dance will be held next Tuesday at the same place, and another enjoyable evening is confidently anticipated.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Thurs.	Tannhauser	Wagner	6.30	10.30
Fri.	Madame Butterfly	Puccini	7	9.45
Sat.	Martha	Flotow	7	10
Sun.	Der Zigeunerbaron	Strauss	7	10
Mon.	Armourer of Worms	Lortzing	7	9.45

Tuesday No Performance.

"As a man Soweth—"

A film entitled:—"As a man soweth so shall he reap," will be shown on Sunday at 3 o'clock punctually in the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. at the close of the weekly United Evening Service. This film has been specially prepared by the Y.M.C.A's of Great Britain, America, and Canada, with the co-operation of their respective Governments. It is an interesting story, admirably acted and reproduced. Admission will be for men only.

For or Against?

The subject for this week's debate at the British Empire Leave Club will be, "That in the opinion of this House the issue of Premium Bonds in England is desirable." The motion will be supported by Sergt. Woods, A.P.C., and opposed by Pte Turner, Labour Corps.

The debate will be on Friday at 6.30 sharp. There has been increasing keenness shown at each meeting, but treble the attendance would add to the pleasures of the debate.

JACQUES.

LANCASHIRE TEAMS MEET.

52nd Manchester Regt. 4; 52nd King's Liverpool Regt. 0.

The Manchesters were represented by Pte. Harrison; Cpl. Morrow and Sgt. Gregory; Cpl. Tyler, Cpl. Scholfield and Pte. Crowsher; 2 Lt. Hardy, Pte. Blackstone, Pte. Elendwick, Pte. Foster and Sgt. Price.

In fine but cold weather, these teams met at the Sports Platz, Bonn, on Monday, For the first few minutes mid-field play prevailed, the defence on both sides being sound. The Manchesters, through the medium of 2/Lt. Hardy, got in several good centres, which the King's defenders effectively nullified. Foster, obtaining possession of the ball, cleverly eluded the King's defence and scored the first goal for the Manchesters. Seventeen minutes play found Blackstone racing away with the ball at his feet. Steadying himself, he put in a well-placed shot, adding another to the Manchester's score.

Chadwick, the Manchester's centre-forward was particularly neat in his footwork, although he has played a faster game, but in consequence of taking things too easily, he lost one or two opportunities of adding to the score.

A Peculiar Goal.

2 Lt. Hardy took the ball from a very neat pass by Cpl. Tyler, and, running around the visitors' backs, collided with the custodian, knocking him down and forcing the ball into the air. He met it with his head, and placing the ball in the net, scored the third goal.

Within a minute of the resumption, Chadwick broke away in great style putting in a shot which missed by inches.

The King's were quite outplayed now, and, but for some brilliant goalkeeping, and sure kicking by the backs, would have suffered a heavier defeat.

Four minutes before the final whistle, Chadwick suddenly discovered himself in possession of plenty of energy. He went down the field in a dashing manner, putting in a terrific shot which had the goal-keeper beaten "all the way" bringing the fourth goal to the home side. Final score:—52nd Manchester Regt. 4; 52nd King's Liverpool Regt. 0.

INTER-COMPANY FINAL.

52nd Devon Regt's. Keen Competition.

Nearly four hundred spectators were present to see the deciding match in the above competition between "B" and "D" Companies. With practically the whole of the Battalion forward line on their side, and an unbeaten record in this competition, "D" Company were very confident of success, odds of five to two being laid by an enthusiastic supporter. "B" Company, with a very strong defence, were almost equally confident.

Kicking-off with a very strong wind behind them, "B" Company at once began to press, and a hot left-foot shot from Scott gave the "D" Coy. goalkeeper no chance. In spite of the favouring wind the "B" Company forwards were rather slow to take advantage of their opportunities, and there was no further score in the first half.

The "Dons" Recovery.

In the second half "D" Coy. came away with a dash, and from a beautifully-placed corner kick by Shaw the ball was put through the "B" Company goal. Still pressing, Pearson, five minutes later, scored again for "D" Company with a fine swerving shot.

"B" Company then rallied and the play was of a more even nature. A heavy shower of rain came on, but the enthusiasm of the spectators was not damped, and they were rewarded by seeing Cairns, for "B" Coy., score the equalising goal, the game thus ending in a draw of 2—2.

"D" Coy. therefore are the winners of the competition on points, but the "B" Coy. supporters are strongly in hopes of altering this decision at a future date.

During the interval, selections were played by the Regimental band, under the leadership of Band-Sergeant Bone.

TO HELP ST. DUNSTAN'S.

A great football day is being organised in aid of the blinded soldiers' and sailors' fund. Woolwich Arsenal directors have already given fifty guineas while Millwall, West Ham and Crystal Palace have consented to make collections on their grounds.

'VARSITY RUGBY.

Cambridge Team for Match with Oxford.

The Rugby team chosen to represent Cambridge against Oxford at Queen's club on Tuesday is as follows:—

Fullback, C.F.R. Watson, Peterhouse.

Three-quarters, R.R.J. Saxon, New Zealand and Emanuel; A. M. Smallwood, Cains; A. R. Trubshaw, Clare; G.E.C., Wood, Pembroke.

Halfbacks:—J.M.L. Lewis, St. Catherine's; A.B.S. Young, St. Johns.

Forwards:—J.E. Greenwood, Kings; G.S. Conway, Cains; R. Cove Smith, Cains; W.R.F. Collis, Trinity; A. Carnegie Brown, St. Johns; P.A. Batty, Cains; K.P. Smith, Cains; Sub. Lt. D. Orr Ewing, Navy and Kings.

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE.

The following have been selected to represent Oxford University in the cross-country race with Cambridge at Roehampton on Dec. 13:—E. A. Montague Rugby and Magdalen), W. A. Grace (Leys and Queen's), C. A. Lanyon (Wellington and New), A. R. C. Bolton (Berkhamssed and Merton), R. P. Brown (Rugby and Trinity). Reserves: W. R. Milligan (Sherborne and University). J. G. Broadbent (Eton and Magdalen).

FOOTBALL FORECASTS.

Three Prize-Winners In Contest No. 10.

In No. 10 Football Contest, despite the fact that only nine results were required as a result of the Blackburn Rovers match being abandoned, no competitor succeeded in giving an all correct forecast.

Three competitors sent in coupons showing one error and they share the prize. The total subscribed amounted to 2,229 marks, so that each of the winners will receive a cheque for 743 marks.

Their names and addresses are:—

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Headquarters R.O.D., R.E.
Cologne.

Pnr. A. Rudkin, 620216
6th Corps Signal Coy
Rhine Army

Pte. T. Potts, 111485
52nd D.L.I
Rhine Army.

We again ask for a forecast of ten matches, only results being required. Send in your efforts now for No. 11 contest.

On the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

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FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 11.

Date of matches, Saturday, Dec. 6th.
Closing date, Friday, Dec. 5th.

Sheffield U.	v.	Newcastle U.
Manchester C.	v.	West Bromwich
Arsenal	v.	Chelsea
Oldham	v.	Burnley
Huddersfield	v.	Blackpool
Fulham	v.	Tottenham
Coventry	v.	West Ham
Swindon	v.	Portsmouth
Gillingham	v.	Brentford
Celtic	v.	Motherwell

I enter Football Competition No. 11 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions already announced and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Rank and No. .....
Unit .....
Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

A Mystery.

A great many people are asking how that officer who is offering a reward for a pair of breeches lost in the club managed (1) to lose them and (2) to get back to his billet without them.

Musical Streets.

Apropos my remark the other day about streets bearing the name of great composers, I notice that in the same vicinity, are Richard Wagner Strasse, and Handel Strasse.

Mouth-organs.

A music dealer informs me that his sale of mouth-organs is greater now than ever it was. They make popular Christmas presents and are over a thousand per cent. dearer in the Old Country.

Officers' Repatriation.

Officers who are anticipating repatriation should note that the Officers' Wing Repatriation Camp at Pirbright has been transferred to Winchester and will form part of that repatriation centre.

A Strange Sight.

A motor cyclist recently on a country road near Cologne preparing to start, pressed the kick start without previously taking the precaution of putting the engine out of gear. The result can be imagined by any motor cyclist and it was a novel sight to see the machine careering across a field with the rider in pursuit.

The War Spirit.

I have seen some well produced story-books of the war with coloured illustrations of battles and hand to hand encounters which are being sold to German children for prizes and Christmas presents. One illustration depicts a Zeppelin attack on London.

Strange.

I noticed two men, the other evening, wheeling a handcart, one of whom carried a lighted candle wrapped in a paper, to preserve it, no doubt, from the wintry wind. The curious part of the affair, was that they were going down a large and brilliantly lighted thoroughfare.

Non-Regimentals Look Out.

To other ranks who are tempted to wear chamois leather gloves, officer badges and other articles of dress to which they are not entitled by reason of their rank, I would utter a word of warning. Strictly regimental dress is to be the order of the day.

"Poshness" Overdone.

Walking behind a soldier attached to a mounted unit my attention was attracted by the appearance of his breeches. "Tin whistle" breeches I have heard them called. The effect is produced by having them taken in, and it gives the wearer the appearance of a stable lad.

An Improvement.

Very few know that the demob' train service from Bon Tor Station by the familiar "cattle truck" type of train has recently been superseded by the comfortable express leave service from Cöln-Deutz to Calais, thus saving over twenty hours on the final journey home. Officers and O.R's going on demob' must of course still report to No. 1 Concentration Camp in the Ulrich Gasse.

Another Ten.

Our popular football contest is still going strong and this week the prize is again offered for but ten results.

Queue for Dainties.

If you desire some of those Christmas dainties which catch the eye in the shop windows then purchase at once. Each day sees these confectionery queues getting bigger and thoughtful Rhinelanders are anticipating a shortage.

A New Way.

If you wish to light your way when cycling, take a hand lamp and suspend it to your neck by string. This is how a civilian rider conformed to the law the other night.

Stamp Books.

The German post office issues stamp books on the same style as our own postal authorities. They cost three marks and contain stamps value 15, 10, 7½ and 5 pf. As seven little pages are devoted to advertisements this must greatly assist the revenue.

Welcome in Aix-la-Chapelle.

The Aix-la-Chapelle Officers' Club situated in the Kaiserbad Hotel, is open to all Officers of the Allied Armies. The Club is administered by the Belgian Army of Occupation.

Cinema Star.

One of Germany's most famous cinema stars is this week appearing at a well-known Cologne cabaret. From what I saw of her performance, I am certain she is making more of a success of this type of acting than did some of the American stars in England.

Have You.

I have never yet seen any cows or sheep being led or driven through Cologne streets. I suppose there are few to drive.

Similar.

A vegetable one often comes across in Rhineland is Kohlrabi. We in England scarcely know it, but it is a change from the eternal turnip, which it somewhat resembles.

Good and Bad.

It is quite a common thing to see false fifty mark notes in shop windows side by side with the genuine article. They are there by way of warning and incidentally give the shop a cheap advertisement.

Adjusted.

The present rates of exchange have been fixed at ten marks equal 1s. 1d. five francs (French) 2s. 7d. and five francs (Belgian) 2s. 9d. Just now the Command Cashier supersedes the banks in the esteem of the subaltern.

N.A.C.B. Enterprise.

The new super shop for officers and their wives in the Obenmarspforten, Hohestrasse, will be called the Navy and Army Stores. All classes of commodities are displayed, the counters being departmentalised and labelled.

A Costly Experiment.

In a Cologne Officers' Mess yesterday evening, a member with a scientific turn of mind, was demonstrating how two discordant sounds sometimes had extraordinary results. "For instance" said he, "if I tap this tumbler it emits a certain note which, if its relation with that sugar basin is of an exact degree, will shatter the basin." He tried the experiment but he was rather heavy handed, and, unfortunately, it was the tumbler that broke.

RHINELANDER.

IS THERE ROOM FOR THE EX-OFFICER?

BY ALFRED BARNARD.

The employment of ex-officers is a subject to which all employers should give most earnest attention.

Businesses, like individuals, are all struggling to get back to conditions of pre-war prosperity, with the result that those having the conduct and management of commercial undertakings have to consider expenditure more closely now than ever before.

Adding new members to a staff means increasing expenditure. But may it not also mean increasing business and thus hurrying on the work of economic reconstruction?

It is probably because increasing staffs is regarded only as adding to expenditure, that such a large number of ex-officers, who have served their country with devotion and gallantry are at the present moment out of work.

The employers of the country owe these men a debt which all should be only too anxious to pay. And, further, it would seem that the cause of business economy can be best served by the effort to pay this debt.

There are some employers who adopt the view that no limit should ever be imposed upon the size of a staff.

This sounds at first blush to be a rather daring principle to advocate. But since it was laid down within my hearing by a self-made successful business man, who had become managing director of a vast business enterprise, employing over two thousand men and women, it commanded my attention.

I asked him how he applied the principle in practice.

STAFFS WITHOUT LIMIT

"My staffs," he replied, "in the engineering shops, in the food factory, in the advertising and accountancy departments are full.

"By being full up I mean that for the work which we have to do at the present time we have the right number of men and women.

"If you say to me, 'Have you a vacancy for a young man as a clerk?' I shall answer 'No.'

"Then, having made the position clear by telling you the truth, I should question you about your young friend. If I gathered from what you told me that the young man in question was bright and capable, had initiative and energy, I should want to see him.

"That may sound useless to you, seeing that I have already said that my staff is full. But wait a minute.

"How do I know that that young fellow is not the finest accountant and best managing business man in embryo who ever wore shoe leather?

"And if he should possess the makings of a great success—can I afford to let him go into the arms of an opposition house just because at this moment I have not an actual vacancy?

"If I find a winner, my six pounds a week is only capital investment until the young man matures, and good investment, be it in stock, staff, or machinery, is the very raison d'etre of any and every business.

"So I get your young man up for an interview. If I find he is made of the right stuff I turn him into my organisation.

"He doesn't find his 'place in the sun' all at once. But a weak spot in my organisation will gather him in all in good time.

"The fact that he is good, raises the standard of my employees all round, because in a big staff all the members must try to work up to the standard of the best man or woman there, not down to the standard of the poorest. That law about the survival of the fittest sees to that.

THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM.

"Therefore, although I have no vacancy, I take your man on, with the sure knowledge that I am making a good investment, since every good man I get, improves the value of my business.

"The same applies to my engineering shop. I may have all the joiners and fitters I want for the repair work in hand now, but I never say 'No' to an applicant for a job, without running a rule over him. If I did I might turn away a future inventor of a bit of machinery worth untold gold.

"I have always got vacancies for good men. They not only carry out more efficiently the business I have already on hand, but the more efficient my organisation is, the more readily new business rolls up to my door."

In considering the question of the employment of ex-officers it seems to me that my friend's method might be employed.

If the employers of the country were to "run a rule" over all those out of work they might find a good proportion of men suitable to future development of their businesses.

It would be showing a willingness to do something for those who have done so much for the nation. And, economically the process is not unsound.—*"The Daily Mirror."*

AMERICAN SLANG ENGLISHED.

"Don't be fresh."	"Don't be cheeky."
"Rubber neck."	"Sightseer."
"Foxy gink."	"A sly person."
"Get wise to it."	"Ascertain the facts"
"To jolly you along."	"To chaff you."
"Shook me for a blond."	"Left me for another."
"Cut it out."	"Stop that nonsense; get to business."
"The jinx have a hunch on me."	"Evil spirits haunt me."
"Turn over; you've said a pageful."	"You've talked enough and too much."
"He's a bird and you want to watch him fly."	"He's smart; keep your eye on him."

AROUND AND ABOUT.

STRANGE UNKNOWN FLOWERS.

Strange unknown flowers are springing up in shell holes and dug-outs over the scarred surface of No Man's land, and many are the conjectures concerning the strange phenomenon. Botanists who have studied the strange plants have come to the conclusion that they have sprung from seeds buried in the earth for many decades. It is known that seeds have been buried for upwards of 60 years without losing their power of germination. Seeds of corn and wheat buried with Egyptian mummies thousands of of years ago have been planted out in the 20th century and have germinated in the ordinary way. It is quite possible that strange flowering plants—that is, strange to local inhabitants—are now flowering in the French battlefields. The heavy shell fire which has torn up the earth may mave created conditions for their growth after lying dormant so long.

ON RECEIVING LETTERS.

There are many people who write excellent and delightful letters even to-day when everybody lives in a whirl and a rush and has "no time" for elegant accomplishments. Letters give an immense deal of pleasure; there are lonely people to whom the postman's rat-tat means at least one streak of sunlight in a dull day. Everybody likes to be remembered—the House of Remembrance would be rather a pleasant name for a post office. Children love to receive letters—even though they are too tiny to read them—and after all "Men are but children of a larger growth." Some people proudly announce that they neither write nor receive letters. Somehow, it sounds so dreadfully dull—to think of the rattle of the letter-box meaning just nothing!

THE BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT.

"A fountain pen," answered an enthusiastic young philosopher to the question, "What was your best Christmas gift?"

"I had a £20 watch given to me once," he added, "but even that isn't as necessary as a fountain pen. If you get the right kind you simply wouldn't be caught dead without it. It never leaks. It never clogs. It'll write a clear, steady line on any old paper. It'd be cheap at £2, and it only cost 12s. 6d.

"What are you doing now?" I asked.

"Selling fountain pens," he said.

NEW BIRDS AT THE ZOO.

"What birds posses eyelashes?" As a matter of fact there are not many birds so decorated. The Hornbills are the most noteworthy eyelash bearers, and, were it not that their extraordinary beaks attract all the attention which most people are willing to give them, would probably be well known for this peculiarity. Among the most recent additions to the collection of birds at the Zoo is a fine specimen of this family, the Plicated Hornbill of Sumatra, in which the feature can be easily observed. Most of the new birds were obtained by Mr. Frost in New Guinea and the neighbouring islands for Lord Tavistock. More beautiful, if less futuristic in design, than the Hornbill are the lesser Birds of Paradise, and other noteworthy newcomers are the Red-sided Eclectus Parrots, the One-wattled Cassowaries, and the Crowned Pigeons. A very popular bird is the new Baby Toucan, whose queer voice and queer antics are a lesson for any music-hall comedian.

ECONOMIC NOTES ON FINANCE AND TRADE.

V. THE BANK SINCE 1844.

With the history of the Bank since the Bank Act was passed in 1844 I intend to deal very briefly. The only interesting episodes are those of panic periods. From 1842 to 1844 harvests were very good and as we depended more on harvests for our prosperity in those days than now the country was prosperous. The railway boom commencing about then also added to the general prosperity. In the two following years harvests were bad and corn had to be imported. This lead to great gambling in corn and many failures were caused and in this year, 1847, the Bank Act had to be suspended to allow of the following issue of notes. It is a peculiarity of the British public that it will always accept Bank of England notes even when it knows they are not backed by gold. In 1857 a large number of overseas traders by rash exportation and general loose methods of business caused a second suspension.

In 1866 the American Civil war caused a stoppage of trade which was of course followed by financial upset and the Bank Act had to be again suspended to allay the panic. The next crisis was when the old-established firm of bankers—Barings—had to suspend payment. The Bank of England had, however, somehow, suspected the crisis and had imported gold from France and Russia and was thus able to continue paying without recourse to the Government for a suspension of the Act. The same happened in 1907 when the American financial crisis was foreseen and gold had been imported from France.

In 1914 the crisis was hardly one in which it was either feasible or correct that the Bank should be left to weather the storm on its own. The Bank Act was suspended and in addition the Exchequer took a hand by issuing £1 and 10/- notes as well. The Exchequer also took other measures with which we are not concerned very much here.

In this short history of the Bank of England it will be seen that the people have confidence in the Bank such as they have in no other institution in the world. The public believe in the capability of the Bank to pay. They know the careful management which is lavished on it and over and above all there is the Government which is the British Empire behind it. The Government having all its money deposited in the Bank will naturally do everything possible to help and protect it if necessary.

On this good ground has grown our banking system. Banks grew up around Threadneedle Street and later in the great centres of England. People deposited their money with them and thus enabled these banks to accumulate large sums to be used as a foundation for credit. These large banks opened accounts as ordinary customers with the Bank of England and thus the reserve of the Bank of England as I said before is the ultimate reserve and mainstay of our system.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Butler's Windfall.—Lord Rathmore left £400 to his butler.

Re-shuffling.—There are rumours of a further reconstruction of the Cabinet.

Many Dead.—Fifty-four people were killed in a Vienna fire.

Daily Bombs.—Scarcely a day passes in Barcelona without a bomb explosion

To get Colonists.—£35,000 is to be spent in advertising South Africa.

Have no Homes.—About 10,000 children are living in British workhouses.

Want work.—There are 14,000 ex-service men in Shepherd's Bush district alone, without jobs.

Winter storm Havoc. — A house near Hastings has just been wrecked by lightning.

Where she sits. — Lady Astor M.P. is occupying what used to be Mr. Tim Healy's seat in the Commons.

Good Work. — Ex-soldiers are being trained as silversmiths at the L.C.C. Arts and Crafts School.

Place aux Dames. — Two women reporters now sit in the Press Gallery of the House of Commons.

Great Strain.—Mr. Sydney Valentine has had a breakdown after a strenuous meeting of the Actors' Association.

Money in Shares. — Mr. John Coles, a London stockbroker, has left £460,000 fortune.

Low necks Barred.—The Bishop of Salford warns women from attending church in low cut dresses.

Unlucky. — More than 300,000 Austro-Hungarians are still detained in Siberia as prisoners of war.

Trespassers.—Seven Hull skippers have been fined £50 each for fishing in prohibited mined waters.

Less Butter.—The butter ration in England is to be reduced one ounce weekly per head.

Gallant Youth.—A boy, Frederick Morris of Hayes, rescued a drowning girl by taking a 30 feet dive from a bridge.

A Prophesy.—Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Labour leader, predicts an early general election and a Labour victory.

French Papers Again.—The Paris press strike has ended and the newspapers are appearing again.

Play of Crime.—Miss Kyrle Bellew has scored a success in the new play of thrills, "The Crimson Alibi."

No Formality. — Princess Mary has attended another unconventional rally of girls — the Y.M.C.A. Campers.

Rapprochement. — France is making peace with the Vatican and some form of diplomatic relations is to be resumed.

Old—Yet Young.—It is hard to realise, but Queen Alexandra has just celebrated her 75th birthday.

In the Fogs.—In the last few days, seven vessels have run ashore on the Yorkshire Coast.

Publishers Jubilant.—Books were never so popular in the States as they are to-day. English authors are in great demand.

A Mystery.— Marie Empress, the well-known cinema "star", disappeared mysteriously from the Cunard Liner "Orduna" en route for New York.

Novel.—At Brightlingsea the "Mayor of the Cinque Ports", is elected in a belfry. Capt. Sycamore, the yachtsman, has just been chosen.

Her own Show.—Miss Peggy Primrose is now an actress-manager. She has produced a success in "A Dear Little Lady" at St. Martin's Theatre.

The what-is-it?— An expedition is proceeding to the Congo to investigate the rumours as to the strange prehistoric monsters reported to be there.

In Peacetime, too!—America is to spend nearly £200,000,000 on her Army and about £100,000,000 on her Navy in the next financial year.

Waits and Starves.—The old Strand shoeblack, who inherited over £1000 recently, is almost starving. The law's delays have held back the money.

Confessed.—A Russian Bolshevist arrested in Warsaw admits he took part in the murder of the Czar. He was wearing some of his Royal victim's underclothes.

Why to Germany?—The German ships interned in South American ports are going to Germany for repair and will then be handed over the Allies.

"Truth" Criticisms.—Major E. A. Johnson, founder of the ex-Officers' National Federation has served "Truth" with a writ for libel.

Dustmen score. — Ilford pays its dustmen only a trifle less than it gives qualified school teachers with twenty years experience.

Comrades always.—Commandant Dame Gwynne Vaughan is to be President of the W.R.A.F. Old Comrades' Association just formed.

Honour in sick bed.—Sir John McCraith, a member of the Nottingham Council, since 1882 has received the Freedom of that city, while lying dangerously ill in bed.

LECTURES ON ARCHITECTURE.

A course of six lectures on Architectural History and Ornament will be given at the G.H.Q. General and Commercial College (53 Hansa Ring) Cologne by Mr. G. A. T. Middleton (past Vice-president of the Society of Architects,) Instructor in Architecture and Building Construction with the British Army of the Rhine.

The time of the lectures will be from 18.00 hours to 19.00 hours on the following dates:—

Monday, 1st December and 8th December
Wednesday, 3rd December and 10th December
Friday, 5th December and 12th December.

The course will deal approximately with the following periods:—

1, Egyptian and Greek, 2, Roman and Byzantine, 3, Romanesque and Norman, 4, English Gothic, 5, Continental Gothic (with special reference to the Rhineland), 6, Renaissance.

All ranks are invited to attend all or any of these lectures which are being illustrated by lantern slides.

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GERMAN SCAPA DUPLICITY.

PROOF OF "MOST SECRET" ORDERS ISSUED TO ADMIRAL VON REUTER.

PRINCE OF WALES ON HIS CANADIAN TOUR.

SCAPA FLEET.

EXPOSURE OF GERMAN DUPLICITY.

An Admiralty communiqué, referring to Germany's contention that Admiral von Reuter scuttled the German Fleet at Scapa Flow without the knowledge of any German civil or military authority, publishes a translation of a letter found in the safe salved from the flagship Emden.

This document dated 9th May 1919 and marked "Most Secret", was written by Admiral von Trotha, Chief of the German Admiralty, to Admiral von Reuter. It discussed the probable intentions of the Allies with regard to the fate of the interned fleet, which he declared, however, could not be decided without German co-operation and emphasised that surrender to the enemy was out of the question.

The Admiralty cites the foregoing and other instances in refutation of the German allegations that German orders failed to reach von Reuter. For instance, it shows that his last orders reached him on the 17th June, the very day on which, according to the text of another document, von Reuter gave instructions to his commanding officers, carefully detailing the preparations to effect the rapid scuttling of the ships in the event of forcible British intervention without German assent, or without his special orders, which would be indicated by secret code.

Von Reuter added that should the German Government agree to surrender the fleet under the peace terms, then the ships would have to be handed over, "to the lasting disgrace of those who placed us in this position."

SOVIET AND PEACE.

FIRST OFFER TO THE ALLIES.

Colonel Malone, the member of Parliament who on the 5th November stated in the House of Commons the basis on which the Soviet Government of Russia was prepared to discuss peace, announced yesterday that he had received an official statement from the Soviet Government stating that the proposal is still open, subject to modifications and reservations arising from changes in the military situation. He further stated that pending its official rejection within a reasonable time the Soviet Government has no intention of opening negotiations with Germany.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION.

An Army Council Instruction just issued states that it has been decided that military or civilian experts employed on wireless duties in the Army shall be allowed to publish scientific papers in Great Britain provided that they do not make any detailed reference to Service sets or give other information which the authorities consider should not be divulged.

The form of publication may be by either journal or lecture, after the draft of the paper has been submitted to the War Office for censorship.

OBJECTIONS TO CHURCH PARADE.

In the House of Commons, Mr. J. D. Gilbert asked whether, in view of the objections of both officers and men to Church Parades on Sunday, the present practice could be abolished or modified so that men were not compelled to attend.

Mr. Churchill replied that it is not considered desirable to amend the King's regulations as regards compulsory attendance at Church Parade. He promised to see, however, whether anything can be done to shorten the preliminary inspection.

NO COAL AT CHICAGO.

On account of the scarcity of coal at Chicago, the Public Utilities Commission has ordered that all suburban train traffic is to be reduced by half, department stores are to be closed for two days and theatres for one evening weekly, and business generally is to be limited to 4½ hours daily.

At an Ilford whist drive a woman who won the first prize—a bottle of whisky or a pair of silk stockings—after some hesitation, chose the whisky.

The first tramps admitted to the casual ward of Weymouth Workhouse since 1915, were yesterday reported to the guardians, and were an ex-soldier, his wife, and three children.

PRINCE OF WALES.

"YOUR MOTHER AND I ARE PROUD OF YOU."

The text has been published of speeches made by His Majesty the King and the Prince of Wales at the dinner at Buckingham Palace on Monday.

The King read a message he had received from Sir Robert L. Borden, Prime Minister of Canada, congratulating their Majesties on the remarkable success of the Prince's visit to the Dominion and the wonderful impression the Prince made on the people, to whom his natural charm of manner, unfailing tact and courtesy made an irresistible appeal.

After expressing his pleasure that the Prince, after all, had been able to visit the United States and see President Wilson, the King continued: "It has always been my earnest wish that the relations of the two great English speaking nations should be of the closest and most friendly nature so that they could work together hand in hand for the good of civilization and mankind," and then, to the Prince, "I trust your visit will assist that end. Although your staff has been of the greatest help, I feel that the success of your visit has been mostly due to yourself, for you have 'played up' from beginning to end and shown the highest sense of duty. Your speeches have been excellent; your smile won the hearts of the people. Both your mother and I are very proud of you."

The Prince of Wales, in reply, said that the wonderful welcomes he received, for which he could never adequately express his gratitude, were given him as the son and heir of the King and Queen, of whose visit to the Dominion eighteen years ago the happiest memories were deeply cherished to-day. He could assure His Majesty of Canada's deep devotion. He had also really enjoyed his visit to the United States, where he was received with the utmost enthusiasm as the King's representative.

After warmly praising the help of Sir Lionel Halsey and other members of his staff the Prince concluded: "My tour in Canada has intensified my desire to see more of the Empire, and I am looking forward keenly to visiting Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India in the near future."

MURDERER'S FURY.

TWO WARDERS KILLED AND THREE INJURED.

Paul Kowalski, condemned to be hanged for murder at Hamilton (Ontario), killed during the death watch Constable Springstead and injured four turnkeys, one of whom died later.

Being allowed to walk in a corridor, he leaped upon Springstead, twisted a handkerchief round his neck, and tightened it with a spoon until his victim was dead. Then he unscrewed a 10-pound iron window sash, and smashed Springstead's head with it. The turnkeys he attacked with a heavy metal spoon which he made into a crude knife, and two of them are in a serious condition.

WONDERFUL CHESS.

CAPABLANCA PLAYS 38 M.P'S.

Senor Capablanca, the Cuban chess master, played thirty-eight simultaneous games at the House of Commons on Tuesday evening. The display was witnessed by numerous members, including Mr. Bonar Law. Senor Capablanca won thirty-six games and drew two, those being with Sir Watson Rutherford and Sir A. Strauss.

MOND LIBEL ACTION.

At yester-day's hearing of the Mond libel action, Sir Alfred Mond said he often visited the front during the war. Until this libel, nobody had ever suggested that he had not done his duty to the country as Privy Councillor and member of the Government, nor had it ever been suggested that he was a traitor.

The hearing was again adjourned.

ARMISTICE ON POLISH FRONT.

Reuter learns that a ten days armistice has been concluded on one section of the Polish front for the handing over of hostages and fugitives liberated by the Bolshevists in accordance with the convention concluded by the Polish and Soviet Governments on the 9th November.

BROMLEY'S COALITION CANDIDATE.

The Bromley Conservative Club has unanimously adopted Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. Cuthbert James, son of Lord Northburne, as Coalition candidate in succession to Mr. W. H. Forster, who has been elevated to the peerage.

FALSE PRETENCES.

SOVIET ENVOY REVEALS HIS HAND.

A statement has been issued by Litvinoff at Copenhagen in which he says he feels bound to state that no satisfactory solution can be found to the problem of exchange of war prisoners until the real causes of their suffering, namely, military operations on Russian territory and the isolation of Soviet Russia, is entirely removed.

It is impossible, he says, to speak on the humanitarian question without touching the question of peace with Russia. The Soviet Government is prepared to make peace with the Allies at any time. Britain and America have large economic interests in Russia which they can make more secure by dealing with the Soviet Government than by any other regime.

BILL ADAMSES.

SOLDIERS' "RATTLING GOOD YARNS."

Mrs. Parker, sister of the late Earl Kitchener, presided at a meeting of the Kitchener of Khartoum Empire Association, held at the Forum Club, Grosvenor-place. The chief object of the meeting was to promote the welfare of ex-Service men and to interest as large a number of people as possible in that branch of the Association's work.

General Sir A. Hunter-Weston, Mr. Arnold White, and Mr. Vyner addressed the meeting.

Mrs. Parker said that Ministers found it hard to grasp the fact that there could be anybody in want of a meal. This Association did its best for ex-Service men, and sifted their stories most carefully. Soldiers and sailors were not absolutely and exactly addicted to the truth. They were accustomed to tell good yarns to their comrades, and they told some rattling good yarns to this Association, which did its utmost to sift them and see that help was not misplaced. She had known cases of soldiers who professed to have at least three mothers each.

"It is not, that Government Departments are careless of the interests of ex-Service men. It simply is that they do not understand. They want looking after, and I am after them. (Laughter.) Private employers have to pay money when it is due, and it is too bad that Government Departments should not do their utmost to reach the same standard."

POSTAL STRIKE.

PRECAUTIONS AT THE COLOGNE OFFICE.

A strike of the civil employees at the Cologne Post Office caused some excitement yesterday.

During the dinner hour a large crowd, consisting mainly of women and girls, assembled outside the Post office evidently with the intention of holding a demonstration, but the presence of a number of officers and military policemen had a salutary effect and the crowd dispersed quietly.

Military pickets were immediately posted and machine-guns placed in position at the front entrance and elsewhere. These precautions had a salutary effect, and no disturbances of any kind occurred.

BONES MYSTERY.

GRUESOME HOUSEHOLD RELIC.

The mystery surrounding the discovery of a box of human bones in the cloakroom at Finsbury Park station has been solved. A woman yesterday claimed the bones as being those of her husband, who died at the London hospital and was cremated twelve years ago. The remains were deposited in an urn which she sold a month since for seven and six pence, previously removing the bones, which she said she desired to take to Golders Green Crematorium but owing to the publicity given to the discovery she had been afraid to claim the box as her property.

ROUMANIA'S DAYS OF GRACE.

The Supreme Council has decided to extend by six days the period granted to Roumania in which to reply to the last Note of the Council.

CURTAILMENT OF FRENCH PASSENGER TRAINS.

It is stated in Paris official circles that a partial temporary withdrawal of the passenger train service is contemplated, especially between Paris and Havre, should the rise of the Seine hinder the transport of food supplies to Paris by barges. If the lack of coal becomes still more serious the withdrawal of the passenger service may become total.

PHILIP SNOWDEN'S NEW LOVE.

Mr. Philip Snowden will stand as the Independent Labour Party candidate in the Nelson (Colne) Division, where the present Labour member, Captain Albert Smith, is about to resign.

ITALIAN STRIKE.

REVOLUTIONARY APPEAL TO BOLSHEVISTS.

The walls of Rome have been placarded with manifestoes eulogising the Russian Soviets and Bolshevism and imploring Italian workers to act in favour of their revolutionary Russian brethren. The vicinity of the Chamber yesterday was guarded by troops, and armoured cars went through the main streets to show that the Government is determined to maintain order. Some lively incidents occurred in the Chamber.

The strike still continues though it is not so acute as on Tuesday, a large number of shops being open. Despite the absence of trams and cabs, the streets have an appearance of great animation, many motor cars being in circulation. Various newspapers have also reappeared. The strike spread to Turin yesterday where there were several people injured. A general strike has been proclaimed at Genoa, Alessandria, Bologna and Civvita Vecchin.

LORRIES AND WAGONS.

NUMBER STILL ABROAD.

Mr. Churchill, answering a question in the House of Commons, said that 2,252 lorries are still in use between the Channel and Cologne. They are all needed at present, but reductions will be made as rapidly as the needs of the service permit. I may add that up to the present the Army has been able to dispense with lorries more rapidly than they can be shipped to this country, and I understand that this state of affairs is likely to continue for some time to come.

Answering another question, Mr. Churchill said:—There are at present in France nearly 18,200 railway wagons lent to the War Department by British railway companies, and about 4,700 wagons belonging to the Department, all of which are being returned for use in this country. Besides the above, there are about 20,000 wagons belonging to the War Department, which are being sold locally, as they are unsuitable for use on British railways. The total number of wagons (railway owned and Department owned) which have been returned since the Armistice is 11,677. The latest weekly shipment of wagons is 605. The temporary priority accorded to motor vehicles at the time of the railway strike has now ceased, and the full capacity of the train ferry service to Richborough is allocated to wagons.

GIRLS IN MEN'S CLOTHES.

BETRAYED BY THEIR VOICES.

At Liverpool two girls, aged 18 and 17, who said they were from Swansea and Glasgow respectively, were charged under the Vagrancy Act. Each was attired in coat and trousers, and both had long tresses hanging loosely down their backs. A police officer, on duty at the docks, observed the accused loitering, and, on speaking to them, discovered by their voices that they were girls. The accused said they were anxious to return to their homes, and that a man they met had promised to get them away as stowaways in a boat leaving for South Wales provided they obtained suitable clothes.

They were remanded for inquiries.

KUT PRISONER'S SUICIDE.

Before cutting his throat with a razor at the Union Jack Club, Frederick William Perry, aged 40, a sub-conductor in the Indian Supply Transport Corps, slashed and mutilated his body.

At the inquest Charles Joseph Perry, a farmer, of Tulla, Co. Clare, stated that the dead man, who was his brother, had been to Mesopotamia and was a prisoner at Kut. He was badly treated by the Turks and when he was home on leave he was a skeleton and suffered from dysentery. Last May he was sent to India, and took part in the Afghanistan fighting. He went home to Ireland two months ago and arrived in London a fortnight ago to receive hospital treatment. Since he had been in Turkey he had suffered from neurasthenia.

A doctor said Perry has inflicted six wounds on his body with a razor and had then cut his throat.

The Coroner recorded a verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind."

LADY ASTOR CALLED TO ORDER.

Lady Astor inadvertently transgressed one of the minor rules of procedure in the House of Commons yesterday, by chatting with a fellow member in the middle of the floor between the Speaker's chair and the Bar of the House. The Speaker twice called "Order! Order!" before Lady Astor realised her misdemeanour. She then hurriedly slipped inside the Bar (of the House) and continued her conversation.

ANZAC CLUB CLOSED.

A farewell tea was given to the voluntary helpers at the Anzac Club, Victoria street, London, which is now closed. It is estimated that about a million meals were served there.

EXIT GERMAN SUBMARINES.

The Supreme Council has decided that all German submarines shall be broken up, except the ten asked for by France.

SUMMARY COURT.

FOURTEEN DAYS FOR FAILING TO SALUTE.

August Hoguth, of 40 Wilhelmstrasse, Nippes, put forward a very ingenious defence in answer to a charge of failing to salute a British officer.

The officer's evidence was that Hoguth, who is a postman, had both hands in his pockets, and even when spoken to failed to salute.

Hoguth's defence was that his braces were broken, and he had to keep his hands in his pockets to prevent his trousers from falling.

In passing sentence of 14 days imprisonment, the Presiding Officer said that while an occasional lapse could be overlooked, where the neglect to salute was intentional, the offence was a serious one.

ANNOYING A LADY.

While crossing the Dom Square near midnight, a military policeman saw two British officers surrounded by a crowd of about sixty civilians. Thinking that trouble was afoot he went to investigate and was ordered by one of the officers to take Friederich Krumm of 5 Balthasarstrasse into custody on the charge of insulting an English lady. Krumm made an attempt to escape by jumping on a tramcar but was recaptured and taken to the office of the A.P.M.

One of the officers giving evidence stated that he was crossing the square to engage a taxi, when the lady called him and stated that Krumm had been annoying her. In reply to the Presiding Officer he was unable to say if she was wearing a brassard.

"I wish to be quite fair to the accused," said the Presiding Officer, "there are a number of women in Cologne who speak English and who are not quite as respectable as they might be."

Witness replied that he was quite certain the lady was English.

The case was adjourned, and Krumm was granted bail in 2,000 marks.

THE 34TH DIVISION.

BATTLEFIELD EXPLOIT MEMORIALS.

At a meeting held at York of representatives of the 34th Division, with Major-General Sir C. L. Nicholson in the chair, it was decided to erect battlefield exploit memorials on the following sites, with the necessary War Office permission: La Boiselle (Somme battle, July 1, 1916); Mont Noir (Lys battle, April 1918); Broenbeek Valley (Passchendaele battle, October, 1917), for Divisional R.A. and R.E. only.

The first two are to consist of stone memorials surmounted by bronze figures, and the last of a stone monolith without any figure.

It was further decided to spent at least £2,000 on these memorials, of which £1,400 is available from surplus divisional funds. It is thought desirable that the officers and men and others interested in the 18th and 20th to 27th Battalions Northumberland Fusiliers, 15th and 16th Battalions Royal Scots, 10th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment, 11th Battalion Suffolk Regiment, and R.A. Batteries from Nottingham and Sunderland, together with the Norwich Royal Engineers, who formed this Division, should have an opportunity of participating in the erection of these memorials.

Subscriptions may be sent direct to the secretary of the fund, Colonel E. C. Walthall, Alton Manor, Wirksworth, Derbyshire.

SIR EVELYN WOOD.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The War Office states that the funeral of the late Field Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., will take place at Aldershot at noon on Saturday next. The body will be conveyed to Aldershot the previous night and will rest in All Saints Church, where it will be guarded by officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the 13th Hussars (his first regiment) and the 17th Lancers.

EX-KAISER'S NEW RESIDENCE.

A report from Amsterdam says that the enclosure of the ex-Kaiser's new residence at Huis-te-Doorn is nearly finished. A solid iron palisade with strong wire has already been placed in front of the house, around which a wall about ten feet high will be built, in order to protect the ex-Kaiser from the gaze of the curious.

SERBIAN APPREHENSION.

A deputation of Serbs and Slavs from Baranya waited on the Serbian Premier on Tuesday to affirm the refusal of those peoples to return to Magyar rule. The Premier assured them that his Government and the Peace Conference are doing all in their power to save the threatened territories.

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.

A report from New York says that the Republic of South Dakota, assembled in convention, endorsed the nomination of General Leonard Wood for the Presidency, and Governor Collidge, of Massachusetts, for the Vice-Presidency. The Democrats in convention endorsed the candidatures of President Wilson and Vice-President Marshall for a third term of office, subject to the decision of the voting next March.

WRONGFUL ARREST.

SAD PLIGHT OF THREE PRISONERS OF WAR.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons regarding the three British soldiers, recently released from captivity in Moscow, who were arrested on their arrival at Hull, Mr. Winston Churchill expressed great regret that a mistake had been made owing to a misunderstanding due to the use of the expression "escaped prisoners" instead of "prisoners of war." This wording occurred in a Helsingfors message and was repeated in the War Office message.

As soon as the mistake was discovered the men were at once released and sent to their homes. He shared in the general regret that men who had returned from hard service and misfortune abroad should have met with such an unceremonious and chilling reception on arrival in their native land.

WHITEHALL LIMPETS.

RETRENCH OR CLEAR OUT.

The Finance Committee of the Cabinet, says the "Times," dissatisfied with the rate of progress and character of the reductions already effected, issued an urgent instruction to dispense with the services of all officials not absolutely essential to effective administration. The figures furnished by some of the worst offenders among the Departments in response to the Prime Minister's letter were ludicrous in view of the representations made by the Treasury, and the Cabinet Committee, after going through them, decided upon drastic action.

The terms of the new instruction are so definite that they cannot be misunderstood, and any official, no matter how highly placed, who fails to understand the situation will be relieved of his responsibility. Whole departments which have grown up in connexion with Ministries during the war are to be swept away. An intimation has been given that a number of the publicity agencies are superfluous and that others are much too large and expensive. The highly-paid people who have done so well out of war work are to go this time. Hitherto, practically only the small fry have been touched.

All the temporary staff will have left the War Office by the end of the year, and the same may be said of the Admiralty. The newer Ministries have given most trouble in connexion with staff reduction, but they will have to toe the line now. The Cabinet minute makes that quite clear.

"VERY DELICATE."

MEXICO AND UNITED STATES.

The Senate of the Mexican Republic has entrusted President Carranza with the task of finding a solution to the difficulties with the United States without legislative interference. During the debate Mexico's relations with the United States were declared to be "very delicate."

TANK CLAIMANTS' COSTS.

Before the Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors, Sir William Tritton and Major Wilson, the successful Tank claimants, applied for their legal costs in the recent proceedings before the Commission. It was stated that, although they knew unofficially that the Tribunal had decided in their favour, they were obliged to prepare their case before the Inventions Commission because the Crown disputed it. The Treasury opposed the application.

The Chairman (Mr. Justice Sargant) said he thought the Commission's power to grant expenses was intended to apply only to exceptional cases. They decided this was not a case in which they could grant expenses.

MEXICAN REVENGE.

A telegram from El Pas, Mexico, says that in revenge for the execution of General Felipe, a thousand soldiers under General Villa attacked on Friday, the 18th Mexican regiment, North of Santa Rosalia, and massacred 674 of them. Only two soldiers escaped.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Business commenced with heavy declines owing to further continental liquidations coupled with the adverse exchange position and the pressure of new securities. British funds, Diamond and Oil shares, however, developed a better tendency towards the close. Gold mining shares were supported by a rise in the price of gold. The money market was unsettled by foreign exchange movements and discounts were firm in consequence. Three months Bills were quoted at 5 11/16 per cent and short money was plentiful. Bar silver advanced to 74¾ pence on the rise in the value of the dollar and the small trade demand. Gold was still in brisk demand at 106s 8d. The London exchange on New York was 3.88 dollars per £1, on Paris 40.16 francs per £1. German marks were 176 and 177 and Austrian crowns 550 to 560.

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POINTS OF VIEW.

Age has added a suggestion of truth to the old adage that open confession is good for the soul, but experience has undoubtedly shown that open discussion is good for the mind. How much better one can appreciate a beautiful building or a magnificent landscape by observing it from several angles, from different points of view.

There is a natural tendency for the human mind to narrow itself, and to readily criticise the ideas and views of others. How often do we condemn with little or no consideration the statements or arguments of our fellows. Undoubtedly we should broaden our minds and expand our horizon, if, when our ideas and those of another do not coincide, we tried to place ourselves in the other's position—tried to see things as he sees them.

Even if we do not alter our own views, we shall at least have a charitable understanding of the other side.

Tommy during the war evolved a a philosophy all his own. Discipline of course taught him how necessary the prompt obedience of an order was and experience, views that seemed absurd to him were justified. It became less difficult to realise that every question had more than one side to it. The result of this experience has been a considerable broadening of the minds of our soldiers who are now, of course, the great British public.

A certain amount of reading became a necessity to pass away weary hours—the very fact of being in a strange country brought before him points that would never have occurred to him. Talks with bright and breezy men from overseas showed him other ideals and ambitions and fostered a thirst for knowledge and a tolerance for views that were strange to him.

It is satisfactory to notice that this tendency is prevalent amongst the troops now on the Rhine—as witnessed by the "Letter Box Column" and the well attended debates organised by the British Empire Leave Club, the Y.M.C.A. and other institutions. It is indeed a sign of the times.

A well-known literary man deploring the narrow-minded secular disputes amongst religious bodies, drew a rather powerful analogy, he likened religion to a great light burning in a many sided tower with a large number of windows. Each window was of a different colour—a crowd were gathered and discussing this light—to one it was green—to one blue to one yellow and so on. Each saw the same light, but from a different point of view.

THE STORY OF THE TANK.

The idea underlying the Tank is as old as history. Its prime object is to save the lives of infantry, and that, of course, was as important in primitive savage warfare as it was in the Great War. There is mention of a Greek tower on wheels used in attacking fortified positions.

The Roman "tortoise" was a formation which had the same object in view, although it was only a manipulation of ordinary armour. In an early siege of Berwick the enemy approached in a wooden "sow", so called because it was intended to open and let the men come out when close to the walls. Some wit of the time saw in this process a resemblance to the farrowing of a sow.

In those days the projectile that had to be faced was the arrow. Nearly all the great battles fought by England in mediaeval times owed their success to the skill and steadiness of the English bowmen.

CLUNG TO SHRAPNEL.

But the range and efficiency of destructive weapons have tended to increase enormously with the progress of civilization. Germany was very nearly winning the war because of her advance beyond other nations in these respects. At the siege of Liége use was made of artillery so heavy as to startle Europe. It seemed then that no fort could possibly be rendered impregnable.

The Allies were not very prompt to realise the vast importance of this, and the late Lord Kitchener, whose fighting experiences had not been European, held for a long time to his belief in shrapnel. Long before the end the English artillery was as heavy as the German, but the advisers of the Kaiser did not place all their faith in big guns.

They had supplied the armies with machine guns on a scale never before approached in warfare, and these machine guns played havoc with attacking forces in the early stages of the war. Our own Army came to be provided with them also, and then the deadlock occurred.

The Germans dug trenches and we dug trenches, and the military brain wearied itself in trying to find a key that would unlock the situation. Probably it is true that the Germans imagined they had made the discovery through the chemist, when they began to deluge our armies with gas. But gas did not prove as efficient as was expected. Its employment depended on a factor so incalculable as the direction of the wind, which veered occasionally and blew the clouds back to their source of origin.

OUR REPLY TO GAS.

Further, an effective defence was found in the gas mask. Besides, our own chemists were not incapable of preparing a gas as deadly, if not deadlier, than that of our foes. Thus the problem of ending trench warfare still awaited solution.

It came, appropriately enough, from a mechanical nation like our own. The English soldier has never cared much for purely defensive fighting. He likes best to be up and at it, and that is when he is seen to most advantage.

Roughly, then, the tank has been not inaccurately described as a land-ship or a mobile fortification. Its primary object was to save the lives of those who, before its invention, had to go over the top and make their attack at the risk of being mowed down by the fire of rifles and machine guns.

The tank was constructed for the purpose of dealing with trench warfare and shifting the Germans from their fortified positions. In time to come the story of the early tanks will probably be read with great curiosity. At the end of the war the tank was still in an early stage of development. We may easily conceive it as bearing the same relation to the tank of the future as the culverins, sakers, minions and other cannon bear to the dreadful cannon of to-day.

But rudimentary as was the early knowledge of gunpowder, it very quickly produced revolution in defensive tactics. Targe, shield and buckler were not sufficient protection from the blunderbuss. It is the weapon that wins.

They were great warriors whom Kitchener overthrew at Omdurman, but their courage did not protect them from rifle bullets. Napoleon was an infinitely greater General than Lord Raglan, yet his troops, armed as they were in 1815, could not have stood up against Minié rifles.

THE WEAPON WINS.

Eleven years after Inkerman, Moltke would have beaten Raglan hollow, not because he was a greater general, but because his men were armed with the needle gun. Had Napoleon at Waterloo possessed a company of Vickers machine guns he would have beaten Wellington, Blücher and Schwartzenberg combined. Providence is said to be on the side of the larger battalions. It would be more proper to say on the side of the better weapon.

Ludendorff at first affected a contempt of the tank, but there is plenty of documentary evidence to show that he changed his tune before the war ended. M. Loucheur, the French Minister of Munitions, said in January 1919: "There are two kinds of infantry: men who have gone into action with Tanks, and men who have not; and the former never want to go into action without Tanks again."

The first difficulty was not only with the mechanics of the tank, but with the men who fought it. There was no opportunity of giving them practical training. They had to guess what was going to occur when they went into action, and, further, a great number of the first crews had never seen any fighting at all.

TERRORS OF THE TANK.

One can more easily imagine than describe the feelings of these men, packed tightly in a very confined space, in a machine that jolted along in a most discomposing manner through country, thick with the smoke of bursting shells.

They had no very clear idea where they were going, mainly because the aeroplane maps were, as far as they were concerned, unreadable. How valiantly they acquitted themselves we all know, as we know also the fear and consternation they produced in the enemy ranks.

The secret of the tank's construction had been extraordinarily well kept, as anyone may gather from recent proceedings in the Prize Court,—where there were a vast number of claimants to the credit of having invented it. Indeed, it is now on record that in 1912 an Australian brought out a tank as good as any ultimately produced, which the War Office rejected.

In 1915 Colonel Swinton wrote a letter in which he gave a minute forecast of what the tanks could do, but the idea seems to have come simultaneously to a very considerable number of men. It was in the air. The adoption of the tank was carried practically in the teeth of officialdom by a group of men free from red tape trammels.

As to the future. If we like to carry on, we have such a start, both in design and manufacturing experience, that we could easily make it impossible for any other nation to draw abreast of us during the period, after which we are assuming the 'Tank Age' in military evolution may conceivably be over.

From "Country Life."

WHAT HAPPENED TO SMITH.

It was Saturday and an exceptionally busy day in the Orderly Room. There were twelve for demob, six for leave, not to speak of a large number of defaulters. In addition there were the usual weekly returns to be rendered, including the B. 213—that bugbear of every orderly room. When 12 o'clock came I was glad of the opportunity to snatch a few minutes for a quiet pipe in front of the fire, which was blazing merrily.

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"Ting—a—ling—a—ling" went the telephone bell. "Is that Corporal Smith" came a voice over the 'phone.

"Yes" I replied, "What is the matter now?" "G.H.Q. speaking. You are for demob. to-morrow and must report to the Concentration Camp by 12 o'clock."

Here was glorious news indeed. I had been striving vainly for months for my ticket and now when I had abandoned all hope, behold the unexpected had happened.

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It was good to be back in Blighty again after four years in khaki, and as I walked up the street leading from the station to my cottage I was busy revolving schemes in my mind for giving the partner of my joys and sorrows, and the kiddies (I am the proud father of five) a good time before settling down to the serious business of life again.

But alas! disillusionment was in store for me and that quickly.

Martha (my wife) is one of these estimable people to whom anything bizarre or unorthodox in speech or manner is anathema. The first little jar in our domestic harmony occurred at tea on the evening of my arrival. In a moment of forgetfulness I asked Martha to "pass the blinking pozzy along."

She fixed me with an icy stare and asked what I meant by using such language in front of the children.

I explained shamefacedly that it was merely an Army colloquialism and was used by officers and men alike. She did not appear convinced, however, but on promising not to transgress in future I was absolved for the time being.

The habits of four years are difficult to part with and although I was primed with good intentions as to my future line of conduct, I was by no means certain, in my inner consciousness, that I could discard so easily the little tricks of speech acquired in the Army—and my fears were only too well justified.

The following morning, breakfast being over, preparations were quickly in progress for sending the youngsters to school. I was lost in admiration at the deft manner in which Martha arranged an unruly curl there, and adjusted a tie here. Happening to glance at my watch I discovered it was 9.30.

Another attack of mental aberration seized me. "Come on you young blighters" I bawled in my best parade voice. "Jump to it!"

Horror of Horrors!

Martha dropped the comb she had been using.

"John" she exclaimed in frozen accents "What do you mean by using such language. It is abominable. I cannot tolerate it."

It took me the better part of an hour to appease her wrath and by this time I was reduced to a state of abject humiliation.

But the culminating horror was yet to come—As a sap to Martha's wounded feeling I arranged to take the entire family to the "pictures" in the evening. In the meantime I kept a strict check on my language and was congratulating myself that I was regaining my rightful place in my wife's estimation, but an inexorable fate decreed otherwise. Approaching the entrance to the Cinema, a much be-ribboned Officer of Artillery passed us.

"Party. Eye—e—e—s left!" I shouted in stentorian tones.

The climax was too much for Martha and she collapsed in a heap at my feet.

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Ting—a—ling a—ling went the telephone bell. I jumped out of the chair, rubbed my eyes in amazement, and placed the receiver to my ear.

"Is that Corporal Smith?"

"Yes." I replied feebly.

"G.H.Q. speaking. What about your B. 213 for this week?"

Tremblingly I laid the receiver down and thanked heaven that my visions of home and Martha had been only a dream

I had gone to sleep in front of the Orderly Room fire! *P.J.F.*

ON RETURNING FROM LEAVE

From Gill to Rommerskirchen,
The Lindens shade the way,
And birds make swift incursion
And are gone, but I would stray,
From Wensley Dale to Oaken Hill,
O'er Masson and away.

Round Sinsteden the clover
Glows crimson; and the rye
In grey-green waves leans over
Before the breeze; but I
Would rather stand at Watersmeet
And watch the Trent roll by.

LESLIE HARRISON

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

CIVILIANS IN OUR CLUBS.

Sir,—The correspondence that has appeared in the "Cologne Post" at various times from English ladies and business men in the Rhineland, leads me to conclude that they are under an entirely false impression as to their status in the occupied area.

They are allowed to use the officers' Clubs and Canteen, which are war time institutions for the convenience of officers, who are thus enabled to obtain meals and comforts at practically cost price, and, in the case of tobacco and spirits, without duty.

A visit to the N.A.C.B. clubs at mealtimes affords sufficient proof that these privileges are also extended to and fully appreciated by the English civilian colony now in Cologne, as the officers present are generally in the minority.

Now, sir, is there any reason why commercial travellers and other business men, with the exception, of course, of ex-officers, should be given the status of officers, and allowed to crowd the clubs, canteens and reserved portion of the Opera house, and to purchase tobacco and spirits on which no duty has been paid?

As far as the ladies are concerned, no one will object to English women who are not in uniform using the clubs, when accompanied by an officer, but I certainly think that when not accompanied by their husbands they should not be entitled to use these institutions, unless, of course, they belong to one of the uniformed services. *W.R.*

THE ARMY AND RELIGION.

Sir,—Mr. Paterson's recent picture of Army Paganism is, I think, somewhat highly coloured and in reading it one suspects that the enquirers into the religious views of the soldiers were in many cases either subjected to the process of "having their legs pulled," or else selected the most unpromising looking Tommies as pictures for their inquisitorial investigation.

If, as we are told, soldiers "don't know what all this religion is about," it does not speak much for their intelligence, as presumably at Church Parade, even if the most part of the service is like so much Greek to them, they surely must have at least heard the Lord's Prayer, which is simple enough for the meanest intelligence to understand.

No doubt a large number have never been to Sunday School when kiddies, and even if they have been, learnt precious little when there, and have most likely never been in Church or Chapel since their middle teens. And so it is natural enough that a huge mental haziness exists in the army as to the real meaning of religion, or rather all the supernatural side of it. But nevertheless I am of Stephen Graham's opinion, that our soldiers' religion consists in the instinctive creed or belief in conduct as being its essential quality and the hope of a future life its fellow, and not a bad creed either. "The rest is leather and pannella."

That men, who have been living in the prolonged hell on earth of this recent ghastly war, should be puzzled and confused as to the position of God regarding it, is not surprising; for the majesty and power of God has been for many years back belittled and obscured by press and parson; and love has been represented as His chief characteristic.

But this is not so. This awful war we have just gone through, is the result of the ambition, covetousness, selfishness, want of sense, in a word wickedness and folly, not of Germany only, but in less degree, of England and other nations, and should teach us wisdom by its bitter experience. As Shakespeare says:—"The Gods are just; and of our pleasant vices make whips to scourge us," and by God, what a scourge it has been. *HALIFAX.*

SANTA CLAUS AND THE CHILDREN

Sir,—I wonder how many of the English children in Cologne have discovered that their friend Santa Claus pays his yearly visit to children in Germany on December 6th, St. Nicholas Day.

On that day all German children are on the look-out for the holy man—Der heilige Mann, or St. Nikolaus as they call him. His visit is very important, for on it depends whether they will get any or all of the presents they wish at Christmas.

St. Nikolaus is only the messenger of the Christ-child (Das Christkind) who really sends the Christmas gifts. To-day, the 5th—each child writes a letter to the Holy man telling him if he or she has been good or bad at home or in school, and giving a list of the Christmas gifts desired. This letter is put on the window sill or entrusted to the parents to be put there.

The Holy Man finds whether Hans or Marie has been obedient and studious or disobedient and lazy.

To-morrow he leaves a message with the parents for each child, telling what faults must be mended before Christmas. Sometimes he comes in person in his well-known red cloak and hood with his white beard and bushy eyebrows.

He has a sack filled with good things, fruit and sweets, sometimes small gifts, which he delivers to the good children, but in one hand he has a rod with which to chastise the naughty ones. The Holy man generally appears in person in those families where there are big student brotners or cousins. Sometimes he is accompanied by Hans Muff—a black servant who administers the rod to naughty boys and puts them in his sack. Great is the consternation of youthful wrong-doers when he appears, but generally through the intercession of the mothers the bad boy is released with a warning to improve.

As a rule St. Nickolaus leaves the little ones very happy and jolly, with presents of fruit, nuts and bonbons and promises of all nice things to be sent at Christmas by the Christ-Kind—on the one condition that the children try to be "artig und fleissig". *J.D.*

SAFER TRAMCARS.

Sir,—"Bolivar" claims to have travelled the world and admits he does not know any country with the exception of England that favours "double deckers."

I would like to mention that to the best of my knowledge they are running them in Scotland at the present time.

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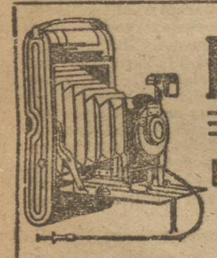
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CARPENTIER CONQUERS

Joe Beckett Fails to Win European Title

K. O. FIRST ROUND.

At the moment of going to press a Reuter's message received stated that Carpentier was successful knocking Beckett out in the first round. The Frenchman thus repeated his performance of 1913 when he dismissed Bdr Wells, established the fact that he is still a brilliant exponent of the art and qualified to meet Dempsey for the World's title.

A detailed account of the fight will appear in tomorrow's "Cologne Post."

The event to which the whole sporting world had been looking forward to for months was decided last night when Georges Carpentier and Joe Beckett, met at the Holborn Stadium to contest the European title.

For some years now, the men selected to uphold British prestige in the heavy-weight class have failed to justify the confidence invested in them, Bombardier Billy Wells being the most notable failure.

Now it has fallen to the lot of Joe Beckett to endeavour to redeem the past, and to wrest from France the coveted honour of possessing Europe's best heavy-weight.

On the other hand Carpentier was equally determined to retain the title which he holds for his country, one of the youngest to accept boxing as a world-sport and recreation.

For the winner, the next step will be a meeting with the redoubtable Jack Dempsey in the hope of adding the world's championship to that of the European title.

Search for a Champion.

Mr. C. B. Cochran, the great promoter, has long been searching for the best man on this side of the Atlantic for this meeting, and the series of contests, the first of which was held on February 27th last, had this object in view.

The scheme was productive of a huge surprise. The only two men, thought to have any real chance in this great enterprise were Bombardier Billy Wells and Frank Goddard, and when they were in turn decisively beaten by the almost unknown Joe Beckett, their chances were immediately nullified, while Beckett came with a bound into the limelight as a force to be reckoned with. One result was that he qualified for a match with Carpentier.

There were many who regarded these victories in the nature of flukes, but the "Thomases" were to have more convincing proof of the champion's vast improvement and possibilities.

Carpentier decided it was advisable to postpone his meeting with Beckett at Olympia on Sept. 2 and Mr. Cochran, holding the lease, substituted Eddie McGoorty, an American with a fine record and undeniably one of the cleverest "heavies" in the world. This contest supplied the most trying and most informative test of the Englishman's all-round qualities for he emerged a winner by a knock-out in the seventeenth round.

Sterling Qualities.

He displayed stamina and determination, and more important still, he showed that he had vastly improved as a boxer, and combined cleverness with hard hitting.

The question to which none could apparently give the answer prior to the fight was "Is Carpentier the Carpentier of old?" If he has retained all his old cleverness, if his stamina is unabated and if he can still receive punishment as well as administer, Beckett was set a gigantic task to overcome the popular Frenchman.

Carpentier has again and again demonstrated in the past that besides being able to box brilliantly he can stand up and exchange blows with the strongest and most rugged. Instance his two contests when only an unfurnished youth of eighteen and weighing under 11st with those hard, powerfully-developed American middle-weights, Frank Klaus and Billy Papke. He was beaten by each, but far from being disgraced he added untarnishable lustre to an already brilliant record.

Carpentier's Courage.

Carpentier's courage is of the quality that will not entertain defeat until it actually comes to him, When he met Bombardier Wells at Ghent on the first of June, 1913, it looked all Lombard-street to nothing on Wells in both the first and second rounds; yet with fierce and fiery energy the French boy fought his losing battle undaunted, and how he won in the fourth round is boxing history.

So, too, is the story of that second meeting with Wells six months later at the Club, when all the boxing there was took place within the first sixty seconds, and when Wells was down and out, while scores of ticket holders were trying to make their way into the theatre, and when scores of other members had not even arrived.

Carpentier, like Beckett, has had his reverses, but they are far outweighed by the successes achieved by this brilliant French boy, who, born on Jan. 12, 1894, at the French mining town of Lens, made historic in the war, began his boxing in Paris at the tender age of 13 years, and having cleared his path of native opponents, began to take on English boxers three years later.

First English Victim.

Young Warners, an East End boxer, was the first to go across the Channel to meet him and be beaten. In the same year, however, Carpentier was defeated by both Buck Shine and Ted Broadribb (then known as Young Snowball and a very clever boxer); but from that time onward, as will be seen from the record given below, Carpentier achieved many notable successes over English boxers, defeating in turn our welter, middle, and heavy-weight champions, Young Joseph, Jim Sullivan, and Bdr. Wells respectively. And all before he was 20 years of age!

Carpentier's Record.

Born Jan. 12, 1894, Lens, France. Height, 5ft 11in; weight, 12st 6lb. Started boxing in 1907, and in 1910 began to take on English opponents.

			Rds.
1910.			
——	Young Warner	WF Paris	7
——	Gaillard	W Lens	10
——	Wally Pickard	KO Brussels	8
——	Lampin	KO Liege	8
——	Buck Shine	L Brussels	10
——	H. Marchand	KO Liege	7
April 9—	Young Snowball	L (rtrd) Paris	4
——	Paul Til	D Paris	15
——	Cuny	W Cabourg	8
——	Young Warner	KO Cambrai	7
——	Audouy	D Brussels	10
——	Percy Wilson	W Paris	10
——	Jim Campbell	KO Paris	5
——	Demien	W Brussels	10
——	Jack Daniels	W Paris	10
1911.			
——	Brochet	KO Lens	7
——	George Randall	W (stpd) Paris	10
——	George Randall	KO Paris	5
——	Henri Piet	L Paris	10
——	Jack Daniels	W Paris	10
——	Young Nipper	W Paris	8
——	Jack Meekins	W Paris	10
Sept. —	Sid Stagg	W Roubaix	10
——	GeorgeColbourne	W Brussels	10
May 20—	Frank Loughrey	W Paris	15
June 7—	Eustache	W Paris	10
July —	Jack Goldswain	KO Paris	4
July —	Arth. Evernden	W Cabourg	15
Aug. 29—	Dixie Kid	L (rtrd) Trouville	5
Oct. 2—	Sid Burns	W Olympia, London	15
Oct. 23—	Young Joseph	W (rtrd) King's Hall, London	10
——	Lacroix	KO Lille	9
——	Theo Gray	KO Boulogne	9
Dec. 13—	Harry Lewis	W Paris	20
1912.			
Feb. 29—	Jim Sullivan	KO Monte Carlo	2
April 3—	George Gunther	W Paris	20
May 10—	Hubert Roc	KO Marseilles	6
May 22—	Willie Lewis	W Paris	20
June 24—	Frank Klaus	LF Dieppe	19
Oct. 23—	Billy Papke	L (rtrd) Paris	17
1913.			
Jan. 8—	Marcel Moreau	W (stpd) Paris	8
Feb. 12—	Bandsman Rice	KO Paris	2
Mar. 17—	George Gunther	W Nice	15
June 1—	Bombdr. Wells	KO Ghent	4
June 29—	Lurie	W Bordeaux	3
Oct. 11—	Jeff Smith	W Paris	20
Dec. 8—	Bombdr. Wells	KO N.S.C.	1
1914.			
Jan. 19—	Pat O'Keeffe	KO Nice	2
Mar. 21—	Joe Jeannette	L Paris	15
June 14—	PhilippeRobinson	KO Beviers	3
July 16—	Gunboat Smith	WF Olympia	6
1919			
July 17—	Dick Smith	W Paris	8
Sept. 29—	Croiselles	W San Sebastian	2

Unique Distinction.

It is well worth recording that Carpentier has the unique distinction of holding the championship of his own country at every weight in turn as he grew from boyhood to man's estate and stature, though, singular to say, he is not the "official" heavy-weight, but only the cruiser-weight, champion of France. Carpentier can lay claim to one other title, that of the world's white heavyweight championship, as the result of his defeat of Gunboat Smith at Olympia about a month before the outbreak of war.

Following on that performance, Carpentier could have had several very lucrative matches; in fact, contracts were all ready for his signature, but when war was declared, he threw up everything and went home to fight.

Beckett's Rise to Fame.

Beckett's tabulated record is nothing like as long or impressive as Carpentier's for all his contests worth noting have taken place in the past five years. But Beckett, who was born at Wickham, near Southampton, on April 4, 1894, served his boxing apprenticeship in the hard school of a travelling booth, fighting often and taking on allcomers, always with the possibility of having to receive some rough handling for very small payment, and often glad when time arrived when he could retire to nurse his bruises. But though the booth is a hard school in which to learn, it is a most valuable one, as Jim Driscoll and Jimmy Wilde, for instance, can vouch, and the life hardened young Beckett, and provided him with that experience, which has served him so well in the later years when he had qualified to compete for the bigger prizes of the boxing ring. Beckett's record, given herewith, covers the five-year period of serious boxing referred to above:—

Beckett's Batties.

			Rds.
1914.			
Apl. 20—	Hy. Smith	W., N.S.C.	4
Aug. 28.—	Montana Dan Sullivan	W., Plymouth	15
Dec. 21—	Hy. Reeve	L., The Ring	7
1915.			
Mar. 4—	Pat O'Keefe	L., West Lon. Stad.	8
Sept. 30—	Gordon Sims	W., Liverpool	15
1916.			
May 8—	Gordon Sims	KO., Portsmouth	18
1917.			
Jan. 15—	Harry Curzon	W., Holborn	15
May 28—	Harry Curzon	W., Southampton	8
June 18—	Dan Flynn	W., N.S.C.	15
Aug. 6—	Len Sexton	W., N.S.C.	8
Nov. 29—	Harry Curzon	W., Liverpool	5
Dec. 17—	Fk. Goddard	L., N.S.C.	8
1918.			
Feb. 25—	Dick Smith	L., N.S.C.	20
Oct. 14—	Val Harris	W., Glasgow	2
1919.			
Jan. 1—	Harry Reeve	W., The Ring	5
Feb. 27—	Bdr. Wells	KO., Holborn Stad	5
June 17—	Fk. Goddard	KO., Olympia	2
Sept. 2—	Ed. McGoorty	KO., Olympia, Lon.	17

FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

The brilliant generalship of Charlie Buchan upset McCracken's offside tricks both at Roker and St. James' Parks. He showed how these tactics can be outwitted.

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Club suspensions are very common this season, and Cook of Notts County has been suspended by the directorate for not attending to train.

Coventry seem to have all the ill-luck that is going, but their luck will turn. No club has ever yet made such a bid to escape relegation as they have done.

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Bolton Wanderers seem unable to beat Everton at Bolton. The Merseyside eleven have a good list of victories against the "Trotters" on foreign soil.

RACING REPORT.

Committee Suggests Several Important Reforms.

AUSTRALIAN COMPARISON.

The complete report of the Committee who have been inquiring into the subject of racing at the request of the ruling body was issued on Wednesday.

In it a number of details are given suggesting Turf reforms which would benefit (1) the owners of racehorses; (2) racecourse proprietors; and (3) the public.

It has long been a grievance with owners that they have contributed more than their fair share of the prize money, in comparison with what those in the Colonies and foreign countries are asked to provide. During the three years immediately preceding the war, taking forty-six racecourses of Great Britain, the total of prize money which came out of owners' pockets, added to the surplus on sales, represented roughly two-thirds of the sum disbursed.

Owners' Grievance.

Commenting upon this, the "Sporting Life" says:—

Certain Australian examples quoted indicate the difference in the conditions which have hitherto existed.

Take the case of the A.J.C. Derby of two years ago. The sum guaranteed in this was 5,000 sovs., added to a sweepstake of 20 sovs. The forfeit was but a sovereign if declared a couple of months before the day of decision, while even if declaration was deferred until the eleventh hour, or, at any rate, until two days before the race, the amount forfeited was but a five-pound note.

Furthermore, in the course of sixteen days' racing at Flemington, no less than £60,000 was provided in the way of added money, while the charge for admission to the public was smaller than that generally prevailing in this country.

LINGFIELD WINNERS.

Odds-on Favourite Finishes Race Alone.

At Lingfield on Wednesday, a long downpour of rain made the going extremely heavy. Nevertheless, there was a fair attendance of spectators. Details:—

Crowhurst Hurdle:—1, Odalisque (11—8); 2, Teivet (3—1); 3, Louboy (4—1). Eight ran.

Southern Chase:—1, Peine Clifton (9—4); 2, Ballymindel (5—4); only two finished. Three ran.

Cobham Hurdle:—1, Wynsford (7—4); 2, Storm Witch (evens); 3, Llanwnda (4—1). Three ran.

Covert Chase:—1, Willy Wyn (9—4 on) finished alone. Two ran.

Winter Hurdle:—1, Court Bleddyn (2—1); 2, Kings Coat (6—1); 3, Minstrel (4—1). Ten ran.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

First League.

Newcastle 0; Middlesboro 0.

Rugby.

United Hospitals 0; Army 0.

Oxford 71; St. Thomas Hospital 0.

CHESS TOURNEY.

The results of the knock-out Chess Tournament played at the British Empire Leave Club chess club, are as follows:—

1st. Round.

L./Cpl. Whyte	1	L./Cpl. Howes	0

2nd. Round.

L./Cpl. Whyte	1	Pte. Sharples	0
L./Cpl. Sers	1	Sergt. Keight	0
Sergt. Yates	1	C.S.M. Graham	0
Cpl. Williams	1	Gnr. Peck	0

PROUD PIONEERS.

19th Middlesex Win Nine Consecutive Games.

THEIR LATEST VICTIMS.

A very interesting match was played at Marienburg on Tuesday afternoon, between the 19th (S) Bn. Middlesex Regt. (P), and the 52nd Northumberland Fusiliers, resulting in a win for the Pioneers by 4-2.

During the first half of the game, the Fusiliers had slightly the better of the tussle, although when half time came both teams were level with 2 goals each.

Upon resumption, the Pioneers forced matters, and Chittenden, who had previously scored twice, again gave them the lead.

The Fusiliers attempted to equalise, but the sterling defence of the half backs and backs of the Pioneers stopped any chance of scoring. From a break away, which was quickly developed, Thane increased the Pioneers lead.

The closing scenes were marred by darkness and a very strong wind, that hampered the game very much, but no further scoring was recorded.

The victory gained by the 19th (S) Bn. Middlesex Regt. (P) on Tuesday afternoon, makes the 9th successive win. The result of the season's play to date being:

PLD.	WN.	LST.	DRWN.	FOR.	AGNST.
10	9	1	0	43	10

RUGBY REFORMS.

Proposed Alterations in the Laws of the Game.

We give, without comment, the following cutting from the "Sydney Referee" anent the proposed alterations in the rules of the game down under. The paragraph speaks for itself:—

"The New Zealand Rugby Union spent five and a half hours discussing proposals for alterations to the laws of the game, but most of the time was taken up with useless talk. At the end both parties expressed themselves satisfied with the result of the confab, said result being the agreeing to the holding of a conference between the New South Wales, Queensland, and New Zealand Rugby Unions. The reactionaries hope that the conference will agree with the suggested alterations, as the following will be submitted to the conference: (1) The abolition of the wing-forward; (2) the referee to put the ball into every scrummage; (3) modification of kicking the ball into touch; and (4) the application of the advantage rule to the line-out. Who is to represent New Zealand at the conference? This is the question that is troubling enthusiasts. The men who suggest themselves to me as likely to fill the bill with satisfaction to everybody concerned are Messrs F. T. Evans (president of the New Zealand Rugby Union) and H. Harris (president of the Otago Rugby Union). Both have been able administrators in their respective districts—Canterbury and Otago—and have gone right throught the mill. This conference may be one of the most momentous in the history of the Rugby game in these parts, and therefore demands that New Zealand's representatives should be of sterling worth."

N.H. Licenses.

Licenses to train under National Hunt Rules have been granted to L. A. Cundell, Fred Darling, J. Dodd, and S. Mercer.

Windsor Lady.

Mr. J. Joyce has named his colt by Adam Bede out of Clarilaw, Larry Quin, and his filly by Barcadaile out of Taboronte, Windsor Lady.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

WAGNER CONCERT.

At their second "Elite" evening the "Cologne Konzertdirektion" presented Sigfried Wagner—the only son of the great composer; Elli Lendler, contralto, (Berlin) and Heinrich Knote, tenor of Munich. The Cologne "City" orchestra did duty.

It was somewhat unfortunate that the parts to the prelude of Sigfried's Wagner's Opera "Der Friedensengel" were mislaid, or some such similar reason, for Richard Wagner's wonderful "Sigfried Idyll" was played instead. I said unfortunate because we heard nothing to come anywhere near its subtle beauties and atmosphere during the concert.

It has often been said with great truth that no man finds his best until he has struggled and suffered against circumstances and fate. True genius generally overcomes all obstacles. The point applies very much in this case. We all know of Richard Wagner's early struggles and hardships and how eventually he triumphed over them all. It is thought that his music would never have withstood all the attack of time and the progress of music had he never suffered.

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Richard Wagner's music has a voice, it has something that matters to say. I truly wish I could say the same about Sigfried Wagner. It is very difficult to be just to him. To be the son of such a giant in music is no easy position,—and to launch out after father's footsteps and also write opera may not have been difficult. Put to write something that is wortny of father and praiseworthy for the son is a much more difficult problem.

One of the pieces most liked was the "Sonnengesang" in which Herr Knote showed himself to be a tenor of great capability. The introduction to the song was something that contained much fine material and a beautiful melody.

Sigfried Wagner has of course all the intricacies of harmony and orchestration at his finger ends. His scoring is very fine but it is his music that somehow does not satisfy. But perhaps too much was expected of him, who is undoubtedly one of the most illustrious figures in music of to-day. Mention has already been made of Herr Knote's fine singing. The lady vocalist, Elli Sendler did all she was asked to do in an artistic manner. The audience was very large and gave Sigfried Wagner a fine ovation at the close. The work of the orchestra throughout the evening was excellent.

Success Follows Success.

I am pleased to hear that Mr. Leslie Ross with his talented party of vaudeville artistes made an even greater success on the occasion of the second visit to Riehl on Wednesday evening than when the first appearance was made there. The sparkling show presented by the company richly deserved the success they are achieving and if, by any chance, they are to return to the Palace theatre, Cologne, at any future date, an enthusiastic reception is assured. I still recollect the wonderful audience when Mr. Ross and his merry crowd concluded a week's engagements at the Palace a little while ago.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Fri.	Madame Butterfly	Puccini	7	9.45
Sat.	Martha	Flotow	7	10
Sun.	Der Zigeuner-baron	Strauss	7	10
Mon.	Armourer of Worms	Lortzing	7	9.45
Tuesday	No Performance.			

Band Concert.

The O.C. 23rd Royal Fusiliers has kindly given permission for the band of the regiment to play at the band concert at the British Empire Leave Club on Sunday from 6.30 to 8 p.m. The soloists are Miss West (violin), Miss Somers-Cocks (cello), Miss Mackenzie (songs).

Anxious Moments.

There were many uneasy minds behind the scenes at the Deutsches theatre on Wednesday evening due to the absence of Lieut. Humphrey Hope at the hour when the curtain was timed to rise. Frantic suggestions were made as to how "The Admiral" could be replaced, but the frienzied situation was relieved at ten past six when Mr. Hope strolled into the theatre. It appears that his conveyance from Wahn, whereto he had been on a visit, broke down thus delaying his return.

At the Palace.

"The Eccentrics" are back again at the Palace theatre, entertaining large audiences with considerable success. Mr. Alfred Hurley's other party "The Jesters" are meanwhile being enthusiastically received by our "Yank" cousins at Coblentz. I dropped in to the Palace yesterday evening during thunders of applause. This was evoked by charming Miss Gwladys Stanley, who received a double encore and had to take many "curtains" before the audience would part with her. Without doubt Miss Stanley is one of the most fascinating and talented entertainers seen in Rhineland. She combines a delightfully pure voice with a bright and graceful stage presence and the blending of these two qualities invariably meets with the approbation of her audiences.

Roller Skating.

Arrangements are now practically completed for the opening of a roller skating rink in Cologne and it is safe to predict that when the project materialises it will meet with spontaneous success. Variety, it is said, is the spice of life and there are many in Cologne and its environs who will welcome the latest form of amusement. The rink, which is to be in Komödienstrasse, will be open during the afternoon and evening; refreshments will be available and special sessions for officers and their wives will be arranged. If there are any professional or expert roller skaters left in Rhineland, Captain Haygarth, Amusements Officer, Cologne, would like to see or hear from them.

JACQUES.

PRICES FOR PLAYERS.

Has the Maximum been Reached?

There is a frantic scramble in progress just now for players, says "G.W.S." in the "Sporting Life". It was generally believed during the war that the payment of thousands of pounds for transfer fees for players had gone for ever. How easy it is to make mistakes.

Historic clubs whose teams have not come up to expectations are not quibbling at £2,000 or £3,000 for the players they have decided they require, and if the competition is not soon abated, prices will be soaring upwards until we may be startled one morning with the information that £5,000 has been handed over to a club for division between itself and the player concerned as an inducement to the latter to change his quarters.

Supply and Demand.

It is a case of supply and demand. There is a larger demand than there is supply of the kind of players who are needed by the leading clubs, and with so many tumbling over each other for any and every player who shows more than average ability, small wonder that the cupidity of clubs willing to part from players should become more pronounced.

It is inevitable that it should. Sheffield Wednesday, Aston Villa, Preston North End, and others that might be named will not remain in the neighbourhood of the foot of the table if it be possible for them to lift themselves into a higher place by the expenditure of a few thousands of pounds for players to strengthen weak places in their teams.

GOLF.

EVEN FOUR-BALL MATCH AT DUNSTABLE.

There was an interesting golf match at Dunstable on Wednesday when Alexander Herd, (Combe Hill), and George Duncan, (Hanger Hill) met Edward Ray, (Oxley) and James Battey, local professional, in a four ball match.

Rain fell almost continuously, and a strong wind rendered play very difficult.

The match ended all square, each side returning 72.

At the ninth hole the match was in favour of Ray and Battey by one, but Herd holed finely in two at a short fourteenth, and later a fine three by Duncan at the sixteenth hole squared the match.

The last two holes were halved although Ray had a chance of winning if he had holed a three yard putt at the last green.

Race Horse Destroyed.

T. Leader's Llanelly, whilst at exercise on the Bury Hills at Newmarket, had the misfortune to break a leg and has been destroyed.

Carslake's Departure.

B. Carslake sails for Australia on the 15th of this month.

FOR LEEDS.

Money to save Huddersfield Club not Forthcoming.

It has been definitely decided to transfer the Huddersfield Town Football Club to Leeds, the Leeds road ground having been acquired by a large manufacturing firm. The money needed to save the club for Huddersfield, it is stated, will not be forthcoming, and when the sanction of the Football League Management Committee has been obtained, the Huddersfield Club will at once commence to play on the ground of the defunct Leeds City Club.

COMPETITION PROBLEM.

Can You Forecast the Newcastle Result?

The failure of Newcastle United to take two points from Middlesboro at St. James' Park and their surprising defeats by Sunderland, lend great interest to their meeting with Sheffield United. This match appears on our coupon and competitors are set the task of deciding whether United have fallen into their pre-war ways again or not. The final coupon for No. 11 contest appears to day. Don't delay your entries. Post them now.

On the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—
FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 11,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 11.

Date of matches, Saturday, Dec. 6th.
Closing date, Friday, Dec. 5th.

Sheffield U.	v. Newcastle U.
Manchester C.	v. West Bromwich
Arsenal	v. Chelsea
Oldham	v. Barnsley
Huddersfield	v. Blackpool
Fulham	v. Tottenham
Coventry	v. West Ham
Swindon	v. Portsmouth
Gillingham	v. Brentford
Celtic	v. Motherwell

I enter Football Competition No. 11 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions already announced and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Rank and No. .....
Unit .....
Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Christmas Trees.

I noticed a large florist's in Breite Strasse receiving a load of "Christmas" trees yesterday. These were in pre-war days obtainable for 80 pfennigs.

A Cyclist's Memorial.

The German Sports' Association have erected a memorial at Sudfriedhof cemetery to Pitter Geunther, who is described as the world's champion cyclist.

His Privilege.

I noticed an excited crowd of young Germans round an automatic clock in a cabaret, each in his turn pulling a string which set the hand of the clock revolving violently. The person whose pull stopped at the lowest figure on the face had the privilege of paying for drinks round.

"Excessive Cigarette Smoking"

"COLOGNE POST" CELEBRITIES.
III "SENIOR OFFICER"

In Berlin.

An Army clerk serving with the Allied Commission at Berlin, informs me that he is having a most enjoyable time in the city on the Spree. He wears "c vvy" clothes and is allowed 500 marks a week ration money.

Recognition.

Have you noticed that most houses in Rhineland have the name of their architect engraved on a stone? After all it is only fair that the designer should be recognised.

Who Wants a Job?

A post is now vacant near Leipzig for a Luftschiffahrtverkehrszentralfrachtbahshofvorsteher. If the salary equals the title it is "some post."

Hats—Hard and Soft.

A very noticeable feature of "civvy" male attire in Cologne is the predominance of the soft felt hat over the bowler variety, the latter type being much more in evidence in London and other English cities. Taking a census to-day in the busiest part of Cologne, a friend found that the ratio was roughly twenty felt hats to one bowler.

Out of Cologne.

The recent winners of our football contest have been in most cases quartered in Cologne, but this week two out of three winners belong to units lying outside the city. Quite a change.

Mixed.

Noting an advertisement in a tobacconist's window which referred to a certain brand of cigarettes, I was amused to find that while the brand in question was a Turkish one, yet the pictorial matter showed the Pyramids of Egypt and the Sphinx.

By the Way.

I notice that the Germans are very found of postca ds dealing with legends and stories of all kinds. I saw, in a shop window yesterday, a series of gaily coloured postcards depicting "Rotkappen" or, as we know it, "Red Riding Hood."

A Popular Colour.

The most popular colours worn by the German womenfolk seem to be dark blue and a wine coloured cloth. But it is strange, their fondness for white materials, which are always spotlessly clean.

Out in a Growler.

Keen to let a new arrival in Cologne see something of the place, an officer hit upon the idea of engaging a "growler." The party of four made a wide detour yet both British and German pedestrians were obviously amused at the equipage.

Travellers.

I notice that there are many French travellers in musical instruments in Rhineland, carrying a good range of samples.

Art School.

The potential genius abiding in the Art Class of the General and Commercial College is becoming widely recognised. While in England recently, Lieut. Jemmett was asked by Charles Cochran and Madame Delysia to have some posters designed by his students for "Afgar" at the Pavilion.

Roller Skating.

The Church Army at Mulheim have opened a commodious roller skating rink at Frankfurter Strasse. It is open daily from 3 to 5 and 6 to 10, and a band is in attendance every Saturday night.

Ten to One.

"Many hands make light work", seems to be the motto of the German workman. I saw ten hefty labourers carrying a length of iron rail at Wiesdorf, that could easily have been carried by four. They were so close together thay they practically kicked one another's heels as they walked.

Rifle Brigade.

The guard at the Monopol Hotel now consists of men from the Rifle Brigade. They are the first of that Regiment I have noticed doing sentry-go there.

In French.

Many streets bear the name in French under the ordinary German plate. One such is Krebsgasse, where the French name "Rue de L'Crevisse" can be seen cut into the wall of a house.

RHINELANDER.

FOR BUSINESS MEN IN RHINELAND.

Major Kavanagh has had several years experience with large engineering firms in England, having served an apprenticeship with Messrs. Hick, Hargreaves, and Co., Ltd., of Bolton, and worked as assistant engineer to the Worsley Mesnes Iron Works Co., Ltd., London General Omnibus Co., Ltd., and the Sturtevant Engineering Co. He was subsequently in India as works manager of Messrs. A. and J. Main and Co., Ltd., Calcutta, and in Germany, where he acted for three years as commercial advisory engineer to the Maschinenfabrik Ausburg-Nurnberg Aktien Gesellschaft. He has latterly been employed on the staff of the Economic Council of the Rhine at Cologne.

We have received the second number of a new journal called "The World of Trade," and described as a monthly journal devoted to reconstruction. It is issued at Frankfort and has branch offices at Berlin, Coblenz, Leipzig, London and New York and is circulated, according to description, by permission of the American and British authorities. It touches on all questions of international commerce with a flavouring of propaganda such as the article on "The Seven Deadly Sins of all Germans." Three languages are used: English, French and German.

British traders should be careful of entering into long period contracts for the reception of German made cutlery as conditions are not likely to remain the same in England as obtained before the war. Of late years there has been an enormous increase in the output of knives, scissors, razors, spoons, and forks. That increase is well maintained, and complaints of the way the operatives are working are not often heard now. Progress is hampered by delays in obtaining supplies of materials, but the main fact which accounts for the present extreme pressure is that the trade is growing faster than the productive capacity. There s great difficulty in obtaining premises for extension of factories. Sheffield is now manufacturing a good number of nail scissors, manicure instruments generally, and other articles which were formerly German specialities.

It is reported that Germany is very anxious to enter trade relations with Britain and her colonies. British prestige has grown considerably among the Germans since the armistice, and recently consignments of German goods have been received in England, the articles of which are priced in accordance with existing values, although German traders lose on them—through the low exchange value of the mark.

There has been recently an enquiry in Bradford for wool by a Saxon millowner, who wants to make it into fabrics for export. Translated into German currency the price of the raw material will be tremendously high, but the manufacturer is quite repared to risk it.

The British Mission in Berlin has had good effect. Germany, however, is a long way from being her old self. Prices are exorbitant, transport is disorganised and needs repair, fuel is scarce, and other conditions essential to trade, require attention. Great quantities of imports from Germany in due course will be part of the indemnity she is under agreement to pay.

Mr. Lee of Messrs Flights Ltd. now installed at the Kronprinz Hotel, Cologne, is leaving for England before Christmas, but informs us that customers wishing to order civilian or military clothes may do so up to about the 18th instant. Mr. Lee intends to return in the spring.

The Vogue of Rabbit.

Women who must have furs will have to pay heavily for them in the future, as the price has increased as much as 80 per cent. on some particular kinds of skins. At a big sale held a few weeks ago, rabbit and fox vied for first honours, and "bunny" showed the greatest increase on the whole, though silver fox brought the top price per skin, i.e., £117 for one pelt.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

L.R.B. Home.—The London Rifle Brigade has arrived in England from India.

Organising.—The German Empire has recently been grouped into military areas.

Few Turkeys.—Turkeys will be very scarce and dear at Christmas.

Many Failures.—Mr. A.E.S. Sebright is just experiencing his seventh bankruptcy.

Numerous.—There are over 2,000 Freshmen at Cambridge.

Coal Shortage.—Canada has only enough coal for the most essential industries.

What it Costs. — Our Black Sea Army costs £24,000 a day.

Wanted at Home.—There are at present in France 18,200 railway wagons lent by British railway companies.

Great Damage Done.—Canada has just experienced one of the fiercest wind storms for many years.

Old club House.—The premises of London's oldest Club — the Cocoa Tree — are for sale.

Hard Pressed.— London hospitals find t difficult to find room for the increasing number of infectious cases.

Engines at Once. — The building of a hundred locomotives is to start immediately at Woolwich Arsenal.

Sweet Simplicity. — The Recorder of Dublin innocently asked the other day "What is Jazz?"

An Omission. — Lord Birkenhead says that hope is the only thing that is not taxed.

Foundered.—A naval motor launch has been sunk in a gale off Lands End and the second officer was drowned.

Up-to-Date.—A new motor lifeboat has been sent to Spurn Head station by the Lifeboat Institution.

Badly Paid?—Three thousand employees of the Army and Navy Stores, Westminster demand better pay.

Now Land Girls!—Someone is advertising for a lady gardener with a strong sense of humour.

Grow Our Own.—To-day Great Britain is independent of Germany for the supply of drugs.

Savage Dog.—A savage dog running amok in Battersea was killed by a policeman after two lads had been badly bitten.

Train Smash.—An express train from Bayonne collided with an engine near Toulouse. Six people were injured.

Girl Boxers.—Miss Marjorie Gordon and other actresses in "Who's Hooper?" have taken up boxing as an exercise.

A Difficult Trade.—British toy makers find it not easy to capture the German toy market.

Not So Dry.—The New South Wales drought has been ameliorated somewhat by beneficent rains.

Ringing Up.—Telephone communication has now been opened between France and the Rhenish provinces.

Copying London.—London Police are in Warsaw, helping to remodel the Polish police.

Royal Fish.—A Scarborough trawler has caught a royal sturgeon. It has been sent to the King.

The Remnant.—All the temporary staff will have left the War Office by the end of the year.

English Instead.—Twelve London streets with German names have been rechristened.

Poisonings. — Ten ptomaine poisoning cases have been reported at Alfreton, Derbyshire.

Timber Ablaze. — £20,000 damage has been done by a fire at Liverpool sawmills.

Generous. — The chauffeur, who drove the Prince of Wales from the dockyard to Portsmouth Town, received a gift of £5 from the Prince.

Daring Girls.—Two girls in men's clothes trying to leave Liverpool docks as stowaways, have been caught and arrested.

Paris Unmoved.—The Socialists have made notable victories in the French provincial municipal elections. In Paris there has been little change.

Germany's Forces.—Marshal Foch calls on Germany to suppress the military organisation that has been formed in violation of the Peace Treaty.

A mix-up.—It seems it was not General Sir Archibald Murray who was thrown from his horse recently, but Mr. Archibald Murray of Melgund.

Money Lavished.—"Eastward Ho!" the most expensive revue ever produced in London, is being withdrawn from the Alhambra next week.

A Veteran Retires. — Charles Coborn whose great successes on the music halls were "Two Lovely Black Eyes" and "The Man who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo," is retiring.

Still Composing.—Mr. F. E. Weatherly who has been writing popular songs for fifty years has been given a public dinner at Bath. He wrote "Darby and Joan," "The Holy City" and "Roses of Picardy," amongst many others.

THE BOY WORKER AND HIS WELFARE.

Increasing attention is being paid to the welfare of the boy worker. With the disappearance of women from many industries the ground has been left clear for the more detailed consideration of this subject, and there can be no doubt that many great firms are for the first time taking the subject seriously and adopting an organisation to deal with it. Welfare supervisors, often demobilized officers, are being far more free y appointed to bring the "human element" into a relationship which was often unsatisfactory in the past.

A sincere attempt is being made to provide young workers with a better chance of training, both mental and physical.

It has been found that these efforts have been amply repaid, and have resulted in better work, in more stable employment and the promise of a permanently better understanding.

Employers have undoubtedly suffered much loss in the past owing to the very unsatisfactory methods by which their juvenile workers were engaged. This was undoubtedly due to indiscriminate engagement, a failure to analyse the boys' aptitudes for a particular job, a neglect of proper training, and relentless dismissal for minor offences.

The result was that such training as was given was a dead loss to the firm, the same process had to be repeated, and no permanent body of trained employees was recruited. On the boys' side it led to casual and unskilled employment, discontentment, and idleness.

ENGAGING WISELY.

Undoubtedly the first step in boys' welfare is wise and discriminating engagement. In many firms the procedure is now that no boy is taken on who has not first passed through the hand of the welfare supervisor. The foreman makes known his needs, the supervisor interviews the candidate, filling in details on an engagement card.

Questions are put to the boy to elicit any special bent or aptitude which he may have. He is made to feel that in the supervisor he has a friend to whom he may turn, apart from those in the workshop who hold disciplinary power over him. His progress in the works is carefully noted and, more important still, he knows that he cannot be dismissed until his case has had a fair hearing from the supervisor.

It is often possible for an independent judge to recommend a second chance, after he has dealt humanly with some minor disciplinary offence. The busy foreman in the workshop has seldom time for such an inquiry. His only resource is to dismiss the boy, often to his permanent disadvantage.

To keep a record of a boy's work, ability, and behaviour tends to stabilise his mind. He realises that any complaints against him will be fairly judged, that his chance of promotion will not depend on his particular foreman, that his claims will be considered impartially when more responsible tasks are offered, and that the position which he covets will not be given to a less competent boy simply because he happens to be a friend of the manager or the son of a customer. It is obvious that the position of boys' welfare supervisor is one which demands considerable tact and discretion and a real understanding and sympathy of the boy's point of view.

THE BOYS' EDUCATION.

After a boy has been satisfactorily engaged and arrangements made to study his progress, the next point to be considered is his education. Under the provisions of the new Education Bill, employers will be compelled to grant facilities to their juvenile workers to attend continuation classes during their working hours.

Whether this training shall be given in schools definitely attached to the place of work or in local continuation schools is a matter which is receiving a great deal of attention at the present time. Whatever may be finally decided, the present interval should be and is in many cases being used for experiment in this matter.

In one Scottish foundry a works' school has recently been started, not to give general education, but to teach the boys something of the practical side of their work. A g other things, they are taught to analyse the sand used in their work, and whereas their fathers knew that by using a certain mixture certain results were produced, the boys are enabled to understand the reasons which underlie the formula.

A well-known Dublin firm which has instituted works' classes has given very practical encouragement to the boys to attend. The fees of those who reach a standard of attendance of 75 per cent. are returned. Awards are made to successful candidates in examination, and basket-ball, football and swimming clubs have been formed in connection with the classes. A Boys' Council, with representatives from each class, controls the different athletic activities.

SPORTS AND GAMES.

The proper provision of facilities for sports and games is not the least important aspect of the Boys' Welfare movement. It is unnecessary to insist on the physical advantage to the boys of such arrangements. They have been widely adopted, and swimming baths, cricket and football fields, gymnasia and rifle ranges are being provided in many large works.

As already indicated, an attempt is being made to link up this side of welfare work with the works' school. In the playing field the welfare supervisor can win the confidence of the boys, which is essential to his other work. It is vital to the success of all welfare work that the recreational side should be linked up to the prosaic relationships of daily work, and that the man who is to deal wisely with disciplinary matters should meet his boys on an equal footing in their play time. As an instance of the success of well-organised games amongst employees, Sheffield may be quoted, where seventy-five works teams have entered for the forthcoming Inter-Works Football League.

HOLIDAY CAMPS.

A development of the sports' club is the holiday camp. Organised by the welfare supervisor, in most instances this has proved a great success. The expenses of the camp outfit are usually borne by the firm, an expenditure which has proved very well worth while in the excellent results obtained. In some cases the boys pay for their food and, of course, do their own cooking.

A period of ten days to a fortnight is spent at the sea or in the country, and an opportunity such as could not occur in the atmosphere of the works is given for the supervisor to learn the individual characters of the boys and establish a spirit of camaraderie.

Welfare schemes, though for the most part they approach to one model, naturally vary in individual firms. The supervisor of an important wagon works, who has established a very complete system of Boys' Welfare, not only interviews applicants for employment, but also visits the parents to obtain all information necessary for classification. This is often done before a boy leaves school. The supervisor also issues a quarterly report to parents on progress and good time-keeping.

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THREAT TO KILL BRITISH PRISONERS UNLESS ALLIES COME TO TERMS.

HOME RULE FOR INDIA NEXT YEAR.

SOVIET FIENDS.

HOSTAGES FOR LITVINOFF'S BARGAINING.

Astounding revelations of the fiendish duplicity of the Russian-Soviet and its representative at the O'Grady Conference appeared in a leading article in Thursday's "Times."

It appears that when Litvinoff started for Copenhagen some British officer prisoners were warned that they would be shot if his mission failed, and they were invited so to inform their relatives in England. These letters have just reached England and the recipients are appealing to influential quarters to save the lives of these prisoners.

The "Times" declares that "even to save these lives we cannot perpetuate the domination of such assassins. Great questions of policy cannot be decided on personal considerations."

The "Morning Post" demands the recall of Mr. O'Grady, in view of Litvinoff's peace offer. It is stated that Litvinoff took to Copenhagen thirty million roubles for purposes of propaganda.

Mr. O'Grady having received instructions from the Government the Conference was expected to be resumed on Friday.

The Swedish journalist Ola Cinberg, who is stated to have gone to Copenhagen as the representative of the "Manchester Guardian" and "Social Demokraten" of Stockholm, was expelled from Denmark yesterday by the police, who said they would not permit Litvinoff to be in communication with foreign Socialist journalists.

UNION OF UNIONS.

ANOTHER COMBINATION FORMED

In order to secure the closer working between Trade Unions and the prevention of unauthorised strikes, an important new movement, embracing the whole of the United Kingdon, was inaugurated on Thursday, when the first meeting of the London District Committee of the National Federation of General Workers was held. Seven Trade Unions, comprising a membership of over two million workers, are affected by the movement. They include the Dockers Union, National Union of General Workers, Enginemen and Firemen's Union, National Amalgamated Union of Labour Workers Unions, National Vehicle Workers Union and the Public Authorities Employees Union.

I. L. P. WISDOM.

PARLIAMENT BETTER THAN SOVIETS.

The Independent Labour Party is sending a memorandum to the forthcoming International Socialist Congress declaring that revolution will not strengthen the Socialist movement. It asserts that the Parliamentary system is preferable to the Soviet form of Government for industrial democracy. The Party therefore rejects direct action, although the working classes may be compelled to resort thereto as a means to an end.

KILLED ON THE CONGO.

A telegram from the Belgian Congo states that Medical Director Armstrong and Cinematograph Director Stowell, of the American expedition sent out by the Smithsonian Institute, were killed in a railroad accident in Eugo forest. The expedition was undertaken to obtain films of the Congo and scientific information for the Smithsonian Institute.

PRINCE AND PREMIER.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by Admiral Halsey, his Chief of Staff during his Canadian tour, took tea with Mr. Lloyd George at Downing Street on Thursday afternoon, remaining about an hour. It is believed the discussion was connected with matters arising out of his recent tour.

AMERICAN HARBOURS CONGESTED.

A New York telegram says that more than 250 vessels of every nationality are tied up in Port Norfolk, owing to lack of coal.

A resolution has been introduced into the United States Senate asking President Wilson to break off relations with Carranza.

The War Office announces that Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, left for Paris on Wednesday, having received an urgent summons to consult with Marshal Foch in connection with the Peace Treaty.

INDIAN HOME RULE.

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD NEXT YEAR.

The House of Commons, in Committee, discussed the Government of India Bill in the course of the debate. Mr. Montague, Secretary for India, said it was hoped to hold the elections in India next November and let the Legislative Assemblies meet on the 1st December. The Government intended to ask Parliament gradually to surrender its trusteeship in favour of the India electorate but that electorate had yet to be created. When once the Bill was passed the progress of India to complete self-government would be irresistible but the ship must not be overloaded at the outset.

A Labourite amendment to include Burma within the scope of the measure was withdrawn after Mr. Montague had stated that he agreed that Burma must get self-government analogous to India, subject to local differences.

PRISON FOR PROFITEERS.

LABOUR MEMBERS' INGENIOUS PLAN.

Manchester City Council considered on Wednesday a proposal to put representatives of retail traders on the Profiteering Committee.

Mr. J. Hart, a Labour member, said that the proposal was an attempt to put criminals on the jury. If there had been anything more unreasonable, more shameful, more unnecessary, and universal than the profiteering that was going on, he had not been able to discover it.

Only one profiteering case in 10,000 came before the tribunal.

He would give the first hundred profiteers one month's imprisonment, the next hundred six months, and the next hundred 12 months.

By the time they got to penalties of two years, profiteering would be wiped off the face of the earth. Fining a man was reducing the thing to a farce.

The proposal was defeated.

FRENCH LOTTERY.

FIRST PRIZE WON BY A FIRM.

The winner of the big lottery prize is not a private individual, but the textile company of Flers in the Orne.

The question arises whether the million will be regarded as part of the company's assets and taxed as war profit, in which case it would dwindle to one-fifth of the sum. It appears more likely, however, that the Treasury will levy a tax of 10 per cent. In any case, the firm intends to erect model dwellings for its employees out of the proceeds.

TRIAL OF EX-KAISER.

SIFTING THE EVIDENCE.

The Attorney-General, speaking at Pontypridd, declared that no dissensions or wavering existed as regards the proposals for the trial of the ex-Kaiser. The Law Officers continued to make the most careful and extensive preparations and over 50,000 written statements regarding the prosecution of war criminals had been examined.

TROPHIES FOR UNITED SERVICE MUSEUM.

The latest additions to the Museum of the Royal United Service Institution include the Ashanti War drum and sticks which were taken at Kumari and formed part of the loot captured from King Prempeh by the expedition under Colonel Sir Francis Scott in 1896. These trophies have been given by Lieutenant-General Sir R. Baden-Powell.

Another new exhibit is a double-bass made by a German prisoner of war at the 15th General Hospital at Etaples in 1918 from such material as broken tin boxes, picked up in the coal yard. This instrument was often played in the hospital band.

ALLENBY'S ORDER AGAINST FIREARMS.

A proclamation has been issued at Cairo withdrawing all existing firearm permits and ordering the resubmission of applications, with a warning that all found in possession of firearms without a permit are liable to trial by a military Court. This measure is taken with a view to coping with the firing on British troops.

Three thousand employees are on strike. They are demanding thirty-five per cent. increase of wages and a forty-four hour week.

"FORTUNES OF WAR."

EX-OFFICERS START COFFEE STALLS.

Three ex-officers have started a business with six coffee-stalls in populous districts of London. Each one is called "The Fortune of War" and is manned by ex-officers. Cleaner and better furnished, these stalls show great improvement as compared with the old type of coffee-stall.

THE NEAR EAST.

GRECIAN PREMIER ON FUTURE OF THRACE.

M. Venizelos, who returned to Athens on the 2nd December, received a remarkable ovation from the enormous crowd which assembled to welcome him. In the course of a speech he said that the removal of Bulgaria from the Aegean, and the occupation of Western Thrace by Greek and Allied troops would mark the beginning of the recognition of Greece's rights to Thrace. He said he was convinced that the frontiers in the Epirus would be extended to Chimora.

It was also apparent from the invitation to occupy certain districts in Asia Minor that the Supreme Council has already decided that Smyrna should ultimately be assigned to Greece. In conclusion, M. Venizelos said that the Greek State has become an important factor in the consolidation of the Near East.

MINERS STRIKE.

U.S. OFFICIALS TO BE ARRESTED.

Eighty-four officials of the United Mine Workers of America are to be charged with criminal contempt of court for violating the injunction for bidding officials to participate in the coal strike. The officials will be arrested as soon as possible. Among them are Messrs. Lewis and Green, respectively President and Secretary of the United Mine Workers.

GREAT SLUMP IN STERLING.

Another violent break occurred on Wall street on Wednesday, sterling and francs falling to fresh low levels. Business in sterling was on an enormous scale with numerous transactions of £100,000 each. Many orders were carried out through South American Banks.

NAVY OF THE FUTURE.

Sir Percy Scott spoke on "Probable Future Developments in the Navy" at an "At Home," given by Mrs. Ronald Greville, with the Waifs and Strays' Society, expressed his belief that submarines and aeroplanes would revolutionise naval warfare of the future. Of battleships costing seven millions he believed that no more would be built. Their place would be taken by submarines and aeroplanes, the latter capable of travelling one hundred and fifty miles an hour.

SOCIALIST SENTIMENT.

At a Socialist meeting of a very stormy character on Thursday night it was decided to postpone the cessation of the strike in Rome until after the funeral of a young workman who was killed during a demonstration.

PARTIAL IRISH JURIES.

According to the "Morning Post" the Government has abolished trial by jury in certain areas of Ireland and substituted a Commission of three judges to try criminals.

DRAGOON GUARDS SAFE.

The War Office states that there is no foundation for a statement published by a morning paper that three Regiments of Dragoon Guards are to be disbanded.

CHINESE MURDERER HANGED.

Djang Djing Sung, a Chinaman, was executed at Worcester Gaol yesterday morning for the murder of a fellow-countryman, named Zee Ming Wu, at Warley, near Birmingham.

It will be recalled that Djang Djing Sung was arrested in London when trying to obtain the dead man's savings from the Post Office.

OFFICERS WANTED FOR INDIA.

The Secretary of State for India announces that a number of ex-officers with service in the recent war are required for temporary service in the Infantry branch of the Indian Army.

Mr. Lloyd George has made a donation of £2,000 to the Church Army.

The revised Navy Estimates show a net total of £157,528,800.

Asked by the Battersea Coroner how much he had spent to get drunk one night, a witness replied: "Twelveshillings." "The Coroner: All on Government ale! Then you must have drunk a barrel-full."

FATAL INFLUENZA.

ENTIRE COMMUNITIES WIPED OUT.

The ravages of influenza among the Eskimos of Labrador are described in a missionary's letter published yesterday. He says that on arriving at his village headquarters, "to our great surprise none came to meet us. Leaving our dogs, we went forward to investigate. Every house was full of dead. In one house I found five dead bodies, neatly habited for burial, laid side by side on the floor, and on the bed several young children lay dead beside what seemed to be their mother, evidently the last one to die. Possibly it was she who had dressed the bodies for the grave before she died. My men fled in terror from the place. At Okkak and all the adjoining settlements dead lay in numbers in every conceivable attitude."

MORE CORK OUTRAGES.

COLONEL DEPRIVED OF HIS GUN.

Further outbreaks of lawlessness are reported from Cork.

When returning from a day's shooting near Donoughmore, Colonel Sandford was held up by a party of men, who covered him with revolvers and deprived him of his gun.

A party of armed and disguised men entered the house of Mrs. Dillon, Magazine-road, Cork, and made a thorough search for arms, but found none.

Christopher Lucey and Timothy Noonan, two civilians, residing in the city, have been sentenced, by order of a district court-martial, to one year's imprisonment, for having arms and ammunition in their possession. The latter defendant had 31 sticks of gelignite and 63 rifle cartridges.

VIOLENT WAITER.

ATTACK IN A JEWELLER'S SHOP.

Shown some tie-pins in a jeweller's shop, near the Royal Exchange, James Tynan, a waiter, disapproved of them. The salesman, Charles Munro, sixty, turned to replace the pins in the window, and was struck violently from behind on the back of the head. Though momentarily dazed, Munro seized Tynan and shouted for help, and a colleague found Tynan holding the salesman over the flap of the counter "as though he wanted to break his back." Tynan was arrested, and on Thursday at the Mansion House was committed for trial on a charge of unlawfully wounding Munro with a hammer.

170,000 EX-SERVICE MEN WORKLESS.

Captain Hart, of the Ministry of Labour, appealing at Denton to a meeting of manufacturers and employers representative of hatting (the staple trade), cotton, and engineering to find work for disabled ex-service men, said there were 170,000 of these still unabsorbed. Mr. J. A. Bardsley promised for the hatting trade that eleven ex-Service men formerly employed in it should be found work, and alluding to complaints made by a Labour deputation that women were still employed in engineering who should be sent back to the hatting trade, said the women would not return. He suggested deputations of employers to district firms which had not reinstated ex-Service men.

AUSTRALIAN ITEMS.

The Nationalist Party in New South Wales has approved the Government's proposal to subsidise children in excess of two in any family.

The Victoria Legislative Assembly has rejected by 33 votes to 23 a proposal for Nationalisation of the Liquor trade.

"PUSSYFOOT'S" GENEROSITY.

Mr. "Pussyfoot" Johnson will leave the nursing home to-day. He has expressed a wish that the sum of £320 raised by the "Evening News," as a testimonial to his pluck, shall be handed to St. Dunstan's Hostel for the Blind.

ENEMY CRIMINALS ON THE LIST.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons Mr. Lloyd George said that the final lists of enemy subjects whose surrender will be called for are now under consideration. It is not at present desirable to state their number or how many of them are in the hands of the Allies.

MEXICO'S COMIC SOLDIERY.

General Villa has been captured by a force of his own men, who are holding him for a reward from the Mexican Government.

RATIFICATION OF PEACE.

The Peace Treaty with Germany will probably be ratified before the end of the year, says Mr. Lloyd George.

Düsseldorf Socialists and Independents refused the use of the Town Hall for the installation of the new Upper Burgomaster because the Kaiser portraits have not yet been removed.

SUMMARY COURT.

THE BRITISH CRAVING FOR FRESH AIR.

There was quite an unusual atmosphere about the Summary Court yesterday. Three English ladies were present, a few English men of business and a large sprinkling of officers.

Travelling from Bonn to Cologne by train, in company with an English lady from the British Empire Leave Club, an officer, at the lady's request, opened two of the ventilators, as the atmosphere was almost stifling. Karl Hoering, of 2 Alteburgerstrasse, who was in the same compartment, objected. He called the officer "a British swine", and used other insulting remarks. When the conductor came in to shut the ventilators, the officer again opened them, whereupon Hoering again objected and placed his hand on the officer's shoulder in a threatening manner.

The officer's story was borne out by the lady from the Leave Club. She speaks German fluently and stated that Hoering's speech and behaviour was very impertinent.

The Presiding Officer said that the trouble evidently arose through the German prejudice in favour of foul air and the extraordinary liking that English people have for fresh air.

A fine of 200 marks was imposed.

A VARIED ASSORTMENT.

A miscellaneous hoard was found in possession of Gerhard Wolff of 55 Kempenerstrasse, Nippes, including 1 Cardigan, 1 Cap Comforter, 2lbs bacon, some English cigarettes, 1 loaded revolver and a German hand grenade.

In accounting for the articles he said he bought the cardigan for 25 marks and declared that every civilian in Nippes was wearing one. His object in having the revolver was to frighten people, he said, as he lived in a very dangerous quarter.

The Presiding Officer, pointing out that a number of outrages had occurred recently, fined Wolff 2,500 marks, or one month's imprisonment.

LATE HOURS AT THE LUISENHOF.

The proprietor of the Luisenhof in Ehrenstrasse was charged with permitting civilians to be on his premises at 11.15 p.m. There was a previous conviction against him for a similar offence. When he was asked by a police sergeant to account for the presence of the men on the premises he stated that he was too busy otherwise to see that the house was closed at 11 o'clock.

He was fined 5,000 marks or six weeks imprisonment.

SOVIET PROPAGANDA.

OMINOUS ACTIVITY IN TURKESTAN.

The latest reports from Turkestan show the extent to which the Leninites are influencing the Moslem population and the effect of their propaganda. Processions over a mile long traversed the streets, consisting of tens of thousands of Russians and Mussulmans, with a Mussulman band playing the Internationale and La Marseillaise.

A significant feature of the celebration was the participation of thirty Moslem proletariat organisations, and 10,000 Moslem children carrying pictures of Lenin and Trotzky.

Indirect news of a similar celebration at Moscow shows that the Afghan Mission was present. The Afghan emissary in a speech expressed confidence in the conclusion of an Alliance between Afghanistan and Soviet Russia.

MEAT CONTROL TO CEASE.

The control of meat will probably be removed before the end of December. Whatever decision is reached concerning its future, the Food Ministry will not close before summer or autumn next year.

OBDURATE IRONMOULDERS.

Negotiations for a conference between the employers and Unions concerned in the ironmoulders dispute have again broken down.

PLAYING CARDS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

After a warm discussion, the Wesleyans at Wilmslow, Cheshire, have decided in favour of allowing card playing and dancing in their Sunday-schools.

Rev. J. Percy, the resident pastor, supported the proposal, Cards, he said, were played in the home by good people, and if it could be done in the home it could be done in the church. The home was as sacred as the church.

COLLIERS' EXPENSIVE JOKE.

Damage to the extent of £80 was done by three colliers, who, going home at midnight from a dance in Sunderland, amused themselves by breaking windows and otherwise injuring the fronts of houses they passed. Including the fines imposed at the police-court, their evening's amusement will cost them £90.

TWO ANONYMOUS £20,000 GIFTS.

An anonymous donation of £20,000 was received on Thursday by the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool. An anonymous gift for a similar sum was sent on Tuesday to a Manchester hospital.

£10,000 FLIGHT.

ROSS-SMITH'S BRILLIANT EFFORT.

The fifth competitor for the ten thousand pounds Australian flight, Captain C. E. Howell, left Hounslow on Thursday morning, on a Martinsyde aeroplane, accompanied by Private Fraser as mechanic.

Captain Ross Smith, piloting the Vickers-Vimy machine on the flight to Australia, landed at Rangoon on the 30th November and the Frenchman Poulet arrived forty-five minutes later. Both started for Bangkok simultaneously on the 1st December. Captain Ross Smith is expected to reach Port Darwin to-day (Saturday), well inside the thirty days stipulated by the conditions of the contest.

(Captain Smith left Hounslow on the 12th November and Poulet left Paris in mid-October.

The Air Ministry has received a message from Italy saying that the Blackburn Kangaroo aeroplane arrived at Tarat on Wednesday afternoon and intended proceeding to Suvla Bay on Thursday, weather permitting.

RYE WHISKY.

CAUSES GREAT INCREASE IN GLASGOW DRUNKENNESS.

A great increase in drunkenness in Glasgow is reported by the police, who estimate that the number of arrests lately has increased by 400 per cent.

They believe that the larger allowance of spirits has had less effect than the importation of whisky from Canada and the United States. It is described as worse than raw grain spirit, and it is alleged that American rye is sold as imported, or blended with a proportion of home whisky.

American rye costs about 9s. 6d. a gallon, against 20s. for native spirit, and despite the heavier duty, imported whisky is meeting with a ready demand.

PARLIAMENT.

IRISH BILL FOR NEXT SESSION.

The Prime Minister announced in the House of Commons that he hoped to introduce the Irish Bill during the week after next and he hoped Parliament would be prorogued on the 23rd December until probably early in February. The Irish Bill and other measures would be carried over into next session by a special suspensory resolution.

NURSE CAVELL'S BETRAYER.

DEATH SENTENCE QUASHED.

The sentence of death passed on the informer Quien by the Sixth Court-martial on the charge of having denounced Nurse Cavell has been quashed by the revising court. He will be tried again by the First Court-martial on December 10.—

AUSTRALIAN FLIGHT.

Captain Matthews and Sergeant Kay, of the Australian Air Force, who started from Hounslow on the Australian flight on October 21st, landed at Vienna last Sunday, owing to bad weather and lack of petrol, coming from Mainz. They are proceeding to Belgrade. Captain Matthews said his journey was hampered for several days by ground mists, but he hoped to make faster time when he was out of Europe. He expected with luck to overtake his competitor in the Vickers-Vimy machine.

STRIKE AT THE STORES.

At a mass meeting of the strikers at the Army and Navy Stores yesterday it was unanimously decided not to return to work until the full demands had been conceded. Mr Hoffman, Organising Secretary of the Shop Assistants Union, said that whether the strike lasted a day or a week they must never return to the miserable conditions to which they had hitherto been subject (loud cheers).

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Business hung heavily in consequence of adverse movements in rates exchange and pressure of Continental selling. British Funds were further affected by fears that under the Government Housing Scheme whereby local authorities will be allowed to borrow at 5½ per cent. free of income tax small holders will realise their holdings of Government securities and re-invest under the new scheme. Business in foreign securities was difficult to negotiate. Textiles were a good feature among industrials. Gold minings were firm with a broadening demand for the lower priced shares. Oils, after some irregularity, closed harder. Mexican Eagle Oil offer shareholders one new ordinary 10 pesos share at par for every two shares held. Marconi wireless offer shareholders one new ordinary share at £3 for each share held. The Money Market was better on the Bank of England return disclosing an increased reserve. Spot silver advanced to 75 pence on trade demand but declined to 73½ on an improvement in the American exchange. Gold to a fair amount was taken for india and the trade at 106s. 6d.

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THE OPEN DOOR.

During the past century the door of learning has been opened wide to the masses. The philanthropy of men like Carnegie, who has built stocked libraries all over the United Kingdom, and the action of public bodies, realising the people's needs who are maintaining libraries, has enabled even the poorest classes to obtain access to books of all kinds.

During the war, enforced idleness was the means of introducing to many the delight of books. Reading is one of the few good habits that grow on one, and a taste for literature once aroused is almost bound to develop. Space and time have no real meaning in the world of books.

One can dive back into the middle age, and sally forth seeking adventures with Sir Galahad; can amuse oneself at the strange customs of the Chinese. One can study thoughts expressed by those who have been gifted with great power of expression. He may marvel at the wonders of Italian scenery or linger with the peasant at the little crucifix on a shady road in Normandy. With Columbus he may discover America, or go with Scott to the Antartic regions.

He may with Shakespeare make merry, and at the same time cannot fail to realise the beauty of our English language. Thus he may philosophise with carlyle—there is no end to spheres open to book-lovers. Good books, it has been said, are like a walled garden, wherein a child may safely play.

The discriminating reader has the whole world at his feet, he is interested and educated at once. The key to power is knowledge, and he who reads is for ever gleaning information. Here, on the Rhine, there is no dearth of facilities for reading, nor can excuse be found with regard to lack of time. During the summer months, of course, sport claimed the off duty hours—but now this is not the case.

That a large number of the troops here are occupying their spare time in reading is obvious from the letters which have appeared in our columns, on "Do we read too much"? and by the large number of attendants at the "Cologne Post" Bookroom in the Arcade, Hohestrasse, at the Y.M.C.A. Bookshop, and at various other institutions.

There is no limit to the possibilities of a nation of readers,—for readers must become thinkers,—to a nation whose views are broad and whose ideals are lofty, and there is no finer aid to these than books.

LEAVE IN FRANCE.

Of all the towns in France familiar to British troops, there surely can be none so full of vivid memories to thousands of Englishment as that of Rouen.

As a British Base during the War, it was second to none in importance on the Lines of Communication, and for four years there were quartered in this ancient town and vicinity approximately eighty thousand troops. Truly, a large number. Indeed, writers in the German Press were actually advertising the fact that Rouen was becoming more and more a British town, in a vain endeavour to create an unfriendly spirit between us and our French Allies.

Probably many members of the Rhine Army were at some time or other quartered round about this town and they will well remember the old familiar sights of age-long memories.

Rouen prospered greatly under British "occupation." French shopkeepers and café proprieters quicky adapted themselves to the exclusive whims of the British soldier, and it was an unchallengable fact that one could seek and always find in this city of Joan of Arc.

In many different directions the prosperity of Rouen was increased by the supply of Mr. Atkins' wants, and the tramway receipts alone jumped up in leaps and bounds. The Corporation during the War was obliged to increase its numbers of cars on the Bonsecours route for this beautiful trip was an objective, common to all.

Places of amusement benefited enormously whilst such places as the Tivoli Music Hall and Folies-Bergere were catering almost exclusively for British troops.

The writer of this article is acquainted with one French Picture House proprieter who came to Rouen during the early part of the war quite penniless. In co-partnership, he opened a well advertised shop selling nothing but postcards and silk works of art, etc. His next extension of business was to build a Cinema House in the rue Jeanne d'Arc, one of the main streets, on which he lavished the whole of his capital. At first it did not pay, then gradually his audiences increased as he had managed to secure the best orchestra in the town. For a long period right up past the Armistice his theatre was always filled with an audience mostly of khaki, and now he, at least, realizes how Tommy brought prosperity in his trail.

Rouen still continues a busy port, thriving with activity, but to-day there is a marked change. A recent week-end visit made by the writer revealed a great difference. No longer are the familiar khaki figures seen, passing along the Quais, whilst such streets as the rue Jeanne d'Arc, rue Grand-Pont and rue de la Grosse-Horloge, which for over four years were bustling thoroughfares for British soldiers, are now practically devoid of khaki.

Our French friends are the first to see the change. A sure sign that the commerce of the town had received a setback is now to be observed in the ever increasing number of notices over cafés stating "Changement de Proprietaire." Houses, which a year ago thrived with business, are to-day deserted and so are changing hands.

Not a few demobilized Tommies have settled down in Rouen, marrying French girls and taking over the business of the estaminet, but will they continue long to habituate themselves to their new new environment now that their khaki colleagues have left them.

Rouen still retains its souvenir of "les soldats anglais" in the large camp given over to the French Authorities at Champ de Courses and also in the great number of huts scattered over its suburbs.

In times yet to come, old associations will again be renewed, and though there will be an absence of old familiar faces, yet the town will preserve ever its same appearance, and who knows but that the famous No 12 Car route will continue to carry its war made passengers, making their pilgrimage to the beautifully kept British cemetry which is situated at the terminus of this tramway track.

Was it more than instinct which bade the Rouennaise say "Au revoir" to their khaki friends, and not "Adieu!"

UNION JACK.

THE TINKER.

Have you been condemned to work with one of those misguided people whose sole aim and object in this life it is to tinker with everything of a mechanical nature, in their endeavour to find out "how it works," or perchance to invent some improvement that they in their misguided judgment consider will have far reaching effects in improving the same.

I do not for one moment doubt that somewhere on this planet there are people serving in such humble capacities as road sweepers or dustmen who are capable, with the necessary nurturing, of inventing improvements on sausage-grinding machines or cheese parers, but the particular brand of idiot I refer to is most emphatically not capable of doing these things and is in fact not fit to be at large in this, the 20th Century.

From the intricate mechanism of a typewriter to the fragile globes and switches of the electric lighting set of our office, our particular misguided genius considers it his duty to take a hand in righting any wrongs, or at least of attempting to.

What matters it to him if after half an hour of trying to right a defect in the typewriter there is a sudden whirl as of an aeroplane engine going "all out," as the original defect is obliterated entirely in a tangle of broken springs and other oddments resulting from his efforts?

"The spring has gone," he will remark with a knowing smile.

How you wish he would go to—to a spot suitable for his kind.

But electric lights are his pet hobby.

Unfortunately we have a lighting set that takes a devilish delight in going wrong just at the time when it should be going right.

With the same persistency that night follows day, just as the shades of night are falling fast, out go our lights.

The various expressions that always follow this event light up the room for a moment or two, but even they die out before the next act in the great nightly drama takes place.

Here he comes.

With an instinct that is almost uncanny and almost before the lights have gone out, our genius has disappeared, and is now heard staggering into the darkened room with a step ladder.

He gets to work.

Various sounds of, "Ah! I thought so!" are heard proceeding from the top rung of the ladder.

A feeble flicker of acknowledgment of his efforts takes place. For two whole seconds the lights come on, showing him perched aloft with a look of deep knowledge on his face, reminiscent of a Professor of Geology.

Out go the lights again. He descends from the ladder, re-adjusts its position, knocking over sundry inkpots and other accessories in the attempt.

But he is oblivious to such minor happenings.

Once more aloft. But we have grown tired of his unfruitful efforts and have produced candles to carry on with.

He descends again to re-adjust the ladder, and is no sooner done than, as if in derision of his attempts, the lights come on again.

But I regret to say that our genius came to an untimely cessation of his activities. He failed to adjust his ladder properly at the last performance and came down in company with the chandelier. Even so, as he was being put on the stretcher he could not resist the temptation to remark audibly of improvements he could make in Army stretchers.

HAWKEYE.

ON THREE FRONTS.

The varied experiences met with during service in France, at Gallipoli and at Kut are dealt with in a staccato but none the less interesting manner in a recently published book. "Mons, Anzac and Kut," by an M. P. (Edward Arnold, 14/- net.)

The hospitality of the French at Le Havre is dealt with in the opening chapter. What a time the "Old Contemptibles" must have had — but what odds they found and how well they faced them.

The difference in warfare as they found it in September 1914 to the Trench warfare of 1916 is emphasised in the following passage: "As we crossed the frontier the men wanted to cheer, they were ordered to be quiet, so as not to let the Germans hear them." This order gave an unpleasant impression of the proximity of the Germans. The men began to fall out a great deal on the road. The heat was very great. Many of the reservists were soft, and their feet found them out. Their rough clothes rubbed them. Tom carried rifles all day, and I carried rifles and kit on my horse, while the men held on to the stirrups."

A SAUCEPAN'S FAMILY.

"M.P.," after being taken prisoner and retaken by the French, had a short stay in hospital after which he is sent to Egypt. Like most troops en route for the Peninsula he spent some time at Lemnos. Amongst his adventures here, the following gives an idea of the workings of an Eastern mind.

"After lunch I went to see the Mayor, to help me buy all that I wanted. He was rather shaky as to his position, as Lemnos has not yet been recognised by us as Greek, and our recognition was contingent on the behaviour of the Greek Government. He was a good linguist, talking French well, a little English, Italian, Greek, Turkish and Arabic. I think it was he who quoted to me the story of the Khoja Nasr-ed-Din. Nasr-ed-Din was lent a saucepan by a friend; he returned it with another small saucepan saying it had produced a child. Next year the friend offered a huge saucepan at the same date, which the friend considered the breeding time for saucepans. Later on when his friend applied for the return of the saucepan Nasr-ed-Din said, "It is dead." His friend expostulated: "How can a saucepan die?" "Well," said Nasr-ed-Din, "if it could have a child why can't it die?"

FLIES!!

"Mespots" was seen as a liason and intelligence officer, and the author tells how food was sent by aeroplane to our troops imprisoned in Kut.

No pen can exaggerate the hardships and physical discomforts our troops experienced in the east. The heat, the lack of water—the flies. This is another extract. "We rode across the bridge to General Younghusband's H. Q. Nothing that I've ever seen or dreamed of came up to the flies. They hatched out until they were almost the air. They were in myriads; the horses were half mad. The flies were mostly tiny. They rolled up in little balls when one passed one's hand across one's sweating face. They were on your eyelids and lashes and in your lips and nostrils. We could not speak for them and could hardly see."

Space will not permit of our dealing more fully with the book, which i spite of (or perhaps because of) the "report" like brevity of some sentences, creates a very real picture of the writer's experiences.

W.K.

I WONDER.

The girl next door,
Gets lovely poems from her boy, and flowers.
He sends her lilies for her snow-white arms,
Roses as emblems of the happy hours.

They spend together.
She thinks him awful clever, but she'd like
Peppermint creams, and movies, and to talk
Of common things, and call her dog a Tike.

While my young man,
Likes haddock with his tea, and "half and half"
And when the stars' way up 'most make ME cry
He says I'm such a goose I make HIM laugh.

What do you think
Will happen when we're spliced up, two and two,
And I'm chained down to get a tasty meal
And she's chained up to flowers and silver dew?

E.M.S.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

A GENEROUS OFFER.

Sir,—"H.C.W." appeals, to Padres and educational officers to provide more of what one might term "industrial amusements" in order to keep our young soldiers from "loafing."

Now I am neither a Padre nor an educational officer, but the nature of my duties is such that I am more or less confined to camp for about a third of my time.

I have been therefore considering the formation of a small class of instruction in motor car upkeep and driving for beginners only. This would not be anything in the nature of a "course," and would of necessity be limited to a small number.

If any "bona fide" young soldiers, preferably those who know nothing about the subject, but would like to learn, are interested, perhaps they would drop me a line, care of the Editor, and I could arrange to talk matters over with them.

MAGNET.

B.R.A.D.C. DRESSES.

Sir,—It is rarely indeed that the Rhine Army Dramatic Company is guilty of faulty dressing in its productions and one is all the more surprised, therefore, to observe in this week's performance at the Deutsches Theatre a very glaring error.

"Lady Frederick" was written before the war and yet we see one of the chief characters appear in khaki uniform complete with wound stripes and new medal ribbons. A civilian suit would surely be more suitable.

S.T.

SAFER TRAMWAYS.

Sir,—So your correspondent "Bolivar" has travelled the world over, has he?

Sure and be jabers he must have left old Ireland out of his itinerary for when I was a schoolboy in Dublin we had the double deck tram system on every route bar one and the exception was the one that led out to Beggars Bush barracks.

Incidentally we used to think—and I think so still-that the Dublin system was second to none in Europe even with Cologne thrown in.

Methinks "Bolivar's" "world" has been a narrow and restricted one, but I'm glad he observes things.

There's hopes for him yet.

COLLEGE GREEN.

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS.

Sir,—On the afternoon of December 24th there will be a Christmas Tree and entertainment for the children in attendance at the Cologne School for British children, to which we propose to invite all other British children in Cologne and its neighbourhood, and their parents.

In order that we may have the pleasure of sending invitations to all such children, we shall be glad if their parents will notify the fact of the children's residence here and their ages, at the earliest possible date to the Assistant Chaplain-General, 79 Johannis Strasse.

This entertainment is being arranged by a small Committee nominated by and as representing the Church on one hand and the School on the other; and, as it appropriate, it will be held in the Loreley Hall of the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A.

J. D. S. PARRY EVANS.
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Joint Secretaries.

CIVILIANS AND THE CLUB.

Sir,—I think as an ex-officer I ought to bring before my comrades still serving, the treatment meted out to us by the N.A.C.B. While not used to grousing myself, I feel sure that it is necessary to bring to the notice of officers serving, that ex-officers are forbidden to enter the N.A.C.B. Clubs except when the guest, of an officer.

Considering the amount of money spent by officers during the war I think it is only fair that they should be permitted to use the club. To us as civilians, the Rhineland is not kind in the matter of the English dish, and for the few visits I personally, and one or two others make to the Officers' Club, it is quite a luxury, to obtain white bread and meat.

I feel the only remedy for this attitude to bona fide ex-officers in that they might apply to the President of the Club or have their names submitted for election as members. I have repeatedly asked at the N.A.C.B. Headquarters for a pass to use the Club, and have been told that I cannot obtain one.

While I recognise that all civilians cannot be permitted to use the Club, I think that those who have served their country, might at least be permitted to enjoy the comfort of the Club now, when things have become more or less status quo.

1914—1915.

TO HER, AFAR.

The lights are out, and the long day's over;
The soul may see where the eye must fail;
My heart goes forth as an eager rover
And pierces the Night's dark veil.

It homes to its Nest like a bird returning
From desolate places Love can but shun,
To the dear Abode that, with welcome burning,
Is Heaven and Earth in one.

A flicker of flame from the dying fire
Lights up Your face and Your dear, dark eyes
And joins Your longing to my desire,
Your pray'rs to my yearning sighs.

I am here by Your side, O my Sweetest, Rarest;
You may not see me; but can You guess
What thoughts are folding you round, my Fairest?—
(I think that You whisper,—"Yes!")

The fairy forms that their guard are keeping
O'er You who are fairer by far than they,
Shall watch and bless You, as, softly sleeping,
You wait for the Dawn of Day.

The flame dies down; and the black, dull Curtain
Of Night and of Distance falls round me here:
You are far from me, in a world uncertain—
I am lonely, my Very Dear!

Q.W.

DISAPPOINTING BECKETT.

Frenchman Wins Fight with Single Punch.

THE CONTEST DESCRIBED.

As announced in the "Cologne Post" yesterday the great fight at the Holborn Stadium on Thursday evening resulted in a victory for Georges Carpentier, of France, the champion of Europe, Joe Beckett, the English champion, from whom so much was expected, being counted out in the first round.

To say that the result came as a surprise is to put it very mildly; it was something in the nature of shock to the many supporters of Beckett to find that he could not stand up against the Frenchman for more than one and a half minutes.

While in France they remained true to their idol and would not hear of his defeat, the general opinion in England was that the result would be a win for Beckett, many eminent authorities predicting success by a knock-out before the tenth round. And there was undoubtedly justification for such a supposition.

Carpentier has achieved nothing of note for five years, his recent defeat of Dick Smith in Paris being by no means a convincing performance.

Taken on Trust.

There were many "wise prophets" who predicted a deterioration in his skill and argued that he had lost much of his old power and sting. We were, so to speak, taking him on trust with only the brilliant performances of pre-war days as a guide to his present capabilities.

In the case of Beckett it was quite unnecessary to go back five years for argument in his favour; only the past twelve months. While it has to be admitted that his early history is not without blemishes, the remarkable strides he made in a short time, as evidenced by convincing defeats of Wells, Goddard and McGoorty warranted the confidence so freely invested in him and justified the high hopes that he would go far to retrieve Great Britain's failing fame in the world of boxing.

Consequently his defeat and in such summary fashion has been a keen disappointment to Britishers, and unless some second reason can be advanced for his failure, and this seems very unlikely, it will mean that we shall have to search for yet another idol upon whom to lavish hopes of European and world success. The British public, however, are exceedingly generous in such matters and it may be that as in the case of Bdr. Billy Wells, Beckett will not yet get the cast off, but will be given an opportunity to atone for Thursday night's debacle.

Beckett's Future.

According to many sound judges the Englishman has not yet reached the zenith of his boxing capabilities and it is argued that he is still making rapid improvement in style and generalship. If such judgment is correct Beckett may even now make good and profit by the experience of his first meeting with Carpentier.

We have previously referred in these columns to the magnitude of the benefits accruing from a victory in the contest. Carpentier will now automatically pass on to a meeting with Dempsey for the world's championship as a result of which, whether win, lose or draw, he will reap a small fortune.

What are his chances in such a meeting? On Thursday night's showing the prospects of his success appear particularly bright, and there can be little doubt that he will be solidly supported by boxing enthusiasts on this side of the Atlantic when the fight takes place.

There is one thing the result has established beyond all dispute. The Frenchman, despite all disquieting rumours to the contrary, has not been adversely affected by the period of enforced boxing inactivity necessitated by the war. To so easily defeat the best that Britain could provide, points rather to an improvement upon previous form, and is ample evidence that he possesses a punch capable of quieting the biggest man who has ever entered a ring.

Fine Physique.

Beckett is no weakling, he is a wonderful specimen of physique, strong as a bull dog and as determined, and yet he went under to a single punch in the short space of one and a half minutes.

And what does the verdict mean to the Englishman? It means that the reputation he had so creditably won and had taken such pains to build up, was shattered in that fateful first round. Now he will have to commence the building process again and start almost where he did a year ago. Reputations are hard to win and easy to lose.

What they said.

Of the fitness of the men on entering the ring there can be no doubt, and no excuse on this score will be advanced by the Southampton man. He had trained religiously and well and was stated to be as fit as ever in his life. In his message to the press prior to the fight he said:—

I am fit and well and am now eager to take the ring for what will be the most important contest of my boxing career. Though I cannot wish my opponent the best of luck at this stage, I hope that he will be as fit as I am to-morrow night, and that we shall have a good fight, and that the better man will win.

The modest message respecting Carpentier was equally convincing. It ran:—

Georges is fit and well. Should he be defeated, he will be the first to admit that he has met a better man. There will be no ill-feeling afterwards.

The result is yet further testimony to the uncertainty surrounding all heavyweight contests. This fight, had it gone the full distance, would have taken one hour, and yet it was all over in less than two minutes. It must have been a cruelly disappointing affair to those at the ring side, many of whom had paid £25 to witness what promised to be one of the greatest fights ever staged.

THE FIGHT.

Naturally there is very little to say about the fight itself.

Beckett was first in the ring, and was given a rousing reception. He appeared in the pink of condition and looked all the difference of a stone in weight. Carpentier also received a great ovation and he, too, appeared remarkably fit and well.

On the call of time the men faced each other for what not a soul present thought would be the last as well as the first round.

Carpentier repeating the tactics employed at his sensational meeting with Wells, rushed, and got home a left to Beckett's head. But it was only a light blow and did no damage.

Then Beckett tried for the body and Carpentier feinted with the left and brought the right hard to Beckett's jaw.

Beckett Goes Down.

The Englishman went down to the only real punch of the bout, and was counted out amid scenes of tremendous enthusiasm.

The victor was raised shoulder high by one of his seconds and carried round the ring. Beckett soon recovered and shook hands with his conqueror.

The Prince's Reception.

The Prince of Wales arrived at the Stadium shortly before nine o'clock and was greeted by a tumult of cheers. He made a brief speech thanking the audience for their very kind welcome and adding that he was very pleased to be back in London again. His Royal Highness looked to be enjoying superb health. After the fight he shook hands with Carpentier.

The crowd was representative of all classes of English life, statesmen, actors, leaders of society and men of literary fame, being present.

Comparison.

BECKETT.		CARPENTIER.	
Age	25 yr 8 mo	Age	25yr 10mo
Height	5ft 10in	Height	5ft 10½in
Weight	13st 2lb	Weight	12st 2lb
Reach	71½ in	Reach	69in
Neck	16½in	Neck	15½in
Chest	42½in	Chest	40½in
Biceps	15½in	Biceps	12in
Forearm	13in	Forearm	11in
Waist	31in	Waist	29¾in
Thigh	21in	Thigh	22½in
Calf	15¾in	Calf	15¾in

Mr. Bernard Mortimer, Beckett's supporter, said that never before had his man been in such fine shape as now, and before he (Mr. Mortimer) left Southampton Beckett asked him to convey this message:—

I would also like it conveyed to Carpentier that, win or lose, I shall be ready to shake him by the hand at the finish, whether it be congratulation or consolation.

The contest was for the heavy weight championship of Europe and the right to face Jack Dempsey for the worlds title.

Beckett's Send-off.

Beckett was heartily cheered on departing from Southampton for London. The Mayor was amongst those who saw him off. On arriving at Waterloo he was almost mobbed by a large crowd of admirers as he made his way from the platform to a private motor car. He looked rather pale, but otherwise in the best of condition.

The Betting.

At Paris Beckett was a steady favourite; midday betting in the cafes was 3-1 on his beating Carpentier.

At the Stadium in London he was also favourite, odds of two-to-one in his favour being taken.

Victor's Mascot.

When Carpentier entered the ring he was presented by Paul Rosseau, President of the French Boxing Association, with a magnificent gold medal as a mascot, subscribed for by members of his club in Paris.

Soho Prophets.

A listener in one of the popular Soho cafés, where the human pot-pourri of the most cosmopolitan district of the greatest city of the world congregates, heard in a few odd moments more talk of the contest in a babel of tongues than would assail his ears elsewhere in a week.

Jules Meichtry, a Swiss: "Carpentier, he will win in about three rounds. He is more clever and scientific. Beckett, he strong man, all right, all right, but never knock out Carpentier. The Frenchman too quick."

Italian View.

Joseph Degeornne, an Italian: "Carpentier will win on points in 20 rounds. He will not knock out Beckett, neither will the big Englishman catch Carpentier."

Auguste Fancelle, French: "Carpentier will win in about the tenth round. I saw him at Nice and Monte Carlo eight years ago."

George Georlay, Belgian: "Nobody can beat Carpentier. He is not so strong or heavy, but has ten times more skill."

Ernie Antolli, born in South Africa, claims to be of Boer descent: "I think Beckett will win. He looks stronger." Antolli was playing cards. The three other participants in the game protested that he was wrong, but Antolli stuck to his point. "Beckett, he win, and he beat Dempsey, too."

BIG BOXING PROGRAMME.

The programme for Mr. A. F. Bettinson's complimentary night on Dec. 22 is now complete. As has been announced, the chief event will be a 15-round contest between Frank Goddard and the Australian heavy-weight, Gordon Coghill, but there is to be a second 15-round contest, in which Charlie Stone, of Taffs Well, and Fred Jacks, of Aldgate, will meet, besides a trio of 10-round contests.

The Watford defence have given away less goals than any other team in England.

For the first time in five seasons Hibernians triumphed over Morton at Edinburgh, last Saturday.

FUSILIERS TROUNCED.

41st M.G.C.'s 8-2 Victory Over 23rd R. Fus.

MAJOR'S HAT TRICK.

This game played at Riehl ended in a win for the Machine Gunners by the large margin of eight goals to two.

Rain fell heavily throughout the game so that good football was impossible. The Machine Gunners at once made strong attacks on the Fusiliers goal but they came to nothing. Play was marred by offside tactics for a while but eventually the Machine Gunners attacked once more and Major Boumphrey easily beat the goalie from a few yards range. A miskick by a Fusilier back let in Walker, who hit the upright with his shot, and from the rebound McCoy placed the Machine Gunners further ahead. Just before the interval McCoy again scored for the Gunners.

A Good Save.

Upon resuming the Machine Gunners were on the offensive, the Fusiliers goalkeeper saving well from C.Q.M.S. Saunders. Play at this stage was more amusing than exciting, the mud-covered players being strange spectacles.

The Fusiliers eventually held up the Gunners, took up the running and scored their first goal.

This aroused the M.G.C. to further effort and some rapid scoring took place, Major Boumphrey getting three goals in quick time. This brought their total to six. Just after the Fusiliers scored their second point. The Gunners dominated the latter part of the game and Hobson and Spruce brought the total to eight.

The Gunners were well served by William at right back and Kinnimont at centre-half.

INDEPENDENT DIV. CUP.

52nd D.L.I. 4; NORTHERN BRIGADE H.Q. 3.

The Hofgarten, Bonn, was the scene of the first match in the Independent Division Cup Round last Wednesday when the 52nd D.L.I. beat the Northern Brigade H.Q. by 4 goals to 3. The game was full of interest and, at times, of great excitement.

Lt. McGreechin scored within the first minute. Brigade then pressed and forced a penalty kick which was successful. The game settled down in the centre of the field until, after a good run, Lt. McGreechin scored again. A free kick to the D.L.I. resulted in another run down from which Sergt. Mayes scored.

Owing to the rain, play was resumed immediately and both sides attacked in turn. Brigade succeeded in scoring and this goal was quickly followed by another penalt kick from R. S. M. Clifton, who again was successful. The Durhams had bad luck in not scoring, three successive shots hitting the side of the net. Before long another determined rush was made from which, despite the terrible condition of the ground, Sergt. Mayes again scored. The Durhams continued to press, though at full time no further goals had been scored. The winning team was:

52nd D.L.I.: Sergt. Rocks; Lt. Archer and Lt. Harding; Ptes. Durn, Hogg and Sowerby; Pte. Usher, Pte. Elsworth, Lt. McGreechin, Cpl. Rutter and Sergt. Mayes.

WEIGHT TELLS.

Rhine Signal Battalion, 6; 52nd Rifle Brigade, 1.

This match was played at Riehl on Wednesday and resulted in a win for the Signal Battalion by 6 goals to 1. Owing to the heavy rain the ground was in very bad condition but the three inside forwards of the Signal Battalion controlled the ball excellently.

Rfn. Reid soon scored for Signals, and Lieut. Gilraith equalised just after. However, Reid again scored and Signals led by 2-1 at half time.

Superior weight told in the second half, and the signal battalion pressed throughout, goals being scored by Spr. Dedman 2, Pnr. Reid 1, and Lieut. Land 1. The 52nd Rifle Brigade goal-keeper made some very fine saves.

EX-SOLDIER FOOTBALLERS.

"Demob'd" Professionals Not to Play as Amateurs.

The Football Association have issued the following ruling affecting professional players demobilized from the Services:—

"Players who were professionals must not, after leaving the Services, play as amateurs with any club. Before playing they must be registered as professionals with the Football Association.

"There is reason to believe that the rule is not being observed, and excuse is made that in consequence of the war breaches of the rule have arisen from ignorance.

"The Football Association therefore excuse all breaches up to December 15, 1919. Offences committed after that date will be penalised."

NEW MIDDLESEX BOWLER.

At the annual meeting of the Middlesex Country Cricket Club at Lord's Mr. A. J. Webbe, the chairman, said that Middlesex had been on the lookout for a fast and a medium left-handed bowler. The latter post may be filled by a young player who had been recommended to them and of whom they had great expectations.

The question of the train accommodation to St. John's Wood was also discussed, and the Metropolitan Railway Company will be communicated with on the subject. P. F. Warner made an appeal for a larger membership which, it is hoped, will be increased to 750. N. Haig and P. Etheridge were elected to the committee, and S. S. Pawling to the vacant treasuryship.

The account showed an income of £2,432 and a surplus of £621.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Will Coventry gain their First Victory?

"THROSTLES" HEAVY TASK.

Great interest will be centred to-day in the matches at Fulham and Highbury. Fulham's recent home record reads far from well and the "Spurs" are favourites for this encounter, but the Craven Cottagers' may spring a surprise.

At Highbury, Arsenal face Chelsea and the "Pensioners," with the Arsenal's recent home record as a guide, are looking forward to both points. Here again form may receive an upset.

The "Throstles" have a hard task before them at Manchester. The Citizens are playing good football and may offer the "Hawthorn's" lot another check. Newcastle supporters hope they will. The two defeats of the Tynesiders' by Sunderland were ill-deserved and they may atone at Sheffield to-day. Coventry are at home to West Ham and despite the "Hammers" good record the City will gain their first league victory of the season.

In the Scottish League Celtic v. Motherwell is a teaser. Only the absence of Hugh Ferguson inclines one to the belief that the Park lot will just scramble home.

League I.

Arsenal v. Chelsea	Middlesbro. v. Liverpool
Aston Villa v. Man. U.	Oldham v. Burnley
Blackburn v. Derby	P.N.E. v. Bradford
Bradford C. v Bolton	Sheffield U. v. Newcastle
Everton v. Notts C.	Sunderland v. Sheff. W.
Man. C. v. W. Bromwich	

League II.

Barnsley v. S. Shields	Hull C. v. Lincoln C.
Bury v. Port Vale	Leicester v. Rotherham
Bristol C. v. Grimsby	Notts F. v. Clapton O.
Coventry C. v. West Ham	Stoke v. Birmingham
Fulham v. Tottenham	Wolves v. Stockport
Huddersf'd v. Blackpool	

Southern League.

Brighton v. Watford	Reading v. Bristol R.
Cardiff v. C. Palace	S'thampton v. Plymouth
Gillingham v. Brentford	Swansea v. Norwich
Q.P.R. v. Northampton	Swindon v. Portsmouth

Scottish League.

Aberdeen v. Falkirk	Hearts v. Partick
Airdrie v. St. Mirren	Morton v. Dundee
Ayr v. Clyde	Raith R. v. Queen's Park
Celtic v. Motherwell	Rangers v. Hibs.
Dumbarton v. Albion R.	3rd Lanark v. Kilmarn'k
Hamilton v. Clydebank	

LINGFIELD MEETING.

Entries on Small Side on Thursday.

Going was somewhat heavy at Lingfield on Thursday. The weather was fine and attendance good.

Results:

Surrey Hurdle:—1, Mutton Cutlets (10-1); 2, Promoter (3-1); 3, Demagogue (6-1). Six ran.

St. Piers 'Chase:—1, Bedfellow walked over.

Ashdown Hurdle:—1, Lesostris (100-8); 2, Labian (5-4); 3, Farm Camp (5-1). Twelve ran.

Southern 'Chase:—1, Poethlyn (4-1 on) beat Fly. Two ran.

Hever Hurdle:—1, Carson (10-1); 2, Tonga (6-1); 3, Longerline (5-1); Eleven ran.

Years End 'Chase:—1, Willy Wyn (5-2); beat Chesley.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

ASSOCIATION.

Reading .....3; Oxford University...2;
Cambridge University...4; Chelsea.....2;
Royal Military Ac. 5; Old Westminsters. 2.

RUGBY.

Royal Military Ac. 3; Naval College .... 5.

BILLIARDS.

The closing scores in the principal billiards matches in London on Thursday are appended:—

Newman 5,125;
Falkiner ..... 4,336.

Breaks:—Newman, 171, 164, 186 and 291; Falkiner, 106.

Smith 4,639;
Inman ..... 2,663.

Breaks:—Smith 151, 144; Inman 290, 137, 105, 123.

'VARSITY RUGBY.

The King to be present at Queens Club.

His Majesty the King hopes to be present at the Oxford and Cambridge Rugby football match at the Queens Club, West Kensington, next Tuesday. The gates at the Queen's Club will be open at eleven o'clock. The entrance for ticket holders will be at the Perham-rd. and Comeragh-rd. gates. The main entrance for admission to the ground, standing room, and enclosure, will be in Perham-rd., but admission will also be obtainable in Comeragh-rd.

NORTHANTS' CRICKET PROGRAMME.

Next season Northamptonshire's County Championship programme will consist of twenty matches, fixtures having been made with Lancashire, Sussex, Warwickshire, Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Surrey, Kent, Notts and Essex. The last four counties—Surrey, Kent, Notts and Essex—are additional to those met last season.

The dates arranged, subject to confirmation at next Tuesday's meeting of secretaries at Lord's, provide for thirteen Saturday starts, eight of which will be in home matches, Yorkshire and Sussex being the two counties who will not play at Northampton with a Saturday start.

Northamptonshire's season opens on May 1, with a Saturday start at Kennington Oval against Surrey.

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WHEN SCIENCE MEETS DASH.

BY

HORACE BARNES.

(THE FAMOUS INSIDE LEFT OF MANCHESTER CITY.)

You may remember that in the days before the war, one of the charges most frequently made against the football of that time was that we had gone speed mad, and by "we" I mean the big professional clubs. It was said that on every hand science was being sacrificed to dash. The other day I heard the old charge revived. "From what I have seen of this season's football," wrote a well-known critic, "it seems as if the players had no real ideas of the finer points of the game. Their methods are just summed up in the phrase 'kick the ball and run after it'."

Naturally, am not going to agree with that critic. Nor shall I admit that in general the football of this season is much below what we used to see before the war. So far as my own club is concerned, we have played in some splendid games in which there has been quite a lot of scientific effort. But even supposing for a moment that the football of these days is not quite so high in class as the football of five years ago: is that to be wondered at? A lot of us have been practising with other things than football. Even those who have played at all regularly have not had the same class of opposition, while again, many have grown old in footballing sense, and in the ordinary way they should even now be making way for the younger players.

THE YOUNGER PLAYERS.

Naturally younger players have not been coming to the front during the last few years as they would have done in normal times. So as I say, all things considered, it is not to be wondered at if the general standard of play is not quite so high this season. However, you may rest assured of this: there is as good material in Britain out of which first class footballers will be made as ever there was. All that the young players want is a little more experience, and then I am quite certain that football will touch as high a level as ever it did.

Meantime, we must jog along as best we can, and if there is a bit more dash about the play of to-day, and a bit less of what we call science, it must be remembered by way of excuse that some teams contain quite a lot of new players who as yet are comparative strangers to each other. That being so, it is only to be expected that their play should not be so scientifically perfect as the play of eleven men who are absolutely at home and conversant with the moves and ideas of their colleagues.

I take it that when we refer to a scientific side, we imagine a team which hopes to win its matches by what may be termed classical football—that is sharp, short passes from man to man, and tricky individual play. Personally, I could never understand why the short-passing game was called scientific and the long swing-the-ball-about game, dashing. Surely it demands just as much science, and just as much accuracy in kicking for a long pass to find its object as it does for a short one. From my position on the left wing I sometimes decide that I will swing the ball over to our outside right. But I don't always find that it is easy to place it in such a position that he can take it in his stride. Quite often I find myself annoyed because he has to to turn back for this long swinging pass of mine, while on other occassions it is so far forward that it has gone out of play ere he can reach it.

So don't be too severe on the side which makes progress by means of long swinging passes from wing to wing. It takes a lot of doing, and it has to be well done to be successful.

HUSTLING THE SCIENTIFIC PLAYER.

A peculiar part about the game of football is that the advocates of any particular type of play cannot point to anything which is conclusive evidence that a certain style pays best. You may get a side which plays with wonderful scientific accuracy beaten by a team which, in the way of the finer points of the game, know nothing like so much as their opponents. In the first place, of course, a dashing, tear-away side is very often capable of throwing scientific opponents clean off their game. There is nothing which so worries a classic line of forwards as to come up against opponents who are hustling and bustling into them all the time, simply refusing to allow them to settle down to their nicely thought out plans of campaign.

As an instance of a team which has won success in recent years by dashing methods, I cannot think of a better than Barnsley. Twice in three years they made their way to the final of the English Cup, and on one occasion succeeded in winning it outright, although they were only a Second Division side. In those years the Barnsley team were indeed advocates of the dashing methods, and although it may be said that they dashed scientifically, the fact remains that for some reason or other they succeeded in knocking out teams against which they appeared to have no sort of chance whatever.

The success of the Barnsley side in those seasons serves to show just what can be done by a team which is largely made up of enthusiastic, dashing players. As the result of their success you might have said that dash was better than science. But on the other hand we can point to successful teams who were masters in the real fine points of the game. What about Newcastle United, for instance, in the days of Colin Veitch? There was very little of the rushing, tear-away methods about their side. In fact, watching them you might have been tempted to express the opinion that they were mostly on the slow side. But they got there, and so did the Sunderland team in the days when they were referred to as the team of all the talents.

SECOND DIVISION FOOTBALL.

I always think that it is in the Second Division where you get the biggest share of the dashing clubs. Some of them seem to make a speciality of putting the other fellows off their game by allowing them no rest at all. And that is why I am also convinced that of all the football played, a season in the Second Division is about the hardest eight months any footballer can be asked to go through. So far as sheer strength and endurance go, you need far more for a season in the Second Division than you do for a season in the First Division.

And because dash has a nasty habit of holding its own against science, you find a fair number of Second League teams making a respectable show when the cup-ties come along. All of which brings us back to one important conclusion. There is no right royal road to success. If your scientific team is sufficiently scientific it may pull through. And if our dashing side dashes with proper effect, it stands an even chance of beating the ultra-scientific team.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Sat.	Martha	Flotow	7	10
Sun.	Der Zigeuner-baron	Strauss	7	10
Mon.	Armourer of Worms	Lortzing	7	9.45
Tuesday	No Performance.			

On Leave.

Lieut. Humphrey Hope, who has made such a big reputation with the Rhine Army Dramatic Company, is proceeding on leave at the end of the week, but he will return to Cologne in time for the Christmas production.

Roller Skating.

In connection with the roller skating rink shortly to be opened in Cologne, an expert skater has already been appointed to manage the place and he is already preparing a programme of carnivals and other special events. There will probably be an orchestra to accompany the merry whirlers.

The Deutsches Next Week.

The revival of "General Post" at the Deutsches theatre on Monday and Tuesday next week by the Rhine Army Dramatic Company is bound to meet with approbation. When the play was produced some time ago, full houses every evening were the rule. The caste will be slightly different from the previous performances, but I hear it is a particularly strong one.

Can you Help?

I have received the following letter from the secretary of the North Kensington Branch of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Soldiers and Sailors and that any suggestions or offers of assistance in the direction required be forwarded to the Editor of the "Cologne Post". The letter is as follows:

"I have been instructed by this branch to write and ask you if you could help us in any way in obtaining an outfit for a concert party. As you are aware we have all served during the great war in every part of the world and listened with pleasure to the various concert parties and we sincerely hope you will forward us any information that would help us in any way."

JACQUES.

ANOTHER COUPON.

Enter Now For Our Weekly Football Skill Contest.

To-day appears the first coupon for No. 12 contest and competitors are set the task of forecasting the results of ten matches.

In our two previous competitions ten results only were asked for and this shortening of our coupon list has evidently caught the popular fancy.

The season is well advanced now, and form is gradually working out as per the book. But surprises will ever occur, and it is up to you to spot the ones on this coupon.

On the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 12.
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S/40 Rhine Army

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 12.

Date of matches, Saturday, Dec. 13th.
Closing date, Friday, Dec. 12th.

Burnley	v. Oldham
Notts County	v. Everton
Grimsby	v. Bristol City
Lincoln	v. Hull City
West Ham	v. Coventry
South Shields	v. Barnsley
Palace	v. Queens Park R.
St. Mirren	v. Dumbarton
Clyde	v. Queens Park.
Ayr U.	v. Morton

I enter Football Competition No. 12 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions already announced and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Rank and No. .....
Unit .....
Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Some Girl.

"The Gigantic Girl" has been on show at a place of entertainment at Wiesdorf. The posters announcing her appearance state that she is 2 yards 16 inches tall and 17 years old.

Mind Your German.

A Tommy in a café, the over evening, evidently trying to "show off" his German was heard to remark to the fraulein with him. "What is the mutter with you?" He, was very much surprised at the roars of laughter, both from British and Germans, that greeted him.

Gallantry Rewarded.

An officer who gallantly offered to escort two girls home from a dance in Cologne the other night was a little dismayed when the last tram landed him miles away in a distant suburb and he had to trudge all the way back in the pouring rain.

Looking Ahead.

Sorely afraid of being short of food at Christmas time when he will be on leave in England, a sergeant, I know, has posted home in advance the two ration books provided by a thoughtful orderly room.

Where to get Books.

A greatly increased selection of new books will soon be on the shelves at the "Cologne Post" Bookroom in the Hohestrasse Arcade, I hear. Have you looked in yet?

We all Know it.

What a number of old favourites one hears on the piano in Rhineland. In my billet yesterday, I heard a fraulein having a music lesson. The piece she was set to play was "The Last Rose of Summer."

Not Independent.

I heard a heated argument going on in a mess the other evening, between a Machine Gun subaltern and a Gunner Major. The gist of it was that the latter thought that the M.G's ought now to be amalgamated with the Artillery, or failing that, the Infantry. The M.G. Officer was livid with rage at the suggestion.

Napoo!

I've been told of a staff officer in Cologne who keeps a pet magpie in his room. The other day he had some important orders to issue which necessitated reference to a lot of Army Council Instructions. These he laid out on his desk, and then went to lunch. When he returned he found the magpie had torn them into small shreds.

Whence Come They.

I'm told there's a perfect epidemic of boils in Rhineland, and the doctors are puzzling their brains to find out the cause.

Toys for all.

I notice that the figures of Santa Claus in Rhineland all wear a Bishop's Mitre. I have not observed this in England, and was somewhat startled, on entering one of the shops in Cologne, to meet an ecclesiastical dignitary, dressed in full canonicals, apparently in the act of shoplifting from the toy department.

A Trophy.

Prominently displayed over a certain bar in Cologne is part of the propellor of an aeroplane with the inscription in German "My first Victory, Somme 1916." The landlord of the house used to be an officer in the German Air Force.

Any Old Boots to Mend.

The N.A.C.B. is starting another useful service, i.e. boot mending. You know how difficult it has been to get one's boots mended decently, but all this is to be changed. One simply labels the boots with name and instructions, and sends them to the N.A.C.B. Departmental Stores, 27 Obermarspforten.

Statistics.

According to the October census the population of Cologne is 633,873, and that of Bonn 92,919.

The Big Fight.

There were hilarious scenes in at least one French mess when the result of the great fight was made known by a member of the staff of the "Cologne Post." The members had been laying any odds about their favourite, and apart from their national pride, they must have scraped in quite a nice nest egg.

Quiet Confidence.

Throughout the past week the Frenchmen showed a quiet confidence in their candidate, and nothing would shake it. When the message came through, their pleasure knew no bounds. Germans in the hotel were obviously puzzled until they had ascertained what all the hubbub was about.

Now at Six.

The clock tower arrangement standing on the Rhine Embankment is attracting a great deal of attention at present. This clock automatically registers the depth above the ordinary high water level. By the time it reaches the limit, which is nine, I should imagine that the inhabitants of some of the old houses clustering round the Rathaus will have to quit.

A Mulheim Convoy.

Wearing their steel helmets, painted a bright green, a convoy of R.A.S.C. passed through Mulheim recently. Business was suspended for the time being, shopkeepers and shoppers rushing to the doors to see the convoy pass.

A Liquid Argument.

They were discussing the all absorbing topic of alcoholic drink. A disciple of Pussyfoot stoutly maintained that a glass of water was better than a glass of spirituous liquor in any circumstances. "Garn" said the Cockney of the party, "imagine being offered a glass of water when the war was on, before going over the top."

Fraulein Scores.

It was out Frittard way, between Mulheim and Weisdorf. She was dressed in a stylish navy blue costume, and her hair was the last word in the art of the coiffeur. She was pulling a handcart while two males pushed leisurely behind. A tramcar appeared, and while the two men made a bolt for the sidewalk the fraulein remained and averted a collision.

New Times, New Methods.

One of the friseur fraternity in the Urban Strasse has discarded the insignia of his craft in favour of the English barber's pole, and has the announcement in his window, "Barber, quick shaving done here." We are progressing.

Improvement Needed.

The train and tram services in certain districts of Cologne need speeding up. At Weisdorf the other day I missed the 12.27 train to Cologne, and was astonished to learn that the next train did not depart until 2.18. I decided to travel by tram instead, and found that there is an interval of half an hour between each car. I was almost tempted to walk.

A Good Laundry.

The enterprise of the N.A.C.B. management in Cologne is apparently unlimited. First the stores, then a boot shop, now a laundry. My present laundry has provided my youngest child with some armour-plated extra-wilted underclothing. What does she do? Boil them in strong soda, I guess. Now however we are to have an up-to-date laundry and things will come back, we hope, as they went.

RHINELANDER.

BOOKLOVERS' GUIDE.

A few notes on some among the hundreds of different books for all tastes, available at the Cologne Post Bookshop in the Arcade, Hohestrasse.

At the end of Mark Twain's inimitable "A Tramp Abroad" (which contains much about the Rhineland) you will find in Appendix D, a discussion on the peculiarities of the German language and suggestions for its amendment, which will leave your ribs aching.

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FROM EVERYWHERE.

No Peace There.—China is at present torn to pieces by civil war.

Juries Napoo.—Trial by jury has been suspended in Ireland.

Don't Tell "Anti-Box".—English schools are taking up boxing keenly.

Disappeared. — Only one R.A.F. officer and four airmen are now left in Boulogne.

Lowest Limit.— £3.17s. has been fixed as a minimum living wage in Australia.

Death in the Brush.—More outbreaks of anthrax from shaving brushes are reported. The latest are from Loughrea.

Seems too High.— Candied peel which was 6d. a pound before the war now costs 2s. 6d. to 3s. a pound in London.

Sad at Going. — "The Brownies," the little girl messengers in the Government offices, are now all demobbed.

Fall in Adverts.— A huge hoarding in Kingsway, London, crashed in the recent gale, and did much damage.

Fortunes by War.—Bradford is said to be bursting with money and Cardiff is a city of millionaires.

Bluejackets' Leave. — Already men of the Atlantic Fleet have started home for Christmas Leave.

The Fatal Dose.—A Shepherd's Bush doctor, after reading a book called "Fatal Doses", took prussic acid and died.

Motor Tragedy.—Sir John Simon's motor car got out of control at Bradford, knocking down and killing a woman.

Lawyers Busy.—Over 50,000 written statements connected with the ex-Kaiser's trial, have already been examined.

Like The "Tubes".—Several big London restaurants contemplate installing escalators instead of lifts.

The Funny Midget.—Little Tich is likely to be in the new production at the Empire, London.

Repayments.—Britain has paid back over 11 millions to America and France about 2½ millions.

Inspecting.—Sir Robert Horne, M.P., Minister of Labour, has been visiting the technical schools in Edinburgh.

To Help Unemployed.—The re-opening of the great munitions works at Gretna is being agitated for.

In Ballet.—Miss Phyllis Bedells, daintiest of English dancers, is making her debut at Covent Garden in ballet.

Out Of Hospital. — Mr. "Pussyfoot" Johnson has practically recovered from his recent operation.

Optimist.—Mr. Lloyd George thinks we shall not require guns and shells for the next hundred years.

Water Transport.—National subsidies to canals this year will cost a million pounds.

Ever Growing.—Our debt to America for food and raw material is still on the increase.

Sunken Gems.—The Russian Imperial pearls are said to be sunk at the bottom of the sea near Kronstadt.

Future Sea Fights.—Sir Percy Scott says no more battleships costing seven millions will be built. Submarines and aeroplanes will replace them.

Is This So?—Sir Arthur Fell, M.P., for Great Yarmouth, says that in proportion to its population, that town sent most men to the war.

A Big Drop.—In August, 1914, America exchanged seven dollars to the pound sterling. To-day only 3.88 dollars can be had for the same sum.

Through Miners' Strike.—In the North Western state of America stocks of coal being exhausted, trees are being cut down for fuel.

A Scandal.—An officer, who was Adjutant to his Regiment during the war, is said to be selling flowers in the London streets.

Duchess Denies.—The Duchess of Marlborough denies that she is to stand for Parliament or that she has been left a fortune of £3,000,000.

Unknown Donor.—During this week, a Manchester Hospital and a Liverpool Infirmary have each received an anonymous gift of £20,000.

Stands Alone.—Lieut. Stefanovitch is the only Serbian officer who has won the D.S.O., M.C., and French Croix de Guerre.

Landmark Down.—A picturesque old wind-mill at Egerton, Kent,—a landmark on the North Downs—was destroyed in the recent gales.

Sea Mystery.—A schooner has been found derelict off the Scilly Isles. Her cargo and all her boats are intact but the crew are missing.

Recognition.—Lance Corporal Wilcocks, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, has been given £180 and an illuminated address by residents of Leyton for winning the V.C.

No Shocks Expected.—The Astronomer Royal attaches no importance to the prediction that next month will be notable for hurricanes, deluges, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.

LUDENDORFF AND OTHERS ON LLOYD GEORGE.

One fact emerges with outstanding prominence from all the reminiscences, recollections, and apologias written by German statesmen and soldiers since the end of the war. That fact is the inestimable contribution made by Mr. Lloyd George to the Allied victory.

Ludendorff's Declarations.

In his recently published "War Memoirs," General Ludendorff refers to the "extraordinary will power" of the Allies in the critical months of 1917. He adds: "Lloyd George was determined to win. He held England in hand."

Nor is it only the war services of the Prime Minister to which Ludendorff pays tribute. Interviewed the other day by a British journalist (Mr. F. G. Roberts for the "Daily Express," November 21) Ludendorff referred to present political conditions in Germany, and said: "Ah, if we had statesmen like your Lloyd George or Clemenceau, things would certainly look brighter for Germany."

So highly does Ludendorff rate the services of British war-time statesmen that he declares our "diplomats and propagandists achieved far more than the military machine."

Bethmann-Hollweg's Opinion.

The German ex-Chancellor, Count von Bethmann-Hollweg, in his "Reflections," pays a not less striking testimony to the British Prime Minister. He was, in the view of the ex-Chancellor, "the man of all others, whose fiery eloquence and accurate knowledge of the English spirit made him the doughtiest defender of the English war legend."

Bethman-Hollweg accompanies this by a travesty of the facts about the origin of the war intended to discredit Mr. Lloyd George. But that German compliments to the Prime Minister should, in the circumstances, be double-edged might have been expected, will occasion no surprise, and requires no comment.

The German Press.

What has been said by German soldiers and statesmen has been admitted also by the German Press with something like unanimity. After the Armistice the "Neueste Nachrichten" (Kiel) declared that—"Lloyd George performed the work of an organizing giant."

During the last General Election the German press manifested a nervous anxiety for the defeat of Mr. Lloyd George, and the reason for that anxiety will be obvious. The organ of the Majority Socialists, "Vorwaerts," asserted that—"The victory or defeat of Lloyd George cannot fail to be of world-wide significance."

That Mr. Lloyd George's victory was of world-wide significance the terms of the Peace Treaty are the best evidence.

Experts in Personnel.

It has been frequently and fairly observed that nothing was more fatal to Germany during the war than the failure of her statesmen and military leaders to understand the psychology of the Allied peoples. They never realised right down to the last that free peoples cannot be cowered by threats nor reduced by violence.

But if the Germans were bad psychologists they were experts in personnel. Their careful scrutiny and relentless exploitation of speeches, even of interjections, made in the British Parliament showed them to have keen eyes for men who would serve their turn. Their eyes were not less keen for men whose powers and influence were dangerous to their plans.

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IRISH OUTRAGE.

ENTIRE SHOOTING PARTY WOUNDED.

News has reached here that a shooting party, including Mr. H. V. Macnamara and his sons, Lord Inchiquin, the Hon. Edward O'Brien, his brother, and Lady Beatrice O'Brien were fired at on Thursday when travelling in motor cars in the Carron district.

The party had arrived at a point known as Sheadymoore, which is near Mr. Macnamara's preserves, when they were held up by shots from the roadside.

Some of the occupants of the car, seeing members of the attacking party, fired at them; a brisk exchange of shots was commenced, and it is reported that every member of the shooting party received some injury. For their part, they hold that they saw two of the assailants fall to the ground.

The police were communicated with as soon as possible, and, on proceeding to the scene of the outrage, found the Hon. Edward O'Brien, Lady Beatrice O'Brien, and Mr. Ball, another member of the party, in the house of a herdsman.

Mr. O'Brien had several wounds about the head, and Lady Beatrice O'Brien was hit in the head, and Mr. Ball in the head and about the shoulders.

Mr. Macnamara's head and arms were badly injured with shot pellets. Slight injuries were sustained by a gamekeeper and the chauffeur.

Police and military in some numbers have gone to the scene of the outrage, which has caused a profound sensation in North Clare.

FRENCH VISITORS.

MAYENCE SQUADRON AT COLOGNE

The French Motor Flotilla from Mayence under the command of Lieutenant Darlon is at present on an official visit to Cologne in connection with the C.I.N.C. They arrived yesterday and were met at Bonn by the British Naval Flotilla, which fired a salute of thirteen guns in honour of our French visitors.

In the afternoon the visitors entertained the British Naval Officers at luncheon, and at night the French "tars" were given a hearty reception at the British Empire Leave Club and entertained right royally. To-morrow they are visiting the Deutsches Theatre.

Commander Payot, the well-known French naval officer, accompanied the flotilla.

Large crowds assembled on the Rhine bank as the representatives of the English and French Navies appeared in sight, and the French sailors with their "tam-o-shanter" caps were the objects of much interest.

The visit comes to a close on Monday.

BRITISH NAVAL VICTIMS.

SPECIAL CEMETERY IN SWEDEN.

An agreement has been entered into between the British and Swedish Governments to acquire ground for a special cemetery in which British naval victims of the Battle of Jutland and other engagements, whose bodies were washed ashore on the Swedish coast, could be buried together. But opposition to this scheme has been offered by the population in various places, who do not want the graves to be removed. In many instances they are well kept and marked by costly tombs.

ADVICE ON MAKING A WILL.

In the Probate Court on Thursday during the hearing of a will suit, a witness said, amid laughter, that he drew up the testator's will which was in question with the aid of a law book. It was stated that the will would have to go to the Chancery Court as to its construction.

Mr. Justice Horridge, at the conclusion of the case, said to the witness: "Let me give you a piece of advice. Don't go and make anyone else's will. You only cause a lot of trouble. These poor people will have to have the will considered in an expensive place called the Court of Chancery because you have been stupid enough to do this instead of attending to your own work."

BLAMED IT ON THE COW.

"You've got me. My cow died last night, and I had to make it up this morning." Such was the excuse of Arthur Brown, a farmer, of Bath-road, Hounslow, when he was approached by an inspector for a milk sample. At Brentford, Brown was fined £30 and costs for selling milk adulterated with water.

ARCHANGEL ECHO.

COLONEL IRONSIDE PLACED ON HALF PAY.

The following announcement appeared in last night's "London Gazette":

Colonel Sir W. E. Ironside, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., is placed on half pay. Nov. 15, 1919.

Sir William Ironside went to Archangel in command of the force which was sent there in August, 1918, to prevent the possibility of the Germans making a submarine base of the port, and to provide a means of escape for the Czech army of prisoners, taken by the Russians from the Austrians, who refused to join the Bolshevists. Before the German resistance was broken and the Armistice was signed, Archangel became icebound, the Allied troops were cut off from the outer world, and the situation became very serious. In the fine defence against the Bolshevist attacks the inspiring personality of General Ironside played a great part. He, however, put faith in prisoners whom he formed into a battalion, but their mutiny, coupled with the murder of their officers last July, left the British in a position of extreme danger—all the more serious because the American troops were withdrawn. Eventually Lord Rawlinson took supreme command, and on Oct. 15 the War Office announced that the evacuation of North Russia had been completed. Sir William Ironside entered the Army as an artillery officer in 1899 and served in the South African War, where he was mentioned in despatches. During the Great War he was mentioned in despatches, awarded the D.S.O., C.M.G., K.C.B., the Legion of Honour, and promotion from the rank of major, which he reached in 1914.

PROMOTION FROM THE RANKS.

DEPUTATION TO URGE ITS CONTINUANCE.

Mr. Churchill has consented to receive on Tuesday next a deputation from the National Democratic Party in order to discuss with them a scheme drafted by Captain C. E. Loseby for promotion from the ranks of the Regular Army. The memorandum, which has been sent to the Secretary for War on behalf of the party, suggests that the annual vacancies might be allotted as follows: Sandhurst and Woolwich 60 per cent.; graduates of Oxford and Cambridge and commissioned ranks of the Territorial Force 20 per cent.; candidates from the ranks of the Regular Army 20 per cent. The proposal is put forward that side by side with Woolwich and Sandhurst there should be set up similar academies on the lines of cadet schools instituted during the war. To these should be sent all aspirants for commissions, whether from Oxford and Cambridge, the Special Reserve and Territorial Force, or from the ranks of the Regular Army. It is considered that the necessary preliminary education for candidates from the ranks could be provided regimentally. The deputation will include Mr. Clement Edwards, Captain Loseby, Mr. C. Jesson, Mr. C. B. Stanton, and Captain Geo. V.C.

GAS EXPLOSION.

SCENT AND HAIR RESTORER SCATTERED.

Considerable damage was caused by a gas explosion which occurred yesterday in a factory at the back of Stolkgasse. A plate glass window in a friseur's establishment opposite the Army Post Office was shattered to fragments and bottles of scent and hair restorer were lying about the road. A youth who was passing received severe cuts on his head and hands from the broken glass and had to be taken away in an ambulance.

The explosion set fire to part of the premises, but the Fire Brigade were quickly on the scene and succeeded in quelling it before any very serious damage was done.

NAVAL WAR SECRET.

A naval secret of the war, which is at the same time a tribute to the skill and ingenuity of our shipbuilders, was revealed by Admiral Sir Reginald Bacon in a lecture to a Wokingham audience on the work of the Dover patrol.

Sir Reginald commanded the patrol from 1915 to 1917, and his revelation concerned two British destroyers of the Tribal class.

One was the Zulu and the other the Nubian, and they were seriously damaged by mines in the bow and stern respectively. Instead of regarding them as losses, the shipbuilders took them in hand, and the sound ends were joined together and a new ship turned out. The names of the original vessels were combined in the title Zubian.

ARMY ECONOMY.

FORTUNES OUT OF SCRAP MATERIAL.

The Army Council has caused a letter to be addressed to all commands at home and abroad urging that the lessons learned during the war in respect of salvage and economies in general must not be neglected in time of peace. It is pointed out that the general principle of administration on sound economic lines has been shown to be as necessary in the Army as in the business life of the nation, and that the chief factors in efficient administration are the prevention of waste, good but economical messing, and the utilisation of refuse.

What may be done by methodical salvage is illustrated by the fact that since the Armistice more than 76,000 tons of tins, paper, clothing, bottles, and other kinds of inorganic waste have been salved at home and overseas, while, in addition to these 76,000 tons, the total sales and shipments of inorganic waste exceed £2,500,000 in value. The sales of kitchen refuse in the Home Commands in 1918 realised £496,479, while in one of the commands the sale of waste paper alone since the Armistice has yielded more than £25,000. Sales of animals for meat, and by-products of animals, at home and overseas since the Armistice have amounted in value to £1,160,000. Great economy has also been effected in fuel and light. As much as £57,000 has been saved on this account in one command at home during seven months of the present year as compared with the similar period in 1918, and only a small part of this saving has been due to the decrease in numbers.

Whilst estimates of economies in peace time are necessarily rough, it is believed that the total savings through sales of cookhouse refuse, paper, bottles, etc., and the methodical prevention of waste in fuel, light, and other things, which are possible with the Regular Army at home in peace time may amount to as much as £90,000. A proportion of this sum (e.g., cookhouse savings) would be returnable to the men, but, even so, the relief to Army expenditure would probably amount to £70,000 per annum.

FIUME PROBLEM.

NO HINT OF ALLIES' INTENTIONS

In reply to a question by Sir F. Hall (C. U., Dulwich), in the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George said: I do not think it desirable to make any statement in regard to the present state of the negotiations between Italy and the United States about Fiume and the adjacent territory. The whole question is receiving the earnest and constant attention of his Majesty's Government and the Allies, and they are anxious to bring about a satisfactory and amicable settlement at the earliest possible date.

Commander Viscount Curzon (C.U., Battersea, S.) asked the Prime Minister whether at the present moment there were large stores of food at Trieste; for whom these foodstuffs were intended; whether these foodstuffs could be used for the relief of starvation in Central Europe; who was responsible for the custody of the stores, and whether there was any danger of attack upon Trieste by Gabriel D'Annunzio.

Mr. Lloyd George: With regard to the first four parts of the question, the facts are that certain supplies of grain are being made available by the Italian Government for the relief of Austria. A first consignment of 6,000 tons is on its way to Vienna. His Majesty's Government do not anticipate the likelihood of Signor D'Annunzio attacking Trieste, as this town definitely passes to Italy by the Treaty of Peace with Austria.

DESERTED BABIES.

HAMPSTEAD AS A DUMPING GROUND.

At a meeting of the Hampstead Board of Guardians yesterday a statement was made that Hampstead was the dumping ground for deserted babies, and that the Guardians made no attempt to bring the persons responsible to justice.

Mr. Nevinson said that some women failed to realise that child desertion was a crime, and would not do so until the Guardians made it clear to them by posting notices offering rewards for the apprehension of the offenders. More children were deserted in Hampstead than in any other place. Recently she was asking a young woman about to become a mother what she proposed doing when her baby was born, and she replied: "Oh, I shall leave it somewhere." When told that that would be a great crime, she said with surprise: "Oh, would it."

The Board decided to offer £1 reward for the detection of offenders.

SPEAKER'S WARNING TO AN M.P.

At question time in the House of Commons on Thursday, Commander Kenworthy persisted in trying to extract a further answer to a question already replied to by the Premier.

He was met with cries of "Order" and "Sit down," from all parts of the House, and the gallant member indignantly shouted back at his objectors amid a renewed storm of protest.

The Speaker, intervening, said: "I must ask the hon. member to restrain himself. I have to warn him that the constant interruptions to which he subjects the House may lead to reprisals."

WARNING.

DEALINGS IN SECURITIES ARE ILLEGAL.

The following important official announcement is very opportune:

It has come to notice that coupons and securities payable in the United Kingdom are being offered for sale in the Occupied Territories of Germany.

It is pointed out for general information that the Acts and Proclamations relating to trading with the enemy, so far, at least as securities are concerned (coupons are treated for this purpose as securities) remain in operation in the United Kingdom until revoked and until the Treaty of Peace comes into force. Consequently no person acquires by virtue of any assignment or delivery of any coupon, or other security transferable by delivery, made or to be made in his favour by or on behalf of an enemy, whether for valuable consideration or otherwise, any rights or remedies against the person liable to pay, unless the transaction is by licence and subject to certain exceptions.

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FUNERAL OF SIR E. WOOD.

TRIBUTES OF ARMY AND NAVY.

The following officers acted as pall bearers at the funeral of Field-Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, at Aldershot, yesterday:

Field-Marshal Lord Grenfell, Field-Marshal Lord Methuen, General Sir Archibald Hunter, General Sir Ian Hamilton, D.S.O., General Sir Bruce Hamilton, General Sir F. R. Wingate, D.S.O., General Lord Rawlinson, General Sir Robert Scallon, D.S.O. (Indian Army), General Sir J. S. Cowans, and Admiral Sir H. G. King-Hall.

The Army was represented by the Adjutant-General, Lieutenant-General Sir G. M. W. Macdonogh, the Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Major-General Sir C. H. Harington, D.S.O., the Master-General of the Ordnance, Lieutenant-General Sir John Du Cane, and the Deputy Quartermaster-General, Major-General Sir G. F. Ellison.

The Secretary of State for War was represented by the Military Secretary, Lieutenant-General Sir P. W. Chetwode, Bt., D.S.O., and Lord Stamfordham carried the Field-Marshal's baton and regalia.

"PIPE EASY."

LABOURERS ASK FOR SMOKING TIME.

An unusual request on behalf of workers on land, but one reminiscent of the Navy, was made before the Blackburn Town Council last night, when the National Union of General Workers asked that the Corporation's labourers be granted fifteen minutes' interval, morning and afternoon, as smoking time. The question was referred to the General Purposes Committee for decision.

The request represents the application of a naval practice to industrial enterprise. Officers and men in the Royal Navy have always enjoyed morning and afternoon smoking intervals.

MINES IN DANGER OF FLOODING.

In the Tipton district of Staffordshire mine-pumping operations have ceased owing to the refusal of the Public Works Loan Commissions to lend more money for this purpose.

At a meeting of the South Staffordshire Mines Drainage Commissioners it was reported that water is rising at the rate of 3ft. per week and it was feared that it would find its way into the Oldhill, Oldbury and Kingswinford mines.

The commissioners decided to ask the Government to hold an immediate inquiry.

CLEARING HOUSE FOR ENEMY DEBTS.

Mr. Bridgeman (Secretary to the Board of Trade), answering a question by Mr. Atkey, says: "The clearing offices for the collection and payment of enemy debts cannot begin work until the Treaty with Germany comes into force. I am not aware that a clearing office has already been established in Germany. Interest will be added to the debts payable through the clearing office when set up, in accordance with the terms of the Treaty.

A BIG GAZETTE.

There was issued last night a supplement to the "London Gazette," containing the records of the acts of gallantry for which awards of the D.C.M. were made on March 12 last. The list occupies over 100 pages of the "Gazette," and includes many hundreds of names.

CRAMPED QUARTERS.

Seeking possession of some rooms in a house he had purchased, a man assured Judge Scully at Clerkenwell that his present accommodation was so cramped that his wife slept on a sofa and he slept on the mat.

SUMMARY COURT.

HARMONIOUS PARTY CREATE A DISCORD.

Karl Hafke, of 14, Hoeferstrasse, was in a tramcar with a number of other civilians, who were returning from a convivial gathering at Ehrenfeld. They were singing. At Friesenplatz a corporal in the Inniskilling Dragoons boarded the car, and after listening to the melody for a time said, "You are fine singers." On this the merrymakers, headed by Hafke, made a rush for him and he was kicked on the legs and back and struck in the face. He had to jump off the car, leaving his cap and overcoat behind. He made a complaint to two officers, who had the car stopped and Hofke was taken into custody.

Hafke gave a complete denial to the corporal's story and called five witnesses, who swore that the soldier was the aggressor and pulled out a table knife. Hafke knocked the knife out of his hand and hit him on the chest.

A sentence of six weeks imprisonment was passed.

A YOUTHFUL ADVENTURER

Karl Steinbach, aged 17, hailing from Bonn, by some means succeeded in becoming possessed of a British soldier's uniform, including a cap with an R.A.S.C. badge.

He posted himself on the South Bridge at Cologne, and representing himself as a British soldier, examined the identity passes of all civilians passing over the bridge.

When questioned by a Detective Corporal he said his name was Charlie Benns and that he came from Manchester. He produced two tickets bearing the name of a private in the R.A.S.C., since demobilised.

The Presiding Officer said the spirit of adventure in youth was most natural, and in ordering that Steinbach be sent back to Bonn, he advised him not to impersonate British soldiers in future.

THEFTS FROM MOTOR CARS.

Herman Dannelewitz was sentenced to two months, imprisonment for stealing a spare wheel from a British car, which was standing outside the drivers' billet in Aachenerstrasse. Dannelewitz, against whom a charge of burglary is also being preferred by the civil authorities, purloined the spare wheel and was walking away with it when he was caught by the driver of the car and given in custody.

THE PRUSSIAN'S MECCA.

Anna Ludwig, a native of Bavaria, who stated that she was separated from her husband, was charged with entering the Occupied Area without permission. She had been in Berlin for eighteen months and gave as her reason for returning to Cologne that living conditions are at present very bad in Berlin.

The Presiding Officer, in ordering her expulsion from Occupied Territory, said Berlin was the Mecca of all good Prussians and she would have to go back there.

GERMANY'S SECRET ARMY.

"A MONSTROUS DECEPTION."

Semi-official commentary on the Entente's recent Note relative to the German Police troops evokes the following comment from the "Freiheit": "It is a monstrous deception that the fiction should still be maintained that the military organisations mentioned in the Entente Note are not in contravention of the Treaty stipulations. The Citizen Guards regularly do military drill, including musketry fire, the throwing of hand-grenades, &c. The members of the Guards keep rifles and hand-grenades in unknown quantities in their houses. The so-called Public Security Police troops are led by active service officers, and are equipped with heavy mortars, flame-throwers, and other similar weapons. Furthermore, their service is purely military."

TOWNS SACKED BY BOLSHEVISTS.

A "Stockholm newspaper" reports that most of the villages and towns through which the Bolshevists have passed were sacked and laid waste because the soldiers were forced to get necessary food stuffs for themselves, owing to the failure of the Red Commissariat. As the result peasant revolts are constantly breaking out and desertions from the Soviet army are greatly increasing.

GERMAN WAR STORES CAPTURED.

According to a telegram from Kovno via Copenhagen, the Lithuanians have captured from the Germans twenty guns, 50,000 shells, thirty aeroplanes with equipment, 50,000 bombs, eight motor-cars, 100 machine-guns and much other war material. The Germans were also obliged to leave to the Lithuanians their war stocks in Shavli. Janisnki has been occupied by Lithuanian troops.

UNROBED SOLICITORS.

Two unrobed solicitors appeared in a case at Westminster County Court on Thursday. One said he had been delayed and had to hurry into court without robing. Judge Sir Alfred Tobin: "Next case, while you go for them. You know my rule."

STOLE THE RATES.

PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S BREACH OF TRUST.

The unusual spectacle of a magistrate having to sentence an old acquaintance of his to six months' imprisonment was presented at the West Ham Police Court on Thursday.

Mr. Ratcliffe Cousins had before him William Alfred Leete, of Forest-gate, a rate collector of the Borough of West Ham, and until a few weeks ago chief inspector of the sub-division of special constabulary. He was charged with stealing money which he had received for rates.

Mr. Travers Humphreys, for the corporation, said in February accused collected £69, but did not pay the sum over until March, when he had cheques amounting to £801, out of which he allocated the previous amount of £69 6s.

Mr. C. H. Patterson, the borough treasurer, said Leete did not account for any of the £69. Witness had examined his accounts, and found that there were other half-years in which similar things had happened. Defendant had to collect between £2,000 and £30,000 yearly.

On behalf of Leete, Mr. Sharman said he had devoted himself a good deal to public work without payment, and in connection with the special constabulary had the best record of duty of anyone in the district. In order to make restitution he had sacrificed his home and furniture.

Mr. Ratcliffe Cousins said he wished that he had not had to deal with the case.

SIR FRANCIS LLOYD.

FOOD CONTROLLER FOR LONDON AREA.

The Food Controller has decided to combine the London division and the Home Counties division into a new division. This will include London and the counties of Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Middlesex, Herts, and Essex, and will cover the area of 321 food control committees, with a population of about 9,274,000.

By this means it is hoped to secure unity and economy in administration in rationing, distribution, and transport over the extensive area served by the London port and the large wholesale dealers.

Lieut.-General Sir Francis Lloyd, D.S.O., is to be Food Commissioner for the new division. Sir Francis Lloyd's work in command of the London district during the war has given him a peculiar knowledge of the area. The amalgamation will take place on December 15.

Sir Francis will be assisted in his work by Mr. H. J. Greenwood, L.C.C., at present Food Commissioner of the London division, and Major R. Jackson, at present Acting Food Commissioner of the Home Counties division, who will act as Deputy Food Commissioners in the combined division.

MUZZLING ORDER.

DOGGIES' HAPPY NEW YEAR.

There is a prospect of early relief for the muzzled dogs. In the House of Commons the Secretary to the Board of Agriculture, Sir A. Boscawen, in reply to a question by Captain Brown, the member for Hexham, said: "It is not yet considered safe to revoke the London-Middlesex Control of Dogs Order. In the event of no further cases of rabies being declared, the Board hope to be in a position to revoke the London-Middlesex muzzling operations in the New Year."

THE "GENTLEMANLY TURK."

The Bishop of London, in his address to City men at the midday Advent service at St. Mary Woolnoth Church, King William-street, commented upon the appalling condition of the Armenians, on whose behalf the Lord Mayor, he believed, had a fund. The apathy of the people with regard to this little band of 40,000 people up in the Caucasus, cut off from everyone, was terrible; we were taking no steps to prevent them from being massacred. "We have got this terrible heresy," observed the Bishop "of the gentlemanliness of the Turk. This is absolutely national prejudice and nothing else in the world. The gentlemanly Turk whom you see in society has shown himself to be a bloodthirsty ruffian when it comes to dealing with the Armenians. It is a national scandal the way in which we are watching the Armenians being done to death."

SEND IT HOME.

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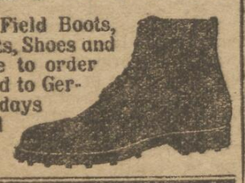

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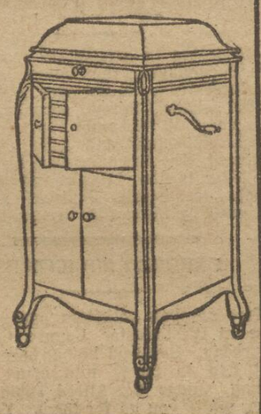

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"GET-RICH-QUICK."

His Majesty's fighting services are not notorious as money making institutions for their members. If an officer of some rank receives a thousand a year, he is fortunate and he is one of a limited circle.

Some may pity the Service man his comparative poverty, but to him who likes a manly clean career, serving his country and ready to strike a blow for her when necessity arises, such pity is wasted.

To-day, when there is an orgy of speculation in civilian life, when the craze to get rich quick has so firm a hold on the world in general, the soldier or sailor may sometimes feel that he is "out of the running", but if he has sound sense this feeling will pass speedily. His is the better part.

A man who had been abroad for a year or two was greeted on his return the other day by a business friend, who exclaimed, "Look what you've lost while you've been away, I've been making millions." Thus are people in all the industrial centres of Britain speaking to-day.

Lancashire, Yorkshire, the Midlands, South Wales are bursting with money. Quite young men penniless a year or two ago are worth millions. To anyone ordinarily cute in his business it has been almost impossible not to amass money.

And the gambling goes on increasingly. Men are drunk with wealth and dream in millions. But the money that is being so easily acquired and not always by the straightest methods, unfortunately is but paper.

It is not real riches. The nation is heavily involved in debt; it has lost a million men which no amount of paper money can replace. It continues to spend millions more than it earns. It is producing less than it did—not more, and still more—as it must if it is to reap the fruits of victory.

When the credit the nation possesses has gone, as it will go if the get-rich-quick craze does not end at once, the financial crash will be appalling. And of what use will then be the gains made in fictitious "money" — paper currency?

So the soldier and sailor, who may not be able to share the present excitement of the chase for riches at home, will in the end be probably better off. Though the pay on which he has to live may never give him a millionaire's fleeting luxuries, he will not be greatly affected when the sickening awakening and tragic slump arrive to the get-rich-quick moths, who are playing to-day with the flame. He will still be in an honourable profession upheld by the dignity of duty with his hands unsoiled by the grasp of filthy lucre, in a word a man.

SHAKESPEARE NOT A GERMAN

BY EDWARD FOX, MAYOR OF STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

I have received a recent copy of "The Cologne Post," in which a correspondent asks, "Was Shakespeare German?" As a resident of Stratford-upon-Avon for over 46 years and one who has taken some interest in the study of Shakespeare's life and writings, my reply to your correspondent's question is—Emphatically no; the idea is preposterous.

Shakespeare was pre-eminently English, and his pedigree and the records of his family and life are so clear and authentic, so well established by all competent writers, as to prove beyond all doubt that the poet was a Warwickshire man born at Stratford-upon-Avon in 1564, that his parents and relatives were Warwickshire people, that his plays, particularly the histories, conclusively show that he possessed an intense spirit of patriotism and love of his country.

"This blessed plot, this earth, this realm, this England,
This land of such dear souls, this dear, dear land,
Dear for her reputation through the world."

The entries in the Stratford-upon-Avon parish registers give over a hundred years of his family history. We know that the poet's father, John Shakespeare, came from the neighbouring village of Snitterfield and settled in Stratford, that he married Mary Arden, daughter of a substantial yeoman, of Wilmcote, four miles distant, whose family had resided in Warwickshire for centuries—a family of gentle lineage entitled to bear arms—and that John Shakespeare became a man of importance in Stratford, filling the office of chief magistrate and other positions under the Corporation. It is also proved that he lived in the house in Henley Street, where the poet was born, first as tenant, then as owner, but that his fortunes afterwards declined.

Your correspondent's statement that William Shakespeare was a "mysterious personage" is ridiculous. The wonder is not that we know so little of the poet's life, but that we know so much, considering the careless age in which he lived and that so little is known of his contemporaries.

From 1592 onwards the most generous tribute was paid by contemporary writers to Shakespeare's great genius, including Francis Meres, Ben Jonson, Milton and others. A German professor once remarked, "there is more contemporary mention of Shakespeare than of any other great sixteenth-century poet."

The people "who don't believe that Shakespeare wrote the plays attributed to him" have much to learn. They should pay a visit to Stratford-upon-Avon, where the people still "speak the tongue that Shakespeare spake;" they should go into the surrounding country and see the flowers, the hedgerows, the trees and the beautiful meadowland and the birds, all of which the poet sings so exquisitely. They would come across the Quineys, the Pages, the Fords and the Christopher Slys, representatives of the poet's immortal characters bearing precisely the same names in the present day. The plays are full of idioms and allusions to local scenery and plans, characters and customs that could never have emanated from a writer unacquainted with the old town and the beautiful country around; all of which I think goes to prove that Shakespeare was no German, but a true Englishman born in that shire "which we the heart of England well may call."

There are very few references to Germans or Germany in the plays; one may be mentioned. In the "Merry Wives of Windsor" one of the characters exclaims, "Like three German devils, three Dr. Faustuses." This is scarcely complimentary.

Much might be written on the subject of defamation and myths. The Baconian myth can be explained in a few words. Miss Delia Bacon, who was the first to spread a spirit of scepticism, died insane in September 1859. This was about 300 years after the poet was born.

I have referred to Shakespeare's great love of England:

"This royal throne of Kings, this scepter'd isle."

His equally great love of honour and justice are reflected in the lines—

"Never yet did base dishonour blur our name,
But with our sword we wiped away the blot."

And then let us consider that fine outburst of patriotism—

"Come the three corners of the world in arms and we shall shock them;
Nought shall make us rue if England to itself do rest but true."

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX

We Hear all Sides without Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

SPEED UP THE DANCE.

Sir,—I was much shocked by the opinions expressed by "Jonathan." I am quite sure he has never been taught to dance properly, or he would experience keen enjoyment in "executing wonderful steps," as he calls it.

Dancing should be a restful exercise, perfectly executed but entirely effortless, not a mass of rowdy over-excited people.

As for the joys of Bohemia, which he vaguely refers to, if he wishes to associate with demi-mondaines would it not be better for him to apply for demob.?

Personally I have attended many dances in Cologne and have been quite content to allow myself to be entertained in a way becoming to the modesty of our English girls. *DAVID.*

COLOGNE ART EXHIBITION.

Sir,—I notice it is suggested that a Society of Artists should be formed in the Rhine Army to encourage drawing and painting, and incidentally, to discover any latent talent that may be lying dormant.

I hasten to draw attention to the fact that a School of Art has been open at the Army College for over five months, where Freehand, Light and Shade, Life, Painting in oil and water colours, antique drawings, posters and Advertisement designs are taught with satisfying results.

Also a successful exhibition was held in the Library of the Army College during the last week of October — a strong appreciation of which was published on two occasions in the columns of the "Cologne Post."

A new course will open at the Army General and Commercial College early in the New Year, and I would suggest to "R.M." to apply to his Adjutant and see that he secures one of the vacancies that will be allotted to his formation.

W. B. JEMMETT.

BEER ON DRAUGHT.

Sir,—Could not brewers at home be induced by the N.A.C.B. to arrange for the delivery of their beers in barrel so that they could be sold on draught?

This would obviate the expense in packing cases, straw etc., and abolish breakages.

I believe that the non-returnable bottles are worth perhaps two marks at the present currency when sold to the soldier, while it is difficult to find a local market for the empties at 10 pfgs.

If barrels were non-returnable when empty, a much better value could be obtained and everybody would benefit by this economic measure. *ECONOMIST.*

SAFER TRAMWAYS.

Sir,—Yes, "Schottlander," your country which of course one includes in the generic term "England" possesses the dangerous top-heavy two-decker tramcar. So, I believe, does Ireland. Both countries are under an English King and English Parliament, and as far as they are able, speak the English language.

When the average common-sense person speaks in general terms of England, he usually implies also the home countries subject to her rule, but not the Colonies. Does this explanation satisfy "Schottlander?" *BOLIVAR.*

THE FUTURE OF THE YOUNG SOLDIERS.

Sir,—With reference to "Ranker's" letter I must say that, though some of the sentiments expressed therein are most laudable, yet, at the same time, there is much to be said in justification of the soldiers' attitude, which "Ranker" so deprecates.

What is more natural than that the chief interest of a young man, who has no intention of making the Army his profession, should be in the direction of demobilisation?

"Ranker" perhaps forgets that the majority of us young soldiers are not soldiers by choice, and have yet to make our way in the life that will be before us on demobilization.

As regards "esprit de corps," I do not believe that there is a man in the Rhine Army, who will not do everything in his power to keep up the prestige of his unit. *W.H.G.*

AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Sir,—I should be very much obliged if you would insert the following acknowledgement in the columns of your paper:

"The Assistant Chaplain General, Rhine Army, wishes to acknowledge with many thanks the anonymous gift of 750 marks towards the work of the Church Army in Cologne."

J. W. S. PARRY-EVANS,
Assistant Chaplain General.

DO NOT LOAF.

Sir,—Do "H.C.W." and "Padre" realise their expressed views are far more boring to the young soldiers than actual loafing or visiting theatres, clubs, and cinemas.

If they are so anxious for our welfare, why in the name of common sense do they not write something instructive and interesting?

How do they know the youngsters they see "loafing" are not really studious, and are they sure there is enough accommodation at the various seats of learning for all these prodigals were they to "return to their Fathers to eat of the fatted calf."

After all, fresh air means good health. A savant may as well be in Heaven, or the other place for that matter, without it.

"A STUDIOUS LOAFER."

THE ARMY AND RELIGION.

Sir,—In the region of opinion my reply to "Halifax" is the following line from Blake:—"Your Heaven doors are my Hell gates!"

In the region of fact, my advice to him is to examine the evidence.

W. ROMAINE PATERSON.

CIVILIANS IN THE CLUBS.

Sir,—I think most ex-officers agree with "G.E.S." article headed "Civilians in the Clubs".

Obviously too little distinction has been made in granting permission to use the Club, with the usual result that privileges have been abused and the majority have been penalised on account of the minority.

I would like to point out that the 8th Corps Club is open to all ex-officers, who can, by simply asking, become honorary members. This is, however, not the point. Why can't we have a club of our own and be independent?

Will the Y.M.C.A. or N.A.C.B. fill the breach and earn the undying gratitude of the *EX-OFFICER.*

CRAFTS—NOT ART.

Sir,—I do not quite agree with "R.M.," and think, that instead of encouraging soldiers to paint, greater attention to instructing them in the use of their hands in useful crafts such as wood and metal work, would serve them in better stead when they leave the Army.

England is over-run with mediocrities—for very few attain more than moderate skill—who find it hard to get a living by their brush or pencil.

On the other hand there never was such a need as there is to-day for the man who can work with the hammer or saw, who can turn out a good job at bench or lathe.

Probably the mechanical crafts are taught at the Army College, but more prominence seems to be given to painting and ornamental designing, and I feel that is a mistake. *CRAFTSMAN.*

WIVES IN CLUBS.

Sir,—"T.B." I fear, belongs to that type of man, who would travel for hundreds of miles in a railway compartment, whose only other occupant was a lady, gazing out of the windows rather than be guilty of "the impertinence" of entering into pleasant conversation with the lady, even if she were obviously willing to do so.

So two people must remain dull because nobody happens to be present who knows them both.

Let "T.B." realise that in these days, an introduction often can, or should be, dispensed with—and is, by really quite nice people! *BOHEMIA.*

B.R.A.D.C. PRODUCTIONS.

Sir,—In your announcement of the production of Beaumont and Fletcher's "Knight of the Burning Pestle" by the Rhine Army Dramatic Company, you mention that certain "novelties" from America will be found in the play.

Surely there is a hideous mistake somewhere; the idea of an Elizabethan play introducing American novelties is appalling.

Perhaps the Dramatic Company is giving us a burlesque of the play. If so, the more novelties from America, or elsewhere, the better. I sincerely hope that there is some error in the wording of your notice. I cannot think that the excellent Dramatic Club would give us the play in the manner you describe.

If the B.R.A.D.C. produce this most delightful Comedy as closely as possible as it was presented to the Londoners in 1610, with the charming Old English Music and Morris Dances, then the Rhine Army undoubtedly have a great treat in seeing one of the best of our Old English Comedies. A most excellent dramatic fare for Christmas. *W. A. WHITE.*

SEX EQUALITY.

Never since our marriage has my wife been deficient in self-confidence and courage, never has she permitted me to utter unchallenged a decisive word, or to assume any responsibility which she felt would be more fittingly undertaken by herself. On shopping expeditions it was always a joy to feel that she would boldly enter shops to do the necessary talking, and that nothing more would be required of me than to look at the windows, and pay the bill.

Except in the latter point, there has been a lamentable change since the arrival of my wife in the Rhineland, and I am at a loss to account for the increased importance of the position I now occupy.

If there is any question to be asked of a German policeman in front of a gaping crowd, any article with an unpronounceable name to be bought in a German shop, in short, if there is any task involving knowledge of the tortuous tangles of the German language, it is always I who am pushed into the position of danger, and of honour.

It is quite useless for me to protest to my wife that she can pronounce the German for "pickled herrings" at least as well as I can, and that the prices of various weird articles of needlework can be better asked by her than by myself; it is always I who have to go "over the top" in a linguistic sense, while my wife pretends not to belong to me in the safe seclusion of the opposite pavement.

The climax was reached last night, and what follows is unfortunately not fiction, but bitter fact. We were walking, towards closing time, down the Breite Strasse, and all the shops were full when my wife caught sight, in a window, of those snails so beloved of foreign palates, price 0.45pf. each.

She calmly told me to go into the shop, and buy one snail to try. I protested; I pointed out that the shop was full of Germans who spoke the language better than I did, and that no Englishman could be expected to shout out an order for one snail under such conditions; I said she knew the German for snail as well as I, and begged her at least to come inside with me and lend me countenance.

She refused; she said that she wanted one snail, and one only; that two English people could not possibly enter a crowded shop to purchase one snail, in fact, it wasn't done and that I was obviously the person best qualified to effect the purchase.

There are times when argument is useless, and my wife's tone implied that that point had now been reached. Recognising this, I sidled into the shop in as unobtrusive a fashion as possible, and manoeuvred so as to whisper my wishes to one of the young lady assistants without arousing general attention. Not so, however.

The manager mistaking the cause of my bashfulness, sailed down on me from the other end of the shop, and inquired courteously as to my desires. I said, in my best and most inaudible German that I had an order for one snail. Raising his voice so as to be comfortably heard by all who were in that shop, he called to the counter, "The Englander wants one snail."

Immediate silence, all eyes in my direction, and a most flattering interest in my every word and movement. I obtained my snail at the cost of 45 pfennigs and feelings of untold abasement; an attendant wrapped up my purchase in some 3 yards of paper, and gave me, gratis, much good advice as to its preparation, and dishing up; my wife devoured it and called it excellent, but I am worried at her new diffidence in shopping matters, and at the hiatus between her precepts and her practice.

In England my wife was a staunch adherent of equality and of the vote, and I can see no logical or other reason for her new attitude of subordination, and self-effacement. The burdens of the German anguage are too great to fall entirely on one pair of shoulders, and when next it is necessary, with the aid of Cassell's dictionary, a phrase-book, and a stammer, to buy tripe and onions, or prawns in aspic, my wife shall perform her share. Common justice demands no less. *C.H.S.*

SEASONS.

Gentle zephyrs, waving corn,
Nibbling flocks; a perfect dawn.

Restful shadows, sunshine bright,
A carolling lark in Heaven's site.

Blustering breezes, rustling leaves,
Rainbow hues on bush and trees.

Whirling snowflakes, skies of grey
Silent grandeur; the end of day.

C. R.

DEMPSEY NEXT.

World Championship Fight in London next Year.

HUGE PURSE.

Carpentier has lost no time in making arrangements for a meeting with Dempsey for the world's championship.

According to a London message, Mr. Cochran announces that Beckett's victor signed an agreement yesterday, whereby he pledges himself to fight the American in London next year. The stakes are to amount to £35,000: 60% for the winner and 40% for the loser.

ANOTHER PROPOSAL.

Gigantic Offer by Group of Paris Sportsmen.

A Havas report of an amazing offer by Decoin the well-known Paris sportsman was received yesterday. It is stated that Decoin, supported by a group of Paris enthusiasts, has deposited the huge sum of 2,000,000 francs for a match for the world's championship between Dempsey and Carpentier, to take place in Paris next July. The proposal has been wired to the boxers.

The fight, providing the scheme materialises, which in view of the telegram from London appears extremely unlikely would take place at the Stade Persing. There would be accommodation for 30,000 spectators and the seats would range from 500 to 20 francs in price. At the present rate of exchange the purse offered is in the region of £50,000.

SPEED DID IT.

Frenchman's Views on the Great Fight.

Of course, I am proud, very proud that Carpentier won, writes Victor Breyer, Editor, "Echo des Sports" in the "Sporting Life," firstly because he is my countryman, secondly because I have known and liked him since boyhood. Since the match was made I have not altered my opinion that he would beat Beckett, and "Sporting Life" readers know that I again expressed it yesterday morning.

I said Georges would win because of his speed, and speed did it. And as to the hitting powers of the French boy, where are the critics who said that he could not punch, after the beautiful right hook which laid Beckett out for a lot more than the alloted ten seconds?

Boxing A Science.

Yes, as I wrote yesterday, boxing is not a trial of brute force, but a science much on the lines of fencing. Yesterday evening Beckett's superiority in muscular strength was of no avail. From the very first straight left of Carpentier which opened the match I could see the English champion had no chance, barring, of course, a lucky blow. He was much too slow, and unable either to parry or dodge the Frenchman's punches, and I felt certain that at the first opening Carpentier would bring that deadly right of his into play and there would be damage. That is exactly what happened, although I frankly confess I did not expect it to happen so quickly.

Beckett Overrated.

And now my honest opinion is that, although very brilliant, this victory is not one that I would take as greatly enhancing Carpentier's reputation. I had never seen Beckett in action before yesterday, and I think he is a very much overrated man—a strong, sturdy fighter, but devoid of finesse. That he could beat a man like Goddard I quite understand, but how he could ever lay a glove on Billy Wells, and furthermore beat him, is a deep mystery to me.

You can mark my words, he may secure a return match with Carpentier—and I hope he will, for he appeals to me as a straight, nice, honest fellow—but he will never beat him.

This does not show that Carpentier will beat the formidable Dempsey, although we must, and will, live in hopes until this sensational encounter takes place.

WHAT WELLS THOUGHT.

Bombardier Billy Wells just before the contest, told a press representative quite frankly that he thought Carpentier would win. And no one is in a better position to judge than he, for he has faced both men, and has been beaten by both.

He said if Carpentier was as good as he was in 1914 it was a certainty for him. And he was right.

CHAMPION 'CHASER.

Poethlyn's Eleven Consecutive Successes.

The recognised present day champion 'Chaser, Poethlyn, reappeared at Lingfield this week, meeting with customary success in the Southern Steeplechase.

Poethlyn has now won eleven races off the reel, including a dead-heat with Water Bed in a welter flat race at Lingfield, and he has not suffered defeat since he ran unplaced to Captain Dreyfus in the substitute Lancashire Steeplechase run at Windsor nearly three years ago.

Two Nationals.

In the meantime, he has credited his fortunate owner with two "Nationals"—a "real" one at Aintree and a substitute at Gatwick—a like number of Lancashire 'Chases, and other minor, but none the less acceptable prizes.

He is already nominal favourite for next year's Grand National, which is not surprising; and it will indeed be an achievement if Mrs. Hugh Peel's horse does the hat-trick. Manifesto and one or two others have succeeded in twice winning the race. It does not appear at all improbable that Poethlyn will set up a new record.

QUEENS PARK.

Only Amateur Eleven in the Four Leagues.

FAMOUS TEAMS—3.

To the Glasgow Y.M.C.A. we owe the birth of this famous club; it was a few enthusiasts of this body who in 1867 laid the foundation of the club which holds the distinction of being the only amateur club in the four big leagues.

Their first days were lean ones, but they discovered great players and began to be looked upon as a side to be feared. Then came the day when, competing in the English Cup (then open to Scottish clubs), they sprang a shock upon the mighty "Villans," defeating them by six goals to one. They did not reach the Final tie, however, till 1884, when they succumbed to Blackburn Rovers, then at the zenith of their power. Again the following season they faced the Rovers in the Final, having again to acknowledge defeat.

Football Sensation.

The club figured in one of football's sensations at this period by taking exception to the rulings of the referee in charge of the Final, but it didn't affect the cup's destination.

"The Spiders," at they were christened, were the pioneers of Scottish football, and to them must be given the honour of leading the way to clubs who are today champions north of the Tweed The club also initiated the Scottish Football Association and have provided the "Land of Oats" with many famous internationals and football records.

Players of Note.

Players of note in their ranks in other days were legion, but the following short list will recall to mind men who were shining lights in amateur and international circles:—William McKinnon, Charlie Campbell, Dr. John Smith, the brothers Kerr, J. B. Weir, and J. J. Thomson. William Kerr was the first man to hold the Queens Park captaincy, and a great player and "general." His brother George, christened the "Prince of Dribblers," had the misfortune to break his leg while operating against Blackburn Rovers. Campbell was one of the cleverest "headers" of a ball football has ever produced, and was known as the prince of tacklers; he figured on ten occasions against England, while McKinnon was eight times capped against the Rose.

Best of their Day.

Their battles with the famous Corinthians began in 1883, and to those one is always referred if inquiring who played the best football in earlier times. Certainly they provided football of a standard that is not reached to-day.

But the days of the "Spiders" glory are now a memory only—a dream of the past. To-day they are but a moderate lot with a star here and there, and have as much chance of lifting the Scottish league Championship as Glasgow Rangers or Celtic have of finishing at the bottom of the table.

The Only Amateurs.

They can still produce great players and may they ever remain in first class football, is the wish of all lovers of the game. Some day, who knows, fate may be kind and they will again hold an undefeated record, but the possibility seems very remote. All their players are amateurs and this greatly adds interest to their doings. They are the only amateur club in first class football and deserve all credit for this.

"Spiders" Home.

The home of the "Spiders," Hampden Park, Glasgow, is one of the finest grounds in Britain, and, as an international battleground, has witnessed many great games of dazzling skill and scientific footwork. On this ground the Queens were at one time always good for both points, but these days also are past. This season's record compares badly with their performances in the days of their power, which were full of victorious encounters and great performances. They are practically at the middle rung of the ladder; will they again get near the top?

'VARSITY FOOTBALL.

Oxford Rugby and Association Teams.

The Oxford Rugby side to oppose Cambridge has been selected. Only four old Blues are playing, namely, the captain, E. G. Loudoun-Shand (University), the secretary, J. Moresby White (New College), O. Jenkins (Jesus), and G. B. Crole (University). The team is:—

V. R. Price (Bishop's Stortford and Magdalen); O. Jenkins (University College, Aberystwyth, and Jesus), G. B. Crole (Edinburgh Academy and University), E. G. Loudoun-Shand (capt.) (Dulwich and University), G. F. Wood (King's School, Canterbury, and Trinity); F. A. Waldock (Uppingham and Hertford), E. Campbell (Edinburgh Academy and Oriel); J. Moresby White (Rondesbach and New College), C. H. Neser (South African College and Brasenose), C. H. Evans (Tonbridge and Brasenose), D. D. Duncan (South African College and University), H. F. Waldock (Uppingham and Hertford), C. Francis (University College, Aberystwyth, and Jesus), W. R. Bros (Bishop's Stortford and Queen's), R. G. Sharp (Rugby and Repton). Reserves: H. B. Simpson (Kingswood and Oriel), Rev. W. T. Havard (University College, Aberystwyth, and Jesus).

Association.

The following have been selected to represent Oxford against Cambridge in the Association match on the 10th:—

G. F. Greig (Westminster and Christ Church), F. Barber (Queen Elizabeth School, Kirkby Lonsdale, and Queen's); C. E. Wharton, (Douai Abbey and Oriel), A. H. G. Butcher (Charterhouse and New College), H. M. Watt (Winchester and Brasenose); F. S. Hepburn (Rugby and Oriel), Miles Howell (capt.) (Repton and Oriel), R. L. Holdsworth (Repton and Magdalen), H. S. Jackson (Aberdeen University and New College), H. S. Lee (Magdalen College School and Magdalen).

Low Figure.

Mr. T. Edge purchased Rosy Picton privately for £50 at Nottingham.

BURSCHEID BATTLES.

52nd Bn. Devonshire Regt's. Game Displays.

NOVICES BOXING.

The fighting spirit of the Devons is evidently not impaired by Carpentier's victory, as 53 competitors turned out for the N.B.C. on Friday at Burscheid. With two or three exceptions all of these were "Young Soldiers".

Out of 26 contests, in which every man stood up gamely and did his best, it is difficult to distinguish any one fighter particularly, but perhaps Pte. Tyrrell, Lt. Weight, and Pte. Jacques, feather weight, showed the most promising form.

Owing to lack of space it was not possible to entertain many visitors, but Col. and Mrs. Irvin and representatives of the 51st Hants Regiment came over to follow the form, as the two Bns. meet on Tuesday in an inter-Battn. Boxing Competition.

Lt.-Col. Betts, D.S.O., as referee, and Sgt.-Major Murray, M.S.M. and Sgt.-Major Turner as judges, very kindly came down to give their assistance.

Results:—

Bantam Weight.

Semi-Finalists:—
Pte. Chestermann .....D Coy.
Pte. Rome .....D "
Pte. Fothergill .....B "
Pte. Collery .....D "

Feather Weight.

Semi-Finalists:—
Cpl. Patsch .....D Coy.
Pte. Cotter .....A "
Pte. Jaqcues .....B "
Pte. Taylor .....C "

Light Weight.

Semi-Finalists:—
Pte. Hill .....D Coy.
Sgt. Stewart .....B "
Cpl. Edwards .....B "
Pte. Tyrrell .....A "

Welter Weight.

Semi-Finalists:—
Pte. Weaver .....D Coy.
Pte. Galiagher .....D "
Pte. Palmer .....D "
C.Q.M.S. Selby .....C "

Middle Weight.

Semi-Finalists:—
Sgt. Priest .....C Coy.
Cpl. Spencer .....B "
Pte. Mott .....C "
Pte. Carr .....C "

The 52nd Devons, thanks largely to the untiring energy of the Battalion sports officer, are at present one of the keenest boxing units in the Rhine Army. The 51st Devons, who have recently gone to England, also possessed some very promising exponents of the noble art, and last year their team met with success in the Aldershot competitions.

The finals of the above contests were held yesterday, and a detailed report will appear in our next issue.

HORSES TO FOLLOW.

Flat Racers making good as Hurdlers.

At the close of each flat-racing season numerous horses which have performed with more or less distinction at the "legitimate" game have their attention turned to the winter sport. Several such are to be noted in events to be decided in the near future, and it will be interesting to see how they disport themselves in their new role.

It frequently happens that a very moderate flat racer turns out a champion over hurdles, a case in point being provided by Karakoul a few years ago. Karakoul was a very ordinary animal on the flat, but at hurdling was a real top-notcher. One of his contemporaries was Mark Time, who was—well, perhaps stones better than Karakoul in races in which clearing hurdles was not part of the scheme. Over the "sticks," however, there was next to nothing between the pair, and it may be recalled that in the famous match at Hurst Park the odds laid on Mark Time were upset by the other.

Promising New-comers.

Until the winter has advanced a little farther, one cannot sum up the position as to the immediate future; but even thus early one or two who come into the category of "useful" have been seen out. Not the least promising of the new comers is the three-year-old Procurator, who has already three brackets to his name.

Another of the same age, viz., Irish Fair, displayed merit in his defeat of Kaboodles and several others at Newbury, though the winner's path was cleared when the odds-on favourite Vertigo fell. The latter, who belongs to Lord Rosebery, should be a first-rater if blue blood was the only essential to success. Vertigo is a son of the St. Leger winner Swynford and Verve, a daughter of Velocity—Valve, by Velasquez—Gas, by Ayrshire.

It is not improbable that Vertigo will make his mark as a hurdler, though he has been unfortunate in his only two efforts to date. In the former of these he was interfered with by a loose horse when he looked like winning at Sandown Park, and, as it was, he finished in front of Procurator; while he was going well when he came down in Irish Fair's race. Vertigo should certainly be given another chance.

WILMOT'S WINNERS.

Mr. F. W. Wilmot is a great riding enthusiast, and seldom gives more than £20 for a horse. These he hacks about and patches up. He has won races with Prieska, for whom he gave £30, Mysterious and Cosy, for whom he gave £20 apiece, while for Bonnie and Responsible he only gave £10 apiece. The last named was placed seventeen times in succession by the judge. The latest success of the Lingfield Park Clerk of the Course and Secretary was with Carson, for whom he gave 24 gs., at Lingfield.

Hockey.

To-day at 10 p.m. the Bonn and Cologne Hockey teams meet on the Poller Wiesen ground. These are the finest clubs in Rhineland.

F.A. DECISIONS.

Middlesbrough Club Threatened with Suspension.

WEIR FOR READING.

The proceedings of the Football Association Emergency Committee contain many important decisions affecting clubs and players.

They report that they have removed the suspensions of the following players: W. Ashmore, Chesterfield Town F.C.; F. Rushby, Gainsborough Trinity F.C.; and L. Cook, Chester F.C.

Spectators' Conduct.

As to the misconduct of spectators at the Middlesbrough v. Aston Villa game on Oct. 25, the report is: The Middlesbrough Club was informed that the Association and clubs make all necessary arrangements for the conduct of the game, and that spectators must also assist. If they do not, penalties must be borne both by clubs (although innocent) and spectators. That if there is any further interference with officials or players, the Middlesbrough ground will be suspended. The club was also ordered to post special notices referring to this case, and containing the warning implied.

Case of J. Weir.

The committee decided in the case of J. Weir, claimed by Fulham, Reading, and Swansea Town clubs, that they were unable to recognise a supplemental agreement entered into between the Fulham and Swansea Town clubs, and that only agreements provided for by the rules of the Association could be accepted. Swansea Town F.C. having registered Weir with the Football Association of Wales subsequently to the player having signed a registration form for Reading F.C. which had been withheld by the Football Association pending the decision of the committee upon the agreement between the Fulham and Swansea Town clubs, of which notice had been given to the F.A. of Wales, the F.A. of Wales were asked to cancel the registration. The player thereupon to be registered for Reading F.C. Registration of Weir by F.A. of Wales cancelled and player registered for Reading F.C. on Nov. 21, 1919.

In reply to an inquiry, the committee decided that a suspension of a professional player involved the loss of any money he would have been entitled to receive during the period of suspension. The rules of the Association provided for a maximum payment during a year, but they did not provide that the amount should be equally distributed over the whole period.

CALCUTTA RUGBY CUP.

Somerset's Retain Possession by defeating S.W.B.s.

Amid great enthusiasm at Calcutta on Saturday, Sept. 20, the 2-5th Somersets retained possession of the Calcutta Rugby Cup (which they first won in 1918) by beating the 1-1st Brecknocks (South Wales Borderers) by 8 points to 5.

In spite of the closeness of the final scores the stronger side won, but the Welshmen put up a tremendous struggle. The Brecknocks actually took the lead after half-time by a goal from a try scored by Watkins, their captain, who played a magnificent game throughout. This lead of a couple of points (the Somersets having kicked a penalty goal) the Brecknock maintained until within five minutes of "no-side," when the Somersets scored the winning try through Davidge, Woodward converting.

2-5th Somersets.—Brown; Lynham, Woollen, Sgt. Davidge (capt), Woodward; Searle, Turner; Pole, Parker, Head, Dyke, Larkworthy, Williams, Bale, Shattock.

1-1st Brecknocks—J.R. Thomas; T. Webb, Maggs, James, Samuels; Watkins (capt), Owens; Jenkins, Berrows, Williams, Haddock, T. Thomas, Perry, W.A. Webb, Davies.

Referee, J. Reid-Kay (C.F.C.).

CHESHIRE v. DURHAM.

The Durham Rugby team against Cheshire at Birkenhead Park on Dec. 13 has been selected as follows:—J. Manson (Hartlepool Rovers); Forsland (Durham City), Scott Page, (Westloe), A. M. Gillsthorpe (Sunderland), W. Fenwick (Durham City); G. H. Tedley (Sunderland), C. Pickersgill, J. C. Sievewright (Hartlepool Rovers); E. Moors, (Sunderland), J. Mc Millan (Sunderland), R. Wyman, (Durham City), Spence (Hartlepool Rovers), A. L. Woodman (North Durham), E. Summersdale (Durham City), Simpson (Hartlepool Rovers.)

Cheshire:—W. H. Pemberton (Birkenhead Park); F. M. Arkle (Birkenhead Park); W. Watts (Leicester); H. Locke, W. M. Lowry, (Birkenhead Park); R. P. Bloor (Birkenhead Park); G. B. Davey (Liverpool); E. Billington, R. D. Walker (Birkenhead Park); P. Cheshire, A. M'Leod (Cosmopolitans); F. Johnson (New Brighton), J. P. Scott, W. Tait, G. H. Williams (Sale).

LEAVE CLUB CHESS.

Final Results of Knock-Out Tournament.

Semi-Final Round.

L.Cpl. Whyte ..... 1 Cpl. Williams ... 0
Sergt. Yates..... 1 L.Cpl. Sers 0

Final Round.

After a long, well-contested game lasting over two hours, L.Cpl. Whyte secured the hard-earned points and the prize,—a wrist watch.

Local Billiards.

A team of six W.O.'s and sergeants of the Rifle Brigade are desirous of a Challenge Billiards Tournament with a team of W.O.'s and sergeants of the Rhine Army. Communications should be addressed to Sergeant H. Forsyth, 52nd The Rifle Brigade, Riehl Barracks.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

"THE SINGER OF THE VELDT."

Although the title does not imply it, Miss Inez Bensusan's play "The Singer of the Veldt," which is to be produced by the Rhine Army Dramatic Company at the Deutsches theatre on Wednesday, is described as a modern comedy.

We are already familiar with Miss Bensusan's undoubted ability and versatility as an actress but the majority of us have yet to make her acquaintance in her capacity as playwright. If the latter is on anything like the same plane as her histrionic talent, her play should rank in no inconspicuous place among the successful productions of her contemporaries.

"The Singer of the Veldt" was written in 1913 and if the expressed opinions of some of London's leading producers is any criterion, the play would long ago, supposing circumstances had been normal instead of abnormal, have been staged in our English theatres.

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The story concerns the affairs of a woman of the ultra-modern type and her relations with a simple-minded farm-boy in the wilds of South Africa. This forms the basis of many cleverly conceived situations and around these two characters gravitate the others in the caste.

Unlike many authors, Miss Bensusan writes of the scene of her play with first-hand knowledge, having travelled South Africa extensively. She herself will play the principal part, and will portray a type contrary to any she has given us previously in the course of her appearances at the Deutsches theatre.

Lieut. S. E. Percy was to have presented the farm-boy, but, in view of the considerable amount of work he will have as producer, the part has been given to Pte. Terry, who, judging by previous performances, should "make good."

Others who are to appear include Miss Gabriel Paul, Miss Marjorie Moore, and Sgt. Shilsky.

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From reading the "book," "The Singer of the Veldt" appears to be one of those plays which depends almost entirely for its success upon the personality of the people taking part. If this is lacking, the brilliance of the dialogue will be lost to a great degree. Capt. Jammett, of the Army Art School, has designed some delightful dresses of a very, very modern pattern, and the only doubtful feature of them is whether or not their incongruity will be appreciated as they ought to be by the audiences. But it should be remembered that subtle humour is the keynote of the play.

Unfortunately, the time available for rehearsals has been very brief, and generous latitude should be allowed for any slight deficiencies there may be in the opening performance.

Whatever degree of success achieved by "The Singer of the Veldt" in its staging, Miss Bensusan is to be heartily congratulated upon having written a particularly clever play, original in its conception and bright and agreeable in its treatment.

Remnants of H.A.C.

A lively gathering was held at Urban's Burghof Café, Hohe Strasse, on Tuesday evening, the occasion being a dinner held by the remaining members of the Honourable Artillery Company with the Rhine Army, who are now attached to the 113th Bde. R.A.F. at Berg. Gladbach. About 40 members were present and the proceedings, were most successful, while the orchestra kept up a succession of familiar British airs throughout the evening.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Sun.	The Gypsy Baron	Strauss	7	10
Mon.	Armourer of Worms	Lortzing	7	9.45
Tuesday	No Performance.			
Wed.	Die Frau ohne Schatten	Strauss	6	10.30
Thurs.	Cav. Rusticana Der Bajazzi	Mascagni Leoncavallo	7	9.45
Fri.	Der Waffenschmied	Lortzing	7	10
Sat.	Merry Wives of Windsor	Nicolai	7	10.30
Sun.	Meistersinger von Nürnberg	Wagner	5	10.30
Monday	No Performance			
Tuesday	No Performance			

52nd D.L.I. Concert

Another Company Concert was held in 'C' Company Lines at Bonn on Wednesday evening. There was no lack of fun and good humour, and the evening was very pleasantly passed. Boy Etherington drew loud applause with his solos, and his duets with Pte. Brown were also well received. Capt. Boyle, C.F., and Lt. Coulshaw created much merriment, whilst Lt. Anderson, and Sergt. Norris sang songs which were well appreciated. Two sketches were also produced. "Generally Useful" was good, but "Orderly Room" was a perfect scream from beginning to end. Sergt. Norris made an excellent C.O. Nor must we forget Drummer Ives and "The Nigger," for they also contributed,—as well as the light refreshments—to the success of the evening.

"Not Desirable."

An interesting debate took place in the British Empire Leave Club on Friday evening. The subject for discussion was. "That in the opinion of this House the issue of Premium Bonds in England is desirable."

Sergt. Woods, A.P.C., spoke in favour of the motion, which was opposed by Pte. Turner, Labour Corps. After many enthusiasts had spoken on either side a division was taken and the motion was lost by 5 votes.

The motion for next week is, "That in the opinion of this House the English attitude towards questions of morality is more reasonable than the Continental one."

Pte. Doughty will speak in favour, Pte. Turner against. Friday next, 6.30 p.m.

Empire Leave Club.

At the British Empire Leave Club this week, another excellent programme has been arranged. To-day the Rev. C. E. Wheeler will speak in the writing room from 5 to 6 and there will be a band concert by the 23rd Royal Fusiliers at 6.30 p.m. For to-morrow (Monday) an impromptu concert is announced to take place at 5 p.m. followed by German classes from 6 to 8, while at 6.30 p.m. there will be a practice dance. Further arrangements will be published on Tuesday.

Whist Drive.

The top score of 154 was reached by Pte. R H. Fisher at the British Empire Leave Club whist drive on Thursday night, Sergt. Norman and Pte. F. C. Munroe coming in second and third with 147 and 145 respectively. The "Ladies" prizes were won by Pte. E. Burgess with 153, Pte. W. Finbond and L.-Cpl. F.H. Stead, each scoring 147. Pte. J. Green was M.C. and Lieut. Rouch, President.

JACQUES.

HORACE BARNES.

Attributes of a Noted Veteran Forward.

There are many indications that the special football articles, written by front rank players, one of which appears in this page each Saturday, are perused with considerable interest by many readers. In yesterday's issue was published an engrossing article entitled "When Science meets Dash," from the pen of Horace Barnes, Manchester City's famous inside-right, who knows well the subject on which he wrote.

This player made a big name for himself when appearing in the ranks of Derby County. He proved a great goal-getter, and as such attracted the attention of many of the leading clubs. Overtures were made to the "Rams," but the Peak men had their own idea of his worth and the price asked was very high.

Then came Manchester City, badly in need of a scoring inside forward, and the deal was closed. Barnes changed his quarters, and the football world received a great surprise when the transfer fee became known. £2,500 was the stated price, an amount one could have got a team for a few years before, and it still stands as the highest transfer fee paid for any player.

Worth It.

That he was worth it, was proved beyond doubt. His goal-scoring efforts, and steadying influence on the "Citizens" line soon repaid the cost of his transfer, and the City thanked their stars for his acquisition. He is possessed of a fine turn of speed, cool, brainy, and with that sterling quality of a first-class inside forward, namely, that he can make his wing man play.

Commenting on a winger being tried by the "Citizens", a well-known authority said, "If Barnes cannot bring him on, no man can," and therein lies one of the secrets of his success.

The war seems to have slowed the international a little; he fails to give those brilliant touches which brought him into the limelight in pre-war days, but he is still a great player. His deft passes to Browell have accounted not a little for that centre's scoring record. The command Barnes has over the ball seems almost uncanny at times, and his brilliant flashes have made him a great favourite in the cotton town.

He appears to be improving, and when critics can write, as they used to do, "Barnes was Barnes," the "Citizens" will be a happier lot than they are to-day.

W. Le. C.

YOUR LUCKY NUMBER?

We want your Entries for No. 12 Contest.

The happenings in yesterday's league battles may have a great bearing on the matches which appear on the coupon below, and competitors will be advised to pay attention to the form of clubs, which are now well in the running for honours. There is certain to be a big fight to escape relegation and, at this stage, to forecast the teams who will occupy the lowest rungs at the season's end is a task beyond us. There will be some surprises served up yet by clubs seeking to remain in Division I. Watch for them.

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Grimsby	v. Bristol City
Lincoln	v. Hull City
West Ham	v. Coventry
South Shields	v. Barnsley
Palace	v. Queens Park R.
St. Mirren	v. Dumbarton
Clyde	v. Queens Park.
Ayr U.	v. Morton

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Signed .....
(in block letters)
Rank and No. .....
Unit .....
Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Keeps him away.

I don't notice quite so many officers in the Clubs at night just now. Of course very many have gone but I fancy "wifie" must be the main reason.

Craze for Buying.

Ever since he has been in Cologne a friend of mine has been steadily buying souvenirs from the best shops. Now he is due for demob: the problem of getting them home faces him. A big packing case will be needed.

Hi, Steward!!

Those who have been going on leave just recently have, I hear, had some very unpleasant experiences crossing the silver streak in the awful gules that have been encountered.

A Little Late Perhaps.

The other day a Cologne officer and his wife went for a trip to the Flanders battlefields. Almost the first person they met was a friend who had done yeoman service at Boulogne from 1915. "Yes," he said, "thought I'd better just come, and have a look at the war before I'm demobbed."

Move of N.A.C.B. Headquarters.

The address of the Headquarter Office, N.A.C.B., Cologne, and of M.H.S. Accountants, is 27, Obenmarspforten, Cologne (round the corner from the present office).

Less Attractive.

An officer I know was fascinated by the price of a good German piano as compared with London figures and bought one. He was more subdued when subsequently he learnt that a stiff sum as Customs duty had to be reckoned for, when he sent it home.

Plenty to Do.

I had a letter recently from a friend engaged on the cheerful task of a Graves' officer in France. He thinks his job is likely to last at least two years more.

Heroic but Disastrous.

There was wild excitement in a Hohestrasse tea-room the other afternoon. A wife who had been shopping brought in a small girl with a big air balloon. Releasing her hold of it the thing floated all over the room. A gallant young sub. endeavoured to capture it and, making a frantic lurch, upset three tables and all the teas and crockery on them.

The Young Visiters.

Daisy Ashford's book, "The Young Visiters," which has been the subject of so much controversy in literary circles, is now obtainable at the "Cologne Post" bookshop. One of the first purchasers was a German schoolboy.

War Savings.

The number of War Savings certificates sold to members of the British Army of the Rhine during the four weeks ending November 8th show a drop from 50,900 during the four weeks ending Sept. 13th to 14,790 for the four weeks ending November 8th.

Inundated.

We are still being snowed under by Home Subscription forms, which we are receiving from all parts. Twenty marks will send the "Post" to your home daily for a month. Don't delay; send your form now.

For Signallers Only.

The other day I saw a gunner wearing dark blue shoulder straps on his tunic. When I enquired I was told that only signallers have the at privilege.

An Ardent Swain.

Yesterday I saw an officer wearing what I took to be two identification wristlets. But on closer inspection I found one of them had a cameo portrait of a lovely girl on the disc.

Getting Ready.

I hear that most wonderful schemes of Yuletide decoration are being thought out at the various Clubs and institutes, notably the Leave Club and the Central Y.M.C.A.

Hardly That.

In a window in the Hohe Strasse, there is a chariot full of toys, bearing the inscription "Nur fur lustige kinder". Two Tommies were trying to decipher this. One got as far as "Nur fur..." "I know that means, 'Only for'", he said. "Oh," said the other, "Come away: it doesn't apply to us. It probably means' 'Nur fur Offiziere und deutsches publikum.'

Poulterer's Cart.

A game-dealer's cart I saw recently was very stylishly decorated with carvings. Raised panels with carved birds, fish, and animals lent a picturesque effect.

Doubles.

Not only has Mr. Horatio Bottomley's "double" been seen in Cologne but now Mr. Lloyd George 's counterpart has turned up. He was spotted by a military policeman coming out of the Railway Station yesterday. Any more?

French Appreciation.

I see that there is generally a fair sprinkling of French horizon blue among the opera audience to-day. The French were always lovers of good music.

No Burnishing.

In these days when batmen are growing scarcer and scarcer the officer who wears leather buttons instead of brass undoubtedly scores, even if he lacks that smartness inherent in the shiny button.

His Disability.

I heard of a Rhineland soldier who was asked by the P.T. Instructor why he didn't take part in the games. "Medically unfit, sir," was the reply. "Why, what's wrong with you? You look all right!" "Oh, I couldn't run, sir. Got a tooth wot want's stoppin'."

Fairly New to Us.

The Christmas tree which has always played so big a part in German Yuletide festivities only began to be popular in our own country about the time that Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg.

Esperanto.

Although my knowledge of German is painfully limited I can generally manage to grasp the trend of a sentence. The other day, however, I was addressed by my favourite waiter and failed to understand a single word. I gathered later that he had been playfully pulling my leg and had been speaking in Esperanto.

Follow Esperanto.

He then informed me that Esperanto had a large following in Cologne in pre-war days, and there are still many enthusiastic students of the language.

Better to Dance.

A very pleasant half hour may be be spent in the balcony at the B.E.L.C. watching the poetry of motion keeping time with the rhythm of the music. Of course it is better to dance yourself, especially if you are lucky enough to get a lady partner.

RHINELANDER.

THE MIRROR OF THE SOUL

Over the archway of a large public school in England there is this motto: "Manners maketh the man." It is well known that manners are the mirror of the soul.

In the vast concourse of people of all races and tongues, we are told that there are no two faces to be found which are absolutely alike. While the main features are sometimes identical there is some subtle difference in the expression, and in that expression the soul of the individual shines out.

The character of a nation can be seen in the type of face to be found in a crowd of people in some large city of that country, and in studying those faces one is able to sum up the great national characteristics.

From the aspect of the question from a national point of view we may turn to that of the individual who goes to make that nation.

A visit to what is called "The Chamber of Horrors" in Madame Tussaud's will show the type of man or woman who has allowed all the evil passions to which the human race is heir, to predominate their lives, and the face is repulsive; the whole countenance is a danger signal for the unwary.

We have seen the type of man who goes about and cares not a scrap for the comfort of others, ready to push his way to the front regardless of the weaker who may go to the wall. The soul of this man is seen in the cruel and selfish face; he cares not for the motto, "As ye would that men should do into you, do ye also unto them." The soul of this man is weak and puny, and he will be the first to cry out in a moment of danger.

We have seen the man who took for his watchword "Might is Right," a type who swept over Europe, and thought his motto true, until he was pulled by those whose purpose it was to see that the weakest in creation had the same chance as those who had been endued with greater gifts.

Every man should strive to show in his face the good clean soul that God would have every man possess, a soul that thinks of others and their welfare.

A man once sat in his cottage, and as the days went by, he complained that his sight got worse and worse, until there came a day in his life when he called his friends together and told them that he was blind. A kind friend who felt sorry for him set to work to see if there was anything practical she could do to help in the work of the cottage, and on looking round saw that the windows were very dirty, and though it would seem that to clean them could not do much good yet she worked until they were quite clean. The old man turned to her and said that a miracle had happened, and that he could now see.

The windows had been cleaned and now the pure sunlight could penetrate the darkness of the man's life.

The windows of a man's soul are like the windows of the cottage, and if only a man would see that these are clean, what a difference it would make to his own life and the lives of others.

To cultivate good manners means that one is thinking of others and does not show to the rest of mankind that brutal selfishness which in time is bound to *destroy a nation. It means that the man's* character is becoming kind and gentle. If manners make the man, surely it can be said that true religion makes the manners God's gentlemen.

REV. C. E. K. WHEELER, C.F.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

To Carry On.—The aerodrome at Kenley Common is to be retained permanently.

To Stop Outrages.—General Allenby has prohibited all firearms in Egypt.

Calming Down.—The strikes in Italy are coming to an end.

Slumping.—Both the French franc and the Italian lire have again fallen in value.

A Danger.—Germany's citizen guards regularly do military drill, including musketry and bombing.

Father and Daughter.—General Philpotts and his daughter both received the M.B.E. from the King.

General's Price.—General Villa, betrayed by his own men, is to be surrendered to the Mexican Government for £5,000.

Dancer Wed.—Miss Vacani, who taught King Alfonso dancing, has married Captain F. L. Rankin.

Smokes Gone.—Over ten thousand cigars, worth £600, have been stolen from a Regent Street shop.

Veteran Underwriter. — The oldest member of Lloyds, Mr. L. C. Wakefield, has died at the ripe age of 88.

A Fine Record.—A London waterman just presented with a life saving medal has already saved fifty lives.

A Shilling Elsewhere.—People are asking how it is that milk can be bought at only 7d. a quart in Devon and Cornwall.

Street Robbery.—A messenger boy carrying £400 worth jewellery was attacked in Clerkenwell and robbed of it.

Women Stay on.—One of the largest London banks has withdrawn its notice of dismissal to its 4,000 women clerks.

Fond of it.—Although the Land Army is demobbed, many of the girls will remain on farm work.

Domestics Degree.—The new degree of domestic science is attracting many young women to King's College.

Aerial Scooter.—The tiny "joy flier," the latest novelty, will travel 65 miles an hour and weighs only 220 lbs.

Going Broke.—The "Vindictive" lying across Ostend harbour has broken her back.

On The Movies.—"Peter Pan," Barrie's perennial play for children, is to be screened.

Losing Their "Greys."—If the Scots Greys go to India, the loss of their famous grey steeds is threatened.

No Increase.—The figures of increased exports are misleading. We are not producing more, but values are inflating.

Chink Swings.—Djang Djing Sing, a Chinese, who killed a fellow countryman near Birmingham, has been executed at Worcester Gaol.

Impressionist Dead.—Auguste Renoir, the famous Impressionist painter, has just died at Cannes. He studied with Monet and Sisley.

For Fear of Raids.—The four famous bronze horses have been restored to St. Marks, Venice. They were removed during the war.

Squeamish.—The Peggy Primrose play had to be altered to "A Dear Little Lady." The censor didn't like the first title of "A Dear Little Devil."

Getting them All—England is experiencing a wave of violent storms with thunder, lightning, hail, snow, wind and rain.

Wants Freedom.—Lord Beauchamp says the country is sick of Government controllers and dictators always interfering with British trade.

Intrepid Woman.—Miss Mary Hall, the first woman to travel without a white companion from the Cape to Cairo, has just died.

Starving Clergy.—The Vicar of Leeds says that many of the Yorkshire clergy do not get enough to eat to do their work efficiently.

A Good Example.—The Army saved £2,500,000 by the salvage of tins, paper, bottles and other waste since the Armistice.

To Test Benzol.—The Automobile Association and Motor Union have carried out a 10,000 mile road test to prove whether benzol injures car engines.

Food Control.—Lieut. Gen. Sir Francis Lloyd, who held the London Command during the war, is now to be London Food Commissioner.

Alleged Counterfeiting.—A Bermondsey woman's house has been raided and implements for making spurious coins discovered.

Boat Overturned.—Seven seamen belonging to H. M. S. "Silvo" and "Swindon" have been drowned. The boat in which they were returning to their ships from Plymouth capsized.

Drove him Mad.—Colonel F. M. Parry, commandant of a Military Hospital at Hemel Hempstead, has committed suicide through worries connected with its administration.

Fell at Night.—A Handley Page machine from Paris ran short of petrol near East Molesey and made a perilous descent at night. None of the seven passengers were hurt.

NOTES FROM LONDON TOWN.

JUDGES AND ASPIRATES.

Sir Harry Poland corrects the "Sunday Times" for fathering on Lord Westbury, that celebrated old "Millerism" about "'umming his 'ymns of praise." I have heard the story told of at least two judges, but no doubt Sir Harry has good reasons for stating that it was Selborne's aspirate-dropping habit which prompted an angry barrister, who had just had an altercation with the learned judge, to say to a friend "The 'oly 'umbug 'ums 'is 'ymns of praise, 'ow I 'ate 'im." Apropos of this little failing, an Admiralty Silk told me a good story of Baron Channell of the Exchequer Division, a very learned judicial light whose pronunciation was markedly democratic.

A ROUGH SEA.

Channell was then practising at the Admiralty bar and his opponent in a certain collision case spoke of a ship called the "Helen." When it came to Channell's turn to open the case for the other side, the Court heard a good deal about a boat named the "Elen." The presiding judge, getting a little bewildered, observed, "I seem to have two ships on my notes, the 'Helen' and the 'Ellen', and I fear I am somewhat confused." "There is only one ship in question, My Lord", replied Channell's opponent. "When she left port she was christened 'Helen,' but lost her aitch in the chops of the Channell."

YEOMAN OF THE GUARD.

Gilbert and Sullivan opera is having a most popular revival. The latest piece is "The Yeoman of the Guard," and the omens of its first night at "Princes Theatre" are that the house will be well filled till Christmas Eve, up to which time it will figure in the bill. I think its popularity is due to the fact that there is an element of genuine pathos in the story underneath all the Gilbertianisms. Colonel Fairfax is a typical Elizabethan English gentleman and lover. The fate that hangs like a sword of Damocles over his handsome head lends a mournfully gay note to the piece without destroying its essential unity—at least it does so when the part is properly filled, as indeed it is by that practised "Savoyard," Mr. Derek Oldham.

PUSSYFOOT.

I see that the readers of one of the two London papers, which were so prominent in organising opposition to Mr. Johnson, have in sympathy subscribed a testimonial to the American on account of the loss of his eye. Mr. Johnson, however, has declined the honour, and it is suggested in some quarters that he takes the view, and no doubt rightly, that the papers themselves and not their readers should have put up the subscription. My own impression is that the sobriquet of "Pussyfoot" did Mr. Johnson's campaign more harm than any supposed "organisation" or "engineering". The discovery that this was the nickname of the latest "Saloon-bar smasher" was made by a stunt journalist on the "Daily Mail". But after all, the act of a hooligan cannot be morally fathered on any one but the perpetrator.

THE NORTH AMERICAN FURS.

The boom in Seal and Blue Musquash, Seal Coney, Blue Kitt Fox, skunk and Kolinski sables is some evidence that North America is profiting by the misfortunes of Russia. But on the other hand a good deal of fur is being exported from Siberia, and I learn that certain Russian traders are in this country doing a big factor's business with Poland and European Russia. Of course furs have many aliases, and undoubtedly squirrels, rabbits and wolves are not seldom the animals from whose backs the alleged fox musquash, etc., have come. Prices rule very high for the better furs, and if, as is whispered, a lot of these furs are filtering through from certain parts of European Russia, one can well understand the high prices.

TOY BAZAARS.

There are many first-rate toy bazaars in London at this time, and in all of them dolls, dolls' prams, wooden horses and carts, Meccano engineering outfits, stuffed animals, and dolls' houses figure most prominently. Prices differ more widely than one would have expected. Comparisons are "odorous," but a first-rate doll's pram at a surprisingly low figure can be bought at one of the West End toy bazaars, where indeed the dolls too, both in quality and price, put the articles in certain other places in the shade. There is unquestionably a great difference in quality between this Christmastide's toys and those of last Christmas. It is to be hoped that the British industry will continue to aim at quality while seeing to it that prices generally are more reasonable.

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ALLIES NOTE TO GERMANY.

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THE PREMIER'S POLITICAL CONJUGATION.

PEACE DELAY.

GERMANY MUST SIGN OR BE COERCED.

The terms of the Supreme Council's Note to Germany were apparently definitely settled by the Council on Saturday.

It is believed that the Note is a firm injunction, but not an ultimatum. There is a threat of military action but no time limit is stipulated. The German Government will have no doubt, after reading the Note, that it will be futile to attempt any evasion.

The Note was expected to be delivered to Baron von Lersner on Monday.

The final Note of the Supreme Council presented to Germany concluded by demanding the German Government to sign the Protocol, failing which the Allies will be obliged to have recourse to methods of coercion of a military nature. The Text of the Note was adopted unanimously. The greatest secrecy has naturally been maintained regarding its contents. It is understood, however, that it is very firm in tone and there is every reason to believe that the discussion begun by Germany in connection with the enforcement of the Peace Treaty will now be closed, once and for all. It is even considered possible that Germany will agree to exchange ratifications within a week.

Although nothing has been published regarding the discussions between Marshal Foch, Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, and the Council generally, it is understood that everything is ready for action if the Council gives the word. Troops on the Rhine have been re-grouped in such manner as to make an advance an easy military manoeuvre. It should be remembered that the Treaty of Versailles not being yet in force, the armistice regime still exists. The armistice was prolonged on the 16th February "for a short period, without date of expiry." It can therefore be ended by giving three days' notice.

The War Office declines to make any statement regarding the movements of troops and guns on the Rhine at Strassburg, as the matter concerns the Supreme Council alone.

Meanwhile, telegrams from Switzerland report an exodus of wealthy Germans from the right bank of the Rhine, and the number of Germans awaiting permission to enter Switzerland is increasing daily.

The Supreme Council has finally examined the question of payment of Customs duty to Germany on her land frontiers. The German Government desired that these duties shall be collected in gold, as are those on the sea frontiers. Decision on the matter has been postponed pending the coming into force of the Treaty.

Writing in the "Echo de Paris," "Pertinax" says that at Saturday's secret meeting of the Supreme Council, M. Clemenceau and Marshal Foch explained that the unexpected departure on the 23rd November of the German Plenipotentiaries and the controversies in which the Germans have been indulging for the last month leave no room for doubt that it is time to act. Only an ultimatum, they considered, can get the Allies out of an embarrassing situation.

Marshal Foch, says "Pertinax," promises that should an ultimatum ultimately have to be sent, the necessary means are not lacking, and we are in a position to carry out the plans prepared by him last June.

PEACE CONFERENCE.

AMERICAN MEMBERS TO LEAVE.

The whole of the American Delegates to the Peace Conference sail for America on the 10th. The American Ambassador, Mr. Wallace, will be the only remaining representative of the United States on the Supreme Council.

It is understood that Mr. Wallace will only have diplomatic powers, without the authority to take definite action on the important matters still remaining to be discussed, though it is possible that a further course of negotiations may lead to modification of his position.

ROUMANIAN TREATY.

Reuter learns that the Roumanian objections to the signing of the Austrian Peace Treaty owing to the clauses dealing with the protection of minorities, are likely to be overcome, the Supreme Council having accepted suggested modifications.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

At a meeting of the Army Committee on Thursday afternoon, when General Seely was elected a member of the Executive Committee, it was stated that the Territorial Force will be reconstituted at an early date.

The King has appointed the Marquis of Londonderry a Knight of the Garter and the Earl of Desart a Knight of the Order of Saint Patrick.

PREMIER SPEAKS.

PAST REGRETS AND HOPES FOR THE FUTURE.

Speaking at Manchester at a luncheon given by the Manchester Reform Club, Mr. Lloyd George said he greatly appreciated the honour of their electing him as President. There had been distressing conditions within the Liberal Party during the last three or four years. He could not part from his old friends readily. It was a source of deep pain to him to have to separate from those with whom he had worked for years in the same common cause. It would not have been easy, but that he saw imperative reasons affecting the land they loved so dearly. There was no disagreement on the question of principles. Nothing could be more distressing to an old party leader than to have to sever relations with old comrades in arms. He had done his best to avoid a split. If anyone doubted that, let them look at the correspondence which passed at the time. If they thought it was his duty to take a certain course he had also to make a separation which was very hard, but he would have been a traitor to his country had he not done so. He felt, deep in his heart, that unless we imparted a new spirit to the struggle, the cause of the Allies would have been lost.

He had been and still was of the opinion that the time for party conflict had not arrived. It was necessary for a continuance of that national unity which during the war everybody agreed was vital and which is equally necessary to-day. Obstacles in the way of reconstruction could not be surmounted by a revival of Party strife.

As to Mr. Asquith, no word of unkindness or disrespect would ever fall from his (Mr. Lloyd George's) lips. They had never had a quarrel in their lives and he was not going to attack or criticise Mr. Asquith, but he disagreed with his view that the time had come for a renewal of Party strife. In the light of experiences of other democracies he warned them against such a renewal. In America they saw Peace and the League of Nations endangered. Party strife had been renewed there prematurely. Was not that a warning? We were not through the wood. Germany thought she could take advantage of the differences in America.

Referring to the Coalition Government he said that by its means they could act more effectively and speedily. If they wished to see how far the Coalition was prepared to go, let them examine the work of the last three years, with the legislation of any preceding three years. Sir Donald Maclean had led the Liberal Party with dignity, sincerity and ability. With regard to the Irish question the Premier said he was hopeful of a real contribution to that most baffling problem; but where Gladstone failed, he continued, it would be presumptuous of him to say that they would succeed. There was one element in their favour, namely, that the Unionists were prepared to make great sacrifices to preserve national unity. It was, however, no use talking about problems of liberty where there was crime, anarchy, and defiance of law.

Continuing, he said that the Paris resolutions involved much more interference with British trade that the "Dumping" Bill. Nothing is more harmful to free trade than dumping, and "I am a Free Trader", he declared, amid loud cheers.

PRESIDENT WILSON.

SENATORS' REPORT ON HIS CONDITION.

Senators Fall and Hitchcock, who were delegated to confer with President Wilson regarding the Mexican crisis and also to report whether the President, by reason of his illness was unable to exercise his duties, left the White House after a conference lasting forty-five minutes.

They agreed that the President was in touch with the recent developments and that he is mentally keen enough to form a judgment on questions confronting the nation.

The President, who was propped up in bed, shook hands with his visitors and took up some papers from a table beside the bed and read them. The Senators described the patient as weak and nervous, but said that he jested about the exaggerated reports of his illness.

Senator Fall declared that President Wilson appeared "in as good a mental condition as any man could be after an illness of nine weeks' duration." Senator Hitchcock considered that the President had been a very sick man, but was improving.

The Dover-Calais passenger service which was interrupted during the war will be resumed on the 15th December.

For the first time on record the exchange for one pound sterling on Saturday exceeded forty francs.

IRISH LEAGUE.

COMBINES WITH THE LABOUR PARTY.

The United Irish League of Great Britain has decided to ally itself with the British Labour Party. This important announcement was made on Saturday by Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., who declares that the tragedy of Ireland deepens every hour. "We can only give satisfaction to the resentment felt by our people in Great Britain against the present treatment of Ireland by striking a blow through our vote in Britain against those responsible for Irish oppression," he said.

CUPID BUSY.

RUSH OF FRENCH WEDDINGS.

Never since the first month of the war have there been so many marriages in Paris as during the last few weeks. In the third week of October there were 1,392, in the first week of November 1,215, and in the second week 1,056.

When the war burst over France without warning, many brides and bridegrooms-to-be rushed to marry and in the first week of August 1914 there were 1,052 and in the second week 1,416 marriages. In August 1915 the number fell to 525, and in August 1916, when the Germans were furiously attacking Verdun and anxiety was rife in Paris, the number fell to 281. In 1917 the average weekly number was about 500. Immediately after the armistice, as demobilization commenced, the figures began to mount, and for 1919 the average number of marriages has been nearly one thousand per week.

"UP! JENKINS."

THE U.S. CONSULAR COMEDY.

It is reported from Mexico that the American Consular Agent Jenkins attempted on Friday to secure re-imprisonment, as he desired unconditional liberty. He declared that the bail under which he was liberated had been given without his knowledge. The judicial authorities, however, refused to permit him to re-enter prison.

Reports in the Press that Mr. Jenkins, the American Consular Agent, was released only after payment of bail to Puebla in Court, are not confirmed from official sources. Mr. Lansing states that the report will be investigated.

Republican members of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate have decided not to press the full resolution for action against Mexico until President Wilson has sent to the Committee his promised memorandum.

NAVY ESTIMATES.

AMERICAN PREPARATIONS.

The report of Mr. Daniels, Secretary to the United States Navy, estimates that the actual cost of the Navy during the war was 2,982 million dollars. The next fiscal year will require approximately 573 million dollars, or forty millions less than the present year. Among the recommendations in the report are the enlargement of the Pacific coast establishments for the Pacific Fleet, and a one year course at Anapolis Naval Academy instead of four years, in order to give midshipmen a year afloat.

Mr. Daniels expresses the opinion "no officer can command so well, as a man of ability and knowledge, who knows every character of service from polishing brass to the highest strategy and tactics."

U.S. COAL STRIKE.

COST NOT TO FALL ON THE CONSUMER.

The American Fuel Adminstrator has announced that no compromise will be made in settling the coal strike which will in any way involve an advance in the price of coal to the public. He declares that the Cabinet is backing him in the principles involved.

INDIAN HOME RULE.

BILL PASSES THE THIRD READING.

While Mr. Montagu, the Secretary of State for India, was speaking in the House of Commons on the India Bill, an Indian in the Public gallery cried out "Give us complete Home Rule and remove oppression." The interrupter was immediately ejected. The Bill was read a third time unanimously, amid general cheers.

An amendment to the Bill in favour of the enfranchisement of women was rejected by 202 votes to 67. In the course of the debate Mr. Montagu argued that the matter should be left for the Indians themselves to decide.

Lady Astor interrupted—"Indian men."

Mr. Montangu retorted that women's suffrage was decided by men in England, to which Lady Astor replied "only after enormous pressure by ladies."

Sir George Watson has given £20,000 for the foundation and endowment of a Chair of American History, Literature and Institutions for the purpose of promoting such studies at British Universities.

GENERAL ELECTION.

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE PROPHESIES.

Speaking at Glasgow on Saturday Mr. Bonar Law prophesied that there would be no general election for at least three years.

Referring to doubts as to whether Germany would ratify the Peace Treaty, he said that Great Britain and her Allies had the power and would, if necessary, exercise it to ensure that the Treaty, which is a stern reality, will not merely be ratified, but will be carried into effect. A sufficient portion of Great Britain's great army had been preserved to see that the terms of peace are enforced.

ECHO OF PENNANT CASE.

COLONEL BERSEY WINS LIBEL ACTION.

Mr. formerly Lieut-Colonel Bersey of the Clothing Department of the W.R.A.F., who was frequently referred to in the Douglas-Pennant Inquiry, was the plaintiff in a libel action, heard on Saturday against the "Saturday Review." The journal compared him with Lucullus, the "Roman General who amassed a fortune by profiteering in his campaigns against Mithridates and other varieties of Huns."

Counsel for defendants withdrew all aspersions, and made a complete apology, expressing regret that they had been led into "this gross error. There is no doubt that Colonel Bersey has done nothing whatever that merited criticism upon his conduct as a gentleman, and a man of honour." The record was then withdrawn, Lord Reading expressing his satisfaction.

The editor and proprietors concerned agreed to give £100 to a fund which is assisting demobilized members of the W.R.A.F.

YUGO-SLAV ALARM.

D'ANNUNZIO REPUDIATED IN ADVANCE.

The Yugo-Slav delegation in Paris states that it has received alarming reports of D'Annunzio's intentions in Dalmatia. Ten thousand of his troops are said to be ready to attack Spalato and Cattaro. The delegation has informed the Supreme Council that in the event of D'Annunzio's troops crossing the line of demarcation, the Yugo-Slav soldiers have been ordered to resist, and the delegation declines to take any responsibility for the consequences.

JUTLAND BATTLE.

JELLICOE'S LOGBOOK FOUND.

The First Lord of the Admiralty announces that the logbook of the "Iron Duke," Lord Jellicoe's flagship, which was missing after the battle of Jutland, has now been found.

An Admiralty official denied, when asked the question, that the logbook recorded a signal from Beatty to Jellicoe which would, if adopted have altered the result of the battle.

AMERICAN WHISKY.

SUBTLETIES OF THE LAW.

A sale advertised for Saturday of over 500 barrels of American spirit bonded at Leith in 1913 was prohibited by the Food Controller. The Ministry regarded the spirit, which was described as "Bourbon, Kentucky Gleanarme Distillery," as American whisky, the public sale of which is unauthorised. The Controller states, however, that the sale will be permitted by private treaty.

MORE BRITISH OFFICERS SHOT AT CAIRO.

On the 3rd December five shots were fired at two British officers near the railway station at Cairo, while on the 6th one officer was wounded in the foot. All the Egyptian students which have been on strike since the 13th November have returned to their studies.

STEEL-DOLLARS FOR CHARITY.

Details of the will of the recently deceased steel magnate, Henry Frick, have just been announced. After setting aside 25 million dollars for his wife and daughter, the rest remaining 117 millions are to be devoted to philanthropic uses. Princeton University receives fifteen million dollars, Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology five million each. The deceased's New York residence, with art contents valued at 50 million dollars, is left to his widow for life, after which it goes to the City as an Art Museum.

2,200 FLATS TO LET.

In April next 2,200 flats in Paris will be available for occupation. These flats, which originally belonged to enemy aliens, have been confiscated and the furniture will be sold to defray the rent which accrued during the war.

The well-known actress, Gaby Deslys, is lying seriously ill in a Paris hospital after an operation on her throat.

INDUSTRIAL COURT.

NEW ORGANISATION TO PREVENT STRIKES.

The first members of the new permanent Industrial Court to be appointed are Sir Warrender Mackenzie, as President and Mr. F. H. McLeod, Editor of the "Labour Gazette," as Chairman, and six other members, including two ladies, Miss Violet Marknam and Miss Cecile Matheson.

The establishment of this Court marks the end of compulsory arbitration and is the outcome of the desire on the part of the Government that trade disputes shall be settled as far as possible by negotiation between employers and workers or their associations. It is hoped that recourse will be had to the Industrial Court before any stoppage of work.

NEXT DOOR TO CRIMINAL.

CLERGYMAN WANTS TO SELL HIS RECTORY.

The Rev. H. F. Napier, rector of Bathwick, Bath, announces in his parish magazine that he has applied to the Bishop for permission to sell Bathwick rectory, as he regards the foolish overhousing of the clergy as "next door to criminal." "It is," he says, "useless for the clergy to cry poverty while the outward appearance of their mode of living seems to give the lie to their complaint. The first thing that any man who is sane does, is to live in a manner befitting his income. The clergy have not been allowed to do this; they have had to live overhoused. That state of thing has now become unbearable, and I for one have determined that I will not continue it. So I have applied to the Bishop for leave to sell Bathwick rectory, and to take some other place, in which I can live according to my means.

"There are an interminable number of forms to be gone through—red tape most of them—and I make myself liable for a good deal of payment should a sale not be effected. One has got to apply to Bishops and Archbishops, commissions have to sit, and valuations of the most absurdly detailed kind made. Reports have to be sent to the Bounty Office, and if the sale takes place the money has to be handed over to that office, which pays a worse rate of interest on it than might be had anywhere else. But all this is merely due to that dear old Establishment, whose sole purpose in life seems to be to see that the parsons life shall not be a happy one. However, with all its drawbacks it seems to me to be the right course to pursue, and I have merely bothered you with the details of the matter, so that if one day you should see the furniture remover's vans at the rectory door you should not think that my goods had been distrained on, or that I was surreptitiously leaving the parish, but know that I am merely doing a flit to quarters more suitable to the income which kind fortune and the parish of Bathwick together afford me."

STORES STRIKE.

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE.

As the result of protracted negotiations the strike at the Army and Navy Stores was settled on Saturday and the employees resumed work yesterday. The terms of settlement are that the national awards made to Vehicle Workers and Bakers shall be met by the Society and that the National programme of the Shop Assistants Union shall be submitted to arbitration.

Public sympathy throughout was with the strikers on account of the high dividends paid by these Stores.

BRITISH HOSTAGES.

LITVINOFF ISSUES A DISCLAIMER.

A denial has been promply issued by Litvinoff, of the report that certain British officer prisoners in Russia had been warned by Litvinoff that they would be shot if his mission failed. He declares emphatically that he never said anything of the sort. When asked whether the officers would lose their lives if the negotiations failed, he said that officers' lives are not dependent on the outcome of the present negotiations.

LORD DALMENY'S DIVORCE PETITION.

The rolls of the Court of Session issued last night indicate that a petition, on the ground of desertion, has just been brought by Albert Edward Harry Kayer Archibald Primrose Lord Dalmeny, presently residing at Dalmeny House, Mid Lothian, for divorce against his wife, Dorothy Alice Margaret Auguste Grosvenor (or Primrose), Lady Dalmeny, residing at Little Tew Grange, Oxfordshire.

FRENCH WAR LOSSES.

According to the latest calculations, for every hundred French officers mobilized from the 2nd August 1914 till the end of hostilities, 18.7 were killed or died as the result of wounds.

Regarding the men, sixteen per cent of the troops who served in the war were killed or died of wounds.

HAIG OF BEMERSYDE.

FUND OPENED FOR NATIONAL GIFT.

The recent premature announcement that the Mansion and Estate of Bemersyde were to be presented to Field Marshal Earl Haig as a personal gift from the people of the Empire is now authoritatively confirmed. The estate has been provisionally secured from the owner, Lieutenant-Colonel Haig, R.E. at a valuation of £53,700. A subscription will be raised for completion of the purpose and to effect such arrangements as will make the offering acceptable, without any outlay on Earl Haig's part. The name, address and subscription of every contributor will be inscribed on a presentation roll. Arrangements have been made for every bank in the country to accept subscriptions.

THE NEXT KHALIF.

MOHAMMEDANS AND PEACE.

An all India Conference assembled at Delhi on the 24th November discussed the future Khalifate. Those participating were mainly Mahommedans and Hindus belonging to the extreme Left Party. The Press was excluded during a portion of the proceedings.

The Conference resolved not to participate in the peace celebrations in India, as the Peace Treaty involved the Khalifate question, affecting eighty million Indian Mussulmans. The resolution urged the Viceroy to postpone the celebrations pending "a satisfactory and honourable settlement" of the problem.

AUSTRALIAN FLIGHT.

ROSS SMITH TAKES THE LEAD.

Reuter's latest messages regarding the Australian flight indicate that Captain Ross Smith has secured a distinct lead over Frenchman Poulet. Bangkok reports that both airmen left for Singapore, Smith having two hours start of Poulet. He intended alighting at the point of the Malay Peninsula, midway between Bangkok and Singapore, to replenish.

Captain Smith arrived at Bangoing (Western Java) on the 6th December.

NUT-BROWN NECTAR.

REFORMS FOR MODERN PUBLIC HOUSES.

Mr. Roberts, the Food Controller opening a "reformed public house" at Richmond said that although he was a Temperance reformer he believed the Creator had ordained for all, nut-brown nectar and sparkling wine. He also thought that ex-soldiers, who had served overseas, desired to see the old stand-up bar abolished, in order that they might take their wives and families to respectable, comfortable and hospitable licensed houses.

HARDY HAMPSHIRES.

TWO MONTHS' SPECIAL LEAVE.

The 19th Battalion the Hampshire Regiment had a rousing reception on its return to Southampton from Siberia. Major-General Seely, Lord Lieutenant of the County, informed them that in consideration of the hardships they had endured they would have sixty-two days leave on full pay.

AUTOLYCAN?

MRS. ASQUITH WRITES A BOOK.

It is announced that Mrs. Asquith is writing her recollections, the publication of which will be one of the most piquant events of the 1920 publishing season. Chiefly compiled from her diary, it is said that the book will live up to the motto on the title page—"As well be hung for a sheep as a lamb."

A CORRECTION.

Our report of the visit of the French squadron to the Rhine Flotilla should have stated that it was General Fayolle, Chief of the C.I.N.C., who accompanied the French Flotilla in his own boat, and not only honoured the Rhine Flotilla with a visit but played the perfect host-in-chief.

Pleading naught in extenuation of the blunder, we duly make the correct facts known.

CHRISTMAS PARCELS AND LETTERS.

Parcels from home for Christmas delivery to the troops in the Army of the Rhine should be posted in time for despatch from London not later than the 13th, and letters not later than the 19th December.

RUSSIAN ANARCHISTS DEPORTED.

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RETURN TO BARTER.

Here on the Rhine we have no particular grievance against the low rate of exchange. When the marks go nearly 200 to the British pound we are in a happy position as individuals, but the break in the exchanges in most countries of the world is having a disastrous effect in crippling all efforts to re-establish international commerce.

As Britishers, eager to see our own country in her old predominant position in trade, we cannot look on the problem except with interest mingled perhaps with anxiety. Our export trade is our life and when we find the exchanges of America, Japan, Spain and other countries, not hit by the war, against us as they never were in the past, our position as an exporting nation is seriously affected.

The complications and fluctuations of exchange are problems few of us can really grasp. Many of us even wonder if fluctuations are really essential, or whether they are simply the means by which groups of financiers enrich themselves at the expense of the whole world of commerce. Cobden, we believe, said that universal free trade could only be possible with fixed rates of exchange and it would appear from our present experience that he was right.

It is clear that the ordinary methods which served fairly well in pre-war days have completely broken down with the end of the struggle and many commercial authorities are considering what substitute can be found for the present impossible state of affairs.

Some are frankly suggesting a return to the ancient principle of barter, i.e. the direct exchange of commodities between individuals and firms. In more primitive times this method was in universal use, until the increasing desires and requirements of mankind rendered it too cumbersome, and thus the mercantile system of credits and exchanges gradually came into being. It was founded on mutual trust and confidence which the war has shaken badly.

Great Britain being an industrial country is largely dependent on foreign grown foodstuffs. Other countries with whom we trade are mainly agricultural. It is being urged that the British merchant should therefore endeavour to barter implements, machinery etc. for food supplies or in other cases for minerals and other raw materials.

For very many transactions this seems practical, but to have any great effect it would need to be done on a very large scale.

Unless the present exchange tangle is unwoven soon, bankruptcy will face many of the countries who used to lead in the world's trade.

BRITISH MERCHANT SHIPPING.

At the outbreak of the Great European War the British Merchant Fleet carried one half of the overseas trade of the World. Vessels owned by British Shipping Companies entering ports of the British Isles carried three-fourths of the imports and exports.

At that very critical period, if England had not been able to keep her ships moving, or if she had not possessed the necessary tonnage, her industries would have been paralyzed, and the inhabitants of the British Isles would very soon have been in a state of starvation. Nor could France have held out for very long. But such a calamity to civilization did not take place.

The British Merchant Service, protected by the Fighting Fleet, held the seas and in spite of the "sink without trace" policy of Germany's leaders, continued to feed the civilian population of Great Britain, the Armies of England, France, Belgium and afterwards to a very great extent those of America in addition, right up to the fateful hour on the 11th of November, 1918, when Germany signed the recognition of her complete collapse.

MARVELS IN TRANSPORT.

Some idea of the magnitude of what the British Merchant Service undertook in the way of transport may be gathered from the official statistics.

Over 23 million effectives and 3½ million non-effectives were transported with a loss by enemy action of 4,394. The following figures are correct and show what the English Merchant Service transported during the War, 193,000 prisoners, 2½ million animals, 48 million tons of British Military Stores, 512,000 vehicles, 5 million tons of Allied Stores, 60 thousand million tons of Oil and Fuel.

To England was conveyed from abroad in British bottoms 130 thousand million tons of foodstuffs and other materials.

Then there was the transport of the American Army. All the world, Germany included, looked on in amazement at this feat. Admiral Sims has put Great Britain's share on record thus:—

"Americans," he said, "seemed to regard it is a miracle that their Navy had transported to Europe in a few months a million and a half troops and had protected them on the way. Americans did not do that. Great Britain did. She brought two-thirds of them and escorted half."

Since the signing of the Armistice the greater part of America's fighting forces were returned to the U.S.A., by American ships.

A PROMISING FUTURE.

We have dealt with past achievements, but what about present and future developments of the British Mercantile Marine? The leeway lost during the war owing to the enemy submarine campaign is fast being made up. In the first six months of 1919, 280 vessels of 733,207 tons gross were launched by the ship building yards of Great Britain, and concurrently with this, the Admiralty released a number of merchant vessels, which had been taken over as auxiliary cruisers, mine sweepers, etc. These ships go straight to the yards, are reconditioned for "Trade" warfare and returned to their private owners. Moreover 183 vessels of 659,800 tons were begun in the June quarter, bringing the amount of new construction in the U.K. up to 782 vessels of 2½ million tons gross. These show a very marked increase on last year's figures and with the release of men from the Army and Navy by demobilization the construction of Merchant Shipping in the British Isles will go on increasing.

England is not only holding her own in the production of new tonnage, but is ahead of any other country. Moreover owing to the labour conditions in England the cost of production is cheaper than in the U.S.A., which is Britain's runner up in the shipbuilding race.

In September last one-third of the world's tonnage under construction was British, and if the output keeps on increasing at the present rate it is possible to predict that we shall very soon see England owning, as she did before the war, almost one half the shipping of the entire globe. Britain promises to become, as she was before, the world's carrier by sea, and the Red Ensign of the Mercantile Marine will float in the breezes of every ocean.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX

We Hear all Sides without Responsibility for our Readers' Views.

SPEED UP THE DANCE.

Sir,—"Jonathan" fairly sums up the lamentable state of affairs prevailing at many of the larger subscription dances in Cologne.

One would think that dancing was some new form of Field Punishment specially devised for the Army of Occupation, instead of being what it is—one of the most delightful relaxations from the strain of our labours here in the Rhineland.

I am not particularly in favour of the Lancers as a means of speeding up the dances; ragging is not necessarily Bohemianism, and there are better solutions than that.

Mine would be:

(1) To limit the number of tickets issued so that those who obtain them could be reasonably sure of finding room to dance.

(2) Get more modern music and a few more Jazz Bands going to relieve the strain on those few stalwarts who have worked so hard throughout the summer to give us pleasure.

(3) That liquid refreshment slightly more potent than lemonade and claret cup be obtainable during the evening.

In conclusion I would like to inform "Jonathan" that there is no need to go so far afield as Monte Carlo to see people dance because they are happy.

I know of a little town in the Rhineland, not so far from Cologne, where a small impromptu dinner and dance was held quite recently.

On that occasion dancing started soon after the soup went round and nothing would restrain the dancers while the music lasted. The remaining courses were served with great difficulty by the astonished and gaping servants, who being of the country, could not possibly understand any attraction sufficiently great to lure one from eating and drinking. *SALOME.*

Sir,—Reference "Jonathan's" letter I would like to give my experiences at dances in Cologne. I went to my first dance out here in July at the B.E.L.C. I did not know a single lady, but taking courage at the notice "No introductions are necessary" I spoke to one or two ladies and was agreeably suprised to find that I was not turned down. At subsequent dances there and elsewhere I found no difficulty in getting partners.

It must be rather discouraging to the promoters of all the excellent dances we have had in Cologne to read a letter like "Jonathan's."

He accuses the dances of having a "funereal atmosphere." Was he at the B.E.L.C. or the 6th Corps Club Dances last week to hear the applause at the end of every dance or to see the smiles on all faces during the whole proceedings? *INFANTRY SUB.*

CONTROL OF MOTOR TRAFFIC.

Sir,—Perhaps something can be done to bring before the responsible authority the need for drastic and immediate action with regard to the excessive speed of motor traffic in the streets of Cologne.

Speed limit boards are utterly disregarded by all drivers alike. The narrow streets with their trams and congested traffic are dangerous enough in all conscience, apart from fast running motor traffic.

Cannot the authorities exert themselves in the interests of motorists and pedestrians alike? *SAFETY FIRST.*

A BAD HABIT.

Sir,—I would like to express my thanks to the officiating clergymen at the Garrison Church on Sunday evening for his address. The subject of "Bad language" was, I'm sorry to say, most appropriate, and I sincerely hope that all present will in the future do all they can to suppress the bad language so often heard in public.

Frequently soldiers in their conversation use words which send one's blood cold. What effect this has on womenfolk it is hard to contemplate.

The war is responsible for many things we know, but surely the offenders have not lost their respect for the fair sex through it. *ONE WHO HAS SISTERS.*

REVIVING DISCUSSIONS.

Sir,—As one who has now been in Cologne for some considerable time, may I draw the attention of those interested, to the decline of a very useful branch of the Central Y.M.C.A.'s many activities?

I refer to the Sunday afternoon Discussions' Class.

Under the able leadership of the Rev. Mackenzie and Dr. Francis, these classes proved a great help to quite a number of the boys through the summer months, and I for one shall feel a great sense of loss if these meetings are now to cease.

Demobilization, no doubt, is chiefly responsible for this sudden decrease in the numbers that attended this class.

There must be quite a number of serious thinking men and women left, and to them I would appeal, and invite them to attend these meetings which I am certain will prove of value to all. *W.V.W.*

CIVILIANS IN OFFICERS' CLUBS.

Sir,—I notice a letter in your paper of yesterday with reference to civilians becoming members of the military clubs here. I am a civilian, who was unfortunately too old to don the khaki when the war broke out, but did my bit as censor until I was demobbed.

I have now come out here as the representative of a London firm of exporters and find that civilians are evidently not wanted here and have not even got the entrance to the better class hotels, restaurants, etc.

I have been here over a week and have hardly spoken to a soul of my own nationality.

As I shall probably be here again after Xmas, I should like to know whether the rule is likely to be relaxed about civilians joining the military clubs or any British clubs here. *JOHN E. HENLEY.*

DO NOT LOAF.

Sir,—We young soldiers are getting a bit fed up with lectures on what we ought to do and how we ought to do it.

Very likely, the people who write about us are well meaning, but often I'm sure they are out of touch with the new generation and don't see that young fellows will be young fellows.

A strong healthy lad doesn't want to be always taken by the hand and led into lectures or to sit in reading rooms. He wants to join in the life around him, and I believe it is a fine experience likely to do him more good than a lot of class-room business.

Remember that a chap of nineteen nowadays is as much a man as his father was at twenty-five. The world has moved a lot lately, and we "young soldiers" are not the "kids" some people think we are.

I hope we shall hear less of this "snacking" at our ways. It only annoys and does no good. *B.B.B.*

CABS & TAXIS.

Sir,—I would like to compare notes with some of your readers. Mine is the following experience:—Four-wheeled cab from Cologne Main Station to Opera house, 24 marks. Taxi for same journey 20 marks, and from opera house to Deutz Station 12 marks.

I account for the last, which is of course the longest of the three journeys, by the fact that I exploited my slight knowledge of the German tongue. *H.C.W.*

LATE COMERS AT THE THEATRES.

Sir,—As a frequent visitor to the Deutsches and Palace Theatres, I notice that members of the audience for whom seats are reserved, make a habit of arriving after the curtain rises.

As such a state of affairs not only causes inconvenience to the rest of the audience, but is also a slight on the members of the Rhine Army Dramatic Company, and any other voluntary artistes at the Palace, such an obvious breach of etiquette is deplorable.

A NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER.

THE CARE OF HORSES.

Sir,—It was stated that there was no organized society in Rhineland for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, such as one finds at home.

Now, I am told by a German resident in Cologne, that such a society does exist. It is named Tierschutz-Verein (Animals' Protection Society) and the men who function wear green coats like the German gamekeeper. *A LOVER OF HORSES.*

SALUTING.

Our recent article on saluting has called forth many letters which show how necessary "An Old Soldier's" remarks were. One correspondent, a "1914 Old Timer," may be taken as typical. "I being an old timer was always led to salute my officers between reveille and retreat and wish to know who is the mysterious officer of the regiment, who constantly pulls up privates and N.C.O's. after six o'clock in the evening. Who is he and does he know what he is doing?" Of course "Old Timer" is wrong. An officer should be saluted at whatever hour he is seen. Another point that is often missed is that even when in mufti he should be saluted by those other ranks who recognise or should recognise, him.

LUCK.

A little bit of effort, a little bit of thought
A little bit of daring and of pluck,
A little bit of courage in the fight that's being fought,
All this is often looked upon as luck.

A little bit of vision, and of faith a little too,
A bit of stern resistance when you're struck,
A little bit of purpose in the work you have to do,
All this is in the masonry of luck.

A little bit of wisdom and the magic of a smile,
Some real determination when you're stuck,
The grit to keep on going till you make another mile,
Are catalogued and labelled under luck.

To play your part unselfishly, not to fill your purse with gold.
To cling to truth, nor fear the devil's much,
To play your part unselfishly, be ever brave and bold,
Herein you find the mystery of luck.

CHEAP THINGS THAT LOOK DEAR.

Never did the work show such an odd variety of rates of exchange, or such another odd series of prices, the combined result of which is to make it very hard to say where the cost of living is higher and where lower, writes G. C. Desmond in the "Daily News."

In Belgium, the English sovereign exchanges for 36 francs (very nearly forty in France). Take lunch on the train in Belgium and it costs you 10 francs, plus an excellent half-bottle of Bordeaux for only 3.50 francs. Is that cheap or dear? it is about one-third of an English pound—6s. 8d.

Proceeding to Denmark, you get, I suppose, 15 kronen for £1. I don't know exactly. I got 13 kronen for 100 German marks when 140 marks were worth £1. You get a fair lunch for about 3 kronen, which makes it considerably dearer than either Belgium or England.

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Taking our one pound note, now, to Germany, we exchange it at the frontier for 180 marks—more, if we find an honest money-changer. At the Adlon, one of the best hotels in Berlin, the lunch, without drink, is 20 marks—soup, fish, meat, sweet. As this amounts to only one-ninth of £1, or little over 2s., it appears to be the cheapest meal in Europe—for an Englishman. The bill, however, gathers before presentation a "Teurungszuschlag" of 25 per cent., a waiter's 10 per cent., beyond which he expects a further tip of as much again, a wine-tax, if you take wine, so that even a careful and moderate man sees little change from a 50 mark note.

Germans going east into Lithuania exchange their nicely-printed 100 mark notes for Ost roubles, printed by Germans during the occupation. They exchange officially at par with German money—one rouble for two marks, but one mark, especially in notes of a hundred, is distinctly preferred, and can be made to yield more. Food is plentiful and cheap in Lithuania, but the railways are the dearest in Europe—almost as dear as in England, and about four times as dear as in Germany.

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In Latvia they have pretty roubles of their own. Officially one Lettish rouble is worth two Russian. Here are three lines of a menu at the Hotel Petersburg in Riga:

	Tsar Roubles.	Lett Roubles.
Soup	3	1.50
Mutton	8	4
Pork	10	5

One German mark is worth half a Lettish rouble.

A traveller told me that when he was in Prague an American asked for local money in exchange for dollars. The brought him a basketful and asked him to help himself. My friend says if he had taken the whole basketful he would have made a poor bargain.

Coming home from Berlin you pay 175 marks for the fare to Cologne, 30 marks to the Belgian frontier, 53 francs to Ostend, and 55 francs from Ostend to London. Arriving in Cologne on a saint's day, I had to buy my money of hall-porters and others. I got 100 francs for 515 marks, and two English one pound notes for 360 marks. The francs being nearly all gone at Ostend, the pound notes had to come back into francs at 33 to the £1 to pay the fare to London, which was 55 francs. In London I found I had 22 francs, which I changed back for 17s. 6d. Assuming that the marks cost me £1 for 170, what did the journey cost? No prize is offered for the solution of this sum.

CAN YOU WRITE?

We pay for all literary contributions to "The Cologne Post," and are pleased to consider articles, humorous sketches and poems by members of the Rhine Army. No article should exceed 500 words, and even shorter ones can be submitted.

FOOTBALL IN QUAGMIRES.

Keen Week-end Matches in Rhineland.

FIVE—NIL VICTORY.

52nd Manchester Regt. v. Independent Div. R.E.

This match was played on the Hofgarten, Bonn, on Saturday.

A punctual start was made and it was soon evident that the ground was in bad condition, due to the heavy rain. The players had great difficulty in keeping their footing and the ball quickly became very heavy. Within a few minutes of the opening Chadwick eluded the Sappers' defence and registered the first goal for the Manchesters. Afterwards even play Richardson, with excellent judgment, centred to Chadwick, who, helped materially by a pretty display of combination, scored again for the Manchesters.

Sound Defence.

Although both sides made repeated incursions into each other's territory the defenders were sound, and sure kicking avoided some dangerous attempts. Blackstone, getting possession, ran right through and put the ball into the Sappers' net, but the goal was disallowed because he was offside. Beveridge, the Sappers' outside-left, did some brilliant runs, and transferring to Lieut. Garnham enabled the latter to put in a shot which Harrison handled very cleverly.

The light was soon particularly bad and a heavy rain storm swept the ground making things uncomfortable.

Half time score:—52nd Manchesters 2; Ind. Div. R.E. 0.

A Cross Shot.

Three minutes after resuming, Schofield added to the Manchester's score with a cross shot from just outside the penalty area.

Some ding-dong play now occurred, the Sappers forcing a corner which however, was placed "behind" and again two sound attempts to score were frustrated only by Harrison's professional goal-keeping.

Light again got very bad, and the ground by this time was a quagmire, so that both teams were well plastered with mud.

A slight delay was occasioned through Blackstone being kicked and this was followed by another suspension, L.Cpl. Allen being carried off the field. Allen did not resume play. The Manchesters now pressed continually and from "hands" in the penalty area, the now thoroughly begrimed Chadwick, scored, with a smashing shot which gave Dolan no chance.

Price taking the ball in his stride, put in a low fast centre which the R.E. defence misjudged and which Schofield trapped. Turning like a flash, he shot with terrific force beating the full-back and custodian, adding the fifth to the Infantrymen's score.

Final: 52nd Manchester Regt. 5; Independent Division R.E. nil.

Notes on the Game.

There was a very fair attendance of spectators, especially of officers and ladies, considering the wretched weather conditions prevailing.

Garnham, the Sappers' "pivotal man," was frequently dangerous, but was rather inclined to part with the ball too readily. Other players deserving of mention are: Beveridge, the Sappers outside right, who, though small of stature, is fleet of foot and neat in passing;

Schofield, the Manchesters' right half, who is not only a sound defender but a very capable man in the science of attack;

Dolan, the R.E. custodian, sound in defence, if at times somewhat nervous.

FUSILIERS DRAW.

VI Corps H.Qrs. v. 52nd Northumberland Fus.

This game was played on the Stadtwald, Lindenthal, under very bad conditions, continual rain throughout making it very difficult for the players to keep their feet.

The VI Corps, winning the toss, decided to play against the wind. The Fusiliers from the kick-off attacked very determinedly, but failed to score. After a spell of even play, the Corps gave the visitors a warm time in front of goal, but the Fusiliers' custodian rose to the occasion and cleared in fine style. The Fusiliers then took up the offensive and C.Q.M.S. Kirkman nearly the first goal.

Half-time score:—52nd N. Fusiliers 1; VI Corps H.Q. 0

On resumption, the Fusiliers had the better of the play and on one occasion the ball was put through the Corps goal but was not allowed. End to end play ensued for the last ten minutes, and from a break-a-way Capt. Mackinson for the Corps equalised, just on time.

Result:—VI Corps H.Qrs. 1; 52nd N. Fusiliers 1.

A KEEN TUSSLE.

51st Hants. Inter-Coy Struggle Reaches Exciting Stage.

Excitement ran high amongst the spectators who watched the football match between Headquarters and "A" Coy. Both teams being well in the running for the top of the Inter-Coy league, the game throughout was a keen struggle for supremacy.

H.Qrs. in the first minutes play, reached their opponent's goal and narrowly missed scoring. "A's" defence, although continually hard pressed, was effective thus giving the forwards opportunities to attack in return. The remainder of the play, until the interval, was ding-dong in fashion.

The commencement of the second half saw H.Qrs. resuming their former tactics by pressing strongly. The efforts of the forwards were soon rewarded by a goal from Thomas, following some exciting play at the goal mouth. "A" now showed determination in splendid efforts to equalise, but without effect. H.Qrs. soon noched a second point after good work by Knight, Sgt. Coupe receiving his pass and putting in a low shot. Renewed attacking by "A" displayed a fair forward combination, but it was unsuccessful. The final score left H.Qrs. victors by 2—0.

Bullock, the outside left of "A" Coy.'s team, worked hard for his side, but the right wing seemed slow.

PROMISING TALENT.

Rhine Signal Batt. v. 142 Field Ambulance.

This match was played in pouring rain at Riehl. The teams consisted of players not actually in the first elevens and much promising talent was found in both teams.

The Signal Batt. team won by 5 goals to nil, chiefly because they took advantage of their opportunities.

Spr. Walsa, the Signals' centre-half, was the outstanding man on the field, and Dr. Delaney, Capt. Howes, and Spr. Peake played very well.

DOUGHTY DEVONS.

52nd Devons Novices' Boxing Competitions.

SPLENDID TALENT.

The Semi-finals and Finals in the 52nd Bn. The Devonshire Regiment Novices Boxing Competition were fought at Burscheid on Saturday. At the finish Lt. Col. Betts D.S.O. congratulated the Bn. on one of the best displays of novices' boxing that he had seen. Coming from such an authority this is high praise, but the good sportsmanship displayed throughout the competition was a very pleasing feature. Hard blows were given without malice and received without loss of temper.

"D" Coy. were easily the winners in the intercompany competition scoring 50½ points against the 31½ of the runners-up, "B" Company.

Prizes Presented.

Brigadier General Campbell V.C. presented the medals to the winners and runners-up. In addition, medals were presented to Sgt. Stewart, Cpl. Edwards, M.M., and Pte. Weaver for winning two bouts. Sgt. Stewart had hard luck in the light weights, slipping and putting out his knee. But for this accident, he would have been a hard man to beat in the final. The medal for the pluckiest loser was won by L/Cpl. Palmer. Great credit is due to Lieut. W. O. Hayes, Rhine Army Officers 10st. 7lbs. Boxing Champion, and wrestling Champion at the same weight, for training and encouraging the competitors, and for the excellent organization of the show.

Officials.

Referee:—Lt.-Col. Betts, D.S.O.

Judges:—Sgt.-Major Turner, M.S.M., and Sgt.-Major Murray.

Time Keeper: Lieut. Parsons.

Recorder:—Sgt. F. J. Harvey.

Results.

Fly Weight. Pte. Bell "D" Coy. v. Pte. Hartland "A" Coy. Hartland, who had drawn a bye in the semi-final, started strongly, but Bell soon had his measure, and by persistent leading and attacking gained a popular win.

Bantam Weight. Pte. Chestermann "D" Coy. v. Pte. Fothergill "B" Coy. This bout was short and sweet, the "D" Coy. man being, by far, tho cleverer boxer. Fothergill tried hard, but was knocked out in the first round by a right swing.

Feather Weight. Cpl. Patch "D" Coy. v. Pte. Jacques "B" Coy. This bout opened in fine style, both men leading well. Cpl. Patch had received something of a gruelling in his previous fight, and was at some disadvantage. Early on in the second round Jaques landed a blow which made Patch see stars, but this was, apparently, his own undoing, as he had to retire at the end of the round with his hand badly hurt.

A Disappointment.

Light Weight. Pte. Tyrrell "A" Coy. v. Pte. Hill "D" Coy. Unfortunately Pte. Hill stopped one with his eye in his previous bout, and was unable to fight, much to the disappointment of everyone, as it would have been a keen contest between two good men.

Welter Weight. Pte. Gallagher "D" Coy. v. C.Q.M.S. Selby "C" Coy. This resulted in another win for "D" Coy., but there was very little in it. The C.Q.M.S., who is well known as "Abey" at Bn. Concerts, did one or two Yiddisher hops quite unconsciously in the ring, much to the amusement of the onlookers. Both men fought hard, but the "D" Coy. man gained the decision on points.

Middle Weight. Sgt. Priest "C" Coy. v. Pte. Mott "C" Coy. Mott was hopelessly outclassed, but fought pluckily. His troubles were soon over as he took the K.O. in the first round.

Light Heavy Weight. Pte. Mitchell "B" Coy. v. Pte. Marks "D" Coy. This bout went the three rounds, and was a closely contested affair, both men receiving and giving good honest punches. The advantage of height and reach told eventually for the "D" Coy. man, who gained another popular decision on points.

To-day's Event.

The following team of young soldiers will represent the 52nd Devons against the 51st Hants. at Wermelskirchen to-day.

Fly Weight, Ptes. Bell and Hartland.

Bantam Weight, Ptes. Chesterman and Norris.

Feather Weight, Ptes. Eddy, Cotter, and Hill.

Light Weight, Sgt. Hopkins, Ptes. Press, and Tyrell.

Welter Weight, L/Cpl. Palmer, Ptes. Buffery and Gallagher.

Middle Weight, Pte.

SOUTH AFRICAN CRICKET.

Australians' Great Advantage After First Day's Play.

At Johannesburg on Nov. 29th play commenced in a four day return match between the South African eleven and the A.I.F. team. Over-night rain left the pitch in ideal condition. South Africa batted first, Zulch and Ward opening the innings well. The bowling of Collins and Gregory, however, soon brought about a rapid fall of wickets and the home team were dismissed for 118. Play was interrupted by rain for an hour after lunch. Scores (South Africa) First innings:—Zulch c. Murray b. Collins 42, Ward c. Collins b. Gregory 29, Frank b. Gregory 0, Nourse l.b.w. Collins 1, Hands c. Winning b. Gregory 9, Tancred (not out) 17, Meintjes b. Gregory 0, Davies c. Docker b. Collins 1, Blankenberg b. Gregory 1, Budgen b. Gregory 0, Cox. c. Sterling b. Gregory 9, Extras 9, total 118.

Collins (bowling) 4 for 28; Gregory 6 for 46. The Australians had scored 114 when stumps were drawn.

Later.

A later message says:—On the second day the visitors continued to have things very much their own way, carrying their total to 453. None of the bowlers seemed able to make any special impression. Five were tried and the nine wickets which fell to them were very evenly divided.

Little time was left for play after the close of the Austral an innings but the South Africans quickly lost Ward who was dismissed without scoring. When stumps were draw their score stood at 12 for 1.

WHAT HAPPENED.

West Bromwich again Lead: Coventry Gain a Point.

PORTSMOUTH CONSOLIDATING

The "Throstles" came out top dogs at Hyde Road, and their victory brings them again to the summit. The failure of Burnley at Oldham was due to a return to good form on the part of the Manchester men, and on Saturday's display they should not be long in climbing away from the danger zone. Newcastle seem to have gone to pieces, and their failure at Bramall Lane was an unwelcome surprise to folk on Tyneside. Their near neighbours, who checked their victorious career, were victorious over Sheffield Wednesday.

Blackburn made a big effort at Ewood Park, and put paid to the "Rams" account while Everton had a surprising lapse before Notts county. London's battle ended in a drawn game, a fitting result.

Four out of the five bottom clubs recorded victories, and the fight round the bottom of the table is arousing great interest. It is early yet to prophesy, but do not be surprised if two "safe" clubs drop to the bottom ere the season ends.

Second League.

Coventry failed again at home though they saved a point. Seventeen games without a win is a poor record, but if they go out, a "wise head" will be disappointed. South Shields sprang a shock at Barnsley and firmly nailed Stokes' ambitions. The "Brum" men are now well on the heels of the "Spurs." The latter gave a convincing display at Craven Cottage and ousted the home team by five to two. Blackpool did well at Huddersfield and Hull's five against Lincoln produced the biggest score of this division.

Southern League.

Portsmouth are fixing themselves well on the top. Their victory at Swindon, no mean opponents on their own pitch, was a good achievement. Queens Park once again enter the limelight by contributing five to Northampton's one.

Watford disappointed at Brighton and Plymouth Argyle did well to take a point from the Dell.

Scottish League.

Rangers piled on the biggest score of the day against Hibernians and their for and against record is far and away the best in the four leagues. Celtic's five against Motherwell was unexpected and the Celts must have been glad that the Well team was minus their star forward. Ayr easily accounted for Clyde and Dumbarton won another encounter.

It is a change to find the "Cons" winning a match. Their supporters have surely had enough drawn battles for their liking. Dundee put up a smart display at Greenock and took one point from Morton. Queens had no mercy on Raith Rovers, their quintette being only once responded to. This match, at Kirkcaldy proved one of the day's surprises.

Appended are the results:—

The League.—Division I.

Bradford	3	Preston N. E. (h)	0
West Bromwich Alb.	3	Manchester City (h)	2
Middlesbro (a)	3	Liverpool	2
Blackburn Rov. (h)	2	Derby County	0
Aston Villa (a)	2	Manchester United	0
Sunderland (a)	2	Sheffield Wednesday	1
Sheffield United (h)	2	Newcastle United	1
Notts County	2	Everton (a)	1
Bolton Wanderers	1	Bradford City (h)	0
Oldham Athletic (a)	1	Burnley	0
The Arsenal (a)	1	Chelsea	1

The League.—Division II.

Hull City (h)	5	Lincoln City	2
Tottenham Hotspur	4	Fulham (h)	
Blackpool	3	Huddersfield Tn. (h)	1
Bristol City (h)	3	Grimsby Town	1
Bury ( )	2	Port Vale	1
Notts Forest (h)	2	Clapton Orient	1
Wolvermampt. W (h)	2	Stockport County	2
South Shields	1	Barnsley (a)	0
Birmingham	1	Stoke (h)	0
Leicester City (h)	1	Rotherham County	1
Coventry City (a)	0	West Ham United	0

Southern League.—Division I.

Queen's Park R. (a)	5	Northampton	1
Portsmouth	3	Swindon Town (h)	0
Brighton and H. (h)	3	Watford	2
Swansea Town (a)	2	Norwich City	0
Brentford	2	Gillingham ( )	0
Cardiff City (h)	2	Crystal Palace	1
Reading (h)	2	Bristol Rovers	2
Southampton (h)	2	Plymouth Argyle	2

The Scottish League.

Aberdeen	1	Falkirk	1
Airdrieonians	1	St. Mirren	1
Ayr United	3	Clyde	1
Celtic	5	Motherwell	0
Dumbarton	2	Albion Rovers	1
Hamilton Academic.	2	Clydebank	0
Heart of Midlothian	3	Partick Thistle	1
Greenock Morton	0	Dundee	0
Raith Rovers	2	Queen's Park	5
Glasgow Rangers	7	Hibernians	0
Third Lanark	0	Kilmarnock	1

F.A. Cup.—Fifth Qualifyng Round.

S. Liverpool	3	Carlisle U.	1
Rochdale	1	Stalybridge	0
Loughborough Corin.	2	Rotherham Town	1
Cheltenham Town	1	Castleford Town	2
Newport County	1	Merthyr Town	0

The winners went into the "hat" yesterday with ten other Southern League clubs and Rotherham County and Port Vale.

London Caledonians	6	King's Lynn	0
Bromley	2	Sheppey United	2
Dulwich Hamlet	1	Thorneycrofts	3

The Northern Union.

Lancashire Cup.—Final.

Rochdale Hornets	0	Oldham	7

The League.

Bradford	3	Barrow	22
Huddersfield	30	Bramley	0
Keighley	3	Broughton Rangers	6
Hull	34	Dewsbury	3
Huns et	7	Hull Kingston R.	3
Halifax	14	Widnes	6
Leeds	17	Wakefield Trinity	7
St Helens Recreation	16	Warrington	5
Batley	12	York	3

The Rugby Union.

International Trial.

England	25	The North	15

Welsh Trial.

Whites	8	Stripes	6

AMERICAN TENNIS.

A Philadelphia message states that Gay Gould the ex-amateur World's Court Tennis Champion, won the National Open Championship, defeating Walter Kinsella, professional, after three day's play.

ECHOES OF THE FIGHT.

Odds and ends from All Sources.

DEMPSEY TALKING.

After the fight Beckett said, "I never had a fight. I never touched him. I cannot believe it."

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Mr. C. B. Cochran leaves London for America in a few days to meet Dempsey and fix up a match in London next year for the world's championship.

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It took Beckett three minutes to recover from the terrific blow, which experts describe as good enough to knock-out the best man who ever donned gloves.

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Carpentier is undoubtedly an opponent to be considered seriously by any heavyweight in the world.

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A telegram from Los Angeles states that Dempsey, interviewed, expressed himself as confident of beating Carpentier and said he was willing to fight at any time

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The result was telephoned to theatres and cinemas throughout the country and many displayed it on the screens.

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Mr. Mortimer, Beckett's manager, described the decisive blow as having been "in one of those moments of tension when such things do and always will happen."

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Carpentier received hundreds of congratulatory letters and telegrams from all parts and all classes.

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From an American Correspondent:—The bunning in the big slog down Holborn way, fizzled clean out overnight as Joe Beckett let the fans down right out in Round One. From press gargle, the English coon had it tucked away from the bell, but this was sure boost, as the Frenchie got a hustle on top speed and had his guy frazzled all the way home, which wasn't far. It looked cert on the Southampton Kid on beef, but George had it all there in the top box every time and handed out smart stuff for the dollars.

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Joe held the scrap on paper talk and splosh changed fists briskly, mostly Beckettwise, as the fans considered him the goods for this stunt. However he was not up to sample when it came to the clinch and the snowman got little for their dibs. The scrap needs no yarn as there was only one clout in it, but it was some sleep clout. Bet your last cent, and Joe Beckett took all the count.

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Beckett, who promised to attend a tournament at Mountain Ash in aid of Sgt. Percy Jones, ex-fly-weight champion, who lost a leg in the war, telegraphed "'ashamed', be present."

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Beckett in a long article says he has no excuses to make for his defeat which was due to his own blunder. He intends to seek another match with Carpentier because he is convinced he can beat him, and in the meantime will defend his British title of champion against all comers.

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Promoter Cochran declares that he has the signature of Descamps, Carpentier's manager for Carpentier to meet Dempsey in London provided Dempsey signs. By this agreement Carpentier cannot contract otherwise, while Dempsey has cabled Cochran that he will do nothing till he hears from him.

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According to the special correspondent of "Auto," Carpentier stood looking down at Beckett for several seconds after the knock-out blow, but after the sixth count he lifted his head and glanced along the front row of the public outside the ring. When asked later if that was not imprudent in case Beckett recovered, Carpentier said, "No, I knew it was all over, but I wanted to see now the Prince of Wales was taking it, as I had heard he had put his money on Beckett."

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Mr. Cochran announces that Carpentier takes five thousand pounds and Beckett three thousand.

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A Montreal message states that the Canadian Club has cabled Carpentier's manager in London challenging Carpentier to meet Eugene Brousseau, the Dominion middle-weight champion, in a boxing exhibition at Montreal on Dominion day.

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Carpentier was due to arrive in Paris at six p.m. on Monday accompanied by Francois Descamps.

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According to "Le Matin" the match between Carpentier and Dempsey will not take place before the 1st of December, 1920.

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On Saturday, Carpentier received a challenge from Tommy Burns, says the French press, closely followed by another with a stake of 10,000 dollars from Mike O'Dowde.

SIX DAY BICYCLE RACE.

A New York telegram states that the six days' bicycle race at Madison Square Gardens resulted as follows:

1, American (Goublet and Madden);
2, Franco-Swiss (Dupny and Egg);
3, Australia-American (Margin and Mc Namara).

BILLIARDS.

Saturday's closing scores in the principal London billiards matches were as follows:—

Smith (in play)	8,244
Inman	6,075

Breaks: Smith 206, 146; Inman 380, 399.

Newman (in play)	8,864
Falkiner	6,601

Breaks: Newman, 131, 221; Falkiner, 167, 164, 321 (90 in off red).

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	STAR	CURT.
Thurs.	Cav. Rusticana / Der Bajazzo	Mascagni / Leoncavallo	7	9.45
Fri.	Der Wildschütz	Lortzing	7	10
Sat.	Merry Wives of Windsor	Nicolai	7	0.30
Sun.	Meistersinger von Nürnberg	Wagner	5	10.30

Monday No Performance

Tuesday No Performance

Sunday Concert.

Germans were strongly represented in the audience at the Deutsches theatre, Cologne, on Sunday evening for the eleventh of a series of special Sunday concerts which Capt. Haygarth, the genial and enterprising Amusements Officer arranges with an experienced eye to public taste. This is not a surprising state of affairs, when it is borne in mind that the programme submitted included several of the most noticeable members of the Cologne Opera House. Miss Audrey Esmond, the well-known contralto was the only English singer and her admirably rendered numbers included "Mel sand in the Wood" and "Homing." She sang with perfect taste and with a voice of exceptionally pure quality. It was rather unfortunate that occasionally her efforts were slightly marred by unsympathetic accompaniment. Fritz Hans Reinoll was the solo pianist and his playing evoked the greatest enthusiasm. His renderings of Liszt, Chopin, and other leading composers were agreeably original in their treatment and technically without fault. By no means the least popular items in the programme were the duets of Carl Reemer and Hans Clemens. Verdi's "The Force of Destiny" was extremely good. In addition both artistes submitted delightful solos. The accompanists were Paul Mania and Pte. H. Gilbert, while Alfred Barker conducted the orchestra.

Gurzenich Hall Concert.

At the Gurzenich Hall on Thursday night, the famous tenor Karl Erb of the Munich Opera house and the 12 year's old violinist, Tossy Spiwakowsky, will contribute to an excellently arranged programme in which is included the most important works.

"Lady Frederick."

Lieut. S. E. Percy has kindly consented for members of the B.R.A.D.C. to play in "Lady Frederick" at the British Empire Leave Club on Tuesday Dec. 16th at 6 p.m.

Merry Blue Boys.

This excellent Concert Party from the 55th General Hospital are giving a performance to-night at the British Empire Leave Club at 7 p.m.

Sunday Concert.

On Sunday evening a delightful Concert was given at the British Empire Leave Club by the Band of the 23rd Royal Fusiliers. The Hall was crowded and the enthusiastic reception spoke for itself.

The programme included solos by Miss West, who is well known at these concerts, Cello solos by Miss Somers Cocks and "Onl No John" sung by Miss Mackenzie.

Battery Dance.

A successful dance was held on Wednesday in the St. Florian Hall, Weiden (Lovenich) by B/51st Bde. R.F.A.

Great enthusiasm was shown by the dancers. The evening was brought to a close at 10-30 p.m. owing to the ladies having to return to Cologne. The work of M.C. was admirably carried out by Cpl. V. Harris, and the catering by Lieut. E. Travess and Bdr. C. Cross. The battery anticipate another enjoyable evening this week, and a fancy dress ball for Christmas.

JACQUES.

OPEN TO ALL.

Anyone May Send In Any Number Of Coupons.

Saturday's results gave another set of surprises to competitors. Perhaps the greatest of these was Burnley's defeat at Oldham and Newcastle's failure at Sheffield.

Of the ten matches, five were won by "away" teams, two draws resulted and three home elevens managed to secure the full points.

We would point out that our competition is open to all.

On the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 12,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 12.

Date of matches, Saturday, Dec 13th.
Closing date, Friday, Dec. 12th.

Burnley	v. Oldham
Notts County	v. Everton
Grimsby	v. Bristol City
Lincoln	v. Hull City
West Ham	v. Coventry
South Shields	v. Barnsley
Palace	v. Queens Park R.
St. Mirren	v. Dumbarton
Clyde	v. Queens Park.
Ayr U.	v. Morton

I enter Football Competition No. 12 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions already announced and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(in block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

DEMPSEY'S DECISION.

Will fight Carpentier for Best Purse offered.

A Chicago message states that Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, announces that Mr. Cochran has cabled offering 180,000 dollars for a match with Carpentier in London, and that a New Orleans promoter has offered Dempsey 150,000 dollars as his portion for a fight in New Orleans. Kearns adds that Dempsey would much prefer to fight in America, but will accept the best offer.

WILDE IN AMERICA.

No-decision Contest with Jack Sharkey.

At Milwaukee, 500 spectators witnessed a ten-round match between Jack Sharkey and Jimmy Wilde. The former, who had an advantage of 8½ pounds in weight, forced the fighting at the start, landing the right on Wilde's head.

Wilde, however, showed great gameness, and in the sixth round bashed his opponent's jaw apparently well, and seemed only to lack force enough to end the match.

Sharkey recovered, and in the concluding rounds got in several heavy blows. Milwaukee is one of the states where official decisions are not allowed, but newspaper correspondents agreed in awarding Sharkey the verdict on points. The gate money amounted to 35,000 dollars.

A FATAL BLOW.

The death of Sergeant-Major Charles Willcox, aged twenty-seven, of the 1st Somersets, one of Joe Beckett's sparring partners, who was fatally injured in a sparring match with a sailor at the National Sporting Club on Wednesday, was the subject of an inquest at Westminster. A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned.

SUNDAY'S GREAT CONTEST.

Will Ledoux Gain Another Victory for France?

Another boxing match of great international importance will be fought in Paris next Sunday, when Charles Ledoux (Champion of France) meets Walter Ross (Champion of England) for the Bantam Weight Championship of Europe. Ross has been in training for three weeks at Maisons Laffitte and his friends speak of him as being in fine form and very confident.

French sportsmen regard Ledoux as a second Carpentier, and expect another victory for France. Carpentier, it is hoped, will act as referee.

PARIS OR LONDON?

Keen Competition for Staging World's Championship.

Another Paris report says that Decoin the manager of the French wonderland, Paris has wired Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager stating that he is ready to deposit at the New York branch of the French-British bank, or any American bank, New York, whatever amount Dempsey asks, for a twenty rounds contest with Carpentier.

Decoin will leave for America to clinch the match as soon as Dempsey's reply has been received, provided he agrees to fight in France.

BOXING AT Y.M.C.A.

The Army boxing to be held this week in the Great Hall has led to a considerable re-adjustment of the usual weekly events at the Central Y.M.C.A. as will be seen by a reference to the advertisement in our columns to-day.

One More.

To further strengthen their team, Blackburn Rovers have signed on Frank Reilly, the Falkirk centre-half, for whom £2,000 was recently refused.

Junior Cup.

It has been decided that second teams of clubs taking part in the First Division of the London League are entitled to compete in the D.F.A. Junior Cup.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Panto Rumours.

I heard more rumours of that talked of Christmas pantomime last night. One was that "Robinson Crusoe" is to be put on. But it was a mere rumour so don't jump on me if doesn't happen.

St. Nicholas.

The morning of the 6th saw many happy faces as the kiddies found their plate at breakfast time piled with fruit. They leave an empty plate and overnight St. Nicholas comes and fills it with goodies. A pretty custom.

Y.M.C.A. Art Exhibition.

An art exhibition has been promoted by the Y.M.C.A. and will be held at the Lindenthal premises in Durener trasse on Saturday. Tea will be obtainable, and Miss Audrey Esmond's Concert party will give a performance in the Star Theatre opposite.

L'Entente Cordiale.

On Sunday evening I saw an inspiring sight, near the Dom. A party of British and French blue jackets were marching along to the strains of "Tipperary" waving Union Jacks and Tricolours and gaily singing at the top of their voices.

No. 21.

Have you noticed that cars are again running on this route? This service, but recently resumed, has been suspended for quite a long time.

"COLOGNE POST" CELEBRITIES
IV. "HAWKEYE".

Superstitions.

Old superstitions die hard. At dinner yesterday in a certain mess one of the members, who is ordinarily a prosaic hard-headed individual, upset the salt. He immediately threw a pinch over his left shoulder with the ejaculation, "Good luck to the fairies."

Enterprising.

I notice that the well-known vendor of matches and bootlaces who stands at the corner of Hohe Strasse and Gürzenich Strasse, has now a stall of Christmas toys and decorations, and he appears to be doing a very good trade as well.

Beer Refused.

A friend of mine stoutly refused to be served with wine at a cabaret the other night. He wanted beer and that only. Met with a firm refusal he sat through the show without any drink at all. He wants to know why wine should be obligatory.

Too Tiny.

A great many of us have bought those miniature German dictionaries not much bigger than a postage stamp. They are alright as curios but for practical use almost worthless. The mere act of turning so many tiny pages to find a word is an unnecessary labour.

Collar Badges.

Men of several regiments on the Rhine seem to be putting up collar badges now. They increase the smartness of khaki undoubtedly.

Décolleté and Cold.

I saw a sight that shocked me the other night. A pretty girl coming from a dance lost her shawl in a fierce gust of wind near the river. A chase was made for it, but meanwhile she had to stand in the cold street, and being a low-backed enthusiast she shivered visibly.

On Naval Lines.

I saw a smart motor in Cologne recently which gave the impression that it was part of a ship's cabin. The portholes lent effect to this.

A Rush for It.

The arrival from Blighty of a real old-fashioned home-made plum cake in a certain mess the other day created quite a furore. It disappeared within five minutes. The German can make exquisite creamy unsubstantial confections, but it takes a British housewife to excel in plain cake.

The Latest.

Among the latest novelties to be seen in the shop window I noticed a case containing scissors. On the inside of the lid there is a place cut, for the insertion of the sender's photo.

The Lady in the Case.

I was sitting next to a legal gentleman in the Summary Court the other day, who was defending a lady charged with selling schnapps to civilians contrary to regulations. While waiting for the case to be called he was reading a book by Jacques Futrelle entitled "The Lady in the Case." I thought it very appropriate.

Unsightly.

When I wonder, do the authorities intend removing the unsightly scaffolding which, for many months past, has adorned the South side of the Dom?

A Mess Story.

A good story is going the rounds of a "Jock" who patronized a strength-testing automatic machine. You place 10 pfennigs in the slot and if you press a handle sufficiently hard, the coin is returned to you. The Jock in question was found dead beside the machine and a jury consisting of Scotsmen returned a verdict of "Death from natural causes."

A Good Investment.

A demobilized reader renewing his subscription to the "Cologne Post" writes:- I enclose 50 marks, which I intended keeping as a souvenir, but which will give greater satisfaction in providing me with memories of Cologne.

Mystery Mixtures.

The ingenuity of the British jam-maker was surely never more in evidence than now. Plum and apple as a combination is quite out-classed by the mysterious concoctions that now pass muster as jam. Guessing competitions as to their composition are fairly rife in all the messes in Rhineland.

FOR BUSINESS MEN IN RHINELAND.

The article that appeared on this page last Tuesday was inadvertently headed "How to do business in Rhineland," but obviously should have read "In occupied Territory". We regret the error.

Traders will be interested in the following official information with relation to the importation of dutiable goods to the United Kingdom.

On the following consumable articles the duty is:—

	£	s.	d.	
Tobacco.—Cavendish or Negrohead	11	10½		per lb.
Other kinds	10	4½		per lb.
Cigars	15	7		per lb.
Cigarettes	12	7		per lb.
*Spirits.—Brandy, rum, gin, whisky, etc.	†2	15	5	per proof gall.
Liqueurs	†3	14	2	per liquid gall.
Perfumery (Scent)	†4	7	7	per liquid gall.
* Sugar	1	5	8	per cwt.
Saccharin		8	3	per ounce.
Wine	From 2s. 3d. to 5s. 6d. per gall.			

Notes.—*All articles containing spirit or sugar are liable to duty on the spirit or sugar contained in them. †These are the maximum rates.

On the following non-consumable articles, Musical Instruments, Clocks, Watches, Motor Cars and Motor Bicycles and their component parts and accessories, one third of the value.

Other articles liable to customs duty are beer, playing cards, tea, coffee, and chicory, cocoa and chocolate, dried fruit currants, figs, plums, prunes, raisins, and cakes or other goods containing these fruits), glucose and molasses, matches and mechanical lighters, table waters, and cinematograph films.

It should be particularly noticed that any quantity of a dutiable article, however small, is liable to duty on importation to the United Kingdom, and must be declared and produced to the Customs' officers.

As regards consumable articles (a in para. 1) imported by passengers entering the United Kingdom, in practice, duty is not usually charged on quantities not exceeding half-a-pint of spirits or half-a-pound of tobacco (including cigars and cigarettes), or on small quantities of other goods, provided the goods are for the personal consumption of the passenger and have been duly declared and produced, but in every case where the goods imported by passengers exceed these quantities, duty is charged on the total quantity without any allowance.

Non-consumable articles (b in para 2) which are proved to be either of British manufacture, or (if a foreign make) to have been previously in the United Kingdom and to have been exported thence neither from bonded warehouse nor on drawback of duty, are exempt from duty on re-importation into the United Kingdom. Exemption from duty is also allowed when a piano or other musical instrument or a watch or clock (not entitled to exemption as a re-import) is shown to have been in the owner's possession and use abroad for some considerable time and to be brought into the United Kingdom other as part of the ordinary ware or equipment of a passenger or as part of a collective removal of household effects on a bona-fide transfer of residence to the United Kingsdom. There is no exemption from duty on articles intended as presents.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Fine Windfall.—A Rochester waterman has been left £70,000 by his sister.

Air Relics.—A permanent Air museum is to be founded in London.

"Red" Comic.—The Red Army in Russia has produced a humorous journal.

New Owners.—Many important London journals are changing hands.

Women's Support.—A women's campaign in favour of the League of Nations is being organised.

In Demand.—Glasgow is erecting 500 temporary wooden houses. A thousand applicants have applied for them.

In Memoriam.—A carved oak screen is to be erected in St. Michael's Church, Cricklewood, as a war memorial.

Out of Favour.—Lancaster may scrap its electric trams in favour of electric or petrol driven buses.

Creeping up.—Last week the 96 great towns of England and Wales registered 9,560 births.

Their Opportunity.—Pickpockets are exceptionally busy among the Christmas shopping crowds.

Canada's Wheat.—One half of Canada's wheat crop this year comes from the province of Saskatchewan.

German Election.—General elections for the German Reichstag will probably take place next April.

A Murder Plot.—Sixty dismissed Greek officers have been arrested as accomplices in a plot to murder M. Venizelos.

Building Ships.—Orders for fifty-seven ships have been given by the Canadian Government to the Dominion shipyards.

Becoming British.—174 aliens were naturalised in England during last month. Fifteen were Germans.

For Civilians Too.—Civilians will be eligible for the Air Force Cross and the Air Force Medal.

Shipping Animals.—Canada has doubled her exports of live-stock during the past year.

Eastern Support.—Persia adheres to the League of Nations and will send delegates to the first meeting.

Fighting Chinese.—There are about 5,000 Chinamen in the Russian Red Army.

Big Figures.—Two and a half million francs are speculated daily on horse-racing in France.

To Convey Oil.—A pipe-line to convey oil from Havre to Paris is to be constructed next year.

To Raise Output.—All the workmen at the wharves of Hamburg have gone back to the piece-work system.

Independent.—Many mistresses, unable to get servants, are taking cookery courses themselves.

Khaki Haul.—The police are searching for men who stole £14,000 worth of khaki flannel in Bethnal Green Road.

Pip!! Pip!!—The ex-Crown Prince of Germany has become an enthusiastic motor-cyclist.

Fabulous Rise.—Offices in the City of London that used to fetch £800 a year rent are now letting at £3,000.

The Cotton Boom.—£500,000 has been offered for the Mather Lane Spinning Co's business at Leigh, Lancs.

In Wax.—The Prince of Wales uniformed as a Welsh Guards Colonel and Princess Mary as a Red Cross nurse are the latest models at Madame Tussauds.

A Good Reason.—A Buxton cabby, summoned for driving in a dangerous manner, said his horse was an Army "casualty" suffering from shell-shock.

Another "Anti-Box."—Bishop Welldon thinks England would be a better country if boxing like the Carpentier-Beckett fight ceased to be.

Doyen of Bandmasters.—After 54 years service, Capt. B. S. Green has made his final bow as conductor of the Royal Marines (Blue) Band.

Charity Filmed.—A propaganda film called "Salvage" has been produced. It displays the work of Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

Linked in Arms.—The Belgian Cabinet is said to favour a military entente between Belgium, France and Great Britain.

A Boon to N.C.O's.—The Chevron Club, near Victoria Station, has been used by thousands of N.C.O's passing through London since it opened in February 1918.

Well-off Miners.—Sixty-seven miners have been summoned at Doncaster for non-payment of Income Tax. One was stated to earn over £100 a year.

Raising Pensions.—The Home Office estimates that to raise all the pensions of London ex-policemen to the present rate will cost a million.

Scholars' Tribute.—A marble and alabaster panel is to be placed in Kingston-on-Thames Grammar School to the memory of old boys and masters who fell in the war.

Caste as Reward.—The ruins of Donnington Castle, near Newbury, are for sale. The historic pile was presented to Lord Howard of Effingham by Queen Elizabeth for defeating the Armada.

LEG HEALED
BY ZAM-BUK

Stands 18 Months' Service in France.

L/Cpl. Victor Kempton, Oxford & Bucks L. I., was accidently kicked on the shin when playing with his brother. As a result a nasty wound developed and ate away the flesh round Victor's leg.

"Every time the ulcer was dressed the bandages were soaked with blood and matter," writes Mrs. J. Kempton, of 30, Wales Street, Winnall, Winchester. "The poor boy suffered agonies. His leg was inflamed from knee to ankle.

"I told Victor he would have to go to hospital. He wound'nt hear of this, however, but decided instead to try Zam-Buk, which his father used. From that time the ulcer stopped spreading and the discharge ceased. The inflammation subsided, and rapid natural healing set in. This continued as Zam-Buk was regularly used until Victor's leg was covered with new healthy skin."

"Despite his 18 months service in France his leg is still perfectly sound, thanks to Zam-Buk.

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OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

THE RIGHT TO HAPPINESS.

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"DO UNTO OTHERS."

Miss Violet Loraine the popular revue actress and singer says: Of all maxims I think my favourite is, "Do unto others as you would they should do unto you." It seems to me that these words represent a complete life-code. If we are out for pleasure, what pleasure can compare with that of making other people happy? No one can possess a finer quality than unselfishness. It is elimination of self which raises people to the highest level of human nature. All through life we see splendid types of self-sacrifice on one hand, pitiable examples of thoughtless selfishness on the other. What a pity a greater number of people do not give a little more thought to this simple maxim.

BRITTLE CIVILISATION.

Lord Rothermere writing on the peril of National Bankruptcy, says: Instead of explaining to the nation our grave economic position, our statesmen paint pictures of a glowing future, which they know in their hearts must be afar off, while the lesser evangels of a new dispensation preach the gospel of universal wealth without work. The same characteristics are visible in most other lands, with this difference—that while other Powers are hastily lessening their external responsibilities, we are wildly entering upon new adventures which may bring ruin in their train. This modern civilisation of ours is a very brittle thing, held together by the invisible cement of international credit, which is swiftly disintegrating.

CLASS WAR.

Mr. W. Mellor in a lecture on "Direct Action" says the Trade Unions have reached the stage when they have either to go forward and get new aims, or go backwards. They are revolutionists, and believe that in the class war all weapons are justifiable. In the war between Capitalism and Labour both sides should engage with the gloves off, and the party who went into that fight voluntarily maimed was going to get seriously hurt.

BRITAIN AND TURKEY.

Sir Francis Younghusband, who writes with intimate knowledge of the Near East, says: Within limits it is assuredly to our interests to uphold the dignity of the Sultan in every way we can. For we British stand as spokesmen and representatives for about a hundred million Mohammedans in various parts of the world, and these stood loyally by us during the war under most trying conditions. They were really enough to fight the Germans, but it was a high trial to join with us in fighting the Turks. We owe it to them and to ourselves to pronounce formally and publicly—firstly, that in freeing peoples from Turkish rule we do not intend to keep them permanently under our subjection, but mean straight away to help them to stand on their own legs and play their own part in the world; and, secondly, that once a definite settlement with Turkey is made, we wish to treat the Sultan with all the respect that is due to him as the leading figure in the Mohammedan world and certainly to leave him in Constantinople.

WAR PROFITS.

Mr. E. F. STOCKTON, president of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, speaking on the subject of the Excess Profits Tax, said: It is idle to appoint profiteering tribunals in every parish to trounce every miserable greengrocer who charges 2d. too much for a cauliflower, and then ridiculous to say that war profits, when they happen to be counted by millions, are sacrosanct as the Ark of the Covenant. During the first two years of the war shipping owners of this country made a profit of about £300,000,000, or more than twice their pre-war capital, not out of the capital sale of ships, but out of trading operations necessary for the war.

SECULARISM, THE EVIL.

Dr. Keating, Roman Catholic Bishop of Northampton, speaking on religion and social problems, said: I am convinced that the main reason for all the ills that beset us to-day is that we have dosed ourselves with the poison called secularism. It has permeated the mentality of the whole nation from end to end, as well as that of all the other European nations and of America. It is a weed choking our social growth.

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"WE REMIND GERMANY."

DETAILS OF SUPREME COUNCIL'S NOTE.

The Supreme Council's Note to Germany was presented to Baron von Lersner at Paris on Monday night. It says that the suggestion of alleged right of Germany to demand—"in compensation for the absence of American Delegates on the various Commissions until the ratification of the Treaty by the United States"—a modification of those clauses of the Treaty concerning the surrender of criminals and the return of prisoners of war, is not justified in the terms of the final clauses of the Treaty. The Treaty is to come into force as soon as Germany and three of the principal Allied and Associated Powers have ratified it. It would be vain for Germany to try to make this coming into force subject to a fresh condition, concerning the presence of American Delegates on Commissions. Article 221 of the Treaty is perfectly explicit regarding the return of prisoners and there is no need for it to be supplemented. France has already several times declared that she would liberate the prisoners of war directly the Treaty comes into force.

The Supreme Council declines to halt before the objections put forward to their demand for compensation for the destruction of the German fleet at Scapa Flow. A separate appended reply is given to the German Note of 24th November repudiating responsibility and declaring inability to pay for the Scapa Flow sinkings. Before making their demands the Allied and Associated Powers examined this question. They do not share the apprehensions of the German Government as regards the effects of an economic character on German ports which would result from their demands and they therefore adhere to the Protocol as it was drafted.

After having received a complete statement of all floating docks, floating cranes, tugs and dredgers demanded by the Protocol the Allied and Associated Powers will make known their selection, taking into account the general economic position of German ports. If afterwards the German Government considers that it can show that any one of the said demands is of a character to cause serious detriment to Germany's capacity to satisfy her legitimate needs, the German Government will be able to submit its claims to the principal Allies, who for their part will be ready to examine them in a spirit of equity.

With regard to the last paragraph of the Protocol of the 1st November under which any violation of the Treaty can be followed by an extension of the Allied Occupation, the Supreme Council considers that the signature of the said Protocol and the deposit of the ratifications shall determine the entry of the Treaty into force and consequently a state of Peace, from that time.

Execution of the clauses of the Protocol and the condition of the entry into force of the Peace Treaty will be guaranteed by the general stipulations of that Treaty as well as by ordinary methods recognised by international law.

"Until the entry of the Treaty of Peace into force we remind Germany for the last time that denunciation of the armistice is sufficient to give the Allied Armies full latitude with a view to such military measures as they should judge necessary. In this spirit we expect the signature of the Treaty without delay and the deposit of the ratifications."

GERMANS RETREAT.

ABANDONING WAR MATERIAL.

Advices from Riga state that the retreat of the Germans continues on the other side of the Lithuanian frontier. They are already past the Mirajevo-Shavly line and in their haste have been forced to leave behind much war material, which has been handed to the Inter-Allied Commission for disposal amongst the Baltic States. Fifty locomotives and several hundred waggons and other material will fall to Latvia.

SUPPLIES FOR AUSTRIA.

The Austrian Chancellor, Herr Renner, will probably leave Vienna for Paris today to submit to the Supreme Council the wishes of the Austrian Government regarding the supply of food, coal and raw materials, and to discuss the question of credit.

BRITISH CASH—BELGIAN CANAL.

The Brussels "Soir" announces that an agreement is about to be concluded with a British syndicate for the construction of a canal from Antwerp to the Rhine, entirely within Belgium. Both the labour and material to be employed will be Belgian.

PENNANT INQUIRY.

COMPLETE FINDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Select Committee of the House of Lords appointed to examine the circumstances connected with the dismissal from the W.R.A.F. of Miss Violet Douglas Pennant issued its report on Monday.

The Committee complains—and cites more than one illustration—of want of accuracy on the part of the Air Ministry in statements that had come before them. For example, it is maintained that Miss Pennant never had a formal appointment but was merely employed to act in the organisation of the W.R.A.F.

Having reviewed the evidence of alleged immorality at Hurst Park, the Committee states, "We find the accusation that Colonel Bersey desired that immorality should continue at Hurst Park is untrue and that all accusations of immorality and conniving at immorality are wholly unsupported by evidence."

With regard to the accusation concerning Colonel Janson and Miss Glubb the report states, "We find the accusation to be untrue. We find that it is not the fact that there was immoral connexion between Colonel Hanson and Miss Glubb."

"We find," says the Committee, "that there was no intrigue and no concerted action by the parties accused, or by any of them, to induce or compel Miss Pennant's removal or resignation by any improper means."

"We find that in acting as he did, Lord Weir was free from improper influence.

"We sincerely hope that this inquiry will not form a precedent for an inquiry being ever granted hereafter under similar circumstances.

"This report and every finding of it has the complete and unanimous assent of every member of the Committee."

HOHENZOLLERNS.

GERMAN MONARCHISTS ACTIVE.

The question was raised in the House of Commons on Monday of German monarchist activities and a possible restoration of the Hohenzollern dynasty. Mr. Bonar Law said in reply that the present German Constitution provides that the German State shall be a Republic and a restoration of the Hohenzollerns is therefore excluded. If, however, after Peace has been ratified, the German people should revise their Constitution, the attitude of His Majesty's Government will have to be considered, in consultation with their Allies.

Replying to Sir Donald MacLean, Mr. Bonar Law further said that communications are taking place between the Allied and Associated Governments and the German Government with a view to the immediate ratification of Peace and he had little reason to doubt that these communications will have a satisfactory issue.

THE CATTLE SHOW.

REVIVED AFTER THREE YEARS.

Held in abeyance since 1916 in consequence of the war, the Smithfield Club Cattle Show was revived on Monday at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, and will continue open until Friday. In the livestock section there are 115 head of cattle, seventy pens of sheep and 83 pens of pigs, while in the carcase section there are sixteen cattle, sixty-four sheep and thirty-one pigs.

WOOING SOUTH RUSSIA.

A German commercial mission has been secretly despatched to South Russia, says Reuter, for the purpose of entering into economic relations. It is also stated that representatives of an American financial organisation, headed by Rockefeller are now at Rostoff. Besides wishing to establish commercial relations, this American group has decided to open a huge credit for the South Russian Government.

MINERS PROTEST AGAINST NATIONALISATION.

A crowded meeting of colliers, members of the South Wales Miners Federation, was held at Deri on Sunday. A resolution was passed protesting against the Nationalisation of Mines and warning the Federation officers that their propaganda was a danger to the Federation.

WOLVES DEVOUR HINDUS.

A pack of man-eating wolves is terrorising the inhabitants of Behar, a small village in the Bombay province. Seven persons were carried off and devoured in the course of last week.

FEVER EPIDEMIC.

SCARLET FEVER RAGING IN LONDON.

There has been a big increase in the number of fever cases in London during the last few days. At the end of last week the number of patients in the fever hospitals under the administration of the Metropolitan Asylums Board was 4,860, which is more than double the figure (2,376) for the corresponding date last year.

The increase is largely due to scarlet fever cases, though the number of people suffering from diphtheria is higher than usual. The cases appear to be distributed fairly evenly throughout the Metropolitan area, and apparently no district is suffering with special acuteness.

WAR INVENTION.

ELECTRIC CONTROLS ON BATTLESHIPS.

The Royal Comission on Awards to Inventors considered yesterday the claim of Mr. Harry Hewlett Green, in respect of electrically controlled switches, by which it was claimed that the efficiency of 220 warships had been greatly increased, and a considerable saving of money to the Admiralty had been effected.

One of the first ships to be fitted was the "Queen Elizabeth." As the result of reports from the Battle of Jutland, orders were given for the system to be fitted to all battleships. This invention, it was admitted, removed very serious dangers which it had been impossible fully to appreciate until actual warfare broke out, because no one had known exactly what the results of blows from great projectiles, would be.

Counsel for the Crown said there was no dispute as to the utility of the invention, the only question being the amount of the award. The Commission reserved its decision.

PLEASANT MEXICANS.

WHY THE EVIDENCE WAS CREDIBLE.

At a discussion by the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate on the strained relations with Mexico, Mr. Fletcher, the United States Ambassador, gave a graphic account of the methods used by the Mexicans to secure evidence regarding the case of Mr. Jenkins, whose detention in Mexico was the subject of the last American Note.

Mr. Fletcher said that the Mexicans collected ten peons in a certain neighbourhood and questioned them thus: "Jenkins was there at a certain time, wasn't he?" On the question meeting with unanimous denial, one peon was taken out and shot. This procedure was repeated twice more upon which the remaining seven agreed that Jenkins was there at the time indicated.

LONDON POLICE.

STRIKERS' DISMISSAL TO STAND.

With reference to the case of the Metropolitan police constables who were dismissed the Force on account of the police strike the Home Secretary says he is aware of the hardships which some of the wives and families of dismissed constables have suffered. The men, however, showed themselves unfit for the responsible positions they formerly held and the decision of the Government not to reinstate them cannot be altered. The best thing the men can do is to make up their minds to find other employment, as a large proportion have already done.

FOOD RIOTS IN VIENNA.

A message from Vienna states that serious food riots are prevalent. Hundreds of shops are being looted and a number of convents have been entered and stripped of food. The police, gendarmerie and an Italian detachment operating machine guns restored order late on Sunday night. Similar outbreaks occurred elsewhere.

NEW RAILWAY COMMITTEE.

The names of the Railway Advisory Committee were announced on Monday. The men's representatives will be Mr. Cramp and Mr. Thomas, of the Railwaymen's Union, Mr. Bromley, of the Locomotive Drivers Union, and Mr. Walkden, of the Railway Clerks' Association.

BIG PRIZE MONEY FOR E 14.

By a decision of the Privy Council on Monday the crew of the British Submarine E 14 become entitled to a prize bounty exceeding thirty thousand sterling. Submarine E 14 four years ago sank a Turkish transport in the Sea of Marmora with six thousand and two hundred crew aboard.

POLISH JEWS' SABBATH.

According to the Jewish Bureau, the Polish Government has decided not to enforce for the present the legislation compelling Sunday rest by Jews.

"MISSING."

MANY UNKNOWN DEAD IDENTIFIED.

A statement issued by the War Office with reference to the work of the Mission sent to trace missing soldiers in Belgium and Northern France describes the minute investigations made. Numerous graves, known only to private individuals, were discovered and the identity of the occupants established in a large number of cases. The statement pays a warm tribute to the aid rendered by Belgian officials and notables, especially Cardinal Mercier, M. Borqueville, Minister of the Interior, and the Princess De Croy.

In the course of the Mission's investigations, sundry relics of the dead afforded evidence of many poignant incidents. A solitary grave on the road to Elouges was found marked, "Unknown British soldier. Died 24.8.1914." The man who buried him was interviewed, and showed the Mission a photograph of a woman which was found in the dead man's hand, clasped against his heart. At the bottom of the card, which contained a cheerful message from the original of the portrait, was "." hitherto unidentified man.

When the work of the Mission is completed, the public may rest assured that all that can be done to trace our missing will have been done.

GERMAN CANARD.

SCAPA FLEET PRISONERS AND ORDERS.

The British Admiralty states that there is no truth whatever in the suggestion that the Scapa Flow prisoners are being treated in any way differently from other prisoners of war.

With reference to German comments on what has been described as a "garbled version" of Admiral von Trotha's letter, it may be stated that the version published in the British Press was a complete translation of the letter in question. The letter has been photographed, and copies of the photograph are available to anyone who cares to have them.

TROOPS FROM INDIA.

CHRISTMAS REUNIONS.

The War Office states that since the 20th November three ships have left Karachi and Bombay carrying 291 officers and 3,150 other ranks to the United Kingdom from India and Mesopotamia. It is further expected that seven ships will arrive during the Christmas holidays with 7,400 British troops from India. The probable dates of arrival and probable ports of debarkation are as follows: Caledonia, 23rd Dec., Devonport; Stiegerwald, 25th Dec., Liverpool; City of Poona, 25th Dec., Liverpool; Macedonia, 25th Dec., Southampton; Bhamo, 26th Dec., Liverpool; Frankfort, 27th Dec., Devonport; Tagus, 29th Dec., Southampton.

NO WEAKENING.

O'GRADY'S INFLEXIBLE ORDERS.

Reuter is authorised to re-affirm that Mr. J. O'Grady M.P., has again received the most definite instructions to negotiate with Litvinoff solely with regard to the exchange of prisoners.

BRITISH VOLUNTEERS FOR DENIKIN.

"The Globe" states that a flood of letters has descended on the organisers of an unoffical force for Denikin since its formation a short time since.

"We are just waiting for a few details to be settled between ourselves and Denikin," said an officer in charge of recruiting, "and then we shall select the best men."

MINERS' LEADERS SURRENDER.

Mr. Lewis, President of the Miners' Union, and six other miners' leaders of the coal strike surrendered to the Sheriff at Indianapolis and were released on bail. The Federal Attorney has filed a statement alleging that mine owners as well as the miners have violated the injunction.

A FAMOUS CORRESPONDENT.

The death is announced of Sir Edwin Pears, the famous newspaper correspondent at Constantinople for forty years. He died at Malta on the 27th November, aged eighty-four. He was the first to report the Bulgarian atrocities.

CZAR'S UNDERCLOTHING.

A Warsaw Bolshevist sailor, arrested by the Warsaw police, was found to be wearing underclothing that had belonged to the late Tsar. He is suspected of being implicated in the murder.

The Argentine Government wishes to spend three million piastres on behalf of the suffering inhabitants of Vienna.

The Spanish War Minister has resigned and his office has been taken temporarily by the Premier.

SUMMARY COURT.

MUNICIPAL DEMONSTRATION INCIDENT.

On the occasion of a meeting of the Cologne Town deputies in the University, Römerpark, on 27th November, there was a demonstration outside the building by a crowd, many of whom were unemployed. Windows were broken, and not until the arrival of the British police was order restored.

Leopold Hirn, of 63, Blaubach, was charged with inciting persons to collect in a crowd to cause a disturbance, and further with refusing to move off when ordered. A German detective was the principal witness.

Hirn denied the charges and said he moved off when a British M.P. ordered him to do so. The German detective, he regarded, as "an unknown civilian." He was with his wife and four friends, and the wife moved so slowly that he had to push her. (laughter).

The Presiding Officer: She must like political meetings. Is she a suffragette?

Accused having been ten days in custody, he was discharged and warned that in future he must obey orders whether they come from the civil police or the military.

INSULTING A BRITISH OFFICER.

Charged with insolence towards a British officer, Herman Ziskoven, a merchant of 93, Theresienstrasse, was fined 250 marks or ten days.

The accused, who pleaded not guilty, was a passenger in the Bonn-Cologne tram, when an officer, to ease the stuffy compartment, opened the ventilator. A man named Höring (who has already been fined for his impertinence) thereupon insulted the officer, and Ziskoven took sides with Höring, exchanging cards with him at Ubier Ring.

Ziskoven admitted that he was excited, as his wife had a bad cold, and averred that he would not intentionally insult any Britisher. He had been silly and was sorry for it.

The Presiding Officer: You overlooked the fact that you were not talking to a countryman of your own. Our officers try to be as courteous as possible to civilians, but you lost your temper, and must pay for it.

ITALIAN SOCIALISTS.

DETAILS OF RIOTS LEAKING OUT.

Publication has now been permitted at Rome of details of serious disorders which occurred at Mantua on the 3rd and 4th December, whereby eight persons were killed and fifty wounded as a result of the protest strike.

A mob of strikers attacked the barracks and after beating four officers into unconsciousness, smashed all the windows of the barracks. The soldiers fired in the air but the mob fired on the soldiers, mortally wounding a sergeant.

Subsequently the mob invaded the railway station and destroyed the railway, telegraph and telephone lines and wrecked the restaurant. They then rushed the gaol, and after overpowering the guards, released the prisoners and set fire to the building.

Similar acts of violence were perpetuated elsewhere. The troops have been strongly reinforced, and have occupied the city.

SHOOTING OUTRAGE.

CALLOUSLY PLANNED AFFAIR.

Details of the shooting outrage in Ireland, by which Lord Incniquin and several other members of a shooting party, including Lady Beatrice O'Brien, were wounded, show that the two cars were held up by a barricade of stones across the road and a fusillade poured in.

It is believed that the assailants numbered twenty. They are still at large.

BIG THEFT OF FLANNEL.

Nearly seventy thousand yards of flannel, worth £14,000, the property of the American Government, are reported to the police as missing from a warehouse in London. The flannel was stored during the war and was intended to be used in the manufacture of army uniforms. It was recently discovered during preparations for the disposal of surplus stock that seventy-seven bales were missing. Inquiries are being instituted among clothing manufactures and as the flannel is all of the same make it should be easily identified.

KIPLING APPEALS.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling, on behalf of the Imperial War Graves' Commission, is appealing to battlefield tourists "to respect the spirit lying upon that land of desolation and walk through it with reverence". He calls to them to avoid unthinking carelessness, and to bear in mind at every step that they are in the presence of those dead, through whose sacrifices they enjoy their present life.

WOMAN COUNTERFEITER.

A woman of fifty, named Elizabeth Williams, was remanded at Tower Bridge Police Court, charged with coining. A raid by Scotland Yard officers revealed coining implements, including plaster moulds, counterfeit halfcrowns, white metal and copper.

BEMERSYDE FUND.

CONTRIBUTIONS BEGIN TO POUR IN.

Although the Bemersyde fund was only opened on Saturday, donations are already coming in. Among the early contributions, was a cheque for £500 from a resident of Abbey Wood on the one hand, and a postal order for one shilling from an ex-service man on the other.

The ex-service man appeals to all his comrades to show their appreciation of Field Marshal Earl Haig by sending their mites. "His lack of Brass hat egotism, his grim tenacity, his confidence in the ordinary Tommy, his great sympathy for the disabled as well as his keen interest in demobilized men's welfare, all appeal with great force," writes an ex-service man. "Here is a fine chance," he adds, "for us ex-service men to do our bit."

TAR AND FEATHERS.

EX-M.P.'S SCANDALOUS TREATMENT.

An extraordinary outrage is reported from Melbourne. A party of motorists visited the homestead near Ararat of Mr. McDougall, an ex-member of the Commonwealth Parliament on Saturday evening, and reporting that one of their cars was bogged, asked Mr. McDougall to render assistance. He accompanied them for some distance, when the motorists suddenly seized Mr. McDougall, gagged him, and threw him into a motor car. After driving for several more miles along an unfrequented road they tarred and feathered him and hurled him into a creek.

As affording a clue to the reason for this savage assault, it is alleged that some twenty years ago Mr. McDougall wrote some verses which were published by a Labour newspaper. One verse, referring to dead Australian soldiers, read: "Stiff limbed, with putrid faces turned livid to the sky."

Mr. Hughes recently scathingly denounced the Labour paper for reprinting the verses during the recent war.

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS.

SUPPLY FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

The pioneer shipment of South African turkeys has reached the East India dock, London, in the Grantully Castle. There are 657 cases, averaging ten birds to the case, and 157 cases of other poultry. Supplies of English turkeys are fair and the birds are in good condition considering the shortage and high price of feeding stuffs.

BRITISH TRADE.

NEW CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

It is officially announced that Lord Curzon is about to appoint a representative Committee to enquire into the best means of promoting British Chambers of Commerce in all towns and cities of the world with a view to increase Great Britain's foreign trade.

HAMPSTEAD HEATH PESTS.

As a sequel to the frequent robberies with violence of women on Hampstead Heath, John Lee, a greengrocer, was charged at Hendon with assault and robbery.

It was alleged that the accused lay in wait and seized a woman from behind, forced her fur into her mouth, snatched her handbag and decamped. He was remanded for further inquiries.

YOUNG TURK MOVEMENT.

A message from Salonika dated the 4th December says that Ali Kemal Bey, a former Turkish Minister, asserts that the Germanophile Young Turk Committee, whose activity has been interrupted for a short time since the armistice, will shortly find its former power again.

AMERICAN ANANIAS.

The United States Naval Secretary has approved the sentence of dismissal passed by a Naval Court-martial on Captain Edmund George Chamberlain in connection with his sensational claims to having defeated a vastly superior force of German aircraft on the Western front.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Business was generally quiet but British investments hardened on the encouraging November trade returns, together with Sinking Fund purchases. International securities remained under the influence of adverse rates of exchange. Japanese were exceptionally strong and Industrials received provincial support. Oils were irregular and quieter. It is officially announced that after the 23rd December dealings will be allowed on the Stock Exchange in the issue of eight million French 5 per cent Premium Bonds of 500 francs each, which are free from French income tax. For bar gold Spain paid the record price of 107 shillings and six pence per ounce. Silver advanced to 75¼ pence on trade demand and speculative buying.

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THE POTSDAM WAR CONSPIRACY.

On November 29th there appeared in the "Times" a lengthy excerpt from the German official documents which Kautsky, the well known Socialist deputy and writer, has been collating from the archives of the German Foreign Office. In another column we give some extracts from these papers which constitute a damning indictment of the German and Austrian Governments and rulers.

Whilst these documents do not afford any fresh information on the origins of the war, the main facts of which are well known, they undoubtedly confirm the general conclusions which have long been arrived at as to the guilt of the instigators.

We must of course bear in mind the tendencious nature of these compilations. The present German Government is at pains to prove the innocence of the German people for the war. Hence documents which incriminate the Kaiser as well as the late German and Austrian Governments are given prominence, and nothing is said as to the equal guilty participation of the great mass of the German public, which hailed with rapture every atrocity from the unrestricted U-Boat warfare to the devastation of N. France and Belgium. Nevertheless these documents are of undoubted interest.

The chief new fact they establish is the primary responsibility of the Kaiser for the outbreak of the war. The "Crown Council" held at Potsdam on July 5th, 1914, in fact, if not in name, virtually decided upon war on that date. It was then that the Kaiser gave his unqualified support to the Austrian schemes of Balkan aggrandizement. This was followed up on July 6th by Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Chancellor, who emphatically endorsed the proposals put forward by Count Berchtold, the Austrian Foreign Minister. Whilst stating that Austria was the best judge of her own interests, Bethmann Hollweg declared that Germany would stand by her whatever decision she might take.

Nor was his Imperial master backward in advocating a policy of "Thorough." "Serbia must be trampled upon and that soon". "Now or never," was his marginal comment upon the German ambassador's dispatch from Vienna stating that opinion there held that a day of reckoning must come some day with the Serbs.

On July 7th, a joint council of ministers held at Vienna, fortified by these assurances from Berlin, decided to launch their ultimatum upon Serbia. Count Berchtold stated that soundings in Berlin had yielded very satisfactory assurances. Both the Kaiser and the Chancellor had, "with every emphasis, pledged Germany to render unconditional support to the Monarchy in the event of warlike complications with Serbia."

In view of these statements it is impossible to maintain, as some German publicists have endeavoured to do, that Germany exerted no influence upon Austrian policy.

Further, in adjudicating the proportion of blame, it is impossible to acquit the German people any more than their rulers. True, the latter hatched the plot and launched the war, well knowing the awful consequences involved. But a people gets the Government it deserves and hence it is useless for the German people to seek to evade their share of responsibility for the catastrophe which they brought upon the world. The German people willed the war, applauded its excesses, and only when militarism began to fail them did they turn upon their idol. It is to be hoped that Kautsky's work, which will shortly be published, will be read widely and still further enlighten those who are beginning to realise the extent to which they were duped.

"CLARENCE."

A QUESTION OF ESTABLISHMENT.

It happened this way. Our mess had rats. I don't wish this to be taken as a hint that our members are anything but strictly sober N.C.O.s. No, the rats were things of flesh and fur, and about a division of them had billetted themselves on us and expected to be provided with rations and accommodation for "nix".

George told us the heartrending tale. (George is our cook and general caterer.) He wound up a long indictment against the rats by stating "that we ought to do something for them." I strongly protested against doing any more for them and George explained that he meant to get some traps. So I bought the traps, six of them, a good out size fitted with beautiful springs strong enough to crush a tortoise. I know because I tried one on my finger.)

George and I baited the traps with tasty cheese and waited gloatingly for the massacre. As a matter of fact we had little to gloat over. Our rats enjoyed a beautiful supper, ate the cheese with coffee, and after sharpening their teeth on the traps took their well-nourished bodies to bed.

Then George said, "we must get a cat." He said it just as if legions of cats were disporting themselves outside, but personally I had only seen one cat in one village in six months and that animal didn't look strong enough to catch a cold, let alone a rat.

George, however, persisted that he knew of a wonderful cat, a sort of man-eating cat which he could "procure"; but owing to the ferocious nature of this grimalkin he would require a little lucre to hire two bravados to assist in the cat-napping.

So we parted with twenty marks and sure enough the next morning were introduced to the phenonomen. It was quite a large cat. I should say the Great Grand Daddy of all cats, but quite an amiable animal and apparently not a bit disturbed at its abduction. It finished a tin of sardines and a basin of milk, and sat looking into the fire communing with itself.

We decided to call it Clarence. Then we talked to that cat like a father. We gave it to understand that in return for a good home, we expected it to do its duty in the matter of rats like a cat, and Clarence, by a withering look told us that he had caught more rats than we had seen in our most uproarious "spree."

George was in high feather in the morning. He showed us, at the breakfast table, two unmistakable rat's tails. It appeared Clarence was making good. We were delighted, but told George we would be satisfied with just the total casualties in the morning without any trophies being displayed.

After this we had daily recitations of the prowess of Clarence, and it seemed astonishing that the rats did not evacuate the position in face of this terror. Possibly they enjoyed the nightly "stunt." Anyhow, like the poor relations, they remained with us.

At the end of the month George presented us with a bill for 50 marks. It appeared Clarence needed nourishing food to sustain him in his efforts and our poor rations were insufficient to keep him in rat-fighting condition. We considered that as Clarence had also added to his diet, apple tart and jellies, the extra levy was an extortion, but we paid.

Then Clarence took to drink. Not a lot, just a Bass here and there, and what with the other luxuries the inroad into our purses was considerable. So we consulted the Quarter-Bloke as to whether it was not possible to recover the cost of Clarence's upkeep from the Pay Office.

The Quarter-Bloke thought perhaps he could wangle it, as the introduction of the Pay and Mess Book would help considerably and he might pass Clarence through as a meat safe. Perhaps the rest of the story may be better told by a summary of the subsequent correspondence between the Quarter-Bloke and the Pay Office.

From the Regimental Paymaster.
To "Z" Coy. Fife Rifles.

In your P. and M. Book for Sept., I notice an item "To cost of extra rations for Clarence, 18/6." Kindly explain who is Clarence. He does not appear as having drawn any pay.

To:—Regimental Paymaster.

Ref. yours. Clarence is a cat and is Regimental Rateatcher to the Serjeant's

(*Continued in next column.*).

KAUTSKY'S REVELATIONS ON THE WAR CONSPIRACY.

THE KAISER'S COMPLICITY.

The Kautsky documents are of such outstanding importance, revealing as they do the complicity of the German and Austrian Governments in weaving the war plot, that we propose to reproduce the most important features of the "Times" summary. Fresh light, moreover, is thrown upon the attitude of the Kaiser who appears in his true character as War Lord, backing Austria's schemes of Balkan aggression. The various stages of the negotiations during the critical days of June to July, 1914, are given in chronological order with the Kaiser's marginal comments.

German and Austrian Statesmen and Ministers.

Herr von Bethmann Hollweg,—Imperial Chancellor.
Herr von Jagow,—Secretary of State.
Prince Lichnowsky,—German Ambassador in London.
Herr von Tschirschky,—German Ambassador in Vienna.
Count Hoyos,—Special Envoy to Berlin from the Emperor Francis Joseph.
Baron Giesl,—Austro-Hungarian Minister at Belgrade.

June 28th. The Archduke Francis Ferdinand murdered at Serajevo.

Herr von Tschirschky writes that he is warning Vienna against hasty steps.

Kaiser's Comments. Kaiser—"Who has authorised him to do this? It is very stupid! It is no business of his: it is purely Austria's affair to consider what she ought to do in consequence. Tschirschky will please stop this nonsense. A clearance must be made of the Serbs, and that soon."

July 5th. Count Hoyos arrived at the New Palace, Potsdam, with special dispatches from the Austrian Emperor. The Kaiser authorises the Austrian Ambassador to inform Francis Joseph that Vienna might reckon upon the fullest German support, adding,—"Any action against Serbia ought to be taken without delay. Russia would certainly be hostile, but he had years ago expected this possibility, and if it should come to war between Austria and Russia, Germany would loyally take her stand beside the monarchy."

July 22nd. Prince Lichnowsky sketches Sir Edward Grey's probable attitude towards the Austrian demands. Jagow transmitted this dispatch to the Kaiser, adding that the German Ambassador had been instructed to declare that we did not know the Austrian demands, but that we regarded them as an internal Austro-Hungarian question, upon which we were not competent to exert influence. Upon this the Kaiser commented.—"Quite right! But Grey must be told this very seriously and plainly, so that he may see that I won't stand any nonsense. Grey makes the mistake of putting Serbia on the same level as Austria and other Great Powers! This is unheard of! Serbia is a pack of brigands, who must be brought to book for their crimes. I shall not interfere in anything which the Emperor (Francis Joseph) alone is competent to decide. I expected this dispatch, and it does not surprise me! A typical example of British mentality and of the lordly British way of ordering people about, and I want to have it repudiated."

July 25th. The Kaiser, upon learning from his Minister at Belgrade that Serbia was about to mobilize, ordered his fleet (which had been cruising in Norwegian waters) to prepare to return home. This dispatch described events in Belgrade since the presentation of the Austrian ultimatum. The Kaiser embellished it with such exuberant comments as: "Bravo! We no longer thought—the Viennese capable of this! . . . . His Majesty (King Peter) seems to have funked it! . . . . . The proud Slavs! . . . . . How hollow the whole of the so-called Serbian great Power turns out to be! All Slav States are like that. Just tread this rabble firmly on the feet!"

A dispatch from von Tschirschky reporting that Count Berchtold was trying to hoodwink Russia by being polite, was characterised by the Kaiser as feeble.

Count Berchtold's assurances that Austria did not desire any Serbian territory for herself or any modification of the balance in the Balkans, provoked the Kaiser to the marginal exclamation:

"Donkey! Austria must retake the Sandjak, or else the Serbians will come down to the Adriatic . . . . Austria must become preponderant in the Balkans over the smaller States at the expense of Russia, otherwise there will be no peace." (The Sandjak was a strip or corridor of territory sandwiched between Serbia and Montenegro, cutting off Serbia from access to the sea.)

The Kaiser ridiculed as childish von Tschirschky's statement that the War Minister and the Chief of the General Staff were leaving Vienna the next day for a short time, in order to disarm any suspicion. The Kaiser added that he agreed with Frederick the Great, who "was against war councils and conferences because the more timid party always gets the upper hand."

(*To be continued.*)

Mess. So far he has made no appearance at the pay table. The extra rations are necessary in order to keep him in a fit condition so that he can repel attacks of hordes of rats nightly.

To:—"Z" Coy., Fife Rifles.

Yours to hand. Are the rats on the strength of the regiment for any experimental purposes?

To:—Regimental Paymaster.

In reply to your memo, the rats in question are not on the establishment. They are purely invaders and interlopers and refuse to quit the premises. Hence Clarence. I suggest that it is merely a question of feeding Clarence or thousands of rats, and of the two, the former way is surely the cheapest.

To:—"Z" Coy., Fife Rifles.

This amount cannot be allowed. As the rats are not on the establishment of the unit, they must be regarded as pets and must be rationed by the mess. I cannot regard their upkeep as a charge to be borne by the public.

We still have Clarence and he continues to keep our foes at bay on a diet of fresh meat, fruit, tinned fish and custard. But what really worries us is,—will he now demand to be attached for pay as well as rations?

E.M. FISHER.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

DO NOT LOAF.

Sir,—"Freedom" has indeed judged me hard if he imagines that the evening classes I suggest are to be compulsory. As a regular soldier I fully appreciate the fact that men can be led, but not driven.

Why does he think that natural history classes by themselves should ever be thought of as a counter-attraction? It is the combination of classes, amusements, dancing etc. which will be successful so that every man may spend his evening as he chooses.

As for "Freedom's" idea of young soldiers "mixing with the throng" at night, I cannot agree that this is good training for a man whose character is not yet formed.

What I mean by "loafing" is standing about at street corners, but whatever interpretation the word is given, the evil of it remains.

H.C.W.

CRAFTS NOT ARTS.

Sir,—I consider "Craftsman" is in the right. It may be that the Army College does pay as much attention to the more useful crafts as is done with painting and decoration and designing, but I must agree that the man who can make a good table or a pair of boots, or do a decent job at the forge or bench is the more useful member of society.

Take the Colonies. Do they ask for settlers who can design a fancy decoration or paint a sunset on the Rhine? No, they demand men who can use their hands in carpentry, in ironwork or agriculture. These are the subjects I would suggest should be given the preference.

In recent years in England we have neglected honest manual labour and thought it infra dig.

We have produced thousands of clerks and counter jumpers but good craftsmen and tradesman are scarce. So I say, — fewer pictures and books and more practical skilled work.

WOOD WORKER.

THEN AND NOW.

Sir,—I cannot say I agree with Old Brigade and your various correspondents who are so hard on our "young soldiers". Why bother the "young soldier" with education or exercise? Whilst the first would, if he were taught a trade, make him into a useful member of society, and the second would develop him into a man, they would both, I feel sure, bore him horribly.

My mind goes back nearly five years to Egypt where I saw Territorials and Colonials training. Sports officers, amusements officers, education officers, and such badly-needed people were absent. Work began at 7 a.m. and continued until 4 p.m. if one was lucky. Sometimes it lasted until 7 p.m. or considerably later. The men were not billetted in barracks or houses, but in the desert with the sand to sleep on. Canteens were few and far between, and were not open until 12 midday and then only for an hour; and at that time everyone except workers and a few "leadswingers" were miles away route marching, or manoeuvring.

Leave was granted to a proportion on Saturday afternoon or Sunday. I have seen men no older than some of those under discussion ordered to march six miles with empty water bottles in the hot sun. These men, though, were not soldiers, they were the combatants who took the heights of Gaba Tepe and the low, open machine-bullet swept beaches of Cape Helles, and who afterwards took Pozieres, Villers Bretonneux and Mont St. Quentin.

ANGLO-EGYPTIAN.

A BAD HABIT.

Sir,—The habit of using strong language has decidedly grown on most of us since the war. I know that I seldom used any expression worse than "damn" before I joined up. Now other words much stronger than that fall from my lips frequently, and I think nothing of it.

If one really felt that there was a meaning in the curses one utters, I don't suppose one would continue — of course most of them are meaningless. There are one or two horrible words which could easily be cut right out and should be by all.

But otherwise, much of the so-called "bad" language one hears, is due to a paucity of vocabulary. For want of a better knowledge of words, we throw in an expletive.

I don't suppose we are any worse than other nations. French, Germans and Italians, I know, use a great many swear words as bad or worse than ours.

H.J.J.

THE CARE OF HORSES.

Sir,—It is good news to hear that a Society for prevention of cruelty to animals exists in Rhineland, but it would be better news to know that they did effective work in stopping the hideous overloading of obviously unfit animals one so often sees.

I know officials can't be everywhere and the same thing happens even in London, for I see this cruelty is being commented on in the English press just now, but here in Germany we certainly see more of it and public opinion does not seem as sensitive on the point as in England.

GEEGEE.

SAFER TRAMCARS.

Sir,—So "Bolivar" tells us that one uses the term "England" and "English" when referring to "Britain" and "British" because they are all ruled by England.

Well, perhaps one does if he knows no better, but I always understood that His Majesty was King of Great Britain and Ireland and not of England.

That our language is English, no one will for a moment deny, but I am not going to say that it is spoken correctly either in Scotland or England. Perhaps it is news to "Bolivar" to know that Scotland and England were united only on condition that England would forfeit the name of her Sovereign, also her name as a kingdom. That the German tramcars are better than the British I do not doubt, but I do not think "Blighty" cars are top heavy. If that was so it would be impossible to keep them on the rails. Does this satisfy "Bolivar"?

SCHOTTLANDER.

FRENZIED FINANCE.

Amazing Paris Offer for Dempsey-Carpentier Fight.

RECORD SUM.

Promoters in America, England and France are keenly competing for the honour of staging the world's championship fight between Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier, and the medley of conflicting reports at present appearing, makes it extremely difficult to arrive at a true comprehension of the present state of affairs.

Mr. C. B. Cochran, who is naturally keen on having the management of the match in England, came forward long before the Carpentier-Beckett fight and offered a purse of £35,000 for a contest in London—60% for the winner and 40% for the loser—and announced his decision to go to America in the endeavour to settle matters with Dempsey's manager.

Dempsey's Undertaking.

In a letter to the English promoter, Dempsey is reported to have given an undertaking to make no contract until his arrival in America. Subsequent to the victory of Carpentier, Mr. Cochran took the precaution to obtain his signature to an agreement to fight in London and nowhere else on the terms already stated.

A recent report from America, however, states that Dempsey has intimated that, while preferring to fight in America, he is willing to fight anywhere and will accept the best offer.

That being so, in view of the other remarkable offers, which have been made, Mr. Cochran, who has stipulated that he will not give a penny more, appears to have little hope of realising his ambition.

A Colossal Sum.

The most astounding proposal comes from M. Decoin, the manager of the Paris "Wonderland." A group of Paris sports men have placed no less a sum than 4,000,000 francs at his disposal for the procuring of the match for France, and he has telegraphed Dempsey offering him a purse of 2,000,000 francs.

Even at the present rate of exchange the total amounts to £100,000, and no even in America has such a colossal bid been made for a single fight.

The Best Offer.

"C.B.'s" £35,000 is dwarfed into insignificance, and in view of the American's statement that he will accept the best offer, his journey to America looks like being a fruitless one.

Dempsey could hardly be expected to take £21,000 (if he wins) as his share of the spoils, when for the asking he can have £50,000 win or lose.

With Carpentier having entered into a contract with Mr. Cochran and with Dempsey sticking out for the largest possible purse it looks as though the match will not be arranged without the greatest difficulty.

Decoin's Declaration.

M. Decoin has made the following statement to the "Liberte":

In the first place, Carpentier will not go to America.

Second, Mr. Cochran is not leaving for America to-morrow, as he only intended to organise a match with Dempsey in London in the case of the victory of Beckett.

Third, Carpentier has not signed an agreement with anyone. He will only sign one with me. I have his word for that.

Fourth, it is correct that a group of sportsmen have placed the sum of 4,000,000 francs at my disposal.

Fifth, I telegraphed Dempsey yesterday offering him a purse of 2,000,000 francs.

At present nothing is decided, but an agreement will doubtless soon be arrived at with my group.

In the Dark.

M. Decoin was evidently not in the know when he made some of the above statements.

For instance, he must have been unaware of Carpentier's contract with Mr. Cochran, while the statement that the latter only intended to organise the fight in the event of Beckett winning is also wrong. It was always known that an endeavour would be made to secure the match irrespective of who won.

So that the whole question is extremely perplexing and vague at present but light should be thrown on the matter after Mr. Cochran has seen Dempsey.

CARPENTIER'S RETURN.

A THOUSAND POUNDS A WEEK PARIS ENGAGEMENT.

Despite the earliness of the hour, Carpentier had a good send off when he left for Paris at eight on Monday morning. In a parting statement, the champion said, "The sporting, cordial and affectionate nature of the British people surpasses anything I have seen."

He returns to London on Boxing Day, appearing in the meantime at Paris Alhambra. For the French engagement he is said to receive a thousand sterling weekly.

Carpentier expressed a personal desire that London should be the scene of his match with Dempsey.

A Paris telegram states that Carpentier on his return from London was accorded a most cordial and enthusiastic welcome by a crowd numbering well over ten thousand. Eager sightseers invaded every point of vantage and the police were practically helpless to control the ever-increasing throng.

FRENCH FEELING.

A Reuter message states that there is a strong feeling in French sporting circles that the fight between Carpentier and Dempsey for the world's championship should take place in Paris and not London.

Gaston Vidal and Henry Pate, members of the French Chamber of Deputies and leaders in the French world of sport, declare that the fight between French and American champions must be held either in America or France. They say it would be a sad reflection on the sporting spirit of both countries should this great event be left to take place in England.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY.

Scotland to play France on New Year's Day.

FRANCE IMPROVED.

A Paris message states that for the first time since 1913 Scotland will play France at Rugby on New Year's Day at the Parc de Princes, Paris. On the last occasion there were some unfortunate incidents on the field as a result of which the Scottish Rugby Union refused to continue fixtures. This little trouble has now been forgotten and the two teams are to cross swords once more.

It is devoutly hoped in France that the Scottish Rugby Union will see to it that its best team is sent over and also that the fifteen will get every chance to present themselves on the field in their best form. The time has passed when a scratch team can beat France.

French teams of pre-war times generally shot their bolt in the first half, but to-day they cannot be counted beaten till the whistle is blown.

ARMY FENCING.

Royal Marines Easily Defeated in London.

At Bertrand's Fencing Academy the Army defeated the Royal Marines by 23 points to 13.

The competition consisted of foil, sabre, epee, and bayonet fighting, and the Army won all except the bayonets, in which the Marines proved victorious by eight points to one. The results were:—

Foils.—Army, 8 points; Royal Marines, 1.
Sabres.—Army, 7 points; Royal Marines, 2.
Epees.—Army, 7 points; Royal Marines, 2.
Bayonets.—Army, 1 point; Royal Marines, 8.

The individual successes were:

Foil v. Foil.

Army.—Capt. Smith, 3 wins; Capt. Wand Tetley, 2 wins 1 defeat; Cpl.-Maj. Davies, 3 wins.

Royal Marines.—Lieut. Pinkerton, 3 defeats; Sgt. Porter, 3 defeats; Sgt. Hawes, 1 win 2 defeats.

Sabre v. Sabre.

Army.—Capt. Smith, 3 wins; Major Huntington, 2 wins 1 defeat; Cpl.-Major Unarnall, 2 wins 1 defeat.

Marines.—Major Gamier, 3 defeats; Col.-Sgt. Watts, 3 defeats; Sgt. Potter, 2 wins 1 defeat.

Epee v. Epee.

Army.—Major Huntington, 2 wins 1 defeat; Capt. Smith, 2 wins 1 defeat; Sgt.-Major Eggleton, 3 wins.

Marines.—Sgt.-Major Hawes, 3 defeats; Sgt. Potter, 2 wins 1 defeat; Lieut. Pinkerton, 3 defeats.

Bayonets v. Bayonets.

Army.—Sgt. Reed, 1 win 2 defeats; Sgt.-Major James, 3 defeats; Sgt.-Major Making, 3 defeats.

Marines.—Sgt. Richardson, 2 wins 1 defeat; Sgt. Jones, 3 wins; Gnr. Penfold, 3 wins.

AMATEUR GOLF.

Important Championship Recommendations.

At a meeting of delegates from twenty-five golf clubs, held at Edinburgh on Monday, it was agreed that the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews should be the supreme ruling authority for the management of the Amateur Championship.

A motion regarding conditions of play was proceeded with, but the meeting agreed to recommend that the Royal and Ancient Club should form a committee of representative golfers with executive powers, that the United Kingdom should have a certain number of players allocated to it, and that only so many players should be eligible to play for the Amateur Championship as qualified under such a scheme.

It was further agreed to recommend that the championship proper be played by holes and that the Royal and Ancient Club hold a meeting to consider details.

LADIES GOLF.

Interesting Competition on Cologne Links.

The ladies golf competition at Cologne resulted as follows:

1st Mrs. Poyser 109, handicap 20=89.
2nd Miss Wheatley 113—20=93.
3rd Mrs. Godley 103 8=95.

The best nine-hole score was that of Mrs. McAlister, 47—4=43. Other scores were:—

Mrs. McAlister, 104—8=96.
Mrs. Tucker, 119—20=99.
Mrs. Acheson, 110—10=100.
Mrs. Pleydell-Nott, 117—12=105.
Miss Hanbury-Williams, 117—12=105.
Miss Bell, 118—12=106.
Mrs. Ferguson, 127—20=107.
Mrs. Venn, 146—20=126.
Mrs. Owen, 140—20=120.

HERMANN AND LEDOUX.

To Meet in Paris Early Next Year.

The great boxing boom is resulting in a succession of highly important matches. The latest to be arranged is between the American bantam-weight champion, Pete Hermann, and Charles Ledoux, the French champion, to take place early next year.

The fight should be one of the best at the weight ever staged. Pete Hermann has a particularly fine record in America, while his achievement in defeating Jimmy Wilde in London was sufficient to prove that he is a first-rater.

The record of the fiery Ledoux is equally convincing, his most recent performance being the defeat of the Welsh veteran, Jim Driscoll.

ANSWERED.

In reply to a correspondent, who inquired the scores of the two battles between Sunderland and Aston Villa when the Wearsiders lost at the Palace and drew at Birmingham a few days later, the score at Sydenham was 1—0 in favour of the "Villans" and in the drawn game at Villa Park each side scored once.

LEAGUE CHANGES.

West Bromwich Regain League I Leadership.

OTHER LEADERS FIRM.

The return of the "Throstles" to the top of the table was brought about by the fall of Burnley at Oldham. They are playing splendid football and are deserving of their leadership. The "Magpies" are still third, but only top Sunderland on goal average, and the Wearsiders have a game in hand; Aston and Notts County climb two places and Blackburn one, while Preston drop from sixth to third place.

Second League.

There is no change in the first three positions but Hull displace Stoke on the fourth rung. In the last nine only one alteration took place and that was Clapton who changed places with Leicester City.

Southern League.

Portsmouth are making their hold of the leadership secure, and there is no change in the leading six. The last two are unchanged, but Brighton drop back one rung.

Scottish League.

Rangers still lead, but Celtic can get level yet. The Rangers have the best record in the four leagues and deserve the premier position. No changes were recorded among the first five clubs and the bottom couple retained these fatal places. Dumbarton went up four pegs by their win over Albion Rovers.

Appended are the tables:—

The League.—Division I.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Agst.	Pts.
West Bromwich Albion	17	12	0	5	48	25	24
Burnley	18	10	3	5	28	25	23
Newcastle United	18	9	4	5	24	16	22
Sunderland	17	10	2	5	32	22	22
Chelsea	17	8	3	6	25	18	19
Middlesbrough	18	7	5	6	24	28	19
Manchester United	16	6	6	4	27	19	18
Manchester City	17	7	4	6	42	36	18
Bolton Wanderers	18	7	4	7	32	29	18
The Arsenal	17	5	8	4	27	26	18
Sheffield United	18	7	4	7	31	31	18
Everton	17	7	3	7	37	33	17
Bradford	17	7	2	8	28	26	16
Bradford City	17	6	4	7	29	30	16
Derby County	18	5	6	7	20	26	16
Aston Villa	17	7	1	9	29	34	15
Notts County	17	5	5	7	26	37	15
Liverpool	17	6	2	9	22	26	14
Blackburn Rovers	17	5	4	8	22	34	14
Preston North End	17	6	2	9	25	40	14
Oldham Athletic	16	5	2	9	22	25	12
Sheffield Wednesday	17	3	4	10	13	27	10

The League.—Division II.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Agst.	Pts.
Tottenham Hotspur	17	14	2	1	51	13	30
Birmingham	17	11	3	3	35	15	25
Blackpool	18	11	3	4	38	15	25
Hull City	18	11	2	5	40	26	24
Stoke	17	11	1	5	29	19	23
Huddersfield Town	17	9	3	5	32	15	21
Bristol City	17	8	5	4	22	15	21
Fulham	18	8	4	6	26	21	20
West Ham United	17	8	4	5	17	19	20
Stockport County	17	7	5	5	26	18	19
Barnsley	17	8	2	7	37	21	18
Bury	17	8	2	7	21	21	18
Port Vale	17	7	3	7	25	21	17
South Shields	17	7	3	7	16	19	17
Notts Forest	18	4	6	8	18	29	14
Rotherham County	18	5	3	10	18	35	13
Wolverhampton Wand.	17	4	4	9	23	28	12
Leicester City	17	3	5	9	13	33	11
Clapton Orient	18	5	1	12	19	31	11
Grimsby Town	17	4	1	12	12	34	9
Lincoln City	17	2	4	11	13	47	8
Coventry City	17	0	4	13	4	37	4

Southern League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals For	Agst.	Pts.
Portsmouth	19	12	4	3	37	12	28
Watford	18	11	3	4	28	14	25
Reading	19	8	9	2	25	15	25
Queen's Park Rangers	18	10	4	4	31	18	24
Crystal Palace	17	7	7	3	29	17	21
Cardiff City	17	7	7	3	30	19	21
Brentford	18	7	6	5	21	19	20
Norwich City	16	8	3	5	33	23	19
Plymouth Argyle	18	6	6	6	22	14	18
Exeter City	17	6	6	5	20	18	18
Swansea Town	19	6	6	7	21	20	18
Swindon	18	7	4	7	29	28	18
Millwall	18	7	4	7	26	27	18
Southend United	17	5	7	5	22	25	17
Bristol Rovers	17	5	5	7	26	32	15
Southampton	19	6	3	10	26	35	15
Mertyr Town	19	4	7	8	20	29	15
Luton	17	5	4	8	21	31	14
Brighton & Hove	19	4	5	10	18	27	13
Northampton	18	3	6	9	30	45	12
Newport County	18	4	3	11	15	34	11
Gillingham	18	3	3	12	9	37	9

Scottish League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Agst.	Pts.
Glasgow Rangers	19	16	2	1	59	9	34
Celtic	17	13	3	1	40	15	29
Motherwell	19	9	6	4	32	28	24
Dundee	19	10	3	6	35	22	23
Ayr United	20	9	4	7	44	32	22
Heart of Midlothian	19	10	2	7	28	24	22
Airdrieonians	19	7	6	6	24	18	20
Hibernians	19	9	2	8	34	38	20
Greenock Morton	18	8	3	7	28	15	19
Queen's Park	20	7	5	8	31	33	19
Aberdeen	19	7	5	7	23	24	19
Dumbarton	19	5	8	6	25	32	18
St. Mirren	20	6	5	9	29	38	17
Kilmarnock	20	7	3	10	24	43	17
Clydebank	17	7	2	8	32	29	16
Partick Thistle	17	6	4	7	24	28	16
Third Lanark	18	5	6	7	22	31	16
Falkirk	21	5	5	11	21	39	15
Raith Rovers	21	5	4	12	39	51	14
Clyde	20	4	5	11	25	38	13
Albion Rovers	18	5	3	10	18	33	13
Hamilton Academicals	19	5	2	12	28	46	12

ENGLISH CUP.

Draw for Final Qualifying Round.

The draw for the Final of the English Cup Qualifying Competition the matches to be played on Dec. 20th, is as follows:—

Hednesdford Town v. Clapton.
Port Vale v. Loughboro Corinthians or Rotherham Town.
Northampton v. Bristol Rovers.
Newport County v. Exeter City.
Darlington v. Norwich City.
Thorneycroft (Woolston) v. Bromley or Sheppy United.
Gillingham v. Swansea.
Castleford Town v. London Caledonians.
West Stanley v. Rotherham County.
Brighton v. Luton.
South Liverpool v. Rochdale.
Southend v. Watford.

INTERNATIONAL BOWLING.

The International Bowling Board have received a cable from the Australian Bowling Association definitely stating that they are unable to send a team for the British Isles in 1920. A communication has also been received from the Dominion of New Zealand Bowling Association to the effect that they will endeavour to send a team across in 1921.

RHINELAND FOOTBALL.

29th Bn. M.G.C. too Good for 51st Hants.

RAIN AND SNOW.

A fall of rain and snow spoilt what might have been an exciting and interesting match between the 51st Hants and the 29th M.G.C. Playing on the former ground the visitors did exceedingly well.

The opening exchanges favoured the home team who, although held up for a time, eventually broke through. After a pretty bout of passing Sgt. Noble scored with a lightning shot. The Machine Gunners replied with continued attacks which gained for them two well earned goals in quick succession.

Because of the inclemency of the weather there was no interval.

The Machine Gunners again took up the attack, the combination of their forwards, specially the speed of the outside left, producing a most one-sided effect. The ball was kept well within the Hants' area. The "Tigers" did their best but the visitors were successful in their attempt, soon obtaining the third point. There was no further score, the result being 3-1 in favour of the Gunners.

The Hampshire's goalkeeper was splendid and although persistently troubled at close quarters he was the means of keeping the M.G.C's. score lower than it otherwise would have been.

CAVALRY COLLAPSE.

41st Battalion M.G.C. v. Inniskilling Dragons.

Played at Riehl on Saturday afternoon under unpleasant conditions.

The 41st won the toss and decided to play with the strong wind behind them. From the kick-off the Dragoons went away and should have scored in the first minute. Afterwards both sides pressed in turn and Major Boumphrey M.G.C. had hard luck with a brilliant shot which struck the post and bounced back into play. Half time arrived with no score.

The second half was played in a hailstorm and although battling against the wind and hail, the Machine Gunners had all the best of it. Cpl. McCoy scored for them after 12 minutes and almost succeeded again shortly afterwards.

The Dragoons' goalkeeper saved time and again and was kept very busy until time came.

The Machine Gunners gained a well deserved victory and played well to a man.

ALL FAVOURITES WIN.

At Opening Day of Leicester Meeting.

Racing opened at Leicester on Monday when the going was good and attendance moderate. A remarkable feature of the day was that each race was carried off by the favourite.

Results.

December Hurdle:—1, The Settler (9-5); 2, Temeside (2-1); 3, Bigotry (7-1). Eight ran.

Town Hurdle:—1, Serban (7-4 on); 2, Ubeoff (3-1); 3, Royal Ruin (100-8). Six ran.

Montrose Hurdle:—1, Hagiology (11-4); 2, Sam Temple (3-1); 3, Blingel (10-1). Six ran.

Birstall Chase:—1, Fleeting Peace (6-4); 2, Jimmy Rafter (6-4); 3, George B. (5-1). Five ran.

Broxhills Chase:—1, Straight Ahead (6-5 on); 2, Roman (11-4); 3, Dernish (100-8). Five ran.

Quorn Chase:—1, Wavertree (5-4); 2, Jack Symons (4-1); 3, Swaskawney (7-4). Three ran.

LAWN TENNIS.

A telegram from Freemantle states that the British lawn tennis team which is to oppose Australia in the Davis Cup competition at Sydney has arrived. All the players are well.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

By Tynesider.

Many seasons ago, Herbert Lock made a great name as Southampton's custodian; yet to-day he is as brilliant as ever with Glasgow Rangers.

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Plimblett, who captains Bolton Wanderer's reserve eleven, got a first league outing recently for the first time since 1913.

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Round about 120 is the number of players of note transferred this season so far, and more are to follow. Is this season to produce a record?

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Portsmouth's loss of £1394 on last season is not troubling them much. The Southern League leaders are wiping this off nicely, thank you.

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Rangers or Celtic will, in all probability face Blackburn Rovers on Boxing Day for "Jocky" Simpson's benefit.

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Jack Houghton, transferred from Glasgow Rangers to Fulham, will take the public eye shortly. He got few chances to shine at Ibrox.

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The Rovers of Blackburn made a bold bid for Reilly, the Falkirk pivot, a long time ago, but the Bairns needed his services. However, they have now succeeded in obtaining his signature.

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Bristol City could part with their defence to-morrow for a sum approaching £10,000. When will this transfer craze cease?

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Reference the note which appeared in this column recently concerning Miller of Everton, desiring pastures new, I learn that he is now back on Tyneside. Anything doing South Shields way?

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

52nd. DEVONS' "SMOKER."

The Headquarters Sergeants of the 52nd. Devons entertained the remaining Sergeants of the Battalion to dinner on Saturday evening, and about seventy members were present. Dinner was followed by a "smoker," at which the Colonel and other officers of the Battalion were present.

The band, under the direction of Sergeant Bone rendered enjoyable selections during the evening. The programme, though long, was never dull, and several of the items were especially good; indeed all the artistes are to be commended on the merit of the entertainment they provided. During an interval in the Concert, R.S.M. Vickery, who was performing the duties of Chairman, made a brief speech on behalf of the Warrant Officers and Sergeants, expressing their appreciation of the spirit of comradeship displayed by the Officers, and the toast of "The Officers of the Battalion" was drunk with great enthusiasm.

The Commanding Officer, Lieut. Colonel A. B. Incledon Webber, C.M.G., D.S.O., responded to the toast, and paid a tribute to the members present, calling upon the Officers to drink to "The Warrant Officers and Sergeants."

The excellent organisation of the whole entertainment — dinner and concert — speaks volumes for the enterprise and energy of Sergeant Tite and his committee.

Paddy Coxe.

Spelt with an "e" if you please although generally speaking "Paddy" isn't at all particular. Any old part that presents peculiar difficulties and perhaps does not drag one into the limelight usually falls to the lot of "Paddy." One of the old original "Tabs," he has been with them through all their trials and triumphs, though not so well known as some of its more prominent members. You see the man who plays the cat in Dick Whittington, dashes on as a waiter in a restaurant scene, or does any other of the countless things so essential to the success of a big production is really a most important individual and often can make or mar a show. Paddy Coxe is such a man, and can always be counted on to help in making any show in which he takes a part. This is him in full dress.

A New Variety Company.

The latest addition to the available amusements in Cologne is the Rhine Army Variety Company who will make their first appearance at the Deutsches Theatre on Monday next. The company will include Miss Hilda Potts, "Rex" and Alfred Barker, who were well-known members of the now defunct "Tabs"; Sgt. Gordon, W.C.F. Stains (of the National Sunday League) Cpl. H. Walters and Pte. Boyle, Lieut. Percy, Lieut. Hope, Miss Gabrielle Paul, Miss Chisholme and Pte. Terry, of the Rhine Army Dramatic Company, who will give a one-act play by Stanley Houghton, entitled, "The Dear Departed." The efforts of such a talented combination of talent should be extremely attractive.

B.E.L.C. Programme.

At the British Empire Leave Club to-day, there will be an impromptu concert from 5 to 6 and German classes from 6 to 8. There will also be a dance at 6.30. An impromptu concert is being held on Thursday from 5 to 6 followed by a whist drive and chess tournament at 6.30. A dancing class in the Theatre, succeeded by a dance, will commence at 6.30. From 5 to 6 on Friday there is a dancing class, also a debate in the writing room at 6.30. German classes will be held from 6 to 8. There is also a continuous cinema. On Saturday there will be an impromptu concert from 5 to 6, followed by a dance at 6.30. There are also German classes from 6 to 8.

A New Game.

A new game of skill has been introduced by the Sports Officer at Bonn, Y.M.C.A. The game consists of racing a given distance with a block of wood under each foot on the principal of fording a river with a limited supply of material. The game is rapidly catching on and can be recommended. Another game being played with enthusiasm is a variety of football, the difference from the "Pukka" game being that hands are used instead of feet and the football is displaced by an air ballon. Both are very simple games, but there is an immense round of fun to be had of them.

(Continued in next column.)

BILLIARDS.

Monday's closing scores were as follows:—

Smith 9,426,
Inman .....7,551.

Breaks:—Smith, 103, 179, 217, 190, 124, 131, 105 (unfinished). Inman, 151, 328, 300, 274, 158.

Newman 9,959,
Falkiner .....8,258.

Breaks:—Newman, 562, 285, 137. Falkiner, 359, 144.

A VOID MEETING.

Huddersfield Club Meeting not in order.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Huddersfield Town Club, in reference to the proposed transfer of the club to Leeds, was held after the match with Blackpool on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Norman Robinson, one of the directors, informed the Pressmen present that there was no statement to make for publication. It was subsequently ascertained that the meeting of shareholders had not been in order for the reason that no mention of the subject for consideration was made in notices calling the meeting. Objection on this ground was taken by some shareholders, and in the end nothing was done. It was also understood that the directors of the club had met and passed a resolution that the club be transferred to Leeds.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Wed.	Die Frau ohne Schatten	Strauss	6	10.30
Thurs.	Cav. Rusticana Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo	7	9.45
Fri.	Der Wildschütz	Lortzing	7	10
Sat.	Merry Wives of Windsor	Nicolai	7	10.30
Sun.	Meistersinger von Nürnberg	Wagner	5	10.30

Monday No Performance

Tuesday No Performance

"D" Company's Second.

The Whist Drive held by "D" Coy., 52nd Devons, last week was such a success that it was decided to arrange a similar entertainment every week; that decision has been amply justified by the popularity of the second whist drive, which took place at Burscheid on Wednesday evening. By 6 p.m. over 100 members of the Company were present, and there were sufficient players to make up 27 sets. The last hand was finished by 8.30, and after three of the gentleman players, who had tied, had cut the cards for first and second places, the prizes were presented as follows:—

1st Lady. Cpl. Newcome. Watch.
1st Gent. Pte. Wilcox. Set of Carvers.
2nd Lady. Pte. Hales. Cigarette Case.
2nd Gent. Pte. Rowe. Case of Spoons.

Three hearty cheers were given at the close of the evening for Lieut. Barlow, to whose energy and interest the success of the whist drive was largely due, and all present greatly appreciated the good work of the Company Amusements Committee, especially in providing welcome refreshment during the interval.

JACQUES.

REVIVAL OF "GENERAL POST."

The old favourite received a great reception at the Deutsches Theatre on Monday night. Since the last presentation there have been one or two changes in the caste. With all due deference to the clever acting of Lieut. Humphrey Hope, I like Major Ball in the part of Sir Dennys Broughton better. He kept the house in roars of laughter from start to finish, and made an excellent substitute for the original player of the part—Mr. George Tulley.

Pte. J. Terry played Alec, and his performance was excellent. Always quiet and forceful, Pte. Terry never over-acts, and his personality on the stage is such that he inspires confidence in those who are acting with him. Capt. Spiegelhalter made an excellent plebeian tailor with a penchant for the farmyard, and the remainder of the caste needs no comment from me, with this possible exception—that they played even better than they did when the play was revived some little time ago.

The gentleman on curtain duty managed to cut short Lieut. Percy's concluding line at the end of the first act, and, being apparently a consistent fellow, rather spoilt Miss Paul's curtain at the end of the second, but he was probably too enthusiastic over his job.

What has happened to the publicity section of the Amusements Office? On Monday morning I tried to imagine myself ignorant of what was to be produced at the Deutsches this week, and trudged round Cologne looking for a poster which would inform me. I found plenty of posters advertising "Lady Frederick," "Damaged Goods" and "The School for Scandal," but, except outside the theatre, not one advertising "General Post" or "The Singer on the Veldt."

There is probably a good reason for this, but I was disappointed, for until recently I have seldom struck anything so thoroughly and capably advertised as the productions at the Deutsches theatre.

E.H.S.

A REAL TEST.

Interesting Matches On No. 12 Contest Coupon.

Everton had a remarkable lapse last week before Notts County and the battle on Saturday at Nottingham should find the "Toffees" on their mettle.

Burnley's failure at Oldham should bring them all out to put paid to the Athletic before their own crowd. West Ham appear safe for the points, but the Ayr battle is a teaser with the odds on the "Honest Man."

On the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 12,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 12

Date of matches, **Saturday**, Dec. 13th.
Closing date, **Friday**, Dec. 12th.

Burnley	v. Oldham
Notts County	v. Everton
Grimsby	v. Bristol City
Lincoln	v. Hull City
West Ham	v. Coventry
South Shields	v. Barnsley
Palace	v. Queens Park R.
St. Mirren	v. Dumbarton
Clyde	v. Queens Park.
Ayr U.	v. Morton

I enter Football Competition No. 12 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions already announced and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(in block letters.)
Rank and No. .....
Unit .....
Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

All Gone.

I paid a visit to Sud Park yesterday. The place has quite a forlorn look, when one remembers its cheery atmosphere when the members of the W.R.A.F. occupied it.

Popular "Pills."

That ever enterprising institution, the Y.M.C.A., has opened a canteen and recreation room just near Sud Park, which will be most welcome to troops stationed Marienburg way. The ever popular billiard table is there for devotees of the cue.

Derelict Lorry Park.

Signs of the war are still to be seen in a large motor lorry factory, just across the river. Derelict German lorries may still be seen waiting their turn to be put into working order again.

Any Others?

One does not hear so much of War Savings Records these days. The splendid total of £218 is shown as purchased by men of the 23rd Bn. Royal Fusiliers for the week ending November 30th.

Can it be?

I met a major yesterday who told me he had been entirely immune from rheumatism since he had taken to carrying a nutmeg in his breeches pocket.

The new style Profiteer.

It is patent to anyone that a certain class of German shopkeeper is profiteering at the expense of the soldier. Particularly is this the case at many of the eating houses. Boycott is the only remedy for this class of individual, for he relies almost exclusively on military custom.

Why?

A shop in Hohestrasse has a figure of Santa Claus which delights the hearts of the kiddies, but for some reason this time-honoured custodian of good cheer has a countenance of the hue of the effects merchant of a "Jazz" band.

Take Care.

With the coming of the festive season a word of warning as to the dangers of fire arising from decorations of an inflammable nature would be useful. With a fairly universal use of electric light in Cologne, though, much of this danger is eliminated.

Tailoring.

The German tailor, despite all statements to the contrary, does not always come up to the English standard. I have heard of several cases recently where many of these tailors are making small fortunes out of Tommy and his officers. I'm told that the prices charged are much above fair rates.

Car Smash.

A Severin Strasse tramcar yesterday struck a case which jutted over the side of a wagon, the result being that the windows were broken. The glass flew in all directions and created considerable a arm, but no one was injured.

Children Quicker.

Some of the soldiers' children out here are picking up the German language with amazing rapidity, I hear. On the other hand many officers and men who have been in Rainelaud nearly a year can get no further than "Ja," "Nein," and "Bitte," even now.

A Boon to the Mess.

In my mess we have an electric toaster on the table. This is a novel invention and is connected to the ordinary electric fittings above the table. It is a great boon and makes us independent of the kitchen staff.

Winter Gardens.

In some of the fine residences in Cologne on can see magnificent conservatories with fountains, palm trees and rockeries. They are delightfully warm and cosy especially in these dull days.

Peculiar.

I noticed when I was walking down the Hohestrasse the other day, two German civilians, who were wearing a military cap strap on their civilian hats. Still except for custom, I see no reason against the notion especially on windy days.

A Marriage Boon.

In all 231 marriages took place in Cologne last week. I am told that this number is a record. In spite of high prices the young German does not seem to have lost hope for the future.

Pit Props.

In the forest near Dunwald, men are busily engaged in cutting down pine trees. These are sawn and trimmed into lengths suitable for pit props. Already there are huge stacks and the scene reminds one forcibly of home.

Literary Competition.

I hear that an essay and lyric competition recently organised for the patients at the 25th General Hospital created great interest. Prizes were awarded for the best efforts which were read by the Padre at a lecture on Journalism.

Tableau.

I noticed a pretty tableau in a shop window in the Alte Markt. It represents the Heavenly babe in the manger with the shepherds and kings standing around, while above is a cherub with a clarion.

Aluminium Utensils.

Recently I commented on the popularity of articles made of aluminium as presents, but for some reason or other, known only to the producer and seller, I note that prices have jumped up lately.

Those Friends at Home.

What more delightful Christmas present for an Old Army friend than the intimation that you have arranged the delivery of your Army newspaper to his home? Send your remittance of twenty marks and we advise your chum of the instructions to forward the "Cologne Post" to him daily for one month.

An Age Limit.

Whereas in English courts a child is sworn when he or she is deemed to know right from wrong, in Germany the oath is not administered to persons under sixteen.

Battle Zone Revisited.

A soldier back from leave in France tells of an enjoyable three-day trip he had to Amiens which he used as a jumping-off place for a visit to the Somme battlefield, He was amazed at the number of French civilians he found in Bapaume, the two Achiets, Bucquoy and Quéant.

RHINELANDER.

VANITY FAIR.

A Feature for the British Woman in Rhineland.

Paris Hats.

Dressy hats are being worn in Paris which have crowns of fur and transparent lace brims. Large velvet hats turned up in front or at the side are also popular, while charming little bowl toques are the favourite wear in small hats.

Flannelette Like Velour.

An English hat manufacturer is placing on the market an imitation velour made of stiffened cotton flannelette. Thousands of yards of it are being ordered, and the demand can scarcely be met. The flannellette, when brushed, has the appearance of a good grade of velour.

The Art of Skating.

Skating is an ideal recreation for women, since its first essential is grace. During recent times, women enthusiasts have been at least as numerous as men. It is not difficult to learn. Professional teachers seem to have disappeared since the closing of the artifical rinks, but the art is readily acquired with the aid of an expert friend. One masters it in much the same way as one cultivates confidence and the sense of balance on a bicycle.

For Whitening the Hands.

Those who value the possession of pretty fingers, and would have them white and dainty, should keep in readiness for frequent application, a simple remedy, than which none better could be suggested. To prepare this, take of glycerine, methylated spirit, and lemon juice, equal quantities. When the hands are stained, rough, or reddened, rub in the mixture with gentle massage until it is absorbed, and wear a pair of large cotton gloves for a while, or all night if possible.

On Looking Nice.

There are superior beings who smile at the importance most women attach to dress. There are even people who go out of their way to assert that mere clothes are, after all, of very little importance. Kind hearts are more than dainty frocks, and sunny smiles than modish hats, pretty well sums up their attitude. It might be all right except for the disconcerting inconsistency of human nature. In practice it frequently happens that the wearer of the smartest frock is the one who gets the most enjoyment out of life, whilst her sister who acts up to the view that clothes are merely meant to cover rather than to adorn, has to extract what amusement she can from watching other people's pleasures.

A Present for a Man.

Presents for men folk are sometimes difficult to think of, but a razor bag is always welcome. It should be made of two narrow strips of wash-leather joined together at the base and sides. Cut another piece of leather to form an American Indian fringe and sew to the bottom of the bag. Let in a little piece at the top made of satin; and run a strong ribbon draw-string through the hem. Name or monogram can be embroidered on the wash-leather, matching the satin in colour.

AGNES.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Difficult.—Seamen want to be included in the 48 hours bill.

The Next Step.—Mr. Herbert Samuel is in favour of women acting as magistrates.

Combined Workers.—There are 7,000,000 trade unionists in Germany.

Can't have one.—The banana is likely to be a scarce commodity this Christmas.

Not at Work.—The deadlock in the moulders' strike still continues.

After Trade.—Germany is making a bold bid for trade in South Russia.

An Execution.—Jackowtoff, who organised the plot to murder the Tsar and family, is reported to have been executed.

Chamber of Horrors.—Mr. A. Hopkinson, M.P. for Moseley, says Parliament is a very horrible place.

Coming Back.—It is reported that Viscount Grey is returning from the States in January.

Poles to Work.—120,000 Poles are arriving in France next month for reconstruction work in devastated areas.

Wolves' Feast.—Man-eating wolves have raided a village near Bombay and devoured seven people.

Same Old Price.—No trains will be run at excursion rates this Christmas in Great Britain.

Adapted Engines.—Aeroplane engines have been adapted for driving motor boats and dumping machinery.

A Spurt in Sales.—Since D'Annunzio started his military stunts his poems have been selling like wildfire.

Nearly Double.—London tube railways which cost £600,000 a mile to build fifteen years ago, now cost a million a mile.

Not Exactly.—At a girls' school a pupil defined a Soviet as "the little cloth we lay on our laps at the dinner table."

Dearer Doctors.—The medical men of Hampstead have combined to raise their fees 50 per cent.

A new Rôle.—The Bishop of Peterboough acted as accompanist at a social gathering.

Rich Railway Servant.—Mr. William Bell, formerly stationmaster as Aysgarth, Yorks, left £25,338.

On the Line.—An unknown woman has been found dead on the Brighton Line, near Hayward's Heath.

A Giant.—The Royal Mail Steamer, Almanzora, will be the biggest on the South American route.

Royalty's Bunnies.—Princess Mary keeps rabbits, and gained prizes for fine specimens at Kings Lynn show.

Home made.—Four men at Glasgow have been fined for illicit distilling of whisky.

Quite British.—The Vienna Cafe in Oxford Street, once a great German resort, is now a Salvation Army Depot.

Troubled Italy.—Scarcity of coal and adverse exchange are Italy's greatest problems.

Brave Welsh.—A memorial to the gallant dead of the South Wales Borderers is to be erected at Gheluvelt.

Famous Hotel.—The Hotel Bristol where King Edward usually stayed in Paris is to be used as an American bank.

Big Thefts.—There is an epidemic of robbery in Paris. Thousands of pounds worth of furs are among the stolen goods.

"The Tiger."—The election of M. Clemenceau as President of France is considered almost certain.

Terriers' Future.—Mr. Winston Churchill wishes the Territorial Force to supersede the Special Reserve. Territorial Artillery is to be largely increased.

The Nudity Craze.—The production of "Aphrodite" is New York has raised a storm of censure for its display of half-nude women on the stage.

Gallant D.R.s.—Lt.-Col. Jarrett told members of the Motor Cycling Club that no more gallant work was done in the war than by them as despatch riders.

Troops Active.—There is unusual military activity at Strasburg. Heavy guns and troops have crossed to the right bank of the Rhine.

Germans' plan Foiled.—Rumanian troops have captured a German aeroplane carrying money and goods to Bolshevist troops in Ukrania.

New Homes Ready.—Guildford claims to be the first borough in England to have tenants already in their cottages built under the Government scheme.

A Model Slavey.—A London household employing a New Zealand ex-Tommy as domestic servant, declare him to be a treasure.

Reckless.—The captain of a trawler brought a mine into Aberdeen harbour with detonators unremoved. The naval authorities ordered him out in double quick time.

Another Optimist.—Dr. Alington, Headmaster of Eton, says that of all the projects put forward by politicians the League of Nations contains most hope for the future.

Plucky Soldier's Wife.—A Kirkcaldy woman, just died at the age of ninety, went through the Crimean War with her husband and witnessed the charge of the Light Brigade and the Battle of Alma.

AROUND AND ABOUT.

UNDERSEA TANKS.

The tank, which performed such valiant service in the Great War, may have more laurels added to its fame. Instead of crawling over otherwise impassable stretches of country, bridging trenches, levelling trees in its path, and other requirements in time of war, it will now devote its efforts to salvaging eight thousand ships lying in Davy Jones' locker at the bottom of the sea, if the plans of the designer of an undersea tank risen into accomplishment. Salvage and hydraulic engineers, mariners, technicians and other experts in nautical affairs all agree that the plan is entirely feasible and within the realm of possibility. Such a tank, obviously, would be designed for exploration, photographing, sounding and map-making purposes only, as, of necessity, it would have to be airtight.

BUYING BACK OLD MASTERS.

During the last five years, in fact ever since the war began, Holland has been steadily buying back Old Dutch Masters, and the explanation by West-end dealers is that Holland, like other countries, has its new-rich who are launching into luxury, and that Germany, which also has its parvenus, has been buying from Holland. Not the highest-priced paintings—Rembrandt was beyond them—but pictures at prices running from £200, £400, and £300. The English dealers met them at all salerooms, not only in town but in the country, and undoubtedly they forced up the prices.

CANADIAN PROSPECTS.

"All over Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, I have asked the question: 'What are the prospects for a man who with a capital of, say £1,000, comes over to Canada?' Everywhere the answer has been the same. If a man, ready to work, comes to Canada with that capital, in five years he will be worth ten times as much," says the "Morning Post" correspondent. "It must, however, be understood that in Canada fortunes are no more picked up by good luck and laziness than anywhere else. The settler must be ready to work fourteen hours a day without grumbling in a country very different from anything to which he has been accustomed."

MET HIS MATCH.

Struck by the notice, "Iron Sinks," in a shop window, a wag went inside and said that he was perfectly aware of the fact that "iron sank."

Alive to the occasion the smart shopkeeper retaliated:

"Yes, and time flies, but wine vaults, sulphur springs, jam rolls, grass slopes, music stands, Niagara Falls, moonlight walks, sheep run, Kent hops and holiday trips, scandal spreads, standard weights, India rubber tires, the organ stops, the world goes round, trade returns, and—"

But the visitor had bolted. After collecting his thoughts he returned and showing his head at the doorway, shouted: "Yes, I agree with all of that perfectly—and marble busts."

A TERRIER AND A FOX.

What is believed to be an unprecedented end to a combat between a fox and a terrier is reported from the Lake Country. A stout hill fox hunted by the Blencathra Hounds for three and a half hours on the mountain heights, above St. John's-in-the-Vale, sought sanctuary in a fissure of rock in a crag near the skyline of Wanthwaite. Here he faced one of the gamest terriers belonging to the pack, and, scrambling to a shelf in the rocks, was able for some time to give as fierce punishment as he got. The terrier killed the fox, but refused to leave it, and followers and hounds had at last to quit the crags so that they might make the descent of one of the most dangerous ravines of the mountain range before darkness. When huntsman and whip returned next morning to the crags, they found terrier as well as fox lying dead outside the borran. An examination of the terrier showed that the fox had inflicted no mortal wound upon him. The terrier had dragged the fox out and then, loth to leave it, had laid down beside it. It was clear that he had died from exposure during a bitterly cold night. No similar case has, so far as is known, occurred before.

PAPER MONEY.

The proposed five-shilling and half-crown notes have a long and interesting ancestry. It is nearly three thousand years since a paper currency was adopted by the Chinese, but it was not till the seventeenth century that the first European notes were issued by Palmstruch from the Bank of Sweden in 1658. In England the earliest notes were the receipts for deposits issued by the goldsmiths in the reign of James I. It is said that these receipts circulated more freely than coin. Towards the close of the seventeenth century the Banks of England and Scotland were founded, and henceforward the note issue in both countries was regulated by Acts of Parliament.

GENERAL GORDON'S HOUSE.

Very shortly No. 5, Rockstone-place, Southampton, is to be offered for sale. This house possesses considerable interest. It was purchased about 1855 by General H. M. Gordon, the father of the hero of Khartoum, and here the latter made his home until he left England on his ill-fated expedition. For a long time the house was managed by his sister, Miss Gordon, and until recently by his widowed sister, Mrs. Moffit, whose husband was an Army doctor in India. It is her son, Lieut.-Colonel F. Moffitt, D.S.O., commanding the 1st Essex Regiment, at Kinsale, who is now selling the property.

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NEW TRADE UNION DEMANDS.

MINERS' LEADERS' EFFORTS TO FORCE EXTENSIVE NATIONALISATION.

POST-WAR COMMISSIONS FROM THE RANKS.

T.U. CONGRESS.

STILL HARPING ON DIRECT ACTION.

The Trade Union Congress was opened at the Central Hall, Westminster, on Tuesday under the Chairmanship of Mr. J. H. Thomas.

Mr. Robert Smillie, of the Miners' Federation, said he understood that the Government had been inquiring into the possibility of bringing coal from India in the event of trouble at home. He declared vehemently that he would advocate a general strike if "downtrodden Indians, who worked for fourpence daily" were brought here to work in the mines. He believed that ultimately the miners would have to resort to direct action to compel the Government to nationalise the mines. A resolution was passed unanimously in favour of opening a propaganda campaign and in the event of that method failing to convoke a special congress in February to decide what course should be adopted to coerce the Government.

A resolution was also carried protesting against "Government's indifference to abnormal profiteering by large interests controlling necessities" and demanding immediate and effective Government control of raw materials, complete nationalisation of land, mines, railways and other means of transport. Mr. Brace, M.P., representing the Miners' Union, outlined a scheme for national control of mines by means of a Pit Committee at every colliery in the Kingdom, with fourteen District Committees composed of equal proportions of workmen, officials and consumers. He also wanted a separate Ministry for Mines, besides a National Council representing all the coalfields of Great Britain.

SUPREME COUNCIL.

GERMAN SHIPS AND TURKISH GOLD.

The Supreme Council has decided upon the distribution of eight German war vessels among the small powers for the defence of their coasts.

It has also decided that the Turkish gold reserves deposited at Berlin at the beginning of the war shall be sent to Paris to be divided among the Allies.

At the close of the Meeting M. Clemenceau delivered an address expressing regret at the departure of Mr. Polk and the American Delegation.

U.S. NAVY.

NO LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS HERE.

The United States Naval General Board, in recommending for inclusion in the building programme for 1921 two battleships, one battle cruiser, and two scout cruisers, says that the United States should by 1925 be equal to the most powerful in the world.

SOVIET DEMANDS.

EXPECTED FAILURE OF O'GRADY'S MISSION.

It is gathered from British official sources in Copenhagen that the prospect of a successful termination to the O'Grady-Litvinoff Conference on exchange and repatriation of prisoners is very gloomy, owing to the Soviet's extensive demands.

DESERTERS TO D'ANNUNZIO.

A message to Belgrade on the 8th December states that the Italian destroyer Irrequiete, belonging to the Italian Zara Squadron under the command of Admiral Millo, has arrived at Spalato. The crew declared for D'Annunzio, at which the Spalato population is surprised and indignant.

Q.M.A.A.C. OLD COMRADES.

A meeting will be held at the Connaught Club, Seymour-street, W., on Monday, December 15, at 8 p.m., to consider the formation of an Old Comrades' Association for Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps. The Controller-in-Chief, Dame Florence Leach, D.B.E., will take the chair.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

Saturday the 27th December, has been proclaimed a bank and public holiday in Great Britain.

The American Peace Delegates have left Paris en route to America.

COMMISSIONS.

FUTURE PROMOTIONS FROM THE RANKS.

A deputation from the National Democratic Party was received by Mr. Winston Churchill, Secretary for War, on Tuesday, in connection with the scheme drafted by Captain C. E. Loseley for promotions from the ranks of the regular army.

In his Memorandum, Captain Loseley recommended that the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, should be rendered more accessible to poor students. No boy capable of taking advantage of the education offered should be debarred by want of funds. The first practical steps in that direction, the Memorandum proceeded, would be the assignment of a definite percentage of vacancies, say, twenty per cent. of the full numbers, to be filled annually by serving soldiers.

An allotment was suggested as follows: Sandhurst and Woolwich, sixty per cent. to graduates of Oxford and Cambridge, twenty per cent. to commissioned ranks of the Special Reserve and Territorial Force, and twenty per cent. to candidates from the ranks of the Regular Army. Side by side with Woolwich and Sandhurst similar academies on the lines of the Cadet schools instituted during the war should be set up, to which would be sent all aspirants for commissions. The necessary preliminary education for candidates from the ranks could be provided regimentally.

Addressing the deputation, Mr. Winston Churchill sympathised with their views, but pointed out that at present there were 4,000 officers surplus to establishment, and 3,000 men clamouring for commissioned rank. A vast proportion of the surplus were officers who had served in the ranks, and he thought the claims of these officers who had served their country in the field, were superior to those of young boys who had seen no service.

Regarding the future, he accepted the principle that a certain number of places should be definitely assigned to serving soldiers, and he was of the opinion that the system of promotion from the ranks should be improved, and that steps should be taken to train young soldiers scientifically and methodically for the position to which they aspired. He assured the deputation that they might confidently expect ameliorative reform.

GAGGED AND TARRED.

GIRL ATTACKED BY MEN IN WOMEN'S CLOTHES.

At Ulster Winter Assizes at Belfast, three young men, John Mulvey, James Brennan, and John Cronogue, of Stunnatober, Co. Leitrim, were charged with assaulting Lizzie Moran, aged 19, on May 21. The evidence showed that Miss Moran was returning in the evening from a visit to a neighbour with a male friend, when three men, dressed in women's clothes and wearing masks or veils over their faces, caught her, threw her down, gagged her, and tarred her.

Serjeant Healy expressed the opinion that jealousy was the cause of the outrage, and the girl's father said that now his daughter's character had been cleared he did not want the accused severely punished.

Mulvey was found Not Guilty, and the other two prisoners were each sentenced to three months' hard labour.

MEDAL FOR A DOG.

MISSING CHILD FOUND IN A FIELD.

The Mayor of Harrogate, at a meeting of the Town Council, presented to a retriever the National Canine Defence League medal for saving life.

A few weeks ago a three-year-old boy strayed from home and was missing for two days. The dog's master was out shooting when he noticed that the animal refused to leave a certain spot in a turnip field, and going to the place he found the child in an exhausted condition. The boy would probably have lost his life had not the dog discovered him.

HOSPITAL SOLD FOR £80,000.

The Military Hospital at Orpington has been sold to the Ministry of Pensions for £80,000. It was the largest Canadian hospital in England, having accommodation for two thousand patients. It is now intended for the use of convalescent and disabled soldiers.

WAR WIDOWS RE-MARRIED.

In the course of a House of Commons debate on the increased Estimates for Pensions, Sir Worthington Evans stated that out of 216,000 war widows 38,664 had re-married.

N.W. FRONTIER.

TRIBESMEN'S FIERCE ATTACK ON PASSENGER TRAIN.

The latest news from the Indian frontier is not satisfactory. On the 1st December a band of 500 Wazirlis attacked a train near Thal, killing thirty-six passengers and wounding fifty. They also captured all the rifles and two Lewis guns belonging to the train escort. Retaliatory measures are being taken. On the night of the 2nd December an unsuccessful raid was made on Kohat, a town of 27,000 inhabitants.

BRITISH IN POLISH ARMY.

FIRST TWO COMMISSIONS.

The first two British officers to be given commissions in the Polish Army are Lieut. J. F. D. Tanqueray, D.F.C., and Lieut. L. S. Woodhouse, Croix de Guerre. Both were in the Royal Flying Corps during the war.

Interviewed by a "Daily Mail" reporter yesterday, Rear-Admiral V. Kloczkowski, Naval and Military Attaché to the Polish Legation, said he believed Lieutenants Tanqueray and Woodhouse are at present in Warsaw; their services would be employed with the Polish Flying Corps. Over 100 applications had been received, many from officers with very distinguished war records on the Western front. Only 25 commissions will be given to British officers meantime.

Officers are accepted in the Polish Army in the rank they held in the British Army. The engagement is for six months' service, renewal in periods of three months, with 30 days' leave every year. Rates of pay are 500 marks monthly for second lieut., 600 for lieut., 800 for captain. The spending value of a mark in Poland to-day is nearly equal to that of a shilling in the United Kingdom.

WOMAN'S SUDDEN DEATH.

EFFECT OF SHOT FROM PEASHOOTER.

At an inquest held on Tuesday on Jessie Miller Archer, aged 57, wife of a porter, of Lollard-street, Lambeth, the evidence showed that the woman, who was supposed to be in good health, went into a shop in Lollard-street on Sunday afternoon, and while there she was struck in the face by a pea shot from a peashooter by a boy who was passing. She at once exclaimed that she must see a doctor, and fell to the floor. She was taken home, but died before a doctor could be called.

Dr. Barkley, who made a post-mortem examination, said death was due to a rupture of an aneurism of the aorta. The shock caused by the pea striking her was quite sufficient to bring about the fatal termination; in fact, she was liable to die at any moment. The sound of a motor hooter, or any scare, might have killed her.

The Coroner recorded a verdict of "Death from natural causes."

PRICE OF MILK.

RECENT INCREASE OF PRICE UNWARRANTED.

The Committee of Investigation empowered to examine the evidence and estimates of cost on which the Food Controller based the price of milk has decided that the present maximum prices are not warranted nor was the extra fourpence allowed to producers in July. They recommend a reduction by seven pence a gallon to half a crown (which was the price fixed for November) with a corresponding reduction in the retail selling price.

AN ARMISTICE THIEF.

When Florence Maud Jenkins, nineteen, of Cottenham-road, Holloway, was being shown round a house where she sought employment as a servant, on November 11, the maroons proclaimed the two minutes' solemn silence requested by the King in memory of the dead. She was ushered into a bed-room for the two minutes. For stealing a diamond ring and £2 in Treasury notes from the room during that time she was sentenced by the North London Magistrate to three months' imprisonment in the second division.

WITH ALL WORLDLY GOODS.

"When a man takes a woman to be his wife and buys a home, then the home is hers," declared a woman at Southwark County Court.

"That may become law when Parliament is more full of your sex," commented Judge Granger, "but at present I am afraid it is not law."

LAST DELHI MUTINY SURVIVOR

The death has taken place in her 94th year of Mrs. Gardner, widow of Captain Herbert Calthorpe Gardner, 38th Bengal Native Light Infantry, who died in the Indian Mutiny in June, 1857. Mrs. Gardner, who was at Delhi when the outbreak occurred, was probably nearly the last survivor of those who were present.

ARMY ESTIMATES.

MAINTAINING OUR ARMIES OF OCCUPATION.

The sum of 405 million pounds is involved in the revised Army Estimates for 1919-20, which were issued on Tuesday.

The number of men on the Establishment for which this expenditure is necessary is given as 2,500,000. These are divided into Rhine Army, 403,600; Armies of the Middle East, 308,400; Home and Colonial Establishments, 240,000; making a total of 952,000, while the numbers in course and prospect of demobilization total 1,548,000. The British Army in India provides a further total of 75,896.

Maintenance of the Standing Army is estimated to cost £238,531,000, the principal items being included under the head of Occupation. Some of the details are: Army of the Rhine, £76,600,000; Italy £2,038,000; Bulgaria, Turkey, Caucasus etc., £3,850,000; Egypt and Palestine (including civil administration of enemy territory in military occupation) £34,210,000, Mesopotamia and Persia (including civil administration of enemy territory in military occupation), £32,890,000. The total amount for Armies of Occupation is therefore £152,618,000.

The net expenditure for Home and Colonial establishments, including troops in Russia, is given as £120,839,000. There is to be deducted from these estimates of expenditure, receipts totalling £4,973,000, which leaves the net expenditure under this item at the figures already given.

Territorial and Reserve Forces and Volunteers are estimated to cost £1,349,000; Educational Establishments, Hospitals and Depots £21,420,000; War Office and Staff of Commands at Home and Colonial garrisons, £6,900,000; Capital Accounts £3,650,000; Terminal and Miscellaneous Charges and Receipts £114,493,000; Half pay, retired pay, pensions and civil superannuation £5,378,000.

Various additions to, and deductions from, these items finally bring the estimated cash required for Army Services to the total stated, viz.: £405,000,000.

RACING AND RATES.

TWO OBJECTORS TO YARMOUTH'S NEW COURSE.

Lord Leverhulme recently purchased the land on the South Denes on which the Yarmouth race meetings were held, in connection with his scheme for supplying the public with cheap fish.

The Race Committee are preparing a new course on the North Denes. At yesterday's meeting of the Town Council it was proposed that the Corporation withhold its assent on moral grounds to the use of the course for racing.

Opponents of the motion urged that the race meeting was a big asset to the town by prolonging the summer season. After a lengthy debate, only the mover and seconder voted for withholding the sanction, which was then granted.

OLD PROMISES RENEWED.

The Prime Minister received the Parliamentary Trade Union Committee on Monday and re-affirmed some important pronouncements on Government policy. The Government, he said, was entirely with the Trade Unions regarding Russia, their policy being one of non-interference in that country's international affairs. Referring to compulsory service he expressed the opinion that there would not be a single conscripted man in the army by February next. With regard to unemployment, although the Government was unable to continue the out-of-work donation, a Bill was being drafted extending insurance against unemployment.

POLICE FORCE AT GRETNA.

Mr. Kellaway, in written replies to Major W. Murray, states that a police force is still maintained at his Majesty's factory, Gretna. Its present strength is 180, to be reduced to 140 by the end of December. No women police are now employed. The cost of the force is £2,155 a month, which is borne on the Votes of the Ministry of Munitions.

The force is engaged in guarding an area of approximately 100 square miles, which contains plant, machinery, and stores of a value of £5,000,000 and many thousands of tons of explosives.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY.

Manchester University is appealing to the public for half a million of money to meet its growing duties. At a meeting at Manchester Town Hall yesterday the Lord Mayor announced that £65,000 had been subscribed before the meeting, including £10,000 from Mr. Jesse Haworth, £3,000 from Lady Royds and £5,000 each from Tootal, Broadwest and Co. and Sir Edward Hulton.

CLEMENCEAU IN LONDON.

M. Clemenceau is due to reach London to-day for a stay of three days in order to have important conferences with Mr. Lloyd George on current matters.

The Prince of Wales has been elected a Vice-President of the Smithfield Club.

Prince Albert arrived at Glasgow on Tuesday morning as the guest of Lord Blythwood. He is making a tour of the city and an inspection of the shipyards on the Clyde.

SUMMARY COURT.

SIX WEEKS FOR STEALING ARMY SHEETS.

The Presiding Officer complimented a German policeman on his vigilance and prompt action in connection with a case in which Clemens Niessen of no fixed address and Herman Evertz of 10 Scheibenstrasse were charged with stealing four packets of linen.

The men had been employed at the Artillery Depot at Nippes. The policeman saw them board a tram carrying the packets. He followed and questioned them and the men stated that the parcels contained handkerchiefs. He opened the parcels and found they contained forty-five bed sheets, Government property.

Accused were each sentenced to six weeks imprisonment.

OFFICERS' MESS ROBBED.

Heinrich Graf, who was employed by the Barrack Warden at Riehl barracks, pleaded guilty to stealing 1lb of butter, 3lb of sugar and 3lb of flour from the officers' quarters.

Accused, who is a widower with two children, urged in extenuation that he took the food to feed his children.

He had been in custody six days and a sentence of four more days was passed, ten days in all.

CARRYING FIREARMS.

A German policeman found a loaded revolver in the possession of Johann Merten in a café at Ehrenfeld. There were previous convictions against accused and it was stated that there was a charge of burglary pending against him.

Merten said he had purchased the revolver the same evening and was not aware that it was illegal for civilians to carry arms.

He was given three months imprisonment.

MET IN A CAFE.

Defending herself on a charge of being out without a night pass at 1.30 a.m. Elise Kuchelberg, aged sixteen, residing at 11, Unter Krahnenbäumen, said that she was with a girl friend in a café and got into conversation with some civilians. After the café had closed, the civilians took them to an undesirable house but she ran away, leaving her night pass in possession of the civilian.

The case was dismissed with a caution, the Presiding Officer warning the girl that if she appeared before him again he would have to consider the advisability of committing her to a home.

IMPUDENT TAXI-DRIVER.

There were two charges against Theodor Klein, of 3 Filzengraben: (1) offensive behaviour towards a British officer and (2) failing to obey an order given by the officer.

Klein is a taxi-driver and, according to the officer's evidence, his taxi was standing on the rank near the Dom with the flag up, denoting that it was disengaged. On being asked to drive the officer he became very offensive, slammed the door of the cab and went into the cab shelter. He stated that he was engaged to drive another party but the officer pointed out that if such was the case his flag would have been down and his cab would not be standing on the rank.

He was fined 250 marks or ten days imprisonment.

FUR THIEVES.

DARING ROBBERIES FROM THE PERSON.

Fashionable ladies will be terrorised by a novel form of theft, in which valuable fur coats are being cut off the wearers' backs while they are gazing into shop windows. Several cases have occurred in Regent Street, the operation being so cleverly done that the victims were completely unaware of anything. One lady reached home feeling cold and only then discovered that four hundred pounds worth of furs had been cut out of the back of her coat.

TROTZKY TALKS TRASH.

Addressing the seventh Soviet Congress on Monday, Trotzky said: "At this moment of food crisis and famine in Vienna the well-known Austrian Socialist, Adler, referring to the Russian workers' fight against the Bourgeoisie, urged the Austrian workers not to imitate them as they had taken the wrong road leading to destruction, under the ruins of which would be buried humanity's finest achievements." Trotzky declared that Adler, in speaking thus, has acted the traitor to the International Proletariat.

Thus, according to the fatuous Trotzky, a Socialist who does not desire to ruin the cause of the Proletariat, becomes a traitor to that cause.

Which, as Euclid says .....

PLAUSIBLE, BUT UNLIKELY.

In the House of Commons during the discussion of the Irish Supplementary Estimates Colonel Malone caused a sensation by declaring that the shot recently fired at the Chief Secretary's car is easily explained. Colonel Malone described it as a mishap, and says the shot was fired by a sentry because the car failed to stop when challenged.

Demobilization of the W.R.A.F. was completed on Saturday.

The ex-German liner "Imperator" has been handed over to the Cunard Line.

£10,000 PRIZE.

ROSS SMITH'S FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA.

Barring accidents, Captain Ross Smith is the winner of the Australian Government's prize of £10,000 for a flight from Great Britain to Australia. The stipulated month from the time of starting expires for Captain Ross Smith on Friday morning, but a Reuter telegram from Batavia states that the airmen (M. Poulet is apparently included) were leaving Birma, in the Dutch East Indies, on Monday last on the final lap of six hundred miles. Captain Ross Smith was accordingly expected to arrive in Australia on Tuesday. Wishing to enable a large crowd to witness him land in Melbourne, the military authorities are ascertaining the suitability of Flemington Race Course as a landing place.

OTIUM CUM DIGNITATE.

CIVIL SERVANTS THREATEN TO STRIKE.

A strike of Civil Servants is threatened on account of the conditions prevailing at the Alexandra Palace, where the majority of the staff of the Finance Branch of the Ministry of Supply are being sent from the Hotel Metropole. A special department is being created there to investigate the War accounts of the Ministry. So far 450 officials have arrived, but in all 4,000 are expected to be installed before long. The Hotel Metropole was an exceedingly comfortable office and the Alexandra Palace is just the opposite. Voilà!

DORPAT PEACE PARLEY.

The Esthonians and Russian Bolshevists have exchanged peace terms at Dorpat. The Bolshevist conditions are understood to include recognition of the Soviet Government; amnesty for political prisoners; resumption of diplomatic and commercial relations; disbandment of foreign troops; facilities for commercial traffic through Esthonian territory and use of Esthonian ports. The Lettish, Polish and Finnish delegates arrived at Dorpat with watching briefs.

Referring to the Peace negotiations between Esthonia and Soviet Russia at Dorpat, a Riga telegram says that the representatives of Latvia will only negotiate on the subject of exchange of hostages, and being in Dorpat for the purpose of gathering information only, they will not negotiate on the subject of peace.

LESS CROWDED TROOPSHIPS.

The War Office announces that with a view to preventing or reducing as far as possible the chances of influenza or other infectious disease occurring on troopships from India, the numbers to be accommodated on each vessel will be reduced. This may entail a slight delay in the departure of troops but it is hoped that the balance of the troops awaiting conveyance from India for demobilization will be able to leave very shortly after the original dates assigned for embarkation.

THE HEALTHY SNEEZE.

Addressing the Women's Freedom League, Dr. Octavia Lewin said sneezing had been suppressed as being "not quite nice," and, like the use of a handkerchief, was not allowed in some schools. It was, however, a purely natural and refreshing act, and she looked upon diseases that came from not sneezing properly as the products of civilisation. Sneezing due to hay fever, &c., should, however, be treated pathologically. She did not recommend artificial stimulants and condemned snuff, which did harm, except to "old men with wide noses."

ALBANIANS ATTACK ITALIANS.

A message from Belgrade dated 6th December states that a band of Albanian insurgents attacked a detachment of Italian soldiers near El Basan, and killed the Station-Lieutenant.

In consequence of the excesses of the insurgents, who are infesting various districts, the Italians are reinforcing the garrisons throughout the region and are sending numerous armoured cars.

JUTLAND MASCOT DEAD.

"Jutland Jumbo," the famous bull-dog which was present in the "Iron Duke", Lord Jellicoe's flagship at the battle of Jutland, is dead. It was the property of Arthur Playfair, who lent it to Lord Jellicoe for a mascot.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

British Funds and a few Industrials were well supported, otherwise business was slack owing to the unsatisfactory state of the foreign exchanges, together with selling from the Continent, also local realizations to provide cash in connection with calls falling due on numerous new capital issues. Money and discount rates were easy. Gold advanced to 107 s. 11d., Spain being the chief buyer. Silver was lower at 75 pence consequent on China selling. The exchange on Paris rose to 45.05, New York 3.83½, Switzerland 19.10, Holland 10.03, Germany 200, and Austria 610.

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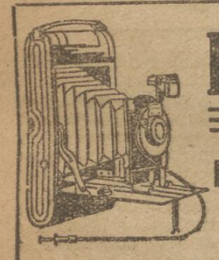

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COMMERCIAL FLYING.

Everyone is watching with interest the development of civilian flying for commercial purposes.

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But then it was not clearly understood what a tedious business the transition stage from war to peace would be; that the aftermath of the fight would leave the whole in confusion.

The air service had been carried on in war time regardless of expense; it was wasteful in men and material. Such conditions could never succeed in commercial flying and it is taking time to organise on a normal basis.

Progress for these and other reasons has accordingly been slower than anticipated. In Great Britain the most important commercial service has been that between London and Paris, which has now been running regularly for a month or more.

One of the largest aviation firms, for instance, has recently asked permission of the Indian Government to commence commercial flying in India. It offered to convey passengers and mails along the main routes and asked for no subsidy, but unfortunately so far, the Indian authorities have not given their sanction.

China, too, is taking to the air in real earnest, and six big machines are being built in England for the Chinese Government who intend to use them for a regular air service between Hong-Kong and Shanghai. They are to form the nucleus of a large fleet to operate in the near future.

In South America, air routes are being planned and Australia has several schemes ready to put in shape as soon as aeroplanes can be obtained from the mother country.

France and Germany are getting busy on commercial flying and while both countries are devoting attention to aeroplanes they are also intending to bring the airship into use. The French Government has four of these under construction and Germany is expanding the use of the Zeppelins. Indeed a passenger "Zep" is now doing service between Berlin and Stockholm.

On every side therefore we see more or less activity in getting business flying under way. The beginnings with so many initial difficulties to face are bound to be somewhat slow, but the future has almost boundless possibility.

MUSIC ON THE RHINE.

Ask the average person to sing or play some instrument, and what will be the answer in nine cases out of ten? "I'm sorry, but I cannot. You see I have never done anything in the way of music." It is not that we do not like music, but that as a whole, our musical education has been sadly neglected, and the music which is in every one of us has had no chance of coming into the open.

That there is music in us is patent to all. Why, even in our cradles we sung our own little songs, and beat our own time with chubby little hands and feet.

Take a concert audience. With the opening bars of a lively piece feet dance and heads nod to the time, and everyone feels happy. Perhaps the next movement is slower, sadder—heads droop, and there is a hush of sympathy.

It is the same with singing. Sing a bright chorus and the same effects are noticeable.

Yet there is music and—er—music, and it is up to us to see that ours is not the—er—music. There is the kind that lives and will continue to live, and also the kind that dies an early and natural death. How is it that the music that Bach, Handel, and the other great masters wrote decades ago is still played and appreciated to-day, while practically all that was written for, and sung at, some of the music halls, but a few years ago, is never heard now?

Nowadays, no one implores his beloved to "Come, come and make eyes at me, down by the Old Bull and Bush," or plaintively wails that "You are the honeysuckle, I am the bee." No, they are specimens of the—er—music.

The real music has the power of arousing sympathy in us in a way that no other branch of art possesses. In company with it, we ascend to the seventh heaven of delight and joy, or descend to the deepest shades of gloom. And the best of it is that it is not only the producer of the music who enjoys these sensations, but his whole audience shares them with him.

We must look to it that our musical understanding is sufficiently alive to differentiate between good and bad music and to appreciate the good.

In the Music Wing of the Army College, courses have been in progress for some time, with the idea of propagating music in the Army of the Rhine. The students there are not picked voices, in fact, one or two have asked to be returned to their units, because their presence there must be a mistake; they had no voices and musically were ignorant. But in a fortnight, these very men were singing part songs.

The method used is to sing or play a chorus with one or two shouted words such as "John Peel" or the "Orderlies Song" from Walford Davies' "Fellowship Song Book." The sense of self-consciousness disappears and soon the whole chorus is being sung, and the verses too. After these come old English rounds. The students are gradually initiated in the art of part singing, and larger part songs follow.

At the same time, classes are held in the theory and history of music, harmony, and counterpoint writing. The lives and works of the masters are discussed and a good start is given towards wholesome discrimination in music.

In this way it is hoped to increase the knowledge and appreciation of true music in the Rhine Army, and so ultimately in England.

BEB.

"NOBBY," THE MASCOT.

The 9th East Surrey Regt., recently returned to England accompanied by their mascot, the little French boy, described in this true sketch, who refused to leave the Battalion.

"Tray bon! ain't it nobby?" "No comprie!"—"Garn commant allee blonk" again. "No compree." "Naturally," the reader enquires, to what does this dialogue refer?

It having aroused your curiosity, let me now relate to you the history of Pte. Nobby of the 9th Battalion East Surrey Regiment.

When the battalion moved to the new front on the 1st of May the transport lines were established at a small village named Petit Sains, and there the British "Tommy" was the centre of an ardent and admiring crowd of juvenile worshippers, foremost of which was "Nobby". He was the leader of all the friendly overtures, which, of course, was not lacking on either side.

In September, the battalion moved to Beharicourt, near Doullens, renearsing the attack which was imminent at that time.

Imagine the surprise of all, when unloading the wagons, "Nobby" appears. Evidently he had hidden himself under some of the blankets, prior to the move.

He was immediately returned to his home; then, three days after, he again appears reporting himself to his bosom "pal" the coalman. Presumably he had "lorry hopped."

The French Mission were then notified, and the following day two gendarmes arrived to escort him back, so we all said "good-bye" to Nobby....

Here let us move to Cambrai, after its fall, when the battalion spent its well-earned rest after pushing forward to Haussy.

"'Ere is I," said he. "Well I'm...!" ejaculated the astonished quartermaster, gazing down at the proud and elated form of Nobby, who had picked up one of the 24th Divisional lorries on the road, and rejoined "his" battalion.

He flatly refuses to return home to his parents, and soon they realized the futility of endeavouring to keep him at home, so reluctantly consented to allow him to remain with the battalion.

Nightly he accompanied rations, when they were brought up to the line, refusing to remain behind when shelling was heavy. To him it was an excellent joke. Barely four feet high, the sturdy little figure strutting proudly along, is the centre of everyone's admiration.

Tournai! and the juvenile portion of its inhabitants gazing at the form of Nobby, resplendent in khaki, now marching at the head of "his" Battalion; again at the presentation of colours by the Army Commander, to whom he was presented; riding behind the Transport officer on a mule; being taught to play the bugle in time to act as C.O's bugler; finally apprenticed to the bootmaker.

Emphatic in his refusals to speak French, when civilians attempt to fraternize, they are always received with, "Me no compree," "Me speeks English.'

Even in the 72nd. Brigade revue, he comes to the fore as slave in the spectacular harem scene, travelling with them on tour.

His punctilious saluting is an edification for "Old sweats", especially on pay day, when he can be seen running from one Company to another with his A.B. 64 in his hand.

His O.C. was the coalman; I write "was" as he has since been demobilized and on that day Nobby packed his own kit, strapped on his three blankets, staggered with him to the Station and burst into tears as he watched his comrade borne away by the train, leaving him with the R.T.O.—not yet eligible for demobilisation.

C.W.H.

KAUTSKY'S REVELATIONS.

II—TEMPTING ENGLAND.

July 26th. The German Chancellor appealed to the Kaiser "to remain for the present in Norway, since this would materially facilitate England's projected mediation in Petersburg, which is manifestly irresolute." The Kaiser replied that he did not observe any signs of "irresolution" on the part of Russia, adding, "There is a Russian Fleet! There are now cruising in the Baltic five Russian Torpedo Boat Flotillas which can, either as a whole or in part, reach the Belts within 16 hours and block them. Port Arthur ought to be a lesson! My Fleet has received marching orders for Kiel and that is where it is going to!"

On this day the Chief of the German General Staff sealed his final draft of the ultimatum to Belgium which was transmitted to the Chancellor on the 29th July and presented at Brussels on the 2nd August.

July 28th. Early in the morning of this day the text of the Serbian reply was communicated to the Kaiser at the new Palace, Potsdam. (The Serbian reply to the Austrian Note practically conceded Austria's far-reaching and humiliating demands and suggested that if the Austro-Hungarian Government were not fully satisfied with the answers given, it was to the common interest that a specific understanding should be reached by referring questions to the International Tribunal at the Hague, or to the great Powers which had taken part in the settlement of 1909.)

The Kaiser's comments upon this document were as follows:—

"A brilliant performance for a time limit of 48 hours. This is more than could be expected. A great moral success for Vienna. Herewith every ground for war disappears, and Giesl (Austro-Hungarian Minister) might quietly have stayed in Belgrade. I would never have ordered mobilization on the strength of this."

At 10 a.m. the Kaiser indited a long epistle to the Chancellor, in which he urged that, while Serbia had ostensibly capitulated, the Serbians were "Orientals" and therefore "liars," and that consequently it was necessary to apply to them a "douce violence" in order to guarantee fulfilment of the Serbian assurances. Above all, some "satisfaction d'honneur" was due to the Austrian Army, which would otherwise have mobilized three times in succession without having anything to show for it.

The Emperor Francis Joseph on the same day was signing his declaration of war against Serbia, to Count Berchtold's dictation. Upon his return to the Ballplatz, Count Berchtold deleted in the document signed by the Emperor, the reference to Serbian acts of hostility, which had served the purpose of rousing the old gentleman, and the abbreviated declaration of war was dispatched during the forenoon to Nish, where it arrived at 1.20 p.m. At 7.40 p.m. Count Berchtold in Vienna received from the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador in Berlin, the intimation that the German Government had declined (as inappropriate) the British proposal for a conference in London.

July 29th. The Chancellor, in an interview with Sir. E. Goschen, the British Ambassador, made a desperate bid to secure British neutrality, and offered the assurance that, if England would remain neutral, this would pave the way to a general neutrality agreement, viz. limitation of naval armaments.

Meanwhile, the Kaiser was annotating Sir E. Grey's dispatch describing the situation as increasingly serious, with such gems as:

"The biggest and most unheard of piece of English Pharisaism that I have ever seen! With such scoundrels I shall never conclude a naval agreement!" "Aha — the base deceiver — Arch base and Mephistophelian! But truly English."

The Kaiser's fury became unbounded when he read that circumstances might arise in which England would be unable to stand aside. "They mean to attack us", he noted.

"This pack of base hucksters has sought to deceive us with dinners and speeches." The King's message for me through Henry — We shall remain neutral and try to keep out of this as long as possible — was the grossest deception of all. Grey gives the King the lie, and this statement of his to Lichnowsky is the outcome of a guilty conscience, of the feeling in fact that he has deceived us. It amounts, moreover, to a threat, which is partly bluff, designed to separate us from Austria, to prevent us from mobilizing, and to foist upon us the responsibility of the war. He knows perfectly well that he has only to utter one single sharp and earnest word of warning in Paris and in Petersburg and to enjoin neutrality upon them, and they will both at once keep quiet. But he takes good care not to utter this word, and threatens us instead! Low hound! Responsibility for peace or war now rests upon England alone, and no longer upon us!"

(To be continued.)

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

THE CARE OF HORSES.

Sir,—I am glad attention is being directed to the subject of cruelty to animals, particularly horses, for the simple fact that many of our four footed friends in Cologne and district were formerly under Tommy's care.

I recall the early sales of these animals, and I then ventured to express the hope that they would be well cared for. A friend hastened to inform me that as a rule Germans treated them well.

I sincerely hope so, but should one offend, I suggest that summary action will protect our old friends of the transport lines.

T.B.

COLOGNE ART EXHIBITION.

Sir,—I have, in the first instance, to thank W.B. Jemmet for the information concerning the Art School at the Army College.

That excellent work is being done I shall not attempt to deny, but, I do not think that a School of Art is quite the thing to encourage drawing and painting among soldiers; firstly because the average soldier, though possessing sufficient talent, seems to be shy of what we call Art Schools; secondly, because he is apt to consider himself below the standard that is expected of those who attend such institutions.

This is my reason for suggesting the formation of a Society of Artists. In such a society members could meet and discuss events in the world of art, and criticise one another's effort with the pencil and brush.

In conclusion just a word to "Craftsman." It seems to him that too much prominence is given to painting; let me here say that painting, like reading, of which we have heard so much of late, cannot receive too much attention.

He thinks that, instead of encouraging soldiers to paint, greater attention ought to be paid to instructing them in the use of their hands in useful crafts. I am in full agreement with this statement, but why not encourage them to paint and instruct them in handicrafts as well?

R.M.

LATE COMERS AT THE THEATRE.

Sir,—While agreeing with "Non-Commissioned Officer" as to the late habit with people who have booked seats at Cologne amusements, I think you might publish a thousand letters and you wouldn't change these folks' ways.

It is always a scandal and was very prevalent in London theatres once. The managers found the only cure was to prohibit people taking their seats once the play had started and to make them wait till the first interval.

If this could be enforced here I think the nuisance would soon end. But the management must be absolutely firm and permit no breach of the order to anyone, whatever his rank.

ONE OF THE CRUSH.

REVIVING DISCUSSIONS.

Sir,—Your correspondent "W.V.W." is mistaken in supposing that the Sunday afternoon discussions at the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. "are now to cease."

So far from ceasing to be, the class is beginning to be more vigorous than ever. Last Sunday, those of the original members, who are still undemobilized—a faithful remnant—met and drew up the following programme for the next four weeks:—December 14th. "New Lamps for Old" (Inaugural address by Dr. Francis); December 21st, "Does Spiritualism afford any new proof of Immortality?"; December 28th, "Is belief in the Virgin Birth essential to the Christian Faith?"; January 4th, "Is anything Irreparable and Irretrievable?"

The formal discussions are followed by conversations over a cup of tea; and these have often proved the most helpful part of our intercourse. The class now begins at 4 p.m. as the children's service is held in the Loreley Hall at 2.30 p.m.

A. D. MACKENZIE.

CRAFTS—NOT ART.

Sir,—Your correspondent "Craftsman" writes, "England is over-run with mediocre art," suggesting less attention to art at the Army College, and more to wood and metal-work.

"Craftsman" should know that there has to be an artist to produce sound designs even for what he terms mechanical crafts, before the craftsman can get to work, that for really best results every craftsman should at least be able to draw to some extent and appreciate form, texture etc.

Inquiry would show that the skill of hand and taste obtained from various methods of drawing, and painting at the College are applied to commercial art.

Reflection might show that with ever widening distribution and use of machinery, and on international effort to obtain similar pay and hours of labour throughout the world, results will more and more tend to become similar as to cost and quality, that more and more will a nation depend on art in connection with advertising, to attract its share of its own and the world's trade. Label or Loan Poster, all have now a national importance.

Further, the harder the worker works, the more vitally important become all forms of recreation.

Perhaps "Craftsman" has at times enjoyed sketches in the "Cologne Post" and elsewhere, and gone refreshed to his tasks. Sketches made possible and profitable by training at the Army College Art Courses, and similar institutions.

ART STUDENT.

THE SONG ROYAL.

All beauty and all glory I have known,
True love: which is unshaken happiness;
And courage: in the splendour of our days;
And tenderness: in the dear things we said;
And truth: in your true kisses on my lips;
And safety: in your heart's strong gentleness;
And faith: in the sure faith of our love's ways;
And hope: in our new hope that was the old;
And joy: in our love's utter certainty;
All these are mine because you still love me;
All these, though you are dead, you give to me.

MAY WEDDERBURN CANNAN
in "Splendid Days."

OUR COMPETITION.

Great Popularity of Weekly Football Feature.

NO. 12 CONTEST WINNERS.

We have now reached the twelfth number in our weekly football competition. From the first we never entertained any doubt but that the feature would be a popular one, knowing well the unbounded interest being taken by all ranks in first class football at home this season.

At the same time, however, we scarcely anticipated that it would so rapidly attain the popularity it has done.

From the first contest there was a marked increase in the number of coupons submitted, until a rush of demobilization and a decreased Army of Occupation brought about a reduction in the number of entries.

TOTAL FIRM.

In spite of this, however, the weekly total remains firm at over 2,000, making the competition well worth winning. The entrance fee of one mark is, of course, ridiculously small with the present rate of exchange, but, after due consideration, we have decided not to raise the cost but to give entrants the opportunity of sending in a larger number of coupons.

Results to date have conclusively proved that the advantage of submitting a large number of coupons cannot be over-estimated. While our competition is undoubtedly a test of skill and correct judgment of form there are always the inevitable surprise happenings for which it is wise to allow.

In no single case has a solo winner sent in only one coupon, and this speaks for itself. And the greater number of coupons submitted, the greater will be the number of marks for the fortunate competitor who carries off the prize.

Latterly we have reduced the number of matches to be forecasted to ten, thereby reducing the difficulties of the contest by one-sixth.

THE WINNERS.

To-day we announce the result of No. 11 competition. In this contest competitors were set the task of forecasting five away winners, two draws and three home successes. Despite the fact that of these only one failure was of the sensational order, competitors were hopelessly floored.

Out of the two thousand odd entrants only two succeeded in forecasting nine correct results. The prize money amounts to 2,156 marks and the successful competitors will each receive a cheque for 1078 marks. Their names and addresses are:—

L/C L. W. Idle
R.A.S.C. A. Branch
G.H.Q
Rhine Army.

Pte. Freeman
Rhine Army Reception Camp
Cologne.

The former failed to forecast the Manchester City—West Bromwich battle, giving this as a draw, while the latter gave West Ham to win at Coventry, this match being drawn.

On the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 12,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 12.

Date of matches, Saturday, Dec. 13th.
Closing date, Friday, Dec. 12th.

Burnley	v. Oldham
Notts County	v. Everton
Grimsby	v. Bristol City
Lincoln	v. Hull City
West Ham	v. Coventry
South Shields	v. Barnsley
Palace	v. Queens Park R.
St. Mirren	v. Dumbarton
Clyde	v. Queens Park.
Ayr U.	v. Morton

I enter Football Competition No. 12 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions already announced and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

N. H. FOLLOW SUIT.

Reforms Recommended on Lines of Jockey Club.

Mr. W. Murland and Sir George Bullough have submitted to the National Hunt Committee a memorandum in terms which substantially agree with the conclusions arrived at by the Jockey Club Committee of Enquiry.

Certain variations, due mainly to the different circumstances surrounding winter racing, are indicated, but in the main there is complete unanimity between the two ruling bodies.

The points specially selected for consideration as separate and distinct from the Jockey Club's memorandum include the provision of place money, the cost of travelling horses, weighing fees, stabling of horses, and accommodation for lads, the composition of programmes with special reference to selling plates, and the accommodation of the public.

AMALGAMATION DISAPPROVED.

The suggestions regarding the amalgamation of racecourses are treated by the National Hunt representatives in the same way as by the Jockey Club's Committee.

The recommendation that stakeholders' fees and Clerks' fees should be a charge on racecourse executives instead of on owners of horses will, if adopted, remove a grievance of long standing, as also will that which calls upon racecourse executives to provide free stabling for horses and free accommodation for their attendants.

Forage, it is also recommended, should be provided at cost price and reasonable terms for catering for lads should be arranged. The railway companies are to be urged to do something towards decreasing the expenses incurred by owners in the transit of racehorses, which are only too truthfully described as exorbitant.

BILLIARDS.

The closing scores in the principal matches on Wednesday are appended.

Smith 10,585
Inman 9,046

Breaks: Smith: 128, 164, 141, 169 and 111; Inman: 182, 143, 140, 152, 101, and 224 (unfinished).

Newman 11,166
Fa kiner.....7,464

Breaks: Newman: 226, 373, 159, 102, 167, and 214.

GRENADIERS AT GOLF.

The Grenadier Guards played their second golf match of the present month when they met Walton Heath, on the latter club's course. In the singles the Walton Heath Club led by 5 matches to 3, and in the Foursomes the Guards won by 2½ to 1½, the total scores being:—Walton Heath 6½, Grenadier Guards 5½.

LEICESTER MEETING.

Foggy Weather for Second Day's Racing.

There was a moderate attendance of spectators for the second day of the Leicester meeting on Tuesday when the weather was fine but foggy. The going was fairly good. Results:—

Oadby Hurdle:—1, Indian Feast (3—1); 2, Manester Market (6—1); 3, Governor Wood (100—7). Thirteen ran.

Wingston Hurdle:—1, Ledalie (9—4); 2, Wood Ant (2—1); 3, Royal Trixtress (100—8). Seven ran.

Leicester Hurdle:—1, Sherwood Forester (11—2); 2, Appelton (7—4); 3, Ullswater (3—1). Six ran.

Glan 'Chase:—George B. walked over.

Sileby 'Chase:—1, Fargue (7—4); 2, Carrigrue (11—4); 3, Chanbally (5—1). Five ran.

Belvoir 'Chase:—1, Sunny Croft (100—8); 2, Smash Away (2—1); 3, Sandy Cuba (5—1). Nine ran.

CRICKET'S FUTURE.

The cricket authorities in England are perturbed in connection with the future of cricket. Mr. Lecy, secretary of the M.C.C., informed a meeting of county representatives that it was inevitable that the majority of county clubs would gradually be compelled to shut down if the entertainment tax continued in its present form.

COLOGNE BOXING.

First of a Series of Fortnightly Competitions.

AT CENTRAL Y.M.C.A.

The first of a series of fortnightly boxing competitions under Imperial Services Boxing Association Rules, and organised by the P. and R.T. branch, G.H.Q., is being held at the Y.M.C.A. Central, Friesen Strasse, Cologne, on Friday and Saturday. Doors on each evening will be open at 16.45 hours, and boxing commence at 17.30 hours. Reserved tickets may be purchased at the Amusements Office, Komodien Strasse, while ordinary tickets will be obtainable at each performance. British ladies will be admitted when accompanied by gentlemen.

There is no dearth of boxing talent in the Rhine Army, and in certain units there has of late been a marked boom in this branch of sport. Consequently it goes almost without saying that the shows will provide plenty of excellent sport, and that some sparkling bouts will be staged.

All lovers of boxing should make a point of being present at the first competitions.

There are 81 entries up-to-date including 29 in the light-weight competitions, 19 in the bantams, and 15 in the feathers.

A POOR DISPLAY.

Plested declares Wells "would not fight."

Considerable interest surrounded the meeting of Billy Wells, of Bermondsey, and Kid Plested, of Tipton, at The Ring in a contest of 20 3-min. rounds. At the weighing-in earlier in the day Wells scaled 10st. 4lb. and Plested 10st. 6¼lb.

The bout, which was the principal item of a long programme, was very disappointing, and Plested retired at the end of the seventh round, when he was cautioned by the referee for holding. He appeared to be disgusted, and shouted out that he wished to retire because Wells "would not fight." Both men did a lot of holding, but the Midlander was the chief offender, and deserved to be disqualified. Wells, however, gave a poor display, and unless he changes his ways and stands up, and boxes instead of doing so much showy defensive work, he will lose favour with the public, and that means the loss of his living.

COUNTY CRICKET.

Important Resolutions by Advisory Committee.

PAYMENT OF PLAYERS.

At a meeting of the Advisory Committee at Lords the M.C.C., all the first-class counties and the Minor Counties' Association were represented. The proceedings were private, and at the end of the meeting the following information was supplied:—

PAYMENT OF PRO'S.

With regard to the payment of professionals in county cricket it was agreed after a very long discussion that each county should be left to make its own arrangement.

It was moved by Worcestershire and carried that Public School cricketers, after leaving school, should be qualified for three years for the county in which their school is situated.

It was moved by Sussex and carried that all who have served during the war in his Majesty's Forces, or are now serving, shall be eligible to play for a county within twelve months of taking up residence, provided that such residence is taken up within twelve months of demobilization.

PLAYERS' PLEDGE.

It was moved by Yorkshire and carried that in representative matches at home, tours abroad, and festival and other matches organised by county clubs, no player who does not pledge himself to assist his county when required shall be invited to take part in such matches.

With regard to the hours of play in county matches it was agreed to revert to pre-war arrangements, an extra half-hour, however, being allowed on the third day if there be a chance of a definite result.

A general agreement was come to as to the payment of umpires.

With regard to a suggestion to keep an England side in existence it was ruled that this could not be done next year, but the proposal would be borne in mind in view of the future.

The resolutions passed will have to be confirmed by the M.C.C. Committee.

THE DAVIS CUP.

The British lawn tennis team which is to oppose Australasia in the Davis Cup competition at Sydney has arrived. All are well.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

B.R.A.D.C. CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION.

History of "The Knight of the Burning Pestle."

As already announced in these columns, the British Rhine Army Dramatic Company are producing at Christmas, "The Knight of the Burning Pestle," and appended will be found a history of the play, which made its first appearance in 1613.

The first edition of "The Knight of the Burning Pestle" appeared in quarto form in 1613.

SOURCES.

There can be little doubt that "The Knight of the Burning Pestle" owes direct literary allegiance to Don Quixote. The spirit of Cervantes' romance is seen in the conception of Ralph, and follows him through all his adventures. More especially is the influence of Cervantes to be traced in Ralph's overthrow of the Surgeon-Barber in Act III., Scene iv., which was, in all probability, suggested by the victory of Don Quixote over the barber with the enchanted helmet in the first part of Don Quixote.

In like manner, Ralph's arrival at, and conduct in, "The Bell Inn," which he takes for a castle, recalls the adventures of Don Quixote in the inn at the outset of his chivalrous career. May we not also detect in Susan, the Cobbler's daughter of Milk Street, a reminiscence of the immortal Donna, Dulcinea del Toboso, so skilful in salting hams? Further, in the Spanish romance and the English play we have the same playful satire, directed against the high-flown and extravagant books of chivalric adventure.

THE TITLE.

The title, "The Knight of the Burning Pestle," seems to have been taken from that of a play which is mentioned in the list of those acted at the Court revels in 1579.

The device of introducing the comments of the spectators for the development of the play is to be found in Ben Jonson's "Every Man Out of his Humour," though here the remarks made, serve to express the author's own ideas of dramatic criticism, and no satiric humour is intended.

Of the class of plays dealing with extravagant adventure with which "The Knight of the Burning Pestle" burlesques, it is Heywood's four "Prentices of London," which Beaumont and Fletcher single out for the special butt of their ridicule. It deals with the impossible adventures of the four apprentices, who joined Robert, Duke of Normandy on his Crusade, and who are wrecked at sea, and cast upon different shores. One of the four brothers, Eustace, is a grocer's apprentice, and declares upon setting out on his adventurous career:

"For my trade's sake, if good success I have,
The grocer's arms shall on my ensign wave."

The adventures of Ralph at the Court of Moldavia are a burlesque upon the very similar adventures of Eustace's brother Guy, at the Court of the King of France.

FAVOURED PLAYS.

Plays of this sort must have won favour with the citizens of London, and above all with their apprentices, so that the satire of "The Knight of the Burning Pestle" is directed against the public that favoured such plays, as well as against the dramatists that wrote them. Here and there the satire seems to be levelled at Shakespeare himself.

Thus Ralph's quotation in the Induction from Hotspur's well-known speech in Henry IV., Part I, Act. I, Sc. III., is of this nature, and the authors seem to have overlooked the fact that Shakespeare himself intended this speech to be mere bluster. Further, Humphrey's words in Act. II, Sc. I., as Professor Koppel points out.

"Good-night, twenty good-nights, and twenty more,
And twenty more good-nights—that makes three score"

are very much like a parody on the words of Romeo:

"Good-night, Good-night! parting is such sweet sorrow,
That I shall say good-night till it be morrow."

PLACE IN ELIZABETHAN DRAMA.

In its happy blending of pure comedy with the mock heroic and the burlesque, "The Knight of the Burning Pestle" holds a unique place in the field. In the trenchant, though genial satire, of the play we see a double-edged sword at work, dealing blows at one moment at the extravagant romantic plays of Heywood and his fellows; at another, at the tyranny exercised upon play-wrights by the dunce-critics of the London shops.

The literature of the period is full of references to the habit adopted by Court gallants of taking up seats upon the stage itself at a time of a performance, and of interrupting the course of the play by untimely remarks. From the drama before us it would seem that the wealthy London citizen had also begun to play this privilege (which might be procured for an extra sixpence), and threatened to exert a tyranny over the stage-representations of the time.

REASON FOR RIDICULE.

It was with the purpose of checking this abuse that the authors now held up to ridicule the Citizen and his Wife. Their total lack of appreciation, their ill-judged sympathies and grotesque demands become in turn an object of scathing satire, and though from references in the Prologue to the printed editions of 1635, it would seem that the London citizens resented this satire, yet it doubtless had a salutary effect.

But our interest is not wholly in the satire of the play; the romantic parts are admirably constructed, given as a plot, which in mastery of execution challenges Ben Jonson's best, while the character of Merrythought, with his blithe, careless laughter, gives to the play all the joyousness and light-heartedness of youth.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Thurs.	Cav. Rusticana Der Bajazzo	Mascagni Leoncavallo	7	9.45
Fri.	Der Wildschütz	Lortzing	7	10
Sat.	Merry Wives of Windsor	Nicolai	7	10.30
Sun.	Meistersinger von Nürnberg	Wagner	5	10.30
Monday	No Performance			
Tuesday	No Performance			

INTERNATIONAL TRIALS.

Arrangements for England v. North and South Matches.

At a meeting of the F.A. International Selection Committee, presided over by Mr. J. C. Clegg, it was decided to play two international trial matches—England v. The South, and England v. The North. The dates will be fixed and grounds selected on Dec. 22.

It was also decided to play an amateur international trial match, North v. South, ground and date to be chosen later.

A request from the Army F.A. for the F.A. to send a team to Aldershot on Dec. 17, to play the Army F.A. team, was agreed to, and the team was chosen as follows:—

Hampton (Chelsea);
J. S. F. Morrison (Cambridge University);
A. E. Knight (Portsmouth) (captain);
Gregory (V) (Watford);
Wilding (Chelsea);
Grimsdell (Tottenham Hotspur);
Rutherford (Arsenal);
R. W. Sloley (Corinthians);
Broad (Millwall);
Bliss (Tottenham Hotspur);
R. W. Gander-Dower (Casuals).
Reserves (to travel): Voisey (Millwall), Edmonds (Watford).

'VARSITY RUGBY.

The King and Prince Henry at Queens Club.

At Queen's Club on Tuesday, Cambridge beat Oxford by seven points to five.

The King and Prince Henry were present, arriving before the start and remaining until the finish. They were enthusiastically received by a crowd of 12,000 spectators.

The captains of the rival teams were presented to His Majesty. The Oxford pack started to heel and hook in fine style while behind the scrum Loudounshand did great ground gaining work. Cambridge rushed their opponents the length of the field to end a scramble under the dark blues goal. Lewis shortly afterwards kicked the goal as a result of a penalty. Oxford pressed and Jenkins, getting the ball from some tight play, put in a splendid drop kick, which hit the cross bar. In taking the rebound Walldock knocked on. Half time: Cambridge 3; Oxford 0.

Three minutes from the re-start, Crole made a short clever run, and, eluding the opposition, scored. Havard converted. Shortly afterwards Walldock retired, and for the rest of the game Oxford played a man short. Cambridge went away with a fine rush, at the end of which Smallwood dropped a brilliant goal which again put them ahead. Oxford continued to have rather the better of matters for a time, but towards the close Cambridge forwards played up splendidly and a fine exciting game ended in a victory for Cambridge by a dropped goal and a penalty goal to a placed goal.

FOOTBALL DECISIONS.

How Huddersfield Can Avert Removal to Leeds.

At a meeting of the Management Committee of the Football League it was decided in connection with Huddersfield Town club that if the £25,000 pounds owing to the brothers Crowther was not raised by Dec. 31st, consent should be given for the removal of the club to Leeds.

Fulham, who were fined two hundred pounds for failing to fulfil an engagement with Bristol City on Sept. 27th, asked for a reduction, and it was decided to reduce the fine by one hundred.

YACHT RACING.

Sir Thomas Lipton, interviewed at Southampton on his return from America, said that that it was hoped the America Cup race would be sailed at the end of June, or in July at the latest. It was at present uncertain whether the yachts "Vanity" or "Resolute" would defend the cup but in all probability "Resolute" will be selected.

Sir Thomas will return to America at the end of March.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

New Hurdle Recruits.
Jazz, Far East, and War Emblem are being schooled over hurdles, and will shortly join Killalee's team at Epsom.

Carslake's Destination
Carslake's destination when he sails on the 15th is California, not Australia, as stated.

F. A. Councillor.
Mr. H. Thompson (Dulwich Hamlet) has been elected to the London F. A. Council in place of Mr. A. Emery (Penge).

Martin Retires.
J. H. Martin, the jockey, has decided not to apply for a renewal of his licence next season.

Bad Luck.
"Tich" Mason, who had his thigh broken by the fall of South Lodge at Liverpool, is going on very well, but it is extremely doubtful if he will ever ride again.

Present Day Surpluses.
In these days of high prices there is no telling what winners of selling races are going to make. Rosy Picton could have been bought at Birmingham for 50gs, but she did reach that reserve, and it was lucky for Mr. Long that she did not, as she earned the Birmingham sportsman 120gs as half the surplus accruing from the sale of Mundola at Nottingham.

King Ebor for Gore.
King Ebor has left Newmarket for Findon, to be trained by Gore.

Moody at the Ring.
The young Pontypridd welter-weight Frank Moody, will again be seen at The Ring next Saturday evening, when he is due to meet Joe Attwood, of Halesowen, in the "special" of 20 3-min. rounds.

King's Jockey Better.
Herbert Jones, the King's jockey, is now pronounced by his doctor to be quite recovered from his recent illness. It has been arranged for him to start for Switzerland on Saturday next, and he will join Skeats Martin in St. Moritz.

Unsound.
Fleeting Peace is far from sound in front, and though he opened an odds-on chance for the Birstall Handicap Steeplechase, he started 6 to 4 against. This was due to the fear on the part of his owner-rider that he would break down.

Railway Arrangements.
The London and South-Western Railway Company will make the necessary arrangements at the Christmas meeting or the delivery of all horses to the fiding at Kempton Park, where they will be unboxed and reboxed after the meeting.

Retained.
Serban, after winning the Town Hurdle, was retained for 250 guineas.

Alf Craig Beaten.
Alf Craig, of Aldgate, was outpointed by Jim Falcus, of Newcastle, in a twenty round contest at Newcastle.

Refused.
The Last refused at the ditch in the Broxhills Steeplechase, and Royal Aid fell three fences from home.

For Hurdles.
Trespasser, bought by Mr. P. Heybourn at the Newmarket Sales last week, has been sent to J. M. Bell, the Epsom trainer, to be schooled over hurdles.

Trio Arrive.
Plymouth Rock, Merry Din, and Lady Peg, the property of Mr. J. Buchanan, bought at the recent Newmarket sales, have arrived at F. Darling's place at Beckhampton to be trained for their future engagements.

Bantams Meet.
The chief event at The Ring next Monday afternoon will be a contest between the well-known bantam-weights Alf Mansfield, of Aldgate, and Billy Eynon, of Merthyr, who are matched to box 20 3-min rounds for £50 a side at 8st 6lb, weighing in at 10 o'clock on the morning of the contest.

Easy Winner.
So easily did The Settler win that he should soon again be found picking up a race for Mr. G. W. Smith.

A Tedious Journey.
Sam Temple, who finished second to Hagiology, was 15 hours in his box on the journey to Leicester.

A New Stud.
Mr. Stewart Gates, who is starting a racing stud at Epsom, bought Fleeting Peace after winning for 150 guineas.

Above His Class.
Smashaway, who was backed to beat Wavertree at Leicester, is an Irish horse. He ran prominently, but was meeting a horse above his own class.

Hagiology.
Hagiology, who was unfortunate recently at Birmingham, led from start to finish at Leicester. He is a good young horse.

New N. F. Members.
A meeting of the National Hunt Committee was held in London when Lord Stanley and Baron F. de Tuyll were elected members of the committee.

A New Addition.
A new addition to J. Woodman's team at Yelverton is Avezzano, who beat Farm Gamp in a canter at Newbury and was sold for a big sum at Newmarket last week.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Course.

One of the favourite songs in most of the Rhineland cafés is "Drinking." Very appropriate, I think.

Showing the Way.

The lamp-post in the centre of the square facing the Monopol Hotel bears no less than seven direction boards. Its usefulness must have been appreciated by thousands.

Xmas Trees.

These are now on sale in the street markets and the prices to us must make fathers think, when they recall the price of these trees in Blighty.

Front Platforms only.

If you are tempted to take a bulky package into a tramcar, don't. The latest G.R.O. says that these may only be carried on the front platform.

Mystery Play.

Rehearsals for the Christmas Mystery Play at the British Empire Leave Club are in full swing, although the chorus is not yet up to full strength. Roll up and hand your names in, enterprising vocalists and instrumentalists.

For the Kindern.

One German I know is making a puppet show for the children's amusement on Christmas day. He has spent quite a lot of time on it already. This is a favourite amusement of the German kiddies.

Hustle.

Every day at two o'clock outside a Cologne newspaper office, a crowd of men and women assembles, many with bicycles. The 2p.m. edition is snapped up red-hot from the press, the crowd eagerly study the "situations vacant" column, and a likely looking berth being noted, a dash awheel is made for it.

Call and see Them.

Will readers please note that we are unable to send prices and samples of our Christmas cards through the post, but a selection can be seen at the Bookshop in Hohe Strasse or at the "Cologne Post" Offices, Marzellen Strasse.

After Dainties.

That Tommy appreciates a good thing is particularly noticeable by the constant procession to be seen awaiting their turn for some of the N.A.C.B. pastries, at almost any hour of the day.

A Multiplying Family.

Apropos a visit to the Stapelhaus, it is as well to take some of the heartrending tales given by the coming generation of Cologne, with a pinch of salt. One urchin informed me that his mother had three young children to provide for, and the next day, not recognising me, added three more to the quota.

Not in Full Flood.

The boathouse, which broke from its moorings at Rodenkirchen, when the Rhine was in flood, has come to a stop just below the Hohenzollern Bridge. Though the Rhine was high, it is not yet in full flood, and will not be till about April next.

A Silly Practice.

The practice of alighting while a tram is in motion, is a very dangerous one. I believe that before the war, it was an offence punishable by a fine of sixty marks.

Opera Fashions.

I notice quite a number of ladies now wearing a scarf of bright colours over their hair, instead of a hat. The effect is quite pleasing.

Their Style.

I noted a civilian the other evening smoking a cigar which was held in a holder made like a pipe. The end of the weed was about nine inches from his mouth. These are fairly common in Germany, I'm told, especially in the country districts.

Searchlight Effects.

The effects produced by the searchlight that operates on the eastern bank of the Rhine by night, between the Suspension and the Sud bridges, would delight the heart of an impressionist artist, as it sweeps up and down the river. It also gives an added sense of security.

Peace Conditions.

There had been a bit of a scrap in the barrack room, and several men were brought before the O.C. with bruised faces. "How on earth did you get battered like that?" he asked. "Please sir," replied the sergeant in charge, "there was some discussion last night on the peace terms."

Not Flattered.

At a dinner party of officers in a Cologne resort the other night a subaltern known to some of them blew in unexpectedly and got a very warm welcome. "Why was everyone so glad to see me?" he asked a major sitting next to him. "Well, to tell the truth, if you hadn't luckily turned up there'd have been thirteen at table."

Interested.

Costume dances were, before the war, very popular in Germany, I believe. I attended one the other night, and the people in my billet took quite an interest in the costume I proposed wearing.

Tommy's Weakness.

Tommy is notoriously weak when dealing with the kiddies. A friend invites my opinion of something dear to the heart of the younger generation at this season. He wants it for a juvenile member of the house where he is billeted.

All to be Had.

There is no end to the variety of papers and books to be seen at the bookshop in Hohestrasse Arcade. Such diverse papers as "L'Illustration" to a copy of "The Wipers Times" are to be had. The latter publication will be remembered as an example of printing in adverse circumstances.

Stores Hours.

The Navy and Army Stores in the Obenmarspforten, are open from 10-1 and 2-7. Please note.

Draught Beer.

Referring to the letter in a recent issue, I am informed that draught beer may be obtained at the N. A. C. B. Stapelhaus on the Ufer, and that the reason that it is not more plentiful is because of the shortage of barrels. At present it is only sent out under the compact that all barrels must be returned to the brewers.

RHINELANDER.

THE LIGHTER SIDE.

OTHER 'OLOGIES TO LEARN.

Phyllis was a sweet young miss just home from college. "Well, mother," quoth she, "even now that I have graduated my work isn't finished. I must now study psychology, philology, Bibli——"

"Just wait a minute!" said her mother, in kindly, firm tone. "I have arranged for you to take a thorough course in roastology, boilology, stitchology, darnology, and general domesticology. Just put on that apron and begin peeling those potatoes!"

NOTHING NEW TO HIM.

The two lads from the country had seen lots of sights during their trip to town, but they were still ready for more.

One of them noticed a sign outside a shop which bore the one word, "Chiropodist."

"H', Bill," said one, "what is a "churropodist?"

"Why," replied Bill, "don't ye know as a 'churropodist' is a man that teaches canaries to whistle?"

A CHAMELEON MIND.

Odd how one's clothes react on one's mentality. Now, when I'm wearing a business suit, I'm all business; when I'm in evening dress social matters occupy my attention, and when I'm in golf togs I don't think of anything but the game. And I suppose when you take a bath your mind's an utter blank.

A WHITE ELEPHANT.

"I wonder, Lady Mary," said the curate "if you would take a few tickets for a raffle we are getting up for a poor fisherman who has recently lo t his wife?"

"Why, yes," replied the charitable Lady Mary. "I shall be pleased to. But—er—what is one supposed to do with the poor fisherman if one wins him?"

CONSISTENCY.

"Geordie, Geordie," exclaimed one bucolic gentleman more in sorrow than in anger to another, "dae ye mind what ye said when the war was on?"

"What did I say?"

"Says you, 'Gin I see a shop selling German goods efter this I'll break its windaes,' yet here ye are playing a German melodeon."

"Na, na, John, I'm no playin' it; I'm knockin' the deevil out o' it."

THE MILITARY HAIR-CUT.

A grizzled individual in a captain's uniform came into the hairdresser's. "Hair-cut," he said in gruff tones.

"How would you like it cut, sir?" the barber asked.

The captain, who was baldish, answered more gruffly than ever: "Line up the hairs and number off to the right. Odd numbers each want half an inch. Dress smartly with bay rum and brilliantine. Then dismiss."

NO CHANGE.

Father (very severely): "Now, look here, Jenny, you must not encourage that young man to stay so late every night. It is simply disgraceful. What does your mother say about it?" Jenny: "She says men have not altered a bit, dad!"

FROM EVERYWHERE.

The Lancashire Boom. — Four more cotton mills have changed hands.

Can we Spare it? — Sweden wants to buy 100 000 tons of British steam coal.

Silk Hat Boom.—A revival is setting in in the silk hat industry.

Disdains Cigarettes.—A Willesden lady has smoked pipes for many years.

Seeing The Beasts.—The King has visited the cattle show at Islington.

Still Turbulent.—Fresh outrages are reported from Cairo.

More Blunt Truths.—Lord Fisher's book, "Records," is now published.

Silver's Value.—Silver is now worth 6s. 2d. an ounce.

Where age Wins.—Mr. Walter Winans says old men are the steadiest shots.

Fabulous.—Some Grimsby skippers are said to be earning £7,000 a year.

The Distinction.—Mrs. James Harley, of Bradford, aspires to be the first English-born woman M.P.

In a Workhouse. — For over a year a Mons hero has been in Newington Workhouse, suffering from shell shook.

The Home of Mascots. — A monkey, mascot of a submarine, has been added to the London Zoo collection.

Fed up. — Some of the pigs at Smithfield Cattle Show weigh a quarter of a ton.

Sack the "Cuthberts!" — Government women clerks ask that "Cuthberts" should make room for the disabled.

New Style Protection.—Shareholders of the Army and Navy Stores have formed a Protection Association.

Coming. — The Cabinet will shortly make a statement as to better old age pensions.

Changing its Mind. — The Seed Trade Association has rescinded a resolution not to trade with Germany for five years.

Who Will Collect? — Life assurance workers have been advised by their union to prepare for a strike.

Disconcerting.—Christmas Day will not be regarded as a holiday in French boarding schools.

And Still Growing.—Fifty-one Whitley Councils represent over four million workers.

Lord Grey's Future. — The report that Lord Grey is returning from Washington is denied.

A Revival.—At Eton on St. Nicholas Day, the mediaeval custom of performing a miracle play was revived.

New Prelate.—The Bishopric of Bradford has been offered to Archdeacon Browse of Plymouth.

Trams Collide.—Two London trams collided in Mare Street, Hackney, and ten people were injured.

Big Fire.—Birmingham has had a big fire. A furniture warehouse was ablaze and four firemen were injured.

Gambling in Food.—France has a big food scandal to investigate. An enormous system of fraud is alleged

Made in Britain.—Great Britain exported £34,000,000 worth of manufactured goods last month.

Joining Lenin.—The German Independent Socialists have decided to join the Bolshevists.

Stopping Trains.—Further passenger trains are being cancelled in France through lack of coal.

Ireland's Disorder.—Secret societies for conducting war on the Government are springing up all over Ireland.

North Sea Mines.— America claims to have laid 56,000 mines in the North Sea barrage, and the British Navy 13,000.

Re-assuring.—According to Sir A. Geddes, British export figures are moving in the right direction.

To Catch the Rodents.—The Bucks County Council ratcatcher has been provided with a motor cycle.

Cheerless.—Complaint is made that railway waiting rooms at home are without fires.

Value of Publicity.—Morecambe is raising a fund of £2,000 for advertising purposes.

Lower Deck Luxury.—Armchairs for bluejackets are among the Admiralty's new concessions to the fleet.

In the City.—Germans released from internment are re-establishing themselves in London.

Assisting the Poles.—Over one hundred applications for commissions in the Polish Army have been received.

The Latest.—After bare backs we are to have bare knees. This is the latest French fashion.

Touching. — A R.N.R. Lieutenant was described in the Divorce Court as a good looking man with blue eyes and curly hair.

Shiver Strike Threat.—Ministry of Supply Clerks employed at Alexandra Palace threaten to strike because of inadequate heating.

Huge Sums.—Mr. Henry Frick, the American steel magnate, leaves £5,000,000 for philanthropic purposes and £5,000,000 for his wife and daughter.

Devoid of Truth.—Jonah and the whale is a mythical comedy according to a professor of literature at Chicago University.

NOTES FROM LONDON TOWN.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

There are signs, says Dr. Terry, Director of Music at Westminster Cathedral, of a revival in carol singing, and the arrangements of the League of Arts to go from house to house in medieval costumes carrying lanterns on poles, should give the carol the fresh impetus it deserves. Of course most of the best carols have in process of time become modernised into something better than "Christmassy" sentimentalities sung to feeble hymn tunes. The real old carol embodying curious legends, such as "The Cherry Tree Carol"; the familiar "I saw three ships come sailing by"; and "God rest you, Merry Gentlemen," is a thing of genuine literary merit. But the wishy-washy variety will always be with us, while ragged little boys continue to haunt our door-steps singing two lines of the one and only carol they know, ready to bolt the moment we show signs of our displeasure.

CANADA'S WOODEN MONEY.

It will surprise many to learn that all over the vast area of Canada in which the trappers for the Hudson Bay Company operate, a wooden currency still circulates in the form of a coinage consisting of pieces of wood known as "castors," which are stamped with a die. These are accepted everywhere within that territory as cash, and are exchangeable for all sorts of supplies and commodities at the widely scattered stations of the Corporation. Over all of this region the Corporation virtually exercises a complete domination, employing the native Indians, chiefly Ojibiways and Crees, to collect the furs which furnish its revenue. In calculating the respective value of the spoils brought in by the trappers, the unit value is a beaver skin. Two martens are reckoned as equal to one beaver, and twenty muskrats as equivalent to one marten.

THE CENOTAPH.

The question of the permanent site of the Cenotaph continues to excite comment on public platforms and in letters to the press. Mr. Kennedy Jones, Chairman of the Advisory Committee on London Traffic, would like to see the Cenotaph moved from Whitehall because in his view its present site makes it a danger to the safety of the public. Most people, however, do not share this opinion, and cannot see how it is more dangerous than, say, the Griffin in the Strand. After all, people will not forever be seen standing round the base reading inscriptions on floral tributes. This is a merely passing event, and ought not to be regarded as a sufficent reason for moving the Monument from a place with which it will now always be associated in the public mind.

CHARLES I's NIGHT-CAP.

The imagination generally conjures up Charles I as a right kingly person, who in spite of his unconstitional vagaries, could not but command respect as a man. Hence I, for one, cannot reconcile my mind to the idea that His Majesty went to bed with a night-cap—I do not mean that kind with which Mr. Jorrocks used to celebrate any and every occasion,—but the nocturnal head-gear. Yet this is the fact for at Rushbrooke Hall near Bury St. Edmunds there is to be an auction this week of various interesting relics including "a leather-covered clothes chest of King Charles I containing two cambric day shirts, and a night-cap." It is to be hoped the buyer will sleep in it with an easy conscience, for its royal owner must have had many uneasy nights in it.

SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER.

I see "She Stoops to Conquer" is being revived at the Old Vic this week. A comedy 150 years old that will stand revival must at least have a first rate plot, and certainly the idea of a comely girl "stooping" to the manners and condition of a barmaid in order to conquer the bashfulness of the man she fancies, is one full of possibilities. But apart from this, the play has numerous lines that have become proverbial such as "Ask me no questions, and I'll tell you no fibs," and "People are generally calm at the misfortunes of others." But over and above these things it is the essential womanliness of Miss Hardcastle, in spite of her "stooping" that makes this fine old play.

BOLSHEVIST HOURS OF LABOUR.

I have seen telegrams in London from the best informed Russian circles stating that in Petrograd the Bolshevist Commissaries have just introduced a compulsory eleven-hour day for factory hands with the object of securing more supplies for the Reds. This looks something like conscription of labour and is certainly an excellent corroboration of the reports made to the Russian Liberation Committee in London of the extraordinary tyranny of the Soviet taskmasters, who seem to think that the State machinery has got into their hands for the purpose of giving them a good time at the expense of the ignorant or helpless.

CHRISTMAS BOXES.

I see that Holloway postmen have decided not to ask for or take proffered Christmas boxes. Unlike Hosea Biglow's politician, their "course is steadied by princerples", but I am afraid Boxing Day will see most of the old parasites swallowing principles and "going baldheaded for that which pays the best." After all Christmas time is not the best for scrutinising the ethics of gratuities too closely, and I for one would not miss that wonderful wave of politeness which sweeps over all and sundry in the last fortnight of December. It is a time when he of the rusty bowler is entitled "Sir." The newer bowler gets an obeisance in addition, while the top hat is "My Lord" at the very least. Surely titles at 6d. or 1/- are even cheaper than usual.

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Captain Ross Smith arrived at Port Darwin (N. Australia) on the 10th December and thus wins the £10,000 prize offered by the Commonwealth Government for a flight from England to Australia. On the last stage of his flight, from Timor, the last of the chain of islands between Java and Australia, cruisers and steamers patrolled the 500-mile stretch of sea.

Immediately the news of his safe arrival in Australia was received in London, the King telegraphed to Captain Ross Smith: "Delighted at your safe arrival. Your success will bring Australia nearer to the Mother Country, and I warmly congratulate you and your crew."

Mr. Lloyd George telegraphed: "Heartiest congratulations. Your flight shows how the inventions of war can advance progress in peace."

The machine with which this great feat was accomplished was of British make and fitted with British engines, and it is noteworthy that the Atlantic flight was achieved with practically an identical aeroplane. It is thus a double victory for British industry.

In the House of Lords yesterday, Lord Montague of Beaulieu referred to the flight and said it might interest the House to know that the time taken was from twenty-four to thirty-six hours less than the fastest journey ever accomplished via Marseilles. The flight marked an epoch in aerial development which even the most sanguine had not anticipated.

Loud cheers were raised in the House of Commons when Mr. Winston Churchill announced the safe arrival of Captain Ross Smith, which were renewed when it was intimated that he was sending official congratulations "on this very remarkable exploit".

The flight to Australia forms a strong feature of the London papers. Editorial and special articles pay striking tributes to Captain Ross Smith's triumph, the value of his pioneer work, and the speeding up of communications between Great Britain and her distant Dominions.

The Atlantic flight is emphasised as a sensational feat but the Australian flight as an enduring performance. The chief value of the flight lies not so much in the fact that Australia has been reached as the greater fact that four continents have been bridged, and demonstrating that practically every overland stage can be made a paying commercial proposition. It is anticipated that with regular relays of pilots and machines the flight from England to Australia is easily practicable in ten days. The necessity of a great effort to develop Imperial air ways is urged, thus securing to Great Britain supremacy in the air.

The following is the time-table of Capt. Ross Smith's flight:

Left.	Arrived.	Date.
Hounslow	Lyons,	Nov. 12
Lyons	Rome,	Nov. 14
Rome	Taranto,	Nov. 15
Taranto	Suda Bay (Crete),	Nov. 16
Suda Bay	Cairo,	Nov. 17
Cairo	Damascus,	Nov. 18
Damascus	Ramadie,	Nov. 19
Ramadie	Basra,	Nov. 20
Basra	Bushire,	Nov. 22
Bushire	Bunder Abbas,	Nov. 23
Bunder Abbas	Karachi,	Nov. 24
Karachi	Delhi,	Nov. 25
Delhi	Allahabad,	Nov. 27
Allahabad	Calcutta,	Nov. 28
Calcutta	Akyab,	Nov. 29
Akyab	Rangoon,	Nov. 30
Rangoon	Bangkok,	Dec. 1
Bangkok	Singora,	Dec. 1
Singora	Singapore,	Dec. 4
Singapore	Java,	Dec. 6
Java	Timor,	Dec. 9
Timor	Port Darwin,	Dec. 10

CONDITIONS OF THE FLIGHT.

One of the conditions of the award is that pilots and crew must all be of Australian nationality, in accordance with the laws of the Australian Commonwealth, and the complete aircraft and all its component parts must have been entirely constructed within the confines of the British Empire.

A further condition is that only one aircraft may be used throughout the flight, but repairs and certain replacements of parts may be made en route.

The next great flight is expected to be from London, via Cairo, to Capetown, for which preparations have been in the making for many months in Africa.

PASTOR CHALLENGED TO DUEL.

At the close of Tuesday's proceedings in the trial of Lieut. Marloh on a charge of having 32 sailors shot, Captain von Kessel, according to the Berlin papers, sent two lieutenants to Pastor Rump challenging him to a duel with pistols under the severest conditions. Pastor Rump has informed the chief Public Prosecutor of the incident.

On Monday the Esthonian delegates to the Dorpat Conference, demanded simply an armistice, but the Bolshevists replied that they could treat only for Peace.

NAVY ESTIMATES.

HOME WATERS CLEARED OF MINES.

The revised Navy Estimates were before the House of Commons yesterday, when Mr. Walter Long, First Lord of the Admiralty, gave some interesting details concerning mine sweeping.

The British portion of mine clearing in Home waters is now complete. In this area 59,065 square miles have been twice swept and a large portion three times. Eleven thousand mines discovered in sixty fields were cleared during hostilities so thoroughly that the post-war clearance of this area provided only seventy-four mines. Thirty-three per cent. of the 75,302 mines sown by the British Navy have been cleared. In all this difficult and dangerous work the loss of life has been only. 06 per cent, although 23,000 moored mines have been swept up in Home waters alone.

There must be a reduced Navy, said the Minister, but the reduction must be gradual. Neither the Board of Admiralty nor the Government had any intention of making such a reduction as to place us in a position of insecurity, and they were both agreed in declining to state a policy until they knew what the new conditions of the world were likely to be.

SIBERIAN REVOLT.

GAIDA'S VERSION OF THE TROUBLE.

Gaida, the Czecho-Slovak leader who was recently deported from Vladivostock, reached Shanghai on the 3rd December. Interviewed by Reuter's correspondent on arrival, he declared that though he was a sympathiser with the revolutionaries at Vladivostock he had held aloof and had maintained strict neutrality.

On the 16th November, he said, revolutionaries visited the train on which he was quartered, and elected a Committee as the nucleus of a provisional Government, headed by Yakushoff, President of the Siberian Duma. Gaida was designated Commander-in-Chief.

Suddenly, without any warning, the adherents of Kolchak opened fire from three sides on the partisans of Gaida, who adopted a counter-offensive, but finally surrendered with his men. He estimated that five hundred "revolutionaries" were killed, out of a total force of between one and two thousand, while their opponents, Koltchak's men, were four or five times that number.

Gaida said he was glad to leave Siberia and expressed the opinion that the only policy in the circumstances was to leave Russia to fight its own battles. His sole pre-occupation now is to secure repatriation of his compatriots. He hopes soon to be able to return to Europe via America.

PREMIER'S QUESTION DAY.

In the House of Commons yesterday, when the questions addressed to the Prime Minister were reached, Mr. Bonar Law announced that in consequence of M. Clemenceau's brief visit—three days only—it would be impossible for Mr. Lloyd George to be present in the House as usual on Thursday, as he must keep himself available for discussions with M. Clemenceau. He would, however, answer questions on Monday as well as Taursday next week.

Mr. Norton Griffiths asked whether it would be possible for the Commons to receive M. Clemenceau in the Chamber, but Mr. Bonar Law stated that he could not anwer that question.

VIENNA'S DESPERATE PLIGHT.

The latest telegrams from British sources in Vienna snow that the position is desperate and calls for grave consideration on the part of the Allies with a view to rendering assistance. Herr Renner has expressed a desire to go to Paris in order to explain personally to the Supreme Council the gravity of the situation. The matter is one for international action of the widest possible scope. It is proposed that credits of an International character, guaranteed by Allies and Neutrals, be opened not only for Austria but for all the distressed nations of Central Europe.

RE-ENTER EX-KING NICHOLAS.

Ex-King Nicholas has disappeared from Paris, says a message from Belgrade. His agents announce his intention to enter Montenegro with an armed force with the object of re-seizing the throne.

Lady Beaverbrook has declined to become a candidate for Ashton-under-Lyne, because all her time is devoted to the care of her children.

DOUBLE MURDER.

TWO ENGLISHWOMEN STABBED.

A telegram from Boulogne states that the bodies of two Englishwomen, dressed in khaki, have been discovered on the sea shore at Fort Cliffs at Hovault. The discovery was made by two soldiers of a local British camp. The bodies bore a number of knife wounds, and the pockets of the victims had been rifled, the object of the murders being apparently robbery. It is reported that the murderers are in the hands of the British Military Police.

SOUTH RUSSIA.

PROGRESS OF OPERATIONS.

According to telegrams received at the War Office, the situation on the South Russian front on December 5th was as follows:—

After the repulse of the Bolshevik attack on Tzaritsin previously reported, General Wrangel's cavalry carried out a turning movement round the right flank of the Bolsheviks and have now reached the line of the Tishanka River, which flows into the Don 40 miles N.W. of Tsaritsin. The Bolshevik infantry seeing their line of retreat threatened are retiring northwards along the west bank of the Volga, and are now about 30 miles to the north of Tsaritsin.

On the left of the Don Army the Cossack cavalry pursuing their success at Buturlinovka, have now swung sharply to south and south-east against the rear of the Bolsheviks in the neighbourhood of Kalach, and have retaken that town and a series of villages 20 miles to the north along with 2,000 prisoners and 50 machine guns. The 320th Bolshevik Regiment and a Chinese Battalion were annihilated in these operations.

On the Volunteer front Russian cavalry have raided Alexyeevka 40 miles S.W. of Liski, and have taken Biryuch and Verkhesensk to the west and north-west of that place.

On the remainder of the front Bolshevik mounted troops penetrated as far as the line Akhtirka-Lebedin-Romni-Priluki, but their progress south has been checked by counter-attacks.

In the Dnieper Basin north of Kiev the Reds occupied Koselets on the 3rd, but have twice been beaten off in their attacks against Kiev itself.

HOW LIPTON FOUND THE "DOINGS."

Sir Thomas Lipton has returned to England after visiting the Shamrock in America.

Asked his experiences of "dry" America, Sir Thomas remarked that he had no doubt there would be sufficient whisky in America to toast the victorious Shamrock. In every hotel one could see bottles of whisky for private people. "They tell you that you cannot get it for love or money—but they are always able to lead you to it. The policeman will solemnly declare that it is against the regulations, but he can always say how to get it. The hotel porter solemnly informs you that it is against the rules, but adds that he can get a drop for you. Even the taxi driver says it cannot be got, but if you get in his cab he can always take you to a place where you can get it."

IRISH TRAIN WRECKERS.

Reports continue to arrive from Ireland regarding Sinn Fein outrages. The latest news states that a mail train from Limerick dashed into a barrier of stones at Ennis. The engine remained on the rails but the line was blocked for hours.

AGREED WITH HIS ADVERSARIES SLOWLY.

The dispute between the Rev. C. F. Upsdell, Vicar of Moulton, and his choirboys, which began nearly two months ago, when Mr. Upsdell declined to allow the village social club to continue to hold Saturday evening dances in the Church Room because he considered them antagonistic to his spiritual work, has been settled.

Mr. Upsdell has withdrawn his objection, and the dances will be resumed. Efforts are to be made to induce the choir boys, who have abstained from duty for two months, to resume immediately.

EYES CHANGE COLOUR.

In the course of an address at the Bristol Rotary Club yesterday, Mr. W. R. Ocland, a dentist, said he knew a woman one of whose eyes was grey while the other was brown. Two months after the extraction of a front tooth, beneath which there was an abscess, the eyes became of the same colour.

MEDICAL FEES GOING UP.

The Marylebone division of the British Medical Association has advised medical men practising in its district to raise their professional fees by at least 50 per cent. on rates prevailing before the war.

David Trietsch, Jewish statistician, estimates the Jewish population of the world at 15,430,000. Poland has 3,300,000 Ukraine the same, U.S.A. 3,100,000 and Britain 300,000.

T. U. CONGRESS.

COLONEL WARD HOOTED BY DELEGATES.

At yesterday's meeting of the Special Trade Union Congress, Mr. J. H. Thomas gave some interesting details of the interview which took place on Monday between a deputation and the Premier. Regarding the unemployment dole the Premier frankly admitted that the duty of the State was either to find work or provide some means of subsistence for those who were unemployed. The Premier pointed out the paralysing effect of the ironmoulders' strike. On this subject, Mr. Thomas told the Conference that he hoped before the Congress was over, to report some progress by the Parliamentary Committee in bringing together the parties in the dispute. Mr. Thomas added that the Prime Minister had told them that the Government intended to introduce before Christmas a Bill for a comprehensive national scheme of unemployment insurance. The deputation asked the Premier if the policy he outlined in his recent speech in Parliament was that of the Government as a whole. The Premier replied that that was so.

The Congress adopted a resolution to establish a Trade Union General Council in order to assist in the settlement of strikes and to concentrate the whole Trade Union movement in industrial disputes.

Mr. Thomas also said that with reference to the unemployment dole the Premier declared that an overwhelming majority of the unemployed were discharged soldiers, unaffected by its withdrawal. The Congress, however, adopted, with one dissentient, a resolution moved by Mr. Clynes condemning the Government for withdrawing the civil unemployment benefit without making an alternative provision for the unemployed and demanding employment for or maintenance of those affected.

When Colonel John Ward intervened in the debate on Russia he was greeted with hooting, hissing and cries of "traitor" and "renegade." There was prolonged disorder, but Colonel Ward was eventually allowed to speak. He delivered a vigorous denunciation of Bolshevism. The Congress decided to appoint a delegation to enquire into conditions in Russia on the spot, for which purpose passports will be demanded from the Government.

POOR PARSON'S PLEA.

SUMMONED IN A COUNTY COURT.

When the Rev. Alfred Toms, of Hunstanton, was sued at Harlesden County Court for damages and the return of a tithe award, stated to have been taken away when he left the parish of Flixton, the defendant said he took the map away and painted "Lest we forget" across the charity lands marked on it.

These lands, he added, belonged to the poor, but the shooting rights over them had been let without acknowledgment of ownership.

Pointing to the present Vicar of Flixton, one of the plaintiffs, Mr. Toms said: "I have been 40 years ordained, and have no money to pay damages. This man came to me as the Bishop's messenger. He preached a powerful sermon on brotherhood, and here we have an example of it between two clergymen, one a young man of wealth, and the other, who has got nothing, and who hardly earns a guinea a month."

An order was made for the return of the tithe award with costs.

In consequence of his extreme poverty defendant asked to be allowed to pay the costs at 1s. 6d. a month, but the judge ordered 5s. a month to be paid.

NOT EXACTLY A CRIMINAL.

Sentenced at the Old Bailey to twenty months' imprisonment for obtaining money by means of worthless cheques, Nowell Wilfrid Neve, whose father was said to be a public official in Kent, pleaded that he was not a criminal, but lacked will power.

It was stated that at a Regent-street jeweller's, prisoner had obtained a ring, for which he gave a post-dated cheque for £47 5s., which was afterwards dishonoured. He pawned the ring next day for £10. There were four warrants out against him for similar frauds at Bedford, Peterborough, Luton, and Chesham, while seventeen other cases had come to the knowledge of the police of offences he had committed all over the country. He had held a commission in the Northumberland Fusiliers, but had been cashiered for similar offences.

MILNER MISSION IN EGYPT.

Foreign Office telegrams state that the Milner Mission has arrived in Egypt and will at once proceed to take evidence.

Viscount Milner's colleagues are General Sir J. W. Maxwell, Sir J. Rennell Rodd, Brig.-General Sir Owen Thomas, Mr. J. A. Spender, Editor of the Westminster Gazette, and Mr. C. J. B. Hurst, Assistant Legal Advisor to the Foreign Office.

U.S. COAL STRIKE TERMS.

The proposals of the White House for a settlement of the American coal strike are, it is understood, a repetition of the offer of a 14 per cent. increase of wages and the promise of a full investigation into the coal industry.

No immediate settlement of the Mexican crisis is in prospect.

SUMMARY COURT.

REMANDED PRISONER TURNS "KING'S EVIDENCE."

The savage attack on two British soldiers in the vicinity of the Ubier Ring was again before the Court. Eleven men are charged in connection with the assault. Three lawyers were present for the defence, and the usual military guard of two was increased to four while the case was being tried.

Since the previous hearing, one of the accused turned "King's Evidence." He stated that he saw three of the accused in the act of assaulting the soldiers. One of the prisoners hacked at the soldiers with a knife while they were on the ground.

Six of the prisoners were committed for trial to the Military Court, and the charge against the others will be resumed to-day.

A SALUTARY PUNISHMENT.

Frau Albert Schreiber, of Kleingedankstrasse, was charged with making impertinent and insulting remarks, and behaving improperly, towards a British officer.

The officer's evidence was that when requested to billet himself and his soldier servant in her house, the accused refused to find room for the latter and said that the English were no good and that one Englishman in her house was enough.

Subsequently another officer with a knowledge of German interviewed her, and to him she was also insulting in her behaviour, and said that if he talked to her again she would report him to her husband. Her whole demeanour was most insulting.

The Prosecuting Officer said that in his opinion the fact of the matter was that people of the wealthy class did not object to having officers billeted on them but objected to soldiers.

In imposing a fine of 4,000 marks or a month's imprisonment, the Presiding Officer said that not infrequently he had to punish cabmen and the like for impertinence to officers. This was a very bad case and there was no excuse whatever for her most insulting and offensive conduct. Throughout the war the English never shot a woman and always treated women with respect. The next case of the kind that occurred where people in the position of the accused misbehaved themselves, he would send them to prison without the option of a fine.

FORTUNATE YOUNG SCAMP.

Johann Wirges, aged eighteen, residing at Kalk, was found in possession of two tins of benzine and an Army greatcoat.

His father, who appeared at the request of the Presiding Officer, stated that he obtained work for his son but he would not keep it. There were no previous convictions, but he had been in prison several times pending investigations.

The Presiding Officer, stating that he did not wish to send accused to prison where he would be compelled to associate with criminals, discharged him with a caution. He had been in custody for seven days.

A GOOD EXCUSE.

Wilhelm Robbert, of Kalscheuren, near Cologne, was anticipating a happy event in his family circle, and although he was not in possession of a night pass, he went to fetch a nurse at 12.15 a.m.

This was the explanation he gave when charged with "circulating without a night pass" at the hour stated.

The charge was dismissed, the Presiding Officer remarking that his reason for being out was an imperative one. He advised the offender to procure a night pass so that he would be safe if he had occasion to be out another time.

DANTZIG TROOPS.

EXTRA ISSUES OF WARM CLOTHING.

Those readers of the "Cologne Post" who are members of forces which may be despatched to Dantzig, may rest assured that sufficient clothing will be issued to troops quartered there during the winter. This announcement will answer many queries which have reached us on the subject.

Geographically Dantzig is in the temperate zone, (being considerably nearer the Equator than Edinburgh) but notwithstanding this, each man, in addition to the usual winter scale of clothing, will be given a leather jerkin, muffler, Balaclava helmet, a pair of warm gloves, and an additional vest, while sheepskin-lined coats will be provided for guards and sentries.

DIAMOND THIEF'S THREAT.

At the Central Criminal Court yesterday, before the Common Serjeant, Thomas Speedy, 43, engineer, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour for breaking a window in the shop of Messrs. R. Barratt (Limited), jewellers, Oxford-street, and stealing a tray of diamond rings. The theft took place in broad daylight on November 21. The prisoner was at once seized and held until the arrival of the police. At the police station he said to the constable who arrested him, "If I had had a shooter I would have done the lot of you in." It was stated that the tray contained diamonds of the value of £1,500. The prisoner had taken from it rings valued at £130.

It was neither Commander Payot nor General Fayolle who favoured us with a visit on Monday. General Payot was really the distinguished visitor.

WAR SENTENCES.

GREAT CLEMENCY SHOWN TO PRISONERS.

In the course of a lengthy statement in the House of Commons regarding the treatment of soldiers sentenced to penal servitude or imprisonment during the war, Mr. Winston Churchill emphasised the clemency with which military offenders had been treated, referring specially to the working of the Army Suspension of Sentences Act, which he said was the most humane measure ever passed in the history of the British Army.

Probably twenty thousand men had received the benefit of this Act. The sentences passed on all soldiers in France at the time of the Armistice had now been reviewed, with the following results. Of the sentences of penal servitude 445 had been reviewed for the first time. Of these there have been forty complete remissions and ninety-six immediate mitigations to lesser punishments. Of these 445, 198 sentences of penal servitude had now been reviewed for a second time and a large reduction effected, 1,207 years out of an aggregate of 1,650 years having been eliminated from the sentences. This second review would in due course be completed, and a similar scale of reductions might be anticipated.

Thus it could be seen that no soldier had been permitted to remain undergoing penal servitude or imprisonment without the most careful enquiry and consideration having been given to his case and the most substantial remission possible having been granted him.

DOCTORS' FEES.

FIFTY PER CENT. INCREASE.

The latest increase in the cost of living is an advance in the fees charged by the medical profession. Acting on the recommendation of the Council of the British Medical Association, local branches all over the country are advising their members to raise their fees, in order to compensate themselves for depreciation in the value of the pound. This week the Marylebone branch, which includes Harley-street, has passed the following resolution:—

"In view of the altered value of money, this meeting of the Marylebone Division of the British Medical Association advises members of the profession practising in the Borough of Marylebone to raise their professional fees by at least 50 per cent. on rates prevailing before the war."

This and similar resolutions by the local branches are not binding upon the members. It is left to each practitioner to decide whether he will adopt the recommendation. Doctors in poor districts, or with a large number of middle class patients, know that increased fees are beyond the means of their patients, and that to charge them would kill their practices.

FUTURE OF GERMAN CABLES.

The United States Senate adopted without debate Senator Borah's resolution requesting President Wilson to transmit copies of all correspondence between the United States and Great Britain relating to the Anglo-Persian agreement. The Senate also passed a Bill authorizing the President to convoke a so-called "International Communication Conference", which is expected to deal with questions concerning the future disposal of ex-German cables.

A LUSTY POULET.

According to La Liberté, M. Poulet, if he reaches Melbourne, will first give a series of exhibition flights in the capital cities of Australia, subsequently flying via Borneo and up the Chinese coast to Japan, whence he returns to India and thence home by his original route. Poulet hopes thus to cover his own expenses and also to assist the widow and children of the airman Vedrines, who was killed while preparing for a world tour.

CLEMENCEAU IN LONDON.

The Italian Foreign Minister Scialoya will confer with Mr. Lloyd George and M. Clemenceau in London. There will be no meeting of the Supreme Council in Paris during M. Clemenceau's absence. It is stated in Paris that the whole question of the Peace Conference and Council, owing to the departure of the American delegation, will be one of the chief subjects of discussion in London.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Renewed depression characterised the opening, and values further receded, notably in Oils and certain Minings. However, towards midday the tendency became decidedly better, as the result of a sharp recovery in the Paris rate of exchange, which movement evidently anticipated the result of Clemenceau's visit. French five per cents., after fluctuating considerably, closed with a good recovery. Oils and Minings also regained a greater part of their initial losses, and the markets closed steady. There was a keen demand for gold from the Continent and East, the price advancing to 108s 7d. Silver was dearer at 75¼ pence on a few covering purchases. The exchange on Paris opened at 44.50 receded to 42.25 and closed at 44.75. Italy 50.25, Amsterdam 9.95, New York 3.79¾, Germany 187-189, Austria 600-630.

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RHINELAND AUDIENCES.

We have all followed with some interest probably the letters that have appeared from time to time and particularly within the past weeks on the subject of suitable plays to put before the soldier audiences in Rhineland.

We have discussed the question with a number of officers and men and also with some of those who take an active part by displaying their dramatic talent for the entertainment of the troops, because it is in the interests of all that the recreational amusements provided should, if possible, be just those that will attract the greatest number. The more we can fill our entertainment houses and institutions, the better it is for the welfare and contentment of the soldiers on the Rhine. No other consideration should be allowed to enter into the matter.

The result of these discussions does certainly disclose one thing. There is overwhelming agreement as to the character of the audiences, as compared with those six months ago, for instance, having undergone a change. Here in an editorial capacity we are particularly well able to gauge this by our correspondence. We refer not only to published letters, but the many others which pass through our hands daily. We had seen the gradual change ourselves, but were not sure that the same impression had been made on others.

It is agreed that the types of skilled mechanic, office worker and professional man, specialists generally, have by now availed themselves, in the majority of cases, of demobilization. In their place we have mainly a fine body of young fellows, partly called up at eighteen years of age without special training, or those who have voluntarily re-enlisted for a term of years.

They are splendid fighting material and representative of the average youth one finds in any of the industrial centres of Great Britain. Their interests naturally lie chiefly in the direction of sport and games, the pictures and variety entertainments, such as they flock to in their native music halls or the drama, — exciting or laughable, — that visits their home theatres or public halls.

The soldier of the temporary type gathered into the ranks by the net of war included many men of scholarly attainments, and high social position, even of wealth. These could mostly appreciate a much loftier standard of entertainment than the average soldier of pre-war days or those the Army may now attract permanently.

These considerations may therefore lead to some re-modelling of the earlier ideals in dramatic and musical entertainment, which, while not sinking to any low level, will yet have a more direct popular appeal than some of the productions which attracted packed houses in the past. We would welcome serious and definite opinions from our readers.

KAUTSKY'S REVELATIONS

THE KAISER'S PROCLAMATION PART III.

July 30th. Meanwhile, the Tsar in a telegram to the Kayser, proposed to submit the Austro-Serbian problem to the Hague Conference.

After scribbling some mannerless remarks upon this message, the Chancellor telegraphed to St. Petersburg that the idea of the Hague Conference was out of the question. This telegram from the Tsar was deliberately concealed from the German public.

The Gospel of Hate.

The Kaiser indulged in a lengthy tirade upon England's perfidy and machinations to compass Germany's "encirclement" etc., ending up:—

"All these machinations must now unsparingly be laid bare; the mask of Christian peaceableness must be openly and violently torn from them in public, and this Pharisaical pretence of peace must be pilloried! And our Consuls in Turkey and India, our agents etc., must inflame the whole of the Mohammedan world into a savage uprising against this hated, lying, unscrupulous nation of hucksters. For if we are to bleed to death, England shall at the very least, lose India!"

After throwing out the suggestion that Persia might be the reward of British connivance at an Austro-Serbian war, Moltke, the Chief of the General Staff, addressed the following memorandum to the Berlin Foreign office.—

"England's declaration of war, which, according to trustworthy information, was designed from the very beginning of the conflict, compels us to exhaust every means that may contribute to victory. The grave situation in which the Fatherland finds itself, makes it a duty to resort to every means that is calculated to injure the enemy. The unscrupulous policy, which our adversaries are conducting against us, warrants ruthless action on our part.

"The sentiment of America is friendly to Germany. American public opinion is indignant at the shameful way in which we have been treated. Every effort must be made to turn this sentiment to account. The influential personages of the German colony must be urged to exert further influence in our sense upon the Press. It may perhaps prove possible to induce the United States to take naval action against England, in return for which Canada beckons as the prize of victory.

"Important above all, as I have already explained in my communication of the 2nd inst. (No. 1, P.) are the insurrections in India and Egypt, and also in the Caucasus. By means of our treaty with Turkey, the Foreign Office will be in a position to realise this idea and to excite the fanaticism of Islam.'

On July 31st 1914 the Kaiser issued the following Proclamation:

"A terrible hour is striking for Germany. Envious folk on every side are compelling us to take up arms in righteous self-defence. The sword is being thrust into our hand. If, at the last moment, my endeavours to bring our opponents to reason and to save peace are unsuccessful, then I trust we shall, with God's help, be able so to bear the sword, as to be able to sheathe it with honour.

"War would demand enormous sacrifices of life and goods. Our opponents would, however, recognise what it means to provoke Germany. And now I commend you to God. Go to Church, kneel down before him, and entreat his help for our brave Army."

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If any more telling comment upon the duplicity and hypocrisy of the Kaiser were needed, it could not be more aptly supplied than by the proclamation issued by the head of the German Government in the fateful days when peace was trembling in the balance, and only one sign of readiness to mediate was needed in order to save Europe from the appalling catastrophe which the mad ambition of a caste and people was preparing with cynical levity and criminal determination.

THE CYNIC.

There are some men who cannot see in life one redeeming feature. Everywhere they go, there is the same tale of woe, and their influence is felt in the lives of those around them. "Life depends on the liver" is true in its double sense, but the great evil is that very often the lives of the other people depend upon the state of health of the first individual.

To the cynic there is no subject mentioned, but he turns with his elongated countenance, and immediately points out those things which he considers are wrong in certain departments of life. He will tell you how the Navy ought to act in this and that contingency, he knows what the Army should have done on this and that date, his is the only opinion that he thinks matters in political contoversies, and how people can have the audacity to differ from him, he cannot understand.

Is there a new play brought out or a new book written, he can tell you all the mistakes that have been made and will at great length point out what should have been said or written.

Were you feeling cheerful, he can turn your joy into sorrow by a lurid tale of what the country is doing or where the country is going to land herself, if she continues to adopt the same policy as is now generally accepted.

In a campaign to tell the world of what our country has done and suffered, the cynical man makes the strongest buffer and succeeds very often in turning the thoughts of certain nations away from the truth; in fact the cynic will perhaps inadvertently pervert the truth by his fancied wrongs and his blatant unjust criticisms.

He is out to oppose everyone and everything in order that men may not see the sunshine, in order that they may not catch a glimpse of the light as it attempts to penetrate the deep gloom that surrounds the lives of many human beings.

Oh, doleful creature, awake to the joy of life, see what is good in mankind, and speak the word of cheer.

"Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag and smile, smile, smile."

ANTI-GLOOM.

BOOKS WHAT AVE INFLOONSED ME.

Grate men oh much too grate books. They infloonse them in there yooth and mold there karacters. Shakespeer wood never ave rote the villaje blacksmyth if he ad knot red Jorge Burnard Shaws pomes. Hens awl grate men are grate reeders even wen there only buoys.

It was threw books that eye got my first rise in the world. It was many yeers ago. Eye wos only a wee littil chap at the tyme. Wen we wos havin lunsh in our littil kottaje in the mountings my chinn was just on a level wif the tabil, so my farver putt sum books on my chair and theirbye enabild me to get my helbows on too the smyling bord, writes "The Office Boy" in "John O London's Weekly."

One of the best volooms eye never red was Sloth-hownd, Sebastyen. It elped me to pass away many a appy our. Eye lernt a lot of things from that book. Befour eye red it eye yoosed to fink their where a lot of klever detecktives at Skotland Yarde. Now eye no there are knot. They cood knot deteckt a pool of worter in the rhodeway unless they stept in it. They arrestid six differint men and wimin for the murder of Vycount Arduppes hair and none of them wos it Then a famus judge told the Vycount to put the kase into the hands of Slooth-hownd Sebastyen. Ate ours after that the Slooth-hownd put the hand kuffs on the troo murderir, and he wos fownd gilty by the saim juije and shot at dorn.

Another fine book that grately impresse me wos "Katie the Girl Kowboay." Eye yoosed to fink wimin wos frikened of mise and black beetles but she wosint. She wos knot afrade of nothink. Once a troupe of buffiloes atacked her from the reer and a rejment of redskins from the frunt. In them sirkumstansis well mite the stowtest hart kwiver and kwail, butt she wos maid of sternor stuff. She had a pockit mashen gun witch she had inventid herselph. In sicks sekonds every one of them howlin redskins was gorne to sea there farvers in the appy unting grounds. The buffiloes thot it wos know plaice for them but they wos two lait. Anothir sicks sekonds and the oabey buffiloes witch they had left at home wos awl orfins. She then lyted a sigaret, mownted her sno wyte mustank and tore a cross the prayerie as if nothing had happinged.

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Books abowt luv never apeeled two me sumhowe or other. The fakt is they doant help a man a tail. Their only for wimin and sloppey stile of man, who have no bakbone in them. There the kind of week men who right pomes and run away if they sea a lyon or a leperd kummin out of the forist. I cud never understand luv and I doant no why so many books is full of it.

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I shud fink there abowt a millyun volooms abowt luv for every sensibill book that is ritten. Theirs know korage or bravery kneeded to maik luv. Its as easy as eatin I skreem or drinkin lemonade on a worm day. Besydes if luv wos such a nice thing house it that wen peepill get marryed their allways barjing with each uther, and konstantly throwin things at each uthers heds, and sumtimes even murdhering each uther. This prooves luv is a frod, a humbugg, a diloosnu and a snair. An ice thing to waiste paiper and ink over. Awl books abowt luv shud be stoped.

THEN—AND NOW.

We had watched the weird play of the Véry Lights in the darkness that confronted us—in which darkness lay the desolate ridge of Passchendaele, with its atmosphere of death, with its horrors, both known and yet unknown. We had known what it was to lie upon the sodden clay of Flanders waiting for the end of all things, hearing the "heavies" whining and shrieking through the air and feeling that each must surely be meant for us in particular, as we crouched together on the muddy earth while the enemy barrage created an inferno in our midst. . . .

We had experienced these things and many others, tragic, pathetic, sublime, ridiculous and otherwise, and we had borne it all in the same way as thousands of others of our kind, namely with that total disregard of the future born of deadened or blunted susceptibilities . . . and yet—were we as comrades really less happy when gathered together in some old Flemish farm-house, resting behind the lines, than we are now, when sitting in a blaze of scenic but artificial life, surrounded by the shaded rose-lights of a Rhineland café, with the soothing strains of an orchestra mingling with the echo of laughter and voices. . ?

This sounds ideal to some, perhaps, but were we really less happy in the old Belgian farm-house, with its quaint old furniture, its typical pictures, the curious old stove over which "Madame" made us fresh hot coffee, and sang unforgotten melodies of long ago, while she busied herself in tending to our comfort? . . .

I think we were as happy and contented there and then, as we are now, in spite of the fact that on comparison the newer conditions appear more attractive than the old; but who will deny that the atmosphere in the homely old kitchen far away in the wilds of Belgium was not more wholesome and healthy by far.

We had no orchestra in those past days — but someone would seat himself at the seemingly pre-historic piano, and despite the discordant tones stirred into life in consequence, we would endeavour to drown the playing with a lusty choral effort, calculated to shake the old house from top to bottom.

Those days are gone — sometimes I think never to return again: perhaps you will say, it is to be hoped they do not; nevertheless there must be many who, like myself, look back on those bygone days with more than a passing feeling of regret, chiefly I think, because the spirit of comradeship existed between us then to a greater extent than now; we still had danger and death before us then, and we never knew or cared much what happened — we were all friends together, so what did it matter? Yes, the spirit of brotherhood has not died out among us, by any means, but the same spirit was stronger in the little old Flemish house behind the lines than it is in the electric glare of the modern café.

A.B.C.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

"CABS AND TAXIS."

Sir,—I quite agree with H.C.W. in the question of excessive prices charged by the Cologne driver of taxis and cabs. Here is my experience:—From Cologne Main Station to Kalk by taxi, 30 marks; from Deutsches Theatre to Cologne Main Station by cab, 24 marks; from Nippes to Cologne (Hohenzollern Bridge) by cab, 40 marks. After that I have made it a rule to travel by tram.

IKY.

BEHAVIOUR IN PUBLIC.

Sir,—The expenditure of money does not, so far as I am aware, entitle the lucky possessor of wealth to misbehave in public.

I suppose it is a natural weakness with some folk, particularly the newly rich variety, that they should crave after "show," but that is no excuse for the behaviour of many parties of Germans in cabarets and restaurants.

Their demonstrations of food mastication should be enough without that "playing to the gallery" which usually marks the departure of these would-be aristocratic dinners.

CIVILIAN.

SILLY FILMS.

Sir, — When in a cinema and the inevitable 15th episode of the serial of the "Clutching Hand" order appears, I feel tempted to grab my hat and run.

Why is it tolerated? The same old drivel and absurdity, hair breadth escapes, smashes, abductions and the like. "Deadwood Dick" isn't in it.

I suggest as attractive pictorial entertainment, short comedy, educational and dramatic films, blended with records of public happenings which are always popular. But for everybody's sake sack the musical director, who decides to introduce a new selection halfway through a film. Play the piece again, but don't apply the closure.

BOX OFFICE.

SPEED UP THE DANCE.

Sir,—I have read "Infantry Sub's" letter and I think he rather misses the point.

In the first place, my letter did not attack the organisation of either the VI Corps or Leave Club dances, which I consider excellent, but the attitude of the people.

The Leave Club ladies certainly did not refuse to dance with new-comers, on the contrary their express purpose was to make them as happy as possible, but I don't think the new-comers quite played up.

I often remember ladies having to spend the greater part of their dances pulling men away from the walls and practically forcing them to take partners.

As for the smiling faces at the VI Corps Club I admit you sometimes see them after a dance, but how many does one see during a dance? Even between dances there is a curious sedateness and constraint. Everyone seems to be on his best behaviour, and it's not the fault of the management, but the people.

At a private dance, a good host can do a great deal towards livening up a show; a good deal as a matter of fact lies in the choosing of the guests. In a large public affair, this is obviously impossible, so it is up to the people to brighten up themselves. I wonder if they realise their responsibility. I am really beginning to think it would be a good plan to have professional "Light-hearts" to keep the others up to the mark. What do other readers think?

JONATHAN.

A TRAVELLER'S COMPLAINT.

Sir,—I had a letter from an officer today who was "demobbed" about a fortnight ago.

He writes as follows:—"When you board the Calais train, fill your Thermos flask with hot tea or coffee, also take a knife and fork and spoon. We were served out with M. and V. stew about 9 p.m. and nobody had a spoon, plate mug, or anything with which to eat it. We got over the difficulty by breaking a loaf of bread into three or four parts, dipping them into stew, sucking the juice out and returning them to the stew once more."

Surely it would not be too much to provide knives, forks, spoons etc. to eat the simple fare, or if not, I think at least warn officers and men boarding the train to provide their own eating utensils.

Am sure the matter will soon be rectified, if given publicity through your valuable paper.

FAIRPLAY.

FEMININE WEAKNESSES.

Sir,—What has come over our feminine friends these days? We mere males know their weaknesses and prepare ourselves for them, but confess we are mystified by their behaviour.

It is not so much the wives of officers and men as the ladies of various organisations. An instance which comes to mind. An officer's wife, who, perhaps unwisely, sallied abroad without a brassard, was pushed off the pavement in Honestrasse and treated with marked discourtesy.

The ordinary courtesies of life are treated as a right, and rarely earn even casual acknowledgement, judging by my own experience this morning. These individuals should realise that the wearing of uniform does not provide exemption from this debt, or entitle them to treat the wife of a soldier with discourtesy.

MAJOR.

BACK TO BOOKS.

God! it's good to get again
Back to books, away from men!
Like breath of kine or scent of sea,
Books, your air blows up to me.
Sick from the smell of politics,
With the smell of books to mix—
Is there any other smell
That's one-half so comfortable?
Here for the rest of time I'll sit
And read, and never tire of it,
And never die—'tis doing things
Has laid in earth these many kings.
If they had sat and read and read
And marked, and learned, they'd not be dead.

H. W. GARROD in "Worms and Epitaphs."

COCHRAN CONFIDENT

That World Championship will be Fought in London.

CARPENTIER'S DENIAL.

Each day that passes makes the Carpentier-Dempsey position less comprehensible and increasingly complex. From Reuter's Paris correspondent now comes a message which states that Carpentier declares that he has not signed any engagement and is merely awaiting offers. He wants time in which to make up his mind.

As has already been stated in these columns, Paris sportsmen have subscribed four million francs, or roughly £100,000, for a match in Paris, and M Decoin, it is now stated, says he is ready to put down a million francs at once as a guarantee against Dempsey.

French boxing promoters, adds the Paris correspondent, are satisfied that nothing has as yet been arranged by Carpentier with Mr. Cochran.

CARPENTIER'S PREFERENCE.

Carpentier, in a conversation on Monday night, spoke in warm terms of the British public, and said he was convinced that Americans would be equally fair. Nevertheless, he would prefer to meet Dempsey in France.

Asked what he thought of the fight with Dempsey, Carpentier simply said: "I know that Dempsey is a splendid boxer."

With reference to Carpentier's statement Mr. Cochran re-affirms that the Frenchman has signed up to meet Dempsey in London next year. While the actual signature was that of Mr. Descamps, his manager, as he was acting for Carpentier, the agreement is binding.

The English promoter asserts that if Dempsey and Carpentier meet, the contest must be in his hands and under his management, and adds that he is still confident of bringing the pair together at Olympia.

AMERICA'S £40,000 BID.

American promoters are beginning to bid up for the match. The New York correspondent of the Central News states that Jack Curley, the well-known promoter, has announced his readiness to give a purse of 200,000 dollars (£40,000); and Mr. Nate Lewis, who returned to England on Monday with Pal Moore, accompanied by Johnny Griffiths, said yesterday that he is authorised by Dominic Tortorich, in conjunction with Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, to offer Carpentier £20,000, win, lose, or draw, to meet Dempsey in New Orleans on March 17 next.

Jack Curley, it may be recalled, is the man who tried to bring Tommy Burns and Jack Johnson together for a world's championship contest in America in 1908, at the time the white and black rivals were in this country Australia got the contest ultimately, as Mr. Hugh D. McIntosh guaranteed Burns £5,000 and Johnson £1,000 to box at Sydney.

IN OTHER DAYS.

A purse of £6,000 was regarded as a huge one in those days, but purses have risen by leaps and bounds in the few years since then. Johnson and Jeffries, for instance, "cut" £24,000 for their work at Reno, Nevada, on July 4, 1910; and Willard had nearly as much for himself when he met Dempsey a few months ago; while the winner took £5,000 as his end. Dominic Tortorich is the New Orleans promoter who, in conjunction with Tommy Burns, made a big bid for the Willard-Dempsey match, but Tex Rickard overshadowed these and all other bidders.

WHY WILDE FAILED.

Boxing a Good Deal Above Proper Weight.

After his no-decision bout with Jack Sharkey, the New York bantam-weight, at Milwaukee, last Saturday, Jimmy Wilde gave as his reason for his disappointing form the only one which could be imagined by his friends at home—that he was boxing at a good deal above his proper weight.

There was, we read in an American exchange, a good deal of delay in clinching the match between Wilde and Sharkey because there is a rule in the Wisconsin law on boxing that prohibits a man in any class below welter boxing an opponent who is 10lb heavier As Wilde would probably scale not more than 7st 5lb trained, and Sharkey should weigh 8st 4lb, it can be seen that to permit them to meet in the ring would be a violation of the rule. Wilde, therefore, had to scale 7st 9lb at least—he was ¼lb over—and the excess weight, he declared after the contest, slowed him and made all the difference in the result.

"JIMMY" AN EXCEPTION.

Commenting on the attitude of the Wisconsin Boxing Commission, which insisted on its rule being adhered to, the New York "Sun" said:—"If the regulation barring the smaller men boxing at a greater difference than 10lb were to be rigidly enforced, Wilde, who is exceptional as to weight and performance, would be unable to get a bout in this country. The fact that Wilde has beaten the boxers of three classes in England, has knocked out the two best fly-weights of America, and has held his own against two of the best American bantams, is proof that he would be in no special danger against any of the boys in the class.

"The 10lb rule is a good one for boxers of mediocre ability, whose defensive skill is limited, but it would seem that the commission could reasonably make an exception in the case of a boxer of the wonderful skill of Wilde."

PAL MOORE ARRIVES.

Pal Moore, the American bantam-weight who is to box Charles Ledoux at the Royal Albert Hall, London, on Boxing Day night, reached London from New York on Monday with his manager, Mr. Nate Lewis, and Johnny Griffiths, of Akron, U.S.A.

Griffiths will be opposed by the French welter-weight Francis Charles, who proved such an awkward customer for Johnny Basham at Olympia a few months ago.

HURDLER DROPS DEAD.

Bridge Fourth Dies after Running Third.

LEICESTER RESULTS.

Fine weather prevailed at Leicester when the meeting was resumed on Wednesday. The attendance was good and the going firm. Bridge Fourth, the property of Mr. R. Wigram dropped dead on reaching the paddock after running third in the Rays Chase.

DETAILS.

Mill Hurdle:— 1, Antipater (100—7); 2, Saintelot (7—4); 3, Odalisque (5—1). Sixteen ran.

Rays 'Chase: — 1, Platonic (evens); 2 Dark Colour (6—1); 3, Bridge Fourth (5—2). Four ran.

Windsor 'Chase:— 1, Toadstone (3—1); 2, Square Dance (3—1); 3, Cresley (15—9). Six ran.

Wednesday Hurdle: — 1, Ring Again (3—1); 2, Bed Plate (7—4); 3, Condattiere (11—10). Three ran.

Oakside Hurdle:—1, Sippet Charlie (2—1); 2, Crom Aboo (100—8); 3, Abarfield (3—1). Nine ran.

Forest 'Chase: — 1, Mark Back (6—5); 2, Mythical. Two ran.

NOTED CRICKETER'S DEATH.

A.R. Littlejohn, the Middlesex Amateur Bowler.

We announce with regret the death, in his fortieth year, of Mr. A.R. Littlejohn the well-known Amateur Middlesex cricketer.

It was during the season of 1911 that Littlejohn met with his greatest success as a slow bowler. Playing for Middlesex he took 37 wickes in championship games at an average of less than twenty runs apiece. He was also a sound bat.

CARPENTIER AGAIN.

To-day at the Nouveau Cirque, Paris, as an acknowledgement for the great reception given him by the French sportsmen, Carpentier will reconstruct his big fight in London against a man of Beckett's physique. He will also take part in several exhibition bouts against his sparring partners.

BILLIARDS.

Wednesday's closing scores in the principal London matches were as follows:—

Smith 11,499
Inman 10,716

Breaks:—Smith 135, 124, 138; Inman:—242, 150, 199, 145, 435.

Newman 12,377
Falkiner 8,989

Breaks:—Newman 373, 130, 443, 119 (unfinished); Falkiner 225, 123.

SOCCER RESULTS.

The Army .....7 Military Academy.. 3.
Reading .....7 Aldershot Command 1.

ENGLISH CUP REPLAY.

Sheppey .....1. Bromley .....0.

DISCHARGED AND DISABLED.

Boxing Tourney in Support at Sandhurst.

A two-night tournament in aid of the Camberley branch of the National Federation D.D.S. and S. was concluded on Saturday in the new gymnasium of the R.M.C. at Sandhurst. Attendances were very big both on Friday and Saturday, and included a number of French Army officers In addition to the contests there were exhibition bouts, Bombardier Billy Wells sparring with C.S.M. Lewis, A.G.S., on the opening night, and Jim Driscoll with Lieut.-Commander Burnett, R.N., on Saturday. Details:—

NOVICES' EVENTS.

Bantams. — Gentleman-Cadet Iliffe (R.M.C.) beat Dvr Marney (R.A.S.C.) on points.

Feathers.—Pte. Lomax (Lancs F.) beat Pte. Allan (Lancs F.) on points.—The men had met in the semi-final on Friday, when Allan won a very close contest. The other semi-finalists (A. Manning, of Aldershot, and G. Hagarty, of Blackwater) scratched, and Lomax was given the opportunity of again meeting Allan in the final.

Light-weights.—A. G. Collier (Aldershot) w.o., Pte. Heywood (Lancs F.) scratched.

Welters.—"Blackie" Draycott (Sandhurst) beat his brother L. Draycott (Sandhurst), on points.

Middles.—Digger Smith (A.I.F. Staff College) beat Billy Collis (Sandhurst).—Collis appeared in the ring with his right eye and face heavily bandaged, and the bout was stopped in the first round by Col. Campbell, who declared that Collis was too much handicapped to fight.

Catch-weights.—F. Sandcraft (Blackwater) beat Gentleman-Cadet G. C. Harvard-Watts (R.M.C.) in the first round.

SIX-ROUND CONTESTS.

C.S.M.I. Tom Evans (A.G.S.) beat Cpl. Martin (Lancs F.) in the third round.

Cpl. Harris (14th Hus.) beat Lce-Cpl. Gabb (2nd Welsh Regt.) in the second round.

C.S. Miner (Lancs F.) beat C.S.M. Brain (Lancs F.) after a good bout.

Sgt. Christian (Lancs F.) beat Sgt.-Ins. C. Mather (A.G.S.).

C.S.M.I. Morton (A.G.S.) beat C.S.M.I. Mason (A.G.S.).

C.S.M. Miner (Lancs F.) beat Sgt. Brassie (Lancs F.) in a capital bout.

Lce-Cpl. Robinson (S. Lancs Regt.) knocked out Lce-Cpl Collings (Northumberland F.) in the second round.

Sgt. Blain (Lancs F.) beat S.M. Froud (Lancs F.) in a capital fight.

Sgt.-Ins. Lorden (A.G.S.) beat Lce-Cpl. Slocker (M.G.C.) on points.

CRICKET REFORMS.

Secretaries of County Cricket Clubs met at Lords on Tuesday for the purpose of arranging fixtures for 1920. The two-day matches which obtained this year have been abandoned and the three day matches renewed. The wisdom of ensuring as far as possible a full day's play on Saturdays and early closing days was borne in mind, and with but a few exceptions, future matches will start either on Saturday or Wednesdays.

'VARSITY SOCCER.

Oxford and Cambridge Draw at Queen's Club.

EXCITING STRUGGLE.

Following in the keenly contested Rugby game at Queen's Park on Tuesday, in which Cambridge defeated Oxford by the narrow margin of 7 points to 5, the 'Varsities were again in conflict at the same ground on Wednesday, when the Association teams met for the first time since February 1914.

LIGHT BLUES ATTACK.

On paper Cambridge had slightly the better record, and were credited with being stronger in attack. The result, however, after a struggle of maximum intensity was a draw of two goals each.

The weather was bright and cold and the game was played on thawed turf. Six thousand spectators were present.

While the game, as an exhibition of football, was somewhat disappointing, it developed into an exciting struggle, and there were plenty of thrilling moments.

Oxford attacked from the start and were rewarded eight minutes later. Read raced down the wing and passed to Jackson, who without hesitation, drove hard into the corner of the net with an unstoppable shot.

CAMBRIDGE EQUALISE.

Twenty minutes later Cambridge equalised. Mark, showing a fine turn of speed, carried the ball well towards the corner flag before centreing. From the resulting scramble Harding fastened on to the ball and shot, making no mistake.

Interval score: Oxford 1; Cambridge 1

Three minutes after the resumption, Read again got possession in his own half and, taking the ball down the wing, sent in a swerving shot, which Webb failed to deal with.

Once again Cambridge rose to the occasion and equalised through G. Ashton, who ran right through from mid-field.

There was no further score, the result being a draw of two goals each.

While Cambridge showed superior combination, Oxford displayed that they possess a number of brilliant individual players, Read being one of the star performers.

OXFORD.

G. F. Greig (Westminster and Christ Church);
H. P. Ward (Shrewsbury and St. John's);
F. Barber (Queen Elizabeth School, Kirkby Lonsdale, and Queens);
C. E. Wharton (Douai Abbey and Oriel);
A. H. G. Butcher (Charterhouse and New Coll.);
H. N. Watt (Winchester and Brasenose);
F. S. Hepburn (Rugby and Oriel);
Miles Howell (capt.) (Repton and Oriel);
R. L. Holdsworth (Repton and Magdalen);
H. J. Jackson (Aberdeen Univ. and New College);
H. S. Read (Magdalen College School and Magdalen).

CAMBRIDGE.

A. H. F. Webbe (Landing and Clare);
P. C. W. Hollowell (Charterhouse and Magdalene);
J. S. F. Morrison (Charterhouse and Trinity);
L. J. Davies (Northampton G.S. and Downing);
C. B. G. Hunter (Aldenham and Pembroke);
W. T. Coles (St. Lawrence and Jesus);
H. Ashton (Winchester and Trinity);
W. E. Harding (Private and King's);
G. Ashton (Winchester and Trinity);
F. N. S. Creek (Darlington G.S. and Trinity;
D. S. Mark (New College, Harrogate, and St. John's).

The teams that have opposed the two 'Varsities this season have almost invariably so widely differed that their value for striking a line is of a negligible quantity.

Reference may be made to the displays by the respective Universities against the Football Association representative sides, but ever here Oxford had unquestionably to meet a much stronger eleven than Cambridge. The latter were defeated only by six goals to three, whereas Oxford went under by 13 goals to one, and certainly did not shape in so workmanlike a manner as their to-day's rivals.

IN AND OUT CHARACTER.

It is a correct description of the play of both teams to state that it has been of an in and out character. Two months ago there was promise of a game of extreme moderation as neither was within measurable distance of a pre-war University team, but there has been solid improvement of late.

This was the forty-second game between them, and of the forty-one played Cambridge have won twenty, Oxford eighteen, and three have been drawn. Cambridge had a great advantage in goal record, as they had scored 74 against the 59 by Oxford, and these figures show that generally the Light Blues had the better attack.

PEN PUSHERS BEATEN.

257 A.E. COY. v. R.T.O. CLERKS (COLOGNE DEPOT).

This was an interesting match played on the latter ground on Tuesday. The Company were the first to attack, Milmild being early prominent on the way. The clerks, who were much the bigger side, then took up the running and were going well until Ward stepped in and cleared smartly. At the end of 25 minutes play, Smith broke away and sent in a capital centre, Milmine missing by inches. The Company tried hard to open the score but the greasy condition of the ground spoiled many good movements. Half time arrived with a blank sheet.

The second half opened with an attack by the Company, Clarkson just missing with a good shot. Success, however, came at last. Ward, receiving near the half way line, beat two opponents before shooting. His effort failed but Clarkson netted the ball after a scrimmage.

Final:—257 A.E. Coy. 2; R.T.O. Clerks 0.

DAVID McLEAN.

The Writer of To-morrow's Football Special.

BY TYNESIDER.

This famous Scottish International centre-forward will to-morrow contribute to this page an interesting and instructive article on

The Nobody's Darling of Football.

He has served many clubs in his day, among them being Third Lanark, Glasgow, Celtic, Preston North End, Sheffield Wednesday and Bradford Park Avenue, and is now with the latter club.

He was the talk of the football world when his differences with the Sheffield club recently caused him to retire from first class football, a Scottish local club, owing to the deadlock, receiving his services. This was Forfar Athletic, with which club the famous centre first graduated. Eight years ago, McLean was transferred from Preston North End to Sheffield Wednesday and he was a great contributor to this club's "for" column.

His leading of their attack was always worthy of note and he served his club faithfully and well. The differences a rose and he severed connections with Sheffield and returned to Scotland.

The Bradford directors, however, managed to secure his services and he is now a great favourite at Park Avenue.

His first appearance there was against Chelsea a few weeks ago and he scored the only goal of the match against the "Pensioners." On Saturday last, Bradford opposed his old club, Preston, and "Davie" was naturally all out against the team which disposed of him eight years ago. He was in deadly earnest played a great game, was too quick for that prince of pivots McColl, and steered two shots past the Preston keeper.

The International owes not a little of his fame to his skill as an opportunist and deadly markmanship. He knows instinctively where the goal lies, and when McLean is in form, goalkeepers have an anxious time of it.

A clever feeder and a born leader make "Davie" McLean one of the most dangerous centre-forwards in first class football.

In closing, let me ask, what would lowly Sheffield Wednesday give to-day to have him back at Hillsborough?

The International is much missed there, and it was a pity the differences could not have been healed

TO-NIGHT'S BOXING.

Excellent Programme at Central Y.M.C.A.

Further details to hand make it increasingly evident that the first of the series of fortnightly Rhine Army Boxing Competitions, which commences to-night at the Central Y.M.C.A., will be a really good show.

Except in the heavy-weight class, the entries exceed expectations as far as numbers go, while the quality will be the very best that Rhineland can provide.

With the promise of such an attractive programme, the many admirers of the noble art are advised to book early in order to ensure a seat.

Reserved seats may be obtained at the Amusements Office, Komödienstrasse, and doors will be open at 4.45. The competitions will be concluded to-morrow evening at the same time and place.

SAPPERS IN FORM.

231st Field Coy. R.E. v. 52nd Northumberland Fus.

A large number of spectators witnessed a fast and exciting game between the above teams at Bonnerstrasse Barracks on Tuesday. From the commencement the Fusiliers made repeated attacks and after a scrimmage in front of the R.E.'s goal Taylor narrowly missed scoring.

After some even play the R.E.'s took up the defence, and after a fine forward passing movement Pte. Phillips registered a goal. Then the Fusiliers took the game in their hands and some exciting football prevailed in front of the R.E. goal. Sgt. Calthorpe made a good shot at goal from a difficult angle, but the home custodian saved splendidly. Half time: R.E.'s 1; Northumberland Fus. nil

The R.E.'s, on resumption, invaded the Northumberland's territory and caused the visitors great alarm in the goal area. This was relieved by a player being penalised for offside. After this the R.E.'s seemed to slow down and the Fusiliers attacked beautifully, Sgt. Calthorpe and Pte. Taylor being conspicuous in a movement. C.Q.M.S. Kirkham narrowly missed netting the ball for the Northumberlands, and a counter attack by the Engineers was checked by the excellent headwork of the opposing left back. The Fusiliers frequently came near scoring. Final: 231st Field Coy. R. E. 1; 52nd Northumberland Fusiliers 0.

RUGBY NATIONAL.

Blackheath and Birkenhead Park Well Represented.

The teams for the second Rugby trial match at Twickenham on the 20th inst. have been selected as follows:—

England: W. H. Pemberton (Birkenhead Park); C. N. Lowe (Blackheath); F. N. Arkell (Birkenhead Park); E. Myers (Bradford); W. M. Lowry (Birkenhead Park); K. A. Kershaw (Services); W. J. A. Davis (Services); H. C. Harrison (Services); G. Holford (Gloucester); J. E. Greenwood (Cambridge University); H. J. White (Headingley); C. H. Pillmam (Blackheath); A. T. Voice (Gloucester); W.W. Wakefield (Harlequins); V. H. Neser (Guys); H. Millett (Guys); G. F. Wood (Oxford University); J. S. Krige (Guys); A. M. Smallwood (Cambridge University); S. W. Harris (Blackheath); K. Horan (Blackheath); H. Coverdale (Blackheath); A. C. McIlwain (Army); W. H. Wright (Plymouth); E. Rodda (Camborne); L. P. B. Merrian (Blackheath); R. E. Sharp (Newton Abbott); F. W. Mellish (Blackheath); W. Hall (Gloucester); J. M. Morsby (Oxford).

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

"THE SINGER OF THE VELDT."

Ottilie, Lady Mowbray, has an "affaire" with Valentine Emerson, a tiller of the soil, at whose farm she is obliged to put up. Eight years later her husband's ward, Noni Wingate, introduces the same Valentine Emerson into the Mowbray ménage as her fiancé. There is an awkward moment, which is smoothed over successfully, and the curtain falls on husband and wife, ward and fiancé, all as happy as they can be in the circumstances.

This is the bare outline of the plot of Miss Bensusan's further venture into dramatic authorship. There is a great deal of subtlety—which is possibly too, deep—a vast amount of love-making, and a number of witty lines, the one I best remember being the following:—"Blessed are the borrowers, for they shall be saved—saved from the expense of buying."

At the first performance at the Deutsches theatre on Wednesday, the last act was undoubtedly the best, and Miss Bensusan has written lines which remind one forcibly of her passion for children.

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The Veldt setting by Herr Wilms was a great credit to that hard-working and obliging artist. Miss Bensusan's dresses, designed by Capt Jemmett, of the Army Art School, were remarkable creations, but to one who is not an artist, there appeared something wrong about the colour scheme of orange and gold mixed.

The entire play was well acted Miss Bensusan, as Ottilie, was playing a part foreign to her great abilities, but nevertheless gave an admirable rendering of the part she herself had written.

Pte. J. Terry has a great future before him if he will but remember that, as Valentine Emerson, he repeated his old fault of not allowing the audience to hear half his lines. He acts well and he can speak up, for I have heard him do it, but he has a remarkable aversion to being heard as a rule. Barring this important failing, there is no fault to find with him. Miss Marjorie Moore by kind permission of Miss Decima Moore C.B.E., Director-General of the British Empire Leave Club made an amusing Ria, but the author should not have introduced her during the waltz, as the audience were laughing at Ria's antics all the time instead of their attention being devoted to the two leading characters.

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I did not see enough of Mrs. M. Carter (also by kind permission) as Celestine to be able to make any remarks about her, except that what I did see was very charming. Why, by the way, are we always inflicted with this rigmarole about "kind permission"? I am beginning to think it is a little overdone.

Sub-conductor Ailwood as Hendrick and Lieut. Ingall as Pier Van Regu played their small parts capably. Sgt. Shilsky as Sir Hector Mowbray appeared to us only in the last act and was his usual forceful self.

Miss Gabrielle Paul made a sweet and effective little ward, and Master Gangel clumped noisily across the stage several times to the huge delight of the audience.

To those who delight in a strong love interest Miss Bensusan's play, when revived a little, should make a great appeal, but its success will always depend on the personality of the actress who plays lead. The manner in which the play was produced was another feather in Lieut. Percy's cap.

E. H. S.

HERE AND THERE.

C.O.'s Please Note.

I heard yesterday that the admirable party under the genial wing of Mr. Alfred Ross was to re-cross the channel next week. In view of the great success the company has made in Cologne and round about I was rather surprised to hear this news and made direct inquiries. It seems that "Dame Rumour" has been busy again and there is not the slightest foundation for the report which, by some extraordinary means, has gained currency. Mr. Ross's company is being rapidly booked up by units in outlying districts, and with the exception of a few nights which are bound to be snapped up, the party will keep us smiling until Christmas.

52nd Devons' Dance.

The fourth of the weekly practice dances for men of the above Battalion was held in the "Zur Alten Post" Restaurant, Burscheid, on Tuesday evening. The attendance was not quite so numerous as at last week's dance, but the actual number of dancers was greater, and the enthusiasm was by no means diminished. With one or two exceptions and additions the usual programme was followed and provided amusement and enjoyment for over three hours. Pte. Cole at the piano materially helped towards the success of the evening. The fifth practice dance will be held in the same place on Monday next, the 15th. inst., commencing at 6 p.m

Whist Drive.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by "A" Company of the 52nd. Devons on Monday last at a whist drive organised by the Company Officers. A large number was present, and 26 sets were made up, 22 games being played. During the interval refreshments were served, and some musical items, which were greatly appreciated, given by Lieut. Carswell, C.S.M. Bradley, Sgts. Hussey, Budd and Strange, and Pte. Gurney. Prizes were gained by the following: — First, Pte. A. E. Rogers, 178; second, Pte. Blizard, 167; "mystery number" Signr. Hudd, 144; "Booby" Pte. Oxford, 112.

Billiard Tournament.

A flying billiard tournament was held on Wednesday night at the Y.M.C.A. Bonn. In the preliminary rounds, the competitors played for ten minutes, and some good scoring resulted, Pte. McAteer being top in the semi-final round with 66. The final (playing 15 minutes) was fairly evenly contested, and after a splendid game Pte. Raymond beat McAteer with 73 points to 62. The second tournament resulted in a victory for Pte. Alsop (57 points) over Cpl. Gerrard (43), playing 15 minutes in final. The preliminary rounds in this tournament were for 5 minutes. Similar competitions are to be held weekly, and it is proposed to arrange inter-unit matches shortly.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Fri.	Der Wildschütz	Lortzing	7	10
Sat.	Merry Wives o' Windsor	Nicolai	7	10.30
Sun.	Meistersinger von Nürnberg	Wagner	5	10.30

Monday — No Performance

Tuesday — No Performance

Palace Theatre

With the addition of Ross and Hanton, Gerald Williams, Mr. Alfred and Hurley's variety company at the Palace theatre is thoroughly entertaining. Ross and Hanton have now been in Rhineland for five weeks but that the Palace audiences are not tiring of them was evidenced yesterday evening when this talented company of laughter-makers held the programme up for a considerable time to respond to the persistent demands of a crowded house. Mr. Gerald Williams, the ever-popular tenor, was also accorded a very warm reception, while the other artistes on the programme well maintained the excellent reputation Mr. Hurley has made.

An Apology.

I have received the following letter from the scribe who pens our dramatic criticisms:

Sir,—With reference to my notice in Wednesday's "Cologne Post" of the revival of "General Post", I must ask you to allow me to use a few lines of your valuable space in which to offer an apology to two people. Lieut. Humphrey Hope and Mr. George Tulley. I stated in my notice that Lieut. Hope had previously played the part of Sir Dennys Broughton. As a matter of fact he has never played this role in his life I also said that Major Bell made an excellent substitute for the original player of the part. Mr. George Tulley. This distinguished actor, however, played the part of the tailor, so I've dropped large brickbats with great success all over the place My only excuse is that I must have been suffering from one of those aberrations which attack a man who has rather a lot to do, and little time to do it in. I trust the gentlemen concerned will accept this letter as an apology and forgive me.

E. A. S.

"Lady Frederick" at B.E.L.C.

For those who have not had the pleasure of seeing Miss Decima Moore, C.B.E., as "Lady Frederick," there will be one performance on Tuesday next, at the British Empire Leave Club, in which all the original caste will appear It should be noted that this performance will begin at 6 p.m., the same time as the theatre, not at 7 p.m., which is the regular hour for Tuesday's performances. As the seating in the hall is limited, those wishing to see the play, are advised to come early.

JACQUES.

OUR COMPETITION.

Your Last Chance For No. 12 Contest.

Below appears the last coupon for No. 12 football contest, and competitors must post their entries to-day. There are but ten forecasts required, and only the actual results, wins or drawn games are asked for.

Test your knowledge of football form by entering the coupon below The prize must be won, and there are no vexatious conditions.

On the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 12,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 12.

Date of matches, **Saturday**, Dec. 13th.
Closing date, **Friday**, Dec. 12th.

Burnley	v. Oldham
Notts County	v. Everton
Grimsby	v. Bristol City
Lincoln	v. Hull City
West Ham	v. Coventry
South Shields	v. Barnsley
Palace	v. Queens Park R.
St. Mirren	v. Dumbarton
Clyde	v. Queens Park.
Ayr U.	v. Morton

I enter Football Competition No. 12 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions already announced and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Up it Rises!

Owing to the recent heavy rains, the Rhine has risen considerably. In many places the banks are slightly flooded.

"Nix" Pudding.

A number of men in the British Rhine Army are arranging for select Christmas parties at their favourite restaurant. But where will the good old Christmas plum pudding come from?

Sixty Letters.

I should say that the name of a company in German: Constantinopolitanischerdudelsackpfeifenmachergesellenverein, sent me by a reader wants some beating for length. If any longer ones come in, I'm afraid space will prevent their being printed.

Training?

Yesterday a girl wearing the uniform of the N.A.C.B. was walking by the Rhine at a pace which I have never seen equalled except by professional walkers competing in races. Was she practising for some forthcoming Marathon for the women workers in Rhineland?

New Year Dance.

An Officers' Fancy Dress Dance is to be held, I hear, on New Year's Eve from 9.30 to 1.30 a.m. at the Empire Leave Club. Officers' wives and ladies working with organisations with the British Army of the Rhine are invited to attend.

Geese and Turkeys.

Geese at 17.50 Mks. per lb. and Turkeys at 23d. per lb. are prices quoted by the N.A.C.B. Reasonable enough when one comes to consider the state of things in England now.

In Good Taste.

Have you noticed the artistic calendars in some of the German shops? Some of them are really good, and quite different to the usual very gaudy kind of art, beloved by the Germans.

Helping to Adorn.

Anyone with a little spare time on their hands these days would be made welcome at the Empire Leave Club to help in making Christmas decorations.

Not for "Anti-Box."

Some interesting boxing should be witnessed at the Y.M.C.A. Central, in Friesenstrasse, to-night and to-morrow. I understand that these Boxing Competitions are to be held every fortnight.

Pulls a Cab.

Many and varied are the uses to which I have noticed mules put, from the light baker's cart, to unwieldy furniture vans, but I never expected to see a mule pulling a "growler." I saw him bowling along the Oberlander-Ufer.

The Goblins.

Apropos a recent echo on the fondness of the Germans for legends of all sorts, a certain cabaret in the Hohepforte prints the legend of the "Heinzelmännchen" or Goblins, who at one time were supposed to come overnight and do all the work for the various tradesmen, making the shoes for the shoemaker, the clothes for the tailor, and so on.

Popular with Females.

One German lawyer seems to be very popular with the fair sex. I notice that he is invariably briefed for the defence when women are summoned at the Summary Court.

Not There.

Overheard at the B.E.L.C.—"Seen Count Korfdrop's Confessions: 'orrible reverlations of the Kayser's dooplercicity?" "No, boy; which cinema?"

A Diplomat.

There was an unrehearsed incident in one house the evening St. Nikolaus (Santa Claus) appeared. The venerable visitor was about to use the birch on a bad boy, when a Scotch soldier billeted there intervened with, "Have a cigarette, old man?" And a very human saint, he succumbed to the temptation.

A Popular Souvenir.

Apropos my note a day or two ago re the aeroplane propellor, a correspondent tells me that in another Cologne cabaret, there is a propellor over the bar with the following inscription: "My first break." The landlord of the house was in the German Air Force.

An Omen.

Yesterday outside a certain mess when two members were "sparring" a bout, a man drawing a hand cart on which reposed a coffin drew up and peered in through the window at the contestants. The "sparring" couple wondered for which of them it had been ordered.

Candles.

The electric lights designed to represent candles look very pretty hung on Xmas trees and have the advantage of being safe from the likelihood of fire.

Heard This?

At orderly room. Nervous N.C.O.: "Sir, I was corporal of the row when the room began and was going up the candle with the stairs in my hand when the accused lashed out. Since then I know no more."

Stamp Shortage.

I am informed that there is a shortage of the smaller priced German postage stamps, and that they are hard to obtain.

Deserted "Trinkhallen."

Nothing savours of winter more than the desolate appearance of the popular summer drinking kiosks. I wonder why they don't sell hot drinks in the cold weather.

Children's Christmas Tree.

I am informed that the notification of the presence in Cologne and district of British children must be in the hands of the Chaplain-General, Johannis Strasse, or of the Head Teacher of the British School (c/o Y.M.C.A. Cologne) not later than Friday morning, if invitations are to be issued to them and their parents for the great children's party on Dec. 20th. In every instance, the sex and age of the children should be stated. Notification need not be sent of the children who are on the school register, as all necessary particulars about them are already known.

RHINELANDER.

FOR BUSINESS MEN IN RHINELAND.

There is no exemption from duty in respect of motor cars or motor bicycles, unless these are proved to be either of British manufacture, or (if of foreign make) to have been previously in the United Kingdom, and to have been exported thence neither from bonded warehouse nor on drawback of duty. Merchandise (i.e. goods intended for trade), whether dutiable or not, may not be imported in passengers' baggage, and any merchandise so imported is liable to forfeiture.

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A group of French capitalists in the Saar Valley and the Rhine provinces is about to form a new Bank, with the title "Crédit Rhenan."

The administrative headquarters will be at Saarbruck, with Aix-la-Chapelle, Cologne, and Mainz as the proposed principal branches.

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A British Chamber of Commerce has been formed in Vienna for the purpose of furthering commercial interests in Austria. The British High Commissioner in Vienna, the Hon. Francis Lindley, has been appointed president, and the British Commercial-Commissioner, Mr. Philpotts, vice-president, and all prominent British merchants and manufacturers in Vienna are members. There is no doubt that co-operation between the official representatives of Great Britain and business men in Vienna fully acquainted with the economic conditions of the country will restore commercial relations between Great Britain and Austria.

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There has been a big demand in Cologne for watches, clocks and the cheaper kind of jewellery, chiefly for sale in Belgium. So keen is the competition for this class of goods that buyers are having considerable difficulty in obtaining supplies at reasonable figures.

A long list has been issued by the Reichswirtschaftsminister of goods which may not be exported from unoccupied Germany. The chief items are:

(1.) Food and fodder of all kinds. (2.) Horses, horned cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, and poultry. (3.) Animal and vegetable oils and fats. (4.) Artificial manure, especially nitrogen phosphate. (5.) Raw tobacco, especially inland products. (6.) Fishing nets, fishing boats, and machines used in the manufacture of fishing boats. (7.) Skins, hides and leather. (8.) Leather shoes, boots, driving belts and driving belt facings. (9.) Bones, glue, leather glue and gelatine. (10.) Iron ore, manganese ore, ferro-manganese and ferro-silicium. (11.) Iron, refined steel, section iron, old iron, scrap iron and steel, and foundry products. (12.) Railway lines, field-train lines, tram lines, carriers, coarse and fine sheet, rolled and drawn wire, steel and malleable tools. (13.) Locomotives and railway carriages of standard gauge, as well as accessories and parts. (14.) Stone coal, brown coal, briquettes and coke. (15.) Timber of all kinds, timber fuel of all classes. (16.) Printing paper. (17.) Lime, plaster of Paris and cement. (18.) Soda, potash, caustic potash and sulphate of soda. (19.) Certain pharmaceutical products.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

For Christmas.—Home made golliwogs of wool are very popular just now.

Call of the Rod.—Fishing is urged as a cure for shattered nerves.

Useful in the Mess.—A hare weighing 13 pounds has been shot in Norfolk.

Dearer than Coal.—Coke is nearly four times its pre-war price.

Cupids on the Phone.—Mr. Leslie Henson designed his own wedding cake.

More Tearful Eyes.—British onions have been freed from control.

Hard up.—Manchester University is asking for £500,000.

"Dry" Campaign Shelved.—Mr. "Pussyfoot" Johnson is still out of action.

A Precaution.—Turkish gold reserves in Berlin are to be transferred to Paris.

A Second Time.—Of 216,000 war widows, 38,000 have re-married.

Criticism Reaches Royal Ears.—It is said that the Prince of Wales has initiated an inquiry into the working of his fund.

Moving.—The Guards Club will move into their new premises in Brook street at the New Year.

Empty Stockings.—Parents are complaining about the prices of toys at home and are buying less.

That Morning Rasher.—Early in the New Year the Ministry of Food will reduce the price of bacon.

For all Time.—A permanent memorial is to be erected on the site of the present cenotaph in Whitehall.

A Freakish Burst.—A boiler explosion at Cradley Heath rendered five families homeless.

"The Mothers' Arms."—A London public house, turned into a maternity centre, has been re-named "The Mothers' Arms."

Optimistic.—Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P. holds that the Labour Party is ultimately destined to rule.

Harmless.—The ex-Emperor Carl of Austria with his family is in exile at a chateau near Geneva.

Inadequate.—£10,000 has been voted by the Commons for the erection of sanatoria.

Stone Instead of Stock.—Oswestry Council is selling War Stock to purchase a stone quarry.

Nothing to war Profits.—During the current financial year £71,500,000 is being expended in war gratuities.

On View.—The aeroplane used to cross the Atlantic is to be given to the New Science Museum, South Kensington.

Higher Doctors' Bills.—Practitioners in many districts at home are increasing their fees by 50 per cent.

A "Habit."—A London woman told the magistrate that her husband was in the habit of beating her every morning.

Anything but Work.—Although unemployment doles were discontinued, there was no rush for employment.

Work for Unemployed.—The Vatican is erecting a huge boarding house for the accomodation of visiting pilgrims.

Others to Wait.—It will take three or four years to provide medals for men who actually fought in the war.

Holy Ground.—Lieut. Col. Wilson, the last Town Major of Ypres, has written a book on the famous salient.

"Jumperitis."—A Bristol woman claims that she can complete a jumper ready to wear in 24 working hours.

"Scooter" Insurance.—A new form of life and accident insurance has been raised by the motor scooter.

"Neverland."—A postcard, posted near London bears the address—"Santa Claus, Neverland," and asks for a scooter.

Munition Affluence.—Formerly foreman in a munitions factory, a Carnarvon man left £8,000 to his widow.

We Thought it "Dry."—Sir Thomas Lipton, who has returned from the States, says there is a good stock of whisky in America.

London Pearl Hunt.—A woman's pearl necklace came to pieces in the lift of a London tube. All the pearls were recovered.

Cutting out the Profiteer.—Army civilian suits and overcoats are to be supplied by Bradford Corporation to its employees in lieu of salary.

Plenty of Camps.—There is a shortage of accommodation for the new Army owing to barracks having fallen into a state of disrepair.

Navy's "Old Bill."—Comdr. Bickford is described as the Navy's "Old Bill." He commanded the naval gun mounting teams on the Belgian sand dunes.

Should a Patient Know?—An eminent lady doctor holds that it is the duty of a doctor to tell a patient he is going to die.

Plum Pudding Defence.—The Principal of the Institute of Hygiene says from a health point of view the English Christmas dinner is the best in the world.

Benevolent Cleanliness.—Bradford is to offer unemployed at least one week's work street cleaning between now and Christmas.

Ordeal of Bride-to-be.—An Ealing landlord let rooms on condition that the tenant, a bride-to-be, told a crowd of waiting applicants that she had secured the rooms. This she did.

AROUND AND ABOUT.

THE PRINCE'S AMBITION.

When the Prince of Wales was a very little boy, so the story goes, he one day pondered deeply on ethics, as ethics appeared to his young consciousness. With his thought was mingled also something of unquestioning belief in the power of monarchs for good. Said his Royal Highness: "When I become King, the first thing I will do will be to make an end of all sin."

IN THE MIDST OF PAIN.

At the time that he was composing the music for "Pinafore," one of the merriest of operas, Sir Arthur Sullivan was suffering from a most painful disease. There was hardly an hour while the work was on that he was not at the verge of fainting.

If Sullivan could keep his labours untainted of groans, how much easier it must be for us who seldom experience such sufferings.

It takes but little self-discipline to keep irritation to oneself, to force cheerfulness to maintain the upper hand of depression to present a brave face to all about us The person who says that, come what may, it shall find him unafraid, has won the greatest thing in life—the mastery of his own spirit.

SOLITAIRE.

By a piece of good luck the new recruit had been appointed orderly to his captain, and the latter was now giving him his instructions.

"You are to rise at 5 o'clock," he said, "shave yourself and clean your boots and equipment. Then you clean my boots, buttons, belt, etc., shave me, see to my horse—which you must groom thoroughly—and clean the equipment. After that you go to your hut, help to serve out breakfast, and after breakfast lend a hand washing up. At 8 o'clock you go on parade and drill till 12—."

The recruit, whose face had been growing longer and longer, then interrupted:

"Beg pardon, sir, but is there anyone else in the army beside me?"

FORGETFUL TOMMIES.

During the fighting in France it was a common thing for commanding officers to have to confess to mislaying Government property, from tanks and howitzers downwards; but if there was one thing the infantryman kept tight hold on it was his rifle. Loss of that weapon left him practically defenceless, but perhaps even more potent for carefulness was the stoppage made in respect of that article. To-day, however, the infantryman and his rifle seem to be soon parted, if one may judge from the experiences of the carrying companies, restaurants, and hotels. The lost property offices have all fine collections of the British service rifles, and the railway companies in particular are embarrassed by the stocks they have accumulated.

BLEAK HOUSE.

Dickens's novel is to be adopted to the cinema, and there has been something of a hue-and-cry for the original Bleak House. Many visitors to Broadstairs imagine that they have seen it on the cliff overlooking the little harbour. But Dickens did not even write any portion of his novel in that well-situated house, which was then Fort House, though he rented it in 1850. The real Bleak House, there is good reason to believe, stood at the top of Gombards Road, St. Albans, where it still stands, but Tudorized out of all Dickensian knowledge.

APOLOGISED.

Those amusing comedians, the Poluski Brothers, tell this story against themselves. Some years ago they were playing in Bradford, where audiences have the reputation of being particularly hard to please. One day Will overheard his landlady's small boy declaring that the Poluskis were "the worst top of the bill they had ever had in the city." Complaint was made to the boy's father, and he was duly punished. However, the father himself—so the story runs—went to see the show for himself, and on his return home woke the boy up, gave him a shilling, and apologised.

WHICH WAS WHICH?

A party of admiring friends were being shown round the young artist's studio.

"Have you painted anything recently?" asked a gushing lady.

"Yes," said the painter modestly. "Here are my most recent works. One picture is of my father, the other is a landscape painted on Hampstead Heath."

The lady looked carefully at the canvases a moment, then she turned and asked:

"Which one did you say was your father, Mr. Madder?"

THE UNMENTIONABLE.

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RUSSIAN SOVIET TRICKERY.

LITVINOFF VIOLATES DANISH HOSPITALITY IN SPITE OF PLEDGES.

GERMANY ADMITS THE SCAPA SCUTTLINGS.

PEACE-OFFERS.

SOVIET'S ABUSE OF DANISH HOSPITALITY.

Litvinoff has forwarded to the Allies Diplomatic Representatives in Denmark the Soviet resolution adopted at Moscow on the 5th December recording a desire for peace. The resolution specifies numerous alleged earlier proposals and offers to begin at once negotiations with the "Big Five," collectively or individually. The covering letter authorises Litvinoff to enter into negotiations regarding the place of the proposed conference.

Reuter's Copenhagen correspondent learns from an entirely reliable source that Litvinoff's communications to the British, American, French and Italian Ministers at Copenhagen containing the Soviet Government's Peace offer were returned to him. The Diplomatic Representatives concerned no doubt held the view that this attempt to touch on the question of peace negotiations in Copenhagen was a breach of the understanding that conversations were to be strictly limited to the question of exchange of prisoners and repatriation of nationals.

They hold that Litvinoff is not a free agent; that he came to Denmark as a kind of Parlementaire under a British safe-conduct purely for humanitarian and not for political purposes, that furthermore Denmark only agreed to his stay on this understanding and that it would be a breach of faith with Denmark to let his stay be made use of for political purposes. Thus no official cognisance has been taken of Litvinoff's step by the Allied Powers. The action of the Allied representatives in thus refusing to take official notice of Litvinoff's communications is in complete harmony with Great Britain's agreement to Denmark.

Mr. J. O'Grady thinks he will succeed in arranging for an exchange of Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates for the end of January.

ANTWERP ARRESTS.

PLOT TO SEIZE SHIPLOADS OF MUNITIONS.

Three lighters loaded with munitions belonging to the British Army were to have left Antwerp for England yesterday. The British authorities were informed by the police, however, that a plot was brewing in connection with the vessels. Search of the river craft revealed three Russians abroad one of the lighters. They were promptly arrested. An enquiry is pending.

DARING ROBBERY.

THIEF STEALS £20,000 WORTH OF JEWELS.

Early on Thursday evening a thief climbed the portico in front of the house in Cadogan Square, Pimlico, occupied by Mr. Paul Nelke of Nelke, Phillips and Co. Although the family and servants were in the house, the thief entered a bedroom and escaped unnoticed, taking with him jewels to the value of £20,000.

FIRST ACCIDENT.

PARIS 'PLANE CRASHES AT CATERHAM.

The Airco aeroplane on the daily Paris to London journey crashed in a field at Caterham yesterday owing to the dense mist. The passenger was killed and the pilot badly injured. He is now in hospital.

This is the first accident involving personal injuries since the London-Paris air-service started in August, though the machines have flown fifty thousand miles

CLEMENCEAU IN LONDON.

M. Clemenceau arrived at Victoria on Thursday morning and was met by Mr. Lloyd George, Viscount Curzon, Mr. Walter Long and the French Ambassador. He was accorded a great ovation. The Channel crossing was very rough, the French destroyer on which M. Clemenceau travelled, being continuously swept by heavy seas, which also necessitated a landing at Dover instead of Folkestone. At midday M. Clemenceau had a conversation with Mr. Lloyd George at Downing street. It is understood that the subjects of discussion during his brief stay will include the French exchange, coal supplies to France, the League of Nations, the Peace Treaty, the situation in the United States, also Russia, Turkey and the Adriatic.

The Labour Ministry announces that the branch which was formed to advise soldiers regarding the industrial side of demobilization, is now closed.

SCAPA SCUTTLING.

GERMANY NOW ADMITS RESPONSIBILITY.

The German reply to the Allies' Note has been received. According to the "Intransigeant" it is substantially a capitulation on the Scapa Flow question, but proposes discussion on other points in the Supreme Council's Note.

ROSS SMITH AND CO.

"ONCE IS ENOUGH," THEY SAY.

Captain Ross Smith's actual flying time between London and Australia was 124 hours, which gives an average speed of seventy-five miles per hour. The adventurers sighted Australia when forty miles away. The longest time in the air was the nine and a half hours between Karachi and Delni, when they were obliged to avoid the great desert as the fine dust would have injured the engines. The worst weather experienced was in the Malay Peninsula, where owing to the heat and stagnation of the air they worked at nights tinkering the machine. The airmen are emphatic that they do not wish to repeat the feat, the variations of heat and cold subjecting the machine to enormous strains, but they are convinced that the commercial air route is feasible with relays of machines.

U.S. COAL STRIKE ENDED.

"PATRIOTIC ACTION" OF MINERS.

The coal strike in the United States is over. The terms of settlement provide for an immediate resumption of work; fourteen per cent. advance in wages and the appointment of a Commission which will endeavour to determine within two months the basis of the new wages agreements.

President Wilson has telegraphed to the miners' leader, Mr. Lewis, his appreciation of the "patriotic action" taken by the miners yesterday at Indianapolis. He adds, "Now we must all work together to see that a settlement just and fair to everyone is reached without delay."

PREMIER ASTOUNDED.

TRANSPORT MUDDLE TO BLAME.

On Thursday the Premier, who was accompanied by Sir Eric Geddes, received a deputation from South Wales mining industry, who entered a protest against the existing transport muddle. Quoting instances of delay the deputation declared that it is impossible to increase production until the situation is improved. The Premier said he was astounded at the evidence produced and he regarded the position as so serious that he would consult the officials concerned and reply to the delegation on the following day

COMMONS ALL NIGHT SITTING.

After a continuous sitting of over fifteen and a half hours the House of Commons adjourned at 6.30 yesterday morning. The occasion was the Committee stage of Dr. Addison's Housing Bill, many clauses of which particularly the subsidy proposal, were hotly contested. The Bill passed through Committee, however, without radical amendment.

RUMANIA SIGNS UP.

The Rumanian plentipotentiary has signed the protocol acceding to the Austrian and Bulgarian Treaties and the Treaty providing for the protection of minorities.

BRITISH SERGEANT MURDERED.

No arrests have yet been made in connection with the murder of a British sergeant named Good, who was recently found shot near Calais. When discovered Sergeant Good was still alive but died in hospital at Calais. Robbery is suggested as the motive of the crime.

BIG LINERS IN COLLISION.

A cable from Boston states that on the 10th December the liners Carmania and Maryland collided at sea, some 500 miles East of Halifax. Both vessels were only slightly damaged.

MEDALS FOR CHINESE.

It was announced in the House of Commons on Thursday that Chinese labourers enrolled in the Labour Corps will receive the British War Medal in bronze.

RECONSTRUCTION.

COALITION GOVERNMENT TO CARRY ON.

Speaking in London yesterday, Mr. A. J. Balfour said that the problems of reconstruction were more difficult and more complex than the problems of the war. Industrial systems were shattered, the system of international credits had largely gone and conditions in Central Europe were deplorable. That was the situation that the victorious coalition had to meet. Unfortunately the greatest of our Allies felt apparently that she could not go to the end in the progress of reconstruction. Although it was utterly out of place for a foreigner to take upon himself the position of critic, it would be a very poor compliment to our American friends to say that we regard with indifference the prospect that they could not and had not seen their way to carry through to the end, in co-operation with us, that work of international re-construction.

Referring to the Peace Treaty, Mr. Balfour said that Peace, although not formally concluded with our chief opponent, may be regarded as practically assured.

Turning to Home politics he said there were those who said that the conditions under which he and members of his party had joined the Coalition Government came to end with the Armistice, or at all events shortly after the Armistice, and that when the object of the Coalition had been attained by victory the Coalition should have been dissolved. Those critics were sincere but took an imperfect view of what was going on. The Coalition Government, begun as a War Government, was continuing as a Reconstruction Government.

D'ANNUNZIO'S RAIDS.

TALKING IT OVER IN LONDON.

Replying to questions in the House of Commons as to whether steps are being taken to put an end to the condition of affairs in the Adriatic consequent on D'Annunzio's raids, Mr. Bonar Law said that the question is at the present moment engaging the attention of both the Italian Government and the Allied Powers.

"I am unable to say anything further at present" he continued. "The Prime Minister of France and the Italian Foreign Minister are now in London. Both the Adriatic and Russian problems will be among the subjects discussed by them."

Commander Kenworthy asked whether after this discussion a statement could be made in the House on these all important questions.

Mr. Bonar Law: "Certainly not, after this discussion. It is too much to expect that any definite final conclusion will be reached on this visit."

AMERICAN ARMY.

DISSATISFIED MEN DESERT.

Grave reports are being published in America, says the "Daily News," concerning the conditions prevailing in the American Army. Unable to live on their pay, officers are resigning and men are deserting in thousands. Iniquitous sentences for trivial errors have caused a profound impression. It is estimated that if war with Mexico broke out serious invasion would be impossible until June. The actual forces on the frontier were sixty thousand. The responsibility for the disappearance of enthusiasm for the Army lies with those officers who have abused their authority.

EFFECT OF MINERS' DEMAND.

The Horden Colliery Company, County Durham, which had intended to reopen the Castle Eden collieries, which have been idle for a number of years, and to erect a thousand new houses at a total cost of £2,225,000 has decided not to proceed with these developments.

This decision has been made owing to the agitation for nationalisation of the mines and the proposal to limit profits to 1s 2d per ton, under which they estimate that their net profits would not exceed two per cent. The contemplated extensions would have provided employment for 2,500 additional hands.

RELIEF OF POOR CLERGY.

The Bishop of Liverpool announces the receipt of £25,000 in Victory Bonds for the assistance of poor clergy. £4,000 will be used for immediate relief and the remainder will form a fund to relieve cases of special need.

NO MINISTER FOR THE R.A.F.

In the House of Lords, replying to Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, the Lord Chancellor said that the Premier had decided that the size and cost of the Air Forces did not justify their representation in Parliament by a Secretary of State.

NO HOME RULE BILL.

It is expected that Parliament will be prorogued towards the end of next week. The Government's statement on Irish Home Rule will not be made this session.

THREAD OF COTTON.

SUSTAINS FORTY PER CENT. DIVIDEND.

The annual meeting of shareholders of J. & P. Coates Ltd. the great thread making concern, held at Glasgow on Thursday, unanimously approved the proposed dividend, equivalent to forty per cent., less income tax.

Sir Thomas Coates, chairman, replied to adverse Press criticisms concerning the company's profits. He said he had repeatedly explained that the great bulk of their trade was done, and much the larger portion of their profit made, outside the United Kingdom. The earnings in home markets were only counted in thousands, not in millions.

He added: "It is remarkable that our enterprise in carrying the flag of British trade to every market in the world for nearly a century should be regarded as tantamount to a crime. We should have thought our efforts to increase British trade deserved approval, not condemnation. (cheers). The charge of profiteering levelled against the firm was absolutely groundless. (cheers). Their accounts and costings were being investigated by the Board of Trade at the company's suggestion, and they awaited the report with perfect equanimity (cheers). Further on, he said there was no prospect of the Company getting payment of the large amounts outstanding in Russia, Austria, Hungary, Germany and elsewhere in the near future.

CHRISTMAS LEAVE.

REVERSION TO PEACE-TIME PRACTICE.

The War Office announces that it is not proposed to issue detailed instructions this year regarding the granting of Christmas and New Year leave.

It is left to the discretion of General Officers commanding in Home Commands to grant, leave in such manner as in their opinion will be in accordance with the custom prior to the war. This privilege will not be extended to troops or members of any of the women's corps who are within a few days of being demobilized, or to soldiers who are in receipt of civil rates of pay.

In all cases arrangements will be made with the railway companies concerned as to the numbers to be sent on leave by railway by specified dates. The dates of return journeys will also be indicated.

AUSTRIAN FOOD RIOTS.

MOB OF WOMEN START LOOTING.

During the last few days serious food riots occurred at Innsbruck, Italian troops having to be called in to keep order. The demonstrators were headed by a woman. When she appeared before the residence of the Governoor of the Province with 300 women he fled. His delegate advised them to appeal to the Mayor and the replies of the latter being deemed unsatisfactory, the demonstrators started plundering the shops and the municipal reserve depot. Afterwards looting became general. Over 100 arrests have been made, mostly of anarchists from Austria and Bavaria.

RUSH FOR HAVANA.

DRINKS ON SALE THERE.

Prohibitionists in the States are organising a campaign to prevent Havana becoming a second Monte Carlo. The State Department has eighty thousand applications for passports from Americans waiting to go to Cuba, where the sale of drink is unrestricted and games of chance flourish.

MESPOT. DEMOB.

All 1915 and 1916 men retained in Mesopotamia who enlisted voluntarily prior to the 1st July 1916, or who are over thirty-seven years of age, or are entitled to wear three wound stripes, are either already under orders to move to the Base prior to sailing or have already left for home.

Men who are eligible under current instructions will move to the Base normally one month before they are due to sail.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

The Food Controller announces that plentiful supplies of unrationed foodstuffs and fruit will be available for Christmas. To facilitate shopping he had decided to allow the rations of sugar and butter for the week beginning on the 22nd to be purchased during the preceding week.

LONDON FEVER HOSPITALS FULL.

There are five thousand cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria in the eleven hospitals of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, and accommodation is now exhausted.

About seventy of the five hundred London motor buses which went out to France in 1914 are again plying in London.

The Antwerp dock strike has collapsed. Work has been resumed and the situation at the port is normal.

SUMMARY COURT.

TOO MUCH CANE AND NOT SUFFICIENT LOVE.

Erich Kreusch, a diminutive youth of twelve, of 160 Gussenstrasse, pleaded guilty to stealing a waterproof groundsheet from a British motor car, but tearfully tried to exonerate himself on the ground that he had been tempted by another boy to commit the theft.

His mother stated that when she was informed of the occurrence she gave the boy a good thrashing.

The Presiding Officer said that German parents did not seem to make friends of their children. If they did not beat them so much and treated them with a little more love and affection it would be much better for the children.

The boy was discharged with a caution and was warned that if he was guilty of any further offences he would be sent to a reformatory.

AN UNAVAILING EXCUSE.

In answer to a charge of being in the unlawful possession of a German dagger, a revolver, three rounds of ammunition and three English blankets, Josef Jülich, a chandler of 28-30 Perlengraben told a curious story.

He asserted that he bought the blankets in Luxemburg and that the other articles had been left at his shop by a child, during his absence, with the object of getting him into trouble.

A German policeman, called for the defence, stated that Jülich reported the matter to him and he promised to communicate with the military police, but in reply to the Presiding Officer he stated that he had forgotten to do so. He had not made a note of the matter in his notebook.

Accused was sentenced to one months imprisonment.

RECOMMENDED FOR DEPORTATION.

In connection with the charge against a number of civilians of being concerned in an attack on two British soldiers, four of the accused were again before the Court. The charge against one of them was dismissed, another was remanded until Tuesday and the Presiding Officer stated that he was communicating with the Military Governor with a view to having the other two deported. They were evidently members of a dangerous gang of criminals, and the more effectively it was broken up, the better.

The other six prisoners were committed for trial to the Military Court at the previous day's hearing.

DUBLIN RAIDS.

Early on Thursday morning the Royal Irish Constabulary and military raided the houses of several prominent Sinn Feiners in Dublin, including those of Michael Lennon and Count Plunkett (who were not at home) and Mr. Tom Kelly, M.P., who was arrested. The Dublin Mansion House was also surrounded by police and military and the premises were thoroughly searched. Numerous other raids were carried out simultaneously throughout the country. A number of Sinn Fein prisoners were transferred during the morning from Dublin to an armed vessel which sailed for England.

BRITISH NICKEL CURRENCY.

Now that there is talk of a nickel coinage, points out the Decimal Association, it is worth noting that British Honduras, which has adopted a decimal currency, already has in circulation a 5-cent nickel piece. In the United States, when new, this coin weighs exactly 5 grams, so establishing a connection between currency, weights and measures.

RUSH FOR LOTTERY BONDS.

Although the subscription list for the forthcoming issue of French Premium Bonds did not open until the 12th, it is stated that the British applications already exceed 160 million sterling. Applications were pouring in to the French banks in London yesterday, mostly for small amounts.

BOLSHEVISTS' FRANK ADMISSION.

The Svinska Dagblad (Stockholm) declares that the Bolshevist delegates to the Dorpat Conference attribute the abandonment of their offensive to their recent extremely heavy losses, which amounted to nearly 30,000 killed and wounded.

INTEREST ON WAR DEBT POSTPONED.

The United States Government has agreed to permit the Allies to defer for three years payment of interest on the £2,000,000,000 loaned to them during the war.

BISHOP RESIGNS.

The Bishop of Ripon has accepted the Mastership of St. Catherine's College, Cambridge. He resigns the Bishopric early next year.

The King yesterday approved the issue of the British War Medal called the General Service Medal.

While the basin of the Medici Fountain in the Luxembourg Gardens in Paris was being cleaned, an unexploded bomb, apparently dropped by a Gotha, was found. It was removed without accident.

BANK HOLD-UP.

LEEDS MANAGER SHOT DEAD BY ROBBER.

On Thursday afternoon an audacious attempt was made to hold up the branch of the Yorkshire Penny Bank in Leeds. The manager Mr. E. P. Oates, of Lethley Drive, was shot dead.

The murderer decamped, taking four hundred pounds in notes from the counter. He entered a waiting taxi and disappeared. He is believed to be an ex-Lieutenant of the Devons.

ADVERSE EXCHANGES.

PLAN FOR STABILISATION.

The eminent financier, Lord Swaythling, has just returned from America. Asked for his views on the problem of supplying Europe in the face of the increasing difficulty of payment owing to the rise of the American rate of exchange, he said that the deadlock is removable only by international agreement. He suggested the suspension of payments for three years on imports of machinery and raw materials by buyers in necessitous countries, the Governments concerned guaranteeing the exporters against loss.

According to the Paris newspaper "La Liberté" the American Bankers Association, whose representatives recently conferred with the British and Belgian Economic Missions in Paris, has issued a statement announcing the establishment of a National Committee for Financing Europe.

A loan will be issued in the United States for between two and four billion dollars in long term credits, with the object of stabilising the exchanges. The public will be invited to subscribe for fifty-dollar bonds.

O'GRADY CONFERENCE.

SUPPLIES FOR OUR PEOPLE IN RUSSIA.

An agreement has been reached at the Conference between Mr. O'Grady and Litvinoff under which the Soviet Government permits the despatch of warm clothing, drugs, food and money to British prisoners, in return for permission to load a ship with drugs for its own use.

Arrangements have been made to exchange letters at the frontier at stated intervals, enabling British and Russian prisoners to communicate with their homes.

ASQUITH REPLIES.

HOW WE STOOD IN 1916.

Mr. Asquith has lost no time in replying to Mr. Lloyd George's speech on the 6th. Speaking at Manchester he asserted that the Allied cause was never more vigorously conducted than in 1916, at the end of which year the aggressive power of the enemy was decisively broken and the foundation laid for certain and speedy victory.

He disagreed with the Premier that it is impossible to govern the country at the present time without a Coalition. He is convinced that the Liberal Party is perfectly capable of doing so.

MOULDERS STRIKE.

EMPLOYERS CONCEDE A POINT.

The Engineering Employers Federation has agreed to open negotiations with the ironmoulders who are on strike without insisting on a prior resumption of work. It is believed that a Conference will now be speedily arranged.

INCREASE IN PRICE OF NEWSPAPERS.

Our sprightly ally, "The Amaroc News" has been forced to follow suit in the matter of prices. From yesterday onwards each copy of the paper purchased retail costs one mark. Labour, paper, salaries have all gone up. As our contemporary points out, however, one mark is worth little more than two cents American, and it is practically impossible to purchase a newspaper in the U.S.A. at such a price.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

A better tone prevailed yesterday in consequence of the recovery of the French rate of exchange, the absence of forced selling and the termination of the United States coal strike. Brokers reported improved public demand on the theory that the recent depression had been overdone. Oils were stimulated by reference at the Peninsular and Oriental Company meeting to the growing use of oilfuel for their ships. The markets closed slightly under best. The Money Market was quiet and easy, with discounts steady. India and Spain paid 10½s for bar gold. Silver advanced to 76¼ pence, due to the weak American exchange and good general demand. The Exchange on Paris was 43, New York 3.73, Italy 50.50, Holland 10.03, Germany 179-181, Austria 600-650. De Beers Consolidated mines declared a dividend on Preference shares of twenty per cent., also a dividend of sixty per cent. on Deferred Shares for the half year ending 31st December.

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Among those who have written especially for this fine Souvenir Number may be mentioned:—

Philip Gibbs, the famous war-correspondent and author of "The Soul of the War" etc. **W. E. Hornung**, creator of the immortal "Raffles", author of Stingaree stories etc. **Prof. Archibald-Main**, M.A., LL.D., C.F., of St Andrews University, specially well known to the Scottish Troops on the Rhine. **Decima Moore**, C.B.E., the clever actress and founder of the British Empire Leave Club. **Dr. A. Francis**, M.A., the Organiser of the Y.M.C.A. institutes for the soldiers of Rhineland. The Rev. **G. Kendall**, C.F., the popular padre of the West Yorks. **R. F. Gardiner**, well known for his administration of the Scottish Churches Huts. **Alfred Barker**, the Soldier-Violonist, who charms Cologne Audiences, and also members of "The Cologne Post" literary Staff.

The price of the "Cologne Post" Christmas Souvenir Number is **7 Marks or 9d in British currency** and when you see it you will admit that it is well worth the money. You will be delighted with it and so will your people, and friends at home. It will be something to keep and to assure when you have finished serving out here. If you wish to mail it to Great Britain in the cover in a wrapper will be one shilling nett. It will be out very soon now, but the date of the issue cannot be definitely announced for a few days.

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The Cologne Post

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THE GARRISON CHURCH (C. of E.)
Schildergasse

SUNDAY Dec. 14th ADVENT III.
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PARADE SERVICE. 10.30 hrs.
Rev. H.S.F. Collier C.F.
EVENSONG. 18.00 hrs.
Rev. J.C.L. Johnstone C.F.
Chaplain to the Inniskilling Dragoons.
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HOLY COMMUNION: Sundays 8.00 hrs. Tuesday and Friday 7.30 hrs.

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THE OBSTACLE.

What is it that in the main checks production to-day so that the wheels of progress are clogged and the descent to ruin is not checked?

Greed, coupled with ignorance, is the great enemy we have to grapple with in these days before a sound peace is an accomplished fact.

Greed of gain has reduced our national output, not the greed of one class only but of all who have been competing to get as much as possible out of the war, with the result we all see—the outrageous rise in the cost of living so that nobody is any better off and many are in a sorry plight.

We British are not naturally a greedy people, either. If we have a fault it has been on the other side—over-generosity. There is nothing inherently penurious or grasping in our national character.

But in the early days of the war it was seen that certain classes of the community and certain trades were making abnormal gains, not because they sought to profiteer but the unique circumstances caused money to be thrust upon them.

Thus the harm began and the disease grew. And those in power, instead of educating the public with the true facts of the situation, aggravated the evil by doles first to one class and then another.

When the nation needs reconstruction on sound economic lines so badly the problem is immensely difficult to solve at short notice.

One of the methods by which great production can be attained is payment by results, but it is hard to convince the worker of this. The theory that there is only a certain amount of work and that the slower it is done the better for all, is hard to combat. Education may convince the workers that this is a fallacy but Education is slow. Yet it seems our one salvation and we must organise it thoroughly and pay adequately for it

FIGHTING IN THE AIR.

It is an ambitious task that Major Charles C. Turner has set himself in his book "The Struggle in the Air." It is an attempt to describe the great achievements during the war of our air services, and to present them in due relation to the rapid developments in the mechanics of flight and the art of flying. To accomplish all this in the space of one volume of not abnormal length and to avoid making it a mere string of bald facts, is no easy task, but Major Turner has succeeded quite well in producing a book that displays an intimate knowledge of the whole vast subject, which interests one from first to last.

Major Turner tells us he was one of the earliest aviators—No. 70 in the British list—and previously was a balloonist. Two days before England declared war against Germany he offered his services and obtained a commission in the R.N.A.S. He recalls what aircraft of all kinds were able to do when the war began, as regards speed, duration of flight, load carrying, climbing and manoeuvring and tells us that in spite of our unpreparedness and unsuitability of our aircraft for fighting in the air, aeroplane design was then more advanced than it appeared to the casual observer. The war, of course, saw innumerable improvements, and as time went on, machines were more and more highly specialised.

A STUPENDOUS TASK.

"But what a task was faced by the air services when war broke out!" the author remarks. "Yet" he adds, "we have seen their swift triumph. After six months of war, those who had scoffed, acknowledged that aircraft were indispensible."

In the first three weeks of their work in France the Royal Flying Corps by their initiative and daring had caused the Germans to fear them. Even in the retreat from Mons the work our aviators did was an earnest of the triumphs they won later.

Actually the first fight in the air was on August 15th, 1914, when a French aeroplane encountered a German, and the first recorded aerial fight of a British airman occurred twelve days later. In those early days, duels in the air were fought with the aid of carbines, automatic pistols and revolvers. Neither of the nations engaged in the Great War had given much thought to the use of aeroplanes for this purpose: attention had been given to reconnaissance and bomb dropping but practically none to the aerial duel. The machine gun as an aeroplane weapon was a subsequent development.

Major Turner records numbers of amazing fights in the air, which are a great tribute to the daring of our airmen, and in fairness, it must be admitted, to that of our Allies and enemies as well. One fought by Major L. W. Brabazon Rees, for which he was awarded the V.C., is typical of many. Whilst on flying duties, Major Rees sighted what he thought to be a bombing party of our own machines returning home. He went up to escort them, but then found they were enemy craft. He was immediately attacked by one, and after a short encounter, it disappeared behind the enemy lines damaged. Five others then attacked at long range, but these he dispersed on coming to close quarters, after seriously damaging two of the machines. Seeing two others going westwards, he gave chase to them, but on coming nearer, he was wounded in the thigh, causing him to lose temporary control of his machine. He soon righted it, and immediately closed with the enemy, firing at close contact range of only a few yards until all his ammunition was used up.

AMAZING AIR BATTLES.

The book is crammed with thrilling narratives of this kind. For instance, a British aeroplane was soaring 11,000 feet above German territory on reconnoitring duty. Suddenly a shell burst near it, killing the pilot instantly, severly damaging the machine, but not injuring the observer Lieut. Howey. The aeroplane tipped nose downwards and fell 6,000 feet, Howey during this terrific fall performing a veritable gymnastic feat. He succeeded in slipping from his place to that of his comrade, unclasped his dead hands, sat upon his knees, and in spite of the appalling situation seized the control lever, and in a miraculous manner righted his machine just at the moment it reached earth, after a veritable plunge to death.

The records of such feats would be incomplete without reference to those performed by the late Captain Albert Ball. They have been told before, but bear repetition. In his first encounter, for which he was awarded the D.S.O., he observed seven enemy machines in formation and immediately attacked one of them, and shot it down at fifteen yards range. The remaining machines retired. Immediately afterwards, seeing five more hostile machines, he attacked one at about ten yards range and shot it down, flames coming out of the fuselage. He then attacked another of the machines, which had been firing at him, and shot it down into a village, where it landed on the top of a house. He then went to the nearest aerodrome for more ammunition and returning, attacked three more machines, causing them to dive under control. Being then short of petrol he came home; his own machine was badly shot about. When this gallant young airman fought his last fight in 1917 he had about fifty German machines to his score.

THE GREATEST OF ALL.

Up to the end of 1916 the biggest aerial battle was the one that took place East of Arras in November of that year, when seventy aeroplanes were engaged. Aerial combats grew in numbers as the war progressed, and the types of machines for the purpose had been vastly improved. It is quite impossible to mention more of the numerous fights described, or to quote Major Turner's clear description of the evolution of the fighting plane.

Nor must it be thought that the actual contests in the air occupy the larger portion of his book. They form only a part, though a most fascinating part, of his full survey of the struggle in the air from 1914 to 1918. He writes with knowledge on many other phases of aerial warfare—on night flying and bombing, airships and kite balloons, reconnaissance and photography, artillery observation, the raids in England and of sea aircraft.

"The Struggle in the Air" is published by Mr. Edward Arnold, and costs 15s. It is a comprehensive survey of a wonderful, yet often tragic, period and should be on the bookshelves of all who have taken any part in the great war.

C.P.S.

EASTERN EPISODES.

"These men in our Eastern Armies have had the dust and toil, without the laurel, of the race to victory." That indisputable fact, taken from the "Times," is reprinted under the dedication of "Salonica and After" by H. Collinson Owen, published by Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton, 10/6 nett. The author was the Official Correspondent in the Near East, and was Editor of the "Balkan News." There has been a veil of mystery enveloping the doings of our Armies in the East which this book helps to lift. Although never harrowing, the author brings home the hardships that were endured—climatic and otherwise.

In a brief preface the writer justifies his sub-title "The Side-show that won the War." Ludendorff, he says "has given us his memoirs, and these support in signal fashion all that is here claimed for the Balkan Front."

The comic-opera like conditions of warfare that prevailed in Salonika in the early days are cleverly described. A distinguished supply officer, who was one of the first of our Army to set foot there, has put down some of his impressions of that time.

"It is difficult" he says "to treat seriously the situation in Salonika in the beginning of October, 1915. The setting of the Place de la Liberté, with its cafés spread along each side of the brilliantly lighted square, where the Greek officers during the first mobilization disported themselves in brilliant uniforms, with their smartly dressed womenfolk, was suggestive of the opening scene of a Balkan comic opera, and this atmosphere was intensified by the general topsy-turviness of the situation.

"Imagine a British Army landing in a neutral country, supposedly friendly, but actually engaged in active and organised opposition of the passive resistance variety. Imagine the German and Austrian consuls containing more than a sprinkling of their own nationalities, of Turks, Bulgarians, and other enemies, counting each British soldier as they passed the dock gates, and concocting in the evening their daily telegram sent by Greek wireless to Berlin. Imagine the mail train passing through the British Base up the British Lines of Communication, to the British Railhead at Doiran, with its daily freight of spies and alien enemies, bound for the hostile capital of Constantinople, and returning thence without let or hindrance.

NIGHTS OF GLADNESS?

Salonika's cafés, cabarets, café chantants, cinemas and music halls did a roaring trade in those days. There were plenty of them, but there were never quite enough for the thousands of strangers who were within the gates of the City; all of them men who in this unpleasant seaport of the Agean, felt acutely that they were exiles and were only too anxious to try and forget it. Throughout it was a feverish make believe pleasure, which never rang true. One always felt, even in the noisiest most uproarious moments—and there was never any lack of them—that if some voice had suddenly called out "This is all vain and false. There is not one man who is happy or amused with all this tawdry nonsense. Let every man who is sick at heart with it, and has no joy in it walk out"—one felt that in such case the "salle de spectacle" would have emptied immediately and that the soubrettes with their mechanical gestures and the harsh or squeaky songs about nothing in particular, would immediately have heard the terrible sound of their own voices in the silence that succeeded to the tumult.

THE SALONIKA FIRE.

The troubles and tribulations of producing a newspaper for the Balkan forces—intense though they must have been will bring a smile to the reader's face. The great fire destroyed their printing "plant" but the gallant R.E., Field Survey Coy. came to the rescue and lithographed six thousand copies.

The fire began at three o'clock one afternoon, and the fiercest of the burning was not over until 32 hours later, up to which time the buildings of the port and the French G.H.Q. were still in danger. It was finally believed that it began in a little wooden house in the Rue Olympos, where the refugees were cooking and spilt some oil. It reminds one of the great fire of Chicago, which was begun by a cow kicking over a lamp in a stable.

A thorough sympathy with and understanding of the "Other Rank' leads the author to deal with all phases of Army life with a charm of manner that is quite his own.

BALKAN BEER.

The scarceness of "England's National Beverage" is bemoaned by Mr. Owen.—He says: "It was a red-letter day for the men up country if they tasted beer—and even then it was only a thin Salonika brew. A man can go without beer, but the Salonika campaign taught me all the good and comfort that may reside for very many men in a simple pot of beer. It is not a mere drink, to be poured down a man's throat just to 'wet his whistle.' The drinking of beer is a ritual that enshrines most that he holds dear, that brings him nearer to home, and all it means to him, that conjures up all the scenes which were good or familar to him in the days before war claimed him. It means to him what cut glass and finger bowls mean to some other people."

We go with the writer home to England on leave—all the familiar sights. How many men were two years or more without leave—what a wonderful sensation to be home again from a bleak and inhospitable country like Macedonia—then back to Victory. The trial and strain of a war more or less of movement under such climatic conditions cannot be readily appreciated by one who has not experienced it, though the author conjures up a quite a vivid picture.

Illustrations add considerably to the interest of this work, and readers will close the book with regret. Interest is maintained throughout, and one is not subject to pages and pages of details served up in a matter of fact way. "Salonika and After" is an important addition to our war literature, not only as a well written and interesting book, but as an eye-opener to warfare "Out East."

W. K.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS.

Sir,—A letter recently appeared in your greatly read paper calling attention to the necessity for early action on the part of messing officers, and others in connection with the 'Xmas dinners.

Suggestions for menus have since been officially published and circulated for the guidance of units. If any unit, however, cares to avail itself of this offer, the Rhine Army School of Cookery will undertake to prepare and cook the Xmas puddings and mince pies for them at the School of Cookery, the unit concerned supplying the ingredients, of course.

W. A. FOWLER, Captain,
Commandant, School of Cookery, British Army of the Rhine.

THE RETENTION OF RANK.

Sir,—I notice that some attention is being given to the retention of military titles by ex-officers. Many have returned and are returning to civil life, entitled to carry on business and earn a living under the heading of "Major This" and "Captain That".

Already writers, in pre-war days plain misters, are appending their full military rank to their screeds. Where is it going to end? Are we going to see "Lieut.-Col. Dash, licensed to sell etc." over the door of a public house?

It seems to me that considering the democratic nature of the Empire's great Army in the war this should be cut out, and all officers and men, resume the rating of a civilian on the usual footing.

DINKY.

EAST AND WEST.

Sir,—There are quite a lot of soldiers now on the Rhine who have done most of their war service in the East either in Egypt, Mespot, Salonika or elsewhere.

I am one of these, and resent the attitude taken up by those who happened to serve in France and Flanders. They are inclined to sneer at anyone who wasn't in the trenches on the Western front and I don't think this fair.

It ought to be realised that one had no choice in the matter. A soldier goes where his unit is ordered to, and there was not only tough scrapping in the East but many horrible scourges and privations unknown in France.

Think of what the poor devils in Kut had to put up with. And this is only one example.

I beg those who have done their bit on the Western front to "cut it out" and give us credit for having done our part—and it was no small part either—equally as well as they did. It will make for better feeling and closer comradeship.

MESPOT.

SILLY FILMS.

Sir,—I see someone has a "grouse" now about cinema programmes. Not much has been said in your columns about these, so one would think the soldiers generally have no particular fault to find.

I believe a large number follow with intense interest these serial dramas which "Box Office" is so severe on. They would not miss an instalment for anything and so far from objecting to the sensational episodes and hairbreadth adventures they glory in them. It is difficult of course to pick up the thread of them if you happen to drop in at the 115th episode and you have to sit for half an hour or so wondering what on earth it is all about. To find the missing half of a ring or some gew-gaw like that the characters will ransack the world and go through fire and flood and a hundred horrors to achieve their end.

It is all rather silly as your correspondent says, but I can see it keeps audiences simply spellbound, so although I dislike these long drawn-out films myself and avoid a show if I can where they are shown I am not inclined to condemn them wholesale, as "Box Office" does.

FIVE MARKER.

THEN—AND NOW.

Sir,—May I be permitted to congratulate you upon the excellent article which appeared over the initials "A.B.C."?

I for one miss that happy comradeship which existed in the front line and wish that I could enjoy the company for a short period at least, of some of the lads of the old platoon, many, alas, no more.

They were the genuine article. Vexations and the sources of the grouses which fill the Editor's Letter Box were as naught. We had no time for them.

My mind goes back to the tramps we made to see any old concert-party performing within walking distance of our rests behind the lines and how glad we were to push in at the back of a crowded room. Everyone was in the best of humour although the next time "in" might be the last. No "Highbrow" stuff was required. We were a happy crowd, from the dear old Colonel down to the youngest private soldier. Those were great days.

Then came the Armistice and the march to the Rhine. With that, new attractions, but even then regimental happenings held first place and not the least of the happiest of our gatherings was that which the Colonel called together week by week when he gave us his heart-to-heart chat.

Then came the breaking up. No wonder the "old man" cried when the volunteers and retained men marched away. Those were the days. Rhineland cafes — Ugh!

N.C.O.

MY LADY NICOTINE.

I know a maiden tall and fair,
With sunny smile and flaxen hair,
And pearly teeth and eyes so rare,
Artless ways and winning air,
And she smiles on me and brings me bliss,
With a little love, a dinky kiss.

There is a garden in her soul,
Where blossoms gay with joy unroll,
Where pansies bright with glad thoughts grow,
And fragrant perfumes ever blow,
O sweet is the soil as skies above,
Where blossoms for me the rose of love.

Fresh is the love that lives so fair,
Bright the tints in her golden hair,
Pure are her dear grey eyes so rare,
Cool like winds on desert air,
And love and the maid I always greet,
In rings of smoke; for 'tis there we meet.

F. M. S.

THE "NOBODY'S DARLING" OF FOOTBALL.

SOME REFLECTIONS ON THE OFFSIDE RULE

BY

DAVID McLEAN.

(THE FAMOUS CENTRE-FORWARD OF BRADFORD AND SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL, LATE OF SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY.)

I expect that if you asked some people who was the "nobody's darling" of football they would answer, "the referee," and certainly he is a man who interferes quite a lot with the schemes of the players. He even does more than that—he sometimes rouses the spectators quite a lot as we heard from Wolverhampton the other day, for instance. At the same time, however, it seems to me that the real "nobody's darling" of football is the offside rule.

In the first place, the spectators do not like it because it is responsible for so many stoppages, and the people who pay to see the game naturally want to get their money's worth. The players do not love it either, and especially speaking as a centre-forward who has often been pulled up for offside when I have just had my mind and heart set on a goal, I have more than once said things about the offside rule and the man who invented it. Last of all, I don't think even referees like it, for it is not easy to carry out all its provisions, and I shan't be considered as a severe critic of referees in general when I say that they make mistakes over this offside business.

THE OFFSIDE RULE.

In fact, it is almost too much to expect that they should not make mistakes over it. At one glance they are supposed to take in the position of at least four players—the man who receives the ball and three members of the other side. With a game changing so rapidly as does the average game of football the surprising thing to me is that the officials in charge of our games do not make more mistakes over it. If I may say so with due deference, it seems to me that they stumble most over the clause in the rule which says: "When the ball is last played."

Again, judging by the alterations which have been made in the rule from time to time, it does not seem that the rule-makers themselves are altogether fond of it, nor do they appear even at the present moment to be quite sure that it is an ideal rule, or that it could be altered with benefit to the game.

Granted then, that the offside rule is the "nobody's darling" of the game, somebody will probably say that the best thing to do with it, is to wipe it off the books altogether. By doing that it is suggested that we should automatically cease to worry the referee, who has a thankless job, and it would prevent the players who are pulled up from having their tempers ruffled, and also cut quite a lot of the stoppages which annoy the onlookers. But the solution to the offside rule is not so simple as all that. In fact, I think every experienced player will agree with me that even though the offside rule is an evil, it is a necessary evil, and will have to be retained on the rule-books in one form or another for the good of the game itself.

Certainly the mere running of a blue pencil through the rule would not in itself prove an advantage to the game. I take it that this "nobody's darling" was included in the rules to prevent forwards poaching too far on the preserves of the other side—that is, to stop them from waiting in the goal-mouth for something to turn up. If the offside rule were abolished it seems to me fairly clear that at the same time you would abolish one of the real charms of the game—combination among the forwards of a side.

After all I suppose we forwards must take quite a lot of blame for the number of stoppages for which the offside rule is responsible, especially when we come up against the McCracken type of defender, and I can assure you there is more of his type than is generally supposed. In our anxiety to be as near to the goal as possible, we get in front of the man with the ball, with the result that when the ball is passed we have been thrown offside by the opposing full-back.

I don't suppose when the offside rule was put on the books anybody thought that it would be used as full-backs use it now. So long as it remains there, however, full-backs are perfectly entitled to use it for the advantage of their side. Hence the forwards—and I obviously include myself—must think more about their positions, and then there will be fewer stoppages.

REDUCE THE OFFSIDE AREA.

Then if we can't wipe out the offside rule altogether, can it be altered with advantage to the game generally? One suggestion for alteration seems to have quite a lot to commend it, and that is to reduce the area in which a player can be offside.

You may remember that some time ago the rule was altered, so that if a man was in his own half of the field when the ball was last played, he could not be offside. It is generally admitted that this alteration proved a good one, and reduced the number of stoppages in the average game. That being so, it is argued that if the field were again divided into thirds, and the operation of the offside rule confined to the two end thirds, the game would be better.

This idea is such a mild one, and could scarcely ruin or revolutionize the game, that I should like to see it tried. If experience showed that the alteration was not a good one, we could go back to the old arrangement.

Another suggestion for alteration in this rule is to make it so that a player need have two men, instead of three, between him and the goal when the ball is last played. Even this change has something to commend it, and it might lead to more goals.

I don't think, however, that the mere scoring of goals would satisfy people if goal scoring were made too simple. And therein is the crux of the whole matter. We forwards must do our best to make the "nobody's darling" of the game a little less unpopular. And we can do that if each player in every forward line will bear in mind one of the two simple ways in which breaches of the offside rule can be avoided. The first is to keep behind the man with the ball, and the second to watch carefully the tactics of the full-back. If we all did this we should hear less about this "nobody's darling," even though I don't think anybody will ever come to love the rule as it stands.

WHICH IS CORRECT?

Conflicting Statements on the Carpentier Position.

We give below two grossly conflicting statements on the world's championship question.

In a letter to the "Sporting Life" Mr. C. B. Cochran says:—

Before leaving for the United States on Saturday next I thought you would like, perhaps, to know my exact position in regard to the much-discussed meeting of Dempsey and Carpentier for the championship of the world.

M. Descamps, on behalf of Georges Carpentier, has signed a hard and fast agreement with me to meet Dempsey in London next year. My visit to America is for the express purpose of seeing Mr. Kearns, Dempsey's manager, and I have not the slightest doubt but that he will accept the proposal which I shall place before him.

In any case Georges Carpentier cannot enter into any other arrangement to meet Dempsey, nor has he, I believe, the slightest desire so to do.

M. Descamps and Georges Carpentier gave me their words before the match that the day after the match they would sign with me to meet Dempsey, and they faithfully carried out their obligation without any pressure on my part.

French View.

Victor Breyer, Editor of the "Echo des Sport," Paris, on the same subject says:—

"I have had a short conversation with Francois Descamps regarding the future plans of his champion. As a result, I am able to correct the various—and variable—statements made rather freely these last days by some papers on both sides of the Channel, as to the proposed Dempsey-Carpentier world championship encounter.

The situation is as follows: acting, as usual, in accord with his charge, Descamps is considering the offers which have been made to him, but has so far signed nothing, and made no promise. When the time comes to take a decision, it will only be taken after mature thought, and, quite naturally, preference will be given to the best financial offer, wherever it comes from, as long as the necessary guarantees are backing it up."

INTERNATIONAL LAWN TENNIS.

The Lawn Tennis Commission of Paris at its last meeting decided to arrange a match with London, to take place probably next March. It is expected that the London team will be selected from the Queen's and Dulwich Clubs, and the match will be played on the ground of the Tennis Club de Paris.

FAVOURITES WIN AGAIN.

Good Day For Backers At Windsor.

Rain fell at Windsor on Thursday and the going was soft. It was another good day for backers, all the favourites, except one, Pottipha, justifying the confidence placed in them.

DETAILS.

College 'Chase:—1, Pitcher (5-4); 2, Shantoi (2-1); 3, Amerongen (4-1). Five ran.

Paddock 'Chase:—1, Rath League (evens) Eclaireur (6-4); Four ran, only two finished.

December Hurdle:—1, Ray Barrow (2-1); 2, Perrant (10-1); 3, The Gunyah (10-1); Five ran.

Thursday Hurdle:—1, Tim (2-1); 2, Madam Gull (2-1); 3, Pottipha (5-4). Three ran.

Bovenay Hurdle:—1, Sabian (9-4 on); 2, Gavrelle (5-1); 3, Resolute (100-7). Seven ran.

Club 'Chase:—1, Sergeant Murphy (7-4 on); 2, Valentine Maher (4-1); 3, Lb. (8-1). Four ran.

AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

South Africans Beaten by an Innings and 128.

A delayed Reuter telegram from Johannesburg states that the return cricket match between the South Africans and Australian Imperial Forces resulted in a victory for the visitors by an innings and 128 runs.

The home side had scored 14 for 2 and still required 324 runs to avoid a single innings defeat. With 9 wickets down for 210 the innings and the match came to a close. Rain interrupted the play during the afternoon. Scores:—

SECOND INNINGS.

South Africans:

Ward c. Oldfield b. Gregory	2
Tancred st. Oldfield b. Lampard	50
Frank c. Winning b. Gregory	3
Nourse c. and b. Lampard	62
McIntyre c. Winning b. Gregory	22
Davis c. Oldfield b. Gregory	19
Blankenberg c. Trennery b. Lampard	53
Cox (not out)	1
Bueged b. Winning	0
Extras	4
	210

Bowling analysis: Gregory 4 for 60; Lampard 3 for 51; Winning 1 for 11.

Umpires' Pay.

Umpires at Minor County cricket matches will next season be paid £6 per match.

LEAGUE BATTLES.

Will Burnley take their revenge to-day?

LONDON'S RETURN FIGHTS.

To-day Burnley face Oldham at home and despite ground advantage the Athletic may again create a surprise; however, the Burnley men will be all out for revenge.

Chelsea oppose Arsenal at Stamford Bridge and a drawn game may result. The Arsenal's away performances lead one to think they may go further and snatch the winning goal; it will be a great battle.

Sheffield United always do well at Newcastle and will be doughty opponents. Aston journey to Manchester, where they will be fully extended by the Old Trafford men. They may obtain consolation.

SECOND LEAGUE.

Tottenham are at home to Fulham and it looks odds on the Spurs. Still it looked odds on West Ham recently, but it didn't come off. Birmingham and Stoke will be a great struggle; honours even is a likely result. West Ham and Coventry will have a hard game. Will this provide the City's first win?

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

In the Southern League, Portsmouth on all form should beat Millwall, but their last visit to "Pompey" secured full spoils for the Lions.

Watford and Reading will be a fiercely contested game, and if the former wish to retain pride of place they must account for the "biscuit men." Palace oppose Queens Park Rangers and despite recent results the Queens may be in the picture when the whistle goes.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Across the border there will be a grim struggle at Ayr with Morton as favourites. Celtic and Rangers are both away and will have to be on their mettle to bag full points.

Appended is the list of games down for decision to-day.

LEAGUE I.

Bolton v. Bradford	Man. U. v. Aston V.
Bradford C. v. P.N.E.	Newcastle v. Sheffield U.
Burnley v. Oldham	Notts C. v. Everton
Chelsea v. Arsenal	Sheff. W. v. Sunderland
Derby v. Blackburn	W. Bromwich v. Man. C.
Liverpool v. Middlesboro	

LEAGUE II.

Birmingham v. Stoke	Rotherham v. Leicester
Blackpool v. Huddersf'd	S. Shields v. Barnsley
Clapton O. v. Notts F.	Stoe port v. Wolves
Grimsby v. Bristol City	Tottenham H. v. Fulham
Port Vale v. Bury	West Ham v. Coventry
Lincoln C. v. Hull C.	

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Brentford v. Swansea	Norwich v. Exeter
Bristol R. v. Southampton	Plymouth v. Luton
C. Palace v. Q.P.R.	Portsmouth v. Millwall
Merthyr v. Gillingham	Southend v. Cardiff
Newport v. Brighton	Watford v. Reading
N'thampton v. Swindon	

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Airdrie v. Celtic	Hamilton v. Albion R.
Ayr v. Morton	Hib. v. Kilmarnock
Clyde v. Queen's Park	Partick v. Motherwell
Clydebank v. Rangers	St. Mirren v. Dumbarton
Dundee v. Raith R.	3rd Lanark v. Aberdeen
Falkirk v. Hearts	

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

ASSOCIATION.

Blackburn.....4; Bradford.....1;

RUGBY.

Swansea.....6; Cambridge....3;

Glasgow Academicals..3; Oxford.....3;

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Kent.....3; East Midlands 6;

MEDICALS MEET.

25 General Hospital versus No. 7 Field Ambulance.

The match between these two teams proved a fast and exciting game. The ball was set rolling by No. 7 but they were held up by the "General's" defence. Play was carried down the field by the outside right of 25 General, and a free kick awarded was converted into a goal by a beautiful drive from Capt. Davidson.

This put No. 7 on their mettle and they got busy. Walker had hard lines with a beautiful shot from the extreme right, striking the upright and going over the line. From the goal kick Cartwright, the outside left of 25 General got possession and a made a splendid run down the wing finishing with a fine centre, but the defence proved equal to the occasion and play was transferred to mid-field, half time coming with the score in favour of the home team 1—0.

On resumption, the Ambulance were the stronger and for some time confined the "Generals" to their own half; some exciting play took place round the goal mouth, the Gens. goalie making some good saves from Jones, Caldwell and Muir.

Play became exciting, and, cheered on by their supporters, the Ambulance tried hard to equalise, eventually doing so through S/M Stanley, at centre forward.

No. 7 playing much the stronger game failed to increase their score and a hard fought game ended in a draw of 1—1.

COMBINATION TELLS.

11th Queens 4; Inniskilling Dragoons 0.

This match was played on the 11th Queens ground at Kalk on Wednesday, and resulted in a win for the Queens by 4-0.

The Inniskillings, on winning the toss, elected to play with the very slight wind in their favour, and during the first portion of the game the play was mostly confined to mid-field, both defences generally managing to hold their opponents forwards without much trouble. Towards the end of the first half, from a pass from the Queens centre-half to the inside-right, the latter put in a shot which the goalkeeper saved but could not clear, and the forward scored on his second attempt.

On the resumption the better combination of the 11th Queens began to tell on the defence of the Dragoons and further goals were scored for the Queens by Lieut. Bratchell, Sgt. Ellerly and L/Cpl. Osborn.

SPIRITED BOXING.

Splendid Talent at Opening of Cologne Competitions.

GAME CONTESTANTS.

The first of the series of boxing competitions organised under the auspices of the E. and R.T., G.H.Q. opened with conspicuous success at the Y.M.C.A. Central, Cologne, yesterday evening.

The men figuring in the various contests were, for the most part, unknown quantities, the competitions being open to all and sundry, irrespective of previous accomplishments.

The main object of the initial competitions is to ascertain the worth of the talent so that in later tournaments the most promising boxers may be selected to figure in six-round bouts.

The huge audience which assembled expected to witness displays by mere novices and in this connection they were agreeably surprised, many of the contestants showing considerable talent and promise. Last night's show provided abundant evidence of the tremendous popularity of boxing at the present time; there was unbounded enthusiasm surpassed only by the keenness and gameness of the fighters themselves.

The finals of the competitions will be fought to-night at the same place commencing at 5-30 p.m. when some excellent sport is anticipated.

The officials of the competition are:—

Ref. Lieut.-Col. J. Betts, D.S.O.; Time-Keeper, Capt. G. Hibbert, O.B.E., M.C.; M.C., Maj. W. Delany, O.B.E.; Judges, C.S.M.I. Murray and Q.M.S.I. Heisdon; Asst. Hon. Sec. C.S.M.I. Peirce.

The results were as follows:—

LIGHT HEAVIES.

C.S.M. Bradley 52nd Devons K.O. Sgt. Watts 51st R.B., in the second round.

Cpl. Cook 19th Middx. Bye.

WELTERS.

Pte. Ovenden, 49th. Lab. Coy., beat Sgt. Tayne, 51st R.B. on points.

Pte. Ovenden beat Pte. Morris, 11th Queens, on points.

Rfn. Jackson, 51st R.B. defeated Dr. Mansell, Indep. D.A.C., on points.

Cpl. Doke, 18th K.R.R.C.; K. O. Sapper Naylor, 206 F.Coy R.E., in the first round.

Cpl. Stevens, 19th Middx., beat Sgt. James, 52nd Kings L'pool, on points.

LIGHTS.

Rfn Turner 52 R.B. K.O. Dr. Hughes No. 3 sec. D.A.C. in the second round.

Pte. Sheldrick 49th Lab. Coy. defeated Pte. Luttrell 11th Queens on points after a sparkling contest.

Pte. Jewell 19th Middx. K.O. Sgt. Hopkins 52nd Devons in the first round.

Dr. Grey Indep. D.A.C., Bye.

BANTAMS.

Dr. Kitchen 206 Coy R.E. defeate Debux 18th K.R.R.C. on points.

Rfn. Doe 18th K.R.R.C. K.O. Pte. Pullen 19th Middx. in the first round.

Gunr. Hinksman Indep. D.A.C. defeated L Cpl. Baxter Northn. Bde. T.M.B. on points.

Pte. Sutton 19th Middx, Bye.

FEATHERS.

Rfn. Sparks, 52nd. R.B., K.O. Pte. Leigh, R.F.A., 3rd. D.A.C. in the first round.

Dr. Brett, Indep. D.A.C. w.o.

Pte. Woodard, 19th. Middx. Beat Pte. Holt, 52nd. King's L'pool on points.

Pte. Broadbent, 52nd. King's L'pool. Bye.

INTER-BATTN. FOOTBALL.

52nd Devons, 3. 51st Hants, 2.

The above match was played at Burscheid on Wednesday, and in spite of the difficult conditions some clever football was witnessed by the crowd of about five hundred spectators. The ground was rather treacherous.

The teams soon began to warm to the game, and the pace, which at first was somewhat slow, livened up after the first few minutes, the Hants' left wing putting in some good work. The Devons then pressed, and a smart run down the field culminated in the first goal of the match, Pearson scoring with a close-range shot from a pass by Gallagher. Even play ensued, the fast pace being well maintained, and about fifteen minutes after the start, Williams obtained the Hants' first goal, the Devon custodian mishandling the ball. The Hants goalie and backs did some good defending, but despite their efforts Shaw put the Devons ahead, and just before the interval Gallagher increased the lead 3-1. Early in the second half the Hants got their second goal, Lieut. Mumford scoring from close quarters. The speed and excitement of the play was kept up until the finish, and the game ended with the Devons still pressing, but the score of 3-2 in their favour unchanged.

The Hants' left wing is worthy of special mention, and their backs and goalkeeper played well from start to finish. For the Devons, Sgt. Yeo played a splendid game at right half, while Sgt. Smith, L/Cpl. Pearson, and Ptes. Shaw and Gallagher also did well. The match was keenly and cleanly contested, and all the spectators thoroughly enjoyed watching it.

PROPOSED BILLIARD TOURNEY.

The many hundreds of men who play billiards every week on the dozen or more tables at the Central Y.M.C.A. will be glad to hear that a knock-out tournament will be held at once and will continue during the next few weeks. Entries must be made — fee 10 marks — at the Games Chalet in the canteen before Wednesday next, 17th December. The draw for the first round will take place the same night and the list of contests posted up the following morning. Entries should be made without delay to enable the committee to form some idea as to the possible number of contestants.

Unknown Pedigree.

Sunnycroft, who won in the capable hands of "Signorinetta" Bullock, is a bay gelding with an unknown pedigree.

Sold and Retained.

Ladaile was sold to Mr. A. Wright for 260 guineas, and George B. was retained for 140 guineas at Leicester.

H. Q. TROOPS LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED FOR EARLY START.

Opening Fixtures.

The provision of properly organised facilities for football for those units comprising Army Headquarters in Cologne formed the subject of a meeting at the Excelsior Hotel yesterday.

The Association League football competition, of which mention has already been made in the "Cologne Post" was discussed by officers representative of the units concerned under the presidency of Major M. C. Morgan, M. C. All phases of the competition were considered. One member, for instance, spoke on the question of referees, remarking that the exposition for the apathetic response to the invitation to referees to submit their names was that the "men of the whistle" objected to travelling several miles on, perhaps, a wet day only to find that no dressing room provision was made and that he had frequently to put up with the abuse of both teams before returning wet, tired and muddy to his own station.

A CHANCE FOR REFEREES.

The result of this discussion was that an examination was arranged to take place next Friday in connection with which successful candidates would be given a certificate of proficiency. Intending candidates should send their names to the Sports Editor, "The Cologne Post," without delay. They will then be informed of the time and place of the examination. The possession of a certificate of proficiency should be of considerable value to those who wish to take up seriously the art of refereeing after demobilization.

The draw for the first matches in the competition was as follows:—

R.E. v. Labour Coy.; G.H.Q. v. Ordnance; R.A.F. v. R.A.S.C.; R.E. Sigs. v. Police; Vets. & Rmts v. Tanks; A.P.C. v. Transport. R.A.M.C. a bye.

Among other points agreed upon were, that the first matches, as above, should take place on Saturday next on the ground of the first named or on one mutually agreed upon and that the kick off should be at 2 o'clock. When possible, or in any circumstances, not later than 2.15 p.m.

The winning teams will send in the result of the matches within 24 hours, Sundays and holidays excepted. In the case of wet weather, the two captains and the referee will confer as to whether or not the ground is playable.

As has been indicated, the competition will be run on the usual league lines and its progress will be chronicled in the "Cologne Post."

Lieut. Lyon of the Amusements Office has been entrusted with the arrangements and is preparing the complete league fixtures.

For the benefit of opposing teams, details of each club as far as they are available are appended.

Team	Secretary	Location
A.P.C.	Sports officer	Riehler Strasse
Tanks	Lieut. R.R. Turner	Aachener Str.
Police	Sgt. Camp	Durener Strasse
Labour	Sports officer 31st Labour Group, Sulzerring	
Transport	D.A. D.R.T.	Rheinartz Str.
R.A.F.	Sports officer 12th Squadron	
R.A.O.C.	Sgt. Miller	Nippes
Signals	Maj. F. R. Cobb M.C.	Rhine Army.

BILLIARDS.

Thursday's closing scores in London matches were:

Smith.....12,824
Inman.....12,033

Breaks: Smith 230, 276, 131, 131; Inman: 131, 284, 143, 125.

Newman.....13,584
Falkiner.....10,263.

Breaks: Newman 132, 179, 126; Falkiner 218, 178, 208, 222.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

The first team race of the Aldershot Command Athletic Association was held at Aldershot on Thursday when 14 teams started over a four-mile course. The individual placings were:—

1, Lieut. Grant, Highland Lights. Time 23 mins. 52⅘ secs.; 2, Capt. Argyle, Sutherlands, 24 mins. 29⅘ secs.; 3, Lieut. Patterson, Highland Lights, 24 mins. 29⅘ secs.

The team placings were:

2nd Camerons 225 pts.; 17th Lancers 232; 1st Highland Lights 235.

CHAMPIONSHIP PURSE.

The well-known race-horse owner, Mr. Steward Gates has offered 70,000 pounds for the promotion of the Carpentier-Dempsey Match.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Sat.	Merry Wives of Windsor	Nicolai	7	10.30
Sun.	Meistersinger von Nürnberg	Wagner	5	10.30
Monday	No Performance			
Tuesday	No Performance			

Ladies Please Note.

Ladies who are fond of dancing — and very few are not — should earmark next Wednesday evening (17th), when the G.H.Q. W.O's and Sergeants Subscription Dance Club's next function is due at the Bürgergesellschaft. Sgt. Jas. Goldie, A.P.O. S.40 will be pleased to forward particulars of these enjoyable evenings.

The Merry Blue Boys.

The Merry Blue Boys' Concert Party gave a very amusing entertainment at the British Empire Leave Club on Tuesday. There were some excellent items, including a unique performance, which gained much applause and two encores, by Sergt. Adcock and Corporal Simons entitled "The Jazz Band." Sergt. Cornett delighted the audience with a song called "Adam and Eve," while another popular number, which was encored, was a duet entitled "Angel of my Heart," by Pte. Dean and Corporal Bush. The programme concluded with a humorous play. Lieut. J. M. Young at the piano added greatly to the success of the Concert.

OUR CHRISTMAS OFFER.

No. 13 Contest Total Augmented By 500 Marks.

The announcement of the result of No. 13 Football Competition, the first coupon for which will be found on this page, will automatically be made on Christmas Day. In order fittingly to mark the festive season and, incidentally, to show our appreciation of the enthusiasm with which our competition has been received we have decided to augment the total for this contest by 500 marks.

We confidently anticipate that, apart from the sum we are adding, No. 13 will be a bumper success and when the number of marks subscribed have been supplemented by 500 the sum should be a record for the competition and well worth winning.

The 500 marks will upon no account be divided and must be won by a single competitor. The following points should be noted:—

1. Should the competition be won outright by a single competitor the 500 marks will be added to the total prize money.

2. Should the prize be divided the competitor sending in the first winning coupon found by the competition adjudicators will receive the additional award.

As the coupons reach us they are numbered and filed so that no difficulty in discovering the first coupon is anticipated.

We take this opportunity again to point out that our competition is open to readers in England, many of whom send along their forecasts weekly. Competitors anticipating demobilization have only to give their home address to ensure receipt of a cheque in the event of their success.

On the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 13
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.

2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.

3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.

4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.

5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.

6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.

7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.

8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.

9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 13.

Date of matches, Saturday, Dec. 20th.
Closing date, Friday, Dec. 19th.

Arsenal	v. Sheffield Wed.
Everton	v. Liverpool
Manchester U.	v. Newcastle
Wolves	v. Hull City
Bradford City	v. Notts County
Barnsley	v. Tottenham
Bristol City	v. Blackpool
Aston Villa	v. Oldham
Swindon	v. Palace
Kilmarnock	v. Partick

I enter Football Competition No. 13 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions already announced and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(in block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Inn Signs.
I came across an inn the other day with the sign of "The Helping Hand" There's a British flavour about that sign. "The Count Zeppelin Inn" was just round the corner.

Keen on Form.
There are no race meetings in the Fatherland nowadays, but the Cologne sporting fraternity are nevertheless keen students of the French racing press. I came across a crowd busy reckoning up Auteuil form the other day.

Try Again.
Just outside the rear entrance to the Stapelhaus, hangs a board bearing the following notice: "Entrance to mussim. Nest door."

Very Warm.
The advent of the cold weather has brought into fashion the small round topped Russian fur caps. Just recently I have noticed quite a number of men and women wearing them.

Money's Worth.
I notice that a very popular periodical with German school boys is the pink paper that corresponds with our "Police Budget". They seem to get enough enjoyment out of it for their money.

Quick Changes.
These are days of quick business changes. A Cologne concern, I know, was a month ago a barber's shop; then it became a café and conditorei, and this week, still under the same management it blossomed out into a fruiterer's business.

Cheerful News.
I am informed that the death sentence in Cologne is still administered by means of the guillotine, but in other parts of Rhineland, the axe is still in operation. The executioners receive one thousand marks for each malefactor disposed of.

Envelope Economy.
In many German business houses a novel idea is in use for economising in envelopes. Each envelope is ruled off into a number of squares with the result that it can be used as many as twenty times, the flap being left open. Where written messages are continually being sent from one department to another a big saving is effected.

A Tedious Job.
It may not be generally known that the system of punishing refractory recruits in the German Army was somewhat different to ours before the war. Instead of awarding "C. B." or inflicting a fine for a minor offence, the culprit was in some instances ordered to scrub out a room with a tooth brush and a corporal was detailed to see that the task was accomplished.

A Button Punishment.
Should an unfortunate "rookie" appear on parade with a button undone, a N.C.O. would cut all the buttons off his tunic, and the offender should appear on the next parade in half an hour with the buttons sewn on again.

Bare Trees.
The grip of winter has fallen heavily on the trees in Cologne's famous Rings. They are now destitute of leaves and present a desolate appearance.

Some Change.
I note a café in Wallraf Platz, which but a short while ago was a popular rendezvous, is now being converted into a banking establishment.

Not Quick.
The narrowness of Cologne's main thoroughfares may account for it, but the fact remains that the city's fire brigades are not nearly so smart in answering a call as our brigades at home.

Whistles.
The German tram conductor carries a whistle the same as do our Blighty ticket punchers, yet I have only once seen a conductor out here make use of his.

Been There.
My attention has been drawn to a photo of a Cologne cabaret star which was taken in Liverpool. She sings in English as well as in the language of the Fatherland during her performance.

Palm.
Have you noticed the number of flower sellers who are now offering for sale sprigs of palm? In England we associate this with the days before Easter, not Christmas.

Still Copying.
After the martial moustache reminiscent of a certain ex-monarch, the Charlie Chaplin is now greatly in vogue among young Germans.

Travelling Permits.
The practice of officers visiting the Civil Permit Office with requests for permits to be issued immediately to German civilians has caused inconvenience, and such a practice must stop. Any officer desirous of vouching for an application should endorse a note to that effect on an application form.

See to It.
Officers and other ranks proceeding on duty to any place in the unoccupied territory must be in possession of an authority granted by Headquarters, in addition to the usual permits. Leave to places outside the zone occupied by the Allied Armies will not be granted.

Appropriate.
When the electric light failed at the dance at the Zoo, the Jazz band struck up, "Give me the moonligat, give me the girl."

A Little Mixed.
Our bright contemporary "The Amaroc News" had an amusing "bloomer" the other day. Under a splash heading "Mike O'Dowd offers defi to Carpentier" it started off "Sure fundamental Truths of Christianity was the subject of the Senior Chaplain's message at the Church of the Royal Palace yesterday morning," and so on.

RHINELANDER.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

The Bill.—Indian Frontier and Afghan campaigns cost £14,000,000.

Unpopular.—Two more London National Kitchens have been closed.

Royal Festivities.—The King and Queen will spend Christmas at Sandringham.

Poor Taxpayer.—The cost of the Douglas-Pennant enquiry was £9,000.

Novel.—A Leeds soldier has transformed his "tin hat" into a timepiece.

Flanders Floods.—As a result of heavy rains there are extensive floods in Flanders.

Tax to Go.—It is likely that the petrol tax of 6d. a gallon will go.

Greater Love.—Four Manchester men risked their lives to save a dog from drowning.

Any Others.—A Cardiff boy who flew when not yet five, claims to be the youngest flier.

And it Failed.—A Sinn Fein plot to kidnap the Prince of Wales when in America has been revealed.

Air Regiments.—French air squadrons formed during the war are to be transformed into regiments.

Artist in Hair.—A London girl, aged 15, has invented a new coiffure that may be the rage.

Craving for Novelty.—Ostrich feathers and not bouquets were carried by bridesmaids at a London wedding.

On the Clyde.—When in Glasgow Prince Albert received a casket made by disabled men.

The Old Story.—Toy prices at home are 400 per cent. above those of pre-war days.

The Scuttling Gang.—Scapa Flow scuttlers accusing one of their number of being a spy attacked him with knives.

A Christmas Box.—The new unemployment insurance scheme will be introduced before Christmas.

Helped Perhaps.—Brig. General Mends says the Territorial Force saved civilization.

Controlled.—The Mayor of Bethnal Green says the milk supply of London is in the hands of a huge trust.

Buy Where You Like.—Registration of customers with butchers at home ceases to-morrow.

Under New Management.—The German Liner, "Imperator," has been delivered to the British Government.

Welcome Respite.—One and a quarter millions of shop workers benefit by the extension of the Christmas holidays.

Why Should They?—L.C.C. have declined to prohibit delivery of newspapers by children out of school hours.

War of the Future.—It is anticipated that battleships of the future will carry their own airships,

Obliging.—Ex-Crown Prince Rupprecht has offered himself for extradition. Some time ago he said he would not give himself up.

The Pressman's Only Holiday.—The principal London newspapers are not publishing on Christmas Day or Boxing day.

Ragamuffin V.C.—Jack Cornwell's reformation dated from the time he became a scout. So says General Sir Robert Baden-Powell.

Our Gallant Prince.—When leaving the Savoy Hotel the Prince of Wales acceded to the request of a poor working girl for his autograph.

Margot's Book.—"As well be hanged for a sheep as a lamb," is said to be the motto of the title page of Mrs. Asquith's new book of reminiscences.

The Rage.—Mr. Justice Bray claims that during the last two or three years he sentenced nearly 200 men and women for bigamy.

The Way of the Trade.—Tradesmen buying turkeys and geese at the Agricultural Hall paid high prices for the advertisement such purchases will bring them.

This week a large number of new books can be otained at the "Cologne Post" Bookshop in the Arcade. They vary from "The Man with Two Left Feet" by P. G. Wodehouse (quite one of the latest) to the ever deligatful "Bab Ballads" of W. S. Gilbert.

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Books and tables simplifying wonderfully the wide scope of Military Law have been added. Indoor games and out door sports have a shelf to themselves.

BOOKLOVER.

A BOOKLOVER'S GOSSIP.

Plenty of books are appearing which tell of the brave deeds of various regiments in the war. One that is sure to be popular with Jock is "With the Black Watch," a story of the Marne, by Scout Joe Cassells, one of the survivors of the original Expeditionary Force. For stark and simple strength, realism of detail and a complete picture of desperate resistance this soldier's story is remarkable. Andrew Melrose Ltd. publish it.

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Five stories written during the war by Arthur Beverley Baxter have been collected in one volume under the title of the "Blower of Bubbles" and published by W. R. Chambers, Ltd. As a study of people gripped by the emotions engendered to war conditions these clever stories are of interest. The writer was with the Canadian forces.

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"Bunker Bean" is a story of American life by Harry Leon Wilson, who previously wrote "Ruggles of Red Gap." There is any amount of United States smart talk in its pages which are never dull. Mr. John Lane publishes it at 6s. net.

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Mr. H. G. Wells has set himself an ambitious task in writing "The Outline of History," from the remotest ages to the present day. It is a plain story of Life and Mankind, which does not follow orthodox lines at all. One would be disappointed in Mr. Wells if it did. He has called in the help of experts such as Sir E. Ray Lankester, Professor Gilbert Murray and others to ensure accuracy, and the work which is appearing in 20 fortnightly parts at 1s. 2d. each is to have 600 illustrations. The publishers are Geo. Newnes Ltd. and a specimen copy of the work can be seen at the "Cologne Post" Bookroom.

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Some of the best books for those who want to learn German are issued by the well-know French house of Hachette. Their "First German Book" costs only 1s. and the key 2s. 6d. Another useful work is "Practical Lessons in German Conversation," by Dr. Meissner, M. A., which is published at half a crown. For only 6d. one can also have a pocket conversation manual, "dier spricht man Deutsche."

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Thousands who have read Mr Temple Thurston's "The City of Beautiful Nonsense" will be tempted to dip into the sequel to it which has just appeared, "The World of Wonderful Reality." Most sequels are disappointing. If Mr. Thurston has been able to achieve another literary success on similar lines it will be surprising.

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Few books are more popular as Christmas gifts than the poems of Rudyard Kipling, familiar though they be to most of us. Methuen's publish them in a variety of styles. There is the service edition in ten volumes at 3s. each in buckskin, or lambskin at 7s. each.

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Health is a subject that is receiving far more attention than ever before. To Riders' "Health and Body" Handbooks at 1/6 each Miss Helen Boulnois has just contributed a little volume on "The Dominion of Health" which gives in a bright interesting way some sound advice.

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It is a useful thing sometimes to have a stock of good jokes handy. Those who organise entertainments are often at a loss for a humorous anecdote or quip which can either be utilised as it stands or be adapted. The firm of Routledge issue two collections, edited by H. Moncur Sime; "A Feast of Fun" and "The Fun Physician".

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There are some pleasant pen pictures of rural life in two dainty pocket editions recently written by David Grayson and published by Andrew Melrose Ltd. —"The Friendly Road" and "Adventures in Contentment." The author has been for eight years a farmer, and his essays show an intimate knowledge of the countryside.

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Air bombardments of the villages inhabited by hostile tribes on the Indian frontier have not had the full effect expected in compelling the surrender of the tribes. Military operations are now in progress against the Mahsuds and it appears likely that it will be necessary to march troops into the heart of the Mahsud country, an operation which should not last more than five or six weeks. A joint Jirga of the Mahsuds and Wana Waziris decided against accepting British terms.

POULET'S TRIALS.

STARTLING ADVENTURE IN THE DESERT.

The Paris "Matin" publishes extracts from the notes taken by M. Poulet describing his experiences while attempting to fly from Paris to Melbourne. The flight was comparatively easy as far as Naples. Poulet nearly ran into a mountain at Valona, and he dwells on the low temperature he encountered at a height of 4,800 metres, at which level he flew between Valona and Salonika. Owing to the shortage of petrol he had to lay in a stock, also of castor oil, at Konia Adana.

The intense heat and solar refraction were very uncomfortable when passing over Mesopotamia. When 120 kilometres from Chabar, M. Poulet had to descend to the desert. Baluchis, armed to the teeth, surrounded the machine and adopted a very threatening attitude towards the aviators, but after much argument allowed them to proceed. When they reached Karachi they learnt that the British authorities, having heard that an aeroplane had fallen into the sea, and fearing it was M. Poulet, sent out a search party, which found that the supposed aeroplane was a dead whale, stranded on the beach.

VISCOUNT GREY.

RETURNING TO ENGLAND ON LEAVE.

Viscount Grey has notified Mr. Lansing, the U.S. Secretary of State, that he will shortly be returning to England on leave.

The Washington correspondent of the Associated Press, in announcing Viscount Grey's intended departure, says:—

His return to Washington will depend on the possibility of arranging private business interests and the decision of the Foreign Office as to whether he alone can carry forward the great project of common action between Great Britain and the United States for the reorganization of international finances and commerce. Sir William Tyrrell and Mr. Campbell will accompany him to England.

U.S. MINERS' STRIKE.

COAL CONTROLLER RESIGNS.

Mr. Garfield, the United States Fuel Administrator, has resigned, because he disagrees with the principles of the Coal Strike settlement.

A SUBSTITUTE FOR ARMS.

An apparatus enabling armless men to write or use a knife and fork was demonstrated at the College of Ambulance yesterday. The device, which is described as "a mechanical substitute for the arms and a foot writing machine," is the invention of Mr. G. Thomson, Edinburgh. It is claimed that by its means a man who has lost both arms can cut bread, eat meat with a knife and fork, lift a cup, pick up a pen, dip it in the ink, and write, and place a cigarette between his lips and light it.

VICAR'S SUDDEN DEATH.

At the new Bishop of Chester's first confirmation service in St. John's Church, Macclesfield, on Wednesday night, the Rev. C. Vere Barley, vicar of Christ Church, died suddenly in the vestry in the Bishop's presence before the service had begun. He was 54 years of age, and went to Macclesfield 11 years ago from Normanton.

PEACE TREATY AND U. S.

Senator Lodge precipitated the first discussion of the Peace Treaty in the present session of the United States Senate by declaring that the Treaty is dead unless it is again submitted by President Wilson, its demise being due to the Democrats.

U.BOATS IN MAKING.

STRANGE STORY OF SECRET CONSTRUCTION.

The French newspaper "Le Journal" prints a message from its Bordeaux correspondent which purports to detail a conversation with a naval engineer of a foreign country who desires to conceal his nationality and identity.

This man, who has just returned from Germany, is alleged to have said: "France is for me a second Fatherland, and I consider the Frenchmen as compatriots. I come from your enemies of yesterday and of to-morrow, and I say: 'Do you intend to take a rest on your laurels?' I see in your newspapers articles about the military camouflage of Germany; what I read is exact as regards the recruiting of a new German army, but I regret that these papers are dumb about the naval camouflage.

"There are actually 200 submarines in construction in Germany, and you will not be astonished when you hear that they are being actively built at Essen, in isolated parts, whose assemblage is a marvel of skill. When the Allied Missions of control go through the works the submarines in construction are skilfully camouflaged and shown as parts of commercial ships.

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SPIEGLEHALTER-FARLEIGH.

A wedding of unusual interest to British residents in Cologne was solemnized at the Garrison Church in Schildergasse yesterday afternoon.

The contracting parties were Captain Cecil Spieglehalter, of the Lancashire Fusiliers, and Miss Gladys Farleigh. The bridegroom is prominently identified with the Rhine Army Dramatic Society, and the ceremony, which attracted a good deal of interest, was attended by a number of his brother officers and their wives, including Major and Mrs. Ball, Captain Cleyton, M.C., Capt. Donalson, Capt. Paterson, Capt. Maith, Capt. Duncan, Capt. Lumley, Capt. Williams, D.A.P.M., and Mrs. Williams.

The Rev. J. F. Spink, C.F., was the officiating clergyman.

The presents to the bride and bridegroom were very numerous and included several from the Army General and Commercial College, where Captain Spieglehalter is an instructor, and from the B.R.A.D.C.

The bride looked charming in a neat-tailor-made travelling costume, and the honeymoon is being spent at Wiesbaden.

After the wedding a reception was held at the Officers' Club.

SOVIET AND PEACE.

BRITISH LEGATION RETURNS PROPOSALS UNOPENED.

Reuter understands that the British Legation at Copenhagen received most definite instructions that it was not to have any relations with the Soviet Mission which is negotiating with Mr. O'Grady in reference to exchange of prisoners. Accordingly Litvinoff's peace proposals were returned to him unopened.

It is probable that Mr. J. O'Grady M.P. will have to leave Copenhagen in a few days time, it being necessary for him to attend the Executive Meeting of the National Federation of General Workers to be held in London next Thurday. He informed Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen that his journey must not be connected with his Mission. He would return to Copenhagen if the negotiations for exchange of prisoners were not previously concluded.

WORLD'S BIGGEST MOTOR-SHIP.

The world's greatest motor-ship, the Africa, was launched at Copenhagen on Thursday. She is built for the East Asiatic Company, and is of 14,000 tons. Built to Lloyd's highest class, her length is 445ft and breadth 60ft. She is supplied with two Diesel motors, indicating together 4,500 horse-power.

The "Rheinische Republik" heads an article of the usual type with the following, which is a quotation from a speech made in the German Assembly:—

"Our prisoners in France may stay there for ten years before we extradite any German to the Entente."

AIR ESTIMATES.

EXPENDITURE GREATLY REDUCED.

The revised Estimates for the Air Service were issued on Friday. They show that the actual amount of the estimates at present is £54,030,850, as compared with the forecast in March last of £66,500,000 thus showing a reduction of £12,469,150.

The decrease is arrived at by various eliminations and additions. Thus £13,250,000 were deducted from the original estimates on account of the progress made in the re-organisation of the Air Force on a Peace basis and the consequent possibility of reducing the programme for supply of aircraft and equipment. Another million and a quarter is saved in respect of building accommodation and land, while a further saving of two millions is effected in consequence of the programmes of the Controller of Civil Aviation and Director General of Supply and Research being still in process of development and not having yet matured.

On the other hand it has been found necessary to make provision amounting to four millions for services which were not foreseen in March, notably the demobilization of officers, which is proceeding slower than was anticipated; the decision to pay outfit gratuities to cadets; increased charges for fuel; and the cost of the Airship Service on its transfer from the Admiralty.

It is pointed out that the times are not yet normal, the expenditure including such war items as gratuities, maintenance of surplus personnel, aerodromes, etc., pending demobilisation and dispersal.

Moreover, the Air Force has been engaged in active operations throughout in India, Egypt, North Russia and the Baltic.

MESOPOTAMIA.

SUCCESSFUL PUNITIVE OPERATIONS.

The War Office states that the British columns in Mesopotamia have recently been compelled to undertake punitive operations against the Zibars and Kurds who inhabit the territory to the North-east of Mosul and who have been guilty of serious outrages and murders. These operations, which were conducted by two columns moving North-east from Mosul and South-west from Amadia respectively, have now been executed successfully with but slight loss to ourselves. Civil administration in this district has been restored and British prestige vindicated.

The number of our troops engaged comprised four Indian Battalions, a mounted battery and three companies of Assyrians. The health of the troops was excellent throughout. The main difficulties encountered were due to the impassable nature of the country. The troops have now been withdrawn from Mosul.

SECOND BANDIT.

SHOT FIRED IN A LONDON BANK.

On Friday afternoon a man attempted to imitate the Leeds bank robbery at the Wood Green branch of Barclay's Bank. He drove up in a taxi shortly after the bank had closed, knocked at the door and was admitted by a clerk, as he said he wished to see the manager. Almost simultaneously he produced a revolver and fired a shot in the direction of a group of clerks on the other side of the counter, but nobody was hit. The next moment the chief cashier had felled the intruder with a pair of scales seized from the counter. Five clerks rushed on him and held him down until the arrival of the police, who were fetched by the driver of the taxi.

U.S. STORES IN FRANCE.

WHOLESALE ROBBERIES.

For some time past the American camps near St. Nazaire have been the hunting ground of thieves. Two hundred motor-cars remitted from the American stocks and placed in the military parks have disappeared. Thefts from the camp at Montoir are taking place daily. Several ambulance trains have been literally stripped, even to the moleskin covering the seats. A carriage in which hundreds of rifles had been stored was found empty. Apaches and poachers of the district visited another park every night and helped themselves to revolvers and grenades. The St. Nazaire police have arrested a man who was the principal official in liquidation of the American stocks.

BATH ASSEMBLY ROOMS BOUGHT BY Y.M.C.A.

Bath Assembly Rooms, built by Wood, jun., at a cost of £20,000 and completed in 1771, have been bought by the Y.M.C.A. for £11,000. Alterations are estimated to cost £4,000, and the rooms will be opened for their new purpose early in the new year.

IRONMOULDERS STRIKE.

The Executive of the Ironmoulders Unions have accepted the employers' offer to meet them in London next week with a view to a settlement of the strike.

GERMAN N.C.O.

SENTENCED FOR RECRUITING IN OCCUPIED ZONE.

Arrested by the American military authorities just as he was boarding the train at the Coblenz station on November 28th to leave the area for unoccupied Germany, Hans Jutz, non-commissioned officer of the Second Squadron Cuirassier Battalion, Reichswehr Schuetzen Regiment No. 13, stationed at Munster, Westphalia, has been given the maximum sentence of six months imprisonment and a fine of 5,000 marks by the American Superior Provost Court.

In the face of complete documentary evidence which was found on his person, giving the history of his actions for the past two months. Jutz pleaded guilty to the charges of being a member of the German army within the Allied occupied territory and recruiting for the German army within the occupied territory, both in violation of the rules of land warfare, the terms of the Armistice and subsequent agreements with the German government. Jutz admitted knowledge of the serious significance of his offence and stated only that he was acting under direct orders of his superior officer, 1st Lt. von Gescher, commander of the Westphalian Reichswehr unit mentioned above.

Jutz had been in Coblenz during the latter part of September and October as a member of the local German reception committee for the prisoners of war who were returned from the American camps in France at that time. He left for Munster about October 30th and returned to the American area on November 17th with full instructions from the German military command and the necessary papers to recruit for the German army within the zone. He had secured one recruit and given him travel orders to Munster before his arrest on the 28th.

INSPECTORS OF TAXES.

GREAT DISSATISFACTION AT SOMERSET HOUSE.

The suspension of eleven Superintendent Inspectors at Somerset House has caused much dissatisfaction. The allegation against them is "conduct subversive of discipline and directly opposed to public interest". They are said to have sent a signed statement to the Chancellor of the Exchequer calling attention to the injustice which they contended they had suffered in connection with recent promotions in the Inland Revenue Service.

The officials—Senior Superintendent Inspectors of Taxes—declined to withdraw the letter, and were suspended. Great indignation was expressed at the action of the head of the department, and subordinate officials, who allege favouritism in several recent appointments, have joined in the threat to "down pens". There are some 8,000 men employed in the department.

As a result of the action of the Association of Tax Surveyors the suspensions have been withheld pending negotiation with the board.

LAND GIRLS.

INSIST ON REMAINING ON FARMS.

Following the demobilization of the Women's Land Army, a short history of the whole movement is being prepared. At least seventy-five per cent of those who were in the army on demobilization are remaining on the farms, despite the fact that demobilization took place at the beginning of the winter, when farm work is most arduous and least attractive. More than 4,000 women joined the Land Women's Association within a week of their demobilization from the Land Army.

OUR AD MAN LEAVES US.

One by one the original members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" depart. But yesterday we were a quartette: to-day we are a trio. We have lost our first "Ad. Man," Roy Hardy, (rank, no consequence). True, he is only lost to sight, for he will carry on the good work in London, but we shall miss his quick walk (never without a bundle of papers under his arm) and his premonitory smoker's cough.

Of course we all accepted his invitation to drop in at his palatial rooms for a farewell smoke and chat, and his hosts, Herrn and Frau Thelen and family, must have wondered at the Bohemian invasion.

It was a combined leave-taking, for Alfred Barker, whose imminent departure will leave another gap, also played host.

The Editor voiced the good wishes of the company, and especially of his colleagues on the "Cologne Post", to our Ad. Man, in a few sincere words. Then we sang, "For he's a jolly good fellow" twice over, once for Roy Hardy and once for Alfred Barker.

Oh! yes, we had lots of music. Modest Menzinsky sang delightfully in the intervals of learning Erse from Alfred Hurley. Miss Hilda Potts charmed us with little love-ballads, Professor Krögel and Alfred Barker played exquisitely, and Warwick Pryce moved us to tears through laughter.

"Us" be it known, included the entire editorial staff of the "Cologne Post," and numerous operatic and business friends of the hosts.

Au revoir, our Ad. Man!

By order of the German Minister of Public Instruction the use of the old schoolbooks for the teaching of history is prohibited.

SUMMARY COURT.

INTERPRETER SENTENCED FOR BLACKMAIL.

Curt Leven, aged 18, of 13, Alvensleben Strasse, was employed as an interpreter by the British Military authorities, and whilst in that position was guilty of a very serious offence. He endeavoured to blackmail two publicans at Nippes, one in the sum of 1,500 Marks and the other in 500 Marks.

The charge against him was that of attempting to obtain money from civilians as a bribe to withhold proceedings for offences alleged to have been committed by them.

The evidence showed that accused visited a publican at Nippes and accused him of selling cognac to civilians without a doctor's permission. He told the publican that a corporal could put everything right for 500 Marks.

The publican evidently agreed to pay the money, and Leven promised to call in the evening to collect the amount.

He did so, but in the meantime a military policeman had become acquainted with the proposed transaction and when accused visited the house in the evening the policeman was present and heard Leven say that everything would be alright if the proprietors gave him 500 Marks immediately.

The Presiding Officer, in passing sentence of three months imprisonment, said accused had been guilty of a most serious offence but taking into consideration his youth he would only sentence him to three months. Had he been older a much heavier sentence would have been passed.

ROBBED THE Y.M.C.A.

Ludwig Wachun of 6 Kleine Telegraphen Strasse, Cologne, was employed as a cook at the Central Y.M.C.A., Friesenstrasse. When his house was searched the following goods were found:—530 cigarettes, 1 packet of Y.M.C.A. tea, 3 tins of salmon, 6 tins of corned beef, 9 bags of white flour, 2 tins of pork and beans, 2 tins of Maypole butter and 1 rabbit. A trench dagger was also found in his house.

It was stated that a lot of petty pilfering had taken place of late from the Y.M.C.A., and accused was sentenced to three months imprisonment.

A DEAL IN FOREIGN SECURITIES.

Emil Knoop, a merchant, of 4 Wallrafplatz, pleaded guilty to a breach of postal regulations by attempting to export foreign securities to unoccupied territory without permission.

It had been done by his clerk, he said, without his knowledge, and his name had not been signed to the letter, but he accepted full responsibility. He promised to be more careful in future.

A fine of 2,000 marks, or two months imprisonment, was inflicted.

COLOGNE AIR-MAIL.

DETAILS OF THE DEFUNCT SERVICE.

Statistics are now available regarding six months' running of the Folkestone-Cologne R.A.F. mail service, which was terminated towards the end of October. The actual cross-Channel service was inaugurated on March 1, but it was not until the end of July that a through service between Folkestone and Cologne was regularly flown. During the six months' flying subsequent to March 1, 1,842 trips were made, up to 460lb. weight of mails being carried per machine trip. Of the 1,842 flights begun, 96 per cent. were successfully completed. Of the 270 through flights from Folkestone to Cologne begun, 267 were completed—only 1 per cent. of failures.

The regularity of service was also good. Mails were carried from Folkestone on 146 out of the 182 days under review, and from Cologne on 139 days. During the six months covered only one pilot and one passenger were injured—both in the same accident.

ROYAL VISIT TO UNITED SERVICES FUND OFFICES.

The King and Queen visited the offices of the United Services Fund in Parliament-street on Friday morning. They were received by Lord Byng, and made a tour of inspection, taking great interest in all the arrangements for dealing with applications, and the general administration of the fund.

TAX ON WAR FORTUNES.

The Government has no intention of holding an official enquiry into the practicability of a capital levy, says Mr. Bonar Law, but they are anxious to secure a decision on the feasibility of taxing war fortunes.

LINER ON FIRE AT SEA.

A St. Johns' (New Brunswick) message states that the Leyland liner Mercian, six thousand tons, is on fire at sea. She was then thirty-six miles south of Cape Race, making for St. John's.

EXIT MEAT CONTROL.

The rationing of meat in Great Britain and registration of customers with butchers will be discontinued from the 15th December.

The announcement that the King has approved the issue of the "General Service Medal" is premature.

LEEDS BANK MURDER

SUSPECTED MAN ARRESTED AT BRISTOL.

A man named Redfern was arrested at Bristol yesterday in connection with the murder of the manager at the Leeds branch of the Penny Bank. An accurate description of the alleged murderer was given to the police by the clerks at the bank. It is also alleged that on the day before the outrage Redfern was seen surveying the bank premises and examining the protecting bars of the windows.

Redfern, who is an ex-officer of the Devons, and was twice wounded during the war, had a small shop at Bristol, but apparently business was not good. On Wednesday he appeared unexpectedly at Leeds, where he was employed before the war, and said he had lost all his money by speculation. He carried a small hand-bag in which he said he had some war souvenirs. This bag was dropped, when the man who shot the bank manager fled, and the police found inside it a pair of new handcuffs, giving ground for the belief that the robbery was a deliberately planned affair.

LONDON UNIVERSITY O.T.C

FUTURE OF THE CORPS.

The future of the Officers Training Corps is the subject of a report adopted by a Conference of past and present officers of combatant units who were members of London University O.T.C. The report regrets that the names were not recorded of pre-war cadets willing to take up commissions in a National emergency. This register was not kept owing to the War Office fearing that it would impede the taking up of commissions in the Special Reserve.

The London University O.T.C. contributed in wartime 201 officers. The distinctions won included five V.C.'s, 52 D.S.O.'s and 582 M.C.'s. It is also a matter of regret that the Corps was unplaced in the Victory march-past of London troops.

The report includes a recommendation that the War Office afford facilities for suitable soldiers to undergo a course at London University with a view to qualifying for Regular Commissions.

COAL CHAOS.

BLUNDERS WHICH CAUSE TROUBLE.

In the House of Commons Mr. Adamson, Mr. Brace and Mr. Hartshorn (Labour Members) said they favoured the limitation of profits, but the Coal Profits Bill under which the limitation expired on the 31st March would mean chaos in the mining industry and the creation of a revolutionary atmosphere. The Bill did not fulfil the pledges of the Sankey Report and the miners felt that the Government had yielded to pressure by the coal owners to abolish Government control and return to private ownership.

The abandonment of the Bill creates a very difficult situation and completely upsets the calculations of national finance depending on the expected return from the mines. It is suggested that the industry must again be subsidised or the ten shillings recently taken off household coal must be re-imposed to make good the deficiency.

AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR PLEADS.

The Austrian Chancellor, Herr Renner, has arrived at Paris. In an interview he said that the object of his visit was to inform the Supreme Council of Austria's desperate condition. Vienna was in the worst plight. He emphaised the absolute necessity of obtaining a month's supply of grain in January.

He believed it to be essential that Austria be granted long term credits until next October in order to secure 25 million pounds worth of food and raw material. He also seeks a modification of the St. Germains Treaty, which mortgages Austrian property, thus rendering loans impossible in the absence of security.

POLITICAL LIBEL RESULT.

Mr. Lyle Samuel was awarded £500 damages in the libel action he brought against Mr. F. W. French, his opponent at the last general election, and Mr. French's agent.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

The tone of the market yesterday was confident, buying generally outweighing the offerings. This was mainly due to expectations regarding the outcome of M. Clemenceau's visit and the report that the United States is prepared to postpone for three years the payment of interest on war loans. French Loans rallied smartly and Home Funds remained steady. Gold shares were buoyant on a fresh rise of bar gold to 111s. 3d. Diamonds were strong on the announcement that the De Beer Company's profit for the year reached nearly four millions sterling. Oils were firm; Mexican Eagles advanced on anticipation of dividends, but were off-set by unfavourable reports regarding the Mexican Government's attitude towards oil-producing companies. Bar silver advanced to 78¼ pence. The exchange on Paris was 41.70, New York 3.70, Brussels, 39.80, Geneva, 20.25, Amsterdam, 9.91½, Germany 182—185, Austria 620—650.

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Monday, Dec. 15th.
5—6 Impromptu Concert.
6—7 7—8 German Class.
6.30 Practice Dance.

Tuesday, Dec. 16th.
5—6 Impromptu Concert.
6 "Lady Frederick" in Theatre.
6.30 Chess Tournament in Quiet Room.

Wednesday, Dec. 17th.
5—6 Impromptu Concert.
6—7 7—8 German Classes (advanced).
6.30 Dance.

Thursday, Dec. 18th.
5—6 Impromptu Concert.
6.30 Whist Drive.
6.30 Chess Tournament.
6.30 Dancing Class in Theatre followed by a Dance.

Friday, Dec. 19th.
5—6 Dancing Class.
Continuous Cinema.
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6—7 7—8 German Class.

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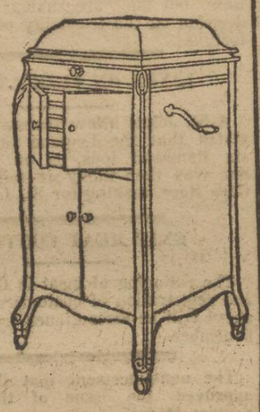

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THE NOBLE ART.

Boxing, not only as an Army recreation, but also as a national sport, is probably claiming more followers and supporters at the present time than it has done in any period since it first found favour with the British public.

And this, despite the fact that it has been repeatedly attacked by certain narrow-minded folk at home who regard its increasing popularity with undisguised horror and concern.

The unprecedented interest evoked by the Carpentier-Beckett fight was abundant proof of the trend of public opinion and established the fact that the lurid warnings of the kill-joys that indulgence in this sport would spell national disaster and ruin have been little heeded.

The reason probably is that the demobilized soldier has been favourably impressed by the clean conduct of boxing under Army rules, has realised the unique possibilities of physical development it holds, and is convinced that its cultivation will carry with it the improvement of physique and a consequent higher standard of national health.

The sport has not up to the present been widely enough indulged in, in the Army of Occupation. Men have been persistently clamouring for contests, and beyond a few team competitions, little has been done to satisfy these enthusiasts. But now, we are pleased to see that the Army have taken up the matter seriously, and are arranging a number of fortnightly competitions, the first of which concluded with conspicuous success last evening.

Cleaner or more good-humoured sport than that displayed at these competitions it would be impossible to imagine. The contestants without exception showed the right spirit—receiving punishment without resentment and giving it without malice.

That is as it should be. Boxing when properly conducted and controlled, brings out the best in a man and is very far from the blood-thirsty pastime certain prudish people imagine. Judging from the opening competitions just held, the sport has a great future in Rhineland, where it appears to overshadow football, known as the king of sports, in popularity. Lovers of this branch of sport are extremely pleased that the Army have realised the pressing need and responded in such praiseworthy fashion.

TWO LOVELY BLUE EYES.

All this happened in the very early days, before many people had come to Germany. I don't know that it reflects very creditably on my sex, so it is really rather harsh of me to tell the story. However I can't help langhing when I think of it, and it may amuse some of you people as well.

You know just how cheery one feels on the last night at home, with the prospect of that wearisome Boulogne-Cologne jurney looming before one.

I was determined to have a thorough good time during the last evening, and with Jack Somers, went off to Rector's.

It was pretty full, and the chatter and shaded lights and the gleam of jewels and heavy scents made me feel a good bit less gloomy.

We hadn't had the luck to find any of our particular friends disengaged, and I was just beginning to feel very bored at having no partner when I caught sight of Leslie Metcalfe. He waved violently to me and came across.

"For Heaven's sake come and join our party," he said, "we're a man short and I've got some toppin' dancers."

We followed him, and in a minute we'd been introduced to half a dozen girls. They were the usual lot, but one in particular took my fancy.

She was very fair with real corn-coloured hair; and big blue eyes. You know the sort. Soft and appealing, with that do-take-care-of-me-look about her which is so attractive.

She wasn't a scrap painted, and her feet and ankles were things to marvel at.

I managed to squeeze myself in next her, and found that she really was shy and unsophisticated. She was Swedish and was in the chorus of "The Motor Maid."

I'm not easily épris, but I must say that this child—she was nothing more—attracted me. She had one relation alive, a sister who was earning her living, as a governess in Cologne. They hoped, between them, to be able to put aside enough to make a home for themselves in Sweden. It was such a pathetic little ambition that it touched me.

Her big blue eyes sparkled when she heard that I was going to Cologne.

"And you will see Truda," she exclaimed, "she lives in a tiny flat in the Beethoven Strasse, when she is not working. Promise me you will go and visit her. She will make you a good tea—like England. Ah! if only I could go with you."

She was pathetic in her eagerness, and I promised I would go and see her little sister.

"Will you take her a small present, that I am sending her? They are so fragile, I fear they may get broken in the post. They are some coloured combs I have them in my flat. Could we fetch them."

We went off in a taxi, and she was so fascinating with her appealing baby ways that I nearly lost my head.

She produced the combs—common little bright coloured things such as you see in any ordinary shop. I wrapped them up carefully, and she tip-toed up and kissed me like a small child.

I thought of her quite a bit in the train; she was rather different to anyone else I had known, and as we were nearing Cologne I picked out the combs and looked at them. Then the accident happened. One of them slipped out of my hand, and fell on to the floor.

It broke in half—and out of one piece, protruded a small bit of paper. I picked it up. It was covered with very small writing. After a short perusal of the document I put it in my pocket, and on reaching Cologne I hurried off to Sampson of "I" (b).

He frowned; then laughed. "Another link in the chain of evidence against 'Truda.' We've been wondering how certain information was leaking through, and I rather fancied she wasn't altogether as innocent as she looked. Perfect little peach she is too." I never saw Truda's little sister again. *K.V.*

TRUTH IS NOT CYNICISM.

(Reply to "Anti-Gloom.")

Yes. Mr. "Anti-Gloom," we are all against those whose only happiness is to be miserable and to make others so. To be cheerful is a duty, and one which brings its own reward overwhelmingly.

But (large heavy capitals, Mr. Printer, please) when Rome is burning or even in danger of doing so, is not he the better and the wiser man who recognises the fact, warns his fellows, concentrates his attention and their's on preventive measures, rather than he who merrily fiddles?

What would you have thought of the officer who, seeing men, new to the game, jump upon the parapet to view the landscape, said, "That's right! Hang the dismals! those things you see and hear are only jolly fireworks. Don't let them worry you!"?

No, No! from the cradle onwards we are deeply indebted to those who warn us of certain danger, who call our attention to the disagreeable necessity of preventing all evil that is preventable. We keep our affection for the jolly and careless; but we owe the most to those who save us from so much by playing the more unpopular and unselfish part of warning us against the traditional ostrich attitude.

The fact is, Truth is not, and never has been, popular. But it is only pusillanimous weakness of character which leads the popular to turn away from real problems because they are tiresome, and to exalt pleasantries as the main consideration of life.

"Let us eat, drink, and be merry, for to-morrow we die," giggles Frivolity, and Eternal Wisdom thunders back, "Thou Fool! Though thou die, humanity lives on, and suffers for thy wilful blindness."

We will, indeed, treasure and cultivate cheerfulness; we will meet our trouble with a smile; but troubles there will be, and meet them we must. And we should be grateful to those who make us do so even if they are Dismal Jimmies. But don't let us label everyone thus just because he takes the trouble to press upon our notice things which must matter.

"Seek the sunshine." Yes, that is one of the great keys to happiness. But, as any artist will tell you, the true forms of the things we see and have to deal with are written in shadow. Without shadow no form is perceptible, no beauty evident.

The true spirit is that of the Army, which sang, "Are we downhearted? No!", but which, in order that it might do its job capably and successfully, paid all heed to the thousand instructions, warnings, and notices that alone made it possible for them to cope with their task. Did anyone call "Pessimists" or "Cynics" those who warned a man of the danger of wrongly handling a rifle, of being unready with his gas mask, of not observing certain notices at some cross-roads we wot of? I trow not.

After all it is better to be warned and ready against a danger in case it comes, even should it not occur, than to have laughingly disregarded its possibility. And our gratitude, not our curses, is due to the man who plays the unpopular part of foreteller of possible evil. The world has enriched its comedians and stoned its prophets. But the most valuable organisation of the world (would it had come 20 years earlier) — the Boy Scouts Association, has the summit of all wisdom in its motto, "Be Prepared"! A secondary but important part of its code is "Be cheerful". Pity the man who sees only the dark shadows; but honour him if he warns you of the dangers lurking there. Despise the man for a fool who tells you that there are no shadows or that they have no import. He may be cheery, but he won't help you not to fall into pits. Pay every warning the wise compliment of investigation, and get at the Truth. For Truth is not Cynicism.

W. I.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

THE RETENTION OF RANK.

Sir,—I agree with "Dinky" as to the democratic character of Britain's great Army, but surely if a man proves his worth and earns promotion above the rank of lieutenant then he should be allowed to retain it, providing, of course, it is not used for business purposes.

"Dinky" would be the last, I am sure, to succumb to snobbery. Yet, I cannot help thinking that much of the agitation in the press is dictated by that snobbery which would place distinction in the hands of the few.

No, let the demobilized retain their rank and the right to wear their old uniforms on occasions of a military character. *M.D.*

SILLY FILMS.

Sir,—I agree with "Five marker" that soldiers generally have no fault to find with the admirable series of films which are projected at Army cinemas, but as the subject matter of films is so to speak one of taste why not get over the difficulty by putting up a time table?

An operator works by the block, and on studying the programme if we could learn when a particular film was "on" we who look to the cinema for education, amusement, and thrills, providing they have the merit of probability, could make our arrangements accordingly, and not be forced to sit through reams of uninteresting matter.

I throw out the suggestion in no carping spirit, for to me the Army cinema is an admirable institution. *BOX OFFICE*

THE IMPORTANCE OF LETTER WRITING.

Sir,—Very few people to-day pay much attention to the art of letter writing. To most of us writing a letter simply means a sheet of paper, a pen, a few sentences and it is finished.

It seems very easy, yet it is very difficult, to write a good letter, and even those whose literary attainments are of a high standard are often very poor letter-writers.

It is often thought that only learned men need know anything about the rules of grammar or the laws of style; that only learned men need know how to compose elaborate compositions. That is altogether wrong. Everyone of us whose business it is to write letters is, in a small way, an author, and as such we ought to strive to write the English language correctly. If we do not know it is our duty to learn.

We are often at great pains in our endeavours to learn a foreign language while we are altogether ignorant of the niceties of our mother tongue.

In former times, letters served as a medium for the transmission of news. Men and women wrote long epistles dealing with important questions of the day.

We, to-day, usually write letters dealing with our own affairs, and we therefore do not consider them of importance enough to justify our taking pains in composing them.

And again we live in such a busy world that we have little time for fine letter writing, but that is no reason why we should not do our best. Whether your letter consists of two sentences or of twenty paragraphs, write it in as good a manner as you can.

In writing a clear hand; in paying proper attention to punctuation in following the rule of grammar you are only doing your duty to your reader: in writing slovenly and ungrammatical you are doing your reader an injustice. A well written letter is indicative of a refined mind and of scholarly attainments.

We must remember that good letter-writing is of inestimable value as an aid to success in business life. For instance, glance at the "wants" column of a newspaper and you will invariably find that the applicant for a position must apply in his own handwriting, and why? Simply because the employer will be able to judge the writer; he will be able to read his character in his letter.

When you have written your letter read it over, correct it, if necessary remodel it, make sure you are satisfied that it is well written.

If from the reader's point of view, it is well written, you are no longer a mere letter-writer; you are a man of letters.

Every man who writes, even two well constructed sentences of a letter, is for evermore a Man of Letters. *R. M.*

LAUNDRY ARISTOCRATS.

Sir,—Apropos the note of "Rhinelander" cannot something be done to compel laundry aristocrats to mend their ways?

Surely prices in Cologne are sufficient considering how badly the work is done, and the vile smell which permeates every garment on its return from the wash. It cannot be soap which is used. Then again things are so indifferently washed as to be practically useless on return.

Blouses come back torn, slit and frayed. Invariably someone else's goods stray into the parcel, necessitating a personal call to receive the lost articles. Sometimes the goods are recovered, sometimes not, and in that case you are left with the choice of wearing someone else's garments, buying new ones, or going short.

The return of the wash is erratic. You can never tell when it will come back, and, as I say, when it does the results are enough to make the English housewife weep. *WIFE.*

THOUGHTS ON SANDBAGS.

Whilst scanning the columns of a leading daily newspaper recently, I noticed an advertisement announcing the sale of millions of Army Sandbags.

Sandbags—what poignant memories that word awakened within me, and will doubtless awaken in thousands of others who have been "Somewhere in France" or other theatres of war.

I sat for a few minutes reflecting on the many uses (and sometimes ill-uses) to which Sandbags had been subjected during the war.

Apart from its legitimate vocation, the ever ingenious Tommy pressed it into use at the slightest provocation, and it did right royal service as a kit-bag, ration-carrying bag, leggings when puttees succumbed to wear and tear, barbed wire, etc., blinds for windows, and a thousand and one odd uses too numerous to mention, but which will be familiar to many.

What Tommy has not heard a conversation something like this? Q.M.S. to Gunner Jones: "Gunner Jones, you will report to.....to-night for duty as..... Don't forget to take two days' rations with you." Poor Jones already trussed up like a walking Christmas Tree with all kinds of paraphernalia hung about his person, sighs, and asks, "All right, Sir, but how can I carry rations with all this lot on me?" The Q.M.S. replies, "What's the matter with a sandbag, my lad?" The problem is solved.

Apropos Sandbags, reminds the writer of an incident which although it does not directly concern the Sandbag (common or garden variety) deals with his larger and more refined brothers, "Sugar-sacks."

It happened during the early days of the war at the first battle of the Aisne.

The hot weather and necessity for constantly living with clothes on, not to mention sleeping in places not usually habited by man, had led to the unwelcome appearance of the little pest, later very much in evidence amongst the troops in the trenches. In consequence, the necessity for divesting oneself of the affected underclothing was keenly felt, a bath and a clean change of clothing being "non est" under the existing conditions.

Our gun positions were on the crest of a ridge in a salient across the river, and being very much in view of the enemy it was necessary to leave the billet, a sugar factory, by the river bank long ere the cock crowed, returning in the evening when darkness prevented the enemy from paying undue attention to the withdrawal. The result was that sleep was limited to some four hours or so, making toilet a very hurried and primitive affair at the river's edge in the darkness.

The sugar factory, like many other places visited by the "gentle Jerry," bore vivid traces of wanton destruction, and it was not healthy to tamper with anything for fear of traps which had been laid when the enemy abandoned his project of taking parts. However, notwithstanding the need for caution, and heedless of the dangers which might be lurking about, whilst rummaging amongst the debris, we discovered a quantity of new canvas sugar sacks. These were immediately pressed into service. With two holes cut out to admit of arms being thrust through they made passable shirts, and some of the more industrious individuals who possessed a needle and thread fashioned underpants of the same material. Wearers of these primitive garments then fully realised the significance of the ancient custom prevalent amongst Eastern peoples when as a sign of mourning or penitence they adorned their person with sackcloth and ashes.

These improvised garments were at first far from comfortable nor could they be described as dainty underwear, but they were certainly preferable to the vermin-infested ones which had been discarded, and in some cases where the more imprudent had parted with their "undies" some days previously, proved a veritable God-send.

What their uses will be when "demobbed" and sold to the public is a matter for conjecture, but it is to be hoped that those who will handle them will sometimes give a thought to the noble part played by the sandbag in war.

Sandbag, many will haggle and bargain for you, and the price at which you are sold, will perhaps make you wish that you had remained on the field of battle to sleep with the thousands of the brave hearts who lie there, but true worth is not measured by gold.

So, dumb friend of a thousand uses, companion in danger and hours of darkness when the droning of Fritz's giant engines of destruction sounded overhead seeming to say, "Where's your billet?" "Where's your billet?" and we consolet ourselves in the thought that the stoud wall of sandbags would protect us from flying splinters, we humbly thank you and pray that Fate may be kind to you. *H.M.G.*

DO YOU EVER THINK OF ME?

I pray for you every sunrise
As the sands go whispering by,
And the golden sun is waking
Out here in old Pharoah's sky,
And I wonder, dear friend, I wonder
As the dawn creeps o'er the hill,
If a tender thought it will bring to me,
To say that you miss me still.

I dream of you every sunset
As the bluebirds come to rest,
And Ramleh's purest flowers
Are lulled to her tender breast.
And I wonder, dear friend, I wonder,
As the dusk steals o'er Rah ie,
At morning light, or scented night,
Do you ever think of me?

A.M.S.

BOXING COMPETITIONS.

Huge Success of First Fortnightly Meeting.

EXCELLENT TALENT.

As reported in yesterday's issue the first day of the Army Boxing Competitions at the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. was an unqualified success. We have already given the bare results of the contests which took place, but to-day we are able to give further details of each fight.

LIGHT HEAVIES.

There was only one fight in the light-heavy weight class, C.S.M. Bradley, 52nd Devons, meeting Sgt. Watts, 51st R.B. Watts had a great advantage in weight and reach. Bradley soon displayed that he was a better exponent of the art than his opponent, and despite physical disadvantages, got in some very heavy punches at the opening session. He used both hands with good effect and had his man on the point of collapse in the end of the first round.

At the second meeting Watts showed that he had not recovered from the gruelling he had received and was early put down for a count. He rose gamely before the call of time, only to be put down again for the full count a few seconds later.

WELTER WEIGHTS.

Pte. Ovenden, 49th Labour Coy v. Sgt. Tayne 51st R.E.

The first round produced some very pretty boxing, both men being exceptionally quick to take advantage of the few opportunities offered.

Ovenden seemed to experience great difficulty in keeping his feet, and had slightly the worse of the opening exchanges. No blows that really mattered were exchanged.

Round two saw Ovenden showing up to advantage and getting home heavily to the body. He was always on the aggressive. Tayne, however, was sound in defence and countered with effect. There was little in the round.

At the third meeting Ovenden led with the left to the jaw, followed by a right to the body. Tayne visibly weakened and was unable to retaliate effectually. The former continued to pile up points and won the contest by a comfortable margin.

Cpl. Doke 18th K.R.R.C. v. Sapper Naylor 206th F. Coy R.E.

This contest ended very abruptly. Doke was obviously the stronger of the pair; he forced matters from the opening, dealing out a great amount of punishment and dismissing Naylor in the first round.

Cpl. Stevens 19th Middlesex v. Sgt James 52nd Kings Liverpool.

Both men shaped well from the commencement, James preferring to wait for his opponent to lead. The Middlesex man succeeded in getting through James's defence repeatedly with a telling left, the latter failing to counter.

At the second meeting Stevens appeared to have James guessing, and although the latter fought gamely he was no match for his clever oppenent. It was easily Stevens' round.

Round three found James endeavouring to wipe off his disadvantage in points, but although he got home occasionally Stevens remained master of the situation and won a good contest on points.

Pte. Ovenden v. Pte. Morris 11th Queens.

This was Ovenden's second fight of the evening, and he appeared little the worse for his earlier bout. In the first round Morris showed that he was no mean opponent, and there were some lively exchanges in which neither man could claim the advantage. As in his first fight, Ovenden assumed the offensive but Morris was not to be worried.

At the second session the Labourite gradually got the measure of his man, used the right with good effect and won the round with little to spare.

The last meeting was also very closely contested, both men leading and countering in turn and the verdict went to Ovenden by a very narrow margin.

Rfm. Jackson 51st R.B. v. Dvr. Mansell Ind. D.A.C.

Mansell did most of the leading but failed to draw Jackson, who was content to counter, which he did with effect. He showed that he was a master of defence.

In the second round Jackson missed with an upper cut and later opened out, making good use of a punishing left. He displayed a very attractive style and continued to have the better of the exchanges.

In round three Mansell made a determined effort to break down his opponent's defence; he succeeded in getting home with both hands but aways received more than he administered. Jackson was awarded the verdict and was a good winner.

LIGHT-WEIGHTS.

Rfn. Turner 52nd R.B. v. Dvr. Hughes No. 3 Section D.A.C.

After some very heavy exchanges at the opening session, the honours of which went to Turner, Hughes was very groggy at the end of the round.

Displaying better generalship, and in particular a sound defence, Turner at the second meeting, after dealing out heavy punishment put Hughes to sleep.

Pte. Sheldrick 49th Labour Coy. v. Pte. Luttrell 11th Queens.

It was soon obvious that Sheldrick was an old hand at the game. He displayed excellent knowledge of ringcraft, avoided his opponent's heavy swings by clever dodging and got in the only few punches there were in the first round.

Early in the second meeting Sheldrick reached the point with a heavy right, and Luttrell went to the boards. He, however, rose before the call of time, and the rest of the round saw Sheldrick complete master of the situation and giving a very pretty display of neat footwork. Luttrell succeeded in reaching the point on one or two occasions.

At the last meeting Luttrell showed improvement, reached the jaw with the left and later got left and right to the head and body.

This spell of success did not last long; Sheldrick again dominated the situation, was the only man in the closing exchanges, and won the fight on points.

Pte. Jewell 19th Middlesex v. Sgt. Hopkins 52nd Devons.

This fight ended unfortunately, Jewell in coming up from a duck accidentally striking his head and being unable to continue. It promised to be a lively contest.

BANTAM-WEIGHTS.

Dvr. Kitchen 206 R.E. v. Dvr. Debuse 18th K.R.R.C.

This was a very spirited contest, in which both men fought gamely and well. They were in a very weak state at the close of the last round, Kitchen losing on points.

Gnr. Hinksman Ind D.A.C. v. L/Cpl. Baxter Northern Bde. T.M.B.

This was a whirlwind encounter in which there was plenty of wild hitting but very little science. Baxter did most of the attacking, driving Hinksman round the ring. The latter took things more coolly, and although he received a deal of punishment he retaliated with some well placed punches and was deservedly awarded the verdict on points.

Rfn. Doe 18th K.R.R.C. v. Pte. Pullen 19th Middlesex.

Another first round ending, Doe knocking out his opponent after some hard hitting.

FEATHER-WEIGHTS:

Rfn. Sparks, 52nd R.B. v. Pte. Leigh, 3rd D.A.C.

Sparks soon had the measure of his opponent, and dismissed him with ease at the first meeting.

Pte. Woodard, 19th Middlesex v. Pte. Holt, 52nd Kings Liverpools.

Woodard drove his man to the ropes in the first round, and put in some good work, but Holt returned some good punches, and there was little in the first round which was a lively affair.

In the second round, after some heavy punching, in which both men gave and received, Holt went down for a couple of seconds.

He was sent down again at the last meeting, and Woodard was declared the winner at the end of a good fight, on points.

THE OBJECT.

Major Delany, in the course of a brief speech, said the object of the competitions was to create the right boxing spirit, and to provide excellent amusement for an enthusiastic and sporting public. They intended running boxing competitions on similar lines every fortnight, and it was hoped to arrange a few six-round contests later on. The next meeting would be on Friday and Saturday in the first week after Christmas, and the names of intending competitors should be submitted by the Monday previous.

LAST NIGHT'S CONTESTS.

Excellent Displays in Competition Finals.

As was only to be expected, the boxing in the finals last night reached an even higher standard than that of the preliminary contests.

There was again a huge audience, including a fair sprinkling of ladies, and the enthusiasm exceeded that of the first night, if that were possible.

The contestants invariably showed good humour and gameness and fought with an exhilarating keenness customary in Army boxing.

As a result of the competitions, the most competent performers have been earmarked by the P. and R.T. Staff, and will be called upon to figure in six-round contests in subsequent tournaments. One thing revealed was that a number of the competitors were physically fit and clever enough to take part in bouts of longer duration. The results were:—

LIGHT-HEAVY WEIGHT.

Final: C. S. M. Bradley, 52nd Devons, v. Cpl. Cook, 19th Middlesex.

Bradley gained an early advantage with a stinging swing to the ribs. Cook, however, pulled round quickly and managed to return the compliment before the end of the round.

The second round started with Cook landing a good left to the jaw. Dodging another forceful punch Bradley got home a favourite right swing to Cook's face, following almost immediately with a second. Cook was heavy on his feet and unable to avoid the quick deliveries of the Devon man.

Early in the third session Cook showed signs of weakening which a right swing to the jaw and a left to the ribs did not improve. He, however, played up pluckily and put up a good show against a better man. Bradley won on points.

MIDDLE WEIGHTS.

Semi-final: Cpl. Clark, 19th Middlesex v. R.Q.M.S. French, H.Q. 1st Rhine Bde.

French wasted no time in getting to business and time and again floored his opponent. Clark, who was not in the same class, was put down four times in almost as many seconds, and took the full count half way through the first round.

Pte. Glinnan, 19th Middlesex v. Cpl. Holyhead, 52nd Kings Liverpool.

The pair were evenly matched, and Glinnan early got to work with a punishing straight left. The Cpl. relied on sledge-hammer blows, but he was no match for the scientific Middlesex man. Glinnan specialised in a damaging left to the stomach, but Holyhead showed remarkable ability for receiving punishment. The fight went to Glinnan.

Middle Weight-Final: Pte. Glinnan defeated R.Q.M.S. French.

Glinnan, although receiving many hard punches causing him to show evident signs of distress, boxed coolly and gamely during the first round until, towards the end he got home a telling left to the other's jaw. Glinnan's left was again usefully employed in the second and with it he gained

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point after point. In attempting to dodge round the ropes, the private received a stinging blow to the heart, but he was unruffled and continued to make use of his characteristic punch until, eventually, he gained the verdict.

WELTER WEIGHT.

Cpl. Doke 18th K.R.R.C. v. Cpl. Stevens 19th Middlesex.

Semi-final: — Stevens boxed cleverly but had to take a deal of punishment from his more muscular opponent in the first round. Doke was master of the situation in the second round, and landed a number of effective blows. Stevens smilingly stuck to his guns and by no means allowed Doke to get off scot free. Doke lost the fight on points, but his defeat was by no means humiliating.

Semi-final: Pte. Ovenden, 49th Labour Coy. v. Rfn. Jackson, 51st R.B.

Jackson gained several points early on until he was caught napping by a "round the back punch." Jackson moved with lightning-like speed, and this saved him time and again. In the second round he floored his opponent twice in quick succession.

During the interval Ovenden recovered and piled up points with a rapidly delivered succession of lefts to the body and head. Jackson retaliated with a heavy bombardment, and this gave him a narrow verdict on points.

Final:—Rfn. Jackson v. Cpl. Stevens.

The opening exchanges were slightly in favour of Jackson until Stevens, feinting cleverly, drove a hard punch to the stomach followed by another to the jaw. There was plenty of hard hitting in the second round and at the end of a clean fight Stevens was declared the winner.

LIGHT WEIGHTS.

Semi-final: Pte. Turner 52nd R.B. v. Pte. Sheldrick 49th Labour Coy.

The battle started in whirlwind fashion, and there was a cluster of flashing arms and legs to the accompaniment of the thud of many blows. Sheldrick was the cleverer, and came through the first meeting with advantage. Turner, boxing with spirit, showed up better in the early stages of the second round, but a telling bang in the mouth shook him badly. He was in a sorry state when the gong went.

Sheldrick made no bones about the matter in the last act of the drama and after a series of heavy hits floored his opponent. Displaying the maximum of pluck Turner returned to the conflict and continued to the end, losing on points.

Semi-final:—Pte. Jewell, 19th Middlesex v. Dvr. Grey, 2nd D.A.C.

These lads displayed a deal of skill and never missed an opening. In the second round Jewell made a speciality of a right downward swing and with one of them nearly secured the knock-out. Grey recovered, gaining time by clever footwork, but was compelled to retire, having sprained his hand.

Final Pte. Sheldrick v. Dvr. Grey.

Sheldrick displayed better footwork than his opponent and to this must be attributed his victory which came in the third round after a give and take contest.

BANTAM WEIGHT.

Semi-finals:—Rfn. Doe, 13th K.R.R.C. v. Dvr. Debuse, 18th K.R.R.C.

Doe reached the head with two light punches early on but a quick retaliation by Debuse caught the other napping. Doe quickly recovered, and there was no incident of note until near the end of the fight when the Rifleman administered a series of weak punches to the stomach. Doe received the verdict on points.

Semi-final:—Gnr. Hinksman, Ind. D.A.C. v. Pte. Sutton, 19th Middlesex.

Sutton in the first three seconds sent his man reeling to the ropes, and after a series of punishing lefts and rights knocked him out within 20 seconds.

Final: Rfn. Doe v. Pte. Sutton.

Doe showed signs of his earlier battle and a succession of blows rendered him groggy. There was a turn of events in the second round, Doe being the deliverer of terrific punches, one of which knocked his man out.

FEATHER WEIGHTS.

Semi-final: Rfn. Sparks 52nd R.B. walked over.

Semi-final: Pte. Woodard 19th Middlesex v. Pte. Broadbent 52nd Kings Liverpools.

There was a vigorous start, with a rapid exchange of telling punches, in which Woodard came off second best. With extreme calmness Broadbent gradually got the upper hand, reached the body and face with effective blows, and pinning his man in the corner administered the knock-out.

Final: Rfn. Sparks v. Pte. Broadbent.

This was an exceptionally plucky fight in which both men were the recipients of heavy punishment and Sparks only secured the verdict by a narrow margin of points.

A Correction.

In yesterday's brief account of the first day's boxing we inadvertently stated that Dvr. Kitchen defeated Dvr. Debuse. The result should have been reversed.

Maj. Gen. Sir Wm. Henniker K.C.B., D.S.O. presented the prizes.

GATWICK RACING.

Dead-heat in the Timberham Hurdle Race.

OPENING DAY.

At the opening day of the Gatwick meeting on Friday the weather was dull and threatening but the going was good. There was a large attendance.

Details.

Tinsley 'Chase:—1, Our Boy (8-1); 2, Celerity (5-1). Four ran. Only two finished.

Three-Year-Old Hurdle:—1, Simons Craft (2-1); 2, Castle in Spain (10-1); 3, Jack Sheppard (5-1). Nine ran.

Amateur Riders 'Chase:—1, Soult Lodge (2-1); 2, Billet (10-1); 3, Fugle Maid (4-1). Six ran.

Timberham Hurdle:—Ingoe (5-1) and Somerville (6-4) dead heat Troad. (100-6). Twelve ran (stakes divided).

Croydon Hurdle:—1, Kirkharle (evens); 2, Ahanesk (4-1); 3, Crom Aboo (9-2). Seven ran.

Pegasus 'Chase:—1, Fond Lucy (5-2); 2, Llangollen (2-1); 3, Chang (5-1). Four ran.

DEVON "DUMPLINGS".

Defeat Hants In Team Boxing Competitions.

FULL RESULTS.

The boxing teams of the 51st Hants and 52nd Devons met at Wermelskirchen. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, both teams being well supported. Lieut.-Col. L Weber, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding Officer, and other officers of the 52nd Devons were present. Major Fleming of the P. and R.T. Staff was also amongst the visitors. Later in the evening the audience was honoured by the presence of Major General Sir W. C. G. Heneker, K.C.B., D.S.O.

The officials were as follows:—Referee, Lieut.-Col. J. Betts, D.S.O.; Judges, C.S.M.I. Murray and C.S.M.I. Turner; Time-keeper, Capt. T. W. Cutting; M.C., R.S.M. G. H. Dewey; Steward, C.S.M.I. A. Buchanan.

The bouts were carried out in accordnance with the rules of Army and Navy Boxing.

The results were:—

FLY WEIGHTS.

Pte. Bell, 52nd Devons, defeated Cpl. Barnes, 51st Hants.

Pte. Wilkie, 51st Hants, defeated Pte. Hartman, 52nd Devons.

BANTAM WEIGHTS.

Pte. Hatcher, 51st Hants, defeated Pte. Norris, 52nd Devons.

FEATHER WEIGHTS.

Pte. Hill, 52nd Devons, defeated Pte. Skinner, 51st Hants.

Pte. Cotter, 52nd Devons, defeated Pte. Kelly, 51st Hants.

Pte. Eddy, 52nd Devons, defeated Pte. Tilburn, 51st Hants.

During the interval the Band of the 51st Hants, under the conductorship of Band Sgt. J. Fisher, rendered selections.

LIGHT WEIGHTS.

Pte. Hopkins, 52nd Devons, defeated Pte. Wright, 51st Hants.

Pte. Press, 52nd Devons, defeated Pte. Hipperson, 51st Hants.

Pte. Tyrrel, 52nd Devons, defeated Pte. Needs, 51st Hants.

WELTER WEIGHTS.

L/Cpl. Palmer, 52nd Devons, defeated Sgt. Dell, 51st Hants.

Pte. Peppery, 52nd Devons, defeated Pte. Cook, 51st Hants.

Pte. Gallagher, 52nd Devons, defeated Pte. Edmond, 51st Hants.

MIDDLE WEIGHTS.

Pte. Casey, 52nd Devons, defeated Pte. Petty, 51st Hants.

An excellent exhibition bout was given by Lieuts. Hayes and Parsons, of the 52nd Devons.

Lieut. Col. Irwin, D.S.O. thanked the Devons for providing such a good evening's sport, and a vote of thanks was accorded Lieut.-Col. Betts, D.S.O., C.S.M.I. Murray and C.S.M.I. Turner.

Major-General Heneker presented the prizes, the 52nd Devons team receiving a handsome silver cup as a result of winning by 24 points to 16. Individual prizes were also presented. A special prize was awarded Pte. Petty, 51st Hants, for being the pluckiest loser.

RHINE GARRISON FOOTER LEAGUE.

List of Fixtures for the Opening Matches.

The organisation of the Rhine Garrison Football Association League, the head of which, at the end of the season, will play against the "top-notchers" in the Headquarter Troops League, is going on apace. The first matches, which are to be played on Wednesday next are as follows.

Units.	Grounds.
121st Heavy Battery R.G.A., v. 19th Middlesex Regt. (P.)	Golf Links.
187th Bde. R.F.A., v. Camp Commandant.	Blucher Park.
140th Field Ambulance, v. Rhine Garrison Bde. Ammn. Cm.	Amsterdamer Strasse near Zoo
6th Inniskilling Dragoons, v. 41st M.G.C.	41st M.G.C. Ground.
231st Field Coy., R.E., v. 51st Northumberland Fusrs.	Klettenberg Park.
51st Bn. The Rifle Bde., v. 52nd Bn. The Rifle. Bde.	Lindenthal.
11th Queens., v. 23rd Royal Fusiliers.	Volks Garten. Germania Str.

A CHANCE FOR REFEREES.

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Xmas Souvenir Number

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AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

First of Many.

An excellent evening was spent on Thursday, when a whist drive was held for all ranks by D. Coy. 20th D.L.I. Over 120 competed, and altogether the programme was a great success. This was especially gratifying to those who originated the idea, as it is hoped to arrange a series of similar evenings in the near future.

In addition to the whist drive a splendid musical programme was contributed during the evening. Everyone listened with great pleasure to the songs rendered by Lieut. O. G. Day and Cpl. Greenwood, and to the humorous duet by Sgts. Kipling and Lawler.

Pte. Firth ably presided at the piano. Refreshments were by no means the least popular feature of the evening, Lieut. Lathean kindly providing.

The Drive.

The whist drive itself was carried out in a most business-like manner under the direction of Sgt. Lawler, the Master of Ceremonies. The officers of the company all combined to make the evening a success, all playing among the men. Prizes were won as follows:—1, Pte. Sawyer, S., 157 pts; 2, Pte. Willick, 150 pts; 3, Sgt. French, R. D., 148 pts; 4, Pte. Nicholson, 146 pts. The booby prize, a small doll camouflaged in innumerable sheets of paper, was won by Pte. Ackroyd with 105 pts. The chair was taken by Capt. Turnbull, M.C., the Company Commander, to whom much of the credit for this most enjoyable evening must be given.

The programme was concluded by the National Anthem and afterwards cheers were given for Capt. Turnbull, and all who had helped in the arrangements for the evening.

French and Latin Plays.

An excellent entertainment was given at the Army General and Commercial College on Friday night, when students of the French and Latin classes performed one Latin and two French, plays. Miss Steele's class gave "En Suisse", while Lieut. Mayer's class acted the delightful Racine "Les Plaideurs." The Latin effort was a topical revue with local setting written by Major Bell and containing many clever lines.

The performers were not only line perfect, they spoke with accuracy and dramatic power. More than that they dared to "gag" in Latin, and to gag cleverly, too. Lady Astor, Messrs. Cox, the Lady Teacher and the longer Art Master, all figured in the lines, and the allusions were loudly applauded by the company. On the one hand, demands for plays of the baser sort, on the other, plays in French and Latin. What a mixture we are!

"Lady Frederick."

As Mr. Hope is unable to play the "Admiral" in Lady Frederick on Tuesday, as he will be playing at the Deutsches Theatre, Major Ball has kindly consented to take the part.

To-Night's Deutsches Concert.

The programme for to-night's special Sunday Concert strikes rather a new note. The artistes do not include—as is customary—members of the Cologne Opera House Company, but are restricted entirely to British entertainers. These include Lieut. S. E. Percy, who will recite "The Happy Prince;" Mr. Eric Morgan, the well-known English tenor; Martha Bruch, mezzo-soprano; Howard Fry, baritone; and Alfred Barker, violinist. There will also be a specially augmented orchestra.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Sun.	Meistersinger von Nürnberg	Wagner	5	10.30
Monday	No Performance			
Tuesday	No Performance			
Wed.	The Taming of the Shrew	Goetz	7	10.15
Thurs.	Rigolatto	Verdi	7	9.30
Fri.	The Women wit-out Shadow	Strauss	6	10.15
Sat.	Tosca	Puccini	7	9.45
Sun.	Faust	Gounod	6	10
Mon.	Ein Maskenball	Verdi	7	10
Tues.	Hansel und Gretel	Humper-dinck	6	8

A Farewell.

Excitement once again prevailed at the Stud Farm Camp at Romerhof, writes a correspondent, when the O.C. invited us to a dinner at a hotel in Lechenich. It was his last night in Germany. Never in the history of the war did an officer get a more genuine send off. After dinner the senior N.C.O. presented him with a silver cigarette case, suitably engraved and after the usual toasts and speeches the Capt. commenced the best of jolly evenings by rendering a good old English hunting song with a rollicking chorus. Pte. Wally in rare cockney style sang "The Costers Linnet" and Pte. Rowan "My Billet in Bally Grenai" Pte. Dudman made a great hit with "Thora" and Pte. Fisher caused roars of laughter with his pathetic little song "Mother I have lost my Soap." For an encore he did a few disappearing tricks with lemonade bottles. Pte. Spivey gave a great performance at the piano and also played the accompaniment during the evening.

The boys returned to the Camp after spending one of the most enjoyable evenings it is possible to imagine, but sorry indeed to know they had lost one of the best officers in the Rhine Army.

Dance Music at the B.E.L.C.

I hear that new music is being obtained for the dance evenings at the Empire Leave Club. The difficulty is, of course, that so many of the dancers know the old tunes so well that they do not dance so easily to the new ones. However, by mixing old and new, the Leave Club people will probably still go on providing an acceptable and enjoyable programme.

Whist at B.E.L.C.

A successful Whist Drive was held at the British Empire Leave Club on Thursday. The winners of the "Ladies" prizes were:—1, Pte. A. Hopper; 2, Cpl. A. Garwood; 3, L/Cpl. Stephenson. The winners of the men's prizes were:—1, Pte. W. Civil; 2, Pte. W. Montell; 3, Pte. J. Wilson. Lieut. Rouch presided throughout the evening.

Coming Events.

At the Deutsches theatre, commencing to-morrow, the Rhine Army Variety Company, which includes many old favourits, will make its debut and will submit performances each evening for the remainder of the week. Mr Alfred Hurley's merry variety company, "The Jesters", will undoubtedly attract large audiences to the Palace theatre while the announcements of the Empire Leave Club and the Y.M.C.A. are as attractive as usual. Our advertisement columns contain full details of shows worth seeing.

JACQUES.

BOXING BOMBSHELL.

Carpentier Will Fight Anywhere at any Time.

In view of the letter published on this page, written by Mr. C. B. Cochran to the Editor of "The Sporting Life," the following Reuter's Paris message is remarkable. It states that:—

M. Deshamps, Carpentier's manager, yesterday through the secretary of the International Boxing Union challenged Dempsey for the championship of the world, Carpentier being willing to meet Dempsey for the best purse offered at any place and time. Deshamps has lodged fifty thousand francs with Victor Breyer, Editor of the "Echo des Sports," as a guarantee.

A BOLD OFFER.

Mr. Cochran on Dempsey-Carpentier Position.

The following letter has been written by Mr. C. B. Cochran to the "Sporting Life": As regards the conflicting nature of the statements of your correspondent, Mr. Breyer, and myself in to-day's "Sporting Life," I am prepared to bet from £500 up to £20,000 that M. Descamps, on behalf of Carpentier, signed on Friday last, December 5, a binding contract with me for Carpentier to box Dempsey in London next year.

In accordance with the terms of that contract I shall before long be placing in your hands a part of the purse money.

WHAT "JIMMY" SAYS.

Confident that he won Fight with Sharkey.

In the first interview which he has given since his match at Milwaukee, U.S.A., a few days ago, with Jack Sharkey, at Milwaukee, who was hailed as the winner of the contest by the American Press representatives—no official decision being allowed to be given—Jimmy Wilde said:

"I understand that all the decisions were against me, but I am positive that had the fight been in England I would have won easily. I don't think there is a doubt about it, though I didn't fight my usual fight.

"Let me ask a few questions. Who landed the cleaner blows? Who did all the forcing in the fight? Who was it did the clinching and sought the clinching?"

OUR BUMPER NUMBER?

Special Offer For Christmas Football Contest.

Are you acquainted with our special competition Christmas offer? On this page yesterday, we stated that we had decided to add the sum of 500 marks to the amount subscribed for No. 13 Contest, and so keep up the good old custom of Christmas.

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ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Sundays.

To-day is Silver Sunday, and next Sunday is Golden Sunday. These are the names given to the two Sundays preceding Christmas Day by the German people.

A Dangerous Crossing.

For Cologne's most dangerous crossing I commend you to the one where Marzellen Strasse and Bahnhof Strasse meet.

Shop To-day.

The German shops will be open to-day and next Sunday. This custom is to permit of the workers making their purchases in their spare time.

Can You?

Our Christmas offer in our popular football contest has caught on. Only ten results are needed and the biggest prize yet subscribed is certain. Can you forecast the results?

Rather Mixed.

I noticed a civilian walking by the Dom, wearing an officer's cap with chin-strap, and a pair of khaki slacks, a civilian raincoat, and brown boots.

B.E.L.C. Pantomime.

Besides the Mystery Play at the B.E.L.C., the rehearsals of the Pantomime "Babes in the Wood" are in ful' swing. but more men are wanted to take parts of chorus men and girls. Don't be shy; give your names in at the Club.

Closing Down.

The offices of the Base Cashiers at Paris and Namur having closed down it will be necessary for Imprest holders in French and Belgian areas to render the necessary forms through the Command Cashier at Wimereux.

Baths Re-Opening.

The Hohenstaufenbath, the Neptunbath and Kaiser Wilhelmbath will be open again from to-morrow. The reason why they were closed is the shortage of coal.

Not in Keeping.

I saw some soldiers laughing outside a tailor's shop in Cologne yesterday. The cause of their hilarity was a dummy of a small boy in the window wearing juvenile clothes, but the wig on the figure was of grey hair.

Bankers Busy.

Quite a number of banks from Allied countries are now opening branches in Cologne.

No Leave Boats at Christma

Officers and men anticipating leave to the United Kingdom just now should note that no troops will be dispatched on leave to the United Kingdom from their units to Base ports on December 24th, 25th and 26th. There will be no sailings for leave or demobilization on Dec. 25th, 26th and 27th, and similarly no sailings from the United Kingdom for returning leave personnel on Dec. 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th. Leave will be automatically extended.

No. 13.

I have failed to notice any tram route in Cologne bearing this number. Is it that superstition has prevented its use?

New Coins.

The new issue of 50 pfennigs pieces will be welcomed. The coin is little larger than a sixpence and bears on one side a sheaf of wheat and an appropriate motto.

Railway Aeroplane.

I learn that great interest is being taken in the adoption of engines and propellors, as in an aeroplane, to draw vehicles on the German railways. Certainly there seems to be something in the notion.

Coincidence?

The present cold snap found me wondering if the recent display of skates and sledges in a Breite Strasse merchant's window was a coincidence, or whether he is some kind of a weather seer.

Kindness to Horses.

I am told by Professor Berrens of the Cölner Tierschutzverein—the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals which exists in every German town has just formed a special committee for the protection of horses.

Dear and Nasty.

A civilian informs me that the price of briquets which before the war was about two marks per 100 pfund is now over 275 per cent dearer. No wonder the average housewife is so careful.

Theatre de Luxe.

I read that a new theatre in Berlin has a seating accommodation for over 3000. It also possesses a revolving stage and boasts of a new electric lighting system.

Camouflage.

This war measure was brought vividly to my mind as I passed the Neumarkt yesterday. There one can still see unserviceable vehicles in all their one-time necessary camouflage.

Dialect.

Cologne has, as many are doubtless aware, a dialect of its own, but few know that a theatre exists in Schildergasse which stages comedies in this tongue. They are, I learn, very amusing.

Overdoing it.

I passed a male civilian in Hohe Strasse yesterday who had a fur cap down over his brow and his head sunk deep into a fur collar. Only his eyes were visible and no doubt the cold snap did not trouble him.

Prematurely Wise.

The war must have a very sobering effect on the juvenile element in Cologne judging by the serious mien of most of the youngsters seen in the streets. One seldom sees them indulge in the youthful pranks so dear to the heart of the English youth.

RHINELANDER.

THE INEVITABLE.

A bold term, but one that is used by the majority in its lightest sense. If the will power of a man has been weakened, and the stress of life bears down hard upon the soul, many a man will then cease to fight against what he calls force of circumstances, and drift with weakened resistance, and bow to the inevitable.

A dangerous term, too, for it is often made the excuse for that giving way to the temptations which assail the soul.

On the other hand no man will deny that there are many things which cannot be changed, but which are the logical conclusion of many actions and in that way may be called the inevitable.

How is man then to know when this great Inevitable is to be accepted? How can he tell when the time has come when he should cease fire and surrender to the foe, or one might say to the force against which he is fighting?

Without a code of moral law, a man is like a ship which sails upon an unknown sea, without chart or compass, without a master brain to guide that ship through the dangerous shoals into a safe harbour.

The conscience of a man will tell him how to differentiate between those forces which must bring pressure to bear upon the life, and those ulterior forces which struggle for the downfall of man, and can only be said to emanate from the powers of evil.

The sins of the fathers descending upon the children is quoted as one of the great injustices of human life, but at the same time is often used as an excuse for giving way to hereditary tendencies which may be found in the offspring of many men. This so-called injustice is a natural law, so logical in its fulfilment that in any other branch of natural life, if it failed to come into operation, there would be no certainty for any action of mankind. On the other hand we know that these results of nature are inevitable, but there is always the opportunity to bring other forces to bear, and by counter-attack nullify the evil tendencies which may crop up in the lives of all.

By a close study of human nature it can be seen that with the action of free-will, there is very little in life to-day which man can call inevitable. The forces of good or evil which exercise a power over human life are in no way inevitable forces, and it behoves a man to watch closely the Titanic struggle going on between those forces for the possession of a human soul.

Bow to the inevitable is the cry of the cynic, who looks upon life as a dreary waste. Bow to the inevitable, says the religious man, who talks and does not act.

Said Cromwell to his men: "Trust in God and keep your powder dry," and the same advice can help us to-day, when we remember that we are not machines, but men with a will power, free under God to combat what many call in life the inevitable.

Rev. C. E. R. WHEELER, C.F.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Official.—Post early for Christmas.

On The Way.—The Imperator has sailed from New York.

What About?—Mr. Winston Churchill speaks, at Sunderland, at the New Year.

Our Little Difficulty.—Judge Crawford says mental arithmetic is beyond him.

Unafraid.—A Crewe bride, aged 70, has just entered on her fourth marriage.

'Varsity Side-show.—The Royal Agricultural Show will be held at Cambridge in 1922.

Putting it off.—The select committee on war wealth will be appointed next session.

His Ambition.—M. Poulet, on his return to Paris, will prepare for a trip round the world.

His Last Walk.—The assistent Recorder of Leeds dropped dead in the street on his way to the Assizes.

Nasty for Descamps.—Carpentier says managers do the boasting, boxers do the fighting.

Wholesale Clearance.—A 4 cwt. crate of ribbons was taken away on a trolley in broad daylight in a London street.

Complimentary.—A Bermondsey councillor says its old Profiteering Act Committee could not manage a whelk stall.

How Kind.—North Kensington postmen are not soliciting Christmas boxes this year.

Going! Going!—Shirts and a night cap belonging to Charles I. fetched only ten guineas.

Generous.—The Food Controller promises plenty of unrationed food at Christmas.

Where £1 Has Doubled.—French traders now have to pay nearly double for a pound's worth of British goods.

Escaping the Comb.—There are still nearly 400,000 men and women employed in Government departments.

The Next.—Major Cohen, M.P. is asking for the provision of accommodation for cars of M.P's who live outside town.

"The Tiger."—M. Clemenceau takes his meals alone and never goes out to lunch or dinner.

As at School.—Ealing Education Committee is to open its proceedings with prayers.

For 'Flu.—Glasgow Corporation has secured a quantity of vaccine for anti-influenza innoculations.

Aftermath of War.—Thirty British exhumation companies are being employed in France.

More Cheap Clocks.—The Government says Krupps is being used for the manufacture of commercial goods.

Perhaps.—Col. Ward, M.P., says unless the ex-Kaiser is sent to St. Helena he will be back as King of Prussia.

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OPINIONS OF THE MOMENT.

WHY GERMANY FELL.

Major General Sir F. Maurice, writing of Falkenhayn's recent work on the war, says: Every important book which appears from the German side, and this is certainly one of the most important, makes it more clear that the causes of Germany's downfall were psychological. The German people had been brought up in an absolute faith in their military power; they were led to expect that war would pay and to look for an unbroken series of military triumphs. Their leaders felt that enthusiasm in Germany for war could only be kept alive if this faith were sustained, and they were therefore unwilling to take great risks for great ends.

TRADE SUICIDE.

Lord Inchcape, speaking recently, said. Any measure which seeks to rivet on British industry the abomination of Government control will be fought by the entire commercial community. People who think that this extraordinary Bill was the way to resuscitate British trade had taken leave of their business senses. If all incentive to work, economy, and development is to be removed, if the country is to become stagnant; if we are to become a bankrupt nation; then let us limit the profits not only of the coal companies but also of every other industry and profession.

AGAINST AN AIR FORCE.

Mr. C. G. Grey, the outspoken Editor of "The Aeroplane," says: I have never been a believer in the ability of a single Air Force to do all the air work of the Navy and the Army, let alone the work proper to an Independent Air Force in addition. When a crowd of misguided politicians started the agitation for this single Air Force in 1916 I was strongly opposed to it, and have never found any reason to alter that opinion. The lamentable deterioration in quality of aviators and aircraft alike since the R.A.F. came into being in 1918 has confirmed my first impressions of the evils of the single Air Force idea.

SPIRITUALISM — A WILL O' THE WISP.

Mr. Coulson Kernahan, the novelist has written a little book on spiritualism, in which he says:—I would rather remain unenlightened on matters which God has hidden from us, than seek or accept such sorry so-called enlightenment—and by such means—as spiritualism proffers. Better, I honestly believe, blithely, bravely, and unselfishly, to continue in our appointed work, and on our way through God's world, striving daily and unceasingly to be truer friends, sounder citizens, harder workers, better Christians—and to ask no question whatever of what comes after death, leaving all in perfect trustfulness in the hands of God—than to squander nerve power, will power, and energy in following after the will o' the wisp of spiritualism.

WORLD MONEY DEADLOCK.

Lord Swaythling, head of the great exchange and banking firm of Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Company, speaking on the present state of the money market, says:—At present the politicians of the United States scarcely grasp anything outside their own country. They do not take a sufficiently world-wide view, either politically or commercially, worthy of their great country and traditions. They are too parochial. They think more of making a point in party politics than of the real welfare of their own country aud of the world. I heard a great many thinking Americans say something to the effect that the States had come into the war too late, and they hoped that future generations would not say that they had come into the peace too late. I am strongly in favour of a suspension of international payments among the Allies (and those Neutrals who wish and can be included) for a certain number of years for reproductive imports such as machinery and raw materials—the suspension, of course, to be under Government guarantees.

THE TRAGEDY OF FINANCE.

Sir Oswald Stoll, the music hall magnate who has made a close study of international finance referring to the falling value of English sterling in the states, says: There is tragedy in the wake of this drifting question. By our incredible indifference to standard of value in relation to legal tender money, an indifference persisted in despite the steady decline from bad to worse in our national economic situation, we are perversely drifting towards the most painful economic crisis which this country has ever experienced, and the consequences of which no man can foresee. This crisis will be ushered in by a famine in raw materials, or extreme scarcity of them at famine prices, which will bring our manufacturing industries to a standstill, throwing masses of wage-earners out of employment, and rendering them penniless at a time when imported foodstuffs will rise to hitherto unheard-of prices.

BELIEF IN OUR WOMEN.

Lady Trowbridge, replying to criticism of present-day women, asks:—Why are Church dignitaries so gloomy about the relations of the sexes, the moral state of Society, and the future of Englishwomen? Certainly the Bishop of Coventry is in no doubt whatever that a lamentable state of laxity pervades the morals of our women to-day; and, if he has the gift of prophecy, worse is to come. Seriously, when one considers the thousands of unprotected women engaged in war work during the last five years, and naturally subject to life's ordinary temptations, and considers also the rarity of scandal, one is unspeakably proud of them all. It is a falsehood to say such things may have been hushed up; for, as intelligent people know well, everything comes out in the long run, and if our women had disgraced themselves as a body we should soon know all about it. The fact is, they did not, and they never will. As for the future of women here in England, it has never looked so bright. Soon, very soon, they will be active participants, politically, in the great game of Life, and able to help in the making of the laws that guide our destinies.

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CLEMENCEAU IN LONDON.

AFTER SUCCESSFUL VISIT BREAKS A RIB DURING ROUGH CHANNEL CROSSING.

COMPOSITION OF BRITISH AIR SERVICE.

LONDON CONFERENCE.

CLEMENCEAU'S SUCCESS AND MISHAP.

The morning conferences held at the Premier's residence in Downing-street with M. Clemenceau and others were devoted to questions interesting the Entente generally, including the Adriatic and Russia. In the afternoons the conference was confined to British and French representatives, who discussed matters specially interesting to France and Great Britain. French Ministers are described as satisfied with the progress of the negotiations, and it is added that the "disposition displayed on the British side is excellent."

Shortly after the last session of the Conference the following official statement was issued from Downing-street:

"On the invitation of the British Government M. Clemenceau arrived in London for a Conference on various questions affecting France and Great Britain. The Prime Ministers took advantage of the presence in London of the Italian Foreign Minister, Senior Scialoja, in order to have an exchange of views with him regarding the Adriatic question, whereat the American Ambassador was also present. The Japanese Ambassador participated in a general Conference, which discussed the Russian problem. In addition the Conference discussed the procedure regarding questions still to be settled, particularly Peace with Turkey. The Conference was marked by the utmost cordiality, satisfactory arrangements being arrived at on all outstanding points. The three days' meeting served to confirm the complete solidarity of the Allies."

One extremely probable result of the conferences will be the formation of a Council consisting of the Premiers of Great Britain, France and Italy, with a plenipotentiary representative of the United States. The first meeting will be arranged to take place in Paris during the Christmas recess. Meanwhile the Supreme Council will continue its functions, although its composition may be altered.

ACCIDENT TO CLEMENCEAU.

M. Clemenceau left Charing Cross for Paris at eight o'clock on Sunday morning. He was accompanied to the station by M. Cambon, and on departure was loudly cheered by his compatriots.

During the crossing of the Channel, which was exceedingly rough and boisterous, M. Clemenceau was thrown violently against a locker aboard the destroyer Temeraire. Although he was thought to be suffering, M. Clemenceau did not allow the accident to interfere with a Conference after he had landed. When a doctor examined him at the Ministry of War, however, he found that a rib had been broken, but the injury was not in itself serious.

JEWELS SOLD AND STOLEN.

That the pinch of high prices is felt by the rich is demonstrated by the quantity of jewels pouring into the market. One hundred thousand sterling was realised at Christie's on Friday, most of the sellers being desirous of retaining their anonymity. A tiara of brilliants belonging to the Duchess of Marlborough fetched £25,000 and a rope of 210 pearls £13,200 the vendor's name being withheld.

Apart from the legitimate disposal of jewels there has been an epidemic of jewel robberies in London, £20,000 worth having disappeared in the West End in the past two days, not including petty larcenies. Daring burglaries are of nightly occurrence.

STRIKE OF MASTER TAILORS.

A novel tailoring strike is in progress in London, where eight hundred East End master tailors have demanded a twenty-five per cent increase from the merchant tailors to meet the cost of the grant of a forty-eight hour week. This demand having been refused, the Master Tailors Federation decided to cease work. Twelve thousand members and workers of the Tailors Union have promised their support to the masters.

SOVIET SUBSIDIES FOR STUDENTS.

The Helsingfors correspondent of a Swedish newspaper says that the Soviet Government has instituted grants to married students of 3,300 roubles annually. Workmen taking up University studies will receive 4,500 roubles if unmarried and 7,200 roubles if married.

FILIBUSTER'S NEW FLIGHT.

D'Annunzio has expressed the hope that the Fiume question will be solved before Christmas, thus enabling him to resume his preparations for the Rome-Tokio flight, in which he now intends to compete. He proposes to fly from Tokio via California, touching at Hawaii.

AIR SERVICE.

FUTURE COMPOSITION OF THE FORCE.

Major-General Trenchard has outlined the scheme for the permanent organization of the Air Force, which is described by Mr. Churchill as having been approved by the Cabinet.

The scheme is based on an annual expenditure of fifteen million sterling. In future the Service will chiefly consist of an Independent Force, but with a small part trained for the Navy and another for the Army. Foundations will be laid for the creation of a highly trained force. Service squadrons will be reduced to whatever minimum is considered essential for overseas garrisons, with a small reserve for the United Kingdom. Some of the great war squadrons will, however, be preserved.

It is proposed to provide eight squadrons for India and three for Mesopotamia. It is also hoped that in the future aerial units can be used as part substitutes for military garrisons. Egypt, which is described as the Clapham Junction of the air between East and West, will have seven service squadrons. Naval bases and important coaling stations overseas will need aircraft as part of their garrisons, therefore a seaplane unit will be established at Malta and another probably at Alexandria. For the co-operation of the Army it is proposed to establish one flight per division for work at all stages of training, also one or more squadrons for co-operation with artillery, while the Home Fleet will have three aeroplane and two seaplane squadrons.

Airships are still considered to be in the experimental stage, therefore only one station is being retained, with one rigid and two non-rigid craft. It is also intended to have a Territorial Air Force, because the scheme will concentrate upon the training of personnel.

Major General Trenchard hopes that manufacturing firms will assist by forming Territorial Units. He thinks that doubtless many individuals will be willing to undertake home or overseas service if required.

D'ANNUNZIO'S MEN.

UPROAR IN ITALIAN PARLIAMENT.

In anticipation of an important statement about Fiume by the Italian Premier, the Chamber of Deputies at Rome was crowded, and very lively scenes were witnessed. When the Under Secretary for War stated that D'Annunzio's volunteers were not being paid by the Italian Government a Socialist deputy interrupted, "We are not interested whether D'Annunzio is paid by you or others. What interests us is that you yourselves have sanctioned the principle of desertion, which we shall adopt by intense propaganda in the army. As you have permitted soldiers to desert we claim the same right for soldiers who are forcibly kept in barracks to leave the army. We will see whether this bourgeois Government will dare to try the soldiers we invite to desert."

This statement was received with frantic enthusiasm by the Socialists and loudly booed by the remainder of the Chamber. The Premier, Signor Nitti, then made a speech but did not mention Fiume, whereupon several Deputies called out, "You havn't spoken about Fiume".

Signor Nitti replied that he would do so during the discussion on the Budget next week. Subsequently the Chamber rejected by 289 votes to 124 a Socialist resolution in favour of immediate recognition of the Soviet Government and resumption of relations with Bolshevist Russia.

The Italian Chamber unanimously adopted the official address in reply to the speech from the Throne, after rejecting the Socialist resolution. Signor Nitti, replying to the debate, which the Socialists conducted with great heat, said that the Government is not becoming a party to an International Convention binding the future policy of Italy. He denied that Italy intended to participate by armed intervention in Russia and declared that the existence of two groups in Parliament Socialist and Popular, would strengthen the Parliament.

SCARLET FEVER.

MILITARY PRECAUTIONS.

Owing to the prevalence of scarlet fever and diphtheria in London orders have been issued at Aldershot that men returning from leave will be medically examined forthwith.

According to a British telegram from Odessa dated 2nd December the Red Army has been driven out of Kieff and the Volunteer Army has advanced slightly Eastwards.

WILSON BETTER.

ABLE TO WALK WITH SLIGHT ASSISTANCE.

President Wilson is now able to walk with the assistance of a stick. In the Senate Senator Lodge urged that the President should submit his proposals for a compromise to secure the ratification of the Peace Treaty, promising that the Republicans will carefully consider them.

Senator Underwood demanded the prompt ratification because the present unsatisfactory impasse is affecting American exports. He suggested the appointment of a Democratic and Republican Committee of conciliation. Senator Lodge rejected the suggestion and said that the only course open to President Wilson was to withdraw the Treaty and re-submit it with fresh suggestions.

The debate became very heated. Senator Knox introduced the resolutions which he and Senator Lodge proposed in November, declaring a state of peace between United States and Germany. Consideration of the various resolutions was postponed until Monday.

AUSTRIA'S OFFER.

TOBACCO AND WATER POWER FOR BREAD.

The Austrian Chancellor, Herr Renner, has expressed gratification at his reception by the Peace Conference at Paris. He said that whether Vienna will have bread for Christmas will depend on Italy's response to the request for urgent shipment of supplies. His Government is determined loyally to carry out the Peace Treaty, but it must be given the wherewithal to work. The long delay in executing the Treaty is ruining Austria, which has ceased to think of union with Germany and has placed herself entirely in the hands of the Allies. He offers in exchange for help, a monopoly of tobacco and the development and exploitation of Austria's immense resources of water power, which could furnish power stations for the whole of Central Europe.

Reuter learns authoritatively that the French Government favours an immediate and favourable response to Herr Renner's appeal.

GERMAN TRAWLER.

ENTERS SCOTCH PORT ON SPECIOUS EXCUSE.

The German trawler Bremerhaven, loaded with fish, entered Aberdeen harbour on Friday and requested to be supplied with coal. The skipper said he had met with stormy weather and had insufficient fuel to return to Germany, but it is suspected that he sought to ascertain whether the old regulations for landing fish were still in force.

Inquiry revealed the fact that he had sufficient coal in his bunkers. The Bremerhaven could not leave the harbour until the tide had risen, and the spectacle of the German mercantile flag at the stern of the vessel exasperated the crowd, which made hostile demonstrations without resorting to violence. Even had the trawler been entitled to coal no men would have assisted to put it on board.

THE CATERHAM CRASH.

The pilot (named Bardley), of the Airco aeroplane on the London-Paris service, which crashed at Caterham on the 11th, has died in hospital at Croydon.

The passenger killed in the same accident was an American named Rand, President of the Marine Trust Company at Buffalo. One of his last acts was to give a large donation towards a proposed monument to commemorate the burial of a battalion of French soldiers, who were overwhelmed in the trenches at Verdun.

COMMONWEALTH ELECTIONS.

Latest returns of the Commonwealth elections indicate that the early belief of a big Government victory is premature. It appears certain, however, that Mr. Hughes has been re-elected at Bendigo, and M. Tudor, Leader of the Opposition, at Yarra. Soldiers may vote in elections whether they are on the register or not.

ROSS SMITH'S RECEPTION.

On Captain Ross-Smith's arrival at Port Darwin be received a tremendously enthusiastic reception. He made a beautiful and spectacular landing, and was immediately seized by the crowd and carried shoulder-high, men and women struggling to shake hands with him. He made the trip from Batavia in seven hours. The Vickers Company has instructed Captain Ross Smith to hand over his aeroplane to the Commonwealth Government when he arrives at Melbourne.

AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING STRIKE.

Another complete stoppage of Australian coastal shipping is threatened. Owing to the shipowners refusing to concede in full their demands for increased wages the engineers have decided to strike. Several steamers are already held up at Melbourne.

BODIES WANTED.

LACK OF CORPSES FOR DISSECTION.

The result of modern social legislation in abolishing casuals and other human derelicts has brought the anatomical and operative surgery departments of University Medical Schools face to face with a very serious difficulty. These departments are entirely dependent on unclaimed bodies for their material. Moreover, many Boards of Guardians who have such bodies at their disposal insist on burying them. The schools consequently have been unable to hold the usual operative surgery courses, and students for the most part are reduced to watching a Professor dissect instead of themselves dissecting.

At the last final examination of the Royal College of Surgeons, at which it is usual to have five bodies for practical tests, only two were obtainable and those only after an immense amount of trouble. As a result each candidate could only be required to perform one operation instead of the customary two.

The authorities pointout that it is an alarming thought that medical students should have to acquire their first operative experience from living bodies, as a student who has only been able to watch a professor dissect or operate is not necessarily qualified to do either. One might as well choose a man as goalkeeper for England on the strength of his having watched every international match of recent years.

A society was founded many years ago, the members of which dedicated their own bodies for scientific purposes after death but the results have been nil owing to the legal decision that one's own body is not one's own personal property. The authorities consider that the only remedy is legislation reversing this decision and requiring that the derelict bodies be applied to medical purposes.

GABY DESLYS' ILLNESS.

OPERATION WITHOUT ANAESTHETIC.

The well-known French actress Gaby Deslys is lying in a Paris sanatorium in a critical condition following an operation for abscess in the throat. The gravest fears are entertained.

The actress was in such a weak condition that the surgeons could not administer an anaesthetic, and the operation was performed while the patient was in full possession of her faculties.

HALF-MILE COAL QUEUE.

Remarkable scenes were witnessed at Edmonton on Saturday. The local coal merchants were practically without stocks, consequently the Coal Overseer obtained a hundred tons of emergency coal and commandeered eighteen trucks containing a hundred tons of industrial coal. This was brought to the Town Hall Depot and sold in half hundred-weights. The queue extended for nearly half a mile.

WAR TIME INFIDELITY.

In disposing of a number of divorce cases at Edinburgh on Saturday Lord Sands referred to the appalling number of cases in which soldiers' wives had erred during the absence of their husbands. It is estimated that the total in the Scottish Courts will exceed six hundred.

TRANS-AUSTRALIAN FLIGHT.

The Air Ministry announces that Captain Sergeant, of the Australian Flying Corps, flew from Melbourne to Port Darwin, this being the first time the continent of Australia has been traversed by air.

CINEMA ACTORS DISAPPEAR.

The United States Navy Department has been requested to aid in the search for David Griffiths and his party of twenty cinema artists, who left Miami, Florida, on Wednesday for the Bahamas.

The trip ordinarily occupies twelve hours. No trace having been found of the party a boat has been sent in search of them.

SOCIALIST PRESIDENT OF BELGIAN CHAMBER.

After three different ballots the Belgian Chamber has elected as its President M. Brunet (Socialist) by 84 votes against 72 votes obtained by M. Carton de Wiart (Catholic).

POULET RETURNING HOME.

The Paris "Auto" states that M. Poulet, who is to receive the Medaille Militaire, will fly back to Paris. He will then prepare for the round-the-world competition organised by the American Aero Club.

A delayed telegram from Rangoon shows that after leaving Bangkok M. Poulet was caught in an equatorial storm which drove him back to Rangoon.

BELGIAN MILITIA CALLED UP.

An Antwerp newspaper announces that arrangements have just been made by the Belgian Ministry for War for the calling up of four classes of Militia to the colours.

SUMMARY COURT.

SCHOOL-TEACHER TEMPTS HIS MOTHER.

Paul Buddy, a school-teacher, of 42 Eintracht-strasse, Düren, whose mother resides in unoccupied territory, secured a travelling pass, permitting a lady to enter occupied territory. He attempted to send it to his mother by registered letter requesting her to impersonate the lady whose name was on the pass. The letter was intercepted, with the result that accused was charged with unlawfully securing the pass and dispatching it to his mother.

The Presiding Officer said the offence was a very rare one. He regretted that a man in the position of accused should be so wanting in a sense of propriety as to try and incite his mother to commit a fraud on the authorities. It was a contemptible thing to do. A fine of 100 marks or ten days imprisonment was the penalty.

TWO EXPENSIVE INVALIDS.

The daughter of a publican residing at 317, Mülheimerstrasse, Kalk, permitted two English soldiers to remain on the premises until 11.25 p.m. They represented to her that they were invalids and were waiting for a train. Her father, Johann Heinrich Piller, had no knowledge of the matter. There was another charge against Piller of being in the unlawful possession of an Army blanket and a pair of boots, Government property.

The defence to that latter charge was that two soldiers left the articles there with accused's daughter and promised to call back for them.

On the first charge of allowing the soldiers to remain on his premises a fine of 250 marks was imposed. The second charge was dismissed.

ABSENT FROM HIS POST.

While Walter Braake, a chauffeur, of 15 Steinweg, Cologne, was absent from his post as a guard at the H.Q. garage, Deutz, a motor car was stolen. Braake was in the employment of the military authorities and there were two charges against him: (1) leaving his post, causing a motor car to be stolen, and (2) neglect of duty.

Braake, who should have been on duty from 4 p.m. until midnight on the day the car was stolen, admitted that he left at eight o'clock and went to his mother's for something to eat. He returned between ten and eleven o'clock.

He was fined 500 marks or fourteen days imprisonment.

EXCHANGE OF VEGETABLES.

Four tins of pork and beans and one tin of M & V ration were found in the house of Elisabeth Laurentz, of 319 Mülheimerstrasse when searched by a military policeman.

Defendant's son appeared to answer the charge and stated that his mother was too ill to be present. He explained that she did some cooking for soldiers and in exchange for fresh vegetables they gave her tinned ones.

The Presiding Officer, remarking that it was a very likely story, inflicted a nominal fine of 20 marks.

BIG FAMILY—LITTLE MONEY.

The space in front of the bench resembled a corner of a Quartermaster's stores during the hearing of a charge against Josef Kneip and his wife, of 44 Ross-strasse, Ehrenfeld. There was a greatcoat, breeches, tunic, trousers, a fire extinguisher, portions of a box respirator and several other articles, the charge being one of illegal possession. A gallon of petrol was also found in the house.

The articles of clothing all showed signs of considerable wear, and the defence was that they had been found by the children of the accused and taken to the house.

Kneip, who is a driver, and possesses a very good character, stated that he had seven children and earned 120 marks weekly. His wife intended to convert the clothing into wearing apparel for the children.

In view of the man's good character and the fact that his family lived in such poverty-stricken circumstances the charge was dismissed, the Presiding Officer warning him that in future he must not be guilty of having in his possession any articles of British property.

INDIAN RIOT INQUIRY.

REVELATIONS OF CASUALTIES.

Mail advices from India state that General Dyer, testifying at Lahore before the Commission of Inquiry into the rioting at Amritsar last April, said he ordered the troops to fire on the crowd of five thousand, which had assembled in defiance of the proclamation of Martial Law. Between four and five hundred were killed and about fifteen hundred wounded. He considered it his duty to disperse the crowd by rapid fire because he regarded the movement as being in the nature of a military revolt.

L.C.C. HOUSING SCHEME.

The Ministry of Health has approved the London County Council scheme for the erection of a thousand houses at Roehampton at the cost of £1,300,000. It is estimated that the annual deficit will be fifty pounds per house.

MINERS ON COMPULSORY SHORT TIME.

Owing to the chaotic transport conditions a number of the mines in South Wales are working only two or three days a week.

HUMAN DEVILS.

SINN FEINER'S SAVAGE VENGEANCE.

A force of police was ambushed by Sinn Feiners at Dungloe, County Donegal, on Friday night, four being wounded by revolver bullets. The assailants escaped.

At Belfast, Patrick Green was sentenced to three years, John Corbett and Thomas Corbett to two years imprisonment for a fiendish outrage. The prisoners were described by the prosecutors as "human devils, carrying out a sentence of a mysterious court."

The evidence showed that following a Sinn Fein tribunal the party met and burst into the house of an aged couple named Daniel and Norah Sheehan, near Kilrush, beat them as they lay in bed, and then dragged them along the road in their night attire, horsewhipping them as they went. Ultimately the couple were forced to kneel and swear by blood that they would not inform the police.

TROUBLE IN TRINIDAD.

NEGRO RIOTERS STORM GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.

Serious outbreaks have occurred at Trinidad (West Indies), instigated by American negro labour agitators. A mob of negroes at Port of Spain stormed the Government buildings, which they held for three days. The cruiser Calcutta was summoned, and a landing party restored order.

Telegrams from Sir John Chancellor, the Governor of Trinidad, show that while the situation was distinctly nasty for some hours complete quiet has been restored at Port of Spain.

The rioting actually broke out at Tobago, where the cruiser Calcutta landed an armed force and the police fired on the rioters, killing the ringleader.

The trouble at Port of Spain began with a strike of stevedores, one of whom was killed in the rioting. Returned soldiers were also concerned in the disturbances, which ended when wages were advanced. The stevedores have resumed work, but the country is still disturbed.

SPEN VALLEY.

PREMIER'S BENEDICTION ON COLONEL FAIRFAX.

The Coalition candidate at the Spen Valley by-election, Colonel Fairfax, has received a strong letter from Mr. Lloyd George. The Premier, after recalling the fact that Colonel Fairfax fought and suffered in the war, contrasts his notable record of gallant service with the fact that his Asquithian opponent, Sir John Simon, opposed various measures which in Mr. Asquith's own opinion were essential to winning the war. Yet, adds Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Asquith describes Sir John Simon as an "ideal candidate". The Premier concludes by saying that the peace of the world is not yet completely established. All countries, including our own, are suffering from the strain and dislocation of the great war, and that therefore this is not the time to renew party divisions.

W.A.A.C. UNIFORM.

PERMISSION TO WEAR ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

An Army Order just issued states that the King has approved of officials of the Women's Legion, Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps, and the Women's Forage Corps being permitted, after relinquishing their appointments, to wear their uniform on special occasions, when attending ceremonials and entertainments of a military nature, and on occasions when the wearing of uniform would appear appropriate. The badges of rank will be those of the rank held by the official on demobilization or retained by her when she quitted the service.

SELF-DEMOBILIZATION.

ORDER NOT TO ARREST NAVAL DESERTERS.

In the course of a case at Marylebone Police Court on Friday, Inspector Ward, of Scotland Yard, stated that about three weeks ago an order was issued to the effect that the police were not to arrest absentees from the Navy, but a fortnight later the order was cancelled. The object of the order, said Inspector Ward, was to reduce the strength of the Navy.

"A funny way of doing it," commented the magistrate.

CHRISTMAS IN MILITARY HOSPITALS.

The military authorities have gratefully accepted on offer by the Joint War Committee of the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of a sum equivalent to five shillings per occupied bed in military and military auxiliary hospitals for the purpose of providing festivities for the patients in these hospitals on Christmas Day.

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Among the many impressions carried from the Army back into civil life, the importance of an efficient education for the individual who makes up the nation will occupy an important position.

Speaking for England especially, our manhood and womanhood has ever been handicapped because, as children, they were "taught," not "educated."

This is not merely a sordid matter of wage-earning power, it is much greater and grander than that. The uneducated, or imperfectly educated, man or woman misses practically all the real beauties of life, in Nature, Art, Literature, and Science, because he, or she, never sees them, or seeing them is unable to comprehend.

Then why has such a state of things been allowed to continue?

To those who, by hook or by crook, have succeeded in struggling into the light the answer is as plain as answer possibly could be. We, as a nation, have not realised the importance of the subject; we have approached it from the wrong point of view, we have been content the grope blindly. The whole question is summed up in that wonderful story of Troy town, "Hocken and Hunken," where Sir Quiller Couch limns with loving hand the life of a typical English countryside. Mr. Rogers is about to resign from the Troy School Board, and his confession of faith concerning his interest in Education sums up, exactly we fear, a very common view of our "Educational" rulers.

"Oh?" said Cai, alert, "I didn' know you took an interest in education."

"I don't," Mr. Rogers responded frankly. "I hate the damned thing. If it rested with me, I'd have no such freaks in the land. *But there is always the rates to be kept down.* And likewise there's the coal contract to be considered. Added to which it gives you a pull in several little ways." The italics are ours and we would explain that among his multifarious methods of turning an honest(!) penny Mr. Rogers included that of coal merchant.

The rates must be kept down! That has been the almost universal cry, and, the irony of it, it has been shouted under the banner of "Economy." Was ever a word used so fatuously?

If a robemaker has a beautiful piece of white silk, does she hand it to a chimney sweep to make up? Is it given to a child apprentice to cut about? No, silk is too valuable; yet this is the line of action we have followed in dealing with the child mind.

And the minds of the children are the most valuable, the most beautiful, assets possessed by any nation.

Our education committees have included the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker, frequently themselves uneducated, whose main theme has been, "But there's always the rates to be kept down".

Our teachers, themselves often not properly educated, simply "taught," have been asked to do the impossible. We have in mind one girl placed in charge of the precious minds of sixty children of the age of five or six, and told to "educate" them. She would never be, could never be, entrusted with our valuable piece of silk, yet she is given the enormous responsibility of training these young minds when they are in their most impressionable state: when the moulding they receive is going to shape the whole of their lives: when their outlook on learning is being developed and fixed.

And we have called it "Economy"!

The Army of to-day will be the civilian population of to-morrow, the fathers of the next generation. Are we going to allow our children's minds to be foully mishandled and misshaped, as those of their predecessors have been? If we do there is little hope for the nation and we deserve to sink.

No! let us go back to our civilian duties determined to see our children receive their due. Let us differentiate between "learning" and education.

Let us insist that our children shall be trained to think, not merely to remember, and to appreciate the beauties of life. It is their due. It is due to those who have given their lives for us that we make this Britain of ours a more beautiful and brighter place wherein to dwell.

We cannot do this unless we sink all our old shibboleths concerning Education unless we distinguish between true Economy and the false, unless we see that the people to whom we trust our most precious assets are fitted for the job. Elect only those whose pure and sole aim it is to educate the children; pay only those teachers who know how to "educate," and the next generation will be able not only to enjoy their lives but to preserve the hard-won fruits of victory.

Otherwise we have failed.

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Are ghosts real or imaginary? Such was the uncanny question discussed at a meeting of our debating class the other night.

The weird poster announcing the event attracted over one hundred men who were anxious to solve the problem and to tell blood curdling and hair-raising experiences.

The united church representatives occupied the platform, which, seeing it was made of frail dining tables, threatened to give way under the weight of so much concentrated theology.

The Roman Catholic Padre occupied the chair; on his left hand was the stalwart sixteen stone Church of England chaplain and on his right, the fourteen stone Nonconformist.

In the background was a huge red screen which, aided by the reflection of the electric light, gave an uncanny but suitable effect.

The room was very cold and full of the haunting spirits of hundreds of men who have dined there and passed away since our Army of Occupation entered Rhineland.

Passed? Yes! Where to? No one knows, but their evil spirits still continue to agitate our stately, wooden white-washed hall. Could we but lay their ghosts!

Outside, the moaning wind rattled the fire-buckets and empty bully beef tins sending cold shivers down that centre of of life and activity—the spine. Already the men had entered the ghost world and longed for a drop of spirit—Black and White for preference—to restore their suspended animation and keep their teeth from chattering.

This was intensified as our Australian Padre opened the discussion with weird stories of spirit rapping, moving tables, haunted rooms and diabolical apparitions seeking to strangle unlucky daredevils who ventured into the chambers of ancient castles to explore their mysteries.

The next speaker had been seized by a ghost when a lad—he was still suffering from a seizure of some sort—his hair was turning white, he had a far away look in his eyes.

He spoke of clanking chains, of white robed visitants from the spirit world, of premonitions. At this stage there was a deathly silence and many furtive glances were cast in the direction of the doors and windows.

The spell was broken by our brave, materialistic Sergeant Educational Instructor from the cold regions of Newcastle who, with withering scorn classed all believers in the supernatural as fools suffering from the hallucination of a disordered imagination.

He paid dearly for his rashness for he was awakened at the uncanny hour of 2 a.m., after a sound sleep, by mysterious rappings on the window of his palatial bedchamber. Breaking into a cold perspiration he recanted, but for three long weary hours he could not sleep and during the day he walked about like a lost soul, with haggard features, and his German classes became mere gibberish. Such is the punishment of unbelievers.

Other lads, who had probably never spoken in meeting before, were compelled by invisible forces to rise from their chairs, ascend the platform and speak of their grandmothers, uncles, aunts and acquaintances who had had terrifying experiences.

Phantom dogs, vampires, floating mediums, who were lifted bodily out of chairs and sent floating out of one window only to return through another, were all described.

This may be an amusing presentation of the subject, but there is the serious side, which we should duly consider, even remembering that, there is a big difference between the open mind and the empty one.

The interest created was so great that a second night is to be devoted to the problem.

The question that is troubling the minds of many is: Are there any ghosts in Rhineland?

C.X.

LITTLE FLOSSIE'S GUIDE

By UNCLE CHARLIE.

So, dar-ling, you have come to join Dad-dy at Cologne (no, dear, not Col-og-nee; Co-loan.

Bear in mind Uncle's ad-vice—al-ways show temper. The boy or girl with the big-gest tem-per al-ways gets what he or she wants, but be sure that your tem-per is more big than the other boy or girl.

Now about the sol-diers here; they go round the streets dressed in kha-ki, which does not look nice, but they can-not help it. There are three kinds of sol-diers—Off-ic-ers (like Dad-dy), War-rant Off-ic-ers, (why War-rant" no-bo-dy knows) and Tom-mies and Jocks.

Off-ic-ers make fun-ny noi-ses in their throats; when they speak to you they will say the words "Top-ping, price-less, old bean." They do not mean much by this but they have to get it off their chests.

War-rant off-ic-ers wear fish bones on their sleeves and talk much deep-er down. Some like them. Some do not.

Tom-mies and Jocks are just sol-diers. You can tell them by their caps. Tom-my talks like you but Jock talks in a queer way and you will not know what he is saying. You will find French and German eas-i-er to learn. You may call a Jock, 'Jock', but nev-er, nev-er, dear lit-tle girl, call a Tom-my 'Tom-my.' Why you must not do this is a mys-ter-y.

You will see lots of Tom-mies; they walk ab-out and hold guns some-times and they mut-ter to them-selves "De-mob, De-mob, De-mob! I signed on with Hen-gist, Hor-sa, John of Gaunt, Per-kin War-beck and Lam-bert Sim-nel and yet they send home men who signed on after Ar-mis-tice!" (No, Ar-mis-tice is not a new kind of pud-ding; it is an e-vent).

Should you want any-thing go up to any sol-dier and he will at once give it to you. He will wish to show you all his sou-ven-irs and pho-tos of his wives and child-ren and you must be al-ways ready to say 'What a pret-ty girl' or 'What fine child-ren.'

If by any chance a sol-dier should not do what you wish (which is rare) stamp your lit-tle foot, look him square in the eye and say with firm-ness the three let-ters 'A. P. M.' Should a Ger-man fail to o-bey, say in the same way the two words 'Town Ma-jor.'

This is all I will tell you to-day—Oh no! I for-get—such a fun-ny thing—the Ru-mour Works. If you go to any Bar-racks or cook-house and make friends with the In-cin-er-a-tor Man he will tell you things. He works where the Ru-mours are made. He will tell you what di-vi-sion is going where, and why, and when. Ask him to send us all to some-where warm for the next three months. Of course, dear, I mean Egypt (pro-nounce 'Egg-wipe') or Mon-ty Car-lo. He will be quite ready to send us to some warm place; he works where they are made.

I will write ag-ain soon (that is if the crab-by Ed-it-or will let me).

Ever your lov-ing Uncle,
CHARLIE.

UTTER DESPAIR.

Does anyone know of a tram driver who is anxious to run over somebody, or a taxi driver who is becoming unfamiliar with inquest proceedings?

I am willing to offer myself for the slaughter.

You ask why I am in such desperate straits.

No; I have no financial troubles and my best girl has not yet deserted me, or at least she didn't appear to have done so in her last letter.

The cause of the trouble may be traced to two things.

First of all there is my aunt Jemima. The dear old lady usually remembers that I have survived the horrors of the war about this season of the year, and doubtless remembering the long line of mufflers, gloves, and socks she has despatched to me in the past, varied her programme this year, and sent me a cheque for £5 to dispose of as my fancy suited.

In the ordinary course of events £5 and myself would soon have been parted, but I regret to say that money for me has become a nightmare. (Yes, Mr. Editor, I will accept payment for this one.)

Then the second fly in my ointment is the letter-box of the "Cologne Post."

An obliging gentleman at Mr. Cook's establishment rapidly transferred my piece of wealthy paper into the necessary bundle of marks, and I sallied forth to "do" Cologne.

Where should I go, the thought struck me. Whilst thus I mused it occurred to me of the awful crime I was committing in thus loitering in this village on the Rhine. How shocked "H.C.W." would be.

I hustled around some.

But where to go, that was the question!

Ah! I would go into a cafe and think the matter out.

"Ober! Ein flasche wein, bitte!" But one bottle did not bring inspiration. I was about to call for another, when again the dread nightmare appeared before my eyes.

"Our troops drink far too much wine" (Vide the "Cologne Post" Letter Box).

I hurriedly left the cafe.

But I could not look the whole world in the face. During the course of my wanderings after the elusive god Momus I had smoked far too many cigarettes, even now I had half of one, unsmoked, reposing in the lining of my cap.

How did I know that this was not "Senior officer" now approaching me?

But life is made up of a series of tragedies, comedies, or farces, if you will. I slipped on a wet roadway, just as I reached him, my hat tilted over my eyes. I'll bet "Old Soldier" would have accused me of not saluting.

I was becoming desperate.

What could I do to make that £5 vanish? One cannot go into the N.A.C.B. for £1 worth of tea and cakes, even were one able to survive such an orgy, and what would "Rhinelander" say if he saw me with such a collection on a plate, or should I say wagon?

In desperation I bought a copy of "La Vie Parisienne" and the "Cologne Post," but then I remembered that letter on "Too much reading".

Furtively I dropped them into the Rhine, only refraining from following them as I thought of the opening I would give to some lynx-eyed person, on the unnecessary polluting of that famous river.

HAWKEYE.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

SALUTING.

Sir,—I think that your recent stat[illegible] has left a bit of doubt in the minds of many who read the article as to what the exact orders are about salutin[illegible] after retreat which is plainly this:—"All ranks will salute all Officers, (Military, Naval or Allied Army Officers) at all times and in all places."

Where the idea has originated from that there is no saluting after retreat is a mystery.

INSTRUCTOR.

OUR FOOR-FOOTED FRIENDS.

Sir,—It will be a source of comfort to lovers of animals to know that there is a society for their protection in Cologne, and I hope it will have the support of our admirable military police if cases of cruelty come under their notice.

I noticed four horses being led through the streets yesterday presumably to the knackers yard, and their appearance made me wonder how they could have been allowed to reach such a condition.

Obviously they had been worked to the last, and one could scarcely amble along.

All animal lovers of British nationality will doubtless extend to the German society all the support it deserves in its well-meant efforts.

T. O.

SILLY FILMS.

Sir,—A comparison between German and British films shews us up in a very bad light, I am sorry to say.

The reason I do not know, but the facts I can vouch for. On Sunday evening I visited a certain German cinema, and rarely have I seen better film acting, or pictures so well produced.

While at the Army shows there are occasional excellent films, there is frequently much that might just as well be left out of the programme.

MAN IN THE STREET.

LAUNDRY ARISTOCRATS.

Sir,—We are not allowed to forget the presence of the wife in Rhineland, but this time I am glad to see that it is wifie who is complaining and not some crusty old bachelor like myself.

All the same, with the subject of the plaint I have little sympathy. The old woman who has done my washing has given every satisfaction and there are none of the obnoxious odours and delivery delays experienced by your female correspondent.

My advice is, change the laundry. Would "wife" like the address of mine?

CRUSTY.

LETTER WRITING.

Sir,—"R.M.'s" laboured document on "The Importance of Letter Writing" is all very well, but it appears to me that if all the admirable points advocated by him were observed many of us would do little else but write letters.

There are occasions, I am prepared to admit, when it is essential to put one's best into one's letters, but it is equally true that there are others when it is necessary to say a great deal in a very short time.

Then all thoughts of our claim to authorship, style, ambition to be a man of letters and, even grammar, are overshadowed by time's limitations.

Good advice, certainly, but like so many things sound in theory, impossible in practice.

BUSINESS MAN.

RHINELAND AUDIENCES.

Sir,—I read your editorial article this morning with some misgiving, not to say alarm.

I would unhesitatingly express the opinion that at this juncture, at all events, it is undesirable to "re-model the earlier ideals in dramatic and musical entertainment" in the Army of the Rhine. The Occupation still includes among its members many who can appreciate, and are grateful for, the standard of entertainment with which we have been favoured.

Many "young soldiers" are at least ambitious and hope one day to be "men of scholarly attainments" themselves.

To me it is extremely gratifying that such entertainment is made accessible to the "average Tommy."

F.A.C.T.

A BAD HABIT.

Sir,—"H.J.J." must be very simple to let swearing get a hold on him. He is not forced to swear. After all, he must have associated, as I have done, with many troops who do not indulge in such an unnecessary and vicious habit and who yet have had cause to.

I cannot now claim to have kept my language altogether clean, but it was a long time after enlistment before I "let go," and on the few occasions upon which I do do so, it is only under provocation. But the language that I object to is not that of the "damn" variety, but that which is flung about in an indiscriminate way in public places, cafés, etc.

Some may laugh and christen me "Pussyfoot," or what they will, but I intend to keep my vocabulary unadulterated as long as the temptation to spoil it is not too strong, and I trust that those guilty of obscene talk will do likewise.

CUPID.

A RANKER'S PLAINT.

Sir,—May I express my dissatisfaction regarding the presence of such a large number of Warrant Officers and Sergeants in the N.A.C.B. canteens on the Rhine and in the Sternengasse?

Whenever I enter either of these places there always seems to be a large number of these people about, buying things that belong to Tommy and "throwing their weight about" in other ways.

I believe that a special canteen, known as the "Dutch Kitchen" in Komödienstrasse has been provided specially for Warrant Officers and Sergeants, and if a private soldier or a corporal, tried to enter he would be refused admission.

Why therefore should our own canteens be open to these people, any more than the "Dutch Kitchen" is open to privates, etc., like myself?

In regimental canteens, as far as I can remember, only privates were allowed in the battalion canteen, and Sergeants' and Corporal's messes were available for W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s.

I am sure that there are plenty who will agree with me on this subject, and will think as I do, that something ought to be done, regarding the matter.

RANKER.

RECORD SUM TO BE WON.

Delay Of One Post May Mean A Loss Of 500 Marks.

CHRISTMAS COMPETITION.

Bear in mind the important condition attaching to our Christmas Football Competition offer! The 500 marks we are adding to the prize money for No. 13 contest, will, as we have already stated, in the event of a tie, be awarded to the competitor whose coupon was first received by us.

Therefore, delay in sending your efforts this week may easily mean a loss of 500 marks. The moral is obvious; send at once and, in making a bid for the record sum which we are confident will be subscribed, make due allowances for what may happen, as well as for what you think will happen.

While the keen student of form has an undoubted pull, there are occasions when his superior knowledge are his undoing. Each week produces surprise results; there is always the element of chance to reckoned with. The team that by all paper records should win sometimes experiences bad luck and fails.

Legislate for all eventualities and your chance of winning our bumper prize will be greatly enhanced.

As in our previous contests, last week's coupon again presented surprises. Bristol City found Grimsby at home too severe an obstacle and were lucky to get one point.

Barnsley's draw at South Shields upset numerous calculations and the failure of Everton to atone at Nottingham floored many competitors. Dumbarton's surprise win at Paisley also accounted for a large number of failures.

On the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 13,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S./40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 13.

Date of matches, Saturday, Dec. 20th.
Closing date, Friday, Dec. 19th.

Arsenal	**v. Sheffield Wed.**
Everton	**v. Liverpool**
Manchester U.	**v. Newcastle**
Wolves	**v. Hull City**
Bradford City	**v. Notts County**
Barnsley	**v. Tottenham**
Bristol City	**v. Blackpool**
Aston Villa	**v. Oldham**
Swindon	**v. Palace**
Kilmarnock	**v. Partick**

I enter Football Competition No. 13 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions aledy announced and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

INNISKILLINGS v. N.A.C.B.

Cavalry Defeat "Canteeners" unmercifully.

At Kalk on Saturday. The game started off at express speed, the N.A.C.B. scoring the first and their only goal. After this, the N.A.C.B. defence had a very busy time, and had it not been for the brilliant display of their left back the ultimate score must have been double figures. However, the Cavalry soon after started scoring — first through Keys, the second by Sgt. Bennett, and yet a third by Southwell. Thus at the interval, the Cavalry were leading by a score of 3—1.

The second half commenced by an unfruitful, but nevertheless, brilliant piece of work by the N.A.C.B. centre-forward, who is undoubtedly a very fine player, and some of his attempts to penetrate the Cavalry defence were certainly deserving of a better fate, but he received little assistance from the other forwards, so that all his attempts were in vain. Then the Cavalry again got into full swing and simply rolled down like an irresistable avalanche on to the N.A.C.B. defence, volleying in a dozen shots in as many minutes, and the goal-keeper did well in saving; especially one shot fired in from twenty yards out by Southwell, at which the goal-keeper had literally to throw himself, collect, and hurriedly clear before the on-coming forwards reached him. The Cavalry would not be denied, and before the end they scored four more goals.

WARWICKS WIN.

52nd Royal Warwicks v. 113 Brigade R.F.A.

At Gladbach the Warwicks were at full strength and there was pretty keen excitement when the teams lined up. The Warwicks won the toss and kicked off with the slope in their favour. They immediately attacked and Brown was called on to save, which he did ina splendid manner. The Warwicks kept going and after ten minutes play Rodgers scored.

In the second half the Artillery came into prominence, but in front of goal they were very erratic. The left-half and back of the Warwicks were splendid, but the goalkeeper was inclined to hold on to the ball.

Final: Warwicks 1; 113 Bde. R.F.A. 0.

The defence of both sides was wonderful, in view of the treacherous ground.

HOCKEY.

11th Queens v. 51st Northumberland Fusiliers.

This match was played on the 11th Queens ground on the Exerzier Platz, Kalk, on Wednesday, and resulted in a draw 1-1.

The 11th Queens, having won the toss, played with the slope slightly in their favour and play was very fast. Eventually the 51st Northumberland Fusiliers scored.

On the resumption the game continued to be very keenly contested, both sides making efforts to score, but just before time Lieut. Churcher succeeded in scoring for the Queens. Neither side were able to gain the lead, and a very strenuous and pleasant game ended in a draw.

SOUTH AFRICAN CRICKET.

A delayed Reuter's telegram from Cape Town states that a three days' cricket match at Newlands between the Western Province and the Australian I.F. resulted in a draw. The Australians batted first and compiled 269, the Western Provinces following with 153.

In the second innings the A.I.F. declared when 164 for 6, the home team scoring 141 for seven.

36 C.C.S. v. 2 C.C.S.

A Close Finish to a Keen Game.

Despite the hard and frosty ground, a capital game was witnessed at the Stadtwald on Saturday, 36 C.C.S. winning by the only goal scored.

The home team forced the game at the start, but No. 2 soon asserted themselves and obtained several corners, which were cleared. A good run by the "36" placed Harrison with an almost open goal before him, but his shot went woefully wide.

There was some exciting play in front of the visitors' goal in the second half. Eventually Jones obtained possession from Bates and sent in a swift shot which hopelessly beat the visiting custodian. This success appeared to liven up the home team, who continued to press vigorously, but their shooting was very weak. Several corners were forced, Armsdon missing the goal by inches.

No. 2 were superior at forward, but the "36" defence proved equal to all that was demanded of them, Lewis in particular showing capital form. The forwards were weak, Jones being the most prominent. Of the losers, Woodcock and Brown were the more conspicuous, the forwards although lively, finishing weakly.

Q.M.S. Rogers, R.E., proved an efficient referee.

THE WRONG GOAL.

A.M.F.O. Back Heads into his Own Net.

The 257th A.E. Coy, met the A.M.F.O. on the Inniskilling Dragoons' ground on Friday. The Company attacked vigorously at the outset and were rewarded. Amond, receiving from Wormwell, centered, and one of the opposing backs headed into his own goal. Almost immediately, Idle added No. 2 with a brilliant drive. The "Traffic" tried hard to reduce the lead, but Riley, in goal, was equal to their efforts. Just before half-time Idle beat all opposition and scored number three.

On resuming, the "Traffic" attacked hotly, and a smart movement on the left wing resulted in a goal. The Company then took command and Simpson scored their fourth goal with a fast drive.

The "Traffic" tried hard to reduce the lead, but Ward and White were always on the alert. Time came with the Company victors by four goals to one.

Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY LEAGUE.

Eleven Entries For Proposed Tournament.

The following entries have been received for the proposed Hockey League to be run under the auspices of the Cologne Branch the Y.M.C.A. Further entries are expected.

10th Queen R.W.S.	41st M.G.C.
11th Queen R.W.S.	12th Squadron R.A.F.
51st Northumberland Fusiliers.	R.A. Vehicle Reception Park.
51st Warwicks	R.A. Tank Coy.
52nd Rifle Bde.	Y.M.C.A. Headquarters.
	R.A. Signal Battn.

BASKET BALL.

The Basket Ball entries were as follows:

51st N.F.	51st Warwicks.
41st M.G.C.	10th Queens R.W.S.
11th Queens R.W.S.	19th Middlesex.
R.E. Signal Bn.	52nd Kings L.R.

THE BIGGEST YET.

To the number of huge purse offers for the Carpentier-Dempsey fight another has now been received from Australia for a meeting in Melbourne, stated to be the largest bid yet made.

BLACKBURN'S NEW STARS.

Will they lift the Rovers out of the Mire?

ROLLO AND REILLY.

In February 1914 at Ayresome Park Middlesbrough in the International between England and Ireland, the Sons of Erin were handicapped by a winger being unable to appear, but David Rollo came from back to the right wing berth and surprised everyone by his dashing display.

This incident serves to show the versatility of the Rover's new defender. He has figured more often at left than right back in International games and the Ewood Park lot have made a capture.

Rollo was seven years ago booked by Linfield; he cost them nothing and now he has vacated his captaincy of the Irish team for a sum given out as £2,000, the highest figure ever paid for a player from Ireland.

Linfield have parted with a great player and their supporters are rather sore at this, but Rollo expressed his own opinions and was allowed to leave.

His father by the way is a member of the Irish Football League Management Committee.

FRANK REILLY.

The other Blackburn capture, from Falkirk, Frank Reilly, also expressed a wish to be transferred and this alone caused the Falkirk directorate to give way. A splendid pivot with all the characteristics of the Scottish style, he has soon made his presence felt in the Rover's eleven.

He was discovered by the "Bairns" when appearing at left half for East Stirlingshire and was subsquently signed His first appearance in first class circles was against Kilmarnock when he was given the centre half position. So well did he fill it that he has never been displaced. A bird whispers "Jocky" Simpson had a lot to do with the Rovers securing his signature and he never did the Ewood Park lot a better turn.

Blackburn have now in addition to these new "stars," McGhie, Dawson Walmsley (A) Robinson, Duckworth and Hodkinson again available for service. The first two mentioned have each been out of the game for three months.

With this talent on duty it won't be long ere we have the Rovers as of old making a bold bid for a place among the leaders. Their position to-day may not appear to warrant this optimism, but events should prove the assertion correct.

Anyhow it's safe betting they won't go "out" as some dismal scribes have been stating.

GATWICK RACING.

Poethlyn's Fine Gallop in Wickham 'Chase.

The appearance of Poethlyn in the Wickham Steeplechase at Gatwick on Saturday attracted a large crowd to the Surrey enclosure.

Escott's horse had only two opponents —Bushranger III. and White Trout—who both fell. The favourite jumped in his usual fine style and won by a distance from White Trout, who was remounted and finished second.

Courtland 'Chase.—Race declared void.

Horsham Hurdle.—Neilgherry (11-10), 1. Promoter (3-1), 2; Marius (100-8), 3.

Headly Juvenile Hurdle.—Vertigo (5-1), 1; Girvan (10-1), 2; Irish Fair (10-1), 3.

Croydon Hurdle.—Hollins Lane (4-1), 1; Watergruel (5-6), 2; Court Bleddyn (10-1), 3.

Wickham 'Chase.—Poethlyn (8-1 on), 1; White Trout (8-1), 2; Bushranger III. fell.; three ran.

Novices' 'Chase.—Bonnie Charlie (10-1), 1; Shantoi (11-2), 2; Happy Jack (100-8), 3.

ABE MITCHELL IN FORM.

In a thirty-six hole golf match at Sonning, on Sunday afternoon, Abe Mitchell played Miss Cecil Leitch. Mitchell started with a lead of four holes which he later increased to six. Miss Leitch did not win a single hole and was eventually beaten by 9 up and seven to play, Mitchell going out with 35 against 43.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

How the First-class Teams Fared on Saturday.

COMMENTS AND RESULTS.

In the first division of the league, Saturday's results supplied few surprises.

The victory of the Villa at Manchester was, however, a meritorious performance, and to take both points from Old Trafford reflects great credit on the Villa Park lot. Blackburn saved a point at Derby, and the presence of Dawson once again leading the line is having its effect. The Rovers are coming back and the danger zone should soon be but a memory.

Everton were lucky to take a point from Notts County, and the drawn game at Bolton was a fitting result. Each of the five leading teams secured full spoils. The games at West Bromwich, Burnley and Newcastle supplied keen football and these clubs are striving very hard to retain their positions with Sunderland hard on their heels.

SECOND LEAGUE.

Tottenham won again, and seem dead certs on present form for the upper circle. Stoke put up a plucky fight at Birmingham and with a little luck might have secured a point. Blackpool's failure at home, where Huddersfield secured three goals against a nil reply, was a shock to their supporters. But even this surprise was not equal to the one Hull City supplied. To be beaten, and decisively beaten at that, by Lincoln, who had only two victories to their credit, needs some explaining. Grimsby again proved they are no mean opponents on their own ground, by taking a point from Bristol City, and Barnsley by a sterling display escaped defeat on Tyneside.

What can one say of Coventry than that they are the unluckiest eleven in first-class football.

New blood, new officials, players who, if placed on transfer, would bring huge sums and yet still without a win. Their display against West Ham was far better than the score suggests and Miller, secured from Everton, was the best forward on the field.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Swindon gave Northampton another shock and got home by the odd goal in five, while Crystal Palace accounted for Queen's Park Rangers by the only goal of the match. Millwall, who played Tainsh, of Alloa Athletic, in their team, gave Portsmouth an anxious time and a draw would have been a fitting result.

Watford put paid to the account of the men from Reading and took a tighter grip on the second place. They make no secret of their ambitions and Portsmouth cannot afford to make any mistakes.

Newport secured their fifth win and provided Wales with a welcome victory, Cardiff failing at Southend.

Appended are the results:—

The League.—Division I.

Bolton Wanderers	1	Bradford City	1
Bradford	3	Preston N. E.	3
Burnley	2	Oldham Athletic	1
Chelsea	3	Arsenal	1
Derby County	0	Blackburn Rov.	0
Liverpool	1	Middlesbrough	0
Manchester United	1	Aston Villa	2
Newcastle United	2	Sheffield United	1
West Bromwich Alb.	2	Manchester City	0
Notts County	1	Everton	1
Sheffield Wednesday	1	Sunderland	2

The League.—Division II.

Birmingham	2	Stoke	1
Blackpool	0	Huddersfield Town	3
Clapton Orient	1	Notts Forest	0
Grimsby Town	2	Bristol City	2
Port Vale	2	Bury	2
Lincoln City	2	Hull City	0
Rotherham County	1	Leicester City	0
South Shields	0	Barnsley	0
Stockport County	4	Wolverhampton W.	1
Tottenham Hotspur	4	Fulham	0
West Ham United	2	Coventry City	0

Southern League.

Bristol Rovers	1	Southampton	1
Brentford	1	Swansea Town	1
Crystal Palace	1	Queen's Park Rang.	0
Merthyr Town	4	Gillingham	0
Northampton	2	Swindon Town	3
Norwich City	0	Exeter City	0
Newport County	1	Brighton and H.	0
Plymouth Argyle	1	Luton	0
Portsmouth	3	Millwall	2
Southend United	1	Cardiff City	1
Watford	3	Reading	1

Scottish League.

Airdrieonians	0	Celtic	0
Ayr United	2	Greenock Morton	0
Clyde	4	Queen's Park	2
Clydebank	0	Glasgow Rangers	0
Dundee	5	Raith Rovers	4
Falkirk	3	Hearts	3
Hamilton Academic.	0	Albion Rovers	2
Hibernians	4	Kilmarnock	1
Partick Thistle	2	Motherwell	1
St. Mirren	1	Dumbarton	5
Third Lanark	2	Aberdeen	2

Rugby Union.

	Pts.		Pts.
Cheshire	9	Durham	18
Gloucestershire	18	Cornwall	8
South (Scotland)	15	North (Scotland)	8
Bath	9	Cheltenham	0
Blackheath	5	Leicester	0
Cardiff	22	The Army	3
Edinburgh Univ.	8	Oxford University	30
Guy's Hospital	10	London Welsh	0
Harlequins	8	Old Merchant Taylors	5
Llanelly	8	Penarth	0
London Scottish	35	United Services (Chatham)	3
Newport	40	Cambridge University	8
Northampton	15	Gloucester	8
Rosslyn Park	0	Richmond	6
Swansea	10	R.A.F.	10
United Services (Portsmouth)	33	London Irish	10

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

Y.M.C.A. Bonn.

Gross Bonn on Saturday evening was again a scene of much enjoyment and fun, when the time was given up to dancing and games. The former was a favourite with many, especially as the men could choose their own dances. During the interval, various games were played including balloon ball, at which a team from the King's beat teams of Manchesters and R.G.A. On the 17th there is to be another flying billiards tournament, and intending competitors should be present at six o'clock to hand in their names. Good prizes will again be awarded.

Barker—Fry Recital.

At the Dischsaal to-morrow there will be a concert of unusual interest. The presentation of German classics by English performers strikes an interesting note which is bound to attract a large number representatives of both nationalities. Alfred Barker has selected several of the best known works which will certainly receive capable treatment. Howard Fry will submit various baritone solos while Prof. Arnold Krögel will preside at the piano.

Leave Club Events.

At the British Empire Leave Club tonight an impromtu concert at 5 o'clock will be followed by a performance of "Lady Frederick" at 6 p.m. A chess tournament is announced for 6.30.

By One Vote.

An interesting Debate was held at the British Empire Leave Club on Friday. The motion for discussion was, "That in the opinion of this House the English attitude towards questions of morality is better than the Continental." Pte. Doughty opened in support of the motion, and was followed by Pte. Turner, who spoke against. The motion was carried by one vote.

Roller Skating.

There will be scenes of revelry in the No. 1 Army Cinema, Komödienstrasse, this evening when the hall, completely transformed, will be opened as a skating rink. The floor, which is extremely smooth, is of hard wood while the skates available are of the best. The lighting scheme is on artistic lines. The G.H.Q. Jazz Band will dispense lively music from the platform, refreshments will be served, and, of course, there is "Mugs Ally" for the benefit of the uninitiated. Altogether the newest of Army amusements promises to be a great success.

Dancing at the A.G. and C. College.

The Invitation Dance held at the Army General and Commercial College on Saturday last was as enjoyable as its predecessors, and one can add but little more. They are the most enjoyable, if not the largest, functions held in Cologne.

One would like to say sometning about the beautiful dresses, of which there were very many, but, as a mere man, I refrain. Of course there were some nice biscuit-coloured dresses cut high at the neck and decorated with pretty brassards and some in delicate grey, also some delicious khaki, but the others were too varied and complicated to attempt. One in pure white and another a sort of golden confection, adorned by a splendid amber necklace, were remarked.

One amusing feature was the raffle, where one might pay a certain sum for a ticket, and a little extra to escape winning a bead bag. Miss Decima Moore drew the numbers, and, we hear, missed several, whose owners thought they deserved better treatment.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY.	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Tuesday	No Performance			
Wed.	The Taming of the Shrew	Goetz	7	10.15
Thurs.	Rigoletto	Verdi	7	9.30
Fri.	The Women without Shadow	Strauss	6	10.15
Sat.	Tosca	Puccini	7	9.45
Sun.	Faust	Gounod	6	10
Mon.	Ein Maskenball	Verdi	7	10
Tues.	Hansel und Gretel	Humperdinck	6	8

Deutsches Sunday Concert.

The Grand Ballad Concert given at the Deutsches Theatre on Sunday night was again a huge success; there were no vacant seats, and every seat contained a person who was obviously enjoying him or herself.

Eric Morgan sang two suites, each containing six songs, and was enthusiastically encored. All his songs whether French, Italian or English were enjoyed, but we would particularly mention "Bergere Legere," "Chanson Triste," "To Anthea" and "Cherry Ripe." Martha Bruch gave us a rare treat in her rendering of the "Aria" from "Samson and Delilah," to which she added "How Shines the Dew," "The Minstrel," and "Cecily."

The baritone, Howard Fry, was better than we ever heard him in the Floral Dance, while "Still as the Night" was a delightful number. The playing of Alfred Barker made us deplore yet further "The Exigencies" of the military situation, that is if they continue to be exigent. His conducting of the specially augmented orchestra, too, was fine.

A novel treat was Lieut. Percy's excellent rendering of the recitation "The Happy Prince," a delightful story told in Percy's inimitable style. A word must be added about that master accompanist Herr Kroegel. Never have we heard more wonderful or sympathetic work at the piano.

Leave Club Concert.

A successful concert, by kind permission of the Commanding Officer, was given by the Band of the 20th King's Royal Rifle Corps at the British Empire Leave Club on Sunday evening to a crowded and appreciative audience. Among the most successful items were selections from "The Bohemian Girl" and "The Dream Princess Waltz", also a cornet solo by a member of the Band. The soloists for the evening included Miss Urquhart, B.E.L.C., who gave a charming rendering of "Until", followed by Huntingdon Woodman's "An Open Secret". Conductor Dix sang "If I might only come to you" and "Songs of Araby", with style and finish. Two violin solos were exquisitely played by Miss Lavie, B.E.L.C. The programme concluded with the Regimental March, played with great spirit.

To Coblenz.

The Audrey Esmond party has entertained packed audiences at the Y.M.C.A. Central, Cologne, during the past week On Friday I found that one needed a shoe-horn to get in the hall and a corkscrew to get out. The party are going down to Coblenz to-day to keep the "Amurricans" from pining too much for God's own country.

JACQUES.

ANOTHER FRENCH VICTORY.

Ledoux Causes Ross to Retire in the Twelfth Round.

Another British Champion went under to a Frenchman in Paris on Sunday evening, when Walter Ross, the British Bantam-weight champion, was defeated by Charles Ledoux, champion of France.

Ledoux, a fiery fighter, who recently defeated Jim Driscoll, started favourite and confirmed public opinion of his fighting powers. Ross was floored in the sixth round for a count of nine and later for a count of six. He fought pluckily, however, and not until his left eye was completely closed did he abandon the fight in the twelfth round.

BILLIARDS.

Newman and Smith gain easy Victories.

The final scores in the Newman-Falkiner billiards match at Burroughes Hall, concluded on Saturday, were:—

Newman	16,000
Falkiner	11,288

At Thurston's the struggle between Smith and Inman resulted as follows:—

Smith	16,000
Inman	15,030

ARMY FOOTBALL.

Second Round Army Cup.

1st. Manchesters 3, 1st. H.L.I. nil.

Replay Match.

Army Gymnastic Staff 6, R.A.S.C. nil.

SCOTTISH RUGBY TRIAL.

South, 15; North, 8.

The Scottish international trial match was played at Galashiels, before 2,000 spectators. Wilson and Logan, both of Selkirk, were unable to play for the South, while Pathilo, Stewart, and Johnston were absent from the North. Within ten minutes of the start Dickie opened the scoring for the South with an unconverted try. Emslie equalised by kicking a penalty goal. Before the interval, however, the South again assumed the lead, Dickie scoring a second try.

The play was resumed in a downpour of rain. The North forwards, showing fine, open play, Bodenstein and Lindsay made an opening for Duffus to score, Emslie converting. The South then took the game in hand, and as the result of good play by their back division, scored three tries in quick succession through Elliott, Clark, and Naylor.

RHINE GARRISON FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

In the list of fixtures of to-morrow's matches in connection with the Rhine Garrison Football Association League published in Sunday's issue the undermentioned teams were omitted:

Rhine Garrison M.T. Coy. v. Rhine Garrison Train
Rhine Garrison Signal Bn. v. 142 Field Ambulance
52nd. Northumberland Fusiliers Bye.

SOCCER AT COBLENZ.

The British department of the Inter-Allied Rhineland High Commission soccer team supplemented by American players will meet a British team from Cologne at the Island Field Dec. 21, and a French eleven on New Year's Day, says "The Amaroc News."

The Cologne team to appear at Coblenz is the 51st Northumberland Fusiliers and is said to be one of the crack soccer organizations of the British Rhine Army. The French team is from Metz, and is ranked among the best of the French army.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Last Posting Days.

Next Friday is the last day on which letters intended for delivery in the British Isles by Christmas should be posted. Those for London can be accepted up to Saturday? Parcels for London must be posted to-day.

Christmas is Coming.

In several large houses in Riehlerstrasse Christmas decorations are visible. Through lighted windows, one could see an abundance of crinkled paper, bonbons, and evergreens.

The Cold Snap.

The cold snap is giving some skating and the open stretches of water on the right bank of the Rhine are all covered with ice.

Sunday Skating.

Though the ice on the miniature lakes Bensberg way did not look any too safe, on Sunday crowds of juveniles of both sexes were disporting themselves on rough surfaces and appeared to be enjoying themselves.

Plenty of Room.

There was certainly plenty of room for all. A boy and a girl had a pond all to themselves. In common with other youthful skaters they showed rare skill.

Skating Attire.

Striking skating attire was to be seen. One youngster was wearing a bowler that jammed down over his ears. Another was clad in a bright crimson jersey with hat to match. He was certainly a picturesque figure.

Frühstückstablet.

This is the name applied to the little wood boards which are placed on the German breakfast table on which one cuts any meat etc. The idea has, I learn, greatly interested wives out here.

Tank Pioneers.

Despite the Peace Society's appeal to parents most of the toys in the shop windows are reminders of the great war. At one establishment there is a model of a tank, inscribed, "Originelle Englisch."

Tommy's Friend.

I notice that the popular soldier's club so long famed for its ten pfennig cup of tea, has at last been forced to raise the price, but even now the price is the lowest, so far as I am aware.

Sprechen Sie Deutsch?

Our bookshop in the Arcade now has a plentiful supply of Colonel Maude's "Sprechen sie Deutsch and Parley Voo," the excellent little pocket phrase book published by Forster Groom and Co. Unit commanders wishing for a supply in bulk may obtain them at 3/6 per dozen or 25/- per hundred. They make quite useful little Christmas gifts.

Traffic in Liquor.

The latest proclamation over the signature of the Military Governor states that the sale, gift, or supply to the civil population and the purchase or acceptance in any manner by the civil population of alcoholic drink other than wine or beer, is forbidden except on production of a medical certificate. Similarly the sale, gift, or supply of alcoholic drink other than wine or beer to soldiers is forbidden.

A Christmas Tip.

I hear that our Football Competition department is all out for a bumper Xmas number. The amount subscribed, which is expected to be a record in itself, is to be augmented, by no less a sum than 500 marks. The total will be a useful Christmas Box for one fortunate individual, that is providing it is won outright. The announcement, curiously enough, will be automatically made on Christmas Day. Don't let the number 13 keep you from contributing; the days of superstition are past.

The Economy Campaign.

An official injunction calls attention to the increased cost of stationery and orders the strictest economy in its use.

Closing of Port of Boulogne.

Boulogne will be closed as a military port from January 1st, and all personel for leave and demobilization will travel via Calais. The last sailing to and from Boulogne for leave personnel will be on Dec. 31st.

Bismarck.

I notice a book devoted to this famous statesman bears on the cover a mailed hand grasping a sword. Quite appropriate.

This Weather!

They were arguing about reorganisation and the different missions in Cologne. "Wonder what the Italians are doing here," came a question. "Reorganising the ice-cream traffic," was a swift reply.

The Date.

Recently a friend of mine inquired of a young lady when she was last at confession. She discovered the date written in, of all things, the "Brotbuch."

Passengers' Alarm.

Considerable alarm was caused near the Dom yesterday afternoon, when, owing to the faulty points, the rear coach of a tram broke the connecting bar and jumped the rails. The passengers were badly shaken but fortunately no one was hurt.

Catholic Clubs.

I learn that branches of the Catholic Clubs are shortly closing down. There are but four left. However the Cologne branch still carries on.

First Mail.

I saw a photograph yesterday of the first post-war direct mail from America to Germany. It was, as could be expected, a large one.

Mend a Tear.

A Cologne tailoring firm specialises in mending holes in clothes. Their business is, I am told, an extensive one, due, of course, to high prices of new garments at present obtaining.

A Trifle Mixed.

If you see the sign, "Clothes, Sunday morning," on the door of a certain institution, don't run away with the idea that there is a clothing parade on the Sabbath. For "clothes" read "closed" and the mystery is solved.

No Lorries.

Have you noticed the new signs over famous "No Lorries" inscriptions at the several entrances to the Hohestrasse Arcade? It was a humorist who put them up evidently. The idea that one will purchase so many books as to need a lorry to take them away is really not absurd, it is funny.

Registration of Baggage.

Officers travelling by the leave train to Cologne should note that a representative of the German baggage department will take over the baggage and issue it in exchange for registration tickets. On the out journey these will be issued when the luggage is placed in the van.

Brave Young Guards.

A typical act of gallantry has just come to light. It seems that Sergeant Arthurs, Ptes. Hutchinson, Fellows and Edmunds, of the 51st Royal Warwickshire Regt., at great personal risk put out a fire which occurred at Fort 12, where women were extracting bullets from S.A.A. When the men entered, the room was choked with burning cordite and S.A.A. was exploding. It required over an hour's work to put the fire out.

RHINELANDER.

NOTES FROM LONDON TOWN.

WEST END SHOP SPIES.

There seems to be an epidemic of ultra-vigilance, not to use too harsh a term, in the big West End shops just now. Police Court reports do not reveal any increase in shop-lifting, but nevertheless prospective purchasers, who desire to look round before deciding to part with what is more often than not an outrageous price for anything, are closely shadowed by shop assistants, who are for ever badgering them with entirely unnecessary questions as to what they wish to see, together with plain intimations that they need not take the trouble to find fault where no fault is. It is all very annoying, and if the shops do not wish to lose custom they had better cease to punish the thousands of honest people for the sins of the few.

THE AUSTRALIAN MOSES.

"I cannot help thinking if Moses had stood for Parliament he would have mentioned that little matter in the desert." This is Mr. Justice Darling's latest quip, and I daresay his ever-ready wit helped the plaintiff, Mr. Stephen Kelly, to his verdict in to-day's libel suit against a Brixton newspaper. Mr. Kelly, an ex-Australian sapper, put up for the L.C.C. and incidentally issued a pamphlet on his water-locating exploits in the Gallipoli campaign. The defendant's counsel put it to Mr. Kelly that this publicity was boasting, but Mr. Justice Darling, apt as ever, chimed in with the legend of Horeb. Anzacs will know more than most of us about Mr. Kelly's claims, but at least the place whence the water flowed would have been rightly named Meribah (Strife).

SCOTTISH HUMOUR.

Sir John Randles' story in the "Weekly Dispatch" of the old lady who hailed a passer-by with "Man, man! Stop ma coo!" meeting with the answer "Wumman! Ah'm no a man, Ah'm a magistrate," recalls that quip in one of Arthur Jones' comedies. A young lady, asked whether her father was a gentleman, hesitatingly answered, "Well, he's a solicitor". But Sir John's story is intended to prove that the Scot is a humorist. If it proves anything it illustrates once again that pawky quality inherent, for example, in the celebrated Professor Caird, who when asked by a Salvationist in the street "Are you saved?" replied "Yes, I am as a matter of fact, but a don't like to brag aboot it!"

THE BRONTOSAURUS.

The Buluwayo press is exciting our curiosity about a prehistoric monster rejoicing in the name of the Brontosaurus. Already the modern Beowulfs and Siegfrieds are making preparations to beard this terrifying jabberwocky in its native haunts, and I gather that the name of Captain L. B. Stevens, M.C., has been mentioned as one of the explorers who may be going out to South Africa on the quest. One description has it that the Brontosaurus is covered with scales even to the end of its tail, and sports great vermilion spots, with yellow streaks radiating therefrom, all over its, pulsating body. Some authorities seem to be rather sceptical, one professor scouting the existence of any unknown species of the dinosaur. Perhaps it is our old friend the Dragon of Wantley.

LUXURY MOTORS.

The costliest car for wealthy Londoners is still the new six-cylinder Napier, which, a few weeks ago, at all events cost £1,750 for the chassis alone. During the motor show, both the Rolls-Royce and Lanchester Cars went up to £1,850, but the price of the Napier chassis has, I am told, been advanced to some 2000 guineas—a record price for the British Automobile industry. This sounds like a war-time figure, and reminds me of a certain business man of London who sold a first-rate car for £5,000 under the impression that he could soon replace it. He found he could not, and had to repurchase it for £7,000.

THE INSTITUTION OF STRAP-HANGING.

Tube and tram travellers have learned with dismay that strap-hanging is to be a permanent feature of British life. We have it on the authority of Sir Albert Stanley, who told his hearers at the Savoy Hotel yesterday that we owe this gloomy prospect to the fact that walking has become an unknown art. This too, after all the expectations raised by that lachrymose poster from the ex-President of the Board of Trade, which admitted the Underground's shortcomings, spoke of new cars in process of building, and held out hopes of the promised land. And now after all we must trapeze home for the rest of our lives and be thankful that the law allows nothing less to satisfy the contract "safely and securely to carry."

PERISCOPE.

FOR BUSINESS MEN IN RHINELAND.

A FRENCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The French newspaper, "l'exportateur français," announces for the near future the creation of a Chamber of Commerce for Occupied Germany with the seat in Paris and a branch in Mayence. This chamber will be in direct connection with the French Ministry for the rebuilding of the devastated area and with the French Foreign Office.

AN INTER-ALLIED RULING.

By order of the inter-Allied Commission of the Rhineland the subjects of Allied and Associated powers living in the Rhineland will have to pay all direct taxes and custom taxes just as the Germans do. All the foreign firms with their big transactions will have to submit to this order but not those persons belonging to the allied Armies.

THE EXPORT OF COAL AND DYE-STUFFS.

In a letter to the "Frankfurt Gazette," a prominent member of the German chemical industry points out that while the proposed sale of coal by Germany to Switzerland is obviously intended to improve the exchange rate, as it would enable Germany to pay for its imports with foreign bills, it nevertheless is an economic mistake to export raw materials when these might be better employed for the manufacture of far more valuable products available for export, as, for instance, is the case of tar-dyes from coal. As a matter of fact the export value in this particular instance is enhanced a hundredfold. So that if 1,000 tons of coal are sent abroad, the country gets but a hundredth of what it would obtain were the tar dye-stuffs extracted from the said quantity of coal exported. Moreover, the Government ought to bear in mind that the dole to be paid to the unemployed, which might otherwise be required to work up these 1,000 tons of coal into tar dye-stuffs, must be discounted from the export value of the coal.

PROHIBITION OF GERMAN IMPORTS TO SWITZERLAND.

According to a private wire from Zurich, the Swiss Federal Council have issued an order prohibiting the import from Germany of articles pertaining to the furniture trade until further notice, in order to prevent the breakdown of Swiss factories in consequence of the market being glutted by foreign makes. And as though to lend additional strength to this order the Wolff Exchange now reports from Karlsruhe (Baden) that the Baden Minister of the Interior has issued an order to the effect that the export from Baden to Switzerland of all articles of furniture, glassware, porcelain, pottery, household utensils, articles of daily use, agricultural implements of all kinds, ironmongery, cloth, wearing apparel, boots and shoes, and commercial stationery is henceforth forbidden.

NEW COMMERCIAL COMMISSIONER.

Mr. Thomas Robbins has been appointed Commercial Commissioner in Germany. He is taking up his duties immediately at Berlin. The position is more of less that of a commercial Secretary, and he will be working with Col. Thelwall. Mr. Robbins was an officer for some time at Duren, where he, in addition to his military duties, conducted trade enquiries with regard to raw materials and textiles.

BARRACK-ROOM DIALOGUES.

I. EAU-DE-COLOGNE.

After 'lights out' Konky lights a cigarette and becomes as garrulous as a Cathedral guide. On this occasion he was interested in eau-de-Cologne.

"I say Fatty," he said, "what's this 'ere ody Cologne?"

"Water of Cologne," said Fatty.

"What, does they get it out of the Rhine, then?

"I don't know . . . . very possibly."

"Yes, but where do they get the nice smell from? . . . . its enough to knock you down towards the pontoon bridge . . . . Whew!"

"They perfume it," said Fatty.

"How does they fumigate it"?

"Oh, I don't know . . . . they crush roses and add the juice or something of the sort; they put spirits in it as well."

"What, whisky?"

"No, alcohol."

"Yes, but what does they call it ody Cologne for? . . . . old Buggins says it comes from other places as well."

"Yes, a lot comes from Jersey."

"What, does the Rhine run into Jersey, then?"

"No, you blockhead . . . . Jersey's an island."

"O, come orf it . . . . you don't know all about it . . . . I bet you don't know what they calls it 4711 for."

"Do you know?"

"Rather . . . . its the regimental number of the bloke what discovered it . . . . what yer larfing at? . . . . fat lot you know about ody Cologne."

C.W.Y.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

No More.—The final war honours list has made its appearance.

Help For Belgium.—Belgium has concluded a British loan for £50,000,000.

Spanish Politics.—Another Spanish Cabinet has been formed.

The O'Grady Way.—Mr. O'Grady returned Litvinoff's peace offer unopened.

But not Enjoying Them.—Girls are smoking cigars in London restaurants.

A Glut.—Sprats were sold at 1d. a lb. at Weymouth yesterday.

London's Youngest.—The leading lady in "Fifinella" is only sixteen years of age.

One Relief.—There are no restrictions on passenger train parcels at home.

Lure of the Label.—Inexpensive "Gifts" in London shops include articles priced at hundreds of pounds.

The Direct Snub.—The Railway Servants Hospital Fund returned a cheque representing the earnings of a strike breaker.

Now Ex-Officers!—Captain Barnett M.P. says there is wealth beyond the dreams of avarice in Persia.

Direct Action.—An Adare woman who refused to join a labourers' strike was pulled out of bed and beaten.

Search For Tall Venus.—A "Statuesque woman" is the latest requirement of the stage in the Palace Theatre revue.

Mrs. Atkins for India.—Another batch of soldiers' wives have left England to join their husbands in India.

Tragic.—An ex-flying officer is said to be distributing handbills for a London advertising firm.

Battle-scarred.—Battle scarred 'busses are to be repaired and put to their old uses.

Free Church Padres.—The Admiralty is considering the appointment of Nonconformist chaplains to the Navy.

Everybody Dancing.—Boarding houses are preparing for tea dances, dinner dances and even lunch dances.

The Popular Fancy.—The boxing boom has extended to the Riviera. Visitors to Monte Carlo will be well supplied with it.

Wind up.—Pte. Melvin, the Black Watch V. C., after being decorated, declined to be photographed.

To New Uses.—France is considering the conversion of old warships into colliers.

Never Again.—Ross Smith's mechanic says he would not do the trip to Australia again for £10,000.

For England.—The "River Clyde" of Dardanelles fame is to be towed to England for national preservation.

Franc Up.—Clemenceau's visit to England has produced an improvement in the value of the franc.

No Gold Coins Yet.—Banking experts adhere to the view that gold coins are not necessary.

Cheap.—Herefordshire growers claim that they are unable to obtain even 2d. per pound for apples.

Expensive Paris.—The allowance in lieu of rations for troops remaining in Paris is increased to 12 francs per diem.

Ever-Open Door.—Red Triangle Institutes have been established in 35 Leicestershire villages.

The First.—The first German vessel flying the German flag to enter Plymouth since the war, has arrived.

Fastidious.—Burglars at Golders Green packed up a woman's sleeping suit with other things.

We Shouldn't Object.—A Paris wedding was postponed because the bride's dress showed too much silk stocking.

The Simple Life.—Lady Carbery told the Divorce Court that when in Africa with her husband she lived like a savage.

A Batman's Lapse.—General Vaughan, commanding the Cavalry Brigade at Aldershot, prosecuted his batman for stealing a camera.

Not a Cuthbert.—An Admiralty clerk brought up at Old Bailey said he had a spirit which craved for thrills as a drunkard craved for drink.

Keeping his Promise.—The Prince of Wales has taken up the case of the Portsmouth unemployed with the Ministry of Labour.

Thieves' Daring.—In broad daylight a safe weighing a hundredweight was removed by thieves from a Birmingham restaurant.

Fini.—From to-morrow all billeting in France and Belgium will cease. Billeting allowance will be issued to officers and men.

Who Pays Then?—The President of the London Mormons offers £200 to anyone who can prove fares to Utah are paid by the Church.

Another Big Deal.—The Government has parted with two million yards of gaberdine cloth, material used for making W.A.A.C. uniforms.

Dummies Repulsed.—General Thwaites says one of the most successful ways in which the British scored in the war was by the use of dummies.

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BOMBS AND SHOTS AT EGYPTIAN PREMIER.

LONDON CONFERENCE.

IMMEDIATE AND FUTURE BENEFITS.

The conference at Downing-street was the first meeting of the whole body of Allied and Associated Powers for a long time. The general concensus of opinion is that the international atmosphere has changed immensely for the better and brought a settlement of vexatious problems considerably nearer. The salient fact in the development of events is the partnership between France and Great Britain, which constitutes the chief and deciding influence in the task of European settlement. It is expected that Mr. Lloyd George and M. Clemenceau will meet much more frequently in the future to decide numerous administrative questions which will arise after the ratification of Peace.

The fact that the American Ambassador was present during the conversations with Signor Scialoja is regarded as significant. The Italian Minister departed for Italy yesterday, and it is understood that he bears proposals which will probably end the Fiume difficulty. Importance is also attached to the participation of the Japanese Ambassador in the Conference regarding Russia.

AMERICAN IDEALS.

OPPOSED TO THE SPIRIT OF BOLSHEVISM.

A Conference at Washington of representatives of 119 National and International Unions, including Railroad Brotherhoods, has adopted a resolution denouncing the attempts to inject the spirit of Bolshevism into the affairs of the American Labour Federation. It describes the principles of Bolshevism as destructive of American ideals. Other resolutions favoured the continuance of the Government control of railways, and urged the Senate to ratify the Peace Treaty, and the Covenant of the League of Nations, declaring that "we feel we cannot with honour or humanity maintain a policy of isolation from and disinterestedness in the distress and sufferings of European peoples."

WORLD'S END.

"HERE COMES THE BOGEY MAN"

A Central News message from Washington says that the Astronomer Royal and Sir Oliver Lodge have been interviewed. They describe as "bosh" the predictions of the Michigan Professor Porta that terrible cataclysms will happen to the earth on the 17th (to-day) as the result of the conjunction of six planets which will cause enormous sunspots, the effect of which will be to upset the earth's balance.

Sir Oliver Lodge declares that this conjunction of planets occurs every century. The Astronomer Royal has been simply overwhelmed by letters from frightened people.

AUSTRALIAN ELECTIONS.

The Australian Commonwealth elections resulted as follows:—

Nationalists (comprising Liberals and members of the Labour Party who followed Premier Hughes on the question of conscription during the war) 35; Farmers' Party (which generally supports the Hughes Government) 11; Anti-Nationalist and Labour 29.

The last house of representatives consisted of Nationalists, 49; Farmers, 3. Anti-Nationalists and Labour, 23.

ROSS SMITH'S THANKS.

Capt. Ross Smith says that the prompt construction of aerodromes by the Governor General of the Dutch East Indies greatly facilitated the flight to Australia. In fact it would otherwise have been difficult to complete the last stages. The excellent arrangements and the attentions paid to the aviators in the Dutch East Indies were largely responsible for the success of the flight.

PADEREWSKI QUITS.

M. Paderewski has finally and irrevocably resigned owing to his repeated failures to reconstruct the Polish Government. M. Skulski, ex-Mayor of Lodz and a strong anti-German, has formed a cabinet largely composed of mediocrities.

Practically all the German, Austrian, and other prisoners except Turkish have now been repatriated from Malta.

EGYPTIAN PREMIER.

DETERMINED ATTEMPT AT ASSASSINATION.

An unsuccessful attempt to assassinate the Egyptian Premier was made at Cairo on Monday morning by a student named Selim, who was immediately arrested. The scene of the outrage was outside the Italian Club, opposite General Headquarters. The assailant first threw a bomb and then fired a revolver. Three revolvers were found in his possession.

A Cairo telegram dated the 10th says that the police and British soldiers frustrated several attempts at demonstrations.

Motor lorries full of troops patrolled the city, the men alighting wherever a crowd was encountered and dispersing the throng with sticks without any difficulty. Occasionally they were obliged to fire in the air but generally speaking no resistance was offered. The demonstrations were practically confined to students.

ASIA MINOR.

FRENCH TAKE OVER THE ADMINISTRATION.

The administration of Cilicia and what are known as Occupied Enemy Territories (West) including Lebanon, Beyrut, Tripoli and Alexandretta, has been handed over to General Gouraud. North and North-East of Aleppo the British Military posts in the Marash, Aintab, Urfa and Jerablus areas have been also relieved by the French.

Occupied Enemy Territory (East) including Damascus, Homs Hama and Aleppo has been handed over to the Arabs under Emir Feisul. All British troops have now been withdrawn from Syria.

The "Morning Post" prints a message from its Alexandria correspondent dated the 7th December to the effect that all Europeans have been hastily withdrawn from Damascus owing to the open hostility shown towards both English and French as the former are supporting French policy.

Two British officers who lately arrived at Damascus were warned not to enter the city and were obliged to spend the night in concealment at the railway station.

BORDEN RETIRING.

CANADIAN PREMIER'S FAILING HEALTH.

Sir Robert L. Borden has announced his intention of retiring from the Dominion Premiership on the 1st January owing to failing health. A conference of his followers will be summoned to choose a successor. Owing to overwork at the Peace Conference Sir Robert Borden was two months ago compelled to take a six weeks' rest at Virginia Hot Springs, but while he experienced some benefit, his recent resumption of the cares of office caused a partial relapse and for the past fortnight he has suffered from insomnia. His physicians ordered him to cease work and as the Sessional preparations involve close application on the part of the Leader of the Government, Sir Robert has decided to retire.

"SPECIALS" FOR DUBLIN.

The Irish Executive have asked Civil Servants in Dublin to volunteer for service as special constables to assist the Dublin Metropolitan Police and the Royal Irish Constabulary.

The arrangements have not yet been prepared, and it is not known what response the appeal for volunteers will receive.

NEW FRENCH LOAN.

At the recent Conference at Downing-street the Economic and Financial situation was examined in great detail. In order to remedy the fall in the exchange, which is prejudicial to both nations, the British Government has agreed to the issue of a French Loan in Great Britain, the details of which will be fixed by agreement.

GERMANY'S REPLY.

The German delegation handed the German Government's reply to the Allied Note to the Secretary General of the Peace Conference at 10.30 on Monday morning.

NEW TURKISH PLOT

The Russian wireless has circulated a message to the effect that a plot has been organised at Constantinople with the object of enthroning the son of the ex-Sultan Abdul Hamid.

FOOTBALL TICKETS.

PROFITEERING NUISANCE ON THE INCREASE.

A novel profiteering case was before the magistrate at the West London Police Court on Monday, when a man was fined twenty shillings for obstruction. The defendant and several other men were outside the Chelsea football ground on Saturday selling tickets at enhanced prices and causing a commotion among the crowd seeking admission.

Some of the prices charged yielded between 400 and 500 per cent., but the defendant said that his tickets cost him 5s 9d and he sold them for 7s 6d. The magistrate declared that profiteering in football tickets was becoming a great nuisance.

AIR SERVICE.

NAVY, ARMY AND AIR FORCE IN COMBINATION.

Speaking on the Air Force estimates in the House of Commons, Mr. Winston Churchill emphasised the independent status of the Force, and expressed the opinion that it would take five years to bring the permanent post-war Air Force into the same smooth running order as were the pre-war Army and Navy.

Owing to the enormous number of aeroplanes left over from the war new bulk construction would be necessary for two or three years. There would be a regular circulation of units by roster between home and foreign stations as it was intended to preserve and foster the regimental idea. The Air Force had now been reduced to the minimum strength compatible with its peace time functions.

It was not the Government's business to go to greater expense in promoting civil aviation beyond the provision of aeroplane routes and the necessary legislation.

Continuing Mr. Churchill emphasised also the very satisfactory relations between the Air Staff and the Admiralty. Admiral Beatty had shown himself a sincere friend of the Air Force and the most favour able results were anticipated through his co-operation.

A system of temporary commissions would be adopted. About fifty per cent would be permanent commissions; forty per cent short service temporary commissions and ten per cent would be for birds of passage from the other two services. Progress could only be made in treatment of the problem of defence by a combined joint Imperial Staff of the three services operating under a single control, and he hoped that the discussions now proceeding between the heads of the three services would lead to a real advance in this most urgent and important matter.

THE WILSON MYSTERY.

CONFLICTING EVIDENCE.

Prominence is given by the "Daily Mail" to an article by a "Distinguished American Politician" with reference to the mystery surrounding President Wilson. He points out that from the outset of his illness no more than a dozen persons, including his doctors, have been allowed to see him. Viscount Grey is returning because it is impossible for him to present his credentials.

The article says that President Wilson is in a state of nervous depression, requiring the maximum of quietude, and concludes, "It is clear that as a potent factor in affairs of State President Wilson is practically eliminated."

A statement issued by the White House says, "The hope of the Republican leaders of the Senate that the President will make some move which will relieve the situation as regards the Treaty is entirely unfounded. The President contemplates making no compromise or concession, but intends that the Republican leaders of the Senate shall continue to bear the undivided responsibility for the fate of the Treaty, and the consequent present state of the world."

IDLE RAILWAY WAGONS.

In view of the traffic congestion on the railways being largely due to the shortage of trucks the Minister of Transport has issued a circular urging all users of railway waggons to expedite the release of wagons detained under load at their destination.

He gives the following astonishing figures to show the extent to which this evil is increasing. In 1918 the average number of days per month on which wagons were detained was 313,627, whereas over the first half of 1919 the average was 426,333, showing an increase of thirty-six per cent. in the monthly loss of wagon power.

WOOD GREEN BANDIT.

As a sequel to the attempted robbing at the Wood Green branch of Barclay's Bank, Edwin Lock was charged at Tottenham with having feloniously shot at Edgar Newton with intent to murder him. Accused was remanded.

RESTORATIONS AT YPRES.

A National Congress of Belgian architects has passed a resolution unfavourable to the restoration of the Cloth Hall and Cathedral at Ypres.

HOME RULE.

MEASURE POSTPONED TILL NEXT SESSION.

Replying to a question on the Government of Ireland Bill, Mr. Lloyd George said in the House of Commons on Monday that owing to the pre-occupation of the Government in making preparations for the various discussions at the International Conferences which have taken place, "I am afraid I cannot make a statement on Irish proposals this week, but hope to be able to do so next Monday. As the House rises on Tuesday and no further progress can possibly be made with the Bill this session, the Government thinks it would conduce to more effective progress with this troubled problem if their proposals were placed in outline before the country with a view to the introduction of the measure early next session."

Replying to a supplementary question the Prime Minister said that it is the intention of the Government to maintain law and order in Ireland.

FIUME FINALE.

D'ANNUNZIO ANNOUNCES A SETTLEMENT.

A circumstantial story concerning Fiume emanates from New York. The Associated Press Correspondent at Trieste states that he has been informed by Signor Pedrazzi, head of D'Annunzio's Press Bureau, that D'Annunzio and the Italian Premier have signed an agreement whereby Italy will have complete sovereignty at Fiume. All provisions of the Pact of London will be carried out. The powers of Government at Fiume will be transferred to a deputy of General Badoglio, representing the Italian regular Army, which D'Annunzio's troops will rejoin, retaining their ranks and honours.

Pedrazzi declared that D'Annunzio has had all his demands guaranteed and considers his work done. General Caviglia, who arrived at Trieste on Sunday, has been sent by Badoglio to take command at Fiume as soon as the date of transfer is fixed. D'Annunzio will then issue a proclamation announcing the successful completion of his mission and pronouncing his valedictory address.

SCHOLASTIC ITEMS.

Bishop Welldon, speaking on recent student rags, denounced the stupidity of personal assaults and insults. He declared there is need for a public protest against such acts, which bring Great Britain into contempt.

The late Miss Caroline Stovin, of Connaught Square, who left £19,147, bequeathed £10,000 to Rugby School for Stovin Scholarships and Exhibitions.

The founder of Clark's College, the late Mr. George Clark, left £73,911.

Bishop Gore has joined the staff of King's College as Lecturer in Theology.

The Theological Hostel in Vincent Square has been reopened, after its war use as a clearing hospital for foreign service nurses. Owing to the long waiting list of students an appeal is made for £12,000 for extensions.

The first of the Class Lists of the Cambridge Special Examinations has just been issued. There was only one military candidate, G. C. Grand, of St. Catherine's, who obtained a second class Diploma in Forestry.

Mr. Godfrey Harold Hardy, F.R.S., Fellow and Mathematical Lecturer of Trinity College, Cambridge, has been elected Savilian professor of geometry at Oxford. The professorship had been suspended owing to the war.

COAL FOR THE CONTINENT.

The Director of the Colliery Investment Trust of London and Swansea has returned to London from Paris, where he completed the arrangements, interrupted by the American coal strike, for supplying the Continent with coal and coke. An agreement has been signed for the supply of 50,000,000 tons, half to Italy and half to France and Switzerland.

Shipments will commence in February.

BANK RAIDERS BEWARE.

The possibility of a recurrence of armed raids such as were attempted at Leeds and Wood Green is not being overlooked by bank officials. Cashiers were instructed some time since not to have piles of Bradburys on the counter. Certain banks have now decided to arm cashiers and Head Messengers with revolvers.

ANOTHER IRISH GRIEVANCE.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. T.P. O'Connor moved the adjournment of the House on a matter of urgency in order to call attention to the wholesale arrests in Ireland. He failed, however, to secure the requisite numerical support and the matter was therefore not debated.

SPAIN BUYING TANKS.

General Villaba, the new Spanish War Minister, is heading a Government Mission which is negotiating the purchase of large surplus war stocks. He praised our army administration and said he has arranged to purchase much medical equipment, lorries, field kitchens and possibly tanks.

SUMMARY COURT.

DRUNKEN STUDENT'S COSTLY INSULT.

Described as a student, Wilhelm Geyer, (26), of Deutz was charged with insulting a British officer in the Kalker-Haupstrasse.

The officer in question was going home with his wife on the night of December 6th. He noticed the accused struggling with a woman, who screamed. On going to her assistance the officer found that the man was in possession of her handbag, umbrella and fur. These he restored to her and advised Geyer to go home. Geyer retorted, "Now, I'll talk to you. The English are here. You have won the war, but you are not going to have your own way. I have been a German officer and don't care a damn for any English officer."

Geyer was handed over to an M.P., and on the way to the police station he kept shouting, "Damn the British swine-hound."

Accused asserted that he was drunk and remembered nothing. He called witnesses, including a German policeman and a woman who was in his company All declared that he was very drunk.

The Presiding Officer: "I accept your story that you were drunk and on that account I will not send you to prison. You will be fined 1,000 marks or a month."

AN ARMED BULLY.

Heinrich Hausmann, a violent character residing at 13 Waisenhausgasse was given three months in gaol for being in unlawful possession of a dagger. He had had the weapon since the Armistice, and has threatened the woman with whom he has co-habited.

THE OLDEST PROFESSION.

There were several charges against Helene Kehlenbach, a smartly attired young woman, who resides at 39 Moltkestrasse.

Alleged to be of a certain class, the accused was seen to accost officers and soldiers in the Hohestrasse. She took hold of a Sergeant by the arm and walked by his side, mentioning the sum of two hundred marks.

She resisted violently when taken into custody, and two German police had to assist the M.P. A British cheque book, several photographs and 2,450 marks were found in her possession, and her papers were not in order.

Accused was remanded in custody pending further enquiries.

RAILWAY OFFICIAL'S LESSON.

Two soldiers who were examining tickets at Cologne station remonstrated with a civilian for failing to salute an English officer. Heinrich Edel, of 31 Unter-Kahlenhausen, who occupies a responsible position at the station, interfered, and called one of the soldiers a "pig-dog."

When asked for his identity card he refused to hand it over, and, according to the evidence, was most insulting in his demeanour towards the soldiers.

In passing sentence of three weeks imprisonment the Presiding Officer said that the military police had a very delicate duty to perform, and the charge against accused was rendered all the more serious by the fact that he occupied such an important position.

OFFICER CONVICTED OF BIGAMY.

Pleading guilty at the Old Bailey to bigamy, John Robert Lamb, described as a captain in the Army Pay Corps, was sentenced by the Recorder to six months' imprisonment in the second division.

It was stated that Lamb was married to a Miss White in June, 1907, at Dalston and that they lived together until he went overseas in 1915. In June, 1917, he met Miss Winifred Hailes, who lived at Salisbury, and married her on September 24 last.

In the course of his own evidence prisoner admitted that in 1903 he married Miss Irene Norah Shetwood King at Liverpool, but he never lived with her, as they parted on their wedding day, and he had been told she was dead. A witness stated that he saw Miss King, who was a dancer, in London in June, 1910, but the jury were not satisfied that she was alive when Lamb married Miss White.

WOMEN'S FASHIONS CONDEMNED.

Father Bernard Vaughan, in a statement to a Press representative, declared that to-day's fashions in women's dress were "bizarre, distorted, and ridiculous." The want of clothes, he said, was savagely exposing girls to consumption and its kindred ailments, not by hundreds, but thousands. So he was assured by competent authority. "Our girls, who ought to live to a ripe old age, droop, drop, and die like flowers unfed by warmth and sunshine. Improperly fed and immodestly dressed, they defy all the laws of hygiene, and down they go.'

AUSTRIA TO PAWN ART TREASURES.

A Commission of French experts has gone to Vienna to co-operate with the British and Italian delegations with a view to selecting certain Habsburg art treasures as pledges for loans to Austria by the Allies.

The Dorpat conference has adjourned till the end of the month.

Max Nordau, the well-known German author, has arrived in London to co-operate in the Zionist movement.

BANK MURDER.

PRISONER COLLAPSES IN THE DOCK.

The alleged perpetrator of the Leeds Bank murder, Albert Redfern, an ex-officer of the Devonshire Regt., appeared at Leeds Police Court on Monday charged with causing the death of Edward Terence Oates. The prisoner had to be assisted into the dock, where he sat on a chair trembling violently in every limb.

While the police were describing how he drove the bank staff into a small lavatory, locked them in and then fired through the door, Redfern struggled up to his feet, feebly raised his hand, and shouted hoarsely "No." Then he immediately collapsed into a limp and inert mass on the floor of the dock.

Evidence was also given that he had secured passports for himself and a lady and had sent their luggage to the station. The sum of twenty-six pounds was found on him when he was arrested, and £374 was handed to the police by the lady. Before being taken to the Court, Redfern was identified by the bank staff and the taxi driver who drove him to the bank.

PERSIAN OIL.

HUGE GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY.

The Anglo-Persian Oil Company Acquisition of Capital Bill has passed the second reading in the House of Commons. It sanctions the issue of £2,050,000 from the Consolidated Fund for the acquisition of share or loan capital of the Company.

Replying to the debate, in the course of which the Company's acquisition of the Scottish Shale Company was criticised, Mr. Baldwin, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said that the new money would be devoted principally to the laying of additional pipe lines in Persia, the completion of a refinery at Swansea, additional oil fuel bunkering accomodation, and to the building of tank steamers.

The shale industry in Scotland, he asserted, is in a parious condition and it is most unlikely that private companies could carry on the industry. The Anglo-Persian Company is anxious to secure the shale renneries at present unused, and hopes to carry on the industry in Scotland. No labour trouble is anticipated, as the company is prepared to pay the Sankey rate of wages.

YANKS WON THE WAR.

GENERAL PERSHING'S CLAIMS.

According to a Washington massage, General Pershing, in his final report on his work as Commander-in-Chief of the American Forces in Europe, declares that the United States won the war. He indicates how the American Army snatched victory from what seemed like defeat. Other points brought out were, firstly, that American troops were trained in France in such a way as to initiate in them the fixed idea that they must take the offensive in battle and not the defensive—"they must remain on the offensive until they have won," secondly that despite the insistence of the Allies that the American Forces should be regarded as reinforcements and merged with the Allied Forces, General Pershing held out for an independent army.

JAPAN AND SIBERIA.

From a Japanese source Reuter learns that notwithstanding the changes in the Russian situation Japan has no intention of withdrawing any troops from Siberia. She realises that the removal of her troops from the Siberian railway would mean that important and strategic lines of communication would fall into the hands of the Bolshevists. Although for geographical reasons Japan has special views concerning Siberia, she will adopt no line of action except after consultation with her Allies.

"AMBASSADOR'S" CONTEMPT OF COURT.

The self-styled "Soviet Ambassador" to the United States, the notorious Martens, who is giving evidence before the State Legislative Committee, has refused to produce his correspondence and other papers on the ground of diplomatic immunity. The Committee has accordingly ordered proceedings for contempt of court to be instituted against him in the State Supreme Court.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

The market opened confident on the political outlook, while the better exchange position had a further stimulating effect during the session. Business in Minings and Oils, notably Mexican Eagle, exhibited expansion but fresh new capital issues had a restraining influence on business in other directions. Home Railways were decidedly better on the prospects of a settlement of the wages question, and the markets closed strong. India and the Continent purchased the offerings of gold at 111s. 3d. Silver advanced to 78 7/8 on small advances. The Exchange on Paris was 40.25; New York 3.74; Switzerland 20.97; Amsterdam 9.87; Germany 183—185; Austria 620—640.

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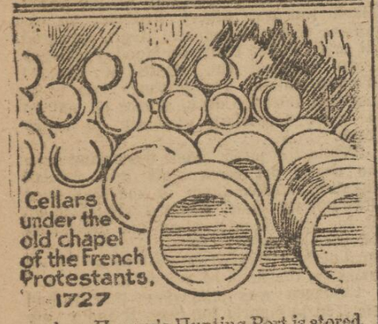

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CREDIT.

Never before has credit meant so much to the world. On it the whole future of European civilization depends to-day. Millions and millions of people depend upon credit for their very existence; it is the keystone of the arch bridging the chasm between war and peace. The solution of the grave difficulties arising from the waste and redistribution of the world's wealth is like a nightmare, haunting statesmen of all countries.

As one of the results of the war, nations that were debtors have become creditors: the United States in particular is now enormously rich. There has been no catastrophe in history that has even approached this war in the violent changes it has made in the relative positions of many countries and in the destruction of capital wealth.

Those nations now at the top of the tree financially must naturally come to the aid of those now poor. Otherwise the whole fabric of international trade relations totters to the ground.

The exchanges are topsy turvy. The old laws of supply and demand in regard to money cannot be enforced to-day. If they continue much longer no one can foresee what disaster may overtake the world.

Credit can be the only instrument by which wealth accumulated in one place may in reality be used in another until gradually and by processes of commercial dealing the wealth of the world becomes again more naturally distributed.

It is therefore to America that everyone looks for a speedy way out of the general impasse, and from all accounts she is rising to the occasion. The States is beginning to extend large amounts of credit to the Allies and will have to do a great deal in this direction before the wheels of international trade can revolve at all normally.

It is a huge task and will require a large measure of confidence in human nature and in the ability of the peoples to work out their salvation when financial facilities have equalised to some extent the world's wealth.

CARE OF THE DISABLED.

While the unemployment of many thousands of physically fit demobilized officers and men gives rise to gravest consideration and calls for strong action, we must not forget the vast number of those even less favourably placed.

We refer to those who have survived the war, but bear ineffaceable traces of the part they played in their country's battles. Many are minus arms, legs, eyes or have made some other physical sacrifices for which no monetary remuneration in the shape of pensions can compensate.

In this class, too, is included a by no means negligible number of fellows, who as a result of the pernicious use of gas have developed tuberculosis.

Surely, it is such cases as these that have first claim upon the nation at the present time; it is a debt of honour, to ignore which would bring upon us everlasting shame. To be bodily strong and out of work is a severe penalty, but to be broken in body and unable to work is infinitely worse.

The artificial limb branch of the Pensions Ministry is, we are pleased to learn, doing all in its power to provide the best substitute that human brains have devised.

For those who have lost the greatest of all natural gifts — sight — it is beyond the human compass to provide a substitute, but, happily, even for the blind it is possible to do a great deal to relieve the mental torture which must result from the sacrifice of the gift of vision.

Ex-soldiers are taught to read by the Braille system and are trained in occupations in which it is possible to earn a living, despite their disability, and which has the effect of diverting their minds from the calamity they have suffered.

The greatest difficulty of all is presented by the tubercular man, for, whereas it may be possible to train him for a suitable outdoor profession, it is by no means easy to find him employment when he has been trained. Employers cannot be expected to engage a consumptive man, thereby placing their other employees in danger of infection.

Under these circumstances we submit that the £2 per week, the maximum — 100 per cent. — disability pension for the ex-Tommy, is totally inadequate to meet the case.

Whereas the sufferer has little hope of employment his ailment demands the most nourishing food it is possible to obtain; how far will £2 per week go in these days of exorbitant prices?

The ex-service men's organisations have realised, however, the need for exceptional treatment in such cases and are losing no time in laying the facts before the proper authorities.

LETTER TO CHARLES.

IMPRESSIONS OF A MERE CIVILIAN.

Dear Charles,—How is London looking? As gay and smutty as ever? I'm sure you'll be surprised to see where I am; yes I've reached the Promised Land at last—but as a humble civilian (you knew they'd demobbed me didn't you?)—no not a commercial, Charles—it's not as bad as that; I'm on an Inter-Allied Mission or something but I'll tell you about that later—no one's quite clear as to what we are yet.

The first thing you notice about Cologne is that the trams go the wrong way; now that may only seem a little thing at first sight, and of course if you've been out since Mons and got used to the Continent it's all right, but when you've been at home as long as I have it's damned dangerous.

Now in London I'm fairly expert; twice—no, three times have I successfully negotiated that tricky bit of Trafalgar Square—you know, Charles, the bit where you cross from Nelson's column down into Whitehall when you're in a hurry to visit Papa Cox; well as I was saying the trams go the wrong way here and all my "Safety First" habits are useless; and they keep so close to the pavement too. A friend of mine who's rather stout (about twenty stone in fact) derailed a tram the other day simply by standing on the curb; he didn't see it coming and wondered what had pushed him. But that's enough about trams, is'nt it?

I'm sure you'll want to hear something about our cathedral—or Dom we call it when we get familiar with it. Well thousands go round it, but few go inside it, and I am not yet one of the few; but it looks very nice from the outside; an opinion, by the bye, which seems to be fully shared by the natives, for you see it reproduced in every shape and form simply everything—everything, Charles, from ashtrays to.. to.. any and every kind of white elephant that the souvenir hunter can be persuaded to buy. And the Dom's twin spires are five hundred or five thousand something or other high; oh, I can't go into figures—Charles I'll have to send you a guide-book; anyway take my word for it it's the highest thing of its kind that ever was.

And that brings us to the natives doesn't it? And what almost outnumbers the natives the British Army, bless em. You know I thought that what with the terrific row that they have been kicking up at home anent economy and demobilisation, etc., there'd hardly be anyone left out here; but the place swarms with khaki still; of course they tell me the crush is nothing like what it used to be, and that the blaze of staff tabs no longer hurts the eyes but ..well.. where was I? Oh, yes the natives; well you know, Charles, the native is very Teutonic to look at—I suppose you knew that? Well, I didn't realise it quite so much as I do now; I thought our caricaturists at home were a little hard on him perhaps, but really...well you couldn't mistake him for anything else—funny tight overcoats, either very long or very short, with fur collar and above that the inevitable square head surmounted by a Homburg—and then the women, Charles, well whoever they may be one mustn't be rude about the fair (or is it the unfair?) sex, but, well, someone told me once that they grow on one in time.. but Heaven help me if I forsake my fair Phyllis for the blonde podginess of Germania.

And mentioning the fair Phyllis (bless her kissable little face) reminds me, Charles, that the wives are here in great force—I refer not to the good spouses of the O.R's but to that mysterious species the temporary officer's wife. They all wear armlets to distinguish them from.. well anyway to distinguish them, and they haunt the clubs in great droves and they induce in me one constantly recurring thought; can you guess what that is, Charles? Youre right.—Still, "still a happy bachelor!"

Yours ever, JOHN.

"DUFF."

An appetising odour of stew pervaded the cookhouse.

Bearing visible signs of his occupation, "Cooky" was busy over a miscellaneous assortment of dixies, his assistant hovering in the background with various packages from which he ever and anon added to the concoction in process of manufacture.

I usually looked in about eleven o'clock each morning, partly to pass on the latest gossip from the camp and round about, and partly to partake of a mug of steaming hot Sergeant Major's tea, which was very welcome between breakfast and dinner time.

All the latest from the Quartermaster's Stores and the barrack rooms I passed on for the edification of "Cooky" and his worthy assistant, keeping up a running fire of comment on things that had happened and were about to happen.

Thus does one obtain unlawful issues of tea in spare hours.

"Got any duff for dinner to-day, cooky?" I enquired hungrily.

Now how was I to know that I had touched a sore point with him?

I hardly expected the answer he gave me, which took the form of a tin of "bully" beef, aimed with some accuracy.

I ducked just in time, and made a hurried exit from the scene of the outrage.

For some days "Cooky" treated me with icy reserve. I endeavoured in vain to fathom the cause of his sudden change of front.

My odd moment mugs of tea were greatly missed, and I quite failed to appreciate where I had been guilty of a want of tact.

Determined to find out the cause I waylaid his assistant.

"Didn't you hear about it?" he said.

I politely informed him I had not heard of the mysterious it.

"Well, p'raps it was before you came to the Battery," he continued.

"He made a duff one day, and next morain' half the Battery went sick."

A close acquaintance with Cooky's culinary efforts had given me no doubt at all as to his ability to accomplish such a feat; indeed, I would not have been surprised to have seen the statistics of the number of victims he had sent to an early grave, but with the exercise of a little tact I had managed to show some appreciation at even his worst efforts.

I pursued the matter further and enquired the cause of such a calamity.

"Well," continued Cooky's assistant, "I don't know for sure, but what I can make out of it, he put dubbin in it in mistake for lard."

Cooky and I are pals again, but needless to say, even though the festive season is fast approaching, I never mention pudding to him.

I have a shrewd idea that the disaster was caused by his assistant, in an endeavour to usurp Cooky's superior position.

"HAWKEYE."

BARRACK ROOM DIALOGUES.

II.—GRAND OPERA.

"Grand Opira . . . . grandmothers" said Konky scornfully, "its all swank. Look at Archibald . . . . 'e goes and learns one or two jawbreakers and then comes 'ere torkin about Vahgner an' Showpan . . . show off, more life." "I'm inclined to agree with you Konky," said Fatty. "But music lovers are not all Archibalds."

"'E was telling old Buggins larst night about Charlie Choppin's knock turn in E flat or sometning . . . wot yer smiling at?"

"I'm sorry," said Fatty.

"I say, Fatty, what is a knock turn?

"Nocturn means night."

"What, one o'them chaps in armour?"

"No, no . . . . night, evening."

"Well I never 'eard about it afore. I've 'eard of a comic turn an' a nacrobatic turn, but never a knock turn . . . sounds like boxing."

"O Konky, you are an ignoramus."

"I can knock spots off you in some things tho'. But I say, Fatty, what do you think about this 'ere grand opira?

"How do you mean?"

"Well, I tainks its all a lot o' rot. Frinstance, when one bloke meets another bloke an' says, 'How d'yer do?' what call 'as 'e got to sing it for five minutes?"

"O well, it all depends on how it's sung. A lady might sing 'No' for ten minutes and make a very delightful negative of it."

"What d'yer mean, negative? I ain't torkin about photogrify."

"You're hopeless," said Fatty. "I thought you liked a bit of music."

"O ah, I likes a catchy bit what a chap can whistle, an' mark yer I'm not sayin' there aint a catchy bit 'ere an' there in this 'ere grand opira. There was a catchy bit in that there "Tanhorser" but when I starts to whistle, a bloke in front o' me turned round an' looks at me as if I'd pinched 'is rations."

"There you are, Konky," said Fatty, "you have a taste for music, but it needs cultivating. You see, these catchy bits that you want to whistle to, and tap your toes in time with, they appeal to your sense of gaiety or they suggest the rhythmic movement of dancing; but a composer can express all sorts of thoughts and emotions with his music. You see Konky, music is a language." . . . .

"A language?" asked Konky incredulously.

"Yes, the best of all languages, and a universal language too, thank goodness." . . . .

"Ere, arf a mo' . . . you can't pull my leg like that. I knows what a universal language is."

"Well, what do you think it is?"

"Why, it's this 'ere Hespiranto," said Konky.

C. W. J.

WAR CHRISTMASES.

We offered prizes recently for the best description of a Christmas spent in the war—One of fifty marks for short narratives of each Christmas—1914, 1915, 1916, and 1917. The number of contributions sent in was not large but the judges have selected one for each year and these will appear in our forthcoming souvenir number. The following successful competitors each receive a prize of 50 marks.

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Christmas 1917. Cpl. C. R. Sensier, R.G.A. c/o I.Q.M.G.S. G.H.Q. Rhine Army.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

THE SUPPLY OF COAL.

Sir,—Can any other rank, who has his wife here, tell me where to get coal to keep his room warm and do the cooking?

It is impossible to obtain this precious mineral from a German dealer without a ration card.

Could not the authorities issue some instructions whereby an English soldier and his wife could on payment obtain at least the same ration as the German people, instead of having to "scrounge"?

H.A.W.

SILLY FILMS—THE TRADE'S VIEW.

Sir,—I have read "Box Office's" letter and I would like to give the Trade's view on the matter.

When the manager of a cinema books his films the one thought uppermost in his mind is "Will it draw?"

He cannot possibly study any individual member of his audience, but I am sure if "Box Office" spoke to the manager of his favourite cinema, and booked every seat in the hall for three nights the manager I know would be only too glad to book any film "Box Office" cared to choose.

So will "Box Office" remember next time he is "tempted to grab his hat and run" that he is only one insignificant member of the audience and the manager is not dependant on his ninepence for a living?

CINEMA MANAGER.

DEBATES FOR TROOPS.

Sir,—There is a splendid opportunity at the B.E.L.C. of acquiring the art of public speaking. Various topics are discussed and everybody without exception is accorded a chance of not only speaking, but openly and formally opposing motions for discussion.

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One or two recent gatherings have been poorly attended, and as this was doubtless due to this attraction of the Leave Club not being sufficiently known, an appeal is made to all who possibly can to attend on Friday at 6.30 p.m. and so promote the success of a most desirable and elevating feature of the Club.

Next Friday night the subject of an alliance between Great Britain and America will be discussed, and I trust that men will attend, speak and vote.

SPEAKER.

LAUNDRY ARISTOCRATS.

Sir,—I should be much obliged to "Crusty" if he would kindly supply the information he so kindly offers in his letter of to-day.

I have tried four different laundries in the town, and like "Wife" either get my garments back in a terrible condition or else do not get them back at all.

Although we are in a foreign country we English girls like to go about looking nice and not smelling of nasty horrid German soap and soda.

I think it would be very nice if an English laundry was started just for English people residing in Cologne.

For my own part, I am sick of having to wear torn, and bad-smelling garments day after day.

PHYLLIS.

RHINELAND AUDIENCES.

Sir,—I have read with much interest your article "Rhineland Audiences," summing up, as it does, the varied views ventilated in the "Letter Box" during recent weeks and avail myself of the invitation to send serious opinions.

It certainly seems that the scholarly soldiers are now in the minority, and, therefore, entitled to less consideration. To consider the filling of places of amusement of primary importance jars upon one, even if a high standard is maintained.

A good percentage of instructive plays should, I think, be shewn to cater for "scholarly" ones not yet demobbed, and to keep the minds of the newer troops on the upward path. Stagnation is retrogression.

To be one of an appreciative audience attending an instructive play, if only half filling the theatre, is preferable to being swallowed up in a packed place, where a "level" play is on.

Careful speculation is better than rash, although the latter is sometimes more profitable.

SCHOLARLY.

A BAD HABIT.

Sir,—"Cupid" has struck the right note. Swearing is a bad habit and one which should be checked. I admit, myself, that at times strong forcible language is excusable, but a man with a will, can, and must keep a control over both his temper and his tongue.

Like "Cupid" I am willing to admit that at times, I use strong language, but it is always justifiable, and what is more, it is merely strong language (that is bad enough) and not obscene.

It makes me sick to hear men using this language in the public streets and public places and I am glad to see that some one else is man enough to make a complaint against it.

I should imagine "Cupid" to be one of those mild-tempered men who never turns a hair but smiles optimistically to himself whenever he is called by such epithets as "Pussyfoot".

I trust "Cupid" will keep a stout heart and a stiff upper lip and not fall to the temptation of replying in tones that will cause delight to his tormenters.

ATHENE.

GOOD NIGHT.

When the bright lamp is carried in,
The sunless hours again begin,
O'er all without in field and lane,
The haunted night returns again.

Now we behold the embers flee
About the firelit hearth; and see
Our faces painted as we pass
Like pictures on the window-glass.

Must we to bed, indeed? Well, then,
Let us arise and go like men,
And face with an undaunted tread,
The long black passage up to bed.

Farewell, O brother, sister, sire!
Oh, pleasant party round the fire!
The songs you sing, the tales you tell,
Till for to-morrow, fare ye well!

ROBERT L. STEVENSON.

HOW THEY STAND.

Sunderland's Consistent Form threatens Leaders.

WATFORD'S CHALLENGE.

Sunderland are now third in the First Division and neither the "Throstles" or Burnley can afford to be careless. The Wearsiders are now a place above their neighbours, Newcastle, and have a game in hand. At the other end of the table Aston and Blackburn Rovers climbed again, due to their last Saturday's performances. Both teams seem bound for safe waters. The three bottom clubs show no change in position and Preston alone gained a point.

SECOND LEAGUE.

The four leaders remain unchanged, but Huddersfield, now fifth, are making a bold bid for a higher rung. The collapse of Hull City and Blackpool opens up a rare battle for positions. Clapton climbed two points and if only Coventry can find their feet there will be a desperate struggle among the clubs at the foot of the table.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

The seven leading teams still hold their places, and Watford's rise is exciting the Southern Leaguers. Three points behind Portsmouth and a game in hand makes the "Pompey's" position none too secure. Newport displaced Northampton and are making a great effort to escape from the danger zone.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Rangers and Celtic still lead and Dundee occupy third place. Motherwell drop two places and Dumbarton mount one.

The five bottom clubs show no change.

The League.—Division I.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Agst.	Pts.
West Bromwich Albion	18	13	0	5	50	25	26
Burnley	19	11	3	5	30	26	25
Sunderland	18	11	2	5	34	22	24
Newcastle United	19	10	4	5	26	17	24
Chelsea	18	9	3	6	28	19	21
Bolton Wanderers	19	7	5	7	33	30	19
Middlesbrough	19	7	5	7	24	29	19
Manchester United	17	6	6	5	28	21	18
Everton	18	7	4	7	38	34	18
Manchester City	18	7	4	7	42	38	18
Sheffield United	19	7	4	8	32	33	18
The Arsenal	18	5	8	5	28	29	18
Bradford	18	7	3	8	31	29	17
Bradford City	19	6	5	8	31	35	17
Aston Villa	18	8	1	9	31	35	17
Blackburn Rovers	19	6	5	8	26	35	17
Derby County	19	5	7	7	20	26	17
Liverpool	18	7	2	9	23	26	16
Notts County	18	5	6	7	27	38	16
Preston North End	18	6	3	9	28	43	15
Oldham Athletic	17	5	2	10	23	27	12
Sheffield Wednesday	18	3	4	11	13	29	10

The League.—Division II.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Agst.	Pts.
Tottenham Hotspur	18	15	2	1	55	13	32
Birmingham	18	12	3	3	37	16	27
Blackpool	19	11	3	5	38	21	25
Hull City	19	11	2	6	40	28	24
Huddersfield Town	18	10	3	5	35	15	23
Stoke	18	11	1	6	30	21	23
Bristol City	18	8	6	4	24	17	22
West Ham United	18	9	4	5	19	19	22
Stockport County	18	8	5	5	30	19	21
Fulham	19	8	4	7	26	25	20
Barnsley	18	8	3	7	37	21	19
Bury	18	8	3	7	23	23	19
Coventry	18	7	4	7	27	23	18
South Shields	18	7	4	7	16	19	18
Rotherham County	19	6	3	10	19	35	15
Nottingham Forest	19	4	6	9	18	30	14
Clapton Orient	19	6	1	12	20	31	13
Wolverhampton Wand.	18	4	4	10	21	32	12
Leicester City	18	3	3	10	13	34	11
Grimsby Town	18	4	2	12	14	36	10
Lincoln City	18	3	4	11	15	47	10
Coventry City	18	0	4	14	4	39	4

Southern League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Agst.	Pts.
Portsmouth	20	13	4	3	40	14	30
Watford	19	12	3	4	31	15	27
Reading	20	8	9	3	26	18	25
Queen's Park Rangers	19	10	4	5	31	19	24
Crystal Palace	18	8	7	3	30	17	23
Cardiff City	18	7	8	3	31	20	22
Brentford	19	7	7	5	22	20	21
Plymouth Argyle	19	7	6	6	23	14	20
Norwich City	17	8	4	5	33	23	20
Swindon	19	8	4	7	32	30	20
Swansea Town	20	6	7	7	22	21	19
Exeter City	18	6	7	5	20	12	19
Millwall	19	7	4	8	28	30	18
Merthyr Town	20	5	7	8	24	29	17
Southend United	18	6	5	5	23	26	16
Bristol Rovers	18	5	6	7	22	33	16
Southampton	20	6	4	10	27	36	16
Luton	18	5	4	9	21	32	14
Brighton & Hove A.	20	4	5	11	18	28	13
Newport County	19	5	3	11	16	34	13
Northampton	19	3	6	10	32	48	12
Gillingham	19	3	3	13	9	41	9

Scottish League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Agst.	Pts.
Glasgow Rangers	20	16	3	1	59	9	35
Celtic	18	13	4	1	40	15	30
Dundee	20	10	4	6	41	27	24
Ayr United	21	10	4	7	46	32	24
Motherwell	20	9	6	5	33	30	24
Heart of Midlothian	20	10	3	7	34	27	23
Hibernians	20	10	2	8	38	39	22
Airdrieonians	20	7	7	6	24	18	21
Aberdeen	20	7	6	7	25	26	20
Dumbarton	20	6	8	6	30	33	20
Greenock Morton	19	8	3	8	28	17	19
Queen's Park	21	7	5	9	33	37	19
Partick Thistle	18	7	4	7	26	29	18
Clydebank	18	7	3	8	32	29	17
Third Lanark	19	5	7	7	24	33	17
St. Mirren	21	6	5	10	30	43	17
Kilmarnock	21	7	3	11	25	47	17
Falkirk	22	5	6	11	24	42	16
Raith Rovers	22	5	5	12	44	56	15
Clyde	21	5	5	11	29	40	15
Albion Rovers	19	6	3	10	20	33	15
Hamilton Academicals	20	5	2	13	28	48	12

London Combination.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Agst.	Pts.
West Ham	14	9	3	2	25	13	21
Chelsea	16	8	3	5	25	22	19
Tottenham	13	7	3	3	37	14	17
Arsenal	14	7	3	4	29	18	17
Clapton Orient	18	7	2	9	37	41	16
Fulham	15	6	3	6	22	23	15
Queen's Park Rangers	17	3	7	7	17	27	13
Crystal Palace	14	5	2	7	19	24	12
Millwall	13	6	0	7	17	23	12
Brentford	14	2	2	10	20	33	6

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Association.

Tottenham Hotspur 4. Corinthians 1.

Rugby.

Edinburgh Acad. 12 pts. Oxford Un. 14.

BILLIARDS.

Closing scores on Monday in the fourth heat of the Victory tournament at Burroughes Hall, London, are appended:

Reece (rec. 1500) ..... 2258.
Inman ..... 1286.

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Wolves	v. Hull City
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Barnsley	v. Tottenham
Bristol City	v. Blackpool
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Swindon	v. Palace
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Unit .....
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DERBY RACES.

Favourites to the Fore at Opening Day.

The opening day of the Derby meeting attracted a moderate attendance. The weather was fine, but dull, and the going was good.

RESULTS.

Duffield Selling Hurdle Race:—1, Chubb (100-7); 2, Wingmah (7-4); 3, Gamelyn (3-1). Thirteen ran.

Derwent Handicap Steeplechase:—Warbine (6-4 on) beat Johnson. Two ran.

Byrkley Handicap Hurdle Race:—1, Doublet (11-4 on); 2, Appleton (4-1); 3, Topsy's Baby (100-8). Four ran.

Derbyshire Steeplechase Plate:—1, Coper Hill (13-8); 2, Prince Clifton (2-1); 3, Jeffries (100-7). Six ran.

Three Year Old Hurdle Race:—1, Fiurious (6-1 on); 2, Brown Queen (100-7); 3, Dark Magic (20-1). Eight ran.

Elveston Steeplechase Plate:—1, Jimmy Rafter (5-1); 2, Great Krime (9-2); Only two horses finished. Five ran.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

Cambridge Defeat the Dark Blues at Roehampton.

At Roehampton, over a seven-mile course, Cambridge beat Oxford by 22 points to 33. Placings were:

1, E. A. Montegue (Rugby and Magdalen) Oxford. Time 42 minutes 30 seconds.

2, A. C. Telfer (King's School Canterbury and Selwyn) Cambridge. Time 42 minutes 42 seconds.

3, G. E. Ingle (Felstead and Jesus) Cambridge. Time 43 minutes 4 seconds.

RESULTS FROM 1905.

(Roehampton Course).

	Pts.		Pts.
1905 Cambridge	23	1910 Oxford	15
1906 Cambridge	27	1911 Oxford	16
1907 Cambridge	27	1912 Oxford	24
1908 Oxford	22	1913 Cambridge	23
1909 Oxford	20		

GRAND STEEPLECHASE DE PARIS.

The value of the Grand Steeplechase de Paris of 1920 has been increased from £4,000 to £6,000, and the Auteuil Hurdle Race from £2,000 to £3,000, as in pre-war days. The weights have been revised; in each instance four-year-olds will carry 9st 7lb, five year-olds 10st 6lb, six-year-olds and upwards 10st 8lb. In the steeplechase previous winners of that event or of a Grand National will carry 10lb extra. In the hurdle race, winners of a Grand Steeplechase, Grand Hurdle Race, or a Grand National will carry 6lb extra. Entries for these two events are due on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

BRISTOL ROVERS' CUP-TIE.

Bristol Rovers, having failed to induce Northampton with a guarantee of £500 to transfer next Saturday's Cup-tie to Bristol, have decided to play the same team at Northampton as opposed Southampton, save, of course, that Mansfield, who broke his shoulder-bone on Saturday, will make way for another. The unfortunate thing for the Rovers is that Whatley, the reserve goalkeeper, has already committed himself in a Cup-tie this season, and at the moment the Rovers have no goalkeeper available for the Cup match.

FUSILIERS WIN.

52nd North. Fus. defeat No. 1 Concentration Camp.

A KEEN TUSSLE.

These teams met on the Volksgarten, on Sunday, under bad conditions. Notwithstanding the fact that the ground was only half-size and in a greasy condition the game was fast and the N.F.'s showed up well in all departments. They were one man short.

Soon after the kick-off the Fusiliers invaded the homesters' territory in fine style, and after some good work by their forwards, succeded, through Cpl. Buckley, in scoring the first goal.

The camp retaliated vigorously and gave their opponents a warm time but nothing resulted. Later the N.F.'s were penalised for handling just outside the penalty area, but their custodian was equal to the occasion, saving a fine shot.

The Camp eventually equalised through Stevens, and there was no further score till half time, though the Northumberlands were a constant danger.

On resumption the Fusiliers immediately took up the offensive and C.Q.M.S. Kirkham netted their second goal. Later a third goal by the N.F.'s was disallowed. The Fusiliers continued to have the best of matters and deservedly won a hard-fought game by 3 goals to 1.

CAN TANCY LEE ATONE?

Another European Championship on Friday.

It is to be hoped that British boxing will not sustain another shock on Friday in Paris, when Tancy Lee, the Lonsdale Belt holder and Feather-Weight Champion of Great Britain, encounters Louis De Pontnieu, France's premier 9st. boxer, for the European title; but we cannot be very optimistic about the 38-year-old Scot's chance of adding to his laurels at the expense of the French champion, who is his junior by 11 years, and at the age when a boxer usually accomplishes the best performances of his career.

De Pontnieu's record is not perhaps a great one, but it extends over 11 years, one of which was spent in America, where he had 16 contests, meeting, among others, Billy Marchant, the Saltore feather-weight, Battling Nelson, ex-champion light-weight of the world, Matty Baldwin, and Johnny Griffiths, who is in England now and fixed up to meet De Pontnieu's countryman, Francis Charles, at the Albert Hall on Boxing Night.

From this it will be seen that Lee, at his advanced age, is going against a fairly experienced customer, and while Tancy may reproduce some of his old form it seems too much to look forward to him coming through victoriously.

FRENCH TRIBUTE.

Paris Opinion of Ledoux-Ross Battle.

We publish below comments from Paris on the Ledoux-Ross fight:—

Ledoux won, as all France expected him to do, but Ross gave our champion a terrific battle. In fact, it was one of the hardest of Ledoux's career, and but for a severely damaged left eye Ross would possibly not have left the French boy in possession of the field at the end of the twelfth round.

It was great to see these little bull-terriers fighting, fighting—always fighting. Ross was put down in the fourth round, but he came back and fought and boxed with the greatest determination and dash, and continued so to do although he was down again in the fifth and eleventh rounds—four times in all up to that point—from terrific left hooks.

In spite of his knock downs Ross was very often the aggressor, and what is more, actually held the upper hand in some cases when the battle was particularly fierce. But superior strength and stamina and hitting power were on the side of Ledoux, and bringing them all to bear on the little Britisher the Frenchman gained the upper hand.

LEAVE CLUB CHESS TOURNEY.

The result of recent championship games in the British Empire Leave Club Chess Tournament was as follows:—

C.S.M. Graham	2	Sergt. Taylor	1
L/Cpl. Whyte	2	Gunner Stanley	0

The approximate positions are:—

1. Sergt. Yates.
2. „ Kemplin.
3. L/Cpl. Howes.
4. C.S.M. Graham.
5. Sergt. Taylor.
6. Pte. Wooster.
7. Cpl. Jordon.
8. L/Cpl. Whyte.
9. Gunner Stanley.
10. Pte. Hartley.
11. Sergt. Fry.
12. „ Keight.
13. Gunner Peck.
14. Pte. Scully.
15. Sergt. Rogers.
16. Pte. Harrow.
17. Sergt. Lloyd.
18. L/Cpl. Raymond.
19. Pte. Duncan.
20. L Cpl. Harrison.
21. S. Sgt. Hollowell.
22. Driver Shaw.
23. Pte. Stones.
24. „ Drewett.
25. „ Hudson.
26. Driver Rubinstone
27. Pte. Luer.
28. M.S.S. Box.
29. L/Cpl. Sers.
30. Pte. Gilmore.
31. „ Sharples.
32. Sergt. Lea.
33. „ Bott.
34. Pte. Ovington.
35. „ Bacon.

THE ARMY CUP.

Ex-Rhinelanders in Second Round Ties.

RESULTS AND TEAMS.

Considerable interest was taken in the second round ties in connection with the Army Cup which were played during the week end in England. The teams competing included several units recently home from the Army of Occupation. Rather a curious point in connection with the match between the 13th Hussars and the 17th Lancers was that the score was identical with that in a struggle in France in 1914. The results and teams are appended:—

13th HUSSARS 5; 19th LANCERS 1

17th Lancers:—S. M. Simpson; Cpl. Felling, Sgt. Shinstone; S.S. Batterbee, Pte. Harman, Tptr. Edwards; Tptr. Broadley, Pte. Innes, Cpl. King, Pte. Stevens, Cpl. Wakefield.

13th Hussars:—Cpl. Noakes; S. M. Wheeler, Sgt. Guttrell; Cpl. Pringle, S.M. Tassey, Pte. Hewitt; Pte. Barnes, Pte. Simms, Sgt. Page, Pte. Bell, Pte. Munroe.

Referee, Col. Impey, R. Sussex Regt.

1st MANCHESTER REGT. 3; 1st H.L.I. 0

Manchesters:—Pte. Thompson; L/Cpl. Strathdee, C.S.M. Cookson; Capt. Nurson, Cpl. Slack, Sgt. Smith; Sgt. Bousfield, Cpl. Worcester, Sgt. Newman, Sgt. Worcester, Pte. Davidson.

H.L.I.—Pte. Lees, Pte. Cameron, Cpl. Black; Cpl. Dent, Pte. Lannigan, Sgt. Donald; Piper Millen, Pte. Gray, Pte. Fotheringham, Cpl. White, Cpl. Brown.

MILITARY POLICE.... 2 THE QUEENS.... 1

Military Police:—L/Cpl. Balfour; Cpl. Rice, L/Cpl. Johnson; L/Cpls. Beck, Bucke, Carlton; L/Cpls. Halliday, Mitchell, Lane, Steward, Forsyth.

1st The Queen's Regt.:—Pte. Worms; Sgt. Mauditt, Cpl. Jude; L/Cpl. Hill, Lieut. Fairbrother, Pte. Hills; Cpl. Batchelor, Pte. Woodward, Pte. Whittle, Cpl. Banks, Pte. Lovatt.

Referee, Sgt. Goodwin, R.E.

1st KING'S OWN 3. 1st WILTS 2

1st Wilts:—Sgt. Morgan; Baish, Sgt. Giles; Sgt. Russell, Fortune, Sgt. Jeffries; Marsh, Q.M.S. Wilkins, Sgt. Foreman, Haines, Sgt. Gerrault.

1st King's Own:—Farrington; Cpl. Burgess, Fell; Millings, Capstick, Quinn; Baker, Sgt. Rickwood, Bowyer, Gilham, Crain.

Referee, Lieut. Guggenheim, Tank Corps.

NORTH STAFFORDS.... 5 WORCESTER REGT.... 1

Worcesters:—Capt. Lawrence; Davidson, Edwards; Brindley, Exton, Petrie; Fleckney, Baker, Evans, Giles, Pearce.

North Staffords:—Hand; Bell, Shelley; Reeves, Burrage, Lieut. Grady; Buckley, Dennis, Ashdown, Gallagher, Barrett.

Referee: Lieut. Grant (Cameronians).

GORDON HIGHLANDERS.... 3 WELSH FUSILIERS.... 1

RHINE GARRISON LEAGUE.

Matches for Decision on Saturday next.

The second games to be played on Saturday next in connection with the Rhine Garrison League are as follows:—

Teams.	Ground.
Camp Commandant v. 121st Heavy Battery R.G.A.	Golf Links Marienburg.
Rhine Garrison B.A.O. v. 187th Brigade, R.F.A.	Westhoven.
41st Bn. M.G.C. v. 140th Field Ambulance.	Amsterdamer Strasse.
51st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers v 6th Inniskilling Dragoons.	Lindenthal, Volks Garten.
52nd Bn. Rifle Brigade v. 231st Field Coy.	52nd Bn. Rifle Brigade.
23rd Bn. Royal Fusiliers v. 51st Bn. Rifle Brigade.	41st Bn. M.G.C. Ground.
Rhine Garrison M.T. Coy. v. 11th Bn. "Queens" R.W.S. Regt.	Blucher Park.
142nd Field Ambulance v. Rhine Garrison Train.	Poller Wiesen Ground.
19th Bn. Middlesex Regt. v. 52nd Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers.	Klettenberg, Luxembourg Strasse.

AMATEUR BILLIARDS.

Up to noon on Saturday 22 entries for the Amateur Championship of England, due to commence at Orme's Hall, Soho-square, on Monday, January 5, had been received at the headquarters of the Billiards Association and Control Club. The entry list however, did not close until midnight on Saturday, and the figures of 22 may be augmented when the official list is issued. Amongst the entries are those of four past champions in Major H. L. Fleming and Messrs. Sidney Fry, J. Graham Symes, and S. S. Christey, but such well-known names as those of Messrs H. C. Virr, A. Croneen, G. A. Heginbottom, and W. B. Marshall are not included in the 22.

N.S.C. BOXING.

In a 15-round bantam weight match at the National Sporting Club, on Monday, Harold Jones, of Ferndale, easily outpointed Jack Doyle, of Salford.

Christmas Numbers come and Christmas Numbers go but there has not been an Army of Occupation Souvenir before. Apart from its value as a literary and artistic production, the fact that it is unique from an historical point of view will make it much sought after by those at home. The price of

The Cologne Post *Xmas Souvenir Number*

is 7 Marks or Ninepence, Post free to United Kingdom One Shilling. Units ordering more than 50 Copies obtain 10% discount.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

Rhine Army Variety Company.

Unfortunately the British Rhine Army Variety Company did not make its bow to the world under such happy auspices as its parent organisation, the Dramatic Company. It is difficult to account for the very meagre attendance at the Deutsches theatre on Monday evening unless it is that the majority of the artists are old friends in Rhineland, opportunities to witness whose performances have been frequent. The initial effort of the new company sparkled at times but taking the performance as a whole there was something lacking. For instance, the curtain did not rise until half an hour (or thereabouts) after the advertised time. Then the proceedings opened with a cinema picture in ghastly silence, notwithstanding the presence of an excellent little orchestra whose accompaniment would have brightened things considerably.

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Another unfortunate little hitch was the conclusion to a concerted item in which Miss Hilda Potts, Charles S. Stairs and Cpl. Ellis were involved. The turn was a bright and enjoyable one, but bad rehearsal must have been responsible for the looseness of the exit of the two male members of the trio when Miss Potts still remained seated on the stage.

The chief item on the programme was Stanley Houghton's one-act play, "The Dear Departed," produced by Lieut. S. E. Percy. The characters were taken by Miss Inez Bensusan, Miss Francis Chisholm, Miss Hilda Potts, Pte. J. Terry, Bert Rex and Lieut. Humphrey Hope, all of whom acted extremely well.

Other contributors to the programme were Alfred Barker, who played the violin with customary skill, and Charles Gordon, hand-bell ringer and Harold Walters, entertainer.

There should be plenty of talent available to make the new venture a big success, but it must be realised that good stage management is of vast importance in submitting a music hall programme.

20 M.A.C. Dance.

The 20th M.A.C. held their fortnightly dance on Friday night last in the Locaner Strasse School. About 60 guests were present. The G.H.Q. Jazz Band was in attendance and rendered excellent music under the conductorship of Sgt. Hallmark. Light refreshments were provided at 10 p.m. and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close at 12 p.m. C.S.M. Howell, M.M. and Q.M.S. Bowden, R.A.M.C. carried out the duties of M.C.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Wed.	The Taming of the Shrew	Goetz	7	10.15
Thurs.	Rigolatto	Verdi	7	9.30
Fri.	The Women wit out Shadow	Strauss	6	10.15
Sat.	Tosca	Puccini	7	9.45
Sun.	Faust	Gounod	6	10
Mon.	Ein Maskenball	Verdi	7	10
Tues.	Hansel und Gretel	Humperdinck	6	8

"The Jesters."

"The Jesters" received a splendid reception on Monday when they returned once more for another week's engagement at the Palace Theatre. The members of Mr. Alfred Hurley's popular combination of talent have made many friends in Rhineland since they arrived a few months ago, not only on account of their ability as entertainers, but also by reason of their personal charm of manner. All the old favourities are still together and they include Mr. Joe Morley, the celebrated banjoist; Miss Mable Martin, soprano, Miss Jessie Mountjoy, songs at the piano; Mr. Harry King, comedian, and Mr. Chas. Lewis, ventriloquist.

Forthcoming Events.

This evening, commencing at 5 o'clock, there will be the usual impromptu concert at the Leave Club, Cologne; this will be followed by German classes from 6—7 and 7—8. At 5.30 there will be a dance. On Thursday an impromptu concert at 5 o'clock will be followed at 6.30 by a whist drive and a chess tournament, a dancing class and a dance. On Friday a debate, German classes, and a cinema performance are announced, while on Saturday there is to be an impromptu concert, German classes and at 6.30 a dance.

British Empire Leave Club.

I hear that the lighting and decorations at the British Empire Leave Club during Xmas week will be really worth seeing. Those who are lucky enough to get tickets for the Officers' New Year's Eve Fancy Dress Dance, to be held at the Club on Wednesday 31st December, will have the pleasure of seeing them. Those requiring tickets are asked to apply early direct to the Leave Club.

JACQUES.

A WRESTLING MASTER.

Yukio Tani, the Jap, again in London.

The famous Japanese wrestler, Yukio Tani, has opened another campaign in Great Britain, where he has started a five weeks' engagement in the minor hall at Olympia during the great Victory Circus.

Tani is not only a great ju-jitsu wrestler, but he is master of the catch-as-catch-can style, and although it is more than fifteen years since he won the light-weight championship match by beating the redoubtable Jimmy Mellor of Stalybridge, he has not been defeated in the Lancashire style. True, he has had but few matches, but he is hoping for one or two; possibly Tom Rose, of Bolton, may come along.

In ju-jitsu Tani is still supreme at his weight in our Continent, and through his manager, Mr. Jack Henderson, who has been associated with him for many years, he will still be ready to forfeit £100 to any European, no matter what his weight, who can overthrow him at ju jitsu. Anyone indeed, who can stand up to Tani for fifteen minutes is assured of earning £20 if he is a professional, or, if an amateur, a silver cup value £40, presented by Mr. Fred Wilkins, director of the Victory Circus.

RUGBY RECORDS.

Table of this Season's Varsity Matches.

In view of the narrow win of Cambridge over Oxford at Queens Club, the following table will be of interest:—

OXFORD.

Opponents.		G.	T.	P.	G.	T.	P.
Old Merchant Taylors	W	2	9	57	0	0	0
Guy's Hospital	L	0	1	3	3	3	24
Richmond	W	4	6	38	0	0	0
The Army	W	2	2	16	0	2	6
Harlequins	W	6	2	33	0	0	9
United Services	W	3	2	19	0	2	8
Gloucester	L	1	0	5	2	1	6
Leicester	W	2	2	16	2	0	8
Blackheath	L	0	1	3	1	1	6
R. V. Stanley's XV.	L	1	1	8	0	4	12
Dublin University	L	0	0	0	0	2	6
Newport	L	0	1	3	0	4	12
London Scottish	W	3	8	39	0	1	3
St. Thomas' Hospital	W	9	9	71	0	0	0
Cambridge	L	1	0	5	2	0	7

CAMBRIDGE.

Old Leysians	W	5	2	30	0	0	0
The Army	W	1	2	11	1	0	3
Harlequins	W	7	3	43	0	1	3
Richmond	W	4	3	28	0	0	0
St. Bart.'s Hospital	W	3	5	30	0	0	0
London Scottish	W	4	3	33	1	0	5
Northumberland	W	3	5	30	0	1	3
Guy's Hospital	W	2	0	8	0	1	3
Manchester	L	2	1	13	4	1	21
Edinburgh Academicals	W	2	1	13	1	1	7
Old Merchant Taylors	W	4	2	25	0	2	6
Edinburgh University	W	4	4	31	1	1	8
United Services	W	0	3	9	1	1	6
Col. Craven's XV	L	0	0	0	0	1	3
Oxford	W	2	0	7	1	0	5

A "DEAD" OWNER.

Colonel Paynter was accorded a fine reception when going out on his horse, Jack Symons, in the Quorn Hunt Steeplechase at Leicester. Besides being wounded, he was once reported in all the Leicester papers as having been killed, and his obituary was published. No wonder everyone was pleased to see him back in the saddle again.

Unfortunately his horse was not good enough to beat Wavertree, but no doubt the gallant Colonel will be catching the judge's eye again at the United Services Meeting at Sandown next month.

FOOTBALL ITEMS.

Pithy Gossip about Our Leading Players.

By Tynesider.

A short time ago, Jones, the Everton reserve centre, owing to an injury to Miller went to outside right. The following Saturday he played in this position in the first team and now he cannot be displaced. Such is the luck of football!

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Some folk think Everton, because of their wealth can "buy the earth". They must have had some shocks lately, for the "Toffees" bids for many stars have all been turned down.

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In the old days of the team of "all the talents", Sunderland were partial to Scottish players. This season, no native of the Land O'Cakes has yet appeared in their eleven. Queer to see the Wearsiders without a Scotsman.

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Percy Dawson and Grenyer graduated in North Shields and another player with a future has been secured from there by Bury. This is S. Sample, who from all accounts is a player who will soon be in the limelight.

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Peter Quinn, the new Coventry player transferred from Bradford City, is another boy who hails from North Shields.

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Newcastle are up to their old games, splendid mid-field play, but when it comes to goals.—Sh'.

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Folk who think Blackburn are bound for Division Two, will get some surprises shortly. What's the betting they are among the leaders next May?

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Reilly went to Blackburn after all. The "Inspired" scribes at home said he wouldn't, but if you see it in this column "It is so".

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May I tip a dark horse for Division One next season, and they are not shouting about it—Stoke.

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"Clem" Stephenson, the Villa's sparkling forward, resides in Newcastle and travels at week ends to assist the Birmingham club.

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The three Nor'East clubs each have a Scottish player who refuses to return to the fold. The names are Phillip (Sunderland), Andrew Wilson (Middlesboro) and John King (Newcastle United).

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Charlie Barron, of Prudhoe Castle, a local North East club, has been sought after by Bristol City. He's moving.

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Strange isn't it that Tyneside players are so much in the limelight at present. Which is the best football nursery? Don't all shout at once.

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Tinsley is back again in the Middlesboro first eleven. Will he keep his place? is the question troubling Ayresome Park supporters.

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Manchester United have now five class backs at their call. Some teams are lucky.

Next Season.

George Geary, the Leicestershire cricket professional, has been engaged by the Nelson Club as their professional for next season.

Retired.

The old selling chaser E.R. has been turned out of training.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

The Height.

I heard of a girl who was asked the other day, "What is the height of your ambition?" "Six feet one and just demobbed," she replied sweetly.

Startling Prices.

In spite of the fact that supplies appear to be good, the prices for various foodstuffs to be seen in the German shops are rather startling. Cheese at marks 12 per pound to the populace makes one shiver.

N.A.C.B. Christmas Store.

I hear the N.A.C.B. are opening a store at 64. Aachener Strasse for the sale of Christmas extras. Time is getting short. Oranges at 1½d each, and Christmas puddings at 2/1½ per lb. can hardly be called exorbitant.

A mix up.

It was in the midst of a thrilling hand to hand fight between the escaped convict and the much tried hero. The villain was about to get his deserts, when the orchestra struck up "The Star of Bethlehem". Rather inappropriate I thought it. It happened at a certain Army Cinema.

Was ist das?

I thought everyone knew what the letters B.R.A.D.C. meant. But yesterday morning I noticed a mix up on a hoarding. Underneath was an old concert party placard which read "Was ist das?"

Topical.

I note a topical photograph in a Cologne Shop window. It shows a country postman doing his rounds on skis.

Rapid Scoring.

Watching a couple of civilian teams in a match in the Volksgarten I was struck by the doings of one forward. Operating at centre he scored six goals in less than forty minutes. He could give some Army players points.

Allied Troops.

One of the lady workers in the Church Army canteen in Cologne's main station informs me that fully sixty per cent. of the troops served belong to our Allies. A change from a few short months ago.

Hustle, Mess Presidents.

The Commandant, School of Cookery informs me that many units have responded to the letter offering to make plum puddings and mincemeat at the School. He asks me to remind Messing Officers and Mess Presidents, however, that if any more wish to take advantage of the offer will they get in touch with him as soon as possible?

Labours Finished.

The Church Army canteen in Antoniter strasse has now closed its doors. A significant sign of the times.

A "Duration" Calendar.

Have you seen the 100 year "Kalendar" now being sold at one mark pro stuck in aid of the Cologne orphans. It is a clever idea and may prove useful to some people.

All Hot.

A popular drink with the troops now that the cold weather has set in is "Punch." It can be obtained at any café or bierhalle and is, I understand, good for indigestion.

Car Signals.

The system of signals on Rhineland tramways is the same as our own, viz., one bell for starting, two for stop, and three for stop at once.

Advertisement.

I notice that a well-known travelling case firm have a van on the streets built to represent a huge trunk. It is certainly a good advertisement.

A Substitute.

A friend of mine, who is billeted at a butcher's shop, had occasion to ask the herr if he had a razor-strop in the place. Unfortunately he hadn't, but he offered the use of his largest steel instead.

Another Double.

Talking of doubles, I am assured that Ex-King Manoel's counterpart is to be seen occasionally in Cologne. He is, as a matter of fact, a repatriated prisoner.

Popular Esperanto.

Apropos my note on Esperanto, the following day a friend directed my attention to two or three establishments whose windows announce that the new language is spoken there.

Cologne Post Advertisements.

If you want to sell anything, advertise it in the "Cologne Post." It is a certainty. The other day I mentioned that Messrs. Forster Groom's little book, "Sprechen sie Deutsch . . ?" could be obtained from our bookshop in the Arcade, and this morning the Editor received an order for a copy from Glasgow!

No Reminders Wanted.

A Cologne hoarding bears an appeal by the German Society of Peace to parents and others. It reads: "Do not give weapons or guns or anything reminding of the war to your children at Christmas." This appeal was sent to all the local German papers, but only two published it, "The Rheinische Zeitung" and the "Rheinische Republik."

RHINELANDER.

AROUND AND ABOUT.

A FUTURE EPIDEMIC.

So many obscure diseases, after afflicting some local population in the Orient for centuries, have assumed the role of epidemics and started out to travel around the globe, that the discovery of a new one and the possibility of squelching it where it lives, and before the moving impulse has acted upon it, are evidently of international interest. Such a malady appears to be the "tsutsugamushi", long known in some of the river valleys of Japan and said to be transmitted by an insect living as a parasite on certain field mice. The extermination of these mice is suggested as a means of putting an end to the disease.

MEANING OF "PROTOCOLS."

We have heard much lately about "protocols," especially in connection with the latest move of Germany. But what is a protocol? The present writer propounded this conundrum to a dozen people without getting correct information. One thought it was the name for a new brand of whisky, which would be, he gloomily prophesied, "nobbut 30 under proof." Protocol is really a Greek word meaning the first leaf of a book, a kind of fly-leaf containing a description of the contents. It thus came to mean in diplomacy a preliminary record or minute of propositions agreed upon at a conference, to be embodied afterwards in a formal treaty.

HE WAS LATE, BUT CLEAN.

A rather dirty-looking cat left the pavement on the west side of Kingsway. He was hardly in the road before the stream of traffic going north blocked his path. Sitting down in the gutter he began calmly to wash his face. When at last a gap showed in the traffic he walked to the middle of the road. Here he found himself confronted by the traffic going south. It was a nuisance; it meant delay; but—well, he had the other side of his face to wash, and in the lea of a refuge he sat down and washed it. Then, when the way was clear once more he trotted with dignity to the farther pavement. The whole of his face was clean as he turned up Portugal-street to keep his appointment. No doubt she remarked on his smart appearance!

MEDALS AND RIBBONS.

The official notification, published recently, anent the wearing in plain clothes of orders, medals and ribbons, seems to leave the matter very much where it was before. There has been considerable discussion in the papers about the wearing of military decorations in civilian dress, and considering how short was the time, comparatively speaking, that the majority of men recently discharged served in the Army, and how long a period necessarily elapses before decorations reach those who have earned them, it is not to be wondered that there is abundant evidence of a general desire to wear in civil life the orders and medals, or at least the ribbons of these decorations, which have been issued for military service.

FIGHT WITH DEVIL FISH.

How four anglers struggled with a horned devil fish is now told. The fishermen, who were in a motor-launch at Coogee, New South Wales, felt a heavy strain on their lines, and when they tried to haul them in, the monster flung itself clear of the water. It had a diamond-shaped body, and from its shoulders protruded two flappers. It had a mouth like a shark, with long, curved teeth, while from the forehead rose two long horns. Its tail was ten feet long. The fishermen made for the shore and the fish followed them for two miles, making attempts to strike the boat with its flappers.

STAMPS OF YOUNG EUROPE.

Some extraordinary stamps are being issued by the newly-born States of Europe. Most of the designs symbolise their recently found freedom. The stamps of Czecho-Slovikia bear the picture of a lion tearing off the fetters of slavery, while those of Yugo-Slavia have that of a man smashing the clains that bind him. In the background the dawn is breaking. Lettonia, to celebrate its liberation from the Bolsheviks, has issued a miniature masterpiece. In the centre two female figures are seen embracing, while in the foreground a skull and withered bush lie rotting. The walls of Riga loom up in the distance, and the whole scene is luminated by the Aurora Borealis.

VANITY FAIR.

A Feature for the British Woman in Rhineland.

The Difficult Age Disappears.

Never was the young girl so well served by Dame Fashion as at present, when the countless variations of picture styles make it possible for the plain girl to bloom as a beauty. Unless the girl is rich enough to discard a frock after it has been worn a few times she should avoid the fluffy picturesque styles—the petal skirts in tulle, or the gowns with floating draperies of chiffon. The plain styles are not only more serviceable, but are smarter, and a clever worker could succesfully make them herself.

Necessary to Confidence.

It is an undoubted truth that there is nothing like the fact of being well dressed for producing a feeling of self-confidence and assurance. Put a woman in a well-made and becoming gown, and she can face the world with equanimity. It is poor economy for anyone, to wear gowns that are not well cut and of good quality. She will look far better dressed by wearing one good frock several times than by appearing in a variety of confections of inferior cut and quality.

Extremes Match.

Extremes in the dress world must match. With skirts becoming more and more addicted to trouser-like effects, it's only natural that toques should take on an Eastern note. Gold tinsel is well adapted for the purpose, and a folded turban-like model has a brown, draped visor veil to help the Turkish illusion; a cap, chiefly of moleskin, has whorls of brown and green and crimson and blue and yellow ribbon, shot with gold, arranged in close formation over the top of the crown.

Fresh Air and Beauty.

Generally speaking, we are what Mr. Lloyd George called a C3 population because we have not realised that exercise and open air are the best beauty doctors going. To women I would emphatically say that the best way to become beautiful is certainly that of taking plenty of exercise and living as much as possible in the open air. If we let Nature develop as she intended, she will produce a form of beauty which is not to be despised. It is impossible, of course, to change one's cast of features, but it certainly is possible to develop ourselves to such an extent that there shall not be such a thing as "plainness."

New Dances.

The dance craze is, undoubtedly, still rampant, and there is talk of the appearance of new dances. Personally I consider it is a lot of fuss about nothing. Take the threatened revival of the Tango, for instance; it is very rarely performed in a public ballroom. It is certainly a graceful and alluring dance, but its failure to capture favour is quite understandable. It takes weeks to master the intricacies of its steps, and then, unless you always dance with the same partner you find that the movements they perform are not the ones you do. What a waste of time when you might be fox-trotting. In hardly any ballroom does one see anything but the fox-trot, the hesitation, and the modified jazz. These dances have proved their worth, and in spite of everything it will be a long time before they are ousted from popularity.

Inexpensive Christmas Cake.

One breakfast cupful of brown sugar or ¾ of syrup, 1 breakfast cupful of currants, 1 breakfast cupful of sultanas, 1 breakfast cupful of raisins, 1 breakfast cupful of cold water, 3 ozs. margarine, or lard preferable, 1 teaspoonful mixed spice, pinch of salt and a little candied peel. Boil above ingredients for 3 minutes, turn into a bowl to cool, after well mix 2 cupfuls of flour, 1 teaspoonful carbonate of soda, and thoroughly mix into the other ingredients, Bake 1½ to 2 hours in a moderate oven.

AGNES.

CHRISTMAS STORIES.

AWARDS IN OUR PRIZE CONTEST.

Recently we offered three prizes respectively of 150, 100 and 50 marks for the best Christmas stories submitted by our readers. Unfortunately the response was not great, nor was the quality of the contributions quite as high as we had anticipated. Still, many of the efforts were quite creditable, for most of those who tried for the prizes were clearly beginners, and the art of short story writing is not learnt in a day. To tell the truth it is perhaps the most difficult branch of literature. The prizes are awarded as follows:

First prize (150 marks). Sergt. E. Sullivan. A. Coy. 26th (S.) Battn. Royal Fusiliers, No. 20 Lines, Clipstone Camp, Notts.

Second prize (100 marks). Sergt. J. G. Addison. 1st Northumberland Fusiliers, Rhine Army.

Third prize (50 marks). Miss Clara Frances F. Thomson (age 12 years), c/o Lt.-Col. A. F. Thomson, D.S.O., D. Battery 187th Brigade, R.F.A., Rhine Army.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Doggy's Christmas Box.—The muzzling order will not be relaxed before Christmas.

Not Khaki.—Now pink collars are to be the fashion for men next season.

Hotel Life.—London hotels are preparing for bumper Christmases.

Worse Than Cologne.—Milk is unobtainable in Petrograd.

Fewer Kisses?—Mistletoe is rare in England this year.

Really.—Lord Fisher says he has talked too much.

Something to be Cheerful About.—L.C.C. tram fares are not to be increased.

Paris Toys.—Ugly rag dolls are all the rage in Paris just now.

A Helping Hand.—Miners have made a grant of £1,000 to moulders on strike.

Nice Nest Eggs.—State clubs are sharing out their savings just now.

Any Old Way.—Motor scooters are being used at home to reach Hunt meets.

Belloc's View.—Mr. Hillaire Belloc says London is doomed to decline having given way to Tilbury.

The Smallest.—The world's smallest pony will be one of the attractions at the Olympia Circus.

Early Crime.—Two fourteen year old girls were caught picking pockets in Central London.

Tinned Food Triumphs.—Tinned food once debarred from many a home is now popular.

No Second Class.—Second class sleeping car accommodation is to be abolished in Germany owing to the demand for berths.

New Operetta.—A new operetta by Signor Mascagni has been produced in Rome.

Emulating Paris.—The Madrid Press strike which began a week ago is practically ended.

More Disappointments.—The New Year Honours list will be of very modest dimensions.

The Law Busy.—Solicitors at home are said to be doing unlimited business just now.

In the Way.—Swansea police have been asked to keep funerals off the tramways track.

Dearer.—The French Post office have increased rates for foreign telegrams by 55 per cent.

Protecting Ex-soldiers' Interests.—The Labour Party has formed an advisory committee of ex-service and legal men.

A Joke.—Mr. Oscar Asche says "Chu Chin Chow" was only a joke when it was written.

Popular.—Sir Francis Lloyd has taken up duty as Food Commissioner for London and the Home Counties.

Quadruple D.S.O.—Brigadier General Wood is the seventh soldier to win a third bar to the D.S.O.

Deathbed Wedding.—Major Kinnel, West Yorks, who was married in bed at Weymouth has now died.

Family Re-union.—Litvinoff's wife and child have arrived at Copenhagen from England.

Sensible Men.—America's labour leaders have repudiated and condemned Bolshevism.

The Old Story.—All kinds of boots and shoes are likely to be dearer at the New Year.

Doesn't Want a Palace.—The New Bishop of Bradford, unable to find a house in that city, has returned to Plymouth.

Sale Hustle.—A £25,000 tiara belonging to the Duchess of Marlborough was sold at Christie's in three minutes.

Cotton.—An offer of £240 per share is being made for £30 shares in a Lancashire mill.

A Scare.—There is no truth in the story that two Englishwomen were murdered near Boulogne.

Love's Labour Lost.—Thieves who broke into offices near Neath and carried away the safe found it empty.

Music for Queues.—Alfred Collins is arranging for an orchestra to play in the vestibule of Drury Lane while people book.

An Opinion.—Lord Ampthill doubts whether the whole truth and nothing but the truth was brought out in the Douglas-Pennant case.

Chaplain's Distinction.—The Rev. E.N. Mellish, the first chaplain to win the V.C. in the war has now received the Military Cross.

Pipes and Gaiters.—Ultra-musical people at Covent Garden are wearing heavy leather gaiters in the stalls and smoking about the foyer.

Decorum at Islington.—Supporters of the Islington Labour Council, who wore their hats when in the gallery were ordered by the Labour Mayor to remove them.

Demob.—The War Office states that 1,444 Officers and 21,337 Other Ranks were demobilized or discharged during the week ending December 10th. Since the Armistice 141,388 Officers and 3,293,354 other ranks were demobilized.

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PEACE IN SIGHT.

GOOD START FOR THE NEW YEAR.

The tension which arose in the relations between Germany and the Entente has given place to hope that the Treaty of Versailles will shortly be put into execution as the result of the presentation of the German reply to the Allied Note.

Conversations with the German experts, who were due to arrive at Paris yesterday, will probably continue until the end of the week. If, as is likely, an agreement is then established, the necessary interviews between the Allied Delegates and the German plenipotentiaries will at once begin with a view to laying down the measures to be taken in common for the final execution of the Treaty of Versailles. It is regarded as possible, therefore, that the operations of the Peace Treaty will become effective between Xmas and the New Year.

DUBLIN POLICE.

NEWSPAPER SUPPRESSED FOR STRONG OPINIONS.

The Dublin "Freeman's Journal" has been suppressed, and police and military have dismantled essential parts of the machinery.

"The Daily News" has offered the "Freeman" the use of two columns daily, "in order to enable you to give free expressions of opinion on Constitutional Nationalism during your period of suppression." The "Freeman's Journal" has accepted. "The Daily News" declares that the offending article in the "Freeman's Journal" was not directed against the Dublin police, but against what is described as being tantamount to enforced police service by members of the Irish Civil Service.

The suppression was the subject of questions in the House of Commons.

The reason given for the action taken was the fact that the paper said that people refusing to enlist as special constables to assist the police in patrol duty would be regarded as marked men.

The Chief Secretary of Ireland said, amid cheers, that the Irish members seemed to forget that the police ranks were being thinned nightly as the result of outrages.

The question was again raised on the motion for adjournment, when the motion of protest was defeated by 161 votes to 52.

Mr. Macpherson announced that the proprietors of the "Freeman's Journal" have instituted proceedings against the Government

DEATH OF AN ADMIRAL.

We regret to announce the death of Admiral Sir Henry Frederick Stephenson, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., which occurred yesterday in London. Admiral Stephenson was born in 1842 and entered the Navy in 1855. He served in the Crimean war, the China expedition of 1857 and the Egyptian Campaign of 1882. He was in command on the Pacific Station from 1893—1896, and in 1897 was appointed to the Command of the Channel Squadron. He was Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod since 1904.

ZEEBRUGGE MEMORIAL.

BELGIAN DESIGN CHOSEN.

A distinguished company of artists and others attended a private view on Tuesday of the models and drawings submitted for a memorial of the Storming of Zeebrugge and the blocking of the canal. One of the designs has been selected, and an appeal is now being made for the erection of a monument on Belgian soil, where a site already has been presented.

The successful design was that of a Belgian architect and sculptor.

POPE ENJOINS SILENCE.

The Pope has strictly forbidden all Cardinals who participated in the recent secret consistory to divulge the contests of his allocution. His reason is that it dealt only with subjects relating to the internal workings of the Catholic Church, which are consequently of no interest to the outside public.

PRINCE'S NEXT TOUR.

The Prince of Wales, at a meeting of the General Council of King Edward's Hospital Fund, announced that he is going to Australia, probably in March next, and expects to be absent from England for six or seven months.

The strike of London master tailors has been settled.

ARMY ESTIMATES.

PENSIONS AND PROMOTIONS FROM THE RANKS.

The revised Army Estimates of 405 million pounds were passed by the House of Commons on Tuesday. Mr. Winston Churchill said that next year's estimates will not amount to a quarter of that sum. He also stated that the Treasury had agreed that general officers might, if they so desired, take advantage of the permission to take their pensions now in full, even though their time was unexpired. This would clear the General List for promotion in the new post-war army.

Mr. Churchill also said that he supported the idea of promotion from the ranks, but such promotion should be made at an early age and a method must be devised whereby qualified privates would receive special training at a special college. He wanted to systematise the method of promotion from the ranks but the service was ill-circumstanced for this, as there are over four thousand surplus officers and over three thousand applying for permanent commissions. Many of them had risen from the ranks in the field and wanted to be permanent Captains and Majors. There must, however, still be a trickle from Sandhurst and Woolwich, otherwise those establishments must close. He believed that a minimum number of promotions to new commissions should be made from the ranks yearly.

BRITISH IN RUSSIA.

CHURCHILL PLEADS GUILTY.

Commenting on British military operations in Russia, Mr. Winston Churchill declared that the Labour Party had said that he, more than anyone else, had been responsible. When the decision which carried us into Russia was made he had nothing to do with military policy. He found 40,000 British troops in Russia, and the extent of his guilt had been the reducing of them to 2,000.

The Bolshevists had been held this year by Koltchak and Denikin. If the latter's forces were destroyed, the whole of the great Bolshevist power would be available to strike down the Baltic States, to menace Poland and Finland, and to advance through Persia to the frontiers of India, disturbing the whole of Asia. Then we should realise that we had not been fighting the battles of Koltchak and Denikin but that they had been fighting ours.

PRICE OF CEREALS.

PROTECTING THE FARMERS.

Speaking at Shrewsbury yesterday Lord Lee, Minister of Agriculture, stated that a Bill would be introduced into Parliament early next session giving effect to the recommendation of the Royal Commission of guaranteed minimum prices for wheat, barley and oats. He hoped also to include in the Bill by agreement with landowners a clause which would give farmers increased security of tenure. Lord Lee described the attempt to apply the forty-eight hours Bill to Agriculture as wrong and ridiculous.

DUMP EXPLOSION.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

A big explosion of ammunition took place yesterday at the ammunition depot of Mariensiel (North Germany). Hand grenades were being unloaded when careless handling caused an explosion which extended to the main dump. The station of Mariensiel itself was severely damaged, likewise the railway bridge and a number of houses in the village. Up to now it is known that forty-five workmen were killed and more than 100 wounded.

THE FRENCH LOAN.

It is reported from Paris that the French Loan to be floated in England will be for £300,000,000. British financial circles incline to the belief that the flotation of this loan is not imminent, owing to the depreciation of sterling, which is largely due to France buying dollars through London.

SPEAKER TO RETIRE.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Empire Parliamentary Association Lord Burnham intimated that the Speaker is about to retire.

Mr. Charles Cannon, Secretary to the Delegates of the Oxford University Press, died at Oxford on Monday.

EX-GERMAN SHIPS.

SUSPECTED EXISTENCE OF CONSPIRACY.

Fire broke out on the ex-German steamer, Boonah, lying in the Albert Docks, on Tuesday. Two of the holds were well alight and the whole of East London was lit up by the flames, upon which the energies of many fire brigades were concentrated.

There has been quite a series of suspicious fires recently on ex-German ships, not merely in London but in North and South America and it is suggested that the outbreaks are the result of a German plot to destroy expropriated ships.

The Boonah had been requisitioned by the Australian Government and was due to sail for Hull on Tuesday and then embark Australian troops at Southampton on the 20th.

The arrest of four suspects at Wapping is believed to be in connection with fires on various ex-German steamers. All the men made determined attempts to resist arrest. It has transpired that three of them are foreigners who have recently been subjected to close surveillance in the same connection.

The interior of the former German vessel Prinz Eitel Friedrich, which was anchored in the Hudson river, has been burned out, but it is estimated that repairs can be effected and the vessel placed on the South American route by next July.

"TRUTH WILL OUT."

HOW PERSHING WON THE WAR.

General Pershing's report describing the work of the American Expeditionary Force makes no mention of General March, his Chief of the General Staff. Until the report was published most people at New York, says the "Daily Telegraph" correspondent, believed that the two Generals had been working together in the closest harmony.

Friends of General Pershing say that the American leader deserves credit for not having claimed in his report for the part he played in inducing Marshal Foch to start a general offensive in the summer of 1918, instead of waiting till the spring of 1919. They state that Marshal Foch knew nothing about the Soissons offensive, which started with the crushing in of the Marne salient. This offensive was undertaken as a local affair, which was unknown to Marshal Foch until he heard the result!

ARAB RAID.

BRITISH AUTHORITIES SEIZED.

A communiqué from Mesopotamia states that a certain Ramadhan who was recently appointed Governor of Ragga on behalf of the Arab Government, carried out a raid at Dairelzar on the 11th December and imprisoned the British and Arab military and civil authorities there.

This was doubtless done without the knowledge of the Arab Government, but the complicity of the Turkish authorities on the other side of the frontier is suspected.

Dairelzar was occupied last year in accordance with the terms of the Armistice with Turkey, and its forcible seizure is a grave offence against the authority of the Peace Conference.

ARMED BANDITS.

DARING ROBBERY AT A POST OFFICE.

A masked man in army uniform entered the Clayton road Sub-Post office at Newcastle on Tuesday evening and presented a revolver at the two ladies behind the counter, saying "If you don't shout I won't harm you. All I want is money."

Thereupon he swept up from the counter notes and silver amounting to thirty-five pounds and decamped. No arrest has yet been made.

SOVIET AND PEACE.

Replying to a question about Litvinoff's terms of Peace, Mr. Lloyd George said that if the Bolshevists want to make peace they must make it with the people with whom they are making war, Denikin, Koltchak, and other forces.

"GO AND EAT COKE."

At a meeting of engineers at Cleveland (Ohio) it was announced that an engineer at Middlesboro has succeeded in extracting alcohol from coke. The discovery promises to revolutionise the supply of liquid fuel.

SEELY'S VAIN PROTEST.

Brigadier General Seely, in moving a reduction of the Air Force vote, protested against the Air Service being under control of the War Office. His motion was rejected by 180 votes to 39.

O'GRADY'S NON-SUCCESS.

A complete breakdown of the negotiations at Copenhagen for the exchange of prisoners of war and civilians between Great Britain and Soviet Russia is expected.

SCOTTISH WIVES.

SUGGESTION OF INFIDELITY REFUTED.

At the Court of Session, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, Lord Andersen referred to Lord Sands' estimate that three thousand Scottish soldiers' wives had been unfaithful during the war.

Lord Andersen estimated that three hundred thousand wives of soldiers were left in Scotland during the war. Consequently even if Lord Sands' estimate were correct, the point that should have been emphasized was that despite their trials and temptations, ninety-nine wives out of every hundred kept straight. Put as it was Lord Sands' remark did a gross injustice to the women of Scotland which contrasted most favourably with any other country which had been engaged in the war.

COMMERCE DEGREES.

LACK OF ACCOMMODATION FOR STUDENTS.

Sir William Beveridge, Director of the London School of Economics, referring to the new degrees in Commerce, said that training has already started. The School of Economics is so overcrowded that temporary accommodation has been found at the Y.M.C.A. huts on the Aldwych Island site. A large number of ex-service men are working for Commerce degrees in the Exchange and Audit departments, the Government paying the fees for their young men to attend the classes. One business firm is paying fees for eighty-six of its employees, and railway companies are sending from 500 to 600 students.

WAR MATERIAL.

QUANTITIES SURRENDERED TO THE ALLIES.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Mr. Winston Churchill said that the total numbers of guns and aircraft handed over by Germany are 5,000 guns, 25,000 machine guns, 3,000 trench mortars and 1,700 aeroplanes. As regards rolling stock there is a deficiency of forty-two locomotives and 4,760 waggons remaining to be delivered by the Germans. An overwhelming proportion of the stipulated railway material has already been delivered, and he thought the Germans had made a tremendous effort to comply with the conditions imposed.

HONOURS LIST.

MANY WAITING TO BE INVESTED.

The War Office states that 40,000 recipients of Naval, Military, Air Force and Civilian war honours have not yet been invested with their decorations. To reduce the number of those still waiting, local investitures will be held early next year by a member of the Royal Family on behalf of the King. This arrangement is designed to meet the convenience of officers, especially those who have been demobilized. Priority will be given at these investitures to recipients of honours who are about to go overseas. Those desiring to attend should make application to their General Officer in Command.

MISSING AIRMEN.

SUCCOUR ARRIVED TOO LATE.

Further information has been issued by the Air Ministry regarding the fate of the Australian airmen, Captain Howell and Private Fraser, who fell into the sea at St. George's Bay, Corfu, on the 9th December in the course of their flight to Australia. The accident occurred in the evening. A motor-boat and sundry fishermen at once proceeded to the spot where the machine had fallen, but were too late to save the occupants, whose bodies have not yet been found.

LITERARY MSS. RETURNED FROM LEIPZIG.

According to the Bookman's Journal for this week, Mr. John Murray, the publisher, has just received from Germany the original MSS. of Byron's "Childe Harold," A MS. of Walter Scott, and some rare books which were sent just before the outbreak of war to the Leipzig Exhibition. During the war Mr. Murray heard nothing of them, but they have now been returned in good condition.

FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

The Labour Ministry states that applicants for higher education and training who were demobilized before October must apply before December 31st. In cases of later demobilization, applications must be forwarded within three months, and in any case not later than June 30th next.

SPLENDID OFFER TO Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A., which since the armistice has incurred a debt of £75,000, has received from Dr. Mott, General Secretary to the Y.M.C.A. in North America, an offer of £100,000 immediately and a further £100,000 providing the outstanding debts are cleared off.

SUMMARY COURT.

NO OPTION FOR FUTURE OFFENDERS.

Another case of insolence to an English officer resulted in Edward Roseler, a carter, of 39 Griechenmarkt being sent to prison for fourteen days.

The officer was driving a motor car along Komödienstrasse, and accused, who was driving a cart towards the Dom Square, was obliged to pull up to allow the officer to pass. He made use of an offensive expression, evidently a curse of some sort, and his manner was very insolent.

In passing sentence the Presiding Officer said these cases were becoming too common and imprisonment would be the penalty in future.

DETERRING AN UNDESIRABLE.

Dominico Gagliardine was ordered to be deported to unoccupied territory on the 2nd December, but he returned again on the 6th December without permission.

He was sent to prison for six months and will be deported again on the termination of his sentence.

FURIOUS MOTOR DRIVING.

The charge against Wilhelm Erpenbach, of 551, Subbelratherstrasse, Bickendorf, for which he was fined 300 marks or three weeks imprisonment, was that of endangering the safety of British troops by negligent driving of a motor lorry. He was driving on the wrong side of the road at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour.

SILENCE IS GOLDEN.

A military policeman went to the assistance of two German policemen who were having some trouble with Wilhelm Wichterich. He was resisting arrest and when he was handcuffed made use of some insulting remarks in German anent the military police.

He was given seven days imprisonment.

HOUSE PROBLEM.

PREMIER APPEALS TO BUILDERS.

At a meeting held on Tuesday of masters and men engaged in the building trade Mr. Lloyd George made a strong appeal for the speeding up of house building. Five years of war he said, had thrown the social machinery out of order. Local authorities have already site schemes for over half a million houses, and sites for 300,000 houses had actually already been purchased in England and Wales. Builders have laid out sites for scores of thousands of houses in this country and he trusted that local authorities would appeal to local patriotism and he had no doubt that any cash difficulties would be overcome.

It was right that men should get a reasonable profit from the capital they risked and the labour which they put into building, but it was the business of the Government to make it impossible for advantage to be taken of a great social need to drive up the cost.

Before the war there were 900,000 men engaged in the building trade but now there were fewer than 700,000. The building trade must draw new recruits to its colours. Young men of the building trade were being released from the army and in the next few months some 30,000 would be free. This was having its effect in increasing the output. The Government hoped that after the 1st January the normal course of business regarding building material would be reverted to, through ordinary trade channels.

BRITISH EMPIRE.

SCHEME FOR FEDERATION OF PARLIAMENTS.

Speaking at the seventh annual meeting of the Empire Parliamentary Association yesterday, Mr. A. J. Balfour said that one of the results of the partnership in war between the democracies constituting the British Empire would be that for all time it would act as a bond of glorious memories between the parts of the Empire. Great results would accrue from closer union.

The Speaker of the House of Commons, who presided, expected that before long the Devolution Committee would be able to submit a scheme which would provide the first step towards a Federation of the Parliaments of the British Empire.

TROOPS FOR OVERSEAS.

It is announced that a large number of Infantry Battalions are proceeding overseas at the end of the month. More than twenty battalions will be distributed among Egypt, the Army of the Rhine and elsewhere. Men belonging to the Regular Battalions which are under orders, who are at present absent from their units, will be recalled immediately.

LONELIEST ISLAND IN THE WORLD.

The Postmaster General is about to send to Rio de Janeiro the mails for Tristan d'Acunha, the loneliest island in the world. The battle cruiser New Zealand, with Lord Jellicoe aboard, is due at Rio on the 27th January and will take the mails for Tristan d'Acunha.

The Earl of Plymouth has been elected High Steward of Cambridge University in place of the late Lord Wokingham.

U.S. PROHIBITION.

FABULOUS PRICES FOR XMAS DRINKS.

The Liquor Retailers' Association of New Jersey has asked permission of the Supreme Court to institute new proceedings with a view to having National Prohibition declared unconstitutional.

The decision of the Supreme Court upholding war time prohibition has come as a tremendous shock to liquor interests. Immense stocks had been laid up for sale at Christmas in the hope and belief of a contrary decision, and great revels had been planned in New York and other cities. It is estimated that ninety million gallons of whiskey alone are unsaleable, and the total financial loss is estimated at £300,000,000. Smuggling is already rampant. From Canada and Mexico motor-boats are running cargoes nightly.

The price of Christmas drinks has gone up in alarming fashion in places where drink can still be got. Champagne at seven guineas a bottle; Scotch whisky from one to six guineas a bottle; Benedictine, seven guineas a quart; Chartreuse, twenty guineas a bottle, and Absinthe, seven guineas a bottle, are prices that are demanded—and paid.

CRITICAL 1920.

WORLD SHORTAGE OF FOOD.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, Mr. McCurdy, addressing a Conference of Labour Members of local food committees, said there will be a serious shortage of essential foodstuffs in 1920, which experts estimate will be the most critical year since the war. Butter and cheese supplies from Australia will certainly be short owing to the drought. Supplies of tea have decreased and there is no prospect of the world's supply of sugar balancing the demand.

A surplus of meat exists in Great Britain at the present time but there will be a world shortage in 1920. More meat will arrive in the Thames next quarter than we shall know what to do with, owing to the shipments from Australasia. Restrictions on consumption were released in order to prevent this meat being wasted, because the cold storage facilities are inadequate. The cold storage capacity of Great Britain is only forty-two million cubic feet compared with seven hundred million in the United States.

The Food Controller states that some degree of supervision of food supplies will be necessary for at least three years.

THE BRONTOSAURUS.

BIG GAME HUNTERS' NEW THRILL.

Amongst a number of British big game shooters who are leaving in quest of the Brontosaurus, the pre-historic animal which two Belgian travellers recently reported as having seen in the Congo Free State, is Captain Lester Stevens, who is taking his dog "Laddie," which is half sheep-dog and half wolf. This dog was famous during the war for carrying messages from the trenches. It is believed that the huge reptile lives in a subterranean lake.

Mr. Walter Winans says that Hagenbeck and Hamlin, the two great collectors of animals, both believe that the Brontosaurus still survives.

AMRITSAR RIOTS.

Mr. Montagu, Secretary of State for India, referring to the Report of the Inquiry into the Amritsar riots, said he fully appreciated the profound disturbance of public opinion owing to the reports recently received, but he urged the public to await the impartial and authoritative pronouncement of the Committee of Inquiry, which he hoped would be available without unnecessary delay. It was most difficult to state the exact number of casualties, and he looked to the Committee to give authentic figures.

RECORD BOOK SALE.

The sale of the Library at Britwell Court, Bucks, by Messrs Sotheby eclipsed all records, 108 books fetching £110,000. Of this total a New York bookseller paid £85,000, including £15,100 for a fourth Edition of Shakespeare's Venus and Adonis bound up with a first edition of the Passionate Pilgrim.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Markets maintained their cheerfulness though business was less active. British Funds were stimulated by the Chancellor's statement on the subject of reducing the National Debt. French Loans stood out prominently on a further improvement in France due to the arrangements being made to stabilise the French exchange. Mexican Minings were restored to a better position on the brighter political news from Mexico. Oils relapsed on profit-taking sales but rallied later on. All supplies of gold were sold at 11s. 3d. Silver advanced to 79 1/8 on purchases by Bears and to limited supplies. The Exchange on Paris was 38.86; Belgium 38.75; Switzerland, 20.902; Amsterdam 9.93; Germany 182-183; Austria 670-700.

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CARE IN LETTER WRITING.

The importance of care in letter writing suggested by a correspondent is one which cannot be gainsaid.

All who have had the censoring of correspondence whether in Company, section or at the base will agree that 75 per cent. of the letters which passed through their hands had not the merit of care, apart from shortcomings in the matter of composition and literary style.

As a matter of fact many were disjointed, often to the extent of not being understandable, while others were terse and had the appearance of being so hastily written as to suggest that the writer had a task to perform which he did not relish. Care in handwriting and punctuation did not seem to enter into the reckoning.

As our correspondent, a ranker, suggests, a well-written letter is indicative of a refined mind and of scholarly attainments, yet how often did "Just a line" suffice in the connection between the front line and civilization? It was not that the welfare of the dear one at home was as naught to the man in the trench. On the contrary, war and its inevitable separation broke down many barriers and gave renewed strength to the affection of the household, yet one cannot help thinking that the recipient felt a tinge of neglect because of the fighting man's inability to put into words just what he felt.

Many letters we know breathed affection. We envied the man who could pen the ideal letter under such conditions. There was certainly not the scope for re-modelling which our correspondent advises, but nevertheless there was no excuse for the bald, uninspiring train of thoughts which formed the weekly link with home.

There is certainly room for improvement. Given other places and more comfortable surroundings, let care enter the presentation of your thoughts on paper. Let the letter home be productive of your best.

TOYLAND.

It is impossible to escape the infection of the bazaars this first Peace Christmas-tide. The local stores form a Wonderland before which old and young succumb.

If you are a child—and who is not?—you will go into ecstasies of delight. If you are a grown-up you will marvel at this Utopia where after-war problems do not exist, and think of some little bairn who has a claim on your affections at home.

Mere grown-ups, who can remember the limited toys of their childhood, can only gasp at the splendour and diversity of this toy universe. If they are human they will wish they were kiddies again.

You cannot escape the infection. It is amusing for a nonce to see one whose very life not so long ago depended upon the smooth running of an aeroplane engine, a master of mechanics wrapt in the evolutions of a mechanical toy, simplicity itself, or the typical British soldier, who the Christmas before last stood in Flanders mud, now fascinated in company with his offspring by a motley collection of Gollywogs and Teddy Bears, mixed up with puppies, cats, birds of the air, and beasts of the jungle, hectic parrots and elongated elephants, as weird and grotesque a family as ever you would wish to find in "Alice in Wonderland."

Reconstruction is no problem in Toyland. Industries flourish with the depth of Daddy's purse. There are wonderful engineering outfits on all hands. The railways are never overcrowded or troubled by strikes. Nor is there demobilization of the fighting forces of Toyland in the air. They still carry on for the miniature warfare of the fireside.

Dolls' houses of every shape and size, from cardboard maisonettes to sumptuous villas of suburbia, dispel the housing question, while the shops of Toyland do not ask for coupons. The housewife has none of the care of the modern woman, shopping is a joy, prices do not fluctuate, babies are never troublesome, larders are ever full.

This is Toyland—if you have time then seek it out. You will find pleasure even in the pleasure which it affords to British children who are spending their first Christmas in the Rhineland.

THE CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

It was Christmas Eve in Cologne. Lieutenant Reggie Twopipsup, of the Machine Gun Corps, got off the car on the Kaiser Friedrich Ufer and walked to his elegant billet in the Deutscher Ring. He pressed the bottom bell-push marked "Portier" and heard a ring somewhere in the interior. A moment later a musical, bass buzz came in answer. It sounded something like a note on a papered comb and always reminded him of his not far distant childhood days.

Lieutenant Reggie was little more than a boy be it understood. A fat and smiling frau ushered him in. She, too, seemed to exhale the Christmas spirit, he thought. It had been a wonderful day. It was snowing when he left his billet in the morning. The Deutscher Ring was a white fairyland. The water was frozen and the shrubs and trees and statues were prettily powdered with snow. Two little German girls were merrily snowballing each other in the gardens.

Somehow it had been a children's day. Every child in Cologne seemed to have suddenly become possessed of a sleigh. Every hill and slope and gradient seemed to be alive with children tobogganing in the snow. Along the Rhine bank and in every ring and strasse their happy laughter rang out. It was the Christmas spirit and the coming of the snow. Two pretty fräuleins actually had the impudence to snowball Lieutenant Reggie, and I hesitate to confess that he gave them their change.

In the evening our young officer went shopping at Leonhard Tietz's. He went up in the lift and some instinct took him into the toy department. There were dolls dolls and little dolls, Christmas trees, miniature bedroom-suites, toy engines, skipping ropes, balls, and games of every description. And the children! They were of all ages from the baby in arms to the fräulein on the threshold of womanhood. There was decidedly an atmosphere of happiness and eager expectation in this part of the big shop. Yes, it had certainly been a children's day.

Lieutenant Reggie got into bed and lighted a cigarette. A sound came into his mind like the drone of an aeroplane engine. Ah yes, it was Molly in the dairy. His thoughts went back to the pretty little farm in Shropshire which would soon be his, and to his girl-wife whom he had married scarcely a year ago. Molly had turned out a thorough little brick. He fancied he could see her now, with her sleeves rolled up, and pouring new milk into the separator. He was very much in love with Molly. She would have been here in Cologne with him, but . . . well, one never knows.

He thought of the apple trees in bloom, the pet lamb, the funny duck who laid her eggs in a nest under a bush at the foot of the chestnut tree, the circus mare and the frisky, long-legged foal, the cows and the pigs and the hens, the orchard and the pasture-land down by the brook, the rosy-cheeked, village maid-servant, Eric, who drove the motor van into town, and the boys on the farm . . . . and then somehow or another he was in the farmhouse kitchen-sitting-room. There was a big fire in the grate and chestnuts were roasting on the hob. It was Christmas evening. Molly was sitting on a cushion at his feet, and cracking walnuts. She had let her soft, flaxen hair down and still looked the young miss of fifteen she was when he first met her. His arms stole round her neck and she raised her dear face to be kissed. . . . . and he heard a voice wishing him a merry Christmas in German.

The elderly frau had brought his morning coffee and letters. After she had closed the door behind her, Lieutenant Reggie eagerly picked out a letter addressed in his young wife's handwriting. It was rather short and shaky and read:—

"My darling hubby. What do you think? I have a lovely Christmas present for you. You are the father of the duckiest little baby girl that ever was. I am writing this in bed and am still rather weak so you will please excuse. Your own little wifie. P.S. I hope you will soon visit us."

Us. What a wonderful word it was. He got out of bed and dressed like a man in a dream. He went down to frühstück in a state of strange, mental exaltation. A miracle had happened. Only once in a man's life does such news come, and only once is he thrilled through and through with the wonder of it. I hope to feel like that myself some day. *C.W.J.*

BARRACK-ROOM DIALOGUES.

III.—THE DRAMA.

Konky lit his eternal cigarette. "I say, Fatty," he said, "Who's this 'ere Bernard Shaw? Wot does they make such a fuss about him for?"

"He's an Irish playwright and musical critic . . . . you saw a play of his the other night".

"O ah, 'Man and Supperman'. . . . . old Buggins says 'man' is a common ornary man an' 'supperman' is a superior sort o' man."

"Like you and I," said Fatty with a twinkle in his eye.

"Whoat come orf it."

"I think Shaw meant man in the plural and superman is the female of the species."

"Whatever are you a torkin about? Even old Buggins says 'e don't know what you means 'arf the time."

"It's the expression he doesn't understand."

"You're a bit of a swank you know, Fatty."

"O, I don't know. . . . . its my natural way of speaking . . . . why should I de cent to your barrack-room style? O tempora! O mores!"

"O, Lord, dry up. Wot was we torkin of?"

"The drama."

"Ah, yes. Now there's that there play 'The Silver Box.' Buggins says it's a clever play."

"So it is. . . . . very clever."

"Can't see anything in it meself. . . . . a bloke pinches a cigarette case an' gets sent to quod. Nothing very clever in that."

"There's a good deal more to it than that, Konky. Do you remember the lady in the first act saying that the poor always hung together and that they were drunken and immoral?"

"Ah, I remembers that."

"Well, as the play went on Galsworthy showed that these vices and failings were not confined to one class of society. Do you remember the police court scene and how the 'nobs', as you would call them, played into each others hands?"

"Ah, I remembers that, but that's none so clever is it?"

"You try to write a play yourself, Konky, and you'll soon find out."

"I likes a play with some 'go' in it, like "Seven Days' Leave" or "The Female Hun."

"They're not so bad if you go to laugh at them."

"O, ah. I laughs at the comic bloke."

"I laugh at the tragedian and the sentimental heroine."

"O, well everybody knows you're balmy. But I say, Fatty, does yer reckon these 'ere play writer chaps does any good?"

"O, yes, certainly. They put social problems before the public. Look at "Damaged Goods," and look at "Strife," showing the futility of capital and labour fighting. Look at "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," showing that your sins have a nasty habit of coming home to roost."

"Wot is a social problem, Fatty?"

"I've just been telling you. Any question which affects the welfare or morals of the people such as, 'is incompatability of temperament a sufficient justification for divorce?'. . . . . ."

"Whoa! cough it up Ducky."

"Cough what up?"

"Why I thought you'd swallowed the bloomin' dictionary." *C.W.J.*

MORE THAN SKIN DEEP.

It is a very risky thing these days to judge and form conclusions from external appearances as witness the case of Private Smithkins.

Khaki is a great leveller and many a mighty brain is at present being protected from the inclement weather by just an ordinary cap, khaki, service dress pattern.

I once knew a man whose external appearance was the very embodiment of a typical pugilist, with a bullet head and massive neck, but strange to say, he was the mildest man I have ever met, possessing a thin squeaky voice, beside which the cooing of a dove was as a peal of thunder.

His sole aim in this life was to avoid giving offence to anyone.

Then to quote another instance. A friend of mine who keeps a provision shop for the benefit of the community down Peckham way, rejoices in a close resemblance to the late Sir Henry Irving.

When taking a constitutional he creates somewhat of a furore in his particular suburbia, and many a whispered "'Amlet!" may be heard, as his majestic figure passes, a though I can vouch for it that the only "dam'letting" he does is across a counter, at a profit.

But I digress.

To return to the subject of Private Smithkins.

Now Smithkins was a particularly inoffensive looking brand of the human species.

Had a police description of him ever been necessary, it could have been summed up as, "Pale complexion, fair hair, wears glasses."

There was really nothing in his appearance to denote the genius underlying his insipid exterior, but genius, like murder, or election results, or the air in a punctured tyre, must out.

Like a live Mill's grenade with the pin out, there is no suppressing it.

Smithkins got an opportunity of displaying his great genius when it was decided to produce a pantomime under battalion arrangements.

With due forethought, and in view of the amount of material to hand in the battalion for the taking of the name parts, it was arranged that the "Babes in the Wood" was to form the basis of our efforts in amateur theatricals.

Private Smithkins came rapidly to the fore. As stage manager he herded the crowd of budding actors from one corner of the improvised stage to another, and generally displayed a knowledge of his art, although he nearly came to handing in his resignation when a facetious member of the Company remarked audibly that he believed Smithkins had once been a "call" boy.

Under his careful tuition the pantomime became a great success, but the Quartermaster Sergeant and the Sergeant Major were somewhat puzzled to account for the instantaneous success they made in their parts.

You see Private Smithkins had allotted them the parts of the two bold, bad robbers, a touch of genius that the crowd did not fail to miss.

As I say, one should not judge by external appearances.

Genius is more than skin deep.

"HAWKEYE."

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

A BAD HABIT.

Sir,—I think I recognise your correspondent, "Cupid." The pen name is different but it's the same old cant.

Surely "Cupid" is none other than our old friend "Anti-Box."

Away with such hypocrites!

ANTI-CANT.

A RANKER'S PLAINT.

Sir,—The letter by "Ranker" needs no comment.

It appears to be the views of a disappointed youngster whose experience in the Army is limited to his own surroundings.

As regards W.O's and N.C.O's "chucking their weight about" it is up to the youngster to remember that discipline is the British Army's "Tin God" and it's up to "Ranker" to see that next time he manages to get in the way of one of the Senior ranks he remember the old maximum. "A still tongue—wise head."

ONE OF 'UM.

WHEN TO SALUTE.

Sir,—I think "Instructor" must be a product of the Armistice.

When I learned the gentle art of soldering I was taught to pay no compliments after sunset. A sentry never saluted, but merely stood to attention when an officer passed.

In these days of "Poshness," when it is often impossible even in the daytime to tell whether the party is an officer, Y. M. C. A. official or a W. O. sporting his latest kit, saluting becomes a difficulty.

FOUR YEARS OUT.

(Our correspondent has probably forgotten, during the past four long years, a soldier salutes whenever he recognises an officer. Guards pay no compliments between retreat or réveillé, except grand rounds, but sentries always salute an officer if they can discern him.—ED.)

Sir,—With reference to the letter signed "Instructor", appearing in your issue of to-day, I think I can throw some light on the origination of the fallacy that there should be no saluting after retreat.

Para. 1802, King's Regs. lays down that "Guards will not pay compliments between retreat and reveille, except to Grand Rounds." This also applies to picquets. It was from this that the idea arose regarding no saluting after retreat, as at the commencement of the Campaign, those of the New Army, who received such short training at home before being sent into the thick of it, performed perhaps two or three guards and a similar number of picquets. Hence the idea of no saluting after dark.

It may be remembered by those who came out at the commencement, that for some time a great number of the old regular Army had the idea that compliments were not to be paid on Active Service!

Orders are clear enough on the subject, as, besides the number of Routine Orders on it the following extract from para. 1791, King's Regs. is quite comprehensive enough:—"Warrant officers, N.C.O's. and men will salute all commissioned officers whom they know to be such, whether in uniform or not, etc." The latter part of this para. is worth noting also, that "N.C.O's. and men will address warrant officers in the same manner as they do officers, but will not salute them."

GEOREX.

LAUNDRY ARISTOCRATS.

Sir,—May I suggest to "Wife" that she may easily remedy the lamentable state of affairs of which she complains by washing her own blouses, a thing which is often done by ladies in England to-day.

The wife in Cologne has nothing whatever with which to occupy her time, and a little wholesome occupation would probably be of great benefit to her, and would keep her, at least for a short time, away from the Honestrasse, where she is tempted to spend money.

I have it on the authority of an eminent manicurist that the washing of blouses is not in any way detrimental to the appearance of the hands, so "wife" need have no fear on that score.

NEVERWASH.

RHINELAND AUDIENCES.

Sir,—This is another old discussion revived. I am pleased to see, however, that F.A.G.I., like myself, favours the maintenance of the standard of Rhineland entertainments at their present standard and deprecates any change in the direction of lower kinds.

The stage and even the concert party should be educational as well as entertaining and it is up to the promoters to see that the right stuff is put on.

If the young soldier is not scholarly, he has an open and receptive mind in the process of moulding.

Far better that he should cultivate a taste for what some choose to call "high-brow stuff." *M.A.D.*

THE ETERNAL PROBLEM.

Strange that the thing which man most loathes
(To need, to buy, and wear new clothes)
Is just the thing that never palls
To thrill the hearts of all Females!
"Clothes and the Ladies," let us sing;
What worry and delight both bring;
Woman's eternal daily care
Is what to buy and what to wear;
Shopping, measuring, altering stitching
Things bizarre and things bewitching;
Frocks and stockings gowns and hose,
Evening wraps and things like those;
For what else were Ladies born
Than to show how clothes are worn?
O Woman, in your hour of ease
Don't you find Fashion hard to please?
And just as fickle in its taste
As in the changing line of waist?
What anguish when you vainly try
Your neighbour's dresses to outvie!
The more you spend the less you wear;
The most "dressed" Fashion leaves most bare;
The highest Fashion could conceive
Would be to dress like Mother Eve,
But that, alas! would never suit
Nor leave you aught to do, to boot!

A. S. in "Edinburgh Evening Despatch."

SERGEANT'S SOLO SUCCESS.

Wins 2,259 Marks In No. 12 Football Contest.

PROMISING THIRTEEN.

After experiencing a slump due to the demobilization of many of our competitors, our football competition total has latterly shown a steady weekly rise. This week 2,259 marks have been subscribed and have been won outright by one competitor.

This augurs extremely well for No. 13 contest, the result of which will appear on Xmas day. It is already evident that a record sum will be subscribed for this number and the total we are supplementing by a Xmas gift of 500 marks.

In making a bid for this bumper prize it will be well to bear in mind the fact that there is no limit to the number of coupons which can be sent in by any one competitor. The only condition is that each must be accompanied by one mark.

THE "EARLY BIRD".

We have ruled that in the event of the amount subscribed being divided, by reason of more than one competitor forecasting the maximum number of correct results, the 500 marks will remain intact and be awarded to the competitor whose coupon first reached this office.

For the biggest prize make your biggest effort. The fortunate winner, if solo, will receive a substantial Xmas present.

The number is 13, but in this instance we are going to prove that it is not always the unlucky one.

In No. 12 contest the winner was:

Sg. C. Lawford,
No. 1 Coy.
M.F.P.
Cologne,

whose coupon showed but one error. Many competitors came near this total, but the Hull and Grimsby matches upset the majority of the entrants.

When our football representative called yesterday to interview the winner, he was informed that he had proceeded to England on leave on Tuesday. The home address of the winner was obtained and the amount, converted into English P.O.'s, has been forwarded to him.

This will undoubtedly be a welcome surprise to the winner, and a splendid contribution to a merry Xmas.

It is interesting to note that only once has our contest been won with an all-correct coupon.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Two successful competitors have written us as follows: Pte. H. Freeman says, in acknowledging the receipt of our cheque that he was very proud to succeed in winning our prize, adding that his lucky star must have been in the ascendant when he made out the winning coupon. It is his ambition next time to find his name alone in the place of honour.

He concludes by "Wishing the best of success to your competition and the best of luck to the 'Cologne Post', our paper".

Spr. R. Walsh, also thanking us for cheque received, says "I appreciate the straightforward manner in which you conduct your competition. I wish it increasing success."

On the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 13,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.

2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.

3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.

4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.

5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.

6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.

7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.

8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.

9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 13.

Date of matches, Saturday, Dec. 20th.
Closing date, Friday, Dec. 19th.

Arsenal	v. Sheffield Wed.
Everton	v. Liverpool
Manchester U.	v. Newcastle
Wolves	v. Hull City
Bradford City	v. Notts County
Barnsley	v. Tottenham
Bristol City	v. Blackpool
Aston Villa	v. Oldham
Swindon	v. Palace
Kilmarnock	v. Partick

I enter Football Competition No. 13 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions already announced and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(in block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

BRITISH BOXING.

The Vanishing Supremacy of Great Britain.

GREAT FAILURES.

What has happened to British boxers and boxing? We may well ask ourselves this question in view of the disasters which have befallen our most fancied exponents in almost every weight during the past few years.

The notable exception, of course, is Jimmy Wilde, the Tylorstown Terror, who is a boxing wizard at the weight. He never finds a boxer in anything like his own class at his ridiculously small poundage and in the majority of his contests has had to concede anything up to a stone to his many opponents. Nevertheless, his record is one that has never been surpassed, for he has sustained but one defeat. This was at the hands of the American boxer, Pal Moore, to whom he was conceding a considerable amount of weight.

To get back to the failures. The most outstanding disappointment was Bom. Billy Wells, who in the days before the war was the great hope of the British boxing public. But the idol was shown to have feet of clay when he was so summarily defeated by Carpentier, champion of France. So firmly convinced were people in Great Britain that Wells was the man to regain heavy weight honours for his country that even after the second defeat by the brilliant Frenchman they still continued to blindly believe in his capabilities. The Bombardier's skill as a boxer is undoubted, but it is equally certain that he lacks one of the essential attributes of the fighter.

Recently there has been an attempt to regain for Wells the place he once held in the estimation of followers of the noble art in Great Britain, but this can never be achieved until he has accomplished something which will warrant such a confidence.

Joe Beckett succeeded Wells as the hope for British heavy-weight champion who would redeem our past failures in this class.

In a remarkably short time, by reason of successful contests with our best heavy weights, including Billy Wells and Frank Goddard, he rose from a boxer of third-rate class to be British champion. His victories were so convincing that there was justification for the hope that he would succeed where others had failed and wrest the championship of Europe from Georges Carpentier. It is unnecessary here to go into the details of his attempt and failure, but the fact remains that we have yet to produce the heavy-weight boxer who will be able to gain honours outside Great Britain.

Going through the list of those at present available one has to confess that we have no one who appears to possess the ghost of a chance of such success.

Beckett's failure was followed a short time later by the defeat of Walter Ross, our Bantam weight champion, by the champion of France in the same weight, Charles Ledoux, and our chances of annexing the feather weight championship of Europe, for which Tancy Lee and Louis de Ponthieu meet in Paris to-morrow, are far from bright.

While France has only taken up the sport in recent years she has made great strides, and one by one the European championships are being won by her young exponents.

This surely is that there is something radically wrong with British boxing at the present time. It may be that the old-fashioned style no longer succeeds against the modern forceful fighter. If this is so it is greatly to be regretted, because the sport will have lost much of its attraction. Whirlwind tactics may bring about the defeat of an opponent, but they never will appeal to an audience so much as the older methods in which men box and in which science plays such an important part.

RUNAWAY VICTORY.

Sappers 12—Nil Defeat of Royal Air Force.

The 23rd Field Coy. R.E. were in form again on Monday when they played the R.A.F. 91st wing on the ground in the Bonnerstr. Barracks. Dutton opened for the Sappers, scoring in the first three minutes. After the first goal the Sappers kept up a hot pace, registering six goals by half time.

The success of the first half was repeated early in the second half, and the result of the game was a 12—0 victory.

The whole of the R.E. team played perfectly and in splendid combination. Scorers:—Spr. Patterson 4; Sapper Dunt 4; Spr. Dutton 2; Spr. Phillip 1; Spr. Thomson 1.

POETHLYN'S FAILING

Horses Hanging Back till New Year.

"NATIONAL" PROSPECTS.

A large number of promising jumpers are being held back till the New Year, when many large prizes are being dangled before the faces of owners and trainers. As was seen at Derby, it is impossible at an ordinary meeting to support a horse to win a substantial amount of money. In a few weeks' time good horses will be opposing each other, and it will be possible for those interested to increase their investments to any amount.

POETHLYN'S CHANCE.

Meanwhile there is a good deal of speculation about the chances of Poethlyn to win the Grand National Steeplechase at Aintree next March. Last year Poethlyn had little to beat, and the fences were by no means so formidable as usual. The jumps have been restored to their old standard—big and difficult—and there is a serious doubt about Poethlyn getting round.

Mrs. Peel's great horse has won 13 consecutive steeplechases, and he will win a few more before he goes to Aintree. He is probably a better horse now than he ever was before. Next month he will be ten years of age. Not only has Poethlyn to overcome the huge obstacles of Aintree, but he will be meeting two younger horses who are irreproachable jumpers.

YOUNGER HORSES.

They are Troytown and Clonree. Both have won races over part of the Grand National course, and Clonree, who is only five years old, has proved himself master of the jumps as they now exist.

It might not be correct to describe Poethlyn as a faulty jumper, but he "chances" his fences so often that he sends shivers down the spine of his friends, and no horse can chance the present Aintree fences and survive.

Troytown is a young and improving horse, and although he gallops with his head very low, he never makes a mistake.

EARLY BETTING.

So far bookmakers are very chary of offering prices against the likely horses in the Grand National. The only list yet reported that quotes prices gives Poethlyn at 5 to 1, Troytown 8 to 1, Pollen, Clonree and Ballyboggan 14 to 1.

One reason why Poethlyn stands today at such a short price is because a rule has been made that does not permit of any horse carrying over 12st. 7lb. But for this fact the handicapper would be justified in giving Mrs. Peel's horse 13st. or more.

One may remark that nothing has been heard since last season of Captain Dreyfus, who was the last horse to beat Poethlyn. This was at Windsor in March 1917.

DERBY DETAILS.

Two Outsiders Win at Tuesday's Meeting.

The weather was fine at the second day of the Derby meeting on Tuesday and there was a good attendance.

Details.

Selling Hurdle:—1, Magnolia (6—4 on); 2, Krooner (3—1); 3, Soltman Zeal (100—8). Four ran.

Osmaston Hurdle:—1, Saint Ives (100—8; 2, Governor Wood (6—4): 3, Slave Crag (100—13a). Eight ran.

Burton Chase:—1, Eager Simon (5—2); 2, The Bore (9—4); 3, Roman (100—8. Nine ran.

Ashbourne Hurdle:—1, Matruh (2—1); 2, Dornock (9—1); 3, Indian Feast (7—1). Sixteen ran.

Belper 'Chase:—1, Cyrils Hope (10—1); 2, Jimmy Rafter (6—4); 3, Cafue (5—4 on). Three ran.

Rugeley 'Chase:—1, Top Hole (9—4); finished alone. Three ran.

BILLIARDS.

The closing scores in the principal English billiards matches on Tuesday were:—

Reece 3,391
Inman 2,378

Breaks, Reece: 193, 135, 213 and 140.
Inman: 143, 215, 131, 121 and 162 (unfinished).

Newman 2,667
Falkiner 2,119

Breaks, Newman: 121, 134, 127, 239 and 203 (unfinished.
Falkiner: 151, 133, 515 and 141.

RUGBY RESULTS.

Dublin Univers. 8; Cambridge Univers. 0;
Bride 20; Twickenham 12.

ASTON VILLA.

From Bible Class Eleven To Cup Winners.

FAMOUS TEAMS—4.

In common with many of our leading clubs Aston Villa owe the beginning of their career to a church team.

Many years ago a handful of football enthusiasts, members of a Bible Class, clubbed together and bought a football with which to enjoy healthy recreation. These youths belonged to the Aston Villa Wesleyan Church, at Lozells, Birmingham and from this small beginning arose a club whose doings are famous where ever football is known. They played in their first season one match, the first half under Rugby and the second half under Association rules. In their second season, however, they began to shape as a team and met not a few opponents.

Some of their enthusiasts collected £5 with which to rent a ground at Perry Barr, a ground that will be ever famous in the history of football.

INTO THE LIMELIGHT.

Then came George Ramsay, and the brothers Lindsay, and the Bible Class students, came into the limelight. Their doings began to be talked about and with a player like Ramsay captaining and generalling the side they commenced to play real football. That it was appreciated was soon evident and crowds flocked to watch the doings of a team that was then but beginning to climb. That it would reach such dizzy heights of fame never entered the heads of the men that mattered, but climb they did, and they never looked back.

Mention may be made of the men who first brought them into fame, Crabtree, Archie Hunter, another great captain James Cowan, George Ramsay, the brothers Lindsay, Jack Devey, Athersmith, and Dennis Hodgetts. These are taken at random and one could fill columns with famous names and doings if one felt inclined.

A GREAT RECORD.

This is briefly, very briefly, the story of the famous "claret and blues" rise to fame. Their records are legion, but suffice it that they hold along with Preston North End the honour of having won both the Cup and League in one season. The "Villans" did this in 1886—87, and they lifted the cup when defeating their near neighbours West Bromwich Albion in the final tie. The Albion were also the vanquished when the Villa won the trophy in 1894—95. This was the original Cup which was stolen from a shop window in Birmingham in 1895, when, of course the Villa were the holders.

They have won the Cup six times in all and the League Championship on seven occasions although in the past fourteen seasons they only headed the league once, this being in 1909—10.

In their last appearance at the Palace they defeated Sunderland and thus robbed them of the coveted honour of being League Champions and Cup holders in one season.

This season the "claret and blues" have seemingly struck a bad patch but that they will come again is certain. They will not be League Champions but given a safe place on the table and all out for the cup, next May may see them again holders of the trophy.

They have been well in the glare of the public limelight by their recent failures and it is not saying too much when one adds that the sympathies of the football world were with them in their misfortunes, for they are one of the most popular sides in the Leagues.

TYNESIDER.

AN EVEN GAME.

R.A.O.C., Nippes v. Rhine Signal Battalion.

This game was played on the R.A.O.C. ground at Nippes and resulted in a draw, 2-2.

During the first half play was very even, but at the interval the R.A.O.C. led by one goal.

In the second half the Signals forwards got going, and after 15 minutes play, Sapper Reid sent in a beautiful shot which hit the crossbar and on the rebound Sapper Dedman headed into goal, scoring for the Signals.

After the resumption some fine passing was seen between the Signals forwards, which resulted in another goal being scored, putting them ahead.

Three minutes later the R.A.O.C. scored a good goal, which put them on equal terms.

Derby Improvements.

Since the last steeplechase meeting at Derby Mr. Stanley Ford has had built an entirely new steeplechase course. All the fences are now on the flat, the ridge and furrow and drop fences having been done away with.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	SEATS	PRICE
Thurs.	Rigoletto	Verdi	7	9.30
Fri.	The Woman with our Shadow	Strauss	6	10.15
Sat.	Tosca	Puccini	7	9.45
Sun.	Faust	Gounod	6	10
Mon.	Ein Maskenball	Verdi	7	10
Tues.	Hansel und Gretel	Humperdinck	6	8

Y.M.C.A. Concert.

I was privileged to be at one of the excellent concerts given by the Y.M.C.A. Central Staff at the Loreley Hall on Tuesday evening. The Hall was not so packed as it might have been, owing to weather conditions and other attractions, but the attendance was fairly satisfactory. The star artiste of the programme was Miss Harrison, whose rendering of musical monologues showed her to be gifted with extensive talent. Pianoforte solos were contributed by Miss Nash, and songs by Mrs. Frost, Pte. Cowgill and Pte. Frisby. Other items were violin solos by Miss Frazer and songs at the piano by Rev. A. D. Mackenzie.

The Deutsches.

There will be no performance at the Deutsches on Saturday evening, as the theatre is to be utilised for a dress rehearsal of "The Knight of the Burning Pestle," to be presented on Monday.

A Popular Comedian.

This is an impression of Mr. Leslie Ross, in one of his characters, one of the principals of the concert party which has received tremendously enthusiastic receptions throughout Rhineland. Comedy comes very naturally to this popular little comedian, who always appears with his clever and versatile partner Nanny Hanton. The Ross-Hanton pair have made a name for themselves in the Army of Occupation, and they are a never-failing attraction. Their witticisms have the merit of originality, and they have everywhere met with unbounded success as laughter provokers.

"Lady Frederick" at B.E.L.C.

A most successful performance of "Lady Frederick" was given on Tuesday night in the theatre of the British Empire Leave Club, the members of the B.R.A.D.C. kindly taking part.

The original caste seen at the Deutsches Theatre a fortnight ago played their respective parts with the exception of Major Ball, who portrayed the "Admiral," and Lieut. Ingall, who gave the "Servant."

A delighted and appreciative audience witnessed the play, amongst whom were Major General and Lady Lawford, Major General and Lady Heneker, Lieut. General Morland, General Ritchie and Colonel Heath.

At the conclusion Miss Decima Moore called for three cheers for the members of the B.R.A.D.C., to which a most hearty response was accorded.

JACQUES.

"KID" LEWIS V. MATT WELLS.

Substitute Match at the Albert Hall.

To the disappointment of Dick Smith, the match between him and Joe Beckett for the Heavy-weight Championship of England has been postponed, and to substitute this event for the big tournament at the Royal Albert Hall on the 26th inst., the "Kid" Lewis—Matt Wells match has been brought forward for decision on that date.

The meeting of the two will arouse considerable interest, chiefly for the reason that it will afford followers of boxing the opportunity of gauging what there is to choose between Lewis and Johnny Basham, the "welter" champion.

Just how much Lewis, who held the world's championship prior to going down before Jack Britton several months ago, has improved since he last boxed here as the holder of the feather-weight title and Lonsdale Belt has yet to be demonstrated to us, but it may be said that the possibility of Wells administering a set-back to him is not entertained except by the few staunch supporters of Wells, who are still loth to admit that the former champion light-weight was beaten when he recently finished a loser to Basham by reason of a points decision at the end of 20 rounds.

Except for being a little rough in his tactics on that occasion, Wells fought well enough fully to extend his man, and if he can do the same against Lewis, the contest will be worth seeing.

FIGHT FOR FRANCE?

Negotiations between Jack Kearns and Decoin.

A Reuter's Paris message states that according to a telegram received yesterday by Decoin, the manager of the Paris Wonderland, from Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, the latter wants 250,000 dollars as his end of the purse for a match with Carpentier in France for the World's championship.

Kearns says he has received a bona-fide offer of a purse of 350,000 dollars for a meeting between the pair in America. He requests in addition the option of a percentage on gate receipts.

Decoin wired in reply that he is prepared to guarantee him the 250,000 dollars and asks to be informed what percentage is desired. If the reply is satisfactory, Decoin states his intention of leaving immediately for America in order to conclude the contract.

FRENCH RUGBY.

Trial Match for Team to Play Scotland.

A trial Rugby match between France and the "Rest" at Perpignan to choose a team to represent France against Scotland on New Year's Day was won by the latter by 5 points to 3. But this means little, as the men were frequently changed about from side to side in the course of the game. In the fifteen selected after the match there are only three representing the Paris Club, the others belonging to the South-West Provincial Clubs of Bayonne, Toulouse, and Perpignan.

Since the war Rugby has made little progress in Paris, whereas in the south-west a Rugby team has sprung up in every town. The team selected represents French Rugby football at its strongest. Scotland has its work cut out to win even with its best team.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

No Concessions to be made to Football Clubs.

Lieut.-Col. Sir Alfred Warren, M.P., in a written question in the Commons, asked the Minister of Transport if his attention had been called to the fact that the cost of travelling to football teams and supporters was now nearly 150 per cent. above pre-war rates; and if steps would be taken to restore the basis of pre-war rates plus 50 per cent.

Mr. Arthur Neal, who replied, writes:—

My attention has already been called to this matter, and I have given it careful consideration. I regret, however, that in the present financial position it is not possible to make an exceptional issue of cheap tickets in favour of football clubs.

WORLD'S SCULLING.

Barry and Felton sign articles for Meeting in Australia.

Ernest Barry, ex-world's sculling champion, and Felton, of Australia, the present holder, signed articles yesterday for a return race for the championship on Parramatten River, Australia, the date to be decided before September next.

Felton, who is shortly leaving for Australia, experienced a great misfortune yesterday. He had arranged to take back to his native country a new boat together with the one with which he won the championship. The boats were being taken to Tilbury docks on a motor-lorry when the vehicle was run into by a motor-bus and the new boat was broken in half. Felton was present at the time and was very much upset by the occurrence.

COLOGNE BOXING.

The second fortnightly boxing competitions have been fixed for the second and third of January, and will take place at the Central Y.M.C.A. as last time. The programme, which is even more attractive than that presented last week, will be supplemented by two additional contests of three or six rounds. Look out for full particulars in to-morrow's "Cologne Post."

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

For 1920.

M. Conn has engaged L. Bara as his cross-country jockey for 1920.

"Sticks" and Flat.

Baron Baeyens has secured the services of Dujardin to ride his jumpers, and Lancaster on the Flat.

Substitute.

M. Kknayan has engaged the French jockey E. Allemand for next season to ride when O'Neill is not available.

Arrivals and Departures.

Recent arrivals at Epsom are Trespasser, Abaddia, Germiston, Bay Tree, and Bezique. Vendome and Hukm have left for other quarters.

Double Role.

Harold Walden, the Bradford City centre, is also a first-class entertainer at the piano, and he will shortly be heard at the Bradford Alhambra.

"Tony"

"Tony" Hogg, who was Leeds City's pre-war goalkeeper, has been signed on by Newcastle United. He occasionally assisted Fulham during the war.

A Winning Owner.

M. Edmond Blanc, who for many years headed the list of winning owners, is gradually getting another establishment together. His racing string consists of Observateur and six two-year-olds.

Buenos Ayres Best.

Craganour and Old Man are the two leading stallions in Buenos Ayres, with Jardy, a son of Flying Fox, occupying third position. Then come Diamond Jubilee, Cylene and Saint Wolf.

A Piper.

A. Piper, who rode the Isle of Wight winner, Camp Kettle, is now attached to Hampson's Epsom stable. He is a brother of E. Piper, who rode Aboyeur when that horse won the Derby.

The 42nd.

Tuesday's Rugby match at Queen's Club was the 42nd between Oxford and Cambridge. The latter have now won 15 and Oxford 18, while nine games have been drawn.

Billiards.

At the annual general meeting of the Billiards Association it was decided to go into voluntary liquidation, with a view to completing the amalgamation with the Billiards Control Club.

Leicester Fosse.

The statement of the liquidator who carried out the voluntary winding up of the Leicester Fosse Football Club Co., Ltd., shows that the sale of the undertaking as a going concern to the Leicester City Football Club Co., Ltd., realised £4,500.

Jones Wins.

At Hoxton Baths, Fred Jones, of Rushden, beat Sammy Lane, of Neath, who retired during the sixth round of a contest scheduled for 20 rounds.

Fast Time.

Furious covered the mile and a half of the Three-Year-Old Hurdle Race at Derby in the fast time of 3 min 2 3-5sec, which is the fastest done this winter so far.

The Last Meeting.

The Corinthians last met the Spurs, in the season 1906-7. In the home game at Queen's Club they won by 6—1, but at Tottenham were beaten 5—0.

Not Upheld.

Mr. Caldicott has failed in his appeal against the decision of the Windsor Stewards dismissing the objection to Raybarrow. The Stewards of the N.H. Committee held that the question was one of fact, which had been dealt with by the local stewards, and they declined to entertain the appeal.

Good Field.

The entries for the New Century Steeplechase at Hurst Park this week include a number of well-known hurdlers, such as Corydon, Longerline, Wrecker, Procurator, Hollins Lane, Furious, Sippet Charlie, Garryvoe, Vertigo, Stanton and Somerville.

Villa Addition.

Aston Villa have signed on a centre-forward named Andrew Young, from Blythburton, the club from which Stevenson and several other Villa players were secured. He is 23 years old, 5ft. 8½in. high, and scales 12 st.

Rugger Fund.

Mr. Arthur Hartley, president of the Rugby Union, and Mr. G. Rowland Hill, ex-president, in announcing that the fund raised for "Rugby Football for Our Forces" has been closed, state that donations amounted to £241, and that £192 was expended in the purchase of footballs.

Jimmy Ratter's Owner.

Major H. S. Hodgkins, of the 4th Dragoon Guards, is owner of Jimmy Rafter, and the success of the gelding in the Elvaston 'Chase at Derby compensated his owner for the several seconds the chesnut has run. He was trained by Ben Roberts, the steeplechase jockey.

Bliss Injured.

Bliss, of Tottenham Hotspur, who was badly kicked on Saturday in the match against Fulham, was medically examined, and he was informed that he could not play yesterday. His place was taken by W. E. Hardinge, of Cambridge University, who was in the Corinthian side against Tottenham Hotspur.

THE ARMY CUP.

On account of certain unavoidable movements of units concerned in the Army Cup the Council of the Army Football Association at their meeting decided to defer making the draw for the third round of the Army Cup until Dec. 30. This will not affect the playing of the third round, which has been fixed for Jan. 31. Sixty-four clubs are now left in.

RUGBY CHANGES.

L. P. Morian, (Blackheath) who was originally selected to play for the South, now replaces Greenwood in the English pack.

In the South fifteen, A. R. Aslett, Sandhurst, replaces Smallwood at three-quarter and C. S. Conway, Cambridge University, and Petty Officer Golding, Navy Depôt, Devonport, take the places of Moresby-White and Meriam in the forward line.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

All Gone.

The only Irish unit left in Rhineland is the Inniskilling Dragoons. Ireland has not a representative infantry battalion left out here.

A Good Motto.

The pains the average German frau takes in her household is reflected in the common motto to be seen almost everywhere. Translated it reads, "My kitchen. My pride."

Watch the Pfennigs.

The importance the German attaches to this coin was evidenced yesterday in a large shop, where many were kept waiting till the assistant had got change and repaid the said amount out of a mark tendered.

Gulls Fly Inland.

With the cold weather the gulls are flocking up the Rhine. To-day one was reminded of the Thames Embankment, although the gulls do not seem so tame as the Thames variety.

Climbing Irons.

We all know the climbing irons of our own linesmen in the Royal Engineers. The German civil linesmen are not troubled in any way with these awkward appliances. Their irons consist of two large spikes fitting on the boots.

A Big Adventure.

The once familiar Indian troops have now all left for a sunnier climate. Some of them were very loath to go back, and no doubt their experiences in the Army have been to them a big adventure.

Why Not?

Do the girls who serve in the different N.A.C.B. Canteens ever attend the different dances and other social functions that take place in Cologne? I may be wrong, but one seldom sees much of these girls at dances.

Shop Window Decoration.

Nothing can equal the ingeniousness of some German shopkeepers in the matter of shop window decorations. One showily arranged shop notice is decorated to represent a snowfall. This was managed by sundry pieces of wadding hung here and there and pasted on mirrors.

Gymnastics.

In a remote village near Cologne I came across a class of youthful gymnasts practising for a display at Christmas. They were clever, too.

Cribbed Tunes.

I visited a certain cabaret the other evening and found that nearly all the vocal items were to well-known ragtime tunes, although as far as my smattering of German could let me gather, the words had not the same meaning.

Young Foragers.

The large piles of firs in the Alte Markt are often the subject of daring raids by the Cologne youngsters who swoop down and seize large pieces despite the efforts of the police to drive them away.

Presents For Home.

The other afternoon I was under the impression that the N.A.C.B. was running a girl messenger service. About a score of its girls bearing parcels were wending their way along Marzellen Strasse. But probably the packages were destined for Blighty.

Take Your Sandwiches.

Dropping into a restaurant in a village outside Cologne the other day I was struck by the number of couples taking tea there. As is the general rule they nearly all brought sandwiches with them. Having tasted some of the mealy mess served as cake I came to the conclusion that they were wise.

Survival of German Modesty.

Mentioning the fact, the other day, to the Fräulein in his billet, that his maternal grandparents were German, a Tommy found himself studied with some interest. The Fräulein's female companion, upon being told how well-behaved he was in his quarters, went on to say that that was, of course, due to the German blood in his veins.

Breaking-up Party.

A pleasant little function took place at the breaking up of Miss Steel's French class at the A.G. and C. College. In the afternoon the Museum was visited and the fine array of pictures noted and discussed. Then an adjournment was made to the B.E.L.C. where, by the kind permission of Miss Decima Moore, high tea was served. Some of the students then contributed some items in French, a notable event—English soldiers declaiming in French in a German Clubhouse. The proceedings terminated with a concert, very kindly arranged by the voluntary lady-workers of the Leave Club, which was heartily appreciated.

Irony.

The label on a famous cigarette brand now on sale in German shops bears these words, inspired during the war, "is and always has been an entirely British firm."

Useful But Heavy.

I noticed an English lady the other day wearing a pair of field boots. Rather heavy for a lady, I thought.

The Dialect of the Dales.

A door in a certain office not a mile from the Dom bears these words on a placard: "Put wood in t'hole, lad." A Yorkshire wit wrote that sentence.

A Vague Tariff.

For a droll way of enumerating foodstuffs for consumption commend me to a shop in Severinstrasse. A cafe there has its tariff set out thus: Coffee 30 pfgs., Cacao 75 pfgs., Cakes, and so on, 1 mark.

Any Old Tale.

A culprit at the Summary Court, charged with being in possession of Army blankets said he received them from German soldiers passing through Cologne last November. The court thought otherwise.

No Room 13.

Further evidence supporting German belief in superstitions is contained in the fact that not a single hotel in Cologne has a room bearing that number.

Out of Season.

In one shop window I have noticed they have a clearing line of tennis balls. All things equal, they are remarkably cheap, but they suffer in comparison with the British article.

MISTLETOE AND KISSES.

ORIGIN OF AN ANCIENT CUSTOM.

In paying honour to their great god, Thor, romantic Scandinavians built great fires called "Jule" or "Yule" fires. In the old days the higher the flames towered through the forest the greater pleased was Thor.

The men soon learned that the trees upon which mistletoe clung would give the brightest fires. They believed this was due to the great Thor himself, who caused the mistletoe to grow on those trees to let his people know which were best for burning in his honour.

The trees upon which quantities of the mistletoe grew were sapped of their vitality, and, being drier, burned with a brighter flame than other trees that were full of sap. So when any one met under the mistletoe in the great forests, no matter how great enemies they were, they dropped their weapons and greeted each other kindly: nor would they take up arms against each other until the sunrise of another day. This was their tribute in honour of Thor.

They began to take bits of the mistletoe into their homes and hang it over the doorways, and if any enemies came they could not enter the houses beneath the mistletoe without becoming friends of the people inside so long as they remained there.

From this came the habit of greeting people who stepped under the mistletoe with an embrace or a kiss, and at indoor feasts the mistletoe was hung up in the room and the people greeted each other with kisses.

So in these days the couple kissing beneath the Christmas mistletoe in a spirit of fun or romance carry on a custom the Scandinavians had a thousand years before.

"Wot yer waitin' for Alfred, manicure or face massidge?"

Fast in the Rails.

Traffic was suspended in Marzellenstrasse yesterday morning for 20 minutes owing to a rather unusual accident. A horse attached to a heavily laden dray slipped and one of his shoes became fast in the tram points. It took the united efforts of three men twenty minutes to extricate the animal.

Examination Humour.

Surely it was a humorist of the grimmer order who set a recent "English" exam. paper. Among the questions was one which started off "Distinguish the meanings of the following pairs of words. . ." and one of the pairs was "gratitude" and "gratuity." As the examiner had previously distinguished between "fluid" and "fluent," it may have been possible.

A Dance Rendezvous.

The other evening I was in a Cologne tea place, when I noticed a couple of tables marked "Reserved." Idly speculating, I was pleasantly surprised when an English sergeant came in, dance slippers protruding from his coat pocket, and sat down at one of these tables. Then two English girls arrived and so on until half a dozen couples were at tea. Afterwards all paired off and left apparently for some dance. The idea of a rendezvous like this struck me as both, novel and good.

Worth Winning.

Turn to page three and read the offer we are making in connection with our new football contest. The prize will be worth lifting.

Cafe Souvenirs.

Apropos a recent Echo where a German cafe proprietor has a propellor as a souvenir I came across a large framed diploma in a Cologne cafe. It was presented to the proprietor on the conclusion of a walking tour across half the world, starting from Munich in July 1895, and returning to the same town in December 1896.

Pretty Women's Gossip.

I have received a cutting from the "London Mail" which has raised my correspondent's ire. It starts off in the hackneyed idiotic manner, "A pretty woman of my acquaintance", and goes on to say that the German civilians follow the lead of "the military" in being "impudent in their manner to English ladies as they pass them in the street.". If the civilian is impudent the ladies have it easily in their power to obtain swift and just punishment by appealing to our ever ready and efficient military police, but to blame the military thus is as irresponsibly petty as it is grossly unjust.

RHINELANDER.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Never Say Die.—M. Clemenceau despite his broken rib is hard at work at home.

Standing By. — Japan is keeping her troops in Siberia.

Walk to Church. — Bristol still has no Sunday trams and buses.

Not Picardy. — Primroses are blooming in Monmouthshire.

More Trouble. — Belgian miners have decided on a general strike.

And "Dry." — Mr. "Pussyfoot" Johnson is still out of action.

Gone Home.—The crew of the raiding cruiser "Emden" are back in Germany.

Fatal Error.—A Notts doctor drank ammonia for bismuth.

More Fortunes.—A boom in shipping shares is existing in Cardiff market.

Popular Gaby.—Gaby Deslys has undergone another operation.

Famous Name. — Sir John Jackson, M.P., the famous contractor, has died.

What They Cost.—For four tramway-cars East Ham is paying £2,100 each.

Any Old Skins?—In North-West Suffolk rabbit skins fetch from 1s. to 1s. 3d.

Irish Outrage.—A man was stripped of his clothing, and left naked by the roadside in North Tyrone.

Complimentary.—When Sir Eric Geddes was addressing Bristol business men someone threw a bag of flour.

The Enemy.—It is contended by authors that bridge has done a deal of harm to literature.

Get Ready.—Christmas letters for troops in France and on the Rhine leave England on Friday.

Boom in Slates.—Closed for forty years several slate quarries in Carnarvon and Merioneth have been re-opened.

Kingly Port.—Given to a Red Cross sale by the King a bottle of port wine fetched £19 at Bishops Stortford.

Awful Death.—His clothing catching on a revolving shaft in a glove factory at Yeovil a man was killed.

A Respected Leader.—Mr. E. Tindal Atkinson, K.C., has resigned his office as Recorder of Leeds.

Baths as Memorial.—In memory of old boys who fell, Wycombe Grammar School is to build swimming baths.

Real Charity.—Grants from 10s to £25s. are to be handed to Leighton Buzzard war widows.

Snatching a Living.—Fleetwood trawler-owners have refused to sell fish at the new control prices.

A Change.—Ten survivors of an American steamer which struck a mine were picked up by Germans.

Their Due. — Mercantile seamen will rank as ex-service men for out-of-work pay.

Despite High Prices. — Policemen are required to regulate queues outside West End toy-shops.

A General Hope. — Mr. Chamberlain hopes it will not be necessary to issue notes lower than ten shillings.

Cheap at the Price.—32,000 children of St. Pancras are to have a peace treat at 6½d. per head.

A Danger. — A bluejacket, who used a carpenter's tool brush when shaving, died from anthrax.

Hulloa! — Telegraphic communication between France and Germany has been resumed.

Kingly Benediction.—General Bramwell Booth was received by the King before starting on his world's tour.

Something Anyway.—Mr. Lloyd George says relations between Rumania and the other Allies are now satisfactory.

Blended.—Australia's new Parliament will probably consist of 37 Nationalists, 28 Labour Members and 10 farmers.

Price of Patriotism.—An ex-officer has become a London street hawker to supplement his wage in order to keep his wife and baby.

"Kinema You Asses."—A London thief being chased by a crowd put them off the scent by shouting "Kinema, you asses".

Fond Of England.—The Queen of Spain hopes to return to England in the summer, when she and her family will pass a few weeks in the Isle of Wight.

Erring Wives.—It is said that some 3,000 Scottish wives committed misconduct in the absence of their husbands on military service.

Household Footballers.—The football club at Buckingham palace is to be known as the Royal Household Football Club.

Poor Girl.—Queen Elizabeth are the Christian names of a prospective bride whose banns have been published at a Surbiton church.

Hindy and Willy.—Hindenburg as Imperial President, and the ex-Crown Prince on the throne, is the dream of the Prussian League.

Found.—A 6-ft. Venus has been found in London for the Palace Theatre revue. She escaped from the Bolshevists in Russia.

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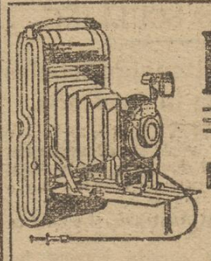

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THE OPEN DOOR.

STARTLING JUDGMENT OVER BRITISH IMPORTS.

In delivering a reserved judgmen yesterday, Mr. Justice Sankey ruled that the Government has no power to prohibit imports of goods other than arms, ammunition and gunpowder. The judgment turned on the interpretation of the Customs Consolidation Act, 1876, which says "the importation of arms, gunpowder, ammunition, or any other goods may be prohibited by Proclamation or Order in Council". Under this authority the Government had issued thirty-two Proclamations.

Mr. Justice Sankey held that the phrase "any other goods" covered only goods of the same class as arms and ammunition and gunpowder.

Leave to appeal was granted.

The decision was made on a test case brought by Manchester Chemical Manufacturers concerning the seizure of a consignment of Pyrogallic Acid. The embargo on these goods was made by proclamation in June last but the restrictions were withdrawn on the 1st September except as regards materials for key industries. It is on the latter class of goods that the embargo is now declared illegal. If Mr. Justice Sankey's decision is upheld in the Lords, it will be necessary to introduce a Bill in 1920 indemnifying the Government against seizures of goods under proclamation. The decision has naturally delighted Free Traders.

Sir John Simon, in an interview, said that the whole embargo system had been blown sky high.

BRITISH AIRSHIP.

PASSENGER AND GOODS SERVICES.

Important British airship developments are pending. According to the "Globe" the aviation firms of Vickers, Beardmore and Short have practically amalgamated, a number of shipping magnates being associated with them. It is stated that the famous trans-Atlantic airship R 34, and the R 39 (now under construction in Scotland) will be acquired and altered to carry passengers and goods.

Services in Great Britain and to Scandinavia and Holland will first be organised, after which a demonstration flight from London to Egypt will probably be run. A weekly airship service to America is also contemplated but this is unlikely to materialise for some considerable time.

PENSION WARRANT.

ACTING RANKS TO BENEFIT.

The Royal Warrant for Pensions provides that no grant to a disabled soldier or his dependants shall be re-assessed to his or their disadvantage. A gratuity or final weekly allowance may be granted instead of a pension, such grant not to exceed two hundred pounds. Disablement pension granted to a soldier holding acting rank at the time of his disablement may be at the rate appropriate to that rank. A permanent pension when granted shall not be altered on account of any change in a man's earning capacity.

UNIVERSITY FOR SWANSEA.

A Charter of Incorporation has been granted by His Majesty the King to the Technical College at Swansea, thus raising it to the rank of a University. Swansea University College will now be able to confer degrees, honours etc. The town is raising a fund of £150,000 for the endowment of its University, more than half of which has already been securedt

UNION OF CHURCHES.

A special Commission of the General Assembly of the Established Church of Scotland decided at Edinburgh yesterday to approach the Government as regards the legislation necessary to secure the Union of the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church.

DOG SAVES 92 LIVES.

A hurricane has been raging in the North Atlantic for the past week, which has strewn the coast with wrecks. A Newfoundland dog aboard a steamer wrecked off Newfoundland saved the lives of ninety-two passengers and crew by taking a line ashore.

There is no sign of a compromise between Republican Senators and President Wilson on the Peace Treaty. No action is expected to be taken by either side before the New Year.

TERRITORIALS.

TO BE VOLUNTARILY RECRUITED.

According to the "Times" the War Office has now come to certain definite decisions regarding the reconstitution of the Territorial Force. The most important is that it will be voluntarily recruited on the basis of liability for foreign service in grave national emergency. It is not yet decided whether Territorials shall go abroad as units or in drafts. This is a most critical decision, as the whole question of our future Army Reserve is bound up with it. The War Office has decided to retain the pre-war standard of annual training.

MONEY SPINNERS.

TRIPLE BONUS FOR LANCASHIRE OPERATIVES.

In view of the prosperity of the industry and the fact that employees are under agreement to work at the present rates of wages until 31st March next, the Federation of Master Cotton spinners has decided to distribute three bonuses among its 115,000 employees. These will be paid on the 10th January, 14th February and 20th March. Men over twenty-one years of age will receive three pounds each time, and women over twenty-one two pounds, younger employees getting from twenty to thirty shillings. It is estimated that the total cost will be £1,500,000.

Weaving operatives are now hoping for a similar movement on the part of their employers.

The Executive Committees of two of the leading Cotton Operatives Unions held a meeting at Manchester yesterday afternoon and decided unanimously that these bonus proposals were in every respect unsatisfactory, particularly as to the amount and method of payment.

POULET'S ILL-LUCK.

BIRD SMASHES HIS PROPELLER.

On his second attempt to get away from Rangoon M. Poulet was again unfortunate. He started from Rangoon for Bangkok but when over the mountains in Burma a vulture dashed at his machine with the result that the right propeller was broken. Poulet therefore returned to Moulmein, where he alighted successfully in the middle of the night.

The Paris "Intransigeant" has opened a subscription list on behalf of M. Poulet, who received no official aid whatever towards his Australian flight. The first list totals 5,757 Francs and includes the names of Nungesser and other well-known airmen.

IRONMOULDERS' STRIKE.

Representatives of the Engineering Employers Federation and the Ironfounders Union met at the Ministry of Labour on Wednesday with a view to discuss a settlement of the Ironmoulders strike, which has lasted for twelve weeks. Actually only 50,000 moulders are out but the strike has thrown nearly 100,000 other workers out of employment.

The meeting broke up at midnight having failed to reach an agreement, and stands adjourned till Tuesday.

HIGHER FARES.

Speaking at Bristol, Sir Eric Geddes intimated that railway rates would be raised within a month. Negotiations with the railwaymen were proceeding satisfactorily, he said, and it had been agreed to refer future disputes to a National Wages Board consisting of representatives of the managements, the men and railway users. There would be no strike until one month after such reference.

DON'T MISS THIS.

Come round to the Y.M.C.A. and have a meal, or borrow a book, or listen to the concert or one of a thousand other things. First, however, understand that the Y.M.C.A. is faced with a deficit of £750,000, and it's up to YOU to help. Stand by for further particulars.

ANTIPODEAN AIR ROUTE.

In view of the probable establishment of a commercial air service between England and Australia Captain Ross Smith suggests as intermediate sections London, Cairo, Calcutta, Singapore and Port Darwin. He favours the use of seaplanes from Calcutta.

The Labour Gazette asserts that retail prices of food etc. are still 125 per cent. above their pre-war level.

SINN FEIN RAID.

CORK RAILWAY STATION CAPTURED.

Late on Tuesday night a daring raid was made on the premises of the Cork, Bandon and South Coast Railway at Cork. Parties of armed men entered the station premises and locked up the employees in one building. A thorough search was then made of the stores and offices under the belief that arms were stored there pending transportation on the railway. Nothing was found, however, and the parties retired. The raid was carried out very quietly and attracted no outside attention. It was effected about midnight by two hundred armed and disciplined Sinn Feiners within two hundred yards of the Police Headquarters. On a signal being given by whistle the raiders took up their allotted positions, locked up all the signalmen, shunters, drivers and clerks and occupied the station for an hour, searching for an expected consignment of arms to the military. No arrests have been made.

WAR GRATUITIES.

PAYMENTS TO NEXT OF KIN NEARLY COMPLETE.

The War Office states that the war gratuity granted in December last has now been issued to the legal representatives of over 543,000 officers and men who died in the war. The rate of issue of gratuities has reached over 40,000 a week. This is in addition to the total of 98,000 cases dealt with at the same time as the rest of the estate.

The work is rapidly approaching completion and if the representatives of any officers or men entitled to gratuities have not already received a communication from the War Office on the subject, they should at once send particulars to the Secretary to the War Office, Imperial Institute, South Kensington London SW. 7.

This does not apply to officers who held temporary commissions, as the gratuity issueable in respect of such commissions is provided for under the Royal Pay Warrant and this gratuity being paid when the officers' balances are issued, no application is necessary.

ON THE KING'S ROLL.

EIGHT THOUSAND PATRIOTIC FIRMS.

It was announced in the House of Commons by Sir Robert Horne, Minister of Labour, yesterday, that the number of firms now on the "King's Roll" who are pledged to employ a certain proportion of disabled soldiers, is 8,100. They afford employment to 1,230,000 workpeople in addition to 75,500 disabled ex-service men.

The number of disabled men placed in employment by the Labour Exchanges between the 15th September and the 5th October was 14,700, and many more have been placed by direct application. The number of disabled men on the register of unemployed on the 5th December was 42,000.

IN COMMON DIGNITY.

WAR GRAVE MEMORIALS.

The refusal of the War Graves Commission to allow relatives to erect private memorials in France and Flanders was sharply criticised in the House of Commons yesterday. Lord Robert Cecil declared that it inflicted unjustifiable suffering on parents and others.

Mr. Churchill upheld the decision that memorials should be uniform in design. The soldierly feeling was that all—Prince and peasant, private and officer,—should rest together in common dignity and honour.

FILM OF PRINCE'S TOUR.

The Albert Hall was packed with an enthusiastic audience yesterday when the King und Queen and other members of the Royal Family attended to visit the first exhibition of films depicting the Prince of Wales' Canadian tour. The High Commissioner for Canada, who presided, dwelt on the wonderful personality of the Prince and the enormous success of his tour, emphasising the Dominion's undeviating loyalty to the Empire and the Crown.

FOOD FOR AUSTRIA.

The Supreme Council, after hearing Herr Renner, the Austrian Chancellor, has decided to permit the immediate despatch to Austria of thirty thousand tons of foodstuffs now lying at Trieste and has also decided that financial assistance from the United States is indispensable to facilitate the revictualling of Austria.

PREMIER SMUT'S POLICY.

Delayed messages from Bloemfontein state that General Smuts in his declaration of policy at Bloemfontein said that the South African Party would combine neither with Nationalists nor Unionists. Foreshadowing a large programme of reforms, he appealed for the support of all moderate men.

A German barque from Philadelphia has arrived in the Downs, the first since 1914. None of the crew were allowed ashore.

POOR RATEPAYERS.

LABOURITES SQUANDERING PUBLIC MONEY.

The new Labour majority on the Bermondsey Borough Council (South London) is going the pace in the matter of finance to such purpose that after being in office only one month, they already find it necessary to levy a Supplementary Rate of 1s. 10d. in the pound, making the total rate 12s. 10d. for the year, provided no further supplementary levy is made.

The advance of a pound a week in the wages of all the Council's employees alone involves a sixpenny rate. The "Star" points out that women lavatory attendants are now getting 66s. 6d. per week, and are thus being paid at the rate of over two shillings an hour.

During the past month the Council has been responsible for the expenditure of £13,725 which was not provided for in the Estimates. The new Council has decided to cover last year's deficit of £5,000 on the Municipal Electricity Undertaking by loan instead of from the current rate.

Speaking at Battersea yesterday Mr. Scott Duckers said the new programme of the new Labour Council at Battersea meant a great increase in the rates. In order to keep them under twenty-shillings in the pound there must be a drastic re-assessment of the whole Borough.

WAR HONOURS.

FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS.

An Army Order issued yesterday directs attention to the fact that final action has still to be taken in respect of (1) certain lists of recommendations for services in the field since the Armistice, for gallant conduct in escaping or attempting to escape from captivity and for valuable and meritorious services rendered whilst in captivity; (2) recommendations for the Royal Red Cross. It is further stated that recommendations may be submitted as hitherto in respect of services (including Nursing Services) in those theatres in which hostilities still continue; and that in respect of military services the pre-war system of honours will now be reverted to. The following forms of reward dealt with by the War Office will be available under peace conditions:—(1) Order of the Bath—Military Division. Appointments and promotions to fill establishment vacancies; (2) Order of the British Empire (Military Division). Available for award for "gallant conduct" on the part of officers, the qualifying services being of the character of those for which in the case of other ranks the Meritorious Service Medal is available.

The Albert Medal, Edward Medal, Board of Trade Medal, Royal Humane Society Awards, Stanhope Gold Medal, and the Medal of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution will be open to all ranks of the Army in recognition of the services for which each distinction is the particular form of reward, but the final selection for these distinctions will not rest with the Army Council.

Recommendations for Brevet promotion and substantive promotion under the Pay Warrant will be accepted only in respect of most exceptional services, provided that the services fall within the terms of those articles of the Warrant in which the conditions are set out.

ITALIAN POLICY.

ALLIES AND DISPOSAL OF FIUME

Last Saturday the Italian Premier, Signor Nitti, made a speech at Rome stating that Signor Scialoja had not been entrusted on his visit to London with the duty of concluding with the Allies any treaties compromising the future of Italy.

This statement has given rise at Paris to various misinterpretations, and many leaders of opinion incline to the belief that it indicates a change in Italy's foreign policy.

The "Matin" states that according to authoritative information from Rome Signor Nitti's speech must only be read as containing the assurance that all treaties submitted to Italy for signature will be discussed in the Italian Chamber before being signed. The Foreign policy of Italy, adds the "Matin," will be based as in the past on the principle of complete solidarity with the Allies.

The "Journal des Debats" reports that as a result of the recent conferences in London, Mr. Lloyd George and M. Clemenceau have addressed a Note to Signor Scialoja pointing out that no settlement of the Fiume question is possible except that advocated by President Wilson.

OVERSEAS AERODROMES.

An item of £50,000 appeared in the Army Estimates for expenditure in connection with the aerial route from Cairo to India. This is only the first step, said the War Secretary, towards the preparation of aerodromes and accommodation at Cairo, Baghdad and Karachi, which are the most important sections of the air route from London to Australia.

The present type of aeroplane is well enough for war or adventure, commented Mr. Churchill, but for peace time commerce a greater degree of safety is necessary.

Several divisions were taken, resulting in substantial majorities for the Government.

The present uniform of the Royal Air Force is to be replaced by one of more modest and sober hue while preserving the distinctive character of the Force.

SUMMARY COURT.

SAVAGE AND INSOLENT BULLY.

A meeting at Monheim between a British soldier and a German girl of seventeen led to the appearance at the Summary Court of H. Gotze, whose address was not given. He was charged on seven counts, including an attempt to stab the soldier, making use of offensive remarks, accusing the soldier of attempting to violate a German girl, and resisting arrest.

It appeared from the soldier's evidence that while he was speaking to the girl at Monheim accused came on the scene and warned him that he must not speak to the fraulein. The German next attempted to strike the girl but witness interfered. Accused then took out a knife and attempted to stab him. He also struck the soldier several times with a stick and said "I was a German sailor and am now a member of the Bolshevik Army in Berlin. I will put an end to you in the Rhine."

The girl in her evidence stated that on the departure of the soldier the accused indecently assaulted her and threatened to kill her if she told anybody. He also took a ring from her finger and asked her to meet him again. She promised to do so, being frightened at the time, but did not keep the appointment. She informed the German police of the occurrence.

The Presiding Officer in passing sentence of six months imprisonment for the assault and attempt to stab, said accused would be tried by the German Courts for the indecent assault.

BORROWED PASSES.

On receipt of a letter from his brother in Westphalia stating that one of his children, who is consumptive, was very seriously ill, Christian Haldebaum of Saarbrücken went to visit the child. He used his brother's pass for the purpose but was detected by the Military Police and charged with being in Occupied Territory without permission and using a pass other than his own.

The Presiding Officer said these cases were occurring very frequently and were giving a good deal of trouble to the authorities.

Accused was fined forty marks.

INSOLENT TRAM CONDUCTOR.

For insolent behaviour towards a British officer and his wife, a tram conductor named Philipp Busch, of 42 Am Salzmagazin, was sentenced to fourteen days imprisonment.

When asked for her ticket by the accused the lady produced a permanent monthly pass, but this, according to the evidence, did not satisfy the conductor. He demanded it several times and eventually snatched it out of her hand for examination, and threw it back at her. In the lady's opinion this was done with the object of trying to ridicule her in the eyes of the other passengers.

The officer bore out his wife's statement. The Presiding Officer said he was sorry that these cases kept occurring, because his experience of tram conductors was that they were an exceedingly civil body of men. He was afraid that the courtesy and forbearance shown by the English people was being mistaken for weakness, and in future, cases of insolence to British officers would be severely dealt with.

A DISGRACEFUL HOUSE.

Describing it as a very bad case, the Presiding Officer sentenced Paul Engles, a restaurant proprietor, of 502 Venloerstrasse to one month's imprisonment. He was charged with allowing British troops in his house while it was "out of bounds." The military policeman who make the raid said that on a previous occasion when accused's house was visited, sixteen women were found there who on examination were found to be diseased disease.

The accused pleaded that the soldiers were drunk and threatened him with a revolver if he did not supply them with drink.

TO ART STUDENTS.

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Applications for vacancies for the above course should be addressed to The Adjutant, Army General and Commercial College, not later than December 24th. Applications from present or past Art Students of the College will not be accepted.

REPATRIATION OF PRISONERS

During the fortnight ended 10th December, 1,462 German and Austrian prisoners of war were sent home from the United Kingdom and Malta, while during the same period 1,198 Turkish prisoners were repatriated from Egypt, Salonica and Malta. The number of prisoners of war repatriated by the British authorities since the 1st September last is as follows: Germans, 267,740; Austrians, 3,343; Turks, 34,612; Bulgarians 1,284. Total 306,979.

Mr. J. T. Brownlie, of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, has been adopted as Labour candidate for the Crewe division.

TALLY-HO.

FOX HUNTING DISPUTE IN BUCKS.

Landowners, farmers and foxhunting subscribers to the number of 250 met at Aylesbury on Wednesday with a view to adjusting the dispute which has arisen over the presence in the Whaddon Chase district of a pack under the Mastership of Lord Dalmeny as a rival to the original Whaddon Chase Hunt under the Mastership of Colonel Selby-Lowndes. The Marquis of Lincolnshire, Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire presided.

Lord Dalmeny and Colonel Selby-Lowndes both addressed the meeting and an excited discussion followed. As there seemed no prospect of a settlement a ballot was proposed but before the vote was taken Colonel Selby-Lowndes and his supporters left the hall. Finally Lord Dalmeny was confirmed in his Mastership by 113 votes to two.

AID TO FARMERS.

SLIDING SCALE OF PRICES FOR CORN.

Sir Arthur Boscawen, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Agriculture, speaking at Truro on Wednesday, said that the Board were drafting a Bill for next session which would approach a real Agricultural Policy and would undoubtedly maintain guaranteed prices for cereals. The prices laid down in the Corn Production Act were insufficient. In view of the present cost of production, wheat at forty-five shillings next year would mean bankruptcy. Therefore the Government would put in prices based on the cost of production which would vary from year to year. He hoped the measure would not be for a definite short term of years but until Parliament otherwise determined. In any case there should be at least four years notice of termination of the guarantee so that farmers might have some years to look ahead.

The Bill would also provide for the fullest compensation to farmers if they were unreasonably disturbed, and there must also be a guarantee that labourers will be paid a decent living wage. The Board is opposed to the application of the forty eight hour week to agriculture but if such demand were forced upon it, then there must be a clause enabling any employer to contract out by agreement with his men.

WHO'S YOUR TAILOR?

GAY FASHIONS FOR MEN.

The fashion artist, Mr. Henry Parkes, is appealing for fifteen thousand young men to act as pioneers of dress reform in order to brighten the masculine drabness of modern life. He has designed and is exhibiting brocaded evening dress, complete with ruffles and buckles, also coloured suits for business men. Many military, naval and sporting men are supporting Mr. Parkes. Three leading West End tailors are turning out the gayest adaptations of old fashions, including goldbraided waistcoats and coats. The favourite colours are royal blue and purple.

228 MILES AN HOUR.

AIRMAN'S WONDERFUL FEAT.

The well known French airman, Sadi Lecomte, flying yesterday at Villa Coublay aerodrome, covered a measured kilometre at the rate of 307 kilometres 225 metres per hour. At one time he flew for several seconds at the amazing speed of 364 kilometres 555 metres (228 miles) per hour. These experimental flights were officially regulated.

WORK OF BRITISH TRANSPORTS.

An official return of the number of troops conveyed in transports on long sea routes in the month of November gives a total of 4,662 officers and 48,119 other ranks. Of this number 751 officers and 15,463 other ranks sailed from India to the United Kingdom and 119 officers and 3,167 other ranks from Mesopotamia. 245 Officers and 2,595 other ranks came home from Egypt, and 91 officers and 2,544 other ranks from the Black Sea Army (Constantinople). Of the rest 1,033 Officers and 4,475 other ranks were repatriated from the United Kingdom to Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Business slackened somewhat under the influence of the approaching holidays but the general tone was good. The reduction of the National Debt by £4,346,000 stimulated British funds but they closed under best. French Loans failed to sustain the whole of their initial improvements. Oils opened firm but finished lower, pending the declaration of the Mexican Eagle dividend. Industrials weakened owing to a number of new capital issues and the falling off of public interest. Foreign exchanges are becoming more favourable, consequently gold was quoted at 108s. 9d. Silver was inactive and declined to 78 in consequence of an advance in the America Exchange. The exchange on Paris was 79,77; Belgium 38,10; Switzerland 20,75; Amsterdam 10,04; Germany 181—183; Austria 670—700.

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OUR SOUVENIR NUMBER.

How many of us can plead not guilty to at some time or other during the war becoming victims of the souvenir craze?

A very limited number, we submit, while in a great many cases, it was developed to such an extent that it became a mania. The craving is a very natural one, and is inspired by very human motives.

Men who were participating in the great struggle on the Continent were eager to possess some little memento of the small part they were playing in the great world tragedy, a reminder of the suffering endured in common with thousands of their fellows, and a perpetual emblem of their willingness to sacrifice in the great cause.

The fragment of shell, which came perilously near, would bring back a flood of memories of Loos, the particle of aeroplane recall the cruel days of the Somme, or the part of a German rifle would always be associated with the fateful days spent in the region of stricken Ypres.

And there is yet another reason. In these days of scepticism, when proof to the hilt is required in order to carry conviction, it was doubtless thought that the souvenirs of the battlefield would be convincing evidence to those at home that the owner had known what it was to live under the fire of the enemy's guns.

Now that we have left France and Flanders far behind, we still remain souvenir hunters, and it is to Rhineland that we are at present devoting our token-gathering inclinations.

It was in order to satisfy this very apparent desire that we decided to publish a comprehensive review of British doings in Rhineland in magazine form. We are confident that our Xmas Souvenir number, as it is called will more than satisfy the most fastidious searcher.

It will solve once and for all the souvenir problem, and we feel sure that it will be in great demand by all who are, or have been, in the Britsh Army of Occupation.

THE SWEAR HABIT.

Not only in our columns, but in those of some of the leading American journals has the subject of swearing come into prominence of late. The question asked is whether or not the war has been responsible for an increasing use of bad language.

But first of all it is necessary to come to an understanding as to what is or is not profane. To the meek and modest old maid at home the mildest form of oath is regarded as an unforgiveable crime, whereas the hardened campaigner would accept the same remark as a perfectly legitimate form of speech. An expression which would cut a mother to the heart would pass unnoticed by a father.

It is to a great extent a question of circumstances and commonsense.

But we are living in an age in which we are slowly growing to accept the use of words which would have shocked the last generation, and the drawing room and the Press no longer look upon the milder swear word as in bad taste or indecent.

There is, however, a type of expression which is, of a truth, profanity and which jars as the grating of a file upon the senses of the average man. This, we take it, is what is really meant when a soldier speaks of bad language.

That the use of this extreme type has become more common as a result of the experiences of France and Flanders is an undisputed fact. Exceptional strain on nerves and tempers, to which we were all submitted during the war, demanded exceptional forms of expression and all soldiers will agree that they were strong enough.

Unfortunately, with a return to the conditions of peace the habit has not in all cases been overcome and expressions of the maximum profanity are now made use of with a minimum of provocation.

Still there is no reason to suppose that this undesirable state of affairs will become a permanency, and though it may may take some time to eradicate, there is little doubt but that nerves and tongues will eventually arrive at the armistice stage and the latter be content once more with milder and sweeter epithets.

There is one point which gives rise to serious concern. The young soldier has, we regret to say, also acquired the objectionable habit and without good cause or justification. He has merely adopted it from the veteran for whom there was some excuse. Will he, too, realise that the use of filthy expressions is by no means an attribute of manliness and renounce further indulgence?

LETTERS TO CHARLES.

IMPRESSIONS OF COLOGNE.

Dear Charles,

A terrible thing has happened since I last wrote to you. No civilians are allowed in the N.A.C.B. officers' clubs now unless on the lead—I mean unless one goes as the guest of an officer. As a friend of mine says, "Who wants to go into a place just to receive the stony stare from innumerable wives?" but that's merely sour grapes.

I rather liked the clubs—they're really quite palatial, Charles, and you get German music and German waiters with all the meals—not to mention ditto wine and the society of warriors of all calibres. But I have just made a discovery; did you know that those mysterious initials N.A.C.B. stand for Navy and Army Canteen Board? You see the idea—the Navy apparently at the head of it; now you're in the Admiralty, Charles, surely you can do something about it; you know the sort of thing—this intolerable insult to the ex-officer but permanent gentleman, etc., etc.; you could almost write a letter to the "Times" or . . or . . "John Bull" about it . . . . only I suppose Dear old England has quite forgotten the existence of its Rhine Army in the excitement over Beckett and Carpentier . . .

The only other event of importance is that I have been to the Opera—truly a great event, though. Need I remind you that I am not in the least musical; play me "Hors d'oeuvres" or "the Maid of the Mountains" on the gramophone and I am really thrilled, but alas, such stuff they tell me is not music; and in the past I have always said, "Then you can have your rotten old operas, only leave me to my simple and (to me) melodious ragtime." In other words I jazzed and recked not of music with a capital "M."

Here I bowed to the inevitable and went. It was called "Conte se tutte" or something like that, one of Mozart's lesser known works, so they tell me, but anyway I don't suppose you've ever heard of it Charles. Well I suppose I did enjoy it to a large extent—but you know these operas, and indeed all these shows here, labour under a great, and to me, I must confess, insuperable disadvantage. They begin at seven or in some cases even six o'clock; d'you realise what that means, Charles, to one who, well, at any rate, does not neglect his inner man? "What", you say, "has the inner man to do with the higher aesthetic emotions?" Unfortunately a great deal.

I ask you, how long do you think "The Kiss Bird" or "Aberration" or whatever your latest success in London is called, would run if it faced an audience of, to put it crudely, empty stomachs? Not one blessed week, believe me—why it's only that after-dinner optimism which makes lots of plays bearable. And then the heroine was rather . . . well that always is so in opera, isn't it Charles? I mean the singing develops them or something doesn't it? Well, the hero couldn't quite get his arms round her—it did spoil the realism a little, I thought. No, I have no other complaints to make.

I shall probably come back to you quite the musician, and insist on dragging you all to Covent Garden. I shall choose one of those things that you have to have an early breakfast to be in time for, and which go on far into the night; it will be a fitting punishment for ever questioning my taste.

I don't think there's really any more news, Charles, except that I met an officer this morning with only one pip and a fur collar; you're an authority on military matters, surely that's against King's Regs or something, isn't it? I mean a fur collar with a crown by all means (that is if you really feel the cold round there) but with one pip . . . tut! tut!, or words to that effect; unless of course you're in the Army Service Corps (I beg its pardon "Royal") I suppose it's all right then. I spoke to him about it, but he didn't seem to like it; funny how touchy some people are, isn't it?

Yours ever *JOHN.*

ART EXHIBITION.

Talent in the Rhine Army.

The Art Exhibition held in the Y.M.C.A. at Lindenthal last Saturday brought ample proof, if proof was needed, not only that there is really good artistic talent in the ranks of the British Army of Occupation, but also that Art is appreciated by the British soldier of the present day. For there was a constant stream of khaki-clad visitors passing through the rooms used for the exhibition from the minute the doors opened until closing time. Nor were members of the fair sex wanting, who are commonly supposed to be more versed in these matters than 'mere men,' to say nothing of the votaries of Mars.

Both in number and quality the entries on Saturday far surpassed those of the previous exhibition, held some three months ago, a fact which is decidedly encouraging to those who take an interest in the all-round development of our young soldiers. It is now practically certain not only that the next exhibition held under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. will be nearer the centre of Cologne, so as to be accessible to all, but that a big building will be required to house the show. As it is, Burlington House will have to look to its laurels in the future.

Coming to the entries themselves, these were found to be arranged in six classes, among which they were fairly evenly distributed. Sapper W. Carr, of the Royal Engineers, carried off the premier honours in the water-colour section with an exquisitely tender "Woodland Scene," which met with instant approval. Some of this exhibitor's sketch-books were also on view, and showed that he has the genuine artistic temperament, an unerring eye for beauty and painstaking application to detail.

Universally admired in this section was the "Night Reflections" of Corporal E. Gratwick, a nocturne in which the mirrored lights of the Rhine bank lead the eye upwards to the mystic splendour of Cologne's majestic cathedral, dimly discerned in the gathering gloom of night. This picture deservedly gained the second prize. More in the architectural style was a picture of the Rhine bridge at Bonn, by Pte. R. Welstand, which for its careful accuracy and promise of better things received high commendation alike from judge and visitors.

In the Black and White section there could be no doubt as to who would be awarded the first prize, this going to L'Cpl. Lawrence Jarvis, whose "Hollyhocks" was a finished piece of chiaroscuro. The second prize occasioned more difficulty. It went eventually to Pte. C. W. Allard for three still life drawings, which, however, were run pretty close by two charming pen sketches of Bodendorf and the Market Place at Bonn, the work of Miss P. Sutton, of the Y.M.C.A.

In the section for designs first place was taken by Rfm. C. V. Gordon (51st R.B.'s), with a beautifully illuminated design. in which the letters "Y.M.C.A." stood boldly out from a background of the national emblems of the United Kingdom. Next in pride of place came a splendid poster by L'Cpl. R. E. Johnson, showing the ill-fated Cunarder "Lusitania," which received its meed of attention from everyone who visited the exhibition.

The outstanding entry in the section for comic sketches, and the only one adjudged worthy of a prize, was a sketch by Pte. D. L. Mays, entitled "Private Rumour," the execution of which matched the vigour of the conception.

Two sections were devoted to photographs, but the entries here were rather disappointing in point of numbers. Pte. Green, of the A.O.C., took first prize for photographs of Rhineland, his efforts being represented by some night pictures of Cologne from the right bank of the Rhine, a beautiful "Sunrise" and a study of the polar bears at the Zoo. Miss K. M. Hood annexed the second prize with some excellent views of the Ahr Valley.

In the second section for photographs Mr. E. H. J. Evans, of the Y.M.C.A., was awarded first prize for a study of a dog and a spring scene entitled "Nature's Finest Textures", while Sgt. H. C. Bampton, R.F.A., came a close second with some views at Paffrath.

The exhibition was reinforced by a large number of photographs kindly lent by the Signal Section, VI Corps, and by the originals of many of the most popular cartoons which have appeared in the "Cologne Post," this through the courtesy of the editor. Several other artists also allowed specimens of their work to be placed on view, which added in no small degree to the interest of the exhibition.

Everything possible was done to make the exhibition a success, and the arrangements for the comfort of visitors reflect the highest credit on the organizer, Mr. E. F. Carver, the librarian of the Y.M.C.A. in the VI Corps, himself a talented artist with a prolific brush, as was evidenced in the large number of specimens of his work, which, though not entered for competition, gave body to the water-colour section.

During the afternoon tea was daintily served in the library and reading-room, after which the visitors were regaled with a musical programme rendered by the members of Miss Audrey Esmond's Concert Company in the Star Theatre, the audience showing enthusiastic appreciation of every item.

The judging of the entries for the exhibition was most capably carried out by Captain Jemmet, of the Army Art School.

In fine, the exhibition may without exaggeration be written down a triumphant success, and it is to be hoped that it will be followed with another at no distant date.

The prizes, four of which were presented by Lady Cooper and Lady Laura Ridding, will be distributed at the whist drive to be held next Saturday night in the Loreley Hall at the Central Y.M.C.A., Friesenstrasse, to which all are invited.

CAN YOU WRITE?

We pay for all literary contributions to "The Cologne Post," and are pleased to consider articles, humorous sketches and poems by members of the Rhine Army. No article should exceed 500 words, and even shorter ones can be submitted.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

THE ART OF LETTER WRITING.

Sir,—In perusing the letter on "The Importance of Letter Writing," appearing over the initials "R.M.," one is painfully reminded of the old saying, "Physician, cure thyself."

Your correspondent says, "in writing slovenly and 'Ungrammatical' you are doing your reader an injustice." This lapse in a letter so full of instruction is, one feels, perhaps a little unfortunate.

W.R.F.M.

A BAD HABIT.

Sir,—There was an obvious reason for "Cupid's" reformation. He doesn't indulge in the swear habit now having become a victim of the "arrow."

But it appears to me that in his reply to H.J.J. he has missed the mark altogether. He may find it easy to keep his vocabulary unadulterated, but must remember that we have not all the same weaknesses.

What is a great temptation for one man has no appeal for another. But I expect "Cupid" has his little vices although he may not have the moral courage of H.J.J. to confess them.

ANOTHER VICTIM.

A WONDERFUL MEMORY.

Sir,—The other evening an argument arose as to how Datas got his wonderful memory. One said it was a gift of nature. and another that it was his own mind put into working order during his younger days.

Perhaps your readers can be induced to give their opinions as to which of the two arguments is right. *AN ADMIRER.*

SILLY FILMS.

Sir,—I do not agree with the remarks "Man in the street" makes about German films being produced, and acted better than films seen at Army Cinemas and in England.

I have had three years' experience with one of the largest film renters and producers in England, and also as a cinema operator. I might mention that 75 per cent of films thrown upon the screen at Army cinemas are not England's best by a far way, and were produced about 1910 when producing, acting, and the art of photography was not so favourable as at present.

Surely he does not think that English film renters are going to send out here such films as "Intolerance," "Birth of a Nation," "Ibsen's Ghosts," and the Western Import's latest, "Tommy Atkins in Berlin." If he does, he is greatly mistaken. *R.A.M.C.*

RHINELAND AUDIENCES.

Sir,—You ask for opinions on the views expressed in your leading article on this subject. May I give mine?

I think, sir, there is a lot in what you say. Anyone with half an eye can see that there is a different type of individual to cater for in these days than there was in the earlier days of the occupation.

I am sure that if this were realised by those who so kindly give their services to entertain the lads it would be greatly appreciated.

I believe "General Post" was put on this week and here we have the right goods. It is reasonably melodramatic as was "The Man who Stayed at Home" and appeals to all. Some of the plays staged recently, did not, and there is no getting away from the fact, talk of high dramatic art or whatever you like.

By reviving "General Post" it would appear that those running our amusements are realising this. May the policy continue and all will be well.

Then I hear there is likely to be a Pantomime soon. Nobody can say that this will not be very popular if it's a fitting production. *H.P.C.*

A RANKER'S PLAINT.

Sir,—The letter by your correspondent "Ranker" requires qualifying.

It rather strikes me that he has rushed into print after having had a verbal encounter with one "of these people" as he puts it.

As one of the "crowd" of unsung or undecorated I personally see no objection at all to either Warrant Officers or Sergeants patronising the N.A.C.B. Canteens.

I fail entirely to see that they monopolise the Canteens, as I am continually in both the N.A.C.B. Canteens at various hours of the day, and have never yet noticed the overwhelming majority of senior N.C.O.'s that he mentions.

My experience of barrack life in Aldershot was that, though there was a room set apart exclusively for the use of N.C.O's it was not incumbent on them to visit there and there only.

To say the least of it, why quibble at all; surely we of the rank and file are all out here for the same purpose, and any Canteens should be open to all and sundry. Why make a storm in a tea cup? *A.F.B.*

BUSINESS AND LIFE.

Sir,—There are, I think, in the world to-day a number of men who think that business is the only important thing in life worth troubling about; that ledgers are the only books worth reading; that the only thing worth writing is a bill of account: and that the only thing worth doing is to carry well-filled money bags to the bank.

Some of these men ignore our English literature, and think music is only fit for the light-headed to hear; think works of art are only fit to please those who have nothing better to look at. They would have all these things trampled in the dust; these things, the noblest that the genius of our race has produced, count for nothing in their eyes.

Business is, I must admit, very important in the life of a nation, but we must not let it override our national virtue. We must not let our ambition to succeed in business cast the shadow over all that is noble in our Literature, all that is sweet in our music, all that is beautiful in our art, for if we do, ruin will be the end of us as a people, and the ruin of a people means the ruin of an Empire.

The majority of readers may consider these statements as the bombastic utterances of a man whose only interest in life is Literature, Music, and Art. I assure you that I think as much of business as I do of anything else in the world.

Remember that that nation which has the most gold is not the wealthiest. That nation is the wealthiest "which nourishes the greatest number of happy human beings," and the source of all human happiness springs from all that is noble in the art of life. *K. M.*

YANKS AND FRENCH.

Join Forces to Prevent World Contest in London.

MORE OFFERS.

French and American boxing promoters are joining forces in a determined effort to prevent the Carpentier—Dempsey fight being held in London. Negotiations are progressing rapidly and it is likely that some arrangements may be made for a match in Paris before an agreement can be signed with Mr. C. B. Cochran, who is now in America with a view to procuring the contest for London.

"Sparrow" Robertson, the Paris representative of Mr. "Tex" Rickard, the biggest American promoter, has been conferring with M. Decoin, the manager of the Paris Wonderland with the object of joining interests in bidding for the world championship battle.

Owing to the material difficulties which Rickard encountered in his attempt to stage the contest in America he declares that he is now prepared to help French promoters to secure the fight for Paris.

A Reuter's message from San Francisco, referring to Decoin's offer of 250,000 dollars, states that Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager said, "The statement certainly sounds business-like and there is every prospect of making a satisfactory deal." Kearns added that he had been offered a similar sum for a match in Connecticut and expected a still larger offer from New Orleans.

AMATEUR BOXING.

Scottish Controlling Bodies Agree to Amalgamation.

A conference between the Scottish Amateur Boxing Association, the Scottish Amateur Boxing, Gymnastic, and Wrestling Association, and the Amateur Boxing Association, was called to consider and, if possible, find a way out of the existing deadlock between the two Scottish associations controlling amateur boxing in Scotland. After considerable discussion the following resolution, proposed by Mr. S. C. Griffiths and seconded by Mr. J. H. Paterson, was carried unanimously:

"That a united Scottish amateur boxing association be formed from the two associations at present in Scotland, viz.: The Scottish A.B.A. and the Scottish A.B., G., and W.A., the Scottish A.B.A. to become the Eastern District centre and the Scottish A.B., G., and W.A. to become the Western District centre. The United Scottish A.B.A. to be formed by a general council elected from the two district centres, to consist of the president, hon. secretary, and hon. treasurer of each centre, with the addition of three delegates from each centre. The annual general meeting to be held in Glasgow and Edinburgh alternately, the chairman to be the president of the centre in which the annual general meeting is held."

The United Scottish Amateur Boxing Association agree to abide by the rules of the Amateur Boxing Association in their entirety, and be affiliated to the parent body.

BENNY LEONARD TO DEFEND HIS TITLE.

Benny Leonard, the world's champion light-weight, will, it is stated, defend his title against Johnny Dundee at New Haven, Conn., U.S.A., on Jan. 16; weigh-in at 9st 9lb at 3 o'clock on the day of the fight. Dundee was expected over here shortly at the Royal Albert Hall, but a match with Leonard will, of course, change the plans of the Italian boxer with a Scottish ring-name.

THE WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

According to a Paris message Dempsey's manager demands 50 per cent of the gross takings in connection with the championship if the match takes place in Paris.

CARPENTIER'S GIFT.

Georges Carpentier has given a thousand pounds to provide a merry Christmas for the poor of Paris.

WELSH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Welsh A.B.A. has decided to hold the Welsh amateur championships at Cardiff on Feb. 23. The competitions will be for bantam (8st 6lb), feathers (9st), light (9st 9lb), welter (10st 7lb), middle (11st 6lb), and heavy (12st 7lb). The Taibach Amateur Club has been admitted to membership.

THE F.A. CUP FINAL.

Chelsea Ground the Probable Venue.

It is most unlikely that this season's F.A. Cup Final Tie will be played at the Crystal Palace. The negotiations with the trustees have been going on for several months, but as the F.A. will not consent to the terms which the Palace authorities will not modify, it has been necessary to make other arrangements.

Should the Palace people suddenly alter their minds, it might yet be possible to have the final at Sydenham, but it is deemed improbable that there will be any further negotiations between the parties.

In these circumstances, as it is settled that the Tie shall be played in London, it may be taken for granted that it will be housed on the Chelsea F.C. ground. There is not another football enclosure in the metropolis that can be seriously considered as against the Stamford Bridge ground, and it is anticipated that the Football Association Council at its meeting next Monday will announce that this will be the venue.

REFEREES EXAMINATION.

In connection with the examination of referees to be held to-day, reference to which has already been made in the "Cologne Post," intending entrants should apply at the Amusements Office where full details will be supplied by Lieut. Lyon, Sports Officer.

DANNY SHEA.

Blackburn's "Star" Inside Forward.

TO-MORROW'S ARTICLE.

To-morrow on this page we will publish an article by this famous "Rover" entitled, "Players and the Spectator" and Danny Shea knows from a long experience of what he writes.

It will be fresh in most football enthusiasts memories that Blackburn secured his services from West Ham United, then operating in Southern League football for a fee of £2,000.

That he was worth it has been amply demonstrated and his goal scoring efforts have repaid many times over what his transfer cost.

During the war he was a rover and played for many teams, but his own club, badly in need of his services, did not succeed in fielding the international.

He returned to the fold, however, and this season is once again assisting the Lancashire team. His partner, with whom he played many sterling games, has, unfortunately, retired from football and the pre-war tricky wing is no more. Capped in the season 1912—13, he played a brilliant game and well earned his subsequent selection.

He confesses that the best goal he ever scored was obtained in the International Trial game at Tottenham in November 1912, when, it will be remembered, the despised and adversely criticised South team beat the strong North eleven by the only goal of the match. This was obtained by Shea after a dazzling solo effort. Bob Crompton was just a fraction of a second too late with a lusty shoulder charge and the ball, travelling at express speed, left the North goalie helpless.

To this goal and his display that day, this popular forward owed his introduction to the international game.

He has again, after a recent injury, returned to Blackburn's first league eleven and his return will be welcomed by all lovers of the game. A past-master of footwork, clever with his head and with ideas of his own as to how to fill the inside position, such is Danny Shea, International and sportsman.

W. LE. C.

FOOTBALL ITEMS.

BY W. LE C.

Bliss of Tottenham, has scored in each of the 'Spurs home games. He got quite an ovation when he netted against Fulham.

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Walker of Coventry City is a commercial traveller who works during the week.

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Newcastle United know their business. They have now Best (cousin to Best of Sunderland) R. Fish, and J. Morton on their books as amateurs. Each of these three are men who may soon make their mark on football's page.

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Birmingham gave West Bromwich A. W. Smith, in exchange for Millard. Both centre forwards, but the Throstles must be chagrined at the change. Smith has been dropped but Millard is leading his line in convincing style.

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W. Kirton secured by Aston Villa after the Leeds City smash has surpassed all expectations and has become a great favourite at Villa Park. A Newcastle youth, this is his first season as a professional.

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Northampton's refusal of Bristol Rovers offer re the cup tie venue, may spell paid for their cup chances. Look at their home record. Three months and not one win.

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The injury to Copeland, Coventry's clever defender at West Ham, only emphasises their shocking ill-luck.

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Buchan, of Bolton, secured his sides equalising goal against Bradford City, last Saturday but his famous brother was not on the target at Sheffield.

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The fourth and fifth clubs on the table possess the League's best defences. Newcastle United and Chelsea respectively.

ANOTHER NEEDHAM.

Derby County will give a trial at centre forward on Saturday against the League leaders, West Bromwich Albion, to G. W. Needham. He is a nephew of the famous Ernest Needham, and before joining his present club did service for Luton and the Arsenal.

He served with the Sherwood Foresters for four and a half years, and made a name in Army football circles. He has been scoring freely for Derby County Reserves this season.

Swansea's New Player.

Swansea Town Football Club have secured the signature of L. R. Lewis, inside forward, late Belfast Distillery and London Combination. Lewis, who has just been "demobbed," was sought after by various London clubs.

The Cambridge Captain.

J. S. F. Morrison, the Cambridge captain has agreed to sign an amateur form for Sunderland, and he will be available to play against Manchester City on Saturday next. As everyone knows, Morrison plays at left back.

A Benefit Match.

Northampton, who have arranged two new fixtures for Christmas week, meeting the East Midlands on Boxing Day and Bedford on Dec. 27, have decided to play a match for the benefit of the Northampton shire County Cricket Club at the end of the season. Leicester have consented to provide the opposition.

F. A. BEAT ARMY.

Army forwards fail in Second Half.

FOUR GOALS TO ONE.

The play was hard and fast without a single stoppage for fouls. The first half was evenly fought, the association scoring first. Grimsdell placed a corner kick with great accuracy for Sloley to head the ball into the net. Fifteen minutes later Sgt. Simms headed a centre from Sgt. McKay well out of the reach of the A.F. goal-keeper. At half time the score was one each.

F. A. FORWARDS IMPROVE.

In the second half the association forwards improved and the Army forwards failed to maintain the dash displayed in the first half. Broad for the F.A. was dangerous in several rushes and gave his side the lead by heading in a pass from Rutherford. Within four minutes Sloley scored a third goal and later Rutherford threaded his way through the defence and put the ball across for Hardinge to score.

DAVIS CUP.

A telegram from Sidney states that the Australian Lawn Tennis team for Davis Cup contests will be selected from; Anderson, Brookes, Patterson and Thomas.

PLUMPTON RACES.

Mr. Bottomley's Promotor Wins at 10 to 1.

The going was on the soft side for the opening of the Plumpton meeting on Wednesday when in fine but misty weather a large attendance watched some excellent sport.

Beginners Hurdle:—1, Lady Alicia (7-2); 2, Ayrshire Queen (10-1); 3, Porton (100-6). Fourteen ran.

Punch Bowl Hurdle:—1, Marius (5-2); 2, Triple Blue (6-1); 3, Citron (5-1). Nine ran.

Hassock 'Chase:—Fly III (13-8); 2, Fond Lucy (11-10); 3, Tirhugh (8-1). Four ran.

Dostel Hurdle:—1, The Gunyah (2-1); 2, Mac-Merry (2-1); 3, Double Deck (5-1). Seven ran.

Tyro 'Chase:—1, Promotor (10-1); 2, Templebar (100-8); 3, Splinter (100-8). Nine ran.

Ovingdean 'Chase:—1, White Surrey (7-1); 2, Valentine Masher (5-2); 3, Ballincarroona (3-1). Four ran.

SEASON'S STALLIONS.

By Our Special Commissioner.

The time has now arrived for a considered analysis of the list of stallions available to breeders next season. Many of the leading sires are, of course, already full, while others, such as the latest Derby winner, Grand Parade, who by the way, also has a full list for 1920, stand in no need of special recommendation.

There are, however, many others to whom attention can be usefully directed, while, as everyone knows, there are several notable beginners, including the fine stayer, He, the dual Manchester Cup and Ascot Gold Cup winner, By Jingo, and the Royal Hunt Cup hero, Irish Elegance.

The latter horse has for companion at the Foxhill Stud, Swindon, a son of Polymelus in Polygnotus, now rising four years old.

MR. GUY NICKALLS FOR U.S.A.

Mr. Guy Nickalls, who is to go to Yale as a coach, if an American cable is correct, has so many rowing records to his name that to give them in any detail would fill a book.

He won the Diamond and Wingfield Sculls for some years with almost monotonous regularity; with Lord Ampthill, and, later, with Vivian Nickalls (his brother), and E. R. Balfour, he carried off the Silver Goblets five times; he was a member of our winning Leander crews at Henley; and seven times he stroked the winning four in the Stewards Challenge Cup, Henley.

Then, of course, he holds many 'Varsity records. If Yale have succeeded in obtaining his services, England could have given them no better.

BILLIARDS AT BONN.

Two Successful Y.M.C.A. Flying Tournaments.

Two flying Tournaments held last night at Gross Bonn caused great excitement, and some really brilliant playing was witnessed by an enthusiastic crowd.

In the 2nd round of the 1st series, playing 10 minutes, McAteer marked 62, Ibottson being next with 54. The semi-final, however, saw Ibbotson beaten by Edwards, and McAteer with 61, well beating Sykes (28). The final was closely followed by a huge crowd of spectators, which at times threatened to inconvenience the players.

McAteer, who was last weeks runner-up, found form and good fortune, and made the exceedingly good total of 107 (in 15 minutes) against Edward's' 40.

The qualifying games in the 2nd Tournament were for 5 minutes, owing to the short time available. Up to the final the best totals were Tibbutt (24), Garside (20), Smith (23). Tibbutt went off colour in the semi-final, and lost to Smith, who, in turn, lost to Garside in the final (12 min.) with 33 points to 47.

DARK LEGEND UNSOUND.

Information has been received from India that Dark Legend is not likely to run in either the King's Cup or the Viceroy's Cup this year, the horse, it is reported, being unsound.

Dark Legend won both races last year, and was subsequently matched with Helford for £5,000 a side, over 1¾ miles, Dark Legend to concede a stone.

The match was to have been run after the Viceroy's Cup this year, but Mr G.W. Dick, who purchased and sent both horses out to India understands that it will not now take place, and that Mr Galstaun will pay £500 forfeit, as provided by the conditions of the match.

AMERICAN OFFER.

Promoter Reiss Wants British Boxers for Coblenz Contests.

THE "FISTIC FANS."

We publish without comment a letter from Promoter Lewis W. Reiss, the enthusiastic boxing and wrestling promoter attached to the American Y.M,C.A. Coblenz. He says:—

Sir:—Would you mind inserting in your valuable sport columns something about my being desirous of having some of the English boxers up here? I would appreciate this greatly. Until the month of November I had a great many of the English and Irish lads up here boxing, but since the demobilization process has been at work, I have had but few.

I would like to have wrestlers and boxers in all classes. I am willing to give the equivalent of fifty (50) marks per round for the boxing, and two hundred (200) marks for a twenty-minute wrestling bout, best two out of three, or three hundred (300) marks for a half an hour boxing exhibition.

The boxing rounds are two minutes each here. The wrestling, generally for twenty or thirty minutes. If a man gets his falls before the stated time limit, he receives the equivalent to the above terms in a prize of his own selection. I understand the British boxers and wrestlers are not permitted to accept money, hence my stating the equivalent to these certain amounts.

If the men wish to box any of the British boys; that is if one Britisher wishes to box another, we will only be too glad to let them box it out up here and we will pay the above terms. I would like to have some of the men up here for every man we have had made a decided hit with the fistic fans up here and I wish to encourage inter-allied sport as much as we can.

If there are any basket ball teams in Cologne, I think we can arrange a few games for them. Any help in this encouragement of inter-allied sports will be appreciated.

BOXING CONTESTS.

Arrangements for 2nd Service of Competitions.

The idea of disallowing the winner of last week's boxing competition at the Y.M.C.A. Central to compete in the next bouts is a very happy one. It has the advantage of encouraging the earlier losers to try again as well as fresh boxers to come forward. But the decision of the P & R. T. staff does not mean that those who were successful will be deprived from winning further prizes. It is hoped to match the winners of the first and second series in the third contests when suitable prizes will be offered.

The next series of competitions will take place on the 2nd and 3rd of January at the Y.M.C.A., Cologne, and entries for all weights should be sent to the A.I. of P & R. T. G.H.Q. by 12 o'clock noon on the 24th inst. The weights are as under:—

Fly-Weight 8st. and under,
Bantam-Weight 8st. 6. and under,
Feather-Weight 9st. and under,
Light-Weight 9st. 9. and under,
Welter-Weight 10st. 7. and under,
Middle-Weight 11st 6. and under,
L. Heavy-Weight 12st. 7. and under.

It is proposed to supplement the coming series by arranging two outside contests of three or six rounds. Names of applicants for these should be submitted as early as possible with complete record and weight.

Tickets for reserved seats are obtainable in advance from the Amusements Officer, Cologne, or at the doors on the night of the show.

BILLIARDS.

The closing scores in the principal matches in England on Wednesday were as follows:

Reece 4,236
Inman.....3,598

Breaks: Reece 262, 132, Inmann 196, 145, 143, 126 and 122.

Newman 4,000
Falkiner.....2,797

Breaks: Newman: 221, 533, 261, 167 107; Falkiner 126, 101, 220.

RUGBY RESULTS.

Welsh 30; Universities 6;
Northumberland 21; Oxford Un. 9.

COLOGNE CUEISTS.

Y.M.C.A. Defeat 20th M.A.C. "on Points."

A most interesting Competition of a friendly nature, points 150 up, took place last evening at the Continental Hotel, between the 20th M.A.C. and the Y.M.C.A. H.Q. Staff. Five games were played, the first two being won by the Y.M.C.A., and it looked as though they were going to have an easy victory.

Capt. Maunsell, however, the third player, for the M.A.C., managed, after a good fight, to beat his opponent by 10 points, and this seemed to turn fortune in their favour, for they also won the next two games. The result being as follows:—

Y.M.C.A.		20th M.A.C.	
Messrs. Britten	150	Sergt. Major	115
" Collins	150	Capt. Jack	121
" Ludlow	140	Capt. Maunsell	150
Blacklidge	122	Corp. Jackson	150
Deuchars	140	P. Causworth	150
	702		686

The Y.M.C.A. won on number of total Points.

Sportsman's Death.

The death has taken place of Major Egerton Green, Secretary of the Hunlingham Club.

Fractured Rib.

When Sunnycroft fell in the Burton 'Chase W. Bullock fractured a rib. Frank Lyall, who received a similar injury at Nottingham, was present at Derby, and will resume riding after Christmas.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

A Popular Soprano.

Since the "Tabs" became defunct one has had little opportunity of being entertained from the public platform by the ever delightful, sweet and pure vocal efforts of Miss Hilda Potts. At the Deutsches Theatre this week Miss Potts is undoubtedly one of the strongest attractions in the performances being submitted by the Rhine Army Variety Company; her choice of numbers is as happy as her treatment of them.

W.O's and Sergeants' Dance.

At the fortnightly G.H.Q. Warrant Officers and Sergeants' subscription dance at the Burgergesellschaft on Wednesday evening there was an exceptionally large attendance and a particularly merry time was spent. The G.H.Q. Jazz Band, with several novel and inspiriting effects, was one of the chief contributing factors towards the success of the evening. The catering arrangements were admirably carried out and the Christmas table decorations lent a festive touch to the scene.

In view of the fact that there will be many mess festivities during Christmas and that a large number of members will be on leave it has been decided that the next dance will take place towards the end of January, the definite announcement to be made later.

Q.M.S. Hackett, in a happy little speech on behalf of the members, tendered a vote of thanks to the committee for the arrangement of so many pleasant evenings, and the committee in reply offered their thanks to the ladies who had come forward and made the functions the success they had been.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Fri.	The Women without Shadow	Strauss	6	10.15
Sat.	Tosca	Puccini	7	9.45
Sun.	Faust	Gounod	6	10
Mon.	Ein Maskenball	Verdi	7	10
Tues.	Hansel und Gretel	Humperdinck	6	8

Another Departed.

When the amusements office came into being in Cologne one of the first members of the staff was Sgt. Myres. That was nearly twelve months ago and he has remained in the same capacity up to the present time. Throughout that period he has worked untiringly and by a happy blend in his personality of cheeriness and forcefulness he has been able to deal with the many difficult points that have cropped up from time to time with satisfaction to everybody. A very wide circle of friends will regret his departure fnom Rhineland which takes place today. He is to return to civilian life in England.

JACQUES.

SPORT IN BRIEF.

President's Gift.

Mr. H. Seymour Berry, J.P., president of the Merthyr Association Football Club, has made a gift to the club of £500.

Stevens for Oxford.

G. T. S. Stevens, the brilliant athlete of University College School, is going up to Brasenose College, Oxford, next term.

Their Strongest.

Fulham, being without a League engagement, will play their strongest eleven against the Corinthians at Craven Cottage to-morrow.

A double Role.

Waddington, the Yorkshire County cricketer, has signed an amateur form for Bradford City. He can keep goal, and is also a centre-half of average merit.

Stage Golf.

The Stage Golfing Society will wind up its playing season with a match against Wimbledon Park, on the latter club's ground, on Friday, when only one round of four-ball matches will be decided.

Postponed.

The match between De Ponthieu, champion of France and Europe, and Tancy Lee, champion of England, for the featherweight championship of Europe, will take place at the Cirque de Paris on December 24.

A Friendly.

Being without a Southern League match for Saturday, owing to many of the clubs being engaged in the last qualifying round of the English Cup competition, Portsmouth have arranged a friendly with Brentford at Fratton Park.

Purchases.

Mr. Stewart Gates bought Magnolia for 360gs., and Mr. H. Beckett gave 210gs. for St. Yves at Derby.

For India.

Mr. G. W. Dick, who is well known on the English Turf, has left for India to take over the horses owned by the Maharaja of Cooch Behar.

Too Easy.

Top Hole's victory was practically a bloodless one, as Mountain Pass refused at the first hurdle and Jack Symons fell seven furlongs from home.

SAPPERS SUCCUMB.

19th (S) Middlesex Regt. (P) v. 231st Field Coy. R.E.

Played at Bonnerstrasse Barracks on Saturday. The Engineers kicked off and play commenced at a moderate pace. The ground was frozen and consequently handicapped the players. However, after fifteen minutes play the "Middles" forwards made a dashing attack and Chitterden headed the ball cleverly into the net. This roused the Engineers and a forced corner proved fruitless. Play remained even until five minutes from the interval, when Thane, after a sparkling display of footwork, increased the score for the Pioneers.

Upon resumption mid-field play ensued for a time, until the "Middles" broke away and Thane missed the upright by inches. Both sides tried hard to further the score, but no more goals were added and the whistle blew, the Pioneers being victorious by 2 goals to nil.

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB.

Mr. G. H. Cartland presided over a meeting of the Warwickshire County Cricket Club, when it was announced that engagements had been made with Bates, Smith, and Howell for next year, while offers had also been made to W. G. Quaife and a number of young professionals. It was decided to give Charlesworth a benefit.

A scheme was discussed for the purchase of the ground and improving the pavilion accommodation.

Notice is to be given that at the forthcoming annual meeting a proposal will be submitted for increasing the subscriptions, raising the charge in the case of ordinary members from one guinea to twenty-five shillings, inclusive of entertainments tax.

Spur's Benefit.

Tottenham Hotspur, who are giving a benefit to their centre-half, C. Rance, have set aside the proceeds of the home combination match against West Ham Reserves for this object, in addition to which the club will make a donation of £350.

THE FINAL COUPON.

Your Last Chance Of Entering Our Xmas Contest.

EXTENSION OF DATE.

In the next column will be found the last coupon for No. 13 Football Competition, offering the final opportunity of participating in our special Christmas contest.

We have, for this one week only, decided to extend the closing day until Saturday, instead of Friday, and all coupons which reach us by mid-day of the 20th will be in accepted. We are making this alteration in order to allow the procrastinator to compete.

We want all to compete to make this contest a bumper in every way.

Coupons have been rolling in and there can be no doubt but that the total, together with the 500 marks which we are adding to the sum subscribed, will be an amount well worth winning.

Do not be content with sending a single coupon this week. The extra effort may be the correct one.

On the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 13,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S./40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 13.

Date of matches, **Saturday**, Dec. 20th.
Closing date, **Friday**, Dec. 19th.

Arsenal	**v. Sheffield Wed.**
Everton	**v. Liverpool**
Manchester U.	**v. Newcastle**
Wolves	**v. Hull City**
Bradford City	**v. Notts County**
Barnsley	**v. Tottenham**
Bristol City	**v. Blackpool**
Aston Villa	**v. Oldham**
Swindon	**v. Palace**
Kilmarnock	**v. Partick**

I enter Football Competition No. 13 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions alredy announced and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. .....

Unit .....

Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Finance.

All ranks are warned that if they purchase any securities from Germans payable in the United Kingdom they acquire no title to the securities and cannot obtain payment for them in the United Kingdom.

"Windy Corner."

"What has struck you most since you have been in Rhineland?" I asked an acquaintance of mine recently arrived. "The cold wind blowing across the Dom Square," he replied. And I don't think he was far wrong either.

Another Questionable Brand.

I see one tobacconist is making a big display of a cigarette called the "Halfpenny" brand. The German buyer certainly has a choice in names judging by the variety to be seen.

Music hath Charms.

Although something of an iconoclast in religious matters a friend of mine is a regular attendant at the Dom on Sunday mornings. He is a connoisseur of Church music and informs me that the Cathedral Choir is one of the finest he has ever heard.

Preparing for Christmas.

Visiting the Empire Leave Club I found quite a Christmas atmosphere pervaded the place. From the theatre the sweet sound of Christmas songs floated down. It was a rehearsal for the Christmas play "Eager Heart" which is to be given.

Unwieldy Craft.

The huge size of some of the barges to be seen on the Rhine is a matter for comment. With the river at a good level it must require quite a degree of skill to navigate such unwieldy craft.

A rarity.

In Krebsgasse yesterday a little pony drawing a small cart was the object of much interest. It was only about three feet high, and is the first I have seen in Rhineland.

At Bonn.

Despite the fact that very few troops are at present stationed in Bonn adequate provision is made for soldier visitors. There are still four institutions to cater for Tommy.

A Blank Sheet.

After paying 20 pfgs. for a programme in the Deutsches Theatre the other evening, a friend of mine discovered that the inner pages were quite blank. Although he tried to get it exchanged for another it was in vain. The programme girl was adamant.

Bookroom During Christmas.

"The Cologne Post" Bookshop and Reading Room will be closed on Dec. 25th. and 26th. but will be open as usual on Saturday the 27th. It will not be open however on Sunday December 28th.

No Lift.

I hear a good story concerning a rather corpulent major who, when exploring the Dom, was told the number of steps to be climbed. He immediately asked if there was a lift, and on being told there was not, promptly declined to proceed further.

Alpine Fashions.

In Hohestrasse yesterday I saw three young ladies creating a stir. They were the object of all eyes, the reason being that they were attired in long sports coats, and natty little woollen hats. Quite reminiscent of Swiss fashions.

Names of Streets.

I notice that where the name "Kalker Haupt Strasse" has been substituted for "Kalker Strasse," instead of taking the old sign down, a red line is struck through it.

Dusting a Letter-box.

I noticed a woman dusting a letter box yesterday morning. I do not know whether she was engaged on the job in an official capacity or what.

Ancestral Pride.

The privilege was accorded a member of this staff of a look into the parlour of the rooms in which he is staying. Upon the walls were to be seen imposing portraits of relations carrying one back to four or five generations, and dating back to fairly early in the 18th century.

Reserved!

Apropos the recent G.R.O. and comments in the "Post" on riding on tram-cars, a conductor on an over-crowded car was recently heard to remark to a German civilian who was travelling on the footboard "Come off that place is reserved exclusively for English soldiers.'

Good Business.

The other morning I noticed before a shop door twenty-seven empty 7lb corned beef tins. As this article is rationed the shop in question must have done some business.

Notice to Book Readers.

On account of the children's Christmas fete on December 24th the reading room and library of the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. will not be open that day between 1 and 6 p.m. On Christmas Day, both reading room and library will be open all day.

Christmassy.

The shop that advertises "Chester Cheese" is now booming "Christmas Puddings."

Faith in the British.

I cannot say whether the Germans as a race are ultra-superstitious, but the American "prophecy" that the world was coming to an end this week se med to quite upset a barber, who gravely inquired of a soldier if the British believed it.

RHINELANDER.

NOTES FROM LONDON TOWN.

A LITTLE LEARNING.

There is an amusing story going about of a certain School Board Member whose success in life was hardly built up on the solid foundation of a classical education. He was delivering his annual address to the school and in the course of a moving eulogium on friendship wound up with this precious recommendation: "Friendship is the finest thing in the world, my dear boys and girls. Take the lives of David and Jonathan, Damon and Pythias, Castor and Pollux, Scylla and Charybdis, Gog and Magog for your patterns, and you will not go far wrong."

NICHOLAS DE CUSA ON THE MILLENIUM.

As a fact, the end, according to Cardinal Nicholas de Cusa, ought to have occurred in 1704, because the Deluge came so many jubilees after the Creation. Swedenborg gave 1757, William Muller 1843, Baxter 1850, John Cumming 1866, and Mother Shipton 1881. Hallam's "Middle Ages" contains a diverting account of the preparations made by businessmen against the expected dissolution, charters for instance, being gravely drawn up in the form: "As the world is now drawing to its close," etc. The curious thing is that whereas fire is the favoured agency among prophets ancient and modern, most scientists agree that the end is far more likely to come by the world sharing the moon's fate of getting frozen up.

A BRAVE AIRMAN.

As day by day goes on hope for Captain Howell becomes ever fainter and it now seems unhappily certain that the plucky Australian pilot has been lost on the first stage of the world flight. There seems still a large element of luck in in flying for Captain Howell was a most experienced airman. He left the Infantry in 1916 and has flown for thousands of miles becoming one of the best known of Australian flyers. In the war he crashed down 30 enemy machines, besides downing a number of kite balloons. Needless to say he held the D.S.O., M.C. and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

MRS. ASQUITH'S MEMOIRS.

Rumour has it that Mrs. Asquith will receive well over £5,000 for her book of reminiscences. In view of Mrs. Asquith's unrivalled opportunities for knowing all about everybody, such a sum, purchasing as it will the serial rights, is not involving the publisher, Mr. Thornton Butterworth, in any undue risk, for the book will certainly have a tremendous sale. Mrs. Asquith is more scrupulous than so many workers of memoirs in that she can do the work herself instead of farming it out, and when one realises how frank she is in private conversation, that augurs well for the book.

THE OLD "FOUR HUNDRED" CLUB.

There are, I am informed, quite a large number of people applying for admission to the membership roll of the Embassy Club which opens on Tuesday under the control of Mr. Albert de Courville. The cuisine of this Club, which was once variously known as "The Four Hundred" and "Martan's Club", will certainly not suffer under the direction of that epicurean master-chef M. Capezza, and the Shirley blue and gold decoration scheme (named after Miss Shirley Kellogg by Lucille) is wonderfully soft in tone and tasteful.

THE COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE.

The next-of-kin of those who gave their lives in the Great War will be glad to learn that the Commemorative Plaque is now about to be sent to them. The first one to be cast was, appropriately enough, that of Lord Kitchener, and I have before me a photograph of it. The plaque is of bronze and is 4¾ inches in diameter. A fine figure of Britannia holding a trident and a wreath of palm is standing beside the British lion, while in the bottom segment or exergue of the plaque, which is circular in shape, is a symbolical representation of the lion slaying the eagle. I do not grasp the precise symbolism of two fish floating about near Britannia's shoulders, but I should think they have some reference to our supremacy of the seas.

PERISCOPE.

FOR BUSINESS MEN IN RHINELAND.

PURCHASE OF SECURITIES IN GERMANY.

It has come to notice that coupons and securities payable in the United Kingdom are being offered for sale in the Occupied Territories of Germany, and it is pointed out for general information that the Acts and Proclamation relating to trading with the enemy, so far, at least, as securities are concerned (coupons are treated for this purpose as securities) remain in operation in the United Kingdom until the Treaty of Peace comes into force. Consequently no person acquires by virtue of any assignment or delivery of any coupon, or other security transferable by delivery, made or to be made in his favour by or on behalf of an enemy, whether for valuable consideration or otherwise, any rights or remedies against the person liable to pay, unless the transaction is by licence and subject to certain exceptions. All ranks are therefore warned that if they purchase any securities from the enemy, payable in the United Kingdom, they acquire no title to these securities, and that they cannot obtain payment thereof in the United Kingdom.

BRUSSELS INTERNATIONAL FAIR.

The forthcoming International Commercial Fair at Brussels promises to be of exceptional interest and importance to British trade. The organization has been undertaken by the municipality with the financial support of the Belgian Government and the Province of Brabant, under the patronage of the popular King Albert. The Fair will be open from April 4 to April 21, 1920.

Intending British exhibitors should communicate at once with the Department of Overseas Trade, 35, Old Queen-street, S.W., with a view to securing facilities.

A COLOGNE TRADE FAIR?

The German local newspapers seem to be quite silent about the Cologne Spring Fair. Is the question of place and room going to make it impossible? The German Minister of Economics is considering the advisability of holding only three fairs in Germany at Leipzig, Hamburg and Frankfort. That would mean that all other undertakings would be suppressed, and Frankfort would then be considered as the Western centre of business. The "Kölner Tageblatt" points out that Leipzig and Frankfort are both in unoccupied Germany, and therefore cannot give any guarantee for security and order. The Frankfort fair, which was undoubtedly a success, was threatened in the last few days by strikes and disturbances. It is quite clear that the main business transactions are made in the occupied area. Later on it will be even more apparent as the German ports will lose some of their importance. Direct shipping traffic betwen London and Cologne will be established very soon.

The Bavarian Government, like the Government of Baden, have taken measures against the foreign buyers. They have prohibited the export of all articles of household, glass, china, sewing machines and furniture.

Capt. T. C. McCormick, who recently arrived in the Rhineland from Paris, has been assigned to the Inter-Allied Waterways Commission and will be stationed at Cologne.

"COLOGNE POST" CELEBRITIES V. "RHINELANDER."

FROM EVERYWHERE.

They Want One.—Enfield is to have a cenotaph.

The Cow Says so.—Milk will remain at a shilling a quart.

Speed.—A French woman has just flown 3¾ miles a minute.

Cabmen Pleased.—Birmingham tramway-cars will not run on Christmas day.

Art of Advertising.—Outside a Paris shop boys spray passers-by with scent.

Popular Prince.—Prince Olaf is coming to England.

What's Brewing?—Mr. Churchill had an audience of the King.

Nearly all Gone.—"Wrafs" will be reduced to 200 in a few months.

A Few Remain.—Chinese coolies still in France number only a few thousand.

His Selection.—Mr. H. W. Forster takes the title of Baron Forster of Lepe.

His Next Stunt.—The Prince of Wales is leaving for Australia in March.

Perhaps.—Sir T. Beecham thinks labour would subsidise theatres if in power.

The Risks we Run.—A West Malling woman put laudanum in her husband's tea.

His View.—The Sultan of Turkey thinks the Turks are not so bad as they are painted.

Denied.—Canon Sheppard, domestic chaplain to the Royal family, is not retiring.

Still About.—A fresh case of rabies has occurred in Kent and another in Glamorganshire.

No Getting Out.—Middlesborough Corporation yesterday approved the use of concrete coffins.

Straight to the Slaughter.—Newcastle will not have a Christmas market owing to foot and mouth disease.

The Winner.—A Belgian has furnished a winning design for the Zeebrugge memorial.

No Amalgamation.—Paris journalists decline to become affiliated with the printers.

Greedy.—A Cheltenham boy sucked eucalyptus oil from a handkerchief and died.

Blondes Take Back Seat.—Mr. Charles Garvice says dark girls are more brainy than fair ones.

A Jolly Christmas.—The Navy will enjoy the first real Christmas since the war.

Youthful Bill Sikes. — A Kent boy has pleaded guilty to 21 charges of housebreaking at Glasgow.

Optimistic. — Mr. Churchill says the Slough motor depot is now a paying asset.

Coming Home.—Since November, five vessels have sailed from India for home, carrying 172 officers and 5000 other ranks.

For the East. — In connection with arrangements made for wives bound for the East a special train leave St. Pancras on Friday at 1 p.m. for Tilbury.

Waiting.—There are 40,000 recipients of Naval, Military, Air Force, and civilian war honours who have not yet been invested with their decorations.

Their Champion.—Lord Anderson claims that Scotland compares favourably with any country in the matter of erring wives.

Propaganda de Luxe.—A Jarrow man summoned by his wife for maintenance said he was engaged in propaganda work for his class. He stayed in bed till mid-day.

The Other Comforter.—A Camberwell tradesman was summoned in respect of a baby's comforter. Subsequently tradesman and customer adjourned for a drink.

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PRIME MINISTER'S FIRM STATEMENT ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

PRINCE OF WALES AT THE GUILDHALL.

RESPONSIBILITY.

PREMIER'S SPEECH ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Foreign affairs were debated in the House of Commons on Thursday, the attitude of the United States being the subject of some very important pronouncements by the Prime Minister.

With reference to the Anglo-French Agreement he said that in the event of the United States failing to ratify the Triple Treaty we were free to reconsider our decision. There was no understanding on the matter, for one simply could not contemplate that the United States would dishonour the signature of its great representative. It would be a great mistake to discuss the subject on such a supposition. He had no reason to believe that the United States would not agree to the Treaty, but for Great Britain alone to undertake that charge would be a very serious obligation and in many respects an entirely new departure. It would be the first time we had been called upon to guarantee such protection, and if the Government should be brought face to face with a decision of that kind they would at once inform the House and give it the opportunity of challenging the decision if it wished to do so. It would be undesirable to discuss the matter beyond that at the present stage.

Regarding Fiume the Premier said that the Italian Premier has been invited to meet M. Clemenceau and himself, and possibly the American representative, in Paris in the course of the next few days.

In Russian affairs the trouble was that there was no one to speak for the Russian people. If the Bolshevists wanted to speak for Russia let them summon a National Assembly, freely elected, and then there would be someone and something to make Peace with. Directly there was some form of steady Government in Russia with whom they could negotiate Peace it would be the duty of the Allies to take the first real opportunity of doing so. This was the opinion of those who discussed the matter at Downing-street last week.

After describing what had been done to relieve the acute distress in Austria Mr. Lloyd George admitted that this was inadequate, but, he continued: "We can only carry burdens equal to our strength. I do not see what more can be done for Central Europe unless America comes in frankly with France and Great Britain to take her fair share. Peace with Turkey has been delayed in order to give the United States time to decide what share, if any, they were prepared to accept in guardianship over the Christian communities in Turkey. To have precipitated a decision which we were prepared to take at any moment might have led to misunderstanding with the United States and engendered suspicion, but now we were entitled to say that we had waited up to the very limit which had been promised to America, and that we now proposed to make Peace with Turkey at the earliest possible moment."

Whatever America may decide to do with regard to the League of Nations, continued the Premier, the League is vital to the peace of the world, and the Government are convinced that Great Britain, at any rate, must go on with it. (Cheers). Certain discoveries were made at the end of the war which, had they been used, would have produced indescribable horrors. It was vital that the world should have some civilised means of preventing war being waged with such additional terrors. Our Estimates had been carefully framed with a view to the exclusion of anything which was provocative, but until the League of Nations, including America, was firmly established, we must make our own country secure; (Prolonged cheers) for if Great Britain were insecure then peace, liberty and civilisation itself were insecure.

SYRIAN AGREEMENTS.

Dealing with the situation in Syria the Premier said it was part of the larger question in Turkey, arrangements for the settlement of which were discussed at the recent London Conference. Conversations between the French Government and Faisul had not yet ended, but he was happy to say that in consequence of these conversations and the arrangements between the British and French Governments the tension in Syria is sensibly relaxed.

RIDING MISTRESS KILLED.

The mystery surrounding the identity of a well-dressed woman who was recently killed at Kingston Vale while driving a phaeton, owing to a collision with a motor car, has been solved. She is Miss Lucy Douglas, the well-known Hyde Park riding instructor.

As coal reserves are exhausted, the Austrian Railway Department has completely suspended passenger traffic on all the State railway lines during Christmas week.

CITY FATHERS.

WELCOME HOME TO THE PRINCE OF WALES.

London accorded a very hearty welcome to the Prince of Wales on Thursday when he drove through the City to the Guildhall to receive an address of welcome on the success of his visit to Canada and the United States. A crowd of prominent personalities was present at the Guildhall, including Prince Albert, Field Marshal Earl Haig, the Prime Minister, Mr. A. J. Balfour and Mr. Asquith, who shook hands very cordially with Mr. Lloyd George when they met on the dais.

The City Recorder read the Address congratulating the Prince on having, by his unremitting efforts, natural dignity and courtesy, greatly strengthened the ties binding Canada and Great Britain in attachment to the Throne and Empire, and establishing a new bond of friendship between Britons and Americans.

The Prince, who was loudly cheered, said he was deeply grateful for his cordial welcome. He paid a tribute to the splendid part taken in the war by the Dominions. His Mission to Canada and the United States was undertaken with the keenest pleasure, and the warmth of his welcome in Newfoundland followed him all through the tour. He also greatly enjoyed his visit to the United States, and deeply appreciated the cordiality with which he was entertained at Washington and New York.

In proposing the health of His Royal Highness at the subsequent luncheon at the Mansion House Mr. Lloyd George said the King had sent the Prince on a Mission to Canada and the United States and the King and Queen had had their reward in the remarkable success of the visit. It was made at an opportune time, for the Throne meant a good deal. It was the Institution that united all the peoples of the Empire. The bond between Great Britain and Canada was stronger to-day because of the Prince's tour, which had also done much to promote goodwill between the peoples of Great Britain and the United States. That was a very important thing, for, upon the good understanding between the two English-speaking nations depended the peace of the world.

The Prince, in reply, remarked that he was greatly struck by the fact that during his visit to Canada he was accorded a great reception by ex-Service men everywhere. His tour would influence the whole of his life. He had observed with interest that in the United States everyday life and politics closely resembled our own. The war had put an end to the idea that Great Britain was played out. Our duty now was to see that we all worked together in adjusting our social, economic and industrial problems in general sympathy and best goodwill towards one another. Our problems can only be solved by commonsense and good will and it is up to us to show other nations how difficulties can be overcome.

SUVLA BAY SOUVENIR.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons regarding the steamship "River Clyde", Mr. Lloyd George said that she is now lying at Malta very badly damaged, and the Ministry of Shipping had decided that it would not be justified in incurring the expense of bringing her home. It would cost twenty thousand pounds simply to tow the vessel, and the expense of repairing her would be enormous.

On a suggestion being made that it might be possible to preserve the vessel at Malta, the Premier thought that it might be worth considering, and he promised to look into the matter.

GENERAL DYER'S DEFENCE.

A correspondent writes to the "Morning Post":

General Dyer is being violently assailed in the Radical Press for his stern action in suppressing the dangerous uprising in Amritsar last April. His critics here do not stop to reflect what might have happened if he had been less stern.

General Dyer's best defence is epitomised in a relic that some years ago was—and possibly still is—to be seen in a corridor of the Junior United Service Club. It consists of a sheet of paper, framed and glazed, to which is affixed a wisp of a woman's golden hair. The relic is labelled: "Found on a bush near the edge of the Well at Cawnpore."

TRAITRESS TO DIE.

A telegram from Amiens states that Mme. Marie Totot, who has been found Guilty of having denounced 20 Frenchmen to the Germans when they were in occupation of the town, has been sentenced to death by Court-martial.

Her husband was killed in the war after a distinguished career as an officer in the French Army.

Lord Dalmeny was granted a divorce yesterday owing to his wife's desertion.

THE 1914 STAR.

CLASP AWARDED TO NAVAL MEN.

In an official order issued yesterday the Admiralty announce that the King has approved the grant of a clasp to the officers and men who have been awarded the "1914 Star" and who actually served under the fire of the enemy in France and Belgium between August 5, 1914, and midnight, November 22-23, 1914.

The clasp will be in bronze and will bear the inscription: "5th August—22nd November, 1914." In undress uniform when ribands are worn, the grant of the clasp will be denoted by the wearing of a small silver rose in the centre of the riband. Two roses will be issued with each clasp. Provided the claims are approved by the Admiralty, the clasp will be issued to all officers and men of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Royal Naval Reserve, and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve who were actually present on duty within range of the enemy's mobile artillery between the dates mentioned. The clasps earned by officers and men who have died will be issued to their legatees or next-of-kin entitled to receive them.

Notification will be given when the roses and clasps are ready for issue, and no application should be made for them until then.

Service in the following units does not qualify for the clasp:—Transport staffs; Royal Naval Hospital, Dunkirk; Royal Marine Brigade, Ostend; Royal Naval Air Service, Dunkirk; Royal Naval Division detachments at Dunkirk; divisional engineers and divisional train.

SPEN VALLEY.

HAIG'S TESTIMONIAL TO SIR JOHN SIMON.

Sir John Simon, who is contesting Spen Valley in the Independent Liberal interest, read a letter from Field Marshal Earl Haig at one of his meetings. Earl Haig wrote "As you say, I have no desire to enter into political controversy or to take sides in any political question. Since you write to me however that it is being hinted in some quarters in Spen Valley that your services in France were only make-believe and casual, I have no hesitation in saying that your work during the year you spent with the Royal Air Force in France was very real and very valuable, both to the particular branch of the Service to which you were attached, and to the Army as a whole."

LEEDS MURDER.

INQUEST AND VERDICT.

A verdict of wilful murder was returned against Albert Redfern for the murder of the Leeds Bank manager E. T. Oates. During the evidence at the inquest it was stated that Redfern had been dangerously wounded in the war and that while in hospital his heart once stopped. Nevertheless he recovered. On many occasions afterwards he appeared absolutely irresponsible and sometimes it required several persons to hold him down.

FAILURE.

NO EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS IN RUSSIA.

Negotiations between Mr. J. O'Grady and Litvinoff regarding the exchange of prisoners were broken off on Thursday afternoon without an agreement having been reached on the main question. One or two further meetings are to be held to settle the details and arrangements for despatching supplies to the British prisoners in Russia, and of mutual postal facilities.

VLADIVOSTOCK "INCIDENT."

Interrogated regarding the murder of certain Allied and Russian troops at Vladivostock by Koltchak's Cossacks, Mr. Lloyd George told the House that the incident was satisfactorily arranged and there is no reason to anticipate a repetition of this isolated quarrel.

PROFITEERING ACT.

Sir Auckland Geddes's bill to extend the duration of the Profiteering Act is one of the shortest on record. Its single operative clause provides that the Profiteering Act, 1919, shall continue in force until May 19, 1920.

NEW STEEL DISCOVERED.

Doctor Arnold, Professor of Metallurgy at Sheffield University, has discovered a new steel of unrivalled hardness. Its cutting powers are said to be far beyond all existing qualities of high-speed steel

ACCIDENT TO ROSS SMITH.

The "Times" has received the following cable from its Sydney correspondent "Ross Smith safe. Anthony Downs. Broke propeller. Repairing."

The price of silver has risen by 2¼d during the past week and is now 79½ pence per ounce.

THE UNDERWORLD.

STOLEN ARMY FLANNEL RECOVERED.

The mysterious disappearance on the 3rd December of 65,000 yards of khaki flannel while in course of transit on American Army lorries, yielded a sensational sequel yesterday. Scotland Yard detectives raided a warehouse in Middlesex-street, Whitechapel, and although no arrests were made all the material was recovered from the cellar. It has transpired that the thieves took advantage of the temporary inattention of the drivers of the four lorries on to which the material was being loaded, to drive off with the goods. The lorries were subsequently left derelict.

INTIMIDATION.

LABOUR COUNCILS ABUSE THEIR POSITION.

The West Ham Borough Council have decided to post notices in all their working departments intimating the desire of the council that all employees should join trade unions.

The London Municipal Society state that the Labour Party majorities on 12 London borough councils are forcing employees to join trade unions. "The Bermondsey, Shoreditch, and Poplar borough councils," says the society, "propose that increased rates of pay shall be given only to employees who are trade unionists. This system of extreme coercion and oppression bears very hardly upon many workers who either do not believe in the trade union movement or who have seceded from it for personal reasons. It is to be noted that this industrial conscription comes from the party which fought hard for conscientious objectors to military service."

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

RUSH LEGISLATION.

In response to repeated pressure from Members of Parliament to increase Old Age Pensions before Christmas the Government offered to present a Bill to Parliament to-day, to be passed through all its stages at one sitting. They feared however that there would be opposition from some quarters of the House to the authorising, practically without discussion, of an additional annual expenditure of millions. If there were any real opposition the Bill would have to be dropped.

SECRET SUBMARINES.

ANOTHER MYTH DISPELLED.

Statements which have been made as to the secret construction of submarines in Germany formed the subject of a question in the House of Commons yesterday. The Prime Minister said that there had been frequent Allied inspections of German ports, and it was not considered that any grounds existed for the suggestion that submarines were being constructed in Germany, either secretly or otherwise.

THE CENOTAPH SITE.

The Works Committee of the Westminster City Council reported yesterday that, looked at from the point of view of expediency as distinct from that of sentiment, the placing of the Cenotaph in the middle of a roadway having so large a volume of traffic as Whitehall was undesirable, and that if the monument were placed in one of the grass covered enclosures in Parliament Square the public would be able to pay homage without risking their personal safety.

The Council adopted a resolution, to be forwarded to the Government, that the permanent memorial should be erected on one of the plots in question.

FRENCH OFFICERS' SUCCESS.

On the occasion of Sir Henry Wilson making the usual passing out inspection at Sandhurst on Tuesday, the Commandant of the College reported that the ten French army officers who had been doing duty at the College during the term had made the greatest possible success of their difficult task.

MYSTERIOUS MESSAGES FROM PERSIA.

A Bolshevist wireless message dated the 9th December said: "Englishmen in Northern Persia are surrounded. Persians annihilated British at Meshed to the number of thirteen hundred."

This message has now been repeated to the War Office without comment by the officer commanding at Meshed, three days after the alleged destruction of himself and his command.

ANCIENT COPPER MINES CLOSED.

Alderley (Cheshire) copper mines have been closed.

These old workings run under Alderley Edge, a famous landmark and resort on the estates of Lord Sheffield. The mines have been in existence for several centuries, and are said locally to be the oldest in England.

They are believed still to contain large quantities of copper ore and other minerals.

SUMMARY COURT.

GERMAN LEGAL VIEW OF DRUNKENNESS.

According to German law, if a man is so drunk that he is not conscious of his actions, he may commit any crime in the calendar with impunity.

This remarkable dictum was elicited during the hearing of a case at the Summary Court in which Johann Marum was charged with assaulting two members of the Royal Air Force by striking them with an umbrella.

Accused's lawyer pleaded that the man was very drunk and had no knowledge whatever of having committed the assault.

On being asked by the Presiding Officer what was the German law respecting offences committed while under the influence of drink, Counsel replied that if a man was so drunk as to be unconscious of his actions he could not be held responsible.

Presiding Officer: Then if a man drank himself into a state of beastly ferocity he might commit murder or rape and if he pleaded next morning that he was drunk he would get off. It must be a delightful state of Society to live in.

Holding that even though drunk, a man must be held responsible for his actions to a certain extent, the Presiding Officer sentenced the accused to one month's imprisonment.

LUNATICS AT LARGE.

In the early hours of the morning two elderly women were found by a policeman sitting on the doorstep of a house at Lindenthal. They were without identity cards and night passes and when questioned gave false names and addresses.

One of the accused, Frau Jacob Kop, of 49 Altestrasse, Frechen, appeared in Court and admitted the charges but pleaded that she was very ill and had lost a child recently. The other woman advised her, she said, to give a false name and address.

A German policeman stated that Kop was half witted and that the other accused was at present an inmate of the lunatic asylum in Bonn.

Kop was discharged with the advice that she must not wander about at night.

WIFE TURNS INFORMER.

The wife of Max Fischer, of 3 Buschgasse, informed a military policeman that her husband was in possession of a revolver and on searching the house the weapon was found.

Accused, through his lawyer, produced a number of testimonials to his good character and in view of this and the fact that the man had evidently no malicious intent a nominal fine of 250 marks was imposed.

RAILWAY THREAT.

PROMOTION OF A MAN WHO DID NOT STRIKE.

A dispute between the Northampton branch of the National Union of Railwaymen and the L. & N.W.R. threatens serious consequences. The dispute arose over the promotion of a man to an inspectorship. The men allege victimisation, the promotion being made, they say, because the man did not strike in the recent railway dispute.

A conference between the N.U.R. officials and the local representatives of the company was held at Northampton but broke down after three hours' discussion.

The men say they are determined to cease work unless the appointment is cancelled. They claim to have received promises of support from all branches in the Midland area.

FIGHT FOR JEWISH FREEDOM.

Two thousand five hundred Jewish children, drawn form all parts of London, were gathered in the Great Assembly Hall, Mile-end-road, for the annual "Chanucah" festival to commemorate the Jewish freedom from Greek oppression over 2,000 years ago. The Rev. Dayan H. M. Lazarus said the Holy Land had been in the hands of various peoples. No one would admit that the Holy Land really belonged to the Jewish people, until the British, in their great struggle for freedom, fought for Jewish freedom as well, and restored Palestine to its rightful people once more.

DOG POLICE FORCE.

As a result of the daily robberies of goods trains standing in sidings and of merchandise waiting to be dispatched, the French railway companies (says Reuter) propose to employ specially trained watch dogs. The "Dogs' Regiment" employed at the front during the war numbered some 13,000 animals, and five or six thousand more were used in factories and depots. It is probable that the dogs who have not yet been "demobilized" may be taken over by the railways.

RAILWAYMENS' WAGES.

The Railwaymen's leaders conferred yesterday with Sir Eric Geddes, who delivered the Government's proposals regarding wages standardisation, which will be submitted to the men for their decision. Mr. J. H. Thomas is hopeful that the agreement will be completed by New Year.

A Bolshevist bulletin received yesterday announces that the Red Army has again captured Kieff.

STUDENTS AGAIN.

RAGGING IN A WORTHY CAUSE.

Preceded by a motor lorry bearing the lifeboat in which Sir Ernest Shackleton made his famous 800-mile voyage from Elephant Island to the Falklands, about forty students of Middlesex Hospital, carrying sandwich boards, marched in procession through the West End yesterday. The boards bore advertisements of a cinema performance to be given at the Albert Hall in aid of the Middlesex Hospital, when incidents in Shackleton's expedition will be shown.

The students all wore fancy dress, some being disguised as nurses. As the procession passed along, whistles and rattles were used, and at intervals the whole party shouted in chorus "Sex-sex sex-Middlesex."

IN THE HOUSE.

RUMOURS OF A RUSH ELECTION.

The announcement made by Mr. Bonar Law in the House of Commons that the War Emergency Legislation Bill will be the only measure to be carried over to next session is regarded as confirmatory of the Government intention to drop the Coal Profits and Anti-Dumping Bills. Mr. Bonar Law also stated that the Unemployment Insurance Bill will be introduced before the close of the session but will not be proceeded with.

Questioned regarding the alleged collapse of the supply of domestic coal, Sir Auckland Geddes denied the existence of any shortage. He said the trouble was due to lack of transport, for which the application of the eight-hour day was responsible.

The lobby correspondent of the "Daily News" asserts that the unexpected action of the Government in dropping the Coal Profits, and Anti-Dumping Bills, postponing the Home Rule Bill, and proroguing Parliament before Christmas is the outcome of their intention to rush a General Election in February, in order to fight Labour on the Nationalisation issue.

It is pointed out that the Labourites have planned a Nationalisation Campaign in January and have threatened a further industrial strike in February unless the principle is conceded.

The Government gives an emphatic denial to the above rumour, while the Labour leaders disclaim any intention of adopting such a strategic plan as is attributed to them. They declare that they are fully aware of the pitfalls in such a course.

Between now and the next session Ministers will be fully occupied with the devising of means for strengthening the Coalition and ensuring its smooth working.

MODERN DANCES.

FRENCH CARDINALS' CRUSADE.

The campaign started by the French Cardinals against the dances now in vogue is getting stronger. The Prelates consider that when the country is passing through a grave economic crisis there should not be so much tangoing and fox-trotting.

Cardinal Andrieux, of Bordeaux, after careful inquiries, now enters a vigorous protest against the tango, hesitation waltz, fox-trot, one-step, two-step, double Boston and triple Boston—all foreign dances. His criticism is to be read in all the churches of Bordeaux and the Gironde.

"We recall to Catholics," he says, "that they ought to give up, under penalty of committing a grave fault, these amusements condemned by Christian morality and by Catholicism, for it is not at this moment, when France is weeping for more than 1,500,000 of her sons, that others should be permitted to amuse themselves in this unseemly fashion."

STRANGE NEW EPIDEMIC.

Some time ago a mysterious outbreak of what was believed to be sleeping sickness occurred at Stockholm. The malady has now appeared at Malome, where seven cases have been reported three of which proved fatal. The symptoms are said to be similar to influenza except that there are no pains in the limbs, but slight fever developing into protracted lethargy.

W.A.A.C's TO STAY.

Although the War Office has decided on the disbandment of the W.A.A.C.s. it is understood that possibly small detachments will be retained for work in connection with the Registration of War Graves in France and administrative work in England.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Markets were dull owing to the closing of commitments in view of the Christmas holidays, but the undertone was satisfactory. French Loans were weaker in sympathy with the new depreciation of the franc, due partly to the modification of ideas regarding the size of the forthcoming loan for stabilising the rate of exchange. Oils were quiet, Mexican Eagle dividend being not yet announced. Money was in better demand and discounts were harder. Gold was quoted at 107s 7d. Silver advanced to 78d on the weaker American exchange. The exchange on Paris was 41.97; Belgian, 40.05; Switzerland, 20.85; Amsterdam, 10.12; Germany, 184-186; Austria, 630-670

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7. Ehrenfeld Club (Garrison Bakeries)
8. Durham House, Riehl Barracks
9. Marienburg Barracks Club
10. Deutz Club
11. Kalk Central Club
12. Wahn Barracks Club
13. Lindenthal Club

FOR MEN OF THE INDEPENDENT DIVISION.
14. Wermelskirchen Club
15. Paffrath Club
16. Solingen Club
17. Schlebusch Club
18. Opladen Club
19. Bonn Central Club
20. Troisdorf Club
21. Godesberg Club
22. Siegburg Club

FOR MEN OF THE TANK GROUP.
23. Rötgen Club

At each of these Y.M.C.A. Centres, Christmas festivities are being arranged for all Troops in the neighbourhood; either on Christmas Eve, Cristmas Day, Boxing Day, or New Year's Eve. Christmas Trees, with Presents; Christmas Games; Christmas Teas, &c. &c. Apply at once to your nearest Centre and make sure of getting an invitation.

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DATE	TIME	PLACE
December 19th	6.30 p.m.	Y.M.C.A. Durham House, Riehl Barracks
" 20th	"	" Central, Cologne
" 21st	"	" Durham House, (Sacred Concert)
" 22nd	"	" Cinema, Kalk
" 23rd	afternoon	36 C.C.S.
" 23rd	6.30 p.m.	Y.M.C.A. Ehrenfeld, Bakeries
" 24th	5 p.m.	" Deutz
" 25th	7 p.m.	44 C.C.S.
" 25th	6.30 p.m.	Y.M.C.A. Central, Cologne
" 26th	6 p.m.	" Rotgen, (Tank Group)
" 27th	6.30 p.m.	" Marienburg
" 29th	afternoon	" Central, Bonn
" 30th	6.30 p.m.	25th General Hospital
" 30th	6.30 p.m.	Y.M.C.A. Opladen
" 31st	afternoon	3rd General Hospital
" 31st	6.30 p.m.	Y.M.C.A. Solingen
January 1st	6.30 p.m.	" Mülheim

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DATE	TIME	PLACE
December 23rd	6.30 p.m.	Y.M.C.A. Opladen
" 24th		
" 25th	2.00 p.m.	Dom Hotel, Cologne
" 25th	6.30 p.m.	Y.M.C.A. Durham House, Riehl Barracks
" 26th	"	Y.M.C.A. Marienburg
" 27th	"	" Lindenthal
" 29th	"	" Deutz
" 30th	"	" Wahn Barracks
January 1st	7 p.m.	" Central, Cologne.

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PARADE SERVICE: 10.30 hrs.
Rev. H. Dominey C.F.
HOLY COMMUNION: 11.30 hrs.
EVENSONG. 18.00 hrs.
Rev. E.K. Browne C.F.
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HOLY COMMUNION: 8.00 hrs.
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Fridays 7.30.

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Parade Mass in Minoritenkirche (Minoritenstr.), 2 minutes from Cathedral at 10 a.m.
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Church of England Services in Bonn

IN GARRISON CHURCH, BONN.
EVERY SUNDAY:

Holy Communion	8.00 hrs.
" "	11.45 hrs.
" "	18.00 hrs.
Garrison Parad. Serv.	10.00 hrs.
Evening Sermon	18.00 hrs.

RESTING GROUND OF HEROES.

Every thinking individual will support Mr. Kipling's appeal for a more reverent demeanour on the part of visitors to the battlefields, for it has become only too necessary.

Scrutinising one's newspaper or walking along the boulevardes of Paris, one's good sense receives a shock when one notices those posters advertising motor trips to the devastated regions, or studies for a while the impression of Verdun marked by all its war ghastliness.

One is still more shocked when one hears the conversation of those who have been that way. They speak of this ghastly evidence of human agony as of some show, gloat over the evidence of war, yet this is but the beginning, for with the New Year tourists by the hundred thousand are expected from the ends of the earth, all agape to see how and where men died for their ideals.

This is a profanation of humanity of which it is difficult to write. But since it orginates in want of thought rather than in want of heart, we would beg these gapers after sights of desolation and horror to think of those to whom Ypres and the Somme can never be mere curious historic spectacles like the field of Waterloo.

To them and to their sorrows the battlefields should be consecrated for a generation at least. At present some are deterred from their pilgrimage by the thought of the conditions under which it would be undertaken.

The world forgets so quickly nowadays, and democracy in particular is so rich in life that it can hold death cheap. Who could have believed, for example, until Armistice Day came, that there were so many who could rejoice so whole-heartedly? But jubilation at relief from an almost intolerable strain has an excuse wholly lacking to joy-rides over the battlefields or to the sale of beer and picture postcards on ground that should be treated at least as reverently as a a cathedral close.

The battlefields are holy ground, and nothing should be tolerated within their area which is unworthy of the dead or an affront to those who mourn.

PREVENTION v. CURE.

It is at last becoming generally realised that "Prevention is better than cure," and the Ministry of Health has declared that "The first duty of medicine is not to cure disease, but to prevent it." In the past we have been all too ready to deal with the effect and disregard the cause. We have been content to endeavour to kill the weed from the top allowing the root to live and prosper in the soil of misapplied energy.

Now the Ministry has renounced the fatal doctrines of the past and is acting upon the firm conviction that the health of a nation is wrapped up in the physical fitness of its children and the ideal now aimed at is the procuring for every child a fair start at birth.

Such a resolve in certainly a sound one and while the task set is tremendous, the price of success is so high that there can be little doubt but that every effort will be made to bring about, what at present appears, an almost Utopian reform.

Sir George Newman has given us an idea of the plan of campaign, and suggests that the initial step is the removal of the fatal influence of bad heredity. He says:—"If we permit ourselves to favour and provide for the unguided propagation of a population of poor physique or of persons marked from birth with the stigma of alcohol, venereal disease or mental deficiency, we shall sooner or later discover that we are building on false foundations."

We would suggest that in many quarters the falseness of the base has already been realised, and the strong line which public opinion is taking on the vexed question of venereal disease shows that the magnitude of the evil consequences which this hideous scourge holds, are at last sinking deeply into the minds of the man in the street.

What the situation demands, is more advanced medical education, which will renounce many of the old beliefs and substitute the new point of view which aims at prevention rather than cure after infection. There is a call, also, for the education of the child on lines which will make it second nature to take all steps on attaining the age of discretion, to procure sanitation and to keep the dread disease as a wolf from the door.

THE PENINSULA.

Much credit is due to Major A. H. Mure, author of "The Incomparable 29th" (Chambers, 5/-nett) for the light hand with which he treats the grim horrors and realities of the Suvla Bay exploitations.

Though a history of the 29th Division in general and a record of the Royal Scots, the author has not made the mistake of being too personal or limited in his treatment of war as it was out there. The dry humour one associates with a Scotsman threads its way throughout the pages and adds not a little to the reader's enjoyment.

There have not been many books published that deal with the ill-fated Gallipoli Expedition, and to those who took part in it—especially members of the 29th Division, Major Mure's book will be full of interest from cover to cover.

A "REST" CAMP.

Those who were not there fail sometimes to realise that at Gallipoli one could never get really "out the line." Everywhere was within range of the Turkish guns, and it was almost impossible to get out of the way of stray bullets.

The following extract from Major Mure's book will give some idea as to the condition of things. "In Gallipoli the so-called 'rest camp' or reserve trench, was the most dangerous place. The firing line, so long as you kept your head well down, was really the safest place, except just when you were going over the top; that was hot always. In the support trenches you usually got shelled, and the snipers paid you their best attention. The shells and the bullets that went over the top of the firing line (and more did than didn't) found their way to the reserve trenches. And you were always under fire in every part of the damned peninsula. There was no real cover. In the firing line you got some of the shots intended for you; out of it you got all the shots that were intended for you and a great many that were not.

"I remember a small shell landing in the cook's fire and scattering it all over the place. Nobody was hurt, but the cook's feelings were. Most cooks are irascible, and to this rule Army cooks are no exception. Another time I happened to be standing near three or four men who were watching a mess tin, full of tea, boiling on a small fire of their own. The owner of the tin went away for a moment, when wack went a bullet straight through the precious utensil. Curiously enough it did not topple over but began to leak badly. The men screamed with laughter and the owner hurried back. He was furious with his fellows; he thought they were playing a trick on him and it took some time to make him believe that the practical joker was a bullet—and this was a rest camp."

FLEAS AND THINGS.

Amongst the minor discomforts at Suvla, not the least were lice — little things it's true—but a big factor nevertheless. The author says, "This reminds me of an interesting correspondence on the habits of the louse. A unit felt aggrieved because of the part-worn clothing that was being issued to it, so the adjutant took the matter up with the staff officer responsible for the issue. Part, only part, please notice, of Minute I— official billets doux are always called minutes in the army—stated that "several of the kilts received have been found to contain a large number of lice-eggs. Most of these eggs are possibly dead, but according to the habits of lice it is probable that some of them are still fertile, which might mean the infection of the whole battalion."

The reply in Minute II stated, "With reference to the lice eggs mentioned by you, by a special process they are thoroughly sterilized by the cleaners here, the process and the results being to the satisfaction of the local medical authorities. No possible danger rests there, and the dead eggs could only be removed to the detriment of the kilt. Finally, in connection with the habits of lice mentioned in your letter, the views stated therein are erroneous. The eggs of the lice (Pediculus vestimenti) germinate after nine or ten days or die (A. E. Shipley, Sc. D. Christ's College, Cambridge). They further depend entirely upon the body for their existence, and quickly die apart from it. They cannot live for any length of time in discarded clothing. In this respect they differ profoundly from the bug and the flea, which may be considered as only occasionally living on the body" (B. E. Cummings, Department of Entomology, British Museum).

Then there was a shortage of water—and the heat—the flies and the sand—a multitude of boils, blains and sceptic sores—all of which are dealt with by Major Mure, but with never a grumble. There is, as has been said before, much to admire in the author's treatment of what might be too grim and grey.

W. K.

PARIS IN WARTIME.

High reliefs and deep shadows were strange to most of us until the great European war burst upon an unsuspecting world. Complicated though life was in pre-war days, contrasts were not common — not accepted as part of the daily round.

With the upheaval of all our traditions, with the dislocation of all our routines and habits, the even tenor of our ways erupted and life was no longer placid. Everywhere—town, city or village were up against new conditions — restriction became necessary.

Certain towns and cities not in "The Fighting Line" experienced in a minor key the danger of war. Amongst these Paris must of course rank one of the foremost, and in her book "Paris Sees it Through" (Messrs Hodder & Stoughton, 15s. nett) Miss H. Pearl Adam shows with a singular charm what Paris thought and what Paris did during those dark days of war.

As in the firelight hard faces become kind and household gods possess added charm, so under Miss Adam's facile pen shadows become less sombre. Never inconsequent, never flippant, the writer flits from grave to gay and chronicles in a manner at once interesting and arresting how Paris saw "it" through.

WHAT WAS ENGLAND DOING?

The misunderstanding that existed between us and our French Allies was very real at times. The author says: "The French were pleased with us for promising that all unmarried men should go to the front, but that pleasure was but a drop in the total sum of their bewilderment at our dislike of obligatory service. Hanotaux pointed out that while we were talking of our unmarried men going, France already had her fathers in the line, and the boys of eighteen on their way to join them. That was cold fact and from one point of view it had no answer. Our effort in munition making had not been properly laid before the French public, and when a people has invented obligatory service for itself and carried it on through many a war and many an invasion, and brought it triumphant out of the fire of national disaster, in a century and a quarter it cannot understand the point of view of an island, inviolate for nine centuries save when we heard the Dutch guns in the Thames, and made such a wonderful fuss about it! which stops to consider whether it shall, or not, send all its men to the Front.

The British Navy, which requires two million men to work for it on land, prides itself on its silence. It never mentioned its two millions, let alone the number of those who served it afloat. Its silence is dramatic and magnificent and "in our tradition"; but there were moments when the Briton living abroad caught between French incomprehension and English pride of silence, was tempted to blasphemy, and to say that the silent service risked the substance of its service for the shadow of its silence.

WAR WEARY PARIS.

When the Allies took up arms, they had no time to put each other on the back, but America so stayed her entry that she got a great reception from war-weary Paris.

Paris was bestarred and bestriped with great freedom, and speeches of mutual admiration quite darkened the air. With the admirable intention of increasing the value of the tribute, the Eifel Tower cannon began a salute of 101 guns at the precise moment when one of our best-known baritones began to sing the "Marseillaise" in front of the La Fayette statue. Everybody was pleased except perhaps the baritone, who found the competition worse than that of the ordinary orchestra. At the same moment the stars and stripes fluttered up to keep company with the Tricolour at the top of the Eifel Tower, and every heart swelled with appropriate emotion.

Members of the Mission who are quartered in the same Barracks with our British Military Police are very unlike the popular notion of Americans, in that they keep themselves to themselves like the traditional British milord of mid-Victorian times. Whether they have received a consigné of silence, or whether they really do not want to talk to their colleagues, will be proved by subsequent events.

TOMMY'S YARN.

In this connection a British corporal of our military police told me a story which strikes me as the best example of unconscious art in story-telling that one could find and also of Tommy's reliance on his hearer to supply what he thinks it unnecessary to say. The story goes thus: "These 'ere French, they're queer; they do 'ave the rummiest ways. I suppose it's because they're French. But their Ambulance service, I will say its awfully good—that quick, that efficient, tray bong in fact. The other day the Americans come along to be quartered with us, up along of them Fusileer Marines of the French. Of course them speaking in a manner of thinkin' the same language we says to them: Come and name it! Not a bit of it; they wouldn't talk, they wouldn't 'ave a drink".

"P'raps they'd been told not to; anyway they wouldn't come near us. So one of our men—you know him, m'm, Mc Tavish—he's been to tea and dinner 'ere He says: Look 'ere. I bet you I make one of them Americans come and 'ave a drink sociable! And sure enough 'e goes off and a bit later we sees 'im and a Yank in the Canteen. McTavish orders drinks, and when they come, the Yank 'e says: 'Ere's to the President! and McTavish drinks to the President, and then the Yank of course orders a round. McTavish ses: 'Ere's to King George! The Yank ses: To 'ell with your Kings! And that Ambulance Service 'ad 'im in orspital inside of twenty minutes. It's a jolly good service, although the French are queer."

One could quote from Miss Adam's book indefinitely, but space forbids. Those who read this review and are interested and wish to study it in its entirety, are reminded that this and any other book can be ordered at the "Cologne Post" Book-room, Arcade, Hohestrasse.

Of War literature there is no end, but Miss H. Pearl Adam strikes a new key and gives us what is undoubtedly fact in a form more pleasant than most of our modern fiction.

W. K.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

DODGING THE ISSUE.

Sir,—I wonder if your readers ever encounter, as I do myself, numerous Germans speaking English, who boast their nationality is anything but German. I presume they are of the opinion they rank much higher in our esteem.

One particular German café proprietor told me he was a Roumanian and to support his statement produced a small piece of Roumanian money.

ANONYMOUS.

THE "POSH" YOUNG GUARD.

Sir,—I have lately noticed when walking in the various "strasses" of Cologne that about every tenth O.R. one meets, is sporting kid gloves and it is becoming a common thing to see officers' trench coats being worn by Tommies.

The kid gloves, if supplied by the Army, would I think be more economical in the end than the woollen ones which so easily wear out besides giving the wearer a smart appearance. The trench coats however give rise to mistakes which create embarrassment.

I have seen more than one private salute a raincoated private wearing an officer's cap, and it is about time it was stopped.

WOOLLEN ONES.

PRICE OF FOOD.

Sir,—I discovered, quite by chance the other day, that for identical articles and identical service in the respective restaurants at the N.A.C.B., No. 1 and 2 Clubs, different prices are charged.

The first entry on the Annexe menu was: "12 oysters with bread and butter, 20 marks." While on that of the "Earwig" Club "12 oysters" (with no mention of bread and butter) were priced at 22 marks.

Among other substantial discrepancies may be mentioned Welsh rarebits 2.50 marks in one Club and 4 marks in the other. Roast goose was marked at 28 marks and 30 marks respectively.

The high prices were not all on the one side, and, I suppose, taking a whole meal the matter would about level itself, but it is strange that the two places under one management should vary at all.

HUNGRY.

A BAD HABIT.

Sir,—"Anti-Cant" is quite right. I was not quite certain as to the identity of "Cupid", but now "Anti-Cant" has mentioned it, I am absolutely certain that he is no other than "Anti-Box". There is a distinct resemblance in the hypocritical line of letter.

I should not be surprised if "Cupid" and "Anti Box" are not one and the same with "One of the Gods."

If there is anyone I detest it is a hypocrite, and especially in the matter of obscene language.

I suppose "Cupid" is one of those "good men" who never swears and walks about with his hands folded and his eyes turned heavenwards, and people say "look at that good man, how benevolent he looks"?

BLUNT.

Sir,—Referring to "Cupid's" letter, I think this is a protest that is long overdue, The indiscriminate use of obscene language in streets and cafés, and on tramcars is becoming worse. I have heard the foulest language used on cars, in the presence of women.

Surely no man worthy of the name would take advantage of the woman's ignorance of his language to swear in her presence? Apparently however, this is so. I have seen many English ladies subjected to annoyance in this way.

Personally I am no saint, but I do think that men might make some effort to restrain themselves in the use of bad language, when they are in places where they can be heard by women, be they English or German.

SIGNALS.

A RANKER'S PLAINT.

Sir,—Many share "Ranker's" opinion. There are two places at least allotted to Sergeants and W.O.'s. Let them use them and not talk so much about "Tin God" discipline.

On parade that is all right, but when it comes to canteens and other places devoted to rankers they surely are not the places for W.O.'s.

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Sir,—"Ranker" has undoubtedly done a great service in pointing out the prevailing custom of W.O.'s and Sergeants making use of the men's canteens.

This is quite inexcusable when it is considered that there is a canteen reserved exclusively for these ranks.

I venture to state that "One of 'em" is not thinking so much of the Army discipline as his own self conceit in advising young soldiers to keep a still tongue. Why this is necessary in a canteen I fail to see.

In all Battalions in which I have served the W.O.'s and Sergts. have always been prohibited from using the men's mess, a very satisfactory arrangement for all concerned, I think.

LANCE JACK.

Sir,—With regard to "Ranker's" plaint, does he mean to say that this happens in all N.A.C.B. Canteens in the occupied area? I live in Bonn and there is no place set apart for W.O.'s and Sergeants. We all gather together. Also we do not buy the things which belong to Tommy as we are Tommies too.

It would be hard on N.C.O.'s in Bonn if they had to go to Cologne whenever they wanted a bottle of beer or cigarettes.

DOUZE ANS SERVICE.

SILLY FILMS.

Sir,—"Man in the Street" has not had great experience of cinemas or he would never have ventured to express such opinions.

Maybe the Army cinemas and Y.M.C.A.'s are his first experience of the movies Unfortunately the films shown in these splendid places are with few exceptions four or five years old and so cannot be compared with the German films on show to-day.

Great strides have been made in the British film industry of late and Germany is at least ten years behind us to-day.

All the German dramas are sadly overworked and one cannot see a really good "comic". They are usually silly and ridiculous with no real good humour like one can see in a London cinema.

And as for acting, none of the Germans can touch the English stars. In scenery and effects, too, the British film is every bit as good and often superior to the German.

Finally a number of German films which are shown at even the very best German cinemas are undoubtedly immoral and would be banned in England.

A PICTURE GOER.

THE PLAYERS AND THE SPECTATOR.

BY

DANNY SHEA.

(THE FAMOUS ENGLISH INTERNATIONAL AND BLACKBURN ROVERS INSIDE RIGHT.)

Considering the enormous crowds which attend football matches, and the high pitch of excitement to which they are worked in many games, I think the behaviour of the average crowd is, on the whole, quite praiseworthy. Defeats for the home team are often taken with quite good grace, and any cleverness displayed by a visiting side receives its due meed of applause. At the same time, however, there are occasions when the football spectators seem to let their excitement over-run their discretion.

Already this season we have had experience of games stopped by onlookers rushing on the field, and from one or two centres there have come to me stories of barracking by the onlookers, who have said—and continued to say—nasty things to their players. I feel sure that if the supporters of every club would stop to think of the influence which they can have on the game in general and the play of their own particular pets especially, they would alter their tactics somewhat.

PLAYERS AS MACHINES.

Perhaps the man who, more than any other, has a bad effect on the players, is the onlooker, who regards the players as a machine. This kind of spectator does not seem able to appreciate the fact that footballers are human beings, and if for any reason they should fail to put up a good performance, he suddenly becomes sarcastic at the players' expense. All the good play which that particular player may have been showing for weeks, seems to be suddenly forgotten because of that one indifferent exhibition, and the very onlooker who, in the previous match, was prepared to swear that Jones was the best footballer he had ever seen, will on the next Saturday stand up and tell him to go and play marbles, or something even less complimentary.

Spectators such as these do the game nothing but harm. I should like to ask them if they never feel out of sorts, if, when they take part in their favourite recreation they always feel right at the top of their form. Ask the cricketer, the billiard player, or the tennis man, whether he always feels in just the same state of readiness for the fray. And footballers are no more machines than those who play these other games, nor can they reasonably be expected to be right at the top of their form all the time.

Moreover, the spectator cannot know just why the player is not at his tip-top best. For instance, just before the start of one of our matches not long ago, a well-known player received a telegram telling him that his wife had been taken ill suddenly. He simply had to turn out, because the club had no other man in reserve at the last moment, but it is not surprising that he failed to do himself justice that day. His thoughts were not concentrated on the game as they should have been, but the onlookers, knowing not the circumstances, were not a bit kind in their remarks.

IGNORING THE SPECTATORS.

Perhaps the reader may retort that this is an extreme case, but I have simply given it as an instance of what the footballer is sometimes called upon to do in order not to let his side down. Of course it may be argued that the ideal player is the one who can just ignore the presence of the onlookers and go on doing his level best and playing his natural game whatever the crowd may say. With experience, the player gradually gets into this state, and we have many men in big football to-day who just go on steadily no matter how much criticism is hurled at their heads.

When Newcastle United are playing away from home, for instance, it very often happens that the crowd around the rails says a lot of severe things to McCracken if he should be in one of his "offside tactics" moods. But to criticise McCracken is the same as pouring water on to a duck's back. Nay, he even seems to thrive on it, and whatever happens he just goes on playing his natural game according to his own views as to the best policy to be pursued in the interests of his side. And that, as I say, is perhaps one big asset which goes to the make-up of the ideal footballer. And as I say, most of the experienced players get hardened to the mere presence of the crowd, and also their remarks, but it is the young and inexperienced player who often falls a victim to the sarcasm of the onlookers, and whose play is the most likely to be affected by their remarks.

I known quite a number of football managers who would never, if they could help themselves, give a new player his first trial in the League team when they were playing at home. Why? For the simple reason that those managers are afraid lest the spectators should not give the youngster a fair chance. Did space permit I could tell you stories of young footballers who have been well-nigh broken-hearted after their first experience in big matches. They have gone on the field determined to do their best, but having been cursed with the sort of temperament which made them self-conscious and subject to stage fright, they have quite failed to do themselves justice. Thereupon the onlookers have said nasty things, and many a young player possessing numerous qualities which go to the making of a first-class player, has received a big disappointment at the very outset of his career.

Every supporter of this or that club is anxious for his side to win. That being so, it is up to him to help to bring about that result by giving the men a fair chance and every possible encouragement.

NO SCOPE FOR ORIGINALITY.

In other ways too, the football spectator has a big influence on the play of teams and individuals. In these days we hear quite a lot about the absence of originality about the play of footballers in general. Perhaps there is something in the accusation, though I should hate to think we are as stereotyped as some people make out. But if football is inclined to be "samey" I think the spectator must take his share of responsibility. He is apt to come down rather severely on young players who adopt out-of-the ordinary methods. And they are very free with advice as to what should be done by the man in possession of the ball. As soon as Jones gets it, he is told in a loud voice what to do with it—to pass to Robinson or to shoot. Now, the footballer who is old and wise, knows very well that the less attention he pays to the shouts of the spectators the better, but the young player is often carried away, and, even against his better judgment, follows the advice of the crowd. Many a fine player, with more than a touch of genius for the game, has been spoilt because the spectators would not allow him to develop his originality. Instead of encouraging the man with ideas of his own, the onlookers have "put their foot down" firmly, and all the player's out-of-the-ordinary ability has been snuffed out.

Just one more word. The football spectator has it largely in his power to determine what sort of game he gets for his money—that is whether the play is clean or "dirty." Let the onlooker condemn foul play whole-heartedly, whether by a visitor or a member of the home team, and we shall see much less foul play in the average match. That's a dead certainty.

INMAN AND SMITH.

Champion's Public Challenge Accepted and Date Fixed.

Relative to Inman's public challenge made at Thurston's on Saturday evening for a return match for double or treble stakes, and Smith's reply thereto, the champion was asked by a "Sporting Life" representative on Thursday whether there were any fresh developments. Inman replied that the date offered by Smith—the two weeks commencing Monday, March 22, next—was quite suitable so far as he was concerned, but that he was waiting Smith's pleasure regarding the amount he was prepared to wager.

The champion remarked that he was agreeable to stakes of £100 a side, but that he preferred £250 a side, and hoped Smith's party would go to that amount. Directly Smith signifies his intentions and posts a deposit to bind the match, he (Inman) will clinch the deal on the basis of conceding 1,500 start in 16,000 up.

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FOOTBALL ITEMS.

Coventry City have only scored four goals in 18 games, the worst record in Britain.

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The three leading English League leaders have scored 145 goals against their opponents 53.

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Smailes Newcastle's new centre will be ineligible for the cup ties he has played in Blyth Spartan's cup battles.

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Hoffman, the South Shields International amateur keeper, is recovering from his recent illness. Sunderland could do with him.—Nuff said!

THE GREAT AUCTION

Frantic Bidding for World's Heavy-Weight Contest.

"C.B.'s" DOUBLED OFFER.

A message from Mr. C. B. Cochran, the English boxing promoter, who is now in America with the object of securing Dempsey's signature to a contract binding him to meet Carpentier in London next year, carries the keen competition for the staging of the world-champion contest to a further interesting stage.

Before the Carpentier-Beckett fight Mr. Cochran announced his intention of offering thirty-five thousand pounds for a match between the winner and the world's champion, and definitely stated that he would not go beyond this sum by a single penny. Recent events, however, have made it obvious that the amount put up by the English promoter would be altogether insufficient to meet the demands of Dempsey who has received numerous highly tempting offers, both from France and America.

PARIS FEELING.

There is a strong feeling in Paris as well as on the other side of the Atlantic that the great fight should be decided in one or other of the countries which possess the principals. As mentioned in yesterday's issue, Mr. "Tex" Rickard, the great American promoter, and M. Decoin, the manager of the Paris Wonderland, have combined forces in the endeavour to arrange a contest in Paris, the former having met insurmountable difficulties in his efforts to make the States the venue.

The competition has now developed into a tussle between the joint interests of France and America against "C.B." It is, doubtless, the formidable opposition which has resulted from this combination which has forced the English promoter's hand and compelled him to increase his purse to three hundred thousand dollars, which is now equivalent to seventy-five thousand pounds. According to a Paris message M. Decoin has wired Dempsey offering him 250,000 dollars as his share of the purse, and if this is correct Mr. Cochran is still being considerably outbidden; his stipulation is sixty per cent. for the winner and forty per cent. for the loser.

PLUMPTON 'CHASES.

Short Odds for Closing Day of Meeting.

For the second day of the Plumpton Meeting the weather was fine, but dull and the going soft.

Results.

Juvenile Maiden Hurdle Race:—1, Duke Mavis (4-1); 2, Irish Fair (5-4 on); 3, Doctor Nicol (100-8). Eight ran.

Barcombe Selling Steeplechase:—1, Frank Ash (21-20 on) beat Our Boy. Two ran.

Moderate Handicap Hurdle Race:—1, Hedu (11-4); 2, Gavrelle (5-1); 3, Ivington (10-1). Nine ran.

Brighton Steeplechase:—1, Spoil (5-4) beat Ripling Water. Two ran.

Novices Steeplechase:—1, Promoter (11-4); 2, Amerongen (11-8); 3, The Admiralty (10-1). Seven ran.

Three Y-O Hurdle Race:—1, Royal Raider (3-1); 2, Interrogation (10-1); 3, Mintama (11-10 on). Eight ran.

RHINE BOXING CONTESTS.

As announced in these columns yesterday, the forthcoming series of competitions at the Y.M.C.A., Cologne, will be supplemented by outside events. It was at first decided to accept two outside for 3 or 6 rounds, but these have now been amended to 4 or 6 rounds of three minutes duration.

A.I.F. CRICKET TOUR.

The Australian Imperial Forces Cricket team sailed for Australia at the beginning of the week, says a Cape Town telegram. Collins, the captain, interviewed before going on board the steamer said he did not believe the real strength of the South African team had been revealed in the two representative games they had played. He thought, perhaps, the importance of the occasion may have been responsible but predicted that in a very few years South Africa should be fairly strong again.

From an International point of view the most pressing need of South Africa, added the skipper, was a fast bowler and a slow right arm.

ENGLAND v. THE SOUTH.

The Rugby Union announce that A. M. Smallwood, of Cambridge University, will play in the South three-quarter line, as originally chosen.

The other changes published hold good, and it is not expected that any other alterations will be necessary in either fifteen for to-day's match at Twickenham.

A GOALLESS DRAW.

231 Field Company R.E. v. 51st Northumberland Fusiliers.

RHINE GARRISON LEAGUE.

A large number of spectators witnessed a fast and exciting game between the above teams on the ground in Klettenberg Park.

From the commencement the Fusiliers made repeated attacks on the R.E.'s goals and, but for the fine play of Cpl. Clark at right back and the Sappers' trusty custodian, they would certainly have scored in the first 15 minutes.

The Sappers warming to the game took up the offensive in turn and kept the Fusiliers defence busy. At half time there was no score.

On resumption the R.E's invaded the Fusiliers territory and caused them great alarm in the goal area. After a free kick the Fusiliers broke away and attacked the R.E.'s goal, but thanks to the good defence they were unable to score, and the game ended after a hard struggle in a draw with no score.

19th Bn. Middlesex v. 52nd Northumberland Fus.

The above match to be played on the Klettenberg ground, Luxemburger Strasse to-day should prove a keen tussle. The above teams have met on three previous occasions, the Middlesex winning two and Northumberland Fus. one. The Northumberland's, having strengthened their side, will be all out to equalise the honours and also to gain the league points.

RHINE ARMY SIEGE PARK v. 36th C. C. S.

These teams met on the former's ground on Wednesday when rain and sleet made the ground very treacherous. Play in the first half was even and no goals were scored. About half way through the second half, while the home team were pressing, one of the C. C. S. backs put the ball through his own goal, and there was no further score.

A FUTURE CHAMPION?

Smith's fine display against Inman

It speaks well for the high reputation established by Inman, writes "Hazard" in the "Sporting Life" that a good many people did not despair of the champion beating Smith, even when the latter, by his excellent play, had doubled his original allowance of 1,500 in less than a week.

It was certainly a very fine performance to get well inside the allowance he was conceding, but one doubts whether the champion had any real hopes of winning after "sampling" Smith during the first week.

Six years had elapsed since Inman last played Smith, then a raw recruit to the ranks of first-class professionals. But in the interim the ex-linotype operator from Darlington had learned a thing or two, and more fit physically than for many years past, he has proved himself, in my opinion, the most potent force in billiards at the present moment, Inman not even excepted.

ARTS AND WILES.

All the arts and wiles which have won Inman most of his big games in the past were tried on Smith at Thurston's during the past fortnight, but all to no purpose. In every phase of the game itself, and in coolness and imperturbability, the champion found at least his equal in the young man from Darlington, who during the last few weeks has carried billiards London by storm.

To be outdone in attack, as he was in the earlier stages of the match under notice, is no new experience for Inman, but to run up against a "safety merchant" to whom he could give no "wrinkles" must have been rather galling to a player who has been acclaimed far and wide as the greatest tactician the game has ever known.

Quite early in the match Smith made a wonderful break of 626—which stood out by itself in the whole game—but as I viewed things the Darlingtonian really won by his facility and cleverness in piercing the "safety" armour of the champion.

A Newcastle correspondent writes us saying "United are at it again, carpet pattern football but don't bother the goalkeeper." There you have the reason for their lapses.

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Hampton, Chelsea's goalie was taken prisoner just prior to the armistice.

LEAGUE BATTLES.

Tottenham's great task at Barnsley to-day.

THE CUP MATCHES.

To-day there are several interesting games down for decision, of which one of the most promising is the "Throstles" visit to Derby. Despite the splendid form recently displayed by the visitors, they may find the "Rams" equal to the occasion.

Manchester City go to Sunderland and as the Wearsiders will be minus the services of Young, their clever back, this contest presents a very open appearance. The Mancunians may secure a point. Newcastle go to Old Trafford and should account for Tom Robson's men.

Bradford City at home are a strong combination, but, even so, the possibilities of Notts County cannot be too readily discounted, Everton and Liverpool will provide a splendid struggle and the visitors should be in the picture when the whistle goes. Preston made no fewer than eight changes last Saturday and this reads none too good; Barnsley oppose them to-day and have a fine record at Deepdale. However, the home team may succeed in annexing both points.

SECOND LEAGUE.

Barnsley, at home to Tottenham may be the cause of the Spurs second defeat. They take some holding at Oakwell. Coventry, surely, will at last change the 0 to a 1 in their "won" columns. There can be no excuse if they fail on their own ground to Clapton to-day.

Blackpool are all out for the leadership, but so are Bristol City and here another keen struggle should result. Ground advantage and last week's debacle of the Seasiders, points to the success of the Southern team. Huddersfield, after last week's display should account for West Ham, but it will be a close game. Grimsby are a determined set on their own pitch and it is doubtful if Birmingham will succeed in bringing away any points. Stoke should account for Leicester, who have not won at home for six weeks.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Only one game is down for decision to-day, Crystal Palace supplying the opposition at Swindon; a division of the honours appears to be a probable result.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

The Rangers are a certainty, no more need be said. Celtic visit Boghead and Dumbarton will make the "Idols" go all the way.

ENGLISH CUP TIES.

The sixth qualifying round furnishes some "needle" games and is exciting considerable interest. Bristol Rovers, despite Northampton's cup fighting abilities, have a great chance on the "Cobbler's" ground.

Newport to beat Exeter City, Gillingham to account for Swansea and a draw at Brighton, where Luton will be the visitors, are likely results. Watford look a "cert" at Southend, but the element of surprise is never so pronounced as in cup-tie battles and there is just a possibility that they may go under to their fellow leaguers.

LEAGUE I.

Arsenal v. Sheffield W.	Man. U. v. Newcastle
Aston V. v. Oldham	Middlesboro v. Bradford
Blackburn v. Bolton	P.N.E. v. Burnley
Bradford C. v. Notts C.	Sheffield U. v. Chelsea
Derby v. W. Bromwich	Sunderland v. Man. C.
Everton v. Liverpool	

LEAGUE II.

Barnsley v. Tottenham	Hudderst'd v. West Ham
Bury v. Lincoln City	Leicester v. Stoke
Bristol City v. Blackpool	Notts F. v. Port Vale
Coventry C. v. Clapton O.	Stockport v. S. Shields
Fulham v. Rotherham	Wolves v. Hull City
Grimsby v. Birmingham	

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Swindon v. C. Palace

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Aberdeen v. Hibs.	Morton v. 3rd Lanark
Albion R. v. Falkirk	Motherwell v. Clydebank
Clyde v. Airdrie	Queen's Park v. Dundee
Dumbarton v. Celtic	Raith R. v. Ayr
Hearts v. St. Mirren	Rangers v. Hamilton
Kilmarnock v. Partick	

ENGLISH CUP.

Sixth Qualifying Round.

N'thampton v. Bristol R.	Brighton v. Luton
Newport v. Exeter	Southend v. Watford
Gillingham v. Swansea	

Billiard Match.

In a match between the Y.M.C.A. staff and 20th M.A.C., at the Continental Hotel on Wednesday, the latter team won by a fairly narrow margin. The scores were:

Mr. Duchars	140.	Pte. Unsworth	150.
" Blacklidge	122.	Corpl. Jackson	150.
" Collins	150.	Capt. Jack	121.
" Ludlow	140.	Capt. O.S. Maunsell	150.
" Britten	150.	C.S.M. Howell	115.

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

Amusement and Recreation.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Sat.	Tosca	Puccini	7	9.45
Sun.	Faust	Gounod	6	10
Mon.	Ein Maskenball	Verdi	7	10
Tues.	Hansel und Gretel	Humperdinck	6	8

ROLLER SKATING.

Yesterday afternoon the Cologne Roller Skating rink, in Marzellenstrasse, was opened officially to officers and their wives. For the past few days, other ranks have been enjoying themselves in large numbers each evening, the spirit of the proceedings suggesting that the newest venture of the enterprising amusements department, with Capt. Haygarth at the head, is certain to succeed.

Towards tea-time yesterday, the floor—not particularly extensive, but of first-rate quality—was comfortably filled with mixed skaters, and by the evening all the available skates had been requisitioned. Many of those present displayed evidence of many years aquaintance with the art of gliding, while "Mugs' Ally" accommodated the less experienced until such time as they gained sufficient confidence to join the whirling throng in the centre ring.

Tea was served on the balcony, from where a good view of the animated scene below could be had. The G.H.Q. Jazz band, meanwhile, played lively tunes at frequent intervals, under the conductorship of Lew Hallmark.

The lighting effects form one of the most striking features of the new rink. Three large circular fittings in the ceiling supply the main illumating power and these are supplemented by clusters of red lightseround the sides of the walls. Two limelights add to the general brightness of the spectacle.

From Monday next, there will be two sessions a day, those on Tuesdays and Fridays being reserved for officers and their wives.

Christmas Panto'.

Without the slightest warning, the Inniskilling Dragoons have suddenly flooded the hoardings of Cologne with the announcement—made on striking posters—that their Dramatic Company are to produce "Aladdin" at the Metropole theatre for the week commencing 1st January, 1920. Miss Marjorie Moore is included in what looks to be a remarkably strong caste. There is to be a childrens matinee on the 3rd.

No Performance.

There is not to be a performance at the Deutsches Theatre to-night, this decision having become necessary to prepare for next week's attraction.

JACQUES.

ANOTHER COUPON.

Shorter Time Available For No. 14 Football Contest.

To-day appears our first coupon in No. 14 contest and competitors should bear in mind that the teams figuring on this coupon will be in many cases playing their third match in three days. This, of course, is due to the holiday matches.

Owing to the Christmas holidays there will be no issue of this journal on Friday so that there will be one coupon less next week. Competitors should make a note of this, and we would also point out that it is advisable, in order to avoid the Christmas rush, to post efforts early.

On the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

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A.P.O. S.40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 14.

Date of matches, Saturday, Dec. 27th.
Closing date, Friday, Dec. 26th.

Burnley	v. Preston
Liverpool	v. Everton
Bolton	v. Blackburn
Notts C.	v. Bradford City
West Ham	v. Huddersfield
Clapton	v. Coventry
Palace	v. Millwall
Southampton	v. Watford
Queens Park	v. Kilmarnock
Falkirk	v. Dumbarton

I enter Football Competition No. 14 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions already announced and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Rank and No. .....
Unit .....
Full Address .....

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE IN A NUTSHELL.

Cup-tie.
Thornycrofts' English Cup-tie with Sheppey United to-day will be played at The Dell.

"Inseparables."
Rigby, Popplewell, and Mitton, known as the Inseparables, have figured at half-back in every one of Exeter City's Southern League matches this season.

For the "Cities."
A. S. Hamilton, the Headingley and Yorkshire half-back, is selected to play for the "Cities" against the Rest of Scotland in the Scottish Rugby trial at Edinburgh.

Regatta.
The twelfth annual charity regatta and sports organised by the Middlesex Wanderers will be held at Richmond on Boxing Day morning, the whole of the proceeds on this occasion being devoted to the Richmond Royal Hospital.

Police at Race Meetings.
In a written answer to a question by Mr. Gilbert, the Home Secretary states that Metropolitan Police are employed at certain race meetings both inside and outside the Metropolitan Police district. They are charged for at rates which vary according to rank from £3 4s. 8d. a day for superintendents to £1 4s. 8d. a day for constables.

Exit the Panther.
The Panther has left Newmarket en route for Buenos Ayres.

Old Q.P.R.
F. A. Wright, who is now partnering Coutanche at full-back for Ilford, is the old Queen's Park Ranger.

"Tich" Improving.
"Tich" Mason is progressing very favourably, and hopes to get up for the first time since his accident in a few days.

Veteran's Return.
White Surrey, who won the Ovingdean 'Chase, had not previously been seen on a racecourse for about a couple of years.

Col Paynter's Accident.
When Jack Symons broke down and gave his owner, Colonel George Paynter a bad fall two fences from home in the Rugeley Steeplechase at the Derby meeting, the gallant soldier had the misfortune to break his right wrist.

20 'Chases.
From the close of the flat season until Tuesday, inclusive, 20 selling steeplechases appeared in the programmes. One was void, six ended in walks over, six resulted in matches, two attracted three runners, three four runners, and two, five runners.

Winner Retained.
Marius was retained at 210 guineas after winning the Punch Bowl Selling Hurdle at Plumpton.

Heavy Loss.
A big loss on last season was reported at the annual meeting of the Herts County Cricket Club. Receipts had only amounted to £265, while the expenditure had been £401.

The only one.
In the Beginners' Hurdle, Baynards came to grief at the first flight, but he was the only one of the 14 runners that failed to stand up.

Better, but.—
Ivor Anthony is getting on well after his accident at Gatwick on Saturday, but it will be some little time before he is seen in the saddle again.

R.A.S.C. 'Chase.
Lord Fitzwilliam and Lord Birkenhead have presented cups to be competed for at the R.A.S.C. steeplechase meeting at Sandown next month.

Groves Reappears.
The Arsenal will be resting White, his place in the eleven to meet the Wednesday being filled by Groves. Graham, who broke down in the game at Highbury with Bolton, will be given a trial run with the reserves.

Sec. to Manager.
Mr. David Ashworth, who has been secretary and manager of Stockport County for the last six years, has accepted the offer of the managership of the Liverpool Club. He formerly acted as Oldham Athletic's manager for eight years.

Kellock's Five.
Kellock, who has been singularly unlucky as a pivot in Southern League football, signalised his return to his favourite position in the Argyle team by scoring the five goals of the game against Devon County,—two in the first half and three in the second.

Exeter's Eleven.
The team to represent Exeter City in their English Cup match against Newport County at Somerton Park today is the same as did duty last Saturday at Norwich, with the possible exception that Strettle may be preferred to Medcalf at left back.

Amateur's Gift.
E. V. Chandler (Belsize B.C.), heavyweight amateur champion, has given to the 1st London Divisional R.E. War Memorial the special prize awarded to him in that unit's tournament at Shoreditch on Tuesday night, when he took part in a three round-special contest with H. Franks.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Helping.

Collections are taking place in Cologne for Austrians in distress.

"Open to all Nationalities."

That was how the invitation to the recital given by Barker and Fry at the Dichsaal was worded. It points out the international character of art.

A Fact.

A critic reminds us that Elgar's oratorio, "The Twelve Apostles," was performed for the first time at the Gurzenich Hall in Cologne.

Tip for a Wager.

If you want to win any wagers count the number of figure 5's on a five mark note and offer odds that your friends cannot guess it. You will be astonished at the number of times it appears.

Frauleins Disappointed.

The one thing lacking in the Xmas decorations which one can see is mistletoe. This popular British custom is not observed in Germany albeit many will wish it was.

A Reminder.

The N.A.C.B. establishments in Glockengasse now present a Christmassy appearance. In the entrance to each department stands a large Christmas tree hung with all the decorations common to this season.

Notice to Dancers.

On account of the Scouts' rally in the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. Loreley Hall on Saturday, December 20th, the usual weekly dance will not be held.

The Latest "Profiteers".

The Christmas trees on sale in the streets may be very cheap from our point of view, but civilians do not think so, and I notice an indignant cartoon in a Berlin paper dealing with profiteering in this line.

Won't they be Glad?

Cologne school children are on holiday from now to 18th January.

Trench Fireworks.

Have you noticed the glow in the sky these dark nights? A rich healthy glare is noticeable and reminds one of trench days, particularly when the electric tram cable sparks in imitation of gun flashes.

Officers' Allowances.

All officers who have any complaints re non-payment of their allowances should send in writing to the Command Pay Office through their Commanding Officer full particulars of the complaint. These complaints are to be sent to the Command Paymaster, Cologne, marked "Personal," so that immediate action may be taken to rectify matters.

The Link.

It is strange to note the number of French and Belgian commercial cars now in Rhineland. Quite refreshing to see Liege and Bruxelles in large letters on the sides of passing vehicles.

Please Note.

All coupons received by us up to to-day mid-day will be accepted in this week's contest. This extension of the closing date applies to this contest only.

Vacancies.

A number of German-speaking N.C.O.s and men are required for duty with the Independent Division. These interpreters will be granted extra duty pay at 1/- per diem.

Rhine Army Golf Club.

An officer is required to act as honorary secretary of the Rhine Army Golf Club. Will any officer who is willing to act in this capacity send his name to Major Tucker, Staff Officer to Engineer-in-Chief, General Headquarters?

For Blighty.

I noticed a number of N.A.C.B. girls walking to the Cologne main station with kitbags and parcels yesterday. They are going on Christmas leave.

Prefers Cologne.

I met a civilian the other day who had just returned from Berlin whither he had been for a fortnight on business. He painted a sad picture of life in the capital and did not conceal his delight at being back in the occupied zone again.

Those Stadt Notes.

Incidentally he had "umpteen" town notes for various small amounts including many from Poland, and these he gave as souvenirs to British soldiers, for they are not negotiable in Rhineland.

Good Cigars from Berlin.

And he had some excellent cigars which goes to show that though the food problem in Berlin may be acute, lovers of the weed are still well catered for.

Queues for Milk.

Once again we have the milk queues with us. Walking down Langgasse last evening I was attracted by the number of folk gathered outside a dairy, Evidently not satisfied with the tin variety.

Irish Units in Rhineland.

Apropos of my note the other day about the Irish left in Rhineland I am told that I've put my foot in it again. Several of the "bhoys" point out that there are still many Irishmen serving here in English and Scottish regiments, and, moreover, they are all volunteers. Exactly, and I did not say that there were no Irishmen. "Irish unit" was the term used. Anyway, may they one and all have a really good Irish Christmas. *RHINELANDER.*

A BOOKLOVER'S GOSSIP.

Barrack room tales are always popular. That is why I was attracted by the bright covering of "Scottie and a few Others" from the pen of a "Staff nurse" and dedicated to the late Lt.-Col. F. Wyville Thomson, Administrator of Dundee War Hospital and others. This admirable series of sketches is published as they were originally written — penned mostly in the midst of work under the British Red Cross and the Croix Rouge Française. As the writer remarks, the war is past, but our admiration for the heroic endurance of the wounded can have no past. It must now and always be an ever-present living reality; else they suffered in vain. The writer provides an intimate study of hospital life, and fills one with increased admiration for the lads who fought, that England might live. Messrs W. and R. Chambers, Ltd. are the publishers.

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In a different degree we get "Escaping from Germany" (Andrew Melrose, Ltd.) from the pen of Pte. Edward Page, Royal Marine Light Infantry. As the title suggests, it is the chronicles of a reservist who, having been taken prisoner, made three attempts to escape from Germany. It certainly provides a source of comparison between the treatment meted out to their prisoners by the Allies and shows as nothing else can the desperate straits to which Germany sank. There is no claim to special literary skill or talent, and if I may say so the book is of increasing value because of this. We can quite believe the writer when he says words have failed him to describe fully the horrors and feelings of the time of his captivity.

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The appeal for investigation into the conduct of Germans in authority at the different concentration camps will be supported by every right-thinking man and woman, but it is comforting to reflect though, that, all Britons did not forget their nationality. He says:—Half-starved, ill-clothed, covered with vermin from head to foot, compelled to live in vile dens of huts like cattle, they could not browbeat us; they could not, try as they might, crush that spirit that has made our race. I take great pride in placing upon record this fact: we never for one moment forgot that we were Britons; and no matter in what circumstances of difficulty or misfortune we found ourselves, we always stood up to them, very often having to suffer ill-usage as the consequence. We could not help it—the old spirit was there and it would force its way to the surface.

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In the "Elemental," published by Messrs. George Routledge and Sons, Ulric Daubeny strikes a novel note. It is a compilation of extracts from the diary of a man who made physical fitness his religion, believing that "A purity of body most necessarily implies a purity of soul."

He attained the zenith of ambition and was in every way irreproachable. Then with dramatic suddenness the mode of his life undergoes a complete change. From a pillar of virtuousness he becomes a Hercules of vice and he plunges into the most outrage ous excesses. The diary shows that it is not a case of a sudden yielding to hereditary sin, but rather the result of mental derangement. A fascinating if somewhat morbid story.

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If every author had the success he has earned, Alfred Olivant would be much more popular than he is. His latest novel, "Two Men" (Allen and Unwin), the third story he has written of Sussex life, is attracting a good deal of attention. His first novel, "Owd Bob," was rejected by most of the London publishers, and when it appeared was dismissed in two or three lines by one of our leading critical organs, which has since referred to it, more than once, with respect. But it met with a ready appreciation in America, and has steadily grown in popular favour over here, till it is commonly spoken of now as the one great dog story that deserves to stand by Dr. John Brown's immortal "Rab and His Friends."

BARRACK-ROOM DIALOGUES.

IV.—BOOKS.

Konky put My Lady Nicotine in white between his lips and set her on fire.

"I been reading a good book, Fatty," he said.

"Well done, Konky. Who's the author?"

"I don't know."

"You're a funny chap. Why that's the first thing I look at."

"It's called 'The Three Musketeers.'"

"O, really," said Fatty, genuinely pleased.... "I'm glad you liked it.... it's by Alexandre Dumas....one of the finest historical novels ever written. I thought it might have been Charles Garvice, or Sexton Blake, or one of those numerous stories about places the author has never seen, and people who never existed."

"Wot's the matter with Charles Garvice? I likes 'is books."

"O, well, I'm glad you like something better, anyhow. If only I could get you to read Kipling, or Hardy, or Barrie...."

"I can't understand this 'ere Kipling. Old Buggins lent me a book called 'Kim' an' I couldn't make top nor tail of it."

"But some of Kipling's tales are quite easy to understand....I'll get you a copy of 'Captain Courageous.' You mustn't get the idea that all great books are difficult to read. Why, the very best book in the world is written in simple language."

"Wot book d'yer mean?"

"The Bible, of course....'the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the waters'....look at the power and grandeur of the simple, direct expression."

"I ain't never seen a Bible to speak of. They 'ad a pile of 'em at the Rifle Depôt for chaps on church parade, but nobody ever reely read 'em."

"I will lend you mine, Fatty, and you shall read the book of 'Esther' and the 'Song of Solomon.' The 'Song of Solomon' is one of the most beautiful love poems in the language....'thou hast dove's eyes ....thou art all fair my love, there is no spot in thee'....look at that, all words of one syllable."

"You're a queer bloke, Fatty; I don't quite know what to make of yer."

"Now then you two, lights out," said the sergeant.

"Good night, Konky, old man."

"Good night, Fatty, an' God bless yer."

C.W.Y.

AN INTERESTING RECORD.

"The Athenaeum" was founded in 1828 by J. S. Buckingham, who desired, as he declared, "to make it like the Athenaeum of antiquity the resort of the most distinguished philosophers, historians, orators and poets of our day".

After two years of vicissitude, during which the chief contributors were Frederick Denison Maurice and John Sterling, the former of whom used his position to fight for Shelley's fame, the paper was acquired by Charles Wentworth Dilke, the friend of Keats, who had been for some time editor of "The London Magazine."

Dilke at once took a determined stand against the then general practice of inserting paid puffs of the publishing trade. A year after he had taken control he reduced the price from 8d. to 4d. The sale of the paper was immediately trebled. Within six months he could claim that the sale of "The Athenaeum" exceeded that of any other literary paper.

Among the contributors in the 'forties were Thomas Carlyle, James Hogg, Tom Hood, Leigh Hunt, Charles Lamb, and W. S. Landor. From this time forward the position of "The Athenaeum" was established, and its history is a part of the history of English literature.

Nearly all the most distinguished Englishmen of letters during the nineteenth century were frequent contributors to its pages—we need but mention the constant collaboration of Robert Browning, Swinburne and Walter Pater—and by these the unique critical tradition of "The Athenaeum" was created.

It may be best defined as a combination of scholarship with liberal enthusiasm. Time after time "The Athenaeum" has helped men of outstanding genius to recognition. Shelley and Keats were both praised and defended in "The Athenaeum", when their work met with nothing but derision and contempt in other quarters.

After a short period during the war in which it mainly concerned itself with social questions, "The Athenaeum" resumed publication in April, 1919, under the editorship of Mr. John Middleton Murray, as a critical weekly devoted to literature, science and the arts. While retaining the sound tradition of scholarship for which it was distinguished throughout the nineteenth century, "The Athenaeum" has been successful in its aim of reinvigorating English criticism.

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FROM EVERYWHERE.

The Right Background.—Film production in Palestine has begun.

Among the Peers.—Lord Forster has taken his seat in the Lords.

The Roll.—Unemployed ex-service men number 42,000.

The Saucy Ones.—Postcard postage in France may be dearer.

Germans to Follow.—All Austrian prisoners in France are released.

But no Transport.—A much bigger coal output is recorded.

His Champion. — Lady Astor says the Premier is not a political profiteer.

Fun for the New Year.—A General Election is promised for early next year.

Chief of Aviation.—It is said that Lord Londonderry will succeed General Seely as Air Minister.

Christmas Cheer.—Demobilized soldiers are finding Christmas employment in the Post Offices at home.

A Straight Fight.— The coalition candidate at Bromley is carrying a pair of boxing gloves on his car.

Impromptu Better.—The Prince of Wales alluded to the reading of speeches as a practice of which he did not approve.

That or Work.—Woolwich unemployed are demanding the reintroduction of the dole.

A Good fellow.—Sir Charles Wakefield says the Prince of Wales has a genius for friendship.

Austria's Plight.—Austria will be trainless next week, owing to the coal shortage.

A New Trial.—Sweden reports a new malady, resembling sleeping sickness and "flu."

Holly Prices.—Green holly met an abundant sale at Oswestry market, fetching 20s. a cwt.

A New Post.—Viscount Churchill has been appointed the first Governor of the British Overseas Bank Ltd.

Crewe's Choice.—Mr. J. T. Brownlie has been adopted Labour candidate for Crewe.

Same Old Prices.—West End theatre managers have decided to postpone the question of increased prices.

The Daily Bill.—Average daily expenditure for the 244 days from April to Nov. was £3,099,486.

Stopping Profiteering.—In 18 cases of whisky sales above maximum price at St. Pancras, fines and costs were £348.

Impracticable.—L.C.C. decided that a Labour proposal for non-stop trams during rush hours was impracticable.

"Some" Storm.—Newfoundland has suffered £100,000 damage in a storm which lasted two days.

Now Labour.—Colonel J. S. Wedgwood, M.P., has been chosen Labour candidate for Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Memorial Plaques.—As many as 198,222 memorial scrolls have been distributed by the War Office.

At Last.—It is said that 30,000 soldiers are to be released for a great housing hustle.

Human Cork.—A Plymouth fisherman acted as a human cork in a boat which had been badly holed.

Hanging as Usual. — The British executioner and his assistants are working at pre-war rates.

On the Stage.—Hounds from the Blankney pack took part in a comedy opera at Sleaford.

Small Beginnings.—A Mile-End boy grazed his hand against a van and died from lockjaw.

Pershing's Claim.—People at home are asking which was the war Pershing says the Americans won.

The Penalty.—Two Germans found with 80,000 cigarettes were sent to prison for three months and fined 5,000 marks at Coblentz.

A Real Souvenir.—Wood from the Vindictive will be used for the casket in which Dover will present its freedom parchment to the Premier.

The New Type.—To meet the "crush" a new type of train has been constructed by the Metropolitan Railway Company.

Too Few.—The King's National Roll now contains the names of 8,069 firms willing to employ disabled ex-Service men.

Shipping Deal.—The Hudson Bay Company is acquiring Messrs. Griffiths and Lewis and the Dulcia Shipping fleets.

"Pussyfooters" Rout.—By a majority of three votes a cask of beer has been accepted for the inmates for Christmas by the Brigg Guardians.

Tribunal Suspends Sitting.—Believing that most profiteering occurs among wholesalers, Enfield Tribunal has suspended its sittings.

Judicial Ruling.—Justice Sankey has ruled that the Government has no power to prohibit certain imports of ordinary peace time trade.

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SINN FEIN!

ATTEMPTED MURDER OF VICEROY OF IRELAND.

A fiendish and desperate attempt to assassinate the Viceroy of Ireland, Field-marshal Lord French, was made at Dublin on Friday.

The unveiling of a memorial was the occasion chosen by Sinn Feiners for the dastardly and despicable crime. As Lord French's car was proceeding along a road an obstruction was seen in the form of another car, broadside on.

With great presence of mind and skill the Viceroy's chauffeur swung his car round at the critical moment when a party of some twenty Sinn Feiners made the attack with a volley of shots.

The miscreants then threw hand grenades and the second car in the Viceroy's suite was smashed. In the third car were some soldiers who immediately opened fire, and a fierce exchange of shots ensued, with the result that one civilian was killed and one policeman wounded.

Lord French was unharmed.

Immediately on hearing the news of the attempted assassination and of Lord-French's fortunate escape the King telegraphed his congratulations.

Yesterday morning the Viceroy took his usual walk in the Park.

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EX-GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL'S FRAUD.

Pleading guilty to five charges of obtaining money by false pretences, Thomas James Lovett, fifty-three, a clerk, of Tooting, was sentenced by the North London Magistrate to twelve months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

Lovett had been employed for some time under the Ministry of Labour as a "non-compliance inspector" at a salary of £4 2s. per week. His duty was to visit employers in the South Midlands and the Eastern Division to see that the insurance cards were stamped. If he found omissions he had to collect amounts due and pay them into his Department the same day. He was dismissed on July 31, but since then he had collected illegally £500, which had not been handed over to the Department.

TEACHER MURDERED.

LATEST OUTRAGE IN COUNTY CORK.

Murder is suspected in the case of the death of a man named Michael Blanchfield, a National School teacher, whose body was found in the village of Nohoval, Co. Cork, yesterday morning. There were two bullet wounds in the back, and the body lay in a pool of blood.

Blanchfield was seen near the village, where he resided alone, about eleven o'clock on Wednesday night, and it is stated that revolver shots were heard between eleven and twelve o'clock. At present no motive is known for the crime.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY FUND.

The annual meeting of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund was held at the Mansion House under the presidency of the Lord Mayor. In moving the adoption of the report Mr. Robert Holland Martin, treasurer, said that the collection for the year ended on October 31 last amounted to £86,232, including £11,271 in donations and £40,307 in church offertories. Collecting had been rather difficult owing to the uncertainty existing as to the hospital policy of the Ministry of Health. The Council hoped to do better still in the coming year by the house-to-house collection, arrangements being made for a real team of people in each parish.

The Royal Institute of Public Health have accepted an invitation from the Burgomaster of Brussels (M. Adolphe Max), on behalf of the Belgian municipalities and Universities, to hold their Congress in Brussels next May.

The Great Northern Central Hospital has received from the Stoke Newington War Hospital Supply Depot a cheque for £25 out of their surplus war funds.

ARSENAL BLOWN UP.

An explosion has occurred at the Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, New Jersey. The explosion was followed by a fire, which destroyed three other buildings.

One person was killed and four injured, two seriously. The total loss is estimated at 1,000,000 dollars approximately.

A consequence of the riotous conduct in Wycombe during the recent furniture trade lock-out is a bill of £688 2s. 6d. for the Oxford City police drafted into the town for special duty.

UNRULY TURKS.

DISQUIETING REPORTS FROM MESOPOTAMIA.

Information from the disturbed areas of the East in which British forces are still involved is very disquieting.

Anti-British feeling in Turkey has increased, particularly in Western Anatolia, and it is becoming more and more difficult for the Allies to exercise control over the Turkish army.

In Mesopotamia there is a considerable revolt. Arab forces are still in occupation of Bhezezzor (? Deir ez Zor, about 300 miles N.W. of Bagdad), where the Government buildings have been completely burnt out. Large numbers of Bedouins are camped in the neighbourhood, and it is presumed that they were brought in to help and have now got out of hand. Aeroplanes sent to reconnoitre the place were heavily fired on.

There is a large Turkish-Arab movement on foot, and a strong column of troops is moving down the Euphrates in the direction of Bagdad. There is a strong possibility that British troops will come into contact with them.

Kurdistan, which is partly in Turkey and partly in Persia, is also very unsettled. According to a Berlin message to the Paris "Matin," that picturesque rogue, Enver Pasha, has been crowned King of Kurdistan. British forces in Mosul recently undertook an expedition against Kurds to the North-East of the city to punish them for certain acts of aggression.

Further East, on the North West Frontier of India the situation is more closely related to the Bolshevist problem than is generally realised. Moscow is in constant communication with Kabul.

It is not without significance that an ordnance has been issued prohibiting the possession of Russian rouble notes in India. It is announced (says a Reuter wire from Delhi) that any person found in possession of such notes is liable to be punished with imprisonment for three years and with a fine and confiscation.

MARLOH TRIAL.

NOSKE'S INDICTMENT DEMANDED.

The Marloh trial was the principal subject dealt with at no less than sixty-seven public meetings which were called by the Independent Socialist Party in Berlin last Sunday.

The meetings were largely attended, but no disturbances marked the proceedings.

All the speakers sharply censured the action of the Government in the case, and the demand was unanimously raised that the chief culprits, namely Col. Reinhard, Capt. von Kessel, and Defence-Minister Noske, should be immediately placed in the dock on the charge of having incited Marloh, and his men to commit manslaughter.

IRISH AFFAIRS.

LABOUR PARTY TO INVESTIGATE

The Parliamentary Labour Party, realising the desirability of securing accurate information, have decided to send a deputation to Ireland during the coming Recess to investigate the conditions in that country to ascertain the effect of the present system of government, and to what extent this system is interfering with legitimate individual liberty.

At a special meeting of the party, held in the House of Commons yesterday, the following deputation was appointed: Mr. W. Adamson, Mr. J. R. Clynes, Mr. A. Henderson, Mr. W. R. Smith, Mr. W. Tyson Wilson, Mr. J. A. Parkinson.

EX-KAISER WANTED AS WITNESS.

The German Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry which is investigating the causes that led to the outbreak of the war, is now seriously considering the advisability of summoning the ex-Emperor Wilhelm as a witness, if need be by the intervention of Holland.

The public sittings of the Commission will be resumed in January, while the official documents which have any bearing on the matter will be published before Christmas.

KHAKI COLOUR DISCARDED.

At the closing session of the South African Party Conference General Smuts mentioned that the new colour of the uniform of the South African Defence Force would not be khaki, but one which would command the support of all sections of the community.

Mr. Judd, a Socialist candidate for the Australian Senate, has been fined five pounds for describing Australian soldiers as "six bob a day murderers."

AFGHAN FRONTIER.

FURTHER CONCENTRATION OF TRIBESMEN.

The latest telegrams from India show that the situation as regards the Mahsuds is distinctly worse, Reuter's Agency understands. In the first place the Mahsuds did not, as expected, attend the Jirgah at Kirgeh last Tuesday, and it is reported that for the present there is no likelihood of their accepting the British terms. On the contrary, a Mahsud force, estimated at two thousand strong, is reported to be in the vicinity of Mandanna Kach, four miles north-west of Jandola, for which place also a Wana Waziri force is marching in response to an appeal for assistance from the Mahsuds. Several small Mahsud-Waziri gangs are out raiding in the Tochi valley.

R.A.F. MESS DRESS.

PATTERN APPROVED BY THE KING.

The vexed question of mess dress for the Royal Air Force has at last been decided by the King's approval being given for the adoption of the pattern recently submitted to him by Sir Hugh Trenchard.

The material is a durable cloth of finer texture than, but of much the same colour as, that used in the new Service dress of the R.A.F.

The jacket has a roll-step collar and shoulder-strap, and on the latter are the badges of rank in gold wire lace, surmounted by a bird and crown in gold embroidery. Shoulder-straps of Air officers bear a wreath of small oak-leaves surrounding the button.

The lapels are faced with pale silk of the same shade as the material. The buttons are of the mounted-eagle-and-crown pattern, with roll collar and four small buttons, and the trousers are plain and of the same material as the mess jacket.

The cost is estimated as between £25 and £30 a suit.

The cost, of course, will fall on the officers of the R.A.F. themselves; but up to the present no orders appear to have been issued making the use of the new dress compulsory.

PRIVATE BILLS FOR 1920.

Private Bill legislation next session will exceed that for several years past. The petitions for these Bills for 1920 have all been deposited. In 1913 the number was 112, which increased in 1914 to 135. During the war years the numbers were small, and in the session just closing there were only 57. Next year there will be 120, and in addition plans have been deposited for 58 Provisional Orders.

Several railway Bills are foreshadowed, and tramway Bills are being promoted by Hastings, the Tyneside, Stoke-on-Trent, Wrexham District, London United, Metropolitan Electric, and South Metropolitan.

There are many gas and water Bills, and several for general powers and improvements.

NEW ZEALAND GENERAL ELECTIONS.

The High Commissioner for New Zealand has received a cablegram from his Government, says Reuter, giving the following results of the New Zealand elections:

Reform Party	48
Liberals	18
Labour	10
Independents	4

This gives the Government party 50 seats and all other parties 30 seats.

The licensing returns are not yet completed, but the prospects point to prohibition being carried.

SMALLER YANKEE NEWSPAPERS.

The House of Representatives Post Office Committee has appealed to the newspapers of the United States to reduce their consumption of paper by 10 per cent. for the next six months in order to relieve the shortage of news paper. The Committee promises in the meantime to defer action with regard to the Anthony Bill, which deprives of mail privileges, newspapers containing more than 24 pages.

MUZZLING ORDER TO LAPSE.

Provided there are no fresh cases of rabies within the Metropolitan district, the Board of Agriculture hope to withdraw the muzzling order in that area about the end of January. Intimation to this effect has been sent by the Board to the National Canine Defence League, who had asked for the withdrawal of the order.

CHANNEL TUNNEL SCHEME.

The Government's attitude towards the Channel Tunnel will not be announced before the recess. Reports of the experts have only just been received and have not yet been considered.

OSTEND AS BRITISH ARMY BASE.

Arrangements have just been completed at Ostend for the transport of British troops to Germany via Ostend.

LONDON-COLOGNE.

A DIRECT STEAMER SERVICE.

Colonel H. W. Burton, O. B. E., who was until quite recently in charge of the Docks and Waterways for the Rhine Army, and British representative on the C. I. N. C., informs us that he has now completed his arrangements for a direct line of steamers to commence running forthwith between London and Cologne. This will cut out the cost of the extra handling which up to the present has had to be done at Rotterdam or Antwerp, to say nothing of the advantage which will accrue to British Shippers, who will have their goods delivered at Cologne about 48 hours after shipment instead of the period which often runs into weeks under the present system of transhipment and subsequent barging up the Rhine.

We understand that the greatest assistance has been forthcoming from official circles in smoothing out the difficulties attendant upon such a proposition, and it is largely this factor which has enabled this most important step to be accomplished towards adjusting the financial relationships between Great Britain and Germany. It is considered that so soon as there is encouragement on both sides to speed up and increase output, there will be the germ of restabilising credits. Colonel Burton will have charge of the affairs of the Company in London, the temporary address being 159, Fenchurch Street, while arrangements have been made for an officer who was for over two years associated with the Directorate of Movements to come over and take charge of their interests in Cologne. It is anticipated that the first sailing from London will take place in the first week of the New Year.

THEIR 'AIN FOLK.

BLUNT DESCRIPTIONS OF HOHENZOLLERNS.

The National Congress for the Potsdam district has, according to the "Vorwärts," developed into a monarchist orgy.

Two telegrams of greeting have been dispatched to "Their Majesties" at Amerongen, and the Chairman, Herr Averdunk, in a speech, said:

"Our Royal House towers so high above all the princely houses of the world that it is really not difficult further to spread the knowledge of the Hohenzollern Charter from mouth to mouth."

The "Vorwärts," commenting on this, hands out the following testimonials to individual Prussian Kings:

Frederick the First, the first Prussian King—a conceited, extravagant waster. Frederick William the First—a cruel, despotic tyrant, who wanted to have Frederick the Second, his son, the only really capable Hohenzollern, shot. Frederick William the Second—a licentious libertine, under whom the mistress system and the craze of mysticism flourished. Frederick William the Third—a weak-minded, backboneless, and perjured rascal. Frederick William the Fourth—likewise perjured, and, in the end, mad. William the First—a weak tool in Bismarck's hand. William the Second—one of the greatest political fools in the world's history. William, the ex-German Crown Prince—a superficial young man of coarse mind, a sporting dandy, very fond of the female sex, and in other respects totally incapable. He invented cuff links."

"This is in brief," concludes the "Freiheit" "the character of the towering princely house."

According to the "Vossische Zeitung," incitement to irreconcilable hatred of the enemy was unanimously expressed in the speeches at the Congress and was applauded.

At the close the chairman is reported to have urged the prevention of the surrender of German men to the enemy by all possible means.

COAL EXPORTERS ALARMED.

State coal exporters in Wales were alarmed yesterday by the stoppage of colliers for France, Italy and Ireland, fearing a reimposition of the order prohibiting export. Enquiries in official circles indicated that the refusal of clearance papers was due to precautionary instructions issued by the Coal Controller, owing to the need of conservation of coal for domestic requirements. The Board of Trade announces, that the coal output for the week ended 6th December was 4,808,524 tons, being the highest since May.

SHORTEST WILL ON RECORD.

What is said to be the shortest will on record is that of Lieut. Frank Robson Kirkley, of Sunderland, who died on active service in Italy on Dec. 13 last. The will is made on the back of a vignette photograph, which is autographed "Muriel," and on the back is written in indelible pencil:

I leave all to her.—Frank R. Kirkley, July 13, 1917.

The will, being that of a soldier on active service, has been held to be valid, but affidavits were required from members of his family to identify the lady referred to.

The death is announced of the Rev. Joseph R. Shortt, Rector of Southwick, Sunderland, and brother of Mr. Edward Shortt, K.C., the Home Secretary.

SUMMARY COURT.

TWO VERY EXPENSIVE DRINKS.

Johann Bollig, a cafe proprietor, of the Waidmarkt, was charged with serving cognac to Josef Schiffbauer, a traveller, of 4, Paulstrasse, on the 10th December.

The latter was unable to produce a medical certificate authorising him to purchase the cognac, but on the following day he called on the military police authorities and handed them a certificate signed by Dr. Wendelschmidt of 8, Georgesplatz.

Dr. Wendelschmidt gave evidence, but was unable to state on what date Schiffbauer called on him. He asked the witness to give him a certificate and gave as his reason that he had been in trouble with the police. The doctor examined him and found him to be suffering from chronic alcoholism, and as a result gave Schiffbauer a certificate to procure more alcohol.

Bollig and Schiffbauer were each fined 1,000 marks or one months imprisonment.

"WELCOME TO MINE INN."

On passing the restaurant of Theodor Kleinherr, of 983, Berg Gladbacherstrasse at 1 o'clock in the morning, a German policeman was attracted by the sounds of laughing. He sought admission to the premises and after an interval of twenty minutes the door was opened. The proprietor said the policeman had no right there and hit him on the cheek. Another German policeman came along and on attempting to enter the house he was pushed back.

Eventually the policemen effected an entrance, and accused then locked the door and became very threatening in his attitude. He went to seek a weapon to assault them with and during his absence his daughter let the policemen out.

The presiding officer said he regarded the case as a very serious one. British and German policemen must not be assaulted in the execution of their duty.

Kleinherr was given six week's imprisonment.

ARMED PRISON BREAKER.

"Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage".

Michael Malmedy, whilst undergoing a term of imprisonment at the hands of the military authorities, succeeded in effecting his escape. He was recaptured however, and in his possession was found a loaded revolver and some ammunition.

His record was a bad one, and he was sent to prison for six months.

SCAPA REPARATION.

GERMANY CONTINUES TO HAGGLE.

The Supreme Council met to-day under the presidency of M. Jules Cambon. The Council agreed to the frontier line fixed between Galicia and the Bukovina. M. Loucheur, Minister of Industrial Reconstruction, and M. Leygues, Minister of Marine, made statements on the progress of the conversations regarding the compensation to be paid by Germany for the scuttling of the German Fleet at Scapa Flow. Several proposals were made in this connection, but none were definitely adopted.

The mixed naval conference in connection with the Reparations Commission held a full meeting yesterday afternoon, when the question of the settlement of the Scapa Flow affair was again discussed. It is stated that the German experts submitted more or less final proposals regarding the compensation which they are prepared to offer to the Allies. These proposals will be submitted at once to the British Government, which is the principal interested Power in the Scapa Flow affair, and also to the other Allied Powers for their approval.

The "Journal" gives the following account:

The Allied demands comprise in particular five light cruisers and 400,000 tons of harbour material. The Germans began by declaring that they could not deliver the cruisers because these vessels were necessary to the policing of their coasts. They offered, however, to give in exchange several large fighting units which are under construction in their yards. The Allies replied that these "Dreadnoughts" and battle-cruisers must be broken up in accordance with the decisions taken by the Powers, and that no concession is possible on this point.

41st DIVISION WAR MEMORIAL.

At a meeting presided over by Major-General Sir Sydney Lawford it was decided to erect a monumental memorial at Flers, France, and at Messines Ridge, Belgium, to commemorate the gallant deeds of the 41st Division and perpetuate the glorious memory of its dead. It is hoped that all who are interested in or connected with the Division will assist by sending subscriptions to the Hon. Secretary, Lieutenant Colonel Talbot Jarvis, Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire.

DISTILLERS' LONG SUIT.

The Distillers Council at Chicago announces that it intends to file a suit at Washington in order to recover from the American Government four hundred million dollars, being estimated loss due to wartime prohibition enforcement.

Prince Albert has been admitted to the Freedom of the Mercers Company and presented with a silver replica of a 300-year-old loving cup.

SERIOUS CHARGE.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY WITH PUBLIC OFFICIAL.

A sensational development of the charge against Captain and Quartermaster Opie took place on Thursday when F. W. Goss and Regtl.-Quartermaster-Sergeant George Kitson, Devon Regt., were arrested on a charge of conspiracy.

Mr. Goss is chief accountant of the Millbay Steam Laundry, vice-chairman of the Finance Committee of the Plymouth County Council, and a well-known Freemason. He is also widely known in sporting circles, having for a long period been hon. secretary of the Devon County Football Association, though not now holding that position.

The arrest followed the remand earlier in the day of Captain and Quartermaster Opie, who is charged with converting to his own use a cheque for £29 17s. 11d. entrusted to him in November last for payment to the president of the Crownhill Convalescent Hospital.

Mr. McGahey, defending the prisoner, protested against the action of the military authorities in the case. He had been informed, he said, that, even if bail were granted the accused, the military would at once rearrest him.

Mr. Maybourne Pearce, prosecuting for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said the military had no option but to take the accused into custody if bail were granted. He had not been discharged from military custody, but had merely been handed over to the civil authorities for the purpose of that charge.

The magistrates allowed bail on the accused's personal security of £250 and one other security for a similar sum. A gentleman approved of by the policy became surety, but the accused was immediately taken into charge by the military.

In addition to the original charge of converting a cheque for £29 17s. 11d. to his own use, seven other similar charges were preferred against the accused, the amounts varying from £14 to £37. Prisoner's solicitor complained strongly of the action of the military authorities. He said that Opie, after serving in Russia, was arrested on returning to England on Nov. 3. He was kept under close arrest, a sentinel with fixed bayonet standing on guard. Despite many protests he had been unable to move hand or foot to defend himself.

Prisoner was remanded until Tuesday.

COFFIN DISPUTE.

MUNICIPAL UNDERTAKERS.

An unsavoury dispute at Southampton between the Board of Guardians and the local undertakers, concerning the burial of people from the workhouse and infirmary, has ended in a complete victory for the Guardians.

It was announced at the last meeting of the board that arrangements have been made for the Guardians to assume the entire duties of undertakers. Black suits and hats have been bought for their officers, who have agreed to act as bearers, and a hearse has been purchased.

The dispute arose through the refusal of the undertakers to touch coffins made by the board's own carpenters.

THE POPULATION OF FRANKFORT.

The results of the census taken at Frankfort last October have now been made public. They are very interesting in their way, for they prove that Frankfort, which is the principal city of Central Germany, has practically suffered no reduction in the number of its inhabitants in consequence of the war. According to the official figures, the population of the town now number 448,299 souls, whereas the pre-war figure was 445,000.

The dire effects of the world-war, however, become somewhat apparent when comparing the number of males with the number of females. Previous to the war, there were reckoned to be in Frankfort 1,061 females to each 1,000 males. The proportion is now 1,125 to 1000. But here, too, the statistics are not absolutely reliable, for quite a number of Frankforters are no doubt still held back in France as prisoners of war.

BUSY DIVORCE COURTS.

Notwithstanding the efforts made this week to clear off the huge list of undefended divorce petitions, it seems probable that when the Law Courts rose yesterday for the Christmas Vacation there were still between 100 and 200 cases untouched.

At the beginning of the term there were 1,769 undefended cases on the list and up to 1,468 had been disposed of. Two Courts sat on Friday and three yesterday, an event almost unprecedented for the day of adjournment.

Between 30 and 40 undefended cases is the utmost number that can be disposed of in a day.

BRITISH ENVOY TO BERLIN.

Lord Kilmarnock, the new Chargé d'Affaires at Berlin, will leave England early next month.

Lord Kilmarnock is heir to the earldom of Erroll. He has had long diplomatic experience in Tokio.

PRESIDENT OF FRENCH CHAMBER.

M. Deschanel has been elected President of the Chamber by 478 votes out of a total of 503.

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School for British Children	Christmas Eve		
No. 3 General Hospital	December 23	Dec. 31 (2,30 p.m.)	Dec. 23 (6,30 p.m.)
No. 25 General Hospital	Christmas Day	Dec. 30 (2,30 p.m.)	
Mulheim Central Club	Christmas Eve	Dec. 30 (6,30 p.m.)	Dec. 31 (6,30 p.m.)
Mulheim Cinema	Dec. 25, 26. and 27. (Special Pictures and Acrobatic Performance).		
Ehrenfeld (Bakeries)	Christmas Day	Dec. 23 (6,30 p.m.)	
Ehrenfeld (M.T. Depot)	Boxing Day		
Durham House	Dec. 24 (Special Pictures and Acrobatic Performance) Dec. 27	Dec. 19 and Dec. 21 (6,30 p.m.)	Christmas Day (6,30 p.m.)
Marienburg	Christmas Day	Dec. 27 (6 p.m.)	Box. Day (6,30 p.m.)
Deutz	Dec. 22 (Special Pictures and Acrobatic Performance, Boxing Day.	Christmas Eve (6,30 p.m.)	Dec. 29 (6,30 p.m.)
Kalk (Central Club)	New Year's Eve		
Kalk (Cinema)	Dec. 23 (Special Pictures and Acrobatic Performance	Dec. 22 (6,30 p.m.)	
Wahn Barracks	Dec. 30.		Dec. 30 (6.30 p.m.)
Lindenthal	Dec. 27.		Dec. 27 (6.30 p.m.)
Wermelskirchen	Christmas Day	Jan. 1 (6,30 p.m.)	
Paffrath	Christmas Day		
Solingen	Dec. 29 (Special Pictures and Acrobatic Performance) Christmas Day	New Year's Eve (6,30 p.m.)	
Schlebusch	Christmas Day		Dec. 24 (6,30 p.m.)
Opladen	Christmas Day		
Bonn	Christmas Day	Dec. 29 (6,30 p.m.)	Jan. 2 (6,30 p.m.)
Troisdorf	Boxing Day		
Godesberg	Christmas Day		
Siegburg	Christmas Day		
Rotgen	Christmas Day	Boxing Day (6,30 p.m.)	

Other Centres.

36 C.C.S.	Dec. 23rd (5 p.m.)
44 C.C.S.	Christm. Day (5pm)
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Thursday	— XMAS DAY — Toy Town Gift of 2000 Xmas Souvenirs Xmas Revels Carnival	6.30
Friday	"Babes in the Wood" Xmas Supper Ball Special prize for the "Decimore Waltz" (Originated by Corporal Heather) Presented by Miss Decima Moore C.B.E., and 3 Prizes for Special Dances. Band of the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons.	2.30
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EVENSONG. 18.00 hrs.
Rev. E.K. Browne C.F.
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Wednesdays, Dec. 24th: S. Thomas, transferred).
HOLY COMMUNION: 8.00 hrs.
The clergy will be in church from 17.00 to 19.00 hrs.

Christmas Day, December 25th.
7.00 hrs. Holy Communion.
8.00 hrs. Holy Communion.
10.30 hrs. Parade Service.
11.30 hrs. Holy Communion.

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8.00 hrs. Holy Communion.
9.30 hrs. Matins.
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THE FESTIVE SEASON.

Preparations for the greatest of all festive seasons are now in full swing. On all hands we see indications of the approach of Christmas, the one time in all the year when everything is overshadowed by the universal call to celebration.

Evidences of its imminence are afforded by the gaily, decorated shop windows, displaying the multitude of good things which go to make the season the happy one it is, in the worried looks worn by P.M.C's., upon whose shoulders devolves the responsibility of getting ready for the great repast, and lastly upon the happy, expectant faces of the children who know that Santa Claus never fails in his unbounded generosity.

Christmas is essentially a time for family re-union; it is the period when the proud mother delights to see the members of the family, be they few or many, congregated around the Yuletide log. It is a time for retrospect and it is also a time for peering out into an unknown future. The happenings of the past are discussed and plans are made for the year to come.

Many of us, owing to the demands of the Service, are doomed to spend yet one more Christmas Day away from the home fireside. For some it will be the fifth in succession. Even so, we have much for which to be deeply grateful; perhaps the other Christmases were spent under far less congenial circumstances, and as we recall the Xmas feast in the muddy holes of Flanders or on the shell-torn plains of the Somme, we shall probably look with favour upon the prospect of the comparative comfort with which we shall celebrate in Rhineland.

For what will be for the majority of us the last Christmas in khaki, we shall need no persuasion to enter wholeheartedly into the spirit of the occasion and have a right royal time.

CHIVALRY ON THE RHINE.

As one notes the amazing amount of limelight focussed on the English women in the Rhineland, one may be forgiven for asking—Is chivalry dead? The Englishman prides himself on his treatment of his women folk. He speaks of German inferiority, but I sometimes wonder if the German male laughs up his sleeve as he reads the petty insults offered to Englishwomen by thoughtless writers.

An Englishman goes white with rage as he notes the treatment meted out to German women; he pats himself on the back and says, "I am a good fellow." So he is, but for goodness sake let us cut out petty grievances. No doubt women are hardened to "Wives and efficiency;" they seem to be meekly bearing the stigma of "Spendthrift."

I am sure they are sorry about their chocolates at the Opera and their chatter at the clubs. Doubtless they have made good resolutions to copy the German Frau in all household duties, so let us leave them for the moment washing their own blouses.

If you tell a child every day of his life that he is an aggravating little wretch, in time he will become one. I wonder if men and women have changed so much. Is the mother of to-day so very different from the mother of yesterday?

Are the men who criticise so very different from the men we served in canteens, or nursed in hospital? War strain—yes but women had it too; that awful waiting has left its mark. It has become habit to hide real feelings under a laugh, but do not let us forget that the laugh may probe somebody else's wound.

Women idolized their men, every Khaki boy was some woman's Sir Galahad. Men seem not averse to women's company. Reaction. Well, let us hope that we shall have soon finished with that word. Here in the Rhineland, where many a young soldier is forming his ideas, it seems a dangerous place in which to lower the ideal of womanhood. Do or do we not want our young soldiers to have noble ideas of women? Fair discussion is good, but are the kind of letters we have been reading classed under that heading?

Why do some men and women glare at each other across the wide gulf of sex, and point a finger at every weakness? Human nature is strong in both sexes, so let us remember —

"There's so much bad in the best of us
And so much good in the worst of us
That it ill behoves any of us
To talk about the rest of us."

NORA ESSEX.

We think so too, so this discussion is now closed.—Ed.

LETTERS TO CHARLES.

III.—IMPRESSIONS OF A MERE CIVILIAN.

I've had a small adventure since I last wrote to you. I went into a cabaret the other night—of course that in itself is an adventure to the mere domesticated Englishman, isn't it? But wait and you shall hear what happened.

First, though, I think I must really disillusion you about cabarets—else you'll think this is going to be like a cutting from "La Vie Parisienne"—which it is not. I know what the word conjures up in your mind, Charles, wine, women, the wilder sort of night-life and what-not; well I can assure you it is not so—not in the kind I got into anyway.

My cabaret was full of most respectable "fraus" with their spouses, busy drinking indifferent wine of the country, and giving an occasional blasé glance to an indifferent variety show. However, I sat down and prepared to make the best of things, and then, to my horror, discovered that I had exactly five marks left on me.

What would you have done, Charles? Would you have had the nerve to order a glass of water, tip the waiter the five marks, and then retire as rapidly and as gracefully as possible—or would you have slunk out of the door before you were yet discovered? Well, I did neither; I sat there wretchedly and guessed that the end could not be far off; if not actually ejected by the management, I could see that the stony stares of my neighbours, all virtuously consuming their wine, would soon do for me.

Then a waiter bore down upon me—a ferocious glint in his eye—I suppose I had already been there too long without ordering anything; frantic, I tried to think of something adequate to say to the man . . . I temporised . . "No, not now . . that is . . later perhaps," German and English dreadfully mixed. But I saw that it was too late. He raised the knife in his hand . . . (it's like a nightmare isn't it, Charles?) and then . . no, I didn't wake up—this is a real story.

Well, what actually did happen was that the waiter became extremely insolent and said, "You kom heer, you must dreenk", and more to that effect. So I was stung to a suitable retort. I asked him whether he thought it was the first time I had visited the mouldy place, (as indeed it was)—that I drank when it pleased me to do so, and furthermore if he tried to dictate to a British subject... brrr...Charles, he collapsed utterly—he did really; he became almost servile; and so I saw the whole of their wretched show for almost 'nikts'.

'Nikts' of course is our old friend 'napoo' in a new guise; which reminds me, the language is a great stumbling-block, isn't it? As you know, I don't speak a word of German, though of course everyone who hears that I am on the Allied Mission at once assumes that I can; and to be credited with erudition that one does not possess is always delightful, I think, don't you—especially languages.

I don't quite know why it is but if you're a linguist people will always take the rest absolutely for granted; you may be utterly incapable of spelling "parallel" or distinguishing Ella Wheeler Wilcox from Rupert Brooke but if you can chatter away in a foreign tongue you're the "goods", as they say (I presume) in Coblenz.

To those who are rude enough to ask me I have to confess, of course, the sad truth—it's far too dangerous to lie about a thing like that—but do I disillusion the others?...well, would you?

As a matter of fact my stock-in-trade of German when I arrived here was rather less than what I took to France. There, if you remember, Charles, one could get on splendidly and do any amount of shopping simply by a judicious use of "Combien" and the forefinger.

The pointing part still holds good here, of course, but the vocabulary is only acquired by slow and laborious degrees. I'm sticking to it grimly, though it really is a beastly language to learn; the genders are so appallingly irrelevant aren't they?

Cheerio, remember me to Piccadilly.

JOHN.

FLOSSIE TO UNCLE.

Yes, uncle dere, here I am in Coloan, but wy we call it Coloan I do not no. All the Germans call it Cerln. Is that becorse a big Cerlnel made the citty? I live in London. I askt our landlady here what the Jermans call London. Jest fancy. They call it London, two. I recievd yore letter. I thank you for yore advise. I think kaki looks verry nice.

Are their only 3 kinds of solgers? Wot are the kind with red ribbin round there hats and arms? I had to ware a red ribbin on my arm wen I was wacsinarated. Now I ware a bloo and wite wun becors I am an Inglish wooman.

Dont you no wot a warrint offiser is? That means a man is nerely a ful-bloan offisser. He wood be wun if he warrint a warrint oun. You tell me not to call a Tommy Tommy. Must I call him Tom or Thomas or wot? I heard wun call his friend Gosh and Jeew iz. Can I call him Gosh, or is Jeewiz nicer? Why do they call the Jermans sumtimes Jerrie and sumtimes Fritz? Wot is there rite name?

You no those flying solgers with funnie hats cockt on wun side. I asked wun yesterday ware I cood by sum choclit. He only stoired at me. He wagged his hed quick and sed Compreepa. Another solger passing by showted to me, he dont understan yet, hes a froggy. Please rite me at wunce dere uncel and tell me why that flying man did not understan me and why the other man called him froggy. He did not hopp.

The tram konductor came to me to-day and I gave him sum munny and he sed donke. Wasn't he rood to call me a donki just becorse I didnt understand his silly jibbrish? I was goin to tell a pleesman but there was nun. Then I remembered yore letter. I looked strait at his face and sed Town major. That fritened him. He pulled the bell and stopped the tram. He waived his hand to me and I got out. He pointed up a street and said da da jest like a little baby. I dont no wy he wonted me to go up that street.

I must close now. Please rite and anser all my qweschens soone. With ever so much luv,

Yore verry divoted neese,

P.S. I hav just red yore letter agane. Praps that flying man was a Jock.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

THE TRUE CRITIC.

Sir,—Some people have their eyes open solely for the purpose of seeing fault in the work of others.

Any man can be a critic; that is, in as far as finding fault is concerned; but is there the true critic who looks at both sides of a thing, who looks at the true side, and also at the false.

In the opinion of the present writer, to find fault is the simplest thing in the world. To correct that fault is quite a different thing.

K.M.

A CASE FOR ACTION.

Sir,—I know that it is unpleasant to stand in a queue outside the Amusements Office in order to book for the Opera. Anyone who goes through the ordeal really deserves a seat, but the Amusements Officer should not forget that there are troops stationed at some distance from Cologne who have work to do in a morning. To these the telephone is the only means of getting a seat.

This morning I was informed that no seats could be booked by telephone until the queue outside the door had been dealt with, and on ringing up later I was told that all seats had been taken up.

Cannot some better arrangement be come to than this?

HOPEFUL.

A BAD HABIT.

Sir,—After seeing "Cupid's" letter and comments by "Anti-Cant" one cannot help but remark that however one may try to burke the facts the language used by many of our men in public places is by no means necessary.

I see no harm in a good plain "damn," but the prevalence of words of a more disgusting nature are far too common in public.

With so many of our own people about, one is surprised at the mode of expression used by many men who know very well they would not speak like it at home.

COMMON SENSE.

LAUNDRY ARISTOCRATS.

Sir,—"Neverwash" has selected a nom de plume admirably suited to his nature.

What does he mean by suggesting that British wives as a class are incapable of washing their blouses?

Were he married he would know that the weekly wash is made up of something else besides blouses, articles, the washing of which could not be attempted with the limited accomodation offered by at least one German household.

Hence the necessity of sending them out. This has doubtless created the protest by "Wife." Articles are ruined by German laundries as I can vouch for, a fact which makes me want to get back to my little home where I can deal with the weekly wash as I would like to deal with "Neverwash."

WARRANT OFFICER'S WIFE.

WHEN TO SALUTE.

Sir,—As one who claims to know when to salute I would emphasise the difficulty already called attention to by a correspondent.

I refer to the dressiness of N.C.O's and men of the clerk order, I mean the men who are excused parades because of clerical work, and because of this and contact with their officers wear plumes to which they are not entitled.

I refer to brown boots, kid gloves and officers' hats, not to mention (after dark) trench coats, etc. Earlier on they were content with altered slacks and waisted tunics, but the abuse does not stop here. Yesterday quite by accident I saw the clerks leave a certain H.Q. One was wearing bright brown boots.

For my own part they can wear what they like, but it is aggravating to turn a corner and salute one who you imagine holds the King's Commission and find that the compliment has been thrown away upon one of the orderly room ilk.

YOUNG BUT KEEN SOLDIER.

A RANKER'S PLAINT.

Sir,—I had no intention of entering the lists till I read "A.F.B's" letter, though I agree there is something to be said for "Ranker."

"A.F.B." tells us he is "continually in both the N. A. C. B. canteens at various hours of the day." May I ask how he manages that, and what is the business which takes him there?

My experience of barrack life at the Curragh, Ballykinlar and Salisbury, was that warrant officers and sergeants knew their place and kept it; so did the private soldier of the nineties. I wish I could say the same of these private soldiers of the Rhine Army of whom "A.F.B." is a type.

Admittedly there is time wasted in our canteens, but those who monopolise the counter most, (so far as my observation goes) are, to again quote "A. F. B.," "of the crowd of unsung and undecorated."

Physician, heal thyself!

JUST A PRIVATE.

FILMANIA.

Hall Caine has proved filming leads straight
to prosperity;
He who will not follow is the dullest sort
of jay;
Essayist and poet, novelist of mildest merit, he
Seeks fame and fortune in our countless
Cinemae;
James and Meredith and Hardy
Were effete and shy and tardy,
For they went on printing fiction in their old
and tiresome way.

Now comes relief from laborious reviewery,
Free from the irksomeness of books I
cannot read,
I'll be a taster in a tea-house or a brewery—
Dropping my pen will be very nice indeed;
Bus conducting, cobbling, weeding,
Are less arduous than reading,
When one has to frame one's verdict on
another dallara's screed.

Ah! better still; it is evident Barrabas is
Doomed to extinction with his sleek
chicanery;
Soon he'll be scarce as in Pall Mall a
cab'oss is;
Soon, very soon, we shall chant with
holy glee
Nunc dimittis (fully choral,
But omitting tribules floral)—
"There shall never more be Publishers to
all eternity."

ROBERT K. RISK.

IS BOXING BRUTAL?

Vicar's Trenchant Reply to Bishop Welldon.

"CLEVER, THRILLING, WONDERFUL."

Bishop Welldon, whenever he speaks and whatever he says, is a man whose opinion is always entitled to respect, says B. G. Bourchier, M. A. Vicar of Hampstead Garden Suburb, writing to the "Sporting Life." But I feel confident that the Bishop is a big enough man to recognise that he is not by any means infallible. Indeed, his article entitled "Why I Think Boxing Brutal" in the "Daily Mail" of Saturday is clear evidence of his fallibility. He bases his strictures in particular, and his condemnation in general, of this essentially British sport upon a newspaper report. This is unfortunate, although, alas! it is what commonly occurs.

NO BRUTALITY.

Boxing is invariably inveiged against by those who openly confess that they have never witnessed a great fight. The Bishop was not present at the Beckett-Carpentier contest.

Mine was the good fortune to be. Nor was it the first time, by a long chalk. On this occasion I sat in the third row from the ring, being thus enabled to see every detail. And I can take my oath that nothing occurred between the two men that had even the remotest suggestion of brutality. The whole thing was begun, continued, and ended in little more than one minute.

The Press has talked of "a sensational victory." It was. We went to witness an historic contest. What we did see was, I imagine, the most dramatic happening in the annals of boxing. But it was not brutal. It was clever. It was thrilling. It was wonderful. All good boxing is.

Conducted, as all big fights in England are, under the strictest conditions and rules, there is no room for brutality. Clean sportsmen would not tolerate it.

UNFAIR COMPARISON.

Boxing and bull-fighting are about as comparable as chalk and cheese. In the arena a dumb beast is driven in to die. It has no choice, no will of its own, no rights. I attended such a fight in Madrid. I hated it.

But not a single boy or man need go within a hundred miles of a boxing ring unless he goes of his own free will and accord. To discuss the relative skill of a boxer and a matador is to attempt the impossible. The fighter uses his brain, the bull does not.

Long may boxing occupy a front place among clean British sports!

BOXING DEFENDER.

Vicar-Sportsman Firm Believer in Manly Pursuits.

The Rev. Basil Bourchier, first vicar of the Hampstead Garden Suburb, whose vigorous defence of boxing appears above is one of the keen, broad-minded cleric-sportsmen type of men whom it is a pleasure to know.

Mr. Bourchier is a firm believer in manly pursuits, and if evidence of his virile and practical outlook were needed, it is to be found in the fact that fourteen days after the outbreak of war he went out with a Red Cross unit to Belgium.

There he was taken prisoner, tried and sentenced to be shot, but intervention led to the commutation of the sentence, and he was sent to a German prison and subsequently released. He is an ideal vicar, a popular and beloved chaplain, and an expert lawn tennis player and motor cyclist.

GODDARD AND COGHILL.

Meeting at Mr. Bettinson's Albert Hall "Complimentary."

As is customary the final members' night at the National Sporting Club, to take place next Monday, is to be set apart as Mr. A. F. Bettinson's "Complimentary." The programme arranged compares favourably with those of other years, the leading feature being a fifteen round contest between Frank Goddard, late of the Queen's Bays, and Gordon Coghill, a captain in the Australian I. F.

It will be recalled that when war broke out a match had been arranged between Jack Dempsey, the present holder of the world's heavy-weight championship, and Coghill, to take place at Sidney. This was abandoned, and since then the Australian has had very little practice. He has only taken part in one contest in England, when he put up a game struggle against Fred Fulton, the young American giant, who was a much heavier man.

Since this defeat he has trained hard and should be in better fettle for his match on Monday.

Goddard's record will be much better known; his prospects of going far as a heavy weight received a decisive check when he has beaten by Beckett at Olympia. He has defeated every other opponent he has met. When he subsequently met and defeated Victor McLaglen he showed considerable improvement, and this he undoubtedly owed to the coaching he received from his old opponent Dick Smith.

Smith again has the big Guardsman in hand, and it remains to be seen whether he has still further benefitted by his assistance.

BILLY WELLS' VERSATILITY.

One of the reasons for Bdr. Billy Wells' popularity is his versatility as an all-round athlete. A fine sprinter, he ran very close for a Powderhall Handicap; he is well known along the Thames towing-path as an accomplished oarsman, and in addition to cycling, golf has always formed part of his training for a big match.

On Wednesday, in a friendly foursome over the Fulwell Club's course, he and his partner, Jack Milne, the Neasden professional, were successful over P. E. Taylor, of the home club, and Mr. Phil Kelso, the popular manager of the Fulham F.C.

MEN WHO MATTER.

Forwards with most Goals to their Credit.

LANE STILL LEADS.

Scoring four times in the two matches against Manchester City, Morris of West Bromwich Albion, has dispossessed Browell, of the former club, of the leadership of the first League goalscorers' list, and is within one point of Lane, of Blackpool, the chief goalscorer in the three big leagues.

Morris, with 19 goals, leads the Manchester City centre-forward by one point. Cock, who occupies third place in the First League list with 16, has now scored ten goals for Chelsea since being transferred by Huddersfield.

VILLA'S BIG FACTOR.

Stephenson, who has been a big factor in Aston Villa's recent improved form, comes next with 14, a point in front of Kitchen, who has made a welcome reappearance for Sheffield United after many weeks.

Of the remainder Buchan (Sunderland), White (Arsenal), and Barnes (Manchester City), are credited with a dozen each.

Lane's position at the head of the Second League is being strongly challenged by Bliss, the Tottenham sharpshooter. He has scored in every home match for the Spurs, and his goal against Fulham brought his total up to 18, two points behind the Blackpool crack. Halliwell, of Barnsley, is third with 16, followed by Cock, of Fulham, with one less.

These four players are well clear of the rest, of whom only Millard (Birmingham), Rodgers (Stockport), and Taylor (Huddersfield), with 10 each, have attained double figures.

BROAD WELL AHEAD.

Broad, the Millwall centre-forward, has drawn further away from the rest of his Southern League rivals. With a total of 16 he is four points in front of Smith and Doran, the centre-forwards of Crystal Palace and Norwich respectively.

Springfellow (Portsmouth) and Whitworth (Northampton) share fourth place with 11 each, while Armstrong (Portsmouth), Birch (Queen's Park Rangers), Burrill (Southend), and Grimshaw (Cardiff), are the only other players with double figures to their credit.

FOOTBALL TRANSFERS.

Sheffield Wednesday have signed on an inside forward, Colin McKay, from the Heart of Midlothian Club. He is only 22 years of age, stands 5ft 9in, and scales about 11st.

With their first-class playing resources strained through injuries to players, Sheffield Wednesday have signed on David Parkes, their old centre half-back, whom they secured from Brighton and Hove in 1913-14, and who, in the last season of professional football, proved to be one of the best middle men in England. Whilst playing in junior football during the war Parkes broke his leg, but he has done so well with Stourbridge during the present season that the Wednesday have been induced to re-sign him.

FOOTBALLER'S TRAGIC DEATH.

Tich Evans, outside-left of Swansea Town Association Football Club, was on Friday afternoon found dead with his head nearly severed from his body underneath the grand stand on the Swansea football field. He had been dead some time. In his right hand was tightly grasped a razor. Deceased was one of the most popular players in the Swansea team. A fortnight ago his wife died. The discovery was made by fellow-players practising on the field.

MEREDITH AND MANCHESTER.

There is not yet any prospect of W. Meredith playing league football. The deadlock was not removed on Friday, when Mr. J. H. Davies, president of the Manchester United Football Club, met Meredith and offered to re-engage him on behalf of Manchester United at the full wages of £10 a week. There was also an offer to pay him a cheque of £762 18s. 4d., representing the balance still due from his benefit, and ratified by the Football Association. After a long conference the Welsh international refused to sign, though he may further consider the matter.

YORKSHIRE CRICKET CLUB.

At a meeting of the Yorkshire County Cricket Committee at Leeds the draft balance-sheet for last season was declared to show a profit on the season of over £200. It was reported that members' subscriptions had amounted to £990 in excess of those of the previous season. It was decided not to increase the members' subscriptions, but to make an appeal for an increased membership.

Lord Hawke, on behalf of the committee, presented Mr. R. W. Frank with a canteen of cutlery in recognition of his services as captain of the second eleven from 1900 to 1914. The annual meeting was fixed to be held at Sheffield in January.

THREAT TO DULWICH HAMLET.

The famous Dulwich Hamlet club, whose team is leading in the Isthmian Football League, is threatened with extinction owing to the Ministry of Health having intimated to the governors of Dulwich College that the Champion Hill football ground and adjoining land is required for the erection of offices for the staff of the department.

Determined opposition will be made against the proposal, and in addition to a monster petition which it is hoped will be ready for signature at the home match to-morrow, a town's meeting is being arranged at Dulwich Constitutional Club for Tuesday evening.

For eighteen years the Dulwich Hamlet club has maintained the highest principles of amateurism at Champion Hill, and has this season been to considerable expense to make the ground one of the best equipped in South London.

RHINE GARRISON.

11th Queens just beat 23rd Royal Fusiliers.

A CLOSE GAME.

The 11th Queen's met the 23rd Royal Fusiliers on the Queen's ground, Kalk, in the first of the league's matches on Wednesday.

A good run down by the Queen's outside right resulted in Segt. Ellerby placing the ball just over the top. Several long shots were then tried by the Queen's without success and the Fusiliers managed to carry the ball down to the Queen's end of the field.

The Royal Fusiliers then made another effort to break through the Queen's defence, and on this occasion they managed to score through the medium of Pte. Abbott, their centre forward. This little reverse seemed to put more energy into the Queen's team, and they bombarded the Royal Fusiliers goal, Lieut. Bratchell putting in one especially hard shot which went just to the side. Another long shot skimmed the top of the goal. Pte. Morris managed very skilfully to obtain possession of the ball when the Fusiliers appeared as if they were going to shoot, and, dribbling the ball, down slightly, passed it to Sergt. Ellerby who managed to outpace the Royal Fusiliers' backs and scored with a shot which gave the goalkeeper no chance. Half time arrived with the score. 1—1.

On the resumption the Queen's immediately attacked, and pressure was maintained on the Fusiliers goal; very shortly their goalkeeper brought off a couple of brilliant saves. The Fusiliers however, did not seem able to get the ball away at all, and later another scrimmage took place in front of their goalkeeper, and Sgt. Argent, obtaining possession scored.

After a while, the ball was cleared well up in-to the Fusiliers half; a great race between the Fusiliers goalkeeper and Sgt. Ellerby resulted in the former just obtaining possession of the ball. In clearing, however, he passed it to the Queens outside right who put in a shot that went just wide of the goal. Result:—Queens 2; Fusiliers 1.

The 11th Queens were represented by: Sgt. Daniels, Pte. Morris and Pte. Saville; Pte. Genger, Lieut. Bratcheil and Pte. Goodwin; Pte. Luttrell, L/Cpl. Osborn, Sgt. Ellerby, Sgt. Argent, and Pte. Ray.

OFFICERS v. SERGEANTS, 11th QUEEN'S.

This match was played on Germanin strasse ground, Kalk, on Monday, and resulted in a win for the Sergeants by 2—0.

The Officers started with only 9 players. The Sergeants from the start exerted a considerable amount of pressure on the officers' goal and scored through the medium of Sergt. Loydell from a centre from their left wing.

With ten players, the Officers made one or two raids in the Sergeants half, only to be ousted, and they then lost their centre forward, Capt. Williams, who had to retire into the goal. Half time arrived with the score 1—0.

On the resumption a certain amount of pressure was brought on the Sergeants' goal, but the Officers appeared to tire somewhat and Sgt. Ellerby breaking away scored with a shot which he placed well out of reach of the goalkeeper. Further efforts were then made by the Officers to obtain a goal, but the whistle went leaving the Sergeants winners and giving them a revenge for the defeat they received at hockey the previous week, when they went down by 14—0.

The Sergeants' supporters were most enthusiastic throughout the match, being ably led by C.Q.M.S. Austin.

ARTILLERY v. INFANTRY.

On Tuesday at Berg.-Gladbach, "B" Coy., 51st Warwickshires scored a clever victory over A Bty., 113th Bde., R.F.A. The ground was very hard and slippery and the ball travelled fast.

The first half was even, neither side scoring, though the "gunners" forced the pace. On resumption of play, the Infantry hustled their opponents in strong fashion, and in a scrimmage in the goal mouth, scored their first goal. The "Gunners" goalie had to retire as a result of slipping on the frozen ground, and later the left half followed him. Against the weakened side, the Infantry pressed strongly, adding two more goals. Final: B Coy. Warwicks 3; A 113 Bde. R.F.A. 0.

SHEFFIELD UNITED.

Points About Yorkshire's Famous Cup Fighters.

FAMOUS TEAMS—5.

Sheffield United owe their beginning to the energy and hard work of a gentleman whose name will ever be associated with football. I refer to Mr. Wolstinholme who was at that time secretary of the Sheffield United Cricket Club.

He first saw the possibilities of a football eleven and, together with a number of others, determined to found a football club to be associated with the cricket club.

Things went on apace, and the gentlemen responsible advertised for players (imagine such a thing to-day!) and eventually a professional team was got together. Their first game played on the Hallam cricket ground was won by three goals to one and thus the famous "Blades" began their football career.

A GOOD START.

They played in the Midland league and then in the Northern League, subsequently entering the First League. The first game they played under the League's auspices took place at Liverpool, and Everton were their victims. This was a good start and they were destined to administer many defeats while operating on foreign soil.

In the season 1896-97 they were doughty opponents and were runners-up for the league championship, which they managed to win the following season after many stirring battles. The next season they finished third bottom of the chart. From "champions" to the vicinity of the "Wooden Spoonists" was some fall.

But they were, in this season, all out for "t'Coop", and succeeded in inflicting defeat on Derby County to the tune of 4 goals to 1 in the final. This occurred after they had met Liverpool four times in order to decide which should combat the victorious "Rams".

CUP FIGHTERS.

Dealing with their cup battles it is interesting to note that in the first ten years of their existence as a club they never got further than the second round of the competition proper, and once were beaten by Bolton Wanderers by thirteen goals to one, at Bolton, after defeating Burnley in the first round.

They were again finalists in 1900—1, and after drawing at Sydenham, fell to the 'Spurs at Bolton, a ground that they will ever associate with bad luck to their cup chances. The following season saw them at the Palace once again and after a drawn match, they defeated Southampton, both matches being played at the Palace. Then came a lean time and it was not till 1913—14 that they managed again to reach the semi-final, only to fall to Burnley, that season's cup winners. However, the following season they made amends and once more became cup holders. This was the last final played and they have thus held the cup for nearly four seasons. Will they keep it?, is the question exciting Sheffield folks.

The United have had many famous players in their ranks, and to name but a few: "Paddy" Boyle, Hendry, Bennett, Foulkes, Needham, Cain, Drummond, Lipsham Priest and Hedley. What would they give to have men of this calibre assisting them to-day? They are not having a good time with it this season and indeed are occupying a poor place on the table.

On present form it seems safe to gamble that the Cup will find a new resting place next May.

"TYNESIDER".

PLAYERS AND REFEREES.

Cardiff City Directors Issue Appeal to Their Team.

The Cardiff City directorate have displayed the following notice in the players' training quarters:—

The directors desire to call the attention of the players to the unde sirability of disputing the referee's decisions. This is a very dangerous and undignified practice, and leads to distur bances among the spectators. The directors wish the players to take this notice as final; to accept without comment the decisions of the appointed officials, and always to conduct themselves as gentlemen.

SPORT NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

The Latest.

The latest Hotspur player to join Gillingham is Bob Steel, who has been granted a temporary transfer. Steel has this season been doing a lot of refereeing in the Southern League.

Recuperating.

Herbert Jones has left Newmarket for Switzerland, and his many friends will wish him a speedy and complete recovery from his recent illness.

Christenings.

Mr. W. Baker has named his smart Ruckinge Queen colt by Aiglon, Arlington. The Castaneta filly has been named Johanetta, and the Creole filly Gipsy Queen.

Southampton in Town.

Despite the temptation to give the League players a rest in view of the Christmas programme, Millwall fielded their best team in the friendly game with Southampton at New Cross.

Trainer's Plaint.

After the race for the Headley Hurdle at Gatwick on Saturday, Pope, the trainer of Lady Llama, complained to the Stewards of the start for this race. The Stewards asked the starter to exercise more care to get riders in line in future.

Rugby Fixture.

Richmond Rugby F. C. have arranged a match with the Edinburgh Wanderers, which will be played at Richmond on the 29th.

Pro. v. Press.

An informal day's golf was indulged in by professionals and Pressmen at Fulwell, when foursomes were played morning and afternoon, with a professional and a Pressman forming each couple.

Plumpton Price.

Mr. H. P. Clinton purchased the Barcombe 'Chase winner, Frank Ash, for 320 guineas at Plumpton yesterday.

Disobedience.

The "Racing Calendar" states: Subsequent to the Oakside Hurdle at Windsor on December 10th. G. Duller was fined £10 for disobedience at the post.

Matched.

A boxing match has been arranged for next Thursday afternoon at the Hoxton Baths between Benny McNeill (America) and Louis Ruddick (Leeds).

Sticking to Wales.

Oram, the Welsh forward, who recently signed on for Leeds (N.U.), has not yet turned out for his new club, and it is now announced that he has no intentions of leaving Wales.

Dismissed.

The protest by Rotherham Town against Loughboro. Corinthians for playing an ineligible man in the fifth round of the English Cup has been dismissed.

Jones and Stone.

Charlie Stone (Taff's Well) and Fred Jones (Rushden) have signed articles to box at the Blackfriars Ring on the afternoon of Boxing Day.

Settled.

McCall, the international centre half-back, has decided to remain with Preston North End. Differences had arisen in regard to a guarantee of a second benefit match which is forthcoming, and the Liverpool directors made an offer for McCall, but the differences between the player and the North End club have now been amicably settled.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

"THE WALKYRIE."

In consequence of the indisposition of Frau Scheffer and Herr Schroeder, "Frau Ohne Schatten" could not be performed on Friday evening, but opera friends did not fare badly, the Valkyrie being given instead.

Otto Klemperer probably never interpreted that colossal overpowering music better than on Friday. It is difficult to find words of praise enough to express the delight Menzinsky gave all Wagner enthusiasts with his rendering of Sigmund. He certainly is one of the best, if not the best, in that role in Germany. His musical phrasing is simply marvellous, and not the smallest passage seems to be neglected.

In the song "Wintersturme" he rendered the musical poetry of that delicious song better than ever.

Sophie Wolf as Sieglinde and Frau Poensgen as Brunhilde were excellent. Both ladies are splendid Wagner singers and so is Frau Grimm Mitteimann, who sang the part of Fricka. Herr Gless, as Hunding, was in splendid form; his deep notes seemed to have gained sonority. The role of Wotan was with Herr Schorr in the best of hands as also the minor parts of the opera. Director Remond's mis-en-scene deserves great praise.

C. L.

Next Week's Attractions.

At the Deutsches Theatre this week the much-anticipated play, "The Knight of the Burning Pestle," will occupy the stage each evening including Thursday. The play is particularly suitable for the festive season, and if rehearsals are any criterion the production by the Rhine Army Dramatic Company should be very popular. At the Deutsches this evening there will be a vocal and instrumental concert. The band of the Inniskilling Dragoons, under Bandmaster E. Adams, will perform, and among the vocal artistes will be Mr. Norman Angell, the well-known bass, who is making his last appearance in Rhineland. At the Palace Theatre a strong variety company should draw full houses. There will be many other entertainments in Rhineland, including the "Jesters," who will be on tour. Reference to our advertising columns will show exactly what's on.

A Merry Gathering.

The inaugural of a weekly series of dinners of Roman Catholic officers, in the Annex Club the other evening, was one of the most cheery little parties that I remember for a long time. Major Sheehan presided; the speeches were all happily brief and to the point, and the whole spirit of the gathering suggested that future meetings are likely to be a huge success.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Sun.	Othello	Verdi	6	10
Mon.	Ein Maskenball	Verdi	7	10
Tues.	Hansel und Gretel	Humperdinck	6	8
Wednesday	No Performance.			
Thurs.	Tannhäuser	Wagner	6	10
Fri.	Dar Bajazzo Cav. Rusticana	Leoncavallo Mascagni	7	10
Sat.	Figaro's Hochzeit	Mozart	7	10.30
Sun.	The Woman without Shadow	Strauss	6	10.30
Mon.	Hansel und Gretel	Humperdinck	6	8
Tues.	Tannhäuser	Wagner	6	10

B.E.L.C. Whist Drive.

The top secore of 149 was reached by Pte. C. Rhodes at the British Empire Leave Club Whist Drive on Tuesday night, Pte. L. Roberts and Gunner G. Cruikshank being 2nd and 3rd with 147 and 144, respectively. The "ladies" prizes were won by Cpl. A. Garwood, first, with 149, and Pte. G. H. Woolley, second, with 144. Pte. Miller was third with 143. Pte. J. Green was M.C. and Lt. Rouch President.

"The Better 'Ole."

"The Better 'ole." This you will find if you visit the B.E.L.C. during the festive season. From the Old "Dug-Out," you will pass up the decorated staircases, through the "Snow Storm," into "Balloon Allée" to the "Japanese Garden" and the "Naval Room." From thence, you will mount the stairs to the "Hall of Delight," where you will find dances, pantomimes, gifts of 2,000 Christmas souvenirs, carnival, special prizes, and in the restaurant on Boxing Day a Christmas supper of turkey, plum pudding, mince pies, etc. All details of Christmas arrangements will be found in our advertising columns in page 2.

Roller Skating.

In yesterday's issue it was inadvertently stated that the new skating rink in Cologne was in Marzellen Strasse. Actually the rink in situated in Komodien Strasse and judging by the large attendance of enthusiasts present during the last few days this fact is pretty thoroughly known.

Band Concert.

By kind permission of the Officer Commanding the 13th Bn. The King's Royal Rifle Corps, there will be a concert by the Band of that Regiment this evening at the British Empire Leave Club from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

JACQUES.

LEAVE CLUB DEBATES.

Unique Opportunities for Budding Public Speakers.

The Friday evening debates at the British Empire Leave Club provide unique opportunities for soldiers in Rhineland to acquire the ability to speak in public and to improve their power of expression. In selecting the subject for debate great care is taken and the discussions are always upon matters of topical interest and of great educational value. Great benefit can be derived from the attendance at such meetings whether a man takes part in the discussions or not.

Last Friday's motion was, "That in the opinion of this house alliance with America is desirable". After the matter had been thoroughly probed, Sgt. Woods speaking for and Pte. Smith against, the voting showed a majority of five against the proposition.

There will be no debate on Boxing Day, but the subject for January the second will be:—"That in the opinion of this house international disarmament is practicable". The motion will be supported by Pte. Smith, while Pte. Thorne will argue for its rejection.

PERSONAL PARS.

Lts. Fred Grumpelt and E. A. McMahon, U.S. Army, who have been on duty in Cologne for the past year as American representatives on the C.I.N.C., have left for Antwerp en route for America. These officers were immensely popular in Rhine Army circles, and leave Cologne with the very best wishes of their many friends. Several farewell parties were given in their honour.

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We have to announce the engagement of Capt. C. E. H. Bird, R.A.S.C., adjutant S.M.T.O., VI Corps to Miss E. M. Gardner of Cobham, Surrey. It is understood that the wedding will take place at the Garrison Church Cologne at the end of this month. Capt. Bird is undoubtedly one of the most widely known, genial and popular officers in Cologne.

LAWN TENNIS.

Queen's Club Ladies Doubles Tournament.

Among those taking part in a ladies doubles competition are Mrs. Lambert Chambers (lady ex-champion,) Lady Wavertree (Mrs. Hall Walker). Mrs. Beamish, and Miss Ryan, the American volleyer. The draw is as follows:—

Lady Wavertree and Mrs. Craddock, rec. 16.1, a bye; Mrs. Lambert Chambers and Mrs. Cobb, ser. v. Mrs. Satterthwaite and Miss Ryan, owe 15.4; Mrs. H. Edgington and Mrs. Beamish, owe 3.6, v. Mrs. O'Neill and Miss P. L. Howkins, ser; Miss E. Tighe and Miss Ward, rec. 15, a bye.

One match has been played, in which Mrs. H. Edgington and Mrs. Beamish beat Mr. O'Neill and Miss Howkins (8—6, 6—4.)

THE FUTURE OF GEORGE HIRST.

Our Leeds correspondent understands that George Hirst, the Yorkshire county cricketer, who first played with Yorkshire in 1889, and who is now 58 years of age, has received an offer of an engagement as cricket coach to Eton College. His acceptance of the offer would not entail his severance from county cricket, for it is understood that he would still be able to play with Yorkshire during a part of the season.

BART'S. BENEFIT.

On the occasion of the meeting at the Hall next month between Joe Beckett and Dick Smith, in a 20-round contest for the heavy-weight championship of England, the hospital that will benefit by the kindness of the holders of the boxes and seats above referred to will be St. Bartholomew's.

WHO HAS WON IT?

All Competition Records Surpassed by No. 13 Contest.

KEEP IT UP.

As we confidently anticipated, our Christmas Football Contest is a record for the competition. The number of coupons sent in is considerably larger than for any other contest and to this sum we shall add a further amount of 500 marks. Our competition staff has been kept exceedingly busy in order to cope with the large mails, and the task of adjudicating, which will commence as soon as the results are known, will entail a huge amount of work.

In our next issue we shall be able to publish the total amount subscribed, but the successful competitor or competitors will not appear until Christmas morning.

Below will be found the coupon for No. 14 contest, and there is no reason why this should not be an equally successful number. As pointed out in our issue of yesterday, owing to there being no publication of the "Cologne Post" on Boxing Day, there will be one coupon less available this week. Do not forget this and so lose the opportunity of competing for what is likely to be another substantial prize.

On the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—
FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 14
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O./S. 40 Rhine Army.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 14.

Date of matches, Saturday, Dec. 27th.
Closing date, Friday, Dec. 26th.

Burnley	v. Preston
Liverpool	v. Everton
Bolton	v. Blackburn
Notts C.	v. Bradford City
West Ham	v. Huddersfield
Clapton	v. Coventry
Palace	v. Millwall
Southampton	v. Watford
Queens Park	v. Kilmarnock
Falkirk	v. Dumbarton

I enter Football Competition No. 14 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions already announced and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(in block letters)
Rank and No. .....
Unit .....
Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Allied Markings.

I notice a large number of toys such as tanks, areoplanes, etc. bear in many cases the allied markings used during the war.

And Time Too.

A correspondent who has been to Bonn recently tells me that he was agreeably surprised at the timidity of the civilians to use the portion of the tram reserved for soldiers.

Wassail.

I came across a party of civilians in a cabaret drinking wassail in "punch." I understand that this custom originated from Germany in medieval times.

His Chief Concern.

Recently a discussion was taking place in a certain mess in Cologne regarding the conditions of life in the next world. All kinds of things had been considered when one wag asked. "What is the rate of exchange there?"

Good Idea.

Talking of money I hear that you can obtain a new note for half a torn mark note, on taking it to a German bank. Good idea!

Easily Replenished.

I notice that a certain vendor of Christmas trees has a large pile, about eight feet high, not far from his stall. As soon as his stock at the street stall runs low he replenishes it from the rear.

A Foolish Practice.

A soldier was killed at Weisdorf the other night by slipping from the footboard of a tram while endeavouring to board it when in motion. The foolishness and danger of this practice should be carefully borne in mind by our men.

A Heavy Load.

I saw a very small boy carrying a huge Christmas tree the other day. It was a seasonable sight and he struggled along bravely with his treasure, followed by a girl wheeling a barrow full of other things dear to the hearts of children. The tree cost five marks.

Economy.

It seems to be the custom in the Rhineland for people who go to the bakers to take with them paper to wrap the loaf in. A lady who visited a Bonn bakery the other day had brought for this purpose a copy of the previous day's issue of a Paris newspaper.

Level Crossing Fatality.

A fatal accident occured at the level crossing at Weisdorf on Tuesday evening. An ambulance car endeavoured to cross the rails whilst the barrier was being lowered in its descent, killing one man and seriously injuring another.

Big Families.

There are two stock questions always put to a defendant at the Summary Court. One is "How old are you?" and the other (to adults), "Are you married?" If the answer is in the affirmative, there follows "How many children?" and the answer to this question in a surprising number of cases, goes into double figures.

The Mystic Number.

A correspondent claims to have discovered the meaning of the mystic number 4711, a famous brand of Eau de Cologne. The proprietor of this brand, Herr Muhlens, has four sons and seven daughters, or eleven children in all, and so he adopted the novel idea of making this combination of letters his trade mark.

New Arrivals at the Bookshop.

Do you want to read Temple Thurston's works or send one home as a Xmas present? If so, you'll find them all at our Arcade Bookshop, Hohestrasse. Also Mrs. Humphrey Ward's remarkable work "Fields of Victory," full of striking incident and telling diagram. And that compendium of thousands of useful facts, the "Daily Mail Year Book," is also on sale.

United Action for the Children.

Some time ago, in the "Cologne Post" the hope was expressed that occasion would be found to give an "outward and visible sign" of the unity in which, while they have been in Cologne, the various associations with the Army have been working in their several spheres. This "sign" is about to be given. A Christmas fete is being organised for the British children and their parents by a committee representing the (1), British Children's School Staff; (2), British Empire Leave Club; (3), Catholic Club; (4), Church Army; (5), Navy and Army Canteen Board; (6), Salvation Army (7), VI Corps Club and (8) Y.M.C.A.

Congratulations.

The Joint Secretaries of the Committee are the Assistant Chaplain General and Dr. Francis. We understand that arrangements are in progress that will make the 24th a memorable day for the children. Meantime we offer our congratulations to the Associations on their co-operation in so excellent a cause.

"Some" Linguist.

Have you noticed the weinstube in Cologne whose window announces that English, French, Italian, Dutch, Spanish, Scandinavian, Russian, and Polish are spoken therein?

Poster Slump.

I notice a hoarding in Marzellen Strasse which while about thirty yards long bears but two posters refering to recent events. Is it that there is a slump in poster displays?

Business Slack.

A restaurant recently handed over by the military to its former owners seems to be having a lean time of it. Judging by appearances business is very slack.

Distinction.

I noticed a coffin bearing a coat of arms on the sides, being carted along Ursula-strasse yesterday afternoon.

An Improvement!

The new fifty-mark notes now in circulation are a decided improvement on those hitherto in use. The paper is of a stronger texture and they are more artistic in appearance.

Their Busy Season.

The Army Post Office is one of the busiest spots in Cologne at present. I looked in there yesterday and found the officials snowed under with work. Bags of parcels were stacked in every available corner for dispatch to England.

More Troops for Rhineland.

It is announced that the Rhine Army is to be reinforced at the New Year by seven battalions of infantry comprising the 2nd Royal Highlanders, 1st Durham Light Infantry, 3rd Middlesex Regiment, 4th Worcester Regiment, 2nd Royal West Kent Regiment, Loyal North Lancs, and 1st Royal Sussex.

"COLOGNE POST" CELEBRITIES. VI. "THE FIGHTING EDITOR."

On the Rack.

I was amused to see three street urchins riding on the luggage rack in rear of a taxi the other day. It was pouring with rain, but they appeared to be enjoying their joy-ride.

Nearly a Tragedy.

I was near being the subject of a coroner's inquest a few days since. One of the chefs at our mess inadvertently mixed some petrol with the supper viands and the result was most disastrous to my digestive organs. The culprit was however, exonerated on promising not to offend again.

Making Good out of Tommy.

In one street in Cologne there are now three cafés side by side catering exclusively for Tommy. One has been to the fore since the early days of Occupation, another only recently took to serving eggs and chips, and the third, now completely renovated, was, until a week or two ago, an establishment devoted to the sale of ladies wear.

Another Y.M.C.A. Concert Party.

Madame Bertha Moore, sister of Miss Decima Moore, is coming out to the Rhine Army area with a concert party, under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A., and the party will be joined by Miss Marjorie Moore, who is at present at the British Empire Leave Club. Madame Bertha Moore has collected £24,000 by her song and story recitals in aid of Lord Roberts' Memorial Workshops for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors, which in the words of H.R.H. Princess Christian "owe Madame Bertha Moore a great debt of gratitude for all she has done for them."

Their Programme.

This party will give their first concert in Cologne at the Central Y.M.C.A. on Saturday at 7 p.m. They will also be there on Christmas Day: and in view of this visit at Madame Moore's request, a large number of copies of Christmas Carols have been got out from England in order that the audience may join in the singing of them.

RHINELANDER.

SUPERSTITION.

Mr. Edward Lovett tells us that superstition has revived enormously during the war among soldiers and women, but we know that for hundreds of years the people of England have held to many different kinds of superstition, and in the old folk lore we can see the drift of the ideas of men and women of all classes.

There are stories told to-day and believed in rural England, which one would hardly credit in these so-called enlightened times. Calves teeth are sold in the open market in many places to hang round a child's neck as a cure for all ailments during the time of teething, and in the poorer parts of London, people wear coloured necklaces next the skin as a charm against bronchitis.

The natural question one may ask is—are these so-called charms any good, are they efficacious in dealing with the different ailments against which they are supposed to guard? Can instances be given in which cases have been cured by the use of these charms? One is forced to admit that instances can be quoted and tales told of wonderful cures, even when the doctor has given up all hope.

Then wherein lie those wonderful healing powers? They must either be in the matter themselves or in some way connected with the articles in question.

Certain waters are reputed to have healing propensities, and men and women have been cured of disease by bathing in those waters. Can these be true stories? All these questions must be answered in the affirmative, and the natural conclusion is that it is all founded on the great problem of mind over matter.

The fact that certain people implicitly believe in these things so predominates all other ideas, that the natural result is the healing of these people by their faith in these charms. No real power in either the article or the waters, but all a question of faith and so bringing in the great natural law of mind over matter by means of the fancied power in charms.

Faith comes into all these cases as in nearly everything in our mortal life and exercises a power over the human race that some men fail to credit.

How often has it been said that in an illness if the doctor were to come and administer a dose of liquid which was only water the patient in many cases would be cured by that liquid?

The fetish of the savage tribe holds sway over the uneducated mind, which to modern ideas seems almost incredible. Each tribe attributes success in battle to their own particular fetish, and often wins those battles by the presence of the fetish. There is no power in the Fetish itself, but only the influence it holds over the minds of that race giving them confidence in themselves.

The man who knows his cause is just will often succeed in the great struggle, for that knowledge will give him confidence in himself.

"Thrice armed is he who hath his quarrel just."

The man and woman who place confidence in the God who made them will have a greater advantage in life than those who hold no such faith; the mind of these people will predominate over the matter of every-day life.

Some people will call a religion of any sort a superstition. Granted then that the Christian religion is a superstition, then that same superstition is bound to help a man in his life, even if one only looks upon that religion as a power that will help a man to achieve the great ideal of existence—Mind over Matter. *REV. C. E. R. WHEELER, C.F.*

MISTLETOE KISSES.

To discover the origin of kissing under the mistletoe it looks as though we must go back to the time of our Norse ancestors, when the legendary Baldur was slain with a sprig of mistletoe by someone prompted by Loki. In reparation of this calamity, says Mr. P. H. Ditchfield in his interesting "Old English Customs," the plant "is dedicated to his mother Frigg, so long as it does not touch the earth, which is Loki's kingdom. Hence the mistletoe is kung from ceilings in our houses; and the kiss given under it is a sign that it is no longer an instrument of mischief."

BADGES OF FIGHTING UNITS.

Now that the Imperial War Museum is in process of formation, it is to be hoped that the distinguishing marks of fighting units which were collected in France will be given the prominence they deserve. These marks, which were regarded with almost as much pride as regimental badges, were in many cases quaint. A few one can recall are the boar's head of the Fourth Army, the three question marks (whats) of Gen. Watts' Corps, the bulldog of the Sixth Corps, the Manx legs, consisting of three sevens, of the 21st Division, the double-three domino of the 33rd Division, the red uniform of the 50th Division, and the chessboard of the 34th Division. Apart from these and a miscellaneous collection of animals, birds, imps, and other devices, there are the plain diamonds, squares, triangles, etc., of various colours worn by individual battalions.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Power.—Funds of the A.S.E. total £2,800,000, and the membership is 320,880.

Bridge.—Bridge clubs are very much on the increase.

Popular Cards.—Christmas cards are very popular at home this year.

A Famous Ship.—The "Clyde" is not to come to the Thames for exhibition purposes.

A Good Training.—The success of ex-soldier servants is generally reported.

Unlike the French.—The German lottery loan has failed.

Society Divorce.—Lord Dalmeny has secured his divorce.

The Old School.—Mr. Frank Allen, the music-hall director, has retired.

Agreed.—The Premier says there is a time when alliances have to be watched.

Unwanted.—The Buxton gun factory is to be released for sale.

For India.—It is rumoured that the Prince of Wales may visit India in 1921.

A Hero's Wife.—The wife of a dead French officer has been sentenced to death as a traitor.

Camouflaged.—A Berwick man has been living as a Buddhist priest in a Buddhist temple for many years.

Murdered.—The body of a five-year old girl has been found buried in the sand on West Hartlepool beach.

Lowly Beginnings.—Mr. A. G. Waterson, M.P., says that as a lad he had to beg his bread from door to door.

Stripes and Ruffles.—There is a movement in London for brighter clothes for men.

Secret Once.—German prisoners helped to burn secret documents at the breaking up of G.H.Q. in France.

The Tiger's Mascot.—Clemenceau purchased a black cat as a mascot when in London.

Dignity and Honour.—All the tombstones to be erected over British graves in France will be alike.

Anti-Kinema.—The immoral tendency of some German films is occupying the attention of the Berlin public.

Not Timbuctoo.—There is a boom in boxing in Berlin. One boxer was billed as a champion of Tasmania.

Patriotism or the Exchange?—A Berlin goldsmith refuses to sell any goods to foreigners.

Difficult.—Folk at home are complaining of the difficulty of Christmas shopping.

Franc Down.—There has been a further depreciation in the value of the franc.

Partners Scarce.—Invitation cards to dances advise the recipient to bring a man.

The End.—The Q.M.A.A.C. will practically cease to exist at the end of the month.

Cashless.—The clerk of the Wrexham Council announced that there was no money at the bank.

Houseless Ex-Soldiers.—There was a scene at a Barry sale owing to ex-soldiers being homeless.

To be Sold.—St. Patrick's College, Rome, is to be sold to the Italian Government by the Irish Augustinians.

'Flu.—Spanish influenza has broken out in the Archangel district, and deaths have been reported.

Who will Help?—There is a deficit of nearly three-quarters of a million pounds on the war work of the Y.M.C.A.

All Out.—Evacuation of the Baltic Provinces by German troops is now complete.

German Property Levy.—A Property Levy Bill has been passed by the German National Assembly.

The Old School.—Harry Jeffery, the famous old-time jockey has just celebrated his golden wedding.

Plucky Robert.—A London police inspector voluntarily gave up a pint of his blood for the purpose of transfusion.

The Shortest.—A Lieutenant made his will on the back of a vignette photograph measuring 2½" by 3¾".

A Good Idea.—Lunch wagons from which a meal can be obtained for 10d. have been placed outside Washington Government offices.

Popular Zoo.—Up to November 30 the Zoo had been visited by 653,187 people more than in the corresponding period last year.

Canadian Premiership.—Sir Robert Borden is being urged by his colleagues to take a long rest, but to retain the Premiership.

Imitation.—Eton, Harrow, and Rugby, are the names of three large halls erected to accommodate students at Columbia University.

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FRENCH'S TERSE MESSAGE.

ASSAILANT SHOT WHILE IN THE ACT OF THROWING A MILLS' BOMB.

HERO OF ATLANTIC FLIGHT KILLED.

FRENCH'S ESCAPE.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE CRIME.

"All well. One assailant killed."

This laconic message, one of the shortest despatches on record, was despatched to the Chief Secretary for Ireland by Field Marshal Sir John French, Viceroy of Ireland, who thus dismissed the dastardly and elaborate attempt on his life.

After writing these five words he ate a good luncheon and then went about his work and fulfilled his engagements as though nothing had happened, being all the time well aware that death may be waiting for him round the corner of every street or road in disaffected Ireland.

He has been inundated for weeks past with threatening letters.

A remarkable feature of the present outrage as of others is the escape of the assailants. Equally remarkable is their knowledge regarding the movements of their victims. In the present case the attempt at assassination was made in broad daylight on a much frequented road, yet the body of armed men disappeared completely. No one was supposed to know that Lord French was on a visit to a friend sixty miles from Dublin, yet the raiders were evidently accurately informed.

A PITCHED BATTLE.

Further particulars of the outrage show that a regular fusillade was poured in when Lord French's car reached the obstruction, but the chauffeur swerved the car skilfully and just got round it. Bombs and hand grenades were also thrown by the assailants, and the car following the Viceroy's was almost demolished by a bomb, though the chauffeur, who was the only occupant, was uninjured. Meanwhile the military in the third car replied to the assailants' fire, and for some time there was a continuous rattle of firearms mingled with the louder explosions of bombs.

The attack was made shortly after the Viceregal party left Ashtown station near the entrance to Phoenix Park, 1½ miles from the scene of the assassination of Cavendish and Burke in 1882. It was apparently planned down to the minutest detail. Lord French's escape was due to the fact that his car was leading. The assailants allowed it to pass with only a few shots and concentrated their fire on the second car, thinking it was the Viceroy's. The latter's car which is protected by steel plates, was undamaged. The constable who was wounded was on duty at the corner of the road and was warned by the gang to get clear before the cars approached. As he refused he was tripped up and was wounded in the foot as he lay on the ground. It was while the fusillade and bomb-throwing were at their hottest that the man who was standing at the cross roads in the attitude of bombthrowing was shot. His confederates attempted to carry off the body but failed owing to the intensity of the military fire. They then scattered over the country side and escaped. A detective seated beside Lord French's chauffeur was wounded in the hand, otherwise there were no casualties in the Viceroy's party.

O.P. AND BOMBING POST.

The elaborate nature of the attack is shown by the fact that the assailants had erected a bombing post, also an observation post on a tall tree commanding a view of the railway station.

The most connected narrative of the occurrence is that given by Sergt. Halley, Lord French's personal-body guard, who was seated beside the chauffeur. He said that the attack began near a public house, a bomb suddenly exploding against the side of the car. Four more bombs exploded in the roadway. The sergeant fired his revolver at figures he glimpsed behind the hedges. Then another bomb struck the hood of the car and one of the splinters wounded the sergeant in the hand. He continued firing with his left hand. Four men armed with revolvers then came into the roadway and fired. The sergeant replied as the car speeded up and drove to the Viceregal Lodge. The remaining cars continued the battle. None of the attackers were masked. Lord French remained calmly seated in the car throughout.

The second car contained only a corporal chauffeur, who stopped his car and fired his revolver at assailants in the roadway and behind the hedges. This car was also bombed, but not disabled. The third car contained four soldiers who fought a pitched battle for five minutes, when the attackers, overwhelmed by a hot fire, fled, mostly on bicycles. Three only remained on the road. One of them had just drawn the pin from a bomb when he was shot dead. A motorlorry with military and constables was hurried up from the station and the occupants fired at the retreating assailants.

IRISH DEPRECATION.

The King telegraphed to Lord French immediately he received news of the attack, "I am shocked at the attempt

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SIR J. ALCOCK DEAD.

CRASHED IN A FOG AT ROUEN.

One of the most brilliant and famous aviators, Sir J. Alcock, met his death at Cottevrard, near Rouen, on Friday, as the result of an accident.

Whilst flying in a fog his machine collided with a tree, and crashed to the ground. He sustained a fractured skull and never recovered consciousness.

Sir John Alcock was only twenty-seven years of age, and his career as an aviator was unexcelled. He was born in Manchester and was the eldest son of Mr. John Alcock.

His name will go down in the history of aviation as the pilot of the Vickers Vimy machine that flew the Atlantic in June of this year.

On the outbreak of war he joined the R.N.A.S. and figured in many bombing raids against the Turks. He was taken prisoner in 1917, and was not liberated until after the armistice.

He secured the D.S.O. for bringing down seven enemy machines.

FIUME FURIOUS.

D'ANNUNZIO HISSED BY INHABITANTS.

The Municipal Council of Fiume on Thursday, by 44 votes to 4, pronounced against d'Annunzio's continued occupation of the city. The poet, in whose presence this decision was taken, refused to accept it, had the tocsin rung and assembled a crowd, whom he harangued in his own familiar style. The populace hissed him down. D'Annunzio is still recalcitrant, but it is considered that his reign in Fiume is over.

made on your life this afternoon and rejoice at your safety." The Prince of Wales, Queen Alexandra and Duke of Connaught also sent telegrams. Cardinal Logue wired "Congratulations on your miraculous escape."

In reply to a message from the Lord Mayor of Belfast, Lord French said:—I am delighted to receive your very kind congratulations and those of the City of Belfast, which is ever unsurpassed in loyalty and progress and devotion to the Empire."

A letter from Archbishop Walsh was read in all Catholic Churches at Dublin on Sunday. It included the following words: "The attempted assassination of the Viceroy has shocked the city. It calls for a melancholy protest from every Irishman who loves his country, as such crimes, instead of helping, are only likely to retard reform, as did the Phoenix Park murders nearly forty years ago."

DEAD ASSASSIN IDENTIFIED.

The dead assailant was quickly identified as a grocer's assistant living at Dublin.

At the inquest held at Dublin on the man, whose name was Savage, the public were excluded. Constables on duty carried loaded revolvers in their holsters.

A Dublin grocer testified that he had employed Savage as an assistant for two years. He was unmarried and lived on the premises. His parents lived at Sligo. The inquiry was adjourned. Savage is described by his intimates as sober, industrious and extremely religious. It is stated that he belonged to the Republican volunteers and participated in the 1916 rising as a rebel sub-Lieutenant. He was a member of the party which held High Courts against the military and he drifted to the Terrorists when the movement was driven underground.

GOVERNMENT FIRM.

Speaking at Liverpool Mr. Bonar Law, declaring that the Coalition was never more homogeneous than at present and that talk of a general election is nonsense, said that the Government will not allow an Irish Republic to be established. The attempt on Lord French was indicative of the spirit in which a certain section in Ireland intended to welcome the Government's honest endeavour to deal with the subject. Such attempts would never move the British people to grant self-determination.

The outrage is condemned very strongly by the London newspapers, but it is generally hoped that the crime will not affect the Government's policy.

SINN FEINERS AND THE HOUSE.

Stringent precautions were taken at the House of Commons to prevent any disturbance by Sinn Feiners yesterday in view of the Premier's anticipated statement on Ireland. Some time ago, when it was expected that Irish business would be taken, a number of Sinn Feiners obtained admittance to the Strangers' Gallery. They were closely watched but gave no cause for interference with them. It is known, however, that it has long been the intention of Sinn Fein to make some hostile demonstration in the House when the Irish Bill is introduced. Only strangers who were guaranteed by members were admitted yesterday.

SOVIET DEMANDS.

IMPUDENT TERMS FOR EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS.

Interviewed by Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen, Mr. J. O'Grady, the British M.P. who has been negotiating for exchange of British and Russian prisoners, said that Litvinoff, when he was offered what Mr. O'Grady considered fair proposals, replied that if he were to return to Russia with such proposals he would first be greeted with laughter, and would finally be shot.

Litvinoff's proposals were:—

British privates and N.C.O.'s to be released for all Russian prisoners of war in England, including 28 officers.

The British Government to instruct the Archangel Government to release 225 prisoners there, in return for which 22 British officers in Russia would be released.

The Soviet Government to release British women and children in Russia if Great Britain instructed the Danish Government to send back 1,700 escaped Russian prisoners of war now in Denmark.

Male British civilians to be released if the British Government instructed the Inter-Allied Commission in Berlin to be consider the re-patriation of Russian prisoners.

To these one-sided proposals Great Britain replied that she had no jurisdiction over the prisoners of the Archangel Government; that she could not, and would not, instruct Denmark as demanded, but if the Danish Government agreed to the release of the 1,700 prisoners in Denmark, Great Britain would provide transport facilities. Since the Inter-Allied Commission in Berlin had never met, the last condition is impossible of execution.

On Mr. O'Grady offering to release all Russian prisoners and nationals in England, in return for our prisoners and nationals, Litvinoff replied that he did not care a straw about those in England, but only those in Archangel, Mesopotamia, and the Caucasus. As regards prisoners captured in the Caucasus and Mesopotamia, Great Britain agreed in principle to their release, and to consultation with the Persian Government in the matter.

Y.M.C.A. DEFICIT.

HOW AMERICA SHOWS APPRECIATION.

In connection with the offer of £200,000 by the American Y.M.C.A. towards the funds of the British Y.M.C.A., a cable has been received from the General Secretary of the American Association to the effect that they have been greatly impressed by the wisdom, economy and practical helpfulness wherewith the work has been conducted as well as its vast extent and great volume of voluntary service, especially by women workers. The message adds: "In recognition of countless services rendered to the American Army and Navy we subscribe five hundred thousand dollars, payable immediately towards the fund, and will gladly contribute in addition the last five hundred thousand dollars to complete the fund."

SAVE THE CHILDREN.

BRITISH RELIEF FOR VIENNA.

Subscriptions to the Vienna Emergency Relief Fund are pouring in from all parts of the United Kingdom. Over forty thousand pounds has been received already, and the Committee is making arrangements for the immediate dispatch of hospital supplies, cod liver oil, soap and other articles for the women and children of Vienna. Collections will be made in churches of all denominations next Sunday on behalf of the "Save the Children Fund."

SPEN VALLEY POLLING.

The polling at Spen Valley by-election, which took place on Saturday, was more animated and considerably heavier than at any previous election at Spen. It is believed that the women's vote will prove to be the deciding factor. Workers polled in large numbers on leaving work, especially the women workers wearing their shawls. Never before had so many motor cars been seen dashing about the Spen Valley.

SHOPPING BY CANDLE LIGHT.

A strike of gasworkers in the towns of Aberavon and Port Talbot resulted in the entire neighbourhood being plunged into darkness on Saturday. All shops were closed with the exception of a few which carried on by candle light.

At the request of their leaders the men have returned to work and also agreed to continue during the holidays pending a satisfactory settlement.

LOVE MATCH AFTER 50 YEARS.

A couple were wedded at Swansea last week whose joint ages totalled 118 years. Fifty-five years ago they were playmates, but the bride had married another whilst her husband-to-be was at sea. They only met again recently after many years.

General Birdwood and Lieut.-General Monash received a great welcome on their arrival at Freemantle.

NEW CHUMS.

UNITS UNDER ORDERS FOR THE RHINE.

The War Office states that preliminary arrangements are being made for the despatch of Regular Units to Germany and Egypt for temporary duty. They will replace units of the Army of Occupation and personnel which in due course will become available for demobilization. The Infantry Battalions and Artillery Brigades selected for this temporary service are:

ON THE RHINE:

3rd Brigade R.F.A.
2nd Bn. Black Watch.
1st Bn. Durham L.I.
3rd Bn. Middlesex Regt.
4th Bn. Worcester Regt.
2nd Bn. R. W. Kent Regt.
2nd Bn. L. N. Lancs Regt.
1st Bn. R. Sussex Regt.

IN SILESIA:

35th Brigade R.F.A.
1st Bn. R. Irish Regt.
1st Bn. R. Dublin Fus.
2nd Bn. Gordon Highlanders.

IN EAST PRUSSIA:

2nd Bn. R. Irish Fus.
1st Bn. R. Munster Fus.
1st Bn. Essex Regt.
1st Bn. Lancashire Fus.
2nd Bn. Cameron Highlanders.
3rd Bn. Royal Fus.
2nd Bn. Berkshire Regt.

IN SCHLESWIG:

1st Bn. Sherwood Foresters.

IN EGYPT.:

1st Bn. Highland L. I.
2nd Bn. East Surrey Regt.
1st Bn. York and Lancs. Regt.
1st Bn. South Lancs.
2nd Bn. Shropshire L. I.

The date on which the troops will be dispatched to Silesia and East Prussia will depend on the course of the diplomatic negotiations now proceeding, and the movement of units to Egypt will be determined by the provision of the necessary tonnage; but, in any event, the main bodies will probably not be required to embark before the middle of next month.

ARAB EXCESSES.

EMIR FEISUL PROMISES CORRECTION.

Emir Feisul, writing to Field Marshal Wilson in connection with the Arab occupation of Deirezzor, in Mesopotamia, repudiates personally and on behalf of the Arab Government all knowledge of or complicity in the outrage. He says he has telegraphed to his brother Emeer Zeid directing him to publish in the papers a communiqué declaring that those responsible for and the abettors of the outrage against their British Ally, will be punished as rebels. He has further instructed him to order any Arab official now at Deirezzor to withdraw, to release the British officers detained there, and to hand them over to the British authorities. Emir Feisul proposes to place the offenders already arrested at the disposal of the British authorities. He concludes by stating that he will be delighted to comply with any further action which the British authorities desire.

The Emir says he has no doubt that the outrage was committed by Ajeimi el Sadun and his party who are now acting for the Turks, their object being to sever relations between the Arab and British authorities.

BRITISH SHIP FOUNDERS IN MID-ATLANTIC.

A wireless message intercepted by the Camperdown Station (Halifax, Nova Scotia) reports that 43 of the crew of the British steamer "Manxman" have been lost through the vessel foundering in mid-Atlantic last Thursday morning. The captain, first mate, fourth engineer, and wireless operator were among those drowned. The other officers, the chief steward, and eleven of the crew are aboard the steamer "British Isles," which was due at New York yesterday. The "British Isles" sighted the "Manxman" on Wednesday, and stood by for twenty-four hours with a view to assisting her to port.

VERSUS PUSSYFOOT.

A largely attended meeting of Anti-Prohibitionists held at Nottingham on Sunday adopted a resolution protesting against the insolent interference of American agitators in Great Britain's domestic affairs.

Mr. Arthur Hayday, M.P., one of the principal officials of the National Union of General Workers, strongly condemned the underhanded and subtle nature of the tactics employed by foreign advocates of prohibition.

MARRIAGE OF DR. NANSEN.

The marriage took place at Christiania on Wednesday of Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, the famous Arctic explorer, formerly Norwegian Minister in London, and Mme. Sigrun Munthe, the widow of the famous painter, Gerhard Munthe.

ROSA LUXEMBURG'S MURDERER.

The German Government has asked the Hague to grant the extradition of ex-Lieutenant Vogel for the murder of Rosa Luxemburg. The request will be dealt with before a tribunal at Haarlem.

SUMMARY COURT.

BABY'S PRAM LINED WITH STOLEN SHIRTS.

While a raid was in progress at 84 Hacketauerstrasse, a civilian approached a military policeman and suggested that if a certain top room were searched there would be an interesting find. The room was accordingly searched, and quilts, blankets, cycle tubes and various other articles of clothing were found there, in addition to twelve pounds of bacon, five pounds of cheese, jam, tea and sugar and the inevitable Ruby Queen cigarettes. The cigarettes were found in a pillow and shirts were found in a pram underneath ababy. Different things were found in and under the beds, and the washing machine had also been used as a store.

One result of the raid was the appearance of the following persons, all charged with being in unlawful possession of Army property, and they were dealt with as stated: Paul Synnak, six weeks; Julius Synnak, three months; Felix Synnak, ten weeks; Engelbert Synnak similarly charged, did not appear.

It was stated that robberies had occurred in the district of late, including a set of chessmen from the Church Army. They were discovered in the miscellaneous loot.

FORBIDDEN WEAPONS.

For being in unlawful possession of arms, several offenders were smartly dealt with.

Charged with being in possession of a revolver, Eugen Asbeck, chauffeur of 25 Sparrstrasse, was given four months. A German policeman spotted him at 4 a.m., coming out of a house and arrested him for burglary. Accused had in his possession the revolver (unloaded) a dagger and a mask. In the German Courts Asbeck will be charged with house breaking.

Joseph Richman of 61 Freiheitsstrasse, Deutz, was also sent down for four months. He was found in possession of a revolver and is wanted by the civil courts for burglary. He declared that he suffered from shell-shock and said he found the revolver in the street.

Georg Kallinger, a nightwatchman, of 6 Schnurgasse, was charged with being in possession of a revolver, twelve rounds of ammunition and a bayonet. Accused asserted that he is watchman at the British stores in Johannisstrasse and he was not safe without weapons. Application had been made for him to carry arms but it had not been granted. He was fined 500 marks or one month imprisonment.

VARIOUS OFFENCES.

Jacob Kohl, of 41 Wahlenstrasse, Ehrenfeld, was charged with serving cognac to civilians at 11.10 p.m. He pleaded that it was merely a family party, but he was fined 500 marks or a month.

Conrad Dausner, 72 Ehrenstrasse, was given three months imprisonment for the theft of various articles from the R.A.O.C. Depot at Nippes, where he had been employed as a labourer.

The eating-house kept by Frau Klavoitch at 51 Kammergasse is "out of bounds," but the proprietress, though twice warned within a week, neglected to show the necessary card in the window. It was, as a matter of fact, found in a cupboard.

Accused, who said no soldiers visited her house, was fined 350 marks or fourteen days.

OFF-DUTY INSOLENCE.

A case in which a tramway official was charged with not saluting an officer, was adjourned.

The Presiding officer, addressing the representative of the tramways, and speaking from personal observation, said that in the Riehl neighbourhood their officials when off duty were very fond of not recognising British officers. The tramwaymen walked about with their hands in the pockets, smoking their pipes and ostentatiously ignored British officers. If that sort of thing continued, it would only lead to trouble.

The tramway representative said the Presiding Officer's remarks would be conveyed to the proper quarter.

FARTHING DAMAGES FOR EX-PREMIER.

The Federal High Court has awarded Mr. Ryan, ex-Premier of Queensland, one farthing damages against the Melbourne "Argus," which accused him of entering into a conspiracy with Germans and anti-Loyalists. Mr. Ryan claimed £10,000.

GERMAN DIPLOMATISTS FOR ITALY.

It is announced that Dr. Otto von Bergen and Baron von Ritter are going to Rome to represent Germany and Bavaria respectively.

The Holy Secretary proposes to send Monsignor Pacelli, now at Munich, to Berlin as Papal Nuncio.

COLONISING PALESTINE.

The Palestine Department of the Zionist Organisation estimates that the preliminary work alone to be done in Palestine before a start can be made with colonisation, will cost 25 millions.

U.S. COUNCIL OF TEN.

In the Senate, Senator Underwood has introduced a resolution for the United States to appoint a Committee of ten Senators to consider ways and means of arriving at a ratification of the Peace Treaty.

CANADA AND PEACE.

AMNESTY GRANTED TO ALL MILITARY PRISONERS.

The Canadian Dominion Government has abrogated all war time restrictions and Acts and ordered the release of all men in Canada convicted for military offences. Besides granting this amnesty to all military offenders the Order in Council directs that all prosecutions under the Military Service Act are to cease. War-time liquor restrictions will be discontinued from 1st January. While prohibition in the provinces will not be interfered with the Federal restrictions on the importation of liquor is removed.

Betting on horse race tracks, which was prohibited during the war, is now restored.

A DRY VOYAGE.

EX-GERMAN RECORD LINER REACHES ENGLAND.

The mammoth "Imperator," the first ex-German passenger boat to fly the British flag, arrived at Southampton on Sunday after a trip of eleven days, with nearly three thousand passengers.

Captain Smith, the old commander of the "Aquitania," who brought the vessel across, attributed the delay not so much to adverse weather as to the defective boilers and machinery, which badly needed overhauling, and the poor quality of the coal.

Owing to the refusal of the American authorities to release any liquor from bond the Imperator was a "dry" ship. Most of the passengers accepted the situation with equanimity.

RAILWAY COLLISION.

BRITISH EMIGRANTS KILLED.

A terrible railway accident is reported from Montreal, in which twenty-three were killed and fifty injured in a collision. The passengers included some returned Canadian soldiers and 300 immigrants, mainly English and Scottish, who arrived on Friday on the "Empress of France." The collision appears to have been due to a misunderstanding of orders, the engineer of a freight train not apparently realising that the passenger train was running in three sections.

A TASK FOR BOY SCOUTS.

General Sir Robert Baden-Powell wants the boy scouts of the Empire to do him a "good turn." He is asking them to search for ex-members of the South African Constabulary, of which he was Inspector-General. Many of these men were under Sir Robert's own command in Mafeking. In 1907 this force was disbanded. Its members dispersed all over the world. An Old Comrades' Association was formed, with branches in London and South Africa. Every year till 1914 a reunion was held in London. On the outbreak of war Sir Robert offered to raise and command a battalion of these men, but it was thought they would be of more use dispersed throughout the Army, where they would spread their spirit. When the annual reunion was held this year the muster was fewer than thirty. Sir Robert wants the boy scouts to help him to find the rest.

MINEOWNERS REPUDIATE STRIKE AGREEMENT.

After a conference with Mr. Palmer, the United States Attorney General, the bituminous mineowners issued a statement denying that they had agreed to the strike settlement as stated in Mr. Wilson's letter to the Commissioner. Mr. Palmer replied that it would be an amazing repudiation of their own statements if they failed to accept the settlement.

DRIFTING MINE DANGERS.

The ever-present danger of drifting mines is exemplified by the following telegrams. Lloyds Station at Stavanger reports that a Norwegian cutter has been sunk by a mine off the coast of Stavanger Province. Lloyds at Brisbane reports that a drifting mine has been found near Cookstown, Queensland, and another off Dove Island, Torres Straits. They probably drifted from New Zealand.

NEXT COVENT GARDEN BALL.

The glory of the old Covent Garden Balls will be revived on the 15th January when a fancy dress, poudre and uniform masked ball will be given at the Opera House in aid of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. It is to be a real revel and will be attended by leading notabilities of the social, Bohemian and theatrical worlds.

CHRISTMAS LEAVE.

For troops serving in France and Flanders and on the Rhine instructions have been issued that leave, which would normally expire on December 24, 25, 26, and 27, is to be extended till the 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st.

Captain Ross Smith has arrived safely at Camooweal Queensland.

Y.M.C.A. RHINE ARMY

XMAS IN THE HUTS

LOOK OUT FOR THESE FOUR SPECIAL FEATURES IN THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME:-

1. Christmas Entertainments in Y.M.C.A. Huts.
2. "Etceteras" Concert Party.
3. Mr. Herring, the Y.M.C.A. Conjurer.
4. Special Performances in Y.M.C.A. Cinemas.

The following are some of the Christmas Entertainments and Concerts arranged by the Y.M.C.A. for the Troops of the Rhine Army. Go to your nearest Y.M.C.A. Centre and find out full particulars:—

CHRISTMAS 1919.

Y.M.C.A. Centres.	Christmas Entertainment.	The "Etceteras" Concert Party.	Mr. Herring, Y.M.C.A. Conjurer
Cologne Central	New Year's Eve	Dec. 20 and Christmas Day (7 p.m.)	Jan. 1
School for British Children	Christmas Eve		—
No. 3 General Hospital	December 23	Dec. 31 (2.30 p.m.)	Jan. 16
No. 25 General Hospital	Christmas Day	Dec. 30 (2.30 p.m.)	Jan. 14
Mulheim Central Club	Christmas Eve	Dec. 30 (6.30 p.m.)	—
Mulheim Cinema	Dec. 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27. (Special Pictures).		Jan. 15
Ehrenfeld (Bakeries)	Christmas Day	Dec. 23 (6.30 p.m.)	Jan. 12
Ehrenfeld (M.T. Depot)	Boxing Day		—
Durham House	Dec. 27	Dec. 19 and Dec. 21 (6.30 p.m.)	Jan. 6
Marienburg	Christmas Day	Dec. 27 (6 p.m.)	Jan. 7
Deutz	Boxing Day.	Christmas Eve (6.30 p.m.)	Jan. 8
Kalk (Central Club)	New Year's Eve		—
Kalk (Cinema)	Dec. 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27. (Special Pictures)	Dec. 22 (6.30 p.m.)	Jan. 13
Wahn Barracks	Dec. 30.		Jan. 9
Lindenthal	Dec. 27.		Jan. 10
Wermelskirchen	Christmas Day	Jan. 1 (6.30 p.m.)	Jan. 21
Paffrath	Christmas Day		—
Solingen	Christmas Day	New Year's Eve (6.30 p.m.)	Jan. 20
Schlebusch	Christmas Day		Jan. 19
Opladen	Christmas Day		Jan. 17
Bonn	Christmas Day	Dec. 29 (6.30 p.m.)	Jan. 3
Troisdorf	Boxing Day		Jan. 2
Godesberg	Christmas Day		Jan. 5
Siegburg	Christmas Day		Jan. 22
Rotgen	Christmas Day	Boxing Day (6.30 p.m.)	—

Other Centres.

36 C.C.S.	Dec. 23rd (5 p.m.)
44 C.C.S.	Christm. Day (5pm)
B.E.L.C.	Dec. 28 (6.30 p.m.)

Owing to illness, Mr. Herring is unable to start his Programme before Jan. 1. Arrangements are being made whereby a Special Acrobatic Performance will take the place of his Conjuring Show in the huts where he was to have appeared between now and that date.

Y.M.C.A. H.Q.
RHINE ARMY.

DECEMBER, 22. 1919.

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FIELD, HUNTING & POLO BOOTS
Hand-Sewn Field Boots, Civilian Boots, Shoes and Pumps made to order and delivered to Germany in 18 days or in England in 10 days.

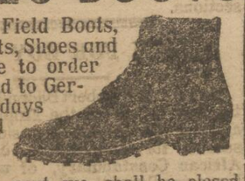

From To-day next we shall be closed during Xmas week.

N. A. C. B.
OFFICERS' CLUB
XMAS DAY
AND
NEW YEAR'S EVE
XMAS DINNER AND DANCE
AT THE
EWIGE LAMPE.
XMAS DINNER
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TICKETS 50 MARKS
TABLES SHOULD BE BOOKED EARLY.

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is holding a series of practice dances for past and present pupils on
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NEXT DANCE TUESDAY JAN. 6
For full particulars and tickets apply:
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ARMY AMUSEMENTS

On Xmas Day all Army Amusements will be open as usual and at the usual times.

DEUTSCHES THEATRE.
"The Knight of the Burning Pestle," at 6 p.m.

PALACE THEATRE.
Grand Variety Programme, at 6 p.m.

No. 2 CINEMA (Modernes Theatre)
Breite Strasse.
Finest Picture House in Germany.

No. 3 CINEMA (Panopticum)
Hohe Strasse.
The Acme of Comfort.
2.30 and 6 p.m. Daily.

SKATING RINK, 32 Komodien Strasse
5.30 to 9.30 p.m. Daily.

N.B. The Army Gymnasium will be closed on Xmas Day and Boxing Day.

INNISKILLING DRAGOONS PANTOMINE
JAN. 1. 1920
WATCH THESE COLUMNS.

Church of England Services in Cologne.

THE GARRISON CHURCH (C. of E.)
Schildergasse
Wednesday, Dec. 24th: S. Thomas, transferred).
HOLY COMMUNION: 8.00 hrs.
The clergy will be in church from 17.00 to 19.00 hrs.

Christmas Day, December 25th.
7.00 hrs. Holy Communion.
8.00 hrs. Holy Communion.
10.30 hrs. Parade Service.
11.30 hrs. Holy Communion.

CHURCH ARMY CHAPEL Hotel du Nord.
Holy Communion: Sundays 8.00.
Tuesdays 7.30. Thursdays 7.00.
Fridays 7.30.

Christmas Day.
6.00 hrs. Holy Communion.
8.00 hrs. Holy Communion.
9.30 hrs. Matins.
10.30 hrs. Holy Communion with hymns and address, Rev. L. D. Agate; M.A.
17.30 hrs. Evensong and address: Rev. L. D. Agate, M.A.

ARMY AMUSEMENTS

Deutsches Theatre, Bismarckstr.

Special Christmas production

Nightly until further notice,
THE BRITISH RHINE ARMY DRAMATIC COY in
"THE KNIGHT OF THE BURNING PESTLE"
a Costume Comedy of Merry England in four acts by BEAUMONT & FLETCRER.
BOOK AT AMUSEMENTS OFFICE.

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Nightly at 6 p.m.

SPECIAL VARIETY PROGRAMME
ARTISTES.
THE THREE VERSATILE
in song and story.
HAROLD WALTERS
Baritone.
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The World's Worst Wizards.
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Comedy Musician Act.
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One Act Farce, entitled
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ALFRED BARKER
The English Violinist.
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ARMY SKATING RINK.
NOW OPEN. This week, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday other ranks and wives only 5.30 to 9.30.
Friday Officers and wives 3.30 to 10.0
Skates provided. Cloak Room Accommodation for spectators: Mugs' Alley for Beginners. Commencing shortly, Teas and refreshments will be served on the Balcony.

No 1 Cinema is now closed.

No: 2 ARMY CINEMA.
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Finest Picture House in Germany.

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The acme of comfort.
ALL COMMENCE AT 6 O'CLOCK.
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Open daily (Sundays excepted)
Officers 2 to 4 p.m. O.R's. 5 to 8 p.m.
Fully equipped.
Badminton, Boxing, Basket Ball etc.,
Staff Instructor in attendance.

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Tuesday, December 23, 1919.

BRITAIN'S YOUNG MEN.

The air has claimed yet another distinguished victim. Sir John Alcock, the hero of tho wonderful Atlantic flight, is the latest addition to the ever-increasing list of great pioneers of the air, for they are still that, who have sacrificed themselves in the great effort of civilisation to procure the mastery of the skies.

The news of his death came as a severe shock to the whole world, for his wonderful feat in successfully defying the manifold perils of the Atlantic had penetrated to the most remote quarters of the globe, and had called forth the unstinted admiration which such an act of reckless bravery and almost unprecedented risk of death rightfully claims.

It seems an irony of fate that he should have successfully overcome the difficulties of the greatest adventure of the air only to meet his death in the now everyday enterprise of essaying a trip to Paris.

The passing of this gallant pilot calls vividly to mind the widespread sorrow and regret ocasioned by the news of the death of other brilliant flying men during the war.

When Ball and McCudden eventually fell after a series of miraculous exploits we all felt that we had sustained a personal loss. But even the risks of war in the air, and we all know how real they were, cannot, we suggest, be said to exceed those taken by the late Sir John Alcock when he set out from America to attempt, what many described as, the impossible.

This calamity is yet further proof of the fact that we are still a long way off the realisation of the dream of complete air mastery. While flying under favourable climatic conditions can now be said to be as safe as other means of travel, as evidenced by statistics which have been recently published, the aeroplane is still far from stable and reliable in unfavourable weather.

The best brains of the nation are concentrating in the endeavour to overcome the difficulties which still stand in the path of complete success and, given time, they may be relied upon to find the solution.

A LEARNED GROCER.

MANKIND 900,000 YEARS AGO.

The life of Benjamin Harrison, the village grocer of Ightham, is a wonderful example of the triumph of a man of brain, and grit over the difficulties which beset his path, and apparently barred the way to his desired goal.

Mr. Harrison was born in Ightam, one of the prettiest of pretty Kent villages, the son of the village grocer; and his grandfather was grocer before him. There were two young Harrisons, of which Benjamin was the younger, and in accordance with tradition the grocery business was to be taken over by the elder son. This suited the view of the younger exactly, for his one great idea was to see all the world, to explore its distant corners.

However, the elder son's health gave way and he had to go abroad permanently so Benjamin had to take over the village grocery. Thus his hopes of foreign exploration were defeated.

Mr. Harrison, however, was not to be floored so easily and, as he explained to the present writer, he determined to explore thoroughly the Kentish valley in which he lived. Success attended his efforts, and he soon found large numbers of the flint instruments made and used by the men who inhabited Kent in the Paleolithic Age—thousands of years ago.

Thus encouraged, he carried on, and found, in the old river-bed, gravels 800 feet above the present sea level, some ruder shaped flints which bore evidence in the shaping of having been chipped and used by man. These were named "Eoliths" (or stones of the "dawn" age) and for many years the most famous geologists of the whole continent discussed, fervidly, the question as to whether man, or nature, had shaped them.

Finally they were generally accepted as being man-made, some 200,000 to 900,000 years ago, and the village grocer of Ightnam became famous. Science men the world over have visited the wonderful collection of flint instruments which he has made and lovingly arranged in his village home.

H. G. Wells in his "New History of the World" describes him as "one of those modest and devoted observers to whom British geology owes so much, In his book, "Prehistoric Times", Lord Avebury says, "Mr. Harrison has found on the summit of the Kentish Downs, near Igh ham, a certain number of Palaeoli hic implements.. and a much larger number of very rude specimens. so rude indeed that their claim to classification as worked implements is disputed by some high authorities. Many of them are, however, as it seems to me, undoubtedly worked."

Mr. Harrison celebrated his 82nd birthday on Sunday last, and although somewhat deaf still works away at his beloved and world famous collection.

Thus a village boy with few opportunities and with no great fund of learning to begin with, but taught to observe and to think, has raised himself to a place on the highest platform of Science.

W.E.R.

GEORGE ON ROLLERS.

"There's no fool like an old fool."

It all arose through George. George is a few years my senior; therefore he can lay claim to being a bigger fool than I am.

We had visited one of those charming establishments where one may obtain anything from a battleship to a packet of pins, and where payment for same is made a secondary consideration.

George was endeavouring to find a suitable gift as a peace offering to one in Blighty who was anxiously awaiting his return.

It was while I had my back turned that George first noticed the cause of what was subsequently to become a thorn in my side.

If I had known as much then as I do now, I would have promptly hit George over the head with a model tank that was lying handy, and carried him home. But my luck was out.

"See them, Jim", he said, pointing to a case full of nice bright roller skates. I saw, and wondered.

"Do you skate, George?" I enquired in a weak moment.

"Rather", he replied. "What do you say to buying a pair and coming down to the new rink in Komödienstrasse? I'll hold you up and teach you."

George has rather a wheedling way with him, and my powers of resistance were never very strong. My bank balance has often been sadly depleted by members of the fair sex.

But George seemed so confident, and I felt as if I had a strong supporting pillar to rely on as we made our way to the rink.

How soon was I to be disillusioned.

Knowing nothing of these things I took it to be a sort of preliminary canter on his part when after a gigantic half an hour's struggle in adjusting the skates he at length managed to attach them to his feet with the aid of sundry pieces of string and proceeded to test their running powers.

An agonised yell from George and a confused jumble of arms and legs out on the rink attracted my attention.

My courage began to ooze. George as a pillar of support seemed to be growing somewhat rickety.

Having expounded his theory he proceeded on a somewhat erratic course down the rink, leaving a trail of victims in his wake.

He arrived back to where I waited for my first lesson, with a triumphant smile on his face, and enquired of me, "Are you ready?"

I began to wish the floor would open and swallow me up.

But I could not possibly back out now. I must do or die, possibly both.

With a determined look on my face like an explorer going out into the unknown I launched forth.

The next five minutes remain in my mind as a confused jumble. George lost all interest in the proceedings quite early, as was only natural when one attempts to skate on the back of the head.

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Has anyone got a large size in tin hats to lend George.

He has to parade in battle order tomorrow, and the ordinary size will not fit him now.

For myself I am determined to head a revolution in Mexico when I'm demobilized. It's much safer.

HAWKEYE.

THE GREAT STEENBECK MYSTERY.

A DRAMATIC TALE OF THE GREAT WAR AND COLOGNE.

It was a rainy cheerless evening in the Ypres salient in the autumn of '17, and the mud and shell-holes had almost disappeared beneath a sea of unruffled waters. Above the German lines, coloured lights shot at intervals in the inky heavens—the only reminders that a more beautiful world existed somewhere in the past and might some day, God willing, exist again.

The firing of the guns was desultory in the extreme, but within a pill-box, not many thousands of yards from the Steenbeck, which served as an advanced dressing as well as a wireless station, a handful of men were quietly preparing against the night.

At zero, the British infantry on the other side of the hollow, wherein the Steenbeck ran, were to advance, and fairly heavy casualties were anticipated as "stormtruppen" were opposite and in ominous numbers.

At the appointed hour the barrage opened; hearts beat high; the general excitement was intense.

From the little passage in the pill-box the inmates in turn viewed the battle with suppressed emotion, the things that were not seen being infinitely more awe-inspiring than the things which were seen.

Then the first of the mournful procession of stretcher bearers, husky and perspiring, began to arrive. In whispers the Doctor gave his directions to the R.A.M.C. sergeant and together they worked like Trojans. Some were already having their Pisgah view of Palestine, a quiet unearthly serenity stealing over their countenances, others were moaning pitifully in a painful stupor.

"Here's a 'Jerry'," whispered one of the R.A.M.C. men in the dressing station, as a coat of dirty grey dimly appeared on a stretcher in the candle-light. "He seems to be pretty far away with it."

As he lay there, he seemed to be engaged in a subdued conversation, and in his eyes, peeping between the folds of bandage, there danced a light and shade which seemed to indicate an alternate inward peace and discord. In the mature opinion of one spiritualistic member of the little party the German was in communication with distant friends.

After treatment, he was carried out into the sulphur-laden night and conveyed to the next dressing station further down the line. In the midst of other labours he was speedily forgotten about by all in the pill-box except the spiritualistic Tommy, who continued to ruminate over the incident for many moons. The fact that the "conversation" was carried on while the German was alive, being a source of great and increasing mystification.

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Fully a year later, on Christmas eve, 1918, to be precise, a little company of British Tommies, characteristically convivial, found themselves on that night of nights in a German café in Cologne. So convivial were they that they imagined themselves more musical than the orchestra, whom they proceeded to supplant without much ceremony. A playful and good-humoured fracas ensued, during which one of the British gently flicked a German violinist's face.

Blood began to flow copiously down the hitherto lily-white shirt-front of the fiddler, who was now rapidly assuming the appearance of a scarlet pimpernel. A frantic fraulein appeared, and in broken English excitedly explained that her friend the unfortunate violinist bore the marks of honourable warfare on his left cheek (to say nothing of the iron cross on his breast), and that it ill became a gentleman to open the wounds.

"Left cheek," interjected our spiritualis friend to the violinist, "where did you receive that wound, may I ask?"

"At Beaumont Hamel on November 13th, 1916," he stolidly replied.

The interrogator felt nonplussed, but continued, "it wasn't by any chance near Poelcapelle in the autumn of 1917?"

"Nein, mein Herr," he answered, "but I had a brother who was fatally wounded there and who is now in a better world."

"Indeed," said the spiritualistic Sherlock slowly warming to his subject, "and was he badly smashed in the left cheek?"

"He was."

"Do you know if anyone has been in communication with him since he left this troubled vale?"

"I have," replied the violinist. "Through a spiritualistic medium I have enjoyed many interesting, not to say profitable, conversations with him."

"Look here, Fritz," said the man in khaki enthusiastically, "I should like you to ask your departed brother a number of pertinent questions. Can you arrange a meeting where you, the medium and myself can attend?"

"Nothing easier, provided—"

"Provided what?"

"You can give me ten packets of English cigarettes and a hundred marks, and the medium 20 packets of English cigarettes and two hundred marks.

"That's a bargain," said the Briton, who on fixing a rendezvous and a suitable time for the service and the handing over of the price, rejoined his noisy friends.

When at length the eagerly awaited day of the meeting arrived, the indefatigable investigator of the Great Steenbeck Spiritualistic Mystery had evolved numerous questions with a view to unravelling a problem that had baffled him for months. Were all the questions satisfactorily answered, he maintained, or even half of them, all mystery would immediately vanish.

The large apartment for the seance was dimly lit by a lamp surmounted by a shade of dark greenish hue, and a peculiar odour filled the room.

Then the questions and answers began. For three quarters of an hour the medium was given queries, which he passed on to another world, receiving in reply to each, very satisfactory and amazingly plausible answers. Tommy was wonderfully well satisfied, though the problem of the passing of a message from a person on this side of Jordan still remained unsolved.

When the sitting was over the interrogator approached the Germans to bid them good-night and chanced to catch a ray of light on the face of the medium as he hurried mysteriously from the room. Heavens! there was the mark of a gash beneath the left cheek-bone! And—equally astounding—his hair was red!

Y.W.O.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

THE SKATING RINK.

Sir,—May I suggest that some form of barrier or bannister should be provided at the Cologne skating rink?

When there is but a small crowd there, the deficiency is not so apparent, but with a "maddening throng" present the lack of some form of support not only renders it difficult for absolute beginners but dangerous for all skaters.

"Mugs' Alley" should, in my opinion, be divided by a handrail from the main rink with a good sized gap at each end to skate through.

FLORENCE.

PRICE MARKINGS.

Sir,—Once again German tradesmen are dropping back in their old ways. We know the temptation to profiteer at the expense of Christmas shoppers but they need reminding of the regulation in force regarding the pricing of articles on sale.

Take a walk down a main street in Cologne and see how much it is being observed. True, there are small tickets attached to the majority of articles, but these often enough bear a variety of figures, and the upshot of it is that a Tommy is called upon to pay just what the snopkeeper fancies.

The remedy is in the hands of the shopper.

OFFICER.

WHEN TO SALUTE.

Sir,—Ventilation giving to the subject of swagger dress is to my mind long overdue and one which will commend itself to members of the British Army of the old school.

After viewing the Saturday evening parade in and about Hohe Strasse I am led to wonder what our friends of the regular army will think when they again make their appearance on the Rhine.

Amongst the lowlier rank there seems a general desire to outdo one another in the matter of "posiness" of a non-regimental type. Some do not seem satisfied with the regimental dress as originally designed and have embarked on fancied schemes of their own which, while they may appeal to their vanity, are totally out of place.

OBSERVER.

PRICES AND PRICES.

Sir,—I should like to support the complaint of your correspondent with regard to prices as charged at the N.A.C.B. Clubs Nos. 1 and 2.

I leave it to your readers to draw their own conclusions but there is no getting away from the fact that at one club there is much better service, more comfort, and a lower scale of charges for various dishes.

Why should this be? I presume they are under the same management and possess the same facilities for obtaining eatables and the like. Why then should there be a variation in the charges?

GERTIE.

A RANKER'S PLAINT.

Sir,—As one who is unconcerned as to the issue raised by "Ranker" I would like to express my disapproval of the sentiments expressed by "One of em."

As a former ranker and commissioned officer, I contend that whatever the relations on the parade ground between W.O., N.C.O., and men there is no necessity to carry that discipline into canteens and meeting places. If it is contended that it is, then W. O.'s and N. C. O's should make use of the premises provided for them and leave the Canteens for those of lowlier rank.

To remind "Ranker" of any difference in rank savours of snobbery and bad taste.

EX-MAJOR.

SILLY FILMS.

Sir,—"A Picture Goer" makes a mistake in his reply to "Man in the Street," in that he uses the word British in reference to the films seen in English cinemas.

He must remember that 99 per cent. of films seen in our cinemas are American, not British, productions.

I quite agree with him; we are far ahead of the Germans in the film industry, and are gradually drawing ahead of the Yanks. In reference to his paragraph, re immoral films, has he seen "The Cannibals", which is a recent British production? If so I would like to hear his opinion of an immoral film.

CINEMA MANAGER.

A CASE FOR ACTION.

Sir,—I am pleased to see that someone has taken up the matter with regard to the booking of opera seats. I believe correspondence arose upon the subject some time ago, but in a different light.

I quite agree with "Hopeful" that it is very unpleasant to have to stand in a queue waiting for tickets, especially in inclement weather, but I also think that those who are unable to get to the Amusements Office through pressure of business should be catered for. We are not all like those people who have nothing to do, and all day to do it in. We have to work.

I can quote occasions when I have telephoned nine times during the morning, and when eventually I found the box office disengaged, I was politely informed that there were no seats left. That was in the days when booking was carried on at the Opera House.

I would suggest that two clerks be employed on the booking for the Opera—one to deal with the queue, and the other with the telephone; this would be of great use, and not only would the people all get served in turn, but they would also be attended to much quicker.

WAGNERIAN.

YOU.

Thou art so good, so pure, thy heart and soul
So noble, so divine;
I walk in fear, in dread, by day and night
Because God made thee mine.

Thou art so just, so white, thy virgin love
So sacred, so supreme;
When thou art near, I feel the burning fires
That set my soul a Dream.

Thou art so fair, so dear, thy faithful trust
So brimming, so complete;
I bring my life, my love, my strength, my all
To set them at thy feet.

T. M. SCORE.

THE LOCAL LEAGUES.

Rhine Garrison and H.Q. Matches on Saturday.

ONE-SIDED CONTESTS.

The Rhine Army Headquarters Troops League is attracting considerable interest. The opening games were played on Saturday when the Rhine Flotilla, Transportation, and the Police were severely trounced by the V.R.P., C.P.O. and R.E. Signals respectively.

The Royal Engineers having withdrawn from the league, the Rhine Army Siege Park have been admitted and will take over the fixtures.

Saturday's results were as follows:—

G.H.Q.	1.	R.A.C.O.	0.
V.R.P.	8.	Rhine Flotilla	1.
R.A.M.C.	2.	20 M.A.C.	0.
Tank Bn.	3.	Vety. & Remounts	2.
CommandPayOffice	8.	Transportation	0.
R.A.S.C.	2.	R.A.F.	1.
R.E. Signals	5.	Police	0.

GARRISON LEAGUE.

The Rhine Garrison League commenced its matches three days earlier, and the results have already been published in these columns. Information and fixtures in connection with both these leagues will be given in the "Cologne Post" from time to time. Reports of matches played are appended.

Rhine Signal Batt. v. Police.

The Police kicked off before a good sized crowd at Riehl on Saturday and attacked strongly, but could not get past Lieut. Ost, the left back, who relieved with strong kicks. The signals took some time to settle down, but soon got going and scored a fine goal through Mead after some clever passing.

A few minutes later Signals scored a second goal, after a brilliant run and shot by Dedman, which the goalkeeper practically saved.

The police rallied after this and got well in range of their opponents' goal, but lacked finish. Their forwards displayed little understanding. A third goal was not long in coming to the Sigs., it being put through by one of the Police men while trying to clear.

Half time arrived with Signals leading by 3-0.

ONE-SIDED GAME.

The second half was all in the Signals' favour, indeed their backs very seldom had to fall behind the half-way line.

Two more goals were scored by Lieut. Land, who played with a tremendous amount of energy and skill. The end of a most interesting though rather one-sided match came with the Signal Battalion winning by five clear goals.

The Police are a strapping lot of fellows, and at times they showed that they are capable of much better things. They have plenty of stamina and never acknowledged defeat although obviously outplayed. Their goalkeeper deserves special mention He saved several very hot shots in splendid style.

The Signals' team was good all round. The goalie had little to do, but what he did was good. At back Lieut. Ost was a power of strength. His height, combined with his experience, makes him a very difficult obstacle to the opposing forwards. The half backs were all good. Lieut. Allen, when he gets accustomed to centre, will make his mark. Walsh is good but leaves his position too much. Forward the Signals are very strong; the three inside men work splendidly together and gave the opposing centre half a very bad time. One might have thought they had played together for years instead of only a few weeks. The best of a good line were Dedman and Mead. On Saturday's form the signal team will want a lot of beating.

VI CORPS AMMUNITION COLUMN.

No. 1 SECTION v. No. 2 SECTION.

The above teams met at Berg Gladbach on Saturday in a qualifying round of VI Corps R.A. Football Competition.

The game opened in good style and No. 1 were the first to attack, but No. 2 soon carried the play into their opponents half, and a ding dong struggle ensued, first one goal and then the other being visited.

The defences on both sides were playing a sterling game. No. 2 at once returned to the attack and a fine movement on the part of the left wing forwards ended in Gunner Wilson opening the score for his side. The struggle still continued and during an attack by No. 1 Lieut. Gilbert was unfortunate enough to head through his own goal.

In the second half Gunner Malcolm gave his side the lead with a fine shot. No. 1 continued to have the better of the play and Bdr. Hannaway further increased their lead, and Gunner Malcolm scored again for No. 1. No further scoring took place and No. 1 ran out winners of a good game by 4 goals to 1.

GARRISON LEAGUE TABLE.

UNIT.	Pld	Won.	Lost	Drn.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
187th Brigade, R.F.A	1	1	—	—	14	—	2
Rhine B.A.C.	1	1	—	—	3	1	2
121st H. Bty. R.G.A.	1	1	—	—	3	2	2
11th Bn. "Queens"	1	1	—	—	2	1	2
52nd North'd Fus.	1	1	—	—	2	1	2
6th Inniskilling Dragoons	1	—	—	1	1	1	1
41st M.G.C.	1	—	—	1	1	1	1
51st Rifle Bde.	1	—	—	1	1	1	1
52nd Rifle Bde.	1	—	—	1	1	1	1
231st Field Co. R.E.	1	—	—	1	—	—	1
51st North'd Fus.	1	—	—	1	—	—	1
142nd Field Ambulance	1	—	1	—	1	2	—
23rd Royal Fus.	1	—	1	—	1	2	—
19th Bn. Middlesex Regt.	1	—	1	—	2	3	—
140th Field Ambulance	1	—	1	—	1	3	—
Camp Commdt.	1	—	1	—	—	14	—
Rhine Garrison Train	Not yet played.						
Rhine Garrison M.T. Comp.							

OPERATION ON BASHAM.

Johnny Basham, the welter-weight champion, is about to undergo a slight operation to his ear.

A BRILLIANT KEEPER.

11th Queens v. Rhine Garrison M. T. Coy.

The 11th Queens met the Rhine Garrison Mechanical Transport Coy. on Saturday on Germania strasse football ground, Kalk.

The Mechanical Transport, having won the toss, the Queens kicked off and put in a shot which hit the goal post. A few minutes later Sgt. Argent put in another hot shot which the goalkeeper saved but could not clear and Sgt. Argent scored on his second attempt.

The pressure after the kick off was maintained on the M.T. goal and culminated in a corner from which the Mechanical Transport managed to obtain a break-away. They very nearly succeeded in scoring, the ball passing in front of an open goal.

After this narrow shave, the Queens once again continued to bombard the Mechanical Transport goal, and it was only the brilliant goalkeeping of Lieut. Clark which prevented the Queens scoring. Half time arrived with the Queens leading 1—0.

SOUND KEEPING.

On the change over the Queens immediately assumed the attack, and Sgt. Ellerby tried a long shot which the goalkeeper saved and shortly afterwards the upright was hit twice in quick succession The pressure was maintained and Lieut. Clark brought off some remarkably good saves. The Mechanical Transport again made an effort to break through, but their outside right was brilliantly tackled by Pte. Goodwin. He passed the ball to Lieut. Bratchell, who ran through and scored a brilliant goal for the Queens which gave Clark no chance.

The Queens still continued to keep a great pressure on the M.T. but could not manage to increase the score, and the whistle went leaving them winners 2—0.

Lieut. Clark, for the Mechanical Transport, gave a really splendid display of goal keeping and it was owing to him that the score was only 2-0. The Queen's defence was very sound but their forwards seemed to forget when they had possession that there were some other forwards to pass too.

11th Queens team: Sgt. Daniels; Pte. Morris and Pte Saville; Pte. Ginger, Lieut. Bratchell and Pte. Goodwin; Pte. Luttrell, Sgt. Ellerby, Sgt. Argent, L/Cpl. Osborn and Pte. Ray.

Command Pay Office Trounce Transportation.

Played on the Amsterdamer Strasse ground on Saturday and resulted in a win for the former team by 8—0.

The Command were soon in evidence with some fine play, Partridge scoring with a great drive from the touch line. The score was quickly increased by White with a cross shot.

The Transport team played well but were unable to pierce a sound defence. A break through enabled them to increase the Command's lead which was followed by a fourth from Sutton, the result of a free kick.

In the second half play was again in favour of the Command. The opposing goalie in trying to save the fifth goal from Brown was badly injured and had to leave the ground. Further goals were added by Telling, 2, and Partridge.

The Transport team gave a better display than the score suggests, and were well saved at right back, inside right and centre forward.

WELL-MATCHED TEAMS.

R.A.S.C. Defeat R.A.F. by the odd Goal in three.

The above match took place at Ostheim on Saturday in dull weather on a very heavy ground.

The teams were pretty well matched and a well contested game left the R.A.S.C. the winners by the odd goal in three. Pte. Simpson for the R.A.S.C., after a long run in which he beat three opponents, scored from the left wing giving the goalie no chance. The R.A.F. continued to press towards the close of the game but failed to penetrate the solid defence of the R.A.S.C.

RHINE GARRISON CUP TIE.

1st ROUND.

The first round of Rhine Garrison Cup Tie will be played off on Wednesday 24th December as follows:

	Grounds.
Camp Commandant.	19th Middlesex Barracks.
19th Bn. Middlesex Regt. (P.)	Germania Strasse.
231st Field Coy. R.E.	52nd Rifle Brigade Ground.
11th Bn. Queens R.W.S. Regt.	121st Heavy Bty. R.G.A.
52nd Bn. Rifle Brigade.	Ground Bonne, Amsterdamerstr.
51st Northumberland Fusiliers.	Westhoven.
121st Heavy Battery R.G.A.	Stadtwald, Lindenthal.
140th Field Ambulance.	Poller Wiesen.
187th Bde. R.F.A.	41st Bn. M.G.C. Ground.
51st Bn. Rifle Brigade.	
Rhine Garrison Bde. Ammn.Col.	
6th Inniskilling Dragoons.	
52nd Northumberland Fusiliers.	
Rhine Garrison Train.	
142nd Field Ambulance.	
23rd Bn. Royal Fusiliers.	
41st Bn. M.G.C.	
Rhine Garrison M.T. Coy.	

BANDSMAN RICE BEATEN.

At the Nouveau Cirque, Paris, on Saturday, the French heavy-weight Journee defeated Bandsman Rice on points.

BRADFORD'S SHOCK.

Barnsley's Sensational Defeat of the 'Spurs.

THE ENGLISH CUP.

Saturday's results provided another crop of surprises and the sensation of Division 1 was the success of Notts County at Bradford. The Notts' men have a fine record of wins at Valley Parade and they added to this, though only by the odd goal in seven. The Villa are steadily mounting, and their three goals against Oldham reads well. Bolton took a point from the Rovers, a smart performance considering the Ewood men's improved form and the Arsenal managed at last to win at home.

Newcastle disappointed at Manchester where the Old Trafford lot secured both points. A draw was a fitting result at Liverpool where the local rivals met, whilst the conquering "Throstles" continued their chain of successes by defeating the "Rams" of Derby. Sunderland and Burnley both won, so there was no change among the leaders.

SECOND LEAGUE.

Barnsley are a great force at Oakwell and they demonstrated to the "Spurs" how their style can upset calculated movements. It was a great day for Barnsley folk, and enthusiasm reached fever heat when the home team scored four minutes from the start. Downs played a great game and the defender was a great factor in his side's success.

Birmingham did well to win at Grimsby, and Huddersfield accounted for West Ham before their best gate this season. Coventry could do everything but score against Clapton. Three goals disallowed and a sparkling display gives an idea of how unfortunate they are in missing that long-looked-for victory.

Stoke and Hull City both received nasty jars, the former, especially, when failing at Leicester.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Only one game played in this competition. Swindon faced Crystal Palace and a draw about represented the run of the play.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Celtic found Dumbarton a handful at Boghead and the home team gave them some anxious moments. The draw flatters Celtic.

Hearts were surprised at home by St. Mirren and Hibernians did well to take a point from Aberdeen. Morton put up the biggest score of the day and Rangers were full value for their win at Ibrox where Hamilton opposed them.

THE CUP TIES

The most sensational happenings in the final qualifying round was the success of the North Eastern League teams, Darlington and West Stanley.

Darlington beat Norwich 5—0, and the "Canaries" created a bad impression by their doubtful tactics, while West Stanley accounted for Rotherham. Newport had a narrow win over Exeter City but the surprise of the South was Watford's failure at Southend.

For the Southern League leaders to get beaten by a team with only five wins to its credit was a bitter blow for the Londoners.

Luton had a surprise win at Brighton and Gillingham put up a great fight against Swansea: a penalty gave them the right to fight again.

Appended are the results.

The League.—Division I.			
Arsenal	3	Sheffield Wednesday	1
Aston Villa	3	Oldham Athletic	0
Blackburn Rov.	2	Bolton Wanderers	2
Bradford City	3	Notts County	4
Derby County	0	West Bromwich Alb.	4
Everton	0	Liverpool	0
Manchester United	2	Newcastle United	1
Middlesbrough	1	Bradford	2
Preston N. E.	0	Burnley	1
Sheffield United	3	Chelsea	1
Sunderland	2	Manchester City	1
The League.—Division II.			
Barnsley	3	Tottenham Hotspur	0
Bristol City	0	Blackpool	0
Bury	3	Lincoln City	0
Coventry City	0	Clapton Orient	0
Grimsby Town	0	Birmingham	3
Huddersfield Town	2	West Ham United	0
Leicester City	3	Stoke	1
Stockport County	1	South Shields	0
Wolverhampton W.	4	Hull City	2
Southern League.			
Swindon	2	Crystal Palace	2
Scottish League.—Division I.			
Aberdeen	1	Hibernians	1
Albion Rovers	2	Falkirk	1
Clyde	0	Airdrieonians	2
Dumbarton	0	Celtic	0
Hearts	1	St. Mirren	2
Kilmarnock	2	Partick Thistle	0
Greenock Morton	5	Third Lanark	1
Motherwell	3	Clydebank	2
Queen's Park	3	Dundee	2
Raith Rovers	2	Ayr United	1
Glasgow Rangers	4	Hamilton Academic	1
F.A. Cup.			
Brighton and Hove	0	Luton	1
Castle ord Town	3	London Caledonians	2
Darlington	5	Norwich City	0
Gillingham	1	Swansea	1
Hednesford Town	2	Gnome Athletic	2
Northampton	2	Bristol Rovers	2
Newport County	1	Exeter City	0
Port Vale	4	Loughborough Corin.	0
South Liverpool	1	Rochdale	2
*Thornycroft's (Woolston)	4	Sheppey United	0
West Stanley	1	Rotherham County	0
Southend	1	Watford	0

*Played on Southampton's ground.

FOOTBALL AND WORK.

Chambers of Commerce in Lancashire have received letters from the Birmingham Chamber protesting against midweek football matches, and the Burnley Chamber has supported the objection.

The letter instances the replay of the West Bromwich and Aston Villa match at Birmingham, which disorganised industry. At one firm 75 per cent. of the operatives applied to cease work at midday, with a promise that they would make up the time. If the request had been refused French leave would have been taken, so it was necessary to close down the whole works for half a day.

WILLIAM MEREDITH.

Despite reports to the contrary, the deadlock between William Meredith, the international footballer, and his club, Manchester United F.C., still continues, though offers for a settlement have been made.

A REMINISCENCE.

Indian Sport Incident recalled by London Fight.

EURASIAN "COCHRAN".

The report in "The Cologne Post" on the Carpentier-Beckett contest has vividly brought back to my mind one of the greatest events in the sporting history of the world, writes a correspondent I refer to the great wrestling match by Abdul Karim versus Herr Schmidt, fought about 1905 in Mela Ram's Tank, Lahore, British India.

For a month before the event, a tikka-gharry (Indian hired carriage) with a discordant cornet inside and a big drum on the roof outside was distributing hand-bills throughout the city of Lahore and its suburbs.

The local "Cochran", a Eurasian second-hand furniture dealer, with the help of some of the native millionaires of Lahore, had put up a purse of 8,000 rupees, 5,000 to go to winner and 3,000 to the loser.

IN BATHING TANK.

The "venue", Mela Ram's Tank, is one of those bathing tanks erected in many places in India by pious persons for the convenience of pious pilgrims, in this case a square amphitheatre-like brick structure with flights of steps on all sides leading down to the water and with open colonnades all round. The place was well adapted to the purpose. By kind permission of the City Fathers the water was pumped out of the tank into an irrigation canal running alongside; the sediment at the bottom was by the Indian sun soon converted into a thick dry layer of dust and sand, forming, in the eyes of a native of India, an ideal arena for a wrestling-match.

The excitement in the city of Lahore ran high. Such a contest between a European and a "kala admi" had never been heard of. It was not going to be one of your ordinary two penny-halfpenny exhibitions. None of your Anna tickets! No! First seats, upholstered chairs (the upholstering a little gone) Rupees 25 each; 2nd seats (rush-bottomed morahs) Rupees 20, and so down to 1 Rupee; nothing lower than one Rupee!

POLICE REFEREES.

On the appointed day thousands of natives took their seats. The place was crowded Hundreds sat even on the roofs of the colonnades. Among a sprinkling of Europeans the two most prominent persons were the Deputy-Commissioner of Lahore and the Superintendent of Police. These were present partly, with a posse of native constables, to preserve order, partly to see fair play, in fact to act as referees.

A few minor events were first gone through. When it came to the chief event, the excitement ran fever-high. Abdul Karim (well known as champion wrestler of India) and Herr Schmidt (whom nobody had ever heard of before) faced each other. The Deputy-Commissioner gave the word, and—in less than 5 seconds Herr Schmidt was lying flat on his back on the sand of the arena.

There was a hush.

Presently the Deputy-Commissioner burst out:—"Well, I never!"

The Superintendent of Police said:—"By Jingo!"

And the whole assembly exclaimed:—"Wah! Wah!"

TURKISH DELIGHT.

Suddenly the crowd realized that the contest was over and that Abdul Karim had won. Then pandemonium broke loose. Turkish caps, turbans, even shoes were hurled on high.

It was a stunner! It was the most sensational match in sporting annals! Only the pen of a Mark Twain or an Aliph Cheem could have done justice to it.

As the thousands streamed out of the enclosure, the event was volubly discussed in all its bearings. The breast of Young India swelled with pride: Abdul Karim had beaten Herr Schmidt! Asia had beaten Europe! A few of the spectators said nothing, but thought a great deal. I have been told that many of those who went and paid were called disrespectful names by those of their friends who stayed away, a proceeding entirely uncalled-for; for who could have foretold that Asia would defeat Europe in such fashion?

It only remains to record that Herr Schmidt (with 3000 rupees in his pocket) left Lahore by the next train and was never heard of again.

Rumour has it that the second-hand furniture-dealer's syndicate made 20,000 Rupees out of the job.

EXILE.

INDIAN CRICKET.

Hindus' easy victory in Annual Tournament.

A delayed Reuter's telegram from Bombay states that the annual cricket tournament between Europeans, Hindus, Mohammedans and Parsis ended on Dec. 10th, when the Hindus defeated the Mohammedans in the final by an innings and six runs.

This year the tournament was played at Bombay. The weather was cold and consequently the wicket very hard; this assisted the bowlers and the scores were low. The only century of the competition was made by a Hindu named Vithal.

In the first game the Hindus, after being behind on the first innings, gained a meritorious victory over the Parsis by six wickets. The second game between the Mohammedans and Europeans provided a very keen struggle. The European team included F. A. Tarrant, a former Middlesex player, Lieut.-Col. J. G. Greig, Major K. O. Goldie, the brothers Captain and Major Weigall, and Lieut. J. H. Parsons. With five wickets in hand in the second innings the Europeans needed only thirty-seven runs to win. But a sensational collapse occurred, and the Mohammedans won by 24 runs.

In the final match the Mohammedans were completely outplayed by the Hindus. Scores:—First match, Parsis 167 and 164; Hindus 119 and 213 for four. Second match:—Mohammedans 194 and 126; Europeans 156 and 130. Final Mohammedans 149 and 97; Hindus 252.

OUR BUMPER CONTEST.

3,707 Marks the Gross Total for Christmas Competition.

RESULT ON THURSDAY.

To-day we are able to announce that the total subscribed for No. 13 football contest was 3,207 marks and to this total in accordance with our special offer we are adding a further five hundred marks, making the aggregate 3,707 marks. Our hopes that this contest would be a record have been fully realised. Even in the days before demobilization played havoc in the the ranks of competitors, the total subscribed never exceeded 3,000 marks, so that No. 13 gives a clear lead of over 200, and, together with the sum which we are contributing, the increase is no less than 700 marks.

As previously announced the name of winner, or winners, will be published in our issue of Thursday, Christmas Day. At present our competition staff are busily engaged in the heavy task of adjudicating.

Our coupon for No. 14 contest will be found in the next column and in drawing attention to this we again point out that as a result of there being no issue of the "Cologne Post" on Boxing Day, there will be one coupon less for this contest.

Consequently we advise our many competitors not to take the risk of delay.

On the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 14,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S. 40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 14.

Date of matches, **Saturday, Dec. 27th.**
Closing date, **Friday, Dec. 26th.**

Burnley	**v. Preston**
Liverpool	**v. Everton**
Bolton	**v. Blackburn**
Notts C.	**v. Bradford City**
West Ham	**v. Huddersfield**
Clapton	**v. Coventry**
Palace	**v. Millwall**
Southampton	**v. Watford**
Queens Park	**v. Kilmarnock**
Falkirk	**v. Dumbarton**

I enter Football Competition No. 14 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions already announced and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(in block letters.)
Rank and No. .....
Unit .....
Full Address .....

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

Palace Theatre.

There is a strong holiday attraction at the Palace Theatre, Cologne, this week, and the first rate variety company billed played to an enthusiastic audience yesterday evening. The artistes included the Three Versatiles, in song and story; Harold Walters, baritone; Rex and Ernow, described as the world's worst wizards; Erb Karno Trio, in a comedy musical act; Erno Ellis, comedian; Charles Stairs, entertainer; the four Whizz Bangs, tumblers; Alfred Barker, violinist, and a one-act farce entitled, "Back to it".

Wedding Bells.

I wonder how many people who read the announcement in Sunday's issue of the engagement of Capt. C.E.H. Bird, R.A.S.C., and Miss E. M. Gardner, recognised that the lady referred to is Miss Diana North, who has charmed so many of us, while with Mr. Leslie Ross's vaudeville company in Cologne. Since the announcement was made shoals of congratulations have descended upon the couple whose future happiness is the desire of a large circle of friends.

"The Knight of the Burning Pestle."

At the Deutsches Theatre yesterday evening "The Knight of the Burning Pestle" was produced before a crowded audience. The play, which is by Messrs. Beaumont and Fletcher, is quaint, Christmassy, and full of old time humour. One of the most striking features of the production is the dressing of various characters, for which Mr. Peter van Gardt was entirely responsible. About the whole play there is a seasonable atmosphere, and undoubtedly it will meet with a full measure of approbation during the week. Unfortunately space does not permit of a complete notice being given to-day, but this will appear to-morrow.

The Xmas Dinner.

A special Xmas dinner is being provided at Nos. 1 and 2 N.A.C.B. clubs on Xmas Day. At No. 1 Club there will also be a dance. Tickets may be obtained at 50 marks and tables should be booked. The same arrangements will be made for New Year's Eve.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Tues.	Hansel und Gretel	Humperdinck	6	8
Wednesday	No Performance.			
Thurs.	Tannhäuser	Wagner	6	10
Fri.	Der Bajazzo Cav. Rusticana	Leoncavallo Mascagni	7	10
Sat.	Figaro's Hochzeit	Mozart	7	10.30
Sun.	The Women with our Shadow	Strauss	6	10.30
Mon.	Hansel und Gretel	Humperdinck	6	8
Tues.	Tannhäuser	Wagner	6	10

"Babes in the Wood."

"The Babes in the Wood" pantomime is being performed at the British Empire Leave Club to-day at 7 p.m., Friday, the 26th at 2.30 p.m., and Tuesday, the 30th at 7 p.m. All the characters will be taken by members of the Rhine Army, and the Orchestra will consist of ladies of the British Empire Leave Club and British soldiers. The pantomime is being produced by Miss Anderson. At the performance on Friday afternoon, the B.E.L.C. will be pleased to welcome as many British and Allied children as possible, together with their parents.

On Sunday, owing to the postponement of "Eager Heart," a concert will be given at 6.30 p.m. by Madame Bertha Moore's "Etceteras Concert Party," including Miss Marjorie Moore, by kind permission of the Y.M.C.A.

Leave Club Dances.

On the occasion of the Fancy Dress Ball on Wednesday, the costumes will be judged by Lady Robertson and Mrs. Acherson, who will present the winners with prizes. For the special dance on Friday, Miss Decima Moore will present these with an additional prize from her husband, His Excellency Brigadier-General F. G. Guggisberg.

JACQUES.

ENGLISH RACING.

Haydock and Hurst Park Meetings.

Hastings provided a contrast to Poole in the matter of luck at Hurst Park on Saturday, for while the last-named scored three times the Wroughton trainer provided three seconds in Garryvoe, Wavylace, and Arborfield.

A really smart recruit to hurdling was introduced in the name of White Heat, and there has been no new-comer to the game that can be better liked. He won the Surrey Hurdle in such convincing style that he has the makings of a champion.

Details.

Surrey Maiden Hurdle:—1, White Heat (7-1); 2, Garryvoe (7-4); 3, St. Eloi (7-1).

Priory Selling Steeplechase:—1, Wee Sandy (6-4 on); 2, Suzanne III. Two ran

Surbiton Three-Y.-O. Hurdle:—1, Jack Sheppard (2-1 on); 2, Young Lover (8-1); 3, Geordie (6-1).

Molesey Steeplechase:—1, Neurotic (3-2); 2, Snaun Spadah. Two ran.

Hampton Steeplechase:—1, Memento (2-1); 2, Wavylace (6-1); 3, Vermouth (2-1).

Mole Handicap Hurdle:—1, Annoya (9-4); 2, Arborfield (11-10); 3, Serban (4-1).

HAYDOCK.

The results at the Haydock Park meeting were as follows:

Newton Handicap Hurdle:—1, Lord Ednam (11-2); 2, Dornoch (7-2); 3, The Settler (4-1).

Juvenile Selling Hurdle:—1, Phil (6-5); 2, San Pol. Two ran.

Haydock Park Steeplechase: 1, My Royal (10-1); 2, Irish Rebellion (7-2); 3, Cargo (7-2).

Club Steeplechase:—1, Bonnie Charlie 8-1); 2, Moorefield (8-1); 3, Cyril's Hope 5-1).

Saturday Selling Hurdle:—1, Ubeoff 9-4 on); 2, Dismount (7-2); 3, Devil's Dyke (7-1).

St. Helens Steeplechase:—1, Prince Clifton (6-5 on); 2, Ophion (5-1); 3, Glen Royal II (2-1).

BILLIARDS.

At the new hall, Piccadilly, on Saturday afternoon, in the tournament heat, the best breaks were 177 (full), 102, 128, 177, and 123 by Reece. Interval scores: Reece (rec. 1,500), 7,075; Inman, 6,200.

Both men being behind their points in the game between Rayner and Tothill at Leicester-square, it was decided to limit it to 6,500 points. Interval scores: Rayner, 5,975; Tothill, 5,583.

STILL BIDDING.

Another Huge offer from Paris for Great Fight.

The "Auto" announces that M. Vienne president of the Paris Wonderland, has cabled to Dempsey's manager stating that if the Dempsey-Carpentier fight takes place in Paris he will guarantee 1,200,000 francs (£48,000 normal) for Dempsey alone, plus one quarter of the amount offered for the exclusive rights of filming the fight.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

The Singer was Welsh.

At a canteen concert in Bonn on Sunday evening, the star artiste was a Welshman, whose songs in his native tongue, were quite a popular feature.

A Good Idea.

Taking a walk down Hohestrasse I was struck by the good use to which a number of empty doorways had been put. They resembled miniature stalls. These street stalls serve good purpose and incidentally brighten up the streets.

Our Souvenir Number.

It is only natural that having read our souvenir number you should remember old folks at home, but in doing so, do not make the mistake of sealing up the envelope in which it is enclosed. If you do, the recipient will have to pay a surcharge.

A Back Number.

I notice a current issue of a German illustrated journal features pictures of the Carpentier-Beckett contest. It is only a memory to most of us now.

American Weds German.

A wedding took place yesterday between a German lady and an American citizen. The latter was until quite recently a member of the American forces in Occupation. Demobilized, he returned to America, but came back to claim his bride.

Lacking in Taste.

A great number of the cabaret turns which are featured are to British minds greatly lacking in taste. Many would, if appearing at a British music hall, be sure of that nightmare of all artistes, the "bird."

Any Complaints?

A Tommy raised a good laugh at the Zoo the other day. It was feeding time, and as the keeper flung some flesh to the bears Tommy, with an R.S.M.'s voice, inquired "Any complaints."

The "Cutty."

I fail to notice any of our troops smoking the old clay pipe nowadays. Is it that the cheapness of the mark has accounted for this? One canteen I know has a good stock of what was a priceless possession to many in the "old days."

Pantomime for Christmas.

If you are a lover of pantomime then make a note of the fact that the Inniskilling Dragoons Dramatic Society are staging the pantomime "Aladdin" at the Metropole Theatre, Apostelnstrasse, from Thursday, Jan. 1st, to Wednesday, Jan. 17th, with a children's matinee on Saturday. Particulars will be found in another column.

A Post Office Aviary.

What is the attraction round the post office for the bird life of Cologne? If you go round about 3.30 p.m. you will see hundreds perched on the telephone wires.

Paper and Silver.

A local newspaper tells of a German who came to Cologne to buy a suit. He was told that it would cost 850 marks. but the shopkeeper added that he would sell it for 85 marks in silver. The customer went home to fetch the 85 marks and got the suit at this price.

Stage Management.

Entering a certain cabaret the other evening I was surprised at the smallness of the stage staff. Two men appeared to be stage managers, stage-hands, and members of the orchestra rolled into one.

"The Ex-Serviceman."

The Christmas Number of the "Ex-Service Man," edited by Captain. H.H.C. Baird, D.S.O., is to hand and forms very interesting reading. There are seasonable greetings and messages from Lords Haig, Beatty and Byng, among others.

1914 Clasp.

Presumably those entitled to wear the 1914 clasp are for the most part regular soldiers, so it is not surprising to see very few officers and men on the Rhine wearing it.

Stumping Up.

A little girl asked my aid the other day for a charitable fund to provide meals for Cologne's poor kiddies at Christmas. She stopped numerous officers and Tommies, and with the Britisher's usual generosity not one refused help.

Nix Silber Papier?

The German children are very keen on collecting the tin foil which is used in cigarette packets, etc. I learn this is sold to benefit black children under the care of German missionaries.

Upsetting Critics.

"The Woman without Shadow, "the opera recently presented at the Opera House, has been the subject of much criticism from the Cologne papers, and has come in for a wholesale condemnation.

A Cautious Frau.

One cannot but admire the shopping instinct of the frau who in Schildergasse before purchasing a box of matches made the hawker strike one or two to see that they carried the right stuff. She had evidently had experience of the French variety. The test as applied to numbers to be found in boxes sold in canteens would be equally useful.

RHINELANDER.

NOTES FROM LONDON TOWN.

CHRISTMAS IN THE WEST END.

Gorgeous indeed are the windows of the West End shops. Women and children hover from morning till dusk gazing and gazing again at those nice presents which the artist in window designing knows so well how to display with such subtle appeal. The prevalent note in the window dressing is the flare of loud, vivid, startling colours, in stripes, cubes and lozenges. I suppose these revolutionaries in display tints are indebted to Bukst Serge Daghileff's Russian ballet and the syncopated colouring of the latter-day impressionists. The mot d'ordre, however, is not confusion. There is on the contrary a unity of conception attained by a process of selection—just a few alluring articles against a black and silver or Tyrian purple background of drapery.

"ALL TO HER."

These words, in the commendably short will of Lieut. Frank Kirkley, who died on active service, recall the shortest will on record, namely "All to Martha". Lieut. Kirkley's will runs, "I leave all to her", meaning the original of the vignette photo on the back of which he had written these words. This being a soldier's will the technicalities of the Wills Act do not apply, though evidence of identification of the lady has to be given. Of course a soldier on active service can save himself all immediate trouble by an oral will, but most lawyers agree that the complications incidental to proving a nuncupatory will deprive the privilege of most of its value.

TRAMS OUT OF DATE.

The Works Committee of the Kensington Borough Council has expressed a strong opinion against the laying of any further tramways in Metropolitan streets, and the Borough Council has adopted the Committee's report against proceeding with further expenditure on "what must be regarded in the present day as an out-of-date means of conveyance." Certainly the motor-bus merits the preference given it in the report, for half London's big streets, where trams run, are up for tram-line repairs, and a journey by tram means a slow painful wobble over numerous temporary cross-overs and frequent halts in endless lines of stationary traffic. The bus on the other hand meanders unconcernedly up side streets to its goal.

"CHARLEY'S AUNT" AGAIN.

The Brazilian aunt is coming to us again like Christmas time. Perhaps she is jealous of the fact that her record run has recently been beaten by Chu Chin Chow. The famous farce, which was first acted at Bury St. Edmunds in 1892, is to be revived this Christmas at its original London home—the Royalty. This is the fourth time it has been produced at the Royalty, the other years being 1892, 1907 and 1909. The other theatres that have echoed with laughter at its roaring humour are the Great Queen Street Theatre, Comedy, Terry's, Aldwych, Savoy, Strand, Little, Prince of Wales, London Opera House, St. James's and the Garrick.

APPEAL FROM CRIMINAL APPEAL COURT.

The hearing in the House of Lords of the Crown's appeal from the decision of the Court of Criminal Appeal in the Beard murder case is the first of its kind. The Criminal Appeal Court has been in existence since the autumn of 1907, and thus for 12 years no "point of law of exceptional public importance 'rendering it' desirable in the public interest that a further appeal should be brought" has hitherto induced the Attorney General to grant his certificate under Section 1 (6) of the Criminal Appeal Act. This seems highly creditable to this latter Court, but nevertheless there occurs to me that famous aphorism of Lord Halsbury (when at bar): "You only get common sense when your case reaches the House of Lords".

MURDER WHILE DRUNK.

It is certainly surprising that the first Appeal should be on the point of a man's responsibility for crime—and a terrible one at that—while under the influence of drink. The principle that drunkenness is no excuse for crime is as old as the hills. But how far it can excuse a man in cases where a specific intention is the whole essence of the crime may no doubt be an important matter for the jury. It is, however, a commonplace in our criminal law that the essentials of any given crime are so clearly stated in hosts of decisions and in the Criminal Consolidation Act that no one ought now to be in doubt what constitutes any particular crime. For my own part I think a jury can safely be left to say from all the circumstances whether a drunkard knew what he was about or not.

FOR BUSINESS MEN IN RHINELAND.

BRITISH PLAN FOR FOREIGN MARKETS.

The Department of Overseas Trade is busily engaged on schemes to further the interests of British trade abroad. It is the intention of the Department to organize touring exhibitions all over the world, and also to establish show-rooms for British manufactures in the chief cities on the Continent. Both these proposals will, however, depend on the amount of support forthcoming from manufacturers.

THE TOURING EXHIBITIONS.

In regard to the touring exhibitions, the proposal is that exhibits should be collected of articles suitable for particular markets, and that these could then be carried round to the various commercial centres to the great advantage of our trade, which has lost ground in the face of keen American and Japanese competitors. In the case of the Dominions, where there is a similarity in demand, the same exhibits would be suitable to all, and it is estimated that the cost of an 18 months' tour with some 500 exhibits to the whole of the Dominions would be between £40,000 and £50,000. It is proposed to utilize the ordinary shipping services, the alternative of a special exhibition ship involving too heavy a cost.

CONTINENTAL SHOW-ROOMS.

The other proposal—the Continental show-rooms—has suggested itself as the result of the present exhibition boom on the Continent. The Department is quite ready to arrange for participation in these exhibitions, in co-operation with the Federation of British Industries and other organizations interested, if manufacturers desire it. The proposed show-rooms are, however, in addition to this participation. The idea is to secure a building in each of some 20 or 30 of the chief capitals and cities on the Continent. These could serve as permanent exhibition buildings, in which could be shown in rotation exhibits from different groups of British industries. It is not intended to have one class of exhibit permanently on view. After being on show the exhibit would be moved to the next city, so that there would be a succession of these exhibitions in each centre.

EXHIBITORS TO BE CANVASSED.

Both these projects must, however, be self-supporting, and on the occasion of the great British Industries Fair at the Crystal Palace from February 23 to March 5, a canvas will be made of the exhibitors there, and at the branch fairs at Birmingham and Glasgow, to ascertain what amount of support is likely to be secured. To make all these schemes as successful as they merit, it is essential that British manufacturers should realize the importance of reopening business with overseas markets now. Full order books for the home market should not blind them to the danger of losing further ground abroad, which they may regret in the near future.

BRITISH TRADE IN SPAIN AND GREECE.

Mr. R. T. Nugent, the director of the Federation of British Industries, who has just returned from a visit to the office of the federation's trade commissioner in Madrid, has reported that inquiries were made as to the proposal exhibitions to be held at Valencia and Barcelona. Mr. G. H. Locock, assistant director of the federation, who has recently returned from Athens, where the Exhibition of British Manufactures was recently held, had a conversation with M. Venizelos in Paris. The latter said he felt assured the exhibition would lead to a fruitful interchange of commerce between his country and the United Kingdom

LONDON CLUBS.

That fine old club of "Swears" Wells in Bond Street has now passed into the ownership of Viscount Lascelles, heir to the Earl of Harewood. The new proprietor who, under the will of the second Marquess of Clanricarde, came into a cool two millions, is a most popular man and saw much service in the Grenadiers during the war, being wounded more than once. The Cocoa Tree Club is not quite so happy in its ownership. The Duke of Leeds recently put up to auction a portion of the Club premises in Bluebell Yard, St. James's Street, and the price reached was well over £16,000. The Committee are now trying to decide whether to acquire the premises or carry on without these anxiliary premises.

ADA CROSSLEY'S CHILDHOOD STORY.

Madam Ada Crossley, who is retiring from the concert platform, much to the regret of all music lovers, tells a pathetic little story of her youth in Australia. A travelling company with a marvellous band was announced as coming to her native town, but the little girl had not the wherewithal to buy a ticket. Undismayed she went out to hunt leeches and after selling her catches to a local chemist went to the concert a happy child. This story reminds me of Mme. Patti's daring as a child at the first important concert she attended. After listening for a short while to a certain lady artiste, little Patti tripped up from the audience to the stage and there and then executing a number of remarkable trills and roulades remarked to the astonished artiste, "That is how I should do it".

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Finishing.—British troops are leaving italy.

The Penalty.—Sentence of death on 14 terrorists at Budapest is confirmed.

Good News.—Better bacon is beginning to reach London.

The Date.—Parliament will re-assemble on or about February 10.

The Latest.—The Government promise a land reform Bill for early next session.

A Glutton For It.—M. Clemenceau is back at work.

Continuing the Good Work.—The Y.M.C.A. is opening boys' clubs at home.

A London Garden City.—A garden city at Catford, S.E., is proposed.

Coming Home.—10,000 troops are homeward bound from India.

A Rest.—Mr. Lloyd George will spend a week in Wales.

Anything for a Living.—An ex-officer is hawking bananas in Liverpool streets.

To Die.—Court of Criminal appeal dismissed three appeals from death sentences.

Good News.—London's diphtheria epidemic is subsiding.

His Intention.—Sir John Alcock intended retiring from the R.A.F. shortly.

Brutal.—An Oswestry gardener flogged his naked daughter with a horsewhip. He was fined £5.

High Speed Steel.—The Government has removed the embargo on the Sheffield steel discovery.

"Nonsense."—Mr. Bonar Law describes the idea of an election in February as all nonsense.

On the Slippery Slope.—Sir H. Rider Haggard says the middle classes are on the road to ruin.

Denied.—The statement that the King is to visit France early next year is denied.

Brighter Sundays.—There is hope of Sunday games being permitted in parks and open spaces of London.

Sands Murder.—So far no arrest has been made in connection with the murder on the sands at West Hartlepool.

The "Brontohoaxus."—The story of the so-called Brontosaurus having been seen in the Congo is an elaborate hoax.

Old One O'Clock.—General von Kluck says Marshal Joffre was the victor in the Marne struggle.

Any Old Building.—Bucks Education Committee proposes to use a stable at Slough as a school clinic.

Dangerous.—A Hull trawler skipper was fined £75 for fishing in the Heligoland Bight minefields.

Absolute.—Sir H. Duke made absolute the divorce decree granted to the Duchess of Westminster.

The Last Stage.—Berlin's Commission for putting into force the Treaty of Versailles has left for Paris.

A Refusal.—U.S. Senate has refused to eliminate from the Railroad Bill a provision preventing strikes.

Thanet to Ashton.—Sir Walter de Frece has been adopted as Coalition Unionist candidate for Ashton-under-Lyme.

A Privilege.—"Wrens" may wear their uniform on State and other occasions of ceremony.

Scandalous.—Mistletoe sold for 112s. a cwt. at Manchester, against the pre-war rate of 15s.

His Salary.—General Sir Francis Lloyd, London's Food Commissioner, will receive £1,200 a year.

One Way.—Owing to the coal shortage Berlin Christmas holidays will be prolonged till January 23.

Who is He?—At New Malden the body of an unidentified man was found decapitated on the railway.

What is it.—Mr. Lloyd George hopes to be able to announce the Government's new coal policy to-morrow.

Going up.—Postal telegraph and telephone charges are to be increased in France.

Mixed.—A man summoned at Tottenham for income tax wrote that he was now under the parish doctor.

Unjust.—Tramway-car passengers in the Black Country complain that fares have been put up to 3d. for less than a mile.

A Revelation.—For some months wireless telegraphy between England and Amsterdam has been an auxiliary to the cable.

A Polite Refusal.—A City magnate, who had an idea for the improvement of the exchange, was told he might find a suitable occupation at a labour exchange.

Craze for Dope.—The Mayor of Carlisle says the practice of buying methylated spirits for drinking purposes is on the increase..

One Way.—Serious whisky thefts are reported at Liverpool Docks, barrels being tapped by means of a gimlet and a tube.

Cheer.—A man said to have earned £100 in three months when summoned at Tottenham for income tax offered 5s. a week.

The Only Way.—For charging retailers excessive prices two Birmingham milk wholesalers were fined £150 and £120 respectively.

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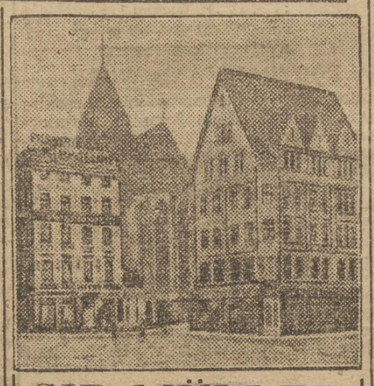

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OUTLINES OF GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS.

HOME RULE BILL.

OUTLINE OF THE NEW SCHEME.

A more dramatic moment could not have been imagined for the revealing of the Government proposals concerning "Home Rule" for Ireland.

The attempted assassination of the Viceroy of Ireland was as a rock flung into a pond. It has stirred the hearts of the British people—especially the millions of those who fought under French — as perhaps no dissimilar event could have done.

So far from causing feelings of hostile resentment, however, the occurrence has only deepened regrets that Ireland should be the one discordant element in an otherwise united, happy and proud British Empire.

Self Government to the utmost, but no separation, is the key-note of the proposals.

Not a single Nationalist member was present in the House of Commons on Monday night when Mr. Lloyd George, the Prime Minister, made his statement on Ireland.

The Premier began with a reference to the attack on Lord French and said that an atmosphere charged with the reek of attempted assassination was not the most favourable one for promoting a measure of reconciliation. To allow the judgment of Parliament to be carried away by indignation, however, would only be to play into the hands of the miscreants whose aim was to make reconciliation impossible.

No proposal which the Government could put forward in the least degree acceptable to British opinion would have a chance of acceptance in the present position of Irish affairs. Parliament must therefore take the responsibility of proposing what it thought was right, fair and just.

Any structure they built must be based on three facts. The first was the hostility of three quarters of the population of Ireland to British rule — a hostility which had no connection with material conditions, for Ireland had never been more prosperous and the majority of cultivators owned their own land. The second fact was that the remainder of the population was as bitterly opposed to Irish rule as the other section was to British rule and it would be an outrage on the principle of self-Government to place the former section under the rule of the latter. Thirdly, any severance of Ireland from the United Kingdom would be fatal to both. He declared that any attempt at secession would be fought with the same resource and resolve as the Northern States of America put into the American fight (cheers).

Subject to those three conditions the Government proposed to confer self-government on the whole of Ireland. Accordingly there would be one Parliament for Southern Ireland, and another for Northern Ireland.

As regards boundaries, after describing three systems, each of which would leave solid units of Protestants and Catholics in Southern and Northern territory respectively, Mr. Lloyd George said that a fourth system was to take the six North Eastern counties as a basis, excluding the Catholic communities from them and including the Protestant communities in adjacent counties, thus producing an area as homogeneous as possible under the circumstances. It was intended to give the Irish every opportunity to establish a Union (i. e. between North and South) if they desired it but the decision must rest with them. No act of the Imperial Parliament would be required to this end.

COUNCIL OF IRELAND.

In addition to the two Parliaments there would be a Council of Ireland, consisting of representatives elected by these Parliaments which would have complete discretion to confer any powers with regard to matters not reserved to the Imperial Government. The two Parliaments could thus arrange joint administration of certain common services such as transport, which it would be undesirable to divide. It was also proposed to confer on the two Parliaments full constituent powers, so that they could at any time, without reference to Imperial Parliament, create a single Irish Legislature discharging all or any of the powers not reserved to Imperial Parliament. As a further inducement to unity it was proposed to confer on the Irish Parliament certain additional powers of taxation directly Irish unity was accomplished. It would therefore rest with the Irish people themselves to determine whether they wanted a Union.

RIGHT RESERVED.

The powers reserved to Imperial Parliament include the rights of the Crown, the making of peace and war, foreign affairs, the Army and Navy, Defence of the Realm, Treason, Trade outside Ireland, Navigation, Wireless and Cable Services, Coinage, Trade Marks and Lighthouses, also the Higher Judiciary until the two Irish Legislatures agreed as to how judges should be appointed. These powers corresponded with those reserved in all Federal Governments, whether in Europe or America. The Imperial Government would also retain control of the police for three years. The Post Office would be transferred when two parts of Ireland were united in asking for such transfer. There would be clauses for the protection of minorities. Provision would also be made for a fair financial contribution to imperial services which on the present basis of Ireland's revenue and expenditure would be eighteen million per annum.

It was proposed to give each Parliament a grant of one million sterling for initial expenditures as so certain land revenues which this year amounted roughly to £2,400,000 from Nationalist Ireland and £600,000 from Ulster. The two Parliaments would have at first the same taxation powers as the American States.

Such was the outline of the proposed Bill.

AN INDISSOLUBLE EMPIRE.

Mr. Lloyd George appealed to the House, to Irishmen and to all concerned with the problem to give the proposals their consideration. There have been mistakes, follies and crimes on both sides, he said, and they wanted that chapter closed; but looking round for a solution of the difficulties he found no section that could accept anything except the impossible. In these circumstances the British Parliament must accept the responsibility of offering what wisdom and justice dictated, trusting that it might win acceptance and success in the end.

The Premier here repeated with the utmost emphasis that Great Britain cannot accept separation. "Those who thought that Britain could be forced to do so cannot have read the story of the last five years. (cheers). Some may ask: 'Is this the time to propose anything?' It is always the right time to do the right thing and Great Britain could never better afford to take the initiative. This is not the time when anyone will taunt the land which has done so much to destroy the greatest military Empire of the world with quailing before a band of wretched assassins. The world will know that we are entering upon it is course prompted by the same sense of justice which sustained this land through these last years of sacrifice." (cheers).

(Continued in next column).

MAHSUDS ACTIVE.

HEAVILY PUNISHED BY FLYING COLUMN.

Reuter learns that a large force of Mahsuds attempted to attack a British construction party near Jandola last Wednesday. The tribesmen lost heavily, while our casualties totalled thirty-four, including six killed.

On Thursday the Derajab Column advanced from Jandola and drove two thousand Mahsuds and fifteen hundred Waziris up the Jakkizam valley. The opposition was less than expected, although we sustained fifty casualties. The damage inflicted on the enemy is unknown, but the freedom from attack since enjoyed by our transport columns suggests very heavy punishment.

Two sections of the recalcitrant Waziris were again bombed on Wednesday. They have since asked for an extension of time wherein to comply with our terms.

"SOVIET ARK."

ANARCHISTS EXPELLED FROM AMERICA.

Further deportations of "Reds" from the United States to Soviet Russia are expected to be made during the next few days but the officials say that the brains of the movement are aboard the Burford, which has been nick-named "Soviet Ark."

The Bulford sailed at daybreak on Sunday, conveying 249 Extremists, including the well known anarchists Alexander Berkman and Emma Goldman, to Soviet Russia. Its precise destination is unknown.

DEAD ASSASSIN.

JURY'S SYMPATHY WITH RELATIVES.

At the inquest on Martin Savage, who was shot while in the act of throwing a bomb at Lord French's party, the jury returned a verdict that he met his death by a bullet fired by one of the Viceroy's military escort. They added a rider expressing sympathy with the relatives of the deceased.

LORD PIRRIE'S DEMOB.

Lord Pirrie is about to be "demobilized," the Prime Minister and Shipping Controller having consented to his release on the 31st December from his office as Controller General of merchant shipbuilding, to which he was appointed in March 1918.

IRISH FAIR PLAY.

MAD VENGEANCE ON DUBLIN NEWSPAPER.

The offices of the "Irish Independent," which are situated in the very heart of Dublin, were raided about ten o'clock on Sunday night by about forty armed men. They held up the staffs in all departments with revolvers, wrecked the machinery with crowbars and sledge-hammers and removed the vital portions of the stereotyping apparatus. The damage is roughly estimated at several thousand pounds. Telephonic and telegraphic communication was severed while the raiders occupied the offices and no one was allowed to enter or leave the premises for the twenty minutes during which the raid lasted. Everything was done so quietly that nobody outside the office suspected anything was wrong. There were no casualties.

Before leaving the building the raiders handed a note to the Editor declaring that the suppression of the "Irish Independent" was carried out to remind him that in ignoring acts of tyranny in Ireland and in branding as an assassin the "high souled youth" who was killed in the attempt on Lord French's life, the paper had outraged the sensibilities and endeavoured to misrepresent the sympathies and opinions of the Irish people.

No arrests have been made hitherto.

LEEDS BANK MURDER.

OTHER ALLEGATIONS AGAINST PRISONER.

The Manchester police are said to possess information that Redfern, who is charged with the murder of the Leeds Bank manager, is identical with the "Captain Carruthers" who in November secured valuable furs from a Manchester firm by means of worthless cheques.

Redfern again appeared in the dock at Leeds police court yesterday. During the preliminary proceedings he trembled violently and from time to time was supplied with water.

BOLSHEVISTS AGAIN ATTACK.

A telegram from Reval reports that the Bolshevists are making violent attempts to break thorough on the Narva front. The Chief of the Esthonian General Staff declares that although the situation at Narva has for long been serious, there is no reason for pessimism, as all attacks are being repulsed.

TRAIN WRECKERS AT WORK.

A determined attempt was made to derail a train between West Clare and Ennis on Saturday. A quantity of stones were removed from a wall and placed across the track near Gorolia. A train ran into the obstruction, considerable damage being caused to the engine and some of the carriages. Nobody was injured.

FISHERMEN PROTEST.

Aberdeen trawl-masters intend to take up a strong attitude if catches of fish are allowed to be landed at that port by German boats. At a meeting of the National Seamen's and Firemen's Union a resolution was adopted that if any German trawlers are allowed at any time to land their catches at Aberdeen all the trawl-masters will strike work.

THREE SAVED OUT OF FORTY.

There have been landed at Marshfied, Oregon, the captain and two others, believed to be the only survivors of a crew of forty, of the American tank steamer "J. A. Chancellor." This vessel broke in two on a reef off Cape Blanco last Thursday night. The only boat launched was capsized in the heavy surf.

FIRES ON SURRENDERED LINERS.

Another supposed incendiary fire aboard a former German steamer is reported, this time from Melbourne. The "Cooee," laden with oil and other inflammables, was the scene of the outbreak, which was fortunately extinguished before it had spread to the highly dangerous cargo.

COAL SHORTAGE IN PARIS.

The trams on several sections of the Paris tramways stopped running on Saturday owing to the failure of the current, due to the complete lack of coal. Local mayors threaten to resign en masse if coal and gas are not forthcoming immediately.

MUTINEERS PARDONED.

The seamen and stokers of H.M.S. "Australia," who were sentenced on the 20th June to imprisonment for mutiny without violence at Freemantle have been released on an act of clemency.

TERRORISTS EXECUTED.

A delayed message from Buda Pesth states that Joseph Czerney and thirteen other terrorists were executed on the 18th.

Major Tryon, M.P. has been appointed Under-Secretary of State for the Air.

THE BLACK LIST.

GERMANS "WANTED" BY THE ALLIES.

With reference to the visit to London of M. Ignace, the French Under secretary for Military Justice, for the purpose of drafting the list of German war culprits whose extradition will be demanded by the Allies, it is understood that France has already prepared a list of 500 names, including one of the ex-Kaiser's sons, the Bavarian Crown Prince Rupprecht and a number of Generals and Commanders of prisoners of war camps.

Some 1,500 persons will be arraigned before courts martial in France, Belgium and Great Britain, or before mixed courts in those cases where the victims belonged to different nationalities. It is also explained that in accordance with Article 228 of the Peace Treaty, even if German culprits are judged by German Courts they must nevertheless appear before the Allied tribunals.

The Inter-Allied Commission for drafting the list of names has held a number of sittings in Paris during the past month. Sir Ernest Pollock, Solicitor General, represented Great Britain.

ITALY AND FIUME.

DESIRE TO LIVE IN AMITY.

The Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs, speaking in the Chamber of Deputies at Rome on Saturday, said that Mr. Lloyd George told him at the London conference that the Anglo-French-American memorandum on the subject of the Adriatic was not a regular Note but was to be regarded merely as a starting point for discussion.

Signor Scialoja said he was confident that President Wilson, when confronted with the agreement of the Allies on the subject of the Adriatic, would consent to modify his scheme.

He added that Italy intended to remain united with the Allies, and that all her efforts would be directed to securing solid guarantees for the adherence of their Fiume brothers to Italy, the protection of Italian Dalmatia and the safety of the Adriatic. He declared that Italy was not aggressive but was only desirous of establishing amicable relations with her Adriatic neighbours.

EX-KAISER AGREES TO BE TRIED.

A Basle telegram reports that the ex-Kaiser has finally agreed to accept trial by the Allies, subject to reservations regarding place and time, and his defence by German experts and lawyers. If the Allies accept these conditions the ex-Kaiser will not be tried for at least six months.

ROSS-SMITH KNIGHTED.

The King has conferred on Captain Ross-Smith and his brother who accompanied him on the flight to Australia, Knighthoods of the Order of the British Empire.

A delayed message from Melbourne dated the 7th December says that Captain Ross-Smith and his crew, before landing at Anthony's Lagoon, Queensland, had exhausted their water supplies and were without water until they met with a party of workmen boring for water. Captain Ross-Smith is now repairing the broken propellor with hoop iron.

R.A.S.C. PAY STOLEN.

The offices of the R.A.S.C. at Parkhall Camp, near Oswestry, were broken into on Friday night, and the safe containing money, withdrawn from the bank the previous day, was rifled. Consequently payment of the men had to be suspended.

SUNDAY GAMES SANCTIONED.

The London County Council has decided that football, golf, quoits, lawn tennis and other games, also boating, shall be allowed on Sundays in all its parks, under the same conditions as on weekdays.

BANK CLERK WINS BIG LOTTERY PRIZE.

The first prize in the Spanish National lottery, amounting to 7,500,000 pesetas, has been won by the deputy manager of the Madrid Branch of the London County and Westminster Bank.

(The pre-war value of this huge sum was about £300,000.)

An amazing scene occured at the Crimes Court, Burnfoot, County Donegal, when four Sinn Feiners were charged with soliciting funds for a Sinn Fein Parliament. Only one recognised the jurisdiction of the Court but refused to give or find bail. He was sentenced to three months imprisonment.

His brother, one of the magistrates on the Bench, excitedly declared that this was a savage sentence and said he would fling his Commission to the winds. The other prisoners were sentenced to two months with three months more in default of bail.

Mr. McLauglin, another magistrate, protested against the sentence and was removed from Court. The noise in court was so loud that the Resident Magistrate threatened to have it cleared. When the case against two other men was called Counsel for the Crown stated that the witnesses could not attend having been shot at and badly wounded. This statement was received with laughter by the public present.

SUMMARY COURT.

SALE OF PROHIBITED BOOKS.

The sale in Cologne of a book, "Die drei kommenden Kriege" (The three coming wars), importation of which into occupied territory is forbidden, led to the appearance at the Summary Court of three booksellers.

Accused were Ludwig Stumm, 261 Venloerstrasse, Ehrenfeld; Josef Scharmitzel, Breitestrasse, and Ferdinand Sohn of the Arcade, Hohestrasse. All were charged with being in unlawful possession of copies of the book or with selling the same, or offering the same for sale.

The Prosecuting Officer produced copies of the book. "The whole idea of the publication is" he said, "a hope that England will come into conflict with her present Allies, and certain wars are actually hinted at."

An officer from the Intelligence branch said he had read the book. It was propaganda and intended to create trouble in the Occupied Territory. Its import had been forbidden.

From further evidence it appeared that on 28th October a letter was sent to the Oberbürgermeister of Cologne intimating that authority could not be given for the import of the book. It was then the duty of the Oberbürgermeister to notify the booksellers.

Accused all pleaded ignorance.

The Presiding Officer said he was satisfied the charges were proved. He looked on the cases as carelessness rather than anything more serious. Stumm, who had a small business, would be fined 350 marks or one week, and the other defendants 1,000 marks or three weeks.

AFTER HOURS IN CAFES.

Josef Stiels of 239 Neusserstrasse, Nippes, was charged with having civilians in his café after hours, and the following civilians were charged with being on the premises, Jacob Müller, 28 Steinbergerstrasse, Nippes, Franz Mielke, 7 Balthasarstrasse, Cologne; Anna Kaulfuss, 16 Baudrieplatz, Nippes; Josef Paulon, 16 Baudrieplatz, Nippes and Umberto Sauge, 37 Weidengasse.

The defendants were found in the café at 11.10 p.m. They appeared to be ready for departure. The café proprietor stated that owing to the illness of his wife he had had to remain upstairs, but he came down at about 10.45 p.m. with a view to getting the house cleared. He was upstairs when the police came.

The waiter asserted that he asked the guests to go at five minutes to eleven, but they remained. They were "merry."

The female defendant said she only arrived in Occupied Territory that day and was not conversant with the regulations.

The Presiding Officer noted that the proprietor had been previously convicted and fined a thousand marks; he would therefore now have to pay 1,500 marks. As for the customers, he did not consider that there was on their part any deliberate attempt to evade the law. The female defendant, who pleaded ignorance of the regulations, would have to pay the nominal fine of twenty marks and the other guests forty marks each. The Presiding Officer emphasised that the proprietor of the café, even though he might not be in the bar, was, so long as he was proprietor, the one person responsible.

AVIATOR'S FATE.

STORM PRECLUDED ASSISTANCE.

A Lloyd's telegram from Corfu gives further details of Captain Howell's tragic end. It says that about five o'clock on the afternoon of the 9th December during stormy and boisterous weather, Captain Howell came down in St. George's Bay, apparently in distress. Shouts were heard and peasants showed signals but no assistance could be rendered owing to the bad weather. The machine now lies on a sandy bottom in two fathoms of water and it is not improbable that the bodies of the crew are entangled in the wreckage.

NEW ZEALAND PROHIBITION.

Although the figures in the New Zealand liquor referendum are incomplete the defeat of prohibition is practically again assured. At the last referendum in April the soldiers' vote gave a majority of 24,258 in favour of the continuance of licensing, and the civilian vote a majority of 13,896 for prohibition, which was thus defeated by 10,362 votes.

TERRORISTS ON TRIAL.

The trial of Dr. Eugen Laszlo and four other terrorists has been concluded at Buda Pesth. They were sentenced to death on various charges of murder, robbery, etc. Nine more received terms of imprisonment or penal servitude, two of them for fifteen years.

CAPTAIN FRYATT'S SHIP.

The Belgian Courts have decided that Captain Fryatt's ship the "Brussels" is "Good Prize." The Belgian Government, has offered the vessel unconditionally as a free gift to the British Government which has gratefully accepted the same.

An immigration bill providing for the deportation of all aliens affiliated with Anarchist organizations has been unanimously passed by the House of Representatives at Washington.

HIGH SEAS MUTINY.

U.S. PEACE DELEGATION'S EXCITING VOYAGE.

Eleven civilian members of the crew of the transport America, which arrived at New York from Brest on Monday have been arrested and charged with mutiny on the high seas. Six men are in the ship's hospital suffering from gunshot wounds.

It is stated that gambling, stealing and fighting were rampant on the ship throughout the voyage. Members of the American Peace Delegation returned aboard the transport.

ANTI-GERMAN.

DIVIDED OPINIONS OF RAND MINERS.

Miners at the Simner Deep and Jupiter mines (Transvaal) struck work a week ago owing to the dismissal of a German, a former member of the Mine Workers' Union, who was interned during the war. The strikers received the support of the "War on War" party, but were opposed by Comrades of the Great War. The management agreed to the re-instatement of the German, upon which 600 officials and surface workers decided to refuse work if he were allowed underground.

A conference between the underground and surface employees of the mines in question decided to ballot on the question of re-instatement of the German, whose name is Krischker. The local branch of the Mine Workers Union instructed the miners not to participate in the ballot but to present themselves for work. When, however, the underground men arrived at the mines to start work nobody would take them down.

The ballot paper simply asked, "Are you in favour of working with a German on the Simner Deep? Yes or No?" The result was: Against working with the German, 319 votes, For, 27 votes.

TO THE ANTARCTIC.

A meeting held at the Mansion House on Monday was attended by representatives of the Colonial Office and a number of learned societies. The Lord Mayor presided over the gathering, the object of which was the formation of a Council to organise and finance the Imperial Antarctic expedition which it is proposed shall leave London next June in the Terra Nova.

The expedition will be commanded by Mr. John Cope, who was surgeon and biologist to the Ross Sea party of Sir Ernest Shackleton's expedition of 1914—17. Mr. Cope explained that the object of the expedition was to develop the Antarctic regions commercially. He proposed to ascertain the position and extent of the mineral deposits already known to exist, to obtain information with reference to the migration of whales with a view to creating a British whaling industry, to make meteorological investigations and generally to extend scientific knowledge of economic importance. His headquarters would be at New harbour on the Ross Sea and the expedition would occupy five years at a cost of £150,000 pounds. The equipment would include an aeroplane, a flight to the South Pole being contemplated.

TRAFFIC DISLOCATION.

An official statement with reference to traffic dislocation in Great Britain gives the following comparisons of percentages of rolling stock now under or awaiting repair in different countries. In Great Britain six per cent, of wagons and 21 per cent, of locomotives. In France the respective figures are 15 and 22, Italy 18 and 27, Austria 35 and 37, Hungary 24 and 73; South Russia 25 and 49 and Bulgaria 44 and 63.

ROYAL FAMILY'S CHRISTMAS.

The King and Queen have gone to Sandringham for Christmas. Since the beginning of the war the King has personally invested over fifty thousand members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Nurses and civilians with various honours and decorations in recognition of meritorious service and acts of conspicuous bravery.

NO BRONTO ON THE CONGO.

It is now established that the story of the so-called Brontosaurus or ante-diluvian animal having been seen in a dense forest on the Congo was an elaborate hoax.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

A good tone prevailed, due to the rally in the American exchange and the more hopeful trade forecast, though the holidays interfered with the volume of business. Railways were buoyant on the official circular dealing with the railway position. Oils, after a dull opening recovered strongly. South African mainings were strong on dividend announcements. Gold declined to 108s. 5d. owing to a fall in the value of the dollar. Silver was inactive and unchanged at 77⅝. Money was in strong demand and Discounts were harder in sympathy, three month bills being at 5⅛. The exchange on Paris was 40.52; Belgium, 39.62; Switzerland, 21.10; Amsterdam, 10.13; Germany, 183-185; Austria 625-675.

Y.M.C.A. RHINE ARMY.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

to all

Officers, N.C.O.'s, Men and British Residents with the Rhine Army.

Issued with the full interest and support of the Commander-in-Chief, General Sir WILLIAM ROBERTSON, Bart., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., A.D.C., LL.D.

The Y.M.C.A. have just issued their final War-Work Appeal for Funds to the British Public.

What contribution can The Rhine Army make towards this National Appeal?

THE FACTS.

Cost of whole Y.M.C.A. War Work to date—		£7,000,000
Total amount received in subscriptions	£2,750,000	
Gross Profit on all Y.M.C.A. Canteens	£3,500,000	
		£6,250,000
Appeal now made to clear debt of—		£ 750,000

Unless this is forthcoming, the Y.M.C.A will have to close down all the work it is still doing with the Troops in Germany, India, Mesopotamia, Persia, Egypt, Palestine, Constantinople, Salonica, Russia, France, Belgium, and at all the London Stations.

Some Items of Y.M.C.A. War Expenditure:

£2,718,450 Huts, Tents, Rent, Equipment, &c.
158,423 Losses in German advance in 1918, (200 centres in all lost).
318,638 Stationery for the Troops.
166,672 Free Concerts and Entertainments for men on Active Service.
141,263 Free Lectures, Educational Classes and Libraries.
50,000 Work for Repatriated and Interned Prisoners of War.
54,866 Food and Drink for Walking Wounded.
33,241 Entertainments of Relatives of Dangerously wounded visiting patients in Hospital.

Extract from letter from the Commander-in-Chief, Army of the Rhine:—
"I cannot speak too highly of the value to the Army of the self-denying efforts made by your Association to increase in every way the moral and material well-being of the Troops, with whom, indeed, the name of your Association has now become a household word."

The Y.M.C.A. had over 90 centres established with the Rhine Army throughout the Spring and Summer months. A short account of the work at these centres, and of the various activities organized, will be found in the Souvenir Christmas Number of the "Cologne Post." The Y.M.C.A. is still working at 13 centres with the Rhine Garrison, at 9 centres with the Independent Division, and at one centre with the Tank Group.

A full programme of work, both with the Rhine Garrison and with the Independent Division, has been organized, but will only be able to be carried out if sufficient Funds are available.

The Y.M.C.A. court the fullest investigation of the figures of their expenditure, and will be glad to supply full particulars to any responsible enquirer.

Will the Officers, N.C.O.'s, Men and British Residents with the Rhine Army help the Y.M.C.A. to carry on its work?

WHAT ABOUT £5,000 FROM THE RHINE ARMY?

A guinea from every Officer, and half-a-crown from everyone else would do it.

All contributions should be sent to The Chief Accountant, Y.M.C.A., Rhine Army.

Y.M.C.A. RHINE ARMY.

XMAS IN THE HUTS.

WHAT'S ON TO-DAY?

1. Christmas Entertainment at Y.M.C.A. Central, Mulheim . . 6 p.m.
2. British Children's Fete at Y.M.C.A. Central, Cologne . . 3 p.m.
3. Electeras Concert Party at Y.M.C.A. Club, Deutz . . . . 6.30 p.m.
4. Special Concert and Acrobatic Performance at Y.M.C.A. Opladen 6.30 p.m.

LOOK OUT TO-MORROW MORNING FOR THE CHRISTMAS DAY PROGRAMME.

THE CHURCH ARMY XMAS ARRANGEMENTS.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

Festivities are being arranged for all troops at each of the following Canteens:—

C.A. Club—Hotel du Nord.
Station Canteen Cologne Main Station.
*White City (Remount Depôt) Soldiers' Club.
Mülheim (Stadt Halle) Skating Rink and Tea Rooms.
*Mülheim (Barracks) Canteen.
Ohligs, Canteen and Club.
Bonn, (Weber Strasse) C.A. Tea Rooms.
Berg. Gladbach (Independent Division) Canteen and Recreation Rooms. Open from 17 30 to 20.00.
Berg. Gladbach, Club and Tea Rooms. Canteen open from 12 to 15 only, Recreation Room open all day.

*Closed on Xmas day owing to Military Entertaintment.

In addition to the above—there will be Xmas Entertainments at the Rest-Houses—Mittelhäuser and Zur Post.

Further particulars will be advertised in the "Cologne Post."

NOTICE

The Church Army Skating Rink, will not be open for Officers and Ladies this afternoon.

N. A. C. B.

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XMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S EVE

XMAS DINNER AND DANCE AT THE EWIGE LAMPE.

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TICKETS 50 MARKS

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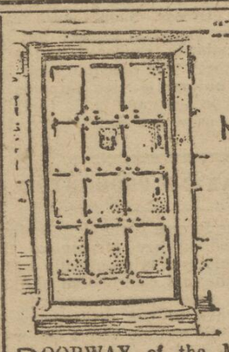

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The clergy will be in church from 17.00 to 19.00 hrs.

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7.00 hrs. Holy Communion.
8.00 hrs. Holy Communion.
10.30 hrs. Parade Service.
11.30 hrs. Holy Communion.

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8.00 hrs. Holy Communion.
9.30 hrs. Matins.
10.30 hrs. Holy Communion with hymns and address, Rev. L. D. Agate: M.A.
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A MIGHTY PROBLEM.

The latest available figures show that on the whole the mighty problem of demobilizing our large army and re-absorbing its members in the great industrial machine at home has proceeded with comparatively little friction, and that 90 per cent. of the demobilized have returned to normal life.

Some idea of the enormity of what has been accomplished will be realised when it is stated that more than three millions and a half, or very nearly one-twelfth of our total population, have exchanged khaki for mufti since the Armistice. Prior to the war the opinion was generally held that ten per cent. was the maximum which any nation could put into the field, no matter how great the emergency, and this fact makes the accomplishment all the more astounding.

No small portion of the credit for this achievement is claimed by the Labour Exchanges. Without the aid afforded by these bureaux we must have experienced greater economic friction with a consequent delay in obtaining employment for the men returning. Some such link between employer and would-be employee was essential if the two were to be brought together with the minimum loss of time. By such a method an employer was enabled to find with comparative ease the right man for his work and in the same way the soldier discovered the kind of job for which he was best suited.

The Labour Ministry scheme has been even more successful than these figures at first sight suggest. In the ten per cent. still outstanding is included a considerable number of disabled men for whom it is of a necessity more difficult to find employment. In many cases they have to be specially trained for work of which they have had no previous experience and this all takes time. We have previously referred to the great work being undertaken on behalf of such men.

These figures carry a note of hope for men still in the army who have dreaded demobilization because of the prospect of joining the ranks of the unemployed.

A CHRISTMAS IN HOSPITAL.

The little town of Frevent, lying between St. Pol and Doullens, is exceedingly picturesque, and on Christmas Eve in the year 1917, the famous Stationary Hospital near the station looked like a Fairy palace.

The hospital was full of wounded lads from the Arras and Cambrai sectors and we were determined to give them a real good time.

It was an old-fashioned Christmas: the ground was covered with snow, icicles hung from the eaves of the buildings and the moon shone out in all its glory.

Like so many conspirators a band of officers and nurses assembled after dinner to sing the sweet old carols outside the wards. Willing hands carried a little harmonium, which accompanied the singing, and Chinese lanterns flickered in the snow.

How those lads in the long wooden huts enjoyed the carols! For a time they forgot their wounds and in memory they were carried to their boyhood days. It was a good beginning to the festivities of good old Christmas Day.

The nurses with loving hands had decorated the wards with festoons, pictures and huge Christmas trees. We all felt like a lot of school-boys, especially when we explored the mysteries of our Christmas stockings, for strange to say, Father Christmas himself, in all his gorgeous robes, had visited the wards and had left in each waiting stocking a wonderful assortment of presents.

The night nurses and orderlies were struck dumb with astonishment when he appeared. He had, he said, flown from Blighty, and had called to give his blessing to the sleeping wounded lads before making his tour of the trenches and the battlefield.

Good old King Christmas! what should we have done without him, during the years of bloody conflict?

Oh! the Christmas dinner, it was a dream of delight. For weeks past our little hospital farm had been carefully feeding up scores of turkeys, geese and rabbits.

It was a time of laughter and yet of tears, for some of the lads were so terribly wounded that we knew it would be their last Christmas on earth, and we thought too of those who had already made the great sacrifice.

We were surrounded with guardian angels, Sisters of Mercy, our dear warm-hearted gentle nurses, and no Christmas season shall pass without a grateful thought of those who ministered by our beds of pain in the land of terrific warfare.

In the afternoon prizes were given for the best snow-men, and the grounds were full of busy workers rolling up the snow, and erecting weird figures. What snow-ball matches we had too!

In the evening the Christmas Trees were illuminated, and a band of little French girls from a neighbouring convent came, and sang to us their carols, a touching tribute to all they felt for our boys.

The crowning feature of the day was an entertainment by the officers' Nigger Minstrel Troupe. How the men enjoyed their jokes and songs!

Twenty, and thirty, and forty years on when sitting round the Christmas fires at home we shall tell our children and grand-children the thrilling experiences of our war Christmases, but we shall have a special place in our hearts for those spent in hospital. *G.K.*

LIEBE GRETCHENLEIN.

Ein Roman aus Köln.

If the above headings are not good German, blame the Editor, not me. He writes to me, umpteen kilometres from any German local colouring, and asks for an article which must have the Chrismassy Rhine Army flavour; must be topical; typical of my peculiarly unique style of humour (whatever that may mean); worthy in every respect of my distinguished collaborators (Phew!); and fit in every way to appear in the "kolossal übertreiflich, wunderschön" unsurpassed unparallelled, ten-times-life-size, eighth-wonder of-the-world.

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Even though the German of the headings may have been found lacking, surely the priority of the German construction of the last sentence must appeal to every lover of that simple, un-complex, easy to be understood, mellifluous tongue. Anyhow, beneath the following stars follows the romance.

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Gretchenlein lived in Köln.
She was a native of that city
She was an inhabitant of that famous town.

If you cross the Hohenzollern-Brücke in the direction of Köln-Deutz you will not discover the residence of Gretchenlein.

She lives in another direction altogether

Behind the all-famous, once-seen-never-to-be-forgotten Church of the Apostles is a picturesque, two-storied-many-gabled, diamond-paned building dating from a century which escapes my memory.

It is the ancestral hall of the father of Gretchenlein.

He is a Gastwirt. That is to say he owns and controls a Gastwirtschaft, Bierstube, Gasthof, Gasthaus, or Café. More simple still—so that he who stands still may read—he runs a "pub."

The sign of the pub. is much too German for these pages. It is "Zum——" something or other, and the figure—most realistically painted— of a "Leberwurst" —is suspended over the front porch.

Gretchenlein is the Kemmerin, and dispenses with willing hands and all embracing smile to all ready-money customers the excellent beer always to be had in the establishment. If customers are lacking, she stands in the doorway till her charms attract some.

Let my facile and all-descriptive plume (French for pen) picture for the entranced reader our one and only Gretchenlein. Tall is she. Tow-coloured is her plentiful hair, neatly arranged "par derriere" in two long plaits tied at the ends with pink cotton bows. Well developed everywhere and succulent. Sucking-pig eyes has our Mädchen, with retrousé nose and such an ample mouth. Her teeth are perfect in number, colour and regularity, having been supplied by Herr——, the well known tooth-merchant ——Strasse (No free ads., my boy! Ed.) Her hands are large, plump, and red as a raw steak, and she takes a number nine.

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It is Nachmittag.

The house is customerless. Sweet Gretchenlein stands at the door, but none approaches. Stay! Down the street comes a martial khaki-clad figure. It is HE, he on whom she has glanced, but ever failed to attract.

From head to foot he had that spick-and-span appearance so characteristic of the British Army, in whatever part of the globe you may find them. Lack of space and disinclination, prevent a detailed description of the brillance of his accoutrements.

Gretchenlein had an inspiration. Hastily rushing to the tap, she filled to the brim a litre seidel (cut crystal glass and solid silver heavily embossed lid) with Echtes Münchener Hof-Bräu seductive fluid — black as liquorice and almost as sickly. Flew she to the door just in time to present the foaming vessel to the distinguished member of the Fourth Estate.

Sorely tempted was our Hero! Sturdy did he resist, but he succumbed to feminine wiles. Sank he languidly on a cane-bottomed chair — detail is valuable in these matters — and pressed her — no I mean it, to his lips. You see, "se del" in German is feminine and that's how I came to say "her." Drank he deeply and well, till he foamed at the lips, until the fairy-like daughter of her father removed the superfluous fluid from his lips with her cambric "mouchoir" (one of the many looted from Valenciennes by her soldier brother).

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Long and lovingly they talked. They understood each other perfectly for like all British soldiers, our hero was a perfect linguist, and spoke German (as well as many other languages) like his mother-tongue. As the shades of evening fell, they had sworn eternal troth, and he nearly got too late for the office.

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The scene is changed! It is the "Demob" boat at Boulogne. Crossing the gangway is our hero. "Thank Heaven!" saith he, "Old Blighty once more and this time for good!"

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The last tram has long left the Quay at Cologne. Some of the cafés are already closed. From its home in the Dom Turm the great Kaiser Bell would long ago have boomed midnight had it not (the bell not the toner or midnight) been some years since melted down for cannon fodder. The stars shine unintermittently and uncomplainingly over where the Bridge of Boats used to be, and are duly reflected in the pellucid, crystal waters of good old Father Rhine.

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Gretchenlein weeps, then sleeps, alone!

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Alas! for human hopes.

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'Tis Christmas and snow is snowing on the eternal snows of the Swiss Alps.

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Fröhliche Weihnachten!!!

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Schlafen Sie wohl!
Essen Sie Kohl!
Trinken Sie Bier!
Und lieben Sie mir!

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Adieu! liebe Gretchenlein.

N.B. Any reader who cannot read the German words in the above effusion needn't worry. He hasn't missed anything. *G.W.R.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

WILL A READER OBLIGE?

Sir,—I notice a few of the old 9th Divisional signs still being worn, and I want to know if the metal sign was an honour presented to the Division by the King of the Belgians.

This was stated to be the case by a 9th Division man.

Perhaps some reader will englighten me.

C.U.

THE TRUE CRITIC.

Sir,—I am in perfect agreement with R.M. in his letter "The True Critic".

I think there are far too many people who rejoice in finding faults, but never see the good points in their friends.

By all means let people find fault if there is a just cause, but then let them be careful to go the right way about it. Let them also see the good points in their friends, and then I think they will find their friendship growing stronger.

AGREEMENT.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Sir,—It was with interest that I read the correspondence re "The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals" in Cologne.

It may interest readers to read this extract from Jerome's "Three Men on a Bummel." — "Germany is the only country in Europe where the traveller can settle comfortably in his hired carriage, confident that his gentle willing friend between the shafts will be neither overworked or cruelly treated."

I advise all men on the Rhine to read this book for the interesting descriptions of German home life and character.

FUSILIER.

WHEN TO SALUTE.

Sir,—I should like to reply to "Young but keen soldier," that he must be very young, and too keen. He should not imagine that he sees officers, but should make sure by identifying their rank first.

During the war, he may have noticed many officers with Tommy's clothes complete, but the little "pip" on the shoulder, made the big gap. I should like to point out that brown boots are an issue, and may be made smart and bright by "gentle persuasion."

OLD AND KEEN ENOUGH.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

Sir,—Whilst admiring the contents of a large toy-shop in Columba Strasse to-day I heard a youngster's voice say "Ach! Englander."

On looking to my left I saw a small native with his index finger pressed against the glass. His companion questioned, "Wer ist der Englander?"

My eyes answered his question when I saw that the "Englander" was a comic figure in a brown sports cap and breeches with cap to match. The only part of his apparel suggesting an "Englander" was, I suppose the brown boots and puttees he was wearing.

ENGLANDER.

WHY NOT QUEUE?

Sir,—May I be permitted to enter a protest against the conduct of certain individuals, members of my own sex, on leaving the opera?

No sooner does the fall of the curtain signalise the close of the performance than there is a wild stampede for the cloak room. Here, instead of queueing in order of arrival there is a general scramble, and the woman attendant is expected to deal with about four or five tickets at once.

While loaded with an avalanche of furs, hats, coats, British warms, sticks, umbrellas, scarves, opera cloaks, to say nothing of opera glasses, people keep plying the poor woman with their tickets, and all clamouring at the top of their voices all the time. It is Bedlam let loose.

Can nothing be done to stop this?

I would suggest that people should line up in a queue at the counter and take their turn as they would have to in a shop. *ENGLISH WOMAN.*

A RANKER'S PLAINT.

Sir,—I notice that several letters have been published in reply to mine, most of them agreeing with me. Of course I do not expect people such as "One of 'um," and "A.F.B." to agree with me, as some people are never satisfied, and they are doubtless laughing up their sleeves to think they are the cause of some complaint on the part of the homely Tommy.

In reply to "Douze ans Service" I admit that there is such a limited accommodation at Bonn and such other places. My remarks referred to Cologne. I am not asking "Douze ans Service" to journey to Cologne every time, but when in Cologne I daresay he, as a sensible man, would prefer the "Dutch Kitchen" instead of one of the canteens catering for lower ranks.

I am, all the same, pleased to see that we have such men as "1915," "Lance-Jack," and "Just a private" in the Rhine Army, men that are not afraid to speak up when necessary, and I trust that some steps are being taken to deal with the matter. It has gone on quite long enough.

RANKER.

Christmas Eve.

One hour in all the year is sweet,
And passing sweet the rest beside:
When loving friends, long parted, meet,
And hearts with wealth of welcome beat
At Christmastide.

Dear Christmas Eve! When love is strong,
And strife and falsehood pass away,
And kindly actions round us throng,
And memories of ancient wrong
Die out for aye!

And yet in this wide world we know
There must be always some who grieve,
Who, all unloved, unloving, go,
Or sit enthroned amid their woe
On Christmas Eve.

God grant to hearts thus overcast
Such love and joy as we receive,
That, free from spectres of the past,
They, too, may find sweet peace at last
On Christmas Eve!

G. WEATHERLY.

THE CUP DRAW.

Holders to Visit Southend to Oppose the United.

CHELSEA V. BOLTON.

On Monday afternoon, in London, the Football Association decided that the final of the Association Cup will be played at Stamford Bridge, the ground of Chelsea, F.C. The Crystal Palace has, since the decision, always to play the cup-tie final in London, been the venue of this great attraction. In recent years, however, criticism has been levelled at this ground and its terracing and stands have been, from a spectator's point of view, very inadequate as regards witnessing the game.

Consequently, followers of the game will be glad to learn that the choice of ground has fallen on Stamford Bridge, and this will be hailed with especial delight by London enthusiasts. The Chelsea ground is one of the best in the country, and is in every way admirable for the staging of such a contest.

THE OPPONENTS.

The draw for the first round of the English Cup, to be played on Jan. 10th, took place at the same meeting, and provides a highly attractive programme. The cup holders, Sheffield United, will be visitors to Southend where the United of that town accounted for the strong Watford eleven last Saturday. The holders will have to be on their mettle in order to survive this round.

The runners-up in the last final, Chelsea, face Bolton on the latter's ground, and despite this disadvantage the London team may pass on to the second series.

Newcastle will have Crystal Palace as visitors at St. James Park where, it will be remembered, the "Glaziers" once previously inflicted a sensational defeat, scoring two goals to the "Magpies" nil. There appears no possibility of a repetition of this performance.

Darlington, whose surprising victory over Sheffield United will be fresh in the memory of many, are now drawn against Sheffield Wednesday at Darlington. The northerners play typical cup-tie football and may cause the downfall of another Sheffield eleven.

The other northern new-comers who make their debut in the first round proper are West Stanley who, with ground advantage, should triumph over the winners of the replayed tie between Gillingham and Swansea. Sunderland appear to have a gift in being drawn against Hull City at Roker Park and this despite the fact that the Tigers have no mean record as cup fighters.

Thorneycroft appear to have a hopeless task in having to meet Burnley.

WEST BROM'S PROSPECTS.

The League leaders will have Barnsley as opponents at the Hawthorns and this should prove the keenest battle of the draw.

Both have great cup fighting abilities. This match presents a very open appearance and the unorthodox methods of the visitors may just turn the scale in their favour.

Tottenham Hotspur, who head the Second League, should experience no difficulty in accounting for either Northampton or Bristol Rovers; ground advantage should avail their opponents little. Portsmouth, the Southern League leaders, will do battle at Valley Parade, against Bradford City. The cup should have no further interest for the southerners.

Aston Villa look a certainty for round two at the expense of Queen's Park Rangers, their record in previous cup competitions being one of the best in the country. Preston North End, who are down to meet Stockport County have a stiff hurdle to surmount, but in view of their remarkable record they may dispose of their opponent's ambitions.

Fulham and Swindon will provide excellent fare in London and one is inclined to think that the Railwaymen will be victorious.

Coventry will meet Luton on the latter's ground, and as they will be looking to the cup-ties to recompense them for their large outlay on players they may be relied upon to put up a great fight for the right to enter round two. They should be successful.

At Plymouth, where the Argyle oppose their fellow leaguers, Reading, a rousing cup-tie should result with the odds on the home team, whose forceful tactics are well-known. If there is any great certainty in the draw it is surely that Manchester City will blast all Clapton Orient's hopes. The Londoners are an unlucky eleven; and their spell is not improved by their having to meet the Citizens at Hyde Road.

OLD CUP FIGHTERS.

Two famous Cup elevens will be on view at Blackburn, where the Wolves provide the opposition. Danny Shea and Co. should be in further encounters.

Huddersfield, who will receive Brentford, are badly in need of funds and it is certain that they will not allow this opportunity of remaining in the competition to pass without a great struggle. The southern team will be exceedingly fortunate if they survive.

Middlesbrough will engage Lincoln City whom they should easily oust from the contest. Birmingham, who are making a great fight for the Second League Championship, are down to oppose Everton at St. Andrews and with ordinary luck should compel the "Toffies" to bid farewell to this season's cup.

Appended are the results of the draw.

South Shields v. Liverpool
Manchester City v. Clapton Orient
Luton v. Coventry
Newport v. Leicester City
Notts County v. Millwall
Bradford City v. Portsmouth
Birmingham v. Everton
West Bromwich v. Barnsley
West Stanley v. Gillingham or Swansea
Bolton Wanderers v. Chelsea
Lincoln City v. Middlesbrough
Huddersfield v. Brentford
Blackburn R. v. Wolverhampton
Rochdale v. Arsenal
Bradford v. Notts Forest
Preston North End v. Stockport County
Darlington v. Sheffield Wed
Plymouth Argyle v. Reading
Grimsby v. Bristol City

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VILLA MOUNT THREE

Bradford City in Dangerous Waters.

HUDDERSFIELD'S PROGRESS.

In the first Division of the League the five leading clubs each maintained their position, and Manchester United came sixth by their victory over the Magpies. The only movements were among the clubs in the middle rungs of the ladder. We now have Aston Villa twelfth from the top. They climbed three places by their win over Oldham. Bradford City's lapse brings them well into the danger zone, and they can ill afford to lose points at this stage. The three bottom clubs show no change.

SECOND LEAGUE.

In this competition the three leading clubs are unchanged, but Huddersfield now occupy fourth place. Considering the adverse circumstances with which this club is faced, the position they now hold reflects great credit on the players concerned. Here also the three bottom clubs make no move, and the main movements concern the clubs about the middle of the table.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Only one game was played under league auspices but it served to bring the two contestants nearer the top. Crystal Palace now occupy the fourth place and Swindon move from ten to eight on the table.

Watford's startling defeat in the cup now leaves the Southern League Championship as their only ambition, and they should prove even more dangerous opponents than before.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

If Celtic win the two games they have on hand, they will still be a point behind their great rivals, the Rangers, and as the Celtic Park lot are as reliable as the weather at present, it promises to be Rangers season.

Appended are the League tables:

The League.—Division I.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Agst.	Pts.
West Bromwich Albion	19	14	0	5	54	25	28
Burnley	20	12	3	5	31	26	27
Sunderland	19	12	2	5	36	23	26
Newcastle United	20	10	4	6	27	19	24
Chelsea	19	9	3	7	29	22	21
Manchester United	18	7	6	5	30	22	20
Bolton Wanderers	20	7	6	7	35	32	20
The Arsenal	19	6	8	5	31	30	20
Sheffield United	20	8	4	8	35	34	20
Bradford	19	8	3	8	34	30	19
Everton	19	7	5	7	38	34	19
Aston Villa	19	9	1	9	34	36	19
Middlesbrough	20	7	5	8	25	31	19
Manchester City	19	7	4	8	43	40	18
Notts County	19	6	6	7	31	41	18
Blackburn Rovers	20	6	6	8	28	37	18
Liverpool	19	7	3	9	23	26	17
Bradford City	20	6	5	9	31	39	17
Derby County	20	5	7	8	20	30	17
Preston North End	19	6	3	10	28	44	15
Oldham Athletic	18	5	2	11	24	30	12
Sheffield Wednesday	19	3	4	12	14	32	10

The League.—Division II.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Agst.	Pts.
Tottenham Hotspur	19	15	2	2	55	16	32
Birmingham	19	13	3	3	40	16	29
Blackpool	20	11	4	5	38	21	26
Huddersfield Town	19	11	3	5	37	15	25
Hull City	20	11	2	7	42	32	24
Bristol City	19	8	7	4	24	17	23
Stoke	19	11	1	7	31	24	23
Stockport County	19	9	5	5	31	19	23
West Ham United	19	9	4	6	19	21	22
Barnsley	19	9	3	7	30	21	21
Bury	19	9	3	7	26	23	21
Fulham	19	8	4	7	26	25	20
Port Vale	18	7	4	7	27	23	18
South Shields	19	7	4	8	16	20	18
Rotherham County	19	6	3	10	19	35	15
Wolverhampton Wand.	19	5	4	10	28	34	14
Nottingham Forest	19	4	6	9	18	30	14
Clapton Orient	20	6	2	12	20	31	14
Leicester City	19	4	5	10	16	35	13
Grimsby Town	19	4	2	13	14	39	10
Lincoln City	19	3	4	12	15	50	10
Coventry City	19	0	5	14	4	39	5

Southern League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Agst.	Pts.
Portsmouth	20	13	4	3	40	14	30
Watford	19	12	3	4	31	15	27
Reading	20	8	9	3	26	18	25
Crystal Palace	19	8	8	3	32	19	24
Queen's Park Rangers	19	10	4	5	31	19	24
Cardiff City	18	7	8	3	31	20	22
Brentford	19	7	7	5	22	20	21
Swindon	20	8	5	7	34	32	21
Norwich City	17	8	4	5	33	23	20
Plymouth Argyle	19	7	6	6	23	14	20
Exeter City	18	6	7	5	20	18	19
Swansea Town	20	6	7	7	22	21	19
Millwall	19	7	4	8	28	30	18
Southend United	18	5	8	5	23	26	18
Merthyr Town	20	5	7	8	24	29	17
Bristol Rovers	18	5	6	7	27	33	16
Southampton	20	6	4	10	27	36	16
Luton	18	5	4	9	21	32	14
Brighton & Hove A.	20	4	5	11	18	28	13
Newport County	19	5	3	11	16	34	13
Northampton	19	3	6	10	32	48	12
Gillingham	19	3	3	13	9	41	9

Scottish League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Agst.	Pts.
Glasgow Rangers	21	17	3	1	63	10	37
Celtic	19	13	5	1	40	15	31
Motherwell	21	10	6	5	36	32	26
Dundee	21	11	3	7	43	29	25
Ayr United	22	10	4	8	47	34	24
Airdrionians	21	8	7	6	26	18	23
Heart of Midlothian	21	10	3	8	32	29	23
Hibernians	21	10	3	8	39	40	23
Greenock Morton	20	9	3	8	33	18	21
Aberdeen	21	7	7	7	26	27	21
Queen's Park	22	8	5	9	36	39	21
Dumbarton	21	6	9	6	30	33	21
St. Mirren	22	7	5	10	32	44	19
Kilmarnock	22	8	3	11	27	47	19
Partick Thistle	19	7	4	8	26	31	18
Clydebank	19	7	3	9	34	32	17
Third Lanark	20	5	7	8	25	38	17
Albion Rovers	20	7	3	10	22	34	17
Raith Rovers	23	6	4	13	45	57	16
Falkirk	23	5	6	12	25	41	16
Clyde	22	5	5	12	29	42	15
Hamilton Academicals	21	5	2	14	29	52	12

Castleford Town v. Hednesford or Gnome Athletic
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Cardiff City v. Oldham Athletic
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Blackpool v. Derby County
Sunderland v. Hull City
Southend United v. Sheffield United.
Port Vale v. Manchester United
Fulham v. Swindon
Thorneycrofts v. Burnley
Aston Villa v. Queens Park Rangers
Southampton v. West Ham United
Newcastle United v. Crystal Palace.

CHELSEA THE VENUE.

Important Football Association Decisions.

TEAM FOR AFRICA.

At a meeting of the International Selection Committee of the F.A. on Monday it was decided to accept the invitation of the South African Association to send an English team to South Africa next spring, provided the terms are mutually agreed that the tour should not last more than three months. Further stipulations were that the English team should leave during the first week in May and return not later than the middle of August and that the number of matches played should not exceed twelve two per week.

Australian Invitation.

With regard to a second invitation to send a team to Australia, the committee decided to postpone further consideration of the matter until the question of the South African tour had been settled.

A communication was read from the British Olympic Association expressing the hope that the F.A. would not refuse to meet the team of a neutral country at the Olympic games at Antwerp on the ground that at some time since the war they had played against a German team. It was decided to defer sending a reply until after the conference at Brussels on the 28th inst.

A further important decision was the venue of the Association Cup Final, which will be played at Chelsea.

"C.B.'s" CORRECTION.

£60,000 as Dempsey's Share of the Purse.

THE BIGGEST OFFER.

Mr. C. B. Cochran, who is travelling to America on the "Mauretania," has sent the following radiogram.

"The reported offer of £60,000 is not for a purse, but is a fixed guarantee for Dempsey.

"Carpentier's remuneration is provided for in a contract already held by me."

Apparently Mr. Cochran, spurred by French and American bidding, is going all out for the Dempsey-Carpentier match. At first he said his limit was a £35,000 purse, split 60 and 40 per cent., and for a long time after—in fact, until he left to join the "Mauretania," he vowed that he would give no more, and that anyone who bid higher could have the match; but Mr. Cochran has changed his mind. Changed it, too, in no half-hearted way, for with £60,000 flat for Dempsey, a purse of £100,000 is suggested. And even at that figure he has not yet got the match! There may be an even more exuberant promoter in the field.

BILLIARDS.

The big match in England came to a conclusion on Saturday, the following being the final score:

Newman 8,000
Falkiner. 7,307

Breaks, Newman:—119, 297, 161, 101.
Falkiner:—219 and 208.

CARSLAKE GOES HOME.

Bernard Carslake, the well-known jockey, left England yesterday by the White Star liner Adriatic.

No fears need be entertained that "Brownie" is deserting the British Turf. He is just taking a long holiday, and after a visit to California it is understood he will strike for his native Australia.

We shall see him back in the saddle at the beginning of next year's "flat" season. Carslake rode several mounts in Lord Derby's colours last season, and was also on the back of the champion two-year-old Tetratema in his races.

LINCOLNSHIRE TO "CARRY ON."

It was decided at the annual meeting of the Lincolnshire County Cricket Club, held at Lincoln, to carry on the club next season, and the outlook is auspicious. Colonel A. G. Weigall, M.P., the president, is again lending his invaluable support. The old committee was re-elected, with instructions to reorganise the club and arrange fixtures for 1920, and the treasurer (Mr. R. Whitton) reported that there was a balance in hand which would, he estimated, with the subscriptions expected, be sufficient to see the club through next season.

SPORT NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

No Draws.
West Bromwich Albion have not yet drawn a League game.

Poor Record.
Coventry City have not once scored in their last eleven games.

Better at Home.
Oldham Athletic and Sheffield United are the only First Division clubs without an away victory to their credit.

The Wrong Side.
Lincoln City are the first League team to have 50 goals scored against them.

Wells' Next.
It is stated that when next Billy Wells takes the ring his opponent will be Harry Reeves.

A New Record.
A. G. Kirby, the Ashford Manor professional, created a new record for his course by doing the first nine holes in 32, one stroke better than his previous best. Kirby finished the round in 66, one stroke above the record for the course.

Hairpin II. Unlucky.
In the course of the race for the Club Steeplechase at Haydock Park at the last fence before the winning post, where he fell on the previous day, Hairpin II. was knocked off his feet by Bonnie Charlie, who went on to win the race. Hairpin II. was going well at the time of the mishap, and must be considered unlucky.

Haydock Sales.
Phil was bought in for 370 guineas, and Ubeoff sold to Major Platt for 175 guineas at Haydock on Saturday.

Sound Defence.
In their last four away matches the Birmingham defence has not given away a goal.

Now French.
Fairy Thorn, Chaud, and MacGee, recently purchased in England, have arrived at Halsey's stables at Chantilly to be trained.

After a Year.
Charles Hawkins, who was injured at Manchester last New Year's Day, hopes to be able to discard his crutches in two months' time.

Golf Challenge.
C. Wingate (Castle Bromwich) and M. J. Lewis (Little Aston) have issued a challenge to play any two Midland golf professionals a 72 holes four-ball match for £25 aside, 36 holes, to be played at Castle Bromwich or Little Aston.

Hawkins at Hurst Park.
C. Hawkins, the incapacitated steeplechase jockey, was at Hurst Park on Saturday, and was accommodated with a chair on the Press stand to witness the racing. It will be some months before he will be able to walk without the assistance of crutches, though the specialist who is attending him is hopeful as to his being able to use his leg again.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

The Palace Theatre.

Variety and excellence are the outstanding features of the programme submitted at the Palace theatre this week. Perhaps the most striking turn is that of the Four Whizz Bangs, comedy tumblers. Why comedy, I cannot fathom, for a "straighter" performance of really clever acrobatics it would be difficult to find. The foot and hand balancing of this quartette is extraordinarily good and the audience on the opening night made no attempt to disguise their delight.

Alfred Barker, violinist, again figures on the programme with customary success. But why is it always necessary for him to wait until he is on the stage to decide upon the lighting effects and alter them by arm revolutions? The Three Versatiles (in which talented combination is included the ever popular Miss Hilda Potts) present a bright and entertaining little show comprising song and story.

As the World's Worst Wizards, Rex and Erno are genuinely funny, as is the former in a solo turn. Charles S. Stairs sings and talks of humorous incidents while Harold Walters invariably delights his hearers by his vocal ability. On the programme the timbre of his voice is described as baritone but I think bass would be a more fitting description.

An extra turn, a ventriloquist whose name we are not told, displays considerable technical skill but his patter, not particularly strong in itself, is delivered in monotonous tones and the song at the conclusion is sung at about half the speed intended by the composer. Consequently, the ingredients of an entertaining show are rendered rather sleepy.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	STAR	£ 10
Wednesday	No Performance.			
Thurs.	Tannhäuser	Wagner	6	10
Fri.	Der Bajazzo / Cav. Rusticana	Leoncavallo / Mascagni	7	10
Sat.	Figaro's Hochzeit	Mozart	7	10.30
Sun.	The Women without Shadow	Strauss	6	10.30
Mon.	Hansel und Gretel	Humperdinck	6	8
Tues.	Tannhäuser	Wagner	6	10

The orchestra, under the conductorship of Alfred Barker, accompanies splendidly, but the "Chords off" are irritatingly sustained.

Band Concert.

The Band of the 13th Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps gave an interesting programme at the British Empire Leave Club on Sunday evening. Among the several items which were much applauded was "Maid of the Mountains." Miss Soxiers Cocks gave two 'cello solos and Miss Jameson sang with her usual charm. Rifleman Ryder played a violin solo, a Mazurka by Wieniawski, with much feeling, and Driver Pilgrim gave three recitations.

To Skaters.

I am asked to state that the skating rink at Mulheim will not be open from 2 to 6. p.m. to-day as is customary.

JACQUES.

A VOID RACE.

No Horses Finish in 'Chase at Folkestone.

The weather was fine for the Folkestone meeting on Monday and the going was good. There was an unusual occurrence in the Novices' 'Chase. Two horses started, but both fell, and as neither finished, the race was declared void.

Details.

Guildhall 'Chase:—1, Wee Sandy (2—1); 2, William Lad (100—8); 3, Our Boy (5—1). Four ran.

Seabrook Hurdle:—1, Ravello (7—4 on); 2, Manda (5—1); 3, Bridge of Sighs 6—1). Six ran.

Novices 'Chase:—Declared void. Two ran.

Dover Hurdle:—1, Monard (9—2); 2, Court Bleddyn (5—2); 3, King's Coat (5—1). Nine ran.

Maiden Hurdle:—1, Zuider Zee (6—4); 2, War Emblem (9—4); 3, Flying Simon (10—1). Five ran.

Ramsgate 'Chase:—1, Valentine (5—2); 2, Chang (13—8). Only two finished. Three ran.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

No. 7 Field Ambulance v. No. 5 Field Amaulance.

The above mentioned teams faced each other on the ground of No. 7 on Saturday last. From the commencement of the game, No. 7 team were all over No. 5, half time arriving with the score in favour of No. 7 by 3—0.

On resuming No. 5 were very badly outplayed, the match being transformed into a game of shooting in, the final score reading 8—0 for No. 7 Field Ambulance.

231st H.Q. Coy R.E. v. 52nd R.B.

A fast and exciting game was witnessed on Saturday on the R.A.M.C. ground at Riehl, when the Sappers met the 52nd R.B. Play started at a hot pace, the game being fairly even for the first fifteen or twenty minutes when the sappers broke away and a goal was scored by Sapper Pattison, the Sappers right winger. The Sappers right tried hard to equalise but were unsuccessful, and the Sappers were leading by 1—0 half-time.

On resumption of the game, the rights tried hard to score but were again unsuccessful, the Sappers having best of the play. Neither side was able to score in the second half, the right's goalie saving some splendid shots, and the game ended with the Sappers having the only goal of the game to their credit.

RHINE GARRISON LEAGUE.

Matches to be played, Saturday next.

TEAMS.	GROUND.
121st Heavy Battery, R.G.A v. Rhine Garrison B.A.C., R.F.A.	Westhoven.
187th Brigade, R.F.A. v. 41st Bn. M.G.C.	41st Bn. M. G. C. Ground.
14 th Field Ambulance v. 51st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers.	Exerzierplatz.
6th Inniskilling Dragoons v. 52nd. Bn. Rifle Brigade	6th Inniskilling Dragoons.
231st Field Coy, R.E. v. 23rd Bn. Royal Fusiliers.	Amsterdamerstrasse.
51st Bn. Rifle Brigade v. Rhine Garrison M.T. Coy.	51st Bn. Rifle Bde. Ground.
11th Bn. "Queens" R.W.S.Rgt. v. 2nd Field Ambulance.	Poller Weisen Ground.
Rhine Garrison Train v. 52nd Bn. North'd Fusiliers.	Stadt Wald, Lindenthal.
Camp Commandant v. 19th Bn. Middlesex Regt.	Marienburg Barracks.

BOXING EXTOLLED.

New C.O. Strongly Commends the Fistic Art.

At Aldershot Gymnasium, Lieut.-Col. Sir G. A. Armitage, C.M.G., D.S.O., on the first day of his appointment with a new unit spoke on the subject of boxing. He said:

"We want to encourage boxing, clean boxing, in this battalion. I am perfectly certain that, even if they are not boxing themselves, men will learn a great many more useful lessons at a boxing meeting than they will at a cinema. Boxing is a splendid pastime; it makes and keeps you fit; it makes you cool-headed; it teaches you to control your temper. The man who keeps fit for boxing will be fit whenever he is wanted to face the enemy."

RHINE BILLIARDS.

Championship to be Arranged at VI Corps Club.

Billiards enthusiasts among the officers in Cologne will receive with satisfaction the announcement that a competition is being organised at the VI Corps Club. The wish has been frequently expressed that such a project should be undertaken and it is, indeed, a matter of considerable surprise that nothing on a large scale in this direction has so far been attempted.

In the Club billiard room, a sheet is now available whereon budding Inmans may scribe their names as being desirous of taking part in the competition. Already the list is getting to lengthy proportions and the entrants, although chiefly composed of players in the purely novices class, include the names of some really expert exponents.

The games will be of 250 up, but the wisdom of deciding upon such a high figure is being freely questioned, in view of the inevitable protracted duration of the competition.

The opinion of many is that one hundred up would have been less fatiguing both to players and spectators alike, as well as having the advantage of sustaining interest throughout the course of the competition

G. H. Q. HOCKEY CLUB.

Efforts are being made to re-build the above club. With this object in view, a number of players have been got together and several matches have been played. There is, however, a scarcity of members and the committee will welcome fresh additions, good bad or indifferent. Further details may be obtained as to membership subscription etc. by application to: Lieut. C. Hanbury, H. Q. Military Governor, Cologne.

WHY THEY FAILED.

Upsetting Matches in Christmas Competition.

In contest No. 13 which is now under adjudication, the result of which is still in doubt, the majority of competitors were very naturally upset in their calculations by the victory of Barnsley over the conquering Spurs and the failure of Hull at Wolverhampton. Bradford City's inability to account for Notts County and Newcastle's defeat at Manchester were also the causes of many failures. Look out for the result of this contest tomorrow.

No. 14 competition, the coupon for which appears underneath, provides yet another opportunity for success in forecasting football results. Turn your attention to it now.

On the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 14,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O./S. 40 Rhine Army.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 14.

Date of matches, Saturday, Dec. 27th.
Closing date, Friday, Dec. 26th.

Burnley	v. Preston
Liverpool	v. Everton
Bolton	v. Blackburn
Notts C	v. Bradford City
West Ham	v. Huddersfield
Clapton	v. Coventry
Palace	v. Millwall
Southampton	v. Watford
Queens Park	v. Kilmarnock
Falkirk	v. Dumbarton

I enter Football Competition No. 14 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions already announced and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(in block letters.)
Rank and No. .....
Unit .....
Full Address .....

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

An Orgy.

Walking down a quiet street in Cologne the other day I counted seventeen empty condensed milk tins lying about.

German Humour.

In a Berlin revue England is described by a comedian as "a small island on the West Coast of Europe, the capital of which is Cologne."

All Hustle.

The British authorities are not the only ones suffering from the Xmas rush. The German post office is also working at top pressure just now.

After the Bird.

All the customers present in a poulterer's shop which I passed yesterday were British officers. They were busy making some large purchases of poultry.

At G.H.Q.

At G.H.Q. Christmas Eve will be a half holiday and office hours will be as on Saturdays. Christmas Day will be a holiday, and only urgent correspondence will be dealt with. Heads of sections will use their discretion as to the work to be done on Boxing Day.

Our Holiday.

For the benefit of my readers I would point out that the "Cologne Post" will not be published on Boxing Day or Saturday, Dec. 26th and 27th.

Fame.

Passing along a remote street I chanced to look in the window of a small stationer's shop. There, resplendent among gaily coloured Xmas cards, was a copy of our Christmas Number.

Don't Forget.

Post your efforts early for our No. 14 football contest, and thus assist the competition staff.

Christmas Dinner Out.

It is surprising how many individuals one meets who are doubtful as to where they are going to eat their Xmas Dinner. One mess I know of, having sadly deteriorated in number, decided to extend invitations to friends. The result is that the P.M.C. wonders where he is going to house the number seeking a place at the table.

Christmas Menus.

Some really stupendous menus have been prepared out here in some of the Cologne messes, ranging from soup, fish, to pork, beef, and turkey. At one N.C.O.s' mess the list of viands is so imposing that out of consideration for those who may be left to partake of tinned rabbit I resist the temptation to publish it.

For Luck.

Quite a number of competitors in our 13th Football competition entered 13 coupons. Was this to try and break their luck?

Blank Programmes.

The selling of incomplete programmes carrying blank pages is becoming an epidemic. A lady friend escorted to the opera looked far from pleased when on opening the text she found that the greater portion was missing.

Women Tram Employees.

Even now it is still possible to see women conductors on the trams. I saw two on the No. 14 route. Only a very small number are still employed.

Advertising on Trams.

Whether or no the powers that be have noticed the correspondence in the "Cologne Post" on the subject of advertising in trams, I see that a "Guide for Foreigners" is now advertised, by means of printed cards hung in the trams.

Hamburg Ring.

In a busy thoroughfare yesterday morning my batman was accosted by a civilian carrying a portmanteau in one hand and a razor in the other. "Kamerad, good razor, Hamburg Ring, ten marks," said the merchant, but Tommy didn't bite.

"I Say, Sadie!"

I notice one big store in Cologne which is specialising just now in American fashions.

Where the Trams Meet.

Just where Cologne traffic is at its busiest there is a wineshop which judging by appearances has its full share of custom. Unfortunately the tramlines at this point do not allow of the pulling up of drays, so it came about that an individual was to be seen trundling a barrel across the road while drivers of vehicles turned the air blue with lurid language.

Christmas Cheer.

It is really worth while paying a visit to the different hostels in Rhineland, and especially Cologne, which cater for Tommy. The British Empire Leave Club presents a delightful appearance, all rooms having dainty Chinese lanterns hanging from the ceiling. In the outer hall is to be seen a replica of a sandbagged trench.

Everyone is Reading it.

Dropping into the club bar the other day I found pleasure in the number of officers who had included a copy of our new souvenir number in their bundle of newspapers. Many were reading it. "Quite a topping idea," was a subaltern's comments. Did he know that his opinion is shared by many of higher rank?

Free Circulation.

I am informed that to-night free circulation of Germans will be allowed, while the electric cars will cease to run at 9 p.m.

Tantalizing.

The sight of a Tommy going down Marzellen strasse with a tray of eatables was too much for several of the civilians who passed him. They shouted "Kamerad! Kamerad!" and pointed to their mouths appealingly.

What Rumour Says.

Have you noticed the Fort in the Oberländer Ufer? A small blockhouse arrangement siands in front of it, which at some time or another has had a direct hit on it. Rumour has it that it was the result of a bomb dropped by our airmen during the war.

Wages Dependant on Things.

I met a waiter in a cafe the other day who spoke perfect English. He had been released from Abbeville, where he had been a prisoner of war for 12 months. He informed me that in this particular cafe his wages depended a great deal on his takings for the day, a system of commission.

Juvenile Criticism.

To those who left children behind on joining the colours, the following remark from a three and a-half-year-old boy will appeal. Speaking to a friend, he asked: "Have you a Daddy?" "Yes" was the reply. "So have I, but we don't see much of him," said the questioner.

All Gone Before.

Reminds one of other days when one spots the notice boards directing you "To Guards Division hostel," "To Midland Division hostel," and "To 62nd Division Club."

Beautiful and Striking Cartoons.

Do you want to see and maybe to buy some of the wonderful cartoons etc. done by Capt. Lander of the R.F? If so go to the N.A.C.B. Stores Tearoom in the Obenmarspforten and see them on the wall. The exhibition contains some wonderful war pictures grandly depicting the gruesome scenes at the front in Capt. Lander's inimitable style. Others, in bright contrast, are pre-war and extra-war studies of a pleasing type.

A Tip for the Demobbed.

In order to obviate the difficulty that arises in obtaining the verification of men's statements who proceed to England for demobilization, that they have been receiving dental treatment with a view to provision of dentures, it is advisable that all men whose mouths have been prepared, should report before demobilization to the Inspecting Dental Surgeon, 44th C.C.S., Cologne, for the A.F. Z.22 and dental certificate or the required dentures.

RHINELANDER.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Strike of Waiters?—London waiters are threatening to strike for higher wages.

Starting Together. — Two sisters were married on the same day at Blackheath.

Theatre Boom.—About twenty-five new theatre sites are needed in London.

Crazes.— The dancing vogue has now reached its zenith.

Very Soft. — Bog oak which cuts like butter has been discovered in Lancashire.

And the Next. — Mr. R. Smillie says nationalisation of the mines is only the first step.

Merry Jack.—9,000 bluejackets were granted ten days Christmas leave at Portsmouth.

Big Schemes.—Housing schemes costing £4,500,000 have been decided on by the London County Council.

Suspect.—Beri-beri suspects from a Brazilian schooner are under medical supervision at Hull.

What it Cost Him.—A man admitted at a Doncaster inquest that he had paid £100 to get rid of his wife

Seven Thousand Tons Used.—The German liner, Imperator, arrived at Southampton with her bunkers nearly empty.

Shares Worth Holding. — There is an improved outlook for home railway securities.

The Guilty. — Lists of war criminals containing 1500 names, have been drawn up by the Allies.

Army Education.—It is said there is no intention to set up at home a college or school similar to that in Cologne.

The Price of Fish.—Lord Leverhulme's schemes for fish supplies at reasonable prices are going ahead.

Already.—Officers and men are wearing the ribbon for the recent Afghan campaign.

His New Commission. — An ex-officer is running a London boarding house and cleans the steps himself.

New Records.—Record bags of letters are being handled by the parcels department of the G.P.O.

Verboten.— Brighton police have been forbidden to play in any but friendly games.

The New Editor.—Mr. A. H. Mann succeeds Mr. J. S. R. Phillips as Editor of the "Yorkshire Post".

Native Representation. — Four Maoris were returned in New Zealand general election.

The Next Boom.—Boom in feather neckwear in the spring is predicted by the drapery trade.

"Whirligig."—Production of "Whirligig," the new Hippodrome revue, took place to-day.

The Old Showman.—Mr. J. W. Bostock, the noted showman, was buried at Abney Park Cemetery.

All There.—Second part of the German Peace Commission, under Herr von Simson, arrived in Paris.

Narrow Escape. — Cruiser Royal Arthur ran on the Folly mud bank, Chatham, but was successfully cleared.

Germany Asks.—German Government has asked Holland for the extradition of ex-Lieut. Vogel for murder.

Knew Parnell. — Mr. James Mullin, a personal friend of Parnell and Butt, has died at Cardiff.

Dearer Cheese.—Imported cheese has been increased by 2d. on the pound to 1s. 8d.

A Training Centre.—Ponder's End National Projectile Factory is to be a training centre for ex-Service men.

Strength.—Five women in a competition at a gathering at Lane End, Bucks, each stood on one leg for half an hour.

Miners' Campaign.—During the six weeks' nationalisation of mines campaign sixty M.P.s will address 100 meetings.

Lancs. Scheme.—Under the Lancashire scheme for settling ex-soldiers on the land, each Lancashire regiment is to have a farm on the ratio of 10 acres per man.

Died While Writing Sermon.—While revising his Sunday sermon the Rev. W. T. Edginton, Sheffield, rested his pen on his Bible, sat back in his chair and died.

Complimentary.—Women police sang "For he's a jolly good fellow" after being addressed by Sir Leonard Dunning, H.M. Inspector of Constabulary.

A great Advance in Soap Chemistry

As a result of many years strenuous work in chemical research and its practical application, "Sapon" Soap has been perfected. It is the greatest advance in the chemistry of Soap since that article was first manufactured.

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A. GENERAL WING.

English. German.
French. Classics.
Geography. Civics.
History. Mathematics.
Mechanical Engineering (Elem.) Chemistry & Physics.

B. COMMERCIAL WING.

GROUP I.

(a) Economics. (To include, Money, Trade & Finance; and the Indust. Development of England.)
(b) Commercial Geography.
(c) Commercial Law.
(d) Company Law.
(e) Bookkeeping (Elementary).
(f) Bookkeeping (Intermediate).
(g) Accountancy.
(h) Auditing.
(i) Commercial Correspondence and Training (Elementary).
(j) Commercial Correspondence and Business Training (Advanced).
(k) Banking.
(l) Commercial Arithmetic. (Elem.)
(m) " " (Advanced.)
(n) Shorthand & Typewriting.
(o) Secretarial Practice.

GROUP II.

(p) French. (Elementary.)
(q) " (Commercial.)
(r) German. (Elementary.)
(s) German. (Commercial.)
(t) Spanish. (Elementary.)

C. AGRICULTURAL WING.

COURSE C (I).

The Allotment Holders' Course, which in intended to meet the requirements of students wishing to take up an allotment on demobilisation, and is held at the Army Educational Farm.

COURSE C (II).

The Agricultural Science Course, which is intended for men with farming experience who wish to continue their studies or take up science connected with agriculture.

D. ART CLASSES.

1. Pure Art, figure drawing, painting and sketching.
2. Commercial Art, drawing, design, construction and artistic crafts.

ALL RANKS wishing to enter for the above courses should apply at once to their Commanding Officers

Names must reach G.H.Q. By 30th December.

AROUND AND ABOUT.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

New Year's Day has not always fallen on January 1st. The earliest calendars—the Jewish, the Greek, and the Egyptian—placed the beginning of the year at March 26th. This date was accepted in all Christian countries, and up to 1752 the legal year commenced on that day. Popular opinion, however, very early adopted the Roman calendar. As a sort of compromise, up to the middle of the eighteenth century it was usual to set down all dates between December 31 and March 25 thus: January 30, 1630-1.

PLUM PUDDING AND MINCE PIE.

The Christmas pudding in its contents is thought to symbolise, as does mince pie also, the rich offerings made by the Wise Men to the Infant Christ, and dates back to the early Christians.

"Once upon a time" plum pudding was called, "hackin", signifying the "hackin" or chopping of the ingredients—meats, suet, fruits and spices. After the revolution that enthroned the "merry monarch", Charles II., the "hackin" of our ancestors was baptised "plum pudding".

It seems to have survived in its original form only in England, where it is our National dish.

THE ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS TREES.

The question of the origin of Christmas-trees is of great interest. Though their affinity to other sacraments of the vegetation-spirit is evident, it is difficult to be certain of their exact ancestry. Dr. Tille regards them as coming from a union of two elements: the old Roman custom of decking houses with laurels and green trees at the Kalends of January, and the popular belief that every Christmas Eve apple and other trees blossomed and bore fruit.

BRADSHAW DEMOBBED.

For over five years there has been no "Continental Bradshaw," and those of us who could not afford time or money to go to Constantinople or Moscow have not even had the old fun of tracing a journey there in the famous time-table. But now "Mr. Bradshaw" has put his Continental time-table on our desk again—his first appearance since August 1914. It is now in two parts, the first being the familiar Continental time-table, and the second a complete Continental guide There are, of course, some omissions—"there ain't no busses runnin' from the Bank to Petrograd," for instance—but the demobbing of "Bradshaw" is a welcome landmark on the way back to normal.

WHY IT IS DECEMBER 25.

Nobodly knows whether that is the exact date on which Christ was born, or what people first celebrated the festival on that date. After the triumph of Christianity the prejudice of the early Christians against the celebration of birthdays as heathenish died out. Some time between 337 and 352, Pope Julius directed Saint Cyril to ascertain the correct date. He reported that the Western Churches observed it on December 25, although other Churches kept the day in January, April, May, March, and September. Pope Julius was so satisfied with Saint Cyril's report that he set December 25 as Christmas Day, and our observance of that date has come down to us from that decision.

CHRISTMAS CANDLES.

Burning candles at Christmastide is a custom derived from the Roman Saturnalia. Not only were candles used for the purpose of illumination during that festival, but they were also exchanged as gifts in token of cheerfulness and goodwill. It is probable that the employment of candles was derived from the Jewish Feast of the Dedication, which was held about the same time of the year as the Saturnalia and the Yule. The burning of candles was one of the incidents of the feast, and it is not unlikely that at the time of the birth of Jesus thousands of candles were brightly burning throughout Palestine—a fitting, though unintentional, proclamation of the Light that had come into the world. A fact that bears out this supposition is that the Catholics of the Greek Church call Christmas the "Feast of Lights."

EYESIGHT IMPROVED BY ARMY LIFE.

If you want to improve your eyesight, join the Army. That, at least, seems to be suggested by a correspondent, who has heard of several cases of ex-soldiers who wore glasses before they joined up and no longer require them. One man he knows, who wore spectacles for years, has just returned to a sedentary occupation that throws a great strain on the eyesight, and is delighted to find, after doing his bit in the Army, that he can read the smallest print without any artificial aid, a thing he could never have done four years age. Certainly it would be interesting to know how far this improvement of eyesight prevailis amongst the "demobbed."

MISTLETOE AND KISSES.

DECKING THE CHRISTMAS-TREE.

The size of a Christmas-tree, as well as its "set out," must be in unison with its object: a large tree for a school or similar gathering, a somewhat smaller one for a family party. In addition to the gifts exchanged in a family, flags, bannerettes, sweetmeats, nuts, fruit, etc., etc., may be arranged and fastened up with advantage in many charming ways—ways which any ingenious person will easily devise.

Have a large mirror hung on the wall exactly behind the spot destined for the Christmas-tree, and when lighted up the reflection will be splendidly enhanced, and the richness and beauty of our scene added to.

Firmly plant the tree in a large pot, which in its turn is set inside a square tea-chest ornamented prettily by being first papered over with white, and then having strips of crimson paper, about 2in. or 3in. in width, pasted perpendicularly all round at equal distances. A crimson bordering can also be fastened round the top. The inside of the chest should be well packed up, and a layer of moss neatly arranged round the trunk of the tree.

To load the tree with its "fruit" is a work of little trouble, though needing thought and consideration. Put the candles on first—next a collection of tastily-made flags and banners. No Christmas-tree could possibly be successful without "goodies," and much might be said as to the ways of fastening up sweets in their several packages.

Boxes of bonbons should be laid at the root of the tree, on the moss, until wanted. Some people put apples and oranges on a Christmas-tree, but they are almost too heavy. Articles of needlework, books, cards, and anything that might be irretrievably injured by grease or any mishap should be neatly wrapped in white paper parcels tied with pink or blue ribbon, and have a Christmas card slipped underneath to brighten up the exterior.

Sometimes a tiny spray of mistletoe—just a leaf and a berry or two may be fastened to such parcels to be, perchance, of utility to some one finding it in close proximity to some unconscious damsel. All heavy articles should be fastened to the stoutest branches, on the lower part of the tree; on no account put them at the summit or in a frail part.

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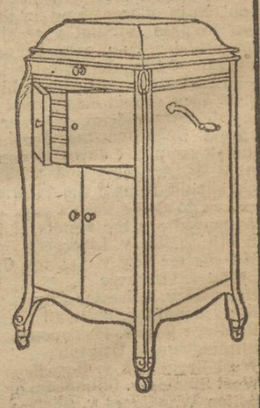

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE C-I-C.

A SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY issued by General Sir William R. Robertson, Bart, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., K.C.V.O, Commander-in-Chief, British Army of the Rhine, and dated December 24th, reads:—

To the Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men of the British Army of the Rhine:—

I desire to wish you a happy Christmas, and at the same time to express my appreciation of the general good conduct, tact, and courtesy which you have displayed during the past twelve months whilst in the novel situation of being an Army of Occupation in an enemy country.

You are called upon to pass yet another Christmas away from your homes, to keep watch on the Rhine whilst the new Regular Army is being made ready to relieve you, and I have no doubt that you will continue worthily to uphold the traditions of the Army to which we have the honour to belong.

In spite of being in a foreign land I trust that you may all spend a Merry Xmas and a Good New Year.

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From the British Army of the Rhine to its Commander-in-Chief:—

Thanks. The same to you, Sir!

LITVINOFF PARLEY.

MR. O'GRADY'S HOLIDAY.

Mr. Harmsworth, for the Foreign Office, in the Commons confirmed the announcement that since the negotiations between Mr. O'Grady and M. Litvinoff for the exchange of prisoners had been broken off information had reached the Government that a basis for resuming discussions might be found, and that a solution might be possible.

The Government therefore instructed Mr. O'Grady to resume negotiations with the Soviet Government. He was coming home for a few days' leave and would return to Copenhagen on Dec. 30.

JUDGE ON CHANGED CUSTOMS.

In the City of London Court James Bennett Ross, painter, of Grays, Essex, made a claim against the Atlantic Transport Company (Limited), Leadenhall-street, E.C., as the owners of the steamship Maryland, of Belfast, to recover compensation for the death of his son, John Ross, who was buried in a fall of coal while working as a fireman.

Mr. Doughty, for the defendants, read a list of the plaintiff's earnings, showing that he had earned from £4 to £10 a week during the last two years. He urged that the plaintiff was in no sense a dependent on his son. Judge Atherley-Jones, K.C., said that times had changed a great deal among working men. He could remember the time when a working man never wore a collar except perhaps on Christmas Day, and when the wife of a working man never wore anything except humble garments. As for flowers in her bonnet, the most she would have would be a little groundsel. He awarded the plaintiff £50 and costs.

SMALL BOY'S LONG JOURNEY.

An eight-year-old boy, Frank Neal, has been brought to friends in Plymouth all the way from San Francisco by a lady who was a stranger to him and his family. The child lost his mother three years ago, and the war prevented the father from getting him home, as he wished, to relatives in England. Recently Mrs. Cann, who was leaving San Francisco for this country, offered out of kindness to act as the boy's escort.

MAILS FOR TURKEY LOST BY FIRE.

The Postmaster-General announces that mails, containing correspondence addressed to civilians in Turkey (except Mesopotamia, Palestine, and Syria), which reached the General Post Office, London, between 5 p.m. on November 18 and 5 p.m. on November 19 last, have been destroyed by fire.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

The National Savings Committee notify that the number of War Savings Certificates sold during the week ended December 13 was 1,331,031, bringing the total to that date up to 378,838,586.

The Postmaster-General announces that no air mail will be dispatched from London to Paris on December 25, 26, and 27.

Q. E. D.

HOW TO SQUARE A RED TRIANGLE.

Before the mathematicians have had time to re-write Euclid, Pythagoras, and other abstruse school books in the light of the new Einstein theory, let us put in a word or two on the subject of triangles.

There is a proposition in the First Book of Euclid to the effect that the sum of the squares of the sides of a right-angled triangle is equal to the square of the hypotenuse. Another proposition says that the squares of the sides of an equilateral triangle are equal and so forth—which means that they balance.

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If it were not you personally, then it was your brother or friend who received a cup of tea or a cigarette when leaving the trenches, or just before he was killed or wounded. In his need he was succoured. Well, then, at this season of giving, remember the Y.M.C.A.

What about a whip-round at your mess dinner to-day?

That Red Triangle has got to be squared up.

GERMAN CHARGED WITH THEFT.

300 MISSING WATCHES.

At Old-street Police Court, Louis Hendle, aged 67, described as a German subject and a linguist, living at South Tottenham, was remanded on a charge of being concerned with another man not in custody in stealing and receiving from a man 300 watches and a number of watch-cases valued at £1,000, the property of the Combine Watch Company, of Hatton Garden.

The prisoner was arrested by Detective Sharpe at Finsbury-pavement on November 13, and was originally charged with the unlawful possession of two silver watches found upon him at the time. He now admitted having pawned watches for a man he had known for some months. It was stated the police had been unable to find this man.

TERRITORIAL OFFICERS' DECORATION.

The Secretary of the War Office announces that it has been decided that recipients of the Territorial Officers' Decoration, none of whom have been summoned to Investitures hitherto, may attend the Provincial Investitures which are being held in commands by a member of the Royal Family on his Majesty's behalf, in order to receive the "T.D." due to them, provided they are willing to attend at their own expense.

Any Territorial Force Officer wishing to avail himself of this concession should apply to the General Officer Commanding the Command in which he resides, giving his name in full, the name of the unit he served with on the outbreak of war, and particulars of the approximate date of the award.

SAILOR'S "FAT HEAD."

"Has it been any lesson to you?" asked the magistrate at Thames Police Court of a young sailor in the Navy who appeared on a charge of drunkenness. "Yes, in a way," was the reply. The Magistrate: "What way?"—Prisoner: "Oh, fat heads." Magistrate: "I don't know what that means."—Prisoner: "Bit of a pain in the head." Magistrate: "Oh, I understand; I thought you were applying that to my surroundings here." (Laughter.) Prisoner was let off with a fine.

Ilford Education Committee has decided to include organised games of football in the school curriculum.

LARGE FAMILIES.

NUMEROUS APPLICANTS FOR FRENCH PRIZES.

The French Academy has already received 20,000 applications for the "Cognacq prizes," which are presented yearly to the parents of the largest families.

One of them is the Roger family of Houilles, which consists of 27 children, of whom 18 are alive to-day. Some of the sons died in the war. The father is a shepherd and the mother works in a factory. The eldest child is 40 years old, while the youngest is only two.

Since there are only 50 prizes of 25,000f. each to give away it is probable that no candidate with less than 12, and perhaps, 15, children will be successful.

LADY PATRICIA RAMSAY.

SON BORN AT CLARENCE HOUSE.

Lady Patricia Ramsay gave birth to a son at Clarence House on Sunday morning.

Last evening mother and son were stated to be doing well.

Lady Patricia Ramsay, formerly Princess Patricia of Connaught, married Captain the Hon. Alexander Robert Maule Ramsay, D.S.O., R.N., last February.

COMBINE AGAINST BOLSHEVISM.

A Denikin wireless message states that Denikin will negotiate with the Russian border states on the basis of reunion to Russia in order to unify the activities of all Anti-Bolshevist forces.

LOOT OF THE WAR.

DISCOVERY OF FURNITURE AT MUNICH.

According to the "Kreuz Zeitung" seven valuable suites of French and Belgian furniture have been found in the apartments of Dr. Wadler, of Munich, who was a Commissary during the Bavarian Soviet régime, and who is now undergoing imprisonment for high treason.

The furniture was stolen during the war and was sent into Germany from the occupied areas as "military goods" by means of forged stamps and signatures. The forwarding agent to whom it was consigned stated that Wadler had dispatched to Germany considerable quantities of furniture which he seems to have disposed of.

THE CENOTAPH.

BASE HEAPED WITH HOLLY.

The base of the Cenotaph in Whitehall is never without its covering of flowers placed there in memory of the gallant dead, but experience is showing that at certain times the tributes suddenly increase in number, so that wreath is piled on wreath. Anniversaries of battles, which will be for ever famous, and Armistice Day, have brought many pilgrims to the memorial, and now it seems that Christmas too is to be a time of special observance.

The Cenotaph this week is heaped with holly wreaths, and crosses. Some of these tributes are being brought from the country by relatives visiting London, and they bear the names both of men of the ranks and officers.

FROM THE COLOGNE POST TO THE BRITISH ARMY OF THE RHINE, AND ALL ITS OTHER READERS:

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FOREIGN BACON DANGERS.

TWO DEATHS AT YARMOUTH.

At an inquest held at Yarmouth, on the body of Mrs. Mary Bracey, a well-known local lady, death was found to be due to blood poisoning following an accidental cut in the tip of one finger, while Mrs. Bracey was cutting up some foreign bacon. Mrs. Bracey had cared for a great many shipwrecked men landed at Yarmouth during the war, attending on them at the Sailors' Home. She also organized a service of parcels for Yarmouth prisoners of war besides engaging in various other public and philanthropic activities.

This is the second death from blood poisoning at Yarmouth within a brief period in which foreign bacon has been considered the cause.

INTER-ALLIED CONFERENCE.

Mr. Bonar Law informed the House of Commons that the principal subjects to be discussed at the next Inter-Allied meeting at Paris will probably be the Adriatic and Turkish questions, though other important matters will doubtless be dealt with. Asked regarding the present places of residence of the Hohenzollern Princes Mr. Bonar Law said that the Crown Prince is in Holland and that he had no reason to suppose that the other princes are anywhere but in Germany.

AMRITSAR SHOOTINGS.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons by Colonel Wedgwood as to whether, pending the result of the inquiry into the Amritsar riots, Brigadier General Dyer, who ordered the shooting had been relieved of his Command, Mr. Montagu said the reply was in the negative and added that he was in communication with the Viceroy of India on the whole matter. Colonel Wedgwood said he would raise the question on the adjournment to-day.

NITTI'S TRIUMPH.

ROYAL PREROGATIVE TO BE ABOLISHED.

Old parliamentarians in Rome say they cannot remember any Premier having such a triumph as Signor Nitti achieved on Monday when he announced in the Chamber of Deputies that war would never henceforth be declared by Italy without the will of Parliament and people. The House cheered again when he promised to bring in a Bill abrogating the King's right to declare war, to make peace, and to contract treaties. All these rights will henceforth be vested in Parliament.

The Italian Premier in a statement made in the Chamber said with regard to the Adriatic question that the Government sincerely desired friendly relations with the Yugo Slavs. Referring to Fiume he said that the plebiscite in that heroic town had made the aspirations of Fiume a matter very close to their hearts though the question should not be considered in a spirit of hostility towards their Allies. The Government was framing its action towards Fiume so as to avoid internal troubles.

He regarded their proposals to the Allies as a minimum. The Italian Government had recently asked both regular and irregular forces to retire from the town. In the last few days the National Council of Fiume had associated itself with the Government's programme and more than four fifths of the population favoured that attitude. As to the attitude of France and Great Britain on the Fiume question, Italy had their friendly consent if not their complete adhesion.

AMEER'S PRECARIOUS THRONE.

According to the "Times" the position of the Ameer of Afghanistan is far from secure. His life has been attempted on several occasions, and he has not been strong enough to put away Nasrullah Khan, his uncle, and others whose influence is still great. The belief is expressed in well informed quarters that the Afghans will avoid falling into the clutches of the Bolshevists.

SUMMARY COURT.

DEFECTIVE MEMORY AND A REVOLVER.

Johann Oster, 26 Hartungerstrasse, Nippes, who stated that his daughter was engaged to a British officer, was found in possession of a loaded revolver. His defence was that he lived in a very dangerous quarter, and his house had been broken into and 7,000 marks stolen. He had intended to apply for a licence, but had forgotten to do so. His memory was very defective owing to a wound in the head. The German police gave him a good character, and a fine of 400 marks was imposed.

Charged with failing to salute a British officer, and behaving in an impertinent manner, Wilhelm Friederick, a tramway official of 119 Amsterdamerstrasse, Riehl, excused himself on the plea that he did not recognise the officer's rank.

The officer stated that in company with another officer he was walking down Riehler Gürtel. The accused passed within a few yards of them and although obviously recognising them as officers, neglected to salute.

Accused stated that he was for four years a prisoner of war in the Isle of Man.

"Were you well treated there?" asked the Presiding Officer.

"I cannot complain" replied accused, who was fined sixty marks or one week's imprisonment.

Wilhelm Braun, of 278 Venloerstrasse, who described himself as an architect's student, was fined 100 marks or seven days. His offence consisted in tearing down a notice in a railway carriage, intimating that the compartment was reserved for officers.

Walking down the Hohe strasse an officer was struck by a handcart which was being pushed by Christian Lamper, a baker, of 26 Simon Meistersstrasse. The result was that Lamper was charged with assaulting the officer, and behaving in an improper and insolent manner.

Accused said he was taking a short cut to his destination and had no intention of running into the officer. The latter, in reply to the Presiding Officer, said the accused may not have acted in a deliberate manner.

Fifty marks or ten days was the penalty.

PARLIAMENT UP.

THE KING'S SPEECH.

Parliament was prorogued by His Majesty the King on Tuesday afternoon. The speech at the outset showed recognition of the new conditions by changing the time honoured phrase "My Lords and Gentlemen" to "My Lords and Members of the House of Commons." The speech opened with an announcement of the signing of peace treaties with Germany, Austria and Bulgaria and expressing the earnest hope that peace with the Ottoman Empire and Hungarian Republic will shortly be concluded. It expresses regret that there is no immediate prospect of the establishment in Russia of a constitutional Government, which alone can conduce to the Russians' permanent prosperity. References were made to the Prince of Wales' tour and the death of General Botha, one of the Empire's greatest and wisest statesmen. Dealing with the position of ex-service men the speech states that the King's appeal to employers has received a large response, but more remains to be done. Confidence is expressed that though difficult times are not yet past, the course is set fair towards the renewal of national strength and prosperity. There has been a steady improvement in industrial conditions.

HOME RULE.

PROPOSALS WELL RECEIVED.

Mr. Lloyd George's statement on Home Rule was well received by the House of Commons, which was pleased with the pathetic tone of the speech. Many members like Sir Edward Carson and his Ulster friends are dubious about the details. They would like to have the scheme in its printed Bill form for close examination before committing themselves to its support. There were also signs of hostility on the part of a small minority of English Unionists. The general opinion, however, was that if unity can be maintained in the Cabinet during the discussions which must take place in various stages of the Bill next session there will be no obstacles of a parliamentary character which cannot easily be overcome.

BYE ELECTION RESULT.

The result of the Parliamentary by-election for the St. Albans Division (Herts) was declared yesterday as follows:—

Freemantle (Coalition Unionist) 9,621; Brown (Labour Party) 8,908; Milner Gray (Liberal) 2,474. No change.

At the previous election the Coalition Unionist, Mr. Hildred Carlile, was returned unopposed.

READY TO ASSESS DAMAGES.

The Reparations Commission is prepared to set to work as soon as the Ratifications of the Peace Treaty are deposited. Already much preliminary work has been done, says Mr. Bonar Law. The British Government is in consultation with the Governments of the Dominions and India to consider the principles on which the British Empire claims shall be made out.

EGYPT CALMER.

STUDENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR AGITATION.

The week following Lord Milner's arrival in Egypt passed off better than had been anticipated. The situation cannot yet be described as altogether satisfactory, although none of the dire events predicted by the extremists has occurred. There has been some recrudescence of disorders since the 11th December and it is realised that these must be immediately and rigorously checked otherwise they may lead to a repetition of serious disturbances. All measures have therefore been taken to deal with renewed attempts at lawlessness. Meanwhile it is satisfactory to record that the provinces are reported quiet. The whole trouble in Cairo can really be traced to the students, who have abandoned their studies for politics. The hotheads among them undoubtedly excite the low elements of the population, who are prepared to commit any depredation. When one recalls the numbers of this class in Cairo it can well be imagined how sorely the police have been taxed in order to cope with the situation once the mobs get out of hand.

It is reasonable to assume that there would be little or no disorder if the students returned to their studies. The worst quarter is the Moslem University, Alazzar, where there is practically constant trouble. The strongest opinions are being expressed concerning the use of Alazzar as a sort of fortress harbouring the very worst elements, who sally forth attacking police and military with impunity.

This week's incidents have not been very serious as is testified by the fact that not a single ball cartridge has been fired. The work of the native police cannot be too highly commended, especially the police guard of 300 men who despite intimidation and constant risks loyally energetically carry on. The real object of the recurring tram stoning is to induce the tram men to cease work through injury, other means of bringing them out on strike having failed. Intimidation is still rife but the intimidators are not finding their path so easy as in April, when discontent, coupled with domestic conditions, undoubtedly did much to fill the ranks of the agitators. Meanwhile the hostility to the Milner Commission continues unabated, though not always taking the form of open demonstration.

OFFICERS' LANGUAGE COURSES.

An Army Order states that courses of study have been arranged to enable officers holding permanent commissions in the Regular Army to master the rudiments of certain foreign languages before proceeding abroad for further study.

At the School of Oriental Studies a six-months' course of Chinese will begin on February 2 next; five-months' courses in Arabic on March 1 and October 1; and a six-months' course in Japanese on October 1. At King's College, London, there will be five-months' courses in Russian, the first beginning on March 1 and the second on October 1; and at University College, London, a two-months' course in advanced German will begin on February 2, and a similar course on October 1. Ten officers will be admitted to each course, and applicants for admission should be unmarried and under 30 years of age. Previous records, educational and military, will be taken into consideration.

BRITISH OFFICER ASSAULTED AND ROBBED.

Lieut. Spedman, a member of Col. Longhurst's Commission at Berlin, was the victim of a brutal assault and robbery at the Charlottenburg railway station last Saturday as he was about to entrain for Danzig, receiving hurts which confined him to bed. The assailant escaped.

Defence Minister Noske, accompanied by the Police President at Berlin, personally called on Col. Longhurst to tender the German Government's regrets at the occurrence.

COST OF LIVING IN FRANCE.

As a New Year present for the French public a fifty per cent. increase in the cost of living is expected. Sugar will cost about thirty per cent more and the price of bread will be doubled. Cloth and clothing will be increased by twenty-five per cent owing to the adverse exchange and the lack of raw materials. Other increases comprise gas and electricity, thirty-five per cent; omnibus and tram fares, ninety per cent; railway fares fifty per cent and postage forty per cent.

FIRES ON EX-GERMAN SHIPS.

Investigations are being made regarding the constant recurrence of fires on ex-German ships. Sir Auckland Geddes says it is probable that in some cases fires have arisen through old bunkers not being cleared out.

John Roberts, the former billiards champion, is seriously ill.

"Sam and "Barbara," the Polar bears brought to the Zoo fifteen years ago, have again failed in their efforts to rear a family. A week ago "Sam" became the father of two cubs. One of them succumbed to pneumonia on Saturday, and the other died on Tuesday.

Y.M.C.A. RHINE ARMY.

CHRISTMAS DAY, 1919.

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Y.M.C.A. RHINE ARMY.

XMAS IN THE HUTS.

CHRISTMAS DAY 1919.

1. Special Christmas Entertainments will be given to-day in the following Y.M.C.A. Centres:—Bonn Central, Godesburg, 25 General Hospital, Werneskirchen, Pattrath, Solingen, Opladen, Marienburg, Ehrenfeld (Bakerie.), Rotgen, (Tank Group)
2. The **Etceteras Concert Party** will give Christmas Day Performances to-day as follows: 44 C.C.S. 5 p.m. Cologne Central 7 p.m.
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Thursday, December 25, 1919.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

Yet another circle of the wheel has been completed; one more lap of the track upon which we are making the journey of life has been accomplished.

It is Christmas day, the day of the year which holds for us the greatest call to celebration, and which, by reason of all that it signifies, demands from us the most reverent, as well as joyous, observance.

For this Christmas of 1919 we can for the first time for six years enter with a certain amount of the true spirit into the festivities. The great black shadow of war which was hung heavily over the whole world is at last lifting and the morning sun of hope is struggling to dispel the gloom. The river of blood in which Europe has been plunged is turning once more into clear and crystal waters, and the night of death is being slowly followed by the breaking dawn of good-fellowship and good-will.

Such a sea of sorrow and suffering as that which we have passed through could not but have the effect of remodelling many of our old customs and beliefs. Shall we ever again so trustfully and blindly take for granted that the good-will we freely proffered to all mankind during pre-war Christmases is being reciprocated, without irrefutable proofs of sincerity?

We have learned in a hard school that we made a fatal blunder in crediting the whole civilised world with feelings akin to our own. Many of us regarded war as a thing of the past, and fondly, but foolishly, hoped that we had reached the stage when it was unnecessary to resort to stronger methods than arbitration in order to settle international disputes. It was admittedly a great ideal, but August of 1914 proved it to be at least premature.

During the years which followed we were compelled to revise our views and to admit our error. We have found ourselves celebrating this sacred period while engeged in the prosecution of the bloodiest war the world has ever known and how could we reconcile the old teachings of "good-will toward men" under such uncongenial conditions? How could we enter into what we knew to be the true spirit of the occasion with such a ghastly setting to our thoughts and in view of the terrible evidence constantly before our eyes? Was it possible to deal out death with one hand and at the same time offer the other as a token of friendly feeling?

No! Christmas in those days was something of a mockery; the idealist's dream of the universal reign of the spirit of amity was shattered and the day of realization indefinitely postponed.

Last year it is true the Armistice had been signed and we were enabled to hold our festivities in the knowledge that the conflict had ended, but it was impossible then to enter whole-heartedly into the celebrations and to experience the feeling of light-heartedness and mirthfulness which we always associate with this season of the year.

Time is ever a great healer and after twelve months our memories have, happily, lost some of the old sting; new interests have come into our lives to blot out these recollections and we are now able to enter with something of the old zest into the joys of the festive season.

In the happiness of the hour it behoves us not to forget the reason for our presence in Rhineland and, if there is an inclination to overstep the bounds of propriety, memories which we can call to our aid, should be sufficient to act as a restraining influence.

We are pleased to learn that every preparation is being made by units in Rhineland to allow of the jolliest of Christmases being spent. Many of us, perhaps, would prefer to be at home at this period; there is an unmistakeable call homeward at this season of the year, but when we think of the Christmases we have spent in the sodden shell-holes of France and Flanders we shall doubtless appreciate the possibilities of pleasure presented in Rhineland.

We extend to every British resident in Rhineland and to our many readers at home our very sincere wishes for a full measure of happiness this Christmastide.

REMEMBER THE Y.M.C.A.

The magnificent work accomplished by the Y.M.C.A. during the war needs no eulogising here; we have all at one time or another had good reason for appreciating the wonderful provision they made for us in France and Flanders and are now making in the Army of the Rhine.

Some idea of the colossal nature of what has been accomplished can be gathered from the fact that during the period of the war no less a sum than £7,000,000 was expended in the worthy object of catering for the sundry needs of our fighting men in all parts of the Globe. Wherever British troops were to be found upholding the honour of the Motherland, there were to be found representatives of this admirable organization.

What has been the result? Questions of finance and solvency were relegated to a secondary place; irrespective of profit and loss, the comfort and well-being of the troops received first consideration. And now the organization, which despite all this, succeeded in paying its way during the war, finds itself confronted by a debt of £750,000, due to the fact that subscriptions have fallen off since the Armistice.

The special Christmas appeal they are making, will, we feel assured, not fall on deaf ears. £5,000 is the very moderate sum aimed at as the contribution from Rhineland and, as the debt is mainly ours, we shall be failing in our duty unless we make a ready response. One guinea from every officer and half-a crown from every other rank is all that is required to discharge our portion of the liability.

That the practical helpfulness of the work accomplished by the British Branch is realised in America is evidenced by the offer of £200,000 by the sister branch in U.S.A., one hundred thousand being conditional upon the remainder of the deficit being found. We must see to it that this important condition is fulfilled.

THE VEILED LADY.

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

"Yes," said Grandfather, as we sat around the fire, "I shall never forget the Christmas Eve of 1857, when I was a boy of fifteen. There were still people, like myself, who preferred the road to the new-fangled railways when they made a journey, and I was travelling North for the holidays by the Glasgow coach. We had a lot of snow and progress was very difficult.

"We were a merry party, though small. I sat on the box with the coachman, while behind us were a commercial traveller (we called them "bagmen" in those days) an actor, and a cheerful young ensign who said he had just returned from the Crimea. The inside was occupied by a lady, heavily veiled, her maid, and a merchant from the city. (You always knew what your neighbours were on a coach). The ensign kept us entertained with his piquant stories about the Crimea, and I was enjoying the ride immensely, when suddenly the horses floundered, and the coach sank deep in the snow.

"Strike me blue if we ain't all in the ditch!" said coachee. "All off, please."

We were off in a second, trying to extricate the inside passengers, which we accomplished with difficulty, while the coachman and guard freed the horses.

It was a cheerless predicament, for we were miles away from the nearest town and night was coming on. The veiled lady was much concerned.

"Oh, is there no means of getting forward?" she cried, "I have promised to spend the day at a military hospital at Nottingham to-morrow, and I must be there."

"I'm afraid it's no good, ma' am" said coachee "She's stuck fast as glue. We need more horses than we've got to shift her. But there's a farmhouse two or three miles up the road where we can put up for the night."

But everyone was anxious to push on except the ensign, who said that he had spent so many nights in the snow in the Crimea, that he was used to it. The coach-man gave in, and we set off in a body to find this farmhouse and beg the loan of some horses, leaving the guard in charge of the stranded coach-and-four.

We walked, or rather ploughed, ankle-deep through the snow for the better part of an hour before we arrived at the farmhouse, in which lights were still burning.

The door was opened by the house-wife, a matronly looking person in a mob-cap who would hear no explanations until we were safely sheltered in her living room, where a blazing log fire gave us a cheery welcome. The coach-man then stated the case to her.

She said that her son, who looked after the horses, had gone over to spend the evening at the village, and would not be back for a couple of hours. Meanwhile, we were to make our-selves comfortable and she would get us something to eat. We were not slow to take advantage of this invitation, and were soon seated around the fire, toasting our numbed toes.

Our hostess, assisted by the lady's maid, then prepared the table, and in a short time a cold duck, a dish of potatoes, and an enormous mince pie graced the board, and we were told to leave nothing.

I have had few meals in my life that I have enjoyed more than that homely supper in a wayside farmhouse, with people I had never met before and would never see again. Both the bagman and the actor were delightful company, while the ensign talked of martial deeds in the Crimea and the coachman yarned of the road. It was noticeable that the lady did not remove her veil.

We were sitting around the fire after supper when our hostess came in and said that her son had returned in a very "cranky" mood, and was not inclined to bestir himself on our behalf that night.

She added that he frequently had these "fits" since he had been invalided home from the Crimea two years ago, but that if the officer-gentleman would go and speak to him it might have a good effect. This, strange to say, our ensign seemed anything but anxious to do. However, he went, but was back again very soon without having achieved much success.

"It's no use," he reported gloomily. "The good lady's son nurses a grudge against Society, I think. He says he wouldn't turn out to-night to pull the Prince Consort himself out of a ditch."

The veiled lady begged us to accompany her into the kitchen, and we all trooped behind the ensign into a low, flagged chamber, where a consumptive-looking youth sat frowning at the fire.

The merchant broke into mingled entreaties and reproaches, and waved a fat pocket book. The ensign, backed up by the bagman and the actor, also returned to the charge.

"It won't do, ladies and gentlemen," said the youth when they had exhausted their breath. "The horses have been littered down for the night, and so they'll remain. You are welcome to sleep here to-night if mother can find you room."

His mother tried to put in a good word for us, and he lost his temper.

"How many of them would turn out to help a poor man on a night like this?" he demanded fiercely. "I've finished obliging folk. I turned out in the snow to fight for my countrymen in the last war, and precious little I got for it. I've done a hard day's work, and so've the horses. Don't they deserve a rest?"

Then a curious thing happened.

The veiled lady went up to him, laid her hand on his shoulder, and whispered: "Won't you—for my sake? I have promised to visit some of your old comrades at Nottingham to-morrow, and they will be hurt if I don't go."

She suddenly raised the veil, and,—there was our hostess's son on his knees before her, sobbing and kissing the hem of her dress.

"For you, dear, sweet, lady," he murmured, "I will do anything!"

* * *

Ten minutes later, while I was holding the lantern for the young farmer to unlock the stable-door, the ensign loitered up, puffing a cheroot.

"I say, Giles," he drawled casually, "who is that lady?"

"That lady, Sir, saved my life two winters back, when I was nearly dead with cold and disease at Scutari. Her name is Miss Florence Nightingale."

I thought the ensign would have a fit.

"My God," he muttered. "I've been talking to her for the last two hours about the Crimea as if I'd been there."

E. SULLIVAN.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

COMPLIMENTS RECIPROCATED.

Sir,—May I be permitted to tender to you and your very excellent staff best wishes at this festive season? If I may be permitted to, say so since its inception your paper has rendered yeoman service to all ranks and all units. Life would be dull without it.

As a humble ranker please accept my very best thanks. *A.C.*

WHEN TO SALUTE.

Sir,—One appreciates the desire of the young soldier to apply touches to his uniform, in order to give it a distinctive appearance, but I am inclined to agree with your correspondent that this craving after effect, and wearing of non-regimental articles of attire, is carried too far.

Apart from difficulties in saluting, to which attention is being quite rightly called, there is the question of discipline involved. It seems to me that drastic action is called for. Only inspection at the barrack gates is likely to me to stamp it out.

By all means be smart, but let dress be regimental. Then we shall know where we are. *EX OFFICER.*

Sir,—As a young guard it seems to me that a deal of the trouble over saluting is due not so much to the "poshness" of the rank and file as to the semi-officer-dress affected by those who are working in various voluntary institutions.

Yesterday when walking through the town I saluted two officers of senior rank. Immediately behind was an individual who had all the appearance of an officer. Thinking he was an officer I saluted him and had my salute acknowledged. Needless to say I was very angry for while I am only too eager to salute all who hold the King's commission I draw the line at individuals who do not hold commissioned rank. *C.G.M.*

SILLY FILMS.

Sir,—I am not concerned over the merits of serial films. To me they do not make any appeal. What the "Clutching Hand" is likely to do at next Monday's performance doesn't interest me in the slightest, but perhaps "Cinema Manager" will enlighten me as to when we may expect films of the Carpentier-Beckett fight on the Rhine. So far, I have been unable to discover when these are likely to be show, though I know that the announcement, whatever "Anti-Box" may feel, will fill the picture house selected to overflowing.

"Cinema Manager" seems an authority on these matters, so perhaps he will enlighten us on the point without delay. *JOCKO.*

A BAD HABIT.

Sir,—When first writing upon the use of obscene language I was certain that there was nothing to be said in justification of it. By the nature of the replies to my letter I am more convinced than ever of this fact.

First there is "Anti-Cant", who in the absence of argument dropped into the "bad habit" of abuse, besides making the mistake of identifying me with "Anti-Box".

Then there is "Blunt", who besides living up to his nom-de-plume displays the limit of his intelligence. There is really not one phrase of his letter which merits reply.

"Blunt" is silly enough to identify me, not only with "Anti-Box" but with "One of the Gods". I turned up my "Cologne Post" to read the latter's remarks and find—protests against bad behaviour? no; merely a very mild criticism of the Rhine Army Dramatic Coy.'s stock of plays and a list of new plays suggested. So that we have an idea advanced that to condemn obscene language, however unjustifiable, boxing in a Y.M.C.A. or even to suggest plays of a simpler nature savours of hypocrisy.

This being the only form of reply from my critics it only remains for me to thank those who wrote in support of my protest, and to assume that the sarcasm of "Blunt" and abuse of "Anti-Cant" have had to serve in the place of argument. *CUPID.*

CHRISTMAS 1920—AND AFTER.

For years the roar of guns and crash of shell
Drowned that sweet song the Angels consecrate;
How think of Heaven while you lived in Hell?
How love, while steeped in Hate?

The tumult ceased; yet left our deafened ears
Stunned, and insensitive to softer strains:
The horror and the din of those dread years,
Its curse, with us remains.

Yet this must pass: Mankind was made to love;
His heart is not a stone; that Fairer Call
Shall we not hear, this Christmas, from above
To reach and bless us all? *W. INGE.*

CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

Ah! deep and still and solemn was that night—
The night most beautiful the earth hath known—
The Holy City, marvellous and alone,
Lifted majestic, in the starry height,
Her silvered towers and her walls of white
O'er Galilee and Moab's hills there shone
A candent moon, till burned the wondrous Dawn—
That mystic Dawn, a weary world's delight!

Then did the wakened Earth enraptured thrill
To a high melody from Heaven's choir,
That land and sea and sky with joy did fill;
The gladdened Shepherds left their smouldering fire,
And journeyed down the glimmering roads, until,
At Bethlehem, they viewed the World's Desire!

JAMES B. DOLLARD Lieut. D.

PLAYERS WITH IDEAS OF THEIR OWN.

BY

F. FLEETWOOD.

(THE WELL-KNOWN HALF-BACK OF EVERTON AND ENGLISH INTERNATIONAL FAME.)

Just by the remarks which some people fling at professional football, one might imagine that the only thing not to be found in big football is men with ideas of their own. We are told that we lack originality; that one game is so much like another that when you have seen one match you may as well say that you have seen them all. Whether this charge of sameness against football of to-day is justified, it is perhaps outside the scope of these notes to argue.

Even if football is largely played on the same plan, however, I do not think it necessarily follows that the game is becoming dull in consequence. It must be remembered that football as we know it to-day has been arrived at by a process of evolution. Through the years methods have been tried, and the methods most in use are those which have stood the grim test of those trials.

STEREOTYPED PLAY.

And after all, it seems to me that the people who persistently bring the charge of sameness against professional football are somewhat inconsistent. Take the case of defensive tactics as a striking example. In one breath we are told that defensive play generally is stereotyped—that the defenders of this or that team adopt exactly the same methods as the defenders of some other team. Yet when we find a side like Newcastle, playing what is commonly called the one-back game, up go roars of disapproval. Because the men of Newcastle have perfected a type of defence different from that adopted by most teams, these same people who charge football with lack of originality, yell at the players of Newcastle to "play the game!"

After all, the methods adopted by the Newcastle defenders simply serve to show that there are people in football with ideas of their own. I am not going to enter into a discussion as to the advantages to the game or otherwise of the McCracken methods. One thing must be said here, though, and that is that so long as the rules of the game stand as they do, then McCracken and his imitators are perfectly justified in using those rules for the benefit of their side. If the rule is wrong, then let it be altered, but meantime, it is up to the forwards who meet this "one-back game" to put their heads together and devise some method by which to render it inoperative.

My experience of football tends to bring me to the conclusion that players with ideas of their own—who play a type of game with which the public generally is not familiar—are not encouraged. For instance, let a young forward with ideas of his own about hanging on to the ball appear on the field. He is very quickly told by the man in the crowd to "get rid of it," or words to that effect. Moreover, I am not so sure that the man in the crowd is wrong because especially as regards the forwards, a player must be understood by his colleagues; he must do things in the orthodox way if the benefit of any skill he may possess is to be turned to good advantage.

ORIGINALITY.

Take a case in point. The other day I was talking to a well-known centre-forward, and asking him how he got on with a certain new man who was then playing for the club at outside right. "He's all right," came the reply, "but I wish to goodness he was a little bit less original in his methods. It is true that by the things he does he sometimes bamboozles the other fellows, but he bamboozles me at the same time, so that when the ball does come across I am generally in the wrong place."

I suppose if that outside right the centre-forward was referring to, is persevered with long enough, the centre-forward will get accustomed to his ideas, and make his plans accordingly, but until the two men do become acquainted with each others play, there is likely to be a lean time in store for that particular side in the way of goals scored.

Don't let it be imagined for one moment, however, that I am condemning wholesale the players with ideas of their own. So long as those original ideas work out for the good of the side, then they must also be for the good of the game generally. Take a player like Buchan of Sunderland, for instance. Here is a man with ideas if you like—a player who hangs on to the ball when by all the ordinary accepted tenets of the game he ought to part with it, and a player too, who is very often found quite out of position. But the success which has attended the play of Buchan is the best index to the ideas for which he is responsible. Whatever else we do, let us be careful not to rule out the football genius by the demand for orthodox methods.

I have not had the pleasure of seeing much of Harold Fleming, the Swindon Town inside right, as he plays in a different competition, but I am told that he is another of the players in the same position as Buchan with ideas of his own.

Fleming takes upon himself a sort of roving commission, and he wanders succesfully too. A player on somewhat similar lines—that is a man who doesn't stick too closely to his chosen position on the field is Whittingham, the Stoke man.

Our own right full-back at Everton, John Macconnachie, is a full-back with ideas of his own as to the defensive game and how it should be played. Incidentally, too, John is one of the hardest kicking full-backs I have come across, and when he gets his foot to the ball you may depend upon it that the ball will move from the vicinity of his own goal.

SUCCESSFUL METHODS.

A player with ideas of his own with whom I was much struck in the Victory International matches against Scotland last season, was Grimsdell, the left half-back of the 'Spurs. Theoretically, the half-back who dribbles is acting contrary to what is generally considered the best methods of wing half-back play. Yet you can't say that Grimsdell ought not to dribble, because he does it so well, and chooses the right moment so carefully, that so far as I have seen him his dribbling has made for strength rather than for weakness. Grimsdell scored two goals against Scotland at Glasgow last spring—a most unusual thing for a half-back to do, and I notice that he has also been finding the net for the 'Spurs this season. You may say that Grimsdell's methods don't conform to the text-books, but you can't say stop to a man whose ideas are the means of matches being won.

A centre half-back with ideas of his own, too, who seems likely to be heard quite a lot of in the future, is Bowser, the West Bromwich man. It must be a long time since a centre-half scored three goals in a game as he did the other day, but then Bowser used to be a forward, and that may account for the fact that he plays the centre-half game differently from most other people.

I have not exhausted the list of men with ideas of their own, but my space is gone. Summed up in a few words, though, the whole thing amounts to this in my opinion. The football genius must be encouraged always—by managers and spectators, but for most of us of just ordinary ability, it is better for our teams that we jog along on orthodox lines, playing the game in the way which experience has shown is the most likely to bring success.

HOLIDAY FOOTBALL.

Christmas Day—League Fixtures.

3 DAYS.—3 MATCHES.

Professional footballers are to have a busy time during the holidays. Fixtures have been arranged for to-day, to-morrow and, as usual, of course, for Saturday.

Below is the list of matches to be decided on Christmas and Boxing days:

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.

Aston Villa v. Chelsea.
Bolton Wanderers v. Preston North End.
Bradford City v. Sheffield Wednesday.
Derby County v. Arsenal.
Liverpool v. Sunderland.
Manchester City v. Everton.
Notts County v. Blackburn Rovers.
Burnley v. Middlesbrough.
Sheffield United v. Bradford.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION II.

Bury v. Blackpool.
Clapton Orient v. Stockport County.
Coventry City v. Stoke.
Fulham v. Grimsby Town.
Huddersfield Town v. Rotherham County.
Port Vale v. Barnsley.
Leicester City v. Birmingham.
Lincoln City v. Nottingham Forest.
Tottenham Hotspur v. Hull City.
West Ham United v. Bristol City.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Brighton and Hove Alb. v. Crystal Palace.
Gillingham v. Reading.
Luton Town v. Southampton.
Merthyr Town v. Cardiff City.
Newport County v. Northampton.
Plymouth Argyle v. Exeter City.
Queen's Park Rangers v. Brentford.
Southend United v. Millwall.
Swindon Town v. Norwich City.
Swansea v. Bristol Rovers.
Watford v. Portsmouth.

BOXING DAY.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.

Arsenal v. Derby County.
Bradford v. Sheffield United.
Chelsea v. Oldham Athletic.
Everton v. Manchester City.
Manchester United v. Liverpool.
Middlesbrough v. Notts County.
Newcastle United v. Burnley.
Preston North End v. Bolton Wanderers.
Sheffield Wednesday v. Bradford City.
West Bromwich Albion v. Sunderland.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION II.

Barnsley v. Port Vale.
Birmingham v. Leicester City.
Bristol City v. West Ham United.
Hull City v. Tottenham Hotspur.
Nottingham Forest v. Lincoln City.
Rotherham County v. Huddersfield Town.
Stockport County v. Clapton Orient.
Stoke v. Coventry City.
Wolverhampton Wand. v. South Shields.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Bristol Rovers v. Swansea Town.
Brentford v. Queen's Park Rangers.
Crystal Palace v. Brighton and Hove Alb.
Cardiff City v. Merthyr Town.
Exeter City v. Plymouth Argyle.
Millwall v. Southend United.
Northampton v. Newport County.
Norwich City v. Swindon Town.
Portsmouth v. Watford.
Reading v. Gillingham.
Southampton v. Luton Town.

HUDDERSFIELD CLUB.

Chairman on the Gloomy Possibilities.

An unexpected development has arisen in the affairs of Huddersfield Town Football Club. A meeting of the club supporters on Friday requested the mayor to appeal to the Football League Management Committee to extend the time allowed to raise the necessary £25,000 till the end of the season, in the belief that the money to save transference to Leeds could be raised.

This was followed by the service of a writ upon Mr. Arthur Fairclough, the club's financial secretary, for payment of more than £10,000 due to Mr. Stonor Crowther for money lent to the club and interest to October last, for which the club had given promissory notes.

SECRETARY RESIGNS.

Mr. Fairclough, communicating this to Mr. W. Hardcastle, the chairman of directors, stated that he had resigned the secretaryship and had been appointed receiver by the trustees for the debenture-holders Sir Charles Sykes and Mr. T. H. Moore.

Mr. Brook Hirst, chairman of the committee for retrieving the club, who have raised £8,000, told a Press representative that the action of the trustees had been taken without consultation with other debenture-holders, whom he thought had between £2,000 and £3,000 invested. He did not know what the effect would be, but it seemed there would be great possibilites of the club being wound up and lost both to Leeds and Huddersfield. He was not quite sure whether the appointment of a receiver was not governed by the Courts Emergency Powers Act.

FULTON HOME.

His Challenge to the World's Champion.

In a letter just received in England Tom O'Rourke states that after a fairly good passage he and Fred Fulton arrived back quite safely, and hopes to be in England again before long. O'Rourke says that immediately he arrived he challenged Dempsey on behalf of Fulton, the whole of the purse to go to the winner, but up to the time of writing he had received no reply.

Fulton left for his home as soon as he arrived, and will not box until the middle of January, owing to having to undergo a slight operation to his arm, which he injured while training for Townley. Already there are three contests fixed up for him—on Jan. 12 he meets Willie Meehan over 8 rounds at New Jersey; Frank Moran over six rounds at Philadelphia, and another at a later date.

ANOTHER DRAW.

The English Cup replay between Swansea and Gillingham resulted in another draw, the score, after extra time, being 1—1.

FINAL RUGBY TRIAL

Drastic Changes in the English Side.

FINAL SELECTIONS.

The Rugby Union Selection Committee have made drastic changes in the English team for the third and final trial game, which is to take place at Twickenham on Saturday, January 3. Millett displaces Pemberton at full back, and, of the "three," only the wings remain, Krige and Hammett, the Newport man, coming in at centre. The half-backs, Davies and Kershaw, are retained, though their display was by no means faultless on Saturday.

Forward, Major Harrison, Pillman, Neser and Merriam are dropped. J. G. Greenwood has been persuaded to reconsider his decision to retire, and will captain the side, Conway, Mellish and Wright, of Saturday's Southern team, also coming in.

A surprise selection in the Rest side is that of A. R. Aslett, a Sandhurst cadet, who is making a name for himself at centre three-quarter. Other men to come on trial for the first time are B. S. Camberlege, H. L. V. Day and W. Dix.

The selected sides are:—

England.—H. Millett (Richmond); C. N. Lowe (Blackheath), J. O. Krige (Guy's Hospital), E. Hammett (Newport), W. M. Lowry (Birkenhead Park); W. J. A. Davies (United Services), C. A. Kershaw (United Services); J. C. Greenwood (captain) (Cambridge University), C. S. Conway (Cambridge University), S. G. Bolford (Gloucester), F. W. Mellish (Blackheath), Captain W. W. Wakefield (Harlequins), H. J. White (Headingley), W. H. Wright (Plymouth), A. T. Voyce (Gloucester).

The Rest.—B. S. Cumberlege (Blackheath); H. L. V. Day (Army), A. M. Smallwood (Cambridge University), A. R. Aslett (R.M.C. Sandhurst), S. W. Harris (Blackheath); H. Coverdale (captain) (Blackheath), W. Dix (Gloucester); S. Smart (Gloucester), A. F. Blakeston (Northampton), E. Dove (Sunderland), A. Morgan (Carlisle), L. P. B. Merriam (Blackheath), W. Rodda (Camborne), R. E. Sharp (Newton Abbot), H. F. Wadock (Oxford University).

GODDARD WINS.

Coghill Knocked out in the Sixth Round.

After a hard fight at the National Sporting Club on Monday evening Frank Goddard, late of the Queen's Bays, knocked out Gordon Coghill, of Australia, in the sixth round.

Both men are of splendid physique and considerable interest was taken in the fight.

HOW HE WON.

Carpentier to Reconstruct His Fight.

In a letter to Mr. Redmond Barry, one of the promoters of the Albert Hall tournament on Boxing Day, Carpentier writes, "There seems to be a good deal of misconception in London, even among those present at the ringside, as to what actually brought about Beckett's defeat. I really believe I was the coolest man in the building that night, and every detail of the finish is still fresh in my memory.

"I shall illustrate on Friday my version of the fight, and I believe that those present at the Stadium who will be present at the Albert Hall will be convinced that they missed something on the night of Dec. 4. It was a left-hand punch, quickly followed by a right, and not the right alone, as everybody seems to think, which actually knocked out the British champion."

A ONE—NIL VICTORY.

C Coy. 52nd K.L.R. Defeat A Coy. 52nd Manchester's.

This match was played on the Sports Platz, Bonn, on Monday. The opening stages of the game were very tame, but after a time "C" Coy. began to force the pace, giving "A" defence trouble time and again.

Though "A" Coy. were acting on the defensive for a considerable time during the first half, they kept their citadel unpierced until a couple of minutes before half time, when, by a break away Lieut. Lewis scored a fine goal for "C" Coy. Half time arrived with "C" leading by the odd goal.

After the interval "A" Coy. went all out to equalise, but all their efforts were fruitless. "C" Coy. although they did most of the pressing, could not score again, thanks to "A" Coy's goalie, who played a fine game. The end came however with "C" pressing.

Final: C Coy. 52nd K.L.R. 1; A Coy. 52nd Manchesters 0.

JOCKEY'S MESPOT SUCCESS.

Sgt. W. Burley, a young Birmingham jockey, who before the war showed promising form as a rider of jumpers when attached to a Lambourn stable, has made something of a reputation in Mesopotamia.

At the autumn meeting held on the Basrah course in October he had five winners and one second. In the majority of the races his opponents were native riders but in the chief event, the Ashar Stakes for Arab ponies, which he won on Areolas, Frank Wootton was unplaced on Patchwood.

Burley, who has been attached to the Army Veterinary Corps for some years, hopes to be demobilized early in the New Year. He has an ambition to ride under National Hunt Rules in this country before the close of the season.

CLERIC RACE OFFICIAL.

The Rev. E. E. Dorling, a nephew of the late Mr. H. M. Dorling, who is now the proprietor of the business of Dorling and Co., printers of the Epsom racecards, has for some time been a member of the Management Committee of Epsom Grand Stand Association. He is a well-known writer on heraldry and architecture, and was formerly for ten years Master of the Choristers School at Salisbury. He has for some years been familiar with the working of the office at Epsom.

"CANTEENERS" BEATEN.

254 Area Emplopment Coy. v. N. A. C. B.

An exciting game was witnessed on Sunday, when the above teams met at Riehl. With the wind in their favour the "customers" opened smartly, but White interrupted when things looked dangerous. Not to be denied, however, they attacked again, a fine run by their outside lef resulting in the ball being sent over. Mid-field play followed, Zang being responsible for some good work at centre half.

Whittingham eventually sent the Coy. going which ended in Amond forcing a corner, which however proved fruitless. Neat combination between Timpson and Whittingham sorely troubled the "customers" defence, and from one of these episodes the ball was handled in the goal area. Whittington made no mistake with the resulting kick.

The "customers" made great efforts to equalise but were weak in front of goal. Their outside left was always prominent, and from one of his centres, White had the misfortune to put through his own goal.

The Second Half.

Half time arrived with the score 1—1.

On resumption the Coy. immediately set up a hot attack. Good work by Maddock and Amond ended in the latter giving the Coy. the lead with a nice shot. Urged on by their supporters the Coy. were soon attacking again, and Maddock increased their lead with a lightning drive. The "customers" strove hard to reduce the score and had hard luck on several occasions. An unfortunate thing happened midway through the second half, the "customers" outside left being injured. The unfortunate player had to be assisted to the touch line.

The Coy. taking advantage of the wind did not miss many chances and Whittingham put them further ahead after beating their opponents. "The customers" eventually scored from a breakaway and just on time Whittingham added No. 5 for the Coy. from a penalty. It was raining hard when the final whistle went with the score: Coy., 5; N. A. C. B., 2.

PIONEERS' VICTORY.

19th Middlesex v. 52nd Northumberland Fus.

One of the finest games yet played this season was witnessed at Bonnerstrasse Barracks on Saturday when the 19th (S) Bn. Middlesex Regt. (P), received the 52nd Northumberland Fusiliers, and after a sterling game defeated them by 3—0.

The game opened with the Pioneers attacking in great style, but they were prevented from scoring by the defence of the visitors. This did not put the Pioneers off, who returned to the attack, and with an excellent shot Lt. Griffin opened the scoring.

The Fusiliers then pressed hard but they were stopped when in front of goal by the good work of the Pioneers defence. Then occurred an exciting moment, when Bultimore, the Pioneers custodian, was penalised from a goal kick. The Pioneers crowded the goal out, and charged the ball down. From the replay the Pioneers swept all before them, and with an excellent shot, Lt. Griffin again put the Pioneers further ahead.

Upon resumption of play the Pioneers played in great style, Watson playing a great game. The light began to fail, but still the game was very fast, and from a last attack on the Fusiliers, Thane scored. The Fusiliers continued to work hard, but the game closed with no further scoring.

BOXING BARRED.

Extraordinary Decision of Abergavenny Council.

The Abergavenny Town Council have refused by 7 votes to 1 the use of the Market Hall for a boxing tournament in aid of the funds of St. Dunstan's Hostel. The promoters were not invited to the meeting, and thus a deputation of the local Free Church Council had every chance of putting forth their narrow views without opposition, and the Rev. J. P. Millward, one of the deputation, stated that "No self-respecting man would allow his boy to take part in boxing. It would do harm to the moral and spiritual welfare of Abergavenny."

A FORTUNATE SAPPER.

Wins our Special Christmas Contest Outright.

Our special Christmas football contest, No. 13, for which the record sum of 3,207 marks was subscribed and to which we added as a Christmas gift a further five hundred, was won outright by

Sapper G. W. Burrows,
9th M. A. L. Section
R. E. Signa's
Rhine Army

He succeeded in forecasting correctly nine of the ten results.

THE INTERVIEW.

When I set out to interview Sapper G. W. Burrows, the winner of our special competition, writes our football representative, I had no idea that I had been set a task so difficult of accomplishment.

No one appeared to have any knowledge of the whereabouts of the 9th M.A.L. Section, of which unit the lucky competitor is a member.

At last by the merest chance I learned that they were stationed at Riehl Barracks and eventually found the object of my quest.

"Can I see the Sapper Burrows?" was my inquiry. "Certainly," was the reply of the clerk in charge; "Come along Mr. 'Cologne Post,' I'll find him for you." That he was acquainted with my identity surprised me, and, on my questioning him as to this, I was informed that the whole unit were aware that Burrows had forecasted nine correct results and were anticipating that he would be the lucky recipient of our bumper prize. Consequently the inquiry for Sapper Burrows could only mean that their expectations and hopes had been realised.

I was quickly conducted into the presence of the successful sapper, and on my handing him the cheque for 3,707 marks conveying the Editor's compliments and my own, he remarked that it was a splendid Christmas box.

WHY HE WON.

A Woking man, who favours none of the leading football clubs, he had entered our contests for five successive weeks, sending in five coupons per week. He admitted that he was not a sound judge of football form, and smilingly attributed his success to this fact, pointing out that had he legislated for what should have happened he would never have won No. 13 contest.

The prize will be shared by one of his chums, Sapper Russell, who is also a weekly competitor in our competition. The pair had previously agreed to share any prize they might win as a result of their efforts.

As I bade farewell to the winner, who was the centre of a crowd of merry and equally pleased associates, there were many suggestions as to how the money could be best utilised in providing for a happy Christmas. Quite a number seem to have hopes of participating in the celebrations.

The wonderful success which attended our last contest augurs well for No. 14, the coupon for which will be found in this column. Remember that there will be one less coupon for this contest, and make your forecasts early.

On the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 14,
"Cologne Post",
A.P.O. S. 40 Rhine Army

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 14.

Date of matches, Saturday, Dec. 27th.
Closing date, Friday, Dec. 26th.

Burnley	v. Preston
Liverpool	v. Everton
Bolton	v. Blackburn
Notts C	v. Bradford City
West Ham	v. Huddersfield
Clapton	v. Coventry
Palace	v. Millwall
Southampton	v. Watford
Queens Park	v. Kilmarnock
Falkirk	v. Dumbarton

I enter Football Competition No. 14 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions already announced and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(in block letters.)
Rank and No. .....
Unit .....
Full Address .....

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

"THE KNIGHT OF THE BURNING PESTLE."

Allow me, ladies and gentlemen, to get it off my chest right away: A thundering good show! Nay, by my halibut, a wonderful production—or rather, if I swear by my evening posset, a blankety blank good show. Descending, however, to vulgar modernity, I was distinctly pained at the response given to quite the best production that has been put on at the Deutsches since the inauguration of the B.R.A.D.C.

On Monday the bookings would have made an angel weep, and on Tuesday, although the house was a little better, a large number elected to leave at the end of the third act. In this production you have costumes (by Peter von Bougardt, not as previously stated by "von Gardt") that are both picturesque and correct; you have scenery that is delightful; you are transported for a space back to the joyous days of Merrie England; but—and I think this is the rub—the play is one of which the majority has never heard, and the authorship is equally unknown. But is that any reason for staying away? Because Alf or Bert have never heard of the blinkin' thing, is the show necessarily damned?

Come, men of the Army of the Rhine, your British justice compared with the previous wonderful record of the company will persuade you to spend three most enjoyable hours witnessing the best (in spite of being the most ambitious) production which your hard-working friend, Lieut. Esme Percy, has set before you this Christmastide. Candidly, I don't think I have ever enjoyed an evening at the Deutsches more than that on which I saw the "Knight of the Burning Pestle." It was simply great.

I know full well that the most insignificant member of the caste has in proportion to his or her job worked as hard as the most prominent, but I must be forgiven if only some of the most striking persons are mentioned. If I said all I wanted to say about everybody either my contribution would be ruthlessly cut, or the Editor would shoot me at sight, for space is as valuable to him as Bradburys.

I have no hesitation in saying that the outstanding features of the entire show were the performances given by Major Ball as "Mistress Citizen", and Mr. Eric Morgan as "Merrythought." We all know Major Ball's performances. In this particular production he is as clever and amusing as ever. We have often heard Mr. Morgan sing, but this is the first time that I for one have heard him both sing and act. His make up, his acting, and his rendering of "Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes" would have saved the production, even if the rest of the company had been suddenly struck with epilepsy.

Miss Frances Chisholm was both dancer and Speaker of the Prologue, and in each case she pleased me. She might, however, be a little more certain of her lines. Lieut. S. E. Percy played Ralph, apprentice and Knight, and played eminently throughout, but I rather doubt whether the satire or the play penetrated the minds of some of the audience. God help them. It was so simple.

Lieut. Humphrey Hope as a citizen did his usual excellent work, and Major C. C. Chance was a thoroughly convincing "Venturewell." Special mention should also be made of Lieut. J. W. Knight who played the part of "Humphrey", the beau. He was in faith a very perfect beau. Miss Inez Bensusan, as Luce, made a very charming and graceful figure, and I quite envied Jasper. Her costumes were superb, as was also the dress that Miss Gabrielle Paul wore as Pomponia. I don't blame Ralph in the least for saying he dare no longer stay. Personally I should not have been so strong-willed.

And then we have "Mistress Merrythought"; as this character Lieut. Leigh Farnell was it. And now I really must stop talking about individuals, much as I should like to go through the whole caste, but I must be allowed to mention Capt. W. B. Jemmett, who, in addition to playing the part of the "Barber Giant", and, together with his Art School students, being responsible for the beautiful scenery, often working till three in the morning, gave us one of the most attractive pictures of manhood that has yet been seen on the Deutsches stage. And—don't cut me off yet—two dancers in particular: Miss Tuckett, prominent in all the excellently carried out dances and Pte. W. Wheatley, the jester.

We must not forget the real live horse (none of your two quarter-some guinea-a-weekers inside the skin of an extinct animal for us, thank you), nor dog Rachel, who looked slightly bewildered at the antics of her human friends. Truly for her had all Cologne gone mad.

There were faults, certainly, but what can you expect? It must be so for the first few nights in a production of this magnitude. There was, for instance, too much noise going on behind the drop curtain, some people were by no means word-perfect, and others made tardy entries, but if a usually lenient Deutsches theatre audience will excuse these few things (which will rectify themselves as time goes on) they cannot fail to enjoy a thoroughly brilliant, merry, musical and truly Christmassy production.

I heard compliments paid on all sides to the really marvellously capable manner in which the play was produced, and costumes, wigs, and make-up were all perfect. I beg to take this opportunity of wishing all the members of the B.R.A.D.C., both regular and temporarily attached, all the compliments of this merry season, and at the same time in the name of all those who visit the theatre to tender them thanks for their very suitably chosen and entertaining Christmas production, at which, I know full well, they have all worked like slaves.

E.H.S.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Thurs.	Tannhäuser	Wagner	6	10
Fri.	Der Bajazzo Cav Rusticana	Leoncavallo Mascagni	7	10
Sat.	Figaro's Hochzeit	Mozart	7	10.30
Sun.	The Woman without Shadow	Strauss	6	10.30
Mon.	Hansel und Gretel	Humperdinck	6	8
Tues.	Tannhäuser	Wagner	6	10

B.E.L.C. Xmas Events.

On Christmas day at the British Empire Leave Club there will be a cinema performance at 2.30, "Toy-Town," gift of souvenirs, Christmas revels and carnival from 6.15. On Friday "Babes in the Wood" will be given at 2.15, and in the evening a supper and ball, for which five prizes are offered and which includes special dances. The band of the Sixth Inniskilling Dragoons will provide the music. On Saturday a dance at 6.30 is the attraction, while on Sunday Miss Bertha Moore's Concert Party, including Miss Marjory Moore, will provide the entertainment.

JACQUES.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Another Fancy Brand.

Hindenburg Cigaretten was the name on a cigarette packet I saw recently. Same quality, any old name.

Some Mail.

To get an idea of the tremendous mails leaving Rhineland for Blighty one should see the mail bags being cleared on the coast bound trains. It gave me a surprise.

What Next?

I have seen many queues in Rhineland, but the latest to catch my eye was in a large store where folk were queued up waiting their turn to reach the pay desk.

Sold Out.

In one big store in Breitestrasse yesterday I was informed that they had no "Herren Handschuhe" left. The assistant said she could not remember such a rush for these articles.

Six Months' Notice.

The German railwayman, when wishing to leave the service, must, I learn, give six months notice. On the other hand he is only in danger of dismissal when guilty of comm[illegible] a crime. In other cases he is reduc[illegible]

The Guards Mark.

On the shutter of a window in Marzellen strasse I notice there is still in existence the mark of the Guards Division. Quite the oldest sign of our occupation I have seen.

Diligent.

A Tommy who dined with me last evening asked to be excused half way through the meal, the reason being, he informed me, that he was decorating his mess for Christmas. This was the third evening he had spent on the task.

In Other Days.

A poster I have come across advertises a concert which was held in the early days of our occupation. The prices marked are one mark for officers and other ranks 20 pfgs. But the mark was not 181.60 in those days.

Closing of M.F. Services.

Packages for transmission to England through M.F. Department will not be accepted in future. A contract is being arranged for the conveyance of officers kits and Government Stores, at present being dealt with through the M.F. Department, to England. Details will be published when arranged.

Cologne's Carnival.

Cologne's Carnival was famous in Germany before the war. During the past few years however it did not take place, and the police have prohibited all demonstrations for 1920. The Cologne Carnival Association have now decided not to prepare any festivity before 1923.

How to Carve the Turkey.

To make the turkey go farthest, I should be properly carved. Both sides of the breast should be carved in thin, upright slices, beginning at the wing and working up to the breast bone. The legs should not be detached, but sliced in the same way as the breast; while the wings should be removed and divided.

The Zoo.

If you visit the Zoo next year it will cost you more, the prices from Jan. 1 being, officers 1 mark 50 pfgs, and other ranks 75 pfgs.

Fire at Aerodrome.

The red-tongued monster, fire, paid an unwelcome visit to the aerodrome at Ostheim and practically completely destroyed the recreation room there. The library, especially, was in a sorry state when the fire was eventually extinguished.

No Kisses.

I now see mistletoe on sale in the florists' shops, but the custom attached to it does not exist in Germany.

"The Rain it Raineth."

In England the appearance of people carrying open umbrellas is usually a sure indication of the state of the weather. Such is not the case in Cologne, however. Yesterday, for instance, quite half an hour after the rain had ceased to fall, I passed six people, within a couple of hundred yards, all with their umbrellas up.

Greetings.

In a certain mess the members of a well-known Headquarters staff have sent a Christmas card to "The Boys of the mess."

The Wrong Way.

Last evening I passed a tram going in an opposite direction to that shown on the boards. Evidently the conductor had forgotten to change the boards.

A Reminder of the Past.

There is still to be seen in the city at least one proclamation issued by the German Military Governor of Cologne. It is of all places on the Hohenzollern bridge; there are no other notices near it and the date is July 1916.

Chivalry.

An old frau's large velour hat blew off and started away down the tramlines at a terrific speed. Although there were several men about, none made an effort to recover it for her, until a British officer, perceiving the old woman's plight, retrieved her lost poperty for her. "Merci, M'sieur!" was her acknowledgment.

At Last.

In a German cafe last night I was surprised to hear selections played by the orchestra from "Tonight's the Night", "The Wedding Make," and "The Girl in the Taxi', a change from "Navarro".

Honesty.

Some German shopkeepers are nothing if not honest. Rather than give an officer five pfennigs short in change the old frau scraped up all the small change she had, amounting to six pfennigs (three two pfennig pieces) to give to him

Good for "Essen."

The German at my billet invited me to partake of supper with him. The fare consisted of brown bread and cold raw bacon with an "apfel" to follow as dessert. Under the circumstances I thought it best to decline the invitation.

RHINELANDER.

A CHRISTMAS DINNER.

A SOUTH AFRICAN SHOOTING STORY.

I have been asked for a Christmas story. It seems to me that in a cold climate it may be a bit cheerful to tell a yarn of a warmer clime, for the same reason that a skipper of the Union Castle Line once told me that when he was very cold he usually placed a thermometer into a tumbler of hot water and watched the temperature rise, when he could reassure himself that he was not really so cold as he had thought.

In Rhodesia some years ago it was not at all unlikely when one arrived at a dinner party to find that one's own spoons and forks formed part of the miscellaneous assortment of silver and cutlery on the table, the servants of the host or hostess having borrowed from the servants of the guests, without thinking it necessary to ask permission, for in the native mind there is the fixed idea that white man always shares with white man—not a bad maxim either; but of course the food was provided by the giver of the party. Now I will tell you the story of such a dinner party.

The occasion was a big Christmas shoot in which every man within forty miles joined, huts and shelters were specially put up, for of course for a shoot of this description everyone must stop the night and the spot chosen was close to Mickie McBride's hut, for Mickie, although a bachelor, had an unusually large hut, kept cows and poultry, was an excellent shot and known to be very hospitable, in fact, he had invited the party to dinner.

The day arrived, the weather was perfect, Buck was plentiful and every man present shot well except Mickie. The devil was in his gun, or he had got a bee in his bonnet, or something usually had taken possession of him, for crack-shot as he was known to be, he could bring down nothing and each time he missed, he stole away from his friends and when out of sight, comforted himself with a drap o' the craytaor, in short, some whisky he had managed to get after a wait of five months. Still his aim did not improve and finally towards the end of the afternoon he went home and on arrival took a very strong dose of his Scotch medicine and then determined he would at least shoot something, so he ordered his boy Shilling to drive thirty-two fowls out of the poultry yard. He had made up his mind that he would get his hand in again by shooting those fowls. In Rhodesia fowls can be eaten the same day they are killed, if wrapped up for an hour or two in certain leaves which makes them tender.)

Mickie shot the fowls and then fell asleep. The hut of Mickie was unusually large, but was absolutely packed by the time all the shooting party were there. Mickie was again wide awake, and able to receive his guests. Then they waited, but no sign of any dinner, everyone was hungry, Mickie grew impatient, and calling for his cookboy, asked why skoff (food) was not ready.

"Ikona skoff" the cook replied, meaning 'No food.'

"Where the blankety blank are the thirty-two fowls I shot?" yelled Mickie in a fury.

The cookboy disappeared without a word, and again they waited, then back came the cook, and held out to his master a handful of feathers.

Mickie had shot those thirty-two fowls with explosive bullets!!! P.S. History does not chronicle the language of either host or guests, neither is the menu handed down, relating what those men actually did eat,—but I think it would be safe to say it was tinned salmon.

CHARLOTTE MANSFIELD, F.R.G.S.

LETTERS TO CHARLES.

It's almost too late to discuss Xmas presents, isn't it? What have you done about it this year? I find it so very difficult to be original—to infuse the proper Christmas spirit into it, you know—to each individual, the gift most suitable, and all that sort of thing. I find I'm so apt, like most people, to rush out at the eleventh hour and buy poetry in limp leather for the fair sex and cigars or cuff-links for the gents. I know a girl who got sixteen "Omar Khayams" last year like that, and for all I know she'll get as many this year.

What would you like me to send you, Charles—a model of the "Dom" or a silk picture-card? But seriously, though, the shops here have a really great Christmas display. Would I could take you down the "Hohe Strasse" (which, I have just learnt, is German for ye homely "High Street"—who'd have thought it?), and you would see whether Bond Street and Regent Street were not licked to a frazzle as far, at any rate, as mere window-display is concerned.

Gleaming cutlery for the male, dazzling bead bags for the dear little girls (costing simply Pounds, at home, I know), and velour hats both masculine and feminine—all simply screaming to be bought, with the mark at 180 odd to the Bradbury. Someone really ought to do something about this question of the Exchange before weak creatures like myself, who consistently yield to the impulse to buy a thing just because it is so ridiculously cheap, are parted from all their cash.

Among our Christmas attractions, Charles, is the show which the Rhine Army Dramatic Company are giving, and it is called—(are you ready?)—"The Knight of the Burning Pestle." Isn't that a simply gorgeous name? I defy you to keep away from a play with a title like that. If you don't know it already (I didn't), it's an obscure Elisabeth—a comedy by Beaumont and Fletcher; but I don't care—I'll eat my hat if I haven't discovered what a "burning pestle" is by the end of the week.

And I think that's all the excitement there is for the moment—oh, no, I was nearly forgetting, apropos of names—I have discovered some new cigarettes called—you'd never guess—Waldorf-Astoria! Isn't that perfectly splendid? Only one really needs a monocle and spats to go with them. I don't smoke much, as you know, but I think I shall always have a few on me in the future, so that, when anyone offers me a cigarette, I can simply say: "No thanks, old chap; try one of mine, though, won't you? I'm afraid I only smoke these—I expect you know them—they're Waldorf Astoria." (Help!).

JOHN.

A MISTLETOE LEGEND.

Odin was a happy man in spite of the trouble he had with his evil son Loki, for he loved that son Baldur whom the people had named the Beautiful. A shadow one day crept over the heart of Odin and he knew it at it was a message of death to one whom he loved, so with a sorrowful bearing he went to his wife to tell her of his trouble,—how he felt that they were to soon lose Baldur the Beautiful. At first the fond mother sat down and wept, but she soon dried her tears and told her husband to sorrow no more, for she would bring joy into his life.

Then it seemed that the shadow was lifted from the heart of all men. But still Odin felt that in one corner of his own heart there was a darkness which was not yet removed. Again the fond mother enquired of all things and living creatures if they had sworn and they all repeated the solemn oath. At last she remembered that there was a small shrub that she had thought was too small to trouble her, and so she did not call the mistletoe that grew upon the different trees.

When the feast was at its height and all the people of Asgard had wandered into the place of sport, Loki came back to the city of his birth, and there he saw the crowds who were shouting and praising their idol, Baldur the beautiful. Soon the young men of the place made a game and placed Baldur in the middle of a circle and began to shoot at their friend and throw stones; nothing however could hurt that noble boy, for had not every thing on the earth shown that no harm should ever come to him through them? Bitter hatred filled the heart of Loki and he went away and swore that Baldur should die. A witch who had been turned out of the city by the Chief, whispered in his ear that the mistletoe bough had never sworn to the mother, and an arrow made of it would end the life of Baldur. So Loki made that arrow of death. Going back to the ground he found his blind brother, who was crying, because he could not throw anything at his brother and join in the sport. Fitting the mistletoe arrow into the bow, he guided the hand of his brother and the arrow was sped. Baldur fell, and a dark shadow swept over the whole earth.

Calling the people together Odin made all the world swear that if ever they passed under that fatal mistletoe bough, they would salute each other with a kiss to show that no longer death lurked near that emblem. And so the custom grew, and lives to-day.

REV. C. E. R. WHEELER C.F.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

For Sadie.—The Madonna headdress is much in fashion in America just now.

Official Sanction. — Germany's silver coinage may now be melted down with official sanction.

All Gone.—The German wines purchased for the House of Commons have been all consumed.

Khaki as Usual.—The Guards will not revert to their pre-war red tunic and bear skin cap before next summer.

Theatre Worker's Threat. — Londoners are asking "Shall we have any pantomimes in London this Christmastide?"

Food for Pictures. — Austria is giving up works of art as security to the United States.

No Quailling. — The Prime Minister' speech on Ireland lasted an hour and a half less two minutes.

Only the War Medal. — It is now said that there is no special medal or riband for the Afghan campaign.

By the Sea. — All the big hotels and boarding houses on the coast at home are full up for Christmas.

The Elite.— Coutt's bank customers included Kings and Emperors. The fallen of Amerongen had an account there.

Despite Increasad Price.— Silver goods have been very much in demand as presents in London.

The Disappearing "Toothbrush". — A clean upper lip is now the order with demobilized officers.

Press Agent.—Bernard Shaw is managing the publicity side of the miners' nationalisation campaign.

First in Jerusalem — Major Barry, the first man to enter Jerusalem has been married at Cambridge.

Bank Fusion.—There is to be a fusion of the banking interests of the National Provincial and Union Bank and Messrs Coutts and Coy.

A Good Arrangement.—A Leeds railway parcels clerk married the girl who took his place while he was on active service.

The Red Flag.—To prohibit red flag processions as being "Anarchistic" is the purport of a Bill to be introduced in the United States Congress.

Floods. — All the illustrated journals are featuring photographs of the floods in South Germany where large tracts of land have been inundated.

The Way to Ruin. — In the first 10 months of this year 52,000 more deaths occurred in Vienna than last year, and 60,000 fewer births.

Ducal Landowner.—When the Rutland estates are sold, the young Duke of Norfolk will be the only ducal holder of agricultural estates in the South of England.

Good News for Women.—Through the purchase of one million yards of balloon cloth from the Disposal Board a Manchester firm hopes to produce costumes at £2 each.

Anonymous Generosity.—An anonymous £150,000 gift has been promised to the Welsh Calvinistic Ministry Fund on condition that a similar sum is collected in three years.

The Job for Us.—Mr. C. T. Cramp the President of the National Union of Railwaymen, is one of the highest paid trade union officials in the work. He starts at £800.

A THURSDAY CHRISTMAS.

In an old poem reserved among the Harleian MSS. in the British Museum appears the following superstition connected with the falling of Christmas Day on a Thursday:—

If Christmas Day on Thursday be,
A windy winter you shall see;
Windy weather in each week,
And hard tempests, strong and thick.

The summer shall be good and dry,
Corn and beasts shall multiply;
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HAPPIEST AND JOLLIEST CHRISTMAS FOR SIX LONG YEARS.

RHINELAND FESTIVITIES AND FUNCTIONS.

CENTRAL Y.M.C.A.

FAIRYLAND AND FAIRY DOINGS.

Keen artistic sense, infinite resource and patient toil must have been devoted by Miss E. K. Beale and her Staff to the task of converti g the series of Halls, at the Central Y.M.C.A., all of them except Loreley and the Library, (striking examples of German "frightfulness") into "things of beauty" which will be a joy to the beholders of them so long as the Christmas decorations last. The Ober-Bayern, as the restaurant was called before its occupation and redemption by the Y.M.C.A., was almost as hideous as it was vast; but its chief demerits seem to have been compelled to surrender themselves most effectively to the purposes of the decorators who, by cleverly covering each monstrosity with green garlands and ada ting each particular feature to a general and harmonious scheme, brought the floor-space, the platform, the numerous châlets and the galleries rising tier upon tier, into accord, with the walls. The bright paintings of the Bavaria n hills lost their excessive vividness and the illusion of being in green fields with a distant view of snow-capped hills is almost, if not quite achieved. The pr per suggestion of a festive occasion is made by the innumerable fairy lights that gleam through the leaves and enliven the scene.

"The Great Hall" has had attention paid chiefly to its stage which is itself garlanded with green and is flanked by two huge Christmas tress. The chandeliers are linked together with festoons which stretch enormous distances, and make us realise the vast dimensions of the Hall; and of course, fairy-lights are here, there and everywhere. Two particularly horrid faces which disfigured the end walls have been blotted from view by merciful curtains which seem destined to remain to prevent the nightmare which must hitherto have disturbed the slumbers of all who looked upon the countenances that are now concealed. In the Loreley and the Library Halls, which have a certain dignity of their own, the decorations are more severe in character and they serve merely to tone down the excessive gaudiness given the unadorned halls as an expression of the taste of the class of Germans who in pre-Armistice days frequented the "Gross-Cöln."

THE CHILDREN'S REVELS.

Surely no more beautiful sight was seen anywhere this Christmas as was afforded by the Children, the Tree, the Snowball (containing the children's gift) the Fa ries and their dance on the afternoon of the 24th. We have already expressed our congratulations to the Associations which work so hard with the troops upon their co-operation in this entertainment for the children. We now congra ulate them on the magnificent result, so beautiful, so harmonious, so expressive of the very spirit of Christmas-tide.

The Assistant Chaplain General was the soul of the enterprise, and to him more than to any other is due the union on this occasion of the Associations that ordinarily work apart in space, but, as this event proved, not in spirit, for the troops. Miss Harper, of the Church Army, made a notable contribution in the idea of the Snowball and Fairy Dance, as also in personal services, in which also the Hon. Mrs. Morris of the Church Army, and Miss Holway of the Catholic Club shone conspicuously.

Inevitably however, the heaviest burden was borne by the Ladies of the Y.M.C.A. Staff, whose untiring efforts, superimposed upon their ordinary work and their special Christmas arrangements, would have overwhelmed any less capable and energetic band of women. Miss Fry, who in the absence through indisposition of Miss Lett, trained the children in their Fairy Dance, was herself their Fairy Queen; and she and they were ethereal in their aspect and seemed to have come from and to belong to another and fairer world than ours. The beautiful music for the Fairy Dance was the composition of Miss Nash, of the Y.M.C.A.

GENEROUS DONORS.

In the Hall, the children and their parents had a most sumptuous tea. Contributions were made of sweets, by the 6th Corps Club; of oranges by the Catholic Club; of a bumper cake by the N.A.C.B.; of crackers by the B.E.L.C.; of 1000 marks by the Assistant Chaplain General; and of all else by the Y.M.C.A. To realize the effect of the children's tree and tea one must see the photographs of them that can be had at the Central Y.M.C.A.

On Christmas Day, in this Hall, a special Fairy Film was shown in the afternoon for the children and their friends; and every evening in the week, special entertainments were given to crowded audiences, the greatest attraction of all being the concert given by Madame Bertha Moore's "Etceteras" party. To each of the ladies of this party a Christmas souvenir of their visit to Cologne was presented by Dr. Francis on behalf of the grateful troops. As for Dr. Francis himself, he prefers to do things rather than talk about them (as we noticed when he was on the stage on Xmas Day but it may be taken for granted that among the labours of the devoted band of workers, who concentrated on the wonderful success achieved, he spared himself the least.

ROUND THE HOSPITALS.

NO. 44 C.C.S.

The patients and staff of No. 44 C.C.S. will remember for many a long day, with pleasure, the Christmas festivities. Eager preparations had been going on for weeks. It will be claimed with entire confidence that no more tasteful decorations were to be seen in the whole of Rhineland. The spacious entrance hall struck the note of welcome, with its fine display of bunting, Christmas trees, garlands of evergreens, pots of white lilac and crimson Azaleas. It would be invidious to select any one ward as deserving of special praise, each scheme being a gem of its kind.

Every ward is a mass of colour, ordered colour with decorative schemes worked out by the sisters and their patients; and the whole secret of the success was given away to us by a patient who, although in bed, was accused of "nigger-driving" the others. "No I didn't nigger drive, it wasn't necessary, they all did it because they knew it would please Sister." That is the reason the various wards of No. 36 look so lovely.

The recreation hall, like the entrance hall, had received the special attention of the matron and the sisters.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Rhine Army, accompanied by Lady Robertson, paid a much-appreciated visit in the course of the morning. In each of the wards Sir William addressed a few appropriate words to the patients, wishing them all happiness and good cheer. Shortly after midday dinner was served to the patients; and, an hour later, came the turn of the personnel. The feast was choice and abundant, revealing the patient care of the Quartermaster's department. The members of Madame Moore's Concert Party, the "Etceteras", passed through the wards, with kindly words and smiles for all, especially the patients confined to their beds. At a later stage they gave a delightful concert to a crowded and appreciative audience in the recreation hall. At the conclusion of this pleasing function Capt. Black appeared, suitably arrayed as Father Christmas and soon the wealth of good things in the vicinity of the giant Christmas Tree were in the possession of the eager recipients. On the invitation of the Amusements Officer hearty cheers were given for the commanding officer, Lt.-Col. Marshall, D.S.O., the Matron, the sisters and nurses and for the men who had toiled so willingly in preparing the decorations.

Still later the orchestra discoursed sweet music, various games were played and a number of favourite dances were enjoyed. Said one of the patients: "This has been the happiest Christmas I have had for eight years. When I went to bed last night I lay down as happy as a kiddie who has had a topping good time." The words were evidently sincere and they reflect the general opinion. No higher praise could be given.

142 FIELD AMBULANCE.

The patients at No. 142 F.A. appeared to be having a royal time, when we dropped in on Christmas afternoon. Special dinner, special tea and a whole round of mirth and music was part of their programme. Some members of the Varieties Concert Party were there, the audience enjoying in particular the trio in which Miss Hilda Potts took part, and Corporal Barker's violin performance.

The Ambulance was beautifully decorated and had a thoroughly Christmas air.

Y.M.C.A. BONN.

On Christmas Day "Gross Bonn Y.M.C.A." threw open its doors to the troops at six o'clock. and laid itself out to give the men a real old fashioned jolly Xmas. Free smokes and free refreshments were the order of the evening, the guests taking full advantage of the good fare provided. The games, to which valuable prizes were attached, caused much interest, most of them developing into contests between Liverpool, Manchester and Durham, and much good humoured chaff ensued. At eight o'clock great excitement was caused by the entry of Father Christmas in full regalia drawn on a sleigh by a terrible Turk and a Russian Nobleman. These three brilliant figures stood out in relief against a sea of khaki. Father Xmas then presented the holders of lucky numbers with more than a hundred gifts of many kinds. At least one man in four received a prize. Mr. Walter Ashley (the Y.M.C.A. Secretary for the Rhine Army) paid a flying visit and made a short speech in which he paid a tribute to Father Christmas (the Leader) Miss Sutton and the excellent staff of workers to whose efforts the success of the evening was due. The brilliant electrically-lit Xmas tree of gigantic size was the work of the ladies of the Bookroom in Bonn. Mr. Skeeles and Mr. Seward superintended the games. Altogether a very excellent evening's entertainment.

LEAVE CLUB.

THREE DAYS' CONTINUOUS ENJOYMENT.

On seeing previous decorations at the B.E.L.C. we thought that the climax had been reached, but our opinions had to be revised. The Xmas decorations surpass them all. They are wonderful, beautiful, delightful, and when the Xmas Eve fancy dress ball started, the scene in the theatre could scarcely have been surpassed.

Festoons of Chinese lanterns, electrically illuminated, are all over the place. There are between 700 and 800 of them in all, while numerous illuminated "Weihnachtsbäume" add to the general lustre.

Of the enormous amount of labour expended to produce this effect only those who did it can adequately judge, but chief credit is due to Capt. Amy, ably assisted by L./Cpl. Green.

In the entrance hall one finds that the "bureau" has been converted into a dug out, with real sand bags, trench orders, weird signs and many other of the paraphernalia of that trench warfare now so happily a thing of the past. But we have never seen anything in the trenches of France and Flanders so attractive as there is in the Leave Club dug-out. Every room has had hours and hours of loving labour spent on it, the Music Room being especially beautiful, and we are quite certain that nothing further could possibly have been done to produce a more Christmaslike atmosphere of revelry for the setting for the excellent amusement fare of the Leave Club this Yuletide.

The ball was a great success and really the dancing at the Club could give points to many dances at home. The music provided by the band of the 23rd Royal Fusiliers was of the highest order.

Lady Robertson and Mrs. Acheson were the judges of the dresses and must have found it extremely difficult to arrive at their decisions, but the three selected dresses certainly deserved to have their success recognised. They were: — 1. Poudre, Sgt. Howell 51st Royal Warwicks; 2. Chinaman, L. Cpl. Guest, M.F.P., 3. Tramp, Cpl. Green, R.E.

Lady Robertson presented the prizes and on being asked to speak passed the invitation to the Commander-in-Chief who said that everyone had deserved prizes although only few got them. He also wished all those present and all the Garrison a Very Happy Christmas and New Year.

The Honorary Director, Miss Decima Moore, in thanking Lady Robertson and Mrs. Acheson for their kindness in judging an extremely difficult task—said that it gave her especial pleasure to see both the Commander-in-Chief and Commander Acheson there, for her husband had had the honour of serving under the former and her son under the latter.

It would take too much space to describe the dresses, but they showed on the whole that a large amount of ingenuity and labour had been spent on them.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

Christmas night furnished a scene of brilliancy which will long live in the memories of those who were fortunate enough to be present when Miss Decima Moore, C.B.E., and her workers played the Host to over 2000 men.

A "real live fairy" was not missing from this Fairyland, for Miss Richmond, with great beauty and dignity, played the part to perfection, and had but to wave her magic wand to charm one and all.

The long and varied programme commenced with selections by the British Empire Leave Club Jazz Band. This was followed by a Revue—"Toy Town"—and once again we were glad to enjoy the clever antics of the Showman, and the fascination of Dances by the living mechanical dolls.

The Curtain then rose to find Miss Decima Moore on the Stage surrounded by her aides-de-camp, and by a bevy of charmingly dressed Columbines who were to assist her in distributing souvenir presents to the various guests.

We understand that the holders of tickets Nos. 73, 900, 52, 999 and 13, which were lucky numbers in the draw for special prizes, have not yet claimed their gifts.

Carnival followed, and wild scenes of enthusiasm ensued. Caps, hats, flowers and all manner of trophies were thrown from stage and gallery to a surging crowd beneath. The noise was deafening, trumpets, songs and laughter adding to the increasing din, and it was only when Miss Marjorie Moore, with all that charm that is hers, commenced to sing, that a great peace reigned. Miss Urquhart too, held her audience entranced when she danced Highland Dances to the strains of the pipes.

No small success of the evening was due to Captain van Dyck, who dressed as a Prussian soldier, amused everyone by his humorous by-play. A very charming break in the frivolities was made by the singing of Carols by Miss West's Choir.

Choruses, games and wild romps filled in the time between various dances, and before the grand Snowball Fight with which the evening was to end, Gunner Chapple in a very happy speech called upon the men to show their appreciation to Miss Decima Moore for all that she had done for them. This met with a rousing reception, and cheer after cheer testified to the love and affection in which Miss Moore is held by the men of all ranks. Miss Moore then responded and with her usual enthusiasm carried the whole house with her when she called for three cheers for King and Empire! Then gracefully declining to take the credit for the evening upon herself, she led the cheers for Colonel Levey, and for all those who had worked with her at the Club.

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WOMEN J.P's.

COMMITTEE OF SELECTION APPOINTED.

With a view to the coming into force of the Sex Disqualification Removal Act, the Lord Chancellor has appointed the following as a committee to assist him in the selection of the first women to be placed upon the Commission of the Peace: Marchioness of Crewe, (chairman) Marchioness of Londonderry, Mrs. Lloyd George, Miss Elizabeth Haldane, Mrs. Gertrude Tuckwell, Mrs. Humphrey Ward and Mrs. Sidney Webb. These ladies will be placed upon the Commission of the Peace at once. As the Bench throughout the country is fully up to strength very few appointments will be made for the present, except for Children's Courts, but in future the claims of women will be considered equally with those of men.

So Christmas night came to an end—and one is inclined to agree with the Scotchman who was overheard to say of Miss Decima Moore, that — "She may be wee but every bit of her is magic", and certainly it was magic for everyone who was privileged to spend Christmas at the British Empire Leave Club.

BOXING DAY.

Friday brought more revels—Pantomime "The Babes in the Wood" in the afternoon and in the evening a Christmas supper and dance; and what a supper! Turkey, sausage, vegetables, sweets, beer or lemonade and cheese, with dessert—all for fifteen marks! Over a thousand such meals were served.

Up in the theatre a most enjoyable dance took place and at intervals dancing competitions for prizes were held. The splendid band of the Inniskillings made the music and made it in their usual finished manner. Some excellent dancing was seen too, and it is remarkable that many of the competitors have learned all the dancing they know at the Leave Club. Many wives and daughters were present and added greatly to the enjoyment and "homey" feeling of the function. We were also pleased to note the presence of the N.A.C.B. girls with those of other women workers on the Rhine. How Miss Decima Moore and her merry band of voluntary workers managed to dance so much after the strenuous labours of the past week is beyond our comprehension, for to prepare the Leave Club as it was prepared must have meant days and days of deep consideration and much hard labour.

The Prizes for dancing fell to the following:—

Veleta:—Cpl. Berry, R.F.A. and Pte. Barrett, 51st N.F.

Valse:—Sergt. Kimber, R.F.A. and Pte. McKenzie, Lancs. Regt.

Decimore:—Pte. Parish, R.A.M.C. and L/Cpl. Sealey, R.E. (Sig.).

Tickle Toe:—Cpl. Gerrard, 11th Bn. Queen's Regt. and Pte. McKenzie, Lancs. Regt.

On Leave Fox Trot:—Miss Barnes, Mrs. Humphries, N.A.C.B., Miss Buckland, Miss Percival.

The Masters of Ceremonies were:—S.S.M. Felgate, R.A.S.C., Sergt. Howell, R.W.R., L/Cpl. Foote, R.E.

G.H.Q. W.O.'S AND SERGEANTS NO. 1. MESS.

Among all the functions which were held in Cologne on Christmas Day none could have furnished more happiness and pleasure—always remembering that we are away from home—than was concentrated at the G.H.Q. Warrant Officers and Sergeants No. 1 Mess. The French expression for home—"chez nous"—however, exactly describes the event, for the members and ex-members with their wives and children made up a large family which feasted and revelled to the height of enjoyment. A huge Christmas tree, ablaze with light and loaded with toys, stood conspicuous in the gaily decorated mess, and the "children of a larger growth" were to be seen cajoling the youngsters to borrow their mechanical toys in order to "see the wheels go round."

A dinner that would have given equal satisfaction to Epicurus and Gargantua was succeeded by a musical feast, interpolated in which were two spells of chorus singing, one consisting of Christmas Carols and Hymns, which were very heartily rendered.

This very happy party was presided over by Sgt.-Major R. H. Chambers, who gave the toast of the King. Sgt.-Major J. Reddin proposed "Our Guests", to which Sgt.-Major Hackett responded. "The British Army of the Rhine" was submitted by Staff Sgt.-Major Nevill and "Our Comrades at Home and Abroad" by Sgt-Major Burton.

Post prandial diversion, in the shape of music, was only beaten by the clock. The G.H.Q. Jazz Band excelled itself, especially Sgt. Hallmark, who can syncopate anything, even a box (car). Members of the Fragments Concert Party, Mrs. Covey, Alfred Barker and others contributed to the feast and an impromptu dance brought a memorable evening to a close.

The thanks of the Mess are due to Mrs. Stockley for her assistance with the Christmas tree and decorations and to C.Q.M.S. Wolstencroft, Sgt. Butt, Sgt. Smart and others for their efforts in the same direction; to Q.M.S. Cook and the others members of the Committee, Q.M.S. Attill, Q.M.S. Peirce, Sgt. McDonald, ably seconded by Conductor Bush, Q.M.S. Gardener and Sgt. Soden, for the catering and general arrangements and to Sgt.-Major Hollywood—the Mess President, who was unable to be present, being on leave, for designing the Menu Card (cleverly drawn by Corpl. Mills, R.E.,) which will always serve to remind those present of a memorable Christmas.

FATAL FIRE.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE AT CINEMA WORKS.

One of those grim disasters which somehow seem to coincide with holiday seasons occurred at Newcastle-on-Tyne on the 23rd December when twelve were killed and thirty injured as the result of a fire which took place in the premises of a cinematograph film maker.

The fire is supposed to have had its origin in the basement and the flames spread to the top floor with incredible rapidity.

When the fire brigade arrived it was found that the ladders were several feet short of the upper windows. Sheets were hurriedly procured and a number of girls who were hanging precariously from the upper windows, and others who jumped from a height of ninety feet, were safely caught.

The efforts of the firemen were seriously handicapped by the smoke fumes and several had to be removed to the local Infirmary.

A very dramatic discovery was made after the fire, six girls being found uninjured in one of the rooms of the building where the fire failed to penetrate on account of the concrete floors.

The fire burned for three hours and a number of bodies were found unrecognisably charred.

INDIAN HOME RULE.

KING APPEALS FOR UNITY.

Having given his assent to the Government of India Bill the King has issued a proclamation to the Viceroy, the native princes and peoples of India. His Majesty appeals for the patriotic co-operation and forbearance of all to make the new Constitution a success. With a view to promoting such co-operation he directs the Viceroy on his behalf to exercise the Royal clemency to political offenders in the fullest measure compatible with the public safety. He trusts that the Prince of Wales on his arrival in India to inaugurate the new Constitution, will find mutual good-will and confidence prevailing among those on whom will rest the future service of the country, so that success may crown their labours and progressive enlightenment attend their administrations.

ROUND THE CLUBS.

(K)NIGHTS OF GLADNESS JUBILATE.

Each of the Officers' Clubs in Cologne rose to the festive occasion admirably. The interior of the N.A.C.B. as well as the Sixth Corps Club, through the agency of lavish decoration, breathed the Yuletide spirit in unmistakeable manner, During Christmas Day and Boxing Day revelry continued practically without cessation. Special fare of a thoroughly seasonable nature attracted the organisers of many private dinner parties, while of music and dancing there was no deficiency.

On Christmas Day a merry party of Bohemian spirits numbering about seventy made their home in No. 2 club. They included members of the Editorial Staff of the "Cologne Post" Intelligence Corps and of the Rhine Army Dramatic Company, who after their performance turned up to an excellently served dinner in the wonderful garb of "The Knight of the Burning Pestle" characters. Song and dance carried the party well into the "Wee Sma' hours." Meanwhile a public dinner and dance proceeded successfully at the "Ewige Lampe".

The VI Corps Club also opened its doors to all and sundry and on both holidays the spirit of Christmas was well maintained. Christmas trees were of course, much in evidence at all the institutions to delight the hearts of the youngsters in occupation.

Among the private dinners the particularly cheery function was that given in honour of Lieut.-Colonel Batson, O.B.E., M.C., Commanding the Rhine Signal Battalion, who is leaving for England in the near future. The dinner took place in the "Ewige Lampe" and was well attended by the Officers of the Rhine Signal Battalion and Head Quarter Troops as well as a few privileged guests. Major Holt, M.C., presided over the post prandial proceedings and the following contributed speeches, songs, etc., to a well arranged programme: Capt. and Adjt. Adams, Capt. Haines, Capt. Dean, Lieuts. Barn, Rishworth, M.C., Class, M.C., Shields M.C.,

The opportunity was taken of making a wedding presentation of a card tray to Lieut. H. J. Ost, whose marriage was recently solemnised.

The excellent arrangements made by the VI Corps Club included a dance on Boxing night, but for some extraordinary reason the jollification, which was very crowded, came to an end at 12.30. There were many disappointed souls in consequence, since the general idea had got abroad that 3 a.m. was to be the finishing time. While it lasted, however, the dance was one of the most successful in Cologne.

Among the outside entertainments available, the Deutsches theatres and Palace were open to add to the gaiety of events, while the "Jesters" spent a busy time entertaining in various parts of Cologne.

Owing to extreme pressure on our space reports of the R.E. Postal Section, Military Governor's Staff, N.A.C.B. etc., are held over till our next issue.

RHINE OVERFLOWS.

FOOD DELIVERIES BY MEANS OF BOATS.

The Rhine has overflowed its banks and the roadway for a considerable stretch on the Cologne-Bonn tram route is impassable to pedestrians. Where the tram service was in full swing on Boxing Day boats have now to be used and the inhabitants of the old houses on the esplanade by the Rhein hotel have had to move upstairs. They are being provisioned through the windows and boats go from window to window. Up to last evening the N.A.C.B. Canteen had not become involved, though it may be affected at any moment.

The boathouse which accommodates H. M. Rhine Flotilla now stands up like a four storey house but Jack is carrying on as usual The huge warehouses by the Hohenzollern bridge are fast being emptied of their stores and the gangways of the various boats now reach right across the road. Needless to say the Bonn-Cologne cars are no longer running to the Hohenzollern bridge; in fact all the river bank services, except that to the Zoo, have had to be suspended.

PUBLIC BARS.

COMPULSORY WHERE CHEAP BEER IS SOLD.

The Food Minister has issued an order that "in every licensed premises there shall be at least one public bar except on premises in which it is proved that no beer has been sold since August 1st 1916, at or at less than the rate of fivepence per imperial pint." A notice "Public Bar" and list of prices shall be conspicuously displayed.

In other words all licensed houses at which beer has been sold at fivepence per pint or less, must have a public bar. The new Order will make little change in London, where very little fivepenny beer has been sold. Even then it has been sold in a public bar which is already existing. In country districts however, fivepenny beer has been much more extensively sold, and in Lancashire, says the Secretary of the Licensed Victuallers Defence League, it will mean that not a single house will be without a public bar.

IN THE THROES.

BOLSHEVISTS MAKING THEIR LAST KICK.

Referring to the retirement of Denikin before the Red onslaught on the centre of his front, General Sir Charles Briggs, lately head of the British Mission in South Russia, said to a Reuter representative that there is not the slightest reason for pessimism. This is the last dying kick of the Bolshevists as is evident from their repeated attempts to negotiate peace. Risings are taking place behind the Bolshevist front, and the highest military strategists on Denikin's Staff believe that the Bolshevists will be driven out of Moscow not later than May.

RED VENGEANCE.

HORRIBLE FATE OF RUSSIAN SOLDIERS.

A telegram received at the War Office from Siberia states that the American Railway Mission reports as follows: On December 12th a party of 200 Reds took possession of Dormidonbocas station, 69 versts South of Hebarovsk, capturing 79 Russian soldiers and four officers. They put the four officers and one soldier in a box car and burned them up. According to the latest reports the Reds are still in possession of the station.

BAD CHARACTERS IN THE ARK.

The Washington State Department has cabled to various foreign capitals explaining that the men and women who were deported to Europe aboard the Bulford—the Soviet Ark—are "undesirables and anarchists arrayed against any Government of decency and justice." The Department however, asks for a safe conduct and humane treatment for them en route to Soviet Russia.

RETAILERS LICENCES.

Another war time restriction has disappeared with the revocation of the Order requiring any person wishing to open any new retail business first to obtain a licence. Licences are still required, however, for new businesses dealing with meat, milk, bacon, margarine, flour, bread, potatoes and sugar.

TRANSFERS TO MILITARY POLICE.

It is stated in a new Army Council Instruction that in future only regular soldiers and those re-enlisted for short periods will be transferred to the Military Police or to the Military Provost Staff Corps.

The Foreign Office hitherto has been unable to confirm the report from Rome, that D'Annunzio has relinquished command at Fiume whence he is said to have departed aboard a British liner. Such appears possible, however, in view of the decision of the Fiume Plebiscite.

Y.M.C.A. RHINE ARMY.

CHRISTMAS 1919.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR £5,000

from the Officers N.C.O.'s Men and British Residents of the Rhine Army,
as the
Rhine Army Contribution.
Toward the
Final War-Work National Appeal for £750,000.

WILL YOU HELP TO CARRY ON THE WORK THE Y.M.C.A. IS STILL DOING WITH THE TROOPS IN

GERMANY	INDIA
MESOPOTAMIA	PERSIA
EGYPT	PALESTINE
SALONICA	RUSSIA
FRANCE	CONSTANTINOPLE
BELGIUM	

and at all the London Stations?

Extract from letter from the Commander-in-Chief, Rhine Army, who has given his full interest and support to the Appeal:

"I cannot speak too highly of the value to the Army of the self-denying efforts made by your Association to increase in every way the moral and material well-being of the Troops, with whom, indeed, the name of your Association has now become a household word."

OVER 90 Y.M.C.A. CENTRES WERE ESTABLISHED WITH THE RHINE ARMY.

28 Y.M.C.A. CENTRES ARE STILL RUNNING WITH THE RHINE GARRISON AND THE INDEPENDENT DIVISION.

Do you want these all to close for lack of funds?

A GUINEA FROM EVERY OFFICER AND HALF-A-CROWN FROM EVERYONE ELSE WOULD RAISE THE REQUIRED AMOUNT.

WHAT ABOUT IT?

All contributions should be sent to the Chief Accountant, Y.M.C.A. H.Q. Rhine Army, who will be glad to send anyone a copy of the complete Balance Sheet, recently published in "The Times," a statement of the Facts of the Situation by Lord Askwith, and full particulars of the Appeal.

Y.M.C.A. RHINE ARMY.

XMAS IN THE HUTS.

FINAL NOTICE.

Special Christmas Entertainments will be given in the following Y.M.C.A. Huts, on the days stated:—

Tuesday, December 30th — 1. 25 General Hospital; 2. Wahn Barracks.
Wednesday, New Year's Eve. — 1. Cologne Central Club; 2. Kalk Central Club

The ETCETERAS Concert Party will give the following Special Concerts:—

To-day December 28th	Y.M.C.A. British Empire Leave Club
Monday December 29th	Y.M.C.A. Central, Bonn
Tuesday December 30th	Y.M.C.A. 25 General Hospital
" " 30th	Y.M.C.A. Mülheim
Wednesday, New Year's Eve	Y.M.C.A. 3rd General Hospital
	Y.M.C.A. Solingen
Thursday, January 1st	Y.M.C.A. Wermelskirchen

NB. You are asked to make a note of these remaining fixtures of the special Christmas week programme, as NO FURTHER NOTICE of these will be published in this column.

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New Year's Eve Ball

December 31st 9.30—12.30
AT THE
BRITISH EMPIRE LEAVE CLUB
(Officers' Subscription Dance)
President: Major-General Sir S. T. B. LAWFORD, K.C.B.
FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL
Tickets 20 Marks — Apply: Controller Entertainments :: British Empire Leave Club ::

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THE GRAND PANTOMIME
ALADDIN
(BY A.M.THOMPSON&R.COURTNEIDGE)

OPENING PERFORMANCE JAN. 1st at 6 p.m. and every evening till JAN. 7th (Sunday excepted). SATURDAY JAN. 3rd CHILDREN'S MATINEE at 2.30 p.m. and evening performance at 7 p.m.

BOOK SEATS EARLY at VI Corps Club, N.A.C.B. Club No. 2, Amusements Office, B.E.L.C. and Metropole Theatre.

N. A. C. B.
OFFICERS' CLUB

NEW YEAR'S EVE

DINNER AND DANCE
AT THE
EWIGE LAMPE

DINNER
at No. 2 CLUB.

TICKETS 50 MARKS

TABLES SHOULD BE BOOKED EARLY.

Deutsches Theatre, Bismarckstrasse.

Special Sunday Concerts

Tonight at 6 p.m.

GRAND OPERATIC CONCERT

Wanda Achsel } of the Cologne
Karl Renner } Opera House
Therese Pott, Solo pianoforte
Lieut. N.C. Ingall, R.E., Bass.

Book at Amusements Office.

ARMY AMUSEMENTS

Deutsches Theatre, Bismarckstr.

Monday, December 29th, 1919, and until further notice owing to enormous success,
THE BRITISH RHINE ARMY DRAMATIC COY in
"THE KNIGHT OF THE BURNING PESTLE"
by BEAUMONT & FLETCHER.

Palace Theatre. Herzogstrasse.

Monday, December 29th, 1919,
Return visit owing to continued success of
Mr. ALFRED HURLEY's London Variety Coy.
"THE JESTERS"
Artistes:
Mr. JOE MORLEY
The Celebrated Banjoist from the LONDON PALLADIUM.
Miss VIVIAN MACKAY
Contralto.
Mr. HARRY KING
Comedian.
Miss JESSIE MOUNTJOY
Songs at the Piano.
Mr. CHASS. LEWIS and "JOEY."

No 1 Cinema is now closed.
No: 2 ARMY CINEMA.
(Moderne Theatre), Breite Strasse
Finest Picture House in Germany.
No: 3 ARMY CINEMA.
(Panopticum) Hohe Strasse.
The acme of comfort.
ALL COMMENCE AT 6 O'CLOCK.
MATINEES AT CINEMAS AT 2.30 p.m.

ARMY GYMNASIUM Kreuzgasse.
Open daily (Sundays excepted)
Officers 2 to 4 p.m. O.R's. 5 to 8 p.m.
Fully equipped.
Badminton, Boxing, Basket Ball etc.,
Staff Instructor in attendance.

British Empire LEAVE CLUB
Hon. Dir. Gen. Miss Decima Moore, C.B.E.
Programme for Week ending Jan. 3rd 1920.

ENTERTAINMENTS

Sunday, Dec. 28th.
6.30 Madame Bertha Moore C.B.E. and "Etecetras" Concert part.
Monday, Dec. 29th.
6 German Class.
6.15 Pantomime, "Babes in the Wood" by men of the Rhine Army.
Tuesday, Dec. 30th.
Chess Tournament.
6.15 Pantomime, "Babes in the Wood".
Wednesday, Dec. 31st.
German Classes.
6.30 Dance.
Thursday, Jan. 1st.
6.30 Whist Drive.
Chess Tournament.
6.30 to 10 Dancing Class and Dance. Band of the 52nd Durham Light Infantry.
Friday, Jan. 2nd.
2.30 Continuous Cinema.
6.30 German Class. Debate.
Saturday, Jan. 3rd.
6 German Class.
6.30 Dance.

CINEMA
EVERY DAY. From 2.30 p.m.
Admission 2 Marks.

Church of England Services in Cologne.

THE GARRISON CHURCH (C. of E.)
Schildergasse
HOLY INNOCENTS.
Sunday December 28th 1919.
8.00 hrs. Holy Communion.
10.30 hrs. Parade Service.
Pracher: Rev. A.W.P. JAGGARD C.F.
Chaplain to the 36th C.C.S.
11.30 hrs. Holy Communion.
14.30 hrs. Children's Service (Y.M.C.A. Central) Rev. G.W. Dominey C.F.
Chaplain to the 24th Vet. Hospital.
18.00 hrs. Evensong.
Preacher: Rev. E. Douglas C.F.
Chaplain to the 23rd Royal Fusiliers.
19.00 hrs. Holy Communion.

Wednesday, December 31st.
8.00 hrs. Holy Communion.
Thursday, January 1st 1919.
FESTIVAL OF THE CIRCUMCISION.
8.00 hrs. Holy Communion.

CHURCH ARMY CHAPEL Hotel du Nord.
Sunday, December 28th. Holy Innocents
8.00 hrs. Holy Communion.

Tuesday, December 30th.
Holy Communion. 7.30 hrs.
Thursday, January 1st 1920.
Circumcision.
8.00 hrs. Holy Communion.
18.00 hrs. Devotional Service.
Friday January 2nd.
Holy Communion. 7.30 hrs.

Church of England Services in Bonn

IN GARRISON CHURCH, BONN.
EVERY SUNDAY:

Holy Communion	8.00 hrs.
" "	11.45 hrs.
" "	19.00 hrs.
Garrison Parad. Serv.	10.00 hrs.
Evening Sermon	18.00 hrs.

Scottish Churches and English Free Churches.

THE MILITARY CHURCH.
6 Filzengraben (Turning off Heumarkt.)
Sunday, 28th December
11 a.m. Preacher: Rev. G.A. SEATH, C. F.
Garrison Chaplain
6 p.m.
Cars Nos. 6, 7, 11, 18 and 20.

Welsh Service 2.30 p.m. in Y.M.C.A. Central.

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Telephones: Military, No. 653. Civil: A 3513.
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Sunday, December 28, 1919.

RHINELAND CHRISTMAS.

In the history of our great Empire Britishers have never been called upon to celebrate Christmas under more unique conditions than those which prevailed in Rhineland this year. Our very presence here as watchers on the Rhine was a sufficient reminder of the terrible years which have gone before, and, while nothing occurred to suggest that this was forgotten, the fact remains that the whole of the British element in Germany have rarely, if ever, spent a more jolly Christmas.

It was indeed, a strange setting for the festivities of the season of "Peace and Goodwill," yet such was the spirit prevailing that it was almost impossible to realise that we were in an "enemy" country. For the most part Britishers, as was only natural, kept strictly to themselves in their merrymaking, but even the Germans who have less cause for mirthfulness appeared to forget the unpleasant realities of the present in the universal desire to enter into the spirit which this period demands. Each country has its own peculiar method of celebrating Christmas, and the German manner, apparently no less sincere than our own, was a revelation to some of us.

Each unit made its own preparations, and in every case they were wonderfully comprehensive and thorough. From the great Christmas banquet to the most minor detail, nothing calculated to add to the pleasure of the occasion was omitted, and with the dominant thought and ambition, the happiness of a fellow, it was not surprising that such a right royal time was spent.

The Commander-in-Chief set a highly creditable example in this respect, and was to be seen in many places where troops were congregated offering his personal wishes for happiness and good cheer.

In Cologne a vast amount of the credit for the success of the celebrations will be readily awarded the many voluntary workers at the various institutions in the town for their sterling efforts to promote entertainment befitting the occasion. With what unbounded success these efforts were attended and how immensely they were appreciated can only be fully realised by those who had the good fortune to be present at the British Empire Leave Club, Y.M.C.A., and such institutions.

They were truly Christmas scenes; there was a wealth of colour, an abundance of gaiety, and by all an obvious delight was taken in the dispensing of happiness and joyousness.

At the hospitals, too, the Christmas note was predominant, and all that was possible was accomplished to compensate the patients for their bad fortune in being confined to beds of sickness at such a time.

There was an unlimited supply of good old English beer, and it was extremely gratifying to see that despite this the celebrations were everywhere conducted in orderly fashion. There were surprisingly few cases of drunkenness or happenings of an unseemly nature.

TUITION BY POST.

The long winter nights are upon us and many will want something to do in their spare time. All can take advantage of the Army's wonderful educational offer by enrolling for correspondence courses.

The G.H.Q. Correspondence College is for the use of those Officers, N.C.O's and men of the Rhine Army who cannot be spared by their C.O.'s for a residential course at G.H.Q., General and Commercial College, but who wish to continue their education.

Highly qualified instructors deal with each case according to its need, and the flow of work is regulated according to the attainments and capability of the individual, and it costs the student nothing beyond the time he is willing to devote to it.

The G.H.Q. Correspondence College gives instructions in all grades of the following subjects:

English,
English Literature.
History:—English, European, and Imperial.
Geography:—General and Commercial.
Civics and Economics and Industrial History.
Mathematics: — Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry and Calculus.
Modern languages including Commercial Correspondence.
French, German, Spanish.
Shorthand, Typewriting, Book-keeping.

Work begins again after the Xmas holidays on Monday, January 5th. Intending students should apply through their Commanding Officers for a course at the G. H. Q. Correspondence College.

Students can be enrolled at any time. The Principal will be glad to give further information about courses to those who are interested. The offices of the G.H.Q. Cor.-Coll are situated at No. 6 Glockengasse and letters and enquiries should be addressed there, or to Room 124, Excelsior Hotel. Should they be moved to other stations out here the work need not be interrupted. Should a man be stationed near Cologne he can call in at the College occasionally and consult his tutor about any special difficulty he has encountered.

BARRACK-ROOM DIALOGUES.

V.—THE DOM.

"Got a light Fatty? Thanks. A scratch, a spurt of flame, and Konky was contentedly puffing, at his cigarette.

"I been up the Dom s'afternoon" he said, "climbed right to the top".

"How did you like it"?

"Made me legs ache gettin' up all them steps".

"Yes, but how did you like the view"?

"O, orlright . . . I dropped a nempty box o' matches down to see how long it took to reach bottom".

"How can you have an empty box of matches?"

"O, come orf it . . . you're always pullin' flies out o' wot I says".

"I'm sorry, Konky, but what do you think of the Dom as a building"?

"O, 'sorlright, I suppose . . . can't see wot there is to make such a fuss about me self".

"Ah, well, you're not alone in that respect. I hear that quite a number of people who come to Cologne, are disappointed with the Cathedral. Goodness knows what they expect to see. They would be equally unimpressed by Turner's seascapes, or Rodin's sculpture, or Pavlova's dancing or Elgar's music".

"D'yer reckon it's very wonderful then, Fatty?"

"I certainly do. I think it ranks with some of the most beautiful and impressive buildings we have. Its one of the wonders of the world like the Taj Mahal at Agra, or the Palais de Justice at Brussels, or the Pyramids of Egypt, or St. Paul's Cathedral, or the Forth Bridge".

"The Forth bridge ain't a building . . . got you there, Fatty".

"I suppose you think it grew up in the water".

"Now then, dont be sarcy. Wot I wants to know is, where does all this 'ere beauty come in?"

"Have you never felt any pleasure when you've looked at it?"

"O, I dunno . . . I likes to see it when the sun is a shinin' on it."

"Yes, isn't it glorious? I sometimes stand in the Wallraf Platz and marvel at the loveliness of the towers in the light of the afternoon sun. I can't understand how people can pass by without troubling to look up."

"It looks rather nice on a moonlight night," said Konky, who was slightly infected with Fatty's enthusiasm.

"Yes, doesn't it . . . when the spires are silhouetted against the sky, and in an early morning mist when they do in very truth seem to aspire to Heaven."

"Yes," said Konky reflectively, "I suppose it is a bit out o' the common."

"I should just say it was. Think of it in the mass . . . think of it in beautiful detail . . . think of the master mind that could dream of such a structure . . . think of the architects, artists, builders and thousands of obscure workmen who helped to realize the dream . . . think of the infinite patience and labour it represents. And there it stands, majestic and grand . . . a testimony to the immortal soul of man."

"You oughter bin a parson, Fatty, straight you did. It must a bin a lot o' trouble to build up them towers, but Buggins says a mountain is as grand as any old Dom."

"O yes, indeed, that is very true. For beauty and grandeur, a mountain is quite incomparable and worship there is as natural and spontaneous as breathing."

"There you go . . . whatever are you a torkin' about?"

But the sergeant switched off the electric light, and ended the conversation.

C.W.Y.

JIMMY.

It was all Jimmy's fault, but wait, let me tell you who Jimmy is. His name appears weekly in the sporting papers and his job is kicking a ball about on Saturdays; albeit he is an amateur. He is an amateur solely becuse his pater made his money out of a war invention, and Jimmy has no need to worry over trifles such as earning a living, etc.

I met him on a Saturday morning and he made me jump into his motor and convinced me that the best thing I could do was to accompany him to a town thirty miles away to see him play against a prince of centre forwards. Jimmy, by the way, is a centre half.

The chauffeur handled the car until we reached the open country then Jimmy called a halt and took over the wheel.

A car overhauling us "tooted" warningly and Jimmy, after steering a zigzag path, accompanied by certain utterances which made me blush, managed to reach the right side of the road, only to gracefully succeed in getting his two off-wheels into a ditch, himself and a chauffeur in a hedge, and myself over this in a field. When I returned to the road, I found Jimmy telling a pleasant-faced young man that "the bally car went it's own way, almost human it was! What!" I refrained from expressing my thoughts.

Then the stranger spoke. "Went its own way did it; why you ass you couldn't drive a cow to market and I wouldn't trust you to handle a cycle, let alone a car."

He was in his car and moving ere Jimmy found his voice, but there, what he said needn't be printed.

Swearing vengeance if ever he met his traducer again, we once more started and with the chauffeur at the wheel began eating up the mileage. Then came a breakdown, a thunder shower, no shelter and Jimmy was like unto a raving maniac. To cut a long story short he arrived at the ground with four minutes to spare soaked through and Jimmy swearing it was the stranger of the road who had caused his ill-luck, and he'd kill him if he ever met him.

The teams lined up, and when I saw the centre forward Jimmy was opposing, I gasped. It was our stranger of the road. I foresaw trouble and it came, but here is an extract from a report of the game.

"—(Jimmy) was always the master of —and used his shoulders to good effect. Scrupulouly fair the tussles between this pair was the tit-bit of the game and—(he of the road) must have felt glad when time blew, for he got more robust shoulder charges yesterday in one game than he has had this season."

I knew why, and so did Jimmy.

W.Le C.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

OUR SOUVENIR NUMBER.

Sir,—I have greatly enjoyed your "Souvenir" number and think the idea an excellent one, but may I be allowed to offer one small criticism? Is not Cologne rather "overdone"? What about Bonn? It has been an important military centre since the occupation and yet very little mention is made of it.

Would it not be possible to publish a special number dealing with the history of Bonn since the occupation? I think it would be appreciated greatly.

BONNITE.

WHEN TO SALUTE.

Sir,—I hold with "Observer" in his criticism of the dress of some members of the Rhine Army. It may interest you to know that I was on guard in one of the main streets of Cologne the other day, and a private went by with a female friend. It was beginning to get dark and with the lights on everywhere I took the private to be an officer by the way he was dressed, and of course I at once sprang to attention, which of course it was my duty to do.

When he saw my mistake he laughed.

I quite agree with men endeavouring to be smart, but when they dress up so much that all distinction in rank is lost I think something ought to be done.

VICTORY AND G.S.

"POSHNESS" OVERDONE.

Sir,—Several correspondents have been writing to your most valuable paper, drawing attention to the prevailing custom of troops trying to look "posh" by wearing unofficial additions to their uniforms.

In this connection may I point out that it is becoming the habit for quite a number of them to wear caps of German manufacture?

In my opinion these are not only unbecoming but in a great many cases bordering on the ridiculous, as in style they are apt to remind one of the caps worn by the tramway officials, etc. of this country.

In fact I consider them an insult to our much venerated uniform, which after all never looks at its best unless worn properly.

COAT OF ARMS.

SCARCELY TACTFUL.

Sir,—At a season of the year when the prevailing sentiment is one of "Goodwill to all men" it seems out of place for one to strike a discordant note.

I am not a member of the A.S.C. but in common with all of us they did their bit in the war and were just as necessary as even the humble Chinese labourer.

I have no doubt too that a big percentage of the male personnel of the N.A.C.B. Canteens have also served in other capacities than their present, but I can see no reason at all for the chalked notice on the door of the N.A.C.B. canteen at the Staplehaus, on Christmas night, on the occasion of a dance there, to the effect "Brave A.S.C. Scroungers keep out. For N.A.C.B. Only."

As a display of wit it is not even like the proverbial curate's egg, "good in parts," but as a display of ignorance of even the elementary principles of tact it is indeed an outstanding example, a truly brilliant sample of smug complacency and egoistical self importance.

HAWKEYE.

DESIRABLE PUBLIC-HOUSES.

Sir,—It would be instructive to have an interchange of opinions on the subject of reformed public-houses, taking the continental al fresco café as a basis upon which to work, with the addition of any other features for improvement.

I contend that it is a matter of more than passing interest, and calls for the attention of all social reformers, trade unionists and others.

This matter is as much a woman's concern as it is a man's. In almost any part of Great Britain a man with the best of intentions is not thought a fit companion if he takes his sweetheart or wife into a public-house even if for solid food. At the same time a woman may like a drink, yet because of Mrs. Grundy's age long prejudice she has to deny herself beneficial refreshment. If continentals can carry on a system of desirable and attractive beer cafés without any harmful effects why cannot we do likewise in Great Britain? In this, sir, lies the solution of the drink question. Such means of catering for the requirements of the public would do more to promote temperance than all the teetotal campaigns of the past 50 years put together.

Let us have really good public-houses on up-to-date lines to which we need not be ashamed to ask our womenfolk. This suggestion is not at all impracticable or unprofitable. Let the Tommies on their return to Britain insist upon such places—bars with coffee, lemonade etc., for teetotallers, games to play, papers to read, music and open-air refreshments wherever accommodation permits.

REFORMER.

THE WANDERER.

Land of my birth, how I long for thee,
In a distant country whilst roaming.
Thou hast become, much more dear to me,
A land of my dreams, of my moaning.

Often I think of my boyhood days,
Of a little cottage far away
Of the little kirk, God's house of praise
And the meadows where I used to play.

Mother! I am wond'ring where thou art,
Is that tiny cottage still thy home?
I ne'er dreamt that when we did part,
I should be so weary, and so lone.

When the sun's first rays awaken me,
And another day dawns bright and clear
In the bright blue sky I seem to see, —
The soaring lark, and his song to hear.

When the evening shadows are falling,
In the darkness a cottage I see
In the window a light is burning
And dear mother is waiting for me.

C. J. SKETT.

HOLIDAY FOOTBALL.

Heavy Goal Scoring in the First Division.

COVENTRY'S FIRST WIN.

The two cup replays have been lost and won and the results find Northampton and Gnome Athletic bidding goodbye to this season's cup.

FIRST LEAGUE.

Goals were very cheap in this division the home teams contributing 28 against the visiting clubs 13.

Aston Villa gave Chelsea a whack by placing five efforts out of the "Pensioners" goalkeeper's reach and the "real" Villa are once again mounting to their proper sphere. Sheffield Wednesday did well to take a point from Bradford City while the Arsenal made a sad blot on their away record at Derby where the Rams took both points.

Sunderland were favourites at Liverpool but failed by the odd goal in seven, the Anfield lot putting up a good show. Notts County emphasised their Bradford win by beating Blackburn five-nil, a staggering result considering the improved display of the Rovers. Manchester City found Everton a rare handful and were lucky to effect a draw at Hyde Road.

SECOND LEAGUE.

Congratulations to Coventry on breaking their luck; their solitary win has been a long time in coming but it was a good one. Huddersfield's seven against Rotherham was not exactly an expression of "Goodwill" but it serves to show how good the former's forwards are. Barnsley conquered at Port Vale and Birmingham came a cropper at Leicester. To be beaten there was a nasty jar to the leadership aspirants.

Tottenham revived against Hull and the "Tigers" had no reply to a four goal deficit. West Ham gave a good display when facing Bristol City and deservedly won a hard fought game.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Reading bagged both points at Gillingham, where the homesters again failed to present a cohesive line. The Welsh battle at Merthyr where Cardiff were visitors ended in a draw and reflects the run of the game. The home men tried hard for the winning goal but had to retire with only one point. Portsmouth put up a spirited fight at Watford and were fortunate enough in securing the full spoils, while Southampton created a surprise by winning at Luton. Palace were worthy victors at Brighton and Norwich City's success at Swindon was a staggering result for the Railway centre's supporters.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

One match was played in this competition and Third Lanark at home to Dundee took both points.

Cup Replays.

Bristol Rovers	3	Northampton	2
Gnome Athletic	0	Hednesford	3

XMAS DAY MATCHES.

First League.

Aston Villa	5	Chelsea	2
Bolton Wanderers	4	Preston N. E.	1
Bradford City	1	Sheffield Wed.	1
Burnley	5	Middlesboro	3
Derby County	2	Arsenal	1
Liverpool	3	Sunderland	2
Manchester City	1	Everton	1
Notts County	5	Blackburn Rovers	0
Sheffield United	2	Bradford	2

Second League.

Bury	1	Blackpool	2
Clapton Orient	2	Stockport C.	1
Coventry	3	Stoke	2
Fulham	2	Grimsby	1
Huddersfield	7	Rotherham	1
Port Vale	0	Barnsley	2
Leicester	1	Birmingham	0
Lincoln City	1	Notts Forest	4
Tottenham Hotspur	4	Hull	0
West Ham	2	Bristol City	0

Southern League.

Southend	1	Millwall	0
Merthyr	1	Cardiff	1
Plymouth	3	Exeter	1
Luton	0	Southampton	1
Gillingham	1	Reading	2
Swansea	2	Bristol Rovers	1
Q. P. Rangers	2	Brentford	0
Swindon	0	Norwich	1
Brighton	2	Palace	3
Newport	3	Northampton	0
Watford	0	Portsmouth	1

Scottish League.

Lanark	2	Dundee	0

BOXING DAY.

Home Team Successes: Birmingham's Second Lapse.

Not a single away team won in the first division, and while on Xmas Day goals were plentiful, this day's football, excluding West Bromwich's score, produced few goal-scoring efforts. The "Throstles" gave Sunderland's hopes a rude shock at the Hawthorns, four goals to none reads anything but good for the Wearsiders. Arsenal, Bradford, Everton, Preston and Sheffield Wednesday each improved on the results of the previous day's encounters, but only Everton managed to score more than once.

Chelsea scraped home by the only goal against Oldham and Liverpool succeeded in taking a point from Old Trafford.

Newcastle disappointed when at home to Burnley and the goal scoring efforts of the homesters were far from worthy of the line they played. Middlesboro and Notts County have to do battle another day, the game not being playable owing to frost.

SECOND LEAGUE.

Coventry after scoring their first win on Christmas Day came an awful cropper at Stoke where the Potters scored six to their one. Still it reads well that the City scored four times against the Stoke men in two days. This was their previous total for nineteen games. Leicester gave Birmingham another shock, this time at the latter's ground and the defeats of the Brum men have created a great surprise.

West Ham managed to draw at Bristol and their taking three points from the City ranks as a good performance. Tottenham again accounted for Hull City, who have struck a bad patch, and Huddersfield repeated their efforts to make the Rotherham defence fail.

South Shields were a trifle fortunate in drawing at Wolverhampton.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Northampton at last gave their supporters a home win and it was a convincing performance. Five goals proved their forwards have found their long lost scoring boots. Plymouth won at Exeter and the Rangers had to acknowledge defeat at Brentford. The surprise of the day was Watford's reversal of the previous day's result and they did well to win at Portsmouth. Millwall, and Cardiff also improved on the results of the Xmas Day battles, but Luton again found Southampton too strong for them.

Swindon's return game with Norwich City was postponed. Appended are the results:—

BOXING DAY.

First League.

Arsenal	1	Derby County	0
Bradford	1	Sheffield United	0
Chelsea	1	Oldham	0
Everton	2	Manchester City	0
Manchester United	0	Liverpool	0
Newcastle	0	Burnley	0
Preston	1	Bolton	1
Sheffield Wed.	1	Bradford City	0
West Bromwich	4	Sunderland	0

Middlesboro, Notts County, postponed, frost.

Second League.

Barnsley	1	Port Vale	0
Birmingham	0	Leicester	1
Bristol City	0	West Ham	0
Hull	1	Tottenham	3
Notts Forest	2	Lincoln	1
Rotherham	1	Huddersfield	3
Stockport	3	Orient	1
Stoke	6	Coventry	1
Wolverhampton	0	South Shields	0

Southern League.

Northampton	5	Newport	1
Palace	4	Brighton	0
Millwall	2	Southend	1
Brentford	2	Rangers	1
Bristol Rovers	3	Swansea	3
Reading	3	Gillingham	0
Southampton	2	Luton	1
Exeter	0	Plymouth	1
Cardiff	3	Merthyr	2
Portsmouth	1	Watford	2

Norwich, Swindon (postponed).

RUGBY RESULTS.

Llanelly	19	London Irish	0
Newport	12	Watsonians	0
Swansea	10	Neath	3

RHINE GARRISON LEAGUE.

Matches to be played in the Fourth Round.

The Fourth Round of the Rhine Garrison League will be played off on Wednesday next, 31st December 1919, as follows:—

	TO BE PLAYED AT.
41st Bn. M.G.C. v. 121st Heavy Battery R.G.A.	R.G.A. at Bonn.
51st Bn. North'd Fus. v. 187th Brigade, R.F.A.	Blucher Park.
52nd Bn. Rifle Brigade v. 140th Field Ambulance.	Stadt Wald, Lindenthal.
23rd Bn. Royal Fusiliers v. 6th Inniskilling Dragoons.	6th Inniskilling D.G.'s Deutz.
M.T. Company v. 231st Field Coy, R.E.	41st Bn. M.G.C. Ground.
143nd Field Ambulance v. 51st Bn. Rifle Brigade.	Poller Wiesen Sports Ground.
52nd Bn. North'd Fus. v. 11th Bn. "Queens" R.W.S. Regt.	Germania-Strasse, Kalk.
19th Bn. Middlesex Regt. v. Rhine Garrison Train.	19th Bn. M'sex Bks. Marienburg
Camp Commandant v. Rhine Garrison D.A.C.	Westhoven.

Trotter Stolen.

A trotting mare, Orfraie, while on its way to a recent meeting at Vincennes, was stolen from the station. The man in charge of the van containing the trotter went to lunch, leaving the van unattended. When he went to resume his journey he found that someone had driven off with the van and the mare.

H.Q. LEAGUE.

Results of last Saturday's Matches.

The games on Saturday last produced several surprises. The complete list of results are appended:

Labour Coy	2.	R.A.F.	2.
R.A.S.C.	3.	Vetry & Rmts	2.
G.H.Q.	4.	Tanks	1.
R.E. Signals	3.	R.A.O.C.	0.
Command Pay Office	2.	Police	0.
R.A.M.C.	2.	Transportation	0.
R.A.V.R.P.	3.	Siege Park	1.
Naval Flotilla	2.	20 M.A.C.	0.

BONN BILLIARDS.

An interesting series of games were held on Xmas Eve at Gross Bonn, when teams from the 121 (Heavies) Bde. R.G.A. and 52nd Kings L. Regt. opposed each other.

The result was as follows:—

R.G.A.			52nd Kings.	
Dr. McAteer	100	v.	Pte. Monks S.	50
Gr. Philpip	100	v.	Pte. Taylor	91
Gr. Lee	56	v.	L Cpl. Emsley L.	100
Gr. Riley	62	v.	Pte. Wainwright	100
Dr. Carney	100	v.	Pte. Holt	97
Total:	418		Total:	438

It had been previously agreed that the best aggregate was to count, and so the 52nd Kings won by 20 points.

BOXING DAY BOXING.

Two American Victories at the Albert Hall.

MATT WELLS RETIRES.

An attractive boxing programme was staged at the Albert Hall on the night of Boxing Day and the results of the principal contests were wins for Americans, that is if Kid Lewis can be called an American. Johnny Griffiths the Akron welter-weight knocked out Francis Charles of France in the third round and Matt Wells, who was opposed by Kid Lewis the ex-welter-weight champion of America, retired in the twelfth round.

The results can scarcely be described as surprising, though it is disappointing to find yet another British boxer going under to a foreigner. But it must be remembered that whereas Lewis has now lived in America several years he began his brilliant boxing career in Great Britain and won the British feather-weight championship and the Lonsdale belt little more than six years ago.

Those who had not seen Lewis since 1914 scarcely recognised in the finely developed man who caused Wells to retire, the raw-boned youth who figured so successfully in British boxing before going across the water. He now has almost the development of a middle-weight and is especially strong about the shoulders and arms. With it all he is supple and elastic, is wonderfully quick on his feet and possesses a punch which many a "middle" might envy.

AN IMPORTANT CONTEST.

Lewis showed good form in his preparations and in many quarters was fancied as good enough to account for Wells. The match is important as showing the respective values in relation to their contests with Wells of Johnnie Basham our welter-weight champion and Lewis. A very short time ago Wells gave Basham a hard time of it and unless some reason is forthcoming for his retirement Basham's chance against Kid Lewis looks none too rosy.

Johnnie Griffiths who defeated Francis Charles is a stranger on this side of the Atlantic, but evidence of his ability was provided by his victory over Hughie Mehegan in eight rounds. He boxed a draw with Jack Britton and has met Kid Lewis, Fred Welsh and other men of note in America. As Griffiths accounted for Charles in such summary fashion he will now in all probability seek a contest with Johnnie Basham who also defeated the Frenchmen in a recent contest.

WELLS v. REEVE.

Jack Callaghan Reappears in the Boxing World.

Bdr. Billy Wells and Harry Reeve have agreed to meet in a 20 3-min. rounds contest at the Canterbury theatre on the 27th January for a substantial purse given by Jack Callaghan.

The match is the outcome of negotiations which have been progressing for some weeks. Reeve had deposited some months ago a sum of money as an earnest of his desire to meet Wells for a side stake of £500 and a purse. The challenge had not been accepted, and it was not until Mr. Callaghan brought the men together a few days ago that the match was ratified.

Harry Reeve lost to Eddie McGoorty at Sydney, N.S.W., in October, 1915, but before that he had knocked out Joe Beckett in seven rounds at the Ring. Subsequently he beat Dick Smith twice in 20 rounds, Bandsman Rice in 15 rounds, Jim Sullivan in 11 rounds, Harold Rolph in 20 rounds, and lastly Bob Whiteford in 13 rounds.

It is interesting to recall that it was at the Canterbury that Wells beat Gnr. Moir.

'CHASE AND HURDLE.

Acceptances for Manchester New Year's Meeting.

The acceptances for the two big events of the Manchester New Year's meeting are in every sense satisfactory. In the Victory Steeplechase, sixteen out of the twenty-five original entrants are left in, and though it is a matter for regret that last year's gallant winner, Water Bed, is amongst the missing, this was fully expected.

On the other hand, Pollen, who finished second on that occasion, remains in along with his distinguished stable companion Poethlyn. Others of last year's field who can take part again are Bernstein and Bell Toll.

Apart from Water Bed, the most notable non-acceptors are Mr. James Buchanan's recent purchase Silver Ring, Turbine Secundus, and Salt Spray, Pennant as yet having had no public experience of steeplechasing.

Amongst those who stand their ground are Turkey Buzzard, Tally Ho, Herod's Daughter, Clonree, Loch Allen, Top Hole, and Toadstone, and, on the whole, therefore, there ought to be a representative field.

The Victory Hurdle.

As regards the Victory Hurdle Race, ten of the thirty-one entrants have retired, but last year's winner, John Jackett, is eligible to make another attempt. Stainton, Golden Melody, Saxham Prince, Knight of Manister, Manrico, Ballyhandy, Granchester, Vanitie, Trezidella, Palmer's Hill, and Theodosius, are all useful performers, while if Procurator is the only four-year-old he is quite likely to run creditably against his seniors. At all events, his failure at Gatwick last Saturday can be ignored, as he had little or no chance from the fall of the flag.

ESSEX CROSS-COUNTRY ASSOCIATION.

At the annual general meeting of the Essex Cross-Country Association, at Romford, it was resolved to hold the championship race on Jan. 24, the committee being left to decide the venue. Places suggested were Southend, Shenfield, and Woodford Green. A Junior championship was also decided upon, an individual championship to be held in conjunction therewith, open to any athlete holding birth or residential qualifications as laid down in the S.C.C.C.A. rules.

RHINE "SOCCER".

Doughty Dragoons Good win.

INNISKILLING DRAGOONS 3; RHINE REPRESENTATIVES 1.

This game was played on heavy ground and in dull weather, but did not tend to decrease the number of supporters, who turned up in good spirits to witness an exceedingly fine display of football. The game commenced very fast, and the Fusiliers tried their utmost to overwhelm the Inniskillings' defence, but were met in an astoundingly cool and stubborn manner, and soon after their first wave had lost its sting, the Inniskillings' forwards carried the ball to the opposite end. Sergt. Bennett, by a fine cross-dribble, tricked the two backs, and with a powerful oblique shot hopelessly beat the goal-keeper.

After this, the Inniskillings were soon back again to the attack, and were on several occasions within an ace of adding to their lead. The shooting was, however, weak. The Fusiliers eventually cleared the ball from their goal-mouth, and the inside-left, in gaining possession of the leather, carried it hurriedly down the field and fired in a beautiful shot which brought the scores level.

For the remainder of this half, neither side added to their scores.

On resuming the game, there was at first a considerable amount of mid-field play. When the Fusiliers' right wing seemed to be making good head way for another goal the Inniskillings' centre-half broke up a fine movement, and ran the ball some twenty-five yards down the field. He drew the Fusiliers' defence and then placed the ball to Sergt. Vince for him to centre, and from this, the Inniskillings' centre-forward scored their second goal.

From now onwards, the Fusiliers appeared a hopelessly beaten side, and by an erratic kick of their left-back, who drove the ball into his own net, the score became 3—1, and so it remained until the finish.

The Fusiliers' inside left played an excellent game, and throughout sorely troubled the Inniskillings' defence by his cleverness in passing, shooting and dribbling.

GARRISON CUP TIE.

11th Queen's 1; 231 Field Coy. R.E. 1.

In the first round of the Rhine Garrison Cup tie the 11th Queen's met the 231st Field Coy. R.E. on the Germania Strasse Football Ground, Kalk, on Christmas Eve and the match ended in a draw of one all.

Shortly after the kick off, the R.E.'s had the misfortune to lose their inside right, who damaged his knee and had to leave the field.

This misfortune, however, put more determination into the R.E. players and very shortly afterwards they scored through the medium of L./Cpl. O'Sullivan.

The Queen's then put a good deal of pressure on the R.E.'s but the latter's backs always rose to the occasion and kept the Queen's forwards from scoring. Towards the end of the first half, the R.E.'s back stopped the ball with the hand in the penalty area but the Queens did not score from the resultant kick. Half time arrived with the R.E.'s leading 1—0.

The Second Half.

On the resumption, the R.E.'s had the wind with them but the ball was kept in the centre of the field for some considerable period. Eventually, Lieut. Bratchell obtained possession of the ball, dribbled it down, passed to Sgt. Ellerby who had nobody marking him and the latter scored with a splendid shot.

The Queen's made further efforts to obtain another goal and on one occasion it looked as if Lieut. Bratchell was going to score but the R.E. goalkeeper rose to the occasion and saved the shot. The R.E.'s then broke away and the Queen's goalkeeper was called upon to run out and save, which he just succeeded in doing. The whistle went leaving the match a draw.

The R.E. backs both played a brilliant game and there was plenty of dash in their forwards. The Queen's forwards were always muddling about and passing back instead of forward. Queen's team:—Sgt. Daniels; Pte. Morris and Pte. Scircle, Pte. Ginger, Lieut. Bratchell, (Capt.) and Pte. Goodwin; Pte. Lutrell, L./Cpl. Osborn, Sgt. Ellerby, Sgt. Angent and Pte. Ray.

HONOURS EVEN.

D/113 Bde. R.F.A. 2; Southern Trench Mortar Battery, 2.

Played on the formers' ground at Berg-Gladbach. A real good game was put up, marred only by rain.

From the kick off, the redoubtable "Dons" went straight to the visitors goal, Lieut. Edwards from outside right grazing the bar with a beauty in the first minute. From the goal kick the T.M.'s got well away and for five minutes severely tried the home defence. Then the "Don" people got busy, and a fine centre by Lieut. Edwards went begging. Give and take play followed, until the T.M.'s centre got the ball, but after making a splendid run through, he finished weakly. The T.M.'s now began to press severely but their shooting was poor. However, they registered their first goal after 20 minutes play. A promising attack by Dvr. Batty was spoilt by a bad case of hands. Half time arrived with the score unchanged.

Upon resumption "Don" Batty opened with a dash, Deddall almost making things even. After a great few minutes play Edgar went through and scored a beauty for the homesters. The T.M.'s got going but the home gunners took the lead amid great excitement. Efforts by the T.M.'s for the equaliser were finally rewarded, and the game closed, both sides having scored twice. S. M. Williams was badly missed from the visiting sides defence.

Italian Record.

The sum of 3,595,715 lire was distributed in stakes this year in Italy, a larger figure than ever was competed for before. It is anticipated that nearly five millions will be offered next season.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

"THE KNIGHT OF THE BURNING PESTLE."

An Impression.

When I entered the Deutsches Theatre last night I discovered to my surprise and delight that some forward little elf had, on the sly, reversed old Time's hour-glass and, before anyone could hold his hand, he had run us back four-hundred years. "Deutsches Theater" sayest thou—snuffling knave! What Welsh gibberish art prating?—'tis the Globe Playhouse in London town!

There on the stage were the Patrons—but the Patrons of all time—nouveaux-riches, lordlets, some inane and good-natured, others merely inane, but all possessing the characteristics of the perfect dramatic critic—intransigent self-satisfaction and colossal ignorance. But good Mistress Citizen I owe you a grudge, for sure as death, if laughter makes one fat, you've turned me into a being beside whom all your Falstaffs and fat boys of Peckham will seem like living skeletons.

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And Ralph—no, I prefer Rafe—his wealthy master and mistress would send him on the stage! They roared with delight at the antics of their bullet-headed boy the apple of their eye, what time I clung helplessly to my Kubsess—I, pardon—my settle. Cannot you see him now, bedizened and gaily caparisoned, pestle, halbert and all, accompanied by his adoring and idiotic Sancho Panzas, prancing and capering, seeking dragons to slay and fair maidens to free (oh! Mistress Merrythought) somewhere down Waltham Forest way. And that potted Hamlet—poor unoriginal Pelissier! Rafe, moping and mowning, fuming and fretting—a very Hamlet-Tamerlane. I'm positive I'll be forcibly ejected for hooting with laughter the very next time I see Martin Harvey in Hamlet.

And then, was there ever anything so delightful as the impotent wrath of Luce and Humphrey at the constant interuptions of the Jacobean Mr. and Mrs. Bullion Boundermere who'd bought the "show" and must have "our Rafe."

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With all the delighted terror of an eight year old I waited breathlessly for the giant to appear and when he did appear! None of your two-pence-coloured on stilts but a real live one, crashed only after a terrific fight.

"Golden lads and lasses" dancing on a May morning, but such dancing and such colour! Cheery "boozy" old Micawberish Falstaffian, Merrythought, forty years old but the unquenchable boy in him still alive and thank God for it! Merry fiddlers, lilting songs and dance tunes, gay gallants and beauteous ladies, merchant princes and rollicking 'prentice lads, and there, running through the rich and priceless fabric of the piece, the golden thread of old, yet ever new philosophy. Gather ye roses while ye may—old Time is still a'dying.

F.C.C.

Christmas Carol.

On Tuesday evening at Gross Bonn Y.M.C.A., Mr. W. Seward gave a reading of Dickens' Christmas Carol to an attentive and appreciative audience. Time limits prevented the reader from giving the whole of the work but he wisely restricted the reading to the first and last chapters and made the most of Mr. Fizziwig's ball and the Xmas dinner of the Cratchits with the pathetic addition of the supposed death of Tiny Tim. When the Xmas season is over it is to be hoped that Mr. Seward will continue these readings weekly at Gross Bonn, coming on to Kipling, Barrie, Wells etc.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Sun.	The Woman without Shadow	Strauss	6	10.30
Mon.	Hansel und Gretel	Humperdinck	6	8
Tues.	Tannhäuser	Wagner	6	10
Wed.	Barbier von Sevilla	Rossini	6.30	9.30
Thurs.	The Woman without Shadow	Strauss	6	10.15
Fri.	Hansel und Gretel	Humperdinck	6	8
Sat.	Die Zauberflöte	Mozart	7	10.30
Sun.	Lobetanz	Trunte	7	9.30
Mon.	Tales of Hoffmann	Offenbach	7	10
Tues.	Tristan und Isolde	Wagner	6	10.45

New Musical Play.

Gross Bonn Y.M.C.A. began its Christmas week's festivities on Monday with an excellent entertainment given by the 52nd D.L.I. The band contributed four orchestral selections which were most cordially appreciated by a crowded house, but Bandmaster Etherington, as well as conducting, also produced a new musical play of his own entitled "O.C. Demobo." It is unusual for a musical comedy to have but one author, composer and producer, but Mr. Etherington can well bear comparison in all three roles. Pte. Brown in the title role was very amusing, and his dancing in particular won great applause. Sergt. Metcalfe was very successful both as "1880 recruit" and afterwards a baronet. The Beauty chorus was led by Boy Etherington looking very lovely in a yellow wig. He sang as usual with clear sweetness of tone and intelligence. With such talent available the 52nd D.L.I. should also boast of a full-rigged concert party as well as of a first rate band.

Pantomime Success.

The second performance of the British Empire Leave Club Pantomime — "The Babes in the Wood," was given on Friday, Boxing Day, before a crowded house. Owing to the success of the entertainment, and so many being unable to gain admittance, there will be an extra performance to-morrow at 6.15 p.m., as well as the one advertised for Tuesday Dec. 30th at the same hour.

Leave Club Events.

To-night at 6.15 Madame Bertha Moore's "Etceteras Concert Party," including Miss Marjorie Moore, will, by courtesy of the Y.M.C.A., give a concert; on Monday and Tuesday at 6.15, the Pantomime "The Babes in the Wood" will be performed, and there will also be a chess tournament in the quiet room at the same hour.

On Wednesday German classes from 6-8 and a dance from 6.30 to 8.30. Thursday is taken up with a whist drive and chess tournament at 6.30, a dancing class at 6.30, followed by a dance from 7.30 to 10. Continuous Cinema from 2.30 and a debate at 6.30 on Friday and on Saturday a German Class from 6 and a dance at 6.30 complete the week's programme.

New Year's Eve Ball.

There will be a New Year's Eve Ball organised by the Officers' Subscription Dance Committee, at the B. E. L. C. Major General Sir S. B. Lawford is president of the committee. Fancy dress on this occasion will be optional. Apply early for tickets, which are available at the Club at 20 marks each.

JACQUES.

ENGLISH RACING.

Favourites Win at Kempton Park on Boxing Day.

Favourites, for the most part, had things all their own way at Kempton Park on Boxing Day; The results were follows:—Hounslow' Chase: — Declared void.

Kew Hurdle:—1, L'homme Sans (2—1); 2, Geodie (11—8on); 3, Lee White (5—1). Four ran.

Kempton 'Chase:—1, Monsyl (5—4); 2, Simon the Tanner (10—1); 3, Desmonds Song (8—1). Nine ran.

Christmas Hurdle:—1, Sippet Charlie (6—4); 2, Golden Daisy (5—1); 3, Sea Voyage (10—1). Six ran.

Catland 'Chase:—1, Platonic (13—8on); finished alone. Two ran.

Hampton 'Chase:—1, White Trout walked over.

Richmond Hurdle:—1, Furious (evens); 2, Royal Diamond (5—1); 3, Louboy (20—1). Twelve ran.

Wolverhampton Results.

Boxing Day Hurdle:—1, Warbine (6—5 on); 2, Brunswick (4—1); 3, Paddington (5—2); Three ran.

Wyford Hurdle:—1, Girvan (2—1); 2, Pomar (6-1); 3, Saint Eloi (7—2). Twelve ran.

Buckley Hurdle:—1, Tompool (5—1); 2, Saint Cyrus (6—1); 3, The Settler (4—1) Nine ran.

Christmas 'Chase:—2, 1, Wavylace (6—4). Top Hole (6—1): 3, Royal Truce (8—1); Five ran.

Shifnal 'Chase:—1, George B. (13—8 on); 2, Warbine (5—1); Only two finished. Four ran.

Kinlet 'Chase:—1, Wavertree (7—4) finished alone. Five ran.

"RIFLES" RIVALRY.

18th Battn. K.R.R.C., 3; 13th Battn. K.R.R.C., 0.

A match was played on the 18th Battn. ground at Ohligs between the above teams, and, in spite of the wet state of the field, a fast game ensued. The first goal was scored in the first half by Rfn. Paton of the 18th Battn., and two further goals were added in the second half by Sgt. Rawlinson and Rfn. Pickett respectively, both of the home team, the 13th Battn. being thus defeated by 3-0.

C. S. M. Pepper, playing goal for the home team, was not idle, and succeeded in stopping several hot shots from the 13th Battn. forwards. Among the shining lights were Lt. Partridge, who captained the 18th Battn., and particularly the outside left of the 13th Battn., K.R.R.C.

Mishap to Toadstone.

The backers of Toadstone at Haydock Park were unlucky, as the horse was going like a winner in the race for the Handicap Steeplechase when in taking off too soon he came down at the open ditch. In falling Mr. Wren's horse ricked the whole of the back muscles, and it will be some time before he can be raced again.

OUR COMPETITION.

Another Chance for Football Prophets.

Our weekly football skill competition continues to go strong. With the Christmas festivities finished there will be more time and inclination for readers to try their skill at forecasting league football results.

On the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

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Bristol C.	v.	Birmingham
Fulham	v.	Stoke
Stockport	v.	Tottenham
Northampton	v.	Crystal Palace
Third Lanark	v.	Airdrieonians
Kilmarnock	v.	Ayr

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(In block letters.)

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ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

Christmas Charity.

The poor we have always with us. Not a few pathetic cases may be seen in Cologne streets, especially during the past few days, and civilians, no less than Tommy, are not slow to help.

A new Magazine.

A magazine called "The Weisdorf Times" will shortly appear, the first number being a typewritten production. The Editor is one of our regular contributors.

What was in it?

The unusual spectacle of an officer shouldering a huge sack containing, presumably, material for Christmas decorations was to be seen in a certain Cologne thoroughfare the other day. Was this one of the outcomes of shortage of batmen, I wonder?

Presents and Things.

One can imagine the surprise of the recipients when their Rhineland visitor home on leave produces for their inspection a real German goose. One individual I know took one along with him a day or two ago instead of the usual Christmas gifts.

Popular Superstition.

Apropos a recent echo in the "Cologne Post" as to the superstitions of the Germans with regard to the Number 13, one ingenious costume seen at the Leave Club fancy dress dance had on it "Wo ist Linie No. 13?"

Confusing.

Speculation was rife for some time as to whether a certain "girl" at the dance was a boy. Information from a reliable source has it that it was only a Tommy although the make up was really splendid.

And Still Going.

The decorations with which the German Xmas trees are bedecked are in many cases handed down through the years. I was shown a gilded walnut shell and three glass balls which had done duty on 33 occasions.

Ever the Same.

The danger of naked lights on Christmas trees has I learn again been demonstrated. A commotion in a house near the Deutscher Ring was I found on investigation due to this cause. Happily in this case only the tree and some curtains suffered.

No Stockings.

The custom of hanging up stockings on Christmas Eve does not apply generally to Germany. Christmas gifts are presented on Christmas Eve contrary to our custom but a happy idea out here is the giving of a "Weinnachtsteller" i. e. a plate piled high with fruit, nuts and chocolate.

Our Souvenir Number.

On all hands I have heard nothing but praise of the "Cologne Post" Souvenir number. The only discordant note is introduced by two correspondents, who do not question the merit of the production, but resent the fact that attention is paid to Cologne to the exclusion of the outside areas. One complains that there is not enough notice given to the East bank of the Rhine and the work of the Independent Division, while another plantively asks, "What about Bonn?" The only thing I can do is to refer my friends to the Editor's foreword.

More fifty Mark Notes.

Another fifty mark note has made its appearance. It is of similar design to that already issued of green tint except that "Reihe 2" is marked "No" instead of "Nr." as in the case of "Reihe 1."

A new Medal.

I hear that a design has already been prepared for a new medal to be issued to members of the Army of Occupation of six months standing. The ribbon is apparently to include all the Colours of the Allies in Occupation with edges similar to the iron cross ribbon.

A Talented Scene Painter.

The patients of the General Hospital at Wiesdorf are hard at work completing their cinema and concert hall. One man, quite a genius with the brush, is painting the scenery. He has the real artist's touch and his work is worthy of Drury Lane.

Embarrassing.

It was a merry Christmas party. Everything was going with rare gusto, when a young subaltern nudged his friend and spoke of the charm of a certain young lady looking very sweet in the raiment of a flower girl. Verily she returned the interest, and soon two subalterns were in competition for her favours. "Excuse me," said one to a fellow diner near by. "Can you tell me that lady's name?" at the same time indicating the direction. "Yes, that lady is my wife" came the reply. Explanations followed. Embarrassing, did you say—oh, no.

No Tinder.

Members of the caste of the "Knight of the Burning Pestle" dined as a body on Christmas night, and, believe me, did themselves well. Their picturesque costumes gave colour to a merry scene, but it was amusing to see one member of the party trying to unearth a box of Bryant and Mays from the cumbersome folds of an Elizabethan gown.

From Small Beginnings.

Of course everything has a beginning however small, but the members of a certain officers' mess had no idea that from a casual suggestion so much enjoyment would accrue for a large party of guests who otherwise might have been left "all dressed up and nowhere to go" on Christmas Day. As it was, a comprehensive programme included all the usual festivity at the Club Annexe blended with roller skating, the theatre and dancing, and for all this the party had to thank one jovial being. His reputation as an organiser has increased twentyfold, but I must not forget the debt owing to the staff of the club.

Disconcerting.

Encouraged by the warm enconiums of my friends I looked in at the Deutsches Theatre last evening to see our old friend, Lieut. Percy, and his admirable band of players giving unstinted enjoyment to a full house. Major Ball as Mistress Citizen had a great reception, but it was somewhat disconcerting for him when acknowledging the applause to have the fringe of the curtain catch him on the nape of the neck. Right merrily did the show go, and I anticipate a long run.

RHINELANDER.

THE NEW YEAR.

"Let us think together, act together and work together. I beg that we do not demobilize the spirit of patriotism in this country." These words were given to the world by Mr. Lloyd George in the House of Commons, and I know of no better words to use for a New Year motto.

Let us think together. There has been too much difference of opinion on certain points which after all do not matter, and this has not made for harmony in our country. While we all acknowledge that men cannot think alike, we must in fairness admit that in many things a common meeting ground could be found, and thus add to the welfare of our nation. Certain ideals can be given to the whole world and every inhabitant of the globe can take those ideals and base their lives upon the ultimate issue. While men can differ on certain points of political economy, all men must agree on those things which are of vital importance to a nation's well being. The past five years have shown what can be done by a nation united in one common ideal with one common purpose, and that spirit of unity must never be allowed to die in the breasts of true Britons. Men of all creeds have fought side by side. Women of all religions have united for the welfare of their country. The great fundamental truths of the Christian religion are always the same for all creeds of that religion, and in the future we want to see all those small differences of opinion forgotten in the great common weal. Let us think together.

To act together is the second appeal. Among the wealthy, among the poor, in the midst of the masters and in the midst of the men, there can still be those common ideals and actions which will harmonise the opinions of all classes of the community. When the common foe faced our country we found petty class distinctions forgotten, and 'duke's son, cook's son, son of a millionaire," were acting together in unity to bring about the destruction of that foe. To-day there are countless foes arraigned against the welfare of our nation, and these, alas, are found in the nation itself. Selfishness and greed, which are not the least of these, require a strong front to withstand their onslaughts, and for the New Year, as we love our country, as we love our own families, let us act together and reap the reward of those awful years of strife.

Let us work together, is the final word, and in this lies the acme of perfection. In the days that have passed the British Empire found no idlers in the great work that faced the world. With a spirit of Patriotism all with one accord worked for the common good that made the great blow that was launched against the world, a failure. There is misery and want in our country to-day and the blow failed, it is almost impossible to think what would have been the condition of Old England if that blow had succeeded. A just Treaty has been made with the foe. A Treaty that will ensure that Germany in the future will not menace the world from a military point of view. Stern but just are those terms. But there is still work to do in our own country; she must be made to forget those awful gaping wounds caused by the loss of her sons and fresh blood must be found, blood that can be given by all who are left in the coming year to carry on the work for which those noble fellows died. Let us work together in all things, work that the Kingdom of God may come in the hearts of men. Work that the time may come when all will be peace. Work that all men may see in Jesus Christ the Master, who can give rest unto the weary soul.

Keep the spirit of patriotism and that spirit with the help of God will bring to us a real victory, a triumph that will last through time and through eternity.

Rev. C. E. WHEELER, C.F.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Paper.—West Africa has shilling notes.

Fed Up.—The Italian Premier says Italy wants absolutely no other wars.

Lucky Find.—A valuable gold vein has been found in the mines near Barmouth.

Gaby's Illness. — Grave anxiety is felt for Gaby Deslys.

His Home. — Sir J. Alcock was buried at Manchester.

Inconsiderate. — Hungary is said to be preparing a new war.

A Slur. — Of Birmingham's 13,200 unemployed 8,000 are ex-service men.

No Change.—Food Controller declines to change the maximum prices for apples

Useful for Housing.—Lewes, Sussex, prison and workhouse are both empty.

Wily Ten.—Ten foxes were recently seen in one field at Bampton, Devon.

Drifting.—Attempts to settle moulders' strike failed.

New Style. — Naval dockyards are to build merchant ships.

Ambitious.—Devonport wants to become a liner terminus.

Alarming.—Foot-and-mouth disease has appeared near Sheffield.

Nearly All In.—Of 1,000 police strikers at Liverpool only 80 are still out of work.

The Bill. — Up to Sept. 30 coal control cost £552,600.

Treasure.—Salvage work on the "Lusitania" is to be begun at New Year.

Not Wanted. — The scheme for the formation of Citizen Guards has been abandoned.

Still Going. — The "Spanish prisoner" swindle has been revived in the Isle of Wight.

Free. — Anti-influenza vaccine is to be supplied by the Ministry of Health for distribution.

Others Overlooked. — Admiral Sims has created a sensation by refusing to accept a Distinguished Medal.

Unwanted.—Fifteen Germans who had been in South America since 1914 were arrested at Bristol and sent to Germany.

How much for ours?—For a lock of Napoleon's hair £20 was paid yesterday at Sotheby's.

The next.—After Christmas leave the Atlantic Fleet will cruise in the Mediterranean.

A Fact.—Fishing with rod and line off Hastings, a resident, caught one 22.b. cod and another of 13lb.

Confession.—A "New Poor" dance club for those possessing this "distinction" is advertised.

Ducal Gift. — Kelso Abbey has been handed over to the State by the Duke of Roxburghe.

A Little War.—In further fighting on the Indian frontier there were 84 British casualties.

Presents Gone. — Mails for Turkey, which reached London on November 18-19, have been destroyed by fire.

The New Order.—At Feltham the driver of a motor scooter was fined for failing to show a red rear light.

Still Hope. — Mr. O'Grady will resume negotiations with M. Litvinoff on the exchange of prisoners on December 30.

Freedom of the Bath. — Increases in Lambeth bath charges have been found to be illegal.

At Christmas Too. — Twin Polar bears at the London Zoo have died of pneumonia.

Now for the Match.—The Barry fund being now complete, Barry tenders his thanks to all subscribers.

Princess Pat's Son.—The little garments for Lady Patricia's baby were made by English workers from their own designs.

The Glutton.—A chief stoker at Cowes has not lost a minute from work in 25 years.

Liked Her Pipe.—Jimmy Wilde's grandmother was picked up dead on the roadside near Port Talbot. A clay pipe was found on her.

New Style.—"The flying Santa Claus." was how Lieut. Game described himself on leaving London for Paris on the Airco mail service.

Out.—Claiming, as members of the Warehouse Workers' Union, a 44 hours week, 1,500 women bag and sack makers have gone on strike.

Now Sorry.—Two German officers who escaped from the camp near Leeds are to remain behind to undergo punisnment though their comrades are going home.

NOTES FROM LONDON TOWN.

CHRISTMAS EXODUS.

The rush of Londoners out of town at Christmas was probably greater even than before the war. One explanation is that the dearth of domestic servants and coal makes home life intolerable on a holiday, while those who have to cook their own turkey lose half the savour of it. Hence hotel proprietors hoped for a bumper exchequer, and I learn that some of the most favoured hostelries are to be found at Brighton, Folkestone, Ventnor, Eastbourne, Bexhill, Torquay, Sidmouth, Harrogate and Buxton. One result of the hotel Christmas was the revival of that once celebrated institution the Master of the Ceremonies.

DEMAND FOR TORTOISESHELL.

London jewellers say that there was quite a big demand this Christmas for presents in tortoiseshell, more especially in the form of pencil cases, cigarette-holders, and fancy combs. Cases in tortoiseshell fetched almost anything up to 14 guineas for plain shell, and prices up to £30 if gold mounted. Of course during the war tortoiseshell was well-nigh unknown, the vogue of Neptune being for quite another kind of shell. There was also, I am told, a very high demand for the aquamarine set in any form you like.

END OF THE WORLD.

A certain Scottish M.P. who was by no means disturbed by Dr. Porta's prediction, said that when he left home on the fateful morning, his 9-year-old daughter said "You'd better say good-bye, to Mummie, Daddy, because you will both be in different places this evening." A switch-board girl rang up her city employer to say that she was not coming up to town because "Mother says as it's our last day I'd best stay at home. If it's our end our family will all die together." That conversation in Poe's Eiros and Charmion will have to wait for another sun-spot agitation.

THEATRE STRIKES.

Theatre workers threatened to spoil the children's shows in the West End yesterday. No less than 42 theatres were affected by the threat, and even if Mr. Johnson, Secretary of the National Association of Theatrical Employees, is justified in his assertion that the malcontents did not choose the moment with a view to affecting the greatest possible number of theatre-goers, it was to be regretted that the terms of the award, with which the men quarrelled, was only issued a few days ago. However, the whole matter was settled very soon in a way that satisfied the various daymen, hall-keepers, dressers and so forth.

A LOST DOG.

Speaking of strikes reminds me that certain ill-paid journalists in Fleet Street were threatening to down tools recently for an 8 guinea per week flat rate. Some of these people are certainly very poorly paid, and forcibly remind me of that story of a Scotch newspaper staff and their visitor. The latter walked in to the editorial offices of the paper and handed in an advertisement offering a reward of 5/- for the recovery of his lost dog. He returned a moment later to alter the advertisement but on this occasion could not find the editor. He asked for the chief sub-editor, and then for any sub-editor.

AN IRISH POOH-BAH.

The suppression of "Freeman's Journal" recalls a curious experience of Mr. Edward Dwyer Gray, who was proprietor of the paper in 1882. For adversely criticising the composition of the jury in a certain Irish trial he was sentenced to imprisonment and a stiff fine. But the High Sheriff of Dublin, the proper official to make Mr. Dwyer's arrest, was in fact Mr. Dwyer himself. The result was that the Editor-cum-Sheriff was haled to gaol by the Dublin coroner. As a matter of fact he only stopped there for six weeks, while not only was his fine paid by public subscription, but he promptly received the "freedom" of nearly all the incorporated boroughs of Ireland.

THE QUEST OF THE BRONTOSAURUS.

As I was in a position to state in my last notes, the name of the English explorer who is going out to Central Africa in quest of the brontosaurus is Captain L.B. Stevens, M.C., who is, I need hardly say, the well-known golf-player and a quondam staff officer in the Artillery. His knowledge of gunnery is perhaps a desideratum if the various descriptions of the saurian monster of the African swamps are to be credited. The gallant Captain will be armed with a 12 bore double barrelled shot gun, besides a Mannlicher rifle and a Winchester repeating rifle.

TESTY JUDGES.

Centenaries are often the occasion of repeating reminiscences, and this being the centenary of Mr. Justice Denman, I may be pardoned for recalling that occasion when he point-blank declined to hear a certain young barrister who had a juror sen to open his case. Denman was as very austere man and highly old-fashioned. He vouchsafed no reason for his aversion and the barrister was only extricated from his embarrassment by a brother member of the bar who whispered: "Take that rose from your buttonhole; he thinks it disrespectful to the bench." Some judges are not such sticklers for etiquette. I remember a counsel apologising to the Bath County Court Judge for having come from London without his wig. His honour graciously pardoned the transgression, the more so as counsel feared his clerk had supposed he was going not to Bath, but to the baths.

A NEW AESTHETIC CRAZE?

To be in the height of fashion o' nights, you must be garbed as Beau Brummel or the Scarlet Pimpernel. You should roll from your club a thing of purple glory, your cloak baudrier-wise to reveal its caina-blue silk facing and its medieval tapestry vest, your knees graced with silver buttons, and your calves amplified by art's dexterity. And thus bedizened you should saunter into the Ritz and as Pepys would say, "hie thee to a playhouse." At least this is the impression one derives from the array of brilliant shop dummies with their jabots, ruffles and lace falls to be seen in most fashionable tailors. Will the modern man about town have the courage? Ah!

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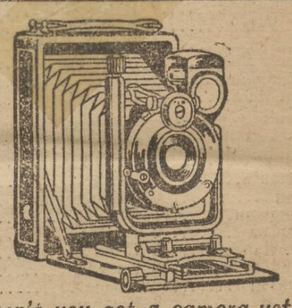

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FIGHTING ON UPPER NILE.

TWO MAJORS KILLED IN FIERCE ATTACK BY SUDANESE TRIBE.

SUSPICIOUS AFFRAY AT PHOENIX PARK.

SUDAN TROUBLE.

SEVERE FIGHTING WITH NATIVE TRIBE.

Some details of an unfortunate and serious affair which happened in the Sudan a month ago have just transpired, wherein Major C. H. Stigand of the West Kents and Major R. F. White, Essex Regiment, were killed.

On the 30th November one of the Dinka tribes attacked a police post near Tombe, between the Nile and the Lau river. The attack was repulsed and the post retired to the Nile with twelve killed. A company of the Equator al Battalion was sent to reconnoitre and reported that the entire tribe appeared to be implicated and that other neighbouring tribes were affected and were distinctly res less. Major White, commanding the Equatorial battalion, proceeded with another company to make an extended reconnaissance and found the villages deserted. On the night of the 15th December his Zareba was attacked by a considerable force which he succeeded in repulsing after severe hand to hand fighting in which the enemy sustained heavy losses, our own casualties being seven killed and nine wounded. Major White was then joined by a half company of the same battalion with which was Major Stigand, Governor of the Mongalla province, and the combined force then proceeded to clear up the country.

What ensued is unknown but on the 13th December a mutilated telegram was received which reported that an enemy force about a thousand strong had rushed the advance guard of the column, which was marching in open square through thick grass seven feet high, and drove it back on the main body. Fierce hand to hand fighting ensued in the course of which Major White, Major Stigand, one native officer, twenty-two other ranks and three carriers were killed. The enemy was ultimately driven off and the column managed to withdraw with its wounded and baggage. The enemy followed up in considerable numbers for four days but beyond one night attack which was repulsed did not interfere with the march of the column, which eventually reached Tombe, five days distance from the fight. Punitive measures are impossible until late January owing to the weather.

FIRST WAR-SENTENCES.

EXEMPLARY PUNISHMENT OF GERMAN OFFICERS.

Ten years imprisonment and a fine of ten million francs is the sentence inflicted by a Court-martial at Amiens on two German officers named Robert and Hermann Roechling, great steel magnates. They were accused of systematic destruction of ironworks at Briey, Rehon, La Chers, Micheville and Longwy.

In the course of the case it transpired that out of the material destroyed eight million tons was removed to the Carlsrütte Works, which were managed by Robert. These works were blown up just before the arrival of the French last December.

BRUTAL MURDER AT LIVERPOOL.

Early on Christmas morning in a recess in Covent Garden, Liverpool, the naked corpse of a murdered woman was found in a quiet byway and on the opposite side of the street was all her clothing. Her assailant appears to have used great violence, and it was evident that her clothes had been torn off her. Her name is given as Bella Wilson, a woman of about forty-five years of age, who lived in Richmond-row. The police have detained a man in connection with the affair.

N. W. FRONTIER FIGHTING.

According to telegrams received in London further severe fighting has taken place with the Mahsuds on the North West Frontier. The British forces sustained 280 casualties, including 58 killed and missing.

AN OFFENDING JOURNAL.

An order was made in Dublin on Saturday for the seizure of all available copies of "The Catholic Herald," the weekly paper published in London. It is understood that an article headed "Killing no murder," in which pointed reference is made to the recent attack on Lord French, attracted the attention of the authorities and induced them to take this action.

The Guildford War Pensions Committee has granted fifty pounds to a disabled soldier who wished to start a fishmonger's business in the street market "to compete with profiteering."

DUBLIN MYSTERY.

FATAL AFFRAY OUTSIDE VICEROY'S HOUSE.

What was at first assumed to be an attack on the Viceregal Lodge, Dublin, by a number of men estimated at about a dozen, occurred about two o'clock on Sunday morning. In the affair two persons lost their lives, one a British Army officer, Lieut. Boast, of the South Lancashire Regiment, who was mentioned in the Court Circular as having been invited to dine with the Lord Lieutenant, the other being a civilian who is believed to be a member of the attacking party.

About two o'clock shots were heard being fired at a distance, and guests and others began making enquiries. Little disorder occurred and residents of the Lodge assumed that some revelry had been the cause of a disturbance.

Later it was reported that the body of Lieut. Boast had been discovered shot dead and the body of the civilian was also discovered. Later on news was received at the Viceregal Lodge that an attack had been made on the Lord Lieutenant's residence, and a few hours afterwards four men were requested by the police to accompany them to Headquarters and were detained. The affair appears to have been a concerted one, and though details cannot yet be pieced together there appears no doubt that the attack was cleverly conceived, though it failed completely in its objective.

Contrary to the first reports the latest telegrams from Dublin show that there was no actual attack on the Lodge. Shots were heard in Phoenix Park, which is adjacent to the grounds of the Viceregal Lodge, and the officer and a number of soldiers (one report states that they took a machine gun with them) left the Lodge to ascertain the cause. It was in the park that Lieut. Boast was shot, the man who shot him being himself killed immediately after.

N.W. FRONTIER.

BRITISH FORCE SUSTAINS HEAVY CASUALTIES.

It is officially announced that some sections of the Tochi Waziris, notably those at the head of the Tochi Valley had not completely complied with the terms imposed by the date fixed. With reference to enemy losses on the 21st it is now confirmed that over 200 Mahsuds and thirty Waziris were killed. According to unconfirmed reports from Wana the Waziris are retiring home owing to the shortage of rations. Gangs of Kharadis aggregating some 300 strong looted Eranband on the night of the 21st December. Some of the raiders were killed but we sustained no casualties.

THANKS TO AMERICAN Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. London has acknowledged the gift of two hundred thousand sterling from the American Y.M.C.A. by the following cable: "The English National Council of the Y.M.C.A. sends most cordial thanks to the American War Work Council for the generous contributions, also for the appreciatory message concerning the services rendered to the American and Allied Troops. Both will encourage us tremendously, and we hope will lead to a generous response by the British Government and public, and weld still more closely the lasting bonds of brotherhood uniting our two countries through the Association movement."

HEROIC RESCUER INJURED.

A dramatic rescue was witnessed about midnight on Saturday when a woman either fell or jumped into the Thames from Hammersmith Bridge. Lieut. Wood, of the South African Artillery, who was passing the spot, unhesitatingly dived into the river and rescued the woman. In doing so, he was so badly injured that he had to be taken to hospital and operated on.

FUNERAL OF SIR JOHN ALCOCK.

The body of Sir John Alcock, which had rested in Holy Innocents Church, Manchester, since Christmas Day, where it was visited by many people, was removed on Saturday to the Southern Cemetery for interment. The bearers were six officers of the Royal Air Force. A firing party attended and the Last Post was sounded over the grave.

A terrible avalanche disaster is reported from Davos, Switzerland. Half a dozen avalanches fell on to the town within the space of an hour, overwhelming a sanatorium and one hotel. The majority of the residents had miraculous escapes. Nine bodies have been recovered from the snow and wreckage.

XMAS REVELS.

R.E. POSTAL AND OTHER MERRY FUNCTIONS.

Having dispensed happiness generally throughout the Army on Christmas morning it was but fitting that the senior ranks of the Army Postal Service should foregather later in the day. Accordingly the H.Q. Staff, including guests from all Corps and Divisions in Rhineland, sat down to dinner at the Römer Hotel Cologne. In the unavoidable absence of Col. D. J. Lidbury, D.S.O. the chair was ably filled by Capt. J. Crowe. The toast of the "King" by the chairman was followed by "Our Comrades at Home and Abroad" proposed by C.S.M. Slater and "Our Guests," given by C.S.M. MacIndoe and responded to by Major P. G. Bennel of the Independent Division. The gathering was in some ways unique in that many members present have been with the Corps since the historic 4th of August 1914, and it was in keeping with the occasion that tribute to the work of the Corps should be made. This was happily done in a short resumé by Lieut. Cawthorne, D.C.M.

Thanks are due to the many artists who so admirably sustained the social side of the affair and too much cannot be said of C.S.M MacIndoe who, assisted by Sgt. Maidment, found time to arrange such a successful gathering despite the heavy postal traffic.

A very wittily worded programme and distribution of toys and other articles accurately "hitting off" the characteristics of every member of the staff caused great interest and merriment. C.S.M. MacIndoe can hardly have ceased chuckling yet at the remembrance of how his clever jests hit the mark every time.

MILITARY GOVERNOR'S STAFF.

Unparalleled is the only word that can describe the Christmas festivities at the Monopol Hotel where the Military Governor's Clerical Staff regaled themselves during the holidays. Too much praise cannot be given to those responsible for the arrangements and a special word of thanks is due to Sgt.-Major Watson for the painstaking manner in which he brought the affair to such a successful conclusion.

The Military Governor who with his Staff Officers was present for a short time, drank the men's health and wished them a Merry Christmas and every good luck in the coming year

Subsequently Lieut Haines who is acting as Camp Commandant in a neat speech congratulated those present on the admirable manner in which they had performed their duties during the time he had been associated with them.

Three hearty cheers were given for the Military Governor, and Lieut Haines, fittingly described as one of the most popular officers in Cologne, was accorded a similar compliment later.

L/Cpl. Le Crerar submitted the National toast and later complimented Cpl. Snowdon and Pte. Forster who together with Sgt.-Major Watson were responsible for the arrangements, on the splendid manner in which they had carried out their duties. A Musical evening brought an enjoyable festivity to its close.

Having acted as waiters to the lesser lights, the W.O.'s of the Military Governor's Staff held their own festivities on Sunday. R.S.M.-Major Ryan presided over a merry function, details of which had been arranged by Sgt.-Major Watson. A few guests were present, and the evening was spent in a manner befitting the occasion.

N. A. C. B. STAFF.

The Stapel Haus by the Rhine was transformed from a vaulted cavern to some semblance of Ali Baba's cave as depicted on the stage. Festoons of paper decorations and evergreens, with clusters of coloured electric lights, disguised it out of all recognition. Consequently when the staff of the N. A. C. B., some 350 all told, assembled to spend Christmas Day together they had cause to be doubly happy. Firstly, because they knew that the resources of the N. A. C. B. had proved equal to the extraordinary demands for Christmas Fare and secondly because, knowing their own work had been well and truly done, they could give themselves up to undiluted enjoyment.

Before the seats were occupied the tables looked wondrously attractive, and spotless napery and cutlery, crystal glass and table decorations laid out with immaculate precision, whetted the appetite. Soon the festive board was graced by Jack and Jill alternately, and the seasonable fare was rendered ample justice.

During the dinner Major Tatler, the O.C., looked in, spoke a few cheery words and read the following telegram from Lieut.-Col. Sir Francis Towle, C.B.E., Controller of the N. A. C. B. "Wishing you and your staff a happy Xmas and every good luck in the New Year. Many thanks for all your efforts during 1919."

Capt. Pardo and Miss Butler supervised the affair, the general arrangements of which were most successfully carried out by Staff Sgt. Turner.

A dance to the strains of a full orchestra was held in the evening.

WITH THE DEVONS.

The first and last Xmas Day abroad as a service battalion will always be a pleasant memory to all ranks of the 52nd Devons.

Dingy billets and mess rooms had been transformed into veritable fairylands, even the smallest billet boasting at least one Xmas tree, and the taste displayed in the colour scheme and decorations was admirable.

A sumptuous dinner was followed in the evening by an elaborate programme of amusements. It was not possible to

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PROHIBITION.

MANY DEATHS CAUSED BY WOOD-SPIRIT.

It is reported that in Chicopee, Holyoke, and Hartford (Massachusetts U.S.A.) thirty men and one woman have died from drinking wood alcohol in the belief that it was whisky. Numerous similar deaths have occurred throughout the country.

In various New England cities there are fifty-four dead and many more are in hospital blinded from the same cause. It is believed that the stuff is manufactured at Bronk, New York City, and transported perhaps by means of launches on the river. Agents of the Department of Justice are looking for this "whisky" factory. The poison is sold at one thousand dollars per barrel.

Latest figures from New York show that since prohibition was adopted in the United States there are at least 137 dead and 119 blind who are in danger of death, as the result of drinking wood alcohol.

HOLY INNOCENTS.

AUSTRIA'S PITIFUL PLIGHT.

Sunday was Holy Innocents Day in the Church Calendar, and in response to an appeal from the Archbishops, the President of the National Free Church Council and other leaders of religious thought, special sermons were preached at all places of worship throughout the Kingdom on behalf of the "Save the Children Fund". The object of this fund is to relieve the distress in Middle and Eastern Europe, particularly among the children. Throughout London there were large congregations and substantial sums were raised.

How urgently such relief is needed is shown by the following telegram to the "Sunday Express" from Vienna:

"Scurvy and hunger typhus are beginning to devastate the population, ninety per cent. of whom ate only sour cabbage during Christmas. Over 74,000 unemployed tramp the streets. The police, armed with revolvers, guard every railway waggon to prevent looting. The fashionable quarter swarms with starving and barefooted children piteably begging. Wounded soldiers lie about the pavements exposing stumps of limbs which are suppurating owing to the lack of surgical treatment, while the big hotels are filled with overfed, bloated food profiteers, who are responsible for sucking the last drops of Austria's life blood".

O'GRADY CONFERENCE.

BRIGHTER PROSPECTS OF SUCCESS.

It is officially announced that the negotiations between Mr. J. O'Grady, M.P., and Litvinoff have taken a more favourable turn. Conferences will be resumed, and the issue narrowed down to a few points which it is hoped are not incapable of ultimate settlement.

Mr. O'Grady is satisfied from statements of Litvinoff himself and of impartial witnesses, that our prisoners are being fed as well as the internal conditions of Russia permit, while with regard to the wounded he hopes that the Soviet Government will be persuaded, from considerations of humanity, to agree to the release of the wounded before a definite exchange takes place.

M.O.'s WANTED FOR INDIA.

It is announced by the India Office that fully qualified European medical practitioners under thirty-five years of age are required for temporary service with Indian troops. Selected applicants must enter into a two years contract. Special rates of pay (in rupees) are as follows: 700 per month for Lieutenant and 750 for Captain. Three years service as Medical Officer in the Forces are required for higher rates. Free passage is given both ways and wives and families will be sent out at Government expense next Autumn if shipping is available.

TRANS-AFRICAN AIR ROUTE.

The Air Ministry has issued a very interesting account of the survey work on the Cape to Cairo aerial route, describing the difficulties of cutting out aerodromes in the dense jungle, clearing anthills, conveying stores etc. The survey parties are returning to Africa shortly. It is proposed to organise the route into six areas, each under the general supervision of British officials.

TICKETS FOR WARRANTS.

The Army Council states that from the 1st January railway warrants and vouchers must be exchanged for tickets before the journey. The only exceptions to this ruling are dispersal warrants and overseas combined leave and rail tickets.

produce the projected pantomime but the "Flashlights" (the battalion concert party), gave an excellent show, contributed to by Pte. E. Cole, Sgt. Strange, Sgt. Etheridge, C.Q.M.S. Selby, Sgt. Hawse, Sgt. Hopkins, Lieut. Carswell, Lieut. Hartley and Pte. Buxton.

In the gymnasium, a grand indoor fair was held. The regimental band, under Band Sgt. Bone helped to make it a complete success.

TREATY DELAYS.

GERMAN PLEAS AT VARIANCE WITH FACTS.

Baron von Lersner, head of the German Peace Delegation at Paris, has declared that the final date of the repeatedly delayed exchange of ratifications of the Peace Treaty of Versailles depends largely upon the speed with which the Allied Missions in Germany verify the German figures of the available floating docks, tonnage and harbour material available for delivery to Allies as compensation for the sinking of the German Fleet at Scapa Flow. He estimates that this will take at least a fortnight, owing to the difficulty of transport and the considerable detail involved in verifying the German estimates.

The Allies' reply to the German Note was presented on the 22nd December. It takes note of the German admission that the non-ratification of the Peace Treaty by America does not affect the applicability of any provisions of the Treaty and insists upon the signature of the Protocol as it stands. It also reaffirms the readiness of the Allies to reduce the amount of floating material claimed as indemnity for the Scapa Flow sinkings if it is shown that vital economic interests justify such reduction, but at the same time points out that the Allies have learned that floating docks, cranes and tugs have been recently sold. It therefore gives notice that in view of the economic position of Germany as stated by the German Delegates, the Allies will recognise no such sales. The Note also rejects the German proposal to substitute for the five small cruisers mentioned in the Protocol five others under construction, and further states that directly the Protocol is signed all German officers interned as a result of the Scapa Flow affair will be liberated except those charged with war crimes.

AGRARIAN CRIMES.

CHRISTMAS DISTURBANCES IN IRELAND.

A number of disturbances occurred in Ireland during Christmas week. On Christmas Eve a police constable named Keogh was shot at and seriously wounded during a disturbance at Killarney. It appears that shortly before ten in the evening an attack was made upon some soldiers and a number of shots were fired. A strong body of police arrived and were trying to restore order when Constable Keogh received a bullet wound and had to be removed to the police barracks.

Between forty and fifty men armed with fixed bayonets raided a farmhouse at Bernahinagh, near Skibbereen. The raiders evicted the occupant and his wife and family, turning them and all their belongings out on the roadside.

A number of raids for arms took place on Sunday night in the Moycullen district of Galway. One of the houses raided was that of the agent for the estate of Lord Strutheden and Campbell. In the course of the search the raiders found a gun and a revolver which they carried away. They also took an officer's sword which was a family heirloom.

It is stated that a consignment of twenty thousand rounds of ammunition addressed to the military authorities has been stolen from Dungarvan railway station, despite the vigilance of extra police.

SEASIDE MURDER.

TRAGEDY OF LANCASHIRE SANDS.

While gathering driftwood on Christmas Eve, along the shore at St. Anne's-on-Sea, a man discovered the body of a well-dressed woman lying among the sandhills. There were wounds in the head and back, caused apparently by a sharp instrument, in the opinion of the police surgeon, injuries which could not have been self-inflicted.

The victim was a married woman named Breaks, aged 25, and of attractive personality, who had been living apart from her husband. A wedding ring was found in her pocket. The principal clue was a man's glove which was found partly embedded in the sand near the scene of the tragedy. An ex-2nd Lieutenant named Holt, of the 4th Loyal North Lancs, has been arrested in connection with the affair.

The inquest was opened on Saturday on the victim, Mrs. Kathleen Breaks, but after evidence of identification was adjourned until the 12th January. Miss Daisy Fish identified the body as that of her sister, the wife of John Stoddart Breaks, whose address she did not know, though it is said to be Bridlington. For the last eighteen months Mrs. Breaks had been separated from her husband.

On Sunday some children found a heavy revolver partly covered with sand near the spot where the body was discovered. Two chambers had been discharged and four others were loaded. Apparently however, none of deceased's injuries were caused by bullets.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

It is stated that the Government intends to introduce a new Bill into Parliament in February extending compulsory unemployment insurance to practically all trades. The Bill will include an additional seven to eight million workers instead of the three and a half million under the present Act. The new scheme proposes payment of fifteen shillings weekly to men and twelve shillings to women.

Glasgow taxi and other cab drivers have struck for higher wages.

HOTEL TRAGEDY.

CANADIAN OFFICER'S GRIM RESOLVE.

The military authorities and police have pieced together the facts of a Christmas shooting drama which occurred during Boxing night. A Canadian officer engaged a room at the Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria, about noon on Boxing Day, and after lunching with some friends spent the remainder of the day in his room. He was found shot there shortly after midnight and was removed to St. George's Hospital, where he died. The body was subsequently identified as that of Captain Charles Vesta Victoria Coombes, employed in the Narrative Department at Canadian Headquarters.

Women friends testified that when they left the deceased in the evening he remarked "I am going to get absolutely drunk and them pass out." The lady subsequently returned to the hotel with a male relative and saw Coombes, who was evidently ill. During the interview he suddenly drew a revolver and shot himself through the temple. Coombes served in France with a Canadian battalion until the Armistice and Major Watkins of the Canadian War Records, who was interviewed, said that deceased had a very severe wound in the right side which gave him constant pain. He had frequently been operated upon but without success.

SEAL OF HONOUR.

9000 PATRIOTIC FIRMS.

The Ministry of Labour has been making a special effort during the Christmas period to increase the number of firms pledging themselves to employ a proportion of disabled men by bringing the claims of the latter prominently to the notice of employers and public. For this purpose the majority of big employers in the West End who have earned the seal of honour displayed posters in prominent positions. The number of pledged firms has now reached 9,000, representing employment for about 80,000 men.

Many remarkable instances are given of workmen minus an arm or leg now doing useful and renumerative work. There are, however, still large numbers of unemployed, while the hospitals continue to add to their numbers by discharging men who are sufficiently recovered to restart work.

EX-SERVICE MEN'S LAND.

In a Christmas message to the Ex-Service Man newspaper the Minister for Agriculture said that the Board of Agriculture takes a keen interest in the welfare of ex-service men and is providing as rapidly as possible adequate opportunities for them to acquire and cultivate the bit of land which was promised them by Parliament. The Minister looks forward to the day when every ex-service man who has the necessary qualifications will be comfortably settled upon his own land.

FLANNEL THIEVES ARRESTED.

An American motor driver named Hawkins of Islington, and another Islington man were charged at Nottingham on Saturday in connection with the Bethnal Green robbery of khaki flannel worth £15,000 as already reported. The arrests were effected at a Nottingham hotel.

Both men were smartly dressed but circumstances having aroused suspicion they volunteered a statement that they were in Nottingham training for a boxing match. The Magistrates ordered the prisoners to be handed over to the Metropolitan police.

CLAIMS FOR SINN FEIN OUTRAGES.

The proprietors of "The Irish Independent" have lodged a claim for £44,000 compensation under the Malicious Injuries Act for the damage done to their machinery and other property on the occasion of the recent raid by a supposed Sinn Fein gang. A claim has also been lodged for some hundreds of pounds as compensation for damage done to the Vice Regal motor cars in the attack on Lord French.

FREE POSTAGE ABOLISHED.

The Postmaster General gives notice that after the 31st December all unpaid and underpaid Inland letters posted by soldiers, sailors, or airmen in camps, barracks, shore depots or hospitals in Great Britain will be surcharged in the ordinary way at double rate.

POOR GUESTS OF THE KING.

For the eleventh year in succession the King again provided a Christmas tea for 700 poor men and women at the Great Assembly Hall, Mile End Road on Saturday. His Majesty sent a telegram hoping that his guests would spend a pleasant evening and wishing them a Happy New Year.

The railway station at Marseilles has been destroyed by fire, the damage being estimated at several million francs.

On Sunday, as on the previous Sunday, the offertories at the United Evening Service held at the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. were devoted to the Fund for starving Children in Vienna and a large sum was contributed by the congregation.

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LEARNING ON THE RHINE.

Early in the morning at an hour when the ordinary man is still turning over in a comfortable bed, bracing himself to undergo the pain of rising, men who have been working in factories all the week are already in the classrooms, and so in a Midland town, in an adult school, the gates of knowledge were open to eager seekers thereafter.

Yet why should so many obstacles, so many barriers, intervene between the student and the knowledge he craves?

We are a generous and large-hearted country; yet we appear to think that the enjoyments and refinements of education should be limited to one class.

Need the "education of a gentleman" be confined merely to the well-to-do? No, surely not?

The mind is God's endorsement; all honest knowledge and research is from God, therefore we must meet the demand for the best sort of education from the lips of our poorer brethen.

They too must learn true history, sound science, inspiring literature, ennobling art and music; these are the mind's right the soul's education.

We have made in civil life some small beginnings such as Oxford tutorial classes and our adult schools. Already in the North of England the worker appreciates first-class music; beyond the border, evening schools are crowded, and last of all, the university of the people, the great educational system of the new Army, has in the Army of Occupation made a beginning.

The War Office has discovered, as civilian employers will discover also, that an educated man is easier to train than an uneducated one. Think of the inestimable value upon national character of a stream of educated soldiers imbued with traditions of loyalty, manliness and discipline passing into civil life.

With a trade acquired also by which to earn their living, with a brain trained perchance in economics and civics, they can oppose the Bolshevik creed and perchance be the saviour of the Empire.

Surely an impossible ideal! No, not impossible, for we have seen it here, in our Army of the Rhine. Germany, too beholds it and wonders.

We all knew how difficult it was for the pre-war soldier to obtain employment on his return to civil life. Taken away before he had learned a trade, he was, under the short service system, thrown back unprepared upon the labour market.

No wonder that military service which is really the highest form of citizenship, came to be regarded as unenviable. We have changed that now.

The soldier of the New Army is different for he is educated and when all is said and done, educated men are as a rule better mannered and more interesting than uneducated men.

They are also more employable; moreover the young soldier surrounded by terrible temptation is occupied during the leisure hours which are inevitable in a military training.

The gates of knowledge are set ajar, and the result already is that the old contemptible army of learning has left the barrack rooms of Cologne, and he who is lucky enough to be chosen as a student goes joyfully to his lectures and to pass what many tell us are the happiest days of their life in the Army of the Rhine.

A WORSHIPFUL COMPANY.

WHEN PEACE IS RATIFIED.

The worshipful company of staff officers.

I hesitated for a moment on the doorstep; the big board with "Officers' Mess" painted across it stared me in the face. "Dare I enter?" I said to myself. Some four months previously, prior to my wife's advent in Cologne, I had been a member of that mess, and I wondered what would be my greeting on entering now. I plucked up my courage, however, and pushed the door open. There was a little group seated round the ante-room fire, arguing vehemently, but the argument ceased and all eyes were turned on me as I entered the door. "Come here, you giddy battle-thinker!—Just the man we want to see!—look at his pretty colours!" These, and similar epithets were hurled at me in succession.

I must explain that, since leaving the mess, I have become one of that noble band who have risen—according to their own opinions, by sheer hard work and perseverance, and according to all regimental officers, by sheer thick headedness and lack of brains—to the lofty heights of a Staff Officer, an honour which carries with it the right to relieve the drab of the eternal khaki by means of bits of colour on the lapels of the tunic, and coloured armbands round the right arm!

The whole group round the fire rose and greeted me with open arms. "We have a question which you, being a member of the Worshipful Company of Staff officers, can answer," said Dyer, with huch unnecessary emphasis on the superfluous aspirate. Dyer, who is a regimental officer, is firmly convinced that all who wear "tabs" of whatever colour are banded together into a society, more secret than the fabled Mafia, one of the strictest rules being that members are never to give away any information.

"If there is any way in which I can assist to unburden your weak intellects, I shall be delighted to do so", I replied.

"We have heard", said Dyer, "that when peace is ratified"—he was interrupted by a chorus of groans,—"When peace is ratified", he emphasised the first word still more strongly,—"There is a rumour afoot that we shall no longer be permitted to travel on trains, trams and similar institutions free of charge, but will have to pay our fares like common civilians! Is it true, Mr. Staff Officer?"

Dyer and I used to be great friends, but his nasty habit of jeering whenever he and I happened to enter the same tram and he saw me paying my twenty-five pfennigs for my wife's fare, broke the threads of our friendship, consequently the picture of Dyer gingerly tending three dirty blue pieces of paper each marked "10" to a triumphantly smiling conductor who deliberately smooths out the creases in the notes and gives him 5 pfennigs and a piece of paper labelled "25" in return, was beautiful to imagine.

"Your information is perfectly correct", I replied. "I really cannot see why you should not pay your fare."

"B-b-but", he gasped, "Have we won, or have we lost, this war?".

"My dear fellow," I answered, "Do please use what few brains you have. How do you expect Fritz is going to pay the indemnity if you and your colleagues do not pay your fares?"

Dyer was getting visibly more puzzled. "Are we to pay our own blooming indemnity then?" he asked. "Of course you have to, that is what Fritz has always intended you to do."

He was silent for a moment, and knowing him of old, I expected that a commencement of hostilities was not far distant, and consequently I moved nearer the door, and ordered my drink. Dyer was still thinking when my whisky and soda arrived, so I hastily sampled nearly half of it.

"Well, there is only one consolation," he said slowly, as he recovered his speech. "You will have to pay as well, in spite of your pretty colours and your shut-this-door-and-don't-make-a-damn-noise-airs'."

I finished my whisky before answering, and then turned to him with my best what-I-said-to-the-General manner. "I intend proposing that all Staff Officers shall, in consequence of the importance of their work, be issued free season tickets on all such concerns! Mr. Dyer will pay for my whisky," I added to the waiter, and just shut the door behind me in time to hear the rain of match-boxes, pipes, books, etc. descending on the other side.

HARRIS BARTLETT.

CAN YOU WRITE?

We pay for all literary contributions to "The Cologne Post," and are pleased to consider articles, humorous sketches and poems by members of the Rhine Army. No article should exceed 500 words, and shorter ones can be submitted.

DREAMLAND AND A DREAM.

A NEW YEAR STORY.

I had just come down from the mess and had dined well.

The fire in my billet gratified, and it was with a sigh of satisfaction that I soothed my sense of animal comfort, and sank into the inviting softness of an easy chair. The wind howled outside, and snow was falling in a manner that boded discomfort for pedestrians. But I was at peace with all the world. My body and my mind were lulled to a state of drowsiness by the cheerful warmth of the roaring fire.

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I was back in Blighty and the proud possessor of a new suit of "civvies," cut in the latest fashion. Moreover it was New Years's Eve, and I was feeling ready to honour the time-honoured customs to which I had been such a stranger whilst in khaki. I was just finishing my third glass of old and mellow port when a thunderous knock heralded the approach of a stranger. But I was wrong, for no stranger would walk into my house in such a manner. A head was thrust into the room a curly head which surmounted a cheerful face and a pair of laughing eyes—and then I recognised him. It was my old chum, Jack Mann, whom I thought was still in Salonica. And he was in "civvies."

"You demobbed?" was our mutual greeting, and soon we were exchanging confidences and experiences as old friends always do when they meet.

"And now for a real old time New Year's Eve," said Jack. "Can you remember the good old days when we used to go 'first-footing,' and generally drink more port than was good for us?"

"Yes," I replied, "And what is more, we shall sample quite a number of peoples' port to-night."

But my forecast was wrong for no sooner were we in the street—it was quite early, about a quarter past eight—when a mutual friend invited us to go with him. And in a neighbouring hotel he kept us busy drinking port and whisky, which he supplied whilst we related our experiences at home and abroad. By the time we left the hotel Jack and I were very garrulous and inclined to sway about in a most alarming fashion. But in any case it was New Year's Eve, and the world would forgive us. "First-footing", however, was entirely out of the question, so when Jack proposed a visit to the theatre, I agreed.

Somehow or other we at last managed two box seats in a popular theatre, where a still more popular revue was being staged before an appreciative audience. As soon as we were seated, Jack produced a box of chocolates, full of the most delicious creams.

"Look at that poor kid," Jack said rather thickly. "She looks half starved," and he pointed out a girl with white face and appealing eyes, in the line of chorus girls. The face was nearest to our box, and Jack dropped a big, rich, chocolate over the side of the box. Shortly afterwards the sweet was transferred to the mouth of the girl, and heartily consumed. At the same time she shot up a glance to us which was purely "Oliver Twistish" in character. And soon she had gauged Jack's drops to such a nicety that the creams were dropping straight into her mouth, which seemed to be assuming appalling proportions.

As he dropped each dainty tit-bit my chum leaned further out of the box and by the time he had finished his self-imposed task of Charity he was in a very dangerous position. And just as he let go of his last precious sweet, he lost his balance and fell. In a futile effort to pull him back I found myself being dragged over with him. Down, down, down, we went hurtling through the heated atmosphere of the theatre and ever that capacious cavity yawned below us until in my flight I compared it with the darkest caves of Hades.

Two feet separated us from the cavern of Greed and then—

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Some one was pulling my shoulder. "Hey, sergeant, here's a letter for you," said a voice and I blinked into the face of my Corporal, with the terror of my dream experience still upon me.

"Oh," I gasped weakly, "Am I still in the Army?" He gazed at me in a queer manner and walked out of the room.

My fire had burnt itself low and after building it up to its former size I tu ned to my letter. This is it.

Dear Wilf,

Have been "sweating" on "demob" for the last fortnight but nothing has turned up yet. You will most probably get this letter on New Year's Eve and, at that time, like myself will no doubt be thinking of the happy times we had together at home. Hope you have better luck in the way of "demob" than I have had.

Yours, Jack Mann.

ARGUS.

LEST WE FORGET.

Now the carnage red is ended, and the men
who have defended
Britain's honour in her hour of sore distress.
Come with Triumph in their bearing,
victory's well won laurels bearing,
Who have nobly borne the conflict's strain
and stress.
Now unto the skies we laud them, while
we welcome and applaud them
And throughout the land our loud Bravo's!
shall ring
Now with thankful hearts we'll meet them,
and heartily we'll greet them
Gallant lads, who fought for God, and
Home, and King.

Now the peace which they faced death for,
which we prayed with bated breath for.
Has been granted us, and Victory is secure.
What reward shall we then render, to the
men who scorned surrender.
Who were strong, to dare! to suffer! to
endure!
Some are strife worn, bruised, and broken,
every scar is War's grim token.
Every wound is proof of steadfeast loyalty.
Let us loyalty then show them. Don't forget
the debt we owe them.
Who have borne the battle's brunt for you
and me.

PTE. JAS DAVEY.

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

Our Readers' Varied Views.

THE SHORTEST WILL.

Sir,—You mention Lieutenant Kirkley's will as the shortest on record. This is not correct.

The shortest will on record was made some twenty years ago by Mr. Thorn, of Streatham, who left some £8,000 to his wife, with these words, "All to Mother" The two sons witnessed the will, which was valid.

HUGH MOEDOR.

SILLY FILMS.

Sir,—The controversy on this subject has been allowed to drift beside the point. It is not a question of nationality in films at all, although as a frequent visitor to cinemas when in England I feel bound to say that most of the silly pictures shown are American.

My own opinion as to the reason for presenting so much ridiculous rubbish on the screen, in which people are shown scrambling over housetops, overturning stalls and house furniture, firing pistols at anybody and anything, etc., is that a sufficiently large sum is paid artistes to "act the goat."

The only way to stop such silly shows is to walk out when they are screened. After all they are only fit for children to see, and it seems that the managers do not estimate the intelligence of the adult section of the audience as being any higher than that of a child.

It is a pity if managers cannot show any comic films without portraying so much nonsense and useless mimicry.

INTERESTED.

ANOTHER QUERY.

Sir,—I wonder if any of your readers can enlighten me as to whether the same rules apply to German football as to ours.

Watching a game, I was struck by the constant infringement of the rules of the game, players pushing, fouling and throwing the ball in, in absurd fashion.

The referee stood on the touchline and only blew the wistie for half-time. The players seem to have no fixed idea of the game, forwards, half-backs and backs each following the ball indiscriminately all over the field.

The enthusiasm for the game introduced by our troops, has got firmly fixed in the German youths though I think another generation will have to pass before they get a true grip of the game.

P.B.

OUR SOUVENIR NUMBER.

Sir,—If tribute were required to the excellence of your souvenir number it is furnished by "Bonnie," who is evidently disappointed and quite naturally, through the exclusion of Bonn from the resumé of events during the Occupation.

I hope you will accede to his request for another special number, though personally I am more than satisfied with the present production which adds one more debt to that which the Rhine Army already owes the "Cologne Post."

MARIENBURG.

DESIRABLE PUBLIC HOUSES.

Sir,—"Reformer" is of course entitled to his views but does he suggest for one moment that English wives and sweethearts would for one moment enter a public house even though it were run on the lines suggested by him?

Continental ideas are alright in their way when confined to the continent but I do not believe for a moment the licensing justices at home would countenance the institution of public houses on these lines.

Does he pretend for one moment that the beer cafés of the Rhineland are not productive of drunkenness just because one is enabled to drink in the open-air and to the strains of a motley party of musicians? Any observer is aware that they are productive of drunkenness not confined to one sex either. Call on one at a late hour and look around, and notice the semi-inebriated condition of the majority of the people to be found there, a state which is increased as the evening wears on.

There are many ways of amusing the masses without tempting people to drink wines and liquors by the provision of profit making concerns as those outlined by "Reformer."

ANTI-DRINK.

Sir,—I am at one with "Reformer" in his expression of opinions as to improved drinking facilities in that good old country of ours.

Let us have good open-air dancing and drinking cafés instead of the smoke-laden, germ-generating, uninteresting, old interiors of the average hotel and public-house bar. There, is to be found increased temptations to drink because there is nothing to command one's attention and nothing stimulating about the whole show.

Give us cabarets, good turns such as those doing duty on the music halls, and let us be merry and bright.

TOPER.

Sir,—I gladly accept the invitation of "Reformer" to express an opinion with regard to reformed public-houses at home. I agree that they require to be brightened, but there is another point to which I would call attention. It is the average English Sunday.

If ever the song "All dressed up, and nowhere to go" carried any real meaning it does with regard to our Sabbath at home.

The masses put on their best clothes, are glad for the respite from the daily grind, and then wonder where they can go, particularly in the winter-time.

As a general rule the day's programme is as dead as mutton, and is productive of that Monday morning feeling of which we know so much.

JIMMY.

MUSIC (?) HATH CHARMS.

Sir,—Cannot you start a public subscription for the demolition of the organ (or harmonium, or whatever the wretched instrument is) that figures so largely and loudly in the orchestra at the Ewige Lampe Club?

I have seldom been in the "Earwig" without seeing someone or other borderng on insanity as a result of the weird and depressing noises emanating from this conglomeration of inharmonious reeds.

I will willingly head the subscription list.

MUSICUS.

ALL LEADERS WIN.

The Villa Making Great Headway.

RECORD SCORE IN DIV. II.

It takes ones memory back a few years ago to recall a holiday season succession of games which provided such few surprises. The outstanding feature of the matches has been the consistent form of the leaders.

West Bromwich added Derby County to their list of victims at the Birminghan enclosure and although the "Rams" made several changes they failed to hold the dashing "Throstles". Newcastle were all over Manchester United and only the brilliant display of Mew in goal saved the Mancurians from a decisive defeat.

Preston did well to take a point from Burnley and Manchester City caugh Sunderland without Buchan operating and defeated the weakened Wearsiders at Hyde Road.

Liverpool surprised by accounting for their neighbours and the Arsenal improved their splendid away record at the expense of Sheffield Wednesday. The Villa won handsomely at Oldham and are now eighth on the table. Their recent performances are making their supporters hope for League honours. It is not an impossible feat. Notts County certainly found Bradford City's weak spot and greatly improved their goal average.

SECOND LEAGUE.

The sensation of the holiday was Hull's defeat of Wolverhampton by ten goals to three. The aggregate score is a record for Second League football. Such scoring recalls Aston Villa's ten against Sheffield Wednesday at Christmastide a few years before the war.

Tottenham took their revenge when Barnsley visited the Metropolis, while Birmingham have got out of the losing rut by winning over Grimsby. Coventry's draw at Clapton was a good performance and their goal scoring efforts are receiving their long due reward. An unfortunate occurrence for them was that Roberts put through his own goal.

Bristol City were a fortunate side to draw at Blackpool where they relied on a "packed goal" to save themselves. Fulham had themselves to blame for not winning at Rotherham where Cock failed from a penalty.

Huddersfield's remarkable form brings them into the running for Second League honours and what a sensation it would be if they managed to go to Leeds as first leaguers,

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Watford's terrible fall at Southampton, after beating the leaders at Portsmouth was a good index to holiday form. They could do nothing right and their keeper had a busy afternoon. Crystal Palace by their victory over Millwall are now second on the table and a keen struggle is promised for this Division's honours. Portsmouth easily accounted for Newport and Luton gave Reading a shock when winning at the Biscuit town.

Cardiff City, visitors to Brentford, provided a surprise by bagging both the points at issue, while Gillingham deserved their point at Bristol. Northampton's fall at home to Brighton must be causing uneasiness. Home wins, bar the one on Boxing Day, seem beyond them and their display was wretched. Swansea were fortunate at Plymouth and the Argyle, with Flood absent for 70 minutes, deserved at least one point.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Rangers did well to win at Ayr, but as Celtic accounted for Third Lanark no change in the relative positions takes place. Dumbarton were "expected" at Falkirk but failed by the odd goal in five. Morton's six at Edinburgh where the Hearts scored three, was a surprising occurrence.

Kilmarnock always do well at Hampden Park and added to their record by administering another Queen's defeat.

Appended are the results:—

The League.—Division I.

Bolton Wanderers	2	Blackburn Rov.	1
Bradford	1	Middlesbrough	1
Burnley	1	Preston N. E.	1
Sheffield Wednesday	0	The Arsenal	1
Chelsea	1	Sheffield United	0
Live pool	3	Everton	1
Manchester City	1	Sunderland	0
Notts County	5	Bradford City	2
Oldham Athletic	0	Aston Villa	3
West Bromwich Alb.	3	Derby County	0
Newcastle United	2	Manchester United	1

The League.—Division II.

Birmingham	4	Grimsby Town	0
Blackpool	0	Bristol City	0
Clapton Orient	2	Coventry City	2
Hull City	10	Wolverhampton W.	3
Lincoln City	2	Bury	1
Rotherham City	1	Fulham	1
South Shields	3	Stockport County	2
Stoke	3	Leicester City	0
Tottenham Hotspur	4	Barnsley	0
West Ham United	1	Huddersfield Town	1

Southern League.

Bristol Rovers	1	Gillingham	1
Brentford	1	Cardiff City	2
Crystal Palace	1	Millwall	0
Merthyr Town	2	Exeter City	1
Northampton	1	Brighton and Hove	5
Norwich City	3	Queen's Park Rang.	1
Plymouth Argyle	0	Swansea Town	1
Portsmouth	3	Newport County	1
Reading	1	Luton	1
Southampton	5	Watford	1
Southend United	0	Swindon	1

Scottish League.

Airdrieonians	2	Aberdeen	0
Ayr United	0	Glasgow Rangers	3
Celtic	2	Third Lanark	1
Clydebank	4	Raith Rovers	1
Dundee	3	Hibernians	1
Falkirk	3	Dumbarton	2
Hamilton Academic.	2	Clyde	2
Hearts	3	Greenock Morton	6
Partick Thistle	2	Albion Rovers	0
Queen's Park	1	Kilmarnock	3
St. Mirren	2	Motherwell	1

RUGBY UNION.

Richmond	13	Old Alleynians	8
Harlequins	0	Blackheath	23
Rosslyn Park	11	United Services	26
Leicester	22	R.A.F.	5
Swansea	0	Aberavon	3
Newport	19	Barbarians	0
Bristol	0	Pontypool	8
Gloucester	9	Llanelly	13
Cardiff	46	Old Merchant Taylors	5
Neath	9	London Welsh	4
Cheltenham	13	Glasgow University	0
Bath	0	Crosskeys	0
Nuneaton	15	Moseley	3
Southport	3	Clyde	2
Tyldesley	46	Bowdon Rangers	5
Heaton Moor	19	Liverpool	6
Sale	22	Broughton Park	11
Broughton Park A.	3	Sale A.	40
Old Salfordians	31	Manchester Y.M.C.A.	0
Kersal	3	St. Helens Old Boys	17

THE GREAT FIGHT.

Cochran's Views about Dempsey's Terms.

LATEST OFFER.

It will be a relief to hear that a decision has been arrived at as to the terms of the big fight between Carpentier and Dempsey. The long drawn out terms controversy is getting just a little tiring, and the bargaining by promoters for the privilege of staging the world's championship is becoming ludicrous in its magnitude.

A telegram from New York contains the latest details of Mr. Cochran's negotiations, which he disclosed in the course of an interview. He declared that Dempsey is too good a business man to risk the chance of his title growing cold before finally closing to fight Carpentier, pointing out that there is always a possibility that the Frenchman may be beaten while the negotiations are in progress. In the event of such a happening, Dempsey's chance of a big purse would obviously be lost. For this reason, if for no other, Mr. Cochran believes that the champion will be amenable to terms.

Cochran's Confidence.

Continuing his interview, Mr. Cochran says:—"I telegraphed Dempsey's manager an offer on Thursday. It is too soon to expect an answer, but I am confident that the uselessness of Dempsey considering any other offer will be realised, as I have bound Carpentier indefinitely that the fight will take place at Olympia towards the end of 1920."

Mr. Cochran scorned the possibility of Dempsey refusing to leave the United States, having received absolute assurance that Dempsey is willing to fight in any part of Europe if paid a high enough sum. In the meantime it seems that there is no possibility of Mr. Cochran agreeing to the fight being staged in America.

YANK TREBLE.

Moore, Lewis and Griffiths Win at the Albert Hall.

More particulars are now to hand of the Albert Hall boxing on Boxing night, and to the victories of Lewis and Griffiths, reported in our last issue, must be added that of Pal Moore.

The American stable thus brought off a treble, all winning before the full number of rounds had been boxed.

Lewis was a disappointment at long-range fighting, but he was sufficiently master of Matt Wells to cause the old Lynn man to retire for the first time in his career. Possibly the presence of Basham had something to do with Lewis' restraint at long-range work.

Griffiths is a good man, and outclassed Charles. Enthusiasts will flock to his next fight.

The Moore-Criqui contest was the best of the three. The Frenchman was the better boxer, as we have been taught to understand boxing, but Moore sometimes scored at the rate of three to one. Moore was warned several times for hitting with the open glove. Criqui in the fourteenth round claimed that he had been hit low, and as his appeal was ignored he retired at the end of the session.

REEVE'S RETURN.

His Chances in his fight with Billy Wells.

In view of the meeting of Billy Wells and Harry Reeve on Jan. 27th, the question being asked is:—Will Reeve go the way of most of Wells' English opponents? He does not think so himself, and makes no secret of faith in his ability to beat the ex-champion. I was talking to Reeve yesterday, and he got going on form. "Take," said he, "my fight with Beckett as a guide. I only had one leg to stand on, yet managed to prevent him doing me any damage to speak of, and moreover, I put him on the floor once for nine seconds. Then the wound in my leg opened, and I had to hold out my hand for the first time in my life.

"Now, I think you will agree that Wells did not make nearly such a good show against the Southampton man." It is an old saying that comparisons are odious, and it is also true that collateral form in boxing is often misleading, but one must admit on the evidence as given by Reeve that he has a splendid chance of defeating Wells on January 27.

WHAT COGHILL SAYS.

Gordon Coghill, the Australian, stated at the Albert Hall on Friday that he wants to meet Goddard again. "I will bet him another century that he can't repeat his victory," he said. "I don't want to make any excuses," he continued, "but I feel sure I would not have lost my strength as I did had I fed a couple of hours later.

"You see, I was due to enter the ring at ten o'clock according to the articles, and it was 11.30 before the fight began. I would have given anything for a drink of champagne in the fourth round when I felt my strength going."

Olympic Boxing Events.

Boxing is to be included in the Olympic Games at Antwerp next year. The weights that have been agreed upon are: Fly, bantam, feather, light, welter, middle, and light-heavy.

NORTHERN UNION.

Swinton	3	Barrow	8
Batley	9	Leigh	9
Bramley	9	St Helens Recreation	2
Bradford	0	Huddersfield	23
Broughton Rangers	15	St. Helens	0
Hunslet	0	Dewsbury	21
*York	3	Hull	3
Hull Kingston R.	0	Widnes	3
Halifax	0	Leeds	2
Rochdale	25	Oldham	2
Wigan	4	Warrington	15
Wakefield Trinity	16	Keighley	0

*Abandoned at half-time.

Army defeated.

Corinthians	7	Army	2

KEEN LOCAL GAMES.

52nd Manchesters Win Northern Bde. Competition.

HIGH SCORING.

At the present time there is no dearth of football in Rhineland and during the week-end several keenly contested games were decided.

One of the principal matches was the final of the Northern Brigade Knock-out Competition, which after a keen struggle was won by the 52nd Manchesters.

52nd MANCHESTERS 4
52nd KINGS LIVERPOOLS 1.

Before approximately 1,500 spectators these teams met to decide the final of the Northern Bde. Knock-out Competition on the Hofgarten, Bonn. The weather was overcast, but fair, while the ground was on the soft side. Intense excitement prevailed among the rival supporters of the opposing teams.

Although the Liverpools pressed at the commencement it was soon evident that the Manchesters would not allow them to have things all their own way. It was the left wing of the King's which was causing anxiety. Atkinson, the "Merseysider's" outside right, put in a very neat shot, but Tinney hesitated and missed a good opportunity. C.Q.M.S. Tinney later made two valiant attempts to open the scoring but failed.

THE FIRST GOAL.

The first goal came as a result of the bad state of the ground; Tyler stumbled when about to clear and Lieut. Lewis (King's) nipped in and scored. This reverse put the Mancunians on their mettle; they attacked with determination and equalised three minutes later through Chadwick, centre forward. At this stage the game underwent a decided change and little doubt was left in the minds of the spectators but that the Manchester men would win. Time and again they put in excellent shots which might easily have resulted in goals but for the remarkably fine display of "keeping" by Beatty. With only five minutes to go before the interval Chadwick, after a scrambling effort, again got through and the half-time total was:—52nd Manchester 2; 52nd Liverpool Regt. 1;

GREAT KEENNESS.

Roughly three thousand spectators had assembled when the game was resumed. Both sides showed the utmost keenness, and it was evident that it was going to be a fight to the finish. Play continued for the majority of the time in the King's half and Beatty many times rose to the occasion in fine style. The Manchesters third goal was registered by Price, who converted a very neat pass from Blackstone.

An infringement of the rules enabled Donnelly, who took the free kick, to add goal No. 4, the last of the match. In the later stages the Liverpools were quite outplayed and the Manchesters deserved their victory.

Final score:—52nd Manchester 4; 52nd Kings Liverpools 1.

Among the outstanding players was Beatty, who saved his side from a much heavier defeat; Harrison, who well maintained his reputation for smartness; Tinney, who is an excellent forward, very fast and possessing a powerful kick; Scholfield was very sound in defence; Chadwick showed a return to his true form and did useful work, and Price, who, in spite of his lack of weight, made some fine individual runs.

TWO HAT TRICKS.

Inniskilling Dragoons heavily Trounce B.A.C. Rhine Garrison.

At Westhoven in the first round of the Rhine Garrison Cup, played before a large crowd, the B.A.C. met with defeat at the hands of the fine Cavalry side. The game commenced by the B.A.C. kicking off and except for a blob attack in the first few minutes of the game by the Column forwards, which was met by the cool and collected Inniskilling defence, the B.A.C. remained on the defensive.

The scoring opened through Sgt. Bennett who dribbled close into the goal and beat the goal-keeper with a fine shot. The second point was scored by Keys, the third by Southwell, the fourth by Bennett, the fifth by Southwell, sixth by Bennett, and the seventh by Southwell, some very fine runs by Sgt. Vince put the opponents' defence in a complete mist, this player being faultlessly fed throughout the game by the Cavalry's little right-half.

The Cavalry left-half also played a great part in the victory by the hemming-in of the Column's outside-right, who is undoubtedly a class winger, and had he been better partnered some scoring would have accrued. Of the Cavalry forwards Sgt. Bennett was easily the best.

REMARKABLE SCORING.

Con. Camp score eight goals in twenty minutes.

On the Pola-Wiesen ground, on Xmas morning, the Rhine Concentration Camp and No. 2. C.C.S. met in a friendly encounter; what was expected to be an interesting game, turned out a poor and very one-sided match. However, although the "Con. Camp" pressed throughout, half-time arrived with no score; this being chiefly due to a strong cross wind, which made combination almost impossible.

The second half opened with a general assault on the "Medics" goal, but the "Con. Camp" could do everything but score. However, when Cpl. Bond opened the scoring for the "Con. Camp" with a low shot in the corner of the net, the "Medicals" seemed to collapse, and in 20 mins. eight goals were scored, through Cpl. Boyd 3, L/C Thompson 2, Jebb 1, Clark 1, and Green completed the scoring, while the C.C.S. stood appealing for offside. Nothing further occurred, and the "Con. Camp" won by eight clear goals.

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Jimmy McPher cted. the popular Newcastl in Holland acting

Creedy has been appointe R. H. Brade as Permanent ry to the War Office.

RUGBY REVIVAL.

The France v. Scotland Match on New Year's Day.

STRONG FIFTEENS.

Followers of Rugby in all countries where the sport is familiar are making no effort to disguise their gratification at the fact that the regrettable dispute of 1913 in connection with the match between France and Scotland has so far blown over that the international matches are to be revived.

The great international is to take place in Paris on New Year's day, and it is stated that M. Paul Deschanel, President of the Chamber of Deputies, will in his official capacity be present. This fact shows a new spirit by the French Government for the encouragement of sport and emphasises the importance of the match.

Scotland's team, on paper, looks distinctly useful, including as it does no fewer than seven old "caps." These are A. T. Sloan and A. W. Angus in the three quarter line; J. H. Hume and A. S. Hamilton, halves; A. D. Laing; C. M. Usher and A. Wemyss, forward.

The French Team.

The French team will be very different from that which was so easily disposed of by New Zealand when the players were chosen from the Army only and not, as is the case in the international, from the whole of France. As a matter of fact only two members of the former team will be included on Thursday.

Here in Germany, the liveliest interest is being taken in the match, and many enthusiasts will spare no efforts in endeavouring to be present.

A writer points out the absurdity of the rules governing the eligibility of players, pointing out that Dr. I. C. Fanmy, the former Edinburgh University half back, who is to play in the Scottish three quarter line, has already played in a Welsh Rugby Union trial this year.

BILLIARDS.

Champion Returns to Form in Victory Tourney.

On Saturday in the fourth heat of the victory billiards tournament at Burroughs Hall, Inman displayed considerable improvement on recent form in his match against Reece. From the commencement of the match, which was one of 16,000 up, Inman steadily reduced the 1,500 which he conceded his opponent, and won by 499. The final scores were:—

Inman 16,000
Reece 15,501

Breaks Inman:—103, 138, 257, 207.
Reece:—157, 211, 112, 123, 100, 151.

At Thurston the scores were:—

Newman... 7,000
Falkiner... 4,468

Breaks Newman:—280, 140, 116, 145, 163, 216, 107.
Falkiner:—249, 237, 110, 274.

ENGLISH RACING.

Good Time for Backers at Kempton.

The Kempton Park holiday fixture, which concluded on Saturday, was little short of a backers' paradise, seeing that every race yielded a result profitable to the majority of the punters.

It was quite a well-balanced card with no dull intervals for walk-overs such as have been experienced of late. Every winner was an easy one at the finish, but that between Matruh and Killigray was an evenly fought-out contest between the pair practically from the start, the remainder being easily beaten off quite early.

Matruh was attempting something very big in trying to give 31lb. to his younger Weyhill rival, and as well as he struggled up to a couple of furlongs from home he had to rest content with second honours.

King's Carol merely had to hack-canter the last half a mile to win the Sunbury 'Chase, as three of his opponents had fallen and the other two, L.B. and Cresley, were some distance behind. The latter gave his usual sorry display, and there is no doubt the early speed of the winner carried him off his legs.

Results.

Waterloo Selling 'Chase.—Wee Sandy (8—13), 1; Our Boy (5—1), 2; The Admiralty 3—1), 3. Three ran.

Chiswick Hurdle.—Llanthony (5—4 on), 1; Dismount (100—8), 2; Flaming Fire (3—1), 3.

Sunbury 'Chase.—King's Carol (2—1). 1; L.B. (10—1), 2; Cresley (2—1), 3.

Twickenham Hurdle.—Killigray (7—4), 1; Matruh (7—4), 2; Cricket (7—1), 3.

Shepperton 'Chase.—Martes (evens), 1; South Lodge (11—10), 2.

Mortlake Hurdle.—Eston Jetty (7—4), 1; Last Born (5—4 on), 2; Priority (10—1), 3.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

Stockwell Hurdle.—Joffrette (10—1), 1; West (evens), 2; Brunswick (10—1), 3.

Open Three Y.O. Hurdle.—Merry Aldford 5—2), 1; Charioteer (7—2), 2; Gavrelle (9—2), 3.

Wolverhampton Hurdle.—Jenny Jones (6—5 on), 1; Vanitie (7—2), 2; Pennent (8—1), 3.

Staunton Handicap 'Chase.—Warbine (9—4 on), 1; Birvani (3—1), 2.

Staveley 'Chase.—Copper Hill (6—4 on), 1; Ballymendel (3—1), 2; Free Gift (10—1), 3.

Dunstall Park 'Chase.—Cyrill's Hope (evens), 1; Great Crime (5—1), 2; Wild Cat (6—1), 3.

LEOPARDSTOWN.

Three-Y.O. Optional Selling Hurdle.—Young Brian (5—4 on), 1; Castanea (20—1), 2; Fealty (100—8), 3; 15 ran.

Handicap Hurdle Race.—Navan Boy (10—1), 1; Red Spider (10—1), 2; Fethernay (5—1), 3. 9 ran.

Leopardstown Steeplechase.—St. Pam (10—1), 1; Serpolette (10—1), 2; Picture Saint 4—1), 3; 11 ran.

Tower Selling Handicap Steeplechase.—Captain Scott 6—4), 1; Craganock (50—1), 2; Gallant Tipp (5—4), 3; 5 ran.

St. Stephen's Handicap Steeplechase.—Clonree (5—2), 1; Ocean Star (4—1), 2; Long Lough (4—1), 3. 8 ran.

AMUSEMENTS AND RECREATIONS.

Sunday Concert.

Operatic selections, well chosen and admirably rendered by members of the Opera House, were the chief features of the usual Sunday concert at the Deutsches Theatre. The ever popular Wanda Achsel charmed her hearers with her magnificent soprano voice. She included in her number Hans Hermann's beautiful "Legende," "Csardas" from "Fledermaus" by Strauss, and the duet from "Mignon" in the latter her voice blending perfectly with that of Karl Renner. The latter, too, contributed several solo items with customary power and technical perfection. Therese Pott was a new-comer who scored a distinct success with her pianoforte solos. Her playing was marked by wonderful precision and a thorough sense of the dramatic. The programme was judiciously relieved by four numbers in English, in submitting which Lieut. Norman Ingall, R.E., revealed the possession of a baritone voice of exceptional richness and range. The accompanists were Mary Jansen and Arthur Engel, both of whom did their work sympathetically.

Amusements and Refreshments.

I hear that negotiations are in progress between the Amusements Office and the N.A.C.B. with the object of the latter taking over the provision of refreshments—liquid and otherwise—at the Deutsches Theatre and the Skating Rink. The innovation, if it should materialise, will be hailed with the greatest satisfaction by devotees of both places. As it is at present one may go into the bar at the Deutsches and order either sherry, vermouth or port, and be served with the identical drink taken from rows of glasses of mysterious fluid tactfully prepared before the doors are opened.

A Chance for budding Thespians.

If there are any budding Robeys or Vesta Tilleys among you people in the Rhine Army, roll up to the Amusements Office and enlist your services for the great pantomime, in connection with which rehearsals commence to-morrow. Already the principal characters for Robinson Crusoe, which is the pantomime in question, have been cast, but there are big deficiencies in the minor parts and the chorus. Captain Haygarth will be very pleased to receive names of volunteers.

"Loud Laughter."

We have often heard from the lips of those cheery people whose business it is to administer to our entertainment requirements the expression "Pulling the house down." Seldom, however, is the achievement performed literally. At the Palace Theatre on Saturday night, Corporal Ellis created such a great burst of laughter that a large chunk of the ceiling fell in. Fortunately nobody was hurt by the incident and the resourceful comedian did not fail to grasp an opportunity to make witty references anent earthquakes.

Christmas Panto.

Bookings for the Inniskilling Dragoons, Pantomime "Aladdin", which is to be produced at the Metropol theatre on the 1st of January, have been enormous. It was announced in these columns a day or two ago that the evening performance on Saturday Jan. 3rd would be dispensed with and that a matinee only would be given on that day. Owing to the big demand for seats it has now been decided to give an evening performance.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Tues.	Tannhäuser	Wagner	6	10
Wed.	Barbier von Sevilla	Rossini	6.30	9.30
Thurs.	The Woman without Shadow	Strauss	6	10.5
Fri.	Hansel und Gretel	Humperdinck	6	8
Sat.	Die Zauberflöte	Mozart	7	10.30
Sun.	Lobetanz	Thuile	7	9.30
Mon.	Tales of Hoffmann	Offenbach	7	10
Tues.	Tristan und Isolde	Wagner	6	10.45

"Etceteras" Concert Party.

A delightful concert was given on Sunday evening at the British Empire Leave Club by Madame Bertha Moore, O.B.E., and the "Etceteras" Concert Party. Many were turned away; even standing room was not possible.

The Concert opened with a piano solo rendered by Mr. Robert Elkins. Violin solos were played by Miss Dorothy Brooks with great brilliance of execution. Madame Bertha Moore and Miss Marjorie Moore sang some delightful duets, one of which, "Le Coeur de ma Mie," especially appealed to the audience.

The Prologue to "Pagliacci" was beautifully sung by Mr. Colin Ashdown, who gave "Homing" as an encore. Three recitations by Miss Marjorie Moore gave much enjoyment and caused much mirth and merriment. Mr. Hugh Sidthorpe thoroughly mystified his audience with his wonderful skill as a conjuror.

At the close of the Concert Colonel Levey voiced the feeling of the huge audience, and in apt words thanked Madame Bertha Moore and her Concert Party for the most enjoyable evening they had so kindly given.

The Deutsches.

Doubtless owing to the numberless counter-attractions in Cologne, the remarkably fine production at the Deutsches Theatre, "The Knight of the Burning Pestle," did not come in for the amount of support and patronage it demands and deserves, at the initial performances.

On Friday night, however, I found a full house and it was at once evident that there were not two opinions as to the merit of the performance. Rarely have I seen Deutsche's audiences more enthusiastic and appreciative and those who have been fortunate enough to enjoy some of the B. R. A. D. C's most popular productions will have some idea of the manner in which the play was received.

The style of this play has been previously dealt with in these columns and all it is necessary for me to say is that the execution was in every particular beyond reproach. There is a wealth of colour, the costumes being remarkably fine, while the acting would have done credit to a first class London company. A delightful feature of the "Revue" is the singing of Mr. Eric Morgan in the cheery part of Mr. Merrythought, his ditties being wonderfully catchy. Altogether a first class show and one which theatre lovers cannot afford to miss. The "Knight of the Burning Pestle" will be played each night of this week and I prophecy for it a run of exceptional success.

JACQUES.

HUGE LEAGUE "GATES."

Football Ever Increasing in Popularity.

The attendances at Saturday's League football matches in England and Wales were remarkable, and the aggregate of 628,000 spectators for the 32 matches of the First, Second, and Southern Leagues is easily a record for any single day.

Many grounds were taxed to the utmost, and at Tottenham the gates had to be closed before the game started and when there were still thousands outside—although 50,000 had been admitted.

To relieve the congestion on the terraces, many spectators were allowed to jump the fence and take up positions along the touch-line. There were 45,000 spectators on the Liverpool ground, and they got out of hand and crowded the enclosure to such an extent that the police had to clear the touch-line to enable Chedgzoy to take a corner kick.

There were 361,000 spectators at the 11 First League games, 151,000 at the 10 Second League games, and 116,000 at the 11 Southern League games. The attendance of 25,000 at West Ham was the record for the season, and the drawings were £1,980. Several First League "gates" during the past week have exceeded £3,000.

H.Q. KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION.

The knock-out competition for H.Q Troops teams is creating considerable interest among local "soccer" enthusiasts. At a conference at G.H.Q. on Saturday over which Major Morgan presided, the draw for the first round of the competition was decided. The matches which are to take place on Wednesday next will be as follows:—

Teams.	Referee.
20 M. A. C. v. R.A.S.C.	Cpl. Aggus, C.P.O.
R.E. Signals v. Vets Remounts	Cpl. Young, C.P.O.
C.P.O. v. Police	S.M. Aston 4th F.S.B
R.N. Flotilla v. R.A.M.C.	S.M. Warran A.B. and S.S.
R.A.F. v. R.A.L.C.	Sgt. Chamberlain F Corps Signal Coy.
G.H.Q. v. Labour Coy.	S.M. Whelan, Military Governors Office.
Transportation v. V.R.P.	S.M. Dogg 140 Fd. Amb.
Siege Park v. Tanks.	Pte. Day, M.T. Depot.

HEADQUARTERS LEAGUE.

Vetty and Remounts	1	G.H.Q.	1
V.R.P.	7	Tanks	1
R. E. Signals	3	Pay Office	1
Police	1	Transportation	1
R.A.F.	3	Siege Park	2

MILLWALL'S LATEST.

James Hodge, of Manchester United, arrived in London on Boxing-day, and in the afternoon turned out for Millwall Athletic, who had secured his transfer from the Old Trafford club. The fee was not disclosed, but it is understood to be four figures.

OUR COMPETITION.

Falling off in No. 14 contest.

The competition now under adjudication has, as was to be expected, fallen much below the usual total but now that the Christmas festivities are over we see no reason why the entries should not again reach a high level.

On Saturday we again had surprises and on the coupon matches one of the biggest upsets of the day was down to be forecasted. This was the defeat of Watford at Southampton and this result has floored the great majority of competitors. Six home teams won and three draws were effected while the only away winner was Kilmarnock who Prought about the downfall of Queen park at Hampden Park Glasgow.

On the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—

FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 15,
"Cologne Post,"
A.P.O./S. 40 Rhine Army.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 15.

Date of matches, Saturday, Jan. 3rd.
Closing date, Friday, Jan. 2nd.

Blackburn	v. W. Bromwich
Bradford City	v. Bradford
Arsenal	v. Manchester C.
S. Shields	v. Hull City
Bristol C.	v. Birmingham
Fulham	v. Stoke
Stockport	v. Tottenham
Northampton	v. Crystal Palace
Third Lanark	v. Airdrieonians
Kilmarnock	v. Ayr

I enter Football Competition No. 15 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions already announced and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed _____
(In block letters.)

Rank and No. _____

Unit _____

Full Address _____

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

All Indoors.

I do not remember seeing Cologne so quiet as it appeared about 10 o'clock in the morning of Christmas Day. The neighbourhood of the Dom was fairly busy but many of the main streets were deserted.

Father Rhine.

The Rhine is certainly in full flood now. The clock tower arrangement just below the Suspension Bridge seems to have reached its limit and in its endeavours to go one better came to grief. The whole of the roadway from the Hohenzollern Bridge to the Docks entrance is flooded to a depth of over a foot.

Tram Service held up.

The service of trams from Cologne to Bonn is restricted. Owing to the floods the trams are only able to reach the Docks just by Filzengraben. The No. 14 Car Service which usually runs up to the Dom and on to Nippes from just by the Hohenzollern Bridge can now only get as far as Rosenstrasse, and is in imminent danger of being stopped altogether as the Rodenkirchen end is under water.

Cut off.

The N.A.C.B. canteen at the Staplehaus is rapidly becoming an island. Entrance can still be gained from the back, although the river is still rising and threatens to entirely surround it. Two W.A.A.C. officers reached it on Sunday by means of an antiquated boat.

Worse at Sea.

A row boat is being used by the Rhine Flotilla to bring officers and men ashore. One thing the flood has done is to relieve the sentry who usually stands outside the Flotilla Headquarters, so it's an ill wind that blows nobody any good.

On the Front.

The inhabitants of the old houses on the Rhine front clustered round the Rathaus are having a very bad time. The water is as high as the first floor windows of some of these houses, which are unfortunately below the level of the roadway in a hollow.

Higher Up.

At Rodenkirchen many houses situated at the lower end of those streets running down towards the Rhine are under water to a depth of about six feet, the ground floor rooms in many cases being entirely under water.

Gone to Pastures New.

I hear of an officers' mess in a cafe on the other side of the Rhine which is now entirely surrounded, and left to its fate.

Wasted Labour.

Many hours of labour spent on the allotments on the eastern bank of the river are now fruitless. The turbulent Rhine is flowing over them.

Over the Road.

Two or three tugs moored at the Docks entrance are showing a tendency to come to rest on the tramlines. It seemed strange to see a small motor boat darting among the shipping on a level with the roadway, and boys boating over the surface of the road.

The Oberlander Ufer.

Along practically the whole length of the Oberlander Ufer the Rhine overflowed to the roadway. Gangways were to be seen resting on the top of the railings which border this part of the river and roadway.

Hung up.

By the irony of fate a large paddle steamer named the "Stadt Koeln" became wedged beneath the Suspension bridge, and it became necessary to remove part of the funnel and the upper structure to prevent her from poking through the bridge. She had been moored directly under the bridge.

"Hawkeye" in a new Role.

A noticeable character at the British Empire Leave Club Fancy Dress ball on Christmas Eve, was "Hawkeye", whose articles are well known to my readers. He was charmingly attired in a 17th century costume.

"COLOGNE POST" CELEBRITIES. VII. "RURAL."

Gone from him.

The spectacle of an immaculate top hat floating down the Rhine would probably be very amusing to all but the unfortunate owner. The hat in question became detached from a portly bourgeois, and his language, to say the very least of it, was vitriolic. It happened on the Sud Brucke.

Printer's Errors.

A striking example of the difficulty of producing a British paper, using foreign compositors who know no English, is afforded on p. 31 of our souvenir number. There, at the foot of the photographs of the B.R.A.D.C., is one line which was sent down late and escaped the proof-readers. One line, and it contains five or six printer's errors. In our everyday paper there are, say, some 3000 lines! Our proof readers do not do so badly, nicht wahr?

Charity.

The men of the 205th Divisional Employment Company have contributed two sums of £61.4s and 3,433 marks to "John Bull's" "Greatest of These" fund.

Early Mass.

In addition to the Cathedral there was High Mass at 4 a.m. in practically every city church on Christmas Day. A British officer, his wife and children were the only representatives of the A. of O. in one crowded church.

Deserted.

That popular summer resort, the Wald, at Königsforst, is no longer patronised on Sunday afternoons by gay parties of civilians. Chancing to be in that direction on Sunday, I could not help noticing how lonely it seemed after a comparison with the summer months.

A Misinterpretation.

An example of simplicity rather hard to beat was shown in a cafe. Two soldiers were about to leave, and one of them, finding himself out of cash, tendered a cheque payable on Messrs. Cook's. It was good for some sixty odd marks. But the fraulein, suspecting some catch, immediately upon reading the words thereon, exclaimed, "Ah, no; you try to twist me. This paper is only from the cook-house for food."

Decoration Afloat.

Traffic on the Rhine was suspended on Christmas Day, and many tugs with their flocks of barges were moored by the docks. Some pretty effects were to be seen, many of the tugs and barges having Christmas trees decorated with the usual ornaments and tied to the bowsprit. The motor launches of the Rhine Flotilla were similarly decorated.

Up from the Country.

Cologne was reminiscent of London during Bank Holiday days. The ubiquitous German business man was missing, most of the people one met being of the country cousin type, typical of the class who flock to London to see it when it is quiet. One portly frau I saw seemed to be having a busy time of it keeping an eye on her offspring of three sturdy lads.

Who'd go a Motoring?

Despite heavy rain a party started off light-heartedly from Cologne with the idea of proceeding beyond Bonn. All went well until, having missed the road, the driver found himself well into a ploughed field with the car sunk to the axles in the mud. After great difficulty the car was extricated, but progress had not been made very far when one of the tyres was punctured. Of course, there were no spares, and it was a very muddy bespattered party that eventually resumed the journey. At last Bonn was reached but, in the middle of the traffic, one of the back wheels parted company! The trip was completed in a taxi-cab.

The Irish Situation.

An Irish officer recently demobbed, writing from Belfast, says that in that corner of Ireland there is no sign of unrest. "People are immersed in business, and politics are submerged here at present," he writes. "This is not for lack of interest but rather because the Sinn Fein activities have made the people here more determined than ever to stand by their old war cries."

RHINELANDER.

FROM EVERYWHERE.

More Money.—Lads are leaving Lancashire cotton mills for the mines.

The Record.—A bull scaling 1¼ tons was sold at Hitchin market.

A Western Tip.—Roast chestnut stalls are now a familiar sight in Tokio.

Out.—Glasgow taxi and cab drivers have struck for increased wages.

Gone.—Fire has destroyed Marseilles railway station.

Existence.—An old lady has spent fifty years of her life in a Putney hospital.

Terrible End.—A Birmingham lay brother was digging a grave when the sides collapsed and he was suffocated.

Slow But Sure.—Up to Dec. 1st work had been commenced on 3,005 houses in Great Britain.

Cheerful.—Sir Ross Smith is in the heart of Australia with his plane badly out of gear.

Our Share.—Seven former German liners in New York harbour are to be turned over to the British.

No Collectors.—The first strike of insurance agents in the country has just taken place.

Service of Peace.—For the first time since 1914, Christmas High Mass was celebrated at Rheims Cathedral.

After a Month.—Two men have been arrested at Nottingham in connection with the thefts of Army flannel.

In Paris.—For the first time since the war the ex-Empress Eugenie has visited the French capital.

Council's Advice.—West Ham council have advised all employees to join a trade union.

All Gone.—Mr. Creswell, the well-known oarsman has had practically all his silver cups stolen.

The Bag.—Ratcatchers employed by Herts County Council killed 5,600 rats in two months.

The Premier's Christmas.—Mr. Lloyd George spent his Christmas at his Welsh home.

His Resting Place.—The body of Captain Howell has been buried beneath a mountain on an Ionian island.

Inconvenient.—The French military train known as the "Entente Express" is held up on the Arberg Pass by snow.

Prince and the Guards.—The Prince of Wales gained his Military Cross when serving with the Welsh Guards. He is to preside at the opening dinner of their Club.

Re-united.—Not for many years has there been so complete a gathering of members of the Royal Family as at Christmas this year.

Home Reminders.—It is said that 18 months will be required to complete the distribution of 260,857 scrolls in memory of soldiers.

Nature Tames the Deer.—The worst snowstorm for 30 years in U.S.A. has forced the deer to beg their food from the inhabitants.

Dearer Drunk Fines.—Fines for drunks now cost fifty per cent. more at Clerkenwell. There were 33 cases there on Boxing day.

Old Inmates.—Fifteen women whose combined ages totalled 1200 years were present at Norwich Workhouse Christmas festivities.

FOR BUSINESS MEN IN RHINELAND.

CHRISTMAS SLUMP.

As was to be expected, all commercial men who found it possible, tried to get away for Christmas, with the result that things have been pretty quiet in and around Cologne during the past week. Mr. Lee, who represents Flights, Ltd., is in London and hopes to be back early next month, whilst a number of other English people are making an even shorter stay "over there."

TEXTILE FAIR AT KOENIGSBERG.

A Textile Sample Fair is to take place at Koenigsberg next February, and all preparations, it is stated, are well advanced. Many firms from Berlin, Breslau and Stettin have already taken stands. The following branches are represented:—Men and Women's Ready-made Clothing, Fur Hat and Cap Manufacturers, Curtain and Carpet Manufacturers and Dealers, Woollen, Cotton and Linen Manufacturers, and all kinds of Sewing Machines. The office of the Fair is at Kneiph. Langg. 14, Koenigsberg.

GERMAN PROPERTY IN BRITAIN.

According to statements obtained from the Public Trustee, the British Government holds property to the value of nearly £121,500,000 belonging to enemies whereas British subjects own nearly £65,000,000 worth of property in the late enemy countries. Besides this, more than £15,000,000 is owing by persons in the United Kingdom to persons in Germany, Austria and Hungary, Bulgaria, and Turkey; while the debts due from such persons to creditors in Gt. Britain exceed £76,000,000. The following table gives particulars:

IMPORTED DYES PETITION.

The petition presented to the Prime Minister by the Chemical Trade Association, urging the sale of imported German dyestuffs on the open market, in small parcels, and the representation on the licensing committee of the smaller makers and users and the merchants is "under consideration." The petition was signed by thoroughly representative members of the textile industries and other users of dyes.

THE ENGINEERING INDUSTRY.

All branches of the electrical engineering industry are enjoying exceptional activity. Inquiries for new lighting installations indicate a still greater pressure in the near future, when building becomes general. Widespread prosperity is reflected in the remarkable call during December for lighting and heating equipment.

Careful observation in several quarters indicates that wooden packing cases offer the best protection to consignments, both as to weather and pilferage.

GERMAN IMPORT DUTIES.

A new German law authorizes the Finance Minister to decree the temporary suspension of the law of July 21, relating to the payment of duties in gold, and empowers that Minister to decree that the provision in the first paragraph of Article 269 of the Peace Treaty, regarding the levying of the most favourable rates of duty in force on July 31, 1914, on imports into Germany is to be applied even before the coming into force of the Peace Treaty. With a view to avoid hardships the Minister may also in certain cases dispense with the "agio" leviable according to sections 1 and 2 of the proclamation under the law of July 21, 1919, relating to the payment of duties in gold. In accordance with this new law the Finance Minister has issued a proclamation suspending as from December 12 until further notice the payment of duties in gold and applying forthwith to goods of any origin the most favourable rates of duty in force on July 31, 1914.

WINTER PHOTOGRAPHY.

BY W. ROBERT PATTERSON, F.R.G.S.

I have lately seen many examples of snowy landscape photographs, and was quite pleased with the effects of light and shade they produced.

I am afraid, however, that many of our spring and summer enthusiasts have put their cameras aside until the sun shall cast more brilliant rays upon the scenes we have about us. This is a great mistake, for winter photographs are as charming as any others.

Germany, like Switzerland, Scotland, Russia and the Scandinavian countries, presents ideal scenery for winter photographic work. It seems, from meteorological forecasts, that we are to have a real winter here and I would advise all keen photographers to be prepared. Apart from the value as a souvenir the print may have an artistic worth, and, as I have said in former articles, a pretty picture is a thing to be cherished.

When the snow is thick enough I should advise a visit to that splendid forest known as the Königsforst. I have already seen it enveloped in a mantle of snow and can vouch for its charm. There you will discover alleys and lanes, trees and shrubs, brooks and ditches, and vast stretches of picturesque open land. And if these are mantled in the snowiest of snow, you may ask for no more suitable scenery for your efforts.

Now, should the light be rather strong, use a yellow screen and make your exposure longer, or the reflection of light from the snow will fog your plate and you will be disappointed in the result. Also notice that a forest of heavily snow-covered trees presents as little light as if it were decked in foliage, and the question of exposure must therefore be considered.

One must not be hasty in these things. Now that the Lumière colour-plates have appeared in Cologne, here is an occasion to review your scenes in their natural tints. They are, of course, more expensive than ordinary plates, but the results are well worth the extra outlay. I have recently taken a few photographs in colour and these may be seen by any reader of the "Cologne Post" who may be interested in this branch of the art, on application to the editor. Photography may become a great help to all inasmuch as it teaches one to observe.

One learns something of the values of light and shade, and in colour photography one discovers how intense a shade may prove to be. For instance, the shadow under a tree, in certain lights, will be more appreciated, as regards its colour effect, in a colour photograph, than if seen in ordinary circumstances. There is a deep indigo in such shadows.

In such cases photography teaches us the values of the various tints to be found in Nature, and also causes us to observe much that we otherwise might have missed.

VOLUNTARY EDUCATION CLASSES.

The popular Voluntary Classes (Educational) held at the Army College and discontinued December 15th, 1919, are to be opened again on Monday, January 12th.

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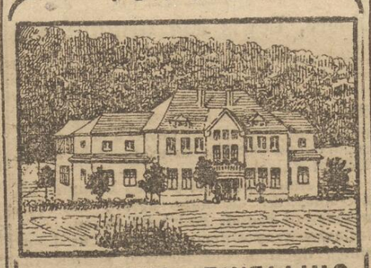

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PHOENIX PARK SHOOTING.

IDENTITY OF THE CIVILIAN ASSAILANT ESTABLISHED.

SEAMAN CHARGED WITH MURDER.

DUBLIN OUTRAGE.

DEAD ASSAILANT IDENTIFIED.

The civilian killed in the shooting affray in Phoenix Park has been identified as Paurence Parey, of Lucan, a popular resort outside Dublin.

Parey is reported to have been recently treated in hospital for injuries to his head.

The following account of the shooting from an authoritative source:

Lieut. Boast and three soldiers were reconnoitring in the Viceregal grounds, and hearing shots in the park went out by the Phoenix gate and walked down the main road.

When opposite the polo ground they met a civilian with a bandage round his head. They challenged him when a few yards away, but he still advanced.

When Lieut. Boast went up to him the civilian caught him by the throat, and while the two were struggling a shot was fired. The soldiers then fired at the civilian, who fell. The officer fell shortly afterwards, and one of the soldiers went to his assistance. The other two soldiers said they heard further shots, and saw civilians on the other side of the road. They fired at them, and they immediately dispersed.

LIEUT. BOAST'S RECORD.

Lieut. Fred W. Boast was one of a family of soldiers with a proud record in the South Lancashire Regiment. Born in the regiment in Ireland, he joined it as a drummer-boy about seven years ago, and, like his father, rose to commissioned rank. He went to the front as soon as he was of age and gained his commission for conspicuous service in the field in the great push last year. His father, Major Sidney Boast, M.C., D.C.M., served during the war with the 4th Lancashire. David Boast, brother of the officer killed is a drummer-boy in the same regiment. One uncle, John Boast, was killed at the front, and another is Capt. Sidney Boast, M.C.

SHAMEFUL CASE.

FATHER AND SON'S WIFE.

"As shameful a case on the part of a father as I have ever come across," was the comment of Mr. Justice Horridge in granting a decree nisi to Charles E. York, of the 11th Lancers.

Mr. York cited his father as co-respondent, and neither the wife nor her father-in-law, who were stated to be living in Paradise-road, Clapham, London, appeared to contest the charges.

The husband said he was married in 1915. From January 1916 until March this year he was in the East on active service. When he returned he learned that his wife had had two children.

A sister of the husband said she had often been to her father when he had not paid her mother's money under a separation order, and had seen her brother's wife there.

The Judge: How do you know they are living together?—They live in two rooms and have three children with them, one by my brother and two by my father.

DEAR CLOTHES.

NO REDUCTION IN PROSPECT.

The clothing trade is looking forward to another year of high prices. One trade organization says outright that there is no prospect of cheaper clothing. Delays in delivery are attributed partly to the refusal of the wool combers to work overtime and to the coal strike, which caused dye houses and many mills to close for six or seven weeks. There are those who predict that the price of fine worsted suitings will rise to three pounds per yard.

LORD GREY'S HOMECOMING.

Lord Grey will sail from New York on Jan. 3 on board the "Aquitania," accompanied by his suite. The Hon. Ronald Lindsay will conduct the business of the British Embassy after Lord Grey's departure.

SHIPS RESTORED TO BRITAIN.

By direction of President Wilson seven ex-German ships loaned to the United States after the armistice, namely, the Graf Waldersee, Zeppelin, Pretoria, Cap Finisterre, Mobile, Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm and Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, have been returned to Great Britain.

LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP.

A shocking accident occurred on Monday evening opposite the Cologne main post office. A young lady telegraphist jumped off a moving car, slipped and fell beneath the vehicle. Both legs were severed and she was removed to hospital in a critical condition.

LIVERPOOL TRAGEDY.

SEAMAN ARRESTED AND CHARGED.

An arrest has been made in connection with the death of Elizabeth McDermott or Isabella Wilson, at Liverpool on Christmas morning.

The naked body of the woman was found by a telegraph messenger. There were injuries about the head and face.

The arrested man is John Brien (23), a seaman. At the Liverpool City police court on Saturday he was charged on suspicion with causing the woman's death.

Detective-Inspector Hughes said that when charged Brien replied:—

"Well, on Christmas Eve I left the ship at six o'clock. I went up Scotland-road to meet a friend of mine. I saw him at eight o'clock, and I was with him and a girl friend of his until half-past eleven when I lost my friend.

"Me and the girl waited until a quarter to twelve, and then the girl showed me the way to the pierhead and she then went home. I went to the station and stayed there until the policeman wakened me up. That is all I have to say."

Brien was remanded.

BOGUS WHISKY.

DEATH ROLL INCREASING.

The death-roll from Christmas drinking of "whisky" manufactured from wood alcohol is now 73 and is still steadily growing. Dozens of other persons are suffering in their homes from all kinds of terrible after-effects of the concoction, ranging from the convulsions of slow poisoning to blindness.

The Federal officials are vigorously searching for the manufacturers of the deadly drink on information furnished by four men arrested and charged with murder after they had been identified as distributors of the product. A general alarm was sent out by the police last night for a certain Adolf Paranelli, an importer of olive oil and wine, of New York. He is believed to have been responsible for the manufacture of whisky which sold for £2000 a barrel.

Municipal authorities, as well as medical men, are cautioning the public against purchasing any kind of spirit, as the chances of drinking the mixtures without serious consequences are practically nil. Even those which do not contain the deadly wood alcohol, are highly dangerous.

GERMAN EAST AFRICA.

The Belgian Foreign Minister, who is now in London, is stated to be making arrangements for the transfer to Great Britain of the Bukoba and Ujiji provinces of former German East Africa, which will be administrated by Great Britain in the name of the League of Nations. He is also negotiating with a view to obtaining for Belgian subjects specially favourable rates on the railways of ex-German East Africa, similar to those granted to British.

PROTEST AGAINST EJECTMENT.

At St. Martin's, near Oswestry, on Saturday night, a meeting of discharged soldiers and miners protested against the action of the Oswestry County Magistrates in granting an ejectment order to a local farmer to evict a discharged soldier, Thomas Lewis, who worked for him many years before enlisting, but since demobilization had gone to work at another farm.

SERIOUS FLOODS IN ALSACE.

The floods in Alsace are assuming alarming dimensions, the low-lying country near Strasbourg being nothing but an enormous lake. Extensive damage is reported, many villages being completely inundated. Iron bridges have been swept away, and railway traffic is interrupted in almost the whole of the Vosges valley. Several people have been drowned.

KELSO ABBEY FOR THE NATION.

An agreement has been reached between the Duke of Roxburghe and the Commissioners of Works and Public Buildings for the guardianship of Kelso Abbey, on the left bank of the Tweed, one of the most impressive relics of monastic times in the Kingdom. The fabric will be maintained by the State and in future will be recognised as a public monument.

It has just transpired that during the railway strike ten destroyers, twenty mine sweepers, six sloops, sixteen drifters and twenty-four trawlers were employed for the conveyance of food.

WORKERS' IDEAL.

LARGER SATISFACTION WITH LIFE.

A preliminary statement with reference to the Industrial Conference summoned by President Wilson on Dec. 1, says:

"Our modern industrial organisation, if it is not to become a failure, must yield to the individual a larger satisfaction with life. We have failed to adjust our human relations to facts.

"Not only must the theory that labour is a commodity be abandoned, but the conception of leadership must be substituted for that of mastership pending the growth of better relationships between the employers and employees.

"The Conference believes it is possible to set up a more effective series of tribunals than at present exists. To be successful the tribunals must be so organised as to operate promptly, and must be thoroughly representative of employers, of employees, and of the public, which long has been uneasy about the power of the great labour organisations.

"It is not proposed to wipe out the ultimate right to strike, to discharge, or to maintain the closed or open shop. Plans for the national co-operation of all citizens are invited."

THE NAME OF ROSTAND.

DEAD DRAMATIST THANKED BY WILL.

M. Jean Alexis H. G. Rostand, uncle of the dramatist, Edmond Rostand, one of the directors of the Comptoir National D'Escompte de Paris, left property in the United Kingdom valued at £6,896. The total value of the estate is estimated at about 1,000,000 francs. The deceased had intended to leave his famous nephew one-fourth of his property, and the following sentence occurs in the will: "I wish here to thank Edmond for the glory he has earned for our name." M. Rostand had also intended to leave 100,000 francs for a musical foundation, "to facilitate the development of music truly French in both form and spirit," but he revoked this bequest by codicil, as "the terrible war which desolates Europe has considerably diminished my fortune."

LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONY.

Christmas Day marked the opening of the new long-distance telephone between Berlin and Stockholm. It covers a distance of approximately 1,000 miles, and, considering its length, works fairly satisfactorily.

Previous to the war there already existed long-distance telephone connection between Berlin and Paris (1,200 miles) and Berlin and Milan (1,350 miles), and the Germans were on the point of extending the last mentioned line to Rome, when the war broke out.

But all these, like the New York-Frisco line, were overland lines, whereas the new line to Sweden includes a submarine cable nearly 150 miles in length, which makes this, for the present at least, the longest long distance submarine telephone cable in the world.

TRIAL OF CAILLAUX.

The trial of Caillaux before the High Court has been fixed for the 14th January. Some delay in commencing the proceedings is not unlikely, however, as the High Court is composed of members of the Senate. The election for the next Senate does not take place till the 11th January; on the 12th the official papers concerning the elections must be forwarded to Paris from all parts of France and on the 13th the Senate will meet and validate the elections.

This is the arrangement if everything goes normally but considering the lamentable state of transport in France it is very probable that some of the documents will not arrive in time.

EX-KAISER'S TRIAL.

According to a telegram from Amsterdam the Dutch Government denies having informed the Allies that it refuses its consent to the extradition of the ex-Kaiser. Mr. Bonar Law states that there is no change in the intention of the Government to try the ex-Kaiser in London.

THE UNCO' GUID.

Acting on a suggestion from the local Free Churches the Town Council of Abergavenny has refused to allow town property to be used for boxing contests. Councillor Rosser declared that colliers who wanted to go to boxing tournaments on Saturday nights were flabby degenerates and if, married, should find better use for their money.

SCOTTISH BANKNOTES AS TENDER.

The London Gazette publishes a Proclamation revoking that section of the Currency Act of 1914, whereby banknotes issued by any bank of issue in Scotland and Ireland were temporarily made legal tender. The obligation to such banks to redeem their notes is naturally unaffected.

Sir Herbert J. Creedy has been appointed to succeed Sir R. H. Brade as Permanent Under Secretary to the War Office.

XMAS REVELS.

NO. 25 GENERAL HOSPITAL AND OTHERS.

This Christmas season will long be remembered by the patients and staff of No. 25 General Hospital. The wards were all beautifully decorated, prizes being awarded for the best efforts.

On Christmas Eve the Concert Party, accompanied by Father Christmas (the Rev. George Kendall, C. F.) and suite at the Officers' Mess sang carols, afterwards making a tour of the eighteen occupied wards.

Christmas Day opened with morning service in the Y.M.C.A. hut. The dinner proved a huge success, and the patients undoubtedly enjoyed themselves thoroughly. A special cinema performance in the afternoon, was followed later by a grand entertainment, given in the Hospital Concert Hall by the "Merry Blue Boys." Two sketches, "The Ghost" and "The Doctor's Shop" caused infinite amusement, and the concerted item "Come on, Papa," by Cpl. Rush—the lady—and Father Christmas fairly brought down the house. Cpl. Simmons, Sgt. Cornett, Gunner Rogan, and others gave excellent turns, ably supported by Lieut. Young, of the Independent Division, who acted as accompanist throughout the evening.

During the interval, the Rev. George Kendall made a short opening speech, and Cpl. Simmons thanked the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Colonel C. C. Cumming, C.B., the Rev. George Kendall and the staff for their very successful efforts to brighten the lot of the patients.

The Christmas Dinner of the R.A.M.C. personnel was no less successful than that of the patients, and the Whist Drive which took place in the evening was thoroughly appreciated.

On December 27th a grand Concert, Cinema and Dance was held for the R.A.M.C. personnel and employed patients in the Wiesdorf Cinema. A German orchestra of eleven players supplied the music, and as many of the dancers appeared in fancy dress the affair was a really brilliant one.

On December 28th the Sergeants' Mess Christmas Dinner was held, after which Sgt. Cornett, Cpl. Simmons, and Cpl. Rush entertained the members of the Mess in their own inimitable way.

Very great credit is due to Lieut.-Col. Cumming; the Hospital Quartermaster, Captain Withey, and R.S.M. Mars for their untiring energy in arranging such a fitting celebration for the festive season. The Rev. George Kendall, C.F., the Amusements Officer had charge of the arrangements for the various entertainments, etc., and the enthusiastic gratitude of the patients and personnel must have recompensed him to some extent for all the work he had put in.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS AT THE Y.M.C.A.

Amongst the innumerable festivities of the season, one stands out pre-eminently as appropriate to the occasion, for at it, well soldiers entertained sick soldiers. The hosts were the members of the Cologne Central Y.M.C.A. Sunday Afternoon Religious Discussions Class and the guests were patients from the Casualty Clearing Stations. In the Loreley Hall, which still retains its beautiful decorations, the guests were royally entertained, tea, Christmas gifts, music, recitations, games and "magic" affording a varied and delightful programme. The Y.M.C.A. contributed 1,000 marks from its Christmas Entertainment Fund, and the Staff of "the Central" joined the members of the Class in entertaining the guests.

A FUSILIER CHRISTMAS.

The 23rd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers decided that this festive occasion should be upheld by them in the time-honoured way, and made extensive preparations accordingly.

All Companies were anxious to have the best decorated rooms in the Battalion, and the Commanding Officer encouraged this spirit by offering prizes for the best decorated room in each Company Block.

Messages of goodwill and Christmas wishes were in evidence on all walls, everyone being remembered, from the Officers and their wives to all the men. Regimental Crests were also devised and displayed, and in one case a Fusilier badge was cleverly contrived with the aid of a "tin hat" and fancy paper.

One Company obtained dress suits, which were "donned" by some of their Sergeants, who very effectually carried out their new role of waiters.

The Commanding Officer accompanied by the Adjutant, Quarter Master, Padre and others, visited each Company and made a few remarks, wishing everybody a happy Christmas. He said this would probably be the last Christmas that would be spent together, but hoped that all would look back with pleasure to their Christmas of 1919, whilst serving with the 23rd Royal Fusiliers, and he felt sure nobody would regard it as the unhappiest.

Companies made their own arrangements for the evenings in the way of concerts etc.

On Boxing Day, a Football Match was arranged between the officers and sergeants of the Battalion, when the officers were the victors by 3 goals to 1.

The evening was allotted to the Sergeants for their Christmas dinner, and their dining room was a blazing mass of splendour. The Colonel, Adjutant, and Quarter Master came in and made appropriate speeches, and autographed all menus, and their healths were all most heartily rendered. Many Officers attended the subsequent Concert, and also assisted by giving turns themselves.

Saturday evening was given up to a Battalion Concert, as a conclusion to the Christmas entertainments, and much talent was displayed, and much amusement

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SUMMARY COURT.

EXPENSIVE BORROWED PLUMES.

Before proceeding on leave, a private in the R.A.S.C. left his fur lined overcoat (Government issue) at the house of Peter Scheuer of 12, Im Ferkulum, where he usually had his washing done. During his absence on leave Scheuer wore the coat, and was promenading in borrowed plumes down Luxemburgerstrasse when he was spotted by an officer.

It was represeuted on Scheuer's behalf that the soldier had given him permission to wear the coat, but the excuse was unavailing and he was fined 200 marks or as an alternative ten days imprisonment.

Lorenz Schmitz, described as a farmer, having no fixed abode, was sent to prison for one month for being in the unlawful possession of a revolver and thirteen cartridges.

RED CROSS.

"TIMES" WAR FUND CLOSES AT RECORD TOTAL.

With total subscriptions standing at £16,121,939, "The Times" Red Cross Fund has closed.

Sir Robert Hudson, Chairman of the Joint War Finance Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, in a letter in to-day's "Times," formally indicates the closing of the fund and expresses "our profound indebtedness and deep and abiding thanks to "The Times" for the constant and unvarying help it has given to us in our work since August 1914."

The first million was reached on February 20, 1915, the fifth on November 15, 1916, the tenth on April 17, 1918, and the fifteenth on April 22, 1919.

WAITERS WAITING.

AWKWARD STRIKE AVERTED.

The threatened strike of hotel and restaurant chefs and waiters which was imminent just before Christmas was fortunately postponed.

Mr. Cann, Secretary of the British Allied Waiters Union, states that among the grievances of the Hotel workers are the food supplies and the tipping system. "We are out, "he said," for the abolition of the Tronc, whereby all tips are taken by the managements and shared out among the staffs. The managements take the biggest part and pay the staff therewith. It is not generally known," added Mr. Cann, "that vegetables left by one customer are served up for another. Other odds and ends left on the plates go into the stockpot for staff meals."

A. AND S. HIGHLANDERS RELIEF.

The Battalion of Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders which has been stationed for the past year at Constantinople and was previously on the Salonika front, embarked at Constantinople on the 13th December for home. It will be replaced by a Battalion of the Scots Fusiliers. No further cases of plague have been reported from Constantinople though spotted fever has reappeared.

PLAGUE IN THE EAST.

The Director of the Plague Department of the Pasteur Institute in Paris has confirmed the rumours of a recent recurrence of the plague in the Eastern Mediterranean. He said there were several cases at a number of ports notably at Salonica, Alexandria, Constantinople and in Syria. Precautions have been taken by inoculation to guard against the spread of the disease among the Allied troops.

caused by the performance of two remarkable skits, which were billed as "The nightmare of a demobilized Adjutant" and "The nightmare of a married soldier about to go on leave." This Concert was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and formed a very fitting conclusion to an ever-to-be remembered Christmas.

11th QUEENS.

The 11th Queens made up their minds that although they were having to spend Xmas as part of an Army of Occupation they would nevertheless celebrate it well.

Most of the barrack rooms had been tastefully decorated by their various occupants, each trying hard to out-do one another and one could almost imagine oneself in Fairyland.

The indefatigable Messing Officers had arranged a splendid Xmas dinner, the table being prettily arranged with evergreens, fruit and crackers. All the officers and sergeants helped to serve and wait on the men whose dinner menu was elaborate and satisfing.

When the popular Commanding Officer arrived he was greated with tumultuous cheers. At the end of a short speech in which he thanked them all for his cordial reception, Lt.-Colonel Dillon proposed the health of His Majesty the King and the National Anthem was sung with great vigour.

On the departure of the Commanding Officer the men struck up "For he's a jolly good fellow", keeping the refrain up for some little while.

In one dining hall Lieutenants Kelly and Penfold played bright selections of songs and choruses during the dinner which were much appreciated.

CIGARETTES.

CHIEF ITEM IN NEW CAMPAIGN.

The New York Presbyterian Church has begun a movement for the world-wide abolition of the cigarette. The Church has set aside £50,000 to start a fight against foreign brewers and distillers, and has sent the Rev. John Steele, the associate secretary of the Board of Temperance and Moral Welfare, to Britain to support the fight for prohibition. The Board announces the following programme: elimination of foreign brewers and distillers, the abolition of the cigarette, which, it says, "became so firmly entrenched during the war and is a special object of attack," the study of marriage and divorce problems, the humanisation and Christianisation of prisons, closer supervision of cinematographs, the elimination of social diseases, narcotic drugs, and the use of alcohol.

SUGAR PRICES.

RATION REDUCED TO CONSERVE STOCKS.

Sooner than raise the retail price of sugar in Great Britain to 1s. 1d. or 1s. 2d. a pound—it is now 7¾d. to 8¾d.—which the Food Ministry said it should have to do if it bought sugar at present prices, it has been decided to decrease the ration from 8oz. to 6oz. per head weekly (the ration during the railway strike week) at an early date, and thus conserve stocks.

The Food Ministry states that the reduced ration to the public is necessary "in order to defeat what appears to be concerted action on the part of producers to take advantage of the general position by raising prices for early delivery to no less than six or seven times the pre-war level."

It is pointed out that if the Government purchased largely at present the retail price would have to be raised to over one shilling a pound.

DESTRUCTION OF RATS.

The new Act which makes the killing of rats and mice compulsory comes into force on Thursday next, and the second "national rat week" starts to-day. Millions of these vermin were destroyed during the first rat week in October, and with concerted action on the part of the London Borough Councils and local authorities throughout the country, it is hoped that the second phase of the campaign will result in an even larger casualty list.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING.

Considerable public interest is being displayed in connection with the wedding which is to take place on New Year's Day, of Capt. C. E. H. Bird, R.A.S.C., Adjutant S.M.T.O., VI Corps and Miss E. M. Gardner of Cobham, Surrey. The ceremony which is to take place at 2.15 p.m. will be at the Garrison Church and there will be a subsequent reception at the Trocadero.

MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL.

St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford, which has been a military hospital during the war, is to be taken over on lease by the Bradford Corporation. The hospital has accommodation for 1,200 patients, and the estimated cost of running it is £100,000 a year.

DEALING IN PREMIUM BONDS.

In consequence of the opinion of the Law Officers of the crown that dealings in Premium Bonds are illegal under the Lottery Act of 1823, the permission given by the Committee of the Stock Exchange for dealing in French Premium Bonds is cancelled.

INJUNCTION REFUSED.

In the Irish Chancery Division Mr. Justice Powell dismissed with costs the application of "The Freeman's Journal" for an injunction against the military and police authorities to restrain them from supressing the paper and withholding its plant.

ANTI-INFLUENZA VACCINE.

The Ministry of Health, in view of the possibility of a further outbreak of influenza has made arrangements for the preparation of a stock of anti-influenza vaccine which will be furnished to all medical officers of health for distribution.

NELSON RELICS FOR AMERICA.

A batch of eighty letters written by Nelson to Captain William Locker, granat her of Air Marshal Locker Lampson fash been sold at Sothebys for one thousand pounds. An American was the purchaser.

PAPAL NUNCIO'S VISIT.

The Pope's Nuncio, Pacelli, who called upon Herr Ebert, President of the German Republic, on Monday, is expected to-day (Wednesday) in Cologne in connection with the election of a new Archbishop of Cologne.

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TOMMY'S CIGARETTE.

Those good people who would reform the world by "world wide movements" with which we become more familiar day by day, are now turning their attention to the cigarette.

Whether Tommy will appreciate their attentions we do not know; but as a contemporary points out it seems such a misdirection of valuable energy to denounce the little pleasures of life while there are so many things which call for attention, so many injurious things which darken human lives.

These good folk cannot realise all that the cigarette has meant to our lads. They can have no idea of the solace it afforded when the body was wracked with pain, or how it helped to while away the tedium of a long spell in the trenches. Men went to certain death with a cigarette aglow and in their last moments craved the ease of mind which it gave.

In lesser degree the cigarette now serves its purpose. It gives solace to the tired body, breaks down barriers and creates new friendships. Without it we should find life lacking one of its most popular institutions, and individual pleasures are attacked because, as it appears, it is easier than attacking the array of social wrongs.

If not, then, the crusade for which some of our Yank friends are responsible is much too premature.

CANTEEN WAR PROFITS.

The subject of the canteen war profits stated to be somewhere in the region of £7,000,000, is one that comes frequently under discussion in Rhineland, and the consensus of opinion appears to be that it is high time some announcement was made as to their allocation.

The amount at present forms what is known as the United Services Fund, on the Executive Committee of which Lord Byng is chairman. Up to early in November the committee worked through the Incorporated Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society, but since then, owing to the endeavour of the United Services Fund to impose a condition which this society was unable to accept, no further grants have been made.

We who are still serving naturally take an interest in the expenditure of such a vast sum, and, as we have all contributed towards it, we are justified in asking that a clear statement should be made giving the exact amount in hand and also clearly defining the lines upon which it is to be disposed of.

There are numerous organizations which have a rightful claim upon the fund, and if it is utilised to compensate ex-service men in proportion to the sacrifices they have made in the interests of their country, then all will readily agree that it has been put to the very best possible use.

The incapacitated and totally disabled appear to have the first claim, and no one, we suggest, will grudge them a substantial share of the canteen war profits.

THE FUTURE CITIZEN.

A PLEA FOR THE TEACHING OF CIVICS.

Have you ever realised the vital importance of Civics? Has it ever struck you that Civics has the power of moulding out of the youth of the present age a future race of better citizens? Perhaps it has and then comes the question—"Is modern youth being acquainted with this all-important, ever new, ever old, subject?"

The reason that I ask the above queries is because (in the Army at any rate) I have met the most appalling ignorance concerning matters relating to the whole social and legislative fabric of our country.

In the first place, Civics, or, better still Citizenship, (as applied to every Englishman and woman) means the study of our constitution and so increasing interest in the affairs of the country. At the same time it compels us to form a higher conception of life—life dedicated to the welfare of the state—broadens our ideas and elevate our principles on the side of good. The study of this essential knowledge embraces Municipal and Government legislation; deals with the whole structure of the social system and builds its foundations on concrete stones of fact and unassailable principles of material good which have stood the test of many centuries. And with these principles and facts the citizen of to-morrow should be fully cognizant. Altruism is one side of life which Civics advocates, for does it not point out that one of the duties of a citizen is to try and make his country better fit to live in than it was for himself?

In England to-day there are always a number of people who fail to take an interest in affairs of public importance. And they alone are not to blame. Let us take the life of an average English workman to-day.

He goes to an elementary school until he is about fourteen years of age, and if he is lucky he may put in two years at a secondary school. At that tender age he is thrust into the ever greedy arms of the world—a world which is ever ready and eager to dispel from youth long-cherished visions and bright ideals. What does he know about the misery which goes on and the need for reforms? He does not know what a police-court is like. He is ignorant of even the faintest principles of Civics. He has never been taught so that he could grasp and appreciate our grand and glorious constitution—famous for its liberty and broad-mindedness. Nor does he dream of the privileges and rights which he is now enjoying having been fought for by martyrs and patriots, who made our country what it is to-day. Little does he think of the pure loyal blood which was shed in order that he might live a pleasant and easy life. And when he attains his majority the greatest and most precious privilege of all is given him—the vote, which cost his forefathers so much trouble and painstaking work before it was granted so freely.

And now that he possesses the right which allows him a part in the choosing of the peoples' representatives, does he value it? In the majority of the cases (and it is the majority that matter) No. He has not had comparisons drawn for his benefit, between the constitution of our little island and the more narrow-minded administration of other countries. He does not appreciate those hard-won liberties which he accepts in so matter-of-fact a manner. He does not realise when he fills in a ballot paper and exercises his right as a British citizen, that he is adding an infinitesimally small voice to the swelling storm of sound which moulds the future government and the destiny of the nation.

You ask where the fault is. And it is at this juncture that the glaring mistake in the schools of the country shows itself, with such a force that it compels us to think. Here is the answer: "They have never learnt Citizenship".

How many Council schools and how many secondary schools in the British isles, include in their curriculum, at the present day, Civics? I will be so bold as to say, not one in a thousand. Thus the pitiful waste of learning (comparatively speaking) goes on. The citizen in the past has never had a chance to take his place in the tide of public affairs fully equipped with knowledge and an opinion of his own.

Gone are the days when Education was all done by rule of thumb methods and when every other subject was excluded to the better teaching of the three "R's." Education in the future must be of a wider and more modern description where the young scholar is told of his future place and duties as a citizen of the nation. Civics should be pre-eminent as an everyday subject in the schools of the near future, whilst every school of any importance whatever should have on its staff a fully qualified and competent civics master. And in this manner would be built up that cleaner, higher, and better world for which we all yearn. A better and more intelligent race would in time be born—a race, fully alive to the problems, social, industrial and economic, which are badly in need of solution.

Without Education of the proper sort the above far-reaching improvements are impossible but it is gratifying to note that soon the Education Bill will come into force, and then, no doubt, the whole of our present system of Education, which is so obsolete and hopelessly inadequate to the needs of the country, will undergo many radical and sweeping changes. The sooner, the better. *ARGUS.*

[Editor's Note: "Civics" and "Economics" are in the curriculum of the Army Correspondence School which we publish to-day. Start at once, it costs nothing and the possession of such knowledge, as "Argus" points out, is a valuable asset for you and your country.]

A GERMAN CHRISTMAS EVE

The Christmas tree, bright with candles and gold and silver fruit, stood in a corner of the room and overshadowed the Christmas table beneath it. On the table were ranged the high-piled Weihnachtsteller, one for each of us, and the parcels which we were presently to undo. But what most interested us was the little Christmas play which was acting for the delight of the children. The distant notes of a fiddle had called us in a hurry to the room, and we had arrived to find there by the table Hans Muff in person—a swarthy figure, in clothes as black as his hands and face, an old beaver hat on his head, a fiddle under one arm and a bunch of twigs under the other, and a book as big as the Recording Angel's in his hands. The terrible sack at his feet held something living, for it stirred now and then. Was it an unfortunate child?

The two flaxen-haired children, Heini and Mariechen, one on each side of their mother, looked at Hans Muff with a good deal of fear. Mariechen, conscious of a record of obedience and good behaviour, looked less frightened than Heini, who was aware of neglected lessons and certain wildnesses. The boy was possibly at an age when he was inclined to speculate on the identity of Hans Muff. For the moment, however, he was credulous, though we knew he would swear stoutly afterwards that Hans Muff "was only somebody dreesed up."

Meanwhile the Christkind, in discreet retirement behind the door, was a comforting presence. It—for what is the sex of angels?—was as white as Hans Muff was black, white from head to foot, a long veil over its flowing hair, and with a voice as dulcet as Hans Muff's was gruff. And the play proceeded. Hans Muff read his records of omission and commission, and the Christkind intervened from time to time with excuse and kindness.

Few of us escaped castigation—verbal or bodily, from the twigs of the birch. The eyes of the children grew bigger, and their demeanour more solemn. And suddenly the sack of Hans Muff's feet shook convulsively, and began to spin in erratic circles, until it darted in a sinuous line across the room. It was seized and removed. We who were in the secret knew that it contained the unhappy dog of the household, but to the children it was a mystery and a portent.

Things came at last to an end. Hans Muff took up his fiddle, started to play, and followed the Christkind out into the night. We all took up the song that the fiddle had started—"O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, wie grün sind deine Blätter!" The wistful lovely melody came charged with remembrances—memories that had the dust of years upon them were young and fresh again, and cool with the dew of lost innocence.

After Hans Muff had washed off the burnt cork and the Christkind had become a backfisch, we slipped out of the house by the back way—the going of the Christmas visitors must be as mysterious as their coming—and went up on the Rhine bank. A great wind was blowing, the stars gleamed at intervals through hurrying rain clouds, and the mighty river, high in flood, rushed seawards. From the other side of the river, where the lights of Cologne quivered upon the dark water, all the bells of the city were ringing. Sounding were a better word, for only in England is the art of bell-ringing "that music nighest heaven," understood.

And while we stood and listened, I remembered that all the bells in England were ringing too, on this Christmas night. In fancy I was again in the country that bred me and nourished me—the bells of Arundel on its hill were sounding across the sea plain, were answered from the lonely tower of Climping and lost as echoes in solitary coombes of the Downs. I followed the links of the melodious chain over the counties into the sweet West Country, and stayed at length to hear the music of the bells of Lyme Regis blown inland off the sea by the same west wind that was sweeping over Germany. *LOOKER ON.*

AN APPRECIATION.

On December 6th. 1918, the first British troops entered Cologne, the forerunners of an Army of Occupation that will go down in history.

A state of tension after a prolonged war undoubtedly prevailed during the festive season of Christmas which followed, and the real spirit of "Peace on earth, goodwill towards men" could hardly be expected to exist in its full sense.

I do not know whether Miss Decima Moore has made a study of the physiology of that truly remarkable and lovable person, the average British Tommy, but I venture to state that there is no other being in Rhineland to-day who more thoroughly understands his little whimsicalities, his ever fresh and perfectly spontaneous humour, his very joy of life, in fact, his second school day pranks.

To hear Miss Moore announcing the winning numbers in the big free present distribution on Christmas night was a typical example of the great admiration and respect we all feel for one who has done so much, together with the splendid women helpers of the Leave Club, to brighten life in the Perfume City on the Rhine.

The silent Navy were there. As Miss Moore says. "God bless them!" We echo her sentiments. Even more so, we would add "God bless her, and all her splendid helpers."

As a nation I do not think we have a great deal to fear so long as we can boast such splendid women.

"For she's a jolly good fellow." Perfectly spontaneous was the outburst after the Christmas Carnival, but it is typical of how Tommy can show appreciation.

For five minutes it was impossible to see Miss Moore for confetti, as everyone struggled to chair her round the hall.

As one who remembers the Leave Club in Paris, its splendid air of welcome to all, and now the Leave Club in Cologne I find it hard to put in mere words sufficient thanks for all that has been done.

I think I am expressing the sentiments of hundreds of troops out here in Rhineland when I say that may the future hold every happiness for Miss Decima Moore and her helpers. *HAWKEYE.*

THE EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX.

POSHNESS OVERDONE.

Sir,—In reply to "Ex-Officer" and his talk on Tommy's posh dress, surely he never knows what a relief it is to be able to walk about after a hard day's work, in civvy boots instead of the Army boot.

It would only be a real "green 'un" who would salute a Tommy because he happens to wear an officer's cap, for I don't think any Tommy with all his "poshness" has yet donned the collar and tie or Sam Browne of the officer.

A SUFFERER.

MUSIC (?) HATH CHARMS.

Sir,—"Musicus" is one of those few public-spirited individuals who take action while others sit and grumble. He offers to head a public subscription list for demolition of our old friend the "Earwig" harmonium.

I will go one better and head a raid, Mills bombs and gas if necessary, in order to successfully effect the removal of that monstrosity.

But how about a pension for the player? Perhaps a subscription list will be necessary after all. *JUMBO.*

GERMAN FOOTBALL.

Sir,—I am unable to enlighten P.B. as to the rules of the "Soccer" game as played by budding German sportsmen, but from what I have seen of it as played out here I should say that the only resemblance to that as understood in "Blighty" is that the players sport the regulation attire.

As he suggests there is no doubt that military teams have given a fillip to the game out here in Rhineland but so far as my observation goes we shall have to wait a long time before local players master the science, footwork and general principles of the game as understood by Britishers.

The German character is very difficult to understand, for while he used to marvel at the sight of some of our fellows attired for a cross-country run he saw nothing funny in the wearing of a bowler hat as part of his sporting kit.

GASPER.

WAR SERVICE RIBBONS.

Sir,—Kindly allow me space in our most interesting Rhineland paper to secure the views of your many readers on the subject of Service ribbons.

I had a quiet conversation the other day with a young soldier of the New Rhine Army, and we discussed the two ribbons, "G.S. & Victory" and were agreed on that. When I expressed my opinion that an "Occupation of the Rhine" ribbon would no doubt come into being later on for all soldiers who served with the British troops in Germany, he was of opposite opinion, and said if ever such a decoration came out, it would only be granted to men of the New Army.

I failed to agree with my comrade, because to take my own case I am not a member of the New Army nor a volunteer but have been retained for the Army of Occupation and have served with troops in Cologne since December 26th 1918.

If any such ribbons came into force I claim I should be entitled to it. Do your readers think so? *L/Cpl.*

THE CATHOLIC CLUB.

Sir,—The Souvenir Number of the "Cologne Post" contains an article on the Cologne Catholic Club, in which the following statement appears:—

"The birth of the organisation was in 1914, shortly after the outbreak of war when Mr. Harding early realised the great need and opened, with the help of a band of voluntary workers, the first canteen at Westminster. Then came the call for such work among the fighting troops on the soil of France, and the little band immediately responded and carried their work across the channel, opening up branches at Havre, Rouen, Calais and Boulogne, and later at Abbeville and Cayeux."

The fact is that the Catholic huts at Westminster, Calais and Boulogne were built and managed by a quite distinct organisation, the Catholic Women's League, which can claim the honour of being first in the field. In addition to a number of huts erected in England and France during the war the League is responsible for a soldiers' club at Bonn.

I venture to make this correction as we find that these two societies are constantly being confused in the public mind and this is often a source of inconvenience to both. *C.W.L.*

SILLY FILMS.

Sir,—"Interested" must be one of those doleful, miserable, pessimistic, sad-faced individuals who never laugh.

He appears to be one of those gentlemen who like to go to a cinema just for the sake of seeing nothing else but topical pictures describing scenery and how something comes from the tree to the breakfast table, with an occasional film thrown in about the curse of drink or gambling or some other terrible vice.

Speaking for myself I can say that I appreciate a variety of films.—A thrilling drama, a life portrayal, an amusing comedy, and a rollicking comic such as "Interested" would not like.

I agree with him that such films are silly, but they are the means of a good laugh and that is what I like.

I don't go to the pictures just for the sake of looking down in the mouth and miserable all the while. I go to enjoy myself.

With regard to people walking out when a comic film is being shown, I have been a regular patron at cinemas for the last ten years. I should not think that many people would have the wish to get up and walk out when they are convulsed with laughter, that is, if they wanted to.

No, "Interested," I think that you find yourself very much in the minority in such matters, and I am sure that there will be many others who take my point of view. *C.G.M.*

A MEMORY.

Alas! naught is left but a memory,
A memory; bitter, sweet.
Singers like a perfume behind
Dear heart; thy heart is mine,
And mine is thine.
Yet dreams will ne'er come true
Fate hath deemed it otherwise
Sweet memory; Farewell.

C.J.S.

CHRISTMAS IS OVER.

Turn Your Attention to No. 15 Football Contest.

Now that the Christmas festivities are over competitors will doubtless once again turn their attention to our football competition. Our No. 13 contest, the result of which appeared on Christmas Day was a record in every way and we want to keep as near this total as possible. No. 14 contest, the result of which will appear to-morrow, naturally showed a falling off in the number of coupons sent in; there were countless attractions claiming the attention of us all during Christmas week.

But now that the festive season has passed we confidently expect that the pre-Christmas totals will again be reached. One point it is advisable to bear in mind; the winner of the three thousand seven hundred and seven marks sent in no fewer than five coupons. On four he failed, but the fifth won for him our bumper prize.

On the coupon printed below, strike out the team you think will lose, or, if you predict a draw, leave both teams standing, add your name and address clearly, place the coupon in an envelope with one mark and send it along to this office. Any number of coupons may be sent at the rate of one mark each.

Coupons must be addressed:—
FOOTBALL CONTEST No. 15,
"Cologne Post,"
A.P.O./S. 40 Rhine Army.

List of Rules.

1. All forecasts must be made on coupons from this journal.
2. Any alteration or mutilation of the coupon will disqualify the effort.
3. If any match or matches on the coupon should be abandoned or full time is not played for any reason, such match or matches will not be taken into consideration in the adjudication.
4. In the event of ties, the prize will be divided.
5. No correspondence may be enclosed with the coupons, and none will be entered into. Neither will interviews be granted.
6. The Editor reserves the right to disqualify any coupon for what, in his opinion, is good and sufficient reason, and it is a distinct condition of entry that the Editor's decision shall be accepted as finally and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition.
7. Any entries received after Friday will be disqualified. No responsibility can be undertaken for any effort, or efforts, lost, mislaid or delayed. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery.
8. Competitors may send in any number of coupons but one mark must be sent with each coupon.
9. Members of the staff of the "Cologne Post" are debarred from entering this competition.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION No. 15.

Date of matches, Saturday, Jan. 3rd.
Closing date, Friday, Jan. 2nd.

Blackburn	v. W. Bromwich
Bradford City	v. B adford
Arsenal	v. Manchester C.
S. Shields	v. Hull City
Bristol C.	v. Birmingham
Fulham	v. Stoke
Stockport	v. Tottenham
Northampton	v. Crystal Palace
Third Lanark	v. Airdrieonians
Kilmarnock	v. Ayr

I enter Football Competition No. 15 in accordance with the Rules and Conditions alredy announced and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed .....
(In block letters.)
Rank and No. .....
Unit .....
Full Address .....

COLOGNE BOXING.

Second Fortnightly Competitions on Friday and Saturday.

Lovers of boxing will have already earmarked the 2nd and 3rd of January —next Friday and Saturday—for the second of the series of fortnightly competitions being held under the auspices of the P. and R.T., G.H.Q. Particulars to hand make it evident that this week's show will be even better than the initial meeting, for in addition to a large number of attractive bouts, Pte. Glinnan, 19th Middlesex and R.Q.M.S. French have been matched for a contest of four three-minute rounds.

Both men figured at the first competitions and the displays they then gave, give promise of a rattling good bout. They are probably the best middle-weights remaining in Rhineland and both men have long acquaintance with the ring. It is hoped to arrange further contests for this meeting of a similar nature.

Tickets can be obtained at the Amusements Office daily between the hours of 10—12, 14—16, and 18—19. On both days doors will be open at 16.45 and boxing will commence at 18.00 hours.

Competitors will weigh in at the hentral Y.M.C.A. Friesen Str. at 11.00 ours on Friday.

ELLERBY GETS THREE.

11th Queens Heavily Defeat 142nd Field Ambulance.

The 142nd Field Ambulance met the 11th Queens on the latter's ground, Germania strasse, Kalk, in the Rhine Garrison Football League.

The Ambulance, having won the toss, elected to play with the wind in their favour, but five minutes after the start the Queens managed to break through and score through the medium of Sgt. Ellerby.

The remainder of the first half was fairly evenly contested, and half time arrived with the Queens leading 1—0.

On the resumption the Queens had the wind in their favour, of which they took full advantage.

A second goal was added to the Queens score through a powerful shot from Pte. Ginger being fumbled by the Ambulance goalkeeper. Sgt. Argent, who followed up, succeeded in getting the ball between the posts.

Later L./Cpl. Osborn managed to score a third goal by a high dropping shot, which the Ambulance goalkeeper just failed to reach. A fourth goal was added through a fine piece of combination between L./Cpl. Osborn and Sgt. Ellerby, the latter netting with a neat shot.

Sgt. Argent scored a fifth goal, and shortly before the whistle went Sgt. Ellerby succeeded in adding one more to the Queen's total, making the final score 6—0.

This big total does not represent the run of the game. It was not an entirely one-sided affair, but the Queen's appeared to make more use of their opportunities. 11th Queens, team;—Sgt. Daniels; Pte. Morris and Pte. Sairile; Pte. Ginger, Lieut. Bratchell and Pte. Goodwin, Pte. Beldham, L./Cpl. Osborn, Sgt. Ellerby, Sgt. Argent and Pte. Ray.

MEREDITH'S RETURN.

A long-drawn-out disagreement between Manchester United and their famous Welsh international, William Meredith, was settled during the past week, the club agreeing to pay the benefit money—over £700—and sign him on at the maximum wage of £10 per week. There were many reunions at Old Trafford on Boxing-day, when Meredith donned the United's jersey for the first time this season.

Hagen, Newcastle United's clever inside player will improve when he loses the "Magpie" fault of overdoing the "fancy business."

H.Q. LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	A.	P.
V.R.P.	3	3	0	0	18	3	6
R. E. Signals	3	3	0	0	11	1	6
G.H.Q.	3	2	0	1	6	2	5
R.A.M.C.	2	2	0	0	4	0	4
R.A.S.C.	2	2	0	0	5	3	4
Pay Office	3	2	1	0	11	3	4
R.A.F.	3	1	1	1	6	6	3
Naval Flotilla	2	1	1	0	3	8	2
Tanks	3	1	2	0	5	13	2
Labour	1	0	0	1	2	2	1
Vety. & Remounts	3	0	2	1	5	7	1
Police	3	0	2	1	1	8	1
Transportation	3	0	2	1	1	11	1
Siege Park	2	0	2	0	3	6	0
20 M.A.C.	2	0	2	0	0	4	0
R.A.O.C.	2	0	2	0	0	4	0

HOCKEY TOURNEY.

Entries for Y.M.C.A. Knock-out Competition.

PRELIMINARY ROUND.

Seventeen entries have been received for the Y.M.C.A. Hockey Competition and as there is some doubt as to whether certain units will be remaining long in the Rhine Army it was deemed inadvisable to run the Competition on the league principle and the knock-out system has been adopted. The dates for playing, selection of grounds and referees must be mutually arranged and agreed upon by units concerned.

All teams are requested to send results of matches to the Director of Athletics, Y.M.C.A. H.Q. Rhine Army within 24 hours of their taking place.

As there are seventeen teams in the competition it has been found necessary to have a preliminary round in which the 51st Northumberland Fusiliers will meet the 12th Squadron R.A.F. and the winners will qualify to enter Round 1 proper of the tournament. This match should be played as early as possible.

The other teams who will meet in the first round are:—

R.A. Tanks; 51st Warwicks; 52 Durham L.I.; 10th Queens; Y.M.C.A.; 52 Kings L.R.; 41st Machine G.C.; 20 K.R.R.C.; 20 Durham L.I.; 52nd Warwicks; 11th Queens; R.A. Signallers; G.H.Q.; 52nd Rifle Bde.; and Rhine Army Reception Camp.

MIXED HOCKEY.

Are Women Players Equal to Men?

In view of the interest being taken in the proposed mixed Hockey Club in Cologne, the following observations by a writer in the "Sporting Life" are opportune:—

"I notice that somebody has been discussing the respective merits of men's and women's hockey, and going to great pains to show that there is a big gap, and refuting the contention that the women can play the game as well as the sterner sex. I do not think that sensible women hockey players of the best class would claim that they are the equals of the men. I have seen some of the women's international matches, and they have been a sheer delight in their finesse, and revealed most of the fine arts of combination, but I should not like to aver that they can approach the men for sustained pace or for general alacrity in carrying out any particular manoeuvre.

On the whole, the best-class women's hockey has struck me as more mechanical and less resourceful than that of the men, whilst in athletic pursuits generally the latter obviously have the advantage in physical attributes. I think that mixed hockey best reveals the difference, and most first-class men players who have indulged in it appreciate the fact that they have to some extent to hold themselves in, although they would probably be too gallant to admit it."

HOLIDAY BOXING.

20th Durham L. I. hold successful Tournament.

LIST OF WINNERS.

The very successful Xmas festivities in the 20th Battalion D.L.I. were terminated by a boxing tournament on Boxing night. Great interest was taken in the competitions by all ranks; the fact that points were awarded by platoons brought the spirit of inter-platoon rivalry to the fore. There were numerous competitors at the respective weights.

Without a single exception, the bouts were gamely contested, and right throughout the right spirit was manifested. Hard hitting was the order of the evening, the result being a large number of knock-outs.

Lieut.-Col. Webb-Bowen, of the 19th Middlesex, made an efficient referee, while Lieut.-Col. Pearson and Capt. Andrews acted as judges. To Sgt. Riley must go the major portion of the credit for the success of the evening, he displaying tireless energy in making all the admirable arrangements.

The winners at the various weights were:—

Bantams	Pte. Hutchinson, D Coy.
Feather	Pte. Thomson, H.Q. Coy.
Light	Pte. Cunningham, D Coy.
Welter	L/Cpl. Osterfield, A Coy.
Light-heavy	Sgt. Strachan H.Q. unopposed

The winning platoon was No. 16 H.Q. Coy. with a total of 16 points. Mrs. V. L. W. Pearson kindly distributed the prizes.

A VIGOROUS GAME.

Transportation Forward breaks a Collar Bone.

In the Headquarters Football League, the Transportation eleven met the R.A.M.C. on Wednesday at Poll, the Medicals winning a vigorous and well contested game by two goals to nil.

After few minutes play Ferguson opened the scoring with a splendid shot, and Bates put on the second goal shortly afterwards. There was no further scoring in the second half although both goals had some narrow escapes. The game was marred by an unfortunate accident; five minutes before time a Transportation forward collided with an opposing back and broke his collar bone.

WALTER ROSS UNFIT.

Disappointment was caused at the Cosmopolitan Gymnasium, Plymouth, by Walter Ross, the bantam-weight champion, declining to carry out his fifteen-rounds match with Joe Symonds, of Plymouth, the ex-fly weight champion. It was explained that Ross was out of condition owing to illness, and so a ten-rounds "no decision" bout was staged between the pair. Pretty work was shown by both men, but Symonds was the more vigorous and developed greater speed than Ross.

"THROSTLES" FIRM.

Crystal Palace Threatening Portsmouth.

HUDDERSFIELD'S CHALLENGE

The greatest surprise of the First Division is the remarkable run of success of Aston Villa; beaten by their near neighbours and great rivals West Bromwich on Nov. 15th, they have since then figured in seven games and have taken full points from each of their opponents. From the danger zone to eighth on the table is "some" jump and Villa folk are naturally proud of their team.

West Bromwich hold a commanding position, but Burnley have a very insecure hold on the second place. To allow Preston to draw at Burnden Park robbed them of a valuable point. Sunderland's run of ill luck removes them from third place where they are replaced by their great rivals, Newcastle United.

Sheffield Wednesday leave the bottom rung and Oldham drop down to this unenviable position.

Notts County by reason of their recent successes climb, but the Rovers of Blackburn have not maintained their form and drop back.

DIVISION II.

The 'Spurs are seven points ahead of the next on the table and unless they crack up as many teams have done in the past they are "certs" for the upper circle.

Birmingham's recent lapses greatly affect their chance of promotion and Huddersfield making great strides, are hard on their heels.

At the other end of the table it is good to note the improvement in Coventry's figures. They should soon leave the bottom rung. Wolves, who suffered such an awful trouncing at Hull City's ground, drop down to fourth bottom.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

The surprise of this competition is the bold bid of the Palace for the head of the table. Portsmouth cannot afford to make any mistakes and the Glaziers have a glorious chance to put a London club on top.

Watford had a terrible lapse before Southampton and are now three points behind the Palace, whereas a week ago they were just the reverse.

Queens Park are gradually slipping down the table and their fine burst has not been sustained. There are no changes in the relative positions of the five bottom clubs.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

There is no change in the positions of the Rangers or Celtic and the Ibrox men are still six points ahead. The four leading clubs are unchanged, but Airdrieonians now occupy fifth place.

Appended are the tables up-to-date:

The League.—Division I.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Agst.	Pts.
West Bromwich Albion	21	16	0	5	61	25	32
Burnley	23	13	5	5	37	30	31
Newcastle United	22	11	5	6	29	20	27
Sunderland	22	12	2	8	38	31	26
Bolton Wanderers	23	9	7	7	42	35	25
Chelsea	22	11	3	8	33	27	25
The Arsenal	22	8	8	6	35	33	24
Aston Villa	21	11	1	9	42	37	23
Bradford	22	9	5	8	37	33	23
Everton	22	8	6	8	42	38	22
Liverpool	22	9	4	9	29	29	22
Notts County	21	8	6	7	41	43	22
Manchester United	20	7	7	6	31	24	21
Manchester City	22	8	5	9	45	43	21
Sheffield United	23	8	5	10	37	38	21
Middlesbrough	22	7	6	9	29	37	20
Derby County	23	6	7	10	22	35	19
Bradford City	23	6	6	11	37	46	18
Blackburn Rovers	22	6	6	10	29	44	18
Preston North End	22	6	5	11	31	50	17
Sheffield Wednesday	22	4	5	13	17	35	13
Oldham Athletic	20	5	2	13	23	34	12

The League.—Division II.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Agst.	Pts.
Tottenham Hotspur	22	18	2	2	66	17	38
Birmingham	22	14	3	5	44	18	31
Huddersfield Town	22	13	4	5	48	18	30
Blackpool	22	12	5	5	40	22	29
Stoke	22	13	1	8	41	28	27
Hull City	23	12	2	9	53	42	26
West Ham United	22	10	6	6	22	22	26
Barnsley	22	11	3	8	43	25	25
Stockport County	22	10	5	7	37	25	25
Bristol City	22	8	9	5	24	19	25
Fulham	21	9	5	7	29	27	23
Bury	21	9	3	9	28	27	21
South Shields	21	8	5	8	19	22	21
Port Vale	20	7	4	9	27	26	18
Nottingham Forest	21	6	6	9	24	32	18
Clapton Orient	23	7	3	13	25	37	17
Leicester City	22	6	5	11	18	38	17
Rotherham County	22	6	4	12	22	46	16
Wolverhampton Wand.	21	5	5	11	31	44	15
Lincoln City	22	4	4	14	19	57	12
Grimsby Town	21	4	2	15	15	45	10
Coventry City	22	1	6	15	10	48	8

Southern League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Agst.	Pts.
Portsmouth	23	15	4	4	45	17	34
Crystal Palace	22	11	8	3	40	21	30
Watford	22	13	3	6	34	22	29
Reading	23	10	9	4	32	21	29
Cardiff City	21	9	9	3	37	24	27
Queen's Park Rangers	22	11	4	7	35	24	26
Norwich City	19	10	4	5	37	24	24
Plymouth Argyle	22	9	6	7	27	16	24
Swansea Town	23	8	8	7	28	25	24
Swindon	22	9	3	8	35	33	23
Brentford	22	8	7	7	25	25	23
Southampton	23	9	4	10	35	38	22
Millwall	22	8	4	10	30	33	20
Southend United	21	6	8	7	25	29	20
Merthyr Town	23	6	8	9	29	34	20
Exeter City	21	6	7	8	22	24	19
Bristol Rovers	21	5	8	8	32	39	18
Luton	21	6	4	11	24	36	16
Brighton and Hove A.	23	5	5	13	25	36	15
Newport County	22	6	3	13	21	42	15
Northampton	22	4	6	12	38	57	14
Gillingham	22	3	4	15	11	47	10

Scottish League.

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Goals. For	Agst.	Pts.
Glasgow Rangers	22	18	3	1	66	10	39
Celtic	20	14	5	1	42	16	33
Motherwell	22	10	6	6	37	34	26
Dundee	23	12	3	8	46	32	27
Airdrieonians	22	9	7	6	28	18	25
Ayr United	23	10	4	9	47	37	24
Greenock Morton	21	10	3	8	39	21	23
Heart of Midlothian	22	10	3	9	35	35	23
Hibernians	22	10	3	9	40	43	23
St. Mirren	24	9	5	10	36	45	23
Queen's Park	23	8	5	10	37	42	21
Dumbarton	22	6	9	7	32	36	21
Aberdeen	22	7	7	8	26	29	21
Kilmarnock	23	9	3	11	30	48	21
Partick Thistle	20	8	4	8	28	31	20
Clydebank	20	8	3	9	38	33	19
Third Lanark	22	6	7	9	28	40	19
Falkirk	24	6	6	12	28	46	18
Albion Rovers	22	7	3	12	22	38	17
Clyde	23	5	6	12	31	44	16
Raith Rovers	24	6	4	14	46	61	16
Hamilton Academicals	22	5	3	14	31	54	13

PLAY: MUSIC: SONG.

COLOGNE OPERA HOUSE.

DAY	OPERA	COMPOSER	START	END
Wed.	Barbier von Sevilla	Rossini	6.30	9.30
Thurs.	The Woman without Shadow	Strauss	6	10.15
Fri.	Hansel und Gretel	Humperdinck	6	8
Sat.	Die Zauberflöte	Mozart	7	10.30
Sun.	Lobetanz	Thuille	7	9.30
Mon.	Tales of Hoffmann	Offenbach	7	10
Tues.	Tristan und Isolde	Wagner	6	10.45

The Panto Season.

Always up-to-date in the matter of social attractions, it is only natural that Cologne should not be neglected by "King Pantomime." The Leave Club is the first to put before us the immortal form of Christmas fare. In the theatre—still brightly decorated after the 25th—on Monday evening a repetition of the exceptionally bright pantomime "Babes in the Wood" was given to a crowded audience. The "book," which is by Miss Anderson, sparkles with humour, and contains just sufficient "local colour" to be agreeable.

The scenery and dresses reflected a great deal of thought and hard work in their preparation. Of those who took part A. Chapple, as Baron Stonybroke, stood out as a confident and really funny comedian. As such, of course, he had the lion's share of the work and he did it well. The Babes were C. H. Irving and W. Jackson, who made an undoubted success of difficult parts. The robbers were G. G. Belmore and J. T. Parkinson, who ably assisted in the merry making. The other characters, who are all to be congratulated upon their efforts, were V. Deighton (Lumina, Fairy Queen) J. Barnet (Diabolo, Demon King) A. Borrill (Dame Stonybroke) C. H. Farrance (Buttons) G. Rowley (Village Idiot).

Specialities were performedby R.H. Dix, A. Gordon, and W. J. Jackson, while the chorus was composed of J. P. Flinn, J. D. Girli, F. H. Hibbert, B. Rollott, A. K. Everett, A. Farnell, R. T. Gam, W. T. Croon, F. W. Markse, W. Hayes, D. F. Lloyd, W. Popper, and M. Seeley.

The conductress of the orchestra, Miss West, was responsible for the instrumental music provided by a capable orchestra.

New Year's Day at "The Central."

I hear that the staff of the Central Y.M.C.A. are preparing great things for N.C.O's and men on the evening of New Year's Day, when there will be an entertainment by Mr. Hugh Herring, the Y.M.C.A. Illusionist in the Restaurant Hall at 6 p.m., followed by another entertainment in the Great Hall at 8 p.m. I am asked to state that as there will be dancing and some of the features of a carnival, a cordial invitation is issued to all British ladies in Cologne. Particulars will be found in our advertisement columns to-day and to-morrow.

A Fancy Tickler.

The following amusing letter has reached me from a contributor signing himself "March Brown," and I fully endorse the sentiments expressed. He says:—

"Having heard such conflicting reports upon the Christmas play, "The Knight of the Burning Pestle" at the Deutsches Theatre, and having read your able and diplomatic critic's remarks thereon I felt impelled,—in spite of a No. 1 size Christmas liver and a nasty dark brown taste i' the mooth — to go and see and judge for myself.

Now Sir, it takes a lot to amuse a man who is suffering from the afore-mentioned complaints, but, by my habidour, this is a monstrous fine diversion and right well played with the true old English spirit.

I have seen practically all of the B.R.A.D.C. productions up to date, but none which liked me so well or tickled my fancy more than this. The text is a little sinewy in places, but that is all to the good and of course in keeping with the times; and even the fact that the ghost wears a wrist watch only adds to the general gaiety of the show. So I say to all of you readers who are suffering from large brass knobs on their livers "gird up your loins" and get you to the Deutsches, and I warrant that the Knight and his merrie company cure you."

20th D.L.I. Sergeants' Mess.

The members of the 20th D.L.I. Sergeants Mess celebrated their Christmas festivities on Boxing Day.

At 1.30 p.m. a five-course dinner was served, in which all the members took a very keen part. In proposing the toast to the King R.S.M. Newman commented on the glorious past record of the 20th D.L.I., and pointed out that this was probably the last occasion on which all the members would meet together for a festivity before the breaking up of the battalion.

At 8 p.m. the officers and their wives joined in for a whist drive and concert, and an excellent musical programme was rendered. Songs were given by Lieut. and Mrs. Mearns. Lieut. Milestones, Capt. Hitchin, Sergt. Greenless and C.Q.M.S. Carlow.

A very enjoyable evening was spent, and the thanks of the officers were voiced by the Adjutant, Capt. Graham, a very happy speech, and replied to by R.Q.M.S. Foster.

"Robinson Crusoe."

The Rhine Army pantomime, "Robinson Crusoe", which is to be produced at the Palace theatre, Cologne, in about a fortnight's time shows promise of much success. The caste is being rapidly got into shape, but members are still wanted for the smaller parts and for the chorus. Mr. Eric Morgan, who is one of the outstanding characters in "The Knight of the Burning Pestle" at present at the Deutsches theatre, is to be "principal boy" and I understand he will adopt the style of the celebrated Bobby Hale. The result should be particularly pleasing in view of Mr. Morgan's undoubted accomplishments. Miss Hilda Potts should make the delightful "principal girl" while Cpl. Ellis, who will be chief of the laughtermakers is sufficiently resourceful to take full advantage of the wide scope allotted to him. I have not heard the details of the remainder of the caste but if it is to be up to this standard the production is bound to meet with success.

JACQUES.

ECHOES FROM RHINELAND.

No Lights.

Passing over the Hohenzollern Bridge the other night I could not help being struck by the dismal appearance of the vast expanse of water which met my gaze. With the total absence of the embankment lights which gives such charm to the Rhine after dark I was tempted to make an early return to my quarters.

Very Bad.

Owing to the flooding of the Rhine most of the houses within two hundred yards of the river have had the supply of electric light cut off, and candles and lamps have been in use everywhere. Fortunately, the supply has been resumed.

Good Business.

Proprietors of eating houses and cafés around this district are doing well. Both civilians and Tommies flock into the shops for supper after having had their fill of sight-seeing.

Inappropriate.

While people were splashing about in the wet retrieving their goods and chattels in the darkness and while the rain was falling heavily the strains of "Fierce Flames are Raging" came from a phonograph in a house near at hand.

Worth Seeing.

A favourite pastime of some Tommies was to mount a car crossing the Hohenzollern Bridge or the swing bridge and obtain a kind of birds-eye view of the floods. Of course the lights on the promenade were not to be seen and as there was no moon I could not see that it was worth while.

A New Game.

The kiddies seem to enjoy themselves, dancing about in the wet. They do not seem to mind in the least about getting wet-footed. I came across one juvenile enjoying a game of "Chase-me-Charlie" round the pillars of the Hohenzollern Bridge.

Merry Youth.

I noticed two youngsters who had constructed a raft from some boards enjoying themselves immensely on the flooded roadway in the vicinity of the Hangebrucke.

"Watches" on the Rhine.

The inundation of the N.A.C.B. and several houses around the riverside must have been extremely unpleasant and distressing to inhabitants especially coming, as it did, before the holidays were over. Yet some humour was to be extracted from such a situation. Of course there must needs be several "watches" on the Rhine whilst its waters pay such unwelcome visits to people's houses.

Leave Club Fancy Dress Ball.

I hear that the fancy dress (optional) ball at the B.E.L.C. this evening is going to be a glorious affair. If you want to be there, get a ticket, toute suite. The dress, fancy or plain, is optional, but if you want a really swagger one of the "Fancy" variety, you can get it at the club in the gallery on the top floor. Tickets are going quickly and everyone will be there. I recommend immediate booking.

Anticipated.

I suspect that many of the river folk expected the flood, as only a day or two ago it was remarked on the enormous amount of traffic going up the river, one continual stream for hours on end.

A Wharf Difficulty.

The wharves just by the Hohenzollern Bridge under water, goods are being landed and taken across the flooded roadway on precarious looking plank pathways. As the warehouses are also flooded the only alternative has been to dump goods in the open road.

Surprised.

Late at night, three Tommies, who were evidently unaware of the state of the Rhine, went rushing down the steps from the Hohenzollern Brucke in the darkness. A moment later howls of dismay arose, and three wetter but wiser Tommies climbed the steps again.

Something to Talk About.

I heard one Tommy remark to his friend as he stood at the very edge of the water, "Say, Jack, I can say now that I've stood in the Rhine."

16 Busy.

Owing to No. 14 cars not being able to do the whole journey and Bonn cars starting from the Ubierring, several extra No. 16 cars have been put on. Last night I came across three following each other and two more coming from the same direction. The tramway company do not intend to be out of pocket through the floods.

Business as Usual.

Despite the fact that the Fire Brigade were busy with hatchet, hose, etc., in a flat off Schildergasse, the occupants of the flat below and the one higher up, went on with their Christmas cleaning as if nothing unusual was happening.

The Old Query.

My thoughts went back to the old days in the vicinity of the Arras-Bapaume road, when I noticed in Columba strasse last evening, a motor lorry, still bearing the old query, "What have you salved to-day?"

Holiday Spirit.

I was amused to note a civilian walking down Glockengasse carrying a gramophone which was reeling off a popular German operetta melody, which his associates were keeping time to.

A Restless Motor car.

A car, left standing outside the Excelsior Hotel, was caught by a gust of wind and set in motion. A tram was passing at the time and the vehicles collided violently. The incident emphasises the importance of "braking" securely before leaving a motor unattended.

"Ye Warriors Bold."

Durham house on Saturday did good homage to the lads by giving high tea, winding up with games for prizes. I was forcibly reminded upon witnessing one of the latter of the Roman gladiators of old, when teams of wrestlers were engaged from amongst the Tommies to battle for victory. A circle was chalked for the arena, and the various victors looked quite doughty when they smilingly received the cheers of the multitude.

RHINELANDER.

VANITY FAIR.

A Feature For The British Woman In Rhineland.

Prices Coming Down.

At several West End establishments "marking down" has set in with great severity, and, really, things are being very much reduced, particularly day and evening gowns. The reason is that the new spring fashions will be entirely different from this winter's. During the autumn and winter of 1919 dresses have been as scanty as possible. I suppose with the spring and summer of 1920 we shall have long skirts and collars up to our ears.

A Note on Millinery.

Just how the weavers combine the different shades in squares or line checks or stripes, without lapsing into eccentricity, is their own secret. Results, in the dress world, are more important than methods any season of the year.

Avoiding Monotony.

The present fashion for using plain instead of patterned materials has brought about interesting developments in trimmings. A garment may indeed have a patterned effect, but the ornamentation is worked directly on it and comes, not all over, but just where the designer thinks it will be of the greatest value. Usually the embroidery is of the same colour as its background, contrast being obtained by using different materials—brown velvet on brown cloth, for example.

New Scarves.

Fascinating novelties are constantly making their appearance. The latest comer is a woolly scarf. In itself there is nothing particularly novel about a woolly scarf, but the new arrival is quite unlike any of its predecessors. Carried out in wool about the thickness of an ordinary pencil, it has long fringed ends, and the surface, always bright in colour, is still further enlivened by groups of hand-worked woollen flowers. The scarves are wide, too, and can be disposed round the shoulders in such a way as to suggest a cape.

Ribbons for the Hair.

Shoes and stockings should match the frock exactly. A simple wreath of leaves forms the prettiest bandeau for the hair-though there are many possible variations, among them being a ribbon tied at the back with falling ends, a gold galon band to which are attached Dutch wings of fine gold lace, or ribbons knotted over each ear, with clusters of tiny coloured flowers. Not only do these bandeaux produce the real "party feeling" but they make it possible for a girl to dance through a whole evening and still retain, in place of the usual tousled locks, a well-coiffured head.

Imitation Furs.

Coats are more often fur-trimmed than entirely of fur, and we have this season the curious alliance of imitation and real fur, the former forming the main portion and the latter the trimming. Fur may be used as a border, as a line from neck to hem emphasising the front opening, or there may be slabs of fur forming bushy side panels. Generally speaking, every smart woman must in her out-of-doors attire achieve a wrapped-up and shawled effect. All wraps are softly draped with inside pockets, which serve to keep warm the hands holding the drapery in place. Muffs are not required.

The Costly Rabbit.

Prices are so high that even the dressmakers are complaining of the cost of these new models on which their own designs are based. A plain three-quarter length coat of blue serge with a collar and binding of black plush costs in Paris £100. With the prices of other models on a similarly extravagant scale it is no wonder that exclusive London houses are refusing to make even the simplest of evening frocks for a young girl for less than thirty guiness. But it is a wonder that so many women can afford to buy them so readily.

AGNES.

MUDDLETON CRICKET CLUB.

A TALE ABOUT COLOURS.

My friends wonder why I, sworn advocate of coloured clothes for men, wearer of shot socks with spots, whose pyjamas were the admiration of three messes, should so consistently wear a black tie. There's a reason, writes W. Alexander in "London Opinion."

I had just bought some collars, and successfully resisted a broadside of "And the next thing, sir?" when the wretched hosier man drew my attention to a collection of ties on the counter.

"The very latest," he said impressively. "Have you seen them?"

As a matter of fact, no man without a bandage over his eyes could have missed them. They made any futurist picture a thing of quiet and decorum in comparison. Reds, oranges, yellows, greens, blues, indigos, violets, and all the betwixts and betweens, in stripes and wriggles, spots and blobs, were in those ties.

"What are they?" I gasped. "Has jazz extended to ties?"

"Regimental colours," he replied, fingering a neat little affair of bright heliotrope with a pink stripe. "Ought to wear yours, sir. Promotes good-fellowship. You wear your colours, sir, and you'll never need to tell anyone that you've been in the service."

The idea appealed to me. I would wear my colours. Fond mothers would point me out to their children as a "Fighthard," policemen would salute me, taximen would be polite, my tie would be the open sesame to everything. I capitulated.

Between us we found a "Fighthard" tie. It was labelled on the back—a daring creation of green and yellow, with a soupçon of red.

I put it on in the shop. It would be wrong, I argued, to leave the world any longer in ignorance of the fact that I was a real "Fighthard."

It was a great success. At a modest estimate, one out of every three people I passed took an interested glance at my tie. I bore my honours as becomes an officer and a gentleman.

But it was when going home in the train that evening that I scored my greatest triumph. Just as we were on the move, a portly old gentleman burst in and flopped on the seat opposite mine. At once I saw it. He wore the tie; he was evidently a "Fighthard," too. Simultaneously he fixed his eye on mine, and his whole face lit up with enthusiastic friendliness.

"Charmed to meet you, sir," he said, leaning across the carriage and extending his hand. "Glad to see you're wearing the old colours."

"Reminds you of old times, eh?" I responded, not to be outdone in good fellowship. (I did'nt recognise the old chap, but concluded he was of another battalion.)

"It does that, my boy," he answered. "Though I'm a veteran now," he added, with regret. "Done nothing since 1906; but I'm still one of you in spirit," and he fingered his tie with pride. "Say what they like," he went on, "there's not a game to beat it."

"True," I said; "but a dangerous game."

"Tut, tut," said the old fire eater. "A bruise or two; what's that? But tell me, how have the boys been getting on—and yourself?"

"Oh, I came through all right," I answered. "Got a bad knock in '16, though."

"Yes, yes," he said. "I had dozens in my day. D you keep up your average all right?"

"Average?" I queried. "I stopped one, as I said. I didn't make a business of it."

"Your batting average, sir," he said testily, "not your fielding. You're a Muddleton man, aren't you? You're wearing the Muddleton Cricket Club colours."

I was endeavouring to deal with the situation as a "Fighthard" should, when the train ran into my station. I stopped stuttering and rose to go.

"Oh, my average," I said, as I stepped from the carriage. "A fair number of 9.2's and a sprinkling of 5.9's—nothing much bigger."

But I don't know if he understood my little jape, for I hurried homeward. It was a warm day, but I turned up my coat collar.

And that's why I wear a black tie now, all day and every day.

GLADSTONE AND CHINA.

When Gladstone was at the Treasury he was also consumed with a passion for old china. There were stories about this hobby no more true, I dare say, than the one of how he went to a toyshop and ordered the whole contents to be sent to his house. Someone once asked an old friend whether there was any truth in the story. "I begin to think there must be," she said, "for I have heard it afresh every session as long as I can remember." But he did like china, and once, when Prime Minister, took the opportunity of a wait for a train in a provincial town to buy some, finding afterwards that he had not money enough to pay. So he gave his name, and, turning to Lowe, who was with him, added: "Here is my friend, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who will vouch for me." It would have been just like Lowe to have refused!

FROM EVERYWHERE.

Very Sad.—A sister of a Nuneaton bride fell dead when at the marriage ceremony.

Paris Suffers.—The coal shortage in France is becoming more and more acute.

The First.—First Jewish ship has been launched at Jaffa.

Coming Home.—Lord Grey will sail from New York on Saturday.

Unaltered.—Price of French loaf is left unchanged until next August.

Short-sighted Policy.—Army huts are banned as temporary houses at Leicester.

Debrett, 1920.—The roll of honour in Debrett contains 3,150 names.

Initiative.—Paddington is to acquire 84 houses for conversion into flats.

A Revival.—Paris has just revived the pre-war sport of skating on artificial ice.

To Civil Use.—Bradford is to take over St. Luke's Hospital, a war-time military hospital.

Collapse.—The roof of an ironworks at Charleroi collapsed. Two workmen were killed.

Guarding the Spoils.—Strict watch is being kept on the German ex-liner "Imperator" at Southampton.

Back to Cannibalism.—It is seriously asserted that cases of cannibalism are occurring in starving Vienna.

The Hotel Form.—It is said that hotel registration forms at home will soon be abolished except for foreigners.

Trouble in Store.—Ninety bombs have been found at the home of a Lisbon Syndicate.

Dear Travel.—Spanish Government contemplates increasing railway fares by 35 per cent.

A new Source.—France proposes a special tax on bull fights, cock fights, and boxing matches.

The Date.—Trial of M. Caillaux before the French High Court has been fixed for January 14.

The Sequel.—During a brawl in a Boulogne café, a British soldier was killed and another injured.

Oil.—Two oil tankers (20,500 deadweight tons each) ordered by Standard Oil Co. cost £875,000 apiece.

Won't they be Pleased?—Allied troops in the plague-infected areas in the Eastern Mediterranean are being vaccinated.

"Wind Up."—Owing to the advance of the Bolshevists the civilian population is beginning to evacuate Odessa.

Their Tribute.—Bethune, Lens, Arras and Bapaume—scenes of British victories—have been decorated with war honours.

Another Election.—An election is necessitated in the Wrekin Division of Shropshire through the death of its member.

Their Weakness.—The Labour Party's weakness in debate is said to be painfully evident.

To Pay More.—Bolton cotton mills are to be re-assessed for rating at their new value.

Still Less Sugar.—Temporary reduction of the domestic sugar ration at home will be necessary at an early date.

Welsh Coal Deal.—Another big deal by Mr. Llewellyn, the coal magnate, is announced.

Help for Dublin.—Hundreds of London police are to be drafted to Dublin in order to strengthen the police there.

Holiday Frolic.—Civilians and soldiers at Shoreham threw a German gun into the river.

Unknown.—No one has yet succeeded in identifying three soldiers in military hospitals suffering from mental trouble

Funerals Held up.—Funerals are being delayed at Glasgow through the cabmen's strike.

Prisoners Leave.—Two thousand German prisoners are now on their way from Hull to the Fatherland.

Rush for a House.—There were five applications for a house at Newton Abbot the same day as the tenant died.

A Son's Bride.—A Clapham soldier returned home from the East to find his wife living with his father by whom she had had two children.

More Statistics.—A history of the Ministry of Munitions is in course of preparation. The sum of £10,000 has already been expended upon it.

Taking his Son's House.—Mr. Asquith has sold his house in Cavendish Square and is to take that formerly tenanted by his late son, Raymond.

Service Men's Letters.—Unpaid Inland letters, posted by Service men at home, will, after Thursday, be surcharged in the ordinary way.

Angry.—It is said that the Chairman of the U.S. Shipping Board has resigned as a protest against the giving up of German liners to Great Britain.

His Opinion.—General Denikin says the Bolshevists are incapable of fulfilling obligations into which they may enter.

Strikers Become Owners.—Miners, who have been on strike, have started work on several derelict mines in the Peak district.

Drama of the Sands.—It has now transpired in connection with the sands drama at St. Annes that the woman was married three years without her relations knowing it.

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